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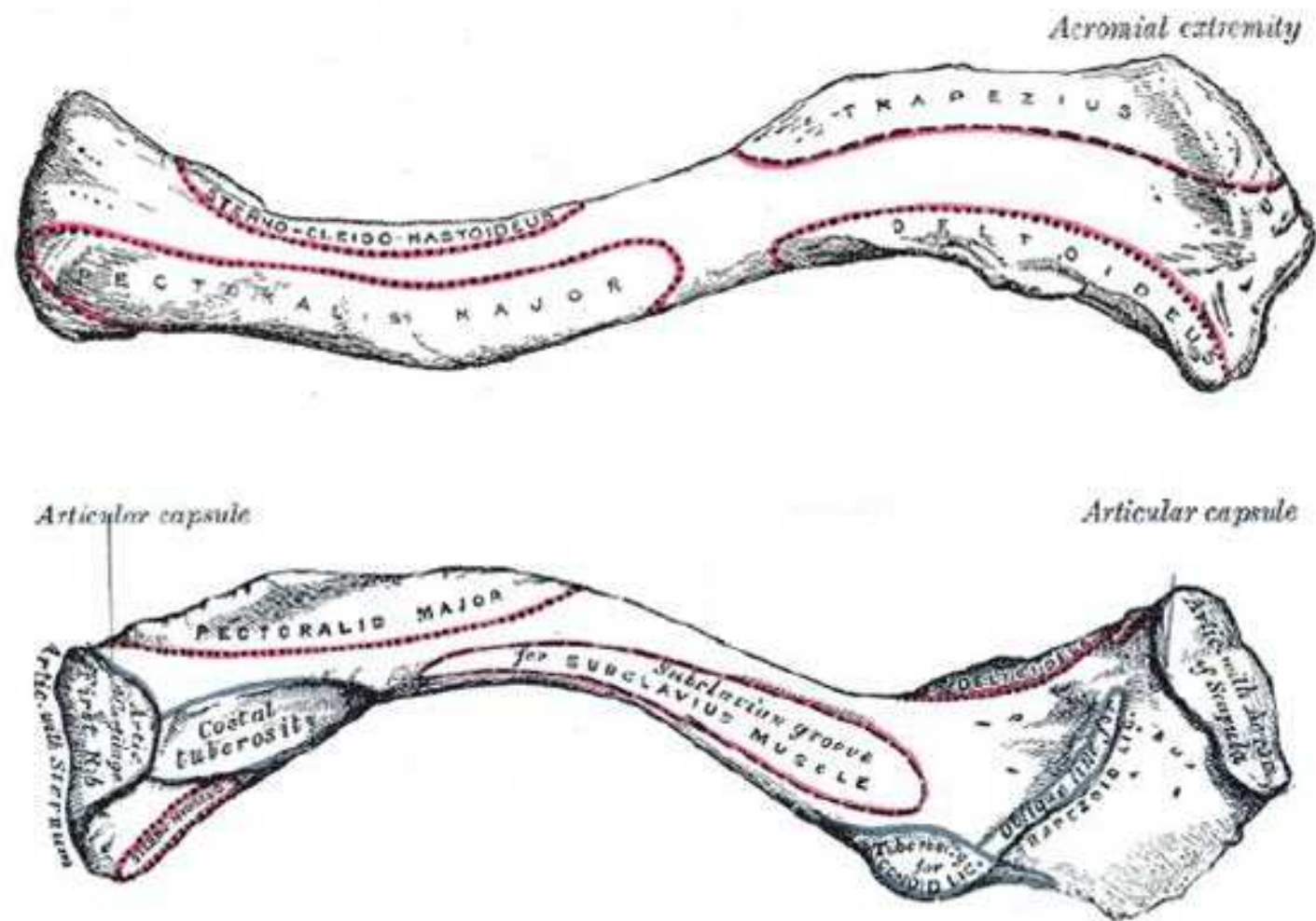


Image: clavicle/collar bone, superior & inferior views

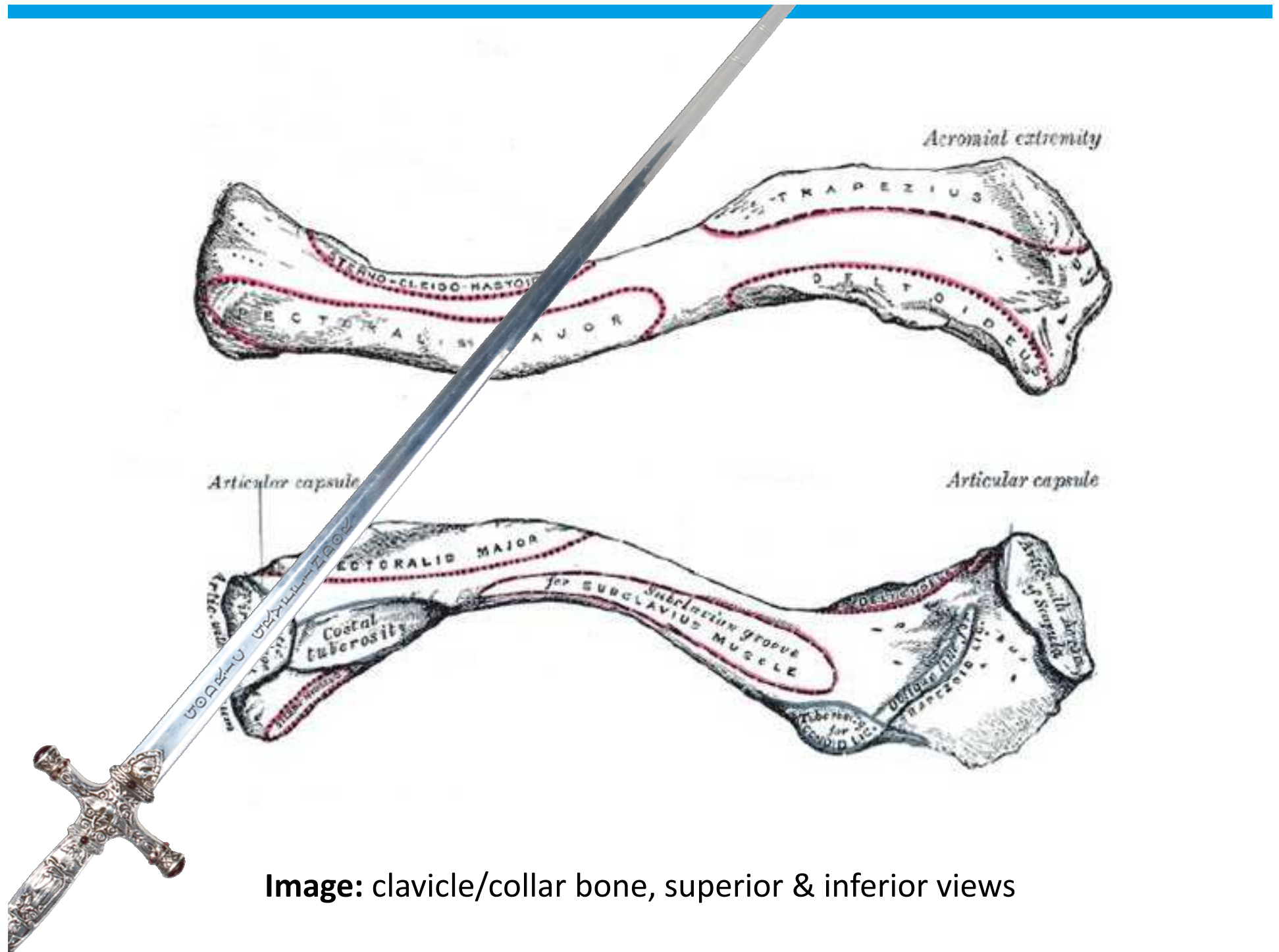
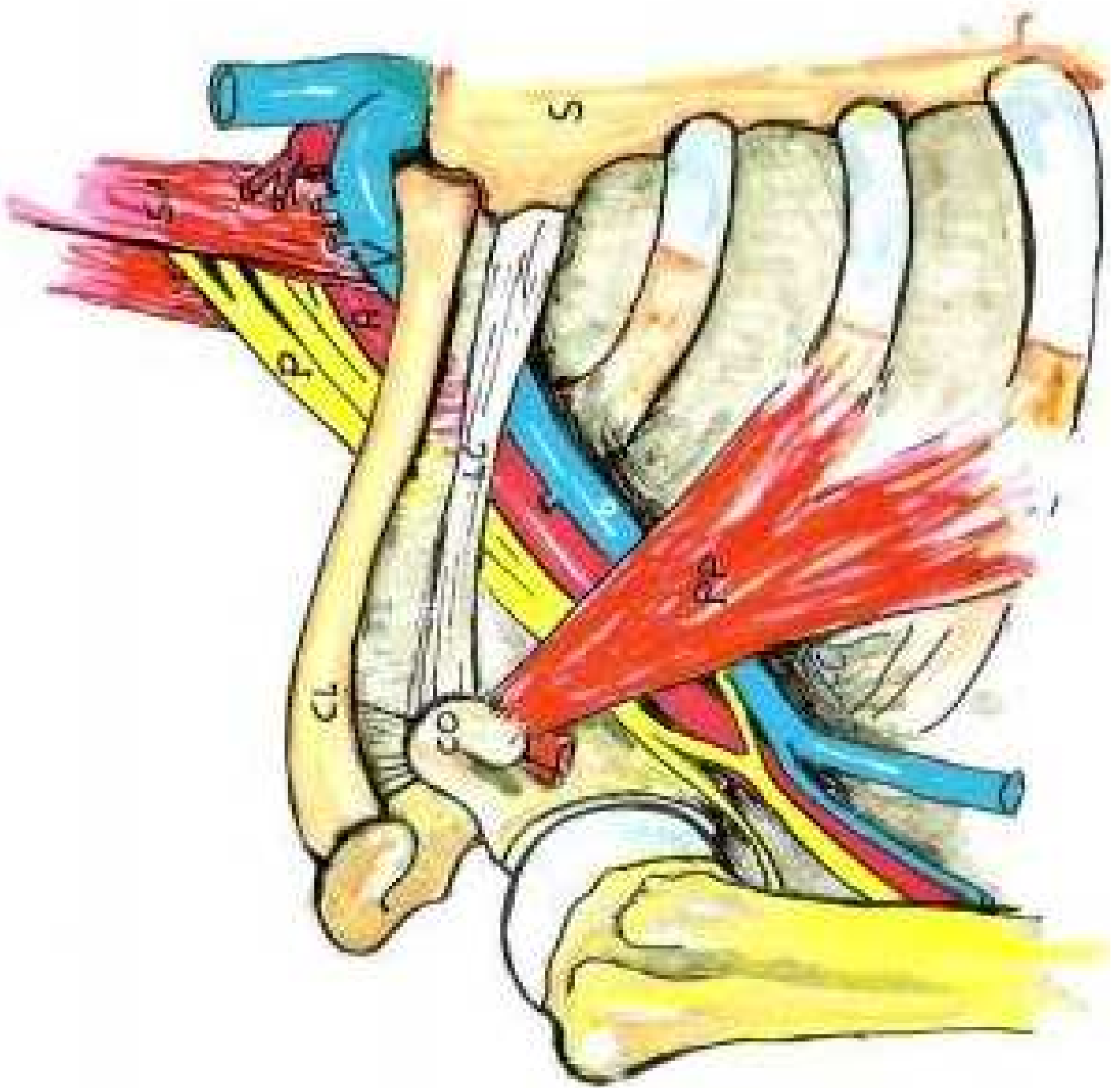
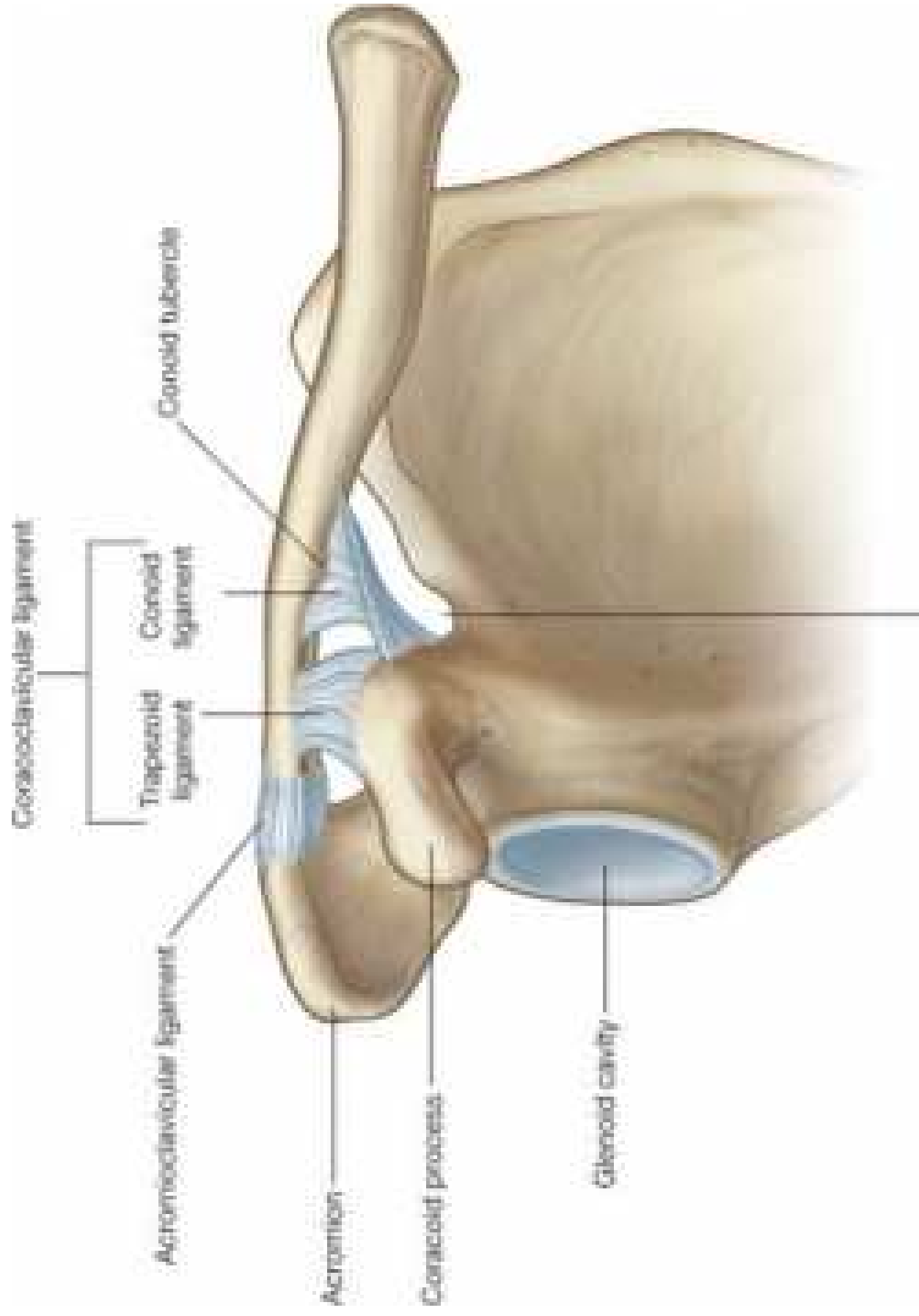
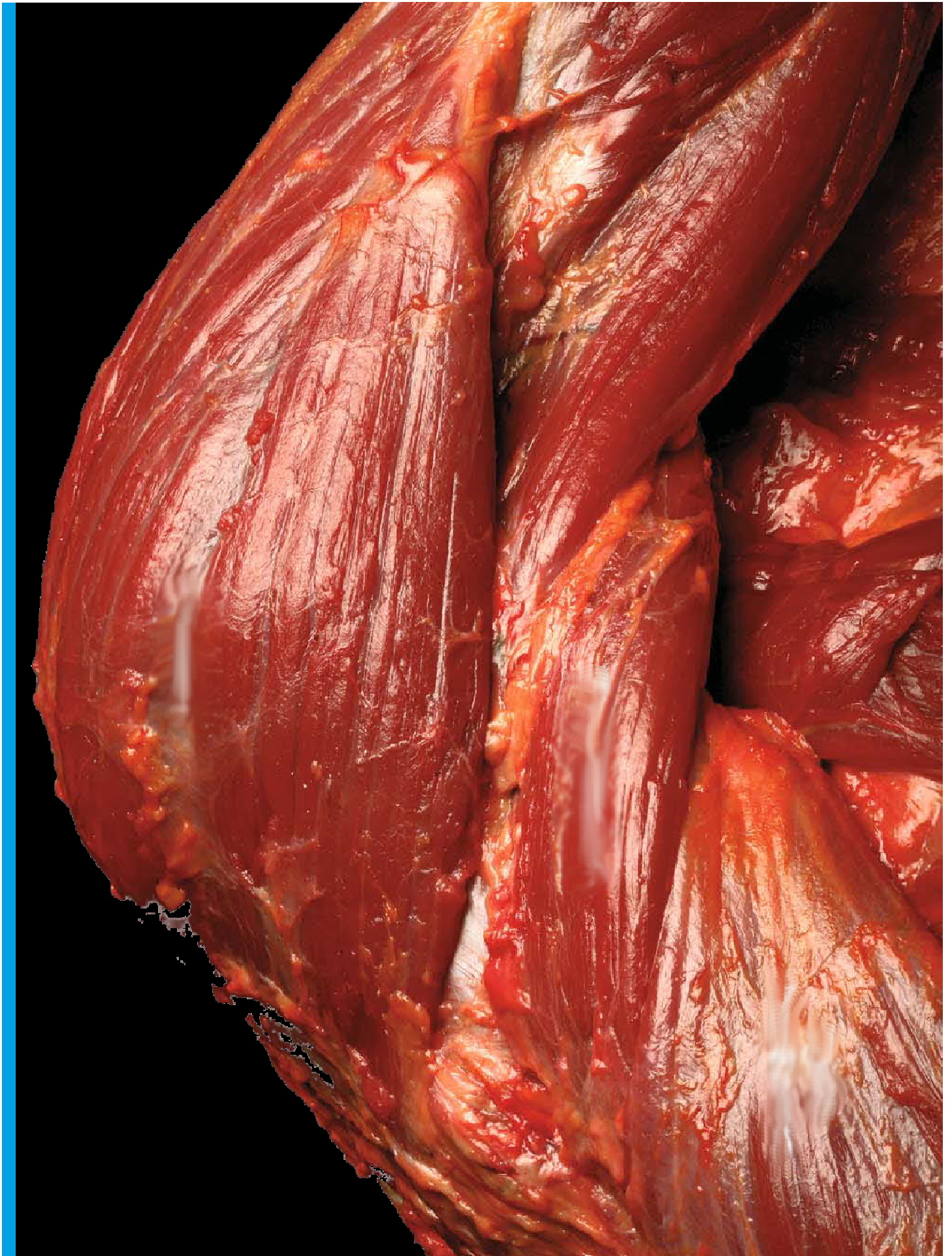


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B Mechanisms of injury

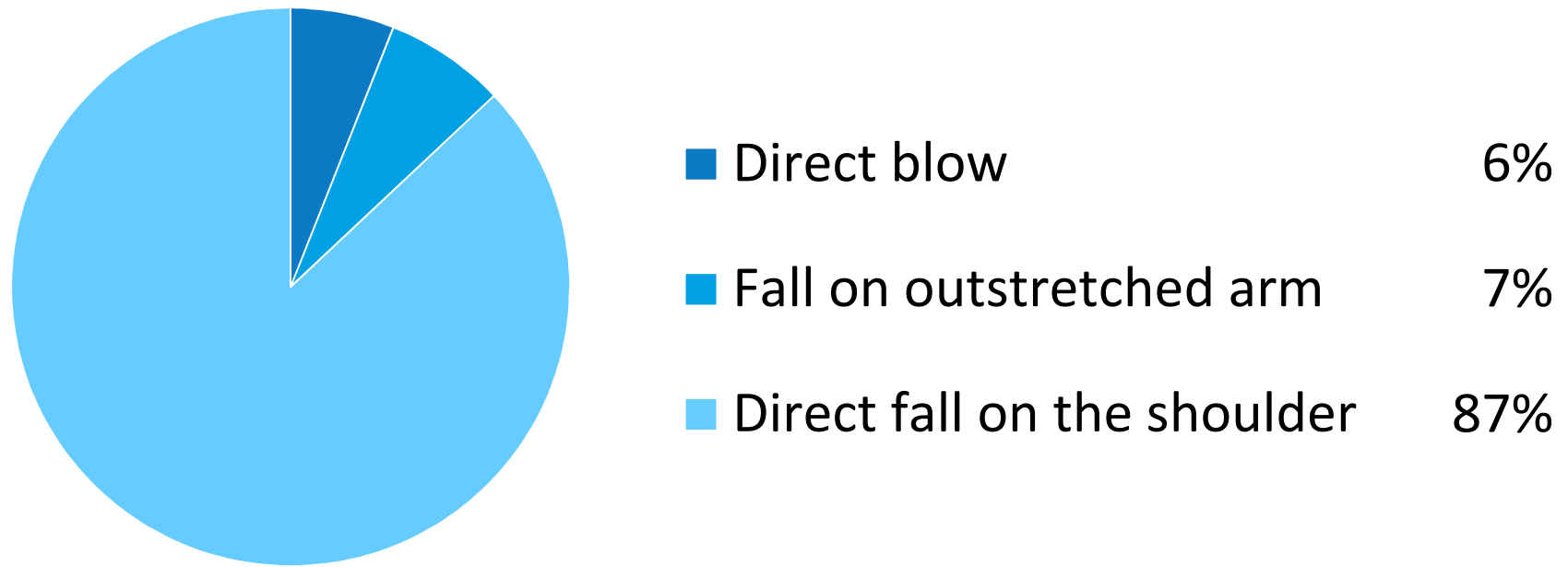
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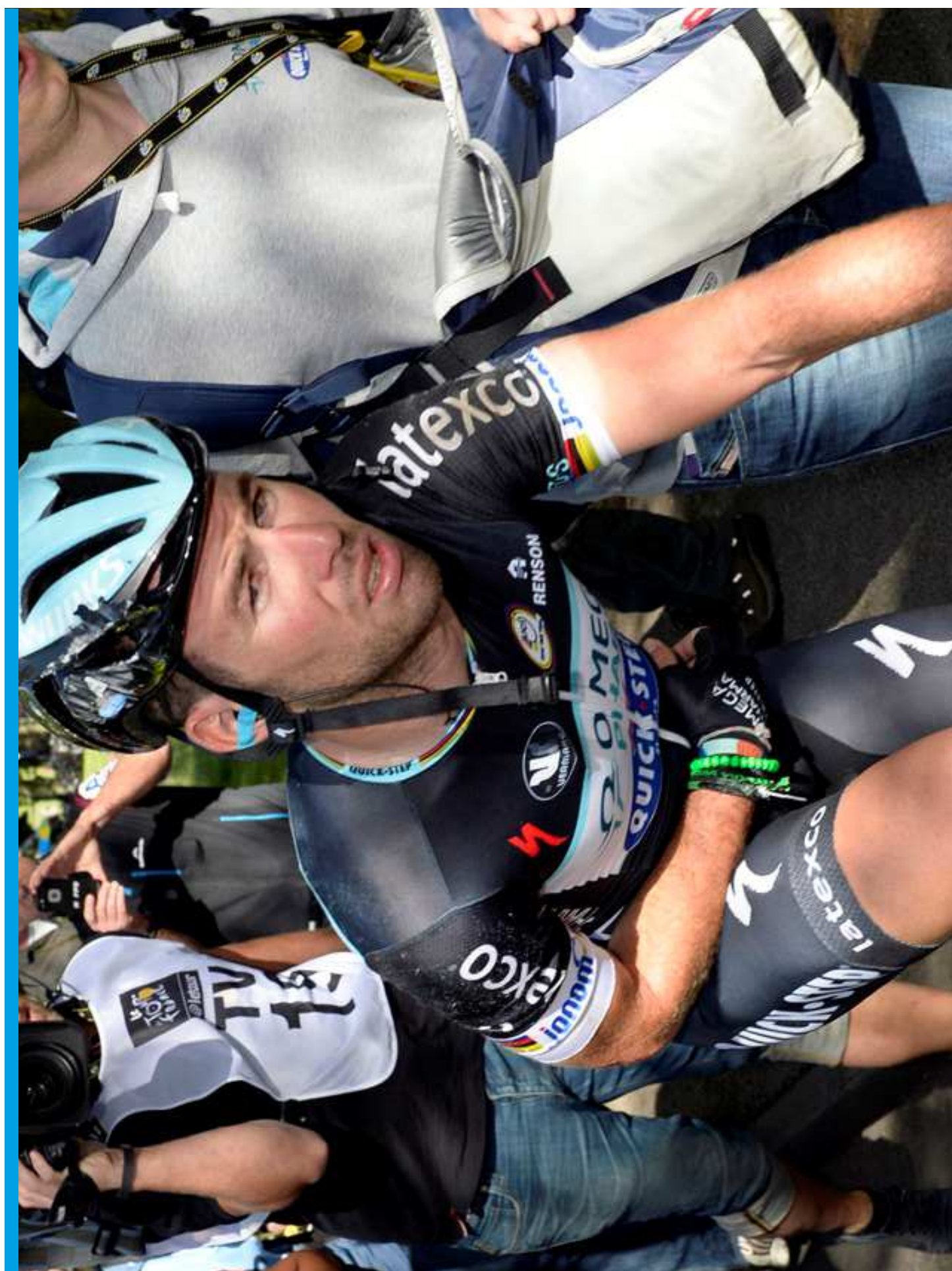
Statistics













Clearly not a clavicular fracture

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Treatment midclavicular fractures

- **Conservative**
- **Operative**
 - Indications for surgery
 - Techniques

Conservative treatment



Conservative treatment



In case of overlapping fragments



Others...

Operative treatment

Classic indications:

- ☐ Skin at risk / open fracture
- ☐ Multiple fractures
- ☐ Floating shoulder
- ☐ Neurovascular compromise

Indications to operate?

Nonoperative Treatment Compared with Plate Fixation of Displaced Midshaft Clavicular Fractures.

**Sahal A. Altamimi, MD, FRCS(C);
Michael D. McKee, MD, FRCS(C)**

J Bone Joint Surg Am, 2008 Mar; 90



Indications to operate?

CONCLUSIONS:

Operative fixation of a displaced fracture of the clavicular shaft results in improved functional outcome and a **lower rate of malunion and nonunion** compared with nonoperative treatment at one year of follow-up.

Hardware removal remains the most common reason for repeat intervention in the operative group.

This study supports **primary plate fixation of completely displaced midshaft clavicular fractures in active adult patients.**

Indications to operate?

Operative Versus Nonoperative Treatment of Midshaft Clavicle Fractures in Adolescents.

**Vander Have, Kelly L. MD;
Perdue, Aaron M. MD;
Caird, Michelle S. MD;
Farley, Frances A. MD**



Indications to operate?

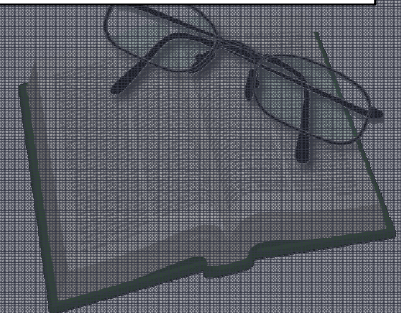
CONCLUSIONS:

Plate fixation of displaced midshaft clavicle fracture reliably restores length and alignment.

It resulted in **shorter time to union with low complication rates.**

Symptomatic malunion in adolescents may be more common than earlier thought after significantly displaced fractures.

Farley, Frances A. MD



Indications to operate?

**Open reduction and plate fixation
versus nonoperative treatment
for displaced midshaft clavicular fractures:
a multicenter, randomized, controlled trial.**

Robinson CM1

J Bone Joint Surg Am. 2013 Sep 4;95(17):1576-84.
doi: 10.2106/JBJS.L.00307.



CONCLUSIONS:

Open reduction and plate fixation reduces the rate of nonunion after acute displaced midshaft clavicular fracture compared with nonoperative treatment and is associated with better functional outcomes.

However, the improved outcomes appear to result from the prevention of nonunion by open reduction and plate fixation.

Open reduction and plate fixation is **more expensive and is associated with implant-related complications** that are not seen in association with nonoperative treatment.

The results of the present study **do not support routine primary open reduction and plate fixation** for the treatment of displaced midshaft clavicular fractures.

Operative treatment

Extended indications:

- ☐ Special considerations
 - Job related
 - Sports related
- ☐ Need for fast rehab
- ☐ "On demand" surgery



Operative treatment

Techniques:

1. Intramedullary rod
2. Clavicular plating

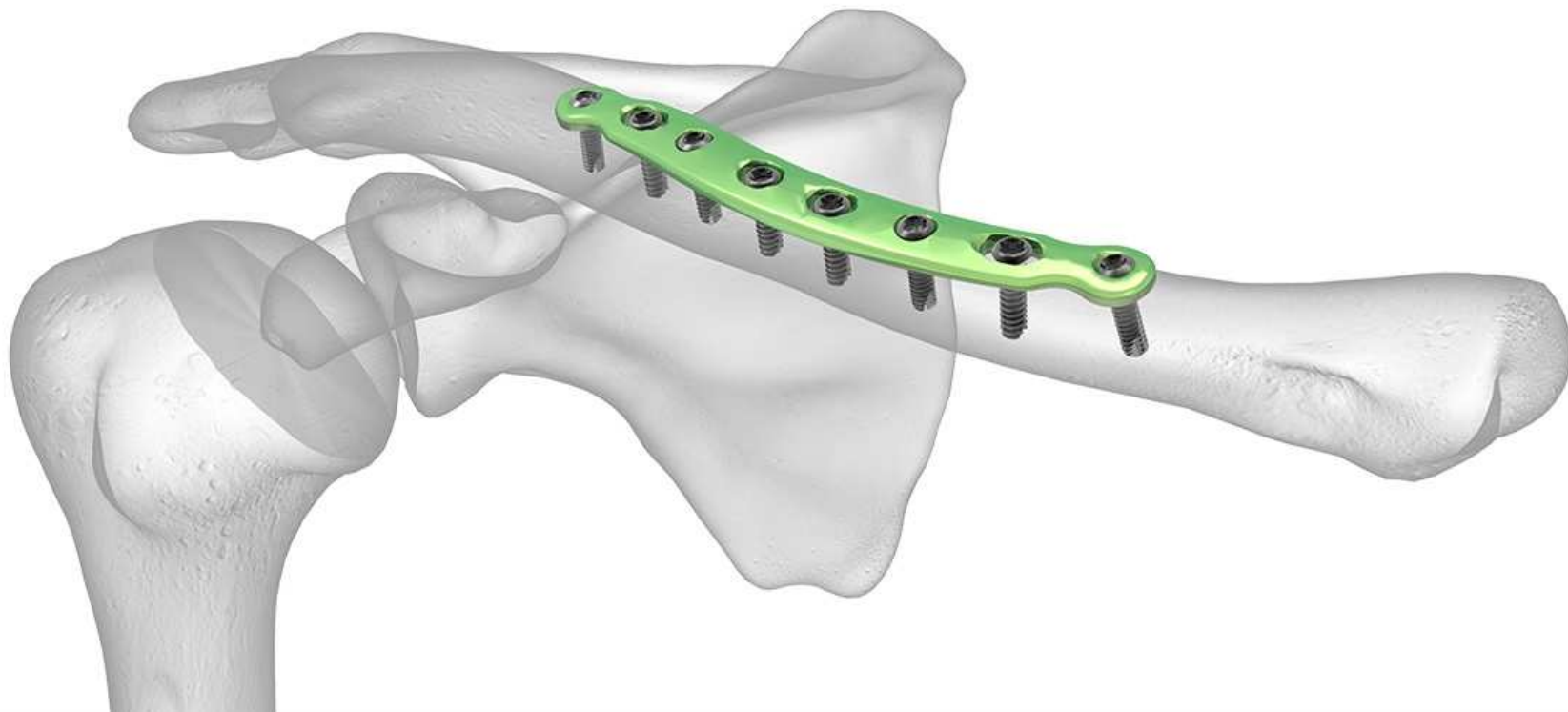
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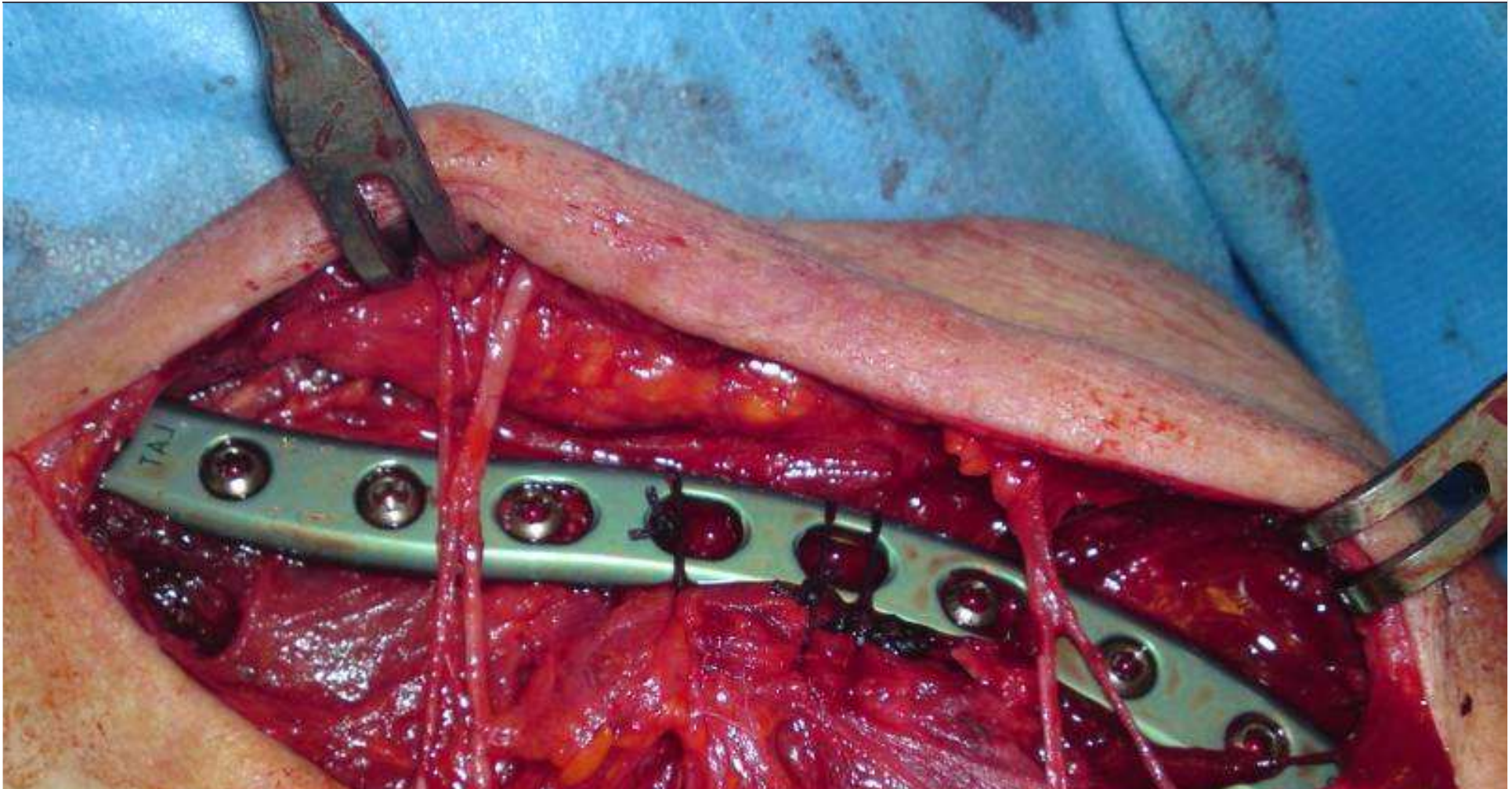
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Clavicular plating



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exposure

Clavicular plating



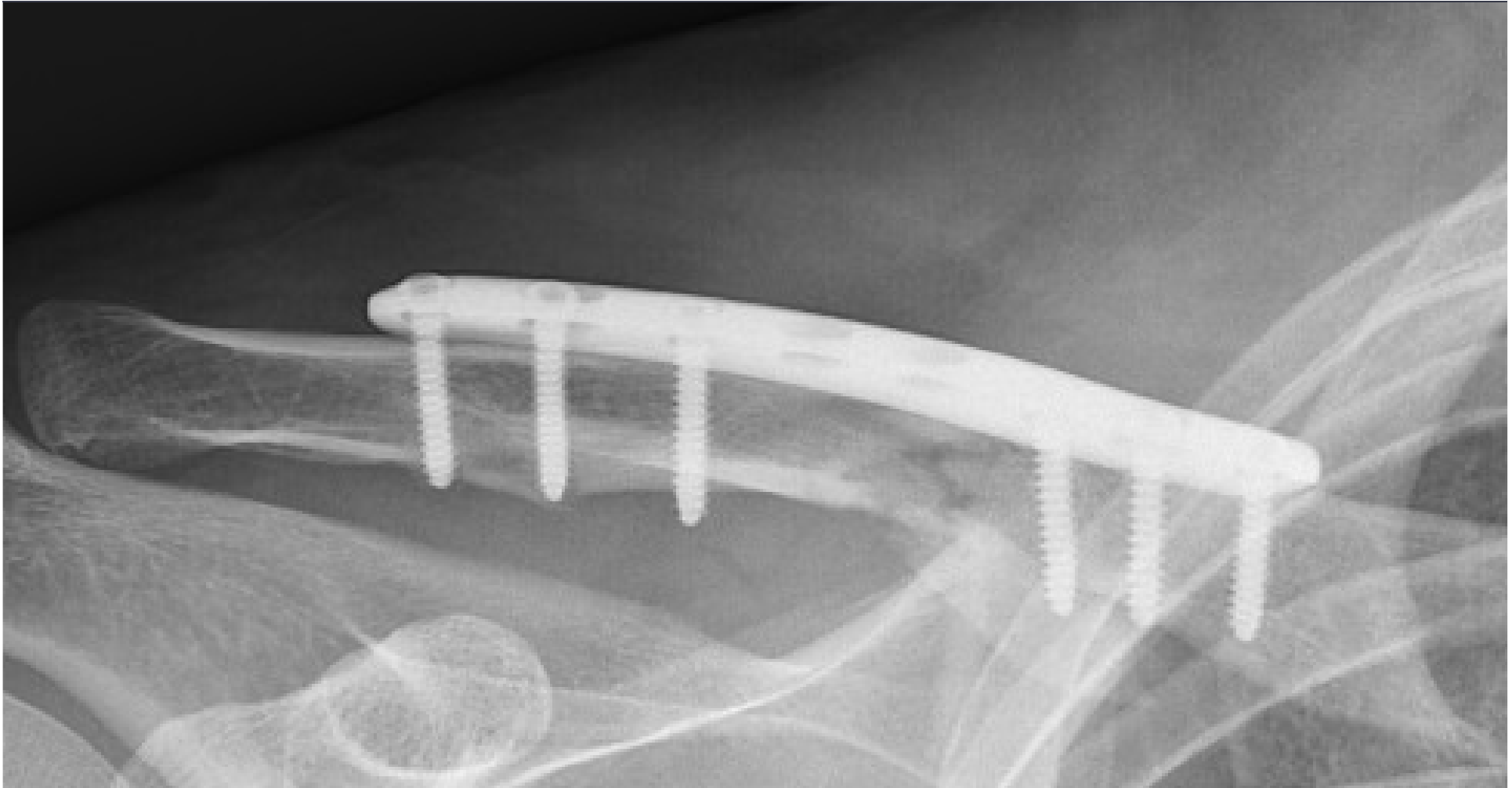
reduction fracture fragments

Clavicular plating



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reduction fracture fragments

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bridging plate

Clavicular plating



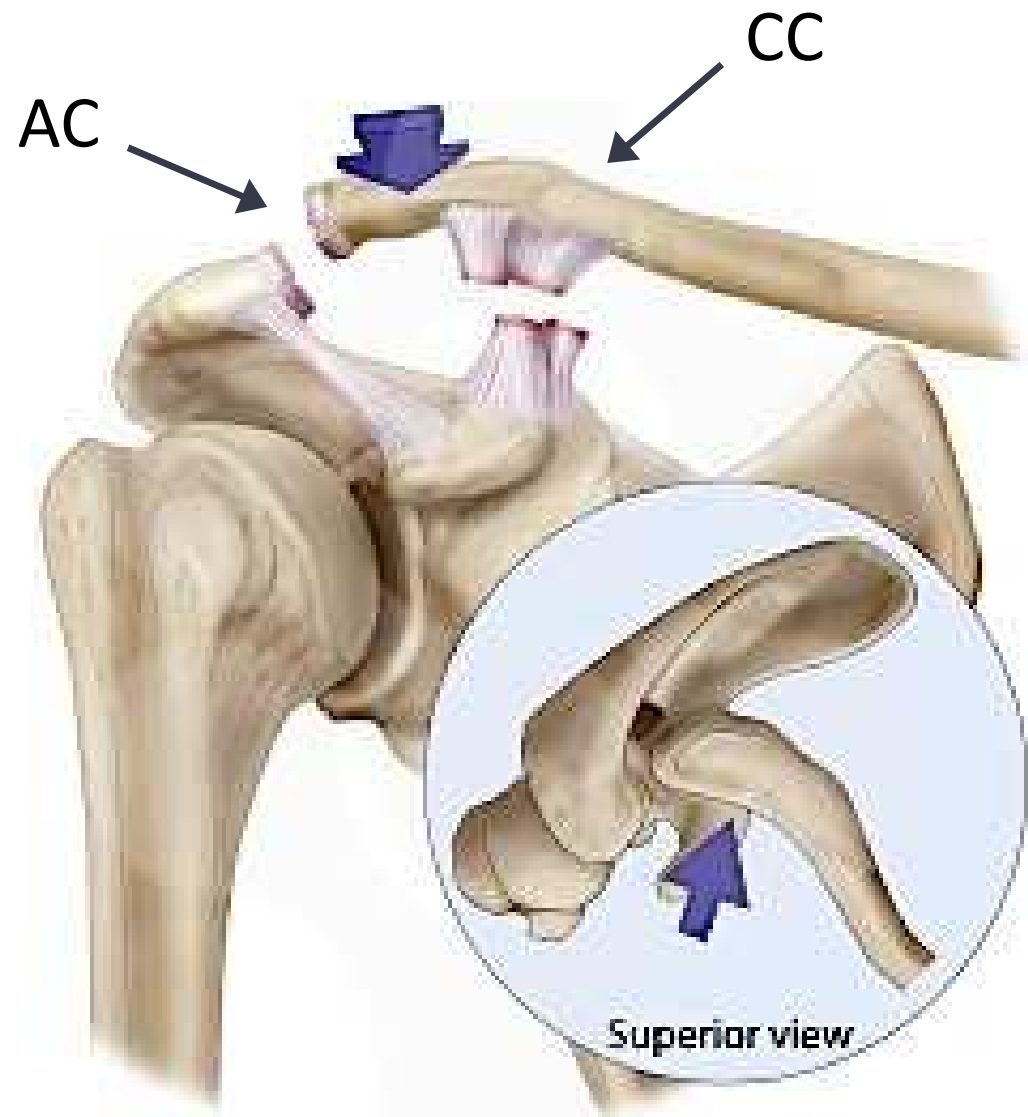
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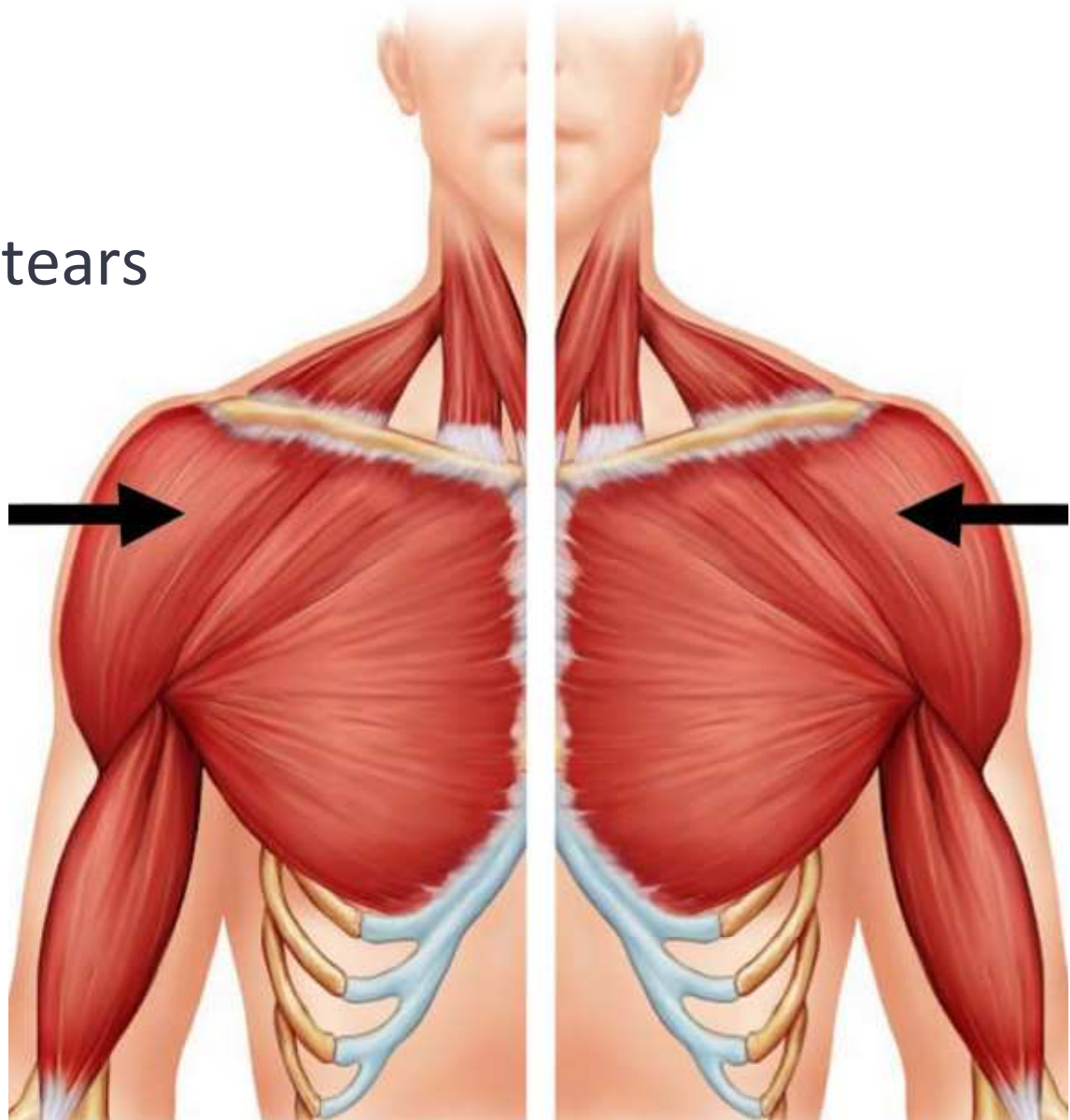
Types of AC dislocation

1. Ligament tears



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2. Muscular fascia tears

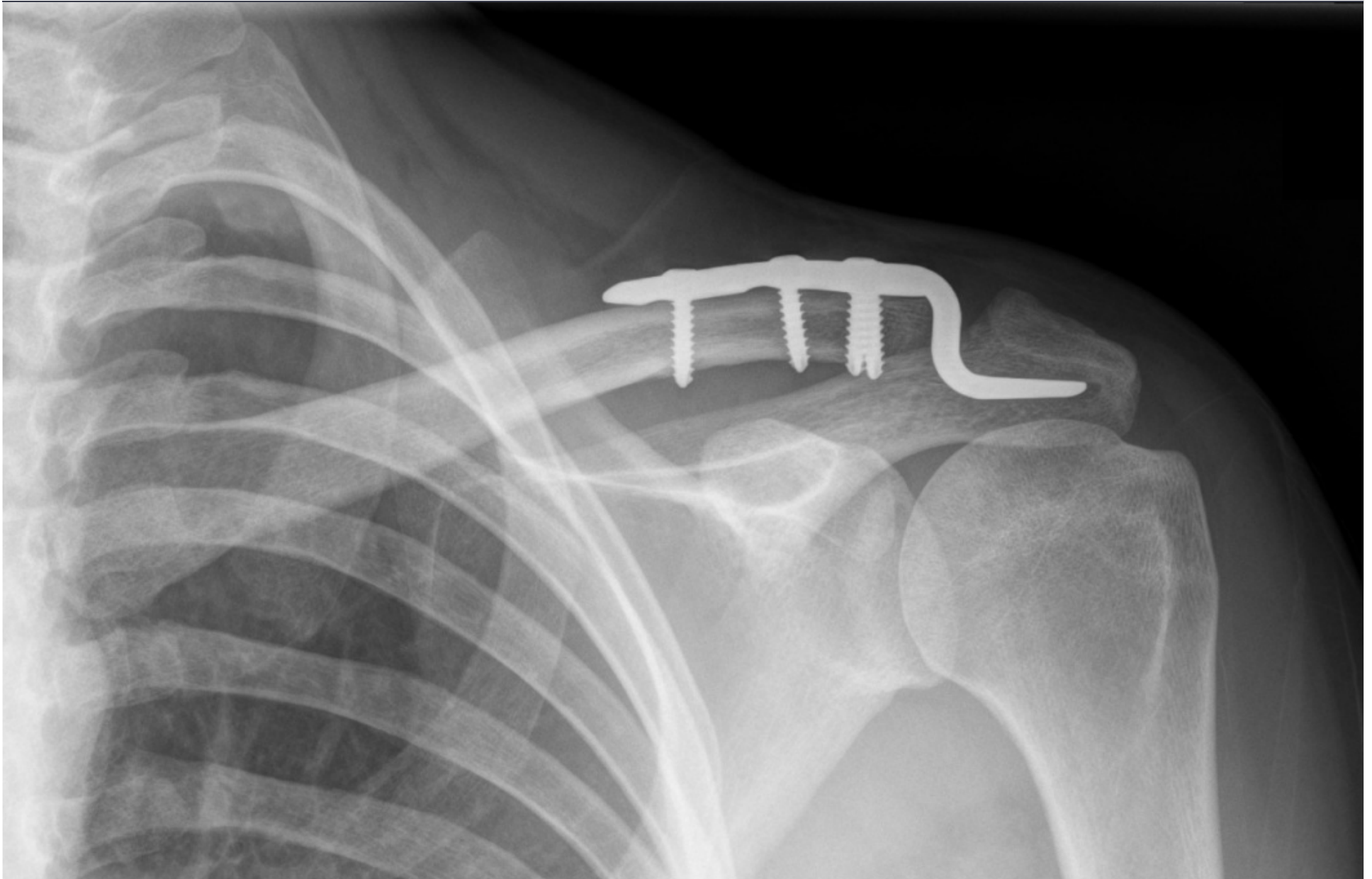


Reconstruction AC dislocation

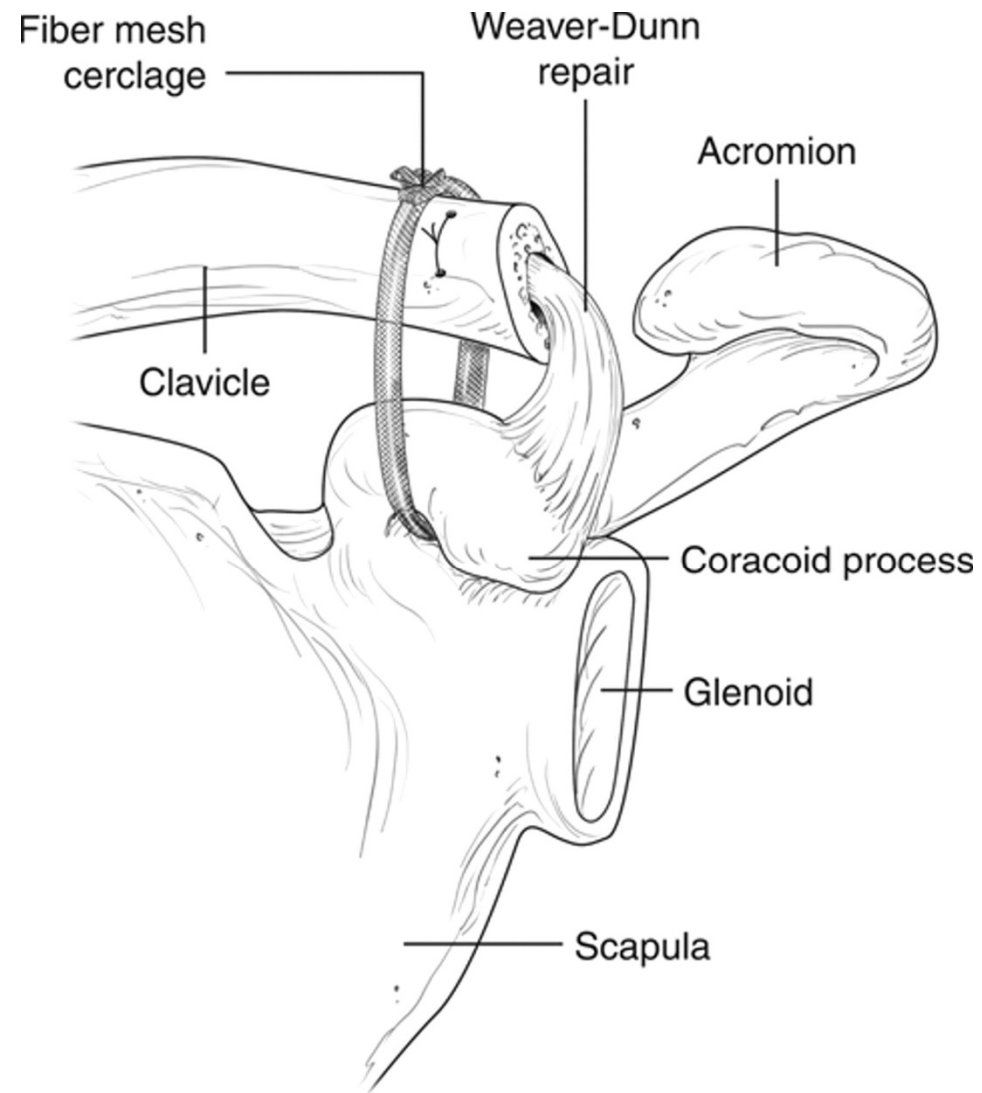
Techniques:

1. Hook plate
2. Modified “Weaver – Dunn”
3. Sling around coracoid
4. Anatomic augmentation CC ligaments

Hook plate



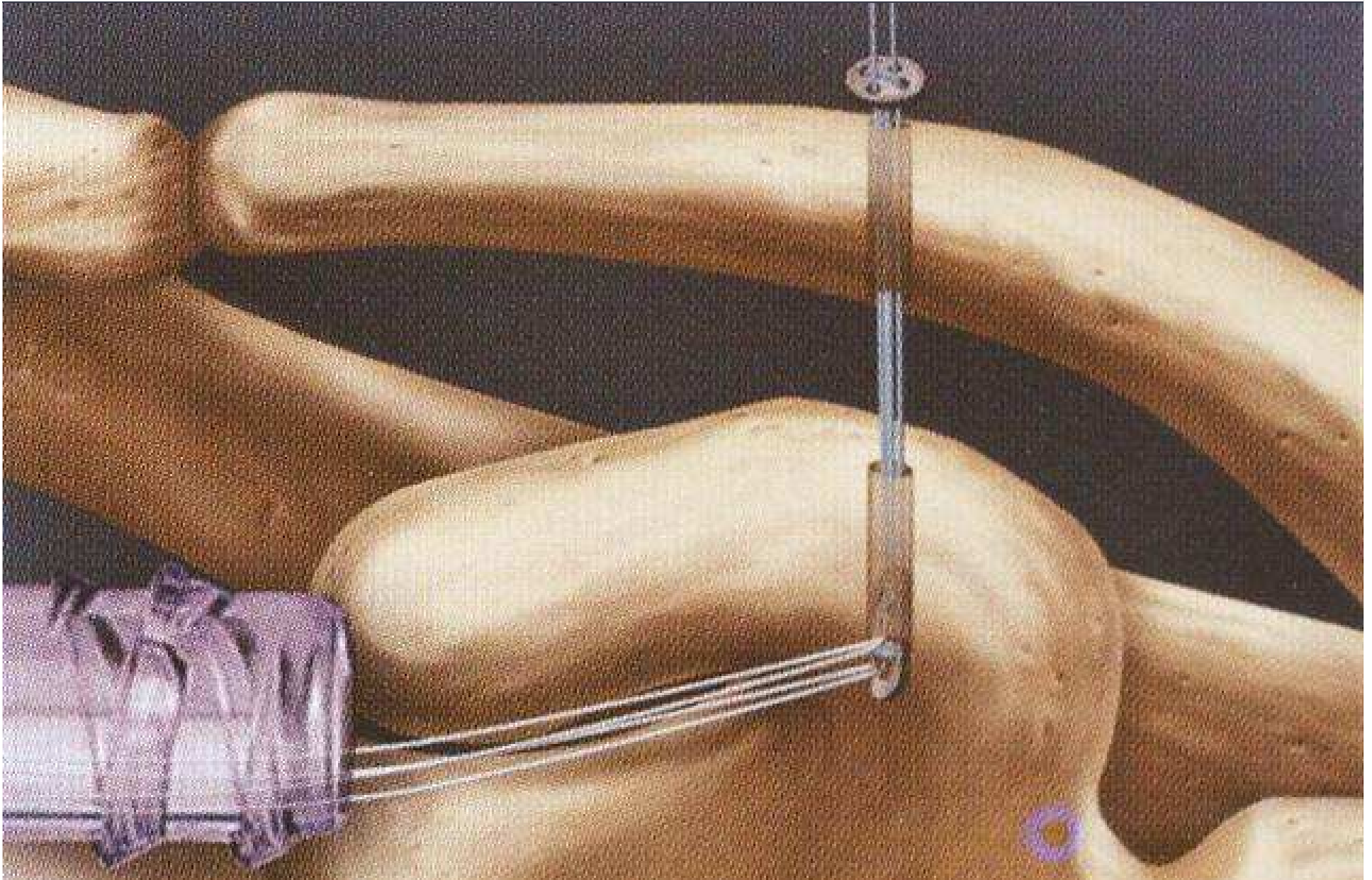
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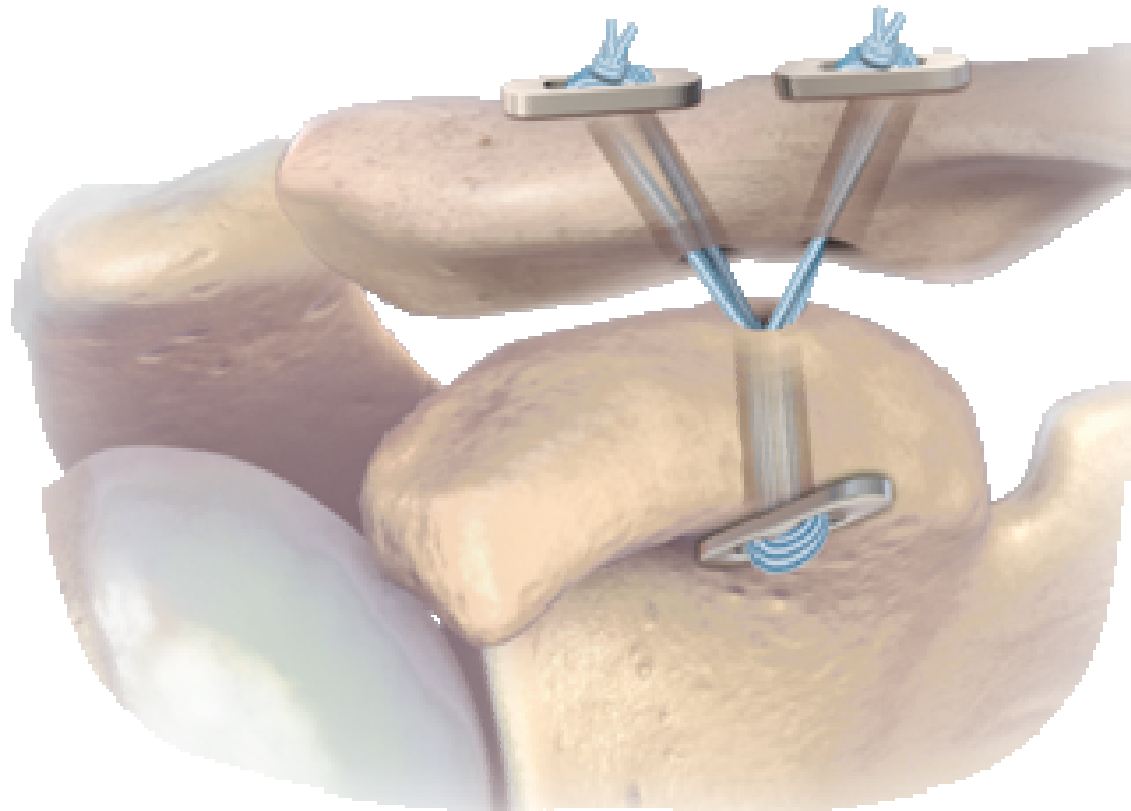
“Sling augmentation”



Arthroscopic ?



Anatomic augmentation CC

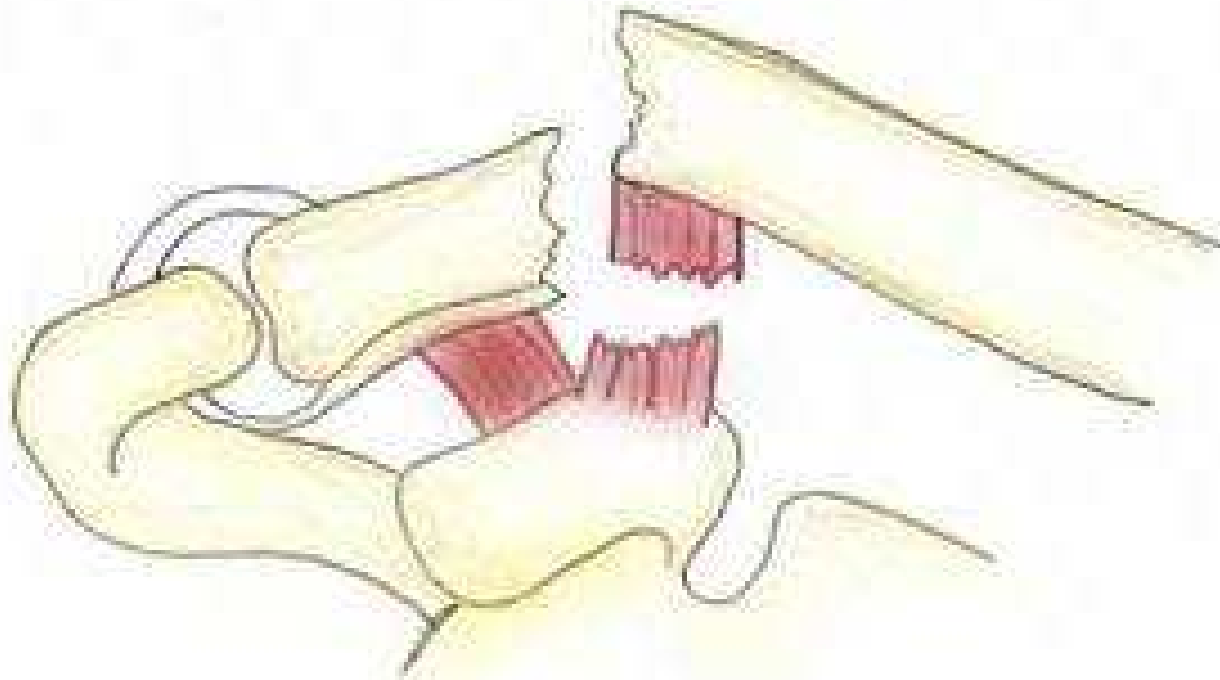


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Types of lateral clavicular fractures

1. No disruption of CC ligaments
2. With disruption of CC ligaments



Types of lateral clavicular fractures



Operative treatment



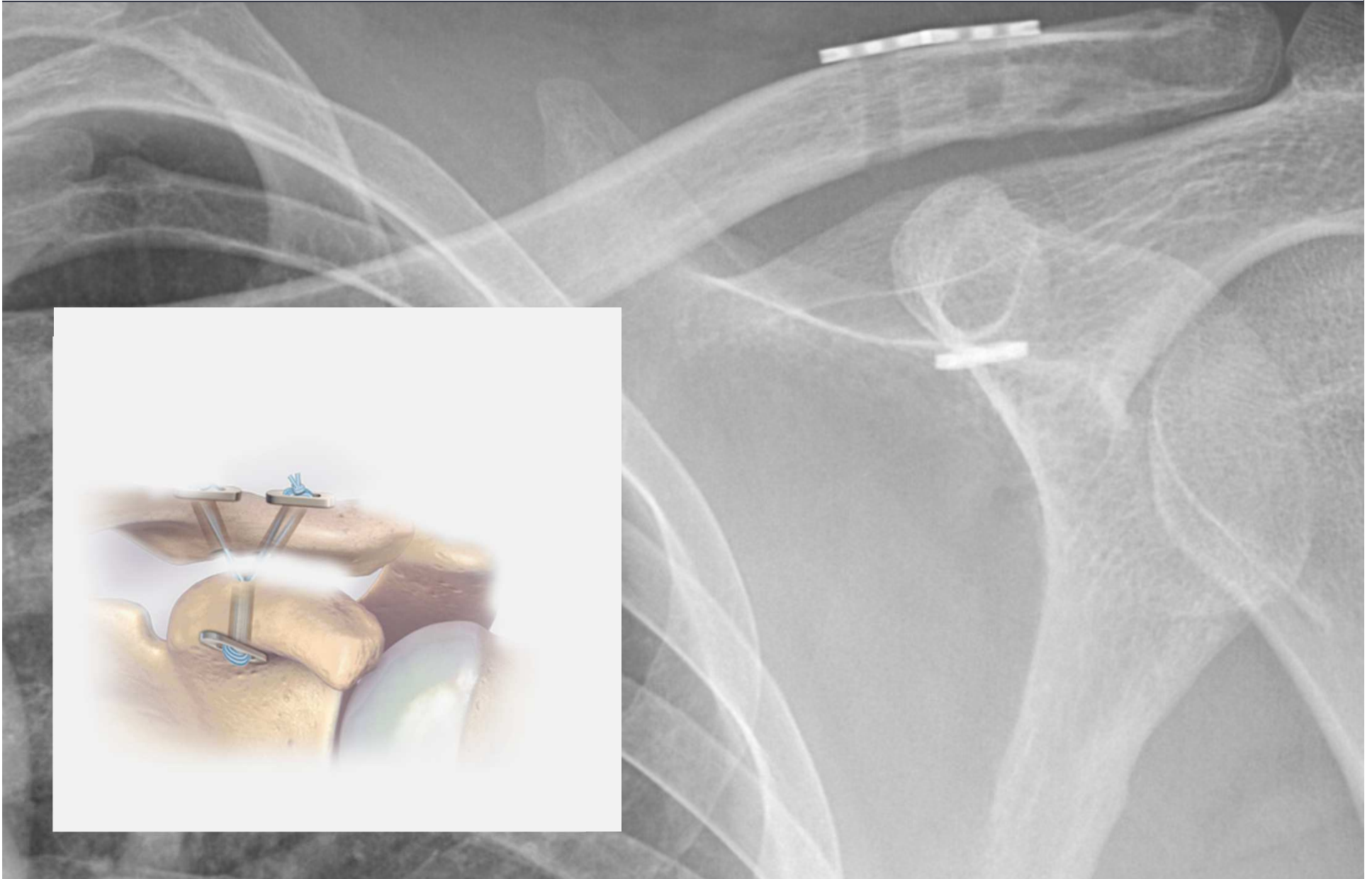
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Complications

In general:

- Wound problems
- Infection
- Neurovascular lesions
- Pneumothorax

Complications

Clavicula fractures:

- Refracture besides the plate
- Pseudarthrosis malunion
- Plate failure

AC reconstruction:

- Failure fixation
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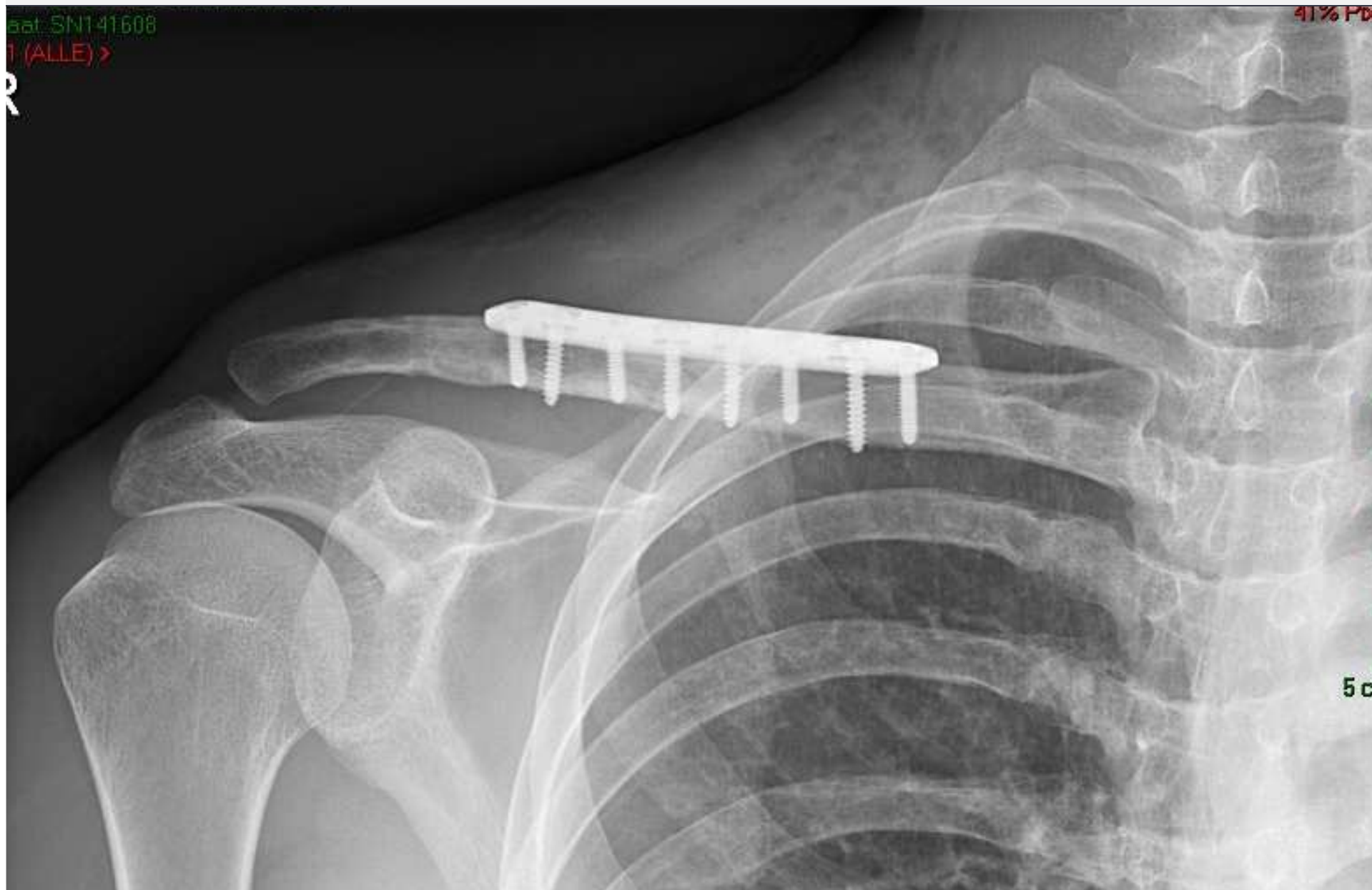
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Refracture



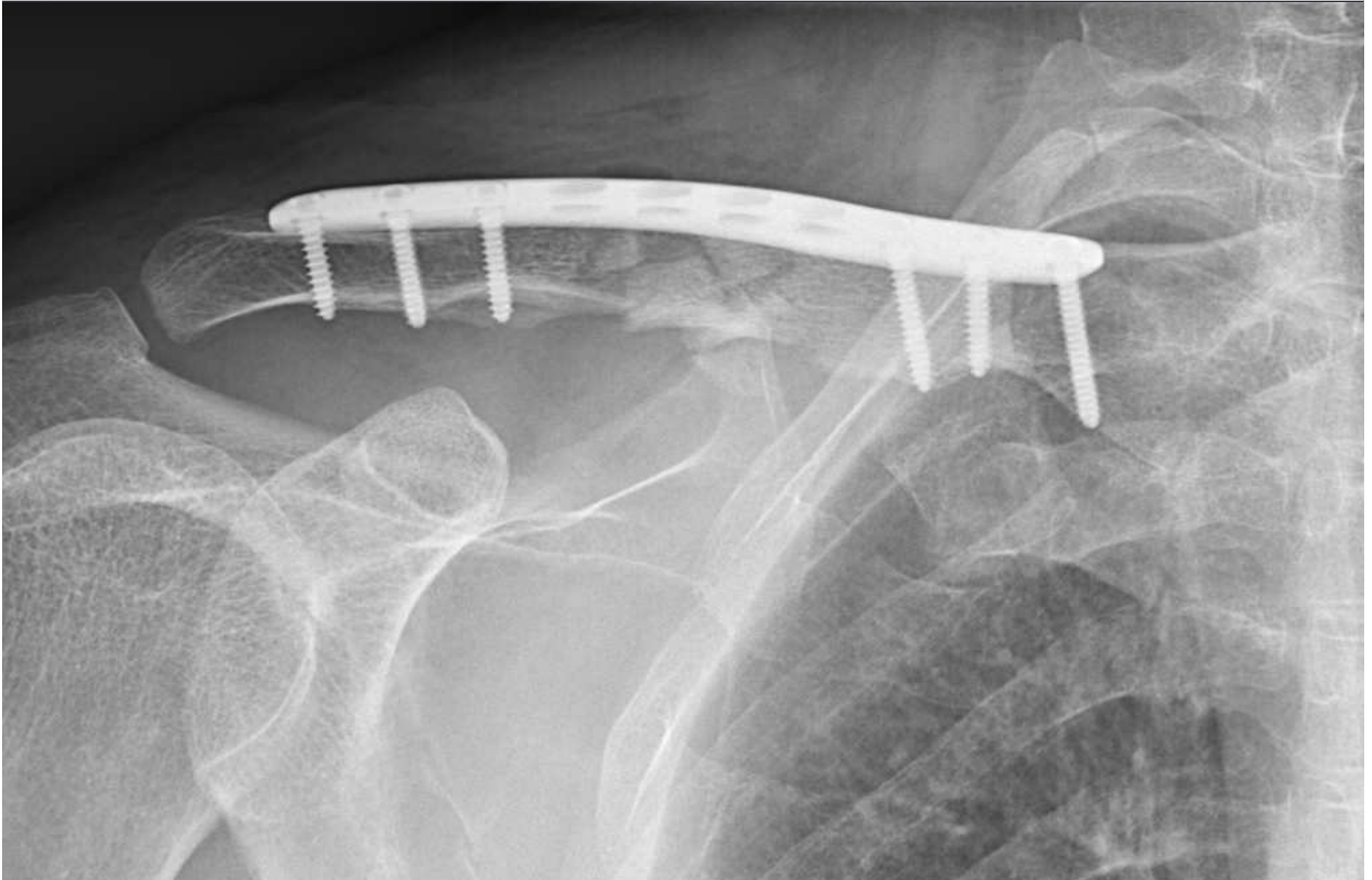
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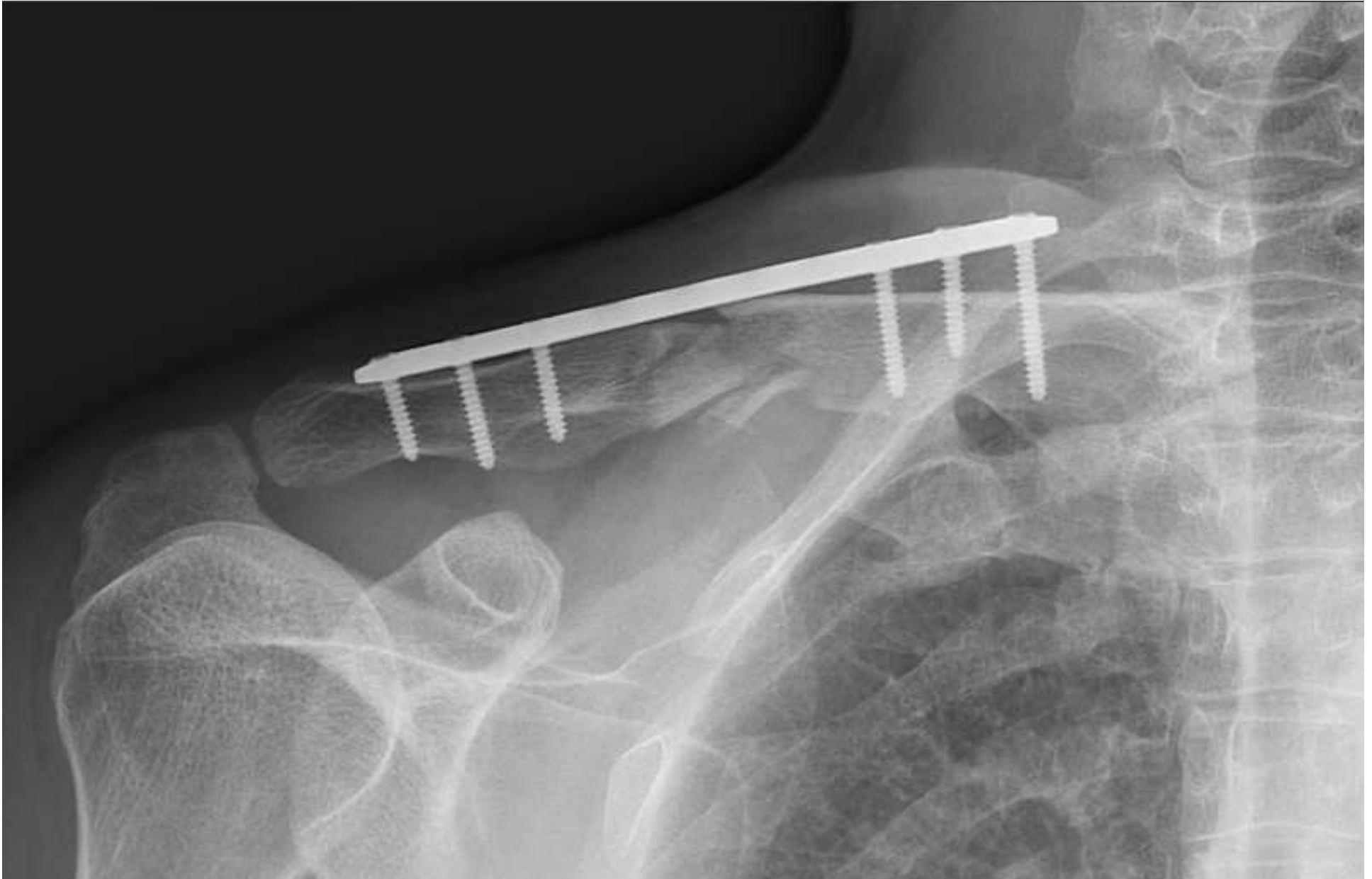
Malunion / plate failure



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Hardware failure



Hardware failure



Hardware failure

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Complications

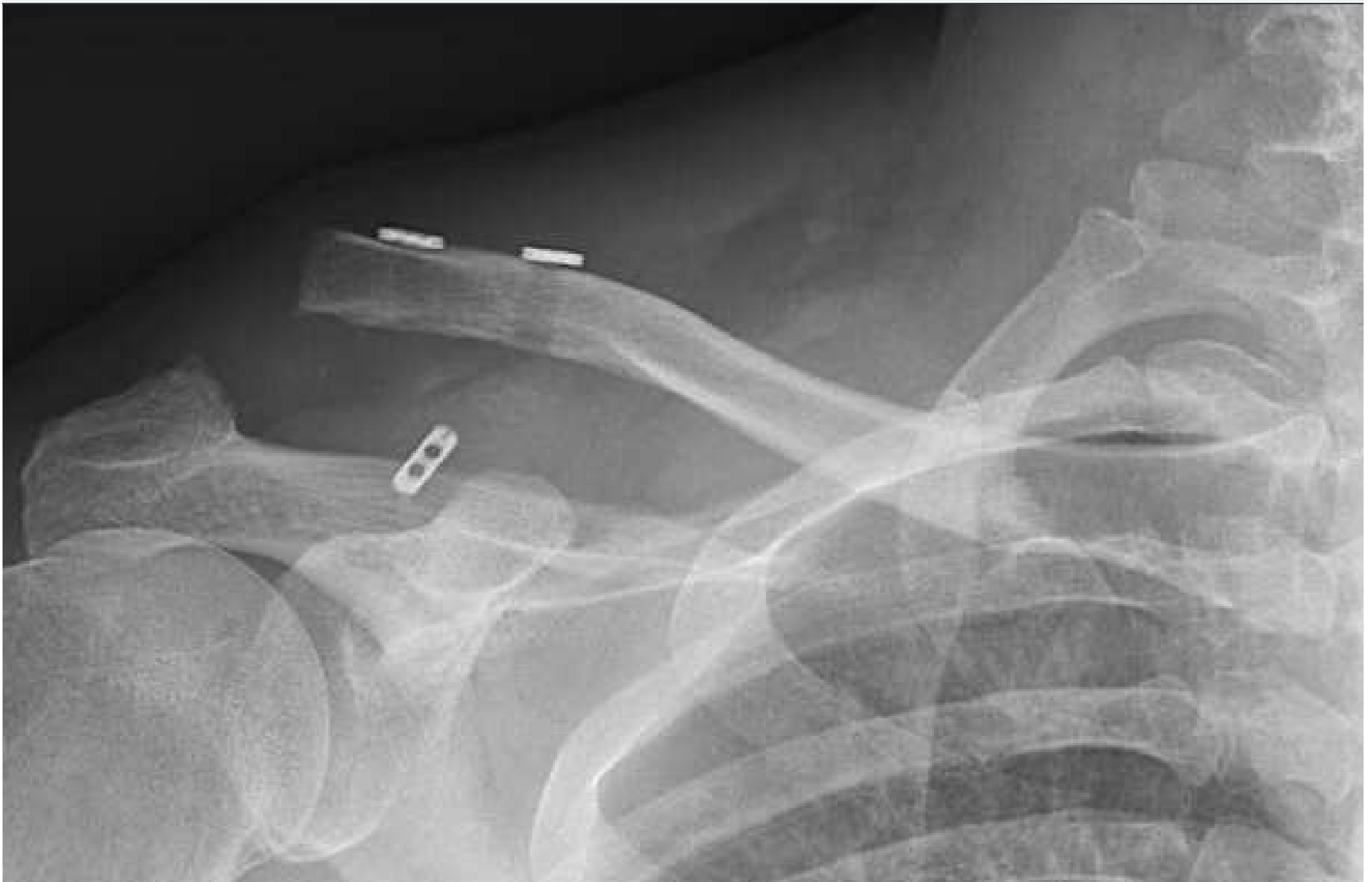
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Acute failure fixation system



Chronic failure fixation system



Chronic failure fixation system



Chronic failure fixation system



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Rehabilitation in general

- Fast
- Do better than conservative
- No downward forces 6 weeks
- Immediate passive shoulder motion

Rehabilitation acute clavicle / AC

- Few days sling
- Wound healing (sweat)
- Steady bike 1 week
- “On the road” 2-3 weeks

Rehabilitation **complex clavícula / chronic AC**

- 4-6 weeks sling
- Only sports with arm support (bike!)
- No pull on the handle bar (sprint, climb)

almost there
conclusions



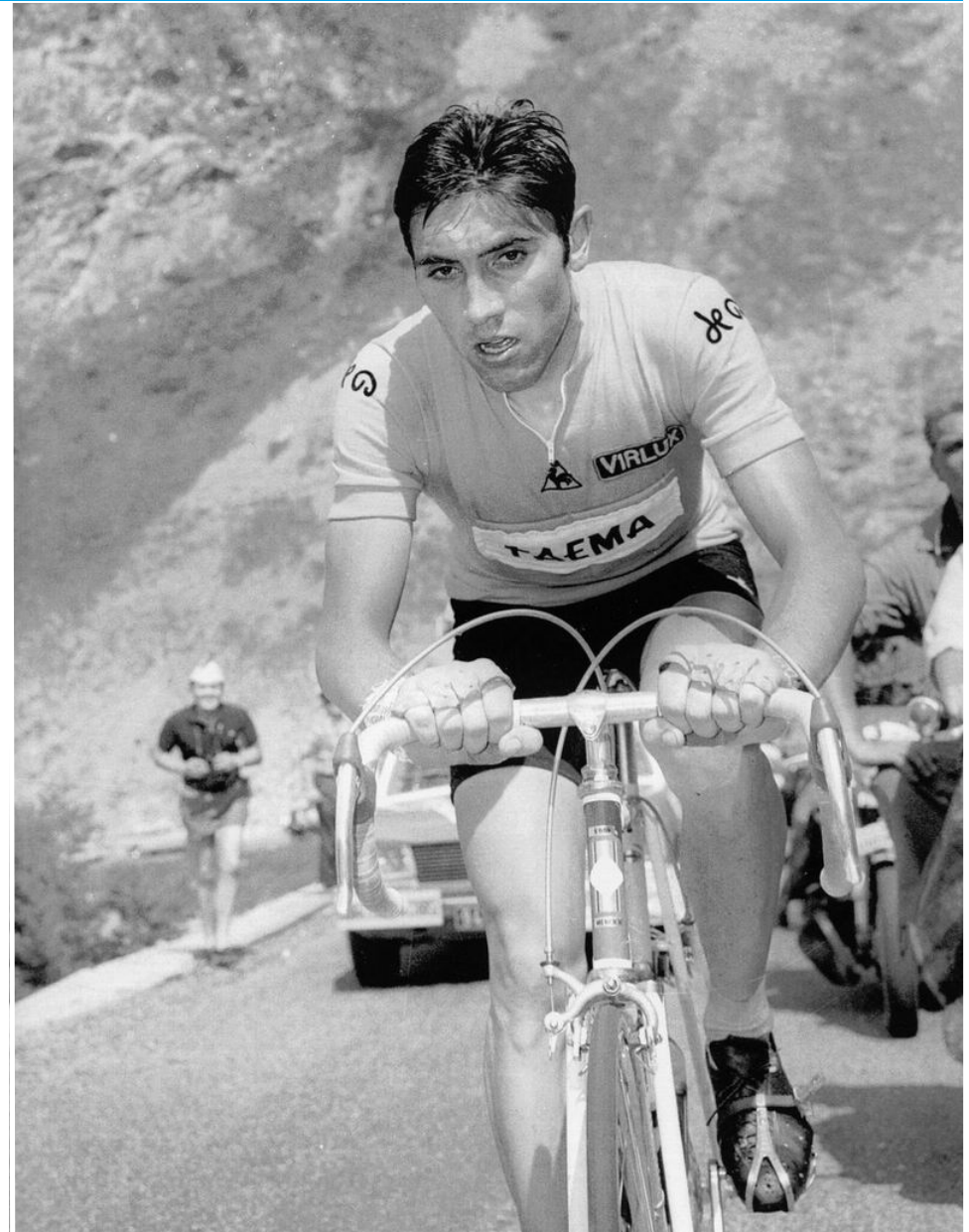
Conclusions

No. 1 hit in cyclist



Conclusions

- Clavicular fractures
 - AC dislocation
- Lesions “on the move”



Conclusions

- Indication is the start
- High demand population
 - Cyclists
 - Team boss
- Complex decisions



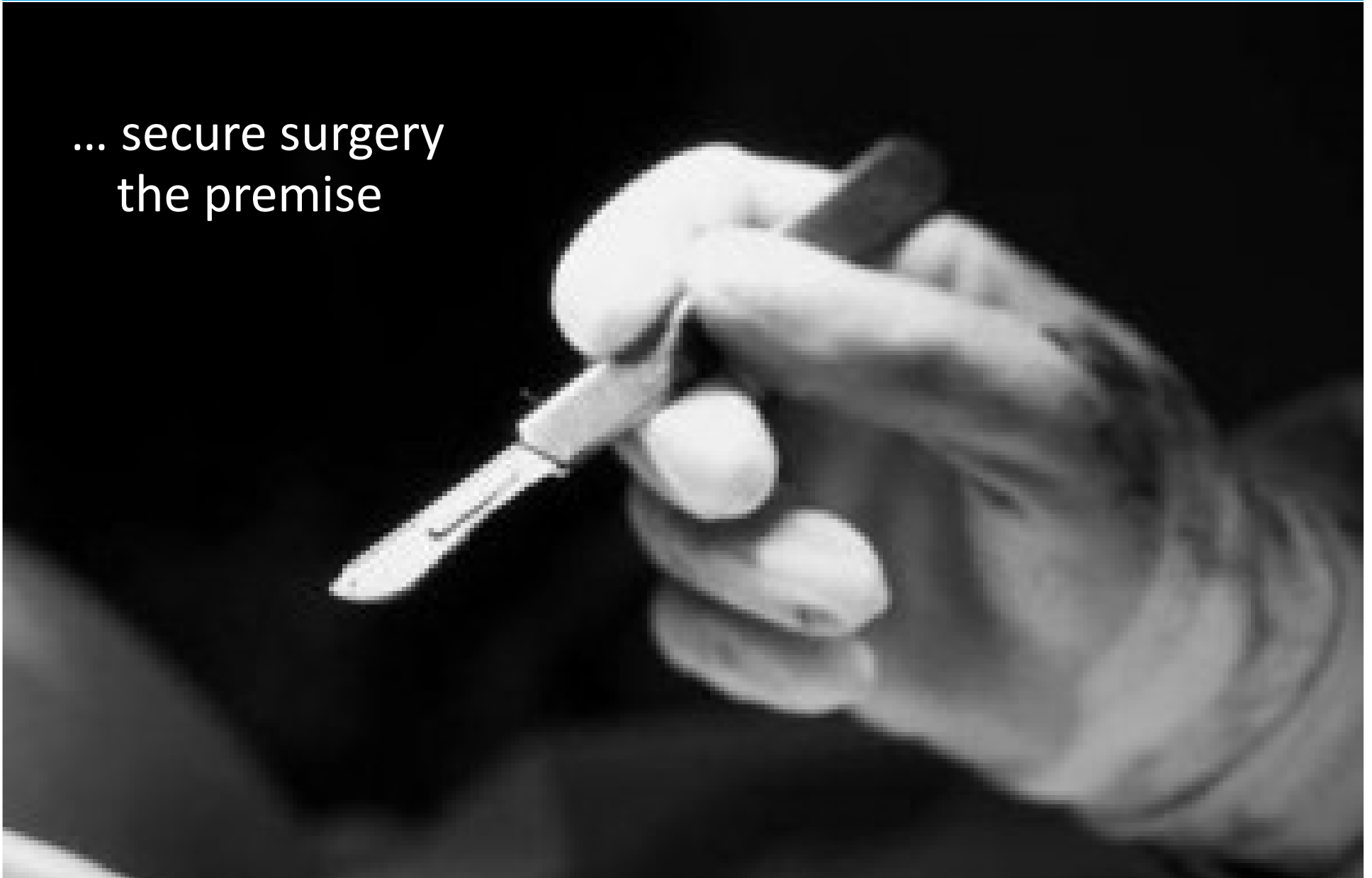
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Solid fixation
is the key...



Conclusions

... secure surgery
the premise



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Fast but...
realistic rehab



Thanks

