

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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EDUCATION FEATURE



Calgary Department of Pediatrics

Year 3 Physician Wellness Survey

Active Until October 17, 2025

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

- They are an **independent, not-for-profit group**.
- Individual data will remain confidential and **will not be shared**.
- **Aggregate results** will be given to leadership and **shared back to group members** at a post-measurement retreat that explores our results, reviews the changes over time, and sparks discussion about how our group's wellness work can continue **gaining momentum**.

Survey Timeline
Sep 26 – Oct 17
Scan the QR code to join:



Post-measurement Retreat
January 2026

Questions?
Please contact Grace Kennedy at thewelldocinitiative@ucalgary.ca

The Well Doc Initiative
[Well Doc Alberta](#) [Well Doc Canada](#)

Shifting culture starts with your input.
Share your voice.

 www.WellDocCanada.org

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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.



Educator of the Month - October 2025

We are excited to highlight October's Educator of the Month - Dr. Genevieve De Caen.

A big thank you to Dr. De Caen for all she does!

EDUCATOR OF THE MONTH

OCTOBER 2025

Dr. Genevieve De Caen



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What do you enjoy most about working in Medical Education?

What I enjoy most about working in Medical Education is the privilege of supporting our learners as they grow into confident, compassionate physicians. It's incredible witnessing the growth and development of our trainees, not just in their clinical knowledge, but in the way they care for patients and support one another. Being a part of their everyday, even when clinical service is busy, is something that I love.

Great job Dr. Genevieve De Caen!

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First author of publication in CMEJ on developing a national competency framework in Canada

Congratulations to Dr. Peter Vetere who is the first author of a publication in Canadian Medical Education Journal (CMEJ) on developing a national competency framework for pediatric hospital medicine in Canada.

This is his original work from his Master's degree in Medical Education; Dr. Suzette Cooke is the senior author.

Congratulations Drs. Vetere and Cooke!

[Read it here](#)



Simulation Educators Wanted

The General Pediatrics Residency program is looking for faculty with an interest in simulation to help develop and revise simulation cases for the Pediatric Residents.

Please reach out to Dr. Andrea Robb at Andrea.Robb@AHS.ca for more information or to get involved!

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



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](mailto:Ashton.Chugh@ucalgary.ca) chugh@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](#)

#1 New York Times Bestseller
The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know



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



Every Voice Matters
Every Heart Counts

Friday October 17	Monday October 20	Wednesday October 22	Thursday October 22
<i>Displays & activities begin in Main Gathering Space and remain up throughout the week</i> - Craft table - Team Challenge submission display & voting - Staff Champion nominee board	NOON – 1:00 pm PFCC WEEK KICK OFF Join us in launching the week with a choir music from New West Symphony and cake! The performance begins at 12:15pm. Location: Main Gathering Space (Cafeteria).	NOON – 1:00 pm PIANO HOUR Join us in the cafeteria, where entertainment will be provided by our piano player. Feel free to stop by to enjoy the tunes! Location: Main Gathering Space (Cafeteria).	PFCC WEEK CELEBRATION Join us for fun activities, a craft and a photo booth! The winner of the Team Challenge will be announced, and we will celebrate the PFCC Staff Champions of the week. Program starts at 12:30pm. Space (Cafeteria). Location: Main Gathering Space



Displays and Activities – throughout the week (Friday -Thursday) in the Main Gathering Space

Learn about how compassionate care grows when we hear every voice, honour every story, and recognize that every person is shaped by different experiences, identities, abilities, opportunities, cultures, and beliefs. Check out the PFCC Website [here](#) ->



Calgary Zone Patient and Family Centred Care Grand Rounds

“Voices and Choices in Care: Where Every Heart Counts” Tracey Receveur, Senior Consultant; Alex Deakin, ACH Patient Advisor (October 21st, 12:00-1:00pm) [Register here](#) →



Engagement & Patient Experience Webinars

Alberta Quality Dimensions for Health: Defining Quality for an Integrated People-Centred Health System in Alberta (Oct. 20th, 12:00-1:00pm) [Register](#).

Shared Commitments in Action: Hear how teams are embedding [AHS' Shared Commitments](#) — our provincial approach to patient rights and responsibilities—into daily practices, resources and team culture. (Oct. 24th, 12:00-1:00pm) [Register](#).

CONTACT THE ACH PFCC TEAM: achpfcc@ahs.ca or 403-955-2456





ACH Immunization Clinic Schedule

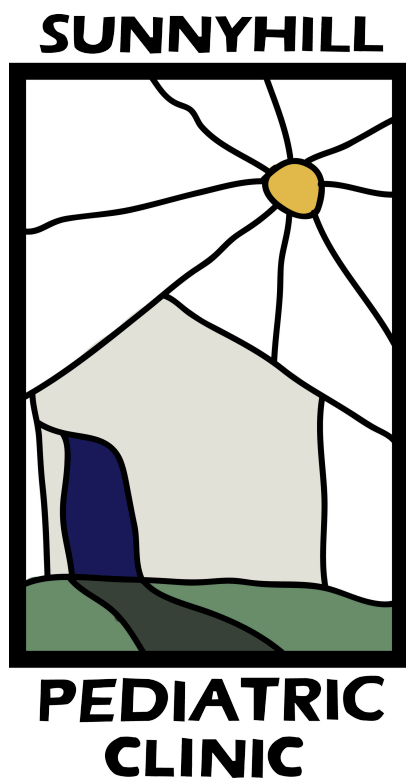
Eligible **healthcare workers** can receive their COVID-19 vaccine free of charge through WHS clinics. When attending a WHS clinic, please wear a short-sleeved shirt and bring:

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

Upcoming available dates

- October 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](#)



Sunnyhill Pediatric Clinic is Accepting New Referrals

Sunnyhill Pediatric Clinic in University District is accepting new medical referrals on an expedited basis.

- Urgent general pediatric medical referrals can be seen within 1-2 weeks
- Non-urgent general pediatric medical referrals can be seen within 2-6 weeks

Referrals may be faxed to 403-284-1593 or sent via Connect Care to Sunnyhill Pediatric Clinic.

The clinic has also added 3 new Pediatric Subspecialists:

Dr. Kirsten Sjonnesen (Pediatric Neurology)

She is now accepting referrals for general pediatric neurologic conditions, and her clinical interests include:

- Migraine
- Tourette Syndrome
- and functional neurological disorders

Dr. Brielle Cram (Adolescent Medicine)

She is now accepting referrals for patients approximately ages 12–18 for a range of concerns, including:

- Menstrual suppression and management of dysmenorrhea
- Complex contraception and sexual health care
- Substance use concerns
- Adolescent mental health, including anxiety and depression
- Initial consultation for patients with eating disorders

Dr. Courtney Leach (Community Pediatrics)



Dr. Kirsten Sjonnesen



Dr. Brielle Cram



Dr. Courtney Leach



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 Workshop

Professional Development Plan

 Tuesday, October 21 | 2:30 - 5:00 PM

 Conference Room 4

 Drs. Amelie Stritzke & Gerry Giesbrecht



Scan here to register



[Register 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

Grand Rounds Recordings

Check out the Grand Rounds page on our website for previous Grand Rounds presentations [here](#).

Neonatal Rounds

Tuesday, October 14, 2025 | 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Virtual (via Zoom)

Topic: What do we know about BPD?

Presenter: Namasivayam Ambalavanan MBBS MD

[Register here](#)

Pediatric Grand Rounds

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM

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

Topic: Oral Health: Soft Tissue Pathology in Pediatric Patients

[Register 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 10, 2025

Newborn Critical Care Site Lead - RGH (NEW)

- FTE: 0.1
- Type: Part-time
- Location: Rockyview General Hospital
- Application Deadline: October 17, 2025

Pediatric Infectious Diseases Specialist, AMHSP (NOT LOCUM)

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

Locum Clinical Geneticist (NEW)

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Short-term Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: November 7, 2025

Pediatric Cardiology Clinical Associate (NEW)

- FTE: 0.6
- Type: Part-time
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: November 7, 2025

Pediatric Cardiologist (NEW)

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Full-time
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: November 7, 2025

Clinical Geneticist

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Full-time
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: December 1, 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](#)

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