



Expanded infant RSV prevention

Beginning Sunday, Nov. 1, nirsevimab will be available to all infants born in hospital during the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) season.

Nirsevimab is a safe and effective monoclonal antibody that is designed to provide immediate protection against serious lower respiratory tract disease caused by RSV infection in infants.

Primary care providers are encouraged to discuss nirsevimab with expectant parents to help support informed consent.

[Get more details.](#)

CMO-CNO column: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Sept. 30 was the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the topic of the [latest column](#) by Chief Medical Officer Dr. Michael Spady and Chief Nursing Officer Kim Hogarth of Primary Care Alberta (PCA).

The column touches on:

- The work of PCA's Indigenous Primary Healthcare team to advance culturally safe, equitable, and responsive health care
- Awareness, allyship, and action
- The [Indigenous health](#) information available on the PCA website

You can also [read an article](#) featuring the PCA's Deputy Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Nadia Salvaterra, in the latest edition of the Alberta Doctors' Digest for a deeper look into the clinical implications behind the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Primary Care Corridors legally established

The seven Primary Care Corridors for Alberta were established on Sept. 1 by regulation under the *Provincial Health Authorities Act*, the Ministry of Primary and Preventative Health Services (PPHS) confirmed in a town hall on Sept. 21.

For PCNs, the town hall shared updates and timelines:

- PPHS is developing an updated business planning template to share with PCNs this fall to support the shift from grant agreements to service agreements.
- The service agreements, which will include funding details, between PCNs and Primary Care Corridors are expected to be in place on April 1, 2027.

PPHS is working on the funding model and, for the corridors, will begin recruiting Managing Directors this fall.

Lab bulletins

Due to rising cases of influenza, the ability to order the rapid influenza/RSV nucleic acid test (NAT) was reinstated on Sept. 24.

No changes are planned to the respiratory virus testing algorithm for the 2026-27 respiratory virus season; [open the bulletin](#).

Additional bulletins:

- Effective Sept. 29, C1 Esterase Inhibitor Quantitation (C1EIQ) testing moved to the Optilite instrument platform; [open the bulletin](#).
 - Effective Sept. 29, Apolipoprotein A1 (Apo A1) and Apolipoprotein B100 (Apo B100) testing were provincially standardized to one instrument platform; [open the bulletin](#).
 - Effective Oct. 1, new reportable parameters were added to CBC/CBCD and Retic reports; [open the bulletin](#).
 - Effective Monday, Oct. 5, specific variant testing (sequence and copy number variants) for most inherited cancer, cardiac, connective tissue, and vascular disorders will be performed using next generation sequencing (NGS) with the entire gene of interest being analyzed; [open the bulletin](#).
 - Effective Oct. 1, the University of Alberta Hospital site resumed offering IgG Subclasses and IgG4 testing; [open the bulletin](#).
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Toolkit for change management

For primary and community healthcare leaders, the PCA Change Management Toolkit is designed to help you navigate change initiatives with greater confidence.

The toolkit includes practical tips, helpful prompts, and additional resources to support change planning, implementation, evaluation, and sustainment. [Review the toolkit](#).

Resources for patients newly diagnosed with cancer

Cancer Care Alberta has developed the Coping with a New Cancer Diagnosis [module](#) to help people newly diagnosed with cancer learn about resources and services, organize tasks and appointments, and understand and work through their emotions.

You can share the module and other resources with patients through an [info sheet](#) from Cancer Care Alberta.

Reminder: Day Medicine referrals

For physicians without AHS privileges, the Day Medicine Community Provider Program (Day Medicine) accepts referrals for adult patients requiring:

- IV iron therapy for iron deficiency anemia in patients who are intolerant of oral iron and meet established clinical criteria
- Zoledronic acid infusions for patients with uncomplicated osteoporosis who meet Alberta Blue Cross Special Authorization requirements
- Blood transfusions in select circumstances, including for hemodynamically stable patients awaiting Mobile Integrated Health or specialist assessment

Referrals should be faxed to the Day Medicine program at 403-252-6382 with the standard information expected in the CPSA's [Referral Consultation](#) Standard of Practice.

[Get more details.](#)

Quick links

ACFP: Second physician wellness webinar

On Thursday, Oct. 8 at 7 p.m., the second 90-minute webinar of the Alberta College of Family Physicians' three-part series on physician wellness focuses on opportunities to improve wellness, peer support, lifestyle habits, and professional relationships. [Register](#).

PPIP: Facing the drain

On Thursday, Oct. 8 at 6 p.m., the Alberta Medical Association is hosting a 90-minute webinar, *Facing the Drain of Medical Practice*, to look at what can drive burnout, techniques to reduce stress, and guidance on making lasting change — plus to support the completion of the personal development PPIP requirement (prerequisite required). [Register](#).

AVPP: Treating chronic pain

On Thursday, Oct. 15 at 1 p.m., the Alberta Virtual Pain Program (AVPP) offers a two-hour webinar for healthcare providers on the AVPP and up-to-date evidence on the treatment of chronic pain in adults. [Register](#).

Women's health webinar series

Starting in October, the University of Alberta is hosting a three-part webinar series from noon to 1 p.m. on primary care management of postpartum recovery (Tuesday, Oct. 20), fertility (Tuesday, Oct. 27), and contraception (Monday, Nov. 2). [Register](#).

New transition planning ECHO mini-series

On Tuesday, Oct. 27, from 6 to 7:45 p.m., the first of a two-part, virtual ECHO series on supporting adolescents and young adults with medical and behavioural complexity transition to adult care focuses on principles of transitional care, while the second part (Wednesday, Nov. 25) focuses on a shared care model and resources. [Register](#).

PPIP: Caregiver-centred care

On Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 6 p.m., the Alberta Medical Association is hosting a 75-minute webinar on practical, evidence-based strategies to engage, partner, and support caregivers; it is designed for any PPIP-required activity and has prerequisites. [Register](#).