

Dr. Adam Lund

Adam grew up in Vancouver, BC, and completed both a BSc in biology and medical school at UBC. Though a long-standing interest in first aid, lifeguarding, and pre-hospital care, a residency in Emergency Medicine (EM) was a natural fit, and he completed the FRCPC program in EM at the University of Alberta, in Edmonton. During that time, he began a Masters Degree in Distance and Adult Education through Athabasca University, which he finished as an Attending in 2006.

Following residency in 2003, Adam and his family returned to BC and he joined the emergency department team at Royal Columbian and Eagle Ridge Hospitals. He has also worked as locum relief at BC Children's and Vancouver General Hospitals. Through mass gathering deployments, he's held privileges in Squamish and Bella Bella as well. Adam is currently working as an EMS Physician Online Support doctor for BCEHS, supporting paramedics in the field.

Adam has always been drawn to unique practice environments, and has continued to pursue this as a physician on the Disney Cruise Line, as well as on the mountains as a volunteer MD ski and bike patroller at Whistler/Blackcomb.

His involvement in mass gatherings and community special events took root at the age of eleven in the early '80's through the St. John Ambulance brigade. By his mid-teens, he had expanded into aquatics and lifeguarding, where many of his mentors in BC Ambulance found their roots. With enrichment through Industrial First Aid level 3 (now OFA 3), there were many opportunities to volunteer and work at special events, concerts, races, and the like. This interest continued through medical school and residency, where he remained involved with the medical committees on music festivals, organized runs and triathlons.

Since 2003, Adam's experience with mass gatherings has grown, and he has worked as an event physician or medical director at most of the large mass gatherings in the Lower Mainland. In 2008, following the large Pemberton Music Festival, he led the formation of an interest group at UBC to promote a stronger academic foundation for mass gathering medicine (MGM). In early 2009, Adam took on the Academic Director role for the Royal Columbian Hospital's Emergency group, and has made MGM one of the pillars of his research program, which is now recognized as a strategic initiative by the UBC Department of Emergency Medicine. Hospital-based research projects have also been emphasized (see www.rchemerg.com). Since 2009, with the essential addition of Dr. Sheila Turriss to the team, the MGM Interest Group has flourished, with activity in research, education, clinical guidelines and public health advocacy. Most recently, the ties between MGM and Disaster Medicine have been explored.

See https://www.bcemergencynetwork.ca/innovation_program/mass-gathering-medicine/ for more details.