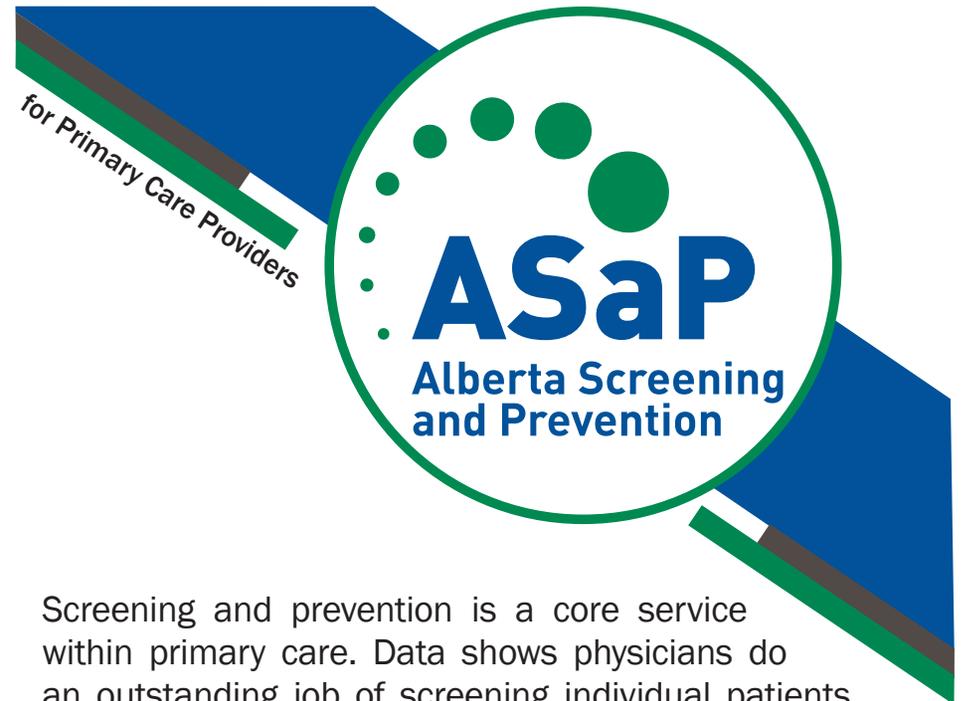


Next Steps

For more information about the program please contact your primary care organization (e.g., Primary Care Network or Family Care Clinic).

Alternatively, visit www.topalbertadoctors.org for more information or email asap@topalbertadoctors.org.

Once enrolled, a staff member from your primary care organization will contact you to complete a registration package and to discuss next steps.



Screening and prevention is a core service within primary care. Data shows physicians do an outstanding job of screening individual patients during focused screening visits.

What about the patients who don't initiate a screening visit?

In Alberta about one-third of adults receive less than the recommended care for any screening and prevention intervention. Given the majority of these people are attached to a physician, primary care teams are in an excellent position to engage these patients in screening and prevention opportunities.

We can improve care

What is ASaP?

An effective way of improving patient uptake of screening and prevention offers is to increase the percentage of providers that have defined clinical processes for screening and preventative care.

The objective of the Alberta Screening and Prevention Program is to increase the percentage of patients that are screened by their primary care providers through a customized intervention that supports current clinic practice.

Program Implementation

Toward Optimized Practice (TOP) will provide the necessary training, resources/tools and ongoing support to identified staff from primary care organizations (i.e., improvement facilitators) required to guide providers and team members through their improvement journeys.

Along with an assigned facilitator, each clinic improvement team will explore their current screening and prevention related activities before engaging in a 'change period' where customized and reliable processes are developed.

To inform the improvement process, chart reviews will be conducted at key points in the team's journey (i.e., before and after the process changes.) Confidential reports summarizing progress will be returned to each provider and their assigned improvement facilitator.

Key improvement process elements will include:

- Assessing panel awareness (i.e., current processes for creating and maintaining patient lists)
- Defining the bundle of care for screening and prevention
- Choosing from opportunistic/outreach strategies
- Exploring existing information systems to support and sustain optimal data utility

Sustainable Benefits of Participation

- Support to develop 'practical' screening and prevention processes that will work within the time constraints of a busy practice while optimizing patient care
- Support to develop, understand, use and sustain patient panel lists to optimize care strategies
- Opportunity to enhance the role of team members and primary care organizations in the support of screening and prevention efforts
- Assistance to enhance EMR knowledge (i.e., broadening user understanding of functionality and capabilities) to optimize its use in supporting patient care
- Development of process change skills to guide future improvement work

Expectation of Participation

- With support, begin to develop sustainable processes to identify and maintain patient lists to guide clinical care
- Work closely with assigned improvement facilitator to locally select and implement changes to maximize screening and prevention methods
- Provide access to identified primary care organization staff member to conduct confidential chart reviews
- Commit to weekly improvement team meetings during the change period

The Alberta Screening and Prevention Program is designed to address the priorities of primary health care, meet the needs of today and build capacity for the future.