

## What to Expect at Your Pin Removal Visit

### Step 1

Bring a dose of pain medicine with you.  
Give it to your child while you are waiting.

### Step 2

We will cut the cast with a cast saw. This saw is just for cutting casts and will **not** cut your skin.



### Step 3

We will take x-rays to check for healing and confirm that the pins are ready to be removed.

### Step 4

We will remove the pins. This does not take long. This may be uncomfortable or painful for you.



### Step 5

We will place a splint for protection and comfort. We may use your cast to make this splint.



### Extra Tips

- Wait times are different; bring something to do with you.
- Bring a comfort item if you would like (blanket, bear).
- If your appointment is at AFCH, a child life specialist may be available to help distract your child. Ask your care team for this option.

### Who to Call

Please call the Pediatric Orthopedic Clinic with any questions at **(608) 263-6420**.

If you are a patient receiving care at UnityPoint – Meriter, Swedish American or a health system outside of UW Health, please use the phone numbers provided in your discharge instructions for any questions or concerns.

Your health care team may have given you this information as part of your care. If so, please use it and call if you have any questions. If this information was not given to you as part of your care, please check with your doctor. This is not medical advice. This is not to be used for diagnosis or treatment of any medical condition. Because each person's health needs are different, you should talk with your doctor or others on your health care team when using this information. If you have an emergency, please call 911. Copyright © 5/2023 University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority. All rights reserved. Produced by the Department of Nursing. HF#7313