

# Schatzker Classification Worksheet

Patient's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Instructions for use

This worksheet is designed to help healthcare professionals accurately classify and document tibial plateau fractures using the Schatzker Classification system. Follow these steps to effectively utilize the worksheet:

1. Obtain and review relevant imaging studies (X-rays, CT scans, MRI) to assess the tibial plateau fracture.
2. Based on the imaging, determine the type of tibial plateau fracture according to the Schatzker Classification (Type I to VI) using the illustration below.
3. Use the guiding questions provided to ensure a comprehensive assessment. Answer each question thoroughly to document the key aspects of the fracture.
4. Note any additional findings in the "Additional notes" section.

## Schatzker classification



Type I  
Split



Type II  
Split-depression



Type III  
Central  
depression



Type IV  
Split fracture,  
medial plateau



Type V  
Bicondylar  
fracture



Type VI  
Dissociation of  
metaphysis and  
diaphysis

**Reference:** Zeltser, D.W., Leopold, S.S. Classifications in brief: Schatzker Classification of tibial plateau fractures. *Clin Orthop Relat Res* 471, 371–374 (2013). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11999-012-2451-z>

Patient's type of tibial plateau fracture type:

## Guided questions

How extensive is the diaphyseal involvement?

Are there any neurovascular injuries associated with the fracture?

What is the condition of the soft tissues around the fracture site?

What are the immediate steps for managing such a severe injury?

**Additional comments**