# AO Trauma Course Management of Hand and Wrist Fractures

### Goal of the course

This course aims to create a learning environment where the principles and techniques of internal fixation of hand and wrist injuries can be understood, applied, and demonstrated appropriately to improve the quality of outcomes.

### **Target participants**

The course is targeted at practicing hand surgeons (with orthopedic or plastic surgery background), and hand fellows (in US residents who are planning a hand fellowship).

# **Learning objectives**

At the end of this course, participants will be able to:

- Differentiate and explain the rationale between nonoperative management of fractures and those who will benefit from operative stabilization
- Describe approaches and reduction techniques with attention to the importance of soft tissues
- Analyze standard case presentations and work out a plan for optimal management
- Identify alternative fixation methods and their role in fracture management
- Perform appropriate procedures to stabilize fractures and perform various arthrodeses

# **Small group discussions**

- Management principles of extraarticular fractures
- Management principles of articular fractures of the thumb and lesser digits
- · Scaphoid and perilunate injuries
- · Wrist (distal radial and ulnar) fractures
- · Small-joint arthrodesis and wrist fusion\*

# **Modules**

- · Extraarticular fractures of the hand
- · Articular fractures of the hand
- Carpal injuries
- Wrist fractures
- Arthrodesis in the hand and wrist\*

### **Practical exercises**

- Lag screw fixation of a long spiral diaphyseal metacarpal shaft fracture
- Lag screw and neutralization plate fixation of a short oblique metacarpal fracture
- Fixation of transverse shaft metacarpal fracture with a compression plate
- Intramedullary splinting of a metacarpal V fracture with K-wires
- Fixation of a bicondylar fracture of the proximal phalangeal head
- Fixation of Bennett fracture by applying 2 mm lag screws
- · Management of a Rolando fracture
- Fixation of a scaphoid wrist fracture with a headless compression screw
- Management of an intraarticular distal radius fracture using a two-column distal radius plate
- Management of an intraarticular distal radius fracture using the dorsal double plating technique
- Management of a subcapital fracture of the distal ulna, with diaphyseal comminution and styloid fracture
- Arthrodesis of the wrist using a wrist fusion plate\*
- Arthrodesis of metacarpophalangeal (MCP) joint (thumb) using an LCP\*

# Anatomical specimen lab\*

- · Phalanges and metacarpals
- · Approaches to the thumb
- · Distal radius
- Distal ulna
- Scaphoid
- Flaps (number of flaps depends on date and location and availability of specimens)

\*Only in selected courses. Check your chosen date and location for the full program.

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