

# Proximal Humerus Fractures



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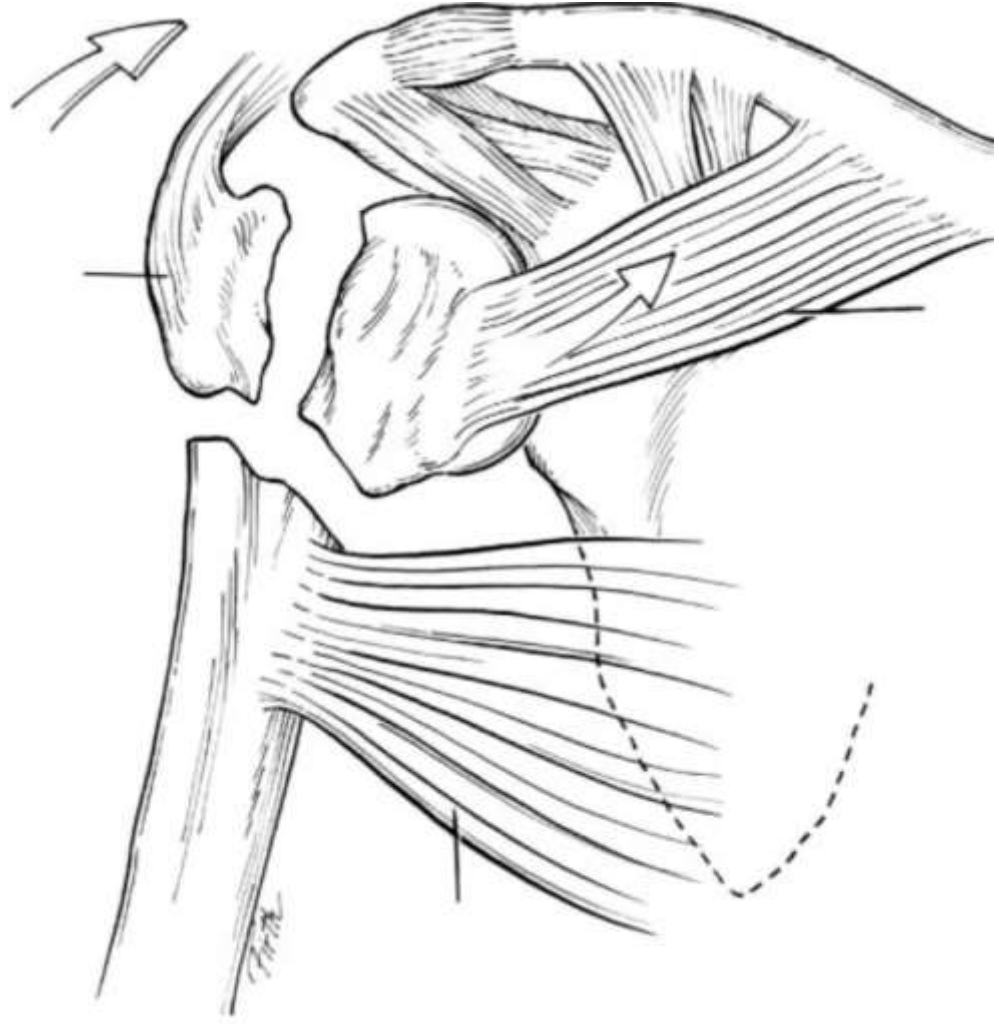
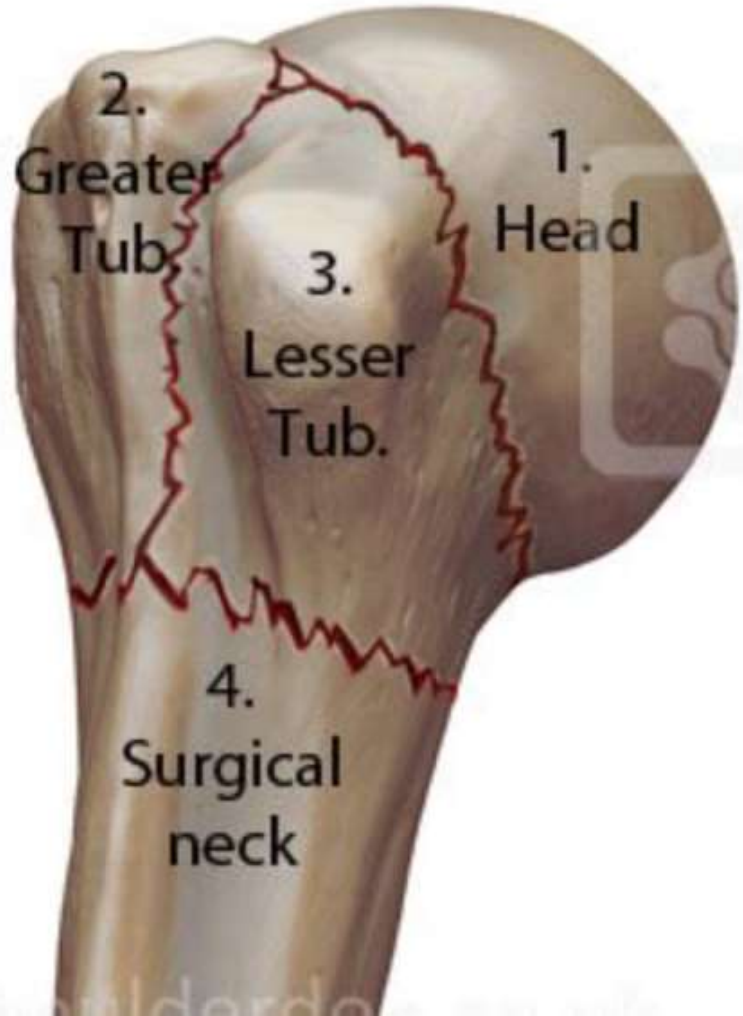
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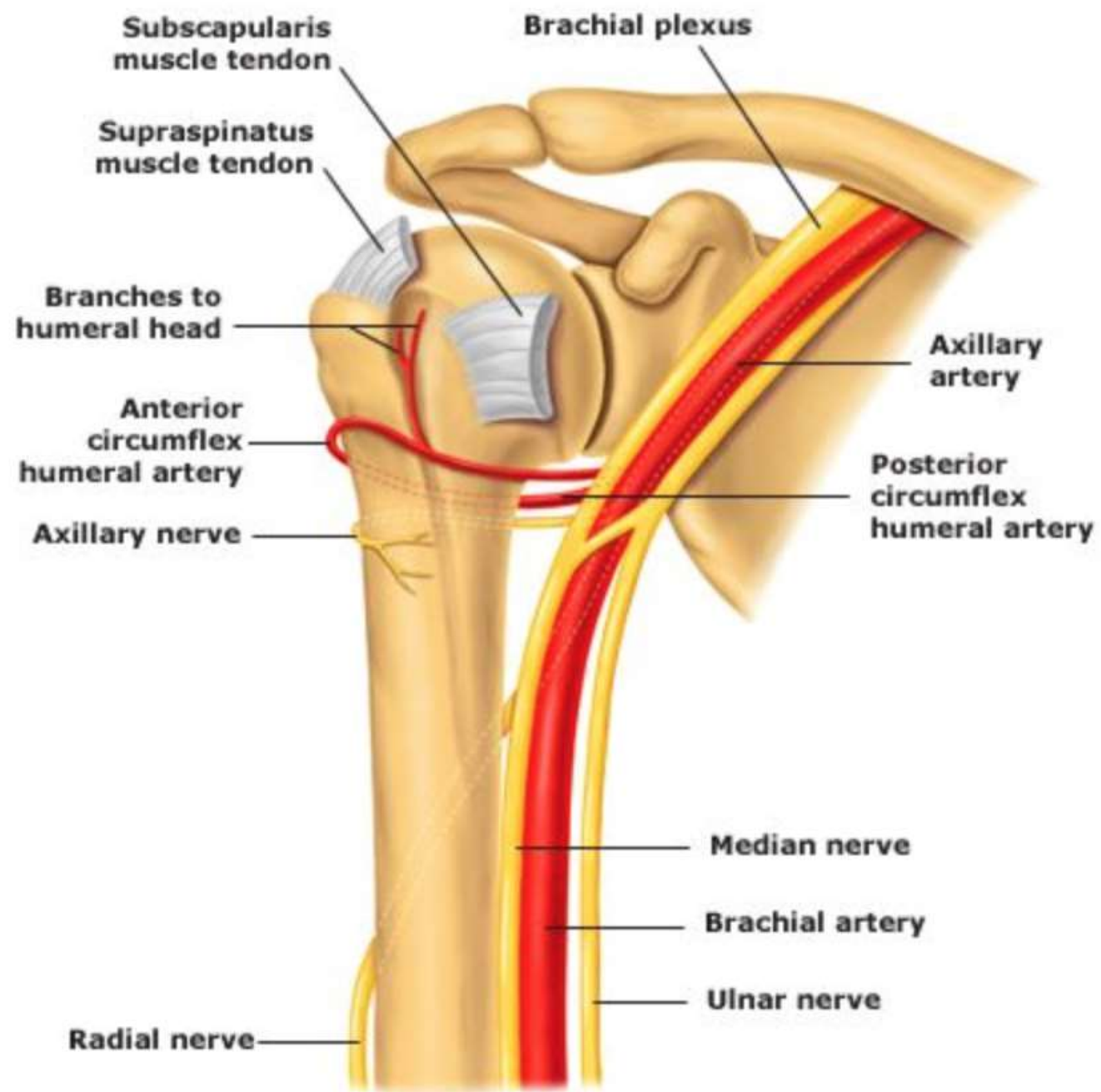


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# Options



# *Classifying Proximal Humerus Fractures Neer...*

## Neer Classification

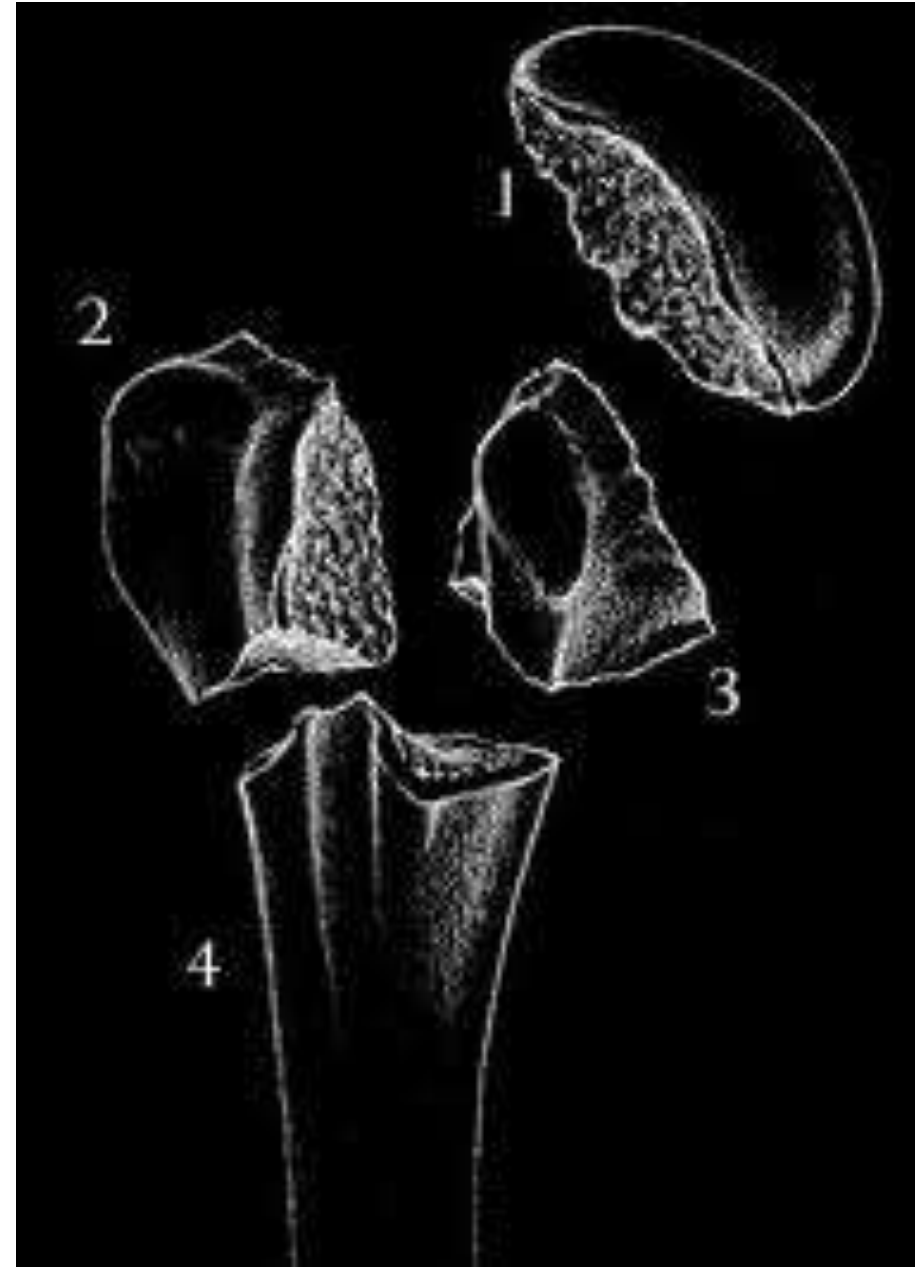
“Part”=  $45^{\circ}$  Angulation

= > 1cm Displacement

## “Parts”/Segments

- : Humeral Head (1)
- : Greater Tuberosity (2)
- : Lesser Tuberosity (3)
- : Humeral Shaft (4)

\* Can also have Head Split



# AO Fracture Classification

## 2-Part

### Based on:

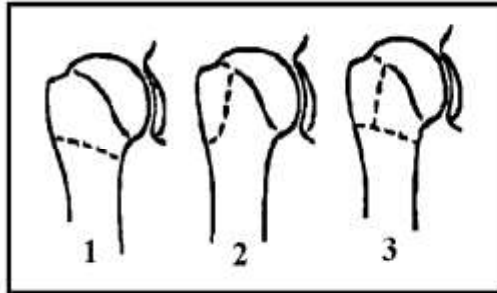
- Location
- Presence of impaction
- Angulation
- Translation
- Comminution of surgical neck
- Presence of dislocation

#### **A : Extracapsular or two segments involved**

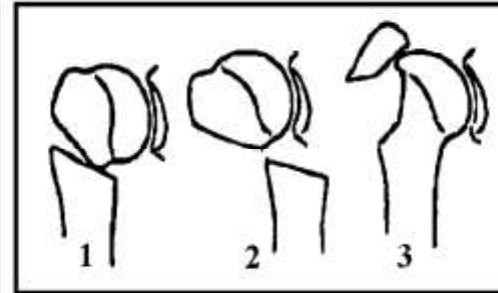
##### **A1 : Undisplaced**

##### **A2 : Displaced**

##### **A3 : Displaced, with additional complicating factor**



1. Surgical neck
2. Tuberosity
3. Surgical neck and tuberosity



1. Surgical neck angulated
2. Surgical neck completely displaced
3. Tuberosity displaced



1. Surgical neck and metaphyseal comminution
2. Surgical neck with dislocation
3. Tuberosity displaced with dislocation

# AO Fracture Classification

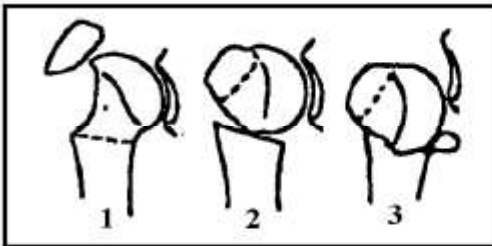
## 3-Part

### Based on:

- Location
- Presence of impaction
- Angulation
- Translation
- Comminution of surgical neck
- Presence of dislocation

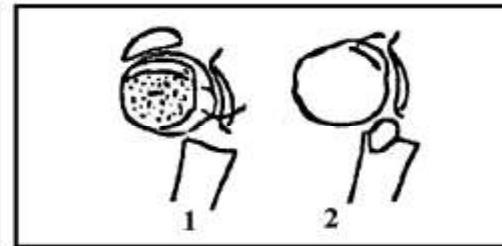
#### **B : Partially intracapsular or three segments involved**

**B1 : One of three segment undisplaced**



1. Tuberosity displaced, surgical neck undisplaced
2. Surgical neck displaced, tuberosity undisplaced
3. Surgical neck varus impaction, lesser tuberosity displaced

**B2 : Three segments displaced**



1. Surgical neck and greater tuberosity displaced
2. Surgical neck and lesser tuberosity displaced

**B3 : Three segments displaced with additional complicating factor**



1. Metaphyseal comminution involving greater and lesser tuberosity
2. Surgical neck and greater tuberosity displaced with dislocation
3. Surgical neck and lesser tuberosity displaced with dislocation



# AO Fracture Classification

## 4-Part

### Based on:

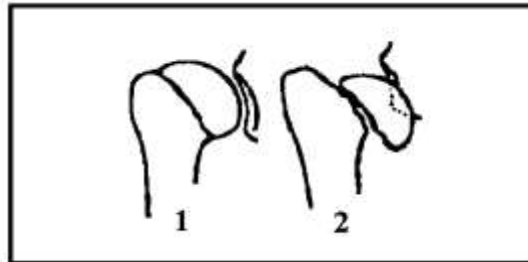
- Location
- Presence of impaction
- Angulation
- Translation
- Comminution of surgical neck
- Presence of dislocation

#### C : Intracapsular or four segments involved

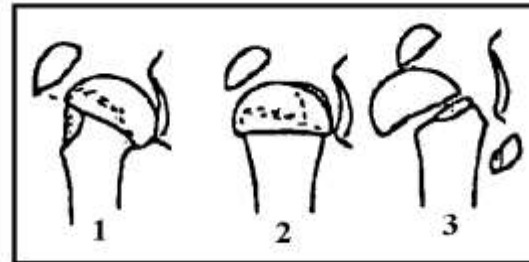
##### C1 : Anatomical neck

##### C2 : Four segments

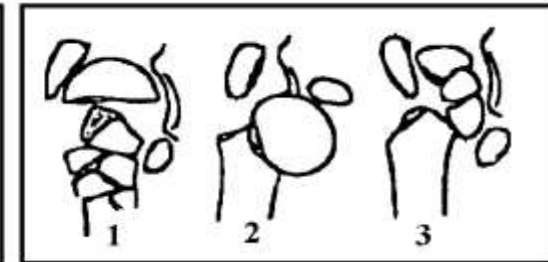
##### C3 : Four segments displaced with impacted or displaced additional complicating factor



1. Anatomical neck undisplaced or displaced
2. Anatomical neck dislocated



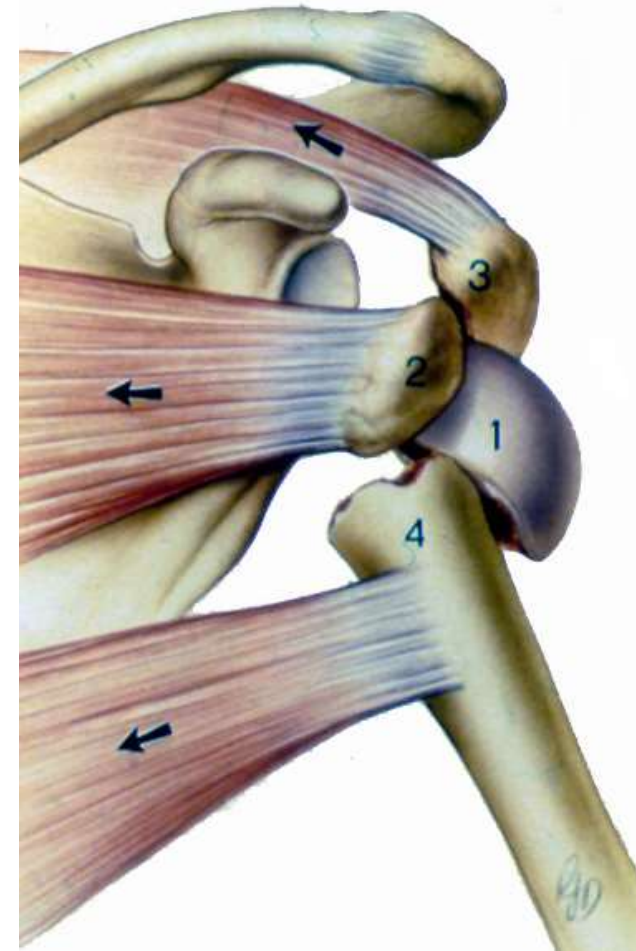
1. Moderate valgus impaction
2. Severe valgus impaction tuberosity displaced
3. Anatomical neck and tuberosities displaced



1. Anatomical neck and tuberosities displaced, metaphyseal comminution
2. Anatomical neck and tuberosities displaced, dislocation
3. Anatomical neck and tuberosities displaced, comminutive articulation

# Epidemiology














- 49% minimally displaced
  - Not surgically treated
- **28% two-part surgical neck fractures**
- 9% three-part GT-SN fractures
- 3% four-part fractures
- *...Most displaced fractures are "fixable"*
- *...Over 50% of "surgically fixable" fractures are 2 part surgical neck fractures*



Court-Brown et al, Acta Orthop Scand 2001

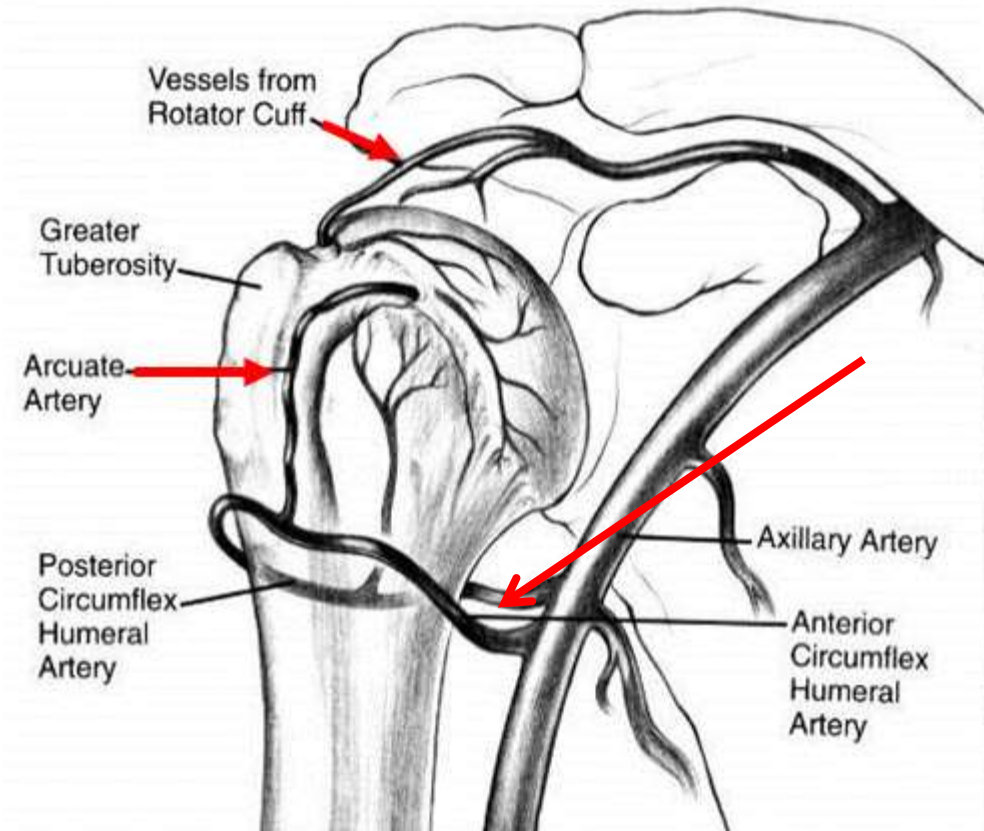
# Classifying Proximal Humerus Fractures

## Neer Classification

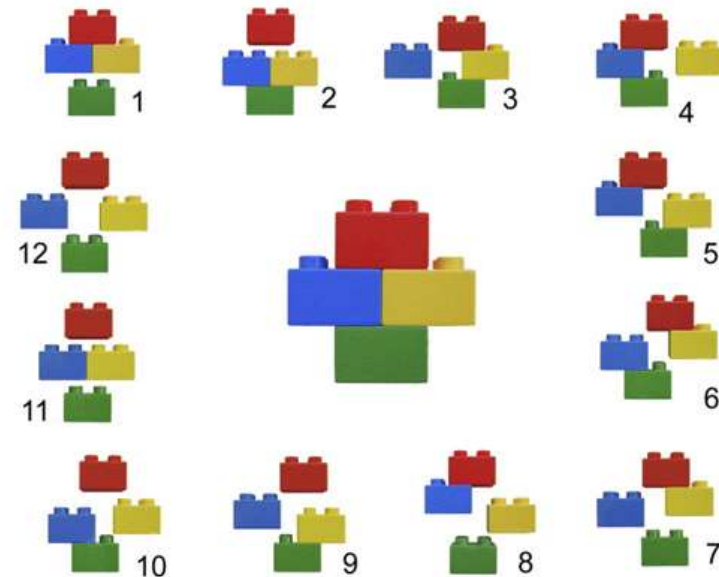
|                                | 2 part  | 3 part  | 4 part  |
|--------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Anatomical neck                |    |   |   |
| Surgical neck                  |    |   |   |
| Greater tuberosity             |    |    |   |
| Lesser tuberosity              |    |    |    |
| Fracture dislocation anterior  |   |   |   |
| Fracture dislocation posterior |  |  |  |

# Predictors of humeral head ischemia after intracapsular fracture of the proximal humerus

R. Hertel, A. Hempfing, M. Stiehler, and M. Leunig, *Berne, Switzerland*



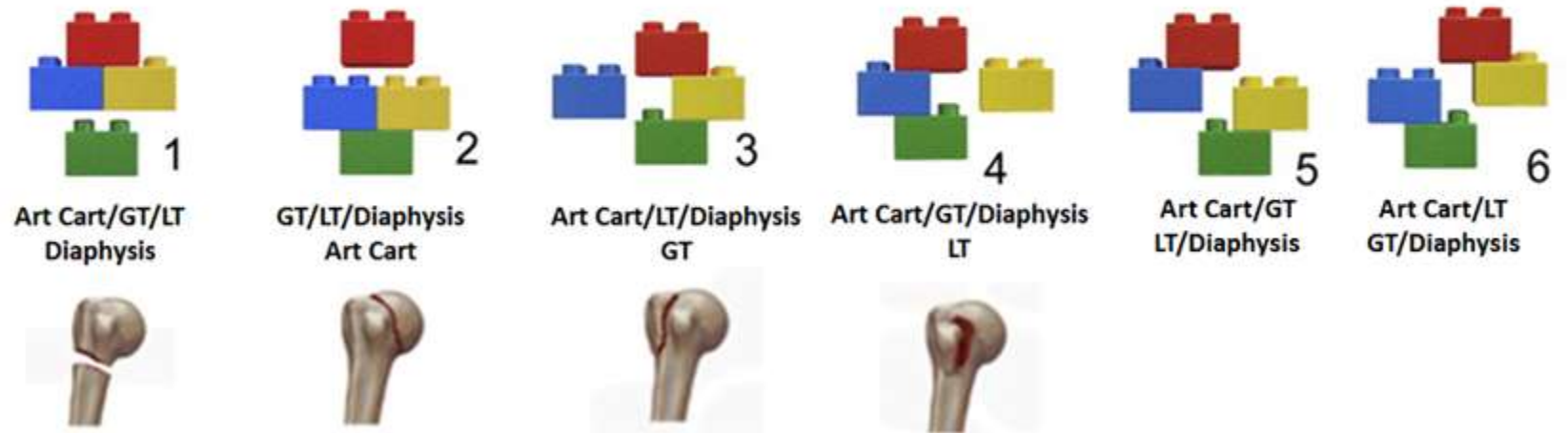
## Binary Classification System for Proximal Humerus Fractures



Red – Articular Cartilage/Head  
Blue – Greater Tuberosity  
Yellow – Lesser Tuberosity  
Green – Diaphysis of Humerus

- **Classifying Proximal Humerus Fractures Combining Classifications**

## 2-Part Proximal Humerus Fractures

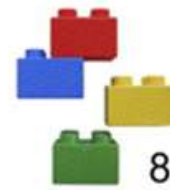


- ***Classifying Proximal Humerus Fractures Combining Classifications***

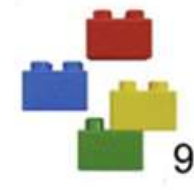
### 3-Part Proximal Humerus Fractures



Art Cart/LT  
GT  
Diaphysis



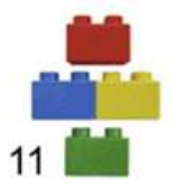
Art Cart/GT  
LT  
Diaphysis



Art Cart  
GT  
LT/Diaphysis



Art Cart  
LT  
GT/Diaphysis

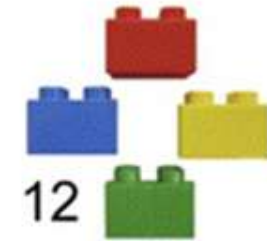


Art Cart  
GT/LT  
Diaphysis



- ***Classifying Proximal Humerus Fractures Combining Classifications***

## 4-Part Proximal Humerus Fractures



Art  
Cart  
GT  
LT  
Diaphysis



**\*\*Head-Split\*\***

## *Treatment...*

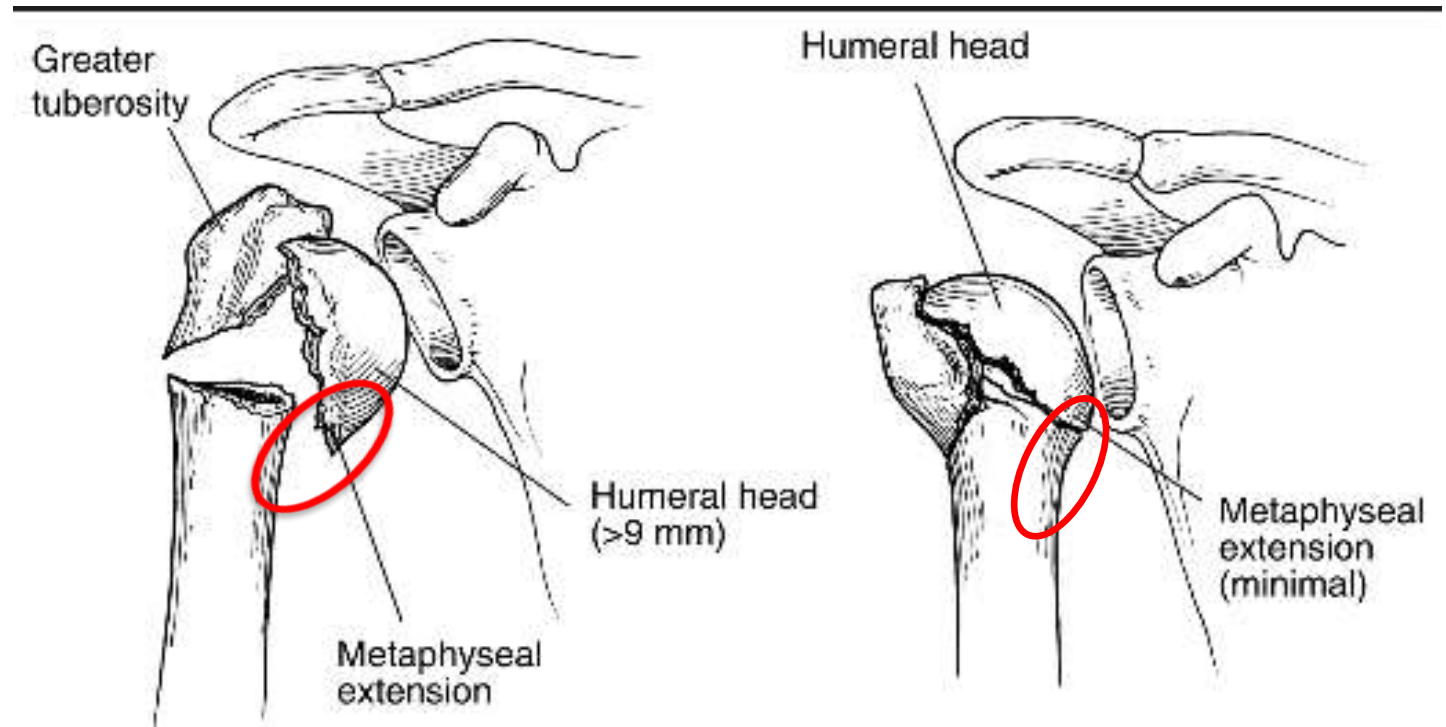
*“This is a bad injury”*

*“Your shoulder will never be the same no matter what we do...”*



# Determining Treatment...

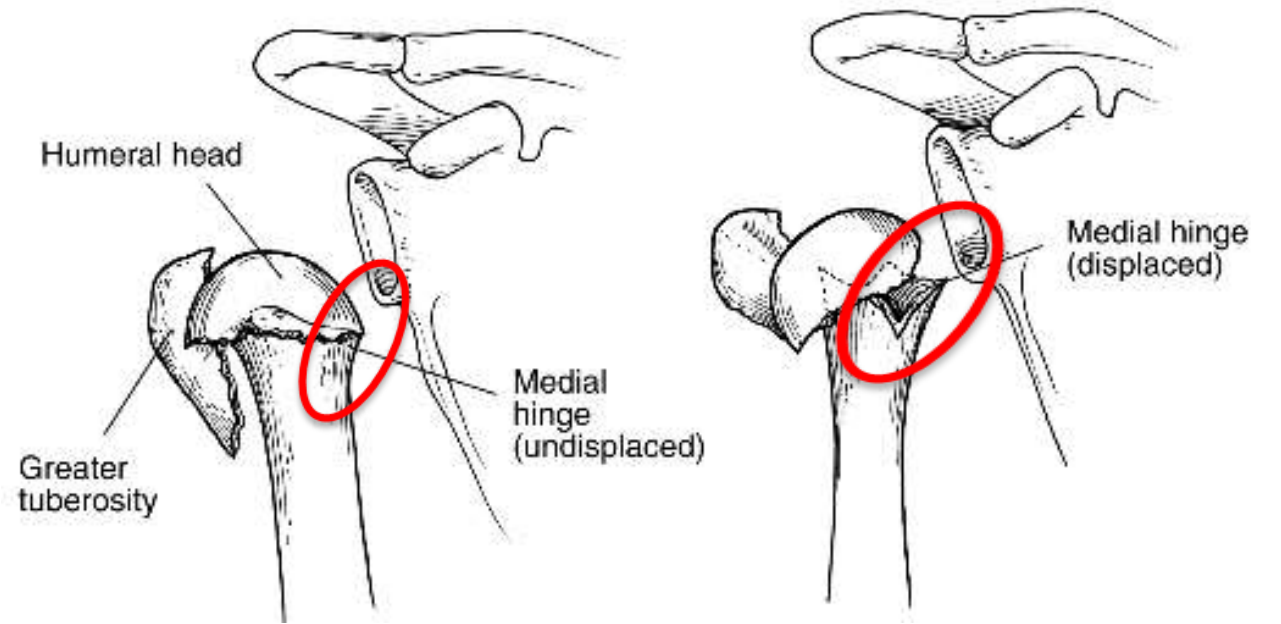
- **Metaphyseal Extension < 5mm = Ischemia**



Hertel et al

# Determining Treatment...

- **Medial Hinge displaced > 5mm = Ischemia**



Hertel et al

# Avascular Necrosis



Stage 1



Stage 2



Stage 3



Stage 4



Stage 5

# Treatment of Acute Fractures of the Proximal Humerus

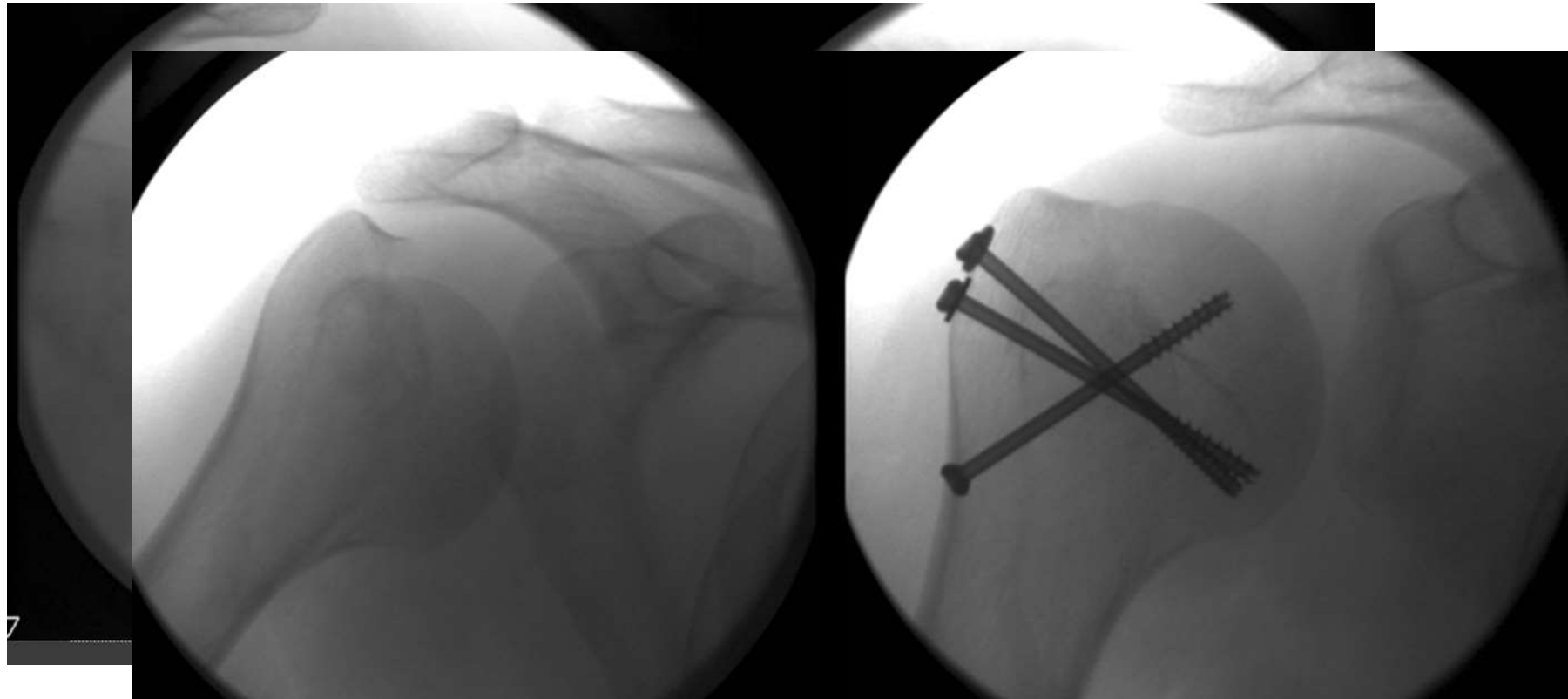
- Non-operative (\*\*VAST MAJORITY\*\*)
  - Sling immobilization or 30-degree pillow brace (3-6 weeks)
  - Early ROM (usually begin at 3 weeks)
- Percutaneous Fixation
- ORIF/Osteosynthesis
  - Proximal humeral plates
    - Standard small frag/large frag
    - Contoured proximal humeral locking plates
  - Intramedullary nail
  - Suture/wire fixation of tuberosity fragments
  - Suture Bridge (ATS) for greater tuberosity fracture
- Shoulder Arthroplasty
  - Hemiarthroplasty with tuberosity osteosynthesis
  - Reversed Prosthesis with tuberosity osteosynthesis



## ***Two-Part PHF - Pin***

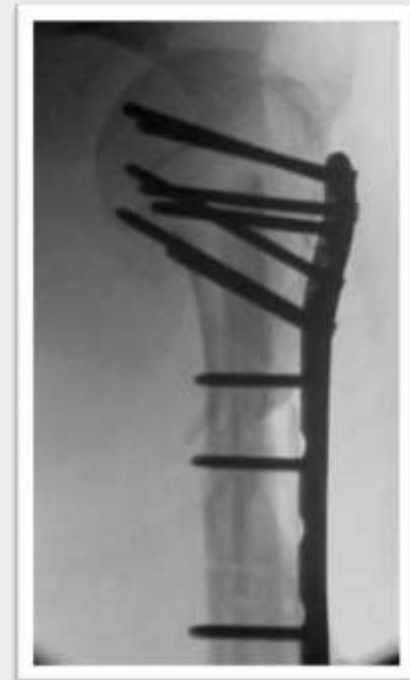
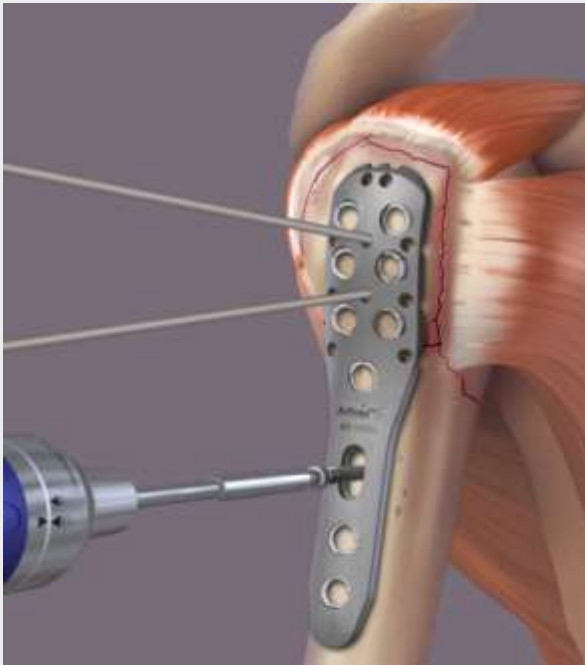
***Younger patients with good  
healing potential***

***Older patients with co-morbidities***



## ***2, 3 & 4 Part PHF - Plate***

- ***Good Bone Quality***
- ***Younger patients even with risk of AVN***
  - \* Hemi/TSA/Reverse has better outcome with healed/"some" tuberosity***



## ***3 & 4 Part/Head Split PHF - Hemi***

- ***Healthy patient with high risk of AVN***
- ***Tuberosity repair/healing important***



## ***3 & 4 Part/Head Split - Reverse***

- ***Displaced/Comminuted 3 Or 4 Part Proximal Humerus Fractures***
- ***Fractures With Irreparable Rotator Cuff Or Greater/Lesser Tuberosity***
- ***Fractures With Poor Bone Quality Or In Patients With Comorbidities That May Lead To Non-union Or Avascular Necrosis***
- ***Failed Hemiarthroplasty/Suture Plate***
  - ***\*Potentially More Predictable Outcome In OLDER Patients***
    - ***High Complication Rate***





CASE

58 RHD female Dentist. Fell skiing.

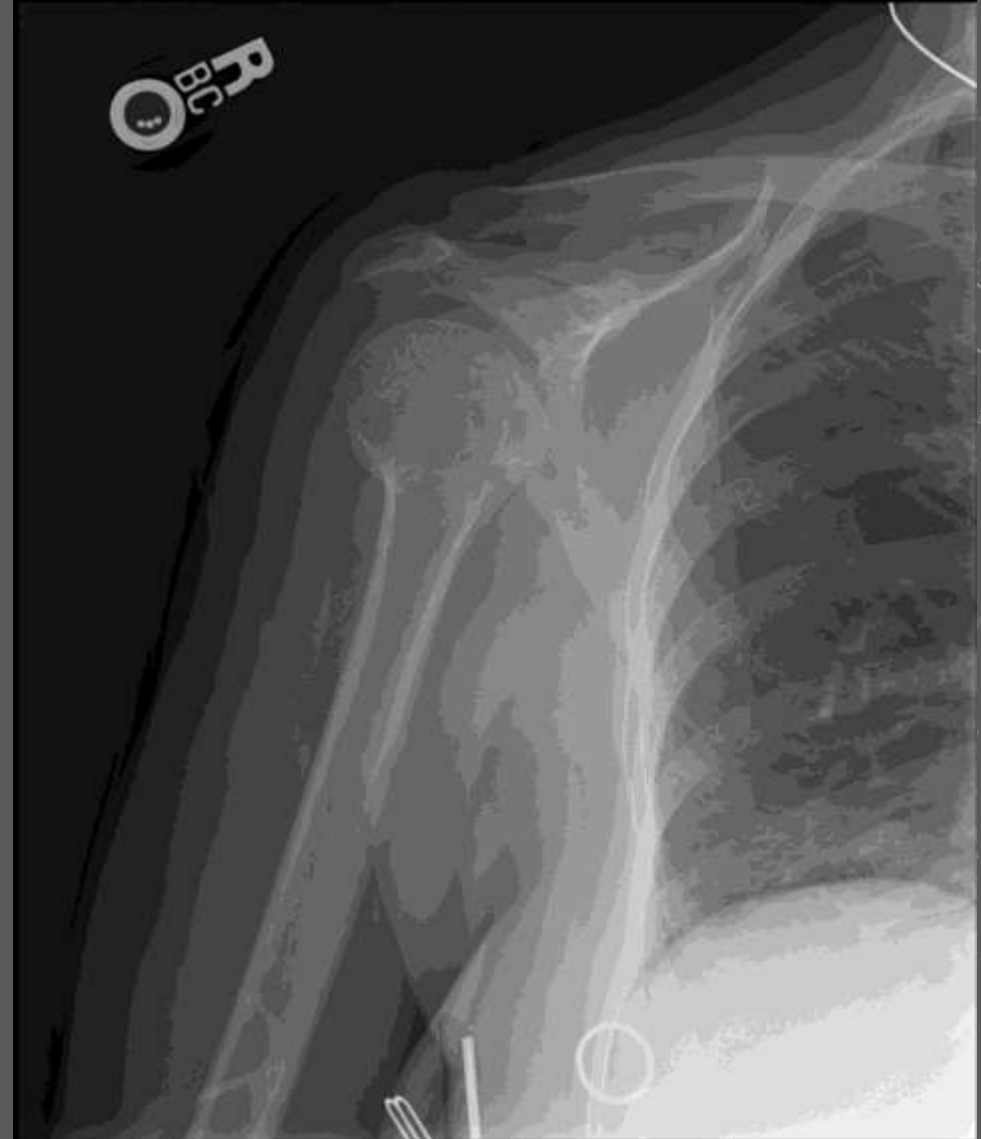
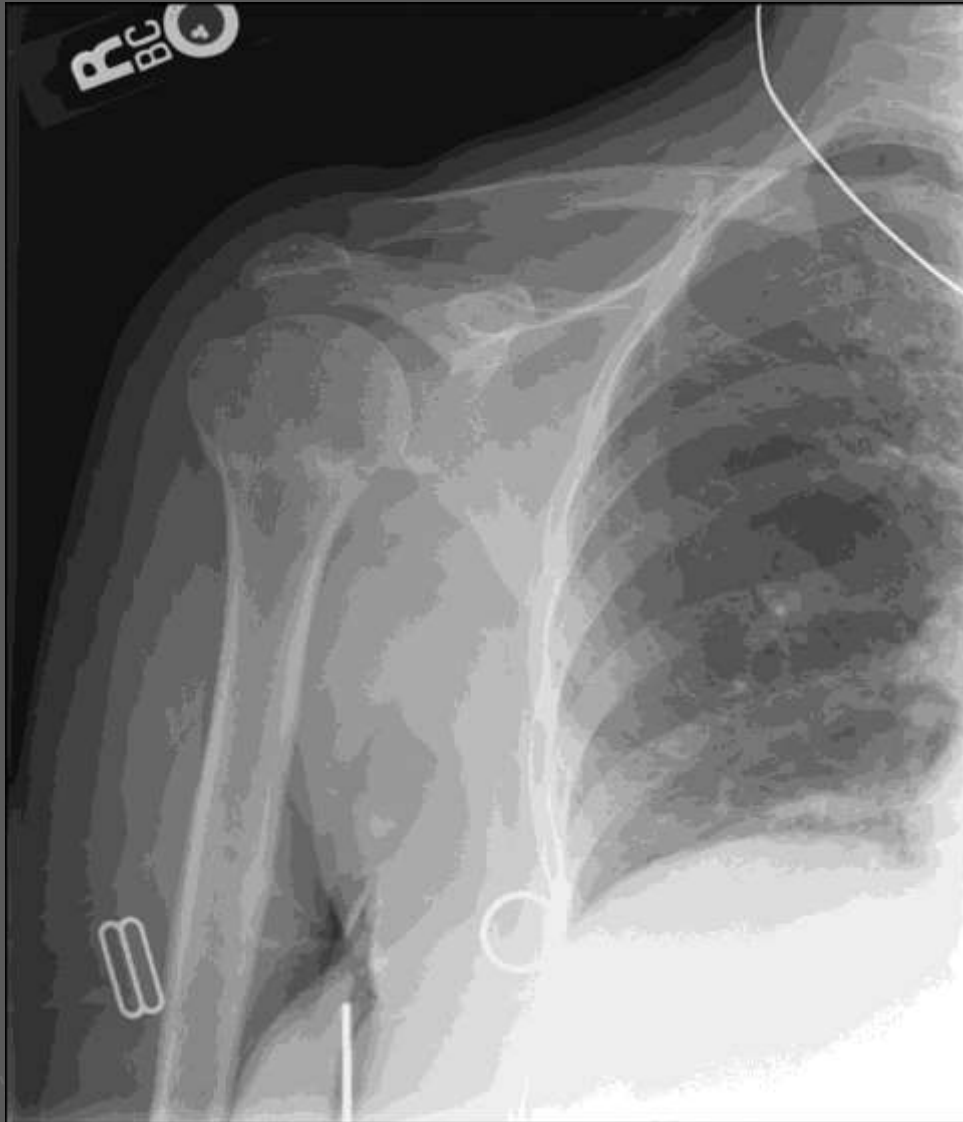
# 3 DAYS AFTER INJURY



10 DAYS



18 WEEKS



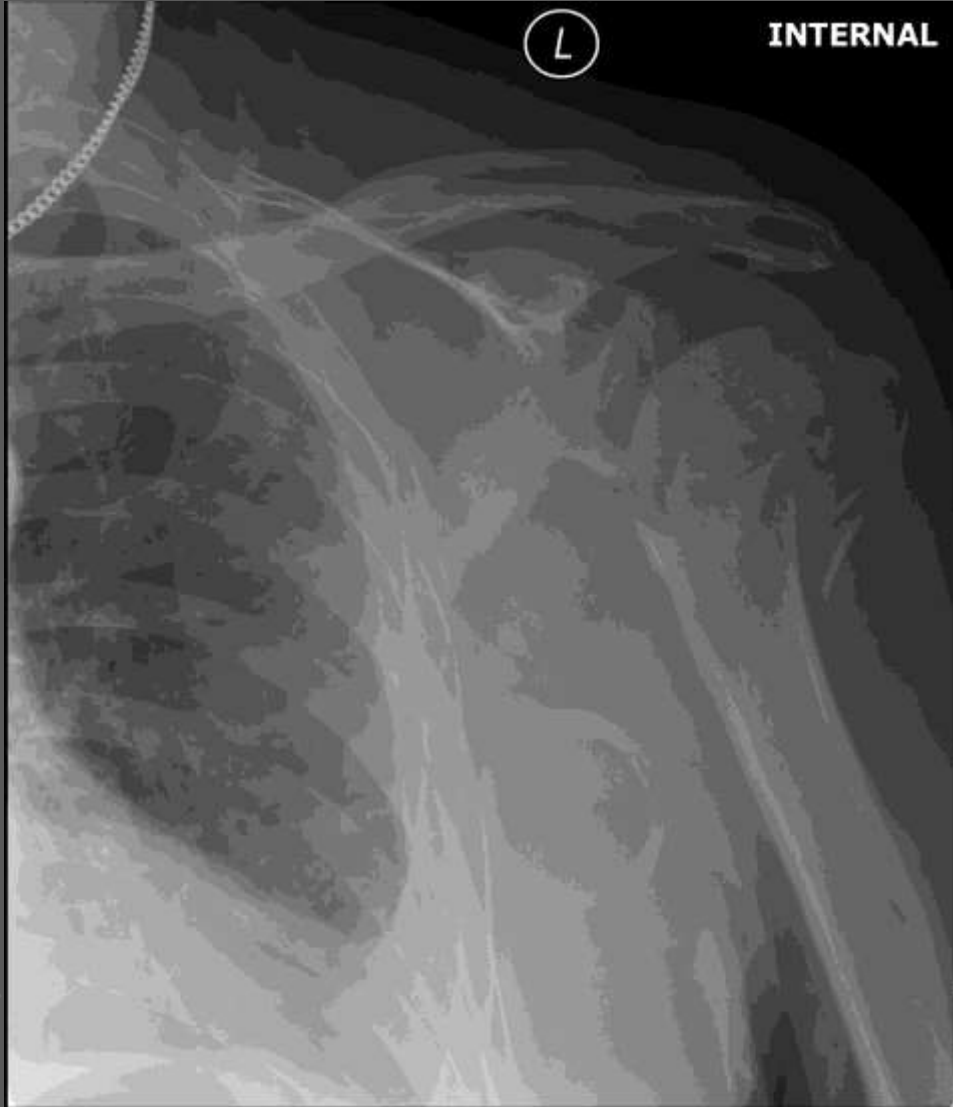
18 WEEKS



# CASE

- 85 y.o. Male, RHD
- Fall at home 2 days ago
- Placed in splint at urgent care
- Married, drives, independent in all ADL's
- Walks daily and fixes things around the house
- PMH-CABG, DVTs
- Coumadin, Synthroid, Effexor, Lipitor, Trental
- Cardiologist says Coumadin cannot be stopped.

# 2 DAYS POST INJURY



9 days



16 days

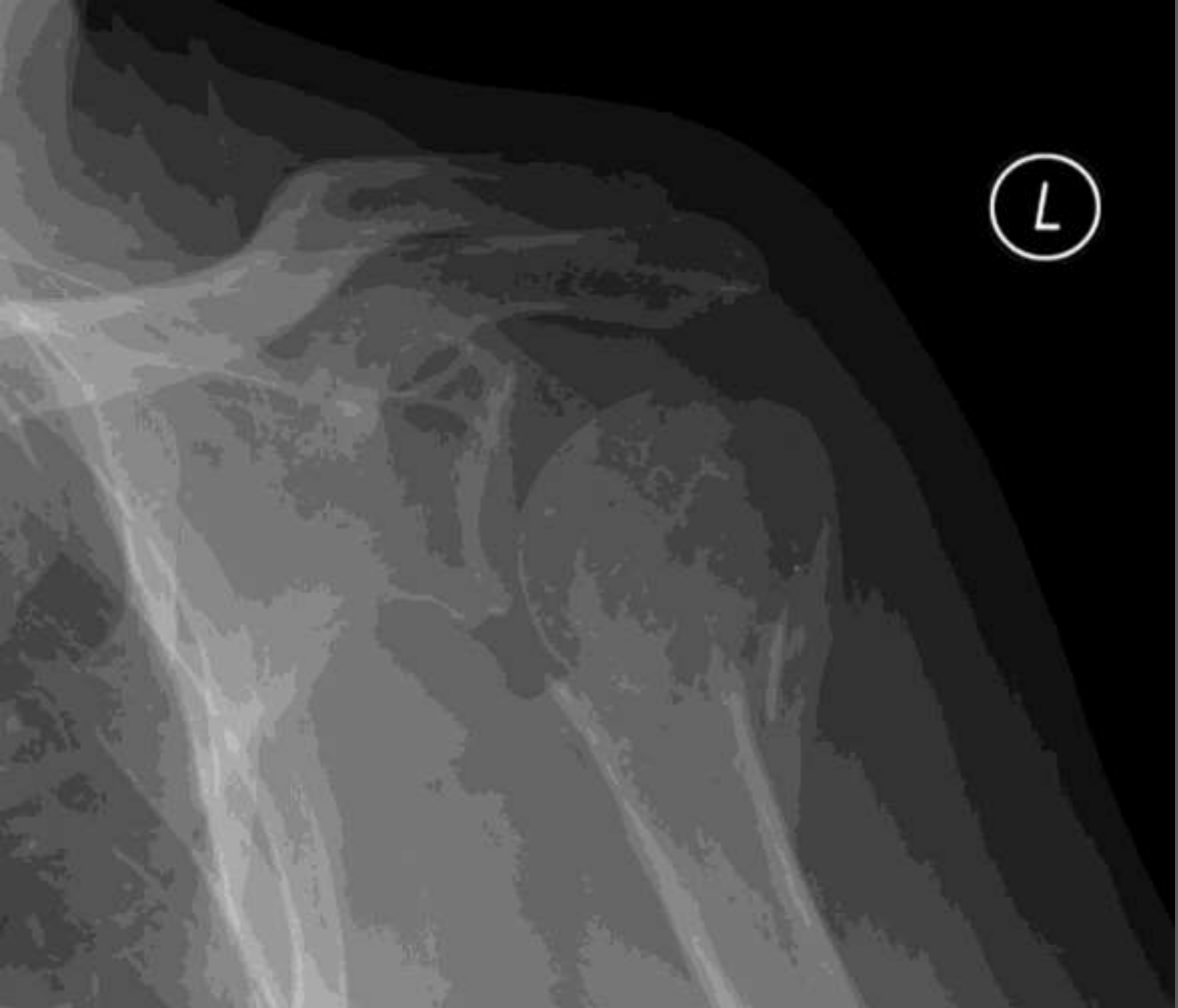




30 days



84 days



# 84 DAYS



# Non-operative Protocol Sling 6 Weeks

## Week 1

- Sleep sitting up
- Nothing under Elbow
- Ice
- Pain Meds
- Minimize NSAIDs

## Week 2-3

- Passive ROM hand, Wrist and Elbow
- Start Pendulums

## Week 3-6

- Home Pulley
- Pendulums
- AAROM
  - Elevation and ER

Plain Xray at week 1, 2, 3 and 6

# Non-operative Protocol

## Week 6-12

- AROM
- Initiate PT
- Allow ADL's

## Week 12-16

- Progressive resistance
- Gradual return to normal daily activities

## Week 16

- Advance to full activity
- Home PRE's

# Consider Surgical Intervention at these timepoints

## Week 1-6

Loss of satisfactory reduction

## Week 12-24

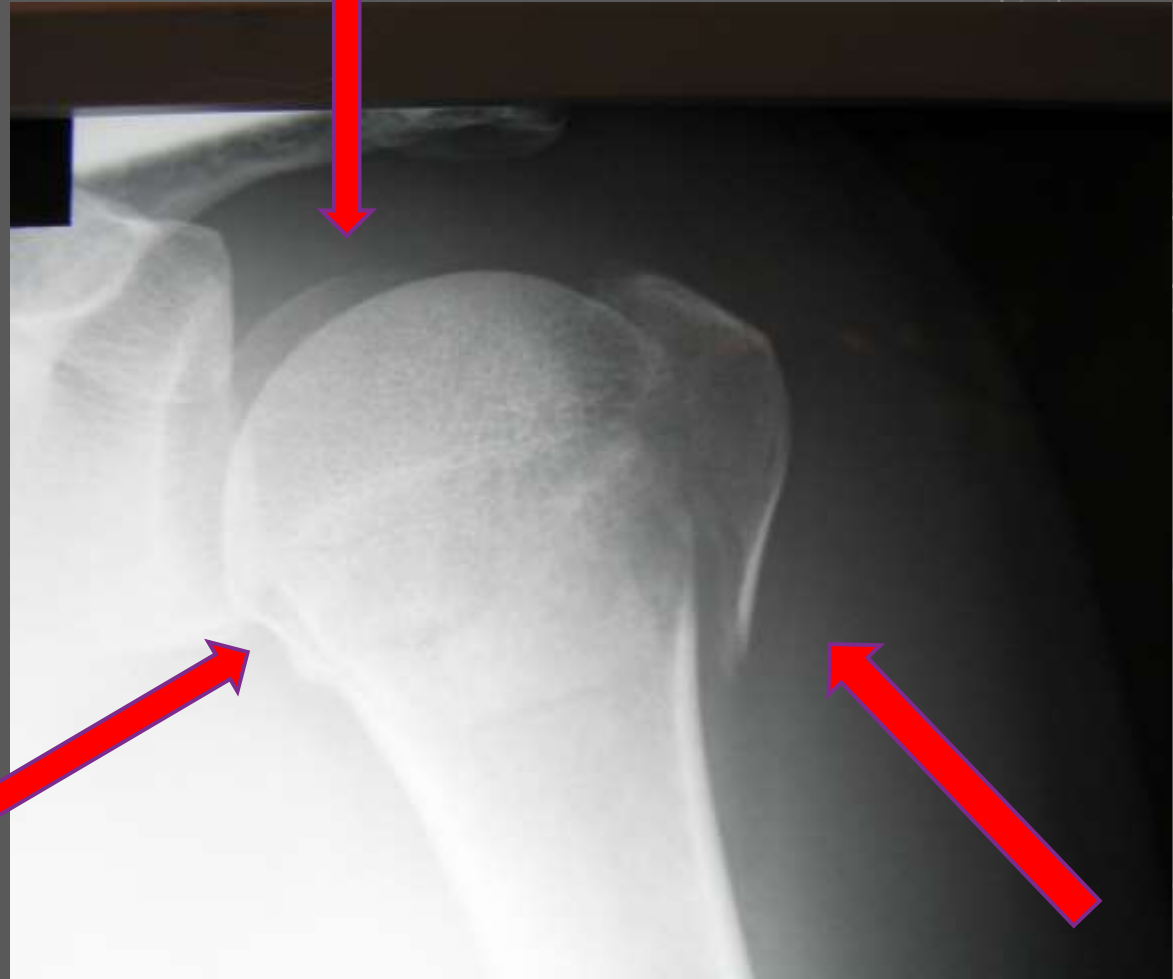
Stiffness Unresponsive to Treatment

## Week 24+

- Mechanical Pain
- Persistent Pain
- Persistent Stiffness
- Non-Union
- Malunion
- AVN
- DJD

# CASE

- 52 Fall at home
- Working
- Healthy



Displaced 3 part fracture with head split





# Case

- 54 Female. RHD. Fall at home 4 days ago. Isolated injury. Seen in ER. Placed in sling.
- PMH: HTN, MVP, Hyper chol
- Meds: Lisinopril, Lipitor
- SH: Neg, Retired
- PE: 5'8", 212lbs

PA



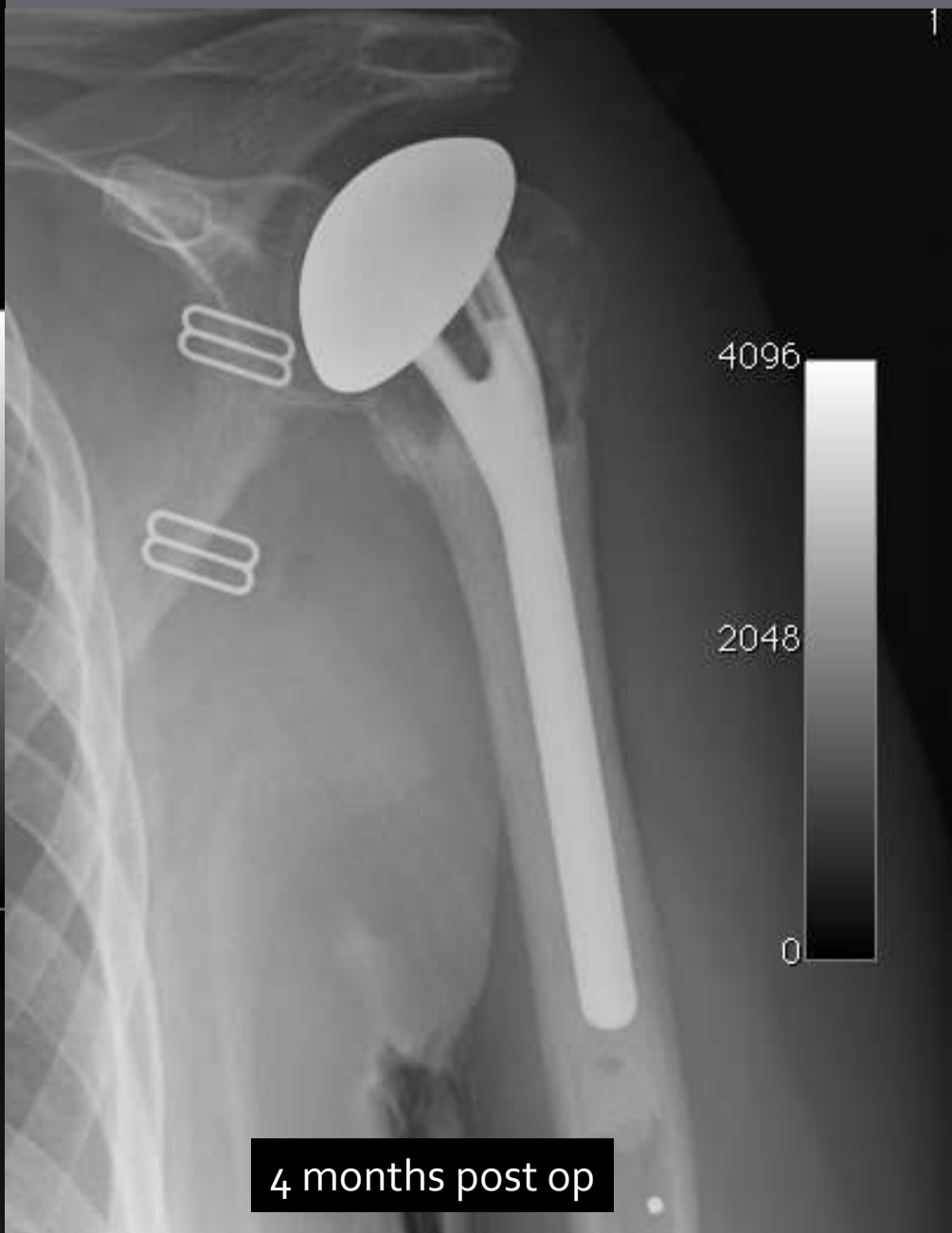
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X: 0.00 mm Z: 0.00 mm



10 day post-op



4 months post op

4 months post-op



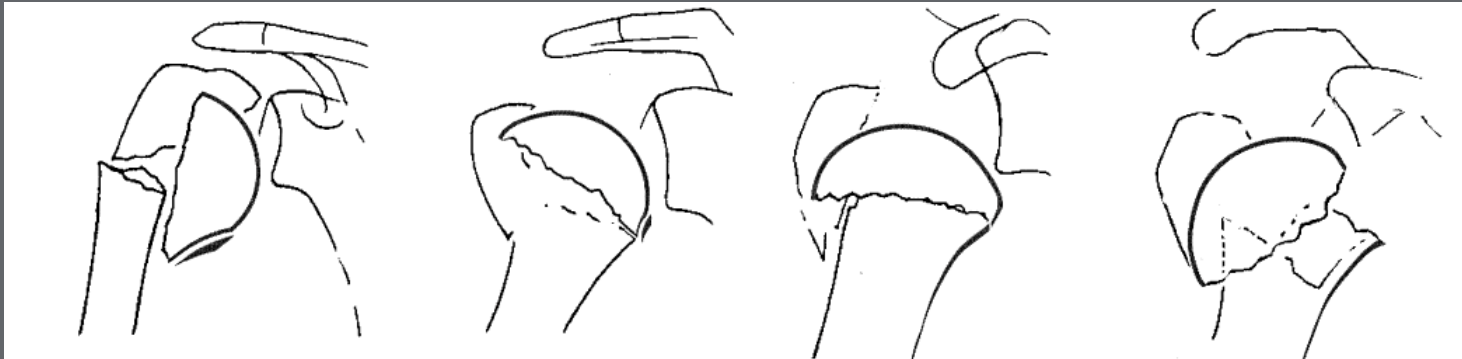
# Arthroplasty Indications

- 4part fractures
  - Older patients
  - Osteopenic bone
  - Anatomic neck component
- 3part fractures
  - Older/osteopenic patients
- Head-splitting fractures
- Impaction fracture of head >40%
  - Associated with locked dislocation



- Predictors of humeral head ischemia after intracapsular fracture of the proximal humerus

- R. Hertel, A. Hempfing, M. Stiehler, and M. Leunig, Berne, Switzerland
- J Shoulder Elbow Surg July/August 2004
- Metaphyseal fragment < 8mm
- Metaphyseal Hinge



# Tuberosity Osteosynthesis and Hemiarthroplasty for Four-Part Fractures of the Proximal Humerus

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- **Seminal publication in 2000 introducing technique in HA for tuberosity reconstruction**
- **NOT with a Fracture Prosthesis**
- **Most widely used technique today**

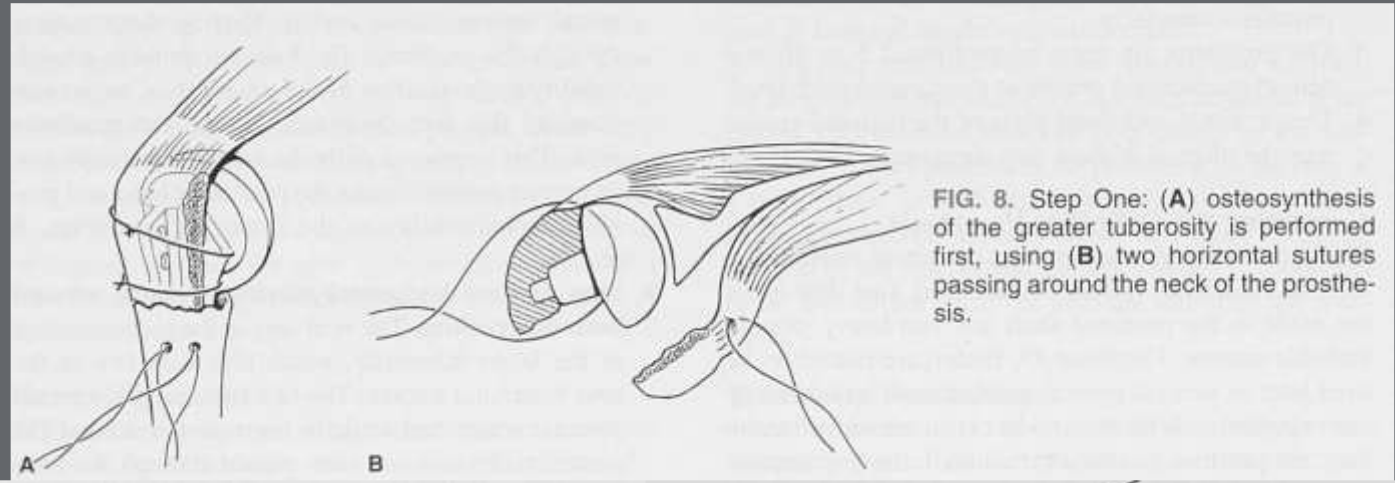


FIG. 8. Step One: (A) osteosynthesis of the greater tuberosity is performed first, using (B) two horizontal sutures passing around the neck of the prosthesis.

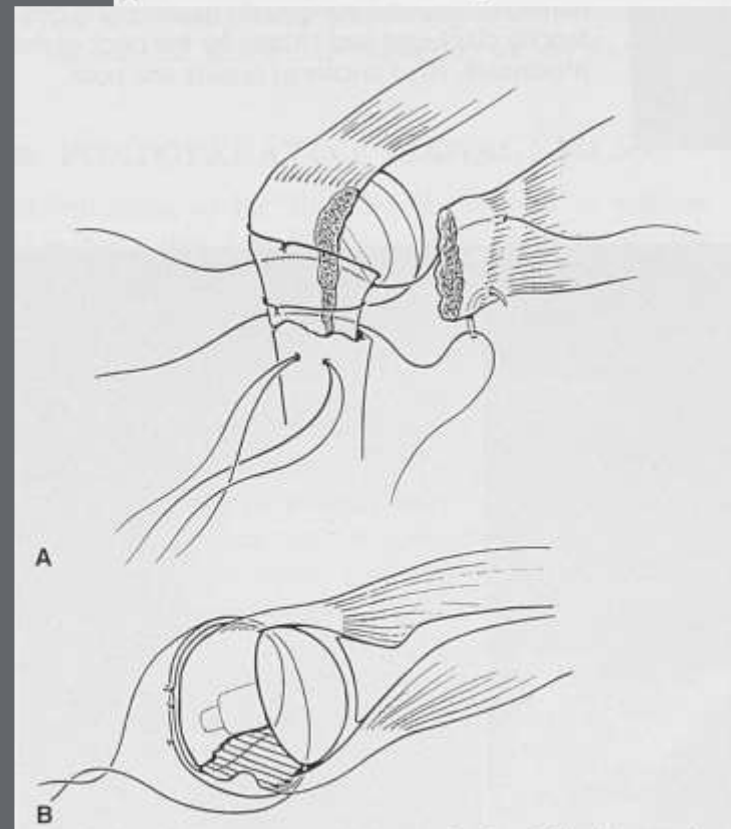


FIG. 10. Step Two: (A) osteosynthesis of the lesser tuberosity is then performed using the two remaining horizontal sutures, (B) passing again around the neck of the prosthesis and "closing the book."

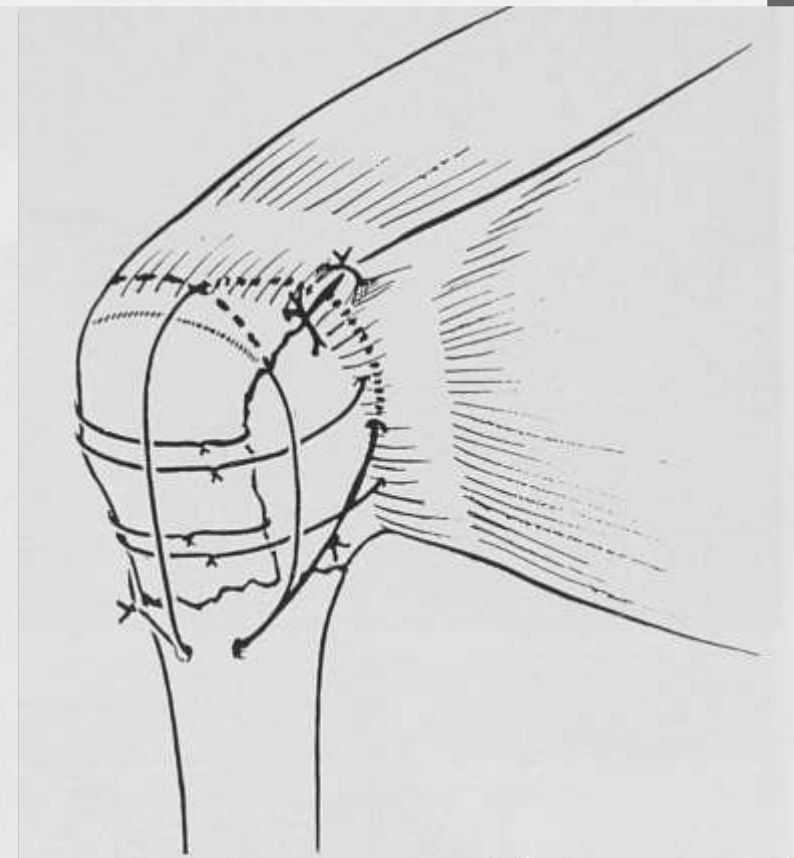


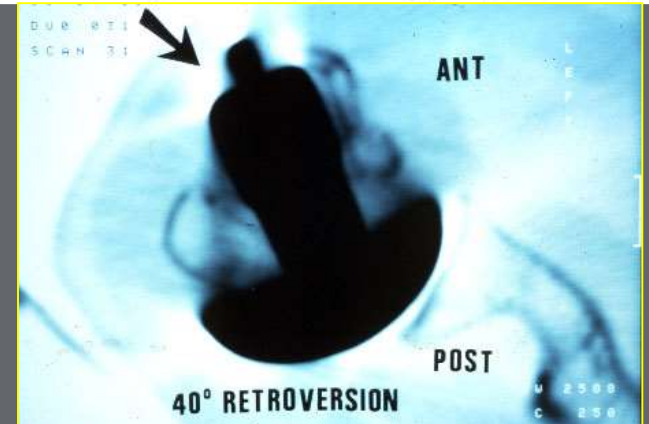
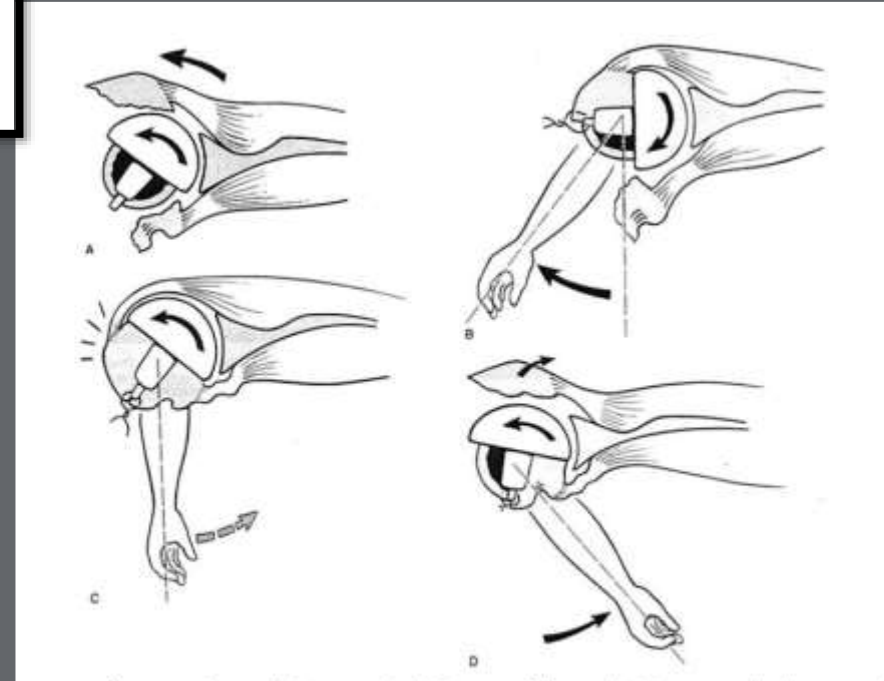
FIG. 11. Step Three: the two vertical sutures are passed in the anterosuperior and posterosuperior cuff using a tension-band technique (final aspect).



# Tuberosity malposition and migration: Reasons for poor outcomes after hemiarthroplasty for displaced fractures of the proximal humerus

P. Boileau, S. G. Krishnan, L. Tinsi, G. Walch, J. S. Coste, and D. Molé, Nice, France

- 66 patients with mean age of 66 years
- Patients did much better with healed tuberosities
- **Prosthetic design was important in outcome!**
  - Standard prosthesis = 50% OF Greater Tuberosity migration
  - Fracture prosthesis = 20% of Greater Tuberosity migration



# Does A “Fracture” Prosthesis Help??

- **Purpose:**

To compare a standard humeral stem with a fracture-specific humeral stem in HA for the treatment complex humerus fractures

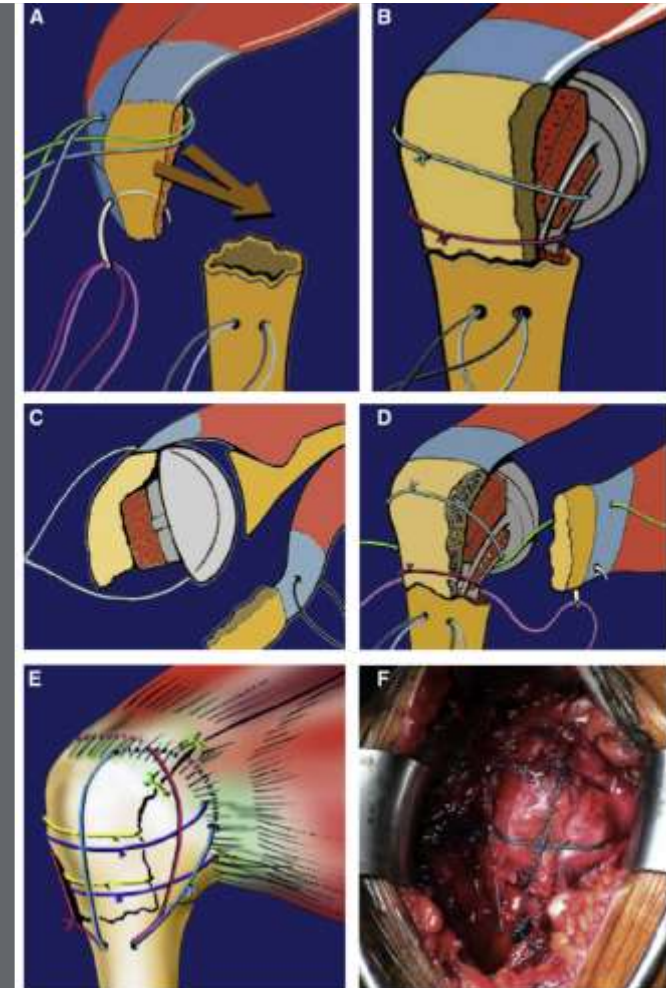
- **The GT was healed anatomically in 45% of the patients in standard stem and 87% of those in FX stem**
- Function much better in Fracture Stems (FF 136° vs 113° and ER 34° vs 23°) (**P < .0001**)
- Patients >75 years did worse with both stem types

- **Conclusions:**

- Better Function with Healed Tuberosities
- **The use of a prosthesis designed to reconstruct the tuberosities resulted in dramatically improved FUNCTION**

## Can surgeons predict what makes a good hemiarthroplasty for fracture?

Pascal Boileau, MD<sup>a,\*</sup>, Matthias Winter, MD<sup>b</sup>, Alec Cikes, MD<sup>c</sup>, Yung Han, MD<sup>a</sup>, Michel Carles, MD, PhD<sup>d</sup>, Gilles Walch, MD<sup>e</sup>, Daniel G. Schwartz, MD<sup>a</sup>

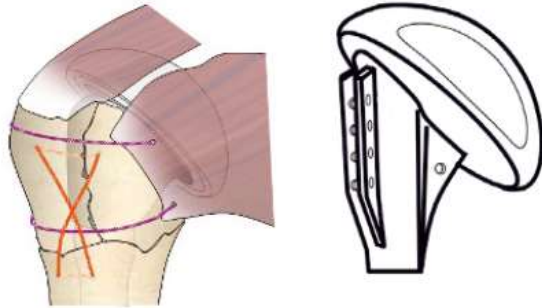


# Suture/Implant Configurations

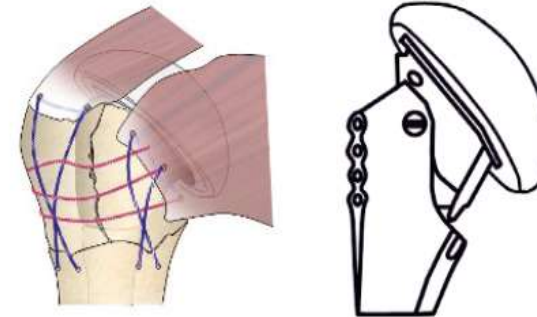
## Review of fixation techniques for the four-part fractured proximal humerus in hemiarthroplasty

Daniel Baumgartner<sup>1\*</sup>, Betsy M Nolan<sup>2</sup>, Robert Mathys<sup>3</sup>, Silvio Rene Lorenzetti<sup>4</sup> and Edgar Stüssi<sup>5</sup>

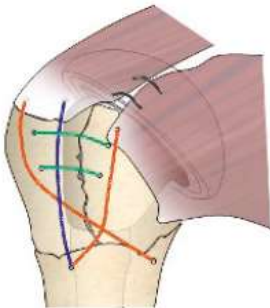
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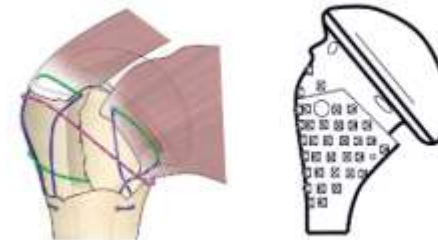
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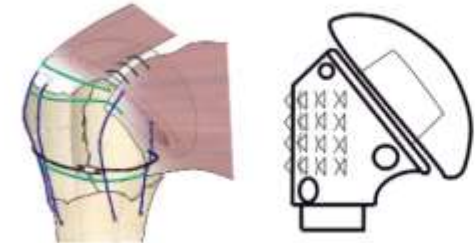
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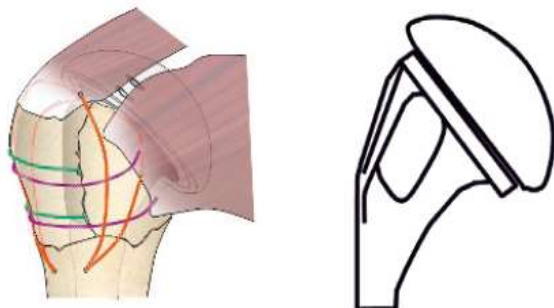
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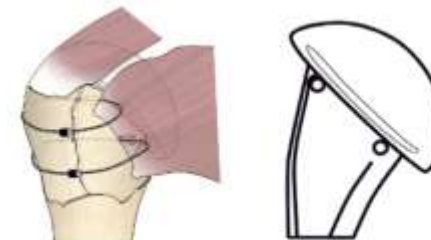
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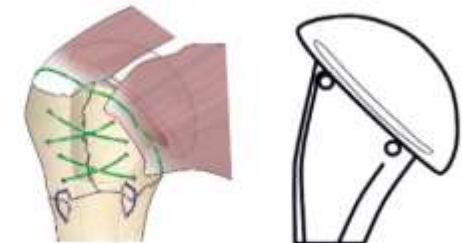
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Manual



Krause 2007  
Hertel



Beutler De Wilde,  
Poster



## Hemiarthroplasty for Proximal Humeral Fracture: Restoration of the Gothic Arch

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John R. Reineck, MD, Wayne Z. Burkhead, MD



### Calculations to Restore Gothic Arch

#### Normal side

##### Ruler

Xray 11.2 cm  
Actual 10.0 cm  
Magnif. 1.12 cm

#### Humeral length (N)

Xray 35.0 cm  
Actual 31.3 cm

#### Fracture side

##### Ruler

Xray 12.1 cm  
Actual 10.0 cm  
Magnif. 1.21 cm

#### Fx length (F)

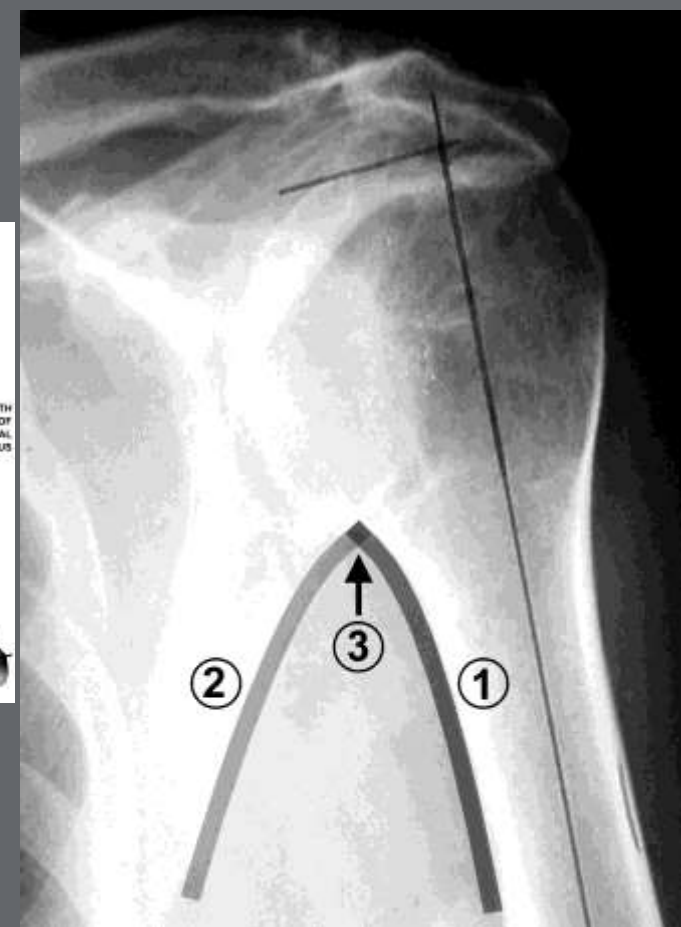
Xray 32.6 cm  
Actual 26.9 cm

#### Step 1. Fx to top of head: $N - F = H$

Actual N (31.3 cm) Minus Actual F (26.9 cm) Equals H (4.4 cm)

#### Step 2. Greater tuberosity length (G)

Xray 5.5 cm  
Actual 4.5 cm (This number should be within 3-5 mm of fracture to top of head "H")

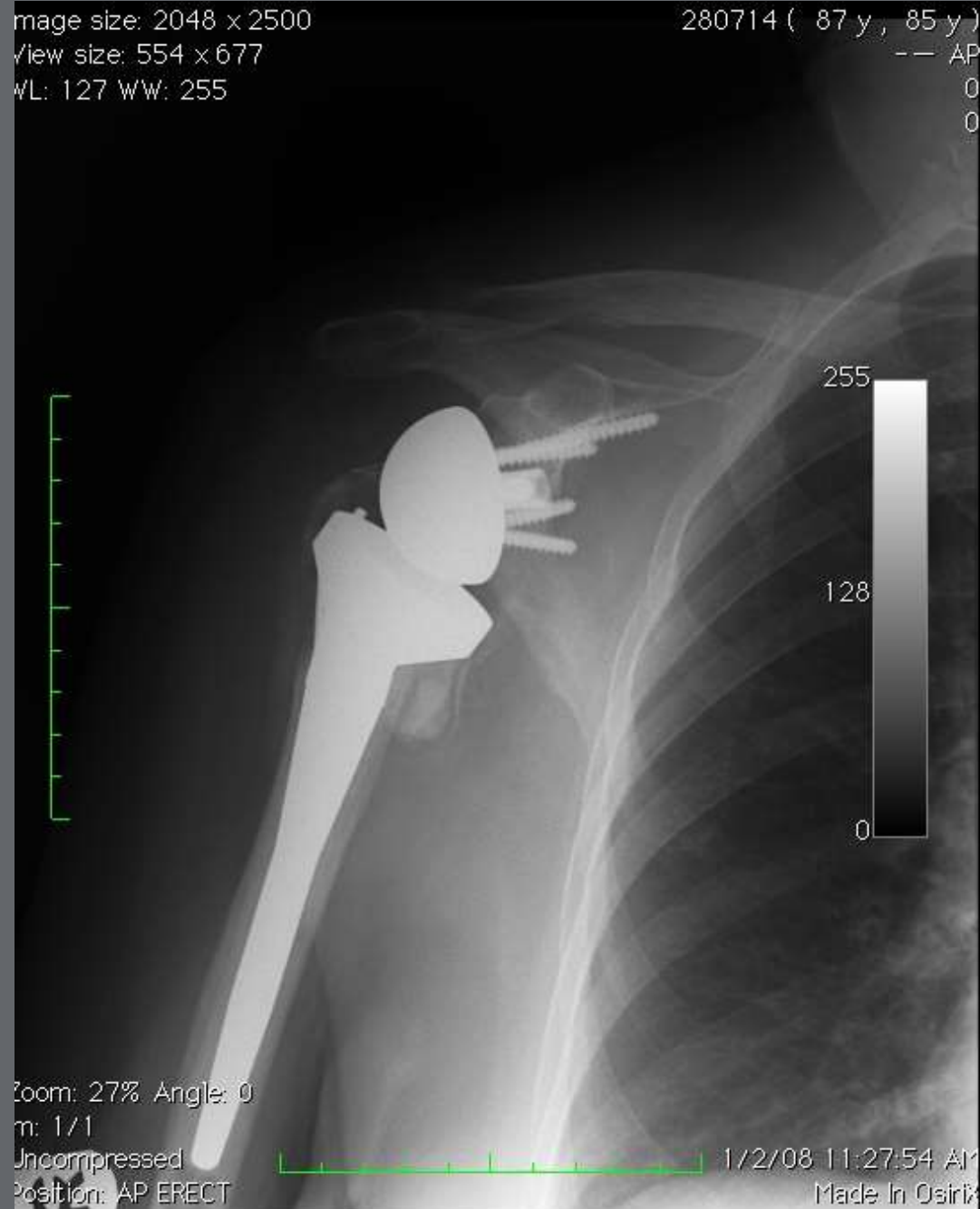


# Case

- 85 y.o. female RHD s/p fall onto Right arm on week ago. RHD.
- PMH: HTN, DVT, Hypothyroid
- PSH: Appy, Hysterectomy
- Meds: Vytorin, Adalat, ASA, Synthroid
- SH: Lives independently. Drives



10 days post op



2 yrs post op



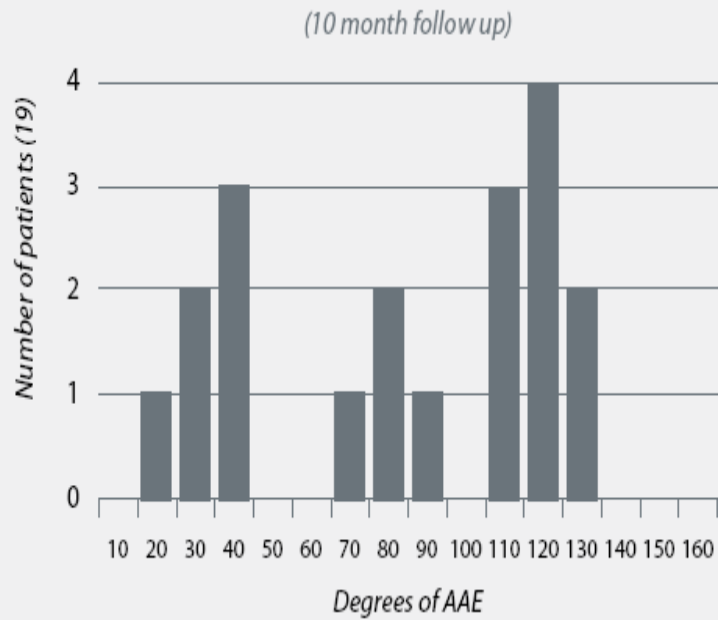




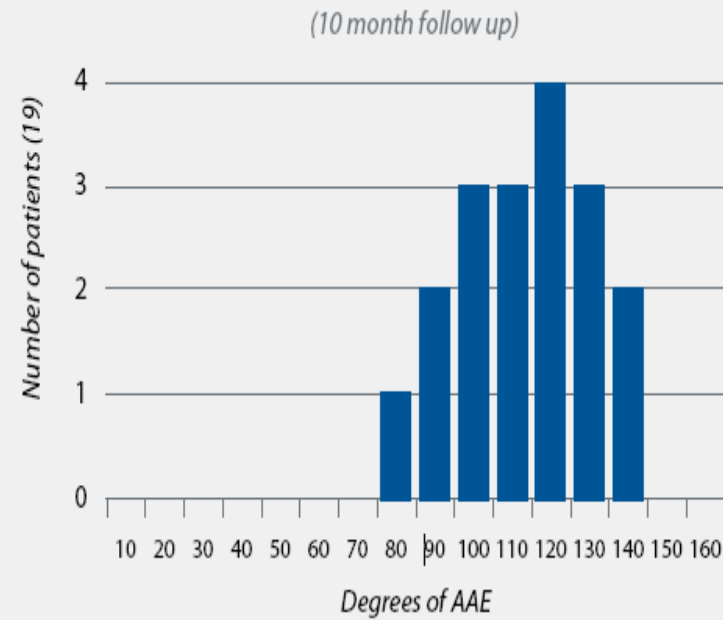
# HEMI vs. REVERSED

## Hemi

## Reversed Fx



Hemiarthroplasty for acute fractures can be a viable option; however, consistent results are not always achieved.



More predictable and consistent results in AAE were achieved with reversed for fracture. Better results were correlated with greater tuberosity healing.

\*Data courtesy of D. Molé and F. Sirveaux, Acute Humeral Head Fractures: Reverse Shoulder Arthroplasty, Nancy, France, 2004.

# Determining Treatment

- *Factors affecting healing potential*
  - Age
  - Osteoporosis/Osteopenia
  - Comorbidities
    - (DM, Chronic corticosteroid use, etc.)
  - Tobacco Use
  - Gender



# How Do You Treat These in Older Patients?

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SYMPOSIUM: FRACTURES OF THE SHOULDER GIRDLE

## Is Reverse Shoulder Arthroplasty Appropriate for the Treatment of Fractures in the Older Patient?

Early Observations

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## Reverse total shoulder arthroplasty for acute proximal humeral fracture: comparison to open reduction–internal fixation and hemiarthroplasty

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# Hemi- vs. Reverse TSA.....

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## Reverse shoulder arthroplasty versus hemiarthroplasty for acute proximal humeral fractures. A blinded, randomized, controlled, prospective study

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## Hemiarthroplasty versus reverse shoulder arthroplasty for treatment of proximal humeral fractures: a meta-analysis

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- Meta-analysis on studies comparing HA to RTSA
- 130 RTSA and 125 HA cases
- Average follow-up 25 months

**Table I** Demographic information for studies included in the meta-analysis

| Study                                 | Level of evidence | Study population | Patients (No.) | Age (y)          | Follow-up (mo)   | FE (°)                              | SD FE (°)         | Abd (°)                             | SD Abd (°)      | ER (°)                       |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Sebastia-Forcada, <sup>4,7</sup> 2014 | I                 | Spain            | A: 31, B: 30   | A: 74.7, B: 73.3 | A: 29.4, B: 27.7 | A: 120.3 (40-180), B: 79.8 (20-180) | A: 35, B: 40      | A: 112.9 (50-170), B: 78.7 (30-150) | A: 30, B: 30    | A: 4.7 (0-10), B: 3.3 (0-10) |
| Baudi, <sup>6</sup> 2014              | III               | Italy            | A: 28, B: 25   | A: 77, B: 70     | A: 27, B: 26     | A: 131 ± 36, B: 89 ± 44             | A: 36, B: 44      | A: 128 ± 36, B: 82 ± 40             | A: 36, B: 40    | A: 15 ± 11, B: 23 ± 15       |
| Chalmers, <sup>15</sup> 2014          | III               | USA              | A: 9, B: 9     | A: 77, B: 72     | A: 14, B: 59     | A: 133 ± 20, B: 106 ± 29            | A: 20, B: 29      | -                                   | -               | A: 41 ± 19, B: 28 ± 19       |
| Cuff, <sup>17</sup> 2013              | II                | USA              | A: 24, B: 23   | 74.4             | 30               | A: 139 (102-172), B: 100 (30-170)   | A: 17.5, B: 35    | -                                   | -               | A: 24 (8-42), B: 25 (0-48)   |
| Garrigues, <sup>21</sup> 2013         | III               | USA              | A: 12, B: 11   | 75               | 43.2             | A: 121 (90-145), B: 91 (30-140)     | A: 13.75, B: 27.5 | -                                   | -               | A: 34 (10-45), B: 31 (5-60)  |
| Young, <sup>58</sup> 2010             | IV                | New Zealand      | A: 10, B: 10   | A: 77.2, B: 75.5 | A: 22, B: 44     | A: 115 (45-140), B: 108 (50-180)    | A: 23.75, B: 32.5 | -                                   | -               | A: 49 (5-105), B: 48 (10-90) |
| Gallinet, <sup>20</sup> 2009          | IV                | France           | A: 16, B: 17   | A: 74, B: 74     | A: 12.4, B: 16.5 | A: 97.5 (20-150), B: 53.5 (30-100)  | A: 32.5, B: 17.5  | A: 91 (10-150), B: 60 (30-90)       | A: 12.25, B: 15 | A: 9 (0-80), B: 13.5 (0-30)  |

A, reverse shoulder arthroplasty; Abd, abduction; ASES, American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons; B, hemiarthroplasty; DASH, Disabilities of the Arm, Shoulder and Hand; ER, external rotation; FE, forward elevation; SD, standard deviation; UCLA, University of California, Los Angeles Shoulder Rating Scale.

**Conclusion:** In this case-control study, RTSA appears to provide superior range of motion earlier and more predictably than HA and ORIF, with significant cost savings to Medicare.

# Can surgeons predict what makes a good hemiarthroplasty for fracture?

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had significantly lower functional results and higher rates of tuberosity complications ( $P < .0001$ ).

**Conclusion:** Good functional outcomes can be anticipated after hemiarthroplasty for proximal humeral fractures if the greater tuberosity is anatomically positioned (ie, lateral to the stem) and healed around the prosthesis. The use of a specific fracture stem allows to double the rate of tuberosity healing compared to a conventional stem (87% vs. 45%), decreases complications and improves shoulder function. Risk factors associated with poor functional results and anatomic failures are (1) patient age ( $\geq 75$  years), (2) patient gender (women), and (3) use of a conventional (bulky) stem.

**Level of evidence:** Level III, Retrospective Cohort, Treatment Study



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### • Results:

- RSA patients had significantly higher ( $P = .001$ ) mean University of California–Los Angeles (29.1 vs 21.1) and Constant (56.1 vs 40.0) scores.
- Higher forward elevation (120.3 vs 79.8), and abduction (112.9 vs 78.7)
- **In the RSA group, 64.5% of tuberosities healed and 13.2% resorbed**
- *Boileau technique used for repair.*

### • Conclusions:

- **The findings of this study indicated that RSA was superior to HA with respect to pain, functional outcome, and revision rate.**
- Revision from HA to RSA does not appear to improve outcomes.

# *Technique in RTSA*

- *Is it better to use RTSA as a primary intervention or salvage procedure in fracture cases for the older patient?*



# Early Versus Late Reverse Shoulder Arthroplasty for Proximal Humerus Fractures: Does It Matter?

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**Results:** Forty-seven patients met inclusion criteria with 15 in the acute RSA group and 32 in the secondary RSA group. The acute RSA group demonstrated better external rotation ( $28^\circ$ ) than the secondary RSA group ( $18^\circ$ ,  $P=0.0495$ ). The acute RSA group showed a trend towards better Single Assessment Numeric Evaluation (SANE) scores. Tuberosity healing rate was higher in the acute RSA group.

| Table 1. Comparison between early and late RSA groups |                  |                  |         |
|---|------------------|------------------|---------|
|   | Early            | Late             | P-Value |
| Patients  | 15               | 32               |         |
| Gender (Male : Female)                                | 2 : 13           | 6 : 26           | 1.0     |
| Age (Range)   | 77.3 (64-87)     | 70.6 (50-85)     | 0.021   |
| BMI (Range)   | 30.1 (20.5-49.4) | 33.1 (21.1-53.5) | 0.264   |

**Conclusion:** While acute and secondary RSA can yield successful outcomes, acute RSA results in a higher tuberosity healing rate and improved external rotation.

|                   |                     |                                   |       |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|
| ASES (Range)      | 77.0 (36.7-93.3)    | 72.4 (41.7-98.3)                  | 0.173 |
| SANE (Range)      | 80.9 (50-100)       | 69.9 (20-100)                     | 0.070 |
| SST (Range)       | 7.3 (2-11)          | 7.2 (3-11)                        | 0.919 |
| EBL (Range)       | 330.5 (75-800)      | 435.4 (150-1200)                  | 0.352 |
| Scapular Notching | 0%                  | 28% (9/32, 7 grade 1 & 2 grade 2) | 0.041 |
| Baseplate Tilt    | +3.7 (-22.2 - 22.4) | +15.7 (-4.2 - 38.5)               | 0.004 |
| Complications     | 0%                  | 22% (7/32)                        | 0.079 |

# Technique in RTSA

**Tuberosity malposition and migration: Reasons for poor outcomes after hemiarthroplasty for displaced fractures of the proximal humerus**

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**Reverse shoulder arthroplasty for four-part proximal humerus fracture in elderly patients: can a healed tuberosity improve the functional outcomes?**

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**How the greater tuberosity affects clinical outcomes after reverse shoulder arthroplasty for proximal humeral fractures**

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# The reverse shoulder prosthesis in the treatment of fractures of the proximal humerus in the elderly

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- ***Excision of Tuberosities!***
- 30 cases --- 75 years --- 1-14 years FU
- Mean constant score = 59/100
- Complications:
  - 2 instability, 1 infection
  - 1 Glenoid loosening
  - 7 proximal humeral bone lysis + notching
  - 1 humeral loosening
- *“The remnant of the tuberosities were excised”*
- **TERRIBLE RESULTS .....**



Fig. 1

Aseptic loosening at 12 years:

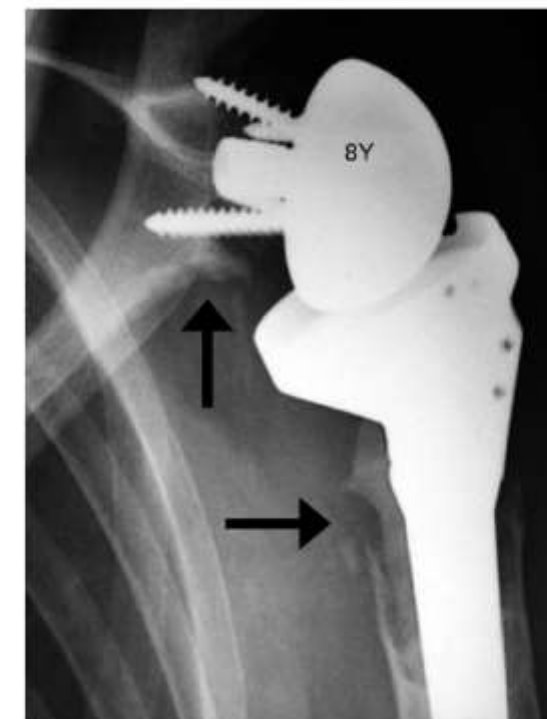


Fig. 5

Scapular notching (arrow) at eight years with proximal humeral bone loss.

TECHNIQUE

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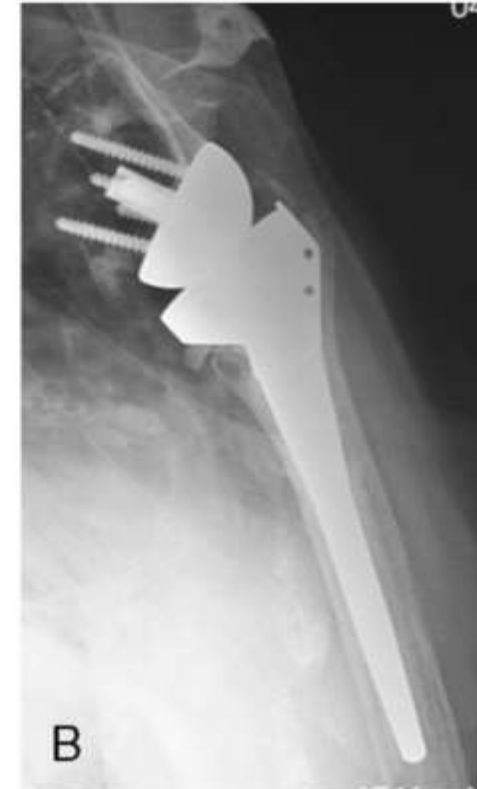
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# Surprise...surprise... Tuberosity Healing Matters!

**Table III** Comparison of range of motion between healed and non-healed tuberosity groups after Reverse shoulder arthroplasty for fracture proximal humerus

| Range of motion                      | Study (yr)                            | Healed tuberosity, °<br>Mean (range) or ± SD | Nonhealed tuberosity, °<br>Mean (range) or ± SD | P value |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|---------|
| Forward flexion                      | Cuff <sup>19</sup> (2013)             | 147 (126-172)                                | 132 (102-150)                                   | .213    |
|                                      | Sebastiá-Forcada <sup>53</sup> (2014) | 112.1  | 117.5   | .695    |
|                                      | Gallinet <sup>24</sup> (2013)         | 127.2  | 96.5  | .002    |
|                                      | Garofalo <sup>27</sup> (2015)         | 145.3 ± 19.3                                 | 114.1 ± 15.8                                    | <.001   |
|                                      | Grubhofer <sup>30</sup> (2016)        | 123 (45-165)                                 | 94 (40-130)                                     | .01     |
|                                      | Chun <sup>14</sup> (2017)             | 125 ± 18                                     | 127 ± 14  | .647    |
|                                      | Abduction                             | Sebastiá-Forcada <sup>53</sup> (2014)        | 116.3   | 107.5   |
| Gallinet <sup>24</sup> (2013)        |                                       | 112.8  | 90.4  | .011    |
| Grubhofer <sup>30</sup> (2016)       |                                       | 115 (40-165)                                 | 92 (40-140)                                     | .11     |
| External rotation with elbow by side | Cuff <sup>19</sup> (2013)             | 28 (8-40)                                    | 12 (10-12)                                      | .02     |
|                                      | Sebastiá-Forcada <sup>53</sup> (2014) | 1.9*   | 2.5*  | .184    |
|                                      | Gallinet <sup>24</sup> (2013)         | 19.7   | 1.6   | .0004   |
|                                      | Garofalo <sup>27</sup> (2015)         | 34.3 ± 11.8                                  | 12.9 ± 11.6                                     | <.001   |
|                                      | Grubhofer <sup>30</sup> (2016)        | 21 (10-60)                                   | 2 (0-10)  | .01     |
|                                      | Chun <sup>14</sup> (2017)             | 29 ± 8                                       | 10 ± 9  | <.001   |
|                                      | External rotation in 90° abduction    | Gallinet <sup>24</sup> (2013)                | 49.4  | 10.3    |
| Chun <sup>14</sup> (2017)            |                                       | 25 ± 10                                      | 7 ± 9   | <.001   |
| Internal rotation                    | Cuff <sup>19</sup> (2013)             | 50%  | 25%   | .714    |
|                                      | Sebastiá-Forcada <sup>53</sup> (2014) | 3.1*   | 2.4*  | .157    |
|                                      | Gallinet <sup>24</sup> (2013)         | Lumbar 4                                     | Coccyx  | .043    |
|                                      | Garofalo <sup>27</sup> (2015)         | 45.6 ± 18.9                                  | 25.7 ± 19.1                                     | <.001   |
|                                      | Grubhofer <sup>30</sup> (2016)        | 6 (0-10)*                                    | 3 (0-8)*  | .01     |
| Internal rotation in 90° abduction   | Chun <sup>14</sup> (2017)             | 15 ± 2                                       | 17 ± 1  | .125    |
|                                      | Gallinet <sup>24</sup> (2013)         | 55.6   | 36.8  | .004    |

\* Indicates range of motion based on points system as part of the Constant-Murley score.



## Tuberosity healing after reverse shoulder arthroplasty for complex proximal humeral fractures in elderly patients—does it improve outcomes? A systematic review and meta-analysis

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# 135 vs. 155 degrees rTSA for Fracture

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## Results

### 135 DEGREES (N=29)

- Inferior Displacement- 8mm
- Tuberosity Healing 93%
- Active ER 31
- SSV - 82%

### 155 DEGREES (N=41)

- Inferior Displacement- 15mm
- Tuberosity Healing 73%
- Active ER - 22
- SSV - 74%

\*  $p < 0.05$

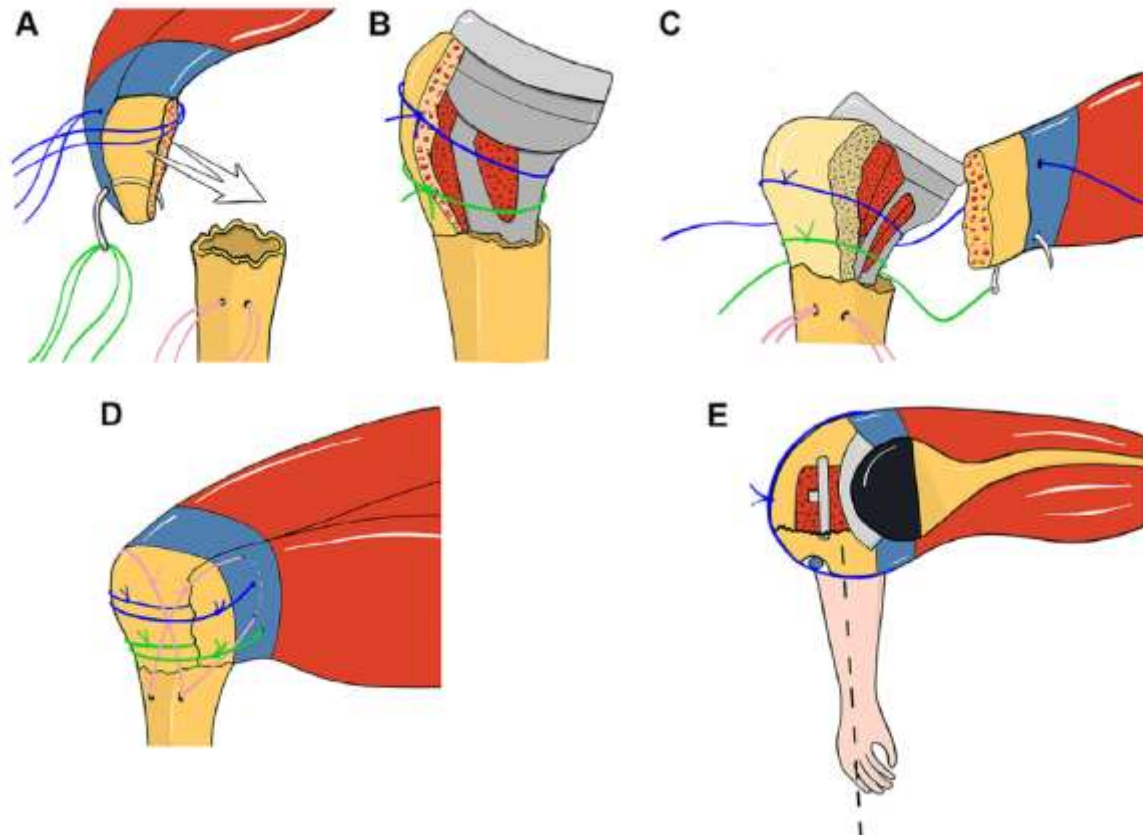
# Technique

- *How do You Reconstruct the Tuberosities??*

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Reverse shoulder arthroplasty for acute fractures in the elderly: is it worth reattaching the tuberosities?

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**Table II** Functional results according to greater tuberosity healing

| Variable                               | Greater tuberosity              |                              | P value |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|
|  | Anatomically healed<br>(n = 32) | Migrated/resorbed<br>(n = 6) |         |
| Age at surgery, yr                     | 79 ± 4 (70-88)                  | 81 ± 4 (78-88)               | .28     |
| Female, %                              | 88                              | 100                          | 1       |
| Constant score                         |                                 |                              |         |
| Pain                                   | 14 ± 1 (11-15)                  | 13 ± 2 (9-15)                | .11     |
| Activity                               | 16 ± 8 (0-20)                   | 13 ± 6 (7-20)                | .90     |
| Mobility                               | 28 ± 7 (6-38)                   | 22 ± 10 (10-32)              | .015*   |
| Strength                               | 6 ± 3 (0-12)                    | 7 ± 2 (0-6)                  | .06     |
| Constant score (/100 points)           | 64 ± 15 (28-80)                 | 51 ± 12 (30-73)              | .018*   |
| Adjusted Constant score, %             | 92 ± 22 (45-142)                | 84 ± 30 (52-132)             | .52     |
| Subjective Shoulder Value, %           | 83 ± 15 (50-100)                | 65 ± 15 (40-80)              | .029*   |
| Satisfied or very satisfied            | 75                              | 20                           | .014*   |
| Active shoulder mobility               |                                 |                              |         |
| Anterior elevation, °                  | 141 ± 25 (50-170)               | 115 ± 26 (90-150)            | .023*   |
| External rotation, °                   | 27 ± 12 (0-50)                  | 11 ± 12 (0-30)               | .010*   |
| Internal rotation, points <sup>†</sup> | 5.2 ± 2.7 (2-10)                | 4.3 ± 1.5 (2-6)              | .42     |



# Reverse Fracture Designs



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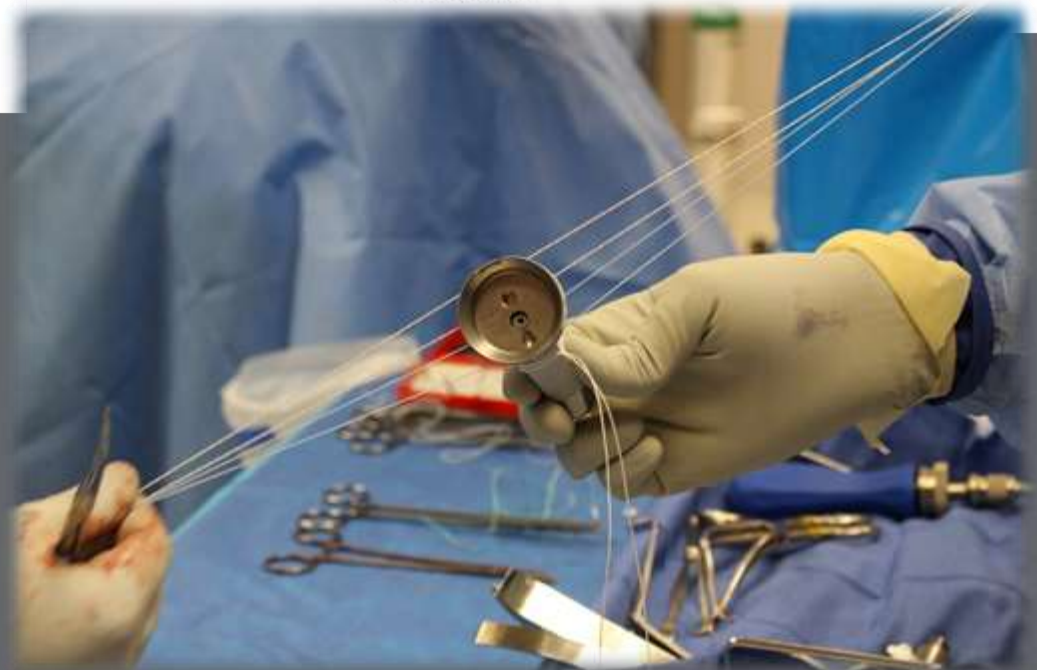
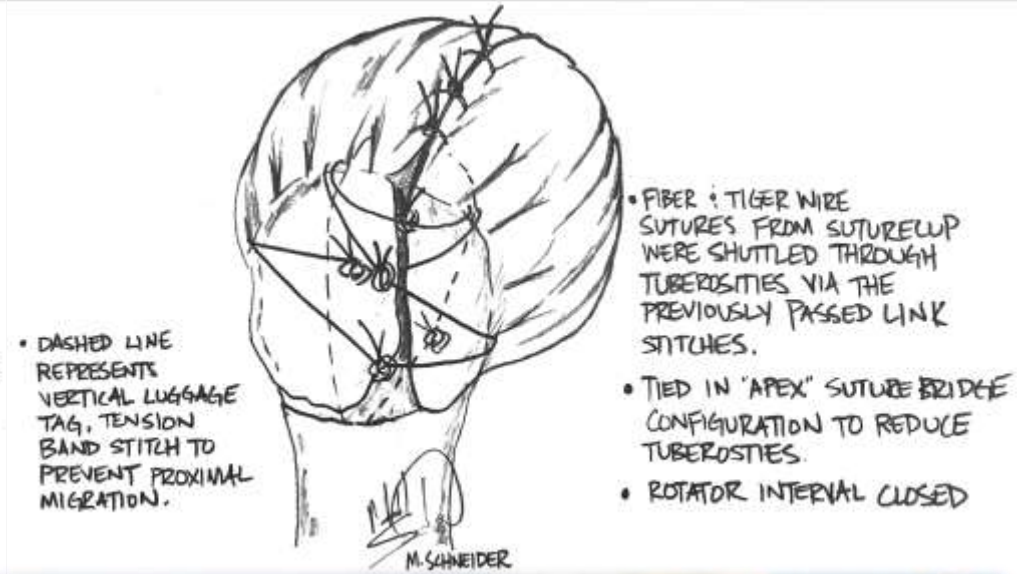
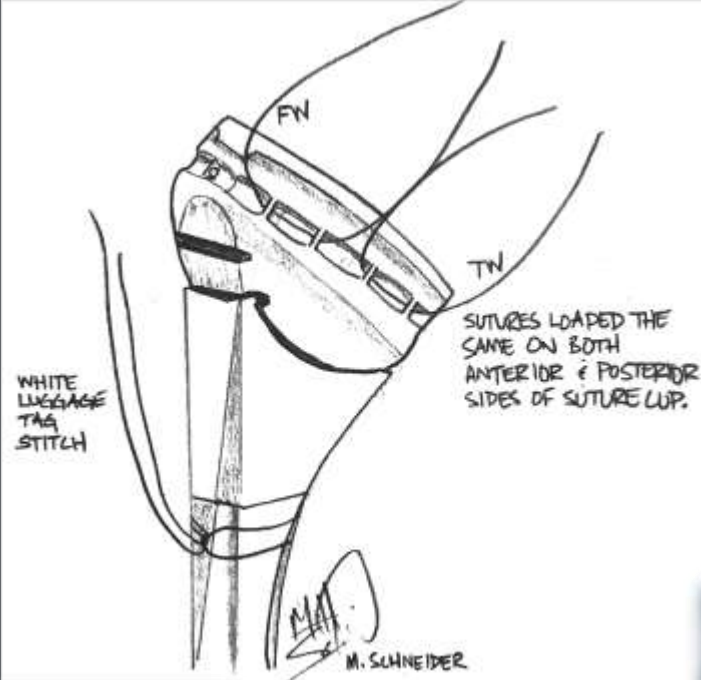
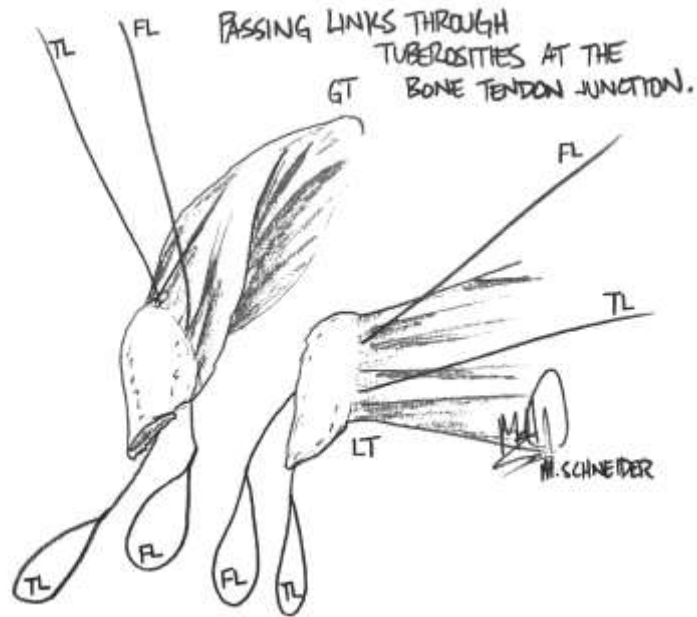


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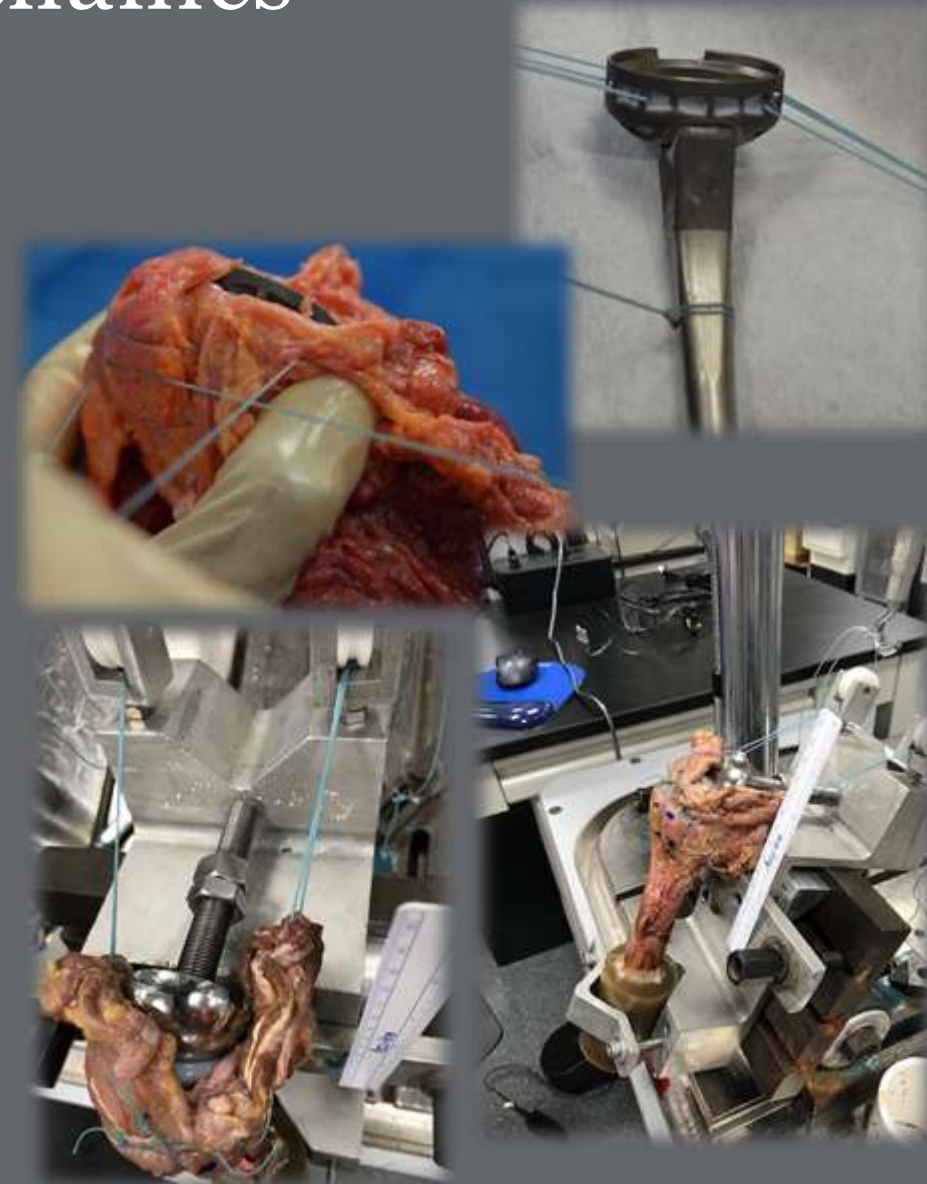


# My Reverse Fracture Technique?



# Boileau vs. Suture Bridge....Biomechanics

- The specimens were prepared with the simulated fracture, implants and sutures.
- #2 sutures (FiberWire) were stitched to the tendonous portion of the infraspinatus and subscapularis
- Mechanical testing was performed using Instron Electropuls E10000 (Instron Corp., Norwood, MA) with a 10kN load cell
- The glenosphere was mounted directly to the fixture via a threaded rod.
- The #2 sutures attached to the rotator cuff tendons were strung through pulleys and tied off over hook fixtures that were suspended from the Instron cross-head via a clevis and dowel fixture.
- Cyclic loading of the samples was performed between 10 and 100N for 500 cycles at 1Hz.
- This was followed by a static pull to failure at 33mm/sec. Load and displacement data were recorded at 1000Hz through the Instron software.



# Results

| Dr. Gobezie RTSA Fracture Study - "Arthrex" Samples |      |        |           |                |               |                   |                          |             |                           |   |
|---|------|--------|-----------|----------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|---|
| Donor   | Side | Gender | Age       | Stem Size (mm) | Cup Size (mm) | Ultimate Load (N) | Cyclic Displacement (mm) |             | Average Cyclic Disp. (mm) | Mode of Failure                                     |
|   |      |        |           |                |               |                   | Superior                 | Inferior    |                           |   |
| F190123   | R    | Male   | 58        | 9              | 36N           | 577               | 0.39                     | 0.23        | 0.31                      | fracture opened at anterior fragment                |
| F190340   | R    | Male   | 61        | 7              | 36 +2R        | 720               | 1.69                     | 2.75        | 2.22                      | fracture opened at anterior fragment                |
| F190126   | L    | Male   | 61        | 12             | 36N           | 782               | 0.06                     | 0.92        | 0.49                      | fracture remained closed, small fragment motion     |
| F182176   | R    | Male   | 74        | 11             | 39 +2R        | 571               | 0.80                     | 0.16        | 0.48                      | fracture opened at anterior fragment                |
| F190290   | L    | Male   | 50        | 10             | 39 +2L        | 768               | 0.62                     | 0.39        | 0.51                      | fracture remained closed, small fragment motion     |
| F190257   | R    | Male   | 60        | 11             | 39N           | 582               | 0.71                     | 0.17        | 0.44                      | fracture opened at anterior fragment                |
| F190336   | L    | Male   | 67        | 10             | 36 +2L        | 408               | 1.11                     | 0.30        | 0.71                      | fracture opened at anterior fragment                |
| F190332   | R    | Male   | 71        | 6              | 36N           | 933               | 0.05                     | 2.89        | 1.47                      | fracture opened at anterior fragment                |
| <b>Average</b>                                      |      |        | <b>63</b> |                |               | <b>668</b>        | <b>0.68</b>              | <b>0.98</b> | <b>0.83</b>               |   |
| <b>Standard Deviation</b>                           |      |        | <b>8</b>  |                |               | <b>164</b>        | <b>0.55</b>              | <b>1.16</b> | <b>0.67</b>               |   |
| Dr. Gobezie RTSA Fracture Study - "French" Samples  |      |        |           |                |               |                   |                          |             |                           |   |
| Donor   | Side | Gender | Age       | Stem Size (mm) | Cup Size (mm) | Ultimate Load (N) | Cyclic Displacement (mm) |             | Average Cyclic Disp. (mm) | Mode of Failure                                     |
|   |      |        |           |                |               |                   | Superior                 | Inferior    |                           |   |
| F190123   | L    | Male   | 58        | 9              | 36 +2L        | 521               | 2.57                     | 5.35        | 3.96                      | fracture opened at anterior fragment                |
| F190340   | L    | Male   | 61        | 7              | 36N           | 486               | 4.94                     | 7.18        | 6.06                      | fracture opened at anterior fragment                |
| F190126   | R    | Male   | 61        | 8              | 36N           | 574               | 3.08                     | 1.06        | 2.07                      | fracture opened at anterior fragment                |
| F182176   | L    | Male   | 74        | 9              | 39N           | 521               | 6.59                     | 8.77        | 7.68                      | fracture opened at anterior fragment                |
| F190290   | R    | Male   | 50        | 10             | 39N           | 399               | 0.51                     | 1.85        | 1.18                      | fracture opened at anterior fragment                |
| F190257   | L    | Male   | 60        | 12             | 39N           | 393               | 2.26                     | 2.60        | 2.43                      | fracture opened at anterior fragment                |
| F190336   | R    | Male   | 67        | 9              | 36N           | 535               | 2.70                     | 1.20        | 1.95                      | fracture opened at anterior fragment                |
| F190332   | L    | Male   | 71        | 6              | 39N           | 434               | 1.77                     | 1.25        | 1.51                      | fracture opened at anterior and posterior fragments |
| <b>Average</b>                                      |      |        | <b>63</b> |                |               | <b>483</b>        | <b>3.05</b>              | <b>3.66</b> | <b>3.36</b>               |   |
| <b>Standard Deviation</b>                           |      |        | <b>8</b>  |                |               | <b>67</b>         | <b>1.90</b>              | <b>3.03</b> | <b>2.36</b>               |   |
| <b>Significance</b>                                 |      |        |           |                |               | <b>p = 0.032</b>  |                          |             | <b>p = 0.017</b>          |   |

The ultimate load to failure for the stem based subscapularis repair technique was significantly higher than the French technique (**668 +/- 164N vs. 483 +/- 67N; p=0.032**).

The average cyclic displacement for the stem based subscapularis repair technique was significantly less than the French technique (**0.83 +/- 0.67mm vs. 3.36 +/- 2.36mm; p=0.017**).

# Surgical Video





77 female fall at home



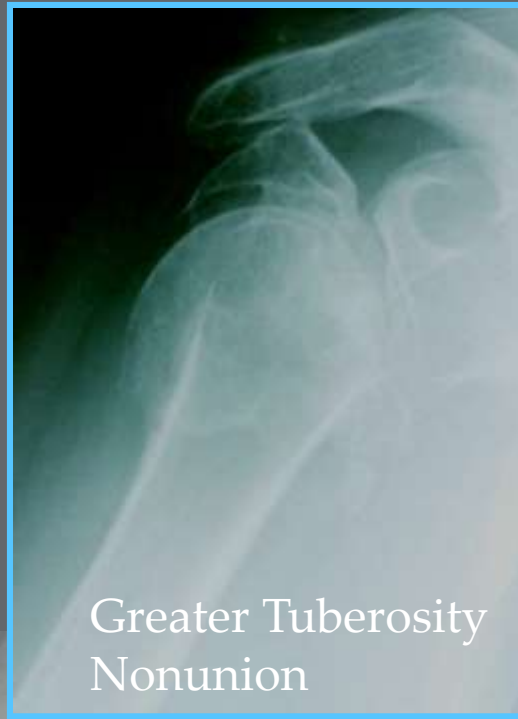
14 weeks p.o.



14 Weeks post op



# What about the sequela of Proximal Humerus Fractures?



# Proximal Humerus Fracture Sequelae

*Impact of A New Radiographic Classification on Arthroplasty*

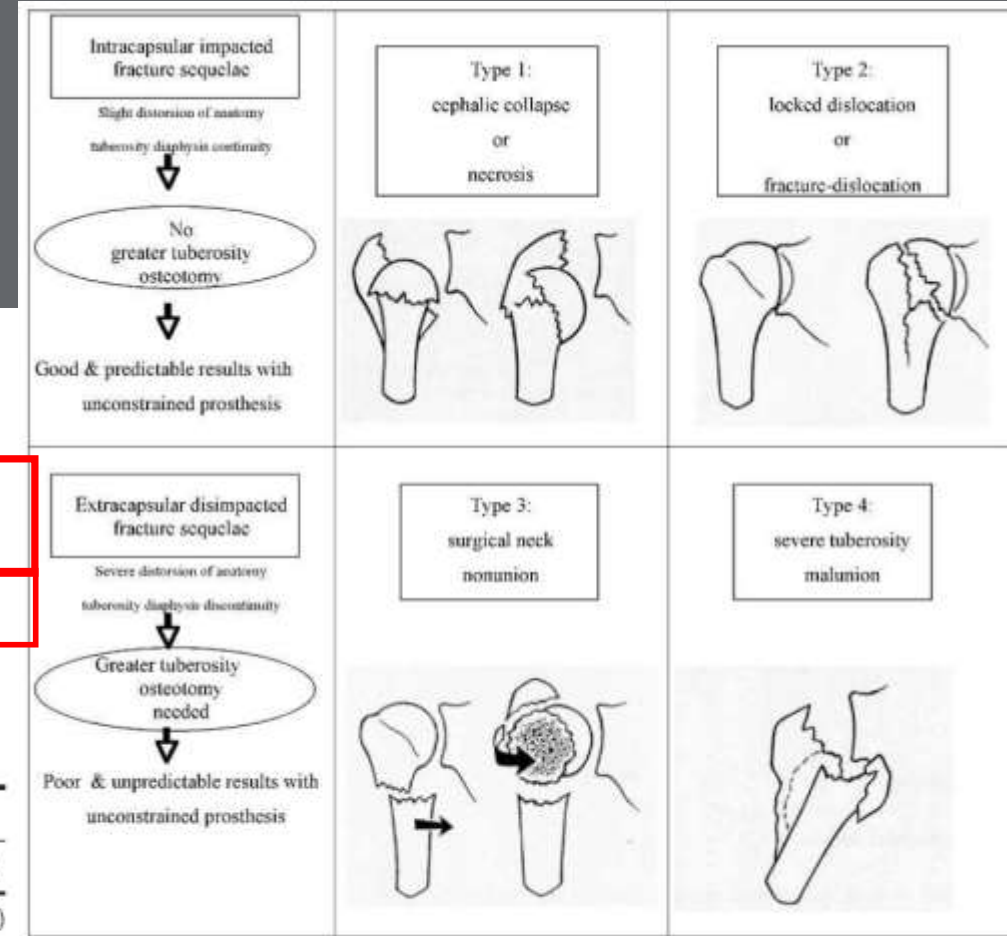
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**TABLE 1. Postoperative Mobility after a Nonconstrained Shoulder Prosthesis**

| Fracture Sequelae                                     | Active Elevation      |              | External Rotation     |              |
|---|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|
|   | Preoperative → Review | Gain (p)     | Preoperative → Review | Gain (p)     |
| Cephalic collapse or necrosis (n = 137)               | 85° → 125°            | 40° (> 0.05) | 3° 32°                | 29° (> 0.05) |
| Locked dislocations or fracture–dislocations (n = 25) | 73° → 117°            | 44° (> 0.05) | –8° → 28°             | 36° (> 0.05) |
| Surgical neck nonunions (n = 22)                      | 53° → 63°             | 10° (0.02)   | 13° → 28°             | 15° (0.01)   |
| Severe tuberosity malunions (n = 19)                  | 61° → 81°             | 20° (0.02)   | 1° → 12°              | 11° (0.05)   |
| Series (n = 203)                                      | 80° → 112°            | 32°          | 2° → 30°              | 28°          |

**TABLE 2. Pain and Functional Results (Constant Score) after a Nonconstrained Shoulder Prosthesis**

| Fracture Sequelae                                     | Pain (15 point scale) |            | Constant Score (100 points) |             |
|---|-----------------------|------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
|   | Preoperative → Review | Gain (p)   | Preoperative → Review       | Gain (p)    |
| Cephalic collapse or necrosis (n = 137)               | 5 → 12                | 7 (> 0.05) | 28 → 62                     | 34 (> 0.05) |
| Locked dislocations or fracture–dislocations (n = 25) | 5.5 → 12.5            | 7 (0.001)  | 28 → 61                     | 33 (0.001)  |
| Surgical neck nonunions (n = 22)                      | 3 → 9                 | 6 (0.001)  | 21 → 36                     | 15 (0.001)  |
| Severe tuberosity malunions (n = 19)                  | 5 → 11                | 6 (0.05)   | 20 → 42                     | 22 (0.005)  |
| Series (n = 203)                                      | 4.5 → 11.5            | 7          | 27 → 57                     | 30          |



**Fig 1.** An illustrated diagram shows the surgical classification of sequelae of proximal humeral fractures.

# 5 months post-op

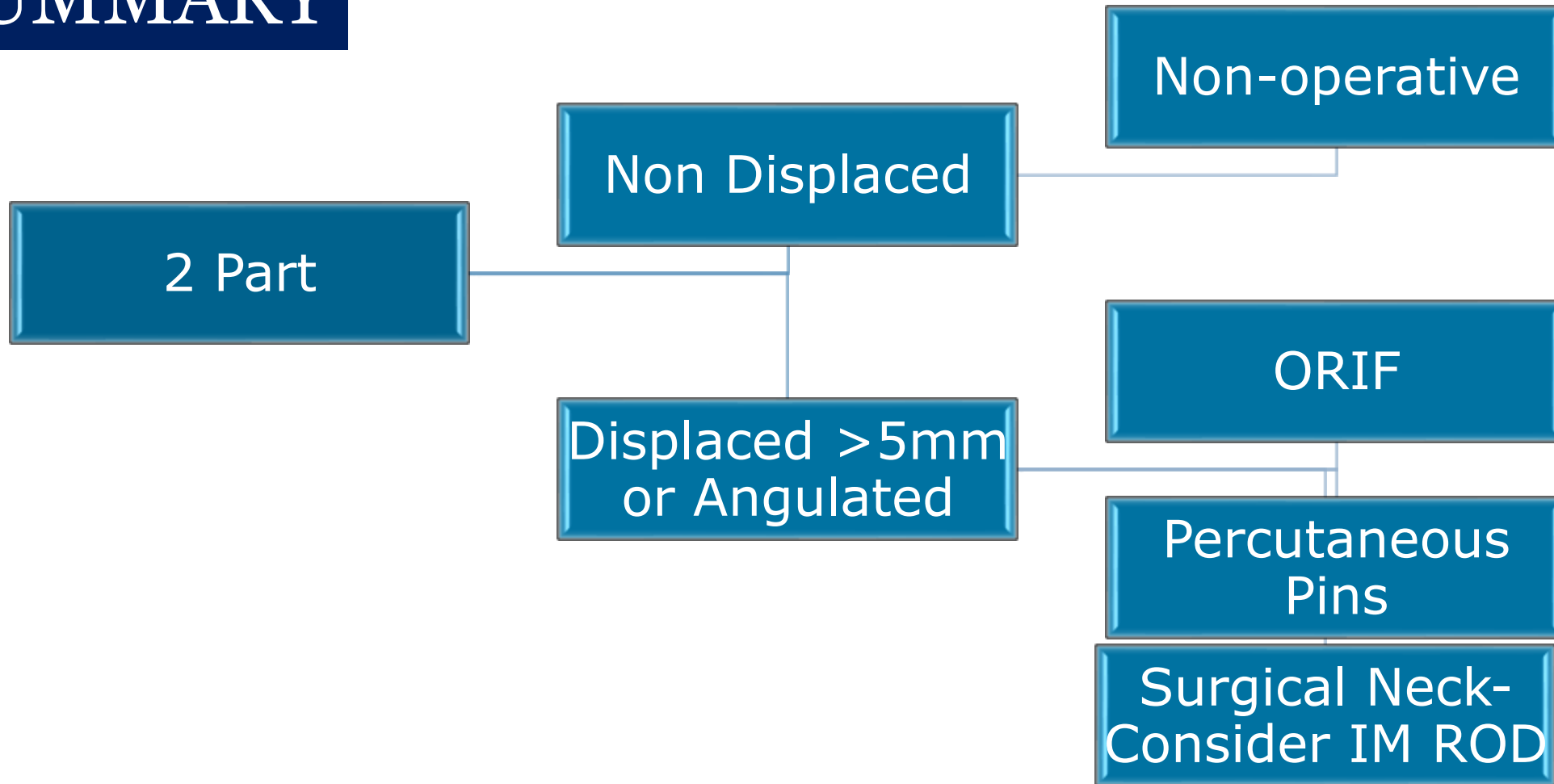


# 6 months post op. Pain 0/10

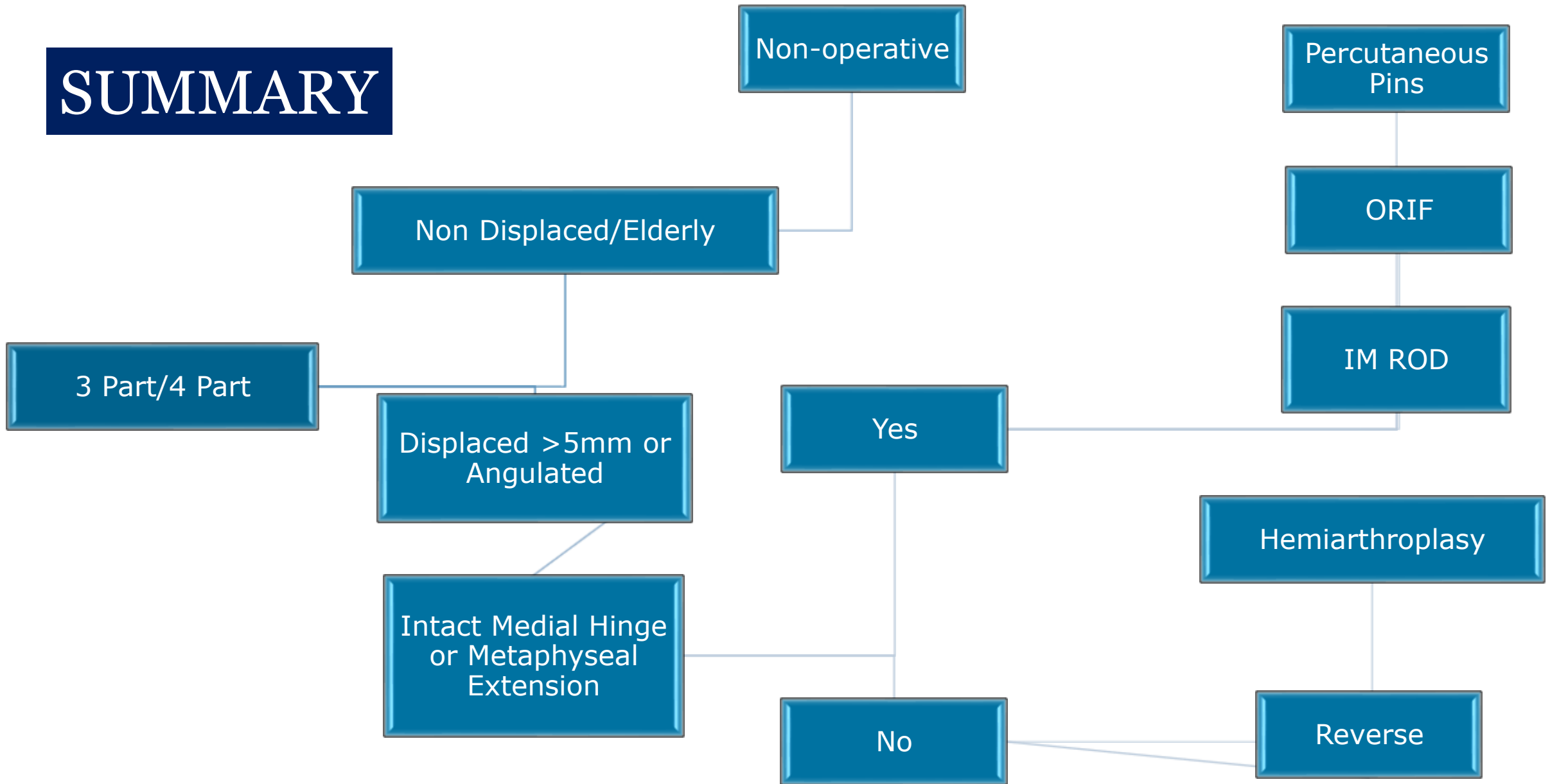




# SUMMARY



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# *Verdict...*

- In my practice, complex proximal humerus fractures in:
  - Female over 65 years of Age
  - Males over 70 years of Age

**Reverse Total Shoulder**





# SUMMARY

- Minimally displaced and fractures in the elderly can be treated non-operatively
- ORIF
  - Good potential for healing
  - Fx pattern suggests and intact blood supply
  - Younger age

# SUMMARY

- 3-4 part fracture
- Disrupted blood supply/Head Split
- Hemiarthroplasty
  - Younger active patient
- Reverse TSA
  - Older/Poor prognosis for tuberosity healing
  - Use a 135 Implant
  - Good Tuberosity Repair

# Thank you



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