

Pelvic Fracture

A pelvic fracture is when 1 or more hipbones are cracked or broken. Your hips or pelvis is made up of 5 bones. Many pelvic fractures are caused by:

- Car accidents
- Falling from a great height
- Minor falls, injuries or sudden movement causing the muscle to tear away a piece of the hipbone.

If you had an accident or other injury, you may have tests to see if you have injuries to your other bones or organs.

Signs of a Pelvic Fracture

- Bruising and tenderness
- Swelling
- Numbness or tingling in your genital area or in your upper leg
- Discomfort or pain when you stand

Your Care

Your pelvic fracture may need to be fixed with surgery or by putting pins into the bones from the outside. If you have other injuries, these may also be fixed during surgery. After you leave the hospital, you may need:

- Blood thinner medicine to prevent blood clots
- To limit your activity for several months
- A cast, crutches or a walker to help your hip heal
- Physical therapy to help your bones heal better and strengthen your muscles

Call your doctor **right away** if:

- You have sudden chest pain and trouble breathing.
- Your skin is itchy, swollen or has a rash.
- Your pain and swelling increase.
- You have a fever over 101 degrees F.

Talk to your doctor or nurse if you have any questions or concerns.