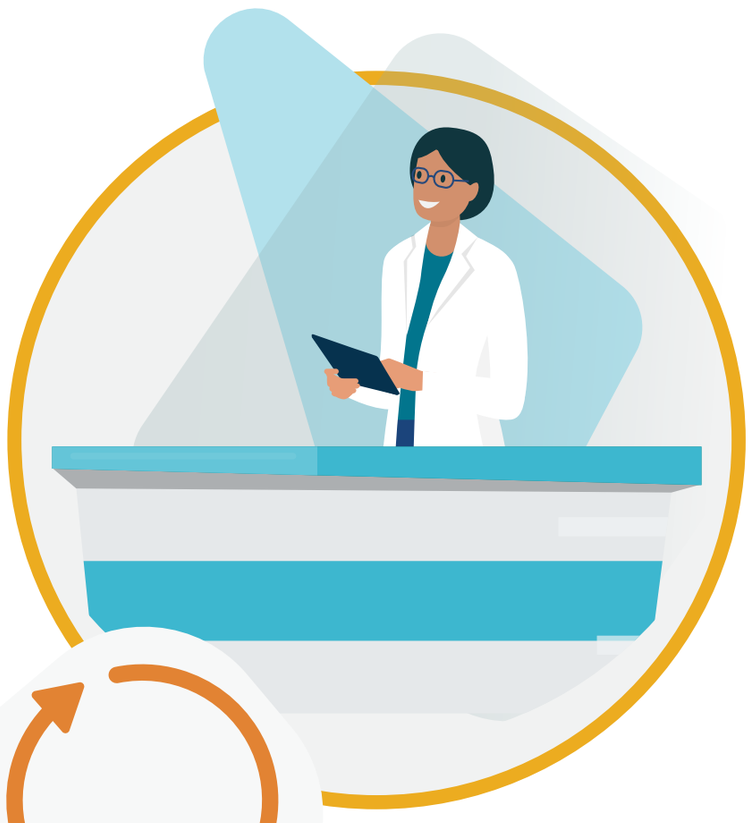
A Family Doctor is Important

⚠ See a family doctor first

Medical Labs



Pharmacist





patient medical home (clinic)



Hospital



Connecting to specialist

Family doctors are your main healthcare provider and play an important role in your health and well-being. It is important to see them regularly. Family doctors are also called general practitioners (GPs) or primary care physicians.

811 **Health Link**
Advice 24/7

Call 811 for help finding a doctor
https://albertafindadoctor.ca/
Interpretation services might be available

CC BY NC ND

Current as of: Nov, 2026
Author: Cancer Care Alberta, AHS

Alberta Health Services | Physician Learning Program

A Family Doctor is Important

Family doctors will identify (diagnose) and treat common health problems by:

- Looking at, listening to, and examining parts of your body
- Asking you questions about:
  - Your health
  - Health of your family members
  - Your life and daily activities (like diet, exercise, smoking, alcohol use, drug use, work and living conditions)
- Ordering tests (like urine, blood, or imaging).
- Connecting you to other health services and specialists.
- Following up and coordinating care. They will explain test results.

811 Health Link
Advice 24/7

Call 811 for help finding a doctor
https://albertafindadoctor.ca/
Interpretation services might be available

CC BY NC ND

Current as of: Nov, 2026
Author: Cancer Care Alberta, AHS

Alberta Health Services | Physician Learning Program