

PEDIATRICS WEEKLY BULLETIN

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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
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to the Alberta Children’s Foundation for supporting the KidSONO Program



KidSONO, a leading point-of-care ultrasound initiative, is dedicated to enhancing the safety and quality of care at the Alberta Children's Hospital (ACH) through

education and leadership in point-of-care ultrasound (PoCUS). The KidSONO program includes an on-line training environment and facilitates hands-on skill acquisition training sessions. The goals of the KidSONO program are to improve the safety and quality of care provided at the Alberta Children's Hospital through education and leadership in PoCUS. Specifically, the program goals are to:

- Increase access to point-of-care ultrasound across pediatric disciplines
- Develop and deliver high quality, pediatric specific, educational content to clinicians at the ACH
- Evaluate the impact of education on clinician practice
- Use feedback to optimize content and program delivery
- Improve the integration of point-of-care ultrasound into clinical workflows

To date, KidSONO has created educational content that is being used across disciplines within the Alberta Children's Hospital and at the leading academic pediatric centers across Canada. Additionally, KidSONO has created a pediatric point-of-care ultrasound fellowship, further underscoring its commitment to advancing care through education.



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!

How to Test for Suspected Measles

→ [CLICK HERE](#) to access the lab bulletin



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 if you are able to assist on any of the above dates.

APrON - Alberta Pregnancy Outcomes & Nutrition Study

These two successful project grants were awarded and will fund continued research on the APrON cohort.

Deborah Dewey. The maternal and childhood chemical exposome may be associated with children’s neurodevelopment.

Nicole Letourneau (Nursing), Deborah Dewey, Nancy Mannix. Experiential and Epigenetic Pathways to Depression and Resilience in Youth.

APrON is an ongoing prospective cohort study that recruited pregnant women early in pregnancy. The vision of the study is to improve the health and long-term potential of mothers and newborn babies in Alberta.

Congratulations Team!



Honoring Dr. McArthur's Legacy Through Giving Day Campaign

As we welcome the month of April, we would like to share exciting news about a special initiative at the Cumming School of Medicine. A gift from an anonymous donor has sparked the creation of the Dr. Robert McArthur Memorial Endowment Fund, in memory of the late Dr. McArthur.

Dr. McArthur served as the department head of Pediatrics from 1986 to 1991. His influential contributions to pediatric diabetes education and unwavering support for families, patients, and students made a significant difference in our community.

His namesake fund will support an annual community event called, ‘Diabetes Discovery Day.’ This event provides a platform for medical professionals to educate children diagnosed with diabetes and their parents about self-care and shared care, empowering them to manage their condition effectively. While Diabetes Discovery Day paused during the COVID-19 pandemic, the endowment funding will assure this impactful program continues annually.

We are thrilled to announce that as part of the University of Calgary's Giving Day Campaign, any donation made to the Dr. Robert McArthur Memorial Endowment Fund will be matched, up to \$2,500.00, while matching funds are available. This fundraising initiative, running from Thursday, April 4 to Thursday, April 18, provides a unique opportunity to enhance the value and of the endowment and expand the impact of Diabetes Discovery Day. Donations can be made online ([Dr. Robert McArthur Memorial Fund - Giving Day](#)), by phone, cheque and gift of securities. Gifts of \$25 and over are eligible for tax receipts.

Dr. McArthur's legacy continues to be a beacon for those in the Department of Pediatrics and beyond. By contributing to the fund, you support the University of Calgary’s mission to honor a remarkable figure in our history. For more information about the fund or how to contribute, please contact stephanie.matos@ucalgary.ca, the associate director of development at the Cumming School of Medicine.

Let's unite in honoring Dr. McArthur's legacy and continue his mission of empowering our community through education and care.



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

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Child Health and Wellness Researchers

We are pleased to announce the **Spring 2024 Competition** for:

- ACHRI Postdoctoral Fellowships
- Haslam Clinical Research Fellowship in Child Brain Health
- Charlie Fischer Fellowship in Advancing Patient and Family Oriented Research
- ACHRI PGME Clinical Research Fellowships

Deadlines for all competitions: Wednesday, May 1

For details on these and other trainee awards, please visit our [Trainee Funding page](#).

EDUCATION

The General Pediatrics Program is pleased to announce our new residents starting in July 2024.

Please help us welcome them to our community!



Maha Bactor
University of Khartoum



Surina Grover
University of Alberta



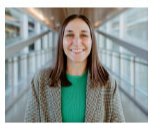
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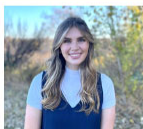
Meagan Quigley
McMaster University



Madeleine Sumner
Western University



Lan Truong
University of Alberta



Mary-Claire Verbeke
Western University



Alyssa Yip
University of Toronto

EDUCATOR OF THE MONTH

Dr. Ashley Blagdon



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What do you enjoy most about working in Medical Education?

I think medical learners are inspiring and ask the best questions. They are so thorough and up-to-date - I know I am a better physician when they are around. I enjoy collaborating with other faculty and departmental members on new initiatives and seeing the impact we have on our trainees' experiences. Advocating, effecting change, and seeing a positive difference makes all the hard work worth it!

What Medical Education project are you currently working on that you want Department members to know about?

I have a combined passion for medical education and Family Integrated Care (FICare) in the NICU. Currently, I am working with our Parent Advisory Council Team (PACT) on developing an educational workshop including parent testimonials that will be delivered during our Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine program academic half-day on Understanding the Parent Perspective throughout their journey in the NICU.

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CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

Click on the following positions for complete posting details.

Developmental Pediatric, FFS

- FTE 0.5
- Type: Part Time Practice
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Start Date: September 1, 2024

Assistant Medical Director, KidSIM

- FTE 0.2
- Type: Part Time Practice
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Start Date: June 1, 2024

Pediatric Nephrologist, FFS

- FTE 0.3
- Type: Part Time Practice
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Start Date: July 1, 2024

Pediatric Nephrologist, Locum

- FTE 0.7
- Type: Long-term Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital

- Start Date: October 1, 2024

Newborn Critical Care Site Lead

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

Pediatric Neurologist

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

Pediatric Respiriologist Locum

- FTE 0.80
- Type: 100% Clinical Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- One Year Leave Coverage starting September 2024

Pediatric Respiriologist Locum

- FTE 0.80
- Type: 100% Clinical Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- One Year Leave Coverage starting April 2024

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

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

UPCOMING ROUNDS

Neonatal Grand Rounds

Tuesday, April 16, 2024 | 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Virtual (via Zoom)

Title: Threshold for Surfactant use in Preterm Neonates - What do we know?.

Presenter: Dr. David Sweet, MD, FRCPCH, MRCP (IRE)

→ [CLICK HERE for more information](#)

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

REGISTER

Pediatric Grand Rounds

Wednesday, April 17, 2024 | 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Title: Ethical Reflections on the Relevance of the Convention on the Rights of the Child to Pediatrics Today

Presenter: Dr. J Guichon, BA, BCL, MA, SJD, Dr I Mitchell, MB, DCH, MA, FRCPC, CRCPCH, FAAP

→ [CLICK HERE](#) for more information

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

REGISTER

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)*TM. 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.
- NCCPA accepts *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM* from organizations accredited by the ACCME or a recognized state medical society.

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

Medical Genetics Seminar Series

Friday, April 12th | 9:00am - 10:00am

Topic: Somatic Variants in Epilepsy

Learning Objectives:

1. Review the contribution of brain somatic variants to focal epilepsy
2. Appraise therapeutic implications associated with brain somatic variants
3. Describe cutting-edge research methods to harvest DNA from SEEG electrodes to detect brain mosaicism

Presenter: Dr. Karl Martin Klein, MD, PHD, FRCPC

Location: HSC 1405A

Child Health and Wellness Seminar

Monday, April 15th | 8:30am - 9:30am

Topic: Youth with Cerebral Palsy get RIPT! Stakeholder Collaboration Yields Powerful Results

Presenter: Dr. Karin Elder, MSc, BScPT

→ [CLICK HERE](#) for more information

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

REGISTER

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.

Contact pediatrics.comms@ucalgary.ca with questions or if you have content to contribute.

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