

Calgary Respiratory Medicine Sub-Specialty Clinic Profile

Alberta Thoracic Oncology Program (ATOP)

Physicians and specialists refer suspected lung cancer patients directly to the Alberta Thoracic Oncology Program (ATOP).

eReferral consult available through NetCare

- <http://www.albertanetcare.ca/eReferral.htm>

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- 403.944.8848

When lung cancer is suspected, patients should be referred immediately to the Alberta Thoracic Oncology Program (ATOP), a team of nurse practitioners, interventional respirologists and thoracic surgeons with extensive experience and expertise in the diagnosis, staging and treatment of lung cancer.

Patients from southern Alberta, southeast British Columbia and parts of Saskatchewan can be seen by the ATOP clinic. Our clinics operate at Foothills Medical Centre and South Health Campus in Calgary, with telemedicine consultation available for out-of-town patients.

Referrals

Moving quickly to get an accurate diagnosis and treatment started is essential for optimal patient outcomes. Incoming referrals are reviewed by dedicated Nurse Practitioners who initiate intake of information and preliminary evaluation. Patients are then booked into one of our clinics to see a Nurse Practitioner or one of the ATOP respirologists, typically within one-week of referral.

Lung cancer continues to be the most prevalent cancer in Canada, accounting for 14% of all new diagnoses.

Lung cancer is the number one cancer killer in Canada, killing more than the next three most lethal cancers—breast, colon and prostate—combined.

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No other pulmonary practice in the region is better equipped to evaluate potential lung cancer and lung masses—we ensure the patient sees the right specialist and that key diagnostic tests such as advanced diagnostic bronchoscopy, interventional radiology procedures and PET-CT exams are quickly completed and assessed so appropriate treatments can begin as soon as possible.

Diagnosis

Because moving quickly to get an accurate diagnosis and treatment started is essential, ATOP aims to offer rapid, state of the art, multidisciplinary evaluation of patients with suspected chest malignancies.

ATOP works closely with diagnostic imaging specialists to fast track patients. We've set up a system where radiologists trigger a referral to our specialists, ensuring your results are not held up by the administration of hundreds of weekly test results processed by your family doctor's office.

After receiving the referral from the radiologist, ATOP will then coordinate with your family doctor to ensure you get the most appropriate treatment as quickly as possible.

Our Team

Headed by Dr. Alain Tremblay, our team of experts prioritizes working together to ensure patients are provided with compassionate world-leading care.

Patients and Primary Care Networks (PCNs) also benefit from ATOP's membership in Calgary Respiratory Medicine—the respiratory division of the University of Calgary Department of Medicine. Together, we are a team of over 35 specialists dedicated to lung health through collaborative work and to providing the best patient experience possible.

Calgary Respiratory Medicine is made up of over 35 lung specialists at Calgary's four adult acute care sites. This academic group provides clinical respiratory care for southern Alberta patients, and are members of the Department of Medicine, University of Calgary and Alberta Health Services (Calgary zone).

Together, and with thoracic surgeons, respiratory therapists, educators, nurses, nurse practitioners, and researchers in the hospitals, outpatient clinics and the medical school, we provide the best care possible for adult lung patients.

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