

Report on Training held in Nairobi on AOCMF course - Management of Facial Trauma on 26th -27th April 2019

Course Objectives:

Diagnose facial injury through history, physical examination, and investigation

Formulate a treatment plan (operative and nonoperative)

Perform the specific treatment for facial trauma

Modify the treatment plan when necessary

Manage patient follow-up and rehabilitation

Identify and manage complications

Benefits: Correct diagnosis and management of patients with facial trauma and facial fractures at CORSU

Duration: 2 days

Organisation: AOCMF a division of The AO Foundation

Location: The Nairobi Hospital, Argwings Kodhek Rd, Nairobi, Kenya

We were privileged to join a team of Cranio-Maxillofacial specialists in a Training held at the Nairobi Hospital from the 26th to the 27th of April 2019.

The training as organised by AOCMF, the craniomaxillofacial arm of the AO Foundation. The host of residents, specialists and Faculty in attendance included plastics surgeons, ENT and Maxillofacial surgeons from various parts of Africa and Asia.



Faculty and participants of AOCMF at the training on Management of Facial Fractures, April 26-27th

The two-day training involved brief lectures on Principles of; accurate diagnosis of facial trauma from history, examination and investigations, formulation of a treatment plan for facial fractures, Specific management of various facial fractures, Techniques and specific equipment used in plating and fixation of facial fractures, Load sharing and load bearing principles, identification and management of postoperative complications of facial fractures and management of Pan-facial fractures, among others.

The training also involved practical hands-on sessions on plating of facial fractures supervised by the expert members of Faculty, most of whom were Consultant maxillofacial surgeons from, Asia, Kenya, South Africa and Nigeria.



Dr Naomi Kekisa fixing a plate on an orbital fracture under the guidance of Prof Francis Roasa.



Future aspects:

This training greatly skilled and empowered us in the correct and appropriate management of facial trauma.

Albeit with a low volume for facial trauma, the expectation is to prepare well ahead of cases so the best care will be provided for when the cases come through. We both have interest in maxillofacial surgery; this was a good introductory course to proper management of facial trauma and we aim to gain further skills

The learned skills, techniques and knowledge will be shared and taught to the rest of the CORSU plastic surgery team during CMEs and intra operative teachings.

We greatly appreciate the financial support offered to us by Interface Uganda for this training.

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