

PRIMARY CARE ACCESS TO ORTHOPAEDICS



Please review the following clinical pathways:

- ✓ **Hip and knee surgical care pathway**
- ✓ **Shoulder assessment clinical pathway**

NON-URGENT ADVICE

Contact Specialist Link or make an eReferral Advice Request



Request advice online at specialistlink.ca or call:

Local: **403.910.2551**

Toll free: **1.844.962.5456 (Link)**

Get a call-back within **one hour!**

Log into Alberta Netcare and submit your questions electronically: albertanetcare.ca/ereferral.htm

Get a response within **five calendar days**

NON-URGENT CONSULTATION

Patient does NOT need to be seen urgently



- ✓ Indicate a clear reason for referral and all required information as outlined under mandatory Info in the [provincial orthopaedics and spine referral pathway](#)
- ✓ See QuRE Referral/Consultation Checklist for high quality referral guidelines: ahs.ca/QuRE
- ✓ Alberta Facilitated Access to Specialized Treatment (FAST) is accepting referrals via fax (except for oncology and pediatric orthopaedics). Submit your completed referral to **1.833.627.7023**
- ✓ Patients may be entitled to expedited surgery with WCB Alberta. Select "Contact with claim owner" on WCB report or call the WCB's physician help line at **1.855.498.4919**
- ✓ For questions about assigned referrals, contact the specialist's office. See albertareferraldirectory.ca for individual clinic contact information. For submitted unassigned referrals, call FAST at **1.833.553.3278**

URGENT ADVICE/CONSULTATION

Patient MAY need to be seen immediately



- ✓ Call on-call surgeon via [RAAPID](#) South: **403.944.4486** or **1.800.661.1700**
 - **Indications:** Acute fractures, including all fractures within 4 weeks of injury, acute tendon ruptures and torn ligaments, dislocation, metastatic bone tumors, including impeding pathologic fractures, acute pathologic fractures
 - **Note:** If the patient is already under the care of an orthopaedic surgeon for this injury, please contact them. For suspected primary or locally aggressive bone tumors, refer to orthopaedic oncology

EMERGENCY CONSULTATION

Patient NEEDS to be seen immediately



- ✓ Call [RAAPID](#) South at **403.944.4486 / 1.800.661.1700** or send patient to emergency for:
 - Open fractures and / or fractures potentially requiring acute operative treatment, suspected septic joints and orthopedic infections, irreducible acute joint dislocations, compartment syndrome (acute), cauda equina or progressive neurologic deficit after injury