

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Weekly Bulletin Archive

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WELLNESS, CULTURE & COMMUNITY FEATURE



Mindful Practice Minutes

Mindful practitioners who attend to their mental and physical processes improve their compassion, knowledge, and teamwork, benefiting themselves, their colleagues, and their patients.

MINDFUL PRACTICE MINUTES

Be Radical



Pause
instead of pushing.
Breathe.

Equity Diversity
Inclusion (EDI)
Moments

Dept of
Pediatrics



Equity Diversity Inclusion (EDI) Moments

What are EDI moments?

- Equity, Diversity, Inclusion moments
- Started at U of C Internal Medicine in 2020
- To raise EDI literacy amongst physicians and physician leaders
- Five-minute presentation with follow-up discussion/resources
- Brief recurring educational intervention
- Positive results, now expanding across the CSM

Why are EDI Moments important?

- Aligns with Cumming School of Medicine 2023 Strategic Priorities
- Foster a culture of inclusion and belonging respectful of differences and life experiences
- Improve health outcomes through best patient care
- Empower everyone to reach their best potential

Resources

- [Five ways to be an Ally](#)
- [A Guide To Allyship AAMC](#)
- [Allyship and Inclusion at the Faculty of Medicine – Canadian Medical Association](#)
- [Inclusive Excellence and Meritocracy](#)
- [UofA EDI Topics and Resources](#)
- [Advancing Inclusive Excellence](#)

If you were not able to attend the previous Pediatric Grand Rounds, we have recorded the EDI Moments! You can view the videos with the button below. Please note that you need an AHS log-in to view.

Oct 30

Nov 27

Days of Significance

The EDI committee acknowledges the Days of Significance as highlighted in the [PESJO calendar](#). We will be featuring department members who celebrate various days of significance in ongoing monthly newsletters.

This month’s Day of Significance is Diwali. Thank you Dr. Jain for sharing what this means to you! If you have a Day of Significance that you or one of your colleagues celebrates please get it touch! We would love to learn more and share with our Department of Pediatrics community!



Diwali | Festival of Lights

Recently on October 31 - November 1 some members of our department celebrated Diwali!

We asked our department member Dr. Sangeeta Jain a few questions about the special occasion.

What is Diwali and what does Diwali mean to you?

Diwali also called Deepavali or Deepawali is known as the festival of lights and is celebrated by many different religions based in India and the surrounding region. During this festival, we are celebrating the triumph of knowledge over ignorance. I love the mythology around the story of Diwali and how each region and religion have their own version. Diwali to me means family, community and food!

How do you and your family celebrate?

We decorate the house, make sidewalk chalk "rangoli"/colourful designs, and buy boxes of sweets. On the main day of Diwali we light tea lights or "diyas" and take them to every room in the house to welcome the goddess of wealth and prosperity. Sparklers always end the evening after a meal shared with family.

How can DoP members support you and this occasion?

In the days leading up to Diwali, I look forward to the tastes of the festival - slightly-too-sweet mithai (desserts), juicy pomegranate seeds and savory snacks (samosas, sev, and others). Don't feel shy to ask for a sample and to declare "Happy Diwali!"

UCalgary Physician Wellness Initiative Expands Nationally

CMA, MD Financial Management, Scotiabank commit \$5M to support national expansion of The



Well Doc Initiative. A physician wellness program developed and led by two University of Calgary faculty is expanding nationally after five years of working in Alberta to help foster positive system-level change.

Continue Reading



Participation Opportunity | Pilot of Equity, Diversity, Inclusivity and Accessibility Self Assessment Tool

This is an opportunity to pilot a new Accessibility (EDIA) Self Assessment Tool designed to help primary care health professionals reflect and identify both strengths and areas for continued professional development related to health equity and social justice in their care practices. The pilot study involves the completion of general demographic questions, and 24 reflective questions on the topic of *Access to Care, Indigenous Health, Disability, Ableism, and Accessibility, and Anti-Racism & Discrimination*.

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS



The Thrive Home Podcast - Teaser

The official Department of Pediatrics podcast teaser with the Pediatric Resident Training Program has dropped!

This podcast will highlight fascinating stories and groundbreaking work in our department, exploring diverse career paths in pediatrics and spotlighting colleagues who deserve more recognition.

Listen Here

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glucagon Intranasal (Baqsimi™) Nursing Memo

This communication is intended to inform nurses of an upcoming change within AHS pharmacies involving glucagon. Glucagon Injection will soon be replaced with Glucagon Intranasal as the 2nd line of treatment for severe hypoglycemia in patients 4 years and older. A summary of key information to support the transition is included below. Glucagon is used to treat severe hypoglycemia in patients without IV access, often in emergency situations, so we appreciate your assistance in sharing this product and practice change information with frontline nursing staff prior to the quickly approaching implementation date.

Background:

- Glucagon 1 mg injection manufactured by Eli Lilly and Paladin has been discontinued, with no current parenteral glucagon injectable alternative marketed in Canada. Health Canada has permitted the exceptional, temporary importation of US Glucagon Injection at a significantly higher cost and will be limited to use in patients under 4 years of age.
- Glucagon (Baqsimi™) nasal powder 3 mg has been added to the AHS Provincial Drug Formulary and will replace glucagon injectable upon implementation in patients 4 years and older.

Implementation Date:

Glucagon (Baqsimi™) nasal powder 3 mg is expected to be available in AHS pharmacies starting the **first week of December 2024**.

Education and Planning:

- Work is currently underway to update the AHS Treatment of *Hypoglycemia- Adult Procedure* and the AHS Treatment of *Hypoglycemia- Pediatric Procedure*, to reflect the changes of glucagon intranasal administration in patients 4 years and older.
- A ‘**Baqsimi™ Administration- Quick Reference Guide**’ has been developed to share with nursing staff, assist with education and/or to post on nursing units. This resource is also available on the **Insulin Safety & Diabetes Management** Insite page, under the ‘Hospital Education Posters & Resources’ section.

Please reach out to Laura.Harrison-Smith@albertahealthservices.ca with any questions related to this update.



Staff Champion | You've Been Recognized!

Congratulations to all ACH Physicians who were identified by patients and families as Staff Champion's!

Last week was Champion Patient & Family Centered Care Week (PFCC) 2024. These families took the time to highlight the incredible difference you’ve made in their healthcare journey, along with the care, compassion, and dedication you’ve shown in supporting their children and family through a challenging time.

Please know that your dedication does not go unnoticed!

Have news or content that you would like to be featured?

Please send us an email at pediatrics.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

We want you to be a member of the Mentoring Academy!



WE ARE ALL MENTORS, AT EVERY STAGE OF OUR CAREER.

Take the next PEPP* step to become a better mentor and mentee. Attend one of these interactive 3 hour workshops and join the Mentoring Academy!



Building Mentoring Relationships Workshop

- December 4, 2024
- 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- Conference Room 2

Please send an email to Stacy.Boehner@ahs.ca to learn more and to register for the events

*Professionals Engaging with Purpose Program



Medical Genetics Seminar Series

Guang Yang, PhD

Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute,
Departments of Medical Genetics,
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Hotchkiss Brain Institute
University of Calgary

***"Connecting the unknown dots in brain cells
to understand rare neurodevelopmental
disorders"***

Friday, November 29, 2024
9:00 am – 10:00 am
HSC 1405B

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- 1) Discuss neural stem cells and neurons in the context of rare neurodevelopmental disorders.
- 2) Discuss how pathological variants cause functional changes in neural stem cells and neurons.
- 3) Discuss the regulatory roles of subcellular structures in these cells during brain development.

The Medical Genetics Seminar Series is a self-approved group learning activity (Section 1) as defined by the Maintenance of Certification Program of the Royal College of Physician and Surgeons of Canada

Child Health and Wellness Seminar

Clinical Series



Healing Together: Can We Prioritize Family Centered Care During Pediatric Transport?



Neil Baribeau

Registered Respiratory Therapist, AHS
Pediatric Critical Care Transport Coordinator,
Alberta Children’s Hospital

Caregivers are important in family-centered care – however there are no standards for accompaniment on transport. The goal of this work is to determine the rate of transport where caregivers accompany their loved one, and to explore the reasons why a caregiver is absent.

Monday, December 2, 2024

8:30 – 9:30 am

Register for Zoom: bit.ly/48r0C9N



The University of Calgary is driving science and innovation to transform the health and well-being of children and families. Led by the Alberta Children’s Hospital Research Institute, top scientists across the campus are partnering with Alberta Health Services, the Alberta Children’s Hospital Foundation, and our community to create a better future for children through research.



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The Future of Research and Innovation in Pediatric Transplantation

DECEMBER 2, 2024

Alberta Children’s Hospital
Calgary, AB

[Learn More and 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

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](#)

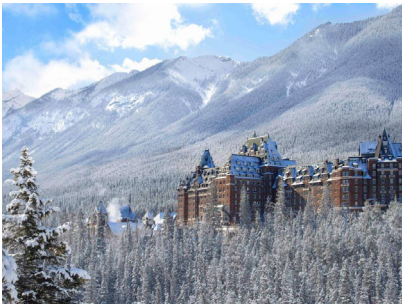
Registration

Registration Fee: \$75 CAD when you use the discount coupon **cqiepca625**

Register by November 27, 2024 at 4:00 pm

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

Registration QR Code:



The Pediatric Infectious Disease Conference

The Pediatric Infectious Disease Conference will take place from February 7-9 2025, at the Fairmont Banff Springs. Registration is open for our 33rd annual conference: all sessions are tailored to clinicians encountering infectious diseases in practice and are engaging and interactive. We strive for a collegial and responsive environment with faculty and participants and have a remarkable venue to host us and social events you will not want to miss!

Please register and book your hotel early as we have sold out of rooms in the past few years.

[Learn More and Register Here](#)

UPCOMING ROUNDS

Neonatal Rounds

Tuesday, December 3, 2024 | 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Virtual (via Zoom)

Topic: Neurodevelopmental disability risks in children with tracheostomies and ventilators

Presenter: Dr. Stefani Doucette BSc, MD, MSc, FRCPC | Quality Improvement Lead ACH NICU, Mortality Chair, Calgary Zone, Neonatal Critical Care

[Click here for more information](#)

[Register Here](#)

Pediatric Grand Rounds

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 | 8:30 – 9:30 AM

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

Topic: 2024 Innovation Award Applicant Presentations

Presenters:

- Dr. Billie Au
- Dr. Cora Constantinescu
- Dr. Suzette Cooke
- Dr. Omar Damji
- Dr. De Caen
- Dr. Mary Dunbar
- Dr. Adam Kirton

[Click here for more information](#)

[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

Rheumatology Locum - AMHSP Clinician

- FTE 0.5
- Type: Long Term Locum
- Location: Alberta Children's Hospital
- Application Deadline: December 2, 2024
- Target Start Date: January 12, 2025

Pediatric Palliative Medicine Locum

- FTE: 0.3
- Type: Short Term Locum
- Location: Rotary Flames House
- Application Deadline: November 28, 2024
- Target Start Date: March 1, 2025

Community Pediatrician or Pediatric Subspecialist

- FTE 0.2-1.0 Mon-Fri
- 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 our [website](#) or contact Dr. Katie Doherty at drdoherty@sagefoxmedical.ca

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

Community Pediatrician or Pediatric Subspecialist

- FTE 0.2-1.0 (Flexible opportunities) Mon-Fri
- Type: Part-time to Full Time Practice
- Location: Sunnyhill Pediatric Clinic, located in University District NW Calgary, steps from the Alberta Children’s Hospital
- Application Deadline: January 31, 2025 (or until space is filled)
- If interested, please inquire by contacting Dr. Robert (Bobby) Shyleyko at robert.shyleyko@albertahealthservices.ca

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.

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Doctor Jobs Alberta

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

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