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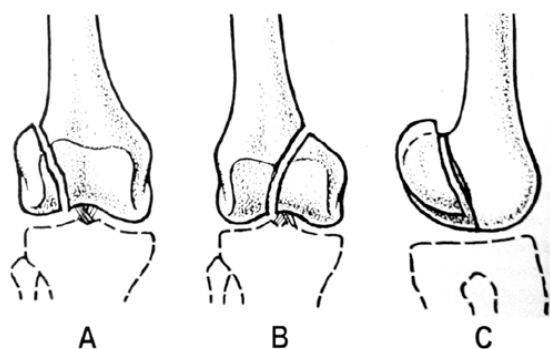
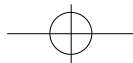
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**Fig 1.** AO classification of the femoral unicondylar fractures

**A.** Sagittal split of the lateral condyle

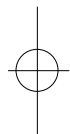
**B.** Sagittal split of the medial condyle

**C.** Coronal plane fracture of the condyle (Hoffa fracture)

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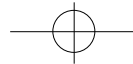
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**Table 1.** Patient data

Case	Sex/ Age	Injury	Fracture type	Wound	Associated injuries	Treatment	Lysholm score	Complication of knee
1	F/55	MVA	MHF	Abrasion	Facial bone fracture	Conservative	95	None
2	M/48	Ped	MHF	Abrasion	Skull fracture PCL rupture	O/R with screws	55	0 <sub>o</sub> - 90 <sub>o</sub>
3	M/39	IA	MHF	Abrasion	Fibular neck fracture PCL rupture Vastus medialis rupture	O/R with screws	76	10 <sub>o</sub> - 120 <sub>o</sub> PI
4	M/19	Ped	MHF	Abrasion	Fibular neck fracture	C/R with screws	84	PI
5	M/26	AVC	MHF	Grade 1	Pneumothorax	Conservative	100	None
6	M/42	IA	LHF	Abrasion	Open ankle dislocation ACL rupture	O/R with screws	85	0 <sub>o</sub> - 130 <sub>o</sub> AI
7	M/27	MCA	LHF	Abrasion	Head injury	Conservative	80	Malunion AI
8	M/54	IA	MFCF	Grade2	Popliteal artery rupture Humerus fracture PCL rupture	O/R with screws	14	10 <sub>o</sub> - 50 <sub>o</sub>
9	M/57	MCA	MFCF	Abrasion	Brain injury Hemoperitoneum Tibial condylar fracture	Neglected	35	Malunion 10 <sub>o</sub> - 70 <sub>o</sub>
10	M/19	MCA	LFCF	Grade2	ACL rupture Open patella fracture Vastus medialis rupture	O/R with screws ACL repair	95	None
11	M/39	MVA	LFCF	Grade2	Humerus fracture Open patella fracture	O/R with screws	92	0 <sub>o</sub> - 130 <sub>o</sub>

MVA, motor vehicle accident; MCA, motorcycle accident; AVC, agricultural vehicle collision; Ped, pedestrian accident; IA, industrial accident; MHF, medial hofa fracture; LHF, lateral hofa fracture; MFCF, medial femoral condyle fracture; LFCF, lateral femoral condyle fracture; AI, anterior instability; PI, posterior instability;

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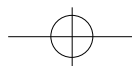
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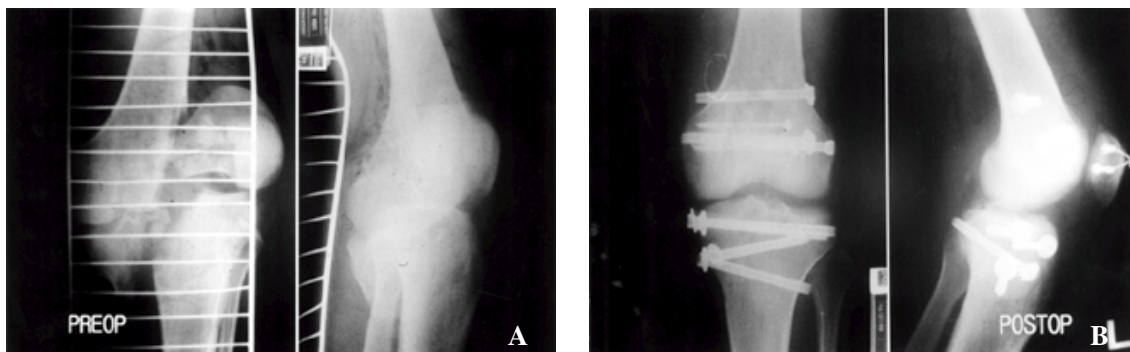
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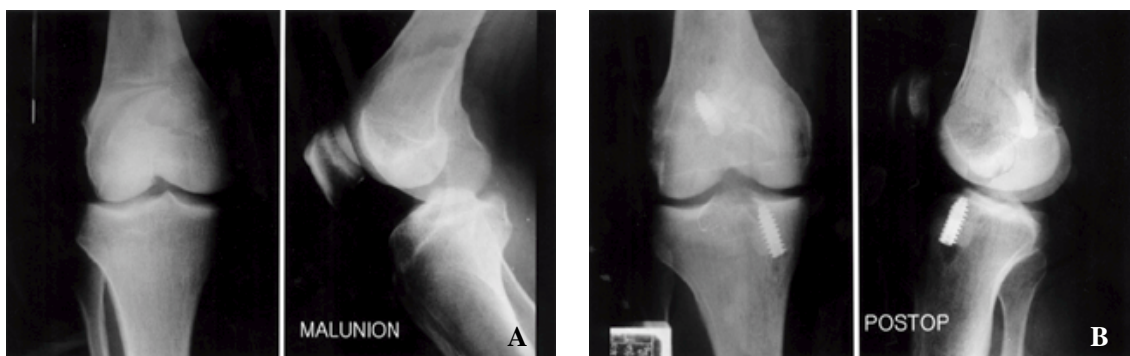
**Table 2.** Lysholm knee scoring scale

Limp (5 points)	None-5 Slight or periodical-3 Severe and constant-0
Support (5 points)	None-5 Stick or crutch-2 Weight bearing impossible-0
Locking (15 points)	No locking and no catching sensations-15 Catching sensation but no locking-10 Locking occasionally-6 Frequently-2 Locked joint on examination-0
Instability (25 points)	Never giving way-25 Rarely during athletics or other severe exertion-20 Frequently during athletics or other severe exertion(or incapable of participation)-15 Occasionally in daily activities-10 Often in daily activities-5 Every step-0
Pain (25 points)	None-25 Inconstant and slight during severe exertion-20 Marked during severe exertion-15 Marked or after walking more than 2km-10 Marked or after walking more less 2km-5 Constant-0
Swelling (10 points)	None-10 On severe exertion-6 On ordinary exertion-2 Constant-0
Stair climbing (10 points)	No problems-10 Slightly impaired-6 One step at a time-2 Impossible-0
Squatting (5 points)	No problems-5 Sightly impaired-4 Not beyond 90 degrees-2 Impossible-0
Total Score	Excellent-95-100 Good-84-94 Fair-65-83 Poor-<64



**Fig 2-A.** Radiographs showed a sagittal split of the femoral lateral condyle that was associated with a patellar fracture, a fracture of the tibial plateau and avulsion of the cruciate ligaments.

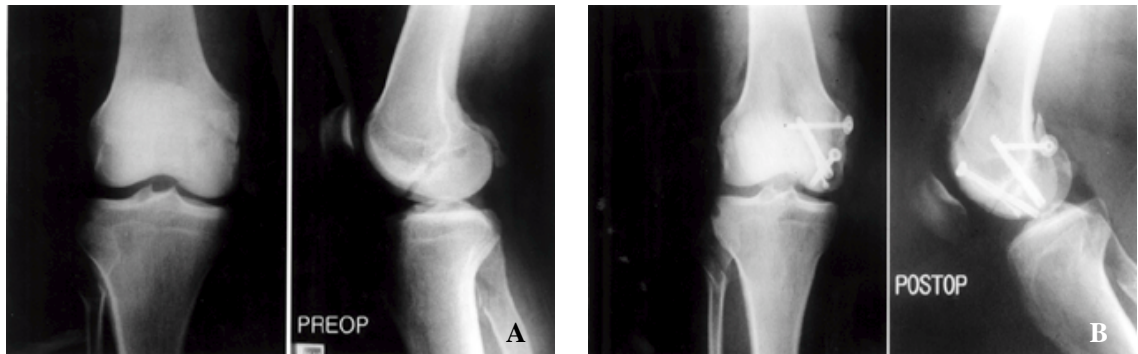
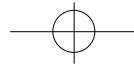
**2-B.** Radiographs of immediately after the fixation of femoral lateral condyle, tibial medial condyle and patellar fracture with cannulated screws. Avulsion of the cruciate ligaments was reattached to the tibia with sutures.



**Fig 3-A.** A 27-year-old man was involved in a motorcycle accident. The sagittal split of the femoral lateral condyle which had been treated with conservative method was displaced and malunited. The anterior instability of knee was sustained clinically.

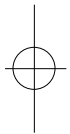
**3-B.** The anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction was performed with bone-patellar tendon-bone graft.

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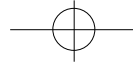


**Fig 4-A.** Radiographs showing a comminuted coronal plane fracture of the femoral medial condyle that was associated with a fracture of fibular neck and a rupture of anterior cruciate ligament.

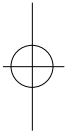
**4-B.** Radiographs of immediately after the fixation of femoral medial condyle with multiple cannulated screws and debridement of ruptured anterior cruciate ligament.

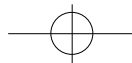


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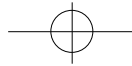
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## Abstract

## Clinical Experiences of the Femoral Unicondylar Fractures

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**Purpose** : The femoral unicondylar fractures occur less frequently than the supracondylar or intercondylar femoral fractures. We document the problems and results in the treatment of these fractures.

**Materials and Methods** : Eleven patients with minimal follow-up period of 12 months were included. In the methods of treatment, the operation with by closed or open reduction and internal fixation with screws was used for 7 cases, the conservative treatment for 4 cases. The therapeutic outcomes were rated by the Lysholm knee scoring scale.

**Results** : The concomitant injuries including neurovascular, collateral or cruciate ligaments and capsular structures of knee to ipsilateral extremity were frequent events. The therapeutic outcomes were significantly affected by associated injuries. The only 5 cases had satisfactory result by the Lysholm knee scoring scale.

**Conclusion** : These injuries have been considered to be the result of high-energy trauma on flexed knee. The open reduction and internal screw fixation of the femoral unicondylar fractures are necessary for good results because those are unstable and easily displaced. The associated disruption of the cruciate ligament was frequently associated injury and, significantly affected to the therapeutic outcome.

**Key Words** : Femur, Unicondylar fracture, Cruciate ligaments