

ECBC Clinical Resource Development

Adult Seasonal Respiratory Illness Toolkit
& LLMs in EM

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Adult Seasonal Respiratory Illnesses



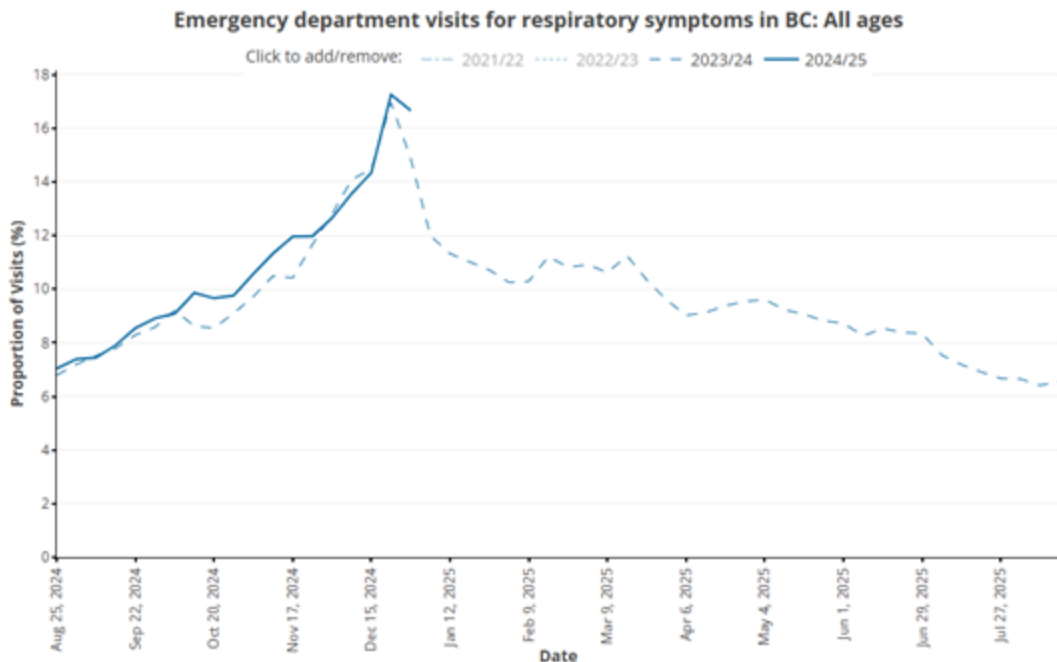
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A clinical toolkit for frontline
providers in the Emergency
Department

ED Visits in BC



Respiratory Season ●

November to April
Peaks in late December

ED Visits ●

17.25% of ED visits of late December 2024 were for respiratory concerns

https://bccdc.shinyapps.io/respiratory_syndromic/



Seasonal Respiratory Illnesses

- COVID-19 & Influenza
- Enterovirus/Rhinovirus & RSV
- Asthma
- COPD
- Bronchiectasis

Seasonal Respiratory Illness Resources

- Health Authority Resources
 - First Nations Health Authority: [Holiday Season is Also Flu Season](#)
 - Fraser Health - [Influenza](#)
 - Interior Health – [Respiratory Season](#)
 - Island Health - [Influenza](#)
 - Northern Health – [Influenza](#) and [Immunizations](#)
 - Vancouver Coastal Health - [Cold](#) and [Influenza](#)
- ECBC Resources:
 - [Influenza](#) & [RSV](#)
 - Asthma Exacerbation: [Diagnosis](#) and [Treatment](#),
 - COPD: [Diagnosis](#) and [Treatment](#)
 - Bronchiectasis: [Diagnosis](#) and [Treatment](#)
 - Community Acquired Pneumonia: [Diagnosis](#) and [Treatment](#)
- Other Resources
 - Health Canada – [Influenza for Health Professionals](#)
 - NEW: NACI - [Statement on Seasonal Influenza Vaccine 2024-2025](#)
 - Immunize Canada information on [RSV](#), [Influenza](#), and [COVID-19](#)
 - Smoking Cessation: [CAMH Toolkit for Smoking Cessation](#) & [BC's Smoking Cessation Program](#)

Patient & Family Resources

- ECBC Patient Information Resources: [Cough](#) & [Colds](#), [COVID-19](#), and [Influenza](#),
- Government of British Columbia: [Healthy Habits for Respiratory Season](#)
- HealthLink BC: Learn about [Colds and Flu](#)
- [COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool](#): Answer some questions about your symptoms and see if a test is recommended
- [8-1-1 HealthLink BC](#): Families can speak to a registered nurse any time, every day of the year.
- [Quitnow.ca](#) is a great resource for patients from BC looking to quit smoking.

Take Homes

Patient Education



Reinforcement of responsible ED use and provision of illness materials

Immunization & Vaccination

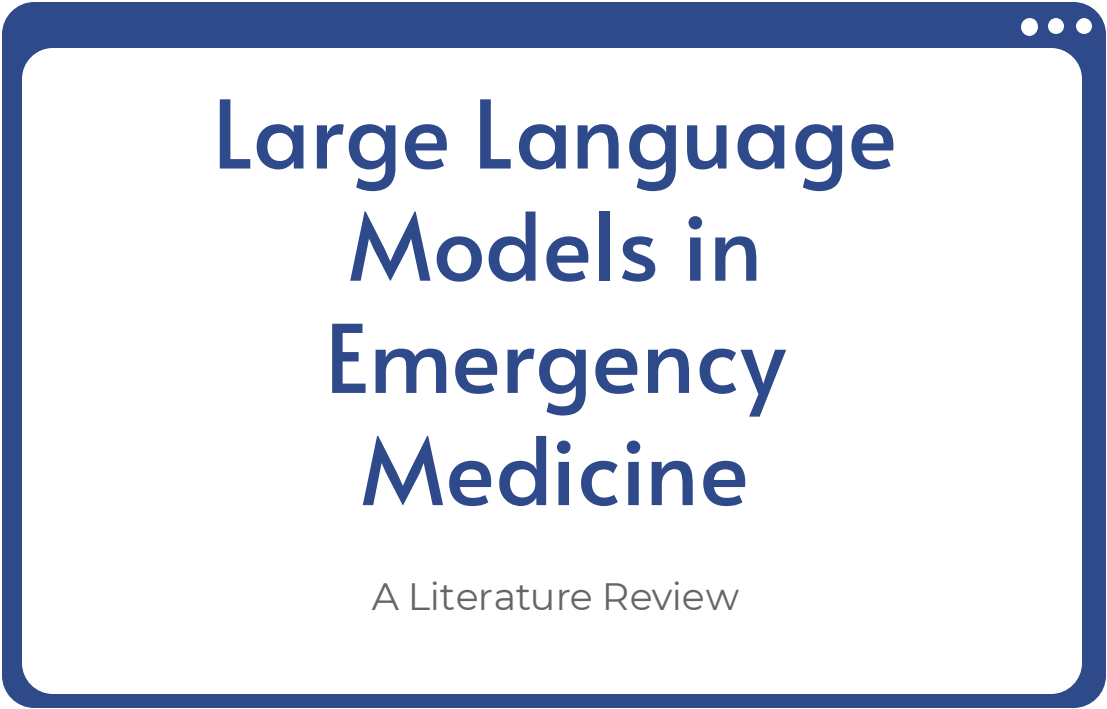


Education and encouragement of immunizations

Lifestyle Factors



Encourage hand hygiene and smoking cessation practices



Large Language Models in Emergency Medicine

A Literature Review



What are Large Language Models?

- Large Language Models are AI systems designed to understand and generate human language.
- Trained on extensive textual data sets.
- Proficient in unstructured data management and real-time data processing.

Biomedical Large Language Models

- ChatGPT (GPT-4o, GPT-4, & GPT-3.5)
- MedPaLM & MedPaLM 2
- PMC-LLaMa
- BERT & T5





LLMs in Emergency Medicine

- Prehospital & Triage
 - Babylon Triage (80.0% AI sensitivity and 83.9% physician sensitivity, 97.0% AI safety rating and 93.1% physician safety rating)
 - KATE (27% higher accuracy in triage than the average nurse)
- Clinical Decision Making
 - Clinical Test Interpretation: Mammography, Diabetic Retinopathy, Fracture, Intracranial Hemorrhage
 - Outcome Prediction: COVID-19 Assessment, Suicide Risk, Hospitalization likeliness, Cardiac Arrest
- Discharge and Documentation
 - Ambient transcription services
 - AI-assisted discharge documentation generation



LLMs in Knowledge Translation

- Diabetic Ketoacidosis (Hamed et al., 2024)
 - GPT-4 & RAG with UK, Canadian & Australian DKA guidelines. “The AI model successfully provided relevant and accurate clinical answers based on the analyzed guidelines...”
- Chronic Hepatitis C Management (Kresevic et al., 2024)
 - GPT-4 & RAG with European and NA HCV Guidelines. Generated responses to HCV management with 99% accuracy.
- Non Small-Cell Lung Cancer (Gupta et al., 2024)
 - GPT 3.5 Turbo & RAG with National Comprehensive Cancer Network Guidelines. 88.47% accuracy in generated content



Risks, Barriers and Ethical Concerns

- Dataset Inaccuracy & Bias
- AI “Hallucination”
- Transparency and the “Black Box” Problem



Considerations for ECBC

- Static Resource Development
 - Clinical toolkit and resource development using LLMs and RAG with ECBC and associated HIN materials for emergency medicine topics
- AI Chatbot
 - An AI-powered chatbot utilizing ECBC and associated HIN materials to answer clinical inquiries of frontline providers



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Questions?

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