

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FEATURE



2024 CARE & Other Departmental Awards Winners

We are pleased to announce the 2024 CARE & Other Departmental Awards Winners! Each of these department members was nominated by their peers and was celebrated at the Department of Pediatrics Annual Celebration.

[Congratulations](#) to all of the winners!

[View the ceremony photos here](#)



CARE Award - Clinician

Dr. Lori Walker

The recipient of this award demonstrated excellent achievements in direct clinical care, going over and above in their contributions to patient care provision.



CARE Award - Advocate

Dr. Jessica Dunn

The recipient of this award has demonstrated outstanding achievements in clinical and/or non-clinical service. The individual has displayed advocacy in an individual practice or team, or in a unit, section or department-wide activity.



CARE Award - Researcher

Dr. Graham Thompson

The recipient of this award has demonstrated excellent achievements in the realm of individual and/or collaborative investigation.



CARE Award - Education

Dr. Gary Galante

The recipient of this award demonstrated exceptional achievements in the realm of education in one or more of UME, PGME, CME, undergraduate and graduate science education.



Distinguished Career Award

Dr. Julian Midgley

This award was created to recognize and honour members who have provided 25+ years (since initial university faculty appointment, regardless of institution or location) of exemplary service.



Leadership Award

Dr. Jennifer MacPherson

This award recognizes a member of the Department of Pediatrics who is an inspiring leader and role model, and who has demonstrated a significant positive influence on the lives of others and the world around them.



Rising Star Award

Dr. Chris Novak

This award celebrates the exceptional contributions and potential of an early career member (10 years or less since faculty appointment) in the Department of Pediatrics, with outstanding contributions in any of the four CARE pillars.



Community Pediatrician Award

Dr. Tracy Taylor

This award recognizes a member from the largest section of the department for their exceptional contributions and efforts to the community.



Thriving Together Team Award

Hemoglobinopathy Clinic

This new award celebrates innovative contributions by multidisciplinary teams, with at least one member affiliated with the Department.

We are proud to recognize the Hemoglobinopathy Clinic for its exemplary collaborative approach and impactful innovation. Originally launched as a quality improvement initiative, the clinic addressed a critical gap in patient care—low participation in pulmonary function testing (PFTs). By integrating testing and clinical

assessments into the Hematology visit, the team significantly improved patient engagement and outcomes. Their efforts were previously recognized with an AHS President's Award in 2017, underscoring the clinic's sustained excellence and commitment to patient-centered care.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to Dr. Kim Myers for her outstanding work on the “Highlighting the Best of Your Section” project. Her insightful reports played a key role in identifying and celebrating deserving individuals and teams like the Hemoglobinopathy Clinic, whose contributions might have otherwise gone unrecognized.



CSM's Office of Faculty Development

Whether you are just starting out or are a seasoned expert, the Office of Faculty Development is here to support and energize your growth—as a clinician, researcher, educator or leader, or any combination of the above. Dive into a world where inclusive governance, pluralism, collaboration, and equity are more than just buzzwords—they are our driving force! Our programs cover everything from teaching, orientation, mentorship, leadership, and technology integration including AI, policy and advocacy, and faculty promotions.

[Visit the website to learn more](#)

COMINGS & GOINGS

Welcome to the Department

We have new a physician joining us this month. Please take a moment to greet them and extend a warm welcome when you see them!



Dr. Claire McNiven

Intensivist - Section of Pediatric Critical Care

New Positions

5 of our current members have taken on a new position in our department this month!



Dr. Jenessa Kerr

Preceptor for the Normal Newborn Nursery



Dr. Madison Riddell

Preceptor for the Normal Newborn Nursery



Dr. Melanie Breau

Complex Care
Pediatrician – Pediatric
Hospital Medicine



Dr. Michelle Fric

Preceptor for the
Normal Newborn
Nursery – Community
Pediatrics



Dr. Karen Ballinger

Preceptor for the
Normal Newborn
Nursery – Community
Pediatrics



Goings

Dr. Cheri-Lou Nijssen-Jordan

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Cheri-Lou Nijssen-Jordan on her retirement from the Section of Pediatric Emergency Medicine.

We are deeply grateful for her outstanding dedication, compassionate care, and many years of service. Her contributions have left a lasting impact on patients, families, and colleagues alike. We wish her all the very best in this next chapter!

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



Pediatric Residency Program Awards Ceremony

Thursday, June 26, 2025 | 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Please join us for our annual awards ceremony selected by our very own pediatric residents.

Retirement Party: Dr. Jennifer MacPherson

Friday, June 27, 2025 | 12:30 – 2:00 PM

Kinsmen Learning Centre Auditorium (4th Floor -



ACH)

Please join us to celebrate department member Dr. Jennifer MacPherson's Retirement! Coffee and cake will be provided.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Need a New Headshot?

If you're in need of an updated headshot or profile photo, please contact and send an email to our Communications Lead at pediatrics.comms@ucalgary.ca.

She can take a complimentary headshot for you on-site at ACH!



Research supervisors needed for incoming pediatric residents!

Our 15 new R1s are each in search of a resident's research project. If you are willing to supervise or need more information, please contact our Scholarly Oversight Committee (SOC) Chair: Mohamed Mahmoud Eltorki mmeltork@ucalgary.ca

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

Please fill in the form [here](#) 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



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

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.

Registration (Max 20 Participants)

Registration Fee: \$100 CAD

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

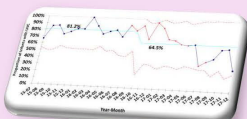
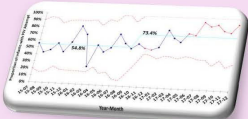
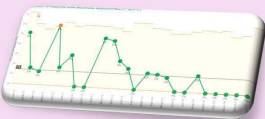
Register by June 9, 2025

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

Registration QR Code:



Questions: Dr. Ayman Abou Mehrem
Ayman.AbouMehrem@ahs.ca



[Learn more and register here](#)

CHELO Program Consultation Session

Wednesday, June 25 | 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Virtual via Zoom

The Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute (ACHRI) and the One Child Every Child (OCEC) Transdisciplinary Training Accelerator are pleased to invite you to a Consultation Session introducing the new Child Health Experiential Learning Opportunities (CHELO) program.

The CHELO Program offers graduate scholars paid internships with child health and wellness organizations. Participants will gain hands-on experience addressing real child health issues while using knowledge from different fields. For example, they might help design health apps for children, analyze data for community programs, or translate research into practical recommendations. The goal of the program is to help them build job skills while making a real difference in children's health in your community. The graduate scholars will learn how to effectively apply their academic knowledge to actual workplace challenges.

[Register here](#)

Coordinator Community of Practice

Thursday, June 26 | 9:00 – 10:30 AM

Alberta Children's Hospital, 4th floor, Conference Room 3 or Virtual via Zoom

The Coordinator Community of Practice is open to UCalgary Clinical Researchers, Coordinators, and Staff of all levels. This monthly in-person working group meets to learn about and contribute to clinical research and trial best practices. These interactive sessions with the Provincial OnCore Support Team (POST), Quality Assurance Team, CSM Legal Team, and CCCR Finance Team, provide the opportunity to ask questions, gain expertise, and meet your colleagues. Please note these sessions do not replace required training.

[Learn more and register here](#)

Mindful Practice in Medicine



Mindful Practice in Medicine Workshop

A three day workshop (from [CSM's Centre for Mindfulness](#)) learning mindful practices and how to apply them to healthcare providers' clinical and personal lives to allow them to flourish in medicine and address issues with burnout.

October 22 - October 25, 2025

Location: The Crossing at Ghost River (62129 Hwy 40)

Price: \$1890.00 (includes GST)

[View the full details here](#)

[Register here](#)

UPCOMING ROUNDS

Neonatal Rounds

Wednesday, June 24, 2025 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM

Virtual (via Zoom)

Topic: TBA

Presenter: Dr. Jessica Dunn

Please note that the Neonatal Rounds will be on pause for the summer break and will resume on September 2, 2025.

[Register here](#)

Pediatric Grand Rounds

Wednesday, June 25, 2024 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM

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

Topic: Who Let the Measles In?

Presenter: A. Mark Joffe, MD FRCPC

Please note that the Pediatric Grand Rounds will be on pause for the summer break and will resume on September 10, 2025.

[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

Locum Pediatric Respirologist (EXTENDED)

- FTE: 1.0
 - Type: Short-term Locum
 - Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
 - Application Deadline: June 24, 2025
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Neonatologist (EXTENDED)

- FTE: 1.0
 - Type: Full-time
 - Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
 - Application Deadline: June 30, 2025
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Locum Clinical Geneticist

- FTE: 1.0
 - Type: Short-term Locum
 - Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
 - Application Deadline: June 30, 2025
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Neonatologist

- FTE: 1.0
 - Type: Full-time
 - Location: Peter Lougheed Centre
 - Application Deadline: June 30, 2025
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Pediatric Cardiologist

- FTE: 1.0
 - Type: Full-time
 - Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
 - Application Deadline: July 10, 2025
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Locum Pediatric Neurologist (EXTENDED)

- FTE: 0.7
 - Type: Short-term Locum
 - Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
 - Application Deadline: July 9, 2025
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Locum Pediatric Neurologist (EXTENDED)

- FTE: 1.0
 - Type: Short-term Locum
 - Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
 - Application Deadline: July 9, 2025
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Adolescent Medicine, Pediatrician, Locum, AMHSP (EXTENDED)

- FTE: 0.1

- Type: Short-term Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: July 17, 2025

Pediatric Cardiology Clinical Associate (EXTENDED)

- FTE: 0.6
- Type: Part-time
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: July 17, 2025

Pediatric Infectious Diseases Specialist, AMHSP (EXTENDED)

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Full-time
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: July 31, 2025

Locum Pediatric Infectious Diseases Specialist, AMHSP (EXTENDED)

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Full-time
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: Until filled

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

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

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 or contact Paul Galang at paul@sleepconsultants.ca

Community Pediatrician or Pediatric Subspecialist

- FTE 0.2-1.0 Mon-Fri, Flexible
 - Type: Part-time to Full Time Consultant Based Practice
 - Location: Sage Fox Medical Consultants L100 - 8555 Scurfield Drive NW
 - Application Open until space is filled
 - For more information see our [website](#) or contact Dr. Karin Winston at drwinston@sagefoxmedical.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.

[UCalgary Careers](#)

[Doctor Jobs Alberta](#)

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