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## **Celebrating Calgary 150 -**Calgary at War

by Anthony Imbrogno (The Calgary Heritage Initiative Society/Heritage Inspires YYC)

To all those who have served to protect our freedom, we are forever grateful.

During the South African War (1899-1902), Lord Strathcona formed a mounted regiment of cowboys and former NWMP officers. King Edward VII awarded the title of Royal to the NWMP. The RCMP went on to police the Klondike Gold Rush.

At Central Memorial Park National Historic Site, the "Horseman of the Plains" statue commemorates the war. Its creation paved the way for the other memorials.

World War I (1914-1918) saw thousands of Canadians volunteer. A military camp dubbed Sarcee City trained 45,000 soldiers. Before departing, they created rock art on Signal Hill.

One Calgarian enlistee was William Ware, who served in France as part of an all-black unit. Princess Patricia's Light Infantry served at the Somme and Vimy Ridge. Today, the Canadian National Vimy Memorial is a symbol of national unity.

Meanwhile, Southern Alberta Light Horse fought in history's first tank attack while others were in the last cavalry charge in Canadian history.

During the war, Mewata Armouries was built with medieval castle features. Suspicions about immigrants from enemy countries led authorities to establish internment camps at Cave and Basin, Banff.

A sanatorium was built in Bowness in 1918 to treat returning soldiers. Baker Park is named for its head doctor.

Memorial Drive was created in 1922 as a "Road of Remembrance" to honour fallen soldiers.

The world was again at war in September 1939, with 1.1 million Canadians serving.

Princess Patricia's Light Infantry landed in Sicily and was the first Allied force to enter Amsterdam, while Calgary Highlanders liberated Dieppe.

Alberta was home to pilot training under the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. President Roosevelt called Canada the "aerodrome of democracy". Vulcan, AB supported a training station but is famous for its connection to beloved Star Trek character, Mr. Spock.

A drill hall was constructed at McCall Field, while Renfrew's Rutledge Hanger became a training base.

In 1998, Currie Barracks closed and became a new residential neighbourhood, including Garrison Woods.

At Burnsland Cemetery, a Field of Honour holds the graves of soldiers.

May they rest in peace.

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# Living with Chronic Pain or Illness: What We Wish Friends and Family Knew

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Living with chronic pain or illness is an ongoing challenge that impacts every aspect of a person's life—physically, emotionally, mentally, and socially. It's not just about the pain or symptoms themselves, but about learning to function, cope, and find meaning in a life that no longer looks or feels the way it once did. For those who care about someone facing this reality, your support matters deeply—but it may not always be clear how to help. Here's what we need you to know.

### **Chronic Means Ongoing, Not Just Inconvenient**

When someone lives with chronic pain or illness, they're not just having a bad day or a tough week. This is a long-term reality, and while there may be good days and better moments, the underlying struggle is constant. Pain and fatigue can be invisible, which makes it easy to overlook or misunderstand. Please don't assume that just because we look okay, we feel okay. We often mask what we're going through to avoid burdening others or to maintain some sense of normalcy.

#### We're Grieving Too

Chronic illness often brings a quiet, ongoing grief—the loss of the life we once had or imagined. We may grieve the ability to work, travel, exercise, or socialize like we used to. Sometimes we feel isolated, left out, or forgotten when our limitations make it hard to keep up. When you acknowledge this grief with compassion instead of trying to "cheer us up" or push us to be more positive, it helps us feel seen and validated.

## We're Doing Our Best—Even When It Looks Different

We often have to weigh every activity, conversation, or commitment against how much energy we have. What might seem like a simple errand or casual hangout could mean days of recovery afterward. Cancelling plans, needing accommodations, or asking for help isn't laziness or lack of motivation—it's self-preservation. Trust that we want to show up for life and for you; sometimes, our bodies just won't let us.



### What Helps the Most Is Empathy, Not Solutions

Unless you're asked, please don't offer cures, diets, or miracle treatments. We've likely tried many things or are already overwhelmed with information. What we need most is your presence—your willingness to sit with us in the hard stuff without judgment or pressure to "fix" it. Simple statements like "I'm here," "That sounds really hard," or "You're not alone" go a long way.

### **Support Looks Like Consistency and Flexibility**

Reach out, even if we sometimes don't respond right away. Be okay with changing plans. Offer help but ask first. Say, "Can I drop off dinner?" or "Would a short visit work today?" rather than, "Let me know if you need anything." The more you learn to meet us where we are instead of where you wish we could be, the more supported we feel.

Chronic pain or illness doesn't define us, but it does shape us. With patience, empathy, and a willingness to understand, you can become a vital part of our resilience. We may not always say it, but your care matters more than you know.





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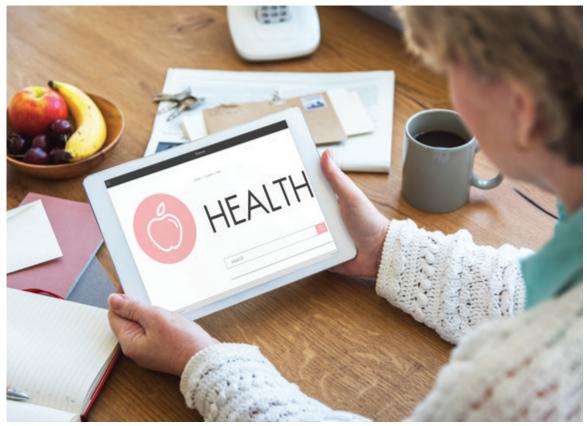
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## **Evaluating Online Health Information**

by Alberta Health Services



Many Canadians go online to search for medical and health-related information. The internet is the first source of information for many people, before even speaking to a doctor or other healthcare provider.

Online health information can have many positive impacts on our health knowledge, behaviours, and well-being. Unfortunately, the quality and accuracy of online health information is not consistent, including social media where information quality can be very low.

Being able to evaluate online health information is an important skill.

#### How Do I Evaluate Online Health Information?

Use the steps below to evaluate the health information you find online.

- Check the Date: Look to see when the website was created or last updated. Health information should be up to date to make sure it is relevant and accurate. Even if the information has not changed, it should be regularly reviewed.
- Check the Author: Identify the author to determine if they have the necessary background, experience, or training to accurately discuss the topic.
- Look For the Evidence: Health information should be based on facts rather than opinion, rumours, or personal stories. Authors and websites should clearly list their sources, so that you can check the information for yourself.

- Understand the Purpose: Read a website's "About Us" page to understand the website's purpose and who runs it. Are they credible and unbiased? Be cautious of websites selling a product. Their information may already be biased, as the goal is to make profit rather than present clear facts. Often product claims are too good to be true.
- Be Critical of the Details: Be skeptical of websites that look outdated, contain broken links, or have spelling and grammar errors. Patient information should be written in plain language, making it easy to follow.
- Protect Your Privacy: Be careful when sharing your personal information. Look for a privacy policy to find out how and why your information is being used, stored, or shared.

You should carefully consider the source of the information you find on the internet and discuss that health information with your healthcare provider.

Learn more about evaluating online health information from https://acalibrary.libguides.com/friendly.php?s=patients/evaluatingohi.

#### Misinformation and Disinformation

Finding information online is faster and easier than ever before. While the information you find online can often be helpful and trustworthy, it is important to keep in mind that the internet also allows for rapid and widespread distribution of false and misleading information.

As you look online for health information, you need to watch for both misinformation and disinformation.

- Misinformation is inaccurate information. In other words, it means getting the facts wrong.
- Disinformation is false information that is deliberately meant to mislead.

#### **Getting Help**

Alberta Health Services Knowledge Resource Service library staff are available at healthcare facilities across the province. They can work with you to help you find and evaluate online health information.

The Knowledge Resource Service also offers a free online course for patients and caregivers on evaluating online health information. Find more information and register at: krs.ahs.ca/patients/evaluatingohi.









## **TAKE ON WELLNESS**

## **Putting Yourself First!**

by Recovery Alberta - Community Health Promotion Services



Life brings with it everyday stresses, but it is important to have coping strategies that can be used to regulate and balance our feelings and emotions. Sometimes we don't have control of stressors that cause the stress, but we can control our emotions or how we react to those stressors. Calming strategies help slow down the immediate response that we have by decreasing the amount of cortisol in our body, also known as the stress hormone. There are many coping strategies, and it is important to find what works best for you.

## Here is a list of strategies that can be used by anyone, anytime, and anywhere:

## **Managing Emotions**

Commonly referred to as "name it, to tame it", is a technique that involves naming your emotions to allow you to pause and reflect rather than allowing your emotions to spiral or cause impulse decisions. Make it a habit to recognize how you feel. Did you feel embarrassed, sad, jealous, or upset? Simply notice that emotion and name it in your mind.

#### Mindfulness

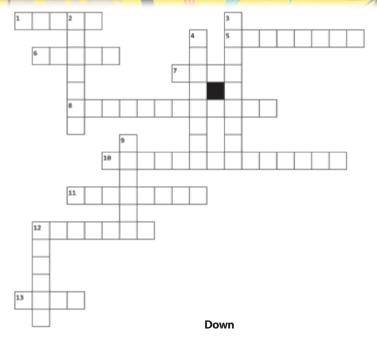
Focusing on the present moment will help calm your mind and manage your emotions. What can you see, hear, touch, feel, or move in the environment you are presently in? This technique will help your brain focus on the present rather than the "what if".

#### **Breathwork**

Slowing and deepening your breaths have been shown to help you self-regulate. Use breathing techniques that work for you; these can include box breathing or even paced breathing.

The key to all the above strategies is focusing on yourself. Everyone is different, so find techniques that resonate with you so you can be the best version of yourself!

## **August Crossword**



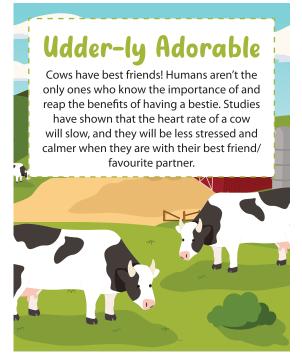
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- 1. This classic Disney film about a young deer premiered in August 1942.
- Canadian astronaut, Chris \_\_\_\_\_\_, was born in Sarnia, Ontario on August 29, 1959.
- 6. Canadian American actor Patrick J. Adams was born on August 27, 1981, in Toronto and is best known for his role as Mike Ross in this legal drama series.
- 7. The Wizard of Oz premiered on August 15, 1939, and was based upon the book written by Lyman Frank
- 8. English navigator John Rut sent the first known letter from North America in August 1527 while anchored at St. John's, \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- In August 1837, pharmacists John Lea and William Perrins started production of this condiment containing soy sauce and vinegar.
- 11. People born in August are lucky to have three birthstones to choose from: peridot, spinel, and \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- 12. The \_\_\_\_\_ Chapel in Vatican City was consecrated by Pope Sixtus IV on August 9, 1483.
- 13. International \_\_\_\_\_ Handers Day is observed annually on August 13.

- 2. In August 2008, the \_\_\_\_\_ Summer Olympics became one of the most watched television events in history with approximately 4.7 billion viewers.
- 3. On August 4, 1693, it is believed that Dom Pérignon invented this sparkling wine.
- 9. Usain Bolt won the 200m at this Olympic Games on August 9, 2012, becoming the first man to win both the 100m and 200m at two consecutive Olympics.
- Inventor Isaac \_\_\_\_\_ was granted a patent for his eponymous sewing machine on August 12, 1851, revolutionizing garment production.







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They galumphed around the living room looking for Sara's phone.







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February	25	4	5	\$1,495,000	\$1,510,000
January	25	3	3	\$1,185,000	\$1,157,500
December	24	3	2	\$1,624,500	\$1,574,450
November	24	1	3	\$1,595,000	\$1,492,500
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