
Dislocation of radial head in children

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Patients with radial head fractures will occasionally provide a challenge for the traumaradiographer. Achieving good quality imaging in a patient who is in considerable pain can test the innovative/adaptive skills of junior and seasoned radiographers alike. Radial head fractures can be subtle requiring a balanced consideration of the mechanism of injury and subtle soft tissue signs when deciding which patients to pursue with supplementary views and which to save from further irradiation. Some radial head fractures will only be demonstrated radiographically on second or even third presentations.