

Medical Staff Update

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Medical Affairs News

A Conversation on AHS Medical Staff Bylaw Proposed Amendments

Our current AHS Medical Staff Bylaws & Rules are in need of a refresh to match updated practice requirements and expectations. Following an extensive review, the AHS Medical Staff Bylaws & Rules Review Committee

(MSBRRRC) has drafted an updated and enhanced set of Medical Staff Bylaws & Rules that:

- ensure responsiveness to changes in expectations of patients and AHS medical staff;
- meet needs in the workplace, continuing to support a just culture and focusing on restoration of relationships; and
- support a psychologically safe work environment where our people can do their best work.

The review of the AHS Medical Staff Bylaws and Rules took place over the last four years, and was led jointly by the Zone Medical Staff Associations (ZMSAs) and AHS Medical Leaders in the form of the MSBRRRC. External legal counsel has also been engaged, including consultation with the Canadian Medical Protective Association (CMPA), who contributed important suggestions and content. By formal resolution, the committee is now recommending a set of amended Bylaws and Rules to reflect current practice requirements and expectations.

I want to thank everyone for their hard work in reviewing these, and encourage all AHS Medical Staff to visit the [AHS Medical Staff Bylaws and Rules webpage](#) to access the different resources and information sessions available to learn more.

In this video, Dr. Hall and I talk about:

- the review process (0:07),
- what the goals were (1:24),
- what changes Medical Staff can expect to see in the proposed Bylaws (3:50),
- how they'll apply to the new organizations (9:52), and
- what the next steps are (11:57).

I encourage you to take some time to [watch the video on YouTube](#). You can navigate to specific topics by clicking on chapters found in the description.

A Conversation on the Medical Staff Bylaws Review

Featuring Dr. Peter Jamieson and Dr. Sarah Hall



Thank you,

Dr. Peter Jamieson Vice President, Quality and Chief Medical Officer

Provincial Enterprise Imaging replacing IMPAX

Provincial Enterprise Imaging (PEI) is replacing IMPAX as the new Picture Archiving & Communication System (PACS). Central Zone's implementation has been rescheduled for Tues., Jan. 28, 2025, following an initial delay due to technical issues. AHS and our vendor Agfa have determined the root cause and are confident the issues are resolved, and the updated system will significantly enhance user experience.

Edmonton Zone implementation is scheduled for Mar. 4, 2025, and Calgary and South Zone will implement by May 2025.

After PEI implementation, medical staff will view diagnostic images and reports using the XERO viewer in Connect Care. Refer to [XERO Viewer tip sheet](#) and [Workflow Reminder](#). Also, with PEI implementation, [OrthoView](#) will replace MediCAD.

Training is required to access PEI. Before implementation, staff who need PEI access will be invited to complete training through [MyLearningLink](#). If you need access to PEI and have not received a training invitation four weeks before implementation in your zone, email ProvincialEnterpriseImaging@ahs.ca.

Training for OrthoView is available by request to dibusinesssupport@ahs.ca.

Indigenous Support Line hours of operation

The Indigenous Support Line can now be reached between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Monday to Friday by calling 1-844-944-4744 or 811. The hours were changed from noon to 8 p.m. on Dec. 30, 2024. The Indigenous Support Line is for any Indigenous patient or family who needs help navigating the healthcare system in the South, North and Central Zones. Care providers can also call the line to get support in providing culturally safe care.

For information, [visit us online](#).

Review new policy on patient allergies and adverse reactions

Effective now, the [Collection of Patient Allergy and Adverse Reaction Information Policy](#) provides a consistent approach for collecting and documenting patient allergy and adverse reactions.

Highlights:

- Review and document at first point of entry and before patient care
- The health record is the shared source of information
- Connect Care patient ID wristbands replace coloured allergy wristbands, which must no longer be used

Review the new policy and resources on [Insite](#). Questions? Email policy@ahs.ca.

Parenteral Nutrition Multi-Chamber Bags Changing

As of Jan. 28, Parenteral Nutrition (PN) Multi-Chamber Bags (MCB) products are being transitioned from Baxter to Fresenius Kabi (FK) products.

This change will help AHS reduce waste and cost, as FK products provides more options in bag sizes. Specific changes you will see are the following:

- **PeriOlimel E** (Baxter) will be replaced with **SmofKabiven Peripheral** (Fresenius Kabi).
- **Olimel E** (Baxter) will be replaced with **SmofKabiven** (Fresenius Kabi)

- Updated order sets, orders and labels.

To learn more, visit [Parenteral Nutrition](#). If you have questions, please email ParenteralNutrition@ahs.ca.

Resident Doctors Appreciation Week, Feb. 3-7

[Resident Doctors Appreciation Week](#) is a national celebration and opportunity to acknowledge and thank resident physicians for their significant contributions to our healthcare system. Resident physicians are a cornerstone of patient care in teaching sites throughout Alberta. Their contributions to the care teams, patient experience and after-hours coverage within acute care facilities is invaluable.

Join us in recognizing and appreciating the important role of resident physicians by sending one you know an [eCard](#) — there will be two new ones specific to Resident Doctors Appreciation Week uploaded at the end of January.

How to share information across healthcare agencies

This month's *Infocare Moment* highlights procedures for sharing health information across healthcare agencies. It's important to be mindful when sharing health or business information by email, but email encryption is not required when sharing information between AHS-managed emails.

Also, with the start of a new year, we'll review required training including the organizational training course [InfoCare – On Our Best Behaviours](#) and outline the importance of the [Confidentiality User Agreement](#).

Questions? Learn more on [Insite](#).

Register for upcoming Mental Health Act in Practice Webinar

The Mental Health Act (MHA) Team has prepared a series of live webinars on the authorities and responsibilities of the MHA. Three separate presentations cover how the Act relates to Designated Facilities, Non-Designated Facilities and Community Sites, and Community Treatment Orders (CTOs).

Descriptions and registration for webinars scheduled for **Feb. 4-6, 2025** can be found [here](#).

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 eight 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](#).

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](#)
- [AHS Physician Experience](#)
- [Physician & Family Support Program](#) - 1-877-SOS-4MDS (767-4637)
- [Physician Wellness Educational Resources: Well Doc Alberta](#)
- [Support Services: Well Doc Alberta](#)

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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