

# Conservative Kidney Management

## President's Excellence Award

The Conservative Kidney Management (CKM) pathway project was established to develop, implement and evaluate a clinical pathway in Northern and Central Alberta nephrology clinics, in collaboration with stakeholders throughout the province including healthcare practitioners across the continuum of care, patients, and families. The pathway has been transitioned to operations within Alberta Kidney Care and we want to thank every person who has helped to make this initiative so successful!

The hard work and dedication of everyone involved has recently been recognized by Alberta Health Services' 2019 President's Excellence Award in the Outstanding Achievement in Innovation and Research Excellence category.

This award recognizes an individual/team who demonstrates outstanding improvements to quality care, patient experience, patient or population health outcomes and/or health system performance through the successful introduction of an innovation or research project.

A hundred and fifty-three nominations were received that spanned all corners of the province and came from a wide variety of care settings. They demonstrated the amazing work AHS staff, physicians and volunteers have achieved to improve the lives of Albertans. You can [read about the nominees and recipients here](#).



## Phase II: CKM in Primary Care

In 2018, Dr. Sara Davison and Dr. Brad Bahler were awarded a 3 ½ year, \$1.17M CIHR Project Grant to expand the CKM Pathway in primary care and community settings.

Over the past year the project team has been working closely with stakeholders to refine the pathway and develop implementation strategies for the new care settings. Implementation is expected to begin in Fall 2020.

In addition, the team has been working on developing a National CKM Working Group to lead the development of a national CKM Toolkit in collaboration with other provinces and in collaboration with the Canadian Society of Nephrology.

## Phase III: Other Advance-Stage Chronic Diseases

We are very excited to announce the expansion of the CKM Pathway to also meet the needs of patients with other advance-stage chronic conditions.

Recently, Dr. Sara Davison, her [Research Team](#), and collaborators were awarded a 4 year, \$4.8M CIHR SPOR iCT Rewarding Success Grant to develop, implement and evaluate an Integrated Supportive Care Pathway for patients with advanced-stage cancer, heart failure, lung failure and cirrhosis.

The team will work closely with multiple Strategic Clinical Networks, the Primary Care Networks, the Alberta Medical Association and the Health Quality Council of Alberta to implement the pathway within Primary Care across Alberta.

## Upcoming Events

### Meeting of the National CKM Working Group

**Date:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019

**Time:** 0900-1100 MST

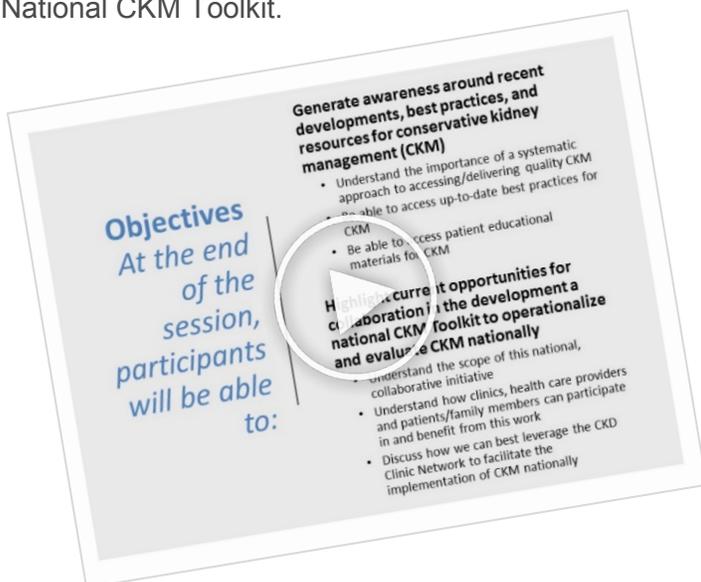
The inaugural meeting took place on June 25, 2019 with representation from every province except Québec. To identify key areas for national focus, we shared and discussed challenges, provincial priorities, and current initiatives/programs.

#### Objectives:

1. Establish a CKM discussion platform in order to optimize care, health outcomes, well-being and independence for patients choosing CKM
2. Collaborate nationally to develop customizable tools & publish a national consensus on key components of CKM
3. Create a National CKM Community of Practice (COP) to continually improve practices to reduce variations and better integrate CKM within existing systems

All are welcome to participate, including patients. Please contact Kirby Scott at [klscott@ualberta.ca](mailto:klscott@ualberta.ca) or by phone at (780) 492-0457 for more information on how to get involved.

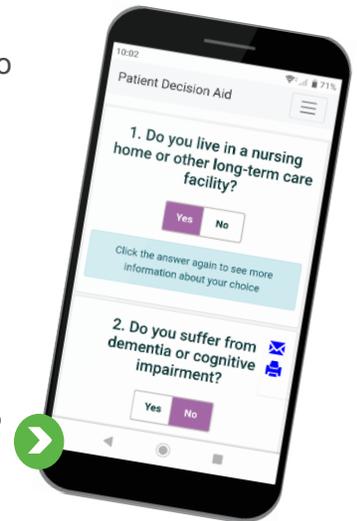
View [Dr. Sara Davison's presentation](#) for the Canadian CKD Clinic Network webinar series to learn about the current opportunities to help create a National CKM Toolkit.



## Updates to the Pathway

In February and May 2019 the CKM team, with support from the Clinical Services Development team, published a number of updates to the pathway based on new evidence and your input. These changes included:

- ✓ Improved functionality to the interactive **Patient Decision Aid (PDA)**
- ✓ Updates to **clinical guidelines**
- ✓ Updates to **patient education materials**



*The PDA is now mobile friendly!*

Do you have suggestions to improve the pathway or education materials? Please send an email with your to [CKM.Pathway@ahs.ca](mailto:CKM.Pathway@ahs.ca). We would love to hear from you!

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