Alberta Health Services

Out-of-Country Health Services Appeal Panel

Are you a socially conscious, energetic and dedicated physician? Are you looking for a new and exciting opportunity that adds value to Alberta’s health care system in Alberta, while also serving to expand your network of peers and builds upon your experiences? If so, the Out-of-Country Health Services Appeal Panel (appeal panel) might be just the fit for you.

Alberta Health is recruiting to fill one physician member position on the appeal panel. As a physician member of the appeal panel, you will have the opportunity to combine your analytical and critical thinking skills with your knowledge of Alberta's insured and publically-funded health care services in order to help guide decisions.


Pertussis outbreak declared in west part of South Zone

President's Speaker Series - Register by June 9th for Healthier Canadians: Empowering by Informing

- David O'Toole, President and CEO of the Canadian Institute for Health Information

AHS doctor - Dr. Jim Silvius - honoured for role in developing MAID process

EMS unveils Canada’s first mobile air ambulance simulator

Tofield - lack of 24-7 physician service prompts temporary reduction of inpatient and emergency services

Alberta Health Services (AHS) is reminding Albertans to take simple steps to protect themselves from hantavirus.

The new heliport at the Didsbury Hospital is now operational after Transport Canada today issued a flight certificate confirming STARS air ambulance helicopters can land at the Alberta Health Services (AHS) facility.
Clinical, Research and Education News

Winners of the 2017 President's Award announced

- Exceptional graduating students recognized for their academic achievements, leadership and contributions to the community

Groundbreaking research spurs new treatment for multiple sclerosis

A Canadian clinical trial led by researchers at the University of Calgary’s Hotchkiss Brain Institute (HBI), at the Cumming School of Medicine (CSM), shows that minocycline, a common acne medication, can slow the progress of relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis (MS) in people who have recently experienced their first symptoms.

$8 million in grants brings precision medicine to children suffering from arthritis

Home blood pressure monitors inaccurate 70 per cent of the time: study

University of Alberta: Convocation 2017 Spotlight Series | Ian King

- Physician. Mental health advocate. Optimist. Ian King is inspired to help those in difficult circumstances.

University of Alberta: Convocation 2017 Spotlight Series | Scott Stewart

- Athlete. Scholar. Memory-maker. Scott Stewart spent his time at the University of Alberta taking risks and reaping the rewards.

The impact of drug policy on our communities

- From the opioid crisis to the impending legalization of marijuana, drug policy has big health implications.

TRANSPLANT FRONTIERS || Discarded childhood organ shows promise to reduce transplant rejection

TRANSPLANT FRONTIERS || Using new technology to meet the organ shortage

Revolutionary U of A biopsy-reading invention reaches the masses

- Licensing agreement will ensure MMDx becomes the standard of care for transplant patients.
Saying goodbye to the Marlborough Man: It’s complicated

Spreading the word on new infectious diseases
- Lorne Tyrrell explains how to prevent the rise and spread of new diseases at the U of A’s Festival of Health.

UAlberta researchers seek answers to the mysteries surrounding men’s and women’s cancers

New solutions for childhood obesity
- UAlberta researcher Geoff Ball is creating new ways to better support families.

Database aims to personalize chemotherapy and reduce long-term heart risks

Class of 2017: Bachelor of Health Sciences students ready for a future in research

Calgary, Central & South Zone News/Programs

Alberta Health Services (AHS) has resumed all scheduled and elective surgeries at Medicine Hat Regional Hospital after correcting water-quality issues that affected the facility’s ability to reprocess and sterilize medical devices.

Calgary and Area Find a Doctor

Essential Strategies for Chronic Pain Management - Repeat
- June 19, 2017, Calgary

National & International News

2017 recipients of the Canadian Medical Association (CMA) Awards announced - Fifteen individuals to be recognized at 150th annual meeting in August

Dr. James Silvius: Dr. Silvius played a key role in preparing the province of Alberta for the introduction of medical assistance in dying, including assisting in the development of a palliative and end-of-life care framework. Dealing with a controversial subject with knowledge and perspective, he’s the recipient of the Dr. William Marsden Award in Medical Ethics, awarded to a member who has demonstrated exemplary leadership, commitment and dedication to the cause of advancing and promoting excellence in the field of medical ethics in Canada.

Amy Li: A Calgary medical student, Ms. Li founded a mental health distress centre on campus, formed Outrun the Stigma Calgary and raised funds for the
Calgary Distress Centre. She’s currently working on expanding her efforts across the country as well as making time to mentor fellow students. Ms. Li is also a recipient of the CMA Award for Young Leaders (Student category).

**Dr. Aravind Ganesh**: Currently on leave from his residency in neurology at the University of Calgary to complete a doctorate of philosophy in clinical neurosciences at Oxford University, Dr. Ganesh has already received numerous honours and is currently junior dean, a clinical teaching associate, a fellow, an editor and a reviewer. He’s one of two of the CMA Award for Young Leaders (Resident category).

**Today marks the beginning of a national seniors strategy**

- Canadian Medical Association (CMA)

**Engaging Patients in Patient Safety – a Canadian Guide**

**Joule, CMA’s innovation-focused subsidiary, is challenging CMA members to send ideas for a product using 3D printing that could ultimately lead to improving a patient’s quality of life.**

**Travel Health Notices - Public Health Agency**

**Joule, the Canadian Medical Association’s newest company, announces a new collaboration with Clinemetrica, a Montreal-based health and wellness company that offers solutions designed to help individuals attain the best possible physical and mental health throughout their lifetime.**

**Joule and the World Health Innovation Network unite to bolster impact of physician-led innovation in Canada**

**Provincial News**

**Better Healthcare for Albertans: A Report by the Office of the Auditor General of Alberta is available online. Click here to read or download your copy at the website of the Auditor General of Alberta.**

**New state-of-the-art hospital for south Edmonton**

**New mental health, substance use beds at Royal Alex in Edmonton**

- Alberta Health

**New children’s mental health clinic opens in Edmonton**
- Alberta Health

New commission to guide opioid emergency response

CPSA contributes to national efforts to address opioid crisis

CPSA: The College released a 10-year strategic plan in 2011. To ensure it remained relevant, we reviewed the plan in 2016. Through focus groups, surveys and one-on-one interviews, we heard from thousands of physicians, government, the public and other key stakeholders. Council approved the updated plan in May 2017.

CPSA: Council met in Edmonton on May 25th and 26th, 2017 to discuss College activities and vote on policy matters affecting physicians and the public.

AMA - Data security breach update

Health Quality Council of Alberta - 2017 Patient Experience Award Recipients Announced

HQCA - Patient Concerns Management Framework

HQCA - FOCUS on Emergency Departments website has new data

Family Medicine News Highlights

The FRAISE project is the Family Research Agenda Initiative SETting Project!

- Researchers with FRAISE want to work with parents and care providers to set a meaningful research agenda for parents of children from conception to 24 months of age. Join us in brainstorming, prioritizing and creating research that supports the health and well-being of young families. There are many opportunities to be involved in many different ways.

Dr. Francine Lemire, Executive Director and CEO of the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC), describes how standards for family medicine residency programs are being updated to reflect a greater emphasis on competency-based education, quality improvement, patient safety, and resident wellness, among other considerations.

Primary Care Events

PCN Strategic Leadership Forum
- Getting Practical About Your Practice - October 20-21

Accelerating Primary Care Conference

- November 17 – 18 at the Hyatt Regency, Calgary

Clinical Question: For people with primary insomnia (not related to other conditions), can sleep restriction therapy improve outcomes?

- ACFP Tools for Practice

Edmonton & Northern Zone News/Programs

Alberta Health Services (AHS) invites members of the public to apply to join the Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Council.

Air Quality Advisory lifted for the Fort McMurray, Fort McKay and Fort Chipewyan-areas

Foundation funds new Audiology equipment in St. Paul

News web sites & Popular Links - Around Alberta

Alberta Health Services - Information for Medical Staff

AHS Passion for Health Blog

News & Top Stories - World Health Organization

Public Health Agency of Canada - Travel Health Notices

Alberta International Medical Graduate Program

Alberta College of Family Physicians

Department of Medicine - Calgary

Alberta Innovates

Calgary Family Medicine

CME - University of Calgary

Health Workforce for Alberta
Vital Signs

Links to Journals

*Canadian Medical Association Journal (CMA members only)*

*Canadian Family Physician*

*JAMA - Journal of the American Medical Association*

*The BMJ*

*Lancet* - Log in required

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