

Quote of the Week

The visionary lies to himself, the liar only to others.

Friedrich Nietzsche

Preview Plans for the Edmonton Clinic**Tadra Boulton****Staff and physicians are invited to join a drop-in session****January 24, 2012 - Drop in between 11 am and 4 pm**

Bernard Snell Foyer, University of Alberta Hospital

- Drop by to orient yourself to the setting that will set the standard for outpatient care
- Program and Project staff will be on hand to answer questions about each area
- If your program or service is moving in to the Edmonton Clinic, this is a great opportunity to get familiar with your new space and who your neighbors are going to be
- If you work in the Edmonton Zone, please drop by to get acquainted with this new Ambulatory Care Centre
- Health Sciences faculty and students who will be learning or working in the building are also welcome to drop-in
- Beverages and snacks available

For additional information, email EdmontonClinic@albertahealthservices.ca

Medical Leadership Positions**Owen Heisler**

There have been many changes over the last few months.

Appointments: The following individuals have recently taken on Medical Leadership positions in the Edmonton Zone:

Zone Clinical Department Head Neurosciences	Keith Aronyk
Zone Clinical Department Head Cardiac Sciences	David Johnstone
Site Chief ER Leduc	Anton du Toit
Site Chief Inpatient Care/Family Medicine Leduc	Gurpreet Dinsa
Site Chief ER Fort Saskatchewan	Qaiser Raza Rizvi
Site Chief Family Medicine Fort Saskatchewan	Sandeep Kumar
Site Chief Internal Medicine UAH	Irv Mayer
Site Chief Surgery UAH	Ron Brisbois
Section Chief Integrated Home Living	Jasneet Parmar
Section Chief Integrated Supportive Living	Jennifer Stickney-Lee
Section Chief Dentistry/OMF	Tom Stevenson
Site Chief Cardiac Rehab Glenrose	Ted Fenske
Section Chief, Child & Adolescent Psychiatry	Vinesh Gupta
Site Chief Addiction & Mental Health Sturgeon	Justin Petryk
Section Chief Cardiology RAH	Randy Williams

Resignations: The following individuals have recently indicated they are resigning from their positions effective 31 January 2012. My great thanks to both for their great work serving in these roles:

Section Chief Pediatric Cardiology	John Dyck
Community Medical Director	Jim Bell

I am not sure this list of changes is complete and my apologies if I have missed someone. One of my New Year's resolutions is to ensure that I recognize more formally those individuals who give of their time and energy to serve in medical leadership positions. I am appreciative of those who served in these roles prior to the new leaders. I am appreciative of those who have taken on these leadership positions moving forward. I am also confident that those in the Sections and Sites are appreciative of having a member from their team serve in these roles to ensure their voice is heard. Thanks from so many!

As an aside there are some medical leaders who still do not have their formal contract completed – there are about 40 outstanding. The challenge has been the legal template was slow in coming and the amount of work involved with the transition to the new bylaws has taken a great deal of time, energy and resources. I am assured the contracts are coming soon, all previous payments have continued and for any that have not yet been paid all their monies from the time they took on the leadership position are being accrued. Thanks so much for your patience.

UAH ranking - medical research

Verna Yiu

I'd like to share with you some excellent news in a recent report from the SCImago Research Group and that is the "world report 2011" (based on collected data from 2005-2009). The intent of this report is to "characterize research outcomes of organizations so as to provide useful scientometric information to institutions, policy makers and research managers so they are able to analyze, evaluate and improve their research results". So it is a "default ranking" and not a true ranking although their "ranking parameter is called the normalized impact of institutions". It is based on selected indicators including: publication output, international collaborations, normalized impact (scientific), high quality publications, specialization index and excellence rate (citations).

There are over 3000 broadbased institutions listed and **University of Alberta Hospital** was placed 25th in world rank, 18th in regional rank and #4 in country rank. For myself, I think this highlights the excellence in partnerships we have had between the Faculty of Medicine/Dentistry, University of Alberta Hospital/AHS, University of Alberta Hospital Foundation and AIHS (AHFMR) which has led to this type of recognition.

Standards of Practice Feedback Opportunity

Linda Tymchuk

Under the Health Professions Act, professional Colleges are obliged to share copies of their proposed Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics with their members and the Minister of Health and Wellness. The Minister solicits feedback from relevant stakeholders (including AHS) and forwards it to the College for consideration prior to adopting the final version. The Alberta College and Association of Chiropractors (ACAC) is currently seeking feedback to proposed amendments to their Code of Ethics. Feedback is required by **Friday, February 10, 2012**, so that I may collate a response on behalf of AHS before the AHW deadline of February 17, 2012.

The College of Dental Technologists of Alberta is seeking feedback on their proposed new standards of practice and code of ethics. While Alberta Health Services is not likely to employ dental technologists directly, we do employ other dental professionals who may interact with dental technologists and therefore may have interest in providing feedback to these standards. Feedback is required by **Friday, February 10, 2012** so that at I may collate a response on behalf of AHS before the Alberta Health and Wellness deadline of February 17, 2012.

For those who are interested in reviewing, please either contact me directly or Dolores Smithson at Dr. Heisler's office and we will forward a copy of the relevant Standards for you to review.

Corporate Policy Announcements**Sean Schaffer**

The Corporate Policy Department is pleased to announce the revision of the following AHS corporate policies relating to Information and Technology Management:

- [Access to Information \(Physical, Electronic, Remote\) 1105](#)
- [Collection, Access, Use, and Disclosure of Information 1112](#) (previously Protection and Privacy of Health and Personal Information)
- [Contractor Requirements for Security and Privacy of Information and Information Technology Resources 1107](#) (previously Contractor Requirements for Security of Information and Information Technology Resources)
- [Delegation of Authority and Responsibilities for Compliance with FOIPP and the HIA 1108](#)
- [Information Technology Acceptable Use 1109](#)
- [Transmission of Information by Facsimile and Electronic Mail 1113](#)

We are also pleased to announce the approval of the following AHS corporate policies:

- [Business Continuity Planning for IT Resources 1140](#)
- [Change Control for IT Resources 1141](#)
- [Information Classification 1142](#)
- [Information Security and Privacy Safeguards 1143](#)
- [Monitoring and Auditing of IT Resources 1144](#)
- [Privacy Impact Assessments 1145](#)
- [Research Information Management 1146](#)

These corporate policies may be viewed on Insite at <http://insite.albertahealthservices.ca/corporate-policies.asp>.