

Management of Tendon Damage and Loss in Severe Trauma of the Upper Limb

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Reconstruction of tendons damaged or lost due to trauma in the upper limb presents special challenges to the reconstructive surgeon in terms of degree of loss, urgency of repair and resources at hand. Severe injuries are also often dealt with by junior surgeons. Time is of the essence since early repair or reconstruction performs better than delayed. Autografts are generally considered better than allografts which are better than synthetic material. Having said that, sometimes choice is limited by availability and financial considerations.

In this lecture, I would like to highlight a few cases which represent the challenges and some of the solutions which are possible. These are highly complex injuries but the solutions range from simple interventions to complex procedures.