**Cranioplasty for Missile Head Injuries**

**Basrah Experience**

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The cosmetic deformities and severe functional debility from the decompressive craniectomy carried out in patients with penetrating missile head injuries can be devastating unless managed in a swift and efficient manner, especially when the wounded recover full neurological function, and the bony defect remain the only visible cumbersome incapacity.

This presentation of near 18 power point projections describes briefly the conventional surgical cranioplasty to cover the bony defects by various materials and my 11 years personal experience of the 3 wars in Basrah when operating on near 1400 war causalities during which I selectively treated cases primarily by the immediate replacement of the clean fractured bone pieces on the watertight closed dura, a concept that has been traditionally rejected previously because of the risk of infection.