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Shoulder Instability: Benefits of Remplissage

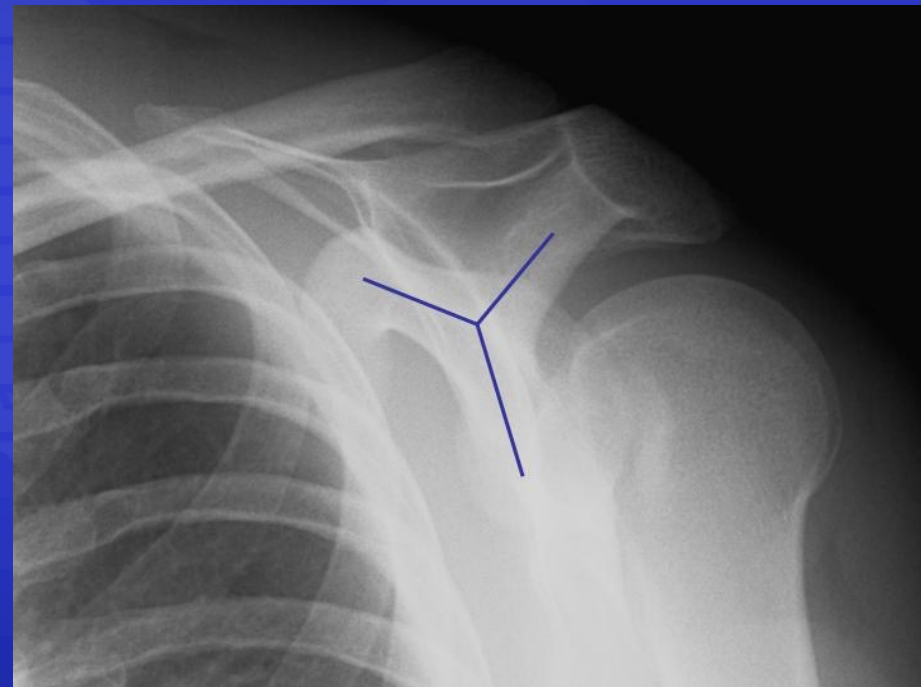


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- Most frequently dislocated joint-affects between 2% and 8% of the population
- Represents one third of all shoulder related visits to the emergency room



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Shohei Ohtani

- Japanese baseball player for LA Dodgers
- Rare hitter and pitcher
- Compared to Babe Ruth, last player to hit and pitch
- Transformed attention to baseball in Japan
- 13% of Japanese population watched World Series
- FINALLY a WORLD Series



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Shohei Ohtani

- Game 2 of World Series
- Dislocated/subluxated left shoulder
- Went on to play to help Dodgers win World Series against the Yankees



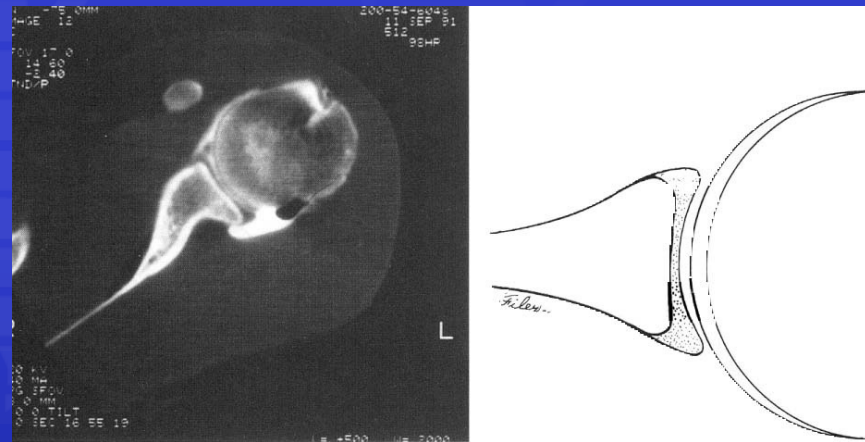
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Shoulder Anatomy

- Humeral Head much larger than glenoid
 - Allows great ROM
 - Inherently unstable
- Labrum
 - Enlarges contact area
 - Conforms
 - Negative pressure suction



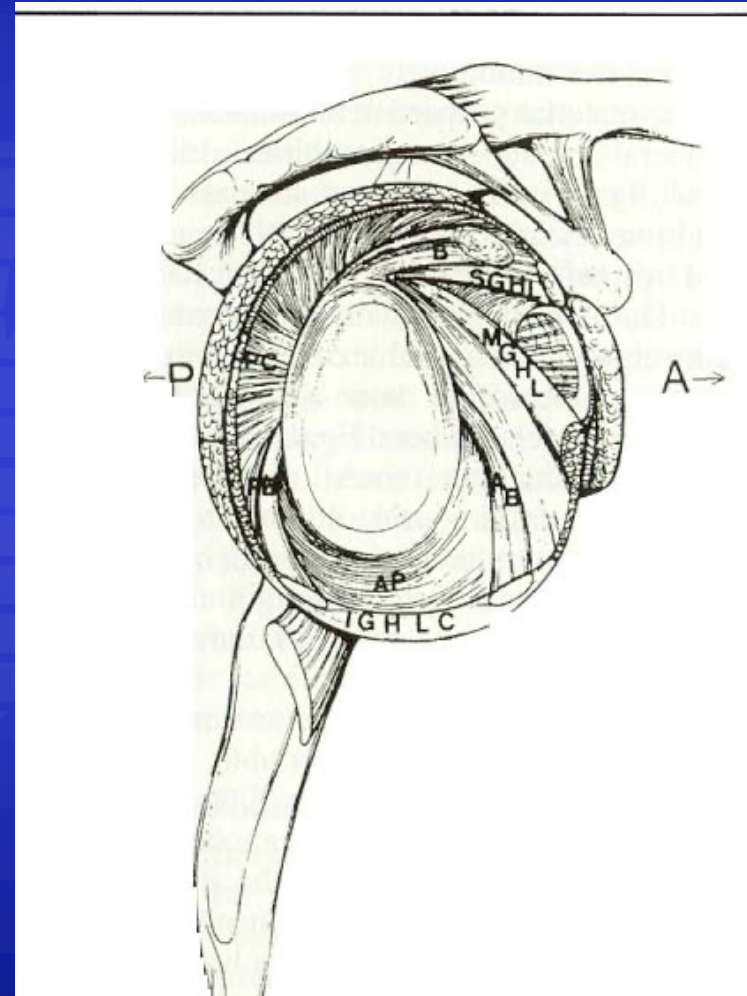
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Glenohumeral ligaments

- The labrum and ligaments deepen the socket
- Anterior inferior ligament is key restraint to anterior dislocations



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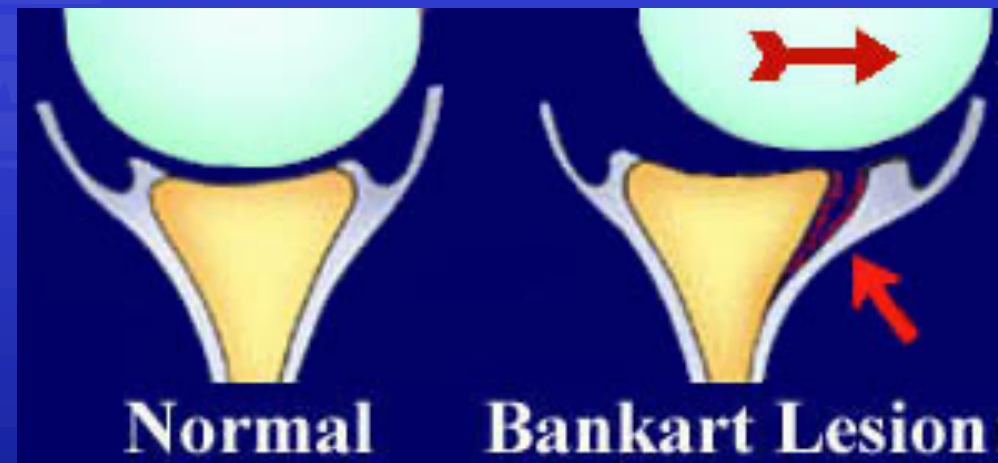


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Anterior dislocation

- Anterior force
- Anterior labral tear
- Bone loss/fracture
- Permanent changes
- Don't heal
- Lead to recurrent dislocations.
- Further bone loss



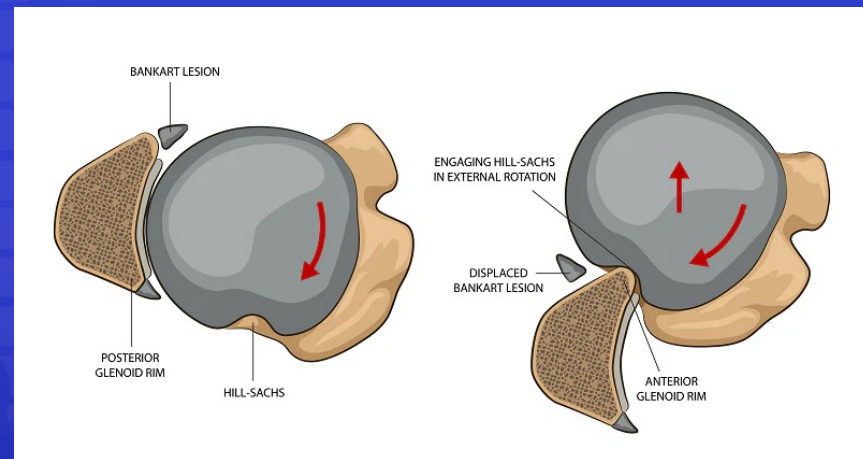
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Bipolar lesions

- Anterior injury includes:
 - Labrum
 - Bone (bankart lesion)
- Plus or minus damage to posterior humeral head.
 - Compression fracture
 - Hill Sachs Defect



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Pathoanatomy – Hill Sachs Lesion

- Occurs in 80% of dislocations & 20% of subluxations
- Size of the defect can vary
- Causes increased risk of recurrence
- With external rotation the defect can engage and result in recurrent dislocation

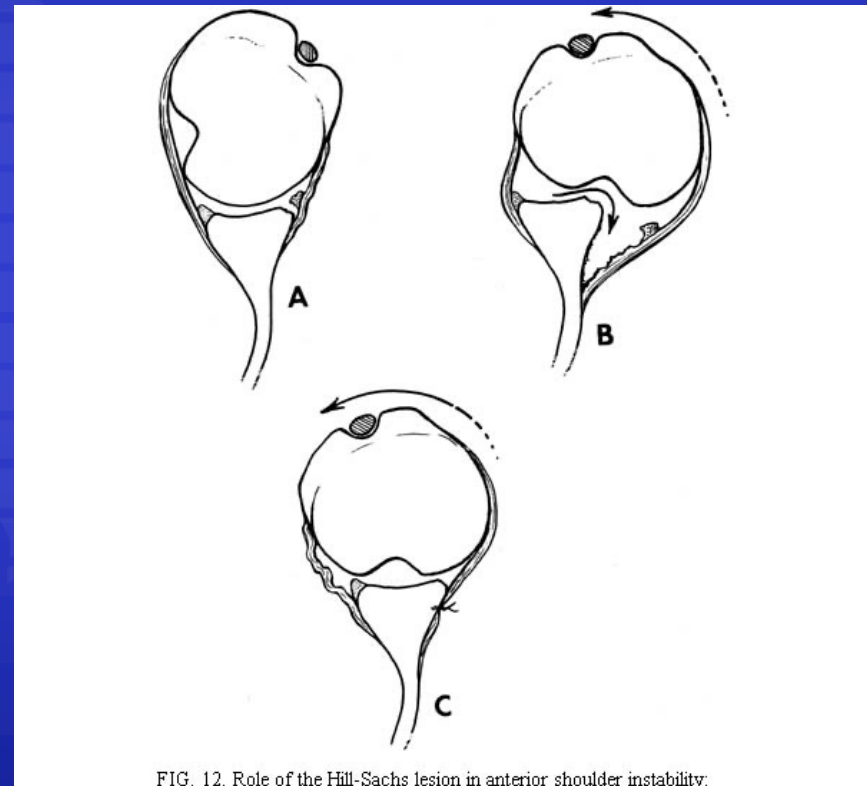


FIG. 12. Role of the Hill-Sachs lesion in anterior shoulder instability.



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Risk of recurrence

Natural History

- Risk of recurrence 70-90% in individuals under 20 years old
 - 40-60% in individuals 20-40.
 - Due to permanent changes:
 - Labral tear
 - Capsular stretch
 - Bone loss
 - Hill Sachs lesion
- Cofield (Am J Sports Med 1984 12;19)
- 66% under 20
 - 40% 20 to 40
 - None older than 40
- Rowe (JBJS 1956 38A)
- 83% under 20
 - 63% 20 to 40
 - 16% older than 40



Treatment of Acute dislocations

- Depends on age and activity level
- Counsel on risk of recurrence
- Surgery is reasonable
 - Reduce recurrence from 90% to 10-15%
 - Further dislocations lead to more bone loss
 - Reduce the risk of arthritis from further dislocations



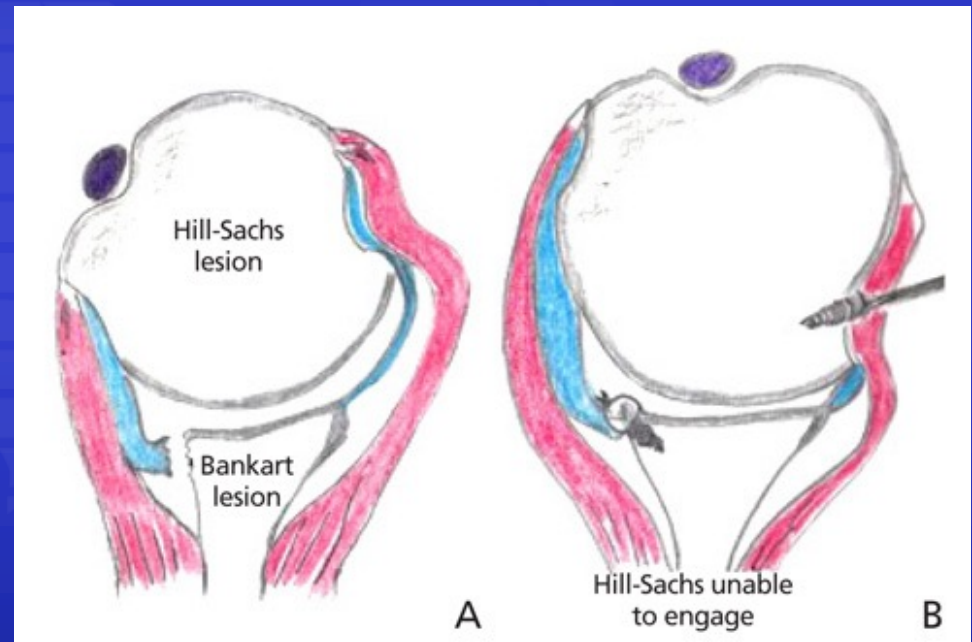
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Surgical Goals

- Need to address pathology
 - Stretched anterior capsule
 - Anterior labral tear (bankart lesion)
 - Glenoid Bone loss
 - Hill Sach's lesion



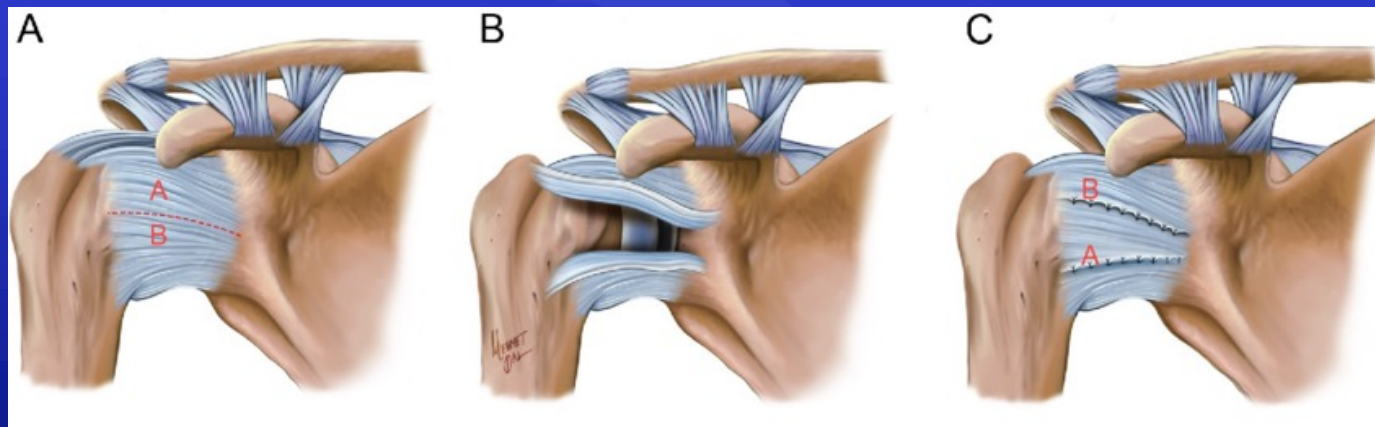
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Historical Treatment

- X-rays only, no MRI, no arthroscopy, relied on clinical examination
- Gold Standard, Open capsular shift
- Tightened anterior capsule
- Addressed the hill sachs or bone loss indirectly
- Intended loss of external rotation does not allow for dislocation.
- Was fairly successful (5-15% recurrence rates)



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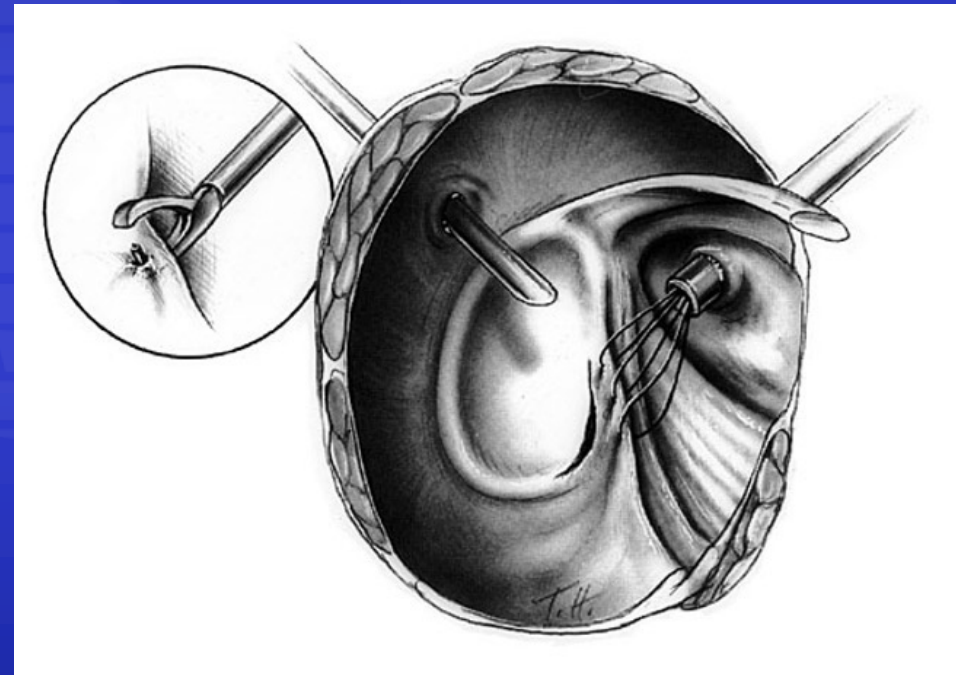


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Arthroscopic Stabilisation

- Currently the most popular procedure
- Addresses the anterior labral tear
- Tightens the anterior capsule
- Minimally invasive, does not violate subscapularis
- Does NOT address any bone loss



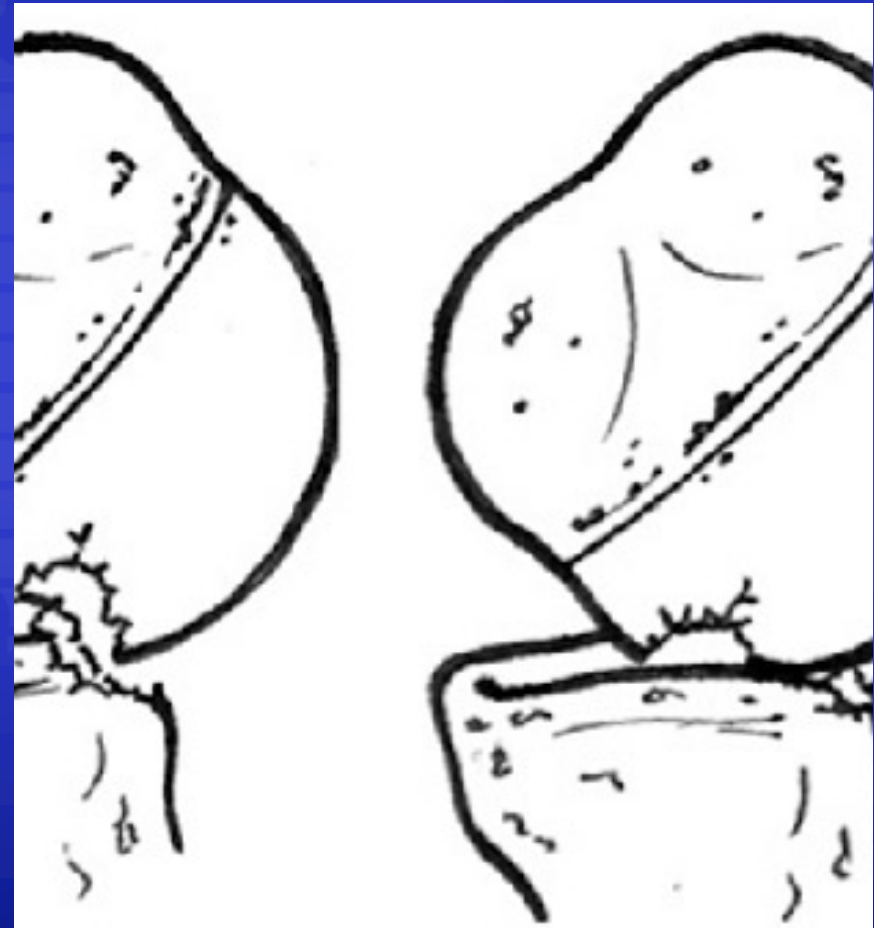
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Bone loss leads to higher recurrences

- Studies with arthroscopic Bankart repair showed excellent results when no bone loss
- Higher dislocation rates with glenoid bone loss or Hill Sachs defects
- Must evaluate the bone loss prior to surgery
- Choose a procedure that will address all aspects of pathology



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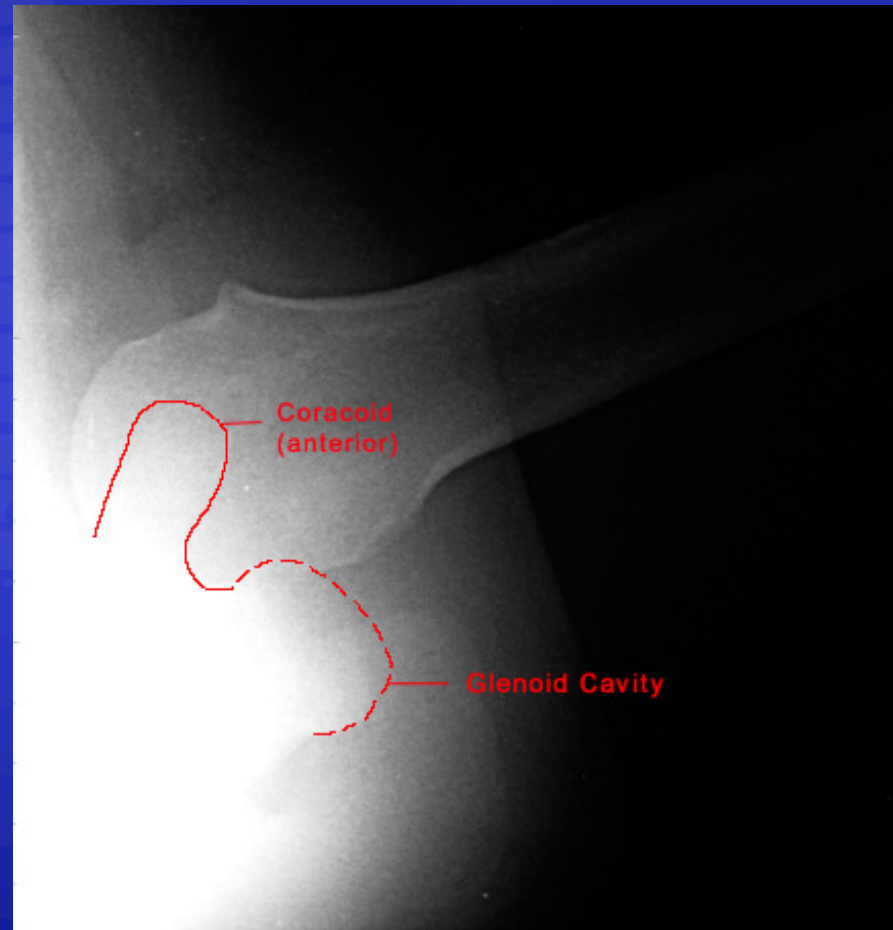


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Investigations

- X-rays help to show type of dislocation
- Will not help to quantify bone loss



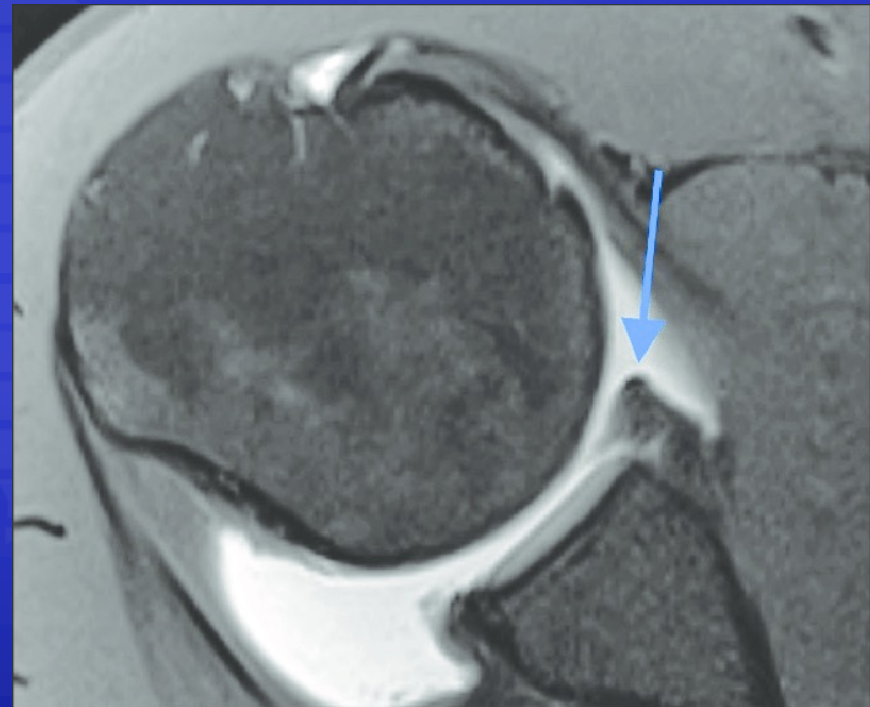
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MR Arthrogram

- The arthrogram helps to delineate labral tears
- Important to assess rotator cuff, labrum and soft tissue
- Can show bone loss glenoid and hill sachs
- May overestimate bone loss



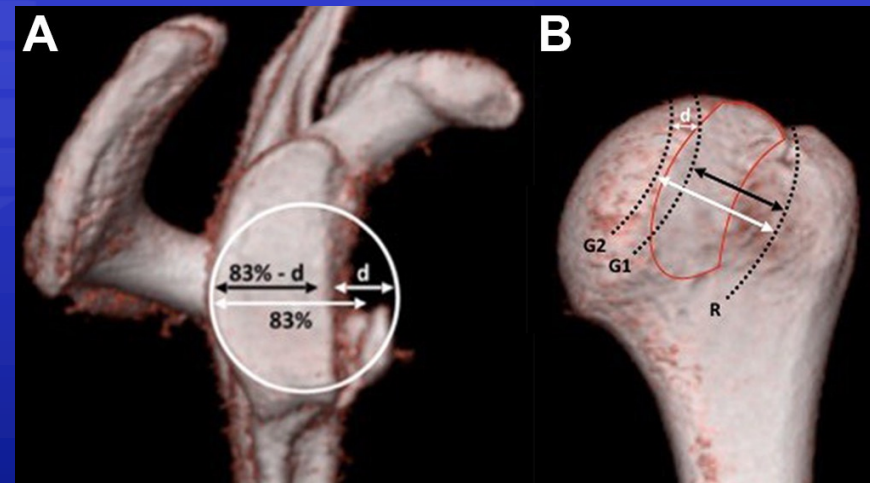
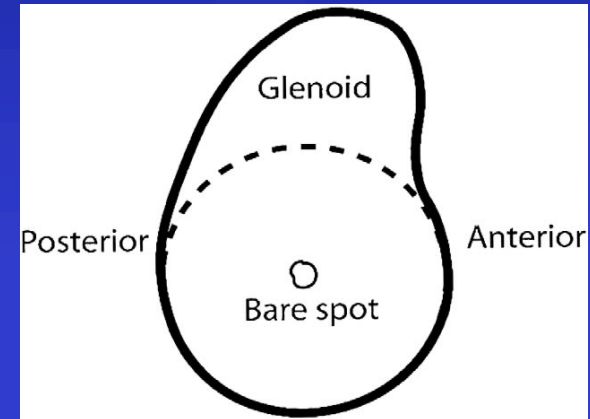
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3D CT scan with humeral head subtraction

- Allows for ability to measure bone loss
- Glenoid bone loss
- Humeral head
- The amount of bone loss helps determine best procedure.



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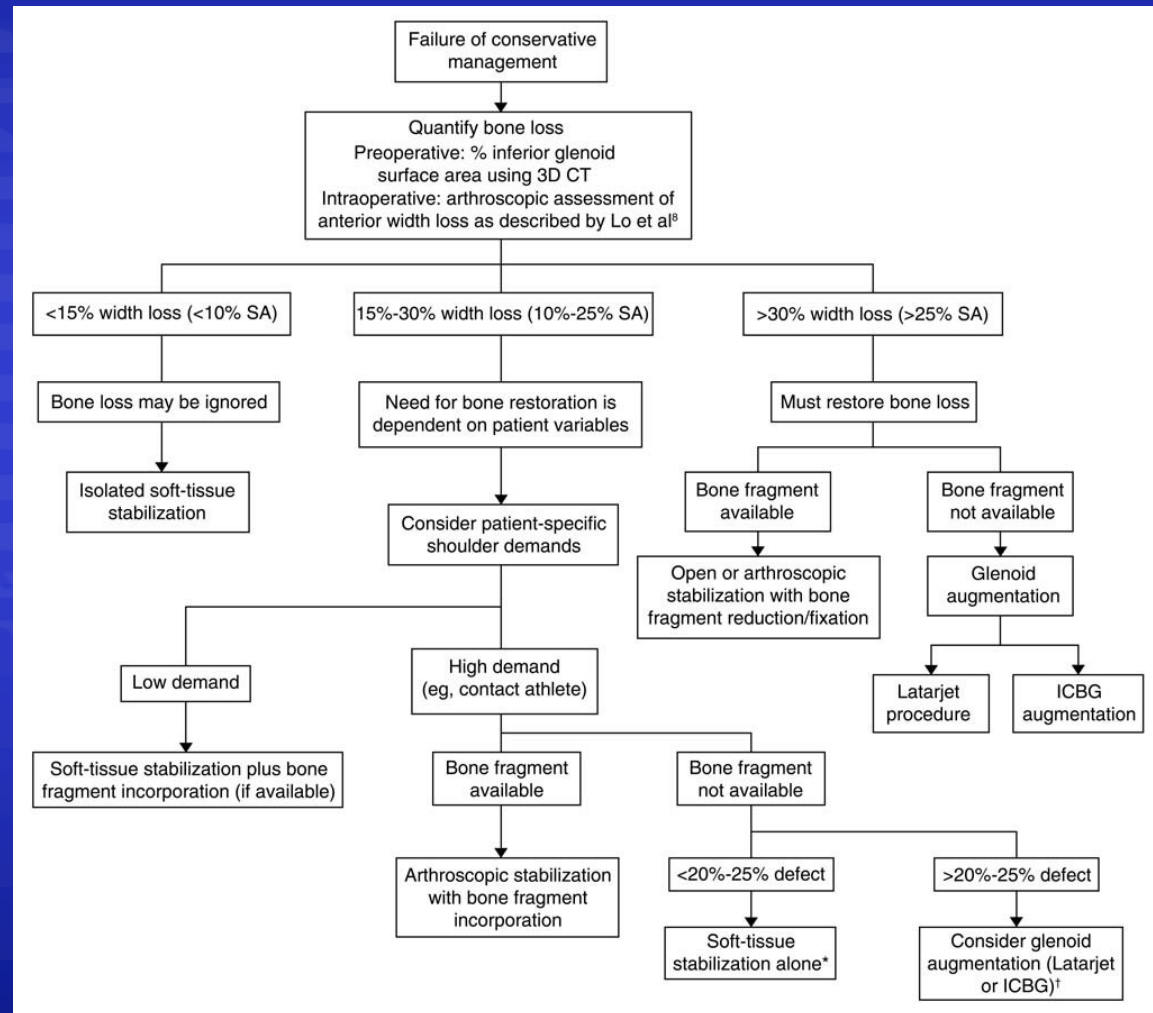


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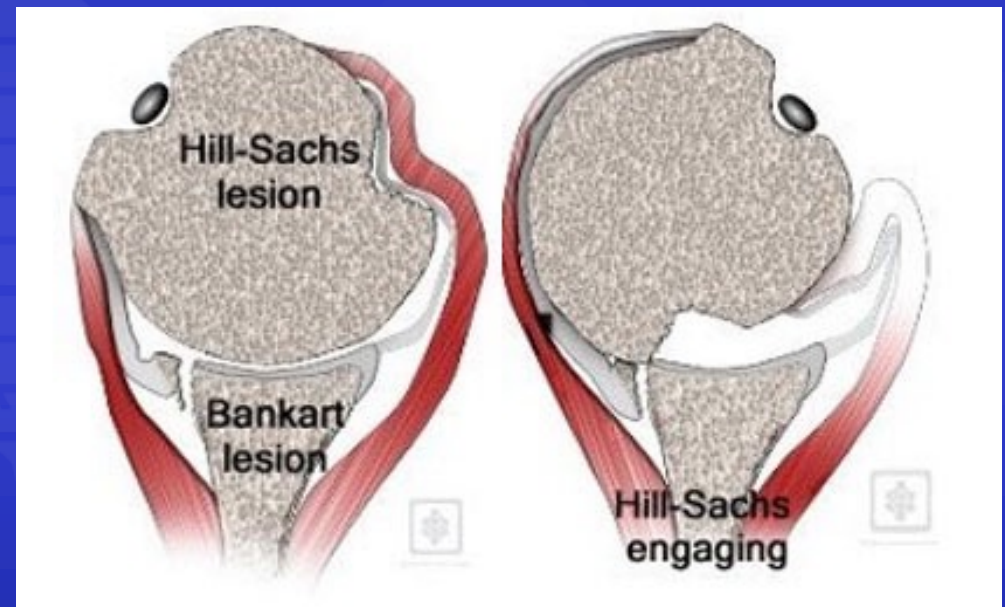
Surgical Decision Making

- Less than 15% bone loss
 - Arthroscopic stabilisation.
- >30%
 - Bone graft glenoid
 - Latarjet
- 15%-30%
 - Controversy
 - Remplissage most helpful



Bipolar bone loss

- Both glenoid bone loss and hill sachs defect lead to increased risk of dislocation
- How much bone loss can we accept



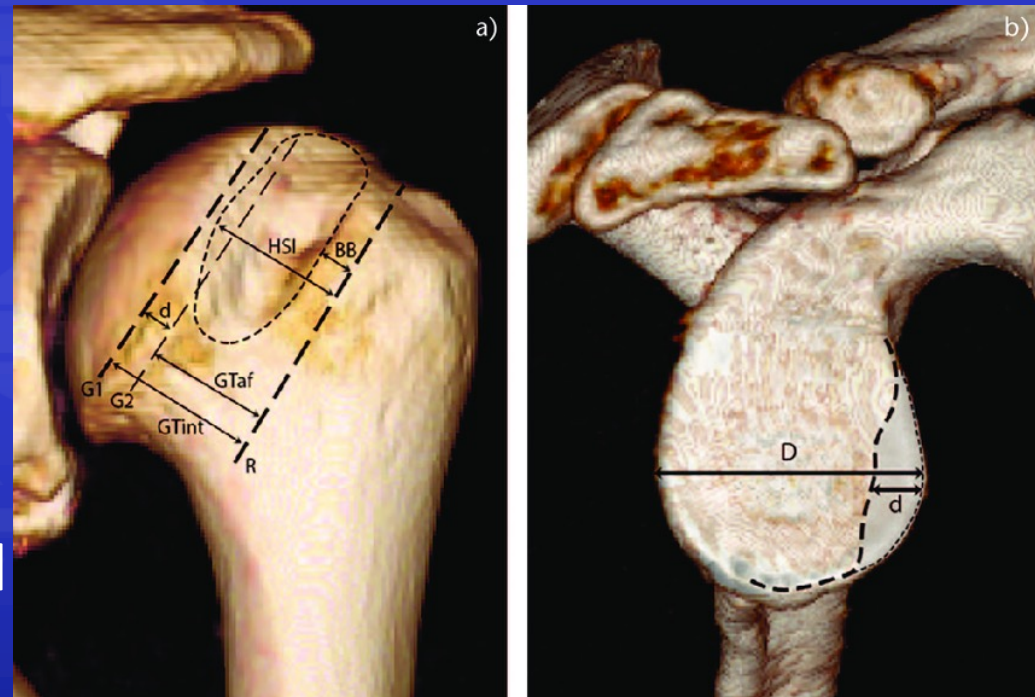
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Glenoid Track

- Used to quantify bipolar bone loss
- How much is tolerated
- Width of hill Sach's measured
- Width of glenoid is measured
- 83% of NORMAL glenoid is needed for normal function



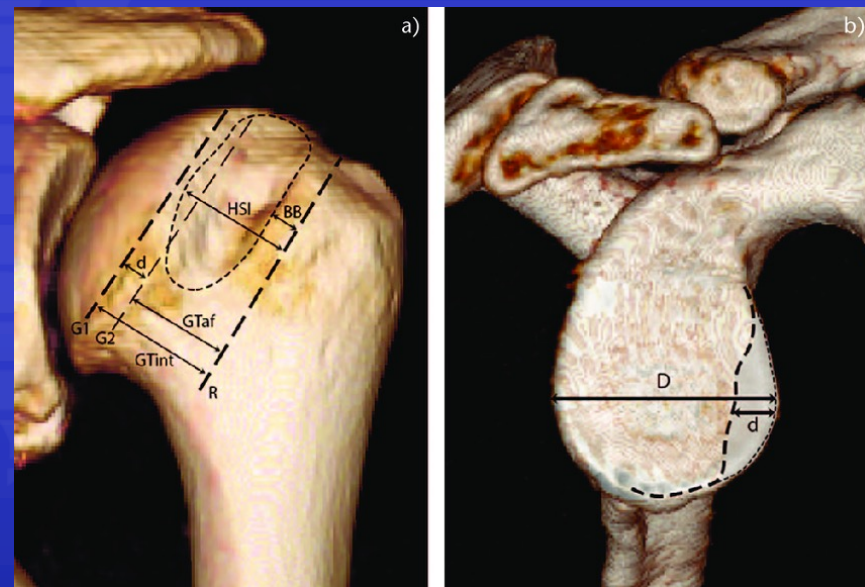
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Glenoid track calculated

- Measure glenoid width D (2X radius, circle, or opposite)
- Glenoid track= 83% D
- Measure bone defect d
- Subtract d from D
- (defect reduces glenoid track “safe zone”)
- Measure hill sachs defect (HSI)
- Compare glenoid track to hill sachs defect
- G1 represents normal shoulder- “on” track as defect within safe zone
- G2 represents glenoid lesion- “off” track as defect exceeds width of track



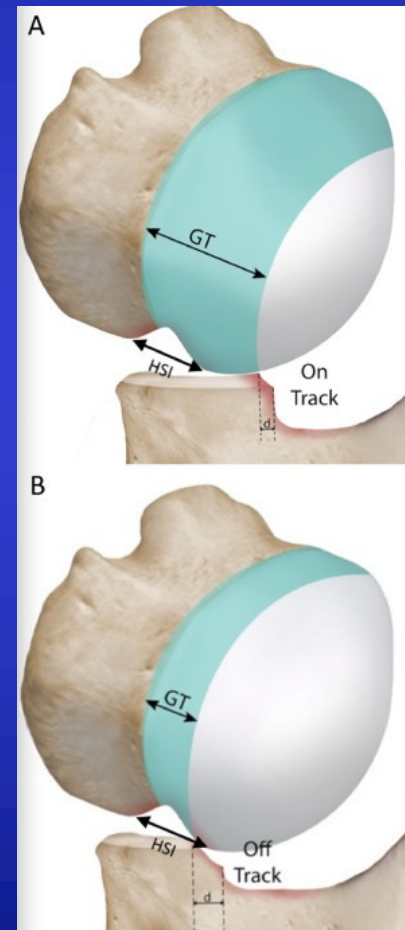
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For OFF track lesions

- Arthroscopic stabilisation is not powerful enough
- Burkhart, Debeer- higher recurrences with bone loss
- Arthroscopic stabilisation with Remplissage
- Latarjet



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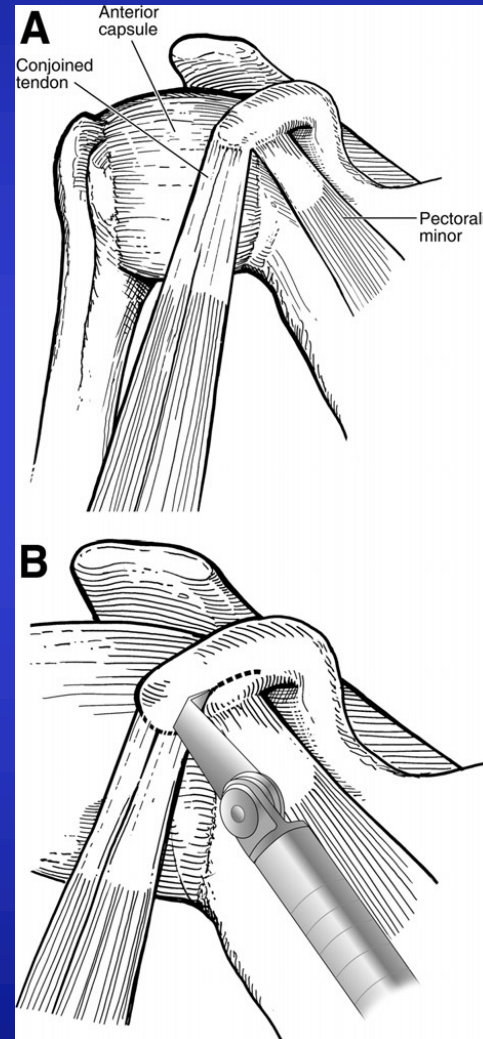


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Latarjet

- Bone graft glenoid
- The coracoid with conjoint tendon (biceps short head and coracobrachialis)
- In the same incision
- Curved shape fits on glenoid well.



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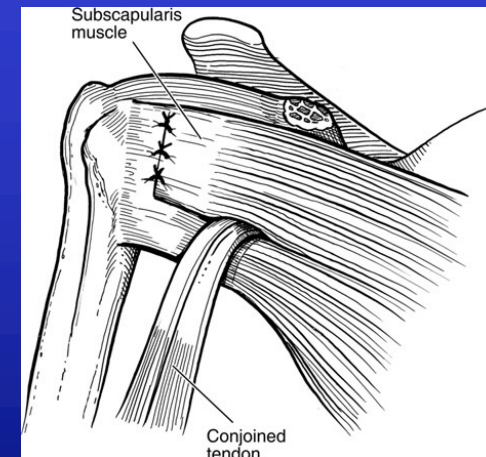
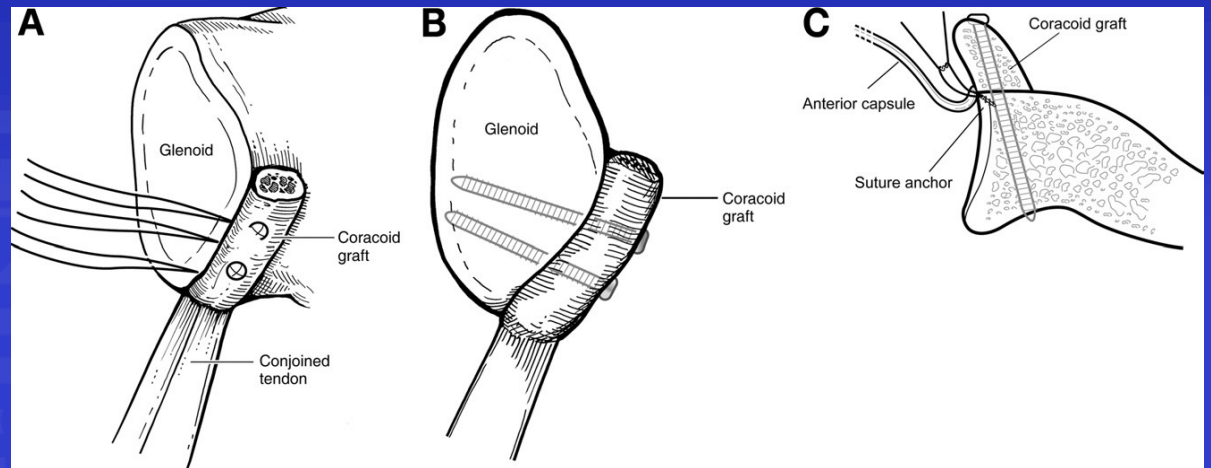


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Latarjet

- The bone restores bone loss
- The conjoint tendon serves as a check rein
- Prevents anterior subluxation



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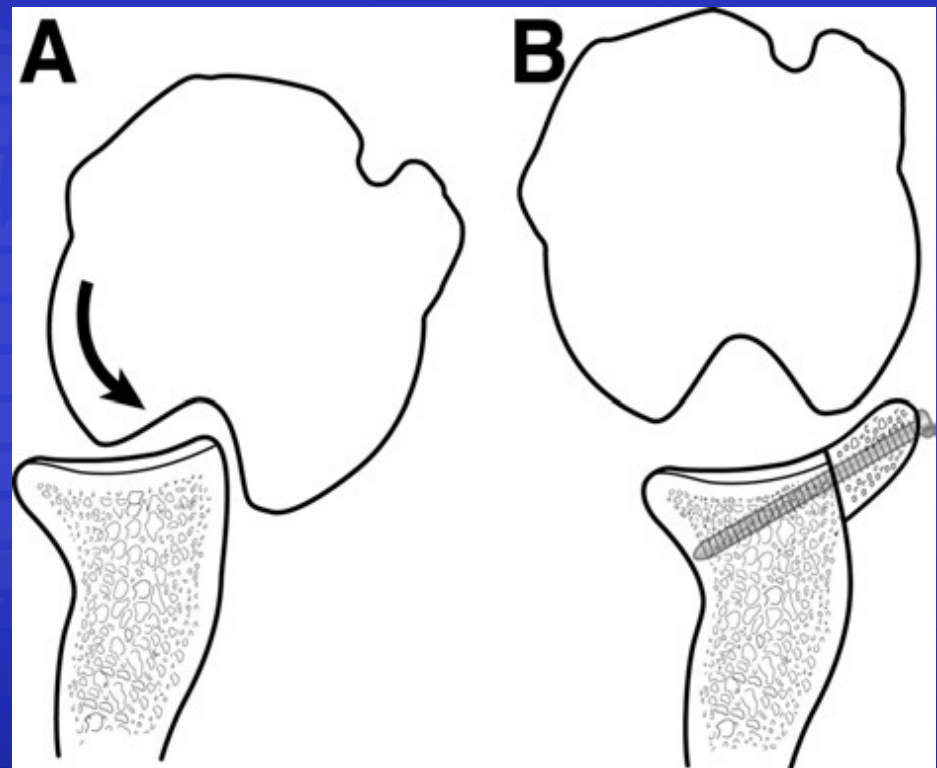


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Latarjet

- Increases the arc so Hill Sachs's does not engage
- This procedure indirectly addresses Hill-Sachs
- Makes “off” track lesion an “on” track lesion



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Latarjet

- Highly successful procedure
- Gained popularity in Sydney
- Good for contact athletes
- Less than 10% recurrence rate



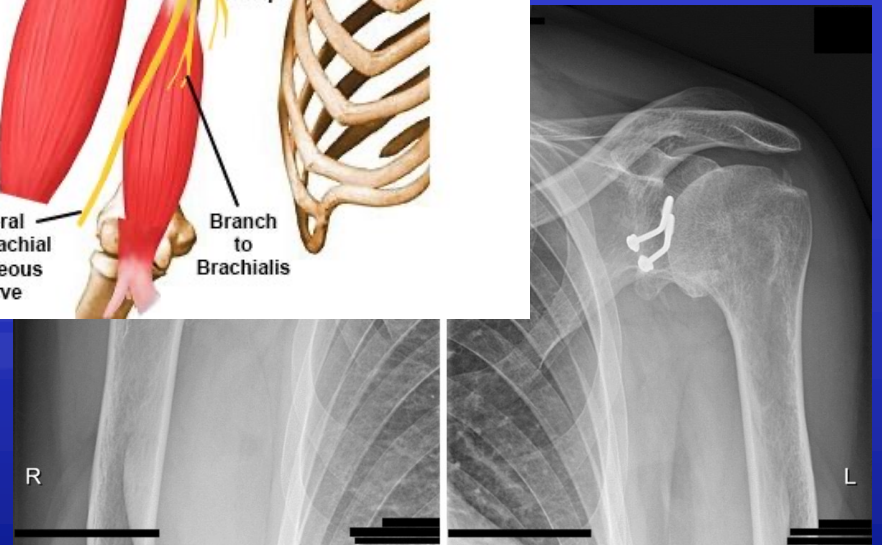
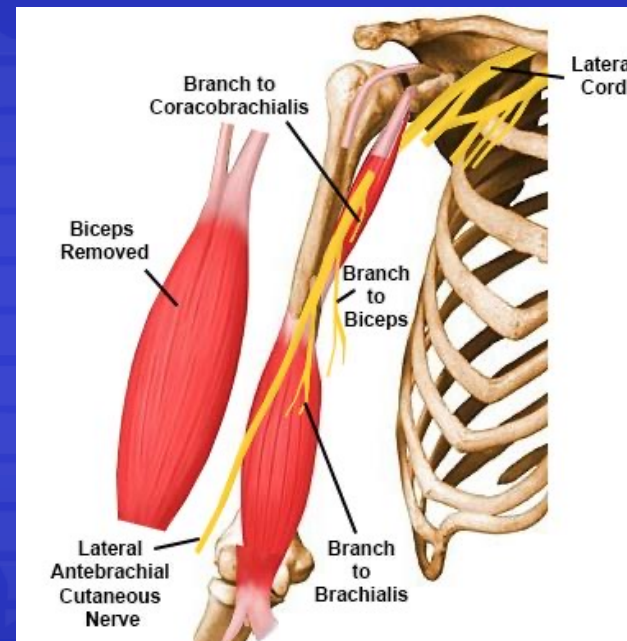
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Latarjet- complications

- Bone graft resorption
 - Exposed screws
 - Recurrent instability
 - Damaged cartilage humeral head
 - Arthritis
- Hardware failure
 - Common with seizures
- Nonunion
- Nerve problems
 - Musculocutaneous nerve
 - Innervates coracobrachialis, biceps brachii, brachialis
 - Main flexors of the elbow
 - Catastrophic complication
- Recurrent subluxation/dislocation
 - Complex revisions
 - Anatomy already altered
 - If Latarjet fails, can't do a remplissage
 - If remplissage fails, may still do Latarjet



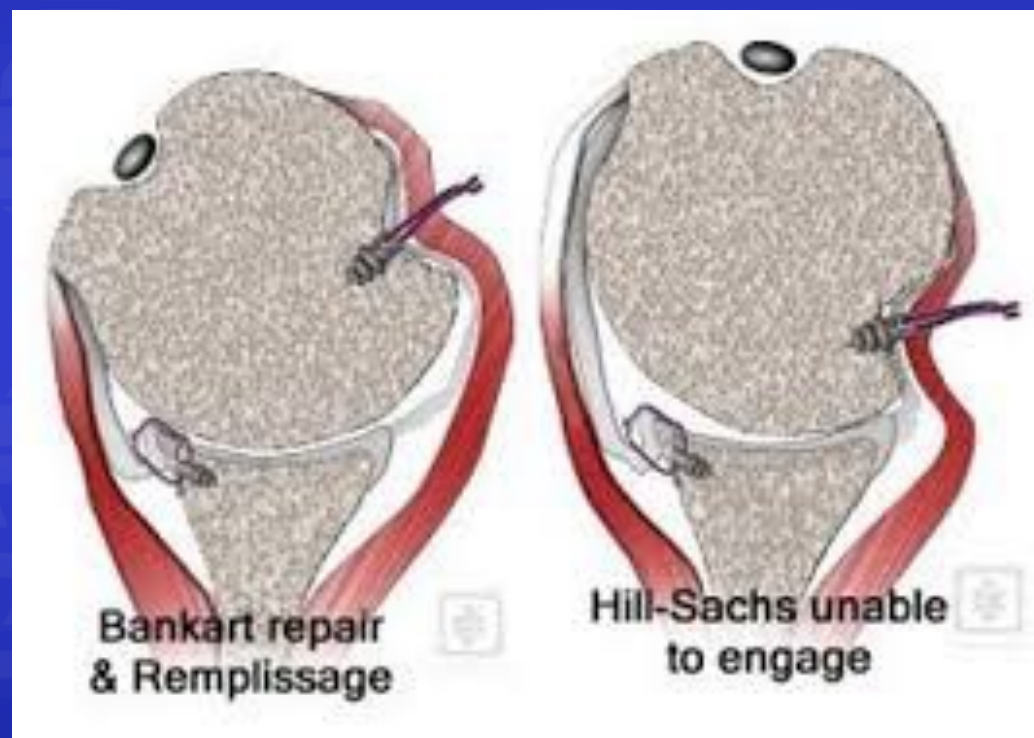
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Remplissage

- French for “fill”
- Fill the defect
- Makes the defect extra-articular so it does not engage with anterior bone defect



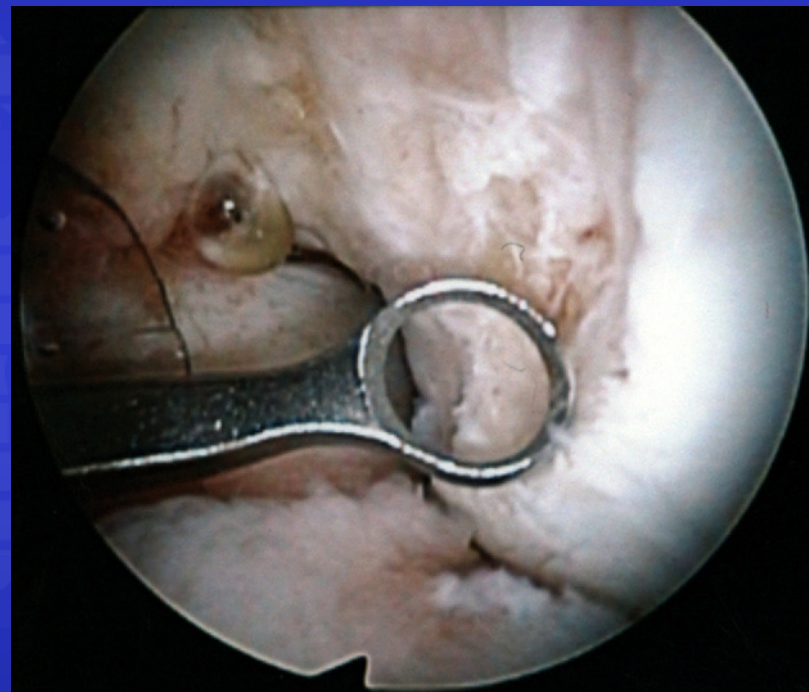
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Remplissage- arthroscopic

- Procedure is done with arthroscopic bankart repair
- Technique has become efficient
- Knotless or tied “blindly”
- Adds little time to procedure



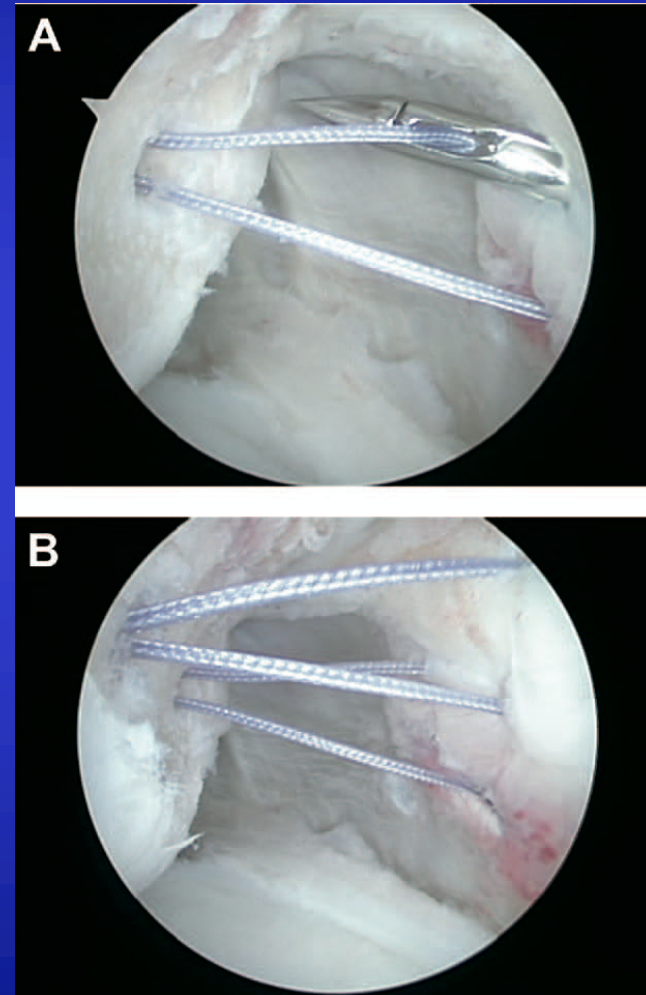
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Remplissage vs Latarjet

- Uses anchors- plastic, absorbable, sutures, no metal
- No risk of resorption or hardware complications as with Latarjet
- No evidence procedure increases arthritis
- No risk of nerve injury to musculocutaneous nerve
- Does not burn bridges. Can do Latarjet if this fails.



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Remplissage over Latarjet

- Compared functional outcome, return to sport, satisfaction, recurrence, and complications
- Remplissage vs latarjet
 - Remplissage as good as latarjet or superior, with higher return to sport
 - Fewer complications (0% vs 6%)
 - Latarjet complications (haematoma, infection, neuropraxia, hardware, and bone healing-related issues)
 - Recurrence rates similar, even with “off” track lesions
 - Some external rotation loss in Remplissage over latarjet
- J Arthroscopy, 2022
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Remplissage vs. bankart repair alone

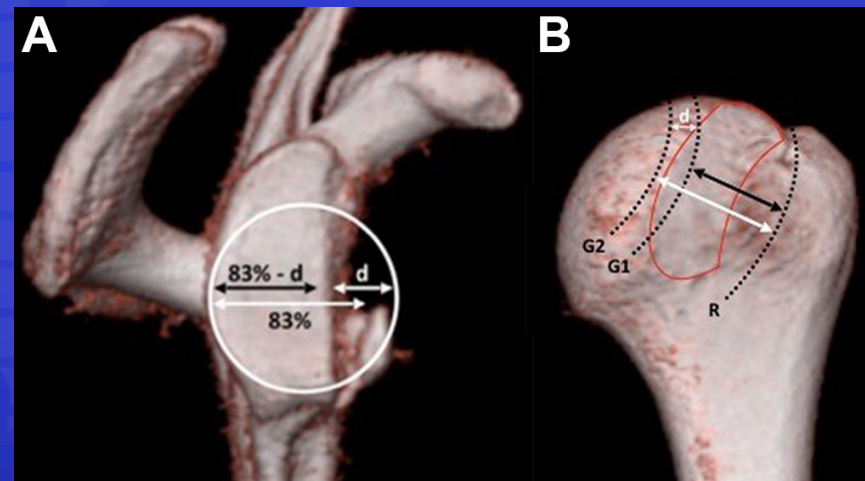
- Compared arthroscopic bankart alone, with remplissage, to Latarjet
- Remplissage and Latarjet both reduced recurrent dislocations
- Latarjet had a higher complication rate than remplissage
- Meta-analysis
- J Shoulder and Elbow 2020

| | Recurrent dislocation rates | Complication rate |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Arthroscopic Bankart Alone | 17% | |
| With remplissage | 6% | 0.5% |
| Latarjet | 10% | 9% |



My preference

- MR arthrogram
- 3D CT when suspect bone loss
- Less than 15%-arthroscopic bankart
- Lower threshold to perform remplissage “on” or “off” track
- Latarjet when greater than 25% glenoid bone loss



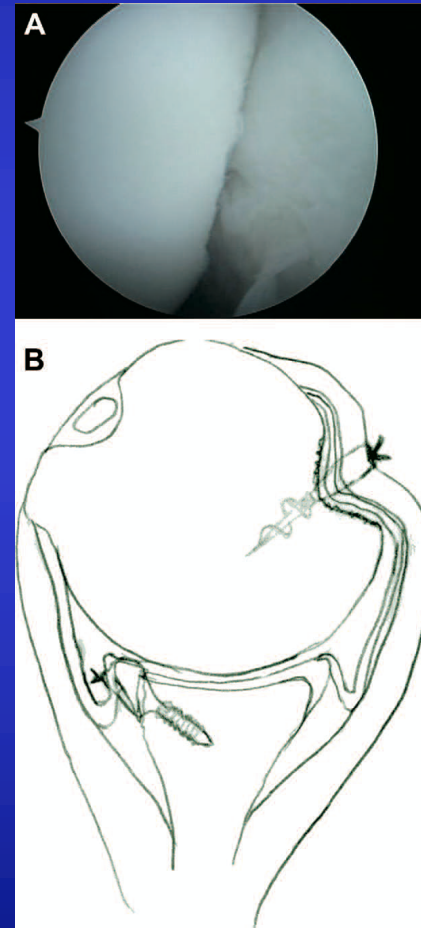
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Summary

- Shoulder stabilisation evolved to address bone loss
- Addition of remplissage is simple, lower complication rate, with equivalent or superior outcomes compared to open Latarjet
- If fails, one can do a Latarjet as back up
- Remplissage a viable solution for bipolar bone loss



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