

F1 facet fracture

F1 is a non-displaced [facet fracture](#) (either superior or inferior cervical [facets](#)) from the [AOSpine subaxial cervical spine injury classification system](#). Fracture fragments are smaller than 1 cm and comprise less than 40% of the lateral mass.

Type F. Facet Injuries

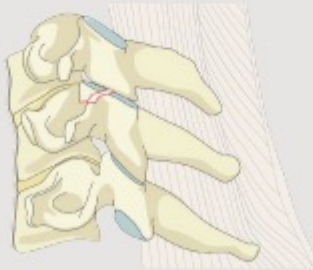
F1. Nondisplaced facet fracture

With fragment <1cm in height, <40% of lateral mass.



F2. Facet fracture with potential for instability

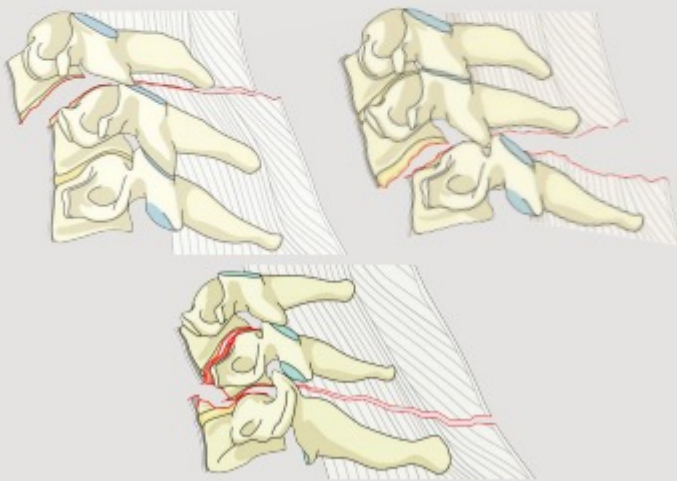
With fragment >1cm, > than 40% lateral mass, or displaced.



F3. Floating lateral mass



F4. Pathologic subluxation or perched/dislocated facet



There was significant variability in [diagnostic accuracy](#) for F1 [facet fracture](#) through F3-type fractures, whereas almost universal agreement was achieved for F4-type injuries ¹⁾.

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