

**LIVONIA ORTHOPEDICS & SPORTS MEDICINE, PC  
PRACTICE LIMITED TO ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY  
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Welcome to our office. Our practice is limited to orthopedic surgery which involves problems related to bones, joints, and muscles. We will make every effort to help you with your orthopedic problem.

All doctors in our group are orthopedic specialists. There will be times when your particular physician may not be available; however someone from our group is available at all times if any emergent situation should arise.

Our hospital practice is located within the Beaumont Dearborn and Saint Mary Mercy Livonia healthcare systems, as well as the Dearborn Surgery Center for outpatient procedures. All surgeries, procedures, and inpatient hospitalizations are done through these facilities.

Unfortunately, the practice of medicine is not an exact science. Results are never 100% successful or predictable in spite of the best intentions and care given by our physician as well as your meticulous attention to all instructions given to you. In the case of many orthopedic problems, no cure is available. Some patients may not improve with appropriate treatment and complications can sometimes occur.

You need to be aware that all medications, both prescribed and over-the-counter, as well as vitamins and supplements, may cause side effects. These can include upset stomach or gastrointestinal issues, occasional ulcerations or bleeding ulcers, dizziness, allergic reactions such as rashes or itching, interference of the normal coagulation of blood or the production of blood cells. Some medications may have an adverse effect on the kidneys or liver. Complications from medication are not frequent and in most cases are reversible. If at any time you feel you are having an adverse reaction to a medication prescribed by our office, bring it to your physician's attention immediately and discontinue the medication causing the reaction.

We treat many problems, such as fractures, without surgical intervention. This is generally achieved by aligning the fractured bones and holding them in place with a cast, boot, or brace. Again, complications may arise from this treatment. The fractured bones may fail to align or may shift or rotate out of appropriate position, an infection may develop, and there may be prolonged healing or failure to heal at all, which is referred to as a nonunion fracture. As your care progresses, your physician may recommend alternative forms of treatment in hopes that the complications will resolve.

Casts can occasionally cause problems unrelated to the fracture itself, such as pressure sores, burns, and allergies to the skin. In some instances the skin may suffer a scratch or burning sensation when being removed. For your information, casting supplies may not be a covered or authorized benefit with some insurance companies. Although this is rare, if it is not a covered benefit you will be held responsible for any charges incurred.

Unfortunately, a 100% success (satisfactory result) cannot be obtained with every treatment or surgery. You can be certain that your surgeon will do his best, however even with an uncomplicated surgical procedure or treatment and good patient compliance, complications still can occur. The complications can be, but are not limited to: infection, fractures, vascular and blood vessel damage, nerve damage, weakness, paralysis, dislocation of joints, pneumonia, blood clots, damage to adjacent structures or organs, and bleeding, as well as additional unforeseen complications. Occasionally, due to complications, further surgical procedures may be required. Complications are rare, and in the majority of cases they are relatively minor and can be treated successfully. In rare instances, some complications can and do lead to permanent damage such as paralysis, chronic infection, worsening of the original condition, and in extremely rare cases, death.

**GENERAL CONSENT FOR TREATMENT**

I, the undersigned, give my consent for Jeffrey T. Waldrop, MD; Gregory W. Housner, MD; Douglas G. Plagens, MD; Matthew P. Steffes, MD; and Robert M. Meehan MD, to render examination, evaluation, and appropriate treatment for my orthopedic problem. I have read and understand all of the above.

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Signature of patient/parent/guardian

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Date

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Witness

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