

Ancient Non-union of the Radius Treated According to Watson Jones

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Large boned effects in the forearm pose a challenging reconstruction problem, especially when the condition has become chronic. The Watson Jones technique is a relatively simple procedure that sacrifices pronation-supination, but allows the forearm to be used in everyday life.

Here, we describe a unique case of one-bone forearm reconstruction for a patient who had been suffering from radius non-union following an open fracture initially treated with an external fixer. This reconstruction technique provided the patient with acceptable function and appearance of the arm.

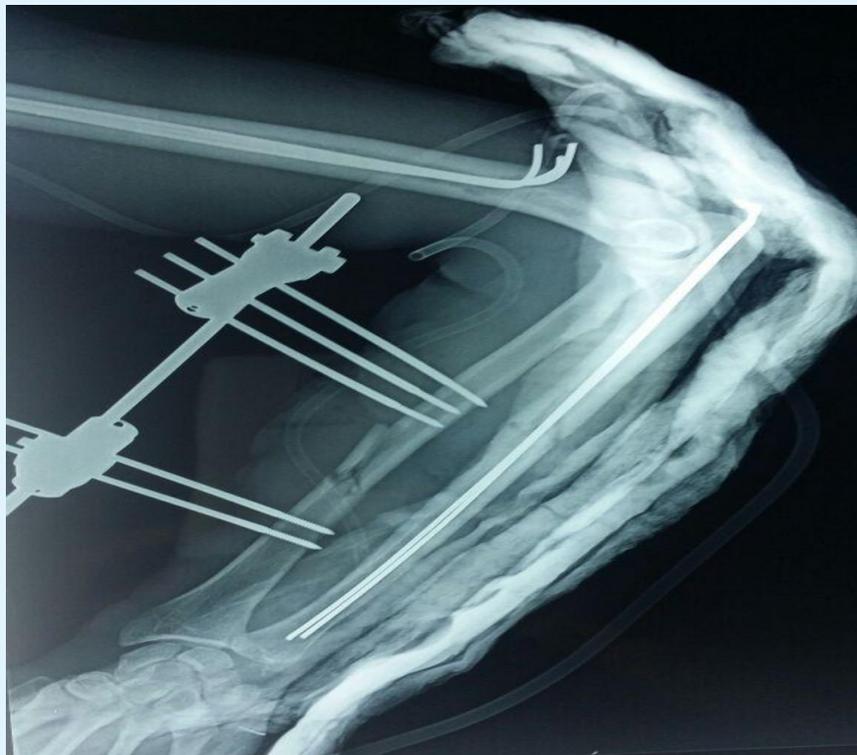


Figure 1: Osteosynthesis of the radius by external fixator and ulna by pinning [Immediate postoperative].

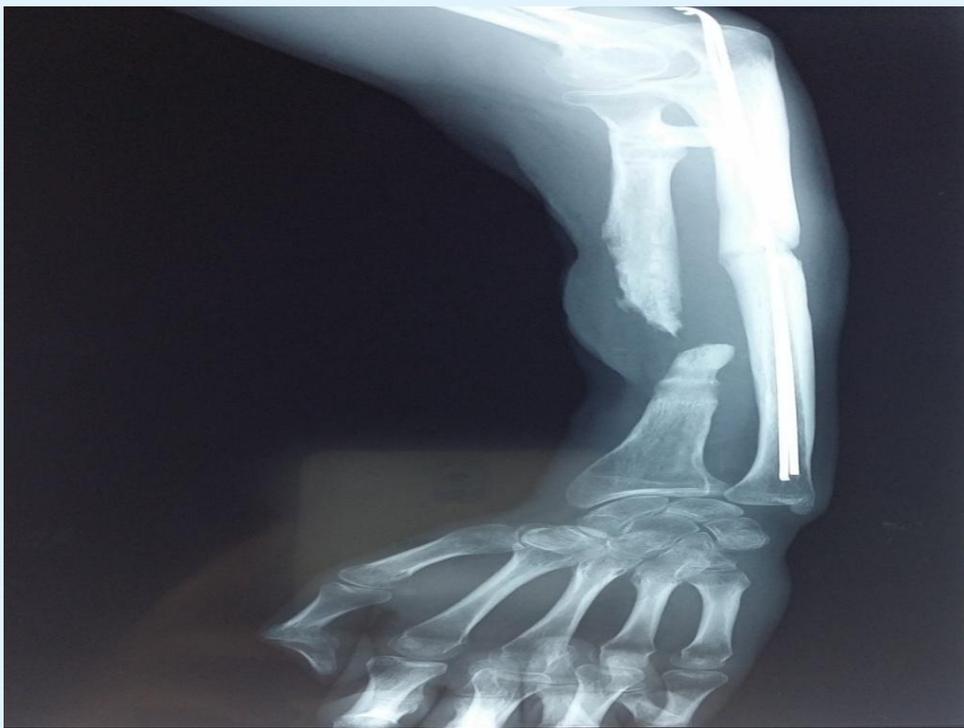


Figure 2: Non-union of the radius with radio ulnar synostosis after 1 year.

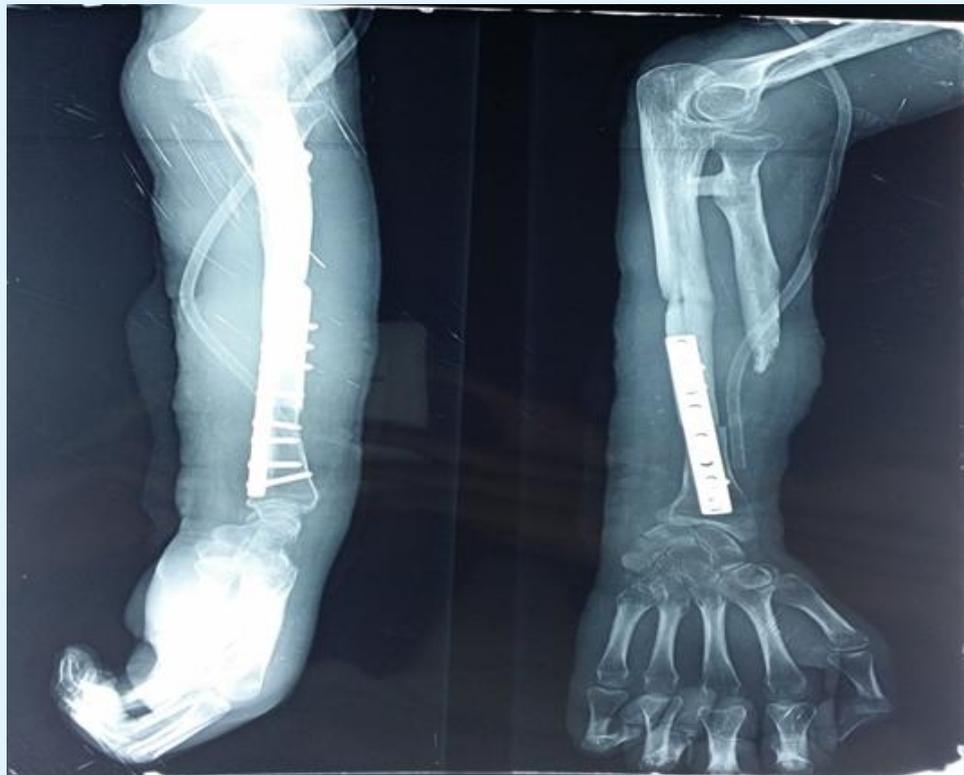


Figure 3: The Watson Jones technique.