

# Arthrography

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#### **General indications**

- Assessment of internal derangement
- Intraarticular bodies
- Aspiration for sepsis or crystals
- Steroid injections
- Diagnostic LA injection

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# **General Arthrography Technique**

- Time out
- Consent
- Medication reconciliation
- Mark skin
- Clean
- LA usually
- Enter joint
- Aspirate
- Confirm position with contrast
- Contrast flows away from needle
- Stop if blob
- Use dynamic subtraction if available esp. wrist
- Fill joint with appropriate contrast
- Take full radiographic series no matter what
- Record volume mls and name of contrast in report

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# Technique - Septic arthritis

- Multi-use lidocaine is often bacteriostatic.
  - Avoid in joint
  - Aspirate through different needle

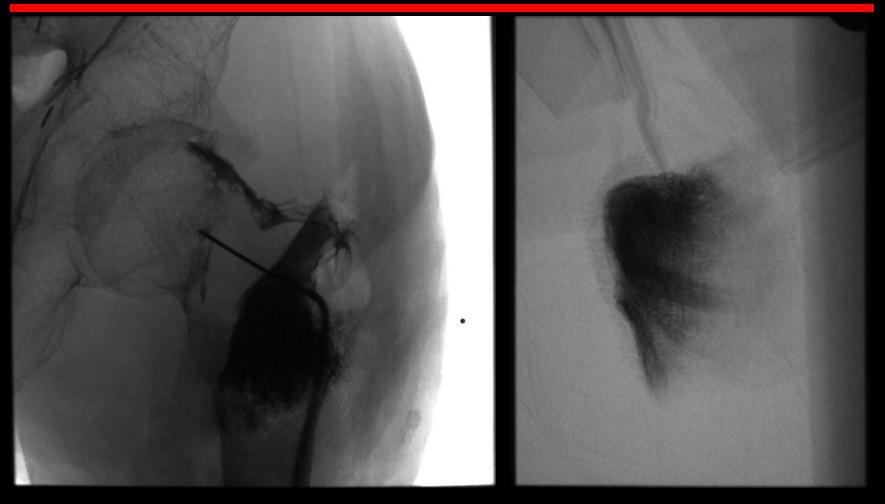






- If dry tap
  - Irrigate with Non bacteriostatic saline.
  - Confirm needle position with contrast/air
  - Non ionic contrast probably not bacteriostatic
  - Use bung on syringe, or transport medium.

# Hip Arthrography – Sinus tract



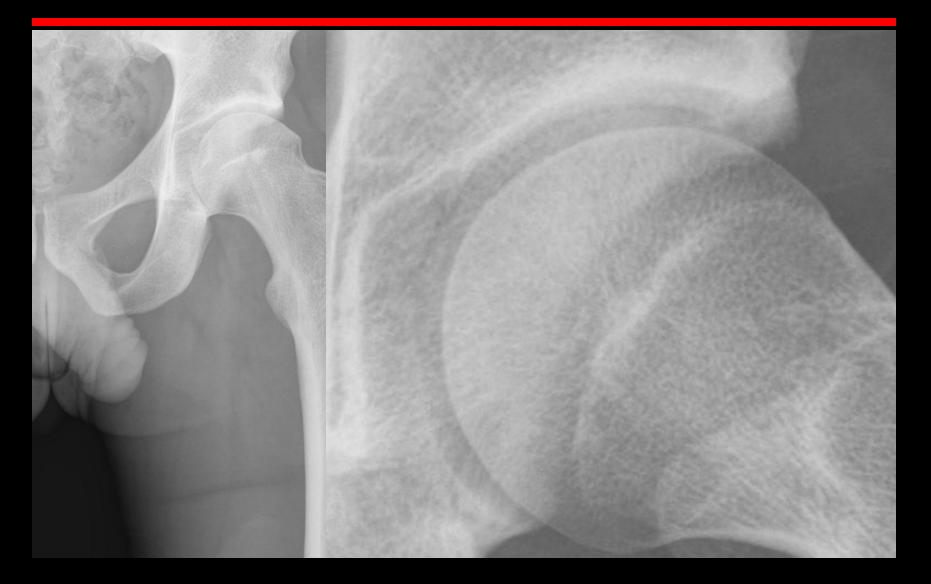
Swab

# Anesthetic Arthrography - Technique

- 1-5mls of 1% Lidocaine sufficient
- Record where contrast / LA goes
- Pain will recur prior to steroid effect
- Keep a diary Activity V's pain
  - Until see referring physician
- Keep it simple
  - Only use Bupivicaine / Marcaine if pain intermittent
- Give steroid first before joint fills up
  - Top up with LA
  - Patient wants the steroid
- Second dose usually more effective

#### Types of contrast

- Positive
  - Iodine
  - Gd
- Negative
  - Air
  - CO2
  - Vacuum
- Mixed
  - Double contrast Air / Iodine
- Indirect
  - Gd
- Natural from joint fluid

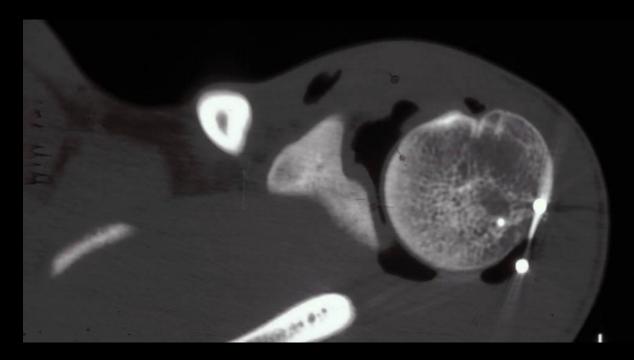


Lt hip vacuum arthrogram 25M

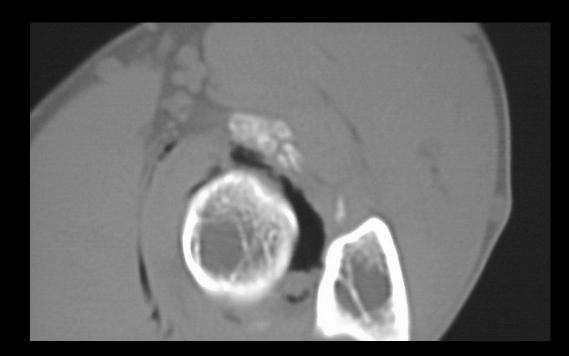
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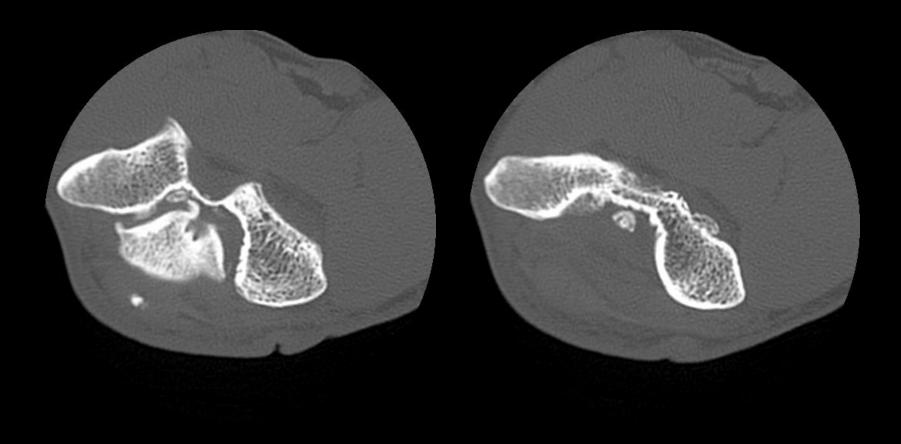


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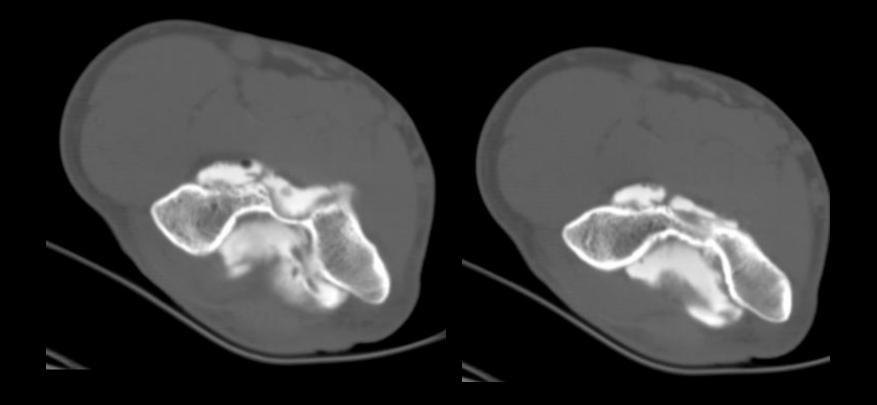
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## Single contrast - Iodine

- Most commonly used in shoulder
- Outlines articular surface
- Combine with CT for knee menisci
- 240 mg/dl

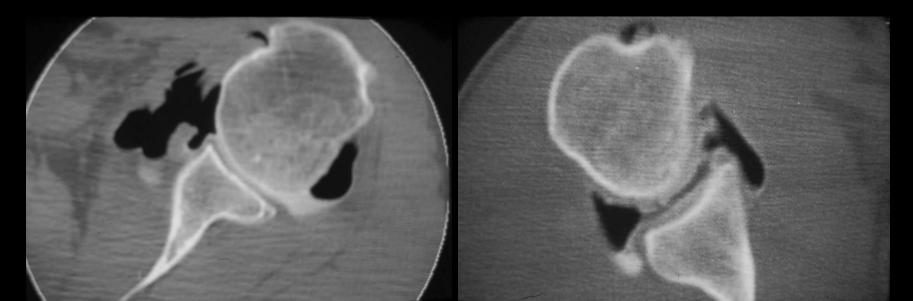




Medial displaced bucket handle

#### **Double contrast**

- Tiny amount of iodinated contrast to line joint
- Fill up with air
- CO2 rapidly absorbed
- Shoulder with CT for labrum
- Shoulder for rotator cuff tear



#### **General contraindications**

#### • Few

- Controversial to inject contrast if aspirate pus
- Some patients don't want iodine
  - Inject by feel/pressure
- Possible chondrolysis from long acting LA





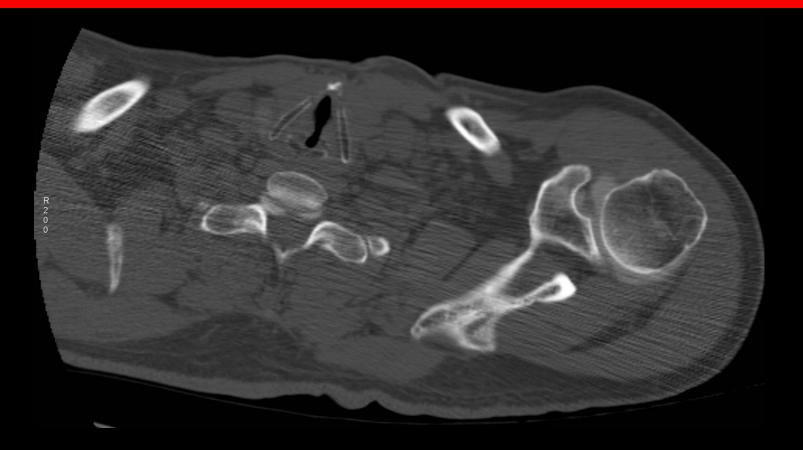


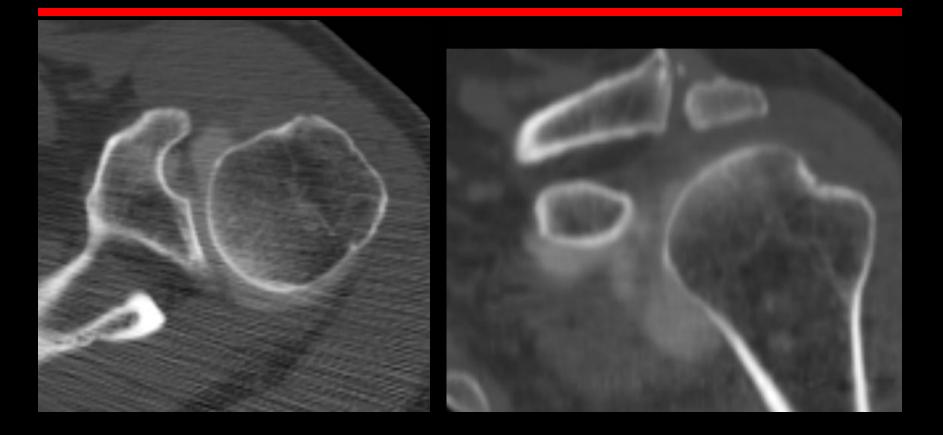








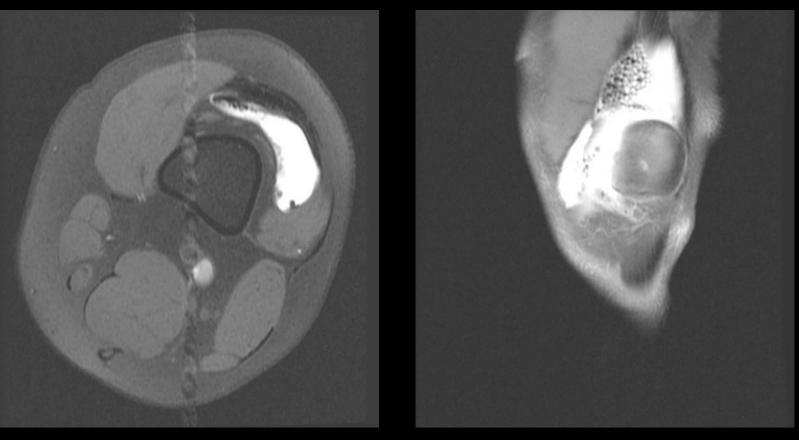




# MRI Arthrography - Technique

- Gd 1:200-250 dilution
- Technologist usually adds 1ml of Gd to 100ml bag of saline (or 5 to 500) = 1:100 Gd
- You draw up X mls of this and add X mls of 180-300 mg/dl iodine = 1:200 Gd
- This allows for dilution by any joint fluid
- Get rid of air
- Don't dilly dally after injection
  - Contrast is absorbed from joint
  - Especially in synovitis
  - Check MRI is ready for patient, <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hr max delay

### Knee Arthrogram – Air bubbles

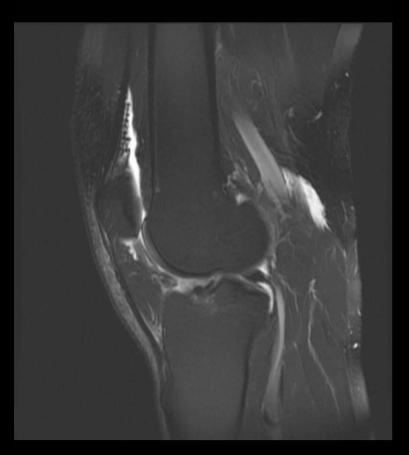


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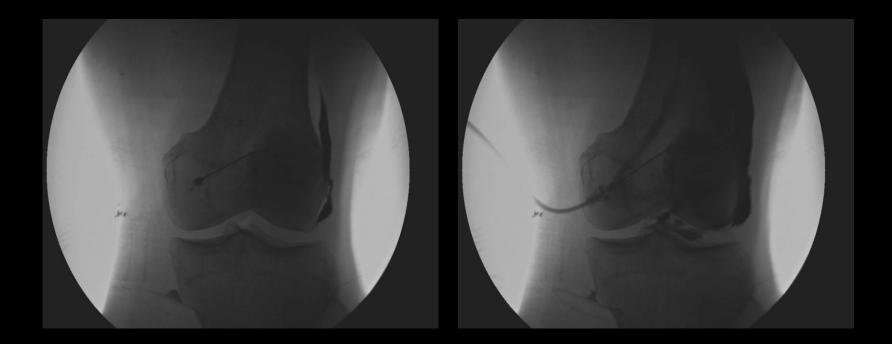
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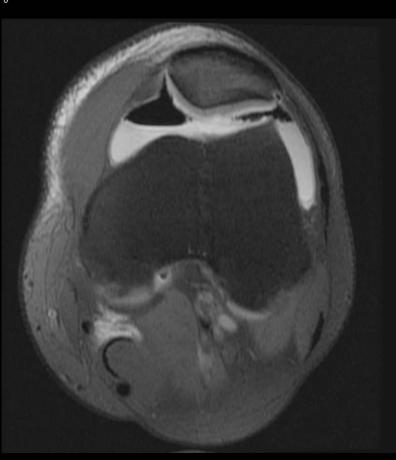


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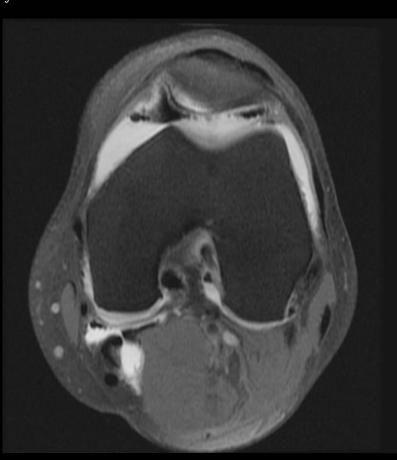
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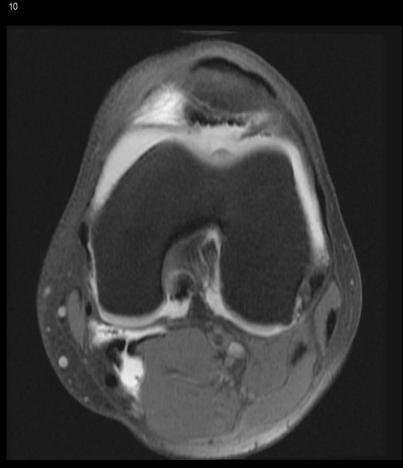


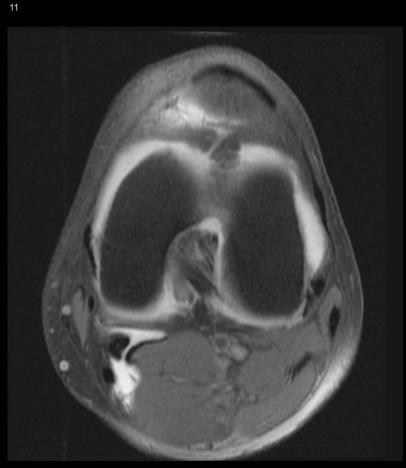


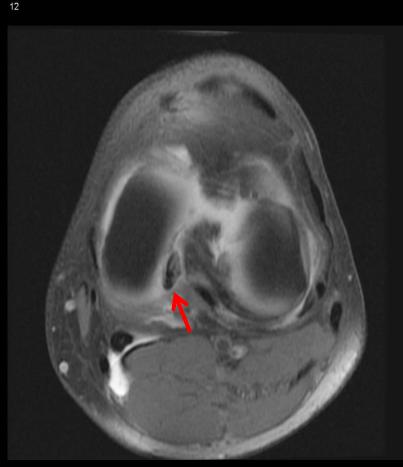


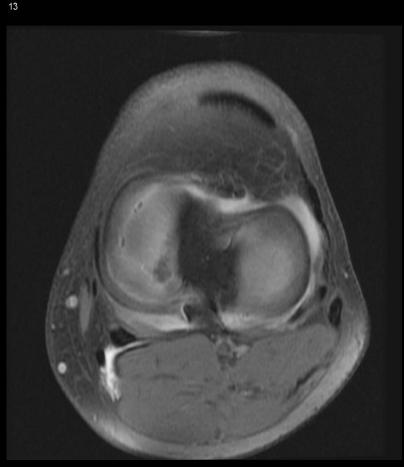




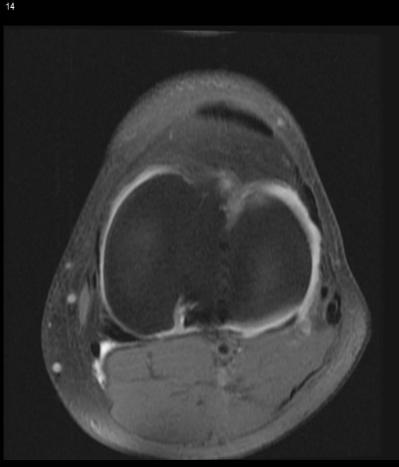






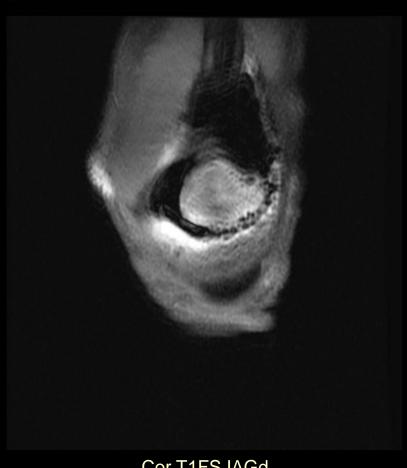


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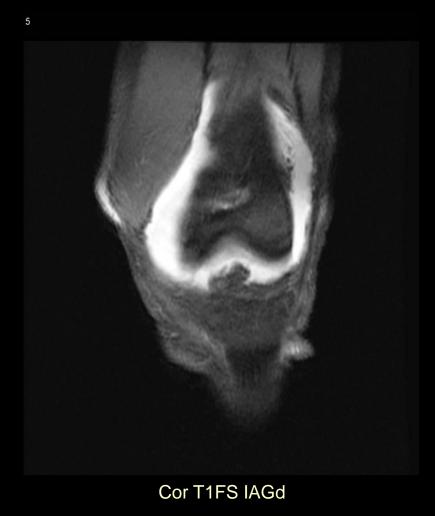


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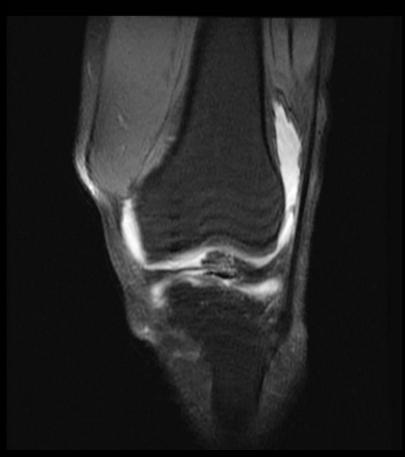




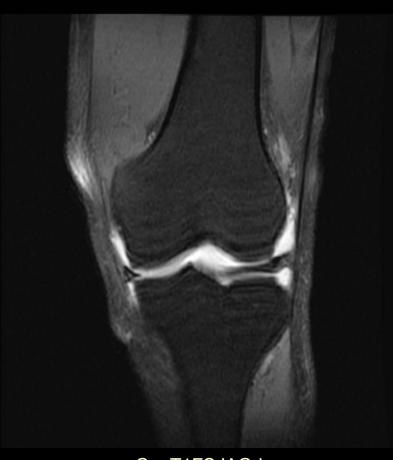












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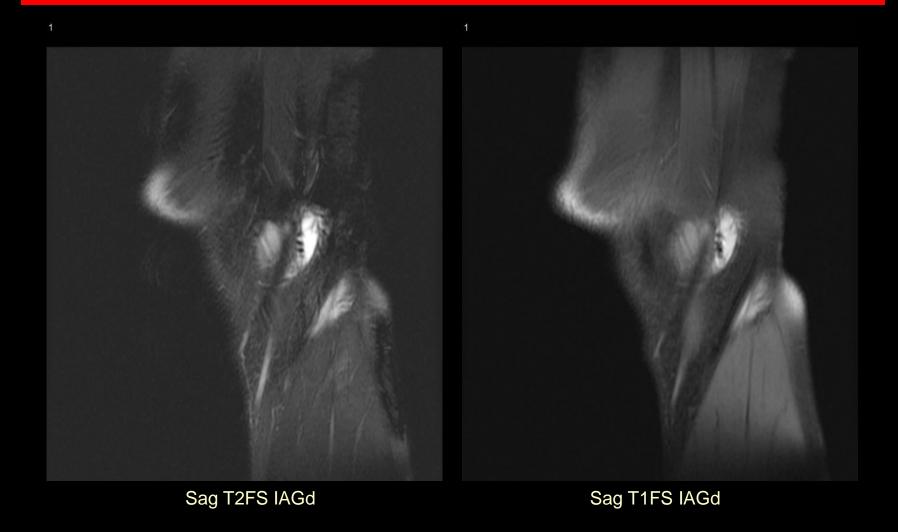


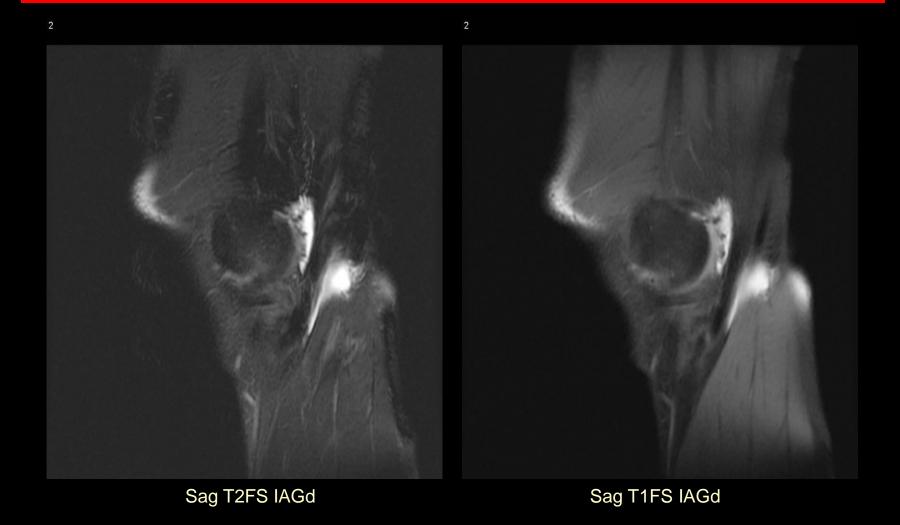
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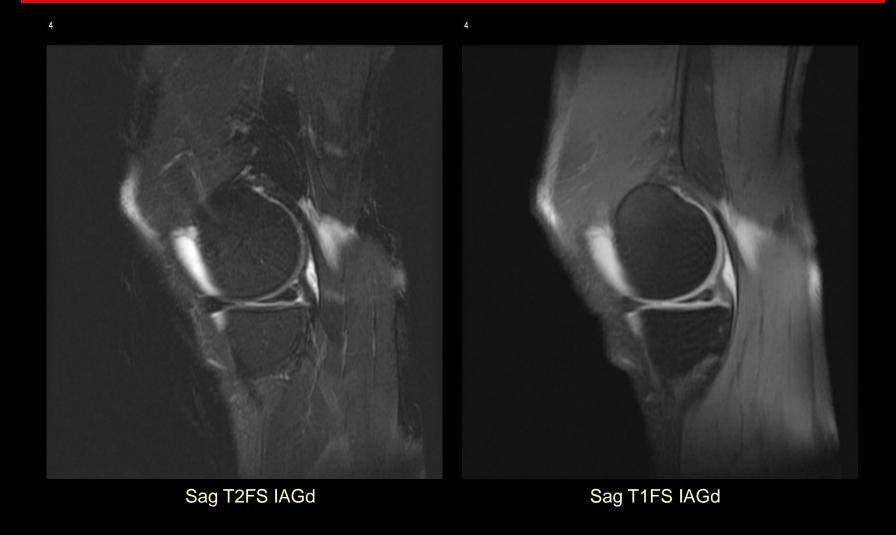


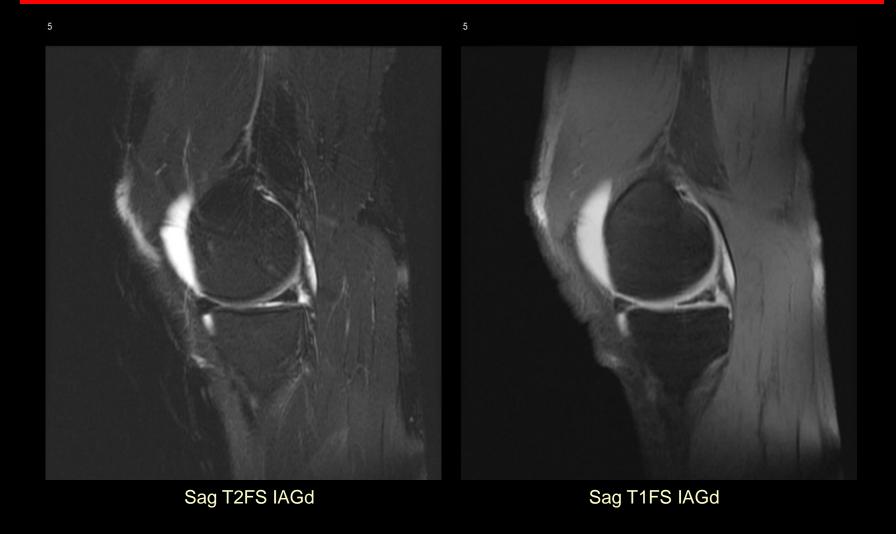


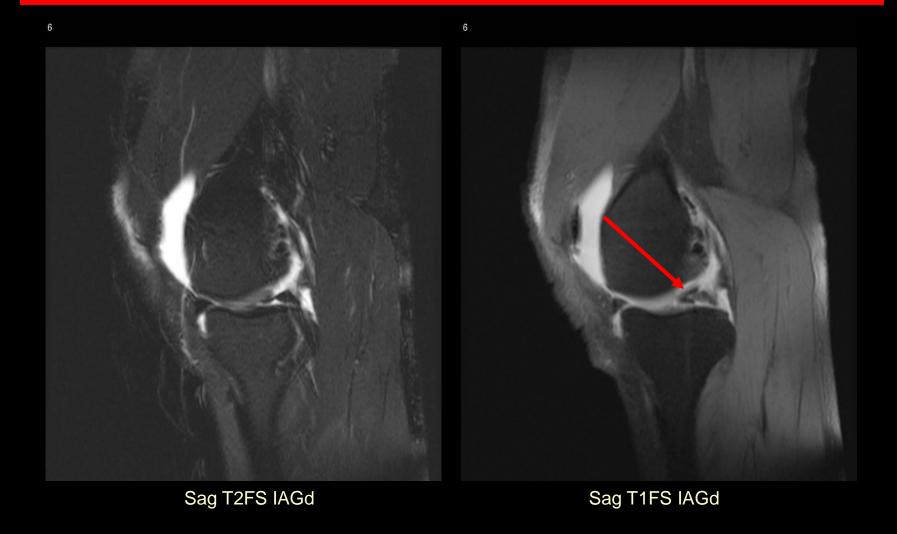


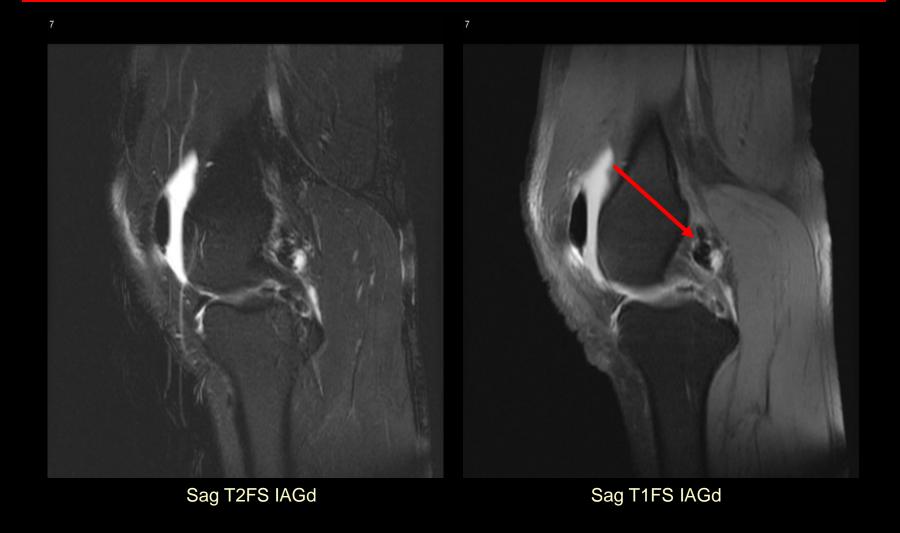


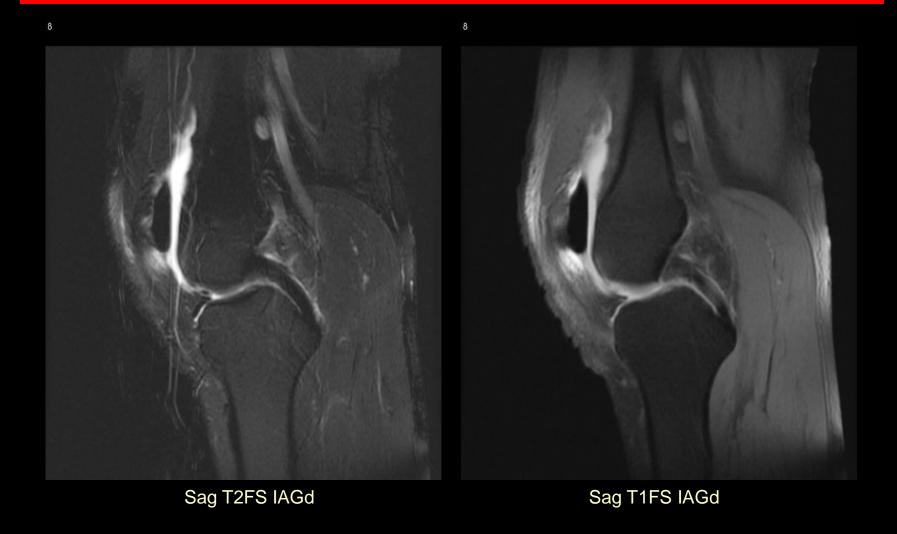
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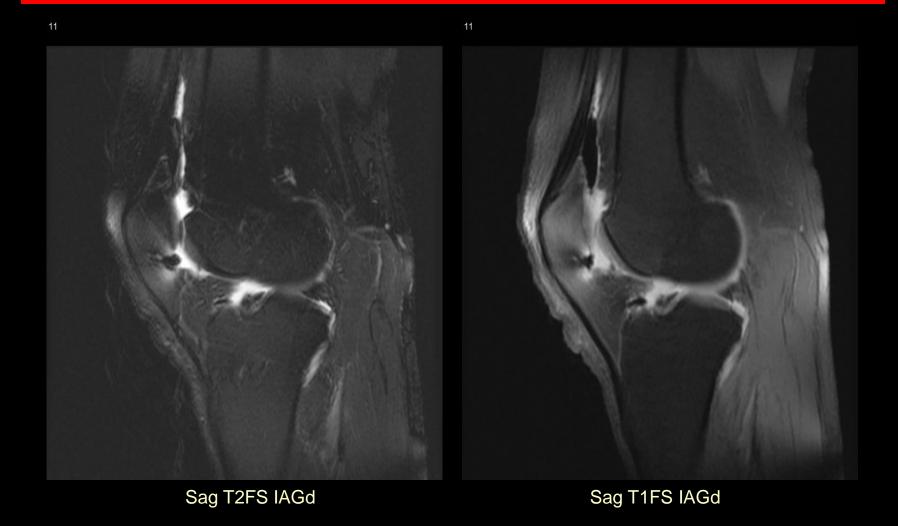




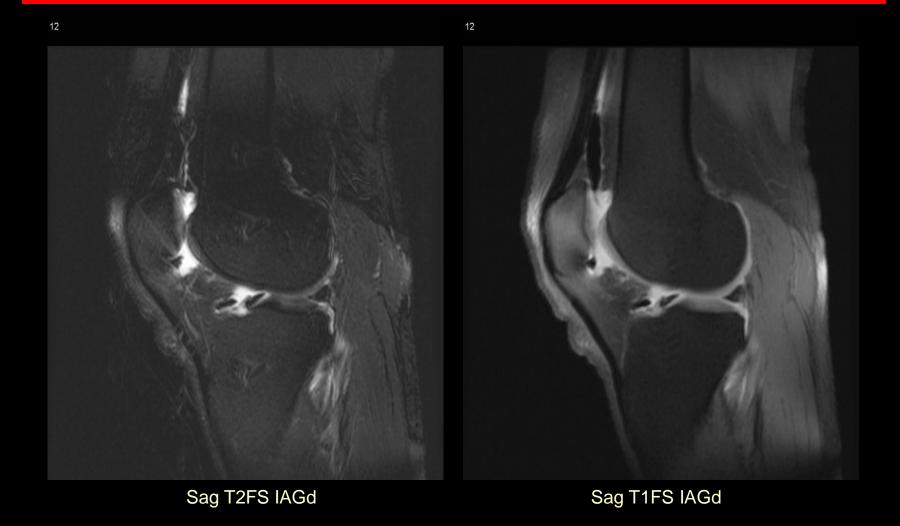




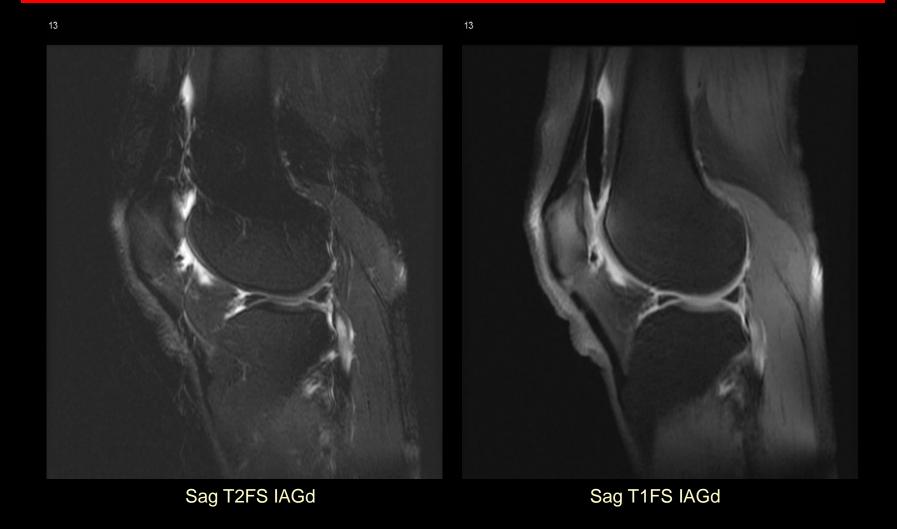


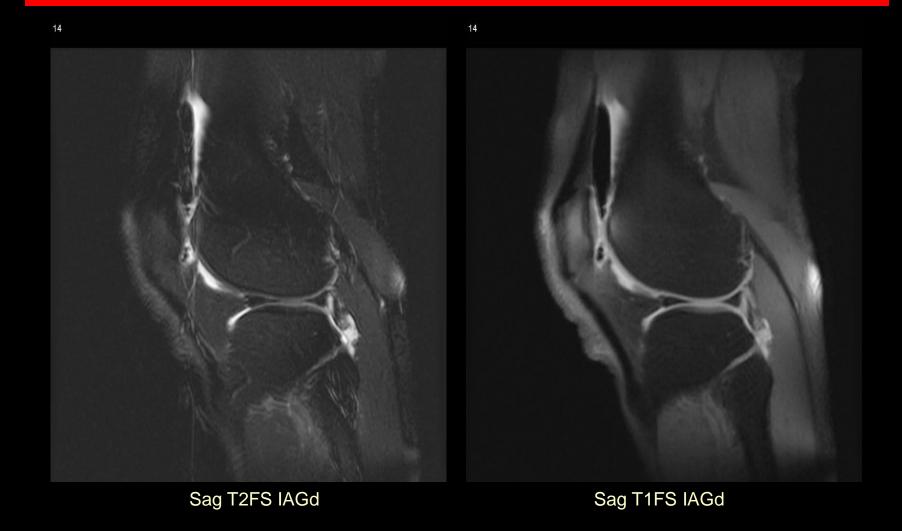


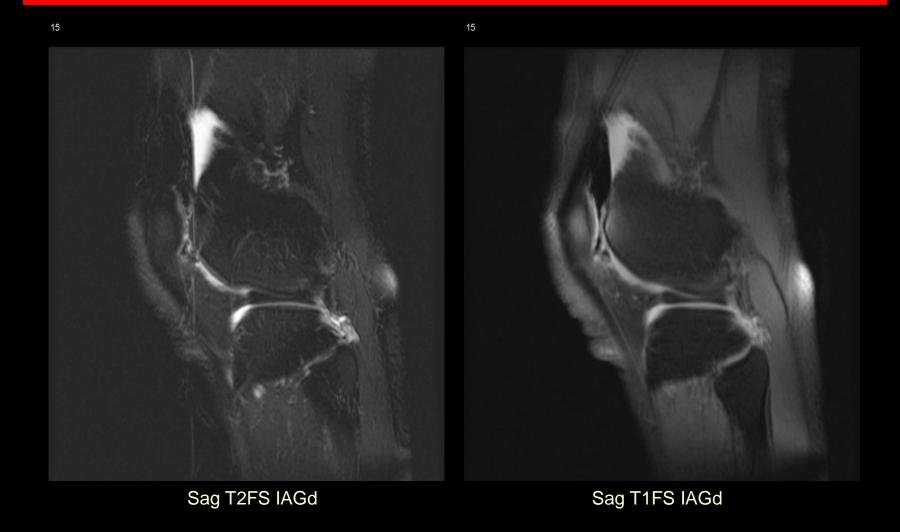
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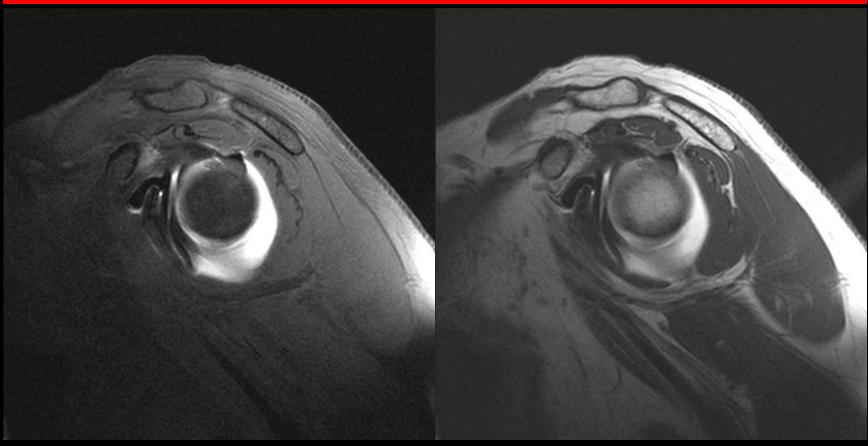
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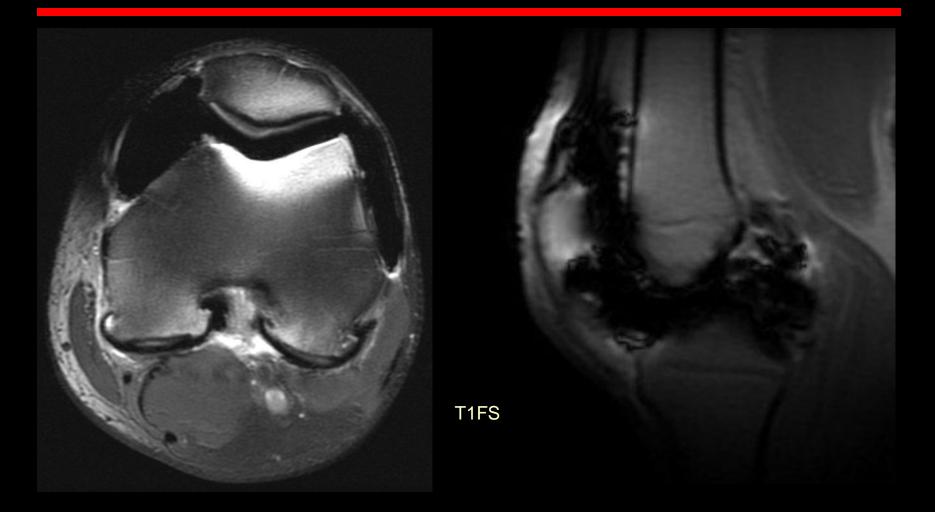
# Shoulder MR arthrography with air



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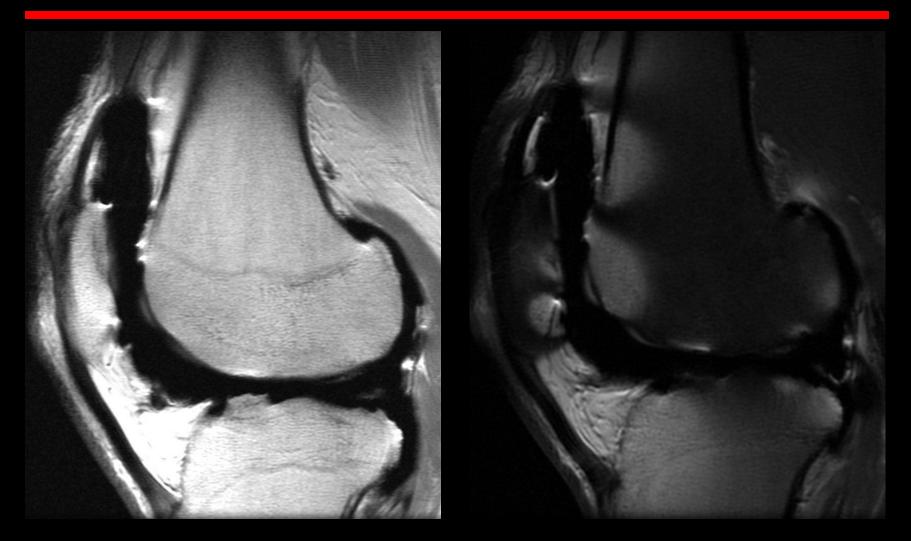
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# MRI Arthrography - Technique



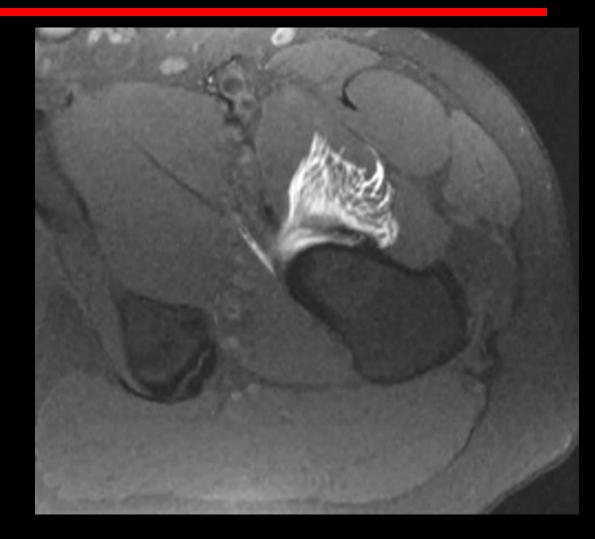
Undiluted Gd

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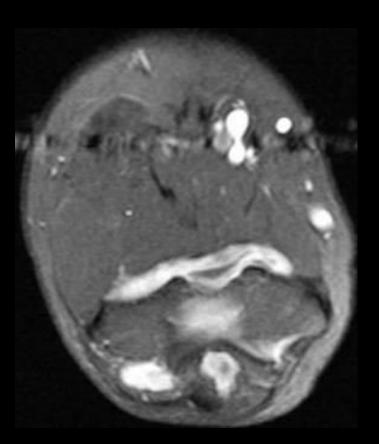
#### **Extravasation**

- No significant tissue toxicity
- No treatment necessary



# MRI Arthrography - Indirect Technique

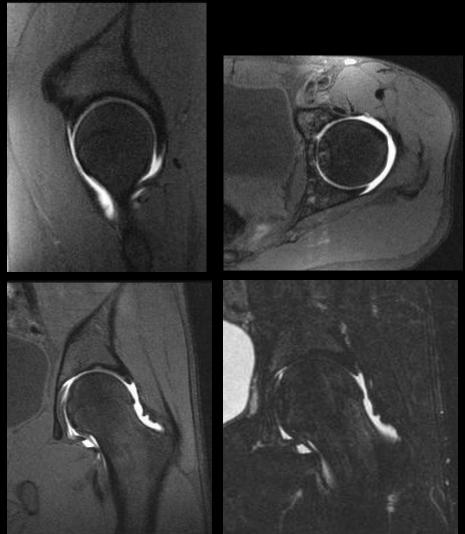
- 10mls of Gd IV
- Wait 15-30 mins to scan
- Best with inflamed joints



Elbow cocci

# MRI Arthrography - Sequences

- 3 planes of imaging with T1 fat-sat
- Preferred plane IR or T2-w FSE
- And a short TE sequence for anatomy
- Add axial or radial oblique's in line of femoral neck for FAI



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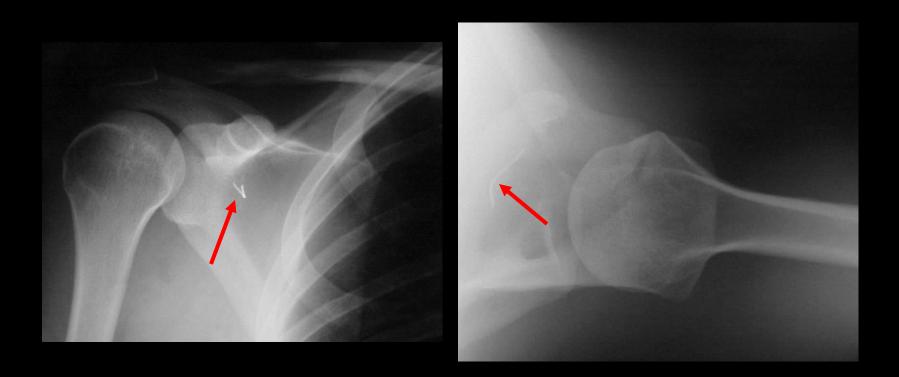
- Fluoroscopy usually sufficient
- CT may be of benefit for SIJ in elderly with OA to see osteophytes
- Ultrasound probably complicates matters
  - Great for bursa

# CT guided wrist arthrogram





#### Remember to take out the needle



### Joint volumes

- Shoulder 10-12 mls
- Elbow 5 mls
- Wrist 2-3 mls
- Hip 10 mls
- Knee up to 50 mls
- Ankle 5mls
- Subtalar 3-5 mls
- TMJ 1 ml

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Joint	Approach	Technique	<u>Aristospan</u>	<u>Aristocort/</u> <u>Kenalog</u>	<u>Depo-</u> <u>medrol</u>	Dexa- methasone
<u>Hip</u>	Anterolateral	Fluoro	20mg	40mg	80mg	4mg
<u>Knee</u>	Subpatella	Fluoro	20mg	40mg	80mg	4mg
<u>Ankle</u>	Anterior	Fluoro	10mg	20mg	40mg	2mg
<u>Subtalar</u>	Lateral	Fluoro	5mg	10mg	20mg	1mg
<u>SIJ</u>	Posterior	Fluoro/CT	10mg	20mg	40mg	2mg
<u>Shoulder</u>	Anterior/Post	Fluoro	20mg	40mg	80mg	4mg
<u>Elbow</u>	Lateral	Fluoro	10mg	20mg	40mg	2mg
<u>Wrist</u>	Posterior	Fluoro	5mg	10mg	20mg	1mg
Sub deltoid bursa	Anterior	US	10mg	20mg	40mg	2mg
Tendon sheaths		US	5mg	10mg	20mg	1mg

### **Check list for Biopsies**

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Referring Doctor:					Pager:	Extension:
Scheduling contact:	Dept: 33045,	Sheila 33372,	Sarona 37497,			
	Soladad 33340,	Rosa 33373,	Maritza 37258			
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Previous imaging checked:			Biopsy appropriate:			
Most accessible lesion	n:					
If possible sarcoma, a	ccess route discusse	d with surgeon:				
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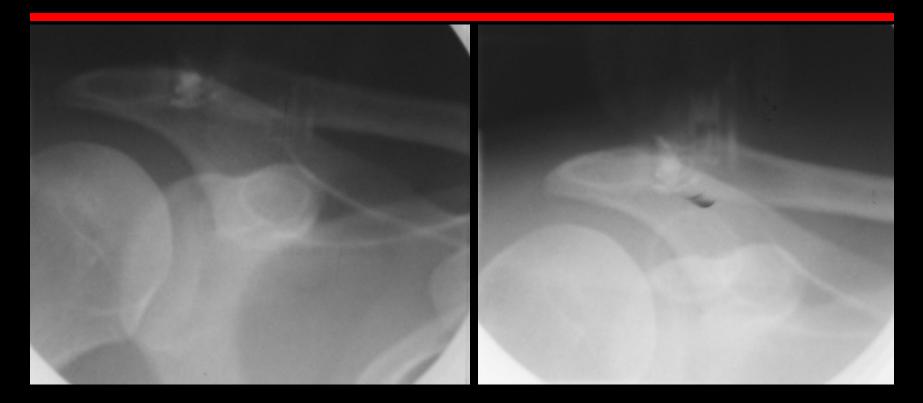
#### Medication reconciliation

### **ACJ Arthrography - Indications**

- Aspiration
- Anterior or superior
- Rotate patient



# ACJ Arthrography



### Shoulder Arthrography - Indications

- RCT
- Labral pathology
- Synovitis
- Adhesive capsulitis



### **Standard Anterior Approach**

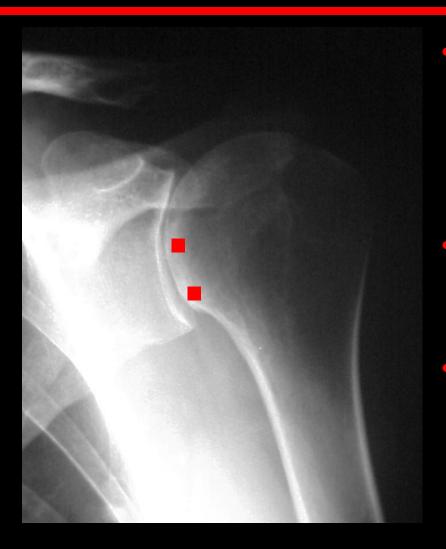
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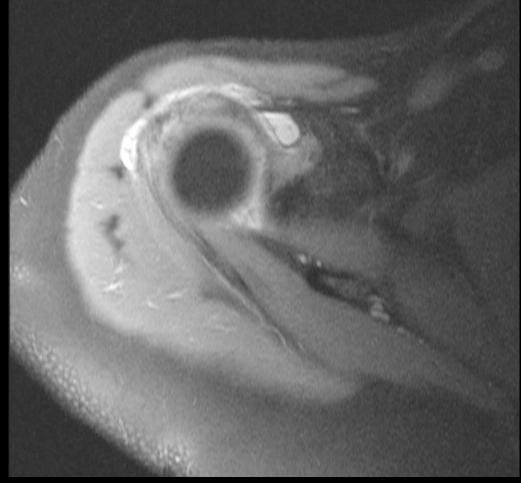
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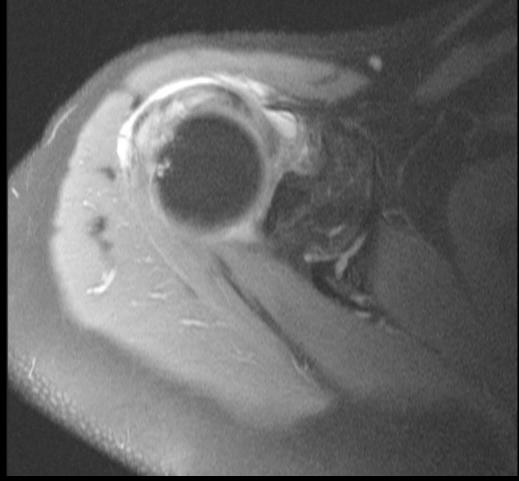
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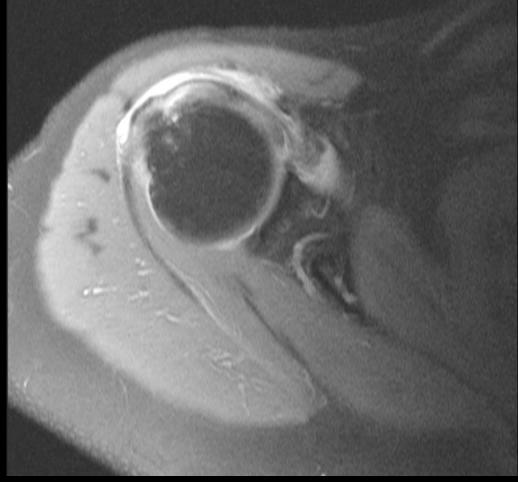


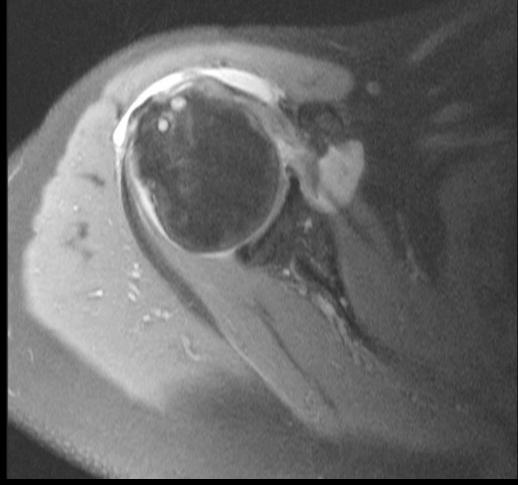
- Anterior approach
  - External rotation
  - Keep below subdeltoid bursa
- Posterior approach
  - Internal rotation
  - Rotator interval approach
    - External rotation
    - Stay medial to biceps



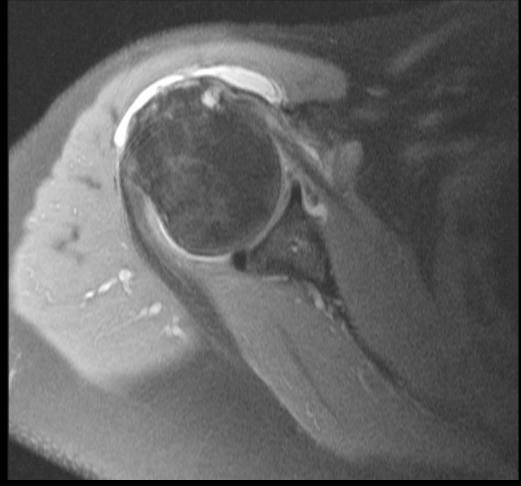
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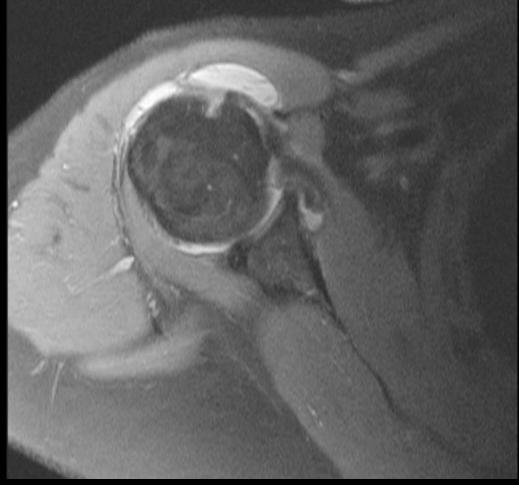


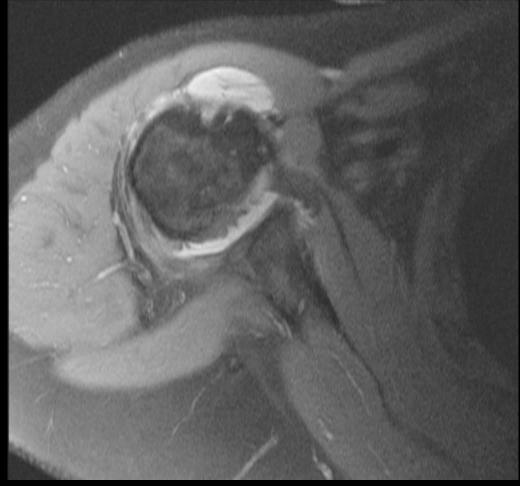


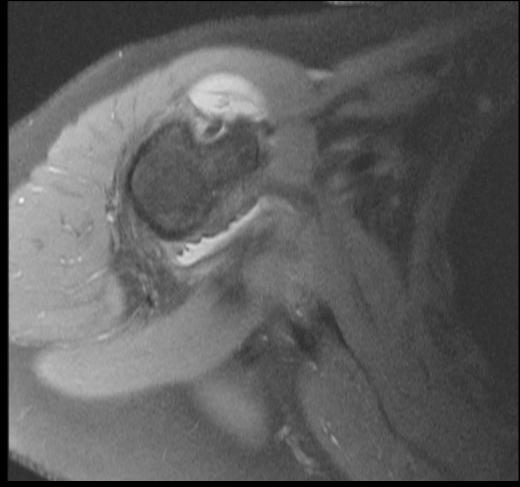
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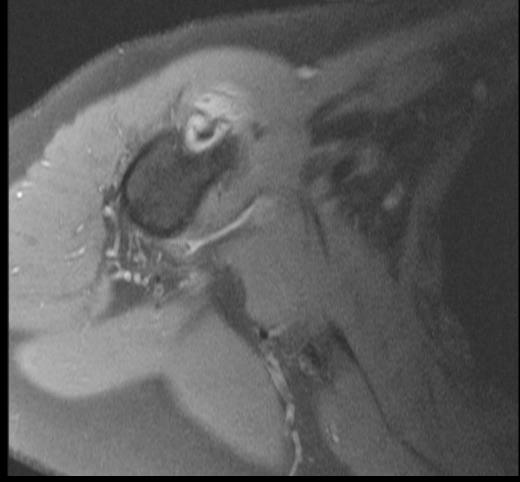








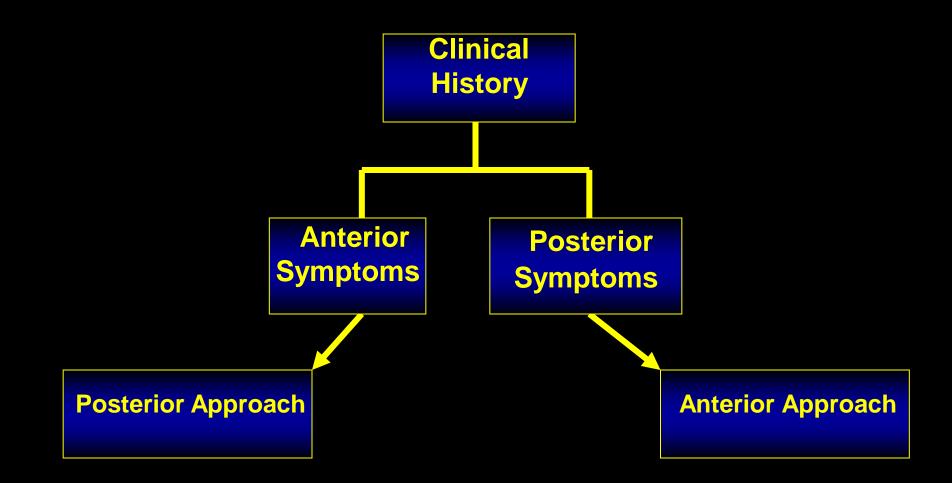




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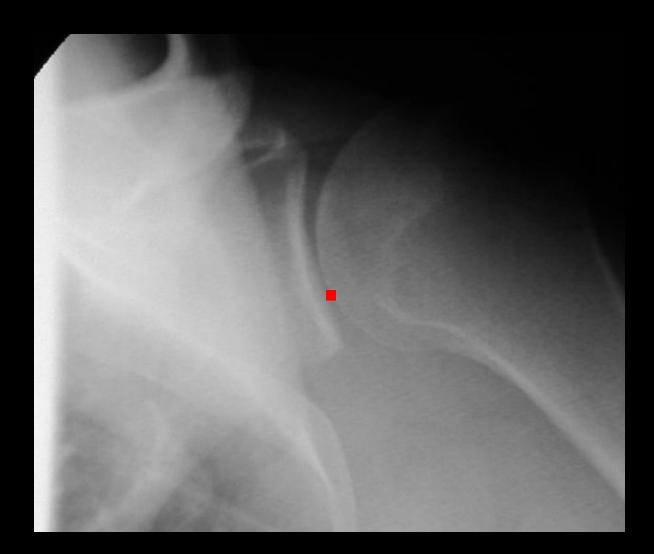
### Tailored Approach to MR Arthrography



# **Posterior Approach**



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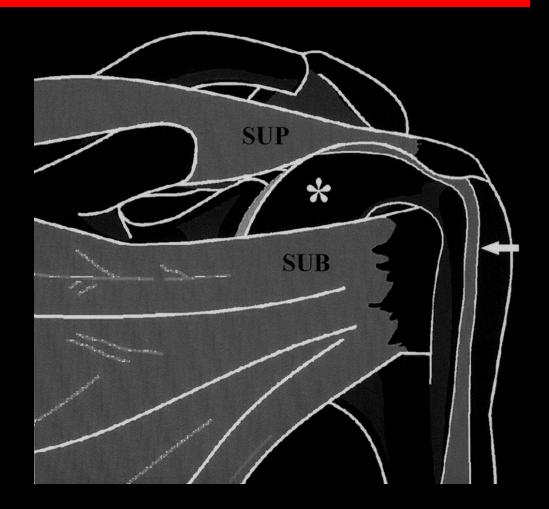


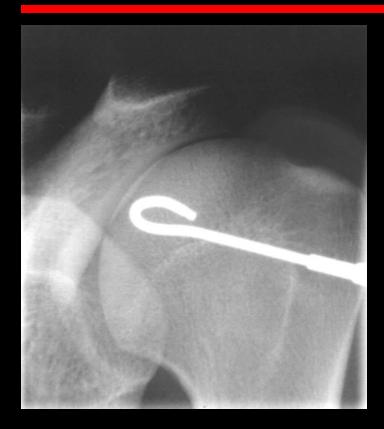
#### Posterior Approach Arthrography

#### Posterior approach right shoulder



- Easy
- 38mm needle
- Less pain



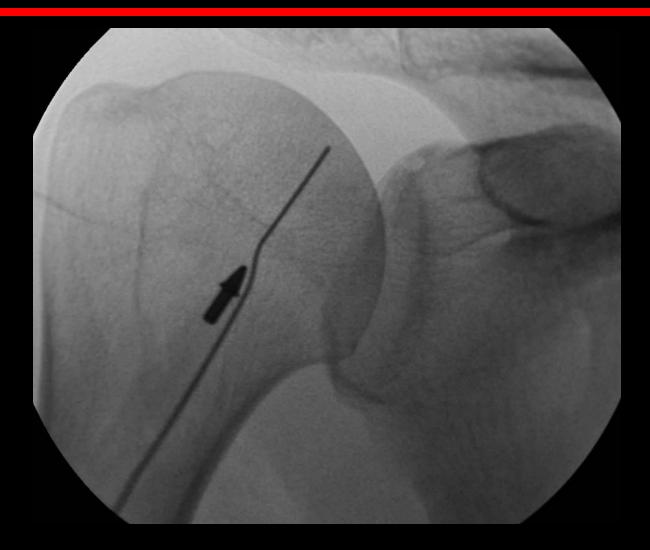




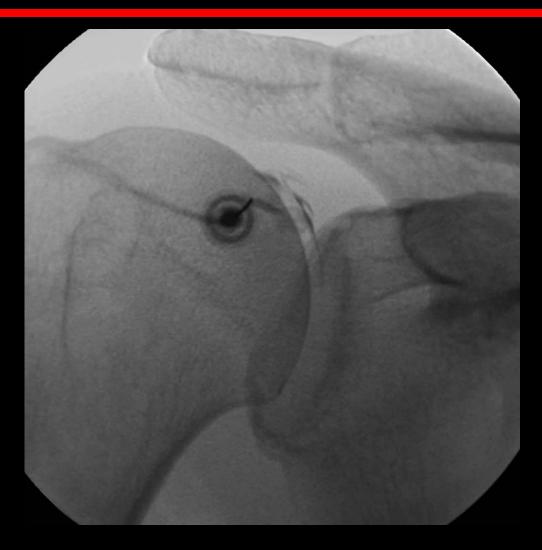


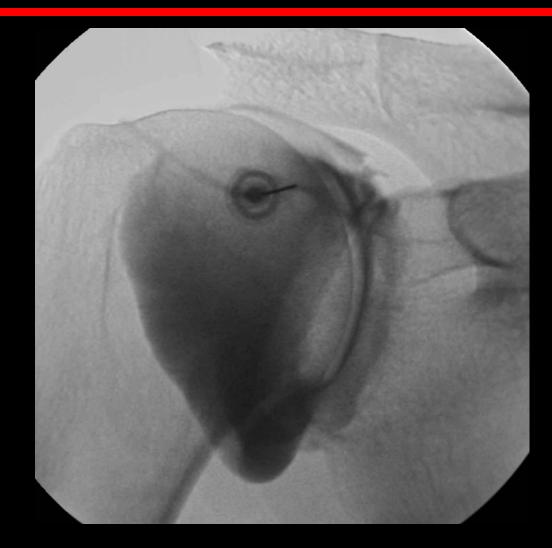
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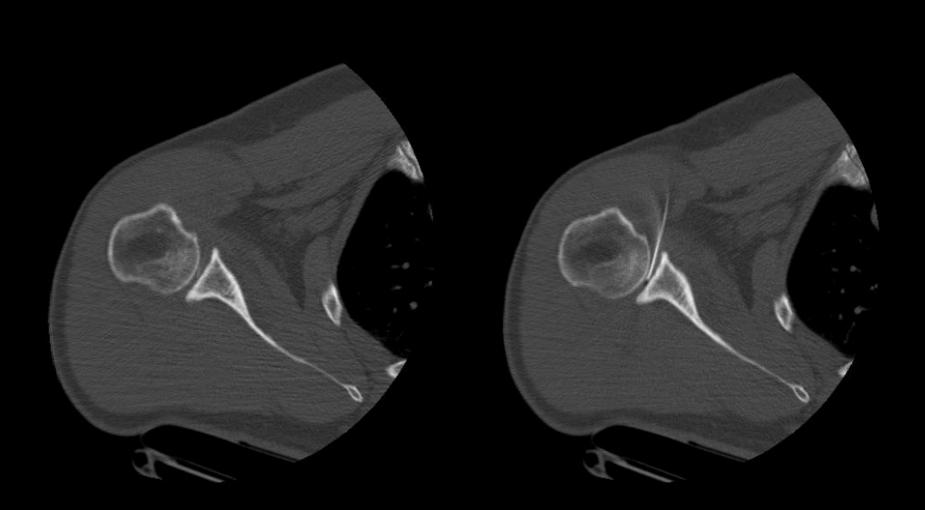








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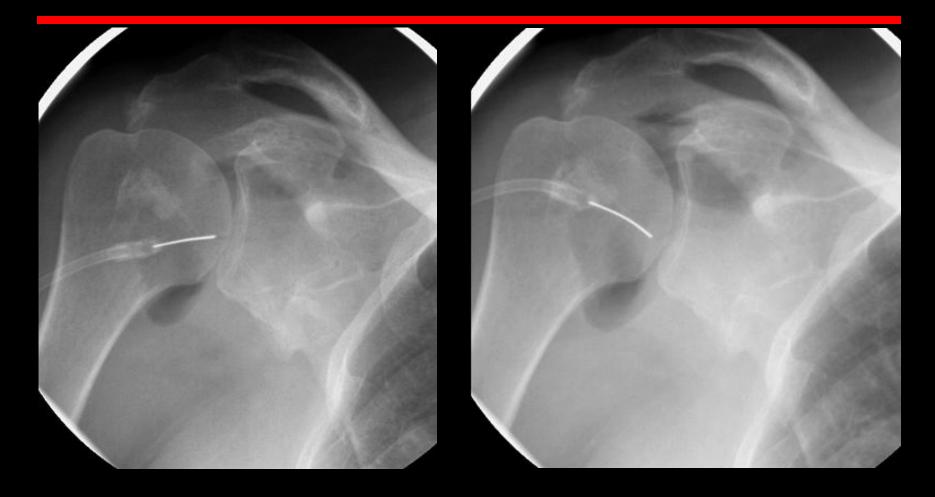
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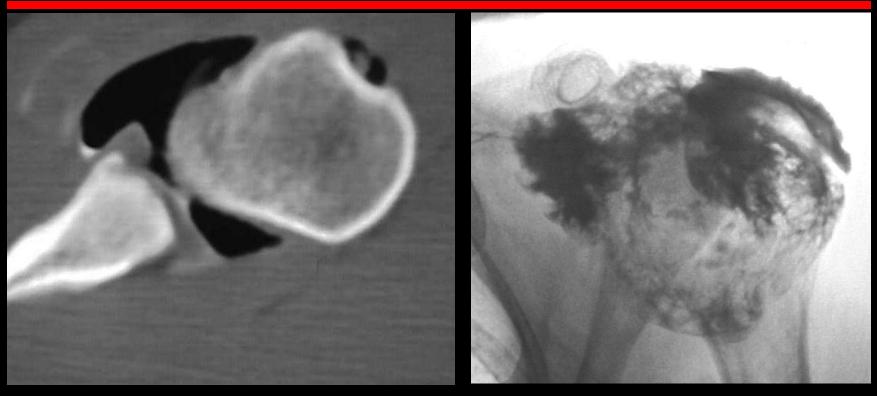
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- AP + caudal
  - Internal Rotation
  - External Rotation
  - Traction
  - Abduction
- Lateral Y

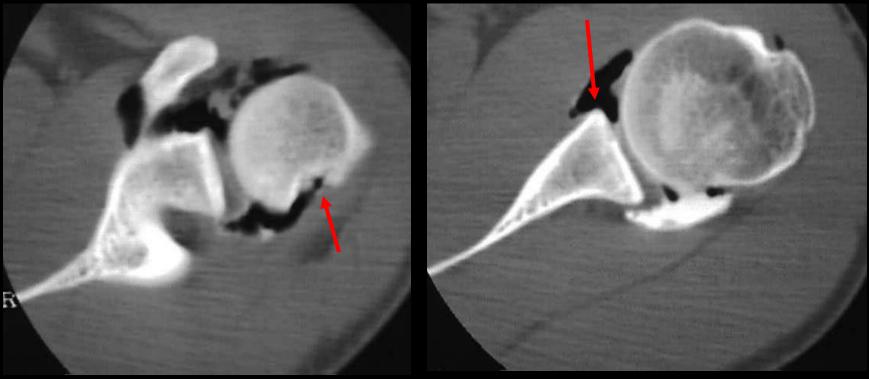
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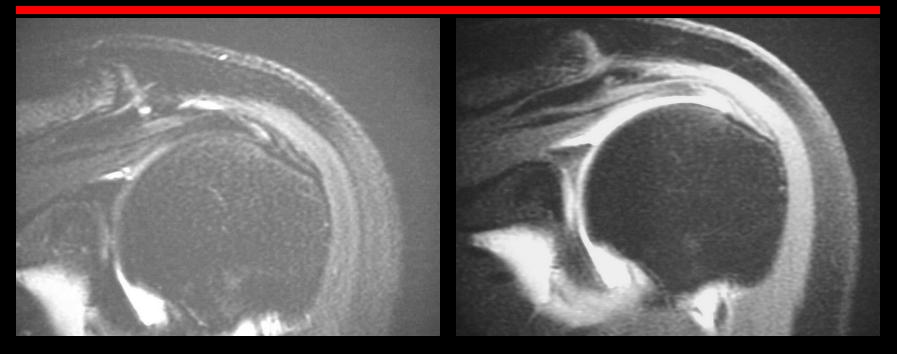
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RhA



**Hill Sachs** 

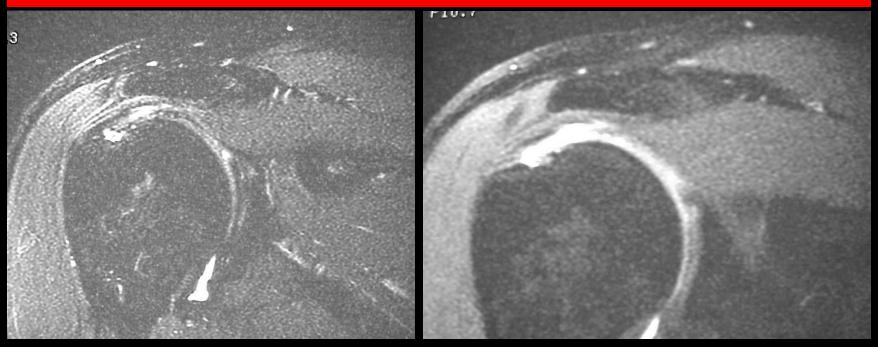
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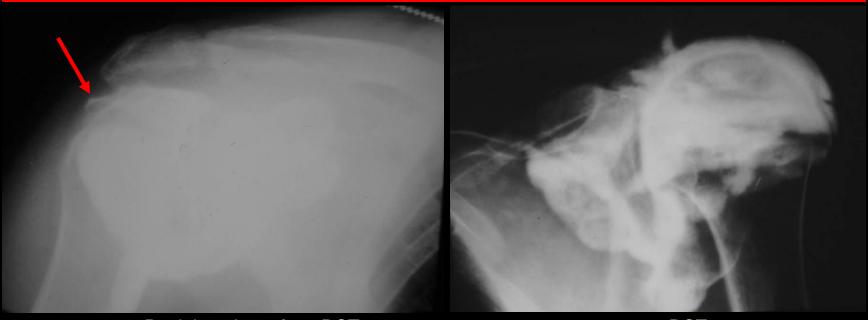
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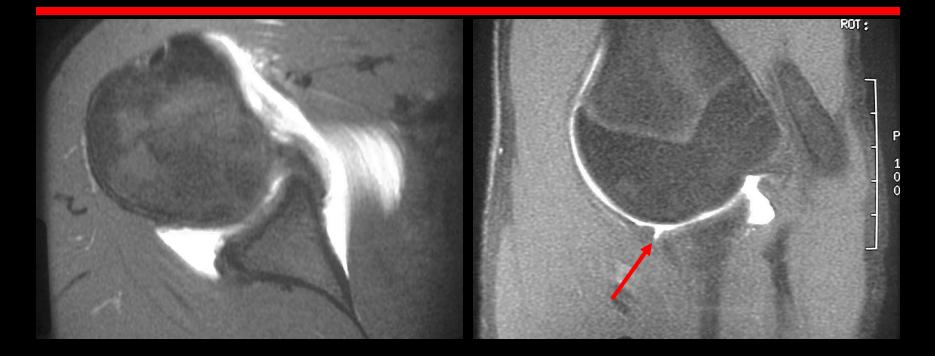
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Partial undersurface RCT

RCT

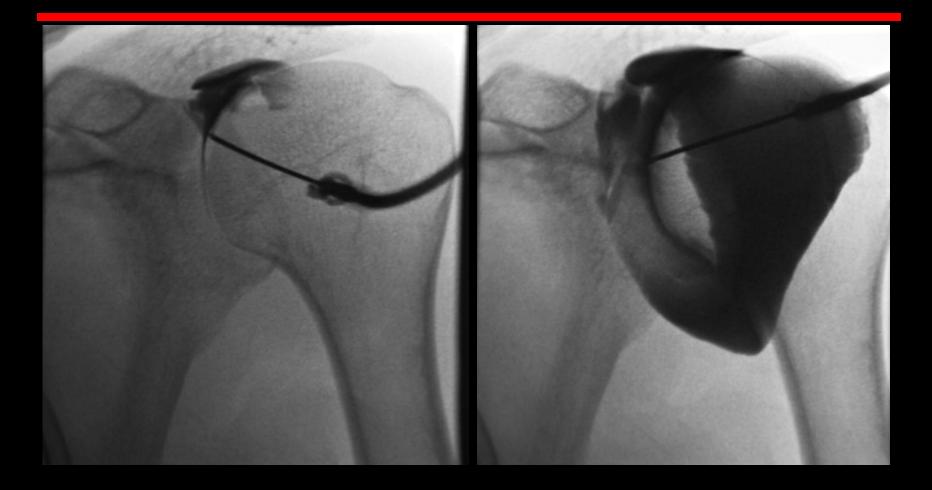
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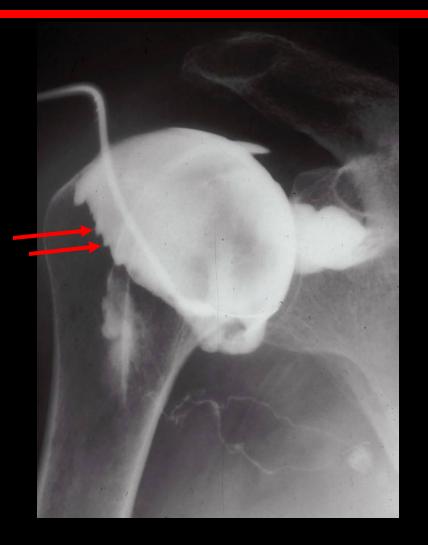
#### **Briesment**

- Treatment for adhesive capsulitis
- "Time out"
- Check for either F/U or physiotherapy appointment
- Inject 2-3mls LA (wait)
- Inject 40mg Kenalog or equivalent
- Inject dilute contrast 50% 240 slowly and intermittently
- Record comfortable volume
- Carry on distending joint until it ruptures/leaks

#### **Briesment**



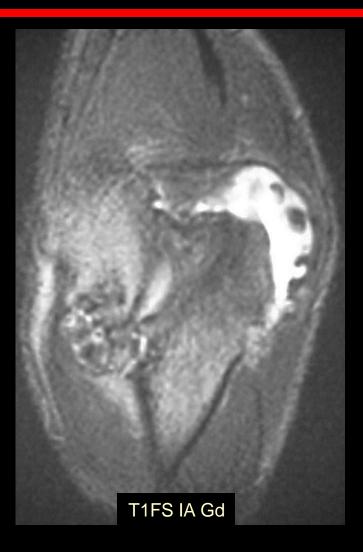
Briesment 36F



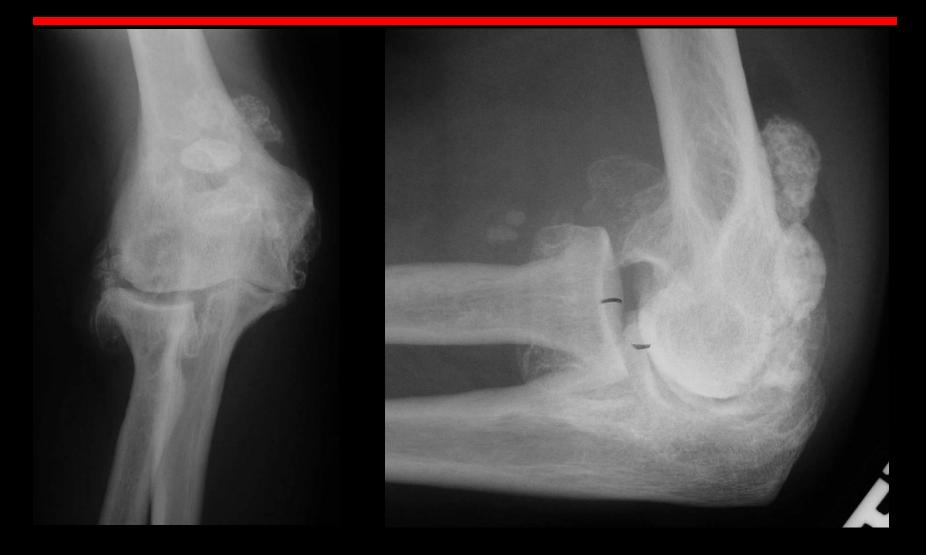
Adhesive capsulitis

### **Elbow Arthrography - Indications**

- IA bodies
- Internal derangement



# Elbow Arthrography - Indications



- Hand on tummy
- Neutral rotation
- Pad under elbow
- 38mm 21-23G





- Prone
- Arm above head





- Sitting on chair
- Arm on table

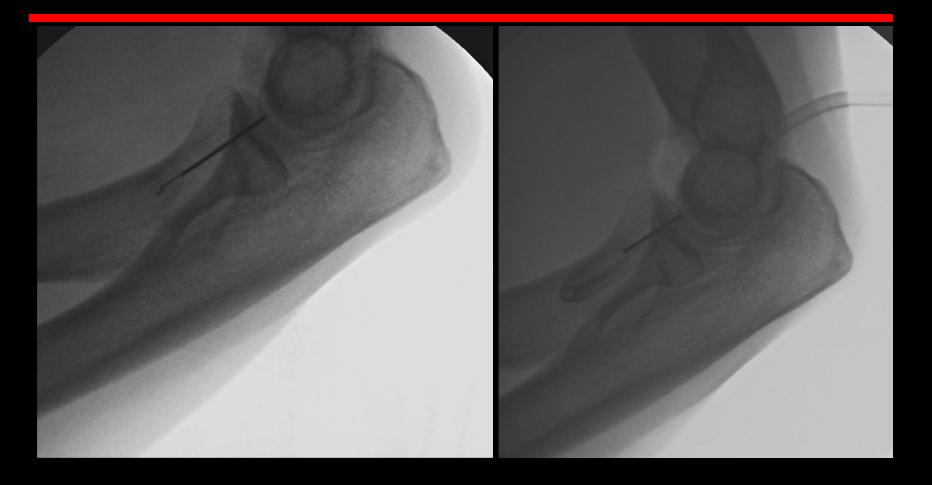




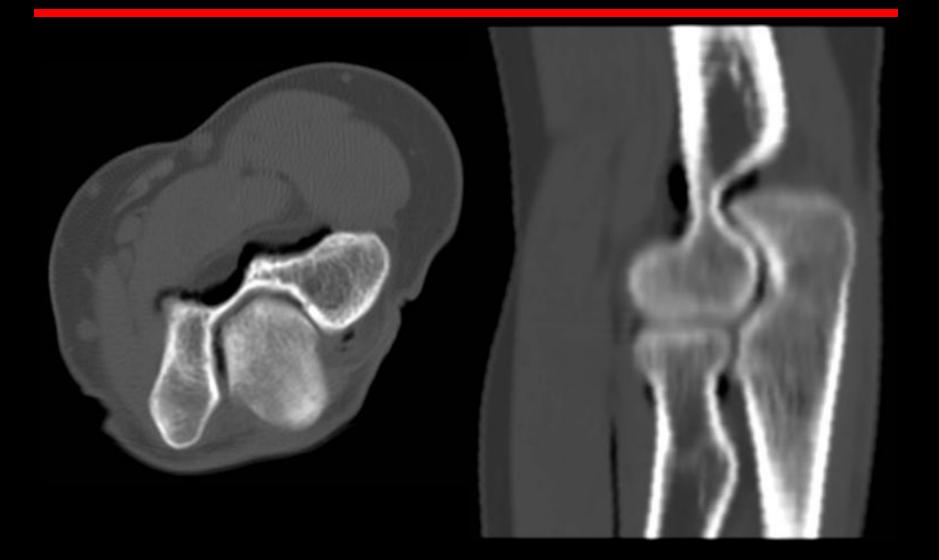








Air CT arthro elbow 43F



Air CT arthro elbow 43F



- AP
- Lateral





RhA synovial cyst

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### Elbow Arthrography - CT

- Arm above head
- Avoid scanning in plane of radius and ulna
- Scan all injected contrast + or –

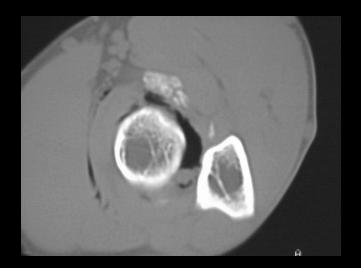
• <1 mm

- Recon all 3 orthogonal planes of elbow
- Less good arm by side

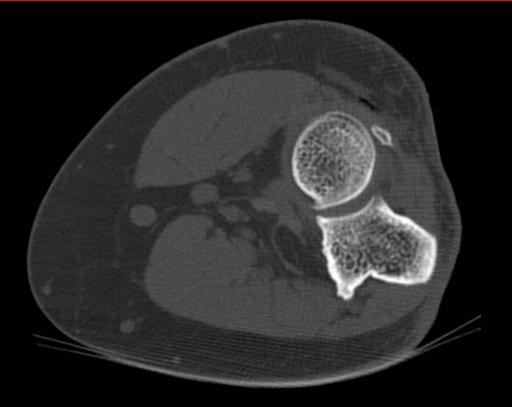


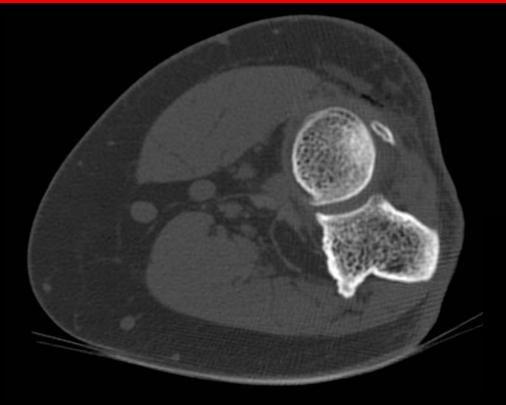




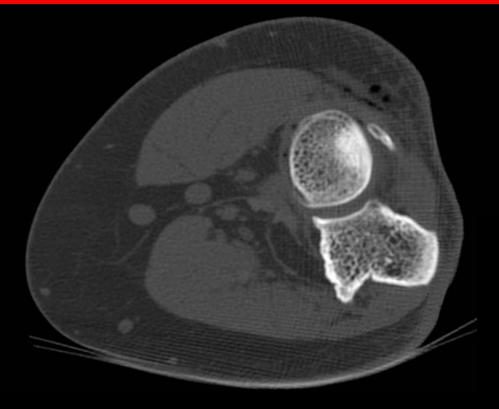


Synovial osteochondromatosis

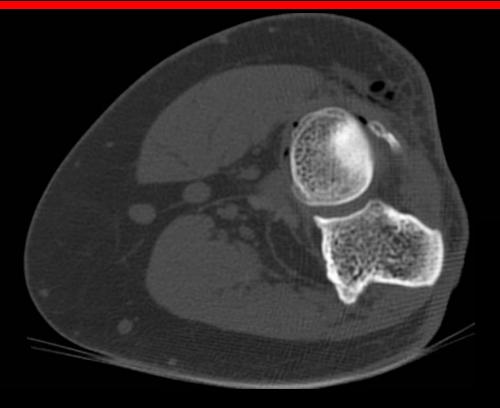


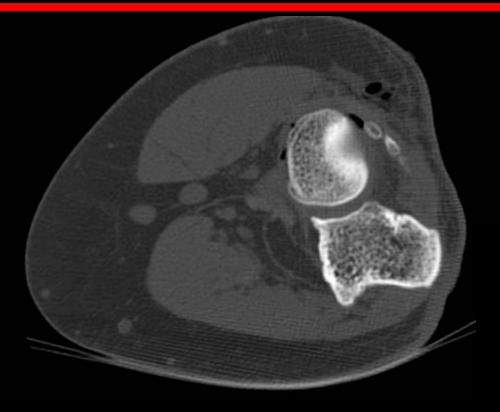


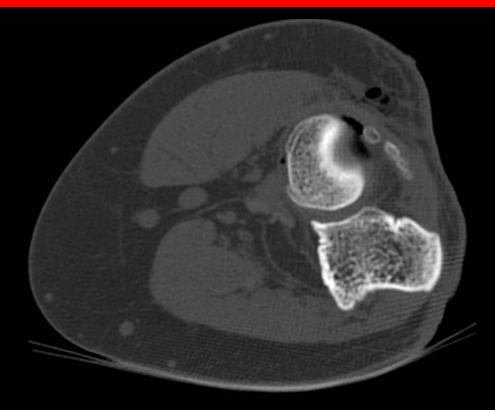
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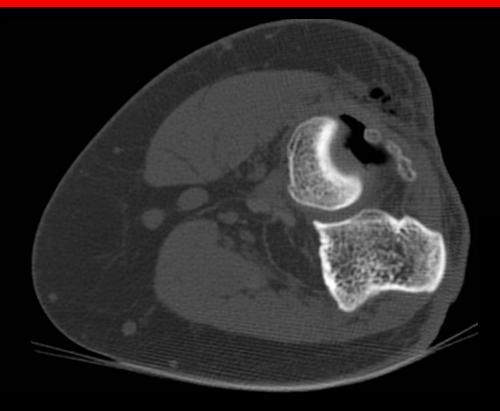


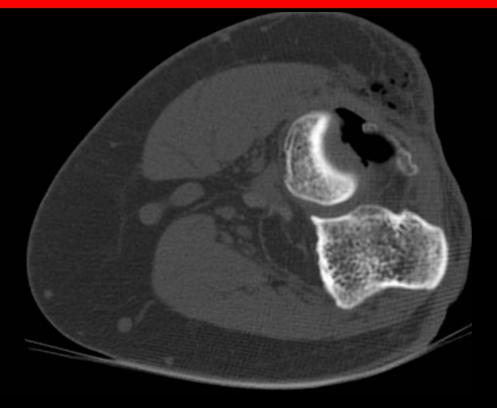
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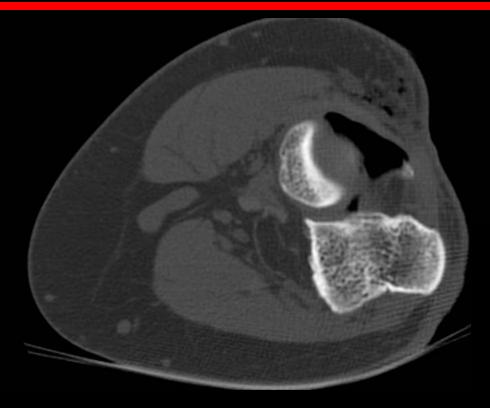




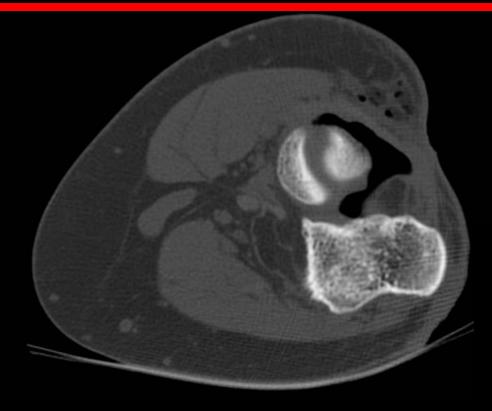


Multiple elbow bodies





















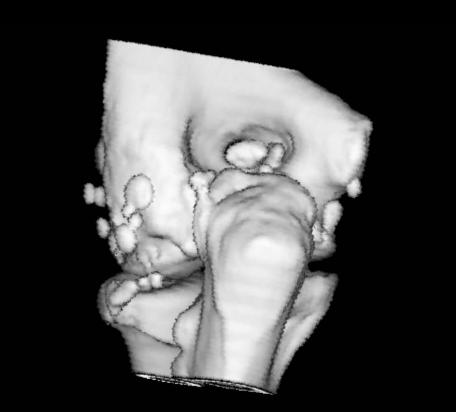


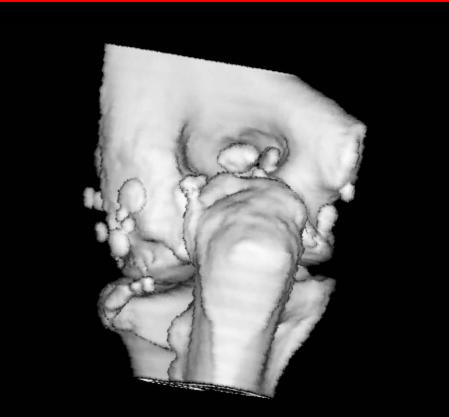


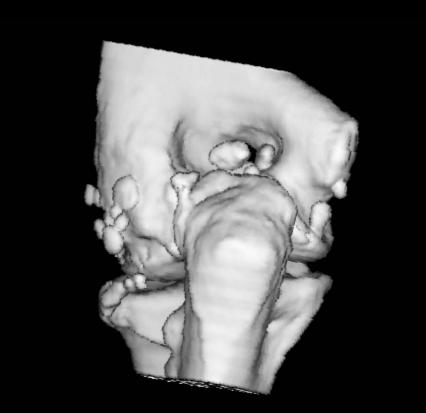












# Wrist Arthrography - Indications

- Intercarpal ligaments.
- Triangular fibrocartilage
- Scaphoid nonunion
- Soft tissue ganglia
- Wrist prosthesis



Early TFC leakage

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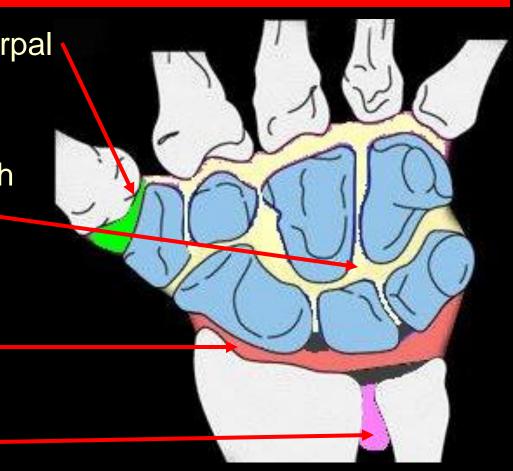
TFCC and LT ligament perforations

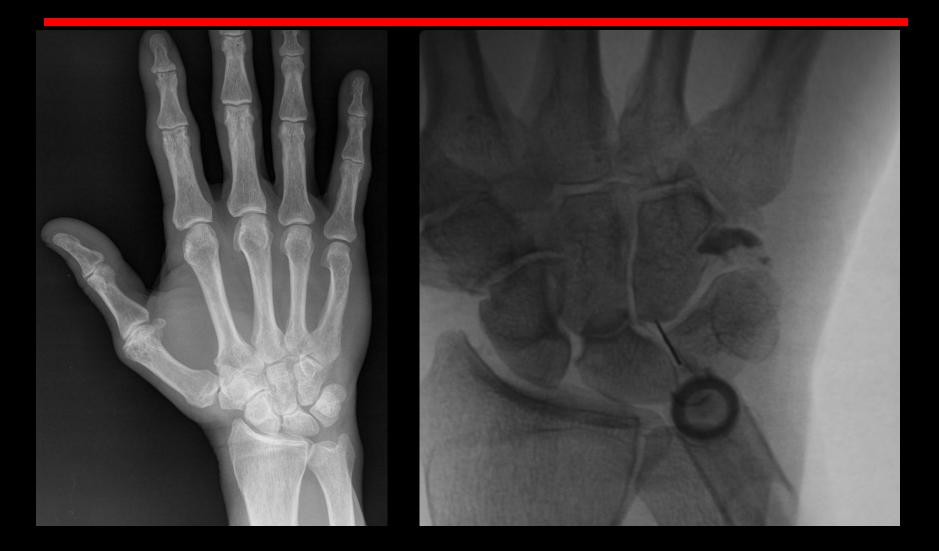
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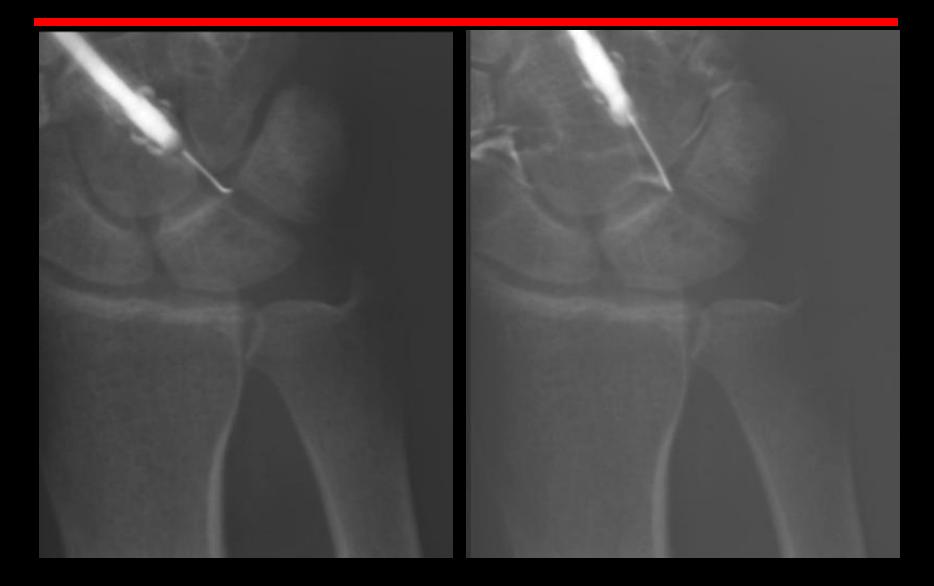
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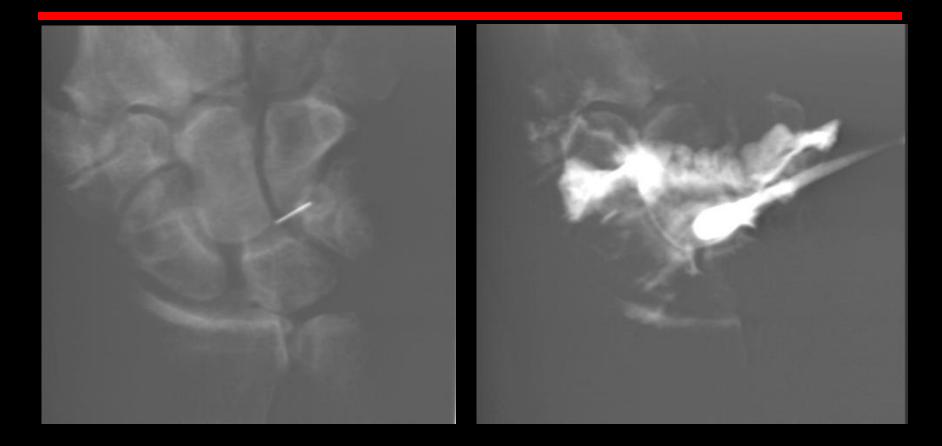


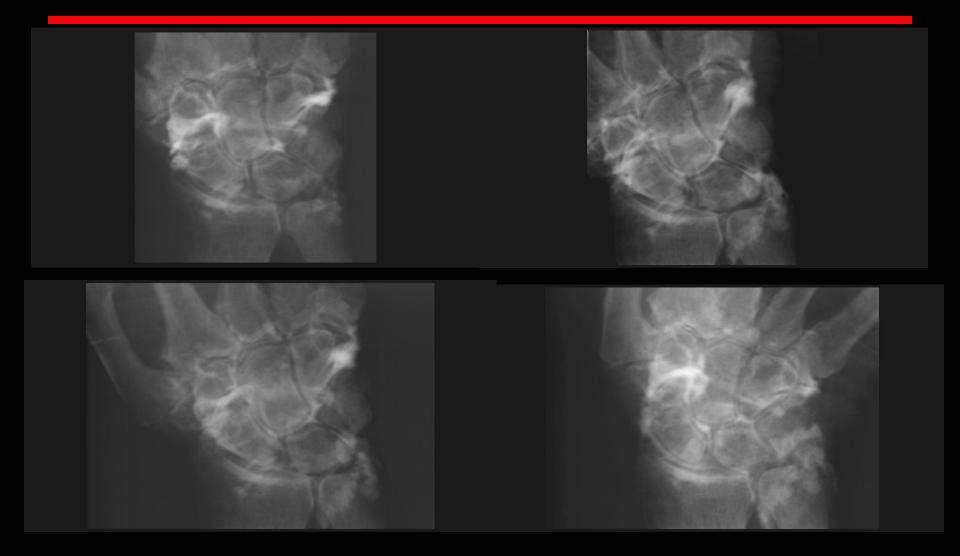
- First carpometacarpal
- Midcarpal, which communicates with common carpometacarpal
- Distal radioulnar
- Radiocarpal









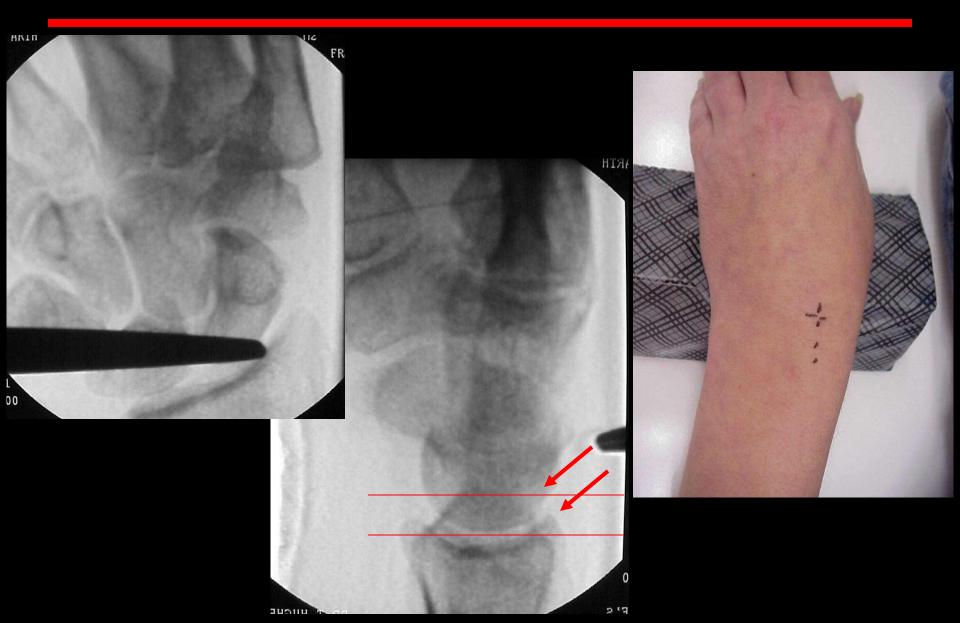


#### Wrist arthrography

- Controversy about which compartments and how many compartments need to be injected
- Most common single injection is radiocarpal



## Wrist arthrography - Technique 1

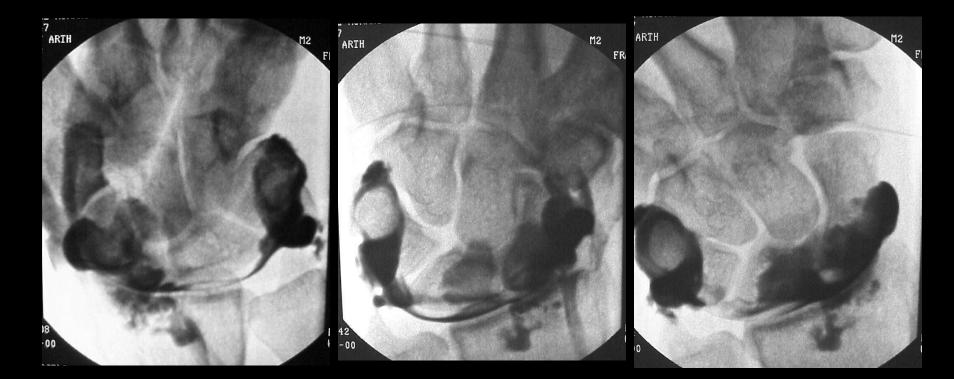


# Wrist arthrography - Technique 2



**TFCC** perforation

# Wrist arthrography - Technique 3



Palmar flexion

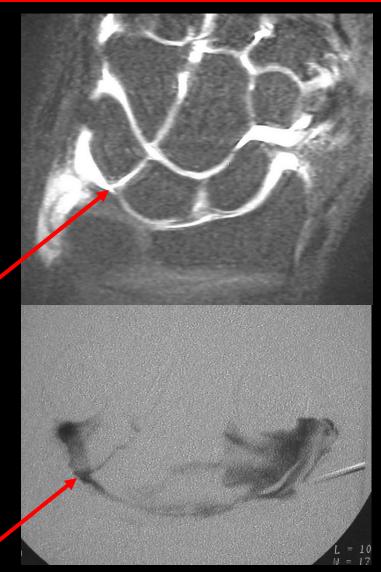
**Radial deviation** 

Ulna deviation

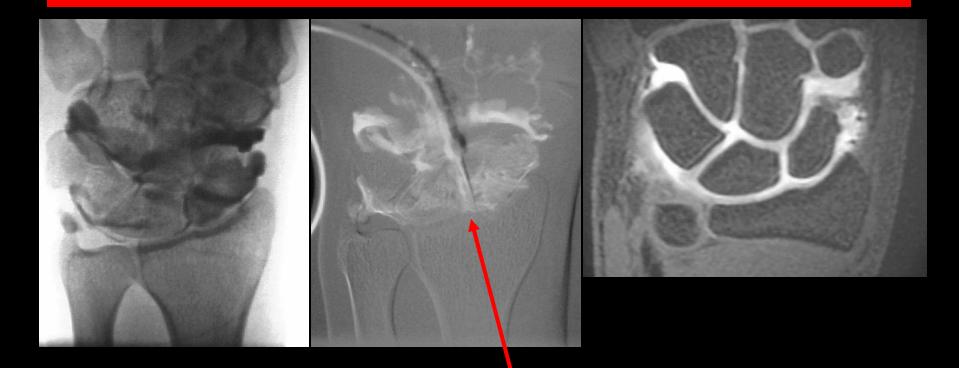
Normal study

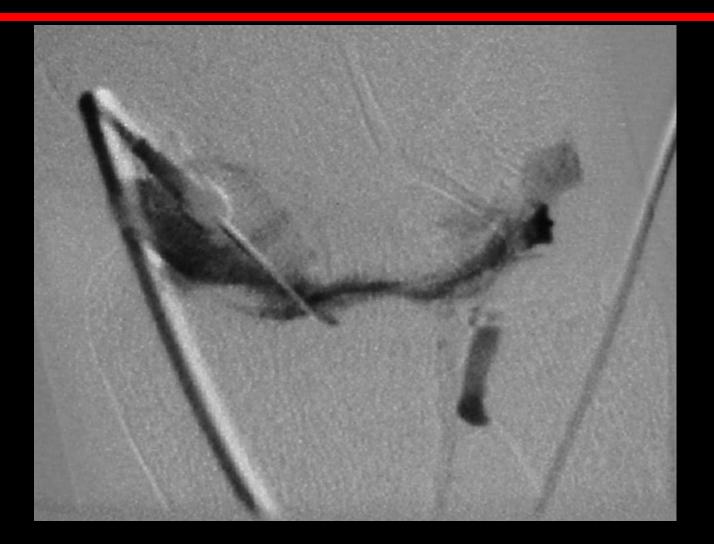
# Arthrographic technique

- Radioscaphoid
- Always obtain plain film series
- DSA 1 frame/sec preferred



#### Lunotriquetral ligament perforation



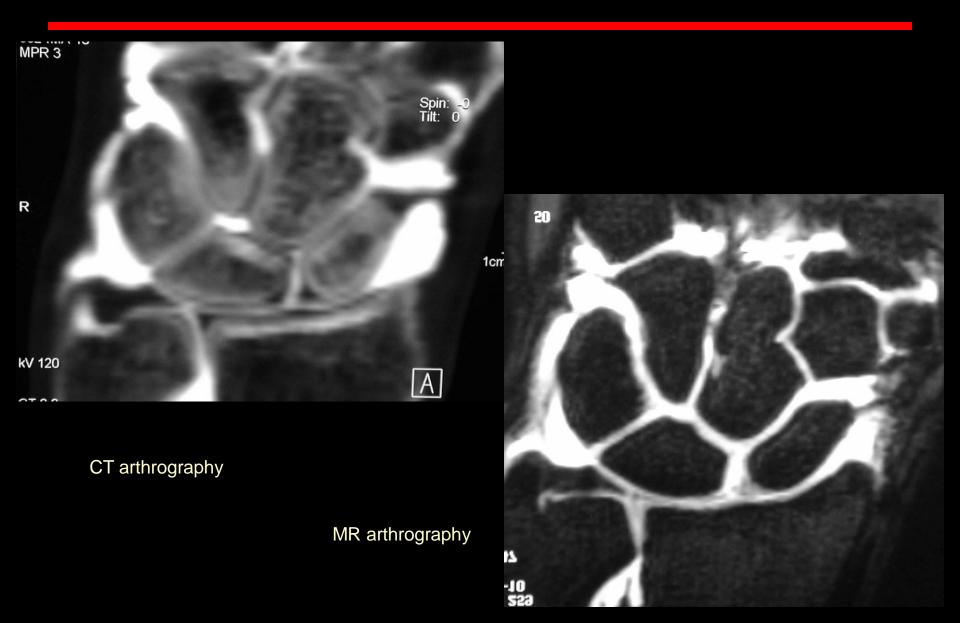




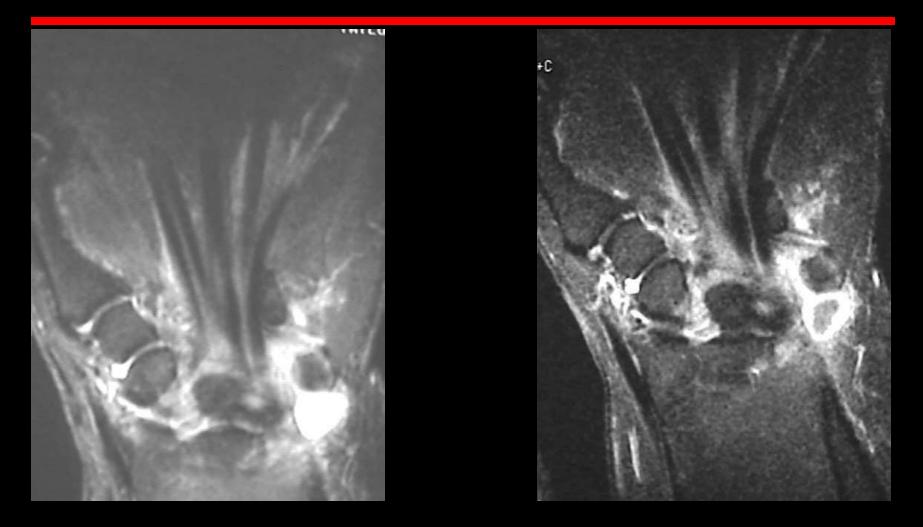




# Wrist Arthrography



### Wrist Indirect Arthrography



Cor T2FS

Cor T1FS IV Gd

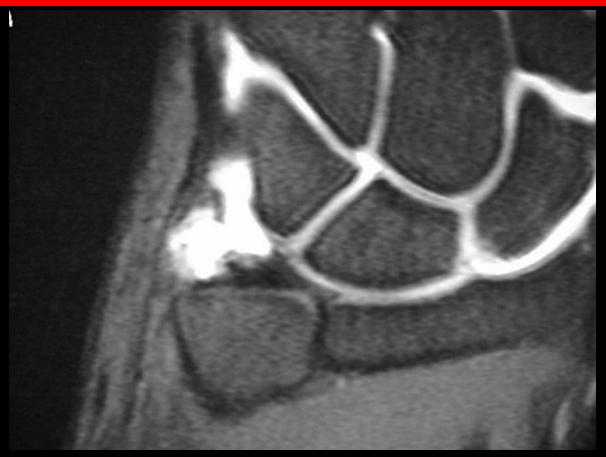
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# Wrist Arthrography - Pathology



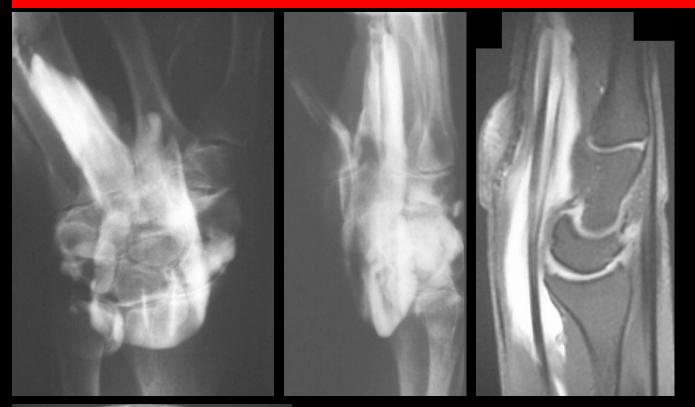
Gout synovitis

# Wrist Arthrography - Pathology



TFCC ulna disruption T1FSGd

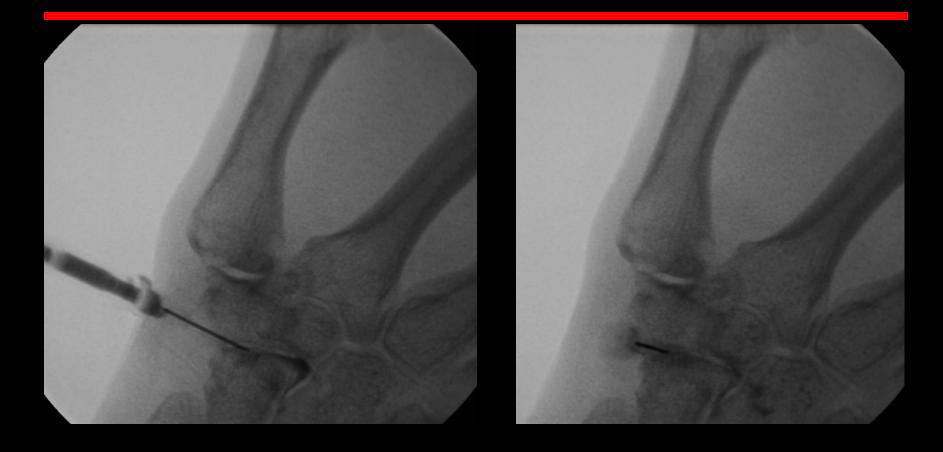
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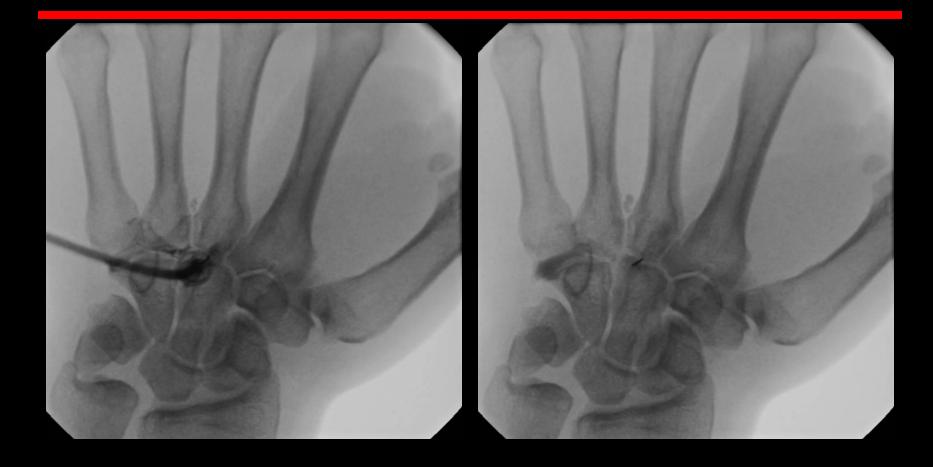
Tenography Previous CTR Radiocarpal inj 61F

# STTJ



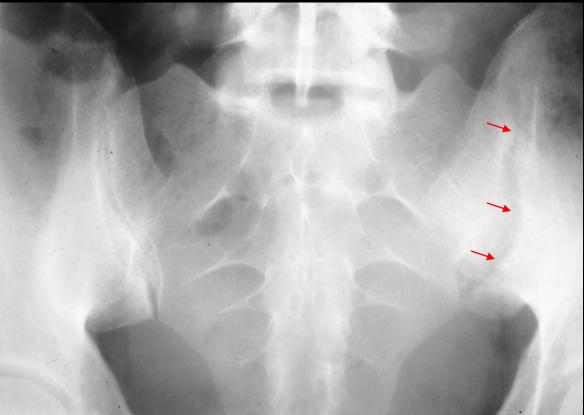
STT injection 59F

# 3<sup>rd</sup> CMCJ



## **SIJ Arthrography - Indications**

 Usually steroid injection, or aspirate for infection



## SIJ Arthrography - Technique

- Remember anatomy
- Joints close together posterior
- Wide apart anterior
- Patient prone
- Fluoro Roll onto side of interest to line up joint
- Aim for inferior joint



SIJ septic arthritis with psoas abscess

## S IJ Radiography

- Radiography
  - Show distribution of contrast

#### CT

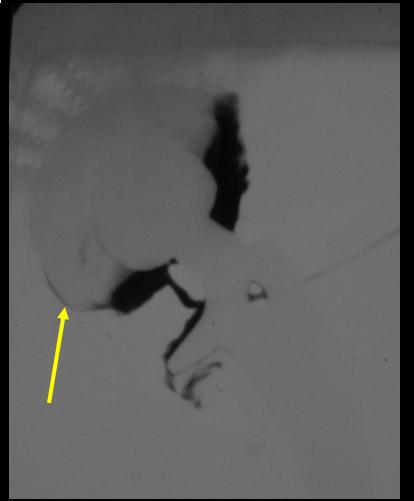
- Scan Joint top to bottom
- + any extravasated contract



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#### **Hip Arthrography - Indications**

- Labral pathology with MRI
  - Tear
  - Paralabral cyst
  - DDH
- Steroid injection
- Post THR for loosening/infection
- Fistula confirmation
- Intraarticular bodies



#### Early loosening of acetabular component

#### Hip Arthrography - Positioning

Patient supine

- 15 degrees internal rotation of the hips
  - Toes taped together
- Knees slightly bent
  - Pillow under the knees



Lateral approach

- Feel artery
- Draw artery on skin
- Nerve lateral to artery
- Mark mid neck
- Mark intertrochanteric
- Aim in line of femoral neck





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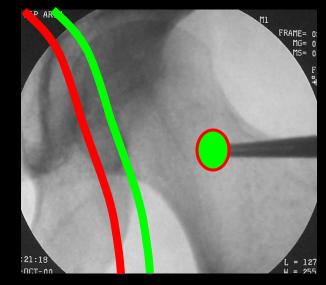


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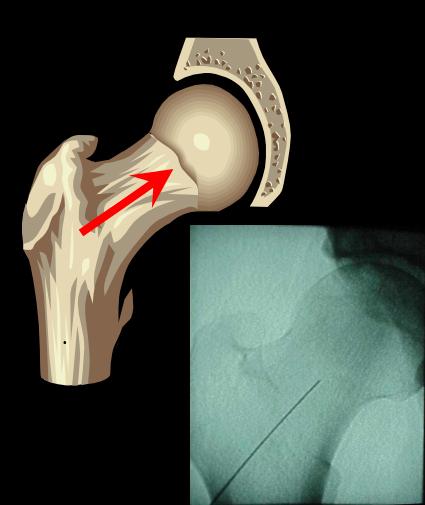




#### Needle

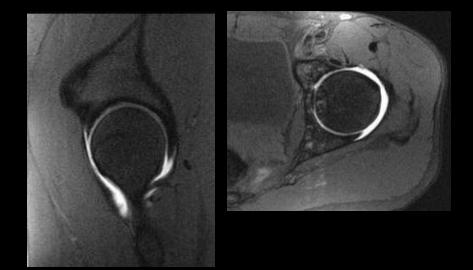
- Injection
  - 22G or 20G
- Aspiration
  - 20G or 18G

- Local anesthesia
- Anterolateral approach to femoral head-neck junction
- Confirm needle position with <1 cc contrast</li>
- Inject 12 cc of diluted Gd-DTPA

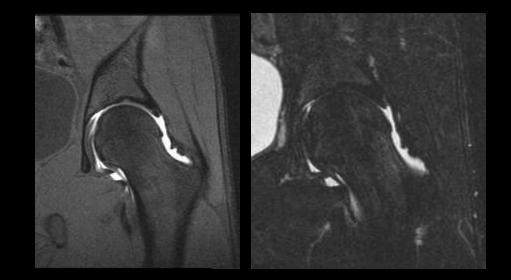


#### MR Hip Arthrography - Sequences

- Inject 12-15 cc of 1:200 Gd-DTPA
- 3 planes of imaging with T1 fat-sat

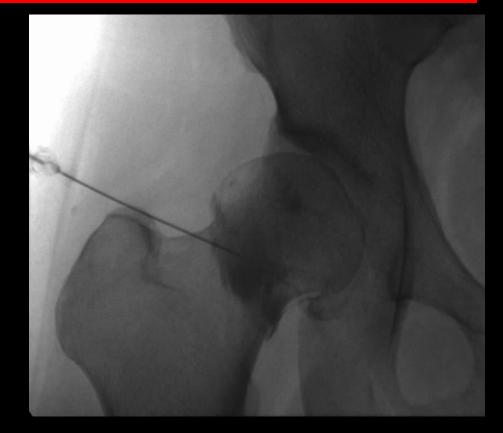


- Coronal IR or T2-w
  FSE
- Axial T1



## Hip Arthrography Lateral Oblique Approach

- Lateral Oblique
- Inferior Oblique
- Medial
- Lateral



Is the needle anterior or posterior to femoral neck?

## Hip Arthrography Inferior Oblique Approach

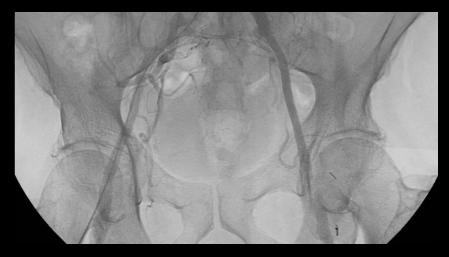
- Lateral Oblique
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- Medial
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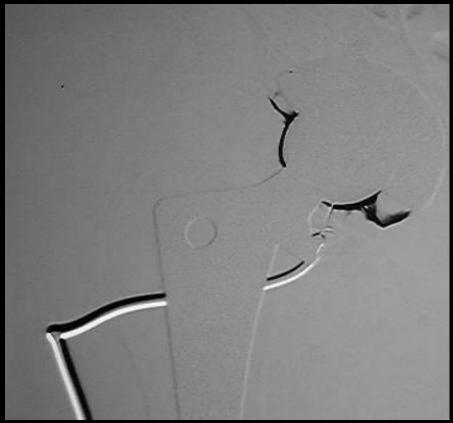
Stay over bone, can't miss bone



## Hip Arthrography Medial Approach

- Lateral Oblique
- Inferior Oblique
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- Lateral





Very close to femoral artery/nerve

## Hip Arthrography Lateral Approach

- Lateral Oblique
- Inferior Oblique
- Medial
- Lateral



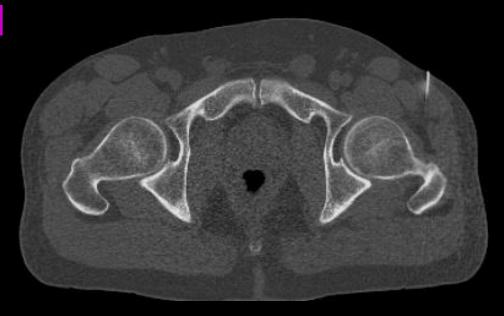


Less worry about femoral nerve and artery, but miss bone could hit Sciatic nerve





#### CT guided





















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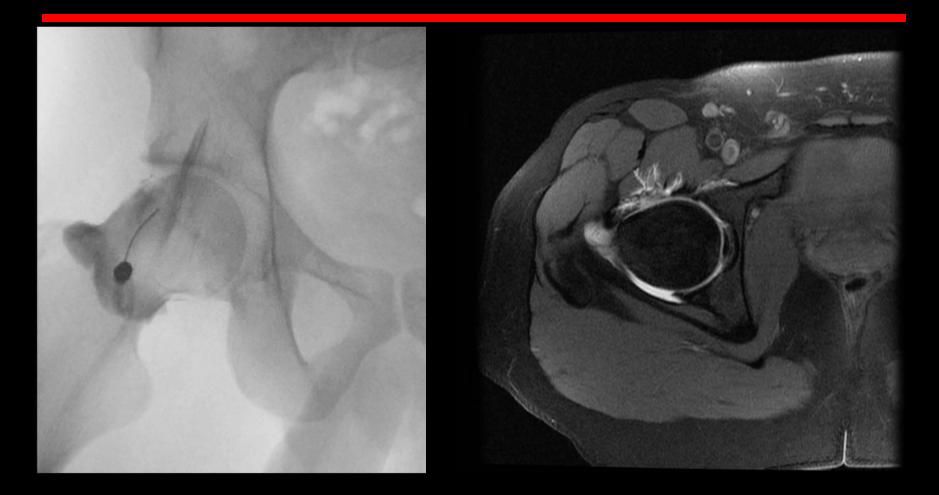
#### Hip Arthrography - Radiography

• AP

- 20deg side PO
  - AP
  - Cranial
  - Caudal
- Abduction



## Joint + Iliopsoas



## lliopsoas only, no contrast in joint



#### **Snapping Hip Syndrome**

 Pain and snapping sensation (sometimes audible) with movement of hip



#### **Snapping Hip Syndrome**

- Etiologies
  - Intra-articular bodies
  - Slipping of iliopsoas tendon over iliopectineal eminence
  - Slipping of fascia lata or gluteus maximus over greater trochanter
  - Slipping of tendon of long head of biceps femoris over ischial tuberosity
  - Slipping Iliofemoral ligaments over the anterior portion of the hip capsule

#### **Iliopsoas Bursography**

- Indication
  - Snapping hip syndrome
  - Infection
- Stick lateral to palpated femoral artery
- Target medial aspect acetabular roof
- Place 20 gauge vertically down to bone
- Withdrawal 1mm and inject contrast

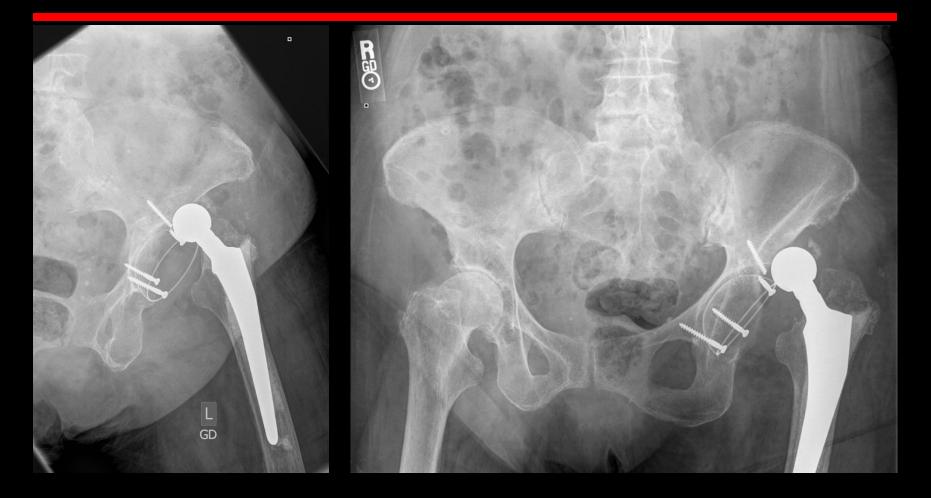
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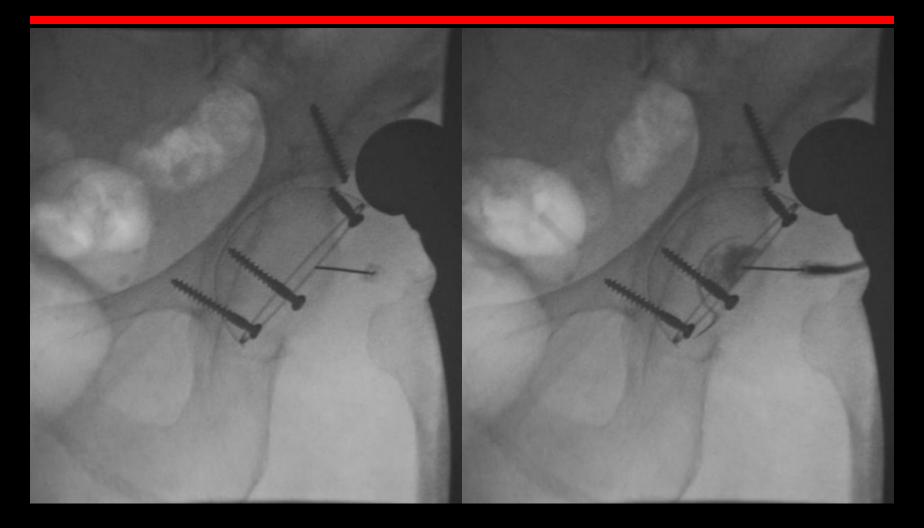
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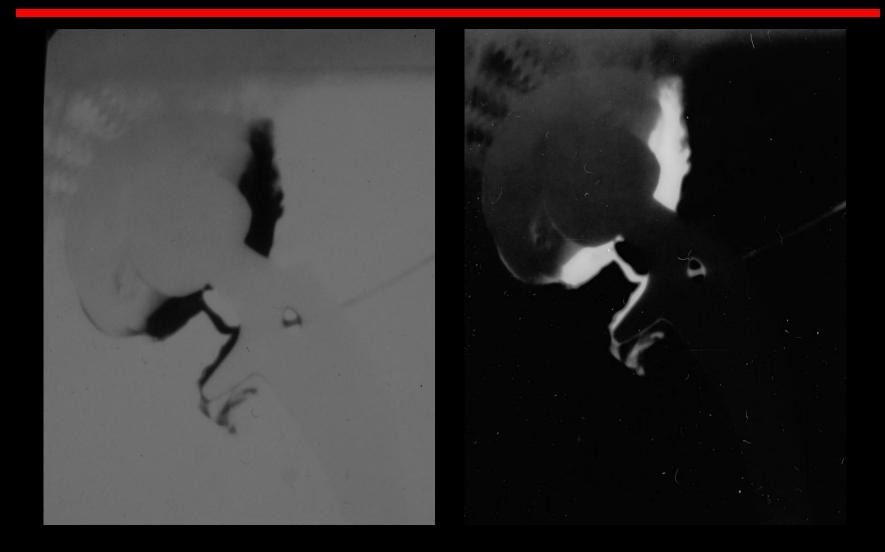
# THA Arthrogram



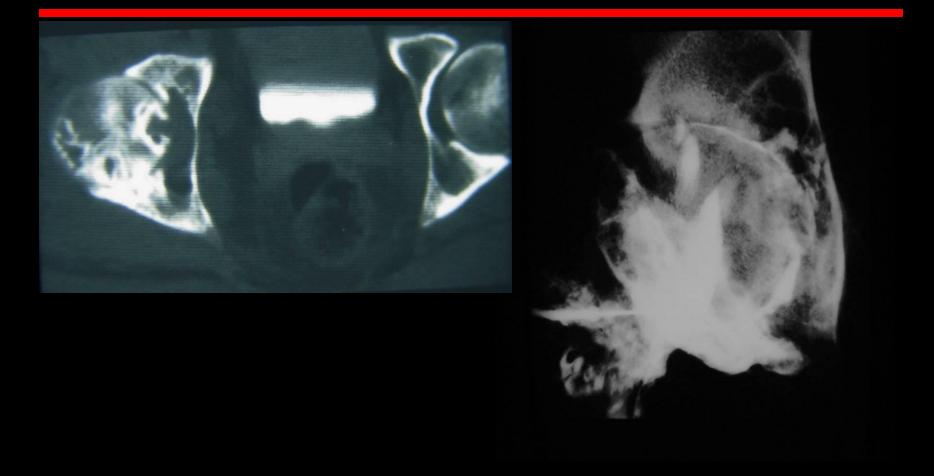
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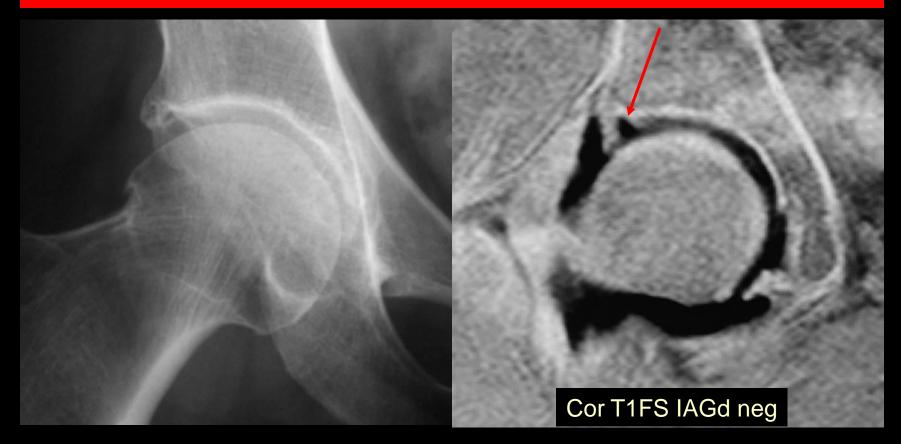
# Hip Arthrography – Loose



# Hip Arthrography - Pathology



#### Hip Arthrography - Pathology Labral tear

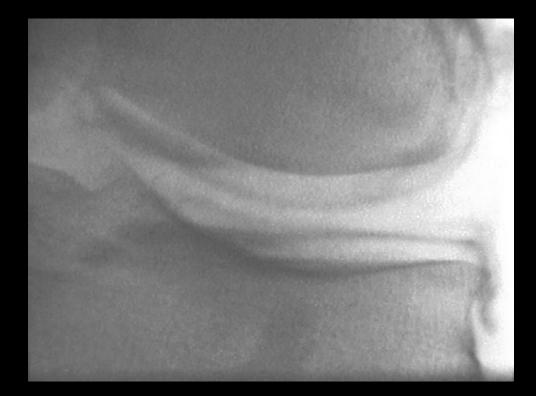


### Hip Arthrography - Pathology Anterior Labral Tear



# **Knee Arthrography - Indications**

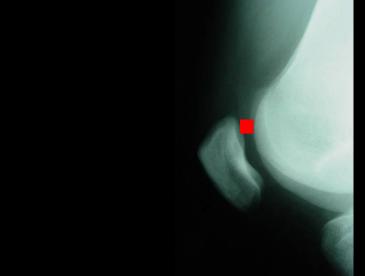
- Conventional arthrogram for meniscal injury
- Recurrent meniscal tear post surgery
- OCD stability



# Knee Arthrography - Technique

- Lateral V's medial
- 38mm 21G
- Prime needle and connecting tube
- Feel PF groove.
- Imagine angle
- Single stab.
- Finger on patella
- Alternative
  - Infrapatellar
  - Medial or lateral
  - Aim upwards





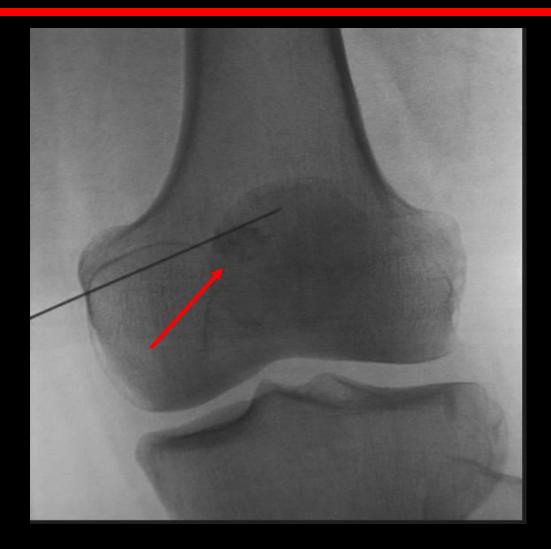
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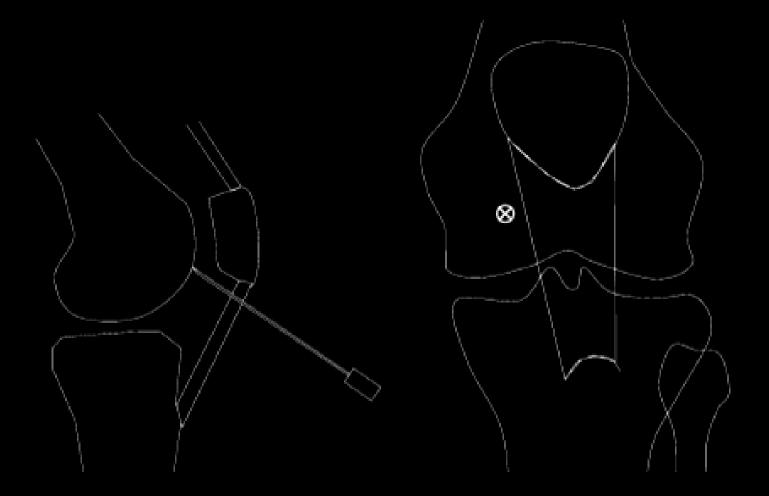




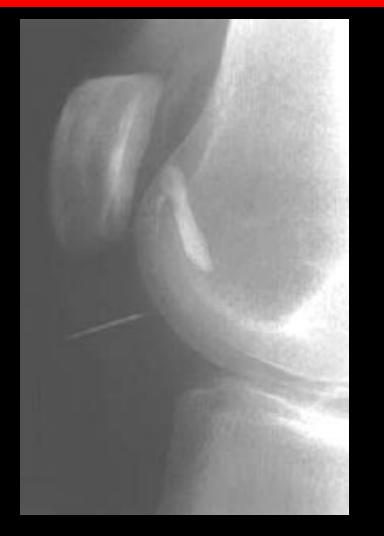
## Knee Arthrography - Technique



Blobs are not good

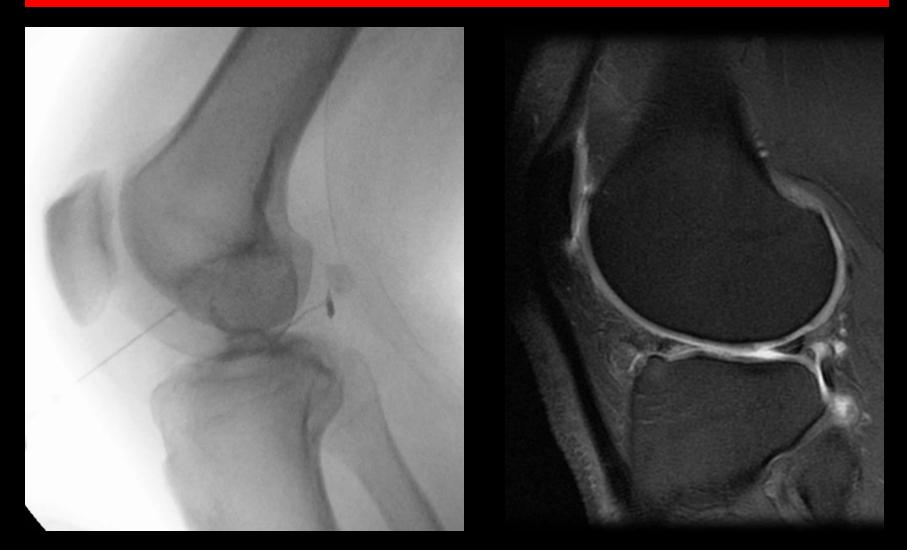


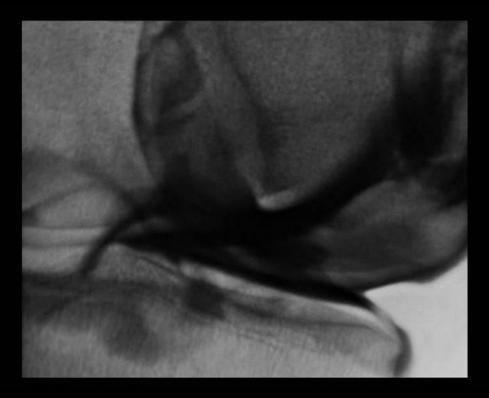




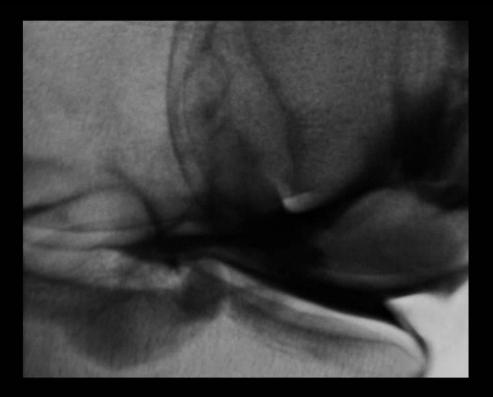
Anterior approach for knee arthrography

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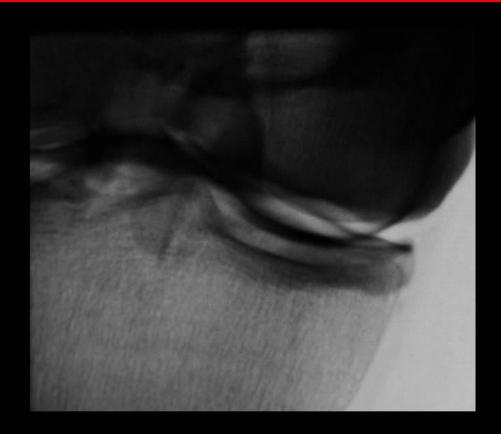




Medial anterior







Medial body





Medial posterior

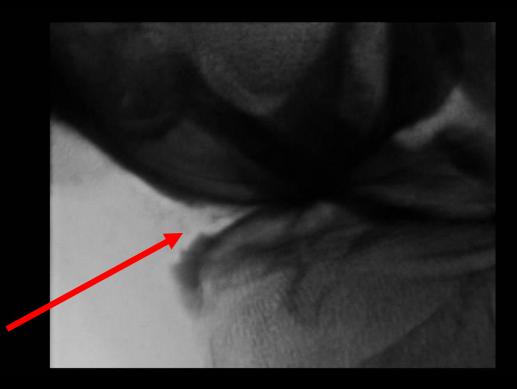


Medial posterior

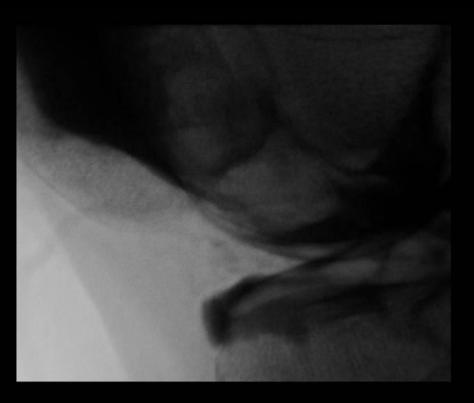


Medial posterior









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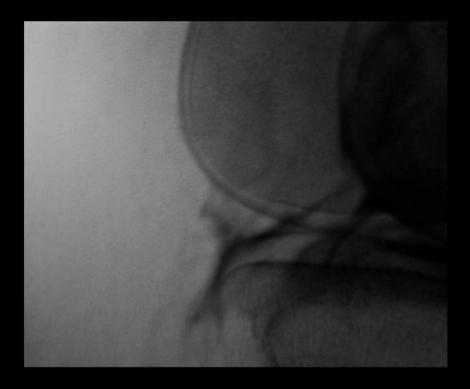
Lateral body





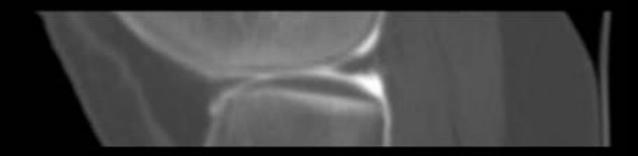




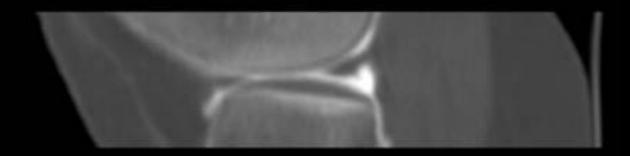


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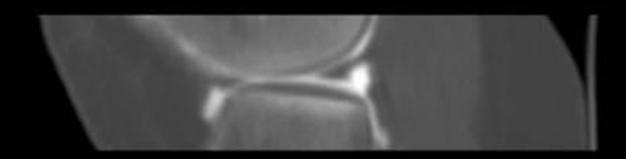
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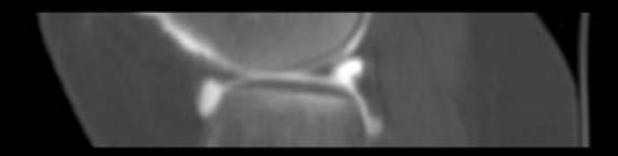


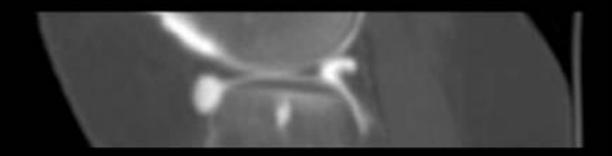
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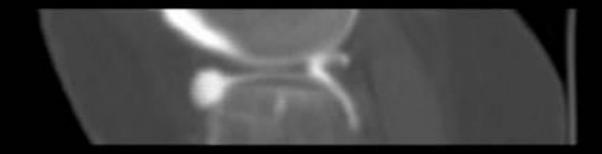


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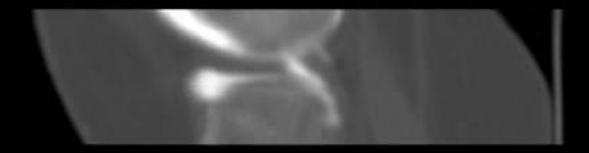


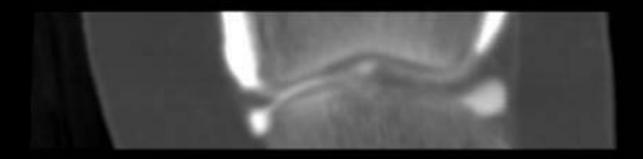




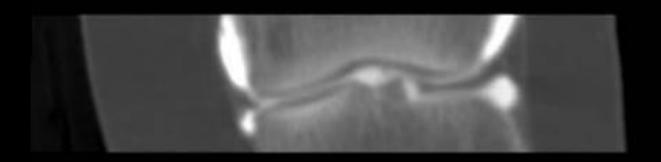


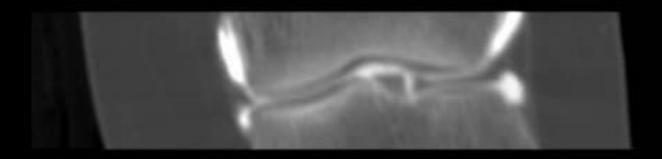
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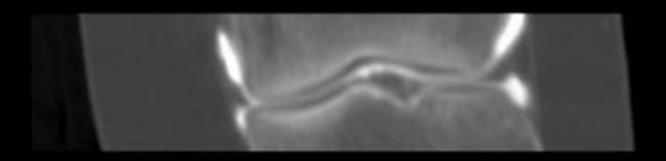




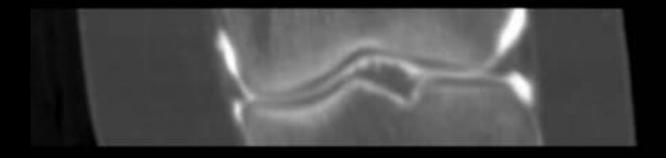




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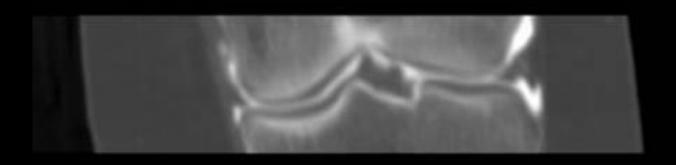


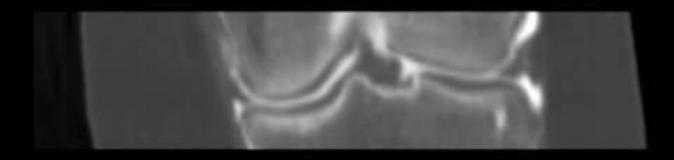
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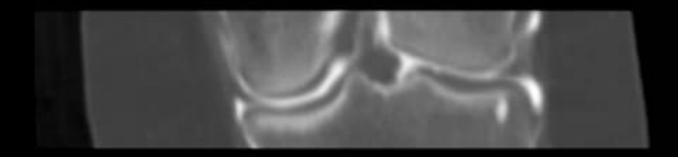


Coronal 2mm









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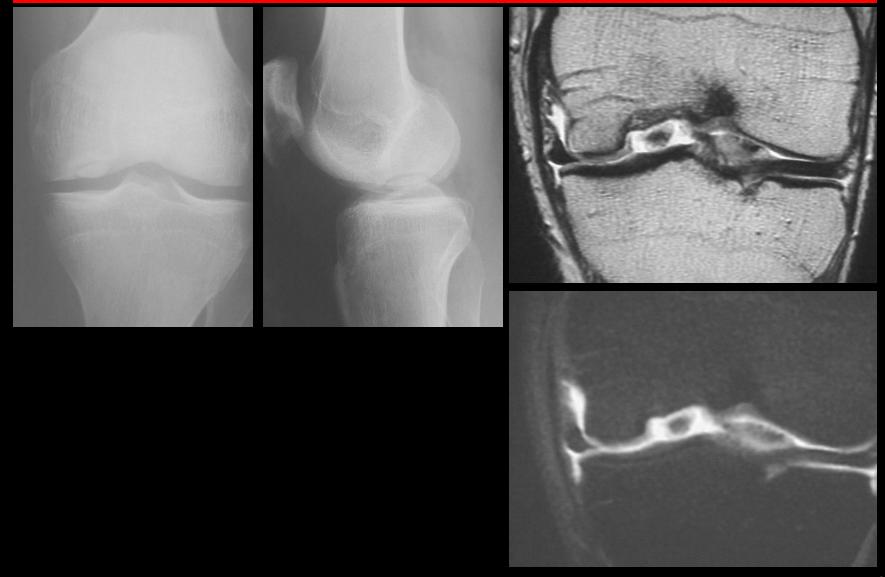
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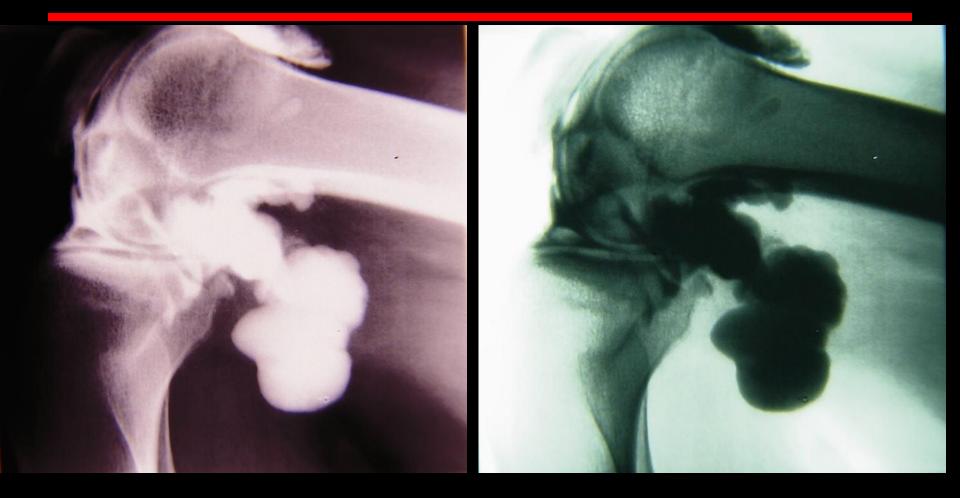


#### 26M Displaced bucket handle tear

### Knee Arthrography - Pathology



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#### **Ankle Arthrography - Indications**

- OCD
- Steroid



Hemarthrosis

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- Fluoro AP
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FHL communication

## Ankle Arthrography - Radiography

#### • AP

- With dorsiflexion and plantarflexion
- Lateral

## Ankle air CT arthrogram



### Subtalar Arthrography - Indications

• Usually anesthetic arthrogram to determine source of pain



## Subtalar Arthrography - Technique

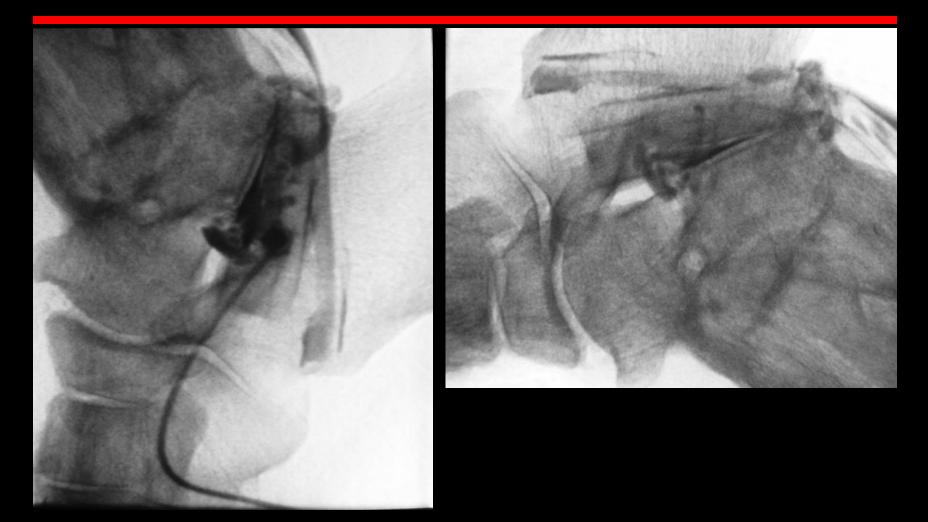
- Lateral approach
- Roll foot to work out which is lateral
- Fluoro mark anterior aspect of posterior joint
- Must record communications of joint
- CT may be helpful

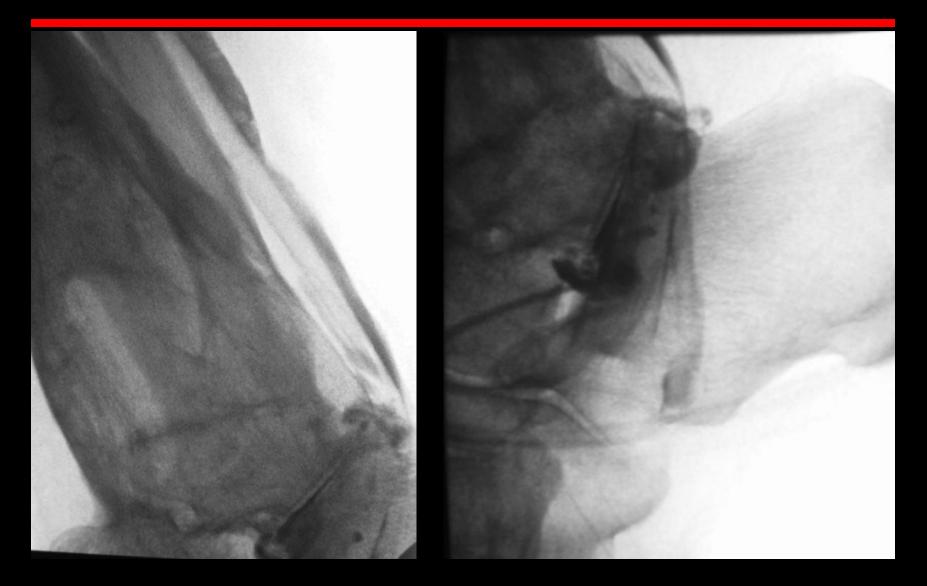


• AP, Lateral and Axial (Harris Beath) to show communications











## TMTJ



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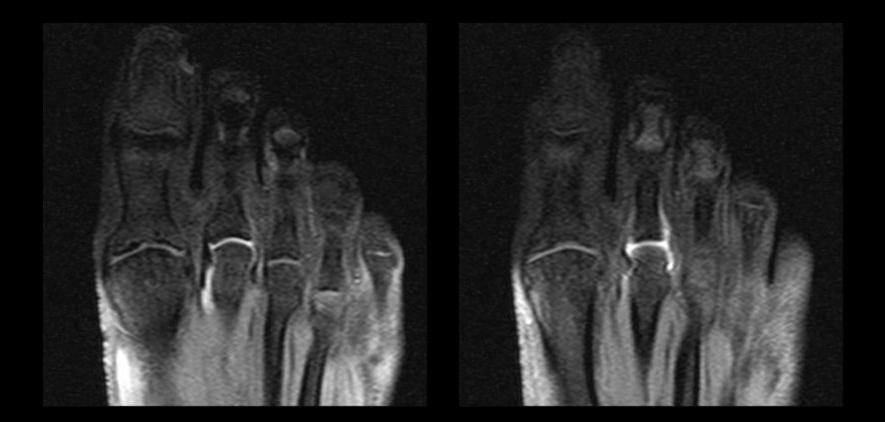
## TMTJ



## MTPJ Arthrogram

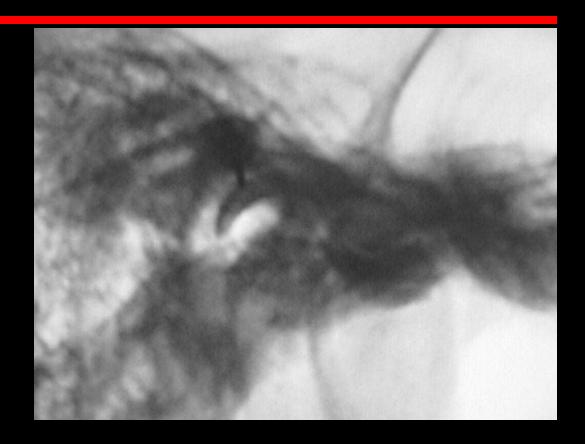


## MTPJ Arthrogram



## **TMJ Arthrography - Indications**

- Clicking
- Pain
- Instability



Negative conventional MRI

## TMJ Arthrography - Technique

- Palpate joint
- Mark
- Pray
  - Screening difficult



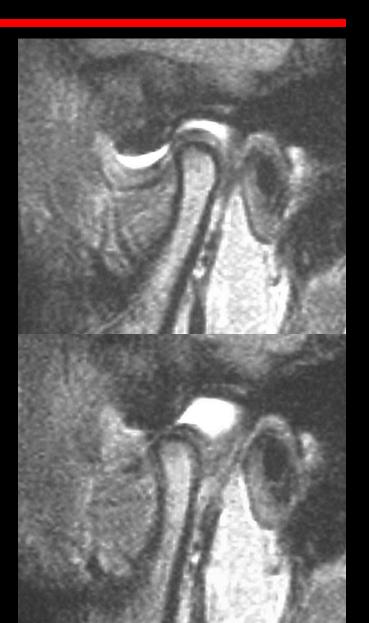
#### TMJ Arthrography - Technique

 Open the mouth with the needle on the condyle, then advance



## TMJ Arthrography - MRI

- Open and closed
- Sag T1FS and T2
- Cor T1FS



#### Arthrography - Summary

• Various approaches

Reasons for various recipes

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