Changes coming to Alberta Netcare

Changes include:

- Flowsheets and cumulative are moving to consolidated provincial views.
- Gender X will be introduced.
- Some test results will use a different format or test result codes.
Additional clinical documents and note types will be available. Folders will be kept as close as possible to their current state in an effort to keep documents and results organized in the format clinicians are accustomed to use.

The changes are a result of the new Clinical Information System that AHS will be using, called Connect Care. Visit the Netcare website for additional information and updates.

For any questions or concerns, please contact the eHealth Netcare Support at 1.855.643.8649 or ehealthsupport@cgi.com.

Promoting diagnostic stewardship: How can we ensure clinically relevant microbiology results?

Case
An 80-year-old afebrile, hemodynamically stable woman is seen in the emergency department for acute onset confusion. She has not been eating or drinking well for the last few weeks. On examination, she is dehydrated. She has a long-term indwelling catheter in situ and her urine is cloudy and foul-smelling.

Her physician sends a urine specimen for culture to rule out infection but the relevant clinical information has not been provided on the
This case demonstrates the low threshold that clinicians have for requesting urine culture, which is often inappropriate, especially in the elderly with non-specific signs or symptoms. These actions can potentially lead to patient harm and are an unwise use of finite and valuable health care resources.
Heads up on health and welfare trusts

Health and welfare trusts will soon be discontinued but could be converted to employee life and health trusts. Check out MD’s article for what you need to know about these proposals.

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Transgender care now available on Alberta Netcare eReferral

On July 18, transgender care joined Alberta Netcare eReferral and is now accepting Advice Requests provincially. eReferral Advice Request allows physicians and clinical support staff to submit non-urgent questions to specialists and receive responses within five calendar days.
Simplify your referrals with Alberta Referral Directory

The Alberta Referral Directory (ARD) is Alberta Health Services’ designated system of record for referral information. It is comprised of service and consultant demographics, referral guidelines, referral forms and detailed instructions to facilitate referral acceptance without delay. It provides a place to document compliance with three of the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta’s mandated referral communication turnaround targets.

What's new from Alberta Referral Directory?

- Authentication-free access
- Enhanced content
- Connect Care partnership
- Update your ARD Consulting Physician Profile
September is Newborn Screening Awareness Month

This month, Alberta Health Services is raising awareness of the importance of newborn screening and its two provincial population-based screening programs for Alberta infants. As a physician, what do you need to know?

Make an impact on health care in Alberta with the CPSA Council

Nominations for CPSA’s Council are still open

*Are you interested in physician leadership?*
*Would you like to provide meaningful input on important health care issues?*
*Do you want to influence the future of medical practice in our province?*

If so, then this is the opportunity you’ve been looking for: CPSA Council elections are coming up and nominations are now open.

Learn more and watch the town hall recording
Are you interested in improving cirrhosis care in Alberta?

We are looking to interview primary and specialty care physicians to better understand the decision-making processes that take place when caring for and coordinating the care of patients living with cirrhosis. The information provided will inform a larger multi-component improvement initiative called the Cirrhosis Care Alberta Program.

The interview would take one hour, at a location and time of your choice. Honorariums will be offered for your time. We may also invite you to participate in a focus group.

Questions?
Please contact Lynn Toon at lynn.toon@topalbertadoctors.org.

Learn more about the study
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Don’t miss the 8th annual Practical Evidence for Informed Practice (PEIP) conference! The PEIP conference highlights focused reviews on clinically relevant primary care topics that combine evidence, experience, and patient values and is free of industry bias.

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