



Figure 1 The first version of the Ilizarov apparatus (Courtesy of the Kurgan Ilizarov Center Museum).



Figure 2 The first page of the report "New principles of osteosynthesis employing crossed wires and rings" published by Ilizarov GA in 1954 (Courtesy of the Kurgan Ilizarov Center scientific library).



Figure 3 Compression-distraction apparatus for external fixation featuring six degrees of freedom[47]. Citation: Matsukatov FA. Compression-distraction apparatus for external fixation and method of closed reduction of bone and bone fragments. Euroasian patent register. <a href="https://old.eapo.org/en/patents/reestr/patent.php?id=45163">https://old.eapo.org/en/patents/reestr/patent.php?id=45163</a>. Copyright ©The Author(s) 2023 (Supplementary material).

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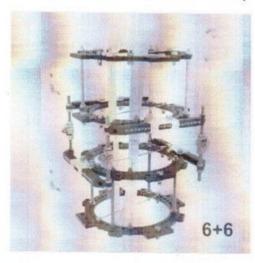
Impact of the Ilizarov apparatus on external fixation: Current modifications of the 75-

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