Imaging of Shoulder Trauma

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Imaging Evaluation

- Radiographs, radiographs, radiographs
- All starts with the chest radiograph
- Special views (ie. Serendipity)
- CT
- History helpful to improve sensitivity
- "shoulder pain" vs "TTP of clavicular head" or "absent pulses in left arm"
- Patient's story

Mechanism of Injury

- Direct impact
- Lever/Torque
- Avulsion
- Avulsion injury

Direct Impact

Fractures

- Clavicle
- Proximal humerus
- Scapula

Dislocation

• Posterior glenohumeral

Clavicle

- Direct blow, fall, FOOSH, MVC
- Midshaft > distal third > medial third
- Medial third often occult or difficult to identify

Medial Clavicle Fx



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Proximal Humerus

- Fall, direct impact
- Osteoporotic
- Neer-2, 3, and 4 part fractures only if there is greater than 1cm displacement or 45 degrees of angulation



78-year-old female with shoulder pain after fall



79 year-old female s/p fall from standing



61 year-old female with humeral neck fracture after tripping and fall; fragility fracture



45 year-old male with a history of HSV encephalitis with bilateral humeral neck fractures





Neer 4-part fracture







Scapula

- Fall, MVC
- Majority are non to minimally displaced
- Many radiographically occult
- CT
- Scapular body, coracoid, acromial
- Evaluate for involvement of the glenoid
- Ideberg classification

















34 year-old who fell from wind turbine





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23 year-old with comminuted scapular fracture after slipping on wet ground and landing on posterior shoulder

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Floating Shoulder



46 yo male s/p mcc with shoulder pain; fx of the clavicle and glenoid neck











Lever/Torque

- Acromioclavicular injury
- Glenohumeral dislocation
- Sternoclavicular joint disruption
- Scapulothoracic dissocation

Acromioclavicular Joint Injury

- No longer use weights
- Rockwood classification
- Grade I (sprain of ligaments) is radiographically occult
- Grade II tear of AC joint ligaments, depression of acromion
- Grade III

Rockwood Classification

Grade I

- Sprain of AC ligaments
- Radiographically occult

Grade II

- Tear of AC ligaments
- Depression of acromion

Rockwood Classification

Grade III

- Tear of AC and CC ligaments
- Depression of acromion and widening of CC interval

Grade IV

 Same with posterior displacement of clavicle on axillary view

Rockwood Classification

Grade V

 Same with extreme elevation of distal clavicle through the trapezius

Grade VI

• Inferior displacement of clavicle



53-year-old male s/p assault with type II ac injury



46 year-old incarcerated male with shoulder pain after fall onto left shoulder





58-year-old female with type VI ac joint injury

Glenohumeral Dislocation

- Anterior (95%) >> posterior >> inferior (luxatio erecta) > intra-thoracic
- Anterior: Abduction, extension, external rotation
- Posterior: adduction, flexion, internal rotation (electric shock or seizure due to muscular contraction)
- Luxatio Erecta: fall head-first (ie dive position) with arm overhead







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47 year-old MVC vs Ped





Compressed 32:1 IM: 1002



21 year-old male s/p motorcross accident, fall from 15-20 feet after jump and landed on bike

Hill Sachs and Bankart

- Impaction fracture of posterolateral humeral head and anterior glenoid
- Measured on CT





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IM: 6





Compressed 27:1 IM: 2

65 year-old man s/p MVC vs pedi



Posterior dislocation

- Overlap of medial humeral head on Grashey
- Non-overlap of medial head on AP
- Reverse Hill Sachs and Bankart fractures
- Trough sign (impaction of humeral head; "Liability line" – Lee Rogers)
- Rim sign widening of joint
- Loss of half moon (decreased overlap)
- Arm held in adduction and internal rotation


27-year-old with posterior dislocation, internal rotation, and reverse Hill Sachs after an MVC-ped injury









21 year-old with posterior dislocation; Assaulted 3 months prior; on physical exam, shoulder in adduction and internal rotation



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Trough sign







trough sign







Case courtesy Nick Beckmann









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Luxatio Erecta

- Hyperabducted shoulder
- Neurovascular injury (brachial plexus)
- Tear of inferior joint capsule, rotator cuff
- Fracture of greater and lesser tuberosities



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41 year-old male s/p MCC 30mph, fell onto right shoulder

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Subscapularis and inferior joint capsule tears



Avulsion of the supraspinatus





IGHL avulsion



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Sternoclavicular Joint Dislocation

- Anterior > Posterior
- Impact upon the shoulder with torque to the clavicle
- Direct impact to sternum
- Posterior dislocation can result in vascular impingement



32 year-old female with fall onto right shoulder in adduction after falling down 3 stairs while running



























Imaging

- Asymmetry in position of the clavicular head
- CT
- Serendipity view
 - posterior dislocation = inferior
 - anterior dislocation = superior



















16-year-old male s/p football injury (pile up) with right SC dislocation; Serendipity view













Transphyseal Sternoclavicular Dislocation



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Scapulothoracic Dissociation

- Close forequarter amputation
- Diagnosed by physical exam (lack of pulses and neurologic deficit)

Scapulothoracic Dissociation



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Non—overlap of the scapula and ribcage





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Abrupt cutoff of arterial supply



25 yo MCC at highway speeds, hit guard rail; asymmetric position of the scapula







30-year-old male MCC vs Truck







Avulsion

- Greater tuberosity
- Coracoid process
- Biceps
- Latissimus dorsi/Pectoralis

Greater Tuberosity

- Avulsion (osteoporosis), impaction
- Variant of Hill Sachs



33 year-old s/p MCC with obvious shoulder deformity











Coracoid Process



26 year-old male s/p MCC going 30 mph



Pectoralis/Latissimus Dorsi Avulsion



46-year old with arm pain after exercising



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