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# Fracture and Dislocation Classification Compendium—2018

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#### Foreword

#### Dear Colleague

We would like to introduce you to the 2018 OTA/AO (or AO/OTA) Fracture and Dislocation Classification Compendium. This is the second revision of the compendium which was first published in 1996 as a cooperative effort of the AO Foundation and the Orthopaedic Trauma Association (OTA). Both organizations were committed to assuring that there was a standardized and rational methodology of describing fractures and dislocation as well as a mechanism to code data for future recall. These principles were absolutely necessary to establish a consistent system for clinical interaction and research.

After 20 years of use, the current revision addresses the many suggestions to help improve the application of the system, correct errors, and add new classifications. The process was under the direction of a committee of four individuals representing both organizations, with expe-

John H. Wilber MD Chairman, AOTrauma International Board Professor and Chair Department of Orthopaedic Surgery MetroHealth Medical Center Hansjoerg Wyss Professor Orthopaedic Trauma Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, Ohio rience in the day to day application of the compendium and fracture coding. The process was supervised and funded by the Classification Committee of the OTA and AOTrauma International Board (AOTIB). An ongoing agreement between both organizations to assure the ongoing collaborative support of the revision process of the compendium was also developed. Importantly, copyright will remain with both organizations so that its reproduction and promulgation will be unencumbered. This establishes not only mutual ownership but also responsibility and ensures continued collaboration and support.

We believe that this is an important step forward in the process of clinical research as well as standardizing day to day clinical communication. However, change is inevitable and both the OTA and the AOTIB encourage comment and criticisms so that the next revision process can continue to improve the compendium.

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# **Compendium introduction**

The AO Foundation/Orthopaedic Trauma Association (AO/OTA) fracture classification was published as a compendium to the Journal of Orthopaedic Trauma (JOT) in 1996.<sup>1</sup> Using the principles of the Comprehensive Classification of Fractures of the Long Bones (CCF) developed by Müller and collaborators, the OTA classification committee classified and coded the remaining bones.<sup>2,3</sup> This helped bring order to the state of fracture classification with its multiple systems that had thwarted any possibility of a standardized language and accumulation of uniform data.

Since the compendium was published in 1996, the classification has resided on the OTA and AO Foundation websites and has been regularly used in trauma databases, scientific journals, and textbooks worldwide. It is the official classification of the OTA, the AO, and JOT. It has gained wide acceptance and its use has dramatically improved the way information about fractures is communicated, stored, and used to advance knowledge. In some anatomical areas, this classification has largely supplanted multiple options achieving one of the original intentions.<sup>1,2,3</sup>

The classification is intended to be a flexible evolving system in which changes are made based on user feedback, criticism, and appropriate clinical research, thus serving the needs of the orthopedic community for both clinical practice and research.

In 2007, the AO and OTA classification committees undertook a revision to address issues of reliability, reproducibility, and need. This revision was based on the premise that changes needed to be validated prior to being implemented. The validation process was expensive and not practical so a decision was made to not validate all edits. The 2007 revision standardized the two different alphanumeric codes into one agreed-upon scheme, thus developing an internationally recognized uniform system for clinical research on fractures and dislocations.

The validated AO Pediatric Classification of Fractures developed by Slongo was also included in the compendium.<sup>4,5</sup> The two committees confirmed the original premise that the revision process needed to be undertaken every 10 years.

Ongoing concerns about terminology, the relevancy of certain classification schemes, and the need to streamline codes provided the impetus to undertake the 2018 review.<sup>6-12</sup> To make this an effective, economical, and efficient process, the AOTrauma International Board (AOTIB) and OTA appointed five persons to form the International Comprehensive Classification of Fractures and Dislocations Committee (ICCFC). The process began with the aims to address editorial errors, criticisms of the proximal humerus and proximal femur classification, and to simplify the coding process based on fracture pattern occurrence and complexity using a modified Delphi approach. A priority for this revision was to maintain the original principles of the CCF with regard to definitions and the basic coding system. It became apparent that many of the fracture patterns occurred so infrequently that there was no need to have a unique code for them, as they could easily be coded by a shortened generic system. Frequency plots of a large registry that uses these codes confirmed this. It became evident that it would be more accurate to code radius and ulna fractures separately and to align the system with ICD-10 terminology.13 The same was done for the other two-bone system by adding a new coding system for fibula fractures. The former editions had many qualifications and sub-qualifications for each fracture pattern, many of which were duplications. The committee decided to group these into a universal modifier list that could be applied to every fracture as desired by the end user, who codes the fracture. All fracture specific modifiers were maintained with their specific fracture or dislocation. As this classification system provides standard terminology and codes, it also felt appropriate to combine, insert, or reference other commonly accepted classifications (eg, Neer) into the AO/OTA descriptions and codes. This would assure consistency and greater clinical utility in fracture and dislocation classification.

#### The 2018 compendium revision

The compendium is branded as the AO/OTA or OTA/AO Fracture and Dislocation Classification Compendium. In publications, it will be cited as Meinberg E, Agel J, Roberts C, et al. Fracture and Dislocation Classification Compendium—2018, *Journal of Orthopaedic Trauma*. Volume 32: Number 1; Supplement, January 2018.

Future publications related to the revised Compendium will be authored and referenced as determined by the International Comprehensive Classification of Fractures and Dislocations Committee (ICCFC), irrespective of its member composition.

The mandates for the 2018 revision are the following:

- a) Editorial, terminology, and typographical changes and corrections:
  - i. The terms "complex" and "multifragmentary" have created confusion in their application. The term "complex" did not describe a fracture pattern consisting of many fragments while "multifragmentary" does. Multifragmentary was previously used generically to refer to diaphyseal type B and C and did not have a specific alphanumeric code so was rarely used. Consequently, the committee felt that it is more concise to have three types of diaphyseal fractures: simple, wedge, and multifragmentary. "Multifragmentary" will no longer be used as a generic term for diaphyseal types B and C. A multifragmentary diaphyseal or end segment extraarticular fracture is one with many fracture fragments and after reduction there is no contact between the main fragments. A multifragmentary complete articular fracture is one with more than two fracture fragments of the articular surface.
  - ii. The diaphyseal fracture classification has been made consistent for all bones. The diaphysis is defined as that part of the bone between the two end segments and is divided into three equal parts defining the location of the diaphyseal fracture. The fracture location within the diaphysis is a qualification as follows:
    - a Proximal 1/3
    - b Middle 1/3
    - c Distal 1/3
  - iii. A more precise description of the intraarticular portion of proximal tibia fractures has been recommended.<sup>14,15</sup> A modification to the proximal tibia classification as recommended by Mauricio Kfuri and Joseph Schaztker to better define the significant joint fragmentation or displacement is added as qualifications for type B and C proximal tibial intraarticular fractures.<sup>16</sup>
  - iv. The written description of fractures has been standardized so that each fracture is presented in a similar order highlighting the specific region or fracture morphology.
  - v. To facilitate data entry and lessen the error rate in coding, the hyphen in the code has been removed.
  - vi. A code for fibula fractures based on the principles of the CCF has been added.
  - vii. The Neer classification has been integrated into the fracture description for proximal humeral fractures to facilitate the clinician comprehension of the terms unifocal and bifocal fractures.

- viii. The proximal femoral classification terminology has been a source of confusion as a variety of descriptive terms have been used to describe similar fractures. There has also been a problem defining fractures for group 31A2. Definitions have been added to help classify these fractures and the codes reorganized to better represent these fractures. The femoral neck fractures have been organized to better align the fracture types. By adding the Pauwels classification as a qualification for femoral neck fractures a more detailed evaluation of high-energy fractures is available.
- ix. The Young-Burgess Classification of Pelvic Ring Injuries has been integrated into the AO/OTA pelvic fracture classification.
- b) Addition of recently published validated classifications:
  - i. OTA Open Fracture Classification<sup>17</sup>
  - ii. AO/OTA Scapular Fracture Classification<sup>18,19</sup>
  - iii. Unified Classification of Periprosthetic Fractures<sup>20</sup>
  - iv. AOSpine Subaxial Cervical and Thoracolumbar spine injury classification<sup>21</sup>
  - v. AOSpine Sacral Fracture Classification<sup>22</sup>
- c) At the request of the AOTK Thoracic Surgery Expert Group, a preliminary classification of rib and sternal fractures has been included. Publication of this classification will allow interested groups to assess its validity and reproducibility so in the next revision, a validated modification will be available.
- d) Review of the codes with regards to frequency and applicability:
  - i. Many of the qualifications and subqualifications of the first two compendiums were repetitious and on a survey of users were not routinely used. To simplify the usage, the common modifiers were placed in a list called Universal Modifiers. This simplifies the presentation of the codes and allows each clinician to use these as they see fit for their circumstances.
  - ii. Certain qualifications were fracture-specific and were left as qualifications within the specific fracture types and groups.
  - iii. Complex injuries such as the terrible triad of the elbow and a transolecranon fracture dislocation are difficult to code related to the fact that fractures of radius and ulna were placed into one code. The committee decided to separate the radius and ulna and classify fractures in each bone. This simplifies the process and when combined with the universal modifiers makes classification of complex injuries about the elbow more consistent and accurate. It also follows the ICD-10 system where each bone is coded separately.

It was recognized by the committee that this revision must maintain the principles and definitions of the CCF and the prior two compendiums. This revision represents a streamlining of the 2007 version. The aim was to assure that the majority of fracture patterns were represented. This revision provides a more concise and clinically relevant compendium. The user will be able to choose the code that best meets their needs. It is hoped that with the recognition of other standard classifications being integrated into the codes that this compendium will be of increasing value to many other orthopedic subspecialities.

# **Fundamentals of fracture classification**

Classification is the process by which related groups are organized based on similarities and differences.<sup>5</sup> It provides the language necessary to convey information among individuals to ensure standardization. This classification process may be looked upon as the systematic methodology of describing a fracture or dislocation. It is critical to note that a fracture should be coded only after all the information is obtained. It must be remembered that if there is doubt, then waiting until the complete information is available is mandatory before determining the final classification.<sup>23–28</sup> The final classification may be delayed until the operative procedure is completed and the fracture fully visualized.

This system provides the clinician with standardized definitions so the verbal fracture description is precise and consistent from bone to bone and fracture to fracture. These standard definitions and guidelines for application assure consistency in the classification process.<sup>16,24–37</sup> With the improved consistency of fracture descriptions, future investigations assessing treatment guidelines, prognosis, and risk of complications will be more reliable and meaningful. The system also provides a mechanism to convert the verbal description into an alphanumeric code to allow for data storage and future recall. The use of this alphanumeric coding scheme is absolutely necessary for multicenter collaboration, retrospective comparison of results, international communication, and to standardize recording information about all fractures in a trauma database.

The classification offers several other benefits. It provides a hierarchy of severity as the descriptions generally proceed from simple to multifragmentary fractures. This hierarchy is based on the energy of injury or potential complexity of treatment. Ease of use is also an important aspect for a classification. This system allows the clinician to be as general or detailed as necessary according to their clinical or research needs. The classification is logical, comprehensible, and does not contain an unmanageable number of categories, a problem that ensures poor reliability.

# Principles of fracture and dislocation classification

The principles of classification<sup>2</sup> are based on understanding and applying standardized definitions. These definitions are universal and allow consistency in classification and communication. Although clinical decisions are sometimes made on incomplete information, this should be avoided as much as possible when classifying a fracture—the more precise the description the better the data recorded. Attention should be paid to upper-case versus lower-case letters and () versus [] as this will aid in accurate fracture pattern retrieval from databases.

#### Fracture localization-bones and segments

The bone is identified (Fig 1).



Fig 1 Designation of bone location.

Next, it is necessary to determine where in the bone the fracture is located. This requires precise definitions of the **parts of a bone**. The proximal and distal end segments of the long bones are defined by a square whose sides are the same length as the widest part of the epiphysis/metaphysis in question (Heim's system of squares).<sup>2,3</sup> Each bone has a proximal and distal end segment, between which the diaphysis or shaft is located. These definitions apply to any bone with articulations at both ends and a segment of cortical bone between the articulations, for example, a femur, or a metacarpal, or a phalanx. With the two bone systems now having separate codes, it was decided to maintain the standard definition of the end segments with bones not separated **(Fig 2).** 



Fig 2 Determine the location of the end segment.

Two exceptions are the proximal femur, defined as being above a line that passes transversely through the inferior edge of the lesser trochanter and the malleolar segment of the distal tibia. The bone segments are numbered as:

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Proximal end segment = 1
Diaphyseal segment = 2
Distal end segment = 3
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The **location of the fracture** is determined by finding its center. This is defined as follows:

- In a simple fracture, the center of the fracture is obvious (Fig 3).
- In a wedge fracture, the center is at the level of the broadest part of the wedge (Fig 4).
- In a fragmentary wedge and a multifragmentary fracture, the center can be determined only after reduction (Fig 4).
- Any diaphyseal fracture associated with a displaced articular component is considered an articular fracture.
- If a fracture is associated with an undisplaced fissure that reaches the joint, it is classified as a metaphyseal or diaphyseal fracture depending on its center.
- If one bone has two completely separate fractures, one in the diaphysis and one in the proximal or distal end segments (eg, a femoral diaphysis and a femoral neck fracture), each fracture must be classified separately.

# Fracture morphology: types, groups, subgroups, qualifications, and universal modifiers

The type (upper-case letter) is a general description of fracture patterns while the group (numerals) is a more specific description based on the individual bone or specific fracture pattern.

The morphology of the diaphyseal fracture is defined as:

**Simple–Type A** fractures have a single circumferential disruption of the diaphysis. An oblique fracture forms an angle  $\geq$ 30° to a line perpendicular to the long axis of the bone. (**Fig 3**).



Fig 3 Simple fractures. The dot represents the center of the fracture.

**Wedge–Type B** fractures are characterized by contact between the main fragments after reduction usually restoring the normal length of the bone. The wedge fragment may be intact, or in multiple fragments (ie, fragmentary wedge). The differentiation between spiral and bending wedge is inconsistent and not easily determined so these terms were moved to the universal modifiers (**Fig 4**).



Fig 4 Wedge fractures. The dot represents the center of the fracture.

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**Multifragmentary–Type C** fractures consist of many fracture lines and fracture fragments. These fractures were known as either wedge or complex fractures in the Müller comprehensive classification. "Complex" is a term that caused confusion because it is nonspecific and is replaced in the 2018 version by the term "multifragmentary" meaning many contiguous fracture fragments, and not a wedge fracture.

In the diaphyseal segment, the fractured segment is either intact or in many fragments so that after reduction if the fractured area were removed there would be no contact between the proximal and distal fragments. Fragmentary is used to describe fragmentation of a wedge or segment **(Fig 5).** 



Fig 5 Multifragmentary fractures.

The **morphology for end segment fractures** is based on whether they are extraarticular (no extension into the articular surface) or intraarticular (has an extension into the articular surface).

**Extraarticular–Type A:** The fracture line may be metaphyseal or epiphyseal, but it always spares the articular surface although it may be intracapsular.

**Partial articular—Type B:** The fracture involves part of the articular surface while the remainder of the joint remains intact and is solidly connected to the supporting metaphysis and diaphysis.

**Complete articular–Type C:** There is a disruption of the articular surface and the articular surface is completely separated from the diaphysis.

Further description of fracture morphology at the articular surface or metaphysis use the previously defined terms of simple (single disruption of the joint surface) and multifragmentary (multiple disruptions of the joint surface) patterns. Avulsion fractures are always classified as extraarticular simple fractures (**Fig 6**).



Fig 6 End segments fractures are divided into three types.

#### Exceptions

The proximal end segment of the humerus and femur are exceptions:

- Simple proximal humeral fractures involving one tuberosity or the metaphysis (unifocal or Neer 2-part fractures) and proximal femoral fractures involving the trochanteric area are type A
- The partial articular type does not exist in the humerus or femur. Proximal humeral fracture involving one tuberosity and the metaphysis (bifocal or Neer 3-part fractures), and the proximal femoral fracture involving the femoral neck are type B.
- Proximal humeral articular fractures involving the anatomical neck of the humerus and fractures involving the femoral head are type C.

The definitions or description of groups and subgroups are fracture specific.

# **Universal modifiers**

The universal modifiers are descriptive terms of fracture morphology, displacement, associated injury, or location that are generalizable to most fractures. They provide detail that are optional for users.

Universal modifiers may be added to the end of the fracture code within square brackets, eg, [1].

Multiple universal modifiers may be contained within the same set of squared brackets and separated by a comma.

**Example:** A proximal humerus fracture-dislocation with **displacement, anterior dislocation, cartilage injury, and osteopenia** = 11A1.2**[2,5a,8e,9]** 

**Example:** Humerus, proximal end segment, articular or 4-part fracture, with multifragmentary metaphyseal fracture and articular fracture with an **anterior dislocation** = 11C3.2**[5a]** 

## List of universal modifiers

1		Nondisplaced			
2		Displaced			
3		Impaction			
	3a	Articular			
	3b	Metaphyseal			
4		No impaction			
5		Dislocation			
	5a	Anterior (volar, palmar, plantar)			
	5b	Posterior (dorsal)			
	5c	Medial (ulnar)			
	5d	Lateral (radial)			
	5e	Inferior (with hip is also obturator)			
	5f	Multidirectional			
6		Subluxation/ligamentous instability			
	6a	Anterior (volar, palmar, plantar)			
	6b	Posterior (dorsal)			
	6c	Medial (ulnar)			
	6d	Lateral (radial)			
	6e	Inferior (with hip is also obturator)			
	6f	Multidirectional	directional		
7		Diaphyseal extension			
8		Articular cartilage injury#			
	8a	ICRS Grade 0	Normal		
	8b	ICRS Grade 1	Superficial indentation (A) and /or superficial fissures and cracks (B)		
	8c	ICRS Grade 2	Abnormal lesions extending down to 50% of cartilage depth		
	8d	ICRS Grade 3	<ul> <li>(A) Severely abnormal with defects extending down &gt;50% of cartilage depth;</li> <li>(B) down to calcified layer;</li> <li>(C) down to subchondral bone but not through;</li> <li>(D) blisters included</li> </ul>		
	8e	ICRS Grade 4	Severely Abnormal Cartilage loss through subchondral bone		
9		Poor bone quality			
10		Replantation			
11		Amputation associated with a fracture			
12		Associated with a nonarthroplasty implant			
13	Spiral type fracture				
14		Bending type fracture			
		#This grading system is used with the permission of the International Cartilage Repair Society. <sup>38</sup>			

# Qualifications

The fracture qualifications are descriptive terms of fracture morphology or location that are specific to each fracture.

- All fracture classification qualifications are lower-case letters to differentiate them from the fracture type, which is always an upper-case letter.
- All fracture qualifications are inserted in place of the asterisk in the fracture code as a lower-case letter within a round bracket, eg, (a).
- Where appropriate in the classification sections, the qualification that corresponds to an the image is bolded.

**Example:** Humerus, proximal end segment, articular or 4-part fracture, with multifragmentary metaphyseal fracture and **simple** articular fracture with an anterior dislocation 11C3.2**(x)**[5a]

# The process of classification and coding a diaphyseal fracture

Step	Question	Answer
1	What is the bone?	Specific bone (see Fig 1 for bone number)
2	Is the fracture at the end or middle segment?	Middle—diaphyseal segment (2)
3	What is the type?	Simple (A), wedge (B), multifragmentary (C)
4a	Group: If simple (A): What is the fracture pattern (group)?	Spiral (1), oblique (2), transverse (3)
4b	Group: If wedge (B): What is the fracture pattern (group)?	Intact (2) or fragmentary (3)
4c	Group: If multifragmentary (C): What is the fracture pattern (group)?	Intact segmental (2) or fragmentary segmental (3)
5	Add qualifications and/or universal modifiers	

# The process of classification and coding an end-segment fracture

Step	Question	Answer
1	What is the bone?	Specific bone (see Fig 1 for bone number)
2	At which end is the fracture located?	Proximal (1) or distal (3)
3	Type: Does the fracture enter the joint surface (type)?	No–extraarticular (A), go to 5 Yes–articular (B or C), go to 4(a,b)
4a	Type: If articular, is it partial (part of joint attached to metaphysis)?	Yes (type B), go to 6
4b	Type: If articular, is it complete (no part of joint attached to metaphysis)?	Yes (type C), go to 7
5	Group: If extraarticular (A) what is the fracture pattern?	Avulsion (1), simple (2), wedge or multifragmentary (3)
6	Group: If partial articular (B) what is the fracture pattern?	Simple (1), split and/or depression (2), fragmentary (3)
7	Group: If complete articular (C) what is the articular fracture pattern?	Simple (1), multifragmentary (2)
8	Subgroup: If complete articular (C) what is the metaphyseal fracture pattern?	Simple articular with simple metaphyseal (1), simple articular fracture with multifragmentary metaphyseal (2), multifragmentary articular with multifragmentary metaphyseal (3)
9	Add qualifications and/or universal modifiers	

#### Alphanumeric structure of the AO/OTA classification



#### Summary

Since the original publication of the AO/OTA Fracture Classification in the 1996 Journal of Orthopaedic Trauma Compendium, there has been important progress in fracture classification toward the goal of a universally accepted comprehensive fracture language. The 21 years of use of the AO/OTA compendium has demonstrated its strengths and shortcomings. Although admirable, the process of classification validation has been time consuming and expensive and generally not practical in a retrospective manner for accepted classifications. With the increased use of validated patient outcomes, a standardized comprehensive classification of injury is necessary. The AOTIB and OTA Classification Committee through the International Comprehensive Classification of Fractures and Dislocations Committee realized the need to make the compendium as comprehensive and standardized as possible. This third compendium addresses many of the prior criticisms as well as updating the prior editions and adding new published classifications. These changes in content and presentation should make the compendium more universal and simpler to use. These standardized classification systems should make injury description more standardized and so improve research and fracture outcomes assessments.

The collaboration of the AOTIB and the OTA through their classification committees has resulted in the return of the compendium copyright to both organizations so it is available for any clinician to use without charge. This collaboration has allowed its worldwide dissemination. The organizations are committed to working together to continually evaluate the compendium and revise as necessary.

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**Bone: Humerus 1** 



# 11

Location: Humerus, proximal end segment 11



#### Types:

Humerus, proximal end segment, extraarticular, unifocal, 2-part fracture



Humerus, proximal end segment, extraarticular, bifocal, 3-part fracture 11B



Humerus, proximal end segment, articular or 4-part fracture 11C



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# 11A

Type: Humerus, proximal end segment, extraarticular, unifocal, 2-part fracture 11A

Group: Humerus, proximal end segment, extraarticular, unifocal, 2-part, tuberosity fracture 11A1



Group: Humerus, proximal end segment, extraarticular, unifocal, 2-part, surgical neck fracture 11A2



Group: Humerus, proximal end segment, unifocal, 2-part, extraarticular vertical fracture 11A3



#### 11B

Type: Humerus, proximal end segment, extraarticular, bifocal, 3-part fracture 11B

Group: Humerus, proximal end segment, extraarticular, bifocal, 3-part, surgical neck fracture 11B1



## **11C**

Type: Humerus, proximal end segment, articular or 4-part fracture 11C

Group: Humerus, proximal end segment, articular or 4-part, anatomical neck fracture 11C1

#### Subgroups: Valgus impacted fracture 11C1.1\*



**Isolated anatomical neck fracture** 11C1.3



Group: Humerus, proximal end segment, articular or 4-part, anatomical neck fracture associated with metaphyseal fracture 11C3

#### Subgroups:

With a multifragmentary metaphyseal segment with intact articular surface 11C3.1



With a multifragmentary metaphyseal segment with articular fracture 11C3.2\*



With a multifragmentary metaphyseal fracture, with diaphyseal extension and articular fracture 11C3.3\*

\*Qualifications:

**x** Simple articular

y Multifragmentary articular

# 12

Location: Humerus, diaphyseal segment 12



#### Types:

Humerus, diaphyseal segment, simple fracture 12A



Humerus, diaphyseal segment, wedge fracture 12B



Humerus, diaphyseal segment, **multifragmentary fracture** 12C



# 12A

Type: Humerus, diaphyseal segment, simple fracture 12A

#### Groups:



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## 12**B**

Type: Humerus, diaphyseal segment, wedge fracture 12B

#### **Groups:**



## 12C

Type: Humerus, diaphyseal segment, multifragmentary fracture 12C

#### Groups:



- j Pure diaphyseal
- k Distal diaphyseal-metaphyseal

# 13



## 13A

Type: Humerus, distal end segment, extraarticular fracture 13A

Group: Humerus, distal end segment, extraarticular, avulsion fracture 13A1



Group: Humerus, distal end segment, extraarticular, simple fracture 13A2

# Subgroups: Oblique fracture Transverse fracture 13A2.1 13A2.2 13A2.3

Group: Humerus, distal end segment, extraarticular, wedge or multifragmentary fracture 13A3



#### Humerus

## 13B

Type: Humerus, distal end segment, partial articular fracture 13B

Group: Humerus, distal end segment, partial articular, lateral sagittal fracture 13B1



Group: Humerus, distal end segment, partial articular, medial sagittal fracture 13B2

#### Subgroups:

Simple transtrochlear fracture through the trochlear groove 13B2.1



Simple transtrochlear fracture through the medial articular surface 13B2.2





Group: Humerus, distal end segment, partial articular, frontal/coronal plane fracture 13B3



## 1**3C**

Type: Humerus, distal end segment, complete articular fracture 13C

Group: Humerus, distal end segment, complete, simple articular, simple metaphyseal fracture 13C1

# Subgroups:





Group: Humerus, distal end segment, complete, simple articular, wedge or multifragmentary metaphyseal fracture 13C2



u Intact wedge

**Group:** Humerus, distal end segment, complete, **multifragmentary articular fracture, wedge or multifragmentary metaphyseal fracture** 13C3



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# **Radius and Ulna**

Bone: Radius 2R/Ulna 2U



# 2R1/2U1

Location: Radius or Ulna, proximal end segment 2R1/2U1







 $\rightarrow$  To facilitate the coding of radius and ulna fractures, they are now coded independently.  $\rightarrow$  The end segment location of either bone is determined by using the two bones as a unit.

#### Types:

Radius, proximal end segment, extraarticular fracture 2R1A



Ulna, proximal end segment, **extraarticular fracture** 2U1A



Radius, proximal end segment, **partial articular fracture** 2R1B



Ulna, proximal end segment, **partial articular fracture** 2U1B



Radius, proximal end segment, **complete articular fracture** 2R1C



Ulna, proximal end segment, complete articular fracture 2U1C



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# 2R1A/2U1A

Type: Radius, proximal end segment, extraarticular fracture 2R1A

#### Groups:

Radius, proximal end segment, extraarticular, avulsion of bicipital tuberosity 2R1A1



Radius, proximal end segment, extraarticular, **neck, simple** 2R1A2



Radius, proximal end segment, extraarticular, **neck, multifragmentary** 2R1A3



Type: Ulna, proximal end segment, extraarticular fracture 2U1A

#### Groups:

Ulna, proximal end segment, extraarticular, avulsion of triceps insertion 2U1A1



Ulna, proximal end segment, extraarticular, **metaphyseal simple fracture** 2U1A2



Ulna, proximal end segment, extraarticular, **metaphyseal multifragmentary fracture** 2U1A3



# 2R1B/2U1B

Type: Radius, proximal end segment articular, partial articular fracture 2R1B

#### Groups:

Radius, proximal end segment articular, partial articular, **simple fracture** 2R1B1

Radius, proximal end segment articular, partial articular, **fragmentary fracture** 2R1B3



Type: Ulna, proximal end segment, partial articular fracture 2U1B

#### Groups:



# 2R1C/2U1C

Type: Radius, proximal end segment articular, complete articular fracture 2R1C\*

#### Groups:

Radius, proximal end segment articular, complete articular, **simple fracture** 2R1C1



complete articular, **multifragmentary fracture** 2R1C3

Radius, proximal end segment articular,



Ulna, proximal end segment, complete articular, **olecranon and coronoid fracture** 2U1C3\*



s Multifragmentary involving coronoid process

Type: Ulna, proximal end segment, complete articular fracture 2U1C

#### Groups:



# 2R2A/2U2A

Type: Radius or ulna, diaphyseal segment, simple fracture 2R2A/2U2A

#### Groups:

Radius, diaphyseal segment, simple, **spiral fracture** 2R2A1\*



Radius, diaphyseal segment, simple, **oblique fracture (≥30°)** 2R2A2\*



Radius, diaphyseal segment, simple, transverse fracture (<30°) 2R2A3\*



Ulna, diaphyseal segment, simple, **spiral fracture** 2U2A1\*



Ulna, diaphyseal segment, simple, **oblique fracture (≥30°)** 2U2A2\*



Ulna, diaphyseal segment, simple, transverse fracture (<30°) 2U2A3\*



- \*Qualifications for radius and ulna:
- a Proximal 1/3
- b Middle 1/3
- c Distal 1/3

## 2R2B/ 2U2B

Type: Radius or ulna, diaphyseal segment, wedge fracture 2R2B/2U2B

#### Groups:



\*Qualifications for radius and ulna: a Proximal 1/3 b Middle 1/3 c **Distal 1/3** 

Radius, diaphyseal segment, multifragmentary,

## 2R2C/2U2C

Type: Radius or ulna, diaphyseal segment, multifragmentary fracture 2R2C/2U2C

#### Groups:



\*Qualifications for radius and ulna:

- i Proximal diaphyseal-metaphyseal
- j Pure diaphyseal
- k Distal diaphyseal-metaphyseal
- → **Galeazzi** and **Monteggia** fracture patterns can be coded as follows:

The code for the fracture pattern is the radius or ulna fracture code with qualifier of (g) for Galeazzi or (m) for Monteggia representing disruption of the radio-ulnar joint. For more information about Galeazzi and Monteggia fractures, please refer to the Appendix.

Radius, diaphyseal segment, multifragmentary,

# 2R3/2U3

Location: Radius/Ulna, distal end segment 2R3/2U3







#### Types:

Radius, distal end segment, **extraarticular fracture** 2R3A



Ulna, distal end segment, **extraarticular fracture** 2U3A



Radius, distal end segment, **partial articular fracture** 2R3B



Ulna, distal end segment, **partial articular fracture** 2U3B



Radius, distal end segment, complete articular fracture 2R3C



Ulna, distal end segment, **complete articular fracture** 2U3C



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## **2R3A**

Type: Radius, distal end segment, extraarticular fracture 2R3A

#### Group:

2R3A1



Group: Radius, distal end segment, extraarticular, simple fracture 2R3A2

Subgroups: Transverse, no displacement/tilt (may be shortened) 2R3A2.1



Dorsal displacement/tilt (Colles) 2R3A2.2



Volar displacement/tilt (Smith's) 2R3A2.3



Group: Radius, distal end segment, extraarticular, wedge or multifragmentary fracture 2R3A3

#### Subgroups: Intact wedge fracture







**Multifragmentary fracture** 



#### 2U3A

Type: Ulna, distal end segment, extraarticular fracture 2U3A

Group: Ulna, distal end segment, extraarticular, styloid process fracture 2U3A1

Subgroups: Tip of styloid fracture 2U3A1.1

**Base of styloid fracture** 2U3A1.2



**Group:** Ulna, distal end segment, extraarticular, **simple fracture** 2U3A2

Subgroups: Spiral fracture 2U3A2.1



**Oblique fracture (≥30°)** 2U3A2.2



Transverse fracture (<30°) 2U3A2.3



Group: Ulna, distal end segment, extraarticular, multifragmentary fracture 2U3A3



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#### 2R3B

Type: Radius, distal end segment, partial articular fracture 2R3B

Group: Radius, distal end segment, partial articular, sagittal fracture 2R3B1

Subgroups: Involving scaphoid fossa 2R3B1.1



Involving lunate fossa 2R3B1.3



Group: Radius, distal end segment, partial articular, dorsal rim (Barton's) fracture 2R3B2



Group: Radius, distal end segment, partial articular, volar rim (reverse Barton's, Goyrand-Smith's II) fracture 2R3B3



Fragmentary fracture



## **2R3C**

Type: Radius, distal end segment, complete articular fracture 2R3C

Group: Radius, distal end segment, complete, simple articular and metaphyseal fracture 2R3C1



- u DRUJ unstable

Group: Radius, distal end segment, complete, simple articular, metaphyseal multifragmentary fracture 2R3C2



Group: Radius, distal end segment, complete, articular multifragmentary fracture, simple or multifragmentary metaphyseal fracture 2R3C3

#### Subgroups:



- \*Qualifications:
- t DRUJ stable
- u DRUJ unstable

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# Femur

Bone: Femur 3



# 31

Location: Femur, proximal end segment 31



#### Types: Femur, trochanteric region fracture 31A



Any fracture centered below the intertrochanteric line (a) and above a horizontal transverse line at the inferior border of the lesser trochanter(b). Femur, neck fracture



Any fracture centered between a line drawn at the distal extent of femoral head articular cartilage (a) and the intertrochanteric line distally (b) are subcapital or femoral neck fractures.

Femur, head fracture 31C



Fractures through the portion of the proximal segment covered with articular cartilage.

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31B
#### **31A**

Type: Femur, proximal end segment, trochanteric region fracture 31A

Group: Femur, proximal end segment, trochanteric region, simple pertrochanteric fracture 31A1



Group: Femur, proximal end segment, trochanteric region, multifragmentary pertrochanteric, lateral wall incompetent (< 20.5 mm) fracture 31A2

Subgroups:



Group: Femur, proximal end segment, trochanteric region, intertrochanteric (reverse obliquity) fracture 31A3

Subgroups: Simple oblique fracture 31A3.1	Simple transverse fracture 31A3.2	Wedge or multifragmentary fracture 31A3.3

# 31B

**Type:** Femur, proximal end segment, **femoral neck fracture** 31B

Group: Femur, proximal end segment, femoral neck, subcapital fracture 31B1



Group: Femur, proximal end segment, femoral neck, transcervical fracture 31B2



Group: Femur, proximal end segment, femoral neck, basicervical fracture 31B3



# **31C**

Type: Femur, proximal end segment, femoral head fracture 31C

Group: Femur, proximal end segment, femoral head, split fracture 31C1

#### Subgroups:

31C1.1



Split, infrafoveal fracture 31C1.2



Group: Femur, proximal end segment, femoral head, depression fracture 31C2

Subgroups: **Chondral** lesion **Depression impaction fracture** Split depression fracture 31C2.1 31C2.2 3<sup>1</sup>C2.3

 $\rightarrow$  Associated dislocations are coded using the dislocation direction universal modifier in square brackets [5\_].

# **32**

Location: Femur, diaphyseal segment 32



# Types:

Femur, diaphyseal segment, simple fracture 32A



Femur, diaphyseal segment, **wedge fracture** 32B



Femur, diaphyseal segment, **multifragmentary fracture** 32C



# 32A

Type: Femur, diaphyseal segment simple fracture 32A



# **32B**

Type: Femur, diaphyseal segment, wedge fracture 32B

Groups:



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# **32C**

Type: Femur, diaphyseal segment, multifragmentary fracture 32C

#### Groups:



k Distal diaphyseal-metaphyseal

# 33

Location: Femur, distal end segment 33



Types: Femur, distal end segment, extraarticular fracture 33A



Femur, distal end segment, **partial articular fracture** 33B



Femur, distal end segment, complete articular fracture 33C



#### 33A

Type: Femur, distal end segment, extraarticular fracture 33A

Group: Femur, distal end segment, extraarticular, avulsion fracture 33A1

#### Subgroups:

**Lateral epicondyle fracture** 33A1.1



**Medial epicondyle fracture** 33A1.2



Group: Femur, distal end segment, extraarticular, simple fracture 33A2

Subgroups: Spiral fracture 33A2.1



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Oblique fracture 33A2.2 Transverse fracture 33A2.3





Group: Femur, distal end segment, extraarticular, wedge or multifragmentary fracture 33A3

\*Qualifications: f Lateral h **Medial** 

#### 33B

Type: Femur, distal end segment, partial articular fracture 33B

Group: Femur, distal end segment, partial articular, lateral condyle, sagittal fracture 33B1

 Subgroups:<br/>Simple through the notch<br/>33B1.1
 Simple through the load bearing surface<br/>33B1.2
 Fragmentary fracture<br/>33B1.3

 Image: Comparison of the segment, partial articular, medial condyle, sagittal fracture
 33B2

Subgroups: Simple through the notch 33B2.1



Simple through the load bearing surface 53B2.2 Frag 33B2.2

**Fragmentary fracture** 33B2.3



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Group: Femur, distal end segment, partial articular, frontal/coronal fracture 33B3



# **33C**

Type: Femur, distal end segment, complete articular fracture 33C

Group: Femur, distal end segment, complete, simple articular, simple metaphyseal fracture 33C1









Group: Femur, distal end segment, complete, simple articular, wedge or multifragmentary metaphyseal fracture 33C2

# Subgroups: Jac2.1\* Fragmentary wedge metaphyseal fracture 33C2.2\* Multifragmentary metaphyseal fracture 33C2.3 Image: Subgroups: Image: Subgroups: Subgroups:

\*Qualifications: f Lateral h **Medial** 



**Group:** Femur, distal end segment, complete, **multifragmentary articular fracture, simple, wedge or multifragmentary metaphyseal fracture** 33C3

## Subgroups:

Simple metaphyseal fracture 33C3.1



Wedge metaphyseal fracture 33C3.2\*



- \*Qualifications:
- f Lateral
- h Medial
- s Intact
- l Fragmentary

Multifragmentary metaphyseal fracture 33C3.3



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# Patella

Bone: Patella 34





**Types:** Patella, **extraarticular fracture** 34A



Patella, **partial articular sagittal fracture** 34B



Patella, **complete articular fracture, frontal/coronal plane** 34C



## 34A

**Type:** Patella, **extraarticular fracture** 34A **Group:** Patella, extraarticular, **avulsion fracture** 34A1\*



- c Lateral side
- d Medial side

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## 34B

Type: Patella, partial articular, sagittal fracture34BGroup: Patella, partial articular, sagittal, lateral fracture34B1



Group: Patella, partial articular, sagittal, medial fracture 34B2

# Subgroup: Simple fracture 34B2.1 Fragmentary fracture 34B2.2

# **34C**

**Type:** Patella, **complete articular, frontal/coronal fracture** 34C **Group:** Patella, complete articular, **frontal/coronal, simple fracture** 34C1



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#### Group:

Patella

Patella, complete articular, frontal/coronal, wedge fracture 34C2



Group: Patella, complete articular, frontal/coronal, multifragmentary fracture 34C3



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# Tibia

Bone: Tibia 4



# 41

Location: Proximal end segment 41







Tibia, proximal end segment, partial articular fracture 41B



Tibia, proximal end segment complete articular fracture 41C



→ To facilitate the coding of tibia and fibula fractures, they are now coded independently. The use of an "F" is required to designate the fibula.

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#### **41A**

Type: Tibia, proximal end segment, extraarticular fracture 41A

Group: Tibia, proximal end segment, extraarticular, avulsion fracture 41A1



f **Lateral** h Medial

#### **41B**

Tibia

Type: Tibia, proximal end segment, partial articular fracture 41B

Group: Tibia, proximal end segment, partial articular, split fracture 41B1

Subgroups: Lateral plateau fracture 41B1.1

**Medial plateau fracture** 41B1.2







Group: Tibia, proximal end segment, partial articular, depression fracture 41B2



 $\rightarrow$  For more information about the division of the proximal tibia into quadrants, please refer to the Appendix.

Group: Tibia, proximal end segment, partial articular, split-depression fracture 41B3



 $\rightarrow$  For more information about the division of the proximal tibia into quadrants, please refer to the Appendix.

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#### **41C**

Type: Tibia, proximal end segment, complete articular fracture 41C

Group: Tibia, proximal end segment, complete, simple articular, simple metaphyseal fracture 41C1



Group: Tibia, proximal end segment, complete, simple articular, wedge or multifragmentary metaphyseal fracture 41C2



Group: Tibia, proximal end segment, complete, fragmentary or multifragmentary metaphyseal fracture 41C3

Subgroups: Fragmentary lateral plateau fracture 41C3.1*	Fragmentary medial plateau fracture 41C3.2*	Multifragmentary medial and lateral plateau fracture 41C3.3*
	*Qualifications: d Simple metaphysis e Multifragmentary metaphysis s Metadiaphyseal extension t Anterolateral (AL) u Posterolateral (PL) v Anteromedial (AM)	

- w Posteromedial (PM)
- x Central

# 42

Tibia

Location: Tibia, diaphyseal segment 42



**Types:** Tibia, diaphyseal segment **simple fracture** 42A



Tibia, diaphyseal segment, wedge fracture 42B



Tibia, diaphyseal segment, **multifragmentary fracture** 42C



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# **42A**

Type: Tibia, diaphyseal segment, simple fracture 42A

#### **Groups:**

Tibia, diaphyseal segment, simple, spiral fracture 42A1\*



\*Qualifications: a Proximal 1/3 b Middle 1/3 c Distal 1/3

# 42B

Type: Tibia, diaphyseal segment, wedge fracture 42B

#### Groups:



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# **42C**

Type: Tibia, diaphyseal segment, multifragmentary fracture 42C

#### Groups:



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# **43**

Location: Tibia, distal end segment 43



**Types:** Tibia, distal end segment, **extraarticular fracture** 43A



Tibia, distal end segment, **partial articular fracture** 43B



Tibia, distal end segment, **complete articular fracture** 43C



## 43A

Type: Tibia, distal end segment, extraarticular fracture 43A

Group: Tibia, distal end segment, extraarticular, simple fracture 43A1

#### Subgroups: Spiral fracture

43A1.1



**Oblique fracture** 43A1.2



**Transverse fracture** 43A1.3



Group: Tibia, distal end segment, extraarticular, wedge fracture 43A2



Group: Tibia, distal end segment, extraarticular, multifragmentary fracture 43A3

Subgroups: With 3 intermediate fragments 43A3.1



With more than 3 intermediate fragmentsExtend43A3.243A3.3



**Extending into diaphysis** 43A3.3



#### 43B

Type: Tibia, distal end segment, partial articular fracture 43B

Group: Tibia, distal end segment, partial articular, split fracture 43B1



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Group: Tibia, distal end segment partial articular, split depression fracture 43B2





#### **43C**

Type: Tibia, distal end segment, complete articular fracture 43C

Group: Tibia, distal end segment, complete, simple articular, simple metaphyseal fracture 43C1



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Group: Tibia, distal end segment, complete, simple articular, multifragmentary metaphyseal fracture 43C2



Group: Tibia, distal end segment, complete, multifragmentary articular and metaphyseal fracture 43C3

**Subgroups: Epiphyseal fracture** 43C3.1



**Epiphyseal-metaphyseal fracture** 43C3.2



Epiphyseal-metaphyseal-diaphyseal fracture 43C3.3



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# **Fibula**

Bone: Fibula 4F

#### 4F1

Location: Fibula, proximal end segment 4F1



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#### 4F2



c Distal 1/3

#### 4F3

**Location:** Fibula, **distal end segment** (excluding lateral malleolar fractures 44) 4F3



#### **Types:** Distal end segment, **simple fracture** 4F3A



Distal end segment wedge or multifragmentary fracture 4F3B



-> The fibular fracture code is used only if the distal fibula fracture is NOT part of a malleolar fracture (44). For further information, please refer to the Appendix.

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# **Malleolar segment**

Location: Tibia/fibula, malleolar segment 44



#### Types:

Tibia/ fibula, malleolar segment, infrasyndesmotic fibula injury 44A



Tibia/fibula, malleolar segment, transsyndesmotic fibula fracture 44B



Tibia/fibula, malleolar segment, **suprasyndesmotic fibula fracture** 44C



#### 44A

Type: Tibia/fibula, malleolar segment, infrasyndesmotic fibula injury 44A

Group: Tibia/fibula, malleolar segment, infrasyndesmotic, isolated fibula injury 44A1

Subgroups: Rupture of the lateral collateral ligament 44A1.1



Avulsion fracture of the tip of the lateral malleolus 44A1.2



Transverse fracture of the lateral malleolus 44A1.3



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Group: Tibia/fibula, malleolar, infrasyndesmotic fibula injury with a medial malleolar fracture 44A2

#### Subgroups:

**Rupture of the lateral collateral ligament** 44A2.1



Avulsion fracture of the tip of the lateral malleolus 44A2.2



**Transverse fracture of the lateral malleolus** 44A2.3



Group: Tibia/fibula, malleolar, infrasyndesmotic fibular injury with a posteromedial fracture 44A3

#### Subgroups: Rupture of the lateral collateral ligament with a posteromedial fracture 44A3.1





Avulsion fracture of the tip of the lateral

malleolus with a posteromedial fracture



**Transverse fracture of the lateral malleolus with a posteromedial fracture** 44A3.3



#### 44B

Type: Tibia/fibula, malleolar segment, transsyndesmotic fibula fracture 44B

Group: Tibia/fibula, malleolar segment, transsyndesmotic isolated fibula fracture 44B1



\*Qualifications:

- n Tillaux-Chaput tubercle fracture
- o Wagstaffe-Le Fort avulsion fracture
- u Syndesmosis unstable

Group: Tibia/fibula, malleolar segment, transsyndesmotic fibula fracture with a medial injury 44B2

#### Subgroups:

With a rupture of the deltoid ligament and anterior syndesmosis 44B2.1\*



With a medial malleolus fracture and a rupture of the anterior syndesmosis 44B2.2\*



Wedge or multifragmentary fibula fracture with medial injury 44B2.3\*



\*Qualifications:

- r Rupture of deltoid ligament
- s Fracture of medial malleolus
- u Syndesmosis unstable

#### \*Qualifications:

- n Tillaux-Chaput tubercle fracture
- o Wagstaffe-Le Fort avulsion fracture
- u Syndesmosis unstable

Group: Tibia/fibula, malleolar segment, transsyndesmotic fibula fracture with a medial injury and fracture of the posterolateral rim (Volkmann's fragment) 44B3

Simple medial malleolus fracture

#### Subgroups:

Simple, with a deltoid ligament rupture 44B3.1\*





Wedge or multifragmentary fibular fracture with a fracture of the medial malleolus 44B3.3\*



\*Qualifications:

- n Tillaux-Chaput tubercle fracture
- o Wagstaffe-Le Fort avulsion fracture
- u Syndesmosis unstable

# **44C**

Type: Tibia/fibula, malleolar segment, suprasyndesmotic fibula injury 44C

Group: Tibia/fibula, malleolar segment, suprasyndesmotic, simple diaphyseal fibula fracture 44C1



\*Qualifications: t Syndesmosis stable

u Syndesmosis unstable

Group: Tibia/fibula, malleolar segment, suprasyndesmotic, wedge or multifragmentary diaphyseal fibula fracture 44C2

#### Subgroups:

With a rupture of the deltoid ligament 44C2.1\*



With a fracture of the medial malleolus 44C2.2\*

With a fracture of the medial malleolus and posterior malleolus 44C2.3\*





\*Qualifications: t Syndesmosis stable

u Syndesmosis unstable

Group: Tibia/fibula, malleolar segment, suprasyndesmotic, proximal fibula injury 44C3

#### Subgroups:

With a medial side injury 44C3.1\*





With a medial side injury and a posterior malleolus fracture



\*Qualifications:

- p Fibula neck fracture
- q Proximal tibio-fibular joint dislocation
- r Rupture of deltoid ligament
- s Fracture of medial malleolus

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# **Pelvic ring**

Bone: Pelvis 6



# 61

Location: Pelvis, pelvic ring 61



#### Types:

Pelvis, pelvic ring, **intact posterior arch** 61A



Pelvis, pelvic ring, **incomplete disruption** of **posterior arch** 



Pelvis, pelvic ring, complete disruption of posterior arch



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### **61A**

Type: Pelvis, pelvic ring, intact posterior arch 61A

Group: Pelvis, pelvic ring, intact posterior arch, innominate bone avulsion fracture 61A1

#### Subgroups:

Anterior superior iliac spine fracture 61A1.1



Anterior inferior iliac spine fracture 61A1.2



**Ischial tuberosity fracture** 61A1.3



**Group:** Pelvis, pelvic ring, intact posterior arch, **innominate bone fracture** 61A2

Subgroups: Iliac wing fracture 61A2.1



Unilateral fracture of the anterior arch 61A2.2



**Bilateral fractures of the anterior arch** 61A2.3



Group1: Pelvis, pelvic ring, transverse fracture of sacrum (S3, S4, S5) and coccyx 61A3



<sup>1</sup>Fracture of the upper sacral segments attached to sacroiliac joints (S1, S2) are classified as part of the pelvic ring injury. If a more detailed classification is required refer to sacral classification (54) in the Spine classification.

## **61B**

Type: Pelvis, pelvic ring, incomplete disruption of posterior arch 61B

Group: Pelvis, pelvic ring, incomplete disruption of posterior arch, no rotational instability 61B1

#### Subgroups:

Lateral compression fracture (LC1) 61B1.1\*





**Open book fracture (APC1)** 

\*Qualifications:

- a Ipsilateral or unilateral pubic ramus fracture
- b Bilateral pubic rami fracture
- c Contralateral pubic ramus fracture
- e Parasymphyseal fracture
- f Tilt fracture
- g Locked symphysis

Group: Pelvis, pelvic ring, incomplete disruption of posterior arch, rotationally unstable, unilateral posterior injury 61B2

#### Subgroups:

Lateral compression fracture of the sacrum with internal rotation instability (LC1) 61B2.1\*



Lateral compression fracture of the ilium (crescent) with internal rotation instability (LC2) 61B2.2\*

**Open book or external rotation instability** (APC2) 61B2.3\*



\*Qualifications:

- a Ipsilateral or unilateral pubic ramus fractures
- b Bilateral pubic rami fractures
- c Contralateral pubic ramus fractures
- d Symphysis disruption
- e Parasymphyseal fracture
- f Tilt fracture
- g Locked symphysis

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Group: Pelvis, pelvic ring, incomplete disruption of posterior arch, rotationally unstable, bilateral posterior injury 61B3

#### Subgroups:

Internal rotationally unstable on one side and external rotationally unstable on the contralateral side (LC3) 61B3.1\*



# Bilateral lateral compression sacral fracture 61B3.2\*

**Open book or external rotation instability (bilateral APC2)** 61B3.3\*



- \*Qualifications:
- a Ipsilateral or unilateral pubic ramus fractures
- b Bilateral pubic rami fractures
- d Symphysis disruption
- e Parasymphyseal fracture
- f Tilt fracture g Locked symphysis

# 61C

Type: Pelvis, pelvic ring, complete disruption of posterior arch 61C

Group: Pelvis, pelvic ring, complete disruption of posterior arch, unilateral posterior injury (APC3, vertical shear) 61C1



- \*Qualifications:
- a Ipsilateral or unilateral pubic ramus fracture
- b Bilateral pubic rami fracture
- c Contralateral pubic ramus fracture
- d Symphysis disruption
- e Parasymphyseal fracture
- f Tilt fracture
- g Locked symphysis
- j Sacroliac joint fracture dislocation

**Group:** Pelvis, pelvic ring, complete disruption of posterior arch, **bilateral posterior injury, one hemipelvis injury complete disruption**, **contralateral hemipelvis injury incomplete disruption (LC3)** 61C2

#### Subgroups:

**Complete disruption through ilium** 61C2.1\*



- \*Qualifications:
- a Ipsilateral or unilateral pubic ramus fracture
- b Bilateral pubic rami fracture
- c Contralateral pubic ramus fracture
- d Symphysis disruption
- e Parasymphyseal fracture
- f Tilt fracture

- g Locked symphysis
- k Contralateral posterior lateral compression lesion: sacrum
- Contralateral posterior lateral compression lesion: ilium (crescent)
- m Contralateral posterior external rotation lesion: sacroiliac joint
- n Contralateral posterior external rotation lesion: fracture dislocation

**Group:** Pelvis, pelvic ring, complete disruption of posterior arch, **bilateral posterior injury, both sides complete disruption** (APC3, vertical shear) 61C3

#### Subgroups: Extrasacral on both sides 61C3.1\*



Sacral one side, extra sacral other side 61C3.2\*



Sacral both sides 61C3.3\*



- \*Qualifications:
- a Ipsilateral or unilateral pubic ramus fracture
- b Bilateral pubic rami fracture
- c Contralateral pubic ramus fracture
- d Symphysis disruption
- e Parasymphyseal fracture
- f Tilt fracture
- g Locked symphysis
- h Iliac wing fracture
- j Sacroiliac joint disruption

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# Acetabulum

Bone: Pelvis 6



**62** 

Location: Pelvis, acetabulum 62



#### Types:

Pelvis, acetabulum, **partial articular, isolated column and/or wall fracture** 62A



Pelvis, acetabulum, **partial articular, transverse type fracture** 62B



Pelvis, acetabulum, **complete articular, associated both column fracture** 62C



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## 62A

Type: Pelvis, acetabulum, partial articular, isolated column and/or wall fracture 62A

Group: Pelvis, acetabulum, partial articular, isolated column and/or wall, posterior wall fracture 62A1



\*Qualification: a With marginal impaction

Group: Pelvis, acetabulum, partial articular, isolated column and/or wall, posterior column fracture 62A2

Subgroups: Through the ischium 62A2.1



Through the obturator ring 62A2.2



With associated posterior wall fracture 62A2.3\*



\*Qualifications:

h Simple posterior wall fracture

i Multifragmentary posterior wall fracture

j Posterior wall fracture with marginal impaction

Group: Pelvis, acetabulum, partial articular, isolated column or wall, anterior column or wall fracture 62A3

#### Subgroups: Anterior wall fracture 62A3.1\*



High anterior column fracture (exits along iliac crest) 62A3.2\*



Low anterior column fracture (exits below anterior superior iliac spine [ASIS]) 62A3.3\*



\*Qualification: a With marginal impaction

### 62B

Type: Pelvis, acetabulum, partial articular, transverse type fracture 62B

Group: Pelvis, acetabulum, partial articular, transverse type, transverse fracture 62B1



\*Qualifications:

b Associated posterior wall fracture

c Associated posterior wall fracture with marginal impaction

Group: Pelvis, acetabulum, partial articular, transverse type, T fracture 62B2



\*Qualifications:

- b Associated posterior wall fracture
- c Associated posterior wall fracture with marginal impaction

Group: Pelvis, acetabulum, partial articular, transverse type, with anterior column, posterior hemitransverse fracture 62B3

Subgroups: Associated with anterior wall 62B3.1



**High anterior column fracture** (exits along iliac crest) 62B3.2



Low anterior column fracture (exits below anterior superior iliac spine [ASIS]) 62B3.3



## **62C**

Type: Pelvis, acetabulum, complete articular, associated both column fracture

#### Groups:



- g Both columns multifragmentary
- g Both columns multifragmentary

Based on the Letournel Classification of Acetabular Fractures: Letournel E, Judet R. Fractures of the Acetabulum. Berlin: Springer-Verlag; 1993.

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# Hand and carpus 78 Anatomical region: Hand and carpus 7 78 78 78 78 78 78 78 71 77 76 75 74 73 76 71 76

#### **Bones:**

Hand and carpus, **Lunate**Hand and carpus, **Scaphoid**Hand and carpus, **Capitate**Hand and carpus, **Hamate**Hand and carpus, **Trapezium**Hand and carpus, **Other carpal bones**Hand and carpus, **Metacarpal**Hand and carpus, **Phalanx**Hand and carpus, **Crushed, multiple fractures**

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# Lunate 71

Bone: Hand and carpus, lunate 71

Types: Hand and carpus, lunate, avulsion fracture 71A

# Scaphoid 72

Bone: Hand and carpus, scaphoid 72

**Types:** Hand and carpus, scaphoid, **avulsion fracture** 72A Hand and carpus, lunate, simple fracture 71B

Hand and carpus, scaphoid, simple fracture 72B\* Hand and carpus, lunate, **multifragmentary fracture** 71C

Hand and carpus, scaphoid, **multifragmentary fracture** 72C\*

\*Qualifications: a Proximal pole

b Waist

c Distal pole

# Capitate 73

Bone: Hand and carpus, capitate 73

**Types:** Hand and carpus, capitate, **avulsion fracture** 73A

# Hamate 74

Bone: Hand and carpus, hamate 74

Types: Hand and carpus, hamate, hook fracture 74A

Trapezium 75

Bone: Hand and carpus, trapezium 75

Types: Hand and carpus, trapezium, avulsion fracture 75A Hand and carpus, capitate, simple fracture 73B

Hand and carpus, hamate, simple fracture 74B Hand and carpus, capitate, multifragmentary fracture 73C

Hand and carpus, hamate, **multifragmentary fracture** 74C

Hand and carpus, trapezium, simple fracture 75B

Hand and carpus, trapezium, **multifragmentary fracture** 75C

# **Other 76.\_.**

Bone: Hand and carpus, other 76.\_\_.

<b>Pisiform</b>	<b>Triquetrum</b>	<b>Trapezoid</b>
76.1.	76.2.	76.3.
$\rightarrow$ The bone identifier (between two dots)	is added to the code after the anatomical region.	

simple fracture

simple fracture

76.1.B

76.2.B

## 76.1

Hand and carpus, **pisiform** 76.1.

**Type:** Hand and carpus, other, pisiform, **avulsion fracture** 76.1.A

## 76.2

Hand and carpus, triquetrum 76.2.

**Type:** Hand and carpus, other, triquetrum, **avulsion fracture** 76.2.A

## 76.3

Hand and carpus, **trapezoid** 76.3.

**Type:** Hand and carpus, other, trapezoid, **avulsion fracture** 76.3.A

Hand and carpus, other, trapezoid, **simple fracture** 76.3.B

Hand and carpus, other, triguetrum,

Hand and carpus, other, pisiform,

Hand and carpus, other, pisiform, **multifragmentary fracture** 76.1.C

Hand and carpus, other, triquetrum, **multifragmentary fracture** 76.2.C

Hand and carpus, other, trapezoid, **multifragmentary fracture** 76.3.C

# Metacarpals 77.\_\_.

Bone: Hand and carpus, metacarpal 77.\_\_\_



- $\rightarrow$  The metacarpal bones are identified as follows: Thumb = 1, index = 2, long or middle = 3, ring = 4, and little = 5.
- $\rightarrow$  The metacarpal identifier is added (between two dots .\_\_\_) after the bone code.
- $\rightarrow$  The bone segment location is then added.
- $\rightarrow$  Example: Hand, 3rd metacarpal, proximal end segment = 77.3.1

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Location: Hand and	carpus,	metacarpa	ai, <b>pro</b>	oximai	епа	segment	//	. I

 $\rightarrow$  Example code for the 3rd metacarpal is indicated with an underline 77.3.1

#### Types:

Hand and carpus, metacarpal, proximal end	Hand and carpus, metacarpal, proximal end	Hand and carpus, metacarpal, proximal end			
segment, <b>extraarticular fracture</b>	segment, <b>partial articular fracture</b>	segment, <b>complete articular</b>			
77. <u>3</u> .1A	77. <u>3</u> .1B	77. <u>3</u> .1C			
<b>Location:</b> Hand and carpus, metacarpal, <b>diap</b> $\rightarrow$ Example code for the 3rd metacarpal is ind <b>Types:</b>					
Hand and carpus, metacarpal, diaphyseal,	Hand and carpus, metacarpal, diaphyseal,	Hand and carpus, metacarpal, diaphyseal,			
<b>simple fracture</b>	<b>wedge fracture</b>	<b>multifragmentary fracture</b>			
77. <u>3</u> .2A	77. <u>3</u> .2B	77. <u>3</u> .2C			
<b>Location:</b> Hand and carpus, metacarpal, <b>distal end segment</b> 773 $\rightarrow$ Example code for the 3rd metacarpal is indicated with an underline 77. <u>3</u> .3 <b>Types:</b>					

Hand and carpus, metacarpal, distal end

segment, partial articular fracture

77. <u>3</u>.3B

Hand and carpus, metacarpal, distal end segment, **extraarticular fracture** 77. <u>3</u>.3A Hand and carpus, metacarpal, distal end segment, **complete articular fracture** 77. <u>3</u>.3C

# Phalanx 78.\_\_.\_\_.

Bone: Hand and carpus, phalanx 78.\_\_\_\_



$\rightarrow$	The fingers and phalanges are identified as follows:
	Fingers: Thumb = 1, index = 2, long or middle = 3, ring = 4, and little = 5.
	Phalanges: Proximal phalanx = 1, middle phalanx = 2, and distal phalanx = 3.
	The finger identifier plus phalanx identifier are added (between dots) after the bone code.

- $\rightarrow$  Example: Proximal thumb phalanx is 78.1.1.
- $\rightarrow$  The location is then added.
- → Anatomical region+bone.Finger.Phalanx.Bone segment location
- $\rightarrow$  Example: Proximal thumb phalanx proximal end segment is 78.1.1.1

**Location:** Hand and carpus, phalanx, **proximal end segment** 78.1.1.1  $\rightarrow$  Example code for proximal thumb phalanx is indicated with an underline 78.1.1.1

#### Types:

Hand and carpus, phalanx, proximal end segment, **extraarticular fracture** 78.<u>1.1</u>.1A

Hand and carpus, phalanx, proximal end segment, **partial articular fracture** 78.<u>1.1</u>.1B

**Location:** Hand and carpus, phalanx **diaphyseal fracture** 78.<u>1.1.</u>2  $\rightarrow$  Example code for proximal thumb phalanx is indicated with an underline 78.<u>1.1.</u>2

#### Types:

Hand and carpus, phalanx, diaphyseal, **simple fracture** 78.<u>1</u>.1.2A

Hand and carpus, phalanx, diaphyseal, **wedge fracture** 78.<u>1.1.</u>2B Hand and carpus, phalanx, proximal end segment, **complete articular fracture** 78.<u>1.1</u>.1C

Hand and carpus, phalanx, diaphyseal, **multifragmentary fracture** 78.<u>1.1.</u>2C

**Location:** Hand and carpus, phalanx, **distal end segment** 78.1.1.3  $\rightarrow$  Example code for proximal thumb phalanx is indicated with an underline 78.1.1.3

#### Types:

Hand and carpus, phalanx, distal end segment, extraarticular fracture 78.<u>1.1</u>.3A Hand and carpus, phalanx, distal end segment,H.partial articular fracturecc78.1.1.3B78

Hand and carpus, phalanx, distal end segment, **complete articular fracture** 78.<u>1.1</u>.3C

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# **Crushed, multiple fractures 79**

Hand and carpus, crush, multiple fractures hand 79

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# Foot

Anatomical region: Foot 8



#### Bones:

Foot, Talus 81 Foot, Calcaneus 82 Foot, Navicular 83 Foot, Cuboid 84 Foot, Cuneiforms 85 Foot, Metatarsals 87 Foot, Phalanges 88 Foot, Crush, multiple foot fractures 89

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# Talus 81

#### Bone: Foot, talus 81



 $\rightarrow$  The talus is anatomically identified as follows: body = 1, neck = 2, and head = 3.

 $\rightarrow$  The talar anatomical divison is added (between two dots .\_\_.) after the bone code.

# 81.1.

Location: Foot, talus, body 81.1.

#### Types:

Foot, talus, body, **avulsion fracture** 81.1.A



Foot, talus, body, **partial articular fracture** 81.1.B



Foot, talus, body, **complete articular fracture** 81.1.C



Type: Foot, talus, body, avulsion fracture 81.1.A

#### Groups:

Foot, talus, body, avulsion fracture, anterior neck 81.1.A1



Foot, talus, body, avulsion fracture, **lateral process** 81.1.A2



Foot, talus, body, avulsion fracture, **posterior process** 81.1.A3



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Type: Foot, talus, body, partial articular fracture 81.1.B

#### Groups:

Foot, talus, body, partial articular, osteochondral fracture 81.1.B1



Foot, talus, body, partial articular, **simple fracture** 81.1.B2



Talus, body, partial articular, fragmentary fracture 81.1.B3



Foot, talus, body, complete articular, **multifragmentary fracture** 81.1.C3



Type: Foot, talus, body, complete articular fracture 81.1.C

#### Groups:

Foot, talus, body, complete articular, **simple fracture** 81.1.C1



### 81.2.

Location: Foot, talus, neck fracture 81.2.



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## 81.3.

#### Location: Talus, head 81.3.

#### Types:

Talus, head, **avulsion fracture** 81.3.A





\*Qualifications: a Simple b Multifragmentary



Foot, calcaneus, complete articular joint depression 82C



## 82A

Types:

82A

Type: Foot, calcaneus, extraarticular fracture 82A

#### Groups:

Foot calcaneus, extraarticular, avulsion, posterior tuberosity fracture or extraarticular tongue fracture 82A1

Foot calcaneus, extraarticular, body fracture 82A2





## 82B

Types: Foot, calcaneus, tongue-type fracture exiting into posterior facet 82B

Foot, calcaneus, tongue-type fracture exiting into posterior facet, tongue-type, simple fracture 82B1



Foot, calcaneus, tongue-type fracture exiting into posterior facet, multifragmentary fracture 82B3



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# **Calcaneus 82**

Bone: Foot, calcaneus 82

## **82C**

Type: Foot, calcaneus, complete articular joint depression fracture 82C

#### Groups:

Foot, calcaneus, complete articular fracture, with joint depression (Sanders 2) 82C1 Foot, calcaneus, complete articular fracture, with joint depression (Sanders 3) 82C2









Foot, calcaneus, complete articular fracture, multifragmentary fracture (Sanders 4) 82C3



# **Navicular 83**

Bone: Foot, navicular 83

#### Types:

Foot, navicular, **avulsion fracture** 83A



Foot, navicular, **partial articular fracture** 83B\*



Foot, navicular, **complete articular fracture** 83C\*



- \*Qualifications: a Simple
- b Multifragmentary

Cuboid 84

#### Bone: Foot, cuboid 84

#### Types:

Foot, cuboid, **avulsion fracture** 84A



Foot, cuboid, **partial articular fracture** 84B\*



Foot, cuboid, **complete articular fracture** 84C\*



\*Qualifications: a Simple b Multifragmentary

# Cuneiform 85.\_\_.

Bone: Foot, cuneiform 85.\_\_.

**Locations:** Foot, cuneiform, **medial** 85.1.

Foot, cuneiform, **middle** 85.2.

Foot, cuneiform, **lateral** 85.3.

 $\rightarrow$  The cuneiform locations are identified as follows: medial = 1, middle = 2, and lateral = 3.  $\rightarrow$  The cuneiform location is added (between two dots .\_\_.) after the bone code.

## 85.1.

Types: Foot, cuneiform, medial, avulsion fracture 85.1.A

#### 85.2.

Types: Foot, cuneiform, middle, avulsion fracture 85.2.A

#### 85.3.

**Types:** Foot, cuneiform, lateral, **avulsion fracture** 85.3.A Foot, cuneiform, medial, **partial articular fracture** 85.1.B

Foot, cuneiform, middle, **partial articular fracture** 85.2.B

Foot, cuneiform, lateral, **partial articular fracture** 85.3.B **complete articular fracture** 85.1.C

Foot, cuneiform, medial,

Foot, cuneiform, middle, **complete articular fracture** 85.2.C

Foot, cuneiform, lateral **complete articular fracture** 85.3.C

# **Metatarsals 87**

Bone: Foot, metatarsal 87



- $\rightarrow$  The metatarsal bones are identified as follows: First metatarsal = 1, second metatarsal = 2, third metatarsal = 3, fourth metatarsal = 4, fifth metatarsal = 5.
- $\rightarrow$  The metatarsal identifier is added (between two dots .\_\_\_.) after the bone code.
- $\rightarrow$  The bone segment location is then added.
- $\rightarrow$  Example: Foot, third metatarsal, proximal end segment = 87.3.1

#### Locations:

Foot, metatarsal, **proximal end segment** 87.\_\_.1 Foot, metatarsal, diaphyseal segment 87.\_\_.2 Foot, metatarsal, **distal end segment** 87.\_\_.3

## 87.\_\_.1

**Location:** Foot, metatarsal, **proximal end segment** 87.\_\_.1  $\rightarrow$  Example code for the third metatarsal is indicated with an underline 87.3.1

#### Types:



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# 87.\_\_.2

#### Location: Foot, metatarsal, diaphyseal segment 87.3.2

 $\rightarrow$  Example code for the third metatarsal is indicated with an underline 87.3.2

#### Types:

Foot, metatarsal, diaphyseal segment, simple fracture 87.<u>3</u>.2A



Foot, metatarsal, diaphyseal segment, wedge fracture 87.<u>3</u>.2B



Foot, metatarsal, diaphyseal segment, **multifragmentary fracture** 87.<u>3</u>.2C



## 87.\_\_.3

**Location:** Foot, metatarsal, **distal end segment** 87.\_\_.3  $\rightarrow$  Example code for the third metatarsal is indicated with an underline 87.3.3

#### Types:

Foot, metatarsal, distal end segment, extraarticular fracture 87.<u>3</u>.3A\* Foot, metatarsal, distal end segment, **partial articular fracture** 87.<u>3</u>.3B\*



Foot, metatarsal, distal end segment, **complete articular fracture** 87.<u>3</u>.3C\*





# Phalanx 88

Bone: Foot, phalanx 88



- $\rightarrow$  The toes and phalanges are identified as follows: Toes: First or great toe = 1, second toe = 2, third toe = 3, fourth toe= 4, and fifth toe = 5. Phalanges: Proximal phalanx = 1, middle phalanx = 2, and distal phalanx = 3.
- $\rightarrow$  The toe identifier plus phalanx identifier are added (between dots .\_\_\_\_) after the bone code.
- $\rightarrow$  Example: Great toe, middle phalanx fracture is 88.1.2.
- $\rightarrow$  The phalangeal bone segment location is then added.
- → Anatomical region+bone.Toe.Phalanx.Bone segment location+Type
- $\rightarrow$  Example: Great toe, middle phalanx, proximal end segment is 88.1.2.1

#### Locations:

Foot, phalanx .\_\_\_\_. proximal end segment 88.\_\_\_\_1 Foot, phalanx .\_\_\_\_. diaphyseal segment 88.\_\_\_.2

Foot, phalanx .\_\_\_. distal end segment 88.\_\_.3

88.\_\_.\_\_.1

**Location:** Foot, phalanx, **proximal end segment** 88.<u>1.2.</u>1  $\rightarrow$  Example code for the proximal great toe is indicated with an underline 88.<u>1.2.</u>1

Types: Foot, phalanx proximal end segment, extraarticular fracture 88.<u>1.2</u>.1A

Foot, phalanx proximal end segment, **partial articular fracture** 88.1.2.1B

## 88.\_\_.\_\_.2

**Location:** Foot, phalanx, **diaphyseal segment** 88.1.2.2  $\rightarrow$  Example code for the proximal great toe is indicated with an underline 88.1.2.2

Types: Foot, phalanx, diaphyseal segment, simple fracture 88.1.2.2A

Foot, phalanx, diaphyseal segment, wedge fracture 88.1.2.2B

88.\_\_.\_.2

**Location:** Foot, phalanx, **distal end segment** 88.<u>1.2</u>.3  $\rightarrow$  Example code for the proximal great toe is indicated with an underline 88.<u>1.2</u>.

Types:

Foot, phalanx, distal end segment, extraarticular fracture 88.<u>1.2.</u>3A Foot, phalanx, distal end segment, **partial articular fracture** 88.<u>1.2</u>.3B Foot, phalanx, diaphyseal segment, multifragmentary fracture 88.<u>1.2</u>.2C

Foot, phalanx proximal end segment,

complete articular fracture

88.<u>1.2</u>.1C

Foot, phalanx, distal end segment, **complete articular fracture** 88.<u>1.2</u>.3C

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# 89

#### Location: Foot, crush, multiple fractures whole foot 89

Types: Foot, crush, multiple fractures, hindfoot 89A

Foot, crush, multiple fractures, **midfoot** 89B Foot, crush, multiple fractures, **forefoot** 89C

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## 14B

Location: Scapula, body 14B

#### Types:

Scapula, body, **fracture exits the body** at 2 or less points 14B1\*



- Qualifications:
- I Lateral border fracture exit
- m Medial border fracture exit
- s Superior border fracture exit
- g Area immediately lateral to base of coracoid (glenoid side exit)

## 14F

#### Location: Scapula, glenoid fossa 14F

### Type:

Scapula, glenoid fossa, through the extraarticular subchondral bone of the glenoid fossa (glenoid neck) 14F0

Scapula, body, fracture exits the body

at 3 or more points

14B2\*



Type: Scapula, glenoid fossa, simple fracture 14F1

#### Groups:

Scapula, glenoid fossa, simple, **anterior rim fracture** 14F1.1\*



Scapula, glenoid fossa, simple, **posterior rim fracture** 14F1.2\*



Scapula, glenoid fossa, simple, **transverse or short oblique fracture** 14F1.3\*







- \*Qualifications:
- f Infraequatorial rim fracture located in lower quadrant
- r Rim fracture anterior or posterior to maximum glenoid meridian with exits superior and inferior to the glenoid equatorial line
- t Fracture is located in two infraequatorial anterior and posterior quadrants with side of fracture defined by the center of fracture line

 $\rightarrow$  For more information about the four glenoid fossa quadrants, please refer to the Appendix.

- \*Qualifications:
- i Infraequatorial
- e Equatorial
- p Supraequatorial

capula depoid :

#### Type: Scapula, glenoid fossa, multifragmentary (three or more fracture lines) 14F2

#### Groups:

Scapula, glenoid fossa, multifragmentary (3 or more articular fragments), **glenoid fossa fracture** 14F2.1 Scapula, glenoid fossa, multifragmentary (3 or more articular fragments with rim exits), **central fracture dislocation** 14F2.2





NOTE: Glenoid fractures with extension into the body are classified as a glenoid fracture, with the body fracture code added to the end of the code in square brackets [].

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# Clavicle

Bone: Clavicle 15



#### Locations:

Clavicle, proximal (medial) end segment 15.1



Clavicle, diaphyseal segment



Clavicle, proximal (medial) end segment,

partial articular fracture

15.1B

Location is determined by a square with sides the length of the widest portion of the medial end of the clavicle.

#### Location: Clavicle, proximal (medial) end segment 15.1

#### Types:

Clavicle, proximal (medial) end segment, extraarticular fracture including epiphyseal plate injury



Location: Clavicle, diaphyseal segment 15.2

#### Types:

Clavicle, diaphyseal, **simple fracture** 15.2A



Location: Clavicle, distal (lateral) end segment 15.3

#### Types: Clavicle, distal (lateral) end segment, extraarticular fracture



Clavicle, diaphyseal, **wedge fracture** 15.2B



Clavicle, **distal (lateral) end segment** 15.3



Begins at line perpendicular to the medial edge of the coracoid process. The coracoclavicular ligaments are part of this lateral end segment.

Clavicle, proximal (medial) end segment, complete articular fracture 15.1C



Clavicle, diaphyseal, **multifragmentary** fracture 15.2C

Clavicle, distal (lateral) end segment, **partial articular fracture** 15.3B\*





- \*Qualifications:
- a CC ligament complex intact
- b CC ligament complex, partial disruption
- c CC ligament complex, complete disruption

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# **OTA Open Fracture Classification (OTA-OFC)**

The open fracture classification was developed by the OTA classification committee to address the limitation of the Gustilo-Anderson classification. The OTA-OFC is designed to be used at the time of initial debridement by the treating surgeon. It is generic, usable on all anatomical areas, and focused on factors related to injury not treatment.

Skin	<ol> <li>Laceration with edges that approximate.</li> <li>Laceration with edges that do not approximate.</li> <li>Laceration associated with extensive degloving.</li> </ol>
Muscle	<ol> <li>No appreciable muscle necrosis, some muscle injury with intact muscle function.</li> <li>Loss of muscle but the muscle remains functional, some localized necrosis in the zone of injury that requires excision, intact muscle-tendon unit.</li> <li>Dead muscle, loss of muscle function, partial or complete compartment excision, complete disruption of a muscle-tendon unit, muscle defect does not reapproximate.</li> </ol>
Arterial	<ol> <li>No major vessel disruption.</li> <li>Vessel injury without distal ischemia.</li> <li>Vessel injury with distal ischemia.</li> </ol>
Contamination	<ol> <li>None or minimal contamination.</li> <li>Surface contamination (not ground in).</li> <li>Contaminant embedded in bone or deep soft tissues or high-risk environmental conditions (eg, barnyard, fecal, dirty water).</li> </ol>
Bone loss	<ol> <li>None.</li> <li>Bone missing or devascularized bone fragments, but still some contact between proximal and distal fragments.</li> <li>Segmental bone loss.</li> </ol>

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# **Dislocations**

The coding is as follows:

- The first number represents the distal bone of the dislocated joint.
- The second number is 0 which represents the dislocation (with the exception of the shoulder girdle where all dislocations are 10).
- The third character (A, B, C, D, and E) is used when there are more than two bone articulations in the anatomical region.
- The direction of the dislocation is coded using the universal modifier for dislocation direction, within square brackets [5\_].

## 10

#### Anatomical region: Shoulder girdle 10

#### Locations:



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20B[5\_]

## 20

#### Anatomical region: Elbow 20

#### Locations:

Elbow, ulnohumeral with radiohumeral 20A[5\_]





Elbow, **ulnohumeral** 20C[5\_]



Anatomical region: Hip joint 30[5\_]



#### Anatomical region: Knee 40



\*Qualifications:

- a KD1-Multiligamentous rupture with either cruciate intact
- b KDII-Bicruciate rupture with collateral ligaments intact
- c KDIIIM-Bicruciate rupture with medial collateral ligament rupture
- d KDIIIL-Bicruciate rupture with lateral collateral ligament rupture
- e KDIV-MCL, LCL, ACL, PCL rupture
- f KDV- Fracture dislocation
- g associated arterial injury
- h associated nerve injury

More specific coding would use the fracture code and universal modifier for dislocation and direction.  $^{\rm L2}$ 

#### Anatomical region: Hand and wrist 70

#### Locations:



Hand and wrist, **intercarpal joint** 70C[5\_]



Hand and wrist, **radiocarpal joint** 

Hand and wrist, **carpal-metacarpal joint** 70D[5\_]



Hand and wrist, **phalangeal joint** 70E[5\_]





#### 70D

Location: Hand and wrist, carpal-metacarpal joint 70D

**Types:** Hand and wrist, carpal-metacarpal joint, **1st metacarpal-trapezial joint** 70D1[5\_] Hand and wrist, carpal-metacarpal joint, **2nd metacarpal-trapezoid joint** 70D2[5\_] Hand and wrist, carpal-metacarpal joint, **3rd metacarpal capitate joint** 70D3[5\_] Hand and wrist, carpal-metacarpal joint, **4th metacarpal hamate joint** 70D4[5\_] Hand and wrist, carpal-metacarpal joint, **5th metacarpal triquetrum joint** 70D5[5\_] Hand and wrist, carpal-metacarpal joint, **multiple carpal-metacarpal joint** 70D6[5\_]



#### **70E**

Location: Hand and wrist, phalangeal joint 70E

Type: Hand and wrist, phalangeal joint, metacarpal phalangeal joint 70E1



 $\rightarrow$  The interphanangeal joints are identified as follows: thumb = 1, index = 2, long or middle = 3, ring = 4, and little = 5.

- $\rightarrow$  The identifier is added to the code after the type code.
- Groups: Hand and wrist, phalangeal joint, 1st metacarpal phalangeal joint 70E1.1.[5\_] Hand and wrist, phalangeal joint, 2nd metacarpal phalangeal joint 70E1.2.[5\_] Hand and wrist, phalangeal joint, 3rd metacarpal phalangeal joint 70E1.3.[5\_] Hand and wrist, phalangeal joint, 4th metacarpal phalangeal joint 70E1.4.[5\_] Hand and wrist, phalangeal joint, 5th metacarpal phalangeal joint 70E1.5.[5\_]

Type: Hand and wrist, phalangeal joint, proximal interphalangeal joint 70E2

**Groups:** Hand and wrist, phalangeal joint, **proximal interphalangeal joint, thumb** (1st) 70E2.1[5\_] Hand and wrist, phalangeal joint, **proximal interphalangeal joint, index** (2nd) 70E2.2[5\_] Hand and wrist, phalangeal joint, **proximal interphalangeal joint, long** (3rd) 70E2.3[5\_] Hand and wrist, phalangeal joint, **proximal interphalangeal joint, ring** (4th) 70E2.4[5\_] Hand and wrist, phalangeal joint, **proximal interphalangeal joint, little** (5th) 70E2.5[5\_]

Type: Hand and wrist, phalangeal joint, distal interphalangeal joint 70E3

**Groups:** Hand and wrist, phalangeal joint, **distal interphalangeal joint**, **index** (2nd) 70E3.2[5\_] Hand and wrist, phalangeal joint, **distal interphalangeal joint**, **long** (3rd) 70E3.3[5\_] Hand and wrist, phalangeal joint, **distal interphalangeal joint**, **ring** (4th) 70E3.4[5\_] Hand and wrist, phalangeal joint, **distal interphalangeal joint**, **little** (5th) 70E3.5[5\_]

Type: Hand and wrist, sesamoid joint dislocation 70E4[5\_]

Type: Hand and wrist, multiple phalangeal joint dislocations 70E5

#### Anatomical region: Foot and ankle 80D

Locations:











80D

Foot and ankle, forefoot 80E



#### 80D

Location: Foot and ankle, midfoot 80D

Types: Foot and ankle, midfoot, talonavicular joint 80D1[5\_] Foot and ankle, midfoot, calcaneocuboid joint 80D2[5\_] Foot and ankle, midfoot, navicular-cuneiform joint 80D3[5\_] Foot and ankle, midfoot, intercuneiform joint 80D4[5\_] Foot and ankle, midfoot, tarsal-metatarsal joint 80D5



Groups: Foot and ankle, midfoot, tarsal-metatarsal joint, 1st metatarsal medial cuneiform 80D5.1[5\_] Foot and ankle, midfoot, tarsal-metatarsal joint, 2nd metatarsal middle cuneiform 80D5.2[5\_] Foot and ankle, midfoot, tarsal-metatarsal joint, 3rd metatarsal lateral cuneiform 80D5.3[5\_] Foot and ankle, midfoot, tarsal-metatarsal joint, 4th metatarsal cuboid 80D5.4[5\_] Foot and ankle, midfoot, tarsal-metatarsal joint, 5th metatarsal cuboid 80D5.5[5\_] Foot and ankle, midfoot, tarsal-metatarsal joint, 5th metatarsal cuboid 80D5.5[5\_] Foot and ankle, midfoot, tarsal-metatarsal joint, multiple metatarsal-tarsal 80D5.6[5\_] Foot and ankle, midfoot, multiple joint dislocations 80D6

Type: Foot and ankle, midfoot, multiple joint dislocations 80D6

#### **80E**

Location: Foot and ankle, forefoot 80E

Type: Foot and ankle, forefoot, phalangeal joint 80E1



Foot and ankle, forefoot, phalangeal joint, 4th metatarsal phalangeal joint 80E1.4.[5\_]

Foot and ankle, forefoot, phalangeal joint, <b>5th metatarsal phalangeal joint</b> 80E1.5.[5_]

Type: Forefoot, phalangeal joint, proximal interphalangeal joint 80E2

Groups (by joint medial to lateral): Forefoot, phalangeal joint, proximal interphalangeal joint, **1st toe** (IP joint as there is no DIP in great toe) 80E2.1[5\_] Forefoot, phalangeal joint, proximal interphalangeal joint, **2nd toe** 80E2.2.[5\_] Forefoot, phalangeal joint, proximal interphalangeal joint, **3rd toe** 80E2.3.[5\_] Forefoot, phalangeal joint, proximal interphalangeal joint, **4th toe** 80E2.4.[5\_] Forefoot, phalangeal joint, proximal interphalangeal joint, **5th toe** 80E2.5.[5\_]

Type: Forefoot, phalangeal joint, distal interphalangeal joint 80E3

Groups (by joint medial to lateral): Forefoot, phalangeal joint, distal interphalangeal joint, 2nd toe 80E3.2.[5\_] Forefoot, phalangeal joint, distal interphalangeal joint, 3rd toe 80E3.3.[5\_] Forefoot, phalangeal joint, distal interphalangeal joint, 4th toe 80DE3.4.[5\_] Forefoot, phalangeal joint, distal interphalangeal joint, 5th toe 80DE3.5.[5\_]

Type: Foot and ankle, forefoot, sesamoid dislocation (any) 80E4[5\_]

Type: Foot and ankle, forefoot, multiple dislocations 80E5

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## **AO Pediatric Comprehensive Classification** of Long Bone Fractures (PCCF)

#### Introduction

In adult fractures the injury severity and fracture pattern are important. In pediatric fractures another component is added—the phenomenon of growth. Previous classifications of children's fractures are very specific, but not universal in application <sup>1–6</sup> and none have been scientifically validated.<sup>7–9</sup> Finally, there is no classification system available for diaphyseal long bone fractures. Any classification for pediatric fractures must be applicable for all fractures and recognize the importance of growth through the epiphyseal plate. To address these needs, the validated AO Pediatric Comprehensive Classification of Long Bone Fractures (PCCF)<sup>1</sup> was introduced to the AO/OTA Compendium of Fractures and Dislocations in 2007.<sup>10–12</sup>

# The principles and definitions of the pediatric long bone fracture classification

The terminology and coding of the PCCF are based on the principles found in Müller's Long Bone Comprehensive Classification of Fractures.<sup>13</sup> This system only addresses the four long bones.

#### Bone



The bones are coded: Humerus (1), Radius (2r), Ulna (2u), Femur (3), Tibia (4t) and Fibula (4f) (**Fig 1**). Note that the paired bones radius/ulna or tibia/fibula are classified as individual bones (**Fig 2**) allowing the detailed documentation of combined fractures of the radius and ulna, or the tibia and fibula.





#### **Fracture location**

The location within the bones is the proximal end segment (1), diaphyseal segment (2), and, distal end segment (3). The end segment consists of the epiphysis and metaphysis. The metaphyseal end segment is determined by a square whose sides are the same length as the widest part of the visible epiphyseal growth plate (**Fig 3**).<sup>11</sup> For the radius/ulna and tibia/fibula, both bones must be included in the square.

Consequently, the three segments can be defined as:

- Proximal end segment (1) and distal end segment (3)
- Subsegments are the epiphysis (E) and metaphysis (square) (M)

Fig 3 Definition of bone segments and types. For children, the square

• Diaphyseal segment (2)





must be placed over the larger part of the physis.

Fig 1 Designation of bone location.

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Malleolar fractures are infrequent in children and do not justify a specific coding. They are simply coded as distal end segment tibia and/or fibula fractures.

The subsegments follow the segment and are the diaphysis (D), metaphysis (M) and epiphysis (E) (Fig 3). Epiphyseal fractures are by definition intraarticular fractures. (Fig 3 and Fig 4). The square definition is not applied to the proximal femur where metaphyseal fractures are located between the physis of the head and the intertrochanteric line.



**Fig 4** Use of the square patterns to classify a fracture as epiphyseal (E), metaphyseal (M) or diaphyseal (D). The square patterns are copied onto a transparency sheet and applied over the radiograph for more reliable and accurate diagnosis.

Fracture displacement may distort the fracture fragment's exact anatomy so the end segment square may not be accurate necessitating reclassification after the fracture reduction.

## **Child code**

A forward slash "/" (Fig 5) is used to identify the specific child fracture codes:

- Epiphyseal fracture codes (Fig 6)
- Specific metaphyseal fracture child codes (Fig 7)
- Specific diaphyseal fracture child codes (Fig 8)





#### Salter-Harris (SH) type I E/1





Salter-Harris (SH) type II E/2



E/5

Tillaux (two-plane)





**Tri-plane** E/6



E/6



Avulsion



Flake E/8



**Other fractures** E/9

Fig 6 Definition of child patterns for epiphyseal fractures.





**Complete** M/3



Avulsion M/7



**Other fractures** M/9

Fig 7 Definition of child patterns for metaphyseal fractures.



Fig 8 Definition of child patterns for diaphyseal fractures.

#### Fracture severity code

This code distinguishes between two grades of fracture severity: simple (.1) and multifragmentary (.2) (Fig 9).

.1 Simple



Two main fragments

.2 Multifragmentary



Two main fragments and at least one intermediate fragment

Fig 9 Severity implies anticipated difficulties and method of treatment, not the prognosis.

#### Qualifications

These codes are added as roman numerals between rounded brackets at the end of the fracture code, eg 13-M/3.1(III). These are described by an additional code for the grade of angulation.

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## **Humerus** 1

## Proximal epiphyseal fractures 11-E



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## **Diaphyseal fractures 12-D**



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#### Simple

Complete without contact between fracture planes 13-M/3.1 IV



Avulsion of the epicondyle (extraarticular) 13-M/7m



## Distal epiphyseal fractures 13-E



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Multifragmentary

Complete without contact between fracture planes 13-M/3.2 IV



## Radius/ulna 2

## Proximal epiphyseal fractures 21-E

#### **Isolated fractures of the radius**

#### Simple

Multifragmentary

**Epiphysiolysis, SH I, no angulation and no displacement** 21r-E/1.1 I\*



Epiphysiolysis, SH I, angulation with displacement of up to half of the bone diameter 21r-E/1.1 II\*



Epiphysiolysis, SH I, angulation with displacement of more than half of the bone diameter 21r-E/1.1 III\*



Epiphyseal, SH III 21r-E/3.1





Epiphyseal, SH III 21r-E/3.2

\*Qualifications for displaced radial head and neck fractures:

Type I No angulation and no displacement

Type II Angulation with displacement of up to half of the bone diameter

Type III Angulation with displacement of more than half of the bone diameter

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Simple

Epiphysiolysis with metaphyseal wedge, SH II, no angulation and no displacement 21r-E/2.1 I\*



Epiphysiolysis with metaphyseal wedge, SH II, angulation with displacement of up to half of the bone diameter 21r-E/2.1 II\*



Epiphysiolysis with metaphyseal wedge, SH II, angulation with displacement of more than half of the bone diameter 21r-E/2.1 III\*



Epi-/metaphyseal, SH IV 21r-E/4.1



Multifragmentary

Epiphysiolysis with metaphyseal wedge, SH II, no angulation and no displacement 21r-E/2.2 I\*



Epiphysiolysis with metaphyseal wedge, SH II, angulation with displacement of up to half of the bone diameter 21r-E/2.2 II\*



Epiphysiolysis with metaphyseal wedge, SH II, angulation with displacement of more than half of the bone diameter 21r-E/2.2 III\*



**Epi-/metaphyseal, SH IV** 21r-E/4.2



### **Proximal metaphyseal fractures 21-M**

#### Isolated fractures of the radius

Torus/buckle 21r-M/2.1



Complete, no angulation and no displacement 21r-M/3.11



Complete, no angulation and

no displacement 21r-M/3.1 II

Complete, angulation with displacement of up to half of the bone diameter 21r-M/3.1 II



Complete, angulation with displacement of up to half of the bone diameter 21r-M/3.1 ||



Complete, angulation with displacement of up to half of the bone diameter 21r-M/3.2 II



Complete, angulation with displacement of up to half of the bone diameter 21r-M/3.2 II



#### Isolated fractures of the ulna

Torus/buckle 21u-M/2.1



Complete 21u-M/3.1







Greenstick, dorsal radial head dislocation (Bado II) 21u-M/6.1



**Avulsion of the apophysis** 21u-M/7



Greenstick, lateral radial head dislocation (Bado III) 21u-M/6.1



## **Diaphyseal fractures 22-D**

#### Fractures of both bones



#### Pediatric classification

Simple

#### Galeazzi 22r-D/7.1



Galeazzi 22r-D/7.2

Multifragmentary

Multifragmentary

Isolated fractures of the ulna





#### Isolated fractures of the radius

Greenstick 22u-D/2.1





Simple

Complete transverse (< 30°) 22u-D/4.2



Complete oblique or spiral (≥ 30°) 22u-D/5.1



Monteggia 22u-D/6.1



Complete oblique or spiral (≥ 30°) 22u-D/5.2



Monteggia 22u-D/6.2



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## **Distal metaphyseal fractures 23-M**

#### **Fractures of both bones**

Simple

Multifragmentary

Simple



Complete 23r-M/3.1

Complete 23u-M/3.1

Epi-/metaphyseal, SH IV

Multifragmentary

**Complete** 23-M/3.2



Complete 23r-M/3.2

Torus/buckle 23-M/2.1



#### Isolated fractures of the radius

Torus/buckle 23r-M/2.1



Isolated fractures of the ulna

Torus/buckle 23u-M/2.1



## **Distal epiphyseal fractures 23-E**

#### **Fractures of both bones**

Epiphysiolysis, SH I 23-E/1



Epiphysiolysis with metaphyseal wedge, SH II 23-E/2.1



**Epiphysiolysis with metaphyseal** wedge, SH II 23-E/2.2





23-E/4.1





Complete 23u-M/3.2



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Simple

Multifragmentary

Epiphyseal, SH III 23-E/3



#### Isolated fractures of the radius 23-E

Epiphysiolysis, SH I 23r-E/1



**Epiphysiolysis with metaphyseal** wedge, SH II 23r-E/2.1



Epiphyseal, SH III 23r-E/3



#### Isolated fractures of the ulna 23-E

**Epiphysiolysis, SH I** 23u-E/1.1



Epiphysiolysis with metaphyseal wedge, SH II 23u-E/2.1



Epiphyseal, SH III 23u-E/3



Epiphysiolysis with metaphyseal wedge, SH II 23u-E/2.2

**Epiphysiolysis with metaphyseal** 

wedge, SH II 23r-E/2.2



Epi-/metaphyseal, SH IV 23r-E/4.1



Simple

Avulsion of the styloid 23r-E/7



Complete 23r-E/4.2

Multifragmentary



Epi-/metaphyseal, SH IV 23-M/3.1



Avulsion of the styloid 23u-E/7



Epi-/metaphyseal, SH IV 23-M/3.1



## **3 Femur**

## Proximal epiphyseal fractures 31-E



Type III Transtrochanteric

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Multifragmentary

(≥30°) 32-D/5.2

Complete oblique or spiral

## **Diaphyseal fractures 32-D**



## **Distal epiphyseal fractures 33-E**



## Tibia/fibula 4

## **Proximal epiphyseal fractures 41-E**

#### Isolated fractures of the tibia



**Epiphysiolysis, with metaphyseal wedge, SH II** 41t-E/2.1



Epiphyseal, SH III 41t-E/3.1



Epiphysiolysis, with metaphyseal wedge, SH II 41t-E/2.2



Epiphyseal, SH III 41t-E/3.2



Epi-/metaphyseal, SH IV 41t-E/4.1



**Avulsion of the tibial spine** 41t-E/7



Intraarticular flake 41t-E/8.1



**Epi-/metaphyseal, SH IV** 41t-E/4.2



Intraarticular flake 41t-E/8.2



Complete 41-M/3.2

Multifragmentary

Complete 41t-M/3.2

## **Proximal metaphyseal fractures 41-M**

#### **Fractures of both bones**





Simple

Multifragmentary

Isolated fractures of the tibia





Isolated fractures of the fibula



Complete 41-M/3.1

Simple

Complete 41t-M/3.1



Avulsion of the apophysis 41t-M/7



Complete 41f-M/3.1





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## **Diaphyseal fractures 42-D**

#### **Fractures of both bones**

Simple

Bowing 42-D/1.1



Greenstick 42-D/2.1



Isolated fractures of the tibia

Bowing 42t-D/1.1



Greenstick 42t-D/2.1



Toddler fracture 42t-D/3.1



Multifragmentary

Simple

Complete transverse (< 30°) 42-D/4.1



Complete oblique or spiral (≥ 30°) 42-D/5.1



Multifragmentary

Complete transverse (< 30°) 42-D/4.2



Complete oblique or spiral (≥ 30°) 42-D/5.2



Complete transverse (< 30°) 42t-D/4.1

Complete oblique or spiral (≥ 30°) 42t-D/5.1



Complete transverse (< 30°) 42t-D/4.2



Complete oblique or spiral (≥ 30°) 42t-D/5.2



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#### Isolated fractures of the fibula



Multifragmentary

Bowing 42f-D/1.1



Greenstick 42f-D/2.1



## **Distal metaphyseal fractures 43-M**

#### **Fractures of both bones**

Torus/buckle 43-M/2.1



Isolated fractures of the tibia

Torus/buckle 43t-M/2.1



Isolated fractures of the fibula

Torus/buckle 43f-M/2.1



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Simple

Complete transverse (< 30°) 42f-D/4.1



Complete oblique or spiral (≥ 30°) 42f-D/5.1



Multifragmentary

Complete transverse (< 30°) 42f-D/4.2



Complete oblique or spiral (≥ 30°) 42f-D/5.2



Complete 43-M/3.1

Complete 43t-M/3.1



Complete 43f-M/3.1







Complete 43t-M/3.2



Complete 43f-M/3.2



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## **Distal epiphyseal fractures 43-E**

#### Fractures of both bones



Multifragmentary



Epiphysiolysis with metaphyseal wedge, SH II 43-E/2.1



Epiphyseal, SH III 43-E/3.1



Isolated fracture of the tibia



Simple Multifragmentary
Epi-/metaphyseal, SH IV 43-E/4.1

Intraarticular flake 43-E/8.1

Epi-/metaphyseal, SH IV 43t-E/4.2

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#### Simple

Multifragmentary

Simple

#### Tri-plane, SH IV 43t-E/6.1



Multifragmentary

# Epiphyseal, SH III 43t-E/3.1



Intraarticular flake 43t-E/8.1



#### Isolated fractures of the fibula

Epiphysiolysis, SH I 43f-E/1.1



Epiphysiolysis with metaphyseal wedge, SH II 43f-E/2.1



Epiphyseal, SH III 43f-E/3.1





Epi-/metaphyseal, SH IV 43f-E/4.1



Avulsion 43f-E/7



Intraarticular flake 43f-E/8.1



## **Frequent fracture combinations**

#### Radius/ulna

Complete radial neck fracture type III and olecranon fracture 21r-M/3.1 III, 21u-M/3.1



Torus/buckle fracture of the radius and complete metaphyseal ulnar fracture 23r-M/2.1, 23u-M/3.1



**Radial SH II and avulsion of the ulnar** styloid 23r-E/2.1, 23u-E/7



Torus/buckle fracture of the radius and avulsion of the ulnar styloid 23r-M/2.1, 23u-E/7



Simple oblique or spiral complete radial fracture and bowing ulnar fracture 22r-D/5.1, 22u-D/1.1



Tibia/fibula

**Proximal: SH II tibial fracture and complete metaphyseal fibular fracture** 41t-E/2.1, 41f-M/3.1



Multifragmentary epiphyseal tibia SH II and SH I fibular fracture 43t-E/2.2, 43f-E/1.1



**SH III tibial and SH I fibular fracture** 43t-E/4.1, 43f-E/1.1



Multifragmentary oblique or spiral (> 30°) tibial fracture and fibular greenstick fracture 42t-D/5.2, 42f-D/2.1



**Complete transverse (< 30°) tibial fracture and bowing fibular fracture** 42t-D/4.1, 42f-D/1.1



**Distal: SH II tibial fracture and complete metaphyseal fibular fracture** 43t-E/2.1, 43f-M/3.1



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# **Unified Classification System for Periprosthetic Fractures (UCPF)**

## **Principles**

The UCPF is based upon the following factors:

- 1. The fracture location may involve either the bone supporting the implant or distant to it.
- 2. The stability of the components must be assessed to determine if the bone implant surface is stable prior to fracture and after fracture.
- 3. The adequacy of the bone stock and bone strength supporting the implant must be sufficient to support internal fixation or a revision without additional major reconstruction.
- 4. For clinical use, the definitions and terminology of the UCPF are used. In order to maintain consistency in coding and allow easy data retrieval for data collection, the UCPF has been modified so that the AO/OTA bone code appears first.
- 5. The UCPF code follows as a qualification in square brackets.
- 6. Fractures about or in a bone with a nonarthroplasty implant are coded using the universal modifier [12] following the AO/OTA fracture code.



Fig 1 AO/OTA bone codes and UCPF joint codes.

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		I Shoulder	R	II Elbow		Wrist		
		1.14	1.1	11.1	11.2	111.2	111.7	
Туре		Glenoid/scapula	Humerus, proximal	Humerus, distal	Ulna/radius, proximal	Radius/ulna, distal	Carpus/metacarpals	
A Apophyseal or extraarticular/ periarticular	A1 Avulsion of	Coracoid process	Greater tuberosity	Lateral epicondyle	Olecranon tip	Radial styloid	-	
	A2 Avulsion of	Acromion	Lesser tuberosity	Medial epicondyle	Coronoid process, radial tuberosity	Ulnar styloid, if ulna retained	-	
<b>B</b> Bed of the implant or around the implant	<b>B1</b> Prosthesis stable, good bone	Glenoid implant stable, good bone	Humeral implant stable, good bone	Humeral implant stable, good bone	Ulnar implant stable, good bone	Radial implant stable, good bone	Carpal/metacarpal implant stable, good bone	
	<b>B2</b> Prosthesis loose, good bone	Glenoid implant loose, good bone	Humeral implant loose, good bone	Humeral implant loose, good bone	Ulnar implant loose, good bone	Radial implant loose, good bone	Carpal/metacarpal implant loose, good bone	
	<b>B3</b> Prosthesis loose, poor bone or bone defect	Glenoid implant loose, poor bone, defect	Humeral implant loose, poor bone, defect	Humeral implant loose, poor bone, defect	Ulnar implant loose, poor bone, defect	Radial implant loose, poor bone, defect	Carpal/metacarpal implant loose, poor bone, defect	
<b>C</b> <i>Clear</i> of or distant to the implant	-	Body of the scapula	Distal to the implant	Proximal to the implant	Distal to the implant	Proximal to the implant	Distal metacarpals	
<b>D</b> Dividing the bone between two implants or interprosthetic or intercalary	-	-	Between shoulder and elbow arthroplasties, close to the shoulder	Between shoulder and elbow arthroplasties, close to the elbow	-	Between wrist and radial-head prosthesis	-	
<b>E</b> Each of two bones supporting one arthroplasty or polyperipros- thetic	-	Scapula and humerus		Humerus and ulna/radius		Radius/ulna and carpus/metacarpals		
<b>F</b> <i>Facing</i> and articulating with a hemiarthroplasty	-	Fracture of the glenoid articulating with the humeral hemiarthro- plasty	-	Distal humeral fracture articulating with the radial-head prosthesis	-	-	-	

IV Hip	R I	<b>V</b> Knee			<b>VI</b> Ankle			
IV.6	IV.3	V.3	V.4	V.34	VI.4	VI.8		
Acetabulum/pelvis	Femur, proximal	Femur, distal	Tibia, proximal	Patella	Tibia, distal	Talus	Туре	
Anterior inferior and superior iliac spine	Greater trochanter	Lateral epicondyle	Medial or lateral pla- teau, nondisplaced	Disrupted extensor, proximal pole	Tip of the medial malleolus	-	A Apophyseal or extraarticular/ periarticular	
Ischial tuberosity	Lesser trochanter	Medial epicondyle	Tibial tubercle	Disrupted extensor, distal pole	Tip of the lateral malleolus	-		
Acetabular rim or good bone	Stem stable, good bone; Surface replacement: femoral neck	Proximal to stable stem, good bone	Stem and component stable, good bone	Intact extensor, implant stable, good bone	Transverse or medial malleolus shear, good bone	Body of the talus, good bone	<b>B</b> Bed of the implant or around the implant	
Loose cup, good bone	Loose stem, good bone; Surface replacement: loose implant, no proximal femoral bone loss	Proximal to loose stem, good bone	Loose component/ stem, good bone	Loose implant, good bone	Tibial implant loose, good bone	Body of the talus, loose, good bone		
Loose cup, poor bone, defect; Pelvic discontinuity	Loose stem, poor bone, defect; Surface replacement: loose implant, bone loss	Proximal to loose stem, poor bone defect	Loose component/ stem, poor bone, defect	Loose implant, poor bone	Tibial implant loose, poor bone, defect	Body of the talus, bone defect		
Pelvic/acetabular fractures distant to the implant	Distal to the implant and cement mantle	Proximal to the implant and cement mantle	Distal to the implant and cement mantle	-	Proximal to the implant	Neck or head of the talus	<b>C</b> <i>Clear</i> of or distant to the implant	
Pelvic fracture be- tween bilateral total hip arthroplasties	Between hip and knee arthroplasties, close to the hip	Between hip and knee arthroplasties, close to the knee	Between ankle and knee arthroplasties, close to the knee	-	Between knee and ankle arthroplasties, close to the ankle	Between an ankle and talonavicular arthro- plasties	<b>D</b> <i>Dividing</i> the bone between two implants or interprosthetic or intercalary	
Pelvis and femur		Femur and tibia/patella			Tibia and talus		<b>E</b> Each of two bones supporting one arthroplasty or polyperipros- thetic	
Fracture of the ace- tabulum articulating with the femoral hemiarthroplasty	-	Fracture of femoral condyle arcticulating with tibial hemiarthro- plasty	_	Fracture of the patella that has no surface replacement and artic- ulates with the femoral component of the total knee arthroplasty	-	-	<b>F</b> Facing and articulating with a hemiarthroplasty	

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## Spine

## **Diagnostic and coding process**

This classification system includes morphological injury characteristics, as well as neurological and patient-specific modifiers to augment the clinical relevance.

## Algorithm for morphologic classification



### Bone: Spine 5

### Locations:

Spine, Cervical 51, Thoracic 52, Lumbar 53, and Sacrum 54

- → The vertebral body number is added between two dots. \_\_\_\_ after the location code. Example: Fracture of thoracic vertebra 7 is 52.7
- → The motion segment—the numbers of the two vertebral bodies involved are separated by a back slash between two dots .\_/\_. placed after the location code. Example: Fracture dislocation of thoracic vertebra 7 on 8 is 52.7/8.



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## **Cervical spine**

### Location: Spine, upper cervical (C1 or C2) 51.\_\_X

- The classification for this region is presently under development
- The axial spine is defined as cervical vertebra 1 and 2
- The generic fracture code 51.\_\_.X is used to code these injuries

### Location: Spine, subaxial cervical spine (vertebra 3 to 7)

### Types:

Spine, subaxial cervical, **compression injury of the vertebral body** 51.\_\_.A Spine, subaxial cervical, **tension band injury** 51.\_\_.B Spine, subaxial cervical, **displacement/translational injury** 51.\_\_.C

## 51.\_.A

Type: Spine, subaxial cervical, compression injury of the vertebral body 51.\_\_.A

**Group:** Spine, subaxial cervical, compression injury, **minor nonstructural fracture** (eg, spinous process) 51.\_\_.A0





**Group:** Spine, subaxial cervical, compression injury, **compression or impaction fractures of a single endplate without involvement of the posterior wall of the vertebral body** 51.\_\_A1



**Group:** Spine, subaxial cervical, compression injury, **coronal split of pincers type fractures involving both end plates without posterior vertebral wall involvement** 51.\_\_\_A2







**Group:** Spine, cervical, compression injuries, **incomplete burst fractures involving a single endplate with any involvement of the posterior vertebral wall** 51.\_\_A3

**Group:** Spine, cervical, compression injuries, **complete burst fractures involving both endplates as well as the posterior vertebral wall** 51.\_\_\_A4



## 51.\_.B

Type: Spine, subaxial cervical, tension band injury 51.\_.B

**Group:** Spine, subaxial cervical, tension band injury, **monosegmental** osseous failure of the posterior tension band extending into vertebral body (Chance Fracture) 51.\_\_.B1\*





**Group:** Spine, subaxial cervical, tension band injury, **disruption of the posterior. tension band with or without osseous involvement. Posterior tension band injury maybe bone, capsule or ligament or a combination** 51.\_\_.B2\*



**Group:** Spine, subaxial cervical, tension band injury, **anterior tension band injury with physical disruption or separation of the anterior structures (bone/disk) with a tethering of the posterior elements** 51.\_\_B3\*



## 51.\_.C

Type: Spine, subaxial cervical, displacement/translational injury 51.\_...C\*



### \*Qualifications:





- F = Facet Injuries
- F1: Nondisplaced facet injuries (fragment <1 cm and <40% of lateral mass)





F2: Facet fracture with potential for instability (fragment >1 cm and >40% of lateral mass or displaced)



F3: Floating lateral mass





F4: Subluxation of perched/dislocated facet







#### Qualifications for neurological deficit grades (applicable to all cervical spine codes):

These grades are added to any spinal code to identify the neurological deficit. They are added to the end of code between ( \_\_\_\_). Multiple qualifications are separated by a comma.

- NX cannot be examined
- NO neurologically intact
- N1 transient neurological deficit
- N2 nerve root injury
- N3 cauda equina injury or incomplete spinal cord injury
- N4 complete spinal cord injury (unlikely in sacral fractures)
- + ongoing cord compression in the setting of an incomplete neurological deficit.

### Qualifications for patient specific conditions (applicable to all cervical spine codes):

- M1 posterior capsuloligamentous complex injury without complete disruption
- M2 critical disk herniation
- M3 Stiffening/metabolic bone disease (ie, DISH, AS, OPL, OLF)
- M4 Vertebral artery abnormality.

Qualifications are added at the end of the code between rounded brackets ( \_\_\_\_).

## **Thoracic or Lumbar spine**

Location: Spine, thoracic 52.\_\_. or lumbar 53.\_\_.

### Types:

Spine, thoracic or lumbar, **compression injury** of the vertebral body 52.\_\_A or 53.\_\_A



Spine, thoracic or lumbar, **tension band injury** 52 \_\_.B or 53. \_\_B



Spine thoracic or lumbar, **displacement/** translational Injury 52.\_\_.C or 53.\_\_C



## 52.\_\_.A or 53.\_\_.A

**Type:** Spine, thoracic or lumbar, **compression injury of the vertebra** 52.\_\_.A or 53.\_\_.A

**Group:** Spine, thoracic or lumbar, compression injury of the vertebra, **minor nonstructural fractures** (ie, spinous or transverse processes) 52.\_\_A0 or 53.\_\_A0



**Group:** Spine, thoracic or lumbar, compression injury of the vertebra, compression or impaction fractures of a single endplate without involvement of the posterior wall of the vertebral body 52.\_\_A1 or 53.\_\_A1







Group: Spine, thoracic or lumbar, compression injury of the vertebra, coronal split of pincers type fractures involving both endplates without posterior vertebral wall involvement 52.\_\_.A2 or 53.\_\_.A2



Group: Spine, thoracic or lumbar, compression injury to the vertebra, incomplete burst fracture involving a single endplate with any involvement of the posterior vertebral wall 52.\_\_.A3 or 53.\_\_.A3





Group: Spine, thoracic or lumbar, compression injury to the vertebra, complete burst fracture involving both endplates as well as the posterior wall 52.\_\_.A4 or 53. .A4

















### 52.\_.B or 53.\_.B

Type: Spine, thoracic or lumbar, tension band injury 52.\_\_.B or 53.\_\_.B

**Group:** Spine, thoracic or lumbar, distraction injury, **monosegmental** osseous failure of the posterior tension band extending into the vertebral body (Chance fracture)

52.\_\_.B1 or 53.\_\_.B1



**Group:** Spine, thoracic or lumbar, distraction injury, **disruption of the posterior tension band with or without osseous involvement. Posterior tension band injury maybe bone, capsule, ligament or a combination** 52.\_\_.B2 or 53.\_\_.B2







**Group:** Spine, thoracic or lumbar, distraction injury, **anterior tension band injury with disruption or separation of the anterior bone and/or disc with tethering of the posterior elements** 52.\_\_B3 or 53.\_\_B3





### Spine

## 52.\_\_.C/53.\_\_.C

**Type:** Spine, thoracic or lumbar, **displacement/translational injury** 52.\_\_\_C or 53.\_\_\_C

Failure of all elements leading to dislocation, displacement or translation in any plane or complete disruption of a soft tissue hinge even in the absence of any translation. Can be combined with subtypes of A and B allowing for two separate codes for the injury



### Qualifications for neurological deficit grades (applicable to all thoracic or lumbar spine codes):

These grades are added to any spinal code to identify the neurological deficit. They are added to the end of code between ( \_\_\_\_). Multiple qualifications are separated by a comma.

- NX cannot be examined
- NO neurologically intact
- N1 transient neurological deficit
- N2 nerve root injury
- · N3 cauda equina injury or incomplete spinal cord injury
- · N4 complete spinal cord injury
- + Indicates there is ongoing cord compression in the setting of an incomplete neurological deficit.

### Qualifications for patient specific conditions (applicable to all thoracic or lumbar spine codes):

- M1 Used to designate fractures with an indeterminate injury to the tension band based on spinal imaging with or without MRI. This modifier is important for designating those injuries with stable injuries from a bony standpoint for which ligamentous insufficiency may help determine whether operative stabilization is a consideration.
- M2 Used to designate a patient-specific comorbidity, which might argue either for or against surgery for
  patients with relative surgical indications. Examples of an M2 modifier include ankylosing spondylitis or
  burns affecting the skin overlying the injured spine.

## Sacral spine

### Location: Spine, sacrum 54

This classification is intended to be used for isolated sacral fractures not associated with a pelvic ring injury. As the sacrum is part of the posterior pelvic ring arch, sacral fractures are a major component of determining the stability of a pelvic ring injury. Consequently, sacral fractures associated with a pelvic ring injury (61) are recommended to be classified in that category using the qualification modifiers.

### 54A

Type: Spine, sacrum, fractures of the lower segments not associated with sacroiliac joint. (Injuries with no impact on pelvic or spino-pelvis stability They may have a neurological injury.) 54A

**Group:** Spine, sacrum, fractures of the lower sacral segments not associated with sacroiliac joint, **coccygeal or sacral compression injuries** 54A1



**Group:** Spine, sacrum, fractures of the lower sacral segments not associated with sacroiliac joint, **transverse fractures, nondisplaced** 



**Group:** Spine, sacrum, fractures of the lower sacral segments not associated with sacroiliac joint, **transverse fractures, displaced** 54A3



### 54B

**Type:** Spine, sacrum, **fractures involving the upper sacral segments associated with sacroiliac joint** 54B

These are unilateral longitudinal or vertical fractures that occur through the upper sacral segments that are associated with the sacroiliac joint. These will have an impact on pelvic stability. They may have neurological injury. The groups are ordered differently than the published Denis classification or the former compendiums.

**Group:** Spine, sacrum, fractures involving the upper sacral segments associated with sacroiliac joint, **isolated vertical central fractures medial to the foramina involving the spinal canal (Denis III)** 54B1



**Group:** Spine, sacrum, fractures involving the upper sacral segments associated with sacroiliac joint, **transalar fractures lateral to the foramina or spinal canal (Denis I)** 54B2



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**Group:** Spine, sacrum, fractures involving the upper sacral segments associated with sacroiliac joint, **transforaminal fractures involving the foramina but not the spinal canal (Denis II)** 54B3



## **54C**

Type: Spine, sacrum, injuries resulting in spino-pelvic instability 55C

**Group:** Spine, sacrum, injuries resulting in spino-pelvic instability, **nondisplaced U-type variant (commonly low energy insufficiency fracture**) 55C0



**Group:** Spine, sacrum, injury resulting in spino-pelvic instability, **U-type variant without posterior pelvic instability** (any unilateral B group fracture where ipsilateral S1 facet is discontinuous with medial part of sacrum) 54C1



**Group:** Spine, sacrum, injury resulting in spino-pelvic instability, **bilateral complete B-type injuries without transverse fracture** 54C2



**Group:** Spine, sacrum, injury resulting in spino-pelvic instability, **displaced U-type fracture** 54C3



#### Qualifications for neurological deficit grades (applicable to all sacral spine codes):

These grades are added to any spinal code to identify the neurological deficit. They are added to the end of code between ( \_\_\_\_\_). Multiple qualifications are separated by a comma.

- NX cannot be examined
- NO neurologically intact
- N1 transient neurological deficit
- N2 nerve root injury
- N3 cauda equina injury or incomplete spinal cord injury

### Qualifications for patient specific conditions (applicable to all sacral spine codes):

- M1 soft tissue injury
- M2 metabolic bone disease
- M3 Anterior pelvic ring injury
- M4 Sacroiliac joint injury

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## Thorax

### Anatomical location: Thorax 16

Bone: Thorax, Rib\*

The ribs are identified as follows: **Right side** = 16.1.\_\_. Left side = 16.2.\_\_ **Rib number** = 1 to 12

 $\rightarrow$  The body side and rib number are added to the code (between dots .\_.\_. after the bone code. Example: Left second rib is 16.2.2.

 $\rightarrow$  Bone.left or right.rib number.location



The portion of the rib from the costovertebral The bone between the two end segments. joint to the tip of the transverse process (costotransverse articulations).

The costochondral cartilage.

ightarrow The location number is added after the bone code and rib number identifier. Example: Left second rib, posterior segment fracture is 16.2.2.1

### Location: Rib, posterior end segment 16.\_\_\_\_1

## Types: Rib, posterior end segment, extraarticular Rib, posterior end segment, partial Rib, posterior end segment, complete fracture costotransverse disruption costotransverse disruption 16.\_\_.1A\* 16. . .1B\* 16. . .1C\*

Qualifications are optional and applied to the fracture code where the asterisk is located as a lower-case letter within rounded brackets. More than one qualification can be applied for a given fracture classification, separated by a comma. For a more detailed explanation, see the compendium introduction.

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Location: Rib, shaft 16.\_\_.2

### Types:









### Location: Rib, anterior end segment 16.\_\_.3

#### Types:

Rib, anterior end segment, **simple fracture** 16.\_\_\_\_3A\*



Rib, anterior end segment, **wedge fracture** 16.\_\_\_\_3B\*



Rib, anterior end segment, **multifragmen**tary fracture



\*Qualification for all rib fractures:

f Flail segment—for each fracture that is part of a flail segment

- s fracture series-for each fracture that is part of a rib fractures series
- $\rightarrow$  The type character is added after the location code. Example: Right 9th rib, shaft, simple lateral fracture 16.1.9.2A

### **Coding of multiple fractures**

Use a separate code for each fractured rib.

## Thorax—Sternum

Bone: Thorax, Sternum 16.3.\_.

Locations:



ightarrow The location number is added to the code between two dots after the bone code.

### Location: Sternum, manubrium fracture 16.3.1.

### Types:

Sternum, manubrium, **transverse fracture** 16.3.1.A

Sternum, manubrium, **oblique fracture** 16.3.1.B



Sternum, manubrium, **multifragmentary fracture** 16.3.1.C



Location: Sternum, body fracture 16.3.2.

### Types:

Sternum body fracture, **transverse (sagittal instability) fracture** 16.3.2.A



Sternum body fracture, **oblique fracture** 16.3.2.B



Sternum body fracture, **multifragmentary fracture** 16.3.2.C



Example: Simple fracture of sternal body 16.3.2.A

Location: Sternum, xiphoid fracture 16.3.3.

### Types:

Sternum, xiphoid, **transverse fracture or avulsion (sagittal instability)** 16.3.3.A Sternum, xiphoid, **oblique** (partial avulsion) fracture 16.3.3.B



Sternum, xiphoid, **multifragmentary frac**ture 16.3.3.C



### Universal fracture modifiers for the thorax section only

- Universal modifiers may be added to the end of the fracture code within squared brackets [1]
- Multiple universal modifiers may be contained within the same set of squared brackets and separated by a comma and no space [1,2,3,etc]
  - 1 Lung contusion
  - 2 Pneumothorax
  - 3 Hemothorax
  - 4 Cardiac injury
  - 5 Great vessel injury
  - 6 Intercostal artery injury
  - 7 Soft tissue injury

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**Qualifications** are optional and applied to the fracture code where the asterisk is located as a lower-case letter within rounded brackets. More than one qualification can be applied for a given fracture classification, separated by a comma. For a more detailed explanation, see the compendium introduction.

# Appendix

In this section, guides to help the coder classify fractures are provided. Within each bone segment, references are made to this section if specific definitions or suggestions for coding are required.

## **Radius and Ulna**

To facilitate the coding of radius and ulna fractures, they are coded by the individual bone. The following guidelines are suggested:

• The location of the end segment requires that the square has as its side dimension the widest part of the end segment, which includes both the radius and ulna (**Fig 1**).



Fig 1 Determine the location of the end segment.

• Each fracture is coded, stored, and searched for separately ie, as two codes.

- Galeazzi and Monteggia fracture codes:
- -Galeazzi and Monteggia fracture patterns consist of a shaft fracture with associated joint dislocation or injury. The code for the injury complex is the radius or ulna fracture code with a qualifier of **g** for Galeazzi representing disruption of the distal radioulnar joint (DRUJ) and **m** for Monteggia representing disruption of the proximal radioulnar joint (PRUJ). This qualification is placed at the end of the code in round brackets (\_\_).
- If the coder feels that it is necessary to code for joint dislocation and its direction, the dislocation code from the universal modifiers is added within square brackets [5\_] following the round brackets (Fig 2).



### Galeazzi

Radial shaft, distal diaphysis, intact wedge fracture = 2R2B2(c) with dislocation of distal radio-ulnar joint 2R2B2(c,g)

### Monteggia

Ulna, proximal diapyhsis, intact wedge fracture = 2U2B2(a) with anterior dislocation of proximal radioulnar joint [5a] = 2U2B2(a,m)[5a]

Fig 2 Example of a Galeazzi and a Monteggia fracture.

### Femur

It is recognized that there is an ongoing controversy concerning the proper terminology for trochanteric fractures (James Krieg, personal communication, October 2016; Christopher Colton, personal communication, May 2017).<sup>1–5</sup> The CCF and past compendiums have established that the term **pertrochanteric means through the trochanters** as shown in group A1 and group A2. **Intertrochanteric means between trochanters** as represented in group A3. This term should be preferred to reverse oblique. To remain consistent, this revision maintains these definitions and recommends their use as noted above.

The coding system separates the pertrochanteric fractures into two groups (A1 and A2) based on the amount of fragmentation in the trochanteric region. The differentiation between groups is defined by the **lateral wall height** (d) of the greater trochanter (**Fig 3**). Lateral wall height or thickness is defined as the distance in millimeters (mm) from a reference point 3 cm below the innominate tubercle of the greater trochanter angled 135° upward to the fracture line on the anteroposterior x-ray. The thickness (d) must be less than 20.5 mm for the fracture to be considered an A2 fracture. It is recommended that the measurement for the lateral wall be taken using the traction view with the leg in neutral rotation.<sup>67</sup>



Fig 3 Defining lateral wall thickness.

## Fibula

The lower leg, like the forearm is a two-bone system. In previous editions of the compendium, the fibula had its classification linked to the tibia code. To provide more flexibility in coding, a fibula code based on the CCF principles has been added. The use of an F is required to designate the fibula. The F follows the 4 which represents the anatomical area of the lower leg or tibia/fibula. If a fibula fracture is part of ankle fracture it is coded as a 44. The fibula code is used only for fibula fractures not associated with ankle fractures.

## Proximal tibia (tibial plateau)

A more detailed description of the morphology and location of the proximal end segment articular fracture lines has been suggested (Maurico Kfuri, personal communication, July 24, 2017). Kfuri and Schatzker have divided the proximal tibial articular surface into quadrants. The anterior and posterior segments are created by a virtual line from the anterior aspect of the fibular head (FH) to the posterior edge of the medial collateral ligament (MCL), which coincides with the medial tibial crest. The medial and lateral sides are determined by a line from the medial side of the anterior tibial tubercle to the posterior cortex and runs between the tibial spines. Using these two virtual planes, four quadrants of the tibial surface are defined: AL (anterolateral zone), PL (posterolateral zone), PM (posteromedial zone), AM (anteromedial zone) (**Fig 4**).



Fig 4 Quadrants of the proximal tibial articular surface.

The following rules apply to this detailed addition of the proximal tibia:

- 1. Using the CT scan, the quadrants are defined on the axial plane of the proximal tibia surface.
- 2. The fracture lines are followed until they emerge on the metaphyseal cortex. This will dictate the plane of the main fracture line.
- 3. If the main fracture plane emerges posterior to the virtual equator it is a P. If the main fracture plane emerges anterior to the virtual equator it is an A.
- 4. If the majority of the fragmentation or articular surface occurs either medially or laterally it is correlated with the cortical exit and coded using the qualifications for alphanumeric codes: AM for anteromedial, AL for anterolateral, PM for posterior medial or PL for posterior lateral.
- 5. These are usually applied to bicondylar fractures but may also be used for unilateral plateau fractures.

## **Malleolar segment**

An isolated medial malleolar fracture is classified as a tibial distal end segment partial articular fracture, 43B1.2 or 43B2.2.

If the medial malleolar fracture is associated with a lateral side ankle injury, it is classified as a malleolar fracture, 44.

A fracture of the posterior articular margin (Volkmann) without a lesion of the fibula is considered a fracture of the distal end segment of the tibia ie, 43B1.1 or 43B2.1.

If a fibula fracture is part of ankle fracture it is coded as a 44. The fibula code is used only for fibula fractures not associated with ankle fractures.

## Scapula

The four quadrants **(Fig 5)** are defined by the equatorial line and the intertubercular line (maximum glenoid meridian) running from the supraglenoid tubercle to the infraglenoid tubercle.



Fig 5 Quadrants of the proximal glenoid fossa.

## **Dislocations**

The coding is as follows:

- The first number represents the distal bone of the dislocated joint
- The second number is 0 for dislocation (with the exception of the shoulder girdle where all dislocations are 10.
- The third letter (A, B, C, D, or E) is utilized when there are more than two bone articulations in the anatomical region.
- The direction of the dislocation is coded using the universal modifiers for dislocation direction [5\_]. By convention, the direction of the dislocation is defined as the position of the distal bone relative to its anatomical position.

## 17 Periprosthetic fracture-arthroplasty related

The importance of the Unified Classification of Periprosthetic Fractures (UCPF) is its descriptive nature of the prosthesis-bone interface and relationship of the fracture to the prosthesis. Consequently, the use of the classification demands that the UCPF be used as the description of the fracture in the clinical scenario.

To standardize the coding process for the compendium, a modification of the UCPF was required. In collaboration with Duncan and Haddad, an agreement was reached to have the bone fracture code described first followed by the UCPF code enclosed in square brackets, thereby utilizing it as a universal modifier.

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