

Physician Resources in Alberta

Quarterly Update: July 01, 2025, to Sept 30, 2025

Quarterly Update on Physician Resources

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HIGHLIGHTS

Registers:

- At the end of September 2025 there were 12769 physicians registered on the inprovince registers. This figure reflects a increase of 442 from the last quarter, and an increase of 643 from the same period in 2024.
- During the **third quarter** of 2025, an increase of 558 physicians was noted on the General Register with the Provisional Register decreased by 116.
- Within the **year-to-year** comparison there was an increase of 704 on the General Register, and an decrease of 61 on the Provisional Register.
- To put this in perspective, report 4 (Summary of Inflows and Outflows) reflects an inflow of 487 physicians during the second quarter. Offsetting the overall inflow of physicians was an outflow of 45 physicians. Please refer to Report 4 for further explanation on the inflows and outflows that occurred during this quarter.
- **Definition of General Register:** contains the names of all physicians and osteopaths who are responsible and accountable for their medical practice, without supervision by another physician or the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta.
- Definition of Provisional Register: contains the names of physicians and osteopaths who do not meet the criteria for the General Register but are in a process that once successfully completed, will qualify for the General Register.

Gender:

- Over the last quarter, there was a **net increase of 221** and a **net increase of 221 females**, and an increase of 2 undisclosed.
- The year-to-year change reflected a net increase of **309 males** and an increase of **261 females, and no change of undisclosed**.

Specialists / Non-Specialists:

- CPSA follows the national specialty associations in recognizing Family Medicine as a specialty. The vast majority of Alberta family physicians in general practice are classified as specialists in Family Medicine.
- **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Effective September 22, 2025, CPSA designated all Family Medicine physicians and General Practitioners, who were previously identified as **Non-Specialists**, as **Specialists in Family Medicine**. This terminology better aligns with the services they provide and makes Alberta consistent with other Canadian jurisdictions.
- The report indicates a net increase of 1659 specialists over the past quarter (increase of 1406 Family Medicine Specialists/increase of 253 Non-Family Medicine Specialists) and a net decrease of 1217 Non-Specialists (report 1). This is a function of the reporting change described above, but does not reflect the change in the actual number of physicians registered. In terms of net change in the number of physicians registered, over the last quarter,

there was a **net increase of 428 specialists (increase of 175 Family Medicine Specialists/increase of 253 Non Family Medicine Specialists)**.

- Report 3 (Changes of Physician Resources by Specialty) outlines changes in numbers for each specialty over the past year. For information pertinent to all specialties, please refer to Report 3.
- For a physician to be registered as a specialist in either family medicine or a specialty practice, the physician must provide evidence they have equivalent postgraduate training (PGT) and certification as that required by the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC). Physicians who don't have their Canadian credentials and do not qualify for the Approved Jurisdiction Route are eligible for the provisional register and must have sponsorship for a clinical position and to pass a practice readiness assessment to ensure they have the knowledge, skills and competency to practice medicine safely in Alberta.

Location by Region:

• Please refer to Report 2 for changes in physician resources by zone.

Practice Readiness Assessment (PRA-AB):

 Physicians who do not have complete Canadian credentials, CPSA's PRA-AB is the final step of an alternate path to independent practice in Alberta and includes a two-part assessment of clinical competence, chart management and professionalism.

Report 1

Summary of Changes in Physician Resources Report For the Period 01 Jul 2025 to 30 Sep 2025

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|---|---------|-----------|------------|--------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| | Period | | # Change % | | | # Change | o 0/2 Chango |
| Fully Degistered Physicians in Alberta | Period | Periou | # Change % | Change | Last Tear | # Change | e % Change |
| Fully-Registered Physicians in Alberta: | 12324 | 11766 | 558 | 4.7 | 11620 | 704 | 6.1 |
| General Register Provisional Register Conditional | 445 | 561 | -116 | 4.7 -20.7 | 506 | -61 | -12.1 |
| Provisional Register Conditional | 445 | 201 | -110 | -20.7 | 506 | -01 | -12.1 |
| Total in Alberta | 12769 | 12327 | 442 | 3.6 | 12126 | 643 | 5.3 |
| | | | | | | | |
| Sex: | E 422 | E204 | 224 | 4.5 | E434 | 200 | F 0 |
| Female | 5422 | 5201 | 221 | 4.2 | 5124 | 298 | 5.8 |
| Male | 7289 | 7068 | 221 | 3.1 | 6946 | 343 | 4.9 |
| Unknown | 58 | 58 | | | 56 | 2 | 3.6 |
| Specialists/Non-Specialists: | | | | | | | |
| Specialist - non Family Medicine | 6539 | 6286 | 253 | 4 | 6262 | 277 | 4.4 |
| Specialist - Horr army Medicine* | 6216 | 4810 | 1406 | 29.2 | 4619 | 1597 | 34.6 |
| | 14** | | | -98.9 | 1245 | -1231 | -98.9 |
| Non-Specialist* | 14 | 1231 | -1217 | -90.9 | 1245 | -1231 | -90.9 |
| Location: | | | | | | | |
| Airdrie | 116 | 114 | 2 | 1.8 | 95 | 21 | 22.1 |
| Brooks | 23 | 24 | -1 | -4.2 | 24 | -1 | -4.2 |
| Calgary | 5357 | 5155 | 202 | 3.9 | 5056 | 301 | 6 |
| Camrose | 65 | 64 | 1 | 1.6 | 63 | 2 | 3.2 |
| Drumheller | 24 | 22 | 2 | 9.1 | 20 | 4 | 20 |
| Edmonton | 4054 | 3913 | 141 | 3.6 | 3907 | 147 | 3.8 |
| Fort McMurray | 116 | 114 | 2 | 1.8 | 107 | 9 | 8.4 |
| Fort Saskatchewan | 44 | 43 | 1 | 2.3 | 38 | 6 | 15.8 |
| Grande Prairie | 179 | 170 | 9 | 5.3 | 165 | 14 | 8.5 |
| Leduc | 55 | 54 | 1 | 1.9 | 59 | -4 | -6.8 |
| Lethbridge | 317 | 311 | 6 | 1.9 | 313 | 4 | 1.3 |
| Lloydminster | 50 | 51 | -1 | -2 | 48 | 2 | 4.2 |
| Medicine Hat | 192 | 186 | 6 | 3.2 | 187 | 5 | 2.7 |
| Red Deer | 375 | 367 | | 2.2 | 368 | 5 7 | |
| Sherwood Park | 151 | 146 | 8 5 | 2.2 3.4 | | | 1.9 5.6 |
| | | | | | 143 | 8 | |
| Spruce Grove | 73 | 65 224 | 8 | 12.3 | 68 | 5 | 7.4 |
| St. Albert | 241 | 234 | 7 | 3 | 206 | 35 | 17 |
| Wetaskiwin | 42 | 42 | 40 | 2.4 | 44 | -2 | -4.5 |
| Other Locations | 1295 | 1252 | 43 | 3.4 | 1215 | 80 | 6.6 |
| Place of Graduation: | | | | | | | |
| U OF A | 2931 | 2853 | 78 | 2.7 | 2885 | 46 | 1.6 |
| U OF C | 1872 | 1811 | 61 | 3.4 | 1837 | 35 | 1.9 |
| Other Canadian | 3195 | 3071 | 124 | 4 | 3103 | 92 | 3 |
| U.S.A. | 94 | 91 | 3 | 3.3 | 91 | 3 | 3.3 |
| Other Locations | 4677 | 4501 | 176 | 3.9 | 4210 | 467 | 11.1 |
| | | | - | | | | |
| Other Categories of Licensure: | | | | | | | |
| General Register, out-of-province | 648 | 603 | 45 | 7.5 | 542 | 106 | 19.6 |
| Provisional Register Postgrad. Training | 1665 | 1665 | | | 1728 | -63 | -3.6 |
| Student Register | 1138 | 1038 | 100 | 9.6 | 1225 | -87 | -7.1 |
| Total, All Registers | 16220 | 15633 | 587 | 3.8 | 15621 | 599 | 3.8 |
| Daking di santa di santa da sa | 450 | 150 | | | 4.40 | _ | 0.7 |
| Retired, out-of-province | 150 | 150 | • | 0.4 | 149 | 1 1 1 1 1 | 0.7 |
| Retired, in-province | 2021 | 2012 | 9 | 0.4 | 1868 | 153 | 8.2 |
| Total Retired | 2171 | 2162 | 9 | 0.4 | 2017 | 154 | 7.6 |
| | | | _ | . | _31, | _5. | |

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as **Non-specialists**, as **Specialists in Family Medicine**. The significant net increase in Family Medicine Specialists and net decrease of Non-specialists is a function of the reporting change, but does not reflect the change in the actual number of physicians registered. In terms of net change in the number of physicians registered, over the last quarter, there was a **net increase of 428 specialists** (increase of 175 Family Medicine Specialists/increase of 253 Non Family Medicine Specialists).

**The 14 remaining Non-specialists are currently in the process of being reviewed before their designation change to Specialist – Family Medicine.

Report 2

Physician Resources by AHS Zone For the Period 01 Jul 2025 to 30 Sep 2025

| | | | Current Period | | <u>Sam</u> | <u>e Period Last Year</u> | | | |
|------|--------------------|--------------|------------------|-------|-------------|---------------------------|-------|---------|---------|
| Code | Health Region | Specialists* | Non-Specialists* | Total | Specialists | Non-Specialists | Total | #Change | %Change |
| 1 | Z1 - South Zone | 636 | | 636 | 513 | 105 | 618 | 18 | 2.9 |
| 2 | Z2 - Calgary Zone | 5886 | 6 | 5892 | 5160 | 383 | 5543 | 349 | 6.3 |
| 3 | Z3 - Central Zone | 872 | 4 | 876 | 630 | 239 | 869 | 7 | 0.8 |
| 4 | Z4 - Edmonton Zone | 4700 | 3 | 4703 | 4148 | 346 | 4494 | 209 | 4.7 |
| 5 | Z5 - North Zone | 647 | 1 | 648 | 417 | 171 | 588 | 60 | 10.2 |
| Tota | als | 12741 | 14** | 12755 | 10868 | 1244 | 12112 | 643 | 5.3 |

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Report 3

Changes in Physician Resources by Specialty For the Period 01 Jul 2025 to 30 Sep 2025

| Specialty | Total This Period Last Year | Inflow New Reg | Inflow New Cert | Outflow Left Prov | Outflow Other | Net Change | Total This Period |
|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Adolescent Medicine | 2 | | 2 | | | 2 | 4 |
| Anatomical Pathology | 169 | 11 | 8 | 3 | 14 | 2 | 171 |
| Anesthesiology | 484 | 47 | 6 | 10 | 29 | 14 | 498 |
| CAC (Enhanced Surgical Skills) | | | | | | | |
| CAC (Family Practice Anesthesia) | 2 | | 1 | | 1 | | 2 |
| CAC (Palliative Care) | | | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Cardiac Surgery | 23 | 1 | 1 | | | 2 | 25 |
| Cardiology | 185 | 13 | 20 | 2 | 8 | 23 | 208 |
| Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgery | 6 | | | | 2 | -2 | 4 |
| Child and Adolescent Psychiatry | 38 | 2 | 4 | | 6 | | 38 |
| Clinical Immunology & Allergy | 26 | 4 | 4 | | 3 | 5 | 31 |
| Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology | | 1 | 4 | | | | 5 |
| Colorectal Surgery | 4 | | | | 1 | -1 | 3 |
| Community Medicine | 17 | | 1 | | 1 | | 17 |
| Critical Care Medicine | 155 | 5 | 12 | 3 | 40 | -26 | 129 |
| Dermatology | 94 | 7 | | 3 | 6 | -2 | 92 |
| Developmental Pediatrics | 7 | | | | 1 | -1 | 6 |
| Diagnostic & Molecular Pathology | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Diagnostic Radiology | 482 | 45 | 14 | 9 | 14 | 36 | 518 |
| Emergency Medicine | 247 | 29 | 8 | 2 | 15 | 20 | 267 |
| Endocrinology & Metabolism | 74 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 9 | 83 |
| Family Medicine * | 4272 | 532 | 1316 | 38 | 203 | 1607 | 5879 |
| Family Medicine (Addiction Medicine) | 9 | 1 | 3 | | 3 | 1 | 10 |
| Family Medicine (Care of the Elderly) | 16 | | 2 | | 6 | -4 | 12 |
| Family Medicine (Emergency Medicine) | 235 | 14 | 25 | 6 | 35 | -2 | 233 |
| Family Medicine (Enhanced Surgical Skills) | 6 | | | | 1 | -1 | 5 |
| Family Medicine (Family Practice Anesthesia) | 29 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 6 | | 29 |
| Family Medicine (Obstetrical Surgical Skills) | 6 | | | | 1 | -1 | 5 |
| Family Medicine (Palliative Care) | 25 | 1 | 3 | | 5 | -1 | 24 |
| Family Medicine (Sport and Exercise Medicine | e) 21 | | 3 | | 5 | -2 | 19 |
| Forensic Pathology | 8 | | | | 2 | -2 | 6 |
| Forensic Psychiatry | 17 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 17 |
| Gastroenterology | 129 | 6 | 10 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 136 |

Changes in Physician Resources by Specialty For the Period 01 Jul 2025 to 30 Sep 2025:

| | Total | | | | | | Total |
|--|------------------|---------|----------|-----------|---------|--------|--------|
| | This Period | Inflow | Inflow | Outflow | Outflow | Net | This |
| Specialty | Last Year | New Reg | New Cert | Left Prov | Other | Change | Period |
| General Internal Medicine | 28 | 4 | 1 | | 3 | 2 | 30 |
| General Surgery | 196 | 19 | 13 | 3 | 15 | 14 | 210 |
| General Surgical Oncology | 2 | | | | 1 | -1 | 1 |
| Geriatric Medicine | 31 | 2 | 3 | | 4 | 1 | 32 |
| Geriatric Psychiatry | 18 | 1 | 2 | | 5 | -2 | 16 |
| Gynecologic Oncology | 7 | | | | | | 7 |
| Gynecologic Reproductive Endocrinology | & Infertility 11 | | 1 | | | 1 | 12 |
| Hematological Pathology | 19 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 | | 19 |
| Hematology | 53 | 6 | 8 | | 3 | 11 | 64 |
| Histopathology | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Infectious Diseases | 72 | 2 | 10 | | 8 | 4 | 76 |
| Internal Medicine | 504 | 90 | 34 | 7 | 90 | 27 | 531 |
| Interventional Radiology | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| Maternal-Fetal Medicine | 13 | 4 | 1 | | 1 | 4 | 17 |
| Medical Biochemistry | | | | | | | |
| Medical Genetics and Genomics | 20 | 1 | | | 1 | | 20 |
| Medical Microbiology | 30 | 1 | | 1 | 4 | -4 | 26 |
| Medical Oncology | 63 | 7 | 3 | | 6 | 4 | 67 |
| Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine | 55 | 2 | 4 | | 2 | 4 | 59 |
| Nephrology | 104 | 5 | 12 | | 16 | 1 | 105 |
| Neurology (Adult and Pediatric) | 187 | 21 | 1 | | 7 | 15 | 202 |
| Neuropathology | 8 | 1 | | | | 1 | 9 |
| Neuroradiology | 6 | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 2 | 8 |
| Neurosurgery | 44 | 3 | | 1 | | 2 | 46 |
| Nuclear Medicine | 37 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 14 | -10 | 27 |
| Obstetrics & Gynecology | 252 | 22 | | 3 | 11 | 8 | 260 |
| Occupational Medicine | 15 | | | | 4 | -4 | 11 |
| Ophthalmology | 145 | 7 | | 4 | 6 | -3 | 142 |
| Orthopedic Surgery | 224 | 19 | | 2 | 8 | 9 | 233 |
| Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery | | 7 | | 3 | 6 | -2 | 83 |
| Pain Medicine | 1 | | 1 | | 1 | _ | 1 |
| Palliative Medicine | 12 | _ | 1 | _ | 2 | -1 | 11 |
| Pathology, General | 52 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 9 | -3 | 49 |

Changes in Physician Resources by Specialty For the Period 01 Jul 2025 to 30 Sep 2025

| Specialty | Total This Period Last Year | Inflow New Reg | Inflow New Cert | Outflow Left Prov | Outflow Other | Net Change | Total This Period |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| , , | | _ | | 20.01.01 | | _ | |
| Pediatric Cardiology | 16 | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | 18 |
| Pediatric Emergency Medicine | 26 | 1 | 2 | | 8 | -5 | 21 |
| Pediatric Endocrinology | 2 | | 1 | | | 1 | 3 |
| Pediatric Gastroenterology | 8 | | | | 1 | -1 | 7 |
| Pediatric Hematology & Oncology | 13 | 2 | 1 | | | 3 | 16 |
| Pediatric Nephrology | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| Pediatric Neurology | 11 | 2 | | | 2 | | 11 |
| Pediatric Radiology | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | | 2 |
| Pediatric Respirology | 3 | | | | | | 3 |
| Pediatric Surgery | 9 | 2 | 2 | | 1 | 3 | 12 |
| Pediatric Urology | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Pediatrics | 470 | 57 | 16 | 3 | 48 | 22 | 492 |
| Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation | 116 | 16 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 14 | 130 |
| Plastic Surgery | 79 | 5 | | 1 | 6 | -2 | 77 |
| Psychiatry | 636 | 45 | 12 | 6 | 22 | 29 | 665 |
| Public Health and Preventive Medicine | 35 | 5 | 3 | | 2 | 6 | 41 |
| Radiation Oncology | 62 | 10 | | | 1 | 9 | 71 |
| Respirology | 138 | 12 | 16 | 1 | 8 | 19 | 157 |
| Rheumatology | 71 | 6 | 2 | | 8 | | 71 |
| Sleep Disorder Medicine | 1 | | | | 1 | | |
| Sleep Medicine | | | | | | | |
| Sport and Exercise Medicine | 2 | | | | 1 | -1 | 1 |
| Thoracic Surgery | 13 | | 1 | | 1 | | 13 |
| Urology | 63 | 5 | | | 2 | 3 | 66 |
| Vascular Surgery | 17 | 3 | | | | 3 | 20 |
| 3 , | | | | | | | |
| Total, Specialist* | 10881 | 1138 | 1626 | 125 | 765 | 1874 | 12755 |
| Total, Non-Specialist* | 1245 | 102 | 5 | 6 | 1332 | -1231 | 14** |
| Total, Overall | 12126 | 1240 | 1631 | 131 | 2097 | 643 | 12769 |

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Report 4

Summary of Inflows and Outflows For the Period 01 Jul 2025 to 30 Sep 2025

| Quarter | Alberta Trained | New Othe | Restored | Returned To Prov | Retired To Full | Total Inflow | Left Prov | Vol Erase | Removed | Deceased | Retired | Full to Educ | Total Outflow | Net Change |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------|----------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------|----------|---------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| Total for the Four Most | Recent216 | 763 | 170 | 88 | 3 | 1240 | 131 | 65 | 253 | 6 | 142 | 0 | 597 | 643 |
| Quarter 3 2025 | 141 | 274 | 56 | 15 | 1 | 487 | 3 | 4 | 27 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 45 | 442 |
| Quarter 2 2025 | 29 | 167 | 32 | 14 | 1 | 243 | 4 | 3 | 21 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 39 | 204 |
| Quarter 1 2025 | 28 | 194 | 55 | 22 | 1 | 300 | 34 | 49 | 191 | 2 | 113 | 0 | 389 | -89 |
| Quarter 4 2024 | 18 | 128 | 27 | 37 | 0 | 210 | 90 | 9 | 14 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 124 | 86 |
| Quarter 3 2024 | 143 | 222 | 39 | 12 | 1 | 417 | 5 | 7 | 21 | 1 | 13 | 0 | 47 | 370 |

^{*}Breakdown of the members "Removed"

⁻ Members who did not renew permit - 71

⁻ Members who remain registered but not currently in independent practice - 176

⁻ Members whose locum ended - 5

⁻ Members who were Struck/Removed from Register - 1

Inflows and Outflows by Place of Graduation For the Period 01 Jul 2025 to 30 Sep 2025

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| Place of Graduation Non-Specialists | New | Restored | Returned To Prov | Retired To Full | Inflow Total | Left Prov | Vol Erase | Removed | Deceased | Full to Retired Educ | | Net Change | New Cert | Total Change |
|--|--|--|-----------------------|--------------------|--|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|----------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Alberta U OF A Alberta U OF C British Columbia Manitoba Newfoundland Nova Scotia Ontario Quebec Saskatchewan Foreign USA | 4 | | | | 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | | | | | 1 | 1 | -1 | -157 -25 -4 -10 -6 -2 -16 -4 -9 -1011 | -157 -26 -4 -10 -6 -2 -16 -4 -9 -1007 -2 |
| Total, Non-Specialists* | 4 | | | | 4 | | | | | 1 | 1 | 3 | -1246 | -1243 |
| Specialists | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Alberta U OF A Alberta U OF C British Columbia Manitoba Newfoundland Nova Scotia Ontario Quebec Saskatchewan Foreign USA | 77 64 20 8 4 7 42 18 14 155 | 11 10 3 2 1 1 8 2 2 2 15 | 2 1 2 1 9 | 1 | 89 74 25 11 5 8 52 20 17 179 3 | 1 | 1 2 | 6 10 2 1 1 4 | 1 | 4 1 2 1 | 12 12 2 1 2 5 3 | 77 62 23 10 5 6 47 17 172 | 158 33 6 11 7 2 19 4 9 991 | 235 95 29 21 12 8 66 21 26 1163 5 |
| Total, Specialists* | 411 | 56 | 15 | 1 | 483 | 3 | 4 | 27 | 1 | 9 | 44 | 439 | 1242 | 1681 |
| Total, Overall | 415 | 56 | 15 | 1 | 487 | 3 | 4 | 27 | 1 | 10 | 45 | 442 | -4 | 438 |

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Summary of Practice Readiness Assessments
For the Period 01 Jul 2025 to 30 Sep 2025

| Practice Readiness Assessment (PRA-AB) | Q3 2025 | % Change | Q3 2024 |
|---|---------|----------|---------|
| Initiated | 53 | -3.64% | 55 |
| Supervised practice assessment only | 10 | -54.55% | 22 |
| Preliminary clinical assessment plus supervised practice assessment | 43 | 30.30% | 33 |
| Completed Assessment & Working in Hired Location | 37 | 5.71% | 35 |

For this table, completed assessments may have been initiated in a prior year.

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REPORT 1- SUMMARY OF CHANGES IN PHYSICIAN RESOURCES

This report provides an overall count of the number of physicians who are registered with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta by taking into account all categories of licensure.

'Current Quarter to Last Quarter' and 'Current Quarter to Same Quarter Last Year' comparisons, which are further broken down by number and percent, provide a clear outline of the changes in Physician Resources.

Distribution by gender, specialty, location and place of graduation are also included. A similar breakdown is not offered in respect of: 1) physicians on the General Register who reside out-of-province, 2) physicians on the Education Register, and 3) retired physicians.

Limitations:

Counts: The numbers reflect the physicians who maintained an active license within the applicable quarter; it cannot be interpreted as those who are actively practicing.

Location: The location counts are based on the physician's practice location, where available. Otherwise the physician's home address is used for location purposes.

Definitions:

Fully-Registered Physicians in Alberta:

General Register: contains the names of all physicians and osteopaths who are responsible and accountable for their medical practice, without supervision by another physician or the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta.

Provisional Register: contains the names of physicians and osteopaths who do not meet the criteria for the General Register but are in a process that once successfully completed, will qualify for the General Register.

Limited Practice Register: contains the names of physicians and osteopaths who are restricted to limited practice activities under the supervision of another physician, and are not the most responsible physician in the care of patients.

Courtesy Register: physicians on the Courtesy Register involved primarily in research (but with a defined clinical component), or teaching. Very few physicians are offered this form of licensure.

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Other Categories of Licensure:

Emergency Register: physicians and osteopaths who are practicing medicine in Alberta on a temporary basis during a medical emergency or crisis

Telemedicine Register: physicians and osteopaths located outside Alberta who are practicing telemedicine pertaining to patients in Alberta.

Student Register: those undergraduates enrolled in a faculty of medicine in Alberta or enrolled in another medical school who are undertaking undergraduate medical education at a university in Alberta

Retired (In/Out of Province): Physicians who have retired from the practice of medicine in Alberta. Note: Retired status is not a form of licensure.

Understanding Report 1:

- Col. 1: "Current Quarter" represents the tally at the end of the quarter.
- Col. 2-4: "Last Quarter" reflects the numbers at the end of the previous quarter, "# Change" is the net change between the two quarters represented, and "% Change" is the same measure, in percent. Please refer to Report 4 for the sources of this change.
- Col. 5-7: Makes the same comparisons as columns 2-4, except compares the current quarter to the equivalent quarter last year (i.e., Quarter 3, 2025, is compared to Quarter 3, 2024).

REPORT 2 - PHYSICIAN RESOURCES BY ZONE

This report provides net changes by Zone for those physicians fully licensed in Alberta. Broken down to reflect both specialists and non-specialists, the report compares the current quarter to the equivalent quarter last year, resulting in a net change applicable to each Zone.

- Col. 1: Alberta Health Services Zone name. The 'Other' category displayed represents fully-registered physicians who are resident in Alberta but at the time of reporting an Alberta address was not available.
- Col. 2-4: "Current Quarter" reflects the number of specialists and non-specialists as well as a combined total by Zone.
- Col. 5-7: "Same Quarter Last Year" reflects the same information as columns 2-4, with the exception that the information displayed is for the same quarter last year.
- Col. 8-9: "Changes" compares the current quarter numbers to the equivalent quarter figures last year, "# change" is the net change between the quarters represented, and "% change" is the same measure, in percent.

REPORT 3 - CHANGES IN PHYSICIAN RESOURCES BY SPECIALTY

This report provides a year to year comparison of the inflows and outflows and illustrates how the changes documented in report 4 (Summary of Inflows/Outflows) affect the composition of specialists and non-specialists. Physicians are categorized by their <u>most recently recognized</u> specialty.

The numbers can be affected in one of two ways: a non-specialist can become a specialist, or a specialist can obtain a new certification. In the first instance, the non-specialist category is reduced by one, and the applicable specialty is increased. In the second instance, the physician's initial specialty is reduced by one, and the new specialty is increased by one.

Limitation:

These counts do not necessarily reflect physicians' <u>functional</u> area of practice, or even if they have an active <u>clinical</u> practice.

Definitions:

Total, This Period Last Year: The count of physicians in each specialty during the same quarter last year.

Inflow – New Registration: Includes all of the new specialists/non-specialists resulting from the inflows detailed in report 4 (new, restored, returned, etc.).

Inflow – New Certification: Physicians who were registered at the beginning of the quarter and received a new certification within this quarter.

Outflow - Left Province: (see report 4).

Outflow - Other: (all other outflows as recorded in Report 4).

Net Change – The difference between the Inflows and Outflows.

Total This Period – The count of physicians in each specialty for the current quarter.

REPORT 4 - SUMMARY OF INFLOWS AND OUTFLOWS

This report indicates the *sources* of change in the total number of licensed physicians in Alberta.

Report 4 also provides a quarter-to-quarter comparison of inflows and outflows, extending back to the same quarter for the previous year. This allows us to make two analyses:

- By comparing the current quarter with the same quarter for the previous year, we assess if the change is typical for that time of year.
- We can confirm that the *sum of the net changes* for the last four quarters equals the *difference* between the number of physicians in Alberta this year and the number in Alberta last year (refer to column 6 in report 1).

NOTE: The largest swings in the numbers of physicians registered occur in the first and third quarter of each year. The first quarter (actually, January 1) is when CPSA finds out how many physicians are not planning to renew their licenses. Typically, these physicians have already left the province at some point during the year, but have waited until renewal time to inform CPSA of their departure. The third quarter (actually, July 1) is when most physicians complete their postgraduate training programs and become eligible for full licenses.

Definitions:

Inflows:

New - Alberta Trained: Newly licensed physicians whose last year of training was in Alberta.

New - Other: Physicians newly licensed in Alberta, excluding the above.

Restored: Physicians whose names were re-instated on the Register. Typically, these Physicians were voluntarily erased from the General Register or temporarily registered on the Provisional Register.

Return to Province: Physicians who maintained licensure while residing out of province, and have since returned to Alberta.

Retired to Full: Physicians who were on the Retired List and have now re-entered active practice.

Total Inflow: The sum of all inflows.

Outflows:

Left Province: Physicians who have maintained their license, but relocated out of province.

Voluntarily Erase: Physicians who no longer required their Alberta license.

Removed: Physicians who were suspended or were licensed for a limited period of time and have since been removed from the Register.

Deceased: (falls in the quarter in which we were notified, rather than the date of death).

Retired: Physicians who have retired or otherwise fully withdrawn from the practice of medicine in Alberta.

Full to Educational: Physicians who were fully-licensed, but chose not to maintain their license while they undertook additional training.

Total Outflow: The sum of all outflows

REPORT 5 - INFLOWS AND OUTFLOWS BY PHYSICIANS' PLACE OF GRADUATION

This report reflects the inflows and outflows by the location physicians received their medical diplomas.

Place of graduation is broken down by non-specialist (GPs/family physicians) and specialist. The Alberta medical schools are represented individually, with the remaining Canadian medical schools represented by province. "Foreign" refers to medical schools outside Canada or the United States.

Categories: The category "New" includes both "New - Alberta Trained" and "New - Other" discussed under report 4.

REPORT 6 - PRACTICE READINESS ASSESSMENTS

Definitions

Part A: Preliminary Clinical Assessment (PCA)

Over 3 months, physician works under direct observation in the medical practice of a CPSA-approved assessor. The assessor will always be the most responsible physician. Assessor reviews clinical competence, chart management and professionalism. CPSA can end the assessment at any point if there is enough evidence to determine member will not pass. Part A could be waived based on location of medical training or specialty certification, previous experience in a Canadian setting, an appointment to a full-time academic position, or if Canadian-trained applicant that did not pass the national certification exams.

Part B: Supervised Practice Assessment (SPA)

Over 3 months, a CPSA-approved supervisor will observe member in independent practice where candidate is the most responsible physician. During this phase, member can bill Alberta Health for medical services. The supervisor will visit regularly to review charts and collect feedback from patients, colleagues and staff. CPSA can end the assessment at any point if there is enough evidence to determine member will not pass.

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