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News & updates from the Calgary Zone



Calgary Zone FIB-4 and liver health webinar

A recording of the Calgary Zone's latest webinar can now be [watched online](#).

The virtual event, which took place on Monday, February 26, was viewed live by more than 300 physicians, staff and team members. It featured the following:

- [Alcohol use disorder pathway](#) and liver scarring, with Dr. Mark Swain ([skip to 4:45](#))
- Physician Lead Executive Q&A, with Dr. Heather La Borde ([skip to 42:48](#))
- The updated [non-alcoholic fatty liver disease pathway](#): The FIB-4 paradigm shift, with Dr. Abdel Aziz Shaheen ([skip to 55:10](#))
- Cirrhosis repatriation, with Dr. Mark Swain ([skip to 1:26.37](#))
- Family physician of the year awards, with Dr. Ann Vaidya ([skip to 1:41.18](#))
- Primary Care hot topics, with Dr. Christine Luelo ([skip to 1:45.28](#))

A [physician Q&A](#) is also available. The next webinar in the series, which will focus on obesity, medical assistance in dying and treatment-resistant depression, is scheduled to take place on Monday, April 22, at 6 p.m. [Register](#).

Lab changes

A new provincial requisition form has been introduced for all community microbiology testing.

The form can be [downloaded here](#); it should also be available in most EMRs. It was updated and posted by Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) earlier this week. [Read the bulletin](#).

New lab portal launches next month: APL's new community lab supply ordering portal is set to be launched on Monday, April 1. To prepare for the launch, all community providers must verify their account by emailing CPSMOperations.EOC@albertahealthservices.ca. Failure to do so will result in the inability to access or order clinical lab test supplies. [More information](#).

Molecular vaginitis screen: Effective Monday, March 11, microscopy for bacterial vaginosis/yeast will be replaced with a molecular vaginitis screen that combines tests for bacterial vaginosis, vaginal candidiasis and trichomoniasis. The new screen requires only one swab. [Read the bulletin](#).

General surgery referral

General surgery was added to the Facilitated Access to Specialized Treatment program at the end of February, which means referring providers can fax referrals through to a single fax number (1-833-627-7023) for that specialty, as well as orthopaedics, vascular surgery and urology. The following resources are available:

- [General surgery referral pathway](#)
- [General surgery referral form](#)

[More information.](#)

Reminder: Panel management support program

More information has been provided about the panel management support program, which offers family physicians and rural generalists financial support to help manage the costs of caring for an increasing number of patients. Non-Alberta Medical Association members can contact laura.matchett@albertadoctors.org. [More information.](#)

Quick links

Reminder: PCN Pain Rounds: Trauma and Pain

On Thursday, March 14, from 5:30–7 p.m., the latest session in the PCN Pain Rounds series tackles *Trauma and Pain: An Intergenerational Problem with Community Solutions*. [Register.](#)

Payroll optimization

On Thursday, March 21, from 7–8 p.m., Calgary West Central PCN is hosting a webinar on optimizing your payroll process and staying tax-compliant. It is open to all PCN physician members. [Register.](#)

Vascular surgery referral webinar

On Tuesday, March 12, from 5–5:45 p.m., AHS is hosting a webinar about accessing vascular specialty care throughout the province. [Register.](#)

Long-term care and depression

On Wednesday, March 27, from 12:05–12:50 p.m., AHS is hosting a lunch and learn on detecting and managing depression and depressive symptoms for those living in long-term care, including those with dementia. [Register.](#)

AMA webinar on personal boundaries

On Wednesday, March 13, from 7–8:30 p.m., the AMA's Physician and Family Support Program is hosting a webinar on personal boundaries for physicians. [Register.](#)