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## **Maxillofacial injuries**

• isolated maxillofacial injury

• multiple injuries

• polytrauma (injury of more region or organ of the body and one of them is life threatening)

### **Incidence of maxillofacial injuries**

- Injury of soft tissues of head and neck region (35%)
- Injury of jaws (65%)
  - Mandibular fracture (71%)
  - Fracture of middle face bones (25%)
  - Combined fractures (4%)

male – female ratio: 2-1

## **Causes of maxillofacial injuries**

- Traffic accident
- Violance
- Accident at work
- Sport injury

#### **First-aid**

- Maintance of free respiration (saliva, blood, prosthesis, luxated teeth, foreign body, fractured middle face, tounge stb.)
- Stop bleeding
- Maintance of circulation (volumen replacement, shock -therapy)
- Covering of wounds
- Fixation of fractured ends
- Hospitalisation









# **Treatment in hospital**

if it is possible immediate and definitive!!!

- diagnosis (clinical symptomes, rtg.)
- treatment of soft tissue injuries
- reposition of fractured bone ends, immobilisation
- antibiotic administration
- nutrition, rehabilitation



#### **Physical examination**







# **Imaging methods**

- **OP**
- **PA**
- SINUS
- **CT**
- **CBCT**







#### **3D RECONSTRUCTION**

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new window.

#### **CT FORMS**



HORIZONTAL



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# **Mandibular fractures**

• 75 % of jaw fractures

# Classification of mandibular fractures

- connection with outside world (open, closed)
- type (infraction, greenstick fracture, hole width fracture, multiplex fracture)
- site
  - symphiseal /childhood/
  - in region of the canine tooth
  - corpus (between the canine tooth and angle)
  - mandibular angle (second in frequency, and the most often in case of single fracture)
  - ramus of the mandible
  - muscular process
  - condylar process (most often; change in the occlusion)

forms: -intracapsular (condylar) -extracpsular (subcondylar)





- anamnesis
- inspection
- physical examination
- imaging methods (x-ray, CT, CBCT)

# General (uncertain) symptoms of jaw fractures

- Pain (spontenous, induced by palpation or move)
- Swelling
- Soft tissue injury
- Functional disorders (trismus, biting disorder, paresthesia of the innervation site of n. mentalis)

## **Certain symptoms of jaw fracture**

- Occlusional problems
- Pathologic moves
- Crepitation (due to moves of fractured ends)





#### malocclusion



# **Therapy of mandibular fractures**

- Aim: to reach the orginial function and anatomic situation
- Type of the treatment: -Conservative
  - -Surgical
  - -Sugical-conservative

• Conservative:

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- *intermaxillary fixation (IMF)* with dental splints for 4-6 weeks (Schuchardt-, Stout-, Sauer splints, *Gunning splint* in case of total toothless)
- Circumferencial fixation
- Problems: nutrition, oral higiene, morbus sacer, unedentoulness, mental retardation)



#### dental splint



"cap splint"









#### **Gunning splint**



#### circumferencial fixation

# Surgical therapy of mandibular fractures

- Osteosynthesis (extra and/or intraoral)
  - **Types:**
  - -with wire (Wassmund, Neuner) + IMF
  - -with pin fixation
  - -with compression plates (first: Luhr in 1968; most modern)
  - -systems:

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- -Luhr
- -ASIF (Association for the Study of Internal fixation) DCP plate (Dynamic Compression Plate)
- -Miniplate (by Champy)– non-compression plate  $\rightarrow$  selfcompression by muscles
- Microplate
- Absorbable plates
- -AO plates
- Indications of compression osteosynthesis
  - total toothless
  - corpus fracture together with high (intercapsular) condylar fracture
  - big dislocation
  - open fracture
  - when IMF is contraindicated (epilepsia, hyperemesis, respiratory disorders, etc.)
- Contraindications of compression osteosynthesis
  - childhood (dental bulb injury)















#### miniplate



#### Method of miniplate osteosynthaesis

































#### Marginal nerve injury





#### After reoperation





#### extraoral pin fixation




# **Midface fractures**

# **Bones of the midface:**

maxilla, palatine bone, inferior nasal concha, lacrimal bone, nasal bone, zygomatic bone, ethmoid bone, vomer

25% of maxillofacial region fractures

# **Classification of midface fractures**

(by Schwenzer – 1967)

- I. CENTRAL
- II. CENTROLATREAL
- III.LATERAL
- I. Central Midface Fractures
- Alveolar process fracture
- -LeFort I. (horisontal maxilla fracture)
- -Le fort II. (pyramidal) high and deep forms
- -Nasal bone fracture
- Fracture of the nasoethmoideal region
- II. Centrolateral Midface Fracture
- -LeFort III.
- III. Lateral Midface Fractures (most often forms)
- -Zygomatic bone fracture
- -Zygomatic arch fracture
- -Zygomaticomaxillary fracture
- Blow out fracture (base of the orbita) fat or muscle (rectus inf. or obliqous int.) herniation

### Le Fort I

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### Le Fort II

### Le Fort III





# Le Fort I.







# zygomatic arch fracture

# zygomatic corpus fracture



multiplex midface fracture

# **Diagnosis of midface fractures**

- Physical examination (inspection, palpation)
  - swelling, "flat face", pain, pathologoc moves, step formation, nose bleeding, periorbital emphysema, malocclusion, diplopia
- Imaging methods
  - X-ray. (OP, PA, zygomatic arch- sinus-, overbiting xray, etc.)
  - CT, CBCT



Periorbital hematoma

"flat face"



### **Inhibited eye moves**









# **Therapy of midface fractures I.**

# Aim:

• Reconstruion of occlusion, functions and esthetics

# Steps:

- reposition
- immobilisation (fixation)
- rehabilitation

# **Therapy of midface fractures II.**

- conservative (rare)
- surgical
  - -Elevation with surgical hook or by elevator (Gillies) without fixation in case of zygomatic bone fracture
  - -External fixation: pin fixation, Halo instrument
  - -Internal fixation: miniplat-, microplate-, absorbable plate osteosynthaesis, Addams wire ligature
  - -orbita base reconstruction with bone or liofilizated dura, titanium net or with plastic plate (PDS)



# "hook elevation"



# **Gillies operation**



# miniplate osteosnthesis













# Addams like wire ligature (not used)

# **Blow- out fracture**

Content of the orbita (fat or muscle /rectus inf. or obliqous int./ herniation through the orbital base impressional fracture into the sinus cavity due to sudden increase of orbital content pressure



# blow-out fracture



- decreased eye moves
- dyplopia
- enophtalmus



- Physical examination
- Imaging methods
  - PA skull x-ray, CT (coronal) !!!





# **blow-out fracture**



# **Therapy of blow-out fracture**

- exploration of orbital floor
- reposition
- fixation
  - Reconstruction of orbital floor (titanium net, Lyodura, PDS membrane, autologous bone etc.
  - Support of the orbital floor through the maxillary sinus (Folley cateter)



# Therapy of blow-out fracture









# **Preoperative picture**

















post op 7. day





# post op. 7. month















### **Preoperative condition**

### **Postoperative condition**

**THANK YOU!**