

# FAST Facts for Referrals

## North 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 referrals to specialists. 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).

### SPECIALTIES ON FAST

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

Specialty	Referral Resources	North Zone FAST Fax Number
General Surgery	<a href="#">Referral Pathway</a>   <a href="#">Alberta Referral Directory</a>   <a href="#">Referral Form</a>	<b>1-833-627-7025</b>
Gynecology	<a href="#">Referral Pathway</a>   <a href="#">Alberta Referral Directory</a>   <a href="#">Referral Form</a>	
Neurosurgery	<a href="#">Referral Pathway</a>   <a href="#">Alberta Referral Directory</a>   <a href="#">Referral Form</a>	
Otolaryngology	<a href="#">Referral Pathway</a>   <a href="#">Alberta Referral Directory</a>   <a href="#">Referral Form</a>	
Oral Maxillofacial Surgery	<a href="#">Referral Pathway</a>   <a href="#">Alberta Referral Directory</a>   <a href="#">Referral Form</a>	
Orthopedic Surgery	<a href="#">Referral Pathway</a>   <a href="#">Alberta Referral Directory</a>   <a href="#">Referral Form</a>	
Plastic Surgery	<a href="#">Referral Pathway</a>   <a href="#">Alberta Referral Directory</a>   <a href="#">Referral Form</a>	
Vascular Surgery	<a href="#">Referral Pathway</a>   <a href="#">Alberta Referral Directory</a>   <a href="#">Referral Form</a>	
Urology	<a href="#">Referral Pathway</a>   <a href="#">Alberta Referral Directory</a>   <a href="#">Referral Form</a>	

### 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 specialist, 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 North Zone FAST Team at 1-833-627-7025.
4. Check the status of submitted referral in Alberta Netcare eReferral – see [eReferral resources](#).

### 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.**

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