

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.

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Medical Affairs News

New resources available to support appropriate use of antibiotics

Alberta Health Services is joining others across Canada and around the world to raise awareness about antimicrobial resistance, during [World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week](#) (Nov. 18-24, 2024).

As part of their effort to support the appropriate use of antibiotics, AHS' Antimicrobial Stewardship Program has developed some new resources:

- [Antibiotic Resistance – What can you do?](#)
- [Infection vs. Colonization – No Pus? No problem.](#)
- [Does your patient truly have a penicillin allergy?](#)
- [Hospitalized Pneumonias](#)
- [Avoid fluoroquinolones as first-line therapy](#)

The Antimicrobial Stewardship Program encourages healthcare workers to re-examine how these life-saving but limited drugs are being prescribed to ensure we preserve their usefulness.

If you have questions or need further support, you can reach out to the program at any time at AHS.AntimicrobialStewardship@ahs.ca. Visit [Insite](#) for more information.

Nov. 27 is National Physician Assistant Day

Each year, we join others across Canada in celebrating [National Physician Assistant Day](#) to honour the contributions and hard work of physician assistants. [Physician assistants](#) are highly skilled professionals that play a role enhancing the efficiency and quality of healthcare delivery and improving patient care.

Join us in recognizing and appreciating the important role of physician assistants by sending one you know an [eCard](#). We now have one specific to National Physician Assistant Day.

RLS system upgrade launches on Nov. 26

The Reporting and Learning System for Patient Safety (RLS) upgrade launches on Nov. 26.

To prepare for launch, training is encouraged. Attend an [online session](#) for training on different system roles. [Additional resources](#) will be available on Nov. 26, including written resources, videos and an e-learning module available through [MyLearningLink](#) -search: "Navigating the Reporting & Learning System for Patient Safety (RLS)." After launch, users can attend [virtual office hours](#) for questions and troubleshooting.

Also, effective Nov. 26, RLS users will submit data requests, access permissions and support through [ServiceHub](#).

If you have questions, please contact rlscommunication@ahs.ca.

Be Heard! *Our People Survey* closes in one week

If you haven't had the chance to complete *Our People Survey* be sure to share your thoughts before it closes at midnight on Nov. 24. It takes about five minutes and is completely anonymous.

We want to hear from everyone at AHS, APL and Recovery Alberta. Check your email for your unique link from Gallup or get your link [here](#).

[Here's a story](#) about medical leaders in our organization who are successfully engaging their teams.

Resources and supports are available on [Insite](#). Questions? Email engage@ahs.ca.

Unlock your potential with the Medical Leadership Coaching Program

Did you know that medical leaders can now apply to AHS' [Coaching Connection Program](#)?

Experience the transformative power of confidential, action-focused coaching without any time commitment or cost – participation is entirely up to you. Coaching aims to empower you to elevate your performance, deepen your business acumen and confidently navigate complexity. Research shows that coaching boosts individual self-confidence and wellness, leading to

stronger team performance and engagement. Don't miss this opportunity to pursue your aspirations and thrive.

If you're interested, [please apply](#) to start your journey towards growth. Visit [Insite](#) for more information about the program.

Register for next week's Virtual Health Highlights 2024 webinars

AHS' Virtual Health Team is gearing up for Virtual Health Highlights 2024. This year's theme is Collaborative Virtual Care: Driving Impact and Innovation Across AHS. The webinars showcase the benefits of the Virtual Health team, clinical and technical programs working together to achieve positive impact for patients, providers and the organization.

Celebrate [Digital Health Week](#) (Nov. 18-22) and the many successes in virtual care delivery during the three upcoming Zoom panel presentations. Each panel will include a discussion and Q&A.

Register now for one or more of our sessions:

- Nov. 19, 11 a.m. to noon: [Impact on Patient Care](#)
 - Nov. 20, Noon to 1 p.m.: [Impact for Providers and the System](#)
 - Nov. 21, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.: [Technologies that Enable Virtual Care Delivery](#)
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RSONA Rounds: Pre-Eclampsia

Join the upcoming Rural Surgical & Obstetrical Networks of Alberta (RSONA) online Continuing Medical Education (CME) event, Pre-Eclampsia. During this virtual event, Dr. Fauzia Haq Nawaz, will cover the ability to prevent and predict pre-eclampsia, Acute Management of Severe Hypertension (SOGC Guidelines), complications of pre-eclampsia and management, post-partum management of pre-eclampsia and counselling options.

Join the session [here](#) on **Nov. 19 from 6-7 p.m.** Registration is not required. For more information, please contact RSONA@ahs.ca.

Register for Critical Leadership Conversations Course Part 1

You are invited to participate in our third offering of Critical Leadership Conversations course that will be delivered in a unique format to optimize learning, practice, and reflection. This virtual course will run from **Jan. 30 to March 27, 2025**.

There will be a series of five one-hour virtual lectures and large group discussion sessions delivered over about 8 weeks where we will learn the skills necessary for planning, delivering, and concluding a critical conversation. Outside of the class, you will meet with two colleagues to discuss in-class learnings. This course is eligible for Section 3 CME credits.

Dates	Time	Registration Links
Thursday Jan. 30	4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Register here
Thursday Feb. 13	4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Register here
Thursday Feb. 27	4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Register here
Thursday March 13	4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Register here
Thursday March 27	4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	Register here

To find out more about participation expectations and benefits, please contact lori-ann.paul@ahs.ca for more information.

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](#).

Expression of Interest: Senior Scientific Director and Scientific Directors

The Office of Partnerships is a single point of contact to advance the research, evidence and innovation needs of clinicians and leaders as prioritized through the [eight acute care PINs](#), and help partners navigate the health system.

They are hiring three scientific leaders to embed research methods within the context of acute care. With the broader team, these leaders will collaborate with operational leaders and clinical staff to implement

evidence-based improvements in care within a highly reliable, safe and high-performing health system. The leadership team includes:

- Senior Scientific Director
- Scientific Director, Implementation Science
- Scientific Director, Real World Evidence and Pragmatic Trials

Learn more [here](#).

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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