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**To:** **All faculty and support staff in UofA FoMD departments of Medicine & Pediatrics**

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**RE:** **Transition of clinical support from UofA to AHS**

The University of Alberta and Alberta Health Services Edmonton Zone are proud partners working together toward a shared vision of healthy Albertans and healthy communities, serving the public good through education, research and delivery of clinical care. Your work is important to reach our shared vision and clinical support is a needed service.

Effective July 1, 2017, Alberta Health formally instituted a new academic medicine framework and a series of arrangements that are now called the Alberta Academic Medicine & Health Services Program (AAMHSP). These arrangements replace the previous Academic Alternative Relationship Plans (AARPs).

One of the major changes was that funding for physician compensation and related program costs was transferred from the UofA and the respective practice plans to AHS. Therefore, under the AMHSP, our goal is to realign responsibility of our activities to be consistent with the mission of each organization and build on our respective strengths, each with its unique mandates and accountabilities.

We will be transitioning administrative roles that support clinical activities, currently provided by UofA departments, to the AHS Edmonton Zone. UofA will retain responsibility for academic and research activities. Both clinical and academic support will remain key components of the AMHSP.

Representatives of the UofA, FoMD and AHS Edmonton Zone are working together to coordinate this transition. All groups are committed to minimizing the impact to individuals, while maintaining these important services for physicians and patients. Transition committees representing the above stakeholders, have been established to develop, outline, implement and evaluate the required changes.

We are expecting a phased transition. Together, we will be engaging you and updating you regularly throughout this process and as the operational plan is developed and implemented. NASA will be consulted throughout and AHS representatives will be working with AUPE to determine the manner in which this transition will occur.

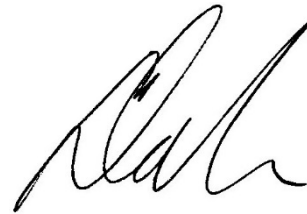
We understand that you will have questions about how this transition will impact you. We will provide regular updates as the work progresses.

Should you have more generalized questions, we welcome you to provide your feedback to: [AMHSP@ahs.ca](mailto:AMHSP@ahs.ca) or [deanfomd@ualberta.ca](mailto:deanfomd@ualberta.ca).

Thank you.



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