Alberta Health Services

# AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

March 17, 2024

## **National & International News**

Medical associations across the country oppose government efforts to restrict access to care

Canadian Medical Association: Women driving change

International Women's Day and Canadian Women Physicians Day, both in March, celebrate changemakers past and present. The CMA has posted interviews spotlighting just a few of the women challenging the status quo in health care.

CMA: Commentary - Combatting misinformation in women's health

CMA: Registration now open: 2024 Annual General Meeting

Over 1 in 3 people affected by neurological conditions, the leading cause of illness and disability worldwide - WHO

Latest news from WHO

<u>Federation of Medical Women: President's Message - International Women's Day:</u> <u>March 8, 2024</u>

#### **Provincial News**

<u>Are you up to standard? Designating a successor custodian</u> - College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA)

CPSA expanding use of "specialist" designation

<u>CPSA expands sponsorship opportunity to address family physician needs in</u> <u>Alberta</u> <u>Medical Matters: Strengthening registration practices at home and across Canada</u> CPSA's Assistant Registrar, Registration, Dr. Michael Caffaro highlights some of the projects CPSA has been working on to improve registration processes and reduce administrative barriers for physicians wanting to practise in Alberta.

<u>CPSA's accelerated route to registration: Looking back on the first year of the pilot</u>

<u>Help revitalize the Alberta Public Health Association</u> 2024 call for Board Members (Submission of a statement is due by March 20).

The right care when and where Albertans need it

Alberta's government is investing \$1.7 billion in continuing care to improve access to health care by reducing wait times for alternate level of care patients.

Alberta Doctors' Digest - March/April 2024

<u>Defining "competitive." Acute care advocacy</u> - AMA President's Letter, March 8, 2024

With a commitment, we move forward - AMA President's Letter, March 1, 2024

Wanted: Physician input on WCB-Alberta experiences

The AMA is seeking member input in anticipation of negotiations with the Workers' Compensation Board – Alberta.

Health Quality Council of Alberta

<u>Continuing medical education and professional development opportunities –</u> <u>March 2024</u>

Alberta respiratory virus dashboard

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

<u>AHS Update: AHS explores strategies to manage overtime rates, Our People</u> <u>Survey results are in, virtual meeting to discuss plans for 2024 wildfire response</u>

Our People Survey

Join a Conversation on AHS' Wildfire Response Plans Sessions March 18 & March 20

AHS Interchange: March 14, 2024

AHS Interchange: March 7, 2024

Build a bedrock of trust: Work Safe Blog, March 11, 2024

Let's have a heart-to-heart on loneliness: Work Safe Blog, March 4, 2024

This week's Insite tip: Help prepare for Windows 11

St Patrick's Day

<u>Ramadan</u>

Laboratory Bulletins - Healthcare Providers

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

Medical staff update - March 8, 2024

Milk River family physician now accepting new patients

Estimated Emergency Department Wait Times

<u>New tech helps staff keep a sharp eye on patient vitals</u> Connect Care welcomes Modified Early Warning System.

AHS expands dialysis care at Wetaskiwin Hospital

AHS expands dialysis care at Lac La Biche Hospital

<u>Better Choices, Better Health brings support for pain sufferers</u> Free workshop shows ways to effectively manage chronic health conditions.

<u>Concert series brings healing harmonies</u> Patients and staff at South Health Campus treated to 10 performances.

<u>Cart brings comfort to families at Peter Lougheed Centre</u> Service expands to support more families with children in pediatric care.

Screening for colorectal cancer saves lives

<u>GRANDE PRAIRIE — Local and area residents interested in learning about</u> <u>healthcare workforce retention strategies are invited to an event with the Peace</u> <u>Health Advisory Council (HAC) on March 20, 2024.</u> Public health teams and programs currently operating at the Lethbridge Train Station will permanently relocate to Melcor Centre this summer.

New temporary continuing care beds open in Olds

AHS offers resources and support for weight management

News and events: Medical Staff

<u>Residents at Willow Square Continuing Care Centre are hearing great things on</u> <u>their new wireless headphones, thanks to a generous donation from the Northern</u> <u>Lights Health Foundation.</u>

<u>Northern Lights streamlines tracking system for surgical instruments</u> Medical Device Reprocessing team launches new app to improve patient outcomes.

Warm welcome bridges borders.

Nigerian nurses make themselves right at home in High Level.

An increase of pertussis (whooping cough) cases has been identified in the Okotoks area, and Alberta Health Services (AHS) is reminding residents and visitors to take steps to protect themselves and others from the disease.

Tofield Health Centre heliport temporarily closed during facility roof repairs -March 14, 2024

#### From lighting ORs to opening doors

Lac La Biche Regional Health Foundation improves patient care, supports local infrastructure.

## 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...

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

<u>Good Fellows: A training ground for some of the best stroke physicians in the</u> world, the Calgary Stroke Fellowship Program is changing stroke care in Canada and beyond.

Six Pivotal Developments in Stroke Treatment and Care

Rewiring the Brain: A Stroke Survivor's Journey to Recovery

From Trial to Triumph - Nearly 10 years ago, a team of Calgary stroke researchers contributed to a revolution in stroke treatment around the world. The same team is poised to launch another monumental trial that could dramatically improve outcomes yet again.

Making their mark: 2023 Canada Research Chairs unveiled

UCalgary chairholders from various disciplines step into the spotlight of research excellence.

Shima Shahbaz is among first recipients of CIHR Award, advancing HIV research with \$1M funding

<u>New condition highlights connection between heart disease, kidney disease, obesity and type 2 diabetes</u>

Cardiovascular-kidney-metabolic syndrome provides framework for researchers and clinicians.

UCalgary students create VR mental health platform to enhance accessibility to treatment

Six students across campus come together to develop novel health-care solution.

<u>What's a radical mental health doula? Glad you asked</u> UCalgary research pilot project studies impact of specialized doulas and seeks participants.

Ceremonial welcome celebrates Indigenous scholarship at UCalgary

Financial strain is bad for our health, says new Canada Research Chair

Candace Nykiforuk asks governments at all levels to see poor financial well-being among Canadians as a public health challenge that can be tackled at the population level.

U of A lab receives important funding towards determining cause of ALS

<u>Clinical Research Unit and the Centre for Health Informatics merge</u> Transition effective March 15, 2024

Ticks are already appearing in Ontario after a warm winter.

Ticks are migrating north with climate change, leading to surging cases of lyme disease. Snyder Institute member Dr. George Chaconas and other researchers share insights into the disease and how to protect ourselves.

<u>Classic Pac-Man video game helps explain nationally recognized arthritis research</u> 2 UCalgary scientists honoured by Arthritis Society Canada for innovations supporting osteoarthritis treatment. <u>Student finds her passion in an unexpected place: UCalgary summer program</u> How 3 summers inspired master's candidate Megan Harmon to pursue a career in data science and health research.

Cardiac pharmacist loves Institute's team-based approach to care

Researcher investigating how hormonal changes impact risk of diabetes

<u>Canadian Women Physicians Day 2024: Celebrating the women who make a</u> <u>difference in the lives of patients - The Libin Institute</u>

Meet the recipients of 2024 Women's Resource Centre Awards of Excellence

Exploring the connection between kidney and heart health

What's New on MyHealth.Alberta.ca

## Family Medicine & Rural Medicine

Primary Care Summit brought together primary care leaders in Canada

Primary care reform in a rural context President's message, Society of Rural Physicians of Canada

Study to ask global nurses about their rural Alberta experience

Canadian Journal of Rural Medicine - CJRM Winter 2024

ATLS: Rural offering of Advanced Trauma Life Support course April 12 & 13, 2024

<u>Celebrate Excellence in Family Medicine</u> - Recognize your peers, clinics, and rising stars in family medicine by nominating them for an ACFP Award! Deadline to submit nominations for the 2024 ACFP Awards is April 1, 2024

<u>The 31st Annual Rural and Remote Medicine Conference - April 18 - 20, 2024,</u> <u>Edmonton</u>

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