

# Medical Staff Update

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## Public Health Updates

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### Hantavirus (Andes Virus)

The risk of the hantavirus (Andes virus) in our province remains very low. Public health officials in Alberta, together with federal partners, are actively monitoring the situation closely.

There are resources available on [Insite](#) to support physicians, other frontline healthcare workers and staff, including:

- [Infection Prevention & Control interim recommendations](#)

- [Lab bulletin on testing for hantavirus](#)
- [FAQ: Hantavirus](#)
- [FAQ: Workplace Health & Safety](#)

We will keep you updated if the situation evolves. If you have questions, please reach out to [cmo@ahs.ca](mailto:cmo@ahs.ca).

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## Viral Hemorrhagic Fever

The World Health Organization has declared an outbreak of viral hemorrhagic fever (VHF) — also known as the Ebola virus — in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda. The risk of Ebola exposure in Alberta, and in Canada, is low. Public health officials in Alberta, together with federal partners, are closely monitoring the situation.

Information for [Albertans](#).

Infection Prevention & Control has updated the viral hemorrhagic fever training requirements to strengthen readiness and ensure consistent PPE practice when managing suspected cases. Workers who support patients with viral hemorrhagic fever, including physicians, are encouraged to complete the training modules on [MyLearningLink](#) (MLL). There are five modules:

- Module 1 & 2: Introduction and Overview
- Module 3: Buddy PPE
- Module 4: Healthcare Worker Gown PPE
- Module 5: Healthcare Worker Coverall PPE

After you log in to MLL, navigate to “Courses & Registration” and search the keyword “Ebola” or “Viral Hemorrhagic Fever”.

For more information, visit [Viral Hemorrhagic Fever](#) on our website.

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## Medical Affairs News

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[PARA annual benefit allocation period begins June 12](#)

Professional Association of Resident Physicians of Alberta (PARA) members, it's almost time to allocate your 2026 Flexible Spending Account credits.

Here's what you need to know:

- Allocation period: June 12-25, 2026
- Review the [Flex Allocation Instructions](#) before you begin

You have until 11:59 p.m. on June 25, 2026 to allocate your flex credits. After this deadline, any unallocated credits will automatically default to your Health Spending Account.

For more information and resources, visit [Insite](#). If you need support or have further questions, contact the [HR Contact Centre](#).

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## Register for the AHS Improvement Way Day (AIW) on June 17

Join AIW Day on June 17, a provincewide event focused on sharing real strategies clinicians can use to simplify workflows, prioritize effectively and improve care without adding more to their plates.

The day features sessions on the process improvement tools teams rely on most, how to quickly develop and test solutions and ways to re-energize teams under pressure. You'll also get an opportunity to hear short, practical success stories from colleagues and explore how AI is being used to support improvement work.

Join us on June 17 to build confidence, reduce friction and make your workday smoother. [Learn more and register](#).

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## Review Updated AHS Prion Disease Policy

Aligned with Accreditation Canada standards, the revised [Prion Disease: Perioperative Special Precautions for High-Risk Cases to Prevent Iatrogenic Transmission Policy](#) is now available.

This policy is supported by the [Prion Disease / Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease \(CJD\): Perioperative Special Precautions for High-Risk Cases](#) resource.

Practice changes in this policy have already been implemented.

Reminder:

- The definition of high-risk tissues has been revised.
- The CJD Risk Assessment Tool form has been removed; however, surgeons who operate on high-risk tissues remain responsible for assessing their patients and communicating with the surgical and multidisciplinary teams when prion disease is suspected.
- The collection of blood and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) specimens may now be handled with routine precautions.
- Infection Prevention & Control is available to provide consultation and guidance to healthcare providers and multidisciplinary teams managing prion cases.

Learn more on [Insite](#).

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## Physician Recruitment

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### Leads team a centralized, coordinated entry point for physicians interested in working in Alberta

The Physician Recruitment Leads Intake and Navigation team was established in 2025 to create a centralized, coordinated entry point for physician interest in Alberta.

The team provides high-touch navigation support, including licensure, immigration and practice pathway guidance, while managing and triaging leads aligning with provincial workforce needs. Since implementation, lead volume has more than doubled, with hundreds of physicians actively engaged and progressing through early recruitment stages.

Importantly, the leads team does not replace or displace local recruitment teams. It functions as an upstream pipeline, sourcing, qualifying and preparing candidates, followed by a structured handoff to local recruitment teams who lead relationship-building, site-specific recruitment and hiring decisions.

This coordinated model improves candidate experience, reduces system inefficiencies and strengthens Alberta's overall recruitment pipeline while preserving the critical role of local teams in successful placements.

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## Medical Leadership & Development

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### “A Culture of Accountability: Culture starts with us” (Provincial Medical Leadership Educational Series)

Join us Wednesday, June 17 from 4-5:30 p.m. for the next Provincial Medical Leadership Educational Series, where we'll explore the topic “A Culture of Accountability: Culture starts with us” with Dr. Henriette Fortin and Erica Battram, both from the Safe Medical Care Learning team at the Canadian Medical Protective Association. [Register to attend](#).

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

- Briefly describe some principles of a balanced culture of accountability in healthcare teams.
- Use one strategy to strengthen team trust and support learning and system improvement.
- Intentionally assess next steps against natural justice principles when responding to events.

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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## 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](#)
- [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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**Together.**