

# Impactful Statements

## Distal Radius Fractures

An impactful recommendation is one that offers the potential for current evidence to change care offered to patients. This influence can be due to one or more of the following:

- Evidence highlighting current variations in care that were previously unsupported by evidence
- Current evidence supporting a significant difference or change from current clinical practice or previously held "gold standard" care

**The following impactful statements are based on the Management of Distal Radius Fractures Evidenced-Based Clinical Practice Guideline:**

1. Arthroscopic assistance should not be used when treating distal radius fractures as it does not lead to improved patient outcomes
2. Operative treatment of distal radius fractures is not indicated for geriatric and low demand patients (usually defined by age >65) for the purpose of improving long term patient outcomes

**The following guideline recommendations are the basis of the impactful statements:**

1. Inconsistent evidence suggests no difference in outcomes between use of arthroscopic assistance and no arthroscopic assistance when treating patients for distal radius fractures
2. Strong evidence suggests that operative treatment for geriatric patients (most commonly defined in studies as 65 years of age and older) does not lead to improved long-term patient reported outcomes compared to non-operative treatment