

**PEDIATRICS WEEKLY BULLETIN**

**APRIL 5, 2024**

**FEEDBACK**



**Please Share Your Feedback/Ideas for Departmental Priorities**

At the March 6th Pediatric Grand Rounds presentation, we requested feedback and suggestions on the priorities/goals outlined by our Deputy Heads for the next 6-12 months.

If you have additional suggestions you would like to share, we encourage you to do so via the links below. Thank you for your participation!



- [Professional Affairs Priorities](#)
- [Research Priorities](#)
- [Education Priorities](#)
- [Clinical Affairs Priorities](#)
- [Theme Suggestions for 2024 Annual Report](#)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Strategic Planning Engagement Survey - Summary Report**

Thank you to those who completed the strategic planning engagement survey!

[Click here](#) to view the summary report.

Over the next few weeks, there will be a second opportunity to share your thoughts at your respective section meetings.

The consultant engaged in this process will present the findings and invite discussion about whether or not they resonate with you, and what might be missing from the preliminary engagement. This is an excellent opportunity to highlight both section specific needs and also overarching opportunities for the Department. A summary of the section engagement sessions will be completed and used to inform a leadership strategic planning retreat on May 10.

Thank you again for your ongoing engagement in shaping the future of the Department!



## Measles Has Landed!

The global resurgence of measles has arrived at our borders in 2024, involving several provinces particularly a growing outbreak in Quebec. Some families are returning from out of province travel, others are planning for upcoming Spring Break so there will be many opportunities for measles exposures. For a refresher see: [Measles: For health professionals - Canada.ca](#)

Please ensure that you have had **2 documented doses of measles-containing vaccine or have a positive measles IgG**. This will ensure you are considered immune and able to work even if you are exposed to measles.

Check your MyHealth Records: <https://myhealth.alberta.ca/myhealthrecords> .

Vaccines are our best defense! Encourage all patients/families to ensure measles vaccines are up to date; they can call 811 or their local public health unit to book an appointment.

See [Measles \(alberta.ca\)](#) for parent information.



### Seeking OSCE Examiners

The Pediatrics Postgraduate Program is seeking OSCE examiners for the following sessions:

- Thursday, May 9, 2024 (Zoom, 12:45pm – 5:00pm)
- Thursday, May 23, 2024 (UCalgary Foothills Campus, MedSkills, 12:45pm – 4:30pm)

Please contact [Pediatric.ResidencyProgram@ahs.ca](mailto:Pediatric.ResidencyProgram@ahs.ca) if you are able to assist on any of the above dates.

## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



### ACH Wellness Survey – An Assessment of Our People

This survey, developed in collaboration with ACH Peer Support team and KidSIM, aims to understand the experiences of healthcare staff exposed to critical incidents and stressors, assessing symptoms of stress and Occupational Stress Injuries. Your input will aid in understanding challenges in the pediatric hospital setting, improving support programs at ACH. Your responses are invaluable for enhancing support initiatives.

- The survey can be completed by any staff member or physician working at Alberta Children’s Hospital.
- Participation is anonymous and voluntary.
- It takes less than 20 minutes to complete.

To access the survey, click the link or scan the QR Code

[https://redcap.link/ach\\_wellnesssurvey](https://redcap.link/ach_wellnesssurvey)

Thank you in advance for your participation.

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## ACH MSA | Submit Your Award Nominations Today!

Show your appreciation! Nominate a colleague for an MSA Award

Due to a low number of nominations received so far, the deadline to submit has been extended to April 7, 2024. Please consider nominating your colleague(s) for the following awards:

### Award of Excellence

This award is intended for a physician in the ACH community who has made an inspiring professional contribution. Past award winners have been recognized for their impact in the areas of teaching, scholarship, research, and clinical work. Additionally, we welcome nominations for physicians who have contributed to our culture of excellence through their focus on physician wellbeing and advocacy. Please consider nominating a physician who you believe represents our collective ideals and deserves to be honored for what they do.

**More information about the award criteria, previous recipients, and the virtual nomination form are available on the [award webpage](#).**

*Note: Only ACH MSA members may submit a nomination. The nominee does not need to be an ACH MSA member.*

### Spirit of ACH – Catherine Macneil Award

This award is granted to a physician member of the ACH MSA who has consistently demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to the ACH physician community. Beyond their required roles, this individual has shown leadership and a commitment to their colleagues which has been both impactful and inspirational. Contributions may be evident through their day-to-day interactions and manner, direct involvement in official or unofficial leadership, local wellness and educational initiatives, sponsorship, mentorship, and coaching activities, or in any other manner that has demonstrated an investment and concern for the wellbeing of their colleagues. This individual's contributions must be felt to fuel a culture of wellness, quality care, and physician excellence.

**More information about the award criteria and the virtual nomination form are available on the [award webpage](#).**

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Thank you,

On behalf of your **Alberta Children's Hospital Medical Staff Association**

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### Publication Spotlight

Dr. Alexander Leung with Dr. Joseph Lam and Dr. Benjamin Barankin have a new publication in *Bentham Science*:

[Infectious Mononucleosis: An Updated Review](#)

The purpose of this article is to familiarize clinicians with the clinical manifestations, evaluation, diagnosis, and management of infectious mononucleosis.

Congratulations team!

Dr. Alexander Leung with Dr. Benjamin Barankin, Dr. Joseph Lam and Dr. Kin Fon Leong have a new publication in *Consultant 360*:

An Atlas of Lumps and Bumps, Part 35: Nevus Sebaceous

This article is part of a series describing and differentiating dermatologic lumps and bumps.

→ [CLICK HERE](#) to access previously published articles in the series.

Congratulations team!

RESEARCH FEATURE

International Clinical Trials Day

We are pleased to extend our warm invitation to you for the upcoming International Clinical Trials Day, scheduled to take place on:

**Tuesday, May 14th from 11am to 1pm In Theatre 1 and the HSC Atrium**

International **Clinical Trials Day** is celebrated annually in May, commemorating the anniversary of the first clinical trial by James Lind in 1747. It serves as a tribute to the dedicated efforts of clinical trial professionals and the individuals who participate in these trials.

The Clinical Trials Office (CTO) wants to celebrate the work you do in support of clinical trials. We invite you to partake in an event of networking, food, interactive activities, and the chance to win exciting prizes!

Join us in celebrating our clinical trial community and the difference their work is making for patients in Alberta, Canada, and around the world.

“Clinical trials are fundamental to major advances in healthcare.”

Dr. Stephen Freedman, Associate Dean, Clinical Trials

We kindly request early registration to facilitate our catering arrangements and ensure a seamless experience for all attendees.

Should you have any queries or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

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By clicking the link below, you will gain access to a platform where you can contribute your professional tips, expertise, and experiences, thereby enriching the collective knowledge base of our industry. Your contributions have the power to drive innovation, foster collaboration, and ultimately shape the future of clinical research.

→ [CLICK HERE](#) for the Survey Link

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

Click on the following positions for complete posting details.

Newborn Critical Care Site Lead

- FTE 0.1
- Type: Part Time Practice
- Location: Rockyview General Hospital
- Start Date: May 1, 2024

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### **Pediatric Neurology Locum**

- FTE 1.0
  - Type: Full Time Practice
  - Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
  - Start Date: July 1, 2024
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### **Pediatric Neurologist**

- FTE 1.0
  - Type: Full Time Practice
  - Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
  - Start Date: July 1, 2024
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### **Pediatric Respiriologist Locum**

- FTE 0.80
  - Type: 100% Clinical Locum
  - Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
  - One Year Leave Coverage starting September 2024
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- FTE 0.80
  - Type: 100% Clinical Locum
  - Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
  - One Year Leave Coverage starting April 2024
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### **Newborn Critical Care Clinical Associate**

- FTE: 1.0 (may be filled by more than one physician)
  - Type: Part-time Practice
  - Location: Foothills Medical Centre and all other NICU sites
  - Application Deadline: Open until a suitable candidate is found
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### **Chair, Department of Pediatrics, University of Alberta**

- Location: Edmonton, Alberta
- Application Deadline: Open until a suitable candidate is found
- If you are interested in learning more contact [Dr. Tom Stelfox](#) (Deputy Dean Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Alberta) for more information

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## **UPCOMING ROUNDS**

### **Neonatal Grand Rounds**

**Tuesday, April 9, 2024 | 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Virtual (via Zoom)**

Title: "Current Aspect of an Old Disease" - BPD with Pulmonary Hypertension Management and Outcome.

Presenter: Dr. Mohammed Libab K. Abdul Rahim

→ [CLICK HERE](#) for more information

\*REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED\*

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### **Pediatric Grand Rounds**

**Wednesday, April 10, 2024 | 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM**

Title: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Diagnosis in Social Policy: Concerns and Unanticipated Consequences

Presenter: Dr. Stephen Wainer

→ [CLICK HERE](#) for more information

\*REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED\*

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Please contact Henry ([henry.teng@ahs.ca](mailto:henry.teng@ahs.ca)) if you're interested in presenting at the Paediatric Grand Rounds on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. Thank you!

## EVENTS

For all events, visit the Department of Pediatrics [calendar](#)  
*All events are in MST (Mountain Standard Time), unless otherwise stated*



**Join us this April for our free *EDI in Pediatrics* Course!**

[Learn more & sign up](#) | [View course pre-survey](#)

This self-guided learning opportunity aims to provide trainees and physicians with education and resources related to equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) and the pediatric population.

**Themes covered:**

- Introduction to EDI and Cultural Humility
- Social Determinants of Health
- Disparities & Inequities in Neonatal, Infant & Child Health
- Community Health of Specific Populations

**What to expect:** Beginning April 1, registrants will be emailed resources each weekday in a *Read, Watch, Listen, and Engage* format to allow them to actively engage in this material in whatever capacity they see fit. Participants are not required to finish every activity, but we encourage daily learning by choosing 2 or more resources to engage with. Resources will be listed added to the [Course Webpage](#) each weekday (AAP member login required).

**About our evaluation:** Your participation in this course is voluntary. However, if you would like to embark on this course, we will ask that you complete a questionnaire before and after completion of the course. Your responses are anonymous and will be used for research purposes only to assess how effective the curriculum is in accomplishing our goal. All data will be aggregated and no names or personally identifying information will be collected or published. Only AAP staff who are involved with the program and project investigators will have access to the data. Participants must be 18 years of age and older to participate.

**Credit Statements:** The American Academy of Pediatrics is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

- AAP designates this Other (Internet Live and Internet Enduring) Activity for a maximum of 15 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)*<sup>TM</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.
- This activity is acceptable for a maximum of 15 AAP credits. These credits can be applied toward the AAP CME/CPD Award available to Fellows and Candidate Members of the American Academy of Pediatrics.
- PAs may claim a maximum of 15 Category 1 credits for completing this activity.



**Questions?** Contact [Britt Nagy, MPH](#), AAP Staff



**AIR Town Halls**

Each year, as AMHSP participating or contracted physicians, you are kindly requested to report your activities, as per your Independent Service Agreement (ISA). This is done through a report known as the AMHSP Individual Report, or AIR.

This year you will be asked to report on your activities for the period of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 (or portion thereof, if your contract was less than the full year).

AIR will launch on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and will close on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024. You will receive an email around 1 PM on April 1<sup>st</sup> with a link to your personal AIR.  
We would like to invite you to one of the following two online Town Halls where we will review the system and where you can ask any questions you may have.

Please click on the date you would like to attend to register.

**Town Halls:**

**April 9, 2024 11:00am - 12:00pm**

If you are unavailable, please don't worry – the help website ([www.airhelpsite.ca](http://www.airhelpsite.ca)) and email support ([facultyreporting.csm@ucalgary.ca](mailto:facultyreporting.csm@ucalgary.ca)) are both available so you may preview the AIR 2024 sample survey from the website and email us if you have any questions!

**Medical Genetics Seminar Series**

**Friday, April 5th | 9:00am - 10:00am**

Topic: Reducing the diagnostic odyssey: opportunities in rare disease diagnostics  
Learning Objectives:

- 1. Highlighting ongoing challenges in the diagnosis of genetic diseases
- 2. Appreciate the role that model organisms, evolutionary theory, and technologies have in diagnostic advancements
- 3. Develop an appreciation for the future opportunities that exist in diagnosing genetic diseases

Presenter: Dr. Francesca Jean, PHD  
Location: ACH Conference Room 2

**Child Health and Wellness Seminar**

**Monday, April 8th | 8:30am - 9:30am**

Topic: A translational approach to exploring the impact of prenatal alcohol exposure across the lifespan

Presenter: Dr. Tamara Bodnar, PHD

→ [CLICK HERE](#) for more information

\*REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED\*

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### Child Health and Wellness Seminar

**Monday, April 22nd | 8:30am - 9:30am**

Topic: A translational approach to exploring the impact of prenatal alcohol exposure across the lifespan

Presenter: Dr. Deborah Dewey, PhD, RPsych

→ [CLICK HERE](#) for more information

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### Child Health and Wellness Seminar

**Monday, April 29th | 8:30am - 9:30am**

Topic: Severe Inborn Errors of Immunity in Canada - Know Your Local Populations

Presenter: Dr. Geoffrey Cuvelier, MD, FRCPC

→ [CLICK HERE](#) for more information

\*REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED\*

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### 47th American Academy of Pediatrics District 8 Section of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine Conference

**Thursday, June 20 - Sunday, June 23, 2024 | In-Person, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity**

This conference will provide recent advances in the delivery room management of neonates, along with talks on neonatal stroke and HIE, and up-to-date information on the long-term neurodevelopmental outcomes of premature infants. Additionally, the conference will cover nutrition in neonates and explore new developments in the field of nutrition in neonatology to improve the outcomes of our tiniest newborns. This event will offer an opportunity to meet world-renowned speakers in their particular areas and provide a chance to network for future research.

→ [Click here](#) for further details and to register.

### THANK A COLLEAGUE!

#### JPAC Shine On Gratitude Program

The JPAC Shine On Gratitude Program gives physicians the opportunity to thank their colleagues for their acts of kindness, big and small. The process is as quick and easy as sending an email.

Complete the [submission form](#) which links to the AMA site and we will make sure the message gets to the person you want to express your appreciation to.

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