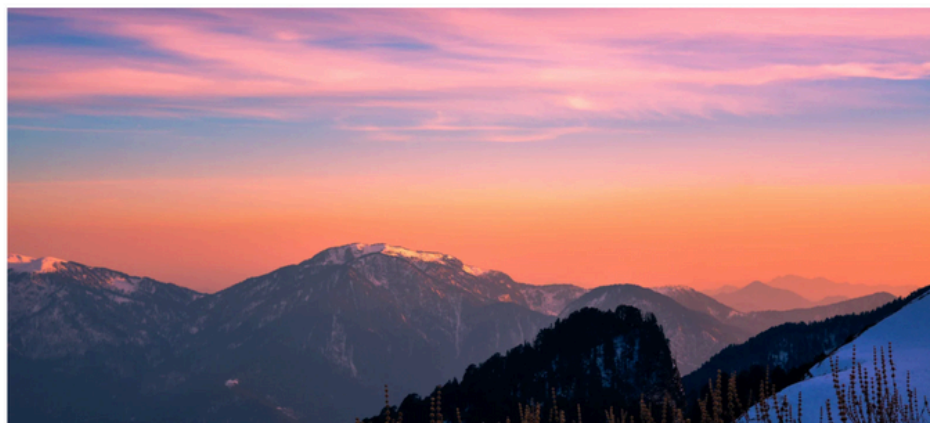




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# February Newsletter



## CEO Message

This week is giving us a taste of spring, which I am personally very grateful for after that long deep freeze we had! We have been busy behind the scenes working on some projects that we are excited to share with you soon.

Similar to previous years, we are excited to host in-person events for National Physiotherapy Month in May. Stay tuned for more details coming your way soon!

These events will be a fantastic opportunity to celebrate our profession and connect with fellow physiotherapists. Additionally, watch next month for a save the date for our second annual AAP Connect Conference, which will be held in Edmonton.

As we look to foster the next generation of physiotherapists, I encourage you to consider hosting a student for their upcoming clinic placements. This is a wonderful chance to give back to the profession and help shape future practitioners. More details can be found below.

Lastly, I want to remind you to take full advantage of the numerous benefits available to you as an AAP member. Detailed information about each program can be found in the member portal, ensuring you don't miss out on valuable resources and opportunities.

I look forward to connecting with many of you in the coming months. As always, please feel free to reach out at any time ([ceo@albertaphysio.com](mailto:ceo@albertaphysio.com)).

Best,  
Jen

## **Advocacy Update**

We continue to have various conversations with key stakeholders around insurance reforms, healthcare refocus and access to Netcare. A number of MLA's have been interested in meeting recently - if there is an MLA in your riding that you think we should connect with, please reach out. A couple of highlights to share:

### **Insurance Reform**

The government has been pretty quiet on this front as they are awaiting budget decisions and onboarding of the implementation team. We have been having some conversations around Ontario's HCAI system as we know the government is interested in pursuing something similar for Alberta.

We don't know what the direction is going to be yet but wanted to be well-versed in challenges and opportunities in Ontario as we have asked for healthcare professionals to be part of the co-design if this is the path forward.

At some point, we do want to host a town hall with interested members, we have just been waiting to hear from the government on the next steps so we have more information to share on the path forward and/or opportunities for our profession to be engaged.

### **Netcare Engagement**

Our efforts to meet with key personnel within Alberta Health continue, though we often find ourselves directed to new contacts. Recently, we engaged with the Director of the Health Information Act, who had insights to share but is restricted from disclosing details until Cabinet decisions are made. We are hoping that we will learn more in the spring.

As we move forward, we remain committed to advocating for the best interests of our members and the profession, ensuring that physiotherapy continues to play an integral role in healthcare delivery in Alberta.

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement.

### **Health Care Refocus**

The Government of Alberta is currently hosting in-person engagement sessions to share information and receive feedback about the refocusing work. If you have time to attend and be a voice for our profession, a list of upcoming sessions across the province can be found here:

<https://www.alberta.ca/lead-the-way>

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## Host a Student Event at Your Clinic!



Is your clinic interested in connecting with the next generation of physiotherapists?

Hosting a student event is a great way to showcase your clinic, provide a valuable educational experience, and engage with future professionals.

With campuses in Edmonton, Calgary, and Camrose, we can help promote your event through our strong connection with the University of Alberta's Department of Physical Therapy.

To learn more, reach out to us at [info@albertaphysio.com](mailto:info@albertaphysio.com).

### **University of Alberta Physiotherapy Student Clinical Placements**

There is an urgent need for physiotherapy student clinical placements. These will be first-year students between May 5th and June 13th, 2025.

If you or your clinic can host a student, please contact Heather Bredy at: [hbredy@ualberta.ca](mailto:hbredy@ualberta.ca) or 780-722-3300.

## WCB-Alberta Research Grants Competition



The **2025 WCB-Alberta Research Grants Competition** is now open and accepting applications with a deadline of **Friday, March 14, 2025**.

### To apply:

Submit a Letter of Intent to the WCB-Alberta Research Coordinator by **Friday, March 14, 2025**. For complete competition and submission details, FAQ, and to obtain a Letter of Intent application template please visit [WCB-Alberta's Research Program website](#).

For additional information or application assistance please contact Amy Procter, WCB-Alberta Research Program Coordinator, at [research@wcb.ab.ca](mailto:research@wcb.ab.ca)

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