Rethinking RRSPs and TFSAs for incorporated doctors
Looking for more ways to save more money after the new passive income rules were announced? Check out MD’s strategy to keep your money where it belongs.

Call for applications: Physician Compensation Committee
The deadline to apply is April 1.

The AMA is currently recruiting a primary care physician to fill a position on the Physician Compensation Committee.

The PCC was formed in 2013 pursuant to the Alberta Medical Association Agreement. Membership consists of up to three members appointed from each of Alberta Health and the AMA, as well as an independent chair. AMA members include two physician representatives and one senior staff member (AED Health Economics).
Physician leaders and innovators: Apply for a Joule Innovation grant

Deadline to apply: March 28

Joule’s annual Innovation grant program provides flexible funding to CMA members making a difference in health care. This year there are eight grants available totaling $200,000!

Grant categories include:

- **Access to care grants**: Innovative solutions that benefit marginalized populations as well as those living in rural or remote communities.
- **Health care solution grants**: Initiatives that enhance the quality, safety, efficiency and health outcomes for patients, while reducing overall costs within the federal health care system.
- **Emerging physician innovator grants**: Student and resident ideas to increase or improve patient access to care or provide better health outcomes.

Learn more and apply
Alberta newborns will soon be screened for more treatable conditions

Beginning April 1, Alberta Health Services will add four new conditions to Alberta’s Newborn Metabolic Screening (NMS) Program panel, bringing the total to 21 conditions. Currently AHS provides newborn blood spot screening for 17 treatable conditions. Adding these four conditions aligns us with national recommendations.

Join the HQCA Board of Directors

Competition closes June 9

Alberta Health is seeking applications from individuals interested in serving on the Health Quality Council of Alberta Board of Directors (HQCA board).

The HQCA’s mandate is to promote and improve patient safety and health service quality across Alberta. The HQCA gathers and analyzes information, monitors the health care system and collaborates with Alberta Health, Alberta Health Services, health professionals, academia and stakeholders to translate that knowledge into practical improvements to health service quality and patient safety in the health care system.
Help improve eReferral Advice Request

Please respond by April 10

Are you a primary care physician who has used or heard about eReferral Advice Request? Your valuable input is needed! Survey responses will help to inform improvements to this secured messaging system.

Take the survey

March is colorectal cancer month: Are your patients getting enough screen time?

Colorectal cancer (CRC) is the second most common type of cancer in Canada. Approximately 810 Albertans will die of CRC this year. Screening is the only way to find CRC early – 90% of early-identified cases can be treated successfully. Keeping your patients up-to-date with CRC screening isn’t always easy, but there are ways to make it easier.

Continue reading
Opioid change training for PCN staff

To continue with quality improvement and Patient’s Medical Home transformation within PCNs, Toward Optimized Practice is offering Core Improvement Facilitator (IF) Training in opioid process improvements. Opioid Change Package IF Training is a one-day session for PCN staff that will emphasize care-planning skills for complex patients using opioids. The training will also discuss technical enablers for continuity (Community Information Integration and the Central Patient Attachment Registry [CII/CPAR]).

Specifically, the Opioid Change Package is focused on:

1. Improving the overall patient experience
2. Identifying patients on opioid within your panel
3. Optimizing care management and prescribing
4. Coordinating care within and outside your Patient’s Medical Home

PCN IFs and physician champions are encouraged to attend Core IF Training prior to attending Opioid Change Package IF Training.

Upcoming training dates

Core IF training

- March 21 and 22 in Calgary and May 1, 2, 15 and 16 in Edmonton.

Opioid Change Package IF Training

- April 11 and 30 in Calgary and April 24 and 25 in Edmonton.

Physician champion engagement and training coming soon!

Questions?
Please contact Theresa Tang, Senior Consultant, for more information.
Don't forget!

Applications due
**March 31:**
*TD Insurance Meloche Monnex/AMA Scholarship*

Nominations due
**April 30:**
*AMA Achievement Awards (Medal for Distinguished Service or Medal of Honor)*

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Top stories from our last issue

The top stories from the March 7 issue of *MD Scope* were:

- Post-menopausal osteoporosis: how would you approach treatment?
- How to adapt to health challenges after retirement

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MD Scope Classifieds

In the March 21, 2019 *MD Scope Classifieds* you'll find listings for:

- Locums wanted
- Physicians wanted
- Space available
- For sale
- Wanted
- Services
Are you enrolled in a clinical alternative relationship plan or considering it?

Alternative Relationship Plan
Physician Support Services

If you have questions, We can help!
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