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The Treatment of Traumatic Intratemporal Palsy

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Postoperative facial palsy should be treated immediately by surgical procedures. They yield very good results, the better the sooner the repair is effected. If the paralysis shows itself after a free interval one can wait for spontaneous recovery for a period not much longer than 6 weeks. If after that period the function of the nerve does not begin to recover, surgical treatment is indicated.

In cases of skull fracture the same line of thought should be followed. In these cases, however, we often have to wait until the general condition of the patient is good enough to operate upon him.

Statistics show that the results of early surgical treatment are much better than the results of late operations.

Besides, an early operation, following the preceding operation immediately, is an easy procedure for the surgeon and does not prolong the hospitalisation period for the patient.