



Alberta
Association of
Physiotherapy

May Newsletter



CEO Message

As National Physiotherapy Month comes to a close, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of our members for your continued commitment to the health and well-being of Albertans. It's been a true pleasure connecting with many of you at events across the province this month. Your dedication and passion for the profession continue to inspire us and reinforce the vital role physiotherapy plays in our communities.

It's also been an exciting and eventful month at the Alberta Association of Physiotherapy. We were thrilled to officially launch our **Find a Physio** tool—a new resource designed to connect Albertans with physiotherapists in their area. If you haven't yet claimed your clinic or created your profile, I encourage you to head online and get yourself listed. More information can be found below.

I had the pleasure of joining our board member, Lindsay Thompson, on ***Global Edmonton Morning News*** to talk about physiotherapy, celebrate National Physiotherapy Month, and share more about the Find a Physio tool with a broader audience.

We also launched something brand new—**Goal Getter: The AAP Physiotherapy Podcast!** The first two episodes are now live and [available on our website](#) or your favourite podcast platform. Season one is all about starting meaningful conversations and raising public awareness about physiotherapy.

Tune in to Episode 1, featuring AAP Board Chair Dr. Geoff Schneider here:



We're only beginning to scratch the surface of these important topics, and we're excited to delve deeper into the rich diversity of the profession as we explore how physiotherapy can play a role in every Albertan's unique health journey.

On the advocacy front, our efforts continue. While progress around insurance reforms has been slow, we anticipate a meeting with the government in June to discuss next steps. I hope to share more soon, including ways members can get involved in that work.

We're also continuing to receive many questions about **Netcare**. I want to reassure you that we are still actively working on this file. All required documentation has been submitted, and we've been told that physiotherapy is at the top of the list. However, necessary changes involve legislation, including the *Health Information Act*, and we are currently waiting to hear more details around when that might open.

Thank you again for all that you do! As always, please feel free to reach out anytime (ceo@albertaphysio.com).

Best,
Jen

Find-a-Physio Tool is Live!



Find a Physio – Now Live!

We're excited to announce the official launch of our **Find a Physio** tool, now available to the public on our website!

As an association, we frequently receive inquiries from the public and other healthcare professionals looking for physiotherapy services, whether by location or by specific conditions and treatment types. Moving forward, we'll be directing these inquiries to our new Find a Physio directory. Make sure your profile is included - create or update yours today!

To register or login [click here](#) and scroll to the bottom of the directory or use this [direct link to access the login page](#).

Help us build a comprehensive directory for Albertans by encouraging your colleagues to create a profile. Non-AAP members are also welcome to join!

AHS Project ECHO Virtual Community of Practice



Alberta Children's Hospital



ECHOing Care



Children with Medical Complexity

Project ECHO aims to foster a virtual case-based learning environment and community of practice for pediatric complex care and can support you in your work through case-based learning and topic discussions. Bring your de-identified cases for advice and support.

[Join our interprofessional virtual community of practice.](#)

[Upcoming Sessions](#) Include Topics Related To:

- Dystonia Management - June 16th, 2025
- Complex Resources - September 25th, 2025
- Bone Health - November 20th, 2025



***Are you a healthcare provider working with people who have breast cancer?
Are you interested in providing supportive care for people who have breast cancer?***

The **Supportive Care Oncology Practice ECHO** is a project funded by the Canadian Cancer Society, under the direction of Drs. Kristin Campbell (UBC) and Sarah Neil-Sztramko (McMaster). Supportive care for this project is defined as the **prevention and management of physical and psychological symptoms, limitations in function & usual life roles and side effects, from diagnosis through active treatment and beyond.**

The **Supportive Care Oncology Practice ECHO** is now launching in Alberta under the supervision of Dr. David Langelier (Physiatry, UCalgary) and Dr. Margaret McNeely (Physical Therapy, UAlberta). ECHO aims to address the challenge of providing supportive care services for people living with breast cancer in Alberta.

The **Supportive Care Oncology Practice ECHO** will use the [project ECHO model](#) (an all-teach/all learn platform) to build a community of practice for healthcare professionals who deliver breast cancer supportive care in Alberta.

We are reaching out to invite you to help shape the direction of this initiative. We will be hosting online conversations to launch the **Supportive Care Oncology Practice ECHO**, and we invite you to join us. This event is intended for potential **Supportive Care Oncology Practice ECHO** participants to share insights into what they value learning.

We will be hosting a launch session on **Wednesday, June 18th, 2025 @ Noon (MST)**. This will be a 1-hour session to address three questions:

- What do you see as gaps in knowledge for delivering breast cancer supportive care in Alberta?
- What topics could be covered that would be meaningful to your practice?
- What additional supports would be helpful?

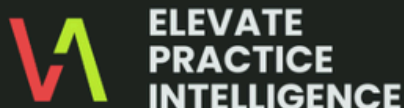
Please join us for an interactive conversation with your colleagues. Your ideas will influence the direction of the **Supportive Care Oncology Practice ECHO for breast cancer**.

👉 **TO REGISTER**, please click [here](#)!

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