Dear Family Physician,

As you are well aware, there are several IM/IT initiatives currently underway in Alberta. Community Information Integration (CII), Central Patient Attachment Registry (CPAR), Connect Care, and MyHealth Records are a few that will directly impact family physicians.

**CII and CPAR**

CII and CPAR are two major technologies that have been chosen to integrate community EMR information with two-way data flow. When implemented, CII/CPAR will:

- Enable sharing of important health care information between the patient’s family physician and other providers in the patient's circle of care (CII)
- Facilitate sharing of consultation reports back to the patient's family physician (CII)
- Identify relationships between patients and their family physician (CPAR)
- Allow family physicians to identify and resolve issues regarding patients on multiple panels (CPAR)
- Support notification to family physicians when their patient is hospitalized or goes to emergency (CPAR/CII)

Benefits of this technology include improvements in quality of care, continuity and efficiency, and better overall decision-making for health system supports.

CII/CPAR is gaining traction. There are currently 13 clinics across Alberta that are using CII and CPAR as early adopters. Specialists are uploading consults to Netcare and family physicians are logging encounter data. Soon, family physicians offering comprehensive primary care will be able to upload their panels to CPAR.

The pace of uptake may soon increase and it is important to stay up to date. Clinic support for this technology implementation will be offered by PCNs and the AMA. More information and CII/CPAR tools and resources can be found at: [http://www.topalbertadoctors.org/CII-CPAR](http://www.topalbertadoctors.org/CII-CPAR)

If you have questions about CII/CPAR, please contact: chris.diamant@topalbertadoctors.org

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**Connect Care**

Over the next 5 years, AHS will be replacing 1800 different information systems with a single platform and electronic health record. Deployment will happen in a sequence of nine waves, with the first wave in November 2019. This is, no doubt, a massive undertaking that will affect family physicians working in AHS facilities.

At this point, there are a number of unanswered questions when it comes to family physicians’ clinics and Connect Care:

- How will this system integrate with clinic EMRs to support continuity?
- How will this affect CII, CPAR and other provincial initiatives outside the realm of AHS?
- Will it affect lab and DI downloads? Will there be interruptions?
- What will be the role of Netcare?
- How will it affect physician workflow in clinics?

With Connect Care being initiated by AHS, the Section of General Practice has no direct participation or input. However, we still appreciate any feedback you may have on Connect Care or CII/CPAR. Please e-mail us at gppres@albertadoctors.org.

Regards,

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