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Leadership Message

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As the end of the year quickly approaches, I want to take a moment to say thank you for your unwavering commitment to patient care and your continued resilience during times of change.

This year has continued to bring new challenges and changes, not just in our workplace, but in Alberta and around the world. I know this can be tiring and has had an impact on all of us in some way. I appreciate each of you for continuing to show up for your patients and for each other.

As I look ahead to 2026, I'm anticipating that we will enter a period of nailing down stable ways of working administratively and getting past a lot of the uncertainty of the last year. Some of those elements are structural, like establishing medical leadership for the corridors, piloting the tactics of hospital-based leadership and find our footing as the "new" Alberta Health Services, now a hospital-based service provider.

Other elements are cultural, and process based, like finding the right way to work collaboratively across Provincial Health Corporations and Agencies, and focusing on getting patients what they need, including care in the right place based on clinical need rather than legacy geographic or political boundaries.

A wise friend of mine (looking at you, Dr. Eagle) described this to me as the "anatomy and physiology" of an organization. You need the right structural pieces with organization charts, budgets, reporting lines and people in chairs. But you also need the right ways of working together and the culture piece, which is fundamentally built on shared values and goals. We need both. The anatomy is coming together; building out the physiology continues to be our shared responsibility.

There is a lot of work ahead of us, and I'm committed to continuing to lead with respect and transparency and to working with you as together we build a culture where you feel heard, valued and supported.

Throughout the holiday season, I hope you're able to carve out some time to spend with those who bring you joy, to do the things you love and to rest. I'm grateful to work with each of you, as a fellow physician first and foremost, and as your Chief Medical Officer second, and I look forward to continuing our work together in the year ahead. I'm always open to your thoughts, so shoot me an email at cmo@ahs.ca.

With sincere gratitude and appreciation,

Dr. Peter Jamieson
Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, Alberta Health Services

Medical Affairs News

2026 Annual Information Verification & Attestation arrives in January

On Jan. 19, 2026, all medical staff will receive an email with a link to your 2026 Annual Information Verification & Attestation (AIVA). This link will be sent to your healthcare organization email address (e.g., Alberta Health Services, Recovery Alberta, Alberta Precision Labs, etc.).

You will also receive a text message from AHS and a courtesy email to your preferred alternative email address on file, if you have one, to remind you to log in to your organizational email to complete your AIVA.

When you log in to complete your AIVA, please use your full email address and current network password. For example, if you work at AHS, please use John.Doe@albertahealthservices.ca, not John.Doe@ahs.ca.

Please note that even if you don't primarily work in an AHS facility, affiliation with the medical staff is required to access various services, including IT systems like Connect Care. AHS Provincial Medical Affairs is facilitating this process for all medical staff, as usual.

All medical staff are required to complete the AIVA annually, as outlined in the [Medical Staff Bylaws & Rules](#). The process is quick and should take only about five minutes to complete. The deadline is Feb. 14, 2026.

Review updated Hazardous Medication List

The [Hazardous Medication List](#) is updated and posted on [Insite](#). See page five of the list for a summary of updates:

- Removal of one medication, due to the changes to how NIOSH evaluates hazardous medications as published in the NIOSH 2024 List;
- Reclassification of four medications, due to the changes to how NIOSH evaluates hazardous medications; and
- Addition of eight new medications

Note: All information systems are updated. Teams and program areas are required to implement these changes.

Questions? Contact hazardousmedication@ahs.ca.

New Connect Care digital workflow for Medical Certificate of Death

As of Dec. 9, 2025, Connect Care supports a digital workflow for completing death certificates. This minimizes double-data-entry by taking advantage of

information abstracted from a patient's chart.

Prescribers can use the "Certificate of Death" section of the Discharge as Deceased navigator to initiate a "chart abstraction" that will set up a certificate using the patient's health data. An interface opens in the chart sidebar where the clinician validates abstracted data and adds information not already pulled from the deceased patient's chart.

For more information on the workflow and resources, please visit the [Connect Care Bytes Blog](#).

Connect Care virtual office hours for blood restrictions workflow

Preparations are underway for implementation of the new *Blood Restrictions (Components and Products) Assessment* and updated workflow for documenting a patient's blood preferences in Connect Care.

Join an upcoming Connect Care [virtual office hour session](#) where we will spend time reviewing the key points of the workflow change, and how you can now document blood preferences and restrictions in the Consent & eForms Navigator. Upcoming sessions are:

- [Dec. 18 from 12-1 p.m.](#)
- [Jan. 7 from 12-1 p.m.](#)
- [Jan. 15 from 12-1 p.m.](#)
- [Jan. 28 from 12-1 p.m.](#)

To add a session to your calendar, click on the attachment at the bottom of the page to open and save the iCal outlook invite. A recording of a session will be posted near the end of January.

Medical Leadership & Development

Register for Critical Leadership Conversations Part 5: "Trauma-Informed Leadership & Psychological Trauma"

"Trauma-Informed Leadership & Psychological Safety" invites medical leaders to re-imagine leadership as an act of healing. This five-part virtual series explores how understanding trauma, practicing compassion and creating psychological safety can transform teams, organizations and culture.

The format of this course will be a series of five, one-hour virtual lectures (with optional 30-minute discussion after each session) and large group discussion sessions delivered over 10 weeks from Jan. 29 to April 9, 2026. This format will optimize learning, practice and self-reflection.

The session details and registration information are as follows:

- **Session 1:** Jan. 29 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | [Register](#)
- **Session 2:** Feb. 12 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | [Register](#)
- **Session 3:** March 5 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | [Register](#)
- **Session 4:** March 26 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | [Register](#)
- **Session 5:** April 9 | 4:30-5:30 p.m. | [Register](#)

This course is eligible for Section 3 CME credits. For more information, please contact Lori Paul at Lori-Ann.Paul@ahs.ca.

Physician Learning

“Human Factors in Healthcare” course open for registration

Human factors studies the interrelationship between humans, the tools and equipment they use in the workplace, and the environment in which they work.

During this three-day course, you will explore the role of human factors in healthcare using hands-on activities and case studies in various clinical areas.

There are two dates available, one in Calgary and one in Edmonton:

- Calgary: March 2-4, 2026
- Edmonton: March 17-29, 2026

This session is co-hosted by Alberta Health Services, Health Quality Alberta, W21C and the University of Calgary. Visit the [Health Quality Alberta website](#) for more information and to register. Early bird pricing ends on Jan. 19, 2026.

Resources for Physicians

Career opportunities

Practise opportunities across a broad range of specialties are available. All vacant AHS physician practise 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:

- [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)
- [Well Doc Alberta](#)
- [2025 APL Lab Bulletins](#)

AHS recognizes that our work takes place on historical and contemporary Indigenous lands, including the territories of Treaty 6, Treaty 7 and Treaty 8 and the homeland of the *Otipemisiwak (Oh-teh-pim-swak)* Métis Government of the Métis Nation within Alberta and the eight Metis Settlements. We also acknowledge the many Indigenous communities that have been forged in urban centres across Alberta.



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