The Department of Surgery, Alberta Health Services—Calgary Zone invite applications for the leadership position of Section Chief, Thoracic Surgery. This section currently has 5 active members who provide services to all five acute care hospitals in the Calgary Zone. The Section Chief reports to the Zone Clinical Department Head of Surgery.

Responsibilities:

Duties of a Zone Clinical Section Chief according to the AHS medical staff bylaws:

- Recommending medical staff appointments and clinical privileges, as well as changes to the appointments and clinical privileges to the Zone Clinical Department Head, Surgery.
- Developing and implementation of policies, procedures and practices, together with goals and objectives for the zone clinical section which are consistent with the mission, role statement and strategic plans of AHS and the Department of Surgery.
- In keeping with the objectives and goals of AHS, assigning duties and responsibilities to members of the zone clinical section, and to promote and represent the activities of the zone clinical section.
- Supervising the clinical work of all members of the zone clinical section.
- Assisting in the development of AHS-wide criteria for procedures to AHS.
- Promoting educational programs for zone clinical section members and other staff associated with the zone clinical section.
- Developing and promoting departmental and sectional research activities.
- Ensuring that Department of Surgery policies regarding quality of patient care and safety are developed and implemented.
- Performing Triggered Initial Assessments and Triggered Reviews as delegated by the Calgary Zone Clinical Department Head, Surgery pursuant to Part 6 of the AHS Bylaws.
- Assisting the Calgary Zone Clinical Department Head, Surgery in performing periodic reviews for members of the Calgary Zone clinical section of Thoracic Surgery pursuant to Part 5 of AHS Bylaws.
- Acting as designate for the Calgary Zone Clinical Department Head, Surgery for those duties assigned to the zone clinical department or designate by the AHS Bylaws or AHS medical staff rules.
- Be accountable for the quality of medical care and services within the zone clinical section in a manner consistent with the operating principles of Alberta Health Services.
- Ensure appropriate utilization of zonal resources by the section members, particularly in the area of beds, operating rooms, ambulatory care, and diagnostic testing and drug utilization.
Other duties designated by the Zone Clinical Department Head:

- Convene regular meetings of members of the zone clinical section, to be held at least quarterly, and minutes recorded
- Supply, at the request of the Zone Clinical Department Head, Surgery such materials from the section as required for departmental reports or for the department website.
- Develop a five-year plan for future AHS development of the Section, in consultation with the members of the section and the Zone Clinical Department Head, Surgery, which is consistent with AHS and Department of Surgery Strategic Plans.
- Participate in the Department of Surgery’s strategic planning processes and retreats.

Qualifications:
This position is open to current members of the Section of Thoracic Surgery, Department of Surgery, Calgary Zone AHS, who are in good standing and hold active privileges in AHS.

The ideal candidate will have leadership experience by holding positions in local, provincial or national groups applicable to Thoracic surgery or positions in AHS or the Cumming School of Medicine. They will have excellent communication skills and conflict management skills. They will have experience with team building, engaging others and implementing new initiatives. They will reflect the core values of the Department of Surgery and Alberta Health Services in their current practice.

FTE and Remuneration:
0.1 FTE, Medical Affairs Honorarium Grid

Term:
5 years
January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2027

Application:
Please send your curriculum vitae and names of three referees to Elaine Barrato at Elaine.Barrato@ahs.ca

Deadline:
December 15, 2022

Information:
For questions regarding this leadership position, you may wish to contact:

- Dr. Sean McFadden, current Section Chief of Thoracic Surgery, at Sean.Mcfadden@ahs.ca, or
- Dr. Frankie Fraulin, Deputy Department Head, Governance and Physician Services, at Frankie.fraulin@ahs.ca