

PRIMARY CARE ACCESS TO ORTHOPAEDICS

NON-URGENT ADVICE

Contact Specialist LINK



Request advice via specialistlink.ca or call:

Local: **403.910.2551**

Toll free: **1.844.962.5456 (LINK)**

Get a call-back within one hour!

✓ *Clinical advice* ✓ *Confidence* ✓ *Clarity* ✓ *Conversation* ✓ *Collaboration*

*Please note: See 'urgent orthopaedic choices' for fractures within eight weeks of injury

ORTHOPAEDIC ELECTIVE REFERRAL

Patient needs to be seen on a non-urgent basis



✓ Please see Orthopaedic Surgery Referral Resources for family physicians at specialistlink.ca

URGENT ORTHOPAEDIC CHOICES

Patient needs to be seen within 2 weeks at cast clinic



Indications: Acute fractures, sprains and strains; torn ligaments; primary bone and metastatic bone tumors. Please use this option for fractures within eight weeks of injury.

✓ Call on-call surgeon via Regional On Call Application (ROCA) or RAAPID (Phone: **403.944.4486**)

EMERGENCY ORTHOPAEDIC REFERRALS

Patient needs to be seen same day



Indications: Fractures potentially requiring acute operative treatment (bimalleolar ankle #, markedly displaced wrist #, hip #, long bone #s, comminuted proximal humerus fractures, etc.); Open fractures; Suspected septic joints and orthopaedic infections

✓ Call RAAPID (Phone: **403.944.4486**)

✓ Send patient to Emergency via **911**