

Fractures of the Talus and Calcaneus

AOT Advanced Principles of Fractur Management

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Talus frakturer

Sjælden fisk

0.3% of all fractures

Younger males

Forced dorsiflexion of the ankle, direct trauma

High energy (Trafic, falling from heights)

OFTEN OVERLOOKED!!!

Diagnosis

- X-ray
- CT!!!
- Other injuries?
- **SOFT TISSUE!!**



Classification

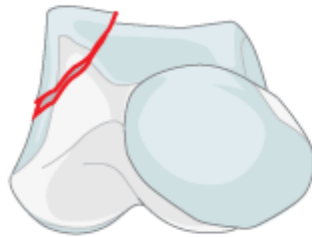
Talar Neck - Hawkins



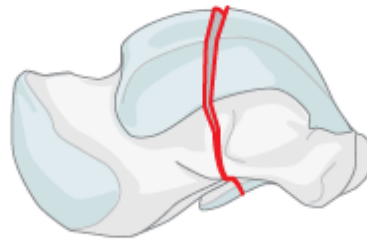
Fig. 2. Hawkins talar neck classification; types I-IV.

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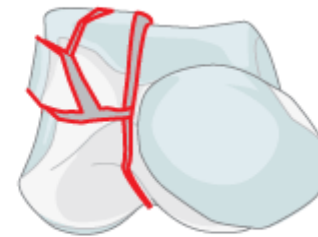
Talar Body



C1



C2



C3

Classification

Talar Body and Neck

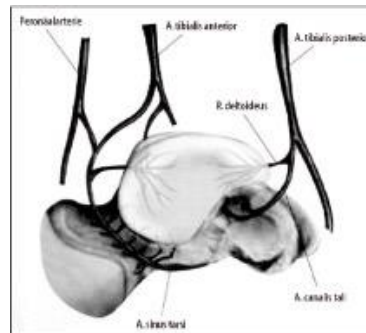


Abb. 1: Gefäßversorgung des Talus (Bonnaire F et al, Trauma Berufskrankh 2001; Suppl 2: 192-200)

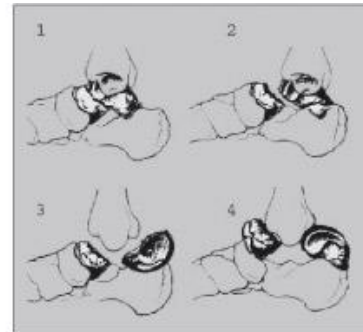


Abb. 2: Frakturtypen des Talushalses nach Hawkins (Eberl R et al, Trauma Berufskrankh 2004; 6: 158-164)

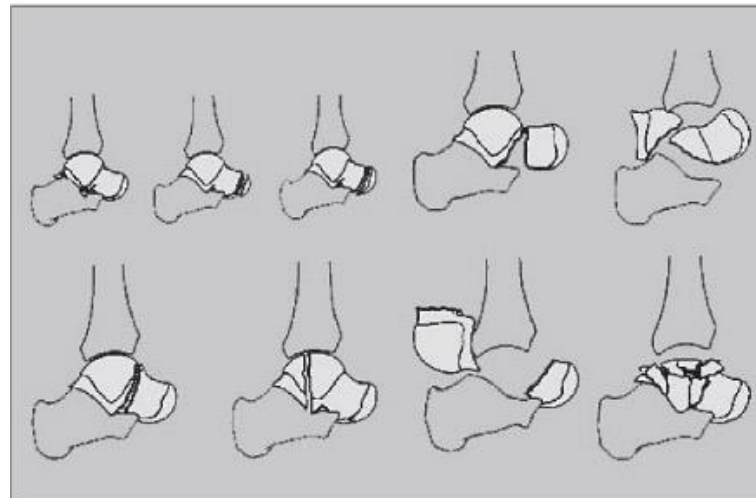


Abb. 3: Frakturtypen I bis IV nach Marti-Weber (Eberl R et al, Trauma Berufskrankh 2004; 6: 158-164)

Treatment

Highly specialized function

Centralized treatment, experienced surgeons, few hands

Dislocations are reduced ASAP !!!!!

TIMING

Behandling

Adgange

Anteromedial el. -lateral adgang (evt med osteotomi af med malleol), ofte begge adgange for kontrol af reposition.

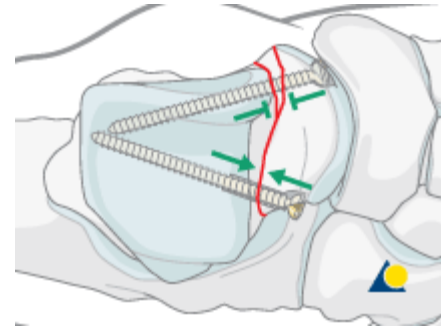
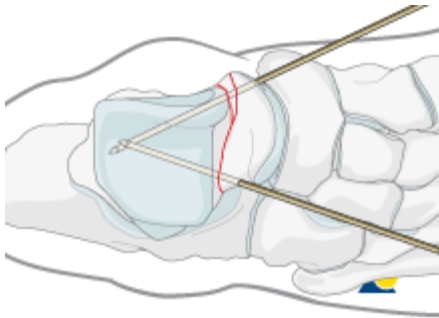


Posterolateral el. –medial adgang (bugleje)



Behandling

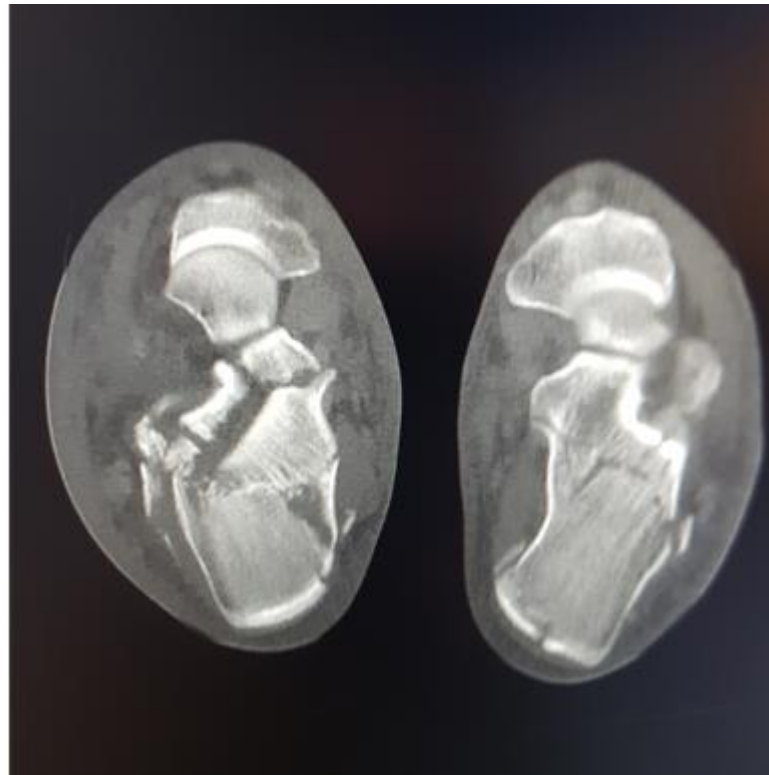
Skruerne



Complications

- Stiffnes
- Pain
- AVN

Fractures of the Calcaneus



Epidemiologi

3% of all fractures (No 15)

Young Males (20-40 y.o.)

Work related accidents, Jump/fall from heights,
Motor Vehicle accidents



Diagnosen

X-ray

CT !!!

OBS Compartment

OBS Other Injuries

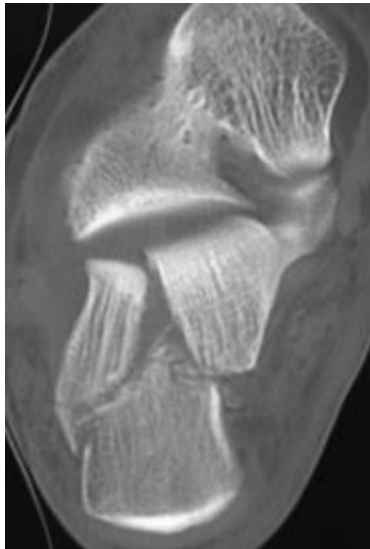


Fig 20.4
Røntgenprosjeksjoner
for fremstilling av
hælbenet



Fig 20.2
Böhlers vinkel og
Gissane's vinkel

Classification

Beak Fracture



Classification

Intraarticular

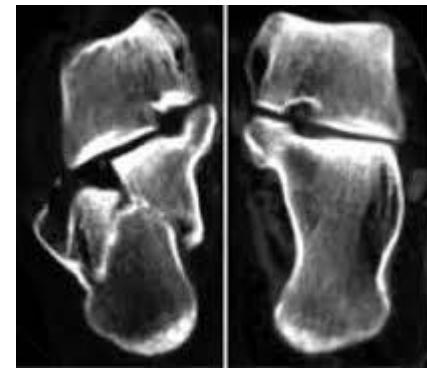
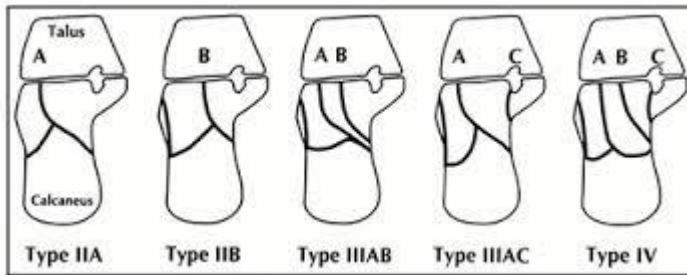


Table 39-1
Sanders Classification

<i>Type I</i>	All nondisplaced articular fractures (less than 2 mm)
<i>Type II</i>	Two-part fractures of the posterior facet
<i>Types IIA, IIB, IIIC</i>	Based on location of primary fracture line
<i>Type III</i>	Three-part fractures usually featuring a centrally depressed fragment
<i>Types IIIAB, IIIAC, IIIBC</i>	Based on location of primary fracture line
<i>Type IV</i>	Four-part articular fractures



Treatment

Highly specialized Function

Elevation in Hospital (if possible)

Obs. SKIN and COMPARTMENT SYNDROME



Treatment

Beak Fracture

Surgery Acute – risk of skin necrosis
2 or more screws, percutaneously



Behandling

Andenæb/ beak



Treatment

Beak Fracture



Treatment

Intraarticular Fractures

Who?

Age < ca. 60 år?

Otherwise well (co-morbidity)

Smoking? Alcohol? Compliance?

What?

Sanders 2-3 – ORIF

Sanders 4 – primary subtalar arthrodesis

Short, wide hindfoot, valgus-deformity, impingement under lat. malleol, depression of posterior joint facet

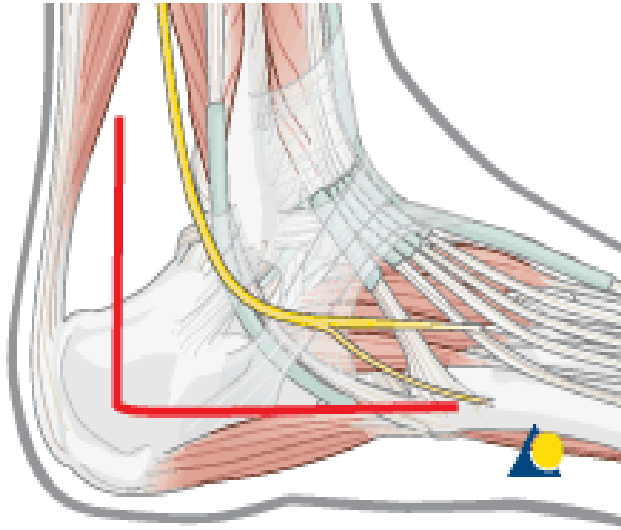
When?

When the soft tissue allows for surgery



Treatment

Surgical Technique



Complications

Wound Healing Problems 10-25%

Deep Infections 5%



Treatment

Surgical Technique



Treatment

ORIF



Treatment

Primary Arthrodesis



And how do the do?

Expected result from an intraarticular calcaneus fracture

- Flat foot, with a broad heel in varus
- Pain when walking
- Reduced subtalar mobility

Expected gain from surgery

- Restoration of the form of the foot
- Reduced need for secondary arthrodesis
- Less pain
- Better subtalar movement

JBJS Am 2002; 84: 1733-1744: Buckley et al: Operative compared with nonoperative treatment of displaced intraarticular fractures: a prospective, randomized, controlled multicenter trial.

Take Home Message

**“The man who breaks
His heel is DONE”**

**Frederic J. Cotton
1916**



TAK

