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Look at this X-ray... what is your diagnosis?

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Background and Aim: Young adult who came to the clinic because of headache. He had taken analgesics and antiinflammatories but they didn't work.

Method: When we checked over this guy, the first thing we thought about was sinusitis. We asked him if he had a cold, he said no. We asked if he wore glasses, he said that he should, but he didn't use them. We asked about backgrounds, his father told us he fell when he was five years old and doctors had to drain a hematoma on his scalp.

In the physical exploration, the only thing we found, was a strong pain when we pressed on the upper part of his left orbit. After that, we asked for X-rays to test if he had sinusitis.

Results: When we saw checked X-rays, we were really surprised. We found an image in the upper part of his left orbit. We called to the hospital where he was attended ten years before, and we discovered that he suffered from multiple fractures on his skull. He was operated and they joined bones with plates and screws. That image of X-rays was a screw completely extruded from its plate.

At the end, we call the neurosurgeon who had operated him before and he said that he would see him in a few days to put that screw on its place.

Conclusions: With this clinical case, we want to emphasize the importance of collecting backgrounds correctly. In this case, it's impossible to get the right diagnosis without knowing that this patient had been operated.

To sum up, talk to your patients, ask about familiar medical history and make sure that they have understood everything because this father didn't know about his son's operation; and the impact he suffered, was really painful.