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# MEDIA AVAILABILITY

## Helping premature babies thrive with family-centered care

*New research hopes to show that everyone benefits when parents take on a greater role nurturing their premature babies in the hospital*

Alberta has one of the highest rates of pre-term births in Canada with one in twelve women delivering prematurely. The care of preterm infants represents the largest cost in pediatric health care at \$35 million a year in the province. Preterm babies can be susceptible to jaundice, infections, as well as respiratory, feeding, and behavioural problems.

A new research project, funded jointly by Alberta Innovates – Health Solutions (AIHS) and Alberta Health Services (AHS), is being led by Khalid Aziz, MD and Jill Larocque, NNP to help families leave the hospital sooner with healthier preterm babies.

**WHAT:** Media Availability for new research project: **Family Integrated Care**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 1, 2016

**TIME:** 09:30 AM – 11:30 AM

**WHO:** Dr. Khalid Aziz, Jill Larocque and a Mother & Preterm Baby

**WHERE:** Room 3021  
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**Photo and Interview opportunities with Dr. Aziz, Jill Larocque, and a mother and preterm baby will be available.**