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**Section of Generalists in Mental Health**
Mental Health Review Panel Roster
Alberta Health is recruiting for physician and psychiatrist members to serve on the Mental Health Review Panel Roster, starting in fall, 2020.

The roster is an adjudicative body that considers applications pertaining to: cancellation of admission and renewal certificates for patients detained in designated facilities; return of a patient to a correctional facility after treatment; cancellation of community treatment orders; patient competence to make treatment decisions; and administration of treatment to patients who object to it under the Mental Health Act.

Physician posting
Psychiatrist posting

(EXTENDED) Application deadline: August 5
Foundation course in Occupational Medicine

The Foundation Course in Occupational Medicine, developed by the University of Alberta - Division of Preventive Medicine, is a distance learning course designed to provide knowledge and skills in the areas of occupational medicine encountered in family medicine and other community-based clinical practice.

To be eligible to participate in the course, you must be a physician and licensed to practice in Canada.

Prospective applicants (September 2019 – June 2020 course)

Part A of the course involves 111 hours of instruction, including monthly tutorials and two, one-day workshops, in the fundamentals of recognizing and managing work-related disease and injury, fitness for work and the transition back into employment. The program is designed to be taken part-time and to be completed within 10 months.

This group learning program has been certified by The College of Family Physicians of Canada for up to 111 Mainpro+ credits.

For more information:
Visit Part A Course Information or email omcourse@ualberta.ca

Section of Intensive Care

Save the Dates!

January 24-25, 2020
The 32nd annual Alberta Society of Intensive Care Physicians - Dr. Mark Heule Conference - and Section of Intensive Care AGM.
Program details to follow.

Section of Laboratory Physicians
Laboratory Physicians and laboratory services continue to be shrouded in uncertainty.

On June 20th, the Alberta government cancelled the $595-million Edmonton superlab project. This facility was supposed to address many infrastructure, equipment and workforce challenges facing Edmonton and Northern Alberta.

The news of cancellation leaves front-line physicians wondering: “What's plan B?” The uncertainty affects laboratory physicians across the province in all practice settings. The support from our clinical colleagues has been tremendous.

The voice of physicians helps illustrate the vital nature of laboratory service to modern patient care. It is important for decision-makers to grasp the vital importance of laboratory physicians and the laboratory to patient care.

It is also crucial that the government understand that the most patient-centric way to address the technological advances in modern medicine is to invest, in a clear and sustained manner, in laboratory infrastructure, equipment and the workforce.

Dr. Brinda Balachandra
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General News
Privacy Impact Assessment – Updating a Clinic PIA

Alberta Health’s eHealth Support Team is offering Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) update webinars/sessions, beginning July 17.

Offered as either a two-part webinar series or in-person sessions (Edmonton and Calgary - August), this instruction will help you determine when you need to prepare a revised PIA and how to do it.

These sessions are intended for:

- Custodians under the Health Information Act (HIA) and those who work for them with a privacy or information security responsibility; and
- Those who have completed the PIA process at least once and who have a PIA that was accepted by the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner (OIPC).

Instructor, Brian Hamilton, MPA, CISSP, CISA, Senior Consultant, Privacy and Security to Alberta Health’s eHealth Support Services Team, will lead this two-part webinar. Brian has 18 years’ experience writing and reviewing PIAs, both on behalf of custodians and as a regulator with the OIPC.

For more information and to register
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