**Cranioplasty for missile caused cranial defect**

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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 20 projections describe briefly the conventional surgical cranioplasty to cover these defects by various materials and my personal experience when operating on near 1400 war causalities during the 8 years Iraqi- Iranian war when 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 conventionally rejected previously because of the risk of infection and the degree of fragmentation.

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