

Orthopedics Expanded to Edmonton Zone FAST

As part of the Alberta Surgical Initiative, the existing Edmonton Zone Facilitated Access to Specialized Treatment (FAST) program now includes all non-urgent, adult orthopedic referrals.

Send all non-urgent orthopedic surgery referrals to

780-670-3221

FAST will continue to accept referrals sent to the existing 780-643-1235 fax number for elbow, hand and wrist referrals.

FAST facts

- All non-urgent, adult orthopedic referrals require submission to the FAST team as of Oct. 31, 2022.
- Each referral will be checked for completeness and sent to a specific surgeon or specialty clinic within the Zone accepting FAST referrals.
- This roll-out is in continued development and your feedback is greatly appreciated.
- FAST is being implemented province wide, and Edmonton FAST is part of an Alberta-wide FAST program. FAST aims to create a consistent referral experience everywhere in the province and ensure that patients see the right provider within clinically appropriate timelines.
- Information for urgent and emergency advice/referrals can be found in the Referral Pathways at ahs.ca/pathways.

Easy steps to refer

1. Please use Referral Pathways at ahs.ca/pathways to understand what information is required with your referral.
2. Specify in your referral letter a reason for referral according to the Referral Pathway and if you are seeking:
 - Next-available provider with the shortest waitlist,
 - A named provider (e.g., Dr. Smith), clinic or site, or
 - An out-of-Zone referral to a specialist in a different part of the province.
3. Fax your referral to the fax numbers provided above.

New provincial referral forms will be released in spring 2023 and included in community Electronic Medical Records (EMRs).



Specialties included in FAST

FAST continues to be the central intake in Edmonton for referrals to:

- General surgery
- Plastics
- ENT/otolaryngology
- Gynecology - colposcopy only
- Orthopedics



Contact

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