

Department of Medicine

Information Bulletin

June 5, 2020

What Matters to You?

Ask What Matters. Listen to What Matters. Do What Matters.



What Matters to You? Day

June 9, 2020

What Matters to You? Day is about encouraging more meaningful conversations with patients and families who receive healthcare, and with staff, physicians and volunteers who provide it. It is also about having important conversations about what matters to us during difficult times.

Asking what matters helps healthcare teams to further understand what is important to their patients. Providing care that focuses on the needs of patients and families leads to stronger partnerships, improved treatment and health outcomes, patient safety, and an overall better care experience. But it's also important to have these conversations with our own families, healthcare teams and colleagues so they know what's important to us.

Discovering what matters most to our patients, ourselves and our loved ones helps all of us recognize and take action to support the people we care for, as well as take better care of ourselves.

Please join us on June 9th, and every other day, to ask *What Matters to You?* Let us know on social media #wmtyAB.

AMHSP Individual Report (AIR) – Resources for AMHSP Physicians and Administrative Staff

NEW RESOURCE: an **AIR walk-through video** has been created for Department of Medicine Physicians and Staff is now available, and can be viewed at:

<https://connectmeeting.ucalgary.ca/p5brojhgqks/>

AIR Deadline: 30 June 2020 (11:59 pm)

All AMHSP Members must complete an AMHSP Individual Report (AIR) for the 2020 Fiscal Year (1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020).

Please visit airhelpsite.ca for AIR resources, including videos, manuals, and FAQs. Information on the next Virtual AIR Town Hall can be found in the *Upcoming Events* section below.

If you have any questions regarding how to complete your AIR, please contact facultyreporting.csm@ucalgary.ca or angela.hunter@ahs.ca.

ARO Lifetime Reports Available!

Many faculty members did not backup their ARO data before the ARO shut down in December 2019. The Office of Faculty Development and Performance (OFDP) has designed a solution to this issue, and has provided the Department with links to our Faculty members' ARO Lifetime Reports.

If you are interested in receiving your ARO Lifetime Report, please [complete this brief request form](#).

Upcoming Events

AHS Our People Strategy Webinar

Join Our People Strategy co-sponsors Todd Gilchrist and Sean Chilton

Building Resilience

June 9 10 – 11 am

To register, email People.Strategy@ahs.ca

We will talk about:

- The differences between positive pressure and unhealthy stress
- Connections, wellness, healthy thinking and values
- Thinking critically, seeing clearly, acting wisely, and feeling deeply
- Personal strategies to reduce stress
- Our People Strategy refresh

COVID Corner Webinar

Consequences of COVID – Impact of Isolation

June 10

Visit <https://cumming.ucalgary.ca/cme/COVID-19-Resources/COVID-Corner> for more information and to register.

Recordings, handouts, and resources from previous COVID Corner webinars can be found at <https://ecme.ucalgary.ca/covid-19-cme-resources/covid-corner/>

Help CME&PD provide ongoing COVID-19 education, training and resources for healthcare professionals by donating here: <https://netcommunity.ucalgary.ca/cmedonations>.

Virtual AMHSP Individual Report (AIR) Town Halls:

The Office of Faculty Development and Performance is hosting Virtual Town Hall sessions to answer any questions you have about the new AIR (AMHSP Individual Report) system. They have scheduled two more sessions– sign up for the one that works best for you:

June 11 12 – 1 pm [Register Here](#)

OADR Grant Development Webinars

The Black Box of CIHR Peer Review Committees

June 18 10 – 11 am [Register Here](#)

Join us for a brief introduction to CIHR Peer Review processes followed by a panel discussion and learn the ins and outs of CIHR Review.

Presenter: Jenna Slobozian, Manager, Grant Development

Panelists:

Natalie Yanchar, Chair, Health Services Evaluation & Interventions Research Committee (HS3)

Bruce Pike, Chair, Medical Physics and Imaging Committee (MPI)

Jennifer Cobb, Scientific Officer, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Committee (BMB)

Kara Nerenberg, Scientific Officer, Randomized Controlled Trials Committee (RCT1)

Eldon Spackman, Early Career Researcher, CIHR Observer Program, Health Services Evaluation & Interventions Research Committee (HS1)

Questions? Contact Brandi Povitz (brandi.povitz@ucalgary.ca)

UCalgary Campfire chats

Join us to honour National Indigenous Peoples Day with stories, reflections and discussion on the topic of Indigenous resilience. How have Indigenous communities navigated the COVID-19 crisis, and how can we use Indigenous ways of knowing to move forward together with strength and hope?

June 19 2 – 3 pm [Register Here](#)

RMS Pre-Award Training Sessions

In preparation for the fall grant season, pre-award RMS training sessions will continue to be held on Thursdays from May through September.

Given that there will be a number of competitions opening soon that will be administered through RMS, **it is strongly advised that you enroll in a remote training session if you have not already done so.** We also encourage you to sign up early, as spots are limited and we anticipate an increase in RMS users in the coming weeks.

If you would like to attend one of the training sessions below, please email rms@ucalgary.ca with the date of the session in the subject line.

Morning sessions (10 a.m. - 12 p.m.)

- June 18
- July 16
- August 13
- September 10

Afternoon sessions (2 - 4 p.m.)

- July 2
- July 30
- August 27
- September 24

Self-guided training documents are also available on the [RMS website](#). If you are unable to attend any of these sessions, please contact rms@ucalgary.ca to arrange training.

Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement (CFHI) Spotlight Series

The recording of the Spotlight Series Presents: **What We've Learned (So Far): High River Meat Plant Outbreak Response** held May 28, 2020 is now posted on CFHI's YouTube channel. [Click here](#) to watch the full recording.

Research Office

CIHR COVID Grant: “Depression In community Residing Elders (DIRE)”



Dr. Zahra Goodarzi and a National team of researchers, including Dr. Jayna Holroyd-Leduc and Dr. Jennifer Watt (UofT), has received CIHR funds to conduct a rapid review entitled "Depression In community Residing Elders (DIRE)", with a focus on supporting older adults during COVID-19.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Goodarzi, Dr. Holroyd-Leduc and the rest of the National research team!

UCalgary researchers want to know how COVID-19 is affecting our health-care workers



Study underway in Cumming School of Medicine, led by Dr. Sofia Ahmed, MD, to better understand impact of pandemic.

In May, Dr. Ahmed released a survey seeking information from health-care professionals on their individual experiences with the pandemic. It included questions about area of health care, type of practice (rural or urban), sex and gender, the impact the pandemic has had on clinical and research work, and their well-being as well as other areas.

The voluntary survey is anonymous and takes five to 10 minutes to complete online. Participants have the option to choose to undergo an additional telephone interview. Dr. Ahmed is still recruiting participants for the study. [Learn more about the study](#) and, if you are a health-care worker, how to participate.

Read the full UCalgary News article [here](#).

CATCO/SOLIDARITY COVID Treatment Trial START UP



Dear Colleagues,

Although this occurs as COVID-19 cases are decreasing in the Calgary zone, we are now up and running with the CATCO trial at FMC, SHC as well as PLC (will work on RGH shortly!).

This is an international multicenter open label adaptive randomized trial of COVID-19 treatment for hospitalized (general inpatients OR ICU) with confirmed COVID-19 illness. The adaptive nature of this trial will allow arms to be dropped or added if new safety or efficacy data becomes available and as such is well suited to the nature of the rapidly evolving knowledge on this illness.

The current design has 4 arms with listed caveats:

1. Control / standard of care arm
2. Lopinavir/ritonavir (Kaletra)
3. Remdesivir (drug supply pending sponsor/pharma/health Canada contracts)
4. Hydroxychloroquine (on hold temporarily as a safety review is completed ~ expected mid-June).

A brief overview video can be seen here: <https://www.screencast.com/t/07y0M40yhy>

We hope that this can be offered as an option for any new patient admitted with COVID-19. Currently admitted patients could also be considered if recent (<72hrs) or not improving / deterioration felt to be due to ongoing COVID-19 infection.

To refer a patient for evaluation: Please page 01815 (non-ICU) or 06975 (ICU) during “office” hours 9-5 any day of the week/weekend.

We will need from you:

1. Confirmation that ≥ 18 yo, hospitalized and + pcr for COVID-19
2. No expected to pass away within 24 hours or be transferred to another site
3. Not on or allergic to any of the study drugs, and not pregnant
4. Patient (or surrogate) agreeable to be contacted about study, and phone number to reach them

Note that there is an option to enrol a patient who is too ill / incapacitated to consent even if no surrogate decision maker available so please consider contacting our team in such cases as well.

We will then:

1. Contact the patient (or surrogate) for consent
2. Complete the screening process / chart review
3. Randomize to one of the treatment arms / order drug and any specific monitoring required
4. Leave information regarding study drug assignment and addition information on front of paper chart.
5. Review records daily and monitor for any issues, drug interactions or adverse events.

We hope that you will find this study a useful option for your patients admitted with COVID-19 illness. You may also know that other treatment trials are being setup (e.g. convalescent plasma, prone positioning) and it is important to note that an individual patient may participate in more than one trial. Our respective groups are working together to streamline the process for both clinical teams and patients so that enrolment in these treatment trials can be trigger through a single contact for all studies.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or one of the CATCO site co-investigators listed below.

Sincerely,

Alain Tremblay (pager 01816)
CATCO –Calgary PI

Co-investigators:

FMC: John Conly, Ranjani Somayaji, Ken Parhar (ICU)

PLC: Rachel Lim, Jason Weatherald

SHC: Erik Vakil, Charlene Fell

RGH: Patrick Mitchell

Joule COVID-19 Innovation Grant Program

Joule’s COVID-19 innovation grant program is providing up to \$1,000,000 in flexible funding to CMA members working on innovative solutions – with each initiative eligible up to \$200,000 in funding. To help fund these initiatives as quickly as possible, Joule has streamlined the entire process for these new grants – from the application to the evaluation of the granting of funds.

SPONSOR APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 21 at 11:59pm ET

For more information and details of how to apply, please visit Joule’s website by [clicking here](#).

Virtual Health

Skype for Business Webcam Requests

Did you know that AHS physicians can request a Webcam for their AHS Skype for Business Account?

To request a webcam, download and complete the [Skype for Business Peripheral Request Form](#) (Excel) and make sure to select 'Webcam' from the Requirement field drop-down menu. Once the form is complete, send a copy to SkypeForBusiness@albertahealthservices.ca for processing.

[Virtual Health / Zoom Resources](#)

Calgary Zone COVID Case Report and Testing Summary – June 5, 2020



Calgary Zone Capacity Assessment – June 5, 2020*

Urban Inpatient Sites	Current Hospitalization	Currently in ICU
ACH	3	0
FMC	12	1
PLC	5	1
RGH	8	1
SHC	7	1

* Data from [Provincial COVID 19 Hospitalizations: Daily Census Counts Tableau Database](#) updated to: 2020-06-04 11:59 pm

^ Data from [Calgary Zone Emergency Operation Center \(ZEOC\) – COVID-19 Pandemic Response Situation Placemat](#), Date: 2 June 2020 Time: 1600hrs

MEOC Update: Important COVID-19 Resources and Information

Visit AHS' **COVID-19** page for the latest updates and accurate information: ahs.ca/covid

Alberta Health Communications

[20 million masks to be distributed to Albertans](#) (29 May 2020)

AHS Interim Review of the COVID-19 Pandemic Response

Calgary ZEOC is supporting the 'AHS Interim Review of the COVID-19 Pandemic Response' in order to enhance preparedness for the 2nd wave.

Program/Area-specific debriefs will form an important part of this review. If you would like to schedule a debriefing, or have a debriefing report to submit, please contact ZEOC.CalgaryLearning@ahs.ca, or review the [AHS Organizational Debriefing Guide](#).

In addition, feedback will be collected via focused survey, and the [anonymous feedback portal](#) is now ready for use. ZEOC will be reaching out over the coming weeks to support collection of feedback.

Click the link to learn more:

<https://extranet.ahsnet.ca/teams/IncidentMgmt/Debrief/InterimReview/SitePages/Calgary%20Zone.aspx>

AHS COVID-19 Staff & Physician Resources

[Healthcare Worker / Staff Q&A novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) (updated 4 June 2020)

[COVID-19 Test Requisition \(Calgary Zone\)](#) (Form 21596(2020-06))

- [COVID-19 Test Requisition \(Calgary Zone\) Instructions for Use](#) (3 June 2020)

[Guideline for Monitoring and Managing COVID-19 Patients in Community](#) (3 June 2020)

Poster: [COVID-19 Guidelines for Outdoor Visits](#) (22 May 2020)

AHS Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) Approved Communications

Directive: [Communicable Disease \(Respiratory Including COVID-19 and ILI\) Screening, Assessment, and Monitoring in Acute Care](#) (3 June 2020)

Implementation Strategy: [Patient Screening and Symptom Assessment & Monitoring Recommendations for COVID-19](#) (3 June 2020)

[COVID-19: Expedited Testing](#) (1 June 2020)

[Health Information Sharing During COVID-19](#) (1 June 2020)

Population, Public and Indigenous Health Communicable Disease Control: [Department Standard Operating Procedure \(DSOP\) – COVID-19 \(formerly 2019-nCoV\)](#) (28 May 2020)

[Respiratory Management of Confirmed and Suspected Adult COVID-19 Patients](#) (31 May 2020)

[Resuming Sleep Testing and Follow-Up Services in Alberta During COVID-19](#) (31 May 2020)

[Resuming Lung Testing Services in Alberta During COVID-19](#) (31 May 2020)

Form 3 (MOH Certificate) Package

- [Province of Alberta Public Health Act: Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter P-37](#)
Recalcitrant Patients (sections 39 – 52)

- **Alberta *Public Health Act* and Medical Officer of Health Forms**

Medical Officer of Health forms posted on Alberta Health website at

<https://www.alberta.a/notifiable-disease-guidelines.aspx>, below the list of Disease management guidelines. These forms no longer have numbers, but the names of the forms are included in the *Public Health Act*.

Forms to be used by Medical Officers of Health when last resort interventions related to communicable diseases, as prescribed under the [Public Health Act](#), are necessary.

- [Notice of recalcitrant patient](#)
- [Certificate of a Medical Officer of Health](#)
- [Order to Apprehend Recalcitrant Patient](#)
- [Isolation Order](#)
- [Cancellation of Isolation Order](#)
- [Warrant for Examination](#)
- [Order to Apprehend Isolation Patient](#)
- [Memorandum of Transfer](#)

Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) Communications

APL Laboratory Bulletin: [Change in ordering Respiratory Pathogen Panel \(RPP\) and COVID-19 testing](#) (29 May 2020)

Calgary Zone / Calgary ZEOC Communications

[Acute Care Private Room Use – Calgary Zone](#) (29 May 2020)

Infection, Prevention & Control

Acute Care COVID-19 Expanded Testing

- [Acute Care COVID-19 Expanded Testing Algorithm](#) (3 June 2020)
- [Expanded Symptom List Implementation in Acute Care FAQ](#) (3 June 2020)
- [Communicable Disease \(Respiratory\) Initial Screening](#) (Form 21615(2020-05v2))
- [COVID-19 Symptom Identification and Monitoring](#) (Form 21616(Rev2020-05))
- [Discontinuation of Contact and Droplet Precautions for Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19](#) (Form 21624(2020-05))

RGH Site Command Post (SCP) Communications

Staff Support Space

The staff support space in Fisher Hall will be closing on Monday June 15, 2020. We want to thank everyone who contributed to the success of this space.

We hope that you were able to relax, unwind and reflect on your day before heading home to the responsibilities of family. Continue to take time for self-care and decompress from your busy days.

There continues to be many resources for you to access. Here are a few suggestions:

1. RIST-Rockyview Incident Support Team
 - Pager #08844-RIST
2. EFAP-Homewood Health
 - <https://insite.albertahealthservices.ca/hr/Page964.aspx>
3. TEXT 4 Hope
 - <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17019.aspx>
4. Help in Tough Times-AMH resources
 - <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/amh/Page16759.aspx>

Conference Room Bookings

Several conference rooms at RGH were closed or allocated for specific group use during the pandemic response. As of June 15th all of the conference rooms will be turned back over to the site for normal use.

Some groups are already starting to plan for small group meetings or small education/training sessions. We are still recommending people use Skype, teleconference where feasible. Please ensure in-person training sessions meet with the new guidelines of less than 15 people in the room, maintain physical distancing and have been approved by your department.

Laurie Harding, RN, BN, MAL

Site Director, Rockyview General Hospital

Completed COVID service? Please give us [feedback](#) on your experience!

Rocky Mountain Internal Medicine Conference



In light of COVID-19, and in order to ensure the safety of our attendees, we have decided to host RMIM20 in a virtual setting. We are still very committed to upholding our usual high academic standards; the format will just be different this year! We will be posting program and registration details soon, but please mark November 19th and 20th from 1:00 – 5:00 pm MST in your calendars!

In the meantime, we are now accepting abstracts on our website. For more information and to submit, please [click here](#).

Fit for Work

Please note: the preferred method for staff screening is to complete the [online Daily Fit for Work Questionnaire](#).

Fit for Work: [Protocols](#) | [Questionnaire](#)

Poster: [Fit for Work Screening](#)

Poster: [Fit for Work Online Screening Tool](#)

Internal Medicine Clerkship

The clinical clerkship for current medical students will recommence on Monday, June 15. Please visit our website to stay current on all things related to the IM Clerkship at the University of Calgary: www.imclerkship.ca

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