

New insights into complex ankle and hindfoot injuries

Emphasis on diagnostics, treatment, and outcome of calcaneal fractures

1. The position of the foot when obtaining plain lateral radiographs hardly affects Böhler's and Gissane's angles, therefore these parameters can reliably be used for clinical decision making and during follow up. (this thesis)
2. Perioperative 3D recordings are important for detecting malpositioned screws after sustentaculum tali screw fixation. (this thesis)
3. Patients treated operatively for displaced intra-articular calcaneal fractures have better functional outcome than non-operatively treated patients. (this thesis)
4. No evidence for non-weightbearing after fixation of calcaneal fractures exists. (this thesis)
5. The American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society Ankle-Hindfoot Score is a reliable, valid, and responsive instrument for evaluating functional outcome in patients with unilateral ankle fractures, but the questionnaire is less suitable for assessing long-term functional outcome in patients with unilateral hindfoot fractures. (this thesis)
6. Beer is a more effective analgesic than paracetamol, cool beer might even be better. (*Thompson et al, J Pain, 2017, with minor modification*)
7. De drang om de totale situatie van een patiënt in één getal uit te drukken leidt tot informatieverlies. (*B. Uitdehaag*)
8. Reduction and fixation of calcaneal fractures is like nailing a custard pie to the wall. (*H.L. McLaughlin, Clin Orthop Relat Res, 1963*)
9. Het voorzien van prijslabels op disposables in de operatiekamer draagt bij aan kostenbeheersing in de zorg. (*S. de Blok*)
10. People with three or more tattoos have an increased risk of impaired fracture healing. (*D. Seligson*)
11. C'est en forgeant que l'on devient forgeron. (*liljfspreuk Les Forgerons*)