

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Weekly Bulletin Archive

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FEATURE



The Well Doc Initiative
Well Doc Alberta Well Doc Canada



Are you a Physician in the Department of Pediatrics?

We want to hear your voice!

Scan here to complete our third
Physician Wellness Survey (10-15 mins):



Post-measurement Retreat:
January 28th, 2026

Response Rate:
12% (Oct 9th)



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 24th, 2025, and results will be shared at our Year 3 post-measurement retreat on January 28th, 2026.

Upcoming Workshop



Professional Development Plan

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

 Conference Room 4

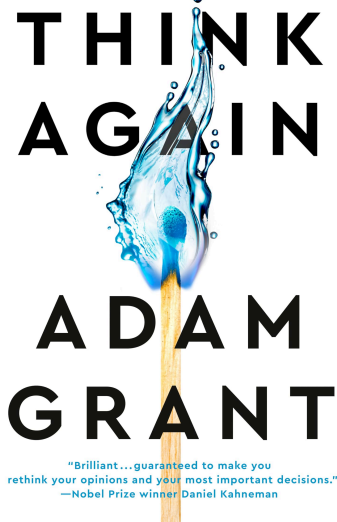
 Drs. Amelie Stritzke & Gerry Giesbrecht

Scan here to register



[Learn more and register 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](#)

Office of Faculty Development Events

Check out these upcoming events from the [Office of Faculty Development](#) below.

How to Get Promoted

**October 27, 2025 |
12:00 – 2:00 PM**

For Clinical, Adjunct,
and Research faculty at
the University of
Calgary

[Learn more here](#)

**The Simulated
Newsroom**

**November 19, 2025 |
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

An interactive workshop
for residents & faculty
looking to rapidly
develop skills in science
communication & health
advocacy.

[Learn more here](#)

**Mentorship Across
Differences**

**January 29, 2026 |
1:00 – 3:00 PM**

This interactive session
explores evidence-
based strategies to
enhance mentorship
through inclusivity and
mutual growth.

[Learn more here](#)



Pediatric Infectious Disease Conference

February 6 – 8, 2026

Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel

This Pediatric Infectious Disease Conference was
co-developed with University of Calgary and
University of Saskatchewan and was planned to
achieve scientific integrity, objectivity and balance.

[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](#)



New Live Physician Leadership Institute Virtual Courses

The **Canadian Medical Association's** (CMA) Physician Leadership Institute (PLI) is excited to share upcoming programs available in 2025 and 2026. PLI programs are accredited by the College of Family Physicians of Canada and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons. The programs are led by engaging and expert faculty with a focus on practical and applied learning. A reminder that CMA members get a preferred registration rate.

[Learn more here](#)

COMINGS & GOINGS

Welcome to the Department

We have a new physician joining us this month! Please take a moment to greet them and extend a warm welcome when you see them.



Dr. Sarah Pradhan

Pediatric Cardiologist



Dr. Courtney Leach

Community Pediatrician

New Positions

Some of our current members have taken on a new position in our department recently!



Dr. Asa Rahimi

Clinical Associate
Physician, Newborn
Critical Care



Dr. Tanya Drews

Pediatric Palliative Care
Medicine Physician



Dr. Brittany Boorman

Pediatric Emergency
Medicine Physician

Goings

2 of our Department Members have recently retired. Congratulations and thank you for their many years of service!



Dr. Dana Bector

Pediatric Gastroenterologist

Since 2006



Dr. Carlos Fajardo

Neonatologist

Since 2009

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Department of Pediatrics

ZOOLIGHTS HOLIDAY EVENT

 DECEMBER 2, 2025 | 5:00 - 9:00 PM
 THE CALGARY ZOO

This event is open and free to all Department members: physicians, non-clinical faculty, research and administrative staff, residents and fellows.



2025 Department of Pediatrics Zoolights Holiday Event

Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 | 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Location: The Calgary Zoo

This event is open and free to all Department of Pediatrics' members: physicians, non-clinical faculty, research and administrative staff, residents and fellows. Since this event is fully funded by the Department, please be mindful when registering and only register if plan to attend.

The Department of Pediatrics invites you and your family to join us for an enchanting evening at the Calgary Zoo's Zoolights event! This magical holiday tradition promises a delightful experience filled with festive, family-friendly activities. We would be thrilled to see you and your loved ones at Zoolights, where you can immerse yourselves in the holiday spirit. Feel free to drop by anytime to partake in the fun and festivities.

Snacks and warm beverages will be available at the Safari Lodge, but please dress appropriately for the weather.

Please send an email to stacy.boehner@albertahealthservices.ca if you have any questions.

Register here

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](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



PAC Optimization Launch: New Order Sets Coming October 21, 2025

As part of the PAC Optimization Project led by the Surgery CSI, updates have been made to the standard PAC order sets. These changes will go live on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, and will affect:

- Surgical and Non-Surgical Preprocedure (Adult & Pediatric) order sets
- Select Postprocedure order sets

What's Changing

The following sections within the impacted order sets have been updated:

- PAC
- Before Day of Procedure
- Day of Procedure

Important Notes

- If you have personalized any of these order sets, your personalization will break on October 21 and must be re-personalized.
- A yellow banner will appear at the top of updated order sets to alert you of the changes.
- You will not be able to re-personalize until the new order sets are available in PRD on October 21.

Preview the Updates in PLY

You can explore the new versions of the Prep for Procedure order sets using:

- Training Users: ped01 to ped19
- Password: train

Need Help? Support is available through:

- pMILs: Dr. Chris Andrews
- sMIL: Dr. Dominica Gidrewicz
- Virtual Drop-In Support Room (Zoom) October 21–24 and October 27–31 from 08:00 AM – 4:00 PM

[Learn more and Zoom Drop In](#)



Connect Care Downtime Learning Needs Assessment

Physician Design Leads for Connect Care would like your feedback on downtime training. They are working on improving provider knowledge and preparation.

The survey will only take a few minutes of your time to complete the survey, and will provide very valuable information!

[Survey](#)



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](#)



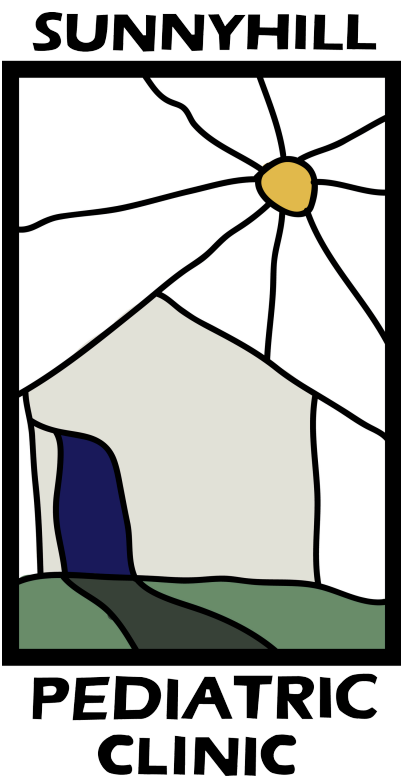
Next stop: Candy Cane Gala!

Friday, November 28 | 6:00 – 10:30 PM

Join us as we embark on a journey to healthier, happier futures. Ring in the holiday season at Candy Cane Gala — a family-friendly, black-tie event filled with delicious food, activities, entertainment and inspiration for everyone from toddlers to teenagers and the young to the young-at-heart.

Inspired by the golden age of train travel, this event is a great way to kick off the holiday season with family, friends or colleagues. Funds raised at Candy Cane Gala support the highest priority needs of the Alberta Children’s Hospital and the Alberta Children’s Hospital Research Institute.

[Learn more 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



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

November 2025 PEPP Events

Physician Know Thy Shelf: A leadership book club

"Think Again: The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know"



 November 17
5:00 – 7:00 PM

 Physician's Lounge

Track It. Show It. Tell It: A Practical Work Shop on Documenting and Communicating Your Work

PEPP Core Curriculum Workshops



 November 18
2:30 – 5:00 PM

 Conference Room 3

Building a Mentoring Network for Early Career Faculty

PEPP Networking Event with Light Dinner provided



 November 25
5:00 – 8:00 PM

 Physician's Lounge

Please send an email to Stacy.Boehner@ahs.ca if you have any questions

Book Club

PEPP Events



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

Neonatal Rounds

Tuesday, October 21, 2025 | 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Virtual (via Zoom)

Topic: Elusive Optimum Oxygen Saturation Targets Despite 5 Randomized Clinical Trials and Meta-analysis of 4,965 infants – Do We Have an Answer?

Presenter: Dr. Shabih Hasan

Register here

Pediatric Grand Rounds

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM

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

Topic: Faculty Development & Promotions: Updates, Resources, and Opportunities

Presenter: Dr. Fareen Zaver

Register here

National Grand Rounds: Canadian Paediatric Society

Thursday, October 23, 2025 | 10:00 – 11:00 AM

Virtual (via Zoom)

Topic: Updates on early detection of type 1 diabetes and emerging therapies

Presenter: Daphne Yau, MD, MSc., FRCPC

Register here

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

Click on the following positions for complete posting details

Newborn Critical Care Site Lead - RGH

- FTE: 0.1
- Type: Part-time
- Location: Rockyview General
- 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

Pediatric Cardiology Clinical Associate

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

Pediatric Cardiologist

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

Locum Clinical Geneticist

- FTE: 1.0
- Type: Short-term Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: November 8, 2025

Locum Pediatric Infectious Diseases Specialist, AMHSP (EXTENDED)

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

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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