

POWER TO RESTORE WITHOUT LEAVING A TRACE

CASE STUDY

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Clinical particulars

34-year-old male initially treated for right tibia and fibula fracture with a bilateral intramedullary nail, presented 19 months after the initial operation with acute pain around the fracture site. X-ray examination revealed a healed fibula with a non-union of the distal tibia and a fracture through the nail.

Treatment

The broken nail was extracted and a new nail inserted and locked distally with 2 locking bolts. The fracture site was decorticated and packed with **genex**. Closure was achieved with vicryl and a drain was placed over the proximal wound. The patient demonstrated good movement of toes and right ankle. Mobilization to partial and full weight bearing was recommended as soon as the patient was comfortable to do so.

Outcome

At 3 months' follow-up the wound was clean and the bone appeared to be healing satisfactorily. The patient had mobilized fully and was extremely pleased with the outcome.

At 10 months' follow-up the non-union had healed completely. The patient had fully recovered and was scheduled to have the intramedullary nail removed.



Presentation



Post-operative



3 months



10 months

For indications, contraindications, warnings and precautions see Instructions for Use.

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