

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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### Weekly Bulletin Archive

Check out the Department of Pediatrics past Weekly Bulletins on our website by pressing [here](#).



### National Physicians' Day – May 1

May 1 was chosen to honour the birthday of the first female physician in Canada, Dr. Emily Stowe. Born in 1931, she trained in the US but returned to Canada to practice medicine as well as become a founder of the women's movement.

Physicians provide high-quality care to Albertans in every corner of the province and are critical to our healthcare system. They make a difference in the lives of those they help, providing not only medical care but also comfort and support. On National Physicians' Day, we celebrate not only your professional accomplishments but also the impact you have on the lives of others.

Show your appreciation for resident and staff physicians you know by sending a National Physicians' Day e-card or a thank you note. Treat a colleague to a cup of coffee or nominate them with Click for Kudos!

[Send an e-card](#)

[Submit a Kudos](#)

# RESEARCH + QI

## ISSUE



### Featured Publications

Please click on each bullet point to view each publication.

Department of Pediatrics members are highlighted in **yellow**.

- **A Case Series of Appendicitis and Pseudo-appendicitis in a Paediatric Intensive Care Unit** - Kam L. Hon, **Alexander K.C. Leung**, Yan T.K. Lee, Stephanie Tsang, Karen K.Y. Leung, Wun F.A. Hui, Wing L. Cheung & Wai Y.M. Leung
- **An Atlas of Lumps and Bumps, Part 45: Steatocystoma Multiplex** - **Alexander K.C. Leung**, Benjamin Barankin, Joseph M. Lam & Kin Fon Leong
- **Diffusion MRI tractography with along-tract profiling reveals subtle neurodevelopmental differences between moderate and late preterm infants** - Anouk S Verschuur, Chantal M W Tax, Ingrid M Nijholt, Gerda van Wezel-Meijler, **Leonora Henderson**, **Hussein Zein**, Jeanne Scotland, **Regan King**, **Khorshid Mohammad**, Martijn F Boomsma, Alexander Leemans & **Lara M Leijser**
- **Evaluating Vaccination Status and Barriers in Children with Rheumatic Diseases** - Shine Vazhappilly, **Babatope O. Adebisi**, Racheal Githumbi, **Nicole A. Johnson**, **Otto G. Vanderkooi** & **Heinrike Schmeling**
- **Fetal intracerebral hemorrhage: review of the literature and practice considerations** - **Mary Dunbar**, Sonika Agarwal, Charu Venkatesan, Brigitte Vollmer, Barbara Scelsa, Andrea C. Pardo, Tomo Tarui, Anthony R. Hart, Sarah B. Mulkey, Monica E. Lemmon & Dawn Gano
- **G-ROP versus WINROP for retinopathy of prematurity screening: a Calgary perspective** - Rahul Moorjani, Emi Sanders, Kyla Lavery, **Ayman Abou Mehrem**, Ravina Anand & Stephanie A Dotchin
- **Pediatric Transplant and Cellular Therapy Consortium RESILIENT Conference on Pediatric Chronic Graft-versus-Host Disease Survivorship after Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation: Part III. Long-Term Impact of Chronic Graft-versus-Host Disease on Endocrinologic, Cardiovascular, and Metabolic Outcomes in Survivors of Pediatric Hematopoietic Cell Transplantation** - Pooja Khandelwal, Jonathan D. Fish, Lev Gorfinkel, **Gregory M.T. Guilcher**, Jonathan Howell, Miki Nishitani, Brandon Nuechterlein, Esther Obeng, Ami J. Shah, **Geoffrey D.E. Cuvelier**, Seth Rotz, Kirsten M Williams & Christine N. Duncan
- **Neuroglia pathology in genetic and epigenetic disorders of the central nervous system** - **Harvey B Sarnat** & **Vijayaraghava T S Rao**
- **Success and safety of neonatal endotracheal tube exchanges: a NEAR4NEOS multicentre retrospective cohort study** - Kathleen Miller, Nicole Pouppirt, Paul Wildenhain, **Ayman Abou Mehrem**, Ivana Brajkovic, Cassandra DeMartino, Kristen Glass, Kate Alison Hodgson, Philipp Jung, Ahmed Moussa, Mihai Puia-Dumitrescu, Binhuey Quek, Jennifer Rumpel, Rebecca Shay, David Tingay, Michelle D Tyler, **Jennifer Unrau**, Michael Wagner, Justine Shults, Akira Nishisaki, Elizabeth E Foglia & Heidi M Herrick

You can now explore other publications from our Department members on our website!

Introduction to R Programming for Biostatistics Workshop

May 05 & 06, 2025 | 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
CWPH 2E23

This 6-hour workshop will introduce basic programming concepts in R and learn to execute data manipulation, calculations, some of the common functions used for producing useful descriptive analysis, graphics and tables, and basic statistical analyses. Students, postdocs, RAs and faculty members are welcome to attend.

Class size: 20 attendees (space is limited!)  
Fee: \$75/person

No previous knowledge of R is required.

Learn more and register here

Child Health and Wellness Seminar



Alberta Children’s Hospital  
Research Institute Spring Update

Dr. François Bernier, MD  
Director, ACHRI & Project Lead, One Child Every Child  
Co-lead, Precision Health & Wellness and Comprehensive Data

Monday, May 12, 2025  
8:30 – 9:30 am  
Register for Zoom: [bit.ly/42qvtRm](https://bit.ly/42qvtRm)



Register here

Foundations of Health Policy for Clinicians & Researchers

June 19, 2025 | 9:00 - 10:30 AM  
HMRB G43A

This session will provide an overview of health policy and strategies to influence health policy to clinicians and researchers. We will use case examples to understand the process of actioning research and practice, including the use of op-eds and policy briefs.

Learn more and register here

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

King Charles III Coronation Medal

Department member Dr. Yacov (Jack) Rabi is the recipient of a prestigious King Charles III's Coronation Medal for community service. Dr. Rabi received this award in recognition of his outstanding contributions to Heart & Stroke and his unwavering commitment to heart and brain health in Canada.

This award is by the government of Canada to individuals who have made significant contributions to their community, province or country.

Congratulations Dr. Rabi!





**New Episode The Thrive Home**

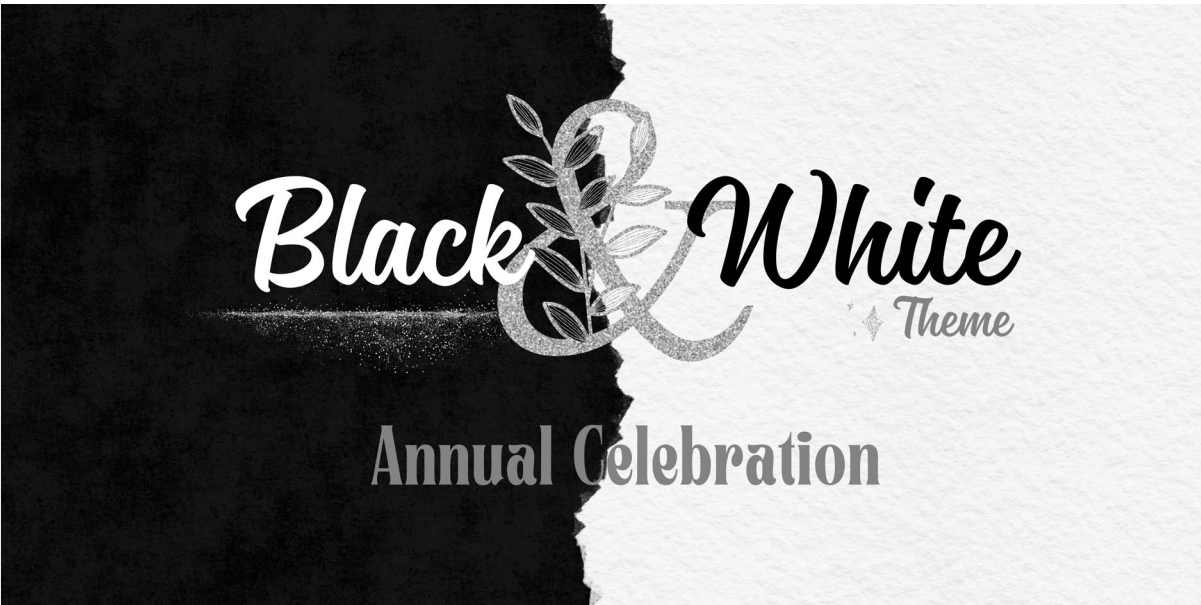


In this new episode of The Thrive Home podcast, hosted by faculty and residents at the Alberta Children's Hospital, we unmask imposter syndrome—a hidden struggle affecting up to 60% of medical students, residents, and physicians. Dr. Leanna McKenzie, a pediatric gastroenterologist and Deputy Head of Education, shares her personal experiences with imposter syndrome and breaks down the five distinct types: the Perfectionist, the Natural Genius, the Soloist, the Expert, and the Superwoman/Superman.

[Spotify](#)

[Apple Podcast](#)

[Amazon Music](#)



**Annual Celebration 2025**

The Department of Pediatrics is pleased to invite Department Members (Physicians and PhD Researchers) and Trainees to come celebrate everyone's hard work and all of the great achievements in the past year.

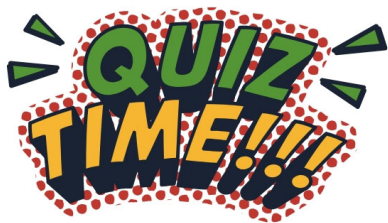
Date: Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Time: 6:00 – 11:59 PM (MT)

Location: Calgary Golf and Country Club

[More details and register here](#)

Please RSVP by Monday, June 2 at 11:59 PM



### 2024 Annual Report Quiz

We hope you have reviewed this year's Department of Pediatrics' Annual Report, as we have prepared a simple quiz based on its contents!

The section/group with the highest participation will win a prize, which will be unveiled at the Annual Celebration in June.

Be sure to complete the quiz and share it with your colleagues.

Quiz

### Current Leaderboard

1. The section of "Newborn Critical Care"
2. The section of "Pediatric Hospital Medicine"
3. The section of "Emergency Medicine"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Seeking Examiners

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

#### OSCE:

- Thursday, May 8 | 12:45pm – 4:30m OSCE at MedSkills (FMC-Health Sciences Centre)

#### STACER:

- Thursday, May 29 | 12:45pm – 4:30pm STACER at MedSkills (FMC-Health Sciences Centre)
- Thursday, June 12 | 12:45pm – 4:30pm STACER at MedSkills (FMC-Health Sciences Centre)
- Thursday, June 19 | 12:45pm – 4:30pm STACER at MedSkills (FMC-Health Sciences Centre)

No preparation is required- just show up, follow the script, and enjoy an afternoon with learners and colleagues! OSCE/STACER Examiner Remuneration is available to non AMHSP staff at a rate of \$150/hour.

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

### Have news or content that you would like to be featured?

Please send us an email at [peditrics.comms@ucalgary.ca](mailto:peditrics.comms@ucalgary.ca) by Tuesday at 11:00 AM for it to be included in that week's issue or the appropriate week's feature. Learn more about each week's themes [here](#).

## EVENTS

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



### Black Child and Youth Wellbeing Conference

May 8 – 9, 2025

Alt Hotel, Calgary University District

Black Child and Youth Wellbeing Conference is the first of its kind, organized by the Black and Racial Equity (BARE) Research Program as part of the Transforming the Lives of Black Children and Youth project (funding by the Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada Partnership Grant).

[Learn more and register here](#)



### Exploring the Heart of Low German Mennonite Life: A Cultural Journey

Friday, May 9, 2025 | 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Location: ACH 4th Floor Conference Rooms 2 & 3

This presentation is open to all ACH staff who work with Low German Mennonites and would like to more about their culture.

[Learn more and register here](#)



Alberta Children's Hospital



Alberta Health Services

# ECHOing Care

## Children with Medical Complexity

### Do you work with Children with Medical Complexity?

Project ECHO can support you in your work through **case-based learning** and **topic discussions**. Bring your de-identified cases for advice and support. **Join our interprofessional virtual community of practice.**

### Upcoming Session: Pain in Children with Medical Complexity

This session will focus on **Unexplained Pain**



May 13, 2025



11:00 - 12:45 MST

Delivered via **zoom**

<https://redcap.link/achechoregistration>



Dr. Vithya Gnanakumar



[Register here](#)





**General Pediatric Residents Graduation Ceremony**

**Thursday, May 15, 2025 | 4:00 - 5:00 PM**  
**ACH Conference Room 3**

Please join us in wishing our graduating PGY-4 pediatric residents a warm goodbye and all the best in their future endeavors! Light snacks will be provided.

**Upcoming Workshop**



**Feedback**



Tuesday, May 27 | 8:30 - 11:00 AM



Conference Room 7 - 15 spots open



Dr. Vincent Grant

Scan here to register



**Upcoming Workshop**



**Easy QI Methods and Tools to Enhance Effectiveness of your QI, Education and Research Projects**



Monday, June 16 | 1:00 - 4:00 PM



Conference Room 13 - 15 spots open



Dr. Jennifer Thull-Freedman

Scan here to register



**Register for the workshops here**



## Evidence-Based Practice for Improving Quality (EPIQ) Workshop

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 | 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM | Alberta Children Hospital (Lunch Included)

### Training front-line teams in quality improvement methods

The EPIQ Workshop aims to train physicians and other healthcare providers in quality improvement methods using a hands-on approach that enables teams to implement quality improvement together.

#### In this workshop you will learn:

- Why improvement science is valuable in health care and everyday life.
- Gain expertise on the QI process and understand how to implement it in your context.
- Establish a stronger understanding of your opportunities for change.
- Break down implementation into achievable steps.
- Get a handle on the logistics: plans, team creation, measurement, and more.

#### Workshop Facilitators:

- Ayman Abou Mehrem, Neonatologist and EPIQ Lead Facilitator
- Khorshid Mohammad, MD, Director, Newborn, Neuro-Intensive Care
- Claire Hamilton, MN RN, Quality Improvement Nurse
- Jumana Samara, MD, Neonatologist

#### Questions, contact the facilitators:

Dr. Ayman Abou Mehrem [Ayman.AbouMehrem@ahs.ca](mailto:Ayman.AbouMehrem@ahs.ca)

#### Registration (Max 40 Participants)

Registration Fee: \$175 CAD

**AHS Staff and Physicians \$125 when using discount coupon [cqiepahs50](#)**

Register by June 9, 2025

Register link: Click here [EPIQ Workshop](#)

Registration QR Code:



**CME:** The EPIQ workshop is accredited for up to 6 hours of Section 3 MOC credits with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; and for up to 5 hours (2 Mainpro+ Group Learning credits per hour) by the College of Family Physicians of Canada.



[Learn more and register here](#)

### Calgary Neonatal Quality Improvement Education Program



#### Making Sense of QI Data Workshop

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 | 4:00 AM – 7:00 PM | Alberta Children Hospital

##### Objectives:

In this interactive hands-on workshop you will learn:

- The importance of QI data
- How to plan, collect, and classify QI data
- Various types of statistical process control (SPC) charts
- How to use QIMacros software to create SPC charts

##### Workshop Requirements:

To achieve the maximum benefit from this workshop, please come prepared:

- Bring your own laptop with Microsoft Excel software installed. Basic knowledge of Excel is important.
- Download and install QIMacros software few days prior to the workshop. A Free 30-day Trial can be downloaded from: <https://www.qimacros.com/>.
- Mock data will be available for practice purposes during the workshop. However, if you would like to test what you learn in the workshop, bring your own data with you. The last 30 minutes of the workshop is dedicated for practice on building various SPC charts.

**CME:** Pending approval for 3 hours credit.

#### Registration (Max 20 Participants)

Registration Fee: \$100 CAD

**AHS Staff and Physicians \$50 when using discount coupon [cqiepahs50](#)**

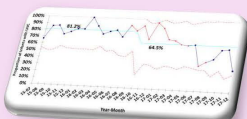
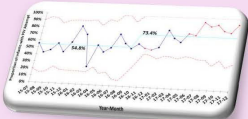
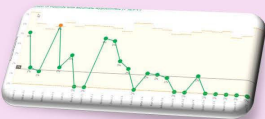
Register by June 9, 2025

Register link: Click [Making Sense of QI Data](#)

Registration QR Code:



**Questions:** Dr. Ayman Abou Mehrem  
[Ayman.AbouMehrem@ahs.ca](mailto:Ayman.AbouMehrem@ahs.ca)



[Learn more and register here](#)

### UPCOMING ROUNDS

#### Pediatric Grand Rounds

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM

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

Topic: Are there parental rights?

Presenters: Dr. I Mitchell & Dr. J Guichon

[Register here](#)



## Grand Rounds Recordings

Check out the Grand Rounds page on our website for previous Grand Rounds presentations [here](#).

## CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

Click on the following positions for complete posting details

### Pediatric Neurologist

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Full-time
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: May 2, 2025

### Locum Pediatric Neurologist

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Short-term
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: May 2, 2025

### Locum Pediatric Neurologist

- FTE: 0.7
- Type: Short-term
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: May 2, 2025

### Pediatric Endocrinologist Locum

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Short-term Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: May 2, 2025

### Pediatric Endocrinologist Locum

- FTE: 0.9
- Type: Short-term
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: May 2, 2025

### Locum Pediatric Respirologist (EXTENDED)

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Short-term
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: May 2, 2025

### Admitting Locum Pediatrician, Evening and Overnight Shifts

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Short-term
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: May 6, 2025

### Pediatric Hospital Medicine Short Term Locum Physician

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Short-term

- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: May 6, 2025

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**Pediatric Cardiology Clinical Associate - Locum (NEW)**

- FTE: 0.6
- Type: Long-term Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: May 12, 2025

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**Pediatric Cardiology Clinical Associate (NEW)**

- FTE: 0.6
- Type: Part-time
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: May 12, 2025

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**Adolescent Medicine, Pediatrician, Locum, AMHSP (EXTENDED)**

- FTE: 0.1
- Type: Short-term
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: May 13, 2025

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**Newborn Critical Care Clinical Associate (EXTENDED)**

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Part-time
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: Open until a suitable candidate is found

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**AMHSP Clinician - Infectious Diseases (EXTENDED)**

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Full-time
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: Open until a suitable candidate is found

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**Community Pediatrician or Pediatric Subspecialist**

- FTE 0.2-1.0 Mon-Fri
- Type: Part-time to Full Time or Locum
- Location: Kiwi Pediatrics, Close to Deerfoot in the SE
- Application Open until space is filled
- For more information contact Dr. Dan Ross or Dr. Amanda Evans at [kiwipeds@gmail.com](mailto:kiwipeds@gmail.com)

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**Community Pediatrician or Pediatric Subspecialist**

- FTE 0.2-1.0 Mon-Fri
- Type: Part-time to Full Time or Locum
- Location: MyKidz Pediatric Clinic - locations in the Northeast (NE) and Southeast (SE) quadrants of Calgary, Alberta.
- Application Open until space is filled
- For more information email [info@mykidz.ca](mailto:info@mykidz.ca) or contact Paul Galang at [paul@sleepconsultants.ca](mailto:paul@sleepconsultants.ca)

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Explore these other job boards for more current opportunities with our department, the Cumming School of Medicine at the University of Calgary and Alberta Health Services below.

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