



This Issue: PLI Joule Course, Family Presence Survey, Support for Physicians and news from the AHS Update

We would like to recognize that our work takes place on historical and contemporary Indigenous lands, including the territories of Treaties 6, 7, & 8, and the homeland of the Métis. We also acknowledge the many Indigenous communities that have been forged in urban centres across Alberta.

Note: Recognizing some medical staff use an alternate email address instead of an AHS email address, some information is duplicated from the AHS Update to ensure all AHS medical staff have all up-to-date organizational information that may impact their practice.

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Medical Affairs News

Support for Physicians

The [Physician & Family Support Program](#) (PFSP) continues to offer services on an individual basis that you can access by calling the assistance line at 1-877-767-4637.

AHS has also developed new resources aimed at offering support to physicians. These are now available online:

- [Webinar](#)
- [Resource Guide](#)

Support for Physicians PLI Joule Course - Talent Management for Exceptional Leadership

This course provides concrete strategies to help physicians create an organizational culture that focuses on developing leaders, thereby helping to attract, engage and retain the best leadership talent.

Upcoming virtual course on Nov. 28, Dec. 9 and Dec. 12 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Participants must attend all three dates for completion. Free to physicians with an appointment and privileges at AHS. If you would like to register, please contact Sarah Allen at sarah.allen3@ahs.ca.

CPSA Healthier Albertan Grant - Applications now open

CPSA is now seeking proposals from Alberta-based physicians, physician assistants, organizations and other individuals for the CPSA Healthier Albertan Grant. While funding proposals aren't due until Feb. 28, 2023, all interested organizations and individuals must submit an expression of intent by Dec. 15, 2022 outlining their intent to submit a proposal. Learn more [here](#).

Seeking Feedback from Physicians – Family Presence Policy

In July, 2022, sites transitioned from the COVID-19 access directive and guidance to the [Family Presence Policy Suite](#), which is intended to provide ongoing direction around supporting family and visitor access.

We want to better understand physicians' awareness, feelings and knowledge of the Family Presence Policy, and learn about any challenges you have experienced supporting families and visitors. **Please complete this**

[3- to 7-minute survey](#) to share your thoughts. The survey will be open until Nov. 10.

PCN Strategic Forum 2022

The PCN Strategic Forum is back and in-person November 25-26, 2022, in Edmonton. The theme of this year's Forum is Purpose, Unity & Hope. The Forum is geared towards those with a passion for advancing the Patient's Medical Home. Learn more [here](#).

New Resources Available to Support Mental Health

Wellness is a journey and every day we can each take a step toward our own well-being. New resources are available that may offer you support.

- Sessions to help build mental resilience are available from Wellness Together Canada. [Mindwell sessions](#) will be posted as available.
 - Support your concentration and awareness of your surroundings at work. [Learn about Psychosocial Risk Factors](#).
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Career Opportunities

Practice opportunities across a broad range of specialties are available. All vacant AHS physician practice opportunities are posted on our physician recruitment website, [Doctor Jobs Alberta](#).

Additional Resources for Physicians:

- [AHS Virtual Health](#)
- [COVID-19 Healthcare Professional information page](#)
- [COVID-19 Immunization Information](#)
- [COVID-19 Resources for Community Physicians](#)
- [CPSA's Physician Portal](#)
- [Cumming School of Medicine Continuing Medical Education \(CME\) Resources](#)
- [How to Access AHS Insite and Email](#)
- [IPC Emerging Issues](#)
- [MD News Digest](#)
- [Physician & Family Support Program](#) - 1-877-SOS-4MDS (767-4637)
- [Physician Wellness Educational Resources: Well Doc Alberta](#)

From the AHS Update

Welcome to our new streamlined version of the AHS Update. Click on the 'more' link to see the full article. We heard your feedback and continue to look for ways to improve the AHS Update. Please [share your thoughts](#).

You can also read the [full version online](#).

Action on Our Priorities



Digital Health Evolution & Innovation

[Connect Care Launch 5 teams are ready for Nov. 6](#)



Alberta Surgical Initiative

[Surgical wait-list status update](#)

Your Wellness

Personalize your wellness experience

You can now get personalized wellness recommendations with PulseCheck. [\(more...\)](#)

Latest News

COVID-19 status and cases in Alberta

Latest hospitalizations, ICU update and information on variants of concern and wastewater surveillance. [\(more...\)](#)

Understanding the current state of local decision-making at AHS

Help AHS enhance local decision-making, including prioritizing challenges and co-creating solutions. [\(more...\)](#)

Interim CEO video message – Connect Care Launch 5



Connect Care launches at 135 sites on Sunday, including Cancer Care Alberta programs, making this our biggest launch to date. [\(more...\)](#)

Watch Video 

Listen as a Podcast 

AHS teams, individual earn national recognition

AHS staff have received kudos for exemplary environmental public health advocacy and emergency management. [\(more...\)](#)

Apply for an HQCA Patient Experience Award

Apply by Nov. 25 for the [HQCA Patient Experience Awards](#) which recognize efforts to improve healthcare experiences. [\(more...\)](#)

Donation to support children with communication needs

AHS has received an \$866,000 donation from the Children's Ability Fund to expand local Communication Access support for children. [\(more...\)](#)

Celebrate the holiday season with our foundation partners

Join our foundation partners as they celebrate the holiday season with events across the province. [\(more...\)](#)

Raising awareness of World Pressure Injury Prevention Day

Wear red on Nov. 17, and attend one of three webinars to raise awareness of World Pressure Injury Prevention Day. [Learn more here.](#)

AHS, AH create tobacco, smoking, vaping enforcement program

The [Tobacco, Smoking and Vaping Enforcement Program](#) works to improve compliance and regulation within Alberta. [\(more...\)](#)

Please make sure to [book your annual influenza immunization](#) and, once you receive the vaccine, let us know through the [Got My Flu Shot form](#). [\(more...\)](#)

Thank you for everything you do, each and every day.

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