

DON SCN Project Bulletin



Project Name	Update – March 5, 2021	Project Lead Contact
Diabetes		
Virtual Diabetes Prevention Program (VDPP)	VDPP’s vendor selection process is well underway, with vendor demos on March 4/5, 2021. Once a vendor is selected we will complete our project planning and charge ahead with executing the project. Launch of the VDPP is anticipated for Fall 2021.	alexander.cook@ahs.ca
Diabetes Foot Care Clinical Pathway (DFCCP)	<p>Patient awareness poster for vulnerable populations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poster developed educating patient on importance of an annual diabetes foot screen. Poster now available in a total of 12 languages, distributed to agencies for new immigrants. • Partnered with Alberta International Medical Graduates Association (AIMGA) for the translation of the posters in seven additional languages. <p>HUTV video on foot care awareness ran in 100 AHS locations. Video available on AHS YouTube https://youtu.be/0tpefKM3_mQ</p> <p>Engagement with Indigenous communities to adapt pathway content</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elbow River Healing Lodge • First Nation & Inuit Health Branch, Indigenous Services Canada <p>Specialist Link (Calgary)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathway to be added by March 2021 https://www.specialistlink.ca/ <p>Conferences: DFCCP presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 17, 2021 Calgary Foothills PCN (CFPCN) primary care pharmacists. Presented to nurses on January 20, 2021 • April 1, 2021 Alberta College of Family Physicians Clinical Connections Conference CCC webinar series • May 22, 2021 Canadian Association of Foot Care Nurses 	kathy.dmytruk@ahs.ca
Diabetes Eye Care Clinical Pathway (DECCP)	<p>Patient awareness in vulnerable populations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poster developed educating patient on importance of an annual diabetes eye health exam. Poster now available in a total of 12 languages, distributed to agencies for new immigrants. 	kathy.dmytruk@ahs.ca



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnered with AIMGA for the translation of the posters in seven additional languages. <p>Inventory of Optometrist who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide mobile services (long term care, home visits, schools, businesses, rural communities, vulnerable population organizations) <p>HUTV video on diabetes eye care awareness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ran in 100 AHS locations in July 2020. Video available in AHS YouTube channel Diabetes Eye Care Video <p>Alberta Referral Directory (ARD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adding all Optometrist (800+) to ARD to increase access for Primary Care referrals <p><u>Presentations on pathway work:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Webinar to Oliver PCN with Dr. Kelsey Ford in Edmonton on Dec 15, 2020,</u> <u>Interdisciplinary Eye Care Forum on Feb 20, 2021</u> <p><u>Diabetes Eye Care Research Study further examine demographics and barriers of patients who do not have regular visits to an eye specialist, led by Dr. Sonia Butalia</u></p>	
<p>Inpatient Diabetes Management</p>	<p>Safer Practice Notice (SPN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Home Glucose Monitoring Devices in the Acute Care Setting- Effective October 2020 <p>Adult Glycemic Management Policy Suite</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 year review with provincial working group completed SPN recommendations incorporated; policy suite going to Zone Medical Advisory Committee (ZMAC) for awareness. Treatment of Hypoglycemia Resource Video My Learning Link Diabetes Module updated; search “<i>basic diabetes</i>” Patient Handout on MyHealthAlberta co-developed with patient advisors; Checking your blood glucose (sugar) level while you’re in the hospital (alberta.ca) <p>Pediatric Glycemic Management Policy Suite</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delay in approval due to COVID-19 response Legal review completed Final documents sent to ZMAC for endorsement. Feedback to revise documents requested from ZMAC, working group met in February to incorporate feedback. <p>Basal Bolus Insulin Therapy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provincial Order set in Connect Care, with clinical decision support tools 	<p>leta.philp@ahs.ca</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.kttoolkit.ca hosts a BBIT implementation strategy with resources to support individual sites (e.g., videos, interactive barrier and facilitator tool, links to www.bbit.ca) 	
Ambulatory Diabetes Medication Adjustment Protocol	<p>Pediatric Insulin Adjustment Protocol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial working group completed first draft. Awaiting legal review. <p>Adult Diabetes Medication Adjustment Protocol</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provincial working group- meeting monthly. 	leta.philp@ahs.ca
DISER	<p>With DISER now being live, we are working on maximizing its use:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leveraging DISER to inform DON SCN projects (i.e. Diabetes Eye Care Clinical Pathway) • Releasing DISER reports to broader audiences (high level public reports, then focused reporting) • Continuing to pursue academic research through papers and surveys <p>https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/scns/Page13332.aspx</p>	don.scn@ahs.ca
Indigenous Initiative	<p>Work has been underway to braid together the Kidney Check Protocol and the Creating Harmony in Diabetes Care with Indigenous Communities. By combining these two initiatives the goal is to adapt the Kidney Check approach and to leverage existing funding & resources to better fit the needs of Indigenous Albertans. By broadening the concept to kidney health care planning, imbedding it with the concept of creating harmony in care with Indigenous communities, and creating precision medicine by co-creating a 'community bundle', a 'care bundle' and a 'personal bundle', we will offer a broader range of screening initiatives in Indigenous communities in Alberta.</p> <p>This approach has successfully received a \$15,000 seed grant from the Indigenous Primary Health Care and Policy Research Network (IPH CPR) and by combining the two initiatives, we hope to explore whether we can enhance screening services in Indigenous communities in Alberta by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Co-designing the Bundles as Precision Medicine II. Offering a broad Menu of Screening initiatives III. Creating a Virtual Bridge between an Urban Metro community and a Rural Remote community, and IV. Graphically recording the collaboration process to help inform policy changes in primary health care? <p>Ultimately, we will explore whether the primary health care system is ready for creating changes based on traditional Indigenous concepts and approaches, especially related to oral traditions.</p> <p>Please use this link for the Kidney Check Protocol: Kidney Check: Identifying kidney disease and diabetes in Indigenous communities – Can-SOLVE CKD Network</p> <p>For a link to the Creating Harmony in Diabetes Care with Indigenous Communities: Creating Harmony in Diabetes Care with Indigenous Communities. - YouTube</p>	lene.jorgensen@ahs.ca

Improving diabetes resources in Alberta for patients and providers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working in collaboration with MyHealthAlberta to better organize diabetes content Developing the “Diabetes Resource Centre” which will be a consolidation of diabetes links and service information for Alberta 	Kathy.dmytruk@ahs.ca
Obesity		
Canadian Adult Obesity Clinical Practice Guidelines	<p>The new Canadian Adult Obesity Clinical Practice Guidelines were released on August 4th, 2020.</p> <p>https://obesitycanada.ca/guidelines/chapters/</p>	
New Edmonton Hospital	<p>The DON is participating in a working group to inform bariatric programming for the new Edmonton Hospital</p>	carol.kuzio@ahs.ca
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Malnutrition		
Nutrition Pathways for Primary Care	<p>The Canadian Malnutrition Task Force released two new pathways to address nutrition care of older adults in the community in October 2020. Primary Care Nutrition Pathway for Hospital to Community Transitions. Primary Care Nutrition Pathway for Adults Age 65+</p> <p>Nutrition Services has partnered with the Red Deer Primary Care Network and Golden Circle Senior Resource Centre to pilot the Primary Care Nutrition Pathway for Adults Age 65+. The DON is supporting the evaluation of the pilot and learnings will be used to support spread across Alberta.</p>	
Recognizing and Tackling Malnutrition in Primary Care	<p>On March 2, Dr. Leah Gramlich presented <i>Recognizing and Tackling Malnutrition in Primary Care</i> on behalf of the Canadian Nutrition Society, Canadian Malnutrition Task Force and the U of A Centre for Lifelong Learning. The webinar reviewed the latest evidence on the impact of hospital-based malnutrition and effective methods to detect, prevent and treat malnutrition in hospital and post discharge.</p>	
AHS Tools and Resources to Combat Malnutrition	<p>https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/nutrition/Page15661.aspx</p>	
Other Resources and Publications		

<p>Foot Care Publications</p>	<p>Return on Investment: https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0168822720304915?via%3Dihub Survey to Providers: https://rdcu.be/b4h8r</p>	
<p>AHS COVID Resources and Links</p>	<p>Includes information on Diabetes, Obesity & Nutrition https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/Page17033.aspx#diabetes</p>	
<p>Diabetes Canada: AB Peer Support</p>	<p>A virtual peer support platform for people living with diabetes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • connect and build a network • information sharing supporting access to local services • access evidence-based information <p>There will be two different groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • those living with Type 1 diabetes • those living with Type 2 diabetes <p>Peer Connect Program piloted in Manitoba in 2019-2020, which was very successful. Launching in Alberta April 2021</p> <p>Session Topics (April - December):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Exercise and nutrition (April 14th Type 1 and April 15th Type 2) 2) BG management 3) Interpersonal relationships 4) MH and awareness <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  Peer Connect Program - Potential T </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Peer Connect Program Agenda.xlsx </div> </div>	<p>Franca.Lattanzio@diabetes.ca</p>