The Primary Care Alliance brings you information about current initiatives, activities and events related to primary care in Alberta.

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2019 is underway and with it a new year of challenges and opportunities for progress toward the Patient’s Medical Home in Alberta.

What hasn’t changed is the need to pursue patient paneling. As you know, this work (and its ongoing maintenance) are fundamental to understanding our patients and their needs. As paneling becomes more and more of a standard practice in our clinics, and we begin using the information to shape the care we provide, physicians are asking themselves: what are the next steps?

The AMA, Alberta Health and Alberta Health services have re-opened recruitment on a Blended Capitation Model (BCM) pilot project. There have been a number of revisions to the model since the initial project that started in 2017 and the BCM Implementation Team is currently recruiting ten clinics, ideally a mix of urban and rural, for BCM implementation in the next two years. This pilot project will be key to figuring out what works – and what doesn’t - prior to a provincial wide roll-out. A key component to participation? Panel identification. Sound intriguing? Connect with Christine deMontigny at the AMA or Rebecca Gibeault with Alberta Health.

An essential enabler for continuity in 2019 is Community Information Integration/Central Patient Attachment Registry (CII/CPAR). This technology integrates community EMRs with two-way data flow. The advantages include sharing of healthcare information between family physicians and other providers (like consultation reports from specialists), and eNotifications when your patient is hospitalized or visits the ER. It will also identify conflicts between patient panels and enable validated information to be available on Alberta Netcare. Panel readiness is a crucial element of participation. You can learn more about getting ready here.

Patient paneling isn’t new, but the importance of the activity can’t be understated. If you’re not there yet, we urge you to consider the process. And if you’re already paneling, take a look at these initiatives as you contemplate where you want to go next.

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Blended Capitation Model Pilot Project: An interesting call for interest

Does your clinic have what it takes to participate in round two of the BCM pilot project? Click to learn more about BCM and how to apply…

New Year – new training opportunities

Are you looking to build your business skills and earn CME credits? PCN Board Competency Training for 2019 offers a number of options including emerging topics.
ACFP Family Medicine Summit - Register before February 5 to Save!

There is still time to register for Alberta’s premier family medicine conference. Download the preliminary program guide or visit the agenda page for more details.
Community Information Integration/Central Patient Attachment Registry begins its roll out in 2019. Here’s what you need to know to participate.
Practical Workshop: Identifying and Treating Opioid Use Disorder in Primary Care

A free three hour workshop for family physicians and teams providing practical tools that can be immediately applied in practice. Several dates available across the province. Click here for more information and to register.

An introduction to Connect Care

Connect Care is a provincial initiative to replace almost 1,300 clinical systems currently in place across AHS. An inaugural newsletter to help inform physicians and others about the progress has just been released.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

A call has been put out for additional participation in a Blended Capitation Pilot Project. With that in mind, this month we're asking...

*If blended capitation was a fully implemented option in Alberta would your clinic choose it? Why?*

Have Your Say!