

Caring for your child at home after an orthopedic surgery - FRACTURE (CAST CARE)

You have a cast to keep your broken bone(s) from moving and help it heal. You have a plaster cast.

- Keep it dry, as a wet cast can break. Cover the cast with a waterproof bag when bathing.
- May stay moist and take 3 days to completely dry. For this reason, do no rest it on a hard surface or corner as this may dent your cast.

How to keep the cast in good shape? Keep it clean.

- Avoid getting it dirty or having debris get inside the cast. Cover the cast while eating.
- Do not apply powder, lotion, cream or deodorant on or underneath the cast.
- Do not insert objects into cast; do not scratch the skin underneath the cast with an object.
- Leave cast changes to your doctor. Do not pull the padding out for the cast, trim the cast or break the edges.

Pain Management: You may I	have pain f	or the	first week.
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- Keep the casted limb raised, using a pillow, chair or sling. This will lower the swelling.
- Use Acetaminophen or Ibuprofen (unless allergic). Follow the instructions on the bottle or prescription.

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The skin underneath your cast may feel **itchy**. This is normal. To relieve itchy skin, use a hair dryer (on cool setting) to blow air into the cast.

When should we ask for help?

- An object has fallen into the cast or the cast is broken
- There is redness on the skin around the cast edges
- Your fingers or toes become blue or white or swelling increases and does not improve
- Your pain is getting worse or new or persistent numbness or tingling
- Should urinate (pee) by ______, if not please return to the emergency department

<u>Traumatology</u>	Orthopedic Fracture Clinic
Monday to Friday	Monday to Friday
8:00 am to 4:00 pm	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
514-412-4400 ext 23310	514-412-4400 ext 23250

Montreal Children's Hospital Monday to Friday 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm Saturday and Sunday 8:00am to 11:00 pm 514-934-1934, ext. 53333

If there is an emergency after 11:00 pm please come to the emergency room of the hospital

The follow-up will be at

Montreal Children's Hospital in weeks at the Fracture Clinic, please call 514-412-40)40
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☐ Shriners Hospital in _____ weeks, please call

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