

# FAST Referral Instructions

## Edmonton Zone



**FAST:**  
FACILITATED  
ACCESS TO  
SPECIALIZED  
TREATMENT

### FAST IS YOUR REFERRAL PARTNER

Facilitated Access to Specialized Treatment (FAST) is a central intake and distribution program for surgical referrals. The program improves patient access to specialty care by centralizing referral intake, ensuring referrals are complete, and distributing referrals to specialists. For more information, visit [ahs.ca/fast](https://ahs.ca/fast).

### SIMPLIFY YOUR REFERRAL PROCESS

1. Add FAST to your Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system.
  2. Prepare your referral using a detailed referral letter OR the FAST referral form (**NOTE:** A referral form is not mandatory):
    - a. Identify the referral reason as listed in the [Referral Pathway](#).
    - b. Attach all mandatory referral information listed in the [Referral Pathway](#).
    - c. Choose to assign referral to the next available surgeon, a named provider, or an out-of-zone provider.
- Tip:** Review the [QuRE Referral/Consult Checklist](#) for high-quality referral guidelines.
3. Fax referral to your Zone FAST Team by specialty (do not send to other zones).
  4. Check the status of submitted referral in Alberta Netcare eReferral – see [eReferral resources](#).

### SPECIALTIES ON FAST

The surgical specialties below accept referrals via the FAST Team in Edmonton Zone.

Specialty	Referral Resources	Fax
General Surgery	<a href="#">Referral Pathway</a>   <a href="#">Alberta Referral Directory</a>   <a href="#">Referral Form</a>	780-670-3224
Colposcopy	<a href="#">Referral Pathway</a>   <a href="#">Alberta Referral Directory</a>   <a href="#">Referral Form</a>	780-643-1491
Neurosurgery	<a href="#">Referral Pathway</a>   <a href="#">Alberta Referral Directory</a>   <a href="#">Referral Form</a>	780-644-1378
Otolaryngology	<a href="#">Referral Pathway</a>   <a href="#">Alberta Referral Directory</a>   <a href="#">Referral Form</a>	780-644-1790
Oral Maxillofacial Surgery	<a href="#">Referral Pathway</a>   <a href="#">Alberta Referral Directory</a>   <a href="#">Referral Form</a>	780-409-3777
Orthopedic Surgery	<a href="#">Referral Pathway</a>   <a href="#">Alberta Referral Directory</a>   <a href="#">Referral Form</a>	780-670-3221
Plastic Surgery ( <i>Select referrals as per current practice</i> )	<a href="#">Referral Pathway</a>   <a href="#">Alberta Referral Directory</a>   <a href="#">Referral Form</a>	780-644-1743
Upper Limb	<a href="#">Referral Pathway</a>   <a href="#">Alberta Referral Directory</a>   <a href="#">Elbow Referral Form</a>   <a href="#">Hand and Wrist Referral Form</a>	780-643-1235
Vascular Surgery	<a href="#">Referral Pathway</a>   <a href="#">Alberta Referral Directory</a>   <a href="#">Referral Form</a>	780-409-0607

Note: Separate processes exist for [Breast Health](#), [Thoracic Surgery](#), [Thoracic Oncology](#), and [Urology](#) referrals.

### CONNECT CARE USERS:

Send referrals to FAST by using:

- Outgoing referral order workflows (Calgary, Central and North Zones).
- Outgoing referral order workflows **or** internal referral order (Edmonton Zone).
- **Connect Care users cannot send referrals to South Zone FAST at this time.**

### CONTACT FAST

Tel 1-833-553-3278 ext. 2 | Monday to Friday | 7:30 AM – 3:45 PM

General Surgery – [EZGenSurgConsults@ahs.ca](mailto:EZGenSurgConsults@ahs.ca)

Colposcopy – [EZGynecologyReferrals@ahs.ca](mailto:EZGynecologyReferrals@ahs.ca)

Oral Maxillofacial Surgery – [EZOralMaxReferral@ahs.ca](mailto:EZOralMaxReferral@ahs.ca)

Orthopedics – [EZOrthoConsults@ahs.ca](mailto:EZOrthoConsults@ahs.ca)

Otolaryngology – [EZOtolaryngologyReferrals@ahs.ca](mailto:EZOtolaryngologyReferrals@ahs.ca)

Plastic Surgery – [EZPlasticReferrals@ahs.ca](mailto:EZPlasticReferrals@ahs.ca)

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