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= Abstract =

Bilateral Floating Knees Treated by 4 Intramedullary Nails - A Case Report -

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The treatment of simultaneous ipsilateral femoral and tibial fractures is a challenging therapeutic problem. Unfortunately, despite a number of reports on these fractures, guidelines for treatment have not been well established. Because the knee joint is isolated partially or completely, the term "floating knee" is used. But most of these injuries are ipsilateral and few bilateral cases were reported in the literatures.

The authors reviewed a case of bilateral floating knee treated by 4 intramedullary nails without having any prolonged healing time or limited range of motion in both knee joint postoperatively.

Key Word : Floating knee, Fracture, Intramedullary nail

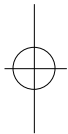
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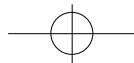
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Winquist-Hansen type II (Fig. 1-A), 6cm (open type II, Winquist-Hansen type II) (Fig. 1-B), Muller C3 (Fig. 1-C), Winquist-Hansen type II (Fig. 1-D).

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Winquist¹²⁾
(floating knee)

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Russel-Taylor
(Fig. 2-C,D).

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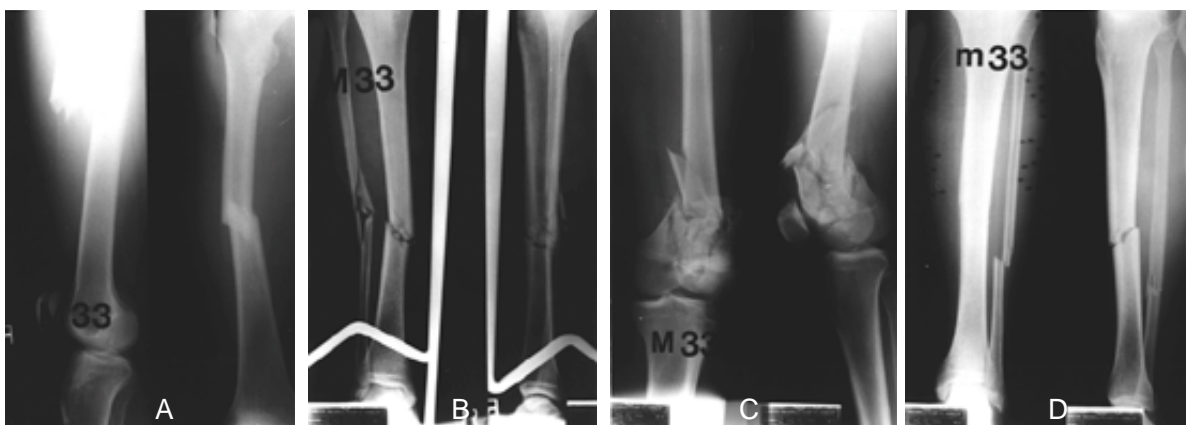


Fig 1. Male 33. bilateral femoral and tibial fractures.

A,B. Preoperative AP and lateral view showing right femoral and tibial midshaft fracture.

C,D. Preoperative AP and lateral view showing left femoral supracondylar comminuted and tibial open midshaft fracture.

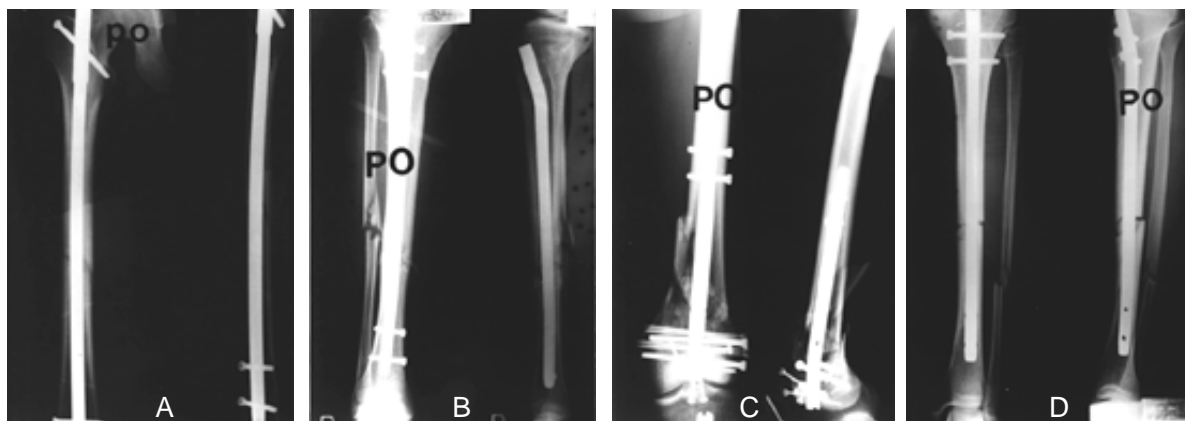
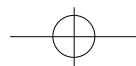


Fig 2-A,B. Immediate postoperative AP and lateral view show rigid fixation by interlocking intramedullary nails of right femoral and tibial fractures.

C,D. Immediate postoperative AP and lateral view show rigid fixation of the left femoral fracture by supracondylar nail and multiple screws and interlocking intramedullary nail for the left tibial fracture.

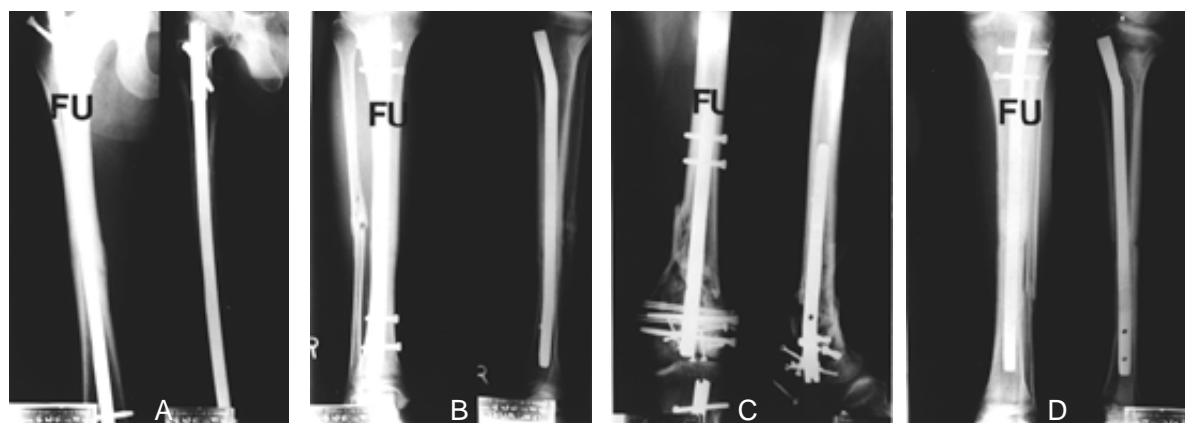


Fig 3-A,B. At 1 year follow-up, AP and lateral view show solid union of right femoral and tibial fractures.

C,D. AP and lateral view show healed femoral and tibial fractures of left side.

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(Fig. 3-A,B,C,D)

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(Fig. 4-A,B,C,D).

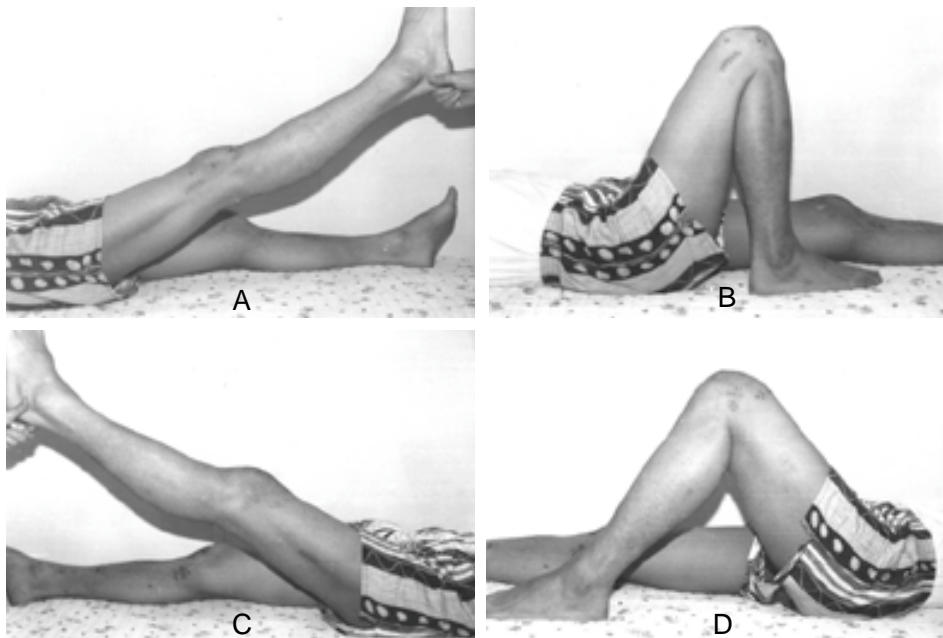


Fig 4-A,B. One year after operation, the patient shows full range of motion of right knee.

C,D. From 10 degree flexion contracture to 110 degree further flexion of the left knee motion was obtained.



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(floating knee) 1 가
(true floating knee) 2 Winston¹³⁾ 24
(variant floating knee) 1 , DeLee⁶⁾ 15
cast brace Connolly⁵⁾
2-A, 2 가
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가1 1 Karlstrom¹⁰⁾ Veith¹²⁾
가 가 Fraser
가 cast brace 가

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