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DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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ISSUE



Calgary Department of Pediatrics

Year 3 Physician Wellness Survey

NOW OPEN

in collaboration with Well Doc Alberta

In continuation of our efforts to create a culture of physician wellness in our group, **Well Doc Alberta** is measuring wellness in the Department of Pediatrics for our third year!

Survey Timeline
Sep 26 – Oct 17
Look for an e-mail from welldocalberta@ucalgary.ca

Post-measurement Retreat
January 2026

Questions?
Please contact **Chloe de Grood** at welldocalberta@ucalgary.ca



Shifting culture starts with your input.
Share your voice.



Year 3 Physician Wellness Survey Now Open!

Physicians will have received a separate email from Well Doc Alberta with a link to the survey, which is administered through the secure platform Qualtrics. The survey will take only 10-15 minutes to complete, and we hope the process itself provides an opportunity for reflection.

The survey will remain open until October 17th, 2025, and results will be shared at our Year 3 post-measurement retreat on January 28th, 2026.

Resources for Claims on Autism and Tylenol

In response to recent claims concerning autism and Tylenol, the department has collated the following resources based on unbiased, evidence-informed findings:

- Click here for a statement for Healthcare Professionals from the Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics (SDBP)
- Click here for a statement for Families and Patients from the SDBPClick here for a family-friendly statement from the Autism Alliance of Canada
- Click here for a statement from the Autism Science Foundation
- Click here for a detailed article from Scientific American: "Autism Has No Single Cause. Here's How We Know"

Please also see the following study from JAMA, which included controls for maternal factors: Ahlqvist VH, Sjöqvist H, Dalman C, et al. Acetaminophen Use During Pregnancy and Children’s Risk of Autism, ADHD, and Intellectual Disability. JAMA. 2024;331(14):1205–1214. doi:10.1001/jama.2024.3172



Featured Publications

Please click on each bullet point to view each publication.

Only Department of Pediatrics members are listed for brevity.

- **Age-related characteristics of the efficacy of different glucocorticosteroids in the therapy of acute lymphoblastic leukemia** - Gesche Tallen
- **Characterization of a real-world population with pediatric epilepsy point-of-care standardized data collection as a tool for healthcare quality improvement and disparities research in Canada** - Morris H. Scantlebury, Sabrina D’Alfonso, Fejiro Erome, Juan Pablo Appendino, Alice Ho, Julia Jacobs & Jeffrey Buchhalter
- **Clinical significance of cytogenetic changes in childhood T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia: results of the multicenter group Moscow-Berlin (MB)** - Gesche Tallen
- **Deliberations about clinical pharmacogenetic testing in pediatric oncology** - Gesche Tallen
- **DisorderING promotes epigenetic order** - Gesche Tallen
- **Efficacy and toxicity of dexamethasone vs methylprednisolone-long-term results in more than 1000 patients from the Russian randomized multicentric trial ALL-MB 2002** - Gesche Tallen
- **Hematopoietic stem cell transplantation for purine nucleoside phosphorylase deficiency: an EBMT-IEWP retrospective study** - Victor Anthony Lewis & Gregory M T Guilcher
- **Long-Term Neurodevelopmental Outcomes at 5 Years in Preterm Infants Born At <27 Weeks’ Gestational Age following Preterm Premature Rupture of Membranes** - Sarah Tougas, Harkirat Bhullar, Amelie Stritzke & Abhay Lodha
- **Lichen Striatus: An Updated Review** - Alexander K.C. Leung
- **Reduced vs. standard dose native E. coli-asparaginase therapy in childhood acute lymphoblastic leukemia: long-term results of the randomized trial**

Moscow-Berlin 2002 - Gesche Tallen

- Strategies to improve the quality of survival for childhood brain tumour survivors - Gesche Tallen
- Severe self-injurious behaviours: A significant paediatric problem - Myka Estes & Sarah J MacEachern

Publications webpage



Owerko Family Distinguished Lecture 2025

Tuesday, November 4, 2025 | 2:00 PM

Location: Theatre 4, Health Sciences Centre, Foothills Campus, University of Calgary. Check in and reception will be in the Azrieli Atrium in the Health Research Innovation Centre (HRIC).

When you come to think about it, the study of child development is really the science of change. Building on this concept, Dr. Oberlander will discuss his research examining the impact of prenatal antidepressant exposure to illustrate child development as the developmental origins of the future.

Learn more and register here



Call for Abstracts #ChildHealthCan2026

Children’s Healthcare Canada is pleased to invite researchers, clinicians, policymakers, and advocates to submit abstracts for poster and oral presentations at our 2026 conference, "Tomorrow’s Promise, Today’s Plan: Transforming Children’s Healthcare in Canada".

From May 31 to June 2, 2026, in Calgary, we will explore how to design equitable, accessible, and fully integrated child health systems that truly work for children, youth, and families.

Submission deadline: October 20, 2025

Learn more here

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



Dr. Jim Kellner's Retirement

Last week the department celebrated Dr. Jim Kellner's 40 years of service. Thank you and congratulations Dr. Kellner!

Read his remarks here



Department of Pediatric Clinical Promotions Committee

The Department of Pediatrics is looking for an early career (within 5 years of faculty appointment) Clinical Faculty member to join the Department of Pediatrics Clinical Promotions Committee.

The Clinical Promotions Committee works with the Department Head to support Clinical Faculty in the process of applying for promotion.

If you are interested in joining the committee please send Wanda Parr Wanda.Parr@albertahealthservices.ca your CV and a brief statement of interest by Friday, October 10.

Do you have a project idea?

2025 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:
November 3, 2025

Presentations (in-person):
Dec. 3 and Dec. 10 2025
*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](#) chugha@ucalgary.ca if you have any questions.



Department of Pediatrics Innovation Award

The Department of Pediatrics is thrilled to announce the return of the Innovation Award! For 2025, individuals or teams will pitch project ideas in-person during Grand Rounds that can be completed for up to \$10,000.

The Innovation Award provides funds to support groups engaged in innovative projects related to the provision of clinical care, education or research within the Department of Pediatrics. Teams from all disciplines, focus areas and project types are encouraged to apply. The Innovation Awards are made possible through an endowed fund at the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation.

Learn more here



Asking Questions – The Role of the Pediatrician |
A Symposium in Honour of the Retirement of Dr.
Ian Mitchell

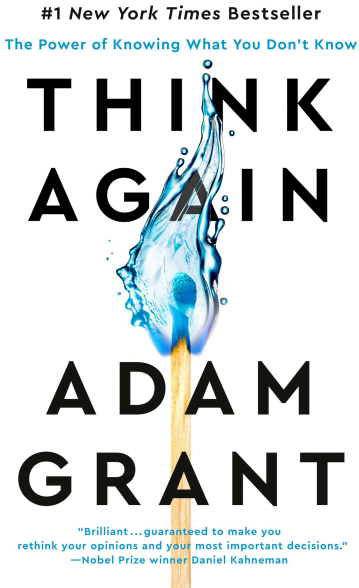
Thursday, October 9, 2025 | 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

ACH Auditorium

Sessions will include:

1. RSV in Canada: From Epidemiology to Clinical Trials to Prevention
2. SIDS and Bereavement: Development of Support and Prevention
3. Making a Difference: Ethics, Law and Advocacy in Pediatrics
4. Legacy in Action: History of Children’s Health in Alberta

RSVP here



Physician Know Thy Shelf: A leadership book club

Monday, November 17, 2025 | 5:00 – 7:00 PM

ACH Physician's Lounge

For current and aspiring physician leaders in the Department of Pediatrics, please join us for our inaugural meeting of Physician Know Thy Shelf.

Our aim is the creation of an environment that fosters peer mentoring and sharing of leadership experiences anchored in a facilitated discussion about a high value book that highlights an important aspect of leadership skill development.

For each installment of Physician Know Thy Shelf, a new book will be selected from a curated list approximately 2 months before the meeting and advertised in the Weekly Bulletin. The first 10 registrants will receive a free hard copy of the book, so don't miss out!

So, without further ado, the first book is: Think Again: The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know, by Adam Grant.

Enjoy reading and see you on November 17th!

Register here

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Important Update for Prescribers | Connect Care Updates

Effective October 1, 2025, Connect Care will no longer automatically print lab requisitions for blood and urine samples ordered from ambulatory clinics and post-discharge. All other specimen requisitions will continue to automatically print. Paper copies are often unnecessary in most situations, as lab orders are accessible to Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) staff directly in Connect Care, and patients can view them via the After Visit Summary (AVS) and patient portal (MyChart).

We encourage you to view the resources provided here to improve your understanding of Ambulatory Lab Ordering.

Useful resources

- How to complete Ambulatory Lab Ordering video
- Tip sheet
- Dr. Brown's Thrive classes (Lab Ordering)



ACH Immunization Clinic Schedule

Eligible healthcare workers can receive their COVID-19 vaccine free of charge through WHS clinics. When attending a WHS clinic, please wear a short-sleeved shirt and bring:

- 1. Employer-issued ID and,
- 2. Alberta Personal Health Number and
- 3. Proof of healthcare worker eligibility

Upcoming available dates

- October 3, 2025, 08:00 – 14:30 | 4th Floor Conference Room 4 & 5
- October 17, 2025, 08:00 – 14:30 | 4th Floor Conference Room 4 & 5
- October 20, 2025, 08:00 – 14:30 | 4th Floor Conference Room 4 & 5
- October 22, 2025, 08:00 – 14:30 | 4th Floor Conference Room 4 & 5
- October 28, 2025, 08:00 – 14:30 | 4th Floor Conference Room 4
- November 7, 2025, 08:00 – 14:30 | 4th Floor Conference Room 3

[View the poster here](#)



Thank you for making the RBC Race for the Kids a success!

A heartfelt thank you to all the amazing staff from the Alberta Children’s Hospital, KidSIM, the Department of Pediatrics, UCalgary, ACHRI and The Summit who joined us at Heritage Park for the RBC Race for the Kids. You helped make this the biggest Race yet, with more than 1,800 participants on site and an incredible \$450,000 raised for child mental health programs and resources funded by the Alberta Children’s Hospital Foundation. Your energy, enthusiasm, and support made the day unforgettable — we hope you had as much fun as we did!

- Your friends at the Alberta Children’s Hospital Foundation



Pinecone Paediatrics Now Accepting Referrals

Referrals can be faxed to 587-885-2768 or sent via Connect Care (Pinecone Pediatrics). For questions, please send an email to info@pineconepediatrics.ca

Located at 255 Nolanridge Ct NW UNIT 120, Calgary, AB T3R 2A8

Dr. Kirsten Sjonnesen (Pediatric Neurology)

- Dr. Sjonnesen is currently accepting referrals with a focus on functional neurological disorders, epilepsy, and children with neurodevelopmental conditions

Dr. Sarah Hustad (Developmental Pediatrics)

- Dr. Hustad has returned from maternity leave and is again welcoming referrals for children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other developmental concerns

General Pediatrics

- We continue to welcome referrals for general pediatrics. Pinecone triages by urgency only and maintains a single wait list for all patients—including developmental, behavioural, and school-based concerns. Our current wait time is 2-4 weeks.



Seeking Examiners

The Pediatrics Postgraduate Program is seeking OSCE and STACER examiners for the following sessions:

OSCE:

- October 30, 2025 | 12:45pm – 4:30pm STACER at MedSkills (FMC-Health Sciences Centre)
- November 27, 2025 | 12:45pm – 4:30pm STACER at MedSkills (FMC-Health Sciences Centre)

STACER:

- November 6, 2025 | 12:45pm – 4:30pm STACER at MedSkills (FMC-Health Sciences Centre)

No preparation is required- just show up, follow the script, and enjoy an afternoon with learners and colleagues! OSCE/STACER Examiner Remuneration is available to non AMHSP staff at a rate of \$150/hour.

Please contact Pediatric.ResidencyProgram@ahs.ca if you are able to assist on any of the above dates, thank you!



Need a New Profile Photo?

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

This is open to all Department of Pediatrics physicians, researchers and admins.

We will send you a separate confirmation email once you book your time.

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.

EVENTS

For all events, please visit the Department of Pediatrics [calendar](#)
All events are in MST (Mountain Standard Time), unless otherwise stated

Upcoming Fall PEPP Events

Professionals Engaging with Purpose Program

Core Curriculum Workshops

- **Sep 23** “Affirmation of Professional Calling”
- **Oct 21** “Professional Development Plan”
- **Nov 18** “Tracking + Presenting Your Career Accomplishments: CVs, Promotions and more”

Networking Events

- **Nov 25** “Building a Mentoring Network for Early Career Faculty”



Scan to register and learn more

Register here

Child Health and Wellness Seminar

Examining Mementos-Based Support Following Perinatal Loss: Perspectives from Care Recipients and Health Care Providers

Dr. David Nicholas, Jillian Wright and Melissa Mostert

Monday, October 6
8:30 - 9:30 am
Register: [bit.ly_46fMHnr](https://bit.ly/46fMHnr)



Register here

OFD

HOW TO GET PROMOTED

FOR CLINICAL, ADJUNCT, & RESEARCH (CAR) FACULTY AT CSM

Learn about the NEW & EASIER CAR promotion pathway! We'll give you tips & tricks on how to prepare a strong application.

OCTOBER 27
OCTOBER 29
NOVEMBER 13



<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/office/ofd>



Learn more here



Promoting Professionalism Course

The Alberta Health Services’ Physician Experience team invites you to participate in a unique learning opportunity that you won’t want to miss—the renowned Vanderbilt Health Center for Patient and Professional Advocacy’s (CPPA) course, “Promoting Professionalism: Addressing Behaviours That Undermine a Culture of Safety and Respect.

In this four-hour CME accredited virtual course, you’ll learn practical tactics to support professionalism in complex environments like healthcare. You’ll also learn about Vanderbilt CPPA’s Promoting Professionalism Pyramid, a tiered intervention model that helps you choose the right conversation and action at the right time.

This course is available to all medical leaders in Alberta’s Provincial Health Agencies, Provincial Health Corporations and Health Service Delivery Organizations.

This is a rare opportunity with only three virtual offerings available:

- November 17, 2025 | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- January 8, 2026 | 3:00 - 7:00 pm
- January 15, 2026 | 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Register now to secure your spot, so you don’t miss out. Questions? Please send an email to PhysicianExperienceDWD@ahs.ca

Register here

RESIDENT & FELLOWS RESEARCH DAY

Thursday, November 13, 2025
8:45am to 4:30pm
4th Floor Conference Centre
Alberta Children’s Hospital

For more details and the schedule for the day please visit the Research Course website



Keynote Presentation
My academic journey:
Serendipity, sparks of
joy, and struggles



Serena Orr, MD, MSc, FRCPC, FAHS
Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics
University of Calgary, Alberta Children’s Hospital



NETWORK OF WOMEN IN MEDICINE



THE CUMMING SCHOOL OF MEDICINE (CSM) INVITES YOU TO THE
SECOND EVENT OF THE NETWORK OF WOMEN IN MEDICINE (NOW).
AN INCLUSIVE SPACE FOR CSM MD & PHD FACULTY TO NETWORK,
FOSTER CONNECTION AND BUILD COMMUNITY.



Brunch with Dr. Verna Yiu

DR. YIU IS A PROFESSOR OF PEDIATRICS AND CURRENTLY THE
PROVOST AND VICE PRESIDENT ACADEMIC OF THE UNIVERSITY OF
ALBERTA. SHE HAS PREVIOUSLY SERVED AS PRESIDENT AND CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES. SHE IS ONE OF
CANADA’S MOST RESPECTED HEALTHCARE LEADERS, HAVING SPENT
MORE THAN TWO DECADES HOLDING EXECUTIVE ROLES, WHERE SHE IS
KNOWN FOR HER EXCEPTIONAL SERVANT LEADERSHIP PHILOSOPHY.

November 15, 2025

10AM WELCOME
10:30AM FORMAL PROGRAM + BRUNCH

@ THE INN ON OFFICER’S GARDEN

SEATING IS LIMITED. PLEASE RSVP VIA
QR CODE OR TO
IBRAHIM@UCALGARY.CA



UPCOMING ROUNDS

Neonatal Rounds

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 | 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Coombs Theatre – Foothills Medical Centre or Virtual (via Zoom)

Topic: Staff Stress in the NICU

Presenter: Luke Petan; RRT (collaborator Andrea L. Nelson, Ph.D. R.Psych)

[Register here](#)

National Grand Rounds: Canadian Paediatric Society

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 | 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Virtual (via Zoom)

Topic: The Road Ahead: Careers, Wellness, and Finding Your Fit in Pediatrics

Presenter: CPS Residents Section

Register here

Pediatric Grand Rounds

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM

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

Topic: Comfort Ability at ACH: Enhancing Psychosocial Support for Chronic Pain and Functional Symptoms

Presenters: Yvonne Brandelli, Ph.D., R.Psych. & Kelsey Barrie, B.N., R.N.

Register here

Psychopharmacology Rounds

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Virtual (via Zoom)

Topic: Folinic Acid for Autism Treatment

Presenter: Dr. Kathryn MacLellan

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

Co-Clinical Lead, Pediatric Emergency Medicine (NEW)

- FTE: 0.18
- Type: Part-time
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: October 3, 2025

Locum Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) Team Physician (NEW)

- FTE: 0.2
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: October 3, 2025

Pediatrician, Diabetes Clinic

- FTE: 0.4
- Type: Part-time
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: October 3, 2025

Locum Clinical Geneticist

- FTE: 1.0

- Type: Short-term Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: October 3, 2025

Adolescent Medicine, Pediatrician, Locum, AMHSP

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Short-term Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: October 3, 2025

Pediatric Cardiology Clinical Associate (EXTENDED)

- FTE: 0.6
- Type: Part-time
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: October 3, 2025

Locum Pediatric Respirologist

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Short-term Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: October 3, 2025

Pediatric Cardiologist

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Full-time
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: October 3, 2025

Pediatric Infectious Diseases Specialist, AMHSP (NOT LOCUM)

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

Clinical Geneticist

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Full-time
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: December 2, 2025

Locum Pediatric Infectious Diseases Specialist, AMHSP (EXTENDED)

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Full-time
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: Open until a suitable candidate is found

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 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

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

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

Contact pediatrics.comms@ucalgary.ca with questions or if you have content to contribute.

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