

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF FAMILY MEDICINE 2023 Strategic Framework

OUR VISION Family medicine is the foundation for a healthy Alberta.

WE ARE THE VOICE OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

The Alberta College of Family Physicians (ACFP) is the provincial chapter for the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) and was established more than 65 years ago. We are a member-based, not-for-profit organization representing more than 5,600 family physicians, family medicine residents, and medical students across Alberta.

WHAT WE DO

As the provincial chapter of the CFPC, we support certification of our members by providing continuing professional development (CPD) and upholding the established standards for CPD delivery. As the voice for family physicians in Alberta, we advocate on behalf of our members to advance excellence of family practice, define and celebrate the role of family medicine and family practice as the foundation of our health care system, and work to ensure Albertans can access high quality care from family physicians.

The ACFP's strategy and vision are rooted in four pillars which guide the work in supporting our members, communities, and the health care system as a whole.



ADVANCING
EXCELLENCE



CREATING
COMMUNITY



INFLUENCING
POLICY



INSPIRING
TRUST

FAMILY PHYSICIANS ARE VALUED, SUPPORTED, AND INSPIRED

- Family physicians feel valued and are proud of their contribution to the health of their communities.
- Albertans recognize their family physician as a trusted first point of contact for their health needs.
- Albertans seek to have long-term relationships with their family physicians through all stages of their life, recognizing the value family physicians play in coordinating care with other specialists and advocating for complex health needs.
- The well-being of family physicians in Alberta is supported through peer-to-peer connections, compassionate leadership, and through services that respond to their needs.
- Family medicine is a highly valued career choice.

FAMILY PHYSICIANS ARE HIGHLY SKILLED RESOURCES TO THEIR COMMUNITIES

- Family physicians have the resources, tools, and supports needed in a complex system, to provide excellent, evidence-based, and compassionate patient-centred care.
- Family physicians can access the highest quality, modernized, multi-modal CPD and medical education programming to meet their needs and the needs of their communities.
- Family physicians engage in community well-being and health system development as facilitators, scholars, advocates, and leaders.

ALBERTA HAS A FULLY INTEGRATED HEALTH SYSTEM WITH FAMILY MEDICINE AS THE FOUNDATION

- Government implements policy and funding that advances the principles of the CFPC's Patient's Medical Home vision and the transformation of integrated health and social systems in the Medical Neighbourhood.
- Family medicine is the foundation of an integrated health care system that is accessible, comprehensive, continuity-based, and patient-centred.
- Family physicians are leaders in the transformation of the health system based on collaboration and teamwork — from patient's participation in their care, to interprofessional and intraprofessional care providers working together, to policymakers who can offer infrastructure support and funding.

THE ACFP VALUES:

- Integrity, respect, and inclusiveness while upholding the social responsibility of family medicine.
- Evidence-based continuing professional development and medical education.
- Equitable, patient-centred, and integrated care informed by patient experience.
- Applied leadership and collaborative partnerships to advance family medicine and the health care system.
- Adapting to evolving needs of our communities.