

September 2025

Triage Desk

It's our two-year anniversary!

Two years ago, we sent out the very first issue of The Pulse. Since then, this community has grown into a powerful voice for nurses, working conditions, and the future of publicly funded, publicly delivered health care in this province.

We've shared stories of resilience, celebrated wins, and kept moving forward toward the care Albertans deserve. Now, as we look ahead, we're proud to launch our new campaign, **Alberta Needs Care**, to keep building momentum and push for the change our health care system urgently needs.

Thank you for being with us on this journey. Your support makes every step forward possible.

With gratitude,

Nursing Notes



New Campaign Launched

Alberta Needs Care: A Campaign for All of Us

Health care touches every Albertan, whether it's the birth of a child, an emergency, or the care we count on as we age. That's why we have launched the Alberta Needs Care, to shine a light on what's happening in our health system and why it matters to you.

The Problem: Alberta's health care system is stretched to its limits. Underfunding and staffing shortages mean longer waits, fewer resources, and burned-out nurses and health care workers. At the same time, the government is shifting toward for-profit care, a model that can raise costs, limit access, and leave too many people behind.

The Solution: Capacity! Real care comes from building up the system we all rely on by investing in health workers, improving hospitals and rural access, and keeping care public, safe, and accessible, no matter your income or postal code.

The Alberta Needs Care campaign is everywhere. It's online at AlbertaNeedsCare.ca, on billboards, buses, and trains, in hockey rinks, [on radio](#) and TV, and at community events.

Because at the end of the day, this isn't just about hospitals or policies. It's about every Albertan.

The message is simple: Alberta Needs Care. The solution is capacity. [Listen to our radio ads here.](#)

Brain Food



Honouring Truth and Reconciliation Day

On September 30, Canadians come together to honour the Survivors of residential schools, the children who never returned home, and the families and communities forever impacted.

The day coincides with Orange Shirt Day, carrying the message that Every Child Matters.

The day is a result of Call to Action #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which urged the creation of a national day of commemoration.

September 30 became a federal holiday in 2021 and is honoured each year with events and ceremonies across the country.

It's a time to reflect, learn, and recommit to reconciliation.

Quote of the Month

"Empathy is a necessary step for truth and reconciliation."

Simon Baron-Cohen

What's Next?



UNA's 2025 Annual General Meeting is set for October 28–30 at the Edmonton EXPO Centre!

With the theme "Alberta's Nurses Make It Better," the event will bring together more than 1,000 delegates, observers, and guests for three inspiring days of connection, conversation, and celebration.

The AGM will feature important elections, thought-provoking discussions on health care and reconciliation, and a keynote address from political economist and health policy researcher Andrew Longhurst.

This year's banquet is taking on a spooky twist with a "Haunted Hoedown" theme.

We'll share all the highlights with you in upcoming editions!

Let's Connect

LET'S GET SOCIAL!

We'd love to keep in touch. Follow us on our social media platforms and help us spread the word about how, together, we can support Alberta's nurses.



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