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Title: Postoperative compressive neuropathy of the hand - watch out: a case report

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Dear Professor Kidd

Re: Postoperative local compressive neuropathy of the hand - watch out

Thank you for considering the above manuscript for publication in Journal of Medical Case Reports.

There have been 2 minor modifications in this resubmission:

1. Full written parental consent has already been obtained, however this is now entered in the correct section of the report
2. The initial report conformed to the CARE Checklist (2013) for the preparation of case reports. This has now been uploaded as requested.

To our knowledge this is the first reported case of a compressive sensory and motor neuropraxia of the median, ulnar and radial nerves of the right hand resulting from a wristwatch that was worn on the first postoperative night following minor surgery. Mechanisms of this compressive neuropathy are discussed, and recommendations made regarding the wearing of constrictive clothing, wristwatches and jewellery of the circumferential type in the immediate postoperative period.

As postoperative neuropraxia is often preventable, this case reinforces the important clinical lesson that circumferential jewellery, especially wristwatches and bracelets should not be worn in the immediately postoperative period, as pressure from these items on peripheral nerves can result severe and debilitating nerve injury.

Once again, thank you for considering this Case Report for publication in Journal of Medical Case Reports.

I look forward to your comments and once again thank you for your time.
Warm regards,

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