Focus on wrist injuries

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Wrist injuries are frequently seen by trauma surgeons. Although located within a small area, injury characteristics may distinguish significantly and require different diagnostic and therapeutic approaches. This issue of the *European Journal of Trauma and Emergency Surgery* intends to consider the individual specificity of each fracture entity and update you on therapy of wrist injuries.

Most common at the wrist are scaphoid fractures. Undiagnosed scaphoid fractures lead to significant impaired hand function. Best prevention from this sequela is adequate diagnosis and treatment. The review of Arsalan-Werner et al. shows the treatment algorithm based on the evidence available until today [1]. Further, Gehrman et al. analyzed the motion capacity of wrists with successful treated scaphoid non-unions [2]. Carpal fractures other than the scaphoid mainly have got a good prognosis. However, these fractures are often underdiagnosed due to insufficient diagnosis. Most fractures are only visible on CT scan, which is recommended in these cases. Diagnostic approach and fracture-specific treatment option are shown by the review of Pan et al. [3]. Injuries of the TFCC in the ulnar compartment of the wrist may influence the stability of the distal radioulnar joint (DRUJ). Most injuries can be treated by arthroscopy which is presented in the review of Mannil et al. [4]. Carpometacarpal (CMC) fracture dislocations are mainly unstable and require an operative stabilization. Büren et al. focus on the diagnostic and therapeutic approach to CMC luxation fractures [5].

We are sure that this issue is of interest for the readership of EJTES and will lead to a further extension of the knowledge about these injury patterns.

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