



*This Issue: Preliminary Guidelines for use of Artificial Intelligence at AHS; Updates to the AHS/COV Hazardous Medication List; AHS' Patient Safety Culture and Our People Survey Opens Sept. 12; Critical Leadership Conversations Course Part Two; Career Opportunities; Resources and Supports for Physicians; News from the AHS Update and more.*

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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.*

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*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

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### Preliminary guidelines for use of artificial intelligence at AHS

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a rapidly developing field that AHS is monitoring closely. While it may be useful in certain settings, it also presents a number of risks.

Sharing AHS health, personal or business information with generative AI sites—such as OpenAI's ChatGPT—puts our organization at risk because we can't control what these sites do with the information.

As we consider how to approach the use of third-party AI programs, at this time, we ask our workforce to follow these preliminary guidelines:

- Do not load any confidential AHS health, personal or business information into unapproved AI programs.
- Use caution when accessing AI websites with AHS devices.

Users accessing AI sites on AHS devices may receive a prompt reminding them of appropriate use of AHS information.

For more information, please review the [resources at InfoCare](#). We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to evaluate this topic. We will keep you updated.

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### Updates to the AHS/COV Hazardous Medication List

The Alberta Health Services (AHS)/Covenant Health (COV) [Hazardous Medication List](#) is updated and posted on the [Hazardous Medication Handling page](#) on Insite.

#### The changes to the List include:

- Addition of **16** new medications to the list, indicated by bold **BLUE** type.
  - **5** classified as **KNOWN** hazard (chlormethine, mirvetuximab soravtansine, onasemnogene abeparvovec, treosulfan, voretigene neparvovec)
  - **5** classified as **POTENTIAL** hazard (glasdegib, mavacamten, pralsetinib, sotorasib, upadacitinib)
  - **6** classified as **REPRODUCTIVE** hazard (avacopan, cenobamate, dexMEDEtomidine, edaravone, pacritinib, toremifene)
  - **4** have been **REMOVED** from the previous list (atezolizumab, avelumab, durvalumab, lapatinib)

#### Implementing these changes:

- The updated AHS/COV Hazardous Medication List is **effective now**.

- Teams and program areas are expected to identify and address the steps required to implement the changes (e.g., storage, labelling, etc.) **prior to November 1, 2023.**

Questions? Email [hazardousmedication@ahs.ca](mailto:hazardousmedication@ahs.ca).

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### **AHS' Patient Safety Culture and Our People Survey opens Sept. 12**

AHS' Patient Safety Culture and *Our People Survey* runs from Sept. 12 to Oct. 4. It's important we hear from you. Please participate! It takes about five minutes and is completely anonymous.

On Sept. 12, watch your preferred email for a survey link from Gallup, the organization which conducts the survey for AHS. The survey asks about AHS' patient safety culture and about your experiences as an AHS practitioner at the site, department, or program team you work with most often.

Learn more on [Insite](#). Questions? Contact [engage@ahs.ca](mailto:engage@ahs.ca).

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### **Critical Leadership Conversations Course Part Two**

You are invited to participate in the second part of the Critical Leadership Conversations series - Accountability conversations and Managing Physician Concerns. This virtual course will run from Sept. 7 through Nov. 2.

Facilitated by Dr. Curtis Johnston and Heather McMorrow, this course will be a series of five one-hour virtual lectures and large group discussion sessions delivered over eight weeks. This course will demonstrate the skills necessary for holding accountability conversations in the context of being a medical leader in AHS.

Part two of the series builds upon the skills gained during our Critical Leadership Conversations Part 1, but please note taking the first course is **not** a pre-requisite.

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Registration Link</b>
Sept. 7	4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
Sept. 21	4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
Oct. 5	4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
Oct. 19	4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Register Here</a>
Nov. 2	4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Register Here</a>

To find out more about participation expectations and benefits, please contact [lori-ann.paul@ahs.ca](mailto:lori-ann.paul@ahs.ca) for more information.

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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](#).

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## 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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## 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](#).

## Wildfire Update

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To our AHS teams, thank you for your efforts supporting patients and continuing care residents evacuated due to wildfires. ([more...](#))

## Action on Our Priorities

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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.

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### **Improving patient flow and continuity of care**

[Phase 1 of Peter Lougheed Centre ED redevelopment complete](#)

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### **Reducing surgery wait times**

[Surgical waitlist update](#)

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Work continues on other AHS priorities including:

### **Workforce recruitment and retention**

[Our People Survey opens Sept. 12](#)  
[Transfer survey launches next week](#)

## Your Wellness

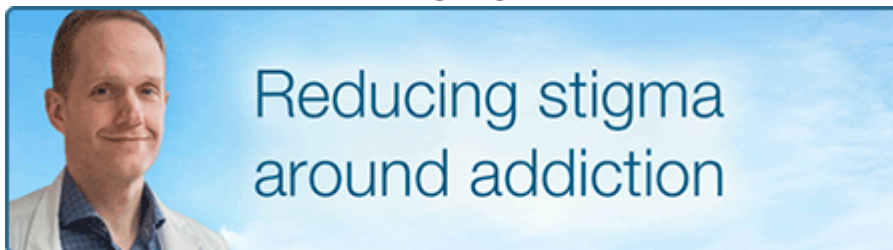
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### **Boost your wellness**

There is now an option for you to work on boosting your mental health and well-being together with [Headversity](#) TEAM. [\(more...\)](#)

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### **Mental Wellness Moment — reducing stigma around addiction**



Dr. Nicholas Mitchell talks about reducing stigma around addiction. Aug. 31 is International Overdose Awareness Day. ([more...](#))

Watch Video



Listen as a Podcast



## Latest News

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### AHS Vlog – Pediatric Eating and Swallowing Project



Guests on the vlog discuss how the Pediatric Eating and Swallowing Project is reducing emergency visits and hospitalizations. ([more...](#))

Watch Video



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### Multi-factor authentication expands to Insite, Sharepoint

AHS is expanding our use of multi-factor authentication to increase our protection against growing cyber security threats. ([more...](#))

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### Preliminary guidelines for use of artificial intelligence at AHS

AHS is monitoring the developing field of artificial intelligence and has issued [preliminary guidelines](#) for using AI at our organization. ([more...](#))

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### Psychological first-aid training available

Psychological first-aid training is available through an interactive three-hour webinar. [Register](#) for one of three workshops next week. ([more...](#))

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### Learn more about AHS' Virtual Care Evaluation Framework

Virtual Health with the Strategic Clinical Networks developed a Virtual Care Evaluation Framework. Their work has been [published](#). ([more...](#))

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### **Wrapping up**

I end this week's update with my heartfelt gratitude to you for everything you do each and every day, and often under challenging and demanding circumstances. The fall season will be upon us soon, so I encourage you to enjoy these last few days of August and the final weeks of summer 2023.

With enduring gratitude and appreciation,

**Dr. Francois Belanger**

Vice President, Quality & Chief Medical Officer

