

# Orthopedic Referral Guide

## Western Zone

This guide was developed to provide referring providers a quick reference of the processes and contacts for various orthopedic referrals:

1. Primary Hip and Knee Arthroplasty
2. Trauma/Fracture Consult Requests
3. All other Orthopedic Consult Requests

### PRIMARY HIP AND KNEE ARTHROPLASTY REFERRALS

All primary hip and knee arthroplasty referrals are managed by *Orthopedic Assessment Clinics (OACs)*. Referrals must be submitted to the OAC Hip and Knee Clinic using *Ocean eReferrals*: <https://www.referralsns.ca/> or the standardized provincial *referral form*.

**Requests received outside of these processes will be returned.**

Referral form information is available as follows:

- Via *Ocean eReferrals*
- EMR systems
- *Hip and Knee Clinic*  
Fax: 902-678-8516
- Learn more at: [www.nshealth.ca/hip-and-knee](http://www.nshealth.ca/hip-and-knee)

### TRAUMA/FRACTURE CONSULT REQUESTS

To request a trauma or fracture consult please:

1. Contact the *Valley Regional Hospital Automated Attendant* and ask to speak to the orthopedic surgeon on call.
2. After speaking to the on-call surgeon, fax your request to *Bookings*

*Valley Regional Hospital* **Ph:** 902-678-7381  
*Automated Attendant*

*Bookings* **Fax:** 902-679-2393

### ALL OTHER ORTHOPEDIC CONSULT REQUESTS (NON-TRAUMA/NON-ARTHROPLASTY)

**All other orthopedic consult requests** should be submitted via *Ocean eReferrals* or faxed directly to an orthopedic surgeons' office for triage (providers not using *Ocean*).

**Ph:** 1-866-313-2663 opt. 2 (Booking Office)  
**Fax:** 902-679-2393

**\*\*NOTE\*\*** The Booking Office is unable to answer questions related to wait times or *Ocean eReferrals*\*\*

<b>General Hip &amp; Knee</b>	<b>Fax</b>
Dr. Arakgi	1-833-287-1224
Dr. Armstrong	902-915-5393
Dr. Gillis	902-678-1926
Dr. Howatt	902-365-2376
Dr. Murphy	1-833-287-1224
<b>General, Upper Limb</b>	<b>Fax</b>
Dr. Hewins	902-679-3350
Dr. McPherson	902-681-5058