



This Issue: Physicians Eligible for Innovation Award, Popular Virtual Care Resources Updated; Support for Physicians; News from the AHS Update and more.

We would like to recognize that our work takes place on historical and contemporary Indigenous lands, including the territories of Treaty 6, Treaty 7 & Treaty 8 and the homeland of the Métis Nation of Alberta and eight Metis Settlements. We also acknowledge the many Indigenous communities that have been forged in urban centres across Alberta.

Note: Recognizing some medical staff use an alternate email address instead of an AHS email address, some information is duplicated from the AHS Update to ensure all AHS medical staff have all up-to-date organizational information that may impact their practice.

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Medical Affairs News

Physician Virtual Care Resources Updated

Virtual care helps connect us to patients and other healthcare providers when we cannot be in the same location.

[AHS Virtual Health](#) offers a wide range of resources and tools on [Insite](#) that help physicians better understand virtual care and support them in delivering safe, high-quality care effectively.

Many of these resources have recently been updated with new URLs. If you bookmarked virtual care resources prior to December 2022, it is important to save the new links. Popular resources you may wish to bookmark include:

- [Virtual Care Best Practice Guide](#)
- [Virtual Care Overview for Patients and Families](#)
- [Language and Communication Supports for AHS Zoom](#)
- [Zoom Tips for Patients and Families](#)
- [Connect Care: Scheduling Virtual Visits](#)

If you have questions about these resources, contact virtualhealth.info@ahs.ca.

Physicians Eligible for Innovation Award

The new Dr. William Cochrane Health System Innovation Award recognizes the contributions Albertans have made to transform the healthcare system and patient outcomes through innovation.

This award recognizes an individual or leader of a team who has made a significant contribution to health system innovation, and who is actively engaged in research, development and scaling of health system innovations.

Eligible nominees can come from clinical, research, and business backgrounds.

Nominations are open now through Feb. 28. [Learn more](#).

Support for Physicians

The [Physician & Family Support Program](#) (PFSP) continues to offer services on an individual basis that you can access by calling the assistance line at 1-877-767-4637.

AHS has also developed new resources aimed at offering support to physicians. These are now available online:

- [Webinar](#)
 - [Resource Guide](#)
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Career Opportunities

Practice opportunities across a broad range of specialties are available. All vacant AHS physician practice opportunities are posted on our physician recruitment website, [Doctor Jobs Alberta](#).

Additional Resources for Physicians:

- [AHS Virtual Health](#)
- [COVID-19 Healthcare Professional information page](#)
- [COVID-19 Immunization Information](#)
- [COVID-19 Resources for Community Physicians](#)
- [CPSA's Physician Portal](#)
- [Cumming School of Medicine Continuing Medical Education \(CME\) Resources](#)
- [How to Access AHS Insite and Email](#)
- [IPC Emerging Issues](#)
- [MD News Digest](#)
- [Physician & Family Support Program](#) - 1-877-SOS-4MDS (767-4637)
- [Physician Wellness Educational Resources: Well Doc Alberta](#)

From the AHS Update

You can read the [full version online](#).

Action on Our Priorities

We are working to urgently address four key priorities. They are:

- Improving EMS response times.
- Decreasing emergency department wait times.
- Reducing wait times for surgeries.
- Improving access to acute care beds and community care.

Much of this work is underway. We will continue to use this update to highlight actions being taken to urgently address our priorities.

Improving EMS response times

[EMS/811 Shared Response reduces unnecessary ambulance responses](#)
[Interim CEO video message – a discussion about Shared Response](#)

Reducing wait times for surgeries

[Surgical wait-list update](#)

Improving access to acute care beds and community care

[Clinical trials begin using Alberta-made Linac-MR machine](#)



Work continues on other AHS priorities, including:



Rural & Indigenous Initiatives and Engagement

[AHS, Friendship Centres Association extend agreement](#)

[Public interest in advisory councils continues to grow](#)



Your Wellness

Resilience app available to you and your family

You and your family members have access to Headversity to boost your well-being. [\(more...\)](#)

Spread kindness for Pink Shirt Day

Pink Shirt Day is an international anti-bullying campaign that supports people in taking respectful actions to stop bullying. [\(more...\)](#)

Mental Wellness Moment — workplace mental health



Dr. Nicholas Mitchell talks about what employers and employees can do to promote mental wellness in the workplace. [\(more...\)](#)

Watch Video 

Listen as a Podcast 

Latest News

COVID-19 status and cases in Alberta

Latest hospitalizations, ICU update and information on variants of concern and wastewater surveillance. [\(more...\)](#)

Interim CEO message – a discussion about Shared Response



A new 911 to EMS call response process is helping patients get the care they need and reducing unnecessary ambulance responses. [\(more...\)](#)

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Nominations now open for innovation award

Do you know a colleague who is transforming patient outcomes through innovation? Nominate them for this innovation award. [\(more...\)](#)

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