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Złamania okolicy łokcia - kiedy i kogo operować?

**Fractures of the elbow –
when and whom should we operate?**

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OTA / AO Classification

Extra-
Articular



Partial
Articular



Complete
Articular



Clinical Assessment



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The clinical evaluation should include careful assessment of the ipsilateral shoulder and wrist, and a detailed neurovascular examination (The prevalence of preoperative ulnar nerve symptoms in patients with a type-C fracture of the distal part of the humerus has been reported to be 24.8%)

Radiography



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Anteroposterior and lateral radiographs of the distal part of the humerus and computed tomography (CT) scanning with three-dimensional reconstructions In the setting of articular comminution should be obtained.



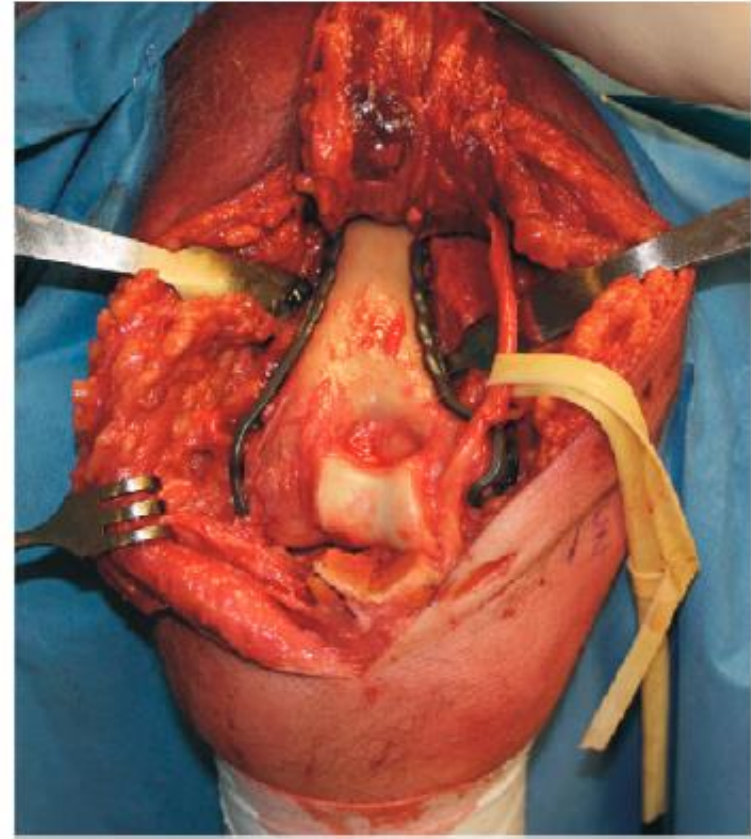
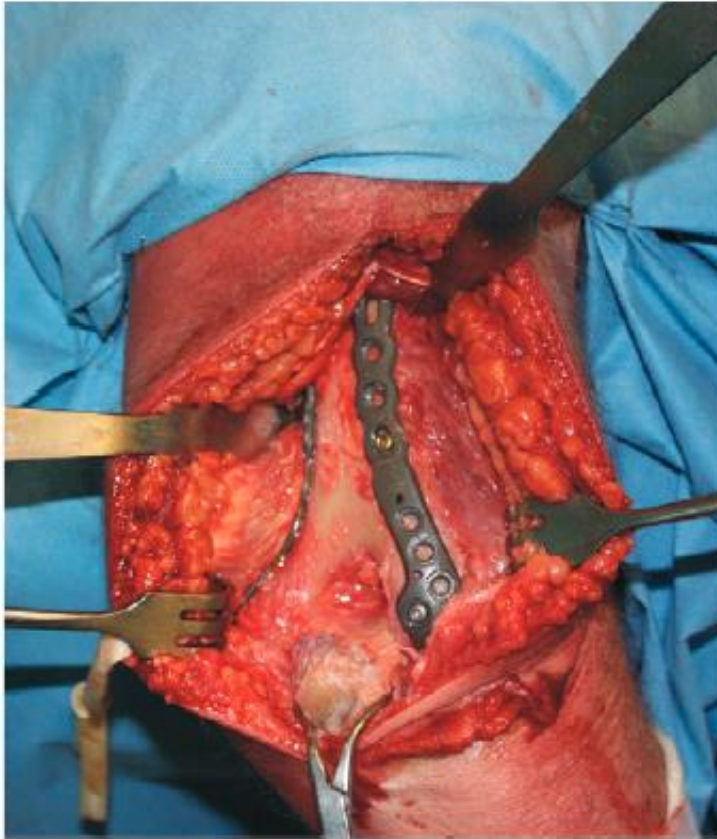
- The principles of treatment include anatomic articular reduction and rigid fixation with two strong plates (highly rigid and 3.5 mm at a minimum).
- the risk of a poor outcome with the use of Kirschner wires or screws was almost three times higher than the risk with plate fixation.

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CURRENT CONCEPTS REVIEW
Distal Humeral Fractures in Adults

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Jeremy Hall, MD, FRCSC, and Emil H. Schemitsch, MD, FRCSC

90 or 180 degrees ??



B

Biomechanical study have demonstrated that parallel plate configurations with the plates at 180 to each other are biomechanically superior to perpendicular plates

Nonoperative Treatment



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Nonoperative management is reserved for completely undisplaced fractures, patients who are unable to tolerate anesthesia, and those with advanced dementia.

This typically involves immobilization of the elbow in 60 of flexion for two to three weeks, followed by gentle range-of-motion exercises.

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Bag of bone



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- Patients were treated in an above-elbow plaster splint, but had this changed to a simple sling within 14 days of injury. Patients were not referred for physiotherapy, but were encouraged to use and move the elbow as discomfort allowed.
- 95% reported a functional range of elbow flexion (4 months of follow-up). The cumulative rate of fracture union at one year was 53%



■ TRAUMA

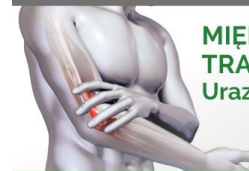
Revisiting the 'bag of bones'

FUNCTIONAL OUTCOME AFTER THE CONSERVATIVE
MANAGEMENT OF A FRACTURE OF THE DISTAL HUMERUS

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Why not ??

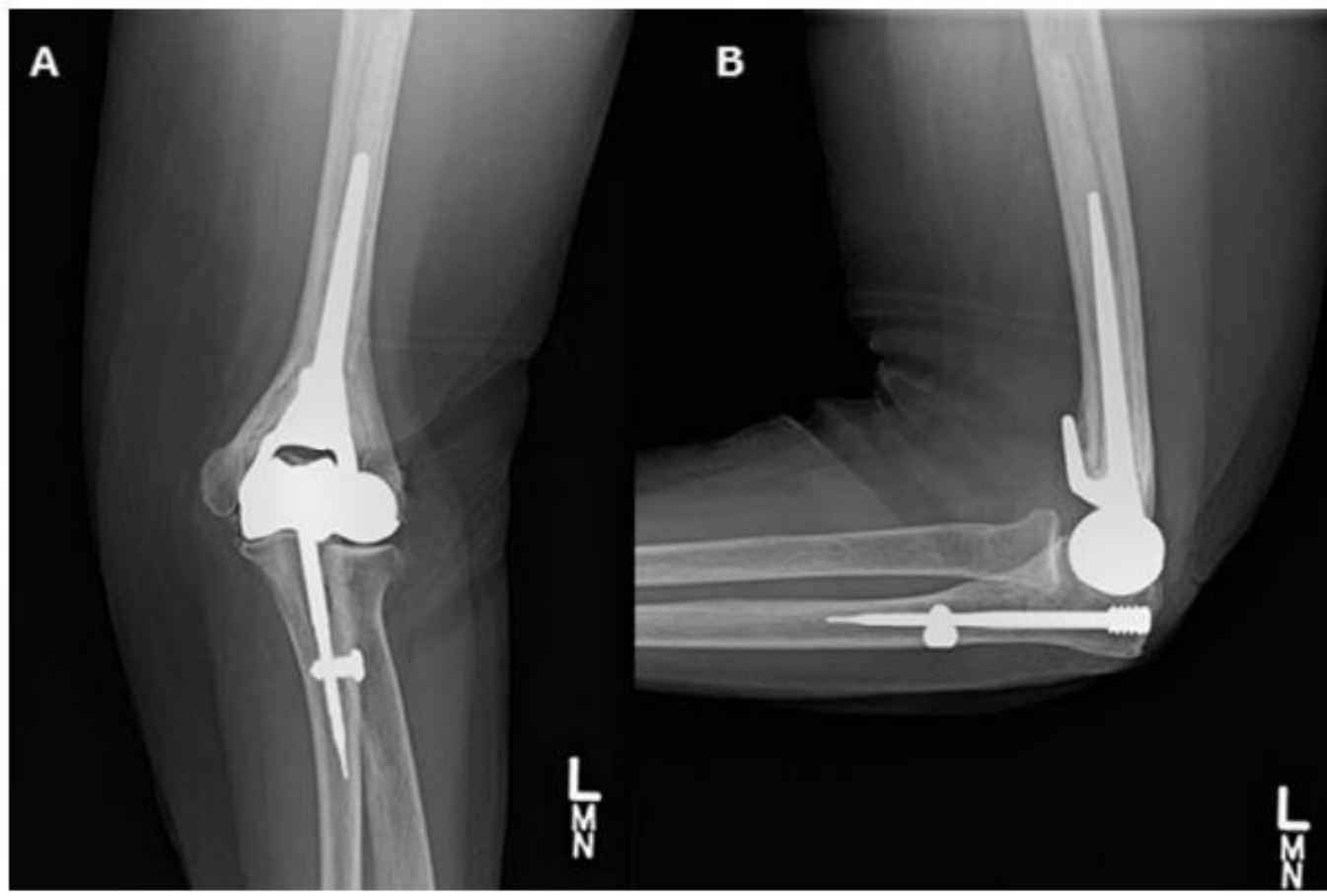


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DHH is most typically used for intraarticular fractures of the distal humerus in older patients. DHH offers preservation of bone stock without the postoperative restrictions required by TEA

HAND (2014) 9:406–412
DOI 10.1007/s11552-014-9681-3

REVIEW



Distal humeral hemiarthroplasty: indications, results, and complications. A systematic review

John Dunn · Nicholas Kusnezov · Miguel Pirela-Cruz

TEA or ORIF ??



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- TEA and ORIF lead to comparable functional results, but major complications are more common after ORIF. Despite this, ORIF remains the gold standard for younger and older patients because of the lifelong loading limitation after TEA, unknown implant survival and problematic revision surgery.

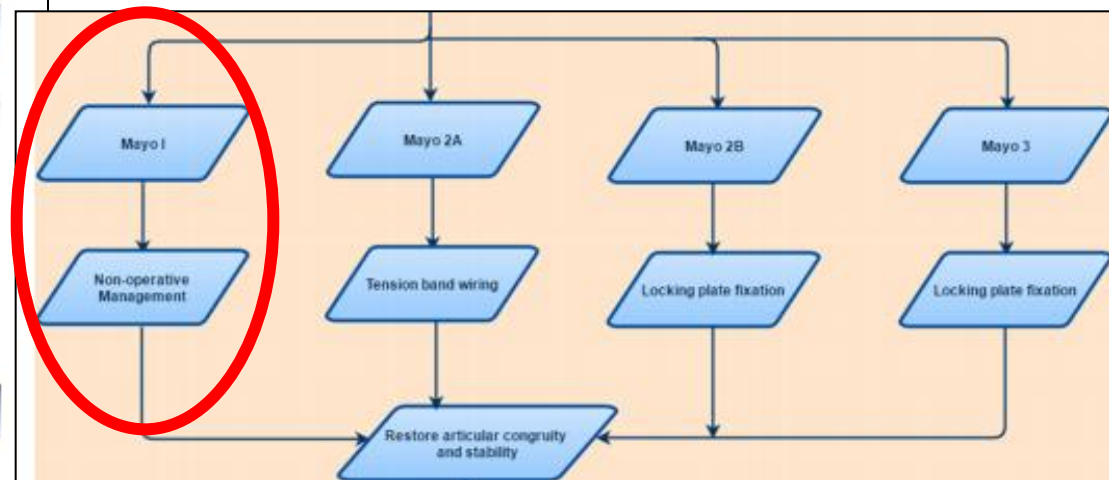
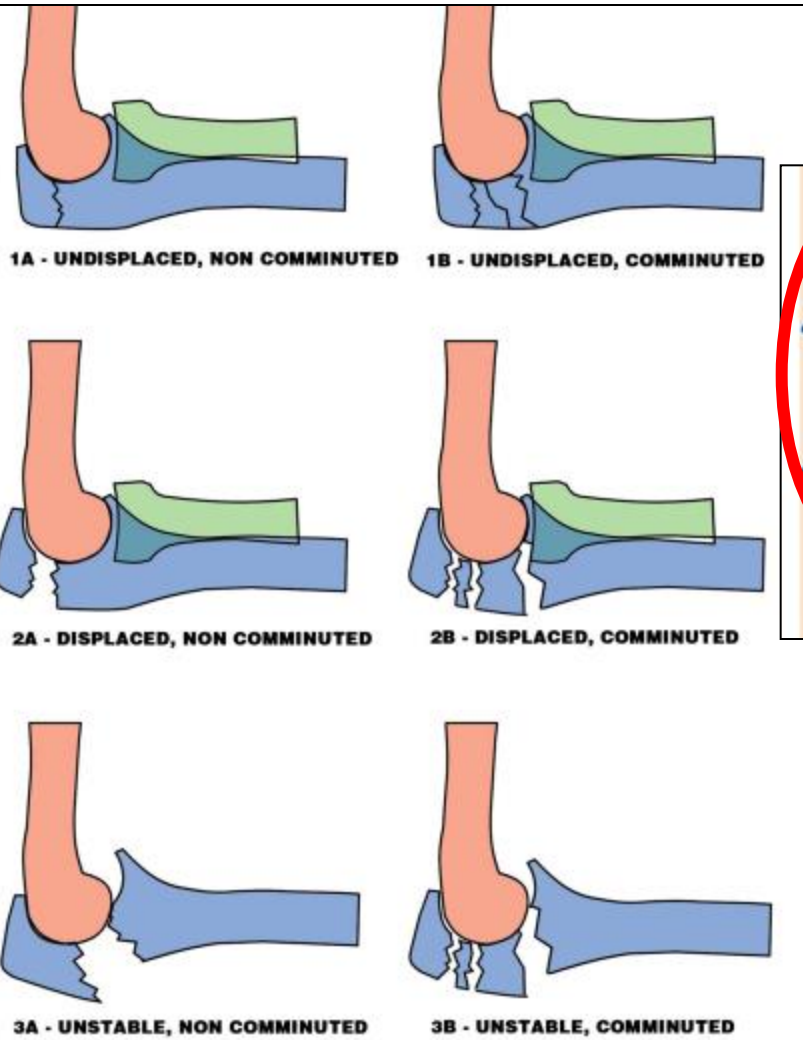
International Orthopaedics (SICOT) (2015) 39:747–754
DOI 10.1007/s00264-014-2635-0

ORIGINAL PAPER

Arthroplasty compared to internal fixation by locking plate osteosynthesis in comminuted fractures of the distal humerus

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Pauline Wirtz · Gunnar Jensen ·
Jan Christoph Katthagen

olecranon



Musculoskelet Surg (2017) 101:1-9
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REVIEW

The treatment of olecranon fractures in adults

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- No patient underwent additional elbow surgery, for a symptomatic nonunion or for any other cause, within the first year following injury
- Only three patients had minimal loss of power

In conclusion, nonoperative management of displaced olecranon fractures is a viable treatment option for lower-demand patients with multiple comorbidities. These results are comparable with those in the current available literature on the outcome of operative management for this injury.

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Nonoperative Management of Displaced Olecranon Fractures in Low-Demand Elderly Patients

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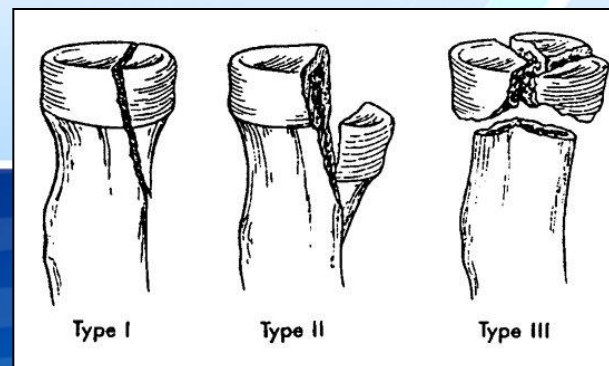
Investigation performed at Edinburgh Orthopaedic Trauma Unit, Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland

Radial head



- Type I – Partial head fractures without displacement
- Type II – Partial head fractures with displacement
- Type III – Comminuted fractures involving the whole head
- Type IV – Radial head fracture associated with an elbow dislocation (Added by **Johnston**)

Broberg and **Morrey** modification is inclusion of radial neck fractures and definition of displaced fractures as fracture displacement $>2\text{mm}$ and fragment size $>30\%$ of the articular surface.

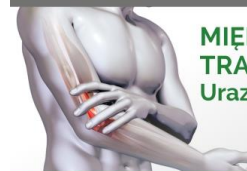


Radial head



Mason type	Indication	Treatment options ¹
I	All	Conservative with early motion
II	Stable	Conservative with early motion or ORIF
	Unstable	Conservative with early motion or ORIF
	Block with rotation	ORIF
III	2-3 simple fragments	ORIF
	> 3 unstable fragments	Arthroplasty
IV	See above	See above

Radial head



- Simple fractures displaced less than 2 mm can be treated nonoperatively. Prolonged rehabilitation should raise suspicion of complicating additional injuries.
- The treatment of choice for 2 to 5 mm displaced partial articular fractures remains debatable. Several investigators report good results of nonoperative treatment comparable to open reduction and internal fixation (ORIF) but with lower complication rates. However, rate of osteoarthritis seems to be higher with nonoperative treatment.

Fractures of the Radial Head

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Conclusions

No clinical benefit with ORIF could be found compared to nonoperative management of isolated partial articular radial head fractures with displacement of greater than 2 mm but less than 5 mm at short-term followup. A well-designed randomized trial and followup at longer term are required to provide better information about how to treat these common fractures.

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Is ORIF Superior to Nonoperative Treatment in Isolated Displaced Partial Articular Fractures of the Radial Head?

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Management of Mason type 1 radial head fractures: a regional survey and a review of literature

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Based on our literature review on the subject, we believe that the best protocol of treatment would be joint aspiration within 6 h of injury [24]. This should be followed by immobilisation in broad arm sling for 48 h [22] after which active mobilisation and extension stretching exercises should be encouraged [18]. The patients should then be reviewed in fracture clinic at 1 week following the injury for a further clinical assessment to exclude an injury to the collateral ligaments. Provided it is an isolated injury, patients can be discharged to physiotherapy at this stage with an advice to attend a further clinical and radiological review in 6 weeks in case there is no improvement.



Radial head



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the high complication rate occurring after radial head replacement in comparison with radial head resection, as well as good functional results obtained with this last technique, leads us **to recommend it for comminuted radial head fractures without associated instability.**

Aging Clin Exp Res (2015) 27 (Suppl 1):S77–S83
DOI 10.1007/s40520-015-0425-1



ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Mason type II and III radial head fracture in patients older than 65: is there still a place for radial head resection?

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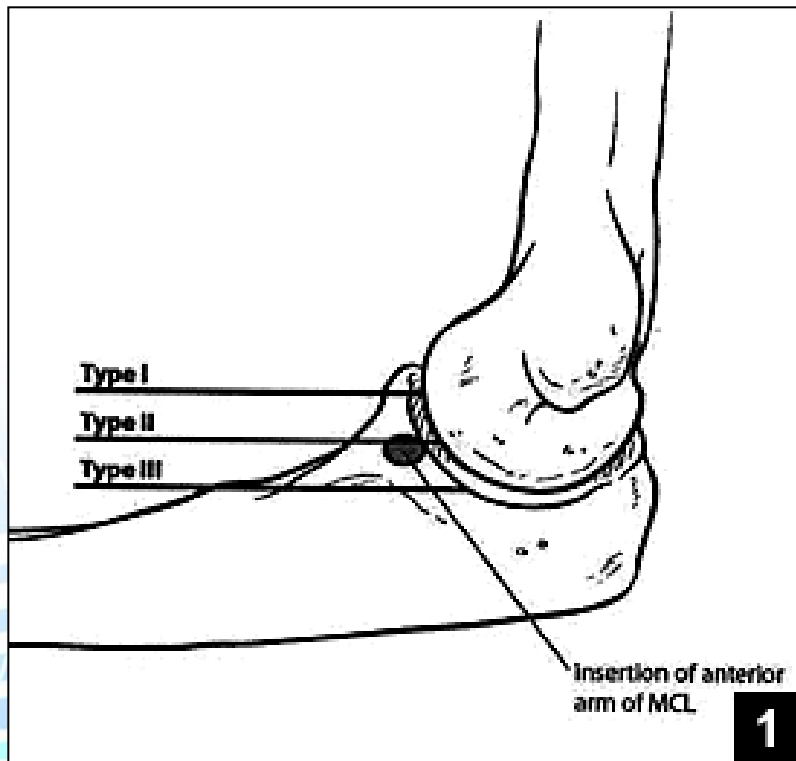


Comminuted fractures of the radial head: resection or prosthesis?

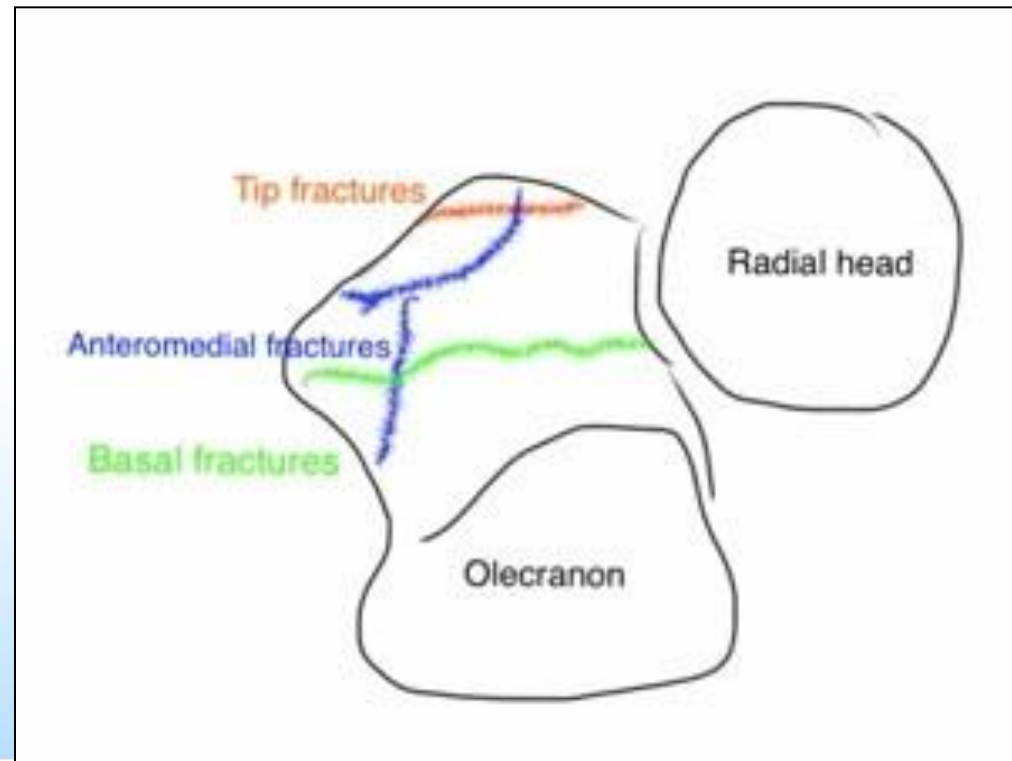
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Coronoid Fractures

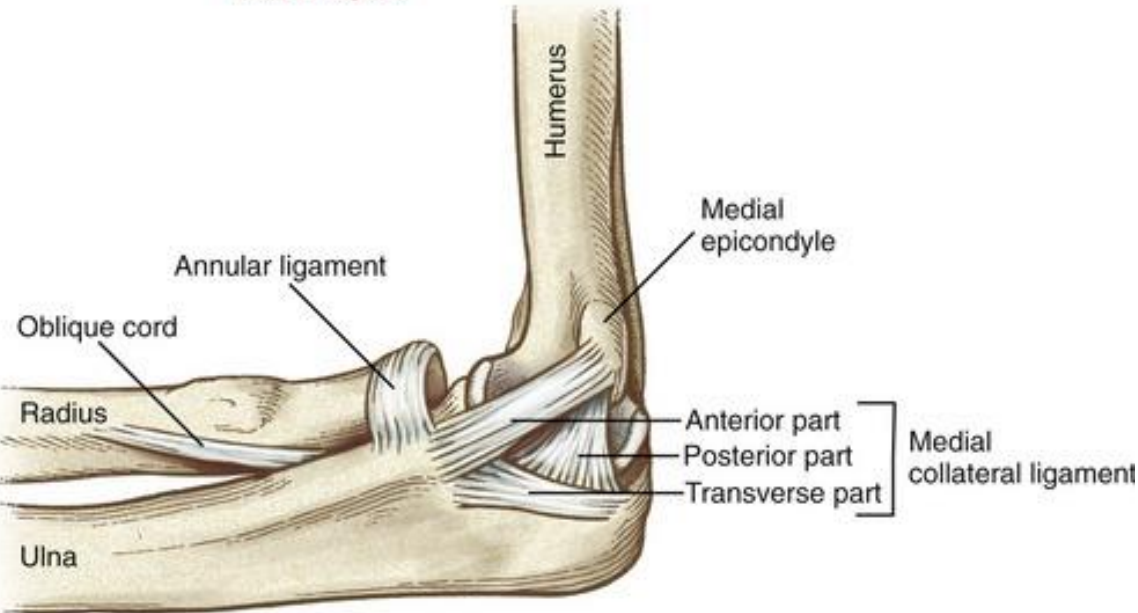


Regan and Morrey classification



O'Driscoll classification

Medial aspect



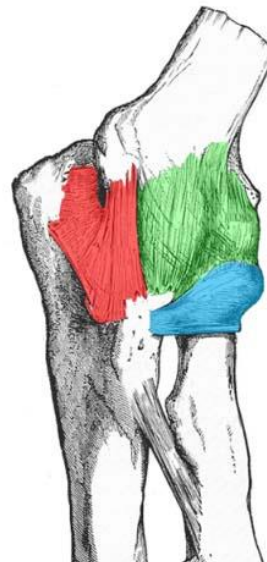
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Medial



Lateral



-  Joint capsule
-  Annular ligament
-  Ulnar collateral ligament
-  Radial collateral ligament

nonoperative treatment



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- anteromedial facet fractures can be considered if subluxation is excluded and the fracture is small and minimally displaced
- Type I (**Regan and Morrey**) – avulsion of the tip of the coronoid process, which does not require internal fixation

Orthopaedic Surgery (2009), Volume 1, No. 4, 269-274

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Treatment of fractures of the ulnar coronoid process

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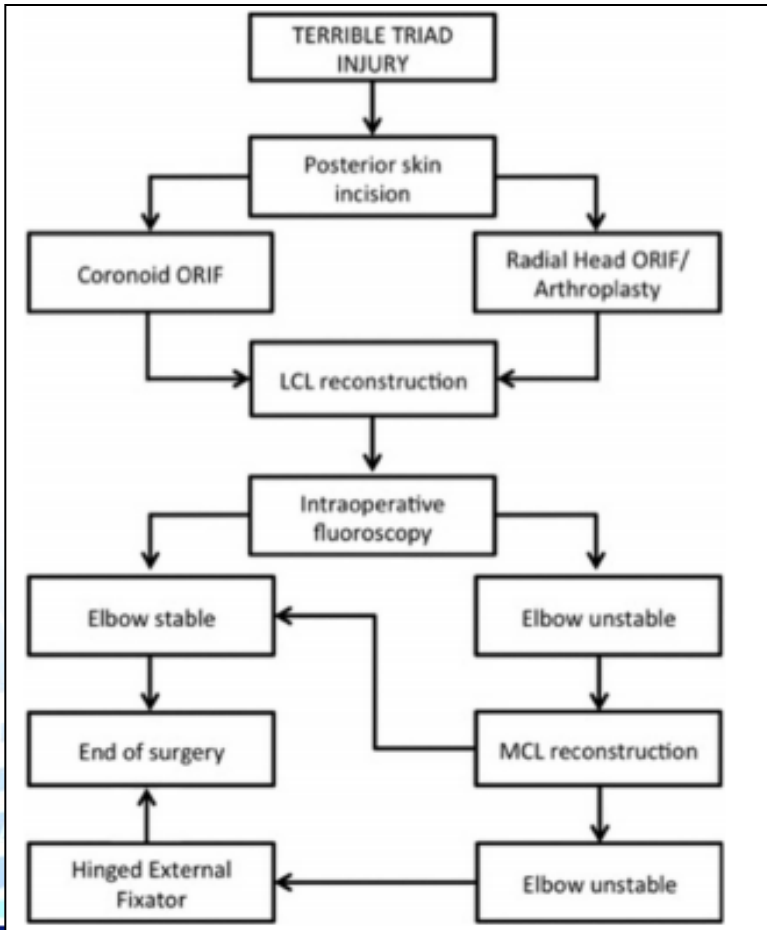
Department of Orthopaedics, Affiliated Hospital of Nantong University, Nantong, China

[J Orthop Trauma](#). 2015 Oct;29(10):437-40. doi: 10.1097/BOT.0000000000000326.

Coronoid Fractures.

[Ring D](#)¹, [Horst TA](#).

terrible triad injury



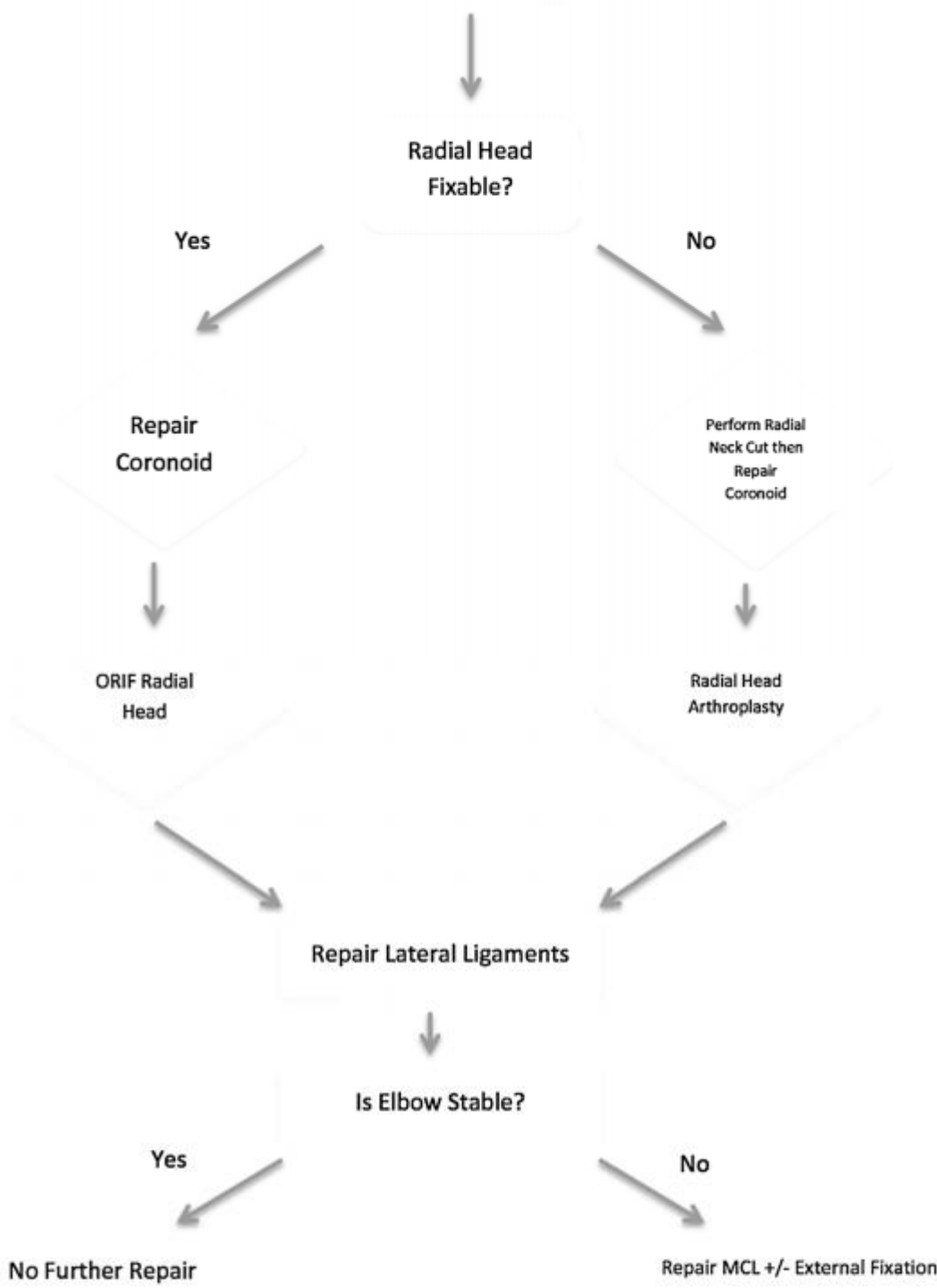
Elbow dislocation associated with both radial head and coronoid fractures



[Injury](#). 2015 Dec;46 Suppl 8:S68-76. doi: 10.1016/S0020-1383(15)30058-9.

Terrible triad of the elbow: is it still a troublesome injury?

[Giannicola G](#)¹, [Caletta P](#)², [Piccioli A](#)², [Scacchi M](#)², [Gumina S](#)².



Clin Orthop Relat Res (2014) 472:2075–2085
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Single-staged Treatment Using a Standardized Protocol Results in Functional Motion in the Majority of Patients With a Terrible Triad Elbow Injury

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nonoperative treatment



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Terrible triad injuries with **type I and II** coronoid process fractures **can be effectively treated without fixation of coronoid fractures** when repair or replacement of the radial head fracture and reconstruction of the LUCL complex sufficiently restores intraoperative stability of the elbow through a functional range of motion.

[Clin Orthop Relat Res. 2014 Jul;472\(7\):2084-91. doi: 10.1007/s11999-014-3471-7.](#)

Terrible triad injuries of the elbow: does the coronoid always need to be fixed?

[Papatheodorou LK¹](#), [Rubright JH](#), [Heim KA](#), [Weiser RW](#), [Sotereanos DG](#).

ORIF or replacement



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radial head arthroplasty afforded the ability to obtain elbow stability with comparable overall outcomes when compared to ORIF. As these injuries commonly occur in younger patients, longer-term studies will be required to ascertain whether the apparent benefits of radial head arthroplasty are offset by late complications of arthroplasty, *such as loosening*.

[Clin Orthop Relat Res](#). 2014 Jul;472(7):2128-35. doi: 10.1007/s11999-013-3331-x.

Fixation versus replacement of radial head in terrible triad: is there a difference in elbow stability and prognosis?

Watters TS¹, Garriques GE, Ring D, Ruch DS.

Nonoperatively ?



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In selected patients, nonoperative treatment of terrible triad injuries is an option that can provide good function and restore stable elbow ROM. However, nonoperative management requires close clinical and radiographic followup to monitor for any delayed elbow subluxation or fracture displacement.

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Can We Treat Select Terrible Triad Injuries Nonoperatively?

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Nonoperatively ?

- a concentric joint reduction,
- a radial head fracture that did not cause a mechanical block to rotation,
- a smaller coronoid fracture (Regan-Morrey Type 1 or 2)
- a stable arc of motion to a minimum of 30 of extension to allow active motion within the first 10 days.



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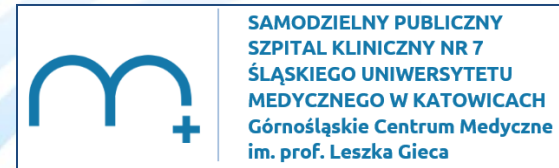


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