

Staged Treatment of Patients with Multiple Fractures: What Is the Proper Sequence?

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Timing of major fracture care in polytrauma patients – An update on principles, parameters and strategies for 2020



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A Lot Has Changed in 20 Years



	2000	2020 unchanged parameters new parameters
Injury combination	Polytrauma ISS > 20 and additional thoracic trauma (AIS > 2)	Polytrauma ISS > 20 and AIS chest > 2 Thoracic Trauma Score (TTS) > grade 2 (> 3 rib fx, paO ₂ /FiO ₂ <200, LuCo > 1 lobe, bilat.HT/HPT > unilat)
Local injury chest	Bilateral lung contusion: 1 st plain film	 Bilateral lung contusion: 1st plain film or Chest CT: unilateral bisegmental contusion bilateral uni- or bisegmental contusion flail chest
Local injury trunk/extremities	Multiple long bone fractures + truncal injury AIS 2 or more	Multiple long bone fractures + truncal injury AIS 2 or more
Truncal /	Polytrauma with abdominal /pelvic trauma RR, 90mm Hg) (Moore 3) and hem. shock	Polytrauma with abdominal/pelvic trauma RR, 90mm Hg) (Moore 3) and hemorrhagic shock
Major Surgery for non-life saving conditions	Day 1 surgery (Early total care) or wait until 4-6 (window of opportunity)	Non life saving surgeries Flexible (day1,2,3) after reassessment according to individual patient physiology: Safe definitive surgery (SDS) and damage control (DCO)
Duration of 1 st operative intervention	Presumed operation time > 6 hours	<pre>Presumed operation time > 6 hours intraoperative reassessment: coagulopathy (ROTEM/FIBTEM) lactate (< 2.0 - 2.5 mmol/L) body temperature stable requirement > 3 pRBC / hour</pre>
Blood transfusion requirements	<i>Massive transfusion</i> (10 units RBCs per 24 hours)	Massive transfusion (10 units RBCs per 6 hours) initiates "goal directed therapy" (massive transfusion protocols)
Intra/ perioperative	PA-pressure increase during intramedullary nailing .6mm Hg Initial mean PAP < 24mm Hg	 ROTEM/FIBTEM Lactate clearance < 2.5 mmol/l (24 hrs.)



Move towards aggressive resuscitation with targeted red cells and plasma elements to reverse anti-coagulation

Individualized decision making on timing of definitive surgery based on patient's response to resuscitation

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Life Threatening

Control of Hemorrhage

Limb Threatening

Dysvascular Limb Compartment Syndrome Reduce Dislocations

Immediate Concerns

Progressive Neurologic Deficit Manage Open Fractures Stabilize Long Bone Fractures Temporary vs Definitive Definitive Reconstruction Stabilize Fractures with Intra-articular Blood Supply Articular Fractures

ABC's

Orthopaedic Trauma Institute

In the ATLS Primary Survey – ABCDE

Orthopaedics appears in C – Circulation

There are 5 places a patient can bleed In the Chest In the Abdomen In the Retroperitoneum In the Extremities On the Ground



OST







Will the limb be functional if reconstructed?



Compartment Syndrome



Consider Fasciotomy



Reduce Dislocations



Relatively Easy To Do Quickly Decreases Patient's Pain Improves Overall Mobilization

Potential For: NeuroVascular Compromise Skin Compromise Osteonecrosis



Open Fractures



Early administration of antibiotic therapy in ED T-QIP Measure for ACS verified trauma centers

Timely operative debridement and irrigation

The more open the injury - greater need for skeletal stabilization



Zone of Injury Can Be Hidden





Femur Fractures in the Blunt Multiple Trauma Patient



Blunt Trauma Produces a "Pulmonary Failure Septic State" (Today Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome) Delayed Stabilization of Femoral Shaft Fractures Leads to A Incidence of ARDS,MSOF

Orthopaedic Traumatologists Should Be Involved in the Trauma Team

Seibel, Border, et al Annals of Surgery 1985

Orthopedic Damage Control



Initial reference to medical "Damage Control" came from General Surgery work packing severe liver injuries.



"... temporary stabilization of fractures soon after injury, minimizing the operative time, and preventing heat and blood loss." Definitive treatment delayed until after patients overall physiology improves.

Scalea et al J Trauma 48(4), 2000.

Femur Fractures



Give preference to femoral shaft fractures over minor open fractures in the unstable patient

> Allows early mobilization, Decreases hemorrhage

Consider IM Fixation (when appropriate) vs External Fixation in the under-resuscitated patient

Case Example





65 yo female – MVC – Left hip fracture dislocation and right leg injuries



The left leg is now her "good leg"







Initial D&I of R open tibia, traction for R femur







Lactic Acid < 2, FiO2/pAO2 ratio 350, coags OK



HD#5





A Transverse with posterior wall pattern A very comminuted posterior wall Mild pre-existing OA

A relative indication for Acute ORIF and Primary THR



Post-Op Images





HD#7



D&I, ORIF, antibiotic cement spacer, flap coverage open tibia



Follow-Up





Be a Learning Surgeon





"There is a fracture, I must fix it"

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Summary



Multiple fractures can have systemic effects

Early wound debridement is important

Early skeletal stabilization (temporary or definitive) facilitates pulmonary toilet and enhances care

Base the extent of early skeletal repair on the the patient's response to resuscitation

Orthopaedic injuries play a large role in functional outcome of patients surviving polytrauma



Early Fracture Stabilization

Teach us to live that we may dread Unnecessary time in bed. Get people up and we may save Our patients from an early grave..

R.A.J. Asher, 1947



