



# AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

April 5, 2022

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

[Dr. Todd Anderson appointed dean, Cumming School of Medicine](#)

[Hold the salt: study reveals how reducing sodium intake can help heart failure patients](#)

[Patience and persistence pay off for doctors referring children to pediatric obesity clinics, finds U of A research](#)

[Study finds link between high density of fracking operations and increased risk of adverse birth outcomes](#)

[Fellowship honours 'giant' of Calgary business, philanthropy and children's health](#)

[Funding boost builds capacity for kidney research through expanded education and training](#)

[Helping transgender people see themselves in the health-care system](#)

[New study reveals why HIV remains in human tissue even after antiretroviral therapy](#)

## **Provincial News**

### [Cases in Alberta](#)

540,733 Total COVID cases

4,612 Cases reported over 7 days

8,586,230 Vaccine doses as of March 28

### [Statement on Dr. Verna Yiu](#)

Minister of Health Jason Copping issued this statement on Dr. Verna Yiu leaving Alberta Health Services

[Joint AMA-AH statement:](#)

[Any pending changes to payment rates or programs will be halted until negotiations conclude](#)

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[Stipend changes paused during AMA-AH negotiations - AMA President's Letter, March 27, 2022](#)

[Providing care to Ukrainian evacuees and a negotiations webinar - AMA President's Letter, March 30, 2022](#)

[Enhanced virtual care codes improve access to mental health care - AMA President's Letter, March 25, 2022](#)

[Paxlovid to be available at more Alberta pharmacies](#)

[Improving access to mental health care](#)

[Health Quality Council of Alberta empowers patients to be active participants in their healthcare](#)

[A new phase of advocacy - AMA President's Letter, March 24, 2022](#)

[STARS ready for takeoff as province doubles funding](#)

[AMA President-Elect 2022-23: Call for Nominations](#)

[Taking steps to transform continuing care](#)

Alberta would be the only Canadian jurisdiction with one overarching piece of legislation for its entire continuing care system under a proposed new bill.

[Revised standards of practice on Continuity of Care and Episodic Care take effect Apr. 1](#)

[Relief from high inflation for continuing care residents](#)

Alberta's government will reduce the impact of high inflation on continuing care residents by paying the first three months of this year's annual increase in accommodation charges for them.

[Coaching in Healthcare](#)

Starting April 7 - weekly virtual sessions for nine weeks through to June 2, 2022

## **National and International News**

[Globally, as of 8:46pm CEST, 5 April 2022, there have been 490,853,129 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 6,155,344 deaths, reported to WHO.](#)

[Billions of people still breathe unhealthy air: new WHO data](#)

[We must remain vigilant against COVID-19](#)

[Commentary: Physicians' advocacy role must be protected](#)

[CMA to governments: Our top priority should be rebuilding health system and bringing relief to health workforce](#)

[CMA Health Summit Series: Doing health differently during COVID and beyond](#)

[CMA: Commentary: Canada's health system is on life support; reform needed now](#)

[Physician burnout nearly doubles during pandemic](#)

[CMA: Saskatchewan physician Dr. Alexander Wong on the power of nuance on social media — really](#)

[Quebec resident Dr. Mathieu Nadeau-Vallée on TikTok as a public health tool \(and how 'Trudeau' ended up in his username\)](#)

[Top Research Studies of 2021 - What's New, True and Poo: College of Family Physicians of Canada](#)

[Polio: Advice for travellers - Public Health Agency of Canada](#)

## **Alberta Health Services**

[Alberta Health Services Board announces departure of President & CEO and transition plan](#)

[AHS Support for Ukraine](#)

[New pilot aims to increase Albertans' access to surgeries](#)

[National nursing award honours leadership at AHS](#)

[CMO Weekly Update for AHS Medical Staff  
COVID-19 - April 1 2022](#)

[CMO SMOH Notice for AHS Medical Staff - March 25 2022](#)

[Faster surgical recoveries benefit patients, boost capacity](#)

[Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall  
COVID-19: AHS Update: AHS prepared as Ukraine evacuees arrive in  
Alberta, new COVID-19 cases increase across all five zones](#)  
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[Cory's building hope for longer, healthier lives](#)

[Alberta Precision Laboratories: Bulletins](#)

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

[COVID-19](#)

[Chief medical officer of health COVID-19 update – March 23, 2022](#)

[Thank you for your care of Albertans - Message from Dr. Verna Yiu](#)

[Message from CEO Dr. Verna Yiu & Dr. Laura McDougall](#)  
*AHS Update: AHS prepared as Ukraine evacuees arrive in Alberta, new COVID-19  
cases increase across all five zones, April 1 2022*

[Message from Greg Turnbull](#)  
*Departure of Dr. Yiu and transition plan*

[AHS Interchange: AHS news and views, March 31, 2022](#)

[AHS Interchange: AHS news and views, March 24, 2022](#)

**Family Medicine News Highlights**

[Chronic Pain Gains in Alberta: An ECHO® Series](#)

[Volunteer, get involved - Alberta College of Family Physicians](#)

[Department of Family Medicine - AHS/University of Calgary](#)

## **Rural Medicine**

[Rural health providers get 'REAL' lifelong learning support](#)

[RhPAP funding opens door to REAL continuing education opportunities](#)

[Empowering our future leaders in rural and regional health care](#)

[Strong institutional support helps MD students thrive in rural placements](#)

[Occupational Therapist helps patients get back to the "job of living."](#)

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

[Precision Health Program gets boost, adds executive credential](#)

Early bird deadline for applying to second program cohort is April 15 - UCalgary

['The pandemic brought huge uncertainty and new challenge...each of my students has sacrificed as well'](#)

[Nursing prof receives \\$2.4M for Alliance against Violence and Adversity \(AVA\) project](#)

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

[Covenant Health to operate new La Crete health centre](#)

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