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**Section of Family Medicine**
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Section of Chronic Pain

Section of Chronic Pain presents: **Finding Balance in Managing Chronic Pain**

**When:**
- Edmonton – Monday, January 13 (in-person registration is closed; see below for teleconference information)
- Calgary – Tuesday, March 3 - 6 p.m. (dinner provided)

**Where:** Calgary - Location TBA

**Description:** On behalf of the AMA Section of Chronic Pain, this presentation is to review management of chronic pain patients, according to the **CPSA’s current opioid guidelines**.

As a result of the opioid crisis, many chronic pain patients do not have a physician. Dr. Scott McLeod, CPSA Registrar, will represent the College’s perspective on managing chronic pain at both the Edmonton and Calgary events; section member Dr. Lori Montgomery will also present in Calgary.

**To register for Calgary event:**
- **Email:** Dr. Majeed at yas08maj@gmail.com
- **Phone:** Dr. Majeed at 403.630.3312

**To attend by teleconference:**
- **Dial-in:** 1.800.669.6180
- **Participant code:** 275693
- **Help line:** 1.888.661.7777

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Section of Laboratory Physicians

**Section Update**

**RFEOI for provision of community laboratory services**

December saw the announcement of another change to laboratory services in Alberta.

On December 3, Alberta Health Services (AHS), in partnership with Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL), announced a [Request for Expression of Interest](#) (RFEOI) for the
provision of community laboratory services in the province of Alberta. The RFEOI closes January 17 (to be followed by a RFP).

AHS is looking for an "experienced and innovative partner to provide community laboratory services across the province." The details in the RFEOI are minimal and open to interpretation. It is important to have laboratory physicians and all physicians involved in the assessment process. This initiative has implications for laboratory services in urban, rural, hospital and community settings.

Stay tuned for details.

Dr. Brinda Balachandra, President, Section of Laboratory Physicians
President, Alberta Society of Laboratory Physicians

Section of Pediatrics

AMA Pediatrics Grant 2020
Submission deadline: February 15, 2020

Section of Intensive Care

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

When: January 24 - Section of Intensive Care AGM
January 24-25 - Dr. Mark Heule Conference
Where: TBD
Details: Program details to follow

Section of Family Medicine

SFM Bulletin – December 17, 2019

Extinguishing the Misconceptions
My fellow family physicians, I continue to be very impressed and grateful that so many physicians have been active in writing to, calling and meeting with their MLA’s, and some even with the Minister of Health. ... more