



# AHS MD NEWS DIGEST

October 23 2020

## **National and International News**

[Prime Minister announces funding to advance the development of Canadian COVID-19 vaccine technologies](#)

[Remarks from the Chief Public Health Officer on COVID-19, October 23, 2020](#)

[Canada's drug price watchdog ready to apply new powers to protect Canadians from surging high cost drugs](#)

[Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): Canada's response](#)

[COVID-19 Resources for Physicians - Canadian Medical Association](#)

[A new era in physician health and wellness](#)  
- Canadian Medical Association

[Globally, as of 3:34pm CEST, 23 October 2020, there have been 41,570,883 confirmed cases of COVID-19, including 1,134,940 deaths, reported to WHO.](#)

[Steroids boost survival of preterm babies in low-resource settings, new study finds - WHO](#)

[The World Health Organization and Wikimedia Foundation expand access to trusted information about COVID-19 on Wikipedia](#)

[World Health Summit 2020](#)

## **Alberta Health Services - Resources and News Updates for Medical Staff**

[COVID-19 testing criteria has changed as of October 20, 2020](#)

[COVID-19 Testing / Online Booking](#)

[Influenza Immunization  
Information for Health Professionals](#)

[There are 23,829 cases, 296 deaths, and 20,014 recovered in Alberta.](#)

- Information for AHS Staff and Health Professionals, including new updates to COVID-19 Resources for AHS Staff & Health Professionals - Last update, October 22, 2020

[Temporary COVID-19 testing sites coming to Wetaskiwin and Ponoka](#)

[Foothills Medical Centre \(FMC\) Stats - novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

[COVID-19 Resources for AHS Staff & Health Professionals](#)

[Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - Frequently Asked Questions - Staff:](#)

- Last update October 22 2020

[Laboratory bulletins](#)

[CMO Weekly Update for AHS Medical Staff](#) - October 16 2020

[Tools for Medical Staff](#)

## **Provincial News**

[AHS review implementation plan released](#)

[International border pilot project](#)

- Eligible international travellers returning to Alberta may be able to participate in a pilot program that is safely exploring reduced quarantine periods.

[The results are in and CPSA Council will have two new faces at its table in 2021.](#)

[Practice Permit Renewal - CPSA](#)

[Addressing delays in laboratory services](#) - Alberta Precision Laboratories Memo

[October Messenger - CPSA](#)

[Honors for those who serve](#) - AMA President's Letter, October 22 2020

[Understanding physician supply numbers](#) - AMA President's Letter, October 9 2020

[Call for Nominations: Zonal/Regional RF Delegates](#) - AMA

[The Alberta Medical Association is seeking expressions of interest for the position of AMA Medical Advisory Services"](#)

[AMA representatives are needed to sit on the South Zone Medical Staff Association - Zone Advisory Forum. The deadline to apply is October 30.](#)

[Proactive Panel Event: Identifying and managing violence in the workplace](#)

- Part 2, October 27 2020

- PROactive: Partners in Professionalism is a collaborative effort between Alberta Health Services, the Alberta Medical Association, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, the Health Quality Council of Alberta and the Faculties of Medicine taking place at the two universities to explore means of enhancing professionalism within medicine and how we can work together to institute principles of a just culture.

[Alberta Health - COVID-19 Info for Albertans](#)

[Alberta Organ and Tissue Donation Registry](#)

[Chief medical officer updates](#) - Chief Medical Officer updates - Last update October 22, 2020

- Regular updates from Dr. Deena Hinshaw, Alberta's chief medical officer of health.

[Update 133: COVID-19 pandemic in Alberta \(Oct. 22, 4:45 p.m.\)](#)

[Flu shots now available across Alberta](#)

[Repeal of Bill 10: Minister Shandro](#)

[COVID-19 impacts revealed; new survey launches - Health Quality Council of Alberta \(October 1 2020\)](#)

[Carrying the torch: Inaugural thoughts from the new AMA president October 7, 2020](#)

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

[Wave 2 Launch Fast Approaching](#)

- Wave 2 sites in the Edmonton Zone are busy preparing for their Launch on October 24th, 2020.

[novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

[2020 Headline News - AHS](#)

[novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Staff & Physician Resources](#)

[October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month](#)

## **More AHS News, Updates and Resources**

[Move Your Mood program buoys new moms](#)

[Sundre hospital renamed after historic community leader](#)

[Alberta Kidney Care - North celebrates 100 concurrent home hemodialysis patients](#)

[EZ Weekly News October 14, 2020](#)

[Move Your Mood program buoys new moms](#)

- Connections, exercise & education ease postpartum challenges

[Lacombe auxiliary sells out fundraiser raffle](#)

- Raising money during a pandemic calls for creativity

[eSIM readies staff for COVID Code Blue response](#)

- Grande Prairie healthcare teams take part in simulation training

[Answers to common questions about AHS EMS dispatch](#)

- Following a review by the Health Minister, AHS Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is moving forward with plans to consolidate 911 EMS dispatch services.

[A nine-basket disc \(Frisbee\) golf course, currently located on the grounds of the Three Hills Health Centre, is being relocated to comply with Transport Canada requirements for a nearby heliport.](#)

[New family physician now practising in Grande Prairie](#)

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

[AHS launches navigation service for Indigenous Peoples](#)

[Learn how to manage stress in challenging times](#)

- Free, virtual AHS workshop helps identify and transform stress

[Blue-green algae \(cyanobacteria\) bloom advisory issued for Lac La Nonne](#)

[Virtual mental health network now available to Albertans](#)

[Physician coverage uninterrupted at Rocky Mountain House Health Centre](#)

[Screen Test saves lives](#)

- Mobile mammography service detects early-stage breast cancer

[Fight the flu this season!](#)

[Request for Proposal issued for third party provision of Laundry Services](#)

## **Family Medicine News Highlights**

[Frequently Asked Questions – for Community Physicians \(AHS\)](#)

[2020 election of Board Directors - College of Family Physicians of Canada](#)

[FMF Registration - CFPC](#)

[October President's Message - Alberta College of Family Physicians](#)

[Heart of family medicine campaign](#) - New podcasts added, Alberta College of Family Physicians

[Motherhood and Medicine](#)

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

[UCalgary researchers discover new tactic to stop the growth of a deadly brain cancer](#)

[Report calls for more awareness, better treatment of children's pain](#)

[Targeted delivery of anti-inflammatory therapy shows promise in slowing progression of multiple sclerosis](#)

[New treatment for blood cancer works by selectively interfering with cancer cell signalling: study](#)

[The Cold Standard - College of Family Physicians of Canada](#)

- How to Care for Ambulatory Patients with Respiratory Tract Infections: A Toolkit for Using Antibiotics Wisely in the Era of COVID-19 and Virtual Care

[Request for Proposal - Age Related Cognitive Decline: Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis](#)

- College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta

[New app helps family doctors care for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities](#)

[Killam mentorship awards presented to outstanding leaders - University of Calgary](#)

[Researchers investigate drone delivery of medical supplies to remote communities during pandemic](#)

[COVID-19 has 'created a new paradigm for developing vaccines,' says U of A Nobel winner](#)

[Wearable tech will help people manage multiple sclerosis](#)

[Halloween during COVID-19 - Alberta Health](#)

[Taking action on physician wellbeing](#)

- Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University

[Diabetes Frontline Forum, Diabetes Canada, November 7, 2020](#)

## **Rural Medicine**

[Young cardiac patients in rural Alberta learn to take charge of their medical needs](#)

[RhPAP's Rural Voice Information Panel](#)

[Planting the seeds of support: A farmer's journey with mental illness](#)

[Breaking the stigma around men's mental health](#)

## **Calgary, Central & South Zone News/Programs**

[COVID-19 - University of Calgary Dashboard](#)

[2021 University of Calgary Teaching Awards call for nominations](#)

## **Edmonton & Northern Zone News/Programs**

[COVID-19: Edmonton Zone public health measures](#)

[U of A experts honoured with prestigious national fellowship](#)

[Awards and accolades - University of Alberta Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry](#)

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