

Obesity, smoking do not impact long-term healing of wrist fractures

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(HealthDay)—Excellent clinical and radiographic outcomes can be

achieved with surgery for displaced wrist fractures in patients who are obese and in those who smoke, according to a study published in the December issue of the *Journal of Hand Surgery*.

Matthew J. Hall, M.D., from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, and colleagues compared functional and radiographic outcomes among patients with and without obesity and by smoking status. All patients were surgically treated for a distal radius fracture between 2006 and 2017 at two level 1 trauma centers. Analysis included 200 patients (39 with body mass index [BMI] ≥ 30 kg/m² and 161 with BMI

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