

## TRANSFORMING HEALTHCARE: ONE REFERRAL AT A TIME

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Subject line: Calgary Zone – Guidance for gynecology consultation referrals

Primary Care Leadership,

FAST has been accepting gynecology referrals since June 2024. In recent months, the number of participating specialists has decreased to a point where centralized intake is no longer feasible. In 2025, FAST will revisit the program after consulting with gynecologists and primary care practitioners on how to improve participation to streamline referrals and improve patient access to this important specialty.

Referring providers are advised to send gynecology referrals directly to the gynecology clinic/specialist of their choice as they did prior to the Facilitated Access to Specialized Treatment (FAST) program in the Calgary Zone, until further notice. Patients will continue to have access to gynecological services. This change has no impact on access.

Existing referrals held by FAST will be processed as usual. Specialist Link remains available for consultation and advice at [specialistlink.ca](https://specialistlink.ca) as well as Alberta Netcare eReferral – eConsult.

FAST remains committed to improving referrals to ensure patients get access to the care they need in a timely manner. We look forward to working with you in the new year to determine how we can bring gynecological referrals back into the FAST program.

Sincerely,

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