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

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

- The **2020-21 ARO** submission deadline is September 30, 2021
  - Reminder: Please book your meeting with the Department Chair if you haven’t already done so. Meetings with the Chair start next week. See [attached correspondence](#) for information about how to book your meeting and for more information on the annual review process.
  - 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).

Education

- **EPAs rolling out in the MD Program August 16 and 30**
  - While residency programs continue to roll out CBME, the MD Programs across the country are also at various stages of their implementation. The MD Program at UofA will be rolling out EPAs to all clerkships after a year of piloting then on a few clerkships.
  - **Year 4 Clerkships** - The year 4 clerkships will be combining the EPA form with the regular clerkship form (the MD Program Assessment - MDPA form) starting August 16 aiming for 3 forms per week (and 2 per week can be done by senior residents / fellows) and you can find out more by watching this short 4.5 min video: [https://youtu.be/RTlogXs3m4w](https://youtu.be/RTlogXs3m4w)
  - **Year 3 Clerkships** - The year 3 clerkships will be doing a parallel process of 3 EPAs per week (and 2 per week can be done by residents / fellows) in addition to the MDPA form and more information will be sent to those clinical teachers impacted prior to students starting on August 30.
  - Any questions about these changes can be sent to Vijay Daniels at [vdaniels@ualberta.ca](mailto:vdaniels@ualberta.ca).

FoMD Faculty Development Sessions

- **ARO Training Sessions** – info on how to best to use the ARO and latest updates.
  - 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 the AMHSP 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
    - Wednesday, 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


- Upcoming Competence by Design Faculty Development Lunch & Learn Sessions:
  - CBME & DASH System Training for Academic Advisors - August 31, 2021, 3-4 pm

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

- Service Excellence Transformation (SET) Initiative Updates and Job Opportunities

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**Alberta Health Services News**

**DoM CoVID website**

For the latest COVID-19 resources, please visit the [DoM CoVID website](https://doctors.jutrasek.com/COVID-19/DoM-CoVID-Website).

- COVID-19 Transition Timelines Extended
Accolades

- Congratulations to all the 2021 Spring graduate students! Did you know that their theses are in [ERA, our institutional repository](https://era.library.ualberta.ca/)? There are over 300 to explore that are open to everyone.

- Congratulations to Dr. Monty Ghosh on receiving the [CMA Award for Young Leaders (Early Career)](https://www.cmabc.org/about-us/cma-award-for-young-leaders-early-career) in recognition of his exemplary creativity, initiative and commitment to covid screening and harm reduction in Edmonton's downtown core.

- Congratulations to Dr. Jason Plemel for being one of the recipients of funding from [the Canada Foundation for Innovation for establishing a multiple sclerosis lab studying white matter injury and repair](https://www.cfri.com/).  

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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://www.albertahealthservices.ca/AHS/about/our_people/our_people.aspx).

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DoM POP: Profiling Our People

Watch the next episode of DoM POP: Profiling Our People featuring Dr. Clarence Wong, Associate Professor and Zone Section Chief of our Division of Gastroenterology!

Want to be profiled? "How do you sign up" you ask? Fill out this [form](https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/AHS/about/our_people/our_people.aspx) to create a short bio. Email any related selfies or photos that you want to share with all of us and/or a short (literally under 1 minute) video clip of you in your ultimate
surrounding to domcom@ualberta.ca and we will create a profile. It's that easy! Don't be shy, sign up today!

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