



MR Imaging of the Shoulder: Instability

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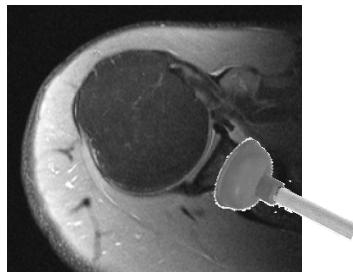
Glenohumeral joint

- Small and shallow glenoid relative to humeral head
- Extensive range of motion
- Osseous anatomy does not provide stability



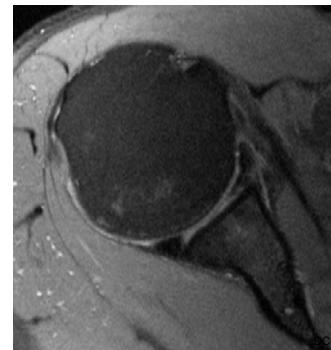
Shoulder stabilizers

- Static
 - Glenoid labrum
 - Capsule
 - Glenohumeral ligaments
- Dynamic
 - Rotator cuff muscles



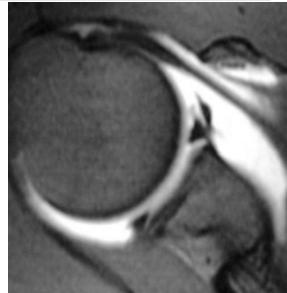
Glenoid labrum

- Cuff of fibrous and fibrocartilaginous tissue surrounding glenoid fossa
- Largest superiorly and anteriorly
- Deepens glenoid circumferentially
- Serves as attachment site for the glenohumeral ligaments

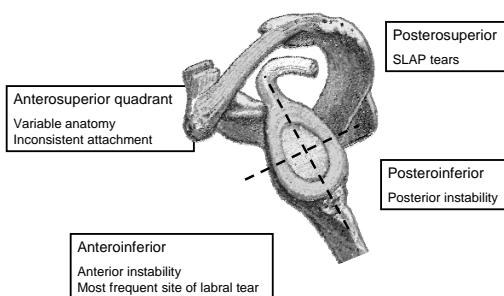


Glenoid labrum

- Difficulties
 - Normal variation
 - Undercutting with hyaline cartilage
 - Magic angle artifact
 - Labral degeneration
- Difficult to assess without joint fluid
- Increased accuracy with MR arthrography



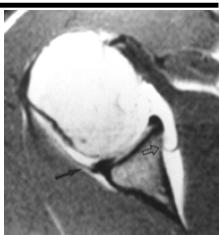
Glenoid labrum



Cooper et al, JBJS 74A:46-52, 1992

Capsule

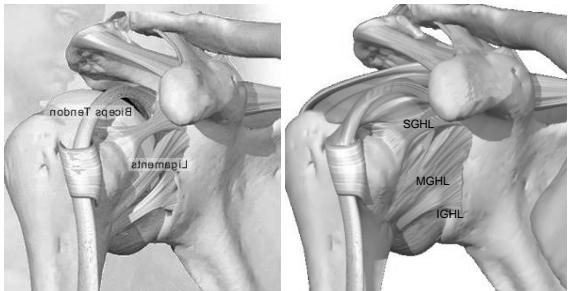
- Posterior capsule inserts onto labrum or immediately at base of labrum
- Anterior capsular attachment variable



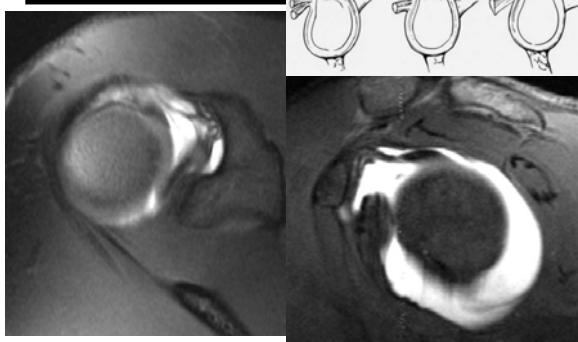
YH Park et al, AJR 175:667, 2000

Type 1	Capsule attaches on labrum
Type 2	Capsule attaches within 1 cm
Type 3	Capsule attaches far from labrum

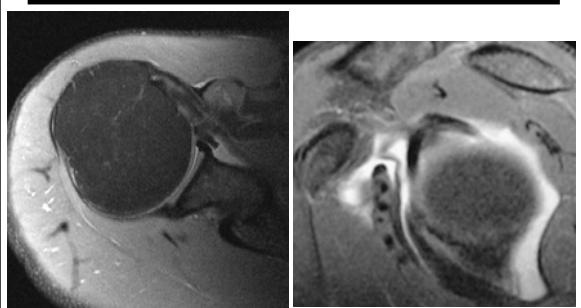
Ligaments



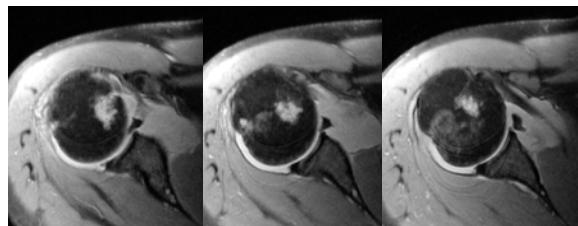
Superior GHL



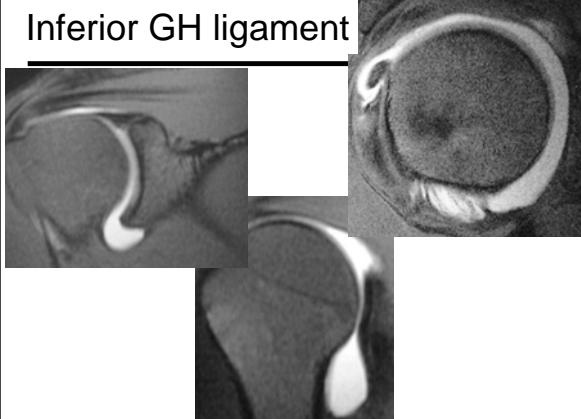
Middle GH ligament



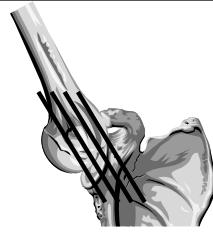
Buford complex



Inferior GH ligament



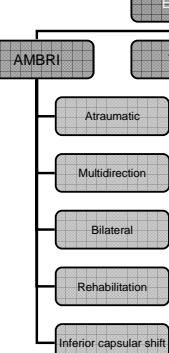
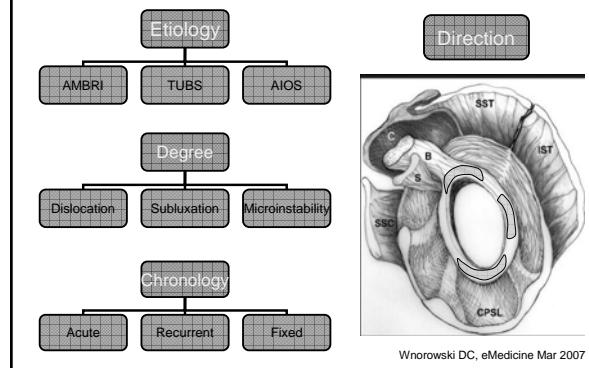
ABER position



- Humerus abducted and externally rotated
 - Relaxes rotator cuff and places tension on inferior glenohumeral ligaments
- Image along humeral axis in coronal plane

Tirman PFJ et al, Radiology 192:851, 1994

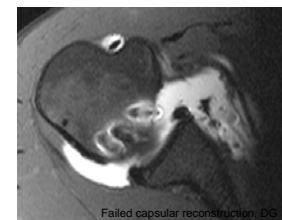
Classification



Thomas and Matsen, JBJS 1989

AMBRI

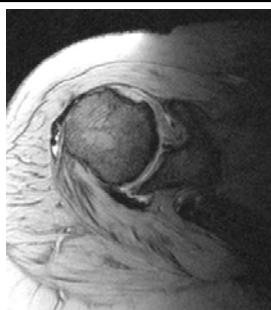
- Benign joint hypermobility syndrome
- Collagen? often familial
- Young females



Simpson M, JAOA 106:531, 2006

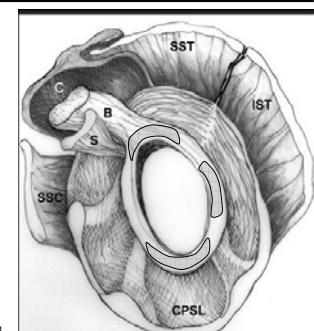
AIOS

- Repetitive overuse leading to microinstability
 - Redundant capsule
 - Anterior capsule attenuation
 - Fibrosis of posterior capsule

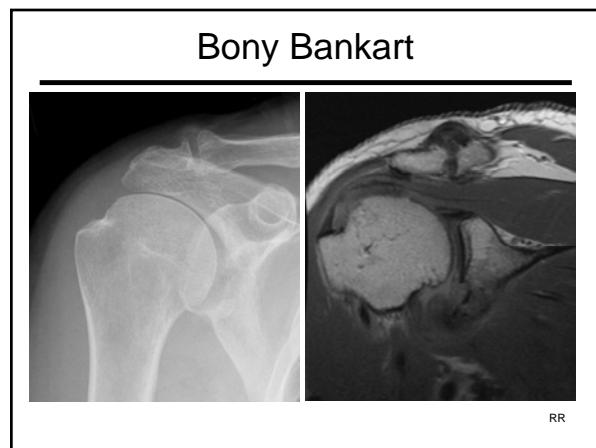
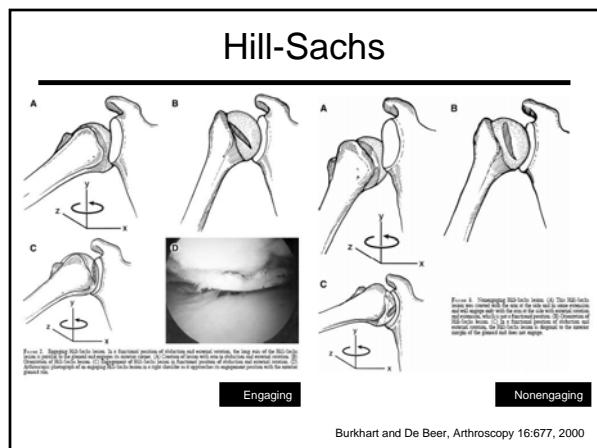
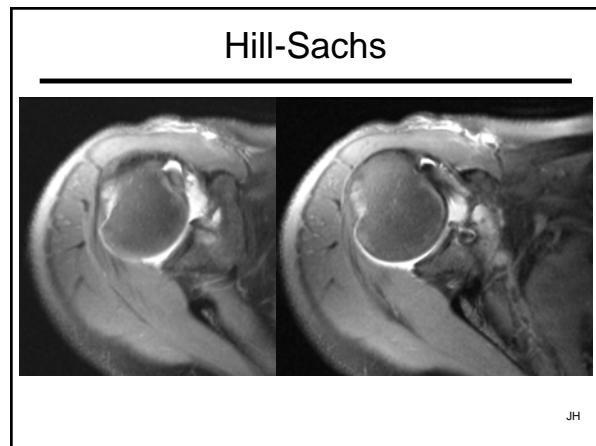
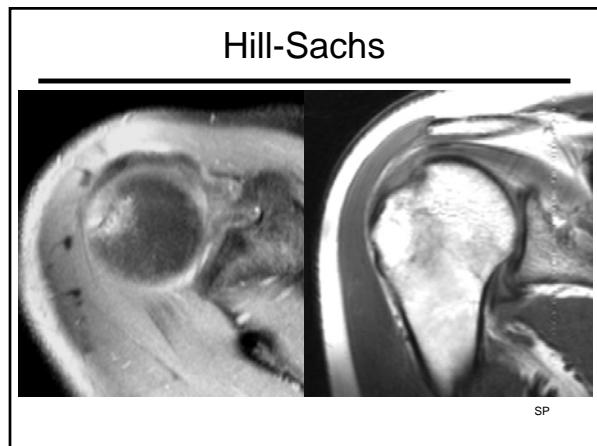
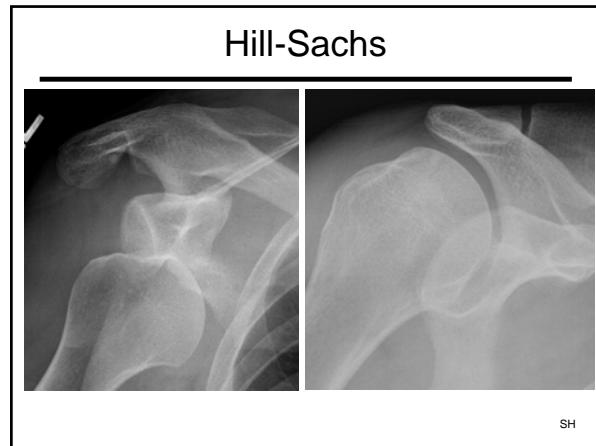
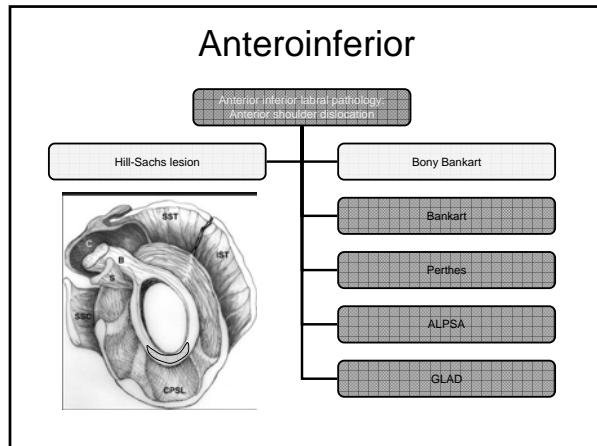


TUBS: Direction

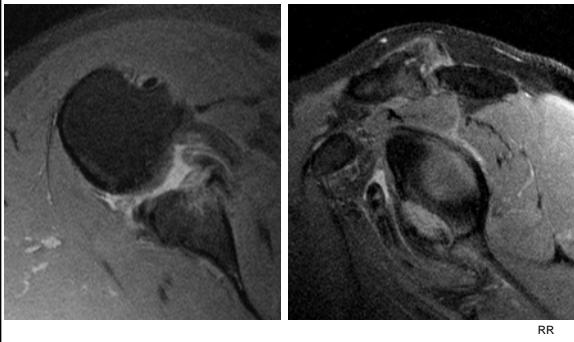
- Anteroinferior
- Posterior
- Superior
- Multidirectional



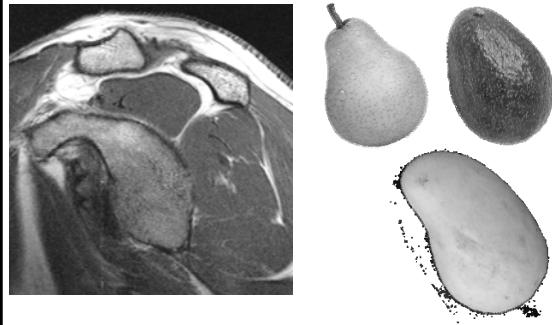
Ly et al, AJR 181:203-213, 2003



Bony Bankart

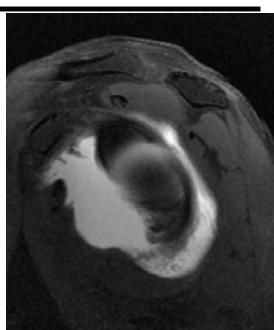


Glenoid deficiency



Bony Bankart

Glenoid bone stock deficiency
>25% bone stock loss, Bigliani
Inverted pear configuration, Burkhart



Anteroinferior

Bankart lesion	Torn labrum Torn periosteum
Perthes	Torn labrum Intact periosteum
ALPSA	Medialized labrum Intact periosteum

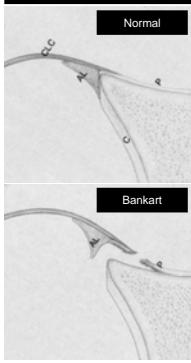


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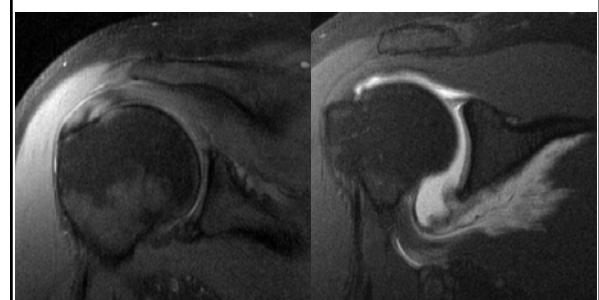
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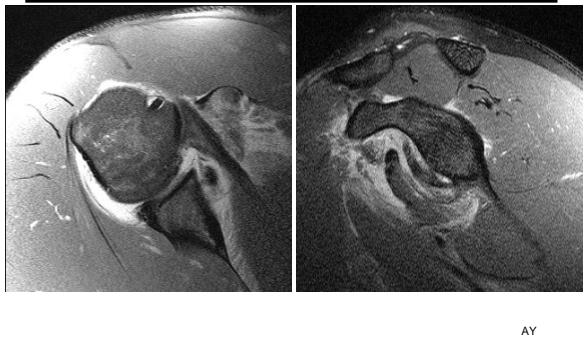
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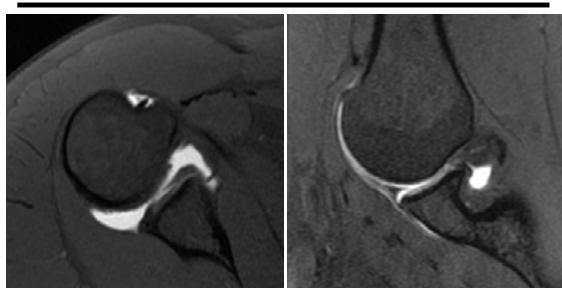
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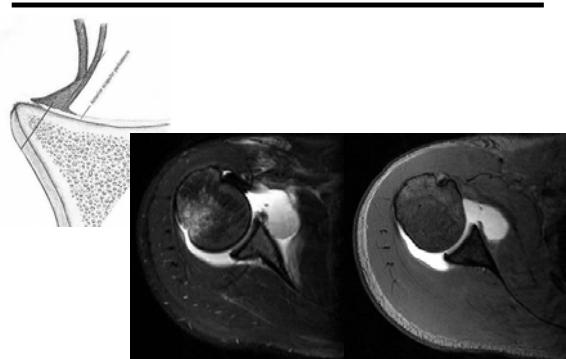
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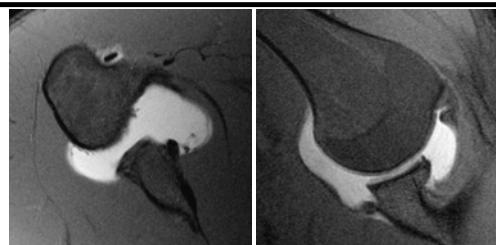
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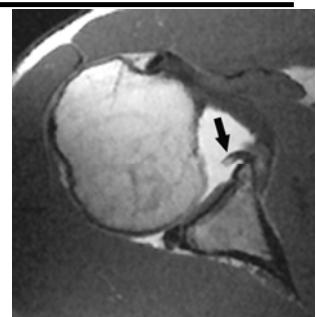
ALPSA



- Intact periosteum
- Labrum rotated and displaced medially
- May heal with synovialization in this position
- Can be difficult to see at arthroscopy

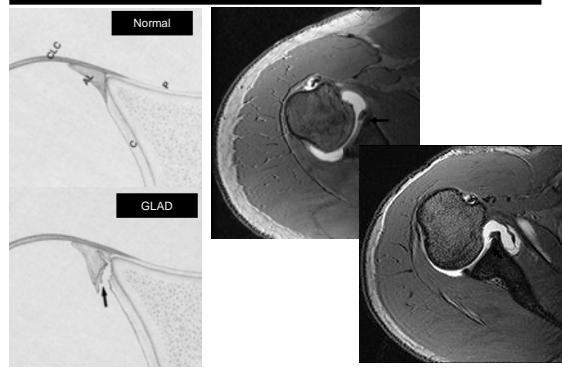
GLAD

- Glenolabral articular disruption
- Impaction injury
- No capsular tear or periosteal stripping
- Not associated with instability
- Superficial tear of anterior labrum attached to fragment of articular cartilage

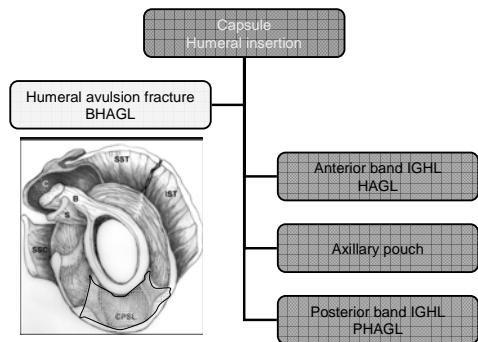


Waldt et al, Radiology 237:578, 2005

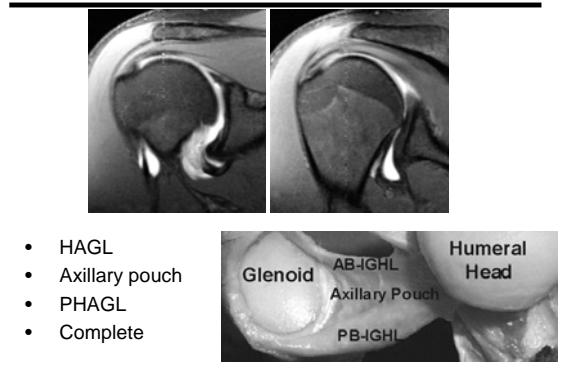
GLAD lesion



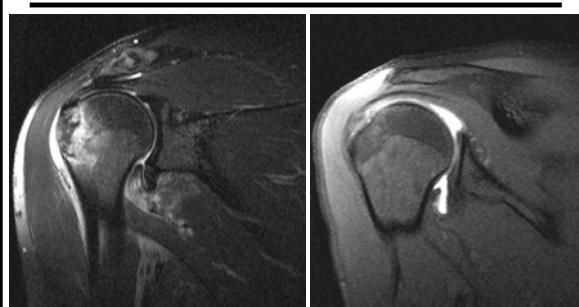
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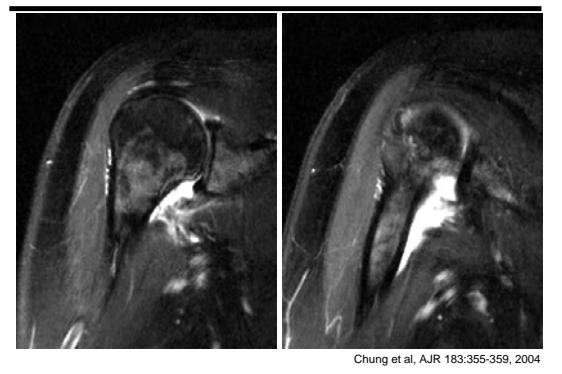
IGHL Humeral failure



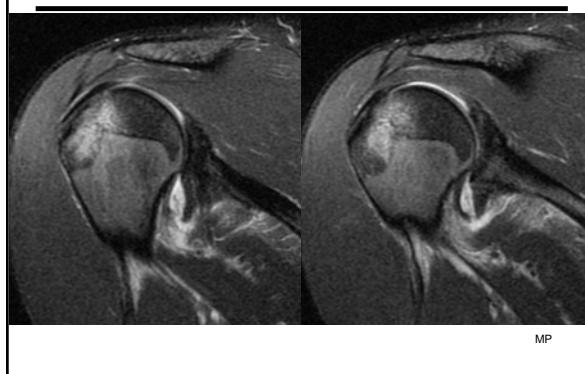
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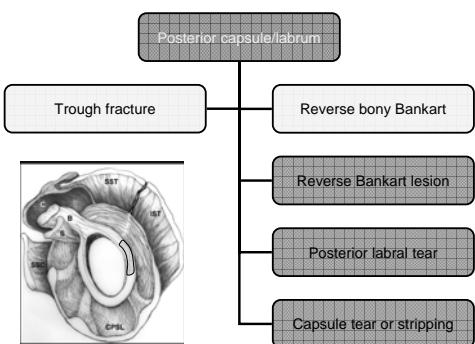
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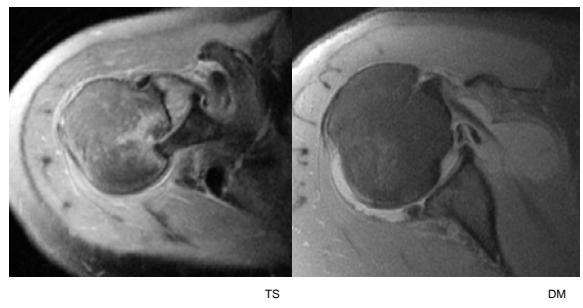
IGHL central failure



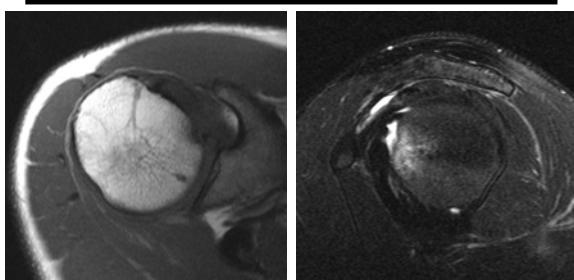
Posterior dislocation



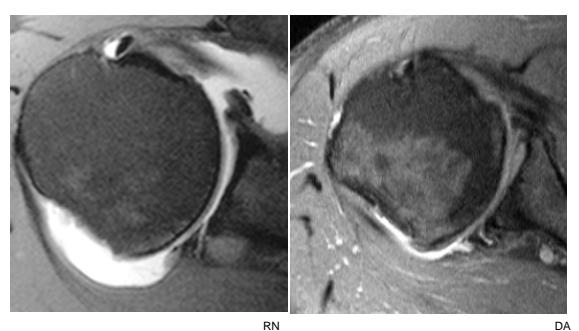
Trough fracture



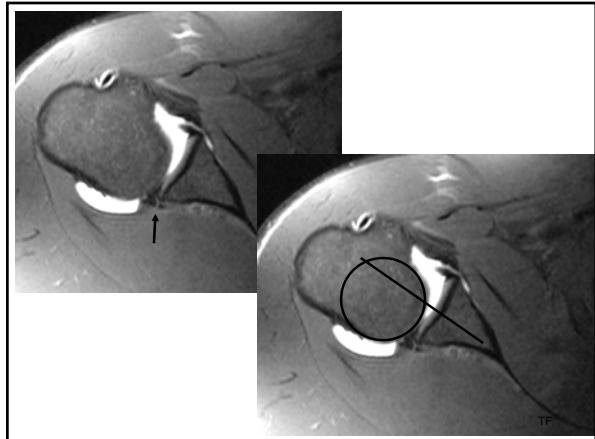
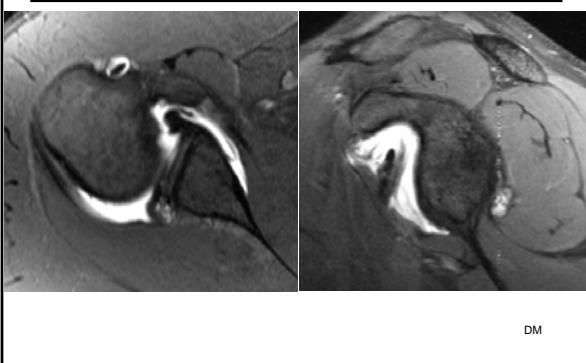
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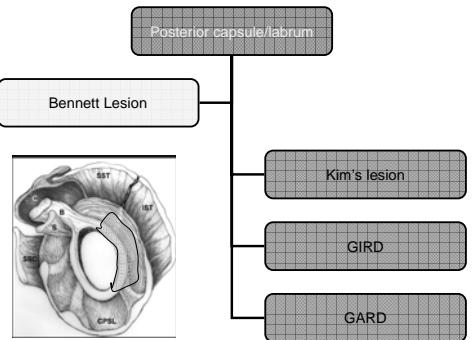
Posterior labrum



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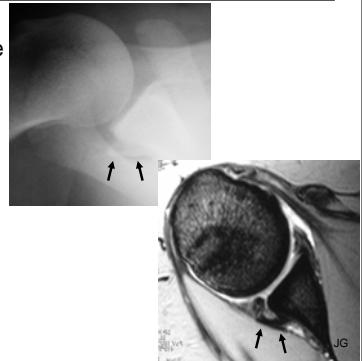


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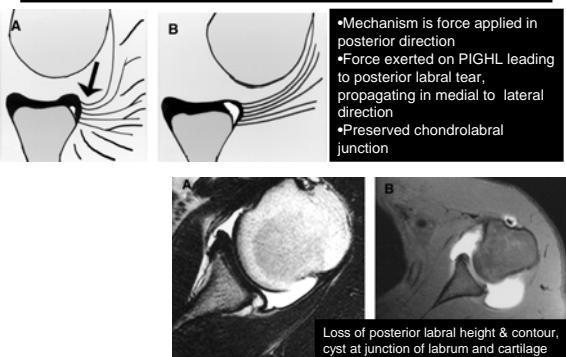


Bennett lesion

- Extraarticular posterior capsule avulsive injury
- Crescentic bony mineralization at posterior-inferior glenoid rim
- Associated with posterior labral tears and rotator cuff tear

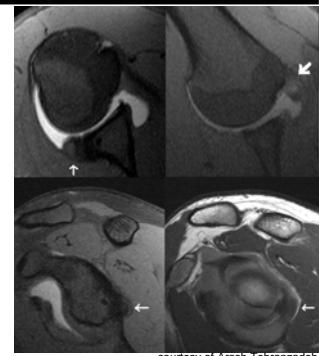


Kim's lesion

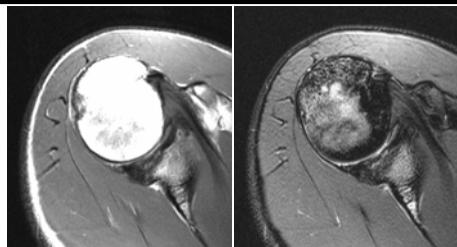


GIRD

- Glenoid internal rotation deficit
- Tight posterior capsule in the throwing shoulder
- Thickening of the posterior capsule and labrum

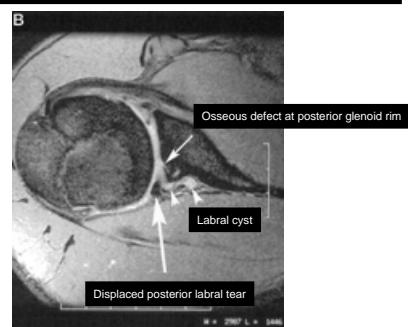


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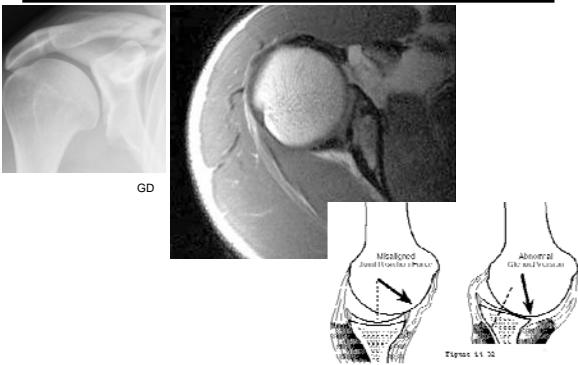
- Glenoid articular rim divot
- Osteochondral injury of posterior glenoid rim
- Akin to GLAD lesion at posterior glenoid

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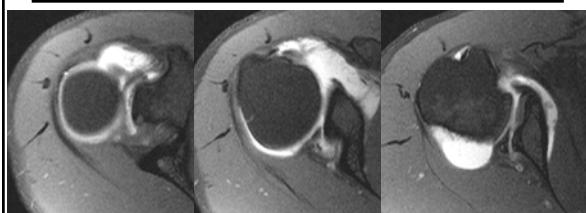


from the literature, 22 yo M impaction injury while weightlifting

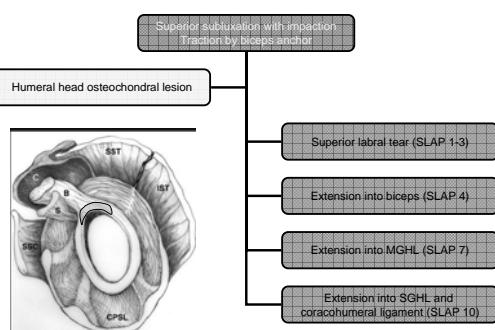
Glenoid dysplasia



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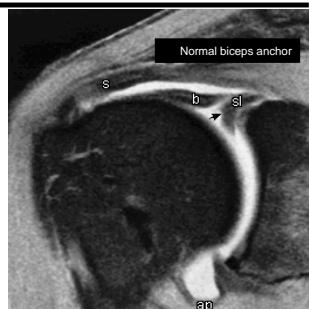


Superior



SLAP tear

- Tear of the biceps anchor/superior labral complex
- Acute trauma
- Repetitive throwing and other overhand activities
- “Superior labrum anterior posterior”

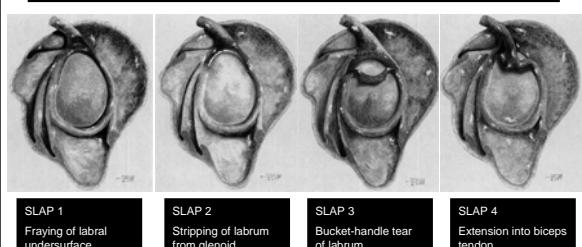


Cartland et al, AJR 159:787, 1992

SLAP impaction



SLAP



Snyder et al, Arthroscopy 6:274, 1990
drawings from Beltran et al, Radiographics 17:657, 2007

