



Deputy Zone Clinical Department Head, Medicine From Dr. Narmin Kassam Zone Clinical Department Head, Medicine

Dear Colleagues,

The Search and Selection process for the Deputy Zone Clinical Department Head of Medicine, Edmonton Zone is now complete and we are pleased to announce that Dr. Elaine Yacyshyn has accepted the position effective February 1, 2021.

Dr. Yacyshyn graciously took on the Deputy Zone Clinical Department Head role earlier this year on an interim basis and has since demonstrated her commitment to promoting standard of care with a focus on quality improvement in support of promoting patient and physician health and wellness across the Edmonton Zone.

Dr. Yacyshyn is a Professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Rheumatology, at the University of Alberta. She completed medical school at the University of Alberta and residency and fellowship training in Internal Medicine, Rheumatology and Geriatrics at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN. Dr. Yacyshyn obtained an MSc in Quality Improvement and Patient Safety from Queen's University. Dr. Yacyshyn currently works as a clinician educator, focusing on Medical Education and Quality Improvement at Kaye Edmonton Clinic Medicine as an Ambulatory Lead.

Please join us in welcoming and supporting Dr. Yacyshyn in her role.

Regards,

Dr. Narmin Kassam
Zone Clinical Department Head, Medicine
Edmonton Zone



EZMSA Winter Wellness Challenge

- Grand Prize \$1500 gift certificate for an Alberta mountain staycation
- Rules:
 - Submit 8 photos of your different wellness activities to zmsaevents@albertadoctors.org by **February 28, 2021**.
 - Must be an EZMSA member to enter the draw.
 - Winners chosen randomly on March 15th and winning photos posted at that time.
 - Be creative and tell a friend to join!
 - Indoor and outdoor activities count!
 - Have fun!
- Five Prizes each valued at \$500:
 1. Home Bar
 2. Outdoor Sporting Equipment
 3. Board Games
 4. Massage and Spa
 5. Local Restaurant Take-out
- Bonus Prize valued at \$160:
 - Pilates
- Website <http://albertazmsa.com/ezmsa>



Save The Dates—Virtual Medical Leadership Orientation

- We are excited to announce the dates and topics for the 2021 Virtual Medical Leadership Development Series. After successfully launching in 2020 as a (temporary) replacement for the full-day Medical Leadership Orientation, we have extended the series for the first half of 2021.
- We look forward to continuing the conversation as a community interested in further developing leadership skills. Please feel free to extend this invite to any colleagues who may have an interest in leadership (they do not need to be in a formal medical leadership role to participate).
- See you in the upcoming sessions—Dr. Curtis Johnston & Tracy Robar
- Below is a list of dates, times and topics:
 - **February 23** 4:00—5:30 PM How to Lead When Your Team is Exhausted and You Are Too [Registration](#)
 - **February 25** 7:00– 8:30 AM How to Lead When Your Team is Exhausted and You Are Too [Registration](#)
 - **March 23** 4:00—5:30 PM Equity, Diversity & Inclusion [Registration](#)
 - **March 25** 7:00– 8:30 AM Equity, Diversity & Inclusion [Registration](#)
 - **April 13** 7:00– 8:30 AM Working with Dyads [Registration](#)
 - **April 15** 4:00—5:30 PM Working with Dyads [Registration](#)
 - **May 18** 7:00– 8:30 AM Disruptive Behavior/Difficult Conversations [Registration](#)
 - **May 20** 4:00—5:30 PM Disruptive Behavior/Difficult Conversations [Registration](#)
 - **June 24** 4:00—5:30 PM Succession Planning and Emerging Leaders [Registration](#)
 - **June 25** 7:00– 8:30 AM Succession Planning and Emerging Leaders [Registration](#)
- For any questions, please contact Tracy Robar @ tracy.robear@ahs.ca.



Position Postings

- **Facility Medical Director, Sturgeon Community Hospital (SCH)**
 - This **0.40 FTE** position reports directly to and is supported in the role by the Edmonton Zone Medical Director.
 - The ideal candidate will have demonstrated abilities in communication, conflict resolution, collaborative negotiation and a passion for quality and patient safety. They will be an inclusive and visionary leader with experience in medical leadership.
 - For full job posting and details doctorjobsalberta.com
- **Zone Section Chief Pediatric Inpatient Care**
 - This **0.10 FTE** position, governed by the Medical Staff Bylaws and Rules, reports directly to the Edmonton Zone Clinical Department Head for Child Health.
 - The ideal candidate will have demonstrated abilities in communication, conflict resolution and a passion for quality and patient safety. S/he will be an inclusive and visionary leader, ideally possessing experience in medical leadership and is considered a strong clinician by peers.
 - For full job posting and details doctorjobsalberta.com
- **Academic Chair, Department of Psychiatry**
 - The University of Alberta's Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry is inviting applications for a **full time** position as Department Chair, Department of Psychiatry.
 - The successful candidate will be a visionary and engaging leader with a proven track record of success in inspiring excellence and strategic faculty, a record of personal academic accomplishment and excellent interpersonal skills, as well as innovative ideas on how to meet the opportunities of academic, research and clinical service leadership in an integrated health region. Current tenured Academic faculty in the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, University of Alberta, with a PhD or MD are eligible to apply.
 - For full job posting and details doctorjobsalberta.com



Connect Care Sequencing Update February 5, 2021 Message from Dr. Francois Belanger & Sean Chilton

Dear AHS staff, physicians and volunteers,

Due to the demands of the pandemic on our health system and province, a decision was made in December to alter the timing and scope of Connect Care's Wave 3, now launching in April 2021. Following that decision, updates have now been made to the scope and timing of the upcoming waves.

There will still be nine implementation waves in total, which got underway in late 2019 and will be completed in 2023.

As previously announced, a modified Wave 3 is launching on April 10, 2021, primarily in North Zone. Waves 4, 5, 6 and 7 are as follows:

- Wave 4 will launch November 7, 2021, and will include the Royal Alexandra Hospital and Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital in Edmonton, the Alberta Children's Hospital and Peter Lougheed Centre in Calgary Zone, as well as Calgary Zone rural and urgent care sites and the clinics and services aligned with those, the Southern Alberta Forensic Psychiatric Centre, Central Production Pharmacy and all labs in the Edmonton Zone which have not already implemented Connect Care.
- Wave 5 will launch May 14, 2022, to include the west area (former David Thompson Health Region) of Central Zone, Centennial Centre for Mental Health and Brain Injury in Central Zone, Richmond Road Diagnostic and Treatment Centre and Foothills Medical Centre in Calgary, Cancer Care (and associated pharmacies), Alberta Kidney Care South, and all lab services in the rural portion of the west area of Central Zone.
- Wave 6 will launch November 6, 2022 and will include Grey Nuns Hospital, Misericordia Hospital and Alberta Hospital Edmonton in the Edmonton Zone, the east area (former East Central Health Region) of Central Zone, the Rockyview General Hospital and the South Health Campus in Calgary Zone, the associated pharmacy services in Edmonton, Central and Calgary zones, the lab services in the rural portions of the east area of Central Zone, and Alberta Precision Laboratories in the Calgary Zone.
- Wave 7 will launch in the spring of 2023 and will include the east side of the North Zone (former Aspen and Northern Lights Health regions), the South Zone, including the stand-alone long-term care sites, and the associated pharmacy and lab services for these sites and programs.

Details for waves 8 and 9 are still being determined and will be shared when available. The slide below provides a brief summary of waves 4, 5 and 6. For more detailed information, please see the [Wave Implementation Diagram](#).

Our healthcare teams and patients come first in every decision we make. We are continually assessing what's happening across the province and within Connect Care and we understand that we may need to make future adjustments as we continue to rollout Connect Care. These changes ensure we have the appropriate timing between launches to safely and effectively put Connect Care in place in each wave and that we are considering the needs of our patients, staff and physicians as we move forward.

Our commitment to Connect Care has not changed and its successful implementation remains an organizational priority. We are continually assessing what's happening across the province and within Connect Care and may need to make future adjustments as we continue to rollout Connect Care, safely and effectively.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we adjust our plans according to the needs of Albertans and changing demands within AHS.

Sincerely,

Dr. Francois Belanger
Vice President, Quality and Chief Medical Officer

Sean Chilton
Vice President, People, Health Professions and Information Technology



Laboratory Bulletin February 8, 2021

- Vision-Tek M6 Digital Microscope Implementation
- Rapid Identification and Susceptibility Results for Positive Blood Cultures
- Delays in Reporting First Trimester Prenatal Screen Results
- These bulletins and all previous bulletins are also posted for your reference on the [APL lab bulletins website](#)