

Alberta College of Family Physicians

Care of the Elderly Committee

Background and Role

- Committee serves as a unique forum for family physicians to discuss initiatives and issues in planning and providing care for the elderly patient with complex needs.
- Has been in existence for eight years
- In 2002, released a paper that identified the current situation and limitations of the current system in relation to: (a) the role of family physicians in caring for the elderly, (b) the role of the College in caring for the elderly, and (c) the role of the university (educational) in training family physicians in caring for the elderly. This was followed by a description of the desired future, and recommendations that focused on closing the gap. These recommendations for the most part, are applicable today.
- Committee is composed of community and academic family physicians with a commitment to providing high quality comprehensive care to seniors with chronic and complex conditions
- Members represent rural areas and regional and urban centres throughout the province.
- Communication is by email and in person meetings.
- As the voice of family physicians providing seniors care, members:
 - (a) demonstrate local and provincial leadership by sharing their knowledge and learnings with all family physicians in the province and with other health disciplines involved in caring for seniors, and
 - (b) inform the strategies and programs under development or being considered by AHS and government by participating in various planning and policy development venues.

Current Members:

Diana Turner (Chair)	Calgary
Jeremy deBruyn	Calgary
David Belcher	Drayton Valley
Mary Hurlburt	Edmonton
Christine LeBeuf	Calgary
Chris Lord	Edmonton
Elisa Mori-Torres	St. Albert
Giulia Perri	Calgary
Paddy Quail	Calgary
Randall Sargent	Canmore
Jennifer Stickney-Lee	Edmonton
Jean Triscott	Edmonton
Joel Weaver	Lethbridge