

Central Zone: Centralized Referrals for Orthopedics and Urology Through FAST

As part of the Alberta Surgical Initiative, a new central access and intake system for managing referrals launched in Central Zone on Monday, August 29, 2022 for urology and orthopedics. The program is called **Alberta Facilitated Access to Specialized Treatment (FAST)**.

What your office needs to do:

Change the fax numbers for sending non-urgent urology and orthopedics referrals to:

1-833-627-7022

Follow these easy steps to refer:

1. Review the Referral Pathway at ahs.ca/pathways. Use it to understand what information is required with your referral.
2. Fax your usual referral form or letter* to the FAST office: 1-833-627-7022.
3. Specify if you are seeking:
 - Next available provider with the shortest waitlist,
 - A specific provider, clinic or site, or
 - An out-of-Zone referral to a specialist in a different part of the province

*You can continue to use your usual referral form or letter at this time. New provincial referral forms will be released in fall 2022 and included in community Electronic Medical Records (EMRs).

FAST facts:

- The FAST team will accept **non-urgent** referrals for urology and orthopedics; other specialties will be added over time.
- Each referral will be checked for completeness and sent to a surgeon's office within the Zone accepting FAST referrals.
- The FAST processes are iterative, and your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Contact

FAST office

Phone: 1-833-553-3278 (833-553-FAST), Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Email: ABFAST.Central@ahs.ca

More information: ahs.ca/specialtyaccess