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Share your perspective: Apply for the Health System Refocus Working Table

As reported, [government is reorganizing](#) Alberta Health Services and the health system into four provincial health agencies: primary care; acute care; continuing care; and mental health and addictions.

To provide physician perspective on this system reorganization, AMA and Alberta Health have formed a working table that will provide the Associate Deputy Minister, Deputy Minister and Minister of Health with advice and recommendations, including, but not limited to:

- Ensuring the physician perspective is considered to inform health system policy change under the Health System Refocus.
- Leveraging the physician experience to ensure effective implementation of the Refocus, including support for local decision-making.

The call for applications to serve in this collaborative effort is now open. We are looking for physician leader expertise in the four sectors.

[Learn more](#) (member login required) about the Health System Refocus Working Table and please apply if you think you are right for the opportunity.

June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada – AMA to launch new land acknowledgement statement

June is National Indigenous History Month – a time set aside to recognize the resilience, diversity, history and heritage of First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples. The Alberta Medical Association has chosen this month to unveil a new land acknowledgement statement, which reflects a deep respect and reverence for all those Indigenous Peoples who have come before us. You can read more about the new Land Acknowledgement statement in this month's [Alberta Doctors' Digest](#).

Updates from AHS

- The following AHS updates have been provided for your information:
- Active health advisories
- Alberta Precision Laboratories: Reminder on measles
- Alberta's Pathway Hub: Pathway of the week
- FAST launching gynecology in Calgary, Central, North and South Zones
June 10

[Read the full update](#)

2024 PLP Summit – Advancing practice through the power of partnership

The PLP Summit celebrates the impact of 15 years of partnership and collaboration across the care continuum to implement improvement initiatives in complex adaptive health systems. The Summit will explore how to leverage a supportive team-based culture using clinical information to drive improvement and be a positive influence as part of the bigger health system evolution.

Registration, schedule and further information can be viewed [here](#).

Date: Tuesday, June 11

Location: Chateau Lacombe Hotel, Edmonton

Time: 7:15 a.m. Light breakfast and registration

Thank a colleague! 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.

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.

No time to keep up with health care news? Every day, the [News for Docs](#) team scours local, national and international news sources to find articles and leading opinions relevant to Alberta physicians. This curated media clipping service is available to all members at no charge. [Subscribe today!](#)

Section of Gastroenterology

Save the date - Section of Gastroenterology Annual General Meeting (virtual)

Date: Monday, June 17

Time: 6:30 p.m.

[Register now](#) to receive your link to access the AGM.

To reach the Section of Gastroenterology President, Dr. Jesse Siffledeen, please email [AMA Section Services](#).

Section of General Surgery

Save the date - AAGS Review in the Rockies 2024

Date: October 25 - 27

Location: Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel

Further details to follow.

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

Section of Generalists in Mental Health

Save the Date - Section of Generalists in Mental Health Annual General Meeting (virtual)

The Notice of the Annual General Meeting was sent to section members on May 6.

To reach the Section of Internal Medicine President, Dr. Michelle Klassen, please email [AMA Section Services](#).

Section of Laboratory Physicians

Save the date - Banff Pathology Course

The main topic this year is Endocrine Pathology.

Date: October 9 - 12

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. The ASLP executive committee is seeking the following:

- President-Elect for 1-year term (Calgary zone)
- Secretary-Treasurer for 1-year term
- Member-at-Large for 1-year term (Edmonton zone)
- Member-at-Large for 1-year term (Calgary zone)
- Member-at-Large for 1-year term (Rural)
- Member-at-Large for 1-year term (Medical Microbiology)

The ASLP executive committee is an active committee that advocates for laboratory physicians and promotes the Practice of Laboratory medicine in Alberta. If you are interested in applying for any of these positions, or need more information, please contact Dr. Humaira Khanam, Dr. Todd Chaba or Dr. Chris Naugler at [AMA Section Services](#).

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

Section of Obstetrics and Gynecology

Registration now open: Alberta GYN Endoscopy Symposium

Dates: September 6 - 7

Location: Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity

The Section of Obstetrics and Gynecology is pleased to invite you to the Alberta GYN Endoscopy Symposium (AGES). This 1.5-day symposium serves as a vital platform for medical professionals to exchange knowledge, and discuss best practices and advancements in our field. The event creates opportunities for networking, socializing and exploring career prospects. [Registration is now open](#).

Registration costs are \$200 for trainees and \$350 for residents.

For detailed information, please visit our conference website: [AGES Conference Website](#).

We encourage you to share this invitation with any colleagues or trainees who might be interested in partaking.

To reach the Section of Obstetrics and Gynecology President, Dr. Cameron Sklar, please email [AMA Section Services](#).

[Section of Occupational Medicine](#)

Save the date – Section of Occupational Medicine Annual General Meeting (virtual)

Dates: Tuesday, June 18

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Zoom

Notice of the Annual General Meeting was sent to section members on May 2.

To reach the Section of Occupational Medicine President, Dr. Sebastian Straube, please email [AMA Section Services](#).

[Section of Pediatrics](#)

Save the date – 47th American Academy of Pediatrics Conference

Date: June 20 - 23

Location: Banff Centre for the Arts and Creativity
Section of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

This conference will explore recent advances in the delivery room management of neonates, along with talks on neonatal stroke and HIE and offer up-to-date information on the long-term neurodevelopmental outcomes of premature infants. Additionally, the conference will cover nutrition in neonates and explore new developments in the field of nutrition in neonatology to improve the outcomes of our tiniest newborns. This conference will offer an opportunity to meet world-renowned speakers in their particular areas and provide a chance to network for future research.

For a list of registration fees, to view the detailed schedule and to register, please visit the [event website](#).

To reach the Section of Pediatrics President, Dr. Sam Wong, please email [AMA Section Services](#).

Section of Rural Medicine

Alberta Rural Health Week

May 27 - 31 was Alberta Rural Health Week, an annual event intended to honour the essential work done by rural health care providers and volunteers in communities across the province. The uniqueness of rural medicine and the critically important role we play in the health of our patients and the economic viability of our communities is something that can never be overstated. Please read the [full message](#) from the president of the Section of Rural Medicine.

To reach the Section of Rural Medicine President, Dr. Rithesh Ram, please email RuralMedicine@albertadoctors.org



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