

## From the CMO

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### A final thank-you

Dear Colleagues,

Today marks my final Weekly Clinical Update column, as my last day with Primary Care Alberta is May 15.

It has been a tremendous honour to serve as the first Chief Medical Officer for Primary Care Alberta. Reflecting on this past year, I am filled with gratitude and pride in what we have accomplished together.

#### **Collaborating on Primary Care Alberta**

I celebrate, alongside our team, the remarkable success of onboarding a dedicated and passionate group of individuals who have made Primary Care Alberta their home within the healthcare system. The commitment and expertise across our organization have laid a strong foundation for the future.

I have been especially privileged to work closely with members of our Indigenous Wellness Core. I have learned a great deal from these collaborations — lessons and perspectives that will continue to shape my thinking and inform my work going forward.

#### **Establishing physician networks**

I am also grateful for the opportunity to work alongside the Chief Medical Officers of our partner agencies. Together, we established the Chief Medical Officer Integration Council, a forum specifically designed to address the concerns raised by clinicians and partners during a time of healthcare system refocusing and integration.

Another highlight has been advancing meaningful engagement with primary care physicians and partners through our Physician Advisory Group. The development of a Physician Engagement Plan — pending final internal approvals — will help ensure ongoing collaboration and stronger physician involvement in Primary Care Alberta's initiatives.

#### **Celebrating the heart of community care**

Most importantly, I want to extend my deepest thanks to each of you — our primary care providers, family physicians, nurse practitioners, and your teams. You are at the heart of care in our communities. The care you provide every day is grounded in the values that brought you to this profession, and despite the ongoing changes and uncertainties, that care remains steady, compassionate and deeply meaningful to those you serve.



I was recently reminded of this while celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of one of my patients. The gratitude expressed for the care provided — especially to our most vulnerable populations — is a powerful reminder of why we do this work.

As we approach May 19, World Family Doctor Day, we recognize and celebrate the individuals whose dedication and selfless service sustain our healthcare system. Primary care remains its foundation, and your contributions are invaluable.

Thank you for your service, your resilience and your unwavering commitment to patients and communities across Alberta.

With sincere appreciation,

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