CASE REPORT

Mobile picture messaging in mobile phone in the trauma patient and it’s usefulness in fracture clinic

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Case report

A 41-year-old female judo player whilst performing a block injured her left middle finger, apparently the injured finger was deformed and her husband managed to take the picture of the finger with her mobile phone. She attended A&E department immediately and was diagnosed as posterior dislocation of the proximal interphalangeal joint of middle finger. It was reduced under ring block using local anaesthesia with no residual deformity, check AP and lateral X-ray showed satisfactory position with no evidence of fracture. She was placed in a neighbour strapping. She was referred to fracture clinic the following day, when asked to describe the injury, surprisingly she removed her mobile and showed the picture of her deformed finger (Figure 1).

Discussion

This role of picture messaging using phone at the scene of injury and picture messaging through email or showing the picture itself will make aware of the physicians the mode of injury, the magnitude of injury and severity of injury.

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Figure 1

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The benefit of the modern telecommunication medium is innumerable in the medical field and more so for trauma and orthopaedic surgeon. The Internet is already in use for routine clinical application and for scientific projects. It has also become possible to communicate, transfer figures, texts, and videos within seconds to any possible physician throughout the world through email.

The use of mobile phone may have a useful role in the management of fracture patients in clinic.

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