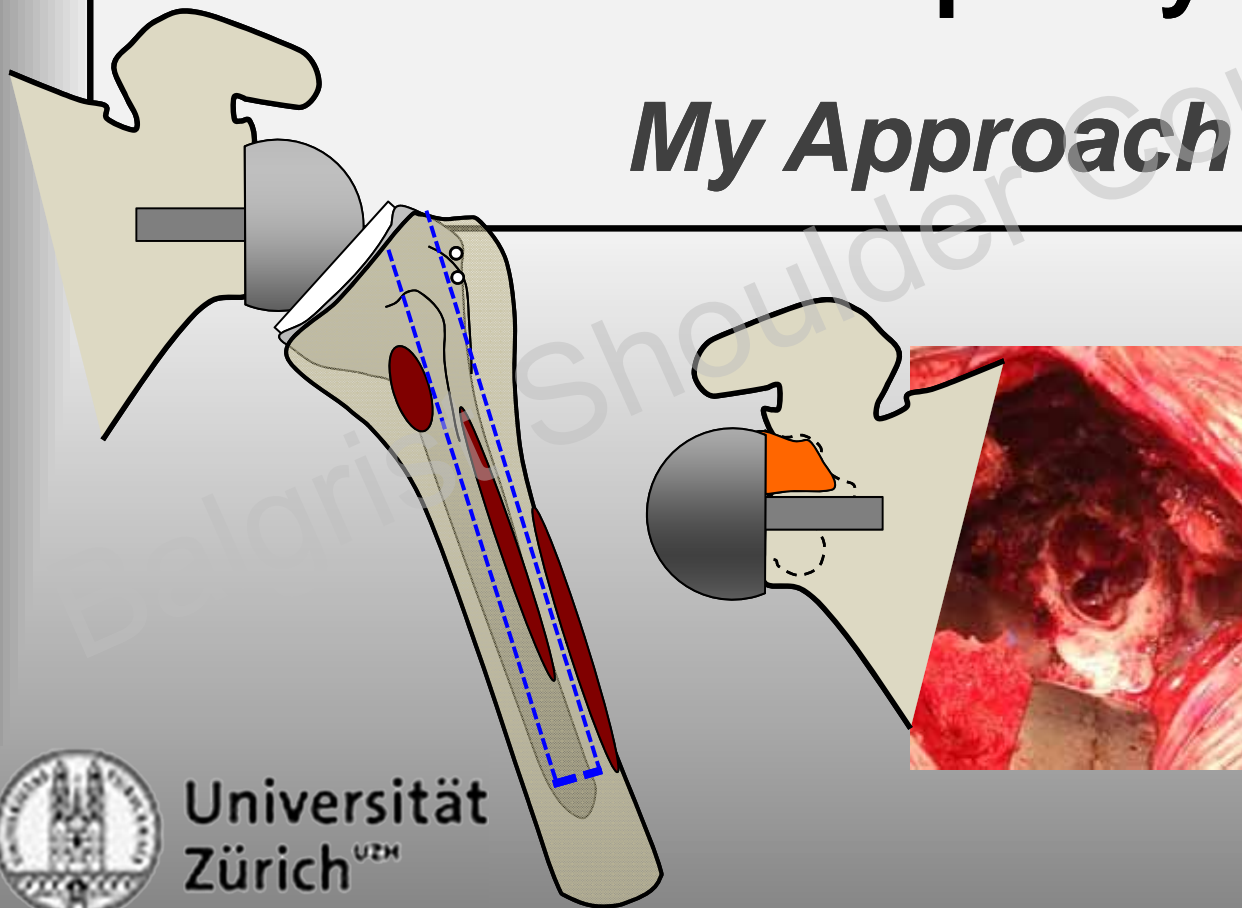


# Revision of Reversed Shoulder Arthroplasty

## *My Approach*



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# Background

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**Increasing implantations of shoulder prostheses +++**

**In France :**

- 15.000 Shoulder Arthroplasties in 2015
- +50% in 5 years
- 70 to 80% = RSA



**RSA survival rate is 91% at 10 years (94% for primary)  
87% at 15 years**

*Boileau, Walch, Favard, Levigne, Sirveaux, Molé – Nice 2017*

**→ More and more revision surgeries are to come... we need to be prepared !**



# Causes for revision

## Problems, complications, reoperations, and revisions in reverse total shoulder arthroplasty: A systematic review

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**Table IV** Summarized and detailed incidences of problems, complications, reoperations, and revisions in patients treated with reverse shoulder arthroplasty

Etiology	No.	Problems (n = 70)	Complications (n = 188)	Reinterventions (n = 105)	
				Reoperations (n = 26)	Revisions (n = 79)
Total	782	44%	24%	3.3%	10.1%
Primary arthroplasty group	566	6.0%	13.4%	3.0%	6.3%

**Table III** Incidences of problems and complications

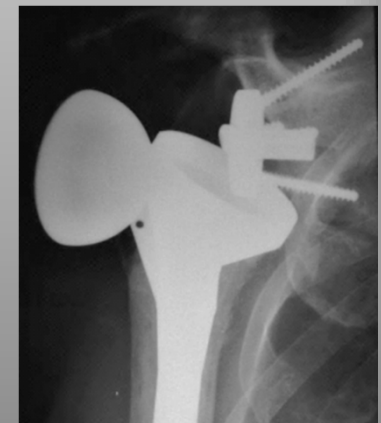
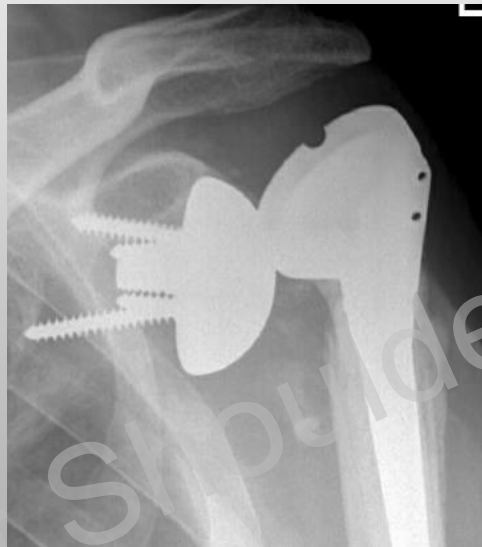
Variable	Cases (No.)	% of all problems and complications (n = 535)	% of all cases (n = 782)
Intraoperative problems			
Miscellaneous	2	0.4	0.3
Intraoperative complications, total	24		
Humeral fractures	16	3.0	2.0
Glenoid fractures	7	1.3	0.9
Miscellaneous	1	0.2	0.1
Postoperative problems, total	345		
Scapular notching	277	51.8	35.4
Lucent lines around the glenoid	23	4.3	2.9
Hematomas	20	3.7	2.6
Problems with acromion osteosynthesis	7	1.3	0.9
Heterotopic ossifications	6	1.1	0.8
Algodystrophic + phlebitis	4	0.7	0.5
Miscellaneous	8	1.5	1.0
Postoperative complications, total	164		
Instability	37	6.9	4.7
Infection	30	5.6	3.8
Aseptic glenoid loosening	27	5.0	3.5
Acromion and scapular spine fractures	12	2.2	1.5
Glenoid disassembly	12	2.2	1.5
Humeral disassembly, polyethylene dislocation	12	2.2	1.5
Humeral fracture	11	2.1	1.4
Humeral loosening	10	1.9	1.3
Neurologic complications (axillary, radial)	9	1.7	1.2
Miscellaneous	4	0.7	0.5

Meta-analysis  
782 RSA  
Min. 2 years FU

# Causes for revision

## Nice Shoulder Course 2017

1035 RSA at min. 5 years FU (mean >8 years FU)



	Primary	Revision
Infection	2,6 %	10,3 %
Instability	2,3 %	7 %
Humeral problems	1,6 %	7,5 %
Glenoid problems	1,3 %	1,4 %

# **Preop Evaluation**

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**The surgeon has to answer to some questions...**

- Is the prosthesis infected, or not ?
- Is the prosthesis stable, or not ?
- Are the implants loosened, or not ?
- What is rotator cuff status (teres minor) ?
- Is there enough (glenoid) bone stock ?
- Is the shoulder stiff, or not ?

**... to know what is the cause for revision**

**... to know what kind of revision/implant is needed**



# Preop Evaluation

## Clinical exam :

- Active and passive mobility
- Muscle atrophy
- Axillary nerve
- Wound
- General condition



Ask for previous surgical reports ++  
➔ approach, implants, complications...

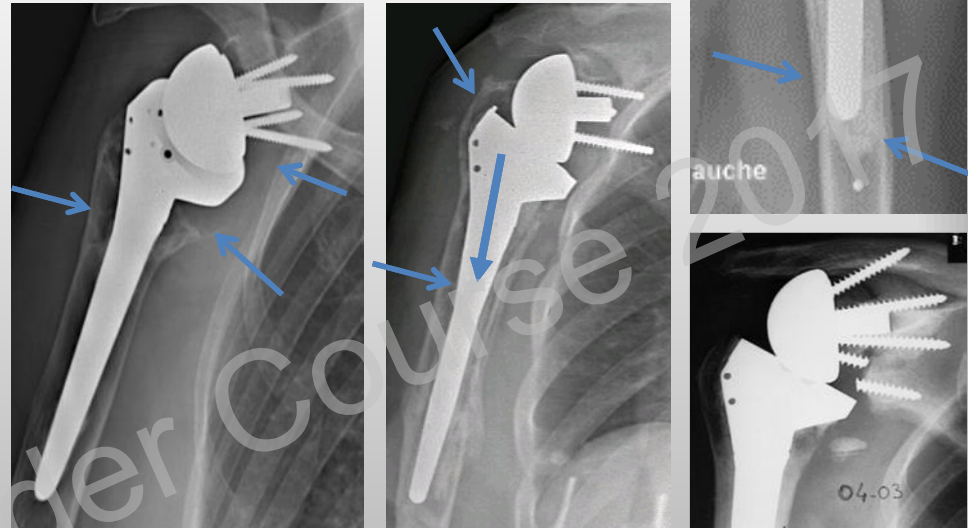


# Preop Evaluation

## Imaging :

- **Standard X-rays :**

- osteolysis
- radiolucent lines
- stem alignment
- migration



- **CT-Scan :**

- minimizing metallic artefacts
- Bone stock, osteolysis
- Rotator cuff status (teres minor)



# Preop Evaluation

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## Always think about infection ++

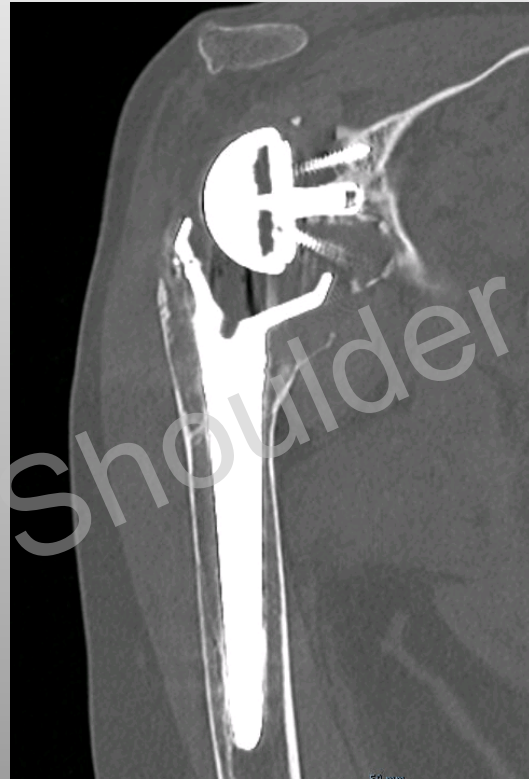
- Surgical/medical history :
  - ➔ wound problems, antibiotherapy, revisions/reoperations...
- Clinical / wound exam
- Biology (WBC count, CRP...)
- **Bacteriologic sample if any doubt :**
  - joint aspiration
  - arthroscopic biopsy
  - ➔ left in culture for min. 15 days +++





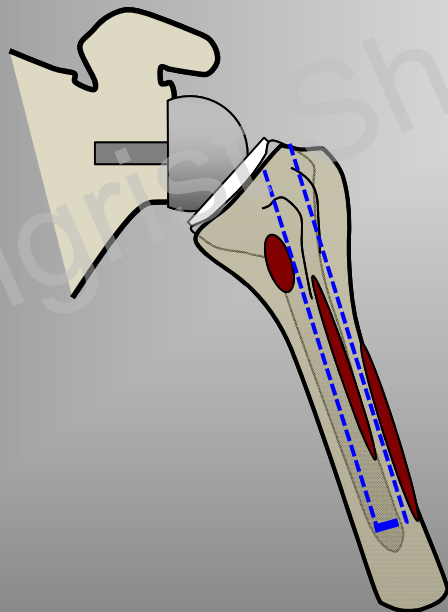
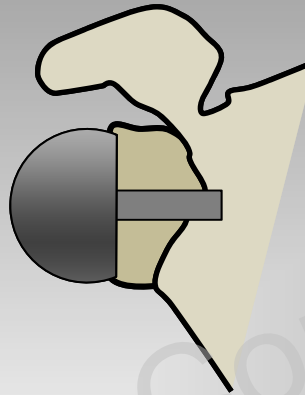
# Strategy

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# Surgical technique = Tips & Tricks

**The glenoid**

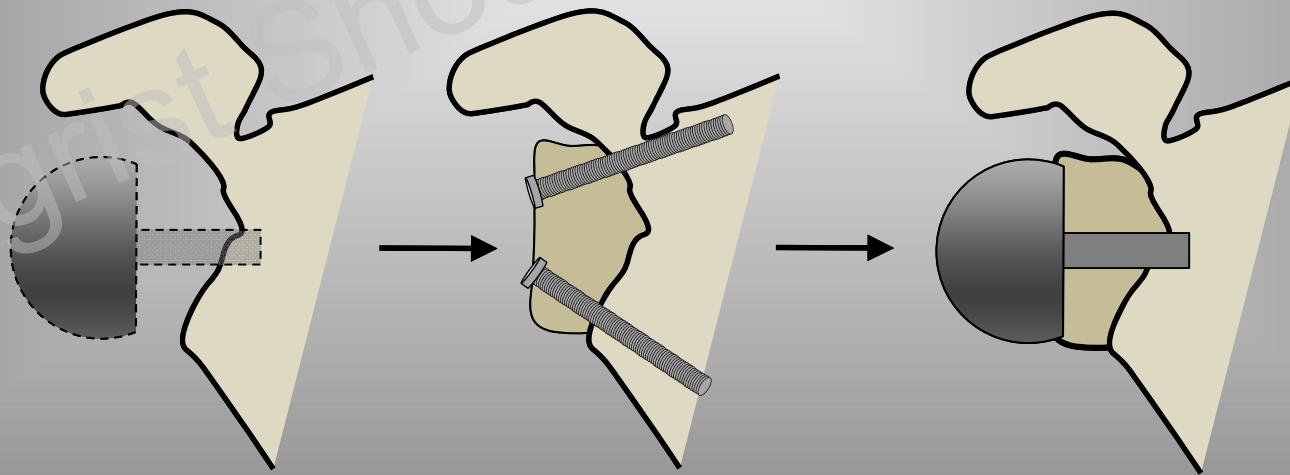


**The humerus**

# Surgical technique = Tips & Tricks

## The glenoid :

- Easy extraction (most of the time)
- **Reconstruction is challenging**



# Surgical technique = Tips & Tricks

## What you must have in the OR :

- **Graft for reconstruction :**

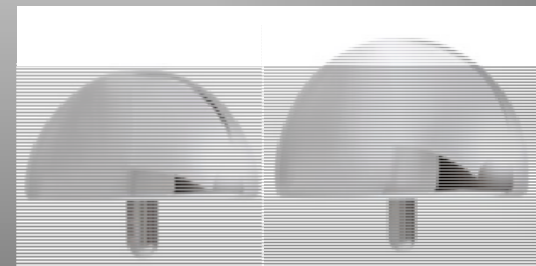
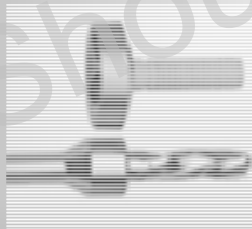
- autograft : iliac crest
- allograft : femoral head



- **Implants :**

- long-peg baseplate
- screwed-peg baseplate
- modular sphere :

→ excentric, lateralized, 42mm...



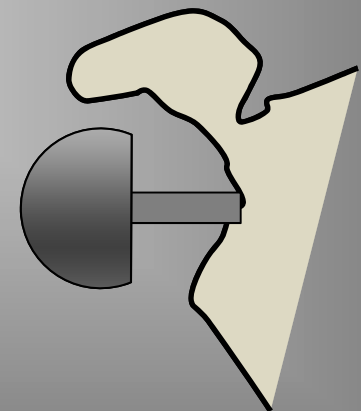
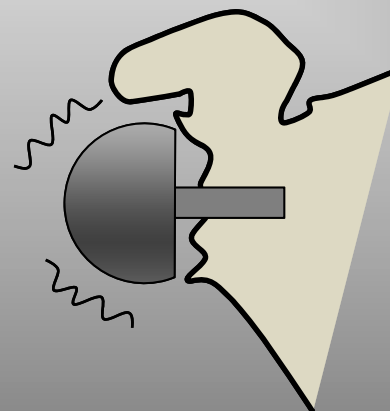
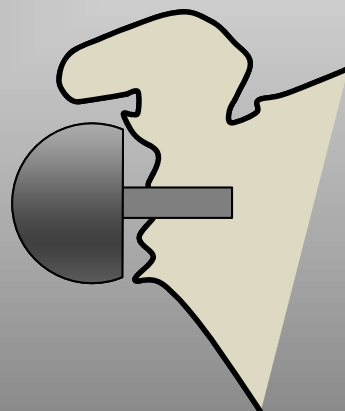
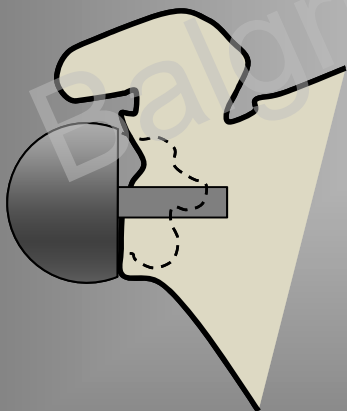
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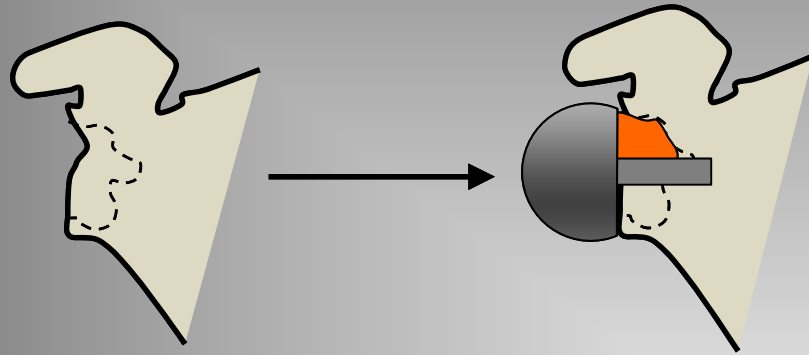
## Revision with RSA

→ Bone defects determines the technique needed...

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- ☐ Primary stability of the baseplate



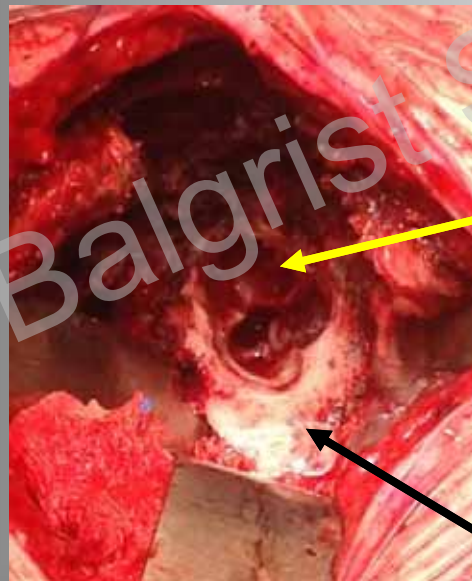
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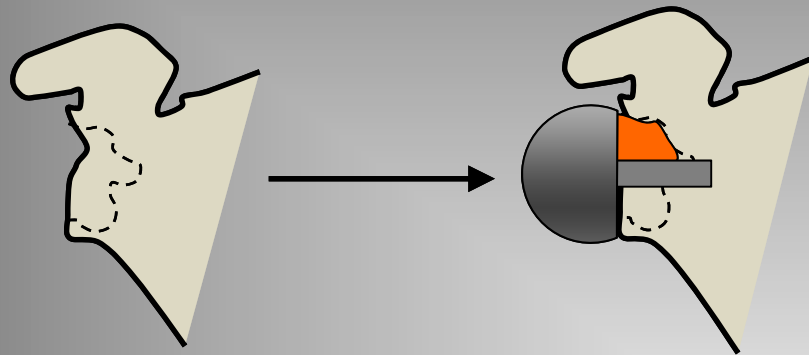


Bone defect

Bone support  
For the baseplate



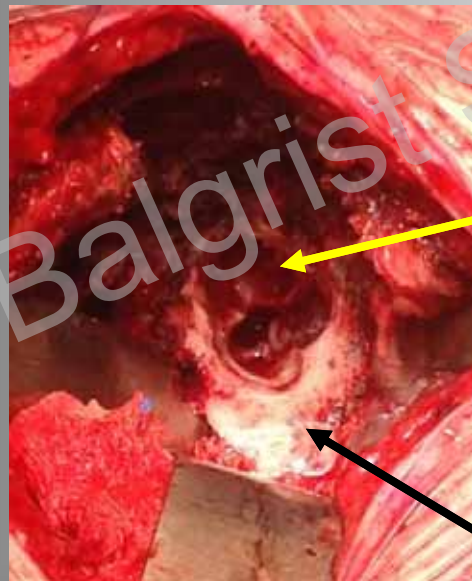
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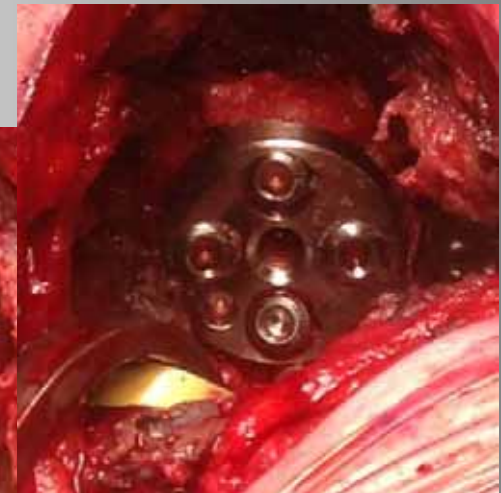
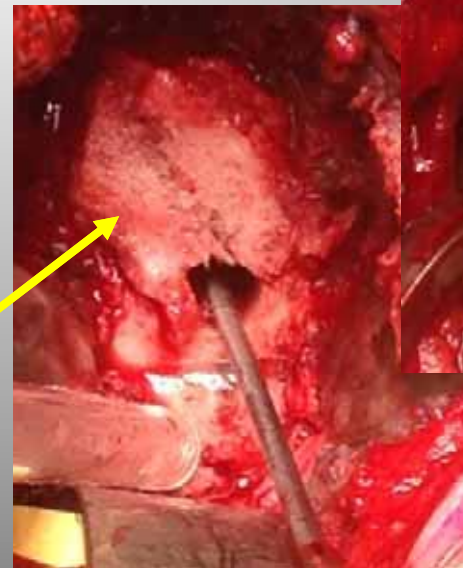
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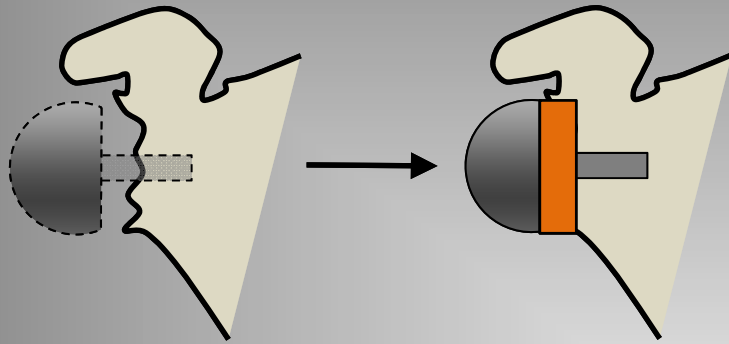
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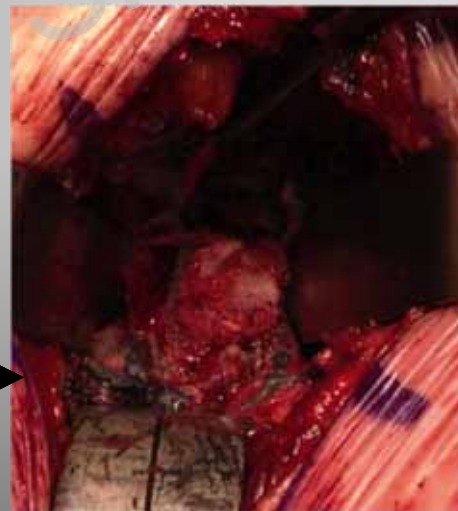
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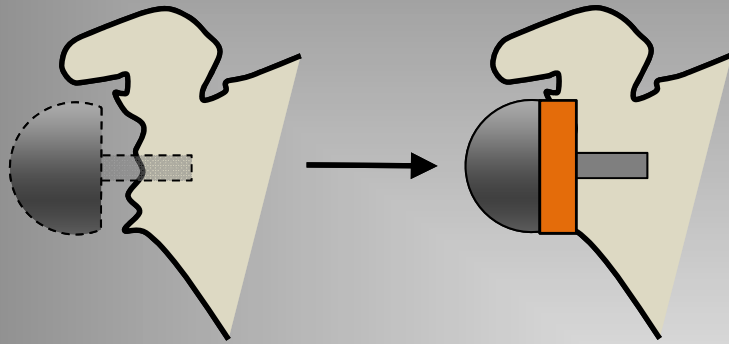
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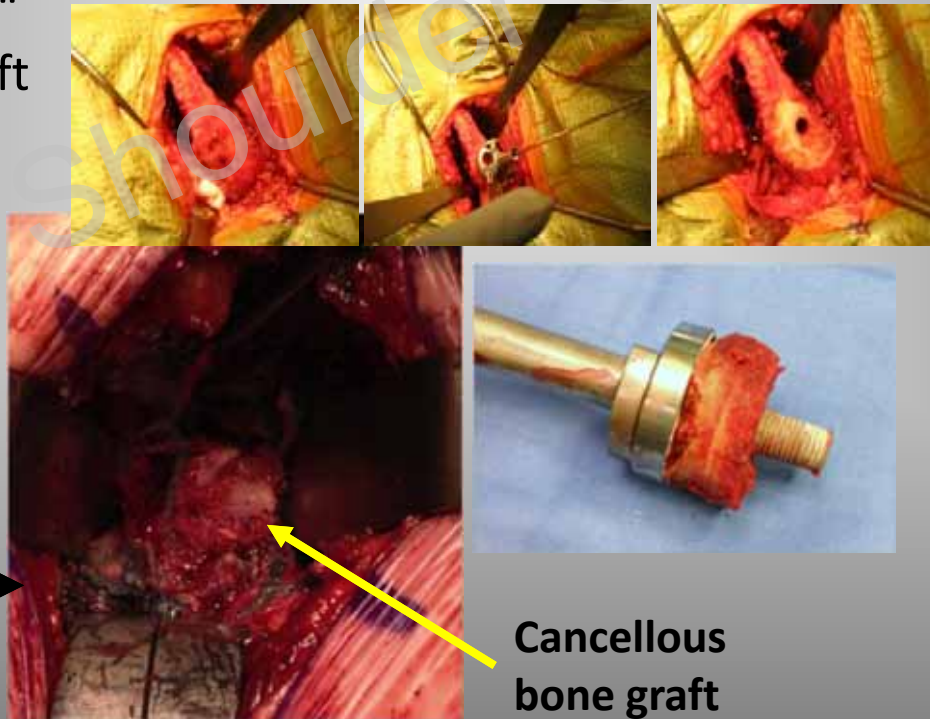
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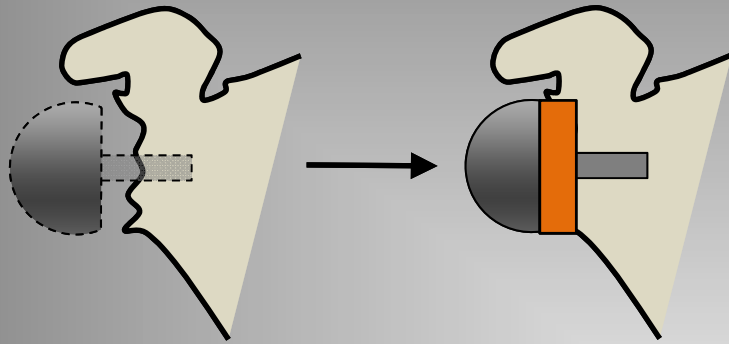
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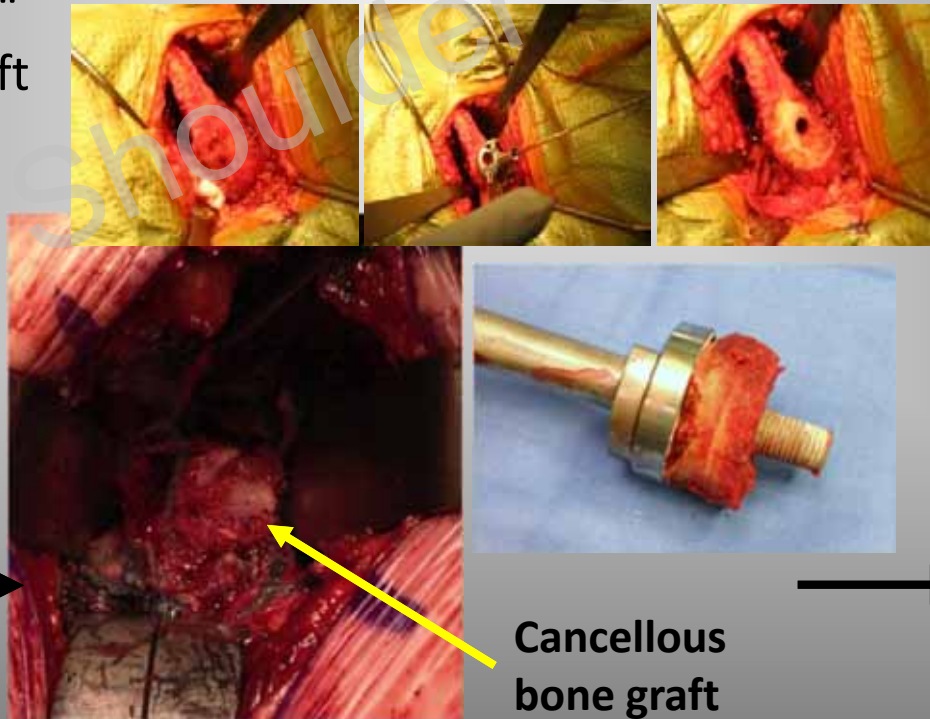
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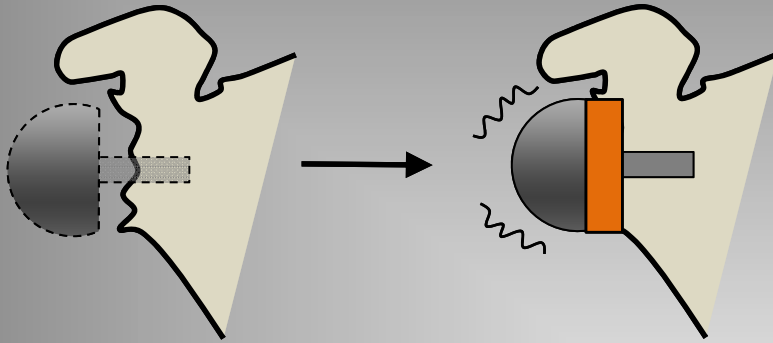


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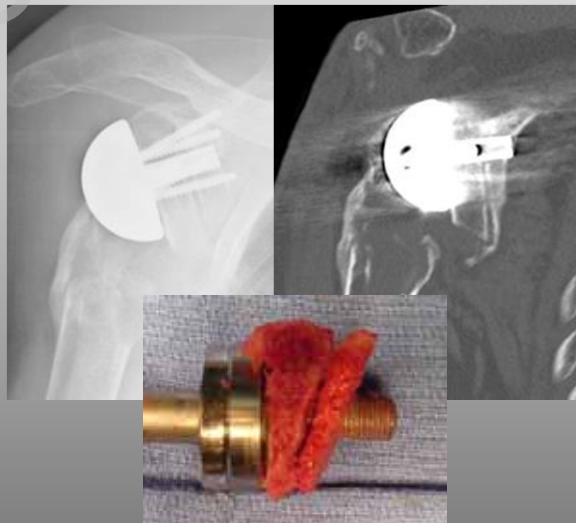


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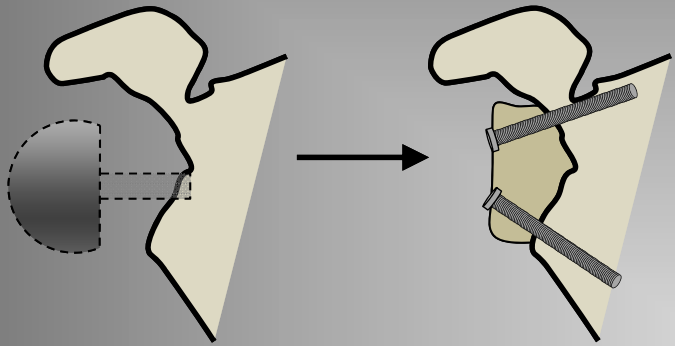
**Structural graft on the baseplate (long-peg)**

**2-steps reimplantation**

→ to protect the glenoid reconstruction



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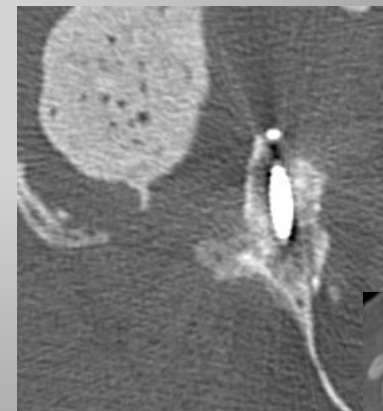


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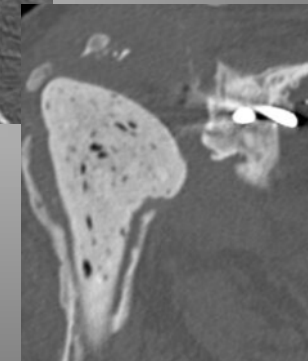
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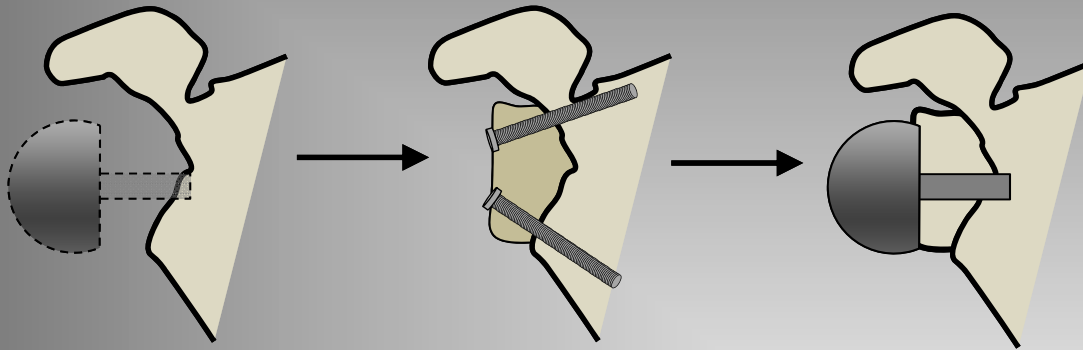


CT-scan  
control before  
re-implantation





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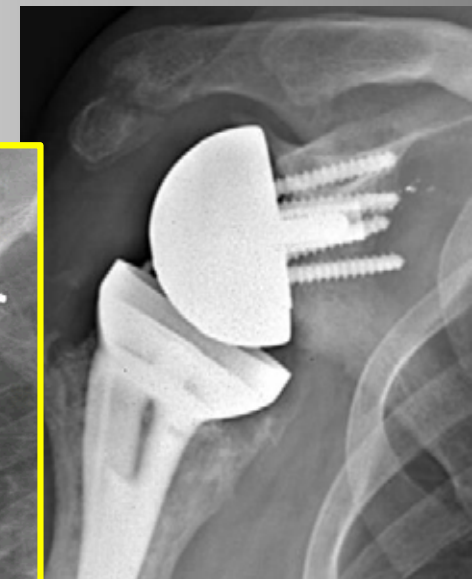
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### **Second step = Prosthesis implantation**

- delay  $\approx$  3 months



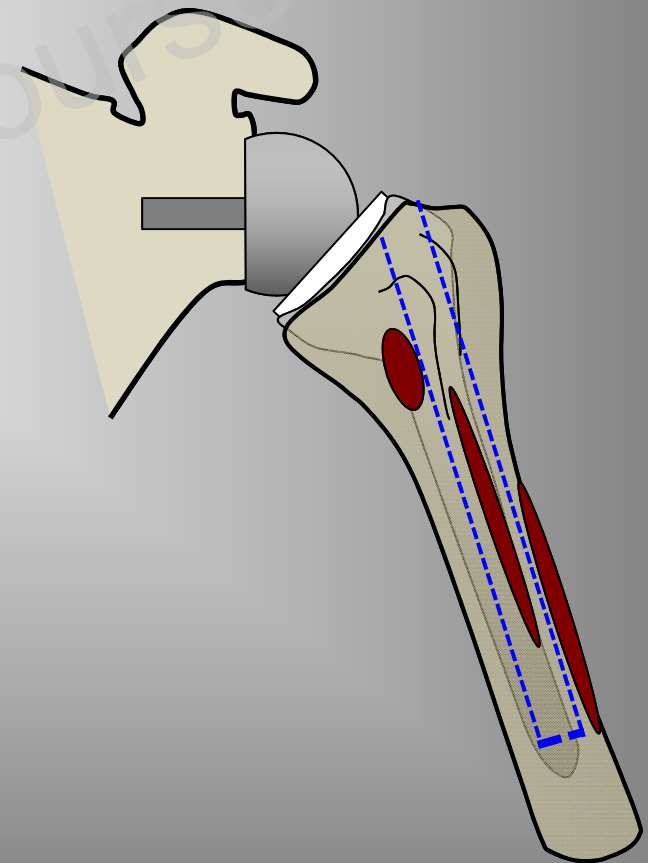
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## The humerus :

- **Extraction is challenging +++**
- Reconstruction

➔ Need to be revised  
in >50% of the cases

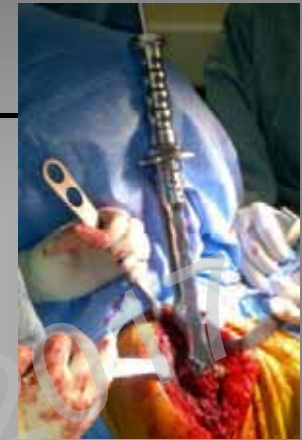
➔ Not loosened most of the time



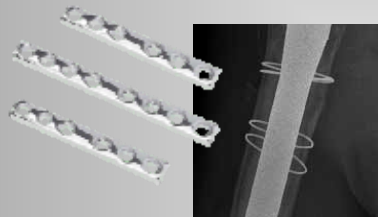
# Surgical technique = Tips & Tricks

## What you must have in the OR :

- Extraction instruments



- ORIF



- Graft for reconstruction :

- structural allograft : prox. humerus
- fragmented allograft (exeter)



- Implants :

- long stems
- monobloc stems



# Surgical technique = Tips & Tricks

## Humeral stem extraction

- Loosened humeral stem :
  - easier stem removal
  - risk of fracture...
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### ➔ Upper Extraction without Humerotomy

- metaphyseal release
- bone-cement interface
- cement complete removal : only if infected

➔ Works in 77 to 90% of the cases



# Surgical technique = Tips & Tricks

## Extraction with humerotomy

(Cil/Cofield – JBJSbr 2009)

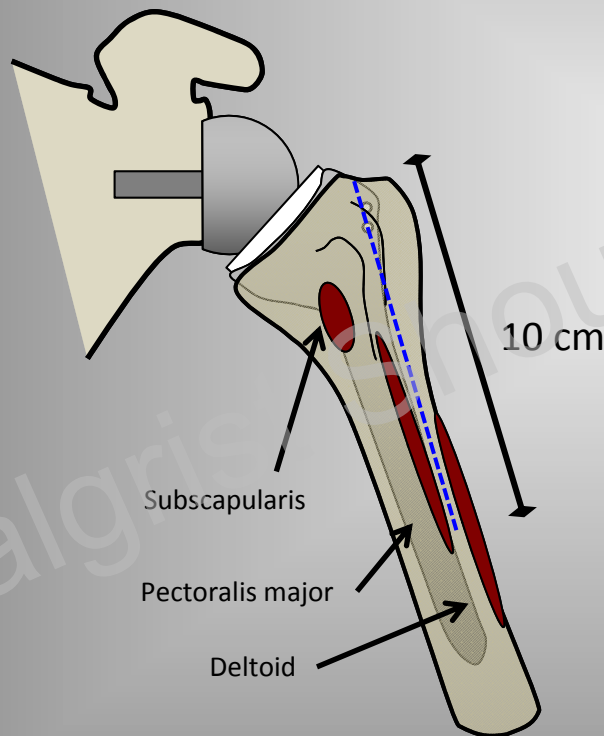
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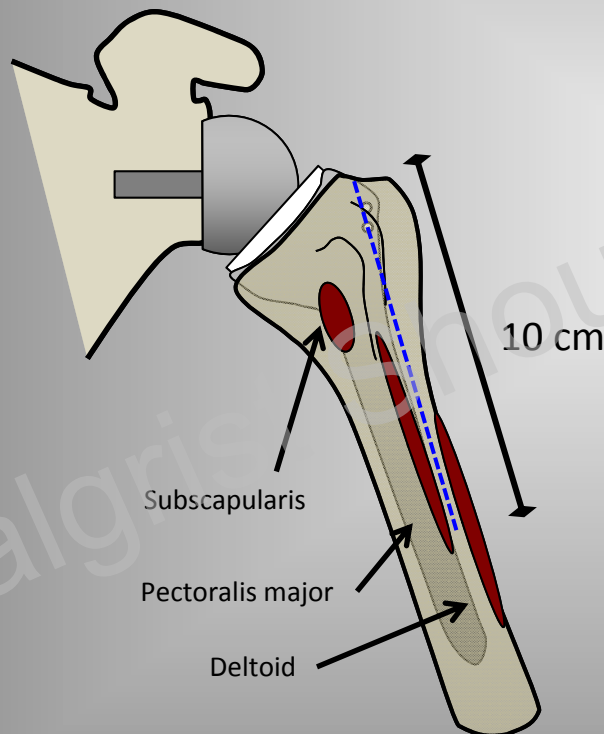
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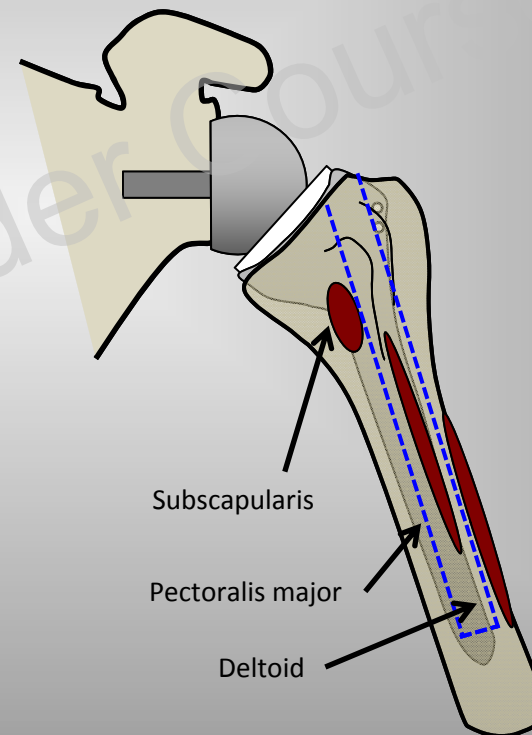
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### Humeral Window



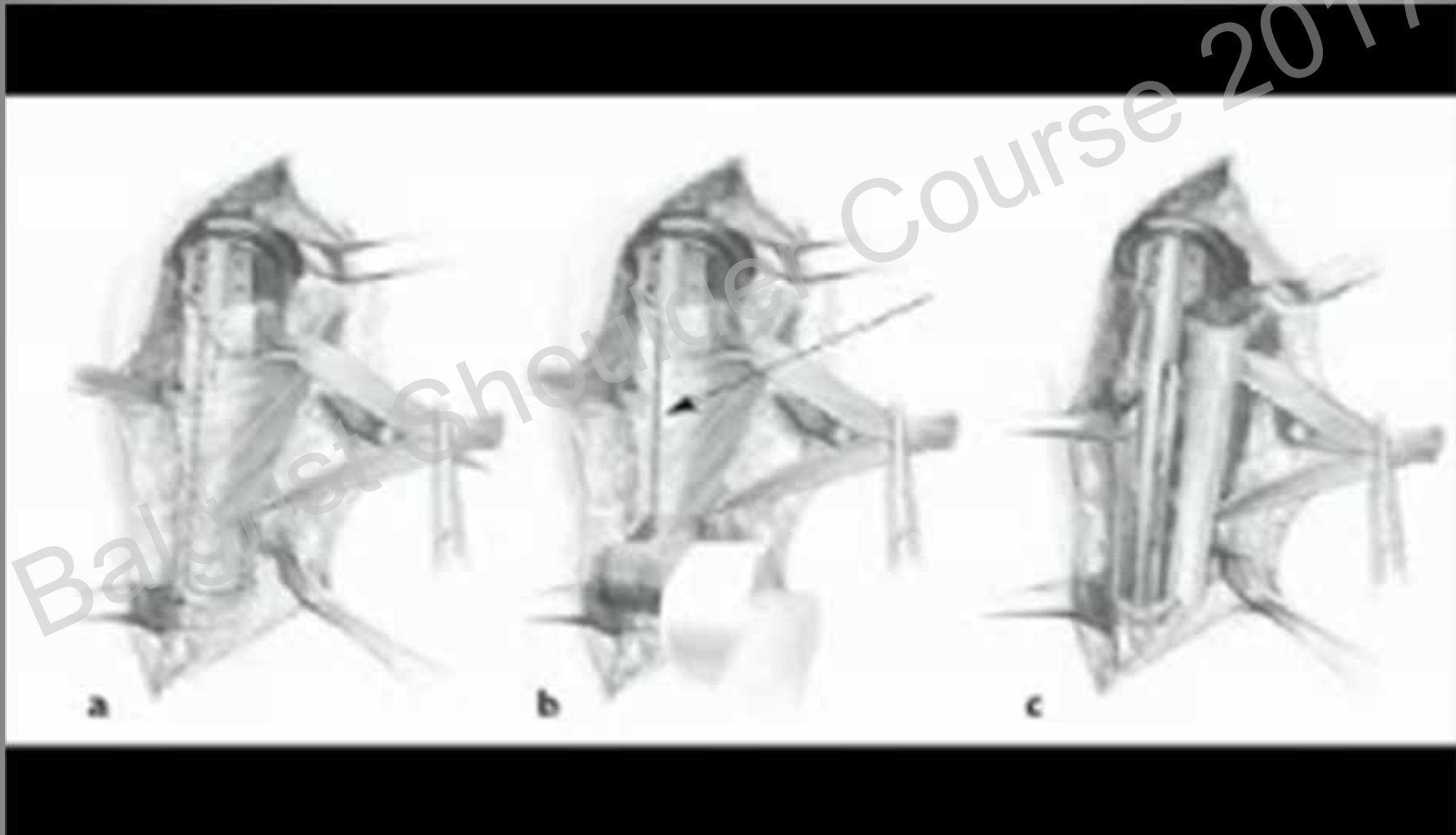
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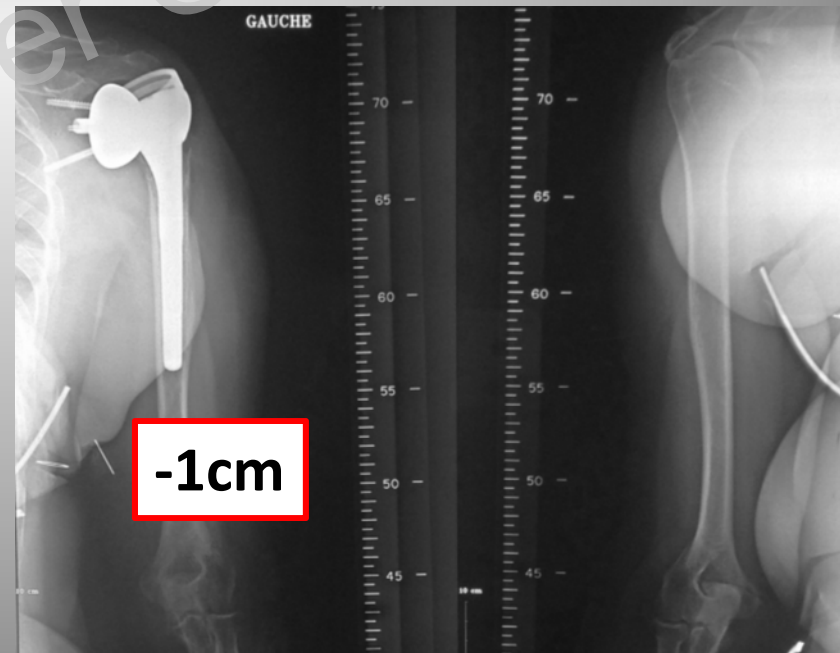
# Surgical technique = Tips & Tricks

## CLINICAL CASE - Humerotomy

77 years old woman

- 1) HA for proximal humeral fracture → tuberosities osteolysis
- 2) Revision for RSA → instability
- 3) Reoperation for PE liner exchange

→ Fixed dislocation, Impairment, Pain ++ (CS = 18)



# Surgical technique = Tips & Tricks

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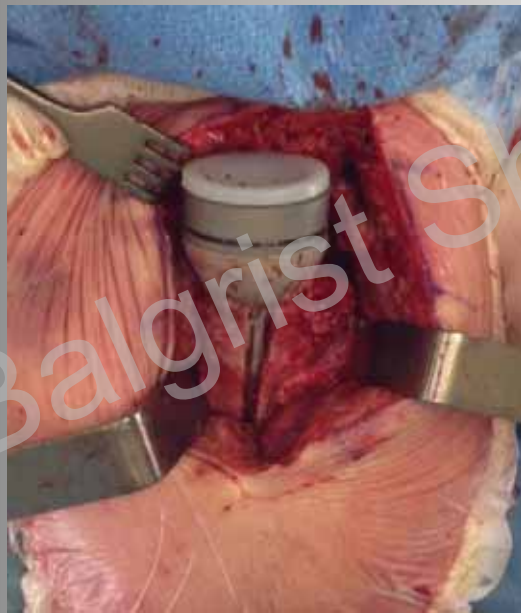
## CLINICAL CASE - Humerotomy

Revision for RSA (6 months postop)

Superior approach

Conversion to 42mm sphere + iliac crest graft (Norris)

**Split lateral humerotomy** → long fracture stem, cerclage



# Surgical technique = Tips & Tricks

## Reconstruction

- **Humeral implant**

- **Long** stem if : bone loss, humerotomy, fracture
- **Monobloc** stem if : proximal bone loss



- **Proximal bone loss**

- Structural allograft
- Cement



- **Humeral shaft cavitory bone defect**

- Fragmented cancellous graft impaction  
→ Exeter technique



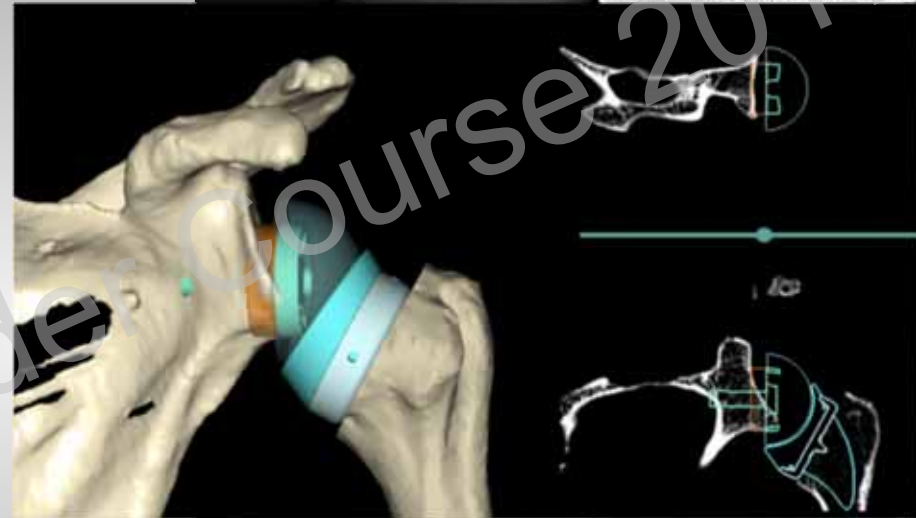


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## Revision of Reverse Shoulder Arthroplasty:

### 1) Try to avoid it :

- Implants
- Surgical technique
- Indications
- Preoperative planning





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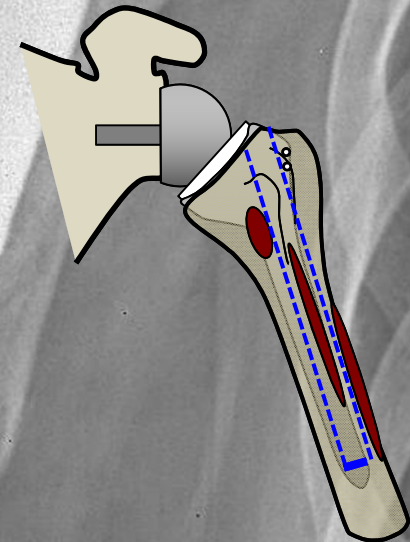
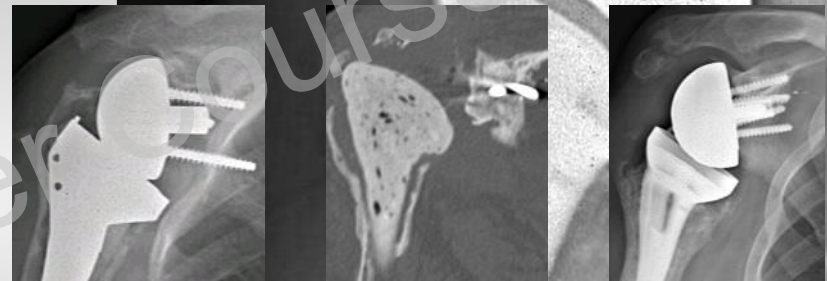
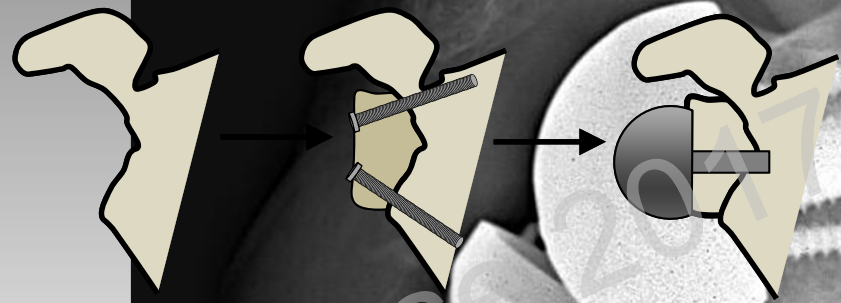
## 2) Surgical technique

- **On the glenoid side :**

- Reconstruction +++
- Graft often needed
- 1 or 2-steps

- **On the humeral side :**

- Extraction can be challenging
- Humerotomy must be performed



# Conclusion

## 3) Anticipate / Make it easier :

- ➔ Short stem
- ➔ Uncemented stem

