

Fractures with Soft Tissue Injuries

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practice. A separate paper is devoted to the etiology, pathophysiology, diagnosis and treatment of this condition so that the serious consequences of its neglect or delayed recognition may be avoided.

Sound postoperative management is an integral part of total patient care. Early complications are frequent and require prompt, judicious intervention. The successful treatment of fractures with soft tissue injury depends largely on the nature and extent of the damage to soft tissue structures. Isolated bone fragments, even if securely fixed, will eventually succumb to necrosis and predispose to infection. In this situation, plastic procedures to achieve soft tissue coverage are mandatory. Another paper addresses the currently accepted indications for the replantation of amputated and partially amputated members, the techniques utilized, and the results that can be achieved.

It is hoped that, given the necessarily limited scope of this booklet, we have provided a useful addition to the trauma literature that will aid the physician in solving the many problems that arise in the treatment of fractures with associated soft tissue injury.

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