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## Calgary Zone Medical Staff Newsletter – January 2019

### Connect Care Update

#### Data Conversion

Data conversion is about how historical health information is selected and managed for transfer from legacy information systems to the Connect Care clinical information system (CIS). Considerations include which information to transfer, how it should be transformed, how much to include, and how to make it accessible.

The conversion of data transferred from legacy systems to the CIS started in early 2018 and will be completed by the Wave 1 launch in November 2019, providing physicians and clinicians with the information they need for decision-making and patient care. Connect Care Groundwork and Scoping Recommendations helped set the conversion project scope. Appropriate data types were prioritized based on clinical value and conversion effort.

Based on this analysis, a [conversion list](#) describes systems that will be integrated and data types that will be converted.

In July 2017 several clinical data types were consistently defined using measures or ranges standardized across Alberta. Accordingly, July 2017 serves as the default start date for data conversion into the Connect Care CIS. All data from legacy systems that are not being converted to the Connect Care CIS will continue to be accessible. This includes information in Alberta Netcare launched directly from Epic. Each legacy system will have a clearly defined approach and mechanism in place to storing and accessing the legacy data before any system is decommissioned.

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

- Provincial Physician Updates <http://bytesblog.ca>
- Calgary Zone Physician Website <http://www.ahs.ca/cmiocaz>
- Contact [cmio.caz@ahs.ca](mailto:cmio.caz@ahs.ca)