

Orthopaedics Should be Part of the Trauma Team Response

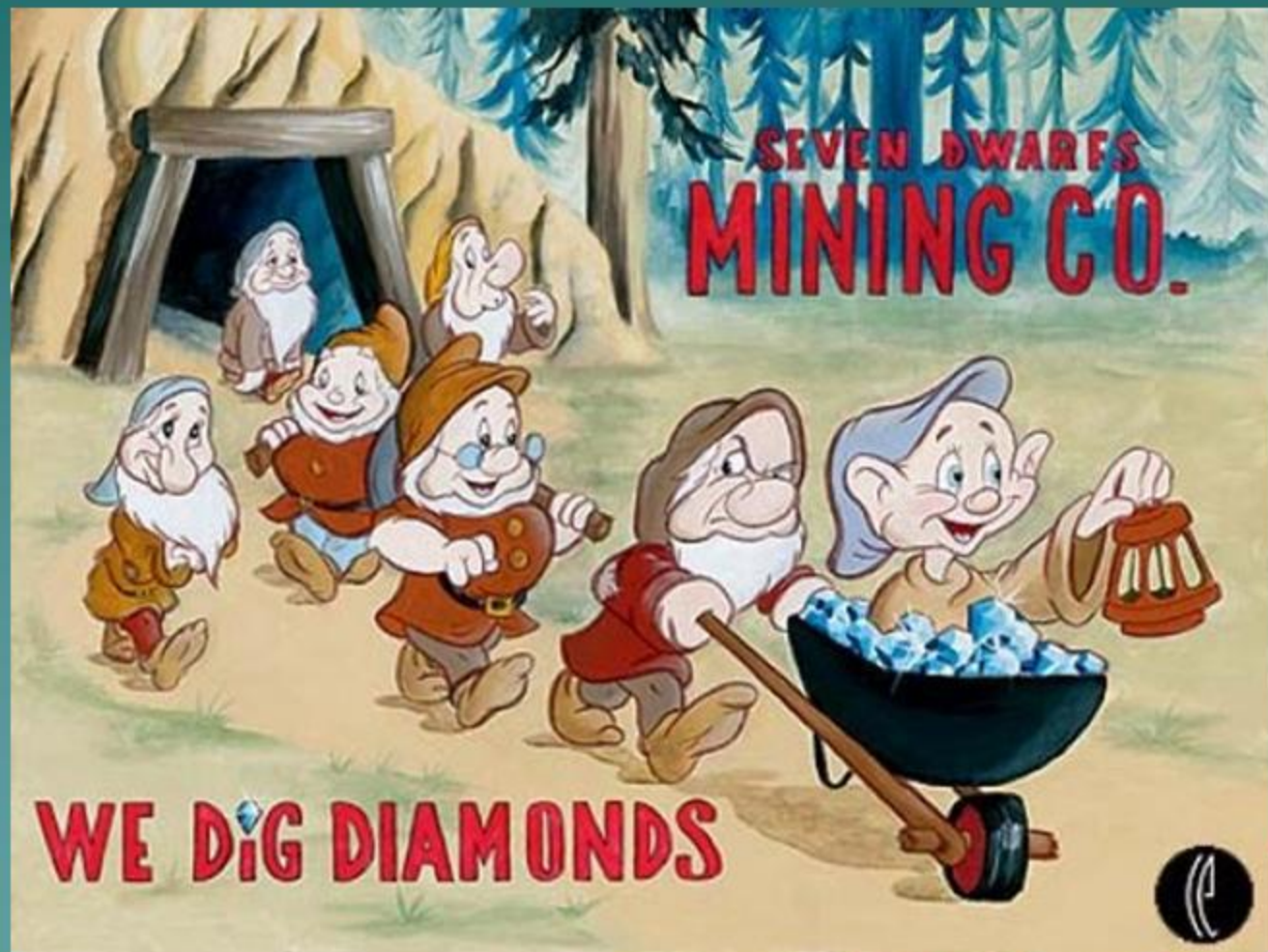
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Personal Development for Orthopods



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- ◆ Exposure to
 - acute care of critically ill
 - evidence-based medicine
 - colleagues in different services

Orthopods in the Trauma Team

- ◆ Better for trauma patients
- ◆ Sharpen the trauma resuscitation team skills
- ◆ Personal development for the orthopods

Better for Patients



- ◆ Primary Survey:
 - Pelvic stabilisation in exsanguinating pelvic fracture

Better for Patients



- ◆ Resus Room Treatment
 - reduce fracture / dislocation
 - washout compound fractures
 - splintage and immobilisation

Better for Patients

- ◆ Planned definitive care saves life, limbs and livelihood
 - debride compound fractures within 6 hours = better outcome
 - early fixation = avoid immobility M&M
 - recognition / treatment of compartment syndrome
 - prevention of fat embolli by timing surgery (damage control vs ORIF)

Sharpen Skills of the Resus Team



- Airway: Pull heartily on displaced limbs during difficult intubation
- Relatives: Comment loudly on patient's underwear / lifestyle choices
- Scene Control: Cover everything with Betadine, plaster and irrigation fluid
- Ortho Education: Never write anything down in the notes or tell anyone else the plan

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