



# AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

January 6, 2021

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

[Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)  
Frequently Asked Questions – Staff  
Dec. 30, 2020](#)

[CMO Weekly Update for AHS Medical Staff  
COVID-19 January 4 2021](#)

[CMO Weekly Update for AHS Medical Staff  
COVID-19 December 31 2020](#)

[CMO Weekly Update for AHS Medical Staff  
COVID-19 December 24 2020](#)

[Edmonton Zone surgery auto-dialer project's second phase to start January 2021](#)  
- News and Events, Medical Staff (scroll down the page)  
Starting January 2021, the Alberta Health Services' Surgical Waitlist Management team will be rolling out the second wave of the Surgical Autodial project to validate surgery waitlists in the Edmonton Zone.

[December 2020 eReferral Advice Request Updates](#)  
On December 3, 2020, Calgary Zone Neurology added Stroke management issue as a new Advice Request reason for referral. Details available by viewing the December 2020 eReferral Bulletin

[novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)  
Frequently Asked Questions – for Community Physicians  
December 18, 2020](#) - Last updated December 24 2020

[Internal Med – Infectious Disease – STI was added to eReferral Advice Request  
Province-wide.](#)  
Details available here

[EZ Weekly News December 30 2020](#)

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

[There are 107,501 total, 1,193 deaths, and 92,858 recovered in Alberta - January 6 2021](#)

COVID-19: Staff and Physician Resources - Recent updates, news, tools and information

[COVID-19 Testing / Online Booking Tool for Healthcare Workers](#)

[Message from Dr. Laura McDougall](#)

[COVID-19 Immunization Update - January 5 2021](#)

[Message from Dr. Laura McDougall](#)

[COVID-19 immunization pace ramps up, online booking tool launches - January 4 2021](#)

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

First member of the public receives vaccine; gratitude for 2020 - December 31 2020

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

Active cases down in all five zones, vaccine rollout continues provincewide - December 24 2020

[Quick Guide: Resources for Primary Care to Support COVID-19 Care in Communities](#)

[Headline News](#)

**More COVID-19 News, resources and updates**

[Globally, as of 9:38am CET, 6 January 2021, there have been 84,780,171 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 1,853,525 deaths, reported to WHO.](#)

[COVID-19: One year later – WHO Director-General’s new year message](#)

[WHO issues its first emergency use validation for a COVID-19 vaccine and emphasizes need for equitable global access](#)

[Update 167: COVID-19 pandemic in Alberta \(Jan. 5, 4:45 p.m.\)](#)

[COVID-19 vaccine distribution](#)

[Alberta's phased immunization program is underway.](#)

As of January 4: 26,269 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Alberta.

1 adverse event following immunization (AEFI) has been reported to Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services.

[Prevent the Spread \(Straight Talk\) - novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Straight Talk is a new video series in which public health messages are being delivered by healthcare workers, who talk from the heart about what they're seeing and experiencing at work and in their communities as the virus spreads across the province.

[COVID Community: From Bench to Bedside: How research will lead our recovery from COVID-19](#) - January 11 2021

[Alberta's vaccine roll out exceeds 26,000 doses to date - January 5 2021](#)

[Vaccine usage: Joint statement from Minister Shandro and Dr. Hinshaw](#)

[Alberta receives 16,900 doses of Moderna vaccine](#) - December 29 2021

## **National and International News**

[10 global health issues to track in 2021 - WHO](#)

[An Update on the College Chairs: Message from the President - Canadian Institutes of Health Research](#)

[Online discussion on systemic racism in Canada's health research funding system](#)  
[Message from the Vice-President, Research Programs - CIHR](#)

## **Provincial News**

[AMA President's Letter: December 23 2020: Z-codes, AMA updates you need](#)

[AMA Representative Forum Election Results: Member login required](#)

[Media Relations 101](#)

[Hosted by Shannon Rupnarain, AMA - January 13 or March 17](#)

[Social Media 101](#)

[February 25 or April 14](#)

[The physician's retirement plan - MD Financial Management](#)  
[January 27, 2021](#)

[Government review cARP & academic medicine plus AMA info session on stipends](#)  
AMA President's Letter: December 22 2020

[Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination Part II - MCC Backgrounder](#)

## **Family Medicine News Highlights**

[Clinical live-stream webinars - Upcoming webinars: College of Family Physicians of Canada](#)

[The Future is Now: Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) in Family Medicine - How will AI affect the work of Canada's family doctors?](#)

[Intelligence in Family Medicine - Six part Monthly Webinar Series. Join the CFPC on January 27th for Machine Learning to solve primary care challenges.](#)

[Alberta College of Family Physicians - News and Events](#)

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

[Lymphedema Nights - Alberta Lymphedema Association](#)  
January 13, 2021

[DIGITAL HEALTH SUMMIT - FREE LIVE STREAM EVENT](#)  
January 26, 2021, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm MST

[Child Health and Wellness Seminars: Walk a Mile in my Shaky Shoes - How Health Care Professionals Can Tap Into the Ability in disABILITY](#) - January 11 2021

[Searching MEDLINE Systematically](#) - January 13 2021

[CanREACH: Patient-Centered Mental Health in Paediatric Primary Care](#)  
Various dates: January 2021 through March 2022

[Disney, Pixar and Netflix are teaching your children the wrong messages about pain](#)

[Hundreds of medical learners received support from CMA Foundation COVID-19 bursary](#)

[Researchers detect early signs of autism in at-risk infants](#)

[New website provides resources and peer support tailored to LGBTQ2+ cancer patients](#)

## [FoMD in the News](#)

[A round-up of news stories featuring the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry](#)

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

### [Temporary closures at local emergency department \(South Zone\)](#)

Milk River: Emergency patients to be diverted to other South Zone hospitals

### [AHS offers range of addiction, mental health support \(Central Zone\)](#)

### [Stockings bring Christmas cheer to Chinook](#)

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

### [Fort Sask hospital temporarily closes labour, delivery unit](#)

### [Two new specialists now practising in Grande Prairie](#)

## **Rural Medicine**

### [Nominations for the 2021 Rhapsody Awards are now open](#)

### [Rural nursing and midwifery key to enhancing future health care](#)

### [PCN workshop's advice: Don't worry, be happy](#)

### [Best wishes for a happy holiday season and a joyous new year from RhPAP](#)

### [Calling the midwife is catching on in Taber](#)

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