

When do I refer for specialty treatments ?

When your patients need additional treatment to manage pain and improve mobility, such as surgery, intra-articular therapy, underwater treadmill therapy, or hyperbaric oxygen therapy, Animal Surgical & Orthopedic Center and SOUND Veterinary are here to help.



When to refer to Animal Surgical for . . .

Surgery Consultation

- Dogs with CCL sprains or tears
- Dogs with patella luxation graded 2-4 out of 4
- Young dog (<3 y) with suspected elbow dysplasia. The earlier you can refer for surgery, the better (the best age is typically between 6-9 months)
- Dogs **between 16-20 weeks of age** with hip dysplasia (positive Ortolani)
- Dogs between **6-9 months** with hip dysplasia and no radiographic evidence of DJD
- Dogs with failed medical management for hip OA
- Young dogs (6-12 months) with angular limb deformity
- Dogs with instability of the carpus or tarsus



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When to refer to SOUND Vet Rehab for . . .

Intra-articular Therapy

- Dogs with elbow OA. The earlier you can get them started on intra-articular therapy, the better.
- Lameness and mobility concerns persist despite patients following a comprehensive OA plan.
- No contraindications for sedation or anesthesia.

Underwater Treadmill Therapy

- Dogs that are unable to walk or exercise on land without pain.
- Dogs that need assistance with weight loss.
- Senior and geriatric dogs that need help maintaining their mobility.
- *Please note that it may take up to 3 months to get on the schedule to start therapy; which is why it is so important to make sure all of the other OA therapies are being pursued.*

Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HBOT)

- Chronic wounds
- Orthopedic infections
- Chronic pain (OA or neuropathic) that is not controlled with traditional therapy
- Spinal cord injuries, including IVDD and FCE
- No history of pneumothorax, pulmonary bullae, seizures
- No current abscess, middle ear disease
- Temperament that allows for easily handling



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