



# AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

April 17, 2023

## Alberta Health Services

### [New care model eases pressure on healthcare teams](#)

Medical Affairs brings alternate care providers on board to boost acute care coverage

[CMO SMOH Update April 6, 2023](#) This Issue: Reporting Physician Professionalism Concerns; Join the Physicians' Healing Group this May; Career Opportunities; News from the AHS Update and more.

[Effective March 31, 2023, Daily Fit for Work Screening is no longer required. This change reflects Alberta's shift from emergency response to a more sustainable approach to managing COVID-19.](#)

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['Awake surgery' offers new hope to high-risk patients](#)

[Family caregivers valued as true partners in healthcare](#)

[Phone service launches for child development concerns](#)

[Pertussis outbreak expands in South, Central Zones](#)

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

[New Calgary residence provides community-based care to individuals with mental health conditions](#)

[Parents-to-be get a boost from Fort McMurray Public Health](#)

['How do you thank 10,000 people?'](#)

Friends of University Hospitals shoots music video to show gratitude

[Grande Prairie Regional Hospital supports Indigenous ceremony through simplified ventilation process](#)

[Fort Mac team garners award for e-bike initiative](#)

[News & Events, Medical Staff, AHS](#)

[Patient concerns and feedback](#)

[811 Healthlink](#)

[COVID-19 Information for Albertans](#)

[Doctor Jobs - Alberta](#)

[Laboratory Bulletins - Healthcare providers](#)

[Updated: Water quality advisory issued for Big Lake](#)  
- April 13, 2023

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

[\*Happy Vaisakhi/Baisakhi\*](#)

[\*Message from CEO Mauro Chies AHS Update: April 6, 2023: EMS Shared Response Line reaches major milestone, Fit for Work screening ends, Gene Zwozdesky Centre set to open Fall 2023\*](#)

[\*Message from Deb Gordon & Dr. Sid Viner: New Provincial Program Supports Human Tissue and Organ Donation Act Changes - March 31, 2023\*](#)

[\*Connect Care: Launch Info\*](#)

[\*Connect Care Status\*](#) - These notifications highlight scheduled production maintenance windows to install system upgrades.

[\*Code White - Violence / Aggression\*](#)

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

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

[\*What's your balance? 2023 - Healthy Chef Cooking Contest\*](#)

[\*Awards & Recognition Wall\*](#)

[Interchange Newsletter, April 13, 2023](#)

[Interchange Newsletter, April 6, 2023](#)

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[Work Safe Blog - Your safety matters](#) - Volunteer from the heart & Be prepared, get trained, stay safe

[News and events - Medical Staff](#)

## **Provincial News**

[AHS payments need consistency and structure](#) - AMA President's Letter, April 6, 2023

[Election issue 3: Pediatric mental health still poor](#) - AMA President's Letter, April 11, 2023

[Year one allocation complete; new SOMB posted](#) - AMA President's Letter, April 3, 2023

[Handle With Care: How will we fix what's ailing our health care system?](#)

[Planning begins for Strathcona hospital expansion](#)

Alberta's government is investing \$3 million over three years to begin planning an expansion for the Strathcona Community Hospital in Sherwood Park.

[Expanding cardiac care at Chinook Regional Hospital](#)

[Providing faster access to surgical services](#)

[Alberta's government is building capacity in the publicly funded health care system to support thousands more surgeries and reduce wait times across the province.](#)

[Expanding access to youth eating disorder treatment](#)

Alberta's government is investing \$5.3 million over three years to expand eating disorder treatment for youth and young adults in Calgary.

[Investing in hospital pharmacy upgrades](#)

Pharmacies in hospitals, cancer centres and other health facilities will be upgraded to improve the safety of patients and staff.

[Investing in medical research and student leadership](#)

Budget 2023 invests more than \$21 million over three years for funding to support student leaders and Alberta post-secondary research initiatives.

[Adding new EMS supports to improve response times](#)

[Standards of practice updates: Medical Assistance in Dying, Continuing Competence and Restricted Activities](#) - April issue of The Messenger, College of Physicians

[Continuing medical education and professional development opportunities – April 2023](#) - CPSA

[TPP Alberta update: PrescribeIT and Type 1 prescribing requirements](#) - CPSA

[How big does a Physician Practice Improvement Program \(PIIP\) activity have to be?](#) - CPSA

[WCB's Continuing Education Virtual Conference, April 22, 2023](#)

[Medical Matters: Psychedelic-assisted psychotherapy accreditation standards coming soon](#) - CPSA

## **National and International News**

[Countries set out way forward for negotiations on global agreement to protect world from future pandemic emergencies](#)

[Call for abstracts: Canadian Conference on Physician Health 2023](#)

[1 in 6 people globally affected by infertility: WHO](#)

[WHO celebrates 75th anniversary and calls for health equity in face of unprecedented threats](#)

[Travel Health Notices - Public Health Agency of Canada](#)

[Number of physicians and nurses per 10,000 population by health region, 2021](#) - CIHI

[Canadian Institutes of Health Research: Institute Advisory Boards \(IAB\): 2023 IAB Membership Cycle](#) - Become a member of one of CIHR's Institute Advisory Boards

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

['Milking' umbilical cord before clamping benefits newborns who are not breathing well: study](#)

Researcher hopes findings will lead to changes in worldwide neonatal care guidelines.

[Join Jay Cross on a journey toward the unknown at 2023 Lecture of a Lifetime](#)

[Clinic offers help for COVID long-haulers](#)

The U of A houses one of the first clinics in Alberta dedicated to helping people manage long COVID.

[Local excellence leads to national guidelines for paediatric pain management](#)

New care standards support consistent, safe and equitable access to pain management for children and families across Canada

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

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

[Doctoral candidate validates questionnaire used to assess quality of life in Canadians with coronary artery disease](#)

[Concussion Overview & Update](#)

Presented by the Office of Lifelong Learning and the Physician Learning Program  
April 18, April 25, May 2, 2023

[Facilitated learning opportunity #1: Signs, symptoms and investigations](#)

Vital Clinics: Proactive care for your family practice  
May 4

[Psychiatric Quarterly Updates: Perinatal Mental Health](#)

May 12, 2023

[Foundation Course In Occupational Medicine Part A](#)

U of A - Division of Preventative Medicine  
August 30, 2022 - May 30, 2023

## **Family Medicine & Rural Medicine**

[Thank you—volunteering weaves us together](#) - College of Family Physicians of Canada

[Society of Rural Physicians of Canada](#)

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

[Med student and cattle owner, Danika Bouvier loved growing up in rural Alberta](#)

[Early exposure can influence medical learners to practise rural](#)

[Student-led clinic delivers dental care to rural Métis residents](#)

[Hinton med student finds the community connections in rural medicine appealing](#)

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