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

On vacation!

Dr. Kassam is currently on vacation and will resume her weekly messages when she returns.
What You Need to Know

- We are pleased to present our online 2020 Annual Report.

At every stage of the COVID-19 pandemic and from every aspect of it, our Department of Medicine members gave their utmost. Clinician members joined in across the Edmonton zone to share the burden of COVID care. Education leaders switched to online teaching at all levels of medical learning. Researchers paused their main topics and pursued greater understanding of this new pathogen. Administrative staff ensured patients had top-notch clinical care virtually. The 2020-21 ARO submission deadline is September 30, 2021.

We invite you to read the stories of our pandemic response in this report, a response that will shape future medical education, research, and patient care in our province and globally.

- 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

  - ARO Training Session from 1-2:30 PM on Friday, September 17, 2021 - this Session is for DoM faculty members and support staff and will provide information on how 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).

FoMD Faculty Development Sessions

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

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

• **Upcoming Competence by Design Faculty Development Lunch & Learn Sessions:**
  - Research in CBD: Current Projects & How to Start Your Own - August 9, 2021, 12-1 pm
  - CBME & DASH System Training for Academic Advisors - August 31, 2021, 3-4 pm

• **2021 SPOR Northwest Virtual Institute:** Join the Alberta SPOR SUPPORT Unit (AbSPORU) and their SPOR partners across western Canada and the Northwest Territories, as they host the top experts in patient-oriented research and patient engagement to discuss the biggest issues and latest developments in patient-oriented research.
  - **Call for Abstracts:** accepting abstract submissions until August 12, 2021.

**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 **late summer / early fall (TBD)**

• **David Cook Award** – recognizes significant curricular innovation (open to all faculty members) – deadline **late summer / early fall (TBD)**

**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

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**University of Alberta News**

• **COVID Updates**

• **UAT Operating Model – Roles and Responsibilities of the University, Colleges, Faculties and Departments**

• **Service Excellence Transformation (SET) Initiative Updates and Job Opportunities**

• **University of Alberta’s brand evolution feedback**

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**Alberta Health Services News**
DoM CoVID website

For the latest COVID-19 resources, please visit the [DoM CoVID website](https://ualberta.ca/). 

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**Accolades**

- Congratulations to Dr Stephanie Smith, Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases, for being named National Co-Chair of the Canadian Hospital Epidemiology Committee (CHEC) and the Canadian Nosocomial Infection Surveillance Program (CNISP)!

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**DoM in the News**

For the latest news articles featuring Department of Medicine members, please visit our [Department of Medicine News website](https://ualberta.ca/). 

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**DoM POP: Profiling Our People**

Watch the next episode of DoM POP: Profiling Our People featuring Doug Vantour, Facilities and Risk Management Coordinator!

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