

The Family Medicine Innovation Forum - EVENT BRIEF

October 2-3, 2026 | The Westin Edmonton

THE EVENT

The Family Medicine Innovation Forum (FMIF) is an innovation showcase which brings together health leaders, creative thinkers, and trailblazers in family medicine and primary care to share best practices and innovations that are transforming and improving patient care.

Building upon the successful launch of last year's inaugural event, the 2026 FMIF is committed to providing a platform for collaboration and discussion. The fall gathering provides participants with the opportunity to share, learn, and expand the reach of the latest innovations happening in Alberta's primary health care. Participants can explore how they can be involved personally and who they need to connect with directly.

New This Year – Call for Innovations and Online Voting

The FMIF will introduce an online vote for the public to choose their top innovations they want to see present from the stage. Our review committee will shortlist the initial Call for Innovation submissions to participate in an open online vote. Shortlisted finalists will be featured on the website along with their video elevator pitches during the voting phase. Results of the online vote will help determine the top innovation projects who will be invited to present from the stage.



WHY ATTEND?

- **Learn about the latest innovations and best practices** that improve care and access for Albertans to family medicine and primary health care, decrease administrative burden, and advance team-based primary care
- **Make connections** with innovative health providers and programs, citizens, and/or partners to help spread and scale of their programs/initiatives

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- **Innovators/Problem Solvers.** Are you an innovator, creative thinker, or trailblazer who has identified a gap in the health care system and have a solution you'd like to share? Then answer our Call for Innovations by submitting an intake form for review. Our top innovations will be shortlisted for an online vote. Top contenders from our online vote will get stage time at the FMIF
- **Health Care Professionals.** Are you delivering health care or work in Alberta's health care system? Family physicians, other community-based physicians, clinic and PCN leaders, researchers, pharmacists, nurses, nurse practitioners, social workers, care givers, patients, citizens, family medicine residents, and/or students from around the province won't want to miss a chance to be in the room to meet innovators and learn about their innovations that has the potential to change the way you practise
- **Innovation Professionals/Enablers/Connectors.** Are you known to be a "mover or a shaker" or someone who can make things happen or great things greater? If you have the desire, means, and/or mandate to improve health care, then you need to be in the room
- **Event Sponsors.** Are you an organization that has a role in the innovation space or interested connecting with leading health professionals and forward-thinkers? Then you'll want a presence at the FMIF. Join our new Sponsor and Innovator Features room and be prepared to make things happen

WHEN AND WHERE?

- October 2nd – Welcome Reception (Location: TBC)
- October 3rd – Westin Hotel | Edmonton, AB

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- The FMIF will feature a blend of keynote presentation and innovation showcases (garnered from a Call for Innovation Showcase) with the intention to award innovative programs to assist in the promotion, spread, and scale of programs
- The FMIF will host opportunities for innovators, community, and sponsors to connect and network

HOST

Stephen Samis

KEY SPEAKERS

(TBC)



SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

Welcome Reception – (TBC)

16:00-18:30

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

Breakfast

07:30 – 08:15

Welcome

Treaty Acknowledgment, Opening Remarks

08:15 – 08:30

Kick Off Keynote

08:30– 09:15

Transition

09:15 – 09:30

Innovation Presentations (three Innovator pitches 15 minutes each pitch)

09:30 – 10:30

Networking

10:30 – 11:00

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11:00– 12:00

Lunch/Networking

12:00 – 13:30

Afternoon Keynote

13:30 – 14:15

Awards

14:15– 14:45

Calls to Action/Closing Remarks

14:45

