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**Provincial Travel Nurse Team
Monthly Newsletter
November 2025**

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PTNT Latest Updates



UPCOMING POSTING PERIODS

- **Prairie Mountain Health:** November 7- November 10
 - **Northern Health Region:** November 17 - November 24
 - **Interlake Eastern Health Region:** November 19 - November 26
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NEW AVAILABLE SITES

Prairie Mountain Health

Needs Available as of **November 7th, 2025**

- Hamiota Emergency-Medicine
- Hamiota Chemotherapy
- Hamiota PCH
- Carberry PCH
- Killarney PCH
- Bren Del Win Lodge
- Del Wynda Court
- Wawanesa PCH

Required Certifications

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Emergency-Medicine

- Active ACLS
- CTAS- New provincial update
- Preferred: PALS, TNCC, ENO Levels or equivalent

- Rossburn PCH

Chemotherapy

- Completion of the Cancer Care Manitoba Orientation
- Experience as **both** a treatment room and clinic nurse

Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority

Needs Available as of November 3

- Eriksdale Emergency-Medicine

Needs Available as of November 19

- Arborg Emergency- Medicine
- Teulon TCU *

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- For Teulon in particular, requirements are the same as Emergency- Medicine listed above

Southern Health Sante Sud

All sites listed below require staff to have an **active BLS on file**. Staff interested in supporting the sites below are encouraged to visit our website to complete the Site Access Request Form.

Needs Available as of October 29, 2025

- Gladstone Medicine-TCU
- Eastview Place PCH
- MacGregor TCU-PCH

- Repos Jolys PCH
- Lorne Medicine-TCU
- Bethesda Place PCH

Needs Available as of **November 26, 2025**

- Vita Transitional Care
- Vita District Place PCH
- St. Claude Medicine- TCU
- Douglas Campbell Lodge PCH
- Red River Valley Lodge PCH
- Third Crossing Manor PCH
- Lions Prairie Manor PCH



REMINDER: *ESP Self Service*



It is the responsibility of staff to verify the accuracy of shifts and travel time within their ESP workspace **prior** to each pay period. If discrepancies are noted, please reach out to our secretary team at SHProvincialTravelNurseTeam@sharedhealthmb.ca

Please note: failure to log in to ESP for 90 days will result in access being revoked and staff needing to contact **Service Desk** for assistance.

Approved Education will be added to staff ESP workspaces **after** attendance has been confirmed at the educational event. Attendance is confirmed by the course instructor or submission of the applicable educational certification.



REMINDER: *New ShiftLink App*

The **NEW** Shift Link app is required to be downloaded to experience new features available. All staff are strongly encouraged to download the NEW app and use it in unison with the existing app as this transition takes place.

Download the **NEW** App Now

[Google Play Store](#) | [Download Now](#)
[Apple Store](#) | [Download Now](#)

Note the distinction of the NEW app icon is the dark colored background

REMINDER: *Shift Adjustment Form*

It is the responsibility of staff to fill out a **Shift Adjustment Form** for any of the following scenarios and have it signed for verification by the unit manager/ supervisor/ CRN:

- Overtime
- Missed Breaks
- Charge Assignments
- Triage Assignment [at applicable ED sites]
- And more

Shift Adjustment Forms can be found on the [PTNT website](#). Please download and save a copy when required.

Staff are to submit **verified Shift Adjustment Forms** to the PTNT secretary team immediately following the shift(s) for which they portray so applicable adjustments can be made to the staff's ESP workspace.

What's New?

Clinical and Educational Information



We encourage all healthcare professionals in all areas to receive a flu shot to help prevent the spread of serious illness, especially for high-risk populations (older adults, young children and those with chronic health conditions)

To learn more about the flu vaccine in Manitoba Click here: [Flu vaccines in Manitoba](#)

Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

In Canada, RSV season typically runs from November through April resulting in increased outbreaks of respiratory illness, particularly for infants, young children, and older adults. Vaccines and preventative medications are available for vulnerable populations. Ensure you reference site policies for vaccine administration details.

Pediatric immunoprophylaxis criteria in Manitoba has now expanded to include all infants born between **October 1, 2025 to March 31, 2026**.

For public resources click here: [Respiratory Syncytial Virus \(RSV\)](#)

Long Term Care Provincial Education

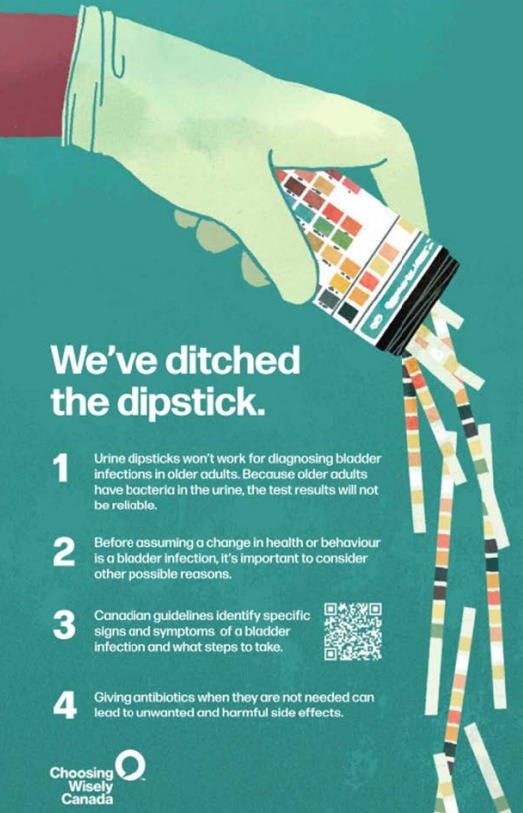
Manitoba is joining Choosing Wisely Canada to *Ditch the Dipsticks in LTC*.

Joint Statement on Urine Testing:


Do NOT purchase, store, or use urine dipsticks in long-term care homes.


For additional information, please click the links below:

- [Ditch The Dipstick Presentation](#)
- [Ditch The Dipstick Poster](#)
- [Urine Testing FAQs](#)
- [Bladder Infection, or something else? Four steps](#)



We've ditched the dipstick.

- 1 Urine dipsticks won't work for diagnosing bladder infections in older adults. Because older adults have bacteria in the urine, the test results will not be reliable.
- 2 Before assuming a change in health or behaviour is a bladder infection, it's important to consider other possible reasons.
- 3 Canadian guidelines identify specific signs and symptoms of a bladder infection and what steps to take. 
- 4 Giving antibiotics when they are not needed can lead to unwanted and harmful side effects.

Choosing Wisely Canada 

Clinical Practice Change: Blood Culture Bottles

All Clinical Microbiology laboratories in Manitoba have acquired new BD BACTEC blood culture instruments that require use of BD BACTEC blood culture bottles compatible with the new instrumentation. Implementation of the instruments at each site is being staggered.

Please refer to regional policies related to rollout in specific areas.



Click Links below for additional Information:

- [Link to a virtual Education session November 7 from 9:30- 10:00](#)
- [Shared Health Practice Change Memo](#)
- [BD training Video](#)

Kidney Health Manitoba | Ultrasound Support with Cannulation

Interested in having additional support and resources related to fistula cannulation? Kidney Health Manitoba recently hosted a Renal Talk that dove into the integrated use of a portable ultrasound in practice.

Staff that were unable to attend the session are able to review the power point reference notes [here](#).

RL6 Updates | New Behaviour Form Coming Soon

Staff can anticipate changes regarding **Behaviour Reporting** within RL6 in the upcoming weeks. Staff will have the ability within the new form to identify the reported behaviour (ie. physical aggression, threat, verbal aggression, etc) and identify specific individuals involved (inpatient, patient family member, staff) and contributing factors.



Please note that this form will **not** support employee injury. A QRG and demo video will available shortly.

Regional Updates

Continuing education opportunities listed below are eligible for potential reimbursement when approved through the education request form process. Details of the reimbursement eligibility is based on case by case review and discussion with your respective manager.

Interlake Eastern Regional Health

Long Term Care Education: Dementia Care Education 2026

Are you a nurse supporting PCH sites in IERHA? If so and you are interested in this educational opportunity, please fill out an *Education Request Form*- link on our website.

Date- April 29 & 30, 2026 with practical application May 28, 2026

Time- 8:30- 15:30

Location- Old Selkirk Hospital cafeteria, 100 Easton drive

Click here for more info: [Dementia Care](#)

Long Term Care Fall Education Packages

The Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority's PCH Program develops and administers self-learning packages to ensure you are aware of, and understand the requirements related to the **Manitoba Health Standards**, and **Accreditation Canada's Required Organizational Practices (R.O.P.)**.

The Education packages are available on site at all PCH facilities throughout Interlake-Eastern Health. The expectation is for staff to complete the packages while on shift.

Instructions:

1. Please refer to the policies and the supplemental information prior to completing the Quiz.
 2. You may work in groups; however, each staff is required to complete their own quiz and submit.
 3. Complete both the Quiz and Speaker Opinion Form (evaluation), and hand in to your Manager by no later than **Friday, December 31, 2025**.
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Southern Health-Santé Sud

Nurse-Initiated Care in the Emergency Department Policy Revision

This policy was revised to update workflow and add supporting document tools based on staff and physician feedback. Revisions include:

- Terminology in title and throughout policy changed from "nurse-managed" to "nurse-initiated"
- Nurse-initiated lab & diagnostic direction added
- Discharge instruction direction added
- Nurse-initiated care in an open Emergency Department direction revised
- Clinical decision tool direction added

Southern Health-Santé Sud (SH-SS) Emergency Department Clinical staff are **required** to participate in formal Staff Development education and site agreement between Emergency Department and Lab & Diagnostic staff prior to new forms and processes going live at each site.

Please reference the revised policy while on site using the intranet

SHSS: Canadian Serious Illness Conversations Course by Pallium Canada

This course is designed to provide health care professionals with the tools and knowledge needed to have compassionate and effective conversations with patients and their families dealing with serious illnesses. This course empowers health care professionals with a comprehensive understanding of the Serious Illness Conversation Guide©, developed by Ariadne Labs of Harvard Medical School.

- **Course structure:**
 - Online Modules (approx 1.5 - 2 hours)
 - Facilitated session (to follow online modules- can be online or in person)
- **When:** Nov 12, December 16, January 29 (multiple sessions available per day)
- **Where:** Virtual
- **Registration:** Contact our educator team

Click for more details:

[November 2025 poster](#)

[December 2025 poster](#)

[January 2026 poster](#)

SHSS Supportive Care in Labour

This 4-hour in-person Workshop provides information and hands on skills to enhance the healthcare providers knowledge of Supportive Care in Labour. This comprehensive, trauma informed approach works with the client during labour, to match the client's birth plan goals as close as possible while enhancing the healthcare providers knowledge of body alignment within the Labour and Delivery environment.

When: Nov 28 from 0900-1300

Where: Bethesda Regional Health Centre, 316 Henry St, Steinbach MB

Prerequisite: Completion of the Self Directed Learning Module "Supportive Care In Labour" (The module link will be distributed post registration with confirmation letter)

Registration: [Click here](#)

SHSS: Palliative Care Dying to Learn Series

This is a Self Learning Module with an estimated duration of 30 minutes

Module: Principles of a Palliative Approach to Care: [Click here](#)

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)

The Mental Health Commission of Canada reports that one in every five Canadians experiences a mental health problem within a given year. While we often know a lot about physical illness, there tends to be less knowledge about mental health or substance use problems.

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. This session will provide information and resources regarding:

- Mental Health Problems- Crisis Situations
- Substance Related Disorders- Overdose
- Depression-Suicidal Behaviours
- Anxiety Disorders- Panic Attacks/Acute Stress Reaction
- Psychosis- Acute Psychosis

When: December 9th and 10th, 2025

Where: Hopital Ste. Anne Hospital | 52 Saint Gerard St, Ste. Anne MB

Time: 0900-1630 each day

Registration: Staff are required to complete an education request form to have this education supported through the program. If staff are interested in taking it independently, please connect with our educator team.

Provincial Education Opportunities

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Movement Disorders Clinic Conference for Health Care Providers

Interested in learning more about Parkinson disease and other movement disorders? This multidisciplinary conference will provide staff with resources regarding OT/PT assessments and interventions, swallowing and texture modifications, atypical Parkinson's and more!

When: November 20th, 2025

Time: 0800-1600

Where: Deer Lodge Center, Winnipeg MB

Registration: \$125.00

- Independent Registration: [Register Now](#)
- Program Supported Education: Staff are to complete an education request form
- Conference Schedule: [View Now](#)



**Stay up to date with
the latest Pediatric
knowledge and
resources**

Click to link below to visit the Trekk website and check out the following plus so much more:

- **Updated Fever Resources**- including bottom line recommendations for fever in infants < 60 days
- **Education sessions**- register for upcoming sessions or view recordings of past sessions
- **Highlighted monthly article**: Advancing Pediatric Meningitis Care Through Collaboration

Click here for the website: [trekk](#)

Ethics Education Series | 2025-2026

The St. Boniface Hospital Health Care Ethics Service and Shared Health Ethics are pleased to offer monthly hour-long ethics education sessions for health care providers.

To view the available sessions from September 2025 to June 2026 and register click [here](#)

Rapid Access to Addictions Medicine Knowledge Exchange Days 2025: Introduction to Substance Use Disorders and the RAAM Clinics

Join us for the Rapid Access to Addictions Medicine (RAAM) Knowledge Exchange Days 2025. The weekly virtual series will explore the challenges, successes and the future of addictions medicine in Manitoba. Presented by Dr. Erin Knight, this session will include an overview of the RAAM model and explore the positive impact the service is having on the lives of Manitobans.

- **When:** November 12 from 8:30 - 9:30
- **Where:** Virtual

- **Registration:** [click here](#)

Manitoba Nurses Union | MNU

Updates regarding the collective agreement and union related items

The Provincial Travel Nurse Team falls under **Local 161**

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