

January 12, 2021

Happy new year EZMSA members:

Welcome to 2021. Thank you for your membership.

I am very excited to begin my term as your next EZMSA president. I am an Intensivist Respiriologist based primarily out of the Misericordia Hospital. My true passion is home and chronic mechanical ventilation which has provided me with a unique opportunity to see patient care on a continuum from the ICU to the home environment and given me the privilege of interacting with providers in the hospital and the community. I have 2 small children and try my best to lead a balanced lifestyle, particularly in the challenging times.

There are new event opportunities available for you and the EZMSA continues our business of representing the medical community on your behalf. I hope to see you through the year at our events. I am pleased, as you new president, to continue a successful association. Please feel free to reach out to me as the EZMSA's accomplishments are through our members. I look forward to the optimism this year brings with vaccines becoming available, the end of the pandemic in sight, sharing a leadership role with our EZMSA executive team, and hopefully seeing you all in-person again by the end of the year.

Speaker Series Announcement

Four speakers have been secured, from January to April, to inform members on:

1. Understanding the Federal and Provincial Governments' Role in Health Care- January 28, 2020
 - Speaker: Mr. Matthew Jeneroux, Member of Parliament
2. Canada Health Act 101- February 22, 2020
 - Speaker: Dr. Lorian Hardcastle, Professor of Law, University of Calgary
3. Decision Making in the Alberta Government- March 18, 2020
 - Speaker: Dr. Keith Brownsey, Professor of Political Studies, Mount Royal University
4. An Overview of the Jason Kenney Government- April 13, 2020
 - Speaker: Mr. Graham Thomson, Journalist

The registration links and details are available in the attached document.

These speaker events are available now for our members free of charge as a benefit of membership. Membership is required to attend.

Strategic COVID-19 Pandemic Committee

We continue to bring the expertise of our colleagues together to add additional capacity to our advocacy. Our website is updated frequently with their activities here: <http://albertazmsa.com/strategic-covid19-pandemic-committee>. They continue to focus on their COVID-19 response mandate on behalf of the Edmonton zone medical community:

- 1) Monitor public health, the health system, and the government response in Alberta.
- 2) Research and recommend medical guidance.
- 3) Provide public information and medical advice to Albertans.

Your Representation

We also continue our regular business as an association representing our medical community. We frequently advocate on your behalf. Here are the past letters, press releases, and media our executive completed in 2020: <http://albertazmsa.com/ezmsa-newsletter>.

The EZMSA represents you with the Alberta Medical Association and Alberta Health Services. The EZMSA represents you on the AHS Bylaws and Rules Committee, Hearing Committees, Immediate Action Review Committee, Provincial Practitioner Executive Committee, Search Committees, Zone Medical Administrative Committee, and Zone Application Review Committee.

Thank you for your membership and being involved in the EZMSA. Our association is funded by membership and this is how we continue to offer advocacy, education sessions, and opportunities to connect with our peers. I take great pride in our zone and leading you with our executive team this year. Please continue to reach out to us and stay safe.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E MacIntyre".

Dr. Erika MacIntyre
President 2021