



# Section News



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## **General news:**

### **Save the date! AMA Annual General Meeting October 8**

Members are advised of proposed changes to the AMA Bylaws and elections taking place at the 119th AMA Annual General Meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2024. The meeting will be held virtually; details will be provided with the AGM report and circulated to members prior to the meeting.

For more information, please visit the [AGM page on the AMA website](#).

### **2024/2025 AMA membership renewal: United for the health of the profession**

The 2024/2025 membership year begins October 1 and membership renewal is now open.

This past year the AMA has advocated relentlessly on behalf of members, the profession and our patients. Whether through countless meetings and phone calls with government or our compelling advocacy campaigns and hundreds of media interviews, we have been fighting for you with everything we've got.

But the severe instability in almost every part of our system persists. We have done everything possible to work with government and have presented them with two proposals to help stabilize primary care and acute, hospital and community specialty care:

- Physician Comprehensive Care Model
- Acute Care Stabilization Proposal

We continue to wait for meaningful action on both fronts and are strengthening our advocacy efforts. Our members need action NOW and we need you to make that happen.

[Renewing your membership](#) bolsters us to continue standing together for the good of our profession, and the strength of the AMA lies in the collective expertise, experience and passion of members like you.

[Stay united and renew now!](#)

## Questions?

If you have any questions about AMA membership, please contact Jennifer McCombe, AMA Membership and Benefits Team Leader: 780-732-3359 | toll-free 1-800-272-9680 | email [jennifer.mccombe@albertadoctors.org](mailto:jennifer.mccombe@albertadoctors.org).

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## Connect Care access not required for referrals to AHS

You may be receiving referral communications and summative notes from Alberta Health Services asking you to view information in Connect Care. AHS understands this is a problem because most community providers do not have access to Connect Care. Access to Connect Care is not required to make referrals to AHS and community providers should not be asked to view documents in Connect Care. If you receive foregoing communication, please contact [ccproviderbridge@ahs.ca](mailto:ccproviderbridge@ahs.ca).

[View more information](#)

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## Apply today: Canadian Medical Association leadership opportunities

The Canadian Medical Association is looking for physician leaders to help build a better future of health, health care and a thriving health workforce.

The CMA has several leadership vacancies for an initial term starting in 2025. They include roles with the:

- CMA Board of Directors
- Awards Committee
- Committee on Ethics
- Nominations Committee

The deadline for eligible members to apply is **December 31**.

[Learn more](#) about these leadership opportunities and how to apply.

If you have any questions, please reach out to [governance@cma.ca](mailto:governance@cma.ca).

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**For those who love to rock... 2024/2025 curling leagues are around the corner -  
Edmonton Doctors Curling League**

Wanted! Members both experienced and new to curling to join this longstanding league for some competition but mostly fun and camaraderie.

Members in the health field and family are welcome. Coaching is provided.

- Start date: Wednesday, October 2, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
- End date: Wednesday, March 5, 2025
- Location: Granite Curling Club. 8620 - 107 St, Edmonton
- Contact: Diana at [dmandriashek@gmail.com](mailto:dmandriashek@gmail.com)

### **Got a minute? Thank a colleague through JPAC Shine On Gratitude Program**

The JPAC Shine On Gratitude Program gives physicians the opportunity to thank their colleagues for their acts of kindness, big and small. The process is as quick and easy as sending an email.

Complete the [submission form](#) and we will make sure the message gets to the person you want to express your appreciation to.

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### **AMA in the news**

View [ongoing media coverage](#) of AMA President Dr. Paul Parks and other physician leaders who have been actively speaking to the media and providing interviews and insight about our health care system.

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### **Section of Family Medicine**

#### **Registration now open - Member Town Hall - PCCM Update**

The Section of Family Medicine will host a town hall on October 3, 2024, from 7 to 8 p.m. to provide an update on the Physician Comprehensive Care Model (PCCM). Section of Family Medicine President, Dr. Sarah Bates will provide an overview of the work that's been done to date on the PCCM and what will happen next – including the AMA's new paid advertising campaign. Dr. Bates will be joined by AMA President, Dr. Shelley Duggan, and AMA Past President, Dr. Paul Parks, who will help answer questions from members.

**Date:** October 3, 2024, 7– 8 p.m.

**Location:** Virtual

[Register here](#)

## **PCCM Panel Prep Webinar – Part 2**

Join Dr. Heidi Fell and AMA-ACTT for Part 2 of the PCCM Panel Prep webinar series, which will focus on EMR-specific steps that physicians and teams can take to ensure their EMR panel is being fully uploaded to CPAR.

This is a three-part webinar series for family physicians and rural generalists:

- Part 1: How panel sizes are calculated for PMSP (and potentially for PCCM), why managing your panel using CII/CPAR is by far the best way to improve your panel size estimate, CII/CPAR Q&A and how to get started today. [Watch the recording here!](#)
- **Part 2: How to compare your EMR panel vs CPAR panel, and how to find and fix any discrepancies. Includes helpful tips and resources for each EMR.** See registration below.
- Part 3: Understand what CPAR Conflicts and Demographic Mismatches are, how they impact panel size estimates and how your team can address them. Registration coming soon!

Physicians and teams can register for one of the two available sessions for this webinar.

- [October 15, 2024, 12 – 1:30 p.m.](#)
- [October 16, 2024, 5:30 – 7 p.m.](#)

To reach the Section of Family Medicine President, Dr. Sarah Bates, please email [familymedicine@albertadoctors.org](mailto:familymedicine@albertadoctors.org).

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## **Section of General Surgery**

### **Registration now open – AAGS Review in the Rockies 2024**

Please register for the annual Alberta Association of General Surgeons Conference which is again at the beautiful Banff Springs Hotel. Please visit the registration link below for further details and advantageously-priced accommodations.

The agenda will be updated soon, but topics should be of interest to the broad array of general surgeons in Alberta.

**Date:** October 25-27, 2024

**Location:** Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel

[Register](#)

To reach the Section of General Surgery President, Dr. Lloyd Mack, please email [AMA Section Services](#).

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## **Section of Laboratory Physicians**

### **Save the date - Banff Pathology Course**

The main topic this year is Endocrine Pathology.

**Date:** October 9 - 12, 2024

**Location:** Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity

[Registration](#) now open.

### **Save the date – ASLP Annual General Meeting (hybrid)**

**Date:** Friday, October 11

**Location:** Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity and virtual via Zoom

**Time:** 12:15 – 1:45 p.m.

The ASLP's next annual general meeting is being held in conjunction with the annual Banff Pathology Course.

To reach the Section of Laboratory Physicians President, Dr. Humaira Khanam, please email [AMA Section Services](#).

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## **Section of Palliative Care**

### **Registration now open – Palliative Care Education & Research Conference**

**Date:** Monday, October 21, 2024

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Virtual Event**

Covenant Health is proud to continually support and provide delegates with the opportunity to gather, share experiences and exchange ideas about Palliative Care. Join us on our online platform this October to connect with colleagues representing many disciplines from all over Alberta, nationally and internationally.

Conference information and registration link [available here](#).

To reach the Section of Palliative Care President, Dr. Marisa Dharmawardene, please email [AMA Section Services](#).

## **Section of Rural Medicine**

### **Save the date - Section of Rural Medicine Annual General Meeting (virtual)**

**Date:** Thursday, October 10, 2024

**Time:** 6 – 8 p.m.

**Registration:** [www.surveymonkey.com/r/SRM-AGM](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SRM-AGM)

Further information can be found on the [section web page](#).

Registration is required. Once registered, meeting details and Zoom link will be sent to you within two business days. AGM Order of Business will follow closer to the meeting date.

**Note:** Only active members of the section are eligible to vote on section business matters.

To reach the Section of Rural Medicine, Dr. Rithesh Ram, please email [RuralMedicine@albertadoctors.org](mailto:RuralMedicine@albertadoctors.org).