



Using Connect Care Blogs

Connect Care Updates

Blogs (short periodic postings) can offer a useful way for clinicians to keep abreast of developments, tips, questions and supports related to the Alberta Health Services (AHS) Connect Care initiative and its clinical information system (CIS). All clinician-oriented blogs are available via a common link:

- blogs.connect-care.ca

Different sub- “channels” support specific interests and needs:

- Bytes (bytes.connect-care.ca): general interest news and updates
- Bridges (bridges.connect-care.ca): topics of interest to clinicians not using Connect Care as the record of care
- Vlogs (vlogs.connect-care.ca): short video postings about Connect Care
- Tips (tips.connect-care.ca): how-to messages that can improve user experiences
- FAQ (questions.connect-care.ca): frequently asked questions about CIS functions
- Informatics (informatics.connect-care.ca): updates of interest to clinical informaticians
- Support (support.connect-care.ca): peer-to-peer help, tips and tricks

All channels can be accessed from any channel by using a button-bar that appears immediately below the blog title area.

Layers

The Connect Care clinician blogs are openly available, inside and outside the AHS intranet, with screen layouts responsive to mobile screen sizes. Sometimes, linked explanations reference functions bearing privacy or copyright restrictions. These links open second-tier documents that may request AHS username and password credentials to proceed.

Following Blogs

By “subscribing” to a blog, one can be alerted to new material via Twitter or email messages.



The right screen reveals a couple of options for tracking new blog content.

Clicking on the Twitter handle ([@ahs_cmio](https://twitter.com/ahs_cmio)) facilitates following notices to new material via Twitter.

Entering one’s email address, then clicking “Submit” in the “Follow (subscribe)” area, initiates a request to be notified via email about new posting(s). Note that it is possible to subscribe to any or all of the 7 blog channels (Bytes, Bridges, Vlogs, Informatics, Tips, FAQs, Support).

Subscribing involves a technology called “FeedBurner”. If presented with a message that “...you do not have access to FeedBurner...”, try one or more of the following:

- Use a different Internet Browser
- Clear the browser cache (history), close, open, try again.
- Send an email to cmio-manual@ahs.ca requesting manual addition

Visual Overview

A [demonstration video](#) explains how to navigate, search and subscribe to Connect Care blogs.