

Condylar Fracture Management: Clinical Experience and Practical Considerations

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Condylar fractures remain among the most debated entities in maxillofacial trauma, with management strategy still divided between closed and open reduction depending on fracture level, displacement, and occlusal consequence. This presentation draws on accumulated clinical experience to outline a practical decision-making framework for condylar fracture management, from initial assessment through definitive treatment and follow-up.

Key considerations addressed include indications guiding the choice between conservative and surgical approaches, surgical access options and their trade-offs, technical pitfalls encountered in the operating room, and strategies for minimizing complications such as malocclusion, facial nerve injury, and long-term temporomandibular joint dysfunction. Illustrative cases are presented to highlight how anatomical variation and fracture pattern shape treatment decisions in daily practice.

By consolidating clinical experience into practical, applicable guidance, this presentation aims to offer surgeons a working reference for condylar fracture care that bridges published protocols and the realities encountered at the operating table, supporting more consistent decision-making across varied clinical settings.
