

UPPER TIBIAL HYPEREXTENSION FRACTURES IN INFANTS: ANOTHER OCCULT TODDLER'S FRACTURE

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INTRODUCTION

Occult fractures in infants and young children are common and the best known of these fractures is the spiral tibial toddler's fracture originally described by Dunbar (1). Since then, a number of other fractures presenting with similar clinical problems have been identified (2) and **we now present still another fracture which can cause difficulties with diagnosis.** This fracture occurs in the upper tibial metaphysis and is due to anterior forces being applied to the knee during hyperextension. It is closely related to the upper tibial fracture which commonly produces valgus deformity of the tibia but the fracture we describe does not produce this complication.