



# AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

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## Provincial News

[Refocusing health care in Alberta: Shape the way Working together to shape health care.](#)

[Refocusing health care in Alberta: Health care professionals Empowering you to be part of the change.](#)

[Albertans can help shape health care online](#)

- A new online engagement tool enables Albertans to share ideas on refocusing health care and how to improve and strengthen delivery of services across the province.

[We need your voice, AMA President's Letter, January 25, 2024](#)

[Virtual care codes and CME update: AMA President's Letter, January 24, 2024](#)

[Family medicine crisis deepens. You can help: AMA President's Letter, January 23, 2024](#)

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

[Good vibrations for Calgary's South Health Campus](#)

- Alberta's government is funding a pilot project that will bring Alberta artists new opportunities to share their music in non-traditional settings.

[Medical Matters: Streamlining the complaints process](#)

- CPSA

[CPSA announces that on Jan. 31, 2024, version 4 \(v4\) of the Diagnostic Imaging Accreditation Standards \(including teleradiology\) will be released, along with an accompanying guidance and information document.](#)

[Alberta Pathways Hub – Pathways of the Week](#)

-The Hub, the provincial central location for trusted, evidence-informed clinical, patient and referral pathways, is maintained by the Provincial Pathways Unit (PPU) with help from patients, primary care and specialty care providers. The PPU is requesting assistance from primary care providers in reviewing several pathways.

[A message from 2024 CPSA Council Chair, Dr. Jaelene Mannerfeldt](#)

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

[Make a difference in health care - Apply to join a CPSA committee](#)

[U of A launches video series to support researchers: Integrating equity, diversity and inclusion in research](#)

[New U of A-based study to examine very rare adverse events linked to COVID-19 vaccines](#)

[Alberta respiratory virus dashboard](#)

[Expanding access to pharmacy services: Joint statement by Minister of Jobs, Economy and Trade and Minister of Health Adriana LaGrange - Shoppers Drug Mart's \\$77-million investment in pharmacy care clinics in Alberta.](#)

[Changing your Self-Criticism to Self-Compassion](#)

Led by Dr. Ieleen Taylor MD CCFP and sponsored by PFSP: January 31, 2024

[16th Annual Autism Conference: Ages and stages, February 1 and 2, 2024](#)

[Mindful Practice in Medicine workshop](#)

February 21 - 24, 2024

[Media Relations 101: Hosted by Shannon Rupnarain](#)

2024 dates: February 15, April 11, July 11, November 14

[Media Relations 201: Hosted by Shannon Rupnarain](#)

2024 dates: March 7, May 9, September 12 and December 5

[Clinical Reasoning Course](#)

March 20 and June 19, 2024

[Concerned about access to family doctors in Alberta? You're not alone.](#)

Help us ensure Budget 2024 prioritizes family and rural medicine for a better, healthier Alberta.

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

[AHS Update: Have your say in refocusing healthcare, resources being developed to reduce first-year turnover rate, changes to MyAHS Connect proxy access start today. - January 26, 2024](#)

[January 24, 2024: To all staff, physicians and volunteers: Message from Penny Rae, Update your Apple device to the latest operating system](#)

[Health Workforce Strategy](#)

[What's your balance? 2024 - Tips for managing stress](#)

[Work Safe Blog: Your Safety Matters](#)

[COVID-19: Latest Updates - Last updated January 24, 2024](#)

[Interchange: January 25, 2024](#)

[Interchange: January 18, 2024](#)

[Awards and Recognition Wall](#)

[Laboratory Bulletins - Healthcare Providers](#)

[New resources give guidelines for sharing children's health information](#)

## **Alberta Health Services - Provincial and regional news**

[Medical Staff Update - January 26, 2024](#)

[Medical Officer of Health - MOH bulletins](#)

[Two new family physicians now practising in Ponoka](#)

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

[Anesthesiologist joins Vermilion healthcare team](#)

[Blackfalds family physician now accepting new patients](#)

[General surgery to join FAST province-wide February 2024](#)

[Vascular surgery joined FAST on November 27, 2023](#)

## [Strategic Clinical Networks™](#)

### [New ICU nurses master life-saving skills](#)

- Adult critical care education program achieves milestone 100th session.

### [Estimated Emergency Department Wait Times](#)

### [New partnership improves access to medical equipment](#)

Camrose and area residents who need to borrow a walker, wheelchair or other piece of medical equipment while they recover now have improved access to such supports with the opening of a new medical equipment lending facility in the city.

### [Healing through art fires up imagination at South Health Campus](#)

- Rock-painting project paves way to wellness with a joyful display

### [Glenrose gets \\$2.1M to boost research and innovation](#)

- Investment to help Alberta tech firms develop new healthcare aids - Edmonton

### [Learn about supporting international educated nurses - Grande Prairie](#)

- GRANDE PRAIRIE – Local and area residents interested in learning about how to support international educated nurses (IENs) are invited to an upcoming meeting with the Peace Health Advisory Council (HAC).

### [AHS offers resources to help Albertans quit tobacco](#)

### [Silent art auction inspires people living with dementia](#) - Lethbridge

### [Moose Cottage serves up sweet treats and memories](#) - Red Deer

### [Together4Health Headlines - Health News You Can Use](#)

A biweekly 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...

### [News and events: Medical Staff](#)

### [Boil Water Advisory issued for Paddle Prairie Settlement](#)

## **National & International News**

### [CMA: Dr. Bolu Ogunyemi: 'We need to be more intentional in our inclusion efforts'](#)

### [Latest news from WHO](#)

[CMA CEO Tim Smith announces plan to retire by end of 2024](#)

[Insight: Why are patients spending 22 hours in the emergency room waiting for a hospital bed? - CMA](#)

[Patients, providers suffer as ERs are overwhelmed yet again: CMA](#)

[CMA Community](#)

- Driving a better future of health, health care and the health workforce. Join the conversation.

[Government of Canada invests in projects to reduce risks of dementia and to support people living with dementia and caregivers.](#)

[Navigating change in health and media](#)

How seismic changes in mainstream media are impacting access to health care information — and what Canadians can do about it. CMA: January 30, 2024 | Virtual

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

[Pioneer in neuropsychopharmacology named to the Order of Canada](#)

[CMAJ](#) - Current issue

[Newly identified biomarker could lead to simple blood test for rare autoimmune disease](#)

- Lab uncovers telltale protein with levels 1,000 times higher than usual in patients with myasthenia gravis.

[Clinician improving the odds for critically ill patients in Calgary](#)

- Dr. Ayaaz K. Sachedina focuses on boosting survival rates and outcomes for cardiogenic shock patients.

[Collaborative team providing options for mitral valve patients](#)

- Mitral valve clip technology cuts down on recovery time, reduces risk of hospital re-admission.

[Gluten-free food guide puts good nutrition on the plate for kids](#)

[UCalgary study looks at links between physical activity and finding community](#)

- Researchers explore how self-compassion can be integrated into fitness programming.

[UCalgary's research expertise helps company validate new wound-care technology](#)

- W21C Research and Innovation Centre generates evidence to show feasibility and impact of NanoSALV's cutting-edge product.

[An interview with Dr. Mark Swain: offering cutting-edge innovation to liver and inflammatory disease patients](#)

["Incredible experience": Visiting scientist Dr. J. Efraín Olguín, PhD, from National Autonomous University of Mexico](#)

[New research suggests chronic pain is different for males and females](#)

- Understanding sex differences in how pain develops and resolves in mice could one day lead to new, targeted treatments in humans, says researcher.

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

## **Family Medicine & Rural Medicine**

[Value and Volume of Family Physician Services - College of Family Physicians of Canada](#)

- New advocacy tool highlights the volume of services provided by family physicians and the need for more family medicine funding.

[CFPC Physician Wellness Retreat: May 23 – 26, 2024 – Pomeroy Kananaskis Mountain Lodge, Kananaskis Alberta](#)

[Hey Rural Alberta! Celebrate Your Healthcare Stars with a Rhapsody Award!](#)

[Mentor Magic: Unleashing the power of future docs](#)

[Alberta College of Family Physicians: Executive Director's Message – January 2024](#)

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

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