



Anterior Shoulder Instability

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Outline

- **Anatomy/Biomechanics**
- **Clinical Workup**
- **Traumatic Anterior Instability**
- **Multidirectional Instability (MDI)**

Anatomy and Basic Science

Definitions

- **Laxity** = above average ROM/joint translation which is **asymptomatic**
- **Instability** = pathologic translation of the humeral head during active shoulder use that is **symptomatic**

Stabilizing Factors

Dynamic

- **Scapular Rotators**

- Create a stable glenoid platform
- Maximize rotator cuff efficiency for articular compression

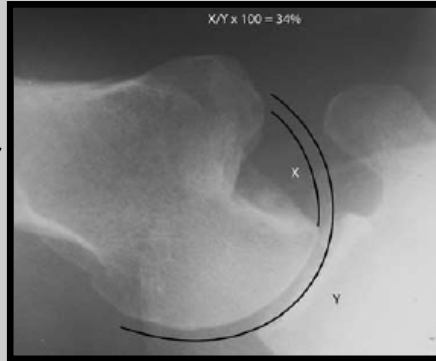
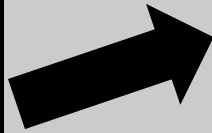
- **Rotator Cuff**

- Centers the humeral head, stabilizing against anterior and inferior translation
 - Biceps a secondary stabilizer at lower elevation

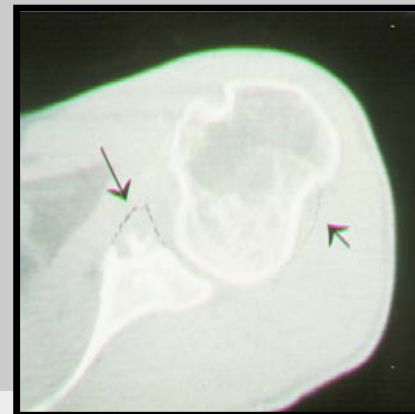
Stabilizing Factors

Static

- Bone
 - Like a golf ball on a tee...



Hill-Sachs



Bony Bankart

Stabilizing Factors

Static

- Labrum

- *Increases concavity, but mild contribution*

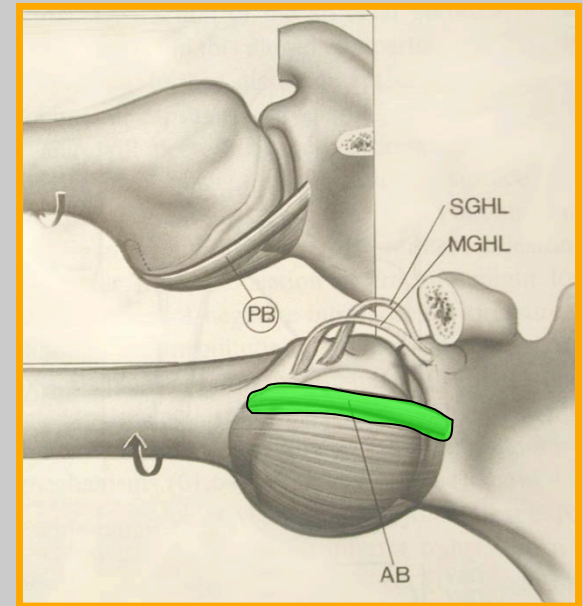
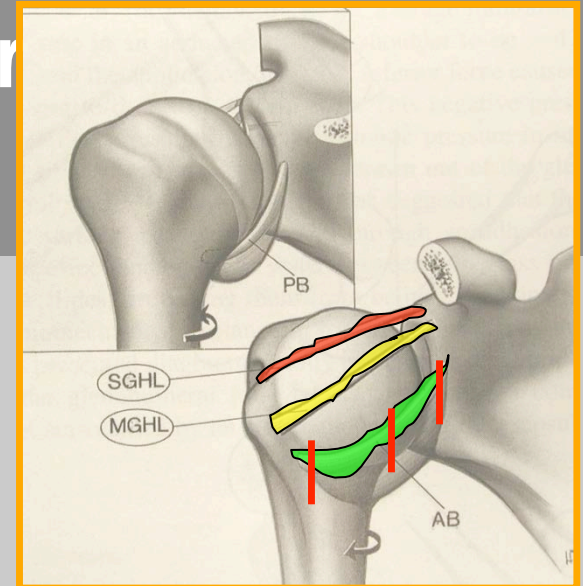
- *Speer, JB JS 1994: sectioning the labrum increases anterior translation by only 3-4 mm*



Stabilizing Factors

Static

- **GLENOHUMERAL LIGAMENTS**: Structural thickenings of capsule.
 - **Selective cutting studies (O'Brien AJSM 1990, Warner AJSM 1992):**
 - **SGHL**: supraglenoid tubercle → LT
 - *Inferior stability*: Prevents Inferior Translation/ER in positions of adduction
 - *Posterior stability*: Prevents posterior translation in positions of FF, Add, IR
 - **MGHL**: labrum → LT
 - *Inferior stability*: Prevents inferior translation/ER at ~45 of abduction
 - *Anterior stability*: Prevents anterior translation in midrange positions (ie. 45-60 abduction/ER)
 - **IGHL**: labrum → LT
 - Ant/Inf Stability: "Hammock effect" = ant/post bands prevent ant/post/inf translation at abduction >60 degrees
 - Ant band IGHL primary restraint to anterior translation in 90/90 position



• *****Injury can occur at the labral interface (ALPSA), midsubstance, or off the humerus (HAGL)**

Clinical Workup

Classification

TUBS



AMBRI
(MDI)

- Traumatic
- Unidirectional
- Bankart lesion
- Stabilization/Surgery

- Atraumatic
- Multidirectional
- Bilateral
- Rehab
- Inferior capsular shift

History

- Place them on the TUBS-AMBRI spectrum
 - Circumstances of first event, and all recurrences
 - Any problems on other shoulder, other joints

Closed Reduction

- **Traction/Countertraction**
 - Assistant at head with axillary sheet
- **Stimson**
 - Prone with weight (axial traction in flex)



Physical Exam

- Stability

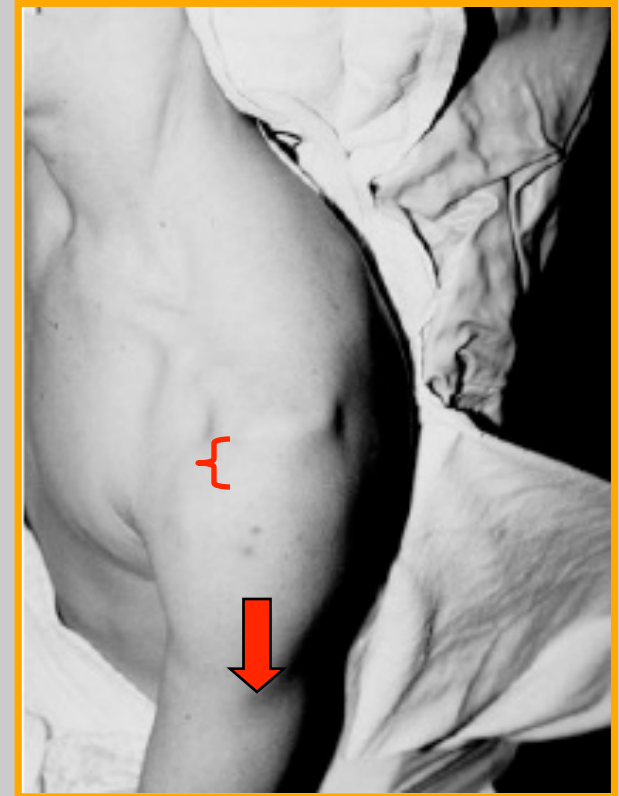
- Inferior

- Sulcus

- Anterior

- Load shift: highly specific but poorly sensitive
 - Apprehension/Relocation

Sulcus Sign



- Abnormal if 2+ (>2cm) or more
- SGHL/CHL lax if sulcus persists in ER

Physical Exam

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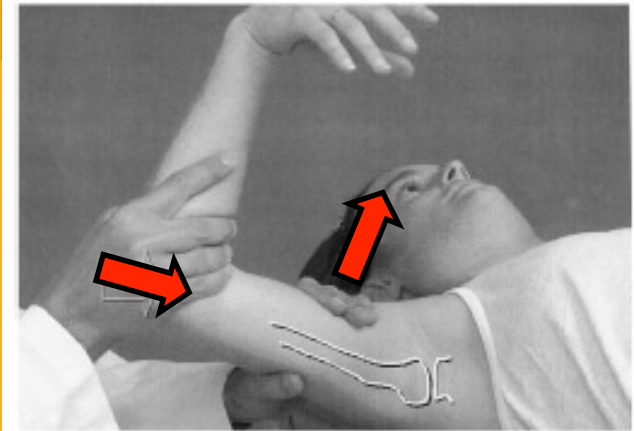
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Load Shift



B



Grade 1: Humeral head (H) moves no further than to edge of glenoid (G)



Grade 2: Humeral head moves over edge of glenoid and spontaneously relocates



Grade 3: Humeral head moves over edge of glenoid but does not spontaneously relocate

Accuracy improved when patient asleep

Physical Exam

- Stability

- Inferior

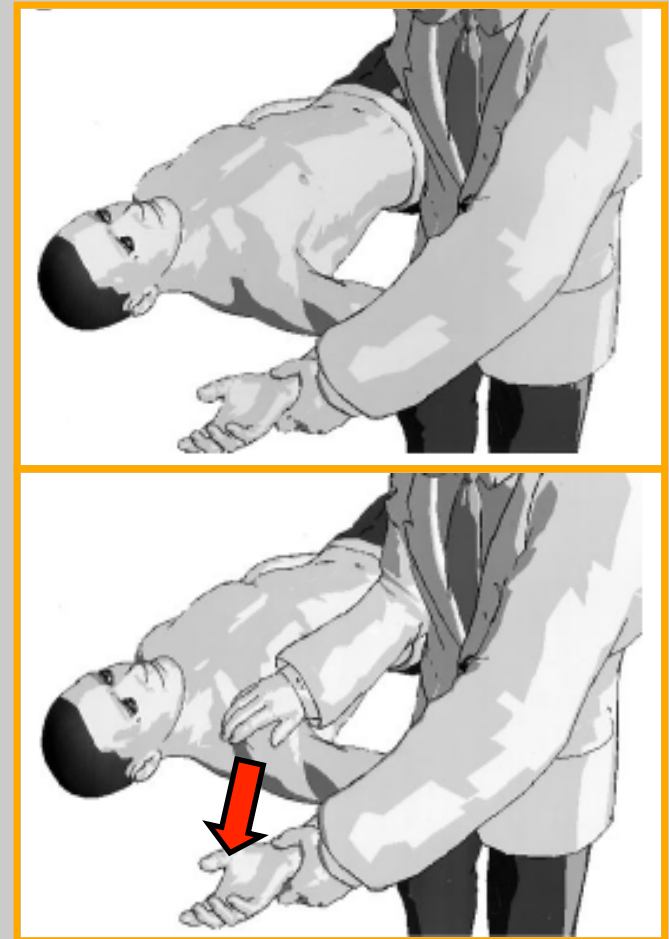
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Most accurate (85%) when apprehension (vs. pain) is the symptom that occurs and is relieved: 70% sensitive, 100% specific

Apprehension/Relocation



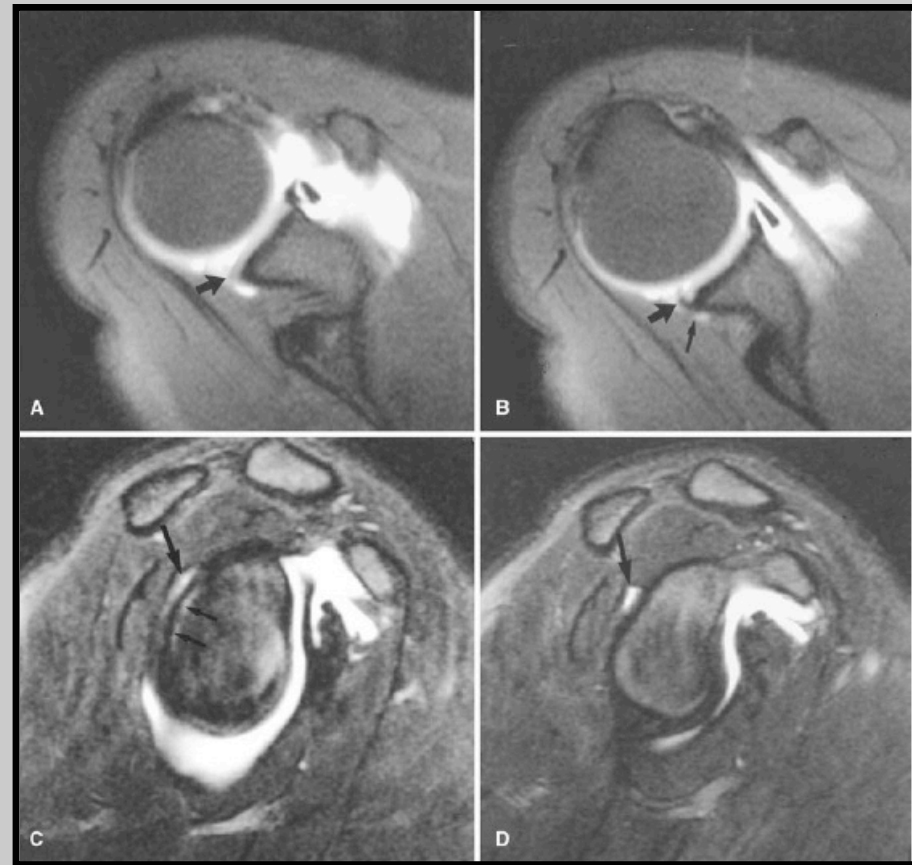
Imaging Plain Films

- True AP
 - Should see ant/post glenoid
- AP int rotation
 - Hill-Sachs
- Scapular Lateral
- Axillary



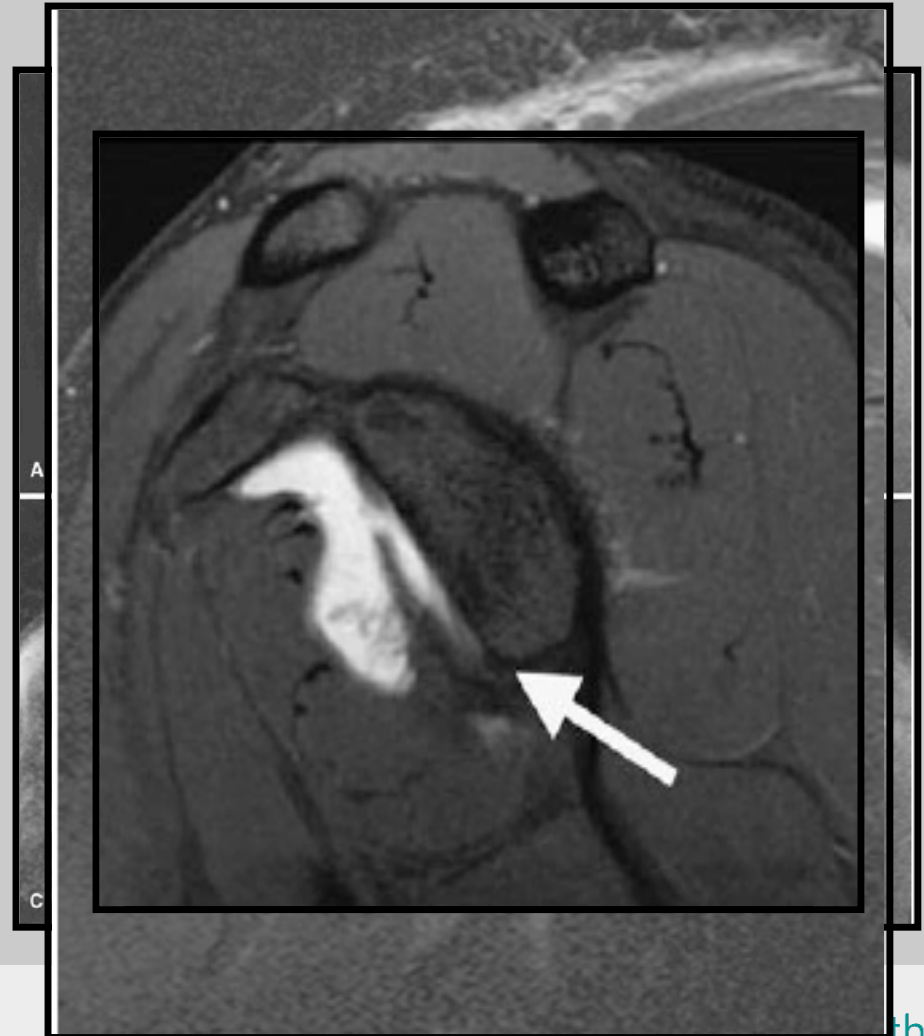
Imaging MRI

- Not necessary for diagnosing a labral tear:
 - *A good PE may be as accurate...*
 - *Liu et al AJSM 1996: sensitivity/specificity of 59%/85% for MRI vs. 90%/85% for PE*
 - *...most acute dislocations will have a classic labral tear:*
 - *Taylor and Arciero AJSM 1997: 97% of first time dislocators with Bankart lesion*



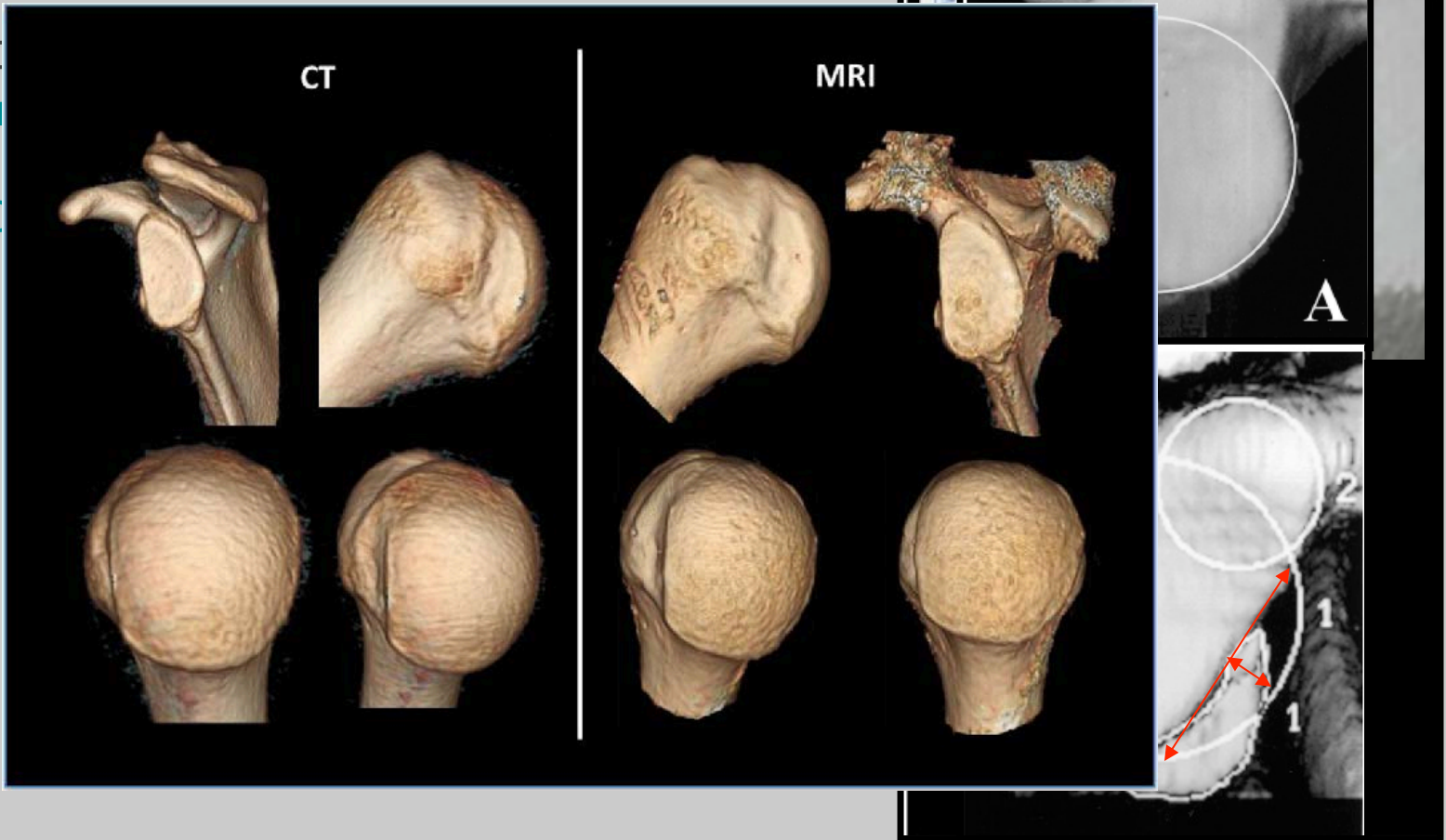
Imaging MRI

- But provides important information for operative planning
 - Labral extension
 - Capsular injury (HAGL)
 - *Bui et al*: present in 1-9%
 - Cuff injuries
 - Bone loss



Imaging CT with 3D Recon

- Valuable
- Inferior
- ? 3D



Traumatic Anterior Instability (TUBS)

History

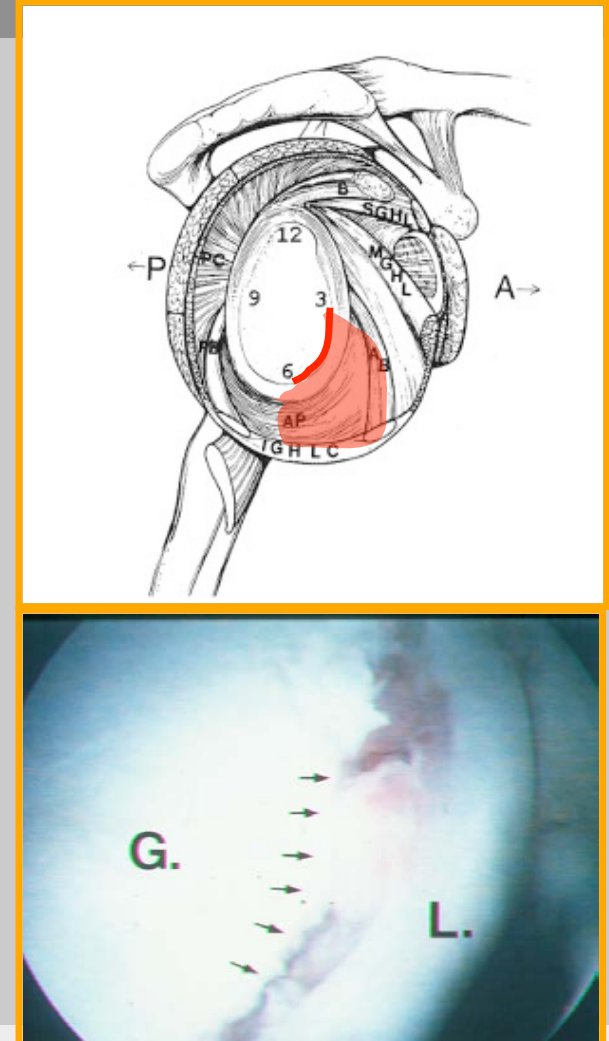
- Epidemiology
 - 11.2 per 100K
 - 90% anterior
- Presentation
 - Traumatic: stiff arm (rugby) vs. ER/abduction (football)



Pathoanatomy

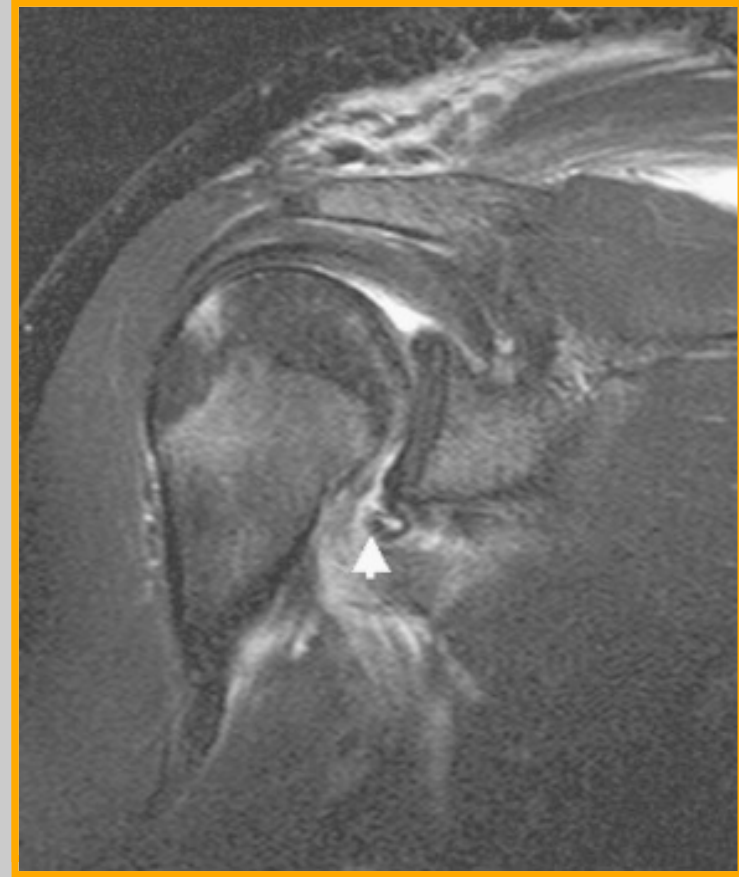
- The essential lesion is compromise of the anterior IGHL complex:
 - *Most often involves a combination of anterior glenoid labral tear and capsular stretching...*
 - 97% with anterior labral tears (“Bankart”) (Taylor AJSM 1997)
 - *...but capsule stretches FIRST (Bigliani et al JOR 1992)*

*****Must address both labral and capsular elements during surgery**



Pathoanatomy

- But can also occur with capsular avulsion from the humeral side (“HAGL”)
 - *Taylor et al*: 2% with HAGL
 - *Bui et al*: 1-9%, occurring both anteriorly and posteriorly



Natural History

- **Recurrence rates of traumatic anterior instability are predictable**

- **Age:** 15-20 = 70-100%; 20-30 = 50-60%; >30 = 30%

- **Gender:** F = $\frac{1}{2}$ M

- **Associated bone loss:**

- **Glenoid**

- >25-30% glenoid bone loss = 89% failure rate in contact athletes

- **Humeral Head**

- Hill-Sachs lesions of only 13% can increase recurrence

Natural History

- **Recurrent dislocations damage the joint**
 - *Hovelius JSES 2009: prospective 25 yr data.*
 - Arthropathy not significantly different between one-time dislocators vs. those with a few events prior to surgery (18 vs. 26%)
 - **But... for chronic dislocators: 39%**

Nonsurgical Options

- **Generally do not work well**

- IR bracing

- *Hovelius JBJS 1996*: prospective 10 yr study with patients randomized to IR x 3-4 wks vs. sling for comfort
 - **No difference in recurrence rates**

- ER bracing

- *Itoi et al JBJS 2007*: prospective RCT of first time dislocators, IR vs. ER x 3 wks.
 - **Significant risk reduction for patients <30 yrs (50-60% recurrence for IR vs. 20-40% for ER)**
 - **RTP only 60% in both groups**
 - ***Finestone et al JBJSBr 2009*: RCT with 100% compliance; NO DIFF**

- Thus... OK to mobilize quickly

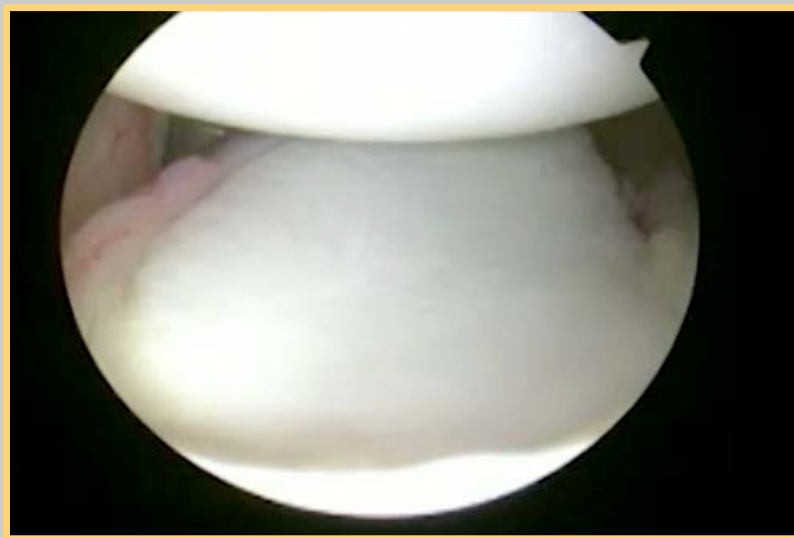
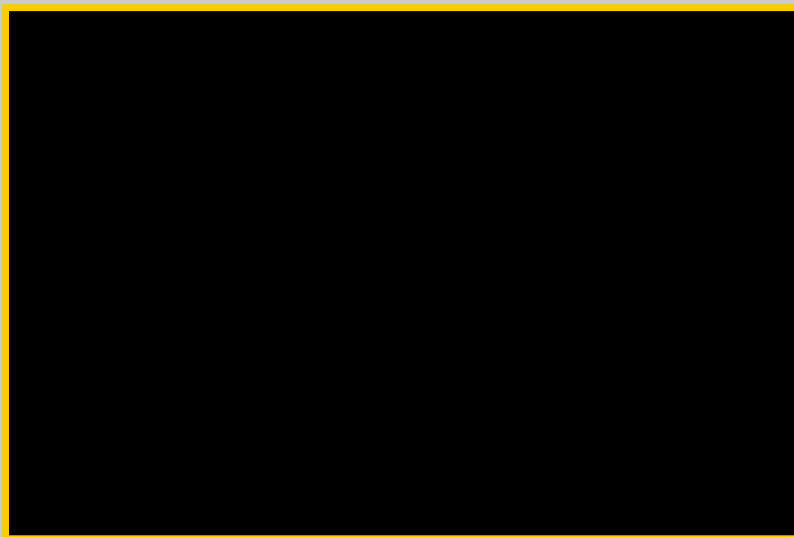
- *Buss et al AJSM 2004*: RTP in-season with 40% recurrence, no change in ultimate surgical procedure or outcome

Current approach in high risk patients is
usually operative

ADDRESS THE PATHOANATOMY



DIAGNOSTIC SCOPE

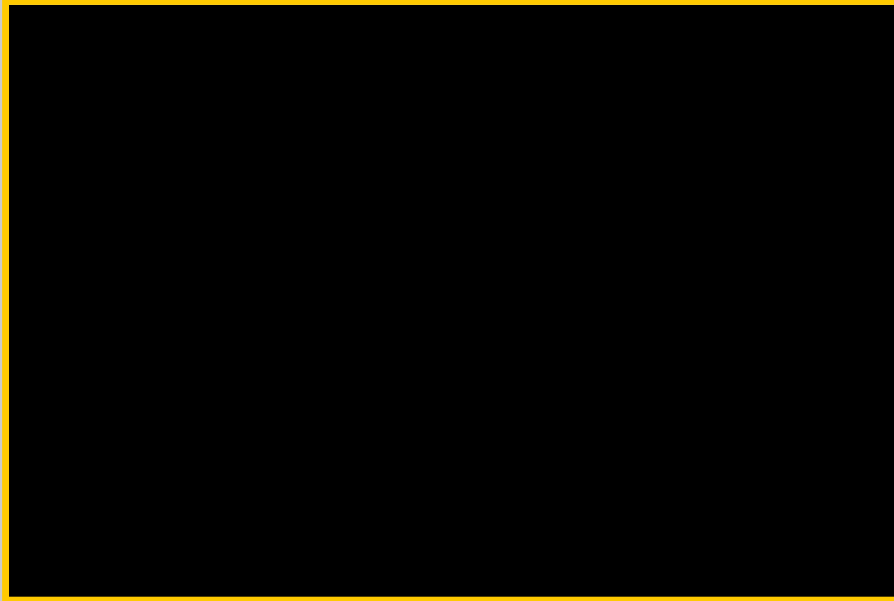


MOBILIZE LABRUM

PREPARE GLENOID



ANCHORS



BEFORE REPAIR

AFTER REPAIR

View from Posterior Portal



View from Superior Portal

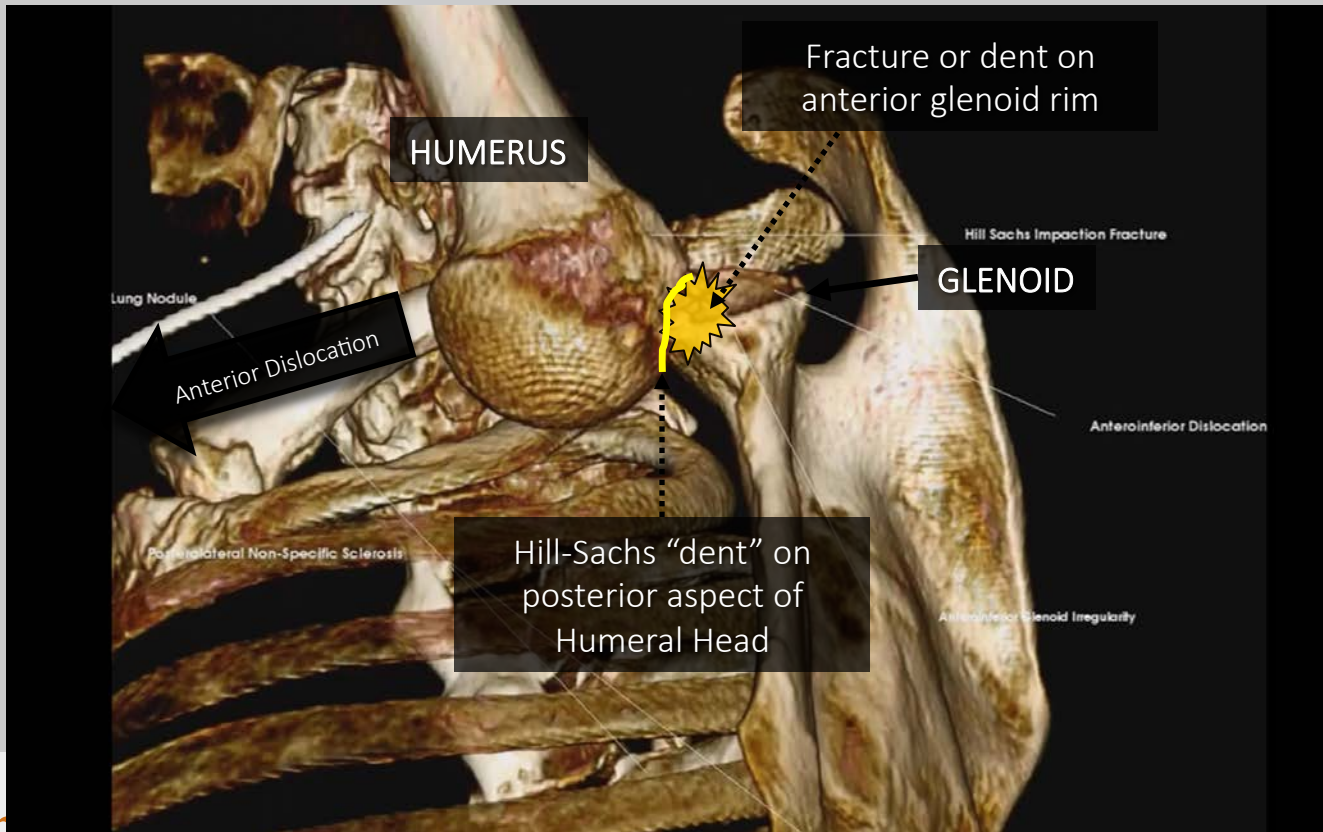


Bone Loss

Treatment

Bone Loss

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- **Glenoid**

- **>13.5%** bone loss = **worsened outcome scores (WOSI)** (*Shaha AJSM 2015, Shin AJSM 2017*) and **recurrent instability** (*Arthrop 2017*)
- *Burkhart and* have ~90% recurrent instability.

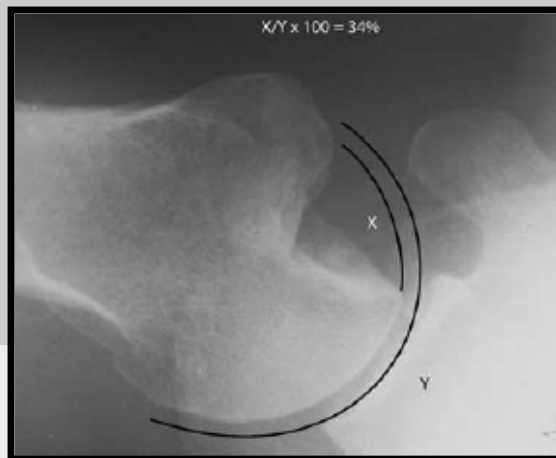


"Inverted Pear"

Treatment

Bone Loss

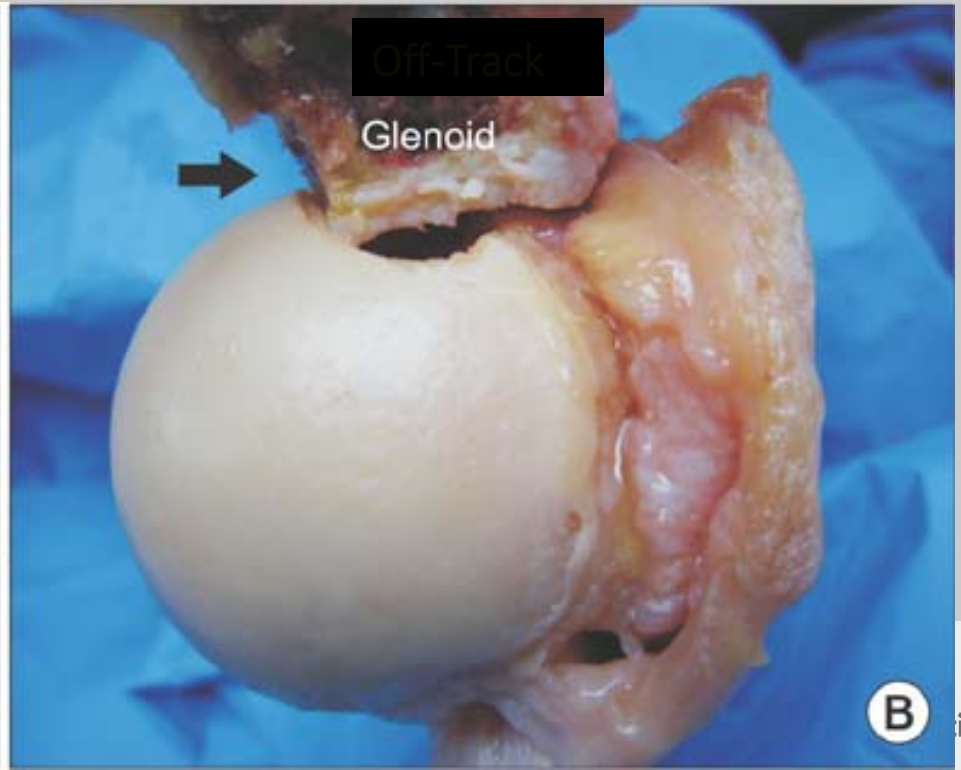
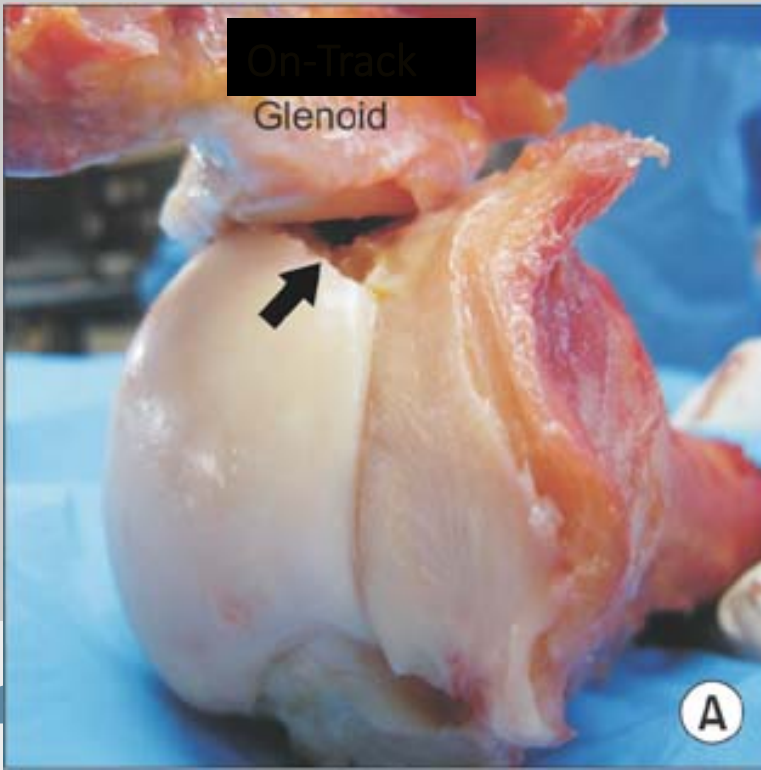
- Glenoid and Humeral bone loss can increase the risk of recurrence.
- Humerus (“Hill-Sachs”)
 - Any “Off-Track” lesion (>25-30% almost always will be) likely to be significant.
 - Sekiya 2010: >12.5% of articular arc will destabilize the shoulder at 60 degrees
 - Charrouset 2010: Depth >15-20% of HH diameter = >60% recurrence



Treatment

Bone Loss

- Glenoid and Humeral bone loss can increase the risk of recurrence.
- **Have an additive effect when both present...**
 - “On-Track” vs. “Off-Track” – *Yamamoto JSES 2007*



Treatment

Bone Loss

- Glenoid and Humeral bone loss can increase the risk of recurrence.
 - **Have an additive effect when both present...**
 - *Tokish et al OJSM 2015*: Presence of “Off-Track” bone loss resulted in 75% recurrent instability if not addressed
 - *Arciero et al AJSM 2015*: Small (8-15%) glenoid defects become significant when paired with Hill Sachs lesions (1.47 cm³, 0.87cm³, resp.)

•>30% on either side will likely be significant in most patients if not addressed (15% significant if combined and Off-Track)

Treatment

Bone Loss

- Options for glenoid bone restoration
 - If +bony bankart, repair the fragment
 - Arthroscopic (anchors) vs. ORIF (cannulated screws)
 - If no bone fragment left, take bone from elsewhere***
 - Coracoid (Latarjet)
 - ICBG (auto or allo)
 - Distal tibial OC graft
 - Distal clavicle



*****None perfectly recreate axial and longitudinal curvature (Willemot Arthroscopy 2017), and... 10X complication rate + 30% failure of TSRs s/p Latarjet (Willemot JSES 2018)**

Treatment

Bone Loss

- **Options for Hill-Sachs lesions:**
 - **Remplissage (30-40%)**
 - *Elkinson JBJS 2012 (cadaveric) and Bah et al OTSR 2017 (clinical): 30% defects effectively stabilized when remplissage added to Bankart*
 - Downside: decreased ER
 - *Nourissat AJSM 2011, Franceschi AJSM 2012:*
 - No difference in ER
 - Less recurrence than with Bankart alone
 - **Latarjet (30-40%)**
 - *Bah et al OTSR 2017: low recurrence rate, and better ROM/pain than Remplissage*
 - **OC grafts (>40%)**
 - *Diklic JBJS 2010, Miniaci Tech S/E 2004*
 - High rate of stabilization
 - Up to 30% complication rate
 - **Prosthetic replacement**

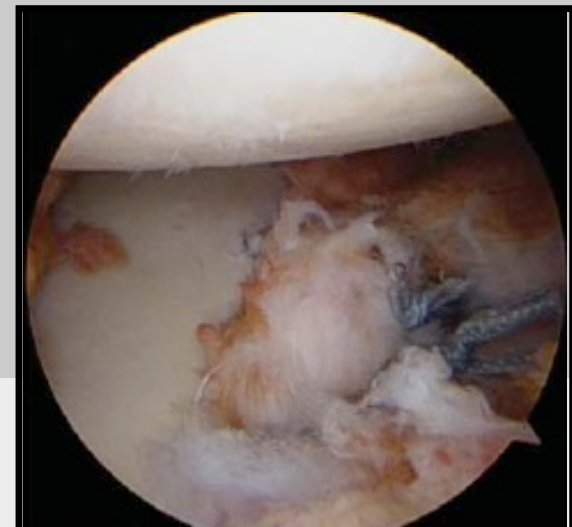
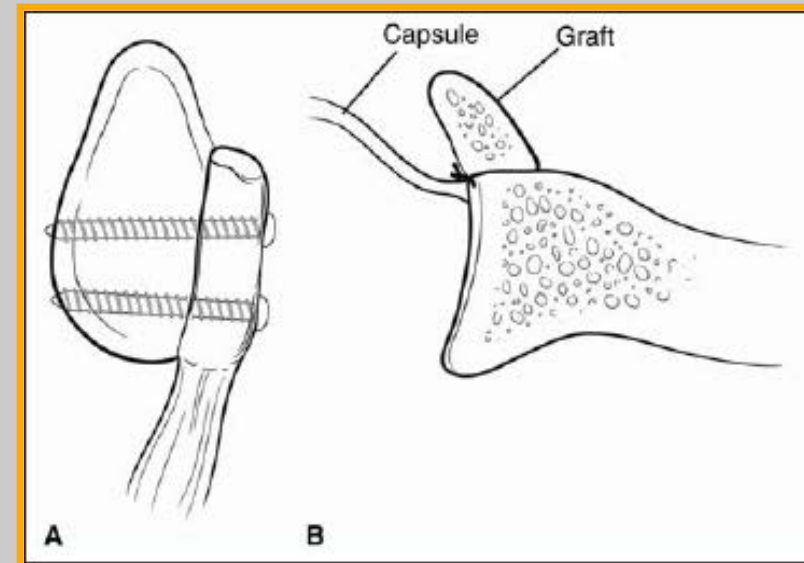


Treatment

My Algorithm**

**assumes no repairable bony Bankart

- Preop Assessment of Bone Loss with CT...
 - **Isolated Glenoid:**
 - 15-25% = patient specific factors
 - 25-35% = Latarjet
 - >35% = distal tibial OC graft
 - **Isolated Hill-Sachs:**
 - On-Track = ignore
 - Off-Track = Remplissage (OC graft if >40%)
 - **Combined Defects (*minimum 8% glenoid, "Off-Track" Hill Sachs*)**
 - $\leq 15\%$ glenoid = usually Bankart + Remplissage (unless revision or *high risk*)
 - $>15\%$ glenoid = bone augmentation+/- Remplissage (*esp. if HS >30%, Patel AJSM '16*)



Current Approach

Summary

- The chief goal of treatment is to minimize recurrence while maintaining activity level
- Nonsurgical treatment does not alter recurrence
 - Early mobilization and RTP is acceptable in many patients
- Surgical treatment is indicated in patients with a high risk of recurrence
 - The best results can be expected if all relevant pathoanatomy is addressed

Multidirectional Instability (MDI)

Spectrum

“Classic” (Neer)

- Capsular laxity
- Multiple loose joints
- Probably collagen disorder
- Neuromuscular imbalance?

Traumatic MDI

- Specific event(s)
- “Bidirectional”
- Not systemic (ie. opposite shoulder and other joints with “normal” laxity)
- Extensive labral tear

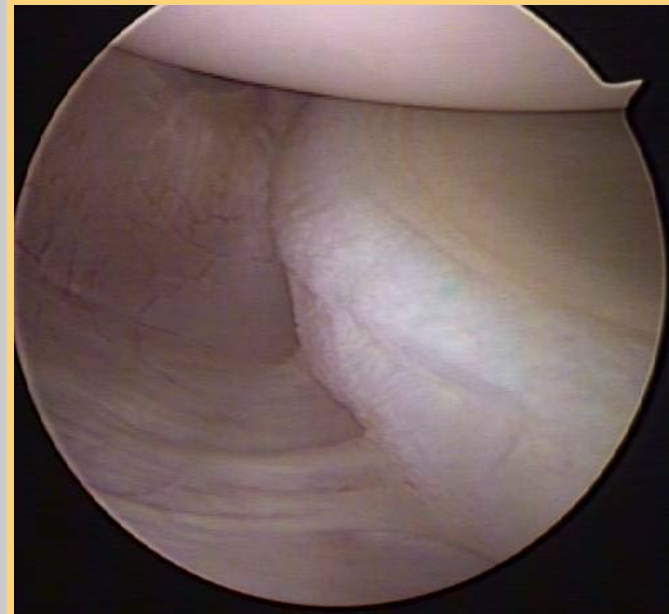
Pathoanatomy of MDI

Proposed:

- Redundancy of the Inferior Glenohumeral Ligament Complex → Increase capsular volume
- Large Rotator Interval
- Neuromuscular (?)

Other possible contributors:

- Loss of (-) pressure
- Flat glenoid
- Scapular version



MDI has two defining clinical features:

- Symptoms occur in midrange of glenohumeral motion when the ligaments are normally lax
- Symptoms in 2 or more directions, with one of them ***inferior***.

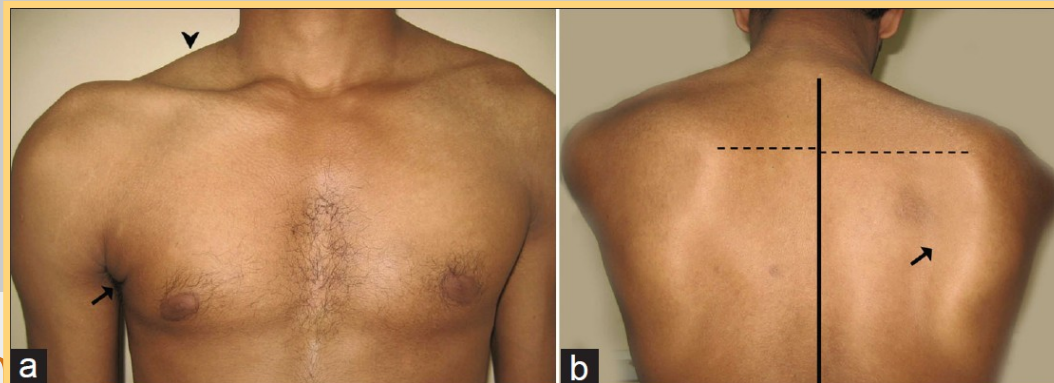
History

- Symptoms result from inability of dynamic stabilizers to compensate
 - Cuff bursitis/biceps tendonitis
 - Neck / Scapular pain
 - Neurological symptoms
- Worsened complaints with muscular fatigue

BEWARE of voluntary dislocators/psychosocial comorbidities

Physical Examination

- Inspect
 - Symmetry/muscle wasting
- Neuro exam
 - r/o scapular winging (trap, serratus palsy)
 - Deltoid and/or cuff dysfunction



Physical Examination

Systemic Laxity

Elbow hyperextension



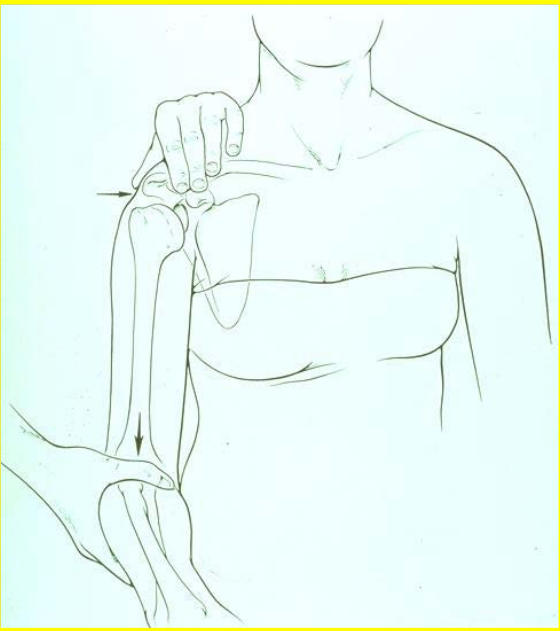
Thumb MP flexion to forearm



Scapular dyskinesis



Sulcus Sign



Symptoms reproduced?

Nonoperative Treatment

- Patient Education

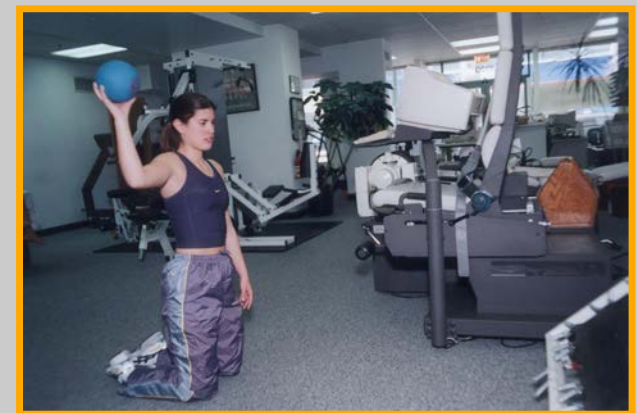
- Physical Therapy

- Rotator Cuff exercises
- IR for anterior component/
ER for posterior component



- \geq 6 Months Rx

- *Burkhead and Rockwood, JBJS 1992: HEP x >6 mo with 80% G/E results*



Always the first choice...

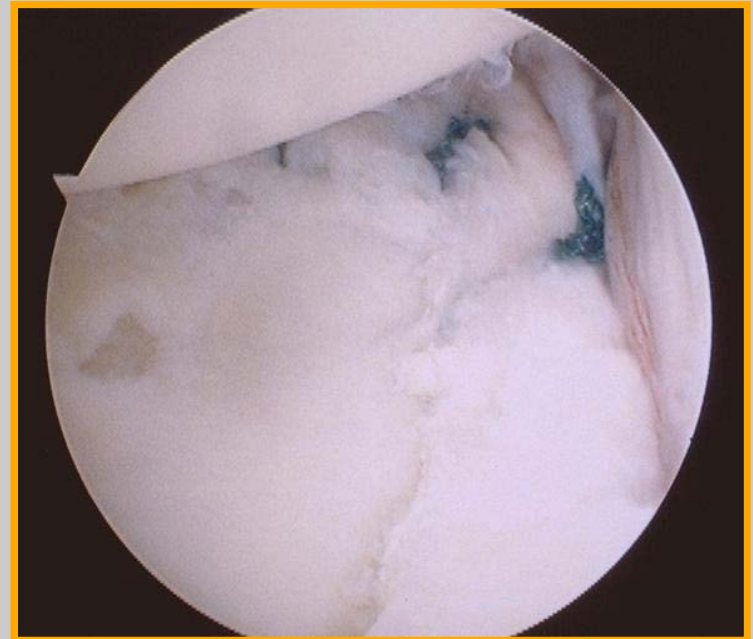
Goals of Surgical Treatment for Instability

- **Tighten ligaments/reduce capsular volume**

- Address all pathology (including RI if lax)

- **Repair labrum**

- Anchors



Outcomes

Open

- **~85+% G/E results**
 - *Neer and Foster JBJS 1980*: no recurrences
 - Posterior approach in select cases
 - *Cooper JBJS 1992*: 86% success
 - Anterior approach in all

Arthroscopic

- **~90+% G/E results**
 - *Gartsman et al*: capsular plication with RI closure = 7% recurrence, mean ER 90
 - *Kim et al*: posteroinferior labral repair/capsular plication with RI closure = 3% recurrence, mean loss ER 2 degrees

An aerial photograph of a large, modern hospital complex with multiple white buildings and parking lots. In the background, a city skyline with several skyscrapers is visible under a blue sky with scattered clouds. The foreground is dominated by the hospital's extensive parking areas and surrounding greenery.

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