

# primary cares

News & updates from the Calgary Zone



## Physician comprehensive care model resources

Tools and resources are available to support family physicians looking for more information about the new physician comprehensive care model (PCCM).

The model, announced at a [news conference](#) on Thursday, is compensated based on time, panel size and patient complexity. Enrolment is due to open in January 2025, with full implementation in spring 2025, provided there are at least 500 physicians enrolled. More information is available via the links below:

- [Compensation comparison tool](#)
- [Enquiry and feedback form](#)
- [Financial calculator](#)
- [PCCM essentials guide](#)
- [PCCM resources](#)
- [Physician FAQ](#)
- Virtual info session (Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 6 p.m.): [Register](#).

Alberta Medical Association members can express their interest in the PCCM via the AMA member dashboard. Physicians will then be issued an Alberta Health PCCM attestation form.

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## Measles case in Calgary

An alert has been issued after contact tracers linked a lab-confirmed measles case to public settings in Calgary.

Potential exposures while the individual was infectious took place between Wednesday, December 11 and Sunday, December 15 in locations that included a flight from Seattle to Calgary International Airport, the Real Canadian Superstore (Westwinds Drive, NE) and the Alberta Children's Hospital. [Read the advisory](#).

Anyone who was exposed who was born in or after 1970 and has less than two documented doses of measles-containing vaccine is considered to be at risk for developing measles. Measles is highly communicable in indoor spaces. [More information](#).

## Urology, orthopedic surgery tele-advice to close

Effective Wednesday, January 1, 2025, urology and orthopedic surgery tele-advice will no longer be available via Specialist Link.

System pressures and workforce issues have contributed to the closure of these services. For orthopedic surgery questions, family physicians and nurse practitioners are asked to direct questions to the RAAPID consultation and advice line. Urology non-urgent requests can go through Facilitated Access to Specialized Treatment (FAST). Emergent calls can continue to be directed to the urologist on call. The patient can also be directed to the Rockyview General Hospital emergency department, at the discretion of the provider.

Please refer to the updated [orthopedics access pathway](#) and the updated [urology access pathway](#).

**Holiday schedule:** Tele-advice will not be available on statutory holidays – Wednesday, December 25, Thursday, December 26 and Wednesday, January 1, 2025. Select services will also close from Monday, December 23 to Friday, January 3, 2025. Normal service will resume on Monday, January 6, 2025. Please download our [opening hours list](#) for the detailed schedule.

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## Chief Medical Officer posting

Primary Care Alberta is inviting applications for the new position of Chief Medical Officer. Questions can be directed to [CMO@primarycarealberta.ca](mailto:CMO@primarycarealberta.ca).

[Review the posting](#).

**Primary care FAQ:** A frequently asked questions document has been created to answer questions about Primary Care Alberta and the transition to regional networks. [Read the FAQ](#).