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For an initial orthopaedic consultation 2 days of the monkey bars, posteroanterior and lateral radiographs were made at an urgent care facility on the day of injury (Figs. 1 and 2). A closed reduction was attempted, and a long arm cast remained the same (25° of dorsal angulation) on repeat radiographs after the closed reduction attempt (Figs. 3 and 4). It was decided that the fracture was within acceptable alignment, and the patient was instructed to follow up in 1 week for an alignment check. At 1 week showed additional displacement and increased dorsal angulation to 45° (Fig. 5).

With distal radial metaphyseal fractures, what is the greatest predictor of fracture displacement?

A. Increased fracture obliquity
B. A cast index ratio of <0.7
C. Short arm casting
D. An intact ulna
E. Increased initial displacement of the radius