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News & updates from the Calgary Zone



Duplicative lab requisitions

Requisitions for the same test submitted by two or more providers are now being merged by Alberta Precision Labs, whenever possible.

Effective Monday, July 22, separate specimens will not be collected for requisitions that seek the same tests. Instead, labs will only collect enough blood for one test and the results will be sent to all the providers who ordered the test. It is hoped this may result in shorter wait times.

Community providers will be listed as an authorizing provider or coordination of care recipient on result documents – meaning there is more than one provider ordering the tests. All ordering providers remain clinically responsible and will receive a call about critical test results.

[More information.](#)

Dermatology tele-advice

[Specialist Link's](#) dermatology tele-advice is temporarily unavailable.

The advice line, which offers advice on non-urgent, semi-urgent and urgent dermatological conditions, will resume normal service on Tuesday, August 6.

In the meantime, urgent requests should be directed to RAAPID. Non-urgent requests can be directed to community dermatologists. You can also submit an [eConsult request](#).

eReferral changes

Netcare eReferral has been updated to enhance functionality for users. New features include:

- Name changes: Advice requests are now known as eConsults, while consult requests are called referrals
- FAST: Referrals can be sent to the Facilitated Access to Specialized Treatment program using a simplified search function
- User guides: Updated guides are available via the [eReferral Learning Centre](#)
- Connect Care: Access to Netcare has been enhanced. [More information.](#)

Please clear your cache and cookies before using the updated system. [More information](#).

Fibromyalgia webinar

A recording of the Calgary Zone's latest webinar, which focused on fibromyalgia and eating disorders, can now be [watched online](#).

The virtual event, which took place on Wednesday, July 3, was viewed live by more than 180 physicians, staff and team members. The next webinar in the series, which will focus on neurodiversity and skin cancer, is scheduled to take place on Monday, September 23, at 6 p.m. [Register](#).

Eating disorders live-in centre info: A [brochure](#), [screening](#) and [assessment tools](#) and a [referral form](#) are available for the facility featured in the webinar.

Quick links

Wildfire information

Resources are available to support patients who are affected by the current wildfire situation in Alberta. [Latest updates](#), a [wildfire dashboard](#) and the [Alberta Emergency Alert](#) (alerts and advisories) are tools you may find helpful.

Cardiac test results available

Results for five different cardiac tests are now available in the My Personal Records application, via My Health Records. They are the stress test, Holter monitor, electrocardiogram, electroencephalogram and electromyography. [More information](#).

Practice facilitator training

The Alberta Medical Association is hosting practice facilitator core training in the Calgary area. The next series starts with a virtual welcome session on Thursday, October 3 (1–2:30 p.m.) followed by all-day, in-person sessions on Thursday, October 31, Wednesday, December 4 and Thursday, December 5. [More information](#).

Physician leaders wanted

The AMA is seeking qualified physicians to contract for the casual position of ACTT Physician Lead. [Review the opportunity](#). Email RFP@albertadoctors.org with any questions.