



CUH Trauma Assessment Clinic (TAC)



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What is the Trauma Assessment Clinic?

CUH Trauma Assessment Clinic (TAC) is a safe and fast process for assessing specified injuries which will determine if there is a need for you to attend an Orthopaedic Fracture Clinic. In many cases, there is no requirement for patients to attend a Fracture Clinic.

When does the Trauma Assessment Clinic Take Place?

The TAC takes place every Wednesday morning.

Where does the Trauma Assessment Clinic Take Place?

The TAC takes place in one of the consulting/examination rooms within CUH Fracture Clinic.

Who is present at the Trauma Assessment Clinic?

Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist and Nurse.

Do I need to attend the Trauma Assessment Clinic?

No – you do not need to attend the TAC

What happens at the Trauma Assessment Clinic?

The Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon will review your x-ray images and your Emergency Department notes, and will make a decision in relation to your follow-up care.

What Outcomes can I expect?

You may be discharged from the hospital, you may require a follow-up review at a Fracture Clinic or you may require a physiotherapy appointment.

How will I find out the outcome of the Trauma Assessment Clinic?

You will be contacted via telephone after the clinic by either the Clinical Specialist Physiotherapist or the Nurse who were in attendance at the TAC. You will receive this between 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. on Wednesday.

How can I contact the Trauma Assessment Clinic?

You can contact the TAC telephone line on 087-087-1008967 between 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. on Tuesday.

Should you have any concerns in relation to your injury, please attend your GP or local Emergency Department.

If you are concerned, please contact the Emergency Department you first attended:

Mercy University Hospital
(021) 230 5011

M-UCC at SMHC (St. Mary's Health Campus)
(021) 4926900

CUH
(021) 4920200

Local Injury Unit Mallow General Hospital
(022) 58506

Bantry General Hospital
(027) 52900





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CUH TAC – Clavicle fracture



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Advice and Information in relation to : Clavicle Fracture

- You have broken your Collar Bone (clavicle).
- This is a common type of break and heals well in a sling.
- We would expect the collar bone to be painful for 4-6 weeks. Painkillers may help to decrease the pain. It is important during this time that you keep gently moving your fingers, wrist and elbow to prevent stiffness in these joints.
- The shoulder and arm can be moved out of the sling as comfort allows. This will usually be about two to three weeks after the injury, but can be sooner if comfortable.
- A bump over the break is quite normal and is produced by healing bones. This bump may remain, even when the bone has healed.
- You can start to return to light activities (carrying shopping bag, driving, swimming) as soon as it is comfortable and you have stopped using the sling. At first the shoulder may be stiff, but this should improve with time and movement.
- You should avoid contact sport and heavy manual labour until 12 weeks after the injury.



Should you have any worries or concerns following discharge from Cork University Hospital, please contact the Trauma Assessment Clinic on 087-1008967 on Tuesday between 2.00 p.m – 4.00 p.m.

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