

## Paediatric Plastic Surgery Specialist Clinics at Western Health:

Western Health provides the following Specialist Clinics for infants and children prior to their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday who require assessment and management of plastic surgical conditions. Patients will be triaged by a Consultant Plastic Surgeon / Plastics Surgery Registrar into management pathways according to specific clinical requirements.

**These referral guidelines are for Paediatric Specialist Clinics provided at Joan Kirner Women's and Children's at Sunshine Hospital only**

**Referrals may be triaged to alternative Paediatric Specialist Clinics at Western Health.**

## Conditions not seen by Paediatric Plastic Surgery Specialists at Western Health:

Some conditions are complex and/ or best treated by multidisciplinary teams. Please consider referring the following conditions to Royal Children's Hospital:

- Craniofacial birth defects
- Brachial plexus palsy
- Cleft lip & palate
- Vascular anomalies, haemangiomas & vascular malformations

## Paediatric Plastic Surgery Alarm Symptoms:

- Acute injury
- Burn injuries which are extensive or involve special areas (face, hands, perineum) or meet the criteria for referral should be discussed with the Paediatric Burns Unit at Royal Children's Hospital.
- Extensive or multi-trauma paediatric injuries are best treated at the Royal Children's Hospital

## 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>  <b>Appointment timeframe 30 days.</b>	<b>ROUTINE</b>  <b>Appointment timeframe greater than 30 days, depending on clinical need.</b>
<b>Open wounds/ lacerations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer as soon as possible.</li> <li>Consider referral to Emergency Department</li> </ul>	<b>Skin lesions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cysts</li> <li>Naevus</li> <li>Pilomatrixoma</li> <li>Naevus sebaceous</li> <li>Unfavourable scars</li> </ul>
<b>Burns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer as soon as possible.</li> <li>Consider referral to Emergency Department</li> </ul>	<b>Hand conditions/ Anomalies</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Trigger thumb &amp; fingers</li> <li>Polydactyly</li> <li>Syndactyly</li> <li>Ganglion</li> </ul>
<b>Hand fractures</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer as soon as possible.</li> <li>Consider referral to Emergency Department</li> </ul>	<b>Prominent/ bar ears</b>
	<b>Macromastia</b>

## Condition Specific Referral Guidelines:

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

Conditions	Essential or Key Information Points	Clinical Investigations
<b>Open wounds/ Lacerations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of injury</li> <li>• Mechanism of injury</li> <li>• Examination findings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of XR reports including details of radiology service provider (if applicable)</li> </ul>
<b>Burns</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of injury</li> <li>• Mechanism of injury</li> <li>• Examination findings</li> <li>• First aid implemented.</li> </ul>	
<b>Hand Fractures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of injury</li> <li>• Mechanism of injury</li> <li>• Examination findings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of XR reports including details of radiology service provider</li> </ul>
<b>Skin lesions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provisional diagnosis</li> <li>• History: duration, problems caused</li> <li>• Examination findings</li> </ul>	
<b>Hand conditions/ anomalies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provisional diagnosis</li> <li>* History: duration, problems caused.</li> <li>• Examination findings</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copy of XR and ultrasound reports including details of radiology service provider.</li> </ul>
<b>Prominent/ bat ears</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History: duration, problems caused</li> <li>• Examination findings</li> </ul>	
<b>Macromastia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• History: duration, problems caused</li> <li>• Examination findings</li> </ul>	



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