

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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## WELLNESS, CULTURE & COMMUNITY FEATURE



Equity Diversity  
Inclusion (EDI)  
Moments

Dept of  
Pediatrics



**Equity Diversity Inclusion (EDI) Moments**

What are EDI moments?

- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion moments
- Started at U of C Internal Medicine 2020
- To raise EDI literacy amongst physicians and physician leaders
- Five-minute presentation with follow up discussion/resources
- Brief recurring educational intervention
- Positive results, now expanding across the CSM
- Monthly at Pediatric Grand Rounds rest of the academic year
- Follow up resources below

Why are EDI Moments important?

- Aligns with Cumming School of Medicine 2023 Strategic Priorities
- Foster a culture of inclusion and belonging respectful of differences and life experiences
- Improve health outcomes through best patient care
- Empower everyone to reach their best potential

April EDI Moment Theme: Implicit Bias

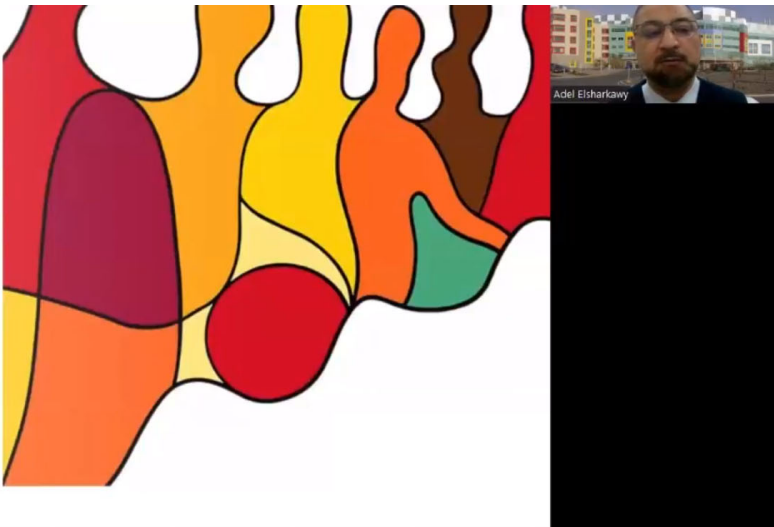
May EDI Moment Theme: Diversity and Inclusion

June EDI Moment Theme: Microaggressions



Implicit Bias

University of Calgary  
Dept of Pediatrics Grand round  
EDI Moment  
April 17 , 2024  
Adel Elsharkawy MD MSC FRCPC  
on behalf of EDI committee



Watch the video

Resources

Here are some helpful follow-up resources. Please click each of the bullet points to learn more:

- [How to Reduce Stigma and Bias in Clinical Communication: a Narrative Review](#)
  - [Racial Implicit Bias and Communication Among Physicians in a Simulated Environment](#)
  - [How Clinicians and Educators Can Mitigate Implicit Bias in Patient Care and Candidate Selection in Medical Education](#)
  - [Implicit Association Test \(IAT\)](#)
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### Resident Wellness Conference | May 14 – 16, 2024

The Resident Wellness Conference (RWC) is a **PFSP** sponsored event, in collaboration with the University of Alberta and University of Calgary wellness offices and **PARA**, and held biennially for each of Alberta’s medical school residents. This format offers the high level of choice and topics residents have requested and replaces the previous practice of PFSP providing ad hoc sessions for individual programs. Pre-registration is required; all registration fees are waived.

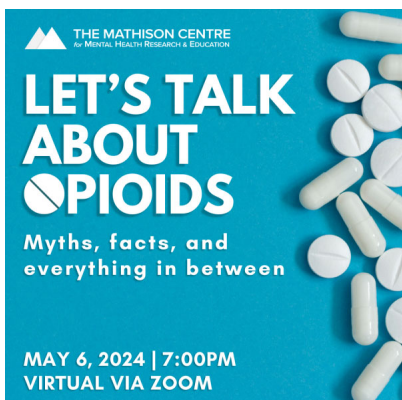
[Learn more and register here](#)



### Mental Health Week

UCalgary is joining the **Canadian Mental Health Association** to recognize Mental Health Week, **May 6 – 12, 2024**. There will be various activities and events happening virtually and across campus open to all students and staff.

[Learn more here](#)



### Let's Talk About Opioids: Myths, Facts and Everything in Between

**Monday, May 6 | 7:00 PM**

**Location: Online via Zoom**

Various factors have been cited for what has become known as “the opioids crisis” including the emergence of strong synthetic opioids in the illegal drug supply and high rates of opioid prescribing.

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!

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



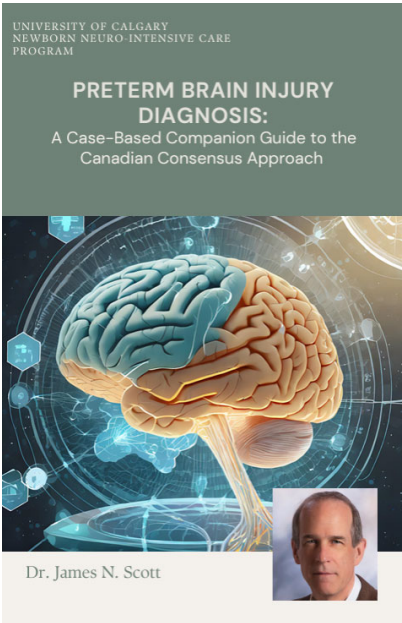
Dr. Abhay Lodha is Now on the Chair of the Committee on Achievement Awards

Dr. Abhay Lodha, Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Calgary, has assumed the prestigious role of Chair of the Committee on Achievement Awards for the Alberta Medical Association. The Alberta Medical Association Board of Directors created the Achievement Awards in 1992 to honour physicians (Medal for Distinguished Service) and non-physicians (Medal of Honour) for their hard work in contributing to quality health care in Alberta.

This committee selects candidates every year from the whole of Alberta for:

- AMA Achievements Awards
- AMA Long Service Award
- AMA Award for Compassionate Service
- ADIUM Student Elective Travel Awards
- TD Insurance Meloche Monnex AMA Scholarship

Congratulations Dr. Abhay Lodha!



New Publication: Reterm Brain Injury Diagnosis: A Case-Based Companion Guide to the Canadian Consensus Approach

A new book has been published and reviewed by Dr. Zarina Assis, Dr. Lara M. Leijser, Dr. Khorshid Mohammad, Dr. James N. Scott and Dr. Hussein Zein.

Acquired brain injury remains common in very preterm infants and is associated with significant risks for short- and long-term mobilities. Cranial ultrasound (cUS) is the firstline tool to screen the preterm infant’s brain for injury. Concerns, however, remain regarding the variability in diagnosis and grading of common preterm brain injury types from cUS between clinicians.

Read here

New Publication: Channelopathies in Epilepsy: An Overview of Clinical Presentations, Pathogenic Mechanisms, and Therapeutic Insight



Dr. Andy Cheuk-Him Ng, Dr. Morris H. Scantlebury and Dr. Juan P. Appendino published a new article in the Journal of Neurology.

Pathogenic variants in genes encoding ion channels are causal for various pediatric and adult neurological conditions. In particular, several epilepsy syndromes have been identified to be caused by specific channelopathies.

[Read here](#)

### Pediatric Onset of Neuromotor Impairments Lab (PONI Lab)

[Read the article](#)

### 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](#)

**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  
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Please email [gertrud.vandermey@ahs.ca](mailto:gertrud.vandermey@ahs.ca) for more information.

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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](mailto: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](#)

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# POST GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS CONSULTATION

one child  
every child



**Learn:**

- How to apply
- Who can apply
- Application criteria
- Decision-making process

**Open to Child Health:**

- Clinical program leads, supervisors who accept PGME researchers
- PGME program directors
- Educational directors of clinical programs
- Medical trainees

APRIL 30, 2024  
4 -5:30 PM



SCAN ME

Zoom or  
Telus Amphitheatre,  
Alberta Children's Hospital  
Register by: April 25

## Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME) Awards for Excellence in Postgraduate Medical Education

These awards are a way to recognize and reward outstanding efforts in providing high-quality residency programming through the hard work, ongoing commitment, and demonstrated passion of PGME staff and faculty. Winners will receive an inscribed plaque.

[Consultation registration](#)

[Learn more about the awards](#)



## 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 Calgary Curling Club – 720-3 St. NW, Calgary.

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**Interested in becoming more involved in the Pediatric Residency program activities?**

We are currently looking for 5-6 additional pediatricians who are willing to serve as faculty advisors for a pediatric resident in the 2024-2025 academic year. Faculty advisors are asked to meet with their assigned resident 2-4 times per year and remuneration is available for non-AMHSP physicians. This role is a very important component of the CBD process and resident support in our program.

We also have ongoing need for OSCE and STACER examiners (no preparation required) and for presenters at our pediatric residents' academic half day.

Please contact [pediatric.residencyprogram@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:pediatric.residencyprogram@albertahealthservices.ca) if you would like more information or are able to volunteer!

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**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**

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

[Register here](#)

**EVENTS**

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



**Child Health and Wellness Seminar: Severe Inborn Errors of Immunity in Canada - Know Your Local Populations**

**Monday, April 29, 2024 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM**

**Location: Virtual (via Zoom)**

Inborn errors of immunity (IEI) are rare genetic disorders that negatively impact immune function, with potential for severe morbidity and mortality in young infants. A number of rare IEI exist in Canada at higher than expected frequencies. We will discuss these IEI in Canada and how local

investigations have led to improved insight into IEL.

Presenter: Dr. Geoffrey Cuvelier MD, FRCPC

[Register here](#)



### **Celebrate the Backbone of Innovation: Fundamental Discovery Week**

April 29 – May 3 is Fundamental Discovery Week! The **Hotchkiss Brain Institute** invites you to join them in celebrating the pivotal role of basic science in shaping the future of research and innovation. Through this week we will be highlighting our basic scientists and trainees on our social media channels. Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate the impact of fundamental discovery on research!

[Learn more here](#)



### **Medical Genetics Seminar Series**

**Friday, May 3, 2024 | 9:00 – 10:00 AM**

**Location: ACH Conference Room 2**

Topic: The Landscape of Rare Genetic Disease in the Hutterite Brethren: Time for an update

Presenters: A Micheil Innes, MD FRCPC FCCMG and Caitlin Goedhart, MD

[Learn more here](#)

## **Harvey B. Sarnat Lectureship and Symposium In Developmental Neuroanatomy and Neuropathology**



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Alberta  
Children's  
HOSPITAL  
RESEARCH INSTITUTE



### **Harvey B. Sarnat Lectureship and Mini Symposium in Developmental Neuroanatomy and Neuropathology**

**Monday, May 6, 2024 | 8:30 AM – 12:15 PM**

**Location: Virtual (via Zoom)**

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Paolo Curatolo, MD, PhD, Professor, Child Neurology and Psychiatry and Former Head, Paediatric Neurosciences Unit, Tor Vergata University Hospital, Rome, Italy

The topic we will be exploring this year is Tuberous Sclerosis Complex. Clinical and Basic neuroscientists have provided new opportunities

for future advances of this rare genetic disease.

[Register here](#)



### International Clinical Trials Day

**Tuesday, May 14, 2024 | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Location: 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.

[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

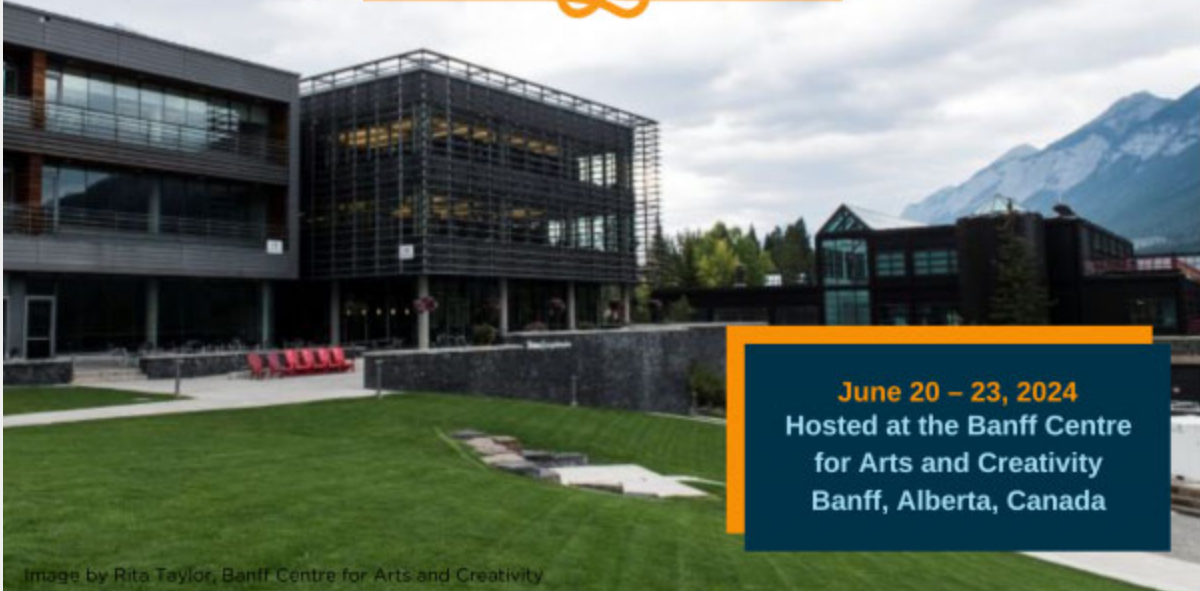


Image by Rita Taylor, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity

**June 20 – 23, 2024**  
Hosted at the Banff Centre  
for Arts and Creativity  
Banff, Alberta, Canada



<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](#)

### **UPCOMING ROUNDS**

#### **Neonatal Grand Rounds**

**Tuesday, April 30, 2024 | 4:00 PM**

**Location: Virtual (via Zoom)**

Topic: Neonatal Platelet Transfusion: What's next?

Presenter: Carmel Maria Moore, MB, BCh, PhD

[Click here for more information](#)

[Register here](#)

#### **Pediatric Grand Rounds**

**Wednesday, May 1, 2024 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM**

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

Topic: Hocus POCUS or a Reasonable Alternative

Presenter: Khorshid Mohammad, MD, MSc (Pediatrics), FABP, FRCP (Edin), FRCPC (Neonatology)

[Click here for more information](#)



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](#)

Register here

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

Click on the following positions for complete posting details

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

Assistant Medical Director, KidSIM

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

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- FTE 0.8
- Type: 100% Clinical Locum
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- 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

Pediatric Critical Care Clinical Associate

- FTE 0.5

- Type: Part Time
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Start Date: July 1, 2024
- Application Deadline: May 7, 2024

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**Zone Clinical Section Chief, Pediatric Respiriology**

- FTE 0.1
- Type: Part Time
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Start Date: July 1, 2024
- Application Deadline: May 7, 2024

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**Newborn Critical Care Site Lead**

- FTE 0.1
- Type: Part Time Practice
- Location: Rockyview General Hospital
- Start Date: September 1, 2024
- Application Deadline: July 31, 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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**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](mailto:mpas@ucalgary.ca)

**Contact [pediatrics.comms@ucalgary.ca](mailto:pediatrics.comms@ucalgary.ca) with questions or if you have content to contribute.**

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