



AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

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Alberta Health Services

[New family physician now practicing in Lac La Biche](#)

[Newly recruited family physician now practicing in Daysland](#)

[CMO Update - September 22, 2023](#)

- This Issue: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Education Sessions; Our People Survey; AHS QI Work and CPSA Licensing; New Repository for Patient Safety Communications; Various Upcoming Conferences and Seminars; Career Opportunities; Resources and Supports for Physicians; News from the AHS Update and more.

[Information for community physicians: E. coli outbreak](#)

- Also COVID-19 Provider Resources

[Country road ... take me to the OR: Edmonton surgeon right at home in rural operating rooms](#)

[Scenarios sharpen skills across rural Alberta](#)

- eSim team brings simulation education to smaller communities.

[Babies get a head start with newborn screening](#)

- Provincial program saves lives by testing for 22 treatable conditions.

[West Nile virus in southeastern Alberta](#)

- This year has seen nine cases of West Nile virus confirmed in Alberta, two in the Edmonton area, and seven in southern Alberta. Five were acquired in southeastern Alberta in the last month with three individuals diagnosed with West Nile neurological syndrome.

[Wilderness-based recovery centre opens its doors](#)

- More clients than ever before can access a unique wilderness-based addiction and mental health treatment program at the new Shunda Creek Recovery Centre.

[Upgrades ensure quicker access to safe, secure healthcare](#)

- More than \$650,000 in redevelopment work at the Drayton Valley Hospital and Care Centre will improve patient flow and speed up the triage process for patients presenting to the emergency department.

[Laboratory Bulletins - Healthcare providers](#)

[Eating right promotes strength and independence](#)

- Nutrition screening connects older adults to nourishing resources.

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

[Share Your Thoughts in Our New Transfer Survey - Open until October 4, 2023](#)

[National Day for Truth & Reconciliation - September 29, 2023](#)

[Message from CEO Mauro Chies AHS Update: September 22, 2023](#)

- Thank you for your E. coli efforts, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation approaches, review PPE guidance as we enter respiratory virus season.

[Message from Sean Chilton, Dr. Peter Jamieson & Dr. Sid Viner: Increase of respiratory illnesses and PPE guidance](#)

[Work Safe Blog: Staying well at the Willow](#)

[Work Safe Blog: Taking our pulse on patient-safety culture](#)

[Awards & Recognition Wall](#)

[AHS Interchange, September 21, 2023](#)

[AHS Interchange, September 14, 2023](#)

[IQM Connection - September, 2023](#)

[Attend a Wellness Seminar - Wellness seminars and E-learning](#)

Provincial News

[CPSA Council appoints 2024 Executive Committee](#)

[CPSA updates its approach to physician health monitoring](#)

[Siksika Nation and CPSA Sign Historic Memorandum of Understanding](#)

[Reflections on reconciliation from a physician with settler heritage](#)

[Medical Matters: Truth and Reconciliation](#)

- *Messenger*, September 2023

[My Lifelong Learning Plan: a free, accredited online tool that supports practice improvement](#)

[2024 CPSA Council Election and request for feedback](#)

[Top-up for one-time payment coming - AMA President's Letter, September 18, 2023](#)

[Opening doors to recovery in southern Alberta](#)

- Government of Alberta, Albertans can now access addiction treatment free of charge at the new Lethbridge Recovery Community.

[Encouraging news: Update on E. coli outbreak in Calgary - Government of Alberta](#)

- As hospital admissions and daily numbers of new E. coli cases continue to decline, health officials are seeing signs that the initial outbreak that affected several Calgary daycares has peaked.

[On September 18, Alberta Minister of Health Adriana LaGrange issued a statement on the start of respiratory virus season](#)

[Statement from Chief Medical Officer of Health Dr. Mark Joffe on the E. Coli situation in Calgary](#)

[MD Scope: AMA, September 14, 2023](#)

[Alberta Doctors' Digest, September - October, 2023](#)

[Lab physicians: Fair treatment and due process](#)

- AMA President's Letter, September 14, 2023

[Webinars and online learning - Alberta Medical Association](#)

Clinical, Research and Education News

[UCalgary: Dr. Simon Hirota appointed associate dean, Research Infrastructure](#)

[Dr. David Park reappointed as director, Hotchkiss Brain Institute](#)

- The Cumming School of Medicine (CSM) and Alberta Health Services are pleased to announce the joint reappointment of Dr. David Park, PhD, as director of the Hotchkiss Brain Institute. The reappointment is for the period September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2028.

[Dr. Valerie Taylor reappointed as department head, Psychiatry](#)

- The Cumming School of Medicine (CSM) and Alberta Health Services are pleased to announce the joint reappointment of Dr. Valerie Taylor, MD, PhD, as the department head of Psychiatry. The reappointment is for the period September 1, 2023, to August 31, 2028.

[CMAJ, September 25, 2023](#)

[UCalgary students create app to help medical students learn how to talk to patients](#)

[Operation of award-winning COVID-19 wastewater monitoring program transitions to public health authorities](#)

[UCalgary's Brenda Strafford Centre on Aging and The Brenda Strafford Foundation announce new agreement to enhance strategic collaboration](#)

[UCalgary study's innovative approach supports kids and families staying active during cancer care](#)

[UCalgary postdoc receives esteemed Royal Society of Canada Alice Wilson Award](#)

- Perri Tutelman recognized for outstanding academic achievement.

[Four U of A researchers elected 2023 Fellows of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences](#)

- Aminu Bello, Jason Acker, Carla Prado and Toshifumi Yokota received the prestigious honour within Canada's academic community.

[AI-driven vision for heart health comes into focus](#)

- U of A researchers are harnessing the power of AI to more precisely diagnose and treat heart disease, thanks to a nearly \$1-million grant from the University Hospital Foundation.

[U of A enters new frontier of scientific research](#)

- Community and philanthropy combine to purchase the cutting-edge Vizgen Merscope technology.

['Laughing gas' helps relieve kids' pain and distress in emergency rooms, study shows](#)

- Inhaled nitrous oxide is safe and effective for kids in the ER — and could help prevent lifelong issues like needle phobia, says U of A expert.

[Cancer discovery earns U of A grad the Breakthrough Prize](#)

- Michel Sadelain was awarded the Breakthrough prize for his discovery of cancer-fighting immunotherapy using T cells.

[Gut bacteria hold key to stimulating immune system against colorectal cancer cells: study](#)

- Student-led research targets metabolites made during digestion as potential future treatments to boost immunotherapy drugs.

[Heart-Healthy Living - Unveiling Canada's Exercise Guidelines](#)

[Summer students contribute to precision medicine infrastructure with lasting impact](#)

[Alumni Service ARCH Award recipients Matthew and Tara Brister have each independently made massive impacts on the University of Calgary community and its alumni. Together they are community-builders, high-impact philanthropists, mentors and innovators.](#)

[UCalgary breaks new ground in transformative partnerships for child health](#)

National and International News

[World leaders commit to new targets to end TB](#)

[New analysis confirms world seeing an upsurge of cholera](#)

[World leaders commit to redouble efforts towards universal health coverage by 2030](#)

[WHO welcomes historic commitment by world leaders for greater collaboration, governance and investment to prevent, prepare for and respond to future pandemics](#)

[It's time to talk: Consultations on public and private health care](#)

- Millions of Canadians aren't getting the health care they need, when they need it. Town Halls across Canada - The Globe and Mail and Canadian Medical Association

[Focus on affordability welcomed, but Parliament must also ensure future of health systems: CMA](#)

[Public Health Agency of Canada - Active Health Investigations](#)

Family Medicine & Rural Medicine

[Celebrating 50 years of family medicine at the University of Alberta](#)

- Teaching family medicine and improving clinical practice and primary health care.

[President's Message: September 2023](#)

- Alberta College of Family Physicians

[A Week in the Life – First Five Years in Family Practice](#)

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[CFP - Canadian Family Physician, September 2023](#)

[Q&A with RhPAP Board Member Dr. Michael Caffaro](#)

[That's the Spirit: A doctor's mission to transform rural health care](#)

[Collaboration led to many accomplishments for the 2022 RhPAP Rhapsody Community Award Recipient](#)

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