



# AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

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## National & International News

[WHO launches first ever Patient Safety Rights Charter](#)

[Latest news from WHO](#)

[Canadians waiting longer for priority surgeries and diagnostic imaging compared with pre-pandemic period.](#)

- New data from the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) shows that wait times for priority procedures such as hip and knee replacements and cancer surgeries are longer than before the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Wildfire season is here. Is Canada's health care system ready?](#)

- Canadian Medical Association (CMA)

[CMA to governments: stay focused on health care crisis](#)

[As federal budget approaches, putting health care money to work is what Canadians want and need: CMA](#)

[Grant recipients to receive support from Healthcare Excellence Canada to address administrative burden in health care](#)

[Polio: Advice for travellers, Public Health Agency of Canada](#)

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[Canadian Conference on Physician Leadership](#)

[CMA Annual General Meeting - May 29, 2024](#)

[International Conference on Physician Health™ \(ICPH\)](#)

## Provincial News

[Modernizing how family doctors are paid in Alberta](#) - Government of Alberta  
Alberta's government has worked with the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) to develop a new compensation model that will encourage family physicians to practise.

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[Stabilizing Alberta's primary health care system](#)

Alberta's government is delivering on a commitment to provide funding to help family doctors with their administrative costs so they can devote more time to seeing patients.

[Timely care when and where it's needed](#) - Government of Alberta

Budget 2024 invests in reducing emergency response times, increasing emergency medical services capacity and supporting the paramedic workforce across the province.

[Refocusing health care: mental health and addiction](#)

[Get involved in Alberta's health advisory councils](#)

Albertans across the province are encouraged to apply to join new advisory councils dedicated to improving health care in their communities.

[Establishing the Canadian Centre of Recovery Excellence](#)

Alberta's government is establishing the Canadian Centre of Recovery Excellence (CoRE) to inform best practices in mental health and addiction services.

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[Building interprovincial partnerships for recovery](#)

The governments of Alberta, Ontario and Saskatchewan are establishing a partnership to build systems of care focused on recovery.

[Expanding physician training across Alberta](#)

Alberta's government is investing \$224.8 million through Budget 2024 to help train more physicians in rural areas.

[Doubling surgical capacity in Rocky Mountain House](#) - Government of Alberta

Rural Albertans will be able to access surgeries quicker and closer to home now that the expansion and renovation of the Rocky Mountain House Health Centre is complete.

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

[Provide your input on working with WCB-Alberta - Alberta Medical Association](#)

[April Billing Corner, AMA](#)

Learn about the latest billing changes to the Schedule of Medical Benefits. The AMA's Billing Corner keeps members up to date on billing changes to the SOMB.

[The PCCM will be implemented: Announcement today - AMA President's Letter, April 17, 2024](#)

[TFP payments, acute care, active advocacy - AMA President's Letter, April 15, 2024](#)

[Small patient panels matter, too - AMA President's Letter, April 5, 2024](#)

[Stabilization payments begin today: AMA President's Letter, April 4, 2024](#)

[Physician Health Monitoring is now Health & Practice Conditions Monitoring - CPSA](#)

[Medical Matters: Quality improvement at CPSA](#)

[Continuing medical education and professional development opportunities – April 2024](#)

[Feedback Opportunity: General Surgery Clinical, Patient & Referral Pathways \(Perianal Disease\) - CPSA](#)

[Highlighting the role of physician assistants in Alberta's healthcare system - CPSA](#)

[Transitioning from postgraduate training to independent practice](#)

[How we're transforming our approach to physician health monitoring - CPSA](#)

[Resident Wellness Conference - 2024](#)

Navigating Life as a Resident - 7 sessions for that!  
May 14 - 16, 2024

[Alberta respiratory virus dashboard](#)

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

[AHS Update: April 19, 2024](#)

Opportunities for nursing students and grads, engagement efforts inform wildfire response strategies, Regional Advisory Council recruitment begins.

[AHS Update: April 5, 2024](#)

Strategy update now available, agreement to benefit nursing staff and students, checking Fit Test status made easier.

[Medical Staff Update: April 5, 2024](#)

The Medical Staff Update is provided every second Friday and is intended to provide a summary of the key action items, information and decisions for AHS Medical Staff in relation to clinical policies and practices. It is forwarded to physicians' preferred email inbox.

[Newly recruited family physician now accepting patients in Lloydminster](#)

[Red Deer family physician now accepting new patients &](#)

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['Tissue donation can be life-saving'](#)

Retiring tissue bank director and former chief medical examiner reflects on long career.

[AHS: Information for medical staff](#)

['Our focus is to help people age powerfully in place'](#)

Grande Prairie rehab teams grow stronger thanks to Rural Capacity Investment Fund.

[Patches the pup 'sees' with his heart, brings joy to patients](#)

Blind Border Collie gets new lease on life as a therapy dog at Royal Alex.

[Community organizations gather to promote wellness](#)

Grande Prairie groups bring health resources to the vulnerable.

[Bonnyville mental health walk-in service hours expanded](#)

[Construction activity to start on hospital parkade expansion - Red Deer](#)

[Emergency wait times at Fort McMurray hospital available online](#)

[Dialysis expansion project continues to move ahead - Lloydminster](#)

[Volunteer devotes her days to 'making people happy'](#)

Milk River residents enjoy their quality time with Paula Jack...National Volunteer Week ran April 14 to 20.

[Hours change for adult day, evening support programs in Rimbey](#)

[Surgical capacity expanding at Leduc Community Hospital](#)

[Estimated Emergency Department Wait Times](#)

[Consider the effects of cannabis use on mental health](#)

[Boil Water Advisory issued for residences supplied by Salt Box Coulee Waterworks System in Rocky View County](#)

[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...

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

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

*AHS CEO: Addiction and Mental Health announcement*

[Message from Sean Chilton & Dr. Peter Jamieson](#)

*AHS' Shared Commitments are now live. Here's what you need to know about your role in implementing them.*

[AHS Interchange: April 18, 2024](#)

[AHS Interchange: April 11, 2024](#)

[AHS Interchange: April 4, 2024](#)

[Work Safe Blog: Grow as a preceptor](#)

[Awards and Recognition Wall](#)

[Laboratory Bulletins - Healthcare Providers](#)

[This week's Insite tip: Prevention of Harassment & Violence Education Sessions](#)

[Caregivers crucial to recovery and well-being](#)

[Talking to loved ones about organ and tissue donation saves lives](#)

**Clinical, Research and Education News**

[Inventures 2024, The breakthrough innovation event, Calgary, AB, May 29-31, 2024](#)

[Grande Prairie facility will train rural doctors](#)

Government of Alberta announces funds for a partnership between the University of Alberta and Northwestern Polytechnic to establish a Rural Medical Education Program Training Centre.

[U of A holds strong in international subject rankings](#)

Seventeen subjects make the top 100 list for excellence in research and teaching.

[UCalgary prof to lead thought-provoking discussion on AI-inspired research and human identity](#)

Join Marina L. Gavrilova April 25 for Lecture of a Lifetime 2024.

[Researchers tackle intersection of fertility treatment and cardiovascular health](#)

Work reveals further efforts are critical to fill knowledge gaps.

[A 'Courageous Conversation' with leading critical race theory scholar Kimberlé Crenshaw](#)

Equity, diversity, inclusion and intersectionality were on the table at March 18 event.

[UAlberta: Innovator Spotlight: Aminu K Bello](#)

Aminu K Bello is passionate about equitable kidney care delivery and kidney disease prevention across places and peoples.

[U of A professor honoured for revolutionizing treatment of autoimmune diseases](#)

Jan Willem Cohen Tervaert will receive a lifetime contribution award at the International Congress on Autoimmunity.

[U of A medical students to showcase AI-enhanced portable ultrasound technology](#)

[From researcher to ranch hand: Alum gets into the thick of it for Giving Day](#)

[Giving Day helps UCalgary student researchers get people moving](#)

[This is Your Brain on Pregnancy](#)

Dr. Dawn Kingston, PhD, wants to change how we perceive, diagnose, and treat pregnant and postpartum women with emotional health issues — in fact, she's calling for a paradigm shift.

[Physical fitness is important in every decade of our lives, but new research shows it may be the optimal prescription — particularly for women — to delay the onset of dementia.](#)

[7 Reasons to Visit the Little Red Reading House and Learn About Literacy](#)

[research4kids newsletter, April 9 2024 - Alberta Children's Hospital Research Institute](#)

[Study finds Netflix misses the mark by trivializing teenagers' pain](#)  
UCalgary-led research discovers movies and TV series aimed at adolescents reinforce gender and racialized pain stereotypes.

[GI for GPs course](#)

May 4, 2024

## **Family Medicine & Rural Medicine**

[2nd Annual Spring Conference Career Fair!](#)

On May 9th, the Department of Family Medicine Residency Program is hosting the Spring Conference Career Fair.

[FMF VIA LOVED - College of Family Physicians of Canada](#)

Unlock a world of medical education. FMF Live on Demand Virtual Education

[CFPC: Member notification: Cyber Breach](#)

[CFPC Breach Notification](#)

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

[ACFP: FFYFP Blog – The Purfect Support for The Good Days and The Ruff Ones](#)

[Family Medicine Researchers Recognized at ACFP's 2024 Reviewer's Choice Awards](#)

[Meet our host community for the fall RhPAP conference](#)

RhPAP and community members from across the province will journey to eastern Alberta this fall as the community of Wainwright, Alberta, opens its doors to host an event for sharing learnings and collaboration in rural healthcare.

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