The Intricacies of Femoroacetabular Impingement

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Learning Objectives for FAI

- Background/History
- Etiology
- Anatomy/Pathomorphology
- Prevalence
- Clinical Presentation and Exam
- Differential Diagnosis/Osteoarthritis
- Imaging
- Treatment/Rehabilitation



Femoroacetabular Impingement (FAI)

Original description by Ganz et al, 2003

"Femoroacetabular impingement is a condition of abnormal contact that may arise as a result of abnormal morphologic features involving the proximal femur and/or acetabulum."

Meaning.....

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Femoroacetabular Impingement

Pathological hip condition characterized by:

ABNORMAL CONTACT BETWEEN FEMORAL HEAD/NECK AND ACETABULUM

Solution State Contact Within Normal hip ROM

- Repeated abutment of bony structures leads to labral <u>and/or</u> articular cartilage damage
- > All this over time leads to early development of:
 - → OSTEOARTHRITIS (OA) (Ganz, 2003; Hansen, 2013; Lung, 2012)





History of FAI

- 1974 Stulberg describes possible association between subtle anatomic abnormalities and OA (not yet called FAI)
- 1986 Harris' review of 75 OA pts, 80% showed evidence of femoral or acetabular abnormalities (not yet called FAI)
- > 1991 Klaue, Ganz coined the terms "cervicoacetabular impingement syndrome" and "acetabular rim syndrome" respectively
- These observations, especially IN YOUNGER PATIENTS, prompted 2 questions.....
 - 1. Why so many labral tears?
 - 2. Why so much OA earlier than usual?

ANSWER = FAI...



History of FAI

- 2003 Ganz, et al is first to publish all known characteristics of FAI, its nomenclature, and link to OA
- 2013 Ayeni, et al publishes systematic review of FAI
 2005-10 = 298 articles published (5x more than previous 5 years)
- Very new "discovery" ONLY about 10 years of significant publishing!



Etiology of FAI

Common pathologies linked to FAI include:

- Prior femoral neck fracture
- Prior acetabular or femoral osteotomy
- Acetabular retroversion
- SCFE
- Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease
- Coxa profunda or protrusia
- Marfan's syndrome
- Et al.

However, MOST patients don't describe a clear MOI or HX (Ganz et al, 2003)





Etiology of FAI

Imam & Khanduja, 2011

- Anatomical malformations themselves do NOT cause FAI, instead <u>repeated</u> <u>abutment (impingement)</u> damages the labrum and articular cartilage leading to the clinical manifestations of FAI
- FAI is often an incidental finding in non-active people seeking medical attention for "other" pathologies
- Genetics increased chance of FAI if a sibling also has it
- FAI in the Western world is more prevalent than in the Eastern world (why??)



Etiology of FAI

FAI can also occur in normal hips as a result of repetitive, extreme increased ROM (especially flexion + internal rotation)

> Predisposing sports/activities

- Hockey (especially goalies)
- Hurdlers
- Weight lifting
- Soccer
- Martial arts
- Equestrian







Etiology - Relationship of FAI to Posterior Hip Dislocation

- Many have wondered if FAI could be a predisposing factor in traumatic low energy posterior hip dislocation (PHD)?
 - Most traumatic PHD are high energy MOI's (MVA, fall from height, etc)
- But low energy PHD's still occur in sports....why?
- Many authors have found evidence of FAI while treating their low energy PHD patients (Lax-Perez et al, 2012, Philippon et al, 2009, Liska et al, 2011)

**Remember this...we will come back to it shortly!



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Anatomy of the Acetabular Labrum (Keogh & Batt, 2008)

> An incomplete fibrocartilagenous ring lining the acetabulum

• 2 inferior ends attached by the transverse ligament

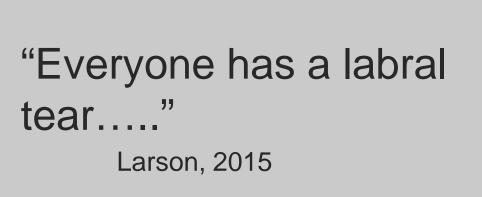
Functions:

- Deepen socket to increase surface area of femoral head contact
- Enhance weight bearing stability of joint
- Act as shock absorber to dissipate forces as head moves within the acetabulum
 - During jogging, hip jt. loads increase to 8x BW (Crowninshield, 1978)
- Provide seal for jt. capsule to keep synovial fluid from leaking out, thus maintain jt. Iubrication and nutrition

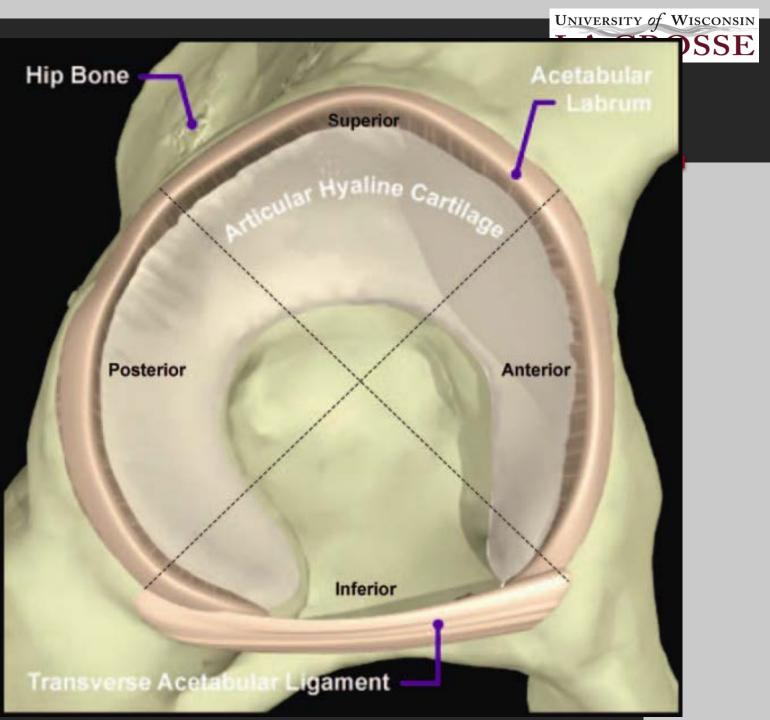
Blood Supply

• Peripheral 2/3 = avascular, inner 1/3 = highly vascular





65 FAI arthroscopic hips = all had labral tears! Philippon et al, 2012





Pathomorphology of FAI

The system of describing and classifying lesions of FAI primarily come from the published works of Ganz, et al

- Ganz, Gill, Gautier, et al. Surgical dislocation of the adult hip: a technique with full access to the femoral head and acetabulum without risk of avascular necrosis. J Bone Joint Surg Br. 2001;83:1119-24.
- Ganz, Parvizi, Beck, et al. Femoroacetabular impingement: a cause for osteoarthritis of the hip. *Clin Orthop Relat Res.* 2003;417:20-33.

➢ Et al.....

FEMORAL morphology described many ways:

- Incomplete spherocity/asphericity of femoral head-neck junction
- Excessive prominence of head/neck
- Non-spherical femoral head with prominent femoral neck
- Flattened head/neck junction previously described as <u>Pistol Grip Deformity</u>

Bony abutment results in:

 Acetabular articular cartilage delamination, labral fraying/tearing and/or avulsion from rim





Pistol Grip Deformity

**Remember this when we get to x-rays!!

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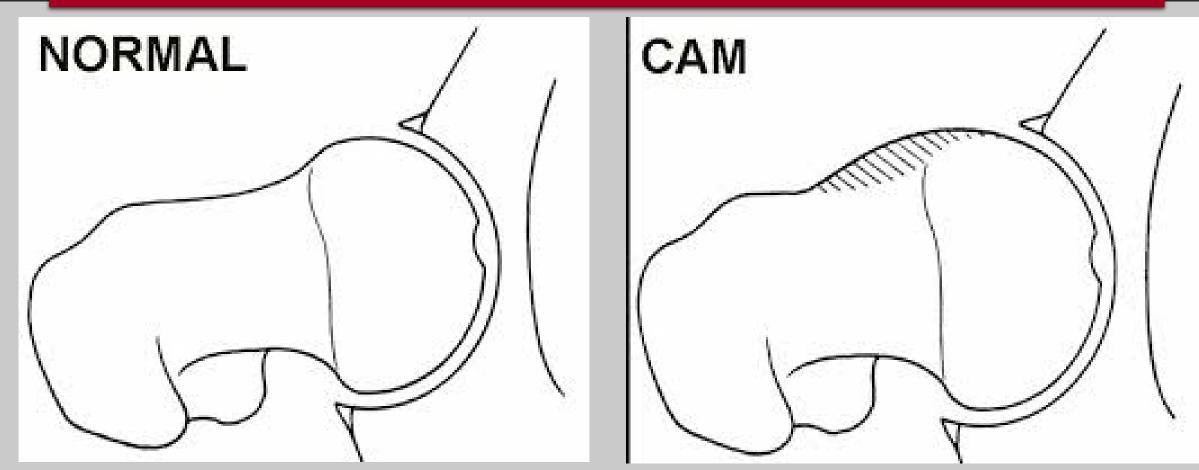
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Typically seen more in younger, active males

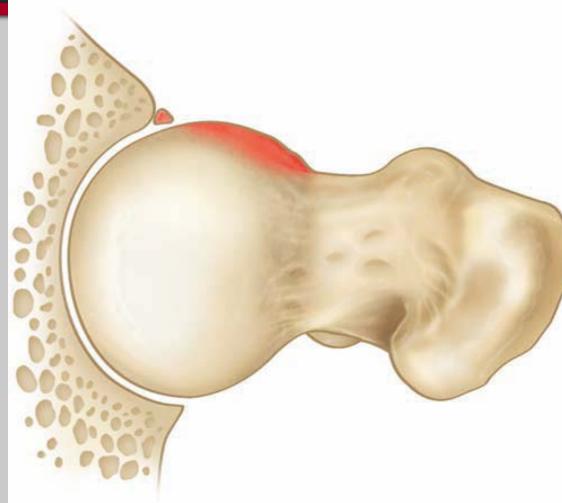








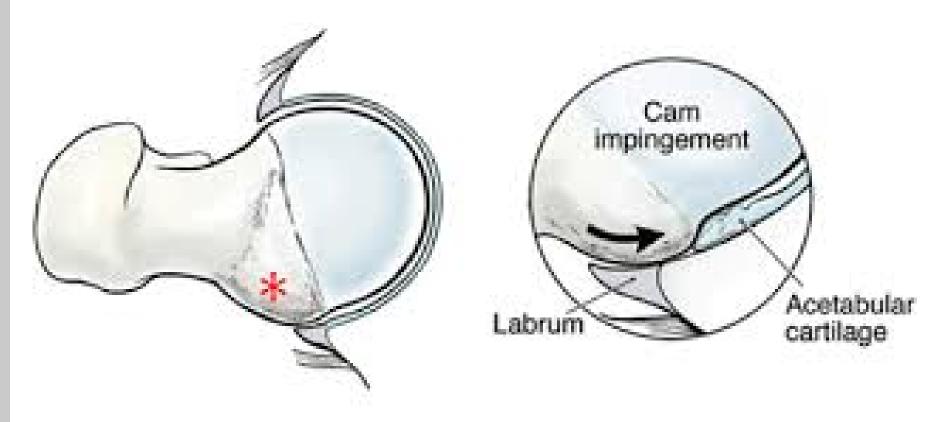








Damage pattern





ACETABULAR morphology described many ways:

- Acetabular socket is deeper
- Socket is abnormal but femoral head shape is normal
- <u>Overcoverage</u> of anterorsuperior acetabular wall

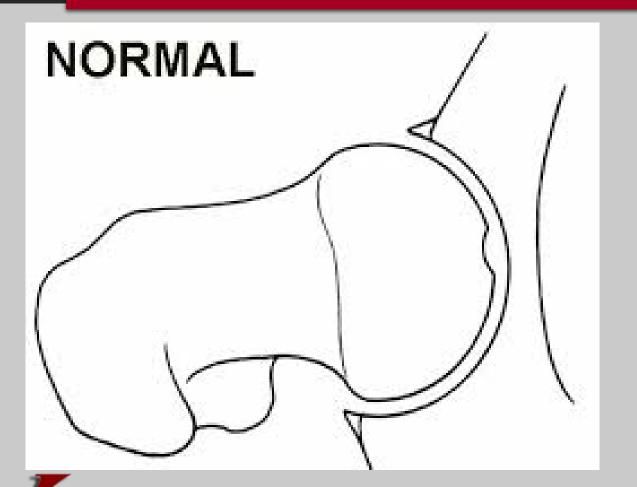
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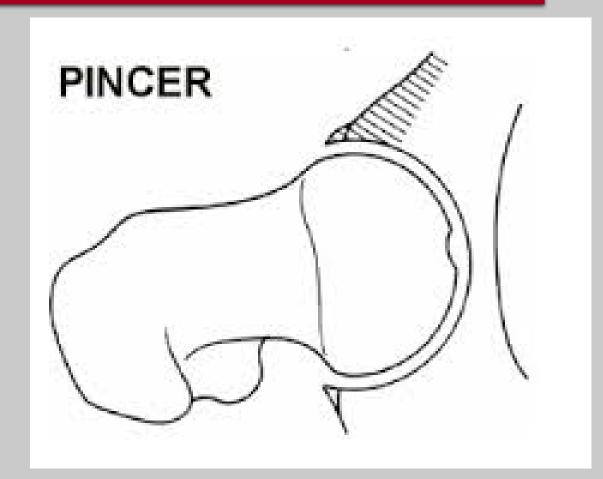
- Labral damage, osteophyte formation and eventual articular cartilage damage but no delamination as seen in Cam lesions
- Focal overcoverage (acetabular retroversion)
- Global overcoverage (coxa profunda or protrusion)
- "Kissing Lesions" indentation of femoral neck by acetabular rim

Typically seen more in middle-aged athletic females

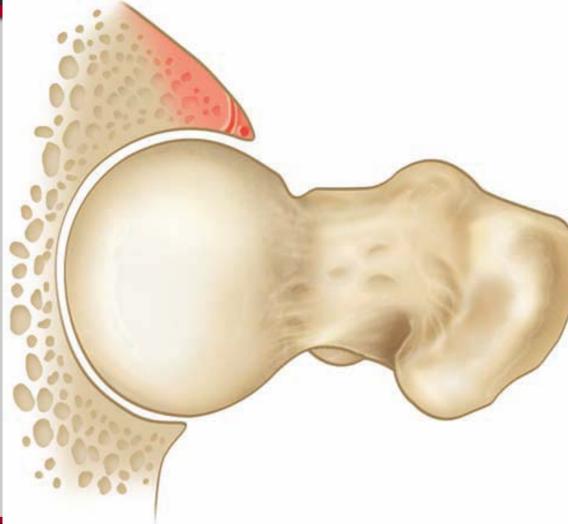






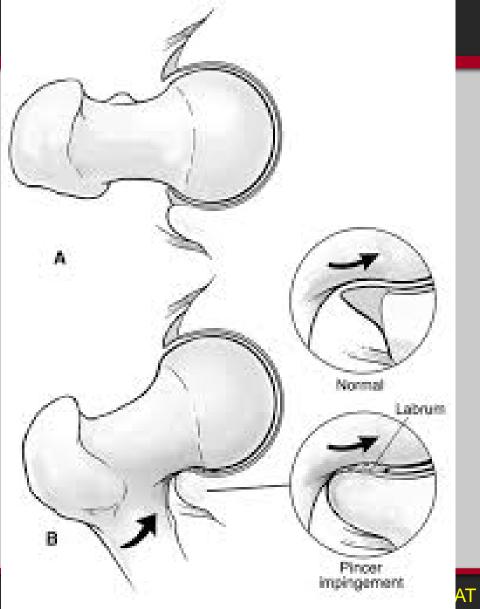


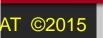






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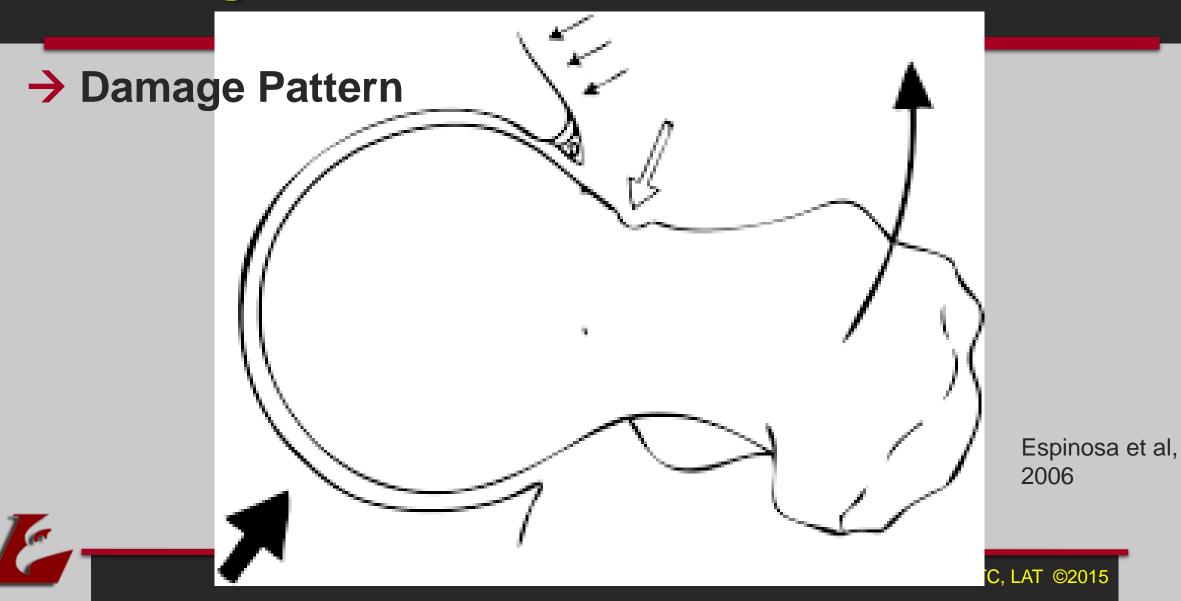


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Kissing Lesion





Review of CAM and PINCER Lesions



Normal	Cam	Pincer
	Lesion	Lesion



Pathomorphology - Mixed Impingement

Combination of both morphologies

Head/neck prominence <u>AND</u> acetabular overcoverage

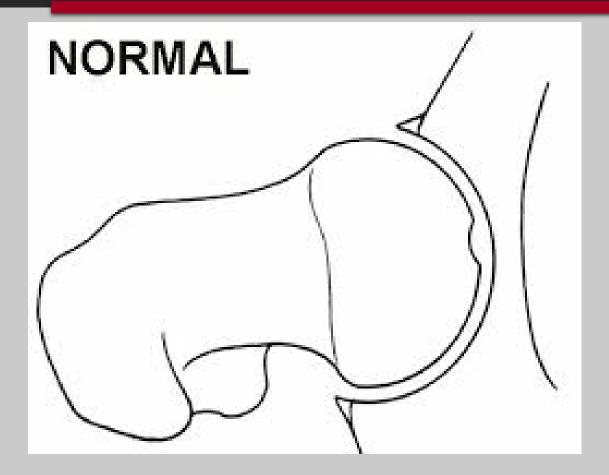
This is the most common pathomorphology

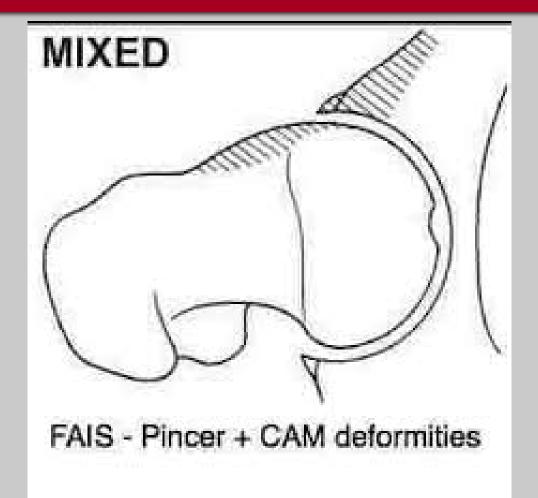
→ Currently, no data on prevalence in males vs. females





Pathomorphology - Mixed Impingement

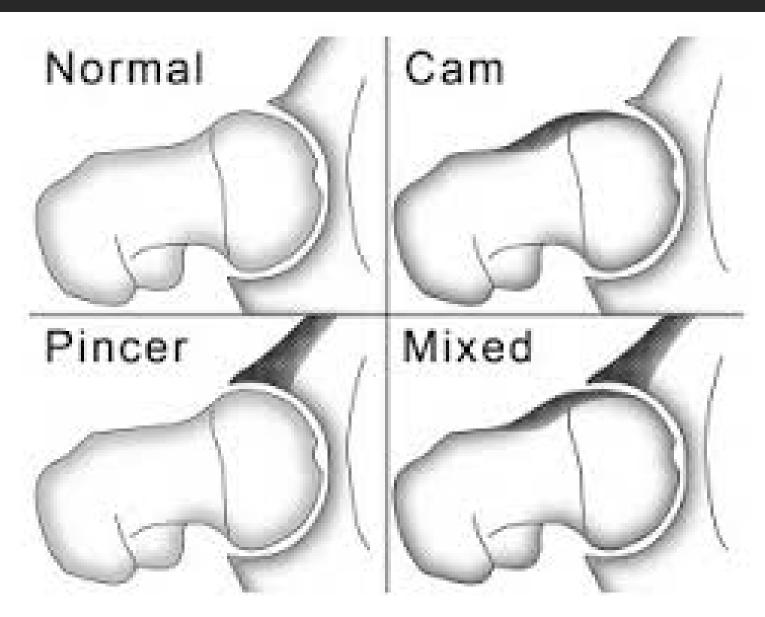






Review of all 3 lesions

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Relationship of FAI to Posterior Hip Dislocation (Revisited)

Stepphacher et al, 2013

- Compared 53 PHDs with 85 normal hips
- Found significantly higher incidence of FAI in PHD group
- Concluded that acetabular retroversion and CAM Impingement were more associated to PHD
- Proposed mechanism = bony abnormalities "leverage or act as a fulcrum" to dislocate the head posteriorly

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Relationship of FAI to Posterior HipLA CROSSE Dislocation

Larson & Stone et al, 2013

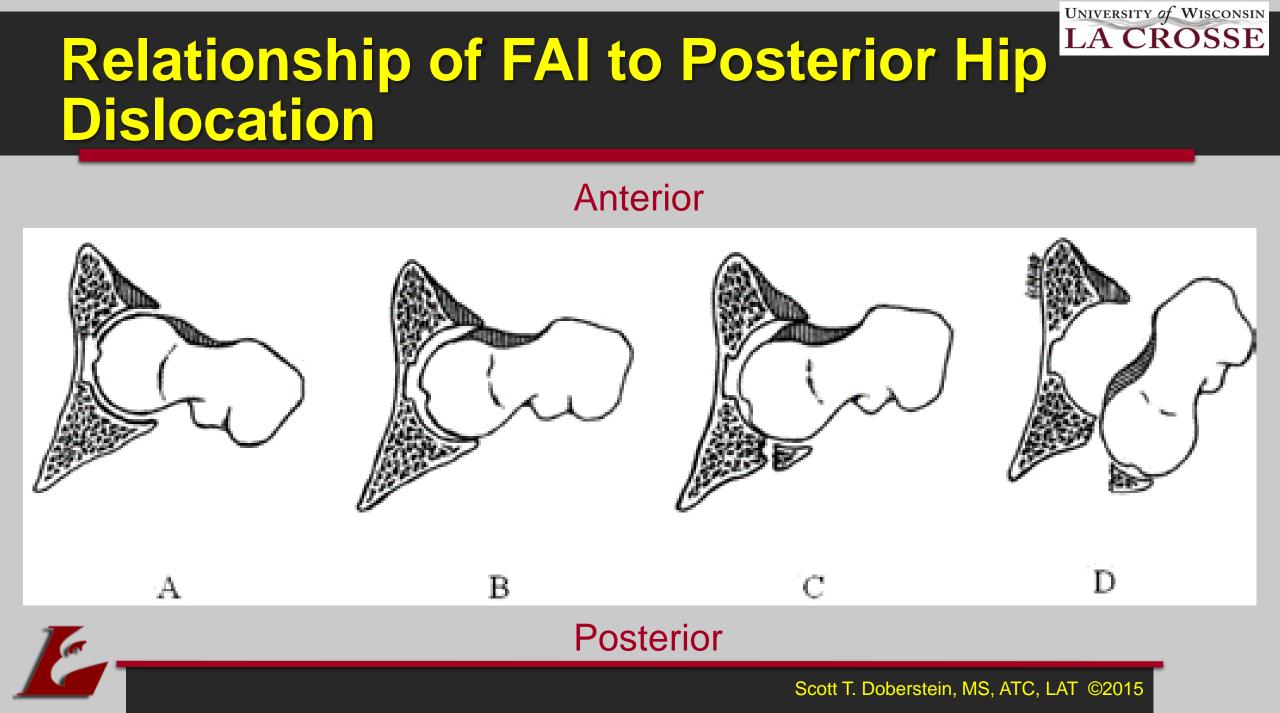
This CAM deformity that can lever against the anterior rim in flexion with resultant posterior subluxation/dislocation they termed....

"Impingement Induced Instability"



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Prevalence of FAI

Beck et al, 2005

- Analyzed 302 <u>FAI</u> hips
- Isolated CAM impingement only found in 26 patients (8.6%)
- Isolated PINCER impingement only found in 16 patients (5.3%)
- MIXED accounted for the remaining 86.1% of affected hips
- → Also observed that overall area of cartilage damage in isolated CAM lesions was far greater than the damage seen in isolated PINCER lesions



Prevalence of FAI

Gosvig et al, 2010

- Studied 4151 radiographs of <u>asymptomatic</u> patients
- CAM impingement
 - 19.6% of men
 - 5.2% of women
- PINCER impingement
 - 15.2% of men
 - 19.4% of women





Hack et al, 2010

- Analyzed 200 asymptomatic hips with MRI
- 14% with at least one hip with CAM impingement
- 3.5% had bilateral lesions
- 79% of all CAM lesions found in men





Weir et al, 2011

- Analyzed 68 hips with X-ray and clinical exam
 - 44 hips had long standing adductor related groin pain (other 24 hips served as asymptomatic controls)
- 94% had radiological evidence of FAI (64/68)
- Long standing adductor related groin pain should highly raise the suspicion of FAI!!



Larson et al, 2013

- 39 asymptomatic professional hockey players, MRI revealed
- 64% had hip pathology
- 56% had labral tears
- NFL combine (unpublished data)
 - 90% had x-ray evidence of FAI



Frank, et al, 2015 = Systematic Review

- In 2,114 ASYMPTOMATIC Volunteers from 26 studies (from 237 possible studies)
 - Average age = 25.3 <u>+</u> 1.5 yrs
 - Overall CAM prevalence = 37%
 - Prevalence in athletic vs. general populations (54.8% vs. 23.1%)
 - Overall PINCER prevalence = 67%
 - Prevalence in athletic vs. gen pop (49.5% vs. 50.5%)
 - Overall labral pathlogogy = 68%
- 4 studies showed nearly all patients with labral tears had some degree of FAI

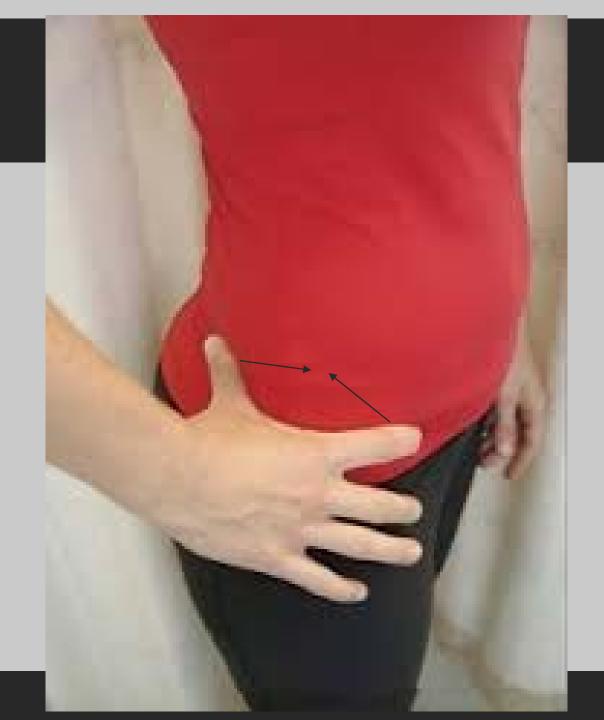


- > Commonly presents in healthy, active teenagers to adults up to 50 yo
- C/C is deep intermittent discomfort/pain during or post activity as indicated by "C" sign (Philippon et al, 2007)
- Kaplan et al, 2010 cautions that it is often years between onset of S/S and a definitive diagnosis
- Often misdiagnosed as a groin strain early on leading to weeks, months, years of inappropriate management and frustration
- Thomas et al, 2013 recommends thorough comprehensive pain history



C-Sign

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C/C is deep intermittent discomfort/pain during/post activity progressing to constant pain as condition worsens

Pain is exacerbated by:

- Hip flexion activities
- Prolonged sitting, especially in lower chairs
- Sexual intercourse, especially in women (dyspareunia)

Pain often described in "groin," lateral hip or buttock





- Pain possibly referred to the anterior thigh, pubic symphysis, knee and ipsilateral testicle in men
- Night pain has also been reported
- Decreased function (ADL's and/or performance)
- Unilateral presentation is typical but bilateral is not uncommon
 - If bilateral, usually one hip more symptomatic



Differential Diagnosis

Hansen et al, 2013

- Sacroiliitis
- Degenerative disc disease
- Adductor strain
- Femoral head necrosis
- Psoas tendinopathy
- Pubic rami fracture
- Stress fracture





Differential Diagnosis

Hansen et al, 2013

- Trochanteric bursitis
- Sports Hernia
- Athletic pubalgia
- Snapping hip syndrome
- Traumatic acetabular labral tears

➢Osteoarthritis



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Osteoarthritis

- There are many conditions that can lead to OA
- FAI is major player in OA development as these patients age and do NOT get diagnosed early OR treated properly! (Ganz et al, 2003)
- Hansen et al, 2013 describes FAI as a <u>"Pre-arthritic State"</u>
- Lung et al, 2012 retrospectively studied pre-op x-rays of 82 patients (<55 yo, ave = 49 yo) who had total hip replacement surgery for OA!!
 - 36% had definite FAI
 - 33% definitely did NOT have FAI
 - Remaining 31% had possible FAI (probably??)





Osteoarthritis

OA Risk factors include:

- Age > 50 yo
- Males
- Obesity
- Childhood hip dysplasia (LCP, SCFE, etc)
- Ligamentous instability
- Heavy manual labor
- Previous injury (i.e. posterior hip dislocation)
- Anatomical abnormalities i.e. FAI....



Clinical Examination of FAI

- History and exam are very important in diagnosing etiology of hip pain!
- Several pearls to be taken from this section
- > Although FAI causes pain, you cannot palpate it!



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Clinical Examination - ROM

Limited ROM especially in

- Flexion
- Internal rotation
- Adduction
- Abduction as well, but not as common

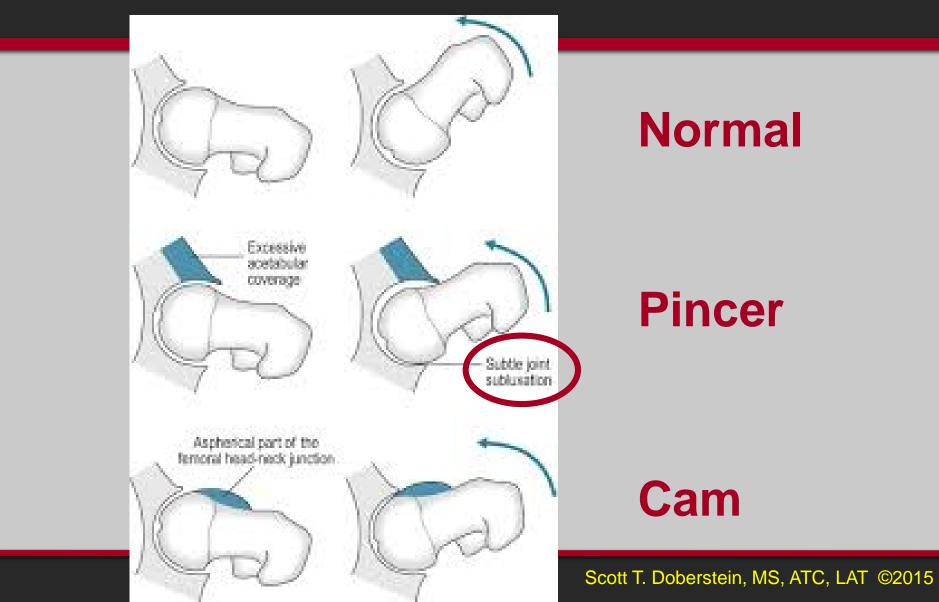
Antalgic or Trendelenburg gait



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How lesions limit ROM

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Clinical Examination – Special Tests

Can be very helpful in detecting FAI

- Anterior Impingement Test
- Posterior Impingement Test
- FABER Test
- Log Roll Test
- McCarthy Sign

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Clinical Examination – Anterior Impingement Test

AKA - Impingement Test or FADIR = Flexion, Adduction, Internal Rotation

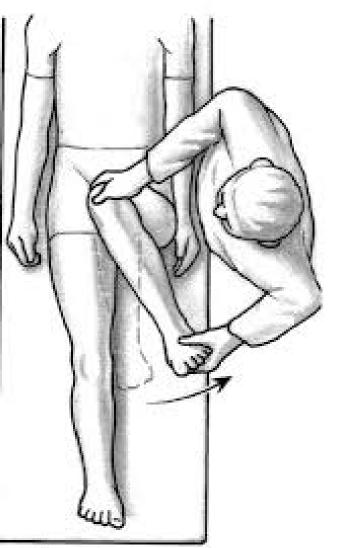
- Supine, hip and knee at 90 degrees
- Adduct and internally rotate
- > (+) test includes pain, decreased ROM, replication of S/S
- Detects FAI

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Clinical Examination – Anterior Impingement Test





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Clinical Examination – Diagnostic Accuracy of Anterior Impingement Test

Byrd, 2007

More sensitive for FAI but it is often uncomfortable in most irritated hips

Philippon et al, 2007

- 301 surgically treated FAI hips
- 99% had a (+) Impingement Test
- Also found an average 9° degree deficit in flexion ROM

Clinical Examination – Diagnostic Accuracy of Anterior Impingement Test

Hananouchi et al, 2012

- Examined 107 hips (normal, painful, FAI confirmed, and dysplastic)
- Diagnostic values for all hips
 - Sensitivity = 50.6%
 - Specificity = 88.9%
 - Positive predictive value = 95.7%
 - Negative predictive value = 26.7%

Conclusion: Anterior Impingement Test can be useful in detecting FAI, enough so to solicit further testing to rule in/rule out the pathology



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Clinical Examination – Posterior Impingement Test

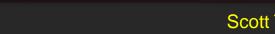
- **AKA Apprehension Test**
- Supine with legs hanging over tables edge
- Hip is extended and externally related
- > (+) test includes pain or clicking
- Proposed to detect labral tears or chondral lesions??

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Clinical Examination – Posterior Impingement Test





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Clinical Examination – Diagnostic Accuracy of Posterior Impingement Test

Very limited published diagnostic values

- Occasionally positive (Ganz et al, 2003)
- 22% positive (Clohisy et al, 2009)
- Virtually nothing in the literature about this test for FAI but some info for labral tears/chondral lesions





Clinical Examination – FABER Test

> AKA - Patrick's Test, Figure 4 Test

FABER = Flexion, ABduction, External Rotation

- Supine with ipsilateral ankle above contralateral knee (figure 4 position)
- Apply force on ipsilateral ASIS while performing downward displacement of knee
- (+) test is asymmetry of the distance between the knee and table top
 - Greater than 4cm difference (Philippon, et al, 2012)



Clinical Examination – FABER Test

Negative





Thanks Julia!

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Clinical Examination – Diagnostic Accuracy of FABER Test

Philippon et al, 2007

- 301 surgically treated FAI hips
- 97% had a (+) FABER Test
- Authors also observed no arthroscopic evidence of direct mechanical impingement with this test
 - (+) test is probably due to patient apprehension due to provocation of pain??

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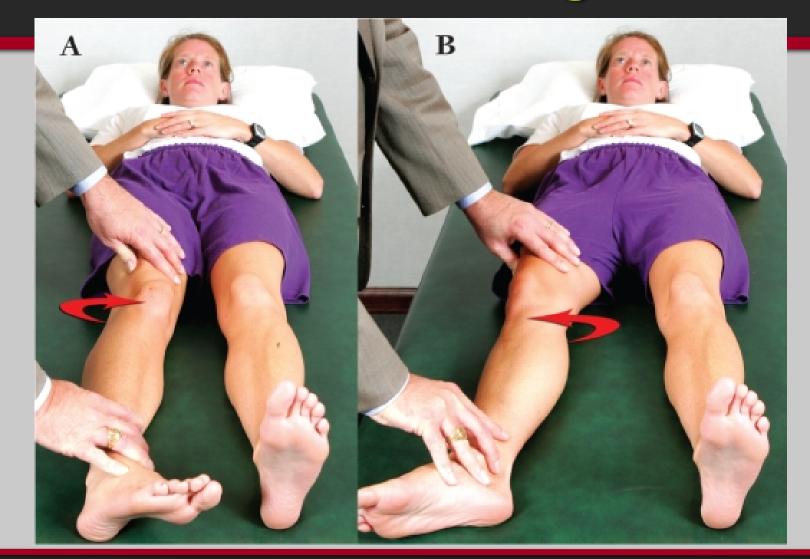
Clinical Examination – Log Roll(ing) LA CROSSE Test

Patient supine

- Start with foot/ankle perpendicular to table
- Maximally roll "leg" between IR and ER
- Compare bilaterally for ROM deficit/pain
- (+) test indicated by increased ER or reproduction of "groin" pain during IR
- Detects labral tears, chondral lesions, general pathology??



Clinical Examination – Log Roll Test



(Byrd, 2007)

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Clinical Examination – Diagnostic Accuracy of Log Roll Test

No published diagnostic values

> Byrd, 2007

- Most specific test for hip jt. pathology
- (+) in many irritated hips regardless of pathology

→ "Absence of a positive log roll test does not preclude the hip as a source of symptoms, but its presence greatly raises the suspicion."

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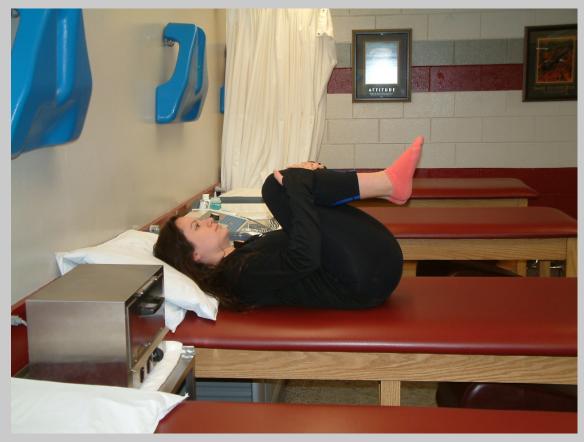
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Clinical Examination – McCarthy LACROSSE Sign (Test)

AKA – Hip flexion to extension maneuver

- Patient supine with both knees flexed up to chest
- While holding unaffected side, slowly lower affected hip into extension (similar to Thomas Test)
- (+) test indicated by reproduction of painful click/catch
- Proposed to detect labral tears??
- No published diagnostic values

Clinical Examination – McCarthy Sign (Test)





Thanks again, Julia!



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Review of Clinical Exam Tests

- Anterior Impingement and FABER tests should ALWAYS be performed to rule in/out FAI
- Others tests performed = possibly assist with clinical diagnosis?

Typical Presentation – Clohisy et al, **LA CROSSE** 2009

> 52 hips with FAI (57% male, ave age 37 yo)

- 65% insidious onset and activity related
- 83% described as "groin" pain
- Ave time to diagnosis = 3.1 years
- Ave HCPs seen until Dx = 4.2
- 65% had aggravation/pain with sitting
- (+) FABER test = 98.7%
- (+) Anterior Impingement Test 88%
- (+) Log Roll test = 30%
- Ave ROM deficit = 9°





Very important in detecting FAI

> Depending on the study, often misread, thus delaying diagnosis

> Many techniques in the toolbox to rule in/rule out FAI





Imaging – Plain Radiographs

- > Very, very helpful \rightarrow diagnosis can be made right here!
- However, often read as normal = a negative x-ray does NOT rule out FAI
 - Findings can be very subtle and often missed on initial x-ray
- Combine physical exam findings with thorough reading of x-ray should dictate further course of action



























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Imaging – MRI Arthrogram (MRA)

Gold standard for labral tear diagnosis

• Either confirming clinical diagnosis or actually making the initial diagnosis

Contrast dye easily visualizes lesions

Remember function of labrum was to seal the joint from synovial fluid leakage??

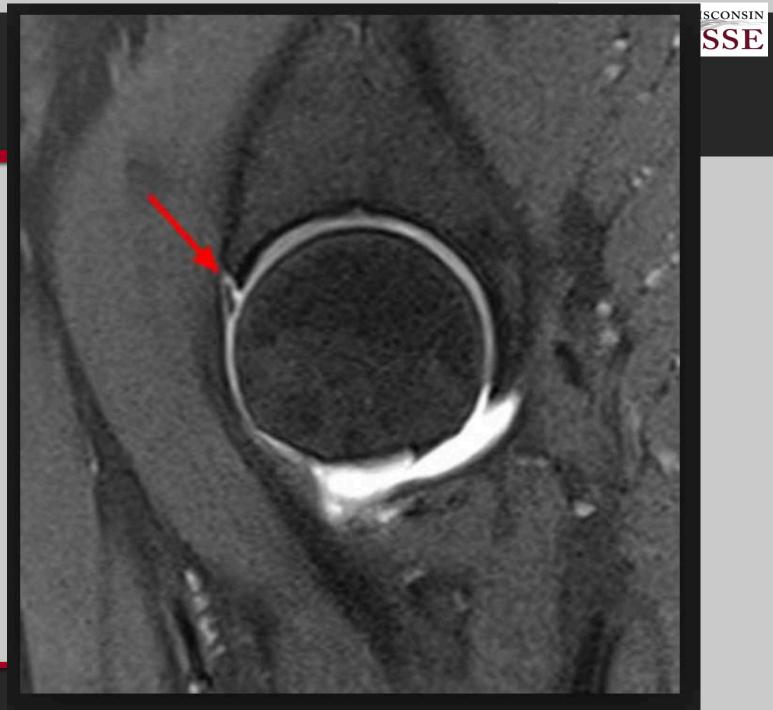
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Imaging – CT in 3D

Gold standard for detecting CAM lesion (Ross et al, 2014)

Can be very helpful in very subtle cases

> Also used preoperatively in planning complex surgical cases



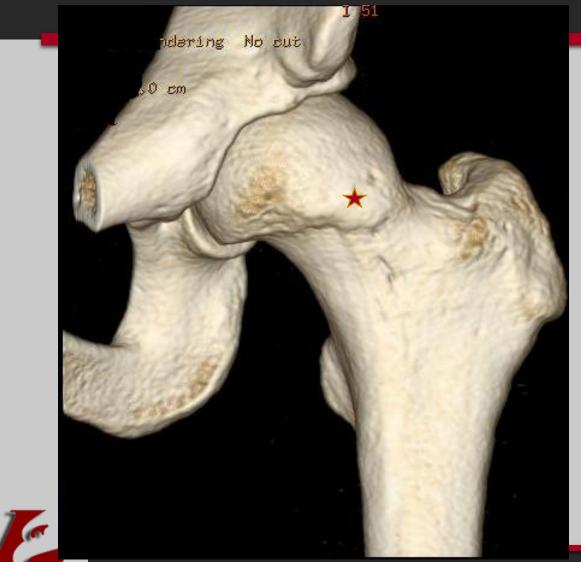


Imaging – 3D CT





Imaging – 3D CT

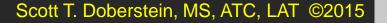






Imaging – Ultrasound

- Becoming more commonly used especially for CAM Impingement diagnosis (Lerch, 2013)
 - Less expensive
 - Quicker results





Treatment – Goals

- Provide symptomatic relief of S/S
- Provide functional improvement (ADLs and activity)
- Potentially modify the disease process
- Prevent/delay the onset of OA**



Treatment – Options

Conservative = non-surgical mgmt

Surgery = 2 options

Arthroscopic vs. Open dislocation





Treatment – Conservative

SOP = Non-surgical management should ALWAYS attempted on ALL patients

> Involves:

- Activity modification
- NSAIDs to control S/S

Contraindications include:

- Stretching to increase ROM, especially flexion and internal rotation
- Squatting below 45 degrees



Treatment – Conservative

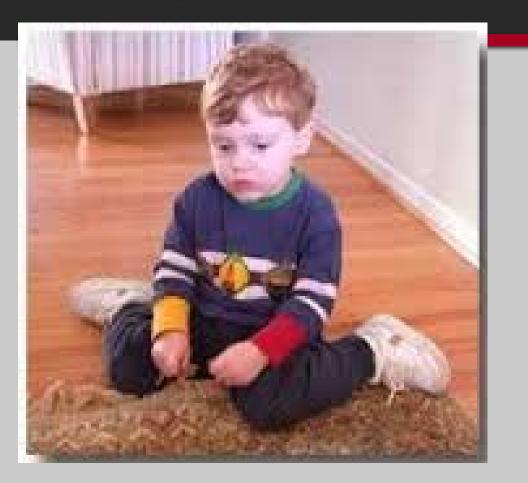
Emara et al, 2011

- 37 patients (27 males, 10 females) treated conservatively for mild FAI
- Tx involved avoidance of pain provoking activities, NSAIDs, stretching ABD, ER in extension, proper sitting mechanics (figure 4 vs. W position), avoidance of sitting with hip at 90 degrees, avoidance of cycling, et al.





Sitting positions





REPLACE with this one!





Treatment – Conservative

Emara et al, 2011

- Harris Hip Scores improved significantly both at 6 mo and 24 mo follow-up
- > Only 4 patients had surgery b/c conservative intervention failed





Treatment – Conservative

Wall et al, 2013 states:

- Literature filled with recommendation of non-operative Tx despite weak evidence that it works = OPINION
 - Need RCT to figure this out

Ege et al, 2014 states:

Conservative mgmt. consists of rest, NSAIDs, activity modification and NO PT!! And recommend surgery.....





Treatment – Surgery

Surgical procedures are now very common

Even in adolescent patients

Being performed in an effort to improve quality of life

Potentially decrease risk for OA development**





Treatment - Surgical Procedures

- Bone reshaping
- Debridement
- Microfracture
- Resection
- Repair





Treatment – Open Surgery

Very invasive

- Involves open dislocation of hip joint
- Provides better access and visualization of the lesions
- All surgical procedures can be completed more easily
- Longer rehab
- Higher complication rate



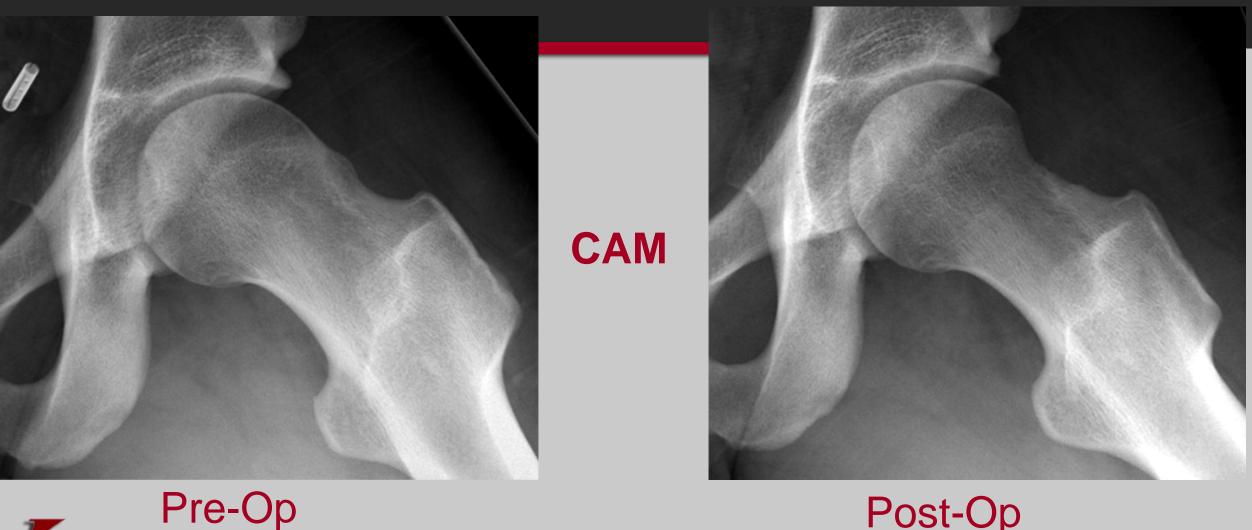




Treatment – Arthroscopy

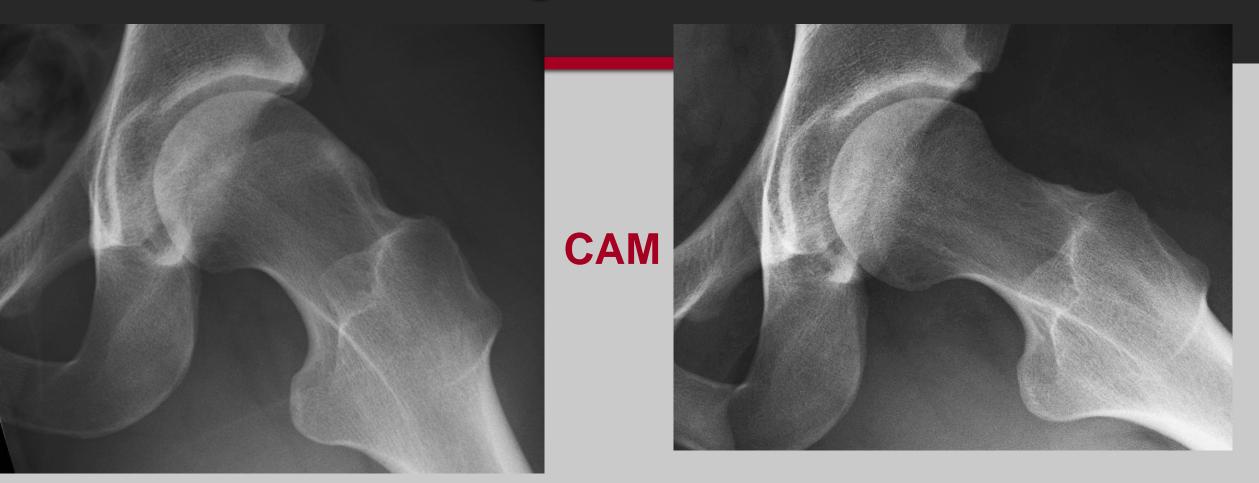
Minimally invasive

- Involves <u>NO dislocation</u> of hip joint
- Provides less access and visualization of the lesions
- All surgical procedures can be performed but with more difficulty
- Requires more skill and training to perform (steep learning curve)
- Shorter rehab
- Lower complication rate





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- Surgical intervention works by reducing/eliminating S/S and increasing/returning to pre-op activity levels in the majority of patients (Ng et al, 2010)
- Certain FAIs best treated with scope while others treated with open procedure
- Most surgeons agree that repair/re-fixation is superior to resection/debridement for long term joint health and to prevent early onset OA (Meulenkamp et al, 2014: Larson, et al, 2009 & 2012: et al)

Is arthroscopic better than open?

• Currently, there is no significant difference in outcomes for either option (Bedi et al, 2008: Larson et al, 2014)











Surgery – Who is a good candidate?

Larson, 2015

- Groin/Anterior hip pain with ROM testing
- Pain with sports/sitting/twisting activities
- (+) x-rays for deep socket, aspherical femur and <u>NORMAL JT</u> <u>SPACE</u>
- (+) Anterior Impingement Test
- Best candidate in teens and twenties
 - Rarely performed in > 60 yo range





Surgery – Who is a poor candidate?

Larson, 2015

- Posterior hip/low back pain
- Predominant posterolateral palpable pain
- Constant aching pain at rest /night
- Regular use of narcotics for pain
- Using a cane or other assistive devices/Walking with a limp
- (+) x-rays for <u>NARROWING/ABNORMAL JT SPACE</u>
- Severely decreased hip ROM (advanced OA)





Treatment – Rehabilitation

Protocols vary by surgeon and surgical procedure(s) but all include:

- Initial non or PWB for 2-8 weeks
 - Longer with microfracture and/or open procedures?
- Increasing ROM safely
- Increasing strength
- Avoidance of positions creating impingement especially prolonged sitting
- RTP = 3-6 months depending on specific circumstances
 - Full bony remodeling takes 3 months!!!

FOLLOW the surgeons directives – not very complicated





Treatment – Rehabilitation Samples

> Byrd et al, 2010:

- Avoid early extreme Flex and Ext Rot ROM
- PWB includes correct 4 point gait pattern
- No high impact or twisting in first 2-3 months
- Microfracture slows down the whole process

Bennel et al, 2014

- Crutches prn until pain free and no limp (1-10 days)
- Avoid flexion beyond 90o for 6 wks
- No pivoting or twisting
- No prolong sitting





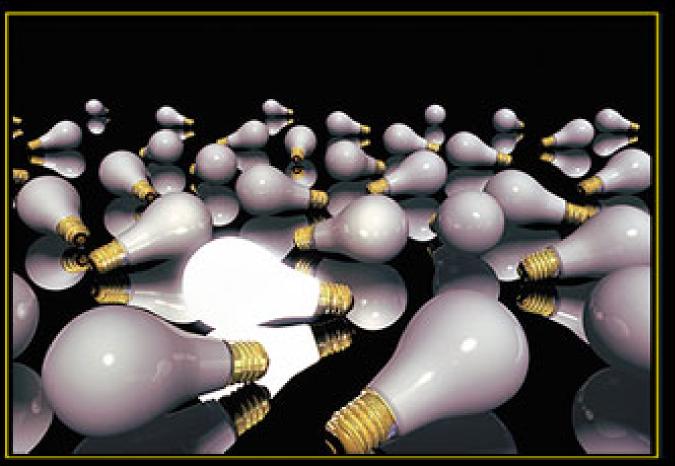
Conclusions

- FAI should must be suspected in young patients with hip pain
- FAI is quite common but NOT too difficult to diagnose
- FAI diagnosis must not be missed early on as delayed intervention causes more damage and higher chance of developing OA
- All patients should consider conservative management before considering surgery
- Surgical intervention is the definitive treatment









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Thank you.....

and enjoy the remainder of the symposium!



