

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 it 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 more flexible in children and tend to buckle or bend rather than completely break.

SPECIALIZED CARE

In children and teens, bone growth happens at specific parts of the bone called 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, normal growth could be disrupted. 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.

X-RAY

Onsite radiology services allow Emergency
Department and Immediate Care Center
doctors to diagnose and treat your child's
injury. If more care coordination is needed,
pediatric orthopaedic surgeons can use digital
technology to view the X-rays and offer treatment
recommendations even while offsite.

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

- Children's Healthcare at Mount Zion 2201 Mount Zion Parkway Morrow, GA 30260-3312 404-785-8660
- Children's Healthcare at North Point 3795 Mansell Road Alpharetta, GA 30022-8247 404-785-8540
- Children's Healthcare at Satellite Boulevard 2660 Satellite Blvd.
 Duluth, GA 30096-5803 404-785-8330

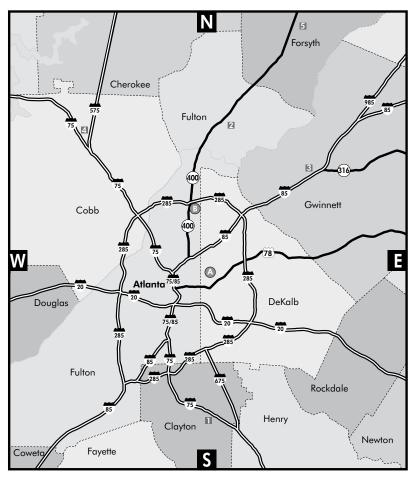
- 4. Children's Healthcare at Town Center 2985 George Busbee Parkway Kennesaw, GA 30144-6812 404-785-8010
- Children's Healthcare of Forsyth 410 Peachtree Parkway, Suite 300 Cumming, GA 30041-7407 404-785-3020

Emergency Departments

Open 24 hours a day

- A. Children's at Egleston 1405 Clifton Road NE Atlanta, GA 30322-1062 404-785-6400
- B. Children's at Scottish Rite 1001 Johnson Ferry Road NE Atlanta, GA 30342-1600 404-785-2273

Visit www.choa.org/fracture for more information.



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