



PEDIATRICS WEEKLY BULLETIN

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Conference on Postsecondary Learning and Teaching April 24-26, 2024

The theme of the 2024 conference is Courageous Practices: Equity, Diversity and Belonging in Postsecondary Education. Keynote addresses include anti-racist approaches to higher education, issues of anti-disablism, and changing systems and ourselves for equity.

[Learn more here](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**BLOOD
DONATION**

Schedule under B Positive and Donate Blood

Brentview Baptist Church
3512 Charelswood Dr. NW

MAY 21 & MAY 25
MULTIPLE SPOTS AVAILABLE

 For More Information
Gertrud.Vandermey@ahs.com



Please email gertrud.vandermey@ahs.ca for more information.



Department of Pediatrics 2024 Walking Challenge

May 6th - 31st

Sign up by Friday, May 3rd
Enter as an Individual or a Team of 5
Choose a Team Name & a Team Captain
Track your Steps with the Tracking Sheet Provided

Email  Shelly.Amberson@ahs.ca to sign up

Please send an email to shelly.amberson@ahs.ca by Friday, April 26, 2024 by the end of the day to sign up.

The challenge will run for 25 days from Monday, May 6, 2024 to Friday, May 31, 2024.

[View the guidelines](#)

[Tracking Sheet](#)



Collecting Books to Support Early Literacy

The **Owerko Centre's** Little Red Reading House is co-organizing the annual Calgary Reads big book sale and is currently collecting like-new books at the Starbucks on the 4th floor until Thursday, May 2nd.

This event helps us to fuel important early literacy work in our community through the Little Red Reading House.

The UCalgary **Little Red Reading House** has distributed well over 46,000 books into the community since January 2023 through community-serving agencies.

Please note that we accept DVD's and audiobooks but cannot accept:

- Magazines (including National Geographic)
- Harlequin, Avon, or Signet romances
- Book sets, such as the Time/Life series
- Bibles or religious books
- Dictionaries or encyclopedias
- Textbooks
- Readers Digest

The Calgary Reads big book sale takes place between May 10 - May 20 at the



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 Friday, May 10, 2024.

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



How to Test for Suspected Measles

An important announcement from Alberta Precision Laboratories regarding testing for suspected Measles.

[Access the Lab Bulletin](#)



Seeking OSCE Examiners

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

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



Honouring 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 the Dr. Robert McArthur Memorial Endowment Fund has been included in this year’s Giving 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 honour 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 honouring Dr. McArthur's legacy and continue his mission of empowering our community through education and care.



Giving Day is April 18

>>> Give at ucalgary.ca/givingday



[Learn more here](#)

Looking for Preceptors to Take Shadowing First Year Medical Students

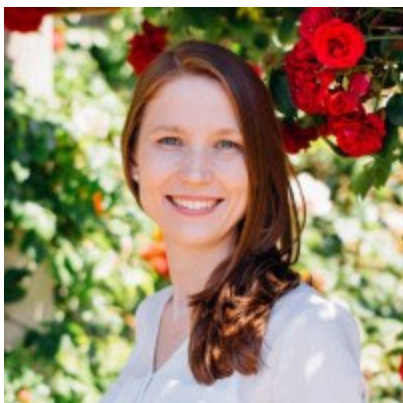
Dr. Theresa Wu, head of Block 2 UME is looking for preceptors willing to take shadowing first year medical students for a “Career Exploration Week”. If you are willing to have a student observer for one week, please contact Dr. Wu at theresa.wu@albertahealthservices.ca

There is a lot of interest in pediatrics for our first-year medical students! We are looking for sections or individuals who are willing to take students for Career Development Week. These are students who would have just completed their first year of pre-clerkship. The weeks include:

- June 24-28
- July 1-5
- July 8-12
- July 15-19

Attendings are given \$125/student per week. The expectations are that students would attend clinical work 4-5 days, or 30-40 hours for the week.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



Student Poster Award Winner: Christine Lukac

Christine Lukac, PGY-3 supervised by Dr. Jim Kellner, MD has won the Student Poster Award at the **AMMI Canada - CACMID Annual Conference**. Their research and poster "Impacts of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic on the seasonal pattern of hospitalizations for acute respiratory diseases among children in Alberta, Canada" concluded that, "the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic had significant impacts on the pattern of pediatric hospitalizations for ARD".

Congratulations Christine and Jim!

[View the poster here](#)



New Publication: Association of empiric antibiotic selection and clinical outcomes in hospitalised children with severe orbital infections: a retrospective cohort study

Dr. Carsten Krueger, MD FRCP(C) and Dr. Gemma Vomiero, MD recently published a new study.

[Read it here](#)



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 button below or scan the QR Code Thank you in advance for your participation!

[Complete the survey here](#)

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, 2024

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
- Application Deadline: Apr 23, 2024

Assistant Medical Director, KidSIM

- FTE 0.2
- Type: Part Time Practice
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Start Date: June 1, 2024
- Application Deadline: Apr 23, 2024

Pediatric Nephrologist, Locum

- FTE 0.7
- Type: Long-term Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Start Date: October 1, 2024
- Application Deadline: Apr 30, 2024

Pediatric Respirologist Locum

- FTE 0.8
- Type: 100% Clinical Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- One Year Leave Coverage starting September 2024
- Application Deadline: May 1, 2024

Pediatric Respirologist Locum

- FTE 0.8
- Type: 100% Clinical Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- One Year Leave Coverage starting April 2024
- Application Deadline: May 1, 2024

Research Program Manager, Paediatrics

- FTE 1.0
- Type: 2-year term
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: May 1, 2024

Newborn Critical Care Site Lead

- FTE 0.1
- Type: Part Time Practice
- Location: Rockyview General Hospital
- Start Date: May 1, 2024
- Application Deadline: July 31, 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

PA-Fundamentals Course Lead, MPAS

- FTE 0.3 (3 positions available)
- Type: 1 year (with possibility of extension)
- The Master of Physician Assistant Studies (MPAS) program at the University of Calgary has an exciting job opportunity that's ideal for those eager to influence medical education. Similar to Undergraduate Medical Education (UME), this role gives you a chance to craft educational content and shape the careers of upcoming healthcare professionals
- If you have any questions or if you're interested in this role, please contact mpas@ucalgary.ca

UPCOMING ROUNDS

Neonatal Grand Rounds

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 | 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Virtual (via Zoom)

Topic: PAS / CPS / AAP Research Presentations

Presenters: Dr. Harkirat Bhullar, Dr. Lara Leijser, Dr. Alia Embairee and Dr. Lara Leijser

[Click here for more information](#)

[Register here](#)

Pediatric Grand Rounds

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM

Kinsmen Learning Centre Auditorium (4th Floor - ACH) or Virtual (via Zoom)

Topic: Endocrine Late Effects of Childhood Cancer Treatment

Presenter: Dr. Lillian Romine Meacham, MD

[Register here](#)

Owerko Centre Neurodevelopmental Clinical Research Rounds

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Child Development Centre, Main Floor Boardroom or Virtual (via Zoom)

Topic: Examining the link between maternal immune activation and child neurodevelopmental outcomes

Presenter: Dr. Tamara Bodnar, PhD

[Click here for more information](#)

EVENTS

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



Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Pediatrics

A Self-Guided Course Presented by SOPT



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

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, 2024, 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)™. 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)™ from organizations accredited by the ACCME or a recognized state medical society.

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

[Learn more and sign up here](#)

Child Health and Wellness Seminar

Monday April 22, 2024 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM

Location: Virtual (via Zoom)

Topic: How Do Chemicals in Our Environment Influence Child and Maternal Health

Presenter: Dr. Deborah Dewey, PhD, RPsych

[Click for more information](#)

[Register here](#)



O'Brien Institute for Public Health

Networking series - O'Brien Institute for Public Health

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 | 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Location: ACH Physicians Lounge

The Department of Pediatrics is hosting a networking event for our members with the scientific and administrative directors of the [O'Brien Institute for Public Health](#). This is an opportunity for Department members to learn about the benefits of becoming a member, discuss research ideas and identify opportunities to collaborate. Everyone is welcome!

[Presenters:](#)

- Dr. Kirsten Fiest, Scientific Director
- Stephen Samis, Associate Scientific Director, Policy and Partnerships, Centre for Health Policy
- Dr. Paul Ronksley, Associate Scientific Director, Health Systems
- Dr. Pamela Roach, Associate Scientific Director - Population Health
- Dr. Jamie Day, Administrative Director

[Register here](#)

47th Annual AAP District VIII SONPM Conference



Image by Rita Taylor, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity



<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/cme/SONPM>

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

Thursday, June 20, 2024 – Sunday, June 23, 2024

Location: 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.

[Learn more and register here](#)

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

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