

# STRATEGIC CLINICAL NETWORKS: AN UPDATE

Cathy Pryce, RN MN

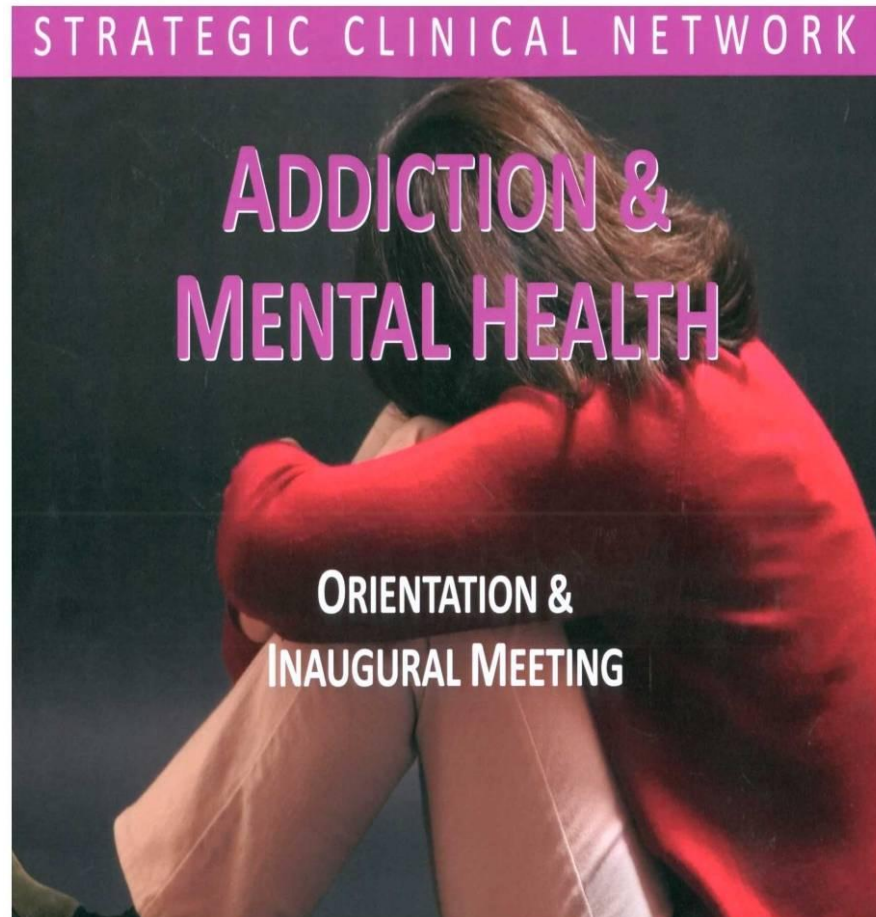
Vice President - Addiction and Mental Health

Strategic Clinical Network

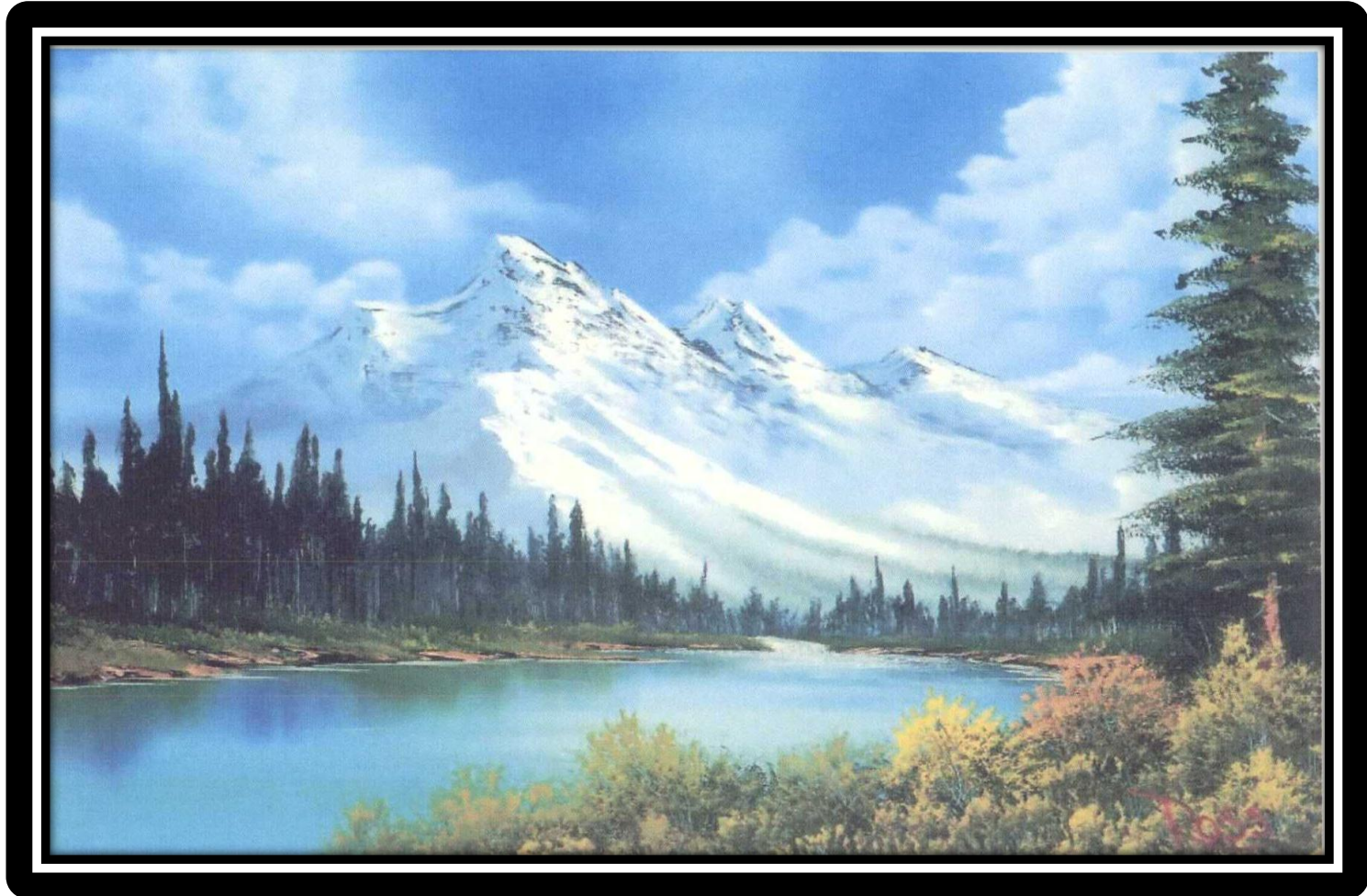
Alberta Health Services

October 2012

# Welcome to A&MH SCN Orientation



# The Landscape in 2012



# Provinces to Drive Health Reform

*Globe and Mail Headline – December 21, 2011*

‘This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Medicare. Premiers want to create a new approach that provides better quality care while being sustainable.’

*Premier Brad Wall*

‘We run 13 distinct health care operations now across this country and certain provinces are doing certain things better than others. We think there is a great opportunity for us to be able to collaborate together.’

*Premier Robert Ghiz*

‘It’s a bold agenda. We need to not just innovate, but also be sure that we are sharing those innovations all across the country.’

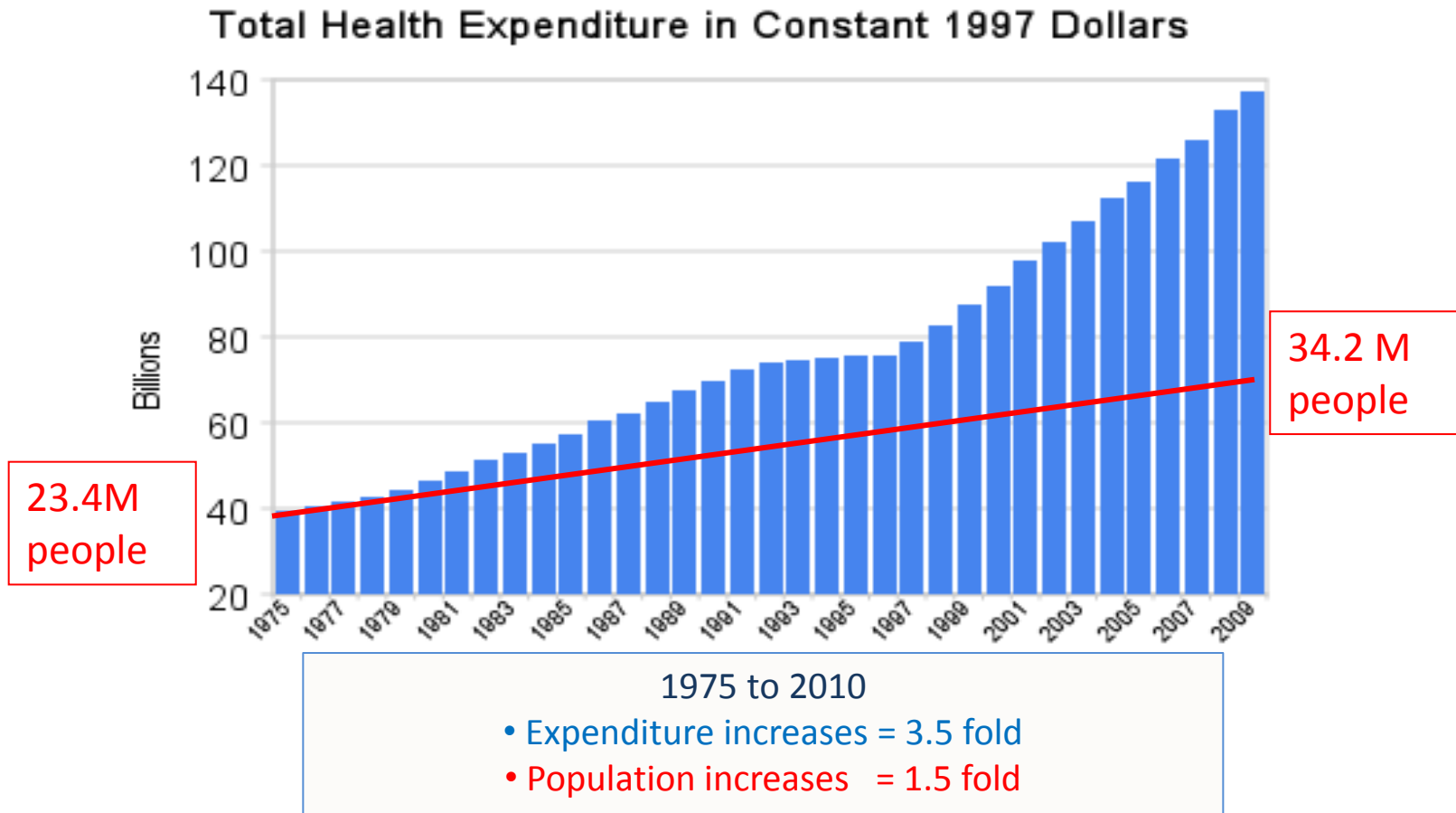
*Premier Christy Clark*

# Changes are needed



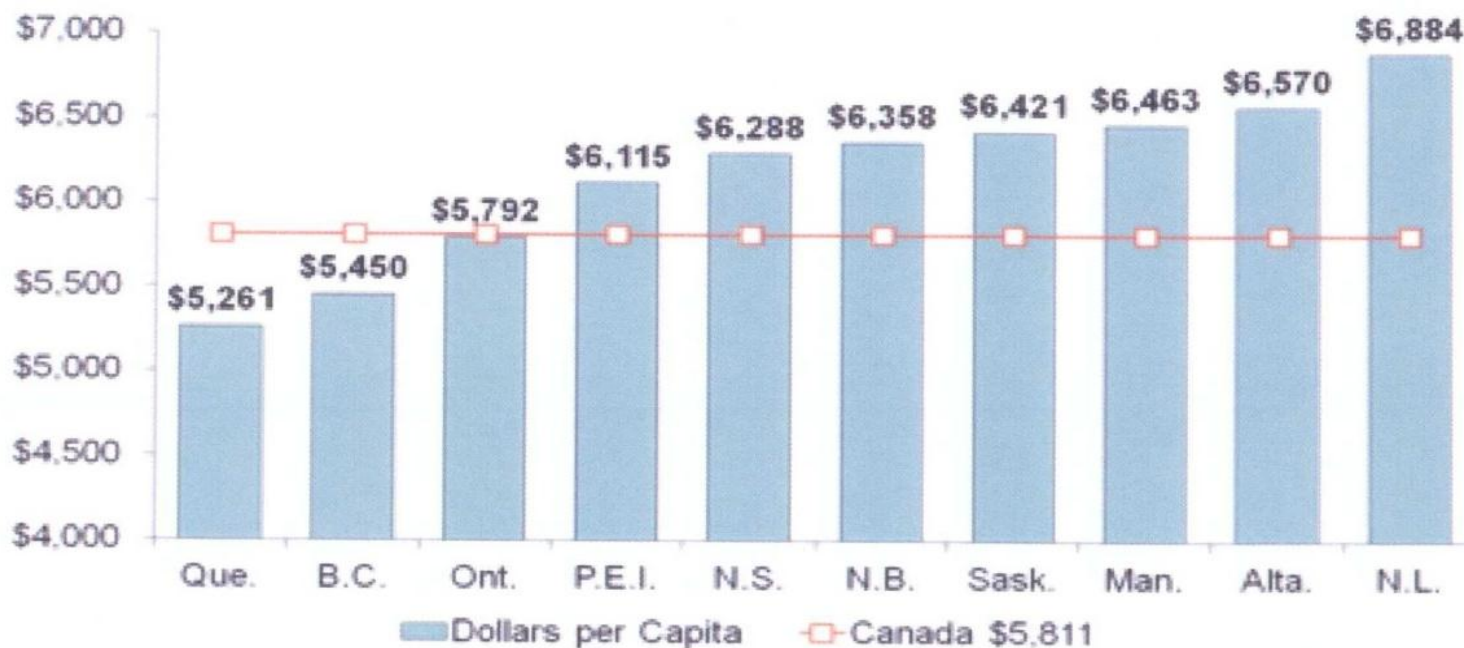
# Evidence = Non-sustainable healthcare cost increases in Canada

December 2011: Alberta is 2<sup>nd</sup> highest (not getting value for \$\$)



# Why are we here? How do we compare?

Total Health Expenditure per Capita, Provinces and Territories, 2011 (Forecast)

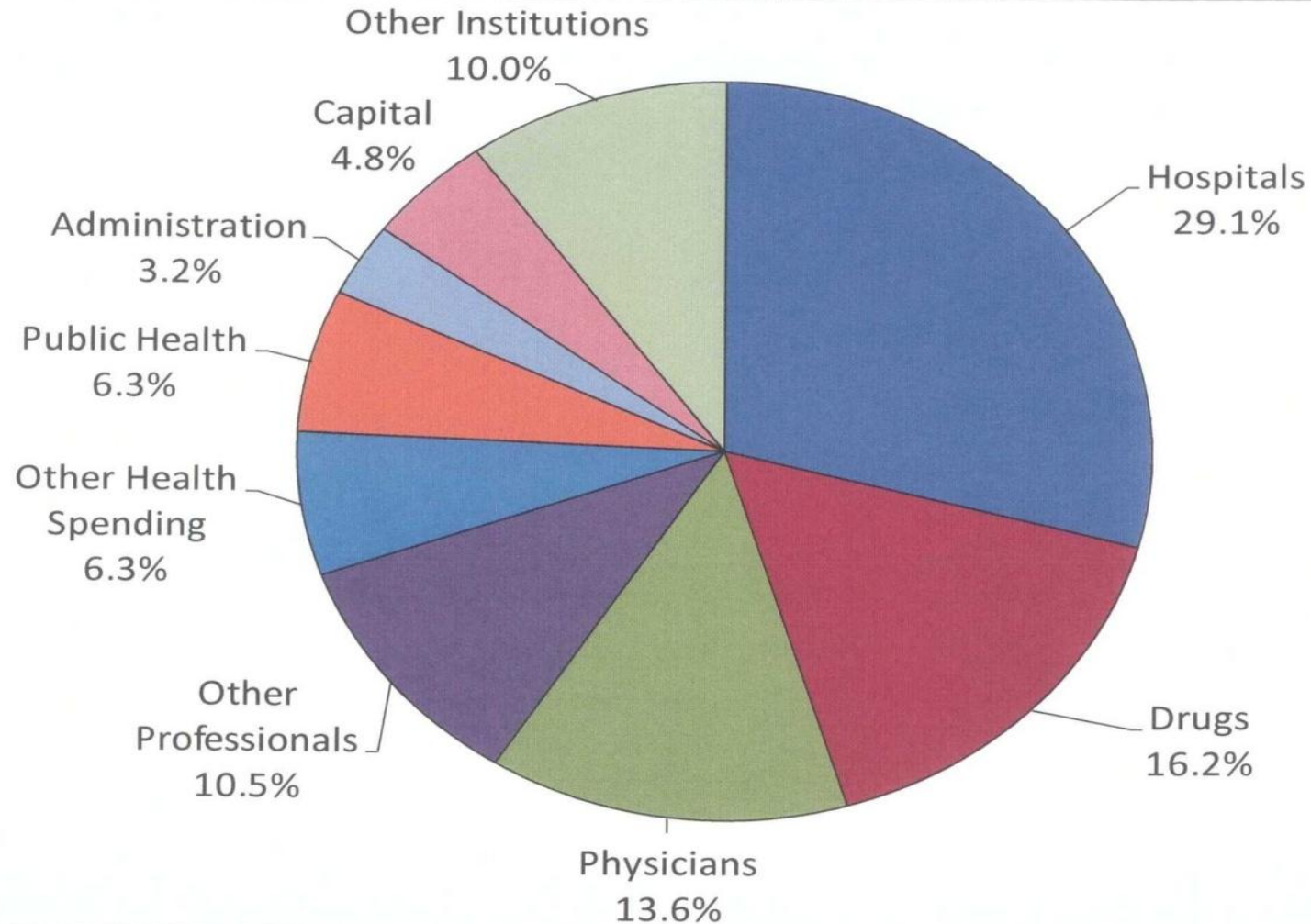


Y.T.	\$8,995.6
N.W.T.	\$10,242.3
Nun.	\$11,928.6

Sources  
National Health Expenditure Database, CIHI; Statistics Canada.

# What are we spending it on?

## CIHI Data - 2009

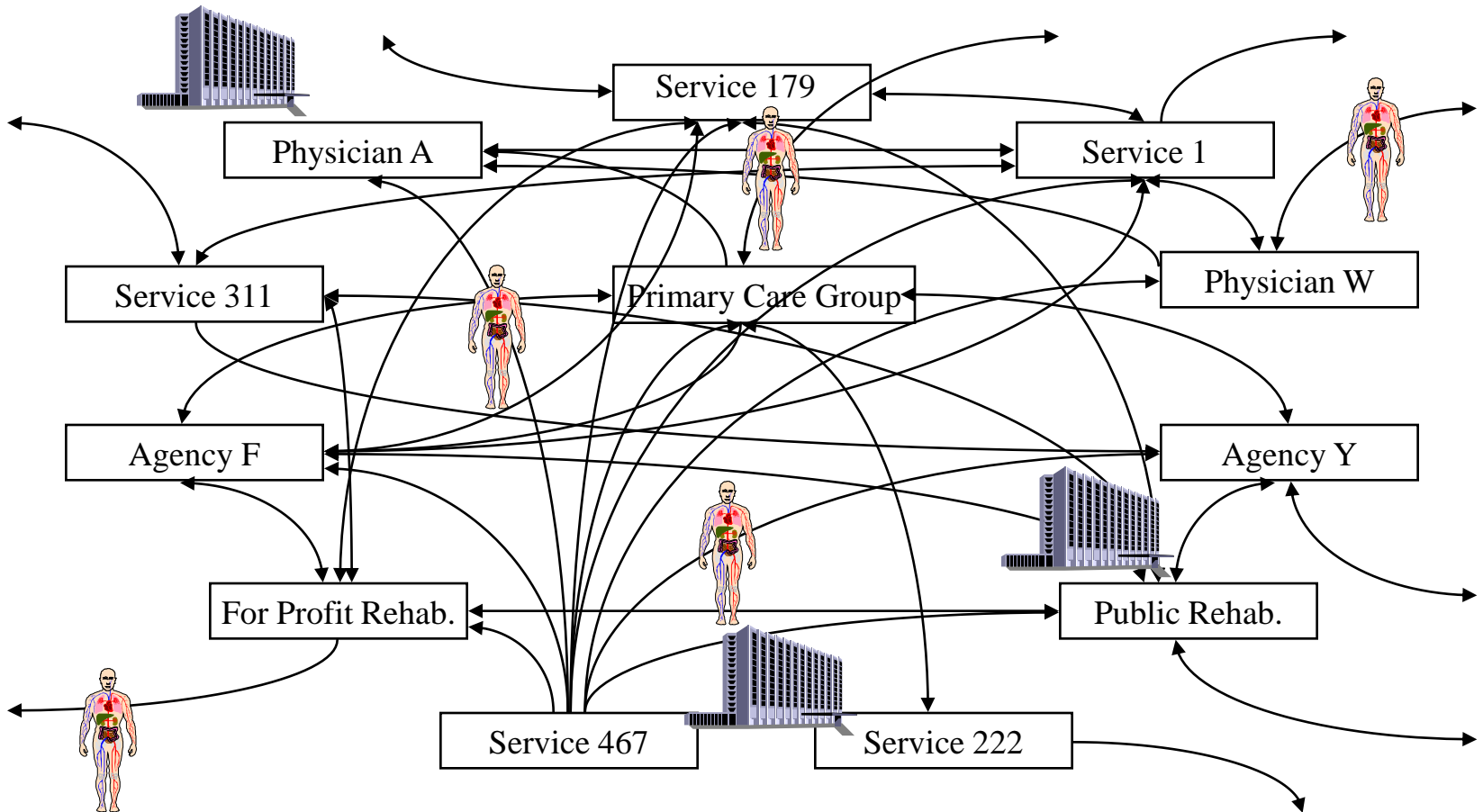




# **What are Root Causes?**

**and what can we do about them without  
compromising care, and in fact, while  
improving quality of care**

As more is learned – the complexity of care increases (driving waste + inefficiency)



# Our Line of Sight



3.1 Strategic Directions



Strategic Direction	Operational Strategy	Key Performance Indicators	Target	Actual	Notes
Quality	Improve patient safety	Adverse events	10%	12%	...
	Improve patient experience	Net Promoter Score	80%	78%	...
	Improve clinical outcomes	30-day mortality	15%	16%	...
	Improve care coordination	Medication reconciliation	95%	92%	...
Access	Reduce wait times	Wait time for primary care	15 min	18 min	...
	Improve access to services	Access to specialist care	90%	88%	...
	Improve patient access	Virtual care usage	20%	18%	...
	Improve patient access	Access to mental health services	80%	75%	...
Sustainability	Reduce environmental impact	Carbon footprint	10%	12%	...
	Improve financial sustainability	Operating budget	100%	98%	...
	Improve human resources	Staff retention	95%	92%	...
	Improve information systems	IT system uptime	99.9%	99.8%	...

3.2 Strategies

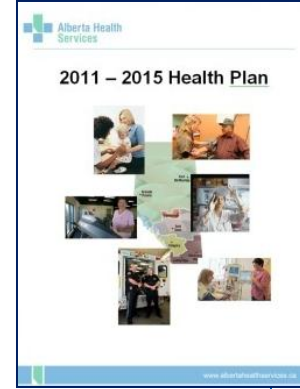
1. Our system plan



2. Targets

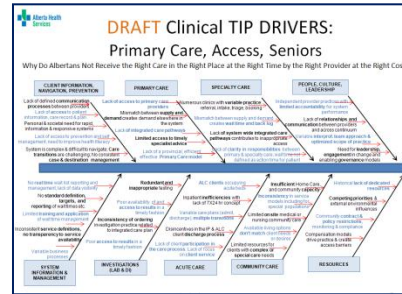
Strategic Direction	Operational Strategy	Key Performance Indicators	Target	Actual	Notes
Quality	Improve patient safety	Adverse events	10%	12%	...
	Improve patient experience	Net Promoter Score	80%	78%	...
	Improve clinical outcomes	30-day mortality	15%	16%	...
	Improve care coordination	Medication reconciliation	95%	92%	...
Access	Reduce wait times	Wait time for primary care	15 min	18 min	...
	Improve access to services	Access to specialist care	90%	88%	...
	Improve patient access	Virtual care usage	20%	18%	...
	Improve patient access	Access to mental health services	80%	75%	...
Sustainability	Reduce environmental impact	Carbon footprint	10%	12%	...
	Improve financial sustainability	Operating budget	100%	98%	...
	Improve human resources	Staff retention	95%	92%	...
	Improve information systems	IT system uptime	99.9%	99.8%	...

4. How AHS will achieve



Alberta Health Services  
2011/2012  
Operating Budget and Business Plan

5.1 Vehicles



5.2 Accountability

Strategic Direction	Operational Strategy	Key Performance Indicators	Target	Actual	Notes
Quality	Improve patient safety	Adverse events	10%	12%	...
	Improve patient experience	Net Promoter Score	80%	78%	...
	Improve clinical outcomes	30-day mortality	15%	16%	...
	Improve care coordination	Medication reconciliation	95%	92%	...
Access	Reduce wait times	Wait time for primary care	15 min	18 min	...
	Improve access to services	Access to specialist care	90%	88%	...
	Improve patient access	Virtual care usage	20%	18%	...
	Improve patient access	Access to mental health services	80%	75%	...
Sustainability	Reduce environmental impact	Carbon footprint	10%	12%	...
	Improve financial sustainability	Operating budget	100%	98%	...
	Improve human resources	Staff retention	95%	92%	...
	Improve information systems	IT system uptime	99.9%	99.8%	...

6. Performance Measures & Risks

**Likelihood**

	A	B	C	D	E
1. AHS Performance Dashboard	2	1	1	1	1
2. Performance Measure	3	2	1	1	1

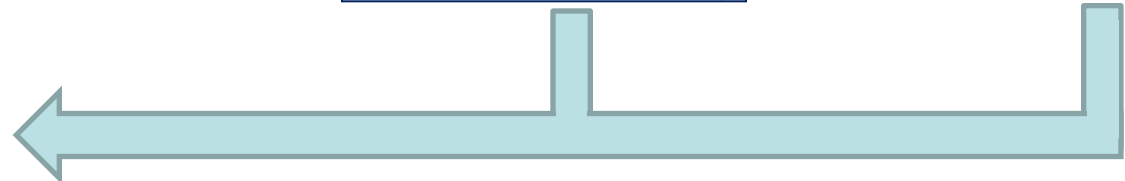
**AHS Performance Dashboard**

Performance Measure	Reporting Period	Actual	Target	Status	Risk
1. AHS Performance Dashboard	2011-2012	85%	90%	Below Target	High
2. Performance Measure	2011-2012	75%	80%	Below Target	High

**Keep an eye on**

**Areas of higher risk**

**Improving but still off target**



# STRATEGIES to ELIMINATE these ROOT CAUSES

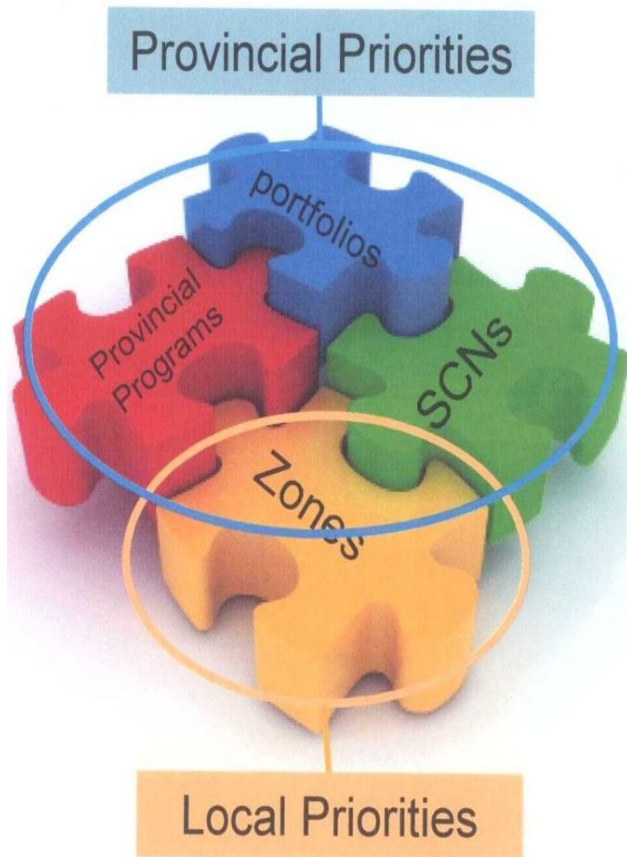
## Top 20 characteristics of 'high performing health systems'

1. **Success is defined and terminology is clear for all stakeholders. Quality is defined.**
2. **Physicians are engaged at all levels.**
3. **'Innovation' is defined and embraced: people, processes, and systems. Not just devices/drugs.**
4. **People in teams and networks - that lead a culture of innovation across boundaries (people, processes, systems, services).**
5. **People test innovation; it's OK to fail.**
6. **Champions of change (and leaders) are identified, developed and supported.**
7. **There is an engaged and empowered public (the public is actively involved).**
8. **Evidence-based treatments and approaches are used wherever possible and/or are pursued through research.**
9. **There is fusion of health, environment and education in a planned way: the health system addresses broader determinants.**
10. **The system improves value (and value for money) for all as a major goal.**
11. **Good information for decisions is essential: real time evidence is key.**
12. **Prevention is 'part of doing business' (it is somebody's job).**
13. **The system invests to buy positive changes.**
14. **There is a good human resource system.**
15. **Careful (avoid perverse) incentives are used to incent all stakeholders.**
16. **Careful (avoid perverse) on-line measurement with feedback to those who need it. Measure for goals and beware of what is not measured.**
17. **Strong and engaged primary care and strong community care.**
18. **Planning models with embedded research.**
19. **Be patient but always keep the patient in mind. Meet or exceed patient expectations as a top priority.**
20. **'Top down' meets 'bottom up' in all ways (structures, programs, goals).**

# The Mandate of SCN's



# AHS should be >> sum of the parts



- Establish Common goals
  - Best Health
  - Best Health care
  - High performing system
- Establish Common Priorities
  - Best value for money
  - Eliminate Waste
  - Collaboration to achieve goals
  - Best business decisions

# Use Lessons to Create Strategic Clinical Networks

*Support to lead Provincial Improvement and Sustainability*

## **Phase One (established June, 2012)**

- Obesity, Diabetes and Nutrition
- Seniors' Health
- Bone and Joint
- Cardiovascular and Stroke
- Cancer
- Addiction and Mental health

## **Phase Two (Spring 2013)**

- Population Health and Health Promotion
- Primary Care and Chronic Disease Management
- Maternal Health
- Newborn, Child and Youth Health
- Neurological Disease, ENT and Vision
- Complex Medicine (current Respiratory Clinical Network + others TBD)

# SCN – a big business

Clinical Area	Inpatient Cost	ED + UC	Physician Services	Total
<b>Addiction and Mental Health</b>	\$194,898,187	\$11,499,681	\$219,134,001	\$425,531,869
<b>Bone and Joint</b>	\$149,284,168	\$21,615,954	\$161,930,594	\$332,830,715
<b>Cancer</b>	\$116,225,723	\$9,655,216	\$68,344,711	\$194,225,649
<b>Cardiac and Stroke</b>	\$202,145,065	\$21,811,328	\$149,068,838	\$373,025,231
<b>Diabetes Nutrition Obesity</b>	\$37,766,695	\$2,559,936	\$63,247,102	\$103,573,733
<b>Seniors Health</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD



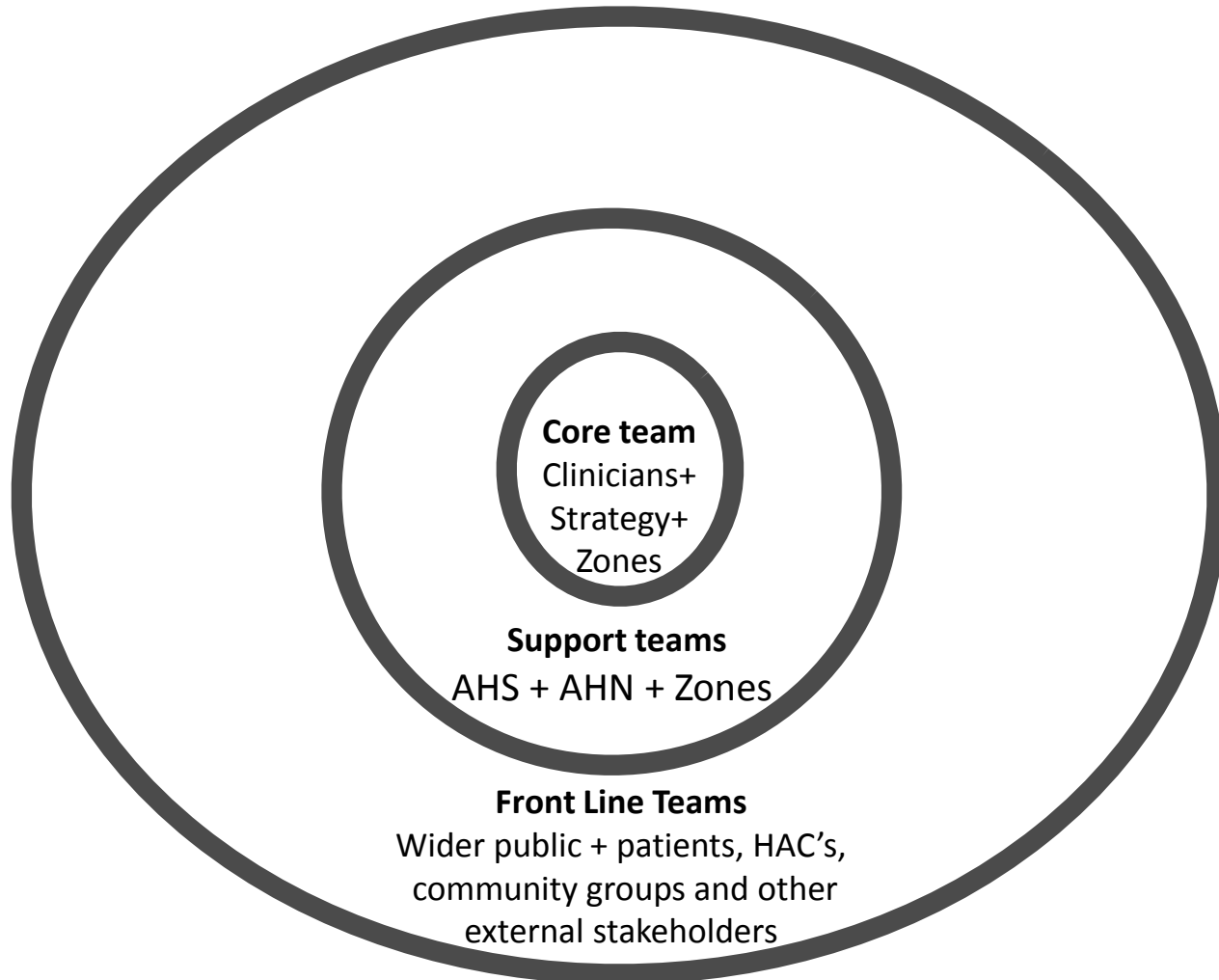
SCN success and future investment by executive  
will be based on evidence of improvement in:

- Prevention of disease and proactively lessen specific burdens of illness in Alberta
- Patient outcomes (effectiveness)
- Patient accessibility and acceptability (patient satisfaction)
- Clinical practices, including appropriateness of care
- Efficiency and reduce provincial variation
- Patient safety
- Value for money and sustainability

# 13 SCN Functions

1. To improve value for money in AHS - with evidence
2. To support and, where applicable, lead population and public health initiatives – either as individual SCNs or a cross-cutting initiative of all
3. To develop evidence and best practice based care models and pathways for dissemination and implementation in AHS
4. Develop and publish measures and performance across quality dimensions
5. Assess and reassess technologies and enable evidence development,
6. Prioritize outcomes and interventions for improvement by zone and across the continuums of care
7. With zones and communities –undertake a medium and long term view of needs and service development to drive quality and sustainability.
8. Engage clinical experts, users, patients and members of the public to design service models and implementation strategies to achieve goals
9. With zones implement, evaluate and optimize innovative service delivery models
10. Proactively develop and use research, generate new knowledge and apply knowledge translation skills within the Academic Health Network (AHN) to solve clinical problems of importance over time
11. Proactively identify innovations and, where applicable, with AHN and government partners, initiate commercialization processes
12. Determine best use and allocation of available resources
13. Develop outcome improvement agreements zones including the commitment of resources on key new interventions, as well as change management as required.

# The SCNs are “all in” – broad perspectives needed to achieve the balance in access – quality - cost



# Core Team Members

SCN Member	Role on SCN Committee	SCN Member	Role on SCN Committee
Dr. Michael Trew	Senior Medical Director	Silvia Vajushi	Alberta Health Policy Lead
Cathy Pryce	Vice President	Dr. Sandra Corbett	Adult Psychiatrist
Marni Bercov	Executive Director - SCN	Susan Gloster	Zone ED Lead
Susan Rawlings	Clinical Network Officer Project Coordinator	Debbie Gray	Population Health
TBD	Scientific Director	Dr. Terry Smith	Primary Care Physician with expertise in mental health
Dr. Bev Adams	Department Head for Psychiatry - Calgary	Marlys Reynar	Psychologist and frontline clinical director A&MH service
Dr. Hugh Colohan	Psychiatrist with addiction focus	Cara Greene	Promotion and Prevention
Dr. Allan Donsky	Paediatric Psychiatrist	Dr. Peter Davis	Primary Care Physician with connections to Shared Mental Health Care
Tuxephoni Winsor	Nurse with addiction focus	Dr. Glenda MacQueen	U of C, psychiatrist, researcher
Dr. Doug Urness	Psychiatrist with community focus	Laurie Beverley	Executive Director – A&MH Primary and Community Care
Heather Toporowski	Zone VP Lead	Kathy Huebert	Information, Knowledge Translation, Evaluation
Dr. Glen Baker	Department Head for Psychiatry - Edmonton	Trevor Riehl	Project Managers
Dr. Judy Ustina	AMA Psychiatrist	Haydon Dewes	Communications Director - Provincial Programs
Katherine Hay	Occupational Therapist with mental health focus	Cathie Scott	Knowledge Management support
Kerry Bales	ZEL Senior Leadership	Michael McMorris	Health Economist/ Financial Analyst
Tom Shand	Strategic Partners: Alberta Alliance on Mental Illness and Mental Health	Dr. Rod Elford	Health Link rep
Nancy Reynolds	Strategic Partners: Science Policy Practice Network for Children's Mental Health	Neil Brown	Director IT, Addiction & Mental Health Services
Dr. Geoffrey Tagg	Patient /family lead - A&MH Patient Advisory Council		
Kaj Koravela	Patient /family Lead - A&MH Patient Advisory Council		

# *SCNs need to align 'top to bottom'*

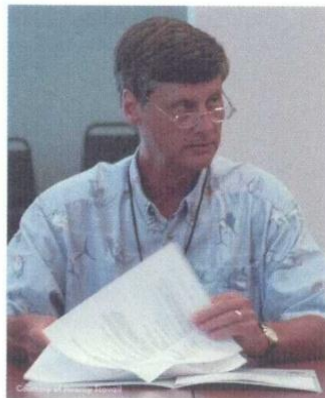
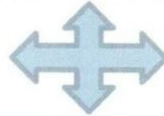
Sustainability requires balance of needs, perspectives  
and incentives



Patients



Administrators



Policy Makers/Payers



Providers

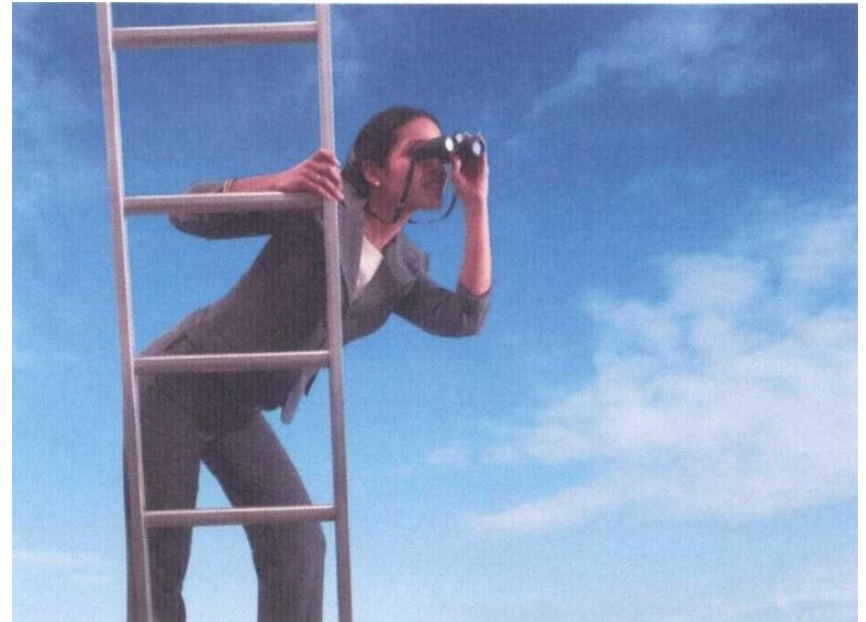
# Identify the opportunities

## Current Priorities

- Variation: appropriateness, efficiency, accessibility
- National benchmarks/indicators
- Key underserved populations or zones

## Future Priorities

- Scenarios and Projections



# Assessing Addiction and Mental Health Population Health Needs

The World Health Organization (WHO) has stated that  
**6 out of the 10** leading causes  
of ‘years lived with disability’, in developed regions, are  
mental health diagnoses, and harmful use of alcohol is the  
third leading risk factor for disease & disability in high  
income countries

# Assessing Addiction and Mental Health Population Health Needs

- Alberta's population to increase by 37% by 2030.<sup>1</sup>
- Nearly 50% of the national population will meet diagnostic criteria for a mental health problem in their lifetime.
- Addiction is implicated in a wide variety of health, social and legal problems.
- 12% of Canadians have reported suffering from depression in their lifetime.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Alberta Health and Wellness, Interactive Health Data Application, 2010 Population Projections, retrieved from [http://www.ahw.gov.ab.ca/IHDA\\_Retrieval/](http://www.ahw.gov.ab.ca/IHDA_Retrieval/)

<sup>2</sup> Kessler RC, Berglund PA, Demler O, Jin R, Walters EE: Lifetime prevalence and age-of-onset distributions of DSM-IV disorders in the National Comorbidity Survey Replication (NCS-R). Arch Gen Psychiatry 2005; 62:593-602.



# Assessing Addiction and Mental Health Population Health Needs

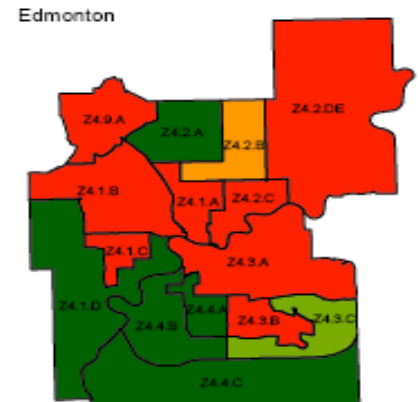
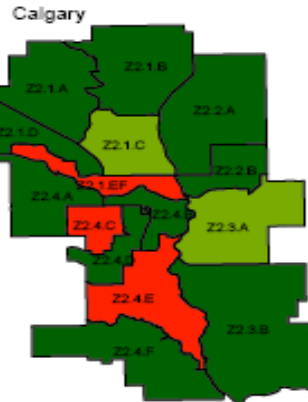
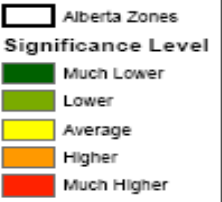
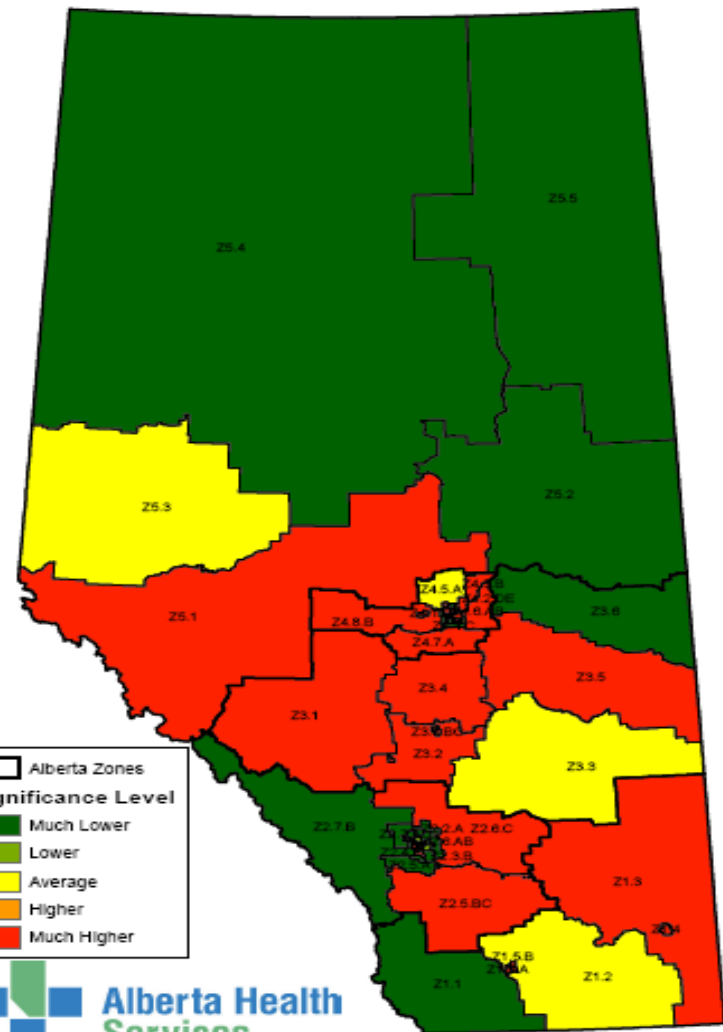
- *Alberta study*<sup>1</sup>
  - 3-year period,
  - **one in three** Albertans accessed a physician for mental health services. 899,236 Individuals
  - 3-year treated prevalence: 33%
    - anxiety disorders 16.4%
    - depression 11.8%.
  - Major trauma – 33.6% tested positive for alcohol

<sup>1</sup> Slomp, Bland, et al. *Three-Year Physician Treated Prevalence Rate of Mental Disorders in Alberta*. Can J Psychiatry. 2009;54(3):199–202.



# Assessing Addiction and Mental Health Population Health Needs

Depression (All ages) Age-Sex Standardized Treated Prevalence Maps by Significance Level per 100 Population for 09/10



## Depression

### Definition:

Depression is a state of low mood that can affect a person's thoughts, behaviours, feelings and physical well-being. Symptoms of depression can include feelings of sadness, anxiety, worthlessness, and irritability, withdrawal from friends/family, difficulty thinking clearly, thoughts of suicide, insomnia, among others. Depression can also have physical symptoms such as fatigue, stomach complaints and muscle/joint pain.

In this report, depression was defined as a hospitalization for a primary ICD-10 diagnosis of depression (F32 or F33) or two or more visits for depression with a primary care provider.

### Significance of Depression:

Estimates of the lifetime prevalence of depression for Canadians are at least 12.2%, and 4.8% in the past year. In Alberta, approximately 200,000 people per year are treated for depression by a physician. Depression significantly impacts the lives of individuals and can be fatal. There is a strong association between depression and suicidal behaviour and suicide. Job performance, personal relationships and physical health can all be negatively affected by the disease. Depression can be treated with a variety of therapeutic interventions, including medication (antidepressants), talk-therapy (e.g. Cognitive Behavioural Therapy), self care and supported self management, to both improve symptoms and prevent re-occurring episodes. However, many people experiencing depression do not seek or are unable to receive adequate treatment. Depression affects people differently and is not at all homogeneous in terms of its impact on individuals. The disability related to depression ranges from mild cases requiring little or no intervention other than "watchful waiting" to extremely severe and disabling cases where intensive, possibly long term treatment is required.

In Alberta, three year physician reported prevalence rates suggest that depression affects a considerable portion of the population:

- 3-year treated prevalence rate for individuals who accessed physicians for depression was 11.8%.
- Gender specific rates demonstrated that females had a higher three year treated prevalence rate: 15.6%, whereas the three year rate for males was 7.9%.

### Burden of Disease:

Depression is the third greatest contributor to the overall burden of disease worldwide. In middle-to-high income countries, such as Canada, it is the single greatest contributor. Of the top 20 illnesses in Canada that contribute to the burden of disease, unipolar depressive disorders accounts for the highest amount of disability adjusted life years (406 DALYs per 100,000 population). The burden of disease for depressive disorders in Canada is almost 10 times higher than bipolar disorders and nearly double that of heart disease, the health condition with the second highest disability adjusted life years. Depression is also a greater contributor to the burden of disease for women, particularly young women, than for men.

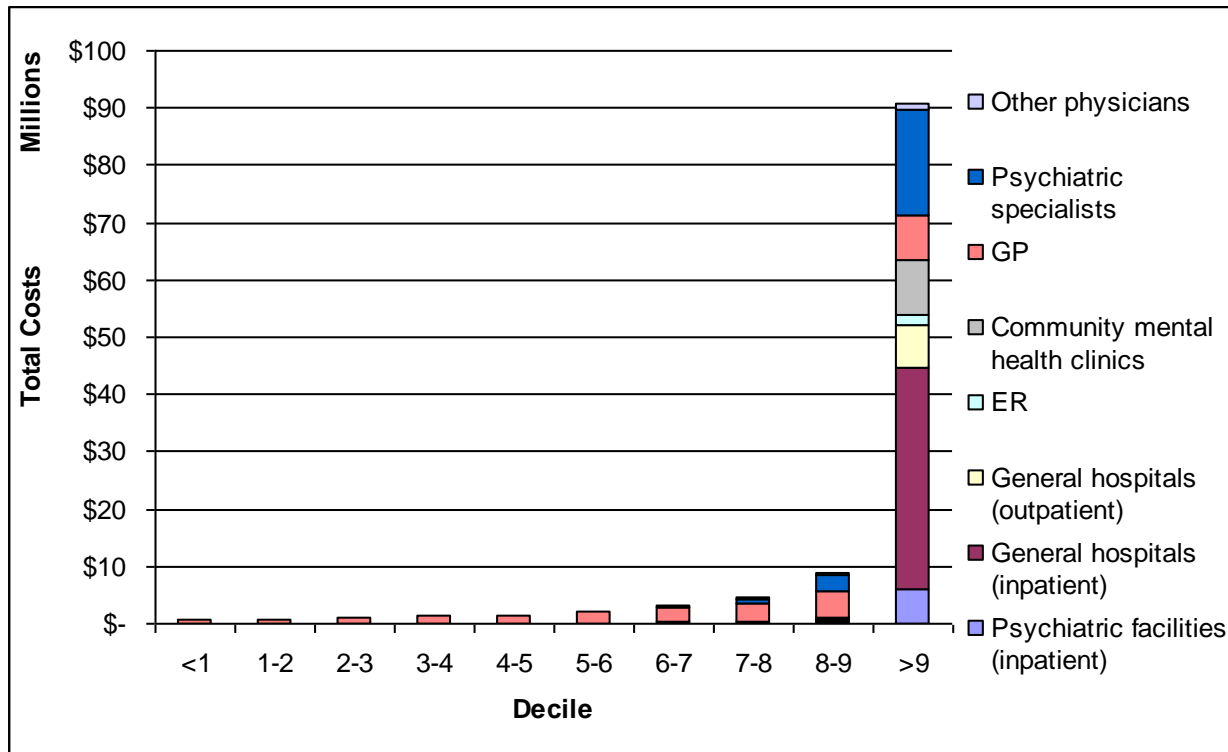
### Data/Mapping Limitations:

- 1) Geographies with populations below 1,000 people will be excluded (masked) from both maps and prevalence graphs.
- 2) Treated prevalence calculations are based on CRG/EDC data from 02/03 to 09/10
- 3) Local screening initiatives and provision of service may result in higher reported treated prevalence and contribute to regional variability.
- 4) Other variable known to affect disease prevalence (e.g. Socioeconomic Status, Ethnicity) were not included in this analysis.
- 5) Data sets in the analysis include 1 - Provincial Inpatient Abstract Data 2 - Provincial Ambulatory Abstract Data 3 - Alberta Physician Claims Data 4 - Alberta Health and Wellness (AHW) - Geographic Methodology Series No. 5, a rate mapping template 2004

1. Disease Template created in collaboration with Mei Slomp (Director, Knowledge and Strategy Addiction and Mental Health AHS)

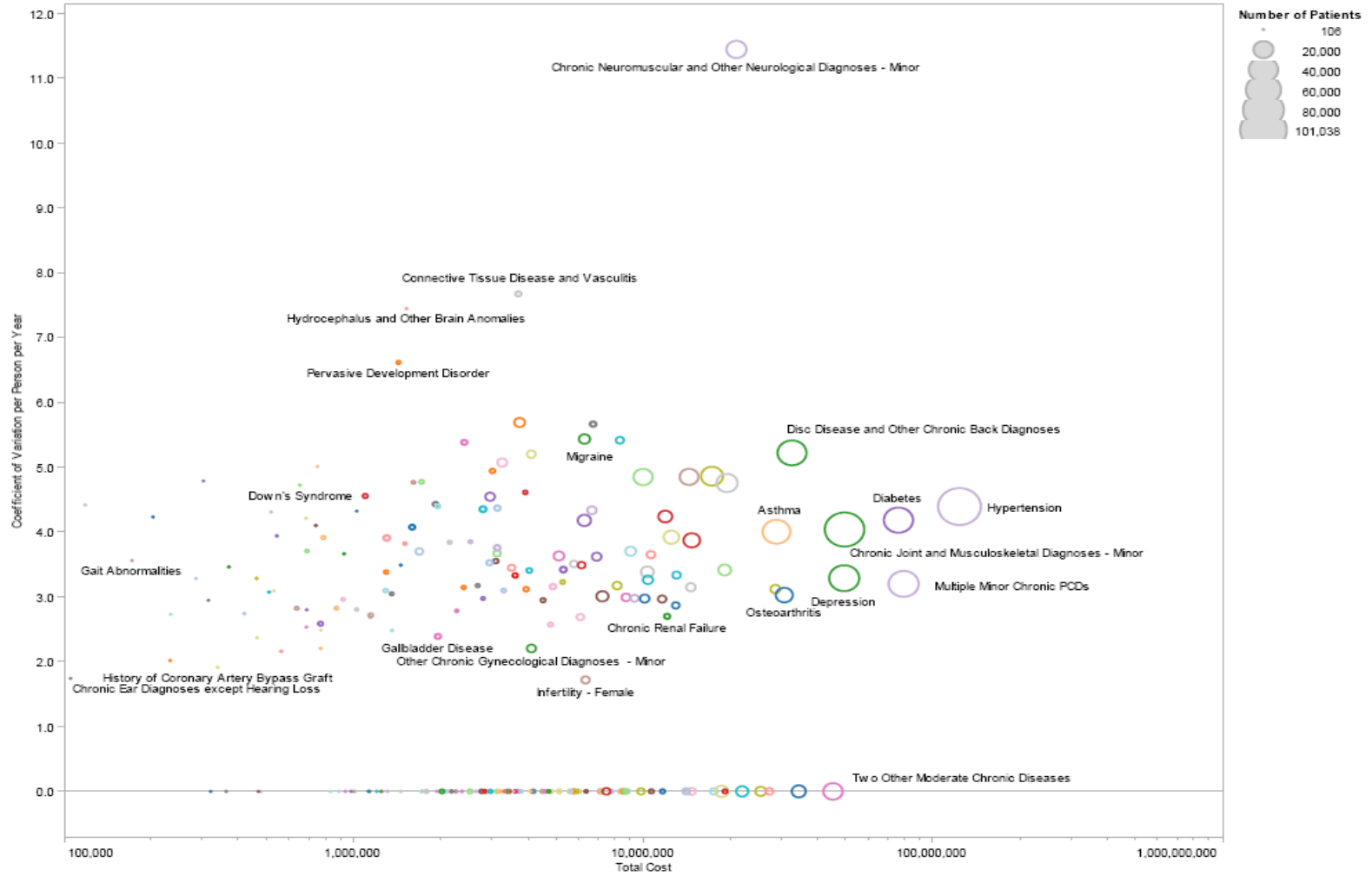
# Treatment Cost for Depression

Figure 1: Total Costs between Deciles, Alberta, 2007/08



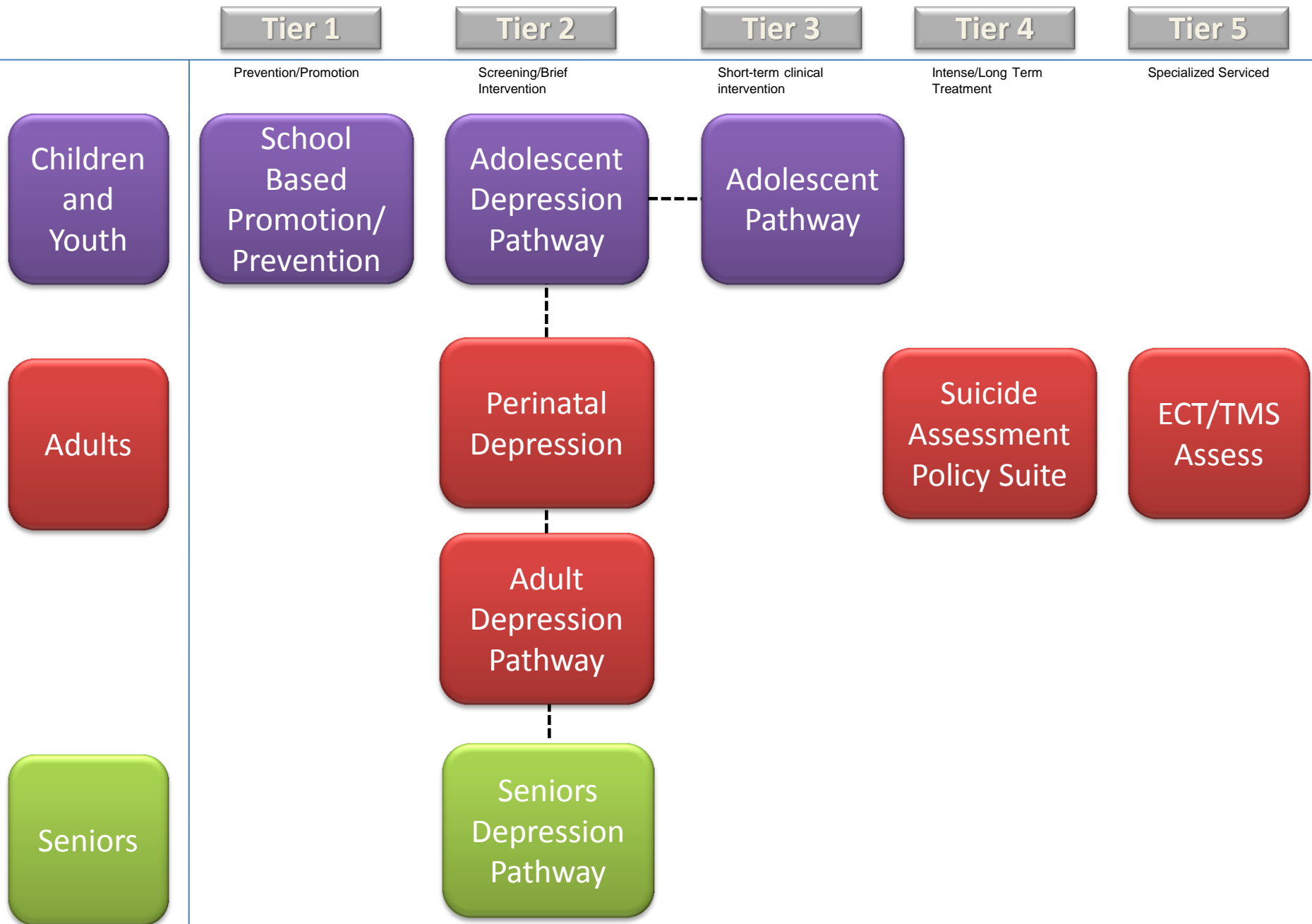
Treatment needs for depression are not equal

Total Cost versus Coeff Var (Log Scale)



Sum of TotalCost vs. sum of CV. Color shows details about Health State. Size shows sum of Number of Patients. The data is filtered on CRG and minimum of Number of Patients. The CRG filter excludes 1000. The minimum of Number of Patients filter ranges from 100 to 106,048. The view is filtered on Health State, which excludes 1 Significant Acute Illness - Span 90 Excluding ENT and 1 Significant Acute Illness Excluding ENT. The marks are labeled by Health State.

# Depression Program



# Project Description

Continue work on developing, implementing and evaluating clinical pathways for depression in:

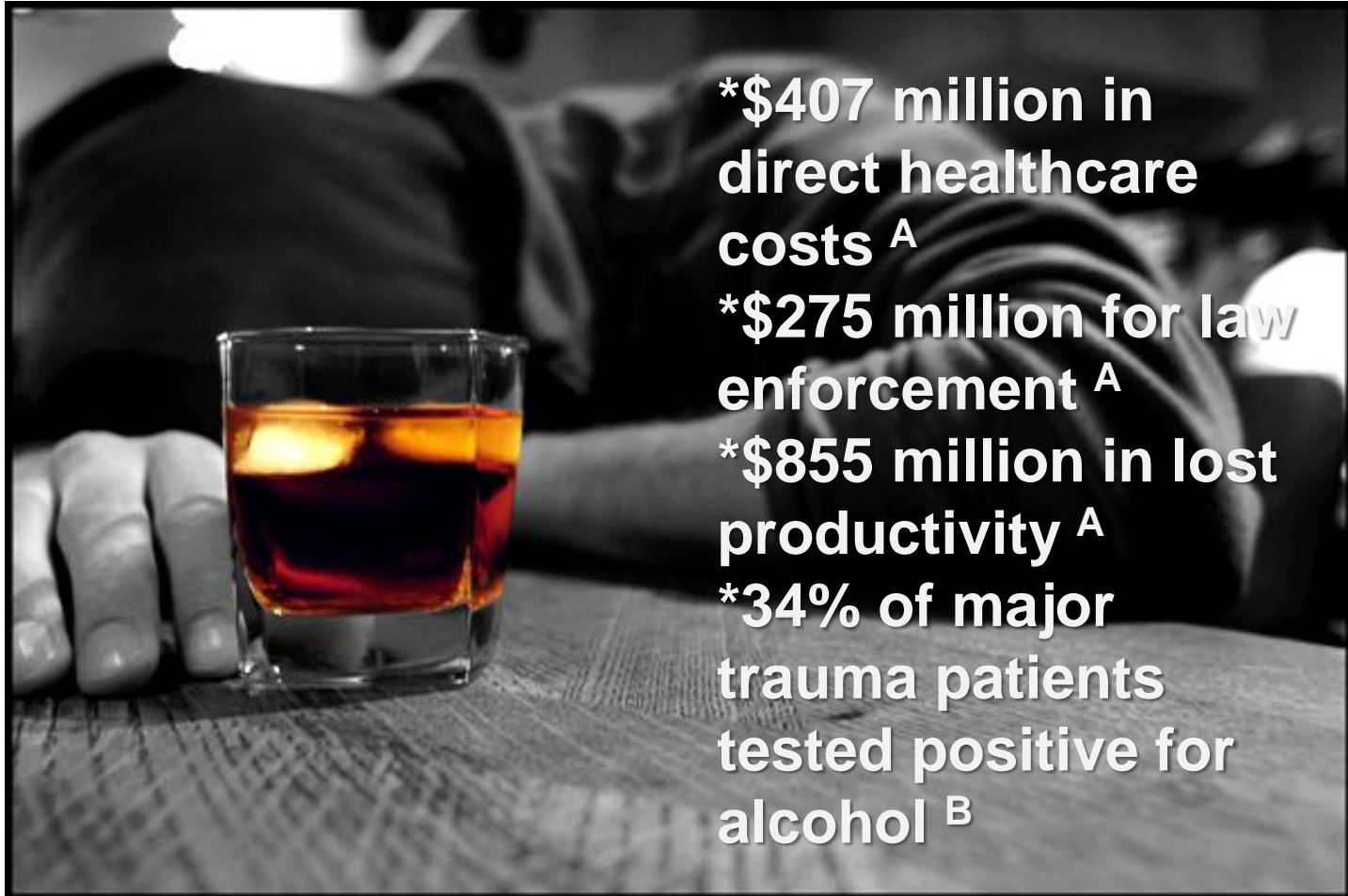
- **Adolescents**
- **Adults**
- **Seniors**

Focus on the primary care and community care areas of the continuum

Signature and Tier 1 Measure Project

**AHS will be the best at treating depression in Canada within the next 5 years**

# Alberta alcohol costs:



**\*\$407 million in direct healthcare costs <sup>A</sup>**

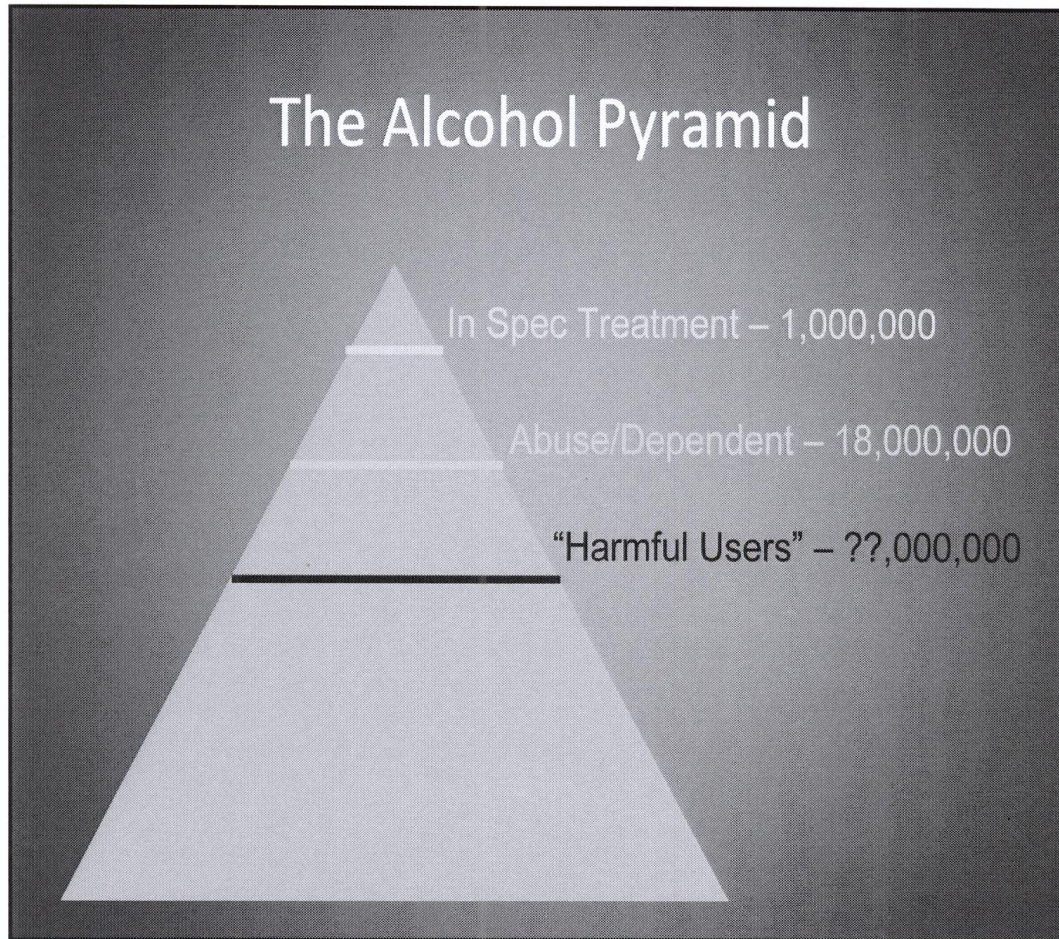
**\*\$275 million for law enforcement <sup>A</sup>**

**\*\$855 million in lost productivity <sup>A</sup>**

**\*34% of major trauma patients tested positive for alcohol <sup>B</sup>**



# The Alcohol Pyramid



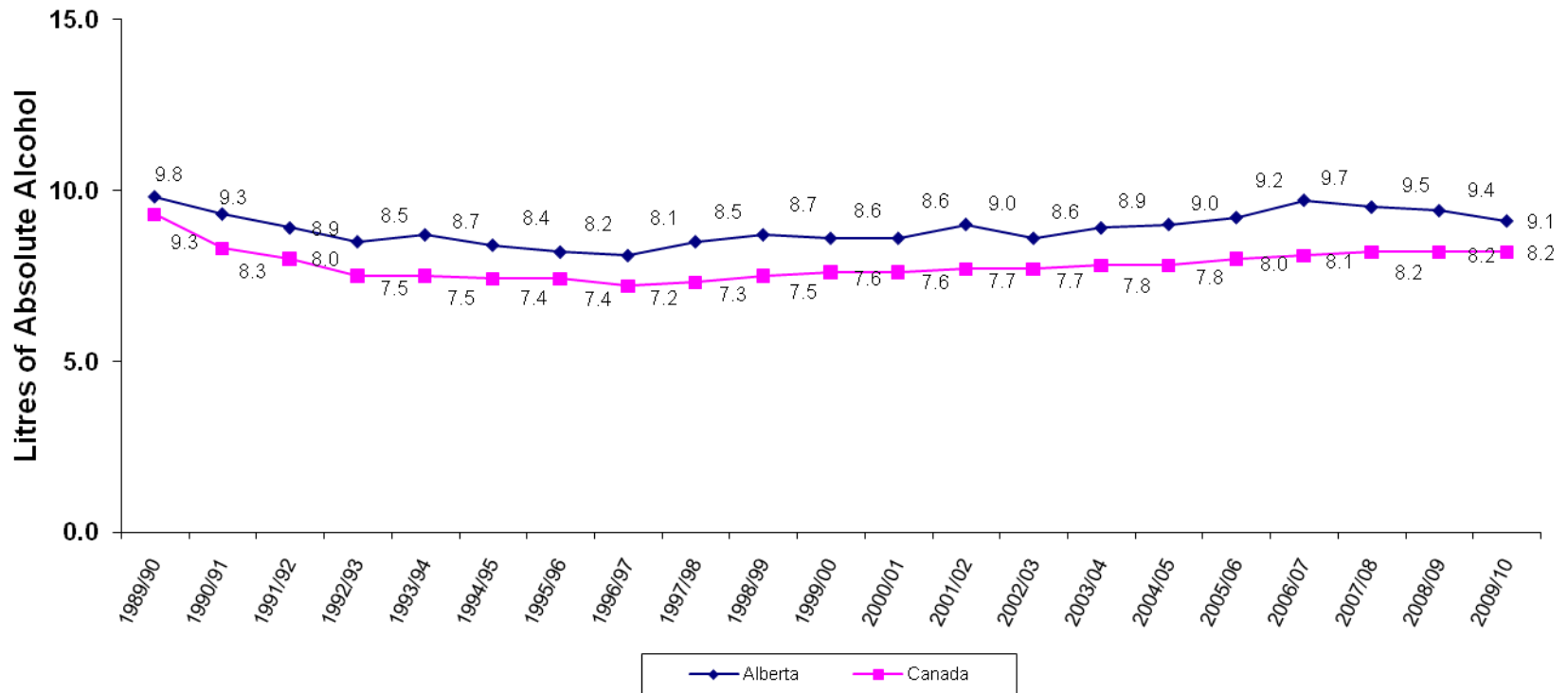
Mark Gold

# Project Description

- Develop, implement and evaluate a clinical pathway for alcohol use disorders in adults
- Initial focus on AHS Community Clinics

# Non-medical Determinants of Health

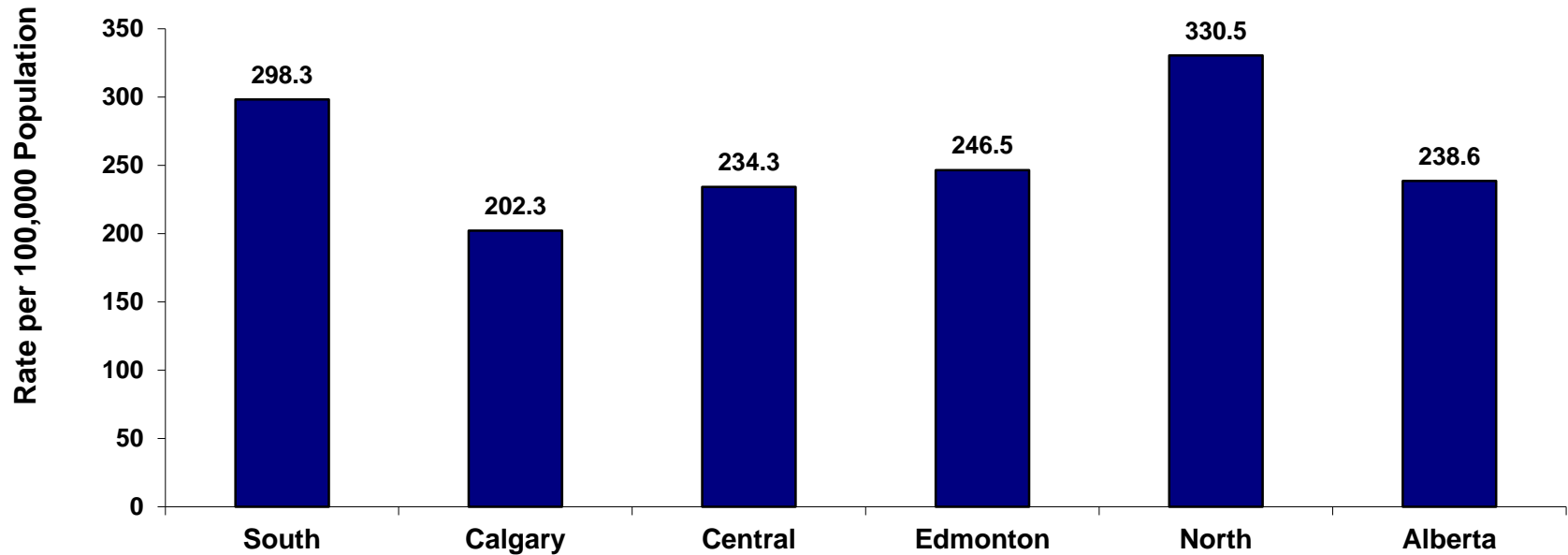
Per capita alcohol consumption (age15+), Alberta and Canada, 1989/90 – 2009/10



Note: Statistics Canada (2011). Per capita consumption is derived from population and sales statistics for the population aged 15 and older. Statistics on sales of alcoholic beverages by volume should not be

# Health Status

**Rates of suicidal behaviours per 100,000, Alberta Health Services Zones, 2008/09**



Note: AHS Inpatient and Ambulatory Care data (2008–2009). Individuals who visited emergency rooms or were hospitalized for intentional self-harm

# Benefits of AIM

- ✓ Reduce wait times for clients
- ✓ Increase system capacity
- ✓ Improve clinical care
- ✓ High feasibility
- ✓ Will have direct benefit to patients within 6 months of implementation
- ✓ Will support further SCN work – Depression Clinical Pathways

# How do they do it?



# AIM Impact on Quality

- Increase in % of patients with improved clinical outcomes and reduced symptoms
- Increase in patient access to appropriate level of primary and specialty care

- 90% of child and adolescent patients seen within 4 weeks for specialty AMH care

**Appropriateness**  
Health services are relevant to user needs and are based on accepted or evidence-based practice

**Accessibility**  
Health services are obtained in the most suitable setting in a reasonable time and distance

- Reduction in % of unnecessary AMH ED visits

**Safety**  
Mitigate risks to avoid unintended or harmful results

**Acceptability**  
Health services are respectful and responsive to user needs, preferences and expectations

- 90% patient satisfaction

**Efficiency**  
Resources are optimally used in achieving desired outcomes

**Effectiveness**  
Health services are provided based on scientific knowledge to achieve desired outcomes

- Improved clinic efficiency
- Improved clinical care practices
- Improved teamwork and coordination
- Improved physician engagement

- Improved patient clinical outcomes
- Improved quality of care



RECOVERY  
FROM  
ADDICTION



**Thank You!**

Cathy Pryce