

# Medical Staff Update

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## Leadership Message

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## Gratitude for your efforts during the holidays and in managing our ongoing capacity pressures

To kick off the first AHS Medical Staff Update of 2026, I want to say thank you to those who worked throughout the holidays, providing care to the many patients who needed it.

There is no doubt that capacity in our acute care facilities continues to be a challenge, and I know this sustained pressure has an impact on all of us in many ways. These last few months in particular have required many of you to stretch your capacity to ensure there is acute care coverage across the province during what has proved to be a difficult respiratory season.

Your efforts to work collaboratively to address capacity in our system and support patient transfer and discharge wherever possible are also appreciated and have not gone unnoticed.

AHS continues to work closely with Acute Care Alberta and the provincial health ministries to address system capacity, and I will continue to advocate for what's best for our patients and for our healthcare providers to my best ability.

With gratitude,

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

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## Features Stories & News

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### Two teens first pediatric patients in Canada to have robot-assisted kidney transplants

A University of Alberta Hospital surgeon and his team have once again made Canadian medical history. Roughly one year after performing Canada's first robot-assisted kidney transplant in an adult recipient, Dr. Max Levine has changed the lives of two pediatric patients with the same robot-assisted procedure. [Read more](#)

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## Medical Affairs News

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### **2026 Annual Information Verification & Attestation arrives on Monday (Action required by Feb. 14, 2026)**

On Monday, 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](mailto:John.Doe@albertahealthservices.ca), not [John.Doe@ahs.ca](mailto: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.**

Questions? Review the [AIVA frequently asked questions](#) on Insite.

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### **Primary Care Alberta's Virtual Health survey is open to providers and patients**

Do you have experience as a healthcare provider using virtual care technologies like phone calls, video chats, emails or secure messaging to communicate with your patient? If so, Primary Care Alberta's Virtual Health team wants your feedback. Please complete this short [survey](#) before Jan. 23 to help improve virtual care for all Albertans. It should take less than five minutes to complete.

There is also a [patient survey](#) open until Feb. 27, so please encourage yours to share their experiences using virtual healthcare technologies.

For more information, email [virtualhealth@primarycarealberta.ca](mailto:virtualhealth@primarycarealberta.ca).

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### Support safe transitions in care in Indigenous communities

Wondering how you can support safe transitions in care? Join the next Home to Hospital to Home Transitions in Care talk on navigating safe transitions for Indigenous individuals and communities on Jan. 27 from noon to 1 p.m. It's presented by Primary Care Alberta and hosted by the Alberta Medical Association's Accelerating Change Transformation Team.

In this session, you'll explore lived experiences and practical examples that promote safe and supportive healthcare for Indigenous communities. You'll learn how effective navigation supports can enhance care transitions for individuals, families and communities, while also identifying common challenges and barriers and how we can work together to address them.

[Register to attend.](#)

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### Advanced care planning monthly tip: Reconciling Green Sleeves & Connect Care

Many care settings (e.g., homes or continuing care homes type B) do not use or have access to Connect Care and will continue to use paper-based advance care planning/goals of care designation (ACP/GCD) forms. Additional steps by healthcare teams are needed to ensure that the most current and relevant GCD order is reflected in both the Green Sleeve & Connect Care so that a Green Sleeve can remain the source of truth across care settings.

Check out this month's [tipsheet](#) available on the provincial ACP/GCD [Insite page](#).

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### Medical Leadership & Development

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“Mindful Healthcare Environments: Cultivating Inclusive Spaces for IMGs in Alberta” (Provincial Medical Leadership Educational Series)

Join us **Wednesday, Jan. 21 from 4-5:30 p.m.** for the next Provincial Medical Leadership Educational Series, where we'll explore the topic "Mindful Healthcare Environments: Cultivating Inclusive Spaces for IMGs in Alberta" with Dr. Florence Obianyor. [Register to attend.](#)

By the end of this session participants will be able to:

1. Explore well-being challenges faced by IMGs in Alberta's healthcare system.
2. Identify strategies for creating inclusive healthcare environments.
3. Co-create actionable steps for leaders to support IMG well-being.

These sessions are CME accredited and are open to anyone who is interested. For more information, please email [Mercypina.Gutierrez@ahs.ca](mailto:Mercypina.Gutierrez@ahs.ca) or visit our [Together4Health](#) page (login is required).

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## Physician Learning

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### **"Supporting HER: Practical Tools for Women's Midlife Health in Primary Care" conference**

This conference, held at MacEwan Centre, University of Calgary, provides a practical and evidence-based update on key clinical issues affecting women in midlife, including screening, prevention and management strategies relevant to primary care.

Through focused plenaries and case-based discussions, participants will explore best practices in menopause care, hormonal therapy, sexual health, mental health, chronic disease risk and emerging screening approaches. [View the current program.](#)

March 6, 2026 | 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
[Register to attend.](#) Early bird pricing ends on Feb. 1, 2026.

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## Resources for Physicians

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### **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](#).

#### New leadership postings:

- [Corridor Medical Lead, Edmonton Corridor](#)
- [Corridor Medical Lead, Northwest Corridor](#)

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#### 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.

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#### 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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Healthy Communities.  
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