

primary cares

News & updates from the Calgary Zone



Family physician of the year awards

Dr. Mike Forseth and Dr. Richard Baverstock are the winners of the AHS Department of Family Medicine 2025 physician awards.

Calgary West Central PCN member Dr. Forseth, who works at Britannia Medical Clinic, is the recipient of the Family Physician of the Year 2025 award. The award is nominated by patients.

Dr. Baverstock, who works at the Alberta Bladder Centre, is the winner of the Specialist Physician of the Year 2025 award.

ACFP awards: Wednesday, April 1 is the deadline to submit nominations for the Alberta College of Family Physicians (ACFP) Awards. If you know a family doctor, learner or clinic team that has made an outstanding contribution to family medicine, please submit a nomination. Categories are Family Physician of the Year, Recognition of Excellence, Outstanding New Professional, Family Medicine Resident Leadership, Student Leadership and Patient's Medical Home Outstanding Family Practice. [More information.](#)

Chief Medical Officer

Applications are being accepted for the role of Chief Medical Officer for Primary Care Alberta following the resignation of former Calgary Zone PCN Physician Lead Dr. Ernst Greyvenstein.

Dr. Greyvenstein, a south Calgary physician who was the first doctor to hold the PCA role, will depart effective Friday, May 15.

The CMO is a key PCA leadership role that is responsible for overseeing the integration and coordination of a complex health delivery model and is accountable and responsible for all medical staff-related matters and decisions, practitioner recruitment, retention, development and wellness provincially. The posting, which is open until Sunday, April 5, can be [viewed here.](#)

PCA Senior Medical Advisor Dr. Linda Slocombe, another local physician who previously served as a PCN medical director at Calgary Foothills PCN, is set to retire at the end of March.

OurCare report

The latest OurCare report, a pan-Canadian study of patients' perspectives on primary care needs, has been released.

The findings place Alberta near the top in several metrics compared to other provinces and territories – including the percentage of adults who report having a family doctor, nurse practitioner or primary care clinic (87.4 per cent). [Read the provincial report](#). The annual survey also includes a national report on primary care. [Read the national report](#).

Lab bulletins

HPV primary testing

Colposcopy is recommended for immunocompromised patients testing positive or indeterminate for any high-risk HPV genotype on their HPV primary test. This applies to patient age groups that are eligible for HPV primary cervical cancer screening (ages 50-69). [Read the lab memo](#).

Ophthalmic pathology requisition

A new provincial [ophthalmic pathology requisition](#), #22278, must now be used for all ophthalmic specimens. Please discard or archive copies of previous requisitions. [Read the lab memo](#).

Connect Care delivery location

Lab results have been delivered to unexpected locations for some future orders. The issue is related to Connect Care updating the delivery of results to respect each provider's chosen primary delivery location. Some future orders (including pending standing orders and therapy plan orders) have been delivered to an unexpected location when the primary delivery location was changed after the order was entered, causing results to go to the location preferred at the time of signing. To ensure results are delivered to the updated delivery preference, providers are advised to cancel outstanding orders and issue replacement orders when they next see the patient. [Read the memo](#).

Measles exposure

An alert was issued Thursday for measles exposures at Calgary International Airport and Cold Shot Bus Company. Both exposures occurred on Tuesday, March 10. [More information](#).

Two measles cases have been reported in the Calgary Zone in 2026. [Latest statistics](#).

Quick links

CME claims

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Physicians can claim up to \$2,200 in continuing medical education (CME) credits through the program administered by the Alberta Medical Association (AMA). The current window for claims is April 1, 2025, to March 31, 2026. [More information](#).

Caregiver-centered care

On Tuesday, April 28, from 6–7 p.m., the AMA's Accelerating Change Transformation Team (ACTT) is hosting the latest webinar in the Physician Practice Improvement Program (PPIP) series on caregiver-centered care. Dr. Vivian Ewa and Dr. Elaine Bland are leading the session, which focuses on strategies to engage, partner with and support family caregivers. Prerequisites include three 20-minute, online, self-paced modules. [Register](#).

Team-based care training

The AMA is offering an online training module on team-based care. Aimed at physicians, clinic team members and those leading quality improvement work, the training, which can be completed at your own pace, provides key strategies and tools for strengthening team-based care. [More information](#).

Certified Tobacco Educator training

Free training is available for primary care providers who want to strengthen their skills in tobacco and vaping prevention and patient cessation support. Upcoming all-day workshops include *Foundational Health Educator* (Thursday, April 23 and Thursday, April 30) and *Applied Tobacco Intervention* (Wednesday, May 6). Funding is available to cover learning materials and exams. [Register](#).

Reminder: CanREACH cohorts

The 2026 CanREACH Mini-Fellowship Program is offering two virtual cohorts in 2026 (April and October), with space for up to 50 participants per cohort. [More information](#).