

ALBERTA SERVICE UPDATE

August 2025

IMMEDIATE AVAILABILITIES

We currently have relatively immediate booking availabilities for the following exams at these clinic locations.

- **Screening mammograms** at our Beacon Heights, Cochrane, Castleridge, Mahogany Village and Sunridge clinics
- **Bone mineral densitometry (BMD)** exams at Beacon Heights, Cochrane, Castleridge, Mahogany Village and Sunridge clinics. It is highly recommended that patients return to the clinic at which they had a prior BMD exam if applicable
- **Bone scan exams** (nuclear medicine) at our Mayfair Place, Market Mall, Mahogany Village and Sunpark clinics
- **General ultrasound** exams at our Aspen Landing, Beacon Heights, Coventry Hills, Crowfoot, Mayfair Place, Southcentre, Sunpark, Sunridge, The Core and Westbrook clinics
- **Myocardial perfusion imaging (MPI)** and **exercise stress test (EST)** at our Mayfair Place clinic

ABUS EXPANSION

We're expanding Automated Breast Ultrasound (ABUS) to three new locations in the coming months. ABUS provides whole-breast imaging for patients with high breast density (Volpara scores C & D).

- **Mahogany Village SE clinic** – ABUS to be introduced Fall 2025 (exact date to be confirmed)
- **Aspen Landing SW clinic** – ABUS to be introduced Fall 2025 (exact date to be confirmed)
- **Crowfoot NW clinic** – ABUS to be introduced in late 2025/early 2026

ABUS is currently available at clinics in **Market Mall NW**, **Mayfair Place SW**, **Southcentre SW**, and **The Core SW**. For more information about ABUS and its use, as well as Volpara scores, please reach out to your Strategic Partnership Manager or email bd@radiology.ca.

CHANGE OF CONTACT CENTRE HOURS

Effective September 2, our Contact Centre hours will be updated to **Monday to Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**, to better accommodate your patients and their schedules.

ONLINE BOOKING FOR PATIENTS

In September, patients will have the option to book select exams directly through our online booking portal. This new feature expands on our current system, which allows patients to request appointments. More details will be available in September on our patient website at radiology.ca.

PATIENTS WITH MOBILITY NEEDS

If your patient has any mobility needs that we should be aware of to help support them during their exam, please include this information on the requisition with as much detail as possible.

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CAROTID ARTERY STENOSIS GRADING CRITERIA

As of July 22, we have updated our Carotid Artery Stenosis Grading Criteria to reflect the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC) recommendations.

We have adopted these new criteria after communication with the Vascular Surgery team at the Peter Lougheed Centre. These recommendations seek to improve quality of care for patients undergoing carotid duplex examinations through standardization of criteria across accredited testing facilities and use of rigorously validated criteria for assessment of severity of internal carotid artery stenosis, including velocity thresholds for > 50% ICA stenosis that more accurately reflect severity of disease.

Based upon these data derived from the work product of IAC-accredited labs, IAC Vascular Testing now strongly recommends general adoption of modified SRU criteria incorporating the higher PSV threshold value of 180 cm/sec for 50% diameter reducing ICA stenosis. IAC Vascular Testing recognizes there may be selected cases with 50-69% ICA stenosis in which PSV < 180 cm/sec, but there is elevated ICA/CCA PSV ratio > 2.0 with significant plaque and other features of stenosis (e.g., post-stenotic turbulence). Previous criteria utilized a PSV threshold value of 125cm/s for 50% diameter reducing ICA stenosis.

EMAIL FOR UPDATES

To enhance communication and provide more timely service updates, we recommend transitioning from fax to email. If you'd like to start receiving updates by email, please send your name, company name, and preferred email address to **bd@radiology.ca**. If you're already receiving updates by email, no further action is required.

Please note: Patient exam reports cannot be sent via email.

15 LOCATIONS IN CALGARY & AREA

We currently have 15 locations in Calgary & area along with 2 locations in Saskatchewan. For more information about our locations and the exams available at each location, and to access a printable pdf list with specific addresses, please visit **physicians.radiology.ca**.

YOUR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS TEAM

Our Strategic Partnerships Managers are here to provide you with personalized service and answer your questions. For more information on how to contact us, visit **physicians.radiology.ca** or email **bd@radiology.ca**.

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Thank you for your continued partnership.