DON SCN Project Bulletin

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	Diabetes	
Virtual Diabetes Prevention Program (VDPP)	 vDPP testing is underway! Five testers from Alberta Blue Cross and Alberta Health Services have been testing all aspects of the Yes Health Application over the past weeks (it's awesome by the way!). We are also continuing through the research ethics process and preparing for launch. Our ethics application is in its third round of revisions and we are nearly ready for baseline data collection for our implementation evaluation. As soon as ethics is approved, we will be reaching out to our primary 	alexander.cook@a hs.ca
	care partners to sign research agreements and help them prepare to recruit participants!	
Diabetes Foot Care Clinical Pathway (DFCCP)	 Diabetes Canada selected the DFCCP abstract for an oral presentation at the virtual conference on November 24th Presentations on the foot and eye care pathways to primary care: November 3rd: Edmonton West PCN – nurses meeting November 18th: North Zone Chronic Disease Management team November 25th: Grande-Prairie PCN Community of Practice Diabetes Foot Screening Tool and reporting functionality built into four primary care Electronic Medical Records (EMRs) (MedAccess, Accuro, PS Suite, HealthQuest). Email don.scn@ahs.ca to receive the instructions on how to download and use the tool in each of the EMRs. Presentation to a Research Team from Newfoundland on the foot care pathway and virtual care as they are developing a foot care pathway. 	kathy.dmytruk@ ahs.ca
Diabetes Eye Care Clinical Pathway (DECCP)	 Alberta Referral Directory (ARD): Adding an Optometrist profile to ARD to increase access for Primary Care referrals. Developing a provincial referral form, in collaboration with the Alberta Association of Optometrists, for all medically covered exams by an Optometrist which includes diabetic retinal screening. Developing a DECCP page on the DON SCN website to be completed this Winter. 	kathy.dmytruk@ ahs.ca

Alberta Health Services Diabetes, Obesity & Nutrition Strategic Clinical Network™

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	Developing a toolkit for primary care focusing on key messages to increase awareness of importance of referring their patients for a diabetes eye health exam, to increase diabetic retinopathy screening rates.	
	Diabetic Retinopathy Webinar : October 26, 2021- Rural Virtual Conference Series	
Inpatient Diabetes Management	 Adult Glycemic Management Policy Suite Policy suite revisions effective July 12, 2021. Treatment of Hypoglycemia Resource <u>Video</u> My Learning Link Diabetes Module updated; search "<i>basic diabetes</i>" Patient Handout on MyHealth.Alberta co-developed with patient advisors; <u>Checking your blood glucose (sugar) level while you're in the hospital (alberta.ca)</u> Pediatric Glycemic Management Policy Suite Delian suite affective Sentember 20, 2024 	leta.philp@ahs.ca
	 Policy suite effective September 20, 2021. Basal Bolus Insulin Therapy Provincial Order set in Connect Care, with clinical decision support tools <u>www.kttoolkit.ca</u> hosts a BBIT implementation strategy with resources to support individual sites (e.g., videos, interactive barrier and facilitator tool, links to <u>www.bbit.ca</u>) Safe Management of Insulin Pump Therapy in Hospital (<u>www.ipumpit.ca</u>) Guidelines and provincial forms updated to reflect provincial forms 	
Ambulatory Diabetes Medication Adjustment Protocol	formatting, gender neutral language and newer IPT devices. Pediatric Insulin Adjustment Protocol • Effective October 4, 2021. Adult Diabetes Medication Adjustment Protocol • Provincial working group- meeting monthly, first draft in review • Legal consultation, end of November submission	leta.philp@ahs.ca
Diabetes Infrastructure for Surveillance, Evaluation and Research (DISER)	 With DISER now being live, we are working on maximizing its use: 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) Sharing our lessons learned from the DISER Survey Pilot Continuing to pursue academic research through papers and surveys https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/scns/Page13332.aspx 	don.scn@ahs.ca

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Alberta for patients and providers	Developing the "Diabetes Resource Centre" which will be a consolidation of diabetes links and service information for Alberta to be posted on DON SCN website this Fall.		
	Co-developing a diabetes charting template for primary care with Alberta PCNs.		
	Obesity		
Bariatric Friendly Hospital Initiative	Version 1.3 of the Guidelines for the <u>Care of Hospitalized Patients with</u> <u>Bariatric Care Needs</u> is now available on the <u>Bariatric Friendly Hospital</u> <u>Initiative</u> website.	carol.kuzio@ahs.c a	
	The purpose of these guidelines is to provide staff, students, physicians and administrator's key resources and recommendations to assess and plan safe and sensitive care for patients with obesity who have bariatric care needs.		
New Edmonton Hospital	The DON SCN is participating in a working group to inform bariatric programing for the new Edmonton Hospital.	carol.kuzio@ahs.c a	
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	Malnutrition		
Nutrition Pathways for Primary Care	Implementation of the Primary Care Nutrition Pathway for Adults Age 65+ in Red Deer, Olds and Sundre continues. Over 250 seniors have been screened for risk of malnutrition since June.	marlis.atkins@ahs .ca	
	Data continues to be collected to help inform further spread and scale of the pathway.		
Canadian Malnutrition Awareness Week October 4-8 2021	October 4-8, 2021 was Canadian Malnutrition Awareness Week (CMAW). This year's focus was to share the impact of malnutrition on patients and in surrounding communities. Emails about CMAW were sent to stakeholders and an article highlighting the Nutrition Care Pathway implementation in Red Deer was included in Interchange (Red Deer nutrition champs team up Insite (albertahealthservices.ca))	marlis.atkins@ahs .ca	
Indigenous			
The Creating Harmony in Diabetes Care with	Kidney Health Check: Aakom-Kiiyii Health Services on Piikani First Nation, has begun training health care providers in the Kidney Health Check protocol, which includes point-of-care testing for diabetes, hypertension and kidney disease. Training will continue until the end of the year, and	lene.jorgensen@a hs.ca	

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Indigenous Communities	implementation is planned for early in 2022. Work to create a coordinated screening program to ensure appropriate patient flow to specialty care, primary care, and health – wellness – lifestyle is underway with stakeholders from the community, primary care, and AHS. For more information about the origin of the Kidney Health Check protocol, please view this video from Dr. Paul Komenda and the University of Manitoba: Patient Engagement Journal Club May 2021 - YouTube				
Virtual Health					
Virtual Care Working Group	 Patient Experience Survey: Currently being piloted in several 'pilot sites' across the organization. Alberta Healthy Living Program (AHLP) Website Redesign: The redesigned website has gone live: <u>https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/info/page13984.aspx</u> The DON SCN Virtual Care Work Group last met on Friday October 1st. 	lene.jorgensen@a hs.ca			
	Other Resources and Publications				
Diabetes Canada and other Diabetes webinars/ podcasts	 November is Diabetes Awareness Month November 5th Diabetes Educator Day November 14th World Diabetes Day Diabetes Canada: Alberta Peer Connect Speaker Series (virtual)- Dec 8&9, 2021 Alberta, NWT, Northeast BC Peer Connect: Type 1 & Type 2 - Diabetes Canada UAlberta Webinar: Defeating Diabetes From the purification of insulin to the creation of the Edmonton Protocol islet transplantation, University of Alberta researchers have revolutionized the landscape of diabetes over the past 100 years. Now, the dream of curing diabetes is more real than ever. Join us November 17 at 5 p.m. <u>Registration Information</u> Diabetes Canada: 2021 Professional Conference (virtual)- November 23-26, 2021 2021 Diabetes Canada/CSEM Professional Conference - Diabetes Canada CBC Manitoba is proud to launch a new original podcast, <i>Type Taboo: Diary of a New Diabetic</i>, hosted by <u>Emily Brass New Type Taboo podcast shatters myths about diabetes CBC News.</u> Denial, anger, depression and shame - Type 2 diabetes can lay the ultimate guilt trip. That's what journalist and former musician Emily Brass discovered when she was diagnosed as a new diabetic. Whether you're living with diabetes or have ever tried to make changes to get healthier, Emily's journey will motivate you, and make you think differently about Type 2 and the people who live with it. 				