

## Paediatric Plastic Surgery Clinics at Western Health:

Western Health provides Specialist Clinic services for patients who require assessment and management of Paediatric Plastic surgery conditions. Patients will be triaged by a Plastic Surgeon/Registrar according to clinical requirements:

## Referrals seen in other Paediatric clinics at Western Health where a referral may be triaged into:

- Referral to private neurologist for nerve conduction studies

## Conditions not seen by paediatric plastic surgery specialists at Western Health:

- Request for Nerve conduction studies
- Larger vascular anomalies (Refer RCH)

## Conditions requiring referral to Emergency department:

- Any acute injury
  - Burns.
  - Acute trauma injuries.

## Access & Referral Priority Paediatric Plastic Surgery:

The clinical information provided in your referral will determine the triage category. The triage category will affect the timeframe in which the patient is offered an appointment.

<b>URGENT</b> Appointment timeframe 30 days	<b>ROUTINE</b> Appointment timeframe greater than 30 days, depending on clinical need.
Trauma	Skin lesions/ excisions/ lumps
Fractures (should be seen within 1 week) referred from ED	Hand conditions/ anomalies
Burns ( should be seen within 1 week) referred from ED	Chronic wounds
Acute Avulsion injuries	



# Western Health Specialist Clinics Referral Guidelines

## Condition Specific Referral Guidelines:

Key information enables Western Health to triage patients to the correct category and provide treatment with fewer visits to outpatients, creating more capacity for care. If key information is missing, you may be asked to return the referral with the required information.

### Paediatric Plastic Surgery:

Condition:	Key Information Points:	Clinical Investigations
<b>Fractures</b>	<b>Essential</b> History of injury and management to date	Radiology reports films to be brought to appointment.
<b>Burns</b>	History of injury and management to date	
<b>Acute Avulsion Injuries</b>	History of injury and management to date	
<b>Trauma</b>	Letter with history of injury and management to date	Radiology reports films to be brought to appointment.
<b>Skin Lesions</b>	Lesion details Impact on functioning	Histopathology results if biopsied in the past.
<b>Chronic wounds</b>	History of wound Past and current management	Swab results.
<b>Prominent Ears</b>	Details of impact on well being	Nil
<b>Hand conditions /anomalies(extra digits, fused digits)</b>	Any previous relevant history. Details of condition and impact	Nil
<b>Sebaceous cysts</b>	History of lesion and management to date.	Nil