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Distinct anatomical and biomechanical features of the upper limb.



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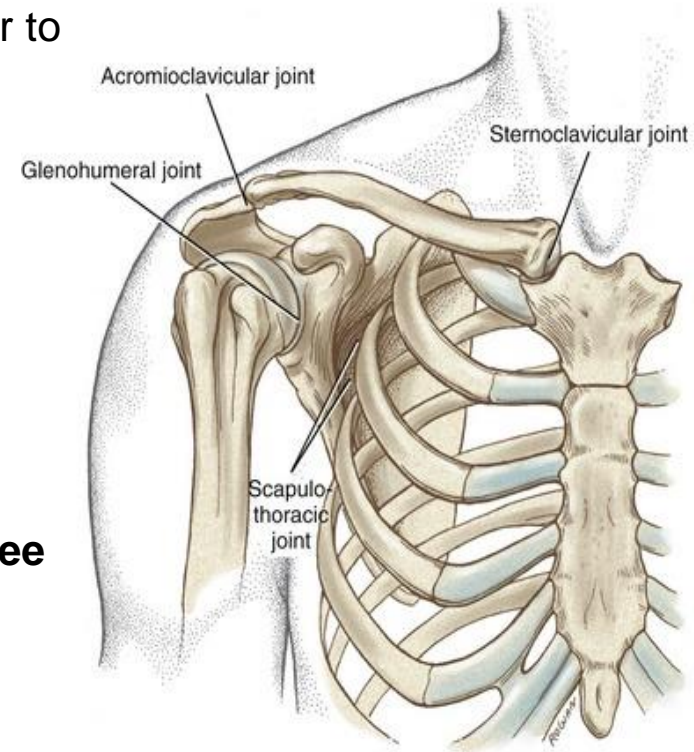
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Introduction

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- ❑ proximal humerus – blood supply
- ❑ deep branch of radial nerve
- ❑ olecranon fixation methods – biomechanics

Shoulder anatomy & biomechanics

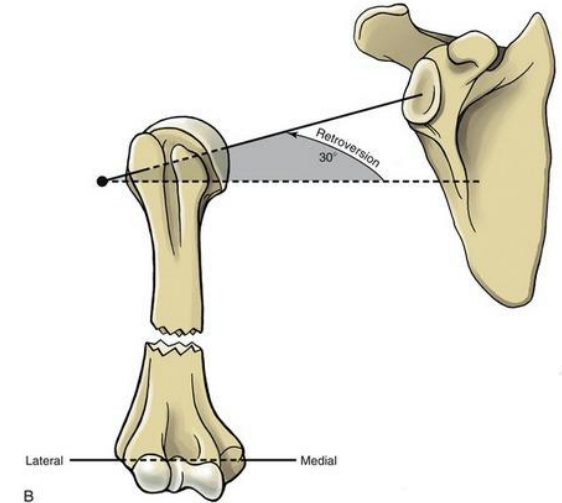
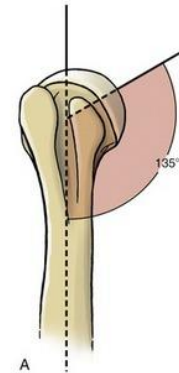
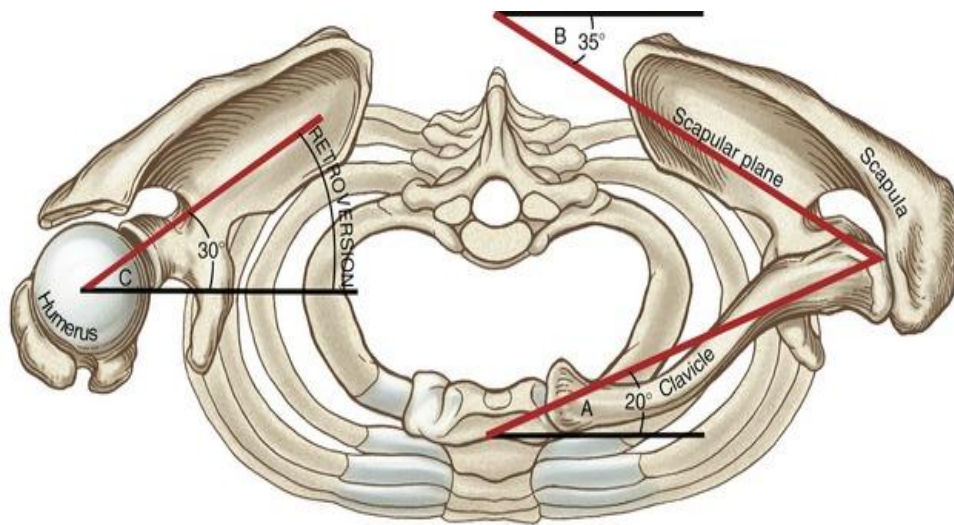
- ❑ **4 joints** within the Shoulder Complex that work together to allow smooth shoulder function
- ❑ **the greatest ROM** of any joint in the body
- ❑ balance between. **mobility and stability**
 - ❑ mobility - “Large ball–small socket”
- ❑ bony anatomy has been compared to a **golf ball on a tee**
- ❑ labrum - affects the distribution of contact stresses



- ❑ glenohumeral joint relies on the **static and dynamic stabilizers**, especially the **rotator cuff**:

- ❑ stabilizes the glenohumeral joint while allowing great freedom of motion
- ❑ fixes the fulcrum of the upper extremity against which the deltoid can contract and elevate the humerus

Shoulder anatomy & biomechanics



- proximal humeral **retroversion**:
 - highly variable (from 0 to 55 degrees)
- position of the **glenoid surface in relation to the axis of the scapular body**:
 - from 2 degrees of anteversion to 7 degrees of retroversion
- average **neck-shaft angle** is 45 degrees (± 5 degrees)

Evolution of (reverse) shoulder arthroplasty

Goal – restoration or re-creation of functional anatomy to reduce pain and improve function.

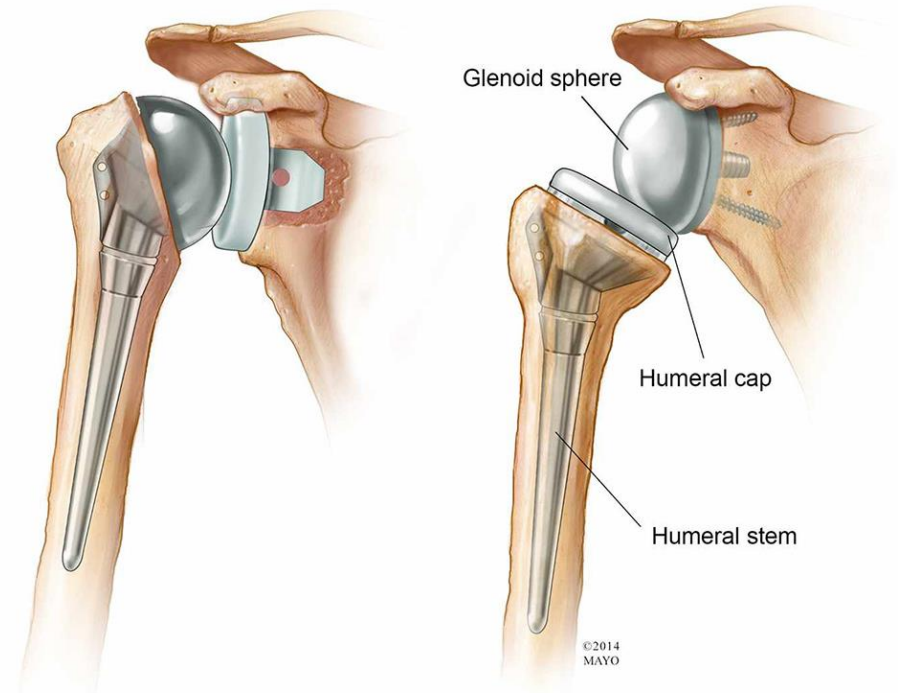
Problems – when reconstructible tissue is lacking or not available.

❑ underlying **pathologies can alter the mechanical function of the shoulder** and create treatment dilemmas that are difficult to overcome

❑ inconsistent and unsatisfactory results:

❑ hemiarthroplasty

❑ glenoid grafting with total shoulder arthroplasty

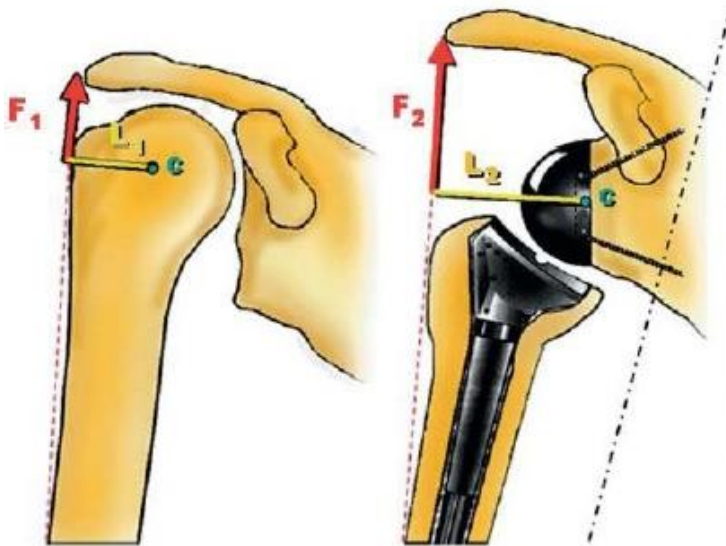
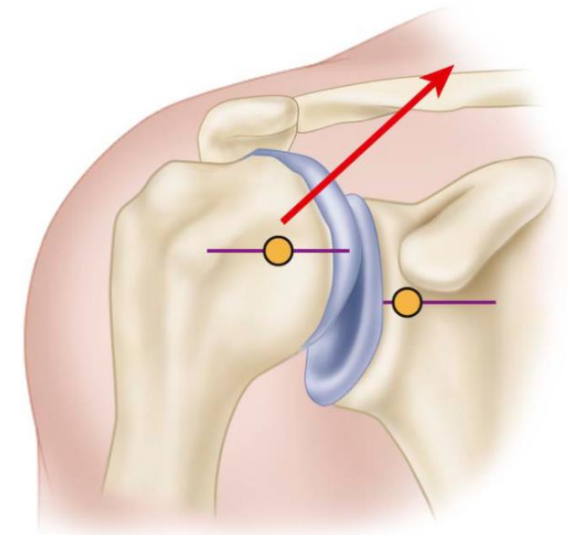


Evolution of (reverse) shoulder arthroplasty

Reverse total shoulder arthroplasty in the past decades was developed to treat complex shoulder conditions **not by specifically re-creating the anatomy** but by **using the remaining functional tissue to improve shoulder balance.**

❑ no rotator cuff tendons:

- ❑ few restraints to **anterosuperior subluxation** of humeral head when patient attempts to raise the arm
- ❑ pull of **deltoid muscle** worsens this by pulling **superiorly and medially**



❑ reverse arthroplasty:

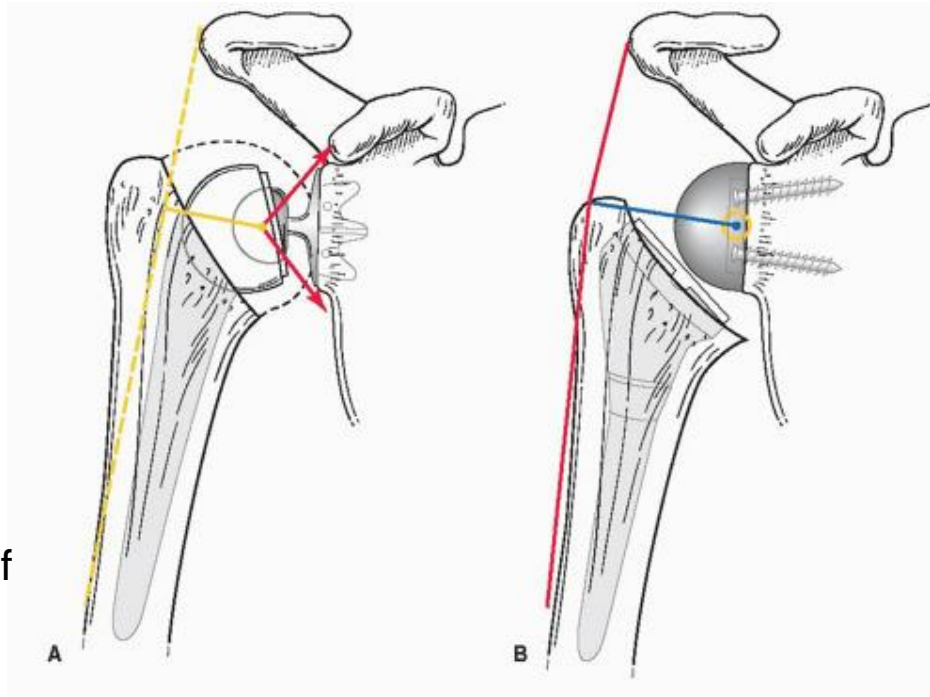
- ❑ deltoid muscle **lever arm** is restored
- ❑ allow the **deltoid to compensate for the deficient rotator cuff**
- ❑ deltoid **pulls the humerus** upward and outward into elevation

Evolution of (reverse) shoulder arthroplasty

Reverse total shoulder arthroplasty prostheses today **vary in certain design details**, although their intrinsic design remains based on **Grammont's principles**.

Previous types of reverse shoulder arthroplasty /biomechanical **disadvantages/:**

- 1) lateral center of rotation (yellow dot)
- 2) shear forces to the glenoid component (red arrows)
- 3) shortened lever arm of the deltoid (dotted yellow lines)
- 4) design-related limited range of motion.



Grammont type of reverse shoulder arthroplasty /biomechanical principle/:

- 1) inherently stable prosthesis
- 2) weightbearing part - convex, supported part - concave
- 3) lowering and medialization of the center of rotation
- 4) center of the sphere – at or within the glenoid neck

Proximal humerus
– blood supply

❑ axillary artery:

❑ anterior circumflex artery

❑ posterior circumflex artery

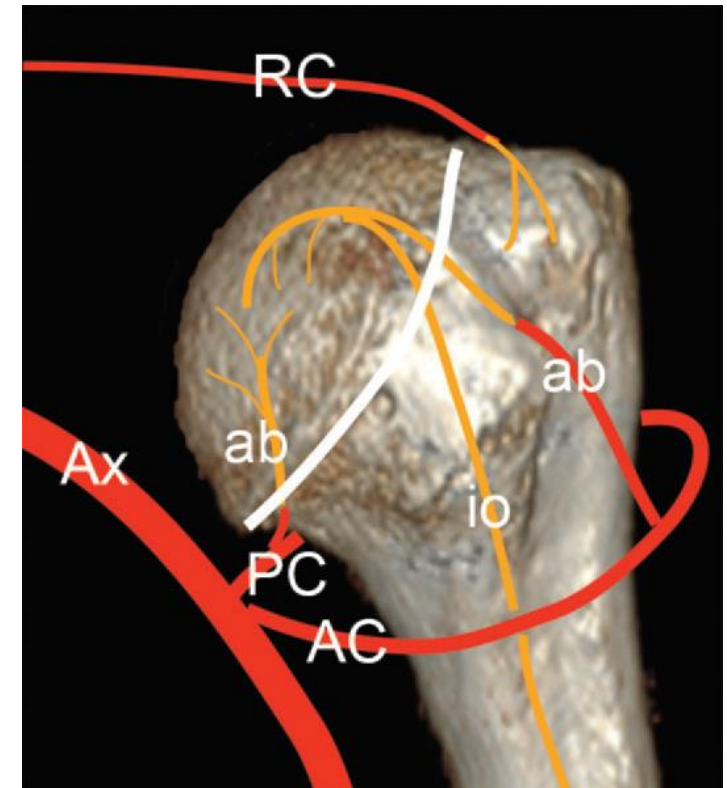
- ❑ both gives **ascending branch** that enters the humerus and flows retrograde (distal to proximal) into the anatomic head as the **arteria arcuata**.

❑ arteries of the rotator cuff

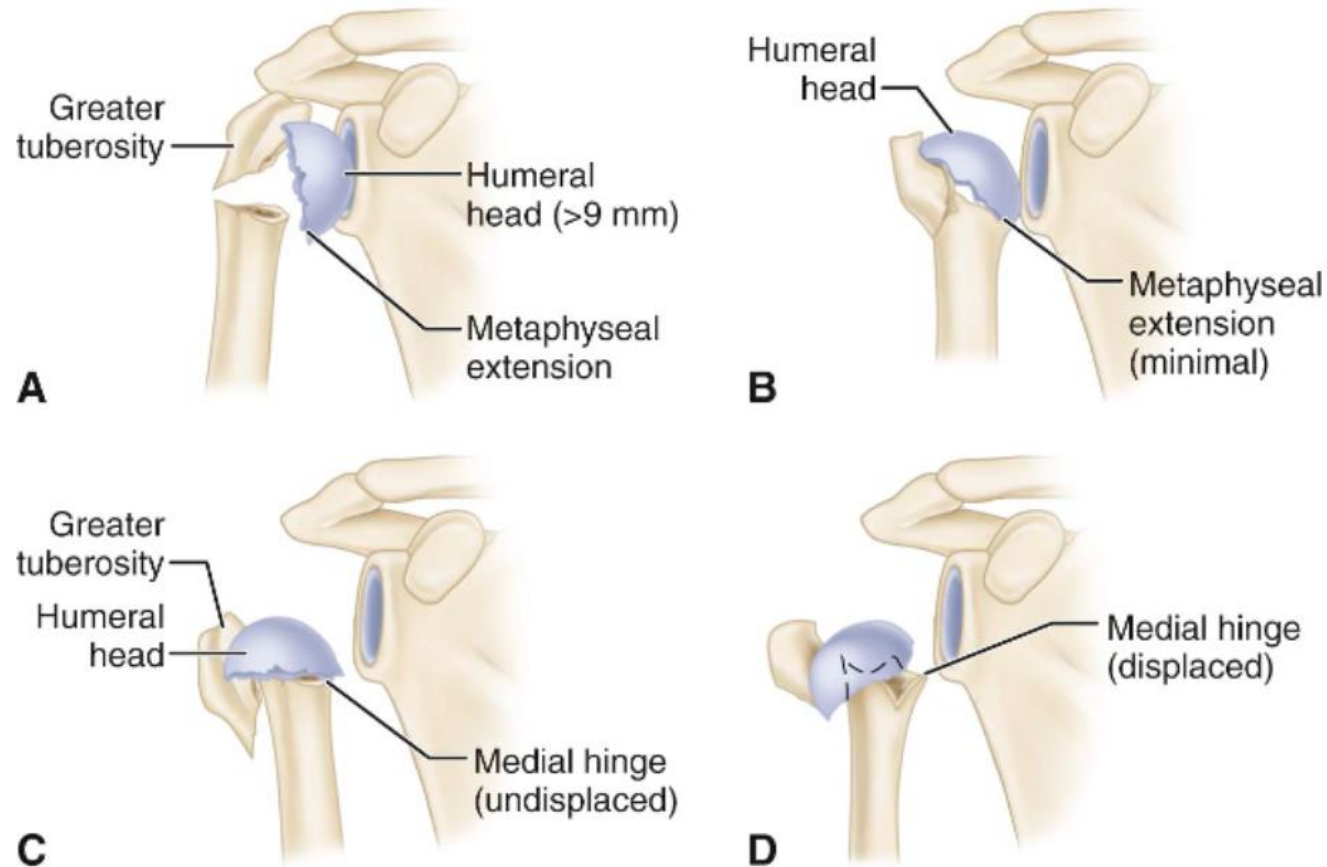
- ❑ minimal additional arterial contribution

❑ intraosseous metaphyseal artery

- ❑ via the humeral shaft



Hertel radiographic criteria for perfusion of humeral head



A - Metaphyseal extension of humeral head greater than 9 mm

B - Metaphyseal extension of humeral head less than 8 mm

C - Undisplaced medial hinge













D - Medial hinge with greater than 2-mm displacement.

AO classification system

type A fractures - intact vascular supply

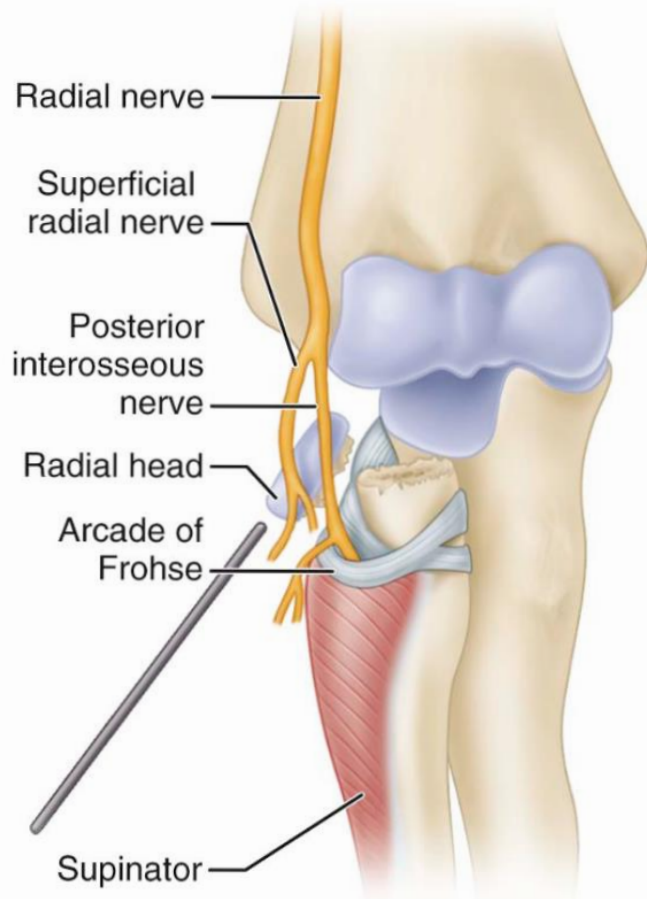
type B fractures - possible injury to the vascular supply

type C (articular) fractures - high probability of osteonecrosis

<p>A:</p> <p>Unifocal Extra-articular 2-Part Fracture Intact Blood Supply</p>				
<p>B:</p> <p>Bifocal Extra-articular Possible injury to blood supply</p>				
<p>C:</p> <p>Articular fracture involving the anatomic neck high likelihood of necrosis</p>				

Deep branch
of radial nerve

Originates from the radial nerve at the radiohumeral joint line.

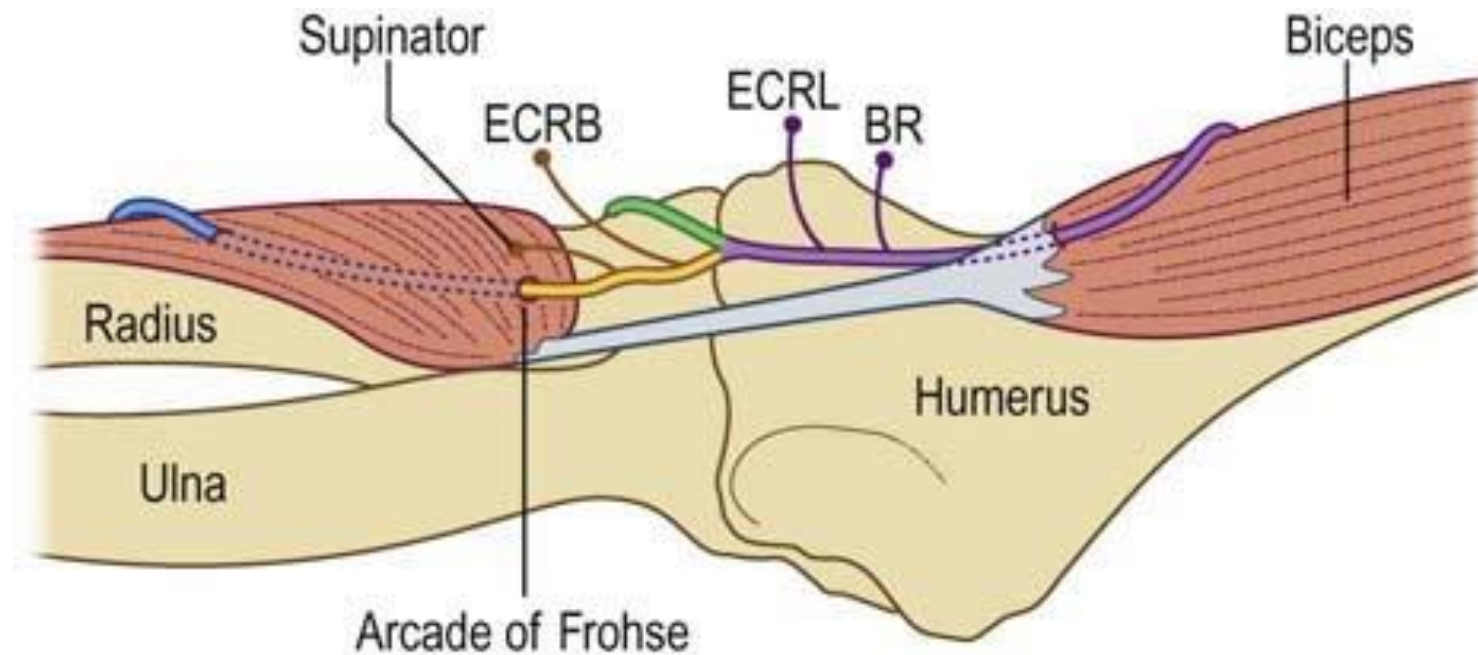


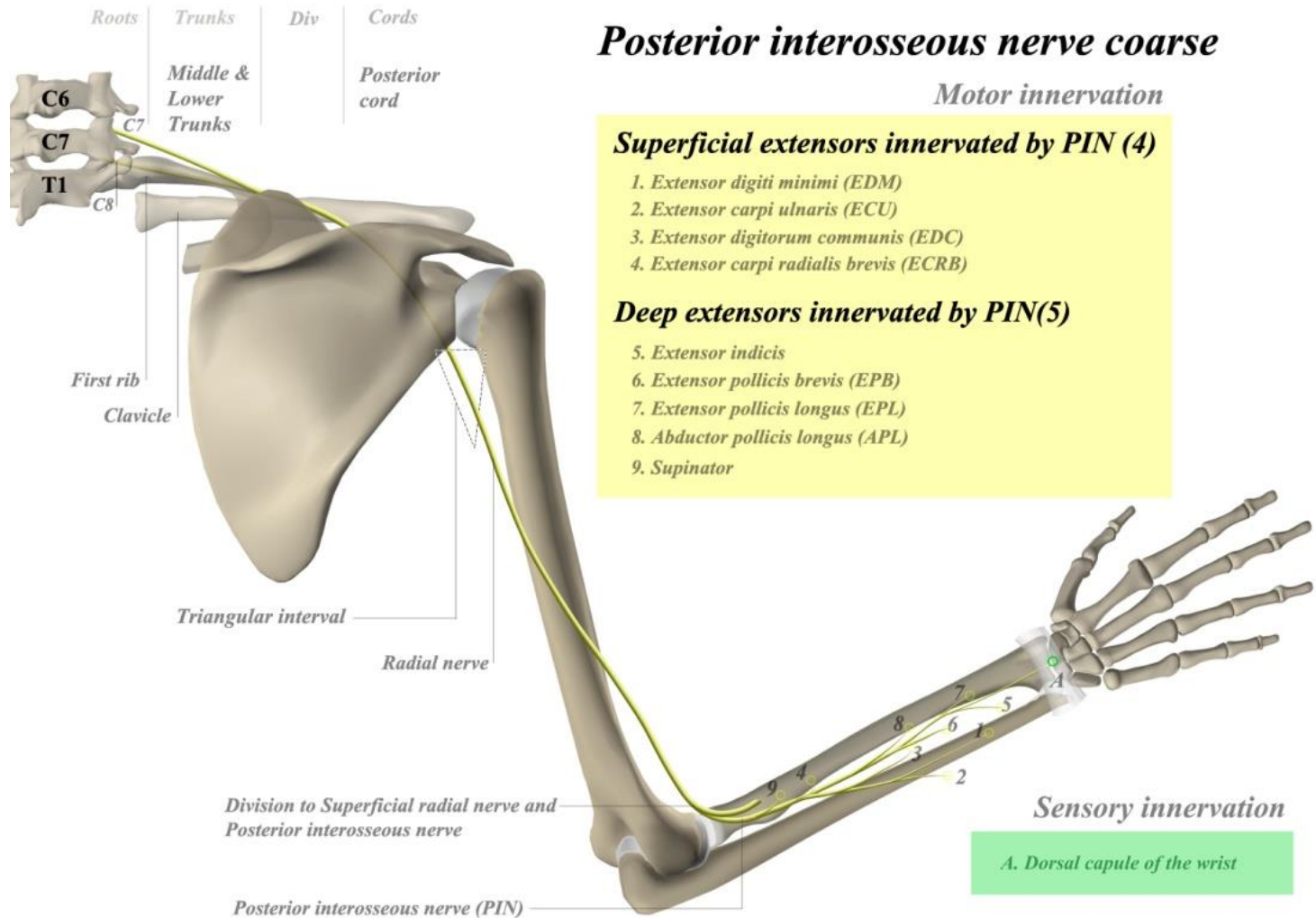
Course:

- 1) arcade of Frohse** at radial head (dives under supinator at arcade of Frohse)
- 2) forearm posterior compartment** (winds around radial neck within substance of muscle to posterior compartment of forearm)
- 3) interosseous membrane** (reaches interosseous membrane of forearm and ends as sensation to dorsal wrist capsule)
- 4) dorsal wrist capsule**

Arcade of Frohse

- ❑ sometimes called the **supinator arch**; **thickened edge of between heads of supinator**
- ❑ the most superior part of the superficial layer of the supinator muscle, and is a **fibrous arch over the posterior interosseous nerve**





Radial nerve:

- 1) triceps
- 2) anconeus
- 3) ECRL
- 4) brachioradialis

Radial Head Lateral / Posterolateral / Kocher Approach

❑ Incision:

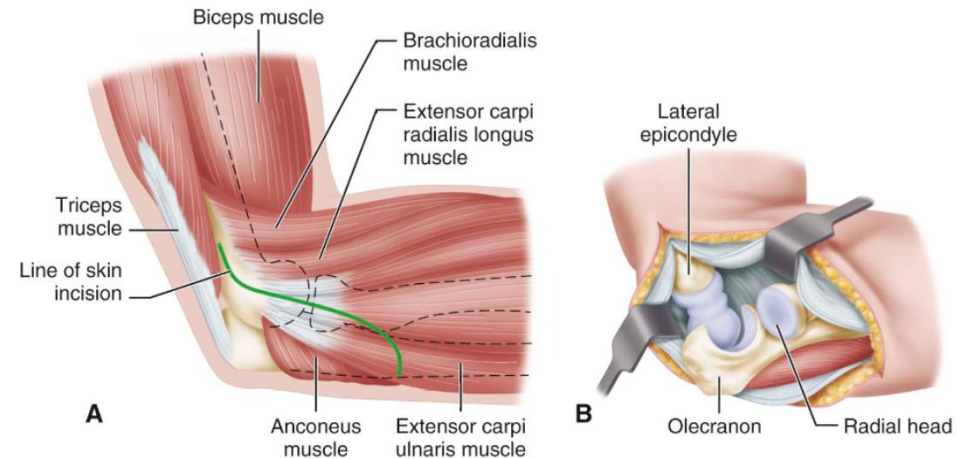
- ❑ based off the lateral epicondyle and extending distally over the radial head

❑ Superficial dissection:

- ❑ plane between ECU and anconeus distally

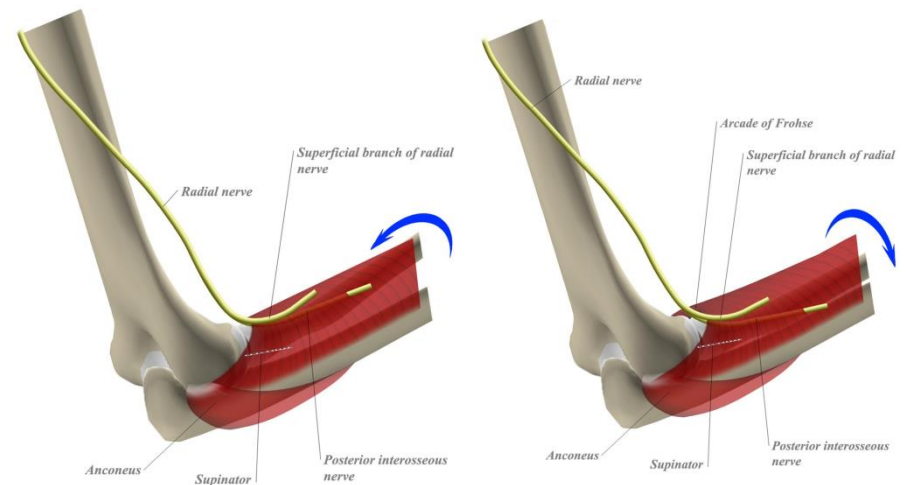
❑ Deep dissection:

- ❑ **maintain arm in pronation to move PIN away from field**
- ❑ split proximal fibers of supinator
- ❑ incise capsule longitudinally



Pronation

Supination



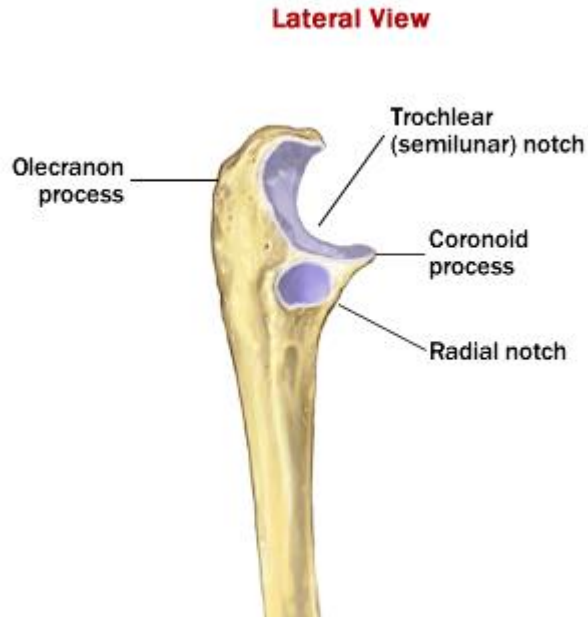
❑ PIN **not in danger** as long as:

- ❑ dissection remains proximal to annular ligament
- ❑ release supinator along posterior radius border beyond annular ligament with forearm **in full pronation**

Olecranon fixation methods – biomechanics

Most olecranon fractures are displaced and require surgery.

Excision

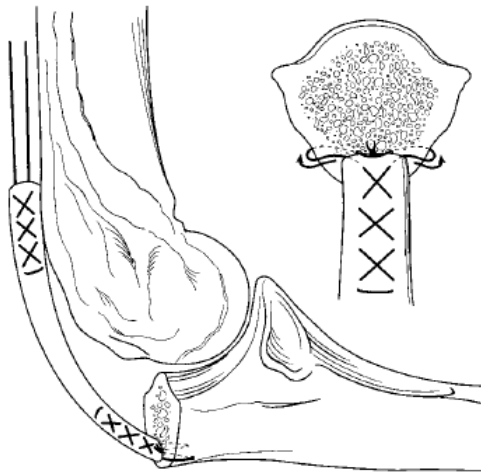


❑ one study demonstrated that removal of as little as 12.5% of the olecranon is sufficient to alter joint stability

❑ An et al. suggested that up to 50% of the olecranon can be removed without rendering the elbow completely unstable

❑ however, it has also been reported that up to 75% of the olecranon can be removed without creating gross instability ^[1]

❑ if distal surface of **semilunar notch of ulna** & **coronoid** are not injured



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Tension Band Wiring (TBW)

❑ purported to create compression at the articular end of an olecranon fracture when the dorsal cortex is tensioned under flexion of the elbow

❑ biomechanical studies **have not been able to demonstrate the conversion of tensile forces to compression forces** [1]

❑ 78% of the patients treated with **intramedullary** K-wires were found to have instability of K-wires, compared to 36% in the patients treated with **transcortical** K-wires [2]



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Plate-and-Screw Fixation

- provides the overall stability

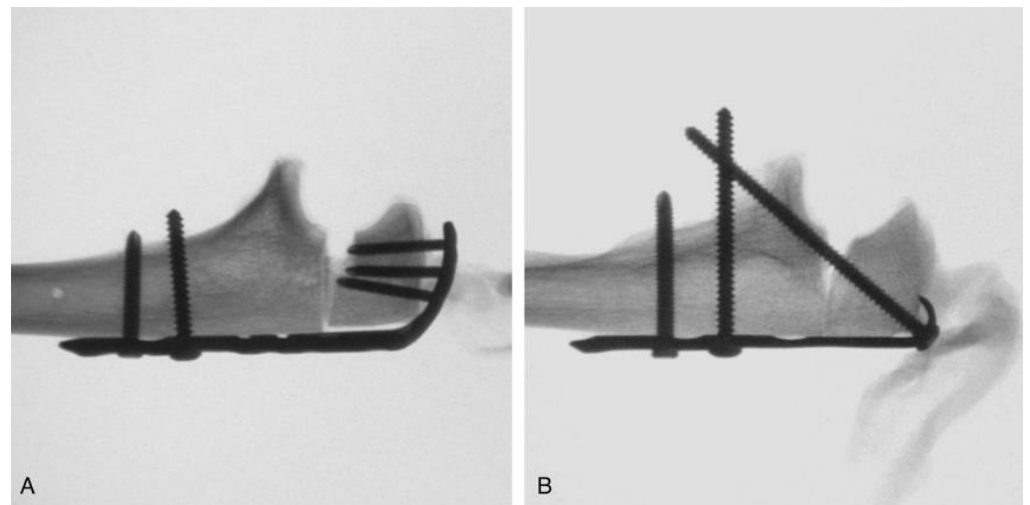
LCP vs TBW

- **significantly greater compression** than TBW in the treatment of transverse olecranon fractures

- precontoured plates provide **greater compressive force** at the fracture site for transverse olecranon fractures comparing to TBW (Wilson et al.) [1]

Variable Angle-LCP vs LCP Hook Plate

- significantly **higher biomechanical stability** in the fixation of unstable olecranon fractures



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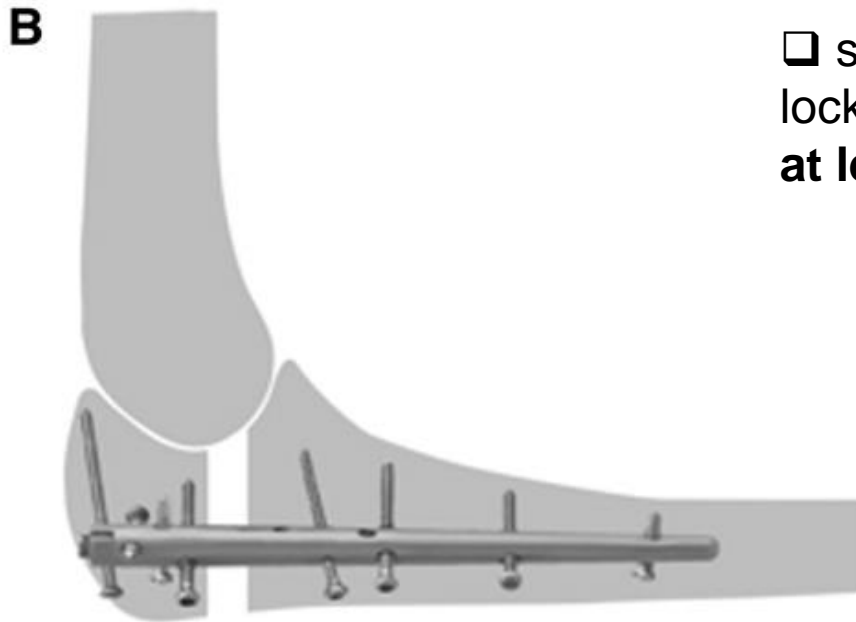
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Multidirectional locking intramedullary nailing

❑ sustained significantly **higher maximum loads** than the locking plates.

❑ **no significant differences** in fragment control or number of cycles survived

❑ surgeons can expect the multidirectional locking nails to **stabilize comminuted fractures at least as well as locking plates** [1]



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