Schatzker Classification

Tibial plateau fractures · types I to VI · from low to high energy

I — **Lateral split**
young patient, strong bone

II — **Split-depression**
lateral plateau · most common

III — **Pure depression**
lateral plateau · osteoporotic bone

IV — **Medial plateau**
high energy · knee dislocation, popliteal artery

V — **Bicondylar**
both plateaus · high energy

VI — **Metaphyseal-diaphyseal dissociation**
plateau separated from the shaft · compartment syndrome

I-III	IV	V-VI
Lateral plateau, low energy	Medial: check pulses, peroneal	High energy: soft tissues

CT shows the depression and helps planning · look for ligament and meniscal injuries