Orthopaedics Should be Part of the Trauma Team Response

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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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