



# AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

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## Clinical, Research and Education News

[Dr. Erin Brennand appointed department head, Obstetrics & Gynaecology](#)

[UCalgary alumna Hayley Wickenheiser honoured with 2022 Nation Builder of the Year Award](#)

[International research team determines best first line of defense against common arrhythmia](#)

Procedure reduces serious complications, improves patient quality of life

[Now Innovating: How research and entrepreneurial paths aligned to create a digital innovation that translates pharmacogenomics data for better prescribing practices](#) - VIDEO

A conversation with Dr. Chad Bousman, PhD, associate professor, Cumming School of Medicine

[Mental health awareness critical for children on Bell Let's Talk Day, and every day, says UCalgary researcher](#)

Sheri Madigan wins Royal-Mach-Gaensslen Prize for Mental Health Research

[UCalgary and WHO researchers find hybrid immunity is the best protection against COVID-19](#)

[Results from global data show vaccination and a prior COVID-19 infection offer the best defence against severe illness and reinfection](#)

[Grad students develop program to fight food insecurity on Foothills Campus](#)

Research inspires duo to launch Grad Snacks initiative

[Researcher takes another step toward discovering how a brain molecule could halt MS](#)

Fractalkine appears to trigger repair of brain damage caused by the disease.

[Key Alzheimer's risk factors affect men more than women, study shows](#)

U of A scientists find an unexpected sex difference in how a particular gene and vascular health interact to affect memory loss.

[Better Indigenous health-care education through collaboration](#)

A University of Alberta research team is collaborating with rural Indigenous community Elders and medical schools, building recommendations to improve Indigenous health education in residency programs.

[Cumming School of Medicine - Events](#)

[Postdoctoral scholar highlights importance of mentorship](#)

UCalgary's Dr. Kirnvir Dhaliwal says mentorship experiences have helped her 'think outside the box'

[Graduate student grateful for mentors](#)

[New researchers will help shape the evolving landscape of AI](#)

[Popular pediatric gastroenterology podcast offers education, information and connection](#)

[UCalgary is once again the No. 1 startup creator among research institutions in Canada](#)

[A retrospect of the UCalgary Pluralism Initiative in anticipation of what's to come](#)

[National study shows Indigenous patients with autoimmune liver disease face worse symptoms and outcomes](#)

**Alberta Health Services**

[New family physician now practising in Beaverlodge/Hythe](#)

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

[New equipment advances surgical care in Drumheller](#)

[Trials begin for Alberta-created Linac-MR technology, first in the province](#)

[Temporary closure of Tofield Emergency Department extended](#)

[Pertussis outbreak declared in South Zone](#)

[Partnership spurs physician recruitment in Cold Lake](#)

[Bridge Healing program connects vulnerable to community supports](#)

[Network outage resolved, third party to review cause  
January 23, 2023](#)

[Team improves access to addiction, mental health supports in Drayton Valley](#)

[Teams improve access to addiction, mental health supports in Sundre, Olds, & Innisfail](#)

[Good reads lead to great deeds at Sturgeon](#)

[Lethbridge: Local COVID-19 assessment, immunization centre to move](#)

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

[Work Safe Blog: Learn our stories](#)

[Work Safe Blog: We're all spiritual](#)

[Code Blue - Cardiac Arrest / Medical Emergency](#)

[Launch 6 of Connect Care will take place on May 6, 2023. This launch includes AHS urban and rural sites in North, Edmonton, Central, Calgary, and South Zones, as well as four Covenant Health acute care facilities.](#)

[AHS Update: AHS pandemic response started three years ago, new vendors to increase capacity for ortho surgeries](#)

[Message from Interim CEO Mauro Chies - A Thank You](#)

[AHS network and systems restored](#)

[AHS accepts recommendations from HQCA report into fatal dog attack response](#)

[Team helps AHS strive for increased financial sustainability](#)

['Discover who you are, what's important to you.'](#)

Pulse survey shows openness, emotional support builds superior teams

## **Provincial News**

[Improving Alberta's response to public health emergencies](#)

Premier Danielle Smith is establishing an expert panel to review the legislation and governance practices used by the Government of Alberta during the

management of the COVID-19 public health emergency and to recommend changes necessary to improve government response to future health emergencies.

#### [Faster response times for 911 calls](#)

Through the Health Care Action Plan (HCAP), Alberta Health Services has launched a new EMS-811 Shared Response program so every Albertan receives appropriate levels of care.

#### [HCAP: Lowering surgical wait times in Calgary](#)

Albertans will have access to thousands more publicly funded orthopedic surgeries at Calgary chartered surgical facilities as part of the Health Care Action Plan (HCAP).

#### [Recognizing the 2022 Dr. Bryan Ward Memorial Endowment Fund recipient, Dr. Colton Lewis](#)

- College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (CPSA)

#### [Space Travel, Medicine and Computers: The Next 30 Years](#)

Michio Kaku, PhD, Henry Semat Chair in Theoretical Physics at the City University of New York (CUNY) and best-selling author, will take centre stage at Inventures on Friday June 2, 2023.

#### [Now available: CPSA medical clinic registration](#)

#### [Congratulations to U of C's 2022 Dr. Marnie Hinton Award recipients, Dr. Sarah Frehlich & Dr. Adam Neufeld](#) - CPSA

#### [Streamlining practice improvement](#) - CPSA

#### [Medical Matters: Fly, Bluebird, fly: Improvements to our complaints process get off the ground](#) - CPSA

#### [Alberta Doctors' Digest - January/February 2023](#)

#### [AMA - Events](#)

#### [32nd Annual History of Medicine Days 2023](#)

March 17 & 18, 2023

### **National and International News**

#### [Canada's physicians give health system failing grades, urge reform to primary care](#)

[Why access to health care depends on a more accessible medical profession - CMA News](#)

[CMAJ](#)

[Government of Canada announces new clinical trials consortium, training platforms, and research projects to improve the health of Canadians](#)

[Government of Canada invests \\$23 million in pediatric cancer research](#)

[WHO launches new roadmap on breast cancer](#)

## **Family Medicine News Highlights**

[68th Annual Family Medicine Summit](#)  
March 3-5, 2023

[Pearls for Family Practice: Assessing Patient Knee'ds](#)  
Understanding and applying the new soft tissue knee pathway developed by the Bone and Joint Health Strategic Clinical Network

[Resident Doctors Appreciation Week 2023 – February 6th to 10th](#)

[CFPC Statement on National Physician Licensure](#)

[Green Health Care Toolkit](#)  
Alberta College of Family Physicians

[The Foundation for Advancing Family Medicine \(FAFM\) is launching a grant program, Workplace Integrated Demonstration Projects \(WID\), that aims to develop the capacity and adaptability of the comprehensive primary care workforce, as well as sustain the adoption and optimization of interprofessional teams for the delivery of comprehensive primary care.](#)

[Honours and Awards: College of Family Physicians of Canada](#)

[Psychiatric Quarterly Updates: Opioid Use Disorder](#)

[The Impact of Virtual Care on Decision-Making Capacity Assessments \(DMCAs\)](#)  
Get Involved! Participate in Family Medicine Research!

## **Rural Medicine**

[Doctor and young family choose to RESIDE in rural Alberta](#)

[RhPAP supports rural operating room nurses at Rural Surgical Skills workshop in Banff](#)

[Addressing rural physician shortages](#)

To help bring more physicians to rural Alberta, Alberta's government is working to offer physician training in Lethbridge and Grande Prairie.

[RhPAP welcomes two new Rural Community Development and Engagement Consultants](#)

[RhPAP contributes to health professional learning in Banff](#)

[SRPC members needed to chair, plan 2024 Edmonton R&R Conference](#)

[Society of Rural Physicians of Canada - Events](#)

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