Introducing the Clinical Inquiry Newsletter! A quick way to catch up on the latest progress for Research and Analytics functions within the Connect Care initiative. Watch for this newsletter coming to you on a monthly basis. You can also find this information in the Clinical Inquiry Blog located on SharePoint.

**Research – Welcome Our Credentialed Trainers!**
Nicole Tjepkema and Tamara Murray received their credentials and are working hard this month to train all of our Research Super Users. Credentialing is no small feat, but they both made it look easy. They will teach all of the Research staff courses through to the end of October, so if your studies are launching with Wave 1, you will get a chance to meet one of them in the next few months.

**Research Readiness – e-Learning Prerequisites for End User Training**
Thank-you to all those who responded to the (Wave 1) training survey with your preferred course dates! The next step is for you to receive an email confirmation from MyLearningLink (AHS learning management system) with your course dates/locations/times. Along with this email you’ll receive instructions to sign in to MyLearningLink, review your courses and complete the e-learning prerequisites for each of the courses. If you’re signing in to MLL for the first time, you may want to consult the Connect Care Research Guide to MyLearningLink document for step-by-step instructions on how to locate your courses and the e-learning requirements on MLL.

To access more Research Readiness resources visit our webpage!

**Research Overview - Open Webinars**
Our monthly open webinars are a great way to stay informed about research functionalities in Connect Care and upcoming readiness activities, including training. Please join our monthly open sessions (via Skype).

To request a webinar invitation, please contact: CC.research@ahs.ca

**Upcoming session dates:**
(third Monday, of each month)
Aug 19 12:00-1:00
Sep.16 12:00-1:00
Oct. 21 12:00-1:00

More to be scheduled in the near future!

To date, there has been more than 1000 participants in these sessions. The sessions generate some excellent questions which have been captured in a Q&A document.

**Connect Care Business Intelligence Build Update**
Epic Application Coordinator, Kyle Johnson, puts together a bi-weekly newsletter full of information and links to resources detailing the status of our analytics build. You will find links to this update in the Clinical Inquiry Newsletter each month.

**Analytics - Welcome Our Cogito Credentialed Trainers!**
On May 13, 2019 the Credentialed Trainer (CT) Program started for Wave 1. The seven week program led newly hired Credentialed Trainers through Epic application knowledge, end user workflow, adult education best practices and general Epic knowledge in support of their role providing end-user training. Five Cogito Credentialed Trainers were hired to deliver Basic Reporting User and Reporting Power User curriculum developed by Senior Trainer, Amanda Cunningham.

Biggest congratulations to the Cogito Credentialed Trainers for completion of the CT program and receiving their Cogito credentials!

- Krissa Li
- Rudy Robles
- Bonnie Walton
- Maggie Forster
- Lisa Gray
- Erane McManus

We would also like to acknowledge Amanda Cunningham, Senior Trainer for successfully leading this accomplished group of trainers!

Cogito CTs continue their work training in-system reporting tools and functionality as they transition from Super User training to end-user training on August 1, 2019.

Need more information? Visit Connect Care Training on Insite or contact a member of the Connect Care Learning Team.

Questions? CC.Research@ahs.ca and/or AHS.CogitoFeedback@albertahealthservices.ca
**ANALYTICS - Will Legacy Data be Available in Connect Care on Launch?**

Connect Care is scheduled to launch at **Wave 1 sites** on November 3, 2019. A certain amount of legacy clinical data will be available within the system at launch; however, it will not constitute a complete set of information. To mitigate the risk of reporting on incomplete information, Epic tools, including in system-reporting tools, should be used to report on data post launch.

AHS will start accruing valuable and meaningful information the moment Wave 1 is launched. Over time, and with subsequent waves the value of this information will increase in its ability to inform patient care and support health system improvements.

**ANALYTICS – Connect Care to Enterprise Data Warehouse (EDW) Project**

As the Connect Care program implements a new Clinical Information System (CIS) using Epic software, and legacy applications are decommissioned, the current data feeds into the EDW (AHSDRR) will be broken and will require replacement to continue supporting zone and provincial reporting products from a common source of data.

This project will ensure that data from the Connect Care CIS is available in the EDW at go-live thus allowing existing analytics products to remain intact. The initial data sets that extracts are being built to support the flow of data from Epic to the EDW include: ADT, ED, DI, Lab, Pharmacy and the OR.

**RESEARCH - Readiness: Conversion Update**

Plans for converting studies, patients, medications and appointments to Connect Care are well underway. Health System Access (formerly Provincial Research Administration) is preparing to load and activate all eligible studies. They will complete this activity in September. Our Connect Care Research Team would like to thank our Wave 1 study teams for their cooperation and patience as we worked through gathering study information from them over the past four months. Information on more than 80% of eligible studies has been captured and we will continue to reach out to the remaining 20% of study teams in the hopes of gathering as much information as possible for launch of Connect Care Research functionality on November 3, 2019.

Research End User training will begin in August and run through the month of September, with the goal of having all Research Staff prepared to attend Conversion Labs during the month of October. We need to enroll all active research patients for Wave 1 studies prior to launch. A representative from every study must attend conversion sessions in October to complete this work. We do not require all coordinators to attend; one coordinator from a team can complete this work; however, attendance by each study team member is recommended. There will be two separate conversion sessions: Patient Enrollment and Encounter Linking/Personalization. Attendance is required for both sessions.

The Connect Care Research team will work throughout August to schedule Research Coordinators into Conversion labs. Each Coordinator will spend an average of two hours associating patients to their research studies and an additional two to three hours associating upcoming encounters and study medications for those patients as well as personalizing the system for their future use. In order for this process to go as smoothly as possible, Research teams will be asked to keep records of patients enrolled in their studies, including their upcoming encounters and study medications and bring them to the conversion sessions.

More detailed information will be provided directly to the Wave 1 Research Coordinators early in August.

**Key Links**

[Connect Care Two-minute Update](#)

[Connect Care Readiness Playbook](#)