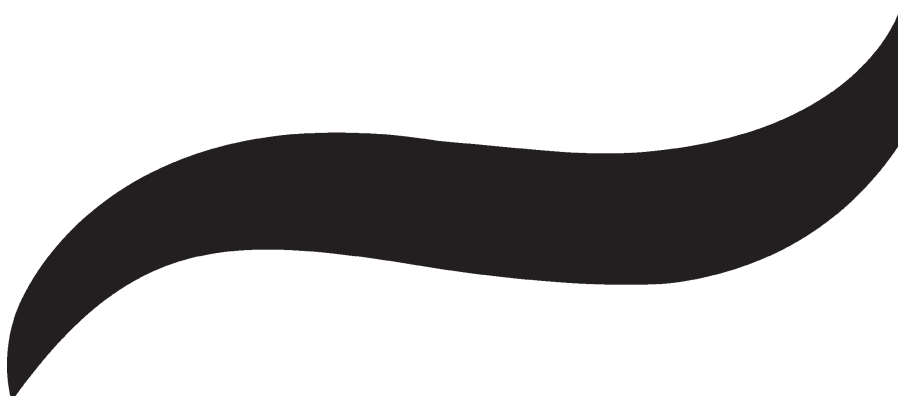




Discharge advice  
following attendance with a

# Paediatric (children's) Clavicle Fracture

Information for patients  
Emergency Department



## **DISCHARGE ADVICE FOLLOWING ATTENDANCE WITH A PAEDIATRIC (CHILDREN'S) CLAVICLE FRACTURE**

- ❖ Your child has fractured their Clavicle (Collar Bone).
- ❖ This type of fracture is common in children.
- ❖ This type of fracture heals well – the only treatments required are painkillers and a sling.
- ❖ We would expect the collar bone to be painful for four – six weeks.
- ❖ Your child may find it more comfortable to sleep sitting upright for a few days after the injury.
- ❖ The shoulder and arm can be moved out of the sling as comfort allows. This will usually be about two weeks after the injury but can be sooner if comfortable.
- ❖ The 'bump' over the fracture is quite normal and is produced by healing bone. It may take up to one year to disappear. If your child is older than ten years a small bump may remain.
- ❖ Your child may return to sports such as swimming as soon as comfortable, but should avoid contact sports (such as football, rugby and basketball) for six weeks.
- ❖ If you are still experiencing significant symptoms after several months, please phone the fracture clinic helpline as listed below for further advice.

Should you have any worries or concerns regarding your injury, or if the pain lasts more than three weeks, please contact the hospital you attended:

**Fracture Clinic:**

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| Hairmyres | - 01355 584462<br>(Monday to Friday 8:30am to 5:30pm) |
| Monklands | - 01236 714012<br>(Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm) |
| Wishaw    | - 01698 752005<br>(Monday to Friday 9am - 4:30pm)     |

**Outside these times, please contact:**

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| Hairmyres | - 01355 584716 |
| Monklands | - 01236 712711 |
| Wishaw    | - 01698 366614 |



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