

About the Respiratory Health Strategic Clinical Network

What is the Respiratory Health Strategic Clinical Network (RHSCN)?

The RHSCN is made up of clinicians, scientists, clinical administrators, patient advisors and partners who are committed to improving the experience and outcomes for those with or at risk of respiratory disease.

Why was the Respiratory Health Strategic Clinical Network created?

We're dedicated to Albertans' respiratory health. Our goal is to improve the patient's journey and to support consistent evidence based care across the province.

What work is under way?

- **Provincial Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Order (COPD) Sets:** Use of standardized admission order sets can streamline admission processes for patients experiencing exacerbated COPD, including access to timely interventions, promotion of evidence-based care early focus on getting people and home.
- **Accessible Lung Testing Results:** Connecting interpreted testing reports in Netcare to support improved clinical decision-making.
- **Optimizing Oxygen Therapy Practices:** We will focus first on acute care, including the safest and most consistent ordering and application of oxygen therapy.
- **Model of Care for Sleep Disordered Breathing:** Integrating primary & specialty care in co-design and support a patient-centric system.
- **Pharmacy Screening Pilot for Early Signs of Disease:** Testing a screening program in northern rural community pharmacies to identify the prevalence of airflow limitations in current smokers, and assess their experiences with support for smoking cessation.

COPD is responsible for the highest number of patient hospitalizations and lengths of stay in Alberta.

How to get involved

If you are interested in becoming involved with the RHSCN, please contact us at respiratoryhealth.scn@ahs.ca.

