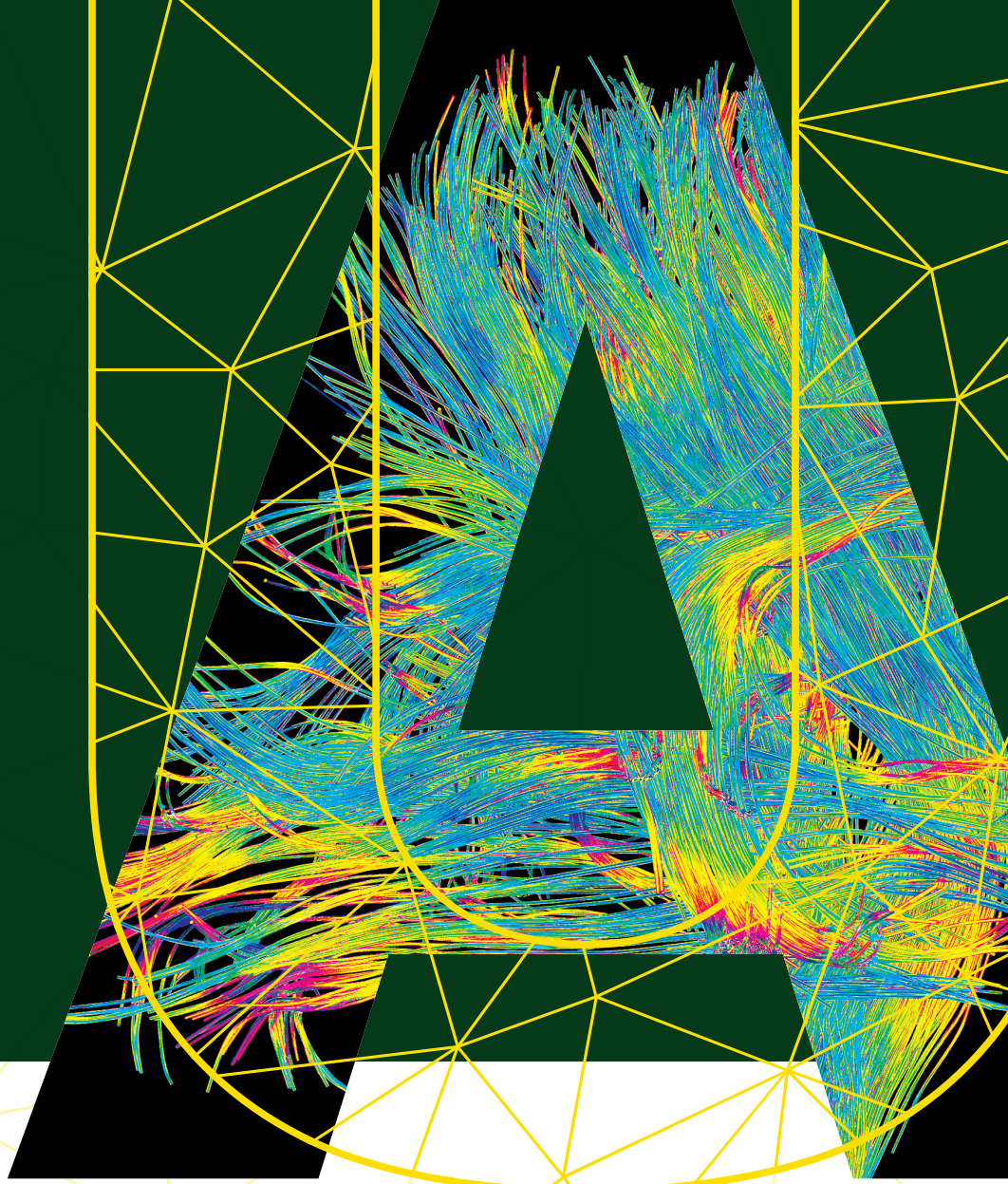




UNIVERSITY  
OF ALBERTA



2022-2023

# Physical Therapy

Department of Physical Therapy  
Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine  
College of Health Sciences

DECEMBER 2023



# Contents

- Message from the Department ..... 3
- Mission & Core Values ..... 4
- Achievements & Highlights ..... 5
- Awards & Honours ..... 6
- Community Engagement ..... 7
- Grant Funding ..... 8

# Message from the Department

**The 2022/23 academic year was filled with highlights, impact, and transformation for our award-winning faculty members and department. In June 2022, Dr. Marguerite Wieler finished her term as department chair. We are grateful for the steady leadership Dr. Wieler provided over a disruptive period. She provided a voice of compassion and reflection during our response to the COVID-19 pandemic and budget cutbacks. Dr. Doug Gross was the successful candidate for chair and started his term in July 2023.**

In May we learned our program will return to Camrose and the Augustana campus. This time the occupational therapy and speech language pathology programs will join us, as the Government of Alberta approved expansion of all three. We eagerly anticipate returning to Camrose and re-starting our rural satellite campus in September 2024.

Our teaching of future physiotherapists continued in Edmonton, Calgary, and the broader community through clinical placements. We are immensely grateful for the clinical preceptors and facilities who willingly accept physiotherapy students, sharing basic knowledge, practical skills, and clinical wisdom.

We focused on our commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and broader commitments to equity, diversity, and inclusion in all we do. Guided by new national physiotherapy curriculum standards, we continued our collaboration with Treaty 8 First Nations and took steps towards Indigenizing our curriculum.

We are grateful for our strong community partnerships. This includes alumni, donors, and community instructors who support our department. As we continue to build and strengthen partnerships, we appreciate how important it is to stay connected. We give updates through media releases and various social media channels. But feel free to reach out any time with questions, concerns, or ideas to help us improve.

**Dr. Doug Gross**

Chair & Professor  
Department of Physical Therapy

**Dr. Mark Hall**

Associate Chair & Teaching Professor  
Department of Physical Therapy

# Our Mission

Inspire learning, advance knowledge, and foster partnerships to improve health and wellbeing. With an overarching focus of creating a diverse and inclusive environment, elevate the Department of Physical Therapy (and the profession) through four strategic themes: develop and strengthen teaching, foster

## Our Core Values

- Focus on people, creating an inclusive community
- Teaching for the 21st century
- Partnerships
- Research and technology

## CANCER EXERCISE STUDY HELPS LOCAL BROADCASTER REBUILD HIS BODY AND LIFE



**After having a cancerous tumour removed from his neck, local sports broadcaster Dave Jamieson regained his strength and rebuilt his life with help from principal investigator and physical therapy professor Dr. Margie McNeely and the [Alberta Cancer Exercise study](#).**

Read the full story: <https://tinyurl.com/3ys2fypa>



# ACHIEVEMENTS **HIGHLIGHTS**

The Corbett Hall PT Student Clinic provided services to **641** individual patients over **8,118** visits across **44** student placements. Most of these patients are unable to receive treatment elsewhere in the community.

# Physical Therapy

## awards and honours

### Dr. Margie McNeely

Dr. Margie McNeely received the [Health Quality Council of Alberta 2023 Patient Experience Award](#)

### Dr. Karim Fouad

Dr. Karim Fouad was successful in the [Canada Research Chair \(Tier 1\) Renewal](#)

### Dr. Lauren Beaupre

Dr. Lauren Beaupre was named [Ambassador for the Alberta Women's Health Foundation](#)

### Dr. Mark Hall

Dr. Mark Hall received the [Canadian Alliance of Physiotherapy Regulators \(CAPR\) Award of Distinction](#)

### Dr. Eric Parent

Dr. Eric Parent received the [International Society of Scoliosis Orthopedic Research Treatment \(SOSORT\) award](#)

### Dr. Geoff Bostick

Dr. Geoff Bostick received the Department of Physical Therapy Innovative Teaching Award

121

Peer-reviewed publications. Sixty-three involved trainees.

100

The Department of Physical Therapy was involved in 100 conference presentations including several keynotes and plenary sessions.

99%

of graduates successfully completed the written national Physiotherapy Competency Examination on the first attempt.

# Community engagement highlights

## ENHANCING COMMUNITY CARE

**Dr. Allyson Jones** provided weekly clinical service to the [Indigenous Wellness Clinic](#), which provides a culturally safe and informed environment for patients and their families to receive health care services within a multidisciplinary team.

## INTERNATIONAL NETWORK

**Dr. Lauren Beaupre** served as president of the [International Fragility Fracture Network](#), a large network with 11,500 members. Dr. Beaupre is the first allied health professional to serve and the third woman.

## FIRST CANADIAN NON-PHYSICIAN

**Dr. Lesley Pritchard** served as president and chair of the board of directors for the [American Academy for Cerebral Palsy and Development Medicine](#) and was the 2022 [Annual Meeting](#) scientific program chair. In its 76-year history, Dr. Pritchard is the third PT and the first Canadian non-physician to serve in this role.

## SPINAL RESEARCH PROGRESSES

**Dr. Karim Fouad** served as director of the [International Spinal Research Trust](#) annual meeting.

## POST COVID-19 RESEARCH

**Dr. Doug Gross** served on the chief science advisor of Canada's [Post COVID-19 Condition Task Force](#).

## CHS APPOINTMENT

**Dr. Trish Manns** was named [Associate Dean of Education for the College of Health Sciences](#) at the University of Alberta.

---

# Grant Funding

**\$68,116,434**

**in ongoing principal and co-principal investigator funding**

**\$25,571,751**

**in new peer-reviewed funding as principal or co-principal investigator**

**\$10,077,868**

**in new funding as co-investigators**

## NEW NATIONAL NETWORK **TACKLES LONG COVID**



**Dr. Doug Gross was co-principal applicant on a five-year, \$20-million Canadian Institutes of Health Research grant that will support a new national network of researchers and patients coming together to explore the best ways to diagnose, assess, manage and treat long COVID. Network participants also include Drs. Maxi Miciak, Geoffrey Bostick, Shu-Ping Chen, Marguerite Wieler and Mark Hall.**

Read the full story: <https://tinyurl.com/bdfue4m6>



# THANK YOU

The Department of Physical Therapy would like take this opportunity to say **THANK YOU** to all of physical therapy clinicians who supervised the students in our department.

## 519

**PT's supervised students**

## 631

**Student placements**

## 206

**Placement sites**

# Leading with Purpose.



**UNIVERSITY  
OF ALBERTA**

**Department of Physical Therapy  
Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine**

2-50 Corbell Hall  
8205 114 Street  
Edmonton, AB  
Canada T6G 2G4

[ualberta.ca/physical-therapy](http://ualberta.ca/physical-therapy)