



Broad Shoulders: Shoulder Review & Updates

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Rotator Cuff Tears: Evaluation & Management in 2024

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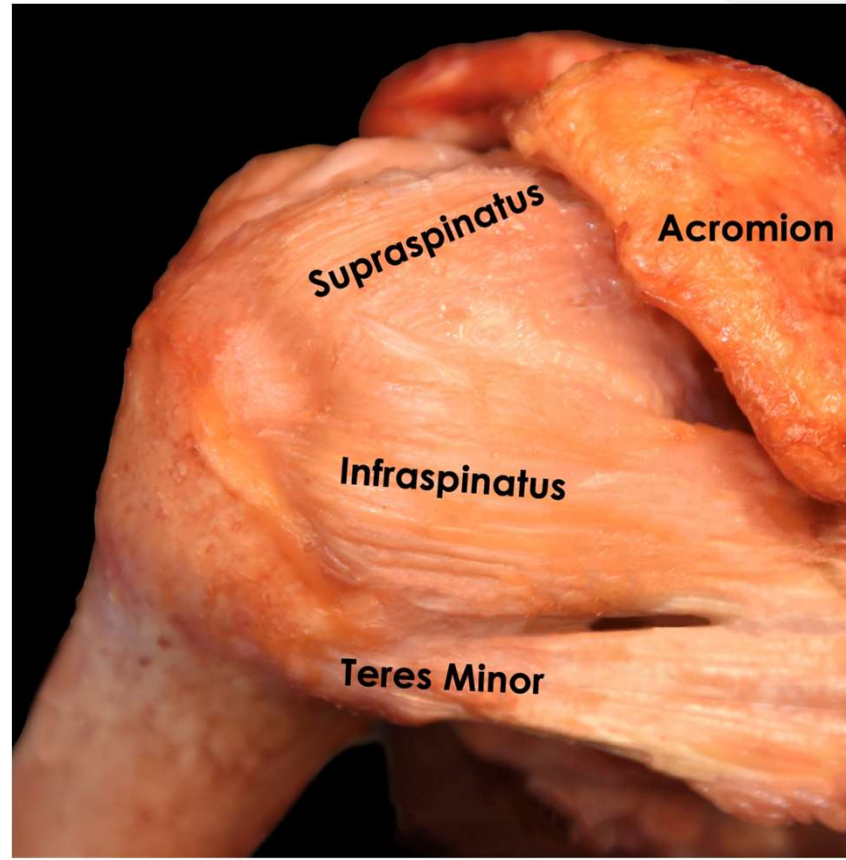
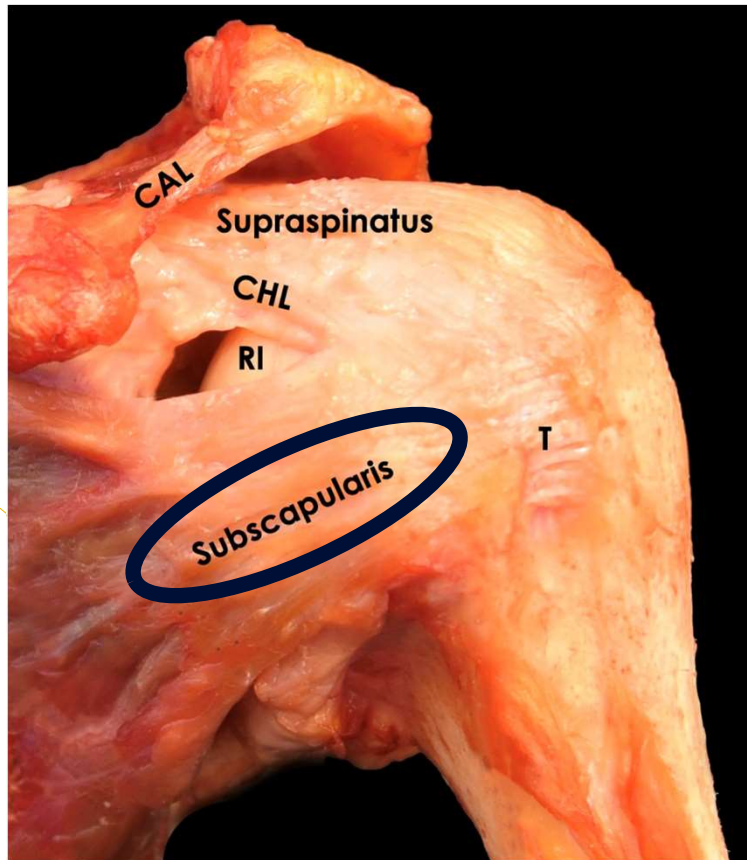
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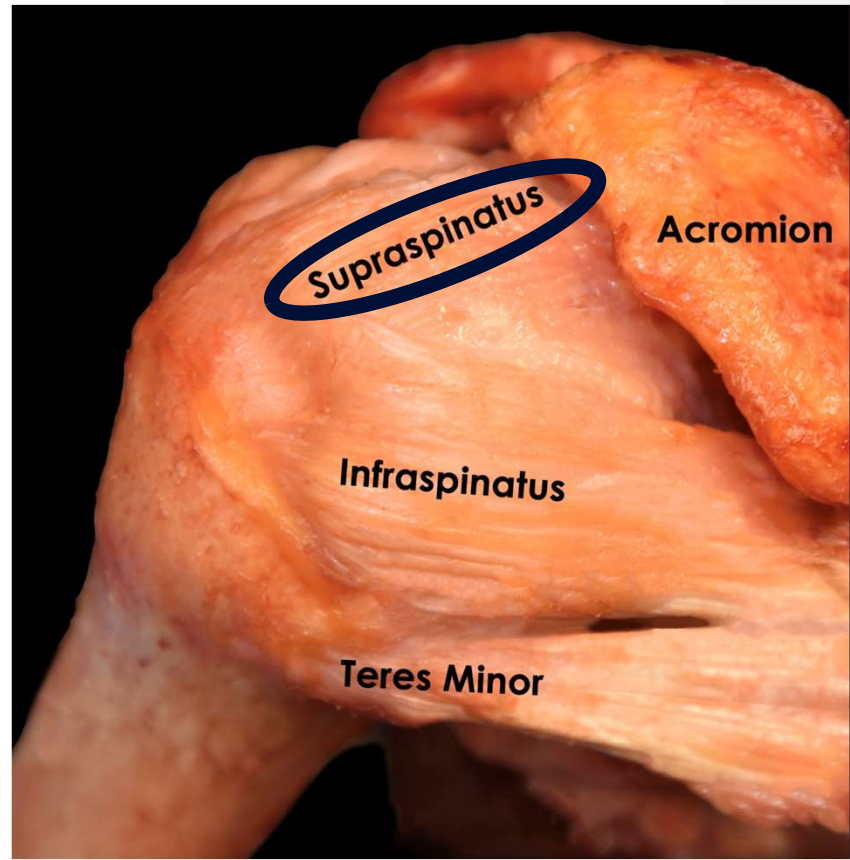
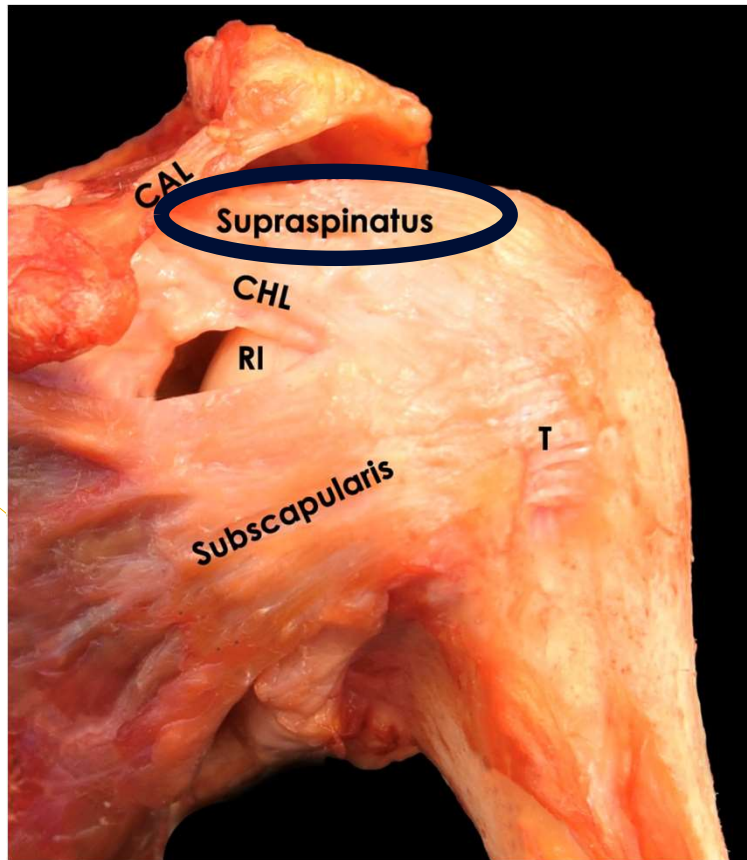
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- Anatomy
- Incidence
- Treatment Options/Outcomes
- Irreparable Rotator Cuff Tears

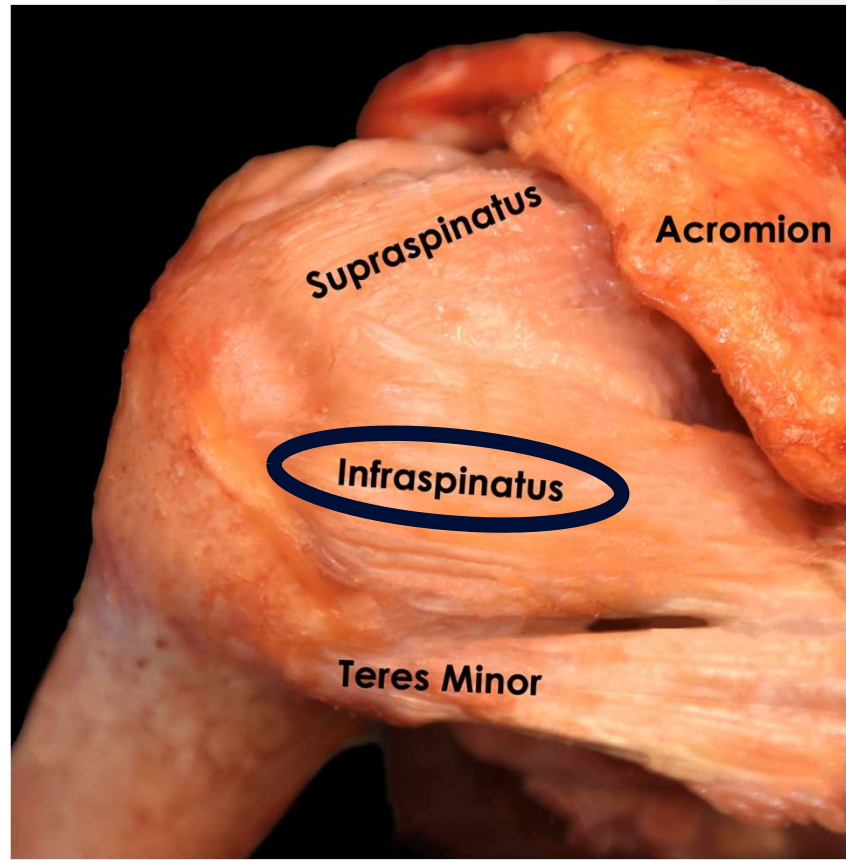
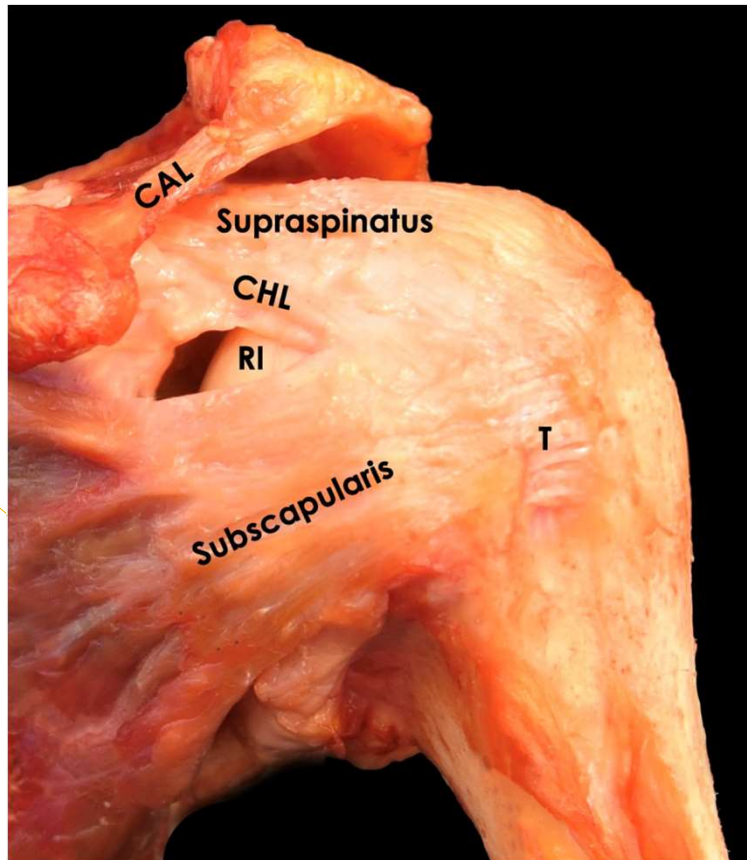
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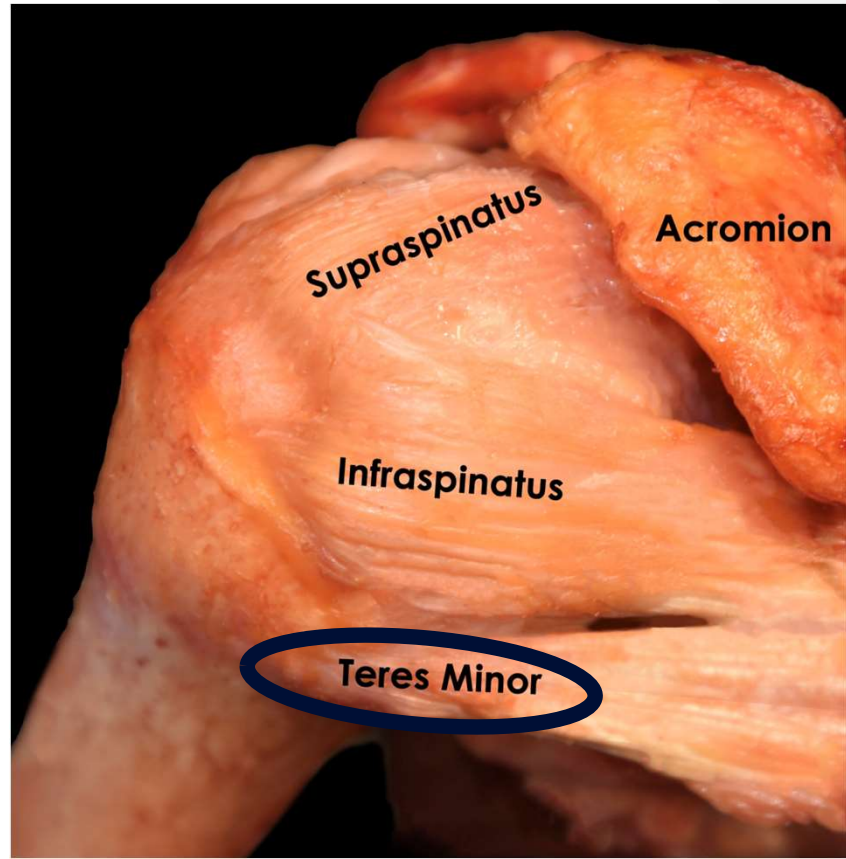
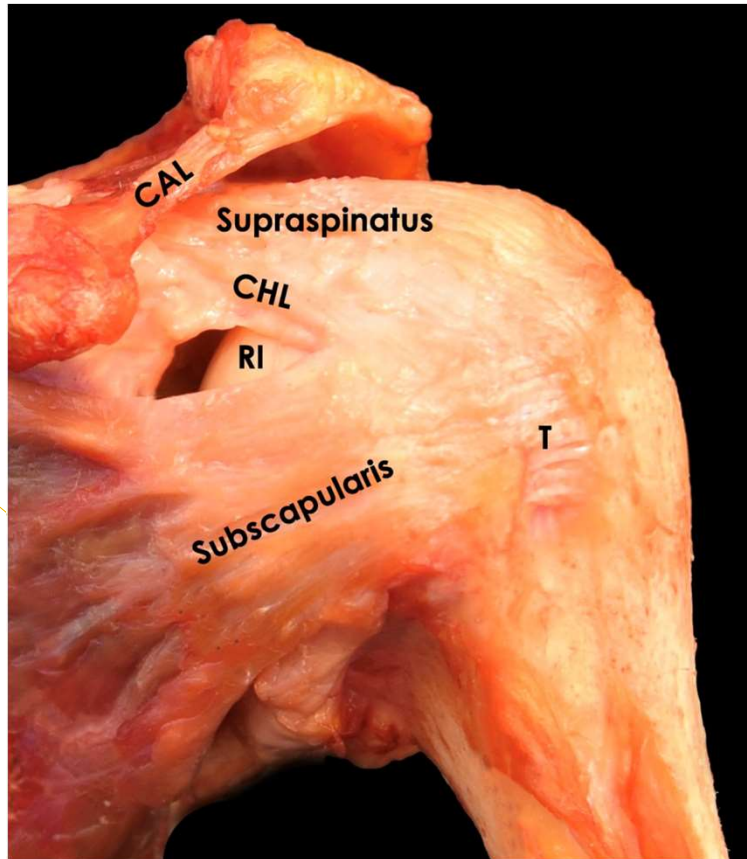
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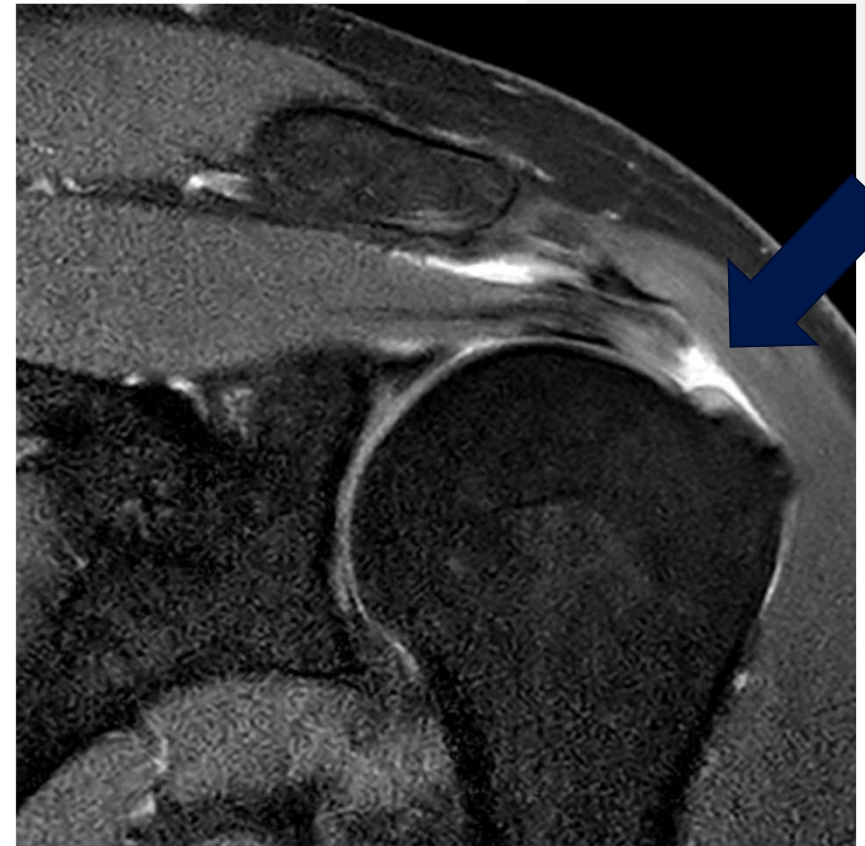
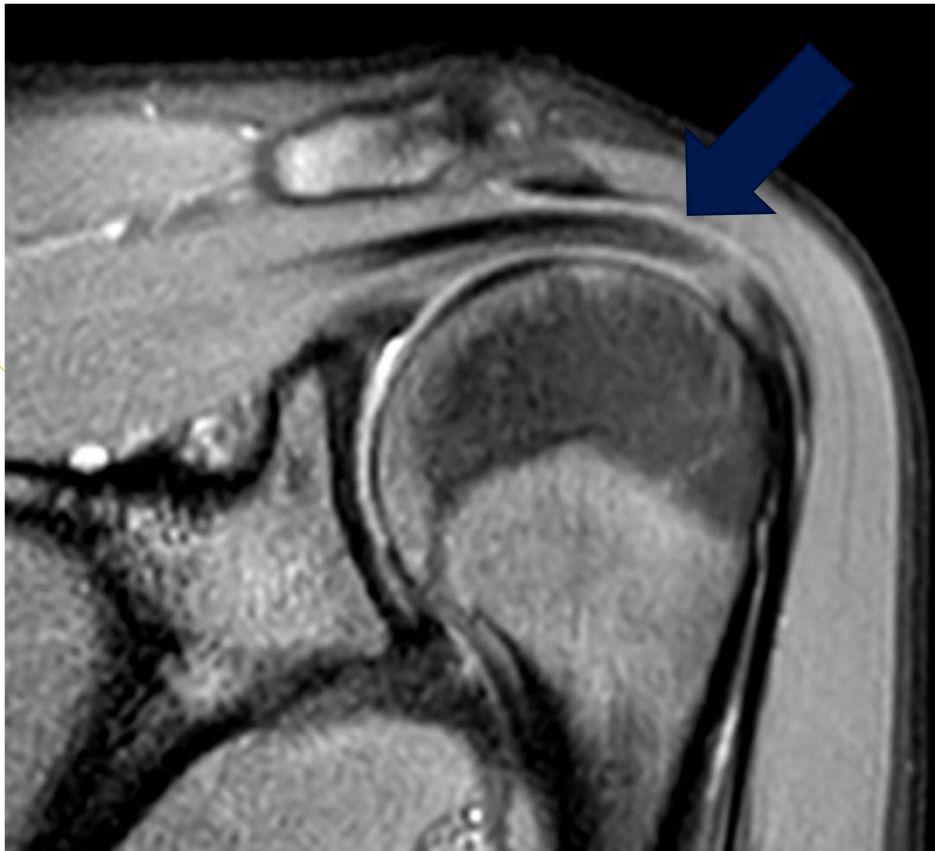
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Rotator Cuff Tear



Rotator Cuff Tears are Common!

Prevalence and risk factors of a rotator cuff tear in the general population

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JSES, 2010

- 20% Overall Incidence
- 25% 60-70 years old
- 50% in their 80's

Symptoms

- **PAIN**

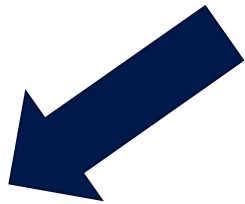
- Deltoid
- Sleep Disturbance
- Reaching, Lifting and Pulling

- **WEAKNESS**

- Overhead



Rotator Cuff Tears



Acute Traumatic Tears

- 15% of all tears
- Better healing
- Often operative



Attritional/Degenerative Tears

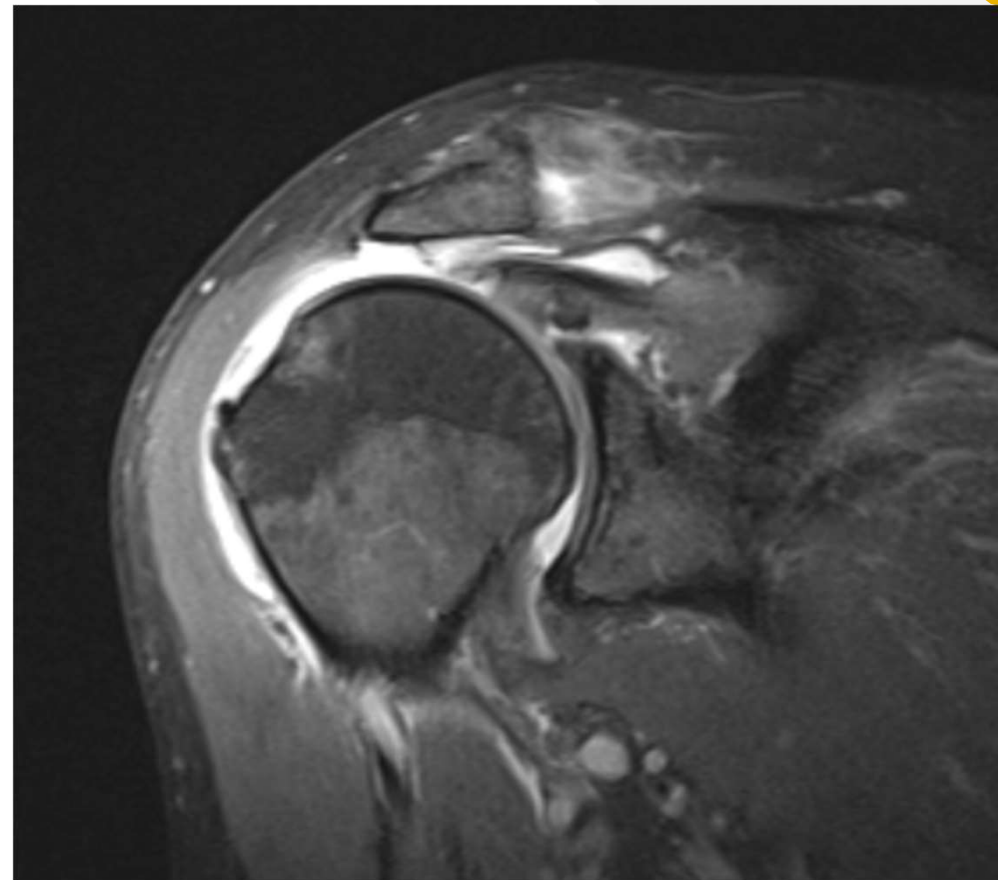
- 85% of all tears
- Nonoperative

Acute Traumatic Tears

- Different than Degenerative tears
- **Operative Treatment**

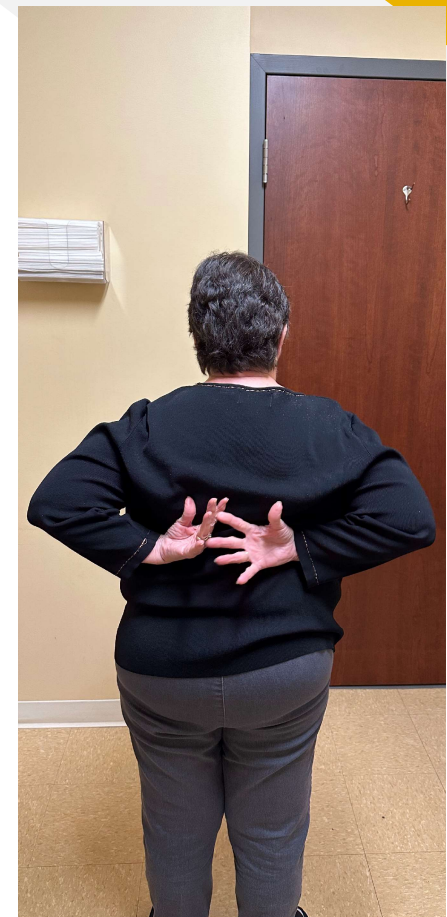
Case:

70 y/o F Dislocated
Inability to Lift



Clinical Outcome @ 1 Year

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Degenerative Rotator Cuff Tears

- Most treated nonoperatively!
 - Medications (NSAIDs/Tylenol)
 - Injections
 - *Physical Therapy*

Corticosteroids

Injections Prior to Rotator Cuff Repair Are Associated With Increased Rotator Cuff Revision Rates



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Increasing Numbers of Shoulder Corticosteroid Injections Within a Year Preoperatively May Be Associated With a Higher Rate of Subsequent Revision Rotator Cuff Surgery

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Adverse Impact of Corticosteroid Injection on Rotator Cuff Tendon Health and Repair: A Systematic Review

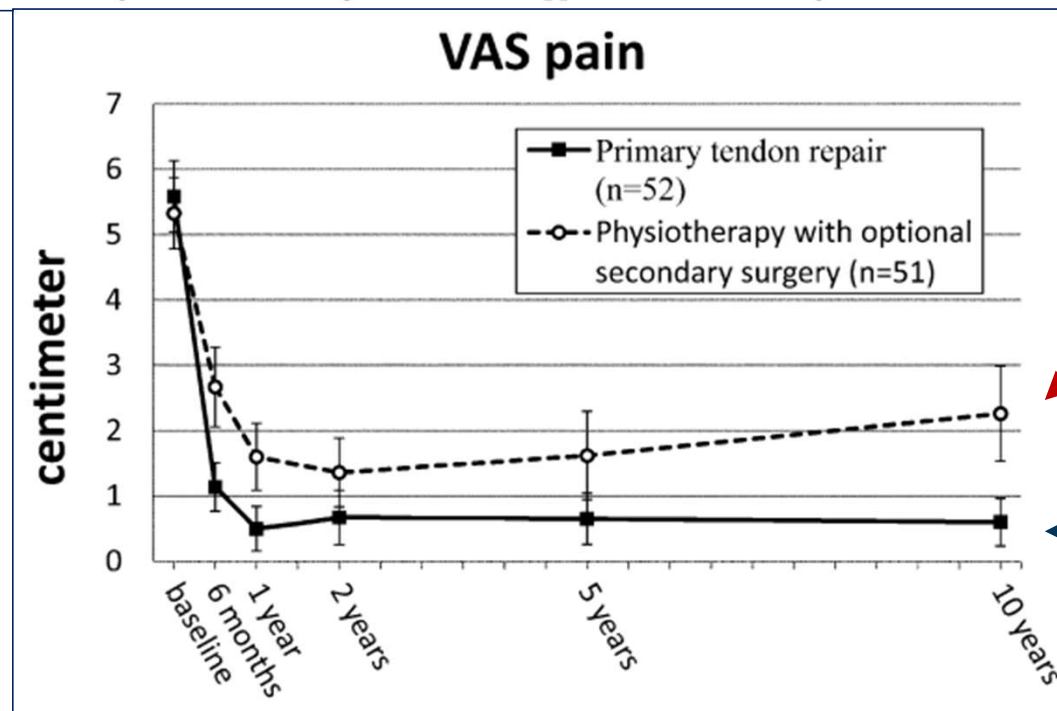


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- ≥ 2 injections had 2x increased odds of revision RCR
- Injection within 1 month associated with highest rate of revision
- ≥ 2 injections had 2x increased odds of revision RCR
- Single injection within 1 year of surgery \rightarrow increased risk of revision RCR
- ≥ 2 injections associated with increased adverse events
- Increased risk of infection when injection is within 1 month

At a 10-Year Follow-up, Tendon Repair Is Superior to Physiotherapy in the Treatment of Small and Medium-Sized Rotator Cuff Tears

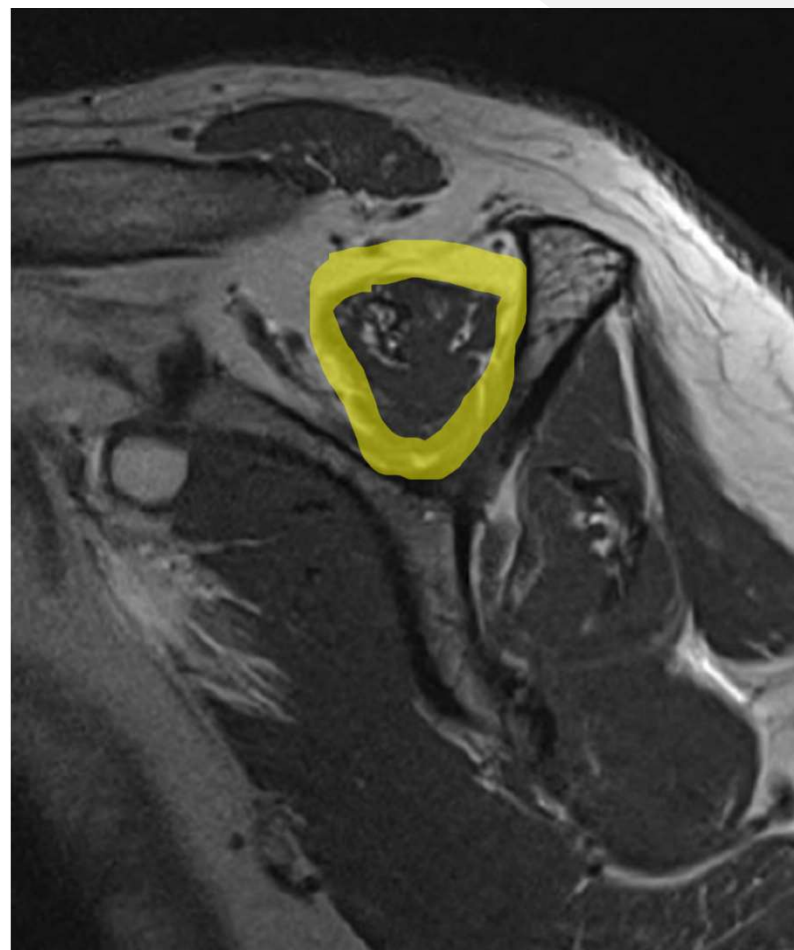
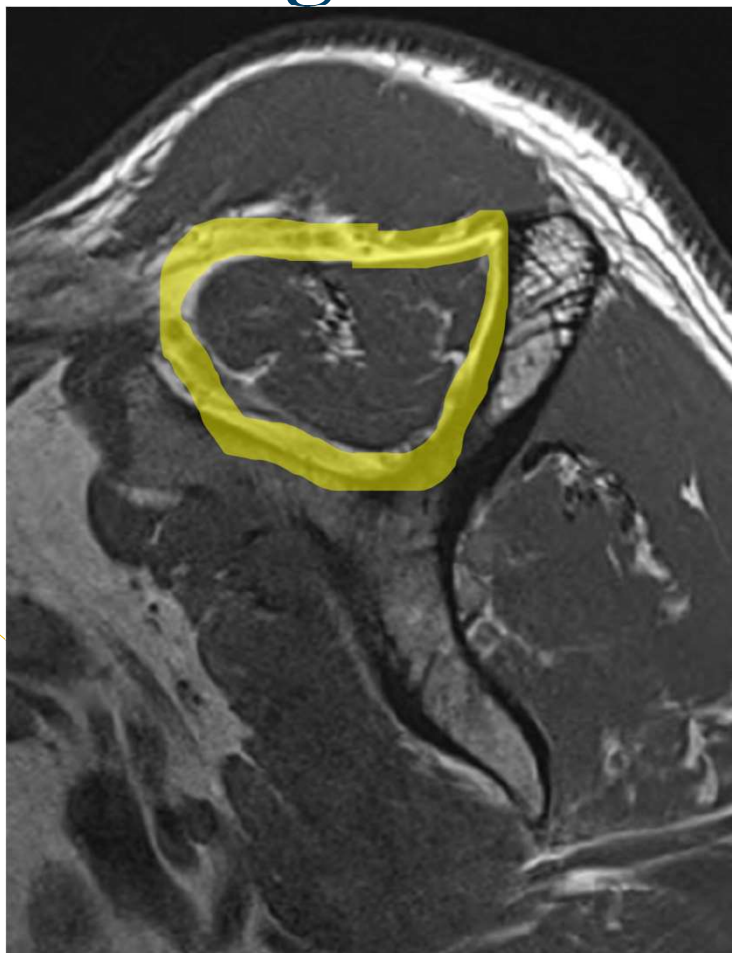
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PT

Surgery

Nonoperative Treatment: Muscle Degeneration



Rotator Cuff: Take Home Message

1. Acute Tears Should be Fixed
2. Degenerative/Chronic tears
 - PT or limited cortisone
 - Surgery is reasonable → PAIN
3. Shared decision making

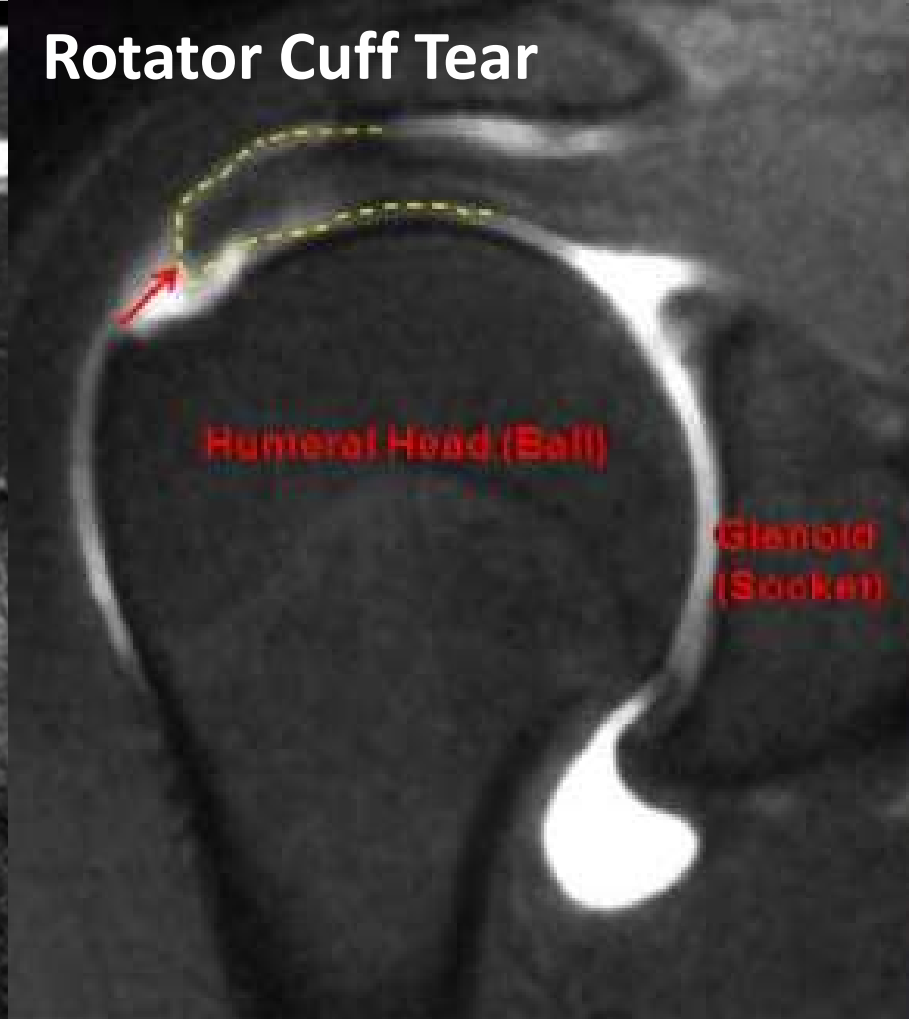
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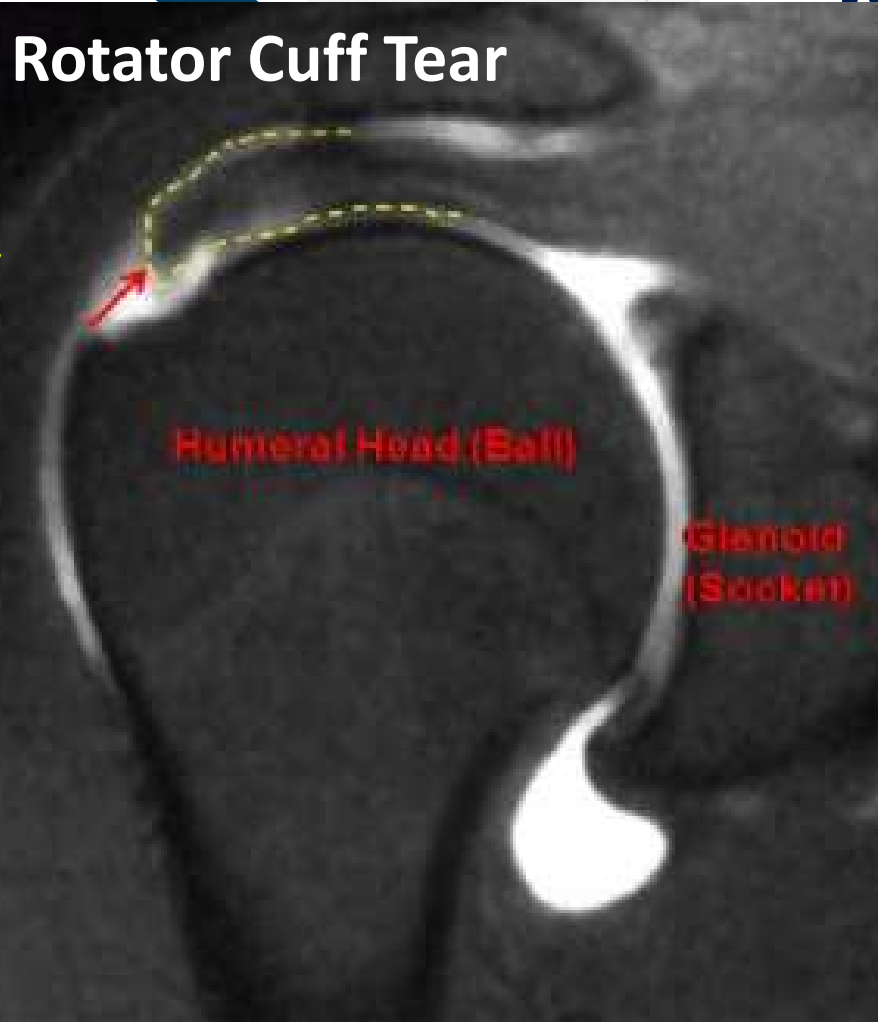
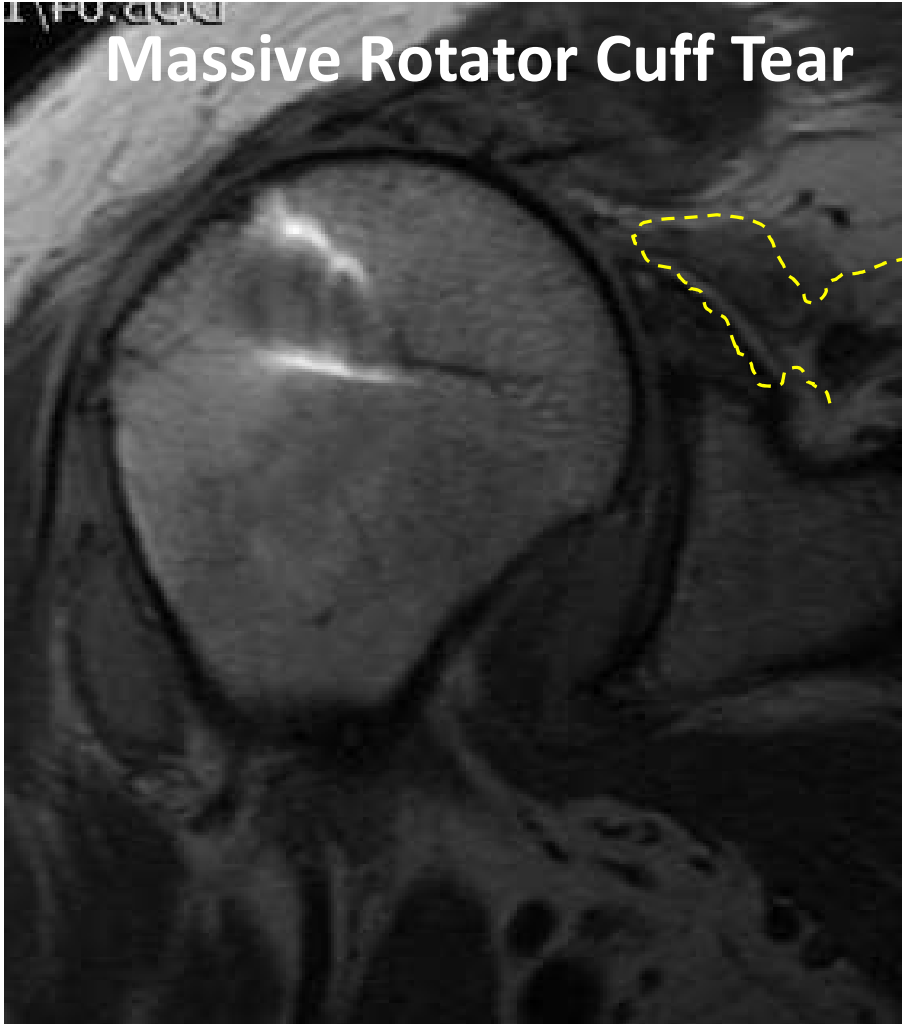
Irreparable/Massive Rotator Cuff Tears

Normal Cuff

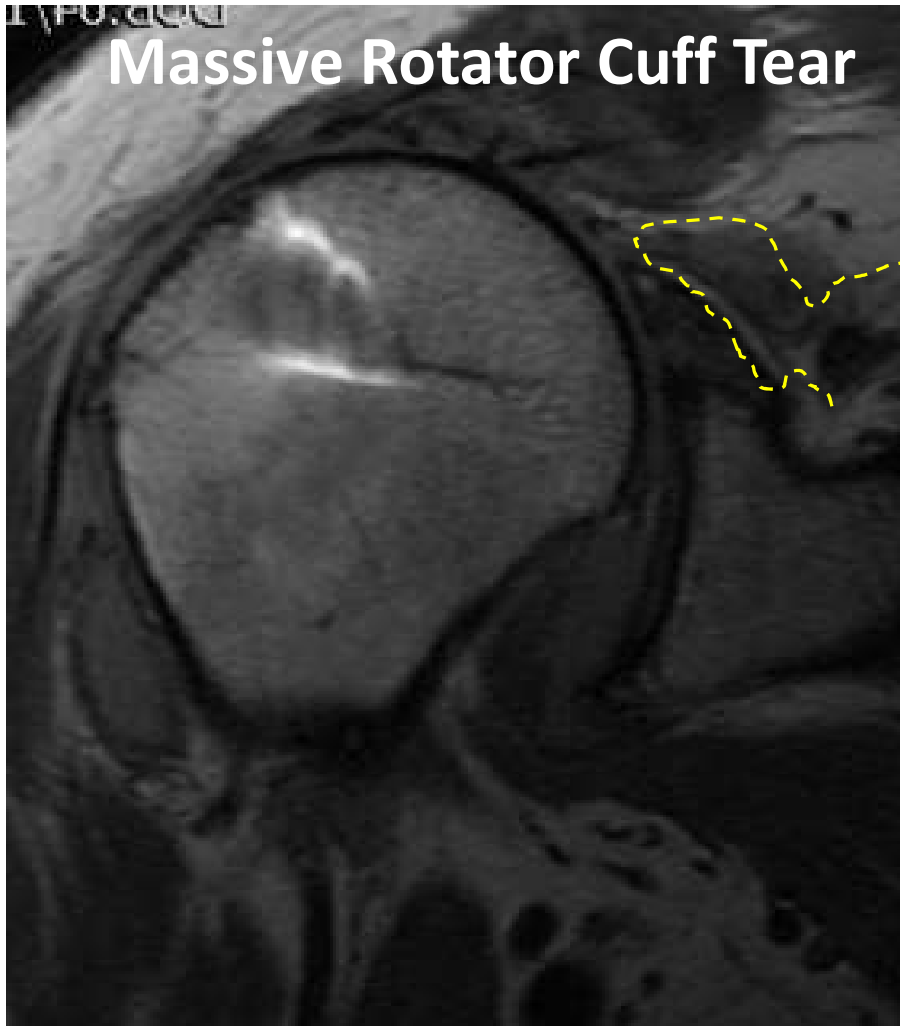


Rotator Cuff Tear





Massive Rotator Cuff Tear



Cuff Tear Arthropathy



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Normal



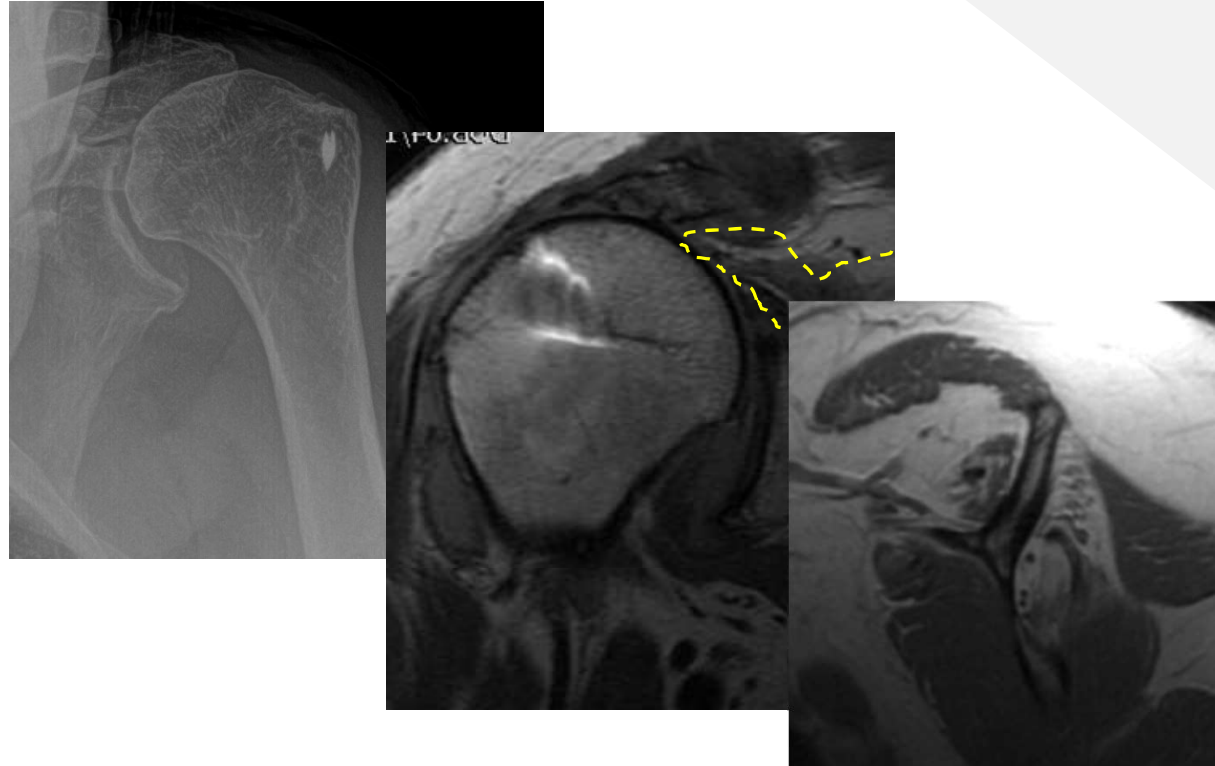
Cuff Tear Arthropathy
(CTA)



Irreparable Rotator Cuff Tears

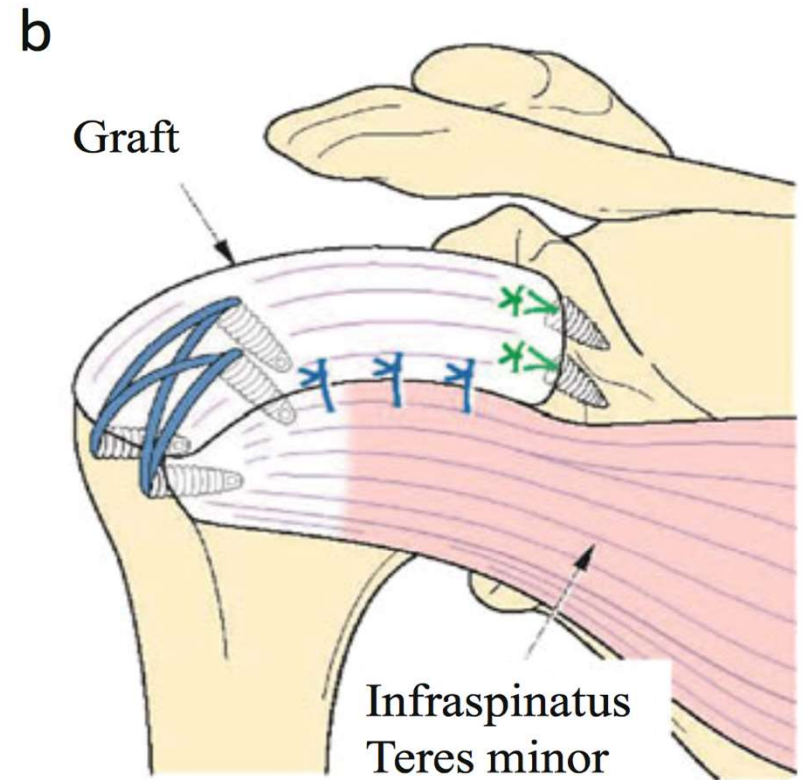
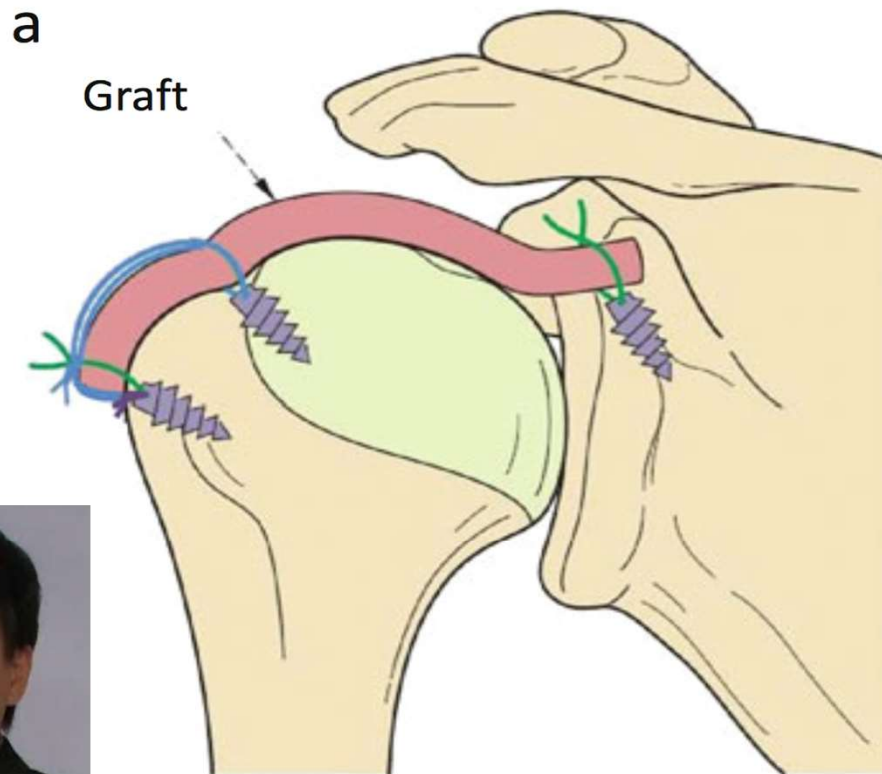
What makes a tear irreparable?

- Chronicity
- Size
- Muscle Atrophy



Superior Capsular Reconstruction

Very Mixed Results!

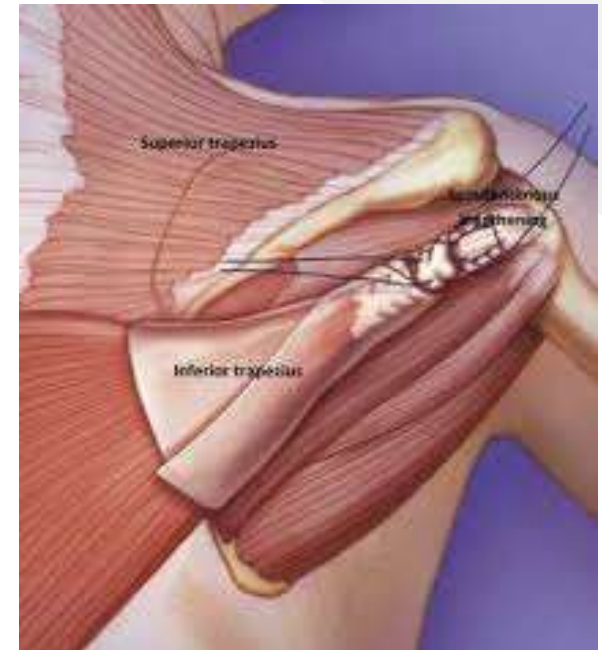
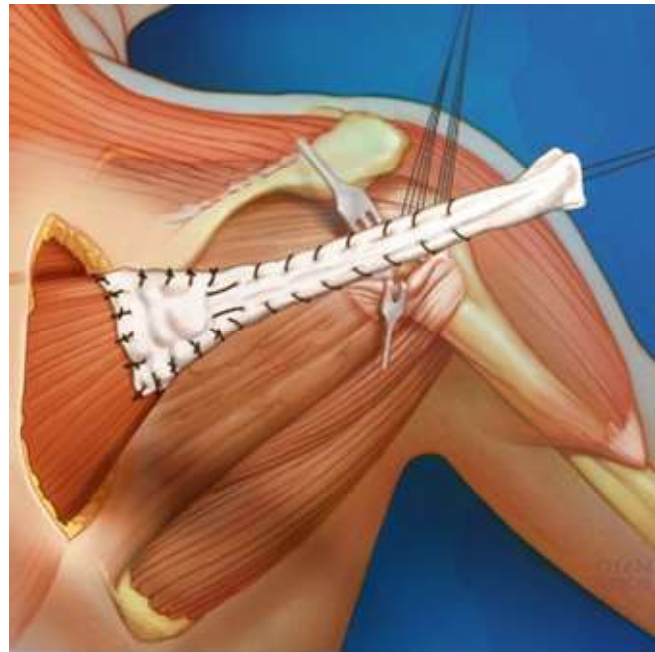


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Lower Trapezius Tendon Transfer

Weakness > Pain

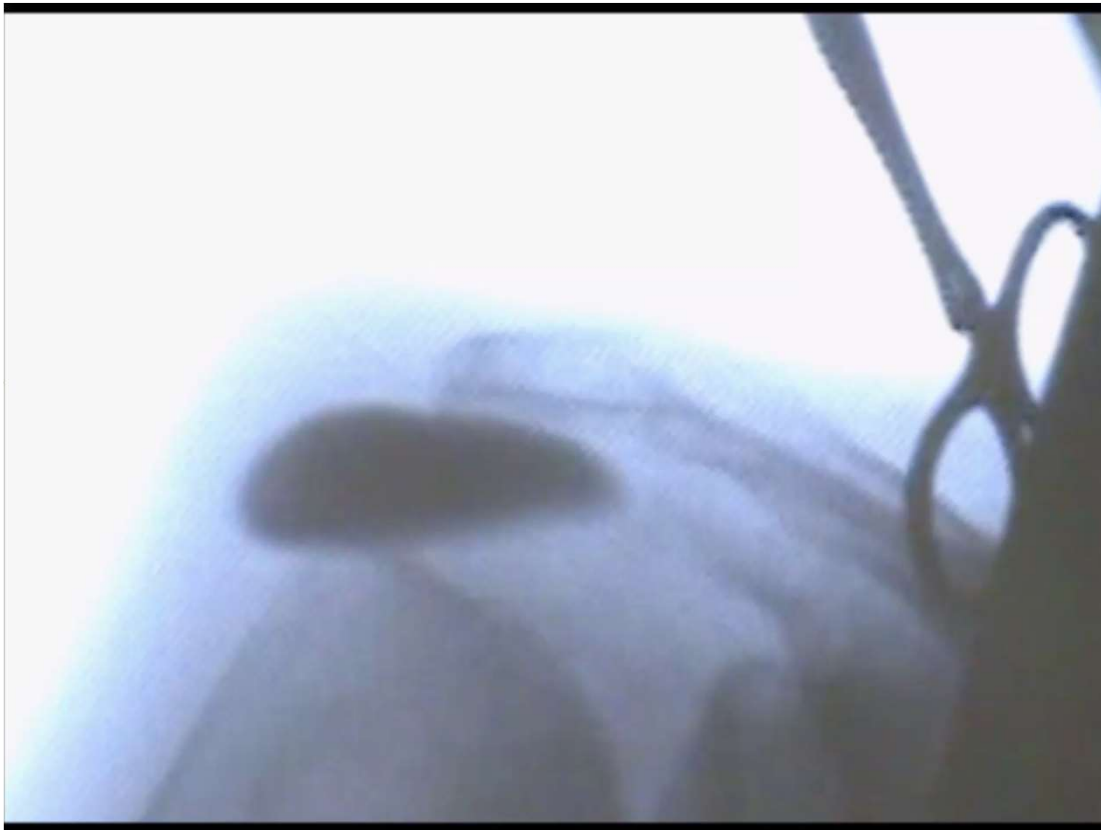


InSpace Subacromial Balloon



- Biodegradable polymer
- Subacromial space
- Massive tears, without arthritis

InSpace Subacromial Balloon



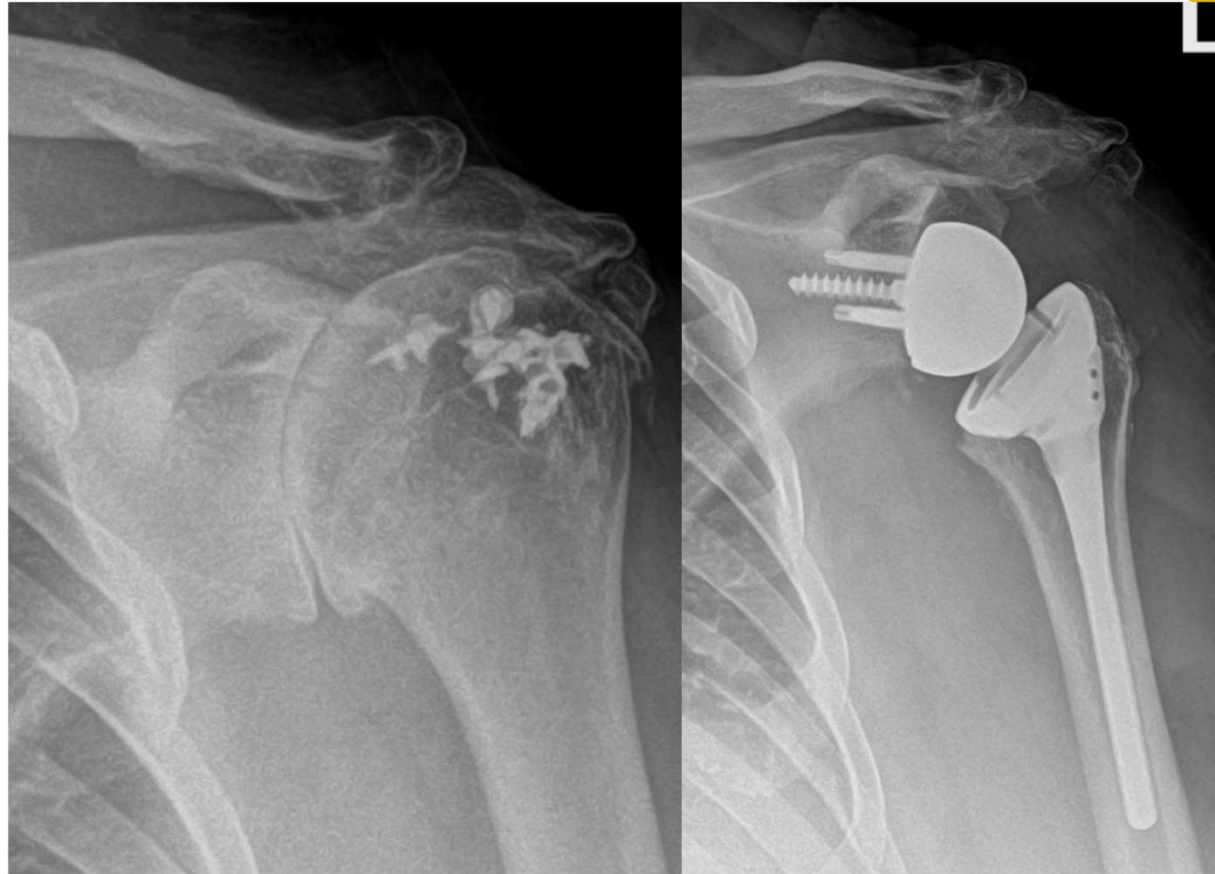
- Pushes down head
- Dissolves
- Similar to SCR

2 week follow up



Reverse Shoulder Arthroplasty

- Last Choice
- 90% Success Rate
- Complications



Take Home Points

- Traumatic Cuff Tears-Operative
 - Avoid Too Many Injections
 - Massive Cuff Tears
 - Lots of Solutions-None are Perfect
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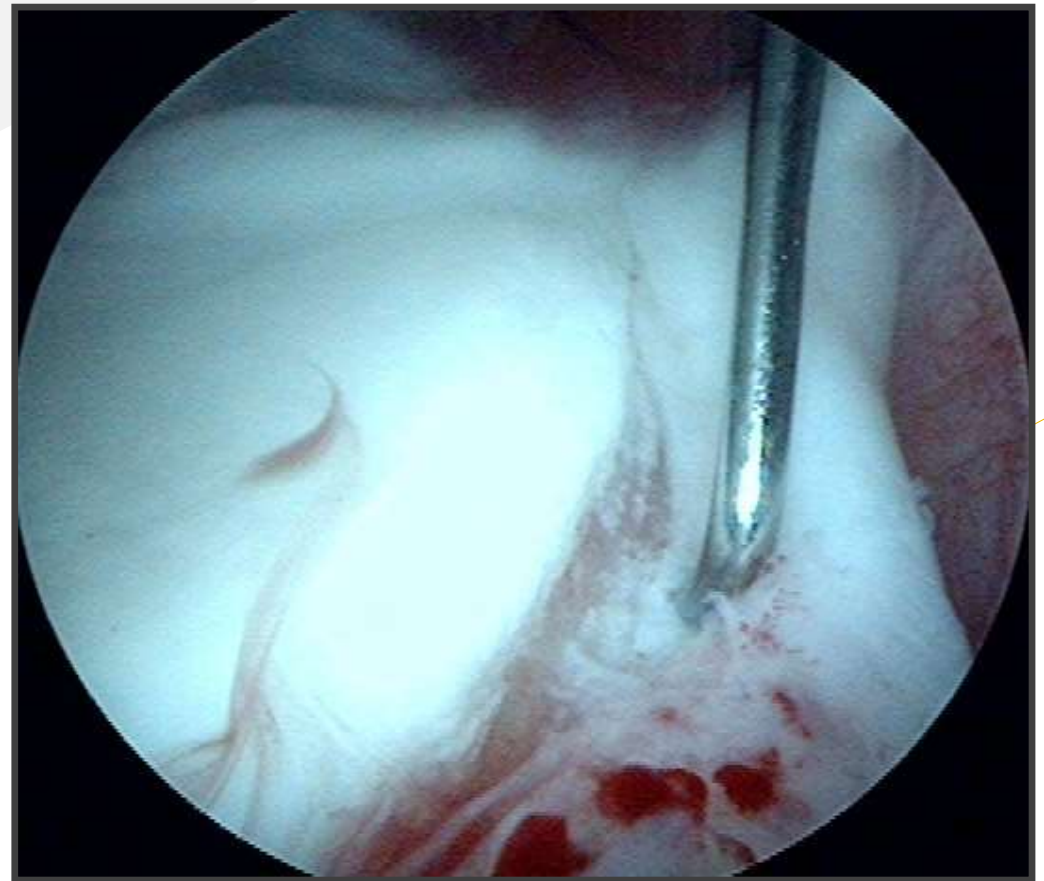
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Treatment of the First Time Dislocator

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The First Time Shoulder Dislocation When to Operate ???



History

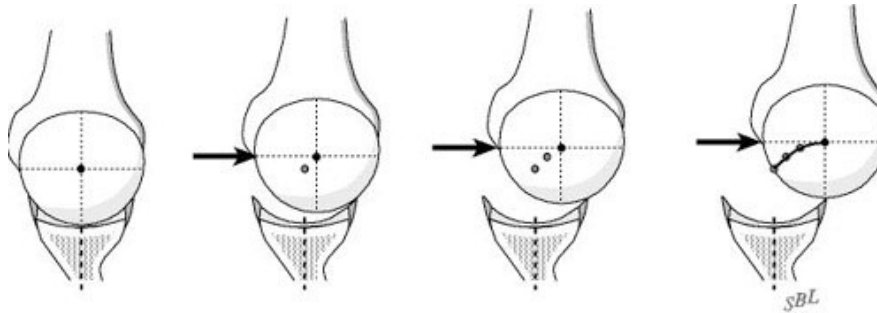
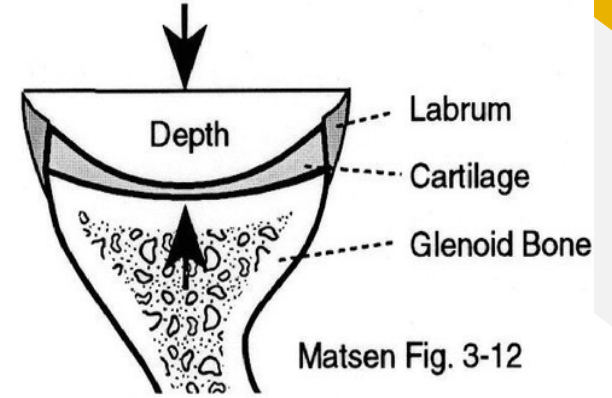
- **Shoulder is the most common joint to dislocate**
- **Typically a traumatic event**
 - 95% are anterior dislocations
- **Can surgery change the natural history?**
- **Should surgery be offered after a first time dislocation?**



Anatomic Contributions

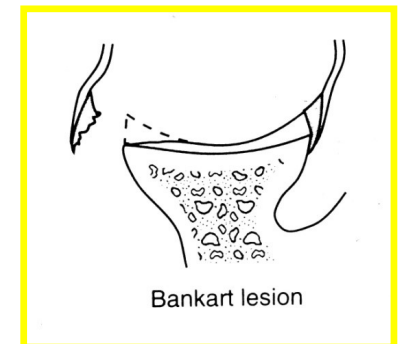
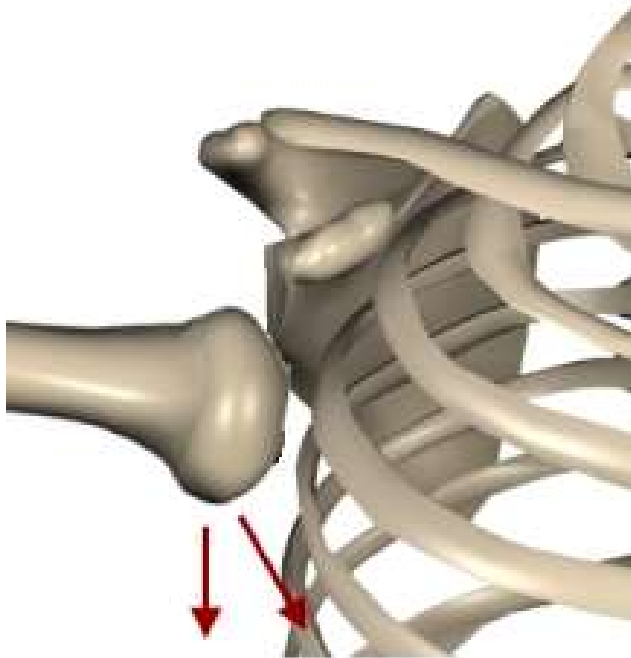
- **Labrum**

- Fibrocartilage Structure
- Doubles the AP depth of the glenoid (2.5 mm → 5 mm)



Anterior Dislocations 95% time:

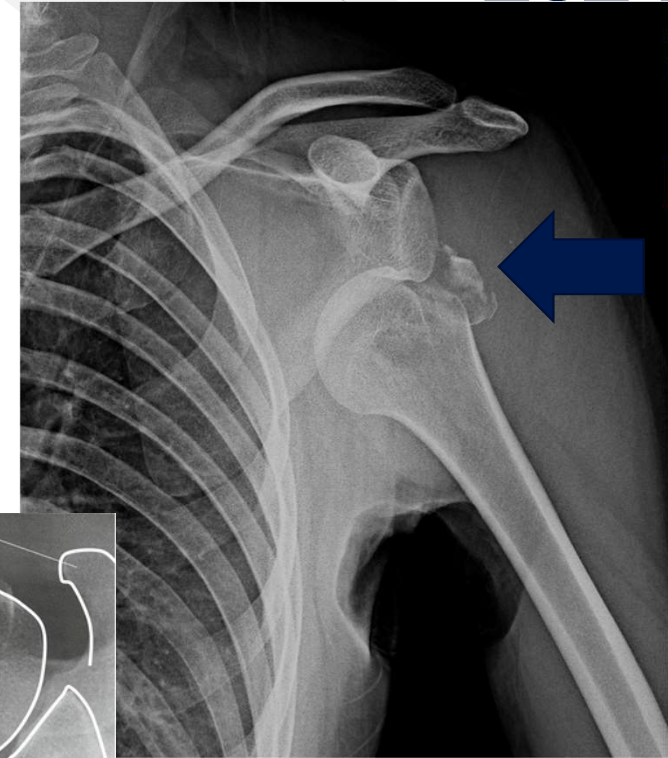
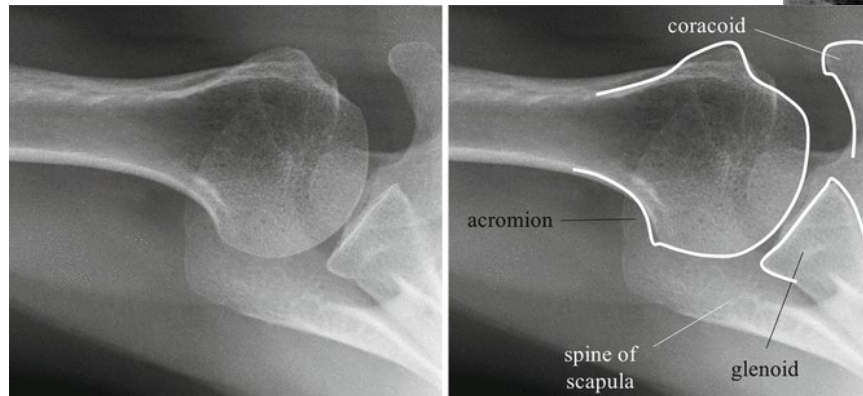
- Can cause anterior labral tear (Bankart lesion) 80%



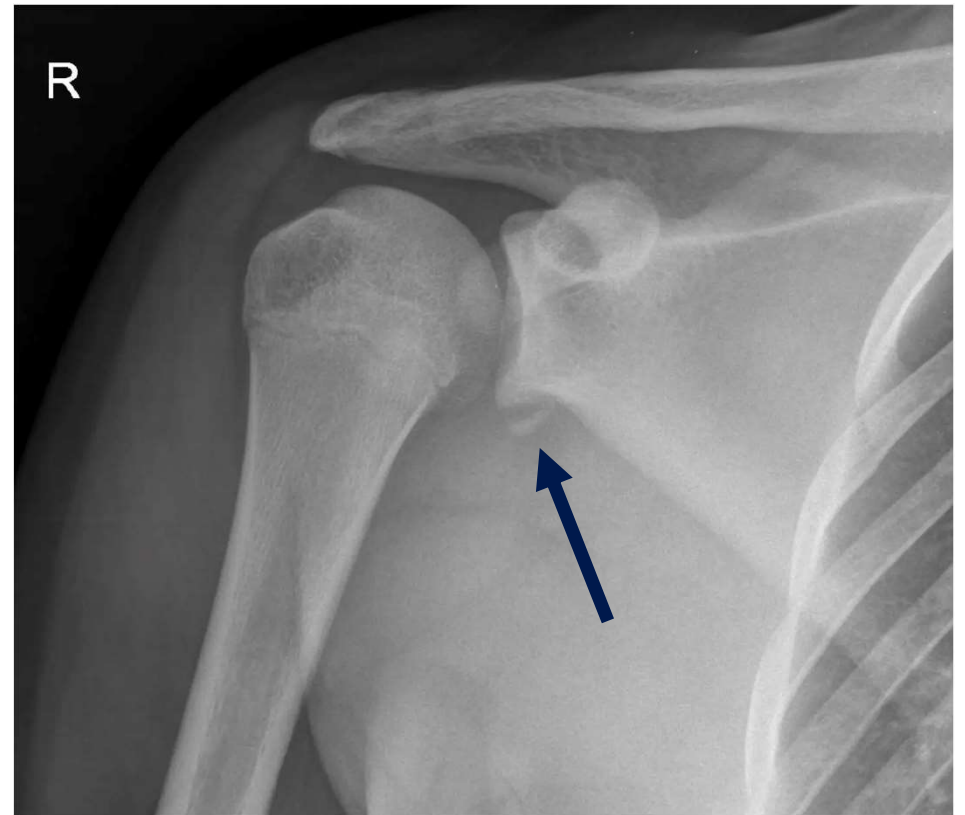
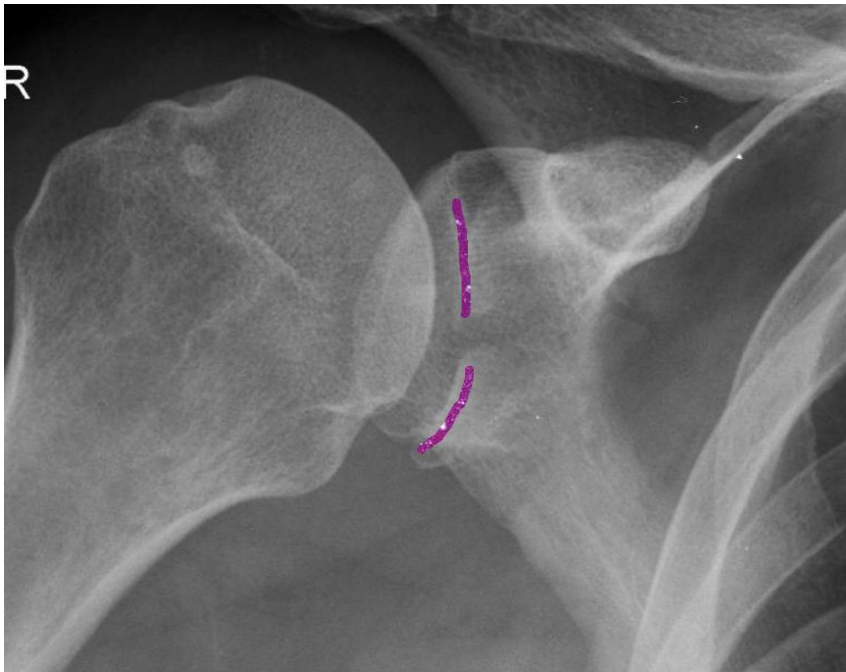
Imaging

- Radiographs

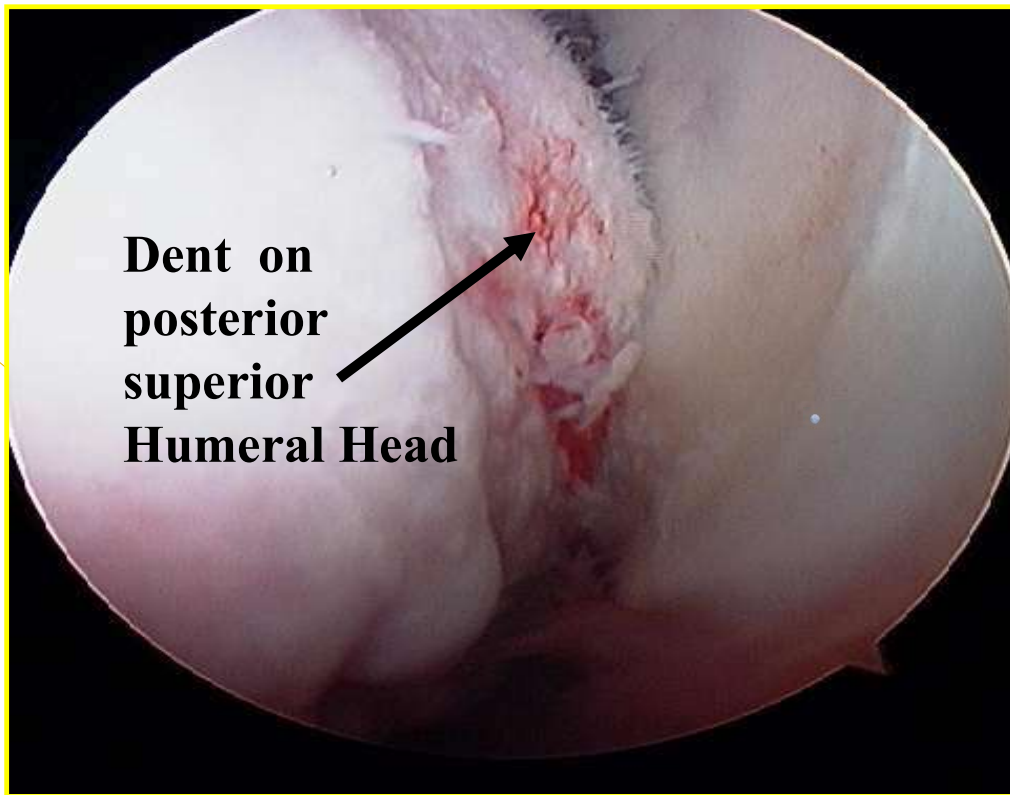
- 3 views- AP, axillary, outlet
- Axillary most important to determine if reduced
- Look for fractures



Bony Bankart

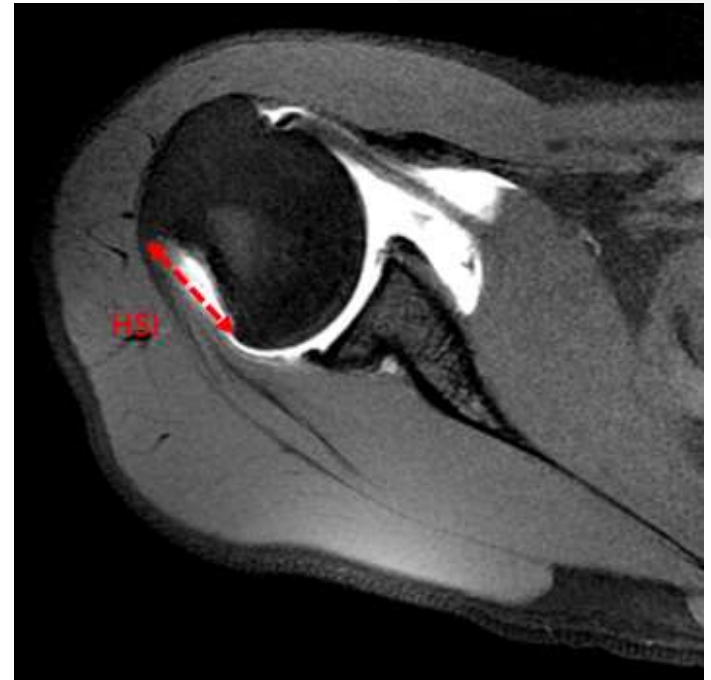
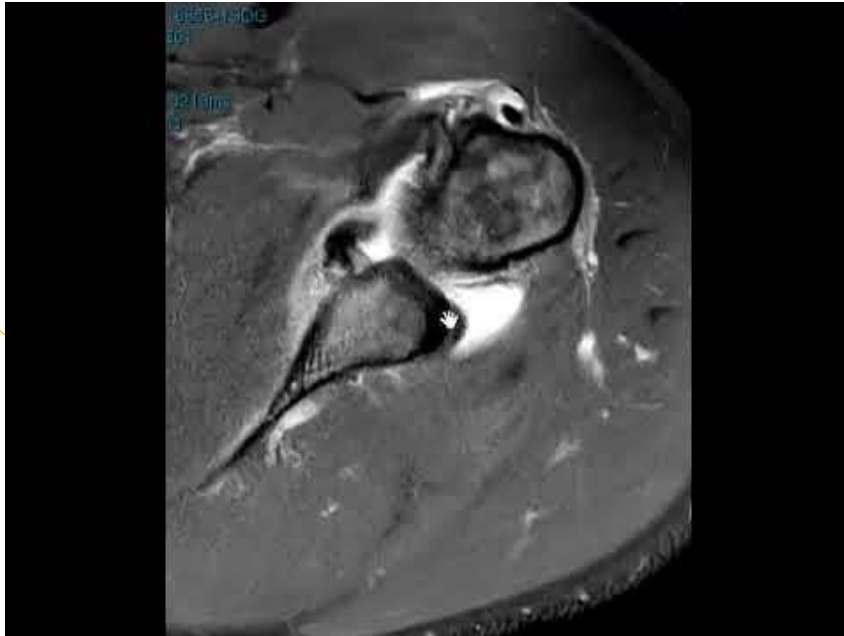


Hill-Sachs Lesion



Imaging

- MRI
 - Evaluate labral/ligament damage
 - If acute injury do not need an arthrogram



3 Major reasons to support immediate surgery

- **1. Unacceptable high risk of recurrent dislocations**
 - Influenced by age (Hovelius; JBJS 2008)
 - 12-22 yo- 72%
 - 23-29 yo- 56%
 - >30- 27%
- **2. Recurrent instability causes progressive soft tissue and bone injury**
 - 40% osteoarthritis with several dislocations vs 18% with 1 episode
 - Increased instability episodes = rate of post op OA increased
- **3. Improvement in quality of life with surgery**

Treatment of First Time Shoulder Dislocation

- Need to consider several factors
- **Age?**
 - Younger patients <25 y/o chance of redislocation >50%
 - Older patients >40 must check for rotator cuff tears
 - Chance of redislocation is very low!!!
- **Occupation?**
- **Sports?**
 - **Contact?**



Shoulder Dislocation

- **Conservative Treatment**

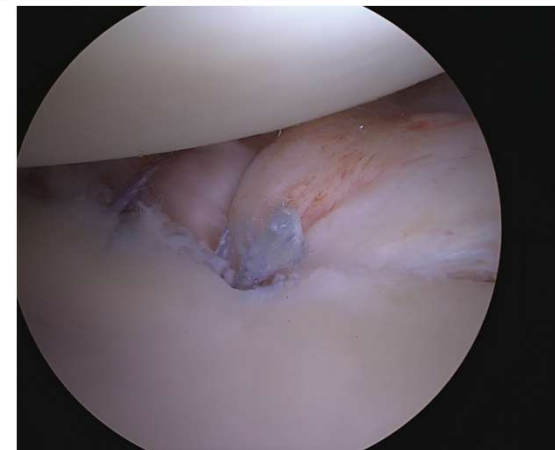
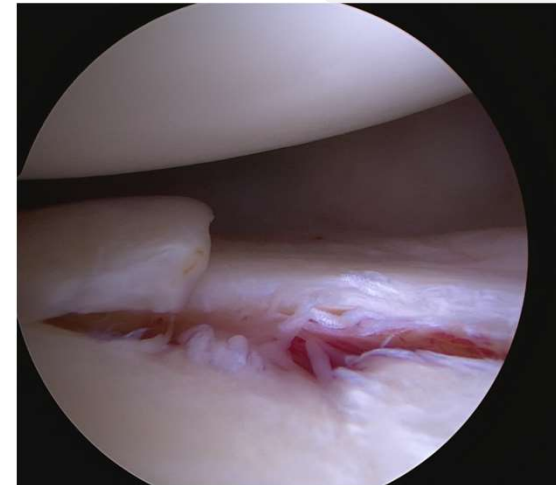
- 1st time dislocates ???
- External Rotation Brace for 3 weeks
- Therapeutic physical therapy exercises

BUT:

- >50% patients <25 y/o will redislocate

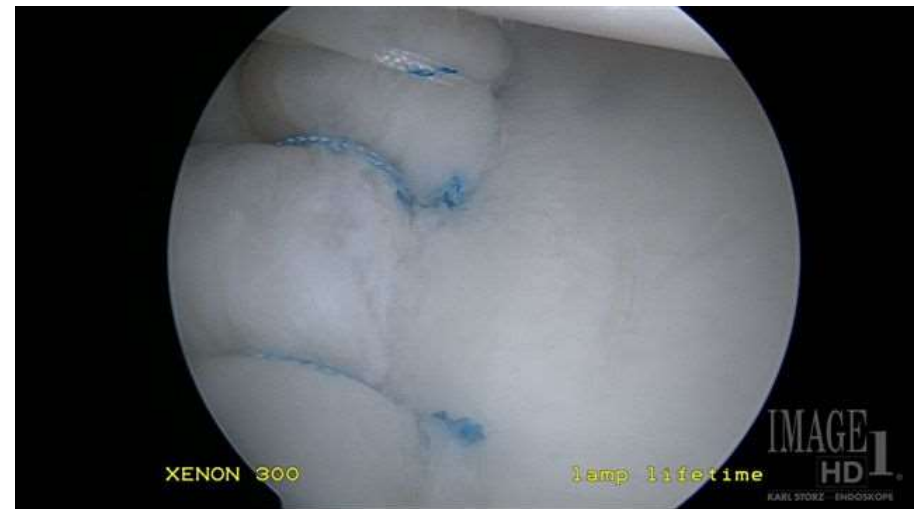
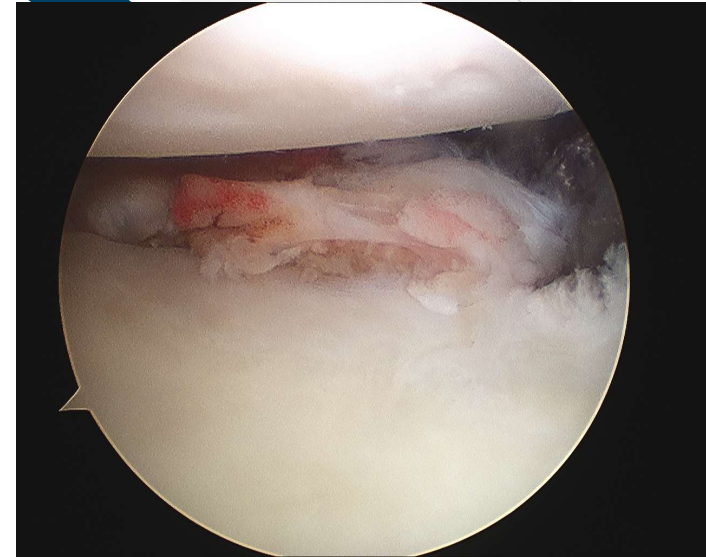
Can we change the natural hx with surgery?

- **Jakobsen; Arthroscopy 2007**
- 2 year fu
 - Nonop- 54% had recurrent instability
 - Surgery- 3% after open surgical repair
- **Bottoni; AJSM 2004 <26 yo**
 - Nonop- 75% recurrence
 - Operative- 11% recurrence
- **Kirkley; Arthroscopy 2005 <30**
 - Nonop – 47% recurrence
 - Operative- 16% recurrence



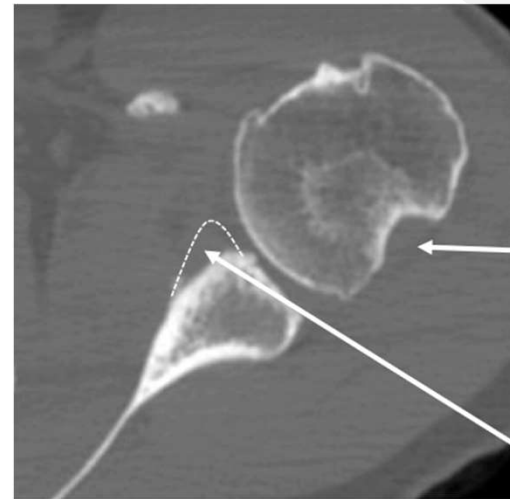
Surgical Indications

- Younger <20-25 patient 1st time dislocation
 - Contact athlete
 - Heavy manual labor
 - Reduces odds of future dislocation to about 10-15%
- Bony Bankart
- Associated rotator cuff tears
 - Usually over age 40



Other advantages to early surgery

- Arthroscopic surgery more difficult after multiple dislocations
 - Poor labral tissue quality
 - Stretching of ligaments and capsule
 - Bone loss
 - May require more complex surgery



- CT scan – axial view
- Hill-Sachs lesion
- anterior glenoid bone loss



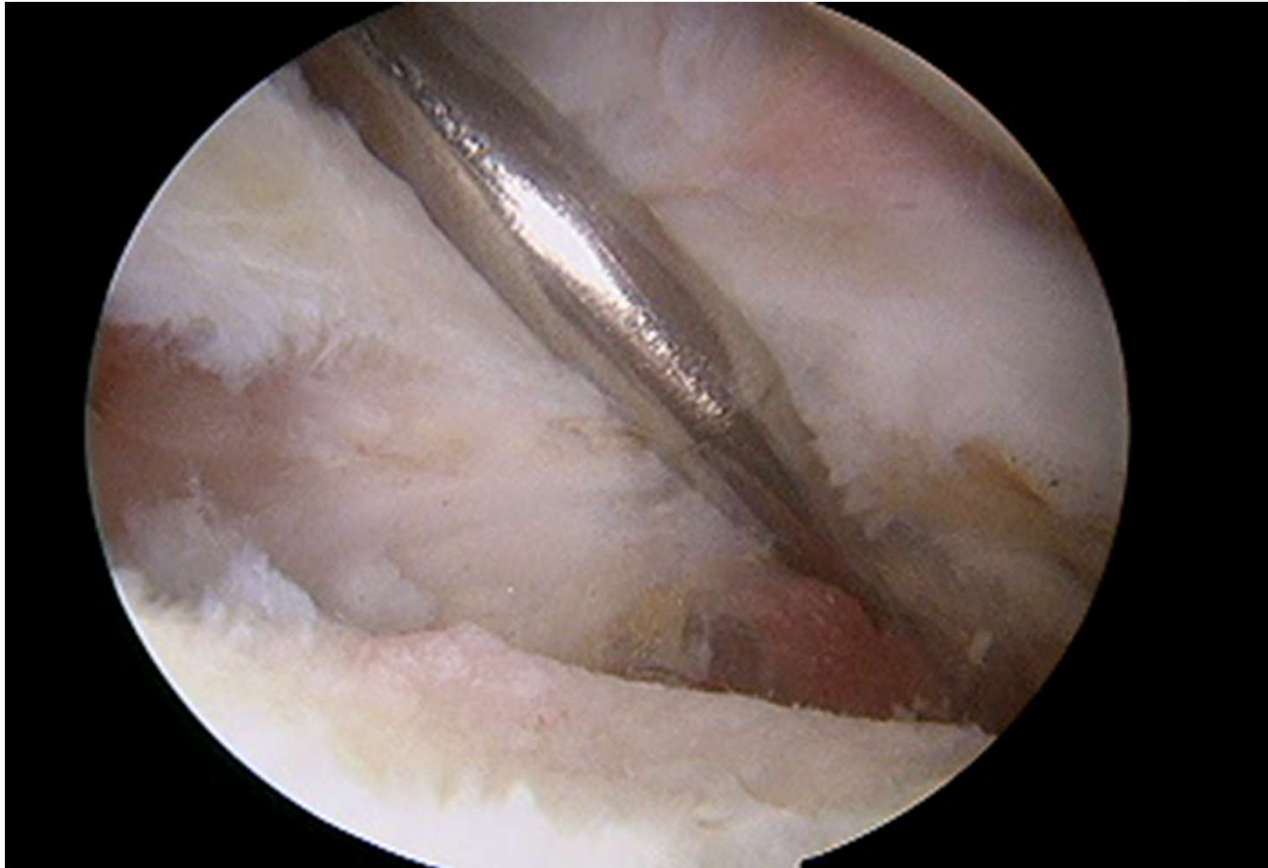
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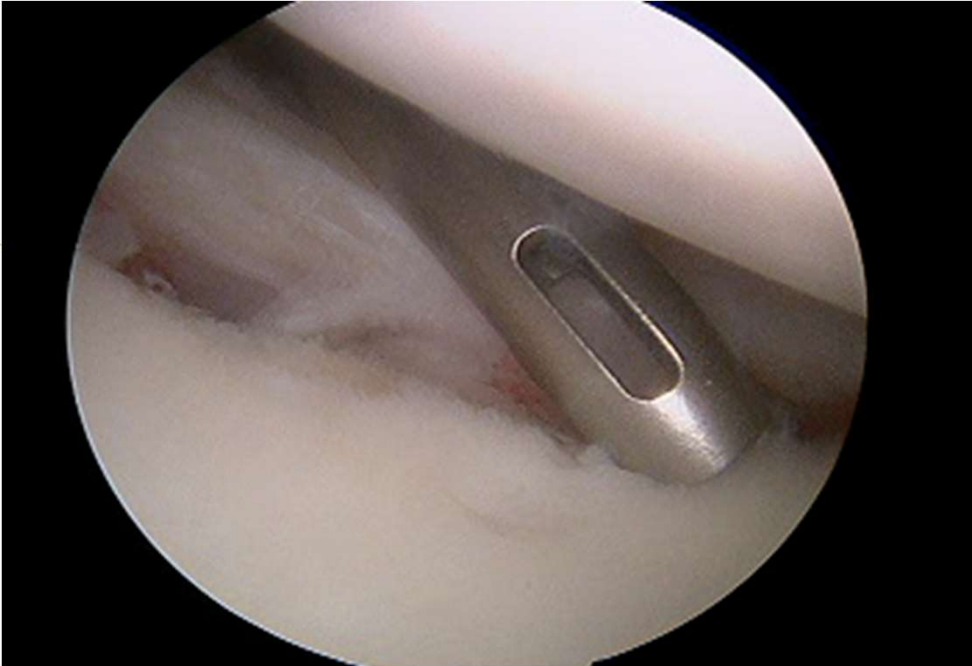
Exam Under Anesthesia



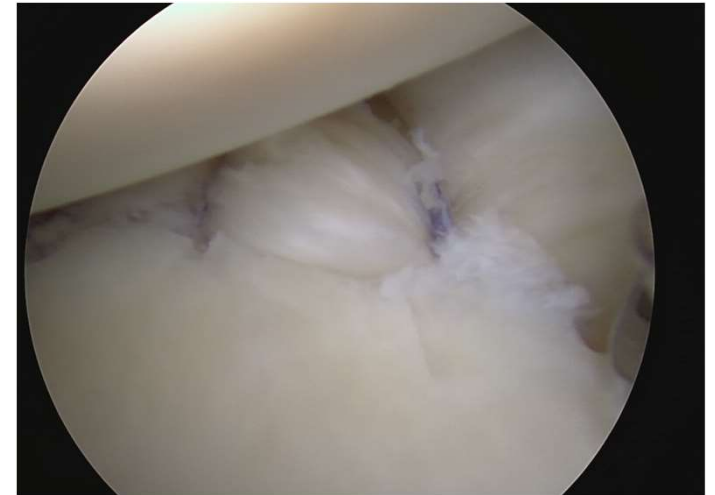
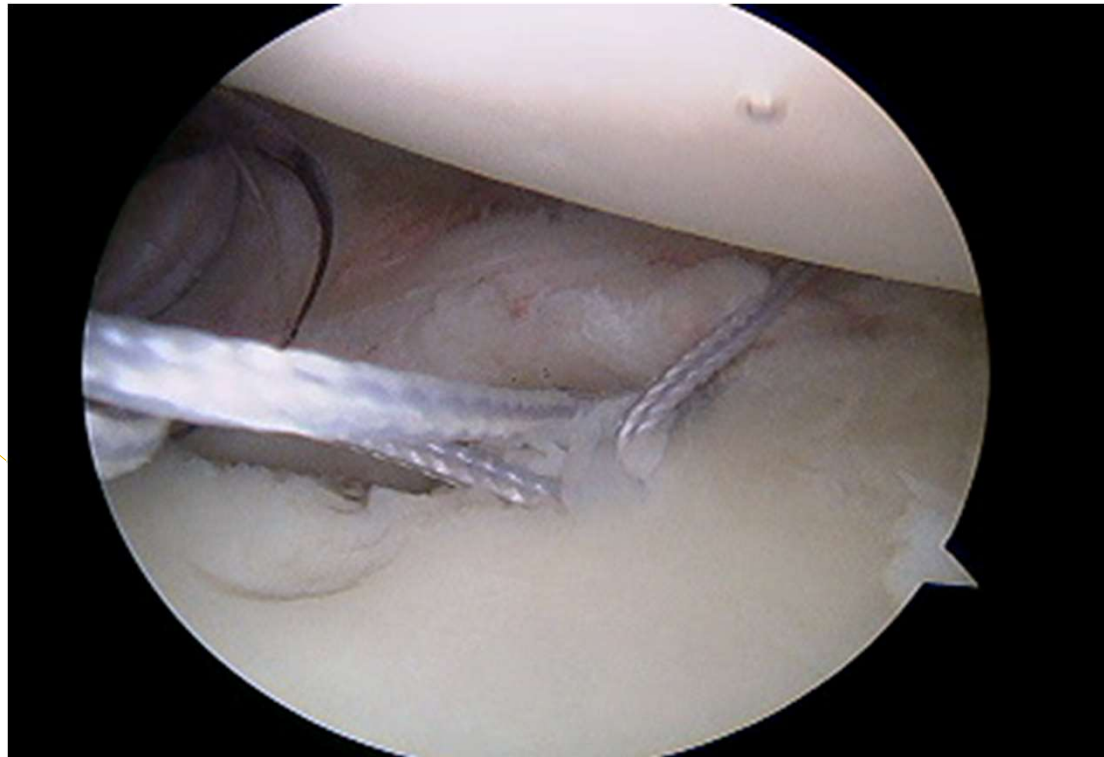
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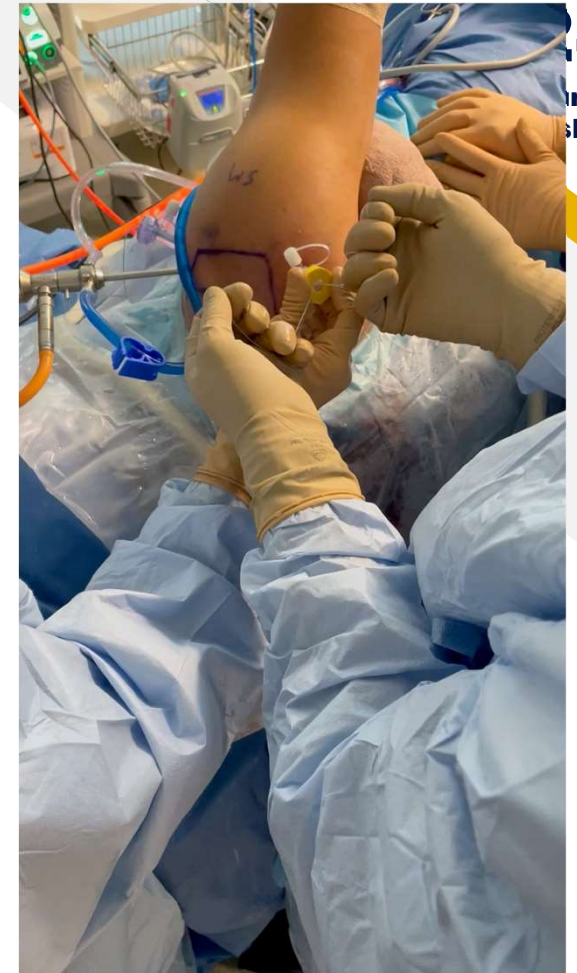
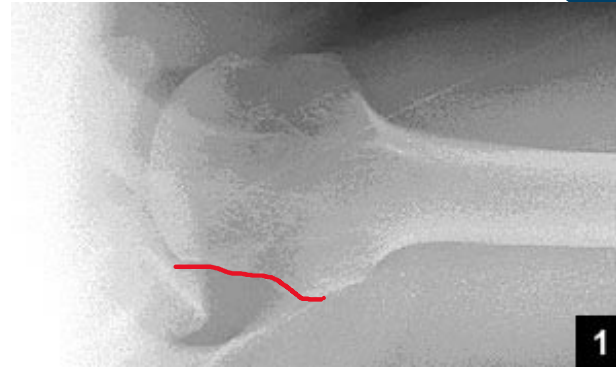
Drilling for anchor



Repair

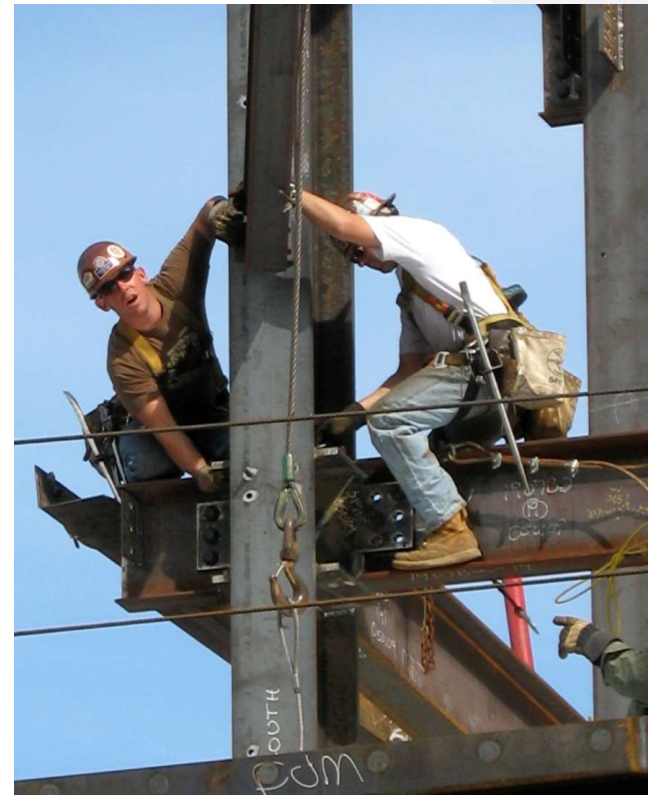


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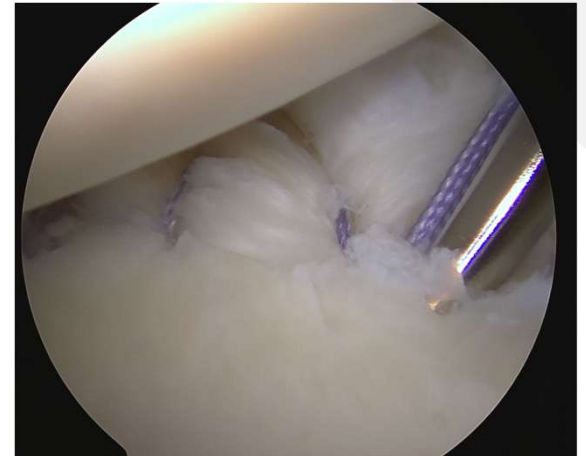
Return to Work

- After Nonsurgical treatment
 - Physical therapy after 3 weeks
 - Return to sedentary job after 3 weeks
 - Most can return to work full duty 8-10 weeks after dislocation
- After Surgery
 - 4-6 weeks sling
 - PT starts 2-3 weeks after surgery
 - First 3 months focus on ROM
 - 3-6 months focus on strength
 - 6 months full duty allowed



Conclusions

- There is no absolute consensus on treatment in the literature
- Traditional immobilization in a sling is being challenged in certain populations
 - Young <25
 - Contact athlete
 - Heavy manual labor
- Every case has to be looked at individually
- Shared decision making with patient understanding risks and benefits





THANK YOU!!!!!!



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Shoulder Case Discussion

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Patient - T.P.

- 50 yr old Female, RHD, 3 years of progressive Left Shoulder Pain and Loss of Function
 - No Single Traumatic Event
 - Pain Started while at Work 3 years ago
- Pain with Work, Activities and at Night
- Unable to lift the shoulder for 12 months
- Unable to do ADL with the Left Shoulder
- SSV ~15%
- No Neck pain or any radiating pain
- NASIDs and PT, one Injection (PCP)

- PMH: None
- PSH: Hysterectomy
- Medications: Naprosyn and Tylenol
- Allergies: Percocet
- SH: No tob, No Alcohol and No Drugs
 - House cleaner
 - Spanish Speaking only
 - Unable to work for > 6 months
- ROS: Non contributory

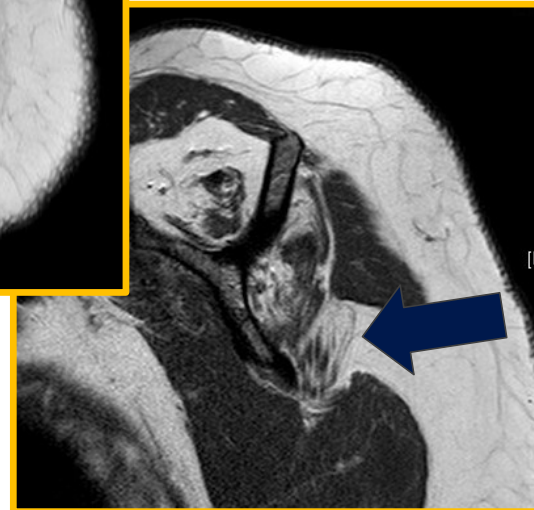
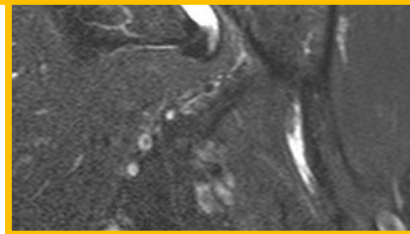
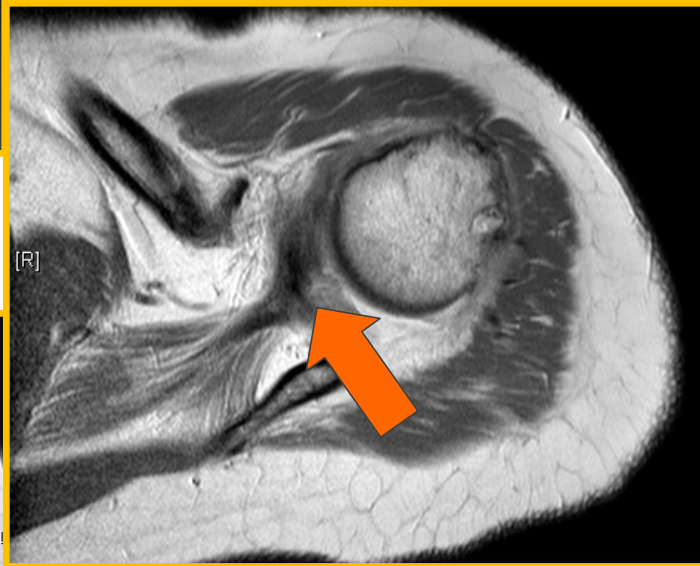
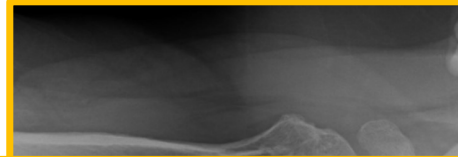
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Exam




X-Ray and MRI



Massive Cuff Tear Not Repairable

- Causation?
- Legal Proceedings
 - What is the process?
 - What do I need to put in the Notes?
- Patients Files for W/C and gets denied.
 - What Happens Now? Appeal?
 - What is the Time Line?

Role of PT Before Surgery?

- Who should get PT and who should Not?
 - Any other options for her other than surgery?
 - Who pays for all of these modalities?
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Surgical Options?

- A. Diagnostic Arthroscopy, Attempt to Repair, SAD, and Biceps Tenotomy/Tenodesis, Biceps SCR
- B. Arthroscopic Superior Capsule Reconstruction (SCR)
- C. Open Partial Repair with Graft Jacket/Augmentation
- D. Arthroscopic Balloon Insertion
- E. Humeral Head Resurfacing with Dermograft
- F. Muscle Transfer (Latissimus dorsi vs Lower Trapezius)
- G. Reverse Shoulder Arthroplasty
- H. Reverse Shoulder Arthroplasty with Muscle Transfer (Modified L'Episcopo)

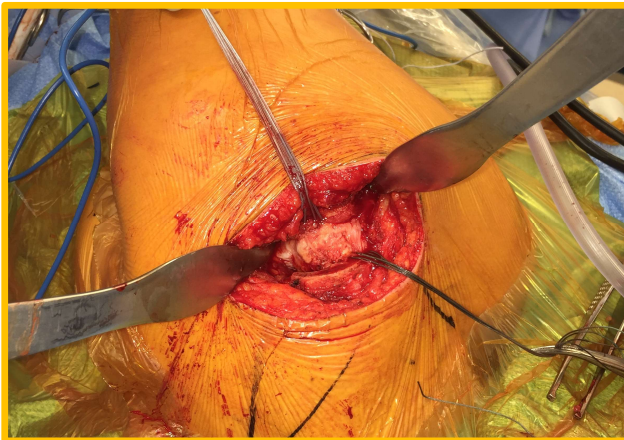
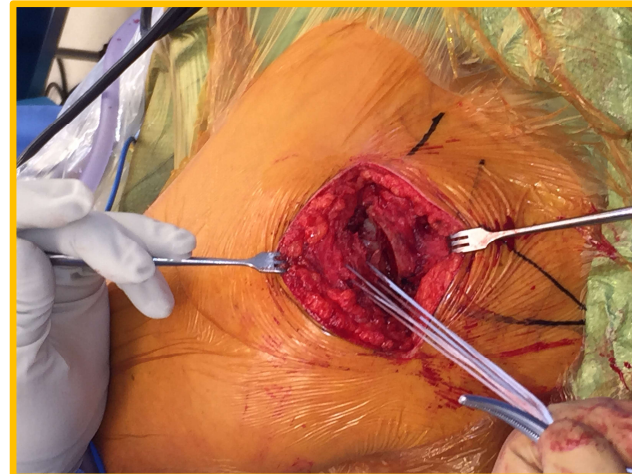
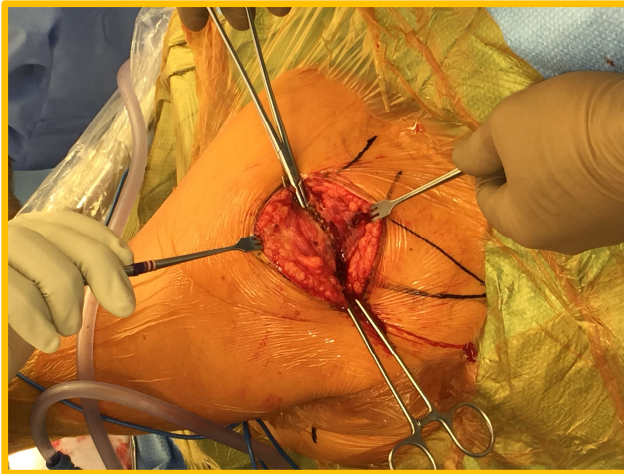
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Acromion Osteotomy

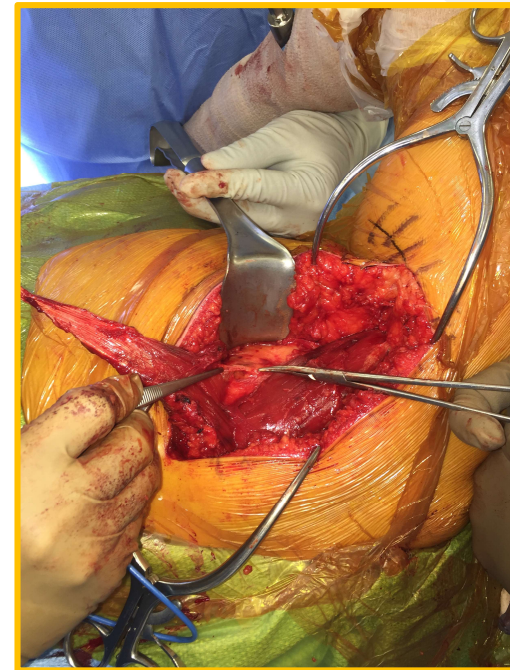
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Latissimus Dorsi Harvest

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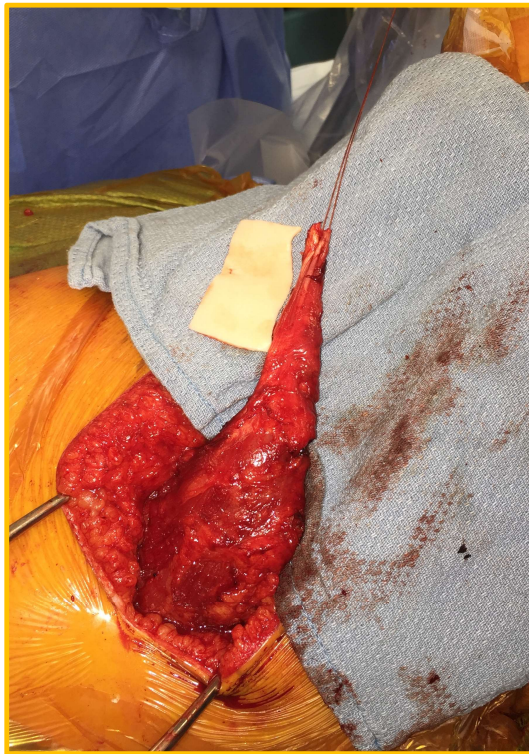
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Graft Jacket Augmentation

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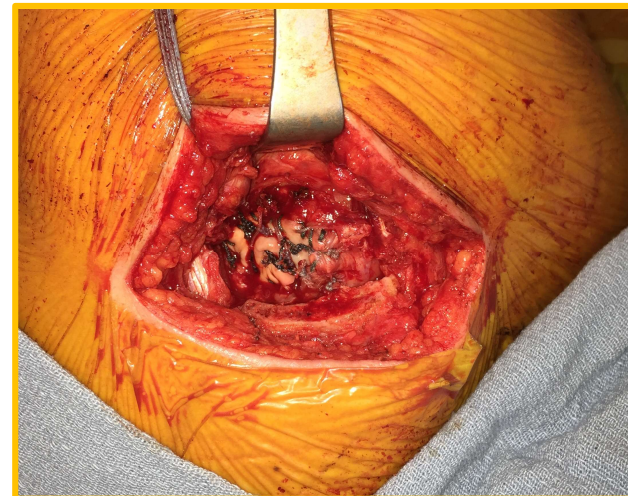
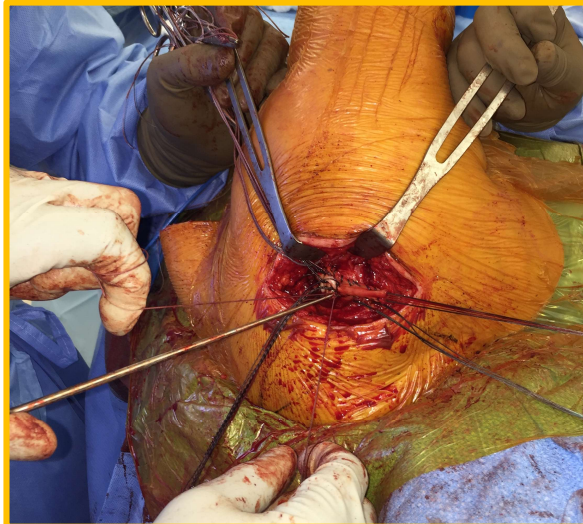
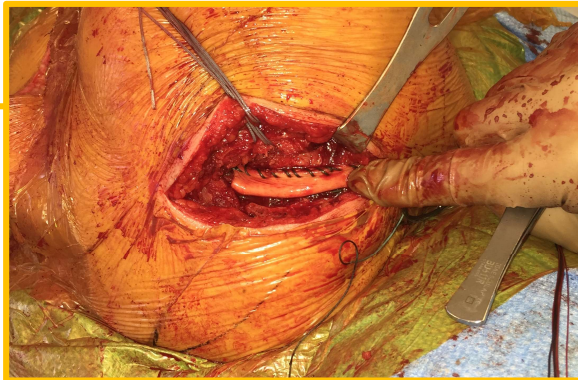
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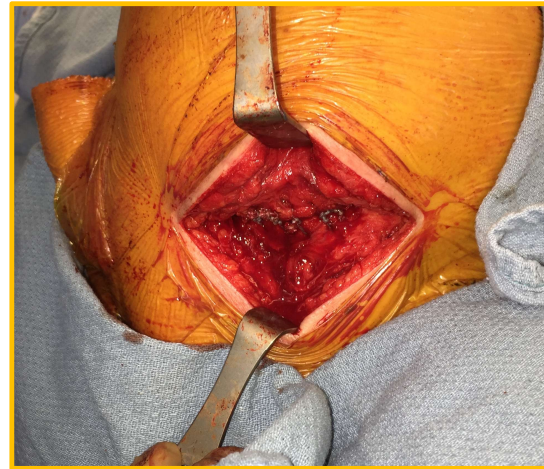
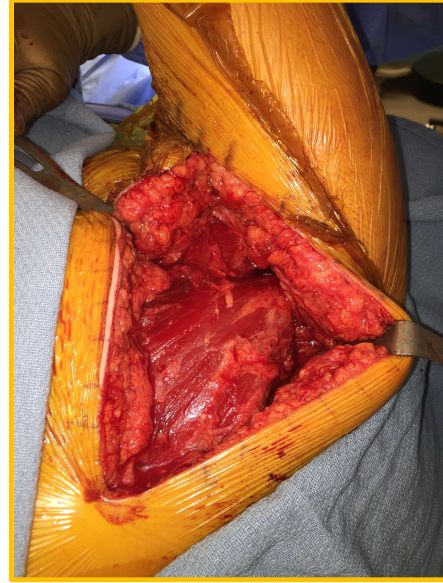
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Post Op Rehab

- 6 Weeks of SCOI Brace
- Routine RTC Protocol



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3 Months Post Op

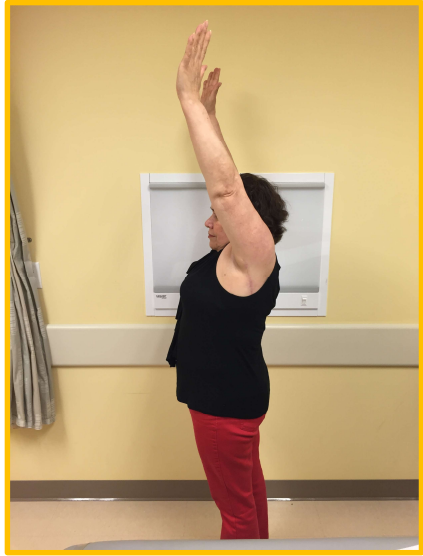


6 Months Post Op




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Why Does Work Comp Deny or Limit PT after Surgery???

- Role of Work Conditioning and FCE in Work comp patients after surgery?
 - MMI and When to Settle the Case?
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