

# WEEKLY BULLETIN

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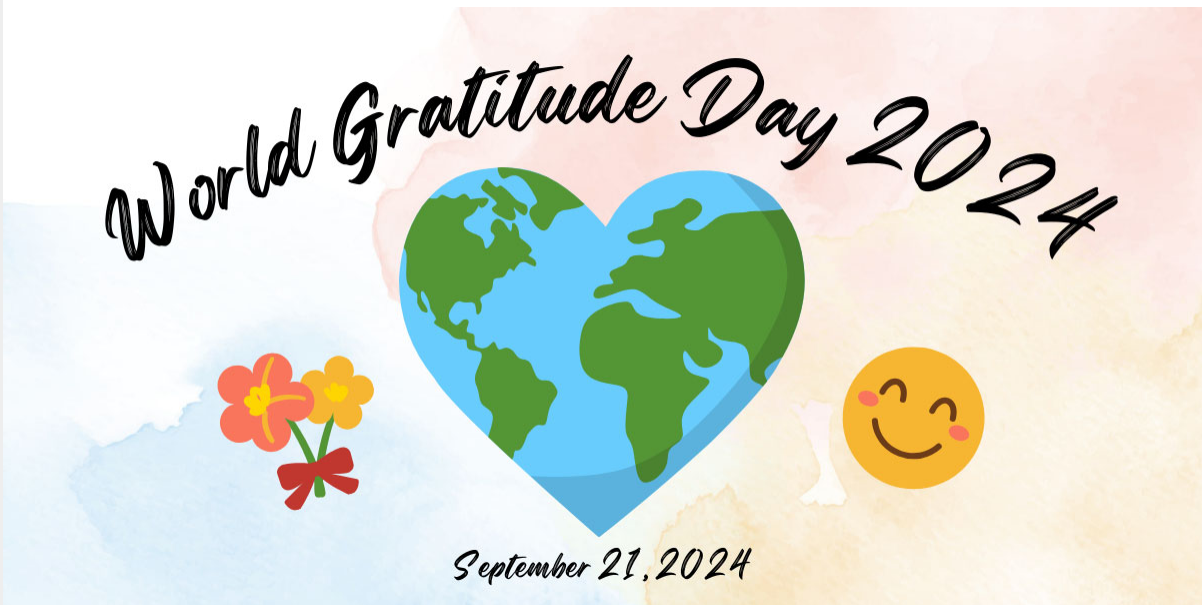
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### Weekly Bulletin Archive

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

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FEATURE



### Celebrate World Gratitude Day!

Gratitude has been described as a close relative of joy, one that serves to bond us to others. To celebrate World Gratitude Day on **Saturday, September 21, 2024**, take a step beyond merely experiencing gratitude by expressing it to some of your colleagues. See [Giving Thanks at Work: An HBR Guide](#) to learn about the benefits for both giver and recipient; it has also been shown to improve the functioning of organizations, so there may be a trickle-down benefit to our patients and families.



**Think of 3 people who have had a positive impact on you / your career**, whether that was a small act of kindness, an ongoing role of support, or anything in between.

Send them an email or even better, a hand-written card. Focus on telling them why they had that much impact on you!



### **Dare to Lead™ Course**

Based on the research of Dr. Brené Brown, Dare to Lead™ is an empirically based courage-building program designed to be facilitated by organizational development professionals. The most significant finding from Brené's latest research is that courage is a collection of four skill sets that are teachable, measurable, and observable.

Begins on September 24, 2024 at 4:30 PM (8 sessions).

[More info and registration](#)

## **NEW DEADLINES**



PHYSICIAN PRACTICE  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM



### **PPIP Deadlines Announcement**

- Previously, the mandatory 5-year reporting cycle for the CPSA PPIP program was uniform for all physicians, with the first reporting cycle deadline set for December 31, 2025
- The CPSA has now informed us that individual reporting cycles for PPIP will align with your Royal College MOC credits reporting cycle
- Physicians whose MOC cycle is due for reporting in 2024 will have until 2029 to report their first PPIP cycle
- The CPSA has advised that this information, including individual reporting timelines, will be available when physicians log into their CPSA portal for their annual license renewal in November

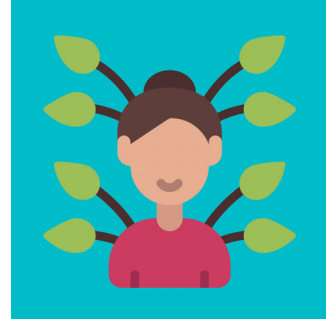
The first 5-year cycle was launched in 2021 and consists of 3 separate projects to be completed in that time:



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



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



**A Personal  
Development activity  
(individual)**

## DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

### **Search & Selection Presentation - Deputy Department Clinical Affairs Role**

As part of the hiring process for the Deputy Department Head-Clinical Affairs, we invite you to attend the presentations by two of the candidates.

Subsequent invitations will be sent for the other candidates, Dr. Otto Vanderkooi and Dr. Jonathan Gilleland.

Please send Dr. Stang your feedback on the candidates to share with the search and selection committee.



Candidate/presenter: **Dr. Gemma Vomiero**

- Tuesday, September 24, 2024 | 3:30 – 4:00 PM
- Location: Virtual via Teams
- Meeting ID: 243 813 910 06
- Passcode: fTHdZ7

**[Join the Teams Meeting here](#)**



Candidate/presenter: Dr. Christopher William Andrews

- Thursday, September 26, 2024 | 10:00 – 10:30 AM
- Location: Virtual via Teams
- Meeting ID: 263 442 289 232
- Passcode: Y5g3C4

**[Join the Teams Meeting here](#)**

# Do you have a project idea?

## 2024 Innovation Award

Apply to pitch a project idea for up to \$10,000. Easy webform submission and 5-10 minute presentation.

**Project Themes**

- 1. Wellness – promote department member wellness at work
- 2. Clinical improvements – propose a solution to existing issues in a clinical setting
- 3. Education – address emerging needs of the next generation of medical learners and faculty development
- 4. Research – early-stage innovative ideas to kick-start research projects/programs
- 5. Indigenous health advocacy – inspire us to think about how we work with Indigenous communities

**Project submission deadline:**  
October 28, 2024

**Presentations (in-person):**  
Dec. 4 and Dec. 11 2024  
\*A member from your team must be available to present on both days



Scan the QR code or click [HERE](#) to view application guidelines and apply.

Contact [Ashton Chugh](mailto:chugha@ucalgary.ca) chugha@ucalgary.ca if you have any questions.



**More information**



**Department Head Feedback**

*Message from Dr. Antonia Stang*

As many of you know, I am approaching the half-way point in my term as Department Head.

The CSM has just introduced a way for Department Heads to receive feedback on their performance from Department members at the half-way point of their term.

My hope is this will give me direction on how to improve as Department Head, and how to ensure the rest of my term meets the needs of the Department and the CSM.

I would very much appreciate if you could take a few moments to complete the survey which will close on September 30, 2024.

Your responses will be anonymous and will be made available to me to review through the CSM and AHS.

Thanks in advance for your support and the link for the survey can be accessed via the button below.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Antonia

**Department Head Midterm Review**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

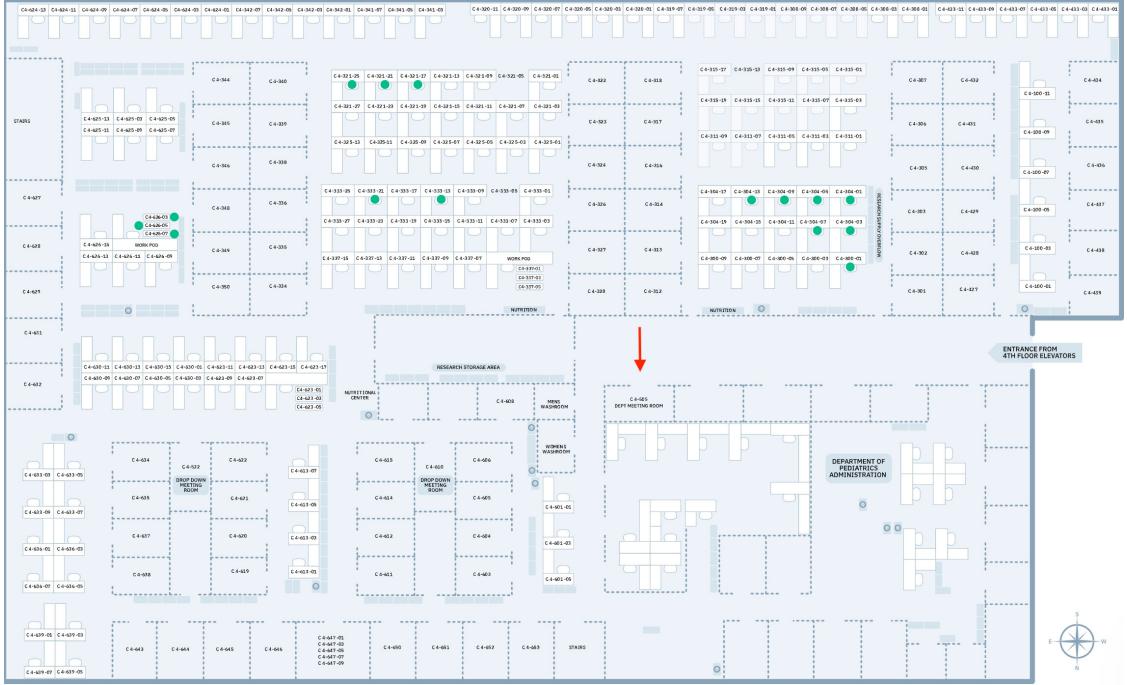


**Peter Lougheed Centre (PLC) NICU Move**

The PLC NICU will move from Unit 33 back to their original unit, Unit 34, on Tuesday, September 24, 2024. The construction is ongoing at PLC, but the very loud work has been completed.

They are very excited to be going back to their space and home!





CHREB Drop-in Research Support

Ashley Chan, Sr. Research Ethics Analyst with the Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board/Research Services Office, will be at the Alberta Children’s Hospital on Monday, September 23, 2024, from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM in C4-505 on the 4th floor.

She will be available to answer any questions about your Conjoint Health Research Ethics Board (CHREB) applications, IRISS, or general queries. If you would like to set up a meeting, please email [chreb@ucalgary.ca](mailto:chreb@ucalgary.ca) or feel free to drop into C4-505.

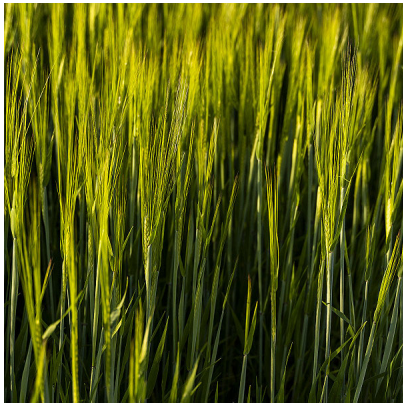
We are fortunate that Research Services is providing on-site support at ACH on a regular basis. Please take advantage of this opportunity!

**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*



Child Health and Wellness Seminar

Monday, September 23, 2024 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Interrupting Toxic Stress with Indigenous Youth  
Presenters: Dr. Rita Henderson, PhD & Dr. Lynden (Lindsay) Crowshoe, MD

Toxic stress is a term used across the health and social sciences to describe adverse life experiences that can influence brain architecture and capacity to endure in the face of hardship.

Learn more and register here

Diagnosis and Treatment of Anxiety Disorders and Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder in Children and Youth: A Workshop for Pediatricians and Mental Health Therapists

Friday, October 4, 2024 | 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Blue Room at the University of Calgary

The Mathison Centre for Mental Health Research & Education has developed this workshop in partnership with the Tourette OCD Alberta Network, a registered charity. This workshop is approved by The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and the Canadian Psychological Association (CPA) for continuing professional development credits. The workshop will feature three experts in the treatment of these conditions, child psychiatrists Dr. Paul Arnold and Dr. Iliana Ortega, and psychologist Dr. Felicity Sapp.

[Learn more and register here](#)



Child Health and Wellness Seminar

Monday, October 7, 2024 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM

Location: Virtual via Zoom

Innovator Series: Accelerating Biomarker Research With Unique PEA Technology

Presenters: Dr. Graham Thompson, MD, Dr. Zeba Malik, PhD & Peter Hurley, MSc

Of particular interest to clinical and translational researchers: Olink, part of Thermofisher Scientific, will present its unique Proximity Extension Assay (PEA) technology in research applications to identify and subtype disease, disease prediction and prognosis, and therapy response.

[Learn more and register here](#)

# IN-PERSON NETWORKING EVENTS

Scan the QR!

Time to register now!

There will be dinner too!

This sounds great!

Great chance to connect!

Please come join us for a fun evening of networking, small group discussions and dinner! These events are co-sponsored by the Department of Pediatrics and the ACH Medical Staff Association.

ACH colleagues from Departments of Surgery, Anesthesia, and Psychiatry are all welcome!

## EARLY-CAREER (<10 years) approximately

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

ACH Physicians Lounge

## MID-CAREER (10-20 years) approximately

Tuesday, October 8, 2024  
4:30 - 7:00 PM

ACH Physicians Lounge

[Register here](#)



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

Tuesday, December 3, 2024 | 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM | Virtual Zoom

### 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.

#### Questions, contact the facilitators:



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

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.



[Register here](#)

### Registration

Registration Fee: \$75 CAD

Register by November 27, 2024 at 4:00 pm

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

Registration QR Code:



## Darwish Symposium 2025

Thursday, February 27, 2024 | 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM

**Location: Kinsmen Learning Centre Auditorium, 4th Floor Alberta Children's Hospital**

The Darwish Symposium is an annual event. This year's theme is Neuro-Oncology. It is an important topic in the specialized field of medicine. This event is open to everyone interested in neurology, oncology and dermatology.

Dr. Khakoo will be presenting at the Paediatric Grand Rounds on **Wednesday, February 26, 2025 8:30 - 9:30 AM** with the topic: Emergencies in pediatric neuro-oncology: new agents, new challenges

[Learn more and register here](#)



### Mindful Practice in Medicine Workshop

**March 5, 2025 (mid-afternoon) - March 8, 2025 (afternoon)**

**Location: The Crossing at Ghost River Highway 40 (25 minutes NW of Cochrane)**

Fees: \$1650.00 + GST (Fee includes 3 nights of accommodation, meals and training)

The Department of Medicine and CSM's Centre for Mindfulness is hosting a workshop designed to

- address burnout
- energize clinical work
- find joy, resilience & community

Facilitators: Dr. Todd Hill, Dr. Susan Kuhn & Dr. Ward Flemons

Registration limited to 24 participants – register early

Please note that the Department of Pediatrics is one of the groups being given preferential access until the end of September, sign up now if anyone is interested!

[Register here](#)

## UPCOMING ROUNDS

### Neonatal Grand Rounds

**Tuesday, September 24, 2024 | 4:00 – 5:00 PM**

**Virtual (via Zoom)**

Topic: Antimicrobial Stewardship in the NICU - Why and How

Presenter: Dr. Carsten Krueger

[Click here for more information](#)

[Register here](#)

### Pediatric Grand Rounds

**Wednesday, September 25, 2024 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM**

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

Topic: Newborn Hematology: Patient-Care, Advocacy, Research and Policy

Presenter: Dr. Jillian Baker, MD, MSc, FRCPC

[Click here for more information](#)

[Register here](#)

### Pediatric Trauma Rounds

**Friday, September 27, 2024 | 7:30 – 8:30 AM**

**Conference Room 4 at ACH (presenting in person) or Virtual (via Zoom)**

Topic: Cervical Spine Injuries

Presenters: Dr Daffer Ghanim & Dr. Maurice Bayhon

[Click here for more information](#)

[Zoom link](#)

**Meeting ID:** 61432630742 **Passcode:** 217551

### 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

### Newborn Critical Care Site Lead

- FTE 0.1
- Type: Part-time Practice
- Location: Rockyview General Hospital
- Application Deadline: September 30, 2024 (posting has been extended)



**Pediatric Respiriologist Locum**

- FTE 0.8
- Type: Clinical Locum position to cover a one year leave
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: September 30, 2024

**Community Pediatrician or Pediatric Subspecialist**

- FTE 0.2-1.0 (Flexible opportunities) Mon-Fri
- Type: Part-time to Full Time Practice
- Location: Kiwi Pediatrics (Community Clinic in SE Calgary)
- Application Deadline: December 31, 2024 (or until space is filled)
- If interested, see posting on Cherry Health (ca.cherry.health) for more details or contact Dr. Dan Ross at [drdan.yyc@gmail.com](mailto:drdan.yyc@gmail.com)

**Newborn Critical Care Clinical Associate**

- FTE: 1.0 (may be filled by more than one physician)
- Type: Part-time
- Location: Foothills Medical Centre and all other NICU sites
- Application Deadline: Open until a suitable candidate is found

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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