ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND

The patient had an intra-articular fracture of the base of the 4th metacarpal and dislocation of the 4th metacarpal base intermetacarpal ligament. This was demonstrated in a plain radiograph taken in the emergency department and confirmed on a CT scan. The patient was taken to the operating room and an open reduction and internal fixation was performed. The fracture was treated with K-wires and the patient was discharged home on postoperative day 1. The patient was seen in follow-up at 6 weeks and at that time, the K-wires were removed and the patient was able to resume normal activities.

CASE PRESENTATION

The patient was a 45-year-old male who had a history of falls and sustained a fracture of the 4th metacarpal. He was admitted to the hospital on postoperative day 1 for follow-up care.

D I S C U S S I O N

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C O N C L U S I O N

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REFERENCE

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