



# AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

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## Alberta Health Services

### [CMO Update, October 20, 2023](#)

Apply for HQCA Patient Experience Awards; AHS Accredited until 2027; Medical Affairs Recruitment Events; Upcoming Conferences and Seminars; Career Opportunities; Resources and Supports for Physicians; News from the AHS Update and more.

### [AHS adopts enhanced masking directive for acute care sites](#)

### [Cochrane urgent care wait times now available online](#)

### [Physician brings palliative care expertise to Red Deer](#)

### [Newly recruited dermatologist now practicing in Red Deer](#)

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

### [Alberta's immunization program began October 16, 2023](#)

### [Influenza Immunization - Information for Health Professionals](#)

### [Families play an integral role in care](#)

- Connecting their voices helps create a safer healthcare system.

### [EMS foundation donates non-emergency transport van](#)

- Specialty vehicle frees up capacity of emergency ambulances across Grande Prairie region.

### [Healthy Children & Families promotes safe sleep for infants](#)

- Resources give AHS staff awareness, knowledge and tools to support caregivers.

[New sexual health clinic opens doors in health centre](#) - Ponoka

[Pregnancy, early childhood info available at health fair](#) - Fort McMurray

[ED renovations underway at St. Therese- St. Paul Healthcare Centre](#)

[AHS to open after-hours clinic at the Piyami Health Centre in first half of 2024](#) - Picture Butte

[AHS to reopen Breton Medical Clinic next month](#)

[Active health advisories](#)

- Including recent boil water advisories

[Estimated Emergency Department Wait Times](#)

[Volunteer's sweet ride supports Alzheimer's research](#)

[Dental clinic opens for uninsured, low-income Albertans](#)

[Award recognizes innovation efforts](#)

Patty Wickson, Executive Director for Innovation, Evidence, Evaluation and Impact, has garnered the CAN Health Network 2023 West Local Leader Award for introducing more Canadian innovation into Canada's healthcare system.

[Confirmed hepatitis A case prompts public alert in Edmonton Zone](#)

[Lab Bulletins: Health Care Providers](#)

[Connect Care: Physicians](#)

[AHS: Information for Medical Staff](#)

[Wellness articles for Albertans](#)

[Provincial Palliative and End-of-Life Care - October 2023](#)

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

[Connect Care's Seventh Wave - just over one week to go!](#)

*Message from Dr. Francois Belanger & Sean Chilton*

[AHS Update: Resources available to support local enhanced masking decisions, AHS accredited until end of 2027](#)

*- Message from AHS President and CEO Mauro Chies*

[Enhanced masking in AHS acute care facilities](#)

- Message from AHS President and CEO Mauro Chies: AHS has adopted a masking directive that supports Zone and Site Leadership in determining if additional masking is necessary in their acute care facilities to help prevent transmission of COVID-19.

[COVID-19, latest updates](#)

[AHS Interchange: October 26, 2023](#)

[AHS Interchange: October 19, 2023](#)

[AHS Interchange: October 12, 2023](#)

[Work safe blog: Your safety matters](#)

[2023 Halloween Costume & Decorating Contest](#)

[Awards and recognition wall](#)

**National News**

[National health organizations converge on Ottawa to resolve health workforce challenges](#)

[Nearly 90% of people in Canada believe new workforce plan needed to meet health care needs, according to a recent Ipsos study, commissioned by the Canadian Medical Association \(CMA\).](#)

[CMA welcomes health ministers' commitment to improving health care](#)

[Commentary: It's high time we diagnose public and private health care - CMA](#)

[Pandemic sees hospital staffing challenges grow and rates of unintentional harm increase](#)

During the COVID-19 pandemic, hospital staffing challenges such as sick time, overtime and the use of agency workers grew dramatically, while at the same time rates of potentially preventable harm to patients increased, according to a report released today by the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI).

[Stay or go? Dr. Jillian Horton on professional fulfillment through a 'chronic emergency' in health care](#)

[CMA statement: Standing Together](#)

[Canadian Medical Association, MD Financial Management and Scotiabank to provide \\$10 million in Grants to Help Reduce the Administrative Burden Facing Physicians](#)

[Apply for leadership opportunities with the CMA](#)

[Dengue: Advice for travellers](#)

[2023 Canadian Conference on Physician Health](#)

[Canadian Institutes of Health Research - Latest updates](#)

[Latest news from World Health Organization](#), including [WHO statements](#) regarding the occupied Palestinian territory health crisis, the urgent need for medical supplies and humanitarian assistance, and the disintegration of Gaza's health care system.

[Canada to match donations for humanitarian response in Gaza and West Bank](#)

## **Provincial News**

[Patient Experience Awards - Health Quality Council of Alberta](#)

Nominations for the 2024 Patient Experience Awards will be accepted between October 3 and November 17, 2023.

[Alberta respiratory virus dashboard](#)

Weekly highlights - Data from October 15, 2023 to October 21, 2023

[A promise made by MOU, a virtual care announcement](#)

- Alberta Medical Association President's Letter, October 24, 2023

[MAPS final report released, AMA and Alberta government to strike an MOU](#)

- AMA President's Letter, October 18, 2023

[Call to action](#)

- AMA President's Letter, October 12, 2023

[Alberta Wait Times Reporting Website](#)

[College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta is currently looking for two members to join CPSA's Medical Facility Accreditation Committee \(MFAC\).](#)

[CPSA: Continuing medical education and professional development opportunities](#)

[CPSA is seeking a Senior Medical Advisor, Investigations](#)

[CPSA: Follow these steps to ensure you get lab, specimen and imaging results](#)

[Strengthening health care: Improving access for all](#)

Alberta's government is stabilizing and strengthening primary health care across the province so that everyone can access care when and where they need it.

[Investing in nursing skills training](#)

Alberta's government is investing \$11 million in nurse bridging programs for internationally educated nurses.

[Upcoming events - AMA notices](#)

[Virtual Care](#) - AMA

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

[CMAJ: PEER simplified lipid guideline 2023 update](#)

- Prevention and management of cardiovascular disease in primary care

[Let's Talk Cholesterol](#) - Physician resources

[New statistical tool could mean clinical trials yield better information with fewer patients](#)

- Medical student and oncology professor team up to improve on the 60-year-old standard tool.

[Researchers identify amino acid that may play a key role for predicting and treating long COVID](#)

- Phase 3 trial of supplement proposed, new diagnostic tool to be validated.

[UCalgary and AHS researchers discover how multiple myeloma cells become resistant to immunotherapy](#)

- New understanding provides insight to personalize treatment for this deadly bone marrow cancer.

[U of A maps out strategy for maximum research and innovation impact](#)

[Study explores risk factors for suicide in farmers](#)

- Understanding unique circumstances of farm culture could help build resilience in a vulnerable group, say researchers.

[Just add salt: Researcher discovers a safe, simple way to make disinfectants work better](#)

- Chemical engineer's formula boosts effectiveness of alcohol-based products against stubborn viruses and bacteria.

[Alumni spotlight: Celebrating Aleksandar Kostov](#)

- Revolutionizing accessibility by teaching computers to listen to brainwaves.

[Studies confirm an overlooked risk for cardiovascular disease](#)

- “Bad” cholesterol isn’t the only culprit linked with a higher likelihood of heart disease, U of A researchers find.

[In Memoriam: Lee Anne Tibbles, Cumming School of Medicine](#)

[UCalgary students climb mountains in Chile to explore the mysteries of high altitude and our health](#)

[A healthier future for all: Mobilizing health equity research into action](#)

- O’Brien Institute Members Forum, Nov. 22

[Scientists learn more about uncommon form of E. coli that can cause kidney failure in kids](#)

- UCalgary researchers work to improve diagnosis and management of this dangerous group of bacteria.

[Research offers hope of healthier cardiovascular system to thousands with Type 2 diabetes](#)

- Andy Braun receives \$1M CIHR grant to investigate novel therapy.

[Creating change in continuing care homes - University of Lethbridge](#)

## **Family Medicine & Rural Medicine**

[50 years of family medicine at the U of A](#)

- Family medicine celebrates half a century of clinical and academic excellence.

[Message to Members: A response to the Modernizing Alberta’s Primary Health Care System \(MAPS\) Report](#)

- Alberta College of Family Physicians

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

- Alberta College of Family Physicians

[Rural and remote medicine conference: April 18 - 20, 2024, Edmonton, Alberta](#)

- Funding program for rural learners: Canadian medical students and residents

[Unsung Heroes: Grimshaw/Berwyn Emergency Team Saves Lives with Exceptional Care](#)

- RhPAP

[12th Annual Endoscopy Skills Conference - Support for Rural Nurse Attendance Available!](#)

- RhPAP

[A Heartwarming Journey of Dedication: Dr. Noel DaCunha, Rural Physician of the Year](#)

- RhPAP

[Locum doctor discovers rural gem a great place to RESIDE full-time](#)

- RhPAP

[RhPAP research grant leads to virtual success: Telehealth integration keeps patients close to home](#)

[Planet Family Doc - The Besrouer Centre for Global Family Medicine](#)

[The Alberta College of Family Physicians \(ACFP\) honours MacEwan University Health Centre for its excellence in patient-centred care.](#)

[FFYFP Blog – “Spooky Situations in the Office” - ACFP](#)

[FMF 2023, Family Medicine Forum, Montreal November 8th - 11th](#)

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