

# primary cares

News & updates from the Calgary Zone



## Labs poised for DynaLIFE transition

Collections for lab testing for patients in the Calgary area will formally transition to DynaLIFE from Alberta Precision Laboratories next week. It is worth noting the following:

- Effective Tuesday, December 5, mobile lab requisitions can be faxed, using the old forms, to a new number: 403-777-5222.
- The DynaLIFE [physician hub](#) details changes for community providers. The full bulletin can also be [downloaded here](#)
- Supplies can be ordered via the existing supplier (Cardinal) until February 28, 2023. However, a few items – including fecal immunochemical testing (FIT) kits – must be ordered through DynaLIFE as of December 5
- A dedicated line is available only for physician offices requesting urgent or time-sensitive labs for patients: 1-877-702-4486, #7. Do not share this number with patients
- Clinics will be mailed DynaLIFE stickers to put on requisitions to direct patients to the [QMe \(dynamlife.ca\)](#) system

For more information, please call 403-770-3351

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## Child and adolescent gynecology tele-advice

Child and adolescent gynecology tele-advice is now available on [Specialist Link](#).

Primary care providers can use the service to enquire about a wide range of gynecological conditions in the pediatric population, including:

- Complex contraception
- Dysmenorrhea
- Female genital tract problems
- Heavy menstrual bleeding
- Ovarian cysts
- Vulvovaginitis

Requesting child and adolescent gynecology tele-advice is simple: Visit [specialistlink.ca](#) and hover over Pediatrics before selecting child & adolescent gynecology. You can also call 403-910-2551 and press 3, 5. The service is available Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (except statutory holidays). Calls are returned within one hour.

**New pathway:** A new [iron deficiency anemia pathway](#) can now be downloaded from Specialist Link. The clinical care pathway explores investigative approaches and patient management based on type of anemia, as well as information about starting iron therapy.

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## Ortho, spine, urology referrals top 2,500

More than 2,500 referrals have been processed since a new program to centralize urology and non-urgent spine and orthopaedics referrals was launched in October.

Referring providers in the Calgary Zone submitted a total of 2,700 referrals in the first month of the Alberta Facilitated Access to Specialized Treatment (FAST) program. As part of the new process, all referrals for urology and non-urgent orthopaedics and spine – excluding oncological and pediatric orthopaedics – must be faxed to 1-833-627-7023.

Updated provincial referral forms will be added to the following EMRs in the coming weeks: Ava, Juno, Microquest, Med Access, PS Suite, Wolf, CHR and Accuro. Old forms will be accepted until March 5, 2023.

[More information.](#)

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## Reminder: Influenza, virus updates

With influenza case numbers rising sharply in the Calgary area, in addition to COVID-19 and other respiratory conditions circulating, resources are available to support providers.

- [Viral respiratory testing guidance](#)
  - [Cold standard toolkit](#)
  - [AHS influenza information for providers](#)
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## Quick links

### Webinar: Orthopaedics in the Calgary area

On Monday, January 16, 2023, from 6–8 p.m., Dr. Rick Ward and Dr. Christine Luelo will co-host the next webinar in the Calgary Zone series. In addition to a segment on mental health, there will be a focus on orthopaedics in the Calgary Zone. [Register.](#)

### Family Medicine Summit

On Friday, March 3, 2023, to Sunday, March 5, the 68<sup>th</sup> annual Family Medicine Summit will take place at the Rimrock Resort Hotel in Banff. [More information.](#)