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### AMA website: What would you improve?

What do you think of the AMA's websites and self-service applications? Is there anything you would like to see on our websites (AMA main site and TOP, PMO and ARP sites) and other digital apps in the future?

[The AMA Website Survey](#) will take about 10-15 minutes to complete and your feedback is extremely valuable. All data collected in this survey will remain anonymous. If you are comfortable providing your email at the end of the survey, you'll be entered to win one of six \$50 Google Play gift cards as a thank you. Email addresses will be used only to contact winners of the gift cards and/or to invite participation in future web activities. Emails will not be associated with individual survey responses.

The survey is closing very soon, so we encourage you to submit your response ASAP. For more information, contact Leopold McGinnis, Website

Manager, Alberta Medical Association, at [leopold.mcginnis@albertadoctors.org](mailto:leopold.mcginnis@albertadoctors.org) or telephone 780.482.0677.

[Take the survey](#)

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## Two docs needed to talk about your careers

The AMA and MD Financial Management are proud sponsors of the [2019 Canadian Medical Hall of Fame Discovery Days](#). The AMA is looking for two physicians to speak to high school students at these events about their own careers in medicine. This would take place in a panel session, hosted by MD Financial Management.

### When and where?

- Wednesday, October 16, 2:45 – 3:15 p.m.,  
University of Alberta, Katz Group Centre for Pharmacy and Health Research, room 1080.
- Friday, October 25, 2:15 – 3:15 p.m.,  
University of Calgary Health Sciences Building,  
Foothills Medical Centre

### What and how long?

Each panelist is asked to introduce themselves and speak for about three minutes on what they do, their education/career journey and why or how they selected their particular specialty. A moderator will open the floor to questions from the students. Panelists are welcome to stay for a little while after the session in case of one-on-one questions from students.

### Who?

The AMA has been invited to send a panelist to each event. We have been advised that panelists have already been identified from the following specialty areas: pediatric emergency medicine; pediatric sports medicine; emergency medicine and health system research; internal medicine; radiology; infectious diseases.

### How to volunteer?

If you would like to volunteer, please email [shannon.rupnarain@albertadoctors.org](mailto:shannon.rupnarain@albertadoctors.org) by September 13.

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## Top story from our last issue

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## MD Scope Classifieds

In the August 22, 2019 MD Scope Classifieds you'll find listings for:

- Physicians wanted
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- For sale
- Services

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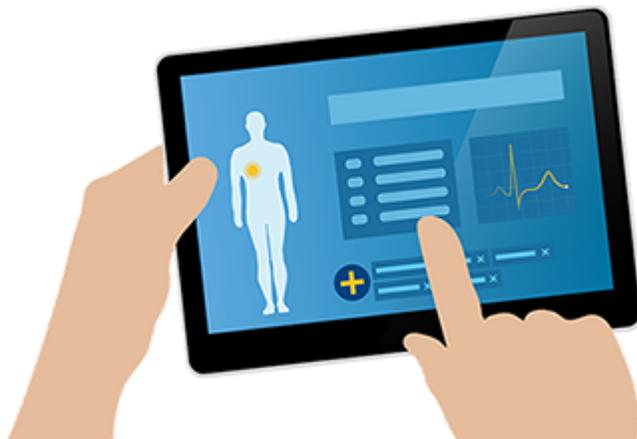
## Help your patients get back to their life after an injury with WCB-AB programs

WCB-Alberta's Medication Management Program (MMP) and Complex Return-to-work Program are two different programs with one goal: Helping injured workers get back to their life after an injury.

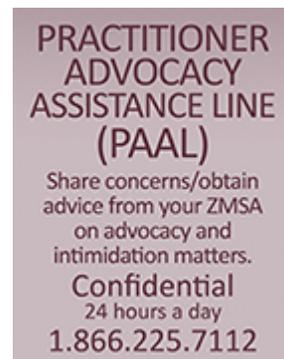
The MMP is an opioid (narcotic) tapering program available at CBI Health Calgary North and CBI Health Edmonton Southwest. This program helps patients reduce or eliminate the use of opioid medication for pain management.

The Complex Return-to-work Program is designed for people dealing with a long recovery, significant pain and/or psychological distress. A team of specialized clinicians and vocational specialists utilize a biopsychosocial approach to educate your patient on how to manage their pain, help improve their physical abilities and quality of life.

[Learn more](#)



**How will current eHealth initiatives enhance continuity of care?**



### More from the AMA

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Section News

Continuity of care is about a patient and provider health care experience that is coherent, connected, coordinated and consistent with patient goals.

Connect Care, community EMRs, Netcare, and the Community Information Integration (CII) and Central Patient Attachment Registry (CPAR) will build connectivity to defragment the health information space and increase access to it; bringing continuity to Albertans' experience of health care.

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## Planning for a sabbatical

Taking a sabbatical can be a valuable way to combat burnout and/or learn new skills. There are many reasons why a physician would consider a sabbatical. Here are some tips on how to approach it and get the most from your time away.

[Read more](#)

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## Read new reports on SCNs: Accomplishments and future direction

Alberta's Strategic Clinical Networks have released the first of two reports as part of their [SCN Report Series](#). It paves the way for an exciting journey for the SCNs over the next five years. As a province-wide health system, we share an opportunity to align priorities, leverage resources, and accelerate our progress as a learning health system.

- [Alberta's SCNs: Past, Present, Future](#) – This 10-page report explains who the SCNs are, their partnerships, mission and role within the health system, and the processes by which they enable health system improvement and transformation. It identifies seven areas of focus and provides a high level overview of the five-year action plan for the networks.
- [Improving Health Outcomes: SCN Retrospective | 2012-2018](#) – This report looks back on the SCNs, their evolution and contributions as part of Alberta's health system. It profiles 10 SCN projects and explains how the networks are making a difference across the care continuum, improving the experience of patients and families and improving health outcomes for all Albertans.

Please read through these important reports, share them with your teams and encourage ongoing dialogue. For more information, visit [www.ahs.ca/scnreports](http://www.ahs.ca/scnreports) or contact us at [strategicclinicalnetworks@ahs.ca](mailto:strategicclinicalnetworks@ahs.ca).

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## Latest updates: CII/CPAR adoption and eNotifications

Currently, 33 clinics have implemented the [Community Information Integration/Central Patient Attachment Registry](#) (CII/CPAR) initiative and thousands of consult reports have been uploaded to Alberta Netcare.

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## Updating your clinic Privacy Impact Assessment: Where to start?

Updating your clinic Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) can seem like a daunting task. The Netcare Learning Centre has you covered!

- [PIA Update Self-Assessment questionnaire](#) to help you determine whether your PIA needs to be updated, including a list of possible changes in a clinic that would trigger an update. For example, the 2018 amendments to the HIA on mandatory privacy breach reporting should be reflected in your policies and procedures.
- Recording of a [PIA Update Seminar](#) to help you determine when you need to prepare a revised PIA and how to get it done.

If you have any questions please contact eHealth Netcare Support Services Team at 1.855.643.8649 or [ehealthsupport@cgi.com](mailto:ehealthsupport@cgi.com).

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