

# Stakeholder Roles



The AHS Clinical Information Sharing Approach (CISA) will recognize key stakeholder roles and responsibilities, including:

<b>Alberta Health Services</b>	AHS, as a Regional Health Authority, plays a critical role in providing continuum of care health services for Albertans and is mandated to provide Health Services in a manner that delivers quality health care in the province of Alberta on a sustainable basis for this generation and for generations to come within AHS Clinical Information Systems (CISs). As the stakeholder responsible for operation of the AHS CISs, AHS also has obligations to take reasonable measures for the sustainability and viability of the system, as well as its operation. In addition to meeting these compliance and system obligations, AHS plays a role in encouraging health practitioners and others in Alberta to work collaboratively to facilitate appropriate information sharing for the benefit of all Albertans.
<b>Alberta Health</b>	With respect to the AHS CISA, Alberta Health plays a mediatory and advisory role to support the success of the all of the AHS CISs for the overall betterment of healthcare services in Alberta. Alberta Health is committed to encourage use of AHS CISs by the various interested health care related parties including the public.
<b>Regulatory Bodies</b>	The regulated health professions are mandated by legislation to be overseen by regulatory bodies (e.g., College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta) responsible for assessing continuing competence, professional conduct and those credentials necessary for practice, and setting standards that must be met for acceptable health care practice. Some standards relate to the use of digital health records, expectations for clinical documentation, and requirements for IMAs. The AHS CISA, information stewardship provisions and IMA provisions rely on meaningful engagement of these bodies and participation in ongoing improvements.
<b>Oversight groups</b>	Patient advocates (e.g., Patient & Family Advisory Council), ombudspersons (e.g., Alberta Seniors Advocate) and legislated oversight groups (e.g. Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner) are an important resource consulted for advice, review and promotion of the AHS CISA, objectives and principles.
<b>Health Profession Associations</b>	The health professions have well-established associations (e.g., Alberta Medical Association) that help organize representation, advocacy and accountability for their members. The AHS CISA acknowledges the key role these play in understanding and communicating the needs of stakeholders; and commits to working with professional associations to promote information sharing founded on mutual trust and respect for the benefit of all Albertans.
<b>Health Education and Research Institutions</b>	AHS CIS users participate in AHS CISs in ways reflecting different roles, purposes and career stages. In particular, AHS CIS relationships may be shaped by participants' status as trainees (e.g., student, clerk, resident, fellow, re-certification), health care evaluators (e.g., clinical improvement activities), or facilitators of health care inquiry (e.g., clinical research). Alberta's health education and health research institutions, including Universities and Colleges with health professional training programs, are key stakeholders in AHS CIS initiatives, with shared accountabilities for health investigation, instruction, innovation and service.
<b>Clinicians</b>	For the AHS CISs to support the purposes outlined in this document, it is critical persons who provide health care goods or services directly to patients in Alberta participate and become engaged in the success of the AHS CISs. Clinicians will be required to collect, use and disclose Health Information within AHS CISs in order to deliver Health Services, most often as affiliates of AHS. The AHS CISs will be governed and operated in a manner that is consistent with the compliance obligations as set out in the HIA but also that are consistent with the professional, education, quality assurance, practice audit, accreditation and other obligations that each Clinician is required to address.