



UPDATES TO PROVINCIAL ADULT ORTHOPEDIC AND SPINE REFERRAL PATHWAY

October 21, 2024

- Dupuytren's contracture is now its own reason for referral (as per September 5, 2024 update). Therefore, it has been removed from the section 'Deformity – Hand and Wrist'. This is to avoid duplication and prevent confusion with mandatory information.

September 5, 2024

- Two new reasons for referral added (Dupuytren's contracture and Trigger finger).

July 9, 2024

- Updated feedback links on page 1 of the referral pathway
- Updated document language to support new eReferral terminology
- Fixed broken links
- Updated the hip, foot and ankle mandatory information to provide more clarity around x-ray views.

June 5, 2024

- Updated design of referral pathway to include links to individual reasons for referral.
- Updated process for spine reasons for referral to reflect send direct to specialist in Calgary and Edmonton Zones.
- Updated mandatory information for carpal tunnel to align with decisions made in the clinical pathway space. This includes the removal of electrodiagnostic studies as mandatory information and the new direction for these referrals to have a detailed letter outlining the symptoms associated with this condition that the patient is experiencing.
- Updated hand and wrist process in Calgary zone to reflect collaborative distribution between Orthopedic and Plastic Surgery.
- Linked new clinical pathway for carpal tunnel.
- Linked new clinical pathway for low back pain.