

Department of Medicine

Information Bulletin

June 19, 2020

Dr. Erika Dempsey appointed Vice Chair, Telehealth Medicine



The Department of Medicine is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Erika Dempsey** as the new **Vice Chair of Telehealth Medicine**, effective **July 1, 2020**.

Dr. Erika Dempsey is a Geriatric Medicine physician and a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine at the Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary.

Dr. Dempsey will be working with the Medical and AHS staff to support the provision of high quality, safe medical care through AHS approved telehealth services and platforms. Virtual Care, e-Advice, and Specialist Link are among the telehealth platforms, and the Department of Medicine will support efforts toward training, quality improvement, and development of best practices.

Please welcome and support Dr. Dempsey as she leads the Department in this emerging field.

Read the full message from Drs. Schaefer and Zarnke [here](#).

Virtual Health

Resources:

- [Virtual Health / Zoom Resources](#) (COVID-19 AHS Virtual Health website)
- [Operational Guide: Technology for Video Virtual Healthcare Delivery in Congregate Living Sites during COVID-19](#) (12 May 2020)
- [Operational Guide: Technology for Social Connection in Congregate Living Sites During COVID-19](#) (11 June 2020)
- [Virtual Health – Zoom Patient Information for Virtual Care](#)

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.

Accomplishments & Recognition

Dr. Gabriel Fabreau – CIHR Operating Grant: COVID-19 May 2020 Rapid Research



The Department is pleased to announce that Dr. Gabriel Fabreau and his research team, including Dr. Aleem Bharwani, have been awarded a COVID-19 May 2020 Rapid Research Operating Grant from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) for their study, “The Anatomy, Determinants, and Impacts of the Cargill COVID-19 Outbreak Among Newcomers and their Families in Canada”.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Fabreau and his team on this accomplishment.

Dr. Meghan Elliott – Kidney Foundation of Canada (KFOC) 2020 Kidney Health Research Grant



The Department is pleased to announce that Dr. Meghan Elliott is the recipient of a 2020 Kidney Health Research Grant from the Kidney Foundation of Canada (KFOC).

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Elliott on this accomplishment.

Upcoming Events

UCalgary Campfire Chats

June 19 2 – 3 pm [Register Here](#)

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?

National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21

Excerpt of message from Dr. Verna Yiu, AHS President and CEO:

On June 21, we are celebrating National Indigenous Peoples Day, recognizing the cultures and stories of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples across this land.

It is important to honour, recognize and celebrate the beauty and strengths of the First Peoples of this land. By focusing on these and building greater understanding and awareness, we can combat racism and build a better and more inclusive health system.

This year, Alberta Health Services (AHS) is celebrating virtually. As we approach National Indigenous Peoples Day, I encourage you to join us online at [Together4Health](#) and on our AHS Social media channels, where we will share stories and celebrate the contributions of Indigenous people here in Alberta.

You can learn more about Indigenous culture and history in Alberta through our [Indigenous awareness training](#). The Indigenous Peoples in Alberta: Introduction course and the Indigenous Awareness and Sensitivity eLearning certification program are available on [MyLearningLink](#).

By learning about each other and celebrating our diversity as a province and as an organization, we can create an inclusive healthcare system that is welcoming and respectful of all cultures, traditions

and beliefs. We all have a role to play in addressing racism and creating a workplace that is free of intolerance.

I encourage you to learn more about what we are doing as an organization to take a stand, as well as the supports that are available to you, by visiting the [Diversity & Inclusion webpages](#).

CIHR 2020 Project Grant Competitions – Ask Me Anything Webinar

CIHR is aware that there are ongoing questions surrounding the 2020 Project Grant competitions. CIHR is offering three additional Ask Me Anything sessions to give you answers. They invite you to send your questions in advance using the “Ask Questions” link below.

June 22 12:30 – 2:00 pm [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

[Ask questions](#) in advance: code pjt-ama-june22

Language: Presentation, questions and answers in English and French

June 25 12:30 – 2:00 pm [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)

[Ask questions](#) in advance: code pjt-ama-june25

Language: Presentation, questions and answers in English and French

June 29 12:30 – 2:00 pm [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting \(French\)](#)

[Ask questions](#) in advance: code pjt-ama-29juin

Language: Presentation, questions and answers in French

COVID Corner Webinar

Lessons Learned from the Last Three Months

June 24

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>.

Knowledge Engagement Webinar

Introduction to Knowledge Engagement

June 25 1:30 – 2:30 pm **Register here**

July 8 10:30 – 11:30 am **Register here**

Join the Knowledge Engagement (KE) team for a webinar and discussion about knowledge engagement on the UCalgary campus and beyond. Attendees will have the chance to learn about services and supports offered by the newly formed team in Research Services. Whether you're a researcher or a member of a community organization, we invite you to attend and learn about how the KE team can support you in achieving your research goals!

Visit the [Knowledge Engagement website](#) to explore the team's service offerings.

Presenters: UCalgary Knowledge Engagement Team: MacKinley Darlington, Alyse Pearce, Rand Al-Hashmy

Attendees must register in order to receive a Zoom URL

For any inquiries, please email knowledge.engagement@ucalgary.ca

Virtual Town Hall with Dr. Verna Yiu

Virtual Town Hall Skype Session for Calgary Zone

June 26 11:30 am – 12:30 pm [Join the meeting](#)

Staff, physicians, and volunteers are invited to participate in a virtual town hall and Q&A session with AHS President and CEO Dr. Verna Yiu on **Friday, June 26**.

Dr. Yiu will reflect on our COVID-19 response, supporting our wellbeing during this challenging time, and what the recent COVID-19 Pulse Survey told us about what you need to feel safe and supported.

A one-hour session is set for each zone to accommodate as many people as possible. These sessions will be recorded and posted on [Insite](#) shortly after they conclude.

You can join from any PC or mobile device browser.

Email your questions for Dr. Yiu in advance to [AHS CEO](#).

NSERC Webinars

How to submit a Notification of Intent to apply – Discovery Grants (DG) Program

Pre-Recorded Video: [NOI Overview and Tips](#)

June 23 1:00 – 2:00 pm (ET) [Link to Live Q&A](#)

July 9 1:00 – 2:00 pm (ET) [Link to Live Q&A](#)

Due to COVID-19, the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) is replacing live webinars with pre-recorded videos followed by live Q&A sessions. This series is meant to assist the research community on how to complete an application using the Research Portal and the NSERC Canadian Common CV (CCV).

NSERC requests that the pre-recorded videos are viewed prior to attending a Q&A session. New Q&A session dates will be added as they become available. Consult the [NSERC Webinars page](#) regularly to learn about upcoming information sessions.

Contact: [Danielle Demiantschuk](#)

Discovery Grant Session

Join us on **June 30, 2020 from 1:30pm to 3:00pm** as panelists from the Schulich School of Engineering, Faculty of Science and Cumming School of Medicine discuss applications to the Natural Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC) Discovery Grant competition (Fall 2020). Panelists will cover the following topics: a general application overview, meaningfully incorporating equity diversity and inclusion and strategies for those who are reapplying after a negative decision. Presentations will be followed by an hour Q&A period.

Zoom Details: Everyone is welcome. To join this session, please email Danielle at by June 26th to register. You will receive the Zoom link and password on the 29th to join on the 30th.

Contact: [Danielle Demiantschuk](#)

Office of Faculty Development & Performance (OFDP) Workshop

Teaching in the Clinical Setting

June 29 8:00 – 9:30 am [Register Here](#)

If you teach in the clinical setting then this workshop is for you! We will talk about some of the challenges of clinical teaching and practical approaches you can use. Come prepared to hear some great tips and share ideas!

By the end of this workshop, you will be able to:

1. Identify challenges of clinical teaching
2. Describe approaches to teaching in the clinical setting
3. Apply clinical teaching tips based on cognitive psychology principles
4. Practice clinical teaching strategies

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.)

- 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.

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

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).

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/>. Please visit [airhelpsite.ca](#) for other AIR resources, including videos, manuals, and FAQs.

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!

The Office of Faculty Development and Performance (OFDP) 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](#).

Research Office

Update: Research Management System

Research Management System (RMS) is a new system, launched in June 2019, that will manage the pre-award, post-award, and publication phases of a research grant or contract. New features and additional competitions will continue to be added in RMS.

New features in RMS:

- Letter of Intent (LOI) for single sponsor competitions
- Foreign currency capability
- Additional roles added to RMS for Project Maintenance
- Early Release of Funds date calculation changes

Competitions now available in RMS:

Internal RSO Deadline	Competition
Ongoing	Alberta Innovates – Strategic Networking and Development
15 July 2020	Canadian Blood Services: Blood Efficiency Accelerator Award Program
16 July 2020	Sick Kids Foundation: 2020 New Investigator Research Grant
18 August 2020	Weston Brain Institute Transformational Research 2020: Alzheimer's and Related Diseases
18 August 2020	Weston Brain Institute Rapid Response: Canada 2020 (Alzheimer's & Related Diseases)
28 August 2020	Arthritis Society Strategic Operating Grants
2 September 2020	The Drummond Foundation Research Grant 2020
11 September 2020	Canadian Cancer Society Research Institute 2020 Impact Grants
9 October 2020	Weston Brain Institute Rapid Response: Canada 2020 (Parkinson's & Related Diseases)
9 October 2020	Weston Brain Institute Transformational Research 2020: Parkinson's and Related Diseases
4 January 2021	CIHR Team Grant: Diabetes Mechanisms and Translational Solutions

Note that some competitions have earlier Registration or LOI phases not yet running through RMS, so please check the [Funding Deadline Calendar](#) for full submission details. Please visit research.ucalgary.ca/rms for an up-to-date list of competitions being managed with RMS.

If you plan to submit to one of the competitions listed here, please ensure that you and your team members complete the appropriate steps:

1. Set up [Multi-Factor Authentication](#) (required to access RMS)
2. Arrange RMS training by contacting the RMS Project Team at rms@ucalgary.ca

Get Started with RMS

Subscribe to receive all RMS communications

DOM COVID-19 Research Opportunities

Canadian Treatment of COVID-19 Trial (CATCO) / WHO Solidarity Trial

(ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT04330690)

- Antiviral treatment trial available for any adult patient admitted with COVID-19 illness to Calgary Adult hospital sites. Please **page 01815** during daytime hours 7 days a week if your patient is agreeable to be contacted by our team to get more information about enrolling.

COVID & SGLT2-i Study (ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT04350593)

- The [Dapagliflozin in Respiratory Failure in Patients With COVID-19](#) clinical trial is looking for potential collaborators in the Department of Medicine. If you are interested in collaborating on this trial, please contact Sofia Ahmed at sofia.ahmed@ahs.ca.

Are you a Department of Medicine member looking to enrol patients or health care workers in your COVID-19 Research Project? If so, please complete this [short online form!](#)

CIHR Institute Advisory Boards (IABs) – 2020 Membership Renewal Cycle

CIHR has launched the 2020 IAB membership renewal cycle, and a number of CIHR Institutes are looking for new members to fill gaps on their IABs. Submit your web [application form](#) by July 6, 2020 to be considered for the 2020 cycle.

Please visit <https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/18156.html> for more information and a list of CIHR Institutes looking for new IAB members.

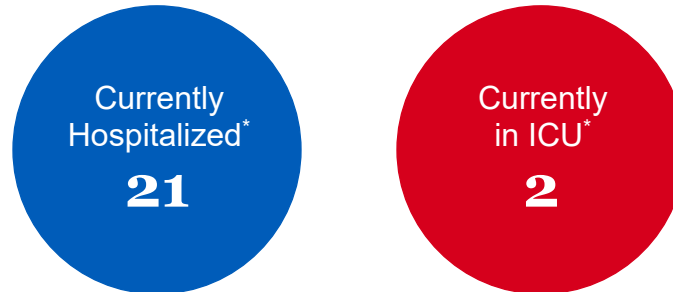
Joule COVID-19 Innovation Grant Program

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](#).

Calgary Zone COVID Case Report – June 18, 2020



Calgary Zone Capacity Assessment – June 18, 2020*

Urban Inpatient Sites	Current Hospitalization	Currently in ICU
ACH	0	0
FMC	10	1
PLC	3	0
RGH	6	1
SHC	2	0

Calgary Zone Historic Summary (previous 5 days)*

	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17
# COVID+ admitted	20	20	19	19	19
Total ICU Cases	4	4	4	4	3

* Data from [Provincial COVID 19 Hospitalizations: Daily Census Counts Tableau Database](#) updated to: 2020-06-18 11:59 pm

MEOC Update: Important COVID-19 Resources and Information

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

AHS COVID-19 Staff & Physician Resources

- [Understanding Visitor Restrictions Quick Reference](#) (posted 18 June 2020)
- [Return to Work Guide for AHS Healthcare Workers](#) (18 June 2020)
- [COVID-19 Healthcare Worker / Staff FAQ](#) (Updated 16 June 2020)
- [AHS Transparent Barrier Guidelines](#) (16 June 2020)
- [Taking Charge of What You Can: A COVID-19 Toolkit](#) (15 June 2020)
- [Guidance to Help Make Continuous Masking Work for You](#) (15 June 2020)

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE):

- [PPE Update for Community Physicians](#) (16 June 2020)
- [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) – FAQ](#) (Updated 16 June 2020)
- [Continuing Care – Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) FAQ](#) (15 June 2020)

AHS Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) Approved Communications

Patient Discharge from Hospital (Updated):

- [COVID-19 Safe Discharge Checklist Appendices](#) (Updated 15 June 2020)
- [COVID-19 Safe Discharge Home Checklist](#) (Form 21622 (Rev2020-06))
- [My Discharge Checklist](#) (Updated: 4 June 2020)
- [Provincial Pandemic Flowsheet](#) (Updated: 10 June 2020)

Isolation Order Package (9 May 2020, unless otherwise indicated):

- [Process for use of Public Health Act for managing hospitalized individuals who are non-compliant with requirements for isolation](#) (8 June 2020)
- [Alberta Public Health Act and Medical Officer of Health Forms](#)
- [Medical Director Responsibilities – Isolation Order under Section 44 of Public Health Act](#)
- [Copy of Section 49 of Public Health Act – Recalcitrant Patients](#)
- [COVID Template Letter to CMOH Re Isolation Order](#)
- [COVID Template Letter to CMOH Cancellation Isolation Order](#)
- [Recalcitrant Patients \(from Public Health Act, Revised Statutes of Alberta 2000, Chapter P-37\)](#)

Pronouncement of Death:

- [Pronouncement of Death during COVID-19 by AHS Nursing Professionals: FAQ](#) (16 June 2020)
- [Pronouncement of Death by Nursing Professionals - Professional Practice Notice](#) (15 June 2020)

Infection, Prevention & Control

[IPC COVID-19 Interim Recommendations Info Sheet](#) (Revised 15 June 2020)

[Interim Alcohol-based Hand Rub \(ABHR\) Preservation and Prioritization Measures](#) (15 June 2020)

[Product Distribution Priorities, Disinfectant Options and Communication during Supply Disruptions in the Pandemic](#) (15 June 2020)

Patient & Family Virtual Visitation:

- [Return of Virtual Visitation iPads](#) (12 June 2020)
- [Evaluation and Redeployment of Non-IT iPads Process](#) (5 June 2020)
- [iPad use and Restrictions for Virtual Visitations](#) (5 June 2020)
- [Cleaning and Disinfecting iPads](#) (5 May 2020)
- [Connecting Audio Accessories to iPads](#) (5 May 2020)
- [Deep Cleaning the iPad](#) (5 May 2020)
- [Staff User Guide for Patient-Family Virtual Visitation \(iPads\)](#) (5 May 2020)
- [Staff Workflow for Patient-Family Virtual Visitation](#) (5 May 2020)
- [Virtual Visitation FAQ](#) (5 June 2020)
- [Virtual Visitation iPads Memo](#) (5 June 2020)
- [Connecting to Healthspot](#) (30 April 2020)
- [Zoom Guide for Patient-Family Virtual Visitation](#) (27 April 2020)
- [iPad Principles for Usage and Deployment of Devices for Virtual Visitors](#) (24 April 2020)
- [Reset and Activate iPad](#) (24 April 2020)
- [Securing and Charging the iPad](#) (23 April 2020)
- [Terms and Conditions for the Use of AHS Device for Virtual Visitation](#) (23 April 2020)
- [Requesting a Device for Patient-Family Virtual Visitation](#) (20 April 2020)

FMC Centralized Ambulatory Asymptomatic Swabbing Clinic

As part of the provincial testing strategy, zones are being asked to provide the option of COVID-19 testing for asymptomatic patients when they are on site for their regularly scheduled ambulatory visit. As such, AHS will be offering this service on the FMC campus in a central location where any patient who wishes to have the testing can go to following their ambulatory appointment.

Effective Monday June 15th, 2020, this central testing location will be in the North Tower main floor outpatient lab R126 and will be open to accept asymptomatic ambulatory patients between the hours of 0900-1700 Monday to Friday.

Please note this service is available for the (Alberta resident) ambulatory patient only. Any accompanying visitor who is interested in testing is to be directed to book their appointment online or by calling Health Link. Any out of province patients or visitors are directed to inquire about testing in their home province.

The [Asymptomatic COVID-19 Testing for Ambulatory Patients algorithm](#) outlines the process steps to support patients being swabbed at this location, during these hours.

There are a number of other documents that are referenced in the algorithm:

- [Calgary Zone COVID testing requisition](#): to be provided to the patient in the ambulatory area and taken to the Asymptomatic Swabbing Clinic (if they wish to be tested)
- [Ambulatory Testing Memo](#): to be provided to patients &/or posted in the ambulatory areas
- [Asymptomatic COVID-19 Ambulatory Testing](#): to be posted in the ambulatory areas
- [Asymptomatic FAQ](#): to be shared with ambulatory staff as you see fit

Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) Rapid Reviews

[Effectiveness of Workplace Screening Programs](#) (12 June 2020)

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

Fit for Work

As we increase health care activity across the province and welcome larger numbers of patients and visitors back to our sites, protocols for Fit for Work screening are being adjusted to reflect a more sustainable approach. To minimize the spread of COVID-19, daily fit for work screening will still be required for all staff, physicians, and volunteers who will be in proximity to other workers, patients or the public. How this screening occurs will be changing. **Starting Wednesday June 17th**, staff, physician, and volunteer fit for work screening at all building entrances will be discontinued.

Patients and visitors will still undergo a health screening prior to entering at this time.

When you report for work to your department or unit, you are acknowledging that you are healthy and fit for work. All staff, physicians, and volunteers must continue to ask themselves the fit for work screening questions prior to coming to work each day, using the paper form or the app as a tool. If you are sick, have had an exposure, or have travelled outside of the country, you need to stay home and contact your supervisor or manager. Managers may choose to implement a department specific process to verify that staff are completing the fit for work screening consistently but all staff, physicians and volunteers will continue to be responsible for their own work fitness regardless.

It is our shared responsibility to ensure we are all healthy at work to protect staff, physicians, patients and visitors.

For general information about changes to Fit for Work screening, or to access the fit for work questionnaire, please visit <https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17076.aspx>

Fit for Work: [Online Questionnaire](#)

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

Fit for Work: [Screening Implementation Guide](#)

Poster: [Fit for Work Screening](#)

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

Poster: [Welcome to Work](#)

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Happy Pride

Learn more about AHS workforce resource groups and how you can be [Proud Together](#) as a member or ally of the LGBTQ2S+ communities.