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Preface

Plastic surgery is a visually oriented surgical specialty. Laboratory investigations may be important in preparation for, or recovery from, surgical treatment of a clinical problem – but, most often, are not crucial in making the clinical diagnosis. The majority of diagnoses are made through visual inspection. This atlas is a collection of clinical photographs depicting clinical findings which warrant a plastic surgeon's evaluation and possible surgical intervention. Accompanying each photograph (which we believe is worth a thousand words) are a few words describing the clinical problem including its typical presentation, symptoms, further diagnostic measures, treatment options, and recent references from the literature. Photographs of clinical problems are categorized by anatomic area including the face and facial skeleton, the hand, the integument, the breast, and the trunk.

The Atlas of Plastic Surgical Diagnoses is not only intended to benefit the patients of plastic surgeons in training, but also those who present to other medical and surgical practitioners for diagnosis and appropriate referral.

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To my father...

Whose strength, courage, wisdom, love and support guided me to where I am today.

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1.1 Craniofacial, Congenital

1.1.1 Deformational Plagiocephaly

(Plagiocephaly: Derived from the Greek words plagios (oblique or slant) and kephale (head)).



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History Patient presents with an acquired skull deformity, as a result of being placed in a fixed supine position for sleep.

Exam Unilateral features noted on physical examination include occipital flattening; anterior displacement of the ipsilateral ear, forehead, and zygoma; and widening of the ipsilateral palpebral fissure, causing a parallelogram-shaped cranium.

Treatment If diagnosed early, treatment that involves repeatedly repositioning the child out of the flat spot will be sufficient. Cranial-molding helmets are used for more severe cases or for those who are diagnosed late.

1.1.2 Diagnosis: Anterior Plagiocephaly (Unilateral Coronal Synostosis (UCS))



History Patients present with progressive facial deformities that are not seen with other nonsyndromic craniosynostosis.

Exam Anterior plagiocephaly is the result of unilateral coronal synostosis, characterized by superior and posterior displacement of the supraorbital rim and eyebrow on the ipsilateral side, widening of the ipsilateral palpebral fissure, frontal bossing of the contralateral side, deviation of the nasal root toward the affected side, occipital protrusion of the ipsilateral side, and flattening of the contralateral occiput.

Treatment Surgical intervention entails release of the synostosed suture with fronto-orbital advancement, usually between 3 and 6 months of age.

1.1.3 Diagnosis: Scaphocephaly (Sagittal Synostosis)



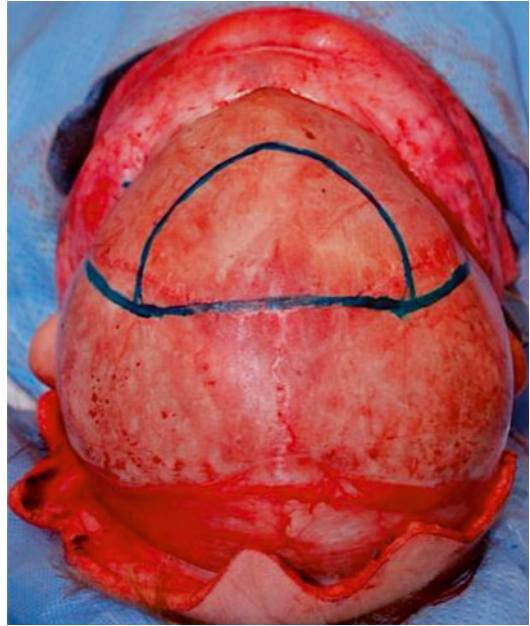
History Patients present with boat-shaped skull deformity, hence the term scaphocephaly. It is the most frequent nonsyndromic synostoses with a male predominance of 4:1.

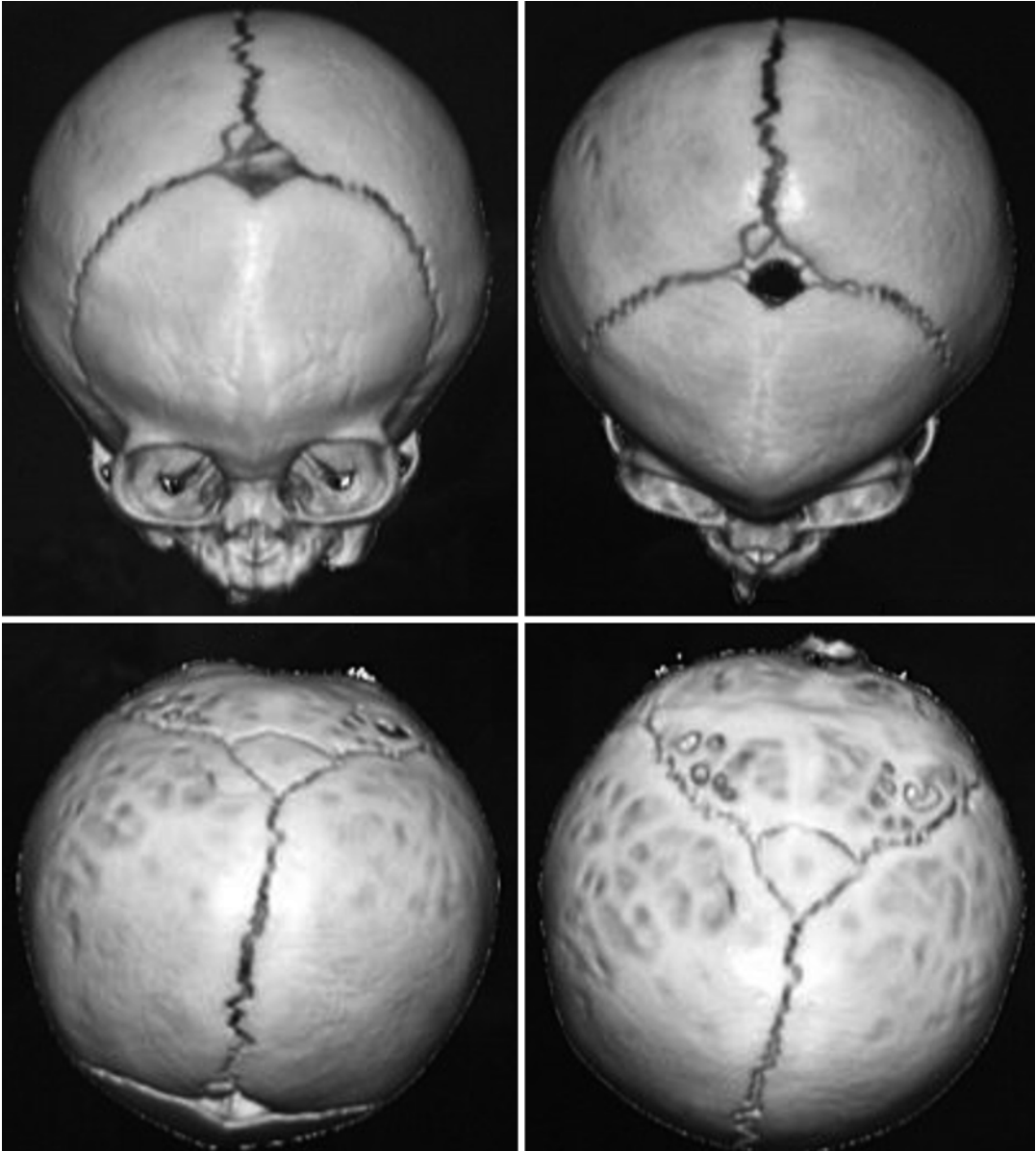
Exam The fusion of the sagittal suture impairs expansion of the skull width. The cranium is therefore long, narrow, and keel-shaped. This is accompanied by frontal and occipital bossing.

Treatment Cranial vault remodeling with barrel-staving technique and subtotal cranial vault remodeling are the main surgical options. Endoscopic correction has been described in patients between 2 and 4 months of age.



1.1.4 Diagnosis: Trigenocephaly (Metopic Synostosis)





History Patients present with triangular-shaped skull deformity when viewed from above, hence the term trigonocephaly. Metopic synostosis represents the third most common nonsyndromic synostosis with male predominance.

Exam Physical examination shows a midfrontal keel with bitemporal narrowing and orbital hypotelorism, epicanthal folds, and low nasal dorsum.

Treatment The risk for congenital and behavioral impairment is greater in metopic synostosis than in other nonsyndromic synostosis. Surgical treatment includes bifrontal craniotomy, frontal reshaping and radial osteotomies, and fronto-orbital advancement.

1.1.5 Diagnosis: Kleeblattschadel Skull Deformity



History Patient presents with a cloverleaf-shaped skull deformity (Kleeblattschadel).

Exam Kleeblattschadel skull deformity is a result of multiple-suture craniosynostoses characterized by frontal bossing, bitemporal bulging, orbital exposure, and downward displacement of the ears. Increase in intracranial pressure results in visual compromise, venous hypertension, and hindbrain herniation.

Treatment Staged calvarial decompression and remodeling are the treatment of choice.



1.1.6 Diagnosis: Turricephaly (or Oxycephaly)



History Patients present with a tall, tower-shaped skull.

Exam The vertically tall head shape, accompanied by short anterior-posterior dimension, is a result of bicoronal syndromic craniosynostoses such as Apert, Crouzon, or Pfeiffer syndromes. Other clinical findings include elevated intracra-

nial pressure, hydrocephalus, Chiari malformations, and ocular exposure.

Treatment Treatment is typically addressed before 12 months of age with resection of the suture, fronto-orbital advancement, and cranial vault remodeling, though other techniques have been described. Staged procedures may be required.

1.1.7 Diagnosis: Apert Syndrome



History It is an autosomal dominant syndrome with incidence of 1:100,000 caused by mutations in fibroblast growth factor gene 2 (FGFR2).

Exam Physical findings show significant turri-brachycephaly, proptosis, hypertelorism, and down slanting of palpebral fissures. The midface hypoplasia is accompanied by depressed nasal dorsum and septal deviation and acne. Patients also present with complex syndactyly of the hands and feet. Mental impairment is common with a high likelihood of increased ICP and cerebral palsy.

Treatment Treatment is typically addressed before 12 months of age with resection of the suture, fronto-orbital advancement, and cranial vault remodeling. Airway and visual compromise may prompt for emergent treatment. Le Fort III advancement of the midface is often performed at 6–8 years of age.

The craniofacial dysostosis syndromes have several common features: brachycephaly (premature fusion of the coronal sutures), variable severity midface hypoplasia, variable involvement of other cranial sutures, and identification of the responsible genetic mutations. Some have characteristic extremity deformities.

1.1.8 Diagnosis: Crouzon Syndrome



History It is an autosomal dominant syndrome with an incidence of 1:25,000, as a result of multiple mutations in the fibroblast growth factor receptor 2 (FGFR-2) gene.

Exam Characterized by a brachycephaly due to premature fusion of both coronal sutures, Crouzon syndrome is a frequent form of craniofacial dysostosis. Other cranial sutures may also be involved. There is also midface hypoplasia, exorbitism, and proptosis. *The extremities are normal.* These patients may also exhibit mild mental status impairment, hydrocephalus, and elevated intracranial pressure in almost half of the cases.

Treatment Surgical treatment is typically addressed before 12 months of age with resection of the suture, fronto-orbital advancement, and cranial vault remodeling. Airway and visual compromise may dictate emergent treatment. Le Fort III advancement of the midface is often performed at 6–8 years of age.

1.1.9 Diagnosis: Pfeiffer Syndrome

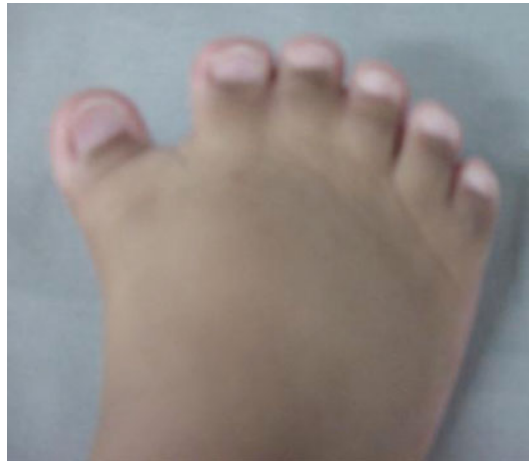


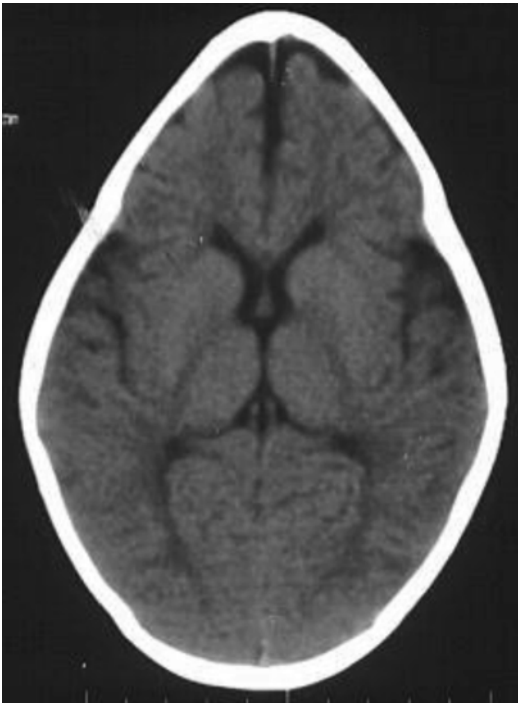
History An autosomal dominant craniosynostosis syndrome. Patients present with normal mental status in the majority of the cases.

Exam Clinical findings include turribrachycephaly with coronal or sagittal synostosis. Orbital and midface features are similar to Apert syndrome with an additional distinct findings of broad thumbs and halluces, mild simple syndactyly, and tracheal cartilage anomalies.

Treatment Cranial vault remodeling is usually performed before 18 months of age. Le Fort III advancement is indicated for those with worsening nasopharyngeal airway obstruction.

1.1.10 Diagnosis: Carpenter Syndrome





History Carpenter syndrome, also known as acrocephalopolysyndactyly type II, is a rare congenital disorder characterized by craniosynostosis and musculoskeletal abnormalities. Unlike other acrocephalosyndactylies, it is autosomal recessive and has recently been linked to mutations in RAB23 and the hedgehog signaling pathway.

Exam Craniosynostosis patterns in Carpenter syndrome are variable but often involve lambdoid, sagittal, and metopic sutures, the latter resulting in hypotelorism. There is underdevelopment of the anterior cranial fossa and expansion of the middle cranial fossa giving the classic “diamond-shaped” face originally described by Dr. Carpenter in 1909. Common limb anomalies include syndactyly and polydactyly of the hands and feet but can also include clinodactyly and brachydactyly.

Treatment Treatment of Carpenter syndrome is similar to other craniosynostotic syndromes and includes cranial vault remodeling usually between 3 and 9 months of age. Limb anomalies should also be treated as necessary as the child develops.

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1.1.11 Diagnosis: Stickler Syndrome



History Progressive autosomal dominant connective tissue disorder (collagen) with variable penetrance. It is the most common genetic syndrome associated with Pierre Robin sequence ~1–3/10,000 births.

Exam Can exhibit hypotonia, micrognathia, flat facies with mild to moderate midface hypoplasia, shallow orbits with proptosis, cleft of secondary palate, flat nasal bridge with epicanthal folds, hypermobility of joints with enlarged wrist/knee/ankle joints, scoliosis, mitral valve prolapse, hearing loss (conductive/sensorineural/mixed), retinal detachment, glaucoma, cataracts, and strabismus.

Treatment Airway maintenance for micrognathia, vigilant ophthalmic and otologic examinations for treatment of above, cleft palate repair, maxillofacial surgery, and orthodontics as needed.

1.1.12 Diagnosis: Van der Woude Syndrome

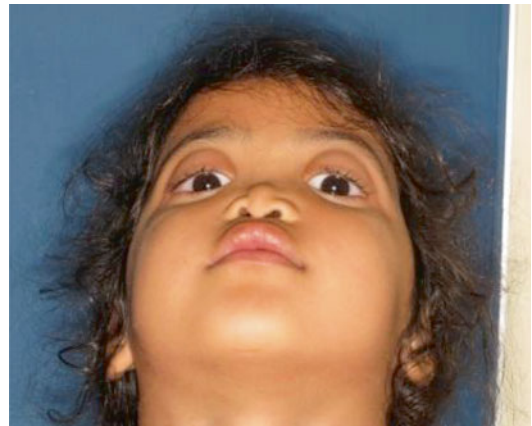


History Autosomal dominant with variable penetrance that has been linked to a mutation of interferon regulatory factor 6 (IRF6) gene on chromosome 1.

Exam Usually symmetrical bilateral paramedian sinuses or depressions of the vermilion lower lip (lip pits), possible tongue tie (short lingual frenulum), cleft lip, palate, or submucous cleft palate.

Treatment Direct excision of sinus pits and treatment of associated cleft.

1.1.13 Diagnosis: Binder Syndrome (Maxillonasal Dysplasia)



History It is generally a sporadically occurring syndrome characterized by varying degrees of nasomaxillary hypoplasia, absent anterior nasal spine, and small frontal sinuses.

Exam Midface hypoplasia; obtuse frontonasal angle; a short, vertical nose with acute nasolabial angle; and perialar and nasal tip flattening. Patient may also have class III occlusion with an anterior open bite.

Treatment Staged reconstruction during adolescence, including orthodontic treatment, possibly orthognathic surgery (Le Fort I), and eventual nasal reconstruction.

1.1.14 Diagnosis: Saethre-Chotzen (Acrocephalosyndactyly Type III)



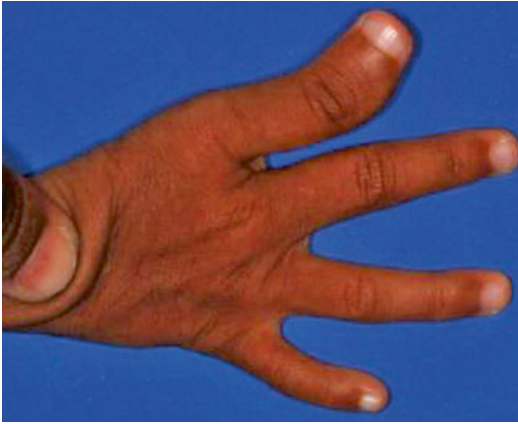
History An autosomal dominant syndrome with an incidence of 1:25,000–50,000. Patients usually present with normal mental status.

Exam Asymmetric brachycephaly, ptosis of the eyelids, antimongoloid slanting of palpebral fissures, midface hypoplasia, narrow palate, low-set hairline, and partial syndactyly.

Treatment Cranial vault remodeling with fronto-orbital advancement is the mainstay of treatment. Patients with syndactyly will also require syndactyly release.

1.1.15 Diagnosis: Nager Syndrome



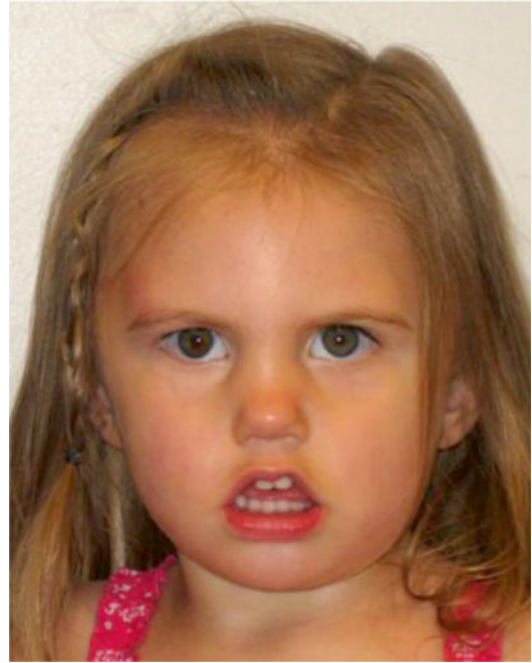


History A rare and sporadic congenital condition that involves preaxial upper limb abnormalities and mandibulofacial dysostosis.

Exam Similar craniofacial findings to Treacher Collins syndrome: mandibular, malar, and maxillary hypoplasia, colobomas, downslanting palpebral fissures, absent eyelashes medially, low-set malformed ears, and palatal defects. Airway compromise due to micrognathia and glossoptosis may occur, as well as velopharyngeal incompetence and conductive hearing loss. Although preaxial abnormalities (hypoplastic thumb/radius) are described classically, a variety to hand anomalies may occur, as well as urogenital anomalies. Patients usually have normal intelligence.

Treatment Initial management includes assessment and management of the airway (positioning, lip-tongue adhesion, tracheostomy). Management of the craniofacial anomalies may include repair of the palate, mandibular distraction osteogenesis, midface reconstruction with bone grafts or custom implants, and ear reconstruction. Directed surgical correction of the upper limb and urogenital anomalies is also done.

1.1.16 Diagnosis: Möbius Syndrome



History Möbius syndrome is a rare congenital disorder characterized by a variety of cranial nerve (CN) defects, usually the facial and abducens cranial nerve paralysis. The syndrome is usually bilateral. However, unilateral cases have been described.

Exam Diagnosis is based on physical examination alone and depends on the cranial nerve involved. As CN VI and VII are the most involved, the majority of these patients display the absence of facial expression with an inability to smile and lack of eye movement. A masked appearance, especially while crying, is typical of this syndrome.

Treatment Traditionally, local muscle transfers involving the masseter, temporalis, and the platysma have been used to restore functions lost due to facial paralysis. More recently, transfer of free neurovascularized muscle such as the free gracilis muscle transfer has been used, and it has become first line of treatment to restore partial function of the facial nerve allowing for the ability to smile, adequate excursion of the commissure, oral competence, and improved speech.

1.1.17 Diagnosis: Frontonasal Dysplasia/Median Cleft Face Syndrome

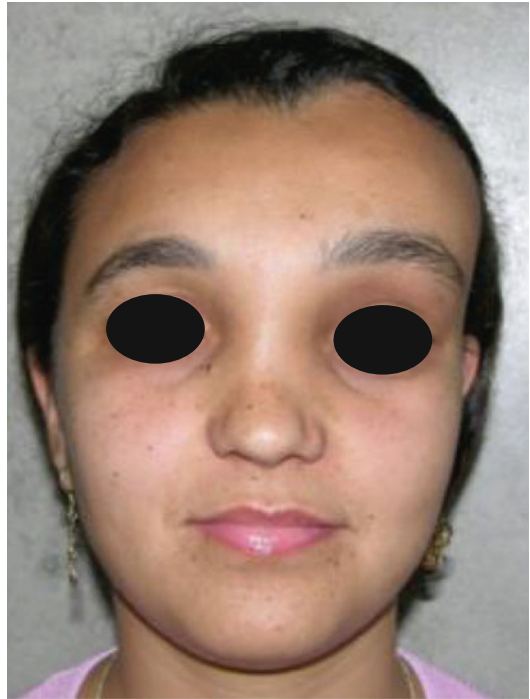


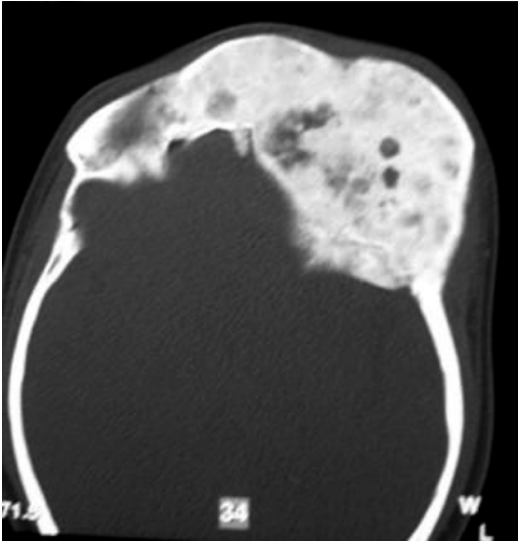
History Congenital malformation with variable degrees of severity of Tessier 0/14 median facial cleft; may be associated with other syndromes.

Exam Orbital hypertelorism, broad nasal bridge, cleft lip/palate/maxilla, bifid nose, +/- other associated anomalies (encephalocele, absent corpus callosum, ocular abnormalities, hearing loss).

Treatment Surgical treatment of hypertelorism, nasal abnormalities, and cleft lip/palate as appropriate.

1.1.18 Fibrous Dysplasia





History Patient presents with craniomaxillofacial or axial bony abnormalities.

Exam It is a progressive benign bone disorder that occurs sporadically, often presenting in late childhood or adolescence. It may be classified as monostotic, polyostotic, or a part of McCune-Albright syndrome (polyostotic fibrous dysplasia, precocious puberty, skin pigmentation). Histologically, normal bone is replaced with an unorganized mixture of fibrous connective tissue and structurally weak trabecular bone. For craniomaxillofacial involvement, thorough head and neck, ocular, and otologic examinations are performed. CT face will demonstrate a ground glass appearance of woven bone.

Treatment As this is a benign and unpredictable process, surgical management must consider the functional and aesthetic concerns of the area involved, skeletal maturity of the patient, and type of disease process (mono- vs. polyostotic). Complete resection is not always mandated, particularly if vital structures are not compromised. If subtotal resection is done, long-term monitoring is warranted, especially if the orbit is involved. Threatened optic nerves require orbital decompression. Reconstruction is tailored toward the nature of the defect and includes free tissue transfer, autologous bone grafts, as well as alloplastic materials in select cases.



1.1.19 Diagnosis: Goldenhar Syndrome



History Patients present with asymmetry of the bony and soft tissues of the face.

Exam Also known as oculo-auriculo-vertebral (OAV) syndrome, this rare congenital abnormality is a subset of hemifacial microsomia and is a result of anomalous development of the first and second branchial arch. It is characterized by epibulbar dermoid/lipodermoid/colobomas, preauricular skin tags, unilateral facial hypoplasia, unilateral macrostomia, vertebral anomalies, mandibular/maxillary hypoplasia, and/or abnormalities of internal organs.

Treatment Patients with Goldenhar syndrome should be treated in a multistage, multidisciplinary fashion with a long-term plan. Although there is no consensus on the methods of surgical treatment, priority should be given to deficits causing functional problems such as airway compromise in maxillary/mandibular hypoplasia. Commonly employed surgical options include costochondral bone grafts or classic osteotomy.



1.1.20 Diagnosis: Progressive Hemifacial Atrophy/Romberg Disease/Parry-Romberg Syndrome



History Patient presents with progressive hemifacial atrophy in the first or early second decade of life.

Exam It is a rare neurocutaneous syndrome characterized by progressive shrinkage and degeneration of progressive atrophy of skin and subcutaneous tissue within the dermatome of one of the branches of the trigeminal nerve on unilateral face (95 %) but can occasionally extend to other parts of the body. Findings include a cir-

cumscribed patch of frontal scleroderma with hair loss and a depressed linear scar extending down through the midface on the affected side, hence the term “coup de sabre.”

Treatment There is no adequate medical treatment for Parry-Romberg syndrome. After it is allowed to run its course, reconstruction options include fat injection, soft tissue augmentation with free tissue transfer, bone grafting, and orthognathic surgery as indicated.

1.1.21 Diagnosis: Unilateral Cleft Lip



History A cleft lip represents a deformity affecting the projection and outward rotation of the premaxilla with abnormal insertion of the orbicularis muscle. The incidence of cleft lip, with or without a cleft palate, is higher among Asians, males, and is most frequently found on the left

side. Cleft lips are associated with a syndrome in only 15 % of the cases.

Exam A unilateral complete cleft lip is characterized by a disruption of the lip, nostril sill, and alveolus. A unilateral incomplete cleft lip does not extend through the entire lip to the nasal floor (Simonart band). An abnormal attachment of the orbicularis oris muscles is present on both sides of the cleft. The vertical height of the lip is decreased. On the non-cleft side, the philtral column, philtral dimple, and two-thirds of Cupid's bow are preserved.

Treatment A multidisciplinary approach is needed for the care of the patient with cleft lip. Children with this condition should be assessed shortly after birth, and parents should be counseled before birth if cleft lip is suspected. Special feeding bottles and nipples are needed by the patient to ensure adequate growth and weight gain. Presurgical orthopedics such as a Latham device or nasoalveolar molding (NAM) can be used to narrow and align cleft segments. Primary cleft repair is often performed at the age of 3 months. For unilateral cleft lips, the four main techniques for repair include straight line repair (Rose-Thompson), triangular flap repair (Randall-Tennison), the rotation-advancement repair (Millard) and the anatomical subunit approximation technique (Fisher). It is common for these patients to require secondary procedures. The nasal deformity is addressed at the same time. Some recommend primary alveolar cleft repair before 2 years of age. Secondary bone grafting is recommended during age of transitional dentition (between ages 8–12). Definitive rhinoplasty is performed at adolescence.

1.1.22 Diagnosis: Bilateral Cleft Lip



History Bilateral lip deformity

Exam Bilateral cleft lip results from failure of fusion of the maxillary prominences with the medial nasal prominence. The deformity is characterized by a disruption of the lip, nostril sill, and alveolus. The unattached premaxillary segment results in varying degrees of protrusion and angulation.

Treatment As in unilateral cleft lip, treatment requires a multidisciplinary approach addressing the associated anomalies, genetic assessment, feeding techniques, and presurgical orthopedics. The timing of the repair is ideally around 3 months of age. Different techniques of repair have been described, but common principles of repair include bilateral cleft repair, reduction of the prolabium, formation of Cupid's bow and tubercle from lateral lip elements, repair of orbicularis muscle, deepening of the central gingivolabial sulcus using prolabial mucosa, and primary rhinoplasty.

1.1.23 Diagnosis: Primary Cleft Palate



History A cleft palate deformity is caused by a disruption in the migration and fusion of the medial and lateral nasal prominences of the frontonasal process with the maxillary prominence. The incidence of isolated cleft palate with associated anomalies is approximately 70 %. Patients with an untreated cleft palate will present with feeding difficulties, impaired facial growth, and speech abnormalities.

Exam The lip, alveolus, and hard palate anterior to the incisive foramen are affected.

Treatment Surgical management of a primary cleft palate requires a repair of the anterior hard palate. A two-flap palatoplasty is preferred with bilateral mucoperiosteal flaps based on the greater palatine arteries. The flaps will extend to the cleft margin and provide adequate tissue coverage with tension-free closure.

1.1.24 Diagnosis: Submucous Cleft



History Submucous cleft palate occurs in 1:10,000–1:20,000 births. Patients often present because of velopharyngeal insufficiency and other speech/resonance disorders. Initial evaluation focuses on extent of nasal air flow escape and speech difficulties. Results of these studies are used to guide treatment.

Exam The classical form of submucous cleft is defined by the presence of the following anatomical features: (1) a bifid or distorted uvula, (2) a bony notch at the back of the hard palate, and (3) a translucent zone in the midline of the soft palate due to separation of normally fused muscles. Occult forms may exist that lack these clinical findings, but the patient presents with velopharyngeal insufficiency.

Treatment The goal of treatment centers on establishment of velopharyngeal competence. Surgical treatment includes palatal-lengthening procedures, repositioning of the levator muscles of the velum and sphincter, or pharyngoplasty. Techniques that have been described include Furlow Z-plasty, Wardill technique, minimal incision palatopharyngoplasty, and variations of the above.

1.1.25 Diagnosis: Alveolar Cleft



History Patient presents with a gap in the alveolus.

Exam An alveolar cleft or gap is the result of abnormal primary palate formation during weeks 4–12 of gestation. Alveolar gap can be unilateral/bilateral, and it may or may not be associated with a palatal defect. This defect is also associated with mostly anterior nasal septal deviation, which is more extreme and posterior as well when associated with a palate defect. Exam should also include a hearing exam.

Treatment The rationale for closure of alveolar clefts includes stabilizing the maxillary arch, permitting support for tooth eruption, eliminating oronasal fistulae, and providing improved aesthetic results. Surgical treatment includes (1) appropriate flap design, (2) wide exposure, (3) nasal floor reconstruction, (4) closure of oronasal fistula, (5) packing bony defect with cancellous bone, and (6) coverage of bone graft with gingival mucoperiosteal flaps. Orthodontic preparation may be required for certain alveolar clefts. Surgery should be performed prior to permanent teeth eruption.

1.1.26 Diagnosis: Pierre Robin Sequence



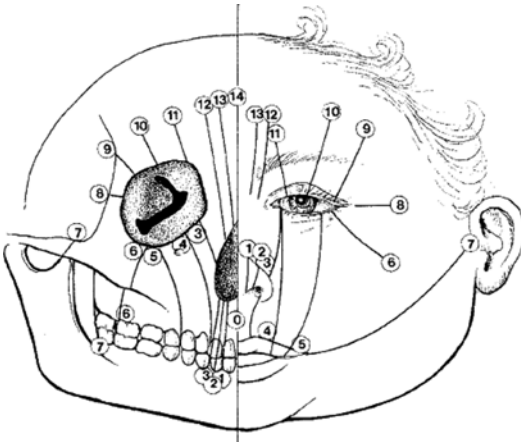
History A sequence of events that occur secondary to a small mandible and includes: glossoptosis, cleft palate, and possible airway obstruction.

Exam Micrognathia, retrodisplaced tongue, possible cleft palate (often U shaped), and possible difficulty breathing. Must rule out other associated syndromes: Stickler, velocardiofacial, Treacher Collins, hemifacial microsomia, trisomy 18, and Nager.

Treatment Successful management of airway includes prone or semi-prone positioning (70 %), nasopharyngeal airway, palatal plates, tongue-lip adhesion, or a short course of intubation. Tracheostomy may be required in severe cases (~10 %), and mandibular distraction is reserved for refractory ventilator-dependent patients. Cleft palate repair as per protocol.

1.1.27 Diagnosis: Craniofacial Clefts





History Patient presents with anatomic distortions of the face and cranium with deficiencies in a linear pattern.

Exam Craniofacial clefts exist in a multitude of locations with varying degrees of severity. In the Tessier classification, clefts are numbered from 0 to 14. The orbits separate the cranial clefts (8–14) from the facial clefts (0–7). The clefts are numbered so that the facial and the cranial component of the cleft always add up to 14. Tessier cleft number 7 is the lateral-most craniofacial cleft. CT scan is obtained to evaluate underlying skeletal deformities.

Treatment Treatment of craniofacial clefts requires a multidisciplinary approach. Timing of surgery depends on severity of the problem. Functional problems like ocular exposure are treated early. Cranial defects and soft tissue clefts are usually corrected during infancy. Midface reconstruction and bone grafting are performed around 6–9 years of age. Orthognathic procedures are deferred until skeletal maturity.

Photos showing examples of facial clefts.

1.1.28 Diagnosis: Treacher Collins Syndrome



History A common autosomal dominant bilateral craniofacial cleft syndrome with an incidence of 1:10,000. Initially described by Treacher Collins in 1900, it has later been recognized as a combination of Tessier cleft numbers 6, 7, and 8.

Exam Multiple facial findings of malar and mandibular bone hypoplasia, colobomas, and lower lid retraction with an antimongoloid slant as the lateral canthus is displaced inferiorly. Loss of facial width with the absence of the zygomatic arch and hypoplasia of the temporalis muscle and ear abnormalities.

Treatment Given the narrow pharyngeal size and mandibular hypoplasia, airway management is imperative. Facial reconstruction may occur which includes eyelid reconstruction for colobomas, distraction osteogenesis for mandibular hypoplasia, skeletal augmentation, and orthognathic surgery.

1.1.29 Diagnosis: Prominent Ear



History A congenital ear deformity that results from embryonic arrest during the final convolutions of the ear, with failure of folding of the antihelix.

Exam The most common feature of a prominent ear is the effacement of the antihelical fold with a conchoscaphal angle $>90^\circ$. Other features include conchal hypertrophy defined as a deep conchal bowl with excessive height of the conchal wall >1.5 cm.

Treatment Many authors advocate combining techniques to minimize relapse. Commonly used techniques for the antihelical fold deformity are the conchoscaphal suture technique (Mustarde), antihelical scoring (Stenstrom), or antihelical excision (Luckett). The conchal bowl hypertrophy is managed with conchomastoid suture technique (Furnas) or conchal bowl excision (Davis).

1.1.30 Cryptotia



History An abnormal adherence of the superior ear to the temporal skin with varying degrees of severity. Cryptotia is commonly seen in Asians with an incidence of 1:400. The deformity is bilateral in 40 % of the cases with the right ear being more affected than the left.

Exam Cartilaginous malformation in the scaphal-antihelix complex with loss of the post-auricular sulcus definition.

Treatment Splinting in the neonatal period can be effective. Surgical intervention requires division of the abnormally positioned transverse and oblique ear muscles. The surgically created retro-auricular sulcus is then covered with a skin graft.

1.1.31 Microtia



History It is the most common major congenital anomaly of the external ear. The etiology is likely a result of in utero tissue ischemia secondary to obliteration of the stapedia artery or actual hemorrhage into the local tissues. Microtia is also associated with several craniofacial syndromes. The classification system is based on a gradient from mild ear deformity to total absence of the external ear (anotia).

Exam Grade I: The pinna is mildly deformed and smaller than normal.

- Grade II: The pinna is smaller than in grade II. The helix may not be fully developed. The triangular fossa, scaphae, and antihelix have much less definition.
- Grade III: The pinna is essentially absent, except for a vertical sausage-shaped skin remnant. The superior aspect of this sausage-shaped skin remnant consists of underlying unorganized cartilage, and the inferior aspect of this remnant consists of a relatively well-formed lobule.
- Grade IV: Total absence of the pinna.

Treatment Staged reconstruction of the external ear begins with excision of the remnant cartilaginous component and placement of a cartilagenous framework made of rib grafts. In subsequent procedures, the lobule and tragus are reconstructed. Creation of a post-auricular sulcus then follows with placement of a skin graft. Surgical management of the middle ear should be delayed until after the auricle is reconstructed.

1.1.32 Stahl's Ear



History A congenital hereditary auricular deformity of the helical rim commonly found in patients of Asian descent. Stahl's ear deformity, first described in the nineteenth century, is also known as "Spock's ear."

Exam The deformed ear is recognized by the presence of an abnormal cartilaginous pleat, known as the third crus, which extends from the antihelix to the edge of the helix. In addition, a flat helix and an anomalous scaphoid are present.

Treatment In the neonatal age, it can be treated with splinting given the pliability of the cartilage found in the early months of life. Surgical management is indicated for children and young adults. Operative techniques include wedge excision of the third crus, third crus helical advancement, Z-plasty, cartilage reversal, or periosteal tethering.

1.1.33 Cup/Constricted Ear



History Constricted ear anomalies can be categorized as either lop or cup ear deformities. The lop ear is a malformed auricle with an acute

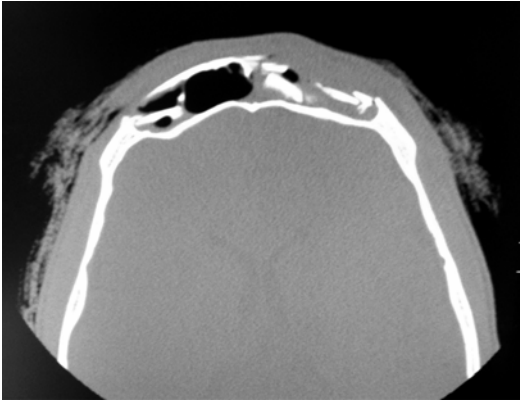
downward folding of the superior ear. A cup ear is a malformed ear that combines the features of a lop ear and a protruding ear.

Anatomy/Exam In a lop ear, the folding or deficiency is in the helix and scapha at the level of Darwin's tubercle. Malformed superior crus of the antihelix may also be present. The features of a cup ear are overdeveloped, cup-shaped concha, a deficient superior aspect of the helical margin and antihelical crus, and a small vertical height.

Treatment In cases of helical involvement only, the folded helix is detached and reattached in an upright position. Scaphal involvement is treated with the use of local tissues such as banner flaps of cartilage and skin flaps from the medial surface of the ear. In severe cases involving the antihelix and conchal wall, Kislov's technique is utilized with unfurling of the superior pole, the use of remnant tissue for the middle portion of the ear, and contralateral conchal cartilage for missing tissue.

1.2 Craniofacial, Trauma

1.2.1 Frontal Sinus Fracture



History Severe trauma to the head and/or face.

Exam Lacerations, palpable step-offs, or contour irregularities of the forehead should prompt for a craniomaxillofacial CT scan (1.5 mm cuts) with axial and sagittal views. Key features of the

fracture are the degree of comminution, displacement of the anterior and/or posterior tables, and involvement of the frontal sinus outflow tract (FSOT or nasofrontal duct). Nasal discharge may be present, and CSF leak should be ruled out with beta-transferrin.

Treatment Depends on the characteristics of the fracture with the goal of minimizing contour deformities and late complications (mucocele, osteomyelitis, epidural abscess, CSF leak, etc.). *Observation* is acceptable for minimally displaced anterior or posterior wall fractures without FSOT involvement or CSF leak. *Open reduction and fixation* of anterior table fractures with microplates are done for anterior wall irregularities. For fractures that involve the anterior wall and FSOT, *obliteration* of the sinus and outflow tract (with bone, fat, pericranial flap), exenteration of all sinus mucosa, and plating of anterior wall are done. CSF leak and severe bone loss require *cranialization* of the frontal sinus where the posterior table is removed, in addition to obliteration of the sinus.

1.2.2 Orbital Floor: Blow-Out Fracture



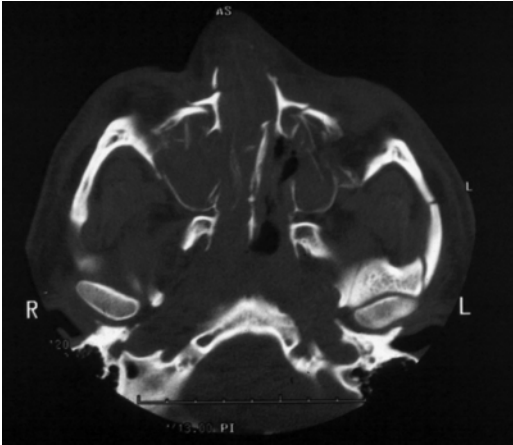
History Periorbital trauma and possible diplopia.

Physical Exam Periorbital edema/ecchymosis. Swelling may mask enophthalmos, which may be severe enough to result in proptosis and possible diplopia. Forced duction test will differentiate swelling from entrapment of extraocular muscles. Blow-out fractures involve isolated fractures of the orbital walls—typically the floor and medial wall. *CT face will show* displacement of the orbital floor into maxillary sinus with herniation of orbital contents.

Treatment Preoperative ophthalmic exam is warranted to rule out globe injury. Thin cut CT with axial, coronal, and sagittal views define extent of injury and need for repair. Operative repair is performed to restore orbital anatomy and avoid enophthalmos.

1.2.3 NOE Fracture





History Central midface impact.

Physical Exam Periorbital edema/ecchymosis, subconjunctival hematoma, telecanthus, shortened palpebral fissures, epiphora, and displaced nasal bridge (saddle nose deformity).

X-Ray Exam Displacement of canthal bearing bone segments.

Treatment Surgical goals include restoration of the intercanthal distance, palpebral shape, nasal projection/width/height/length, and ORIF of fractured segment(s) to adjacent stable bone. Intercanthal wires must be placed superior and posterior to the lacrimal fossa.

1.2.4 Nasal Fractures



History Trauma to the nose; determine age of injury and prior nasal surgery.

Exam Epistaxis, bony crepitus, periorbital ecchymosis, asymmetries or step-offs, and septal deviation. Must rule out a septal hematoma, and evaluate bony and cartilaginous nasal septum and vault.

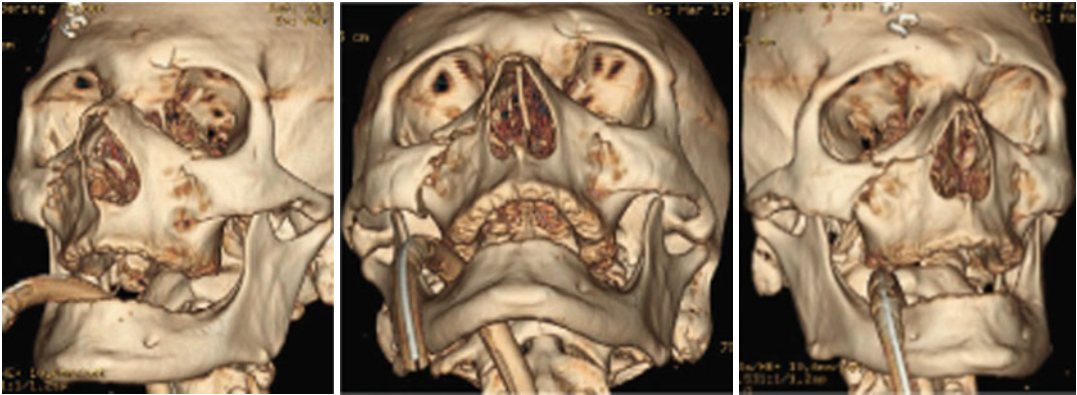
Treatment Septal hematomas are drained immediately to avoid long-term sequelae, especially necrosis. Closed nasal reduction is successful in most isolated nasal bone fractures and is best done within 7–10 days post-injury when most edema has resolved. Obtain pre-injury photos if possible.

1.2.5 Maxillary Fractures

1.2.5.1 Le Fort 1



1.2.5.2 Le Fort 2



History Facial trauma.

Exam Midface instability, malocclusion, trismus, enophthalmos, restricted ocular movement, V2 paresthesia, loss of facial projection/height, increased facial width, and CSF leak. Maxillofacial CT with three views (axial, sagittal, coronal) and 3D reconstruction will show type of Le Fort fracture on *each side*, as bilateral Le Fort fractures at the same level are less common.

Treatment Initial control of airway and hemorrhage is paramount, followed by a coordinated operative plan with concomitant injuries. Operative goals are restoration of dental occlusion, facial height/width/projection, and orbital anatomy. Nasotracheal intubation, dental splints, and multiple approaches to the facial skeleton may be necessary.

1.2.6 Mandibular Fractures: Parasympyseal



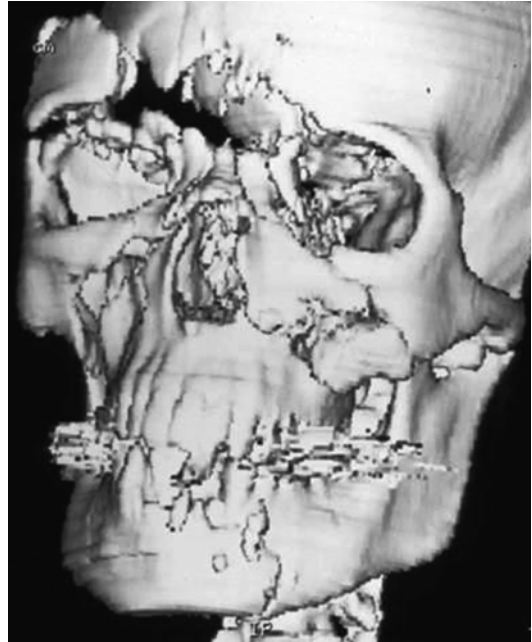
History Trauma to the lower face and malocclusion.

Physical Exam Intraoral lacerations, palpable bony step-offs or mobility, malocclusion, diminished range of motion, crossbite, anterior or posterior open bite, and V3 paresthesia.

X-Ray Exam Imaging should include maxillofacial CT (with axial, coronal, and 3D reconstruction views) and/or plain X-rays (panoramic and posteroanterior views).

Treatment Depends on fracture location and pattern (unstable/stable, comminuted, etc.) and occlusion. Simple, non-displaced, stable fractures with pre-injury occlusion are managed with soft diet. Minimally displaced condylar or subcondylar fractures may be treated with intermaxillary fixation (arch bars/IMF screws). ORIF is needed for more significant fractures of the body, ramus, angle, parasympyseal/symphyseal, bilateral subcondylar, or dislocation of the condyle into the middle cranial fossa. Severely contaminated and/or comminuted fractures may require external fixation.

1.2.7 PAN Face Fracture



History Severe trauma to the craniofacial skeleton involving the upper, middle, and lower face.

Exam Any combination of the previously mentioned findings of facial fractures. Obtain maxillofacial CT with axial, coronal, sagittal, and 3D reconstruction views.

Treatment Stability of airway, hemorrhage, and concomitant injuries is a priority. Preoperative planning, based on CT imaging, ensures a methodical sequence of fracture ORIF.

1.2.8 Orbital Cellulitis



History

History of trauma, orbital surgery, or sinusitis.

Physical Exam: Periorbital Swelling and Erythema Sinus, eye, and orbital abscess aspirates yielded the greatest number of positive cul-

tures, though these invasive surgical procedures should be performed only when clinically indicated. Blood cultures have a low yield.

Treatment

Staphylococcus and *Streptococcus* species are the most common pathogens. The occurrence of MRSA in pediatric orbital cellulitis is increasing; therefore, empiric intravenous antimicrobial therapy should be directed against these organisms. Prompt recognition and early aggressive treatment to control the spread of infection is crucial in preventing complications such as permanent visual loss, diplopia, ophthalmoplegia, optic neuropathy, central retinal artery occlusion, cavernous sinus thrombosis, meningitis, intracranial abscess formation, and septic embolus.

1.2.9 Cauliflower Ear



History A deformity commonly seen as a result of repeated trauma to the ear with multiple episodes of hematoma formation. Subperichondrial bleeding on the anterior surface of the ear leads to new cartilage formation within the confines of the perichondrium.

Exam The auricle appears curled and thickened.

Treatment Open drainage of the hematoma and total excision of the fibrocartilaginous layer and perichondrium with skin closure under a bolster dressing.



1.2.10 Entropion



History Entropion is defined as the inward rolling of the eyelid margins (usually the lower lid). Entropion can be acquired (involutional, cicatricial) or congenital. Patients usually present with symptoms of excessive tearing and irritation.

Exam The findings of lower eyelid margin inversion, scleral show, and horizontal lid laxity are indicative of involutional entropion. Lid tightness with shortening of the posterior lamella is consistent with cicatricial entropion. Trichiasis will develop when the lid margin is overly rotated causing the lower lid lashes to rub against the sclera. Involutional ectropion can be confused with involutional entropion because of the lower lid laxity that is present in both states. The two can be distinguished with animation of the orbicularis oculi muscle. Inversion of the lower lid occurs on attempted eyelid closure in involutional entropion.

Treatment Involutional entropion repair can be achieved with shortening or repositioning of the lower lid. Cicatricial entropion of the posterior lamella can be improved with placement of a spacer graft.

1.2.11 Ectropion



History Ectropion is the outward turning of the eyelid (usually the lower eyelid) such that the inner surface is exposed. Patients usually present with symptoms of dryness, tearing, and irritation

of the eye. Causal factors leading to ectropion are involutional, congenital, or cicatricial. Paralysis and loss of orbicularis muscle tone or neoplasm within the lower eyelid can also lead to the pulling of the eyelid away from the globe.

Exam Eversion of the eyelid along with findings of abnormal snap-back test and distraction test suggests horizontal lid laxity (involutional ectropion). Vertical shortening of the eyelid is likely due to a congenital deformity or scarring from a burn or iatrogenic causes.

Treatment Early treatment of ectropion with scleral show consists of massaging of the eyelids and artificial tears. Surgical management of involutional ectropion includes a horizontal lid shortening procedure, a canthopexy or a canthoplasty, and possibly a midface cheek suspension. Anterior lamellar deficiencies are corrected with a full-thickness skin graft.

1.2.12 Enophthalmos



History Enophthalmos is the recession of the ocular globe within the bony orbit. The most common cause is inadequate treatment of orbital fractures where the orbital floor is disrupted and the globe is displaced inferiorly.

Exam Malpositioning of the globe results in dystopia (also seen in the photo). Recession of the globe causes the lower lid to invert and appear entropic. Pseudoptosis is present when the upper lid is poorly suspended over the globe. Hertel exophthalmometry is used to determine the degree of globe recession. Two mm of enophthalmos is clinically detectable, and more than 5 mm is disfiguring.

Treatment The goal in posttraumatic enophthalmos correction is restoration of the internal orbital volume to its pre-injury state. Internal orbital reconstruction is achieved with various biological or alloplastic implants, including anatomic pre-bent implants that are designed to conform to the contour of the orbit.

1.2.13 Chemosis



History Chemosis represents edema of the conjunctiva from irritation of the eye. It results from iatrogenic causes, trauma, viral infection, or various other medical conditions. In the surgical patient, the cause is multifactorial including exposure, periorbital edema, and postoperative lymphatic dysfunction with obstruction of the surrounding lymphatic channels. Chemosis can cause persistent discomfort and aggravation in the postoperative period following surgery of the eyelids.

Exam Chemosis can present intraoperatively or postoperatively with swelling of the palpebral and bulbar conjunctiva. In severe cases it can prohibit complete lid closure, leading to chemosis-induced lagophthalmos or even chemosis-associated lower lid malposition.

Treatment Successful treatment exists along a continuum from liberal lubrication, ophthalmic steroid preparations, ocular decongestants, eye patching, to minor surgical procedures such as drainage conjunctivotomy and temporary tarsorrhaphy. In all cases, chemosis ultimately resolves.

1.2.14 Retrobulbar Hematoma



History Retrobulbar hematoma is an accumulation of extravagated blood behind the globe. The clinical symptom of acute orbital hemorrhage is rapid onset of pain.

Exam Clinical findings include proptosis that is usually accompanied by eyelid ecchymosis, globe induration, dilated pupils, tenderness, and possible vision loss.

Treatment Retrobulbar hemorrhage is a medical and surgical emergency that must be treated immediately to prevent blindness. A hematoma without visual impairment is managed by decompression via existing incisions, exploration, and evacuation of the hematoma. If visual impairment is present, it is recommended to perform surgical decompression including lateral canthotomy, reduction of intraocular pressure with mannitol and acetazolamide, and administration of 95 % O₂/5 % CO₂.

1.2.15 Superior Orbital Fissure Syndrome

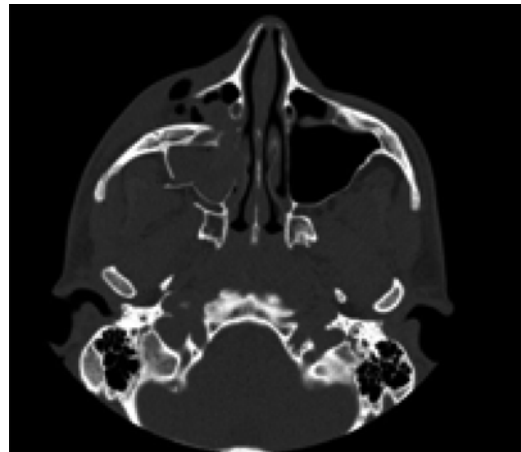


History A superior orbital fissure syndrome is caused by a high-velocity injury to the orbit with an extension of an orbital fracture into the superior orbital fissure. The characteristics of superior orbital fissure syndrome are attributable to a constellation of cranial nerve III, IV, and VI palsies.

Exam Affected patients have paralysis of the extraocular muscles and the levator palpebrae superioris muscle (lid ptosis). In addition, loss of reflex and accommodation to direct light, loss of corneal reflex, and a fixed dilated pupil are part of the syndrome. Anesthesia of the forehead is present when the trigeminal nerve (V_1) is involved.

Treatment Supportive care and observation are the mainstay of treatment. Decompression of the optic nerve is controversial.

1.2.16 Zygomaticomaxillary Complex (ZMC) Fracture



History Midfacial trauma.

Exam Depressed malar eminence (flattening), altered facial width, periorbital ecchymosis/edema, enophthalmos, proptosis, palpable orbital rim step-offs, paresthesia in the infraorbital nerve (V_2) distribution, trismus, diplopia, and restricted ocular movement.

Treatment Non-displaced or minimally displaced ZMC fractures can be managed nonoperatively. Significantly displaced ZMC fractures require open reduction internal fixation via multiple approaches to restore facial width, projection, and height as well as orbital volume. Oftentimes after reduction of the ZMC fracture, an orbital floor defect will be revealed that requires repair. Zygomaticosphenoid suture (lateral orbital wall) provides the best guide to anatomic reduction.

1.2.17 Facial Nerve Injury

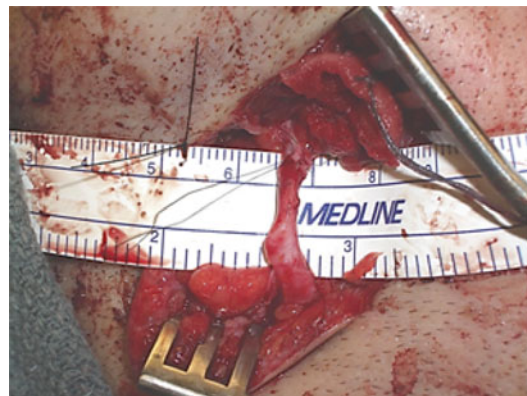
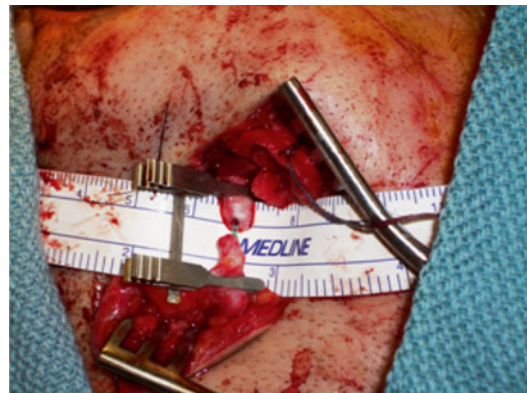


History Facial nerve injury is a devastating result of a multitude of processes which can be categorized as congenital, idiopathic, traumatic, neoplastic, or inflammatory. The resulting sequela can include exposure keratitis, drooling, and speech and swallowing difficulties. The psychosocial effects of the resulting facial paralysis can be incapacitating to patients.

Exam Patients display a lack of tone in addition to no movement on the affected side of the face. The House-Brackmann grading scale can provide objective description of the degree of facial paralysis. Careful inspection for signs of exposure keratitis, ability to close the eye, and the presence or absence of a Bell phenomenon is important.

Treatment A multitude of procedures are available for repair of the facial nerve, including direct repair, nerve grafting, and nerve crossover techniques. Facial nerve decompression for cases of intact but damaged nerves offers another option. Muscle transfers offer another treatment modality when reinnervation is not possible.

1.2.18 Parotid Injury



History Traumatic facial wound.

Exam Injuries to the parotid gland and its duct are usually associated with traumatic facial wounds and may be accompanied by damage to the facial nerve. Failure to recognize these injuries may lead to sequela such as sialocele or parotid fistula development. Classification of

parotid injuries has been described: within the gland (region A), over the masseter muscle (region B), and from the masseter muscle to entry of the oral cavity (region C). In penetrating injuries occurring along a line drawn from the tragus to the midportion of the upper lip, parotid duct injury should be suspected. The duct can be cannulated or injected with saline or methylene blue to rule out injury.

Treatment Early treatment of parotid gland and duct injuries is ideal and should be directed by the injury region. Glandular injuries can be closed primarily with or without duct stenting. Parotid duct injury treatment should be repaired over a stent. Injury to the duct orifice can be treated by drain placement.

1.3 Craniofacial, Orthognathic

1.3.1 Microgenia



History Congenital hereditary deficient chin. It can be combined with mandibular retrognathia/prognathia.

Exam Deficient bony structure of the chin. However, the patient is usually in class I occlusion.

Surgical Treatment Genioplasty or chin implant.

1.3.2 Prenormal Skeletal and Dental Relationship (Angle Class II)



History Class II can happen as a result of one or more from the following:

1. Congenital hereditary retrognathic mandible
2. Congenital hereditary prognathic maxilla
3. History of mandibular trauma affected on condylar growth
4. Any syndromic or pathological conditions which cause deficient mandibular growth

Exam Dentally: Molars and canines are in class II occlusion: The buccal groove of the mandibular first molar is distal to the mesiobuccal cusp of the maxillary first molar. There is increased facial convexity (convex profile) with retrognathic mandible and/or prognathic maxilla.

Surgical Treatment Based on patient exam, surgery can be one of the following:

- Single jaw orthognathic surgery: Advancing the mandible forward
- Double jaw orthognathic surgery: Advancing the mandible forward through bilateral sagittal split osteotomy in addition to a Le Fort I osteotomy setting back the maxilla



1.3.3 Postnormal Skeletal and Dental Relationship (Angle Class III)



History A class III can happen as a result of one or more from the following:

1. Congenital hereditary prognathic mandible
2. Congenital hereditary deficient maxilla/midface
3. History of facial trauma-affected maxillary growth
4. Any syndromic or pathological conditions which cause excess mandibular growth or deficient maxillary growth



Exam Dentally: Molars and canines are in class III occlusion: The buccal groove of the mandibular first molar is mesial to the mesiobuccal cusp of the maxillary first molar. The facial profile is termed prognathic. There is decreased facial convexity (straight or concave profile) due to prognathic mandible and/or deficient maxilla.

Surgical Treatment Based on patient exam, surgery can be one of the following:

- Single jaw: Setting back the mandible
- Double jaw: Setting back the mandible and Le Fort I, II, or III advancing the maxilla forward

1.3.4 Skeletal Deep Bite



History This can happen as a result of one or more from the following:

1. Severe forward mandibular rotation (counterclockwise)
2. Forward rotation of the maxilla (clockwise)



Exam Dentally: Severe deep bite (increased overbite).

Skeletally: Short lower face. Decreased MM angle (maxillary and mandibular planes are almost parallel).

Surgical Treatment Based on patient exam, surgery can be one of the following:

- Single jaw orthognathic surgery
- Double jaw orthognathic surgery



1.3.5 Open Bite



History Any congenital or developmental condition that cause one or more of the following:

1. Severe backward mandibular rotation (Clockwise).
2. Backward rotation of the maxilla (Counter-clockwise).

Exam Dentally: Open bite (lack of overbite).
Skeletally: Long lower face. Increased MM angle.

Surgical Treatment Posterior maxillary impaction.

1.3.6 Vertical Maxillary Excess (Gummy Smile)



History Forward rotation of the maxilla (clockwise).

Exam Dentally: Increased gingival show in smiling.

Skeletally: Long lower face.

Treatment In minor cases, using botulinum toxin to stop the action of the lip levators might be sufficient. In more advanced cases, surgical intervention might be needed through orthognathic surgery, mainly with anterior impaction of the maxilla.

Note: Gummy smile can be a result of short upper lip (soft tissue problem).

1.3.7 Skeletal Posterior Crossbite



History Developmental or hereditary skeletal narrow maxilla.

Exam Dentally: Posterior teeth in crossbite.

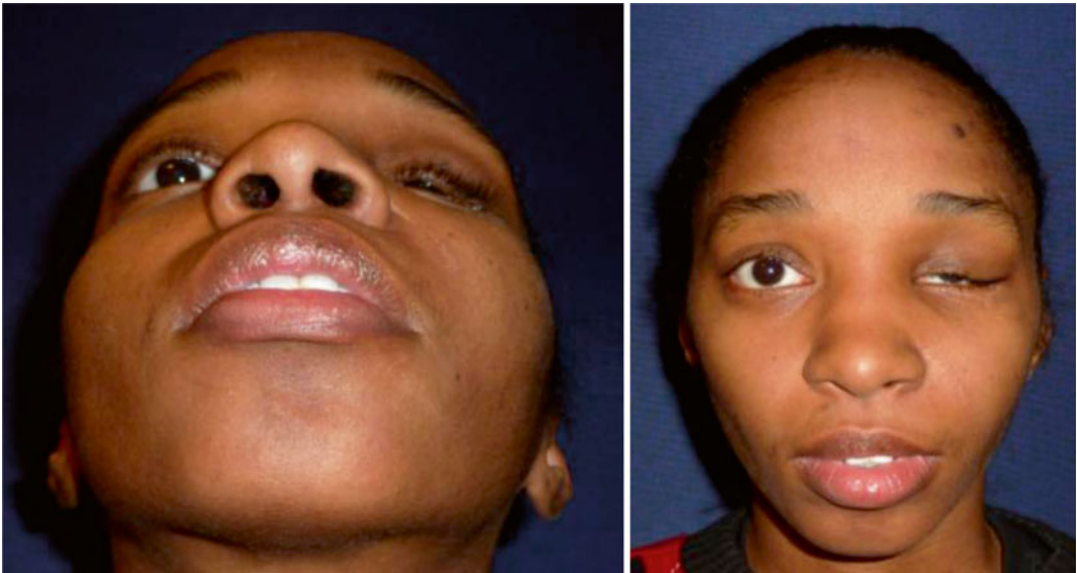
Skeletally: Skeletally narrow maxilla.

Surgical Treatment Expanding the maxilla surgically can be achieved by one of the following procedures:

- Three-piece maxilla Le Fort I (if the maxilla has anterior-posterior or vertical skeletal problems with the transverse problem)
- Surgically assisted rapid palatal expansion (SARPE), if skeletal width deficiency is the only skeletal problem in the maxilla

1.4 Craniofacial, Aesthetic

1.4.1 Eyelid Ptosis



History The most common cause of ptosis in the elderly is senile ptosis characterized by dehiscence of the levator aponeurosis. Other causes are congenital, as seen in young patients, or neurogenic. Neurogenic causes include myasthenia gravis (MG) presenting as unilateral or bilateral ptosis exaggerated with fatigue or as part of Horner's syndrome in which loss of sympathetic innervations of the cervical ganglion.

Exam Evaluation of the margin crease distance (MCD), the levator function, and the degree of ptosis (margin reflex distance) is essential. In senile ptosis, patients have a positive Nesi sign (the iris shadow is visualized with eyelid closure) and elevation of the supratarsal crease. In con-

genital ptosis, patients have a moderate-to-severe sagging of the eyelids with absence of the eyelid crease. Pharmacologic testing with neostigmine establishes the diagnosis of MG. In Horner's syndrome, patients present with ptosis, miosis, and anhidrosis.

Treatment Severe ptosis with poor levator function is managed surgically with a frontalis sling. Moderate ptosis with levator dehiscence is treated with a levator resection and suspension procedure. Mild cases of ptosis with a good levator excursion can benefit from a mullerectomy or a tarsoconjunctival resection procedure. Myasthenia gravis is treated medically with cholinesterase inhibitors.

1.4.2 Dermatochalasis

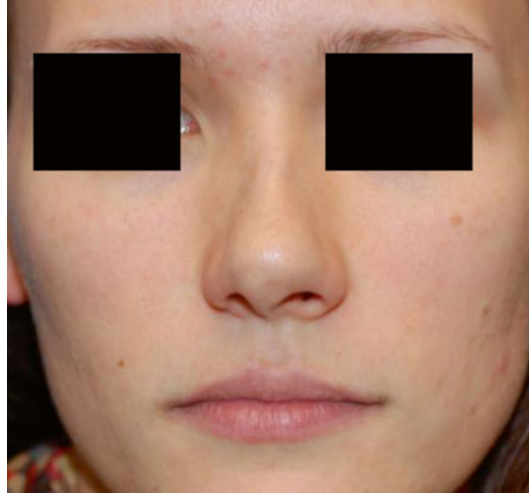


History Beer first described the condition of excess upper eyelid skin that is now known as dermatochalasis. This cosmetic deformity is common in middle age with loss of elasticity secondary to the aging process. It should not be confused with blepharochalasis, a condition caused by repeated episodes of extreme eyelid edema resulting in chronic puffy eyelids.

Exam Baggy eyelids with skin redundancy and hooding of the upper eyelids bilaterally.

Treatment Rejuvenation of the upper eyelids is achieved with a blepharoplasty procedure, combining a muscle with skin or skin only excision. Management of the distended orbital fat compartments involves a conservative excision of the adipose tissue in order to avoid the appearance of a hallowed orbit.

1.4.3 Inverted V Deformity



History A patient with a history of rhinoplasty presents with narrowing or collapse of the lateral walls, resulting in a visible inverted V deformity together with nasal airway obstruction.

Exam It is the result of avulsion of the upper lateral cartilages or excessive removal of the transverse portion of the upper lateral cartilage during dorsal septal resection. The internal nasal valve function is compromised as well. A Cottle maneuver significantly improves the patient's breathing.

Treatment Surgical management by placement of spreader grafts will correct the deformity as well as maintain patency of the internal valve.

1.4.4 Supratip/Pollybeak Deformity



History A patient presents with a nasal deformity where the nasal tip is pushed down.

Exam A supratip/pollybeak deformity (or a parrot's beak) is characterized by supratip fullness from inadequate resection of the lower dorsal septum or over-resection of the supratip structures with subsequent scar tissue formation. The nasal supratip assumes a convex shape in relation to the nasal dorsum. This fullness, just cephalad to the tip, distorts the dorsal aesthetic lines and obscures tip definition.

Treatment Immediate postoperative fullness is managed with compressive taping. Steroid injections can be helpful in cases of persistent fullness following a period of taping. Fullness resistant to conservative therapy can be offered surgery but not until at least 1 year after the initial surgery. When over-resection is the cause, increasing tip projection with cartilage grafts can correct the deformity.

1.4.5 Rocker Deformity



History A deformity of the nasal radix resulting from the medial osteotomy following an inward curve and ending in the thick bone of the nasal root. As the osteotome travels more cephalad into the root, the thicker the nasal bone, the more difficult it is to outfracture. The highly placed medial osteotomy that connects with the lateral osteotomy allows a heavy upper nasal bone to be included in the lateral segment, causing the caudal ends of the nasal bones to migrate medially and the upper portion to “rock out.”

Exam The upper dorsum appears wider with the fulcrum of the deformity in the thick, immobile radix.

Treatment In order to avoid a “rocker deformity,” the medial osteotomy is canted in a superior oblique manner, taking care not to extend above the intercanthal line. By reaching close enough to the lateral osteotomy, the intervening bone can be greenstick fractured at the intercanthal line.

1.4.6 Dorsal Hump



History A patient presents with convex nasal deformity at the nasal dorsum.

Exam A dorsal hump refers to the presence of convexity at the nasal dorsum, producing an aesthetic deformity. It may be due to cartilage or nasal bone or a combination of both. In women, an aesthetic nasal dorsum lies 2 mm behind a line drawn from the radix to the tip defining point, and therefore, a convexity in this location is not ideal.

Treatment The skin and soft tissue envelope is dissected in the suprapericondrial plane so as to

expose the upper lateral cartilage (ULCs). Once the bony pyramid is encountered, dissection is continued in the subperiosteal plane to expose the area of the dorsal hump. Next, the ULC is separated from the septum. The dorsal cartilaginous septum is reduced by incrementally shaving off the cartilage contributing to the dorsal hump. The bony dorsum is reduced with a rasp. The skin envelope is then redraped, and the dorsum is inspected and palpated. Finally, any other modifications can be made. Notably, ULC reduction is often not required, but if necessary, should be done last.

1.4.7 Retracted Ala



History A retracted, high-arched, or notched ala may be congenital, the result of alar interruption, or iatrogenic from rhinoplasty suture techniques that attempt to reshape the lateral crus.

Exam On lateral view, the alar rim should be within 1.5–2 mm to a line connecting the apex to the nadir of the nostril. If this distance is greater, the ala is retracted. If it is less, the ala is overhanging.

Treatment For mild to moderate alar retraction of up to 1.5 mm, nonanatomic alar rim grafts, using septal, conchal, or costal cartilage, are useful. Severe retraction requires either the addition of a lateral crural strut graft, or a composite graft, or an internal V-Y advancement.

1.4.8 Overhanging Columella



History An overhanging columella is a deformity where the caudal border of the columella appears to be downwardly bowing secondary to a disproportion of the nasal ala and the columella. Most commonly this is a congenital condition. A true overhanging columella is differentiated from a pseudo hanging columella, which is a secondary defect that occurs after overaggressive trimming of the lateral alar cartilages or scar contracture that develops in the lateral alar cartilages after rhinoplasty.

Exam The normal relationship between the ala and the columella is such that the greatest distance from the long axis of the nostril to either the columella or alar rim should be between 1 and 2 mm in a horizontal line drawn between the inferior and superior points of an oval nostril. A true hanging columella is identifiable by a curvature of the columella that is greater than the curvature

of the alar rim and characteristically has an acute subnasal angle. A pseudo hanging columella is defined as having a more severe curvature of the caudal alar rim than the columella and accompanied by an obtuse subnasal angle.

Treatment Treatment of a true hanging columella is most commonly performed using a complete transfixion incision. The excess medial crura is exposed by dissecting the nasal lining. The cephalad margins of the medial crura are exposed, and a C-shaped crescent of cartilage is trimmed bilaterally as needed from the cranial aspect of the exposed medial crura. Routine use of sutures to secure the medial crura after excision is not necessary. If part of the nasal lining needs to be excised due to the redundancy that remains after cartilage excision, it is done so at this point. The lining is then reapproximated to repair the transfixion incision.

1.4.9 Rhinophyma

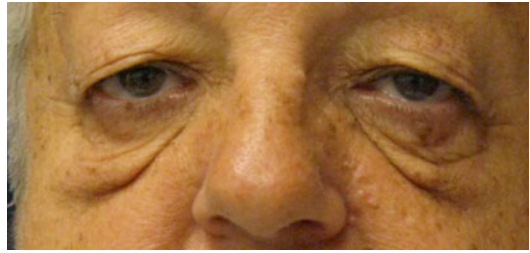


History A (Caucasian male) patient in the 50s–70s presents with tuberous enlargement of the lower half of the nose.

Exam The nasal tip is enlarged with areas of erythema and telangiectasia. The skin is irregularly thickened with prominent follicles and inspissated sebum. The excess growth is due to enlargement of the sebaceous glands and surrounding connective tissue, and the lymphedema is associated with late rosacea. Malignant degeneration is rare. In severe cases, the skin is scarred with fissures and pits. The bony and cartilaginous infrastructure is rarely distorted.

Treatment Tangential excision by shaving, dermabrasion, or laser therapy is the treatment of choice; the wound will heal by second intention.

1.4.10 Festoons



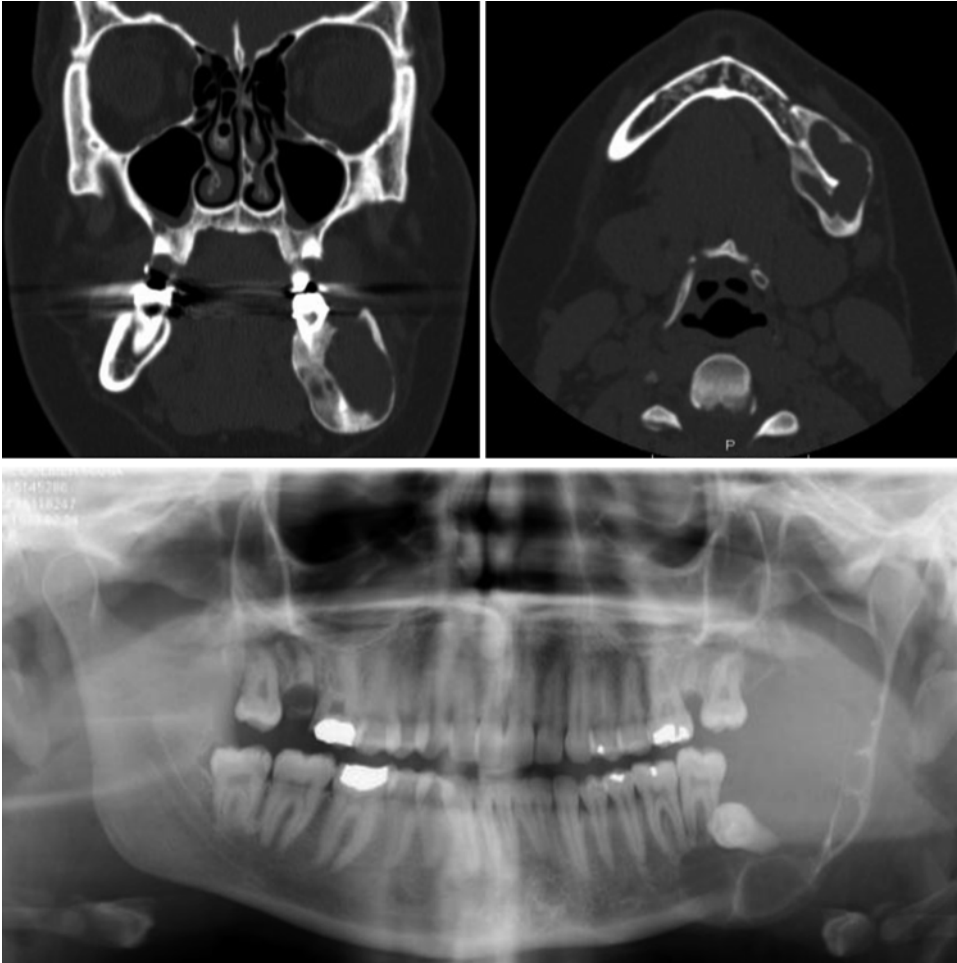
History A patient presents with swollen mounds on the cheeks.

Exam Characterized by Furnas in 1978, festoons are cascading hammocks of loose skin, orbicularis muscle, and possibly herniated fat, which hang from the medial to lateral canthi over the malar eminence. Festoons are hypothesized to be the result of multifactorial processes, such as aging-related structural changes and lymphatic imbalance. They can pose a challenge in creating a smooth lid-cheek junction during periorbital rejuvenation. The “squinch test” is performed when the patient is instructed to squeeze the eyelids together tightly to determine the degree of muscle involvement responsible for the festoon and observe the extent of fat suspended in the festoon. Pinching the skin of the festoon at different sites as the patient makes facial expressions allows the surgeon to determine the degree of orbicularis oculi involvement (the pinch test).

Treatment Depending on the degree of severity, festoons can be addressed with several different approaches, including lower blepharoplasty via subciliary incision with skin-muscle flap dissection and orbitomalar ligament release, midface lift techniques, and even direct excision. A lid-anchoring procedure is often also utilized concomitantly.

1.5 Tumors

1.5.1 Ameloblastoma



History Painless swelling leading to progressive facial deformity.

Exam Ameloblastoma is a rare, benign yet locally aggressive odontogenic neoplasm. It preferentially occurs in the vicinity of the mandibular molars or ramus, equally affecting males and females most often in the third to fourth decades of life. X-ray shows uni- or multi-locular cystic

masses associated with thinning of the surrounding bone. Biopsy of the lesion shows palisading odontogenic cells.

Treatment Segmental mandibular resection, including a margin of normal bone and any adjacent teeth, followed by immediate reconstruction is the mainstay of treatment.

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2.1 Hand, Congenital

2.1.1 Transverse Deficiency



History Patient presents with the absence of a distal portion of the limb with an otherwise normal proximal portion.

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Exam This disorder is usually 98 % unilateral, mostly at upper forearm level. If it is bilateral, it may be an AR trait. It is nonsyndromic and is reported to appear with hydrocephalus, spina bifida, meningomyelocele, and clubfoot. It is associated with hypoplasia of proximal muscles which differentiates it from constriction band syndrome.

Treatment Treatment is mostly nonsurgical. Prosthesis adapted to normal hand function according to the age of the patient.

2.1.2 Radial Clubhand



History A form of preaxial deficiency that is typically sporadic and unilateral. Radial dysplasias are more frequent in males, on the right side, and are frequently associated with syndromes including Fanconi anemia, TAR syndrome, Holt-Oram syndrome, and VATER syndrome.

Exam A foreshortened forearm with radial deviation at the wrist. The deformity affects all structures including the bone, tendons, joints, and soft tissue with the absence of the radius as the most severe and most common type.

Treatment Mild forms of dysplasia are treated with splinting. Evaluation and treatment of associated syndromes must be considered prior to surgical reconstruction. Distraction lengthening is recommended for a short or hypoplastic radius. Centralization is performed in cases of severe hypoplasia or the absence of a radius.

2.1.3 Ulnar Deficiency



History Patient presents with shortened, bowed forearm.

Ulnar longitudinal deficiency (ULD) (also known as ulnar clubhand) is a lack of formation of the pinky side of the upper extremity. It usually affects the forearm but can affect the hand, forearm, and upper arm. It can affect the bone, muscle, tendon, nerves, and blood vessels. The severity is different in each affected child.

Exam It usually affects the forearm, but the hand and upper arm can be involved as well. The

first webspace is often narrowed. There can be syndactyly between other digits, and in more severe cases, a variable number of digits may be absent. Abnormal bony connections between the carpal bones and metacarpals may exist. The ulna is shortened and bowed or absent. The radius usually is usually normal or fused to the humerus (radioulnar synostosis).

Treatment Early stages of treatment include splinting. Surgical treatment entails syndactyly release, digital rotation osteotomies, resection of radial head, and osteotomy of the synostosis.

2.1.4 Cleft Hand



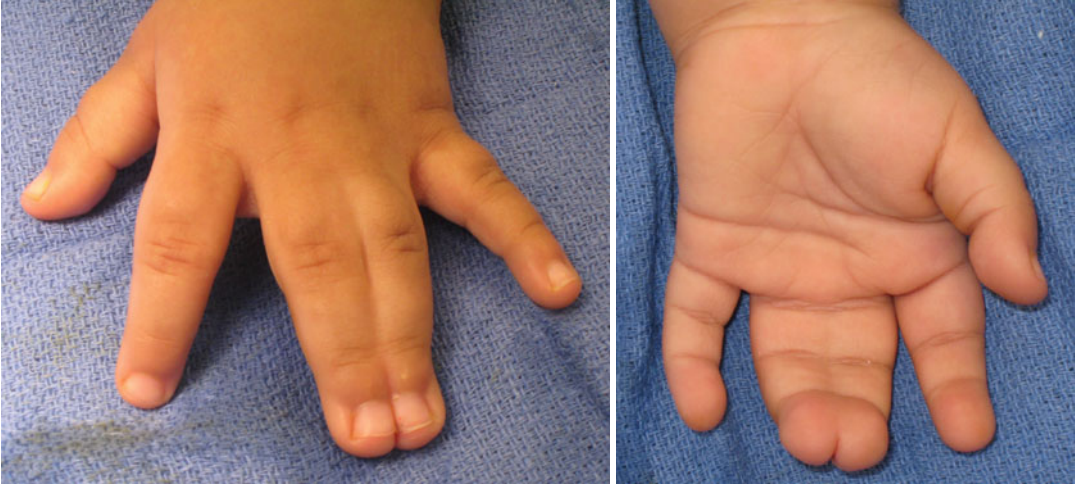
History It is associated with other anomalies including cleft lip and palate congenital heart disease and significant deformities of the upper and lower extremities. It has been named various

medical and layperson names such as ectrodactyly, split hand, or lobster claw hand. It is a type I failure of formation—longitudinal arrest. Classified as typical (true cleft hand) or atypical based on physical findings and genetic predilection.

Exam Patients with typical central deficiencies have an absence of the third ray, often with bilateral findings.

Treatment Improving the function and cosmetic appearance of the hand is the goal when the thumb or first webspace is absent. Different procedures have been described: Snow-Littler procedure is designed to create a wide first webspace and to minimize the limitations of a cleft in the hand. Ueba, Miura, and Komada described additional procedures with modifications or simplifications of the Snow-Littler procedure.

2.1.5 Diagnosis: Syndactyly



History Syndactyly is the second most common congenital hand anomaly in which 1:2,000 of live births are affected. Syndactyly represents a form of failure of differentiation in the recession process at the webspaces. It commonly affects Caucasian males with the third webspace being the most common site of fusion.

Exam In complete syndactyly, the fusion encompasses the entire webspace. Complex syndactyly implies bony fusion in addition to skin

involvement. In complicated syndactyly, other findings are found on the exam, such as polydactyly, symphalangism, or brachydactyly.

Treatment Border digits and complex syndactyly fusions should be addressed early. Separation should not be performed simultaneously on adjacent webs. Separation is carried out with the creation of interdigitating flaps, while the residual raw areas are reconstructed with a skin graft.

2.1.6 Duplicated Thumb (Polydactyly)



History A radial-sided (preaxial) polydactyly is commonly found in Caucasians, as opposed to the postaxial polydactyly which is more common in African Americans.

Exam The supernumerary digit can be well developed or pedunculated and rudimentary. The Wassel classification (seven types) is used to determine the level of differentiation of the duplicated thumb, and it ranges from a bifid distal pha-

lanx to complete duplication at the CMC joint (types I–VII). Type VII is a triphalangeal thumb.

Treatment Types I–II benefit from a Bilhaut procedure or resection of the radial thumb. In types III–IV, the best phalangeal portions of both thumbs are incorporated to create a thumb. In types V–VI, the radial thumb is amputated with RCL reconstruction.

2.1.7 Macroductyly



History It is an overgrowth congenital anomaly. Etiology is mostly unknown, but some believe it is related to nerve-stimulated pathology with abnormal neural control in sensory distribution of the median nerve.

Exam Four subtypes have been described. Patients can be born with an enlarged digit. The enlargement of the digit may be associated with signs of neurofibromatosis.

Treatment Skin and subcutaneous resection, extensive neurolysis and resection, epiphysiodesis, arthrodesis, and amputation. Amputation is reserved for the digit that is of no use, significantly enlarged, and a source of embarrassment.

2.1.8 Hypoplastic Thumb

Diagnosis Thumb hypoplasia.



History It is a variant form of undergrowth (class V) involving the radial half of the upper limb and often associated with radial clubhand. Other anomalies are to be ruled out, such as the Holt-Oram syndrome, VACTERL, TAR, and Fanconi anemia.

Exam The thumb presents with small to absent tendons, muscles, bones, and joints. Based on the modified Blauth classification, five types have been described. Type 1 implied a grossly diminished size. In type 2, the first webspace is affected.

In type 3, it is necessary to determine if an unstable thumb CMC joint is present as in type 3B in order to guide treatment. Type 4 is a floating thumb (pouce flottant) indicating rudimentary phalanges. In type 5, the thumb is completely absent.

Treatment Types 1–3A require an opponens-plasty procedure combined with a first webspace deepening procedure such as a four-limb Z-plasty. In types 3B–5, complete reconstruction with pollicization of the index finger is required.

2.1.9 Brachydactyly



History Brachydactyly can occur as an inherited condition with an autosomal dominant pattern, as a sporadic anomaly, or as part of a syndrome. Brachydactyly can also result as a condition following trauma, infection, or frostbite.

Exam Short digits in which parts of the skeleton are present but reduced in size. The middle phalanx is most affected, while the index and small finger are the most commonly affected digits. Associated findings on exam are syndactyly, clinodactyly, and symphalangism. In Poland syndrome, additional upper extremity abnormalities and chest wall findings are expected.

Treatment Management is based on the degree of shortening and the existing functional deficit. Hand function is usually intact in brachydactyly patients, and the surgical outcome is often disappointing. It is therefore preferred to avoid surgery in patients with short phalanges. Lengthening techniques have been used in selected cases with distraction osteogenesis or immediate lengthening with bone grafts.

2.1.10 Clinodactyly



Clinodactyly is a congenital anomaly relating to the failure of differentiation. It is defined as curvature of a digit in a radioulnar plane. The etiology is unknown. It can be inherited in an autosomal dominant fashion with variable expression.

History Deformity may be associated with syndromes such as Apert.

Exam An ulnar angulation of the small finger is seen. A delta phalanx is identified on an X-ray, which is the triangular bracketed-shaped bony wedge in angulated digit. Limited motion is noted when a bracketed phalanx is present.

Treatment Bracket resection with preservation of the growth plate and fat graft or wedge osteotomy. Skin deficit after correction may require Z-plasties. A K-wire is used to hold correction in place.

2.1.11 Diagnosis: Camptodactyly



History Camptodactyly is a congenital constriction deformity of the PIP joint and represents a form of soft tissue failure of differentiation. It is present in approximately 1 % of the population with unclear etiologic factors. The function of the hand is rarely impaired. Most patients seek medical attention due to appearance.

Exam Abnormal flexion posture of the PIP joint, most commonly of the little finger.

Treatment Complete correction is difficult to achieve, and surgical management should be discouraged. Nonoperative treatment consists of splinting and stretch exercises. If the contracture is more than 30°, consider release of the involved lumbricals, FDS, and accessory collateral ligaments.

2.1.12 Constriction Band Syndrome (CBS)



History A congenital upper extremity deformity manifested as an intrauterine amputation of the digits, hand, or limb. Amniotic constriction band syndromes have no known genetic transmission. It is frequently associated with anomalies such as clubfoot, cleft lip and palate, craniofacial defects, hemangioma, and meningocele.

Exam The presentation of CBS varies greatly. Patients may have a spectrum of findings that vary from superficial grooving to complete amputation of a limb.

Treatment Simple constrictions may not require any surgical treatment. More severe cases can be managed with Z-plasties in a staged fashion for release of the soft tissue bands and separation of fused digits to allow for unimpeded growth. Distractions lengthening with bone grafting and toe-to-hand transfers have also been described.

2.2 Hand, Trauma

2.2.1 Soft Tissue

2.2.1.1 Subungual Hematoma



History Trauma to the nail bed.

Exam Throbbing pain is present on the exam because of pressure in the closed space between the nail plate and nail bed.

Treatment Hematoma drainage (trephination) can be done with microcautery device or heated sterile paper clip. The hole should be large enough to allow for prolonged drainage. Further injury to the nail bed should be avoided. Repair of the nail bed may be required, and this can be done by removing the torn nail plate to provide exposure for the repair.

2.2.1.2 Radial Collateral Ligament (RCL) Injury



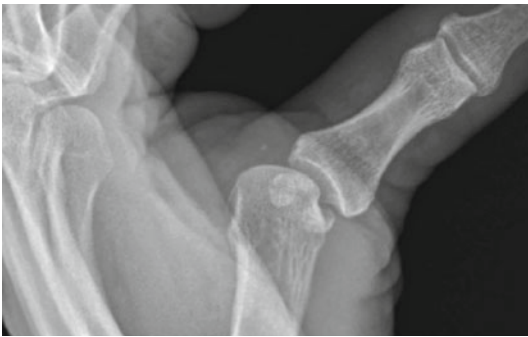
A partial or complete tear of the RCL of the thumb at the MP joint.

History Occurs with forced adduction on the thumb when the MP joint is flexed. The RCL can be torn at its proximal or distal end, but no aponeurosis displaces the lesion and prevents interposition.

Exam Partial tears are characterized by swelling, tenderness, and possibly ecchymosis on the radial side of the metacarpal head and MP joint. When compared with the contralateral side, a laxity of 30° in flexion or extension or 15° of increased laxity is suggestive of a complete tear.

Treatment Acute RCL ruptures are managed conservatively if a partial tear is suspected. Surgical intervention is reserved for complete tears that are associated with volar subluxation of the proximal phalanx. If an RCL reconstruction is indicated, a free tendon graft is used. The thumb is immobilized in a thumb spica for 6 weeks postoperatively.

2.2.1.3 Ulnar Collateral Ligament (UCL) Injury



UCL injuries of the thumb MP joint occur ten times more frequently than RCL injuries.

History The injury is from a forced radial deviation of the joint. This occurs during a fall on an outstretched hand while the thumb is abducted. Patients complain of pain and swelling on the ulnar aspect of the MP joint.

Exam Tenderness, swelling, and ecchymosis over the ulnar aspect of the thumb at MP joint with unopposed deviation to the radial side with manipulation. The classic findings of a Stener's lesion, the UCL avulses and retracts proximally, and the interposed adductor aponeurosis interferes with primary healing. When avulsion occurs with a fracture, a mass can be palpated. The thumb demonstrates laxity of the ulnar capsule.

Treatment Incomplete ligament tears not associated with instability are treated conservatively. Partial tears are managed surgically if the UCL instability is greater than 30°. Stener's lesions are treated with surgical debridement of the fracture fragment, division of the adductor aponeurosis, and stabilization of the residual UCL to the proximal phalanx.

2.2.1.4 Flexor Tendon Laceration



History Flexor tendon lacerations following sharp injuries require evaluation of the patient's age, occupation, mechanism of injury, and hand position during the time of injury. The five clinical tendon zones in the hand are based on anatomic landmarks and influence the prognosis of repair.

Exam The normal hand cascade is inspected. Active flexion of the DIP joint while stabilizing the PIP joint tests the function of the profundus tendon. Blocking the movement of the other fin-

gers and instructing the patient to flex at the PIP joint will test the function of the sublimis tendon.

Treatment Different tendon retrieval techniques exist for each injury zone. Delaying the definitive repair up to 14 days has not been shown to have an adverse outcome. Tendon lacerations of 50 % or less of the cross-sectional area need not be repaired unless they cause triggering in a pulley. Early mobilization is encouraged.

2.2.1.5 Extensor Tendon Injury

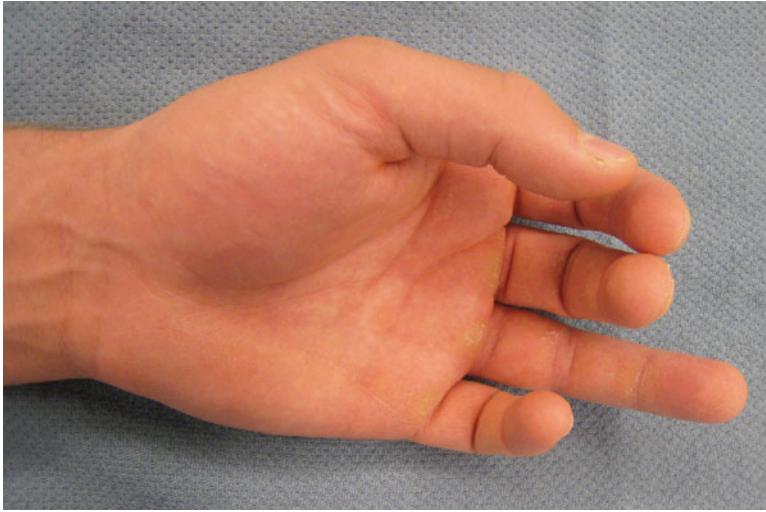


History A patient presents with deformity of the finger after laceration/trauma.

Exam Patient is unable to extend the affected finger.

Treatment Nonoperative treatment consists of immobilization of the affected joint with extension splinting. Operative treatment includes tendon repair, fixation of bony avulsion, tendon reconstruction, central slip reconstruction, or tendon transfer.

2.2.1.6 Jersey Finger



History The injury pattern of a sudden failure of the fingertip to grasp. Common mechanism of injury is of a football player attempting to tackle an opponent by the jersey. Subsequently, the patient is unable to flex the tip of his finger. Injuries are classified based on whether this is a pure soft tissue allusion of the FDP tendon or a certain portion of the volar distal phalanx bone is attached to the ruptured tendon.

Exam No active flexing of the DIP joint, however, the DIP joint can be passively flexed from zero degrees to full flexion position.

Treatment For soft tissue injuries alone, immediate retrieval and repair is recommended. When the bony fragment is held at the A3 pulley, it is possible to delay treatment for up to 3 weeks and achieve osteosynthesis with the use of stable bony fixation. Bony fragments held at the A4 pulley prevent tendon retraction and maintain the fragment close the fracture site. Hence, repair can be delayed almost indefinitely. Repair is performed with a Bunnell suture and tied dorsally over a button.

2.2.1.7 Mallet Finger



Definition Disruption of the terminal extensor tendon.

History There are a variety of mechanisms of injury that can lead to a mallet finger. Typically a mallet finger is the result of a closed injury that occurs when sudden flexion is applied to an

extending DIP joint. Forceful hyperextension of the DIP joint can lead to a mallet finger and typically a fracture associated with this type of injury. Open injuries to the distal phalanx can also lead to a mallet deformity. Mallet fingers most commonly involve the ulnar digits. If untreated the patient will go on to develop an extensor lag and potentially compensatory hyperextension of the PIP resulting in a swan neck deformity. Injuries presenting within 4 weeks are considered acute, while a chronic mallet finger is greater than 4 weeks out from initial injury.

Exam Extensor lag of the involved DIP joint. There may be associated tenderness over the distal phalanx depending on timing of presentation. Plain films may demonstrate associated fracture.

Treatment When a mallet finger is diagnosed acutely, then the DIP joint of the affected digit is splinted in extension. The patient is to wear the splint continuously for 8 weeks. They are then transitioned to night splinting for an additional 4 weeks. Surgery is indicated in the acute setting if there is associated fracture with a fragment greater than 1/3 of the articular surface. Open injuries usually require operative intervention. Suture repair that incorporates both the skin and tendon eliminates need for extensive dissection that could compromise blood supply and healing. Chronic mallet injuries may require a Fowler tenotomy or spiral oblique retinacular ligament reconstruction depending on the amount of extensor lag that is present.

2.2.2 Skeletal

2.2.2.1 Phalanx Fractures



History Trauma to the hand; fracture of the phalanx is the most common skeletal injuries, accounting for 10 % of all fractures. Distal phalanx is the most common fractured bone in the hand.

Exam Physical findings include local tenderness and deformity, with or without an open wound.

Treatment Proximal and middle phalanx fracture can be treated with buddy taping, or close reduction with percutaneous pinning, or open reduction internal fixation. Distal phalanx fracture can be treated with close reduction and splinting as well. However, if there is concurrent nail bed injury, nail bed repair is warranted as well.

2.2.2.2 Pediatric Hand Fracture

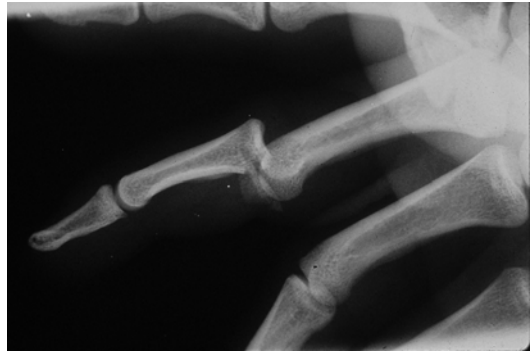


History The mechanism by which pediatric fractures are sustained is not different from adult fractures. These include a fall, crush injuries, or other accidental means. The difference is in the prognosis after the injury, given the susceptibility of the injured epiphyseal plate to poor healing. The Salter-Harris (SH) classification system describes fractures involving the epiphyseal plate in children. The degree of growth disturbance correlates directly with the level of fracture classification.

Exam A pediatric hand fracture can present as an obvious deformity with irregularity in the bony surface, tenderness, swelling, ecchymosis, and reduced range of motion secondary to pain. According to the SH classification, the epiphysis is separated from the metaphysis in type I fractures. Type II fractures involve the metaphysis and growth plate as opposed to the type III fractures which involve the epiphysis and growth plate. In SH IV, the fracture is through the epiphysis, growth plate, and metaphysis. In type V fractures, the epiphyseal plate is crushed with no involvement of the metaphysis.

Treatment In children with types I and II fractures, conservative treatment with closed reduction, casting, or pin fixation is recommended. Types III, IV, and V fractures are managed with similarly but also include reconstruction of the articular surface.

2.2.2.3 PIP Dislocation



History A patient presents with deformity at the PIP joint after trauma.

Exam PIP joint injuries can be categorized as dorsal dislocations, dorsal fracture dislocations, volar dislocation, volar fracture dislocation, and rotatory dislocations. Finger and hand X-rays must be obtained to evaluate the extent of injury.

Treatment Nonoperative treatments include close reduction with buddy taping and dorsal extension block splinting. Surgical options include open reduction internal fixation, dynamic distraction external fixation, and volar plate arthroplasty or arthrodesis.

2.2.2.4 MCP Dislocation



History A patient presents with deformity at the MCP joint after trauma.

Exam Skin dimpling may be seen in complex dislocations. X-rays show that joint space widening may indicate interposition of volar plate.

Treatment Simple dislocations can be treated with close reduction. Complex dislocations often require open reduction internal fixation via dorsal or volar approach.

2.2.2.5 Scaphoid Fracture



History Scaphoid injuries occur mostly from a hyperextension stress such as in the case of a *fall* on an outstretched hand or from an axial load as in the case of a *punch*. Hyperextension injuries

produce a bending force at the distal pole of the scaphoid. Shear stress at the waist causes external axial forces with flexion moment on the distal pole of the scaphoid. Patients will complain of pain at the base of the thumb.

Exam Signs of a fracture can be subtle. The surgeon is required to have a high index of suspicion. Ecchymosis, edema, and radial-sided wrist pain. The tenderness is localized to the anatomic snuffbox and worse with axial compression or over the scaphoid tubercle. Radiographic imaging may require a bone scan, CT scan, or MRI if suspicion is high and the plain films are negative.

Treatment Non-displaced fractures are treated mostly with immobilization, 6 weeks with a long-arm thumb spica cast, and 6 weeks with a short-arm thumb spica cast. Displaced fractures are managed with percutaneous screw fixation or open reduction screw fixation.

2.2.2.6 Perilunate Dislocation



A pattern of injury traversing both the greater and lesser carpal arcs of the wrist. It is characterized by the disruption of multiple lunar attachments, such as the scapholunate and lunotriquetral ligaments.

History An uncommon wrist injury following a high-energy impact of the wrist such as a fall from a great height or a vehicle collision. Patients complain of pain at the wrist with numbness in the thumb, index, and long finger.

Exam Physical findings include wrist tenderness and acute carpal tunnel signs of numbness in

digits along the median nerve distribution. Plain films demonstrate disruption of the Gilula's arcs in multiple levels. A lateral view of the wrist shows a spilled teapot sign of a lunate bone that is tipped volarly.

Treatment Immediate intervention of a closed perilunate dislocation is closed reduction followed by splinting, if an operating room is not available. Open reduction and internal fixation is indicated for evacuation of the hematoma and correct alignment of lunate dislocation.

2.2.2.7 SLAC Wrist



Definition Scapholunate advanced collapse of the wrist.

History Most patients present with a missed diagnosis of a scapholunate dissociation after a

fall on an outstretched hand. Patients complain of progressive wrist pain and stiffness. Untreated dissociation progresses into degenerative arthritis of the wrist. The most common cause of SLAC wrist is the rotatory subluxation of the scaphoid followed by scaphoid nonunion, but other causes include intra-articular carpal fractures, midcarpal instability, and Kienbock's disease.

Exam Wrist tenderness and decreased grip strength. Plain films of an advanced SLAC wrist may show widening of the scapholunate joint, narrowing of the radioscaphoid joint, sclerosis of the proximal scaphoid, and ulnar translocation of the lunate with proximal migration of the capitate.

Treatment SLAC wrist reconstruction involves excision of the scaphoid and a four-corner fusion with arthrodesis of the capitate, lunate, triquetrum, and hamate. The key component to the success of the procedure is adequate reduction of the dorsal intercalated segmental instability (DISI) deformity of the lunate. Proximal row carpectomy is appropriate when the lunate fossa of the radius or capitate head is not involved with arthritis.

2.3 Hand, Acquired

2.3.1 Infection

2.3.1.1 Paronychia



Paronychia is an infection of the tissue of the nail fold. It is the most common hand infection.

History Trauma to the paronychia occurs through such instances as nail biting, a hangnail, or a foreign body. Bacteria are introduced into the paronychia space. *S. aureus* is the most common causative bacteria, although mixed bacteria can be responsible.

Exam Swelling, tenderness, and erythema of the nail fold are hallmarks of paronychia. Infection can involve the entire eponychium, below the nail plate, and may even extend into the pulp. In an uncomplicated paronychia, X-rays are unnecessary. For complicated paronychia, where there is suspicion for foreign body or osteomyelitis, X-ray of the digit should be obtained. Cultures should be sent if atypical bacteria are suspected.

Treatment Treatment depends on the extent of infection. For early paronychia, soaking the digit and oral antibiotics are sufficient. Incision and drainage is required for abscess. The incision should be made in such a way as to direct the scalpel away from the nail bed and germinal matrix. The affected perionychial fold and eponychium must be released based on involvement. If the infection extends below the nail plate, the affected part of the nail plate must be excised. Patients should be treated with Dakin's soaks and oral antibiotics covering *S. aureus* for 7–10 days. Early range of motion should be initiated. The patient should be warned about causative factors such as biting hangnails or receiving manicures. Most cases should resolve in 3–4 days. If the infection fails to resolve, X-ray of the digit should be performed looking for osteomyelitis, cultures should be sent, and underlying systemic disease should be considered.

2.3.1.2 Felon



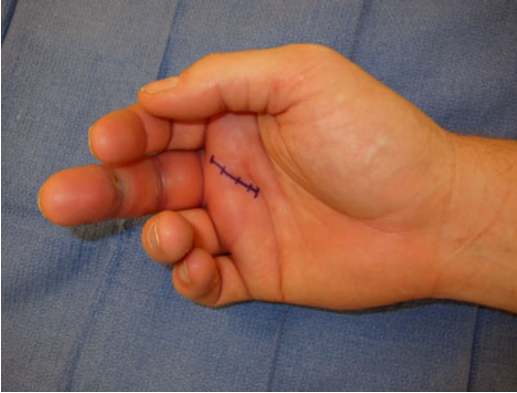
History The patient presents with pain and swelling at the affect fingertip.

Exam Felons are infections of the pulp space (which is compartmentalized by septa) typically caused by *Staphylococcus aureus*. Tenderness at

the pulp is present, especially when the finger is placed in a dependent position.

Treatment Treatment of felon requires incision and drainage followed by antibiotic regimen.

2.3.1.3 Flexor Tenosynovitis



History The patient presents with pain and swelling, usually localized to the palmar aspect of one digit.

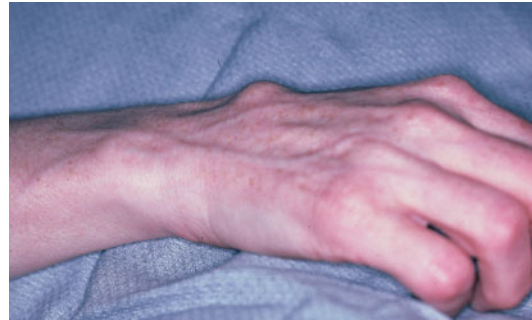
Exam An infection of the synovial sheath of the flexor tendon, there is increased warmth and erythema of the affected digit. In addition, Kanaval signs are present:

1. Flexed posturing of the involved digit
2. Tenderness to palpation over the tendon sheath
3. Marked pain with passive extension of the digit
4. Fusiform swelling of the digit

Treatment The most appropriate management is surgical irrigation and/or drainage of the tendon sheath via a proximal incision at the level of the A1 pulley and a distal incision at the distal flexor crease. The fibro-osseous canal is then irrigated copiously. More extensive infection requires open drainage and debridement.

2.3.2 Tumor

2.3.2.1 Ganglion Cyst

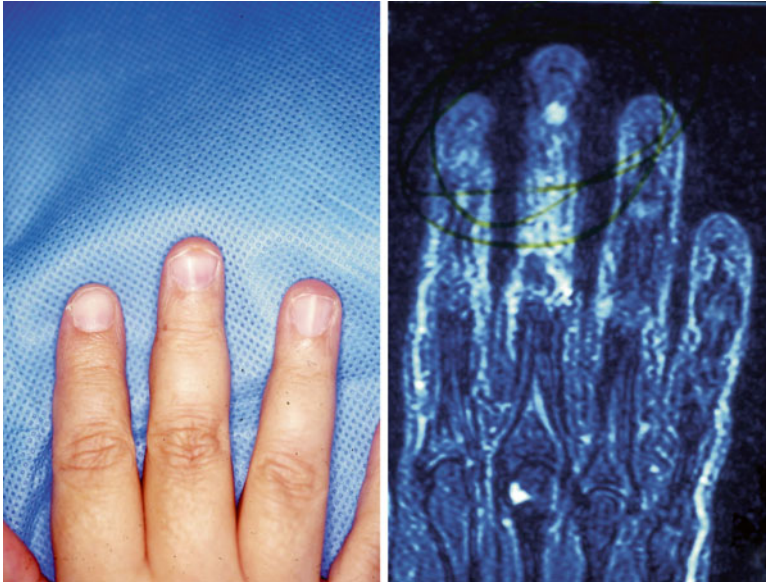


History The most frequent benign hand lesion present mostly in women in their second to fourth decade of life. They represent mucoid degeneration of fibrous connective tissue in joint capsules or tendon sheaths.

Exam Ganglion cysts are mobile masses that transilluminate and may present with pain. In adults they are found mostly in the dorsal wrist (70 %) but among children are more common in the volar wrist. Also common are flexor tendon sheath ganglions, which attach to the tendon at the A1 pulley, or mucous cysts which are associated with the dorsal aspect of the DIP joint.

Treatment Medical management consists of aspiration or injection of steroids and sclerosing agents. In children, most ganglia resolve with conservative management (rosson walker). In adults regression is approximately in 50 % of the times.

2.3.2.2 Glomus Tumor



History Glomus tumors are benign hamartomas of the neuromyoarterial receptor, a regulator of skin temperature and blood flow. These rare vascular tumors represent 1 % of all hand tumors.

Exam Glomus tumors are marked by the exquisite pain, pinpoint tenderness, and cold intolerance. The tumors are commonly subungual and present as a nail deformity with a reddish-blue lesion underneath the nail plate. Hildreth's test

and Love's pin test are reliable methods of diagnosing glomus hand tumors with sensitivity and specificity exceeding 90 %.

Treatment Simple excision is the treatment of choice. Meticulous nail bed repair is essential for preventing postoperative nail deformities. Pulp lesions can be approached through a lateral incision.

2.3.2.3 Mucous Cyst



History The patient presents with a lesion in the DIP joint or proximal nail fold.

Exam It is a benign ganglion cyst typically at the dorsolateral aspect of the DIP joint or in the proximal nail fold. If located under the nail fold, the lunula is discolored with depression or grooving of the nail.

Treatment Excision of the lesion together with debridement of the underlying osteophyte is the treatment of choice to reduce the risk of recurrence.

2.3.2.4 Enchondroma



History An enchondroma is a benign cartilaginous tumor that usually develops during the second or third decade of life. It is the most common primary tumor of bones in the hand. Conditions associated with multiple enchondromas are Ollier disease or Maffucci syndrome in which subcutaneous hemangiomas are associated with the enchondromas.

Exam Enchondromas are often asymptomatic and discovered as an incidental finding on radiographic studies. Commonly, a pathological fracture occurs in the location of the tumor and leads to the diagnosis of the tumor.

Treatment Curettage of the bony lesion is recommended followed by bone grafting or other bony substitutes.

2.3.3 Systemic

2.3.3.1 Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS)



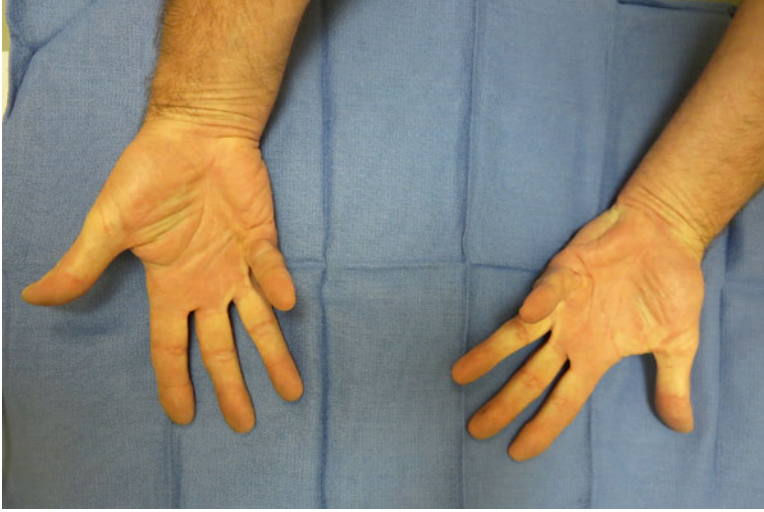
History The most common nerve entrapment in the upper extremity. Carpal tunnel syndrome is a compression neuropathy of the median nerve with nocturnal symptoms of pain and numbness. The

location of symptoms corresponds to the anatomic distribution of the median nerve—the radial digits.

Exam Provocative testing includes a positive Phalen's sign and a Tinel's sign. Thenar atrophy (figure) is indicative of late phase of the syndrome, and electrodiagnostic testing demonstrates objective findings of decreased nerve conduction test and altered latency time.

Treatment Nonsurgical management with steroid injections is effective in patients with early symptoms. Early surgery is an option with clinical evidence of median nerve denervation or when the patient so elects. Surgical decompression with an open technique facilitates a direct visualization of the critical structures, complete transverse carpal ligament release, and concomitant Guyon's canal decompression. Endoscopic release can offer patients a smaller scar with earlier time to return to work but with higher rates of recurrent CTS.

2.3.3.2 Dupuytren's Contracture



History Dupuytren's disease is a benign fibromatosis of the palmar and digital fascia with unclear etiology. *Dupuytren's* disease is especially common in people of northern Europe. Diathesis is an aggressive form of Dupuytren's contracture associated with knuckle pads, Peyronie's disease, and involvement of the plantar fascia.

Exam The palpable palmar nodules and cords are associated with debilitating flexion finger contracture. The fourth and fifth digits are the most commonly involved. A tabletop test is positive when the palm and fingers cannot be simulta-

neously placed on the flat surface of the tabletop.

Treatment The indications for surgical treatment are MCP joint contracture of 30° or greater or PIP joint contracture of 20° or greater with documented progression. Operative choices include open fasciectomy, closed fasciotomy, or needle fasciotomy. Collagenase injection has been shown to be effective in correcting flexion deformities of the MCP joint but not the PIP joint. Administration of steroid injections has been shown to improve palmar nodules.

2.3.3.3 Basal Joint Arthritis



History Osteoarthritis of the basal joint most frequently affects middle-aged women. It presents as pain in the radial wrist. Although it is not the most commonly affected joint in the hand, symptomatic basal joint arthritis is the most debilitating.

Exam Poor abduction of the thumb, weakened grip, tenderness at the anatomic snuffbox, and a positive grind sign. X-ray findings demonstrate subluxation of the first metacarpal on the trapezium, osteophytic spurring, sclerosis, and articular irregularities of the joint surfaces. Radiographic staging may not relate to symptoms.

Treatment Initial conservative management includes nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, splinting, and steroid injections. Surgical treatment is recommended for pain relief with trapezius excision alone or with ligament reconstruction and tendon interposition.

2.3.3.4 Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA)



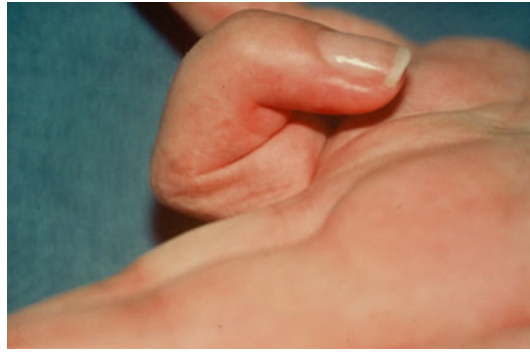
Definition A chronically progressive disease that affects the synovial tissues and associated with autoimmune inflammatory findings.

History Patients complain of progressively worsening pain in the joints of the hand and wrist. The pain is often worse in the morning. The disease predominantly affects women at least three times more than men.

Exam The disease affects the skin with rheumatoid nodules as subcutaneous inflammatory masses. The joint findings are of “z deformities” with ulnar deviation at MP joints. Other clinical findings include tenosynovitis and rupture of the extensor tendons, swan neck and Boutonniere deformities, muscle tightness of the intrinsic muscles from disuse, vasculitis, nerve compression, and extra-articular involvements including the lungs, heart, orbits, polyneuropathy, and splenomegaly. Labs are positive for the rheumatoid factors, and imaging confirms osteoporosis, joint narrowing, and ulnar deviation of the carpus and MP joints.

Treatment Nonsurgical therapy is the mainstay treatment of RA with NSAIDs, steroids, and immunomodulators. Recently antimonoclonal antibody compounds have significantly improved the management of RA patients while avoiding the negative sequela of steroid treatment. Surgical management is aimed at elevating joint pain, functional restoration of the joints, and cosmesis. These include MP arthroplasties, tendon rupture repair, and correction of swan neck and Boutonniere deformities to name a few.

2.3.3.5 Trigger Finger



History The patient presents with “clicking” of the affected digit locked in a flexed position.

Exam Trigger finger is caused by entrapment of the flexor tendons at the level of the A1 pulley. It is a stenosing tenosynovitis caused by inflammation of the flexor tendon sheath. The ring finger is commonly involved. On exam, there is tenderness at the A1 pulley, as well as a palpable nodule.

Treatment Nonoperative treatment includes activity modification and NSAIDs. Surgery entails release of the A1 pulley.

2.3.3.6 Diagnosis: Boutonniere Deformity

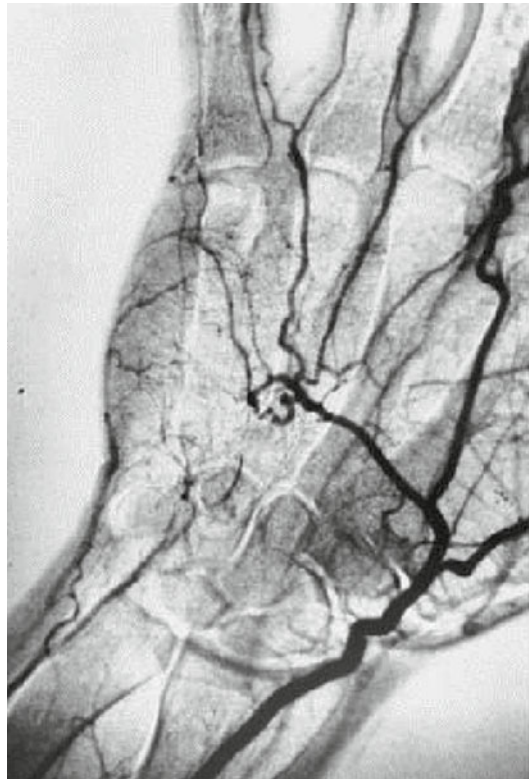


History Boutonniere deformity can occur in patients with rheumatoid arthritis or after a traumatic central slip disruption and PIP joint volar dislocation. In rheumatoid patients, the PIP joint synovitis causes extensor stretch and central slip attenuation. Weakening of the central slip can lead to the volar movement of the lateral bands and tightness of the ligament of Landsmeer.

Exam PIP joint flexion contracture with hyperextension of the DIP joint. Patients are unable to actively extend the PIP joint but full passive range of motion of the finger.

Treatment Early synovectomy and dynamic splinting. In mild cases of PIP flexion, the central slip can be shortened and the lateral bands repositioned. In severe cases of fixed PIP joint flexion, arthrodesis or arthroplasty is an option.

2.3.3.7 Hypothenar Hammer Syndrome



History The patient (usually a construction worker) presents with pain in the ring and small fingertips. Ulcerations may be present. There is no history of trauma, systemic disease, or hand claudication.

Exam There are tenderness and swelling over the hypothenar eminence, with small ulceration on the ring and small fingertips. Sensation is intact. MRA shows an aneurysm or thrombus in the ulnar artery.

Treatment Optimal treatment involves resection of the diseased segment and reconstruction.

2.3.3.8 Scleroderma



History The patient presents with cold intolerance and painless ulcer at the affected fingertips.

Exam Scleroderma is an autoimmune disease that affects small blood vessels and connective tissue. Affected organs include the skin, hands, heart, lungs, gastrointestinal tract, and kidneys. Shiny edema of the skin and stiffness of the joints may be present. Ulceration at the fingertips is due to poor circulation. Skin breakdown can also occur at the proximal interphalangeal (PIP) and metacarpophalangeal (MP) joints.

Treatment Tip ulcerations often heal over time without surgery. Conservative treatment includes conservative debridement, topical antibiotics, and limited resection of exposed bone. More aggressive treatment includes amputation and digital sympathectomy.

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3.1 Breast, Congenital

Amasia (see 3.1.1)

Nineteen-year-old female with amasia



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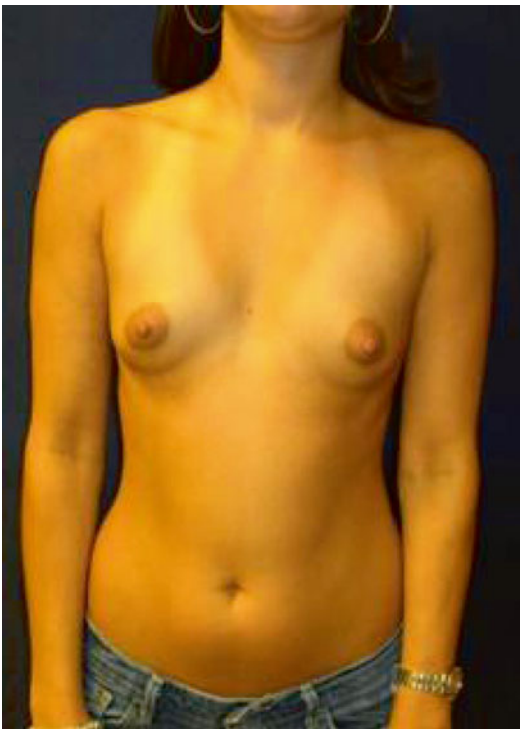
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Amastia (see 3.1.1)



Micromastia (see 3.1.1)



3.1.1 Hypoplastic Breast

Athelia: isolated absence of the NAC

Amasia: absence of breast parenchyma

Amastia: absence of both the breast tissue and the NAC

Micromastia: postpubertal underdevelopment of breast tissue (hypoplasia)

History History of injury/surgery to breast and ovaries, delayed puberty, chronic disease/endocrinology. Ask about primary amenorrhea and secondary sexual characteristics. Family history of delayed development (constitutional) or family history of similar diagnosis. Psychological distress for school age, and the family should be addressed. These diagnoses are usually diagnosed by examination. Athelia is discovered during childhood. Amasia, amastia, and micromastia are usually discovered later during pubertal growth. If 6 months passes after the age of 17 with no changes to the size, the diagnosis is confirmed.

Examination Whole body exam for puberty characteristics, specifically tanner stage. Inspect and palpate, measure the breast size and width. Compare both sides (if less than 2/5 of the contralateral breast, then the breast is called hypoplastic). Body length and weight and growth percentile should be assessed. Photograph should be taken, and a bone age is ordered. Rule out Poland's syndrome and endocrine causes—e.g. adrenal hyperplasia, turner syndrome, and testicular feminization disorders (which are usually bilateral).

Treatment Breast augmentation after clinically confirming end of pubertal growth. NAC reconstruction is done to treat athelia.

3.1.2 Poland's Syndrome



History A rare congenital disorder that is characterized by hypoplasia of the pectoralis muscles and ipsilateral webbing of the fingers. It can include other deformities such as scoliosis, hypoplasia of the rib cage and lungs, upper extremity hypoplasia, breast and nipple hypoplasia, and deficiency in the skin layers and content. Other muscles in the shoulder can also be affected.

Exam Upper limbs and chest should be examined thoroughly to identify the structures involved in the disorder. X-rays should be taken for the whole upper limb including both hands.

Treatment Is focused on replacing or reconstructing the deficiency involved in the disorder. In regard to the breast, autogenous or alloplastic material can be used to replace breast tissues. Nipple-areolar complex (NAC) reconstruction is usually needed in cases where the NAC is involved.

The hand treatment is tailored to the extent of the deformity. Syndactyly release is the commonest operation needed for these patients.

3.1.3 Pectus Excavatum



History Congenital chest wall deformity in which several ribs and the sternum grow abnormally, producing a concave, or caved in, appearance in the anterior chest wall.

Examination Examine the posture of the patient, any shoulder slope. Assess the severity of the defect and the asymmetry of the chest. You should also assess the degree of sternal involvement (related to severity), the diameter and movement of the chest wall, anterior flaring of the lower ribs, and the presence of scoliosis. Complete skeletal examination should be performed to rule out Marfan and Poland associations. Complete examination of the heart and lung should be performed.

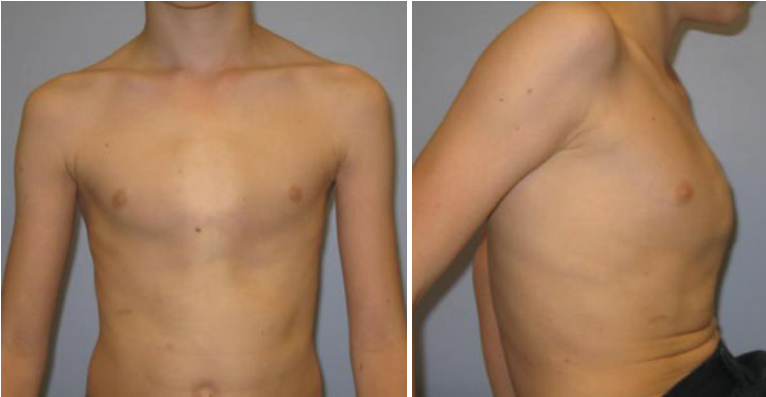
Treatment Nonsurgical treatment includes physiotherapy to correct the posture. Usually have minimal effect on the shape of the chest.

Surgical treatment includes:

1. Alloplastic implant: as a camouflaging technique only with silicone implant
2. Ravitch procedure: subperichondrial cartilage and rib resection, sternal osteotomy, and fixation of the sternum in the appropriate position
3. WADA technique: sternal molding and turnover

Minimally Invasive Repair of Pectus Excavatum (MIRPE): Nuss procedure

3.1.4 Pectus Carinatum



History Pectus carinatum is the second most common chest wall deformity observed in children (4:1 M:F). It is the protrusion of the sternum and ribs and is the opposite of pectus excavatum. It causes less functional limitation; however, pectus carinatum can lead to significant psychological distress and thus warrants an equally aggressive management approach. Physical symptoms can include musculoskeletal chest wall discomfort particularly while lying prone, respiratory symptoms, or palpitations.

Exam Children with pectus carinatum may present at any age but typically are brought to medical attention at the time of puberty, as the deformity becomes more prominent during the

adolescent growth spurt. Two distinct entities exist. The chondromanubrial variant describes protrusion of the manubrium, or superior component of the sternum, and has been termed the “pouter pigeon breast.” The chondrogladiolar variant describes protrusion of the gladiolus or body of the sternum. This deformity has also been referred to as “keel chest.”

Treatment Compressive orthotic bracing, anterior sternal compression applied via an implanted metal bar (Abramson/Nuss repair), or removal of the abnormal rib cartilage while preserving the perichondrium and allowing regrowth of rib cartilage to the sternum in a more anatomic fashion combined with sternal osteotomy (Ravitch procedure).

3.1.5 Accessory Breast and Polythelia



Polythelia



History Abnormal accessory breast tissue can be found as a mass that is located along the milk line and occur in 0.4–6 % of women. The tissue is usually asymptomatic, but patients may have complaints including swelling and tenderness of the affected region, irritation from clothing, and secreting milk or discharges. If constitutional symptoms are present, cancer should be ruled out. A complete family history should be taken of similar conditions and also of any history of breast cancer.

Examination Ectopic breast tissue is most common in the anterior axillary line but may also be present in locations such as the face, back, labia, and thighs and can involve multiple nipples (polythelia).

Treatment Surgical excision is recommended for adequate pathological evaluation as accessory breast tissue is subject to the same diseases as normal breast tissue. Liposuction is another option.

3.1.6 Tuberous Breast



History A hypoplastic breast deformity that may affect bilateral or unilateral breasts in vary-

ing severity. Von Heimburg, Grolleau, and Meara have all proposed similar classification schemes that are the most widely used.

Exam The range of physical findings includes elevation of the IMF, a constricted breast base, glandular hypoplasia, deficient skin envelope, and herniation of the breast parenchyma into the NAC.

Treatment Numerous methods have been described with all attempting to release or enlarge a constricted base, augment volume as needed (implant and/or autologous), reposition the IMF, and reduce the size and herniation of the NAC. For mild-moderate deformities, this can be done via a periareolar incision in a single-stage manner, while severe cases may require multiple stages with tissue expansion.

3.1.7 Juvenile Hypertrophy

Virginal breast hypertrophy, juvenile mammary hypertrophy, juvenile gigantomastia



History Rare, extreme breast hypertrophy in peripubertal girls causing physical/psychological debilitation. Patients have a history of alarming rapid growth with breast pain, neck or back pain, and discomfort. This enlargement can occur at any time during the peripubertal period, sometimes occurring with the onset of thelarche and usually has a rapid phase lasting several months followed by a slower more indolent growth lasting years.

Exam Exam demonstrates a firm glandular breast that may be tender and asymmetric. Patients may have a slouching posture and shoulder grooving (due to bra straps) similar to benign

macromastia. Enlargement of the NAC is present as are skin changes such as thinning, ulcer or necrosis, and prominent veins. Nodules or masses may be palpated. Diagnosis is done after ruling out endocrine factors or masses in the breast.

Treatment At the time of diagnosis, tamoxifen may be considered. A subcutaneous mastectomy with complete removal of breast tissue is the best option for recurrence but more deforming. Reduction mammoplasty has a better aesthetic but has a higher chance of recurrence; however, if followed by tamoxifen, the rate of recurrence is decreased. Patient should be counseled on the risk of recurrence with close follow-up.

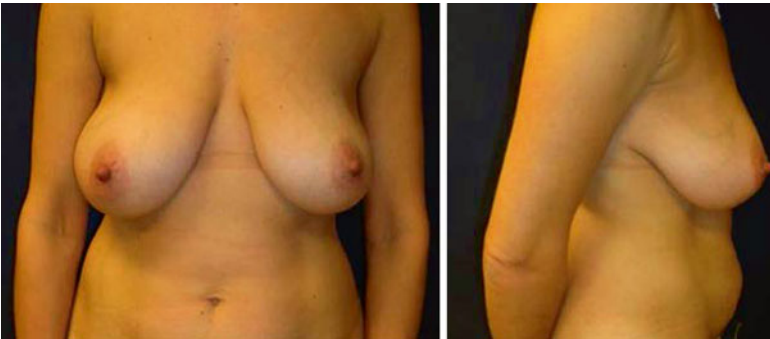
3.2 Breast, Acquired

3.2.1 Breast Ptosis

Ptosis grade 1



Ptosis grade 2



Ptosis grade 3



Ptosis grade 3 (severe)**Diagnosis** Breast ptosis

History Breast ptosis describes a descent of the breast parenchyma (nipple-areolar complex (NAC) and breast tissue). Etiologies include congenital (lower pole hypoplasia), acquired (idiopathic, involutinal—postpartum/menopause), and iatrogenic (post-reduction or augmentation). Presurgical history should include personal or family history of breast cancer, stage of breast development, pregnancy/menopause changes, size changes with weight gain or loss, previous procedures, lactation, and future pregnancy plans.

Exam Initial exam should include a breast exam and assessment of the degree of breast ptosis

(Regnault's). Other important points to look for are symmetry, quality of breast tissue, skin quality and elasticity, scars and striae, and NAC shape and size.

Regnault's Classification

- *Grade I: Mild ptosis*—The nipple is at the level of the inframammary fold and above most of the lower breast tissue.
- *Grade II: Moderate ptosis*—The nipple is located below the inframammary fold but still lies anterior and superior to the lowest contour of the breast.
- *Grade III: Severe ptosis*—The nipple is below the inframammary fold and at the lowest portion of the breast, pointing downward.
- *Pseudoptosis (Glandular ptosis)*—The nipple is located either at or above the inframammary fold, while the lower portion of the breast falls below the fold. This is most often seen when a woman stops nursing, as her milk glands atrophy, and her breast tissue descends.

Treatment Directed by the classification, ranging from augmentation plus limited periareolar pexy to major skin resection. Mastopexy typically involves redistribution of the breast tissues with removal of excess skin. The procedure can be combined with breast augmentation to increase upper pole fullness.

3.2.2 Mondor's Disease



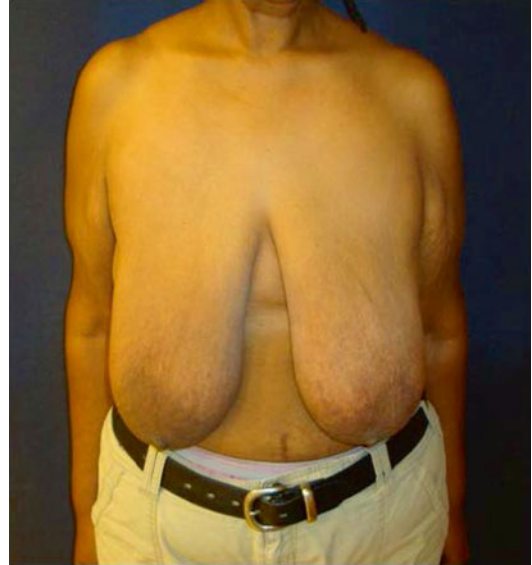
History Mondor's disease is a self-limiting benign disease caused by thrombosis of the superficial veins of the anterolateral chest wall possibly secondary to retractile scarring of the fascia after breast surgery or biopsies with concomitant vein thrombosis.

Examination Skin of the chest demonstrates tender cord-like lump. The diagnosis is confirmed by ultrasound—direct or indirect signs of thrombosis in the superficial veins.

Treatment Chest wall: Spontaneous recovery in 2–8 weeks, anticoagulation is not needed.

Post breast surgery: This is not a thrombotic process. Reports suggest that manual rupture of the fibrous bands ensures immediate functional recovery and pain relief.

3.2.3 Macromastia



History Patients with macromastia present to the clinic with enlarged breasts that tend to be ptotic and that cause chest, neck, back, and shoulder pain; difficulty performing deep inspirations; and the inability to fit into proper clothing.

Exam Patients may show shoulder indentations from the brassiere and inframammary intertrigo. In patients over 30, a mammogram should be obtained for breast cancer screening pre-op. Measurements are taken to evaluate extent of breast ptosis and weight of the breasts.

Treatment Breast reduction using liposuction or surgical resection using one of many described techniques. Pedicle choice of central, inferior, superior medial, superior, lateral, or bucket handle. Skin resection including periareolar, lollipop, J scar, T scar, and a full Wise pattern chosen based on surgeon preference and operative need.

3.2.4 Symmastia “Uniboob”

Sixteen-year-old female



History Can be congenital, where there is a confluence of breast tissue across midline (rare), or acquired, after a breast augmentation in which one or both of the implants are displaced to far medially or across midline. This is more common when implants are placed subpectorally and when oversized implants are used.

Exam There will be an absence of the intermammary sulcus with either conjoined breast tis-

sue or medialization of an implant, possibly across midline.

Treatment Treatment plan is determined by prior implant positioning, prior revisional surgery, existing parenchyma/skin thickness, and desired implant size. Different techniques utilizing capsulorrhaphy, capsular flaps, acellular dermal matrix, and/or creation of “new” implant pockets aim to define proper medial implant positioning.

3.2.5 Deflated/Ruptured Implant



History For saline implants, patients will likely report a sudden or gradual (days) change in the size and shape of the affected breast. Alternatively, patients with gel implants may not experience a volumetric change after rupture but may have pain or an altered feel of the breast. Sometimes findings of a ruptured gel implant are discovered “incidentally” on routine radiographic screening (i.e., MRIs, mammograms).

Exam Can vary from decreased breast volume on affected side with possible implant palpability to normal physical exam. \pm tenderness. As shown in the example above, the right breast implant is ruptured, and the breast appears deflated with less projection compared to the contralateral side.

Treatment Directed toward restoring symmetry with contralateral breast with implant replacement if the patient desires. This includes removal of ruptured implant, capsulectomy or capsulotomy as needed, and exchange of the contralateral implant, and/or revision of the contralateral side.

3.2.6 Bottoming-Out

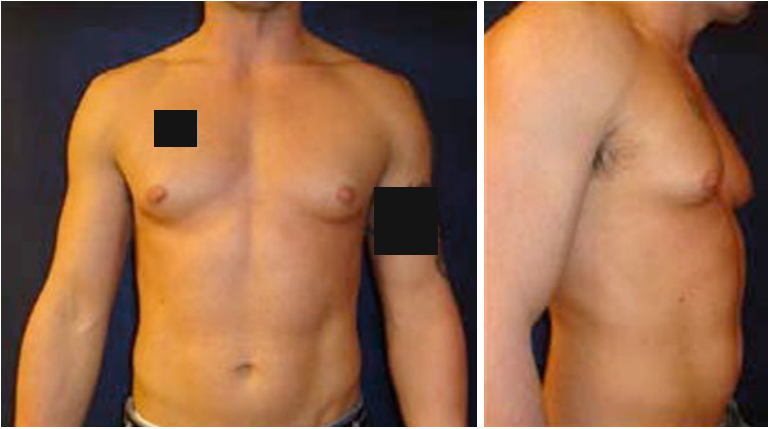


History This can occur following reduction mammoplasty, implant augmentation, or augmentation/mastopexy procedures in which too much breast parenchyma (or implant) descends below the nipple-areolar complex. This can be caused by inadequate resection of lower pole tissue, alteration of original IMF, postoperative gravitational forces and skin stretching, improper nipple placement (high), and/or a long nipple-IMF distance.

Exam Inferior pole fullness with lack of upper pole volume. The nipple may be too high and the N-IMF distance too long.

Treatment Revisionary surgery is directed toward the underlying etiology. This may require resection of inferior pole tissue (parenchyma and/or skin), repositioning of the implant and/or NAC, and alteration (or repair) of the IMF.

3.2.7 Gynecomastia



History Excessive growth of glandular breast tissue, may be unilateral or bilateral. Etiologies include physiologic (puberty, elderly), pathologic (adrenal/testicular tumors, cirrhosis), pharmacologic (marijuana, steroids, cimetidine, etc), or idiopathic (most common). There is no increased risk of breast cancer, *except* in cases of Klinefelter’s syndrome.

Exam A full H&P should be completed to identify sources of androgen deficiency or estrogen excess, including testicular and breast exam. The amount of glandular tissue, fatty tissue, and

excess skin or ptosis and the size of the NAC are key aspects that will direct surgical treatment.

Treatment Should be directed by the severity of the disease and the goals of the patient, with particular attention to scarring. Direct excision via a peri- or circum-areolar incision is best for limited fibrous subareolar involvement or when decreasing the size of the NAC. For larger cases, power-assisted or ultrasound-assisted liposuction with “pull-through” technique is required. Persistent skin excess and/or ptosis can be corrected at the expense of visible scarring.

3.2.8 Breast Cancer



The full scope of breast cancer is beyond the scope of this atlas. The plastic surgeon should be familiar with all breast cancer reconstruction procedures and timing of the reconstruction. Some features are discussed below.

History Cancer of the breast is the most frequently diagnosed life-threatening cancer in women and accounts for 29 % of all female cancers. It is the leading cause of cancer death in women. Breast cancer is usually asymptomatic and first detected as a mammogram abnormality.

Exam Exam can demonstrate a change in breast shape, skin and or nipple changes, bloody discharge, or a lump. Further evaluation is through a mammogram, breast MRI, and possible biopsy.

Treatment Breast cancer is treated surgically with radiation and/or chemotherapy with hormonal or chemotherapeutic agents as adjuncts.

If breast reconstruction is desired, the current choices are implant or autologous reconstruction (or a combination of both).

3.2.9 Peau d'Orange



History Refers to a dimpled appearance or texture of skin (French for “skin of an orange”) which is caused by lymphatic edema. While it can occur anywhere and is used for various disease states, the term is often used to describe skin changes in advanced or inflammatory breast cancer.

Exam Orange peel appearance of edematous skin with numerous pits.

Treatment Directed at underlying condition, but often skin change is irreversible. For malignant etiology, excisional lines should not cross affected dermis.

3.2.10 Nipple Retraction

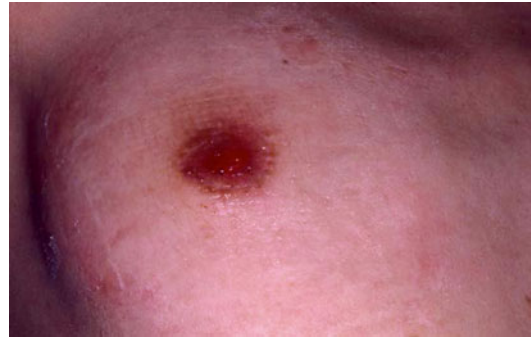


History May be congenital or acquired and unilateral or bilateral and often not evident until puberty or postpartum. Although often unpleasing to the patient aesthetically, it may also be a source of irritation or difficulty with lactation. Neoplastic etiologies (breast cancer, Paget's disease) should be considered and ruled out, as well as a history and/or future desire for breast feeding.

Exam A thorough breast exam with concomitant age-appropriate imaging (ultrasound, mammography, etc.). The ability to pull the nipple out to length and the ability to maintain its projection are key factors in treatment planning.

Treatment Multiple techniques have been described including purse-string sutures, ductal division with tissue rearrangement, or various duct-preserving techniques.

3.2.11 Mammary Paget's Disease



History A rare type of breast cancer (1–3 %), often associated with an underlying in situ or invasive carcinoma. It is characterized by eczematoid changes in the nipple-areolar complex that is refractory to topical treatments and can cause burning, itching, or soreness. More extensive destruction of the NAC with ulceration may ensue. A thorough breast workup is indicated including imaging (mammography, MRI, etc.) and biopsy.

Exam Inflamed, red, and flaky eczema like rash of the NAC. Diagnosis is confirmed by presence of Paget's cells on biopsy.

Treatment Mastectomy or breast conservation with XRT in certain cases.

3.2.12 Implant Hematoma (Breast hematoma)



History A patient presents with pain and swelling of the breast after undergoing breast augmentation or reconstruction with implant.

Exam Breast hematoma has been shown to develop in 1–3 % of patients who have undergone breast augmentation. Hematomas can be seen as late as 14 days postoperatively. The affected breast appears significantly larger and is more firm to palpation than the contralateral breast. There may not be erythema or ecchymosis.

Treatment Prompt surgical exploration to evacuate the hematoma and careful hemostasis are the mainstay of treatment. The implant can be replaced if there is no evidence of infection.

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4.1 Tumors, Benign

4.1.1 Pyogenic Granuloma

History Also referred to as lobular capillary hemangioma (LCH), pyogenic granuloma is a common, benign vascular proliferation that can be found on the skin or subcutaneous tissue. Histology includes hyperplastic clusters of capillaries arranged in a lobular architecture. Unclear etiology, however, female sex hormones, minor trauma, chronic wounds, and viral infections have been implicated.



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Exam Usually smooth, red to purple, sessile or pedunculated lesions that can bleed easily.

Treatment While some pyogenic granulomas may resolve spontaneously, most have a tendency to bleed easily and require treatment. Current therapeutic modalities include topical imiquimod, cryotherapy, electrodesiccation, curettage, excision, laser therapy, sclerotherapy, and microembolization. Recurrence rates range from 3.7 to 43.5 %.

4.1.2 Seborrheic Keratosis

History A benign lesion seen mostly in middle-aged and older patients.

Exam A well-circumscribed dark brown lesion with waxy appearance.

Treatment Options include shave excision, electrodesiccation, freezing with liquid nitrogen, or simple excision. Excision will also prevent the potential confusion with melanoma.



4.1.3 Verrucae (Warts)

History Cutaneous warts are common skin lesions caused by human papillomavirus infection.

Exam Histopathologically, warts contain dilated, congested blood vessels in the dermal papillae extending along the rete ridges, covered by a thick layer of ortho- and parakeratosis. The clinical picture reveals black dots, which are thrombosed capillaries.

Treatment There is some evidence that topical treatments containing salicylic acid have a therapeutic effect and some evidence for the efficacy of dinitrochlorobenzene and pulsed dye laser. Cryotherapy demonstrates no efficacy over placebo.



4.1.4 Neurofibromatosis

History A neurofibroma is a benign nerve sheath tumor in the peripheral nervous system. It is usually found in individuals with neurofibromatosis type I (NF1), an autosomal dominant genetically inherited disease. It affects an estimated one in 3,000–4,000 individuals. The gene for NF1 was cloned on chromosome 17q11.2. Four types of neurofibromatous lesions exist: cutaneous, subcutaneous, nodular plexiform, and diffuse plexiform. Cutaneous neurofibromas are the most common type; they can vary in number from just a few to several thousands, with the highest density occurring over the trunk. The cutaneous and subcutaneous types are both benign, but a slightly greater risk of malignant transformation exists.

Exam The hallmark clinical features present in over 90 % of all patients are café-au-lait spots and neurofibromas; however, only 20 % of children and 80 % of adults demonstrate cutaneous lesions. Neurofibromatosis can result in a range of symptoms from physical disfigurement and pain to cognitive disability. MRI may be a useful adjunct.

Treatment Removal of cutaneous lesions can be performed through excision with or without tissue expansion, cauterization, or CO₂ laser. Removal of deeper lesions can be technically demanding and must be weighed against the potential harm to involved structures (especially in the face).



4.1.5 Acrochordon (Skin Tag)

History An acrochordon (plural acrochorda, and also known as a (cutaneous) skin tag, or fibroepithelial polyp) is a small benign tumor that forms primarily in areas where the skin forms creases, such as the neck, armpit, and groin. They may also occur on the face, usually on the eyelids. They are derived from ectoderm and mesoderm and represent a hyperplastic epidermis. They are found in 25 % of persons and increase in number with age. Obesity is a predisposing factor.

Exam Skin tags usually are attached to the skin by a thin stalk (pedunculated) but also can be sessile. They range in size from less than 1 mm to 1 cm in diameter and are skin colored or brown.

Acrochorda are harmless and typically painless and do not grow or change over time.

Treatment Simple electrocautery or scissor excision at the base of the stalk is sufficient. Local anesthesia usually is not necessary. Cryotherapy is effective for small lesions. Recurrences of skin tags are common. Pathological evaluation is unnecessary unless skin tags are present in childhood, because they may be the initial presentation of nevoid basal cell carcinoma syndrome.



4.1.6 Lipoma

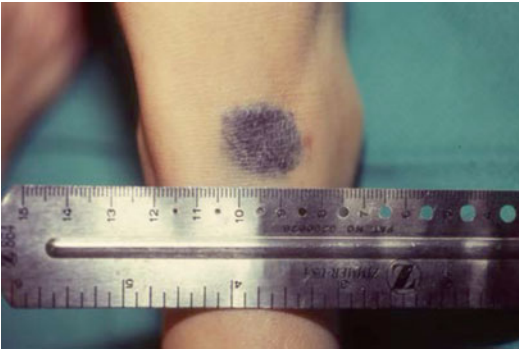


History Lipomas are commonly found in adults from 40 to 60 years of age but can also be found in children. A lipoma is a benign tumor composed of adipose tissue. It is the most common form of soft tissue tumor. Some sources claim that malignant transformation can occur, while others say that this has yet to be convincingly documented.

Exam Lipomas are soft to the touch, usually movable, and are generally painless. Many lipomas are small (under one centimeter diameter) but can enlarge to sizes greater than 6 cm.

Treatment Excision for cosmetic reasons or if transformation is expected.

4.1.7 Blue Nevus



History Described over a century ago, blue nevus is a type of melanocytic nevus. True pathogenesis is unknown but is believed to be associated to dermal arrest of neural crest melanocytes that fail to reach the epidermis. It usually presents as a solitary lesion on head/neck area, dorsal aspect of the hand and feet, or sacral region.

Exam Blue nevus usually presents as a small (<1 cm) smooth-surfaced papule, macule, or plaque with a gray/blue to blue/black color.

Treatment

No treatment is needed for blue nevus; however, if required for cosmetic reasons or in order to rule out malignancy, surgical excision is recommended.

4.1.8 Spitz Nevus



History Spitz nevus is a type of melanocytic nevus which presents a rapid growth phase, up to 1 cm, with a subsequent static phase, with some of them showing spontaneous resolution. It may rarely present with color changes, bleeding, and/or pruritus. Over 70 % of cases present during the first two decades of life.

Physical Spitz nevus typically presents as red or pigmented, dome-shaped papules or nodules, most commonly localized at the face or legs.

Treatment

Because of its unpredictable prognosis, surgical excision with histopathologic evaluation of margins is recommended.

4.1.9 Mongolian Spot



History

Also known as congenital dermal melanocytosis, Mongolian spot is an asymptomatic birthmark, usually overlying sacrococcygeal area. It represents dermal arrest of neural crest melanocytes during migration into epidermis. It usually shows spontaneous resolution within the first 5 years of age.

Physical Exam

Mongolian spot classically presents as a blue-gray macular pigmentation involving the lumbosacral region; however, more extensive involvement up to shoulders and flanks can be seen.

Treatment

No treatment is required due to its benign prognosis. Most patients show resolution during the first years of life. However, if persistent, camouflage makeup and Q-switched laser therapy is usually recommended.

4.1.10 Nevus of Ota



History Patient presents with a bluish gray facial lesion.

Exam Nevus of Ota, or nevus fuscoceruleus ophthalmomaxillaris, is a dermal melanocytic hamartoma that presents as bluish hyperpigmentation along the first or second branches of the trigeminal nerve. Extracutaneous involvement has been reported, especially ocular involvement. Approximately 60 % of these lesions are present

at birth or develop by age 10, 80 % are seen in female children, and 5 % occur bilaterally.

Treatment Malignant transformation is rare for nevus of Ota. Treatment (Q-switched ruby laser) is only indicated for aesthetic reasons.

4.1.11 Giant Nevus



History Congenital pigmented nevus with a diameter greater than 20 cm in adults. In infants, involvement of total body surface more than 1 % in the head and neck and 2 % in other body parts. Lesion is present at birth and grows in proportion to the growing child.

Examination Lesion is an elevated, pale brown. Older lesions are characterized by increasing pigmentation and excessive hair growth. If lesion is axial, rule out spinal defect. Biopsy any suspicious lesion with ulceration/uneven pigmentation, bleeding, or change in shape. The goal is to rule out melanoma. If lesion is over the scalp, MRI will be useful to rule out neurocutaneous melanosis.

Treatment The risk of malignant transformation to melanoma is 3–12 %. Treatment is total excision (staged or with expander according to size). Shaving in neonatal period may improve appearance. If treatment is not feasible, periodic cancer surveillance should be done.

4.1.12 Actinic Keratosis



History Found in middle- to old-aged persons with a history of chronic sun exposure. Chronically immunocompromised transplant surgeries. It is the most frequently occurring premalignant lesion.

Examination Rough-surfaced epidermal lesions that present as an erythematous macule or thin papule with adherent scale or crust on sun-exposed areas.

Treatment Has the potential to transform into squamous cell carcinoma. Photodynamic therapy, cryotherapy, curettage and cautery, topical diclofenac, topical 5-fluorouracil, and imiquimod can be used. The use of sunscreens reduces the rate of formation of new solar keratoses.

4.1.13 Keratoacanthoma



History A benign solitary lesion found on sun-exposed parts of the body. Typically found on the face and dorsum of the hand. Despite its benign nature, it can differentiate into a subtype of squamous cell carcinoma and can exhibit a rapid growth phase with extensive tissue destruction.

Exam A firm, raised, half-moon lesion covered by a normal skin except for a central destructive crater filled with a keratotic plug.

Treatment Complete excision to avoid confusion with a highly differentiated squamous cell carcinoma. The scar resulting from the excision

is cosmetically preferred over the scar from spontaneous resolution of the lesion. Other modalities include chemotherapy, radiotherapy, phototherapy, and watchful waiting. Recurrence of lesions after local therapy is approximately 3–5 % depending on the treatment modality.

4.2 Tumors, Malignant

4.2.1 Bowen's Disease



History An intraepidermal squamous cell cancer (SCC in situ). Lesion is slowly expanding and presents in patients with a history of chronic UV exposure, chronic arsenic ingestion from contaminated water, immunosuppression, or HPV. Five percent of lesions progress to SCC.

Examination It is a well-demarcated persistent red scaly plaque or patch usually found on the legs of women and ears and scalp of men. Multiple lesions may indicate previous exposure to carcinogen.

Treatment Destructive therapies like cryotherapy, curettage, and cautery for small areas and those with good healing potential (such as the face). Surgical excision is an alternative and to some is the choice. Topical 5-fluorouracil and photodynamic therapies are also options.

4.2.2 Erythroplasia of Queyrat

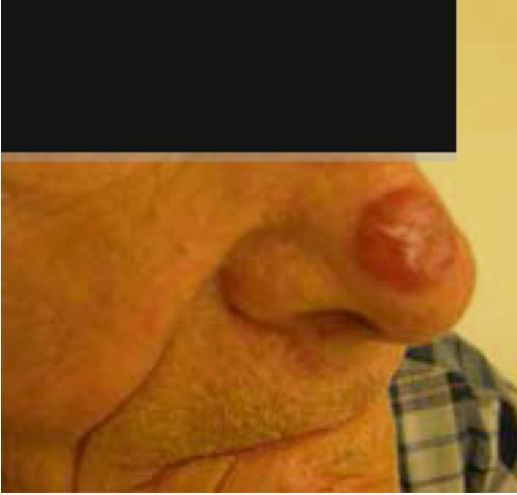


History Predominantly a disease of uncircumcised men aged 20–80 years. Distinct clinical variant of intraepidermal squamous carcinoma. The disease progresses slowly, and the interval between onset and diagnosis may be years. The cause is unknown.

Exam Manifests itself by single or multiple asymptomatic papules or plaques on the glans penis or periurethrally. The bright red lesions may be ulcerated.

Treatment A therapeutic regimen of 5 % 5-fluorouracil cream applied to lesion(s) twice daily for 4–5 weeks has produced a high cure rate and maintained penile integrity and function.

4.2.3 Basal Cell Carcinoma (BCC)



History BCC is a slow-growing, locally invasive malignant epidermal skin tumor predominantly affecting Caucasians. Metastasis is extremely rare, and morbidity results from local tissue invasion and destruction particularly on the face, head, and neck. The most significant etiological factors appear to be genetic predisposition and exposure to ultraviolet radiation. The sun-exposed areas of the head and neck are the most commonly involved sites. Sun exposure in childhood may be especially important.

Exam Clinical appearances and morphology are diverse and include nodular, cystic, superficial, morpheaform (sclerosing), keratotic, and pigmented variants. Lesions often begin as a small, dome-shaped bump and are often covered by small, superficial blood vessels called telangiectasias. The texture of such a spot is often shiny and translucent, sometimes referred to as “pearly.” Histology shows three-dimensional infiltration through the irregular growth of sub-clinical finger-like outgrowths, which remain connected to the main tumor, mass.

Treatment Surgical resection remains the gold standard in BCC treatment, with Mohs micrographic surgery typically utilized for high-risk

lesions. Standard excision is with 3–5 mm margins (larger in more diffuse subtypes). Suitable alternate treatment options for appropriately selected primary low-risk lesions may include pulsed dye therapy, cryotherapy, topical imiquimod, and 5-FU. Radiotherapy is a suitable alternate for surgical methods for treatment in older patient populations. Electrodesiccation and curettage (ED&C) is a commonly used primary treatment option for low-risk lesions.

4.2.4 Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC)



History A squamoproliferative lesion due to malignant, invasive, proliferation of epidermal keratinocytes. Found in the elderly with a history of chronic sun exposure. Additional risk factors are exposure to arsenic, tar, HPV, photochemotherapy, and chronic immunosuppression. Chronic sites of radiation and ulceration can see malignant transformation. Smoking history (lip SCC) and other premalignant lesions are risk factors. Annual incidence rate ranges between 15 and 35 per 100,000 inhabitants.

Exam Expanding erythematous plaque or nodule with an ill-defined, indurated base, usually ulcerated, with surface scale and crust in sun-exposed sites. Lymph node enlargement if metastasized. Diagnosis is through biopsy.

Treatment Surgical excision with 8–10 mm margins confirmed with frozen sections and Mohs micrographic surgery are options. Radiotherapy if rapidly enlarging or not fit for surgery. Alternative second-choice treatment options are curettage, electrodesiccation, or cryosurgery. Elective nodal dissection based on suspicion or exam.

4.2.5 Melanoma



History Melanoma is a malignant proliferation of melanocytes. Patients often report a change in a preexisting pigmented lesion. Patients with a prior history of melanoma, intermittent high

UVR with sunburns in childhood/adolescence, or immunosuppression are at higher risk. Patients with paler Fitzpatrick skin types (red or blonde hair, blue eyes, and the inability to tan) are also at higher risk. A history of freckles, lentigines, large numbers of benign melanocytic nevi, and the presence of atypical nevi should raise suspicions.

Examination Diagnostic criteria include a diameter greater than 1 cm, increasing size, variation in pigment, irregular edge, the presence of inflammation, crusting or bleeding, altered sensation, or itch. Histological diagnosis with Breslow thickness, nodal status, and the presence of metastasis used for staging.

Types

- *Lentigo maligna melanoma*: hyperpigmented patch with varying shades of brown, irregular border, evolves from lentigo maligna (elderly people, slowly enlarging irregularly pigmented macule, on the cheek or temple).
- *Superficial spreading melanoma*: greater than 0.5 cm in diameter at presentation, with variable pigmentation from pale brown to blue black, an irregular edge, and surface oozing or crusting. The most common site is the back (men) and lower legs (women); horizontal growth.
- *Nodular melanoma*: a rapidly enlarging, frequently ulcerated, blue-black nodule; vertical growth.
- *Acral lentiginous melanoma*: irregularly pigmented macule/patches with varying shades of brown or black and irregular borders on the sole of the foot or palm of the hand.

Treatment Surgical excision. Recommendations are a 5mm margin for in situ melanoma, 1 cm margin for invasive melanoma up to 1 mm depth, and 2cm margin for melanoma thicker than 1mm. Consider Mohs resection for smaller margins. SNL biopsy is recommended for lesions thicker than 0.75mm.

4.2.6 Subungual Melanoma



History A rare manifestation of cutaneous melanoma representing 0.7–3 % of all cases. Carries a poor prognosis with reported 5-year survival rates ranging from 18 to 58 %. Factors that contribute to this include delayed diagnosis and consequent advanced Breslow depth as well as the high incidence of ulceration in the primary lesion. In many patients, a presumed diagnosis of subungual hematoma, trauma, and/or onychomycosis leads to the long delay.

Examination Linear pigmented streak in the nail or an isolated nail dystrophy, accompanied by pigmentation of the proximal nail fold (Hutchinson's sign).

Treatment Amputation at mid-level of proximal bone (mid-phalanx). More distal amputations are associated with greater recurrence. Sentinel lymph node biopsy is performed with elective dissection if positive.

4.2.7 Lentigo Maligna



History Lentigo maligna (LM) is a subtype of melanoma in situ that typically develops on sun-damaged skin. Presentation may be quite subtle and delayed diagnosis is common. Recurrence following standard therapies is common. The estimated lifetime risk of LM progressing to LM melanoma is 5 %.

Exam LM appears as a large patch that expands centrifugally with variable shades of tan, brown, dark brown, or black. Clinical margins are often ill defined. Histologic evaluation can be difficult due to the widespread atypical melanocytes that are present in the background of long-standing sun damage.

Treatment Surgical excision remains the treatment of choice. Five to ten millimeter margins are recommended. Recurrence, however, is 8–20 % of LM with 5 mm margins. Frozen section, staged repair, and Mohs micrographic excision can help achieve more complete excision. Conservative treatment for poor operative candidates can include radiation therapy, immunotherapy, and cryotherapy.

4.2.8 DFSP (Dermatofibrosarcoma Protuberans)



History Dermatofibrosarcoma protuberans (DFSP) is an uncommon, intermediate-grade fibrohistiocytic sarcoma of the dermis that accounts for 2 % of all tissue sarcomas. The estimated incidence of DFSP is 0.8 per 1 million persons per year. It is locally aggressive tumor with tendency for recurrence. Patients have a history of trauma or scar at the site with size changes and progression (sudden progression after slow-growing period) being typical. Lesion often recurs after excision.

Examination Slow-growing large nodule or plaque with multiple protuberances, commonly on trunk > proximal extremities. Fixed to the skin but moving freely to deeper tissue. DFSP rarely metastasizes. If so, the metastasis-free interval is generally long, and metastases are frequently preceded by multiple local recurrences.

Treatment Mohs surgery or wide local excision with 2.5–3 cm margins (frequently recurs with latter) ± adjuvant radiotherapy as an adjuvant for positive surgical margins, after planned marginal excision in critical anatomic sites or as an exclusive treatment in advanced cases with no feasible surgical approach.

4.2.9 Angiosarcoma



History Angiosarcoma is a rare, aggressive, malignant vascular sarcoma with a poor prognosis, historically associated with 5-year overall survival (OS) rates between 10 and 30 %. Patients have a previous history of radiotherapy or chronic lymphedema: Stewart-Treves syndrome.

Examination Presents as a spreading bruise-like discoloration with poorly defined margins and satellite lesions. Lesion is initially a violaceous plaque on the face or scalp but is later followed by the appearance of dusky red nodules, ulceration, and edema.

Treatment Wide excision and wide field radiotherapy but the prognosis is poor. Chemotherapy is routinely used in patients with advanced regional or distant metastatic disease with progression-free survival rates ranging from 1 to 5 months. The probability of hematogenous dissemination is relatively high.

4.3 Integument, Congenital

4.3.1 Myelomeningocele



History Myelomeningocele occurs at a rate of approximately 0.5–1/1,000 live births. Also known as spina bifida, myelomeningocele occurs because of failure of neural tube closure between 20 and 28 days of gestation.

Exam A sac consisting of the meningeal membranes enclosing the spinal elements can be seen protruding from the midline back through the unfused portion of the spine. Myelomeningocele is associated with severe morbidity including but not limited to musculoskeletal deformities, neurogenic bladder and bowel dysfunction, learning disabilities, and varying degrees of sensorimotor compromise of the lower extremities.

Treatment Surgical repair includes the dissection and closure of five separate layers: the arach-

noid, dura, fascia, a subcutaneous layer, and skin. Closure of the soft tissue defect is individualized based on the size of the defect and can involve primary closure and myocutaneous and fasciocutaneous flaps. The rate of complications including CSF leak and wound complications can be as high as 3 % and 10 %, respectively.

4.3.2 Xeroderma Pigmentosa



History Family history and/or personal history of extreme photosensitivity, exaggerated blistering sunburn, accelerated photoaging, and early onset of skin malignancy. Autosomal recessive, due to defect in DNA repair. Prone to a variety of benign and malignant skin tumors with at least a thousandfold increased risk of melanoma and nonmelanoma skin cancer.

Examination Exposed skin ages prematurely with dryness, freckles, and roughness. Solar lentigines by age of 2. Atrophic skin shows telangiectasia. Eye abnormalities (photophobia, conjunctivitis, ectropion, corneal opacification) and neurologic abnormalities can occur. Workup includes irradiation skin tests, which show enhanced, delayed erythematous responses to UVB, and by demonstration of reduced DNA repair in cultured fibroblasts.

Treatment Minimize UV exposure with highly protective clothing, sunglasses, and sunscreens. Frequent examination and aggressive surveillance.

4.3.3 Hemangioma



History Hemangiomas are the most common true benign vascular neoplasm of infancy. The incidence is 1.0–5 %. Risk factors include low birth weight, female sex, and Caucasian. There is some family tendency toward formation. The lesion is typically noted 1–2 weeks following birth, rapidly enlarges over the first several months of life, and then regresses during early childhood. Early intervention is indicated when the lesion causes visual field disruption, respiratory obstruction, congestive heart failure, severe hemorrhage, or serious disfigurement.

Exam Hemangiomas are heterogeneous in appearance and their appearance changes throughout their life cycle. They can be superficial or deep and be found anywhere in the body.

Treatment Most infantile hemangiomas are observed, but problematic lesions are treated. First-line treatment is now propranolol; however, corticosteroid injection, oral prednisolone, lasers, and excision are also used with success.

4.3.4 Capillary Malformation



History Capillary malformation is present at birth and slowly darkens over time. Affects about 0.5 % of the population and is often referred to as “port wine stain.”

Exam Lesions are frequently on the face in the V1 and V2 distribution. Lesions usually start as a blemish with a pink or purplish hue but can be highly variable in appearance. MRI is recommended if it involves V1 to rule out Sturge-Weber.

Treatment Treatment is pulsed-dye laser (580–595 nm) to lighten the appearance of the lesion. Surgery is used in refractory cases.

4.3.5 Arteriovenous Malformation (Parkes Weber Syndrome)



History AVM is the most frequent high-flow vascular malformation. They are present at birth but usually become apparent in the first or second decade of the patient’s life (earlier in male than in female individuals) and slowly enlarge over time. AVM is characterized by the presence of a “nidus,” a central mass of a low-resistance arteriovenular shunt that is connected to afferent arteries and efferent veins.

Exam Demonstrates a mass that is slightly compressible and may demonstrate a reddish or bluish discoloration if present near the surface of the skin. In addition to causing a deformity, lesions can become ulcerated and bleed. Bruits are frequently present. U/S, MRI, and CT are useful adjuncts.

Treatment Observation is advocated in asymptomatic cases given the difficulty of achieving cure. Embolization and/or resection may be attempted to decrease symptoms or attempt cure; however, these can carry significant risk.

4.3.6 Venous Malformation (Klippel-Trenaunay Syndrome)



History Venous malformation is the most common cervicofacial vascular malformation, affecting 1–4 % of individuals. Venous malformations are present at birth and can slowly enlarge. They consist of masses of veins and venules of different dimensions with single layers of epithelial cells. Hyperplasia is absent.

Exam The lesion presents as a soft, bluish, compressible mass that enlarges when the patient reclines. The formation of phleboliths from localized intravascular coagulation (LIC) can be palpated as hard mobile masses and are pathognomonic of venous malformation. US, Doppler, and MRI are used for diagnosis.

Treatment First-line treatment is sclerotherapy with ethanol or sodium tetradecyl sulfate (STS). Resection for cure is very challenging and is reserved for removal after sclerotherapy or for the removal of small lesions or symptomatic lesions that have failed sclerotherapy.

4.3.7 Lymphatic Malformation



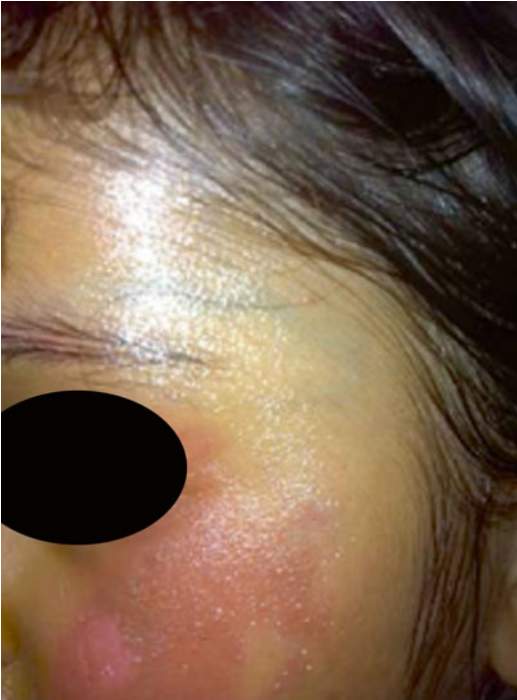
History Also known as “cystic hygroma,” these lesions are composed of vessels or large chambers lined by single layer of epithelial cells. They are present at birth and can slowly enlarge, become infected, and can bleed. Classified by size as macro- or microcystic (<math><2\text{ cm}^3</math>).

Exam Extremely variable appearance from small and focal to diffuse causing elephantiasis. Can be distinguished from other malformations because it lacks bruising and pulsations, is non-compressible, and does not swell when reclined. Diagnosis with US, Doppler, or MRI.

Treatment First-line therapy for macrocystic lymphatic malformations is sclerotherapy; usually with ethanol, bleomycin, doxycycline, and picibanil. Microcystic lesions with spaces too small to treat with sclerotherapy are only amenable to resection.

4.4 Integument, Acquired

4.4.1 First Degree: Superficial



History Burns occur in varying severity from first degree to fourth degree. First-degree burns are the least severe and occur from flash burns and sunburns. These burns only involve the superficial epidermis, and the epidermal barrier remains intact. The risk of infection and the metabolic response are minimal.

Exam The skin is red, dry, and painful. The epithelium is intact and does not look wet.

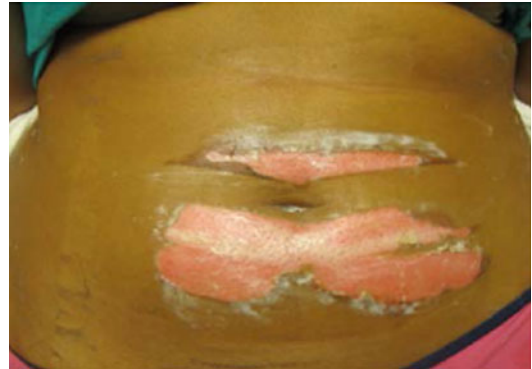
Treatment The key component of treatment is immediate cooling under cool water and analgesics. Addition of antimicrobial ointment is helpful. There is very little risk of poor healing and scarring.

4.4.2 Second Degree: Partial Thickness

4.4.2.1 Superficial Partial Thickness



4.4.2.2 Deep Partial Thickness



History The most common causes of second-degree burns are hot water and soup. In second-degree burns, the epidermis is completely destroyed and there is partial dermal loss. The depth of the injury is important and is described as superficial partial thickness or deep partial thickness. When the epidermal appendages are spared, the wound can heal by proliferation and migration of these cells.

Exam On exam, the skin is edematous, red, painful, wet, and possibly blistering. Deep partial-thickness burns may have a yellow or white appearance and be more dry.

Treatment Immediate treatment involves cooling the area with cool (not ice) water. A superficial dermal injury can heal in 7–10 days, while a deep dermal injury can take 3 weeks to heal. The depth of the wound is an important factor. There is a likelihood of having scar contracture and hypertrophy. The wounds are treated with antibiotic dressing to prevent infection during the healing process. There is a possibility of surgery to cover the wound if deep.

4.4.3 Third Degree: Full Thickness



History The most common causes of third-degree burns are flame and grease. The burn is full thickness through the epidermis and dermis.

Exam The burn wound is pale and non-blanching. Also, the wounds are contracted, insensate, and leathery. There are typically surrounding areas of first- and second-degree burns.

Treatment Depending on the size of the wound, the patient may need resuscitation using the Parkland formula. The Parkland formula is based on the percent of total body burn, and this is based on the “rule of nines.” The burns need to be covered with antibiotic dressing and require debridement. After debridement, the wounds are typically covered with autografts. If there is limited donor site for autografts, homograft, xenografts, or cultured epidermal autografts are used for coverage. There is often scarring and contractures requiring secondary revisional surgery.

4.4.4 Fourth Degree



History Fourth-degree burns are the most severe. They are completely through the dermis and into the underlying subcutaneous tissues including the fat, bone, and muscle.

Exam The burns are black and charred with eschar. They are painless and dry. There are also surrounding areas of first-, second-, and third-degree burns.

Treatment Patients with fourth-degree burns are often critical, and the initial approach to them is similar to the ABCs of trauma. The Parkland formula is used to guide resuscitation. This is based on the percent of total body burn utilizing the “rule of nines.” Early debridement is typically required, and escharotomies are used as well. After debridement, the wounds are covered with autografts. If there is limited donor site for autografts, homograft, xenografts, or cultured epidermal autografts are used for coverage. These patients are at a high risk of infection and possible death. As with third-degree burns, there are often scarring and contractures requiring secondary revisional surgery.

4.4.5 Burn Contracture

History Full-thickness burns can lead to the formation of scar contractures despite optimal treatment in the immediate and early postburn period

with up to 70 % of burn patients requiring surgical intervention for contractures.

Exam Bands or areas of scar formation with resulting limitations on range of motion.

Treatment Treatment initially is aimed at prevention. Full-thickness burns are excised with approximation of healthy tissue or excised and sheet grafted. Areas of flexion are splinted to counter the contractile forces of the healing tissue. Wounds are managed meticulously with topical antimicrobials. Multiple modalities are used to treat immature scars including steroid injections, silicone gels, and pressure therapy.

Established contractures can be treated with incision and local tissue rearrangement, excision with reconstruction with grafts or flaps with or without tissue expansion, or laser therapy. Often a combination of these modalities is used.

Once the scar has been reset to an acute wound, preventative treatment is again used to help prevent recurrence.



4.4.6 Pressure Sores

Stages 1, 2, 3, and 4



History Pressure sores typically develop in dependent areas of immobilized patients and can occur anywhere. There is tissue ischemia from prolonged pressure (above 32 mmHg). The National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel has classified these wounds into four progressive stages. The patient's social situation, comorbidities, and insight into the inciting etiologies are vital components to preoperative planning.

Exam Stage I: Non-blanchable erythema, skin which remains intact, \pm tenderness

Stage II: Partial-thickness loss of the dermis, may be either intact blister or shallow ulcer

Stage III: Full-thickness dermal loss with ulcer extending into the subcutaneous fat

Stage IV: Full-thickness tissue loss through the subcutaneous fat with exposed muscle, tendon, or bone

Unstageable: Full-thickness skin or tissue loss with depth of wound unknown due to the presence of eschar or slough

Treatment Optimization of the patient's nutritional status and comorbidities (diabetes, osteomyelitis, spasticity, etc.) as well as adequate debridement and proper urinary and fecal diversion are performed prior to reconstructive surgery. Patient education, pressure source alleviation, and the use of air-fluidized mattresses are also ensured. Complete excision of the pressure ulcer and bone debridement should precede myocutaneous or fasciocutaneous flaps for coverage. Flap selection is dependent on the ambulation status of the patient, location of the pressure ulcer, and prior surgical history. Recurrence is common.

4.4.7 Diagnosis: Marjolin's Ulcer



History Marjolin's ulcer is the malignant degeneration of a chronic wound, ulcer, or scar that is often the result of trauma, burn, or radiation injury. It is typically a slow-growing wound that fails conventional therapy; however, fungating, rapidly growing lesions are possible. The majority of these lesions are squamous cell carcinoma, although basal cell carcinoma and melanoma have been described.

Exam Chronically draining ulcer with recent changes in appearance. Lesion can be foul smelling with irregular raised borders and intermittent bleeding. Need a high degree of suspicion.

Treatment Multiple biopsies should be obtained in all suspicious wounds, including central and peripheral zones. Wide local excision (>1 cm margins) is the treatment of choice ± regional lymph node dissection, with radiation therapy alone or adjuvant therapy in select cases.

4.4.8 Calciphylaxis



History Calciphylaxis is a rare syndrome of vascular calcification, thrombosis, and skin necrosis seen in 1–4 % of patients with chronic kidney disease (CKD) on hemodialysis. It results in chronic nonhealing wounds and has a 60–80 % mortality rate. It is characterized by small vessel mural calcification with or without endovascular fibrosis, extravascular calcification, and vascular thrombosis, leading to tissue ischemia. Risk factors include hypercalcemia, hyperphosphatemia, female gender, Caucasian race, obesity, diabetes mellitus, warfarin use, hypercoagulability, hypoalbuminemia, albumin infusion, trauma, primary

hyperparathyroidism, alcoholic liver disease, malignancy, connective tissue disease, prior corticosteroid use, and protein C or S deficiencies.

Exam The characteristic lesions are the ischemic skin lesions (usually with areas of skin necrosis). The necrotic skin lesions are typically dark bluish purple to black. They can be extensive. The suspected diagnosis can be supported by a skin biopsy.

Treatment The optimal treatment is prevention. Rigorous and continuous control of phosphate and calcium balance most probably will avoid the metabolic changes which may lead to calciphylaxis. After it begins, primary treatment is supportive. One should avoid local tissue trauma (including avoiding all subcutaneous injections and all not-absolutely-necessary infusions and transfusions). Newer treatments include sodium thiosulfate, bisphosphonates, and cinacalcet (used to treat hyperparathyroidism).

4.4.9 Free Flap Compromise



History Free flaps are an integral part of the reconstruction of bony and soft tissue defect when local or regional options do not exist or are inferior. Venous congestion and arterial compromise can, however, threaten flap viability after reconstruction.

Exam Venous congestion is characterised by a flap that is purple, edematous, and hot. Rapid capillary refill, dark venous blood on pinprick, and a boggy feeling from excess edema are typical.

In contrast, arterial compromise is characterised by a cool white flap that lacks turgor. Pinprick demonstrates no bleeding or slow bleeding, and capillary refill will be prolonged. Adjunct methods of flap evaluation include trans-cutaneous and implantable tissue monitoring.

Treatment Bedside treatment for a compromised flap includes releasing the inset sutures to relieve pressure on the pedicle. Urgent return to the operating room for exploration is indicated.

4.4.10 Necrotizing Fasciitis



History Necrotizing fasciitis is commonly known as the flesh-eating disease. It is a rare condition that results from a bacterial infection of the subcutaneous tissues of the skin. The infection is common in immunocompromised patients such as diabetic and cancer patients. It has a sudden onset and progresses rapidly. It is classified as:

- Type I (polymicrobial) which represents the majority of cases
- Type II (monomicrobial, group A *Streptococcus* or MRSA) which only represents 15 % of cases

Exam The infection begins at the site of trauma or surgery. Patients complain of severe pain that

may seem excessive given the appearance of the skin. Look for signs of inflammation, fever, and tachycardia. Patients are usually very sick and ill looking. Rapid progression occurs with swelling of the tissues and discoloration of the skin and the development of blisters. Look for crepitus and “dish-water” fluid discharge. General symptoms such as diarrhea and vomiting are also common. Mortality rates can be as high as 73 % if left untreated.

Treatment Antibiotics should be started as soon as the condition is suspected. Imperative treatment is started, and cultures are taken to determine the appropriate antibiotic coverage. Aggressive surgical debridement is the only available treatment. Diagnosis is confirmed clinically. Tissue samples can be taken but should not delay surgical debridement. Interdisciplinary care team should be involved depending on the area infected. Fournier gangrene is a subtype of the perineum that usually necessitates involvement of urology and/or gynecology team in the care of the patient.

4.4.11 Hidradenitis Suppurativa



History Hidradenitis is a skin disease that most commonly affects areas bearing apocrine sweat glands or sebaceous glands, such as armpits, under the breasts, inner thighs, groin, and buttocks.

Exam The disease manifests as clusters of chronic abscesses, epidermoid cysts, sebaceous

cysts, or pilonidal cyst. The cysts can be extremely painful to touch and may persist for years with occasional to frequent periods of inflammation, culminating in incision and drainage of pus, often leaving open wounds that will not heal.

Treatment Treatments vary depending on the presentation and severity. Possible treatments include lifestyle modification (diet, weight loss, smoking cessation) and medications including antibiotics (tetracycline, minocycline, rifampin, and clindamycin), intralesional steroids, vitamin A supplements, antiandrogen therapy, infliximab, zinc gluconate, chlorhexidine, and topical resorcinol. Electron beam radiotherapy has been a successful treatment of hidradenitis. When the process becomes chronic, wide surgical excision with skin grafting is the treatment of choice.

4.4.12 Epidermolysis Bullosa



History Epidermolysis bullosa is a mucocutaneous disease resulting from genetic mutations in any of the 14 genes encoding proteins that maintain the integrity of the skin. Most forms of EBS are inherited in an autosomal dominant manner, with mild to no mucosal involvement, and permit a normal lifespan.

Exam Characterized by the formation of blisters in the skin or mucous membranes triggered by minimum trauma or traction (Nikolsky sign).

Classified into four major types based on the level of skin cleavage at the ultrastructural level. Skin biopsies from the edge of a fresh blister subjected to immunofluorescent mapping (IFM) are the primary method of diagnosis. Electron microscopy can also be used if IFM is inconclusive.

Treatment There is no cure. Supportive treatments including blister prevention, wound care, nutritional support, monitoring for complications, and psychosocial support are mainstays.

4.4.13 Stevens-Johnson Syndrome (SJS)



History Incidence is between 1 and 7 cases per million person-years. Drugs are most commonly cited as the cause, but other causes include infection, vaccination, systemic diseases, physical agents, and foods.

Exam Presents as an acute febrile illness with malaise, headaches, cough, and rhinorrhea, which is followed by cutaneous manifestations in a few days. Early sites are the presternal region of the trunk, face, palms, and soles. Skin lesions are erythematous and livid macules, which rapidly coalesce. Mucous membrane involvement is common. There can also be gastrointestinal, respiratory tract, and ocular involvement. In the second stage, there are large areas of epidermal detachment, spontaneously or with tangential mechani-

cal pressure (Nikolsky sign). SJS is differentiated from toxic epidermal necrosis based on the surface area of detachment. Histology shows widespread necrotic epidermis involving all layers.

Treatment Rapid identification and withdrawal of the culprit drugs with rapid initiation of supportive care being the mainstay of treatment. High-dose steroids show good results. IVIG, immunosuppressive agents, and plasmapheresis have also been used with some benefit. SJS has 1 % to 5 % mortality. The risk is determined by the age and extent of skin detachment.

4.4.14 Lymphedema



History In the United States, lymphedema can be primary (a rare, X-linked, autosomal) or secondary to surgery, radiation therapy, or neoplasm. In the developing world, lymphedema is often secondary to filariasis. Lymphedema is a progressive pathological condition of the lymphatic system in which there is interstitial accumulation of protein-rich fluid and subsequent inflammation, adipose tissue hypertrophy, and fibrosis.

Exam Unilateral enlargement of the extremity with soft pitting progressing to a more indurated appearance and the development of trophic skin changes in later stages. Patients are prone to repeated bouts of cellulitis and lymphangitis. Peau d'orange changes of the skin and a positive Stemmer sign (the inability to grasp the skin of the dorsum of the second digit of the feet) are diagnostic. Evaluation with CT, MRI, lymphoscintigraphy, and indocyanine green lymphography can be helpful.

Treatment Conservative management includes compression devices, lymph massage, and compression garments that can alleviate the symptoms and control the progression of the disease. Surgical management of lymphedema includes liposuction, excision and grafting (Charles procedure), and free lymph node transfer.

4.4.15 Keloid



History Keloids represent an exuberant healing response. Patients at high risk of keloids are usually younger than 30 years and have darker skin. Sternal skin, shoulders and upper arms, earlobes, and cheeks are most susceptible to developing keloids. Risk factors include high-risk trauma including burns and ear piercing and any factor that prolongs wound healing.

Exam A scar that grows beyond the boundaries of the original wound. Keloids do not regress over time and usually recur with excision. They are often pruritic and painful.

Treatment Keloid formation often can be prevented if anticipated with immediate silicone elastomer sheeting, taping to reduce skin tension, or corticosteroid injections. Treatment includes surgery, steroids, radiation, lasers, and/or immunotherapy alone, or as part of a multimodal therapy.

4.4.16 Hypertrophic Scar



History An overexuberant healing process that occurs shortly after injury (6–8 weeks after). Often associated with major wounds that are slow to heal because of tension, infection, or foreign body. The scar worsens up to 6 months and then subsides with time. Can be found on flexor surfaces of joints where they can be associated with contractures.

Exam Elevated scars that do not extend outside the original borders of the wound.

They have increased blood vessels and are typically pruritic. Histology demonstrates an increased amount of myofibroblasts with an absence of thick eosinophilic (hyalinizing) collagen bundles.

Treatment Observation, silicone sheeting, intralesional steroids, pressure therapy, and paper tape used alone or in combination.

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