

# Can Delayed Assessment Better Predict Displaced Midshaft Clavicle Fracture Nonunion?



Fracture union following a displaced midshaft clavicle fracture cannot be predicted based on the clinical factors at the time of injury

It is unclear if clinical recovery assessed 6 weeks after the injury allows for prediction of nonunion

Prospective study of patients with fully displaced midshaft clavicle fracture



Prediction of nonunion

Model based on factors available at time of injury

Nonunion predictor 6-week model



Nonunion



QuickDASH score > 40



No callus



Fracture movement on examination

...at 6 weeks



3% predicted nonunion risk in patients with no predictors

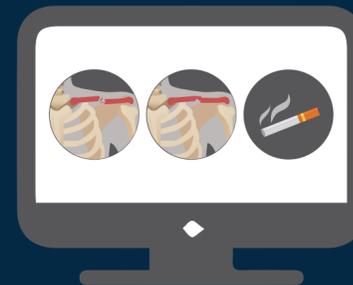


60% predicted nonunion risk in patients with 2 or more predictors



Model based on factors at time of injury

Nonunion predictor 6-week model



Higher accuracy for fracture-healing prediction



Nonunion predictor 6-week model accurately predicts patients likely to have union and require only nonoperative management

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