

## **Session Title**

ALA Advocacy to AHS Action: Sharing ALA's approach to advocating along with AHS's approach to clinical services for lymphedema

**Plenary Session: Friday, October 23 at 3:30pm**

**Learning Stream: 2 and 3**

## **Session Summary**

This 60 minute session will tour professionals from the beginning to the current state of Lymphedema services provided by AHS. Beginning with what advocacy means and sharing of Alberta Lymphedema Association's approaches to advocacy. Alberta Health Services will then share the historical approach to Cancer Care's Lymphedema service within Oncology Rehab, followed by tips on the process to launch a new clinic, such as the non cancerous clinic in Calgary; ending the tour with a service delivery approach and results for patients receiving treatment for noncancerous or primary lymphedema

This session is jointly presented to demonstrate the cycle of advocacy from the Alberta Lymphedema Association and wholesome approach to lymphedema care in Alberta Health Services. Diane Martin is the President of the Alberta Lymphedema Association; Dr Margie Mcneely is a Physiotherapist and associate professor with the Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, UofA with a passionate history of lymphedema care and research in Cancer related lymphedema; Lisa Warner is the Director of Allied Health in Calgary Zone with AHS, launching the latest noncancerous lymphedema treatment clinic; and Heather Watt is an Occupational Therapist with Allied Health-CRIS in Edmonton Zone where she has passionately treated non cancerous lymphedema patients for the past 5 years.