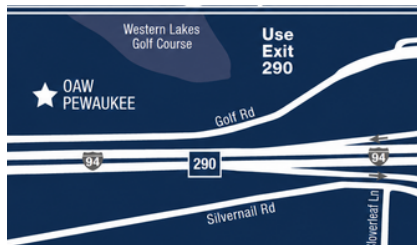


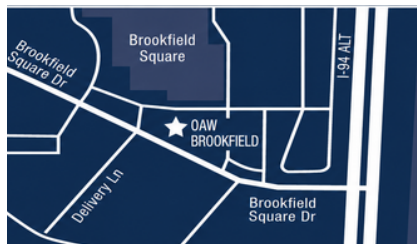
LOCATIONS



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Sunday: 8AM - 11:30 AM



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FRACTURE & CAST CARE

Everything You Need to Know
About Casting, Billing, &
Treatment of Your Fracture

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CARING FOR YOUR CAST OR SPLINT

Casting and splinting help immobilize fractures and acute injuries so they can heal properly. Both use protective stockinette and padding. A cast is made of fiberglass, while a splint is made of plaster.

Cast & Splint Care

- Allow approximately 2 hours to harden and 24–48 hours to fully cure. Take extra care during this time.
- Your cast may feel tighter and warmer than usual during the first 24 hours. This is normal.
- Keep the injured area elevated above your heart whenever possible.
- Keep your cast or splint completely dry. When bathing, keep it out of the water and protect it with a waterproof covering.

Elevation & Icing

Proper elevation can help reduce swelling, especially during the first few days after an injury.

- Position the injured area above your heart.
- When swelling is present, ice for approximately 20 minutes every hour while awake.
- Do not sleep with ice applied.
- When icing over a cast or splint, position the ice so it wraps approximately halfway around the injured extremity.

WHEN TO CALL US

Contact OAW if you experience:

- Increased or worsening pain from swelling
- Numbness or tingling that does not improve with repositioning and elevation
- Burning or stinging beneath the cast or splint
- Excessive swelling below the cast
- Fever without other symptoms of illness
- A cracked cast or splint
- A cast or splint that remains wet for more than 24 hours
- A bad odor coming from the cast, splint or wound

OAW Nursing Triage:
262-303-5055, ext. 3003

IMPORTANT DOS & DON'TS

Protect Your Cast or Splint

DO NOT:

- Walk on a walking cast until it is completely dry, approximately 48 hours.
- Put powder inside your cast or splint.
- Pull padding out of your cast or splint.
- Insert objects inside the cast to scratch your skin. This may cause irritation or infection.
- Remove the cast or splint yourself.
- Drive if your cast or splint limits your ability to safely operate a vehicle.
- Drive or operate machinery while taking narcotic medications or muscle relaxants that may cause drowsiness.

UNDERSTANDING FRACTURE CARE BILLING

Depending on the follow-up care anticipated for your fracture, you may receive a global fracture care charge rather than being billed separately for each office visit.

What does “global” mean?

The global period is typically the 90 days following a fracture or surgical procedure. Follow-up visits related to the fracture are included in the initial fracture care charge. X-rays and certain supplies, including casts and splints, may be billed separately.

Why does my Explanation of Benefits say “surgery”?

Fracture care is reported using CPT medical billing codes. These codes fall within the musculoskeletal/surgery section, so the word “surgery” may appear on your Explanation of Benefits even if you did not have an operation.

Why was I charged for fracture care if I only received a splint?

Fracture treatment often begins with a splint while swelling decreases, followed by a cast if needed. The fracture care charge reflects your physician’s evaluation, medical judgment and ongoing management of the injury, not simply the cast or splint that was applied.

Billing Questions:
262-303-3004