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**Section of Family Medicine**
SFM Bulletin – December 6, 2019
Sounding the Fire Alarm

My SFM Bulletin last week informed you that family medicine is being threatened with significant cuts under the “consultation” proposals that were brought forward unilaterally by Alberta Health. … more

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SFM Bulletin - November 29, 2019
Burning Down the [Patient's Medical] Home

It is with extreme concern that I write to you today, my fellow family physicians. I fear that the patient-centered care we have been working so hard to deliver through the Patient’s Medical Home model is in true and immediate jeopardy in Alberta. … more

Section of Pediatrics

AMA Pediatrics Grant 2020 Application

Section of Intensive Care

Event
32nd Annual Alberta Society of Intensive Care Physicians AGM/
Dr. Mark Heule Conference

When: January 24, 2020 - Section of Intensive Care AGM
January 24-25 - Dr. Mark Heule Conference
Where: Post Hotel, Lake Louise | AGM - 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Details: Conference program details to follow

Section of Laboratory Physicians

Section Update

It’s never a dull day in the lab!

With Connect Care, the Ernst and Young Review and ongoing changes to lab services, sometimes it feels like we are in the middle of a storm.

Lab physicians from across the province have been deeply involved in the launch and success of Connect Care. This clinical information system is of epic proportions and lab has the scars to prove it. Many issues have come up since going live with the health
information sharing system and there are ongoing efforts to ensure its safety and reliability. While some issues will be solved quickly, it’s apparent others will take longer.

**Name change**
You may have noticed a name change as well. [Alberta Precision Laboratories](#) is the new name for Alberta Public Laboratories. There were some organizational changes as well, including the dismissal of the board and CEO. We anticipate more changes to lab services; for now, details are minimal. Lab physicians continue the diligent and essential work of ensuring the best patient care for Albertans.

Lab services need the strong advocacy of all physicians to move forward through these stormy times.

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