



## Stroke prevention clinic referral guidelines

Detailed [referral guidelines](#) are now available for Calgary's stroke prevention clinics.

Adults who have had a transient ischemic attack or a minor stroke can be referred to the clinics at Foothills Medical Centre and South Health Campus via central access at 403-944-1447 or via fax at 403-476-9635. The [updated guidelines](#) are also linked on the Specialist Link [neurology access pathway](#).

Please note that episodes of pre-syncope, loss of consciousness & memory loss, and recurrent episodes of dizziness are unlikely to be transient ischemic attacks. Consider referring these patients to the emergency department, Urgent Neurology Clinic (phone 403-944-2372) or General Neurology Clinic as appropriate. Retinal vein occlusion and anterior ischemic optic neuropathy may be appropriate for ophthalmology referral.

The central access referral service provides a single point of entry for adults who require early assessment, treatment, and education. The guidelines provide detailed criteria for both urgent and routine referrals, as well as information about conditions not appropriate for referral.

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## Webinar: Charting series

Starting on Friday, October 17, Calgary West Central PCN is hosting a three-part series focused on charting. The series can be watched live online or via a recording. It can help physicians meet the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta's Physician Practice Improvement Program (PPIP) Activity 2 quality improvement activity.

The live portion of the webinars takes place on Friday, October 17 (8–9:30 p.m.), Friday, October 24 (8–10 p.m.) and Wednesday, October 29 (8–9:30 p.m.). Registration is open to all PCN physicians in the Calgary Zone. [Register](#).

**Webinar on panel conflict reduction:** On Tuesday, September 23, from 6–7:30 p.m., the Alberta Medical Association's Accelerating Change Transformation Team (AMA-ACTT) is hosting a webinar on panel conflict reduction. [Register](#).

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## Saskatoon Farm update

Effective Wednesday, September 10, asymptomatic stool kits are no longer available for pickup from Provlab in relation to the Saskatoon Farm gastrointestinal outbreak.

Asymptomatic patients requesting screening should be provided with a [requisition](#) for stool testing for a stool parasite screen. Please include the exposure investigation number (EI 2025-855) in the Clinical Information/Suspected Organism section to link to the Saskatoon Farm outbreak.

[More information.](#)

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## Webinar: Indigenous anti-racism and cultural humility

On Wednesday, October 1, from noon–1 p.m., the Calgary and area PCNs are hosting a free webinar on *Awareness to Action: Indigenous Anti-racism and Cultural Humility for Primary Health Care*.

Note: Registration for the live event is now full. You can register to be added to the wait list and watch a recording of the event. For more information, please email [info@calgaryareapcns.ca](mailto:info@calgaryareapcns.ca).

[Join the wait list.](#)

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## Digital health card

The Government of Alberta has unveiled a new Mobile Health Card that can serve as valid proof of health insurance coverage and be presented at hospitals, clinics and other medical settings.

It is available to eligible Albertans aged 14 and older. Parents and guardians will be able to add their children's Mobile Health Cards to their own Alberta Wallets. Spouses and interdependent partners can also add each other's Mobile Health Cards to their Alberta Wallets.

[More information.](#)

**MyChart unveiled:** MyAHS Connect, a tool that allows Albertans to access health records, has rebranded as MyChart. [More information.](#)

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## Connect Care summative documents

Authors of Connect Care summative documents (inpatient notes) now have greater control over how these notes are routed.

Authors can view all automatic recipients, add additional providers, choose delivery methods and send a broader range of inpatient note types, including sensitive ones.

[specialistlink.ca](https://specialistlink.ca)

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For more information, call 1-877-311-4300 or [download the one-pager](#).

**Requisition printing:** Effective Wednesday, October 1, automatic printing of Connect Care laboratory requisitions for blood and urine specimen orders will be disabled to improve workflows and reduce paper use. Patients are no longer required to have a printed form when visiting an Alberta Precision Laboratories site for blood or urine collection. [More information](#).

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## Reminder: Know your family doctor campaign

A campaign has been launched to encourage patients to ensure they know the name of their primary care provider and clinic.

The goal of the joint PCN-AHS campaign, which features a poster and social media posts, is to ensure patients can identify their family doctor, nurse practitioner or clinic when they need care outside the medical home – for example, when receiving hospital care.

[Download the poster](#).

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## Midwifery scope of practice

Registered midwives now have the option to expand their scope of practice and perform advanced practice activities in Alberta Health Services sites.

[More information](#).

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## Quick links

### CanREACH openings

Registration has opened for the CanREACH Patient-Centered Mental Health in Pediatric Primary Care Program's next fellowship course. It starts with a conference on Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25, followed by 12 one-hour clinical case sessions. [More information](#).

### Measles alert

A confirmed measles case at two public health facilities has prompted AHS to issue a public alert. The potential exposure locations were Alberta Children's Hospital and Mission Medical Clinic in southeast Calgary. [More Information](#).

### Pediatric vision concerns webinar



On Tuesday, October 21 from noon–1 p.m., the Alberta Association of Optometrists is hosting a webinar for health professionals about common vision concerns and issues affecting children. [Register](#).

### **Digital health innovation webinar**

On Friday, October 3, from noon–1 p.m., AMA-ACTT's digital health innovation series continues with a webinar led by Jo Salter, the first female fast jet pilot in the Royal Air Force and now Global Advisory Director of Generative AI at PricewaterhouseCoopers. Registration is for physicians only. [More information](#).

### **Alberta Virtual Pain Program webinars**

Providers are invited to attend two-hour virtual webinars to learn more about the latest evidence in chronic pain treatment for adults:

- Tuesday, October 7, 5–7 p.m. [Register](#).
- Thursday, November 20, 3–5 p.m. [Register](#).
- Tuesday, December 16, noon–2 p.m. [Register](#).

### **Pain workshops for Albertans**

The Alberta Virtual Pain Program is now offering topic-specific programming workshops to all Albertans. Participants are no longer required to have completed the facilitated group or self-led program before accessing these workshops. [More information](#).

### **Leadership workshop**

On Wednesday, September 24 and Thursday, September 25, AHS is hosting a webinar titled, *Mistakes were made (mostly by me): A candid look at medical leadership*. Register for the [September 24](#) session, which is from 4–5:30 p.m., or the [September 25](#) session, which is from 7–8:30 a.m.

### **MAPS year in review**

The Modernizing Alberta's Primary Health Care System (MAPS) initiative has released a year-in-review report. [Read the report](#).

### **PCA appoints Chief Nursing Officer**

Primary Care Alberta has appointed Dr. Kim Hogarth as Chief Nursing Officer. Dr. Hogarth will help guide PCA's strategic direction and will work alongside Chief Medical Officer Dr. Ernst Greyvenstein in a dual leadership model. [More information](#).