

# Medical Staff Update

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## Features Stories & News

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### **Rural family physicians enhance skills in new training program**

Dr. Lindey Felske has her heart set on doing what she loves, becoming a rural family physician with surgical and obstetrical skills to offer residents in Southern Alberta. Thanks to a new 12-month Enhanced Surgical Skills (ESS)

residency program through University of Alberta, delivered in partnership with Acute Care Alberta's Rural Surgical and Obstetrical Networks of Alberta (RSONA), she's one step closer to making her dream a reality.

The program provides general medicine practitioners with the opportunity to learn surgical skills that help rural patients have access to more support in their home communities. [Read more.](#)

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## Medical Affairs News

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### Review the new Requests from Police policy and procedure

This [Requests from Police Policy Suite](#), which comes into effect on Feb. 9, outlines the roles and responsibilities for leaders, staff and physicians when a request is made by a police officer to access a patient and/or for the collection and release of evidence. The procedure provides direction for the collection of a blood sample as part of an impaired driving investigation.

This policy and procedure applies to staff and physicians when working at an AHS facility. Please review the information. There are several resources on [Insite](#) to help you.

If you have questions, please email the Professional Practice Consultation Service at [practice.consultation@healthsharedservices.ca](mailto:practice.consultation@healthsharedservices.ca). For any questions related to physician/site specific processes please reach out to your site medical leader or email [cmo@ahs.ca](mailto:cmo@ahs.ca).

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### Complete your 2026 Annual Information Verification & Attestation (Action required by Feb. 14, 2026)

All medical staff received an email with a link to your 2026 Annual Information Verification & Attestation (AIVA) on Jan. 19. **If you haven't already done so, please take a few minutes to complete it by Feb. 14.**

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

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### Resident Doctors Appreciation Week, Feb. 9-13

[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 are invaluable.

Join us in recognizing and appreciating the important role of resident physicians by sending one you know an [eCard](#)—there are two eCards specific to Resident Doctors Appreciation Week that are available under the category “this month”.

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### Alberta Precision Laboratories moving to Primary Care Alberta

As part of the Government of Alberta's healthcare refocusing, Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) ownership will transition from AHS to Primary Care Alberta (PCA) effective April 1, 2026.

This shift to PCA reflects a renewed focus on strengthening community access to primary and preventative health services and continuously improving the patient experience across the full continuum of care. APL's current role as key partner in acute care delivery will remain consistent to ensure Albertans receive high quality healthcare.

Many APL staff work in hospitals, so APL will work closely and collaboratively with Acute Care Alberta and the service delivery organizations providing hospital services, like AHS. For more information, visit [Refocusing Healthcare in Alberta](#) on Insite.

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## Medical Leadership & Development

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### “Physicians with ADHD: Leading, Lifting, Sustaining” (Provincial Medical Leadership Educational Series)

Join us **Wednesday, Feb. 18 from 4-5:30 p.m.** for the next Provincial Medical Leadership Educational Series, where we'll explore the topic “Physicians with ADHD: Leading, Lifting, Sustaining” with Dr. Elisabeth Baerg Hall. [Register to attend.](#)

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

1. Identify common ADHD-related challenges experienced by physicians in clinical and leadership work.
2. Describe how ADHD-related strengths can positively impact physicians' effectiveness in both clinical practice and leadership roles.
3. Outline a straightforward, behaviour-focused approach to support physicians with suspected or confirmed ADHD.

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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### Attend a Black History Month session

Diversity and Inclusion is hosting a series of lunch-and-learns throughout February to celebrate Black History Month.

- **Reckoning with Anti-Black Racism in Canada: Strategies for Supporting Black Mental Health** | Feb. 4 from 12-1 p.m. | [Register](#)
- **Music as a Tool of Resistance** | Feb. 11 from 12-1 p.m. | [Register](#)
- **Breaking Barriers & Elevating Voices of Black Leadership in Healthcare** | Feb. 18 from 12-1 p.m. | [Register](#)
- **Unveiling Strength: Black Resilience & Health Advocacy in the Alberta Healthcare System** | Feb. 26 from 12-1 p.m. | [Register](#)

Staff and physicians of all Provincial Health Agencies and Provincial Health Corporations are invited to join conversations and learn more about the experiences of their Black peers. Visit [Insite](#) for more information about these sessions.

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### **“The Impact of Wildfires on Mental Health” lunch & learn**

Join the Recovery Alberta Provincial Addiction & Mental Health team for a lunch & learn session with Dr. Ejemai Eboreime, “The Impact of Wildfires on Mental Health”. The session is on March 4 from 12:05-12:50 p.m.

This session will explore the mental health consequences of wildfires, drawing on a scoping review examining PTSD, depression, anxiety and substance use following wildfire disasters, including insights from the Fort McMurray wildfire.

You can attend this event over MS Teams or by phone. To join, please [RSVP by March 2](#). To be notified of future events in this series, subscribe to the [Knowledge Bites mailing list](#).

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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](#).

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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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