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Alberta Health Services thanks nurses

Nursing Week celebrated nationally and provincially May 10th to 16th

EDMONTON – As part of Nursing Week celebrations May 10 to 16, Alberta Health Services is recognizing nurses for their significant contributions in delivering quality patient care.

“Whether they work in hospitals, clinical or research environments, in rural communities or urban settings, in homes or in our schools, nurses are an essential part of our health care system,” said Dr. Stephen Duckett, AHS President and Chief Executive Officer. “Working together with other health care practitioners, I would like to thank nurses and health care teams for their passion and commitment to improving the health of all Albertans.”

Nurses are the largest group of health professionals in the province. In Alberta, more than 24,000 registered nurses (RNs), 4,800 licensed practical nurses (LPNs) and 840 registered psychiatric nurses (RPNs) work in diverse areas such as direct patient care, education, coordination of care, and management.

“There are very few Albertans whose lives have not been touched by the care that nurses provide,” said Andrea Robertson, Senior Vice President, Nursing Strategies. “They are an integral part of health care teams and are respected and valued by their peers and patients for their compassion, skills and expertise. I would like to thank nurses and all health care teams for their dedication to their patients.”

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services for more than 3.7 million adults and children living in Alberta. Its mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans.

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