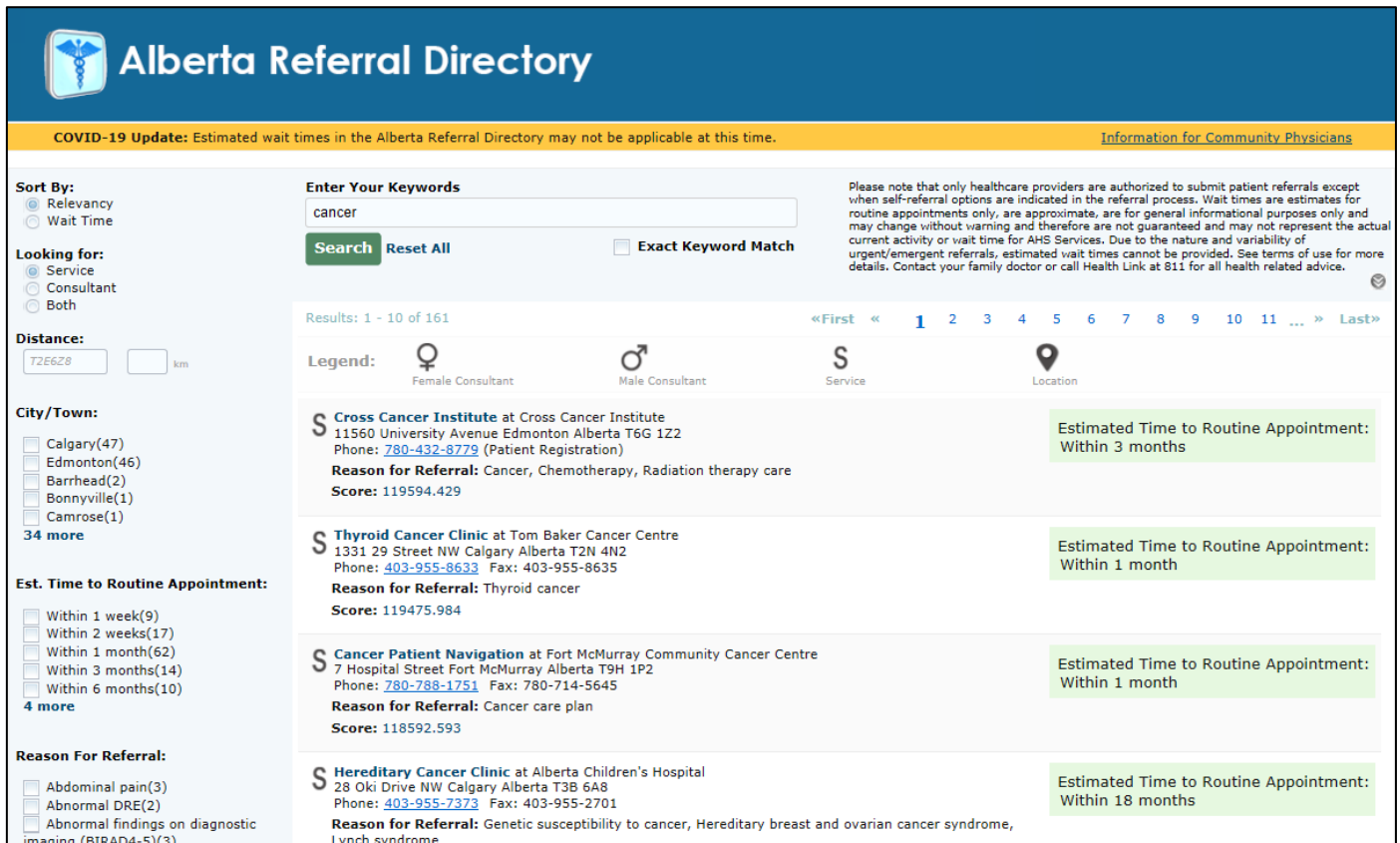


To search and find Alberta Referral Directory (ARD) Service and Consultant Profiles, visit [www.AlbertaReferralDirectory.ca](http://www.AlbertaReferralDirectory.ca). Click 'Search' to be directed to the main search page as shown below.



The screenshot shows the Alberta Referral Directory search page. At the top, there is a blue header with the logo and the text "Alberta Referral Directory". Below the header, a yellow banner contains a "COVID-19 Update" and a link for "Information for Community Physicians". The main search area includes a "Sort By" section with options for "Relevancy" (selected) and "Wait Time". The "Looking for:" section has radio buttons for "Service" (selected), "Consultant", and "Both". There is a "Distance:" field with a text input and a "km" unit. The "City/Town:" section lists various locations with checkboxes, including Calgary (47), Edmonton (46), Barrhead (2), Bonnyville (1), and Camrose (1). The "Est. Time to Routine Appointment:" section has checkboxes for various time ranges. The "Reason For Referral:" section has checkboxes for various medical conditions. The search results are displayed in a table with columns for "Legend" (Female Consultant, Male Consultant, Service, Location), "Results" (1 - 10 of 161), and "Estimated Time to Routine Appointment". The search term "cancer" is entered in the search box, and the "Search" button is highlighted.

## Alberta Referral Directory Search Tips and Assistance

- Select either 'Service', 'Consultant' or 'Both', located on the left side of the screen. The default selection is 'Service'.
- Enter specific terms into the search box such as the clinic, program or service name, specialty, reason for referral or facility and click 'Search'.
- Be specific and ensure there are no spelling errors or extra spaces. The ARD cannot predict or correct spelling.
- If you don't get the search results you are looking for try inputting synonyms, alternate spelling and related areas pertaining to the service or specialty. For example:
  - psychiatrist, psychiatry
  - forty, 40
  - radiography, X-Ray, xray
- 'Exact Keyword Match' will filter the search results to display profiles that contain part of the keyword that is inputted.
- Use the filters to fine tune your search, located on the left side of the screen.
- Consultants that are linked to Service Profiles will display first in the search results.
- Consultants are not searchable unless they receive referrals for services outside of their regular scope.
- Visit [ahs.ca/ard](http://ahs.ca/ard) for more ARD information. Email [ard@ahs.ca](mailto:ard@ahs.ca) if you can't find the profile you are looking for.

## Service Profiles: Helpful searching instructions

### Looking for:

- Service
- Consultant
- Both

The main search filter (left side of screen) defaults to **'Service'**. You do not need to change this.

### Enter Your Keywords

*Service Name, Specialty, Reason for Referral*

**Search** [Reset All](#)

**Exact Keyword Match**

Enter your keywords and click **'Search'**.

### Four different ways to search for a Service Profile in the ARD

- **Clinic, Program or Service Name** e.g. Multiple Sclerosis Clinic, Pelvic Floor Clinic, Alberta Healthy Living Program and Indigenous Health Program
- **Service at Location** e.g. Royal Alexandra Hospital and Foothills Medical Centre
- **Specialty** e.g. Gastroenterology, Endoscopy and Neurology
- **Reason for Referral** e.g. headache and abdominal pain

### Distance:

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### City/Town:

- Calgary(27)
- Edmonton(34)
- Camrose(2)
- Canmore(1)
- Claresholm(1)

**8 more**

### Est. Time to Routine Appointment:

- Within 1 week(6)
- Within 2 weeks(5)
- Within 1 month(21)
- Within 3 months(17)
- Within 6 months(3)

**3 more**

### Reason For Referral:

- 24 hour blood pressure(1)
- ACS - Acute coronary syndrome(1)
- Abdominal pain(1)
- Aboriginal health service(1)

### Use the filters to fine tune Service Profile search results

- Use **Distance** to help narrow down the closest service to the patient being referred. Enter the patient's postal code and the km distance.
- Select one or more **City/Town** options to narrow the results to the preferred city or town(s).
- After inputting the keyword in the search field, service profiles will appear that are associated with the keyword. Choose one of the following in this specific order to further filter what you are looking for:
  - 1) Select one or more **Estimated Time to Routine Appointment** options to narrow down the list of services that have an estimated time to routine appointment.
  - 2) Select one or more **Reason for Referrals**. Selecting a reason for referral will remove all other profiles that do not have the term linked to the profile.

## Consultant Profiles: Helpful searching instructions

**Looking for:**

- Service  
 Consultant  
 Both

Click '**Consultant**' on the left side of the screen.

**Enter Your Keywords**

Service Name, Specialty, Reason for Referral

**Search** Reset All

Exact Keyword Match

Enter your keywords and click '**Search**'.

### Six different ways to search for a Consultant Profile in the ARD

- **Consultant's Name or Preferred Name** e.g. William Smith (Bill) and James Denis Thorne (Denis)
- **Specialty or Sub Specialty** e.g. Cardiology, Infectious Diseases, Neurology, Sports Medicine and Diabetes
- **Location** e.g. Landmark Professional Center, Misericordia Community Hospital and Villa Caritas
- **Reason for Referral** e.g. Hernia, Diabetes, Soft Tissue Injury, TMJ, etc.
- **Diagnosis** e.g. Corneal Ulcer
- **Procedures** e.g. Cataract Surgery

**Gender:**

Male  
 Female  
 Both

**Distance:**

T2E6Z8  km

**City/Town:**

Edmonton(1)  
 Grande Prairie(1)  
 Lethbridge(1)  
 Red Deer(1)

**Est. Time to Routine Appointment:**

Within 2 weeks(1)  
 Within 3 months(1)  
 Within 9 months(1)  
 Not Available(1)

**Specialties:**

Cardiology(2)  
 Diagnostic Radiology(1)  
 Family Physician(1)  
 General Surgery(2)  
 Internal Medicine(2)  
 3 more

**Reason For Referral:**

8-Hydroxyquinoline and glacial acetic acid product(1)

### Use the filters to fine tune Consultant Profile search results

- Select a specific **Gender** if you're looking for a consultant that matches the patient's gender preference. Note: Both genders might not be available for each specialty.
- Use **Distance** to help narrow down the closest service to the patient being referred. Enter the patient's postal code and the km distance.
- Select one or more **City/Town** options to narrow the results to the preferred city or town(s).
- After inputting the keyword in the search field, consultant profiles will appear that are associated with the keyword. Choose one of the following in this specific order to further filter what you are looking for:
  - 1) Select one or more **Estimated Time to Routine Appointment** options. This will narrow down the list of consultants linked to services with the specified timeframe chosen. Note: This option should be chosen after the **Specialties** filter is chosen.
  - 2) Select one or more **Specialties**. This filter is helpful if you are not aware of the Consultant's full name but know their specialty.
  - 3) Select one or more **Reasons for Referral** which will only display Consultant Profiles that provide services with that specific reason for referral.