

# Newsletter

Spring 2025



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## Welcome

The quarterly Continuing Care Connection (CCC) newsletter highlights new and updated provincial/zone education and practice resources that are available on the CCC website. Learn more about Continuing Care Health Services Standards (CCHSS), governance documents, practice and business resources, as well as professional practice resources. Access to Lippincott is also available through the Learning tab by clicking on [Learning > Education](#).



## Learning Calendar

Take a look at the learning calendar to find the upcoming learning opportunities available. Found [here](#).

April 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	1	2 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Is it normal aging or mild cog	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10 9:00 am Basic Mouth Care a 1:00 pm Managing Respons	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm NZ Seniors Health and Cont	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

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## Revised: *Emergency and Disaster Management* Policy - Effective February 10, 2025

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Emergencies and disasters pose growing challenges to AHS, with the potential to disrupt care delivery. AHS is committed to ensuring Emergency and Disaster Management (E/DM) measures are in place to safeguard staff and patient safety, maintain continuity of care, and mitigate negative impacts.

AHS has updated its [Emergency and Disaster Management](#) Policy to continue promoting a standardized, integrated, organization-wide approach to planning, preparedness, response and recovery during emergencies and disasters.

Key updates include:

- Clarification of roles and responsibilities of the Emergency and Disaster Management Division, Senior Leadership, Department and Portfolio Leaders, and all AHS people. This includes all AHS people taking responsibility for familiarizing themselves with their site or department’s emergency response plans and completing any required training or education.
- Integration of the Emergency Response Codes Policy (which will be rescinded, effective immediately).

Review the updated [Emergency and Disaster Management](#) Policy, and [E/DM FAQs](#). Resources posted [Continuing Care Connection > Business Resources > Emergency Response Codes & Plans](#).

Is your site or department’s Emergency Response Plan up to date? Contact your E/DM Staff for more information.

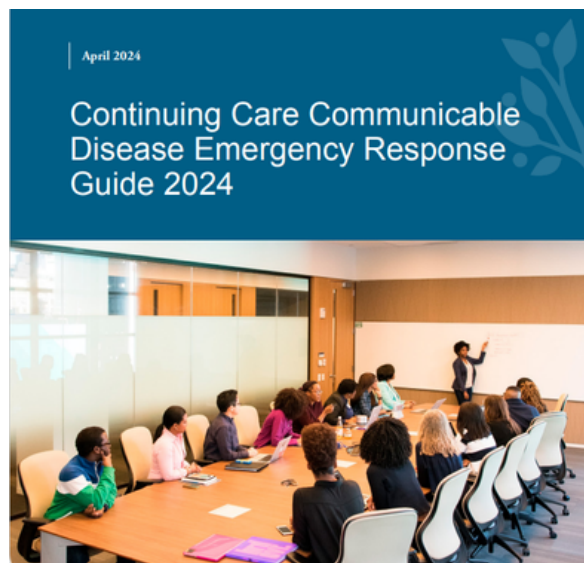
# Continuing Care Communicable Disease Emergency Response Guide

Communicable disease emergency response includes preparedness, planning, management, response, and recovery activities that need to occur to respond to an outbreak, epidemic, pandemic and endemic through varied and sometimes unpredictable situations. The Continuing Care Communicable Emergency Response Guide is located under [Business Resources > Communicable Disease: Outbreak & Pandemic Planning](#). The Guide contains resources to support planning for a communicable disease emergency in your organization.


Optima Living-Everitt Gardens was one of the first pilot sites to use the guide in Alberta and provided feedback on their experience. *“This resource is invaluable in helping operators develop structured pandemic response plans that align with best practices and regulatory requirements.”*

The Guide is reviewed annually to ensure content remains accurate and aligns with other provincial and organization-wide plans that inform outbreak and emergency response.


If you have any feedback about the Guide, please email [continuingcare@ahs.ca](mailto:continuingcare@ahs.ca).



## Alberta Gerontological Nurses Association: Empowering Aging: The Intersection of Digital Technology & Innovation in Caregiving

 Date: April 12, 2025 | 9 AM – 5 PM

 Location: Holiday Inn Conference Centre, Edmonton AB

 Virtual attendance (Zoom) available!

Members: \$100 | Non-Members: \$175

Students: \$50 | Virtual: \$35

 Deadline to Register: March 30, 2025

 [Register now!](#)

The banner for the 2025 AGNA Spring Conference features a cityscape background with the AGNA logo. The main title is "2025 AGNA SPRING CONFERENCE" with the theme "EMPOWERING AGING: THE INTERSECTION OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY &amp; INNOVATIONS IN CAREGIVING". It lists the date as April 12, 2025, from 9 am to 5 pm, and the location as Holiday Inn Conference Centre in Edmonton, AB. A QR code and a "REGISTER NOW" button are also present. The "KEY SPEAKERS" section includes Dr. Sarah Filoreault, Mr. Julian Mullis, Dr. Janevel Farmer, and Ms. Madia Cole. The "SPONSOR" section lists Gold sponsors (NANDTESS, CHARTWELL) and Silver sponsors (Alzheimer Society, blueBell, compassion network, motiView). A note at the bottom says "&amp; MANY OTHERS!" and "Deadline to Register March 30, 2025".



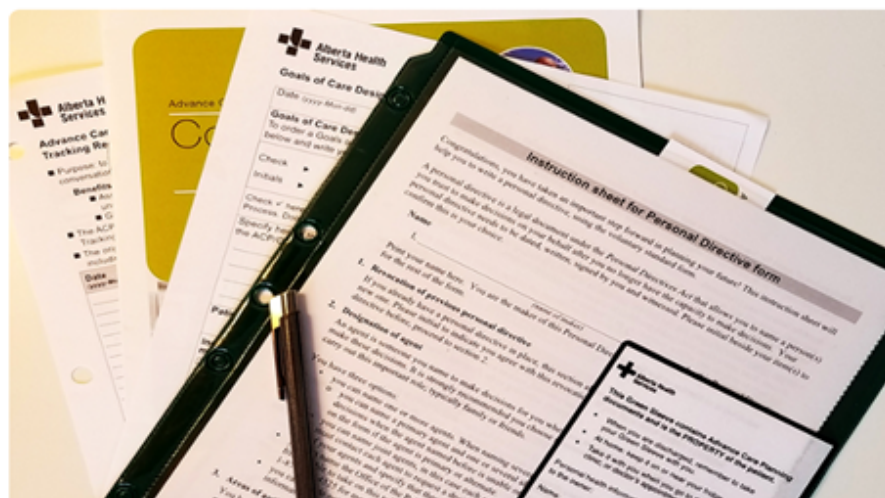
# National Advance Care Planning Day - April 16, 2505

## Get Inspired to Learn More!

Advance Care Planning is a 5-step process that can help you to think about, talk about and write down wishes for healthcare in a legal document called a 'Personal Directive'. Learning about Advance Care Planning and Personal Directives is important for you personally as well as for your professional practice as a healthcare provider. Want to know more?

- Check out the Advance Care Planning Resources on the CCC website: [Advance Care Planning](#) | [Continuing Care Connection](#)
- “Keep Your Patients and Yourself Safe: Goals of Care & Advance Care Planning” virtual courses are available. For more information visit [Learning Opportunities](#) | [Continuing Care Connection](#). Upcoming course dates:
  - Tues March 25th 0900-1230h
  - Tues May 27th 0900-1230h
  - Tues June 24th 0900-1230h
  - Tues July 29th 0900-1230h
  - Tues August 26th 0900-1230h

To register e-mail [CalgaryConversations.Matter@ahs.ca](mailto:CalgaryConversations.Matter@ahs.ca)



# Updates to the Wound Care & Prevention Clinical Topic (CCT)

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The CCT is accessible in Practice Resources > [Skin, Wound Care & Ostomy](#)

Recent updates include:

- Prevention:
  - Burn Prevention (updated)
  - Support Surfaces (updated)
- Treatment:
  - Wound bed treatment strategies (new)
  - Burns (updated)

**Clinical Care Topics (CCTs) are comprehensive practice support tools that equip healthcare providers with evidence-based clinical guidance. CCTs facilitate professional decision-making and encourage full scope of practice.**

Links to Lippincott Procedures in the CCT are accessible through the CCC. The hyperlink to Lippincott Procedures is located by navigating to Learning> Education> [Additional Resources](#).

Work is currently underway developing guidance on Wound Debridement and care of clients with Malignant Wounds.

## Medication Management

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Provincial Seniors Health & Continuing Care has updated language in the following governance and resources to align with the Continuing Care Act. These updates result in no changes to practice.

### Governance

[Continuing Care Medication Management Policy](#)

The governance is posted [Continuing Care Connection > Governance](#)

Note: CSPs are not required to adhere to the AHS Medication Management Policy however can choose to adopt content or align as applicable.

### Resources

[Minimum Comparable Pharmacy Service Requirements in Type B Continuing Care Home](#)

Please ensure to review webpage(s), resources and/or shared document storage to ensure any previous versions are removed from your resource lists and revised links are updated, as applicable.

For any further questions please contact [continuingcare@ahs.ca](mailto:continuingcare@ahs.ca)



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# Education Opportunity for Health Care Aides: Palliative Care

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As an HCA, you may be eligible for no-cost education on palliative care. The Pallium Canada Learning Essential Approaches to Palliative Care course for HCAs is funded by Alberta Health and will support learning on palliative and end-of-life care.

## About the Course

This Pallium Canada Learning Essential Approaches to Palliative Care (LEAP) HCA course features the following:

- interactive, self-learning online modules completed at your own pace (approximately 8 - 10 hours of work)
- short quizzes at the end of each module to assess knowledge
- learners receive a LEAP certificate of completion.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Identify individuals who could benefit from a palliative care approach.
- Recognize the meaning of key terms related to Advance Care Planning.
- Identify pain types and causes of pain.
- Recognize the role that HCAs play in helping the care team select medication.
- Recognize the impact that delirium has on patients and families.
- Recognize the difference between individuals experiencing normal grief, and those at risk of more complicated grief.
- Identify the 'Dignity Conserving Care' approach to support individuals and maintain hopefulness.

For more information about the eligibility to participate in this opportunity, please contact your AHS Zone Coordinator as listed below and provide them with where you are located so they can assist you with registering for the LEAP|HCA course.

**\*Please note private companies/organizations and students are not eligible\*.**

Zone	Email Contact
Calgary	<a href="mailto:palliative.education@ahs.ca">palliative.education@ahs.ca</a>
Central	<a href="mailto:CentralZoneLEAPRegistration@albertahealthservices.ca">CentralZoneLEAPRegistration@albertahealthservices.ca</a>
Edmonton	<a href="mailto:EZPCP@albertahealthservices.ca">EZPCP@albertahealthservices.ca</a>
North	<a href="mailto:NorthZoneLEAPRegistration@albertahealthservices.ca">NorthZoneLEAPRegistration@albertahealthservices.ca</a>
South	<a href="mailto:SZSHSupportReporting@ahs.ca">SZSHSupportReporting@ahs.ca</a>

Information for HCAs - [Workshops & Conferences](#)

If you have any additional questions, please contact [palliative.care@ahs.ca](mailto:palliative.care@ahs.ca)



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