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A 40-year-old man, builder, non-smoking, right-handed, without medical history, consulting in the emergency room for a right foot trauma. The mechanism was a hyperextension of the great toe secondary to a fall from 2 meters. Physical examination found a deformed and swollen great toe. The axis of the hallux was altered to hyperextension. Motion attempts were painful. The patient couldn't walk without lameness. Cutaneous and nervous examination was normal and capillary refill time was less than 2 seconds. X-rays showed dislocation of the hallux. The first phalanx moved dorsally without osseous lesions (A, B). Radiological control was satisfying (C,D). Four hours after the trauma and under moderate





anesthesia, the dislocated metatarsophalangeal joint was reduced. The first metatarsophalangeal joint was protected by a temporary syndactylization of the second and first toes for 4 weeks. The patient was able to walk with barouk

shoe and an English cane. After 4 weeks, the patient practiced passive motion of the great toe. At 3 months follow up, the patient was able to walk normally. The active and motion of the great toe was possible with restriction or pain.



Figure 1: first metatarsophalangeal joint dislocation