



Connect Care Newsletter

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Connect Care Update

In preparing for launch, each site will have their infrastructure assessed and adjusted where needed. This concerns three areas: WiFi, Non-Medical End User Devices and Medical (End User) Devices.

WiFi

WiFi technology is critical for supporting Connect Care and for those providing care on the front lines. The Connect Care WiFi project will extend existing WiFi coverage to enable site staff and physicians across the province to wirelessly access the private and secure AHS network using a variety of devices. WiFi services will also be available to patients and their families.

Non-Medical End User Devices

The Connect Care non-medical device assessment team will work with each facility to define the type, number and locations of the shared non-medical devices required for Connect Care. These device services include, computers (mounted and mobile), wristband printers, barcode scanners, eSignature pads and web cameras. Medical leadership will be notified and asked to participate where needed. For the Calgary Zone sites that will launch in Wave 2, the assessments start in December and will be completed January 2019.

Medical (End User) Devices

Clinical Engineering staff are taking inventory of biomedical devices at AHS. The purpose of this activity is to determine what devices (e.g., glucometers, pulse oximeters, IV pumps, automated blood pressure monitors) will need integration; however, not all of AHS' clinical devices will be interfaced with Connect Care. Decisions will be based on Epic recommendations, technical capabilities, funding requirements and patient care needs.

Some additional resources to help keep you informed about Connect Care.

- Public Website <http://connect-care.ca/>
- AHS Insite <http://ahs-cis.ca/insite>
- Physician Updates <http://bytesblog.ca>
- Contact cmio.caz@ahs.ca