The University of Alberta, Department of Medicine respectfully acknowledges that we are situated on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis people.

Message from the Chair
What You Need to Know

- **Voluntary Personal Leave Plan (PLP)** - The Voluntary Personal Leave Plan (PLP) is now open. The plan offers the opportunity for eligible employees to take additional leave while producing cost savings to individual departments or units.
  - Academic Staff Members of AASUA will fill out the [Voluntary PLP Application form](#), forward to Employment Services by August 6, 2021 and provide a copy to Academic HR, Department of Medicine.
  - AMHSP, Clinical Faculty not under the AASUA Collective Agreement will fill out the [Department of Medicine Voluntary PLP Application form](#) and forward to Academic HR, Department of Medicine by August 6, 2021.

- **Sabbatical for Academic Faculty Members** - It is the time of year to consider eligibility for Sabbatical for the upcoming academic year (effective date July 1, 2022). Deadline: August 2, 2021

- **Scholarly Work Tracking** - The Department of Medicine would like to highlight the scholarly work of our researchers to enhance visibility within and outside of the department. We are currently collecting ORCID #s. If you do not already have one, we encourage you to visit [https://orcid.org/](https://orcid.org/) - it is free to register and use.

- The 2020-21 ARO submission deadline is September 30, 2021
  - See [attached correspondence](#) for more information on the annual review process and to book your meeting with the Department Chair
  - Members are also encouraged to [document the effects of the pandemic on academic work](#)

**DoM Academic Learning Series**
• **ARO Training Session from 1:20-3:30 PM on Friday, September 17, 2021** - this Session is for DoM faculty members and will provide information on how to best to use the ARO and the latest updates. Register [HERE](#). (if this is too late for you, please register for one of the FoMD-wide ARO Training Sessions, listed below).

• **ARO Training Sessions** – info on how to best to use the ARO and latest updates.
  - July 27, 2021: 12:00 - 1:30 pm - for those unfamiliar with the ARO, open to ALL users.
  - August 11, 2021: 12:00 - 1:30 pm
  - August 18, 2021: 12:00 - 1:30 pm
  - August 26, 2021: 3:30 - 5:00 pm

• **Clinical Reasoning** - (for those who provide clinical teaching to undergrad or postgrad learners or who facilitate DL or other small group teaching in the MD program). This is a 3-part series:
  - The Fundamentals of Clinical Reasoning - Thursday, September 23, 2021, 9:00-10:30 am
  - What’s in a Question? Effective Questioning Techniques to Foster Clinical Reasoning - Thursday, October 28, 2021, 9:00-10:30 am
  - Expanding your Toolkit for Teaching and Assessing Clinical Reasoning - Thursday, December 9, 2021, 9:00-10:30 am

• **Clinical Teaching** (Required for junior clinical faculty on the AMHSP, and highly recommended for FFS clinical faculty members). This is a 2-part series:
  - Part 1 – How to Maximize Clinical Teaching
    - Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 9:00-11:00 am
    - Thursday, September 23, 2021, 2:00-4:00 pm
  - Part 2 – Advanced Topics including feedback and “difficult” learners
    - Tuesday, October 26, 2021, 2:00-4:00 pm
    - Wednesday, October 27, 2021, 9:00-11:00 am
    - Wednesday, November 03, 2021, 9:00-11:00 am
    - Thursday, November 04, 2021, 2:00-4:00 pm

• **Graduate Student Supervision (blended course)**: Self-paced online modules open until Aug 31, 2021.

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**FoMD Awards and Nomination Deadlines**

• **E. N. Skakun Award for Service to Education** – recognizes a major and long-term contribution to educational leadership and scholarship in the FoMD (Clinical or Academic (including PhD) staff can be nominated - deadline July 31, 2021

• **David Cook Award** – recognizes significant curricular innovation (open to all faculty members) – deadline July 31, 2021

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**Research**

• **2022/23 Heart & Stroke Research Competitions** are now OPEN! This year, two competitions will be funded:
  - Grants-in-Aid
  - New Investigator

• Host an International Intern with the U of A Research Experience (UARE):
  - [Project Proposal Form](#) to host through one of the following two programs:
    - University of Alberta Research Experience (UARE) Winter or Summer 2022 - 12 weeks
    - China Scholarship Council (CSC) Funded Internships - Summer 2022 - 3 months
  - Learn more & submit a project
  - Deadlines:
Position Opportunities

- Recruitment Announcement: Academic Position for Division Director and Mazankowski Site Chief, Cardiology
- Recruitment Announcement: UA Division Director & AHS Section Chief - Endocrinology
- Recruitment Announcement: UA Division Director and AHS Section Chief - Neurology

University of Alberta News

- COVID Updates
- Updated masking and research policies at University
- Safety Issues around Hydrofluoric Acid (HF) Use on Campus
- U of A launches safe data-sharing and analytics platform to boost AI, machine learning and digital health research
- UAT Operating Model – Roles and Responsibilities of the University, Colleges, Faculties and Departments
- Service Excellence Transformation (SET) Initiative Updates and Job Opportunities

Alberta Health Services News

DoM CoVID website

For the latest COVID-19 resources, please visit the DoM CoVID website.
- COVID-19 Return to Work Guide for Healthcare Workers
- COVID-19 Return to Work Decision Chart For Healthcare Workers

New Faculty Members

The Department of Medicine would like to welcome Dr. Paul Forsythe, Associate Professor in the Division of Pulmonary Medicine and recipient of the Astra-Zeneca Chair in Asthma and Obstructive Lung Disease
DoM in the News

For the latest news articles featuring Department of Medicine members, please visit our Department of Medicine News website.

DoM POP: Profiling Our People

Watch the next episode of DoM POP: Profiling Our People featuring Francois Bouman, Assistant Chair, Administration!

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