

## **NEW Vascular Surgery Centralized Referral/Triage starting December 2nd, 2019**

The Division of Vascular Surgery has been working together to improve access and decrease wait times to vascular surgery consult. **This initiative is supported by a grant from the [Specialist Services Committee](#)** (SSC) to improve patient access to specialists.

### **What will Centralized Referral and Triage for Vascular Surgery mean to me and my patients?**

- ✓ A single fax number for referrals to all four surgeons 250-298-6186
- ✓ Referrals will be centrally triaged and assigned to the next available surgeon
- ✓ Clear requirements of what satisfies the referral criteria for vascular surgery referral
- ✓ Acknowledgement of all referrals back to the referring MD
- ✓ Direct communication with patients to expedite appointments and any required diagnostic testing

### **IMPORTANT CHANGES**

1. In order to expedite referrals; you will need to **include** the following:
  - Completed appropriate diagnostic study
  - Consult Note (less than 1 yr) or Discharge Summary (less than 1 yr)
2. Upon receipt of the referral you will receive an acknowledgement letter **within 5 business days**
3. **In the event that required information is not provided, the referral will be put on Hold**
4. **We will directly contact your patient** to book an appointment and any required tests

Please refer to your Pathways site for more detailed information:  
“Vascular Surgery”

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