

Provincial Travel Nurse Team

Shared Health

Welcome to the **August** edition of our PTNT Newsletter. This edition will highlight important information that is relevant to **you** as a frontline nurse.

Be In The Know

PTNT Latest Updates

NEW Active Sites Available

Prairie Mountain Health

- **Brandon Rehab**- Live August 10th, 2025

Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority

- **Arborg PCH**- Live August 8th, 2025
- **Selkirk Out-Patient Clinic**- Live July 25th, 2025
- **Gimli Emergency-Medicine**- Live July 29th, 2025

Required Qualifications for Site Access

- **Active BLS**
 - Required for *all* sites
- **Brandon: EPR Order Entry Training**
 - If you do not have experience with this clinical tool and are interested in supporting this site, please reach out to the PTNT educators to coordinate
- **Selkirk Out- Patient Clinic**
 - **Completion of *all* Level 1- Wound Care LMS Modules**
 - 1-1: Wound Prevention
 - 1-2b: Types of Wounds for Healthcare Professionals
 - 1-3: Wound Assessment
 - 1-4: Wound Treatment
 - Modules **must** be **active** and require renewal every **2 years**
 - Experience with IV access, central lines, wound care and catheter management required. Wound Care Level 2 an asset.
- **Gimli Emergency-Medicine**
 - **Active** BLS, ACLS, CTAS
 - Experience with triage
 - Minimum 1+ years or equivalency of 2015 hours in an emergency department

UPCOMING [NRHA Availability Form- Process Change Coming Fall 2025](#)

The PTNT-NRHA Availability Form will be transitioning to an **online** Microsoft Form- available on the PTNT website, to facilitate direct submission to our internal team. This change in process is anticipated to rollout **late Fall of 2025**. Please note that once live, all submissions outside of our new process will be rejected and require re-submission through our live form. This change in process will not affect bids

submitted prior to the launch date.

Additional communication will be distributed to our front line staff as the launch approaches.

REMINDER [Upcoming Open Nurse Town Hall- Guest Speakers from WRHA Home Care](#)

Staff are encouraged to join in on these drop-in sessions where new process changes and rollouts will be reviewed and provide nurses the opportunity to ask questions and gain assistance and clarification on items related to our program. We ask that staff identifying questions in these sessions first reference the available documents and guidelines on the PTNT website. If an answer is not able to be identified within the documents, our educator team will provide additional support/guidance as able.

When: August 26th from 11:00am- 12:00pm

Where: MS Teams- A link will be emailed out a week prior along with a broadcast message the morning of the session

"Transitioning into Home Care through PTNT has been a seamless process- from the orientation to the buddy nurse shifts. Getting to know the clients in their own home is a great experience!" - Gerardo, PTNT Home Care Nurse

"It is shocking to see how everywhere in the system is affected by not having enough nurses. Home Care is an amazing way to allow the client to stay and home and still have independence. Everyone that i have worked with is extremely helpful!"- C.D- PTNT Home Care Nurse

REMINDER [Orientation & Accommodation Request Form](#)

Staff requiring orientation +/- accommodations to a site are required to complete the respective form on the PTNT website where the conditions outlined below are met. If further clarification or assistance is required, please reach out to a member of our team for assistance.

- The awarded shifts is **greater than 14 days away**
 - Staff member has a **minimum of 2 consecutive shifts** booked [required for region booked accommodations, not a requirement for orientation eligibility]
 - Awarded shifts less than 14 days away are not eligible for region booked accommodations or orientation.
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NEW [Multi-Factor Authenticator App Integrations](#)

Clinical access tools- **SOGICA Vault** [active now] and **ESP Self-Service** [initially active July 28th- however due to internal issues has been delayed with no official re-launch] will require the use of MFA for staff access when accessing these platforms from a non-digital health computer. Please reference the attached memo for SOGICA Vault setup. Previous email communications regarding the ESP integration and set-up have been distributed by our leadership team. Please reference those respective emails for setup.

REMINDER [Management of Work Email Inbox](#)

Important reminder to **all staff**- in order to maintain the ability to receive communications to your work email from PTNT, staff must ensure their personal account has the capacity to receive emails.

What does this mean? It means that staff must not only delete or archive non-essential emails on a routine basis, but also requires the management of your **sent** and **deleted** folders as well. Routinely emptying both your deleted and sent folders in unison with inbox control will ensure that you never miss out on vital communication from our program!

What's New?

Clinical and Education Information

PRACTICE REMINDER [Medication Rights Review, Documentation & Assessment](#)

Recent regional reviews of medication administration errors have highlighted the need for staff to review medication administration policies to ensure standards of practice are being followed. Staff are to utilize the Medication Administration Record- MAR as the reference document for your medication rights, ensuring that for topical/transdermal patches that location of application are documented clearly on the MAR and that each topical patch contains the date/time of application and nurses initials.

PRACTICE Update [Hemodialysis- Fresenius Arterial Blood Line Leakages](#)

As of January 2025, an increase of concerns with cracking or leaks in the arterial blood lines used in dialysis treatments has been reported across Manitoba. Please review the linked safety alert that provides nurses with the recommendations put forth by Kidney Health Manitoba regarding assessments and documentation of events.

- [Fresenius Arterial Blood Line Leakages- Patient Safety Alert](#)
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PRACTICE Update [B. Braun Infusomat- Blood Administration Clinical Practice Concern](#)

Continued concerns and reports are being brought forth regarding frequent Air in Line (AIL) alarms during blood administration with B Braun Infusomat Pumps. These alarms are resulting in the delay of timely administration of blood products to patients across the province. Please reference the linked clinical practice reference guide below for direction on how to address this concern.

- [B Braun Infusomat- Blood Administration Clinical Practice Issue](#)
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Educational Opportunities

Continuing education opportunities listed below are not eligible for mileage, per diems or attendance under PTNT unless approved through an education request form

FREE [Ankle Brachial Pressure Index- Toe Brachial Pressure Index Annual Education](#)

Staff completing this training will have a comprehensive understanding of lower leg assessments and the theory supporting ABPI/TBPI testing. When performing ABPI-TBPI testing, participants will implement the procedural steps in their practice. During the workshop, participants will network with other clinicians providing opportunities for future support

When: September 16th, 2025 - 0830 to 1600

Where: Boundary Trails Health Centre- Multi-Purpose Room

Registration: [ABPI](#) | [TBPI Registration](#)

FREE [Mental Health First Aid- MHFA](#)

Mental Health First Aid Canada teaches first aid skills to help someone who is developing a mental health problem or is experiencing a mental health crisis. Staff will learn the signs + symptoms of common mental health problems and crisis situations, basic actions for mental health first aid, information about effective interventions and treatments and more!

When: August 20th + 21st, 2025 from 0900-1630 each day

Where: Boyne Lodge | 120- 4th Ave SW, Carman MB

FREE [Dementia Care Education for Personal Care Homes](#)

The educational session provides staff the ability to understand the link between the brain and behaviors, distinguish differences between dementia, delirium and depression, and perform techniques to assist in reducing reactive behaviors.

When: September 23rd, 2025 from 0800-1630

Where: Gladstone Health Centre | 24 Mill St, Gladstone MB

Registration: [Dementia Care Registration](#)

FREE [Indigenous Cultural Safety Training \(ICST\) "We Will Take Good Care of the People"](#)

This training to help Manitoba health care workers implement daily practices that support the provision of culturally safe and anti-racist care. There are 10 modules in this 10.5 hour online learning series [via LMS] that will engage health care workers in a range of activities promoting learning and reflection, with content drawn from the knowledge and expertise of local indigenous Knowledge Keepers and health care leaders. Course participants will have a six-month period from the time of registration to complete the education

When: Available for monthly registration- deadline of the 25th of each month

Where: LMS- Learning Management System

Registration: [ICST Registration](#)

Manitoba Nurses Union | MNU

Updates regarding the collective agreement and union items

- The Provincial Travel Nurse Team falls under **Local 161**
 - Local Relations Officer is **Rachel Mammott**
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