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Subject: RhPAP Update - April 3, 2025

Good morning,

Here is the latest RhPAP update! *Please share accordingly with the rest of your committee/community members. Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.*

RhPAP Community Update – April 2025

RhPAP Review - [Click Here for Details!](#)

- Post-secondary healthcare students explore Beaver County
- Announcing the 2025 Medical Student Award Recipients
- High school students in High River and Manning

Request for Proposals: 2026 RhPAP Conference

We're inviting innovative and impactful proposals from rural Alberta communities interested in hosting our 2026 biennial conference. Since 2008, this premier event has brought together professionals, policymakers, and stakeholders dedicated to advancing rural health and community development. We invite your community to play a vital role in shaping the future of rural healthcare. By hosting the conference, you will have the opportunity to showcase your rural community, share insights, and contribute to inspiring change, fostering innovation, and creating lasting community impact.

Proposed Conference Dates: October 6 to 8, 2026 For more information and to download the full request for Proposal (RFP) [Click Here](#)

2025 Rural Community A&R Grant: Applications Opening Soon!

Starting mid-April, applications will open for the Rural Community Attraction and Retention Grant and be available to A&R Committees. This \$1,000 grant supports rural community-based groups in creating projects and initiatives to attract, integrate, and retain healthcare professionals locally. It is not intended for private recruitment or direct candidate incentives. The online application will be available at [RhPAP.ca](https://rhpap.ca).

Grant Application Deadline Criteria Change

Please note that effective April 1, 2025, the following criteria change will apply to RhPAP's **Rural Education Fund (REF)**, **Rural Education and Advanced Learning (REAL)**, and **Physician Skills Enrichment Grant** programs. Grant applications from eligible rural applicants will be accepted for training opportunities that are upcoming or that started within 90 days of the funding application date. Applications will not be considered if the training started more than 90 days before the application submission date (exceptions may be made for REAL applications if majority of the training took place within the three months prior to the submission date).

Alberta Rural Health Week: May 26 to 30, 2025!

This annual event celebrates and recognizes the people, communities, and initiatives that support and strengthen rural healthcare in Alberta.

Throughout the week, RhPAP invites communities, organizations, and individuals across the province to show appreciation for healthcare professionals and volunteers whose commitment enhances the well-being of rural residents. Their hard work and passion help maintain and strengthen healthcare services across the province. Download our [toolkit](#) for resources to help you celebrate! Organizations and rural municipalities can show their support for rural healthcare workers by adding a logo to RhPAP's [Alberta Rural Health Week webpage](#). I have also attached a sample Proclamation template if councils are interested. *If your municipality does proclaim Alberta Rural Health Week, we'd love to hear about it! Please let us know so we can share and celebrate together.* We also invite you to join the conversation online using **#ABRuralHealthCareMatters**.

Let's Go Rural! Community Expression of Interest Update

The expression of interest to host Let's Go Rural! events is currently closed as we have a waitlist for the remainder of the 2025 year. Stay tuned for future opportunities!

Knowledge Now Series:

-Alberta Pharmacists Association - Thursday, April 24, 2025 from 11AM to 12 PM (MST)

In this session, the Alberta Pharmacists' Association will be presenting on Rural Community and Hospital Pharmacy Practice in Alberta.

Don't miss this opportunity to explore a meaningful and rewarding career path! [Click here to register](#)

-211 Alberta - Thursday, May 1st 2025 from 11AM to 12PM (MST)

In this session, learn what 211 is, how it works, different features that can help organizations to support clients and the different ways 211 can help the public. We will also go through how to get listed on 211, updating and maintaining the listings and accessing 211 data for organizational use. [Click Here to Register!](#)

Missed the latest How Do I Get There: Alberta Pharmacy Students Association

[Watch](#) the recording on RhPAP's YouTube channel

What is the post-secondary pathway to becoming a pharmacist? Audrey Murphy and Youssef E. from the Alberta Pharmacy Students' Association explore the answers to that question. They are both currently enrolled in pharmacy at the University of Alberta. They explain what pharmacy as a profession is like, why they chose pharmacy, what kind of pay you can expect, and much more. [Watch now!](#)

Primary Care Alberta: Clinical Pathway Development Survey

The Provincial Pathways Unit (PPU) is seeking input on future clinical pathway development from primary care providers. Participating in this two-question survey is primary care providers' opportunity to tell the PPU about the conditions for which pathways will help in their clinical practice. Clinical pathways address common conditions where there is either variation in approaches to care, a lack of Alberta-specific guidance, or frequent requests for advice. Clinical pathways also provide clear referral points that can help reduce declined referrals.

Visit <https://redcap.link/y69get78> to participate anonymously. If you have questions about clinical pathway work, contact the PPU at albertapathways@primarycarealberta.ca

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Alberta's Rural Health
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Sample Alberta Rural Health Week Proclamation 2025

Rural healthcare providers are invaluable assets in their communities. Not only do their skills and expertise enhance the well-being of residents, but these professionals also play vital roles as family members, friends, neighbours, volunteers, teachers, and mentors. Their dedication strengthens the fabric of rural life.

Equally important are the community volunteers, often guided by local health professional attraction and retention committees, who work tirelessly to support healthcare services and providers. These volunteers are the heart of their communities, developing innovative and collaborative approaches to attract and retain healthcare professionals, ensuring rural residents have access to care close to home.

I, **<name of official>, <title>**, do hereby designate **May 26 – May 30, 2025**, as **Alberta Rural Health Week** in **<name of community>**. I encourage all residents to recognize and show appreciation for the contributions of rural healthcare professionals and volunteers whose dedication enhances the quality of life in rural Alberta.

Signed this **<day>** day of **<month>**, **2025**.

<Name of official, sign above>