

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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### Weekly Bulletin Archive

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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FEATURE



### The Mentoring Academy

The Professionals Engaging with Purpose Program (PEPP) extends its congratulations to the founding members of our new Mentoring Academy within the Department of Pediatrics!

All these colleagues have successfully completed a pilot phase of our Building Mentoring Relationships Workshop (the title is tentative) and have provided invaluable contributions toward its refinement. Workshops will soon be made available to all interested parties in the upcoming months.

Ashley Blagdon  
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Sarah Hall  
Nicole Johnson  
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Naminder Sandhu  
Amelie Stritzke  
Gerald Giesbrecht

Please be advised that PEPP has yet to officially launch the formal mentorship program or website, as we await further participation from interested individuals for this training initiative. We encourage your keen interest in engaging both as mentors and mentees as this career support program progresses. Please feel free to reach out to the mentors [Susan Kuhn](#), [Chantelle Barnard](#), [Amonpreet Sandhu](#), [Theresa Wu](#) and [Vincent Grant](#) if you have any questions.



**PPIP TIPS**

This monthly section has been created in response to members of the Department requesting assistance with the [Physician Practice Improvement](#) Projects required by the CPSA in order to maintain their licensure.

The first 5-year cycle was launched in 2021 and consists of 3 separate projects to be completed in that time:



**A Practice Quality Improvement activity (group or individual)**



**A CPSA Standards of Practice activity (individual)**



**A Personal Development activity (individual)**

**Tip #1: Before you dive in, take a deep breath. Our most important tip is the same advice we would give a trainee who is embarking on a research project: keep it as simple and as relevant to your practice as possible. Even better, get the most bang for your time-bucks by making it do double duty as suggested below. If your pulse has dropped, read on!**

Some project examples are:

- QI (Quality Improvement): Identify something that your clinic or office would like to improve such as printing the After Visit Summary (AVS), screening for travel history, and reviewing routine vaccines.

- CPSA SOP (Standards of Practice): Randomly select 10 patient charts and review them using tools on the CPSA website. See [Standards of Practice - College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta | CPSA](#) for SOP.
- Personal Development: A recent 360 assessment, or a reflective course such as in leadership or the Affirmation of Professional Calling workshop.

Over the next few months, tips for each of these projects will be provided. The PPIP program is analogous to CME; you will need to document each project and keep it in your files in case of auditing. When you renew your license at the end of the year, you merely check off the PPIP you have completed. The documentation does NOT need to be submitted to the CPSA.

These projects may serve double duty for RCPSC MOC Section 3 credits such as chart audit and feedback, practice assessment, etc. See [The Maintenance of Certification Program \(royalcollege.ca\)](#) for details.

We are here to help each other, so stay tuned for upcoming tips on each of the PPIP project types including ideas, examples, and useful tools provided by your colleagues. If you would be willing to share what you’ve done or learned, please contact [Dr Mike Leaker](#), [Dr. Tania Principi](#), or [Cecilia Lee](#).

### Useful Tools



#### MyL3Plan

My Lifelong Learning Plan is a free, accredited online tool that supports practice improvement. Created by the University of Alberta, physicians can use this tool to meet and support their practice improvement activities.

[Learn more here](#)



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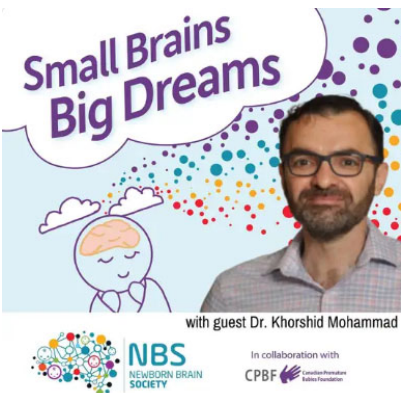
My Practice Improvement provides coaching on how to best reflect on your practice and create actionable change plans that you can implement. Most importantly, the tool helps keep you accountable along the way.

[Learn more here](#)



### Professionals Engaging with Purpose Program (PEPP) Workshops

Are you seeking a focal point for an upcoming retreat or educational gathering within your section or group? We invite you to consider facilitating sessions aimed at assisting your colleagues in discovering or refining their vocational aspirations, or collaboratively crafting Professional Development Plans. These workshops are designed to foster deeper and more productive engagement with mentoring initiatives. More details to come soon.



### Small Brains Big Dreams Podcast

Dr. Khorshid Mohammad was a special guest on the Small Brains Big Dreams podcast! He talks about mentorship in this episode.

[Listen here](#)




## IN-PERSON NETWORKING EVENTS

**Thursday, October 8, 2024 (4:30 - 7:00 PM)**

Mid Career (10 -20 years)

**Tuesday, November 5, 2024 (4:30 - 7:00 PM)**

Early Career (0-10 years)

 ACH Physicians Lounge

*More details to come in September*



If you have any questions please contact [Dr. Susan Kuhn](#).



# 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

[RSVP here](#)

## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



### Cross-Continental Collaboration: ACH Nephrology Section Extends Support to University College Hospital, Ibadan

In 2017, through the ISN Sister Renal Centers Program, staff from the nephrology section of the Alberta Children's Hospital (ACH), began supporting staff from the pediatric nephrology unit at the Department of Paediatrics, University College Hospital (UCH) in Ibadan, Nigeria. The partnership's primary goal was to develop pediatric nephrology



at the center in Ibadan.

[Read more here](#)

A Mother’s Day Recruitment Milestone in Child Health Research



[Read the article here](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Save the Date!

Please **RSVP by Friday, June 7, 2024** for the Department of Pediatrics Spring Celebration! There is **no cost to attend** the celebration as there will be a cash bar on site for alcoholic beverages.

**Date:** Tuesday, June 25, 2024

**Location:** Calgary Golf and Country Club 919 50 Ave SW, Calgary, AB T2S 1H1

**Note:** As per the venue's policy, jeans are not permitted and mobile phones must be put on silent.

**Attire:** Hollywood Glamour (old Hollywood, modern Hollywood, your favourite Hollywood movie)

[Learn more and RSVP here](#)



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

Please send us an email at [pediatrics.comms@ucalgary.ca](mailto:pediatrics.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*



### Climate Change and Women and Children's Health Globally: Challenges & Opportunities

**Friday, May 24, 2024 | 2:00 – 3:00 PM**

**Location: Theatre 1, Health Sciences Centre, Foothills Campus**

Join Dr. Zulfiqar Bhutta, MBBS, PhD, 2023 Friesen International Prize in Health Research recipient for his lecture: Climate Change and Women and Children's Health Globally: Challenges & Opportunities.

Dr. Bhutta is a Professor and Founding Director of the Institute for Global Health and Development and the Centre of Excellence in Women and Child Health, at the Aga Khan University. He also holds the Robert Harding Inaugural Chair in Global Child Health at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto, and is the Co-Director of the SickKids Centre for Global Child Health.

[Learn more and register here](#)

### Decolonizing Health Care Congress

**Monday, May 27, 2024 | 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**Location: The Best Western Premier Calgary Plaza Hotel and Conference Centre 1316 33 Street NE, Calgary, Alberta, T2A 6B6**

The [Indigenous Primary Health Care and Policy Research Network](#) in partnership with the [Cumming](#)



**School of Medicine's Indigenous Health Program** invites you the Decolonizing Health Care Congress. For this first annual event, we will explore decolonizing themes arising from Dr. Adam Murry's 'Readiness to Practice' research within the IPHCPR.

Speaker: Dr. Adam Murry (Ukrainian, Irish, Apache) earned a PhD in industrial-organizational psychology from Portland State University and currently works as an associate professor of psychology at the University of Calgary and as lead evaluator for the Indigenous Primary Health Care and Policy Research (IPHCPR) network of Alberta.

[Learn more and register here](#)



**Child Health and Wellness Seminar**

*Optimizing immunization while ensuring vaccine safety for special populations*

**Child Health and Wellness Seminar**

**Monday, June 3, 2024 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM**

**Location: Virtual (via Zoom)**

Topic: Optimizing immunization while ensuring vaccine safety for special populations

Speaker: Dr. Karina Top, MD , MS, FRCPC, Professor, University of Alberta

This presentation will discuss collaborative research to improve immunization practices for individuals who are immunocompromised or who developed a vaccine adverse event, and an international study into causes and risk factors for rare vaccine adverse events.

[Register here](#)

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# Connect Care

## Shaping the future of healthcare with data-driven research

**JUNE 5, 2024 | 12:45 - 5:00 P.M.**

Theatre One, Health Sciences Centre, 3330 Hospital Dr NW

On June 5, join us for an immersive event designed to empower researchers to shape the future of healthcare through the utilization of Connect Care data.

Through a series of dynamic sessions and interactive discussions, participants will discover how Connect Care empowers researchers to unlock the full potential of health information technology.



[Learn more and register here](#)

**Patient & Family Centred Care (PFCC) and Engagement and Patient Experience Webinar**

**Thursday, June 6, 2024 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM**

**Location: Virtual (via Zoom)**

Topic: Cultural competency in healthcare: Understanding what matters to patients and families

Navigating cross-cultural healthcare interactions with confidence and sensitivity can be daunting, especially when it comes to asking about someone's culture. But fret not! Join us to learn practical tips and tools for enhancing cultural competency in healthcare settings.

The webinar will encompass:

- The importance of cultural competency in healthcare
- How cultural factors influence healthcare beliefs, preferences, and decision-making
- Effective communication strategies for cross-cultural interactions
- Methods for assessing your own cultural competence

[Register here](#)



### **Medical Legal – Risk Management for Physicians**

**Thursday, June 13, 2024 | 1:00 – 4:00 PM**

**Location: Theatre 1, Health Sciences Centre,  
Foothills Campus**

Explore areas of medical-legal risk for physicians in their day to day practice and review appropriate charting for optimal clinical care and risk management.

[Learn more and register here](#)

## **UPCOMING ROUNDS**

### **Neonatal Grand Rounds**

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024 | 4:00 PM**

**Virtual (via Zoom)**

Topic: Managing fragile feeders in Alberta NICUs – when to get eyes on the swallow

Presenters: Stacey Dalgleish, MN, RNC, NNP & Julia Giesen, MSc., SLP, R.SLP, S-LP(C)

[Click here for more information](#)

[Register here](#)

### **Pediatric Grand Rounds**

**Wednesday, May 22, 2024 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM**

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

Topic: Chronic Critical Illness – Meeting the Needs of a Changing PICU Patient Population

Presenter: Paul Doughty MD FRCPC

[Click here for more information](#)

[Register here](#)

## **CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Click on the following positions for complete posting details

### **Pediatric Site Lead, FMC**

- FTE 0.05



- Type: Part-time
- Location: Foothills Medical Centre
- Start Date: September 1, 2024
- Application Deadline: May 21, 2024

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**Pediatric Nephrologist, Locum**

- FTE 0.7
- Type: Long-term locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Start Date: October 1, 2024
- Application Deadline: May 22, 2024

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**Pediatric Cardiologist**

- FTE 1.0
- Type: Full-time
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Start Date: July 1, 2024
- Application Deadline: May 23, 2024

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**Pediatric Critical Care Intensivist**

- FTE 0.7
- Type: Full-time
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Start Date: October 2024
- Application Deadline: June 14, 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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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.

[UCalgary Careers](#)

[Doctor Jobs Alberta](#)

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