

observation, and once soft tissue swelling has significantly diminished, and wrinkling of the skin reappears and re-epithelialization of blisters, second stage of anatomic reduction and internal fixation can then be performed electively. This two-staged delayed approach offers acceptable results for the treatment of closed recent intra-articular calcaneal fractures. These results compare favorably with those of early open reduction and internal fixation for these fractures. The major advantages include; decreased post-operative wound complications, improved healing, reduced hospital stay and so improved functional outcome. So, we suggested this two-staged delayed approach, in order to reduce the post-operative wound complications after open reduction and internal fixation of closed recent intra-articular calcaneal fractures, and therefore optimize the clinical outcome. Our results highlights that; Proper timing of the surgery has been pointed out as important for the final outcome, we suggest to postpone surgery till the soft tissue recovered, and permitted surgery. In our study the appropriate delaying in surgery mean was 8.38 days post fracture; Respecting the soft tissues in management of closed recent intra-articular calcaneal fractures decrease the devastating post-operative complications.

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