



# AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

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## **Alberta Health Services - Provincial and regional news**

### [Provincial Adult General Surgery Referral Pathway](#)

On February 26, general surgery will join the Facilitated Access to Specialized Treatment (FAST) program in Central, South, North and Calgary Zones. General Surgeons practicing in Edmonton Zone are already receiving referrals via FAST. FAST is a central access and intake program that receives surgical referrals and sends them to a next-available surgeon with the shortest wait time, to a specific provider/clinic/site or an out of Zone provider.

### [Medical Staff Update - February 9, 2024](#)

### [MD Culture Shift - February, 2024](#)

### [AHS Update: February 9, 2024](#)

Health Workforce Strategy highlights sick rate, OneDrive migration coming soon, new website spotlights data quality.

### [New family physician now practising in Edson](#)

### [Two new family physicians now practising in Ponoka](#)

### [New ambulance bay opens in Claresholm General Hospital](#)

### [Glenrose gets \\$2.1M to boost research and innovation - Edmonton](#)

Investment to help Alberta tech firms develop new healthcare aids.

### [Work underway to resolve urology referral issue](#)

### [Regular cervical cancer screening a key preventative tool](#)

### [Boil Water Advisory lifted for Paddle Prairie Settlement](#)

### [Together4Health Headlines - Health News You Can Use](#)

A biweekly e-newsletter designed to keep you informed of decisions being made to protect and support Albertans, key public health information, and opportunities for you to connect with AHS...

### [News and events: Medical Staff](#)

## **Alberta Health Services (AHS) - For authorized AHS users only**

### [Message from Athana Mentzelopoulos, AHS President & CEO](#)

*Workforce Changes - Update, February 8, 2024*

### [Refocusing Alberta's Health Care System](#)

*In-Person Engagements: March 2024 Sessions Added - February 9, 2024*

### [Refocusing Alberta's Health Care System](#)

*In-Person Engagements: Sessions Added - January 31, 2024*

### [AHS Interchange: February 8, 2024](#)

### [AHS Interchange: February 1, 2024](#)

### [Awards and Recognition Wall](#)

### [Laboratory Bulletins - Healthcare Providers](#)

### [Support During Challenging Times - Employee and family assistance program](#)

### [What's your balance?](#)

*Navigating stress*

### [Work Safe Blog: Embrace kindness every day](#)

### [Learn to Apologize With Kindness - This Week's Insite Tip](#)

### [Health Workforce Strategy Highlight - Sick Rate](#)

## **Provincial News**

### [Helping primary care providers support patients](#)

Family doctors will soon receive additional payments to help manage an increasing number of patients.

### [Statement from the AMA Section of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry on gender-affirming treatments](#)

[\\$12 million in panel management support now available](#)

AMA President's Letter, February 9, 2024

[Referring providers: please update fax number for Calgary Zone FAST submissions](#)

AMA President's Letter, February 9, 2024

[Good faith claims are now live](#)

AMA President's Letter, February 7, 2024

[Laboratory physicians ratify new agreement with Alberta Precision Laboratories](#)

AMA President's Letter, February 5, 2024

[The doctor-patient relationship is sacrosanct](#)

AMA President's Letter, February 2, 2024

[SOS: The urgency is real](#)

AMA President's Letter, January 31, 2024

[Help us send an SOS to government](#)

Share your practice story through the AMA's video upload tool, January 31, 2024

[Mindful Practice in Medicine workshop](#)

February 21 - 24, 2024

[Media Relations 101: Hosted by Shannon Rupnarain](#)

2024 dates: February 15, April 11, July 11, November 14

[Media Relations 201: Hosted by Shannon Rupnarain](#)

2024 dates: March 7, May 9, September 12 and December 5

[Clinical Reasoning Course](#)

March 20 and June 19, 2024

[Live long, Live well: Unveiling health data - Inventures May 29-31, 2024](#)

[Embracing hope – National Catholic Health Care Week: Minister LaGrange](#)

## **National & International News**

[Putting survivors at the forefront of the global movement to end female genital mutilation](#)

WHO

[Global cancer burden growing, amidst mounting need for services](#)

[CMA engages in national conversations in advance of apology to Indigenous Peoples](#)

[We need health system solutions now: CMA, CFPC](#)

[CMA: COMMENTARY: Governments can improve patient, physician health by reducing 'red tape'](#)

[CMA Community](#)

Driving a better future of health, health care and the health workforce. Join the conversation.

[Health Canada announces transition of mental health resources from Wellness Together Canada](#)

[Federation of Medical Women of Canada](#)

[Message from the Minister of Health and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions and Associate Minister of Health – Black History Month - CIHR](#)

## **Clinical, Research and Education News**

[National study seeks to close research gaps for kids with chronic gastrointestinal inflammation](#)

Jennifer deBruyn co-leads research comparing 2 treatment options for paediatric Crohn's disease.

[UCalgary celebrates Violet King and 6 exemplary students with 1st-ever award of its kind](#)

Calgary trailblazer's legacy honoured at awards ceremony Feb. 15.

[UCalgary research boosts understanding of common heart rhythm disorder](#)

Team identifies receptor with important role in preventing atrial fibrillation.

[Alberta respiratory virus dashboard](#)

[UCalgary researcher develops new tool to diagnose genetic mutations](#)

Pierre Billon's invention designed to get results faster, and easier than current methods.

[Six outstanding grad students selected as equitable and inclusive leadership interns](#)

Program stands as a commitment to equitable pathways.

[Two College of Health Sciences faculty awarded grants from the Cardiovascular Research Institute](#)

Researchers Mark Haykowsky and Darren Freed receive Dr. Margaret “Marmie” Perkins Hess Heart Research Pilot Grants to study cardiovascular disease, a condition that touches 90 per cent of Canadians yet is 80 per cent preventable.

[Cardiovascular Research Institute awards studentships to two College of Health Sciences graduate students](#)

[20 per cent of parents feel uncertain caring for their child after discharge from pediatric emergency: study](#)

Providing more updates, paying better attention to parents’ emotional needs could help ease pressures of ER crowding, say study leads.

[CMAJ](#) - Current issue

[Rural placements for medical students feed ‘pipeline’ for new family docs](#)

Research shows community clerkships help students choose rural family practice after graduation.

[Amazon Web Services, U of A team up to make the power of AI more accessible](#)

Cloud computing collaboration will spur world-leading research and expand the talent base of trained professionals in Alberta.

[‘Micro-breaks’ could break workplace cycle of fatigue and injury](#)

Taking a minute to rest or stretch every 10 minutes could help manual labourers stay healthy without sacrificing productivity, study shows.

[Preventable hospitalizations and deaths ‘of despair’ associated with income inequality](#)

Prevention and support programs should be targeted to regions with highest social inequities, researchers say.

[Clinical Teacher Series: Antiracism in the clinical setting](#)

University of Alberta - Department of Family Medicine (via zoom), February 29 and March 7, 2024

[Alberta Medical Association: Events, News, Latest Updates](#)

[It’s time for a heart-to-heart about women’s cardiovascular health, unique risk factors and symptoms](#)

In the news, in: The Conversation, February 11, 2024

[Empowering the future: Black Youth Mentorship and Leadership Program transforms lives](#)

[The sickest long COVID patients face symptoms identical to chronic fatigue syndrome](#)

Telltale amino acid deficiencies may hold the key to new treatments, say researchers.

[UCalgary professor aims to level the playing field for Indigenous organ transplant and donations](#)

Online event Feb. 27 addresses barriers for First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples.

[Addressing anti-Black racism is key to improving well-being of Black Canadians](#)

In the news, in: The Conversation, February 14, 2024

## **Family Medicine & Rural Medicine**

[Statement from the Alberta College of Family Physicians on Gender-Affirming Care in Youth](#)

[Choose family medicine: medical students](#)

[Nominate a colleague for the 2024 ACFP Awards](#)

Deadline to submit nominations for the 2024 ACFP Awards is April 1, 2024

[The 31st Annual Rural and Remote Medicine Conference - April 18 - 20, 2024, Edmonton](#)

[RhPAP is recruiting Directors to serve on the organization's board of directors commencing July 2024](#)

[Rural Health Professions Action Plan paves the way for internationally educated nurses in Alberta to complete bridging training and practice in rural Alberta](#)

[Family Medicine Summit 2024, March 1-3, 2024, Banff, Alberta](#)

[Welcome to ACFP Networks - Creating a Connected Community](#)

[RhPAP Board member bridges communication between AHS and rural health practitioners](#)

[Four rural Alberta nurses share what brought them to rural practice and why they love it](#)

[Let's Go Rural! events come full circle for Innisfail-based nurse](#)

[The Society of Rural Physicians of Canada - Latest news and updates](#)

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