

Medical Staff Update

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AHS recognizes that our work takes place on historical and Indigenous lands, including the territories of Treaty 6, Treaty 7 and Treaty 8, and the homeland of the Métis Nation of Alberta and eight Métis Settlements. 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

New provincial guidance on Heated Humidified High Flow Nasal Cannula for Bronchiolitis

As part of the provincial Bronchiolitis Quality Improvement Project, a new resource has been developed on Heated Humidified High Flow Nasal Cannula (HHHFNC) for Bronchiolitis. This comprehensive resource is now available in the [Bronchiolitis Clinical Knowledge Topic on Insite](#) and within the Bronchiolitis Connect Care Order Sets. For any questions, please contact Erin Thompson, Project Manager at erin.thompson@ahs.ca.

Receive your seasonal immunizations

Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) seasonal immunization (influenza and COVID-19) clinics open the week of Oct. 7. You can [walk in, book online](#) or call 811 to make an appointment. Please remember to bring your Alberta Personal Health Number. You can also check your site for a roving cart or get immunized by a site champion on your unit.

This year, you also have the option to receive an mRNA KP.2 COVID-19 vaccine at participating WHS clinics. If you have a copy of your last COVID-19 immunization records, please bring them with you to your appointment.

Questions? See [Seasonal Immunization for Workers](#).

RSONA Rounds: Initial Phase of Burn Care in Rural Sites

Join the upcoming Rural Surgical & Obstetrical Networks of Alberta (RSONA) online Continuing Medical Education (CME) event, Initial Phase of Burn Care in Rural Sites. During this virtual event, Dr. Peter Kwan will cover rapid assessment and triage, airway management and fluid resuscitation, wound and pain management, and referral pathways.

Join the session [here](#) on **Oct. 22 from 6-7 p.m.** Registration is not required. For more information, please contact RSONA@ahs.ca.

Online billing sessions for new physicians

The Alberta Medical Association (AMA) is offering several online billing sessions over the next few months for new physicians to support their entry into practice in Alberta. These sessions provide essential training on the province's billing system, to help new doctors navigate the complexities of billing codes and facilitate a smoother transition into their medical careers. The sessions are also great to attend if you want a refresher.

Upcoming sessions:

- Family Medicine (office visits and procedures, WCB): Oct. 8, Nov. 5
- Family Medicine (on-call ER, rural rotation duty ER, hospital inpatient, LTC): Oct. 15, Nov. 12

- Medical Specialties (ER coverage, inpatient billing): Oct. 22, Nov. 19
- Surgical Specialties (ER coverage, inpatient billing): Oct. 30, Nov. 26

Visit the [AMA's website](#) for more information about these sessions and to register to attend.

AHS Update Highlights

AHS gathers to mark National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On Sept. 25, more than 1,600 AHS staff and community members took part in AHS National Day for Truth and Reconciliation sessions. Indigenous Wellness Core team members Jesse Alook-Lambrecht and Kendra Deveau led our learnings on [truth and reconciliation](#) and [allyship](#), and [Elder Dr. Francis Whiskeyjack](#) shared his story as a residential school survivor. His story of loss, strength, resilience and hope is an important and inspiring lesson.

One of the highlights of the day was from the Roasting family. Dreyson Roasting and his family gave thanks to staff at the Stollery Children's Hospital and the Awasisak Indigenous Health Program for saving his leg from amputation and for incorporating traditional healing practices into his care journey. Dreyson and his family expressed their appreciation for the care he received, which enabled him to return to powwow dancing. [Watch Dreyson dance in appreciation.](#)

Learn more about AHS' commitment to truth and reconciliation, watch highlights from the day and share your support on [Together4Health](#) and [Insite](#).

New neurology clinic opens in Stony Plain

A new neurology clinic at the WestView Health Centre in Stony Plain is helping more patients living in rural areas get the care they need in their community.

The clinic - located 40 km west of Edmonton - opened to patients in July and will run monthly at first before eventually moving to a weekly schedule. It is focused on treating patients with acute neurological conditions or new diagnoses. Before the clinic's opening, some patients had to wait 12 to 18 months for an appointment. That wait time has been reduced to one to three months for patients in the area.

WestView has space and clerical support already available, with no additional equipment or staff required. The neurology clinic operates out of an existing shared clinic space that also offers clinics for casts, geriatric assessment, pediatric asthma and general pediatric assessments.

Nominations open for lifetime achievement award for healthcare

Alberta Health is recognizing the career achievements of a health professional with the Dr. Peter B. R. Allen Lifetime Achievement in Health Award, which

recognizes the extraordinary efforts and achievements of an Albertan dedicated to improving the health and well-being of people in this province. The nomination period is now open and will be closing on Oct. 17. Eligible nominees may come from diverse backgrounds across all health sectors, clinical professions and designations.

The nominee must demonstrate:

- A strong connection to the medical community in Alberta and a demonstrable impact on the health of Albertans.
- A lasting impact of contributions.
- Demonstration of leadership that focused on empowering and uplifting those who work on their teams.
- Mentorship of emerging members of Alberta's healthcare and/or life sciences sectors.

The nomination form, eligibility criteria and submission information are available from the [Health Awards website](#).

Resources for Physicians

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](#).

Support for physicians

The [Physician & Family Support Program](#) (PFSP) continues to offer CONFIDENTIAL services on an individual basis that you can access by calling the 24-hour assistance line at 1-877-767-4637.

AHS also has [resources](#) aimed at offering support to physicians.

Additional resources for physicians:

- [AHS Virtual Health](#)
- [CPSA's Physician Portal](#)
- [Cumming School of Medicine Continuing Medical Education \(CME\) Resources](#)
- [How to Access AHS Insite and Email](#)
- [IPC Emerging Issues](#)
- [Physician & Family Support Program](#) - 1-877-SOS-4MDS (767-4637)
- [Physician Wellness Educational Resources: Well Doc Alberta](#)
- [Support Services: Well Doc Alberta](#)



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