

Medical Staff Update

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Reminder: Medical Staff Bylaws vote information sessions

The following sessions are intended to provide more information about the proposed amendments, and to answer any questions you may have. These are available both online, and in person. Register for the session that works best for your location and schedule.

In-Person Sessions:

- Red Deer: [Thursday, Feb. 20](#) – 5-6 p.m.
- Edmonton: [Friday, Feb. 21](#) – 5-6 p.m.
- Grande Prairie: [Tuesday, Feb. 25](#) – 5-6 p.m.
- Fort McMurray: [Thursday, Feb. 27](#) – 5-6 p.m.
- Calgary: [Monday, March 3](#) – 5-6 p.m.

Virtual Sessions:

- Tuesday, [March 11](#) – 12-1 p.m.
- Wednesday, [March 12](#) – 12-1 p.m.
- Thursday, [March 13](#) – 12-1 p.m.

In case you missed it, Dr. Peter Jamieson and Dr. Sarah Hall discussed the Medical Staff Bylaws review and proposed amendments over Zoom. You can [watch the video on YouTube](#) and navigate to specific topics, which can be found in the video description.

For more information and resources, visit the [AHS Medical Staff Bylaws & Rules](#) page on Insite.

Donation after Cardiocirculatory Death (DCD) policy revised to include MAiD

The scheduled revision of the [Donation After Cardiocirculatory Death \(DCD\) Policy \(HCS-243\)](#) is complete. Effective Feb. 4, 2025, this policy includes direction regarding DCD following the provision of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) and minor rephrasing of some content for greater clarity. The objective is to enhance communication between the MAiD patient, alternate decision-maker(s), families and healthcare providers, with an emphasis on patient dignity and family support.

A [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document for healthcare providers is also available. For more information, email policy@ahs.ca.

Learn how to identify patient safety issues

There are common patient safety concerns that can be found within healthcare systems. These issues are routinely identified through the analysis of national and international data by organizations such as the [ECRI Institute](#) and the [Canadian Institute for Health Information](#).

The Calgary Zone Integrated Quality Management team created a methodology to determine the top patient safety issues reported by staff and physicians in your zone, site, or program. The full report can be seen on [Insite](#).

Medical Leadership Development

Provincial Medical Leadership Educational series: Land Acknowledgements

Join us for the February Provincial Medical Leadership Educational series, where together we'll explore land acknowledgements. Jamie Harmon, health promotion facilitator with AHS' Indigenous Education Team will lead a presentation on land acknowledgements, and we'll have further discussions in breakout rooms and as a large group.

There are two sessions available:

- Feb. 12, 4-5:30 p.m. [Register](#)
- Feb. 13, 7-8:30 a.m. [Register](#)

These sessions are now CME accredited and are open to anyone who is interested. Questions? Email Mercypina.Gutierrez@ahs.ca.

Register for webinars on mental health, moral distress

With a focus on mental well-being, the *Leadership Insights* series continues with topics to support you and your teams when it comes to having conversations around mental health, strategies to foster psychological health and safety and addressing moral distress.

Register for one of the following [webinars](#):

- **Supporting Mental Health at Work: An Intro** | March 6, 10-11 a.m.
- **Creating & Supporting Psychological Health and Safety for Leaders** | March 11, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

- Moral Distress – **new** | March 20, 2-3 p.m.

Questions? See [Insite](#) to register or for quick access to supports.

Physician Wellness

Life as a Physician: Exploring Our Experience Through Narrative Medicine

Well Doc is offering a weekly virtual series for physicians, *Life as a Physician: Exploring Our Experience Through Narrative Medicine*. The sessions, hosted by Dr. Melanie Hnatiuk, are on March 4, 11 and 18 from 5-7 p.m. You are not required to attend all three sessions, although it is encouraged.

A growing body of literature supports narrative-based medicine as a tool to share experiences and express emotion. In these sessions, you will be introduced to key concepts in narrative-based medicine, and experience writing prose, poetry and graphic medicine. For more information and to register to attend, visit [Eventbrite](#).

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.