



Connect Care Physician Training

The Connect Care clinical information system (CIS) training program helps physicians attain safe competency and improving proficiency. The following messages related to physicians, physician trainees and other prescribers.

- Physician-aware** Prescribers train prescribers whenever possible, promoting clinician-sensitive treatment of CIS concepts and skills.
- Alberta-aware** Training materials derived from Epic sources are adapted by Connect Care physician trainers to fit Alberta and physician circumstances.
- Work-aware** Curricula are organized to address “Day in the Life” workflows in common clinical areas.
- Personalized** Training is organized into “tracks” that fit typical clinical roles (e.g., Surgery, Inpatient, Emergency, etc.). Common needs are addressed with standardized modules. Most physicians are assigned a single track befitting their primary practice type. Medical learners have tracks that reflect their needs.
- Staged** Basic training covers essential knowledge and skills. Personalization training helps users to shape the CIS to their preferences. Optimization training improves proficiency once physicians discover ongoing needs.
- Efficient** Basic training imparts essential knowledge and skills in as short a time as possible. Personalization and optimization times vary with user need.
- Flexible** Group (in-person), self-directed and case-based instruction are designed for flexible access, diverse schedules, and different learning styles.
- Experiential** Case-based exercises allow physicians to practice learnings in ways that anticipate actual clinical workflows.
- Competency-based** Completion of privacy awareness training, and attainment of a minimum score on a basic skills assessment, are required before physicians gain access to the full (production) CIS.
- CME-eligible** AHS is approved for continuing medical education (CME) credits through both the College of Family Physicians of Canada (pending) and the Royal College and College of Family Physicians of Canada.
- Regulation-compliant** Connect Care training satisfies certification (CFPC, RCPSC), professional standard (CPSA) as well as AHS staff bylaw requirements for physicians to attain and use digital health record competencies.
- Direct-expense-free** High-quality, CME-eligible, training is provided with flexible times and locations, at no cost to users. As with other Alberta medical record initiatives, compensation for indirect expenses (e.g., loss of clinic time) is not provided.
- Strategic investment** Connect Care training helps build informatics capacity in physician communities. Physicians serving as provincial and clinical area trainers continually improve training methods and opportunities for physicians as Connect Care grows and optimizes.