

Department of Medicine

Information Bulletin

May 29, 2020

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 a link to your ARO Lifetime Report, please [complete this brief request form](#).

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

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

AIR Deadline: 30 June 2020

The AIR will close at **11:59 pm on June 30, 2020**. All AMHSP members must submit their AIR before this date and time.

Please visit airhelpsite.ca for AIR resources, including videos, manuals, and FAQs. Information on upcoming Virtual AIR Town Halls 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.

IMRP Tablets for Patients Fundraiser

Face-to face interaction between a patient and their family is beneficial to their overall health. The current visitor limitations due to COVID-19 have prompted many groups within the Foothills Medical Centre to seek ways to help facilitate these interpersonal connections.

In support of a larger Calgary Health Trust initiative called the *Patient Virtual Experience*, the Internal Medicine Resident Program (IMRP) Charity Committee has organized a Tablets for Patients fundraiser, with the goal of raising \$4,000 to help in the purchase of security devices and tablet electronic devices to connect patients, family and care providers.

If you wish to support the purchase of these critical communication tools, please visit the [Tablets for Patients Eventbrite web page](#) by **Sunday, May 31**.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming OADR Grant Development Office Webinars:

Ready, set ... revise: IPR in a time of COVID

Wednesday, June 3, 2020

11:00 am – Noon

[Register](#)

Presenters:

Jenna Slobozian, Manager, Grant Development

Ray Turner, Associate Dean Research Grants

Savraj Grewal and Melissa Shea-Budgell, IPR Leads, Arnie Charbonneau Cancer Institute

Learn how to set up and get the most out of internal peer review during COVID. Get ideas for how to revise and improve your grant.

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

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 4 12 – 1 pm [Register Here](#)

June 11 12 – 1 pm [Register Here](#)

AHS Our People Strategy Webinar

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

Building Resilience

June 9 | 10:00 – 11:00 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, 2020

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>.

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 enrol 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.)

- June 4
- 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.

Research Office

Call for applications – [The 2020 Petro-Canada Young Innovator Award in Community Health Competition](#) (link to guidelines and application)

The Cumming School of Medicine welcomes applications for The Petro-Canada Young Innovator Award in Community Health. The competition is open to all faculty members at the University of Calgary who have been appointed for no more than six years to a faculty position (including appointments at other institutions, worldwide) at the time of the application deadline.

The award is intended to support the research of a young faculty member whose work offers promise to significantly advance our understanding of the determinants of population health and methods to promote behaviour modification directed at disease prevention. Preference will be given to interdisciplinary initiatives involving other faculties or educational institutions.

The criteria for selection will include: the degree of innovation of the proposed work, the quality of the proposal (objectives and methodology), the overall academic achievement of the applicant, and how much impact the Award would have on the progress of the project.

Applicants can request up to \$36,100.

All applications must be submitted to the Office of the Associate Dean Research with a CV by: Wednesday, July 15th, 2020.

Questions? Contact Patty Beug-Jang: medendow@ucalgary.ca

CIHR Operating Grant: COVID-19 Mental Health and Substance Use Service Needs and Delivery

This funding opportunity will tackle the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on mental health and substance use and develop new models of health services for mental illness and problematic substance use to address the expected increased needs due to COVID-19 and to inform effective mental health and substance use services for all Canadians, and in particular for those with the greatest needs and/or vulnerability.

IMPORTANT: Given the short timelines for CIHR COVID-19 funding opportunities **ALL** interested applicants are asked to contact [Clint Westgard](#). The Grant Development Office will work with applicants to ensure they complete all necessary tasks and meet both the CIHR deadlines and internal deadlines.

Anticipated Launch: Early June

Eligibility: It is required that at least one project participant, other than the Principal Applicant, be a [knowledge user](#).

Value and Term: TBD

Objectives:

1. To understand and address the acute mental health and/or substance use needs of individuals, communities and/or populations, and/or the effects on related care systems, due to the COVID-19 pandemic
2. To develop the evidence to better match access to mental health and/or substance use services with the people who need them the most, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic

Research Areas:

Eligible research areas include (these may be updated from the Knowledge Synthesis competition):

- Knowledge translation approaches, practices and platforms applied to inform both population-level and targeted mental health and substance use responses during the pandemic. This includes resilience and wellness responses/approaches;
- Population-based interventions to reduce potential mental health and substance use impacts of COVID-19 caused by factors including but not limited to: prolonged periods of social isolation, unexpected employment disruptions, school closures, financial distress, and changes to routine;
- Targeted interventions to address the mental health and substance use issues and needs of high-risk groups;
- Innovative surveillance and monitoring in both the general Canadian population and amongst high-risk groups to assess mental health and substance use needs and system transformations (including the use of learning health systems, other modes of service delivery (e.g., virtual care), alternate remuneration models, etc.).

Further updates will be provided once the competition has launched. Please contact [Clint Westgard](#) in the Grant Development Office if you have any questions or for more information.

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](#)

Zoom for Virtual Care Webinars & Open Office Hours

AHS Virtual Health is now hosting [regular webinars and office hours](#), every Tuesday and Thursday from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., to provide staff, clinicians and physicians with tips and tricks for using Zoom to connect with colleagues and patients.

Calgary Zone COVID Case Report and Testing Summary – May 28, 2020



Calgary Zone Capacity Assessment – May 28, 2020*

Urban Inpatient Sites	Current Hospitalization	Currently in ICU
ACH	3	0
FMC	15	1
PLC	5	1
RGH	9	1
SHC	7	0
Rural Inpatient Sites	Current Hospitalization	Currently in ICU
Oilfields Hospital	1	0

Calgary Zone Historic Summary (past 5 days)*

	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26	May 27
# COVID+ admitted	38	35	35	37	39
Total ICU Cases	6	5	4	4	3

* Data from [Provincial COVID 19 Hospitalizations: Daily Census Counts Tableau Database](#) updated to: 2020-05-28 11:59 pm

^ Data from [Calgary Zone Emergency Operation Center \(ZEOC\) – COVID-19 Pandemic Response Situation Placemat](#), Date: 26 May 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

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 surveys, 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 here to access the feedback portal](#).

AHS COVID-19 Staff & Physician Resources

[Healthcare Worker / Staff Q&A novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) (updated May 26, 2020)

[Communication Access – Provider Learning & Resources](#) (May 2020)

[Discontinuation of Contact and Droplet Precautions for Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19](#) (Form 21624(2020-05))

[COVID-19 Symptom Identification and Monitoring](#) (Form 21616(Rev2020-05))

[Resilience, Wellness and Mental Health Resource Guide](#) (7 May 2020)

AHS Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) Approved Communications

[Multi-Faith Resources: Alienation & Separation During a Pandemic](#) (26 May 2020)

Calgary Zone / Calgary ZEOC Communications

[COVID-19: The Calgary Zone story](#) (26 May 2020)

Sample Collection / Transport: Sample container leaks due to improper handling and issues with swab/container size mismatch persist. This is causing an increased number of repeat tests, and is a waste of critical testing supplies.

Infection Prevention & Control Communications

[IPC Resources for Resuming Ambulatory Care Clinics during COVID-19 Pandemic](#) (27 May 2020)

[IPC Resource Manual – Acute Care \(Diseases & Conditions Table\)](#)

Scientific Advisory Group Rapid Response Reports

[Singing as a risk for transmission of SARS-CoV-2 virus](#) (22 May 2020)

[Rehabilitation Needs for COVID-19 Patients](#) (19 May 2020)

Sunrise Clinical Manager

COVID-19 Order Sets:

- [COVID-19 Adult Admission Order Set](#) (Form 21614(Rev2020-05)) Print on Demand
- [COVID-19 Adult Admission Order Set Reference Document](#) (21 May 2020)

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

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](#)

I'd like to bring to your attention some of the challenges that the entrance screeners have been encountering lately. Since some of the social distancing rules have been relaxed and temperatures are no longer being taken, staff and patients are getting the sense that screening at the entrances is not as important as it used to be. As a result, both staff and patients are trying to bypass the screeners resulting in screening being missed while some have been rude at times to the screeners.

Screening at the entrances is still an important part of keeping staff, physicians and patients safe. We still need everyone's cooperation with screening. Here's how you can help:

- Please make sure you are not bypassing the screeners. Make sure that you are arriving early enough to be screened and still make it to your workplace on time.
- If you are being screened on your unit, please politely indicate that to the screeners as you walk by. You may still be asked to perform hand hygiene which you should be doing.
- If you are using the App to pre-screen, the screeners still need to see the date on your App. Please note that the screening is only good for 2 hours and so it must be 'green'. If it's yellow, it means the 2-hour window has expired and you must redo the pre-screening before you can be admitted into the building.
- Whether you are using the App or not, let the screeners know that there have been no recent changes in your health status.
- Please make sure you show your AHS ID to the screeners.
- If you are being screened at the entrance, make sure that your sticker has the date of when the screening took place.
- Above all, please be friendly, patient and courteous.

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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