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# Glenohumeral & Acromioclavicular Instability

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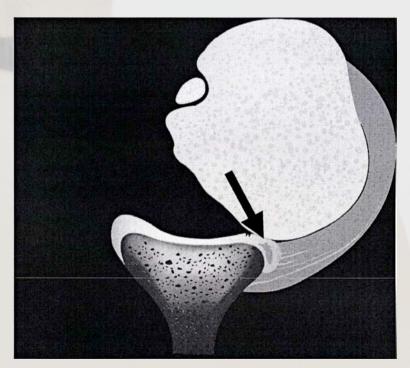
#### Introduction

Papyras 3000 BC
Hippocrates 460 BC Traction plus heel in axilla
1900s non anatomical procedures

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Bone grafting of glenoid
Tendon and bone transfers
High recurrent instability rates
Putti, Bankart, Platt and Bristow 1939
Successful
Limited mobility = price to pay
Arthroscopy 1980s

Precise pathologies identified

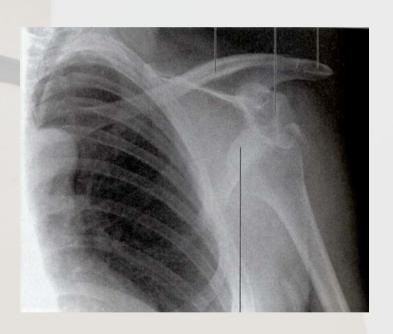


#### **Terminology - Laxity versus Instability**

Laxity – Degree of asymptomatic translation

Instability – Abnormal symptomatic motion producing:

- Pain
- Subluxation
- Dislocation



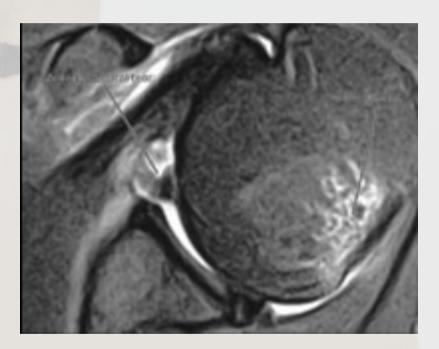
#### **Glenohumeral Instability**

#### (A) Degree of instability

- 1. Dislocation = complete separation of glenohumeral surfaces
- 2. Subluxation = Symptomatic separation of surfaces without dislocation

#### (B) Chronicity of instability

- 1. Acute instability caused by acute symptomatic traumatic shoulder dislocation
- 2. May improve with time or progress to recurrent chronically unstable shoulder



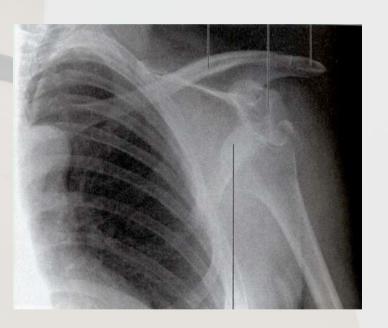
#### **Glenohumeral Instability**

#### (C) Volition of instability

- 1. Carter Rowe 1973 'Trick' movement
- 2. Involuntary (more common) muscle patterning component
- 3. Voluntary can progress to involuntary with the unbalanced muscle action becoming 'deeply ingrained'.

#### (D) Direction of instability

- 1. Bankart Lesion 1939 unidirectional anterior instability (most common)
- 2. Neer 1980s multidirectional instability (MDI)
- 3. True MDI should have both anterior and posterior instability with an inferior component.



# **Aetiology of Instability**

- (A) Distinction critical in selection of treatment
- (B) Rowe 1963
  - 1. 96% traumatic
  - 2. 4% atraumatic



#### Thomas and Matsen Classification 1989

TUBS – Traumatic
Undirectional Bankart
Lesion treated with
surgery

AMBRI – Atraumatic
multidirectional Bilateral
treated with
rehabilitation +/Capsular shift/ closure
of rotator interval

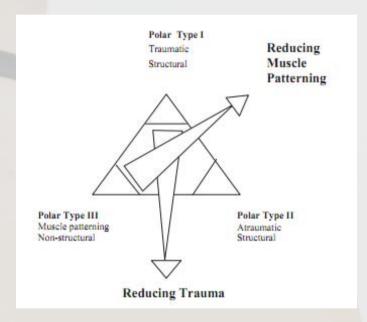


#### **Stanmore Classification**

When assessing treatments for patients, the patients are classified into three polar groups: Type I (True TUBS), Type II (True AMBRI), or Type III (Muscle patterning disorders/Habitual non-structural). In using this system over the years it has been made aware that there is a continuum between these polar groups with some patients falling in between. It is found that the best model in which to capture these cases is in the form of a triangle with the polar groups at each corner.

#### The system therefore:

- Takes into account the shifting nature of the pathology in shoulder instability.
- Allows patients to be positioned between the poles.
- Incorporates a gradation from traumatic to atraumatic causes.
- Incorporates a gradation from muscle patterning to purely structural causes.

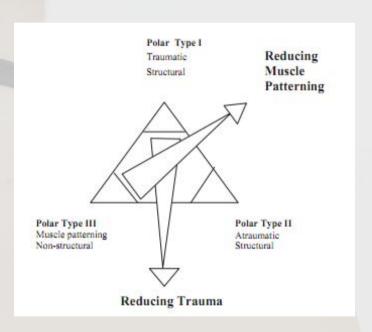


#### **Stanmore Classification**

The benefits of this system are:

The triangle system does provide a means of classifying all presentations of shoulder instability with a unifying system.

- It allows for a shift in the pattern of instability with time.
- It is a simple system to implement and easy to remember.
- It provides a route for treatment of all the varieties of instability



#### **Stanmore Classification**

Table 2	Demonstrates	the	characteristics	of	the	subgroups.
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Pathology	Group I (II)	Group II (I)	Group I(III)	Group III(I)	Group II(III)	Group III(II)
Trauma	+++	++	++	+/-	+/-	+/-
Articular surface damage (Humeral head and/or gleniod rim)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Muscle patterning	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes

<sup>\*</sup>BUT apparent on functional EMGs.

# **Principles of treatment**

- (a) History
- (b) Examination
- (c) Investigation
  - 1. EUA
  - 2. Imaging MRI- CT
  - 3. Arthroscopy
  - 4. Functional EMG



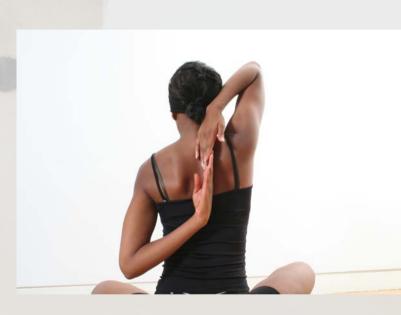
# Polar Group 1 (traumatic structural instability)

- Anterior structural instability the most common 90%
  - 2% of the population
  - 88 95% recurrence under age 20 years
  - 14% recurrence over 40 years
- •'Gold standard' Bankart 1939
  - •Restore detached labrum
  - Reattaching IGHL
- •Rockwood 1978
  - •97% stability at 5 years
  - Open vs Arthroscopic



## Polar Group II and III

- Define whether structural or non structural
- Assess muscle patterning and direction of instability
- · Abnormal muscle patterning
  - EMGs
  - Bio-feedback
    - Joint position sense
    - Muscle movement patterns
    - Closed circuit TV
- Surgery only
  - Definite structural component
    - Bone
    - Labral
    - Capsular



#### Surgery

- Arthroscopy best way to assess structural damage.
- Identifies subtle humeral head and labral defects. Vital in difficult cases.
- A Hill Sachs (Broca) lesion can occur in 80% of patients with recurrent instability at arthroscopy compared to only 47% of Hill Sachs lesion diagnosed radiologically.



## Surgery

Arthroscopic repair has potential advantages:

- Improved cosmesis
- less postoperative pain
- shorter operative time
- decreased blood loss
- better preservation of external rotation
- avoidance of subscapularis related complications.

Recurrence rates as low as 5% are reported.



#### **Patient Selection**

#### Arthroscopic

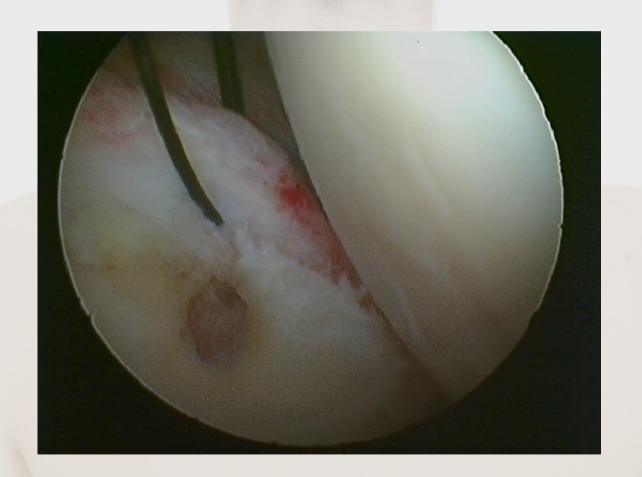
Optimal candidates have a discreet Bankart lesion with no capsular laxity or concomitant intra-articular pathology.

#### Open

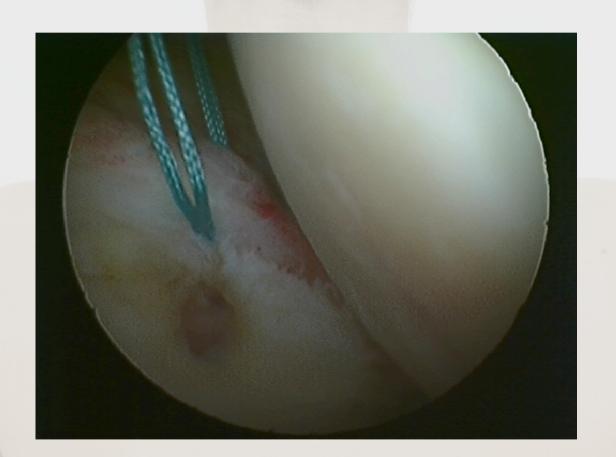
Patients who require open repairs are those with significant capsular problems, capsular laxity, bony Bankart lesion, glenohumeral arthritis, associated rotator cuff tear, or poor tissue quality.



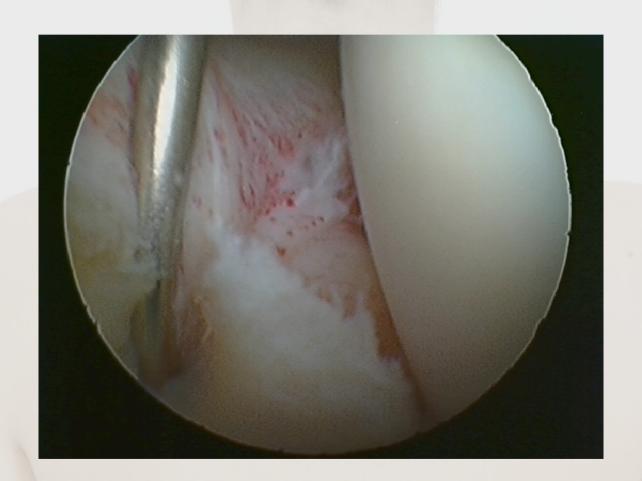
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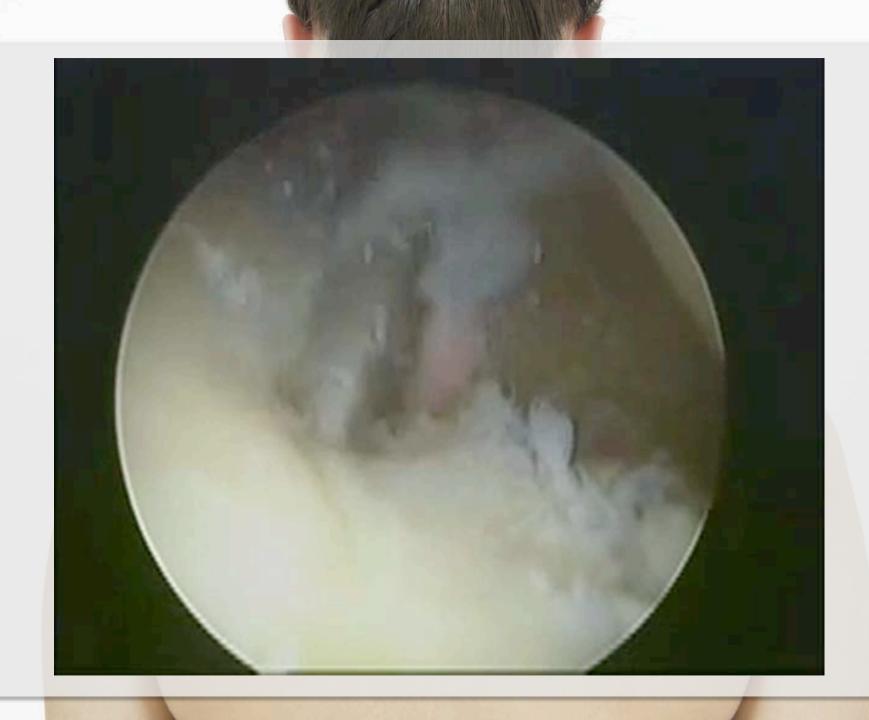
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Video of Arthroscopic Anterior Stabilisation



# **Clavicle Injuries**

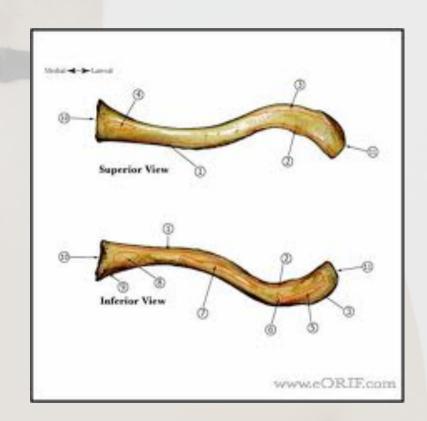


# Clavicle anatomy

- •S shaped bone with varying cross section
- Superficial
- •Only bony link of upper limb to axial skeleton
- Strut of shoulder joint
- Muscle attachment

#### Movement:

- Superior-inferior
- Anterior-posterior
- •Rotational

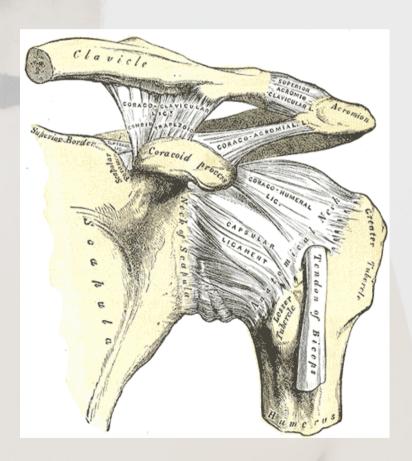


## **Sports Injuries**

- Increasing numbers seen:
  - More people involved in sports
  - Excessive training
  - All year schedules
  - Improper techniques
  - Lack of equipment

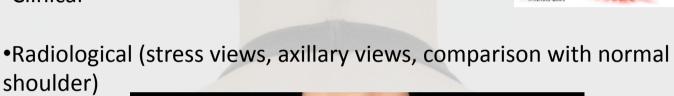
#### Can result in:

- Time away from sports
- End of athletic career
- Life-long disability

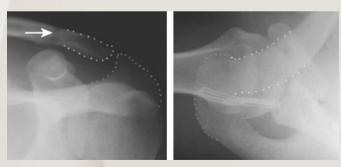


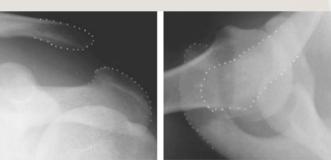
# **AC** joint dislocations

- •Diagnosis:
  - •Clinical



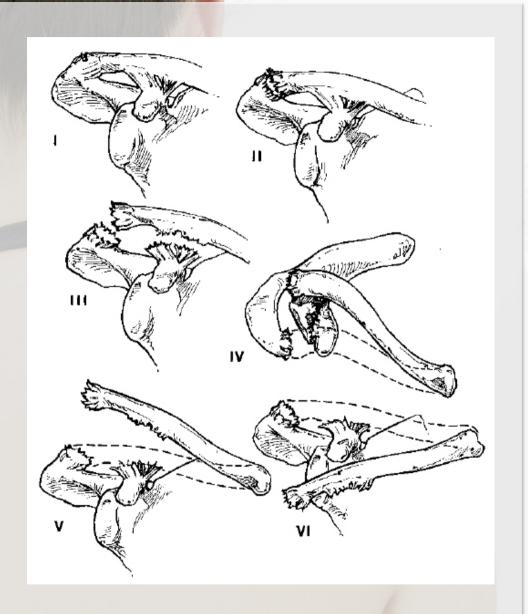






# **AC** joint dislocations

# The Rockwood Classification



# **AC** joint dislocations

#### **Treatment**

I-II: conservative 27% persistent pain Injection, surgery

IV-VI: surgical

III: ???



## Type III

#### Meta-analysis:

1172 patients

	Surgery	Conservative				
Satisfactory Ouctomes	88%	87%				
Complications						
Further Surgery	59%	6%				
Infection	6%	1%				
Deformity	3%	37%				
Pain and Function	Equal	Equal				

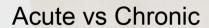
But surgery included the use of Hook plates and Bosworth screws!

# Type III

Schlegel:

20% Type III dissatisfied with conservative treatment

Type III Treatment









## **Treatment of Chronic Type III Injuries**

#### Autograft

•CA ligament only represent 20% of ultimate load of CC ligament

#### Allograft

- Technically easier
- Increased Strength
- Smaller scars

Coraco-clavicular augmentation increases load to failure
Tension band, hook plates, bosworth screw, surgilig, tightrope, PDS cord





#### **Treatment**

#### **Acute:**

- •Age
- Hand dominance
- Occupation
- Hobbies and sport
- Risks of re-injury
- •CC ligament repair/augmentation
- •Tightrope, surgilig, etc

#### **Treatment**

#### **Chronic:**

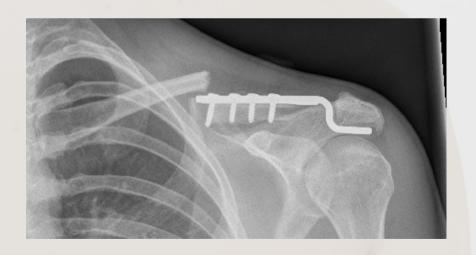
- •Modified Weaver Dunn CA Ligament transfer
- Open vs. arthroscopic
- Autograft vs. Allograft

**Audit 2010** – Arthrex tightrope offers satisfactory outcome for ACJ stabilisation (Lower complication rates and lower rate of further surgery)

#### **Complications of fixation devices**

Tightrope Hook Plates





# Arthrex Surgical Animation Video for ACJ Reconstruction



# Thank you for your attention!





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