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After your fracture: What happens next?

***Information for
patients and carers***

**Emergency and Orthopaedic Departments
Aberdeen Royal Infirmary**

About your fracture

Your injury has been assessed in the Emergency (A&E) Department. You have been diagnosed with a fracture (broken bone) and have received treatment for this.

Do I need to come back to hospital?

Your A&E notes and the X-rays of your fracture are checked by an orthopaedic consultant (bone and fracture specialist). You do not need to come back to the Emergency Department for this, but we will let you know of the outcome.

Many injuries heal well over time and don't need any further treatment. However if the Orthopaedic Consultant feels it necessary we will call you to arrange an appointment for you at the Fracture Clinic.

A qualified clinician will phone you the following day (usually in the afternoon) and you will also be sent a letter with the same information within the next 3 to 4 days to confirm what your arrangements are. The letter will confirm the details of any follow-up appointment you need as discussed with you on the phone.

You will receive a phone call and letter to confirm the outcome following the orthopaedic consultant's review of your case, even if you do not need any follow-up.

Useful contact details

If you have any concerns about your injury after you leave hospital, you can contact:

**Fracture Clinic
Aberdeen Royal Infirmary**

 01224 553140 

If your call is urgent, you can call:

**Fracture Clinic
Aberdeen Royal Infirmary**

 01224 550638 or 01224 550624 

Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm

Outwith these times, you can call

**Orthopaedic Wards 212 and 213
Aberdeen Royal Infirmary**

 01224 552108 or 01224 552010 

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