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SHOULDER SURGERY

**Secret shoulder secrets**

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# PROTHETIC

Head of the prostheses better too big or too small?

In case of stiffness: smaller (loosening of capsule)

In case of hyperlaxity / instability or strong correction of a glenoid retro/anteversion: bigger (stuffing)

In case of doubt: smaller



# PROSTHETIC

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**Combination head / glenoid:**

**good: small head / big glenoid**

**bad: big head / small glenoid**

**because of loosening of the glenoid**

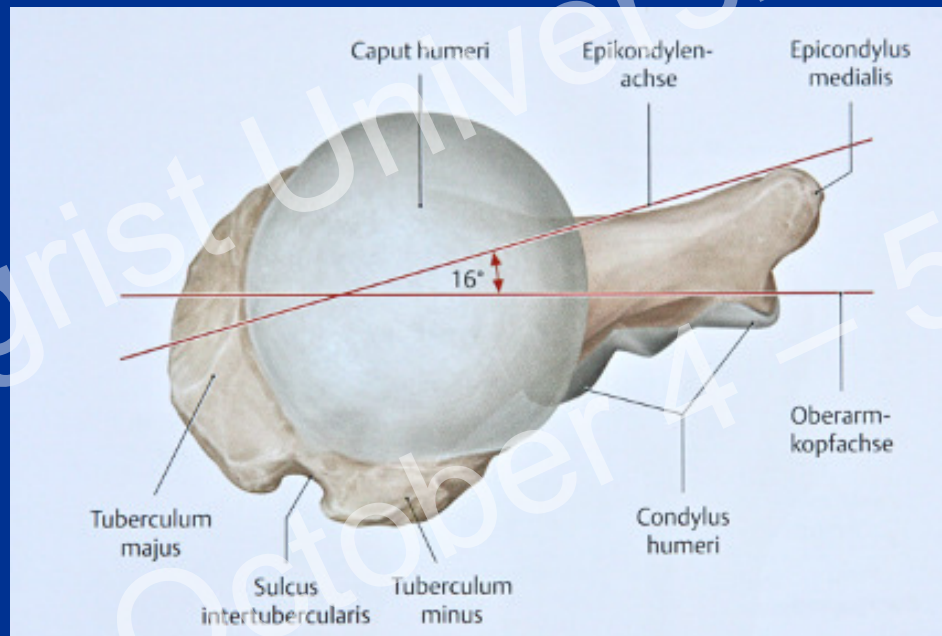
# PROSTHETIC

Retrotorsion of the head (i.e. torsion of humerus)?

normal: 18-25°, 45-74° (average approx 60°)

Anatomical Prosthesis: 20°

Inverse Prosthesis approx. 0°



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**Orientation of inverse prosthesis:**

**If antetorsion:**

**difficult to reduce,  
posterior impingement**

**If retrotorsion:**

**risk of dislocation**

**Position of dislocation:**

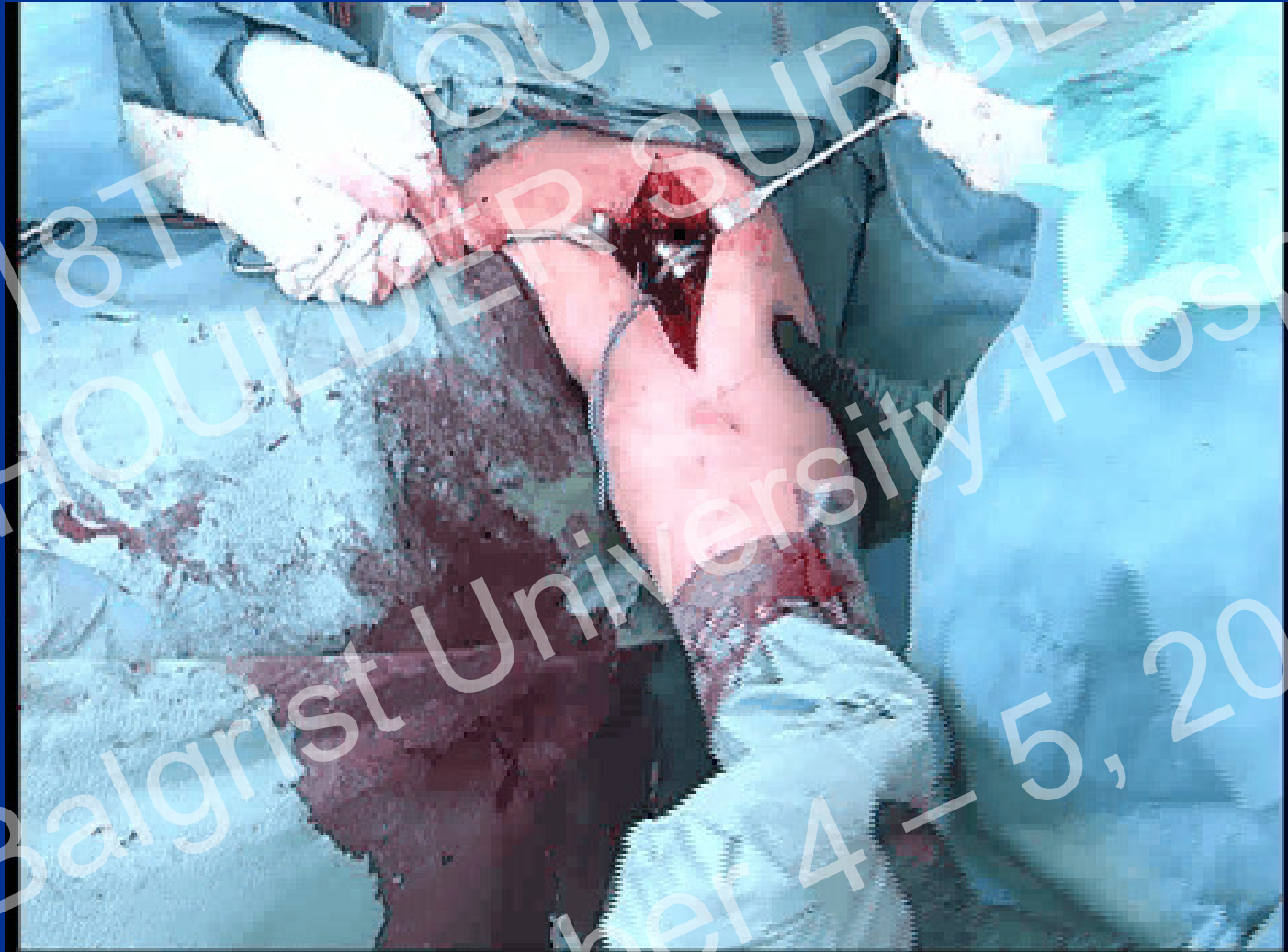
**Internal rotation, adduction or  
abduction**

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Flexion movement:



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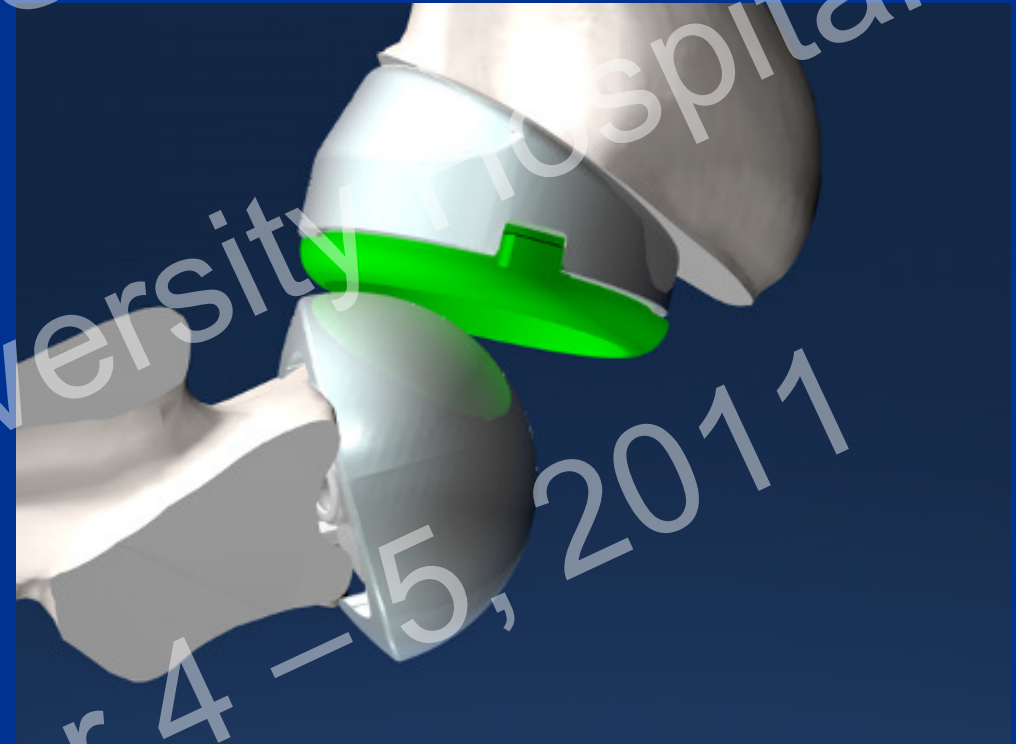
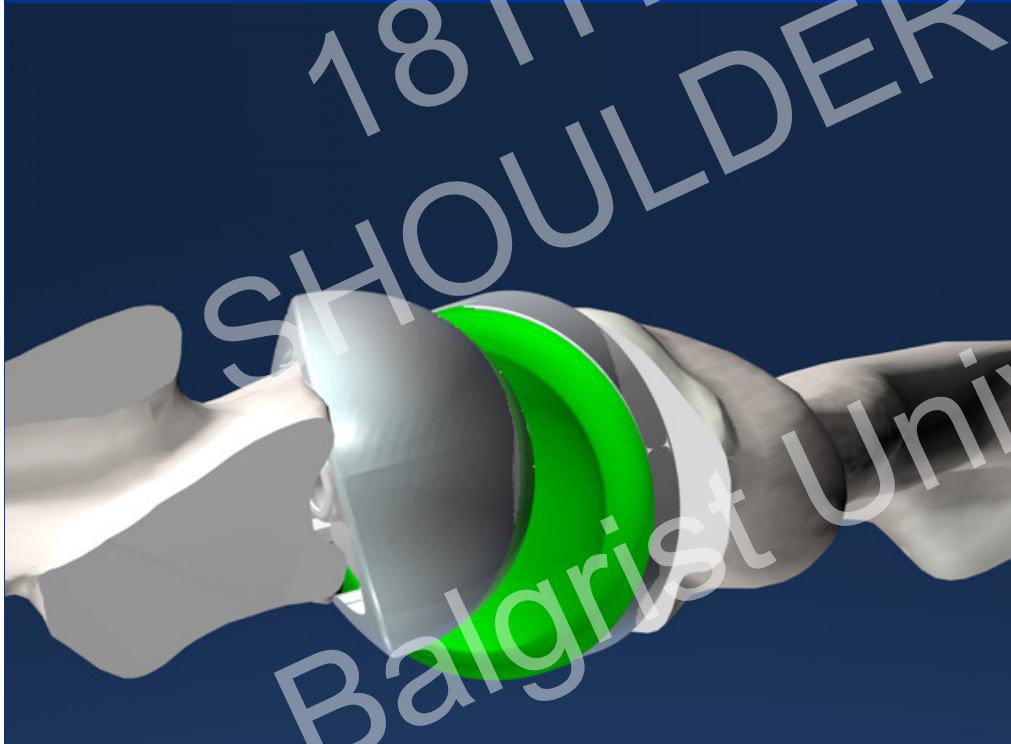




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Anteversion glenoid,  
antetorsion head:

retrotorsion head:





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If glenoid in anteversion: antetorsion of the shaft

If glenoid in retroversion: retrotorsion of the shaft

# PROSTHETIC

Shaft too long, cannot reduce inverse prosthesis:

1. Use smallest inlay possible
2. Relax patient
3. you may consider metaphyseal component with no offset or correct for torsion (if stable)
4. If still in trouble:  
    Consider distraction clamp  
    (from rotator cuff repair or arthrodesis  
distractor).  
    Danger of later acromion fracture (!)

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Fix the subscapularis?



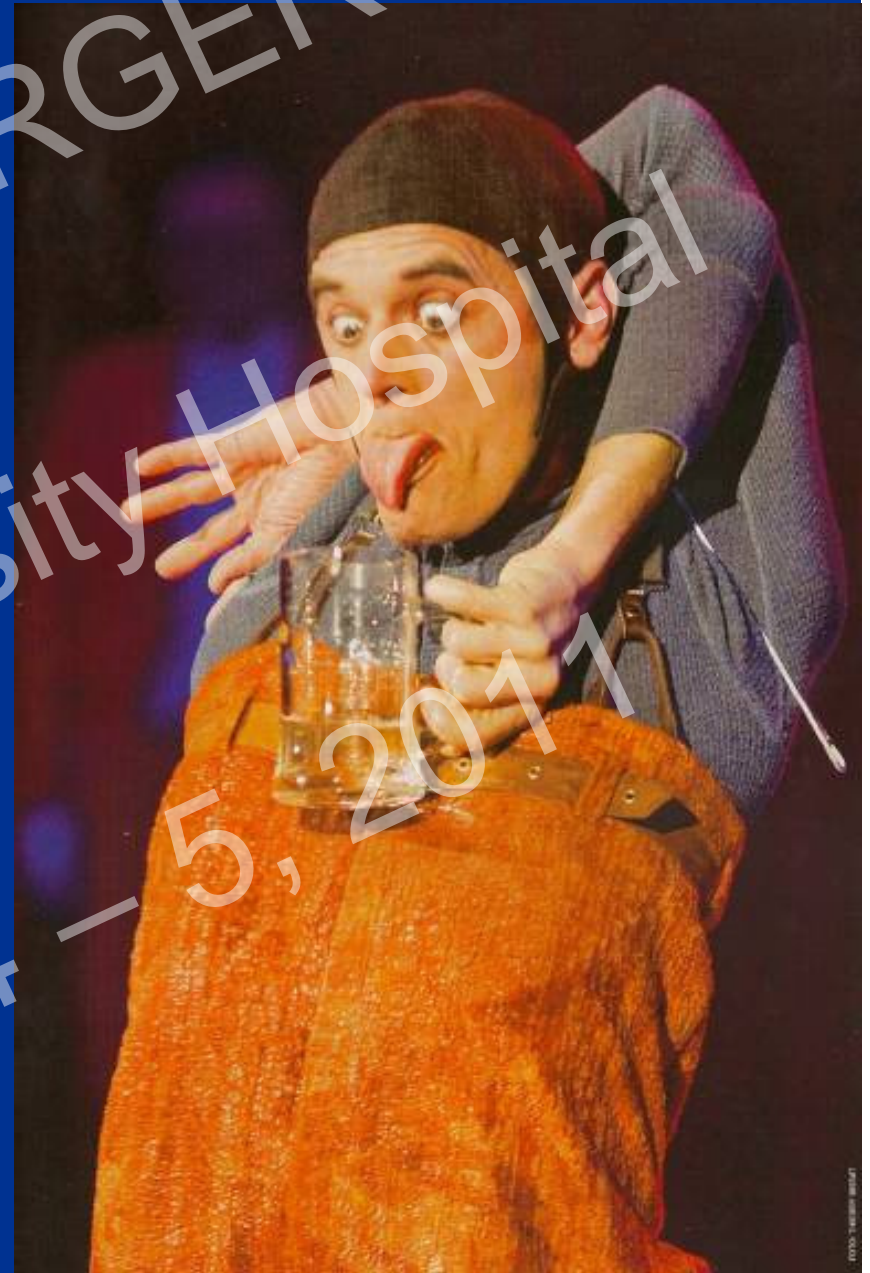
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# INSTABILITY

If there is an unstable hyperlax patient:

Do not correct laxity, only the defect causing instability

Otherwise, you may create osteoarthritis



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**Stabilization:**

**open versus arthroscopic  
bony versus soft tissue**

**-> repair the pathology**

**In case of doubt: bony more reliable than soft tissue**



# ARTHROSCOPY

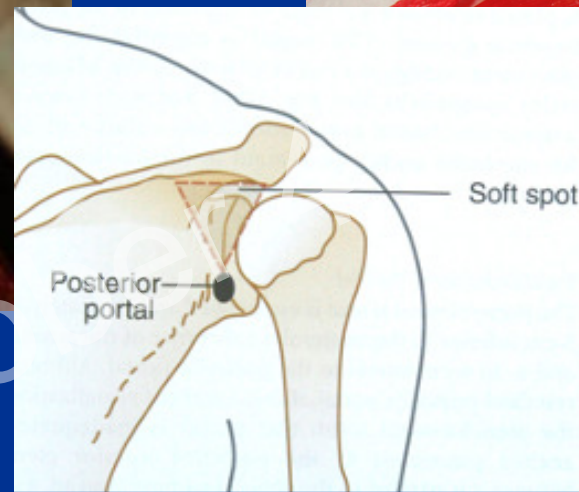
Portals:

posterior:

„soft spot“ 2cm medial, 2cm inferior:

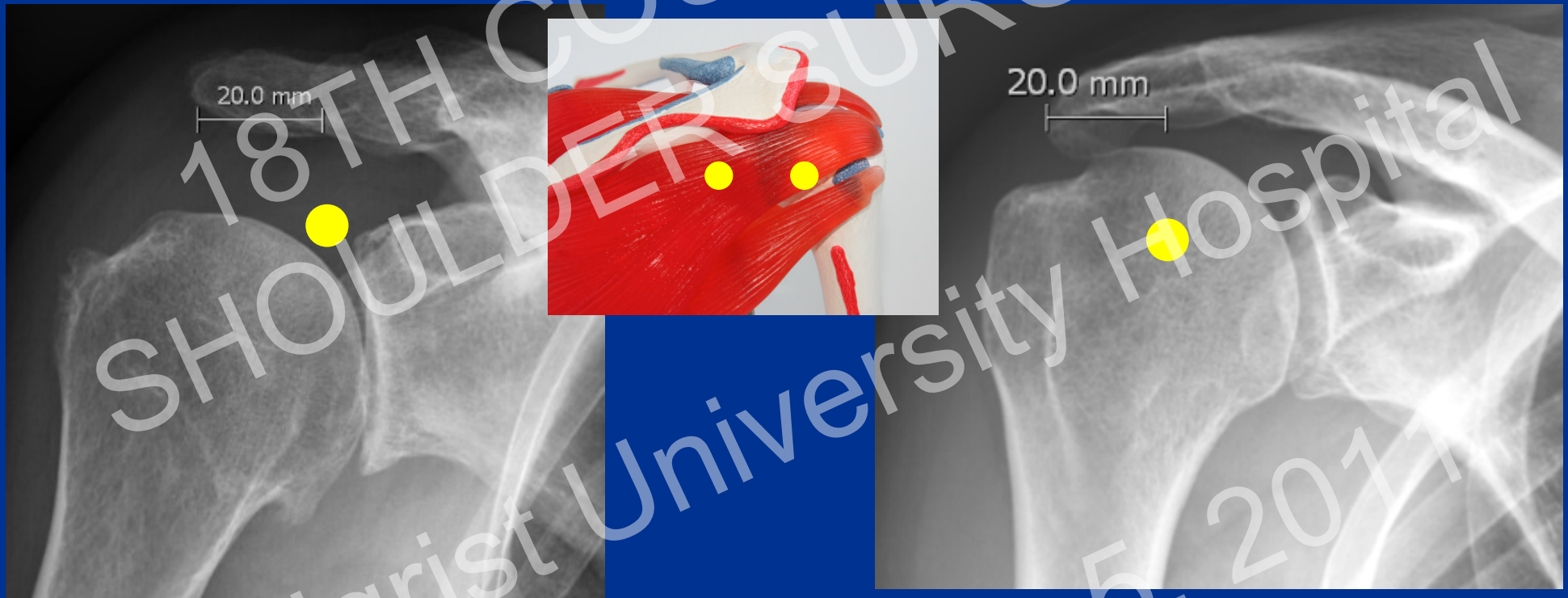
Can be easier in IR, more medial, better piercing of muscle.

look for the acromion and feel the head



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2cm medial, 2cm inferior of acromion



more lateral:

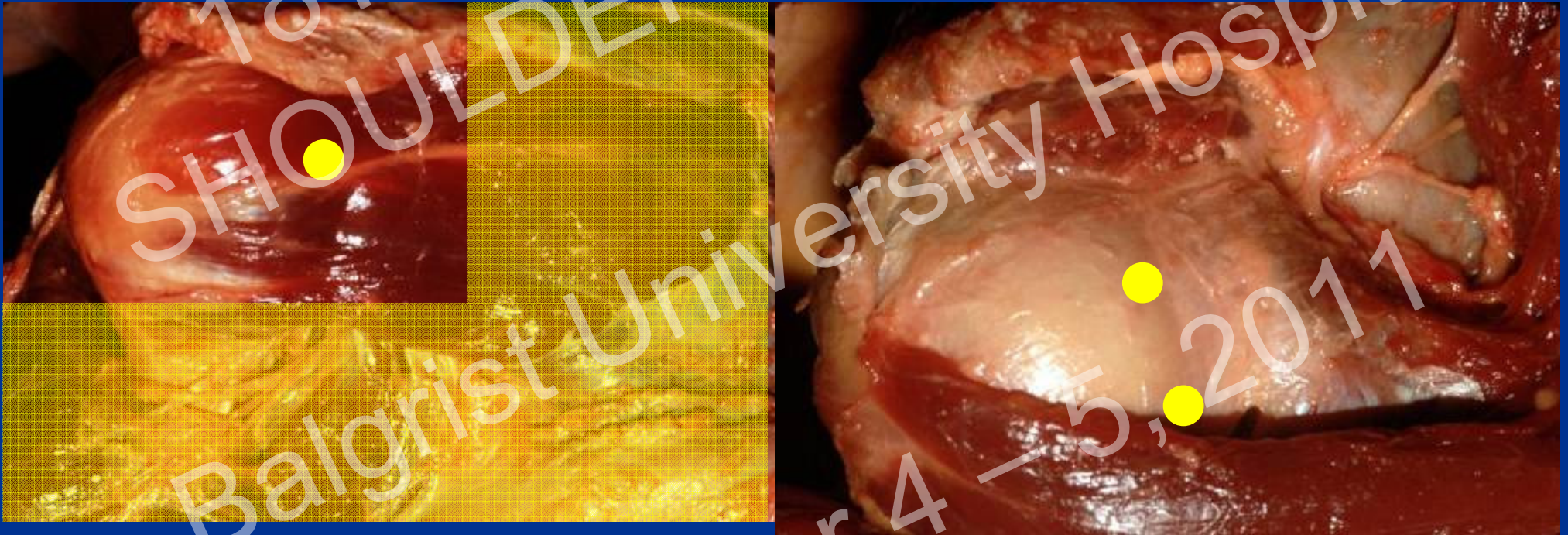
problems with posterior cuff, problem to pierce the cuff, less mobility

**but:** better for subacromial, easier to find the bursa



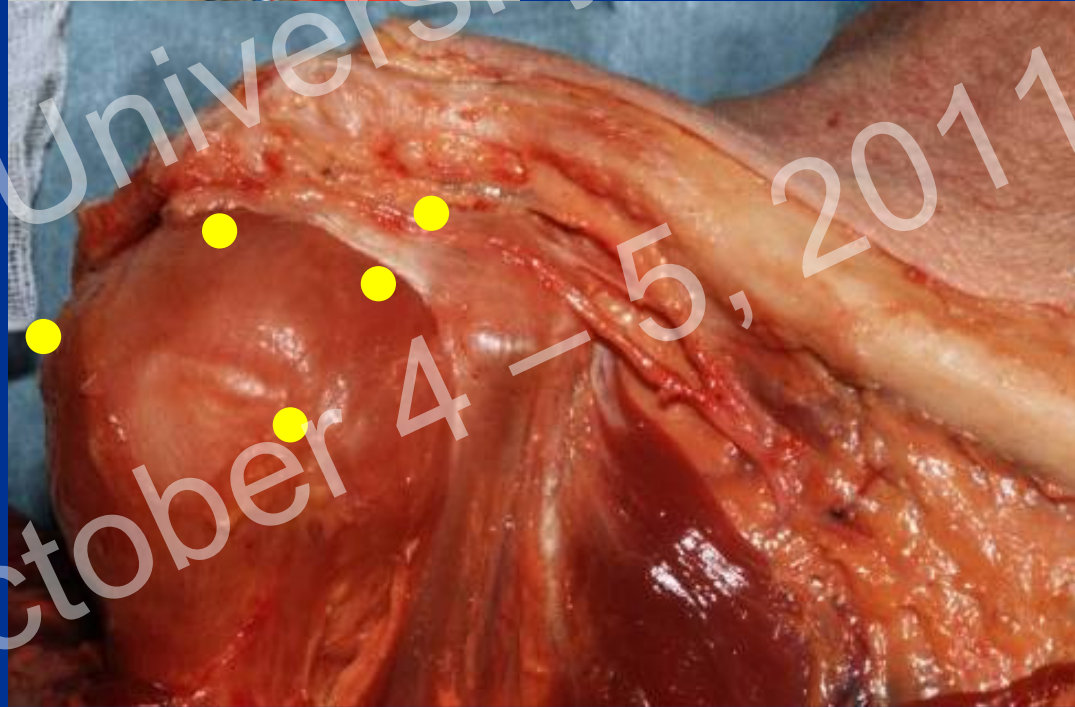
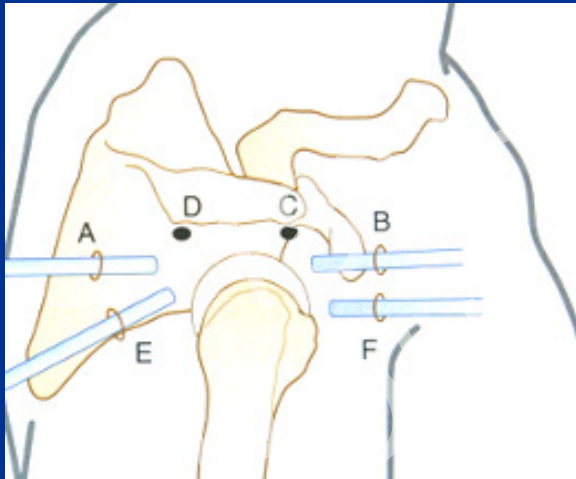
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Where is it safe to place the posterior portal?



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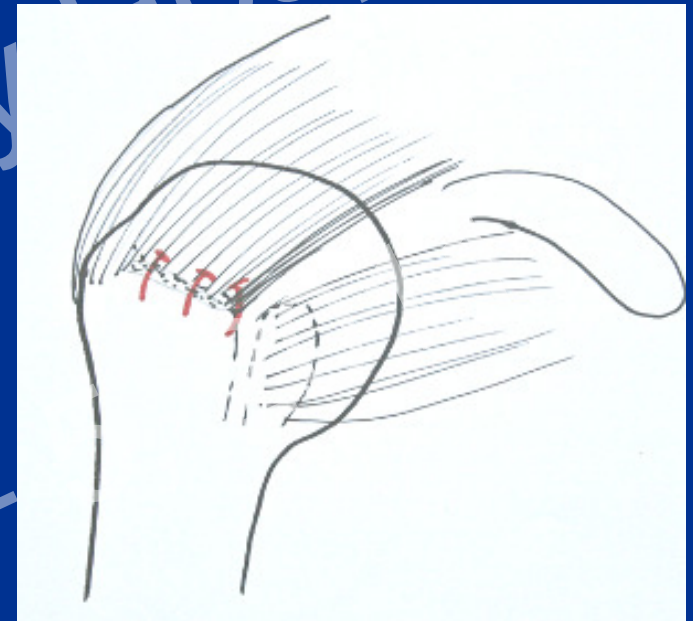
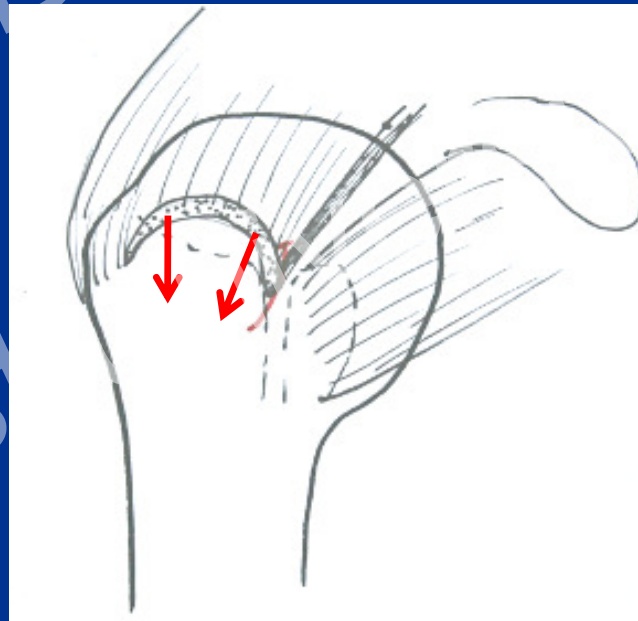
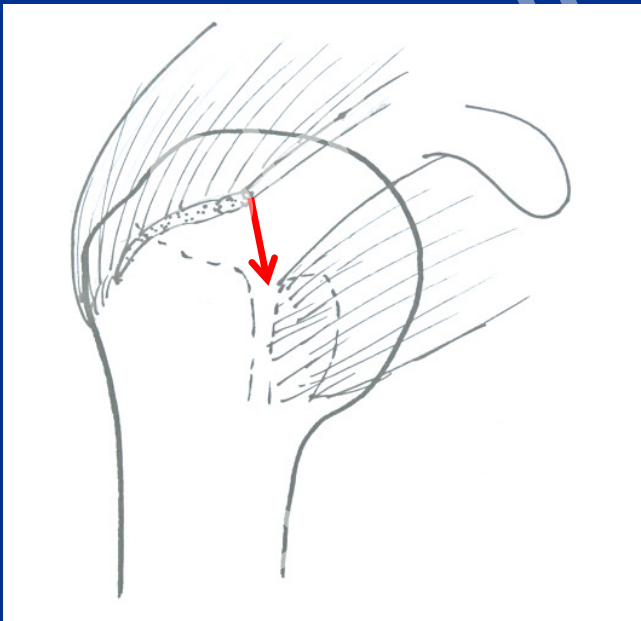
Portals anterior and lateral:





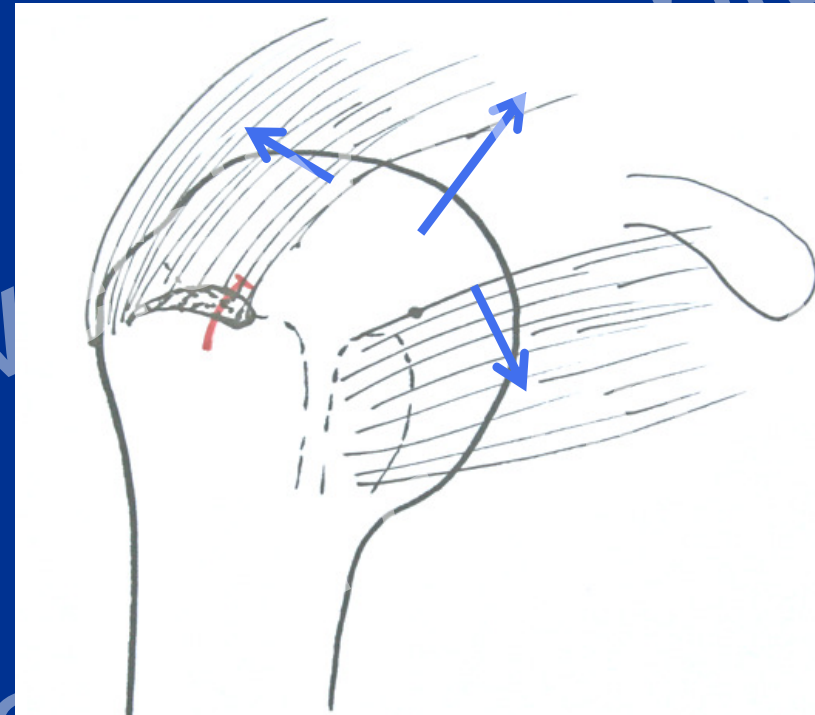
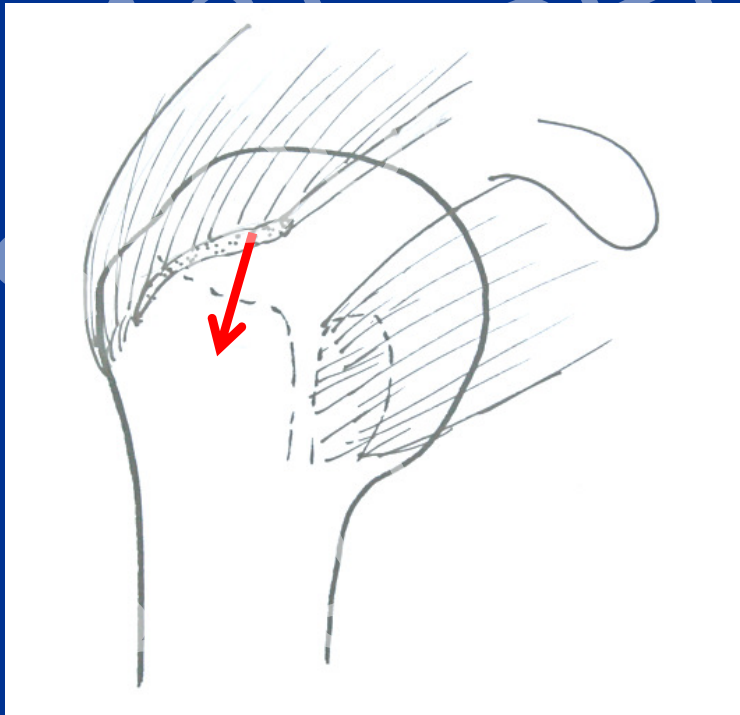
# CUFF REPAIR

First repair side to side (close buttonhole)  
then  
repair tendon to bone



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If closing the interval is not possible, partial repair may be an option, but there is a risk that the head pushes through the buttonhole



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Pseudoparalysis is treated with rotator cuff repair

but

Pseudoparalysis is a contraindication for rotator cuff repair

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# CUFF REPAIR

1. Painful pseudoparalysis?

If yes, inject with 10cc Lidocain and see. Exclude stiffness.

2. When painfree:

Bad for cuff repair:

Dynamic anterosuperior subluxation

Cranialization <7mm

Patient cannot hold the arm at 90° Abduction.

**Chronic situation**

Good cuff for repair:

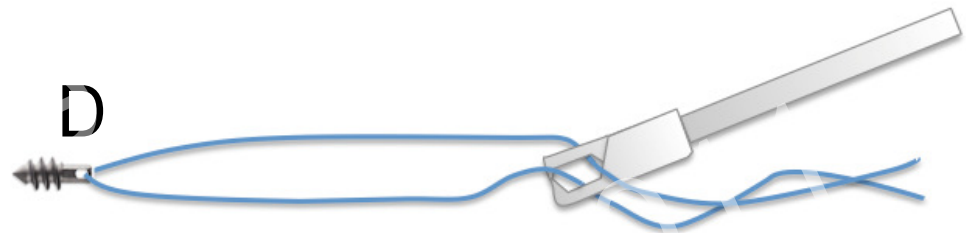
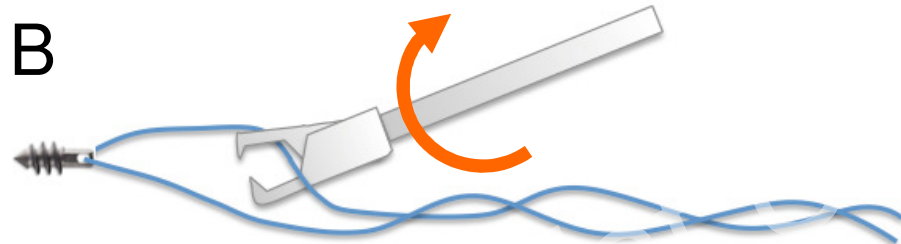
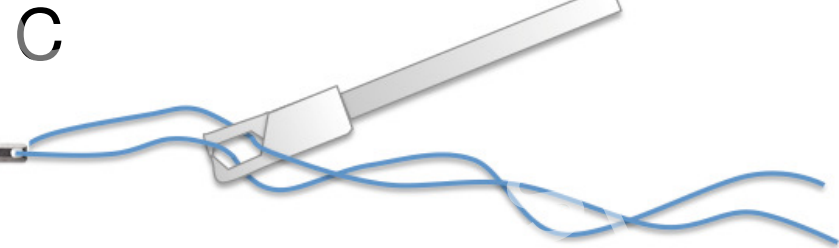
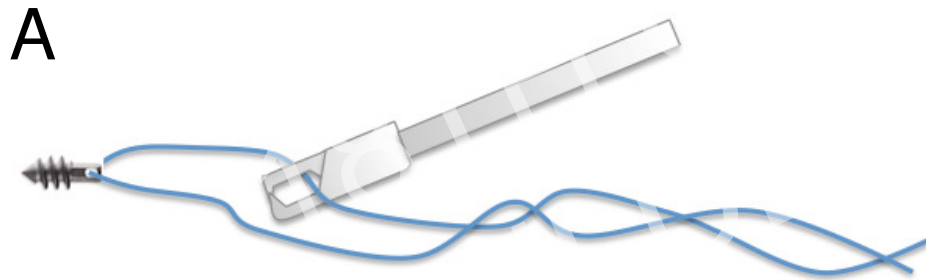
Patient can hold the arm in 90° Abduction  
(moderate)

Patient can bring the arm to 90° Abduction

**Acute injury**, previous good function

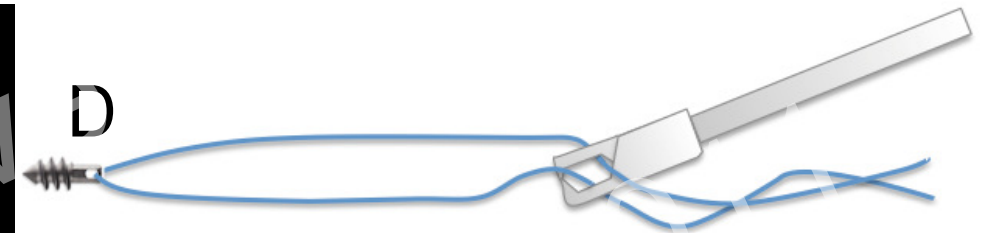
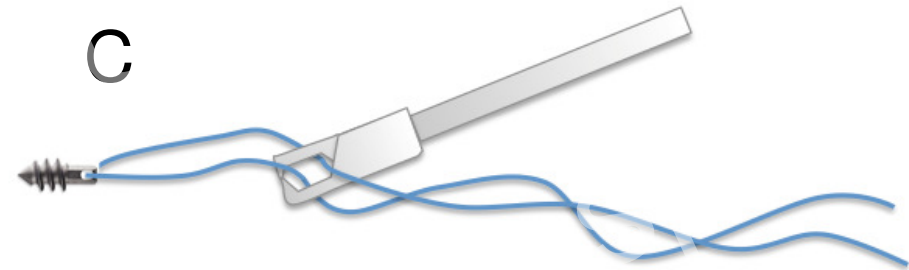
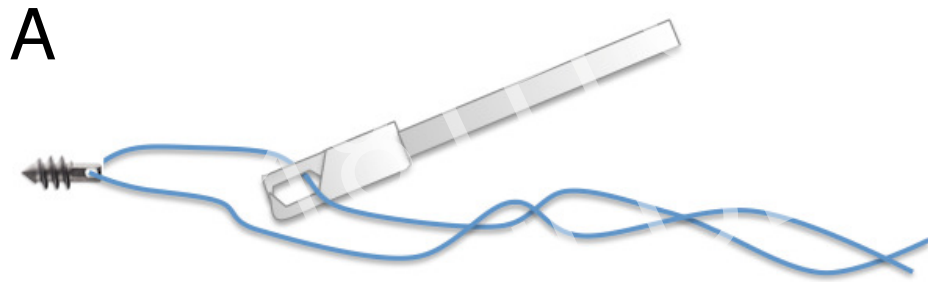
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untangling of sutures:



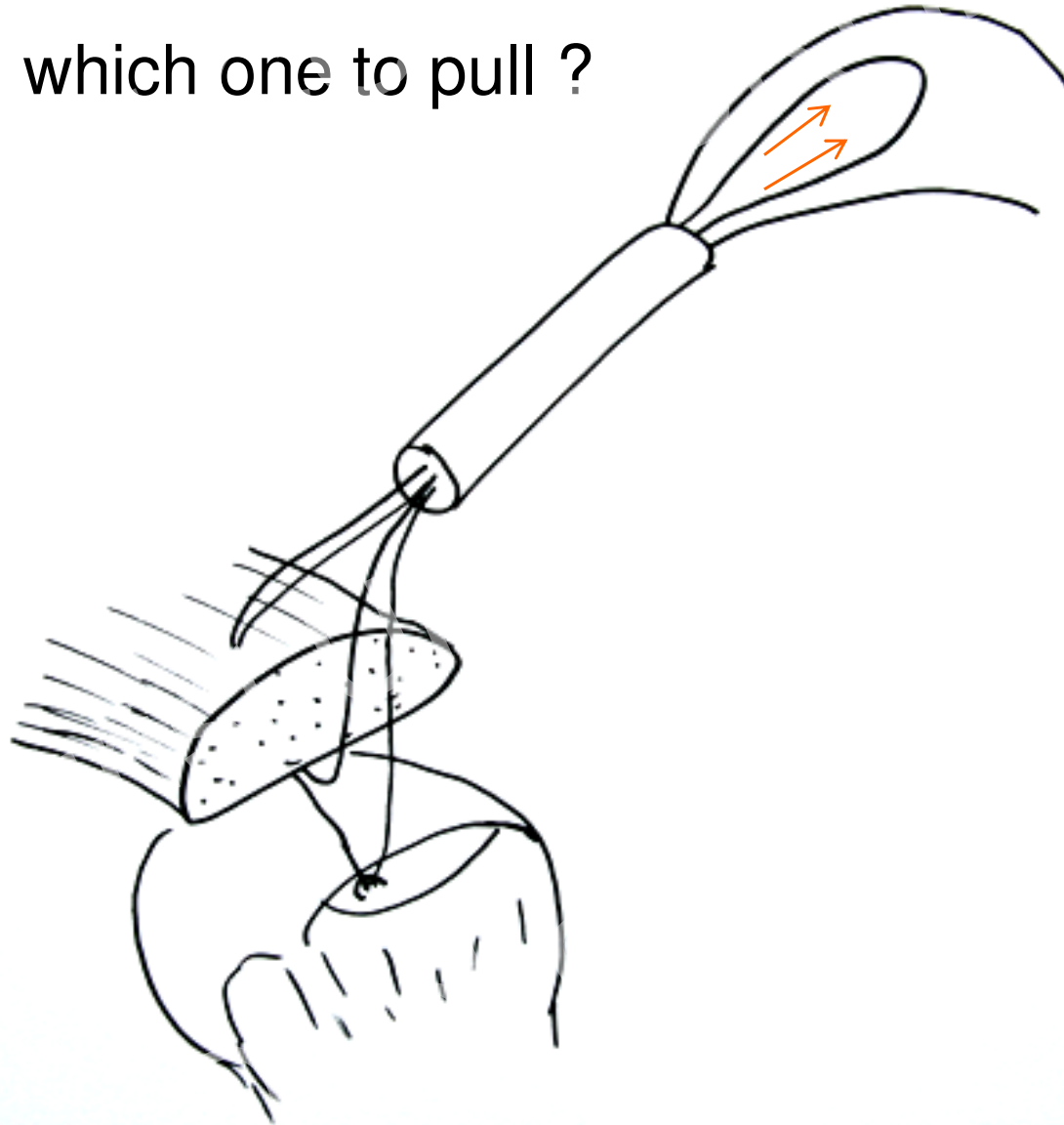
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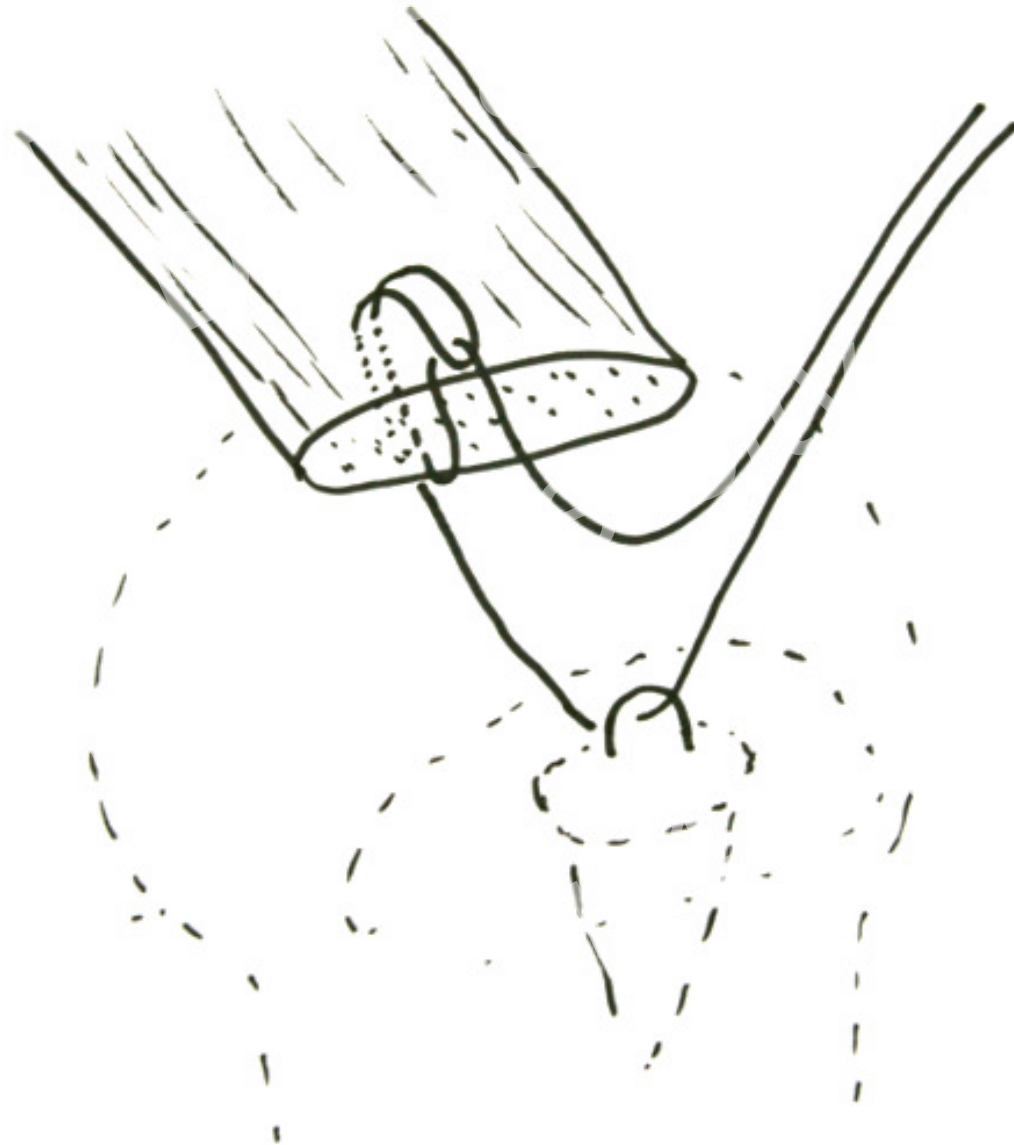
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on which one to pull ?



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which one as post ? mobile vs non-mobile suture







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