

# primary cares

News & updates from the Calgary Zone



## Concussion pathways

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](#). If symptoms persist beyond three months, referral for specialized assessment and/or interdisciplinary concussion services/clinics may be indicated.

**Palliative care:** Updated palliative care access pathways for pediatric and adult patients are now available on Specialist Link. The [adult pathway](#) provides links and referral information for the palliative care consult service and home care, while the [pediatric pathway](#) references the children's hospice and palliative care service – in addition to consults – and home care.

**Reminder for gynecology referrals:** Primary care providers in the Calgary area are advised to send gynecology referrals directly to the clinic or surgeon of their choice. A list of local gynecology clinics can be [downloaded here](#). Gynecology tele-advice is available via [specialistlink.ca](#). Alberta Netcare eReferral – [eConsult](#) is also available.

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## Compensation model info

On Tuesday, February 11, the next Alberta Medical Association information session about the new primary care physician compensation model (PCPCM) will focus on billing for encounters and time. [More information](#) (AMA login required).

A recording of the Wednesday, January 29 webinar about eligibility and enrolment is now [available online](#). A detailed PCPCM operations manual can also be [downloaded](#). A recording of the original webinar that provided an overview of the model can be [watched here](#).

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## 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. It will also expand eDelivery to send more letters to EMRs and ensure clinical information is more consistently delivered to providers based on the preferences they've provided.

[More information](#). An [FAQ](#) is also available.

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## Quick links

### 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](#).

### Chronic pain series

On Tuesday, February 11, from 12:15–1:15 p.m., a new series on chronic pain kicks off with a discussion about *Managing Chronic Headache in Community Practice*. [More information](#).

### 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](#)

### Practice facilitator training

From Wednesday, February 12 to Thursday, June 19, the AMA's Accelerating Change Transformation Team (ACTT) is offering a new practice facilitation core training course in two formats: Comprehensive and self-directed. [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](#).