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Biodegradable Implants in Orthopaedics and Traumatology

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**Abstract:** Biodegradable implants are an alternative to metallic implants and have the advantage of not being necessary to remove once the fracture has healed. Twenty-two patients with fractures were treated with biodegradable implants. There were osteolysis in eleven patients; however, no serious complication was encountered. Although biodegradable implants are expensive, a second surgical procedure to remove the implants is not necessary, relieving the patient of the related costs and risks.

**Key Words:** Biodegradable, bioresorbable, bioabsorbable, fracture fixation.

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