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= Abstract =

## Operative treatment of displaced intraarticular fractures of the calcaneus

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As technology in imaging has improved, we have learned more of the anatomical features of these fractures, and now several objective studies in the literature with sufficient follow up recommend surgical treatment for some displaced intraarticular fractures of the calcaneus.

The purpose of this study is to report the results of the open reduction with rigid internal fixation for displaced intraarticular fractures of the calcaneus. From March 1994 to December 1996, the author managed twenty-nine displaced intraarticular fractures of the calcaneus in twenty-three patients with open reduction via extended lateral approach and internal fixation using the plate. The fractures were classified according to Essex-Lopresti with the lateral radiograph and according to Sanders with the computed tomograph. Clinical results were assessed the pain, activity, return to work, range of motion, change in shoe size and swelling from Creighton-Nebraska health foundation assessment. Among the 29 cases, satisfactory results were obtained in 24 cases(82.9%). We assessed the radiologic objective parameters such as Böhler angle, crucial angle, height and width of the calcaneus, and the arthritis of the subtalar joint. Radiologically, we showed satisfactory restoration of the calcaneal morphology and severe subtalar arthritis in 4 cases. We found the negative correlation between the clinical results and the radiological subtalar arthritis( $P=0.038$ ).

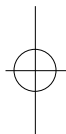
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In managing displaced intraarticular fractures of the calcaneus, open reduction via extended lateral approach and rigid internal fixation seemed to be useful method.

**Key Words :** Calcaneus, Intraarticular fractures, Treatment.

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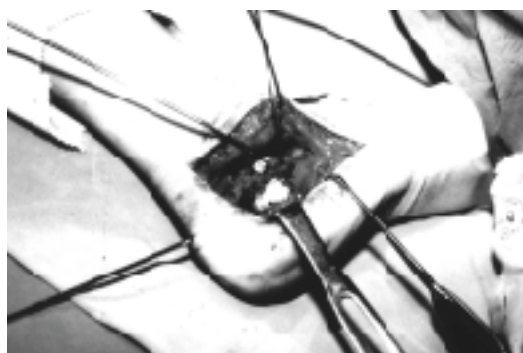
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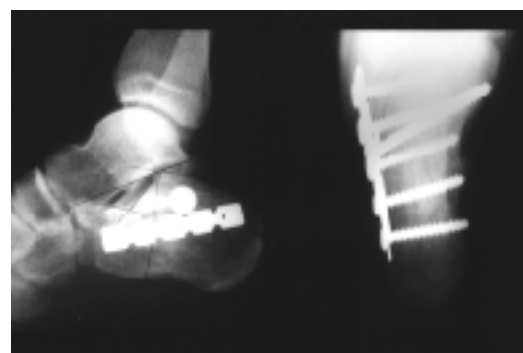
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**Fig 1.** Intraoperative photograph showed screw fixation of the reduced joint depression fragment and Lubbock graft for large bony defect (arrow).



**Fig 2.** Postoperative radiographs showed restoration of the calcaneal morphology and stable fixation.

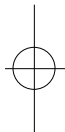


Table 2. Scoring system for posterior subtalar joint using the modified Knirk and Jupiter criteria

Grade	Arthritic changes
0	None
1	Slight joint-space narrowing
2	Marked joint-space narrowing osteophyte formation
3	Bone-on-Bone, osteophyte formation, Cyst formation

	Normal	Preop	Postop	Follow up
Böhler angle (degree)	29.9(25-36)	5.7(-5-23)	26.6(10-44)	25.3(10-48)
Crucial angle (degree)	109.9(96-120)	108.3(98-148)	106.3(96-118)	111.9(90-119)
Height (mm)	47.3(42-54)	40.8(33-48)	47.3(42-56)	47.6(42-57)
Width (mm)	35.5(31-41)	44.8(37-63)	39.5(32-53)	38.2(32-47)

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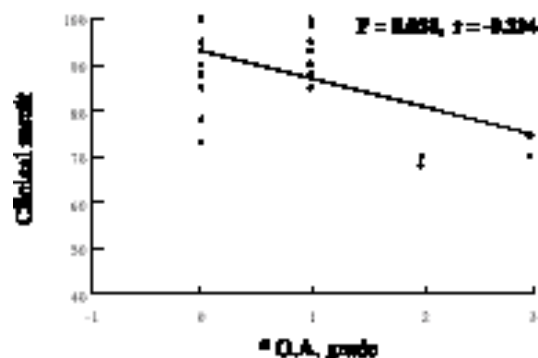
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**Fig 3. Correlation between clinical results and radiological subtalar arthritis.**  
Clinical result was obtained by Creighton Nebraska Health Foundation Assessment Sheet, radiological subtalar arthritis grade was obtained by modified Knirk and Jupiter criteria.

\* O.A. : Osteoarthritis

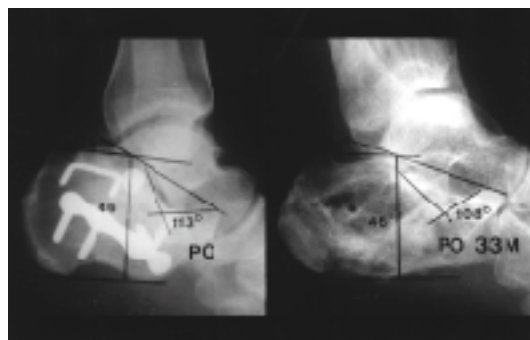
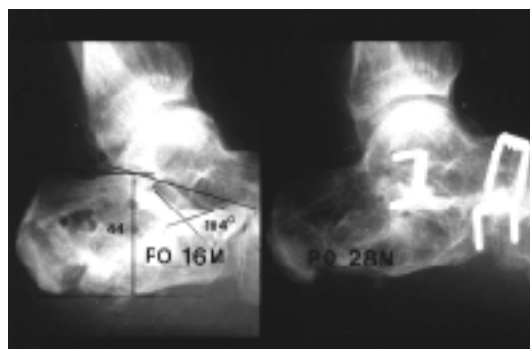


Fig 4. Peroneal irritation pain was responded well to removal of the plate and rerouting of the tendons behind the malleolus.



**Fig 5.** Complicated osteomyelitis case. We treated this case with removal of the plate and insertion of the antibiotic cement bead, and then removal of the antibiotic cement bead, cancellous bone graft and axial screw fixation.



**Fig 6.** One case complained the subtalar pain and the walking difficulty as a result of subtalar joint arthritis and equinus deformity. We treated this case with lengthening of the tendo calcaneus and triple arthrodesis.

Creighton Nebraska Health Foundation Assessment sheet

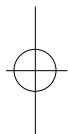
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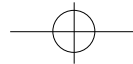


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