

Objective 12: Integrate clinical information systems to create a single comprehensive patient record.

WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT

A transformational and system-wide undertaking, the provincial Clinical Information System (CIS) will improve access to and flow of clinical information across the province.

CIS will be introduced in stages over the next several years. When complete, health providers will be able to access comprehensive and consolidated patient information that travels with patients throughout the health system.

AHS provincial CIS will ensure that health care providers have access to current and accurate patient information. With a single comprehensive record and care plan for every patient, the quality and safety of the care we deliver is improved, and our patients and their families across the health care system will have a better experience.

AHS PERFORMANCE MEASURE

There is no AHS measure for this specific AHS objective.

HOW WE ARE DOING

We will monitor our progress over the next three years through the accomplishment of our key milestones and deliverables.

WHAT WE ARE DOING

The AHS provincial Clinical Information System (CIS) is part of the Connect Care initiative.

Connect Care is a collaborative effort between Alberta Health and AHS staff, clinicians and patients to improve patient experience and the quality and safety of patient care, by creating common clinical standards and processes to manage and share information across the continuum of health care. Connect Care will also support Albertans to take ownership of their health and care by giving them access to their own health information.

With Connect Care, efficiencies will be achieved and Alberta will have a common system where health providers can access comprehensive and consolidated patient information — information that will travel with patients wherever they access the health system.

Connect Care will be implemented provincially over time in order to allow our facilities time to prepare for this transformation.

After consultation with hundreds of physicians, staff and patients, a successful vendor was selected in a Request for Proposal (RFP) to help build the AHS Provincial CIS. AHS moved from RFP to contract negotiation in July, with a view to completing the contract in late September.

Over the next few months, work will continue with physicians and staff to get a clear understanding of use and access to technology and other information needed to prepare for designing and building the AHS Provincial CIS that will support Connect Care across AHS.

Alberta Netcare is a secure and confidential electronic system of patient health information collected through a point of service (e.g. hospital, pharmacy). The number of active Alberta Netcare users increased by 5.2% (44,319 users) compared to the same period as last year (42,125 users).