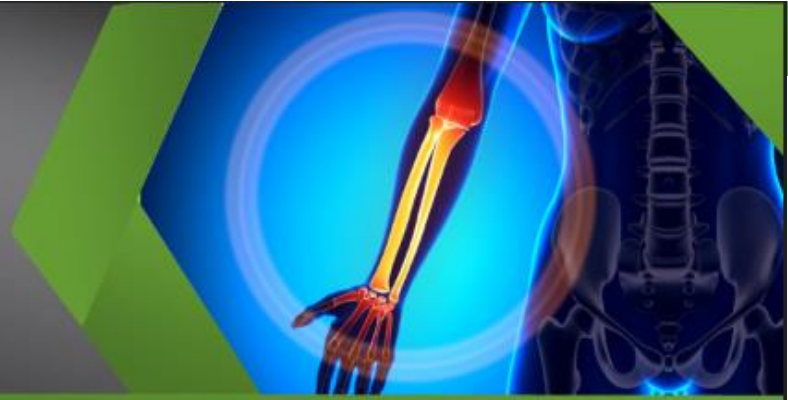




CASE STUDY # 19



ORIF of Radius and Ulna fixation done under Spinal anaesthesia!!

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This is a case of 21 years old male who was admitted for 2 days for Fractures of Left Radius & Ulna and Left Shaft of Tibia Bone.

When the documents were being perused by our team of doctors, they noted that the procedure mentioned in the discharge summary was Reduction done under C Arm, ORIF (Open Reduction & Internal Fixation) of Left Tibia bone fixed by Tibia Plate & Screw, ORIF of Radius and Ulna fixation done by plate and Screw under Spinal Anaesthesia (SA)! Imagine ORIF of Radius and Ulna fixation (both are upper limb bones) being done under Spinal anaesthesia.

Spinal anaesthesia will anesthetize the lower part of the body i.e., below the waist and ORIF of Radius and Ulna cannot be done under SA and will require either Brachial block in addition to SA or General anaesthesia.

Other significant discrepancies noted by our team were as follows:

The documents available did not mention the mode of injury and how did the patient sustain the fractures.

The patient sustained 3 long bone fractures, but MLC/FIR has not been done.

There is no evidence of post-op check X-ray, to show the position of the implants, being done as neither the report nor the bill is available implying that the test was not done.

The X-ray Left Hand AP mention 'There is displaced fracture seen Left Radius Ulna Bone' but the exact site as to where has the bones were fractured is not mentioned.

The name of the treating doctor has not been captured either in the discharge summary, hospital bill, lab reports or the medicine break up bill.

The Hospital bill number is the same as the IPD number mentioned in the discharge summary; this shed doubt on the veracity of the documents.

The medicine bill does not mention the following:

- Bill number
- GST number
- Drug license number
- Name of the manufacturer
- Date of manufacturing

The discrepancies noted above shed doubt on the veracity of the documents, lab reports and the veracity of the rationality in the management of the patient. Hospital claiming that ORIF of both bones of forearm done under spinal anaesthesia is not acceptable, as detailed above.

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