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A Second Fracture in a Preview Fix Mandible

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Abstract

Mandibular fractures are a routine occurrence in the surgical departments of large cities, and there has been an increase in the number of patients treated for trauma caused by motorcycle crashes. Osasco is a city with a reference hospital for neuro and facial trauma. In this population of motorcyclists, the presence of material from previous fracture synthesis is becoming routine. Including the report of peri- and transprosthetic fractures, an event that had not been reported in the mandible until now.

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Fractures of the mandible are common in large cities and are associated with various etiologies, especially those involving dissipation of forces or deceleration that affects the lower third of the face. Management basically involves restoring occlusion, which serves as a guide and a goal to be achieved. Plates and screws make up the basic armamentarium for treating these fractures. In Brazil, many fast delivery services are carried out by motorcyclists and this, combined with the often-disorganized growth of cities, means that motorcycle falls are among the main causes of mandible fractures [1]. This situation has been aggravated by the recent COVID-19 epidemic, when many workers lost their jobs and started working for fast delivery services using motorcycles [2]. We noticed an increase in patients with a second mandibular fracture who had already been treated for a previous mandibular fracture (Figure 1).



Figure 1: Fracture of the mandibular angle in a patient who had already been treated for a fracture of the symphysis due to a fall from a motorcycle [A] and Post-operative control picture with universal reconstruction plate fixation [B].

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