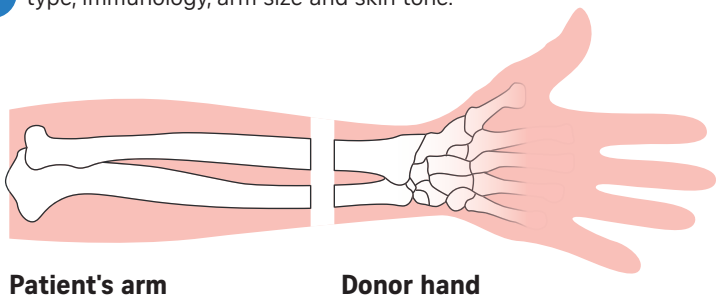
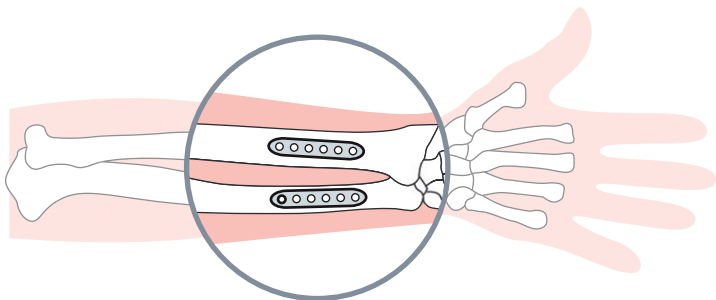


# How the hand transplant operation works

- 1 Donor limb must match the recipient patient in terms of their blood type, immunology, arm size and skin tone.



- 2 Bones in the upper arm are attached to each other with metal plates and screws. These bones should eventually heal together, but the metal plates will remain in place to ensure stability.



- 3 Key blood vessels and main arteries are connected. Once blood flow is restored, remaining nerves, tendons and muscles are attached and the skin is closed up.

