



Myth or Truth; delay in presentation is the norm in children presenting in 2013 to the orthopaedic department, NRH, SI

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- received institutional support from: Orthopaedic Outreach

Signed:

# Background

- No studies done in SI on elbow fractures in children
- Anecdotal evidence of delayed and / or neglected fractures



Population: 550,000 est  
9 Provinces

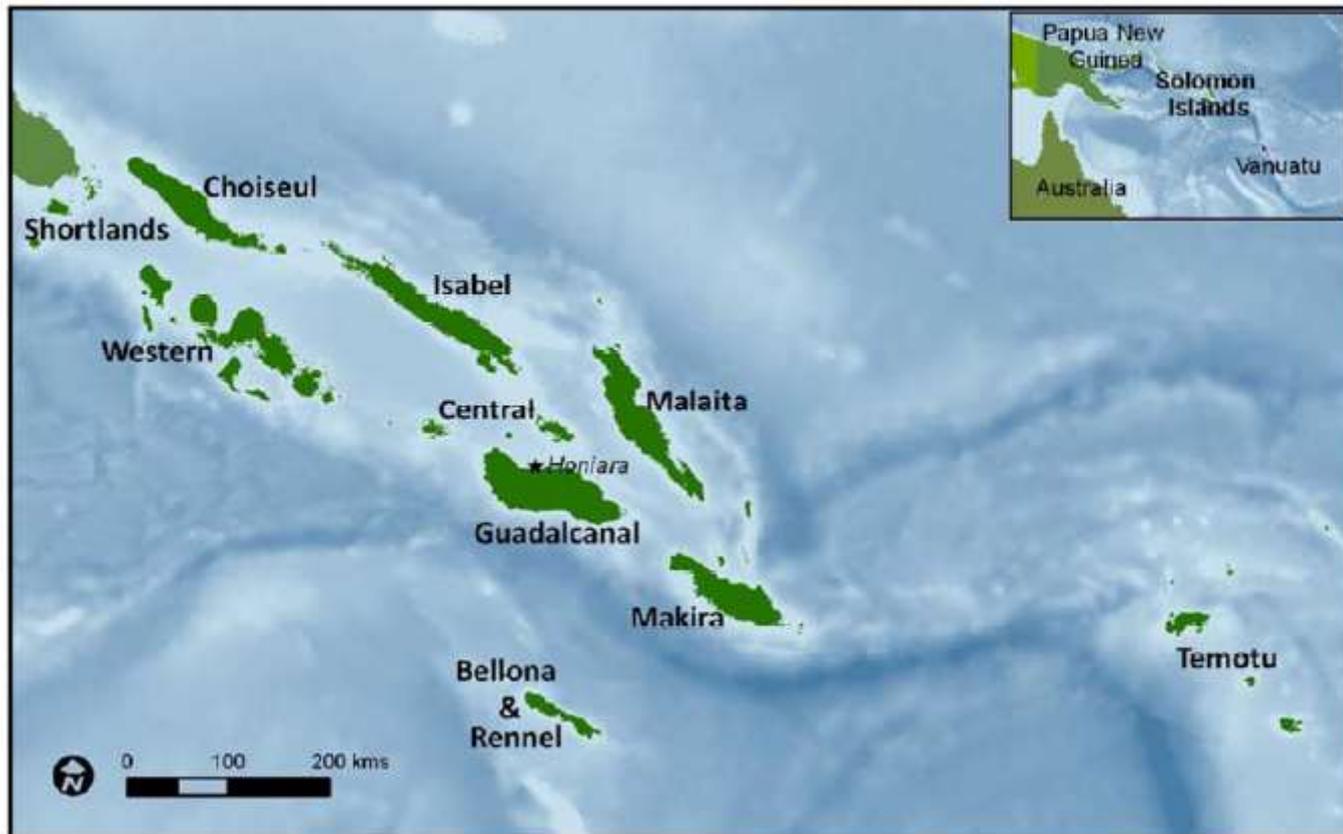


Figure 1: Provinces of the Solomon Islands (Source: Lipset-Moore et al. 2010)

# AIMS

- To determine the epidemiology and management of elbow fractures in children.
- To investigate the magnitude and causes of delayed elbow fracture presentations

# METHOD

- Retrospective survey
- Trauma Data Base
- Admission register
- OT register
- Imaging PACS

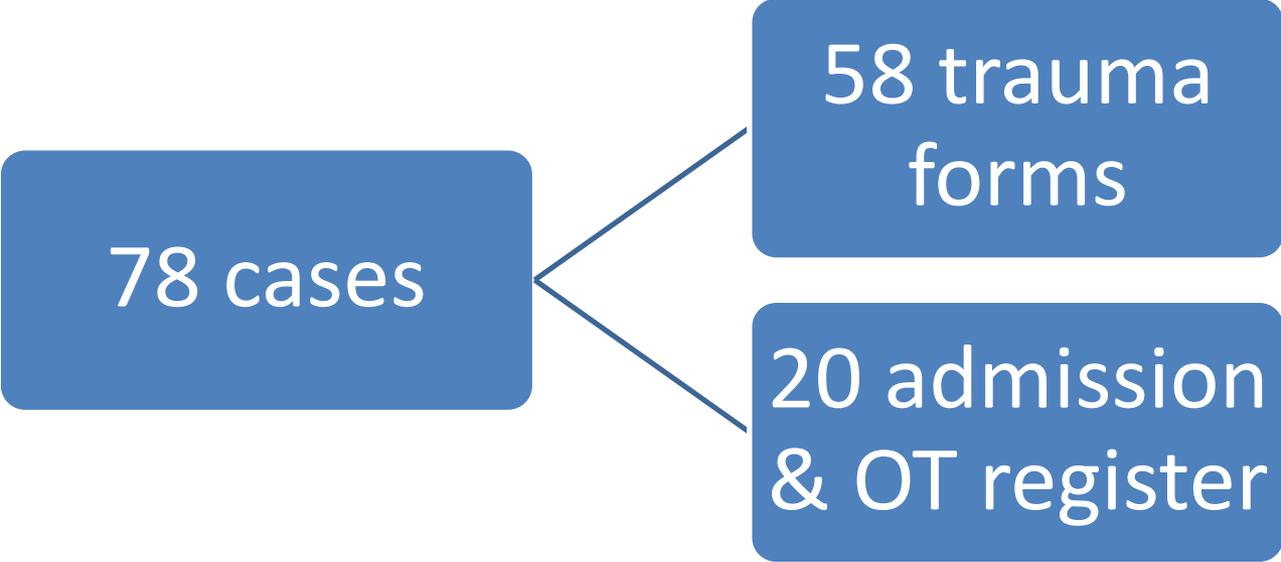
# METHOD

- Inclusion criteria:
- all patients under 16 years with elbow fractures presenting to fracture clinic from January – December 2013
- exclusion- none
- Analysis by Excel spread sheet

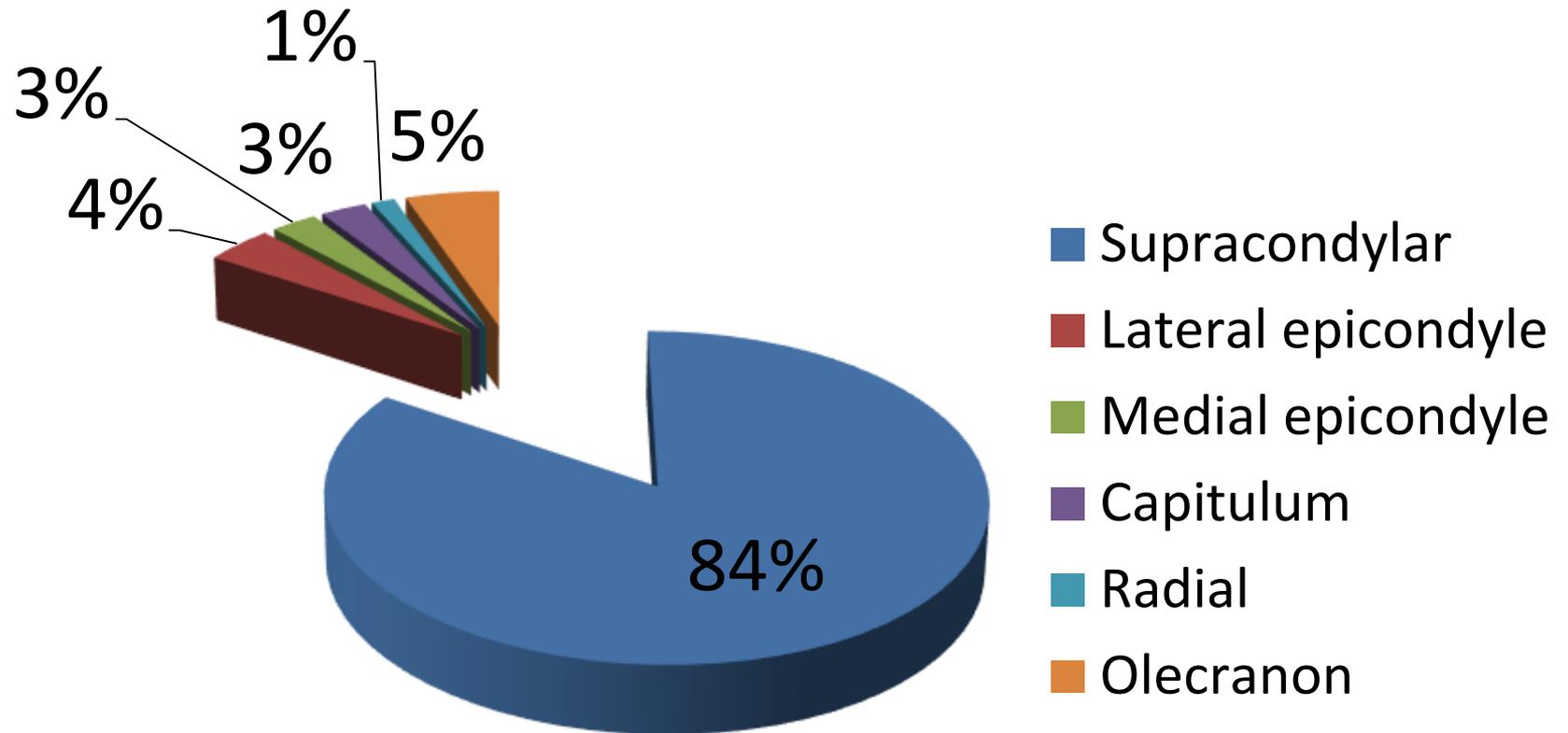
# RESULTS

- N=78 ELBOW FRACTURES

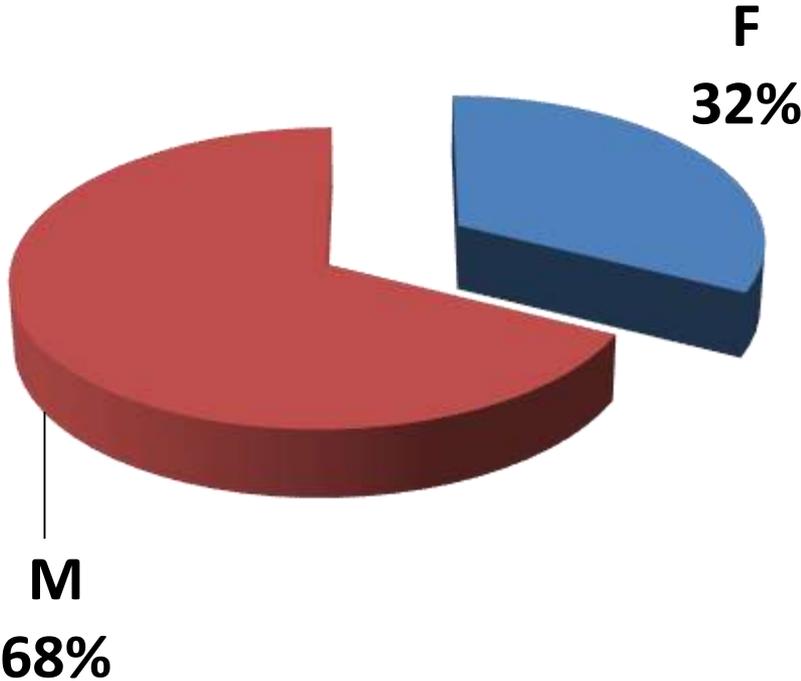




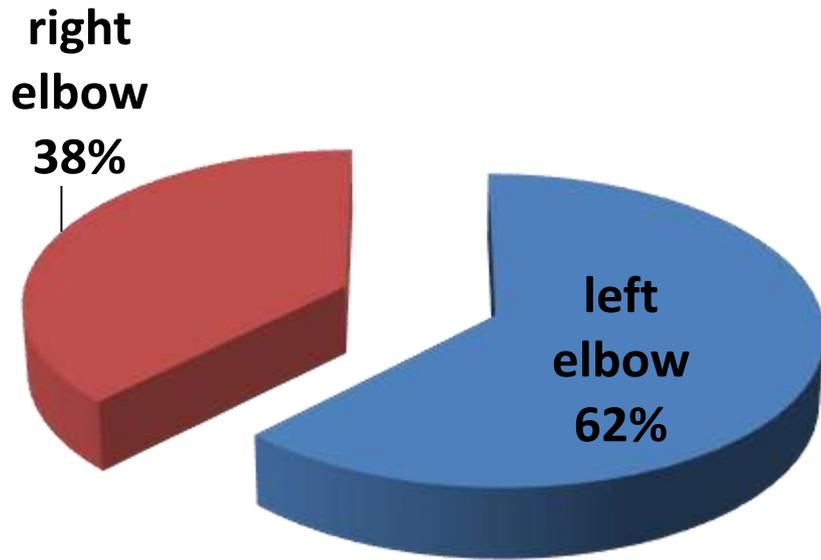
## ELBOW FRACTURES BY TYPE



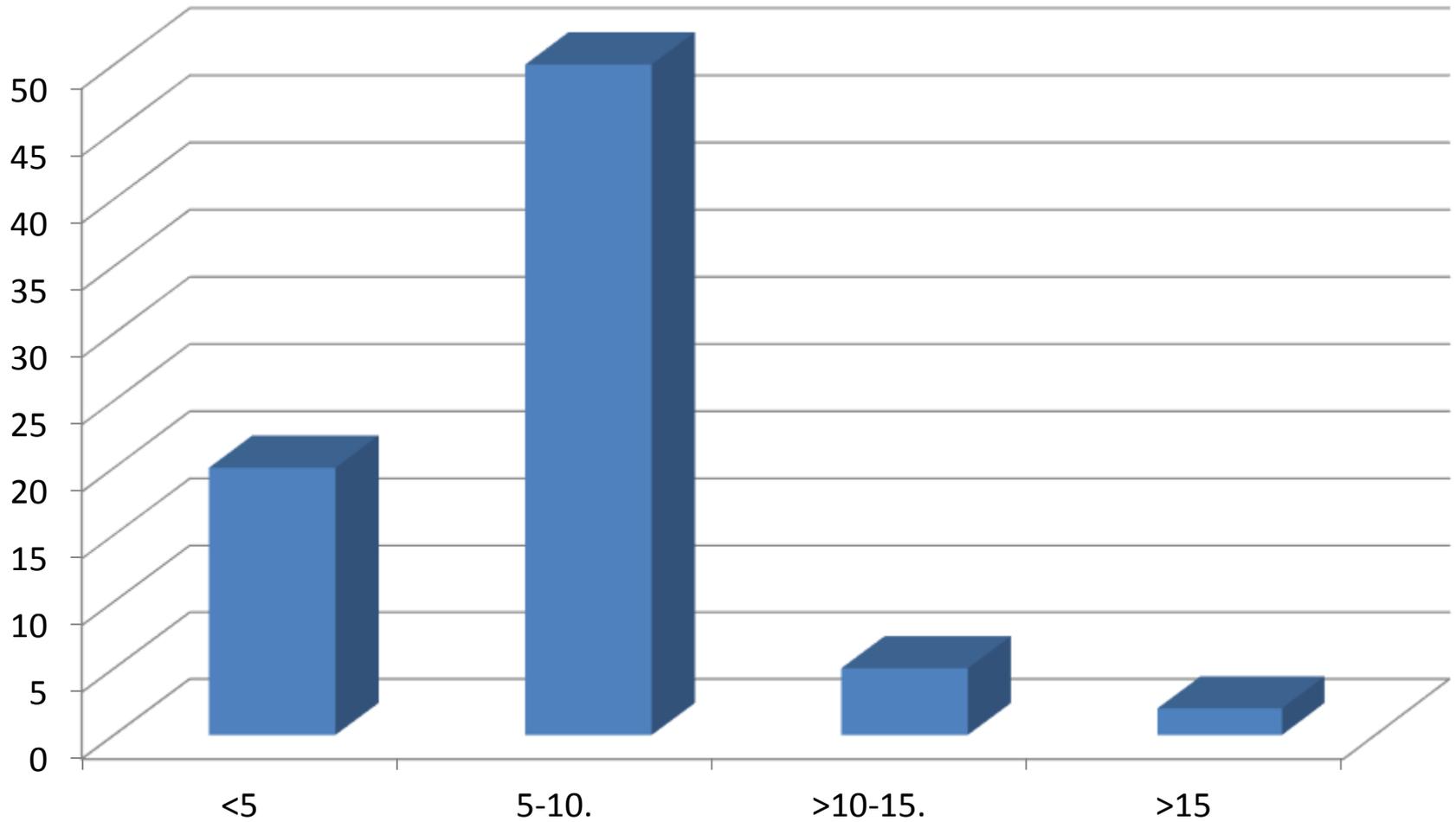
# ELBOW FRACTURES BY GENDER



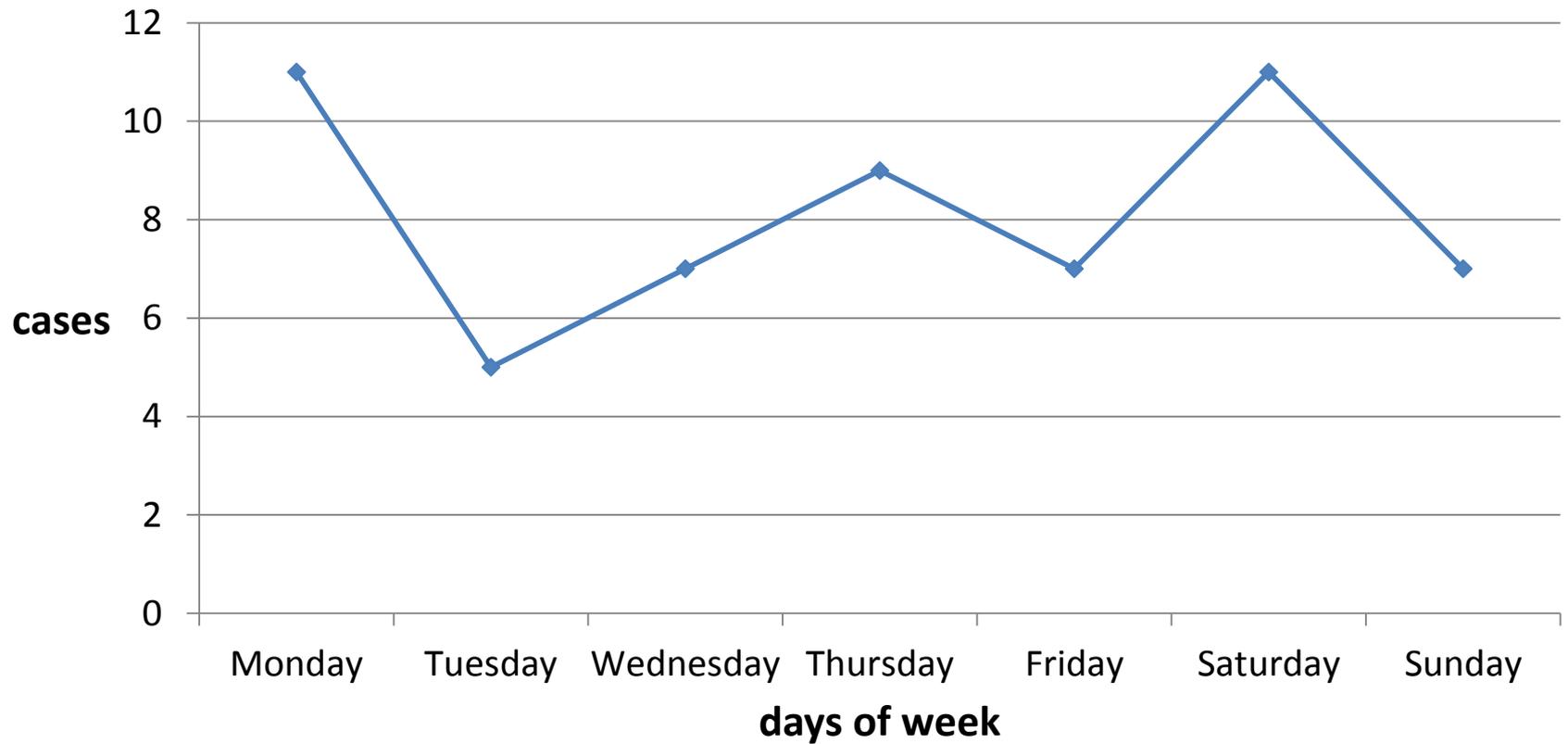
## Elbow Fractures; sides affected



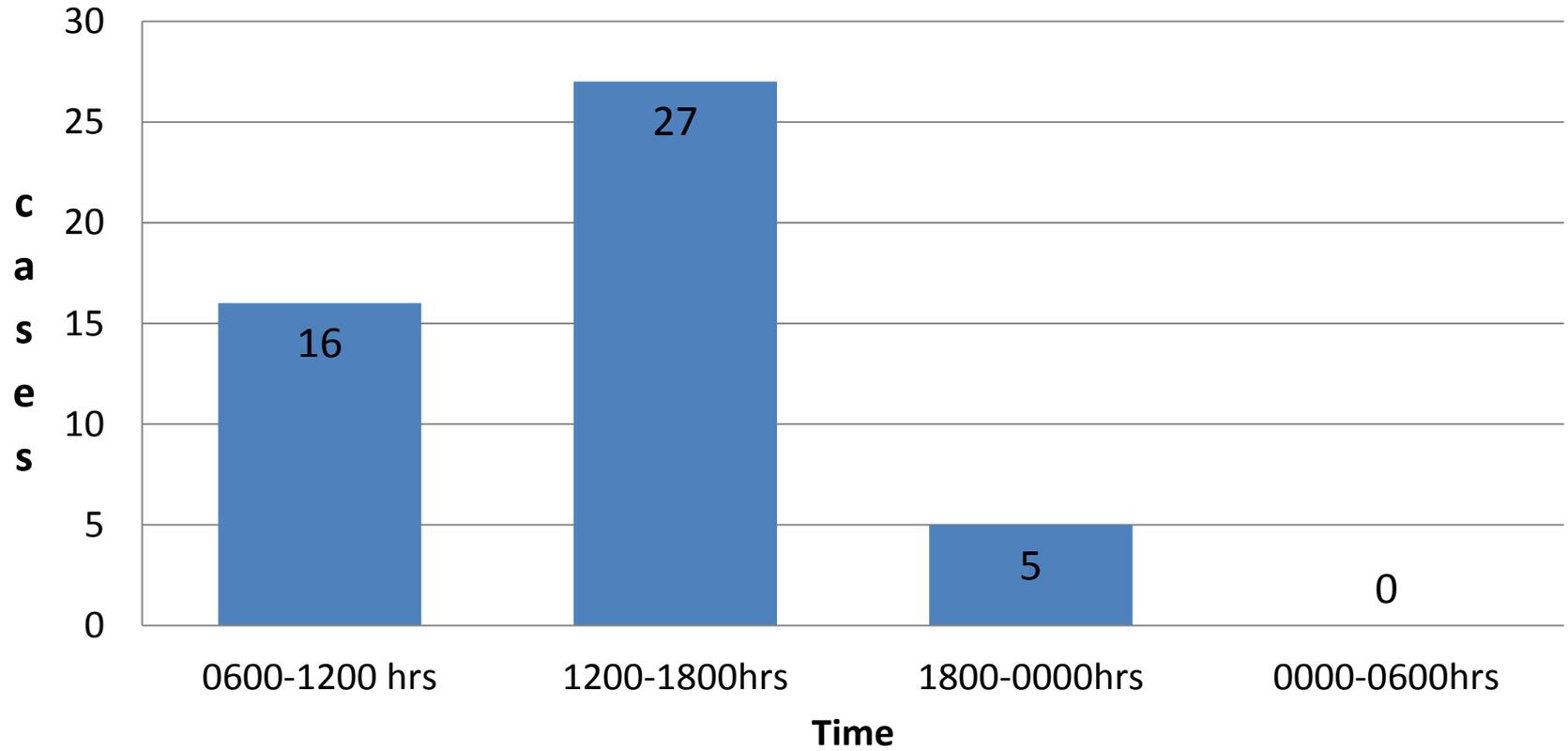
## ELBOW FRACTURES BY AGE GROUPS



## Days of the week when injury occurs



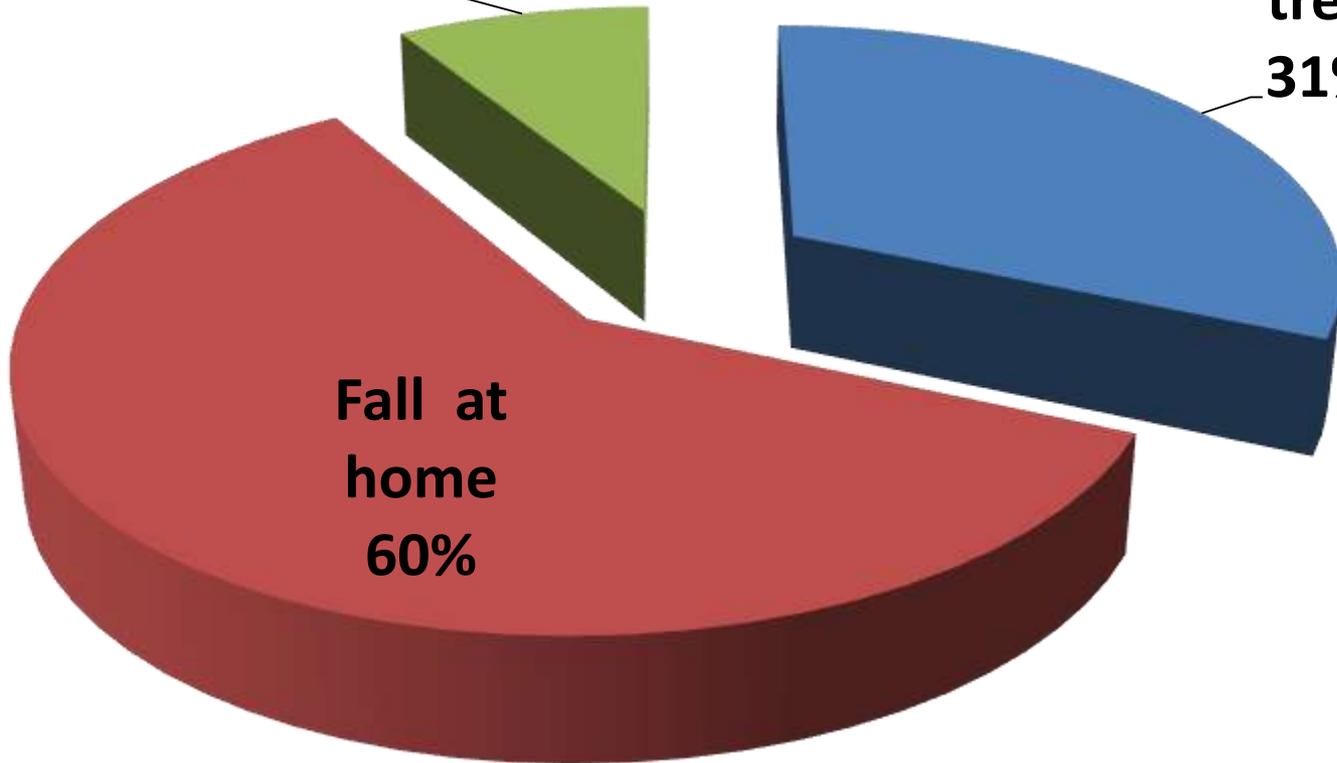
### Time of injury(n=48)



# FRACTURES BY CAUSE

others  
9%

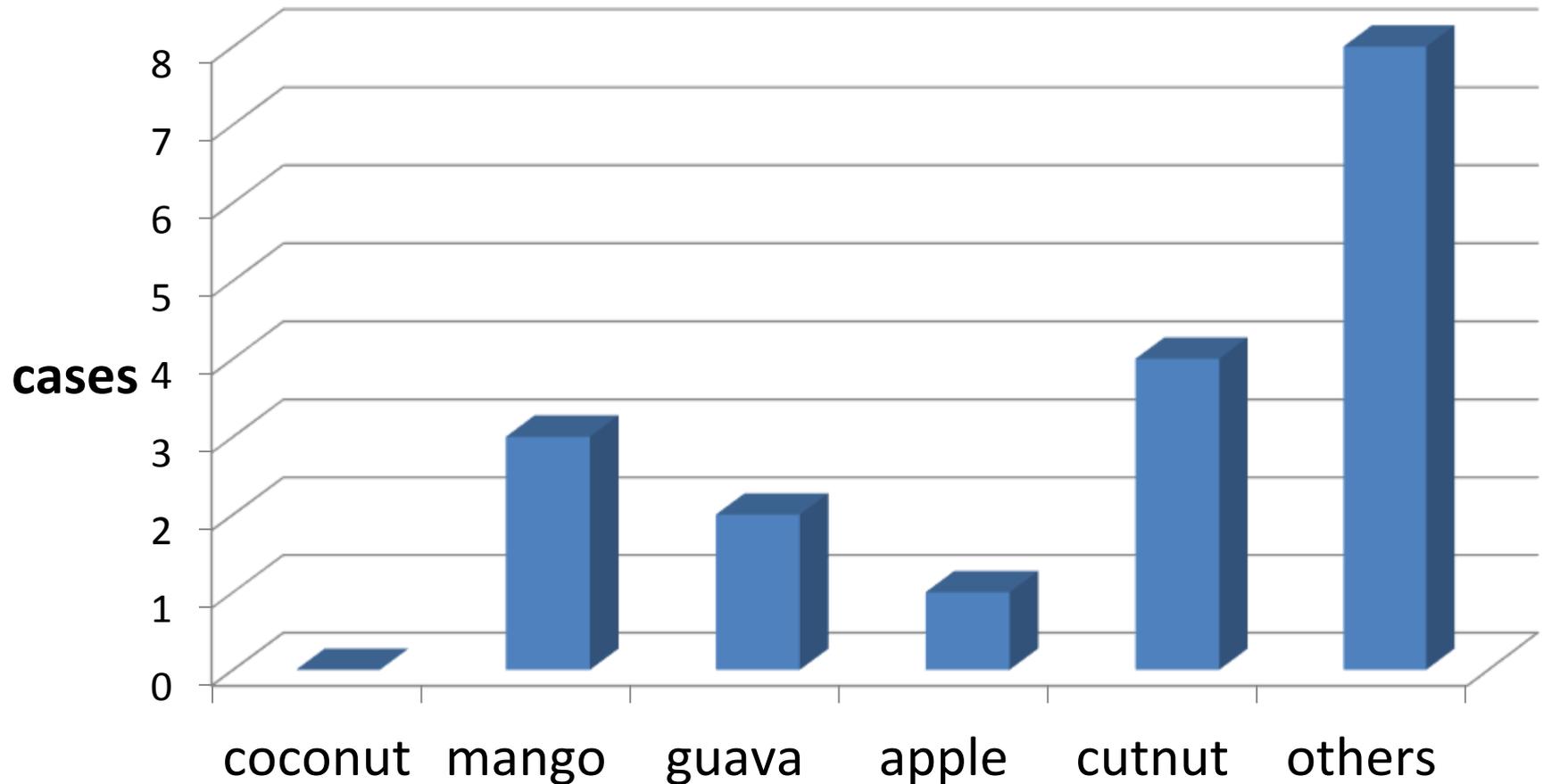
Fall from  
tree  
31%



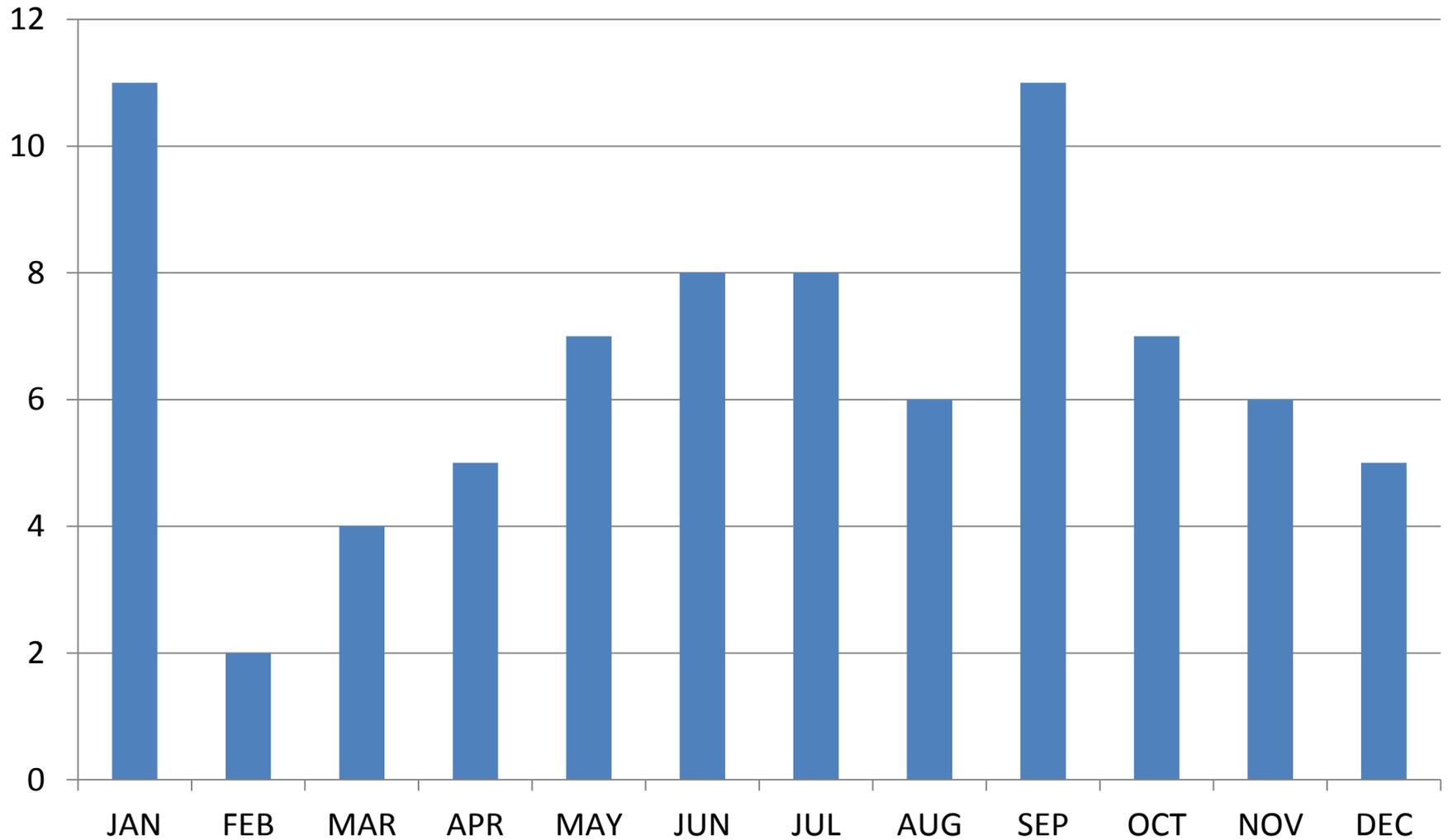
Fall at  
home  
60%

# Type of tree associated with the fall

Trees types(n=18)

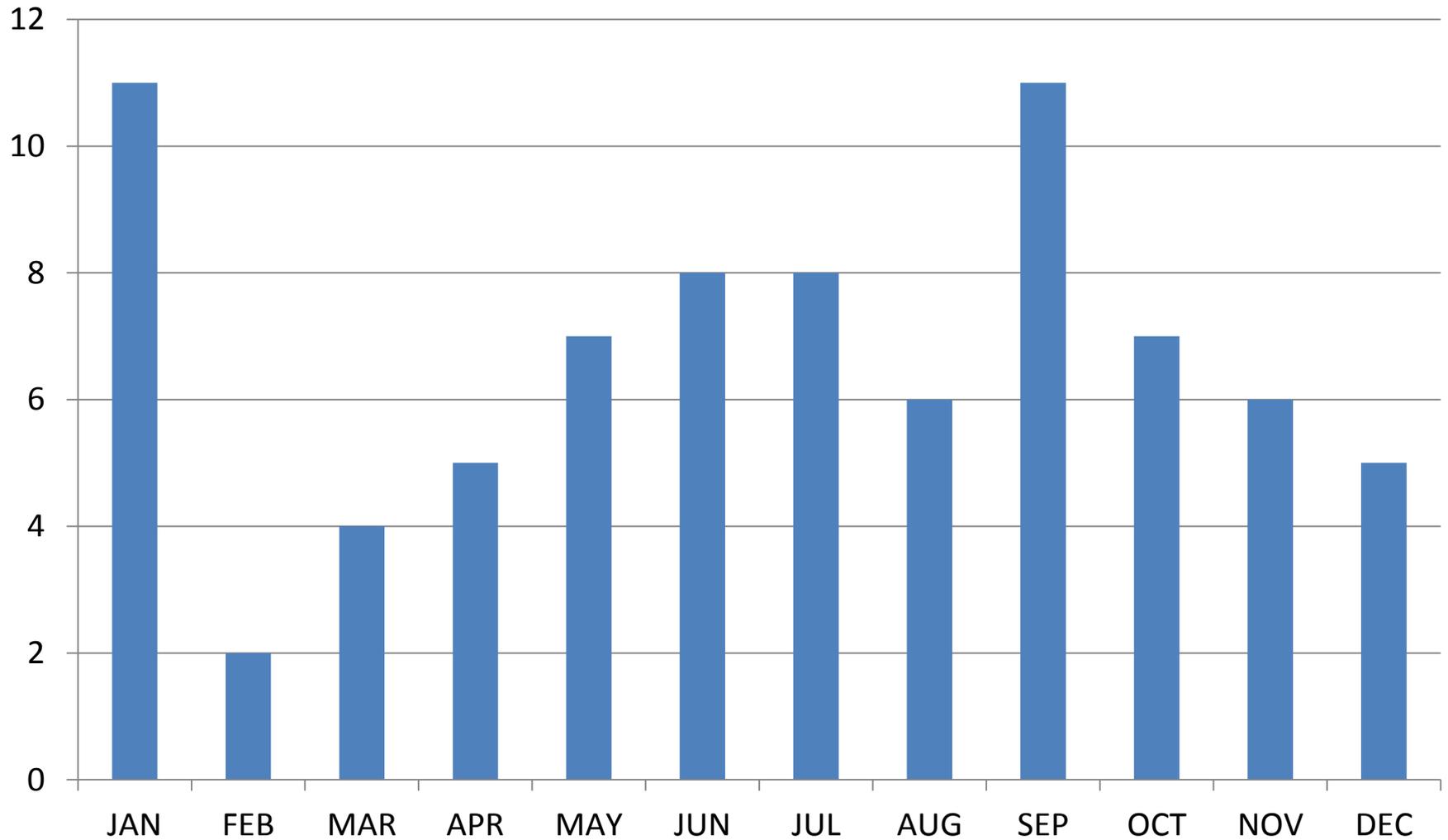


# ELBOW FRACTURES BY MONTHS IN 2013



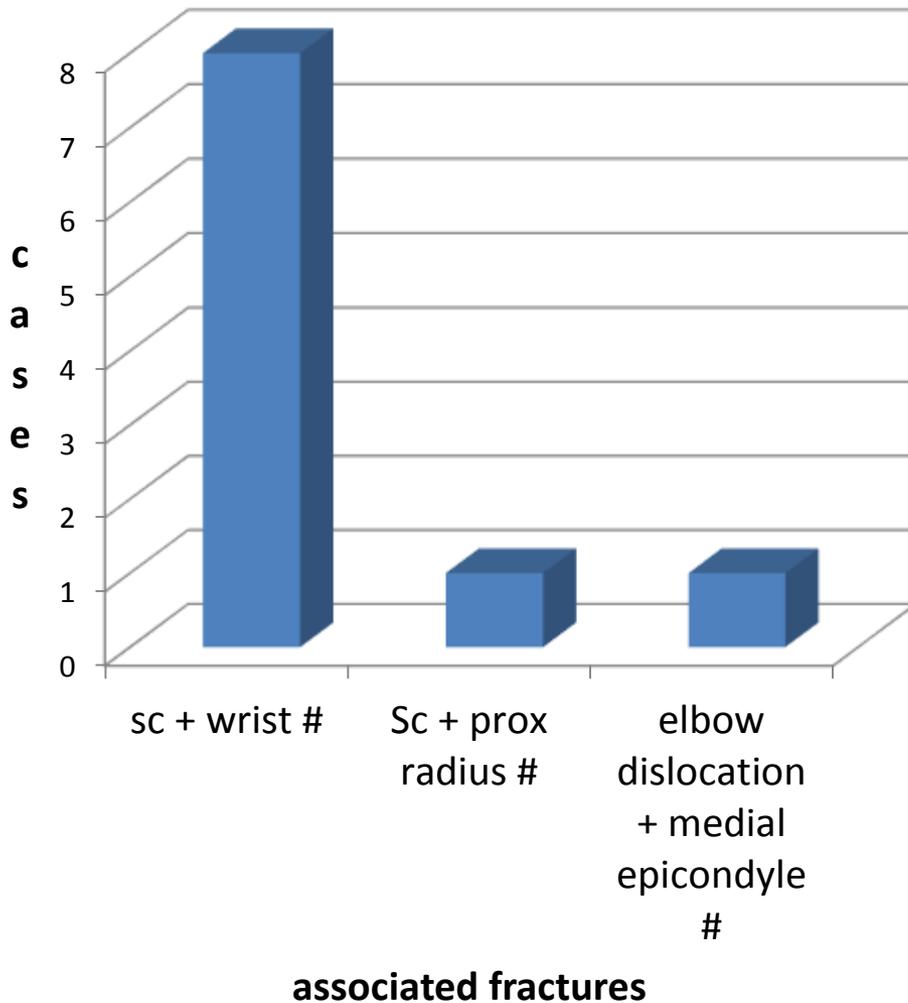


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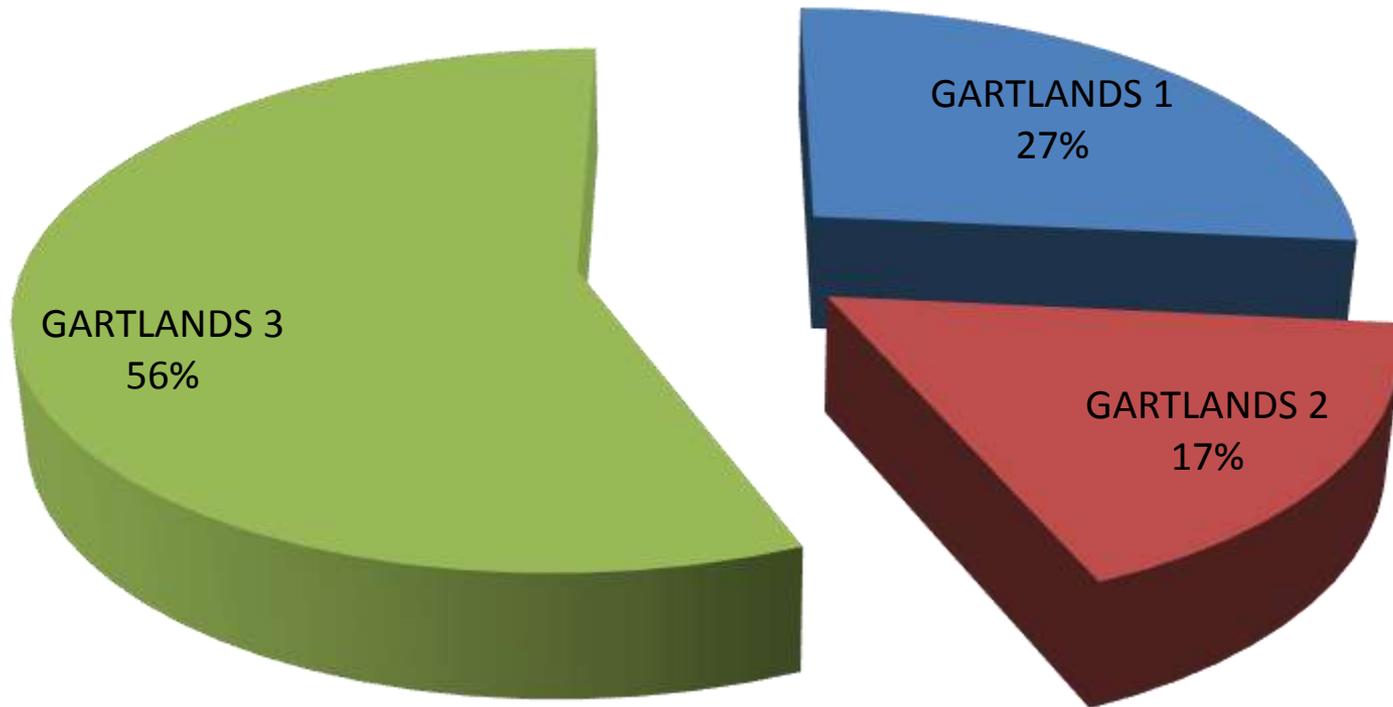


# ASSOCIATED INJURIES

elbow + associated fractures(n=10)



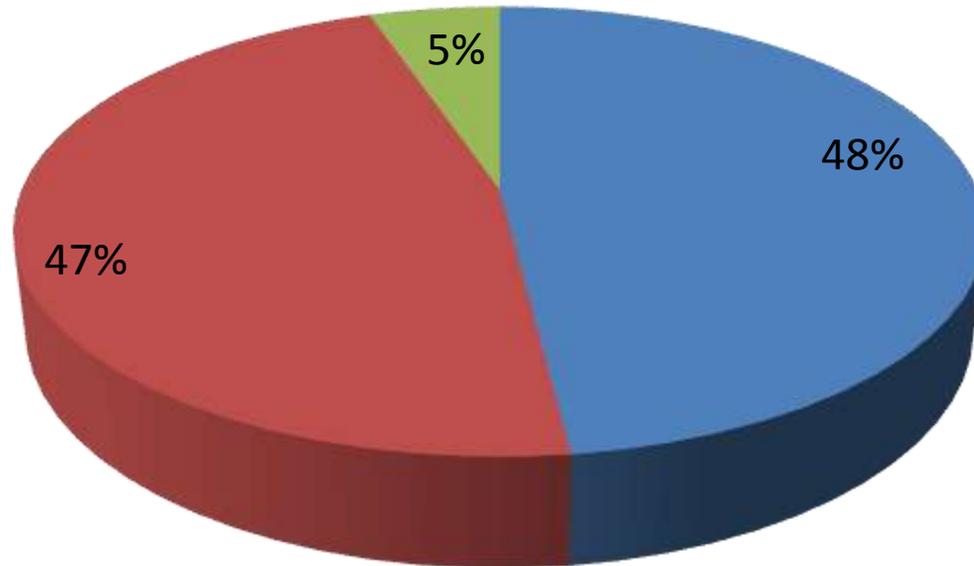
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# MANAGEMENT

## ELBOW FRACTURES BY TREATMENT

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# Delayed presentation

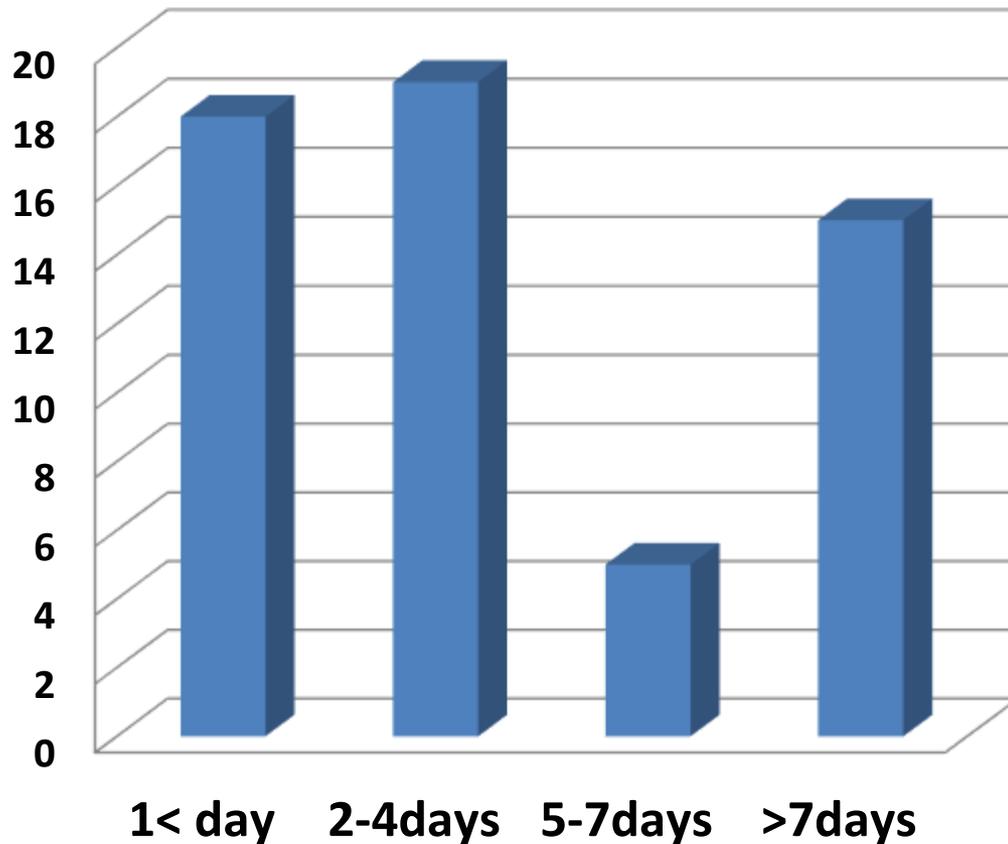


# Post reduction



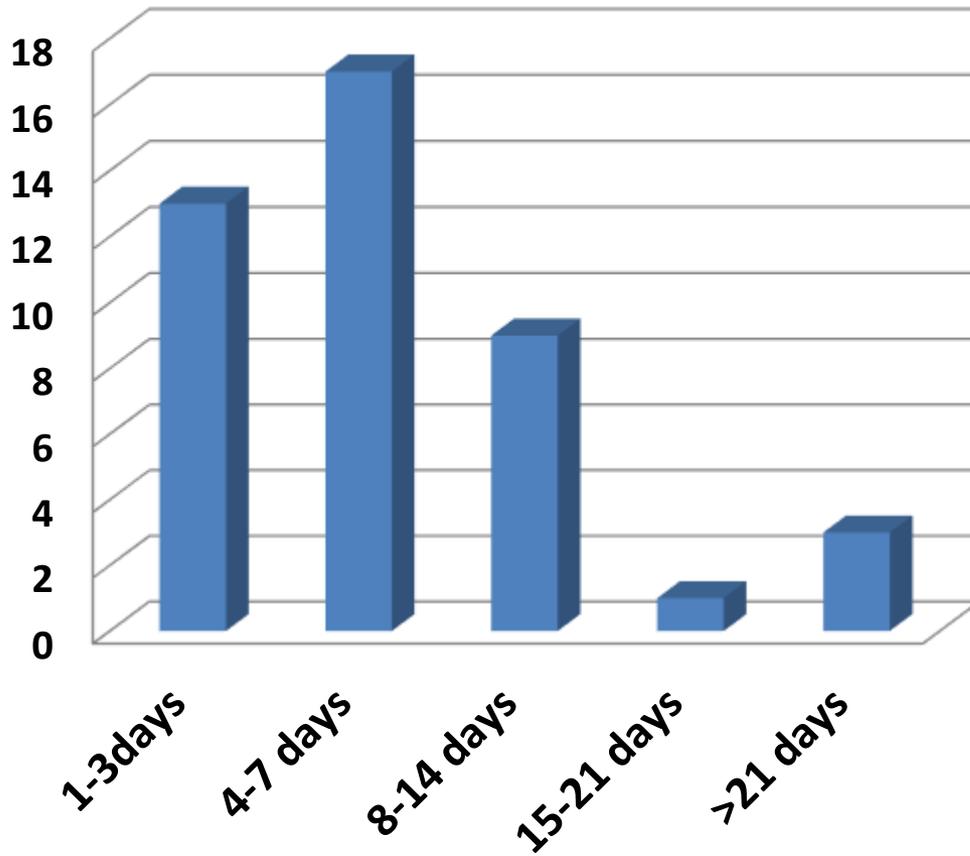
# TIME FROM INJURY TO PRESENTATION

Delayed presentation to hospital by days



# Surgery waiting time

Chart showing cases(N=44) vs days waiting for surgery



- So delay presentation is only part of the truth
- Surgery delay is compounded by our inability to access theatre
  
- We need to improve how we advocate for these children so as to give them the best outcome

# Recommendation

- Longer prospective study looking at treatment outcomes as well

Taqiu tumas (thank you very much)

