

Conservative Kidney Management

Project Update

Thank you for engaging with us to develop a provincial Conservative Kidney Pathway. Some key updates since our last newsletter:

- The Clinical Guidelines Working Group, in collaboration with stakeholders throughout the province, has **developed evidence-based guidelines**. We are now formatting these into an interactive website to help providers and patients / families navigate these tools.
- We hosted a **provincial telehealth** to share the results of the World Cafés and how your input has shaped the implementation strategies. We also discussed how the guidelines were developed and the topics that they address. To view the telehealth, click [here](#).
- We are currently developing **materials for patients and care providers** to support the practical application of the guidelines. (eg: patient handouts, example letters, care plan tool, referral guidelines to home care, etc...).

Visual “Pathway”

We are partnering with a web development company to create a publically accessible, interactive pathway for providers and patients. We will be asking for your feedback in the summer, and it will be launched in Sept 2016.

The pathway will include:

- A Patient Decision Aid Tool
- Advance Care Planning and Conversations
- CKD Management
- Symptom Management
- Crisis Management
- Referrals and Connections with the Community
- End of Life Planning and Bereavement
- Roles and Communication between Providers
- Patient and Family Education & Psychosocial Support

Pilot Implementation

Education and implementation will begin at 4 pilot sites (CKD clinics in Edmonton and Red Deer) in September. **A full education day will be on Sept 13, followed by a collaborative workshop on Sept 29.** Both sessions are in Edmonton. Education day topics will include:

- The choice for Conservative Kidney Management
- Symptom management and CKD guidelines for CKM patients.
- Information about community partners such as homecare, EMS, palliative care, and geriatrics and how we can work together to optimize care.
- Advance Care Planning and practice for engaging with patients on this topic.

While implementation is targeted for the pilot sites, anyone will be able to access the pathway and online training modules through a dedicated website that will go live Sept 2016.

Join our Team!

We are hiring! Our wonderful **Research Nurse**, Beth, is relocating to Halifax and we are looking for a new team member to transition into this key role. If you or someone you know is interested please contact us or see the posting here:

<https://covenanthealth.ats.hrsmart.com/cgi-bin/a/highlightjob.cgi?jobid=3352>

We also have a new opportunity available for a **Research Manager** to coordinate Dr. Sara Davison’s overall palliative kidney research portfolio: <http://www.careers.ualberta.ca/Competition/A100629218/>

Considering graduate studies? Check out our funded graduate positions available at the U of A: <https://gradpositions.med.ualberta.ca/Position/StudentDetails/130>