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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

Largest donation in AHS history propels cancer care forward

AHS' new Calgary Cancer Centre received a \$50-million donation, the largest philanthropic gift in Alberta Health Services' history, thanks to the Arthur J.E. Child Foundation. The donation will support precision oncology and clinical excellence; attracting and retaining the best and brightest; and capitalizing on bringing new treatments and research initiatives to Albertans sooner.

In recognition of this gift, the Calgary Cancer Centre will now officially be called the Arthur J.E. Child Comprehensive Cancer Centre.

Connect Care offers new Mental Health Act functionality on July 13

On July 13, 2023 new Mental Health Act (MHA) forms options in Connect Care take effect. MHA forms 1, 2, 2.1, 3 & 6 digital eForms become available and all MHA forms receive unique Document Types to enhance search and reporting specificity.

For more information see the following [poster](#) and [Quick Start Guide](#), and direct any questions to AMH.ClinicalInformatics@ahs.ca

For MHA resources, visit the Provincial MHA Team's website: [Mental Health Act](#) or Insite page: [Mental Health Act | Insite](#) For questions or consultation email MHAandCTO.Enquiries@ahs.ca

Check out the new Virtual Health resources quick reference guide

Virtual Health, in partnership with the Edmonton Zone Ambulatory Virtual Care Sustainability Working Group, developed a new [quick reference guide](#) to help physicians and other staff across the province navigate the many resources available to help you provide quality virtual care to patients.

The working group, launched in June 2022, developed the guide to improve accessibility of virtual health resources that address commonly encountered challenges to virtual care service delivery. The resources aim to address everyday operational issues regarding virtual care. It's split up into five categories:

1. Clinical/patient care
2. Education/training for patients & caregivers
3. Education/training for staff
4. System supports
5. Virtual service delivery

The guide will be refreshed annually by Virtual Health and is applicable to anyone who uses virtual health for patient care. The guide is available on the [Virtual Health Insite page](#).

Support for physicians

The [Physician & Family Support Program](#) (PFSP) continues to offer CONFIDENTIAL services on an individual basis that you can access by calling the 24-hour assistance line at 1-877-767-4637.

AHS also has resources aimed at offering support to physicians. These are 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](#)
 - [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](#)
 - [Support Services: Well Doc Alberta](#)
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From the AHS Update

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

Latest News

CEO video message – introducing Alberta's newest cancer centre



Our guests discuss the Arthur J.E. Child Comprehensive Cancer Centre, which opens in Calgary next year. ([more...](#))

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Wildfire Update

Wildfires continue in North and Central zones but activity has tapered. No AHS facilities are currently impacted. ([more...](#))

Action on our Priorities

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

- Reducing emergency medical services (EMS) response times.
- Decreasing emergency department wait times.
- Reducing surgery wait times.
- Improving patient flow and continuity of care.

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

Reducing surgery wait times

[Surgical wait-list update](#)

Work continues on other AHS priorities, including:

Rural & Indigenous Initiatives and Engagement

[National Indigenous Peoples Month initiatives announced](#)

Your Wellness

Family supports and resources available

With the school year over, the [Employee Family and Assistance Program](#) can offer childcare and parenting tools. [\(more...\)](#)

Mental Wellness Moment — how to support men's mental health



June is Men's Health Month. Dr. Nicholas Mitchell talks about what people can do to support men's mental health. [\(more...\)](#)

Watch Video 

More News

HQCA Patient Experience Awards are in – all initiatives from AHS

All recipients of the Health Quality Council of Alberta (HQCA) [2023 Patient Experience Awards](#) were AHS initiatives. [\(more...\)](#)

COVID-19 status and cases in Alberta

Update on hospitalizations, ICU and wastewater surveillance. [\(more...\)](#)

Faster access to dementia nurses through advice line

Albertans living with dementia and their families now have improved support with changes to the Dementia Advice Line. [\(more...\)](#)

New name for MyAlberta Digital ID

MyAlberta Digital ID (MADI) is now called Alberta.ca Account. [\(more...\)](#)

Population and public health teams seek feedback

Population and public health teams want to know what their teams and services mean to you. [Tell us what you think](#) in a brand survey. [\(more...\)](#)

Wrapping up

To close the first AHS Update for Summer 2023, I encourage all of you to find time over the next several weeks to get outside and enjoy the sunshine, fresh air, and the company of friends and family. It's important for our physical and mental well-being to unplug from work, even for a little while, and there's no better time and place to do that than summers in Alberta. Be safe and have fun. Thank you for everything you do, including taking care of yourselves.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,

Dr. Francois Belanger

Vice President, Quality & Chief Medical Officer



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