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## Case 4: Reverse Total Shoulder Replacement for Fracture - Why & When?

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### Proximal Humerus Fracture *Plate, Hemi or Reverse?*



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**Case**

82 year-old woman  
Acute Fracture  
Prior good function



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**Factors to Consider**

**Patient characteristics**

- Age: 82
- Medical comorbidities
- Osteopenia

**Fracture characteristics**

- How many parts (four?)
- Displacement
- High energy/low energy
- Comminution/Osteoporosis
- Joint congruity
- Risk of AVN



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**Reverse or Hemi for Acute Fracture?**

<p><b>Hemi</b></p> <p><b>Bimodal</b></p> <p><b>61% satisfied</b></p> <p><b>FE 100, ER 25</b></p> <p><b>Complication 8%</b></p> <p><b>13% converted to RevTSA</b></p>	<p><b>Reverse</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unimodal</li><li>• 91% satisfied</li><li>• FE 139, ER 24</li><li>• Complication 8%</li></ul>
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Hemi for Fx

66 pts, age 66 years  
F/u 27 months

29 - very satisfied  
9 - satisfied  
28 - unsatisfied



Postop AFE = 101°, ER = 18°, IR = L3  
50% Tuberosity Malposition/displacement

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Technique: Control Tuberosities, Assess for Head



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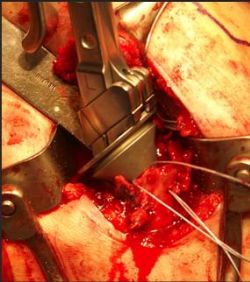
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Determining Humeral Stem Position

- Axial traction
- Calcar Stem relationship
- Jigsaw GT
- Pect 5.6cm to head



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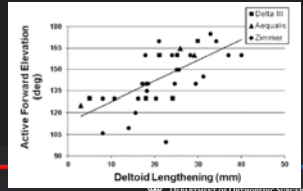

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**Reverse total shoulder arthroplasty for cuff tear arthropathy: the clinical effect of deltoid lengthening and center of rotation medialization**

Charles M. Jobin, MD, Gabriel D. Brown, MD, Maher J. Bahu, MD, Thomas R. Gardner, MCE, Louis U. Bigliani, MD, William N. Levine, MD, Christopher S. Ahmad, MD\*

**Correct Tension = Better Motion**



Active Forward Elevation (deg)

Deltoid Lengthening (mm)

Legend: Delta II, Aequilini, Davener

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**What to do with Tuberosities: Resect?**

**Bufquin 2007 – Ave FE 97deg**

**Cazeneuve 2008**

- High complication rate
- Tuberosities often removed = poor outcome



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**Fix GT = External Rotation**

Posterior Cuff: Infraspinatus / Teres Minor

**Reverse + Greater Tuberosity ORIF**

49-28 deg ER vs 12 deg ER

(Gallinetti JSES 2013, Cuff ASES Specialty Day 2013, Bufquin JSES 2007)

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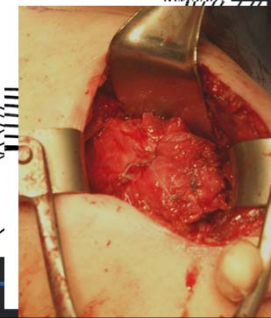
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### GT / LT Repair

Similar to Hemi GT/LT Repair  
Vertical and Horizontal Sutures  
Tenotomy Supraspinatus  
LT for stability



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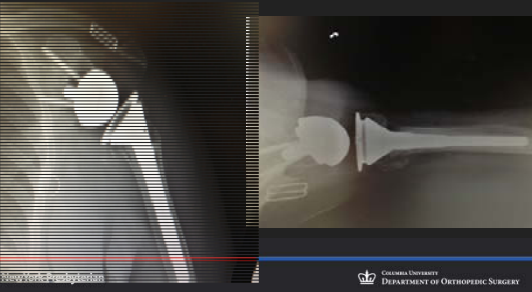
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### Case: Rev TSA for Fx 1 Year Post-OP



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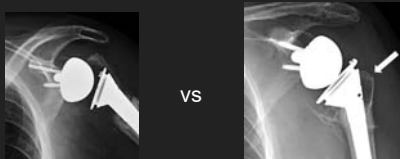
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### GT Healing

GT Nonunion 53% (Mole et al. ASES Dallas 2007)  
GT Healing: better ER (Bufquin, JBJS Br 2007)  
Anatomically healed GT better (Gallinet, JSES 2013)  
ER (49 vs 10 deg)



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### LT/Subscap- Important?

**Stability?**  
**Not better** (Clark JSES 2012, LOE 3)  
**Improved** (Edwards 2009 JSES, LOE 4)

**Improved IR strength?**  
**Reduced ER strength from IR tenodesis?**  
**LT adds bone stock to prox humerus**



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### Case: Acute Fracture Reverse



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### Reverse TSA for Fx

Technical Pearls:  
Inferior baseplate placement  
Larger glenosphere, deeper humerosocket = stability  
Abx cemented stem, 20 retroversion  
Excise Supraspinatus, keep Infra/TM  
Suture Repair GT (vertical, horizontal, circumferential, cortical overlap)  
Repair LT/Subscap if possible



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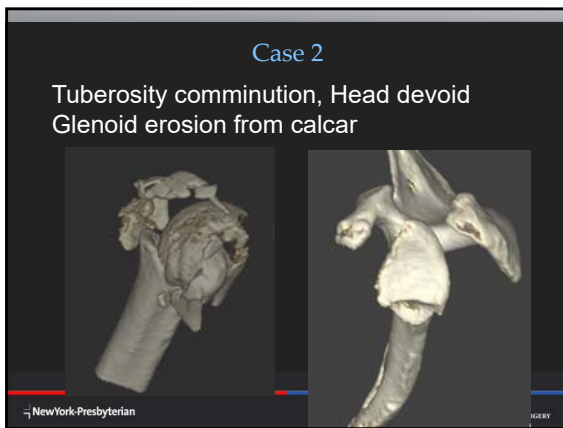
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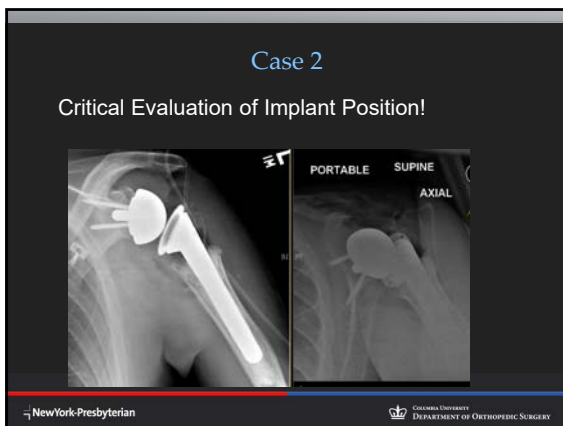
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Case 2

6 months post op, FE 90, ER 0, No Pain  
Critical Evaluation of Implant Position!



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Reverse TSA for Fx: Complications

- Dislocation 3-15%
- Heterotopic Ossification 12%
- Infection - rare
- Nerve injury- rare?
- Component loosening
- Acromial fracture ~5%
- Scapular Spine Fx with Superior Screw
- Scapular notching 30-70%



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Plate, Hemi, or Reverse: Summary

If you care for fractures, you should be open to consider all options

Fix whatever you can

- Anatomic healing better than arthroplasty

Fracture characteristics

- Likelihood of successful fixation, AVN
- Stable reduction
- Reverse is my preference over Hemi unless 50-60 years old...

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