



# AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

October 8 2020

## Provincial News

### [Proactive Panel Event: Identifying and managing violence in the workplace](#)

- PROactive: Partners in Professionalism is a collaborative effort between Alberta Health Services, the Alberta Medical Association, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, the Health Quality Council of Alberta and the Faculties of Medicine taking place at the two universities to explore means of enhancing professionalism within medicine and how we can work together to institute principles of a just culture.

### [11,000-plus doctors registered to practise in Alberta](#)

### [Two members added to Alberta Health Services Board](#)

- Minister of Health Tyler Shandro has appointed financial professional Vicki Yellow Old Woman and cardiologist Dr. Sayeh Zielke to the Alberta Health Services board.

### [Chief medical officer updates](#) - Last update October 8, 2020

- Regular updates from Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Alberta's chief medical officer of health.

### [Update 129: COVID-19 pandemic in Alberta \(Oct. 8, 4:30 p.m.\)](#)

- There are 77 people in hospital due to COVID-19, including 13 in intensive care. New voluntary public health measures are recommended for Edmonton zone.

### [Healthcare unions' bargaining: Statement from Minister Toews](#)

- President of Treasury Board and Minister of Finance Travis Toews issued the following statement on United Nurses of Alberta's rejection of Alberta Health Services' proposal to delay labour negotiations:

### [CPSA tracks registration stats to better understand physician resources in Alberta.](#)

- Check out the College's report from 2020's third quarter

### [Recognizing lifetime achievement in health](#)

- Alberta's government is seeking nominations to celebrate people who have dedicated their lives to improving the health-care system and patient outcomes in the province.

### [In an effort to enhance security of the physician portal, CPSA will soon introduce a two-step verification system when logging in.](#)

### [CPSA: Consultation 019](#) - Closes October 15 2020

- You are invited to share your thoughts on the proposed changes to the Closing or Leaving a Medical Practice and Job Action (proposed new title: Withdrawal of Services) standards of practice. To ensure alignment, the College is also consulting on draft updates to the Relocating a Medical Practice standard.

### [Albertans visit CPSA-accredited facilities with peace of mind](#)

- New window vinyls let Albertans know their diagnostic or out-of-hospital surgical facility is accredited by CPSA

### [Big Improvements to Fort McMurray Health Centre](#)

### [Greater care, flexible options for Canmore seniors](#)

### [Opioid surveillance report: Associate Minister Luan](#)

## **National and International News**

### [University of Alberta virologist awarded Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine](#)

- Michael Houghton discovered hepatitis C virus and now is developing a vaccine.

### [Globally, as of 3:24pm CEST, 8 October 2020, there have been 36,002,827 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 1,049,810 deaths, reported to WHO.](#)

### [Royal College Statement on Anti-Indigenous racism](#)

### [All Royal College exams will have a virtual option in 2021](#)

### [First grant recipients of the International Development, Aid and Collaboration program](#)

### [Dr. Hans Jung, former surgeon general, recognized for outstanding medical service to military and Canada](#)

### [Nominations open for 2021 CMA Awards, including new award for physicians with disabilities](#)

[Physician Wellness+ Initiative dedicates \\$15 million to support physicians and medical learners](#)

[The best time to prevent the next pandemic is now: countries join voices for better emergency preparedness](#)

[WHO launches portal for global data on the health and well-being of older people](#)

[Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): Outbreak update - October 7, 2020](#)

[BMA - Latest news and opinion](#)

### **Alberta Health Services - Resources and News Updates for Medical Staff**

[There are 19,718 cases, 283 deaths, and 17,338 recovered in Alberta.](#)

- Information for AHS Staff and Health Professionals, including new updates to COVID-19 Resources for AHS Staff & Health Professionals - Last update, October 8, 2020

[COVID-19 Resources for AHS Staff & Health Professionals](#)

[Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - Frequently Asked Questions - Staff:](#)

- Last update September 25 2020

[Laboratory bulletins](#)

[CMO Weekly Update for AHS Medical Staff](#) - October 2 2020

[September 2020 eReferral Advice and Consult Request Updates](#)

### **Alberta Health Services (AHS) - *For authorized AHS users only***

[novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

- Staff and physician resources

[Message from Board Chair David Weyant](#) - October 1 2020

- New Board Appointments

[Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall](#)

- Visitation, family support guidelines strike a different, overall balance - October 2 2020

[AHS, Covenant Health and APL Healthcare Worker COVID-19 Testing](#)

[Executive Leadership Team Notables](#)

## **More AHS News, Updates and Resources**

[Foothills Medical Centre \(FMC\) Daily Stats](#) - October 8 2020

- novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

[As of October 1, 2020 parents can now access their children's COVID-19 test results in addition to their own results by signing up for your MyHealth Records account, at \[alberta.ca/myhealthrecords\]\(http://alberta.ca/myhealthrecords\).](#)

[Alberta Health Services \(AHS\) is following-up with Albertans whose COVID-19 test results were not successfully delivered by the automated text message or autodialer systems, between September 10 and September 29, 2020.](#)

[Virtual mental health network now available to Albertans](#)

[Volunteers sought for AHS advisory councils](#)

[Pathway improves access to Hep C diagnosis, treatment](#)

[Smiles bloom at Mackenzie Place](#)

- Grande Prairie merchants show the love to local seniors

[The art of conversation](#)

- Fort Mac seniors connect with local artists to inspire creations

[Teen honoured for caring spirit, hard work - Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre](#)

[Shared experiences promote mental wellness](#)

[Learn how to manage stress in challenging times](#)

- Albertans looking for ways to identify and manage stress are invited to join Transform Your Stress: The Resilience Advantage — Strategies for Managing Stress in Challenging Times, a free online workshop facilitated by Alberta Health Services.

[Simulation training comes to Medicine Hat Regional Hospital](#)

## **Clinical, Research and Education News**

[Eight University of Calgary researchers inducted into prestigious Canadian Academy of Health Sciences](#)

[FDA approves new drug to treat common form of muscular dystrophy based on research from U of A scientist](#)

[Ketones buy time for a failing heart but are just more fuel for a healthy one: study](#)

- Giving the heart more ketones makes it produce more energy but doesn't make it more efficient, U of A researcher finds.

[Want to know how school-aged children are managing during the pandemic? Ask them](#)

[Year-long study launched to understand how children are coping](#)

[U of A researchers receive \\$1.4M in provincial funding to fight COVID-19](#)

- Research to predict spread of pandemic a month in advance among five projects aimed at stemming spread, developing better tests and improving patient care.

[Digital mental health treatment just as effective as in-person therapy: study](#)

- Researchers focus on post-traumatic stress injuries to Canadian military personnel, veterans and public safety personnel during COVID-19.

[Caesarean birth, prolonged labour influence infant gut bacteria, risk of childhood obesity and allergies: study](#)

[2020 Nutrition Report Card evaluates influences on children's healthy food choices](#)

- Poor diet right behind tobacco consumption as leading cause of premature death for Canadians, says public health expert.

[Stem cell breakthrough advances regenerative medicine](#)

## **Rural Medicine**

[Clinics adapt in response to COVID-19 to keep patients safe and healthy](#) - RhPAP

[Upcoming virtual events and conferences](#) - Society of Rural Physicians of Canada

## **Calgary, Central & South Zone News/Programs**

[Made-in-Calgary masks to help protect Albertans](#)

[Six months of data-based decision-making key to City of Calgary's pandemic response](#)

- World-renowned health and data experts step up to support community in time of need.

[Flu season is upon us](#)

[UCalgary flu clinic on campus Oct. 19-23](#)

- UCalgary's flu clinic will be at Foothills campus Oct. 19 and 20, and on main campus Oct. 21, 22, and 23.

## **Edmonton & Northern Zone News/Programs**

[Trio of vet med researchers secures \\$2.6 million in national funding competition](#)

- Canadian Institutes of Health Research Project Grants awarded to three biomedical research projects

[2020 Gairdner Symposium - October 19 2020](#)

[Lakeland Communities residents invited to virtual HAC Community Conversation](#)

[Invitation to Wood Buffalo HAC Community Conversation](#)

[Physician coverage uninterrupted at Rocky Mountain House Health Centre](#)

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