

## **Plastic Surgery Trauma Clinic** Royal Perth Hospital

### Address:

Level 5, 196 Goderich Street, Perth

**Contact number:** 6477 5431 (Monday to Friday 8am – 3.30pm, excluding weekends and public holidays)

The Government of Western Australia Department of Health divides the three (3) tertiary hospitals into three (3) catchment areas: North Metropolitan Health Service (Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital), South Metropolitan Health Service (Fiona Stanley Hospital) and East Metropolitan Health Service (Royal Perth Hospital). Once your referral is received you may be allocated an appointment to attend to the appropriate hospital as per your postcode catchment area (depending on where you live), see catchment map on reverse side of this page.

### When will my appointment be?

- > RPH Plastic Trauma Clinic will contact you with an appointment date and time within 24 – 48 hours after the patient has been seen in Emergency Department.
- If you have not been contacted within 48 hours (excluding weekends and public holidays) please contact the clinic on 6477 5431.
- If you have an open injury (wound involving break in the skin) it is important to present to the clinic with a referral letter the next day (Monday – Friday, excluding weekends and public holidays) at 8.30am as these injuries need to be reviewed as soon as possible.

### Before your appointment:

- Remove all jewellery from your injured arm and finger(s)
- Keep your hand elevated to the level of your heart at all time

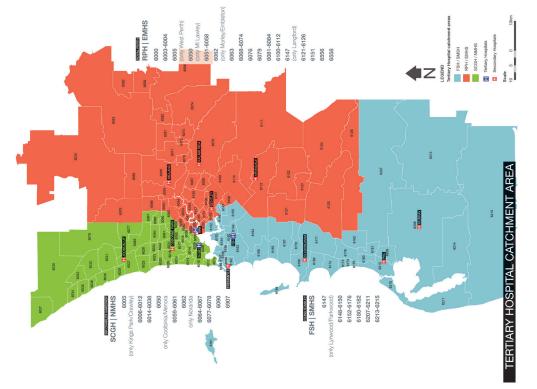
- > Attend the Emergency Department if you experience symptoms below prior to your appointment:
  - Excessive bleeding/uncontrolled bleeding
  - Digit(s)/limb appears to be dusky/ cool/pins and needles
  - Pins and needles sensation on digit(s)/limb
  - Increased pain/redness/swelling/ temperature on digit(s)/limb/ wound(s)
  - Plaster cast/splint feels too tight (make sure your limb is elevated at all times)

### What will happen during my clinic visit?

- > Your injury will be reviewed by a Plastic Surgery doctor.
- It is advised not to make any other commitments on the day as your appointment may takes three hours or more.
- > You may require further investigation (e.g. x-rays).
- The doctor will also collaborate with senior doctors, hand therapist and nursing staff to coordinate an appropriate treatment plan. This may include making a splint, develop an individualised hand exercise programs and wound care plans.
- > When you come to your appointment it is possible you will have surgery on the same day...Therefore we ask that you fast from 6am on the day of your appointment.
- > This will depend on your injury and you will be advised at your appointment if surgery is required on the same day.



## Catchment map



# Goderich Street Outpatient map

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