

## Upcoming Events and Reminders

Rounds are being hosted via ZOOM.

# Quarterly Contractions



## Summer 2020

Welcome to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology's quarterly newsletter.

This letter will be used as a means of delivering department events, goings on and other important information. The letter will be released quarterly.

Please let me know if there are items you'd like included.

## News

We have officially launched the department webpage [Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology](#)

Please take a moment to add your profile to the webpage. You now have 2 (TWO!!) options for adding your profile to the webpage.

- ➔ Option one: Feel free to email [Crystal](#) the details that you'd like added (examples: (<http://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/obstetrics-gynaecology/department/paul-henning>)

(<http://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/obstetrics-gynaecology/department/fiona-mattatall>) ) and I will add your information.

OR

- ➔ Option Two: You can feel free to add the information yourself by following this link: \*please let Crystal know if you choose this option

<https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/departments/obstetrics-gynaecology/profile-form>

Welcome to [Jordan](#) who joins our administrative team at the Foothills Hospital supporting research and surgical booking. Jordan can currently be reached at 403-944-1438 at office number 436.

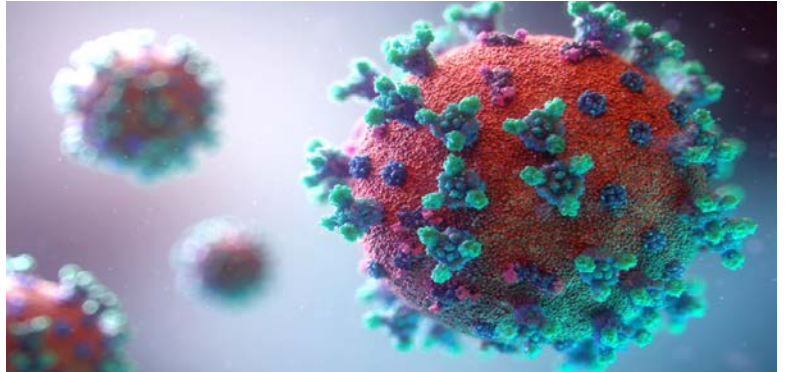
Thank you to Dr. Bruce Allan and Dr. Viviana Chang who are retiring from their site lead positions as the South Health Campus and Rockyview General Hospital respectively. Their hard work and dedication have been appreciated.

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The word "nerd"  
was first coined by  
Dr. Seuss in  
"If I Ran the Zoo."



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# COVID CLUES



Alberta health services has provided some updated information regarding the Covid-19 pandemic. Please note the new mask policy.



Mask  
Protocol\_COVID.pdf

***“ Staff, physicians and volunteers must wear a mask:***

- ***Continuously in patient care areas, common and corporate settings AND in all areas where you cannot maintain a minimum physical distance of two metres or six feet at all times.***
- ***This applies to all patient care, common and corporate settings in all AHS facilities, as well as subsidiary and contracted facilities in all Zones. “***

Additionally here are some COVID-19 FAQ



COVID\_FAQ.pdf

# Educating

COVID-19 has produced a multitude of Educational roadblocks. From the complete cancellation of clerkship to the rearrangement of most of the last blocks for the residency program.

UME courses continued via Zoom with a viewed change in expectation of ability following their completion. Meeting are on-going as to the potential for a revised schedule and what that may look like.

Clinical Clerk schedule will resume with a more in hospital based rotation beginning June 15, 2020. We are currently not accepting visiting clerkship electives due to space and clinical restrictions. As things change emails will circulate to keep everyone updated.

## Welcome to the NEW PGY 1's

**Rebecca Carrigan**  
**Eloise Passarella**  
**Erika Friebe**  
**Sarah Kent**  
**Shannon Fitzpatrick**

LIFE IS LIKE A CAMERA  
**FOCUS**  
ON WHAT'S IMPORTANT  
**CAPTURE**  
THE GOOD TIMES  
**DEVELOP**  
FROM THE NEGATIVES  
AND IF THINGS DON'T WORK OUT  
*Take another shot*

## Welcome to the NEW Fellows

Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery Fellow – **Dr. Allison Edwards (starts June 15, 2020)**

- **Dr. Breffini Anglim (until December 30, 2020)**
- **Dr. Alison Carter-Ramirez (Starts September)**

Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology Fellow – **Dr. Kayla Nelson**

Gyne-Oncology Fellows – **Dr. Joni Kooy**

- **Dr. Christina Ince**
- **Dr. Jennifer Mateshaytis**
- **Dr. Tamara Kuzma**

## Congratulations to our Graduating Residents and Fellows

Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery Fellow – **Emily Sandwith**

Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology Fellow – **Christine Osborne**

Gyne-Oncology Fellow – **Steven Bisch**

Obstetrics and Gynecology Residents

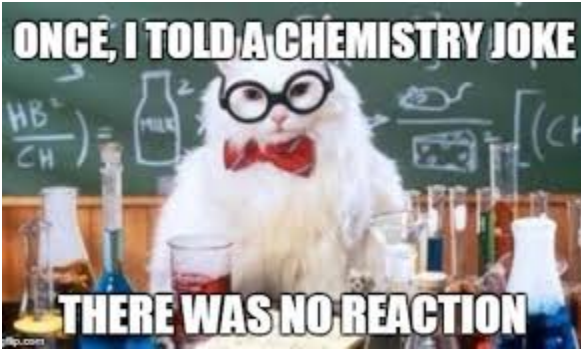
**Benoit, Lindsay**  
**Brace, Chantalle**  
**Papalia, Nicholas**  
**Sloan, Erin (Complete August 23, 2020)**  
**Thornton, Kimberley**



**Congratulations to Karen McKeon** winner of this years 'Award for service in Support of Residency Education, 5-6 Year programs.'

# Researching

**Congratulations to Dr. Erin Brennand**, her MSc thesis was published to the Green Journal: [Evaluation of the Effect of Surgeons Operative](#) . As well on her cross appointment to Community Health Sciences and Supervisory privileges within Graduate Studies.



Many of the research that was being done in the department has been stalled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Reduce Trial: Data collection complete, chart review and data entry on going

MUST (Mid-Urethral Sling Tension) trial: Presented at the 2019 International Urogynecology Association & American Urogynecologic Society joint meeting. Has also been accepted to the Green Journal for publication.

HUPPS (Hysterectomy or Uterine Preservation for Prolapse Study): In the process of starting up. Received an MSI Foundation grant of \$100,000. Recruitment to start soon.

Dr. Kim-Fine and Dr. Brennand continue to be active in the Collaborative Research in Pelvic Surgery Consortium (CoRPS), being actively involved in their FPMRS Challenges publication series.

Dr. Robert will be starting a retrospective study on pessaries with a industry sponsor COSM. Is currently finishing the pessary erosion study, study on patients goals for entering pelvic floor clinic, patient expectation in entering chronic pelvic pain program

Dr. Kim-Fine has been spear heading a stud on cannabis and bladder effects

Dr. Nancy Soliman is working on two retrospective studies one is establishing customized growth charts for the Calgary population with Jaime Schachar and David Somerset on the team as well.

The Other she is working with Steph Cooper and Abhay Lodha in NICU at outcomes of MCDA twins with early onset growth restriction based on Doppler classification

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