



News eSummary

Week of May 15 - 19, 2017

The following information found in this eSummary can also be found on the Covenant Health Medical Staff Portal.



Cardiac Surgery Infection Risk

From the office of Dr. Francois Belanger, VP, Quality and Chief Medical Officer, AHS and Dr. Mark Joffe, Senior Medical Director, Infection Prevention and Control, AHS

In May 2017, an AHS patient was confirmed to have *M. chimaera* infection linked to heater cooler units used in cardiovascular surgery. Though we believe the risk to be low (between 1:100 and 1:1000), in keeping with our values, Alberta Health Services is sharing new information related to the identified infection and increased level of risk with media and public. Please see the [memo](#) for more information.

Quality Innovation Funding – Edmonton Zone 2017/18 Projects

Sent on behalf of Dr. Dawn Hartfield & Donna Daniec

Please see the [attached pdf](#) of Quality Improvement projects that have been awarded funding for the 2017 Edmonton Zone QI funding competition. Congratulations to **Dr. Kevin Klingbeil**, who was awarded funding for the Project “Enhanced Recovery after Emergency Abdominal Surgery” at the Grey Nuns Hospital General Surgery department.

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Network of Excellence in Seniors’ Health and Wellness – Website Launch

Sent on behalf of Kathy Classen, Executive Director for the Network of Excellence in Senior’s Health and Wellness

The Network is pleased to announce the launch of its [new website](#). Here, you’ll find information, tools, processes, and insights gained from Network investments across the full range of care and services settings. You’ll find summary reports on six Network-hosted community outreach campaigns and symposia.

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Basal Bolus Insulin Therapy Implementation – GNCH

From the office of Trevor Small, Senior Director Operations, Ambulatory, Rehabilitation Medicine, Surgery, GNCH & Corporate Medical Device Reprocessing

We will be implementing Basal Bolus Insulin Therapy in place of the current Sliding Scale Therapy on **June 19, 2017**. Basal Bolus Insulin Therapy has been shown in prospective, multi-site randomized control trials to improve glycemic control and patient outcomes in individuals who require insulin in hospital.

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Lunch and Learn – MCH

For the second year in a row, Covenant Health has been recognized by the **Ethisphere®** Institute as a 2017 World’s Most Ethical Company. Bring your lunch on **May 29th** or **June 12th** at 12 p.m. and come learn about the designation, how you can get involved and what you are already doing that contributes to Covenant Health’s success.

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RPAP 2017 Awards

RPAP (the Alberta Rural Physician Action Plan) is now accepting nominations for the annual **Alberta Rural Physician Award of Distinction** ([Nomination form](#)) and the **Alberta Rural Community Physician Attraction and Retention Award** ([Nomination form](#)). Nominations must be submitted by **June 1, 2017**. See the RPAP [website](#) for more information.

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GNCH Multi-Specialty Grand Rounds – M.A.I.D.

On Friday, **June 23, 2017 at 07:30 – 08:30** in the Auditorium there will be “A Year of M.A.I.D. in Review” Presentation by **Dr. Douglas Faulder**, Medical Director, Continuing Care – AHS and **Jo Heggerud**, RN, BScN, Navigator, M.A.I.D. – AHS. There will be breakfast provided, ALL Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Nurses, Allied Health Care Professionals, Residents and Students are welcome.

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Sprinkler Upgrade Project & Sanitary System Project – MCH

From the office of Jan Schimpf, Senior Operating Officer, Acute Services, MCH

Please be advised that contractors will be on site from 0800 – 1600h, **April 24 – May 31, 2017**. If you have any questions or concerns see [here](#) for contact information.

Patient-Powered iRSM Research Forum 2017

On Wednesday, **May 24th, 2017** there will be a presentation regarding the latest research and innovation in cancer and rehabilitation. It will feature: Patient-powered research, Patient stories and Innovative technology and display. Please RSVP by **May 19th** using the attached link.

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EZMSA Golf Talk

The EZMSA “Golf Talk” on **Thursday, June 1, 2017** is a wonderful opportunity to introduce collegiality and interaction between physicians who are in practice and those training to soon enter our profession. Please see the [registration form](#) for more information & pricing.

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Canadian Federation of Catholic Physicians’ Societies Conference – June 9-11, 2017

The 9th annual Conference of the Canadian Federation of Catholic Physicians’ Societies will be held **June 9-11, 2017** in Edmonton, Alberta at the Fairmont Hotel Macdonald. See [their website](#), as well as the conference [flyer](#) and conference [brochure](#) for more information.

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Current Advisories & Alerts

- Lab Bulletin: [Implementation of Luminex Respiratory Pathogens Panel \(RPP\) at Provlab](#)
- Product Recall: [Coloplast Sproam](#) All Body Cleanser – [Acknowledgement form](#)
- [Iodinated Contrast Media](#) (any brand)- [Risks](#)

Sue’s News – Office of Staff Wellbeing Department of Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine Edmonton Zone

From the desk of Dr. Sue Reid, Director, Office of Staff Wellbeing, Department of Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine Edmonton Zone

- [May Newsletter](#)
- [Physician Burnout – Selected Resources](#)
- [April Newsletter](#)

The Vital Beat

Here is this week’s edition of [The Vital Beat Newsletter](#) - Covenant Health’s weekly newsletter. The stories link to [The Vital Beat](#), our organization’s new newsroom full of stories about your expertise, your programs and the patients and residents you interact with daily.

Alberta Scan Newsletter

The latest edition of the [Alberta Scan](#) newsletter is now available.

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EZMSA Newsletter

The April edition of the EZMSA [Newsletter](#) is available.

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Surgical Assist Opportunities

Covenant Health is currently seeking the services of fully licensed, non-restricted CPSA licensed physicians for an exciting opportunity to join a dynamic surgical team in **surgical assisting for Vascular and General Surgery** at the Grey Nuns Community Hospital and in **Women’s Health and General Surgery** at the Misericordia Community Hospital.

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