Procedure:
- A wrist x-ray is ordered for the following injuries:

Indications:
Direct blow or trauma to the wrist (involving movement of either arm/wrist or object through an arc of motion) and:
- Deformity

Contraindications:
- Known or suspected pregnancy
- Unstable patient-physician to be contacted immediately
- Signs or symptoms of neurovascular compromise in the affected limb-physician to be contacted immediately
- Open fractures will be assessed by the emergency physician directly
- Patient is intoxicated or has other distracting injuries and is unable to follow direction, maintain motor control or is uncooperative

Guidelines:
- Do not order X ray in patients who have pain without a mechanism of injury

References: