

WHAT: Simple fracture = Clavicle, radial head, toe, 5th metatarsal, 5th metacarpal

WHY: Evidence supports conservative management without routine referral to hospital outpatient services.

WHO: Adults 18-65.

HOW: 1) Patients with simple fractures seen in 2 WA emergency departments (EDs) followed up 6 months after their ED visit to evaluate health service usage, patient journey and functional outcome. n=152

2) Patients also interviewed on arrival to ED to determine why they are seeking care in the ED. n=10

RESULTS: Projected attendances to each ED / year

- Toes 163
- 5th metacarpal 148
- 5th metatarsal 76
- Radial head 48
- Clavicle 43

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Allied Health professionals provide expert clinical and evidence-based stewardship; advanced scope physiotherapists are re-designing simple fracture patient pathways in the Emergency Department

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