Provincial News

**New AHS board to refocus on acute care delivery**
- Minister of Health Adriana LaGrange has appointed a new AHS board to refocus Alberta Health Services as the province transitions the health care system.

**Refocusing on patient-centred care**
- A refocused health care system will improve health outcomes for Albertans and empower health care workers to deliver quality care across the province.

**Government’s announcement about health system reform**
- AMA President’s Letter, November 8, 2023

**Physician supply: Minister of Health Adriana LaGrange issued a statement on actions being taken to address physician shortages**

**Recovering opioid-related health care costs**
- Alberta’s government is introducing amending legislation that would help ensure all those who contributed to the creation of the opioid addiction crisis are held responsible.

**News coverage: Local Doctors, Local Issues**
- Local Doctors, Local Issues is an initiative to learn what doctors across the province think about the state of the health care system and where solutions may lie.

**Zone medical staff associations**

**Alberta Wait Times Reporting Website**

**Increased lab appointment capacity in Calgary**

**Increasing continuing care capacity in Edmonton**
**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.

**We are your voice**
- AMA President's Letter, November 3, 2023

**Advocating for all members**
- AMA President's Letter, October 30, 2023

**CPSA: Reporting a health condition to CPSA**

**CPSA: New Advice to the Profession: Lab Requisitions**

**CPSA: Announcing CPSA Council election results**

**CPSA: Medical Matters: Embracing change**
- A behind-the-scenes look at the College's work to create an ideal state for physician health monitoring.

**CPSA: Continuing medical education and professional development opportunities**


**CPSA: Committee opportunity for practising physician, closes Nov. 30**

**Alberta Health Services**

**Connect Care now in more sites, programs across Alberta**

**AHS CEO: Connect Care Launch 7 is live**
Launch 7 of Connect Care goes live, lab appointment capacity increases in Calgary, Norwood West opening adds continuing care spaces in Edmonton.

**CMO Update: November 3, 2023**
- This Issue: MD Culture Shift; New Patient Safety Course; Ask an Ethicist; Physician Learning; Medical Affairs Recruitment Events; Apply for HQCA Patient Experience Awards; $10M Grant Opportunity; Coding Changes for Pressure Injuries; Career Opportunities; Resources and Supports for Physicians; News from the AHS Update and more.

**Enhanced Masking at AHS Sites**
- Last Updated: October 26, 2023
**MD Culture Shift: November, 2023**

**Together4Health**
- Together4Health is AHS' online platform, where Albertans can have their say on various healthcare topics. Take a look at the projects currently open for input and Join Our Online Community to keep up to date on current and future projects!

**Edmonton Zone Clinical Service Planning**

**South Health Campus Service Planning**

**Calgary Zone Healthcare Planning**

**Strategic Clinical Networks**

**SCNergy Newsletter - Strategic Clinical Networks**

**AHS Addiction & Mental Health - Help in tough times**

**Get Health System Information in Your Language**
- Translation resources for Alberta patients

**In ‘Men’s Sheds,’ mental health is the project**
- Growing movement could offer a practical, affordable way to boost mental health support for men in rural Alberta communities.

**Creating glitter art a ‘backbone’ of Cindy’s rehab**
- 3D-printed model of spine eases her mind after life-altering injury.

**Healthy Children & Families promotes safe sleep for infants**
- Resources give AHS staff awareness, knowledge and tools to support caregivers.

**Alberta’s Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program available to all newborns**
- Siblings with hearing loss draw support from each other.

**Face time a big part of positive patient experiences**
- Staff on Glenrose units improve care by finding out what matters.

**Newly recruited physician to practise in Wetaskiwin starting in January**

**Provost Hospital Auxiliary Society marks 70 years of service**
Alberta Improvement Way team a catalyst for positive change
- Carewest Sarcee taps their knowledge to improve discharge planning.

Fort McMurray public health centre earns ‘Baby-Friendly’ designation

Red Deer neonatal ICU dresses up their tiny ‘Halloween treats’

Influenza Immunization - Information for Health Professionals

Active health advisories
- Including recent boil water advisories.

Estimated Emergency Department Wait Times

Lab Bulletins: Health Care Providers

Health Enforcement Orders - Environmental Public Health

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

Message from Minister of Health & Minister of Mental Health and Addiction
Refocusing the healthcare system and town hall invitation

Refocusing the healthcare system – and making your voice heard
- Message from AHS President & CEO Mauro Chies, November 8, 2023

Connect Care launch is live
- Message from AHS President & CEO Mauro Chies, November 5, 2023

Connect Care is live at all acute care in Alberta
- Special milestone achieved with Launch 7

AHS Interchange: November 9, 2023

AHS Interchange: November 2, 2023

Work Safe Blog: Lest we forget

Work Safe Blog: Dispel the dark with Diwali

Work Safe Blog: The flu shot is a great tool

COVID-19, latest updates
- Last updated November 10, 2023
Support After an Incident of Patient-To-Worker Harassment & Violence
- This week's Insite tip, November 7, 2023

2024 eCard & Print Card Photography Contest

Meet our winners: 2023 Halloween Costume and Decorating Contest

National & International News

WHO updates guidelines on treatments for COVID-19
- WHO has updated its guidelines for COVID-19 therapeutics, with revised recommendations for patients with non-severe COVID-19. This is the 13th update to these guidelines.

Physician health and wellness is top CMA priority as international conflict hits home

Canadians need to see health system solutions now: CMA

Meet the Candidates – CMA president-elect

Public-Private Health Care: Can we find the right balance?
Four bilingual events across Canada - Canadian Medical Association

Clusters of mpox (monkeypox) cases have been reported in several countries internationally, outside of areas in Central and West Africa where cases are normally found.
- Updated travel health notice, Public Health Agency of Canada

World Health Organization (WHO) - Recent news highlights

Alberta respiratory virus dashboard

Upcoming events - AMA notices

Clinical, Research and Education News

Alberta Innovates launches Digital4Health Program to address health and wellness needs in the province

2024 Paediatric Infectious Disease Conference - February 9-11, 2024, Banff

UCalgary researchers discover unique differences in cancer cells based on where they are in a tumour
- Findings indicate cells at the edge of a tumour may hold the key to guide treatment.

**Entrepreneurial thinking at the forefront for Innovation Week YYC**
- Join UCalgary for events throughout the week of Nov. 15 - 23

**UCalgary student-run clinic expands to YW Calgary**
- New service is gentle reintroduction to health-care system for many women.

**Killam Scholarship winners are redefining knowledge and solutions that will change the future of health research**

**Working under the sun causes 1 in 3 deaths from non-melanoma skin cancer, say WHO and ILO**

**Cumming School of Medicine: All events**

**Prof explores the importance of healthy relationships for community wellness**

**Nine things to know about kids and migraine**

**Awards celebrate Calgary’s best and brightest innovators and changemakers & Calgary’s rising stars address some of society’s biggest challenges & Shining a light on Calgary’s exceptional entrepreneurs**
- 2023 Avenue Magazine Top 40 Under 40 honourees from UCalgary

**O’Brien Institute for Public Health welcomes Kirsten Fiest as new scientific director**

**UCalgary welcomes UManitoba staff as part of learning exchange program**

**PhD student honoured with Killam Award for research to prevent concussions**
- Ash Kolstad explores the use of protective equipment in youth sport.

**UCalgary’s Susa Benseler named 1 of Canada’s 100 Most Powerful Women**
- Director of Alberta Children’s Hospital Research Institute creates transformative partnerships for children.

**New guidelines: If you’ve never had a heart attack, don’t take daily Aspirin until you talk to your doctor**
- Revamped recommendations call into question the routine daily dose for primary prevention.

**UCalgary scholar receives $1M for bold spinal cord injury research**
New process produces purer, safer pancreas stem cells for potential transplant
- Using a patient’s own stem cells to replace insulin-producing cells “the horizon” for treating diabetes, says researcher.

U of A launches new dental assisting program
12,000+ staff, physicians, other healthcare providers involved in Launch 7

A healthier future for all: Mobilizing health equity research into action
- Wed, Nov 22, 2023, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM MST

Researchers tackling surveillance of infection after cardiac implantable electronic device implantation

Hopewell M.I.N.D. Prize
- Maximizing Innovation in Neuroscience Discovery

Fast track protocol improves outcomes for patients after minimally invasive valve surgery
- Cardiac surgery resident Dr. Amy Brown presents protocol at the 2023 Canadian MICS Conference

Nurse Practitioner uses advanced skills to optimize patient care
Payal Fichadiya, MN, NP, gives a glimpse into her daily activities working in cardiac care.

Nurse Practitioner provides glimpse into her role in cardiac care
Nancy Clark, RN, NP, relishes the connections she makes with her patients and colleagues

Family Medicine & Rural Medicine

College of Family Physicians of Canada: Annual Meeting of Members 2023 Poll Results

The College of Family Physicians of Canada welcomes Dr. Michael Green as its 2023 to 2024 President

The College of Family Physicians of Canada implements immediate pause on family medicine residency extension

Ceasing third year and response to the Annual Meeting of Members: A message from the CFPC President

Get Involved! Participate in Family Medicine Research
- Edmonton family physicians invited to provide perspectives on pregnancy care
**E-SIMulations assist rural nurses with domestic violence screening**
- A research project supported by RhPAP to empower rural nurses in effectively screening for domestic violence within their communities is being shared globally.

**Rural practice brings welcome challenges to new doctor**

**40th Annual Emergency Medicine for Rural Hospitals & Pre-conference Trauma Nursing Core Course, January 19-21, 2024**

**Archives**

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