

How To Describe a Fracture on X-ray



1. Fracture location

a. Diaphysis, metaphysis, epiphysis

2. Fracture type/orientation

a. complete

i. transverse

ii. oblique

iii. spiral

iv. comminuted

b. incomplete

i. greenstick, torus, bowing

3. Fracture displacement

4. Intra vs extraarticular

5. Open vs closed fracture