

Stability dependent on degree of injury and healing potential of [transverse ligament](#).

Although historically thought as a benign injury with lower neurological risks, current data suggests that this may not hold true for geriatric patients (aged 65 y and older) who may be predisposed to these fractures even after lower-energy trauma such as ground-level falls ¹⁾.

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Smith RM, Bhandutia AK, Jauregui JJ, Shasti M, Ludwig SC. Atlas Fractures: Diagnosis, Current Treatment Recommendations, and Implications for Elderly Patients. Clin Spine Surg. 2018 Aug;31(7):278-284. doi: 10.1097/BSD.0000000000000631. PMID: 29620588.

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