

# primary cares

News & updates from the Calgary Zone



## Fall webinar: Alcohol use disorder

A new alcohol use disorder pathway for primary care physicians and teams will be the focus of an October webinar as the Calgary Zone's series returns this fall.

On Monday, October 16, from 6–8 p.m., Dr. Monty Ghosh will join co-hosts Dr. Rick Ward and Dr. Christine Luelo to discuss the pharmacological management options highlighted in the pathway, which was developed by the Calgary Zone PCNs. The pathway is expected to be published in September.

Musculoskeletal injections, introduced by Dr. Arun Gupta, and the fall 2023 immunization plan are among the other topics that will be featured in the webinar, which is open to all physicians, nurse practitioners, clinic staff and teams.

[Register](#)

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## Oncology medication info

Adult oncology medication information is now available in Netcare in the oncology consult letters section. It is no longer available via the Pharmacy Information Network (PIN).

Pediatric information continues to be available in consult letters; it was never sent to PIN. The change was made for safety reasons. [Read the memo.](#)

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## Reminder: COPD referral algorithm

A new [referral algorithm](#) has been developed to help clarify which of the four Calgary Zone community programs are suitable for Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) patients.

For more information about the [Alberta Healthy Living Program](#), the [Community Accessible Rehabilitation Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program](#), the [Calgary COPD and Asthma Program](#) and the [Integrated Home Care COPD Specialty Team](#), download the algorithm from [Specialist Link](#).

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## Quick links

### **Discounted rates for PIAs**

Clinics have until Saturday, September 30 to make the most of time-limited [reduced rates](#) for Privacy Impact Assessments (PIAs). The offer is aimed at clinics that have submitted a confirmation of participation form and now need to update their PIA. [More information](#).

### **Long COVID support for patients, providers**

Resources, support and pathways are available to support patients with long COVID. Clinics can book a short presentation to learn more about how to support patients and providers. This new chronic condition continues to carry stigma for patients who are still in recovery and unable to return to work or normal life. For more information, contact [shawna.curry@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:shawna.curry@albertahealthservices.ca).

### **Pain Society of Alberta conference**

On Friday, October 13 and Saturday, October 14, the Pain Society of Alberta conference will take place in Edmonton. Early bird rates apply until Thursday, August 31. For more information, contact [team@pain.ab.ca](mailto:team@pain.ab.ca).