**Wiltshire Health and Care – Fracture Clinics in Chippenham and Trowbridge**

Wiltshire Health and Care has improved the provision of the community Fracture Clinic service. Fracture clinics now operate once a week at Chippenham (Wednesday or Friday) and in Trowbridge, fortnightly on a Friday.

**How to refer**  
Referrals by email or phone from:

* + WHC’s Minor Injuries Unit (MIU)
  + Emergency Department (ED) at major hospital (GWH, RUH, SDH)
  + Virtual Fracture clinic (VFC)
  + Consultant fracture clinic at above (I.E for follow-up care)

For other referring services, please refer your patients to your local virtual fracture clinic. The team will forward any appropriate referrals as we operate inclusion criteria.

For Chippenham clinic: 01249 456 535 or  [ruh.tr.chipmedsec@nhs.net](mailto:ruh.tr.chipmedsec@nhs.net)

For Trowbridge clinic: 01985 224 725 or [ruh-tr.trowbridgefractureclinic@nhs.net](mailto:ruh-tr.trowbridgefractureclinic@nhs.net)

**Criteria**

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| **INCLUSION** | |
| **Stable Fractures of:** | |
| Clavicle | Carpals |
| Humerus | Metacarpals – minimal displacement/angulation/rotation |
| Radial head – with normal forearm rotation | Finger phalanges – un-displaced |
| Radius | Greenstick fractures with minimal angulation |
| Ulna | Ankle (Weber A and Weber B where there is no medial tenderness) |
| Wrist – minimally displaced, stable pattern | Metatarsal (excluding base fractures of 1/2/3 metatarsals) |
| Suspected / Stable Scaphoid fracture | Toe phalangeal fractures – un-displaced |
| **Dislocations (relocated) of (with intact neurovascular system):** | |
| Acromioclavicular joint – ACJ – minimal displacement | Glenohumeral joint – GHJ – 1st time dislocation |
| Patella – 1st time dislocation |  |
| **EXCLUSION** | |
| Obviously unstable or displaced fractures of any region | Operations |
| Fractures around the elbow in children | Fractures out of scope are referred to District General Hospitals (DGHs) (usually after Virtual /telephone advice from a consultant) |
| Ankle fractures associated with medial tenderness and/or talar shift | Patients who need an urgent review for non-traumatic injuries or suspected sinister pathology. |
| Consultant input needed or in process | Open fractures |

Patients not suitable for referral should attend consultant clinic instead **OR** must have consultant review of X-rays via VFC.

However, some patients with soft tissue injuries will have access to the community service based on the appropriate pathways for their specific injury. A screening triage process will be put in place to filter inappropriate referrals, such as those for advice on chronic or non-traumatic orthopaedic conditions.

Website link: [Community Fracture Clinic - Wiltshire Health and Care](https://wiltshirehealthandcare.nhs.uk/service/community-fracture-clinic/)