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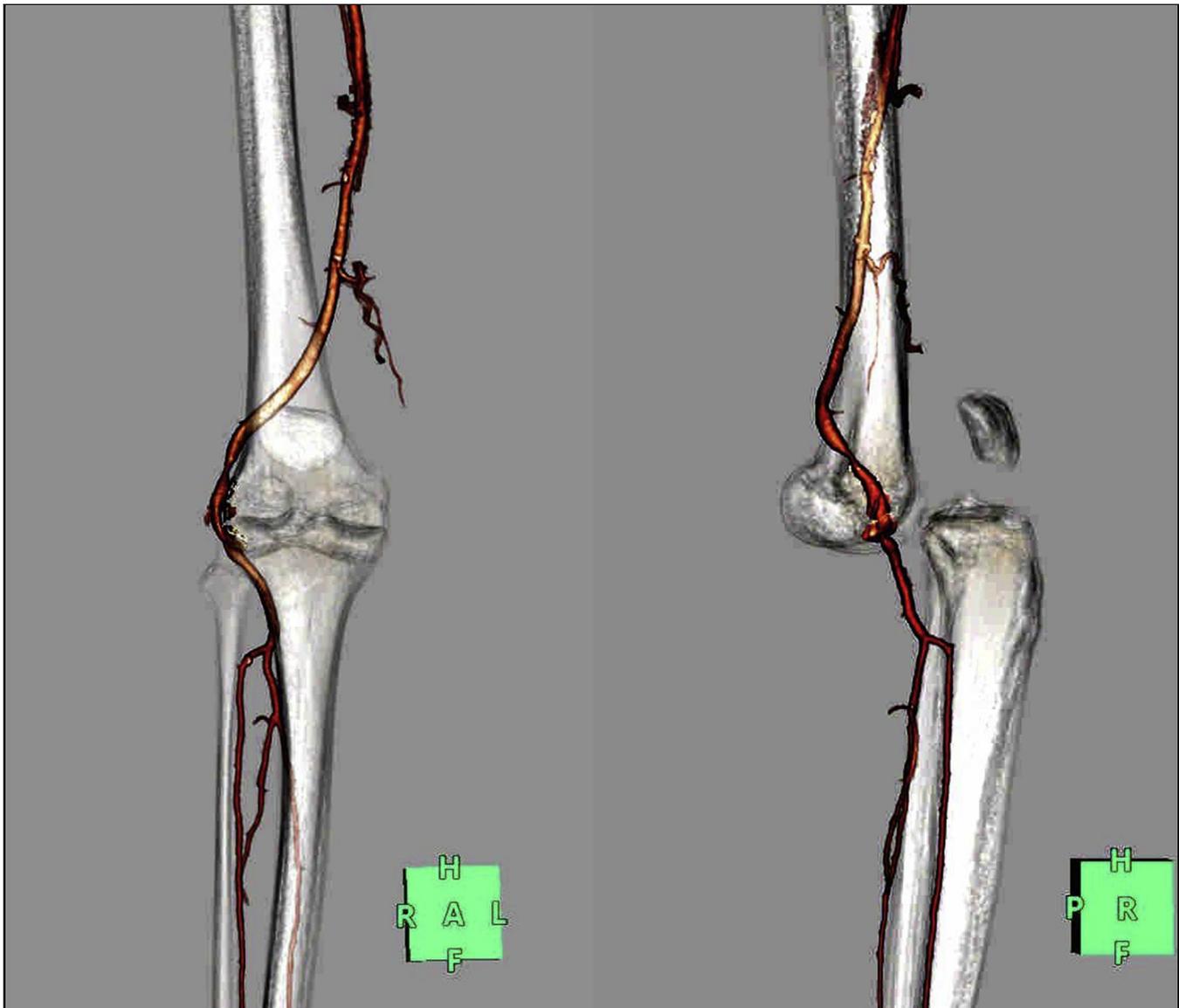
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Traumatic Deviation of the Popliteal Artery

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A 51 year old man was admitted with traumatic knee dislocation with clinical signs of acute limb ischaemia. A computed tomography scan confirmed the knee dislocation and also major axial deviation of the right popliteal artery outside the knee joint. After reduction of the dislocation under general anaesthesia, a check digital subtraction angiogram was performed. It demonstrated correct realignment of the right popliteal artery with a short stenosis subsequently treated by transluminal balloon angioplasty. The patient recovered well on both vascular and orthopaedic fronts.

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