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ABSTRACT

Background

Displaced ankle fractures are initially closed reduced and splinted with the goal of restoring gross ankle alignment. The benefits of an exact closed reduction are unclear and possibly detrimental and unnecessary if multiple attempts are made. The purpose of this study was to determine whether the quality of preoperative closed reduction in patients with operative ankle fractures affects post-operative wound complications.

Methods

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