

# Medical Staff Update

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*AHS recognizes that our work takes place on historical and contemporary Indigenous lands, including the territories of Treaty 6, Treaty 7 and Treaty 8, and the homeland of the Métis Nation of Alberta and eight Métis 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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### Measles staff FAQ now available

While no cases have yet been identified in Alberta in 2024, measles cases have increased across the globe and are confirmed in Canada.

Measles is highly transmissible. Cases, if not identified early, can potentially expose many other people to the virus with serious consequences. This can span throughout a care environment if measles is not suspected early, and controls are not put in place.

To help prepare our teams, [Measles: Frequently Asked Questions](#) is available for all AHS and Alberta Precision Laboratories staff, physicians, midwives, students, volunteers and contracted service providers to learn more about measles and understand if they are immune.

Learning more about measles and taking proactive steps to prepare will help keep our staff, patients and their families safe.

General background on the measles virus, immunization and recommendations for you and your family are also available at [ahs.ca/measles](https://ahs.ca/measles).

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### MD Culture Shift Newsletter

Check out the [April edition](#) of the MD Culture Shift newsletter.

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### Your role in bringing the Shared Commitments to life

AHS launched our Shared Commitments, aimed at improving the healthcare experiences of Albertans by engaging them in their care, including ensuring they know how to bring forward concerns, while helping providers build strong and trusting relationships with patients. They reaffirm and formalize many actions that staff and physicians already take to support those in AHS care.

All physicians have a role in bringing the Shared Commitments to life—just as our patients and families do.

Your understanding of the Shared Commitments and your commitment to demonstrating them is important to their success. You can learn more about Shared Commitments during an upcoming information webinar.

- April 24, 12-1 p.m. [Register](#)
- May 7, 3-4 p.m. [Register](#)

We have developed several resources to support physicians in understanding the Shared Commitments. These are available on [Insite](#). We also have resources for patients and their families, which you can access at [ahs.ca/sharedcommitments](https://ahs.ca/sharedcommitments).

If you have questions, please reach out to [shared.commitments@ahs.ca](mailto:shared.commitments@ahs.ca).

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### **Discuss Goals of Care Designations with your patients**

Completing a Goals of Care Designation (GCD) with patients and their family correctly before an emergency arises is an important part of providing patient-focused care.

Caregivers are encouraged to speak to patients, regardless of age or health, to ensure they have an up-to-date GCD completed and they have informed their loved-ones about these decisions.

Anyone requiring training or more information, can visit [the Advance Care Planning and Goals of Care Designations, All Ages - All Locations](#) document.

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### **Participate in Shared Decision Making eLearning course survey**

The Improving Health Outcomes Together (IHOT) team is looking to develop an eLearning course on [Shared Decision Making](#) for Physicians.

We are inviting physicians to participate in a short, anonymous 3-5 minute survey. The responses will guide us to developing a virtual course based on physicians' preferences and learning goals on Shared Decision Making.

You can fill out the survey [here](#).

The survey will close on April 30. If you have any questions, please email: [i.hot@ahs.ca](mailto:i.hot@ahs.ca).

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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](#).

## Our Priorities

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### **See the Health Workforce Strategy highlight on nursing students**

AHS offers opportunities for nursing students and new graduates to gain experience, and to begin rewarding careers in healthcare. [\(more...\)](#)

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### **Engagement informs wildfire preparation**

More than 430 staff, physicians and volunteers participated in wildfire information sessions March 18 and 20. [\(more...\)](#)

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### **Regional Advisory Council recruitment begins**

Public recruitment for the 12 new Regional Advisory Councils began this week. [\(more...\)](#)

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## Your Wellness

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### **Access online cognitive behavioural therapy support**

Our [Employee and Family Assistance Program](#) offers online cognitive behavioural therapy to address depression and anxiety. [\(more...\)](#)

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### **Mental Wellness Moment — Healing Through Compassion**



Dr. Nicholas Mitchell talks about the healing power of compassion. A Call to be Kind is the theme of Mental Health Week, May 6-12. [\(more...\)](#)

Watch Video 

### **Latest News**

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#### **New staff scheduling system launching this summer**

AHS and our partner organizations are adopting a new staff scheduling system, MySchedule. Implementation will begin in August. [\(more...\)](#)

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#### **IPC launches suite of new IPC Risk Assessment resources**

Module 2 of the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) Risk Assessment educational resources has launched. [\(more...\)](#)

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#### **Revised Third-Party Advocates Policy available**

The policy provides AHS representatives with direction on managing relationships with third-party advocates involved in patient care. [\(more...\)](#)

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#### **AHS shared drives moving to SharePoint Online**

Over the coming year, all AHS shared network drives will be moving to SharePoint Online, a cloud-based file management system. [\(more...\)](#)

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#### **Discover allied health career paths**

[Allied Health Career Pathways](#) offers insight into roles in education and research to leadership in practice and operations. [\(more...\)](#)

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### **Register for upcoming Disaster Rounds sessions**

Register for Disaster Rounds lunch 'n' learn sessions on emergency preparedness and business continuity management. [\(more...\)](#)

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### **Reflect on worker safety for National Day of Mourning, April 28**

Creating safe workplaces requires a collective effort. Keep safety top of mind by focusing on worker health, safety and wellness. [\(more...\)](#)



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