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**Posterior based circumferential spinal cord decompression in paediatric patients with the vertebral column resection (VCR) technique spares the anterior approach in severe kyphosis (Dunn RN, Horn A)**

**1. Posterior vertebral column resection in paediatric patients does not:**

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| a. Obviate intra-operative re-positioning and draping | A |
| b. Require nerve root sacrifice                       | B |
| c. Involve rib resection                              | C |
| d. Expose the lung                                    | D |
| e. Allow circumferential thecal decompression         | E |

**2. Posterior vertebral column resection in kyphotic myelopathic paediatric patients will:**

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| a. Improve neurological status in most cases              | A |
| b. Allow sagittal plane correction                        | B |
| c. Allow resolution of syringomyelia                      | C |
| d. Lengthen the spinal column and increase cord tension   | D |
| e. Reduce operative time in comparison to dual approaches | E |

**3. Posterior vertebral column resection does not involve:**

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| a. laminectomy   | A |
| b. extensive thecal retraction                               | B |
| c. bilateral costotransversectomies                          | C |
| d. preferably transcranial motor evoked potential monitoring | D |
| e. nerve root sacrifice                                      | E |

**A survey of the use of traction for the reduction of cervical dislocations (Workman MI, Kruger N)**

**4. A rugby player is referred by your emergency room 2 hours after injury with a C5/6 bifacet cervical dislocation diagnosed on X-rays, motor complete (Frankel A). Your immediate management is:**

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| a. Closed cervical skeletal traction reduction without MRI | A |
| b. Closed cervical skeletal traction reduction after MRI   | B |
| c. Urgent open reduction in theatre without MRI            | C |
| d. Urgent open reduction in theatre after MRI              | D |
| e. Reduction on next available theatre slate               | E |

**5. In a cervical dislocation with normal or partial neurology, what is the risk of causing permanent neurological deterioration during closed cervical traction reduction?**

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| a. >75%    | A |
| b. 50%–75% | B |
| c. 25%–50% | C |
| d. 1%–25%  | D |
| e. <1%     | E |

**6. What is the time frame, as stipulated by the Constitutional Court, in which a cervical spine reduction should be performed following a facet dislocation?**

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| a. Within 4 hours of arrival at the emergency rooms                           | A |
| b. Within 4 hours of being assessed by an orthopaedic surgeon or neurosurgeon | B |
| c. Within 4 hours of diagnosis by CT or MRI scan of cervical dislocation      | C |
| d. Within 4 hours of injury   | D |
| e. Within 4 hours of neurological deterioration                               | E |

**Epidemiology and injury severity of 294 extremity gunshot wounds in ten months: a report from the Cape Town trauma registry (Engelmann EWM, Maqungo S, Laubscher M, Hoppe S, Roche S, Nicol A, Navsaria P, Held M)**

**7. Which statement is true regarding the referrals of gunshot-related injuries?**

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| a. Most injuries required tertiary care  | A |
| b. Time to admission was shorter in patients with higher injury severity         | B |
| c. Most patients with lower injury severity were transferred during the day time | C |
| d. Most patients were from the drainage area of the treating hospital            | D |
| e. Few patients had an interfacility transfer                                    | E |

**8. Which statement is NOT true regarding injury severity in orthopaedic ballistic injuries?**

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| a. Patients with upper extremity injury had higher injury severity       | A |
| b. Most patients were not severely injured                               | B |
| c. Lower limb extremities were injured more frequently                   | C |
| d. Upper extremity fractures had a lower association with nerve injuries | D |
| e. Lower limb fractures had a higher incidence of vascular injuries      | E |

**9. Which is true regarding the patient demographics and occurrences of the gunshot injuries?**

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| a. Most injuries occurred at home                                       | A |
| b. Sixteen per cent of victims were underage                            | B |
| c. Most victims were shot by people known to them                       | C |
| d. Most injuries occurred on weekends                                   | D |
| e. More than half of the patients were victims of gang-related violence | E |

**Management of complex proximal humerus fractures in the elderly: what is the role of open reduction and internal fixation? (Bernstein BP, du Plessis JP, Laubscher M, Maqungo S)**

**10. A 67-year-old woman, who is an avid tennis player, falls onto her dominant shoulder during a tennis match. Examination reveals tenderness and swelling in the shoulder region, but no neurovascular deficits. Radiographs and CT scan reveal a three-part proximal humerus fracture with significant displacement of the greater tuberosity as a part. Combined cortical thickness is 4.2 mm. What is the most appropriate treatment option?**

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| a. Closed reduction and sling immobilisation for six weeks  | A |
| b. Closed reduction and sling immobilisation for two weeks followed by early active range of motion exercises | B |
| c. Open reduction and internal fixation   | C |
| d. Hemiarthroplasty   | D |
| e. Reverse total shoulder arthroplasty  | E |

**11. Prolonged sling immobilisation should be used with caution due to the following negative aspects:**

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| a. Causes pain         | A |
| b. Compromises hygiene | B |
| c. Confuses caregivers | C |
| d. Affects balance     | D |
| e. Promotes stiffness  | E |

**12. Proximal humerus fragility fractures in the elderly are:**

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| a. Are uncommon                             | A |
| b. Are more common than vertebral fractures | B |
| c. Are more common than wrist fractures     | C |
| d. Are more common than hip fractures       | D |
| e. Never occur                              | E |

**13. The ProFHER study investigated the outcomes of proximal humerus fractures managed operatively and non-operatively and found:**

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| a. Three- and four-part fractures had improved outcomes if managed operatively  | A |
| b. No difference in clinical outcomes between those managed operatively or non-operatively  | B |
| c. No difference in clinical outcomes at six months but improved clinical outcome scores in those managed operatively at 12 and 24 months | C |
| d. A higher rate of revision surgery in the group managed non-operatively   | D |
| e. A lower rate of revision surgery in the group managed non-operatively  | E |

**Proximal fibular resections for primary bone tumours: oncological and functional results of a case series (Hilton TL, Wiese KR, Hosking KV, Hoffman EB)**

**14. In patients with high grade osteosarcoma of the proximal fibula, which is the most correct option?**

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| a. An amputation is the safest oncological procedure to ensure the best prognosis for the patient   | A |
| b. If the tumour involves multiple compartments, a Malawar type II procedure is advised but the peroneal nerve should be preserved at all costs | B |
| c. A Malawar type II procedure is a safe oncological procedure but has poor functional results  | C |

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| d. A Malawar II procedure is indicated to safely resect the tumour with or without sparing of the peroneal nerve to give good functional results | D |
| e. None of the above   | E |

**15. Common complications after a Malawar II resection of the proximal fibular include the following, except:**

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| a. Synovial fluid leak                  | A |
| b. Knee instability                     | B |
| c. Superficial and deep wound infection | C |
| d. Foot drop                            | D |
| e. None of the above                    | E |

**16. A Malawar II procedure includes resection of the following structures:**

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| a. Proximal fibula, shark-bite osteotomy of the tibia, peroneal nerve, anterior neurovascular bundle | A |
| b. Proximal fibula only  | B |
| c. Proximal fibula, anterior compartment, posterior tibial artery and vein                           | C |
| d. Proximal fibula, peroneal nerve, anterior and lateral compartments, lateral collateral ligament   | D |
| e. None of the above   | E |

**17. Contraindications for a Malawar II procedure include:**

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| a. Involvement of the anterior and posterior tibial vessels, peroneal nerve and tibial nerve | A |
| b. Involvement of the tibiofibular joint   | B |
| c. Involvement of the anterior, lateral and posterior compartments of the leg                | C |
| d. Involvement of the peroneal nerve   | D |
| e. None of the above   | E |

**Intraosseous terminal phalanx epidermoid inclusion cyst: a first case of late recurrence (Kruger N, de Villiers A-L, McGuire DT, Solomons MW)**

**18. The most common tumour that mimics an epidermoid inclusion cyst of the distal phalanx is?**

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| a. Giant cell tumour    | A |
| b. Aneurysmal bone cyst | B |
| c. Enchondroma          | C |
| d. Osteoid osteoma      | D |
| e. Ewing sarcoma        | E |

**19. The radiological feature of an epidermoid inclusion cyst that distinguishes it from infection is:**

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| a. An absence of periosteal reaction   | A |
| b. The presence of intralesional calcification                                   | B |
| c. The presence of a pathological fracture                                       | C |
| d. Significant intralesional sclerosis such as that seen with an osteoid osteoma | D |
| e. The absence of surrounding soft tissue swelling                               | E |

**20. The definitive treatment most frequently undertaken to treat a symptomatic epidermoid inclusion cyst is:**

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| a. Initial biopsy, followed by definitive curettage and a second sitting                      | A |
| b. Terminal ablation, as there is a risk of metastasis  | B |
| c. Symptomatic pain management as it recedes over time and will resolve on its own            | C |
| d. Excision biopsy through curettage, with or without bone graft as determined by defect size | D |
| e. Needle aspiration and bone cement injection to cause thermal necrosis                      | E |

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