

ACP ALBERTA:

Collaborative Action of Health Care, Legal, Government, Community and Academic Sectors to Increase Participation in Advance Care Planning

This initiative supports adults to share their values, goals & preferences regarding future health care, personal and financial matters

It's necessary:

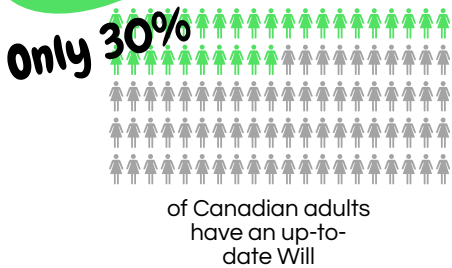
- Up to 7/10 older patients lack the capacity to make necessary decisions
- By 2036, 21% of Albertans will be ≥65
- Growing rates of chronic illnesses & dementia are putting people at risk

Planning ahead impacts:

QUALITY OF LIFE
HEALTH
LEGAL/ SOCIETAL

- peace of mind for people and their loved ones
- less uncertainty at times of serious illness
- health care that agrees with patient's values
- builds capacity for in-the-moment decision making
- satisfaction with care
- less invasive care at end of life
- fewer court proceedings (and costs)
- less need for Government services

But ... key elements are not being completed and barriers persist:



39% of Albertans have a Personal Directive

30% of acute care patients are aware that they have a Goals of Care Designation order on their chart

49% of lawyers are hindered in assisting clients by their lack of knowledge re: health sector policies/practices

and ... unique barriers exist for those with mental & physical disabilities, lower income & education

The Opportunity:

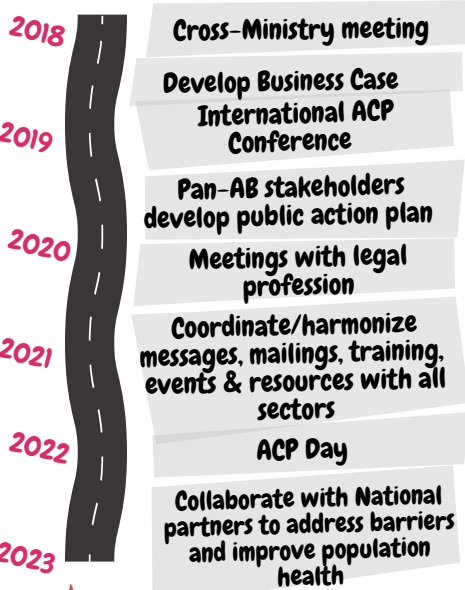
Applying AB-based research, & harnessing diverse, committed and influential partners, create a public action plan and strategy to increase awareness and participation

Culture Change
Practice Change
Conflict Prevention
Person-Centered Care
Capacity Building

Activities

Partners

Strategic Fit



- Office of the Public Guardian & Trustee (OPGT)
- 10 Ministries of Government of Alberta
- ACP CRIO research program
Universities of Alberta and Calgary
- Alberta Medical Legal Collaboration on ACP
patient advisors, lawyers, Calgary Legal Assistance, Canadian Bar Association, Legal Education Society of Alberta, Law Society of Alberta, HQCA, physicians
- Alberta Health Services
Covenant Health
- Canadian Hospice and Palliative Care Association

ACP Alberta achieves outcomes identified by:

Government of Alberta

providing supports and services to build capacity, fostering partnerships, improving health and well-being, generating economic and social benefits to individuals and society

Legal Community

effectively and competently serving the public (www.lesaonline.org) providing value to the public, highest level of excellence and ethics (www.iafp.ca)

Financial Planning community

ensuring patients and families are at the centre of all health care activities, decisions and teams (albertahealthservices.ca)

AHS

Citizens/Patient Advocates

bringing Albertans together to call for system change and influence healthcare policies (imaginecitizens.ca)