

# FAST Facts for Referrals

## Central Zone

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**FAST:**  
FACILITATED  
ACCESS TO  
SPECIALIZED  
TREATMENT

### For easier referrals, update FAST fax number to your Electronic Medical Record

As of June 2024, the surgical specialties listed below accept referrals via FAST. Referrals should be submitted through **one consistent** zonal fax number.

#### Mark Your Calendars

FAST Gynecology  
launches in Central Zone  
June 10, 2024.

Specialty Referral Pathway found on Alberta's Pathway Hub	Central Zone FAST Fax Number
<a href="#">General Surgery</a>	1-833-627-7022
<a href="#">Gynecology <b>**NEW**</b></a>	
<a href="#">Orthopedic Surgery</a>	
<a href="#">Vascular Surgery</a>	
<a href="#">Urology</a>	

### What you need to submit a referral

Submitting referrals through FAST is easier than you think and includes steps you are already following.

To submit a referral, please:

- Review any mandatory investigations as indicated on the referral pathway, co-designed with Primary Care.
- Send a referral form **or** a letter with relevant information to the Central Zone FAST fax number: 1-833-627-7022.

### FAST myths

Submitting a referral to FAST does not mean you must:

- Read the whole referral pathway.
- Send in a referral form if you already have a letter stating the reason for referral and all mandatory information.

### What happens after FAST receives the referral?

- FAST will enter your referral into Alberta Netcare eReferral and it will be viewable on the [patient's record](#).
- Referrals are checked for completeness and sent to the requested or next available surgeon/site/clinic.

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### Questions? Contact the Central Zone FAST Team

For referring providers only: 1-833-553-3278 ext. 3 or [abfast.central@ahs.ca](mailto:abfast.central@ahs.ca)

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

### Feedback about FAST?

Email [abfast@ahs.ca](mailto:abfast@ahs.ca)

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