

# The quality of referrals to pediatric rheumatology and its effects on access to care

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Access to care in paediatric rheumatology (PR) care is a well-known concern and referral pathways can often be complex. This study aims to evaluate the quality of referral letters to a tertiary PR center and how they affect patients' access to care. All written referrals to PR over a 3-year period will be evaluated using a quality referral checklist. Eventual diagnoses of patients triaged (both initially and after delay) over this 3.5-year period will be analyzed for those with a rheumatic versus non-rheumatic diagnosis. Logistic regression will be used to understand factors contribute to a delayed rheumatologic triage.

## FACULTY-DEPARTMENT

School of Public Health - School of Public Health

## OPEN TO STUDENTS FROM THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS

Chinese universities participating in the [\*Double First-Class Initiative\*](#).

## DESIRED FIELD OF STUDENT STUDY

Statistics, Biostatistics or Preventive medicine major

## INTERNSHIP LOCATION

Edmonton Campus

## NUMBER OF INTERNSHIP POSITIONS

1

## INTERNSHIP DATES

Start: July 2, 2019

End: October 2, 2019

## ARE THE DATES FLEXIBLE?

Yes, I am flexible regarding the internship dates. Selected students can contact me to request a date change.