

Fracture Care Program

The Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Fracture Care Program offers care for all types of pediatric fractures, sprains and strains.

FRACTURES IN CHILDREN AND TEENS

A fracture is a partial or complete break in the bone. It occurs when there is more force applied to the bone than the bone can absorb. Bones in children and teens are different from those in adults in a number of ways:

- Bones heal faster in young people. The younger the child, the faster the healing occurs.
- Bones are softer in children and tend to buckle or bend rather than completely break.

SPECIALIZED CARE

In children and teens, bone growth happens at specific points called growth centers or growth plates. These points are near the ends of the long bones. The growth plate may be damaged by a fracture or another injury. If so, a growth arrest may happen. This could:

- Permanently stop a bone's growth and change how it functions.
- Produce a shortened arm or leg.
- Cause the bone to stop growing straight.

Pediatric-trained, orthopaedic surgeons specialize in the treatment of fractures to help prevent complications from injuries to growth plates.

COORDINATED CARE

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), pediatric surgery specialists have the most extensive and comprehensive training and the greatest expertise treating children and teens.

In coordination with pediatric orthopaedic surgeons, we have developed a streamlined approach for diagnosing and treating fractures, sprains and strains in a child- and teen-friendly environment. Our pain management techniques focus on your child's needs.

Onsite radiology services and digital technology allow pediatric orthopaedic surgeons to look at your child's X-ray at another facility. If needed, they can talk to the Emergency Department and Immediate Care doctors to decide the best steps for your child's care.

ACCESS TO CARE

Immediate Care Centers

Walk-ins are accepted

11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday to Friday

9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

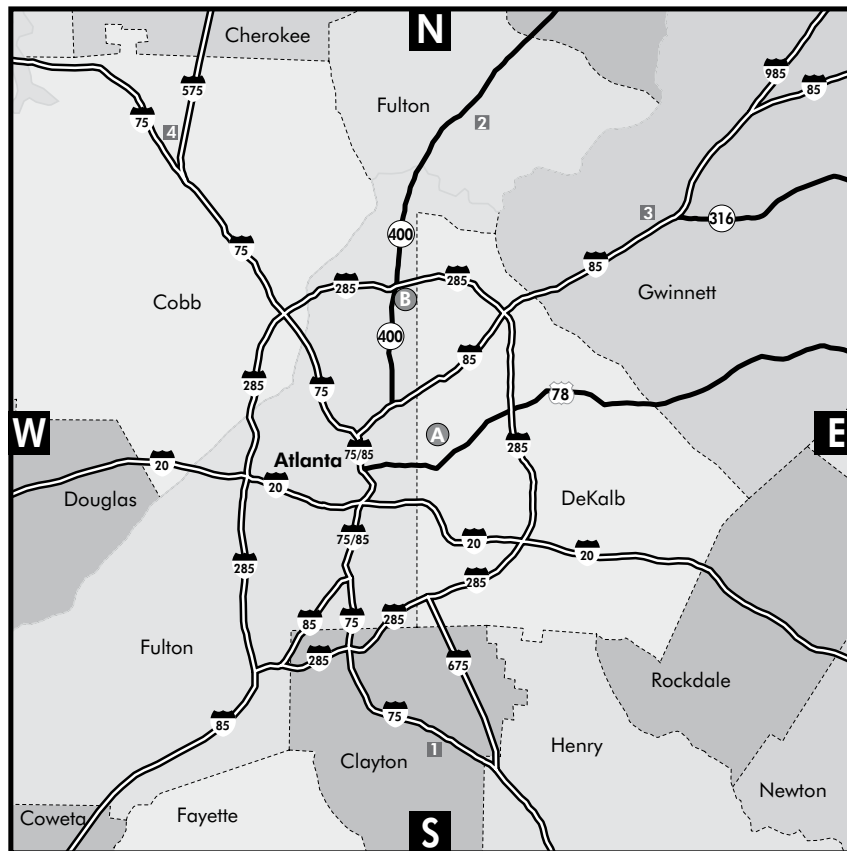
1. Children's Healthcare at Mount Zion
2201 Mount Zion Parkway
Morrow, GA 30260-3312
404-785-8660
2. Children's Healthcare at North Point
3795 Mansell Road
Alpharetta, GA 30022-8247
404-785-8540
3. Children's Healthcare at Satellite Boulevard
2660 Satellite Blvd.
Duluth, GA 30096-5803
404-785-8330
4. Children's Healthcare at Town Center
2985 George Busbee Parkway
Kennesaw, GA 30144-6812
404-785-8010

Emergency Departments

Open 24 hours a day

- A. Children's at Egleston
1405 Clifton Road NE
Atlanta, GA 30322-1062
404-250-5437
- B. Children's at Scottish Rite
1001 Johnson Ferry Road NE
Atlanta, GA 30342-1600
404-250-5437

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