Common Ortho Injuries seen in FAST TRACK

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Today's Objectives

• READING X-RAY IMAGES

How to describe fracture

- Location
- Stable vs Unstable
- Displace vs nondisplaced
- Angulation

Discuss mechanism of the injury

Pearls related to the type of injury

Radiographic Description of Fractures



What To Tell The Orthopedist

- Open vs closed
- Intra-articular vs extra-articular



- Describe fracture
 - Type, location, angulation
 - Dorsal vs volar angulation









Principles Of History and Physical Exam in Patients with Extremity Pain

• Pain

- Trauma vs atraumatic?
- Mechanism of trauma
- Look for <u>S/S</u> of trauma present?
 - STS, tenderness, ecchymosis, ROM
- <u>Displacement or</u>
 <u>Dislocation</u>
 - Early reduction is goal

- Examine the joint above and below
 - Image the joint above and below
- <u>Check pulses</u> distal to injury
- <u>Check NV</u>
 - motor and sensation distal to the injury

Imaging Principle

- 3 view images of extremities are most common.
 - AP
 - Lateral
 - Oblique
- Exceptions
 - Tib/fib and forearm
 - No joint involved



Special views to consider when ordering films











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Torus Fracture

- Kids bones are soft

 They bend instead of break.
 They heal faster
 - Splinted for shorter amount of time.









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Boxer's fracture

Boxer's Fracture

The end of the 5th metacarpal takes the force of the impact and breaks at its neck and angulates towards the palm creating a dorsal bump.



Assessing Rotation

Normal



Rotational deformity



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Mechanism



Why do a scaphoid view?

- Anatomic Snuff box tenderness
- Why is it important not to miss a scaphoid fracture?
 - Distal blood supply
 - When fractured, the proximal portion may not get blood and dies.



Mechanism









Describing Dislocation



 The dislocation is described based on the position of the humeral head (H) in relation to the glenoid cavity (G):

Y view



- Intersection of the spine of the scapula, coracoid process and body of the scapula
- Head of humerus should sit in the center of the spine of the scapula and the coracoid process





Axillary View



 Useful for anterior or posterior shoulder dislocations that are not evident in the AP view.

 The x-ray beam is directed into the axilla from below (inferior to superior), or down through the axilla from above the shoulder

Axillary View of Dislocated Shoulder









Mechanism

- Often seen in children.
- Playing on playground
- Fall from monkey bars on outstretched hands





Fat pad Sign



LATERAL VIEW****

- Anterior fat pad
- Posterior fat pad
 - NEVER NORMAL



Mechanism



 Inwardly angulating or outwardly angulating force combined with axial loading or weight bearing on knee.

 The classically described situation in which this occurs is from a car striking a pedestrian's fixed knee

Sometimes tibial plateau fractures are subtle



- Can be difficult to see
- IF clinical suspicion is high
 - Consider CT





Sunrise View



- Important in fall onto knee cap
- Best view to see patella fracture
- Important to check for patellar tendon disruption
 - Straight leg raise.
 - Can you feel the quadriceps contract?









Mechanism of Ankle trauma



 Significant inversion/eversion force.



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- The force from the medial ankle fracture causes a a disruption of the tibiofibular syndesmosis and the interosseous membrane which leads to a spiral fracture of the proximal fibula
- If pt has ankle pain, always check for pain in the proximal fibula



Mechanism



 The fracture is believed to occur as a result of significant adduction force to the forefoot with the ankle in plantar flexion

5th MT Fracture – When is it a Jones?



- Affects treatment
 - Cast versus cast shoe
 - Stable versus less stable.
 - More concern for nonunion





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Mechanism of Calcaneal Fracture



- Fall from height
- Axial Loading





C spine series

- In Adults
 - AP, Lateral, obliques, open mouth view
- In kids
 - Less views to reduce radiation
 - Usually does not include obliques

Open Mouth View

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Vertebral Trauma

- Usually occurs from a significant trauma
- Concern is for spinal cord trauma or nerve damage
- Seen in elderly from less traumatic events







Views in Rib Fracture

- Rib Series which includes PA of chest
- Difficult to see fractures
 - Because of many overlapping structures
 - Multiple images necessary
- Why is it important to get a PA Chest with your rib series??????

