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HPCN Updates

Three primary care pathways added to

Specialist LINK website

Thyroid Nodules, Peripheral Arthritis, Headache & Migraine

Three new enhanced primary care pathways have been added to the [Specialist LINK](#) website, which provides family doctors in the Calgary area with information about diagnostic and treatment options for their patients.

Thyroid Nodules, Peripheral Arthritis and Headache & Migraine are the latest additions to the website, which now features 14 pathways within six specialties. Developed thanks to a unique partnership between the Calgary-area's seven Primary Care Networks and Alberta Health Services specialists and support staff, the web-based guidelines help equip family physicians with the knowledge and support they need to determine if a patient needs urgent help, a referral or is better cared for within the doctor's clinic.

[Click here](#) to read the entire article.

PCN staff changes

We would like to welcome Gavin Hough, Evaluation Assistant to the Highland PCN for the summer. Gavin currently is studying Plant Biology at the University of Calgary, and has a longer term interest in becoming a family doctor. Gavin will be working with the Evaluation Team, and focused on the Health Management Team data capture, cleaning and analysis, TNA, as well as collecting some background evidence for evaluating aspects of our initiatives and/or programs. Once again, we are grateful to have received funding through the Canada Summer Jobs Grant for this student position.

Please join us in welcoming Gavin!

Questions and concerns from members

In an effort to help address any questions or concerns that some of our member physicians have, we would like to start a new series where we answer your questions.

Can a specialist be part of the PCN?

At this point in time, membership in PCNs is limited to family doctors and pediatricians who provide a community primary care model for at least a portion of their practice. The intent of the Primary Care Network funding is to support primary care providers in providing the best access and quality in primary care services. There is an element of supporting connections to specialist and improving linkages to other parts of the health system within the PCN mandate, however we are not permitted to sign on specialists as members of our physician corporation.

To make this an ongoing series we would like to invite any PCN members to forward questions that you have to communication@hpcn.ca.

Our question for you

In an effort to connect more with our physicians we would like to take a turn and ask you a question.

A few months have gone by since the implementation of the new health team model for our PCN. We would love to hear your feedback of the model, the Medical Home staff in your clinic, and overall thoughts on how we are doing.

Please send your comments/ideas to communications@hpcn.ca and be entered to **win coffee and doughnuts for your entire clinic**, which has been donated by our communications team.

Additional Resources

Upcoming mental health workshops in Airdrie

The Canadian Mental Health Association - Calgary Region will be hosting Finding Your Balance, a caregiver course, in the Highland PCN boardroom starting Thursday, June 7th, 2018 until Thursday, July 26th 2018. This 8-week course will focus on the needs of those living with or caring for someone, who are often themselves left unattended to.

Patients can register either online [here](#) or by calling (403) 297-1402

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The main event

Friday, June 8, 2018 (Formerly the Annual Family Medicine Showcase and Mackid Symposium)

The Department of Family Medicine is combining two major events, the Annual Family Medicine Showcase and the Mackid Symposium. The new event is now called "The Main Event"

This event will consist of an afternoon of continuing medical education to family physicians, physician wellness seminar and in the evening an opportunity for attendees to talk with AHS programs, services and additional support.

For more information on this event [click here](#).

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