INFORMATION BULLETIN
August 2019

Reminder—Calgary Zone Medical Services QIPS Survey

On behalf of the Vice Chair and Associate Medical Director, Health Analytics & Safety, Department of Medicine

We kindly ask all Department Members to participate in the survey of Quality Improvement (QI) and Patient Safety (PS) activities within Calgary zone medical services.

The goal of this survey is to learn about the current organizational structure and funding of QIPS activities within Calgary Medical Services.

Your responses to this survey will be anonymized. This survey should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete.

Access the survey here.

If you are interested in participating in adverse event reviews within the DoM Clinical Safety Committee, please contact Dr. Ambasta directly at aambasta@ucalgary.ca. You will be invited to attend a training session in the methodology to conduct reviews and would work in teams to carry out these reviews.

If you have any questions regarding the QIPS survey, please contact: Dr. Anshula Ambasta: aambasta@ucalgary.ca, or Dr. Ward Flemons: flemons@ucalgary.ca

Important Dates & Upcoming Deadlines

CIHR Fall 2019 Project Grant Registration Deadline August 14, 2019

Heritage Day (Statutory Holiday) September 2, 2019

DoM Medical Grand Rounds Re-Start September 10, 2019 8:00—9:00 am Foothills Campus, HSC Clara Christie Theatre

DoM New Faculty Orientation September 5, 2019 12:00—6:00 pm Legacy Suite, UCalgary Dining Hall

CIHR Fall 2019 Project Grant Internal RSO Application Deadline September 9, 2019 9:00 am

Dr. Lloyd Sutherland

On behalf of Drs. Richard Leigh and Mark Swain

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of Dr. Lloyd Sutherland’s passing on August 1, 2019.

Lloyd was a true visionary leader of our Department and the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology. He was a dynamic force in shaping and nurturing the GI Division to become the academic research focused success it is today. It was also his strategic vision that created hepatology as a distinct service within GI in Calgary.

As a Department we are indebted to Lloyd's hard work and passion that facilitated the creation of one of the best GI Divisions in Canada.

Our warmest thoughts go out in support of Lloyd's family and friends.
**Update Your Information**

**INSITE STAFF DIRECTORY**

To promote ease of communication within the Department, all Department Members (physicians and staff) are asked to update their contact information on the Insite Staff Directory, and to ensure that this information is kept up-to-date.

**Update Contact Information**

To update your contact information, including your title, work phone, and address in the Insite Staff Directory:

1. Navigate to: https://ars.healthy.bewell.ca/ARServerUser/
2. Login with your AHS username and password
3. Click on “User Profile Editor”
4. Correct or add new information
5. Click Save, then Exit

If the corrections do not appear the next business day, contact your IT Service Desk.

**A detailed How-To Guide for updating your contact information can be found here.**

**Update Staff Directory Photos**

For instructions on how to add your photo to the Staff Directory, please visit:


**Update Reporting Information**

All ‘Reports To’ changes must go through an employee’s receiving manager who submits a signed PAR (Position Action Request) form to: position.management@ahs.ca.

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**How can I become an even more amazing clinical teacher?**

To all of the amazing clinical faculty who teach in the Cumming School of Medicine:

Have you been teaching in the clinical setting and wondering, “How can I further develop my teaching skills? How can I help learners optimize their learning and also feel personally fulfilled as a teacher?”

Maybe you have never had the opportunity to receive expert teaching and feedback on your own teaching skills? If any of these common thoughts have crossed your mind, keep reading ahead, we have the answers for you!

The **Peer Consultation in Clinical Teaching program** links clinical teachers with clinical educators experienced in facilitating development of clinical skills.

Participation may be claimed as Section 3 credits in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Maintenance of Certification Program. **There is no charge to participate in the program.**

Sign up today by contacting Kenna Kelly-Turner at kskellyt@ucalgary.ca!

Sincerely,

Amanda Roze des Ordons, MD FRCPC MMEd
Adam Bass, MD FRCPC MMEd
Sarah Weeks, MD FRCPC MMEd
Adrian Harvey, MD FRCPC MMEd
David Keegan, MD CCFP

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**Heart failure patients find success in CardioMEMS**

Dr. Brian Clarke, Clinical Associate Professor in the Departments of Cardiac Sciences and Medicine, is featured in the July 25, 2019 issue of AHS Interchange story, “Heart failure patients find success in CardioMEMS”.

Read the full AHS Interchange article [here](#).
Internal Medicine Residency Program Update

Marcy Mintz, Program Director

100 core IM trainees...

We are excited to have 36 new PGY1’s in our core program- wow! Please see the composite [here](#) and please extend a friendly welcome to all of the new trainees.

Accreditation

Please note that the core IM programs Internal Accreditation review is November 12 and 13 - each Division Head has been asked to ensure that there are 4-6 divisional members present for the reviewers to meet with on November 12.

IMRP - who are we....

Program Director: Dr. Marcy Mintz

Associate PD’s: Drs. Stacey Hall (FMC), Ghazwan Altabbaa (RGH), Paul LeBlanc (PLC) and Paul Davis (SHC).

Assistant PD’s: POCUS-Drs. Irene Ma and Janeve Desy; Research- Drs. Anshula Ambasta and Janeve Desy.

CBD Lead: Dr. Darren Burback

DOM CBD Faculty Development lead: Dr. Maria Bacchus

Chief Residents (PGY3’s): Bryce Barr, Richard Gagnon, Alyssa Lip and Stefana Pancic

Administrative Staff:

Stacey Dickinson: IMRP Administrative Team Lead: [Stacey.Dickinson@ahs.ca](mailto:Stacey.Dickinson@ahs.ca)

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CBME

We started the formal CBME launch July 1 and all trainees and faculty have been onboarded to e-portfolio. If you have not been onboarded please speak with the main IMRP admin (see above) to sort out. Trainees are expected to complete 6 EPA’s per block and your role is to please initiate EPAs and complete these in a timely manner. Your CBD leads are aware of which EPAs are earmarked for your section and if there are questions please contact Darren Burback who is our CBD lead; [Darren.burback@ahs.ca](mailto:Daren.burback@ahs.ca).

The EPA topics can be found [here](#).

Awards & Recognition

Dr. Michael Walsh was recognized by the Professional Association of Resident Physicians of Alberta (PARA) for his exceptional contribution to his program, and was awarded the Resident Physician of the Month Award for August 2019. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Walsh on this accomplishment!

A Fellow resident had this to say about Dr. Walsh:

“I had the pleasure of working with Mike when he was ward senior during my second ever block of MTU. It was a stressful month to say the least and Mike made it so much fun. He loves to teach, has so much knowledge, is a natural at being a senior and is so passionate about medicine and his patients. I got to learn so much from him! Not only does he have these academic qualities, he is also funny, kind and genuinely cares for your well-being. He is loved by all his colleagues and deserves recognition for being who he is!”
The IMRP Charity Committee, in partnership with the Calgary Women’s Emergency Shelter will be having their first annual coffee house on August 28, 2019 from 8:00—10:00 pm at the St. Andrew’s Heights Community Hall.

Light snacks and coffee will be provided. Performances by volunteer residents have been arranged. There are still a few performance slots remaining. Should anyone in the IMRP Program be interested in performing, please contact Kimberly Nix directly at kimberly.nix@ahs.ca.

The proceeds from the event will be in support of the Calgary Women’s Emergency Shelter, as voted on by the resident body. This organization provides supports to women and families experiencing family violence. Last year alone, over 10,000 Calgary women and families used the shelter. They also provide counselling services and an emergency helpline.

Tickets are $10 and can be purchased in advance here, or at the door. There is also an option to purchase a ‘there in spirit’ ticket if you are unable to attend the event. All ticket sale proceeds will go to the charity.

The event is open to all IMRP Residents, staff, family and friends.

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**Rocky Mountain Internal Medicine 2019**

**Register Now!**

RMIM will be held at the beautiful Rimrock Resort Hotel, from November 14-16, 2019. This annual conference attracts general internists, medical students, residents, allied health professionals, and thought leaders from across Western Canada to participate in a variety of practical learning activities focused on enhancing clinical practice, and includes plenary talks, workshops, research discussions, formal dinners, exhibitions, and networking opportunities.

[www.rockymountainIM.com](http://www.rockymountainIM.com)

**Now Accepting Abstracts**

Abstract submissions are being accepted for clinical case presentations, quality improvement, and original research.

New this year, abstracts can be submitted online.

Deadline for submissions is August 31, 2019.

[www.rockymountainIM.com/research](http://www.rockymountainIM.com/research)
FMC Medical Staff Association: Become a Member at Large!

What is the FMC Medical Staff Association (MSA)?
The FMC Medical Staff Association (MSA) represents all physicians working at the Foothills Medical Centre, and is a subsidiary of the larger Calgary and Area Medical Staff Society (CAMSS).
CAMSS is an independent medical staff voice that represents practitioners working in Alberta Health Services - Zone 5. Members include both physicians with hospital privileges and those working in the community, dentists, maxillofacial surgeons, podiatrists, scientists and medical administrative leaders who have an AHS medical staff appointment.

The FMC MSA Executive consists of:

- Outgoing President: Dr. Marie Claire Bourque marieclaire.bourque@ahs.ca
- Incoming President: Dr. Rachel Grimminck rachel.grimminck@ahs.ca
- Vice-President: Dr. Rachel Grimminck
- Past President: Dr. Trevor Chan Trevor.Chan@ahs.ca

Members at Large include:

- Dr. Peter Jamieson
- Dr. Larissa Seredycz
- Dr. Pamella Manning
- Dr. Stephen Congly

What does the FMC MSA do?
In the last year, the FMC MSA has hosted events on women in medical leadership, legalization of cannabis and physician wellness. In addition to hosting events, they also oversee the annual FMC Physician of the Year Award and Service Recognition Awards.

The Foothills Medical Staff Association is responsible for supporting communication and programming in the FMC Doc’s Lounge which contributes to a cohesive and effective medical staff, identifying and escalating issues related to physician practice logistics, and advising FMC Site Administration related to Physician Lounge issues. The FMC MSA Executive also liaises with AHS Food Services regarding the parameters of service provided in the FMC Doc’s Lounge.

How Do I Get involved?
The FMC MSA is working to engage physicians from a wide variety of specialties in the MSA.

If you are interested in growing as a leader, building networks, better understanding medical leadership structures, and contributing to the vitality of the FMC site, please contact Dr. Rachel Grimminck at rachel.grimminck@ahs.ca.

To learn more about the FMC Medical Staff Association, please visit www.albertazmsa.com/fmc-msa.
CALL FOR PRESENTERS— DISCOVERY DAY 2019

Discovery Day in Health Sciences presented by MD Financial Management is being hosted by Cumming School of Medicine, in partnership with the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame, on Friday, October 25, 2019. Offered at 14 sites across Canada, this event encourages young people to explore exciting career options in the health sciences. Over 300 students from secondary schools in Calgary and surrounding area are expected to attend.

The objective of the day is to spark students’ interest in considering a future career in the health sciences. Workshop presenters coordinate and lead up to two interactive 90 minute sessions (am and/or pm) that stimulate learning and interest in their field for students in grades 10 to 12 who are interested in science. The session should include a brief description of the academic path to the current position and an interactive activity or simulation in the respective health field.

Presenters in our one hour moderated “Health Pros Tell All” career panel discussion have the opportunity to share the story of the evolution of their career and answer students’ questions. These events are very well received by participants and are an important part of how they explore their options in the health sciences. We track and share all student feedback with presenters.

Outreach opportunities to all of our community stakeholders are important to all of our health sciences faculties and your willingness to participate is greatly appreciated.

Details that may be helpful to anyone in making a decision about taking part in this event:

- Workshops times are 10:00 – 11:30 am and 12:30 – 2:00 pm in a location chosen by the presenter
- The Career Panel discussion will be held from 2:15 – 3:15 in the Libin Lecture Theatre, Health Sciences Centre
- Event day agenda, workshop and career panel forms are available at http://www.cdnmedhall.org/ucalgary
- Deadline for submissions is Thursday, September 5th

If you have any questions please contact Nani Moleko, Discovery Day Coordinator for the Canadian Medical Hall of Fame, at 519.488.2003, 6113 | nmoleko@cdnmedhall.org

Thank you for your consideration and support of this endeavour.

Sincerely,

Jon Meddings, MD FRCPC FCAHS
Dean, Cumming School of Medicine

Lissa Foster, Executive Director
Canadian Medical Hall of Fame