

Dr. Kassam is Professor and Chair of Medicine, University of Alberta and Edmonton Zone Clinical Department Head of Medicine, Alberta Health Services. She completed her medical and residency training at the University of Alberta in 1996. She holds a Masters in Health Professions Education, from the University of Illinois at Chicago, completed the Gold College Academic Leadership Development Program at the University of Alberta, and the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Fellowship at the Drexel University College of Medicine. Dr. Kassam has held several leadership positions in the past with the University and Alberta Health Services including Resident Training Director, Division Director, and Section Head in General Internal Medicine, and Associate Department Chair, Clinical. Dr. Kassam played an integral role throughout the development and launch of the province-wide digital health record (Connect Care) as Co-Chair of the Provincial Connect Care Medicine Area Council, the Medicine Lead for Wave 1 Implementation Steering Committee and as an Area Trainer. Dr. Kassam is the founder and Executive Medical Director of the Edmonton Zone Virtual Hospital Program. Dr. Kassam has also Chaired, Vice-Chaired or been a member of multiple academic and clinical national and provincial committees. She served as Vice-Chair on the original GIM Working Group which was successful in having GIM recognized as a subspecialty of Internal Medicine in 2013. She is the current Chair of the RCPSC Specialty Committee for GIM, leading the implementation of CBD in 2021. She served as Governor of the Alberta Chapter, American College of Physicians from 2015-2019. She was the recipient of the Canadian Society of Internal Medicine, Osler award recognizing her leadership and contributions to GIM. In addition to her leadership positions, Dr. Kassam has also led several grant funded quality improvement initiatives, including a zone-wide appropriateness of in-patient lab test ordering project which is ongoing.