

Dorsal Ulnar Pin Plate[™]

Surgical Technique | TriMed Wrist Fixation System







Exposure

- Incise skin and deep fascia over the 4th compartment tendons.
- Continue dissection between either the $3^{\rm rd}$ and $4^{\rm th}$ or the $4^{\rm th}$ and $5^{\rm th}$ extensor compartments.
- If needed, transpose the EPL from Lister's tubercle and resect the terminal branch of the posterior interosseous nerve.
- Expose the dorsal ulnar corner of the radius.



Fracture Reduction and Provisional Fixation

- Reduce dorsal and ulnar corner fragments with traction and palmar flexion of the wrist.
- Direct a 1.1mm (0.045") K-wire through the ulnar corner fragment so it exits the volar shaft proximal to the fracture line and slightly radial.



Plate Contouring and Application

- With a Pin Clamp at either end apply a slight 15° torsional (supinated) bend to the proximal end of a Dorsal Ulnar Pin Plate[™].
- Select a distal pin hole for optimal fit and slide the plate over the K-wire.
- Fix proximally using a 1.8mm (blue) drill and a 2.3mm cortical screw.

Creating Pin Hook (see Note 1)

- Cut the K-wire 2cm* or more above the surface of the plate.
- Position Wire Bender at 1cm* above the surface of the plate.
- Create hook by simultaneously squeezing and rotating the Wire Bender in the direction of the bend.

* 1cm = 1 black stripe + 1 silver stripe





Finishing the Hook

- Hold the end of the hook with one Pin Clamp and complete the hook with the second Pin Clamp.
- Slightly over-bending the hook will allow it to snap into the plate.
- Predrill the hole with a 1.1mm K-wire to receive the hook, either in an adjacent pinhole or over the edge of the plate.

Impacting and Cutting K-wire

- Through the volar incision place a retractor under pronator and a drill sleeve over the tip of the K-wire.
- Return to dorsal side and with impactor fully seat the pin against the plate.
- Retract the pronator and slide guide from existing wire. Cut the K-wire flush with volar surface.



Final Fixation

- If additional fixation is needed, skip a hole and insert a second 1.1mm K-wire and repeat steps 4-6.
- Complete fixation with additional 2.3mm cortical screws proximally.

Indications, contraindications, warnings and precautions related to TriMed Wrist Fixation System reference IFU on trimedortho.com/ifu

NOTES & TIPS

- Note 1. When a volar or volar-radial incision is not present follow the Radial Column Pin Plate[™] sequence for creating and impacting the pin hook.
- Tip 1. To help reduce a stubborn ulnar fragment, place a freer elevator in the axilla just proximal to DRUJ and gently pull the ligaments distal to coax the sigmoid notch fragment into position for pinning.
- Tip 2. If necessary, cover the distal end of the plate with a strip of retinaculum to avoid contact with the extensor tendons.



X-RAYS



Pre-Op AP



Pre-Op Lateral



Post-Op AP



Post-Op Lateral





The technique presented is one suggested surgical technique. The decision to use a specific implant and the surgical technique must be based on sound medical judgment by the surgeon that takes into consideration factors such as the circumstances and configuration of the injury.

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