



# Consultant User Guide

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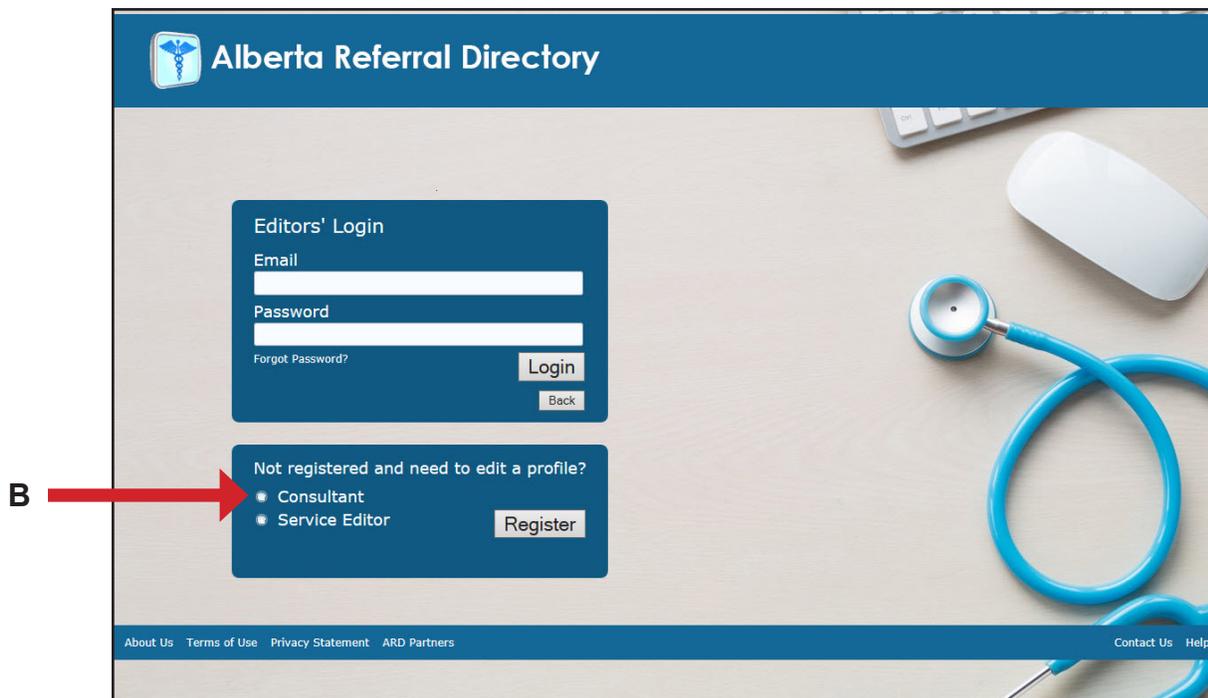
The Alberta Referral Directory (ARD) is Alberta Health Services' designated system of record for referral information. The ARD eases the complexities of the referral process by eliminating the need to search, update and publish documents in multiple places throughout the province. The directory is comprised of service and consultant demographics, referral guidelines, referral forms and detailed instructions to facilitate referral acceptance without delay.

## Updating your consultant profile

Follow the three steps below to update your profile. If you require assistance, email the ARD Administrator at [ard@ahs.ca](mailto:ard@ahs.ca) or call toll free 1-855-889-8899.

### STEP 1: register to edit

- A. Visit [albertareferraldirectory.ca](http://albertareferraldirectory.ca)
- B. Click 'Edit'
- C. Click 'Consultant' and then 'Register'
- D. Enter the required information including your CPSA number
- E. A temporary password will be immediately emailed to you and will **expire within 24 hours** from time of receipt
- F. Login to your account with your temporary password and create a new password



Note:

- You must have a current CPSA number to register for a consultant account
- @ahs.ca & @albertahealthservice.ca are not interchangeable when used as your user name
- Please do not share your login information
- The ARD does not allow an email address to be associated with multiple accounts; therefore, each account requires its own unique email address.

## Step 2: review and edit your profile

A. Click 'My Profile'



B. Click 'Edit Consultant Profile'



C. Update your information and save

The screenshot shows the 'Edit Consultant information for Hans Pedersen' form. A red arrow labeled 'C' points to the form area. The form is divided into several sections:

- NAME (As they appear on the CPSA Register):** Fields for First name (Hans), Middle name (optional), Last name (Pedersen), Suffix (opt.), Preferred name (optional), Former name (optional), and Gender (Male).
- SPECIALTIES \*:** A dropdown menu showing 'Pediatrics' with a '(remove)' link.
- Accepting consultations for:** A list of 'Available Areas of Interest' (Aboriginal Health, Abusive Head Trauma, Adolescent Congenital Heart Disease, Adolescent Medicine, Adolescent Psychiatry) and a 'Selected Areas of Interest' box containing 'Pediatric Asthma'. There are navigation arrows and an 'ADD' button.
- CONTACT INFORMATION:** Fields for Phone (optional) (403 875-5656) and Fax (optional).
- LANGUAGES SPOKEN:** A dropdown menu showing 'English (remove)' and an 'ADD' button.
- ADMINISTRATIVE:** 'Profile Status' dropdown set to 'Data compiled by ARD tea' and a 'Send Review Email' button. Below it, it says 'Sent for Review'.
- Profile status comment:** A rich text editor with a toolbar and a text area.
- NOTES:** A text area containing the note: 'patients from 0-17 years of age'.
- SITES PROCEDURES PERFORMED AT:** A dropdown menu showing 'South Health Campus (remove)' and an 'ADD' button.

At the bottom right of the form, there are 'Cancel' and 'SAVE' buttons.

## Step 3: review, add and remove linked services

- A. Review the services that are linked to your profile (if applicable). Linked services are listed under your profile; to review, click on each service.
- B. Ensure your linked services are accurate and remove any services where you do not accept referrals by clicking 'Remove'
- C. Link additional services where you accept referrals by clicking '+Add a Service'
- D. Type the service you are associated with by clicking 'Search'
- E. Select your desired service
- F. Click 'Link this Service to the Profile of' (located at the top of the profile) and select "Ok" in the message pop up box

Note: By linking to a service, you are confirming that all the information listed is accurate and you are agreeing that the standardised business processes documented in the profile are followed by your practice. If you have exceptions to the service's processes, please note these in your profile under 'Notes'. This option is to be used for true exceptions - not opt-outs.

The screenshot displays the consultant's profile for Hans Pedersen. At the top, it shows 'EDIT CONSULTANT PROFILE' and 'Last updated: Jul 18, 2018'. Below this, there are sections for 'SPECIALTIES' (Pediatrics, Pediatric Asthma), 'CONTACT INFORMATION' (Phone: 403 875-5656), 'LANGUAGES SPOKEN' (English), and 'SITES PROCEDURES PERFORMED AT' (South Health Campus). A 'NOTES' section contains the text 'patients from 0-17 years of age'. Below the notes, there is a section for '1 service' with a '+ ADD A SERVICE' button. The service listed is 'Pediatric Asthma Clinic at Alberta Children's Hospital' with details: '2600 smaganappi Trail NW, Calgary Alberta, T3B 6A8' and 'Phone: 403-955-7328 Fax: 403-776-3807'. A green box on the right side of the service entry contains the text 'Estimated time to routine appointment: Within 6 months' and an 'Edit' button. Red arrows labeled A, B, and G point to the service name, the 'remove' link, and the 'Edit' button respectively.

G. Indicate if you accept referrals by clicking 'Edit' (in the green box that says estimated time to routine appointment) and then click 'Not Accepting Referrals', if applicable. The service will still be linked to your profile, however, it will show that you are not accepting referrals. The default is set to accepting.

## Request new service/request a change to an existing service

If you cannot locate a service, send a request for a new service by clicking 'My Profile' and select '+Add a Service', type the service name into the search and if it does not appear in the results, click 'Request A New Service/Location' and the ARD Administrator will contact you. The ARD accepts all AHS and private services that are referral based.

Consultants are not able to edit service profiles. To request changes, select 'Edit Service Information' and the ARD Administrator will send it to the appropriate department. Please contact the service's operational manager prior to contacting the ARD.

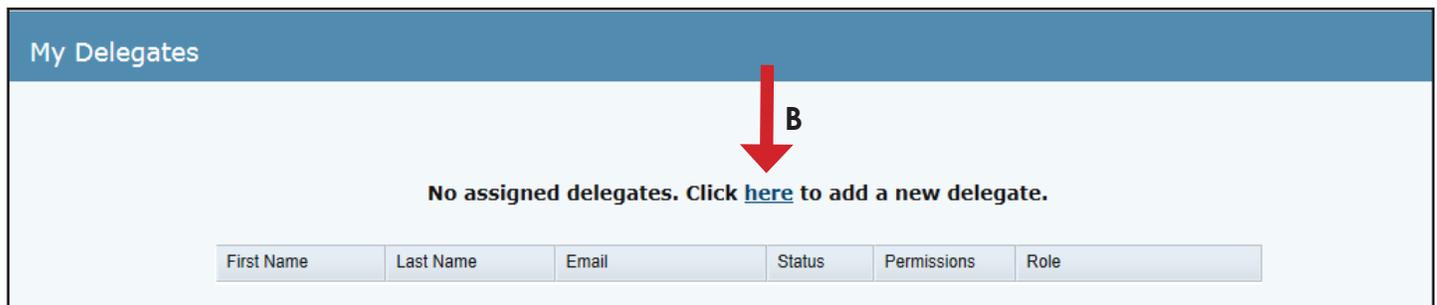
## Options for managing your profile - adding a delegate

A delegate is a person appointed by a consultant to act on their behalf. Once a delegate has been activated they can edit and link your profile to services listed in the ARD. You can add more than one delegate to manage your ARD profile. It is the consultant's responsibility to oversee their delegate(s) and ensure their conduct is appropriate.

A. Select 'My Delegates'. Any delegates assigned to your profile will appear.



B. Click 'here' to add new delegate



C. Enter the first and last name and click 'Search'

D. If there are no results, select 'Click Here' to create a new user for the delegate. A temporary password will be automatically be sent to the email address of the delegate.

## Delegate status

Consultants can delete delegates and edit permissions. In the 'My Delegate' tab, select the delegate you wish to edit and click on their name. A new page will appear where you can edit their permissions. You can provide your delegate(s) with one of the following permissions:

- Search: Delegate can search in the ARD for other consultants and services. No editing rights.
- Edit: Delegate can edit their consultant's profile and search for other consultants and services.
- Suspend: Delegate has no access to the consultant profile. Only the consultant or ARD administrator can change the status.
- Deactivate: Consultant can remove and delete the delegate.

