

# Medical Staff Update

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## Medical Affairs News

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### Update on the Physician On Call Program

On Thursday, all medical staff across the Provincial Health Agencies and Provincial Health Corporations should have received a memo on behalf of the CMOs regarding the Physician On Call Program (POCP).

On Jan. 30, 2026, the Ministry of Primary and Preventative Health Services (PPHS) [announced](#) that the new POCP will begin on April 1, 2026. They are increasing the POCP grant to support the 798 programs that are now eligible for POCP—an increase of 200 programs that have previously not received funding.

Over the next few weeks, programs will receive letters about the POCP. First, programs who submitted an appeal will be notified of the outcome of careful evaluations conducted by the POCP Appeal Committee. All programs, current and future, will receive notification of initiation, changes and termination.

If you are a new program to POCP, your funding will start April 1, 2026. If you are a program that has received on-call funding in the past, you will receive a notification that your funding will change, or will end, effective May 31, 2026. The new POCP will start for continuing programs on June 1, 2026, enabling 90 days' notice of change for current participants.

For more information, please review our [frequently asked questions](#) on Insite.

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## **New Requests from Police policy and procedure now in effect**

The new [Requests from Police Policy Suite](#) came into effect on Feb. 9. The policy 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. If you haven't already done so, please familiarize yourself with the policy suite.

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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## **Final reminder: 2026 Annual Information Verification & Attestation**

If you have not yet completed your 2026 Annual Information Verification & Attestation (AIVA), please complete it by Feb. 14. If you have already completed your AIVA, thank you.

All medical staff are required to complete the AIVA annually, as outlined in the [Medical Staff Bylaws & Rules](#). 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.

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

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## Update to the AHS High-Alert Medications list

Please be aware the AHS High-Alert Medications (HAM) list and the alphabetized companion have been updated. These will replace the Sept. 15, 2022, versions.

- The [HAM List](#) and companion documents are available on the [High-Alert Medication](#) Insite page.
- Updates in applicable technologies (e.g., Connect Care, parenteral monographs, AHS provincial formulary) are in progress.

Additions to the AHS HAM list include:

- acetylcysteine, parenteral
- BUPivacaine-EPINEPHrine, parenteral
- edoxaban, oral
- methylPREDNisolone-lidocaine, parenteral
- tranexamic acid, parenteral

## How is the AHS HAM list updated?

The AHS [Management of High-Alert Medications Policy](#) supports revisions to the High-Alert Medication (HAM) list to address new drugs and safety concerns with existing drugs identified within AHS. The Pharmacy Services Medication Quality and Safety Team (MQST) is responsible for managing and communicating these changes.

The AHS HAM list is based on the ISMP HAM lists (U.S. and Canada) along with medication safety literature, drug information, organizational reporting and learning events (RLS) and established safeguards/workflows.

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**Take a short survey to share your DynaMed experience and guide future access**

Library Services with Health Systems Knowledge & Evaluation is evaluating DynaMed, a clinical decision support tool available through Connect Care (EPIC), [Library Services](#) and mobile devices.

We invite you to complete a brief, anonymous [survey](#) to share your experience using DynaMed. Your feedback will help us understand how DynaMed acts as a clinical resource and will inform future decisions about access to clinical information tools across the province.

The [survey](#) takes approximately 5–7 minutes to complete. Please submit your responses by Feb 26. At the end of the survey, you can also volunteer for an interview and share additional insights about your experience with DynaMed

For more information, please contact [Juhina.El-Hajj@acutearealberta.ca](mailto:Juhina.El-Hajj@acutearealberta.ca).

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### **Advanced Care Planning monthly tip: Scan Green Sleeve documents into Connect Care**

With Connect Care being used at many sites across the province, remember that Green Sleeves remains a source of truth across care settings in Alberta. An important part of reconciling Green Sleeves with Connect Care is ensuring both sources contain the same information and Green Sleeve documents missing from Connect Care health records are scanned into Connect Care.

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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### **“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.

- **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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## 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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