



# AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

November 22, 2022

## Provincial News

### [Daily cap temporarily removed, lump sum payment details](#)

- AMA President's Letter, November 21, 2022

### [Improving Albertans' access to doctors](#)

- To help increase patient access to physicians, there will no longer be a daily cap on the number of visits a physician can fully bill. - Government of Alberta

### [Administrator replaces AHS Board](#)

- AMA President's Letter, November 17, 2022

### [Dr. Mark Joffe is now the chief medical officer of health for the province.](#)

### [Reforming AHS to improve patient care](#)

- November 17, 2022: Government of Alberta states that immediate actions are rolling out that will lead to faster EMS times, decreased emergency room wait times and reduced surgical wait times for Albertans.

### [Circulating respiratory viruses in Alberta: Dr. Joffe](#)

### [Advocacy for continued precautions in virus season](#)

- AMA President's Letter, November 15, 2022

### [Quick update on Board activity](#)

- AMA President's Letter, November 10, 2022

### [CPSA: Registered with TPP Alberta and need a secure prescription pad? Place your order by Dec. 11](#)

### [Continuing medical education and professional development opportunities – November 2022](#)

[Are you up to standard? The updated Infection Prevention and Control standard of practice is now in effect](#)

[Make a positive impact on health care in Alberta by joining a CPSA committee!](#)

[Announcing newly-elected and returning CPSA Councillors](#)

[The consequences of practising medicine without a valid permit](#)

[Medical Matters: Remembrance Day](#)

- Maj Meghan Joiner, a family physician and member of the Canadian Forces, reflects on providing medical care onboard military and civilian aircrafts in Afghanistan, and the journey it took to get there.

[Disability advocate expands office to Calgary](#)

[Better outcomes for Albertans](#)

- A final set of mandate letters from Premier Danielle Smith directs government ministers to prioritize access to health care and skilled labour, when and where Albertans need it.

## **Alberta Health Services**

[AHS Update: Official Administrator named to replace Board, virtual innovations make influenza information more accessible, additional vaccine option for children](#)

[CMO SMOH Update: Celebrating Digital Health Week, Introducing the Physician Experience team and news from the AHS Update](#)

[Research to revolutionize COPD care for Albertans](#)

[Virtual innovations make health supports more accessible](#)

[Connect Care now in more sites, programs across Alberta](#)

- 25,000+ staff, physicians, other healthcare providers involved in Launch 5

[Connect Care - Physicians](#)

[AHS raises awareness around addiction and recovery in Grande Prairie](#)

['Virtual hospital' treats patients in comfort of home](#)

- Complex Care Hub an award-winning alternative to traditional hospitalization

[Response to Shigella outbreak ongoing in Edmonton Zone](#)

[New psychiatrist now practising in Grande Prairie](#)

[A large grassfire was extinguished before it could cause significant damage thanks to the efforts of a Protective Services \(PS\) team at Rockyview General Hospital \(RGH\) on Oct. 19.](#)

[Pressure-injury prevention a family affair](#)

[New location in Grande Prairie for community lab services starting Dec. 5](#)

[Local addiction, mental health walk-in clinics now open in Bonnyville](#)

[Local addiction, mental health walk-in clinics now open in Cold Lake](#)

[Local addiction, mental health walk-in clinics now open in St. Paul](#)

[Peace River COVID-19 testing moves to health centre](#)

[Information for Community Physicians - COVID-19](#)

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

[The AHS Vlog](#)

- Executive Education Program

[Knitting 'Twiddle Muffs' can be tough, but it's a labour of love](#)

[AHS offers chance to try out para ice hockey in Lethbridge](#)

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

[Message from Interim CEO Mauro Chies](#)

- November 21, 2022, Accreditation results & my thanks

[Stay connected as a team - Work Safe Blog](#)

[Lest we forget: AHS Update, Mauro Chies, Interim AHS President & Chief Executive Officer](#)

[Message from Interim CEO Mauro Chies](#)

[Dr. John Cowell appointed AHS Official Administrator; government outlines priority areas](#)

[Connect Care Launch 5 is live - Message from Interim CEO Mauro Chies](#)

[AHS Interchange - November 10, 2022](#)

[AHS Interchange - November 17, 2022](#)

[Transgender Day of Remembrance](#)

- *Work Safe Blog*

[Pressure-injury prevention a family affair](#)

[Secret Santa - Holiday Card Exchange](#)

[AHS Fit Fam](#)

[HQCA Patient Experience Award - Apply By Nov. 25](#)

*NOTE! - Date*

[Participate in Local Decision Making Discussions](#)

[InfoCare Moment - Privacy Impact Assessments](#)

[COVID-19 Staff & Physician Resources](#)

[COVID-19: Latest updates](#)

[Awards & Recognition Wall](#)

[Renew Your Required Organizational Learning](#)

- *This Week's Insite Tip*

## **National and International News**

[Monkeypox : Advice for travellers](#)

- Government of Canada

[Polio: Advice for travellers](#)

- Government of Canada

[WHO advises immediate skin to skin care for survival of small and preterm babies](#)

[WHO updates recommendations to guide family planning decisions](#)

[Health Summit Series: Bold Choices in Health Care](#)

- Canadian Medical Association

[Digital app released to boost physical activity – and help get children moving](#)  
- WHO

[WHO highlights oral health neglect affecting nearly half of the world's population](#)

[Updated interim guidance for monkeypox vaccination published](#)

[Globally, as of 5:37pm CET, 22 November 2022, there have been 635,229,101 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 6,602,552 deaths, reported to WHO. As of 16 November 2022, a total of 12,943,741,540 vaccine doses have been administered.](#)

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

[Researcher's work on how gut inflammation drives changes in brain structure earns national recognition](#)

[Canada Foundation for Innovation awards UCalgary almost \\$10M for lab upgrade to study pathogens](#)

- Researchers will study SARS-CoV-2 and tuberculosis in vivo at level 3 containment lab

[Two UCalgary faculties join forces as they leverage technology to improve health-care outcomes](#)

- Nursing and Schulich professors collaborate to optimize health and educational results

[Abhay Lodha honoured as Immigrant of Distinction in STEM](#)

[Better at bedtime? Why a Canadian study is testing a novel approach to blood pressure medication](#)

[Libin Institute director leads effort to send essential medical supplies to Ukraine](#)

[New funding announced to upgrade Canada's biocontainment facilities](#)

- Dr. Paul Kubes, PhD, and team at the Cumming School of Medicine have received a Canada Foundation for Innovation Biosciences Research Infrastructure Fund grant of \$9.82 million to expand UCalgary's containment level 3 facility to be able to visualize what a pathogen is doing inside a cell and to see whether new drugs are working.

[Convocation spotlight: PhD Medical Sciences '22 grad Sarah Raza](#)

[Convocation spotlight: PhD Medical Sciences '22 grad Yuliya Fakhr](#)

[Convocation spotlight: MSc in Medical Sciences '22 grad Billy Wang](#)

[Organoid manufacturing platform developed by UCalgary professor used by NASA](#)

[Canada's first space health research symposium launches at UCalgary](#)

- Gathering of global researchers will help astronauts and Earthlings alike, say organizers

[We contain multitudes: What fly guts and bacteria can teach us about immunity](#)

[New Canada Research Chair will build on community-guided work to improve health in Northwest Territories](#)

- Indigenous and global health researcher Sangita Sharma is among five newly named or renewed chairs at the U of A.

[Federal funds set to boost U of A's ability to handle highly infectious pathogens](#)

[Patient mentors help teach U of A medical students the importance of connection and compassion](#)

[Diabetes research at the U of A means a better future for patients](#)

[Convocation spotlight: PhD Medical Sciences '22 grad Yuliya Fakhr](#)

[Celebrating a passionate advocate for people living on the margins of society](#)

[Critical care medicine training at the U of A an exceptional experience](#)

[International student well-being begins with staying warm in winter](#)

- Two PhD candidates in the Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry launch projects to welcome new international grad students to the faculty

## **Family Medicine News Highlights**

[Pearls for Family Practice: Half Days](#)

- Cumming School of Medicine CME, *NOTE! DATE:* November 24 & 25, 2022

[Practical Talks for Family Docs - Upcoming Webinars](#)

[Thursday Night CPD](#)

- Alberta College of Family Physicians

[FFYFP Blog: Big Bucks: Better Billing](#)

[COVID-19 Resources](#)

[There is a crisis in family medicine](#)

- College of Family Physicians of Canada

[CFPCLearn podcast series](#)

## **Rural Medicine**

[Rural nurse practitioner helps fill gap in local primary care access](#)

[A Nurse Practitioner's Experience of Northern Alberta](#)

[25th Annual Rural Anesthesia for GP Anesthesiologists Conference](#)

- January 20, 2023

[39th Annual Emergency Medicine for Rural Hospitals](#)

- January 20 - 22, 2023

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

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