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LATE COMPLICATIONS IN MAXILLO-FACIAL INJURIES

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Maxillo-facial injuries irrespective of method and adequacy of treatment could leave behind troublesome complications that may require subsequent intervention. As a previous study has shown that these injuries are on the rise in this country, late complications of these injuries would deserve an investigation.

Subjects of this study were 304 patients treated for maxillo-facial fractures during the period January 1977 to December 1980. Necessary data was collected by a perusal of the hospital records and examination of the patients in our follow up clinics.

At the time of discharge from hospital, 206 (67.4%) of these patients had some complaint or other, but six months later only 37 (12.1%) of them had clinically discernible complications that required therapy.

50.8% of patients who had difficulty in opening the mouth, had fractures in the condylar region. 75.1% of patients who had occlusal derangement, had multiple fractures of the mandible. Infection of the fracture site was the cause of non union in 86.7% of cases.

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