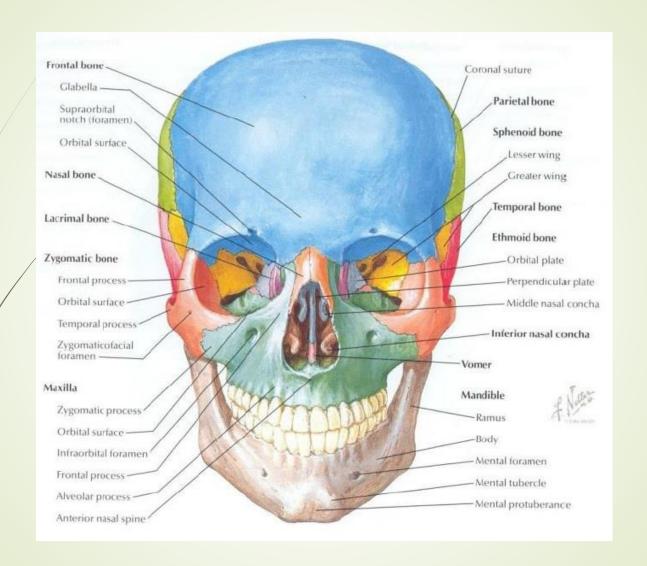


EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OF MAXILLOFACIAL TRAUMATIC PATIENTS

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Etiology

- Sports
- Vehicular Accidents
- Mauling

Women – consider the possibility of domestic violence

Etiology

- Patients with severe facial trauma:
 - multisystem trauma
 - potential for airway compromise
 - concurrent brain injury
 - cervical spine injuries
 - blindness

- Primary Survey
 - Airway
 - Breathing
 - Circulation
- Secondary Survey

Airway:

- Chin lift.
- Jaw thrust.
- Oropharyngeal suctioning
- Manually move the tongue forward
- Maintain cervical immobilization

- Avoid nasotracheal intubation
 - Adverse effects:
 - Nasocranial intubation
 - Nasal hemorrhage
- cricothyroidotomy

Circulation:

- Direct pressure
- Anterior and posterior nasal packing
- Packing of the pharynx around ET tube

History

- Place, Time, Date, Mechanism of injury
- Detailed description of the circumstances surrounding the injury
- Allergies, other medical problems, medications, tetanus immunizations

History

Questions:

- Was there LOC, nausea/vomiting, headache? (Head Trauma related questions)
- How is your vision?
- Hearing problems?
- Is there pain with eye movement?
- Are there areas of numbness or tingling on your face?
- Able to bite down without any pain?
- Is there pain with moving the jaw?

Inspection

- Open wounds for foreign bodies
- Facial asymmetry
- Nose for deviation, widening of bridge
- Nasal septum for septal hematoma, CSF or blood
- Ears for blood or CSF
- Malocclusion





Inspection

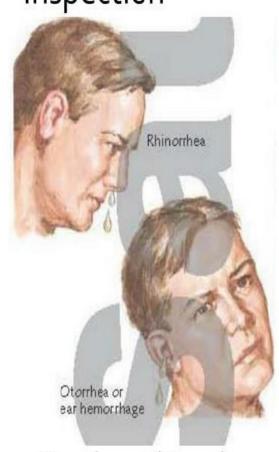


Battle's sign

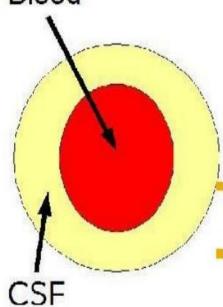


Raccoon eyes





Blood



Halo Sign

Not sensitive or specific but can be used as a preliminary test for CSF in blood

Dipstick

Beta transferrin

Palpation

- Palpate the entire face.
 - Supraorbital and Infraorbital rim
 - Zygomatic-frontal suture
 - Zygomatic arches
- Nose crepitus, deformity and subcutaneous air
- Zygoma along its arch and its articulations with the maxilla, frontal and temporal bone
- Mandible for tenderness, swelling

- Intraoral examination:
 - Inspect the teeth for malocclusions, bleeding
 - Manipulation of each tooth
 - Check for lacerations
 - Mandibular movements

Ophthalmologic exam

- Visual acuity
- Pupils for shape and reactivity
- Eyelids for lacerations
- Extra ocular muscles
- Palpate around the orbits



Diagnostic Imaging

- Plain films
 - Confirm suspected clinical diagnosis
 - Determine extent of injury
 - Document fractures

CT scan

General Treatment

- ATS, TeAna
- Thorough evaluation of all wounds
- All foreign bodies must be removed
- Debridement
- Suturing of lacerations as needed
 - Minimize scarring
- Antibiotics

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Nasal Fractures

- Most common bone injury in the face
- Open or closed

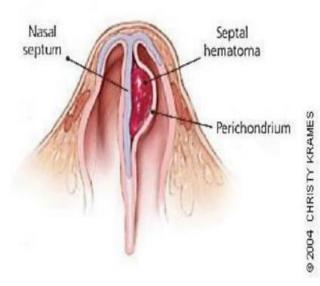
Signs

- Depression or displacement of nasal bones
- Edema of nose
- Epistaxis
- Fracture of septal cartilage with displacement or mobility
- Crepitus on palpation



Nasal Fractures

 All nasal injuries should be evaluated for septal hematoma



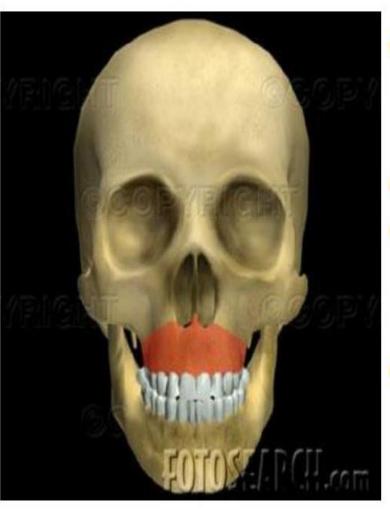


- Untreated- result in septal necrosis and saddle nose deformity
- Can become infected- result in a septal abscess

Nasal Fractures

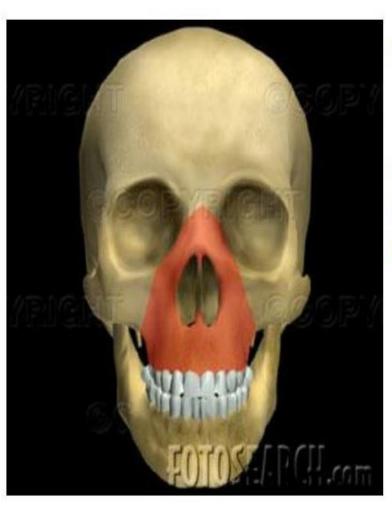
- Radiographs:
 - Lateral projection
- Treatment:
 - Surgical
 - After reduction, nasal cavities should be packed "internal splinting"

Le Fort I



- Low transverse fracture of maxilla involving palate
- Facial edema
- Mobility of hard palate and upper teeth
- Malocclusion

Le Fort II

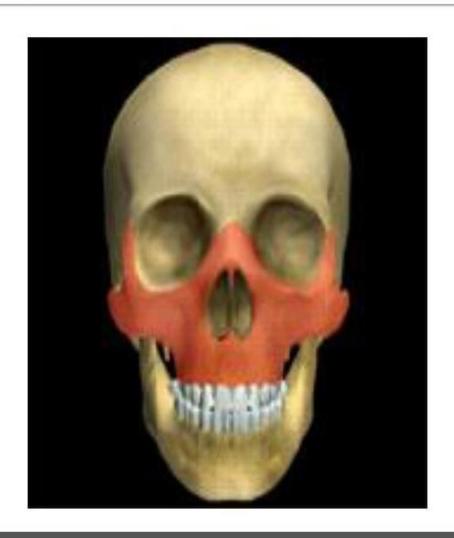


- Pyramidal fracture with detachment of maxilla
- Facial edema
- Epistaxis
- Bilateral periorbital edema and ecchymosis

Le Fort III

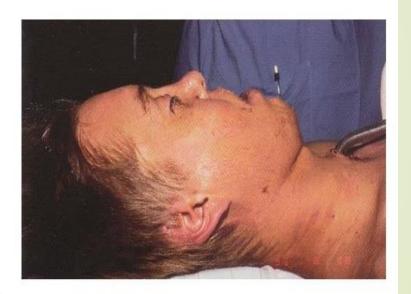
- Complete disruption of attachments of facial skeleton to cranium
- Movement of all facial bones in relation to the cranial base with manipulation of the teeth and hard palate
 - Open patient's mouth and grasp the maxilla arch
 - Place the other hand on the forehead
 - Gently move back and forth, up and down check for movement of maxilla

Le Fort III



Le Fort III

- Massive edema with facial elongation, flattening – "Dish faced deformity"
- Epistaxis and CSF rhinorrhea
- Motion of the maxilla, nasal bones and zygoma



Management of Le Fort Fractures

 Open reduction and intermaxillary fixation should be performed to establish correct occlusion

 Followed by rigid fixation at the piriform rims and zygomaticomaxillary buttress.

Zygoma Fractures

- The zygoma has 2 major components:
 - Zygomatic arch
 - Zygomatic body
- Two types of fractures can occur:
 - Isolated Arch fracture -most common
 - Tripod fracture most serious

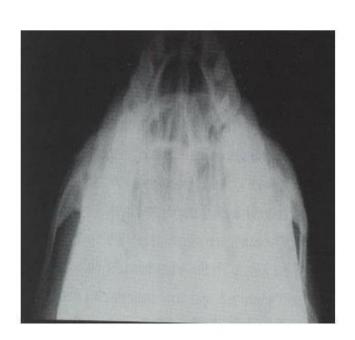
Zygoma Arch Fractures

- Palpable bony defect over the arch
- Flattening of the cheek
- Pain in cheek and jaw movement
- Limited mandibular movement



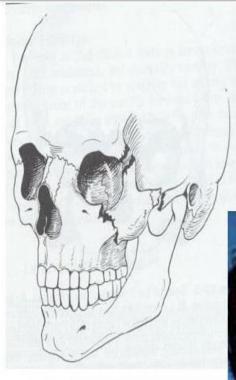
Zygoma Arch Fractures

- Radiographic imaging:
 - Submental view "bucket handle view"
 - Arches may not be seen in usual views (anterior, lateral)
- Treatment:
 - Symptomatic surgical



Zygoma Tripod Fractures

- Tripod fractures consist of fractures through:
 - Zygomatic arch
 - Zygomaticofrontal suture
 - Inferior orbital rim and floor
- Symptoms
 - Periorbital edema
 - Sensory disturbances along the infraorbital nerve





Zygoma Tripod Fractures

- Waters
- Caldwell
- Submental
- Coronal CT
- Treatment:
 - Symptomatic surgical

Orbital Blow Out Fractures

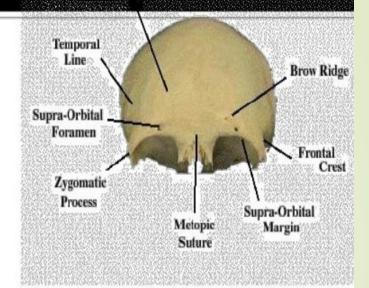
- Isolated fracture of the orbital floor with partial herniation of orbital contents
- Facial asymmetry
- Enophthalmos
- Diplopia on upward gazeimpingement of inf. Rectus
- Check for sensory disturbances – cheek, upper lip, lateral nasal wall





Frontal Sinus Fracture

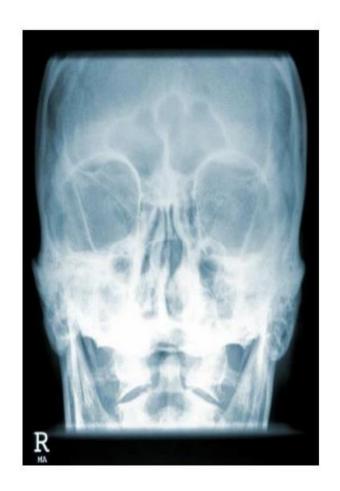
- Uncommon
- Depression of anterior table of frontal sinus
- Intracranial injuries
- Dural tears
- Epistaxis



 CSF rhinorrhea (disruption of posterior table of frontal sinus with dural rupture)

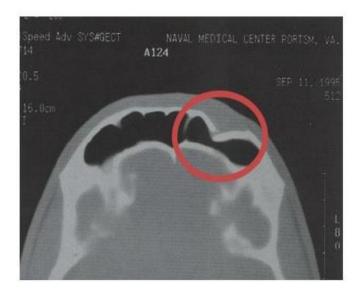
Frontal Sinus Fracture

- Radiographs:
 - Facial views should include:
 - Waters
 - Caldwell
 - lateral projections
 - Caldwell view best evaluates the anterior wall fractures



Frontal Sinus Fractures

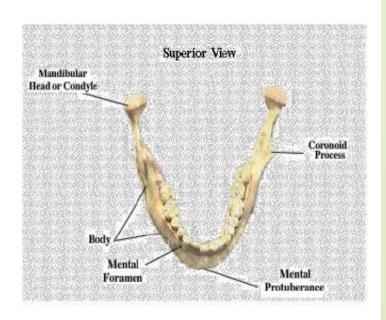
- Cranial CT with bone window
 - Frontal sinus fractures.
 - Orbital rim and nasoethmoidal fractures
 - R/O brain injuries or intracranial bleeds



Frontal Sinus Fractures

- Associated with intracranial injuries
 - Orbital roof fractures
 - Dural tears
 - Mucopyocoele
 - Epidural empyema
 - CSF leaks
 - Meningitis

- 2nd most commonly fractured facial bone
- Signs and symptoms
 - Malocclusion of teeth
 - Tooth mobility
 - Intraoral lacerations
 - Pain on mastication
 - Bone deformity

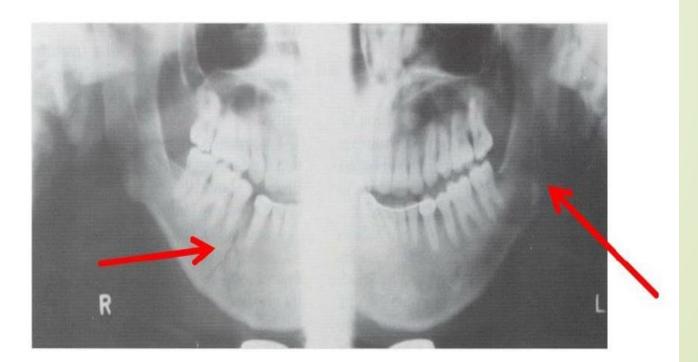


- Mandibular pain
- Malocclusion of the teeth
- Separation of teeth with intraoral bleeding
- Inability to fully open mouth
- Preauricular pain with biting
- Positive tongue blade test





- Radiographs:
 - Panorex
 - Plain view: PA, Lateral and a Townes view



Treatment:

- Nondisplaced fractures:
 - Analgesics
 - Soft diet
 - Dent/ORL surgery referral
- Displaced fractures, open fractures and fractures with associated dental trauma
 - Urgent oral surgery consultation
- All fractures should be treated with antibiotics and tetanus prophylaxis.