

# Rheumatoid Arthritis: Early Diagnosis, Early Treatment

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## Disclosures

- None

## At the end of this talk, you should be able to:

- Recognize the clinical features and differential diagnosis of early rheumatoid arthritis (RA)
- List some key factors in the pathogenesis of RA
- Describe the laboratory evaluation helpful in early diagnosis
- Have an understanding of treatment strategies in RA
- Know what you can do to help the rheumatologist in the co-management of RA

## Case

- 37 year-old woman
- 7-week history of progressive polyarthralgias
- Pain in wrists, hands and feet
- Swelling in some joints, decreased hand function
- Morning stiffness for 3 hours
- Excessive fatigue
- ROS otherwise non-contributory
- Some relief from ibuprofen

## Case

- Exam with swelling and tenderness at the bilateral wrists, 2<sup>nd</sup> MCPs, and 2<sup>nd</sup> PIPs, and bilateral MTP joints; no nodules
- Rest of exam including skin is normal
- Labs with mild normocytic anemia, mildly elevated ESR 28, normal renal and liver function tests
- Radiographs of hands with some soft tissue swelling around the wrists and PIPs, otherwise normal

## Case

- Does she have inflammatory arthritis?
  - Yes
  - History of joint swelling, early morning stiffness lasting  $\geq 30$  minutes, systemic symptoms such as fatigue, improvement of symptoms with anti-inflammatory medication
  - Objective evidence of joint swelling and tenderness on examination
  - Raised ESR or CRP, normocytic normochromic anemia; could also have thrombocytosis, low albumin, raised alkaline phosphatase
- Could she have rheumatoid arthritis?
  - Yes

## Rheumatoid Arthritis- Definition

- Chronic (>6 weeks), systemic, inflammatory arthritis
- Typically symmetrical joint involvement with polyarticular pattern
- Small joints of the hands and feet (wrists, MCPs, PIPs, MTPs)
- RF or CCP antibody may be positive (70-80%)
- Associated with erosive joint disease and extra-articular features

## Reality can be more complex!

- Objective signs may be lacking or have been suppressed by anti-inflammatory medication
- Joint swelling can be difficult to identify in obese patients
- The sensation that joints are swollen may be reported even by some patients with fibromyalgia
- Osteoarthritis as well as RA can cause morning stiffness, though in osteoarthritis it usually lasts less than 30 minutes
- Inflammatory markers such as the ESR or C-reactive protein (CRP) are normal in about 60% of patients with early RA
- In a patient with preceding osteoarthritis, radiographic changes can be misleading, especially if those suggestive of inflammatory arthritis have not yet developed.

## Furthermore... Variable RA presentations

- Polymyalgic onset- elderly, presents acutely with stiffness predominantly in the shoulders and pelvic girdle. ESR high usually. Good response to prednisone 15-20 mg/d. Later peripheral joint inflammation appears.
- Palindromic onset- recurrent episodes of pain, swelling, redness affecting any one joint or several joints at a time, lasting 24-48 hours, mimicking gout or pseudogout
- Systemic onset- non focal weight loss, fatigue, depression, fever, extra-articular features such as serositis, articular manifestations absent or subtle.
- Persistent monoarthritis- one single large joint, such as knee, shoulder, ankle or wrist. May mimic chronic infection.

## Other conditions may look like RA

- Postviral arthritis—e.g. parvovirus, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B and C
- Seronegative spondyloarthritis—e.g. psoriatic arthritis, inflammatory bowel disease, reactive arthritis
- Connective tissue diseases—e.g. systemic lupus erythematosus, scleroderma, MCTD, vasculitis
- Inflammatory Osteoarthritis
- Crystal arthritis—e.g. polyarticular gout, pseudogout
- Miscellaneous—e.g. sarcoidosis, thyroid disease, infective endocarditis, paraneoplastic syndromes

## Additional Investigations

- Review of Systems, social and exposure history
- Laboratory tests

## Case

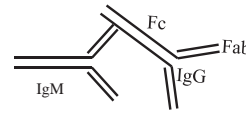
- Additional tests:
  - RF
  - CCP antibody
  - ANA
  - Urinalysis
  - Viral panel
  - Xrays

## Additional Investigations

- Rheumatoid factor

## Serologic Testing in RA: Rheumatoid Factor

- Rheumatoid Factor



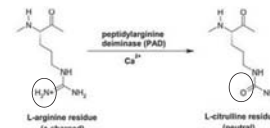
- Sensitivity 60-80%
- Specificity <70%
- Other causes of +RF
  - Infections
  - Malignancy
  - Other rheumatic diseases
  - Health

## Additional Investigations

- Rheumatoid factor
- CCP antibody

## Serologic Testing in RA: CCP Antibody

Anti-cyclic citrullinated peptide antibody



### Citrullination:

- Post translational deamination of arginine to citrulline
- Occurs during cell-death and tissue inflammation
- Important consequences for the structure and function of proteins
- New epitopes, immunogenic

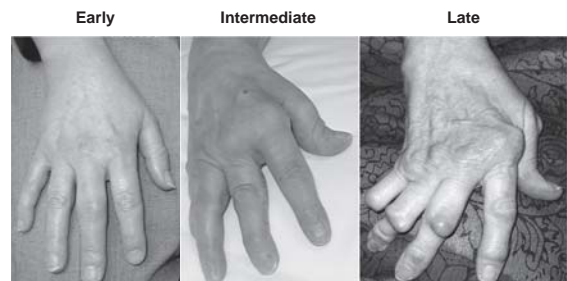
- Implicated in the pathogenesis of RA
- Sens 70% Spec 95%
- 40% of RF negative patients are ACPA+
- Detected in preclinical state
- Predicts more severe course and erosive disease

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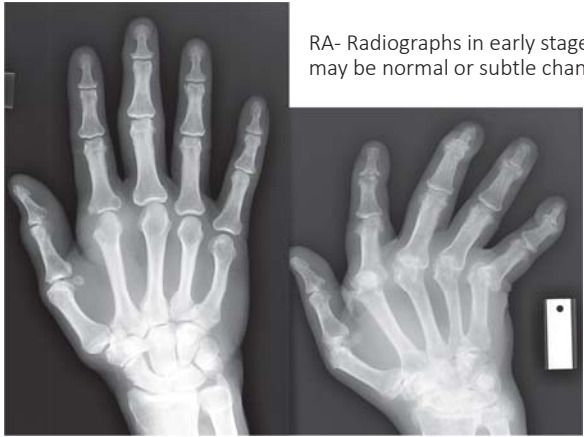
## Additional Investigations

- Rheumatoid factor
- CCP antibody
- Antinuclear antibody—good screening test for SLE but sometimes positive in conditions including RA (30%) and in health
- Urinalysis—microscopic hematuria/proteinuria can indicate connective tissue disease or vasculitis
- Viral antibody titers—parvovirus IgM, hepatitis B/C, HIV
- Serum urate/synovial fluid analysis—to assess probability of gout/pseudogout
- Plain radiographs of hands and feet—can be normal in early RA or show periarticular soft tissue swelling/osteopenia/marginal erosions; erosions occur earlier in feet, so the feet should be X-rayed even in patients without foot symptoms

## Stages of RA

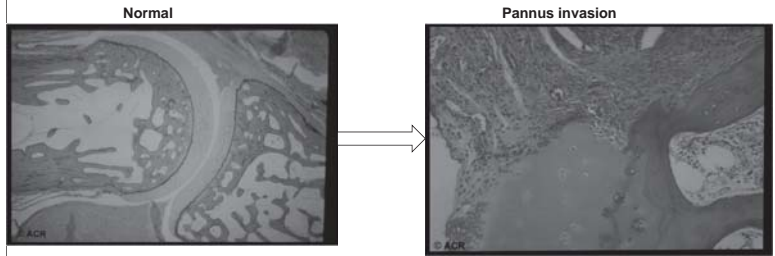


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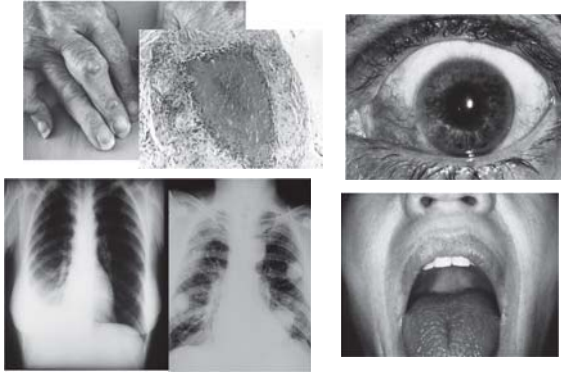


RA- Radiographs in early stages may be normal or subtle changes

### Cartilage and Subchondral Bone Invasion



### RA- Extra-articular Manifestations



### RA- Organ Threatening



### ACR RA Classification- 1987

- Morning stiffness in and around the joints lasting greater than one hour
- Joint swelling of 3 or more joints
- Joint swelling of hand joints
  - wrist, MCP, PIP
- Symmetrical joint involvement
- Rheumatoid nodule
- Positive RA factor
- X-ray findings showing bony erosions

Symptoms must be ongoing for 6 weeks or longer; Need to have 4 out of 7 criteria for definitive diagnosis

### ACR Classification- 2010

Table 3. The 2010 American College of Rheumatology/European League Against Rheumatism classification criteria for rheumatoid arthritis

	Score
Target population (Who should be tested?): Patients who	
1) have at least 1 joint with definite clinical synovitis (swelling)*	1
2) with the synovitis not better explained by another disease†	2
Classification criteria for RA (score-based algorithm: add score of categories A–D; a score of ≥6/10 is needed for classification of a patient as having definite RA)‡	
A. Joint involvement§	
1 large joint¶	0
2–10 large joints	1
1–3 small joints (with or without involvement of large joints)#	2
4–10 small joints (with or without involvement of large joints)	3
>10 joints (at least 1 small joint)**	5
B. Serology (at least 1 test result is needed for classification)††	
Negative RF and negative ACPA	0
Low-positive RF or low-positive ACPA	2
High-positive RF or high-positive ACPA	3
C. Acute-phase reactants (at least 1 test result is needed for classification)‡‡	
Normal CRP and normal ESR	0
Abnormal CRP or abnormal ESR	1
D. Duration of symptoms§§	
<6 weeks	0
≥6 weeks	1



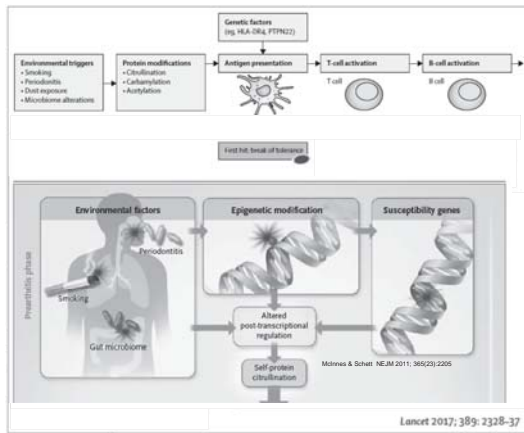
# Epidemiology

- Worldwide, all ethnic groups
- Can occur at any age, but peaks between the 4th and 6th decades
- Prevalence in North America is 0.3-1.5%
- Prevalence is 2.5 times greater in women than in men
- Concordance rates among monozygotic twins 15-30%

# Genes implicated in RA

Gene Name and Symbol	SNP Locus	Function Related to Pathogenesis
<b>T cell activation</b>		
HLA-DQB1	60201	HLA-DQB1 gene polymorphism is the most significant genetic risk factor for RA. It encodes the peptide-binding groove of the DQB1 chain of the class II MHC molecule, which is involved in the presentation of self-antigens to CD4+ T cells.
PTPN22	10112	Lymphocyte-specific protein tyrosine phosphatase (Lypk) is a negative regulator of T cell activation. It encodes a protein tyrosine phosphatase that inhibits interactions between T cell and antigen-presenting cells.
ATP10	10112	Protein tyrosine phosphatase (Lypk) is a negative regulator of T cell activation.
CD28	10112	Co-stimulatory molecule for T cell activation.
CD28	10112.1	Co-stimulatory molecule that enhances interactions between T cell and antigen-presenting cells.
CTLA4	10112.2	Co-inhibitory molecule that regulates interactions between T cells and antigen-presenting cells.
IL2RA	10112.3	High affinity receptor for interleukin 2 and lymphokine subsets.
IL2	10112.4	Cytokine that regulates activation of T cells, particularly regulatory T cells.
IL2	10112.5	Cytokine that regulates differentiation of T cells, particularly TH1 and activation of B cells.
PRF1	10112.6	Member of the perforin locus 1 family that regulates T cell and macrophage activation.
STAT1	10112.7	Transducer of cytosolic signals that regulates proliferation, survival, and differentiation of lymphocytes.
STAT2	10112.8	Transducer of cytosolic signals that regulates proliferation, survival, and differentiation of lymphocytes.
<b>MHC alleles</b>		
HLA-DQA1	24011	Protein tyrosine phosphatase (Lypk) is a negative regulator of T cell activation and general immune response.
HLA-DQA2	24012	Regulator of T cell activation and general immune response.
HLA-DQB1	24021	Regulator of T cell activation and general immune response.
HLA-DQB2	24022	Regulator of T cell activation and general immune response.
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- HLADRB1 (HLADR4)
- Alleles that contain a common amino acid motif (QKRAA or shared epitope) in the antigen binding groove of the MHC molecule confer susceptibility to RA



# Smoking, shared epitope, and risk of RA

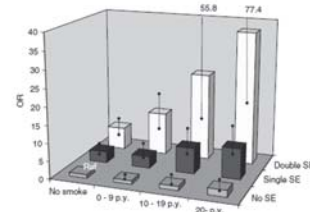
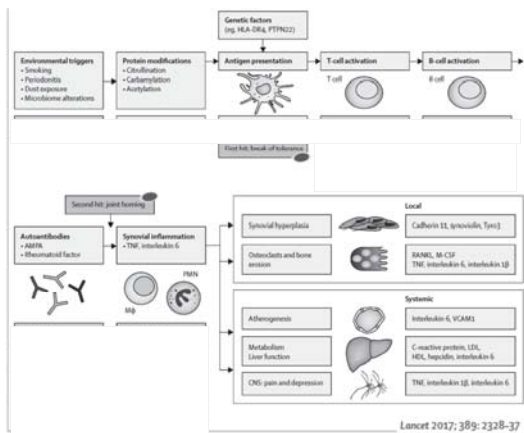


Figure 1 OR for different amounts of smoking (pack years (p.y.)) in combination with none (no shared epitope (SE)), one (single SE) or two (double SE) copies of SE alleles. The reference group was non-smokers without SE alleles.

Kalberg et al. Ann Rheum Dis 2010



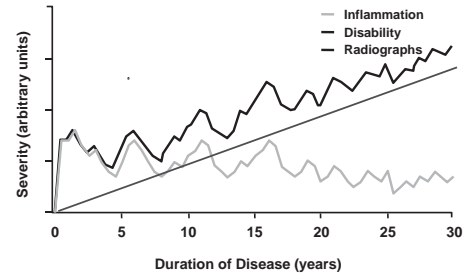
# Goals in Treating RA

- Treat symptoms
  - Pain, stiffness, swelling, function
- Prevent long-term disability
  - Structural damage
- Prevent/Manage co-morbidities
  - Infections, cardiovascular risk, osteoporosis

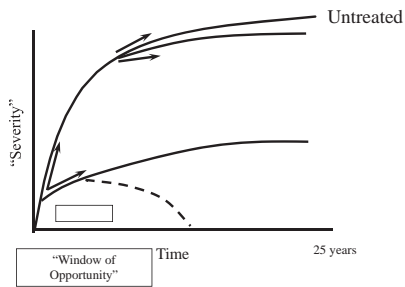
## Principles to treatment of RA

- Diagnose early, refer early
- Initiate disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARD) early
- Use combination therapy
- Treat-to-target (T2T)
- Aim for remission, or at least for low disease activity

## Course of RA Progression



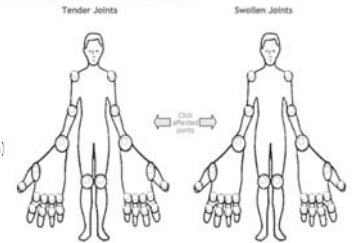
## Preventing irreversible joint damage in RA: Window of Opportunity



## Evaluation of Response to Treatment in RA

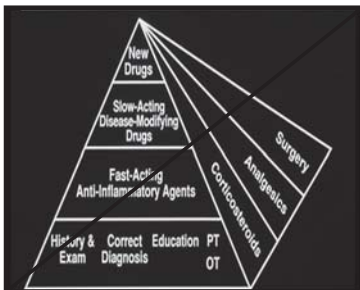
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- 28 joint count
- # Swollen joints
- # Tender joints
- Global patient assessment (VAS 0-100 mm)
- ESR



Remission	Low	Moderate	High
0	2.4	3.2	5.2

## Turn the Old Treatment Pyramid (1960-90s) upside down



- Start with aspirin or NSAID
- Add a disease modifying anti-rheumatic drug (DMARD) only after damage is detected by X-rays
- Gradually escalate therapy

## 2012 RA Treatment Algorithm

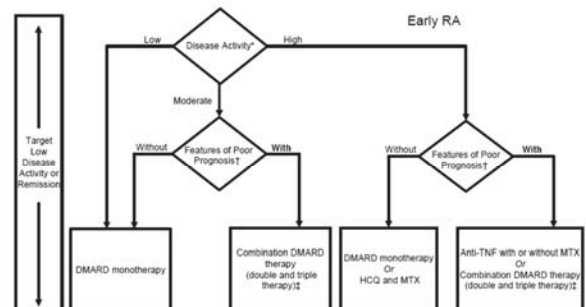


Figure 1. 2012 American College of Rheumatology recommendations update for the treatment of early rheumatoid arthritis (RA).

## RA Therapy: Traditional DMARDs

- Methotrexate (most commonly used, core RA drug)
- Hydroxychloroquine
- Sulfasalazine
- Triple therapy (MTX, HCQ, SZA combined)
- Leflunomide

## RA Therapy- Biologic DMARDs

- Targeted inhibition of cytokines
  - TNF-alpha: Infliximab, etanercept, adalimumab, golimumab, certolizumab
  - IL-6: Tocilizumab, sarilumab
- Interfering with cytokine activation
  - JAK Kinase: Tofacitinib, Baricitinib
- Block T cell activation
  - CTLA-4Ig: Abatacept
- Deplete B cells
  - Rituximab

## What to monitor?

- Lab monitoring
  - Cell counts, liver function, creatinine every 8-12 weeks
- Vigilant for infections
  - Common: Bronchitis, pneumonia, cellulitis
  - Viral: Zoster, influenza, hepatitis B reactivation
  - Atypical: Fungal, mycobacterial (esp. if travel)
- Vigilant for malignancy (skin)
- Vigilant for pulmonary toxicity (any), heart failure (anti-TNF), demyelination (anti-TNF), lupus like reaction (anti-TNF)
- Alcohol excess (methotrexate, leflunomide)
- Eye Exam (Hydroxychloroquine)

## Vaccinations

- No live vaccines for patients on immunosuppressive treatment
- Influenza shot yearly
- Pneumonia vaccine (PCV13, PPV23)- best before starting methotrexate or rituximab
- Zoster vaccine- especially for patients on tofacitinib
  - Zostavax is a live vaccine, need to give before starting biologic drug, and wait 3-4 weeks after given to start biologic drug- ok to give while on methotrexate or low dose prednisone (refer to CDC page)
  - Shingrix is not a live vaccine and could be given while receiving biologic therapy in theory though not studied in those patients

## Bone Health

- RA and prednisone use are additional risk factor in calculating FRAX score
- Advise on adequate calcium and vitamin D
- Advise on weight bearing or resistive exercise, and fall prevention
- Survey bone density regularly

## Perioperative management

- Cervical spine
- Stop NSAIDs
- If on chronic prednisone, consider stress dose hydrocortisone
- Hold biologic medication, or time surgery for the end of the treatment interval; resume 2 weeks post op if no infections or wound complications
- Ok to continue oral DMARD for orthopedic surgeries

# What about mortality in RA?

**Table 3. Hazard ratios for total mortality for women with RA by serologic phenotype compared to women without RA in the Nurses' Health Study (1976–2012)\***

	Deaths	Person-years	Mortality rate†	Age-adjusted HR (95% CI)	Multivariable HR (95% CI)‡
All RA					
No RA	28,501	3,678,801	775	1.00 (reference)	1.00 (reference)
RA	307	17,983	1,707	1.45 (1.30–1.63)	1.40 (1.25–1.57)
Seropositive RA					
No RA	28,492	3,425,924	832	1.00 (reference)	1.00 (reference)
RA	202	10,869	1,858	1.59 (1.38–1.82)	1.51 (1.31–1.74)
Seronegative RA					
No RA	28,501	3,666,676	777	1.00 (reference)	1.00 (reference)
RA	105	7,113	1,476	1.18 (0.97–1.43)	1.15 (0.95–1.39)

\* RA = rheumatoid arthritis; HR = hazard ratio; 95% CI = 95% confidence interval.  
 † Per 100,000 person-years.  
 ‡ Model adjusted for age, questionnaire cycle, census-tract family income (<\$40,000 or ≥\$40,000 per year), body mass index (<18.5, 18.5–24.9, 25–29.9, or ≥30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>), cigarette smoking (never–10, 10.1–20, or >20 pack-years), postmenopausal hormone use (premenopausal, postmenopausal; never postmenopausal hormone use, postmenopausal; past postmenopausal hormone use, or postmenopausal; current postmenopausal hormone use), moderate to vigorous physical activity (0, 0.01–0.99, 1.00–3.49, 3.50–5.99, or ≥6 hours per week), cumulative average of Alternate Healthy Eating Index excluding alcohol component (quintiles), alcohol consumption (0, 0.1–4.9, 5.0–14.9, or ≥15.0 gm/day), cardiovascular disease (yes/no), and aspirin use (yes/no). Covariates were updated up to death, end of study period, censor, or loss to follow-up, whichever came first.

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- Increased mortality associated with duration of rheumatoid arthritis
- Serologic status with greater risk of mortality in seropositive patients

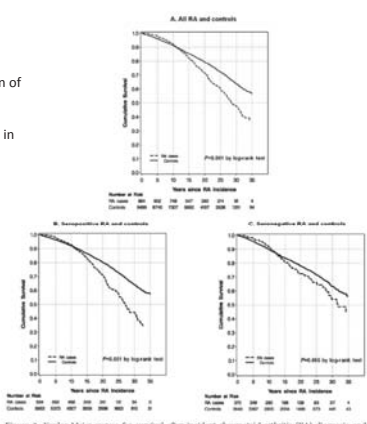


Figure 2. Kaplan-Meier curves for survival after incident rheumatoid arthritis (RA) diagnosis and age- and period-matched controls at index date of RA diagnosis for women in the Nurses' Health Study.

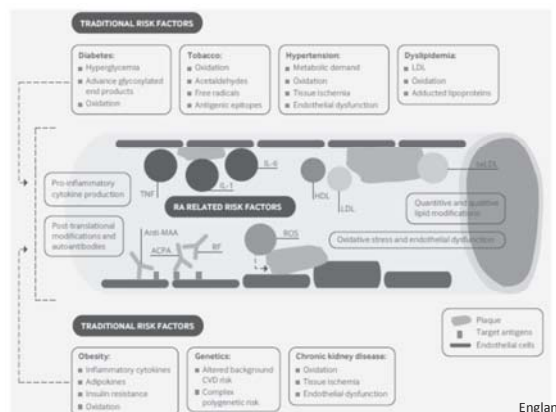
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**Table 4. Hazard ratios for cause-specific mortality for women with incident RA by serologic phenotype compared to women without RA in the Nurses' Health Study (1976–2012)\***

	Cancer mortality		Cardiovascular mortality		Respiratory mortality	
	Age-adjusted HR (95% CI)	Multivariable HR (95% CI)†	Age-adjusted HR (95% CI)	Multivariable HR (95% CI)†	Age-adjusted HR (95% CI)	Multivariable HR (95% CI)†
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Seropositive RA						
No RA	1.00 (reference)	1.00 (reference)	1.00 (reference)	1.00 (reference)	1.00 (reference)	1.00 (reference)
RA	0.95 (0.71–1.26)	0.86 (0.65–1.15)	1.39 (1.02–1.90)	1.41 (1.03–1.93)	3.55 (2.55–4.95)	2.67 (1.89–3.77)
Seronegative RA						
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RA	1.01 (0.72–1.42)	0.96 (0.68–1.35)	1.53 (1.08–2.21)	1.41 (0.98–2.02)	1.09 (0.54–2.19)	0.98 (0.49–1.99)

\* RA = rheumatoid arthritis; HR = hazard ratio; 95% CI = 95% confidence interval.  
 † Model adjusted for age, questionnaire cycle, census-tract family income (<\$40,000 or ≥\$40,000 per year), body mass index (<18.5, 18.5–24.9, 25–29.9, or ≥30 kg/m<sup>2</sup>), cigarette smoking (never–10, 10.1–20, or >20 pack-years), postmenopausal hormone use (premenopausal, postmenopausal; never postmenopausal hormone use, postmenopausal; past postmenopausal hormone use, or postmenopausal; current postmenopausal hormone use), moderate to vigorous physical activity (0, 0.01–0.99, 1.00–3.49, 3.50–5.99, or ≥6 hours per week), cumulative average of Alternate Healthy Eating Index excluding alcohol component (quintiles), alcohol consumption (0, 0.1–4.9, 5.0–14.9, or ≥15.0 gm/day), cardiovascular disease (yes/no), and aspirin use (yes/no). Covariates were updated up to death, end of study period, censor, or loss to follow-up, whichever came first.

Sparks et al AC&R 2015



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Fig 11 Overview of mechanisms of cardiovascular disease (CVD) in rheumatoid arthritis (RA). Several mechanisms interact to amplify risk of CVD in RA. Higher RA

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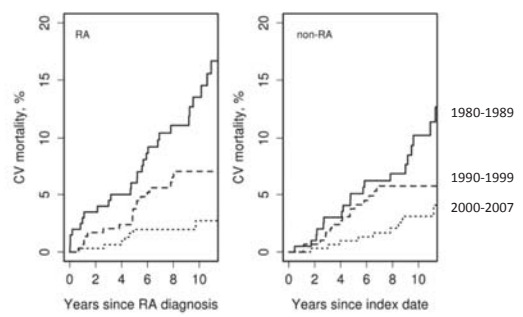
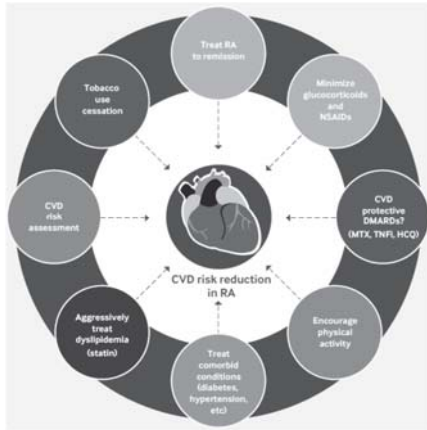


Figure 2. CV mortality in subjects with and without RA by decade of RA incidence/index: 1980–89 (solid line), 1990–99 (dashed line), and 2000–07 (dotted line). CV, cardiovascular; RA, rheumatoid arthritis.

Myasoedova et al. J Rheum 2017



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## Take Home Messages

- Diagnose and refer RA early
- Think of atypical presentations
- Labs and x-rays not always supportive, so rely on history and exam
- Key to treating RA is early initiation of disease modifying drugs
- Treating with prednisone and NSAIDs only is not acceptable
- DMARDs prevent joint damage, extra-articular complications, and cardiovascular disease and likely improve mortality
- Have a low threshold to evaluate for infection
- Assess safety labs, bone health, vaccinations

## Questions?

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# Gout Management: Treat to Target!

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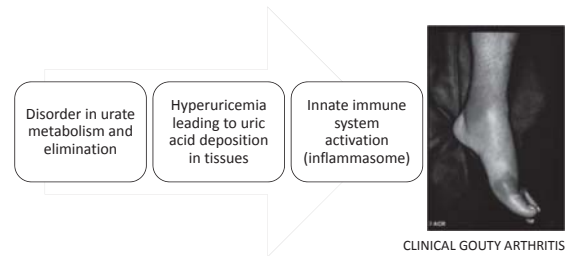
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By the end of this talk, you should be able to:

- Describe mechanisms of hyperuricemia and gouty arthritis
- Recognize the risk factors and epidemiology of gout
- Compare and contrast clinical features of gout with other arthropathies
- Master treatment strategies for acute and chronic gout management

Gout is the end-result of hyperuricemia.



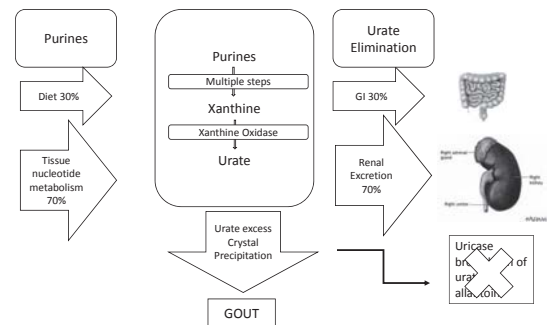
## Hyperuricemia ≠ Gout

Prolonged hyperuricemia predisposes to gout

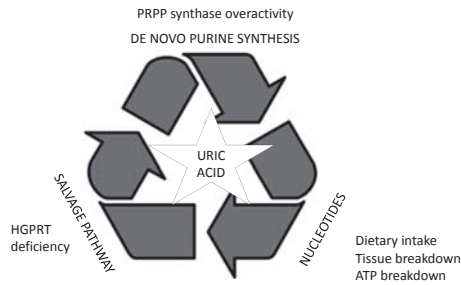
<u>Uric acid level</u>	<u>Cumulative Incidence at 5 yrs</u>
<6	0.5%
6-6.9	0.6%
7-7.9	2%
8-8.9	4.1%
9-9.9	19.8%
>10	30.5%

Campion et al, Normative Aging Study, *Am J Med*, 1987

Urate level depends on purine intake, metabolism, and elimination.



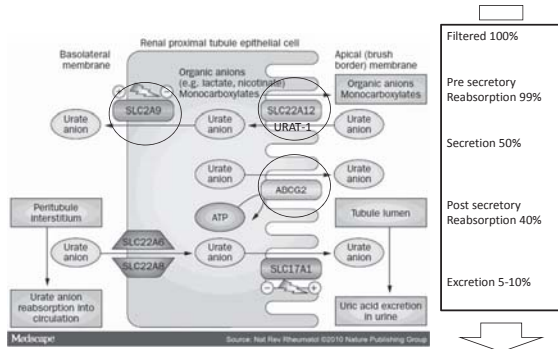
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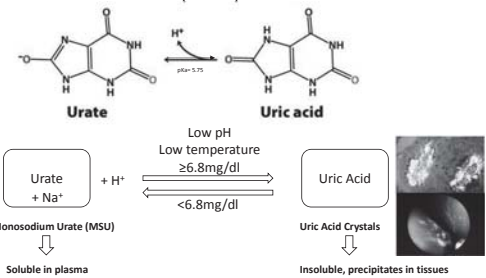
## Why do some people have hyperuricemia?

- The minority (10%) are overproducers (inherited disorders of purine metabolism or high cell turnover state)
- The vast majority (90%) of patients with hyperuricemia are underexcretors

## Renal tubular excretion of urate



Uric acid is a weak organic acid which in body fluid exists mostly as monosodium urate (50:1)



At the pH 7.4 of most body fluids, urate ion levels exceed those of undissociated uric acid in a ratio of approximately 50:1. Because of the high concentration of sodium in extracellular fluid, urate functions as monosodium urate (MSU). Urate sodium solubility is quite low (<math>4.8\text{ mg/dL}</math> or  $400\ \mu\text{M}</math>). At a concentration above  $6.8\text{ mg/dL}</math>, monosodium urate becomes uric acid which is insoluble and precipitates in various tissues especially joints and peritubular tissues.$$

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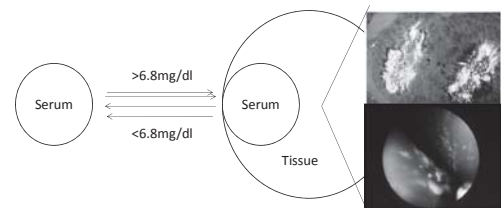
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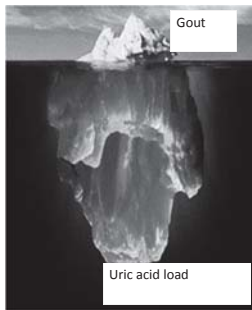
- Uric acid tends to precipitate in the lower extremity joints, possibly because of repeated stress to the great toe/foot, reduced pH and cooler temperatures peripherally.

Gout is not a serum urate level disease but a urate deposition disease.

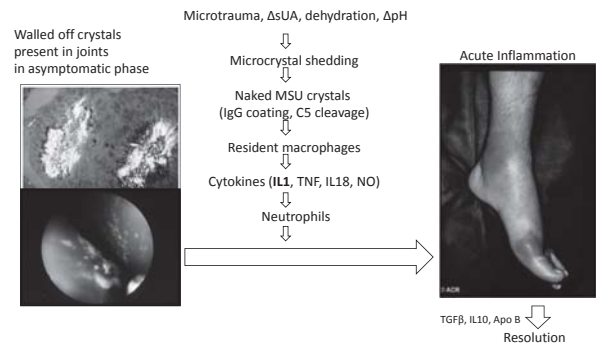


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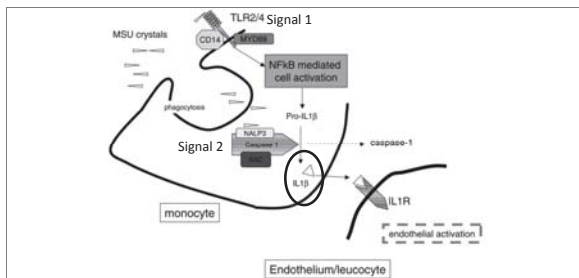
Gout is the tip of the hyperuricemia iceberg



## Acute Gout and the Inflammasome



Uric acid crystals are sensed as danger signals by the innate immune system, resulting in IL-1β release.

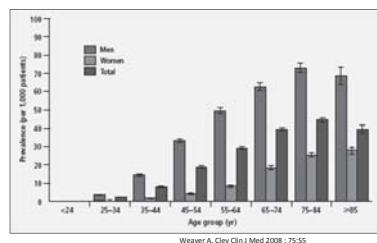


## Pearl

- Interleukin-1 is a key cytokine behind crystal induced inflammation

Gout prevalence is rising.

- Gout affects 4% of the US population (8.3 million Americans).
- Most common cause of inflammatory arthritis in men over age 40
- Male gender and age are greatest risk factors.



## Pearl

- Premenopausal women should not get gout



## Risk factors for hyperuricemia and gout

### Non-modifiable

- Male gender
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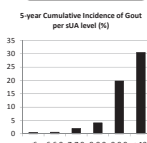
### Modifiable

- Obesity, insulin resistance
- Medications (low dose aspirin, diuretics, cyclosporine)
- Alcohol Consumption (beer > liquor > wine)
- Diet high in purines (red meat, shellfish)

## Gout: Clinical Stages

### Asymptomatic hyperuricemia:

Not all patients with hyperuricemia get gout

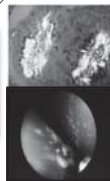


### Acute gout:

Age at onset 30-40  
Acute Monoarthritis  
Peaks at 4-12 hours  
Self-limited or easily treated  
1MTP, foot, ankle, knee



### Intercritical: Asymptomatic



### Advanced gout:

Multiple joints  
Wrist, elbows, fingers  
Prolonged episodes  
Harder to treat  
Tophi  
Erosions



Gout Features	ACUTE	INTERCITICAL PHASE
History	Acute onset (<24 hours to peak) No trauma or minor Lower extremity Risk factors for gout	Episodic acute arthritis, resolves within 14 days, asymptomatic between episodes 90% of the time, MTP affected at some point along the way
Exam	Red, exquisitely tender, swollen joint	Normal exam Possible tophi or joint deformities if long standing, chronic, untreated
Labs	Uric acid may be normal in 30% in the acute phase Synovial fluid aspiration	Uric acid is > 6.8 mg/dl
X-rays	Soft tissue swelling	Normal, or abarticular erosions with overhanging edge

## Gout Diagnosis: Joint aspiration is the gold standard for a definitive diagnosis of gout.

### Inflammatory fluid

- Cell count: WBC >2000, neutrophil predominance
- Polarized microscopy: Needle shaped, negatively birefringent, intra- and extra-cellular uric acid crystals
- Negative fluid bacterial culture



## Pearl

- One cannot differentiate gout from septic arthritis
- Aspiration is recommended to establish a diagnosis, especially if first presentation, or as guided by risk factors
- Gout and septic arthritis can co-exist

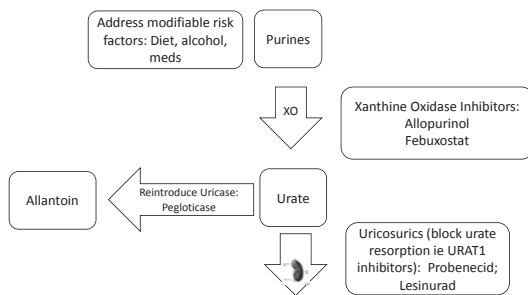
## Goals of Gout Treatment

- Treat acute arthritis to relieve pain and restore function
- Prevent future attacks
- Prevent development of chronic advanced gout which can lead to permanent joint damage

## Acute Gout Treatment: Know the co-morbidities!

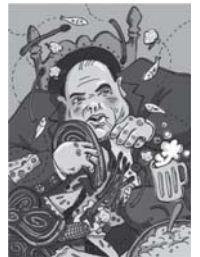
- NSAIDs (full dose, continue for a few days after resolution of flare usually about 5-7 days)
- Corticosteroids (systemic or intra-articular)
- Colchicine (to be given within 12 hours of onset of the flare to be effective; inhibits microtubules and the inflammasome)
- IL1 blocking drug (anakinra, non-FDA approved)
- ACTH (rarely used, expensive; increases endogenous steroid production, direct anti-inflammatory effects)

## The key to preventing future gout flares is to treat the hyperuricemia!



## Diet and gout

- Reduce red meat (including organ meat)
- Reduce shellfish
- Reduce alcohol
- Reduce high fructose drinks, and fruit juices
- Increase low fat milk and vegetables



Choi et al. Health Professionals Follow-Up Study *NEJM* 2004; 350:1093

## When to initiate Urate Lowering Therapy?

- Patient with established diagnosis of gout AND
  - Tophus
  - CKD stage 2 or greater
  - Nephrolithiasis
  - 2 or more attacks per year

Khanna et al. *ACR Gout Guidelines 2012 AC&R*

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SPECIAL ARTICLE

### 2012 American College of Rheumatology Guidelines for Management of Gout. Part 1: Systematic Nonpharmacologic and Pharmacologic Therapeutic Approaches to Hyperuricemia

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## Pearls in initiating urate lowering therapy

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TABLE 3  
Some important drug interactions with colchicine\*

Drug	Likely interaction mechanism <sup>1</sup>	Comments <sup>1</sup>
Cyclosporine	P-glycoprotein	Shown in PK studies; clinically important interactions reported <sup>18</sup>
Clarithromycin	CYP 3A4	Shown in PK studies; fatal interactions reported <sup>19,20</sup>
Azithromycin	P-glycoprotein	Shown in PK studies
HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors (statins)	Unknown	Myotoxicity/ rhabdomyolysis <sup>21</sup>
Fibric acid derivatives	Unknown	Myotoxicity/ rhabdomyolysis <sup>22</sup>
Verapamil	CYP 3A4, P-glycoprotein	Shown in PK studies; clinically important interactions reported <sup>23</sup>
Diltiazem	CYP 3A4, P-glycoprotein	Shown in PK studies; clinically important interactions reported <sup>7</sup>
Ketoconazole	CYP 3A4, P-glycoprotein	Shown in PK studies
Carvedilol	CYP 3A4	

\* In addition to the medications listed here, other drugs are anticipated to interact with colchicine. In the absence of pharmacokinetic studies or clinical reports based on strong CYP 3A4 or P-glycoprotein inhibition, these drugs include itraconazole, nefazodone, telithromycin, ranitidine, and several antiretroviral drugs used to treat HIV.

Mandell et al. CCJM 2010

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- Continue prophylactic therapy for 6 months after initiating urate lowering therapy, and for at least 12 weeks post achieving uric acid goal
- Check uric acid level 2-4 weeks after each dose adjustment
- Target a uric acid level of < 6 mg/dl (if tophi, < 5mg/dl)

## Pearl

- The most common mistake in gout treatment is the failure to start prophylactic anti-inflammatory treatment together with ULT

## Pearl

- The second common mistake in gout treatment is the failure to start treat to target and aim to reduce sUA < 6 mg/dl

## Allopurinol: First line Urate lowering Therapy

- Xanthine Oxidase Inhibitor
- Cheap
- Once a day
- Contraindicated with azathioprine and 6-MP (relative)
- Start with 100 mg daily (50 mg daily if GFR <30)
  - Increase by 100 mg (50 mg if GFR <30) every 4 weeks to reach target sUA
  - Monitor cbc with diff, creatinine, LFTs
  - Warn about hypersensitivity reaction (rash, fever, abnormal labs, first 6 mos)
    - At risk: HLAB5801 carriers (test if Chinese, Thai, South Korean), CKD, high starting dose
  - FDA max dose 800 mg/day

## Febuxostat- Alternative ULT

- Xanthine Oxidase Inhibitor
- Once a day
- Expensive
- Contraindicated with azathioprine and 6-MP (absolute)
- Start 40 mg/day, increase to 80 mg/day if sUA > 6 mg/dl after 2 weeks
- May cause GI side-effects
- Monitor LFTs
- Black box warning re: increased risk for CV mortality compared with allopurinol

## Probenecid- Second line ULT

- URAT-1 inhibitor, so increases urinary excretion of uric acid
- Seems like we should use it in everyone then
- But... ineffective GFR <60 and...
- BID dosing
- Drug-drug interactions
- Risk of nephrolithiasis (need to check baseline 24 hour urine uric acid excretion; not to be used if > 800 mg per 24 hours)
- Expensive
- Can be combined with allopurinol or febuxostat

## Lesinurad (FDA approved alternate uricosuric)

- URAT-1 inhibitor, so increases urinary excretion of uric acid
- Expensive
- Has to be used WITH a xanthine oxidase inhibitor!
- Risk of AKI

## Pegloticase

- Recombinant uricase
- Infusion, 8 mg every 2 weeks
- High risk of allergic and anaphylactic reaction
- Should not be used to XO1 or uricosuric
- Uric acid drop dramatically to 0.5-1mg/dl and tophi will shrink
- May be used for 6-12 months then transition back to oral agent
- Reserved for severe refractory tophaceous gout
- Expensive

## Dramatic resolution of tophus with pegloticase



70 yo man with 25 yr h/o gout and nephrolithiasis, allergic to allopurinol received 8mg IV q 2 weeks for 12 wks. Uric acid level fell from 9.3 to <0.1 and remain that low even 2 weeks post last infusion. Baraf et al *Arth Rheum* 2008; 11:3632.

## When to refer?

- Unclear etiology of hyperuricemia
- Refractory gout
- Inability to reach target sUA despite titration of ULT
- CKD
- Adverse effects of treatments

## Take Home

- Treat the acute flare first
- When indicated, start urate lowering therapy: start low, titrate slow
- Treat to target sUA < 6mg/dl
- Do not forget prophylactic therapy for 6 months after ULT started
- Remember to think of comorbidities and drug-drug interactions

## Questions?

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Origin of the gout, cartoon by Henry Bunbury (1786)



The Gout, cartoon by James Gillray (1799)



# Making Sense of Hypermobility Syndromes:

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## Objectives

1. Diagnosing hypermobility: the Beighton score
2. Joint hypermobility vs joint hypermobility *syndrome* (JHS)
3. JHS vs Ehlers Danlos-hypermobility type (EDS-HT)
4. DDX of hypermobility
5. Management: MSK and associated features
6. When and where to refer?



## Case:

- 25 year old man with years of generalized pain.
- Reports dislocating his shoulder twice, has never been the same.
- Feet, knees, back hurt, can't do a lot of exercise without being in pain.
- ROS: often feels lightheaded, constipation alternating with diarrhea, generally fatigued

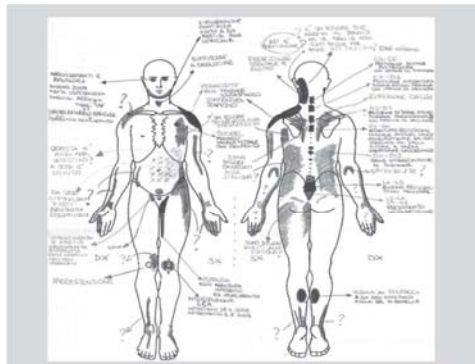


FIG. 2. A drawing by a 25-year-old man with JHS/EDS-HT illustrating his musculoskeletal, connective tissue, and neurologic symptoms. The widespread and multisystemic derangement typical of this condition clearly emerges from this autonomously administered, symptom evaluation procedure. Though not standardized, this method illustrates what the patient feels and thinks about his symptoms and offers an immediate instrument to rapidly correlate symptoms with body parts. The various question marks scattered in the picture essentially the major concerns the patient has about his symptoms. Annotations are in Italian. Am J Med Genet A. 2012 Aug;158A(8):2055-70.



## Case con't

- On exam:
  - Thin, tired, but otherwise healthy-appearing young man
  - Tender over the left knee, left shoulder, and low spine/paraspinal muscles.
  - No joint effusions, no synovitis, has flexible joints.
  - Few bruises, otherwise normal appearing skin
  - Remainder of his exam is normal
- Is he hypermobile? Can we be any more specific?
- Does he have an underlying heritable connective tissue disorder?
- Are his complaints connected? How can we help him?

Joint hypermobility = Beighton score  $\geq 4/9$



## Hypermobility vs. Joint Hypermobility Syndrome (JHS)



- Hypermobility is relatively common, especially in young people, women, and Asian/African ancestry.
- Most hypermobile people are asymptomatic and do not have an underlying connective tissue disorder.
- Joint hypermobility syndrome:** heritable connective tissue disorder with pain, dislocations, bursitis, tendonitis, fatigue, dysautonomia, and multi-system involvement.

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Am J Med. 2017 Jun;130(6):640-647.

## Joint hypermobility syndrome (JHS): Brighton criteria

(...not to be confused with Beighton score)

Brighton Criteria	
■ Major Criteria	□ Beighton score of $\geq 4$ (Figure 4)
	□ Arthralgia for longer than 3 months in 4 or more joints
■ Minor Criteria	□ Beighton score of 1, 2, or 3 (Figure 4)
	□ Arthralgia ( $<3$ -month duration) in one to three joints or back pain ( $<3$ -month duration) or spondylosis, spondylolysis/spondylolisthesis
	□ Dislocation or subluxation in more than one joint, or in one joint on more than one occasion
	□ Three or more soft tissue lesions (eg, epicondylitis, tenosynovitis, bursitis)
	□ Marfanoid habitus (tall, slim, span greater than height [ $>1.03$ ratio], upper segment less than lower segment [ $<0.89$ ratio], arachnodactyly)
	□ Skin striae, hyperextensibility, thin skin, or abnormal scarring
	□ Ocular signs: drooping eyelids, myopia, antismongoloid slant
	□ Varicose veins, hernia, or uterine or rectal prolapse
	□ Mitral valve prolapse
■ Requirement for Diagnosis	□ Any one of the following
	— two major criteria
	— one major plus two minor criteria
	— four minor criteria
	— two minor criteria and unequivocally affected first-degree relative in family history



J Am Osteopath Assoc. 2006 Sep;106(9):531-6.  
J Rheumatol. 2000 Jul;27(7):1777-9.

## Now that you've diagnosed JHS...



"I looked this up, and I'm pretty sure I have EDS!"



## Does this patient have EDS-hypermobility type (EDS-HT)..?

Must meet 1, 2, and 3:

1. ⚡ Beighton score  $\geq 4/9$

2. Two or more of the following:

- A. ⚡ Systemic manifestation of a connective tissue disorder with  $\geq 5$  of the following: unusually soft/velvety skin, mild skin hyper-extensibility, unexplained striae, bilateral piezogenic papules of the heel, atrophic scars, recurrent or multiple abdominal hernias, pelvic floor/rectal/uterine prolapse without clear cause, dental crowding or high/narrow palate, arachnodactyly, arm span to height  $\geq 1.5$ , MVP, or aortic root dilatation
- B. ⚡ Positive family history with 1 or more 1° relatives affected
- C. ⚡ MSK complications  $\geq 1$  of the following: MSK pain in two or more limbs for at least 3 months, chronic widespread pain for  $\geq 3$  months, recurrent joint dislocations in the absence of trauma

3. None of the following:

- A. ⚡ Unusual skin fragility (consider other types of EDS)
- B. ⚡ Other heritable or acquired connective tissue disorder (if you do, must have both 2A and 2B)
- C. ⚡ Alternative diagnosis associated with hypermobility

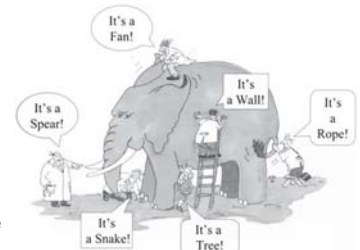


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## Are JHS and EDS-HT the same condition?



- Clinically indistinguishable
- Neither has an objective diagnostic test, molecular cause, or known gene mutation
- JHS: Brighton criteria (from rheum literature)
- EDS-HT: Villefranche criteria (from peds/genetics literature)
- Is JHS a mild variant of EDS-HT? Are they the same condition?
- Increasingly these are thought of as interchangeable or at least part of the same spectrum.



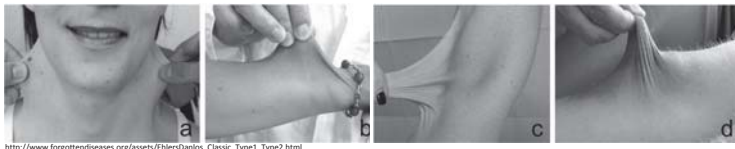
# EDS Support Systems



# What else could this be? Ddx..

1. Other forms of EDS:
  - Many other forms, but most are extremely rare and have severe phenotypes from a young age.
  - Classic EDS: **skin** is a significant finding
  - Vascular EDS: **arterial ruptures/dissections**
2. Marfan Syndrome:
  - **Tall stature**, family history of Marfan or **aortic dissection**, pectus deformities, arachnodactyly, myopia, **lens dislocations**
3. Loey's Dietz:
  - Widely spaced eyes, cleft palate/bifid uvula, **severe arterial tortuosity**. Arterial aneurysms/dissections
4. Osteogenesis Imperfecta:
  - **Fragile bones, frequent fractures**, blue sclera

# Skin Hyper-extensibility: Classic EDS



[http://www.forgottendiseases.org/assets/EhlersDanlos\\_Classic\\_Type1\\_Type2.html](http://www.forgottendiseases.org/assets/EhlersDanlos_Classic_Type1_Type2.html)

- Test at a neutral site, such as volar surface of the forearm or neck.
- Pull skin up until resistance is felt.
- Ability to stretch the skin 4cm or more
- Difficult in children due to subcutaneous fat

Am J Med Genet. 1998 Apr 28;77(1):31-7.

# Tissue Fragility: Classic EDS



Presence of easy bruising and dystrophic scars

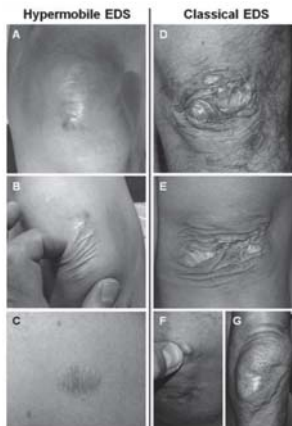
Scars are mostly on pressure points: knee, elbow, forehead, chin and have a thin papyraceous appearance.

Scars are frequently wide and discolored, wound healing is impaired



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A. Post-traumatic, atrophic and widened scar



B. Skin stretching between examiner's fingers shows mild atrophy of the underlying dermis

C. Atrophic and widened scar due to wound healing delay after nevus excision

D. Papyraceous and hemosideric scar after repetitive wound opening with molluscoid pseudotumor

E. Papyraceous scar and cutis laxa

F. Subcutaneous spheroid

G. Huge molluscoid pseudotumor



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# Classic EDS



## Genetics

**COL5A1/COL5A2**  
1/20,000  
Autosomal dominant

## Classification criteria

### Major:

1. **Skin hyper-extensibility and wide atrophic scars**
2. Joint hypermobility

### Minor:

1. Easy bruising
  2. Soft, doughy skin
  3. Skin fragility (traumatic tearing)
  4. Molluscoid pseudotumors
  5. Subcutaneous spheroids
  6. Hernias
  7. Epicanthal folds
  8. Complications of joint hypermobility
- Positive family hx

### Criteria to prompt confirmatory testing:

- Both major criteria OR
- Skin hyper-extensibility and atrophic scars +  $\geq 3$  minor

### Genetic testing: COL5A1/5A2

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## Vascular EDS



Acrogeria

**Genetics**  
**COL3A1**  
 1/100,000  
 Autosomal dominant

### Classification criteria

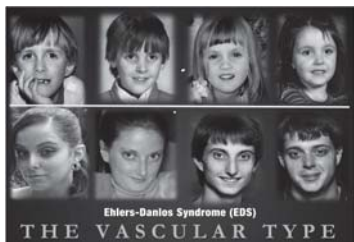
#### Major criteria:

1. Family history of vascular EDS
2. **Arterial rupture** at a young age
3. **Spontaneous sigmoid colon perforation**
4. **Uterine rupture** during 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester
5. **Carotid-cavernous sinus fistula**

#### Minor criteria:

1. Excessive bruising without trauma
2. **Thin, translucent skin with venous visibility**
3. Characteristic facial features
4. Spontaneous pneumothorax
5. **Acrogeria**
6. Hypermobility of small joints
7. Club foot
8. Congenital hip dislocation
9. Small joint hypermobility
10. Tendon/muscle rupture
11. Keratoconus
12. Gingival recession
13. Early onset varicose veins (<age 30)

**Diagnostic testing: COL3A1 gene**



Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS)

THE VASCULAR TYPE

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## DDx of hypermobility

1. **Other forms of EDS:**
  - Classic EDS: skin is a significant finding
  - Vascular EDS: arterial ruptures/dissections
  - Many other forms, but most are extremely rare and have severe phenotypes from a young age.
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## Back to EDS-HT / JHS:



- Prevalence:
  - EDS literature estimates 1:5,000
  - JHS estimates up to 3% of the population (self reported questionnaire)
- Patients with self-reported hypermobility are 40% more likely to have chronic widespread pain.
- Multi-system involvement

Arthritis Care Res (Hoboken). 2013 Aug;65(8):1325-33.

## Systemic manifestations of EDS-HT/JHS



- Fatigue: >80%
- Dysautonomia: 75%
  - Orthostatic intolerance, PoTS, pre-syncope/syncope, dizziness, palpitations
- Headaches: 75% of female patients suffer from migraines
- Abdominal pain: >80%
  - Partially related to dysautonomia
  - Constipation, diarrhea, hernias, pelvic prolapse, nausea/vomiting, bloating
- Structural cardiac disease: Mitral valve prolapse in 6%
- Psychiatric: increased anxiety, depression, kinesiophobia

Rheum Dis Clin North Am. 2013 May;39(2):419-30.  
 Clin Rheumatol. 2014 Jul;33(7):981-7.  
 Arthritis Care Res (Hoboken). 2013 Aug;65(8):1325-33.

## Management: general principles



- MSK symptoms: search for underlying cause
- Musculoskeletal pain management centers on physical therapy and lifestyle modification: strengthening, proprioception, limited stretching
- Recognize signs of autonomic dysfunction (PoTS) and functional GI disorders
- Cognitive behavior therapy to help learn to cope and live with chronic condition

## MSK complications



- MSK symptoms—search for an underlying cause:
  - Recurrent and chronic joint injuries, dislocations, soft tissue injuries
  - Neuropathic pain: compressive neuropathies, axonal neuropathies (spine hypermobility, disk herniation)
- Headaches: c-spine hypermobility, migraine headaches, occipito-atlantoaxial instability, Chiari 1 malformations
- Avoid opiate pain medications—often ineffective and may worsen GI complications
- Chiropractic manipulation: general avoided due to intrinsic connective tissue laxity



<https://balanceexerciseskomehtsu.blogspot.com/2017/09/balance-exercises-using-wobble-board.html>

## Management: MSK



### Physical Therapy:

- Exercise: specific, isolated, low-level, stabilization training.
- Building deconditioned muscles, focus on **postural muscles**
- **Proprioception exercises** improve joint stability—weight bearing, closed kinetic chain exercises:
  - Standing on one leg, mini squats, single knee bend, heel walking, walking backward, walking with eyes closed, slowly sitting/standing
  - Rocker-bottom wood, board-balance wood, foam rollers, etc
- **Joint protection/avoiding injury:**
  - Avoid excessive splinting/bracing—prefer muscle strengthening, however splints/braces can be used for stabilization or acute injury
- **Education:** avoid harm, don't overstretch

Curr Opin Rheumatol. 2011 Mar;23(2):131-6.  
Rheumatol Int. 2008 Aug;28(10):995-1000.

**Taping:** can help with pain, mechanical stability, joint laxity, and proprioception



Ther Adv Musculoskelet Dis. 2015 Feb; 7(1): 3–10.

**Sports:** Aquatic exercises, T'ai Chi, Pilates/yoga/dance (but avoid excessive stretching).



## GI/GU complications



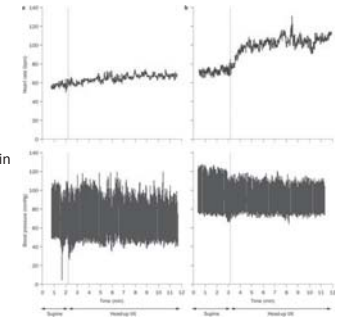
- **Anatomic complications:**
  - Higher rates of abdominal hernias
  - Rectal and uterine prolapse/pelvic floor dysfunction are more common
- **Functional complications:**
  - Pathogenesis is poorly understood
  - Nausea, vomiting, bloating, constipation, IBS-symptoms and diarrhea are common
- **Treat functional complications symptomatically**
- **Dysautonomia may contribute to GI complications?**

Neurogastroenterol Motil. 2015 Nov;27(11):1657-66

## POTS: symptoms and diagnosis



- **Symptoms:** palpitations, dizziness, pre-syncope/syncope, fatigue, headaches
- **Worsened by:** heat, eating, exertion
- **Diagnosis:**
  - Head-up tilt-table test:
    - Tilt to 60° for 10 minutes → sustained 30bpm rise in BP, or max HR of ≥120bpm during the first ten minutes.
    - There is usually **NO** orthostatic hypotension



Nat Rev Neurol. 2011 Dec 6;8(1):22-34.

## POTS: non-pharmacologic management



Avoid	Encourage
Sudden head-up postural changes	Head-up tilt at night
Excessive exertion	Regular gradual exercise (swimming)
Large meals (especially simple carbs)	Small, infrequent meals
EtOH	High salt intake (if no HTN)
Hot temperatures	Water repletion
Vasodilator or vasodepressors (nitrates, Ca channel blockers, diuretics)	Elastic stockings/compression

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### POTS: Pharmacological Management

First line:	<b>Fludricortisone:</b> 0.05-0.2mg/day	Avoid in HTN, may cause fluid retention
Second line:	<b>Midodrine:</b> vasoconstriction, prevents pooling, raises BP 2.5-10mg 3x/day	Avoid in HTN May cause urinary retention in older men
Third line: Low BP	<b>Cardioselective B1-blockers:</b> atenolol, metoprolol Start low, gradually increase	Avoid in asthma
Third line: High/normal BP:	<b>Non-selective B-blockers:</b> propranolol Clonidine: central sympatholytic Ivabradine: selective sinus node inhibitor, for substantial tachycardia	Avoid in asthma May cause symptomatic bradycardia
Post-prandial tachycardia	Octreotide: somatostatin analog	
Other	Pyridostigmine: 30mg/day	Common GI side effects

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## Management: structural heart disease

Mitral valve prolapse: 6.4% of EDS-HT; 4.7% of JHS

- Generally mild

Aortic root dilatation: 1.6% of EDS-HT/JHS patients

- Rarely requires surgical repair.

Routine screening echo?

- Used to be routinely recommended but increasingly echo is only advised if symptoms warrant.

Am J Med Genet A. 2018 Jul 31. doi: 10.1002/ajmg.a.40364.



## When/where to refer:

### •Medical genetics:

- There is no genetic testing for hypermobility EDS—these patients do not need to be referred to medical genetics
- If you suspect other forms of EDS, Marfan syndrome, etc. → refer to medical genetics for detailed assessment, genetic testing, & family planning advice

### •Cardiology:

- Marfan's syndrome, vascular EDS, Loey's Dietz

### •Rheumatology:

- If an inflammatory connective tissue disease is suspected → refer to rheumatology to evaluate.



## Take home points

- Beighton score to dx hypermobility: 60 second exam!
- JHS and EDS-HT are probably interchangeable.
- DDx: examine skin, stature, ask about vascular disease & family history
  - Other types of EDS, Marfan, Loey's Dietz
- Management—recognizing that this is a multi-organ system disease:
  - Consider dysautonomia & PoTS—can make a big difference in symptoms
  - MSK: Think about the cause: entrapment neuropathies, spinal disease, dislocations/enthesitis/bursitis/tendonitis
  - **Physical therapy & lifestyle modifications are the mainstay of treatment**
- Referral to genetics is not necessary for EDS-HT, but can be useful for other forms of EDS, or other heritable connective tissue disorders.

# MUSCULOSKELETAL UPDATE FOR PRIMARY CARE

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## INTERESTING CASES / PANEL

*Making the diagnosis with  
musculoskeletal pain*

## AN OVERVIEW OF THE MANAGEMENT OF PERSISTENT MUSCULOSKELETAL PAIN



### Objectives

- Understand the importance of differentiating accurate vs. specific diagnoses of musculoskeletal symptoms.
- Discuss the progression of diagnostic tools available when presented with musculoskeletal pain.
- Describe the general treatment options for musculoskeletal pain and the role of the patient and clinician in pursuing treatment.
- Effectively educate the patient regarding their diagnosis, imaging and management.

### Musculoskeletal Complaints

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## Musculoskeletal/Spine Pain: Goals



- Patient Goals:
  - \*What's the diagnosis?
  - \*What are the treatment options?
- Communication regarding goals is key to successful outcomes.
  - Walsh Arch PM&R 2008

## Etiology of Musculoskeletal / Spine Pain

**Often unclear in the absence of fracture, tumor, infection, significant arthritis**

- Predominantly non-traumatic.
- Broad differential diagnosis despite careful history and exam.
  - Gaeta Am J Roent 2008
  - Schoffl J Sport Med Fit 2007
  - O'Connor Phys Sports Med1997

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**Often unclear in the absence of fracture, tumor, infection, significant arthritis**

- Discouraging for patient's with:
  - Chronic symptoms
  - Uncertain etiology
  - Numerous diagnostic studies
  - Extensive treatments
    - Lillrank Soc Sci Med 2003

## Etiology of Musculoskeletal / Spine Pain

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- Results in decreased function and further impairment secondary to poor mental and emotional wellbeing.
  - Foster Pain 2010

## PERSISTENT MUSCULOSKELETAL / SPINE PAIN

**Significant utilization of healthcare resources often without meaningful improvements!**

Von Korff Pain1988

It is difficult to find a black cat in a dark room...



It is difficult to find a black cat in a dark room... especially if there is no cat. Confucius

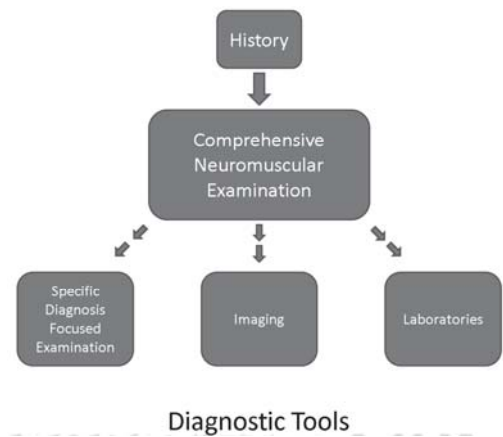


Louis Pasteur

• *Chance favors the prepared mind*



What are our Diagnostic Tools?



## Establish Diagnosis

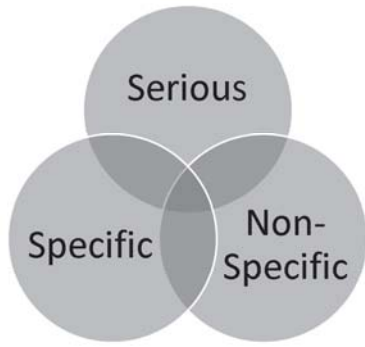
- ❖ Activity/event related to onset
- ❖ Symptoms: intermittent vs. constant
- ❖ Extremity & kinetic chain evaluation
- ❖ Evaluate during activity, fatigue
- ❖ Ancillary studies

***Avoid over-diagnosing***

An Accurate Diagnosis



***Is Better Than A Specific Diagnosis***



Accurate Musculoskeletal Diagnosis

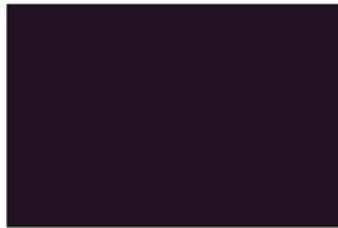
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*...are not confirmed by imaging studies*



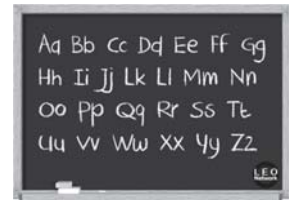
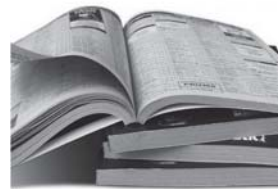
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*... may be further complicated by psychological factors*

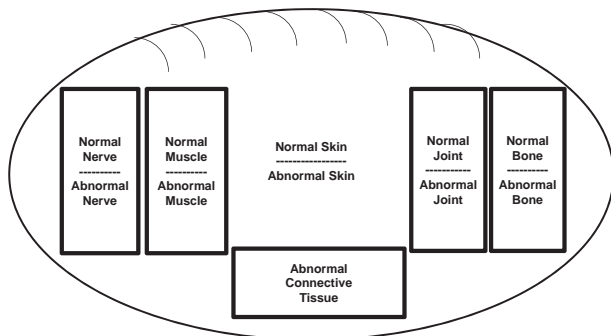


Don't *memorize* the phonebook...

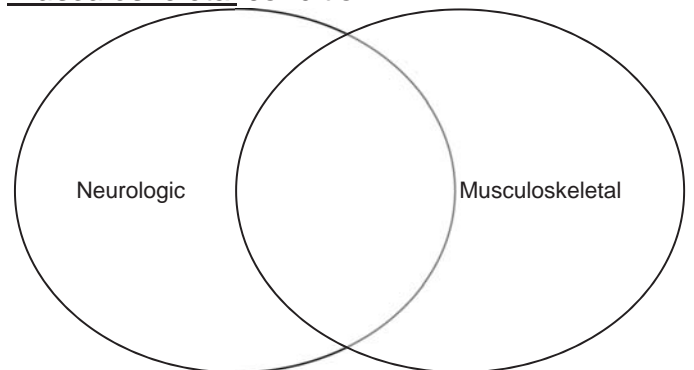
*...learn the alphabet!*



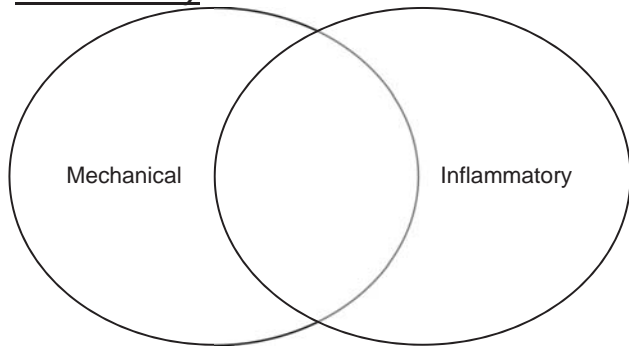
### Skin, Bone and Musculature Roadmap



Roadmap: Is this a neurologic or musculoskeletal condition?



Musculoskeletal conditions: Is this mechanical or inflammatory?



The prepared mind...

Where does it hurt?



What's there that can hurt?



## Musculoskeletal / Spine Injuries

Tendons  
Muscles  
Ligaments  
Joints  
Bursa  
Nerves  
Referred Pain



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*Know the patterns!*

## Musculoskeletal / Spine Injuries

### ◆ Tendons

- ◆ Pain with palpation
- ◆ Pain with passive stretch
- ◆ Pain with contraction against resistance



## Musculoskeletal / Spine Injuries

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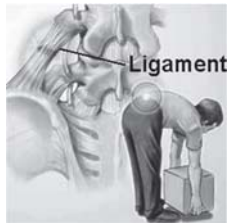




## Musculoskeletal / Spine Injuries

### ◆ Ligaments

- ◆ Pain with palpation
- ◆ Pain with passive stretch
- ◆ Joint instability



## Musculoskeletal / Spine Injuries

### ◆ Joints

- ◆ Pain with motion
- ◆ Pain with loading



## Musculoskeletal / Spine Injuries

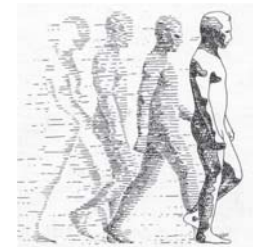
### ◆ Nerves

- ◆ Numbness
- ◆ Weakness
- ◆ Radiating pain



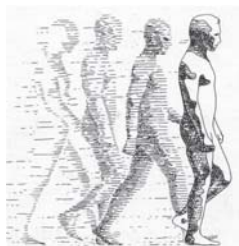
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- Physical Examination
  - Rule out referred pain



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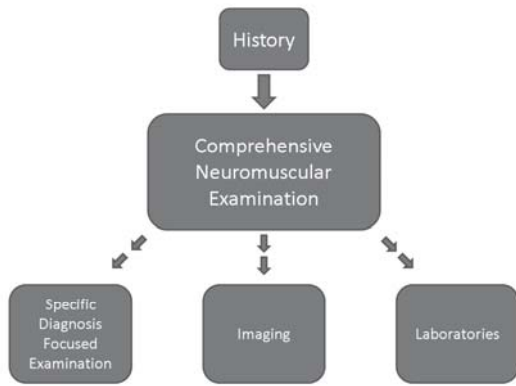
- Physical Examination
  - *Recreate the symptoms... and know what you did!*



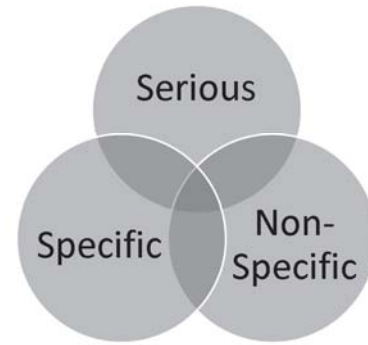
## “Red Flags”

- Trauma
- Age > 50 yo
- Fever
- Weight Loss
- Night/Rest Pain
- Hx of Cancer
- Recurrent Pain or Failure to Improve
- Bowel or Bladder Dysfunction
- Sensory or Motor Deficits
- Leg > Back Pain





Diagnostic Tools



Accurate Musculoskeletal Diagnosis

## The prepared mind...

*Where does it hurt?*



*What's there that can hurt?*



- 32 y.o. woman
- Pain and stiffness in hands for 8 weeks
- Gradual increase in symptoms over time, some relief with ibuprofen
- Difficulty holding heavy pots while cooking
- Stiffness in morning lasting 3-4 hours
- Significant fatigue over past few months

### Roadmap

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- Social history
  - married, 2 children (3 m.o., 3 y.o.)
  - no alcohol, no tobacco
- Medications
  - occasional ibuprofen
- Family history
  - mother with autoimmune thyroid disease

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- Physical exam:
  - Mild tenderness of wrists, fingers
  - Tenderness bilaterally at MTPs, warmth of bilateral knees without effusions
  - Mild bilateral synovitis of wrists, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> MCPs bilaterally and majority of PIPs

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- Xrays
  - Bilateral hands - normal
- Labs
  - HCT 33% (mild anemia)
  - Normal wbc & platelets
  - Creatinine 1.0 (0.8-1.3 mg/dL)
  - Urinalysis negative
  - ANA 1:40 (nl <1:160)
  - RF 120 (nl <40)
  - Anti-CCP antibody 99 (>60 strong positive)

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### Diagnosis?

- A. Osteoarthritis
- B. Aseptic toxic synovitis
- C. Rheumatoid arthritis
- D. Stenosing tenosynovitis
- E. Cellulitis



### Rheumatoid Arthritis

- Musculoskeletal**  
Inflammatory  
Intra-articular



### Rheumatoid Arthritis



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- 35 year old female
- 1 month history of right greater than left shoulder pain
  - Started after increasing her swimming
- Pain at the posterior lateral shoulder
- Increased with overhead activity

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- Significantly increased right shoulder pain 2 weeks ago
- Started with sudden onset of pain and crepitus while lifting toddler
- Associated with 4 days of diffuse RUE paresthesias
- Mild right sided neck pain with radiation to the clavicle

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- **Medical History**
  - History of remote left shoulder dislocation while competitive gymnast
  - Chronic intermittent low back pain relieved with rest
  - History of cervical disc herniation and radiculitis – resolved with conservative treatment
  - Left foot stress fracture – in boot
  - Allergic rhinitis – on medication

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- **Physical Exam**
  - Normal BUE motor
  - Mildly positive left and right impingement maneuvers with decreased AROM, PROM
  - Decreased cervical ROM without pain
  - Negative Spurling's maneuver
  - Normal sensation and reflexes of the BUE
  - Negative Speed's, positive O'Brien's
  - Shoulder X-ray unremarkable

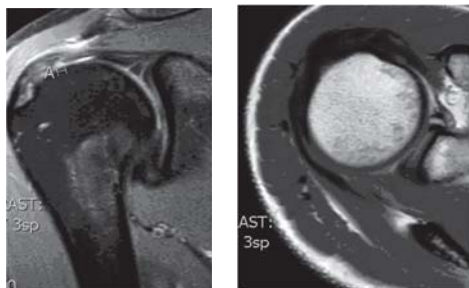
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- **Imaging?**

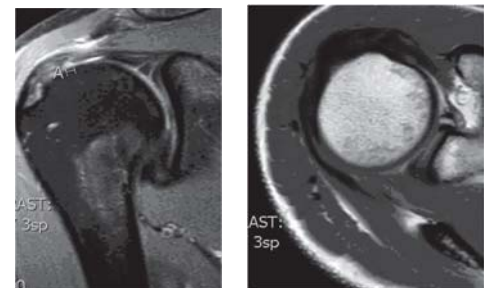
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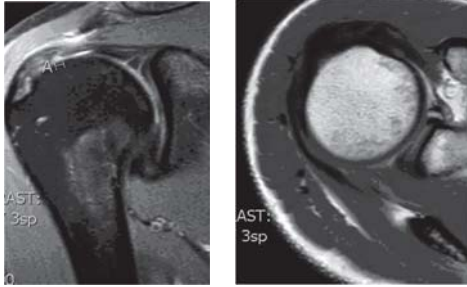
### Diagnosis?

- A. **Supraspinatus tendinitis**
- B. **Glenohumeral osteoarthritis**
- C. **Superior labral tear**
- D. **Avascular necrosis**
- E. **Complex regional pain syndrome**



Supraspinatus tendinopathy  
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- 48 y.o. male
- 4 month history of
  - Neck pain
  - Left shoulder pain
- No acute event or injury
- Pain at night & neck/shoulder ROM
- Taking ibuprofen
  - With minimal help
- PMHx unremarkable
  - No prior hospitalizations or surgeries
  - No prescription medications

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- FHx
  - History of “arthritis”, diabetes
- SHx
  - Computer programmer
  - Sedentary work
  - Increased symptoms with computer use
- 2 month history of
  - Paresthesias left thumb, index finger
  - Left arm weakness

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- Physical Exam
  - Normal vitals, gait, transferring
  - Decreased neck ROM due to pain
  - Normal shoulder ROM
    - Negative Spurling’s Maneuver
  - Symmetric 1+ reflexes biceps, triceps, brachioradialis
  - Decreased sensation left thumb and index finger
  - 4/5 left wrist extensors

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- Imaging

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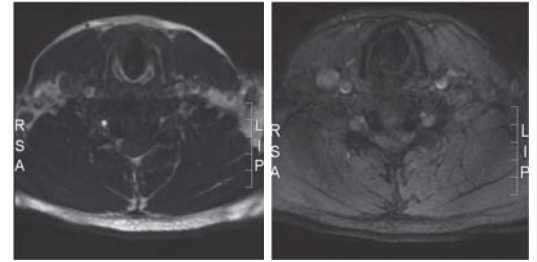
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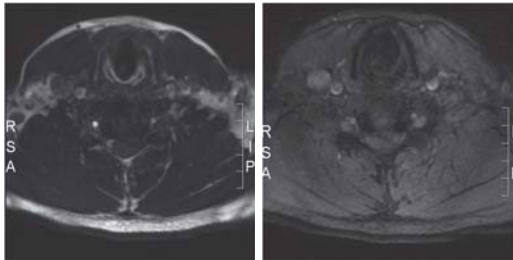
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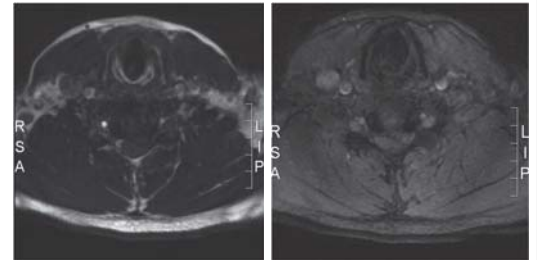
- A. Brachial neuritis
- B. Left C6 radiculopathy
- C. Proximal median neuropathy
- D. Left C8 radiculopathy
- E. Cervical myelopathy



•MRI – cervical spine

Left C6 Cervical Radiculopathy

- Neurologic  
CNS/PNS



Left C6 Cervical Radiculopathy

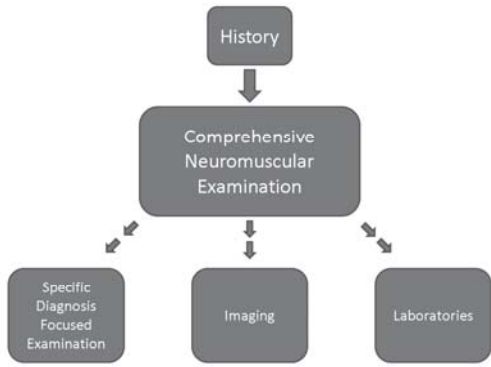
Neurosurgery Consult  
Surgery recommended  
Patient declined  
5 months later  
No arm/neck pain  
4/5 left wrist extensor weakness  
9 months later  
No pain or numbness  
5/5 Strength  
Full pain free cervical spine ROM



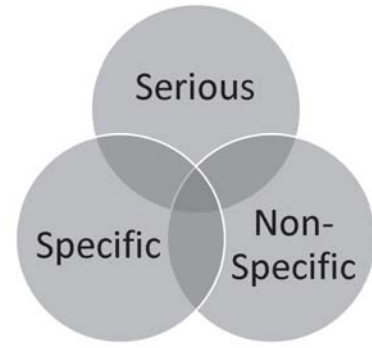
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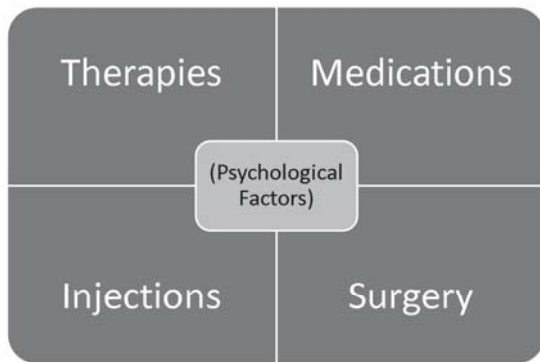




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Diagnostic Tools



Accurate Musculoskeletal Diagnosis



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Treatment Options



# Overuse Injuries and Strategies for Treating Them

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## Objectives

- Define overuse injury
- Most common
- Risk factors
- Diagnosis, treatment, and management
- When to get imaging?
- When to refer?
- Treatment pearls
- Stay awake

## *What is an overuse injury?*

DEMAND >> recovery

Microtrauma to soft tissue and/or bone

Occurs over a period of time (non-acute)

Repetitive movement

## Most Common Overuse Injuries

- ❖ Osgood-Schlatter
- ❖ Sever
- ❖ Sinding-Larsen-Johansson
- ❖ Little league elbow
- ❖ Little league shoulder

- ✓ Shin splints
- ✓ Stress fracture
- ✓ Patellofemoral syndrome

- Achilles
- IT band
- Plantar fasciitis
- Tennis elbow
- Rotator cuff



## How commonly do they occur?

- TRAILS study followed 300 runners for 2 years. 66% sustained an overuse injury during the study period
- 45-54% of all sports injuries are due to overuse
- Survey of musicians found up to 68% report MSK complaint

## Can they be prevented?

### Intrinsic Risk Factors

- Growth plate
- Age (puberty and elderly)
- Level of conditioning
- Anatomical factors
- Psychological factors

### Extrinsic Risk Factors

- Training workload
- Competition schedule
- Sport specialization
- Equipment
- Footwear
- Environment / playing surface
- Psychological factors

## The run down

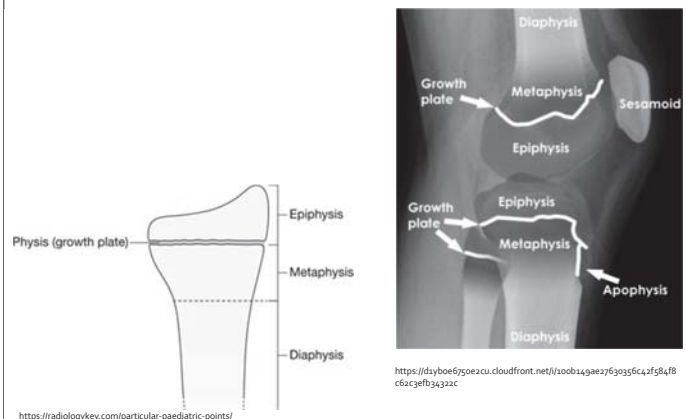
- Pediatric overuse
- Achilles
- Plantar fascia
- Lateral epicondylitis (Tennis elbow)
- Stress fracture
- Patellofemoral syndrome

## Pediatric Overuse Injuries

Osgood-Schlatter disease  
Sever disease  
Sinding-Larsen-Johansson  
Little League Elbow and Shoulder

## Common theme

- Physis, or growth plate, is the weakest part of the bone
- Traction at the physis leads to separation
- Often site of major tendon insertion, where tension is high
- Osseous growth outpaces muscle / tendon lengthening and muscle hypertrophy
- Highest risk during periods of high growth velocity
- Repetitive running, jumping, throwing
- Coaches and parents play a major role
- If sudden onset or pop, rule out apophyseal avulsion fracture
- Bilateral imaging



## Osgood-Schlatter

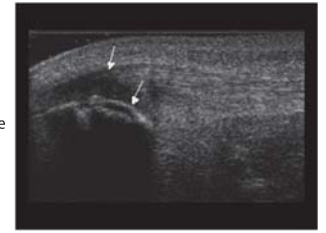
- Traction apophysitis at the patellar tendon insertion on tibial tuberosity
- Fragment and irregularity at ossification center
- Girls 8-13 and Boys 10-15
- Activity modification, ice, NSAIDs, padding
- Clinical diagnosis; delay imaging if typical presentation
- Resolves weeks to months, or when physis closes
- May result in permanent prominence



<https://radiopaedia.org/articles/osgood-schlatter-disease>

## Sinding-Larsen-Johansson

- Inferior pole of patella
- Similar age range
- Usually a clinical diagnosis
- If acute onset and associated with hyperextension, rule out patellar sleeve fx (check extensor mechanism)
- Clinical diagnosis; delay imaging if typical presentation
- Activity modification, ice, NSAIDs, padding
- Weeks to months
- Completely resolves when physis closes



<http://www.ultrasoundcases.info/Slide-View.aspx?cat=35&case=333>

## Sever Disease

- Traction apophysitis at the Achilles tendon insertion on the calcaneus
- Predominantly Boys, 8-12
- Clinical diagnosis; delay imaging if typical presentation
- Activity modification, ice, NSAIDs, padding, heel lift
- Resolves when physis closes



## Little League Elbow

- Repetitive traction on medial epicondylar apophysis



## Little League Shoulder

- Tension across proximal humeral epiphysis

<https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/Imaging-pediatric-sports-injuries%3A-upper-extremity-Davis/Ry3Baw1x999866476551227263f0343f3f89417>

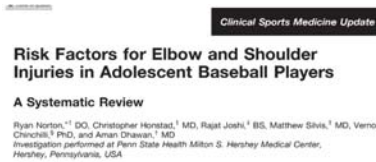
- Cumulative stress
- Progressive arm pain with throwing
  - Bilateral plain films
- Early detection is key
- Treatment is prolonged rest (up to 3-5 months)
  - ROM > Strength > Return to throwing
    - Preventable!
- Know the risk factors

<https://abc7news.com/sports/hawaii-shuts-out-georgia-3-0-to-move-to-the-championship/665537/>

## Pitch Smart Risk Factors

- 1) Pitching while fatigued
- 2) Too many innings per year
- 3) Not enough time off
- 4) Too many pitches, not enough rest
- 5) Pitching on consecutive days
- 6) Excessive throwing when not pitching
- 7) Multiple teams
- 8) Injuries to other body regions
- 9) Poor upper extremity strength and conditioning
- 10) Showcases
- 11) Breaking pitches at young age
- 12) Radar gun use





"...age, height, playing for multiple teams, pitch velocity, and arm fatigue were found to be independent risk factors for throwing arm injuries..."

"One additional consideration is the biological development of an immature athlete, who during the critical high school years undergoes a growth spurt, allowing for a pitch to be thrown with suddenly increased velocity before the growth plates have closed or the supportive musculature has adapted to the increased stress placed on the elbow"

"This scenario, in which a young athlete has the ability to perform at a level before his body has fully developed to withstand the resulting stress, is one that likely occurs during a finite period of time during development, is difficult to predict, and is even harder to prevent"

## Conclusions

- Playing for multiple teams, pitch velocity, arm fatigue, and pitches per game (elbow) appear to be modifiable extrinsic risk factors
- Great utility in Pitch Smart guidelines, but caution against too much focus on pitch counts alone
- Find the sweet spot!
- 15-19 yo age group



## Achilles Tendinopathy

## But first....

Tendonitis vs Tendinosis vs Tendinopathy?

Tendinopathy: generic term for disease or injury to the tendon

Tendonitis: inflammatory response to tendon injury

Tendinosis: chronic degeneration without inflammation



>>>Tendinosis<<<

- Repetitive forces cause micro tears of the collagen matrix, disrupting cross links
- Bleeding may or may not occur; if significant bleeding occurs from larger partial tear or injury to sheath, the body may activate true inflammatory response
- Fibroblast cells within the tendon can be enough for self-healing; they differentiate into other cell types necessary for repairing tendon
- Tendinosis occurs when the self healing properties fail to create healthy collagen matrix and instead scarring occurs

## Achilles Tendinopathy

### Anatomy and Physiology

- Muscle / tendon crosses two joints
- involved in locomotion (push off phase of gait cycle)
- watershed area just proximal to insertion

### Epidemiology

- 50% of runners during their career, older athletes

### Risk factors

- repetitive eccentric stress from uphill running or sprinting
- Haglund deformity
- Hyperpronation

### Presentation

- pain at insertion or mid portion
- +/- swelling
- Calf raises or push off

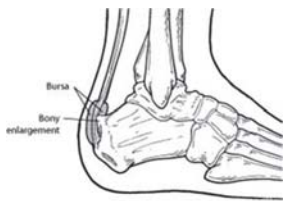
### Diagnosis

- clinical exam (palpation)
- +/- imaging (US, Xray)
- Bursitis? Haglund? Rupture?

### Treatment

- Relative rest +/- NSAIDs
- Flexibility and strength
- Heal lift, footwear (correct overpronation)
- Shock wave therapy
- Regenerative injection
- Surgery last resort

## Achilles Tendinopathy



<https://www.foothealthfacts.org/conditions/haglund's-deformity>

## Plantar fasciopathy

### A&P –

- Originates from calcaneus, extends to insertion of proximal phalanges
- Largest band originates on medial calcaneus
- Maintains rigid arch from heel lift to toe-off

### Epidemiology –

- 7% of Hood to Coast runners
- Most common cause of heel pain

### Risk factors –

- Pes planus and pes cavus
- Decreased ankle dorsiflexion
- Decreased foot and ankle strength
- Running, walking barefoot

## Plantar fasciopathy

### Presentation

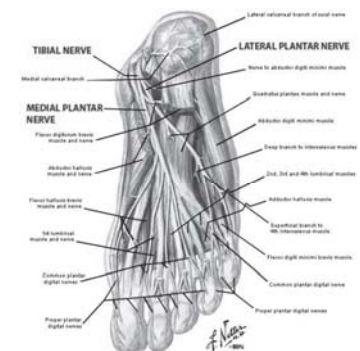
- Pain at origin on medial calcaneus
- First steps in the morning
- May improve with exercise

### Diagnosis

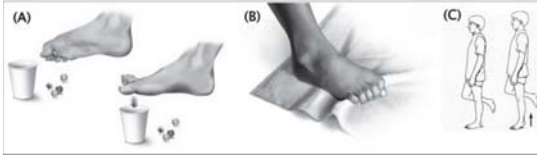
- Clinical exam
- +/- imaging (US, Xray, MRI)
- Medial calcaneal and lateral plantar nerve

### Treatment

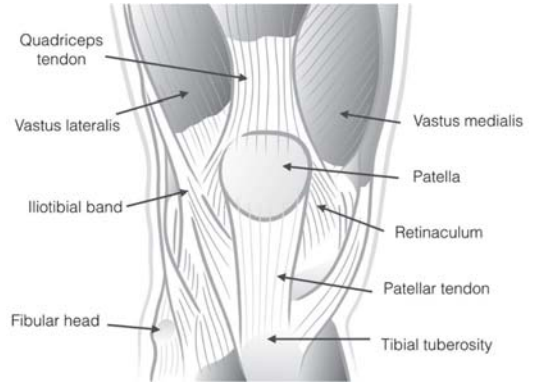
- Patient education
- Non surgical 90% of the time
- Flexibility, strength, massage
- Orthosis, night splints
- ?injection ?surgery ?gait analysis



<https://www.fairview.org/patient-education/83735>



<https://www.runnersworld.com/fit/foot-care>  
<http://unforefoot.com/patellar-fascia-and-metatarsal-bones-strengthening-exercises-for-forefoot-running/>  
<https://aimnatheheaven.com/massage-therapy-for-patellar->



<https://humananatomylibrary.colphotoz75j8ksoftissue-knee-patient-information-gavin-mcugh-anterior-knee-anatomy-picture.asp>

## Patellofemoral Syndrome

- **A&P –**
  - Patella articulates with distal femur
  - Insertion of quadriceps tendon and origin of patellar tendon
- **Epidemiology –**
  - Most common overuse injury in recreational runners
  - Chondromalacia only 45%
- **Risk factors –**
  - Females
  - Patella alta
  - Hypermobility or malalignment
  - Overpronation
  - Femoral anteversion or tibial torsion
  - Quad or hip muscle weakness
  - IT band or quad tightness

## Patellofemoral Syndrome

- **Presentation**
  - Diffuse anterior knee pain
  - Not acute, not swollen
- **Diagnosis**
  - Clinical exam
    - single leg squat, Trendelenburg
    - J sign, hypermobility
    - VMO atrophy
    - Ober
  - Imaging only if recalcitrant to rule out other causes
- **Treatment**
  - Patient education is key
  - Activity modification
  - Hip and quad strength / flexibility to correct imbalance
  - McConnell vs Kinesio taping
  - Gait analysis
  - Lateral retinacular release?

Merchant (Skyline) Views



<https://openi.nlm.nih.gov/details/colphotoz75j8ksoftissue-knee-patient-information-gavin-mcugh-anterior-knee-anatomy-picture.asp>

## Rehab

- Squat with hip adduction
- Wall sits
- Single leg squat / step down (not pistol squat)
- Single leg deadlift
- Supine leg lifts, leg externally rotated for VMO
- 7-way hip series



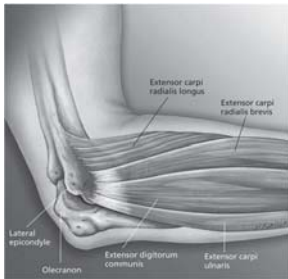
## Lateral epicondylitis (misnomer)

- **A&P –**
  - Extensor tendons at lateral epicondyle
  - Extensor carpi radialis brevis degeneration
  - Crosses two joints
- **Epidemiology –**
  - Tennis only 5-10% of cases
- **Risk factors –**
  - Repetitive wrist extension
  - Racquet sports
  - Manual labor



## Lateral epicondylitis (misnomer)

- **Presentation**
  - Lateral elbow pain
- **Diagnosis**
  - Clinical exam –
    - TTP lateral epicondyle
    - Extended elbow, middle finger and wrist extension
    - Rule out posterior interosseous nerve entrapment
  - Consider US to confirm diagnosis
- **Treatment**
  - Activity modification
  - Home therapy
  - Counterforce strap
  - Wrist brace
  - PRP vs AWB vs Prolotherapy



<https://www.otbraces.com/gfoam-tennis-elbow-support>

## Stress Fractures

- Definition
- Risk factors
- The spectrum
- Diagnosis
- Grading of fractures
- High risk sites
- Return to play



- The rate of breakdown exceeds the remodeling of bone
- Overuse / overload
- Spectrum
  - Impact > microfracture > remodeling > overuse > imbalance > stress reaction > Fracture

## Risk Factors

### Extrinsic

- Training errors (total mileage vs rate of increase)
- Recovery time
- Nutrition
- Shoes

### Intrinsic

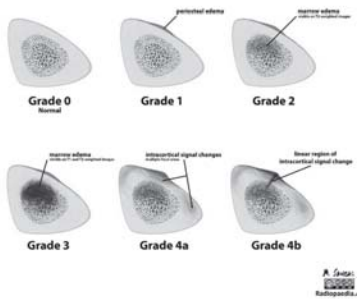
- Muscle imbalance
- Foot strike
- Gait
- Menstrual irregularities
- Caucasian
- Psychological

## Diagnosis

- Pain that increases during workout, or does not resolve post work-out
- Cannot be explained by other cause
- Brief period of rest ineffective
- Tenderness to palpation of the bone
- Hop test
- Xray
- Presume and treat, repeat xray
- High risk area, or clinically necessary, obtain MRI
- Check labs and ?DEXA



## Fredericson classification system for medial tibial stress syndrome on MRI



## Location, location...

### Low Risk

- Medial femoral neck
- Femoral shaft
- Posteromedial tibia (shin)
- Metatarsals 1-4 (feet)
- Calcaneus (heel)
- Fibula
- SI joint
- Pelvis

### High Risk

- Lateral femoral neck (tension)
- Anterior tibia (shin)
- Navicular
- 5<sup>th</sup> metatarsal
- Medial malleolus

## Treatment

- Low risk – at least 3-6 weeks
  - non weight bearing until able to walk pain free
  - Introduce non weight bearing / low impact activity to maintain fitness
  - 2 weeks before impact training
  - Gradual return to sport
- High risk - at least 10 -12 weeks
  - Surgical consultation
  - Non weight bearing at least 4-6 weeks
  - Partial weight bearing
  - Low impact activity



Patience is key

Education

Gradual return

Utilize cross training to build fitness

## Take home point...

*The body's ability to withstand physical stress, and thus the volume and intensity of exercise, should be individualized to the patient*

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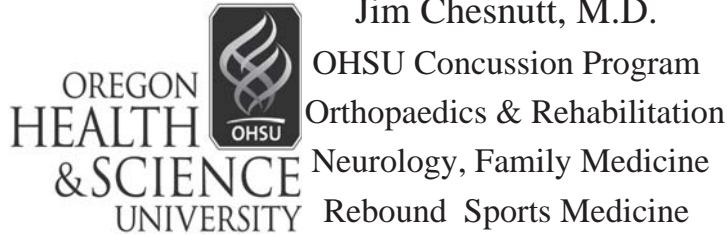
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## Dazed and Confused - New Insights in Concussion Evaluation - Active Rehab



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Rebound Sports Medicine

OR Governor's Task Force TBI  
OCAMP: Co-Director  
OHSU TBI Initiative Co-Chair

## Learning Objectives:

- Update on new state laws and policies
- Highlight recent OHSU research and collaborations
- Implement active strategies for concussion recovery
- Become familiar with Return to Learn strategies
- Learn about rehabilitation roles and protocols

## OHSU Concussion Center

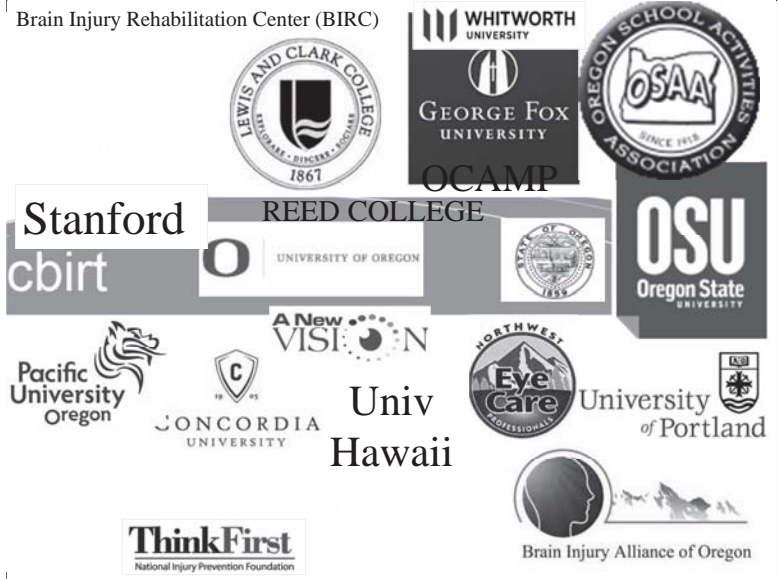


The NW's most comprehensive, multidisciplinary concussion care center

- Cutting edge research and clinical care
  - Concussion rehab and clinical outcomes
  - Sensory Integration: balance & auditory processing
  - Chronic traumatic encephalopathy(CTE)-tau protein
  - Informatics and clinical guidelines

Yearly TBI Scientific Symposium- research to rehab  
Partnerships- academics, community and industry

Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center (BIRC)



## OHSU TBI- PTSD Research to Rehabilitation Scientific Symposium Dec 13-14, 2019 Dr Steve Broglio, ATC PhD



**Collaboration Advancement Award**



School of Medicine  
Research Roadmap



## OHSU TBI Initiative

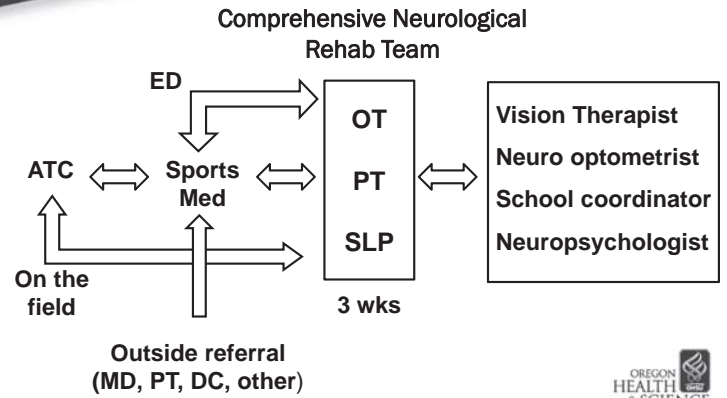
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Dr. George Keepers, Chair of Psychiatry  
Dr Nathan Selden, Vice chair Neurosurgery

- Over 150 clinicians and researchers
- Research on basic science pathophys & imaging
- Clinical research: trauma, balance, education
- Multidisciplinary teams, inpt, outpt, outreach
- VA Collaboration, auditory processing, neuro trauma, PTSD, research, rehab protocols
- Medical Informatics, EBM, policy

# OHSU Concussion Management

- Pre-season Impact baseline testing
  - Can do whole team or individuals
- Athletic trainers on- field and in injury clinic
- Post –concussion evaluations
  - Physician and ATC evaluations & Impact testing
- Concussion Rehabilitation Team
  - PT, Vestibular/ENT, SLP/ cognitive,OT/vision
- Severe/Chronic: Neuropsych, Neuro, NSurg  
Sport Concussion Support Group (student/family)

## Interdisciplinary approach: OHSU Model



## Concussions: The Problem

- We now realize concussions occur more often than previously thought
- Young athletes are at risk for serious short-term and long-term problems
- There is much variation in the knowledge of Health Care Providers managing concussed athletes
- New and emerging technologies will lead to a continuing evolution of care



## Concussions: The Oregon Plan

State-wide concussion management program involving all high schools

- Establish state-wide physician network
- Uniform evaluation and management protocol
- Consultation service for coaches, athletes, parents, and physicians
- ImPACT baseline suggested for contact and collision sport athletes

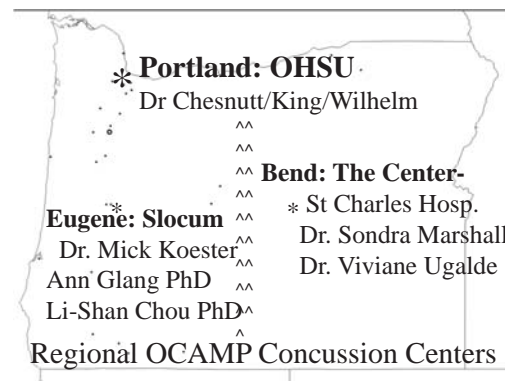


## Oregon Concussion Awareness and Management Program (OCAMP)

Multi-disciplinary group across the state:

Educators, Physicians, Neuropsychologists,  
Certified athletic trainers, Rehab Therapists  
Brain Injury Association of Oregon  
Athletic Directors(OADA),  
Center for Brain Injury Research and Teaching  
Representatives from OSAA , OR Dept of Ed.

## Concussions: The Oregon Plan



Each helps “oversee” programs at the “satellite” sites and help local doctors/trainers care for their own athletes

## Max's Law: Sports Concussion (SB 348- April 2009, 1<sup>st</sup> one passed!)

Max Condradt is an OR brain- injured athlete hurt in football.

- No return-to- play the same day as concussion
- Medical release needed to return to play
- Yearly coach concussion education required
  - Free for coach : [www.osaa.org/healthandsafety/concussion.asp](http://www.osaa.org/healthandsafety/concussion.asp)
- Effective: July 2009



Left to right: David Kracke, Max Condradt, Governor Ted Kulongoski, Tootie Smith, Sherry Stock

## Max's Law: The 4 R's

- 1. RECOGNIZE:**
  - all coaches must receive annual training in recognizing the symptoms of concussion.
- 2. REMOVE:**
  - no same day return to play
- 3. REFER :**
  - must be evaluated by a properly trained medical professional.
- 4. RETURN :**
  - all symptoms resolved, graded return to play over about one wk and a medical release has been obtained

## Zachery Lystedt Law

Washington HB 1824 5-14-2009

- Youth athletes who are suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury be removed from play. "When in doubt, sit them out"
- School districts to work with the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) to develop information and policies on educating coaches, youth athletes and parents about the nature and risk of concussion, including the dangers of returning to practice or competition after a concussion or head injury.
- All student athletes and their parents/guardians sign an information sheet about concussion and head injury prior to the youth athlete's initiating practice at the start of each season.
- Youth athletes who have been removed from play receive written medical clearance prior to returning to play from a licensed health-care provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussion.

## New 2013 Oregon Bill Concussions in Club sports Jenna Sneva, ski racer, >12 concussions *Jenna's Law*



What's new in 2018:

SB 217- Add naturopath/ Chiro/ ~~AT~~/ PT to clear mTBI  
OHSU to provide concussion education for state law



### Max's Law: Concussion Management Implementation Guide for School Administrators



**RECOGNIZE :: REMOVE :: REFER :: RETURN**





### Concussion Management Team:

Healthcare professional, Physician, Neuropsychologist, Athletic Trainer, Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant, Coach, HS Counselor, Teachers and Parents



**IMPLEMENT CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT PLAN TO ADDRESS AND ASSESS PHYSICAL & COGNITIVE NEEDS OF ATHLETE**  
(Share plan with coach, school, athlete & parent)

#### Follow a Graduated Return to Exertion & Academics

#### Follow-up concussion management assessment

- Consider formalized support if symptoms last more than 2-3 months:
  - Contact OR TBI Team
  - 504 Plan or referral to SPED

When symptom free and released by Concussion Management Team proceed to full activity level

# GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY



## REPORT ON FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### OUR VISION



The vision of the Governor's Task Force on TBI is that Oregon will establish and maintain a comprehensive, public-private system of coordinated care and supports for individuals with brain injury of all ages, severity levels, and backgrounds that facilitates maximum community engagement and quality of life.

## GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY: EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13-02, 2013

### REPORT ON FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS



August 2016

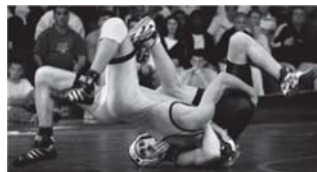
#### RECOMMENDATIONS AT A GLANCE

1. Increase educational outreach
2. Establish a TBI Clinical Registry
3. Establish a centralized "road map" of services and resources
4. Establish a statewide program of care coordinators
5. Develop an equitable system of care and services
6. Develop a communication system to improve coordination across agencies
7. Establish sustainable, equitable funding mechanisms
8. Establish the Governor's Traumatic Brain Injury Coordinator and Advocate in the Office of the Governor



## What is a Concussion?

- A concussion is a **mild traumatic brain injury** that interferes with normal function of the brain
- Evolving knowledge- "dings" and "bell ringers" are brain injuries- no such thing as a *mild concussion*
- Loss of consciousness is **not common** in concussion (<90%)
- (GCS 13-15)

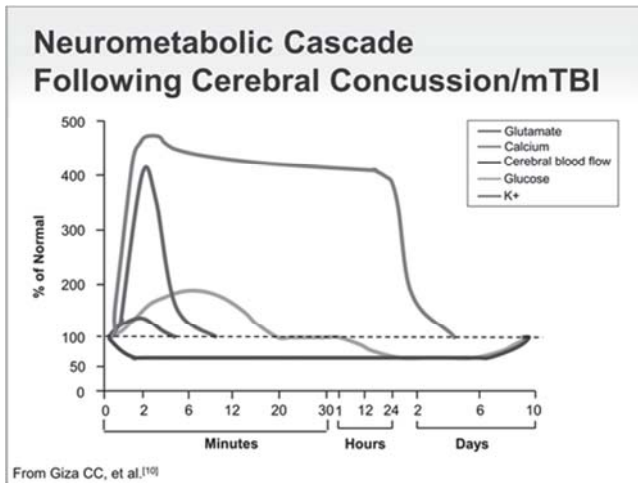


#ADAM

## Concussion Mechanics/ Biology

- Acceleration/ Deceleration
- Linear/ rotational
- Neurometabolic energy crisis
- Decreased cerebral blood flow, glucose
- Abnormalities Glutamate, K, Na, Ca, etc
- Endocrine, neurochemical abnormalities
- Neuron injury and Axon shearing
- Prefrontal motor cortex, corpus callosum and central processing network

## Metabolic Crisis in Brain post TBI-



## Concussion: Helmet to helmet hit



## Newer Data High School RIO 2015-6

Injury rate per 10,000 player exposures competition

- Boy's Football-- 10.5
- Girls' soccer 9.2
- Girls' lacrosse 8.6
- Boys' Ice Hockey – 7.6
- Boys' Wrestling – 5.5
- Girls' basketball 5.5
- Boys' Lacrosse – 5.0
- Boys' Soccer – 4.2
- Girls' field hockey 4.1
- Boys' basketball 3.9



## Soccer-Football and Concussion World Soccer and Science Conf -2016

- Estimate 270 million players world wide
- 27 mil in N America
- 40 % concussions for arm/ elbow to head
- 60% contact related to headers but not headers themselves
- Female more ground contact
- Heading may be related to brain injury
  - Usually at least 1000yr worse if over 1800?

## Concussion Symptoms

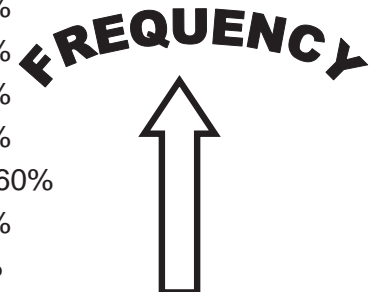
variable for each individual in terms of type, intensity and duration:

- **Symptoms:** (eg, headache, foggy or emotional) 1
- **Physical signs** (eg, loss of consciousness, amnesia, neurological deficit)
- **Balance impairment** (eg, gait unsteadiness)
- **Behavioral changes** (eg, irritability)
- **Cognitive impairment** (eg, slowed reaction times)
- **Sleep/wake disturbance** (eg, somnolence, drowsiness)

Berlin 2016. McCrory P, et al. Br J Sports Med 2017.

## Symptoms

- Headache 75%
- Blurred vision 75%
- Dizziness 60%
- Nausea 54%
- Memory/ confusion 40-60%
- Double vision 11%
- Noise sensitivity 4%
- Light sensitivity 4%
- Loss of consciousness 5-10%



Carney, Ghajar et al 2014

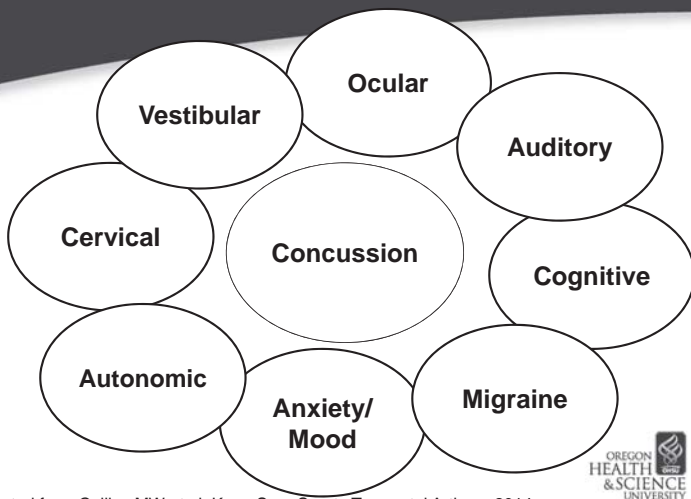
## New Definition evidence- based systematic review

- 1.) a change in brain function;
- 2.) following a force to the head( +/- hit)  
-a potentially concussive event;
- 3). may (or may not) be accompanied by temporary LOC;
- 4.) identified in awake individuals; and
- 5.) includes measures of neurologic and cognitive dysfunction. (Carney, Ghajar et al., 2014.)

## Concussion -consistent and prevalent diagnostic indicators

- 1.) observed and documented disorientation or confusion immediately after the event;
- 2.) impaired balance within 1 day after injury;
- 3.) slower reaction time within 2 days after injury; and /or
- 4.) impaired verbal learning and memory within two days after injury. (Carney,Gjajar, et al., 2014.)

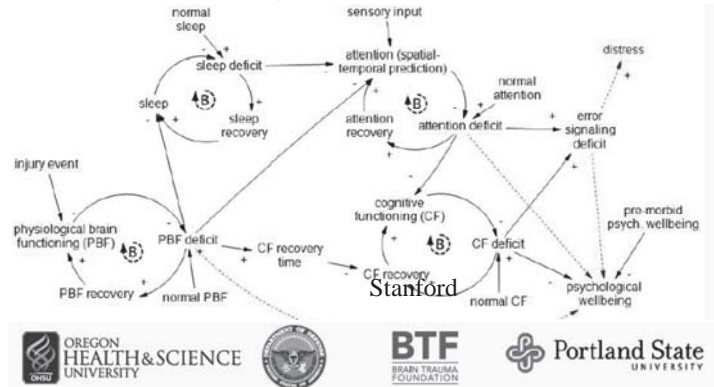
### Interdisciplinary Approach: Concussion Symptoms



Adapted from Collins MW et al; Knee Surg Sports Traumatol Arthosc 2014

### Dynamic Model of Concussion

work started in 2013 on scale model and causal loop diagram model and finally papers published 2017 and 2018

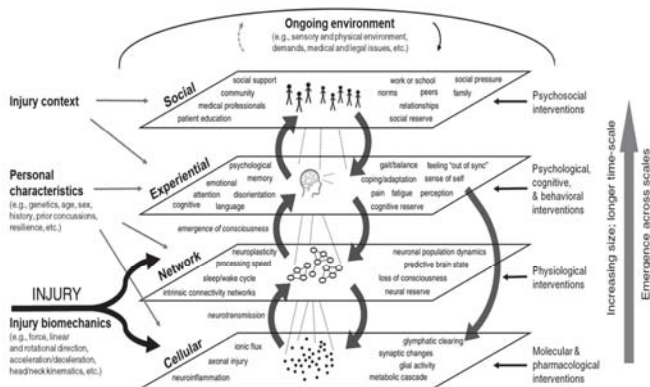


### Concussion As a Multi-Scale Complex System:

#### An interdisciplinary Synthesis of Current Knowledge

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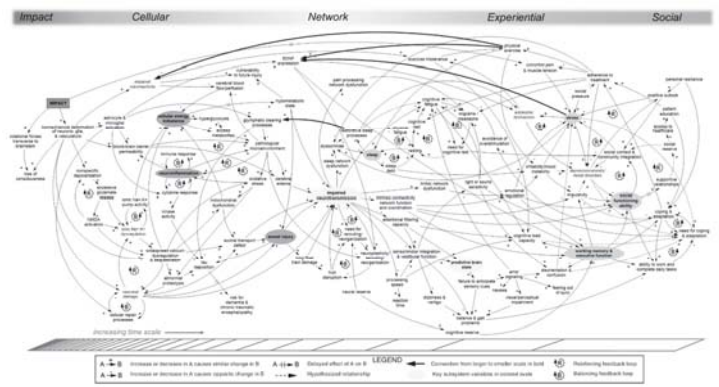
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### The Dynamics of Concussion: Mapping Pathophysiology, Persistence, and Recovery With Causal-Loop Diagramming

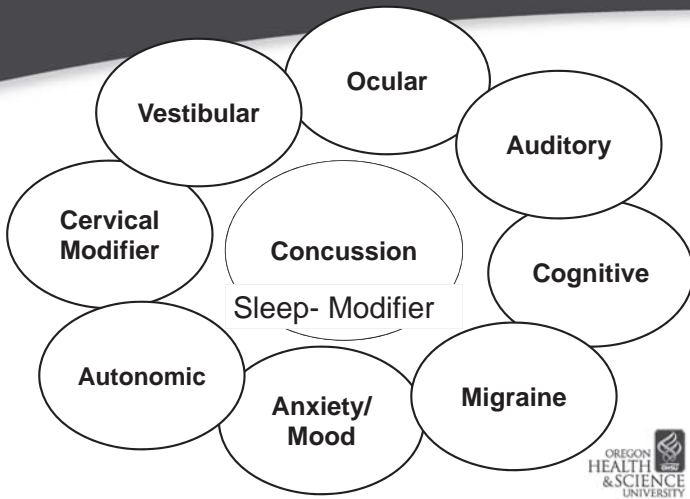
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[www.Dynamicsofconcussion.com](http://www.Dynamicsofconcussion.com)





# Concussion Subtype Development



## GUIDELINES

### Concussion Guidelines Step 2: Evidence for Subtype Classification

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**BACKGROUND:** Concussion is a heterogeneous mild traumatic brain injury (mTBI) characterized by a variety of symptoms, clinical presentations, and recovery trajectories. By thematically classifying the most common concussive clinical presentations into concussion subtypes (cognitive, ocular-motor, headache/migraine, vestibular, and anxiety/mood) and associated conditions (cervical strain and sleep disturbance), we derive useful definitions amenable to future targeted treatments.

**OBJECTIVE:** To use evidence-based methodology to characterize the 5 concussion subtypes and 2 associated conditions and report their prevalence in acute concussion patients as compared to baseline or controls within 3 d of injury.

**METHODS:** A multidisciplinary expert workgroup was established to define the most common concussion subtypes and their associated conditions and select clinical questions related to prevalence and recovery. A literature search was conducted from January 1, 1990 to November 1, 2017. Two experts abstracted study characteristics and results independently for each article selected for inclusion. A third expert adjudicated disagreements. Separate meta-analyses were conducted to do the following: 1) examine the prevalence of each subtype/associated condition in concussion patients using a proportion, 2) assess subtype/associated conditions in concussion compared to baseline/uninjured controls using a prevalence ratio, and 3) compare the differences in symptom scores between concussion subtypes and uninjured/baseline controls using a standardized mean difference (SMD).

**RESULTS:** The most prevalent concussion subtypes for pediatric and adult populations were headache/migraine (0.52; 95% CI = 0.37, 0.67) and cognitive (0.40; 95% CI = 0.25, 0.55), respectively. In pediatric patients, the prevalence of the vestibular subtype was also high (0.50; 95% CI = 0.40, 0.60). Adult patients were 4.4, 2.9, and 1.7 times more likely to demonstrate cognitive, vestibular, and anxiety/mood subtypes, respectively, as compared with their controls (P < .05). Children and adults with concussion showed significantly more cognitive symptoms than their respective controls (SMD = 0.66 and 0.24; P = .001). Furthermore, ocular-motor in adult patients (SMD = 0.77; P = .001) and vestibular

Neurosurgery 0:1–12, 2019

## Concussion in the Media

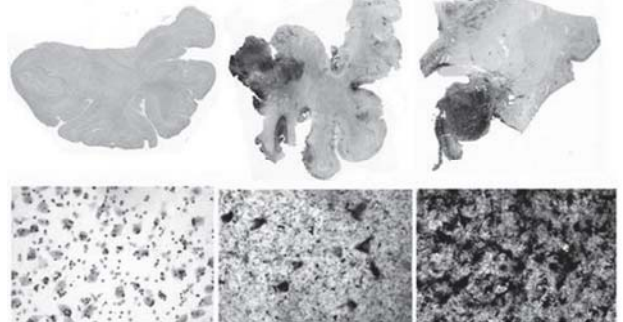
- Baseline neuropsych testing of Pro Athletes in NFL, NHL, Baseball and other sports
- Higher incidence ( 3X) of depression if >3 concussions in Pro athletes in some studies
- Risk of premature dementia
- Possible brain damage
  - Brain lesion : tau protein deposition
  - Similarities to Alzheimer's/Parkinson's
  - Higher risk if certain genes (APO E -4)
  - CTE chronic traumatic encephalopathy



## CTE- Tau deposition

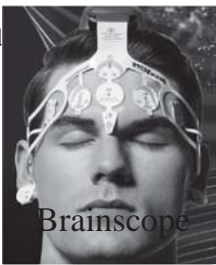
perivascular and frontal/temporal sulci  
 assoc with repetitive TBI but no direct cause  
 Recent article suggests possible very high rate in FB??  
 JAMA. 2017;318:360–370.

Recent 50 yr follow up study HS FB very low rate neuro problems



Boston Univ CTE Center normal Tau tangles Tau plaques

NY Time, LA Times, etc, 2/18  
 FDA approves first blood  
 test that can help  
 diagnose a concussion ,  
 what????It actually does not  
 diagnose concussion at all.. Only  
 brain bleeds and structural brain  
 injury



### HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS

1 Sensors embedded in players' helmets record impacts and wirelessly relay real-time data ...



2 To a sideline computer that shows the location of the latest hit as well as prior ones that day ...



3 and tracks the severity of each hit, paging team staff if the force exceeds a specific threshold

Team physicians can use this data to help look for concussions, many of which occur without players ever losing consciousness

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# AAN 2013 Concussion Guideline

<http://www.neurology.org/content/80/24/2250.full.pdf+html>

SPECIAL ARTICLE



## Summary of evidence-based guideline update: Evaluation and management of concussion in sports

Report of the Guideline Development Subcommittee of the American Academy of Neurology

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### ABSTRACT

**Objective:** To update the 1997 American Academy of Neurology (AAN) practice parameter regarding sports concussion, focusing on 4 questions: 1) What factors increase/decrease concussion risk? 2) What diagnostic tools identify those with concussion and those at increased risk for severe/prolonged early impairments, neurologic catastrophe, or chronic neurobehavioral impairment? 3) What clinical factors identify those at increased risk for severe/prolonged early postconcussion impairments, neurologic catastrophe, recurrent concussions, or chronic neurobehavioral impairment? 4) What interventions enhance recovery, reduce recurrent concussion risk, or diminish long-term sequelae? The complete guideline on which this summary is based is available as an online data supplement to this article.

**Methods:** We systematically reviewed the literature from 1955 to June 2012 for pertinent evidence. We assessed evidence for quality and synthesized into conclusions using a modified Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development and Evaluation process. We used a modified Delphi process to develop recommendations.

**Results:** Specific risk factors can increase or decrease concussion risk. Diagnostic tools to help identify individuals with concussion include graded symptom checklists, the Standardized Assessment of Concussion, neuropsychological assessments, and the Balance Error Scoring System. Ongoing clinical symptoms, concussion history, and younger age identify those at risk for postconcussion impairments. Risk factors for recurrent concussion include history of multiple concussions, particularly within 10 days after initial concussion. Risk factors for chronic neurobehavioral impairment include concussion exposure and APOE ε4 genotype. Data are insufficient to show that any intervention enhances recovery or diminishes long-term sequelae postconcussion. Practice recommendations are provided for preparticipation counseling, management of suspected concussion, and management of diagnosed concussion. *Neurology*® 2013;80:2250-2257

Correspondence to: American Academy of Neurology, 500 ...

Published 2107 - newest guidelines!!

## Consensus statement on concussion in sport—the 5<sup>th</sup> international conference on concussion in sport held in Berlin, October 2016

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McCrory P, et al. Br J Sports Med 2017

### PREAMBLE

The 2017 Concussion in Sport Group (CISG) consensus statement is designed to build on the principles outlined in the previous statements<sup>1-4</sup> and to develop further conceptual understanding of sport-related concussion (SRC) using an expert consensus-based approach. This document is devel-

articles were screened by the expert panels for the Berlin meeting. The details of the search strategies and findings are included in each of the systematic reviews.

The details of the conference organisation, methodology of the consensus process, question development and selection on expert panelists and

# Sport Concussion Assessment Tool (SCAT5)

**SCAT5** SPORT CONCUSSION ASSESSMENT TOOL – 5TH EDITION  
 DEVELOPED BY THE CONCUSSION IN SPORT GROUP  
 FOR USE BY MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS ONLY

supported by



## STEP 1: RED FLAGS

### RED FLAGS:

- Neck pain or tenderness
- Double vision
- Weakness or tingling/burning in arms or legs
- Severe or increasing headache
- Seizure or convulsion
- Loss of consciousness
- Deteriorating conscious state
- Vomiting
- Increasingly restless, agitated or combative

## Sideline Evaluation

### STEP 2: OBSERVABLE SIGNS

Witnessed  Observed on Video

Lying motionless on the playing surface	Y	N
Balance / gait difficulties / motor incoordination: stumbling, slow / laboured movements	Y	N
Disorientation or confusion, or an inability to respond appropriately to questions	Y	N
Blank or vacant look	Y	N
Facial injury after head trauma	Y	N

### STEP 3: MEMORY ASSESSMENT

#### MADDOCKS QUESTIONS<sup>2</sup>

"I am going to ask you a few questions, please listen carefully and give your best effort. First, tell me what happened?"

Mark Y for correct answer / N for incorrect	Y	N
What venue are we at today?	Y	N
Which half is it now?	Y	N
Who scored last in this match?	Y	N
What team did you play last week / game?	Y	N
Did your team win the last game?	Y	N

Note: Appropriate sport-specific questions may be substituted.

Also GCS, 13-15, neck exam

### STEP 2: SYMPTOM EVALUATION

The athlete should be given the symptom form and asked to read this instruction carefully and to not finish the symptom scale. For the baseline assessment, the athlete should not be the symptoms based on how they typically feel and for the post-injury assessment the athlete should state their symptoms at this point in time.

Please Check:  Baseline  Post-injury

Please hand the form to the athlete

	none	mild	moderate	severe
Headache	0	1	2	3
"Pressure in head"	0	1	2	3
Neck Pain	0	1	2	3
Nausea or vomiting	0	1	2	3
Dizziness	0	1	2	3
Blurred vision	0	1	2	3
Balance problems	0	1	2	3
Sensitivity to light	0	1	2	3
Sensitivity to noise	0	1	2	3
Feeling slowed down	0	1	2	3
Feeling like "in a fog"	0	1	2	3
"Don't feel right"	0	1	2	3
Difficulty concentrating	0	1	2	3
Difficulty understanding	0	1	2	3
Fatigue or low energy	0	1	2	3
Confusion	0	1	2	3
Disorientation	0	1	2	3
More emotional	0	1	2	3
Irritability	0	1	2	3
Sadness	0	1	2	3
Worries or Anxiety	0	1	2	3
Trouble falling asleep (if applicable)	0	1	2	3
Total number of symptoms	0-12			
Symptom severity score	0-100			
Do your symptoms get worse with physical activity?	Y	N		
Do your symptoms get worse with mental activity?	Y	N		
If 100% is feeling perfectly normal, what percent of normal do you feel?				
Is it 100%, only?				

## COGNITIVE & PHYSICAL EVALUATION

### Cognitive assessment Standardized Assessment of Concussion (SAC)<sup>1</sup>

Orientation (1 point for each correct answer)

What month is it?	0	1
What is the date today?	0	1
What is the day of the week?	0	1
What year is it?	0	1
What time is it right now? (within 1 hour)	0	1
Orientation score	of 5	

Immediate memory

List	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Alternative word list					
elbow	0	1	0	1	candle	baby	finger		
apple	0	1	0	1	0	1	paper	monkey	penny
carpet	0	1	0	1	0	1	sugar	perfume	blanket
saddle	0	1	0	1	0	1	sandwich	sunset	lemon
bubble	0	1	0	1	0	1	wagon	iron	insect
Total									
Immediate memory score total	of 15								

Concentration: Digits Backward

List	Total	Alternative digit list			
4-9-3	0	1	6-2-9	5-2-6	4-1-5
3-8-1-4	0	1	3-2-7-9	1-7-9-5	4-9-6-8
6-2-9-7-1	0	1	1-5-2-8-6	3-8-5-2-7	6-1-8-4-3
7-1-8-4-6-2	0	1	5-3-9-1-4-8	8-3-1-9-6-4	7-2-4-8-5-6
Total of 4					

Concentration: Month in Reverse Order (1 pt. for entire sequence correct)

Dec-Nov-Oct-Sept-Aug-Jul-Jun-May-Apr-Mar-Feb-Jan	0	1
Concentration score	of 5	

## IMPACT Clinical Report

Mark

Exam Type	Baseline	Post-concussion	Post-concussion	Post-concussion	Post-concussion	Post-concussion
Date Tested	09/21/2004	10/08/2004	10/12/2004	10/15/2004	10/19/2004	10/27/2004
Last Concussion	10/07/2004	10/07/2004	10/07/2004	10/07/2004	10/07/2004	10/07/2004
Exam Language	English	English	English	English	English	English
Test Version	2.2.729	2.2.729	2.2.729	2.2.729	2.2.729	2.2.729
<b>Composite Scores *</b>						
Memory composite (verbal)	93	75%	66	2%	57	<1%
Memory composite (visual) <sup>†</sup>	70	23%	41	<1%	49	1%
Visual motor speed composite	45.88	85%	46.38	86%	40.13	63%
Reaction time composite	0.54	46%	0.60	22%	0.66	0%
Impulse control composite	8	14	10	16	10	11
Total Symptom Score	0	14	3	1	0	0

\* Scores in bold type indicate scores that exceed the Reliable Change Index score (RCI) when compared to the baseline score. However, scores that do not exceed the RCI index may still be clinically significant. Percentile scores, if available, are listed in small type. Please consult your IMPACT User Manual for more details.



## The Canadian Head CT rule

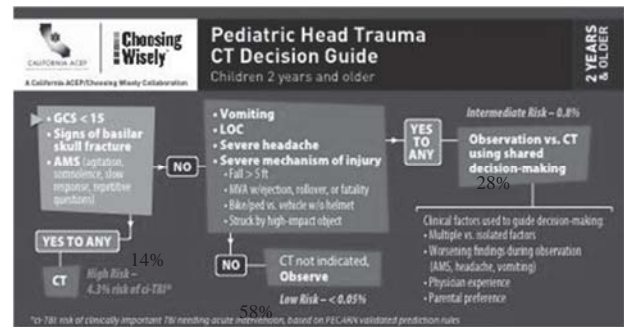
100% sensitive abnormalities that need neurosurgery.

### Major Criteria:

- 1.) GCS < 15 at 2 hours post-injury; 2.) Suspected open or depressed skull fracture; 3.) Any sign of basilar skull fracture; 4.) Blood in the middle ear (hemotympanum), or around eyes (raccoon eyes) or back of head (Battle's sign) or cerebral spinal fluid drainage from the nose/ ears; 5.) vomiting ( $\geq 2$  episodes); 6.) Age  $\geq 65$ .

### Minor Criteria:

- 1.) Retrograde Amnesia to the Event  $\geq 30$  minutes; 2.) "Dangerous" Mechanism; 3.) Pedestrian struck by motor vehicle; 4.) Occupant ejected from motor vehicle; 4.) Fall from > 3 feet or > 5 stairs. (Stiell et al. 2001).



PEDIATRIC EMERGENCY CARE  
APPLIED RESEARCH NETWORK

PECARN CT rule

## PECARN CT Rule

### Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network

- GCS < 15
  - Signs of basilar skull fx
  - AMS-agitation, somnolence, slow response, repetitive questions
- YES- 14% positive

NO->

- Vomiting
- LOC
- Severe Headache
- Severe mechanism of injury- fall > 5 ft, MVA ejection, rollover, fatality, high speed, bike crash no helmet

YES to any-> 28%

### Observe vs CT

Intermediate risk 0.8%

Depends on worsening, doctor experience, family concern

NO- 58%

### CT not Needed

Observe  
Low risk < 0.05%

### Needs CT scan

High risk 4.3% of clinically signif TBI needing acute intervention

## Brain Imaging in Acute TBI

- The decision rule-predicting positive CT
  - 100% sensitive (picks up all problems)
  - 46% specific (picks up more unrelated problems)
  - 13.8% positive if meet criteria
  - All negative if no criteria

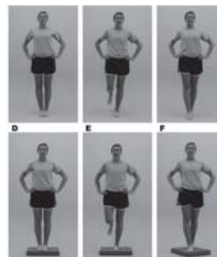
## Balance screening after concussion

- Balance assessment recommendations in 2009
- Now required for NCAA sports
- BESS (modified) - balance error scoring system
- count errors - can be variable
- Sensitivity 34%-64% to detect mTBI
- Balance reportedly resolves after 3-5 days  
But may be due to insensitive testing

\*\*Need better balance tests- goal to find more sensitive test that can be easily done

Many investigators trying objectify balance better.

(Zurich 2008; McCrory 2009, Guskiewicz 2001, Finnoff 2009, King 2013, Giza 2013)

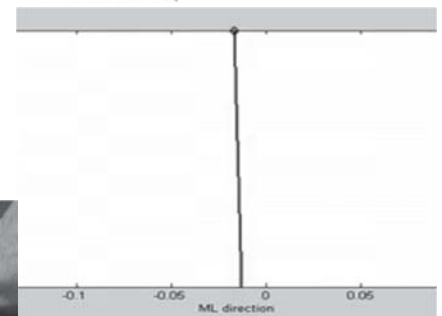


## Instrument the BESS using an inertial sensor

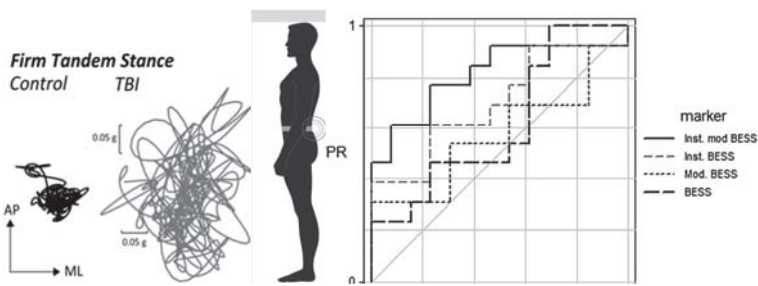


New portable,  
wearable and  
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technology

Inertial sensors:  
similar to force plate  
-Portable  
-Automatic analysis

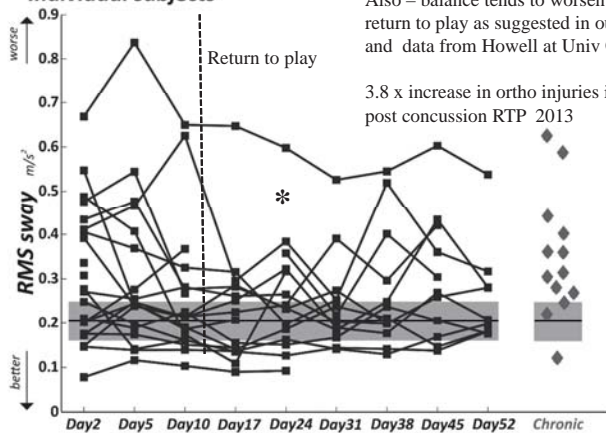


## Instrumenting the BESS could best classify chronic concussion vs healthy



King LA, Horak FB, Mancini, Pierce D, Priest KC, Chesnutt JC, Sullivan P, Chapman JC. Instrumenting the Balance Error Scoring System for use with patients reporting persistent balance problems after mild traumatic brain injury. *Arch Phys Med Rehabil.* 2013 Nov 4. (Mancini et al., 2012, King et al 2013)

### Individual subjects



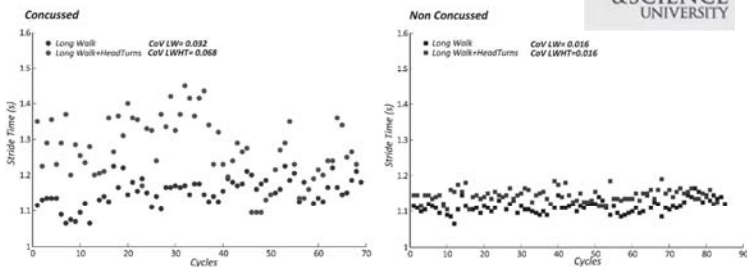
Also – balance tends to worsen after return to play as suggested in our data and data from Howell at Univ Oregon\*

3.8 x increase in ortho injuries in 90 days post concussion RTP 2013

\*King et al., 2014  
\*Howell D. MS, Osternig L. Chou L. 2015 .

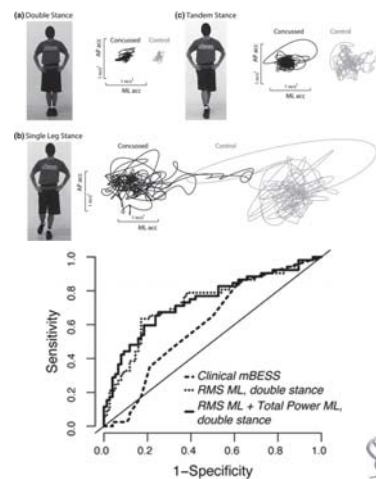
## Dynamic balance during walking

Gait variability larger after concussion worse with dual task



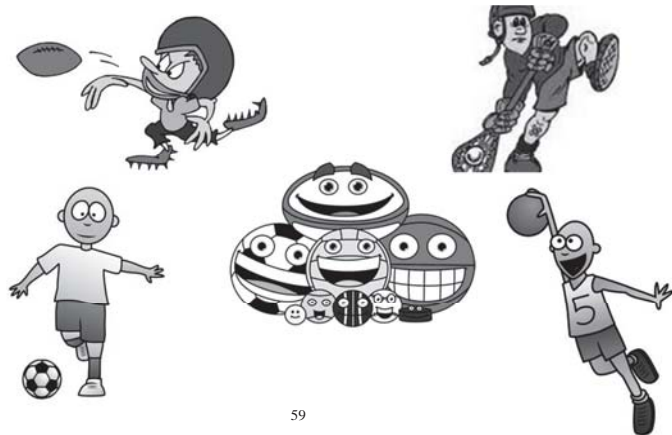
## Static balance: take home

Sensor with double limb stance on firm: best at diagnosing concussion and tracking recovery



King LA et al; Ann Biomed Eng 2017

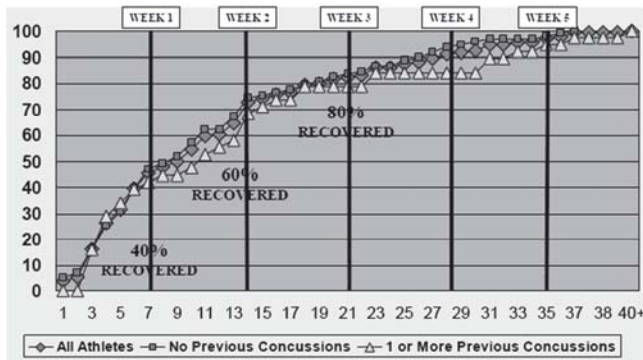
## Active Management of Concussions: Return to Learn and Play



## The Goal of Appropriate Treatment

- Minimize the duration of symptoms
- Return to play as soon as safely possible
- Avoid entirely the risk of second impact syndrome
- Minimize the rate of chronic post concussion syndrome

## Concussion recovery: How long



n = 134 male football athletes

Collins et al; Neurosurgery 2006

## Concussion prognostic Factors

### suggesting slower recovery

- Athlete pre-injury characteristics:
  - Previous concussions
  - Migraine ( personal and family)
  - Vestibular or ocular issues
  - ADD or learning issues
  - Genetics ( apoE 4)
  - Age/ gender
- Am J Sports Med 399110:2311-2318

## Concussion Prognostic Factors suggesting slower recovery

- Post concussion symptoms:
  - Early dizziness/ imbalance( 7x risk >21 days)
  - Nausea and Vomiting
  - Diff concentrating and foginess
  - Photo/ phonosensitivity
- Early intervention seems to impact recovery  
Am J Sports Med 399;110:2311-2318

## “Rest or not to rest?”

- Recognize role of relative rest: avoid “cocoon” or “black box” theories
- “best evidence suggests complete rest exceeding 3 days is probably not helpful”
  - Silverberg. J Head Trauma Rehab. 2013
- Encourage return to some activity
  - ↓ mood disorders/social isolation
- Avoiding contact sports
  - Decreased reaction speed
  - Brain more vulnerable to injury , 2<sup>nd</sup> impact



## Exercise and Concussion recovery

- Post concussion treadmill tests in first week are safe per Dr Leddy study
- Exercise tolerance associated with successful RTP- Leddy
- Improved aerobic fitness associated with fewer headaches, esp migraine



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## Aerobic Exercise: Buffalo Concussion Treadmill Test (BCTT) (Modified Balke protocol)

Provocative exercise test: help to determine if ready for RTP

- Protocol: Measure BP, HR and RPE
  - Treadmill: 3.6 mph, 0.0% incline
  - Minute 2: 3.6 mph, 1.0% incline
  - Minute 3: 3.6 mph, 2.0% incline
  - Minute 4: 3.6 mph, 3.0% incline
  - Keep going: ↑ 1.0% incline every min until:
    - Symptomatic (≥ 3 points)
    - Exhaustion (Borg 19/20 or 85% of age-predicted max HR)
- High inter-rater reliability (95%) and sensitivity (99%)



Leddy JJ et al 2013  
Baker JG et al 2012



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# Vestibular Rehabilitation with Concussion is effective

Recommended by 5<sup>th</sup> Consensus statement on concussion in sport

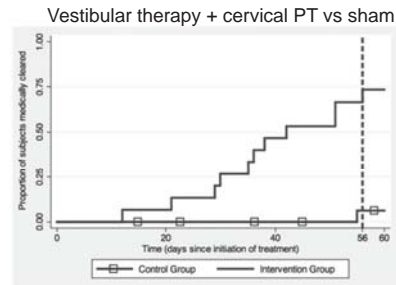


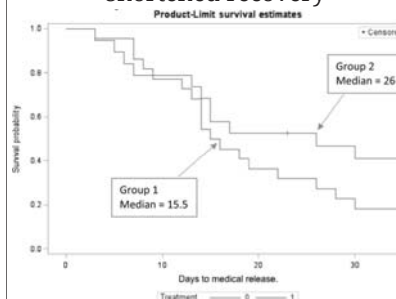
Figure 1 Proportion of patients medically cleared over time.

Schneider KJ et al; Br J Sports Med 2014  
 Alsalaheen BA et al; J Neurol Phys Ther. 2010  
 McCroy P, Meeuwisse W, Dvorak J et al; Br J Sports Med 2017



# Early Physical Therapy in concussion is safe

- **PT: 10 days post injury**
  - Safe
  - Shortened recovery
- **Return to activity in kids within 7 days:** ↓ symptoms vs no activity
- **Aerobic exercise**
  - Buffalo protocol (treadmill) 1-9 days post injury **did not harm patients**



Grool AM et al; JAMA 2016  
 Reneker JC et al; Scand J Med Sci Sports 2017  
 Leddy et al; Clin J Sports Med 2018



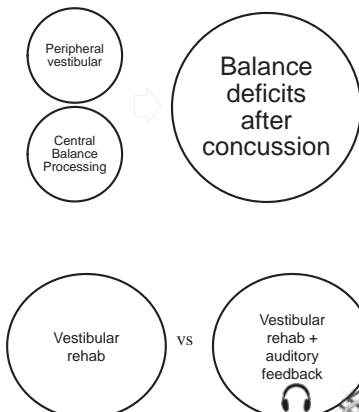
# Assessment and Rehabilitation of Central Sensory Impairments for Balance in mTBI

PI: Laurie A King, PT, Ph.D.

DOD Award: \$2 million

**Study Aim 1:** To characterize the differences in sensory weighting between people with and without chronic mTBI

**Study aim 2:** To evaluate whether sensory weighting changes with rehabilitation



Fino PC et al; BMC Neurol 2017

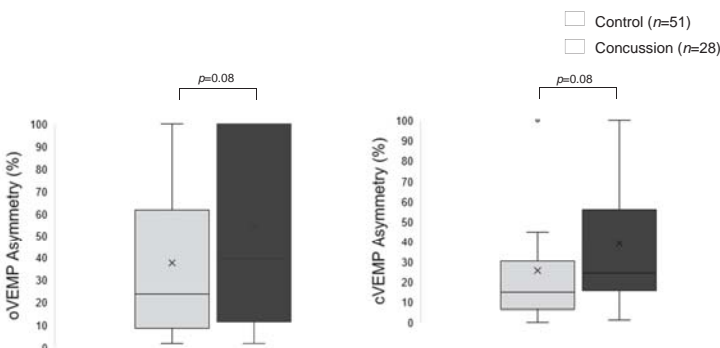


# Vestibular rehabilitation program – progressing in difficulty over 6 weeks

	Eyes Open				Eyes Closed			
Static	Feet Together (DS), Firm							
	Standing Still	Tossing Ball	Rotating Head (L/R)	Bobbing Head (U/D)	Smooth Pursuit	Smooth Pursuit	Gaze Stabilization	Gaze Stabilization
Dynamic	Feet Together (DS), Foam							
	Standing Still	Tossing Ball	Rotating Head (L/R)	Bobbing Head (U/D)	Smooth Pursuit	Smooth Pursuit	Gaze Stabilization	Gaze Stabilization
Bending	Tandem Gait, Firm							
	Walking	Tossing Ball	Rotating Head (L/R)	Bobbing Head (U/D)	Walking			
Squatting	Tandem Gait, Foam							
	Walking	Tossing Ball	Rotating Head (L/R)	Bobbing Head (U/D)	Walking			
Squatting	Squat Firm							
	Sit to stand (mini squat)	Lunge	Lunge onto unstable surface	Lunge + Twist	Sit to stand (mini squat)	Lunge	Lunge onto unstable surface	Lunge + Twist
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(Fino, et al., 2017)

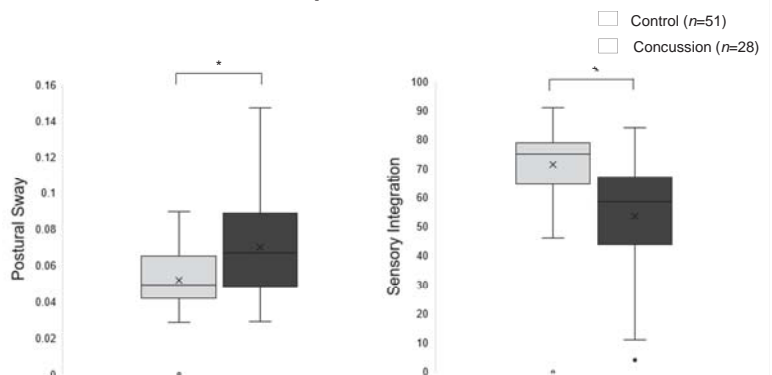
# Results: No abnormal otolith function



- No difference in the amplitude of cVEMP or oVEMP ( $p > 0.05$ )



# Results: Abnormal central control of balance post concussion



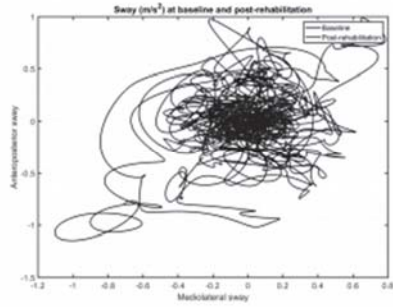
mBESS: Feet together, EC + Foam

Composite score of SOT





Preliminary results:  
Auditory biofeedback may be useful to augment real-time sensory feedback for balance



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## Take homes

\*Take home message

- Chronic mTBI:
  - Central dysfunction of vestibular system
  - No peripheral otolith dysfunction
- People with chronic mTBI improved!
  - Repetition/frequency higher in research protocol
- Outcome measures:
  - SCAT symptom checklist
  - SOT/CSMI



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Rehabilitation of Complex TBI with Sensory Integration Balance Deficits: Can Early Initiation of Rehabilitation with Wearable Sensor Technology Improve Outcomes?

Log #PT160104  
Award # W81XWH-17-1-0424

PI: Laurie A King, PT, Ph.D.

DOD Award: \$4,652,124



## Why early rehab?

- Waiting can encourage maladaptive strategies
- Early promotes neuroplasticity
- After peripheral vestibular disorder: improved outcomes when treated early vs late
- Negative outcomes: hours post injury (not days) based on animal models
- **Early is the new Normal:**
  - Early mobilization in the ICU on mechanical ventilation improves LOS
  - Early (2 d) vs Delayed (9 d) rehab for muscle injury: faster RTP
  - Current model for neurological rehabilitation

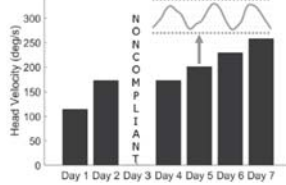
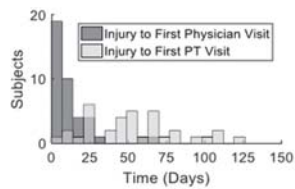


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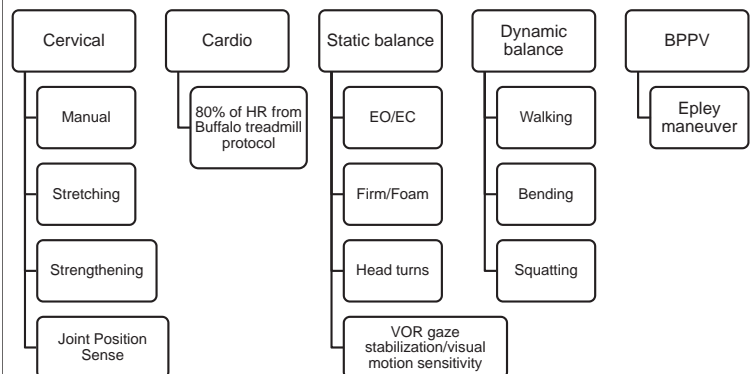


## Study Aims

1. Does early rehab improve outcomes vs standard care?
2. Are patients doing their home program and are they doing it correctly?
3. Develop technology for PTs to get real time feedback on head/trunk motion



## Protocol



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# Early Concussion Intervention: Study Overview

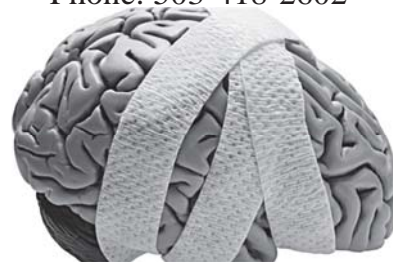
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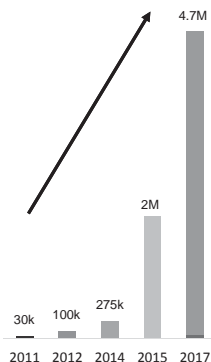
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Title: Wearable Sensor to Detect Postural Instability in People after Concussion  
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- OCTRI K22  
Title: Quantification of balance deficits after concussion; implications in return to play determination  
PI: Laurie King PT, Ph.D
- NIH R21  
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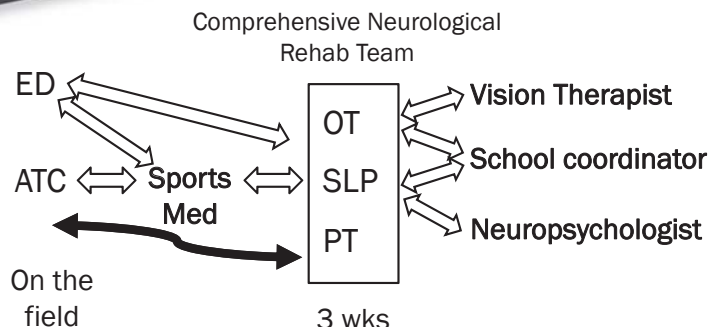
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## Interdisciplinary approach: OHSU Model



# OHSU Concussion Rehab Team

**A. Speech -language pathologist:** for evaluation and treatment to address cognitive and executive function and school and work issues.

**B. Physical therapy:** for vestibular therapy and neck and associated orthopaedic issues and exercise testing and prescription.

**C. Occupational Therapy:** for visual and functional therapy, sensory integration/ overload and driving evaluations.

**D. Concussion Coping Clinic and Support Group**

This is on the 1st floor of OHSU Center for Health and Healing. Please call 503-494-3151 to schedule an appointment but this will likely need to be approved by your insurance

## Return to Play Protocol

Stage	Aim	Activity	Goal
1	Symptom limited activity	Daily activities that do not increase symptoms (after about 1-2 d rest)	Gradual re-introduction of work/school activities
2	Light aerobic exercise	Walking or stationary bike. No resistance training	Increase in HR <70% max Walk, jog, exercise bike
3	Sport-specific exercise	Running/skating drills; no head impact activities	Add movement
4	Non-contact training drills	Harder training drills (passing drills). Start progressive resistance training	Exercise, coordination and cognitive load add wt lifting, passing, plays
5	Full contact practice	*Requires medical clearance; can participate in normal training activities	Restore confidence and asses functional skills by coaching staff/ ATC
6	Return to sport	Normal unrestricted game play	

\*Start with 24-48 hrs of rest before initiating stage 1

\*Minimum 24 hrs per stage

## OSAA Concussion Return to Play Form



Oregon School Activities Association  
25200 SW Parkway Avenue, Suite 1  
Wilsonville, OR 97070  
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**CONCUSSION - RETURN TO PARTICIPATION MEDICAL RELEASE**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ School/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Injury: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Sport/ Injury Details: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Unrestricted Return-to-Participation/full competition:** (Earliest Date of Return-to-Participation: \_\_\_\_\_)  
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Additional Recommendations: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Student is now **cleared for full contact practice/participation:** symptom free at rest and exertion and has completed a graduated Return-to-Participation protocol.

Physician/Health Care Professional Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Return to Academic Plan

- RECOGNIZE:**  
Concussion management team identifies student's concussion and informs teachers
- REMOVE/REST:**  
Students remain home for 2 days or more with physical and cognitive rest
- REFER :**  
Students suspected of sustaining a concussion must be evaluated and cleared by a properly trained medical professional.
- RETURN :**  
Develop return to academic plan with educational accommodations with modified environment and work load. Consider freezing grades early and be flexible with transitions. **Back to school before athletics!**



### Return to Academics after Concussion

When students have symptoms after a concussion they may need a gradual return to their pre-injury academic load. This progression can speed recovery and support the student's return to a full academic load. Important things to remember:

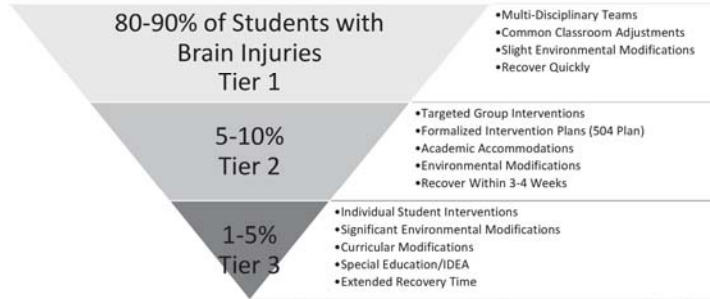
- The stages are flexible based on the student's tolerance to school activities.
- Depending on symptoms, a student may start at any step and remain at each step as-long-as needed.
- If symptoms worsen, the student should return to the previous step.
- Daily check-ins with the student regarding how they are tolerating school is recommended.
- Depending on symptoms, some students can begin limited physical activity early after injury.

Stage	Suggested Accommodations	Criteria for Progression
Rest Limited mental activity	Limited mental exertion (computer, texting, video games, or homework), no driving.	30 minutes of mental exertion without symptom exacerbation
Part-time school with accommodations	Accommodations based on symptoms (e.g., shortened day/schedule, built-in breaks, no significant classroom or standardized testing)	Full day of school with accommodations
Full-time school with accommodations	Accommodations based on symptoms (e.g., shortened day/schedule, built-in breaks, no significant classroom or standardized testing)	Handles all class periods in succession without symptom increase.
Full pre-injury academic load	Complete return to pre-injury status	NA



## CBIRT- [www.osaa.org](http://www.osaa.org) Return to Learn

A school-wide academic accommodation protocol for students with concussions or brain injuries can be effectively implemented in most schools using the following progression.



## ACUTE CONCUSSION EVALUATION (ACE)

### CARE PLAN

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Patient Name	_____
DOB:	_____ Age: _____
Date:	_____ ID/MR# _____
Date of Injury:	_____

You have been diagnosed with a concussion (also known as a mild traumatic brain injury). This personal plan is based on your symptoms and is designed to help speed your recovery. Your careful attention to it can also prevent further injury.

**Rest is the key.** You should not participate in any high risk activities (e.g., sports, physical education (PE), riding a bike, etc.) if you still have any of the symptoms below. It is important to limit activities that require a lot of thinking or concentration (homework, job-related activities), as this can also make your symptoms worse. If you no longer have any symptoms and believe that your concentration and thinking are back to normal, you can slowly and carefully return to your daily activities. Children and teenagers will need help from their parents, teachers, coaches, or athletic trainers to help monitor their recovery and return to activities.

**Purpose of Care Plan:** Guide recovery, Educate, Manage exertional and school activity

**Educational resources: State TBI Teams**

Develop concussion education programs and return to academic programs, and assist with 504 plans if needed.

Call : 541-346-0597 or Email: [www.ocamp.org](http://www.ocamp.org)



## SCHOOL-WIDE CONCUSSION MANAGEMENT

When a concussion happens to a student, it's critical that the entire school community—staff, students, and their parents—knows how to respond in ways that ensure the student's best chance of recovery.

The RESOURCE LIST provides all of the materials a school needs for effective concussion management.



{ USE THE TRAINING PROGRAMS BELOW TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF YOUR STUDENTS. }

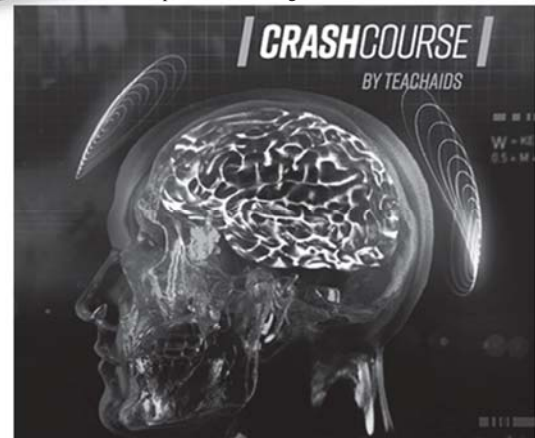
<http://brain101.orcasinc.com>

The Effectiveness of a Web-Based Resource in Improving Post-concussion Management in High Schools. Glang AE, Koester MC, Chesnut JC, Gioia GA, McAvoy K, Marshall S, Gau JM, *Journal of Adolescent Health*, Volume 56, Issue 1, 91 – 97, Jan 2015.

## Crash Course- new for concussion education

### What is CrashCourse?

<https://teachaids.org/for-concussions/crashcourse/>



## Summary

- Must improve early identification & diagnosis
  - Coach, athlete, parent, Correction officer, medical education
- Careful individualized clinical assessment and tracking from time of injury
  - SCAT5
  - Neuropsychological Testing ( Impact, Axon, or full)
- Interdisciplinary Team- OT, PT, SLP
- Implement active treatment in home & school
  - school accommodations, 504 plan, OCAMP.org
  - Max's Law Implementation Guide- download
- Free coaches education: You too can take this...  
[www.osaa.org/healthandsafety/concussion.asp](http://www.osaa.org/healthandsafety/concussion.asp)



## USA FOOTBALL- Heads Up program

Video on OSAA website- [www.osaa.org](http://www.osaa.org)

- OSAA- Concussion guidelines and return to learn info from CBIRT/ OCAMP
- [www.osaa.org/health-safety](http://www.osaa.org/health-safety)

## CDC Concussion Tool Kit

- Videos and Educational/ media programs  
[www.cdc.gov/ncipc/tbi/Coaches\\_Tool\\_Kit.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/tbi/Coaches_Tool_Kit.htm)





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# What Was That Pop? Acute Knee Injuries

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## Objective: Build confidence in managing the patient with acute knee injury

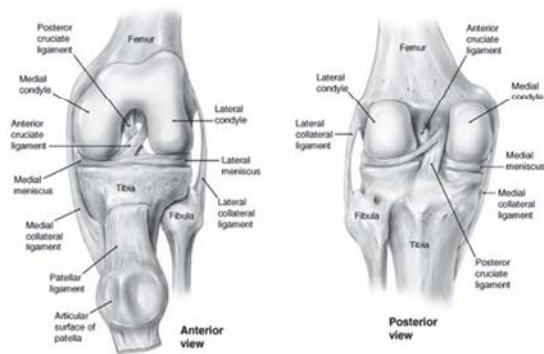
- Integrate the history, physical exam and radiographs to sharpen a differential diagnosis
- Build confidence in the nuances of the physical exam: Recognize presentation

## Agenda

- Review Knee Anatomy
- Creating a Differential
- Clues in the History
- Physical Exam Review
- MRI findings
- When to Refer to Orthopaedic Surgery

## Knee Anatomy

Normal Anatomy of the Left Knee



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## ACL



## ACL

Prevents Anterior Translation of the Tibia

## PCL



## PCL

Prevents Posterior tibial translation

## MCL and FCL

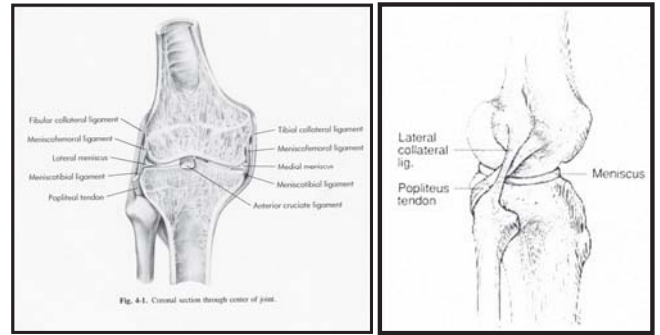


Fig. 4.1. Coronal section through center of joint.

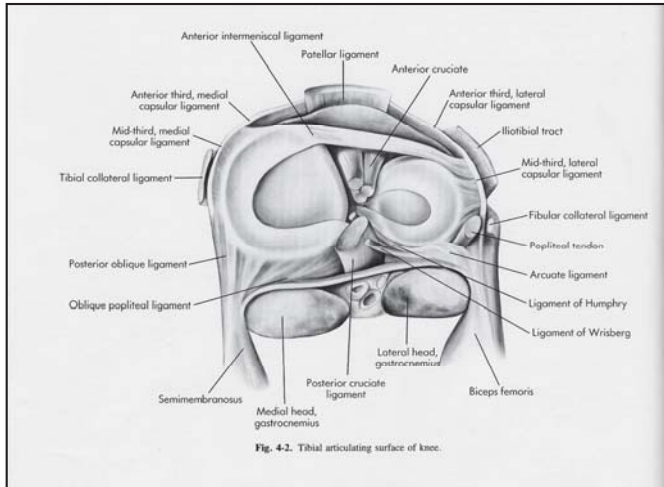
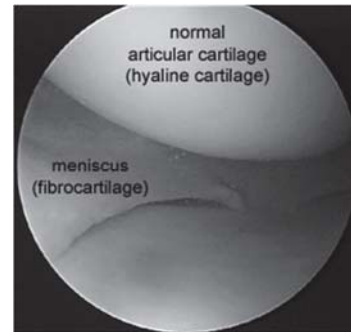
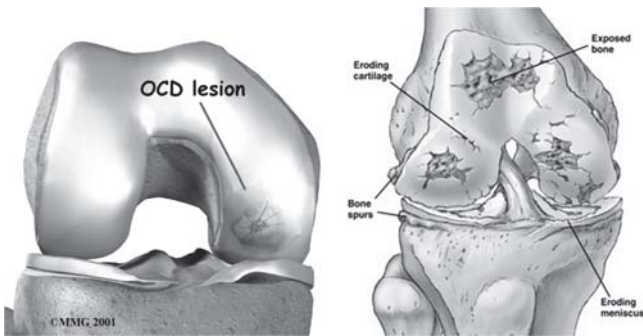


Fig. 4.2. Tibial articulating surface of knee.

## Types Of Cartilage



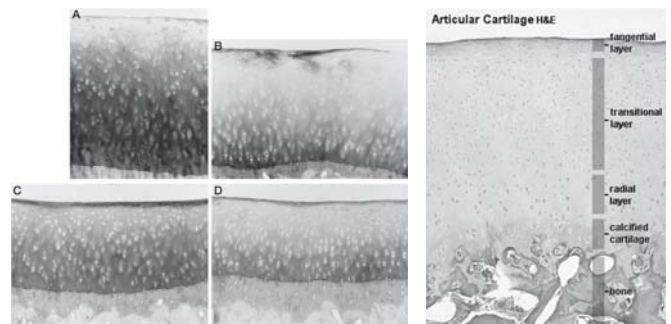
## Articular Cartilage Problems



Focal Injury

Diffuse Injury

## Articular Cartilage: Hyaline Cartilage / "Teflon Coat"

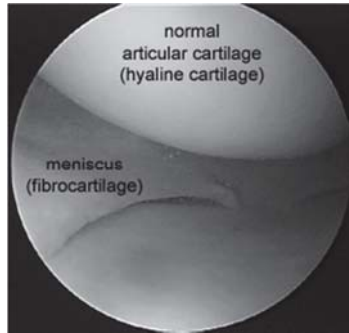


Articular Cartilage H&E

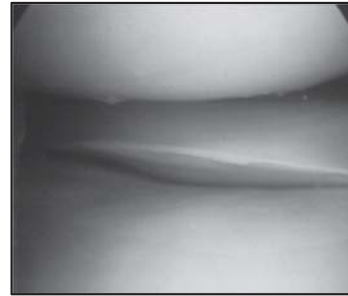
- tangential layer
- transitional layer
- radial layer
- calcified cartilage
- bone

## Fibrocartilage = Meniscus: "Shock Absorber"

Crescent shaped  
Medial = C-shaped  
Lateral = Semicircular

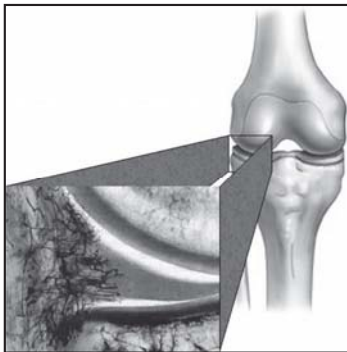


## KNEE ANATOMY : Meniscus



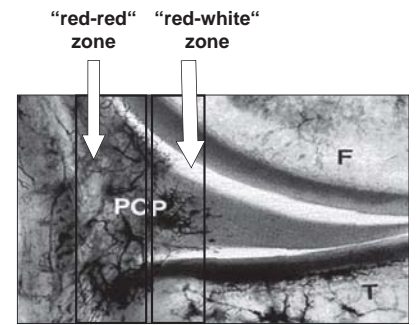
- Deepens tibial surface
- 2° stabilizer

## Meniscus= Fibrocartilage: "Shock Absorber"



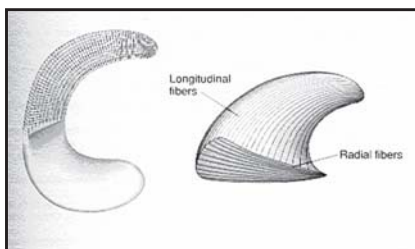
## Vasculature

- Perimeniscal capillary plexus (med and lat genic) provides blood supply to the periph. 1/3 of the meniscus



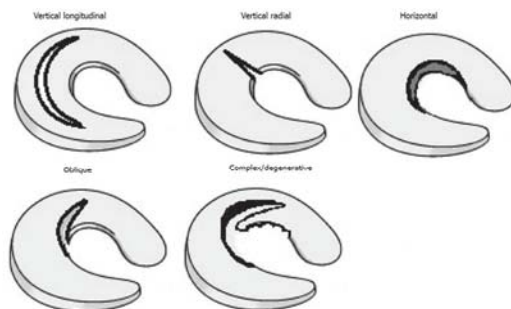
Photos by McGinty: Operative Arthroscopy (1991)  
(from Arnoczky and Warren)

## Meniscus



Longitudinal & Radial fibers  
Dissipate hoop stress  
Expand under compressive force  
Type I collagen

## Radial Split Tear: Poor Prognosis Root Avulsion: Difficult Longitudinal Tear: ? Zone



## MENISCUS: LOAD TRANSMISSION

- 50% joint load transmitted in full ext.
- 85% joint load transmitted in 90° flex.
- 15-34% (small) partial meniscectomy increases contact pressure to articular cartilage dramatically

## “POP”: Differential Diagnosis

- Ligament Tear
  - ACL
  - MCL
  - PCL
- Patellar Dislocation
- Meniscus Tear/ Avulsion
- Cartilage Flap Tear
- Patellar/ Quad Tendon Tear
- Ruptured Baker’s Cyst
- Fracture

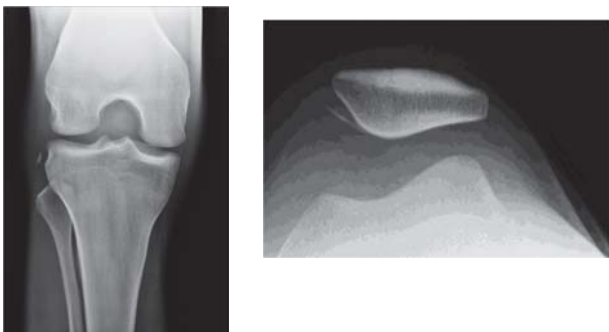
## Acute Injury

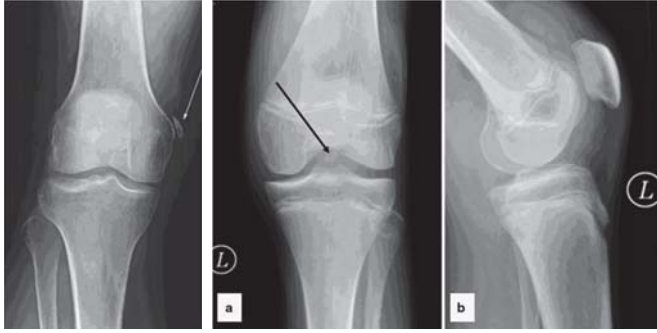
- Tried to cut or stop abruptly and felt a pop
  - ACL tear
  - Patellar Dislocation
  - Meniscus
  - Displaced Osteochondral Injury
- Landed on my Anterior Shin/ Knee felt a pop
  - PCL
  - Patella Fracture

## Acute Injury

- My knee was bent while wrestling and I felt a pop
  - Meniscus tear
- I felt a sharp pain in the back of my knee and my calf
  - Ruptured Baker’s Cyst
- Felt a pop and now even just the weight of a sheet at night on my inner knee causes severe pain
  - Inferiorly displaced medial meniscal fragment
- My kneecap popped out and I had to shove it back in

## Acute Xrays





## Physical Exam

EFFUSION: trace, small, moderate, large, tense  
SKIN:

WEIGHTBEARING

RIGHT: Alignment

LEFT: Alignment

(varus= bowlegged; valgus= knock-kneed)

FEET: Arch height (pronation vs supination)

SQUAT: Pain generated? Where?

GAIT: Antalgic, flexed knee

ACTIVE ROM: Right: \*\*\*, Left: \*\*\*

PATELLA:		
	RIGHT	LEFT
NORMAL		
TILT	Neutral	Neutral
GLIDE	2 quadrants	2 quadrants
CREPITATION	None	None
J SIGN	Absent	Absent
TENDERNESS	None	None
APPREHENSION	Neg	Neg
LIGAMENTS:		
	RIGHT	LEFT
VALGUS AT 30°	Neg	Neg
VARUS AT 30°	Neg	Neg
LACHMAN	0	0
ANT. DRAWER	Firm endpoint, symmetric	Firm endpoint, symmetric
PIVOT SHIFT	Absent	Absent
POST. DRAWER	Negative	Negative
PRONE DIAL 30°	Symmetric	Symmetric
PRONE DIAL 90°	Symmetric	Symmetric

PERIARTICULAR TENDERNESS:

	RIGHT	LEFT
JLT MEDIAL	Neg	Neg
JLT LATERAL	Neg	Neg
MCMURRAY	Neg	Neg
WILSON	Neg	Neg
PAT TENDON	Neg	Neg

NVS: Intact

Ober Sign: ? Tight IT band

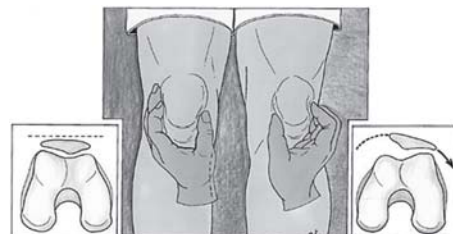
## Inspection

- Effusion
- Alignment
- Gait (if able)
  - Antalgic
  - Flexed knee
  - ?DDX



## Patella

- Apprehension
- Glide/ translation
  - Tilt



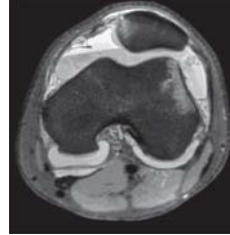


## Patellar Translation/ Apprehension



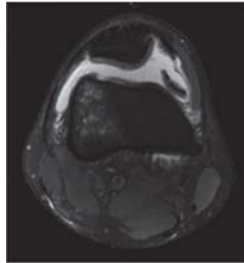
## Patellar Dislocation: Initial Treatment

- Aspirate Hemarthrosis
  - (look for fat droplets)
- Use small rolled kerlix to make a lateral patellar bumper and ace wrap for



## Patellar Dislocation: Treatment

- Conservative if traumatic etiology normal anatomy and no osteochondral injury
  - PT
  - Short term bracing
- Surgical options
  - Soft tissue procedure
    - MPFL
  - Bony procedure
    - Tibial Tuberosity Osteotomy



## ACL tear

- LACHMAN
- ANT. DRAWER
- PIVOT SHIFT



## ACL Presentation

- Pop- then knee felt wobbly
- Gradual swelling
- Flexed knee gait
- Full extension very uncomfortable- feels like deep pinch
- Guards against lachman



## Management of Acute ACL Tear

- Order MRI
- Referral to ortho
- Can aspirate knee if large hemarthrosis
- Knee immobilizer or hinged knee brace if poor quad function but encourage ROM
- If MRI shows no displaced meniscus tear OK to WBAT and start ACL "prehab" PT

## Definitive Treatment of ACL Tear

- Surgery prevents recurrent giving way and meniscus tears, allows more rigorous sports and cutting
- Surgery does not prevent arthritis and does not change the timeline of post traumatic OA
- There is a small cohort of patients who can do well with conservative treatment

## Meniscus pathology

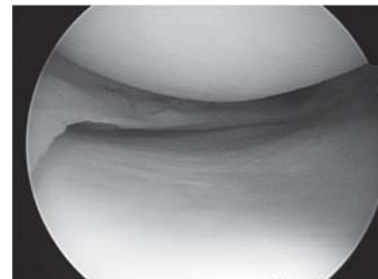
- Jointline tenderness
- McMurray
- Appley



## Meniscus Tears

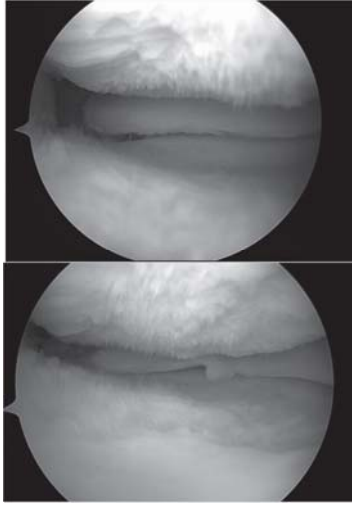
- Nondisplaced oblique or horizontal tears can usually be treated conservatively
- Displaced Bucket Handle requires urgent referral and usually surgical intervention
- Peripheral longitudinal- ? Repair
- Root Avulsion- ? Repair
  - Prognosis deeply affected (extrusion)

## Peripheral Longitudinal Tear





## Meniscal Root Injuries



## Radial Split Tear: The Kiss of Death

