

# Anatomic vs. Reverse Total Shoulder Arthroplasty

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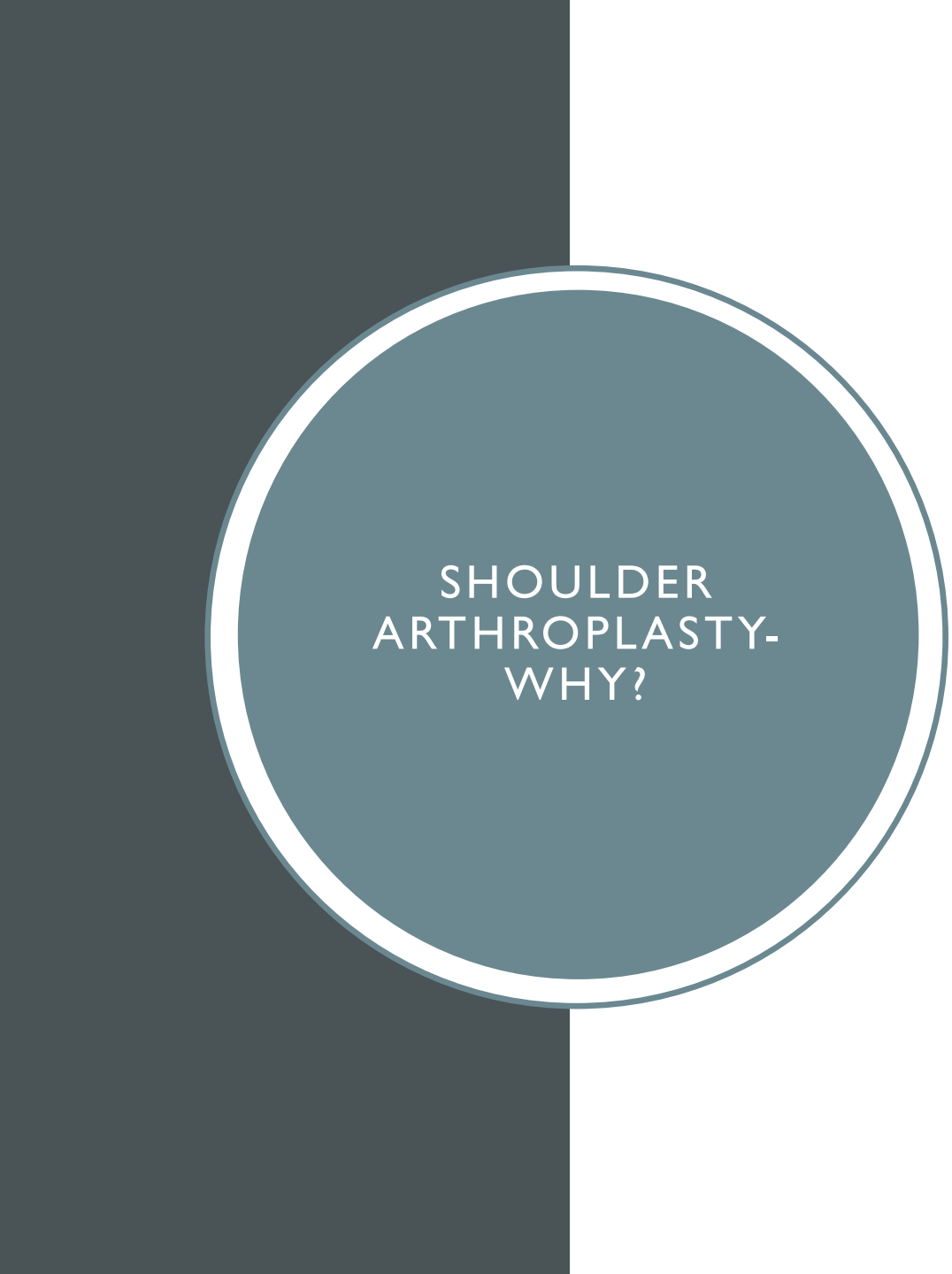
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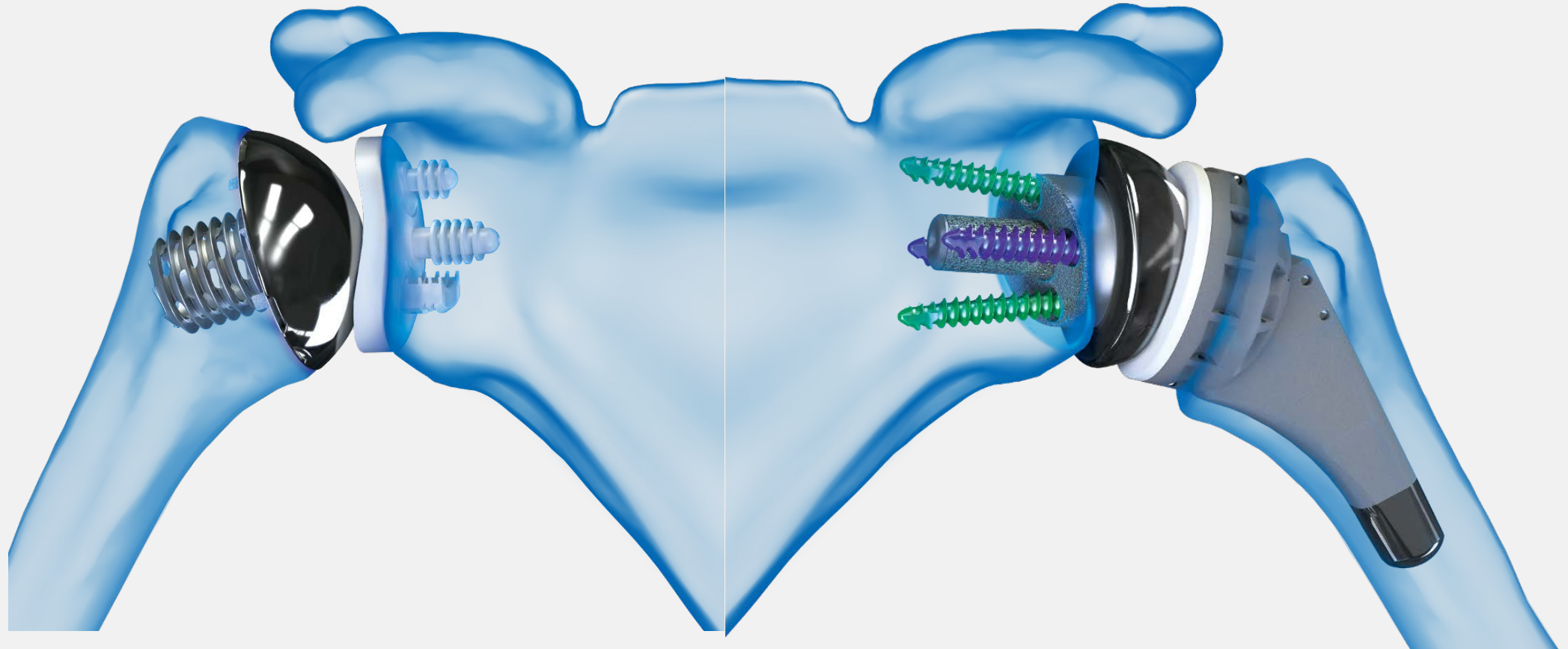
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SHOULDER  
ARTHROPLASTY-  
WHY?

- Arthritis
- Rotator cuff arthropathy
- Fracture
- Avascular Necrosis
- Revision



aTSA vs. rTSA  
WHY?

# OSTEOARTHRITIS FINDINGS ON RADIOGRAPH

Subchondral sclerosis

Joint space narrowing

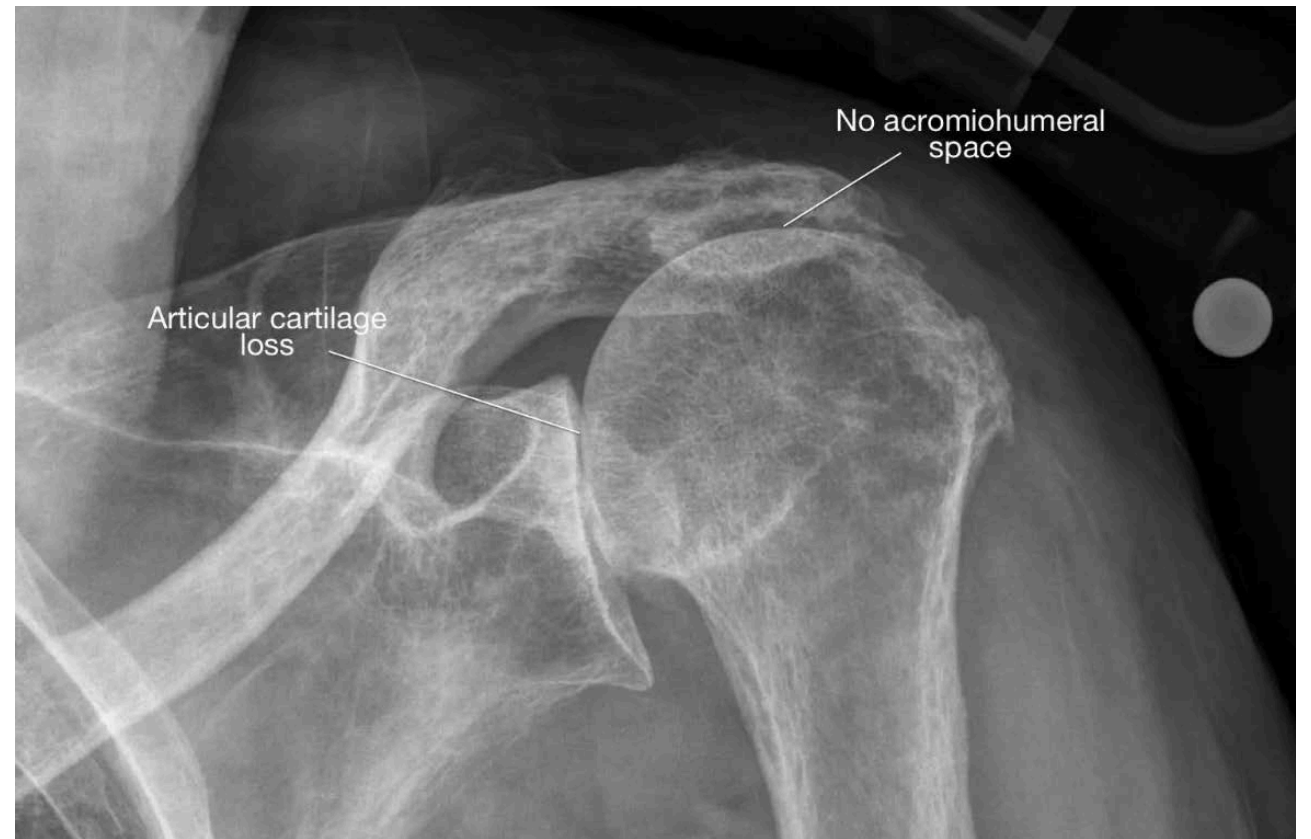
Osteophyte formation

Cyst formation



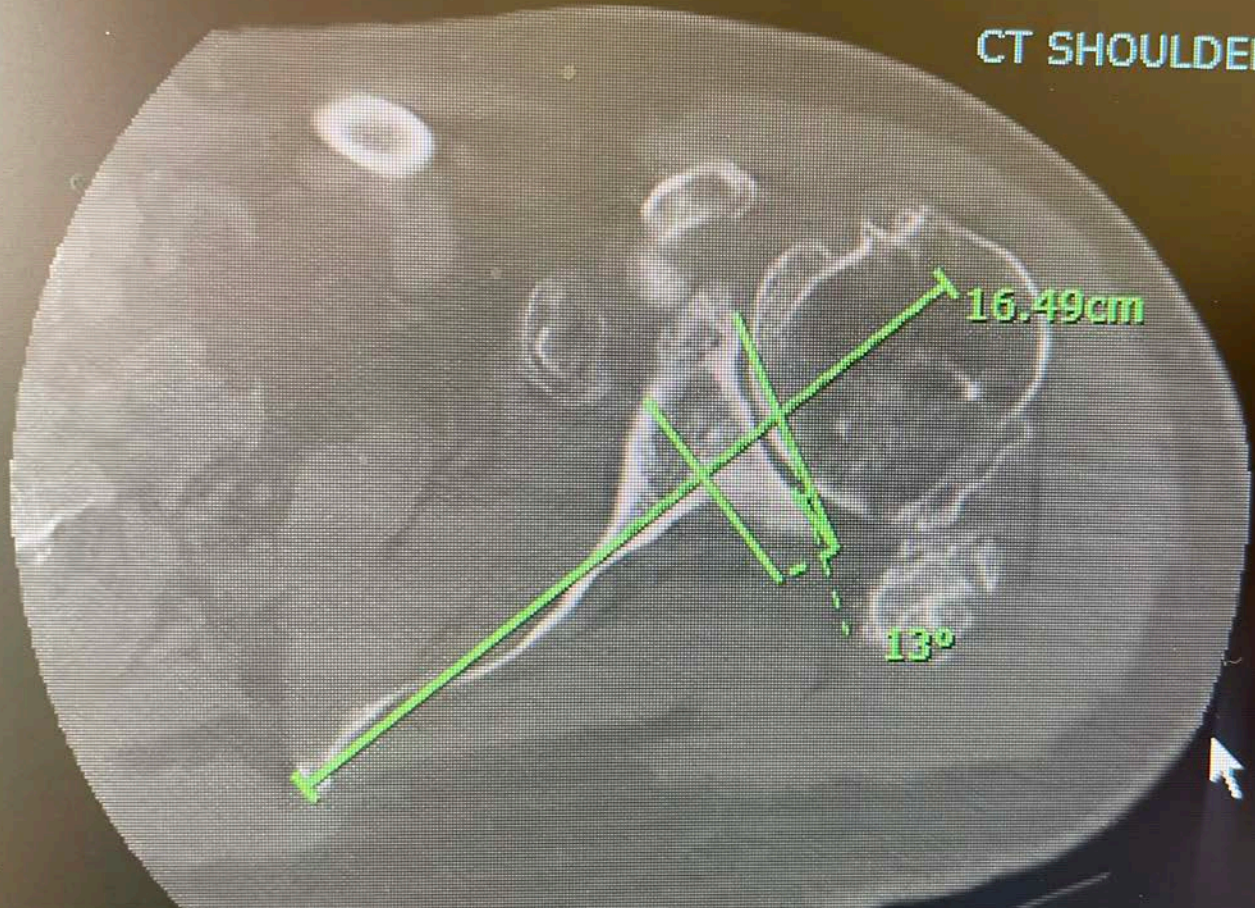


## ROTATOR CUFF ARTHROPATHY ON RADIOGRAPH



- Proximal migration of the humeral head- decreased acromiohumeral distance
- Acetabularization of the coracoacromial arch
- Joint space narrowing – often in the superior aspect of the glenohumeral joint
- Erosion and rounding of the greater tuberosity





# ADVANCED IMAGING

CT  
MRI

## INDICATIONS FOR TSA



- Anatomic Total Shoulder Arthroplasty
  - Young
  - Intact Rotator Cuff
  - No advanced glenoid erosion
  - Primary Surgery



# INDICATIONS FOR RTSA HAVE EXPANDED

Was approved for use in 2004 for pain and disability with:

- DJD with massive non-repairable rotator cuff tear and functional deltoid
- Revision prosthetic arthroplasty with massive non-repairable rotator cuff tear
- Age 70+

**HAS EVOLVED INTO:**

**DJD with massive non-repairable rotator cuff tear**

**Revision prosthetic arthroplasty with massive non-repairable rotator cuff tear**

**Massive rotator cuff tears**

**Failed TSA/hemiarthroplasty**

**Acute proximal humerus fracture**

**Sequelae of proximal humerus fracture (nonunion/malunion)**

**Risk of rotator cuff deficiency + arthritis**

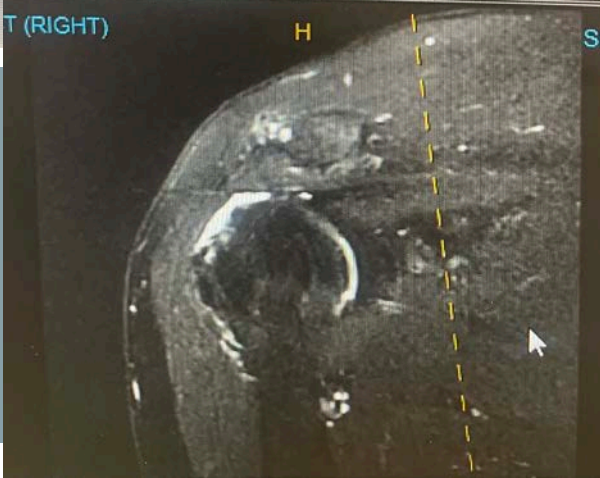
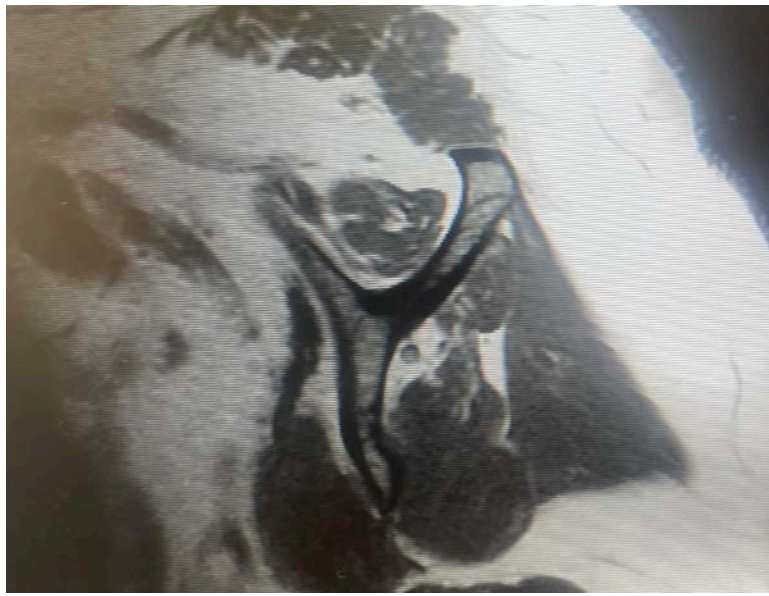
**Fatty substitution of subscap/infraspinatus**

**B2 glenoid/eccentric wear**

**Chronic instability or failed instability procedure**

**"You get a reverse! And you get a reverse!"**





FATTY INFILTRATION  
SCAPULAR Y VIEW

# WALCH CLASSIFICATION

- Type A: Centered humeral head, concentric wear, no subluxation

A1 - minor central erosion

A2 – major central erosion

Type B: Humeral head subluxed posteriorly, asymmetric wear, biconcave

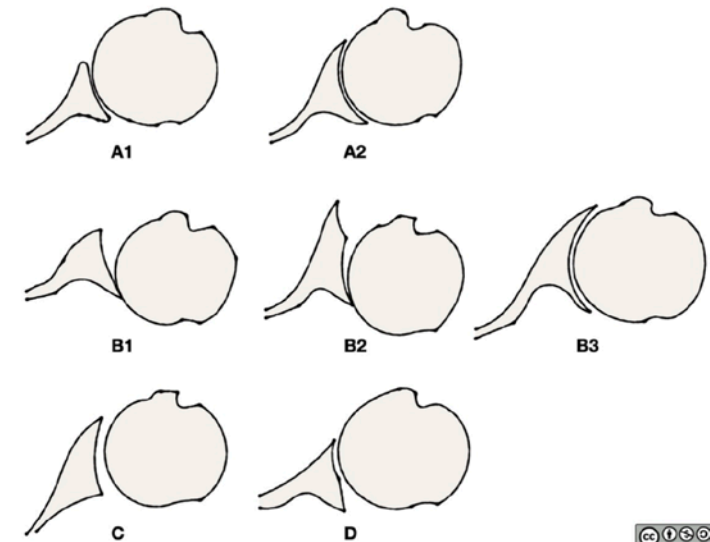
B1 - narrowing posterior joint space

B2 – retroverted glenoid, posterior rim erosion

B3 - > 15 degrees retroversion, or > 70% posterior humeral head subluxation

Type C: > 25 degrees retroversion/posterior translation humeral head

Type D: Glenoid anteversion or anterior humeral head subluxation





NATIONAL UTILIZATION OF REVERSE TOTAL  
SHOULDER ARTHROPLASTY IN THE UNITED  
STATES. *J SHOULDER ELBOW SURG.*

2015;24(1):91-97.

DOI:10.1016/J.JSE.2014.08.026

- 44% anatomic total shoulder arthroplasty (TSA) • 33% reverse total shoulder arthroplasty (rTSA) • 23% hemiarthroplasty

rTSA has gained acceptance within the orthopedic community since 2004. As this study indicated, rTSA accounts for roughly one third of all shoulder arthroplasty procedures in the US



## ANATOMIC TOTAL SHOULDER ARTHROPLASTY



POTENTIAL  
BENEFITS OF SHORT  
STEM IMPLANTS



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Preserved bone stock

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Decreased stress shielding

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No diaphyseal stress riser

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Easier to remove for  
revision

# CHALLENGES WITH STEMLESS IMPLANTS



“Surgeons performed better at anatomically reproducing the premorbid humeral head anatomy with stemmed shoulder arthroplasty compared with resurfacing arthroplasty.” JSES 2014



## SURGICAL TECHNIQUES/PEARLS

- AUTOGRAFT CENTRAL PEG GLENOID
- AUGMENTED GLENOID/BONE GRAFTING
  - SUBSCAPULARIS TAKE DOWN  
OPTIONS/REPAIR

# OSSEOUS INTEGRATION OF THE CENTRAL PEG OF AN ALL-POLYETHYLENE GLENOID WITH THREE DIFFERENT SURGICAL TECHNIQUES

PATRICK DENARD, REUBEN GOBEZIE, JUSTIN GRIFFIN, ANTHONY A. ROMEO, EVAN LEDERMAN



- 153 primary TSA patients
- Central peg: Autograft, DBM, No graft

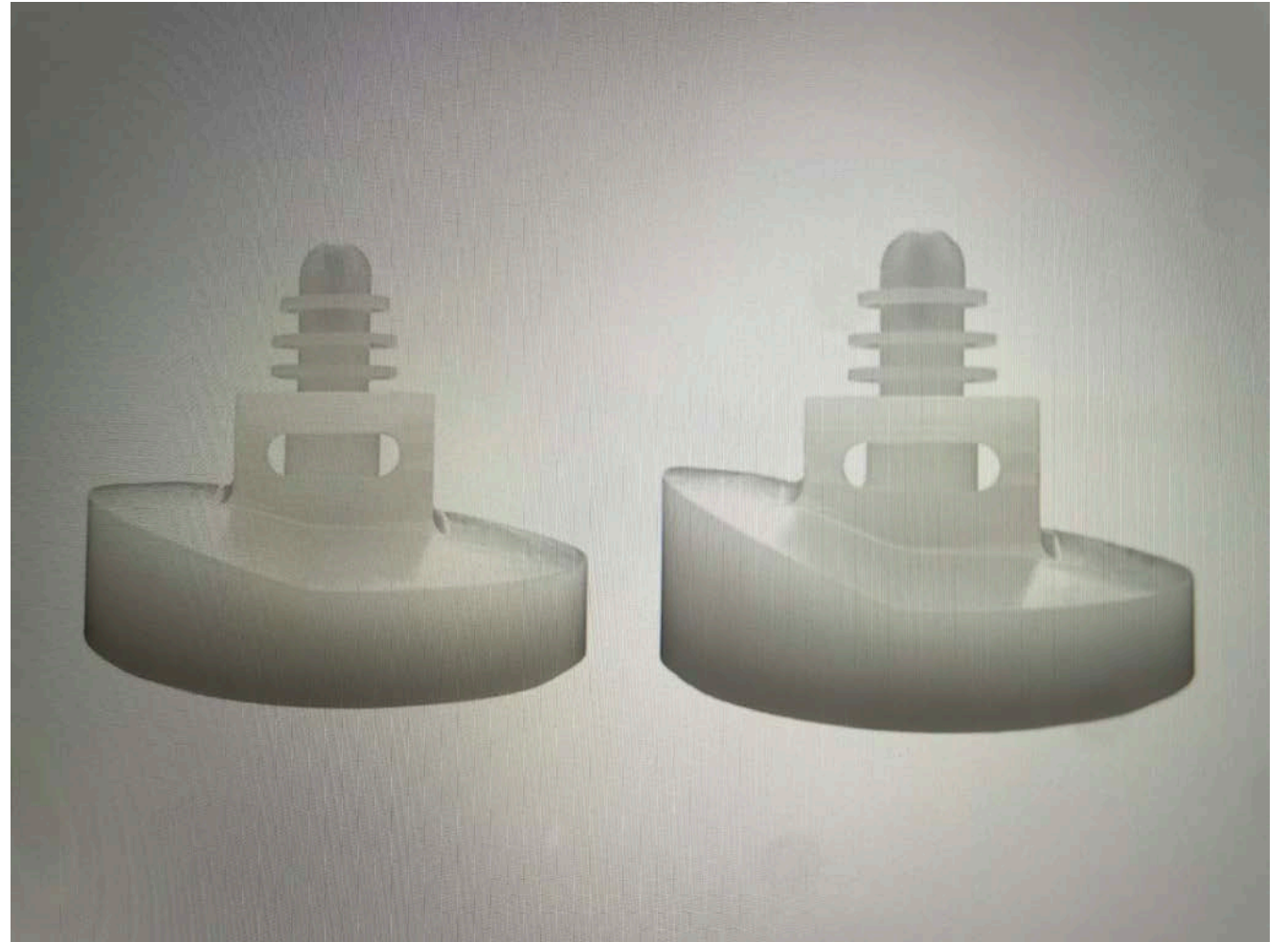
## Osseous Integration

Autograft: 90%

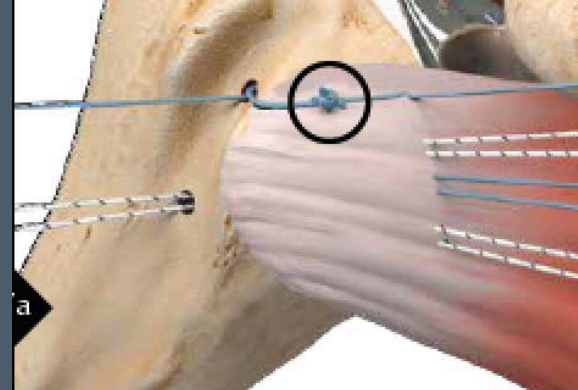
DBM: 68%

No graft: 68%

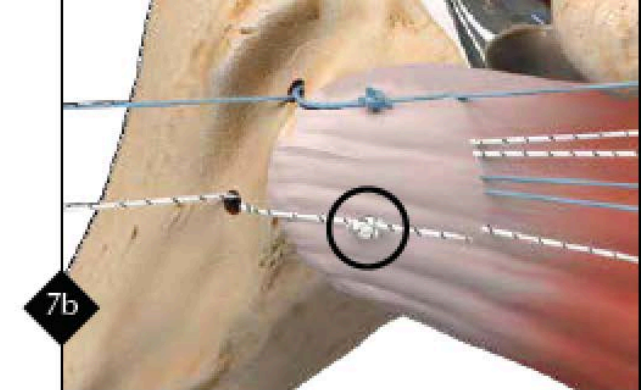
# AUGMENTS



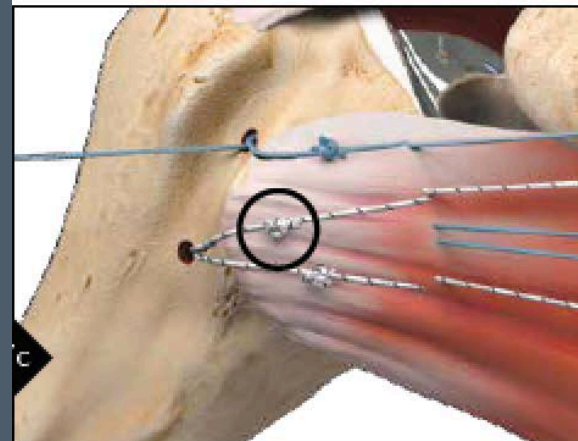
# ARTHREX APEX SUBSCAP REPAIR METHOD



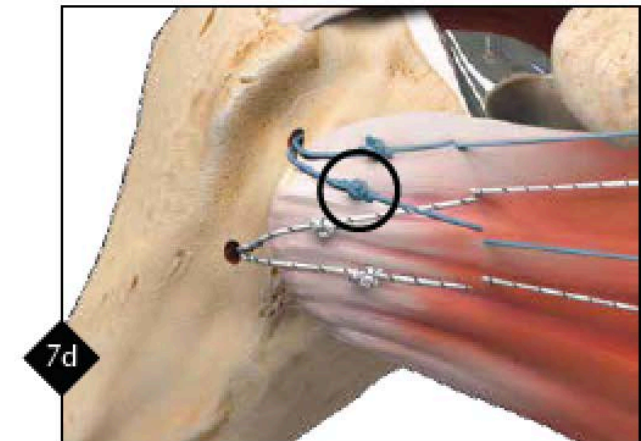
1 to A (FiberWire to FiberWire)



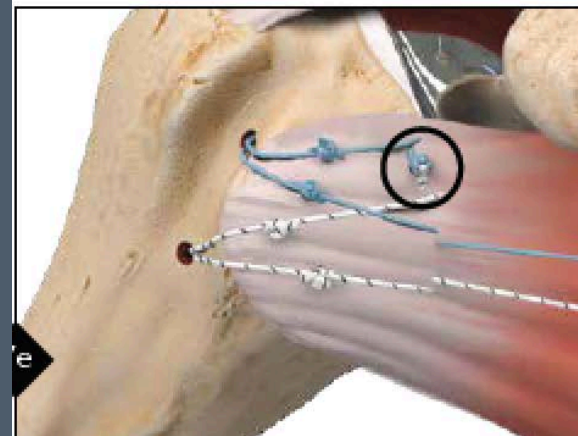
8 to D (TigerWire to TigerWire)



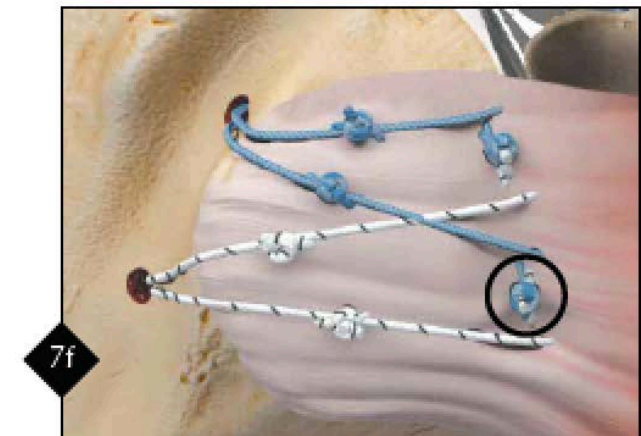
4 to C (TigerWire to TigerWire)



5 to B (FiberWire to FiberWire)



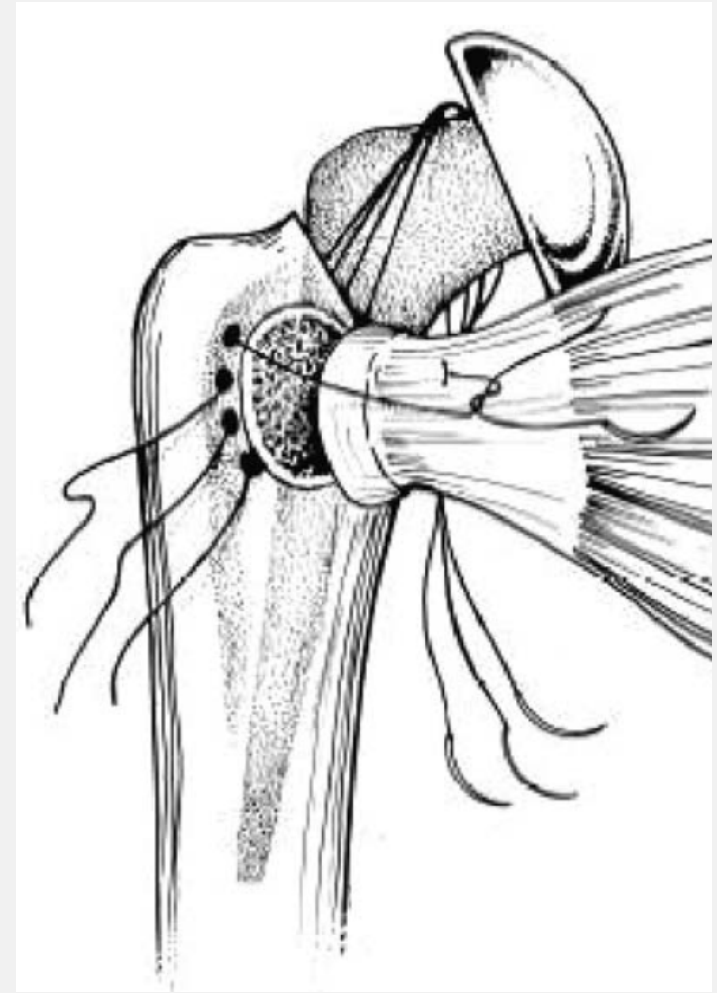
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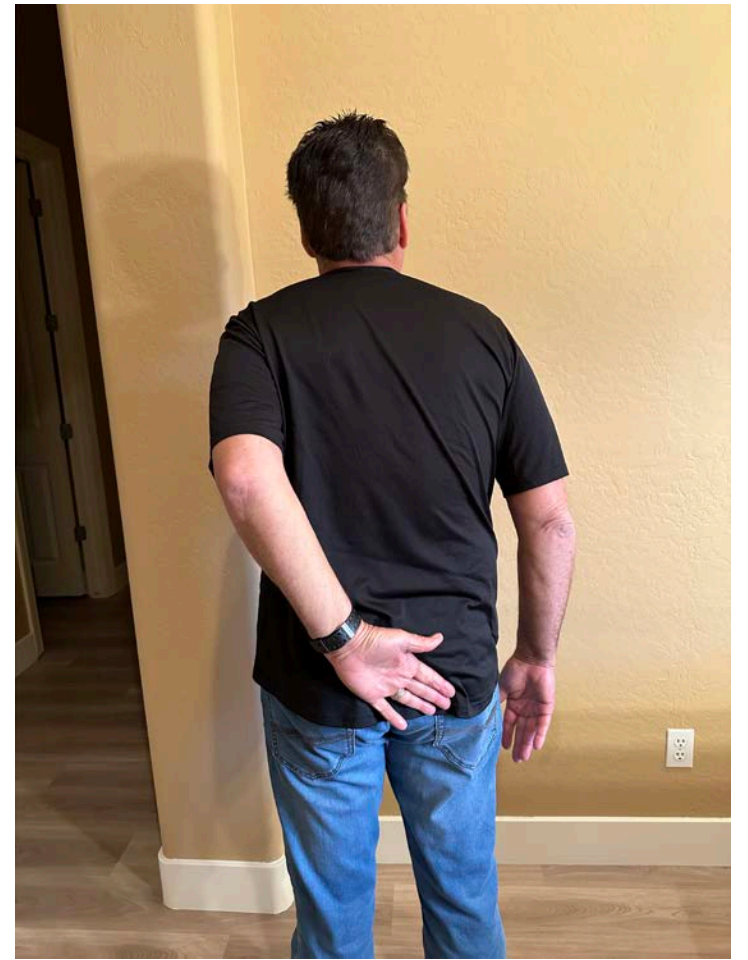


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# OSTEOTOMY LESSER TUBEROSITY





POST OP ROM TSA- 2 MONTHS POST OP

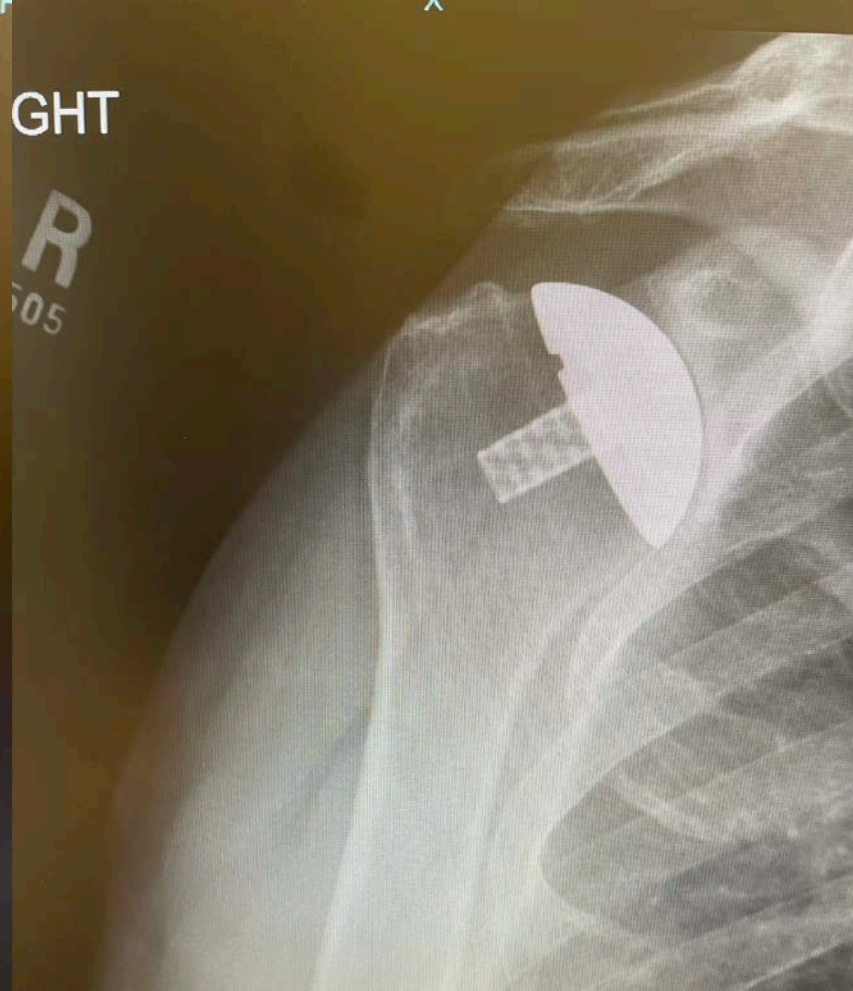
# WHY DO TSA'S FAIL?

- ROTATOR CUFF TEAR/FAILURE (SUPRA OR SUBSCAP)
- INFECTION
- ASEPTIC LOOSENING
- EDGE LOADING GLENOID
- INCOMPLETE BACKSIDE SUPPORT GLENOID





Subscapularis failure




Overstuffed



Aseptic loosening



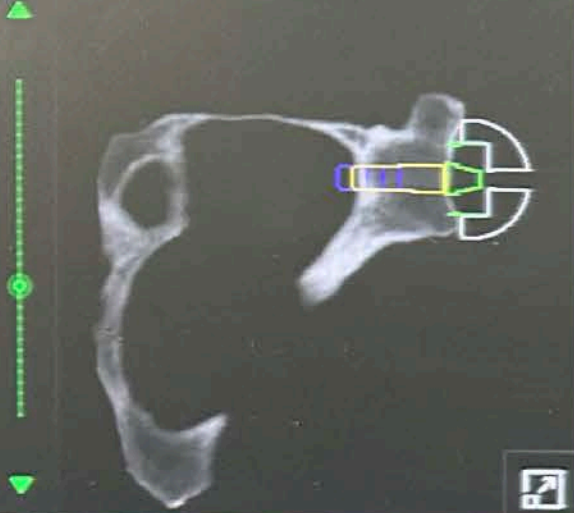
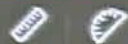
- Preop Planning
- Anatomic Humeral Reconstruction
- Bone Preserving
- Stable Glenoid Fixation
- Durable Subscapularis Repair



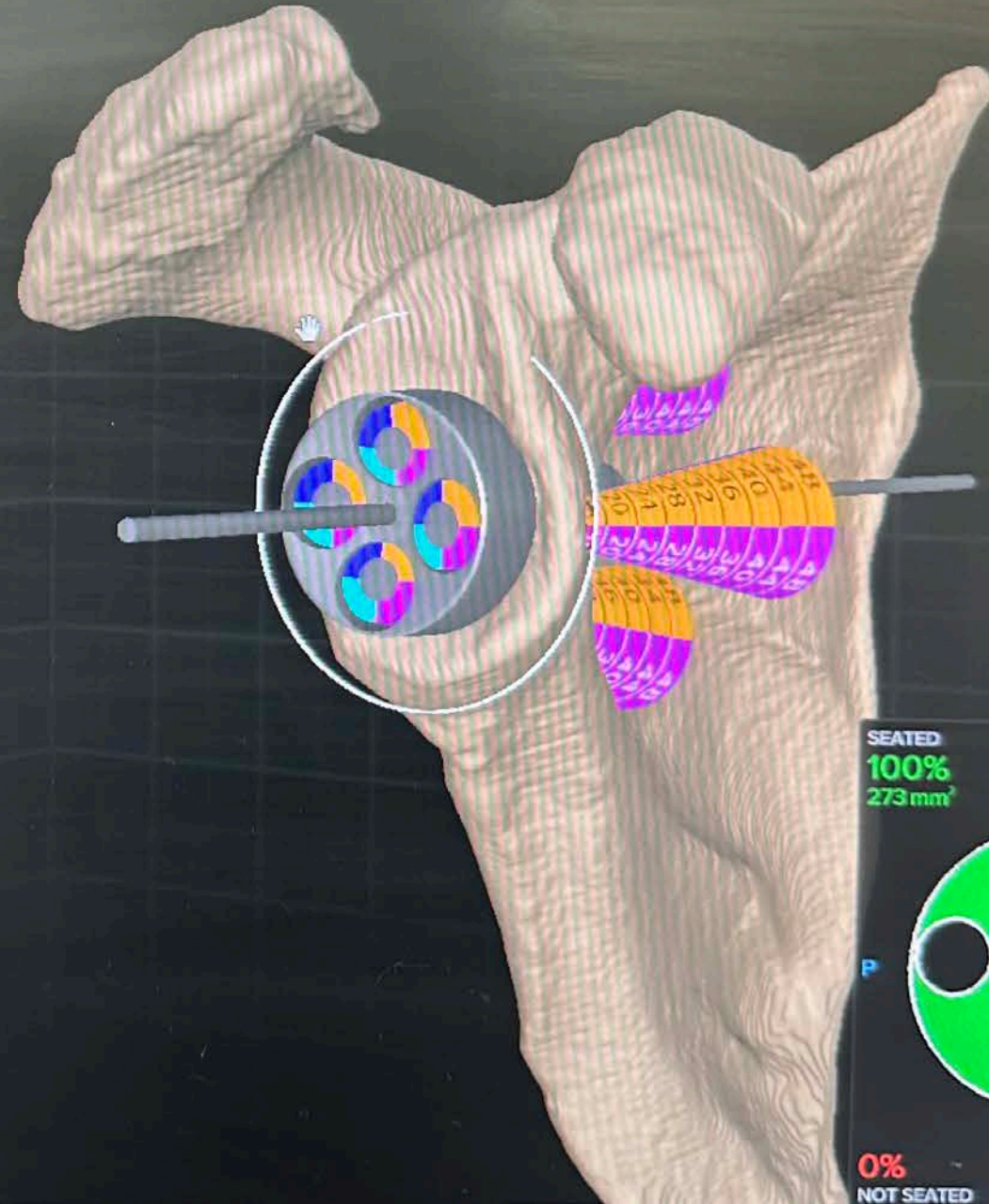
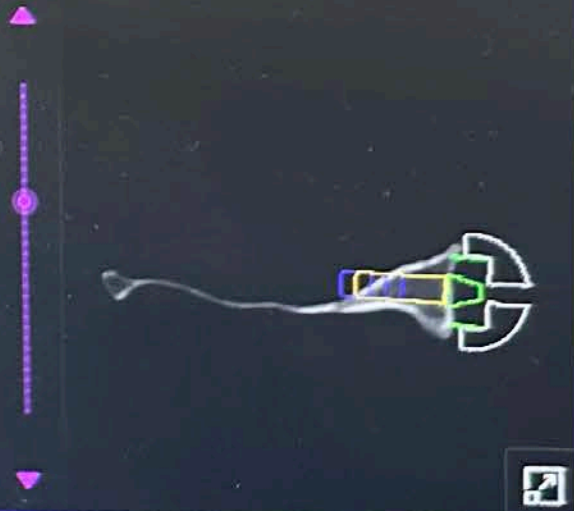
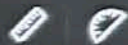
WHAT  
CAN WE  
DO TO  
AVOID  
FAILURE:

# VIP PREOP PLANNING USING CT SCAN

-1.3° NATIVE INCLINATION



-6.1° NATIVE VERSION

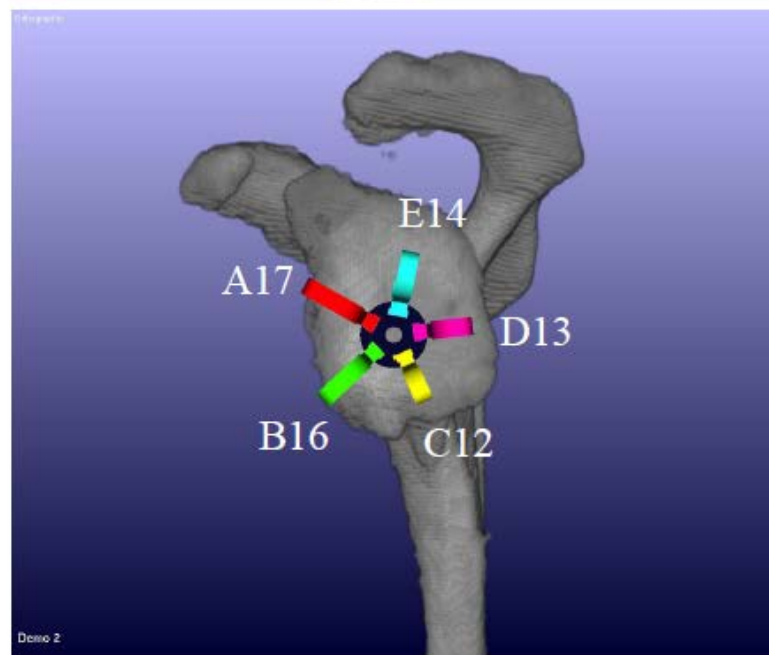
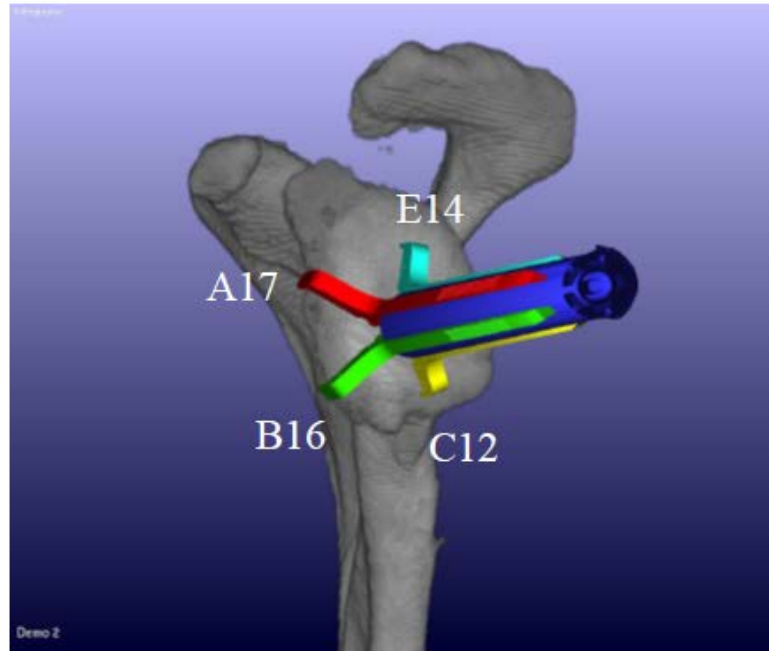
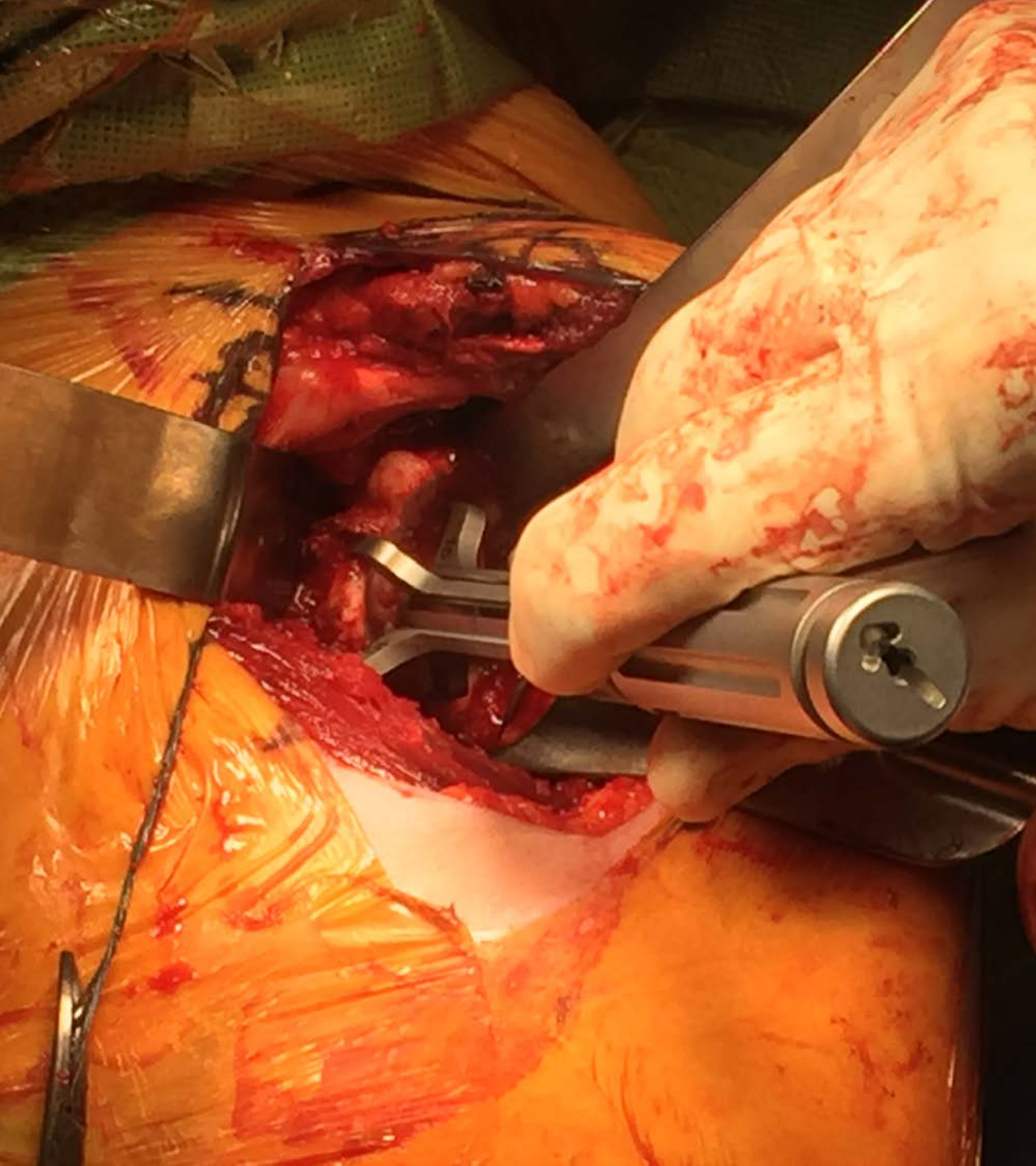


SEATED  
100%  
273 mm<sup>2</sup>



0%  
NOT SEATED







## REVERSE TOTAL SHOULDER ARTHROPLASTY

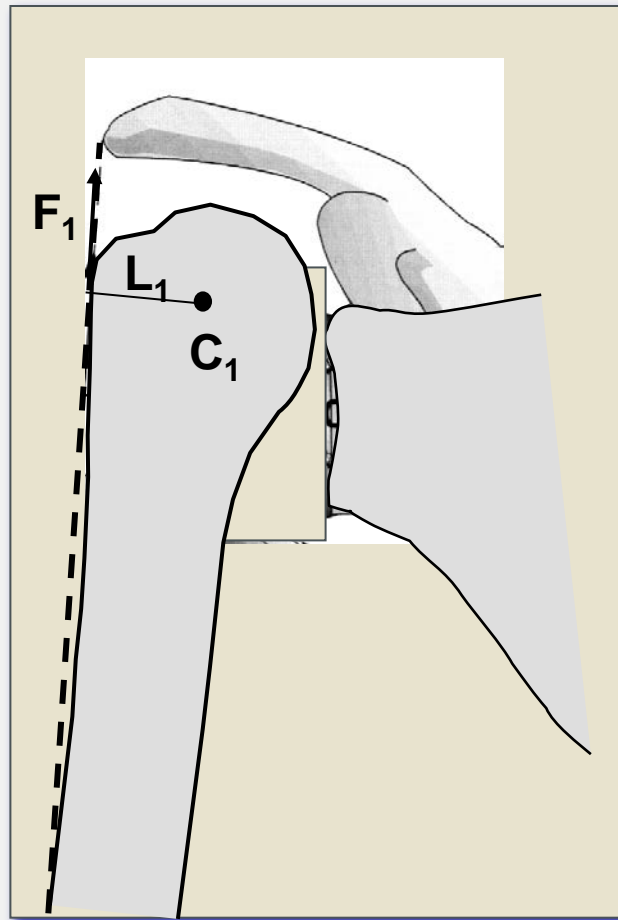


# SURGICAL TECHNIQUES AND PEARLS

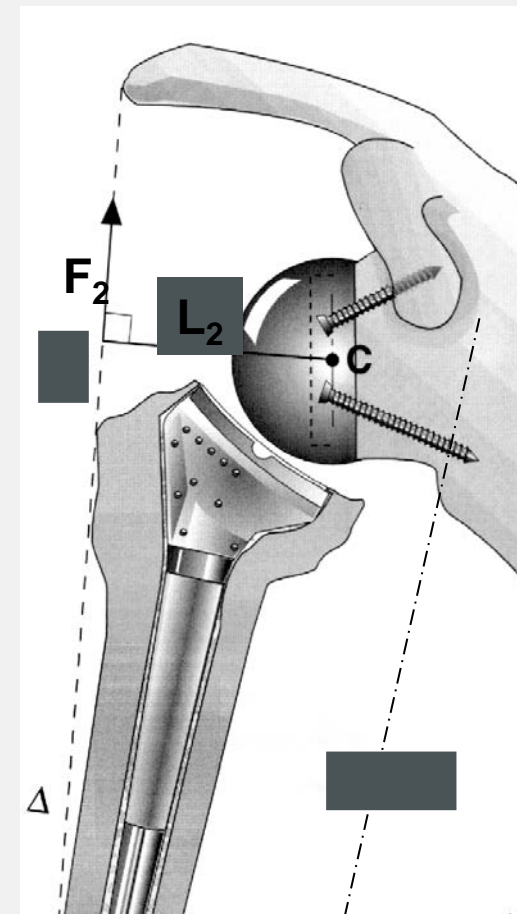
- INFERIOR/LATERALIZATION  
GLENOID COMPONENT
- 135 VS 155 PROSTHESIS
- INLAY VS ONLAY SYSTEMS
- DO WE REPAIR THE SUBSCAP?

# Increased Deltoid Torque and Recruitment of Anterior and Posterior Deltoid

Increased Lever Arm:  $L_2 > L_1$

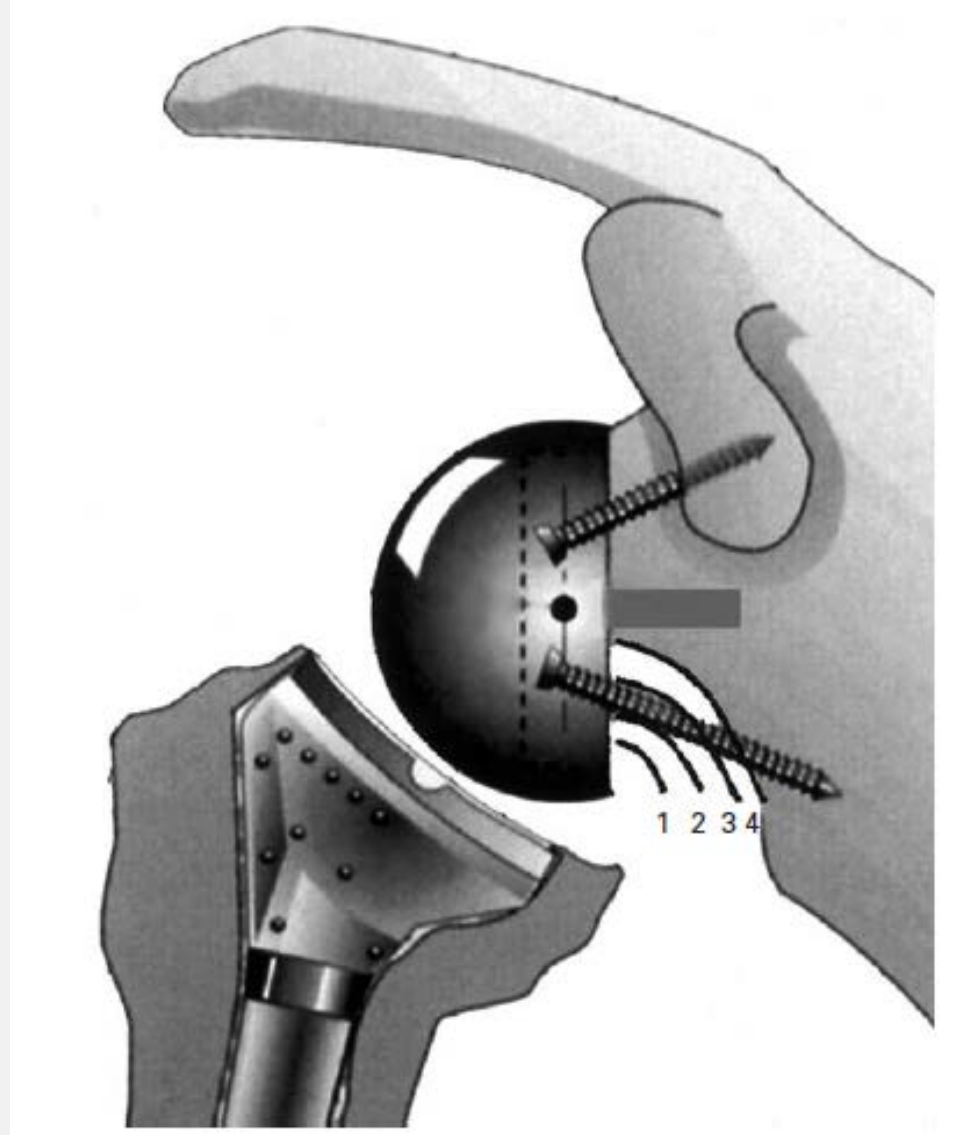


Increased Deltoid Force:  $F_2 > F_1$



# SCAPULAR NOTCHING

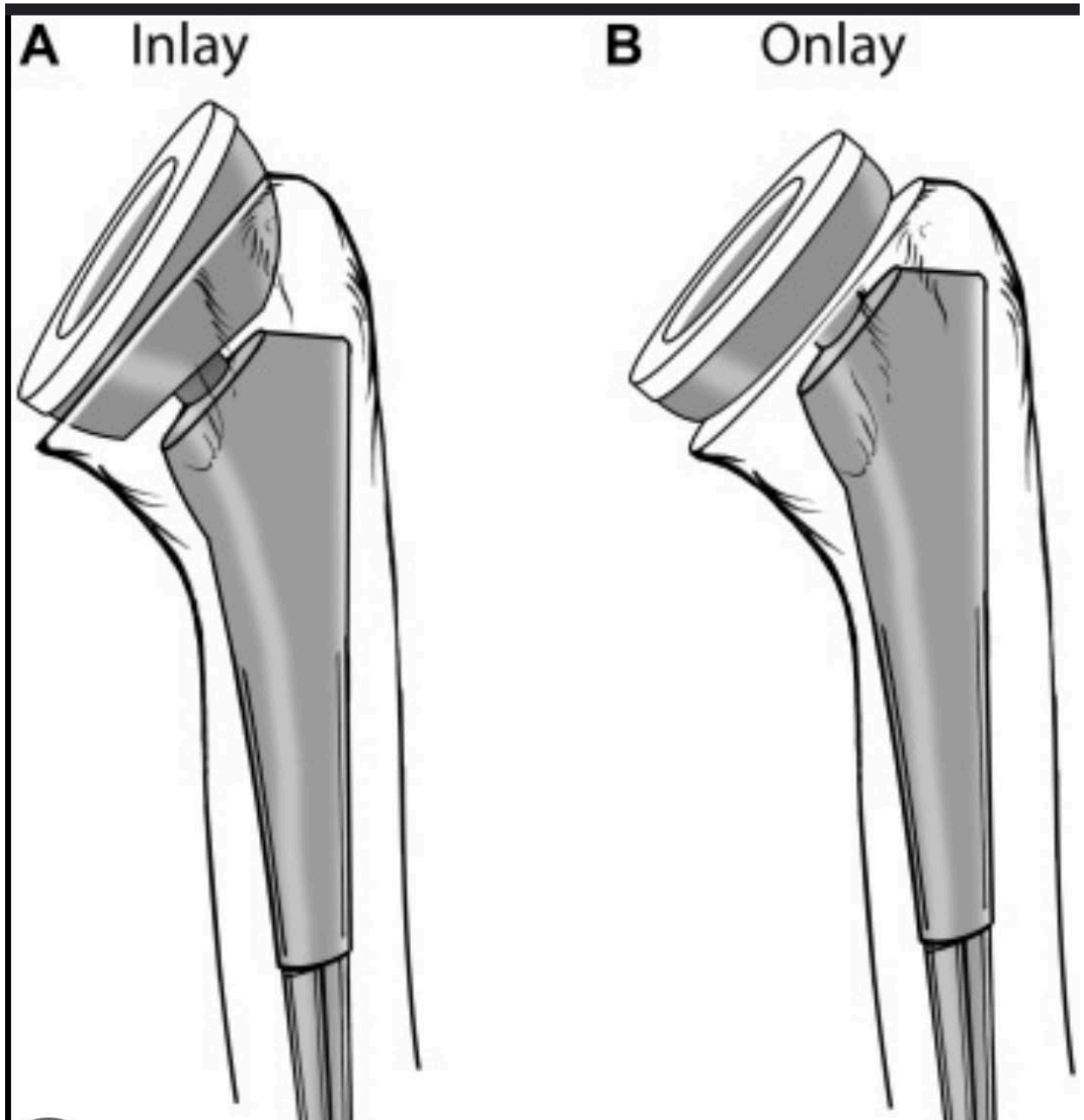
- Occurs during adduction and rotation of the arm
- Associated with poorer clinical outcome
- Bone erosion and polyethylene wear
- Can cause chronic inflammation
- Systematic review has shown 135 prosthesis less scapular notching and no increase in dislocation rate



THE RISK OF POSTOPERATIVE SCAPULAR  
SPINE FRACTURE FOLLOWING REVERSE  
SHOULDER ARTHROPLASTY IS INCREASED  
WITH AN ONLAY HUMERAL STEM. *J*  
*SHOULDER ELBOW SURG.* 2020;29(12):2556-  
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Retrospective review of 426 RSA patients who received  
three different implant systems  
The incidence of SSF was 2.5 times higher with an onlay  
stem compared to an inlay stem.

INLAY  
VS  
ONLAY





TO REPAIR THE  
SUBSCAP OR NOT  
TO REPAIR?

## POSSIBLE BENEFITS OF REPAIR

- STABILITY?
- IR STRENGTH AND MOTION?
- DEAD SPACE CLOSURE?
- WHY NOT?????

THE IMPACT OF  
SUBSCAPULARIS  
INTEGRITY ON  
FUNCTIONAL OUTCOME  
IN REVERSE TOTAL  
SHOULDER  
ARTHROPLASTY UTILIZING  
A 135° STEM. *SEMIN  
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2021;31(4):721-729.  
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- registry of 75 patients who had undergone rTSA with 135° inclination assessed subscapularis integrity
- When the subscapularis was repaired, there was a healing rate of 57%, but there were no significant outcome changes regardless of the status of repaired/unrepaired, healed/unhealed.

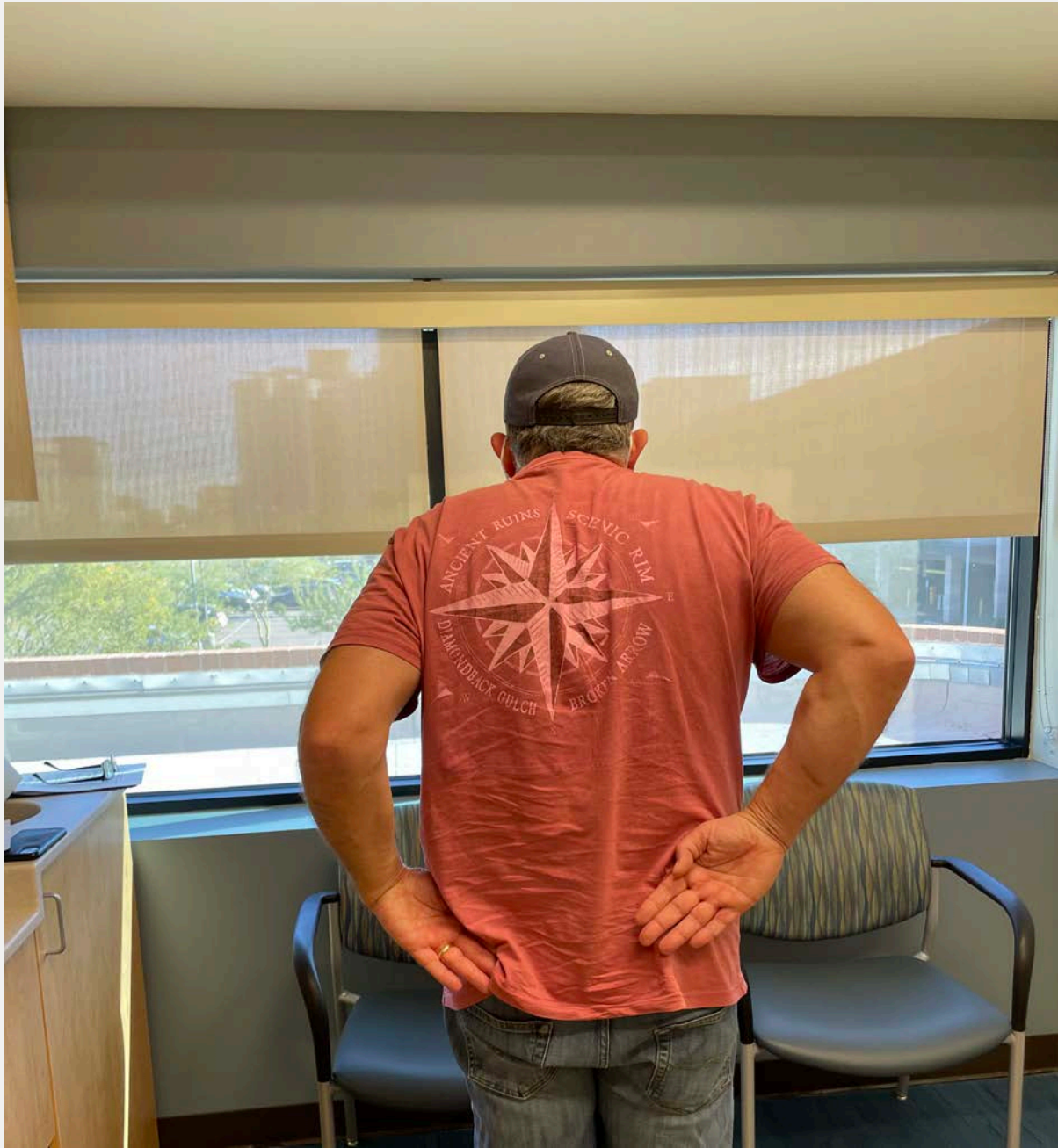


80 yo male  
Dx: rotator cuff  
arthropathy



55 yo male  
Dx: Osteoarthritis  
B2 glenoid  
Poor subscapularis  
excursion intraop





# POST OP COMPLICATIONS

- SCAPULAR SPINE STRESS FRACTURE

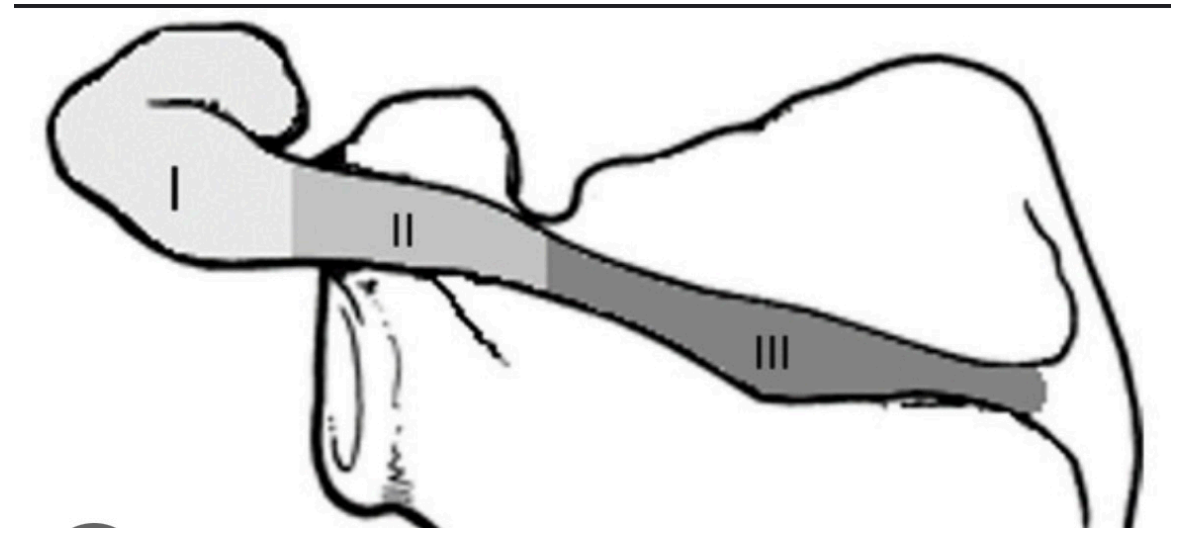
- DISLOCATION

- INFECTION

- ASEPTIC LOOSENING

- PERIPROSTHETIC FRACTURE





# SCAPULAR SPINE STRESS FRACTURE



THREE PRIMARY  
CAUSES OF  
INSTABILITY

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INADEQUATE SOFT  
TISSUE ENVELOPE  
TENSIONING

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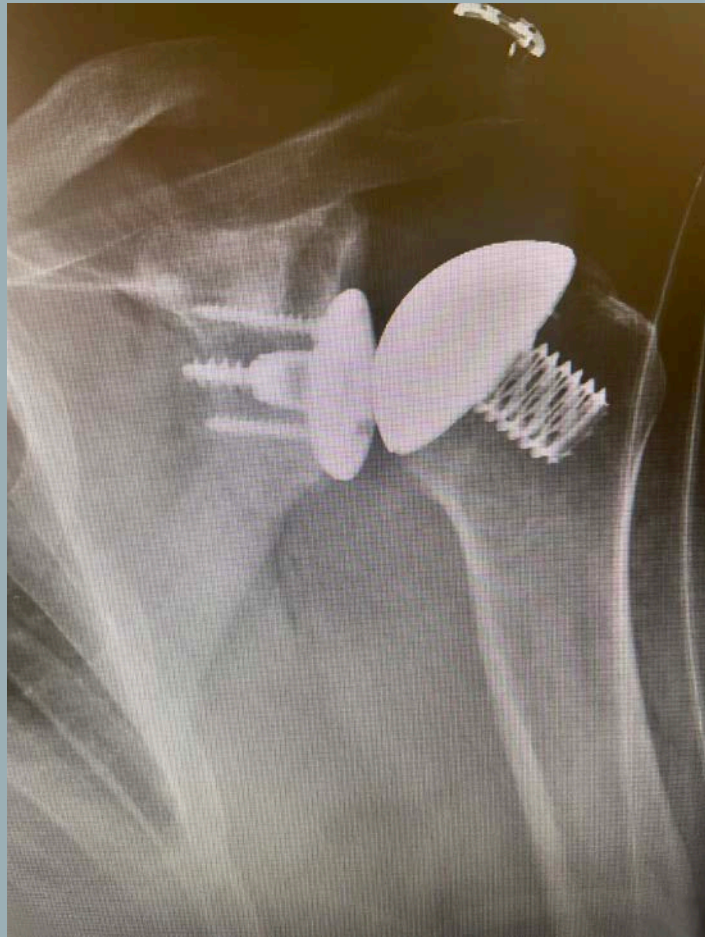
PROSTHETIC  
MALPOSITION

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BONY OR SOFT TISSUE  
IMPINGEMENT



WHAT DO YOU DO WITH  
BORDERLINE PATIENTS?





## POST OP RECOVERY AND TIMELINE

- 2 weeks in a sling (some docs hold for 6)
- Begin PROM, pulleys, pendulums and formal PT
- AROM at six weeks
- No heavy weight bearing, overhead weight bearing or recreational sports etc. for 4 months
- Return to activity in the 4-6 month range
- Full return no restrictions after 6 months



# SUMMARY

rTSA indications have expanded significantly over the past several years

There are many things that should help us determine implant selection:

Age

Medical comorbidities

Prior surgery

Fracture

Activity level of the patient

Rotator cuff integrity

and bone loss