

Symposium on Pelviacetabular Fractures Part II

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Dear Friends,

Orthopaedics was a nascent branch some 60 years back, when it was born out of Surgery. There were few dynamic personalities working as orthopaedician under General Surgeons and they had to fight for their existence. We have come a long way from there and now, there may be more than 17 sub branches [specialties] in orthopaedics itself.

Currently, it is not possible for an orthopaedician to be a master of all the sub branches, hence the need for separate symposium issue in the Journal, for Pelvis and Acetabulum Injuries. [Till the time, may be, when we may have a separate journal for Pelvis and Acetabulum in India].

This is the second part of the Symposium Issue on Pelvis and Acetabulum, and we have covered five chapters written by different masters of the field from AIIMS Delhi, PGI- Chandigarh, Apollo Delhi etc

Each article has some important take home messages which I would like to draw the attention of the reader, As in the chapter on –Dual Approach, the author has very well explained why dual approach-? and which approach first for certain T fractures and T type fractures.

In the article on Ilio Femoral Approach-author has emphasized need for fractures lateral to iliopectineal line.

In the chapter on Pelvic fractures, the author has explained importance of posterior ligaments complex, in lateral compression and vertical shear fractures and variants of lateral compression type fractures.

In the article on Digastric Flip Osteotomy- There comes a time in acetabular fractures-posterior wall and or posterior column fractures when simple Kocher-Langenbeck Approach seems handicapped and you need to have some extension, as in cases of cranial extension of posterior wall fractures and /or need to retrieve loose segments from acetabular joint when with all efforts made by traction, space seems wanting.

Hope you will find it helpful in your day to day practice as the authors have put their combined experience in preparing these manuscript.

I also take this opportunity to invite you to 4th Cadaveric Pelvi-Acetabular fracture fixation workshop on 11th November in Lucknow

We will soon have the third issue of the symposium in hand

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