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Emergency fractures Quick reference



All open injuries and/or injuries with neurovascular compromise need discussion with appropriate team (orthopaedics or plastics)

UPPER LIMB Forearm Upper arm Clavicle



Uncomplicated mid-shaft radius & ulnar fractures

Minimally displaced

Immobilisation: Above elbow backslab

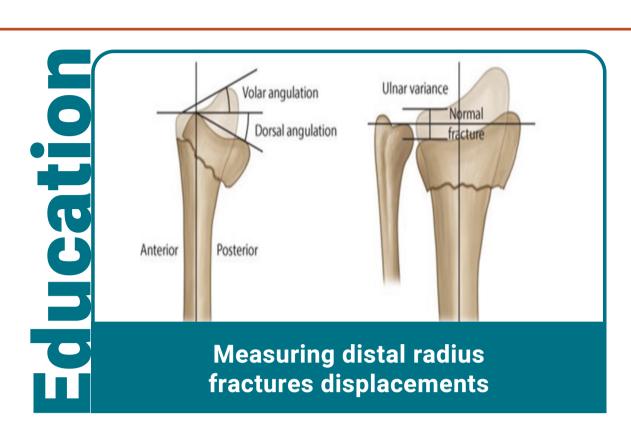
Follow up: Orthopaedics OPD

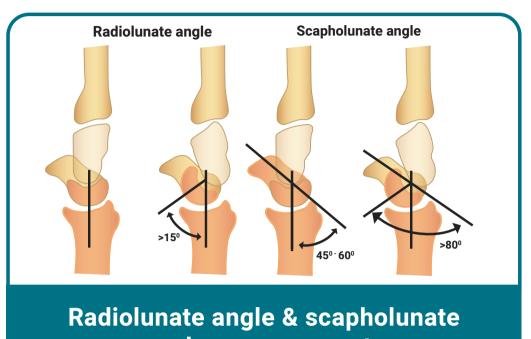


Uncomplicated humerus shaft fractures

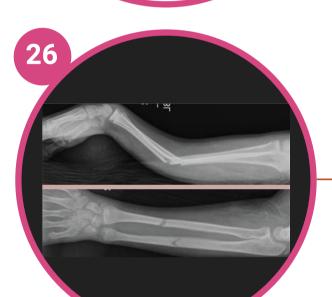
Uncomplicated: <10° angulation Immobilisation: High arm collar and cuff

Follow up: Orthopaedics OPD





angle measurements



Complicated mid-shaft radius & ulnar fractures

Significantly displaced: >20° dorsal angulation or >10° volar angulation

Discuss with orthos about reduction and ORIF **Immobilisation:** Above elbow resting backslab Follow up: Orthopaedics OPD



Complicated clavicle fractures

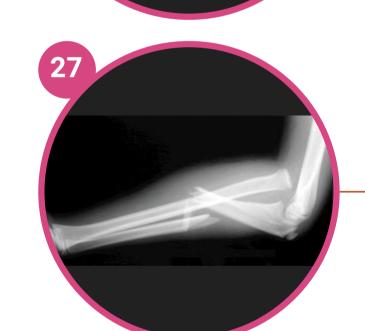
Complicated: Distal & proximal third zone

Discuss with orthos

Immobilisation: Elevated broad arm sling for 3 weeks

Follow up: Orthopaedics OPD

Red Flag: Skin tenting-impending compound, needs discussion with orthos



Monteggia fracture dislocations

Proximal 1/3 ulnar fracture with associated radial head dislocation

Discuss with orthos about reduction and ORIF **Immobilisation:** Above elbow resting backslab Follow up: Orthopaedics OPD

Uncomplicated proximal humerus fractures

Immobilisation: High arm collar and cuff

Uncomplicated: <50% displacement

Follow up: Orthopaedics OPD



Complicated humerus shaft fracture

Complicated: >10° angulation

Discuss with orthos about ORIF Immobilisation: U-slab

Follow up: Orthopaedics OPD



Uncomplicated clavicle fractures

Uncomplicated: Mid-third zone

Immobilisation: Elevated broad arm sling for 3 weeks

Follow up: Orthopaedics OPD

Red Flag: Skin tenting-impending compound, needs discussion with orthos



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U-Slab

Treatment and intervention

 the plaster must extend passed the fracture site

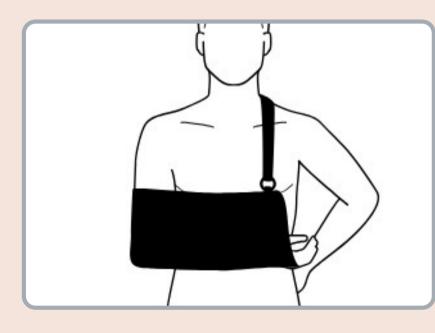


High arm collar & cuff

Above elbow backslab

• 90° elbow flexion





Broad arm sling no backstrap





Complicated proximal humerus fractures Complicated: >50% displacement Discuss with orthos about ORIF Immobilisation: High arm collar and cuff Follow up: Orthopaedics OPD



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