

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Weekly Bulletin Archive

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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



Promotions

Congratulations to all of the members of the Department of Pediatrics who were promoted as of July 1, 2025!

- Dr. Belal Alshaikh, Clinical Professor
- Dr. Ping-Yee (Billie) Au, Clinical Associate Professor
- Dr. Jaime Blackwood, Clinical Associate Professor
- Dr. Brian Brooks, Adjunct Associate Professor
- Dr. Lee Burkholder, Clinical Associate Professor
- Dr. Raman Chawla, Clinical Assistant Professor
- Dr. Omar Damji, Clinical Assistant Professor
- Dr. Lorraine Hamiwka, Professor
- Dr. Josephine Ho, Professor
- Dr. Susan Kuhn, Professor
- Dr. Ashish Marwaha, Clinical Associate Professor
- Dr. Shelina Jamal, Clinical Associate Professor
- Dr. Michele Ramien, Clinical Professor
- Dr. Jumana Samara, Clinical Assistant Professor
- Dr. Antonia Stang, Professor
- Dr. Telford Yeung, Clinical Assistant Professor
- Dr. Otto Vanderkooi, Professor



### CBC News Article featuring Dr. Tania Principi

Department member [Dr. Tania Principi](#) recently spoke about the measles outbreak on CBC News Calgary.

"We have more to come and I think that this is the tip of the iceberg," said Dr. Tania Principi, a pediatric emergency physician and associate clinical professor at the University of Calgary's Cumming School of Medicine.

[Read here](#)



### Canadian Paediatric Society Early Career Paediatrician Award

The [Canadian Paediatric Society](#) has recognized department member [Dr. Chris Novak](#) for the Early Career Paediatrician Award.

Dr. Novak has improved the care of hospitalized children by developing pathways for high-flow nasal cannula use for bronchiolitis, guiding safer, more effective procedural sedation for minor procedures, and supporting point-of-care ultrasound alongside other bedside clinical assessment skills.

Congratulations Dr. Novak!

[Read here](#)



### Canadian Paediatric Society Emerging Leader in Neonatology Award

The [Canadian Paediatric Society](#) has recognized department member [Dr. Lara Leijser](#) for the Emerging Leader in Neonatology Award.

Dr. Leijser aims to develop new neuroprotective strategies and enhance brain health in preterm infants with the goal of improving their lifelong neurological outcomes and supporting the overall well-being of their families.

Congratulations to Dr. Leijser!

[Read here](#)



### 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.



### 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



### Daily Code Blue tests at ACH

*Message from Krista McIntyre, Interim Site Director*

The ACH is currently in the process of installing a new Nurse Call system throughout the entire hospital. For the new nurse call system to be validated, each room that has a Code Blue button must be tested individually to ensure that it works. We recognize that this can be disruptive to teams each day but are also restricted to daytime hours to protect patient rest times.

Due to continued high capacity at the site, it has been challenging to get into some inpatient rooms. While originally the project was slated to finish at the end of July, it is now projected to finish by late-August to mid-September.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.



### Survey for Department of Pediatrics Faculty

A research team at the Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary is conducting a study to better understand the landscape of upward feedback (feedback to faculty and supervisors) within Postgraduate Medical education.

If you are currently a faculty within Postgraduate Medical education at the University of Calgary, please consider completing a survey (estimated time to complete is 5-10 minutes) that explores your experience with upward feedback. You will also have the opportunity to sign up for a one-on-one interview (if you choose to participate in an interview you will receive a \$20 gift card).



# PEDIATRIC

## CLINICAL CARE GUIDELINES



### UPDATED GUIDELINE

Posterior  
Instrumentation for  
Idiopathic Scoliosis

### RECENT AUTHORS

We would like to say a big thank you to **Dr. Adam Spencer**, who recently updated *Posterior Instrumentation for Idiopathic Scoliosis*, for PCCG's publication.



survey!



### INTERNATIONAL FEEDBACK

"This is a wonderful initiative. Thanks for making it open access. We at LMICs can access it, and it is of great benefit to all children the world over. I express my gratitude for the enormous task"  
- Dr. Sindhu Sivanandan in Chennai, India



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Learn more here



### 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.



### 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](#)



### 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](mailto: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*

# ROCK YOUR LOCKS!

### Rock Your Locks Fundraiser

**Thursday, August 7 | 3:30 – 6:30 PM**

HRIC Atrium - Foothills Medical Centre

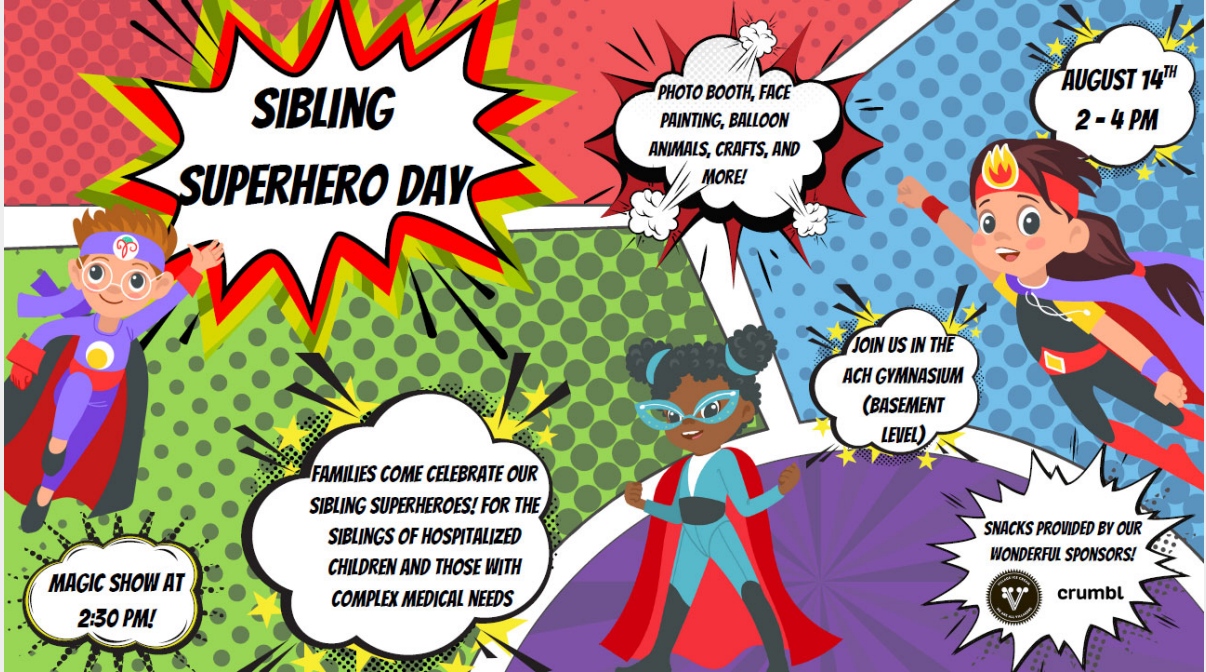
The CSM medical school class of 2027, would like to invite you to be involved in the annual [Rock Your Locks Fundraiser](#) organized by the second year medical students to raise money for [Kids Cancer Care](#).

Ways in which you can get involved include cutting/shaving/dyeing your hair during the event, or donating items to our bake sale and silent auction.

If you are interested in getting involved please contact the organizers via email [katelyn.duplessis@ucalgary.ca](mailto:katelyn.duplessis@ucalgary.ca) or [kaiden.jobin1@ucalgary.ca](mailto:kaiden.jobin1@ucalgary.ca). If you are not able to get involved but would like to donate, please donate via the button below.

[Donate here](#)



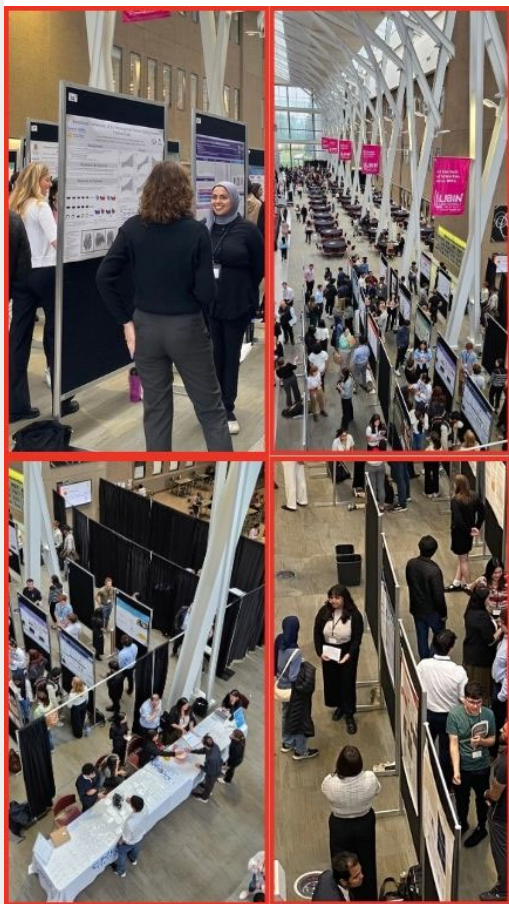


Sibling Superhero Day

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)



Learn more and register here



**Saturday  
September 13, 2025**  
Sheraton Cavalier Hotel,  
Saskatoon, SK  
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



CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

Click on the following positions for complete posting details

Clinical Research Coordinator (NEW)

- Type: Fixed Term Recurring Part-time
- Location: Foothills Campus
- Application Deadline: August 12, 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

Pediatric Cardiologist

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

Locum Clinical Geneticist (EXTENDED)

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

Adolescent Medicine, Pediatrician, Locum, AMHSP (EXTENDED)

- FTE: 0.1
- Type: Short-term Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: August 14, 2025

Locum Pediatric Respirologist (EXTENDED)

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



**Pediatric Infectious Diseases Specialist, AMHSP (NOT LOCUM)**

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

- 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.

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

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