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HPCN Updates

AGM - Physician Leadership Awards

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is this coming Monday (October 15, 2018). Cocktails are available starting at 5:00pm, with the AGM beginning at 6:00pm.

The Medical Home Awards will be presented during this year's AGM. This year we are looking for nominations for **Physician Leadership**.

Please nominate a Physician who:

- Is a known champion for implementing elements of the Patient's Medical Home in the clinic
- Empowers Patient's Medical Home activities in the clinic
- Provides protected time to do work focused on the Patient's Medical Home
- Has a documented vision and strategy for further developing or enhancing the Patient's Medical Home
- is a champion for Quality Improvement in their clinic.

Please fill out the [email form](#) and email your submission to communications@hpcn.ca. **We will accept nominations until noon Monday, October 15, 2018.**

Medical Home Assessments are coming

The Patient-Centered Medical Home Assessments (PCMH-A) are being scheduled once again. Supported by our Board of Directors, the PCMH-A is a framework that is based on key change concepts that assist in practice facilitation. Not every clinic will be invited to participate, but we want to ensure that all physician members are aware that the assessments are taking place.

We have been working on strengthening how we implement this process in order to better support our clinics. Clinics will be asked to arrange the following:

- intake meeting – with a representative physician member of the health

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- 20-30 minute follow up meeting - this meeting will be to review the report that will be sent to you after the intake meeting.
- two-month and six-month post assessment check-ins.

Invitations to participate will be coming shortly. If you have any questions, please email [Julia Arndt](#).

Primary Health Care Opioid Response

For the past few weeks we have been asking for your help in the Suboxone census. As you know, tackling the opioid crisis in Alberta will require new approaches and an immediate response of the entire health system to change its trajectory.

To this end, the Physicians Leaders' Network site has uploaded the past webinar - Primary Healthcare Opioid Initiative - which contains links to the Opioid webpage, the presentation and the recorded webinar. The presentation has some statistics that may surprise you as well as some real life examples to help better illustrate the problem, and to help shed light on the solution. Bookmark the [Physicians Leaders' Network site](#) for more information.

Physicians, if you haven't submitted your responses to the five-question survey, please fill out this [email form](#) and click 'reply'. Thank you so much in advance.

Cannabinoid Research Results

AHS recently shared a "Pain Fact of the Month" regarding cannabinoids. There is not a lot of high quality research on medical cannabinoids, but based on the best research, cannabinoids may help some patients with a number of concerns. See the [poster](#) for details.

Our Question for You

We are always looking for ways to improve our communications with our physician, clinician and staff members. With this in mind, we would like to ask you a question:

What can the Board and/or Highland PCN Leadership team do to serve you better?

Please send your comments, questions and ideas to communications@hpcn.ca

Studies and Workshops

Perinatal Addictions & Mental Health Survey

AHS is inviting physicians to participate in a [short 3-minute survey](#).

The results from this survey will be used to inform the AHS Calgary Zone Perinatal Addiction and Mental Health (AMH) Strategic Plan which will guide the work with this population over the next 10 years. The plan development is endorsed by AHS Calgary Zone AMH Executive Leadership and is in alignment with priority action areas of our AHS Strategic Clinical Networks.

If you have any questions about the survey, please feel free to email [Doreen Ma](#).

Calgary Eating Disorder Program

Designed to better understand perceptions of eating disorders, this research study hopes to improve collaboration between the Calgary Eating Disorders

Program and the referring physician.

To participate in the study or to learn more information, please see the [recruitment letter](#).

Events

Living Your Best With & Beyond Cancer

This is a multi-site event where patients can will learn tips, tools and inspiration to help them make the rest of their life, the best of their life.

When: Friday, October 26 9:30am - 12:30pm (light refreshments are included)

Where: Calgary, Edmonton, Bonnyville, Camrose, Drumheller, Grande Prairie &. Medicine Hat

Cost: Event is free but parking fees apply

Register: [Online here](#).

Please [email](#) for more details.

Additional Resources

PCN resources for physicians

We have created this section in our bi-weekly Thursday newsletter and on our website under hpcn.ca/resources for physician members as a tool to access frequently used Highland PCN forms.

[Health Improvement Program \(HIP\) - Online Referral Form](#)

[Health Improvement Program \(HIP\) - Print Referral Form](#)

[Chronic Pain Referral Form](#)

[Specialty Health Team Referral Form](#)

[Physician Service Invoice](#)

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