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What does a leader look like? Could it be you?
When you hear the term “engaged leadership”, each of us likely has a different definition in mind. It’s shaped by our perceptions, attitude, thought process and history. As physicians, caring for patients often keeps us busy, but there are many opportunities that perhaps we’re not aware of, opportunities for us to be involved in ways that match our interests, satisfy our goals, or enable our personal contributions.

“Engaged leadership” is one of the key implementation elements of the Patient’s Medical Home. One aspect of defining that engagement is through the efforts of physician champions. Individuals who see value in the PMH model and can effectively communicate it to others. That can happen right in your own clinic. If this sounds interesting, check out the Physician Leaders’ Network. There are free, practical resources available and you’ll be joining a community of peers to share with and learn from.

If you’re a physician in a Strategic Clinical Network consider involving yourself with the Primary Health Care Integration Network where transformational work is underway on improving transitions and communication as patients move between home and hospital.

If you’re a Primary Care Network physician member interested in advancing care planning for patients with complex health needs, think about connecting with the Patients Collaborating with Teams (PaCT) initiative.

Perhaps you want to help guide behaviors or address practice gaps, then you may want to participate in Clinical Practice Guideline development. The list goes on.

In simplest terms, “engaged leadership” means wanting to improve primary care in Alberta by being a part of the process in a way that fits your definition.

What does a leader look like? It is you!

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FEATURED STORIES

SGP vs. SFM. What’s in a (section) name?

The SGP executive has proposed a new name for the Section of General Practice.

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CII/CPAR- Technology for Continuity Update

Progress on Community Information Integration/Central Patient Attachment Registry has been significant.

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ACFP Awards 2019 - Nominate Someone Today!

Make time to recognize excellence in family medicine and nominate someone today. If you know a colleague that deserves to be acknowledged and recognized, download an application and submit it before April 15.

AMA Opioid Change Package

Opioid change package training on the way this spring.
Changes announced for Insulin Pump Therapy Program
The Provincial Insulin Pump Therapy Program has been updated to make the program even more safe and patient-centred, with less restrictions to access based on previous blood sugar results. Read about the changes to the clinical criteria.

Maternal Newborn Child & Youth SCN releases its Alberta Antenatal Pathway
The Alberta Antenatal Pathway is an on-line clinical resource tool that was developed to support clinicians and nurses who provide antenatal care in Alberta with quick and easy access to evidenced based, peer reviewed, and up- to- date information, clinical decision tools, and links to Alberta based resources.

The pathway is aimed at the early identification and effective management of obstetrical risks that will support a healthy pregnancy and optimize mother and baby outcomes. Its consistent use by all antenatal care providers will support the patient’s confidence that assessment and access to appropriate care is based on their unique risk factors and will be same regardless of where they reside in the province. Read the full Alberta Antenatal Pathway.

eRefferal Update
New specialties were added to Alberta Netcare eReferral in Feb. and Mar. 2019. Physicians and clinical support staff can now submit Advice Requests (i.e. non-urgent questions answered by a specialist within five calendar days) to:

- Adult Gastroenterology (Hepatology Issue) – Calgary Zone
- Cardiology – Calgary Zone
- Community Paediatrics – Calgary Zone
- Neurology – Calgary Zone

Kingsway Nephrology Associates has also been added to eReferral Consult Request and is accepting specialist referral requests for Nephrology in the Edmonton Zone.

For a list of specialties available for eReferral Advice and Consult Requests, visit eReferral online.

Calgary Family Physician of the Year 2019
The Department of Family Medicine – Calgary will be honouring the Calgary Family Physician of the Year at our upcoming Mackid Symposium in September 2019. This award is entirely patient nominated. Have your patients nominate you or a colleague.

Please print and hang the patient pull-tabs in your clinic waiting rooms.

4th Annual Indigenous Women’s Health Day - Friday, April 26, 2019
Join the Department of Family Medicine in Calgary at the Tsuut’ina Grey Eagle Resort & Casino for a gathering of interested citizens and care providers, to discuss Women’s Health with an Indigenous focus. Visit this link for info and registration.
This month we’re focusing on the Patient’s Medical Home implementation element of “engaged leadership”, so we’re asking for your thoughts...

**What are the characteristics of an engaged leader?**
**What can I do to support engaged leadership?**

[Have Your Say!]