

# Author Response: Role of Arthroscopy in Pilon Fractures: How and When Do I Do It?

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Thanks for your interest in our work.

- We prefer earlier operations in order to allow a minimally invasive approach to fracture reduction.
- The anteromedial and anterolateral portals should be sufficient to assess the whole articular surface of the tibial plafond.
- The patients have fewer wound complications with this minimally invasive approach. Theoretically, arthroscopically assisted reduction of the fracture may reduce the chance of posttraumatic ankle arthritis. However, cartilage damage at the time of injury cannot be totally reverted by this arthroscopic approach. Further prospective studies are needed to determine whether this arthroscopic approach can reduce the risk of posttraumatic ankle arthritis.

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