## Operative Treatment of Throwing Injury

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#### Goal of This Presentation

- To understand common throwing injuries
- To discuss current treatments of throwing injuries

## **Throwing Motion**

- Significant forces across the shoulder
- Injuries to rotator cuff, labrum, capsules
- Overuse produces throwing injuries



## Throwing Injuries

- Over External Rotation of GH joint (Late cocking phase)
- Over Internal Rotation (Follow-through phase)
- Over Elevation (Overhead motion)

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  - Stretching of the anterior capsule-labrum
    - Anterior instability
  - · Posterosuperior contact of cuff-labrum
    - Internal impingement
    - SLAP lesion

## Throwing Injuries

- Over Internal Rotation (Follow-through phase)
  - · Stretching of the posterior capsule-labrum
    - Posterior instability
    - Bennett's lesion (thrower's exostosis)
  - · Eccentric overload of posterior cuff
    - Rotator cuff tendinosis
    - ASPTRCT
    - FTRCT
  - Anterosuperior impingement
    - Subscapularis tear

## Throwing Injuries

- Over Elevation (Overhead motion)
  - · Subacromial impingement
    - BSPTRCT
    - FTRCT
  - · AC arthritis

#### **Evaluation**

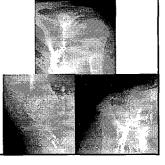
- Repeat history
- Repeat physical examination
- Ancillary tests, useful

#### Clinical Evaluation

- Chief complaint
- Mechanism of injury
- Involved sports, position, and duration
- Prior treatment
- Symptoms
  - · Pain: duration, location, initiating position
  - Weakness
  - Instability
  - · Mechanical symptoms
  - · Loss of motion
  - · Neurologic deficit

## Standard Radiographic Evaluation

- Plain radiographs
  - · AP
  - Axillary
  - Arch
  - · Stryker-notch (prn)



## **Ancillary Tests**

- MR-arthrogram
- CT-arthrogram
- EMG
- Isokinetic testing



# Anterior Instability of Throwing Athletes

- Repeated stretching-overload to anterior capsule-labrum
- Different from single major traumatic instability
- Over-rotation phenomenon
  - · Incomplete labral tear by "peel-off"
  - Commonly extend to inferiorly and posteriorly
  - · Capsular laxity



# Anterior Instability of Throwing Athletes

- Physical sign, subtle
  - Fulcrum test, no gross apprehension
  - · Pain, more common
  - Often overlap signs of SLAP / rotator cuff injuries
- MR-arthrogram, of value





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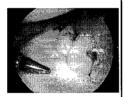
#### **Surgical Treatment**

- Goals
  - · Stable shoulder
  - · Maintenance of external rotation
    - Velocity of throwing

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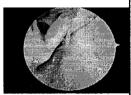
#### Surgical Treatment

- Open repair / capsular shift
- Arthroscopic repair
  - · Suture anchors
- Appropriate capsular tensioning



## Internal Impingement

- Impingement of the deep surface of the infraspinatus on the posterosuperior glenoid rim
- Gilles Walch

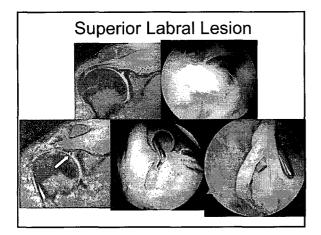


## Internal Impingement

- Surgical treatment
  - · Arthroscopic debridement
  - · Repair of SLAP lesion
  - Thermal-assisted capsular shrinkage (Andrews JR)

## **Superior Labral Lesion**

- Andrews JR in throwing pitchers
- Snyder SJ, SLAP lesion
- 4 classic types
  - · Type I: fraying
  - · Type II: loss of biceps anchor
  - · Type III: bucket-handle tear
  - · Type IV: bucket handle extending to biceps tendon
- Associated with PTRCT, instability
- Isolated SLAP, uncommon

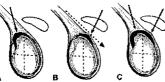


## **Superior Labral Lesion**

- Injury mechanism
  - Outstretching injury: Snyder SJ, Classic
  - · Traction Maffet MW
  - · External rotation: Kim SH
- Diagnostic Tests
  - · Compression-rotation test
  - · Crank test
  - · Anterior slide test
  - O'Brien test / Active compression test
  - · Biceps tension test
  - · SLAPprehension test
  - · Bicep load test I & II

#### SLAP as a Cause of the Dead Arm

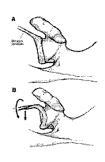
■ Type 2 SLAP



 A/S repair returned 87% of these athletes to the preinjury level of performance and velocity

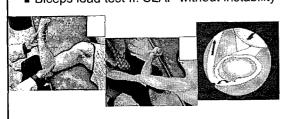
## SLAP as a Cause of the Dead Arm

 The most common pathologic entities associated with the Dead Arm



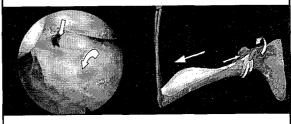
## Diagnosis of Type II SLAP

- Biceps load test I: SLAP in anterior instability
- Biceps load test II: SLAP without instability



#### **Mechanism of BLT**

Abd-ER Shearing of superior labrum-glenoid



## Arthroscopic Repair

- Anterior SLAP:
   Anchor through antero-superior portal
- Posterior SLAP:
  - · Anchor through postero-lateral portal
  - · (Port of Wilmington: Morgan CD)
  - Punch-pivoting technique (Anterior approach: Kim S-H)

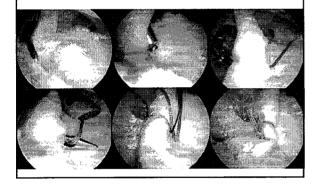


## **Arthroscopic Treatment**

- Debridement:
  - Cordasco: success rate 78% → 63%
- Repair
  - · Staple: Yoneda
  - · Suture: Field and Savoie
  - Tack: PagnaniScrew: Resch
  - · Anchor: Snyder, O'Brien, Kim



## Arthroscopic Repair



#### **SMC Results**

 34 patients with Isolated SLAP Overhead sports: 18 Contact sports: 12 None: 4

■ Age: 26 years (16 – 35 years)

■ F/U: 33 months (24 – 49 months)

Kim SH, JBJS (Am) 2002

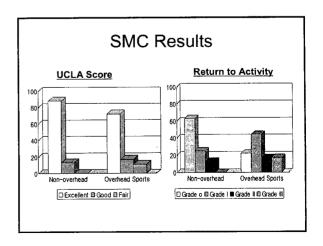
## **SMC Results**

■ UCLA score

Satisfactory: 32 (94%) Unsatisfactory: 2 (6%)

Return to activity: Satisfactory 91%

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## Posterior Instability

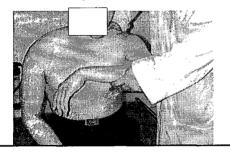
- Unidirectional posterior
- Multidirectional posteroinferior
- Less common than anterior instability
- Often missed
- Diagnosis, important
- Can be associated with SLAP lesion
- Capsular laxity + labral lesion, always

## Posterior Instability

- Diagnosis
  - · Pain / instability on overhead motion
  - · Jerk test
  - · Inferior sulcus test
  - · MRI
  - · Arthroscopy

#### **Jerk Test**

"Is this your problem?"



#### Jerk Test Revisited

- 89 shoulders
  - · Painless jerk (Clunk without pain): 54
  - · Painful jerk (Clunk with pain): 35
- Nonoperative treatments (Rehab.)

	Painless Jerk Group (54)	Painful Jerk Group (35)
Successful	50 (90%)	5 (16%)
Failure	4 (7%)	30 (84%)

## Jerk Test: A Hallmark of Posterior Labral Lesion

- Painless Clunk (Asymptomatic Jerk)
  - · Rehab, successful
- Painful Clunk (Symptomatic Jerk)
  - · Failure to nonoperative Treatment
  - · Invariably has labral lesion
  - · Early surgery, recommended

## Posterior Labral Lesion

- MR Classification: 3 types (Kim)
  - Type I: Separation without displacement
  - Type II: Incomplete avulsion (cystic lesion)
  - · Type III: Loss of contour

Normal appearance < positive Jerk

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#### Posterior Labral Lesion

6 to 9 O'clock (Rt)

Arthroscopic Classification

· Type I: Incomplete stripping · Type II: Marginal crack

· Type III: Chondrolabral erosion

· Type IV: Flap tear



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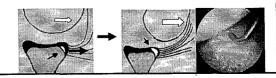
#### Kim's Lesion: Hypothesis

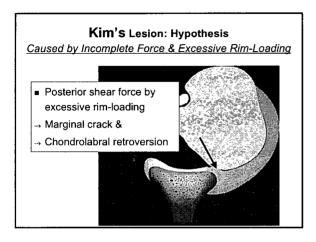
Caused by Incomplete Force & Excessive Rim-Loading

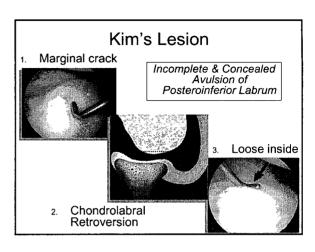
Normal Capsular Attachment :Inferior wall of labral triangle

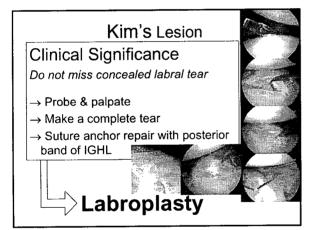


- Less severe posterior force
- → Stretch posterior band of IGHL
- → Detach inner portion of posterior labrum
- → Incomplete detachment of labrum, flat labrum









## Surgical Technique

#### **Portals**

- Posterior: <u>1cm lateral</u> to standard posterior portal
- Anterosuperior portal
- Anterior midglenoid portal



## Surgical Technique

- Include posterior band of IGHL
- South-North direction shift
- Re-establish labral bump
- Capsular shift up to biceps root
- Close posterior portal



#### Traumatic Unidirectional Posterior

- 27 shoulders (25M / 2F) / Age: 21 years (14-33)
- All in sports activity / Trauma: All patients
- 26/27 stable, 1 recurrence
- Shoulder scores

UCLA Excellent 21, Good 5, Fair 1

- 24 (89%) > 90% of activity return
- Pain VAS improved (5 to below zero)
- IR loss < 1 vertebral level

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#### MDI / Posteroinferior Instability

#### **New Thoughts**

- Capsular redundancy + Labral lesion (≅100%)
- Chondrolabral retroversion
  - · Tear
  - · Kim's lesion
  - Erosion
- Kim procedure: AS Capsulolabroplasty = Posteroinferior labroplasty + Balanced superior shift of the inferior capsule + RI closure

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#### Multidirectional Posteroinferior Instability

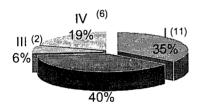
#### **SMC Results**

- 31 patients
- Kim procedure:
  - · Capsulolabroplasty
  - · Balanced capsular shift
  - · RI closure
- FU: 51 months (34-68 months)
- Age: 23 years (19-28 years)

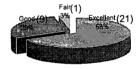
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# Multidirectional Instability SMC Results

17 patients: minor trauma All had posteroinferior labral lesion



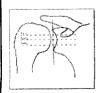
# Multidirectional Instability Rowe Score



- All stable except one recurrence
- 28 patients (90%) > 90% of activity
- ROM deficit: ER: 2°, IR: 1 vertebral level

## Loss of Containment by Chondrolabral Retroversion

- Chondrolabral glenoid version
- Labral height
- Glenoid depth







## **Chondrolabral Retroversion**

Type II and IV lesions

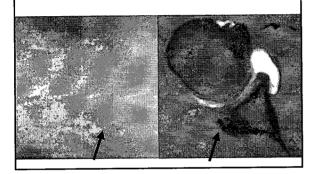
MDI Normal control

7.1° 2.3°

in inferior one-third of glenoid



#### Bennett's Lesion



## **Rotator Cuff Injuries in Throwers**

- Tensile versus compressive
- Partial-thickness versus full-thickness
- Primary versus secondary

## Rotator Cuff Injuries in Throwers

- Tendinosis
  - · Young athletes
  - Overuse
  - · Rehabilitation
- Partial-thickness tears
  - · Articular surface
    - Tensile failure
    - Internal impingement
  - Bursal surface
    - Subacromial impingement

## **Articular Surface PTRCT**

- < 50%: Arthroscopic debridement
- **>** > 50%
  - · Trans-tendon repair
  - · Conversion to full-thickness &repair





## **Bursal Surface PTRCT**

- Old athletes
- Operative Treatment
  - · Arthroscopic debridement
  - · ASD & acromioplasty
  - · Arthroscopic repair
  - · Mini-open repair

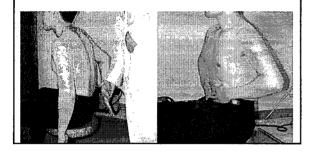


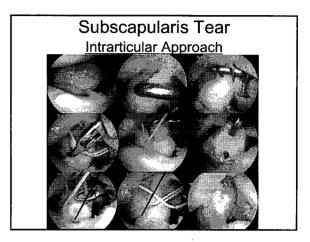
## Full-thickness RCT

- AS repair
- Mini-open repair
- Biceps lesion
- SLAP



## Subscapularis Tear





# Subscapularis Tear Subacromial Approach



## Summary

- Operative Treatment of Throwing Injuries
  - · Anterior instability
  - · SLAP lesion
  - · Posterior instability
  - · Rotator cuff disease



