

Paediatric Plastic Surgery Clinical Priority Access Guideline

Please note this is a guideline for referral only and does not replace clinical judgement

When to contact the Plastic Surgery Registrar On-Call

Conditions which require *immediate consultation* with the Plastic Surgery service need to be referred to the Paediatric Emergency Department and/or discussed with the Plastics Registrar on-call via switch board 81617000.

The following conditions are examples and not an exhaustive list:

- > Compound hand fractures and dislocations
- > Hand fractures with significant angulation, rotation
- > Irreducible finger dislocations
- > Tendon, nerve, arterial injuries
- > Partial or complete amputations
- > Nail bed injuries
- > Complex lacerations or skin defects
- > Severe tissue infections

PLEASE NOTE bony and soft tissue injuries to the hand are reviewed by the Plastic Surgery team

The **orthopaedic** team treats scaphoid, foot and all other limb fractures.

The craniofacial team treats facial fractures

Priority and anticipated waiting times for appointments

Priority will be based upon the information provided in the referral and will be triaged according to the clinic process by a Plastic Surgery Consultant. Please note this is not a complete list of referrals accepted. Category will be based on the individual referral.

URGENT	SEMI-URGENT	ROUTINE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Major functional impairment > Moderate risk of permanent damage or cause impairment if assessment and treatment are delayed > Trauma not requiring immediate attention <p>NOTE: discuss all urgent referrals with the on-call plastic surgery consultant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Moderate functional impairment > Requires a plastic surgical review as soon as possible but will not result in permanent damage if assessment and treatment is delayed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Minimal functional impairment > No risk of permanent damage if assessment and treatment is not reviewed in a designated timeframe
<p>Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Tissue tumours with suspected malignancy > Acute wound reviews > Hand fractures and soft tissue loss not requiring immediate attention > Vascular lesions which are bleeding, ulcerated or causing visual obstruction > Brachial plexus 	<p>Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Scar contractures for management with functional impairment > Congenital Hand deformities > Review of chronic wounds or conditions causing recurrent infections 	<p>Examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Ear deformities > Scar revision and management > Benign skin lesions and soft tissue tumours > Breast deformities including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hypoplasia • Hyperplasia • Tuberous breast • Poland's syndrome • Gynecomastia > Scars not causing functional impairment > Uncomplicated vascular anomalies and birthmarks
<p><i>We aim to see these patients within 1-4 weeks</i></p>	<p><i>We aim to give these patients an appointment within 1-3 months</i></p>	<p><i>We aim to give these patients an appointment within 3-6 months</i></p>