

Strategic Priorities

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To: College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan – for distribution to primary care physicians

Re: LINK – the provincial non-urgent telephone consultation service

LINK (Leveraging Immediate Non-urgent Knowledge) is a provincial physician-to-physician telephone consultation service that connects primary care providers to specialists to consult on pressing non-urgent patient health concerns.

To access LINK, call ACAL (1-888-831-2225 or 1-306-655-8008) or Bedline (1-866-766-6050 or 1-306-766-6050) and request a LINK call with one of the following specialties:

- Adult Psychiatry
- Palliative Care
- Nephrology

As part of the health system's commitment to improve access to specialty care, the Ministry of Health piloted LINK with adult psychiatry and palliative care specialists who reported that calls were often answered immediately (while the patient was still in the office) or returned within 15 minutes.

Should you have questions or want more information about the service, please contact Cathy Zhao, Sr. Project Manager, at LINK@health.gov.sk.ca or 1-306-787-3556.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: LINK Q&A