

Radial head fracture

Multitom Rax Real3D¹ Hi-Res clinical case
University Hospital Wuerzburg, Germany



Clinical background and indication for Multitom Rax Real3D¹ Hi-Res examination

Patient

Male | *2002 | BMI 20.4 kg/m²

Anamnesis

The patient fell from an e-scooter onto his right elbow. He presented to the trauma surgery department with pressure pain, especially over the radial head, and extensive swelling, which resulted in limited motion range.

Indication for Real3D¹ Hi-Res examination

No bony injury could be ascertained in initial x-ray scans, however, a subtle anterior fat pad sign in the lateral radiogram (arrow) suggested the presence of joint effusion. When the second set of radiographs six days later did not display any fracture line, Real3D was requested to exclude a radiographically occult fracture of the radial head.



Date of injury



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Six days later



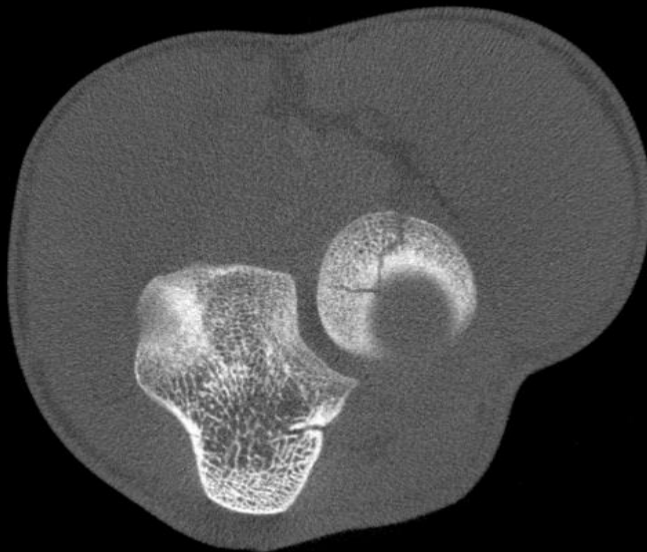
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Conventional X-ray examination

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Multitom Rax Real3D¹ Hi-Res Settings



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Settings for tableside scan with Standard Protocol

<i>Tube voltage</i>	80 kV
<i>Current time product</i>	197 mAs
<i>Dose area product</i>	142 $\mu\text{Gy}\cdot\text{m}^2$
<i>Calculated value for CTDI_{vol,32}</i>	1.9 mGy
<i>Scan time</i>	14 sec
<i>Number of projections</i>	318

Reconstruction settings for sectional views

<i>Pixel size</i>	0.2 mm
<i>Reconstruction kernel</i>	very sharp (equivalent to Ur77)
<i>Slice thickness</i>	1 mm

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Diagnostic findings

Multitom Rax Real3D was able to depict a non-displaced fracture in the anterior portion of the radial head (Mason type I). Apart from the radial head injury, other fractures could be excluded in the Real 3D examination. Surgical therapy was not required, since the elbow joint showed no signs of instability. Instead, the patient was advised to have conservative treatment with temporary immobilization and subsequent physical therapy.



Axial view



Sagittal view



Coronal view

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“The standard-dose scan protocol was used due to the patient’s young age and its excellent image quality in preclinical studies. Despite limited elbow mobility, positioning was easy with the tableside scan trajectory of Multitom Rax.”¹

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