

# Developments in Shoulder Arthroplasty

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# Glenohumeral Joint Arthritis

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## Relatively uncommon

Not as common as hip/knee/hand

UK National Joint Registry 2016:

Hips	183107
Knees	113023
<b>Shoulders</b>	<b>7369</b>
Elbows	762



# Causes of Glenohumeral Joint Arthritis

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## Primary

Unknown

Genetic

Dysplasia?

## Secondary

Caused by something else



# Causes of Glenohumeral Joint Arthritis

## ***Secondary:***

### **(i) Atraumatic osteonecrosis**

Alcohol induced

Corticosteroid therapy

Cytotoxic drugs

Radiation

Sickle cell disease

### **(ii) Inflammatory joint disease**

Rheumatoid

Gout



# Causes of glenohumeral joint arthritis

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## **(iii) Post-traumatic**

Dislocation (too loose)

Intra-articular fractures

Malunion of the proximal humerus

## **(iv) Post-surgical**

Capsulorrhaphy arthropathy (too tight)

Intra-articular hardware (e.g., screws, staples, anchors)

Infection

# Presentation

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Pain

Global Pain

Posterior jointline

Stiffness

Crepitus

Slowly progressive



# GHJ arthritis - Examination

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Stiffness

Global loss of motion

Active and passive ROM

Crepitus

Coarse and deep

Audible and palpable

Rotator cuff

Strong

Negative impingement

# Early GHJ arthritis

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Beware the active middle-aged male

Ongoing shoulder pain

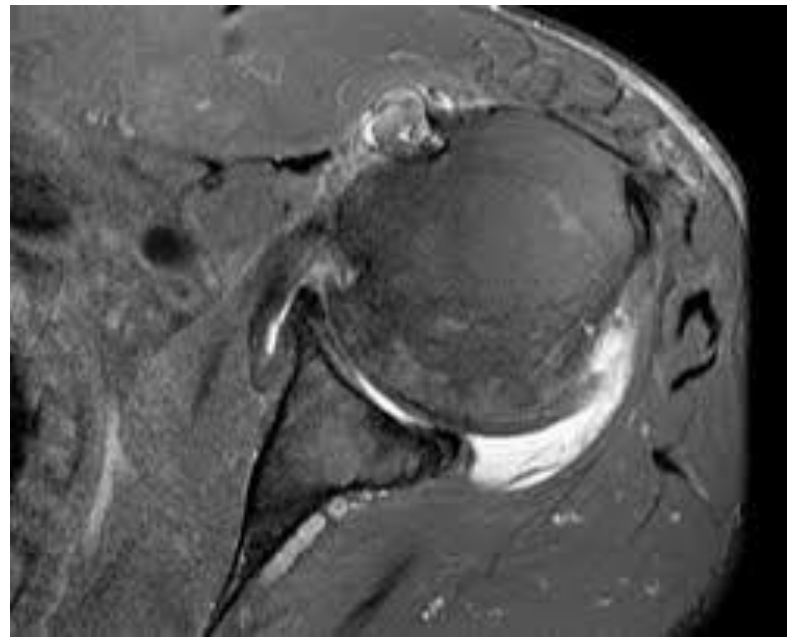
Not settling

Ache after exercise

Subtle instability

Normal Xray

MRI useful





# Differential diagnosis

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Frozen shoulder!

Xrays are the answer:

AP/Lateral/ Axillary

Loss of joint space

Osteophytes

Subchondral sclerosis

Subchondral cysts



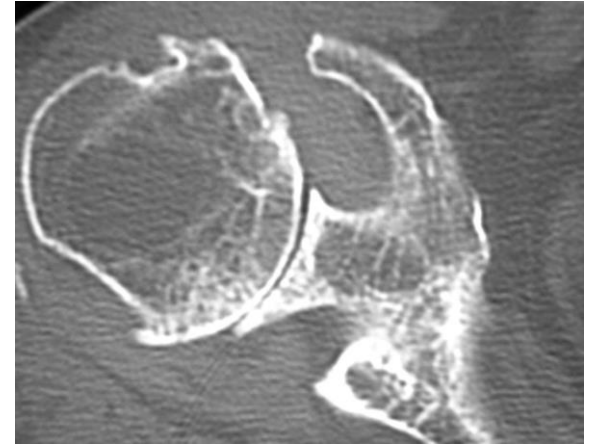
# GHJ arthritis: imaging

## CT

Doesn't help diagnosis

Does help surgical planning

?enough bone stock



## MRI

?cuff tear

?repairable

?degree of muscle wasting



# Treatment options

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## Nonoperative

Rest, ice, heat, NSAIDs

Physiotherapy to maintain ROM

Injection therapy    - steroids  
                                 - hyaluronan

## Operative

Arthroscopy

Arthroplasty            - resurfacing  
                                 - replacement



# The birth of total shoulder arthroplasty

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Shoulder replacement first performed in 1893 by a French surgeon, Jules Emile Pean

Platinum and rubber

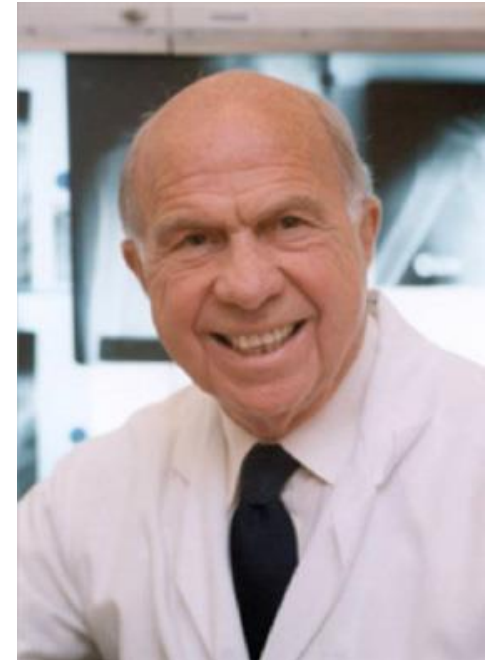
**1950's Charles Neer**

*Columbia Presbyterian NYC*

Modern CoCr prosthesis

Monobloc humerus

Keeled polyethylene glenoid



# First generation TSR

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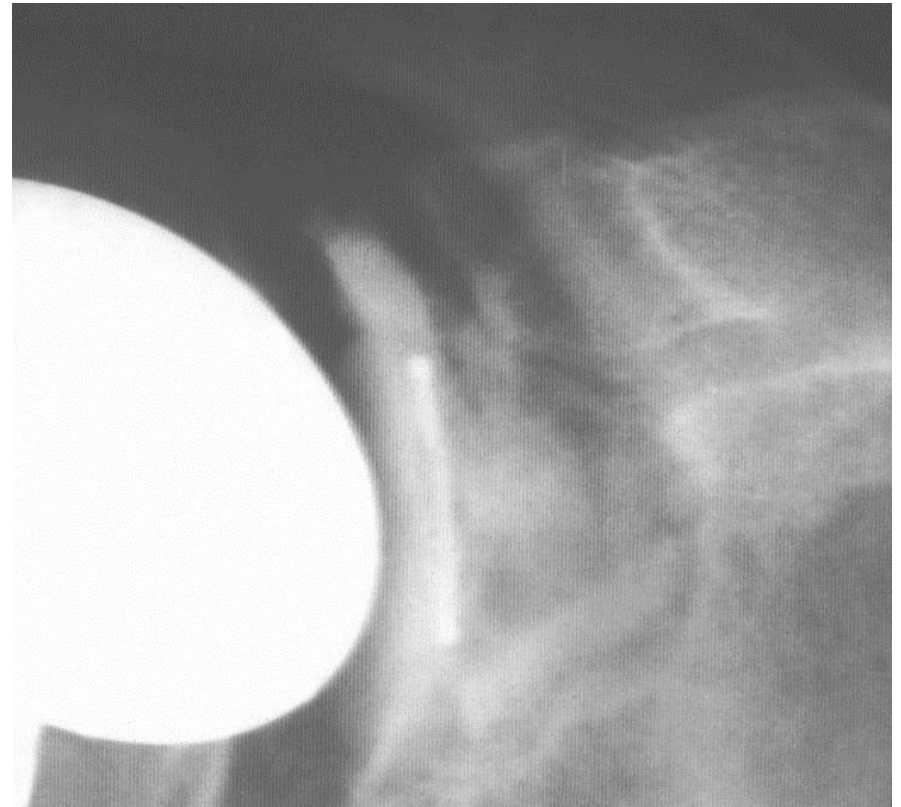
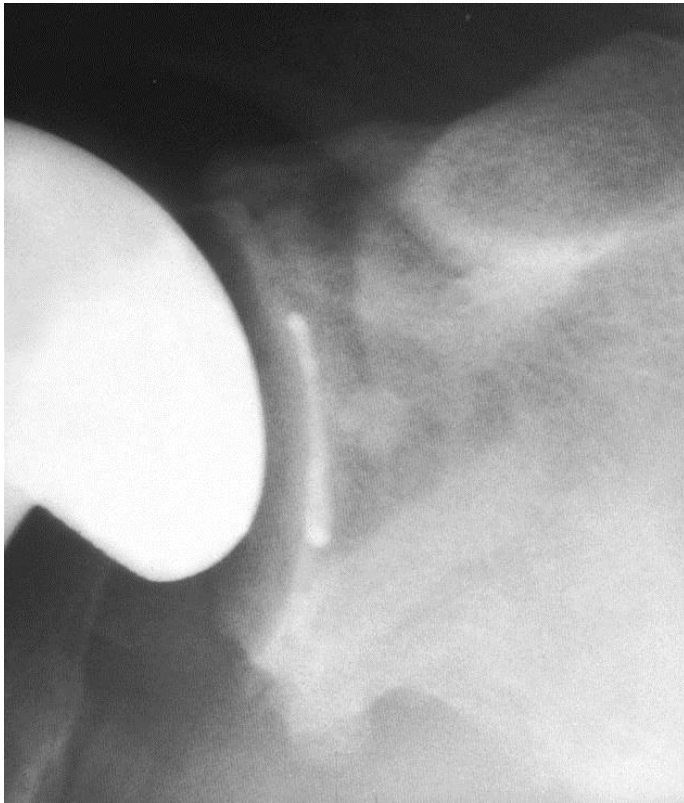
Cemented monobloc CoCr stem + head

Keeled cemented polyethylene glenoid

- Lots of cement (both components)
- Limited sizes (x3); uniaxial stem
- Make the patient fit the implant
- Difficult to revise if loose
- After 10 years: glenoid lucency 30-50%  
revision 5-10%

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# Surface replacement arthroplasty

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## 1980's Steve Copeland (Reading UK)

Stems were problematic

Large amounts of perfectly decent bone  
was being removed

Surface problem only

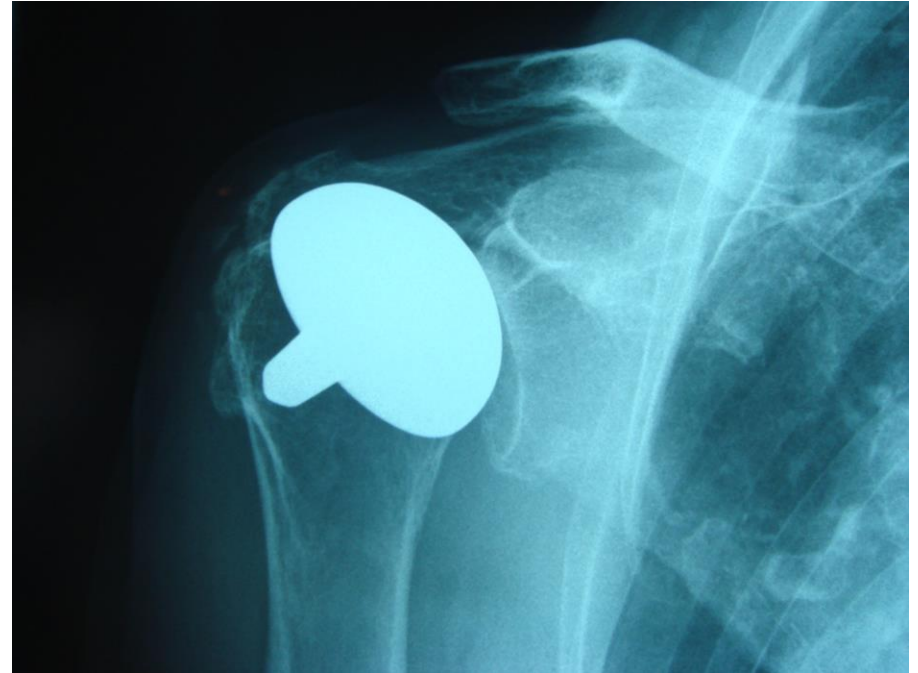
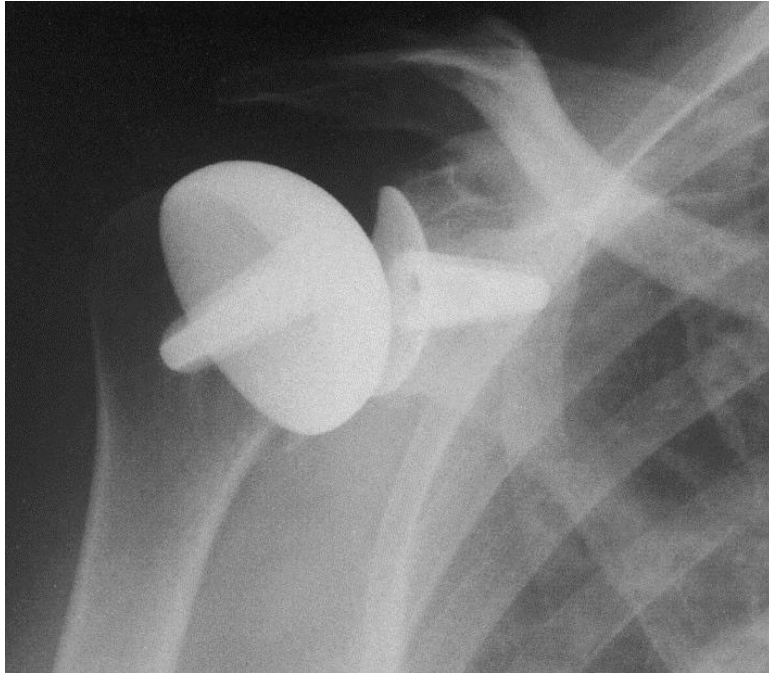
Access to glenoid difficult

Most were hemiarthroplasty



# Surface replacement arthroplasty

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# Issues with hemiarthroplasty

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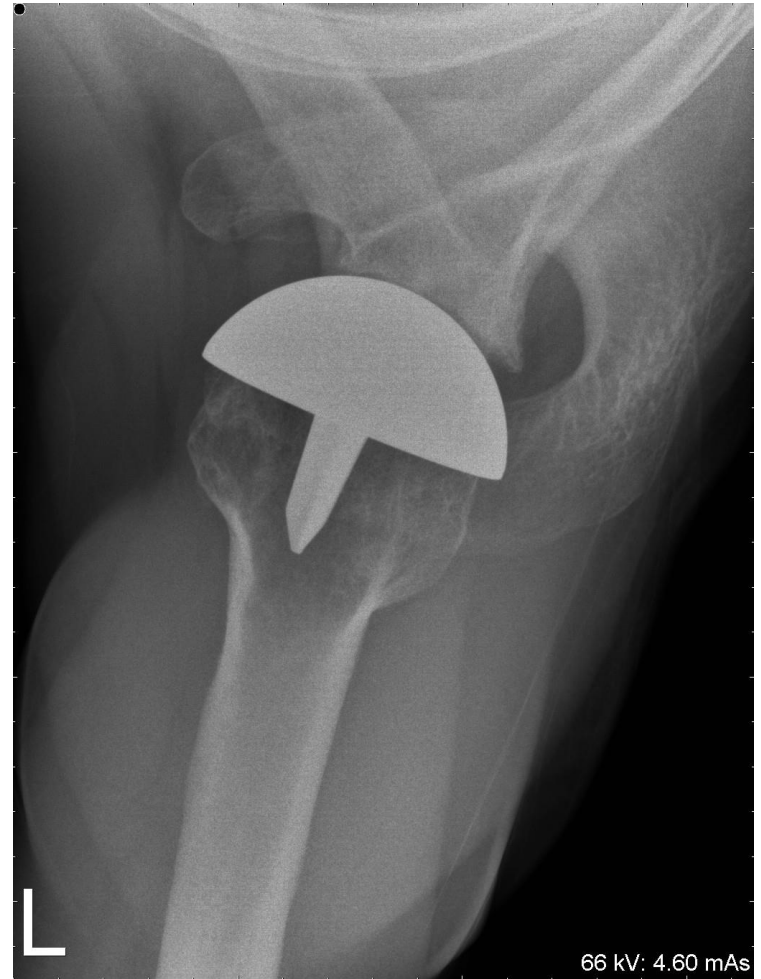
Pros

- Easy and quick procedure
- No need for glenoid exposure
- Allows biologic resurfacing: 'Ream and run'
- Modular implants make revision easy!

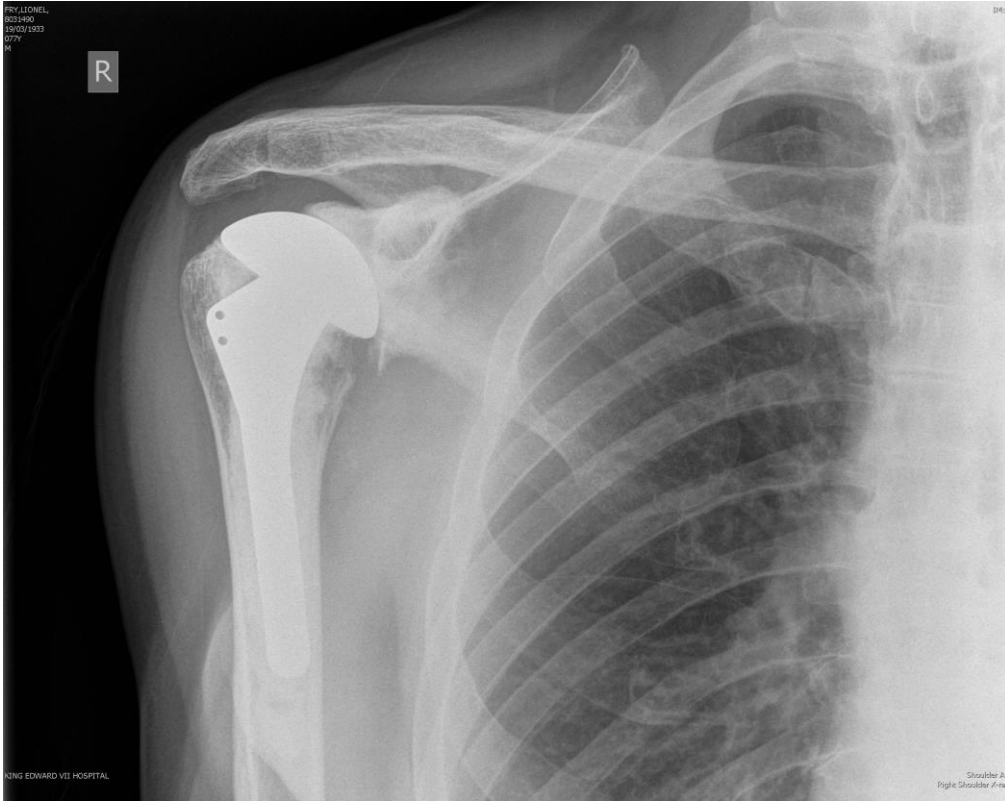
Cons

- Pain
- Erosion
- Biological resurfacing doesn't last
- Revision to TSR not so easy!

# Issues with hemiarthroplasty



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# Second generation TSR

More options!

Modular humeral head sizes

Titanium cementless stems

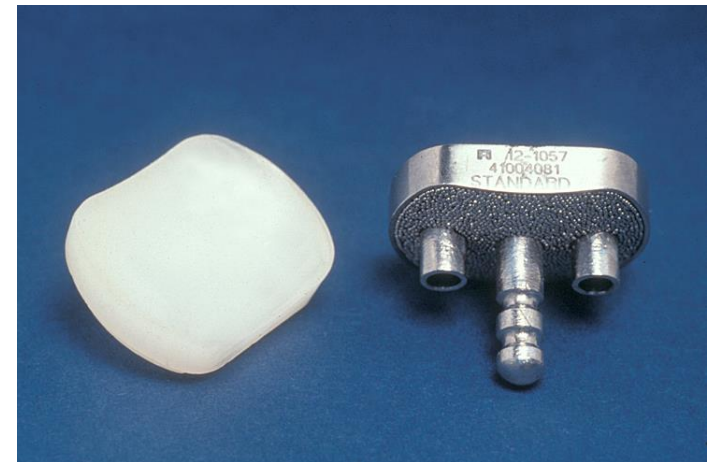
Ingrowth capability



Glenoid design:

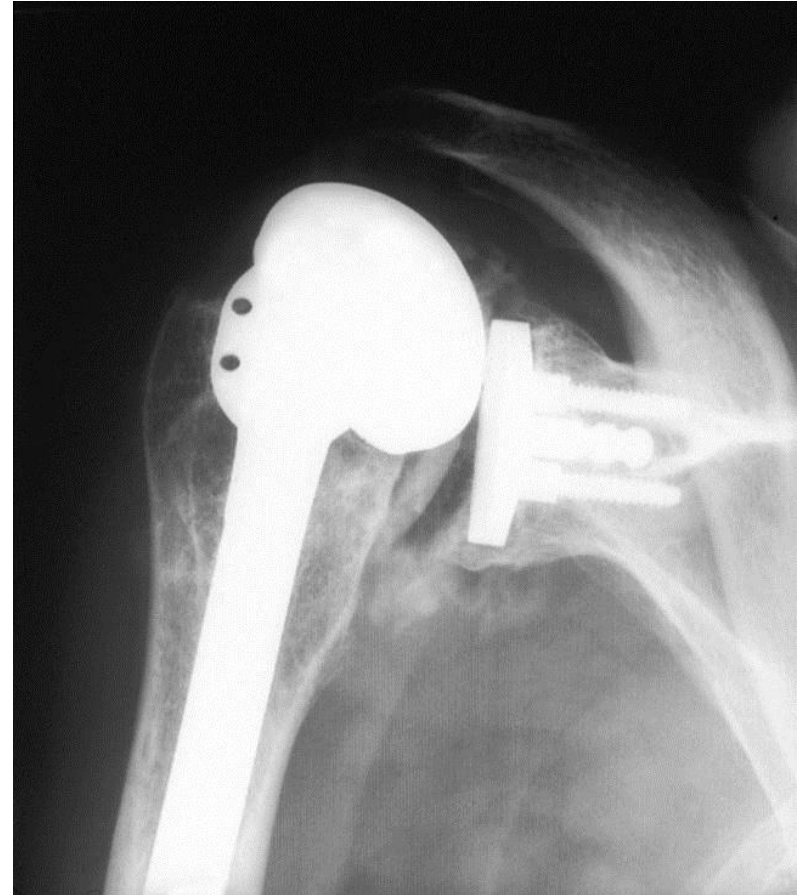
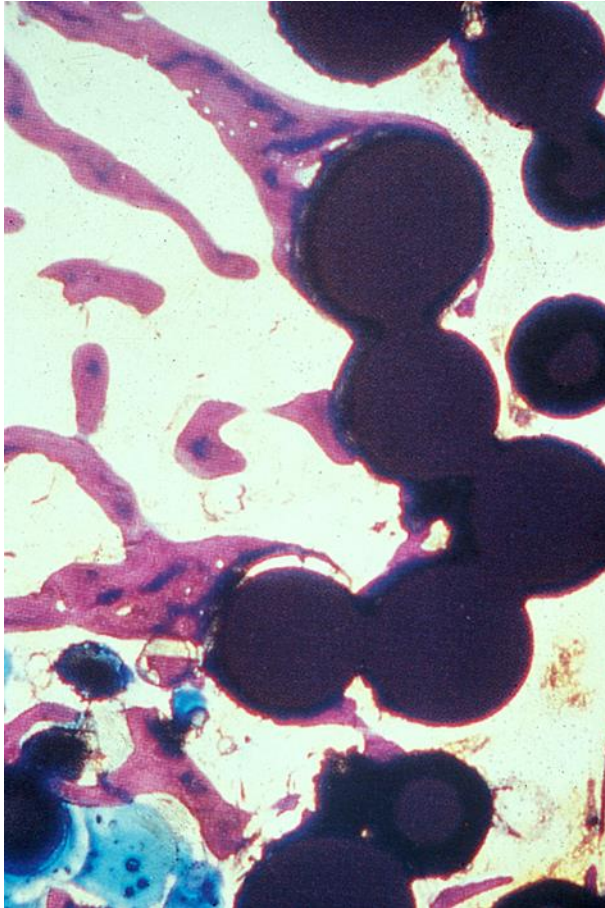
Pegged

Metalbacked polyethylene



# Second generation TSR

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# Third generation TSR

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Based on normal anatomy

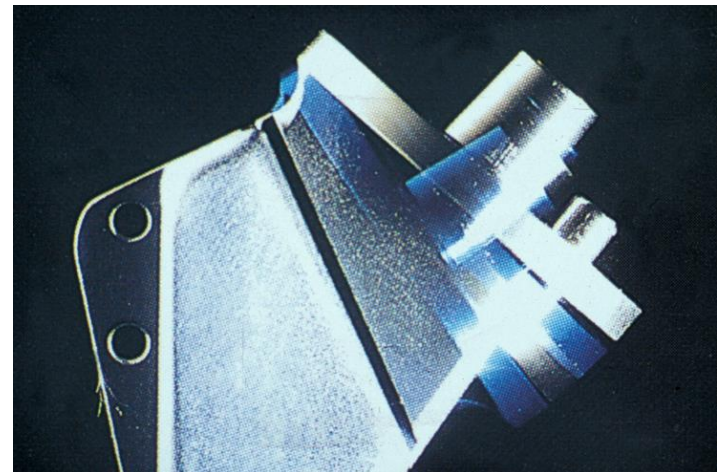
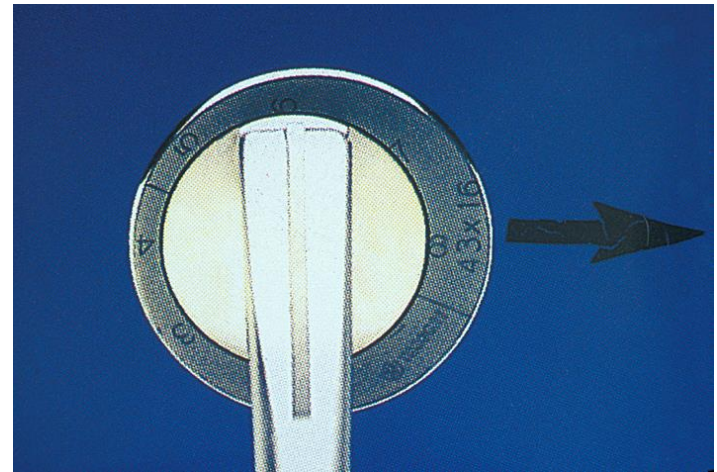
Variable!

Offset humeral head

Variable neck shaft angle

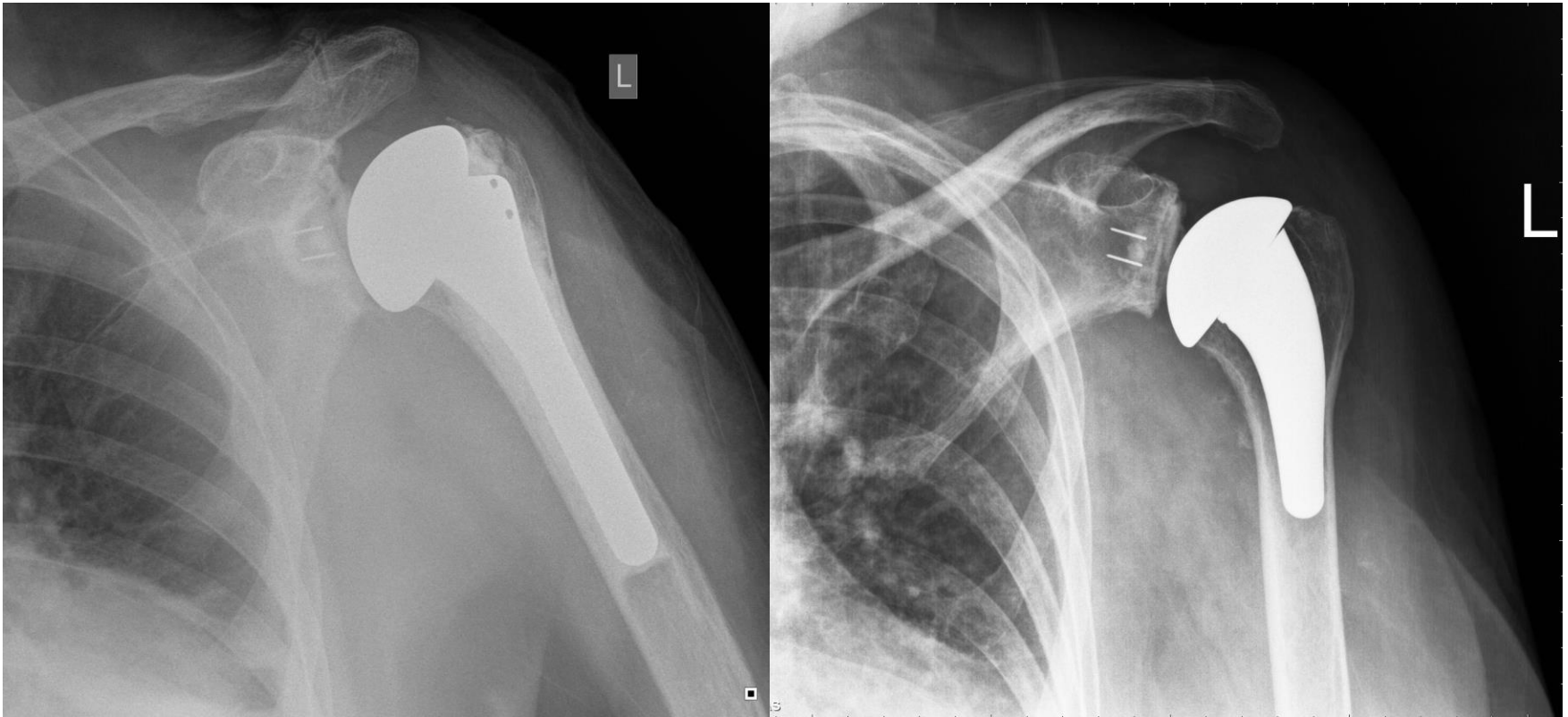
Shorter cementless stems

Make the implant fit the patient



# Third generation TSR

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# Recent developments in TSR

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Partial resurfacing

Stemless humeral implants

Trabecular metal (tantalum) composite glenoids

Newer bearing materials to reduce wear

- ceramic
- pyrocarbon
- polyethylene (crosslinked, Vitamin E)

Computer guided navigation

Antibiotic impregnated spacers for infection



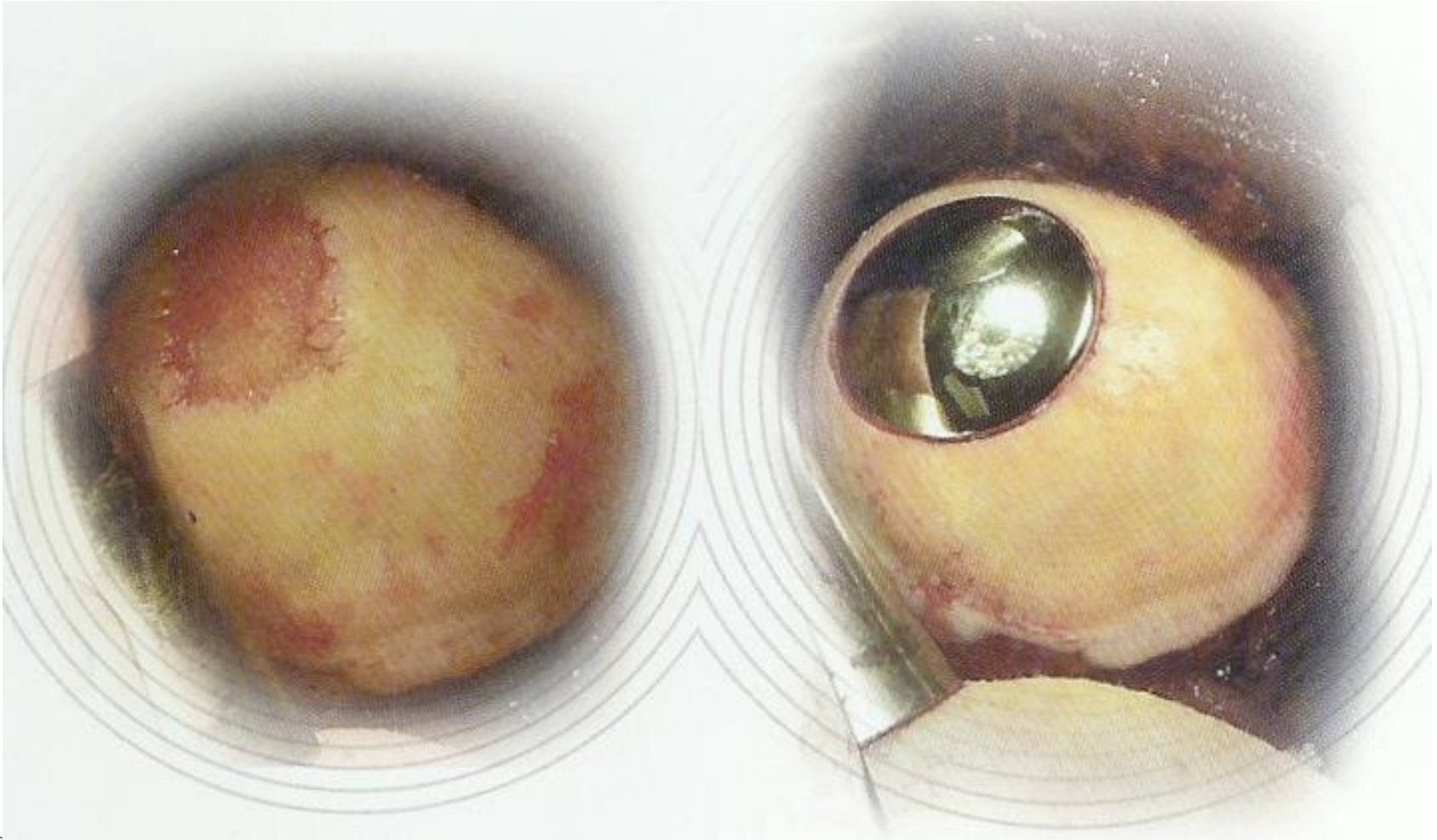
# Partial resurfacing (Hemicap)

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# Outcome of 'inlay' partial arthroplasty

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19 patients

Average age 48 years

Followup 3 years

ROM improved by 20-30 degrees in elevation and ER

90% satisfaction

No loosening, fracture, osteolysis

Revisions:           x 1 for glenoid wear

                          x 1 for infection and SSC rupture

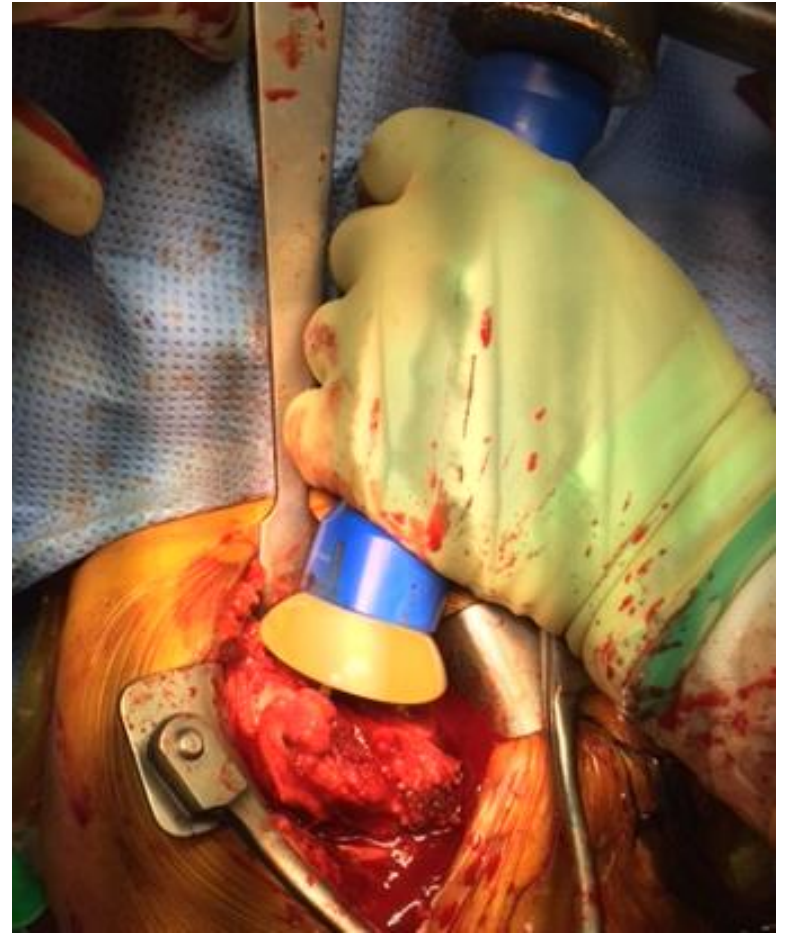
*Sweet et al 2015*

# Arthroplasty – current designs



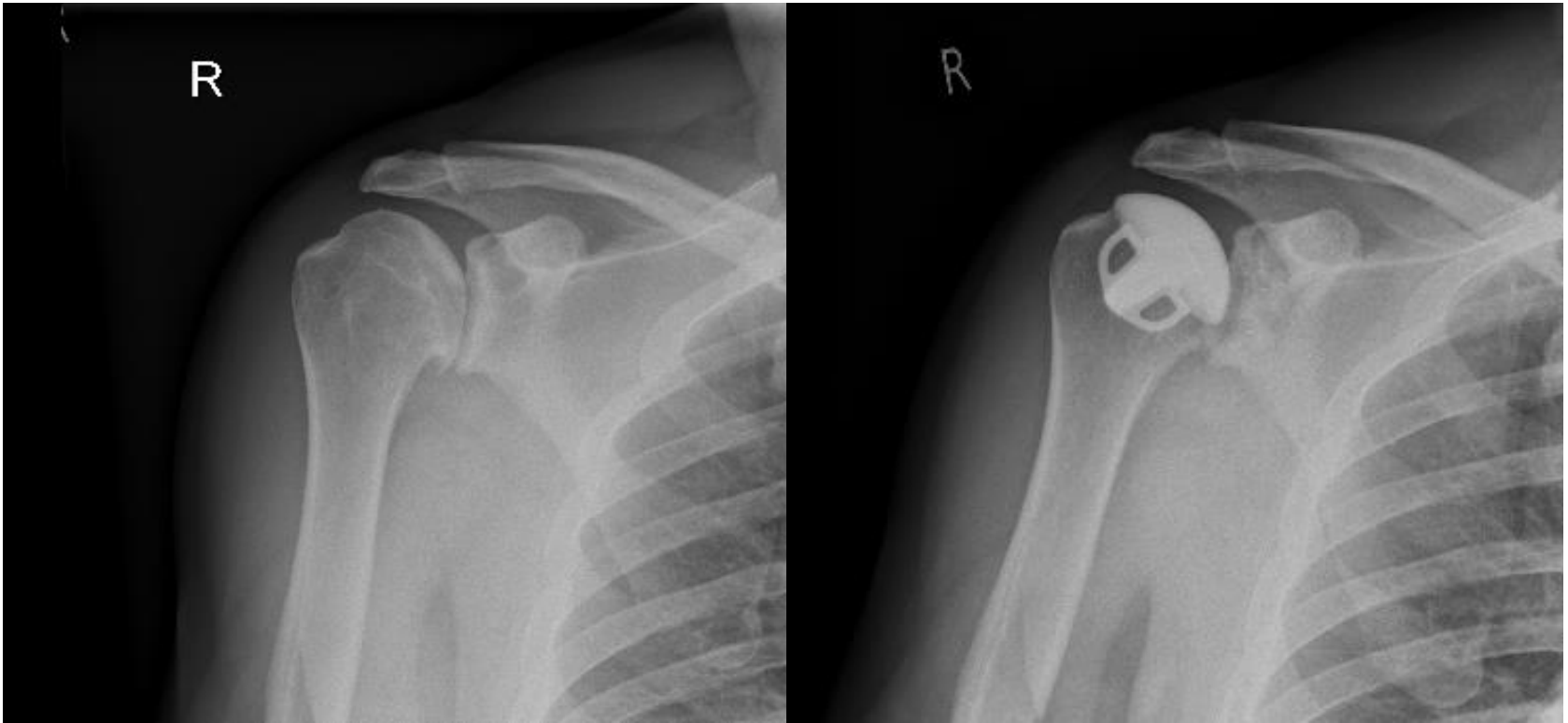
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# Challenges for current generation of TSR

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- Minimise bone resection
- Replicate native anatomy
- Secure fixation
- Integration
- Durable
- Facilitate revision
- Convertible
- Cost effective



# Rehabilitation

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Phase 1: protect SSC repair (limit ER to 30)  
(0-4w) active assisted elevation (pulley)  
elbow and scapular setting

Phase 2: resume driving  
(4-8w) progress to full range  
isokinetic strengthening

Phase 3: conditioning for RTS  
(8-12w) swimming



# Outcomes of TSR

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Glenoid component at 8 years (*Kilian 2017*)

- radiographic lucency: 36% keeled; 44% pegged
- implant revision: 20% keeled; 7% pegged

Midterm results of 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation TSA (*Schoch 2017*)

7.5% reoperation rate for all causes (instability, infection, cuff failure, fracture, loosening)

Equates to a failure rate of 1% per year after 2 years

Survivorship 90% at 10 years

Glenoid lucency still an issue

# Return to sport (Aim et al 2017)

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Meta analysis of 613 patients

Mean age 72 years

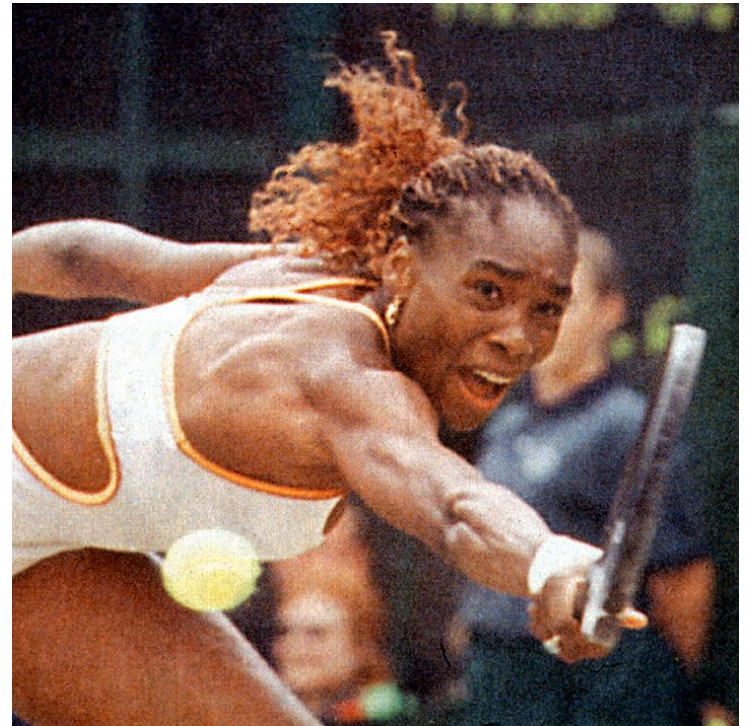
Better than expected

Golf, tennis, swimming

81% overall return to sport

- 79% golf
- 76% swimming
- 64% tennis

Lower rate with reverse TSR



# TSA – poor prognostic factors

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Younger patient, especially male

< 65 years: 17% revised at 10 years

54% glenoid lucency

60% survivorship at 20 years

Obesity

Diabetes

Parkinson's disease

Smoking



# TSR in cuff arthropathy

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Cuff tear arthropathy  
(Milwaukee shoulder)

End stage cuff disease

Painful, swollen

Severe wasting

Pseudoparalytic shoulder

Loss of fulcrum



# TSR in cuff arthropathy

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# Reverse TSR in cuff arthropathy

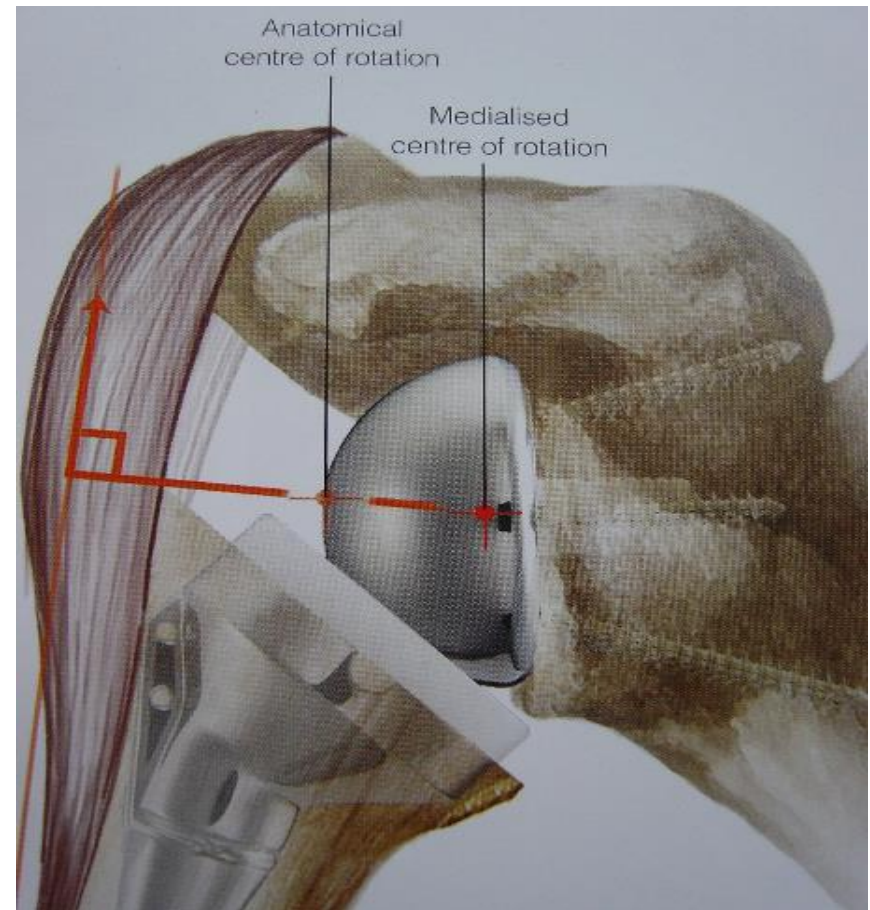
## Grammont 1980s (Dijon, France)

$$M = F \times d$$

Stable fulcrum

Less force needed for elevation

Limited rotation



# Reverse TSA

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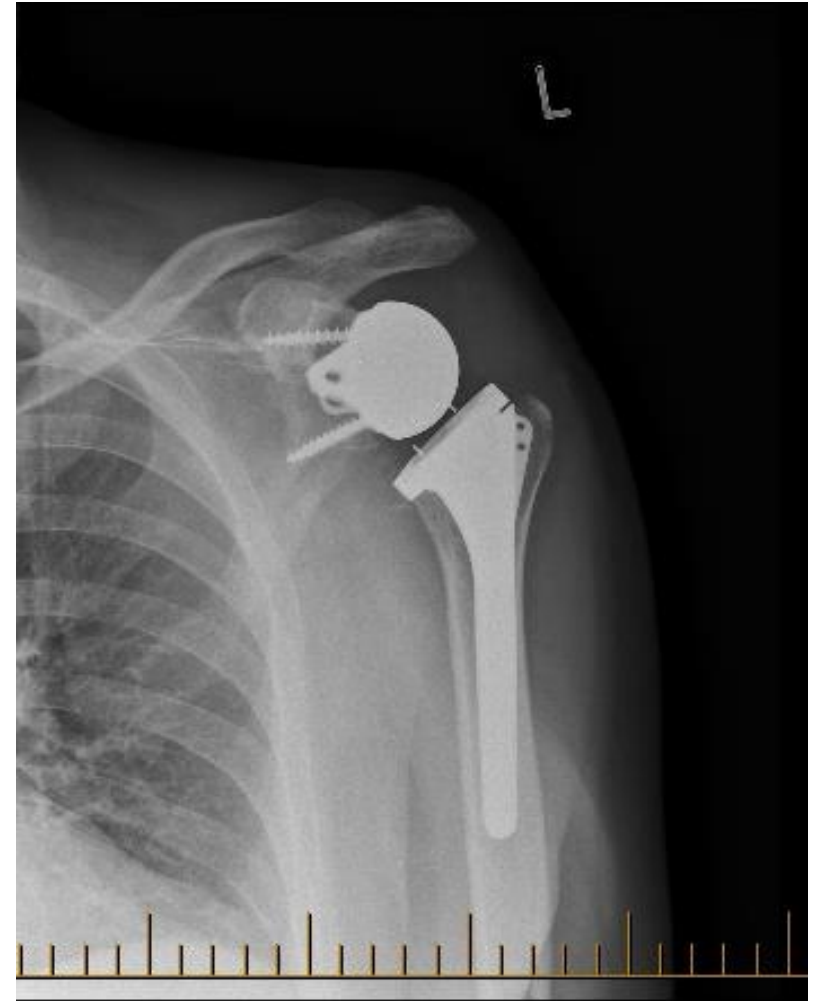
Pain relief

Overhead function

Rapid rehabilitation

Good for elderly patients

- CTA
- failed cuff repair
- fractures



# Complications and challenges

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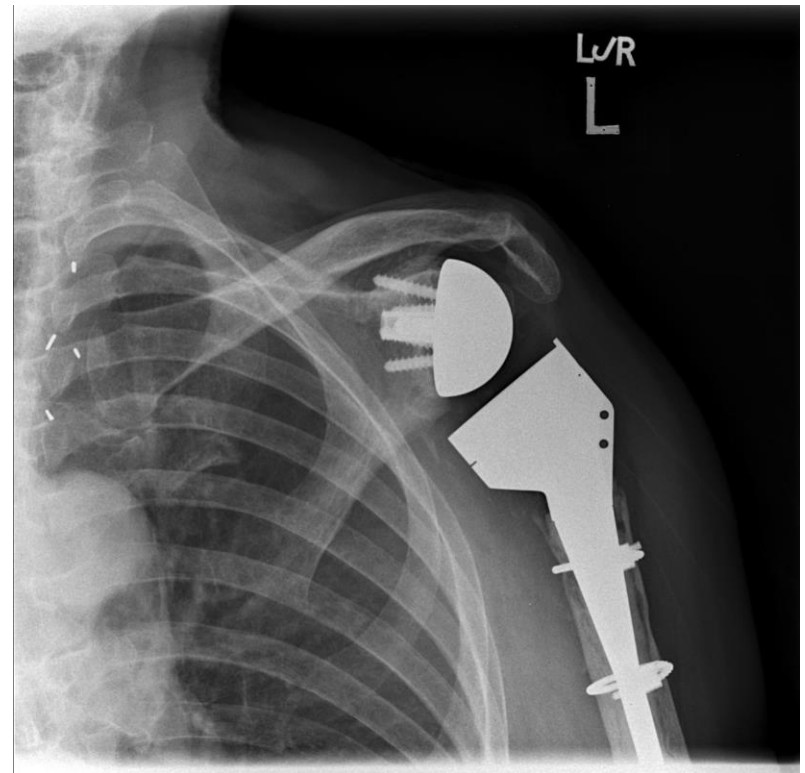
Deformity

Overtensioning of deltoid

Scapular stress fracture

Infection

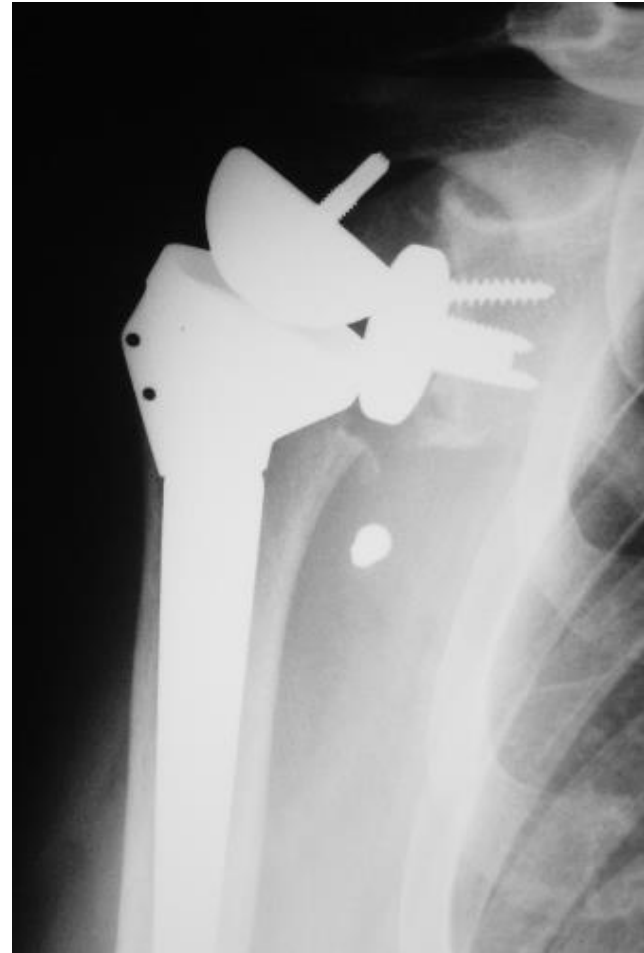
Instability





# Complications – reverse TSR

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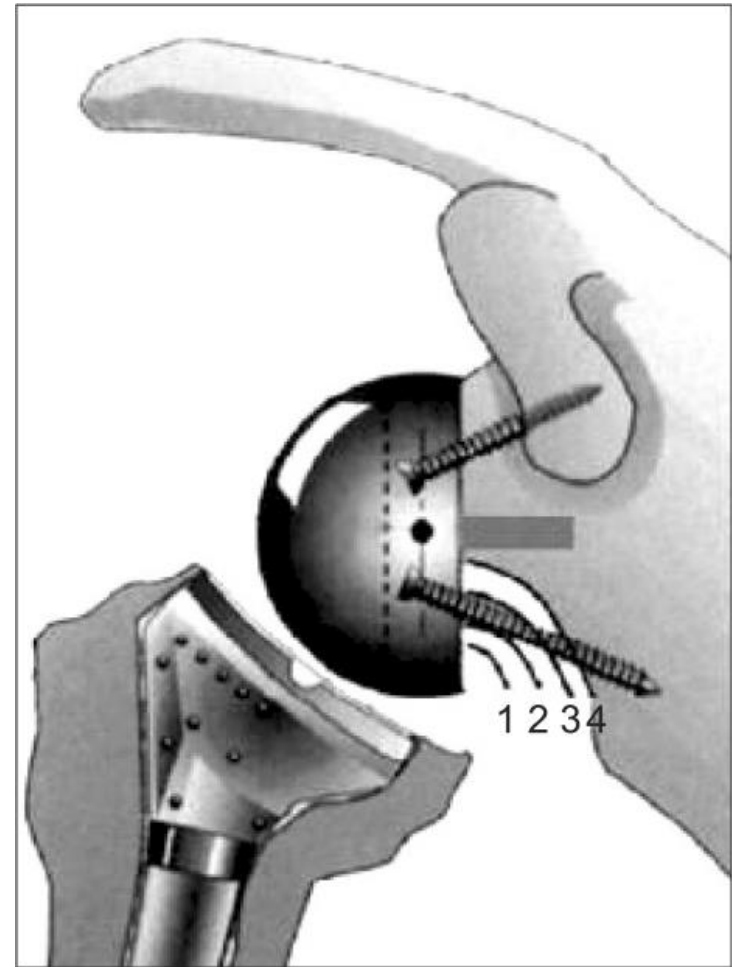
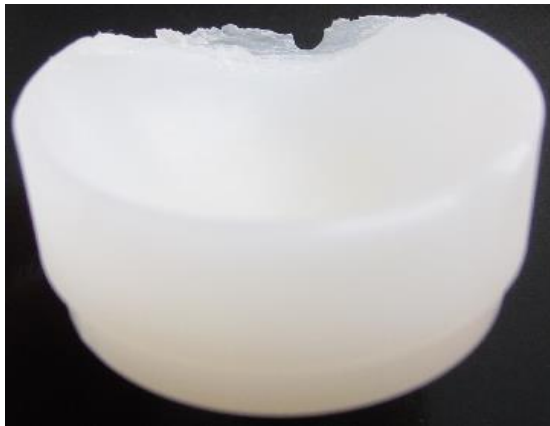


# Complications – reverse TSR

Scapular notching

Premature liner wear

? Earlier loosening



# Notching in reverse TSR

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476 patients at a minimum of 2 years

Prevalence of 10%

Poorer clinical outcomes

Less strength

Less ROM

Higher complication rate

*Mollon 2017*

# Developments – reverse TSR

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Glenosphere size (36, 38, 39, 42)

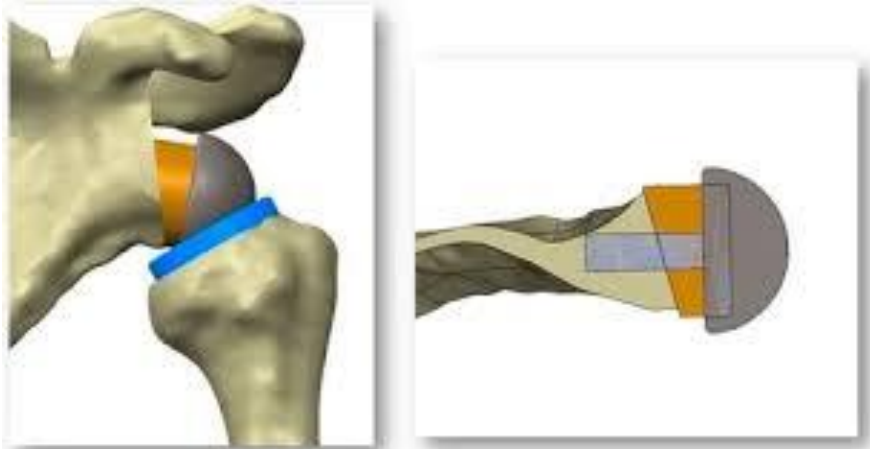
Neck shaft angle (135 vs 150 deg)

‘BIO’ (bony increased offset) reverse TSA

Inferior placement, tilting, eccentric glenosphere

‘Platform’ systems

# Developments – reverse TSR



# Rehabilitation of reverse TSR

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Phase 1: active assisted elevation (pulley)  
(0-4 w) supine rotation (stick)  
avoid full ER/IR

Phase 2: active elevation and rotation  
(4-12w) elbow flexion/extension  
scapular setting

Phase 3: deltoid strengthening  
(12w +) swimming  
return to activity

# Outcomes of reverse TSR

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Constant score:	25 to 83
Subjective shoulder value:	27 to 90%
Complication rate:	7-10%

Loosening: 1-2% at 7.5 years

Return to sport (*Liu 2016*)

- overall 86%
- tennis, golf 60%
- rowing, fishing 100%

# Utility of national shoulder registries

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Diagnoses

Patient demographics

Indications

Procedures

Prostheses

Revision (reason, rate, timing)

Globally > 250 000 entries



# Incidence of shoulder arthroplasty / $10^5$

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Germany	34
Australia	16
New Zealand	16
Denmark	19
Sweden	13
Norway	10
UK	6
Netherlands	?



# Conclusions

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Shoulder arthroplasty is increasing

Indications are expanding

Patient expectations are high

Technology continues to evolve rapidly

Registries will have a important role

No implant yet lasts a lifetime

Glenoid durability still the weak link



# Conclusions

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The best outcomes can be achieved by...

the right patient	30%
the right surgeon	30%
the right therapist	30%
the right implant	10%





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