



# AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

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## Alberta Health Services

[Mauro Chies Announced as New AHS President and CEO](#)

[CMO Update](#) - March 24 Issue: Critical Leadership Conversations Course Registration; Report clinical adverse events using RLS; RAT recommended for workers with respiratory virus symptoms; Controlled Substance Policy Survey; Career Opportunities; News from the AHS Update and more.

[Calgary midwives benefit from in-hospital program](#)

Rockyview's focus on teamwork improves patient care

[Patient Concerns and Feedback](#)

[Alberta Children's Hospital achieves 100th pediatric kidney transplant](#)

[Indigenous artist crafts gift of appreciation for Cross Cancer Institute](#)

[AHS statement – AHS expresses sincere condolences to Edmonton Police Service](#)

[Wainwright celebrates official opening of new CT service](#)

[Milk River Emergency Department to temporarily close](#)

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[New family physician now practising in High Level](#)

[New recruited physician practising, accepting new patients in Two Hills](#)

[Daysland Health Centre Emergency Department resumes regular hours of operation](#)

[New youth inpatient psychiatry beds open in Grande Prairie](#)

[New addiction and mental health child and youth supports in Fort McMurray](#)

[Alberta Health Services' \(AHS\) Indigenous Wellness Core is looking for post-secondary students to join its unique Studentship program for 2023 to assist with research on Indigenous care.](#)

[When nurses connect, care improves](#)

Nursing Mentorship Network builds community and careers through opportunities and education.

[Foundation reaches fundraising goal to upgrade Canmore General Hospital Emergency Department](#)

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[Message from Dr. John Cowell](#)

*Mauro Chies Announced as New AHS President and CEO*

[Message from CEO Mauro Chies AHS Update: March 24, 2023](#)

*AHS Update: EMS Return to Service yielding early positive results, surgical wait-list almost at pre-pandemic level, Health Workforce Strategy shared, TikTok ban coming*

[Message from AHS President & CEO Mauro Chies & Dr. Laura McDougall](#)

[Important COVID-19 Updates - March 22, 2023](#)

[COVID-19 Updates, including:](#)

[Attending work with COVID-19 symptoms or a positive COVID-19 test: AHS Directive &](#)

[Updates to continuous masking for COVID-19 - Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[MyAHS Connect reaches 200,000 Users](#)

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[Work Safe Blog - Your safety matters](#)

[Alberta Netcare eReferral Improvements Implemented February 23](#)

[News and events - Medical Staff](#)

**Provincial News**

[Handle With Care: Health Human Resources](#) - AMA President's Letter, March 31, 2023

[AMA President's Letter - Members react re CaRMS](#), March 30, 2023

[CaRMS numbers alarming](#) - AMA President's Letter, March 27, 2023

AMA President Dr. Fred Rinaldi says: The first round CaRMS numbers from last week are alarming. We have 42 unmatched family medicine residency positions in Alberta. In BC there are two; in Saskatchewan, none.

[2022 Medical Liability Reimbursement top-up payments](#) - AMA President's Letter, March 27, 2023

[Election program launches](#) - AMA President's Letter, March 24, 2023

[2022-23 CME Program now open](#) - AMA President's Letter, March 23, 2023

[Post-RF update](#) - AMA President's Letter, March 23, 2023

[Working towards a new Stollery Children's Hospital](#)

Budget 2023 invests \$3 million over three years to advance the planning for a new, stand-alone Stollery Children's Hospital.

[Chartered surgical facilities: Minister Copping](#)

[Children's medication on way to pharmacies](#)

[Alberta secures funding for medicine production](#)

The governments of Canada and Alberta are partnering to create a life sciences research, development and commercialization hub in Edmonton.

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

[AMA - Events](#)

## **National and International News**

[Change is possible: Solving Canada's health care crisis](#) - Canadian Medical Association

[Drug manufacturing facility gets green light thanks to federal dollars](#)  
Canadian Critical Drug Initiative will commercialize new drug discoveries and prevent future shortages by producing homegrown supply.

[WHO's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization \(SAGE\) revised the roadmap for prioritizing the use of COVID-19 vaccines, to reflect the impact of Omicron and high population-level immunity due to infection and vaccination.](#)

[Government of Canada announces \\$38.3M research investment to support brain health](#)

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

[Interaction between human gut and immune system increases infection risk in critically ill patients](#)

Discovery by Snyder Institute team in the Cumming School of Medicine opens door to therapies to prevent deadly infections

[Health policy trials can improve health and health-care decisions](#)

New UCalgary Health Policy Trials Unit will help close the gap between evidence and public health policies

[Master of Biomedical Technology program funnels graduates into the world of startups](#)

[The Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry has created a new role at the University of Alberta dedicated to its social accountability mandate, welcoming Kathryn Dong as the social accountability lead.](#)

[Uncovering clues to the sex disparity in tissue in osteoarthritis cases  
Research team takes to the skies to unlock the mysteries of a common, debilitating medical condition.](#)

[Rapid test for HIV and syphilis approved thanks to U of A research](#)

Dual point-of-care kit a "game changer" for diagnosis and treatment in face of raging syphilis epidemic, says researcher.

[An Rx against racist behaviour in Alberta emergency departments](#)

After years of studying systemic racism in hospital emergency care, a team of

researchers and First Nations organizations will create ways to ensure all patients are treated equitably and with dignity.

[Machine learning programs predict risk of death based on results from routine hospital tests](#)

Computer analysis can help the health-care system “learn” by providing information vital to improving care, says researcher.

[Training more new doctors in Alberta](#)

New provincial funding will allow U of A to train more medical students and residents who will practise in rural communities, ensuring all Albertans receive top-quality health care.

[World Tuberculosis Day brought awareness to global impact](#)

[INVENTURES, Calgary, May 31, 2023 - June 2, 2023](#)

## **Family Medicine News Highlights**

[Government is moving forward with the Modernizing Alberta’s Primary Health Care System \(MAPS\) initiative. The AMA is fortunate to have strong representation from physician leaders in the work that is being done. Further announcements are expected soon.](#)

[UCalgary policy papers promote informed health-care discussion prior to provincial election](#)

Rural care document released this week is 1st in series of papers from O'Brien Institute

[Celebrate your peers by nominating them for an Award! The ACFP 2023 Award nomination deadline has been extended to April 16.](#)

[Alberta College of Family Physicians - News & Events](#), including:

[Get Involved! Participate in Family Medicine Research!](#)

## **Rural Medicine**

[Strengthening rural health care](#)

Budget 2023 expands rural health supports so Albertans can have additional access to modern health facilities and the care they need where and when they need it.

[Growing the next generation of health professionals in Swan Hills.](#)

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