Transfemoral Amputation

Preop

42 year old male who sustained severe injuries in a motorcycle accident. Note: he is a previous renal transplant recipient and is on immunosuppressive treatments.

His injuries include:

Open pelvis fracture Rectal Injury and need for diverting colostomy Mangling injury to left leg Disruption of the tibial and peroneal nerves Open knee joint and significant loss of soft tissue Partial loss of patella and of the patellar tendon Exposed and colonized tibia and knee joint

Continued salvage efforts were offered with a full discussion of the infection risks and possible impact of his immunosuppressive treatments. He and his wife asked us to proceed with above the knee amputation.

Wounds

Pointing out the gluteal and peri-rectal wounds

Exposed tibia

Pointing out the exposed tibia and loss of soft tissue

Exposed knee joint Loss of patella and patellar tendon

X-rays

The significant fracture and how it was stabilized. The pelvis fracture and the internal fixation used to stabilize the open pelvis fracture

External fixator wounds

The wounds from the temporary external fixator: he already has early heterotopic bone and very dense scars palpable at the external fixator insertion sites.

Irrigation

Irrigation of the gluteal and peri-rectal wounds.

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