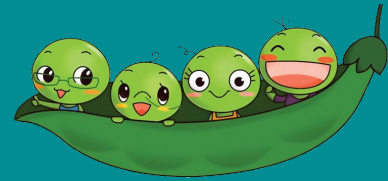


# PEAS Newsletter

Pediatric Eating And Swallowing | March 2021



## Transforming Clinical Practice

PEAS has started working with clinicians and families across Alberta to transform care and put into practice the tools and information available on the [PEAS website](#).

Using the Innovation Learning Collaborative (ILC) methodology, 14 AHS teams are targeting improvements including:

- Reducing wait times and hospitalizations
- Ensuring every patient has a [care plan](#) and is involved in [shared decision making](#)
- Implementing the [Clinical Practice Guide](#)
- Communicating with primary and community care
- Establishing a [Team Charter](#) to clarify goals and team roles and responsibilities

Over the next 18 months, teams across Alberta will track their progress, share ideas and implement quality improvement plans through a series of ILC workshops.

## The Power of Stories

One of the most impactful aspects of the PEAS project is hearing family and provider stories. We often start meetings and workshops with a story to help us focus on what matters.

Access our growing collection of stories [here](#).



## Virtual Learning Opportunities

**Understanding Pediatric Feeding Disorders: Introduction to assessment, treatment planning, and clinical management**

**April 14, 2-3pm**

PEAS has invited Alan Silverman, PhD, one of the lead authors of the seminal [Pediatric Feeding Disorder \(PFD\)](#) diagnostic framework paper to introduce PFD with differential features computing and contrasting with eating disorders and ARFID. His talk will include illustrative case studies.

**Audience:** medical & health professionals

[Click to register](#)

**Pediatric Swallowing and VFSS Course**

**April 20-21, 10-1pm**

AHS Health Professions Strategy & Practice has invited Sherna Marcus, OT to provide an introduction to Pediatric Swallowing and VFSS using a functional approach and review of case studies.

Click for: [Save the date information](#)

**Audience:** OT & SLP (AHS & Covenant Health staff only)

[Click to register](#)

**International PFD Conference**

**April 29-30**

Education for the evaluation and treatment of children with PFD from over 30 international feeding experts, including a presentation from the PEAS project.

**Audience:** medical & health professionals & families

**Cost:** \$100 to \$300 USD

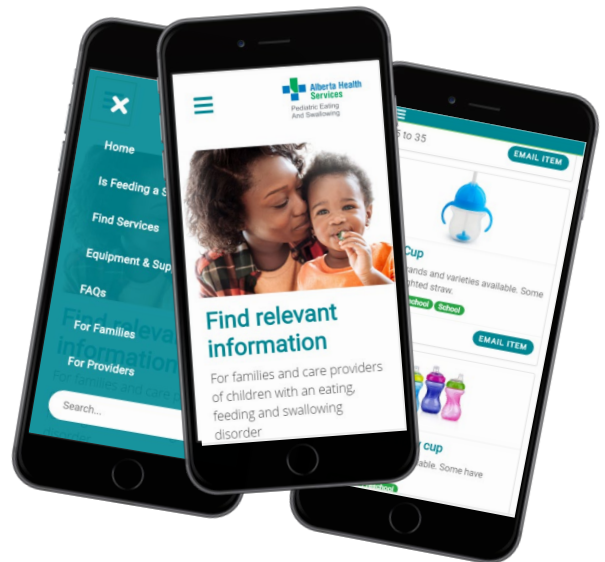
**20% off discount code for AHS staff:** ALBERTAIPFD

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## What's New?

On the [PEAS website](#), we've recently added:

- ✓ **PEAS Clinical Practice Guide – minor updates**
  - Pediatric Feeding Disorder terminology
  - Terminology updates to Table 8: Signs of Swallowing Safety Concern in Infants and Management Strategies
- ✓ **Family handouts**
  - [Aspiration: Is my child at risk?](#) (produced in collaboration with Holland-Bloorview)
  - [PEAS Website handout](#) for families
  - [Goal Wheel](#) – examples & now a fillable form
  - [Pediatric Food & Drink Record](#) – now a fillable form
- ✓ **Professional Development Courses & Webinars**
  - Presentation to AHS SLP Grand Rounds
  - PEAS Innovation Learning Collaborative workshops (quality improvement and balanced scorecards)
- ✓ **Equipment & Supplies**
  - [Equipment List](#) – improved search & share features



**Do you have a suggestion?**

Email us: [PEAS.Project@ahs.ca](mailto:PEAS.Project@ahs.ca)

## Get Connected

### For Healthcare Providers

Join our online [Community of Practice](#) to:

- Connect with other healthcare providers
- Find professional development opportunities
- Access additional tools and resources

### For Families

Family advisors are an important part of our work and we have many opportunities for you to get involved.

Email us at [PEAS.Project@ahs.ca](mailto:PEAS.Project@ahs.ca) and we would love to find ways to connect you with the PEAS project!

### About PEAS

Pediatric Eating And Swallowing (PEAS) is a quality improvement project to standardize services and improve care for children with a pediatric feeding disorder (PFD) in Alberta.

The PEAS Project's mission is to capture the spirit and harness the power of collaboration to enhance and standardize interdisciplinary practice in the area of eating, feeding and swallowing, in order to attain the best outcomes for our patients and their families.

For more information, check out our [website \(peas.ahs.ca\)](http://peas.ahs.ca) or email: [peas.project@ahs.ca](mailto:peas.project@ahs.ca)

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