

Strategic Clinical Networks

What are Strategic Clinical Networks (SCNs)?

To get the most out of our health care system, Alberta Health Services (AHS) has created networks of people who are passionate and knowledgeable about specific areas of health, challenging them to find new and innovative ways of delivering care to provide better quality, better outcomes and better value for every Albertan.

SCNs are focused on creating improvements around specific health care topics and within areas where care is delivered.

- Addiction and Mental Health
- Bone and Joint Health
- Cancer
- Cardiovascular Health and Stroke
- Critical Care
- Diabetes, Obesity and Nutrition
- Digestive Health
- Emergency
- Kidney Health
- Maternal Newborn Child & Youth
- Respiratory Health
- Population, Public & Indigenous Health
- Seniors Health
- Surgery



Think of it as your own personal team, working together – and with you – to improve your care. SCNs are planning ahead and mapping out what patients need. That means when the time comes that you or a loved one needs care, there's already a clear pathway for you to get the best care possible. As a patient, you're in good hands, because you have people behind you who know what you'll need to get well and stay well.

SCNs are reshaping health care by:

- Focusing on what patients need
- Supporting local examples of good care, and then sharing them across the province
- Using scientific evidence to guide care decisions

There are four main goals:

- Improve patient experience
- Arm Albertans with the skills and tools to stay healthy
- Provide the best health care for generations to come
- Ensure value from every health care dollar spent

Who's involved in the networks?

SCNs are comprised of people just like you. They include patients and their families, health care professionals, researchers and academic partners, community groups and government.

How can I learn more?

For more information on each SCN and their current projects or to find out how you can get involved, visit www.albertahealthservices.ca/scn.