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Feature Stories & News

Virtual Emergency Physicians bring care closer with convenience

“The Virtual Emergency Physician program bridges the gap by connecting emergency department (ED) physicians to temporary support facilities without available on-site ED physicians. Most physicians in our pilot program had experience working in rural, resource-challenged EDs and had existing privileges in the zone. Their prior experience helped us immensely in the

launch of this program.” — Dr. Jane Ojedokun, Corridor Medical Lead, North-West Corridor. [Read more.](#)

Virtual observation brings extra layer of safety for hospital patients

A new initiative to enhance patient safety and support frontline staff has rolled out at the University of Alberta Hospital. The innovative Virtual Observation program allows trained attendants to observe patients remotely through a secure video feed for an extra layer of safety monitoring. [Read more.](#)

Medical Affairs News

Review and implement updated Hazardous Medication List

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

- Added four new medications to the list (inavolisib, omaveloxolone, trofinetide, zilucoplan).
- Added seven new medications to the list –all of which were included previously as a grouping under ‘progestin’ medication (desogestrel, dienogest, etonogestrel, hydroxyprogesterone, norethindrone, norethisterone, norgestrel).
- Added two medications to the list –both of which were included previously as a combination product (drospirenone, estetrol).
- Added one medication to the list –which previously was only listed by its synonym mycophenolic acid (mycophenolate sodium)

Note: All information systems are updated. Teams and program areas are required to implement these changes. Questions? Contact hazardousmedication@ahs.ca.

Advance Care Planning monthly tip: Provide patients/clients with their Tracking Record documentation

Advanced Care Planning (ACP) and Goals of Care Designation (GCD) can be documented in two ways:

- Paper-based using a Tracking Record form, or

- Electronic based using a Tracking Record note.

Both formats help document ongoing conversations and decisions made about a person's ACP and GCD. This documentation is given to patients/clients and stored in their Green Sleeve and a copy is kept in their electronic or paper chart.

For more information, review this month's [tipsheet](#) or visit [Insite](#).

Changes coming to nurse practitioner practice permit

For the 2026–27 licensure renewal period, nurse practitioners (NPs) in Alberta will transition from population-based streams of practice to a single NP practice permit. This change applies to all existing and new NP registrants. The Neonatal NP practice permit will remain a distinct and separate category and is not impacted by this change.

The College of Registered Nurses of Alberta (CRNA) is implementing this transition as part of a national regulatory alignment initiative to support consistency, mobility, and clarity of NP practice across Canada.

For more information, see the [Single Licensure FAQ](#) or contact prov.npservices@healthsharingservices.ca.

Medical Leadership & Development

“Does Compassion Still Matter in Contemporary Healthcare?” (Provincial Medical Leadership Educational Series)

Join us **Wednesday, April 15 from 4-5:30 p.m.** for the next Provincial Medical Leadership Educational Series, where we'll explore the topic “Does Compassion Still Matter in Contemporary Healthcare? The Evidence, Challenges, and Implications for Enhancing Compassion at a Patient, Provider, and Organizational Level” with Shane Sinclair, PhD. [Register to attend](#).

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

- Define and delineate differences between compassion, empathy and sympathy.

- Describe the evidence and role of compassion in healthcare.
- Determine the evidence for measuring compassion as a key indicator of the patient experience.
- Consider whether compassion can be cultivated and the impact of compassion training on provider and patient outcomes.
- Identify the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats faced by healthcare leaders in creating compassionate healthcare organizations and systems.

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

Brain-Based Psychological Safety Leadership

Psychological safety is the number one predictor of high performing teams and results in greater trust, engagement, retention, innovation, courage, freedom of expression, collaboration, inclusion, openness and vulnerability.

This workshop will explore both the well-known definition of workplace psychological safety coined by Dr. Amy Edmonson and the Brain-based definition and S.A.F.E.T.Y model from the Academy for Brain-based Safety Leadership. Beyond understanding the importance and impact of psychological safety this course will help physician leaders understand their own psychological safety needs, non-conscious drivers and potential impact on others.

When: April 20, 2026 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Where: Room 1004 Southport Tower, Calgary

Cost: \$999 USD

[Register by March 31](#) to attend.

These sessions are CME accredited. For more information, please contact the Physician Experience team at PhysicianExperienceDWD@healthshareservices.ca.

Physician Learning

Register for The Working Mind™, a virtual mental health course for physicians and medical leaders

Alberta Health Services' Physician Experience team is offering [The Working Mind™](#), a one-day virtual course from the Mental Health Commission of Canada. This course is offered to medical leaders, physicians and other medical staff across Alberta's Provincial Health Agencies, Provincial Health Corporations and Service Delivery Organizations.

Participants will learn practical tools to help:

- Promote mental health across their teams and organizations
- Transform the way they think and talk about mental health
- Recognize signs of poor mental health in themselves and others
- Strengthen coping skills to manage stress and maintain well-being
- Understand mental health rights and responsibilities
- Foster a supportive and psychologically safe work environment

Date: Friday, April 10, 2026

Time: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

There are 15 spots available, so [register today to attend](#). More dates will be offered in 2026. A waitlist will be created, and those on it will be notified of future dates.

Questions? Email PhysicianExperience@healthshareservices.ca.

Note: This course can be used toward a Personal Development Activity for the Physician Practice Improvement Program (PPIP) of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta.

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](#)
- [2026 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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