COVID-19 tele-advice launched province wide for primary care

Two COVID-19 tele-advice lines are now available for primary care providers in Alberta. Providers can phone for specialist advice on caring for presumed and confirmed COVID-19 patients who are recovering at home. Refer to the boxes below for the number to call in your zone.

Central, Edmonton, & North Zones

Call or text: 1-844-633-2263
- Hours: Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (except statutory holidays)
- Providers can expect to receive a call-back within two to three hours

South & Calgary Zones

Call: 1-844-962-5465 select ext.8
- Hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Monday to Friday (except statutory holidays)
- Providers can expect to receive a call-back within one hour

About COVID-19 tele-advice:
The COVID tele-advice line is currently supported by specialists from respirology, general internal medicine and infectious disease. Here are examples of questions you could ask:

- My patient has Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), and I’m not sure if this is COVID or acute exacerbation of COPD. Start on Prednisone or not?
- My patient sounds dehydrated, where should I send them?
- My patient is older and getting sicker but doesn’t want to go to hospital. Is there anything I can do?
- My patient has had symptoms for two weeks, not getting any worse. Should I do a chest x-ray?

Please note, patients should be directed to use the self-assessment tool available at www.ahs.ca/covid or call 811 to help determine whether they need to be tested for COVID-19.

Urgent tele-advice
If your patient may require hospitalization or transfer, use RAAPID.

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For more information, refer to this additional guidance on using RAAPID during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 electronic advice also available
Electronic advice is also available for non-urgent COVID-19 related questions through Alberta Netcare. Use the eReferral Advice Request option for non-urgent questions requiring advice within 2-5 days. Go to www.albertanetcare.ca/eReferral.htm for instructions on how to submit an advice request.

More information
- For information on ConnectMD, please contact Lindsay Steward by email at lsteward@enpcn.com or by phone 780-777-0633.
- For information on Specialist LINK, please email specialistlink@cfpcn.ca