

Fracture Clinic Clinic for the management of acute fractures		
Categories for Appointment		
	Clinical description	Timeframe for Appointment
Non-urgent	As per clinical judgement eg stable, closed, not deformed, no neurovascular compromise	1-2 weeks NB orthopaedic registrar needs to accept referral by phone before written referral to be accepted. Call switchboard 9784 7777 and ask to be put through to Orthopaedic On Call Registrar.
Emergency/urgent	As per clinical judgement See exclusions	Immediate via Emergency Department
Eligibility Criteria		
<p>Referral must be accepted by orthopaedic registrar on call or consultant by phone and faxed referral received.</p> <p>Fractures in patient of any age appropriate to wait to be seen in next available fracture clinic. It may be appropriate for some children to be referred to Royal Children's Hospital for management or follow up.</p>		
Exclusions		
<p>Emergency conditions send to Emergency Department eg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe pain • Swollen, deformed limb • Open fracture • Unstable fracture • Neurovascular compromise • Possible or definite spinal fractures 		
Alternative Referral Options		
Emergency Department		
Clinic Information		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every Monday and Thursday (except public holidays) • Outpatient Area 1, Hastings road, Frankston Hospital • Contact details Fax 9788 1879 PH 9784 2600 • Orthopaedic On Call Registrar-via switchboard 9784 7777 		

Minimum Referral Information Required (Please note, cannot be processed if minimum information is missing)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral must be addressed to Fracture Clinic • Referring practitioner name, provider number and signature. • Date of referral • <i>Period for which referral is valid (if different to standard referral validity)</i> • Patient's name, address, date of birth, Medicare number and phone number. • Clinical details and reason for referral. • Relevant medical history • Medications • Allergies • Results of all recent and relevant investigations
Other Information
<p>See below for links to Royal Children's Hospital clinical practice guidelines for fractures and fracture casting</p> <p>http://www.rch.org.au/clinicalguide/fractures/</p> <p>http://www.rch.org.au/clinicalguide/guideline_index/Fracture Casting videos/</p>