

# Alberta Doctors' Digest

## Your issues: AMA in the news

It's been a tumultuous month in health care. AMA president Dr. Paul Parks has been touring the province to learn from local doctors about local issues. He has also been advocating intensely in media for government action to stabilize community family medicine, address access block in acute care and ensure that physicians are consulted before changes are made to Alberta Health Services as announced the week of November 6.

We invite you to sample media coverage of the last few weeks.

### November 2023

November 10, Express Healthcare Management

[Controversial plan to restructure AHS sparks concern and opposition](#)

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November 9, CTV News, Calgary

[AHS employees getting first details of new structure in series of town hall meetings](#)

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November 9, MyLloydministerNow

[Provincial healthcare announcement separate issue from the immediate one at hand: AMA president](#)

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November 9, MyLethbridgeNow

[Provincial healthcare announcement separate issue from the immediate one at hand: AMA president](#)

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November 9, CTV News, Edmonton

[Smith and UCP begin selling health care overhaul to supportive rural leaders, skeptical professionals](#)

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November 9, iHeartRadio

[Smith and UCP begin selling health care overhaul to supportive rural leaders, skeptical professionals](#)

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November 9, CBC News, Calgary

[\*\*Nurses, doctors call on Alberta government to back down from health-care restructuring\*\*](#)

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November 9, MyGrandePriereNow

[\*\*Lack of physician coverage in rural areas among urgent needs: AMA president\*\*](#)

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November 9, 630 CHED

[\*\*Afternoons with Bryn Griffiths and Reid Wilkins\*\*](#)

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November 9, Real Talk with Ryan Jespersen

[\*\*Dr. Paul Parks segment of Real Talk with Ryan Jespersen\*\*](#)

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November 9, Taproot Edmonton - The Pulse

[\*\*Headlines: Nov 9, 2023\*\*](#)

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November 8, CBCNN Live

[\*\*AMA President speaks to Sarah Galashan on CBC News Network's Canada Tonight regarding government's plans to restructure health care in Alberta\*\*](#)

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November 8, CFWE FM

[\*\*Alberta announces new health delivery system\*\*](#)

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November 8, iHeartRadio

[\*\*Doctors describe patients 'suffering' at Edmonton hospitals due to extraordinarily long wait times\*\*](#)

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November 8, Canadian Healthcare Network

[\*\*How changes to Alberta's health system may impact its doctors\*\*](#)

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November 8, Calgary Herald

[\*\*AMA hopeful AHS overhaul is better for doctors and patients\*\*](#)

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November 8, Everything GP

[Restructuring of AHS must be done "responsibly and carefully" says AMA president](#)

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November 8, Edmonton Sun

[AMA hopeful AHS overhaul is better for doctors and patients](#)

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November 8, Global News

[Some Albertans and experts worried about public health restructuring, fear privatization](#)

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November 8, CTV News Calgary

['Blow it up and sell pieces off': Stakeholders react to UCP plan to revamp Alberta healthcare system](#)

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November 8, CTV News Edmonton

[Alberta announces new health delivery system, promises to try to protect jobs](#)

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November 8, CBC News

[Alberta to dismantle current patient-care model, create new health delivery system](#)

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November 8, CTV News Edmonton

[Doctors describe patients 'suffering' at Edmonton hospitals due to extraordinarily long wait times](#)

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November 8, Canada News

[Doctors describe patients 'suffering' at Edmonton hospitals due to extraordinarily long wait times](#)

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November 8, Lethbridge Herald

[AMA president wants assurances about impact of health services restructuring](#)

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November 8, rdnews NOW

[AMA president reacts to government's plans for health system reform](#)

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November 8, Edmonton Journal

[\*\*AMA hopeful AHS overhaul is better for doctors and patients\*\*](#)

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November 8, Lethbridge Herald

[\*\*AMA consulting with city stakeholders on health system\*\*](#)

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November 7, City News

[\*\*UCP vows to decentralize Alberta Health Services\*\*](#)

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November 7, Global News

[\*\*Doctors say 2 Edmonton hospitals at 150% capacity, experiencing very long ER waits\*\*](#)

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November 6, CBC News

[\*\*Fundamental change needed as Alberta health system is 'not working', minister says\*\*](#)

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November 6, MountainView Today

[\*\*Commentary: Health care must remain top priority\*\*](#)

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November 5, Global News

[\*\*Alberta Premier Danielle Smith pushing AHS reform\*\*](#)

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November 3, City News

[\*\*AMA sounds alarm on state of healthcare system\*\*](#)

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November 3, CTV News, Calgary

[\*\*23 new family doctors recruited to work in Lethbridge\*\*](#)

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November 3, CHAT News, Medicine Hat

[\*\*Medicine Hat physician voices concerns over health-care system's precarious state\*\*](#)

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November 3, Everything GP

[Northern training for doctors one idea to solve specialist retention issues says AMA president](#)

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November 3, CTV Calgary

[Without DynaLife, Alberta's lab wait times are decreasing: AMA](#)

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November 3, Toronto Star

[Alberta doctors 'trepidatious' about changes to already fragile health care system](#)

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November 3, Alberta Medical Association

[Dr. Paul Parks - Local Doctors, Local Issues November 2, 2023 media briefing](#)

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November 2, City News

[Alberta is in a family doctor crisis: AMA](#)

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November 2, MyGrandePrairieNow

[AMA pushing for "strategic investing" for physicians in cities like Grande Prairie](#)

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November 2, Calgary Herald

['Extremely fragile': AMA head says docs' funding model putting Alberta health care in jeopardy](#)

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November 2, Red Deer Advocate

[Red Deer doctors struggling with overcapacity at hospital](#)

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November 2, 630 CHED

[Afternoons with Bryn Griffiths: interview with Paul Parks](#)

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November 1, Everything GP

[Province-wide tour brings AMA president to Grande Prairie](#)

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**October 2023**

October 31, The Albertan (print edition)

[Health care must remain top priority](#)

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October 26, CTV Calgary

[Doctors give feedback on struggling Alberta health care system](#)

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October 26, CTV Calgary

[Alberta Health Care Concerns](#)

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October 24, Alberta Primetimes

[Province and AMA introduce a memorandum of understanding to support family docs](#)

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October 24, Edmonton Journal

[Getting 'harder and harder' to recruit family physicians into rural communities, says AMA president](#)

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October 23, BigWest Country 92.9 FM

[AMA president visits central Alberta for town halls with local members](#)

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October 23, Medicine Hat News

[Parks says top priorities as AMA president are doctors shortages, overcrowding](#)

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October 19, City News

[Alberta announces support for nurse practitioners](#)

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October 19, Alberta Primetime, CTV

[Interview with AMA President, Dr. Paul Parks](#)

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October 19, CBC News

[Health-care workers on edge as number of Albertans hospitalized with COVID-19 doubles](#)

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October 18, Edmonton Journal

[Alberta Health Minister LaGrange announces first efforts to fix what ails primary health care](#)

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October 18, CTV News

[Head of AMA concerned over health system](#)

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=2788466>

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October 17, CBC The Homestretch

[Medical association provincial tour](#)

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October 17, Global - Shaye Ganam

[AMA president says doctors' input key to restructuring AHS](#)

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October 17, CBC Radio Active

[The AMA speaking to doctors around the province](#)

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