

# The CRAFFT pathway for wrist fractures in children



## Does a child need surgery?



Wrist fracture?



Aged 10 years or under?



Displaced ?



Within the distal segment?

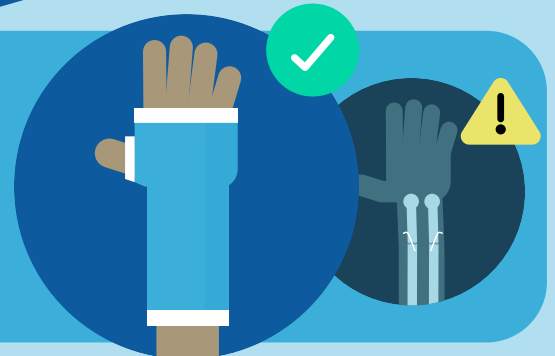


Neurovascularly OK?

At the physis or in the metaphysis – using an AO square as a reference (a square whose side length equals the maximum width of the growth plate)



**Does the child need surgery:**  
**No. Cast first. Operate exceptionally.**



### The evidence:

No meaningful difference in function. A modest difference in cosmesis that improved with time. Surgery added cost and complications.



## Be CRAFFTY – Cast First

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