Floating Dislocated Elbow in adults: A Case Report

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A characteristic pattern of the elbow injury drawn by forearm fracture and ipsilateral humeral supracondylar fracture was reported for the primary time by Stanitsky and Micheli in youngsters and named “floating elbow” however in adults is rare. once a “floating elbow” is related to a dislocation of the ulnohumeral joint the term want to describe this lesion is “floating injured elbow”

The present article discusses the emergency treatment for the “floating injured elbow” associated iota open radio-ulnar fracture and injury of the musculospiral nerve.

A twenty four years recent male patient attended at the emergency department when a fall from a height of four meters had a severe fracture dislocation of the correct elbow related to associate compound fracture kind III-A of the bones forearm is conferred . when the clinical assessment wherever symptom of the correct hand and limitation of the finger extension movement were found, nerve lesion was suspected. Initial X-rays showed fracture of the distal arm bone, fracture of the midshaft of the forearm bones and posterolateral dislocation of the ulnohumeral joint. The patient underwent surgical process and internal fixation with intramedullary Kirschnner pins for the forearm bones fracture, and reduction of the injured elbow while not early surgical exploration of the nerves injury.

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Floating elbow fracture and its variants ar thought-about severe injuries. Reduction and surgical stabilization of the displaced fractures is that the main indication of treatment. Most closed fractures of the arm bone related to nerves palsy ought to be treated cautiously as a result of the nerve typically suffer neuropraxia and performance typically returns ad lib.

This injury could also be related to Associate in Nursing elbow dislocation in patients United Nations agency sustain high-energy injuries and therefore the spectrum will vary greatly, betting on the force dissipated

Intra-articular fractures and fractures with associated dislocations of the elbow that may functionally act, like floating elbow, are represented antecedently and that they square measure known as “variants” so there's no exists Associate in Nursing universal classification.

In this according uncommon case of injured floating elbow, the patient was properly managed by means that external fixation of the arm bone fracture, intramedullary Kirschnner pins for the forearm bones fracture, and reduction of the injured elbow while not early surgical exploration of the nerves injury.