

primary cares

News & updates from the Calgary Zone



Compensation model resources

Resources are available to support physicians who want to find out more about the new primary care physician compensation model (PCPCM).

On Friday, February 28, from 12:30–1:30 p.m., *Live and On Call With AMA* returns for another weekly discussion about PCPCM. [More information](#). The following recordings are also available:

- [Billing for encounters and time](#)
- [Eligibility and enrolment](#)
- [Understand the model](#)

A detailed PCPCM operations manual can also be [downloaded](#).

Enhanced access training: Online AMA training is now available. [More information](#).

Concussion pathways, dermatology

New Calgary Zone pathways are now available to guide the assessment, diagnosis and management of concussion in adults.

The [acute concussion pathway](#) is designed for patients in the initial four weeks following injury. That includes geriatric patients and those who are pregnant. If the patient is still symptomatic at more than 12 weeks post-injury – unless it's the first presentation – a second pathway is available: The [persisting post-concussion symptoms pathway](#).

Dermatology tele-advice: Effective Monday, March 3, dermatology tele-advice will no longer be available on Specialist Link. Providers seeking non-urgent advice can request eReferral Consults. [More information](#).

Palliative care: Updated pathways for [pediatric](#) and [adult](#) patients are now available.

Avian influenza

Patients with acute viral respiratory illness or influenza-like illness and exposure to animals with suspected or confirmed H5N1 infection in the preceding 10 days should be considered for H5N1 influenza testing.

If H5N1 influenza is suspected in a patient, contact the Zone Medical Officer of Health (MOH) and the Alberta Precision Laboratories Public Health Laboratory microbiologist/virologist on-call to facilitate testing prior to submitting specimens. [Read the lab bulletin.](#)

Reminder: Document, results routing

AHS has implemented changes to the electronic delivery of clinical documents and results from Connect Care to electronic medical records. The change aims to resolve most of the duplication that community providers have experienced since the launch of Connect Care. [More information.](#)

Quick links

Lighten your workload

On Wednesday, March 12, at 10 a.m., Choosing Wisely Canada will host a webinar discussing how primary care providers can free up more time for appropriate, patient-centred care. Calgary's Dr. Janet Reynolds will be among the speakers. [Register.](#)

Caregiver-centred care

On Tuesday, April 1, from 7–8:30 p.m., Calgary West Central PCN is hosting a webinar on caregiver-centred care. The session highlights how making time for caregivers is essential to patient care and your practice. [Register.](#)

PCN Pain Rounds

On Thursday, March 20, from 5:30–7 p.m., the next installment of the PCN Pain Rounds series will focus on *Trauma Therapy in a Person with Pain*. [Register.](#)

Addiction and mental health lunch and learn

On Wednesday, March 5, from 12:05–12:50 p.m., Recovery Alberta will host a webinar on *Measuring Recovery in Recovery Alberta*. [More information](#)

Public engagement sessions

Albertans can have their say on the Government of Alberta's plans to "refocus health care" at a series of sessions being held in different communities between now and April. [More information.](#)

Primary Care Strategic Form

The 2025 Primary Care Strategic Forum will be held in Edmonton from May 1–3. [Register.](#)

PPI self-reflection tool

A free online tool that promotes self-reflection on advancing your practice is now available. The tool, called MyL3Plan, can be used to meet the requirements for the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta's Physician Practice Improvement (PPI) program. [More information.](#)