

# Clinical Research on Foot & Ankle

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A fracture is a medical condition in which there is partial or complete disruption of the continuity of the bone. Fractures can be classified into several types based on the location, the extent of the injury, and the mechanism of injury. Common types of fractures include:
 

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- **Closed fracture:** A fracture where the bone has broken but the skin remains intact. This type of fracture is less serious and can often be treated with a cast or splint.
- **Stress fracture:** A small crack in the bone caused by repetitive force or overuse. These are common in athletes and can often be treated with rest and painkillers.
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- **Compound fracture:** A fracture where the bone has broken through the skin and is exposed to the environment. This is a type of open fracture.
- **Displaced fracture:** A fracture where the broken pieces of bone are out of their normal position. This type of fracture often requires surgery to realign the bone.
- **Non-displaced fracture:** A fracture where the broken pieces of bone are still in their normal position. This type of fracture can often be treated with a cast or splint.
- **Greenstick fracture:** A fracture where the bone is partially broken, often seen in children. The bone is bent and partially broken, like a green stick.
- **Avulsion fracture:** A fracture where a small piece of bone has broken off from the main part of the bone. This type of fracture is often treated with surgery.
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