



MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT HEAD

Welcome to spring everyone! After a long winter, I hope everyone will take advantage of the increasing hours of daylight and the milder temperatures to get outside and let nature help rejuvenate your minds, bodies and spirits.

I want to congratulate all department members for what has been a productive academic year. We have continued to face the many clinical challenges that the pandemic has brought, while moving forward to achieve success across the CARE pillars of academic medicine. Please plan to come celebrate with your colleagues at the DOM Virtual Annual Awards celebration on April 8.

After many delays caused by the pandemic, the Department will begin the process of developing a new Strategic Plan to help us achieve our mission to equitably advance health and wellness by cultivating a community of diverse physicians who lead through care delivery, discovery, innovation, education, and knowledge implementation. Please stay tuned for opportunities to participate in the process.

I encourage you to review the spring newsletter for some departmental highlights and important announcements.



*Dr. Jayna Holroyd-Leduc
Zone Clinical and
Academic Department Head*

MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT MANAGER



*Allison Mirotnich
Manager, Department
Of Medicine*

What a busy few months! It was great to have so many of you participate in our February Healthy Hearts Challenge, it definitely helped me get outside and moving more than usual. Personally I am happy to say goodbye to the cold weather and hello to Spring!

Our education teams have been busy with CaRMS and Accreditation preparations. We are eagerly looking forward to match day to find out who will be joining us here in Calgary this summer. Our administrative teams continue to work hard, they are formally moving to their new models of working, with hybrid arrangements for many, beginning April 18th. Our 9th floor space will also be working in a hybrid onsite model and we have developed plans so that there is consistently team members on site should you need anything from the team in person.

Wave 4 of Connect Care is coming quickly, as we approach launch date in late May. This is an exciting time and despite the long hours ahead for those involved with launch it is a major step along the path towards a provincial clinical information system.

You will have all heard the recent news of Dr. Verna Yiu's departure from the role of CEO, and many are struggling with this news. She lead with compassion and integrity and no doubt will be missed in that role.

As always, please reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I am wishing you all a Happy Spring.

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REMINDER - VIRTUAL AWARDS CEREMONY - April 8, 2022

Don't forget to join us on Friday evening for the Department of Medicine Virtual Awards Celebration on Zoom.

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Join us in congratulating the following members for their achievements over the past few months

Announce Your Awards! Please forward awards and announcements to Pip Hazell for inclusion in future newsletters - Include the Recipient Name, Award Name, Short Description. **Update your headshots on file!** If you have a preferred headshot that you would like on file with the DOM for future use please also forward to Pip Hazell. Phillippa.hazell@albertahealthservices.ca.



DOM CLINICAL ANALYTICS AWARD

Congratulations Dr. Dawn Goodyear and Dr. Natalia Rydz on receiving the Department Of Medicine Clinical Analytics Award to support the project "The Evaluation of Health Care Utilization by patients with Sickle Cell Disease in Calgary".



DOM CLINICAL ANALYTICS AWARD

Congratulations to Dr. Irene Ma & team on receiving the Department Of Medicine Clinical Analytics Award to support the project "Development of indicators and outcome measures for point-of-care ultrasound use in general internal medicine in-patients" and research of Drs. Irene Ma, Anshula Ambasta, Simon Taylor, Elaine Dumoulin, Leo Smyth, Michael Walsh, and Medicine SCN (Anita Kozinski, Mina Sisodiya, Marni Armstrong, Ada Lam).



HELIOS UCMG POST FELLOWSHIP TRAINING AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to Drs. Melissa Morgunov, Xenia Gukova, Jason Bau, Stefana Pancic as recipients of this years Helio's UCMG Post Fellowship Awards. The Helios UCMG Post Fellowship Training Award supports opportunities to expand post fellowship clinical, translational or health outcomes research training not available in Calgary. The funding specifically provides bridging salary support for clinical fellowship trainees who successfully complete postgraduate medical training and are enrolled in further advanced clinical or scholarly training at another institution to enhance their skills.



JONES FAMILY TEACHING EXCELLENCE AWARD

Congratulations to Dr. Jolene Haws for receiving the Jones Family Teaching Excellence Award. The Teaching Excellence Award is awarded annually to academic staff who demonstrate outstanding teaching and learning experiences. The award winner is an individual who is widely recognized for their teaching and academic inquiry within the Cumming School of Medicine, supports educational excellence of colleagues, and embodies a spirit of instructional innovation.

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AMA MEDAL FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Congratulations to Dr. Jane Lemaire for receiving the Alberta Medical Association Medal for Distinguished Service. This award recognizes physicians who have made an outstanding personal contribution to the medical profession and to the people of Alberta and has contributed to the art and science of medicine while raising the standards of medical practice. Awarded at the AMA Annual General Meeting (Zoom), September 28th, 2021



ALBERTA BOEHRINGER INGELHEIM COLLABORATION (ABIC) GRANT

Congratulations Dr. Michelle Grinman on a successful grant from Alberta Boehringer Ingelheim Collaboration (ABIC) for the project Aiding COPD and CHF Ultrasound-guided Management through ENhanced Point Of Care UltraSound (ACCUMEN-POCUS)



CHILD HEALTH & WELLNESS GRAND CHALLENGE CATALYST AWARD

Congratulations to Dr. Cynthia Seow (Principle Investigator) on receiving a 50k Child Health and Wellness Grand Challenge Catalyst Award for the following research project "Effect of maternal medications (biological therapies) on infant's developing the immune system.



ALBERTA INNOVATES - AICE CONCEPTS

Congratulations to Dr. Kara Nerenberg on a recent grant awarded from Alberta Innovates - AICE concepts; IMPROVE Virtual HEALTH (*Healthy Eating and Active Living through Technology @ Home*) for MOMS.



CIHR PROJECT GRANT (FALL 2021 COMPETITION)

Congratulations Dr. Justin Chun on a successful CIHR project grant supporting the research "Role of Lipid Droplet Associated IL-32 in Diabetic Kidney Disease.



CIHR PROJECT GRANT - PRIORITY ANNOUNCEMENT - INFECTION AND IMMUNITY

Congratulations to Dr. Michael Parkins on a successful CIHR Project Grant - Priority announcement - Infection and Immunity to support the research titled "Real-time Infection Control and Antimicrobial Stewardship Through Wastewater-Based Surveillance"

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CIHR - PROJECT GRANT FALL 2021

Congratulations to Dr. Carla Coffin on securing a CIHR - Project Grant Fall 2021 to support "Investigation of Hepatitis B Virus Immunopathogenesis using Intravital Microscopy in the Woodchuck Hepatitis Virus (WHV) Model of Hepatitis B"



CIHR PROJECT GRANT - PRIORITY ANNOUNCEMENT PATIENT ORIENTATED RESEARCH

Congratulations Dr. Cheryl Barnabe on a successful CIHR Project Grant to support the research "Acute Care Use by Patients with Inflammatory Arthritis Conditions: Health System Impact and Solutions for Ensuring Appropriate Ambulatory Care Access"



CIHR - PROJECT GRANT FALL 2021

Congratulations to Dr. David Campbell on a successful CIHR Project Grant to support the research "Healthy Food Rx - Empowering food insecure Albertans to manage their diabetes through a subsidized healthy food prescription program: A randomized controlled trial & economic evaluation"



CIHR OPERATING GRANT: EMERG. COVID RES. GAPS/PRIORITIES

Congratulations to Dr. Gabriel Fabreau on a successful CIHR Operating Grant: Emerg. COVID Res. Gaps/Priorities - Vaccine Distribution Models to support research titled "Investigating COVID-19 Vaccine Outreach Strategies for Marginalized Newcomer Communities"



CIHR - PROJECT GRANT FALL 2021

Congratulations to Dr. Glen Hazlewood on a successful CIHR - Project Grant Fall 2021 grant application to support the research "Personalizing the choice of therapy in rheumatoid arthritis"

Congratulations also to all Department of Medicine members who were a co-PI or co-Investigator on funded CIHR grants from the Fall 2021 competition!

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2022 KILLAM ANNUAL PROFESSOR AWARD

Congratulations to Dr. Gil Kaplan for being selected as a 2022 Killam Annual Professor. This professorship recognizes Dr. Kaplan's research and teaching excellence, as well as service to the University of Calgary and the wider academic community.



DR JAYNA HOLROYD-LEDUC - ACADEMIC LEAD BRENDA STRAFFORD CENTRE

Congratulations to Dr. Jayna Holroyd-Leduc for being appointed the new Academic Lead for the Brenda Stafford Centre on Ageing for a 5-year term starting July 1, 2020.



DR CLAIRE BARBER - SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR BONE & JOINT SCN

Congratulations Dr. Claire Barber who is the new Scientific Director of the Bone & Joint Strategic Clinical Network.



DR CHERYL BARNABE - INCOMING ARTHUR J CHILDS CHAIR

Congratulations to Dr. Cheryl Barnabe who will be the new incoming Arthur J Childs Chair in Rheumatology starting in July 2022.



DR. AZIZ SHAHEEN - PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Congratulations Dr. Shaheen on your approval of promotion to Associate Professor effective July 1, 2022.



DR. LESLIE A SKEITH - PROMOTION TO ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Congratulations Dr. Skeith on your approval of promotion to Associate Professor effective July 1, 2022.

CIHR PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT: POLICY RESEARCH FOR HEALTH SYSTEM TRANSFORMATION

This funding opportunity will support one-year grants that generate evidence to inform macro-level policies to support high-performing health care and public health systems in Canada with the aim of advancing the Quadruple Aim – improved population health outcomes, better patient and provider experience, and increased value – and health equity (sometimes referred to as the Quintuple aim). Retrospective policy evaluations and prospective policy development/implementation projects are eligible. All projects must use knowledge mobilization approaches throughout (i.e., integrated knowledge translation involving a policymaker partner based in Canada and a knowledge user with lived experience); mobilize expertise from multiple disciplines (i.e., health, law, economics, etc.) and perspectives (policymaker, public) to analyze and contextualize the various dimensions of the policy issue and options for consideration. Funding will include 24 policy research grants awarded at a maximum of \$150,000 per year for 1 year. [Read full details](#)

Anticipated Timeline:

- Program launch: May 18, 2022
- Webinar: [Join live](#) on Microsoft Teams on June 10, 11:30-12:30 pm MST
- Full application internal deadline: September 29 at noon

Research Areas:

- Health Care Systems Research
- Cancer Control
- Public Health Systems Research
- Patient-Oriented Health Care Systems Research
- Pandemic Preparedness and Health Emergencies

Contact: [Clint Westgard](#)

GOVERNMENT OF CANADA - BANTING POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

The Office of the Vice-President (Research) is calling for Letters of Intent (LOI) for the Banting Postdoctoral Fellowship Competition.

The Banting Postdoctoral Fellowships program is a tri-agency initiative that provides funding to the very best postdoctoral applicants, both nationally and internationally, who will positively contribute to the country's economic, social and research based growth. **LOI Deadline:** 4:00 pm MDT, May 1, 2022 (Sunday).

Workshop:

If you are interested in the Banting PDF program, please consider attending the online workshop.

Date: April 6, 2022

Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

[Register here](#)

Any interested applicants can contact [Vienna Doenni](#).

NFRF 2022 SPECIAL CALL - RESEARCH FOR POST PANDEMIC RECOVERY

The goal of this Special Call is to mobilize Canadian-led research efforts in support of a more equitable, sustainable and resilient post-pandemic reality. It will support a diverse portfolio of projects that directly address one or more of the research priorities outlined in the UN Research Roadmap for the COVID-19 Recovery. Eligible projects include short- and medium-term projects, as well as discrete phases of longer-range research programs. Projects are required to be interdisciplinary (combining elements from at least two disciplines), but are not required to cross the mandates of more than one tri-agency. Given the global focus of the Roadmap and the need to ensure that all countries are considered in the pandemic recovery, research projects are expected to include international members. Exceptions will be made for projects that address a uniquely Canadian context. Value and Term: \$200,000/year over 2 years

Eligibility:

- Teams must include at least one expert in social, economic or socio-economic research and/or implementation science (as an NPI or co-PI)
- Teams are expected to include international members (exceptions will be made for projects that address a uniquely Canadian context)
- Timeline:
 - Notice of Intent internal deadline: April 19, 2022, at 9 am MST
 - Full Application internal deadline: August 2 at 9, 2022, am MST

Contact: [Clint Westgard](#)

NSERC - ALLIANCE INTERNATIONAL QUANTUM GRANTS

NSERC's Alliance International Quantum grants will provide support for researchers in Canada to establish and grow international research collaborations that will strengthen research excellence in Canada and abroad, and further develop Canadian research strengths and leadership in quantum science and technology. Using NSERC's newly launched Alliance International Catalyst grants, Alliance International Catalyst Quantum grants will provide up to \$25,000 for one year to support Canadian academic researchers in initiating and developing research collaborations with international researchers from the academic sector in the areas of quantum science and quantum technologies. It is expected that approximately 100 Catalyst Quantum grants will be awarded in the fiscal year 2022–23. [Read more details](#)

Eligibility:

- Any Canadian university researcher who is eligible to receive NSERC funds can apply on their own or as a team with co-applicants who are also eligible academic researchers.
- The Principal applicant and any Canadian co-applicants must have an active NSERC peer-reviewed grant at the time of application.
- Limited to one application as either applicant or co-applicant.

Award Amount & Duration: Up to \$25,000 for one year

Application Deadline: Ongoing from April 1st until January 31, 2023. NSERC will communicate results on a quarterly basis.

OADR GRANT DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR

Communicating Research Excellence in the Time of DORA [Register](#)

Date: April 6, 2022

Time: 11:00 am - 12:00 pm MST

The Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA) recognizes the need to improve the ways in which researchers and the outputs of scholarly research are evaluated. The University of Calgary signed DORA in 2021, joining major Canadian funding agencies and many thousands of individuals and institutions around the world. What does this mean for you as a researcher? In this session, we will introduce the history and recommendations of DORA, how they apply to individual researchers, and introduce ways to include both qualitative and quantitative evidence of your research impact in written documents such as funding applications.

Speakers:

Dr. Stephanie Warner; Manager of the Knowledge Engagement

Dr. Fei Shu; Consultant, Research Assessment in the Knowledge Engagement

Dr. Ola Olaleye; Research Impact Assessment Specialist in the Knowledge Engagement

RESEARCH METRICS: SUPPORTING CLAIMS OF RESEARCH IMPACT [Register](#)

Date: May 3, 2022

Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am MST

Following last month's presentation on DORA and Research Impact, this presentation will focus on the practical application of research metrics in support of claims of research impact. Researchers at University of Calgary have access to both Scopus and SciVal, providing them with a comprehensive suite of research metrics (e.g., bibliometric indicators) and altmetrics (e.g., social media and policy and clinical citations) that can be used to assess some aspects of research impact. Participants should leave the session with an understanding of the diverse research metrics currently available to them, the ability to access those metrics, and suggestions for how to use these metrics to gain a competitive advantage in research grants and award proposals.

Speakers:

Kyle Demes; Elsevier's Research Intelligence Consultant in Canada

CIHR INSTITUTE ADVISORY BOARDS (IABs)

The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) is recruiting members to join its Institute Advisory Boards (IABs). Diversity of expertise and experience are key to the success of IABs. Their primary function is to provide advice to Institute Scientific Directors on health research priorities. They also make recommendations on how best to shape and implement health research strategies in line with these priorities, and to accelerate the flow of knowledge into health benefits. IABs meet at least twice a year. Members are reimbursed for travel and accommodation.

We encourage members from all communities to apply, especially those from groups historically underrepresented in research, including Black, Indigenous, and racialized communities; LGBTQ2S+ communities; Francophone communities; and persons with disabilities. **Applications will be accepted until May 2, 2022.** Visit the [CIHR website](#) for more information on IABs, including how to apply.

CSMTEP - TEACHING EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

Calling all teaching faculty! The Office of Faculty Development and Performance is now accepting applications for [CSMTEP 2022-23](#). CSMTEP is designed to help faculty solidify fundamental teaching skills, learn relevant educational theory, and explore more advanced topics related to special areas of interest in medical education. Applicants should be involved in teaching at the graduate, postgraduate, and/ or undergraduate level and ideally planning on pursuing medical education as a major component of their career. Click the link above for more information.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES, MULTIPLE CHOICE EXAMINATION, AND EXAM BLUEPRINTING

Learn how to create effective learning objectives, apply principles & knowledge of common errors to improve the writing of MCQs, apply principles of examination blueprinting to create a practice blueprint during the workshop, and understand basic statistical parameters of examination items.

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

12:00pm – 1:30pm

[Sign Up Now!](#)

MEMORY STRUCTURE AND ITS RELEVANCE TO TEACHING AND CURRICULAR DESIGN

A key to understanding memory and its relevance to teaching.

Friday, April 22, 2022

9:00am – 10:30am

[Sign Up Now!](#)

TEACHING WITH ZOOM

Technical & Pedagogical Tip - 9am - 11am | Jun 3, 2022 | [Sign Up Now](#)

Hands On opportunity following the above session - 11am - 12pm | Jun 3, 2022 | [Sign Up Now](#)

CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Pre-Course Alberta Sexual Assault Conference

May 13, 2022

12:50pm - 5:15pm MDT

Registration options: In-person or online

Course details and program schedule: https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/cme/courses/topics#!view/event/event_id/404389

Alberta Sexual Assault Conference

May 14, 2022

8:45am - 4:45pm MDT

Registration options: In-person or online

Conference details and program schedule: https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/cme/courses/calendar/calendar#!view/event/event_id/404370

Department of Medicine Physician Wellness Initiative



Well Doc
Alberta



You are invited!

DoM TRANSITION TO PRACTICE (T2P) Education

We are hosting 4 supper meetings
(commensality groups) open to physicians
new to the DoM within the last three years.

Commensality groups are considered a best practice
physician wellness system-level intervention.

These moderated sessions provide opportunities
to share your experiences as new faculty with
your peers and learn from senior colleagues
who will share wisdom and practical tips.



**Attending Physician
Transition to Practice (T2P)**

Dr. Jane Lemaire MD FRCPC

Dr. Paul Gibson MD FRCPC

Dr. Karen Fruetel MD Med FRCPC

Monday, May 9, 2022

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm (Zoom)

Please register here: <https://dom-t2p-education.eventbrite.ca>

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Department of Medicine Peer Support Team

For questions or a list of the Peer Support Team members contact:
Dr. Jane Lemaire
Peer Support Team Physician Coordinator
lemaire@ucalgary.ca

The practice of medicine is rewarding but may at times be challenging. At some point, you may feel the need to seek support from a colleague.

The Department of Medicine has a group of formally trained peer supporters available as a resource for our colleagues. We encourage you to bring forth **any issue at any time**.

Any of our peer supporters listed on the contact information sheet can be reached through email or cell phone to set up a time to connect.

Department of Medicine 

EVENTS




CALGARY
Women's Health
RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

April 21, 2022, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM
Virtual/Online
Details & Registration: www.cwhr.ca



SIGN UP FOR RESIDENT RESEARCH DAY

FACULTY SIGN UP: IMRP RESIDENT RESEARCH DAY – MAY 25

From the Internal Medicine Residency Program

The DoM Internal Medicine Residency Program is looking for faculty to help with abstract review (April 18-24), and the sessions on May 25th. Please contact lynette.lipinski@ahs.ca if you are interested/available.

Resident Research Day: [2022 IMRP Resident Research Day - May 25 \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

HEALTHY HEARTS CHALLENGE RECAP

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO TOOK PART IN OUR FEBRUARY HEALTHY HEARTS CHALLENGE

Get involved next year and join in the fun!

