

### What is the Addiction and Mental Health Strategic Clinical Network (AMH SCN)?

The Addiction and Mental Health SCN is a community of physicians, front-line health care workers, people with lived experiences, researchers, others specialized in addressing Albertans addiction and mental health needs focusing on prevention and treatment.

### Why was the AMH SCN created?

The Addiction and Mental Health SCN was created to enhance the prevention and treatment of addiction and mental health issues in order to provide the best possible outcomes for patients.

### What work is underway?

#### Depression:

- **Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (rTMS):** Standardization of protocols, assessments, and evaluation in the launch of rTMS in Alberta for adults with treatment resistant depression.

#### Children and Youth:

- **Helping Kids and Youth in Times of Emotional Crisis:** Engagement with youth, families and front line staff to examine the opportunities to improve care received when youth present to the emergency department for addiction and/or mental health related concerns.
- **System Integration/School Mental Health:** Evaluation across ministries such as Education and Health to integrate and coordinate care and improve transitions for children and youth.
- **E-Mental Health:** Implementation and evaluation of e-mental health technology and applications to support children and youth.

#### Opioid Misuse:

- **Opioid Pathway Knowledge Translation:** Funding to support the spread of Opioid Pathways focused on Opioid Agonist Therapy, Acute Pain and Chronic Pain.
- **Community Based Naloxone:** Evaluation of the community based take home Naloxone Kit program.
- **Virtual Safe Consumption Sites:** Research funding to examine the efficacy and acceptability of virtual safe consumption sites.

