

# Criteria for Plastics Clinic

Plastics clinic will see and assess patients with an ACUTE condition only

## The Plastics Clinic Assesses and Treats Patients with:

1. Conditions related to hands - up to the wrist (see below for exclusions)
2. Nasal fractures – seen at plastics or ENT office at ED physician discretion
3. Facial fractures including mandibles (Dr. Teshima is willing to be contacted about these fractures to determine care decisions (x7595), if she is away she will see them in her clinic as follow ups)
4. Complicated wounds or wounds with active infection
5. Burns requiring plastics follow up (many burns may need ED follow up and/or primary care provider)
6. Complicated lacerations of the hand and/or forearm
7. Recurring problem related to the original diagnosis **within three months** of discharge from clinic (i.e. an infection)
8. Ulcers (with approval of the plastic surgeon) and requiring surgical intervention
9. Suspected flexor tenosynovitis (i.v. antibiotics started in ED)
10. Any patient/clinical issue agreed upon by the Plastic Surgeon on call

## The Following Patient Diagnoses are EXCLUDED from Admission to the Plastics Clinic:

- Cellulitis or infections without wounds in any part of the body - refer to internal medicine or infectious disease
- Wrist fractures including scaphoid and other carpal bone fractures and wrist ligament injuries – refer to orthopedics
- Minor lacerations to the face and removal of sutures from minor lacerations of the face
- Minor nail-bed/finger tip injuries, warts or insect bites/stings
- Recurring, chronic condition – suggest follow up with primary care provider

All referrals are to be faxed to: 905-472-7603

**Patients will be notified of their appointment.**  
Please **DO NOT** instruct patients to call the clinic.

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE** that the accepted time frame for an appointment for a patient with a fracture is 7 – 10 days. **\*\***

If the referral is **URGENT**, the referring physician is to contact the clinic (x7595) indicating the urgency. On the next clinic day, the plastic surgeon will review and triage the referral. If the referral requires an immediate consultation, the on-call plastic surgeon can be reached through switchboard.