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Open Reduction Internal Fixation (ORIF) of a Fracture

You're set for a Fracture Open Reduction Internal Fixation (ORIF). Here's what you need to know:

Procedure Overview:

- An incision is made in the skin and soft tissues.
- The fracture is visualized, bones realigned, and hardware (plates, screws, pins, etc.) is used to stabilize the bone.
- The incision is closed, and the extremity is splinted for support.

Risks of ORIF:

- Surgery risks include bleeding, infection, wound healing issues, neurovascular injury, delayed union, nonunion, malunion, joint complications, hardware pain, procedure failure, and the potential need for additional surgery.
- Lower extremity surgery poses a risk of DVT/PE (blood clots).

Non-Operative Risks:

- Without surgery, risks include malunion, delayed union, nonunion, chronic joint pain, dysfunction, deformity, post-traumatic osteoarthritis, and loss of function.

Questions for Your Surgeon:

- If you have any questions or concerns about the provided information, consult your surgeon for clarification.

Feel free to reach out if you need further assistance or have any questions. Wishing you a smooth recovery!