

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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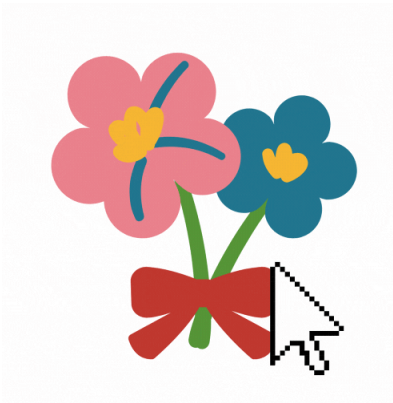
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### Weekly Bulletin Archive

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

## WELLNESS, CULTURE & COMMUNITY FEATURE



### Click for Kudos

We invite you to anonymously nominate a colleague to be featured in our Weekly Bulletin. Please nominate individuals who deserve recognition for specific actions you have observed or experienced, or for consistently demonstrating exemplary behavior.

Remember, showing gratitude is not only beneficial for the recipient but also good for those who express it, especially for their brain health!

[Click to submit](#)

### This month's kudos highlights / anonymous comments

#### Dr. Luis Murguia Favela

"Dr. Murguia Favela is infinitely patient and generous with his colleagues, trainees, patients and



families alike. I don't know what we would do without his fountain of knowledge that he shares without hesitation, both for quick consultations and formal teaching of our trainees."

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### Days of Significance

The EDI Committee acknowledges the Days of Significance as outlined in the [PESJO Calendar](#). As part of our ongoing commitment to equity, diversity, and inclusion, we will feature articles in our monthly newsletters written by department members—some of whom are anonymous—who celebrate or recognize these meaningful days.

Given the number and variety of significant days throughout the year, we welcome and encourage contributions. If you are interested in writing about an upcoming day of significance, please feel free to reach out to us via email [peditrics.comms@ucalgary.ca](mailto:peditrics.comms@ucalgary.ca)



This month, we are highlighting World Refugee Day. Thank you to Dr. Amira Kalifa for providing the information below!

#### **International Day for Women and Girls of African Descent July 25, 2025**

The International Day for Women and Girls of African Descent is observed every year on July 25th, following its declaration by the United Nations General Assembly in 2021.

The purpose of this day is to recognize and celebrate the contributions and resilience of women and girls of African descent across the globe. In doing so, the goal is to call attention to the injustices and systemic barriers they have historically and continue to face due to legacies of colonialism, enslavement, and racial discrimination.

Women and girls of African descent often experience multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination, including racism, sexism, and socio-economic marginalization. These inequities impact access to quality healthcare, education, employment, justice, and political representation. Yet, despite these injustices, women and girls of African descent continue to lead, innovate, and shape movements for justice, equity, and human rights around the world.

#### **How Does Our Community Address This Day?**

In Canada and globally, communities mark this day by centering the voices of women and girls of African descent and celebrating their heritage, achievements, and leadership across all domains of excellence. The day also serves as a moment to reflect on systemic persistent racial and gender-based inequalities and commit to personal concrete action.

Various events are organized at the government, public and grassroots level, encouraging discussion surrounding dismantling systemic racism, promoting cultural pride, and amplifying the voices of African women and girls.

The theme for 2025 is "Recognition, Justice, and Development", which echos the pillars of the UN International Decade for People of African Descent (2015–2024), which continues to guide efforts toward equity and inclusion.

#### **How Does the Department of Pediatrics Support Women and Girls of African Descent?**

As healthcare professionals, we should recognize our role in addressing racial and

gender inequities in child and adolescent health. African girls and young women may face:


- Disparities in access to care and developmental screening
- Stereotyping and bias in clinical settings
- Invisibility in health research and policy
- Barriers to mental health support rooted in stigma or cultural mismatch

**We should all be committed to:**

- Providing culturally safe, trauma-informed care
- Be aware of our personal biases in language, attitudes, and behavior towards all marginalized groups of people
- Fostering mentorship and representation within our department
- Supporting community-led initiatives that uplift and empower African youth

By listening, learning, and acting, we can help create spaces where women and girls of African descent are supported to thrive — with dignity, voice, and full human rights.

## Report Safety Problems



### Patient Event

Reporting & Learning System for Patient Safety

[Login](#)

[Education & Training](#)



### Worker Incident

[MySafetyNet Login](#)

### Reporting in MySafetyNet

Medical staff can now submit a workplace hazard or incident report directly in MySafetyNet (MSN). Some of the incidents you can report include work-related psychological or physical injuries and illnesses. incidents involving harassment or violence (including aggression), workplace hazards and no-injury or near miss incidents.

Safety reports you submit will automatically be sent to the Medical Affairs MSN Intake Coordinator, ensuring they are immediately seen and addressed by the right people, reinforcing leadership involvement and making sure you are heard and supported. Workplace safety incidents and hazards are not reported anonymously. When reporting in MSN, you will be required to log into the system using your AHS credentials (your network log in).

### 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](#)



Leadership Transition in Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)

After 17 years of serving as the Director of Infection Prevention and Control, Dr. Joseph Vayalumkal stepped down from this role on July 1. Dr. Vayalumkal has guided Alberta Children’s Hospital and the nurseries around the city through multiple pandemics (MERS, H1N1, COVID-19), outbreaks (STEC, Measles, M. Chimera, etc.), and respiratory surges. He has led and guided IPC with utmost skill, kindness and professionalism. His efforts and service are greatly appreciated by physicians, nurses, leadership and families.

We want to wish him well in the next chapter of his career, fortunately, still at the Alberta Children’s Hospital. We welcome Dr. Jessica Dunn as she steps into the Director of IPC role!



Physician Affairs Team Lead Retirement

After nearly 20 years of dedicated service, Karen Rudd will be retiring at the end of August 2025. Since joining the Department of Pediatrics in 2006, Karen has made a tremendous impact through her outstanding work. Karen began in the Department of Pediatrics as Physician Admin Support before moving to the Senior Leadership Office as a Project Coordinator, then settling into her longtime role as the Physician Affairs Team Lead. Karen’s contributions have been invaluable. Her commitment, professionalism and support have been deeply appreciated by all who have worked with her.

Please join us in celebrating Karen’s retirement by dropping by ACH Conference Room #3 on August 28, 1:00 – 2:00 PM.



New Admin Support for Deputy Head

Wanda Parr will assume administrative support responsibilities for Dr. Antonia Stang, Dr. Jon Gilleland and Dr. Leanna McKenzie.

Wanda joined the Department of Pediatrics in 2018 and has held multiple roles within the department. Most recently, she has been providing exceptional support to the Department Manager. Her experience and dedication make her well-suited for this new role.

We would also like to extend our best wishes to

Debbie Velsink, who has accepted a new position with Medical Oncology.



### 2024 CARE & Other Departmental Awards Winners

We have officially announced 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.

This year we created a new award the "Thriving Together Team Award" to reflect the department's new strategic plan.

[View the winners here](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Antimicrobial Stewardship Announcement

Weekly scheduled Antimicrobial stewardship "Handshake" rounds will take a hiatus starting July 21st and will resume on September 21st.

However, Dr. Carsten Krueger [carsten.krueger@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:carsten.krueger@albertahealthservices.ca) and Trevor Toy [trevor.toy@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:trevor.toy@albertahealthservices.ca) can be reached by email during that time to discuss general stewardship questions and ideas on how antimicrobial use could be improved in your clinical areas as needed.

# REGISTER TODAY!

Two children, a girl and a boy, are running on a red track. They are wearing blue race shirts with the 'RACE FOR THE KIDS' logo and 'Children's Hospital Foundation' text. The boy is wearing a black cap.

**RACE FOR THE KIDS**

Alberta  
**Children's HOSPITAL FOUNDATION**

**September 7, 2025**  
Heritage Park

**WE RACE, KIDS WIN!**

### Let's run (or walk!) for the families we care for at RBC Race for the Kids

On September 7, let's come together outside the hospital to support the mental health of the kids and teens we care for every day. RBC Race for the Kids is a fun-filled day at Heritage Park — and a meaningful way to show our commitment to young people and their families.. Your registration includes a race T-shirt, medal, free parking, all-day Heritage Park access and more — a value of over \$75. Round up some colleagues and form your own team!





Need a New Headshot?

If you're in need of an updated headshot or profile photo our Communications Lead can take a complimentary headshot for you on-site at ACH!

We will send you a separate confirmation email once you book your time. Please note that this is for department members only.

Book here

**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*



Sibling Superhero Day

Thursday, August 14, 2025 | 2:00 PM

ACH Ed Whalen Gym

The Pediatrics residents are planning a Sibling Superhero Day event on August 14, 2025. Our goal is to celebrate the siblings of our patients and all they contribute to their families. Please feel free to share event information with families.



# 2025 TRANSDISCIPLINARY MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH TRAINEE RESEARCH DAY

For Summer Students, Trainees & Postdocs

**Tuesday, August 26: 8 am - 6 pm**  
Theatre 4 & Clara Christie Theatre  
Azrieli Atrium, Foothills Campus

**Abstract deadline: August 5 at 5 pm MT**  
**Register by: August 15 at 5 pm MT**

View Webpage  
[bit.ly/2025-tmch-page](https://bit.ly/2025-tmch-page)

Register/Submit Abstract  
[bit.ly/2025-tmch-reg](https://bit.ly/2025-tmch-reg)



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[Learn more and register here](#)



**Saturday  
September 13, 2025**  
Sheraton Cavalier Hotel,  
Saskatoon, SK  
[cpdPrimer.ca](https://cpdPrimer.ca)



Visit [cpdPrimer.ca](https://cpdPrimer.ca) or  
scan the QR Code for more information

## REGISTER TODAY

Medical Trainees  
Physician Assistants  
Pharmacists  
Registered Nurses  
**Pediatricians**  
Nurse Practitioners  
Family Physicians  
ER Physicians

**Program will include:**

- Infantile hemangiomas
- Indigenous skin health
- Alopecia areata and Hair loss
- Hidradenitis suppurativa
- Atopic dermatitis
- Viral exanthema and Urticaria
- Molluscum and warts
- Acne
- Simple procedures (biopsies)
- Congenital nevi / birthmarks



**Canadian Pediatric  
Dermatology Primer**

Calling all pediatricians who want to refresh their pediatric dermatology knowledge! The province of Saskatchewan is underserved by dermatology and pediatric dermatology. In response to this unmet need, our group of Canadian expert dermatologists and pediatric dermatologists have put together a robust program that covers basic primary care for pediatric skin disease that will be delivered in nearby Saskatoon on September 13, 2025. Early bird rates available until August 11, for the intentionally low rate of \$150 to reduce barriers to access. There will be a draw for 20 free resident registrations on site.

[Learn more and register here](#)



# Upcoming Networking Session

VALUABLE FOR ALL CAREER STAGES



## Physician, Coach Thyself and Others



September 9  
5:00 - 8:00 PM



Location TBA



Dr. April Elliott



Light Dinner  
provided

### Learning objectives

1. Enhance self-awareness and align actions and goals with core values
2. Develop coaching skills to lead with conviction and support others in a “Thinking Environment”
3. Learn practical steps and tools to create systems for personal and professional growth



[Register here](#)

## UPCOMING ROUNDS

### Neonatal Rounds

The Neonatal Rounds are on pause for the summer break and will resume on September 2, 2025.

### Pediatric Grand Rounds

The Pediatric Grand Rounds are on pause for the summer break and will resume on September 10, 2025.

### 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 Infectious Diseases Specialist, AMHSP (NOT LOCUM)

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

### Locum Pediatric Neurologist (0.7 FTE FFS)

- FTE: 0.7
- Type: Short-term Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: August 12, 2025

### Pediatric Cardiology Clinical Associate

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



**Locum Pediatric Neurologist (1.0 AMHSP)**

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Short-term Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: August 12, 2025

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**Pediatric Cardiologist**

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Full-time
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: August 12, 2025

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**Locum Clinical Geneticist (EXTENDED)**

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Short-term Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: August 14, 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: August 14, 2025

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**Locum Pediatric Respirologist (EXTENDED)**

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Short-term Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: August 14, 2025

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**Locum Pediatric Infectious Diseases Specialist, AMHSP (EXTENDED)**

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

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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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**Community Pediatricians, Pediatric Subspecialists or Pediatric Psychiatrists (NEW)**

- FTE: 0.2-1.0 Mon-Fri, Flexible scheduling
- Type: Locum, Term, Part-time to Full Time Consultant Based Practice
- Location: Pinecone Pediatrics, 120-255 Nolanridge Crt NW T3R1W7
- Application Open until space is filled
- For more information contact Dr. Martin Gauthier at [Martin@pineconepediatrics.ca](mailto:Martin@pineconepediatrics.ca)

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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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**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 the [website](#) or contact Dr. Karin Winston at [drwinston@sagefoxmedical.ca](mailto: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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