

## For more information

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# Fracture Clinic

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## Welcome to the trauma and orthopaedic outpatient department

We are situated on level 3 (by the hospital's front entrance) next to the main reception desk.

You have been referred to the Fracture Clinic for specialist advice and ongoing care. Patients are referred to the clinic in a number of ways:

- Emergency department
- Minor injuries unit
- Following a hospital stay
- Another hospital
- Your GP

## What to expect from your appointment

**1,** When you attend clinic you will be under the care of a named consultant. You may not see the consultant at each visit, but you will see a member of the orthopaedic team. You will attend a fracture clinic usually within the week following your injury.

**2,** Fracture clinics can be very busy and you need to allow one to two hours for each clinic appointment. Injuries are not planned and everyone will need to be seen at the next available and appropriate clinic. This means that the number of patients vary and clinics can be very full with a number of bookings for each time slot.

**3,** As well as seeing the doctor, you may require wound dressing, plaster casts, x-rays, blood tests etc.

**4,** Patients are seen in order of appointment rather than time of arrival. If your consultant requires you to attend other areas such as the plaster room or the x-ray departments, you will continue to be seen in the same time order on your return to the clinic.

**5,** As we have limited waiting space, please restrict the number of relatives/carers who accompany you. Children should be accompanied by a responsible adult and patients who usually need a carer will also need to be accompanied.

**6,** This can be a stressful time for many patients and planning as much as possible in advance can help, eg. making alternative arrangements for childcare. This will ensure you are not rushing or missing your full appointment.

**7,** We advise you to inform your child's school or your employer of the possible length of your appointment.

**8,** If you are taking painkillers regularly, take them before your appointment and bring them with you to ensure you are as comfortable as possible.

**9,** If you have exceptional difficulties, do let us know and we will be happy to discuss.

**10,** Following your appointment, you will be sent a copy of the letter that the doctor sends to your GP.