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Provincial Travel Nurse Team Newsletter

Welcome to the *September 2025* 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

- [Carberry](#) Emergency-Medicine
- [Hamoita](#) Emergency-Medicine
- [Treherene](#) Emergency-Medicine
- [Killarney](#) Emergency-Medicine
- [Deloraine](#) Emergency- Medicine

Interlake Regional Health Authority

- [Gimli](#) Cancer Care
- [Selkirk](#) Cancer Care
- [Pinawa](#) Cancer Care
- [Selkirk](#) Obstetrics (Launching Sept 5)

Required Qualifications for Site Access

- **Active BLS**
 - Required for *all* sites
- **Emergency-Medicine Sites**
 - Active ACLS, BLS, CTAS
 - Experience with triage
 - Minimum 1+ years or equivalency of 2015 hours of experience in an emergency department
 - Treherene and Deloraine **require active** TNCC and PALS
- **Cancer Care Sites**
 - Completion of Cancer Care orientation
 - Recent clinic or treatment experience
 - Minimum of 1+ years or equivalency of 2015 hours of experience in cancer care
- **Selkirk Obstetrics**
 - Active BLS, NRP, FHS **required** ACoRN preferred
 - Obstetrical triage experience preferred
 - Minimum 1+ years or equivalency of 2015 hours of experience in an Obstetrics unit
 - L & D experience highly preferred
Other obstetrical background (post-partum, Ante-partum) may be considered based on operational needs

UPCOMING [Nurse Town Hall- Available Oncology and Obstetrical-Gynecological Sites](#)

When: Tuesday September 16th, 11:00-12:00

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

Staff are encouraged to join in on these drop-in sessions where new process changes and rollouts will be reviewed. Nurses will have 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.

NEW [Electronic Patient Records \[EPR\] and eChart Manitoba System Upgrade](#)

Digital Shared Services upgraded eChart Manitoba and EPR on August 23rd to help support patient care in Manitoba. Staff are recommended to review the published memos and resources below

- [eChart and EPR Memo 8 Aug 25](#)
 - [eChart Memo 8 Aug 25](#)
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UPDATE [Emergency Department Information System \[EDIS\] Name Assignment](#)

Emergency staff working at sites that utilize EDIS are required to assign their name to patients they are responsible for providing care to. PTNT Staff may not show up in the department's own staff list. To assign your name:

- Find the "*more providers*" option in the nurse drop down list
 - Search for your name in the global address book
 - If you are unable to locate your name in the global address book, please contact your PTNT Manager
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REMINDER [ShiftLink- Declining Non- Awarded shifts](#)

It is the responsibility of each PTNT Nurse to ensure they are not double booking themselves for shifts. If you have bid through ShiftLink, be mindful when requesting orientation or bidding through ESP (Southern Health only) for the same date while pending awarding.

Please click the link below for instruction on how to alter your response to "*decline*" on a bid that has not been awarded yet through ShiftLink.

Click Here: [ShiftLink introduction for Frontline staff](#)

REMINDER [Shift Adjustment Forms](#)

Important reminder to all staff- please fill out a *Shift Adjustment Form* and have the site manager/ CRN/ supervisor sign **prior to** submitting. The form can be filled out electronically or by paper copy and can be found on our webpage.

Shift Adjustment Forms are required for the following scenarios to be compensated:

- Overtime/ Mandated shifts
 - Missed Breaks
 - Responsibility Pay/ Triage pay (at applicable sites)
 - Short Call Shifts
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REMINDER [Expense Claim Forms](#)

- Staff submitting an expense claim form for mileage greater than 50 km from their home address are **required** to provide their full home address and not a P.O. Box.
 - **Completing your Expense Claim Form on a work computer?** Please ensure you are downloading and saving a copy to the computers "*H drive*". This will avoid sharing personal information with other staff who may have access to that computer.
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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!

Staff that proactively managed their inboxes and require additional assistance with an expanded inbox size are eligible to request through the Service Desk portal.

REMINDER [Workplace Injury Reporting](#)

If staff encounter an injury during a scheduled shift it is recommended to complete the Work Related Injury-Near Miss Report form prior to the conclusion of that shift and notify the applicable parties if the injury is anticipated to affect ongoing shifts.

Where can staff access this form? The Shared Health website provides a Health Providers tab in the top right hand corner of the webpage. Once redirected to the Health Providers tab, staff can utilize the search function to locate the Work Related Injury form or simply select [here](#)

What's New?

Clinical and Education Information

UPDATE Unanticipated Absence Process Change

In circumstances where staff call in sick or for an unanticipated absence they are required to notify the applicable site if accommodations were coordinated by the region. This communication is in addition to the responsibility of the front line nurse to call and cancel the applicable accommodations as outlined in the *Unanticipated Absence Process* document- available on the PTNT website.

PRODUCT CHANGE NOTICE Blood Culture Collection Bottles

A provincial- wide product change is going live with a phased approach as follows. Please watch for further communication regarding this product change and any related training sessions.

- St. Boniface Hospital & Referring sites including IERHA - September 22, 2025
- Brandon Hospital & Referring sites- October 2025
- Health Sciences Center & Referring Sites- Projected date in November 2025
- The Pas & Referring sites- TBD

Click here for a training video that was provided by BD suppliers:

[Blood Culture Collection Best Practices Training Video Recording.mp4](#)

PRACTICE CHANGE Intravenous Cannula Gauge Identification

The medical supply industry has standardized the color coding of needles and syringes. As a result, Cardinal is now changing their needle and syringe colors to be compatible with the industry standard. Below is a summary of the color changes.

ISO 6009 Colour Coding

The International Organization of Standards (ISO) 6009 protocol aims to help clinicians choose the correct needle size through more consistent color-coding across multiple brands and manufacturers. We are pleased to inform you that Cardinal Health is aligning the colouring of our needle hub and sheath products with ISO 6009 to support identification of gauge size. Please see Figure 1, Figure 2, and [Table 1](#) below.

Figure 1: Current needle sheath color bar



Figure 2: New needle sheath color bar (ISO 6009 Compliant)



Labeling Changes

Additionally, we are continuing with our labeling changes as we transition from Covidien branding to Cardinal Health branding. Both the labeling and colour changes

PRACTICE UPDATE [Shared Health- Revised Central Venous Access Device Flowsheet](#)

As of **September 9th, 2025**, Shared Health will be implementing the use of the updated CVAD Flowsheet. Please note the updated form includes significant changes. Educational resources, including a summary of the changes, will be shared when available to support staff with the transition.

Staff are able to view the finalized document [here](#)

Resource Documents available [here](#)

NEW PROVINCIAL CLINICAL GUIDELINE [Advanced Glucose Monitors in Home Care](#)

As of **August 11th, 2025**, this new guideline aims to enhance and standardize the use of advanced glucose monitors in home care. It has been developed in collaboration with representatives from the Home Care programs in all 5 Health Regions in MB.

Staff are able to view the Guideline here: [Home Care - Advanced Glucose Monitoring](#).

Click here to access the Shared Health Learning Module: [Advanced Glucose Monitoring Learning](#)

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

World Suicide Prevention Day Invitation

This year's event centers around changing the narrative on suicide and hearing stories and will mark the one year anniversary of the planting of the Forest of Hope. We will return to Whittier Park to plant more trees, reflect on the past year, and share our stories. There will be speakers and storytellers, tree planting, Love Notes activities, rock painting, a moment of silence, resources, and giveaways to those in attendance. Light refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome; this event is free and open to the public.

When: Wednesday September 10, 2025, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Where: Whittier Park: Forest of Hope, 836 Rue St. Joseph

Want more information? Visit this form for the event: [World Suicide Prevention Day 2025](#)

Canadian Vascular Access Association Conference "*Connecting the Lines*"

Plan to join for a full day of vascular access/ infusion therapy education.

When: Friday October 17th, 2025 8:00- 16:00

Where: Canad Inns Destination Center Polo Park- Winnipeg

Cost: \$125 Includes Breakfast and Lunch *

Registration: [Save the Date Manitoba Flyer 2025](#)

Kidney Health Manitoba | [Enhancing Hemodialysis Care through Ultrasound-Webinar](#)

Join us for an insightful and highly requested webinar on the use of ultrasound in Hemodialysis (HD).

What You'll Learn:

- Basics of ultrasound technology in HD settings
- Visual guidance using ultrasound images for AV fistula and graft cannulation
- Troubleshooting access complications

When: Thursday September 11th from 14:00-15:00

Where: Microsoft Teams.

** Please reach out to PTNTEducators@sharedhealthmb.ca if you would like the meeting invite

Cost: Free

TREKK- Translating Emergency Knowledge For Kids Fall 2025

Education

When:

- September 17th, 2025 - *Toxicology*
- October 15th, 2025- *Sedation*
- November 19, 2025 - *Sickle Cell Anemia*

Where: All sessions held on **Zoom** from 13:00- 14:15 Central Time

Cost: Free

Register: [Pediatric Emergency Education Sessions Fall 2025](#)

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Canadian Triage Acuity Scale (CTAS) FAQ

For Nurses supporting Emergency Departments in Southern Health- Please review the following FAQ available on StaffNET: [Canadian Triage Acuity Scale \(CTAS\) FAQ - SH-SS StaffNET](#)

Ankle Brachial- Toe Brachial Index Annual Education

This workshop is a review of the theory and skill involved with ABPI/TBPI testing. Demonstration of an ABPI/TBPI will be completed followed by practice opportunities with experienced clinicians.

Date: September 16th, 2025

Time: 0830-1600

Location: Boundary Trails Health Centre - Hwy 3 + 14, Winkler MB

Cost: Free

Registration: [SHSS ABPI-TBPI Education](#)

Dementia Care Education for PCH

This workshop will provided insight into the link between the brain and differing behaviors, the ability to differentiate between dementia delirium and depression. It will reinforce the concept of person-centered care for individuals with dementia and demonstrate techniques used to assist in reducing reactive behaviors.

Date: September 23rd, 2025

Time: 0830- 1630

Location: Gladstone Health Centre- 24 Mill St

Cost: Free

Registration: [SHSS Dementia Care Education](#)

Prairie Mountain Health

Education

Emergency Birth Training

Looking to expand your knowledge base and experience with imminent births and emergency situations? Attend one of the several Emergency Birth Training sessions within Prairie Mountain Health- available from September through to November at rural centers.

Time: 0930-1200 or 1230-1500

Location: Rural sites across PMH. In-person training

Dates: Various dates from September 8th to November 17th

Registration: Staff are required to submit an education request form- available on the PTNT website for approval

Regional Updates

Important regional updates for our front line nurses

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COMING October 2025 [RL Online Safety Event Reporting](#)

RL is a Shared Health's provincial web-based incident reporting system that captures safety events and public feedback.

Why the change?

- Making a better and safer health care system for Manitobans
- Efficient and standardized reporting
- Improving safety through a centralized system
- Providing a holistic view of shared data

What are the benefits?

- Improved quality, safety and continuity of health care
- Enhanced communication and collaboration between care providers and the public
- Better decision making based on near real time reliable data
- Increased efficiency and timely access to data

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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Feedback

Are there items that you would like to see or learn more about in upcoming newsletters? Let us know below!

Enter your feedback here

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