We need to talk about physician suicide

On Friday, March 22, Well Doc will be hosting a question-and-answer session where Dr. Michael Myers will discuss the multiple dynamics that drive physician suicide and how to ensure physicians are supported. Dr. Jane Lemaire is the session moderator. Physicians are invited to attend the free event in-person in Calgary or by webinar.


Deadline: EMR Funding Extension Program

The EMR Funding Extension Program ends March 31, therefore we require all claims to be submitted by Monday, March 11.

Please send your claims to emrfep@albertadoctors.org, or by fax to 780.452.1869.

If you have any questions, please email Silvana Cruces or contact her by telephone:

- 780.452.1616
- Toll free: 1.866.817.3875
Immunization policy changes

Alberta Health has introduced new requirements to standardize immunization practices. These requirements apply regardless of whether a vaccine is provincially funded or privately purchased.

- **As of December 17, 2018**, the Immunization Regulation requires health practitioners to report adverse events following immunization to Alberta Health within three days of becoming aware. This regulation also establishes requirements for the storage, handling and transportation of vaccines.
- **As of January 1, 2021**, the Regulation will require health practitioners to report immunizations and assessments electronically to AH within a week.

Please refer to the [Alberta Immunization Policy and related resources](#) for more information, including legislation, schedules, biological products, storage and handling, adverse events reporting guidance and more.

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**New specialties added to Alberta Netcare eReferral**

On February 22, three new specialties were added to Alberta Netcare eReferral. 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
- Community Pediatrics – 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.

View the [full list of specialties accepting eReferral requests](#) and their reasons for referral.

For more information about eReferral, visit [Alberta Netcare eReferral](#) online or email [access.ereferral@ahs.ca](mailto:access.ereferral@ahs.ca)
Post-menopausal osteoporosis: how would you approach treatment?

Case
Ms Y is a 72 year old woman with a history of hypertension, osteoarthritis and well controlled gastroesophageal reflux disease. She presents for a periodic health maintenance visit and seems generally well. Her current medications are Ramipril, hydrochlorothiazide and pantoprazole. Your EMR reminds you that she has not been screened for osteoporosis.

In this Optimized Prescribing with Seniors article, Dr. Erika Dempsey focuses on post-menopausal osteoporosis and follows the Toward Optimized Practice guidelines on the topic.

How to adapt to health challenges after retirement
We all hope to stay in good health once we're retired. Being realistic about personal limitations can help you adapt to any health changes.
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Specialists: Upload your consult reports to Alberta Netcare

As of December 2018 over 7,000 consult reports from community specialists around the province have been uploaded to Alberta Netcare contributing to more complete patient records. Why not include yours? Community Information Integration/Central Patient Attachment Registry (CII/CPAR) technology is a tool for integration of information and continuity of care. For community specialists CII can enable uploading of patient consult reports to Alberta Netcare directly from their EMR. This functionality is available now.

Seeking Associate Zone Medical Director: Medicine Hat Regional Hospital

Expressions of Interest are due by Friday, March 15.

The Medicine Hat Regional Hospital is seeking an Associate Zone Medical Director to provide medical administrative leadership services within the South Zone, particularly Medicine Hat Regional Hospital.

This role will be responsible for supporting South Zone medical staff and clinical department heads to advance the provision of high-quality care while balancing the needs of the community and available resources.

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)

The top stories from the February 21 issue of MD Scope were:

- Some last-minute RRSP tips for physicians on the go
In the March 7, 2019 *MD Scope Classifieds* you'll find listings for:

- Locums wanted
- Physicians wanted
- Space available
- For sale
- Services

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