

# Orbital Osteotomy For Hypertelorism

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- Dedicated Cleft & Craniofacial Centre of Excellence
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- 3 surgeons and 4 fellows with full support team
- More than 30,000 documented cleft & craniofacial surgeries have been performed since 1996
- 600 primary new born cleft children are registered every year



# Definition

**D. M. Grieg**

first described hypertelorism in 1924



# Definition

**I. T. Jackson et al**

first **defined** Hypertelorism and Teleorbitism as

Lateralization of the total orbital complex with resulting increases in the interorbital distance and intercanthal width.

The intercanthal and interpupillary distances are increased and may be symmetric, asymmetric, or unilateral.



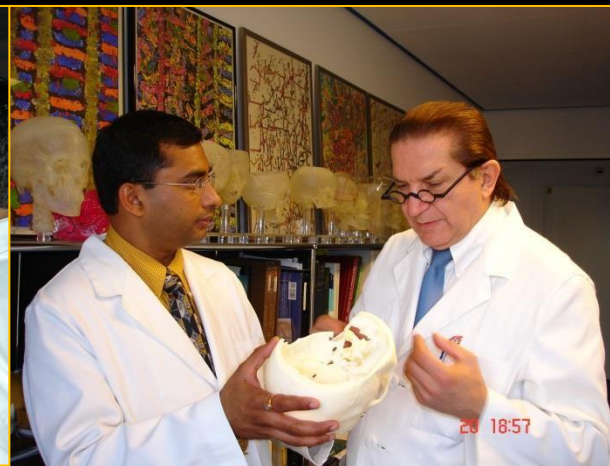
# Definition

## H. F. Sailer et al.

Further modified the definition to include **lateral orbital wall** distance.

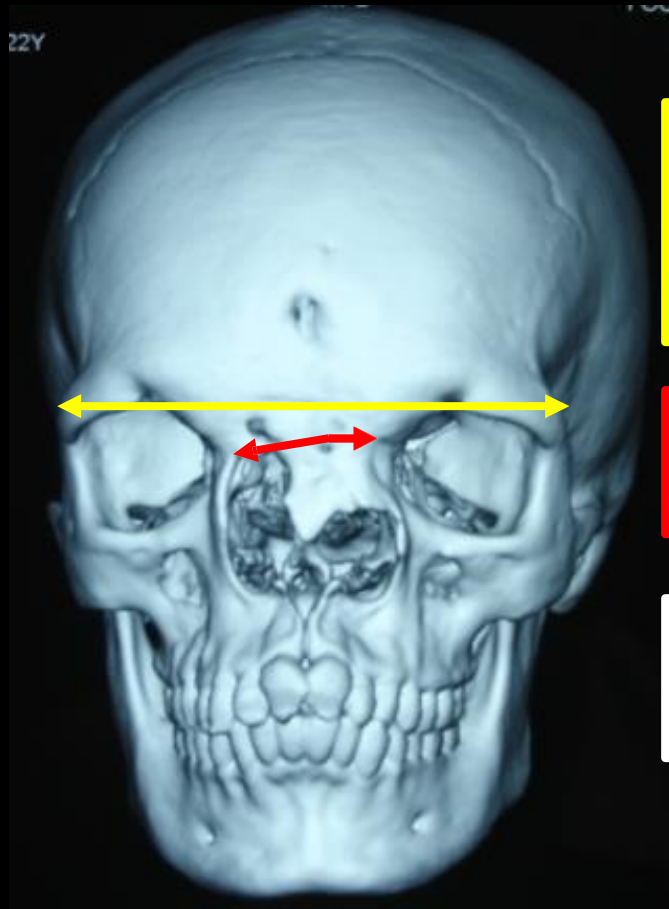
Increase in the distance between the lateral orbital walls and the interorbital distance to denote true hypertelorism

Intercanthal distance measurement should be done clinically for aesthetics.





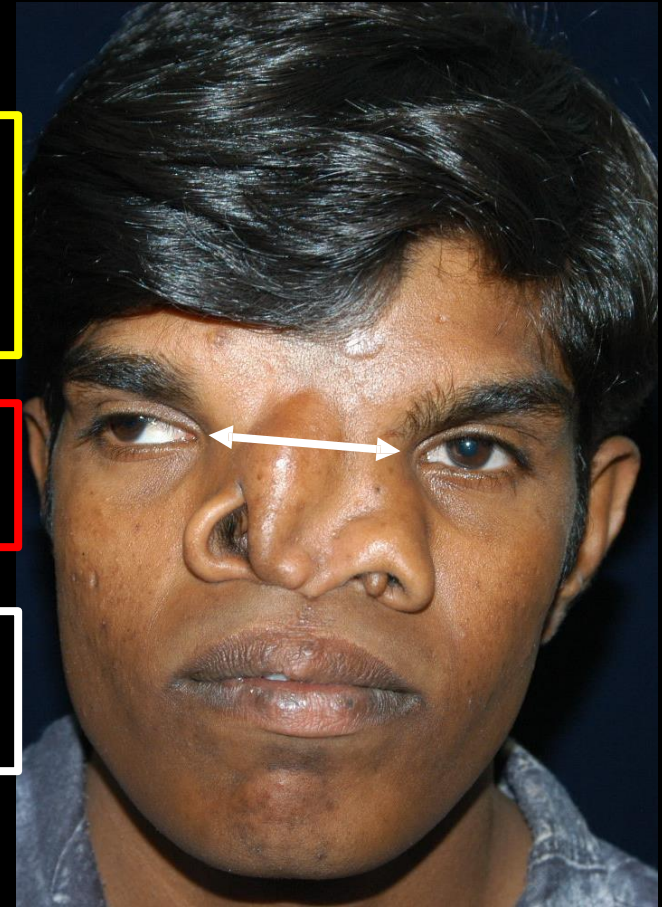
# Measuring Orbital Hypertelorism



**Lateral orbital wall distance**

**Inter orbital distance**

**Inter canthal distance**



Interorbital distance = distance between the right and left dacryon points

These points correspond clinically to the bony anterior lacrimal crests



# Classification

**Hypertelorism** is a **physical finding**, that may or maynot be a part of a **syndrome**.

It is usually secondary to another deformity

**I. T. Jackson et al.** classified the cause of Orbital Hypertelorism as one of the following

- Cleft related
- Traumatic
- Frontonasal encephalocele
- Ethmoidal and frontal sinus pathology
- Nasal pathology
- Craniosynostosis, Apert's and Crouzon's syndromes

We have developed our own classification based on this classification to help us plan hypertelorism correction



# Sailer's Classification

## Medial Hypertelorism

- Caused by pathology that leads to hypertrophy, hyperplasia or derangement of the fronto-nasal-ethmoidal complex.

Eg. Cleft related, Naso/frontal encephalocele, nasal/ethmoidal bone hyperplasia.

## Lateral Hypertelorism

- Caused by pathology that causes synostosis of the cranial-zygomatic-maxillary complex

Eg. Craniosynostosis, Apert/Cruzon syndromes





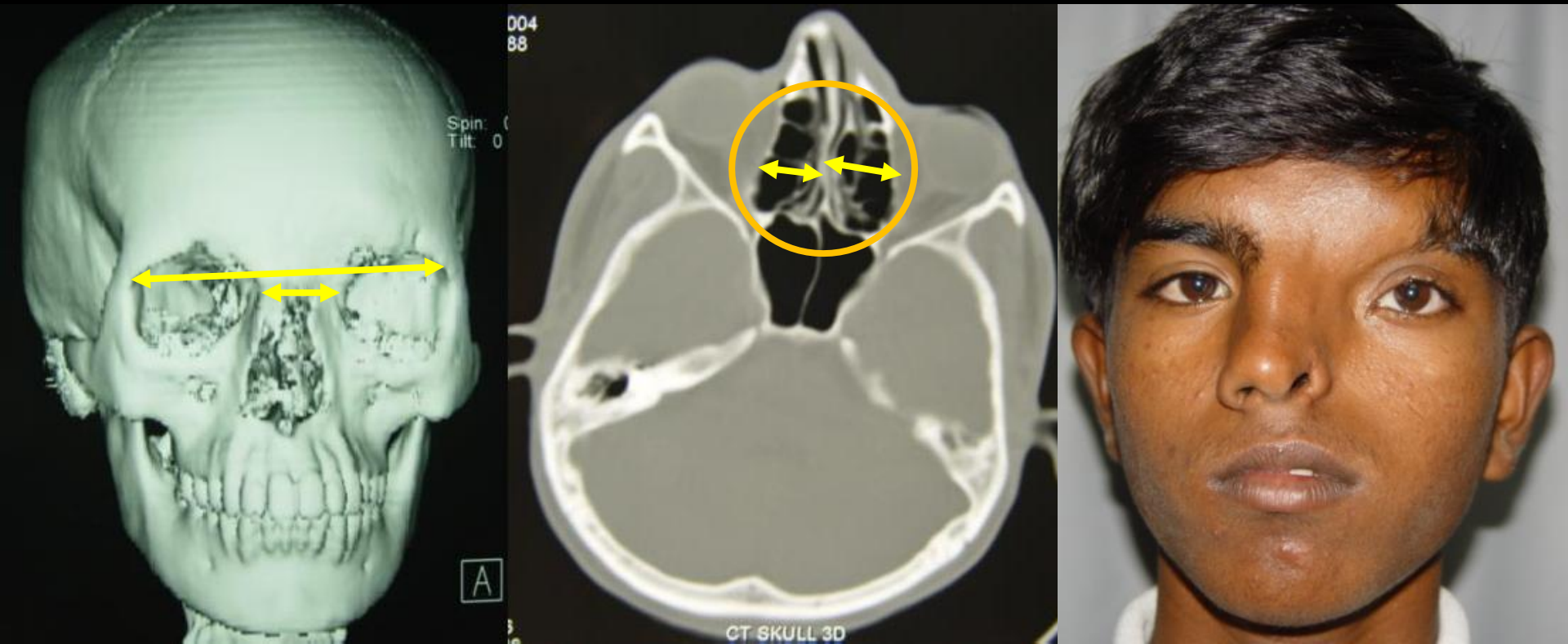
# Classification: Cleft Related Bilateral Orbital Hypertelorism



**Hyperplasia of Bilateral Ethmoidal sinus**



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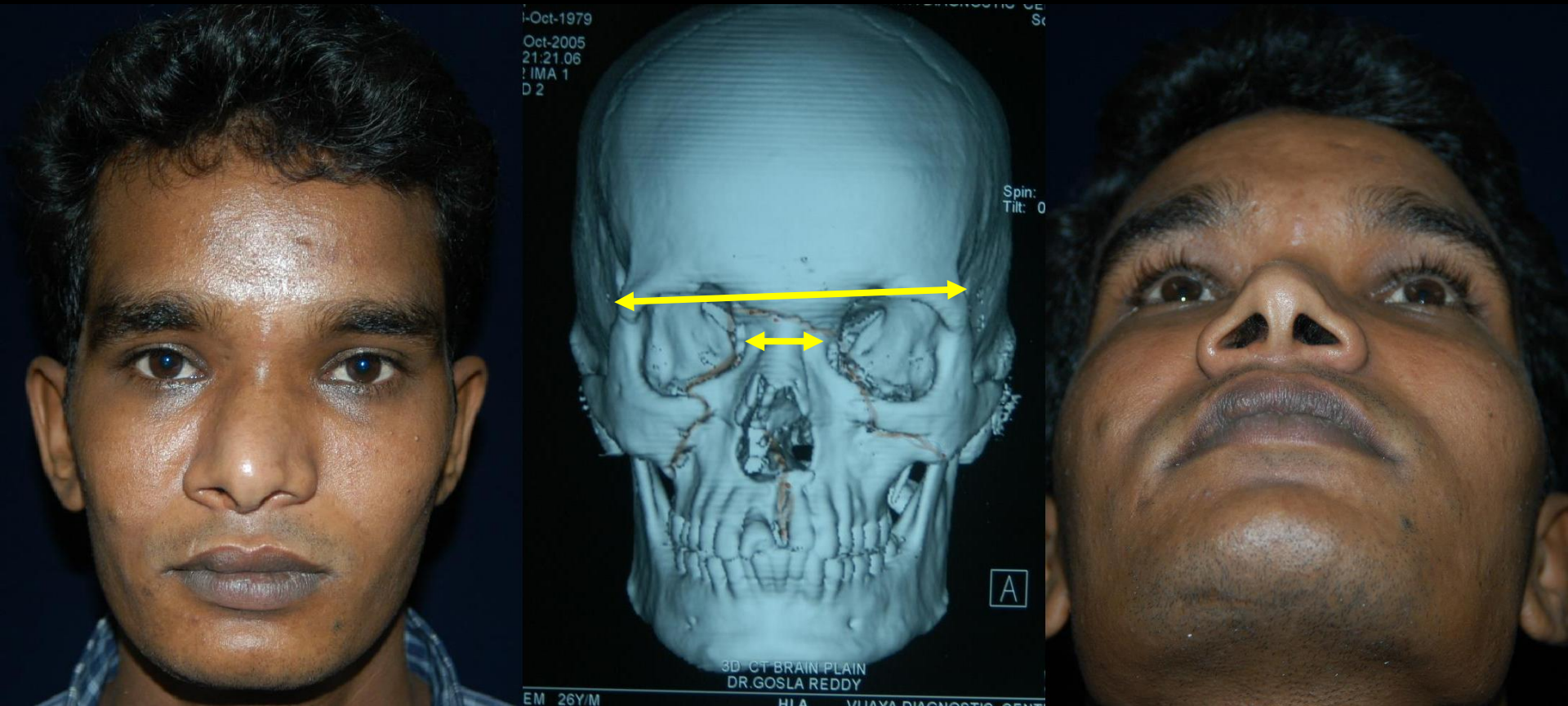


**Hyperplasia of Left Ethmoidal sinus**





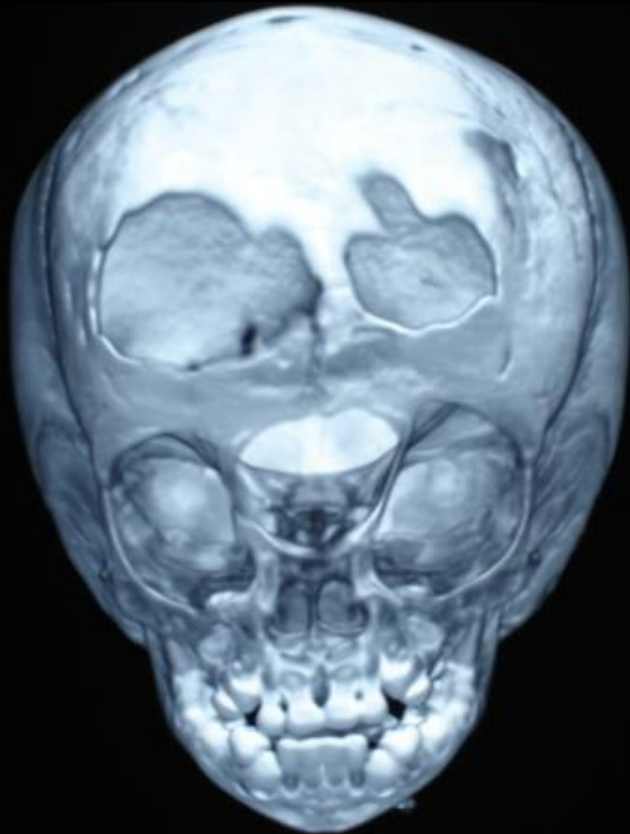
# Classification: Traumatic



**Increase in the volume of Ethmoidal sinus**



# Classification: Fronto-Nasal Encephalocele (Pseudohypertelorism)

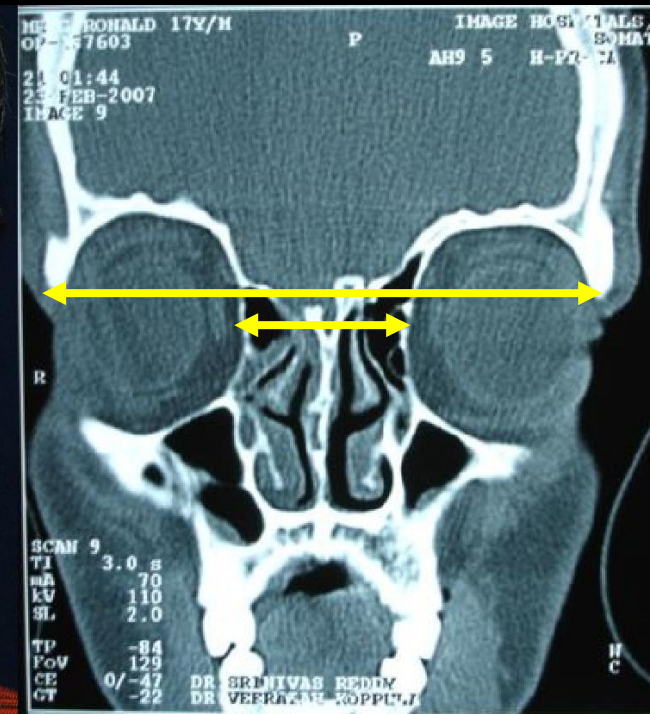


**Increase in the volume of Ethmoidal sinus**





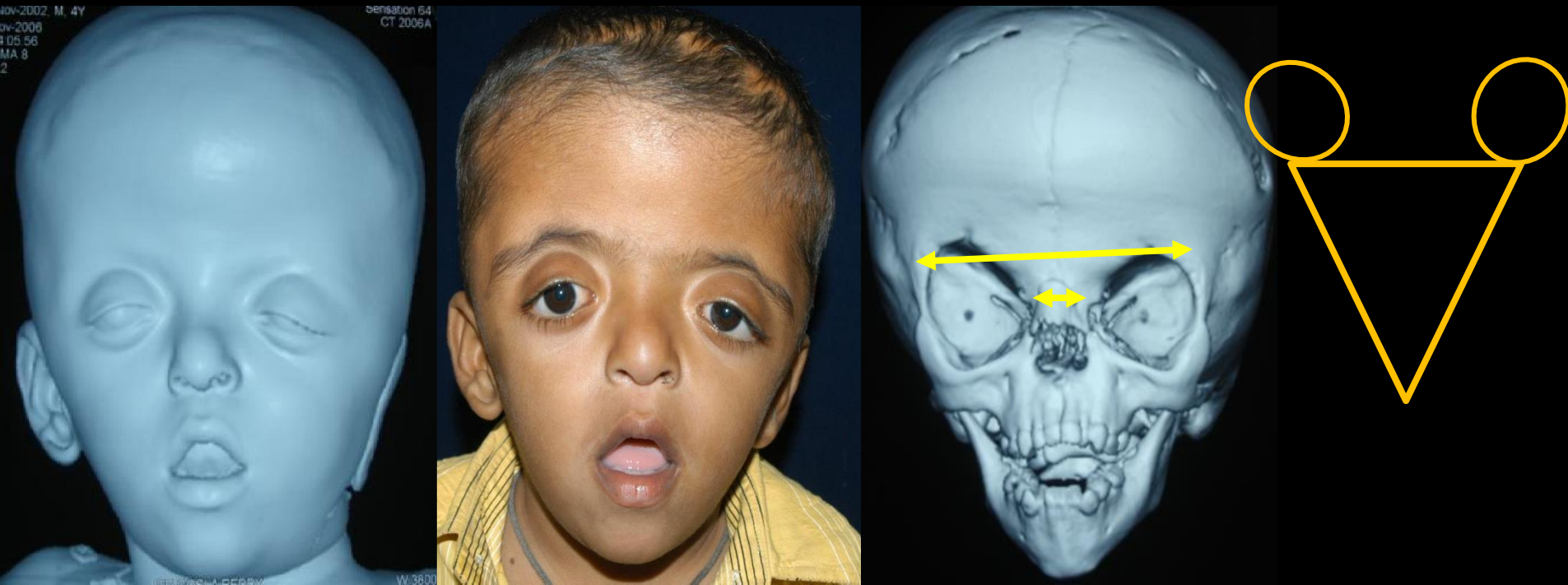
# Classification: Nasal Pathology



**Increase in the volume of Ethmoidal sinus**



# Classification: Aperts Syndrome



Lateral orbital wall distance is increased.





# Severity

**Paul Tessier**

Classified the severity of orbital hypertelorism into three categories of increased interorbital distance.

Type	Distance (mm)	Severity
I	30 to 34	Mild
II	35 to 39	Moderate
III	> 40	Severe



# Investigations



The best investigations to assess hypertelorism are axial section CT scans of the facial bones.



# Investigations



The best way to plan hypertelorism correction is with stereo lithographic models.



# Treatment

## Intracranial Hypertelorism Corrections

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Year	Number
2006	03
2007	05
2008	06
2009	05
2010	06
2011	04
2012	06
2013	05
2014	06
2015	05
2016	03
2017	01
<b>Total</b>	<b>55</b>



# Treatment

## Principles of Treatment

- **First principle**      Combine as many small procedures as is safe and practical into one operation
- **Second principle**      Decrease infection rates by limiting combined intraoral and intracranial procedures.
- **Third principle**      Decrease the number of revisionary and redo procedures.
- **Fourth principle**      Maximize the overall long-term functional and aesthetic results.



# Treatment

## Mild Hypertelorism

- Caused by trauma or nasal pathology.
- Conservative management.

## Severe Hypertelorism

- Caused by encephalocele, facial clefting or in Apert's and Cruzon's syndrome.
- Management through Intra Cranial or Trans Cranial approach

## Indications for intracranial approach

- Moderate to severe orbital hypertelorism
- Encephalocele
- Cribriform plate lower than the level of the naso-frontal suture





# Treatment

## Correcting a functional defect vs. cosmetic defect

- Most hypertelorism corrections are cosmetic defect corrections.
- Even in patients with severe craniosynostosis, frontal monobloc advancement without hypertelorism correction will treat the raised intracranial pressure
- Naso/frontal/ethmoidal encephaloceles are the only functional defects that will be helped with hypertelorism correction



## Osteotomy Cuts for Box and Spectacle Osteotomy



Box Osteotomy



Spectacle Osteotomy



Facial Bi-partition

- **Box Osteotomy** done in older children and adults
- Done for patients with **Medial Hypertelorism (Nasal pathology)**
- **Spectacle osteotomy** done in young children because of better fixation area
- **Spectacle osteotomy** cannot be done in patients with frontal encephalocele
- Orbits need medial and mostly parallel movement

In infants **Spectacle and Box osteotomy** is not preferred because of tooth buds in infra orbital region.



## Osteotomy Cuts for Facial Bi-partition



Box Osteotomy



Spectacle Osteotomy



**Facial Bi-partition**

- **Facial Bi-partition** done in both children and adults
- Done for patients with **Lateral Hypertelorism (Cranio-maxillary Defects)**
- Orbits that need medial and rotational movements
- Mid palatal maxillary splitting is done to flare the constricted maxilla

Also done in all hypertelorism corrections in infants as this technique ensures no cuts are placed in the region of tooth buds

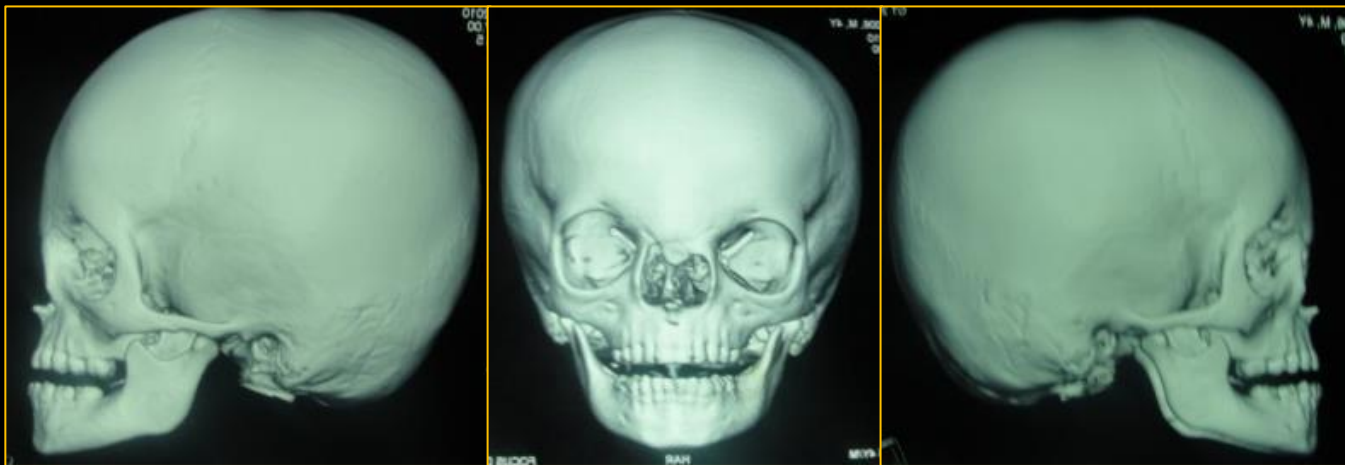


# Box Osteotomy



# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

## *Craniofrontonasal Dysplasia*





# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

## *Craniofrontonasal Dysplasia*



### Skin Incision

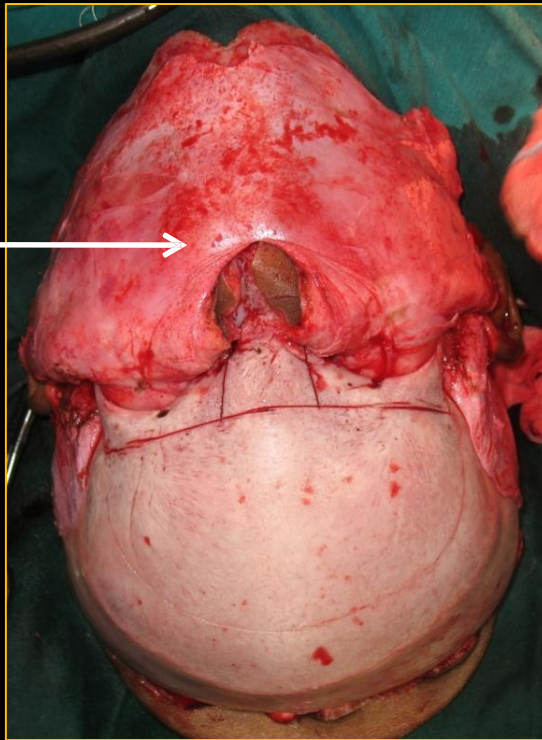
- The skin incision for the intracranial correction of orbital hypertelorism consists of bicoronal incision with the dissection as far forward and anterior as possible.



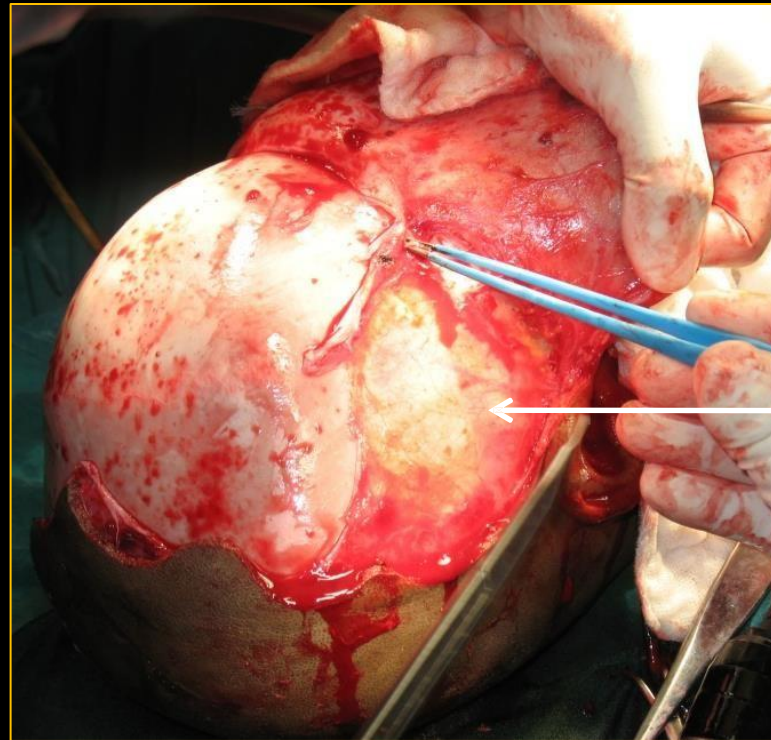


# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

## *Craniofrontonasal Dysplasia*



Pericranium



Temporalis  
Muscle

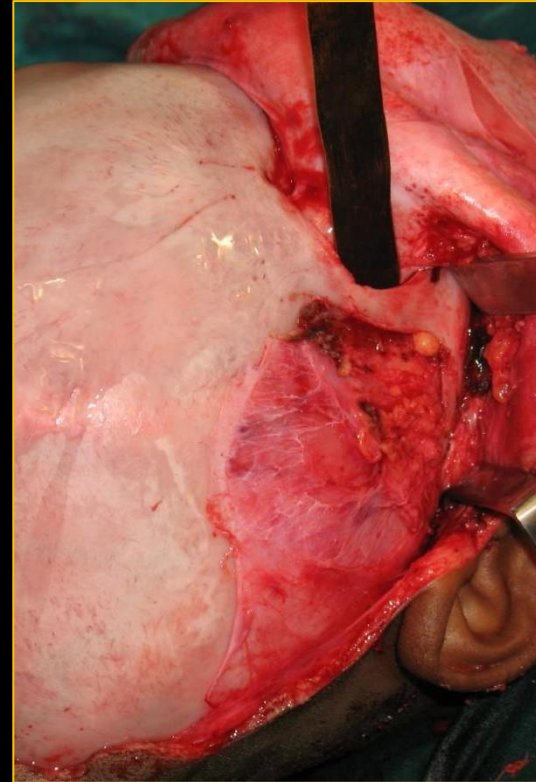
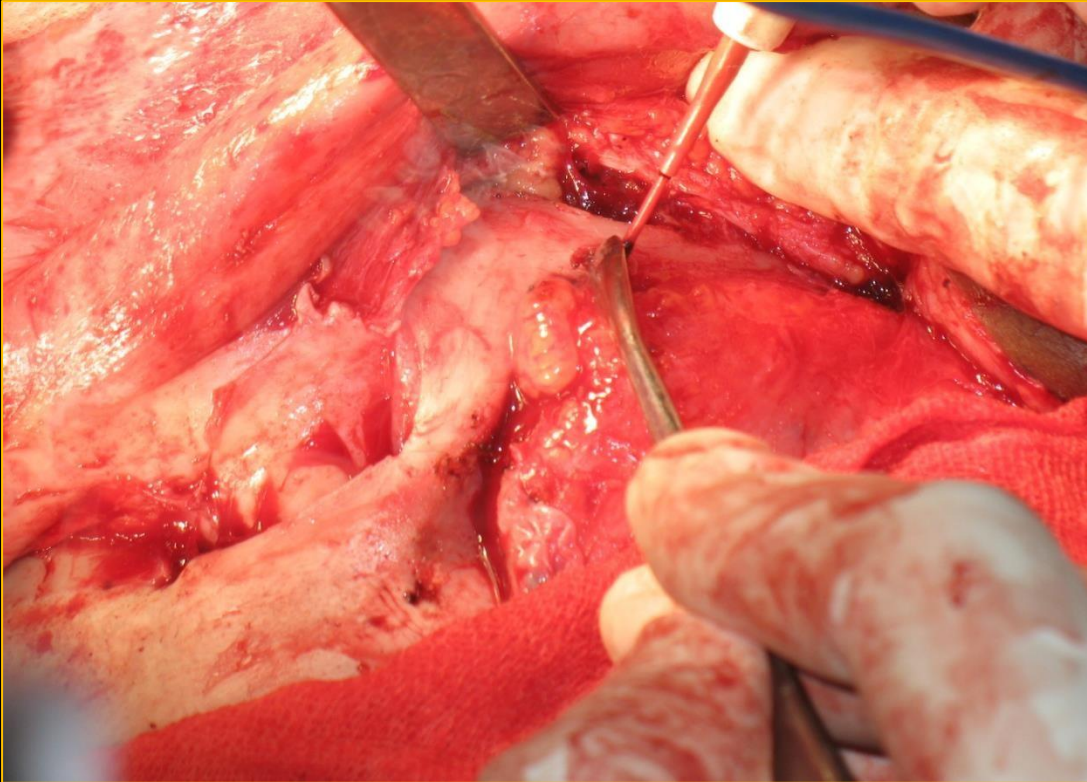
### Raising Bicoronal Flap

- Sub pericranial dissection is done and the pericranial layer is preserved to use if a flap is required
- Dissection is continued temporally to keep temporalis adherent to the bone.



# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

## *Craniofrontonasal Dysplasia*



### Raising Bicoronal Flap

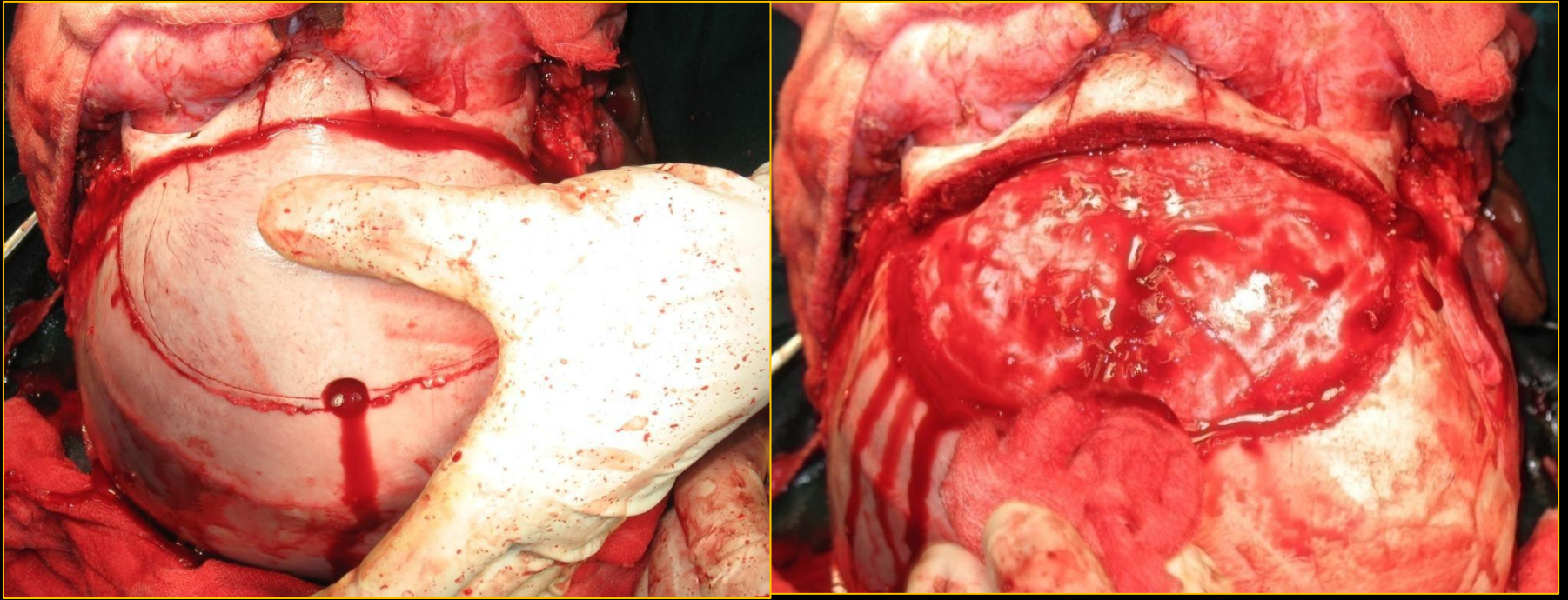
- Dissection is done in such a way to expose the zygomatic arches.





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## *Craniofrontonasal Dysplasia*



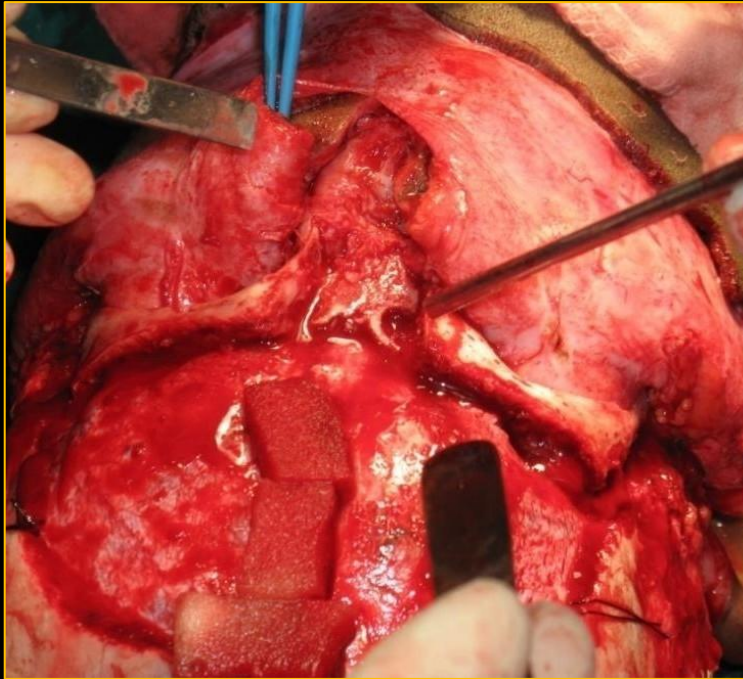
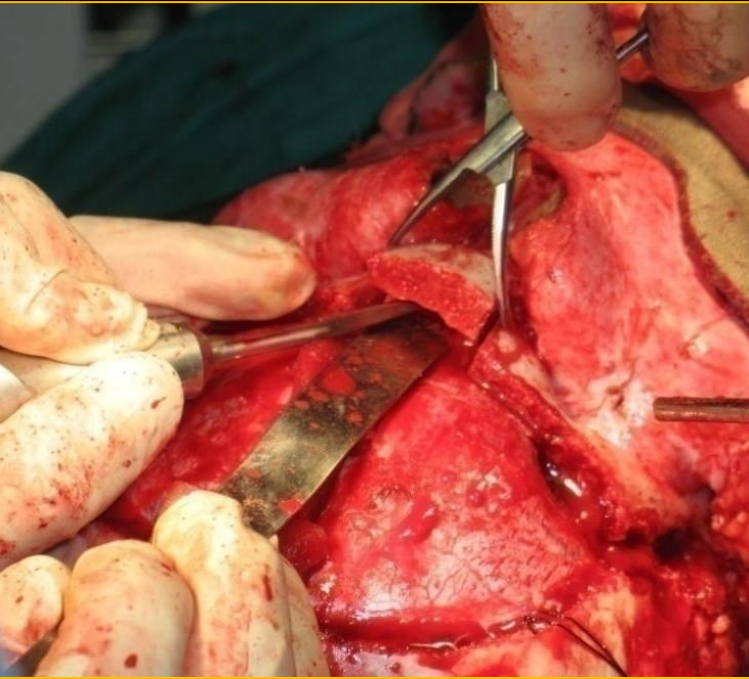
### Transfrontal Craniotomy

- Frontal Cranial Flap is raised to facilitate retraction of the brain while orbital osteotomy is being performed



# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

## *Craniofrontonasal Dysplasia*



### Medial wall of orbit osteotomy

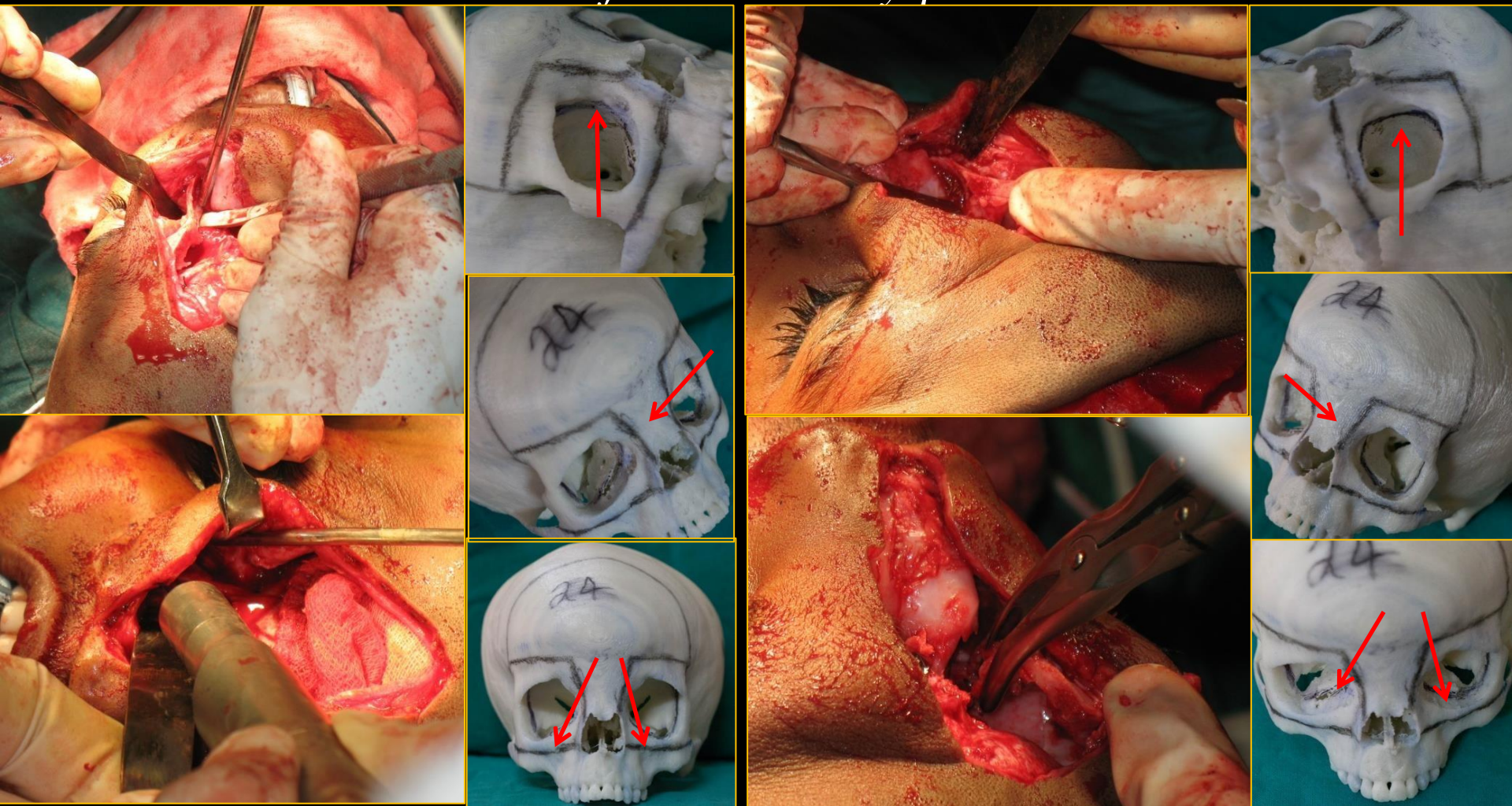
- Central block of bone between the orbits is removed and medial wall osteotomy is done.





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## *Craniofrontonasal Dysplasia*

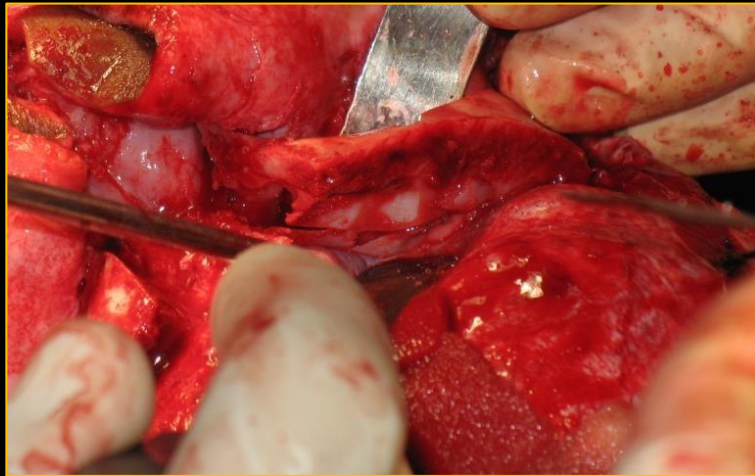
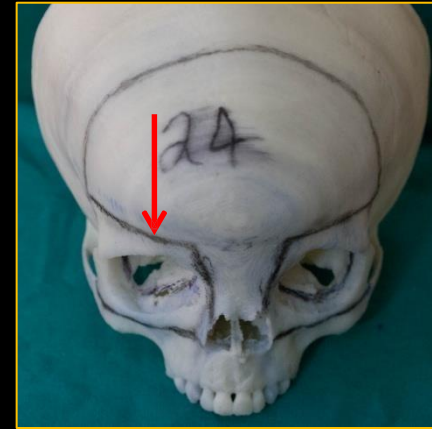
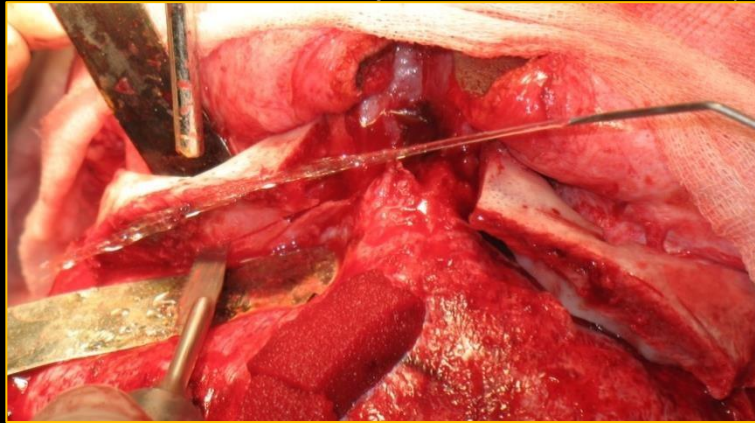


Medial and inferior wall of orbit osteotomy



# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

## *Craniofrontonasal Dysplasia*



### Orbital roof osteotomy

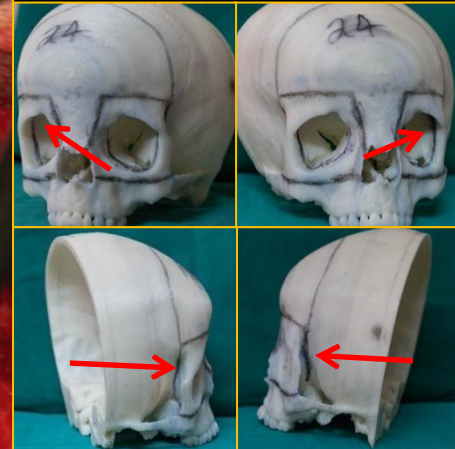
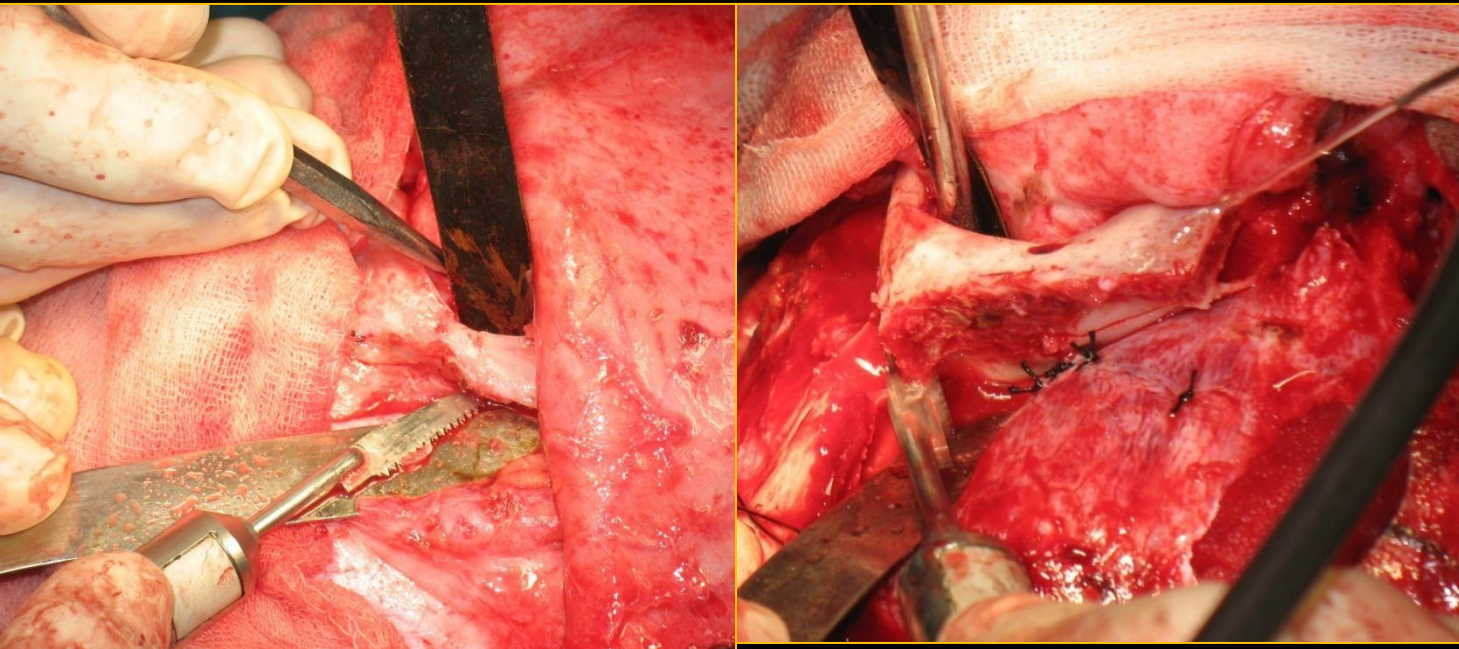
- Bony cuts of the orbital roofs are performed with intracranial visualization





# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

## *Craniofrontonasal Dysplasia*



### Lateral Orbital Wall Osteotomy

- Initially extracranially, through the fronto-zygomatic region
- Final cut superiorly is done intracranially



# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

## *Craniofrontonasal Dysplasia*



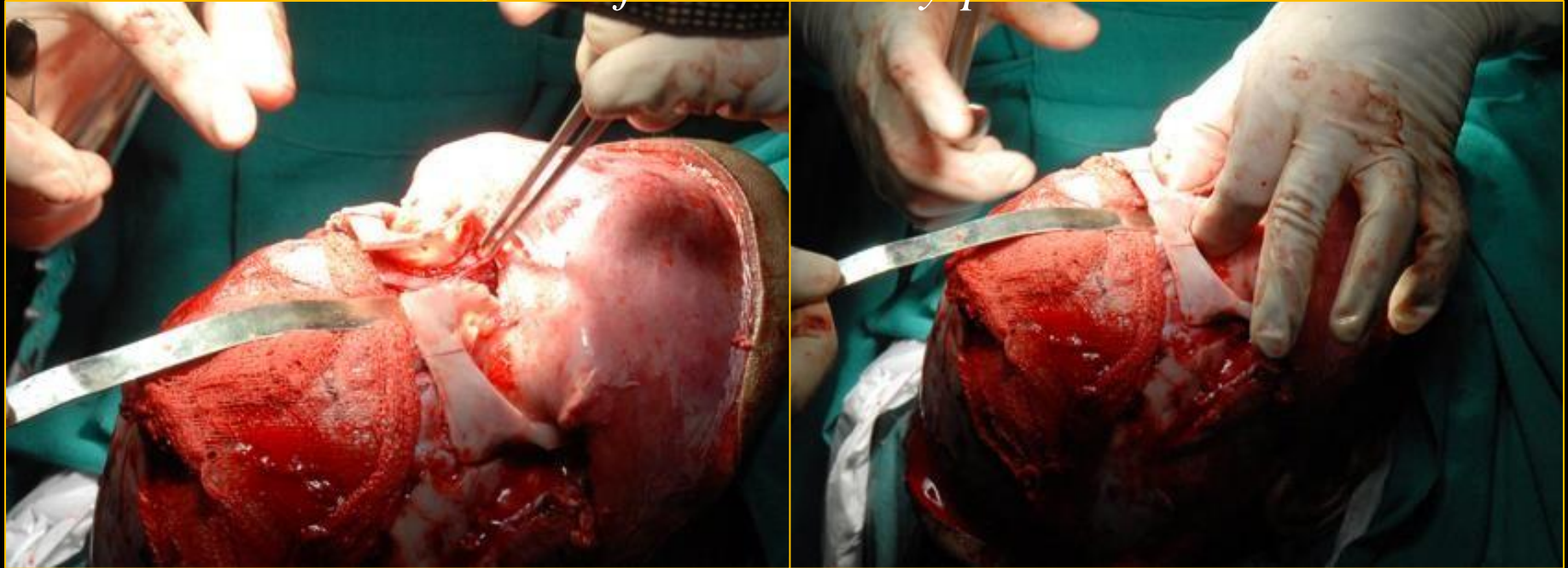
Zygomatic Arch Osteotomy





# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

## *Craniofrontonasal Dysplasia*



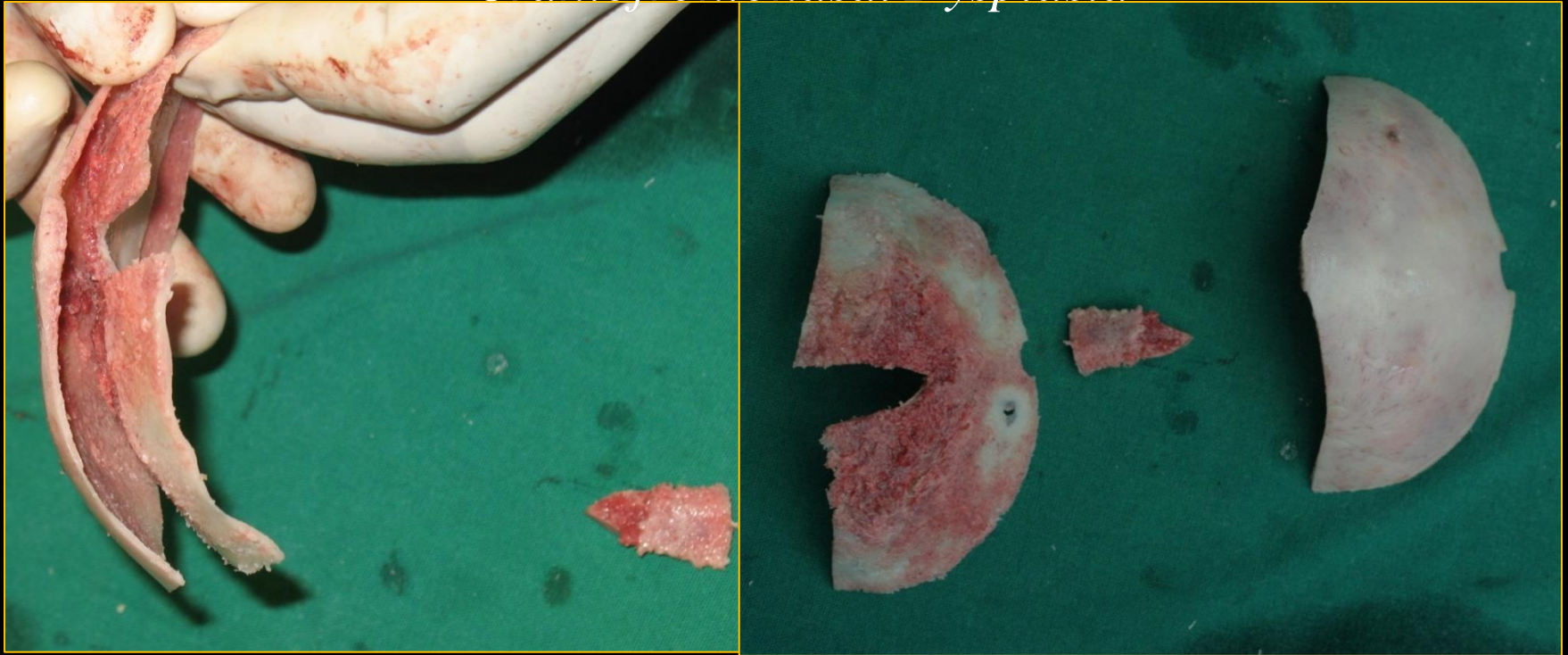
### Finishing osteotomy/Inferior wall osteotomy

- Wedge of bone is removed from either side of piriform fossa so that the nasal airways are not constricted when the orbits are moved medially
- If the osteotomies have been performed to their full depth, the orbits can be approximated by finger pressure alone



# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

## *Craniofrontonasal Dysplasia*



### Fixation and bone grafting

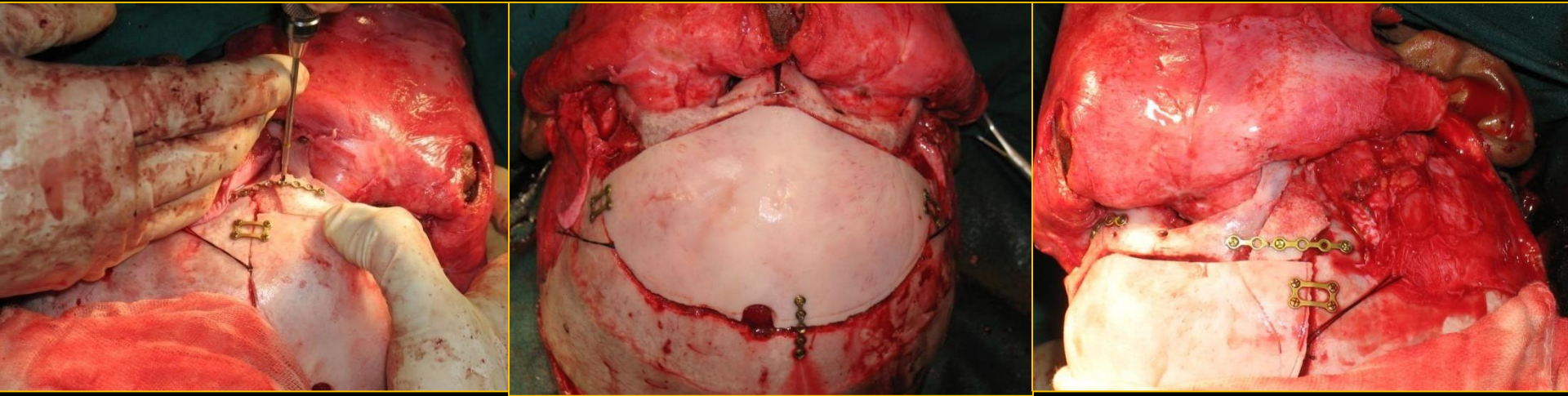
- Bone graft material harvested from the calvarium can be split into the two cortices and
- One cortex can be used to graft bone in the defects and the other can be used to close the original defect





# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

## *Craniofrontonasal Dysplasia*



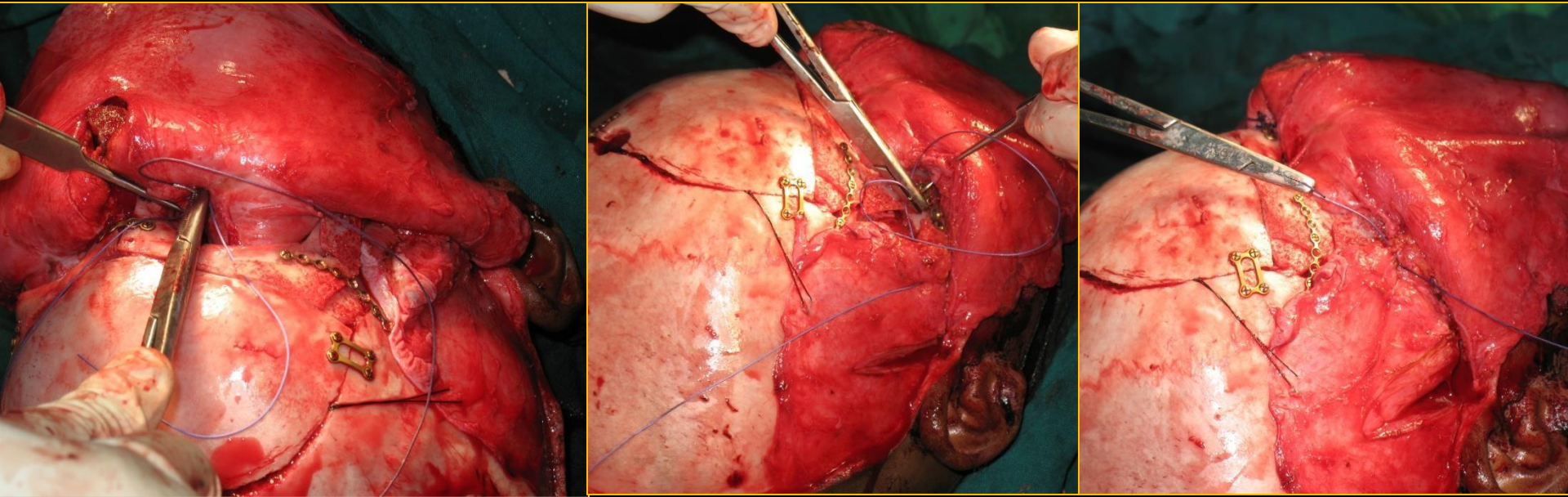
### Fixation and bone grafting

- The orbits are positioned and held in place with wires or micro-or miniplates.
- Bone graft material harvested from the clavarium, iliac crest, or rib is then used to fill in the resulting gap defects at the lateral orbital walls and zygomatic areas



# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

## *Craniofrontonasal Dysplasia*



Medial Canthus and Temporalis muscle sling





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## *Craniofrontonasal Dysplasia*



# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

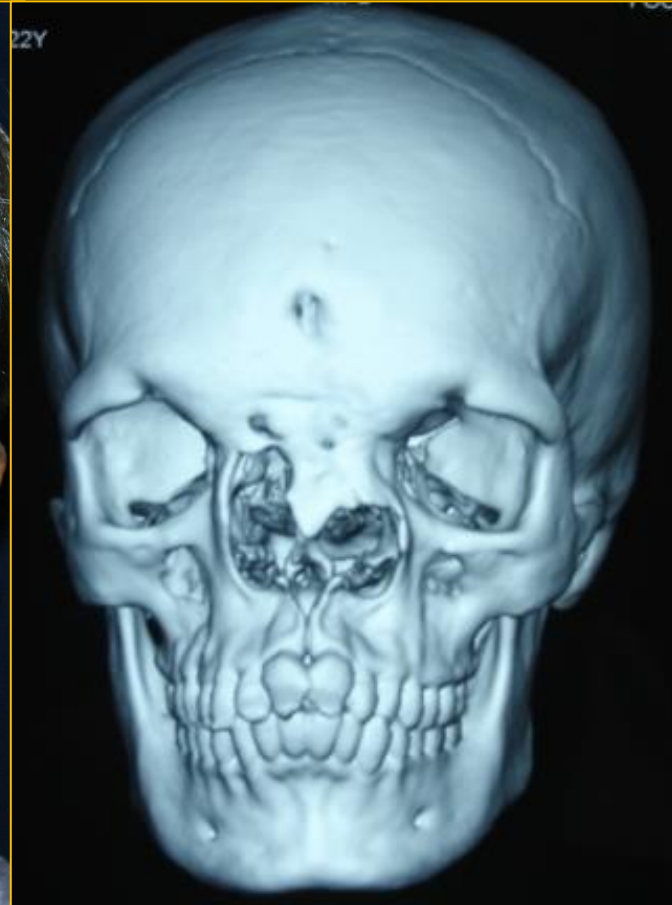
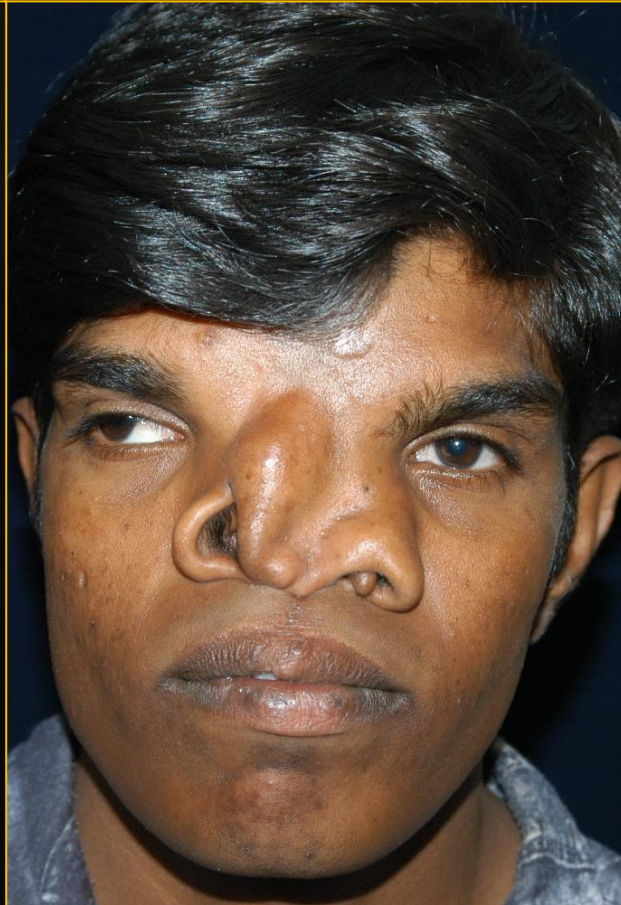
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# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

*Tessier 0-14 Craniofacial Cleft*



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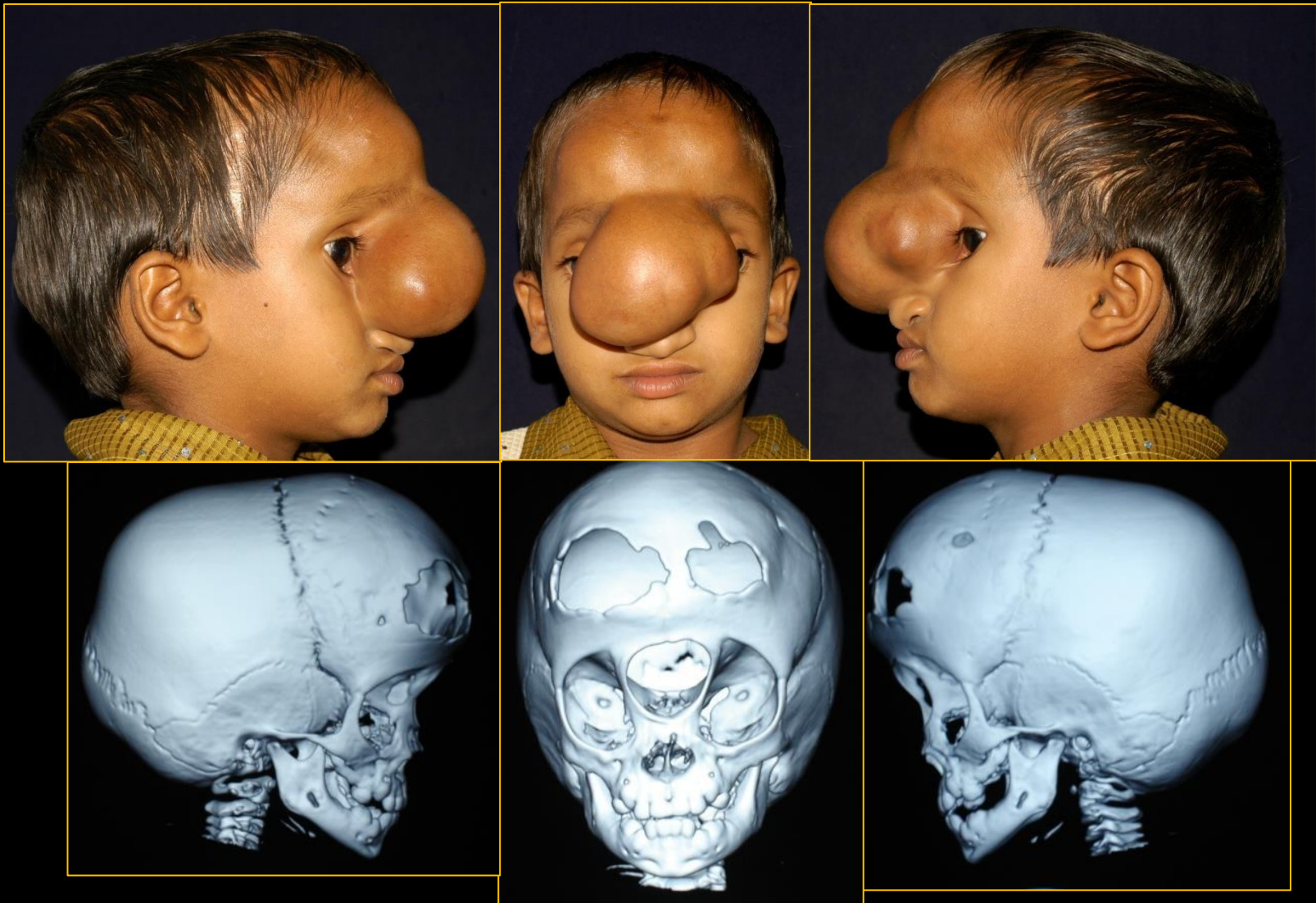
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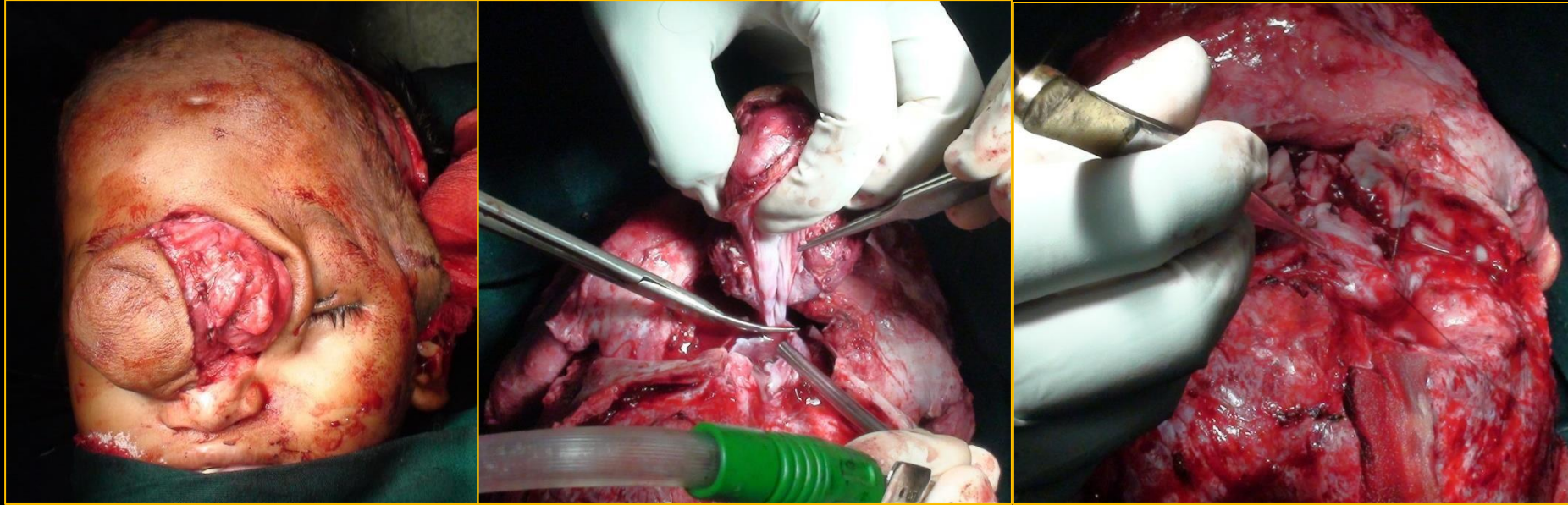
# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

## *Encephalocele*



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## *Encephalocele*



Encephalocele Resection

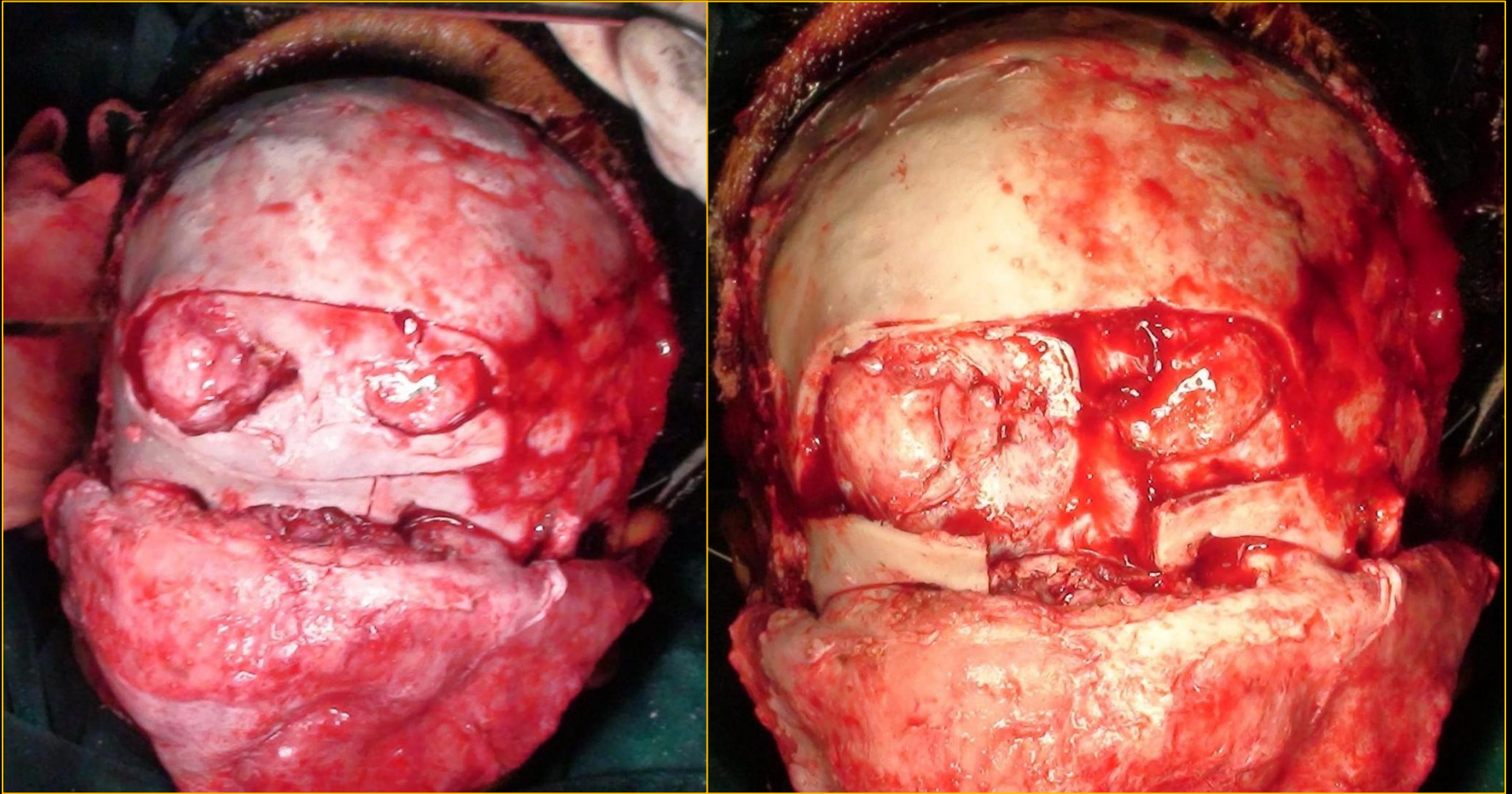


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# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

## *Encephalocele*



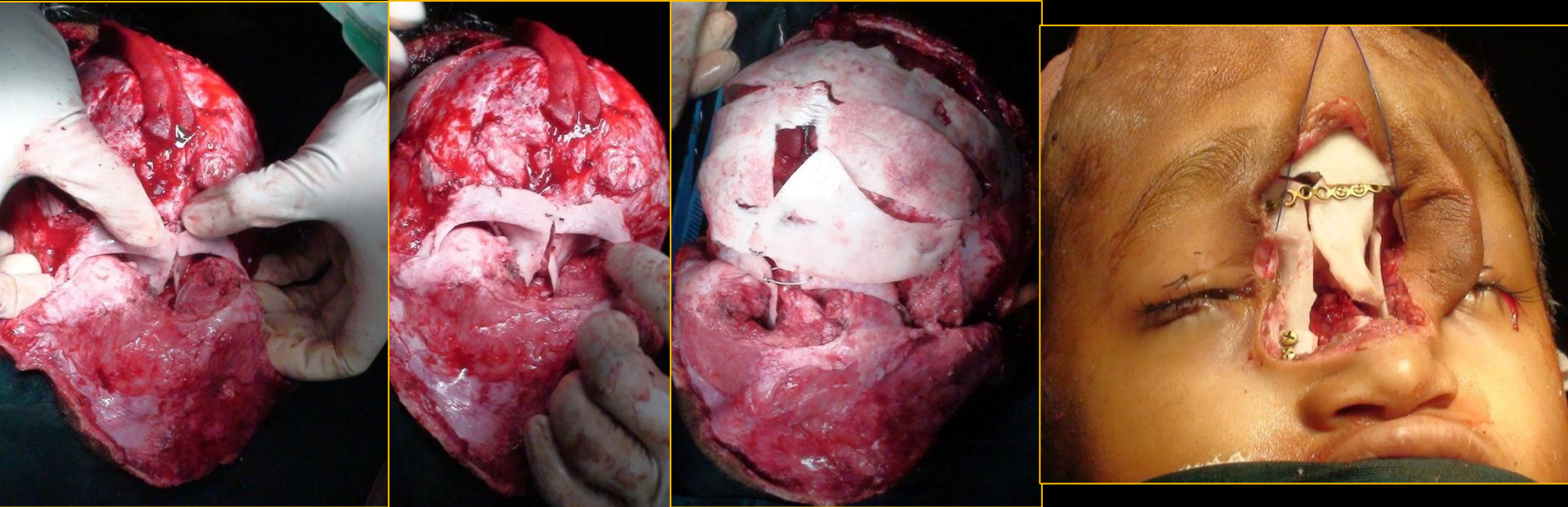
Transfrontal Craniotomy



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# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

## *Encephalocele*



Finishing osteotomy, fixation and closure





# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

## *Encephalocele*





# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

## *Encephalocele*



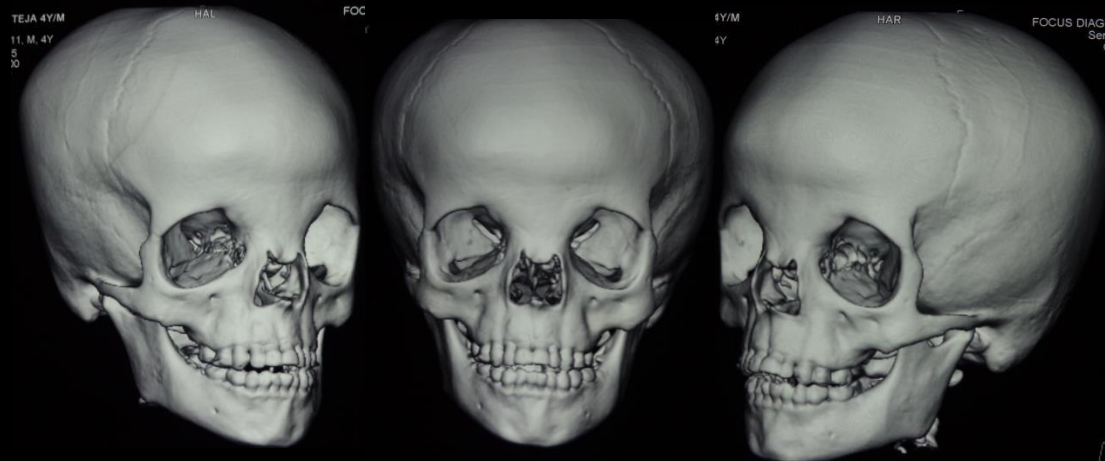
# Spectacle Osteotomy



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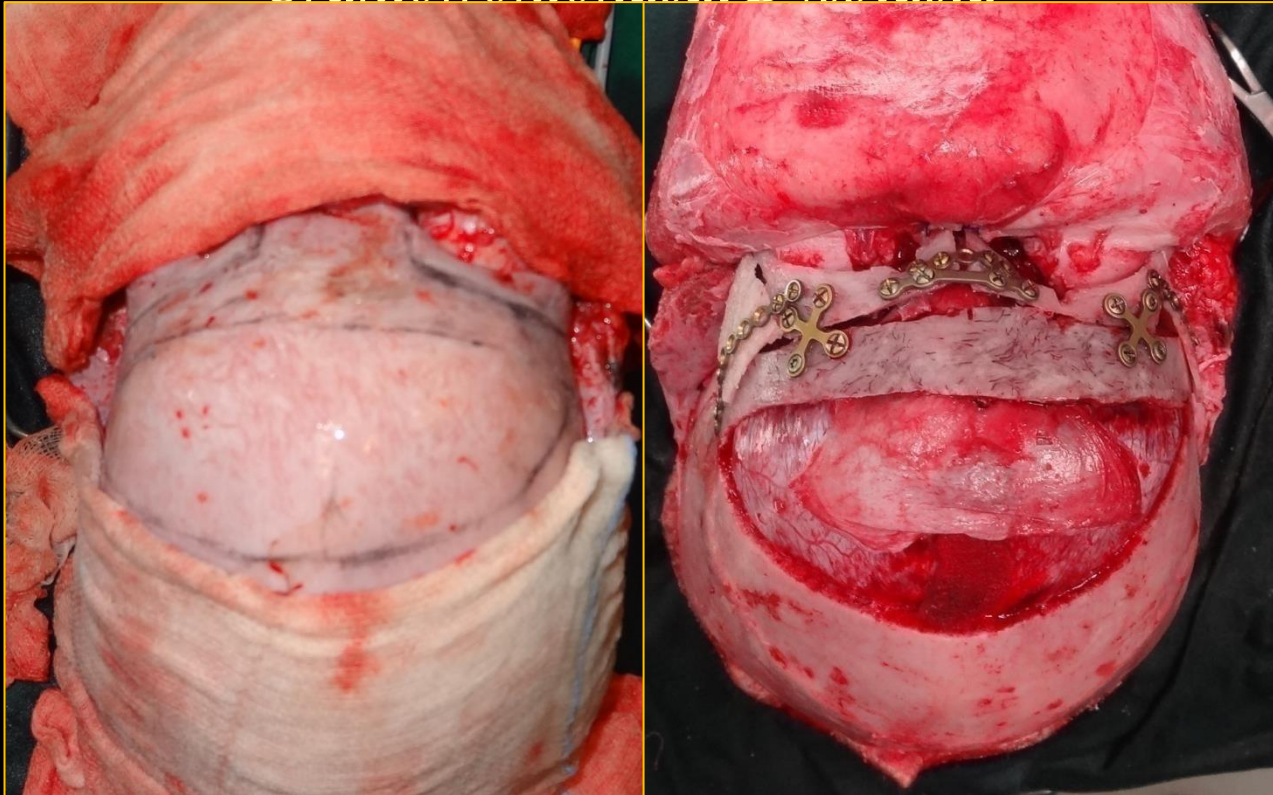
## *Craniofrontonasal Dysplasia*





# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

## *Craniofrontonasal Dysplasia*



### Transfrontal Craniotomy

- The frontal bar results from parallel osteotomies that are at least 1 cm from the supraorbital rims
- Permits orientation of the orbits once they have been mobilized





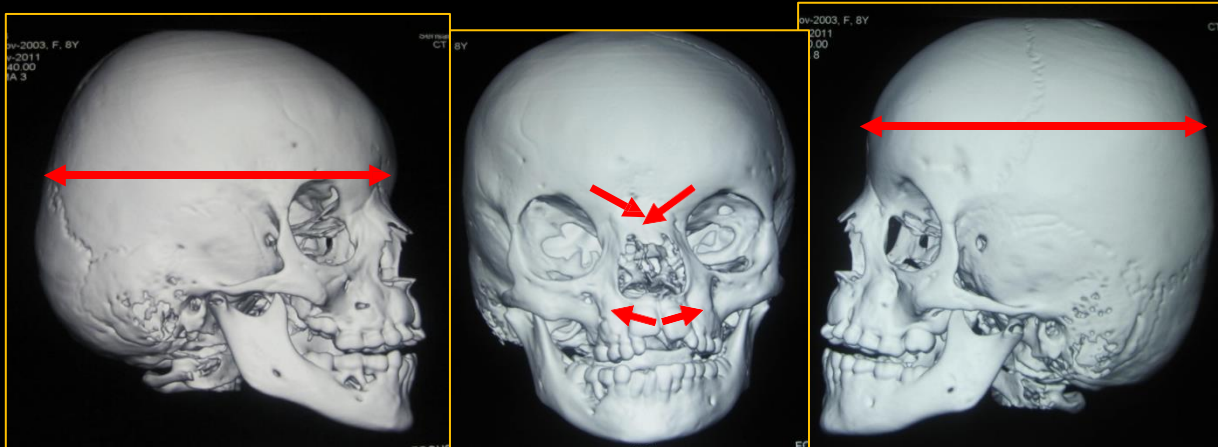
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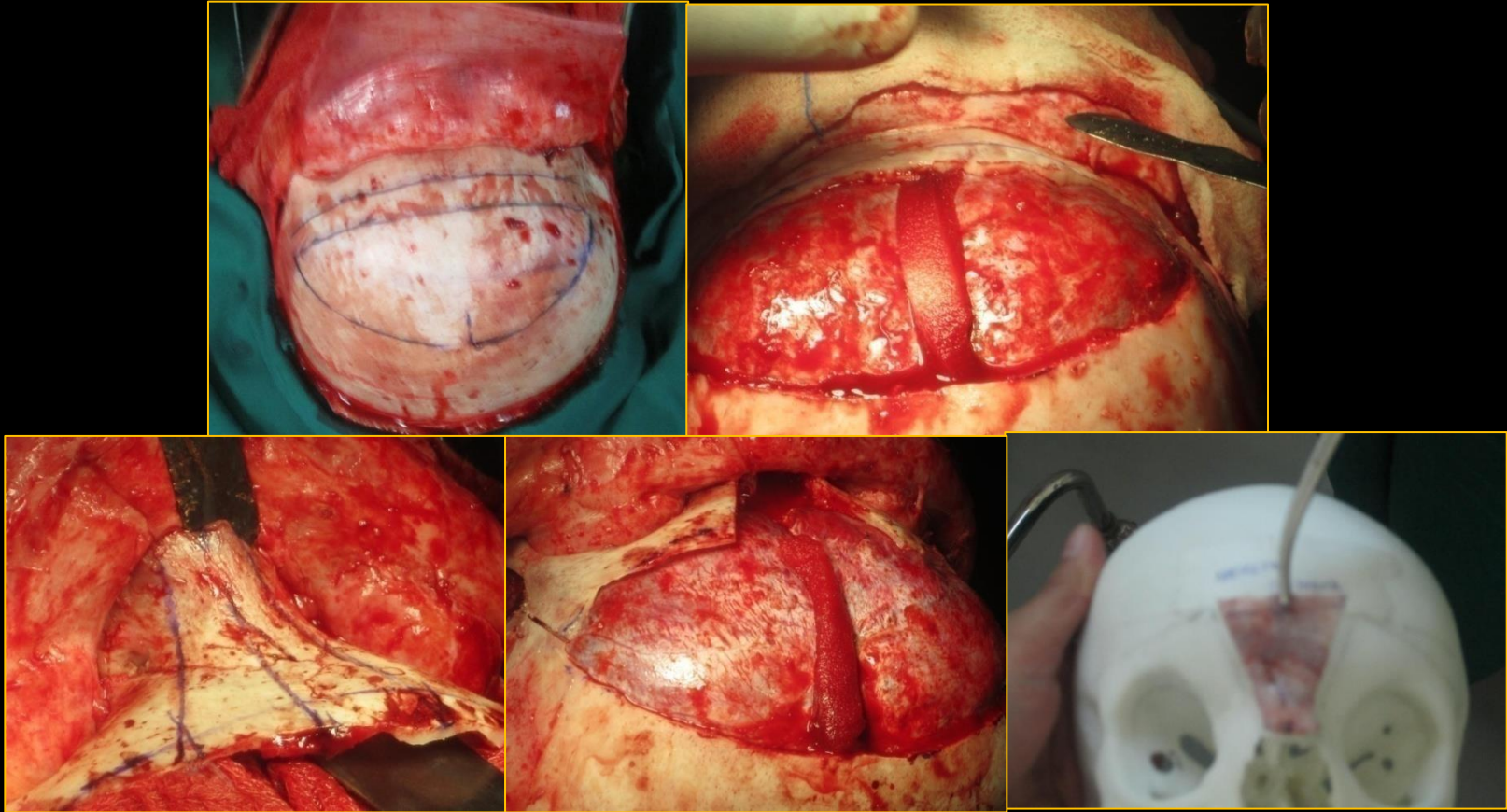
# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

## *Craniosynostosis*



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## *Craniosynostosis*



Frontal craniotomy

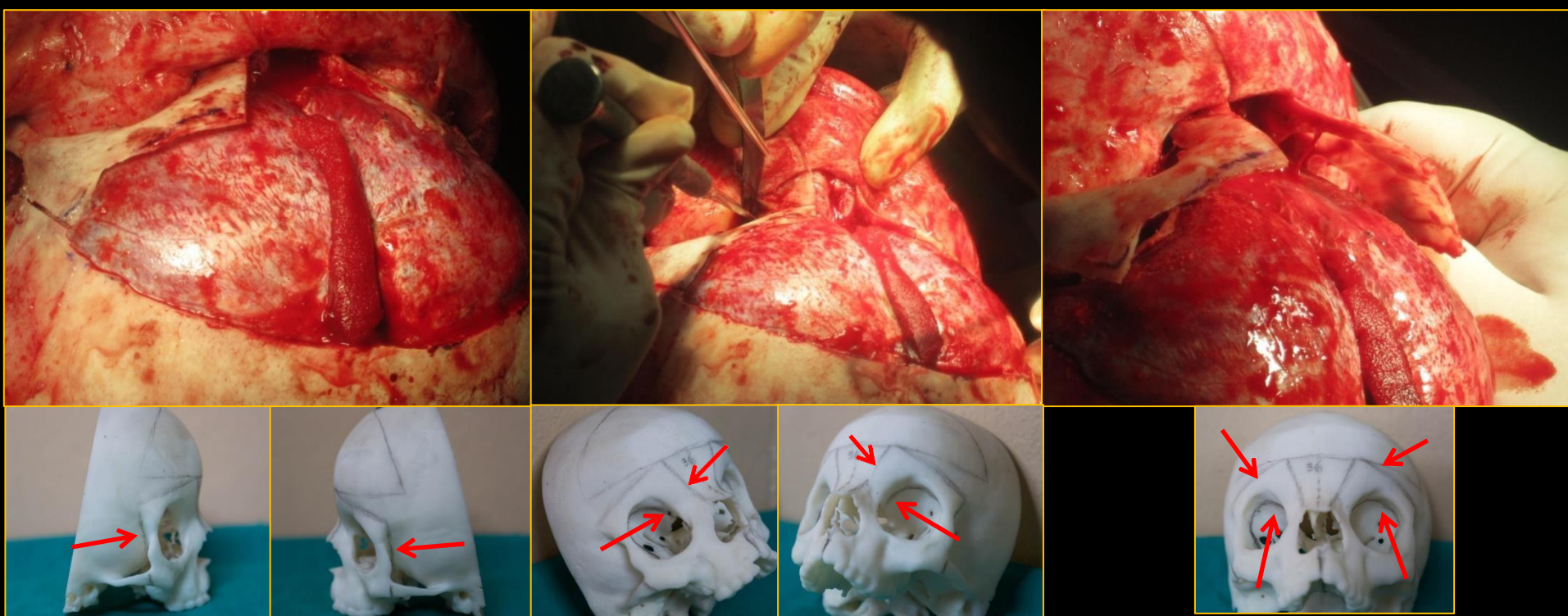


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# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

## *Craniosynostosis*



Lateral, Medial and Superior orbital osteotomies

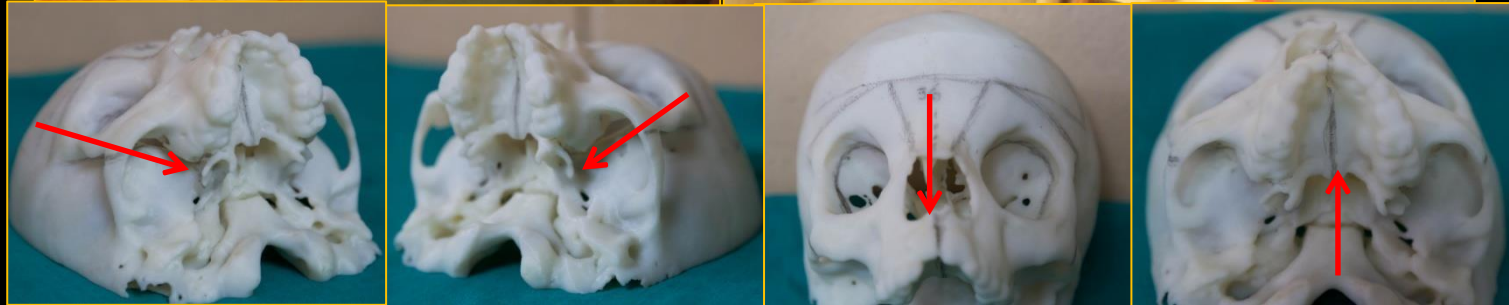
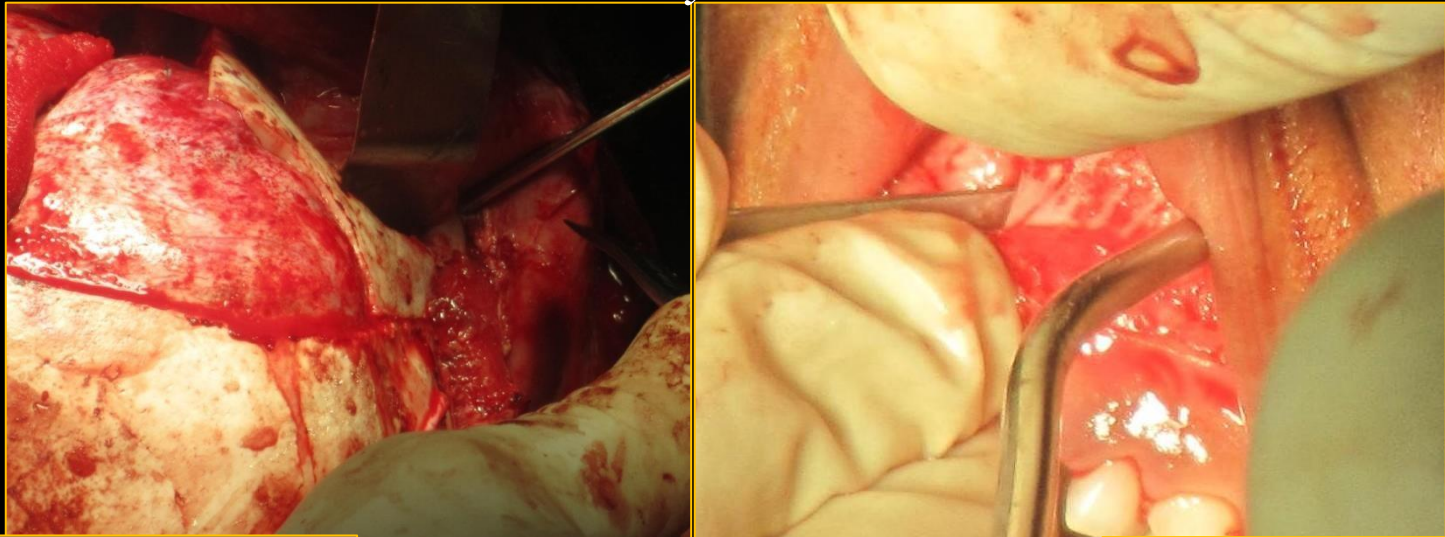
- These osteotomies are done to separate the naso-orbital complex from the temporal and sphenoid bones and also the skull base
- Osteotomy is also done at the zygomatic bone.





# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

## *Craniosynostosis*



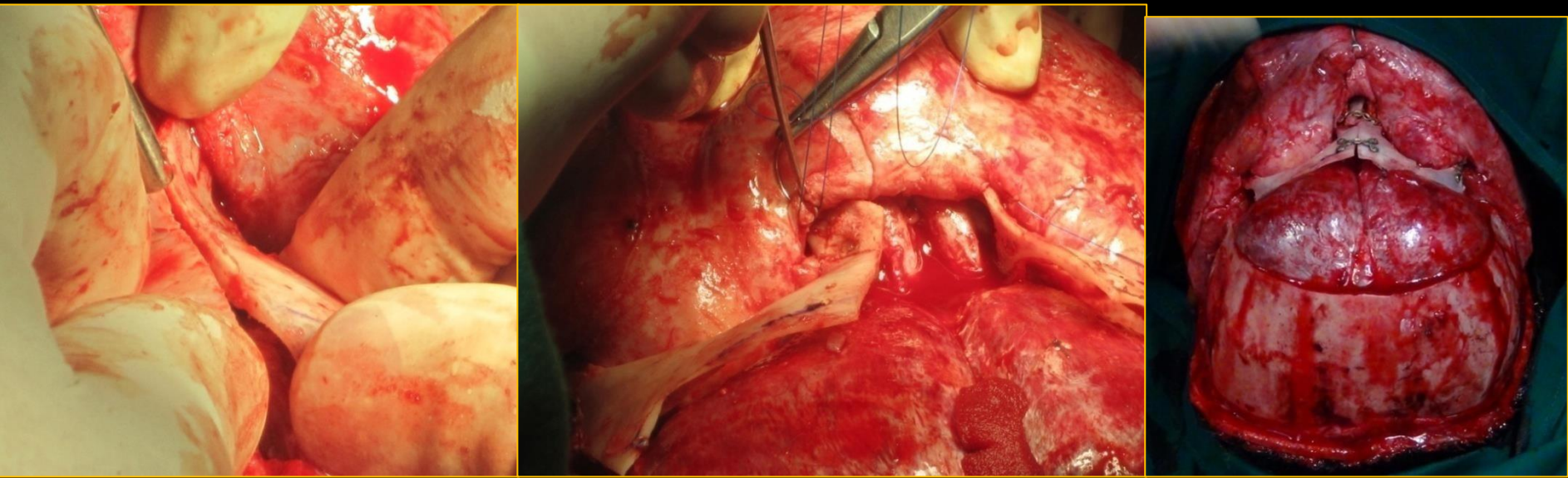
### Pterygo-maxillary and mid palatine osteotomies

- Pterygo-maxillary osteotomy done to separate the zygomatico-maxillary complex from the pterygoid bone.
- **Mid-palatine osteotomy is done to flatten the maxilla.**



# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

## *Craniosynostosis*



### Approximation and fixation

- If the osteotomies are complete the segments will medialise with finger pressure
- Medial and lateral canthal ligaments are re-suspended
- Fixation is done





# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

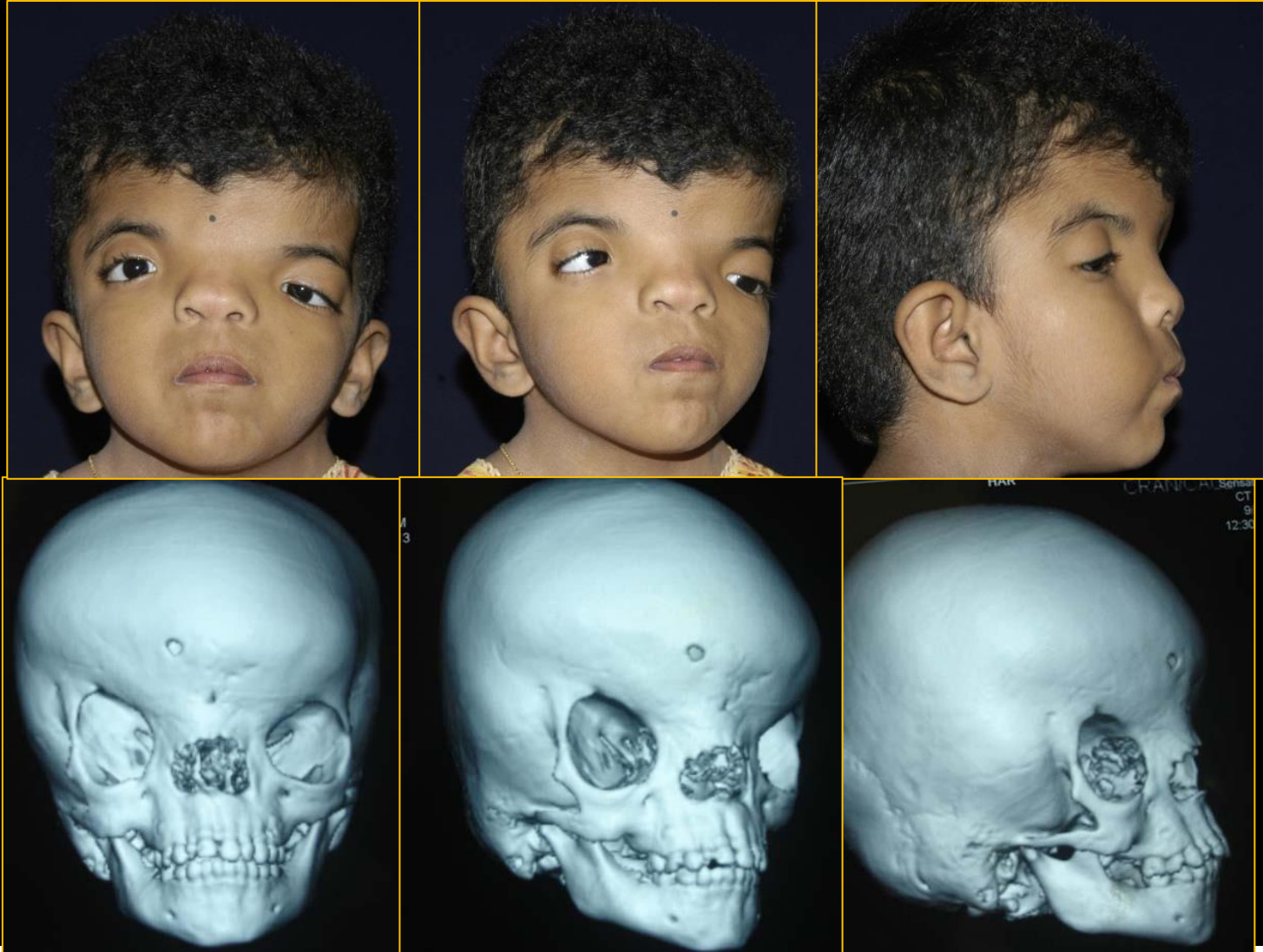
## *Craniosynostosis*





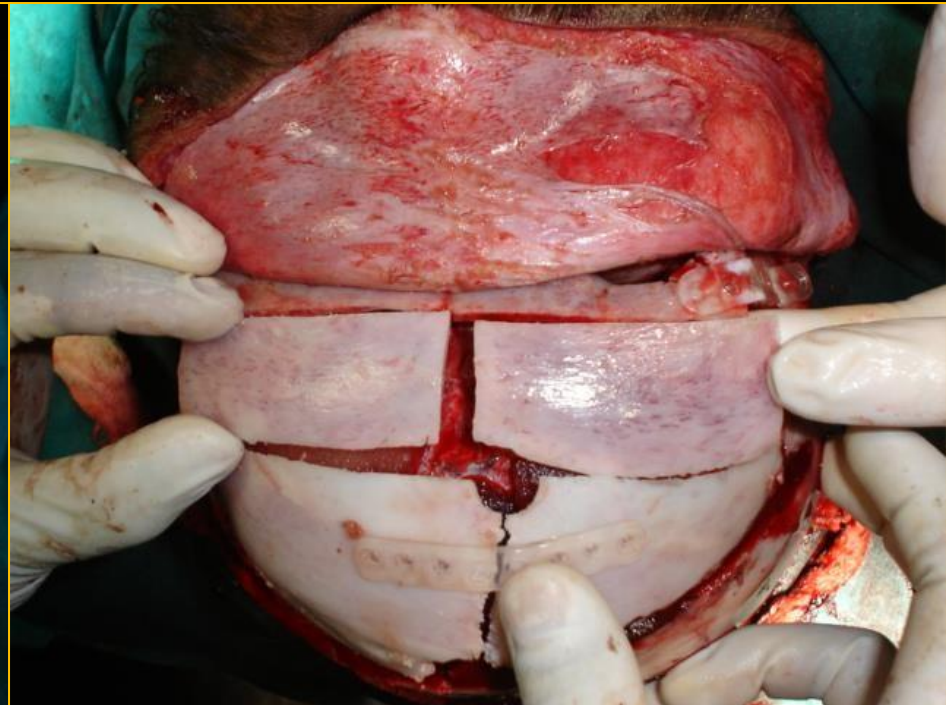
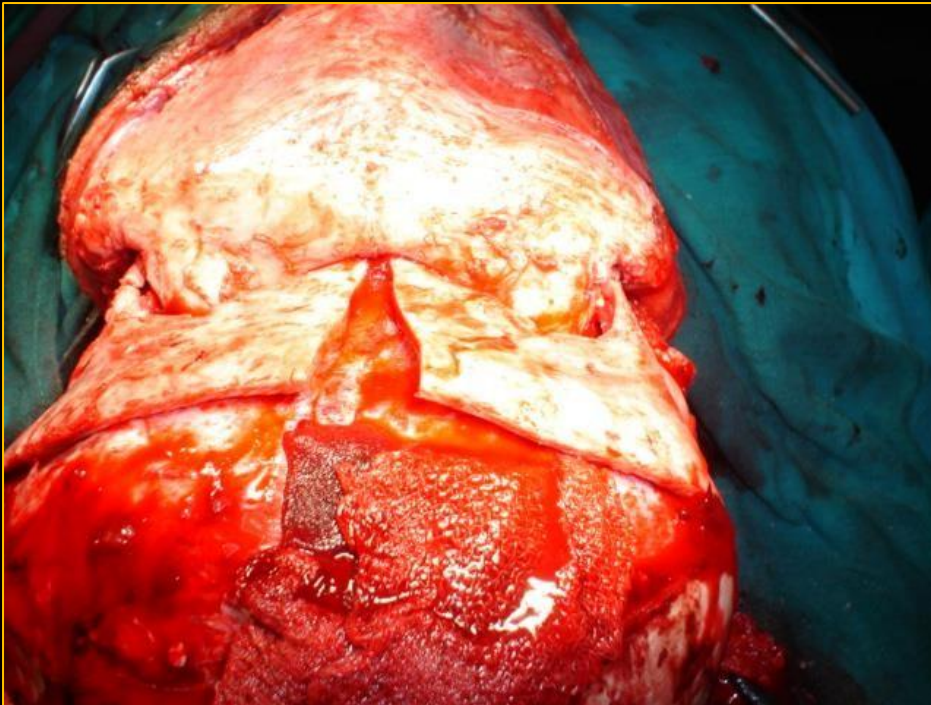
# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

*Unilateral coronal Craniosynostosis( plagiocephaly)*



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## Facial Bipartition

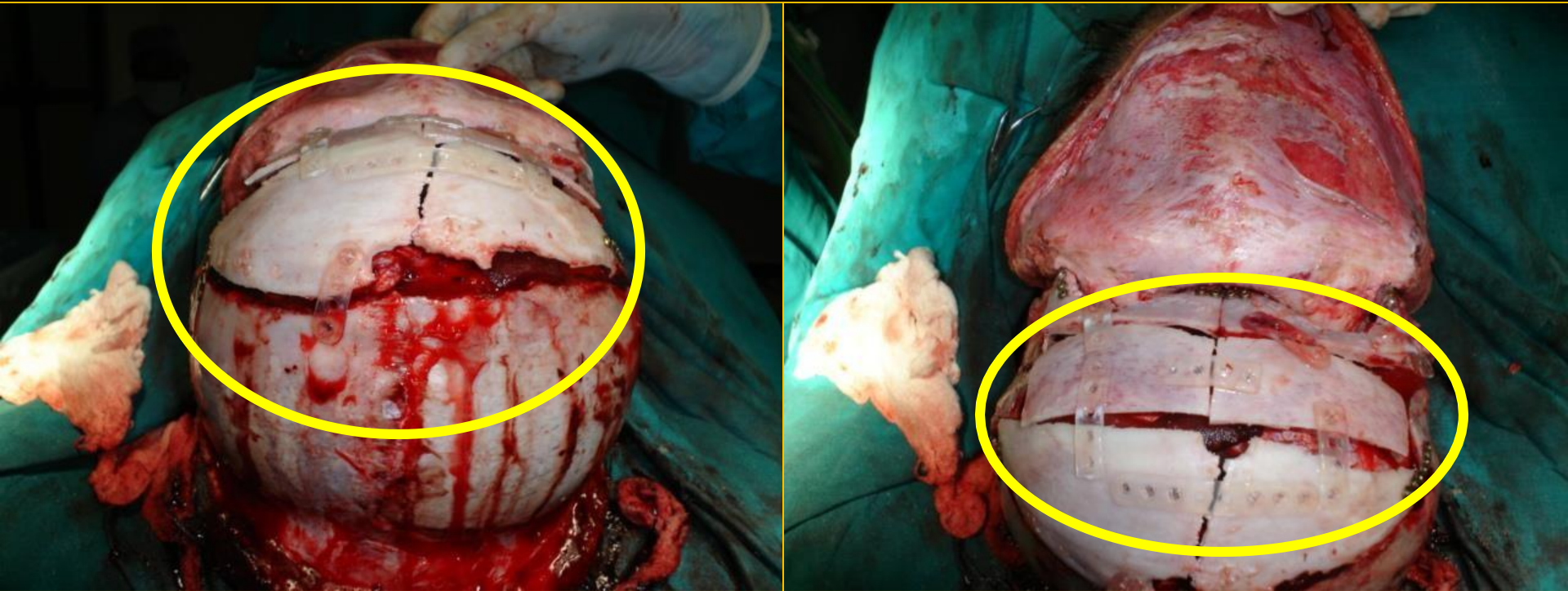
- Right coronal Craniosynostosis release done along with facial bipartition





# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

*Unilateral coronal Craniosynostosis( plagiocephaly)*



## Fixation

- Cranial bone fixation after craniosynostosis release is done with bio-resorbable bone plates





# Orbital Hypertelorism: Treatment

*Unilateral coronal Craniosynostosis( plagiocephaly)*





## Orbital Box Osteotomy

Likith Reddy and Srinivas Gosla

### Instrumentarium

#15 and #10 scalpel blades and handle	Curved Mayo or curved tenotomy scissors	Midface titanium fixation devices
24-Gauge wire	Fine side-cutting fissure bur, 1.2 mm	Needle electrocautery
Appropriate sutures	Hair clippers and hair elastics	Obwegeser retractors
Bipolar cautery	Local anesthetic with vasoconstrictor	Reciprocating saw
Bone rongeurs	Malleable retractors	Sewall retractors
Cottle, Freer, and #9 periosteal elevators	Mayfield headrest	Smith spreaders
		Tesler osteotomes

### History of the Procedure

The orbital box osteotomies are used to correct vertical or horizontal malposition of the entire orbit and its contents. The orbital box osteotomy was first performed by Paul Tesler to correct hypertelorism.<sup>1</sup> He described osteotomies that separate the entire bony orbit from the skull and surrounding facial bones by combining both intracranial and facial approaches.<sup>1,2</sup> Converse and Smith described subcranial U-shaped orbital osteotomies to correct hypertelorism; however, these techniques produced limited results.<sup>3</sup> Schmid described circumferential orbital osteotomies to mobilize and translocate the orbits medially by an extracranial approach in patients with pneumatized frontal sinuses.<sup>4</sup>

### Indications for the Use of the Procedure

The orbital box osteotomy is used to correct malpositions of the zygoma, orbit, and its contents in all planes.<sup>5</sup> It is primarily indicated to correct hypertelorism.<sup>6</sup> However, the box osteotomy can be used to correct vertical or horizontal dystopia due to congenital, pathologic, or traumatic abnormalities.<sup>7</sup>

Orbital hypertelorism is an abnormally increased distance between the orbits. In this condition, the distance between the medial canthi, medial, and lateral walls of the orbit and the pupils is greater than normal. This is different from telecanthus, where the distance between the medial canthi is greater than normal and the distance between lateral walls of the orbit and pupils is normal (Figure 47-1).

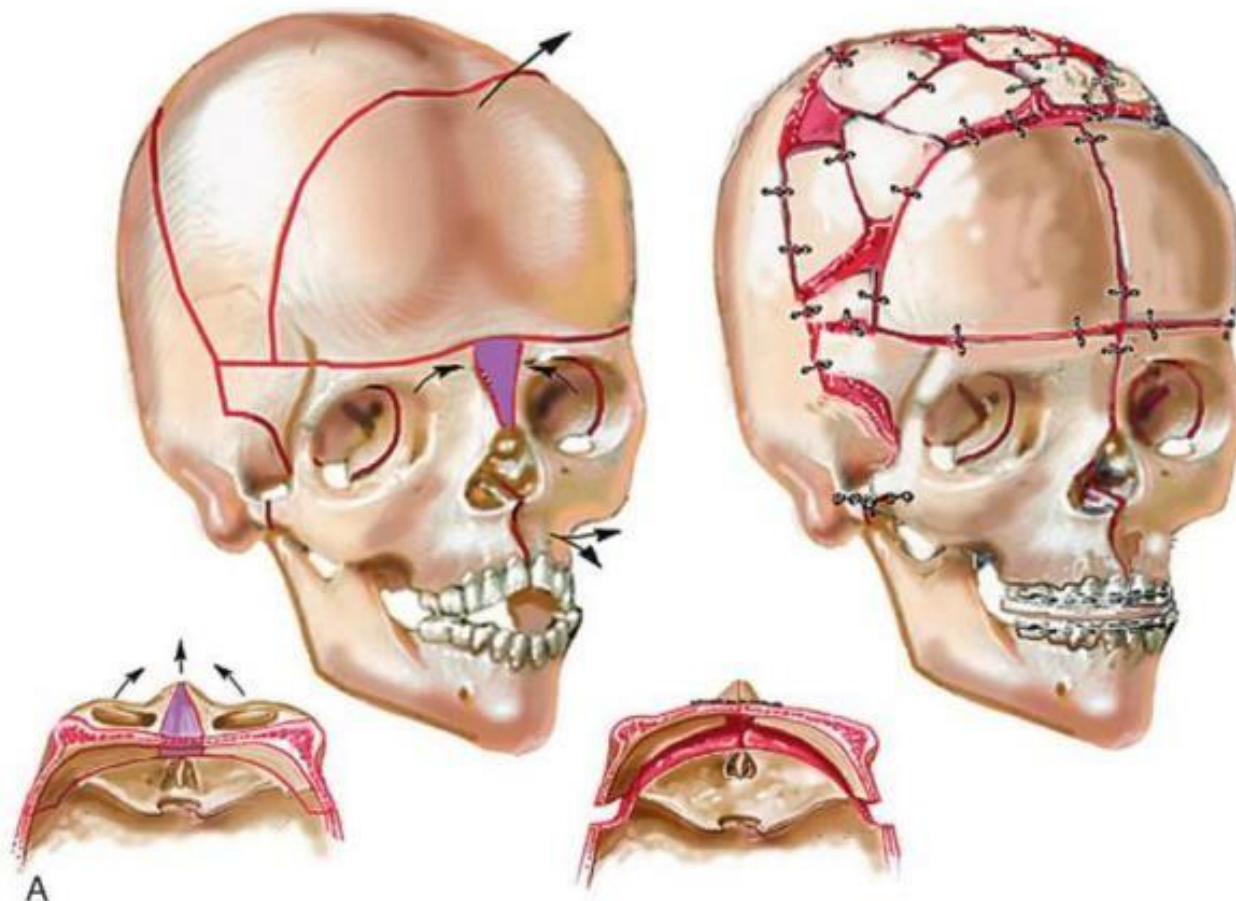
Orbital hypertelorism is an anatomic condition associated with a heterogeneous group of congenital disorders. This can occur as an isolated sporadic anomaly or with conditions such as Edwards syndrome (trisomy 18), basal cell nevus syndrome, craniofrontonasal dysplasia, DiGeorge syndrome, Apert syndrome, and Crouzon syndrome. A heterogeneous collection of frontonasal malformations<sup>8</sup> is the group that most commonly displays hypertelorism (Figure 47-2). The clinical findings in this group are usually symmetric hypertelorism, exaggerated widow's peak onto the forehead, abnormal and wide-set eyebrows, down-slanting eyes, epicanthic folds, amblyopia, strabismus, a wide nose with a short philtrum, increased intrazygomatic distance, lateral and inferior positioned zygomas, median cleft lip, and a high arched palate.<sup>9,10</sup> Other congenital conditions associated with hypertelorism are frontal encephaloceles, craniofacial clefts, and craniofrontonasal dysplasia<sup>11,12</sup> (Figure 47-3).

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CHAPTER  
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## Orbital Box Osteotomy

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### Amamentarium

#15 and #10 scalpel blades and handle	Curved Mayo or curved tenotomy scissors	Midface titanium fixation devices
24-Gauge wire	Pine side-cutting force box, 1.2 mm	Needle electrocautery
Appropriate sutures	Hair clipper and hair elastics	Oblique retractors
Bipolar cautery	Local anesthetic with vasoconstrictor	Reciprocating saw
Bone rongeurs	Malleable retractors	Sawall retractors
Cortic, Fore, and #9 periosteal elevators	Mylarfield headrest	Smith spreaders
		Tissue constrictors

### History of the Procedure

The orbital box osteotomy is used to correct vertical or horizontal malposition of the entire orbit and its contents. The orbital box osteotomy was first performed by Paul Tessler to correct hypertelorism.<sup>1</sup> He described osteotomy that separates the entire bony orbit from the skull and surrounding facial bones by combining both intracranial and facial approaches.<sup>1,2</sup> Covert and Smith described subnasal U-shaped orbital osteotomies to correct hypertelorism; however, these techniques produced limited results.<sup>3</sup> Schmidt described circumferential orbital osteotomies to mobilize and translocate the orbits medially by an intracranial approach in patients with pneumatized frontal sinuses.<sup>4</sup>

### Indications for the Use of the Procedure

The orbital box osteotomy is used to correct malposition of the orbit, orbit, and its contents in all planes.<sup>5</sup> It is primarily indicated to correct hypertelorism.<sup>6</sup> However, the box osteotomy can be used to correct vertical or horizontal dystopia due to congenital, pathologic, or traumatic anomalies.<sup>7</sup>

Orbital hypertelorism is an abnormally increased distance between the medial canthi, medial, and lateral walls of the orbit and the pupils is greater than normal. This is different from telecanthus, where the distance between the medial canthi is greater than normal and the distance between lateral walls of the orbit and pupils is normal (Figure 47-1).

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# Post operative Complications

Common postoperative problems and complications specific to this challenging surgery include

- relapse,
- canthal drift,
- enophthalmos,
- injury to the nasolacrimal apparatus,
- disappointing aesthetics with an unnatural appearance of the upper face.



# Post operative Complications

- Injuries to cranial nerves
- Brain injury
- Injury to blood vessels
- Eye injuries
- Postoperative infections
- Dural tears
- Cardiopulmonary complications



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