### The Painful Shoulder

Common causes of shoulder pain and treatment Options

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#### Overview

- Personal Background
- Orthopedic surgeons are detectives
- Soft tissue Disorders
- Arthritis
- Bony injuries
- Other causes of shoulder pain
- Q&A



# Personal Background



Hometown: West Lafayette, IN

Undergraduate Education: Purdue University



Medical Education: Indiana University



Orthopedic Residency: Loyola (Chicago)



Sports Medicine Fellowship: University of Chicago



27 Years of **Education!** 



Lots of late nights!



#### **Practice Focus**

- Shoulder
  - Rotator Cuff Injuries
  - Instability/Dislocations
  - Other Soft Tissue Injuries of the Shoulder
- Knee
  - Ligament Injuries
  - Meniscus Injuries
  - Cartilage repair and restoration



# Presentation of patient with shoulder pain

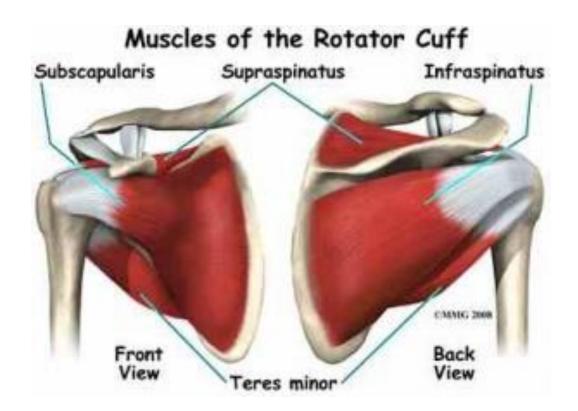
- Age
- Characteristic
- Onset
- Location
- Duration
- Exacerbating
- Related
- Relieving



# The Rotator Cuff



# **Rotator Cuff Anatomy**





#### Rotator Cuff Disease

- Normal Rotator Cuff Function
- Typical Location of Pain
- Characteristics of Pain
- Spectrum of disease
  - Tendonitis
  - Partial Tears
  - Complete Tears



# Evaluation of Rotator Cuff Injuries

- History
- Exam
- X-Rays
- MRI (Gold Standard)
- Other: CT Arthrogram or Ultrasound





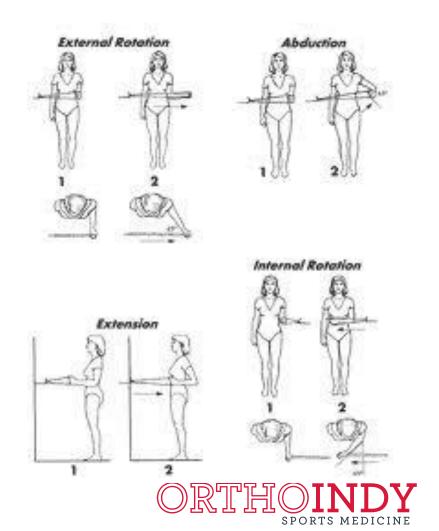
# **Rotator Cuff Tendonitis**

- NSAIDS
- Physical Therapy
- Heat
- Ice
- Injections
  - Cortisone
  - Biologic Injections: "Stem Cells"



# Non-operative Treatment

- Therapeutic Exercise
  - Normalize ShoulderRhythm
  - Rotator Cuff strengthening
  - Deltoid Strengthening
  - Biofeedback
  - Maximize ROM



# **Rotator Cuff Tears**

- Does Everyone Need Surgery?
- Surgical Timing
- Open to Arthroscopic Evolution
- Overview of Surgical Technique





# Transition to Modern Repair Techniques

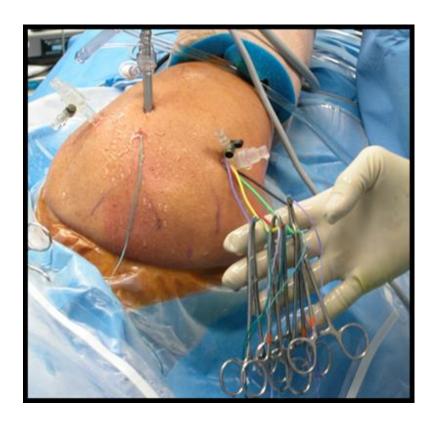




- Arthroscope initially used as an adjunct to make diagnosis before open repair
- Progressed to arthroscopic SAD and Mini-open repairs
- Arthroscopic cuff repairs popularized in the 1990s
- Tendon transfers, Graft Jackets & Augments



# **Rotator Cuff Surgery**



- General Anesthesia + Regional
- 3-4 Small Incisions
- Saline Flowing through Joint
- Use of Anchors
- Dissolvable Stitches
- Arm Sling



# Rotator Cuff Repair

- Anchors in Bone
- Suture in Tendon
- Blood flow to healing tissue
- The Extras
  - Dermal Graft
  - PRP
  - Stem Cells





# Rotator Cuff Repair







# Recovery

- Size of Tear
- Age of Patient
- Co-Morbidities
  - Tobacco Use
  - Diabetes
  - Other Health Conditions
- "The Average Recovery"





# **Shoulder Arthritis**



#### **Shoulder Arthritis**

- Normal Cartilage
   Function
- Location of Pain
- Pain Characteristics
- Motion Loss
- Spectrum of Disease





#### **Shoulder Arthritis**

- Non-operative
   Treatment
  - Stretching
  - NSAIDs/Tylenol
  - Injections (guided?)
  - Activity Modification
- Operative Treatment
  - Arthroscopy?
  - Shoulder Replacement





# Shoulder Replacement

- Similar to Hip/Knee
   Replacement
- Technically challenging operation (golf tee)
- Requires a Functioning Rotator Cuff





#### **Arthritis + Rotator Cuff Tear**

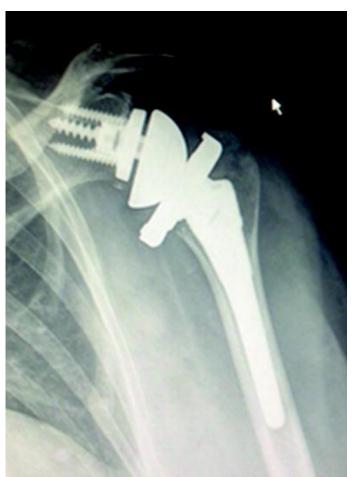
- Special Pattern of Arthritis
- Unique Challenges
- European Experience
- Surgical Indications





# Reverse Shoulder Replacement

- Appearance of shoulder
- Range of Motion Expectations
- Higher risk of complications
- Salvage Operation





# Recovery from Shoulder Replacement



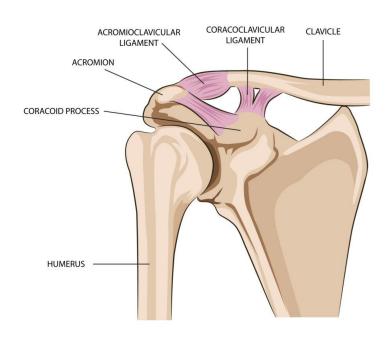
- Sling Use
- Driving
- Dinner forks and Coffee cups
- Lifting
- Full Recovery



#### **AC Joint Arthritis**

- Small Joint at the end of collarbone
- Pain with pressing and overhead activities
- Bump on shoulder
- Weight-lifters
- Treatment
  - Activity Modification
  - Injections
  - Surgery

#### **NORMAL SHOULDER ANATOMY**





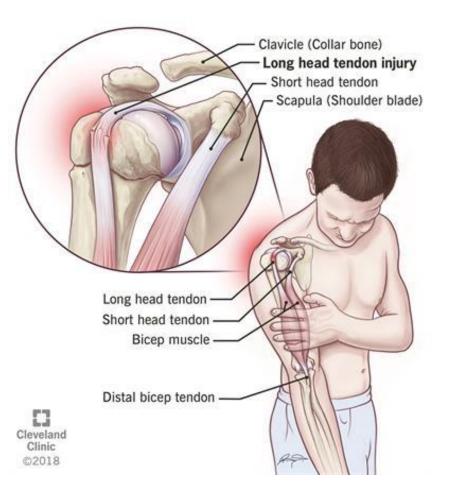
# The Bicipital-Labral Complex

(Don't worry, I'll explain!)



# Biceps + Shoulder Labrum

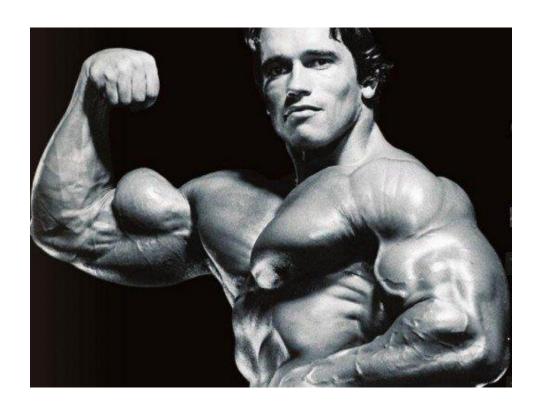
- Biceps Muscle Function
- Tendon Anatomy
- Unique features of Long Head of biceps
- Labral Attachment





# The Biceps Tendon

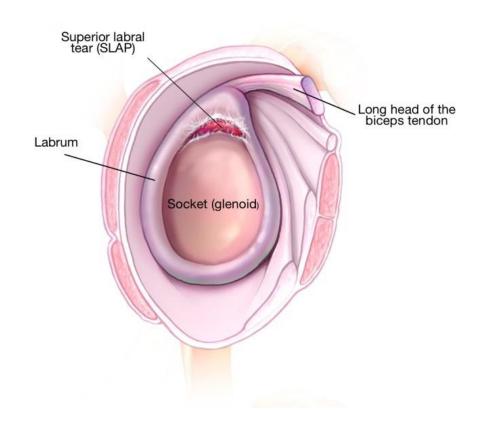
- Tendonitis
- Partial Tears
- Dislocations
- Ruptures





#### **Labral Tears**

- Traumatic
  - Sports
  - Falls
  - Lifting
- No Trauma
  - Degeneration
  - Early sign of DJD





# Treatment of Biceps & Labrum

- Tenotomy (cut it)
- Tenodesis (transfer it)
- Repair (fix it)





#### Frozen Shoulder

(aka Adhesive Capsulitis)



# Key Features of Frozen Shoulder

- Progressive loss of motion
- Pain
  - Extremes of motion
  - Sudden motion
  - Night-time pain
- Demographics
  - Sex
  - Age
  - Co-morbidities (associated conditions)



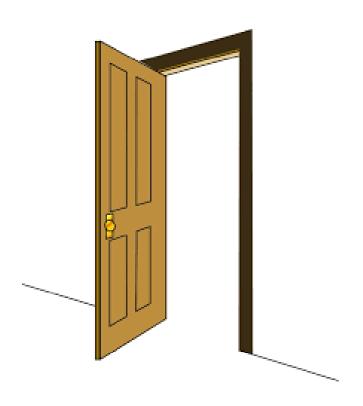
# Treatment of Frozen Shoulder

"Let's Make a Deal"



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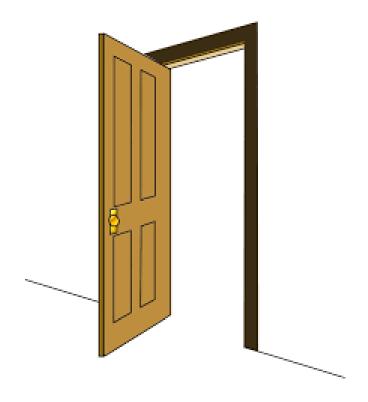
- Home stretches
- Medication
- Physical Therapy (pros v cons)
- Injections
- Natural
   History/Resolution of
   Symptoms





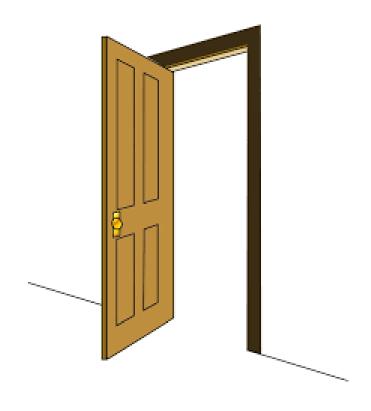
#### Door #2

- Manipulation + Injection
- Post-procedure PT
- Activity Modification
- Full Recovery





#### Door #3



- Manipulation
- Arthroscopic Removal of Scar Tissue
- Therapy
- Activity Modification

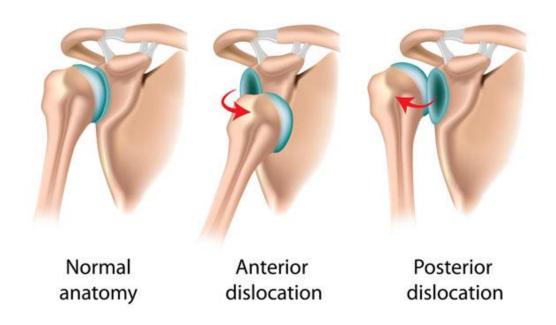


# **Shoulder Instability**



#### **Shoulder Dislocations**

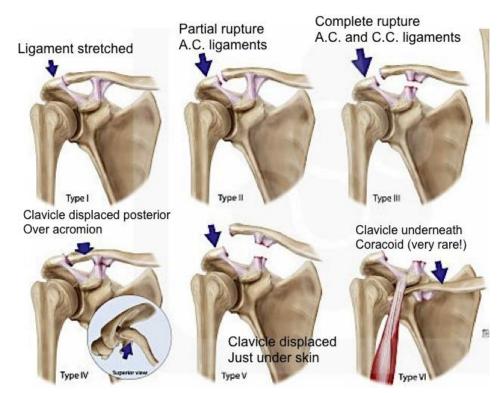
- Trauma
- Non-traumatic
- Age
- Recurrence Rates
- Braces
- Therapy
- Surgery





# **AC Joint Separations**

- Sprain of ligaments at the end of the collarbone
- Contact Athletes
- Falls
- Most are treated without surgery
- Surgery in High-grade Injuries





Other Causes of "Shoulder Pain"



#### Other Causes

- Fracture
- Infection
- Tumors
- Inflammatory Arthritis (e.g. RA)
- Calcium deposits
- Referred Pain from Neck
- Cardiac
- Respiratory
- Internal Organs (e.g. spleen)



# Q & A

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