

1. Considering the economic impact of hip fractures, which of the following statements best describes the first-year cost of managing a hip fracture in comparison to acute coronary syndrome and ischemic stroke?
 - A. The cost is comparable to that of acute coronary syndrome.
 - B. The cost is lower than that of ischemic stroke but higher than acute coronary syndrome.
 - C. The cost is significantly higher than both acute coronary syndrome and ischemic stroke.
 - D. The cost is similar to that of ischemic stroke.
 - E. No studies had analyzed such data

Answer: C

2. In managing pre-operative anticoagulation, which protocol is recommended for a patient on Warfarin before surgery if the desired goal INR is 1.5 or less?
 - A. Continue Warfarin at the same dose
 - B. Hold Warfarin, administer Vitamin K 5mg PO, and prepare 2 units of FFP
 - C. Switch Warfarin to a NOAC and monitor INR levels
 - D. Continue Warfarin and delay surgery until INR naturally decreases
 - E. Hold Warfarin and use aspirin instead

Answer: C

3. Meta-analytic data comparing extramedullary fixation (such as the sliding hip screw) with intramedullary (cephalomedullary) devices for unstable fractures indicates what primary advantage of using a cephalomedullary nail?
 - A. Significantly decreased rates of cut-out or nonunion.
 - B. A lower risk of implant failure.
 - C. A greater reduction in mortality rates.
 - D. Substantially reduced blood loss during the procedure.
 - E. Earlier weight bearing with cephalomedullary nail

Answer: B

4. Which of the following best describes the primary surgical objectives when treating tibial plateau fractures?
 - A. Ensuring anatomical reduction, restoring condylar width, and maintaining joint stability
 - B. Achieving patient comfort through immobilization
 - C. Using non-operative management to allow natural healing
 - D. Prioritizing early weight-bearing without stressing the joint
 - E. Managing associated bony injuries rather than tibia plateau

Answer: A

5. When selecting an appropriate surgical approach for tibial plateau fractures, which factor is most critical to consider based on the principles of management outlined in the content?
- A. The surgeon's familiarity with specific fixation devices
 - B. The availability of advanced imaging techniques during surgery
 - C. The possibility of using external fixators if internal fixation fails
 - D. The biomechanics of fixation, including soft-tissue tolerance and the handling of depressed articular fragments
 - E. Associated vascular injury

Answer: D

6. Which mechanism is associated with a lateral column fracture?
- A. Direct impact mechanism
 - B. Valgus extension mechanism
 - C. Varus flexion mechanism
 - D. Compression injury mechanism
 - E. Varus hyperextension

Answer: B

7. In fracture fixation, which sequence is recommended when using a combination of locking and nonlocking screws in the same fracture fragment?
- A. Nonlocking screws should be applied before locking screws.
 - B. They can be applied simultaneously.
 - C. Locking screws should be applied first.
 - D. The sequence does not matter as long as the plate is secured.
 - E. Lag screw should always be used

Answer: A

8. In the context of orthopedic internal fixation systems, what is a primary advantage of using locked plates compared to conventional plating systems?
- A. They allow for universal screw placement regardless of bone quality
 - B. They provide angular and axial stability with minimized compression of the periosteum
 - C. They require no specific contouring to the bone's anatomy
 - D. They are dependent on bone quality for purchase
 - E. They are used for diaphyseal fractures

Answer: B

9. When selecting the appropriate plate length for comminuted fractures, what is the generally recommended guideline?
- A. Plate length should be 2 to 3 times the fracture length.
 - B. Plate length should equal the fracture length.
 - C. Plate length should be half the fracture length.
 - D. Plate length should always exceed the fracture length by a fixed 5 cm.
 - E. Plate length has no specific equation related to fracture length

Answer: A

10. In the three-step approach to managing nonunions, which of the following best represents the first step concerning fracture healing failure?
- A. Optimizing nutrition for bone healing
 - B. Identifying intrinsic and extrinsic factors such as poor fixation or biological issues
 - C. Determining the optimal surgical implant
 - D. Planning for post-surgery rehabilitation exclusively
 - E. Multidisciplinary team approach

Answer: B

11. CT scans with multiplanar reconstruction (MPR) are especially useful in nonunion cases because they assist in detailed surgical planning. Which of the following aspects is NOT typically evaluated with CT/MPR?
- A. Rotational malalignment
 - B. Angular deformities
 - C. Bridging bone percentage
 - D. Evaluation of neurovascular deficits
 - E. Screw plate density

Answer: D

12. When discussing treatment options for nonunion, why is it crucial to address the patient's personal goals and expectations?

- A. Because aligning treatment with patient's lifestyle—such as household ambulation versus athletic performance—ensures better patient satisfaction and tailored management
- B. Because subjective patient goals determine the need for further imaging studies
- C. Because the patient's goals are secondary and only considered after surgical planning
- D. Because a patient's expectations solely dictate the selection of fixation method
- E. Because patient expectation should be as high as you could

Answer: A

13. What is the primary mechanical function of clamps in an external fixator construct?

- A. To allow for compression at the fracture site.
- B. To prevent infection at the pin-bone interface.
- C. To directly stabilize the fracture fragments.
- D. To connect the pins to the connecting rods, providing a rigid framework.
- E. To allow for biplanar stability

Answer: D

14. What factor is most critical in preventing pin hole fractures when using external fixation?

- A. Inserting pins perpendicular to the bone surface.
- B. Pre-drilling the pin site before insertion.
- C. Pin diameter being less than 1/3 of the bone diameter.
- D. Using self-tapping pins.
- E. Using HA coated pins

Answer: C

15. A surgeon is applying an external fixator to a femur fracture. What pin diameter is generally recommended?

- A. 8 mm
- B. 4 mm
- C. 5 or 6 mm
- D. 3 mm
- E. 12 mm

Answer: C

16. The run-out of a screw is most critically important because:

- A. It determines the screw's overall length and material composition.
- B. It marks the boundary where the threads are manufactured with the greatest precision.
- C. It represents a transition area that can be susceptible to stress concentrations and failure.
- D. It is the section of the screw that provides the most significant grip in dense materials.
- E. It is primarily designed for aesthetic purposes and doesn't affect structural integrity.

Answer: C

17. Compared to cortical bone screws, cancellous bone screws are designed with a:

- A. Smaller pitch and shallower thread depth to maximize contact with dense bone.
- B. Larger pitch and deeper thread depth to achieve better anchorage in porous bone.
- C. Similar pitch and thread depth, but a different material composition for increased strength.
- D. Reverse thread pattern to prevent loosening in low-density bone.
- E. Finer pitch and more threads per inch to increase surface area for osseointegration.

Answer: B

18. In biomechanical applications, a poorly designed screw run-out would most likely lead to:

- A. Increased resistance to corrosion from bodily fluids.
- B. Reduced risk of fatigue failure under cyclic loading.
- C. Enhanced ability to withstand compressive forces.
- D. Premature breakage due to concentrated stress.
- E. Improved integration with surrounding tissue.

Answer: D

19. Which of the following radiographic findings is MOST indicative of a syndesmotic injury?

- A. Talar tilt less than 2mm.
- B. Tibiofibular overlap greater than 6mm.
- C. Medial joint space widening less than 4mm.
- D. Tibiofibular clear space greater than 5mm.
- E. Tibia/fibula overlap greater than 1mm on mortise view.

Answer: D

20. According to the Lauge-Hansen classification, a fracture described as "supination-external rotation" indicates which sequence of events influencing the ankle injury?

- A. The foot is pronated, and the talus rotates with adduction around its long axis.
- B. The foot is supinated, and the talus rotates with external rotation around the tibia.
- C. The foot is pronated, and the talus rotates with external rotation around the tibia.
- D. The foot is supinated, and the talus rotates with abduction around its long axis.
- E. The foot is neutral, and the talus rotates with internal rotation around the tibia.

Answer: B

21. A patient presents with a Weber B ankle fracture. According to the information provided, what additional assessment is MOST critical in determining the appropriate treatment strategy?

- A. CT scan to evaluate joint involvement.
- B. MRI to assess tendon and ligament injuries.
- C. Stress radiographs to evaluate deltoid ligament competence.
- D. Bone scan to rule out avascular necrosis.
- E. Weight-bearing radiographs to assess stability of distal fibula fractures.

Answer: C

22. Which of the following findings on ankle X-ray would indicate the need for surgical intervention?

- A. Isolated nondisplaced medial malleolus fracture.
- B. Isolated lateral malleolus fracture with < 3mm displacement and no talar shift.
- C. Bimalleolar fracture in an elderly patient unable to undergo surgical intervention.
- D. Posterior malleolar fracture with < 25% joint involvement or < 2mm step-off.
- E. Displaced isolated lateral malleolar fracture.

Answer: E

23. Which of the following is NOT a disadvantage of the Gustilo-Anderson classification system for open fractures?

- A. Lacks uniformity due to multiple modifications
- B. Fails to account for severity of injuries to skin, bone, and muscles separately
- C. Offers high interobserver reliability
- D. Primarily based on wound size
- E. Does not address the decision-making regarding limb salvage

Answer: C

24. In the Ganga Hospital Open Injury Score (GHOIS), a score of 17 or more most accurately predicts:

- A. Risk of infection greater than 50%
- B. Requirement for IV antibiotics longer than 5 days
- C. High chance of successful limb salvage
- D. Need for urgent second-look debridement
- E. Likelihood of amputation

Answer: E.

25. Which of the following is a recommended irrigation method for open fractures to minimize tissue damage and risk of deeper contamination?

- A. High-pressure lavage with Betadine
- B. High-pressure lavage with normal saline
- C. Low-pressure lavage with Betadine
- D. Low-pressure lavage with normal saline
- E. Direct wound soaking with hydrogen peroxide

Answer: D.

26. Which of the following statements best reflects a major limitation of clinical pelvic instability testing in trauma patients?

- A. It is contraindicated due to the risk of worsening fractures.
- B. It provides immediate therapeutic benefit.
- C. It misses more than 65% of radiographically unstable fractures.
- D. It can replace imaging in stable patients.
- E. It identifies posterior pelvic ring injuries reliably.

Answer: C

27. In patients with APC II pelvic injuries, what was the failure rate of anterior-only fixation compared to combined anterior and posterior fixation ?

- A. 5% vs 1%
- B. 36% vs 5%
- C. 40% vs 5%
- D. 31% vs 69%
- E. 10% vs 2%

Answer: C.

28. What is the ideal placement of a pelvic binder to maximize hemorrhage control and avoid complications during radiographic assessment?

- A. Over the iliac crest
- B. Over the anterior superior iliac spine
- C. Around the mid-abdomen
- D. Over the greater trochanters
- E. At the level of the umbilicus

Answer: D