

ALBERTA THORACIC ONCOLOGY PROGRAM

The Alberta Thoracic Oncology Program supports responsive diagnosis, staging, and investigation of suspected lung malignancies. This program offers coordination of lung cancer diagnosis across the province through promoting the uptake of a provincial clinical care pathway and development of Rapid Access Clinics both in Calgary and Edmonton.

To accomplish this, a team of radiologists, respirologists, thoracic surgeons, nurse practitioners (NP), and clerks, work together to evaluate this patient group.

STATUS

GUIDELINES: INITIATED / ACTIVE / DELAYED / **IN REVIEW** / COMPLETE

reasons for referral and associated requirements, investigations, processes and access targets

PROFILE: INITIATED / ACTIVE / DELAYED / **IN REVIEW** / COMPLETE

collective information sharing, referral parameters, patient and clinical resources

COMMUNICATIONS: INITIATED / ACTIVE / DELAYED / **IN REVIEW** / COMPLETE

distribution, correspondence, information technology, review process

WTMM: INITIATED / ACTIVE / DELAYED / **IN REVIEW** / COMPLETE

wait time measurement and management, policy compliance, wait list management

Kick-off Workshop **N/A**

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Alberta Thoracic Oncology Program – South

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COMMENTS

- Draft of provincial referral guidelines are in review
- Group met in September to discuss use of eReferral by ATOP and thoracic surgery support staff. Will simplify guidelines based on feedback and evaluation of eReferral and lung cancer referrals.