



AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

December 29, 2023

Happy holiday season!

National & International News

[Canada signs more than \\$1 billion bilateral agreement with Alberta to improve health care over three years](#)

[Government of Canada invests in projects to help people in Canada address and adapt to the impacts of climate change to their health](#)

[Latest news from WHO](#)

[CMA: 2023 - At the forefront of change](#)

[CMA - COMMENTARY: 4 ways governments can improve health care in 2024](#)

[CMA: Board Member Resignation](#)

[Public Health Agency of Canada](#)

Provincial News

[New funding to stabilize primary health care](#)

- Stabilization funding is coming soon as Alberta's government continues working to improve primary health care across the province.

[Ad campaign. First action acute care crisis: AMA President's Letter, December 28, 2023](#)

[News coverage: Local Doctors, Local Issues](#)

- AMA

[\\$100 million in stabilization family and rural generalist care](#)

- AMA President's Letter, December 21, 2023

[Keeping our foot on the gas](#)

- AMA President's Letter, December 18, 2023

[Good Faith claims restored](#)

- AMA President's Letter, December 14, 2023

[Medical Matters: Reflection as an essential tool for progress](#)

- Dr. Scott McLeod, CPSA Registrar & CEO

[New Advice to the Profession: Anti-Racism and Anti-Discrimination](#) - CPSA

[CPSA: More recent news](#)

[Expanding access to Trikafta](#) - Government of Alberta

- Alberta is one of the first provinces to expand access to Trikafta, a breakthrough prescription drug used to treat cystic fibrosis, to children aged two to five years.

[Taking action to reduce syphilis in Alberta](#) - Government of Alberta

- A new syphilis grant program will provide community-based organizations with funding to help treat and prevent syphilis.

[Zone medical staff associations](#)

[Alberta Wait Times Reporting Website](#)

[Alberta respiratory virus dashboard](#)

[Upcoming events - AMA](#)

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

[Message from Athana Mentzelopoulos, AHS President & CEO](#)

- Thank you for the work you do.

[AHS Update, December 15, 2023: Measures taken to address hospital capacity, new President & CEO starts, holiday greetings from AHS Board and Executive Team](#)

[Message from Sean Chilton and Dr Sid Viner, December 15, 2023: Thank you for your ongoing commitment](#)

[COVID-19: Latest updates: Last updated, December 22, 2023
- Including COVID-19 Staff and Physician Resources](#)

[Interchange: December 14, 2023](#)

[Awards and Recognition Wall](#)

[Support During Challenging Times - Employee and family assistance program](#)

[What's your balance?](#)

[Chinook gathers warm gear to support patients being discharged with dignity](#)

[Keeping compassion in the heart of healthcare](#)

[Staff gather to share emotional experiences in Schwartz Rounds sessions](#)

[AHS & Horse Lake First Nation working together](#)

[Connect Care a model for Newfoundland's digital goal](#)

[Pressure-injury prevention is essential](#)

[Friendly competition benefits Calgary food bank](#)

[Alberta Children's Hospital patient hailed as Honorary Junior Fire Chief](#)

[Work Safe Blog: Make investigations positive](#)

[IQM Connection: Integrated Quality Management, Edmonton Zone, December 2023](#)

Alberta Health Services - Provincial and regional news

[Medical Staff Bi-weekly Update - December 15, 2023](#)

[Newly recruited gastroenterologist to start practising in Red Deer](#)

[New family physician practising, accepting new patients in Blackfalds](#)

[New family physician now practising in Sylvan Lake](#)

[New family physician now practising in Westlock](#)

[Indigenous advisor garners human rights honour](#)

- Adam North Peigan's dedication to raise awareness and acknowledge the past for Indigenous peoples of Alberta has won an Okimaw Award for Human Rights and Advocacy.

[Para ice hockey offers inclusive leisure opportunities](#)

[AHS signs lease deal for Beaverlodge health complex](#)

[Record year of generosity for Toys For Tickets campaign](#)

[Hybrid program lets nursing students work, earn & learn](#)

[Youth build mental health, confidence through barista training](#)

[Larger space for IV therapy opens in Sherwood Park](#)

[Better care for children with feeding disorders](#)

[Information for Medical Staff](#)

[Laboratory Bulletins - Healthcare Providers](#)

[Publications and Transparency](#)

[Together4Health Headlines is a bi-weekly e-newsletter designed to keep you informed of decisions being made to protect and support Albertans, key public health information, and opportunities for you to connect with AHS.](#)

Clinical, Research and Education News

[Novavax COVID-19 vaccine: administration and availability, Alberta Medical Association, December 29, 2023](#)

[Study reveals inequities in access to cancer clinical trials in Canada](#)

- People living in rural and remote areas are missing out on possibly life-saving treatments and trials may not represent the full population, says researcher.

[Researchers reveal full structure of 'ancient genetic parasite' implicated in human diseases](#)

- Understanding the mechanism of LINE-1 is key to developing potential new treatments for cancer, autoimmune disorders, neurodegeneration, even aging.

[Student researcher speaks about the importance of empowering community voices](#)

[Dr. Amy Bromley, MD, appointed associate dean, Undergraduate Medical Education](#)

[Most-read research and news stories of 2023 - University of Calgary](#)

- Among highlights were the discovery of the potential of vitamin D to help prevent dementia, a funding announcement to create a new Master of Physician Assistant program, the launch of the major One Child Every Child research initiative, the appointment of 22 UCalgary Research Excellence Chairs, and more.

[UCalgary medical trainees travel the globe developing expertise](#)

- Advanced fellowship recipients return to Calgary with new knowledge, networks and experiences.

[Researcher recognized internationally for contributions to patient-oriented research](#)

- Maria Santana pioneered the use of patient-reported outcomes and experience measures in transplant community.

[Dr. Cheryl Barnabe, MD, MSc'11, appointed director, McCaig Institute for Bone and Joint Health](#)

[Upcoming continuing medical education and professional development opportunities - CPSA](#)

[Researchers tackling gap in knowledge about disorders of low blood pressure](#)

[Research team hopes to better predict, prevent and treat cardiovascular disease](#)

[The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Patients with Ulcerative Colitis: Results from a Global Patient Survey](#)

[2024 Paediatric Infectious Disease Conference](#) - February 9-11, 2024, Banff

Family Medicine & Rural Medicine

[New director shares business expertise with RhPAP board](#)

[Advanced Trauma Life Support Refresher Course](#)

- January 30, 2023, University of Calgary. This course is designed for doctors and advanced practice clinicians (nurse practitioner and physician assistant). It is updated every four years and includes evidence-based improvements in the initial care over the first hour of trauma care, transfer of care, team building and triage.

[Celebrate Excellence in Family Medicine - Alberta College of Family Physicians](#)

[President's Message – December 2023, Alberta College of Family Physicians](#)

[Give Yourself the Gift of Extra Time – 5 Tips for Efficient Charting](#)

[Q & A with Family Physician of the Year Tina Korownyk](#)

[ACFP Networks aims to provide a safe and secure networking space for not only ACFP members, but primary care providers to connect, share, and support one another while advancing best practices.](#)

[31st Annual Rural & Remote Medicine Conference - April 18 - 20, 2023](#)
- Edmonton, AB

[Family Medicine Summit 2024, March 1-3, 2024, Banff, Alberta](#)

[Volunteer with the Alberta College of Family Physicians](#)

[Peer Resources - ACFP](#)

- Relevant, Evidence-based, and Immediately Applicable

[Remote rehabilitation program gives rural patients an arm up on shoulder injuries](#)

[For Nikki Kachmarchyk, rural nursing is a journey of challenges and fulfillment](#)

[Community collaboration shines: RhPAP, AHS and locals unite to welcome new nurse](#)

[RESIDE funding supports new physicians in rural and remote areas](#)

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