Figure 1

Admitted with femoral shaft fracture in the period of study
\( n = 43 \)

Patients not included \( n = 28 \):
- Study coordinator was not contacted \( n = 15 \)
- Patient died shortly after admittance \( n = 2 \)
- Transferred to another hospital prior to operation \( n = 2 \)
- Admitted at the same time as another included patient \( n = 2 \)
- Asylum applicant \( n = 1 \)
- Unstable polytraumatized patient \( n = 4 \)
- Single femoral fracture \( n = 2 \)

Eligible for inclusion
\( n = 15 \)

Included
\( n = 12 \)

Primary external fixator and secondary intramedullary nail
\( n = 3 \)