

# LOWER EXTREMITY TRAUMA

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# Layout

- Hip and femur
- MR correlation of MSK injuries  
in ER – Knee
- Ankle subtle injuries

# Hip and Femur

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# objectives

- Review radiographic and CT presentations of hip injuries
- Understand pathophysiology of hip injuries
  - High and low velocity
- Recognize clinical implications of hip and femur injuries

# Hip pain

## High energy injury

- Dislocation
- Femoral head fx
- Neck fx
- Intertrochanteric fx
- Shaft fx

## Low energy / repetitive injury

- Neck fx
- Shaft fx
- “peri” hip causes – pubis fxs

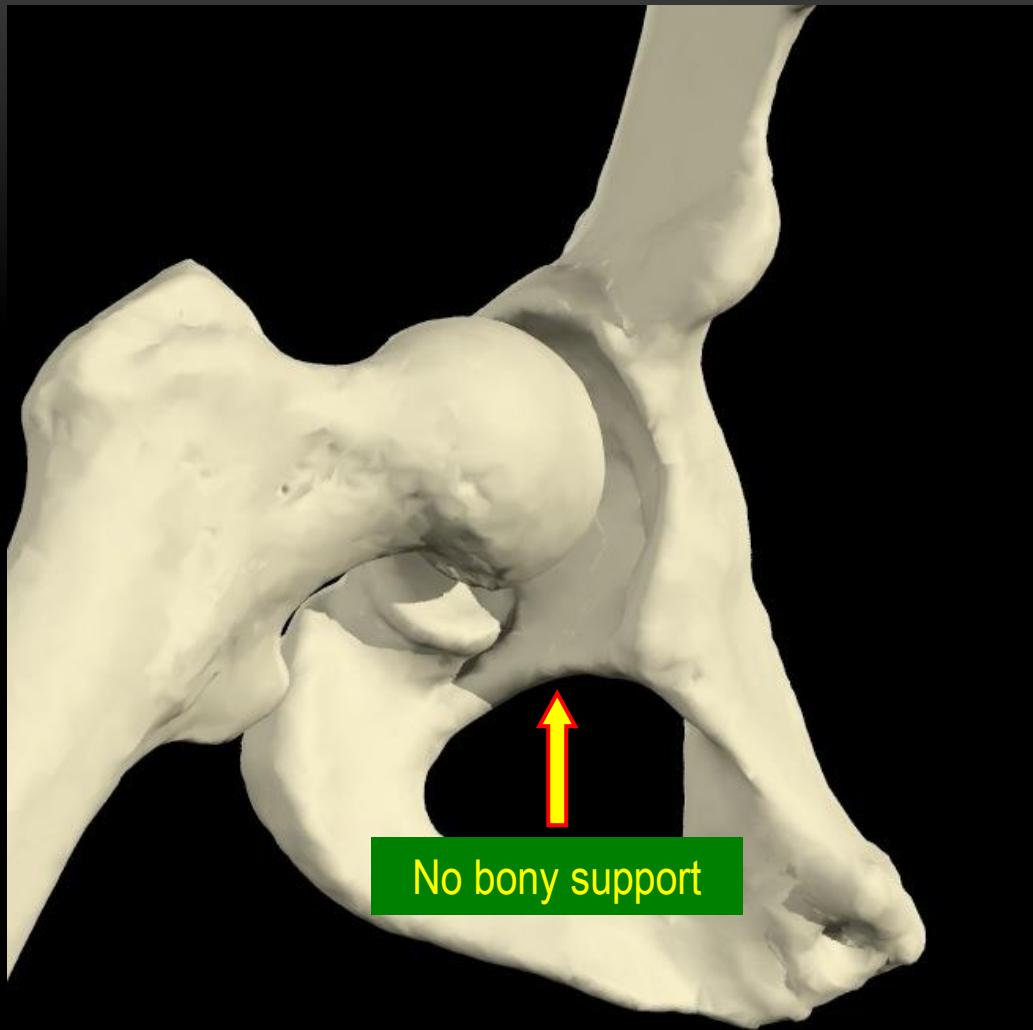
# Outline

- Anatomy
  - Hip dislocations
  - Femur head fractures
  - Femur neck fractures
  - Peri – hip – Pubic rami
  - Atypical shaft fx
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- **What the Clinician wants to know?**

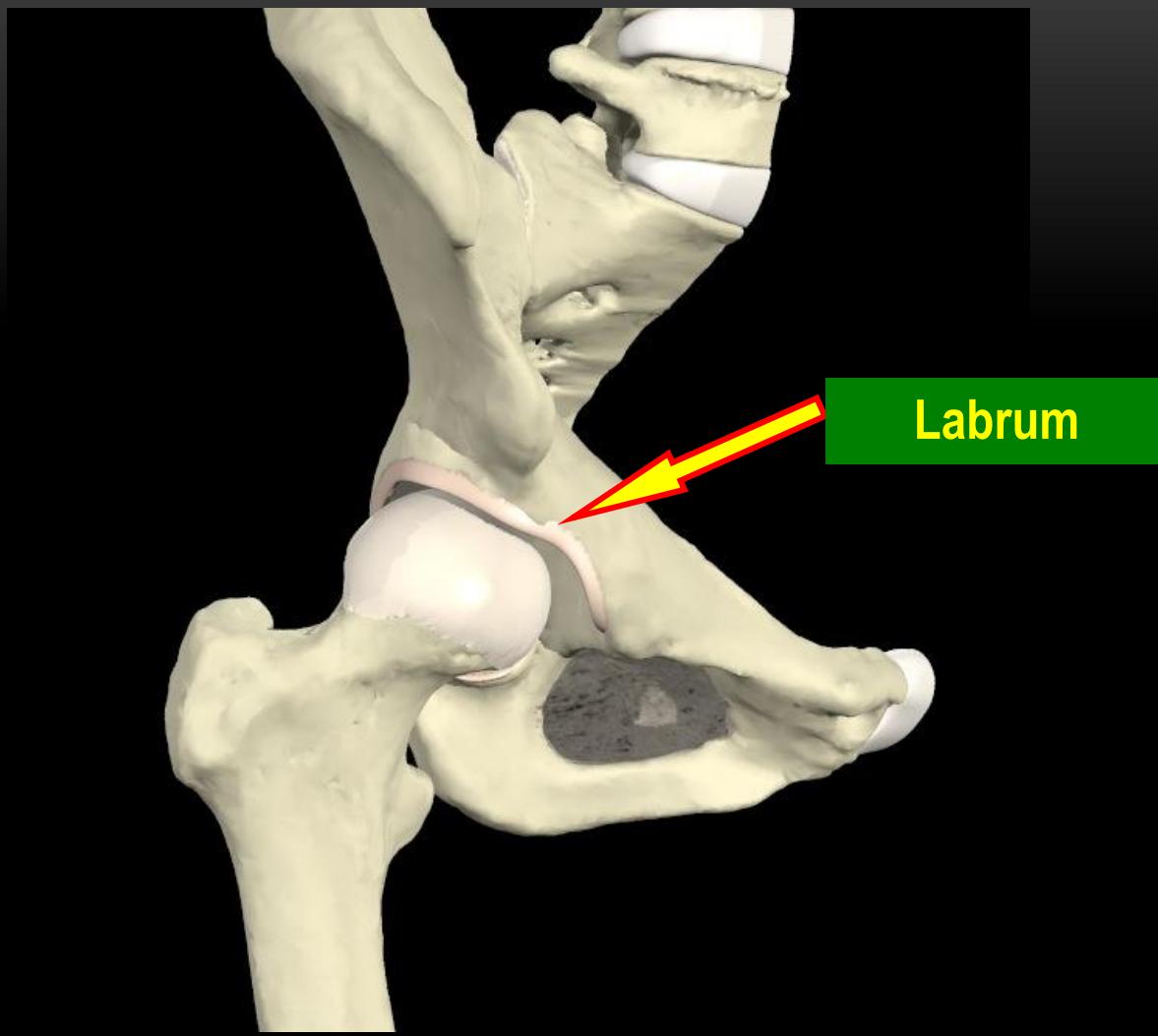
# Hip - Anatomy

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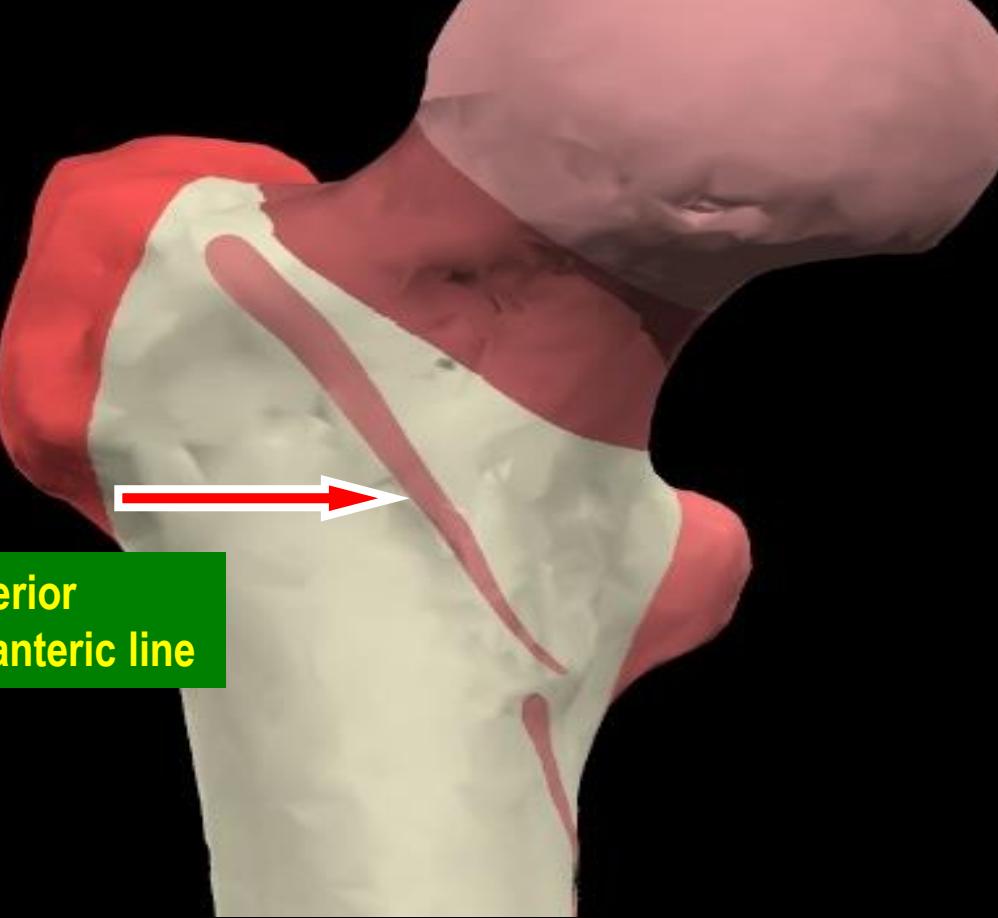
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No bony support

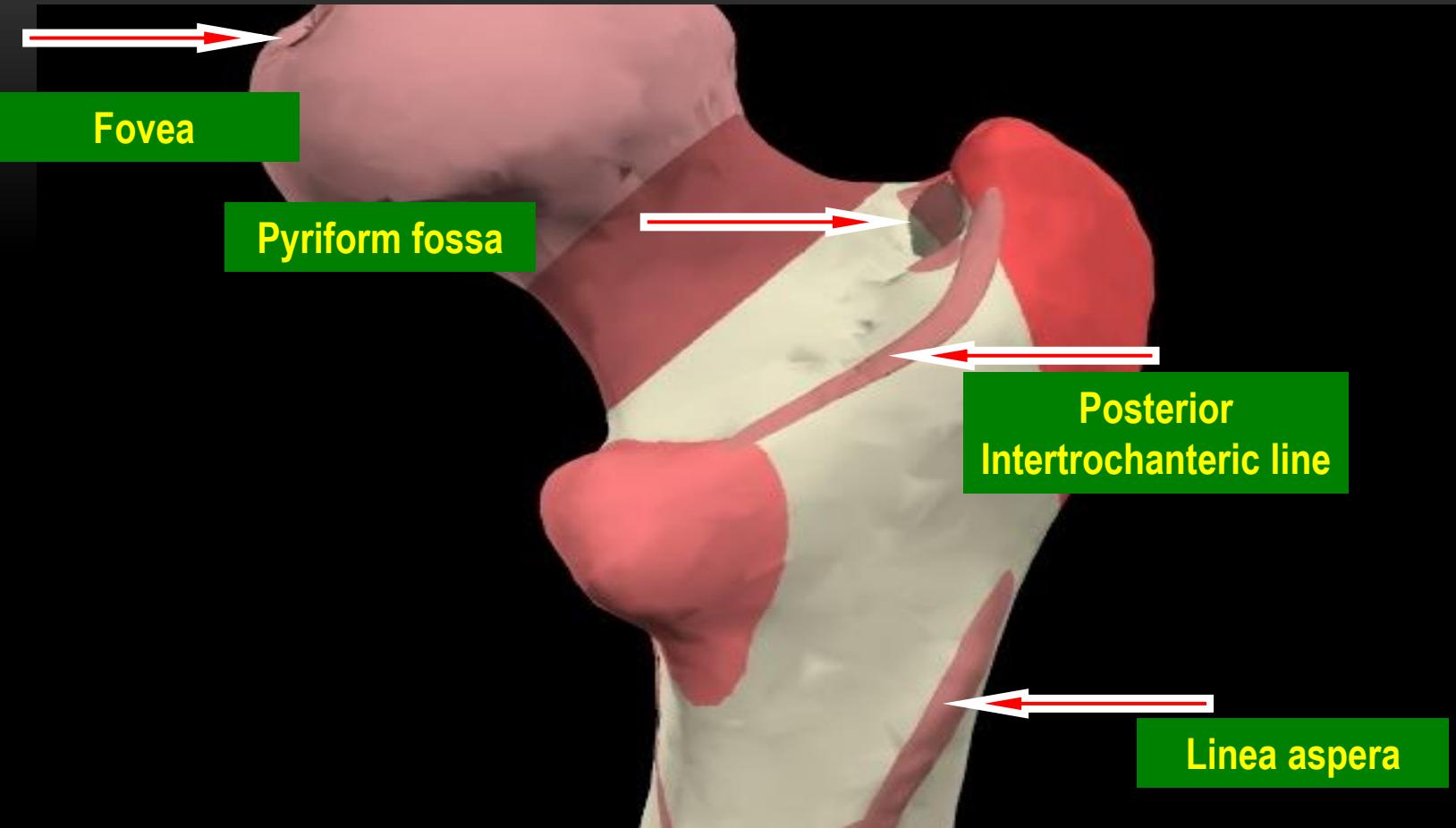


Labrum



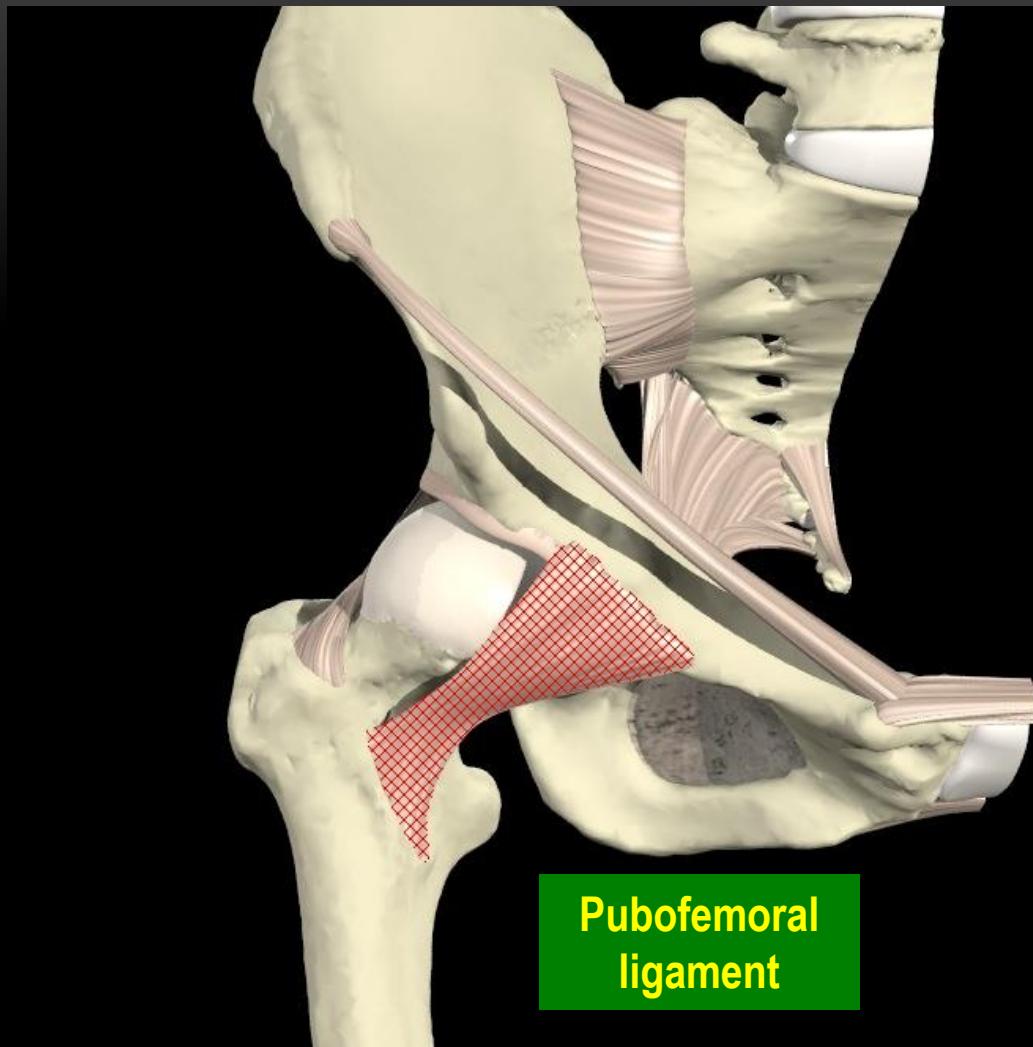
A 3D anatomical model of the femur is shown against a black background. The femur is colored in a light beige or cream hue, while the acetabulum and the femoral head are depicted in a reddish-pink color. A red arrow points to a white line on the anterior surface of the femur, which is labeled 'Anterior Intertrochanteric line'. This line runs obliquely from the greater trochanter towards the femoral neck.

Anterior  
Intertrochanteric line

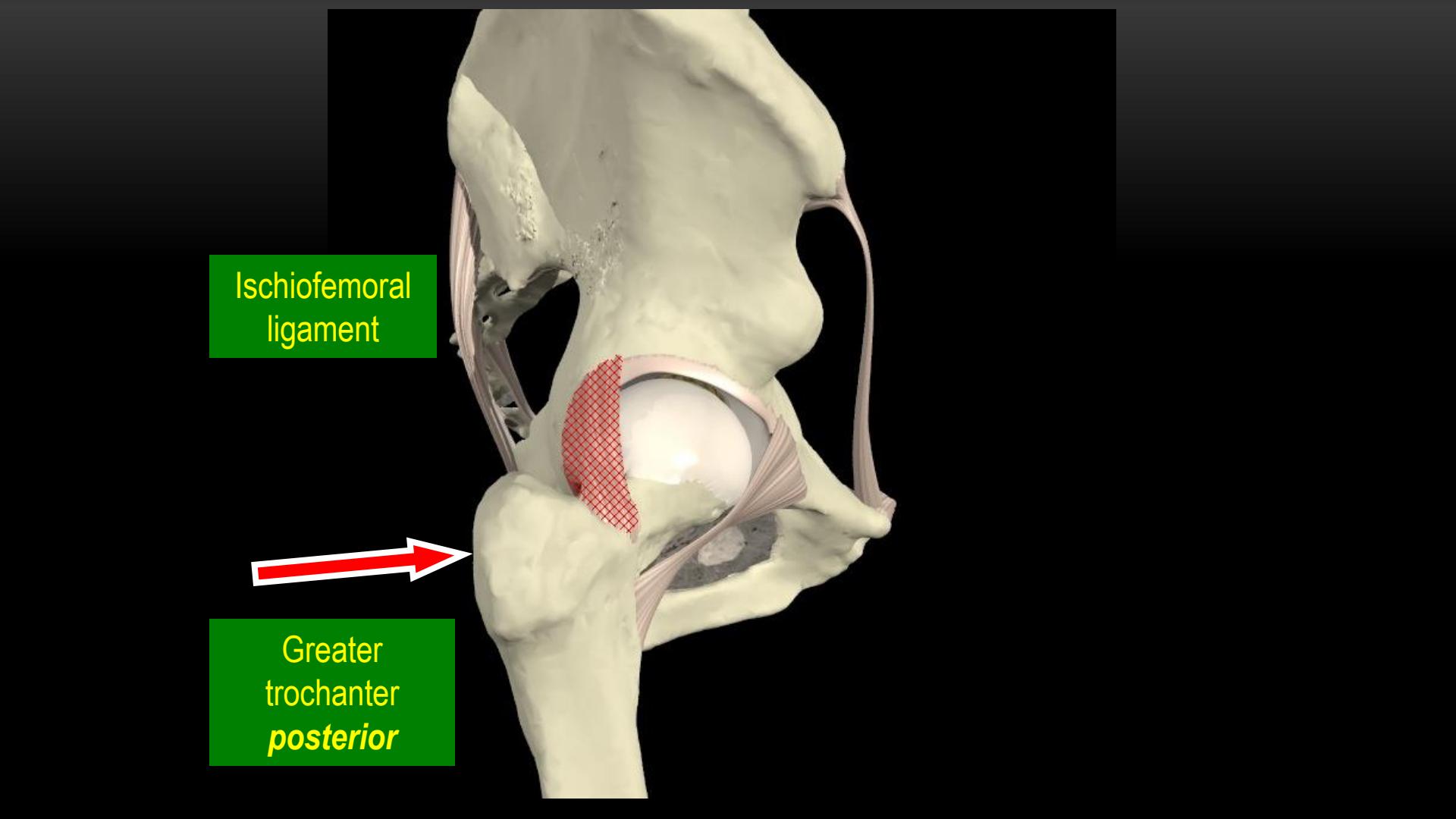


# Ligaments of the hip

1. Pubofemoral
2. Ischiofemoral
3. Iliofemoral
4. Ligamentum Teres
5. Transverse ligament

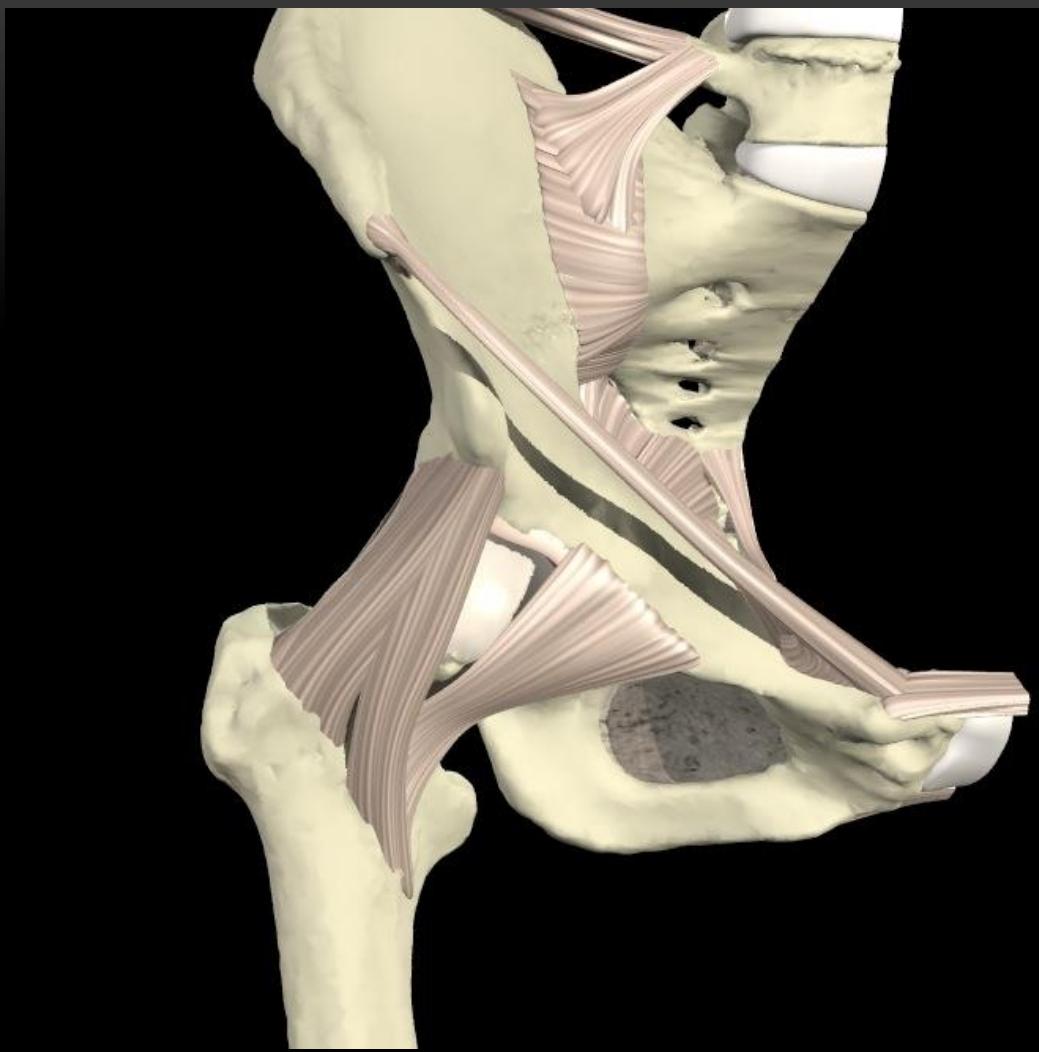


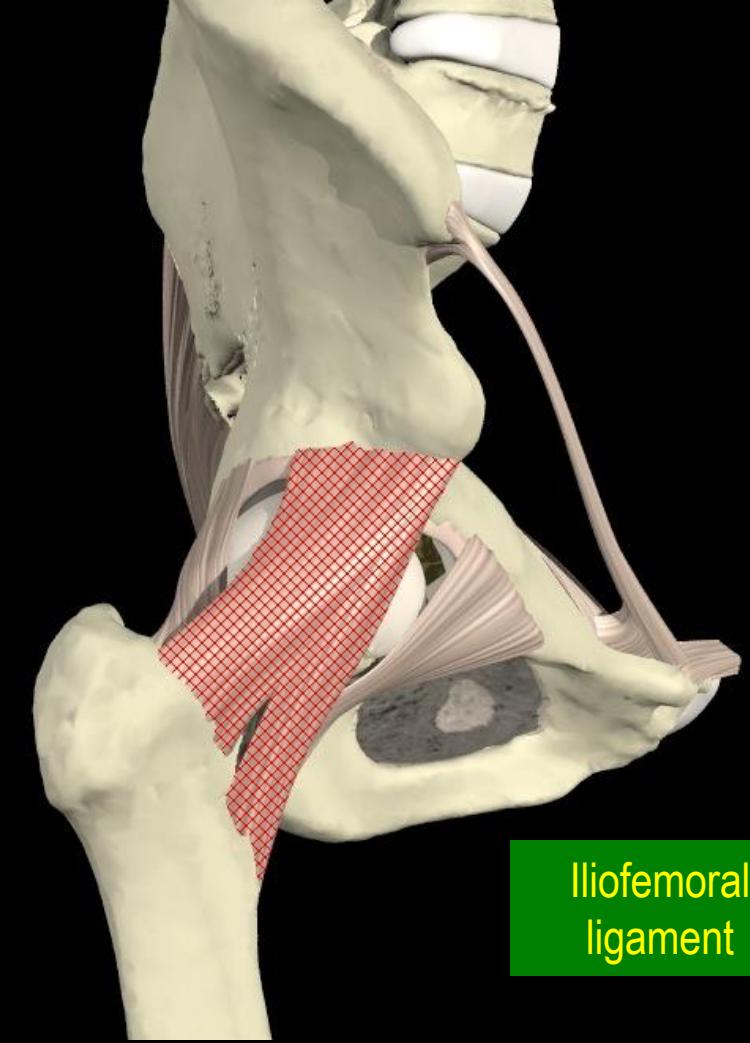
**Pubofemoral  
ligament**



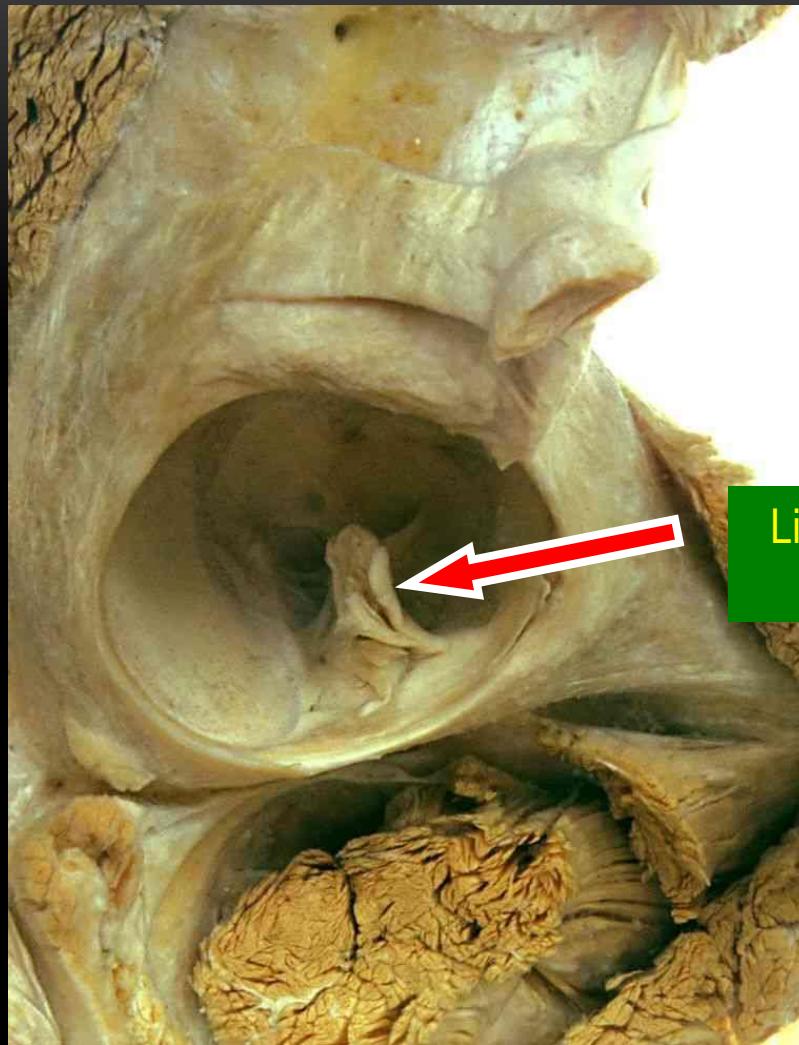
Ischiofemoral  
ligament

Greater  
trochanter  
*posterior*

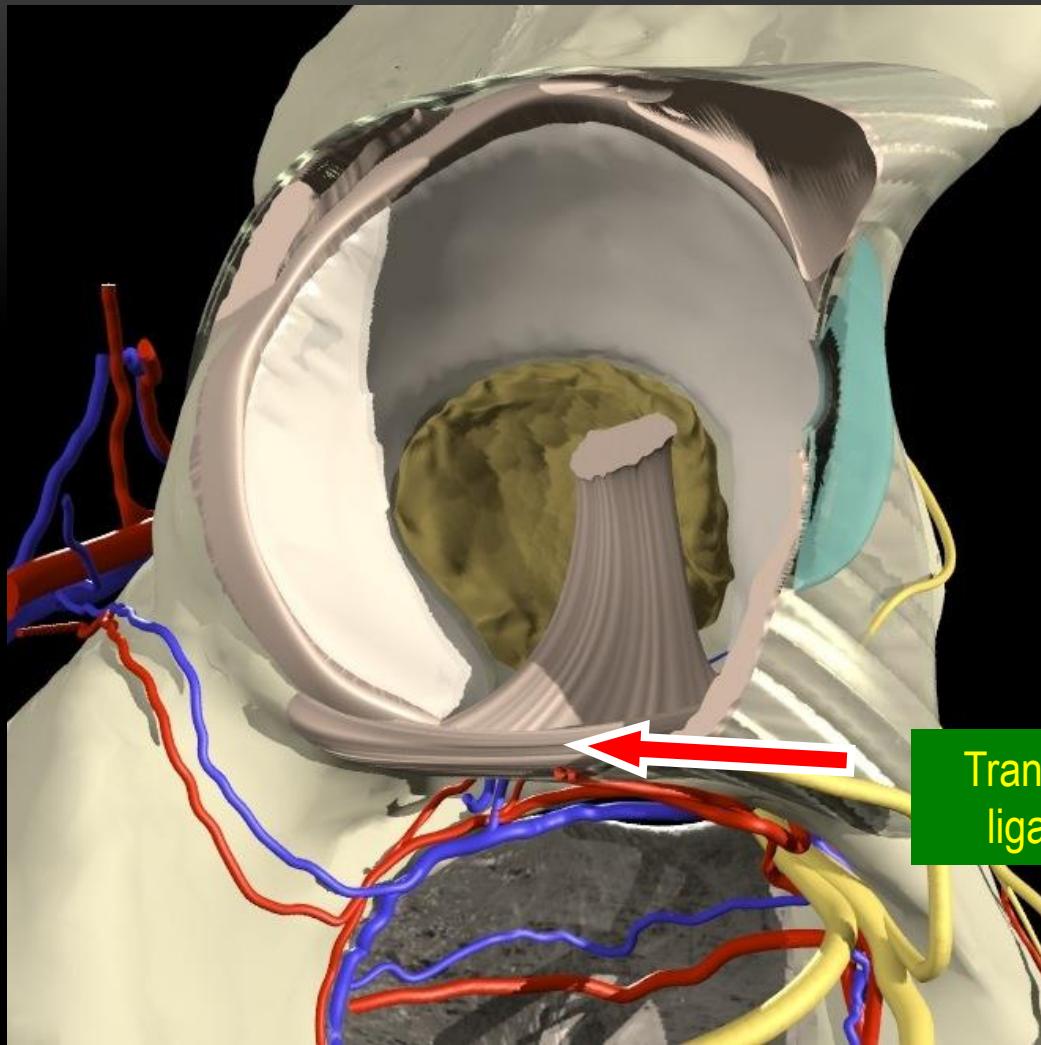




iliofemoral  
ligament



Ligamentum  
teres



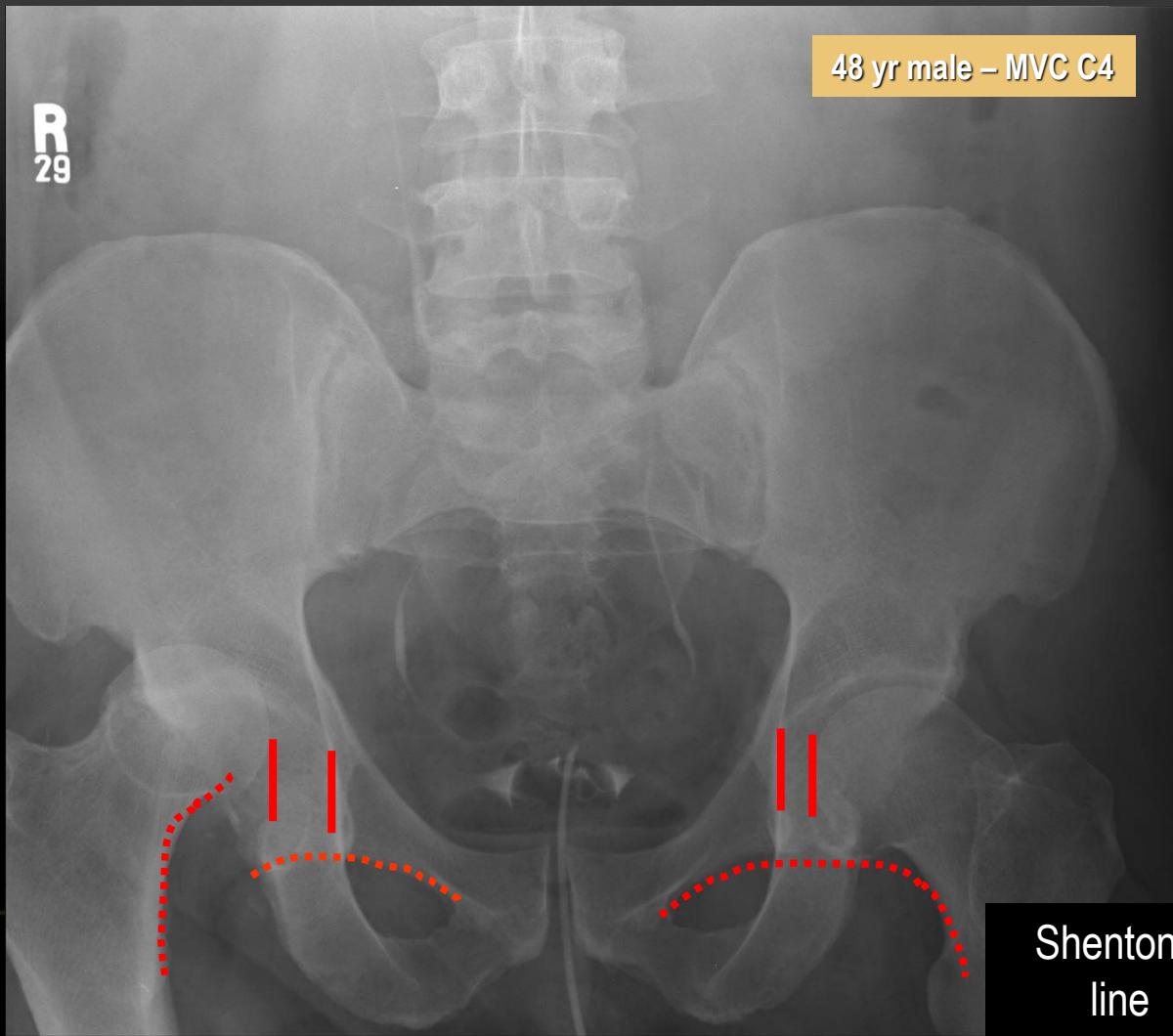
Transverse  
ligament

# Hip dislocation

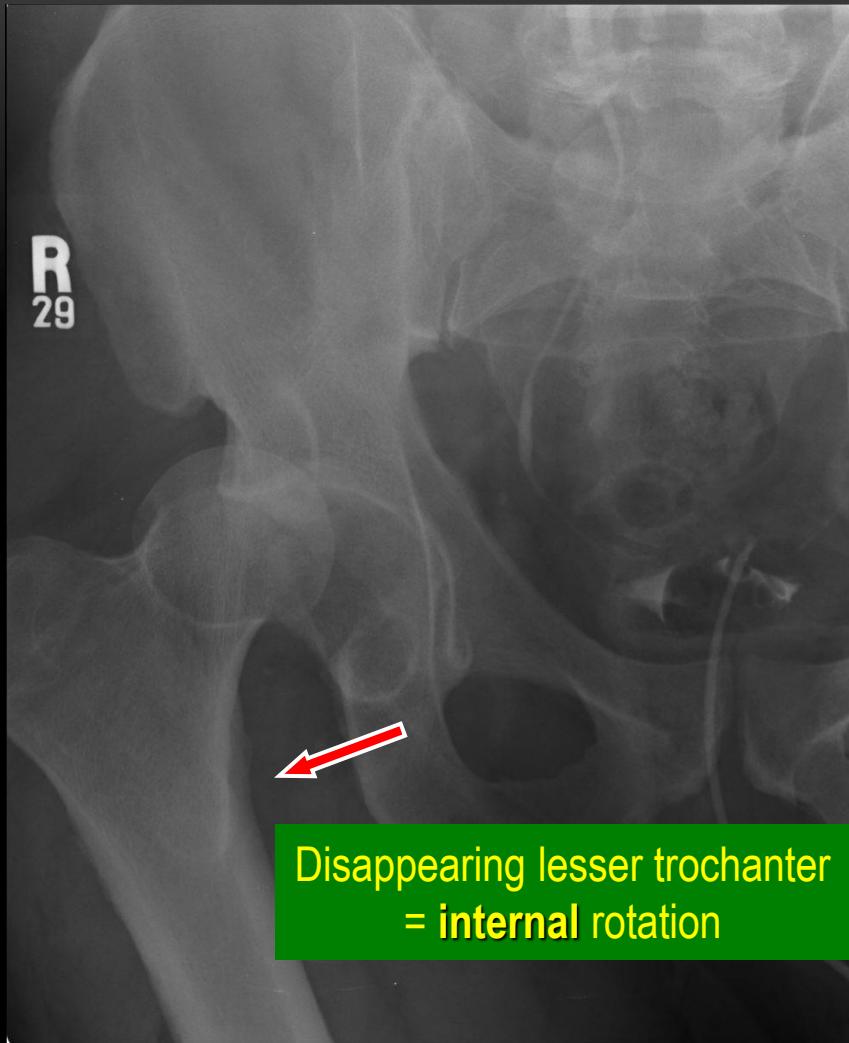
- Types of dislocation
  - Posterior
    - Commonest type – 80-90 %
  - Anterior
    - Rare less than 10 %

48 yr male – MVC C4

R  
29



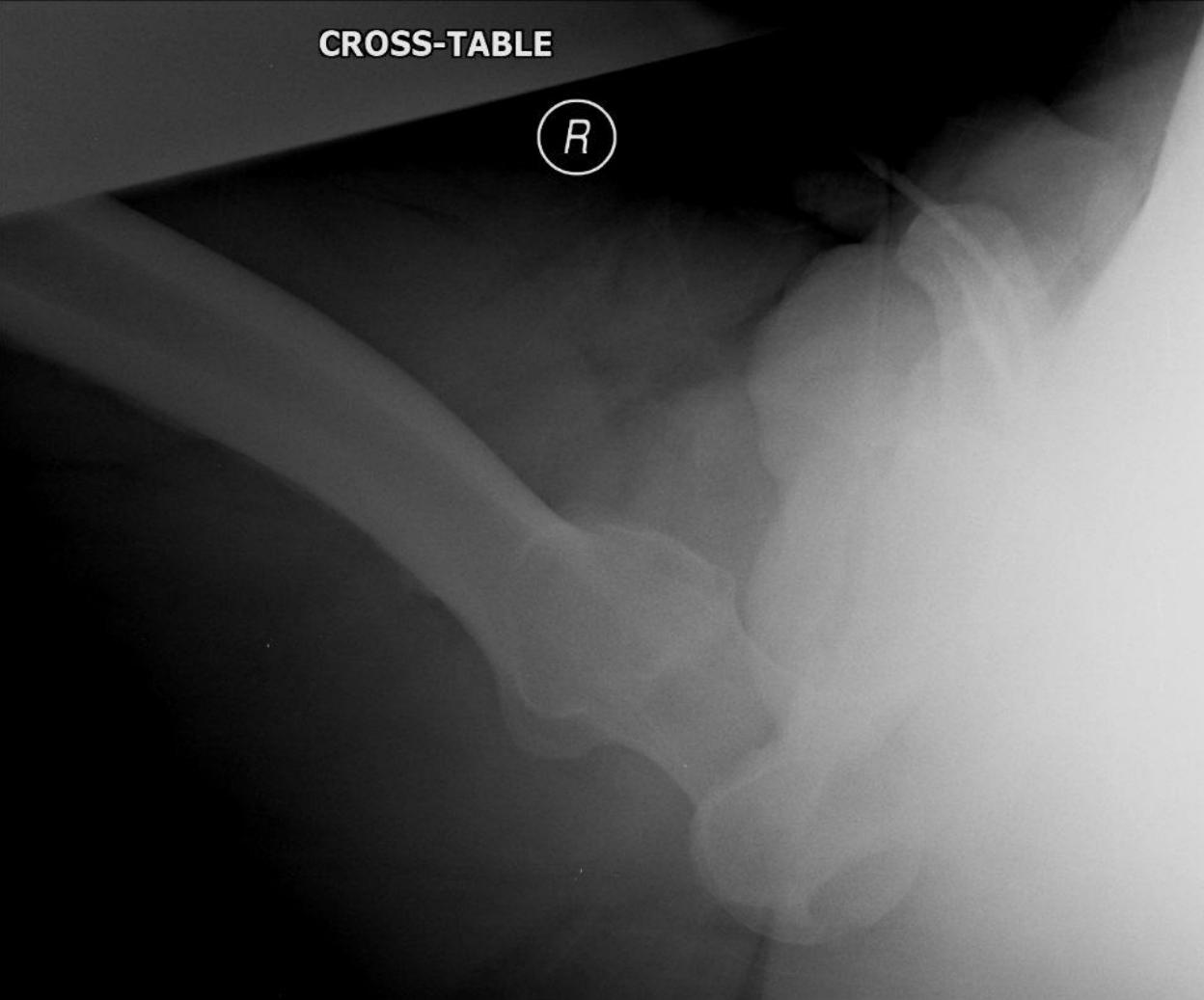
Shenton's  
line



Disappearing lesser trochanter  
= internal rotation

## CROSS-TABLE

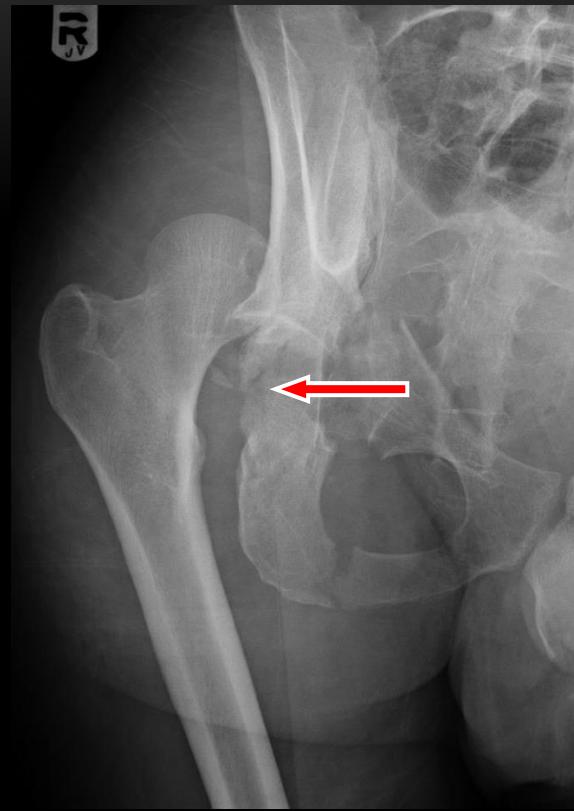
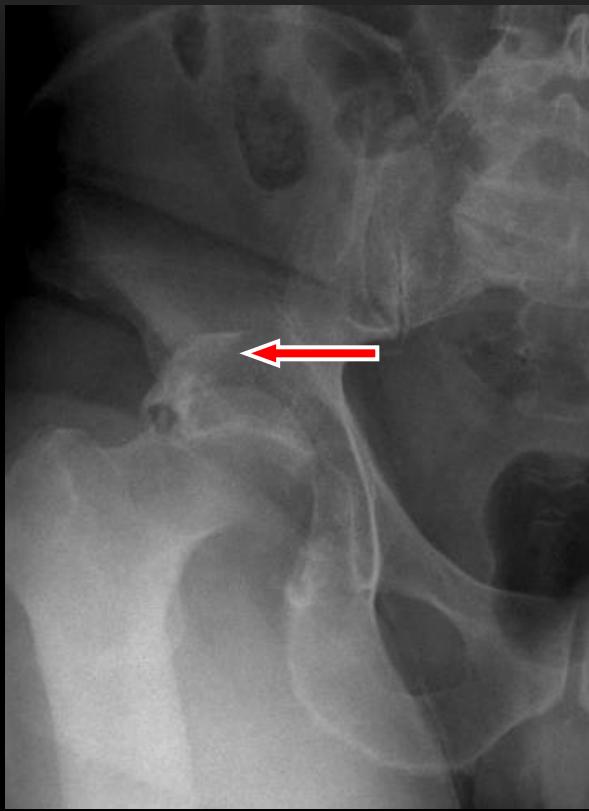
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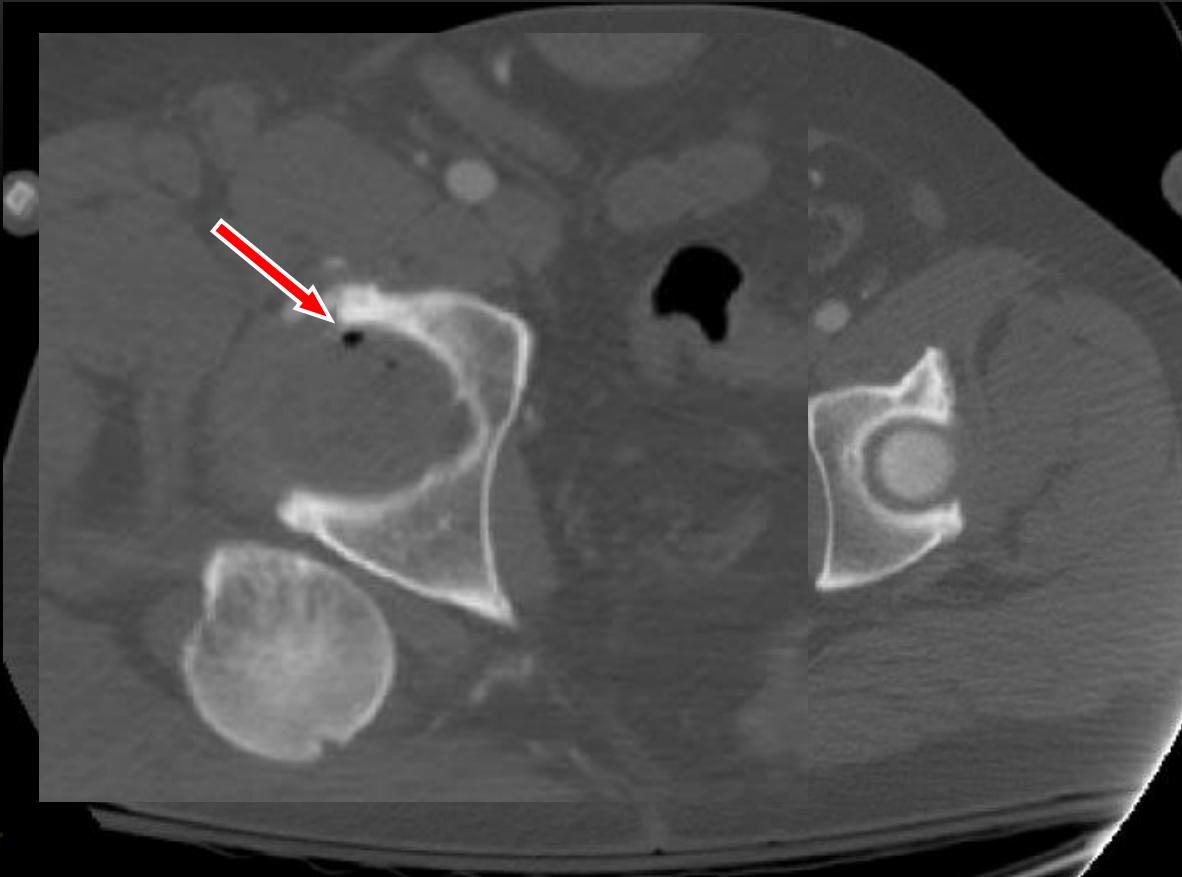


39yr male in MVC

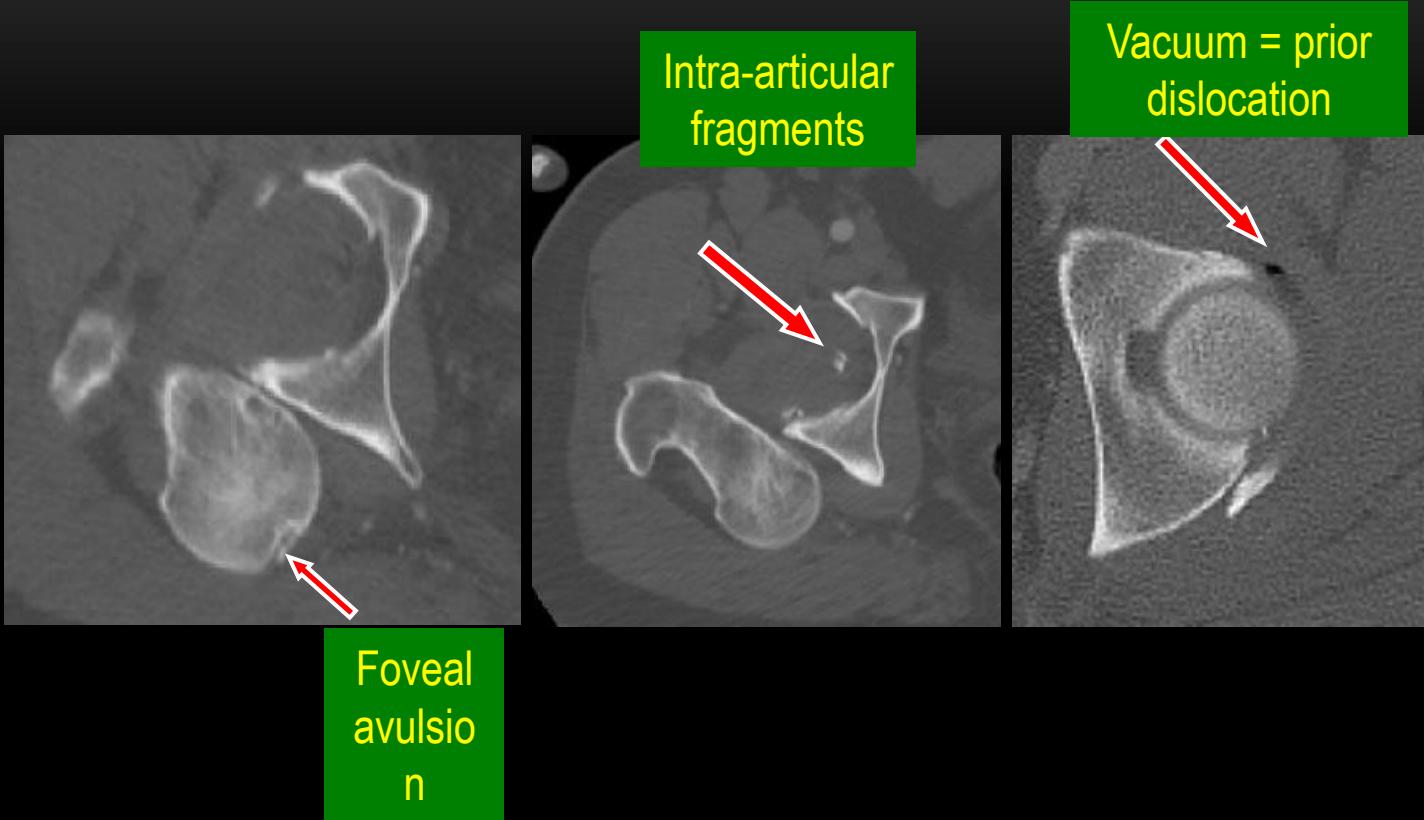
Loss  
symm





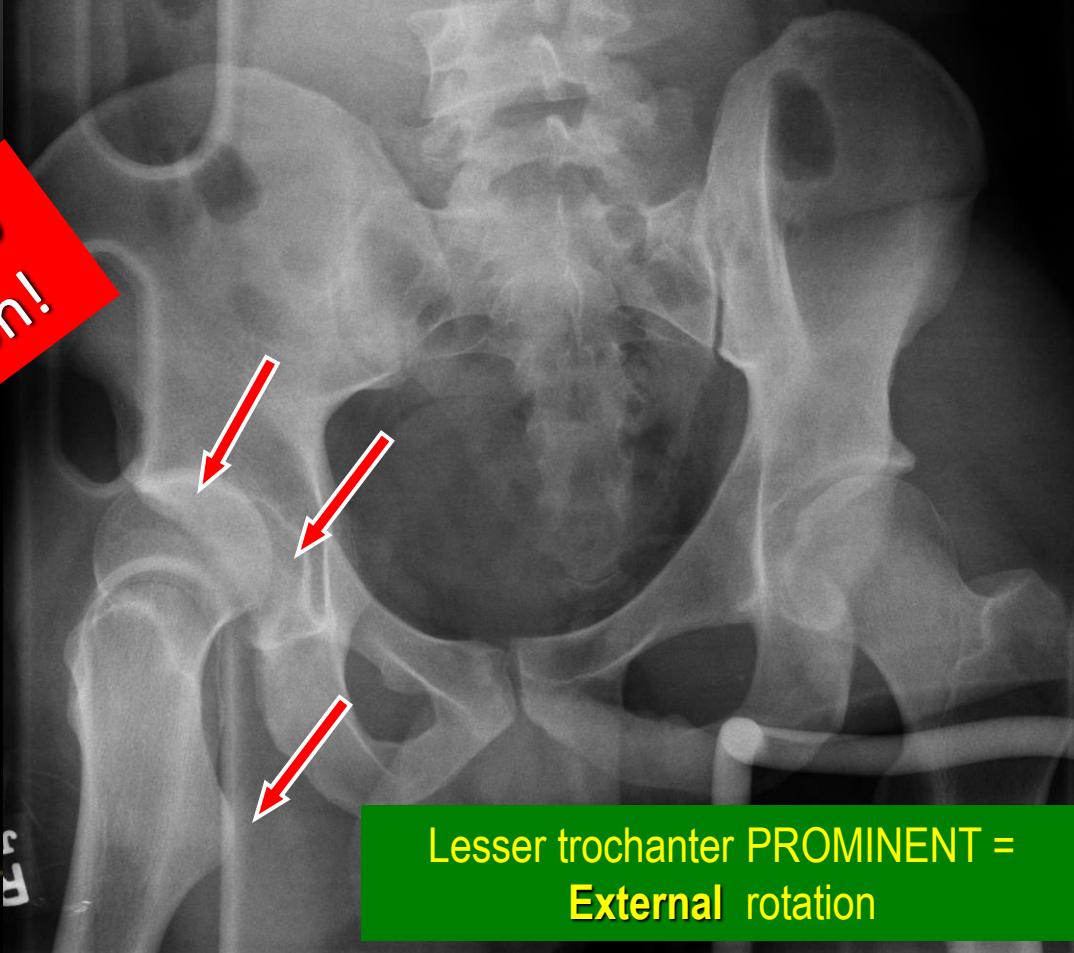


# CT reveals all!

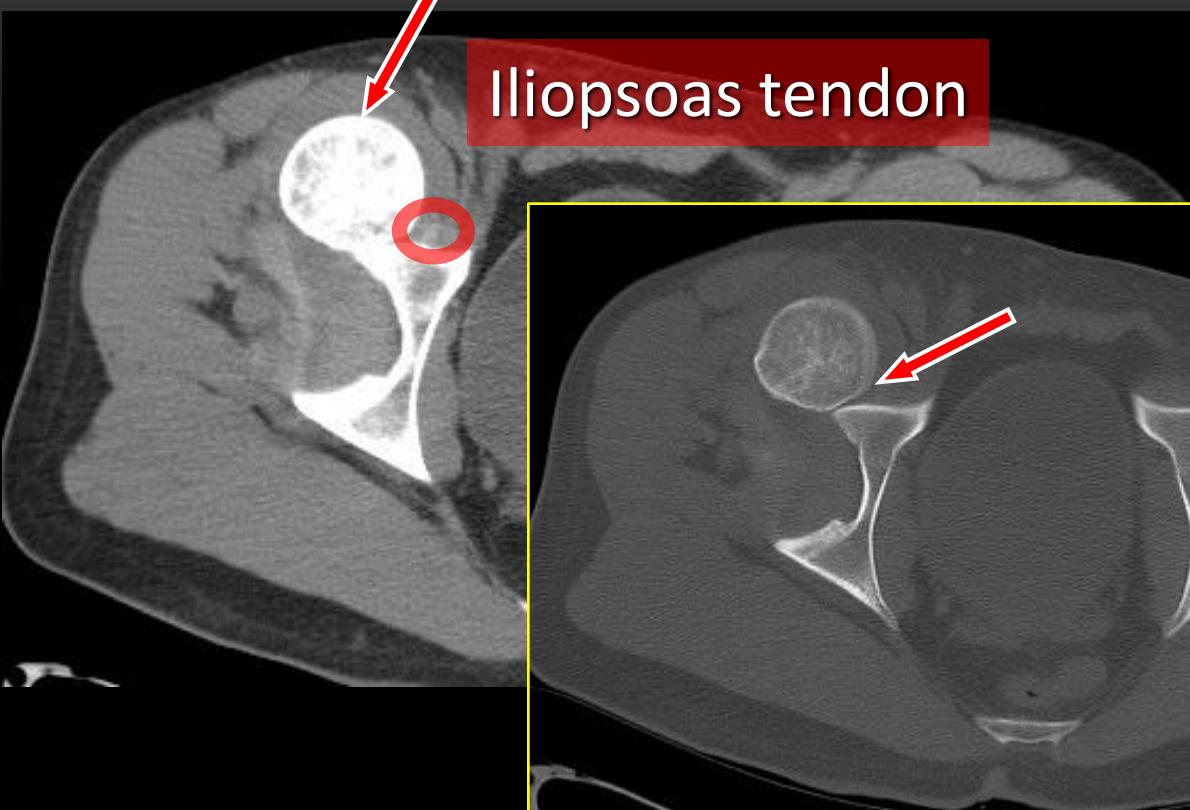


What about the rare type....  
MVC – Hip pain

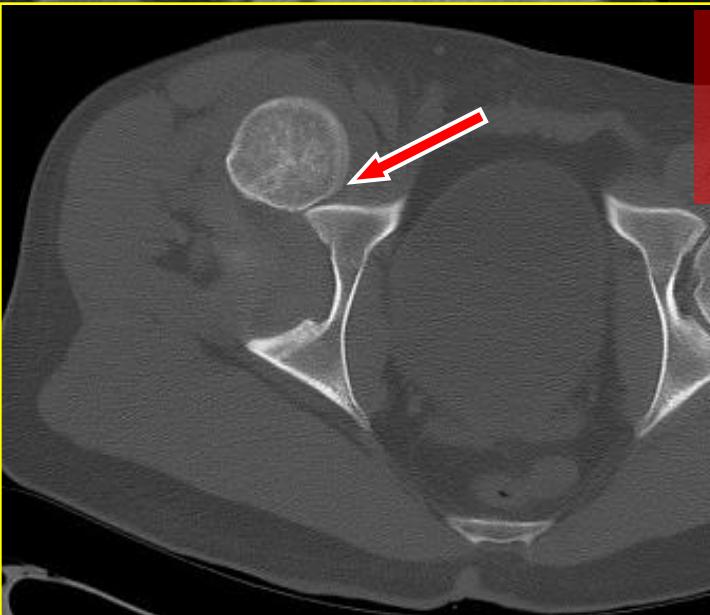
Anterior hip  
dislocation!



Lesser trochanter PROMINENT =  
**External** rotation



Iliopsoas tendon

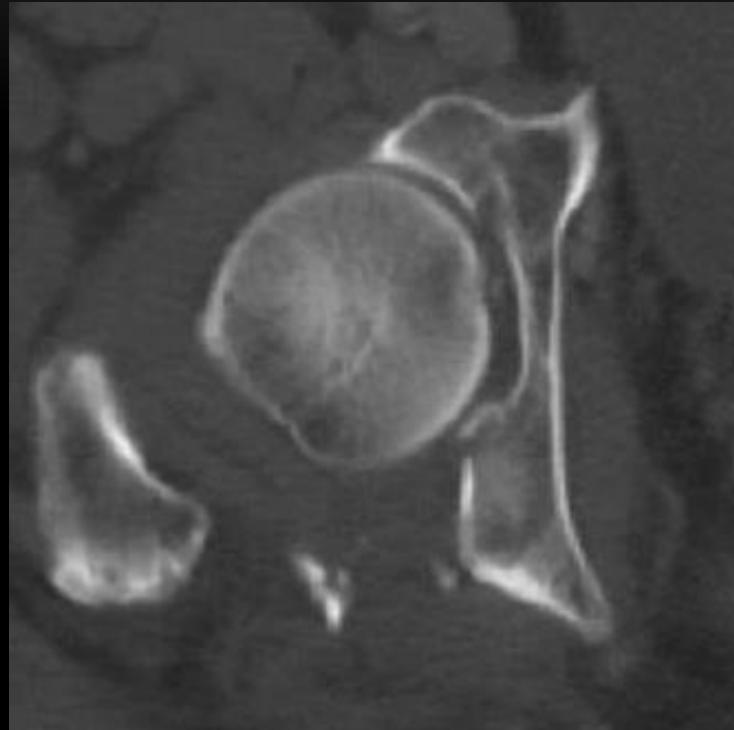


Impacted  
anterior dislocation



# What the clinician wants to know?

- Is it completely or partially reduced?
- Are there any intra-articular fragments?
- Any associated fractures?



# Femoral head fractures

## Types

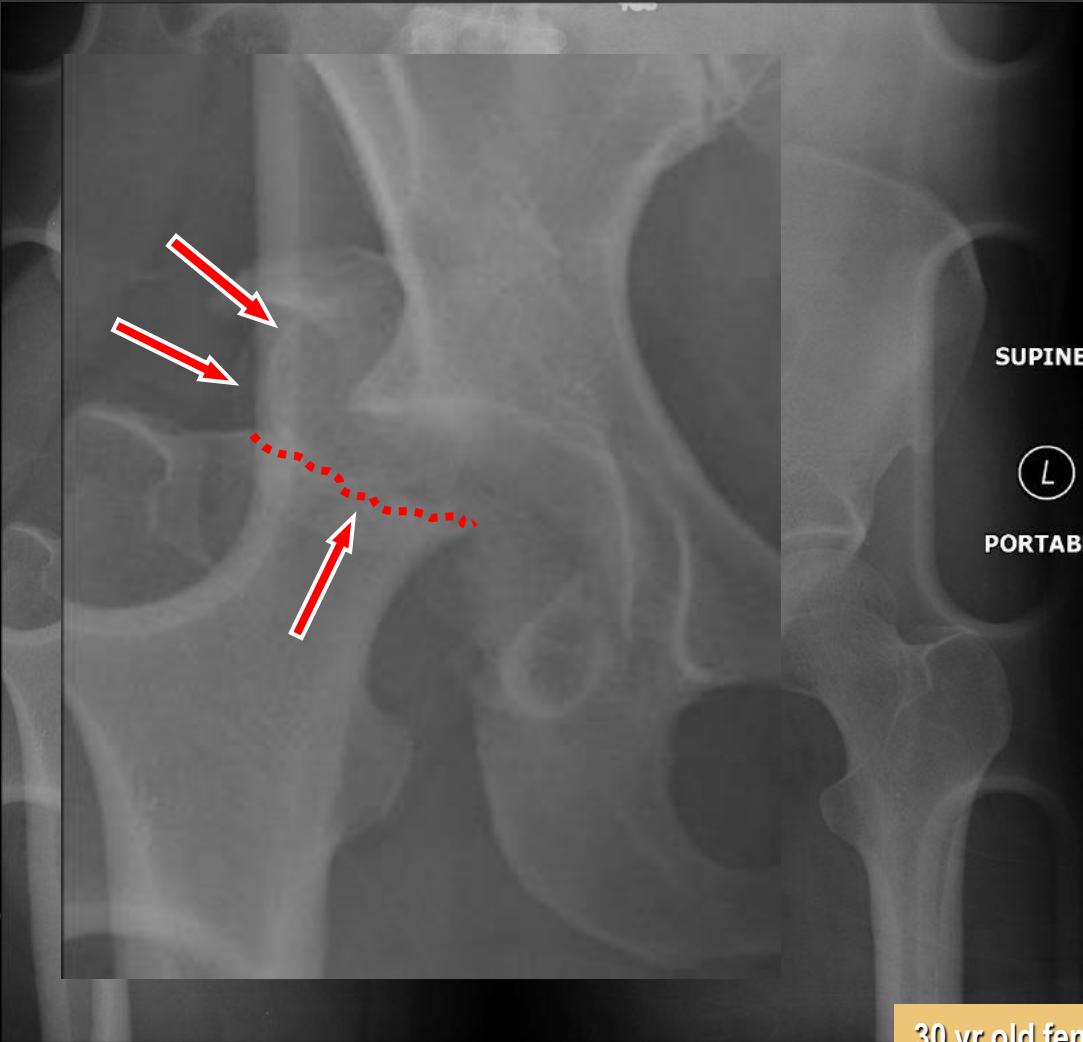
- Compression
- Shear

## Associated fractures

- Acetabulum
  - Neck of femur
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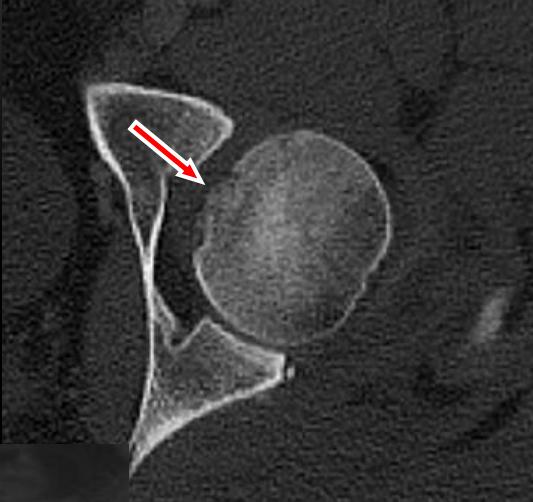
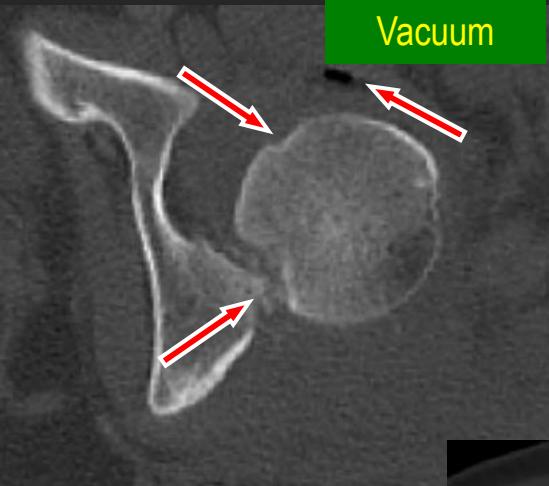


30 yr old female MVC

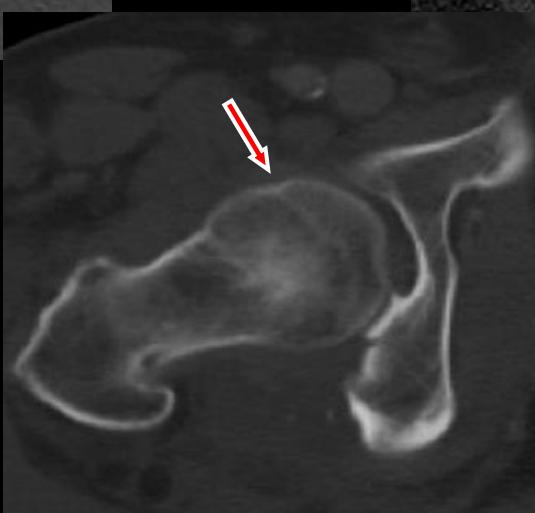


30 yr old female MVC

# Compression type - CT



subchondral  
injury

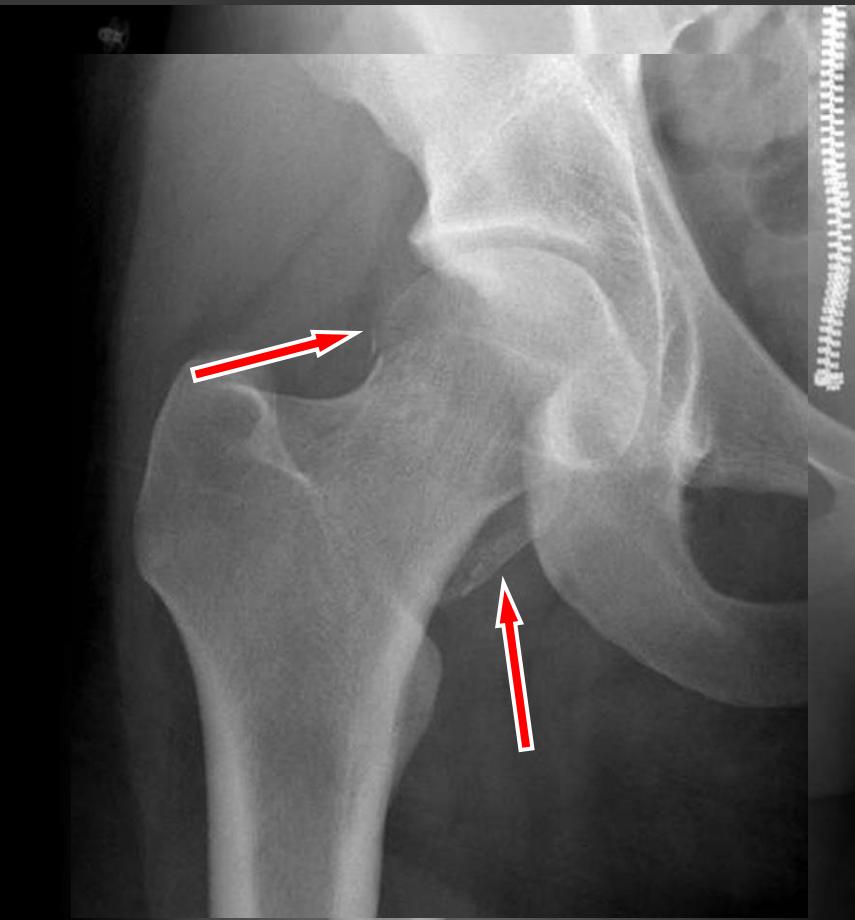




48 yr old male MVC

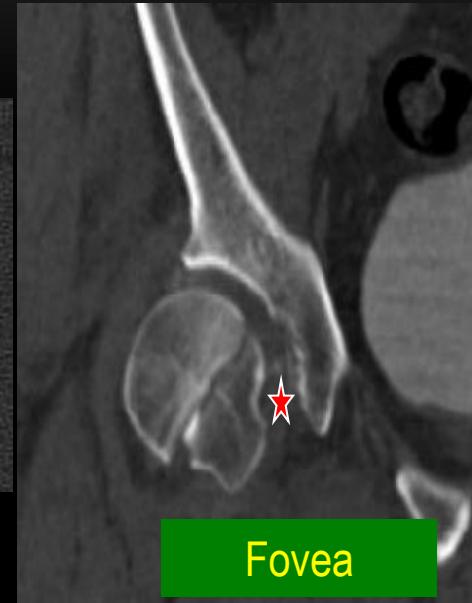
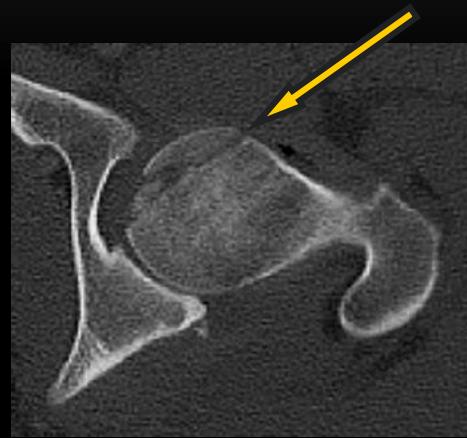






48 yr old male MVC

# Shear type - CT



Fovea

# What the clinician wants to know?

- Compression or Shear ?
- Shear
  - Relationship to fovea – weight bearing surface  
(Pipkin classification)
- Associated fractures

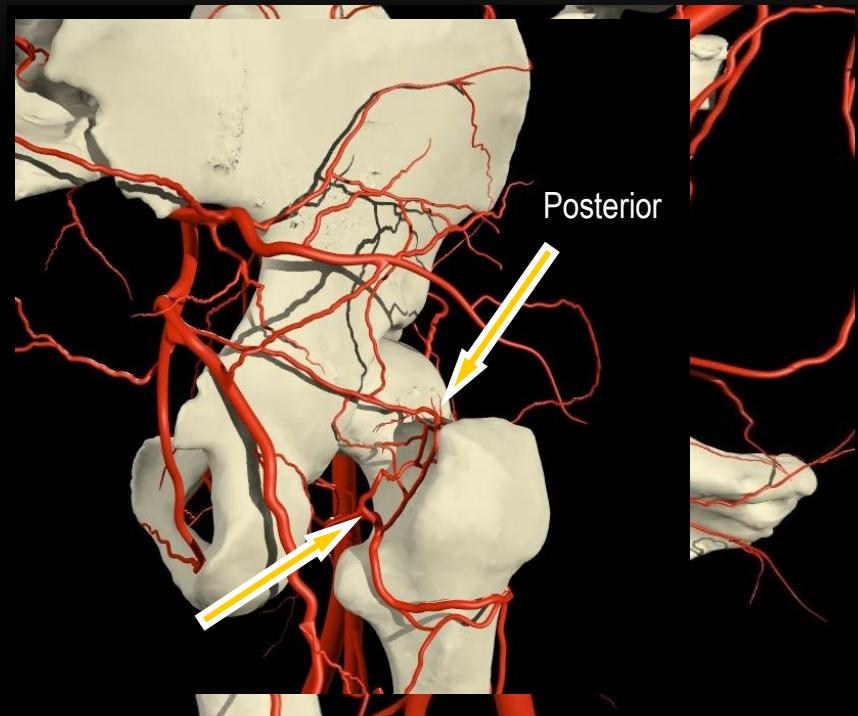


# Neck of femur

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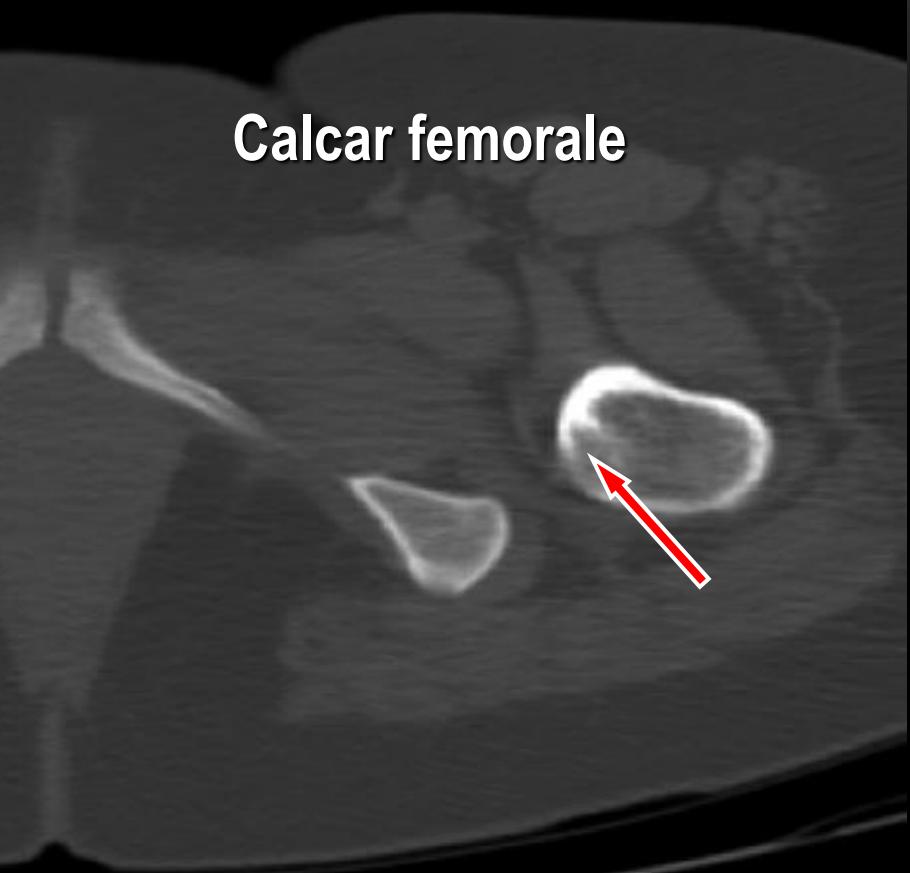
# Relevant anatomy

- Circumflex vessels – majority of blood supply
- Foveal artery – about 10% contribution
- Extra capsular fractures do **not** compromise femoral head vascularity

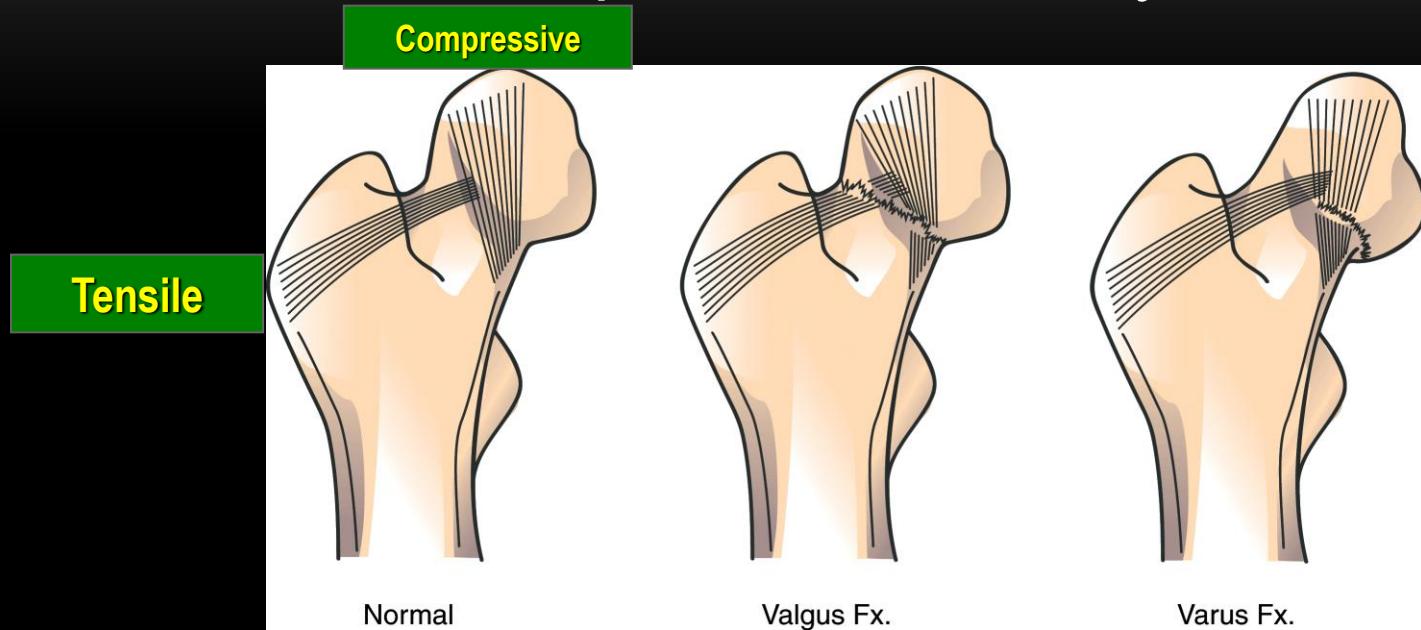




**Calcar femorale**



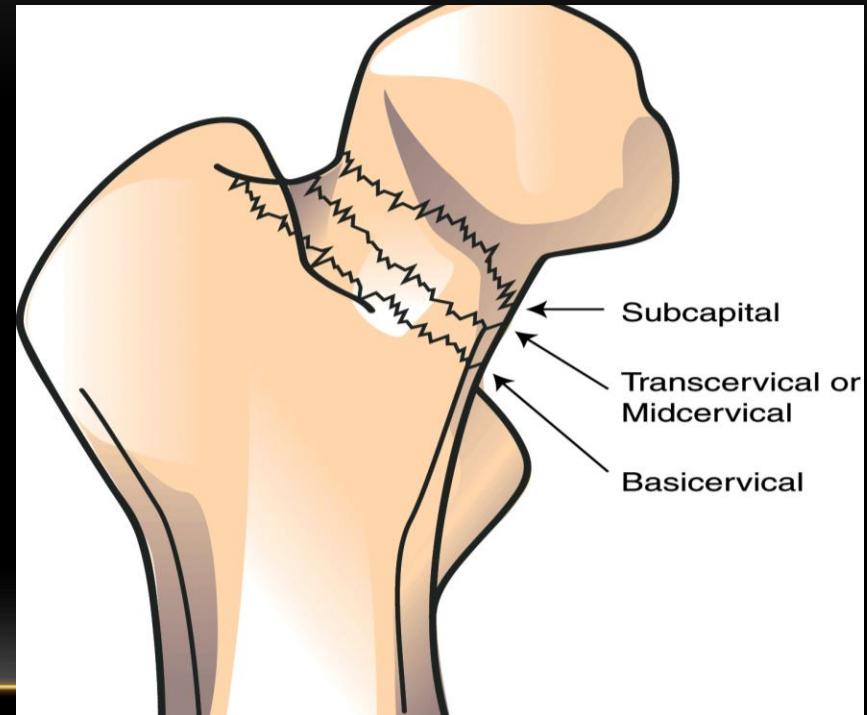
# Trabecular pattern – The key!



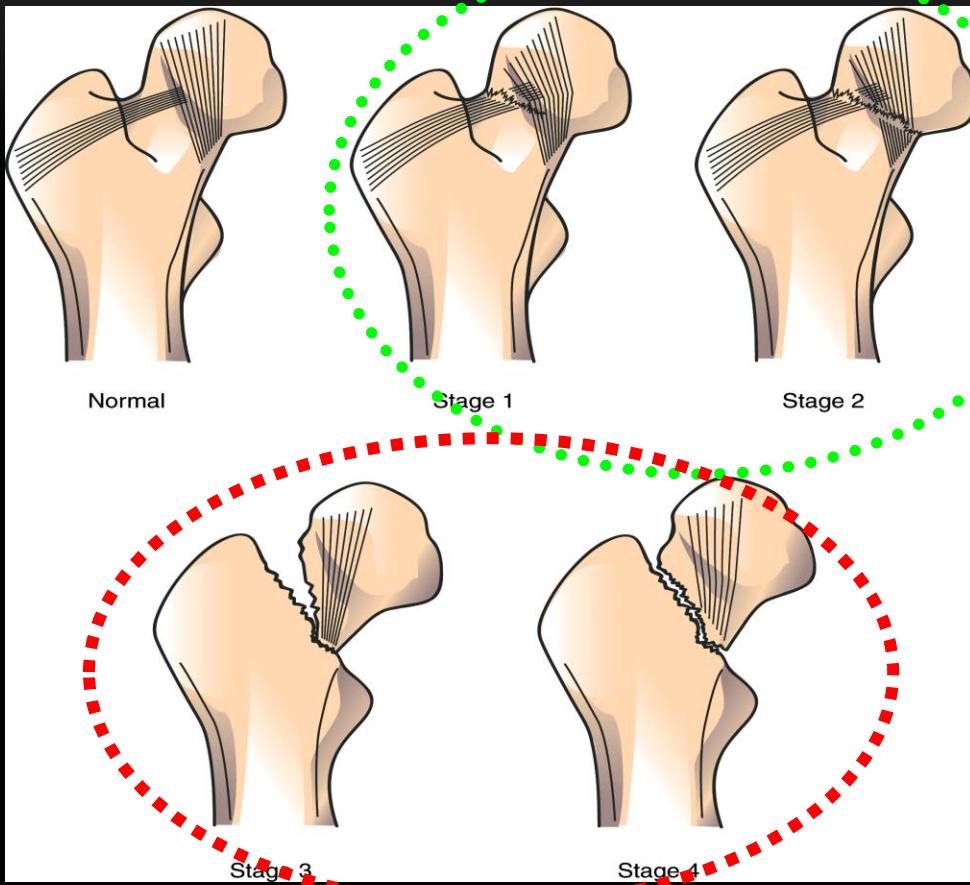
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# Types of NOF fractures

- Most common is subcapital
- Basicervical and midcervical are usually complete fractures
- Pedi fxs more commonly basicervical



# Garden classification



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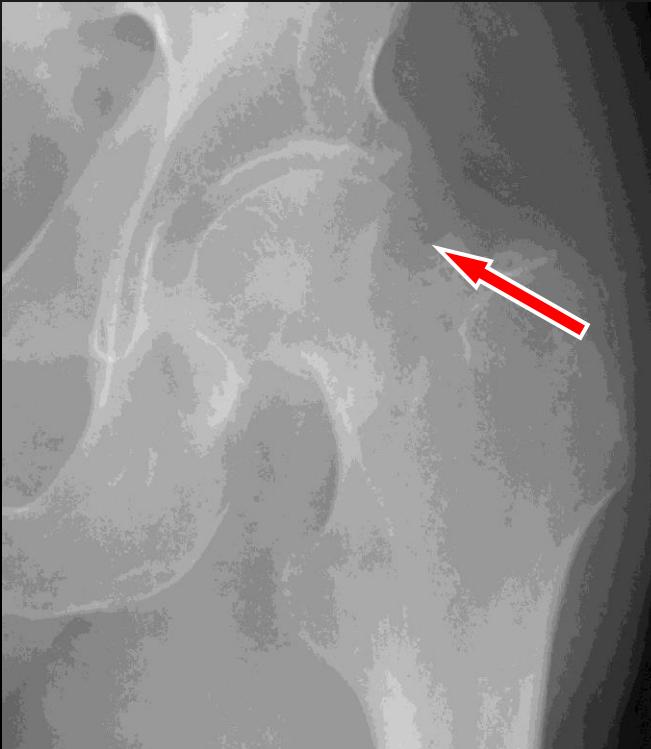


Type 1



Type 2

# Garden classification



Type 3



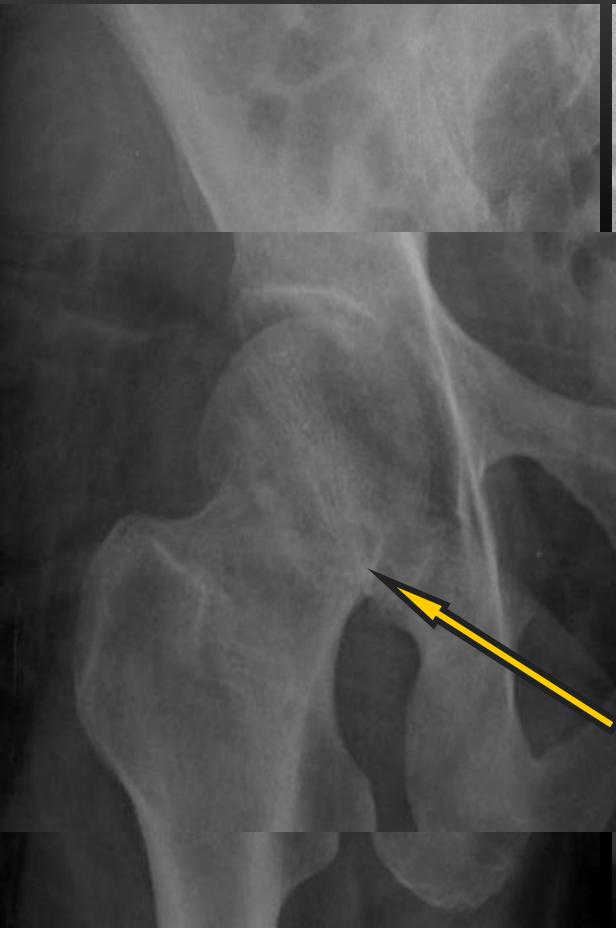
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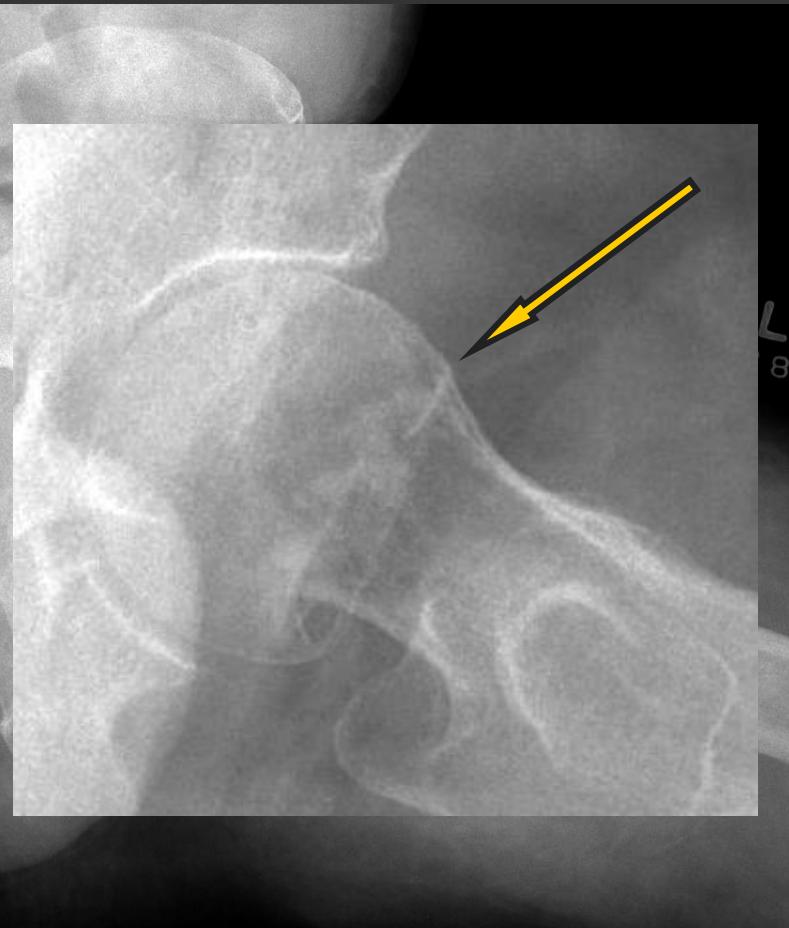
23 yr male - MVC



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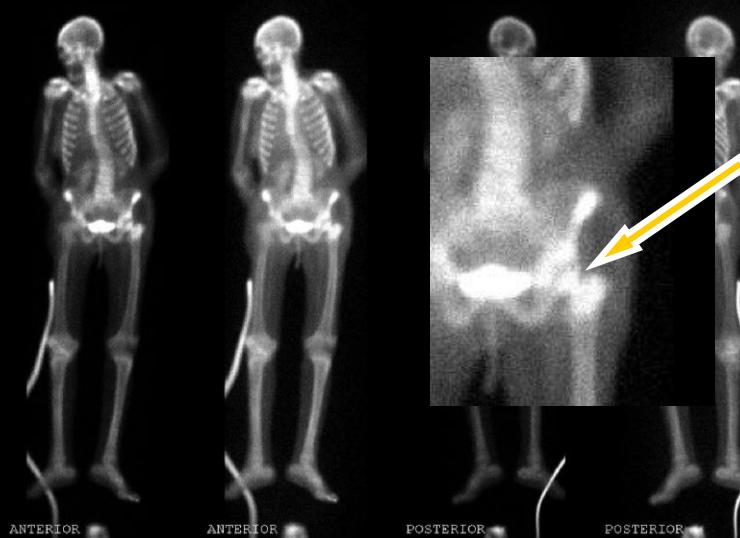
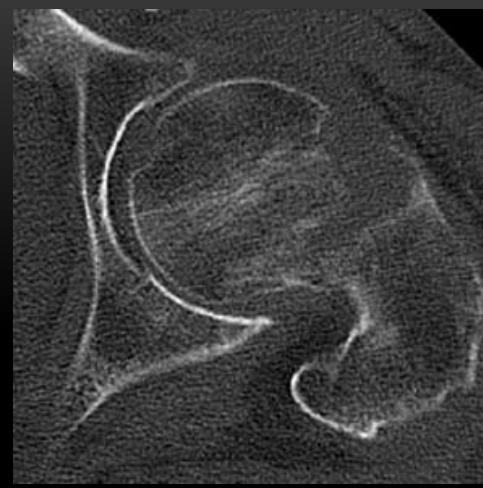
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46 yr female - MVC

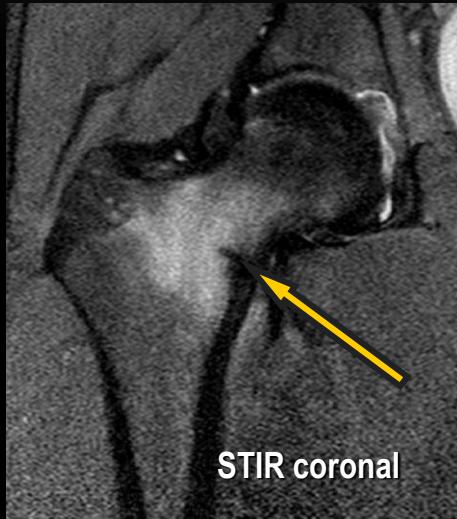


**81yr female fall – H/O lung ca**



# MRI

## Neck of femur stress reaction



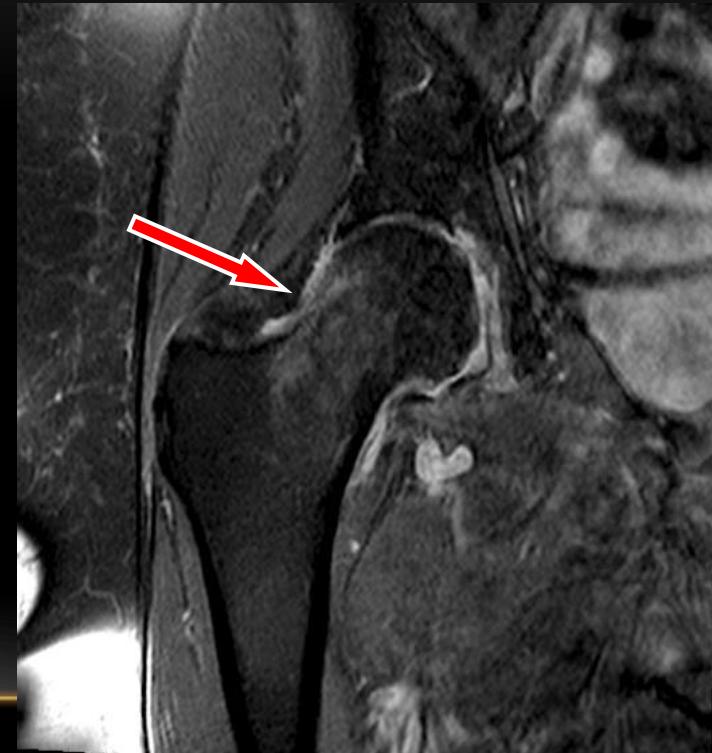
19yr male gymnast



25yr female  
Pain for 4 weeks

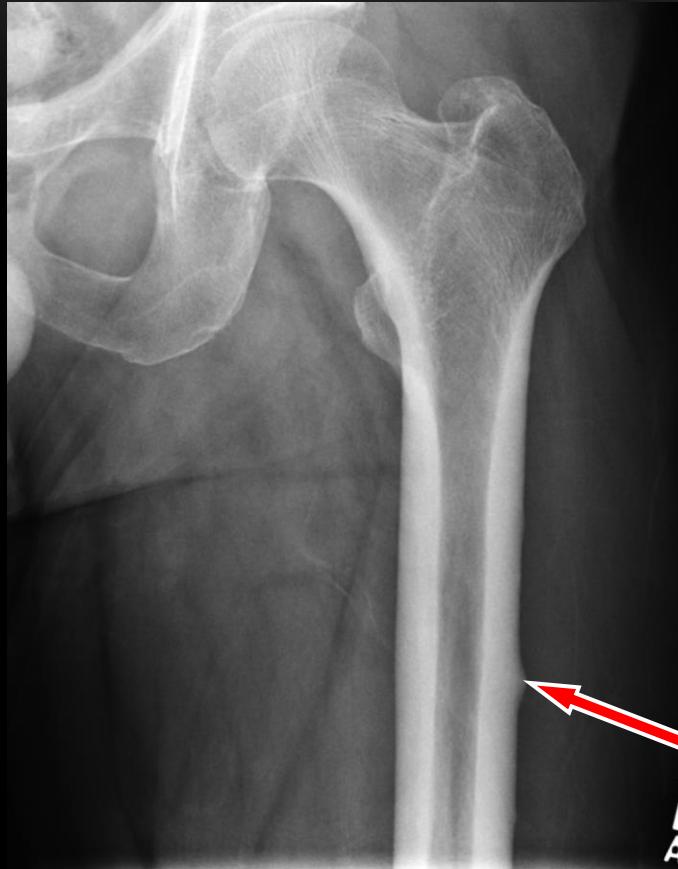
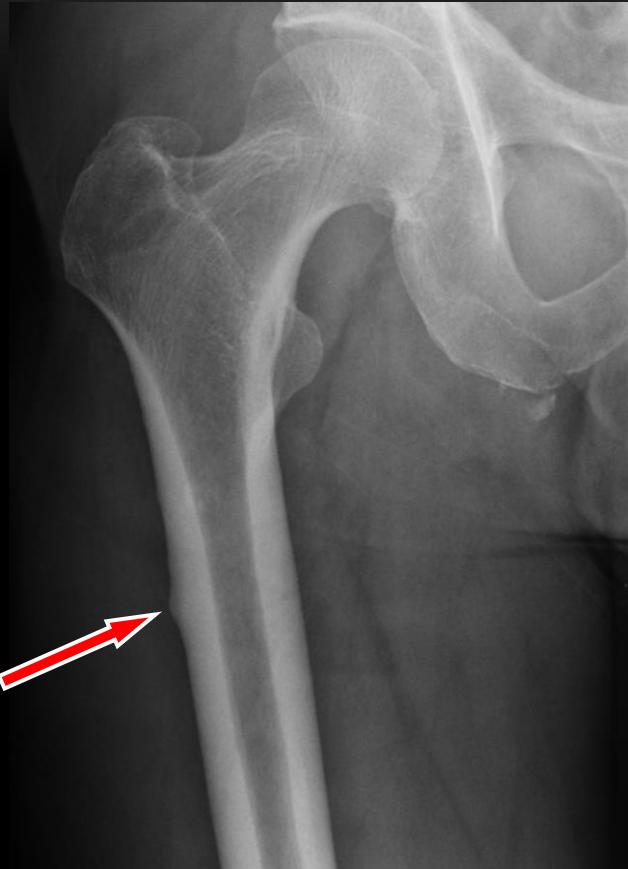
# So what is clinically relevant in NOF fxs?

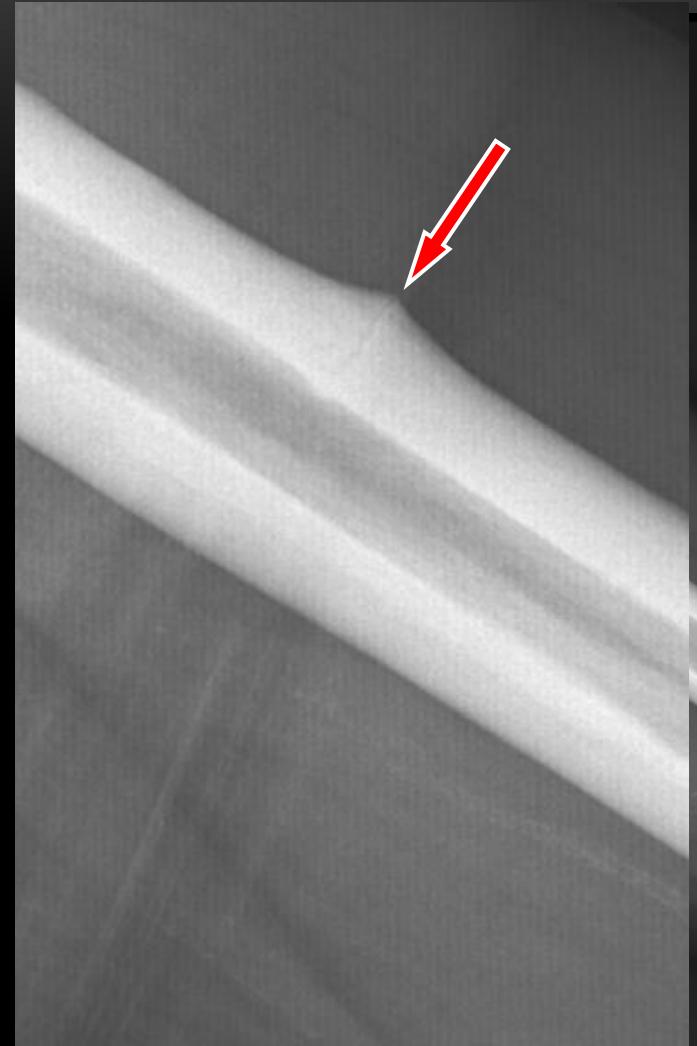
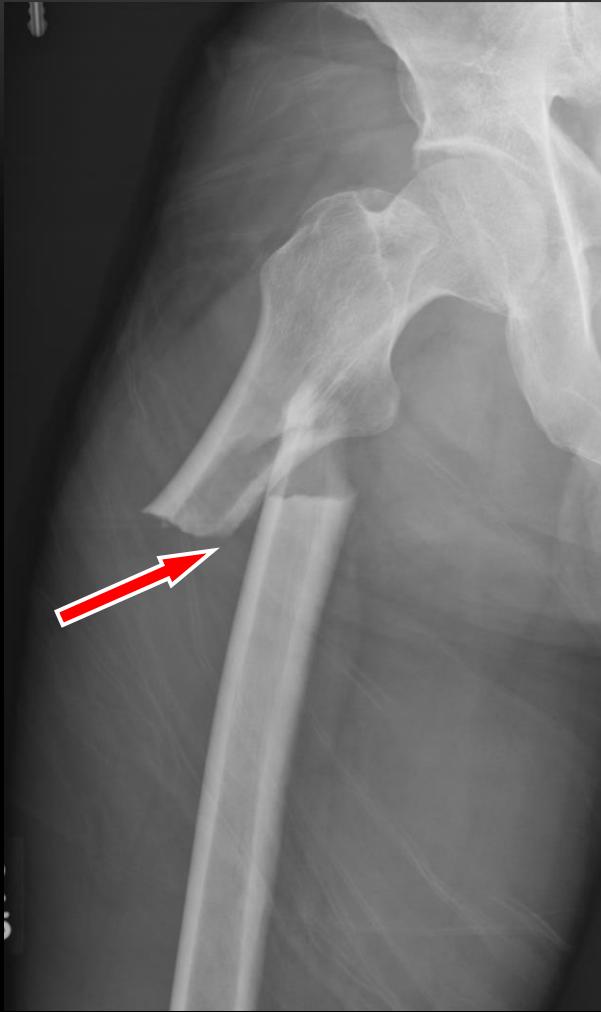
- Location – subcapital / basicervical / Calcar
- Complete / incomplete / displacement
- Varus type – lateral cortex involvement
- Occult - **MRI**



Moving a bit more distal .....

# Bilateral dull ache in the hips – 2 months





# Bisphosphonate related femoral fracture

- Typically history of bisphosphonate use for >2 years
- Typically bilateral
- Classic location
  - Cortical beaking **lateral cortex** - subtrochanter femur
  - Progresses stress fracture → complete fracture

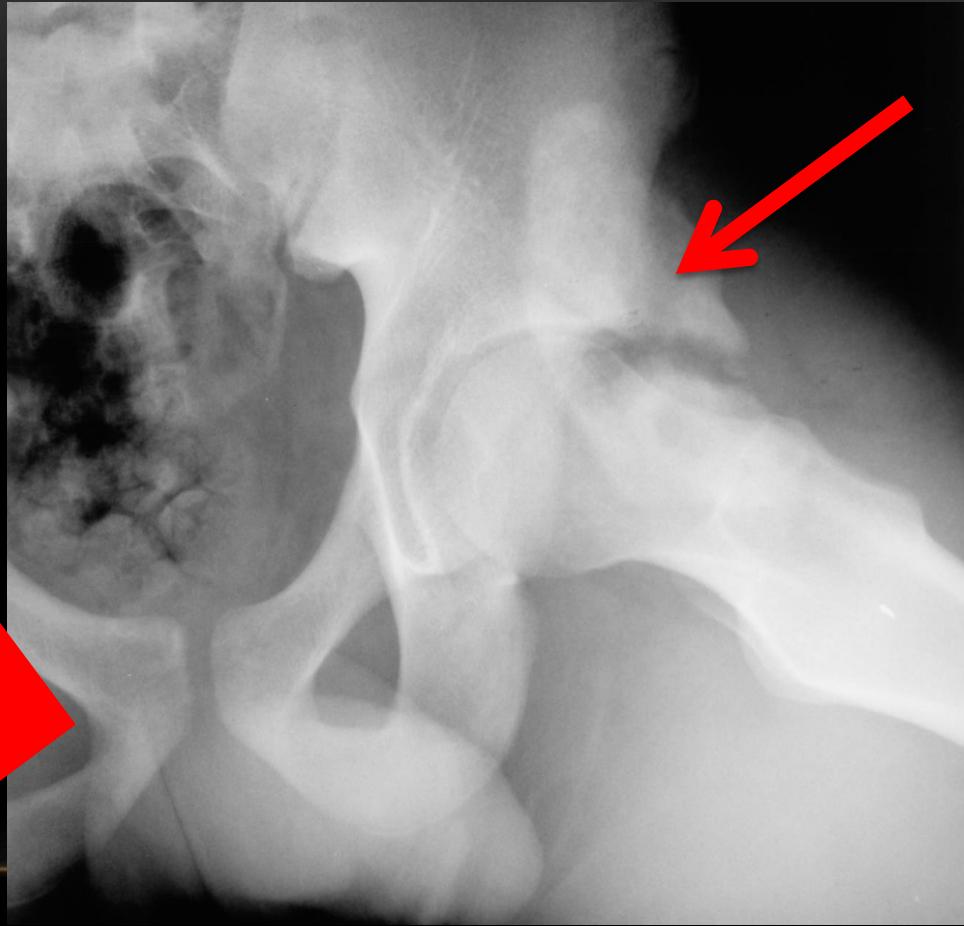


- Intramedullary nailing – prophylactic
- Teriparatide

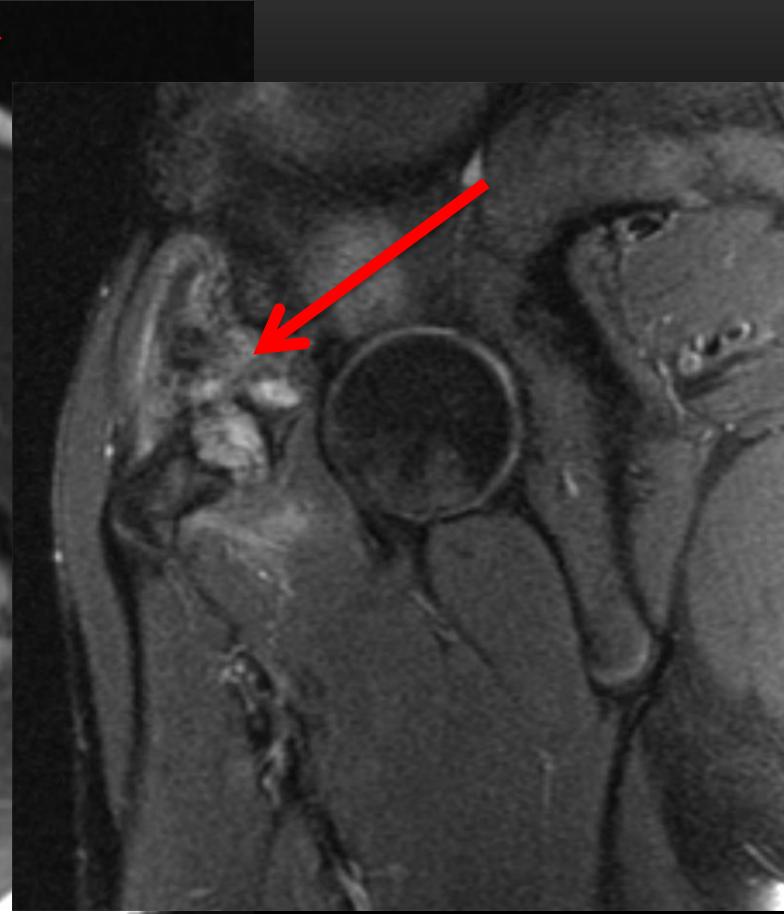
Lets' move a bit away from the femur ....

25 year old ... trip and fall 3+ weeks ago  
Hip pain...

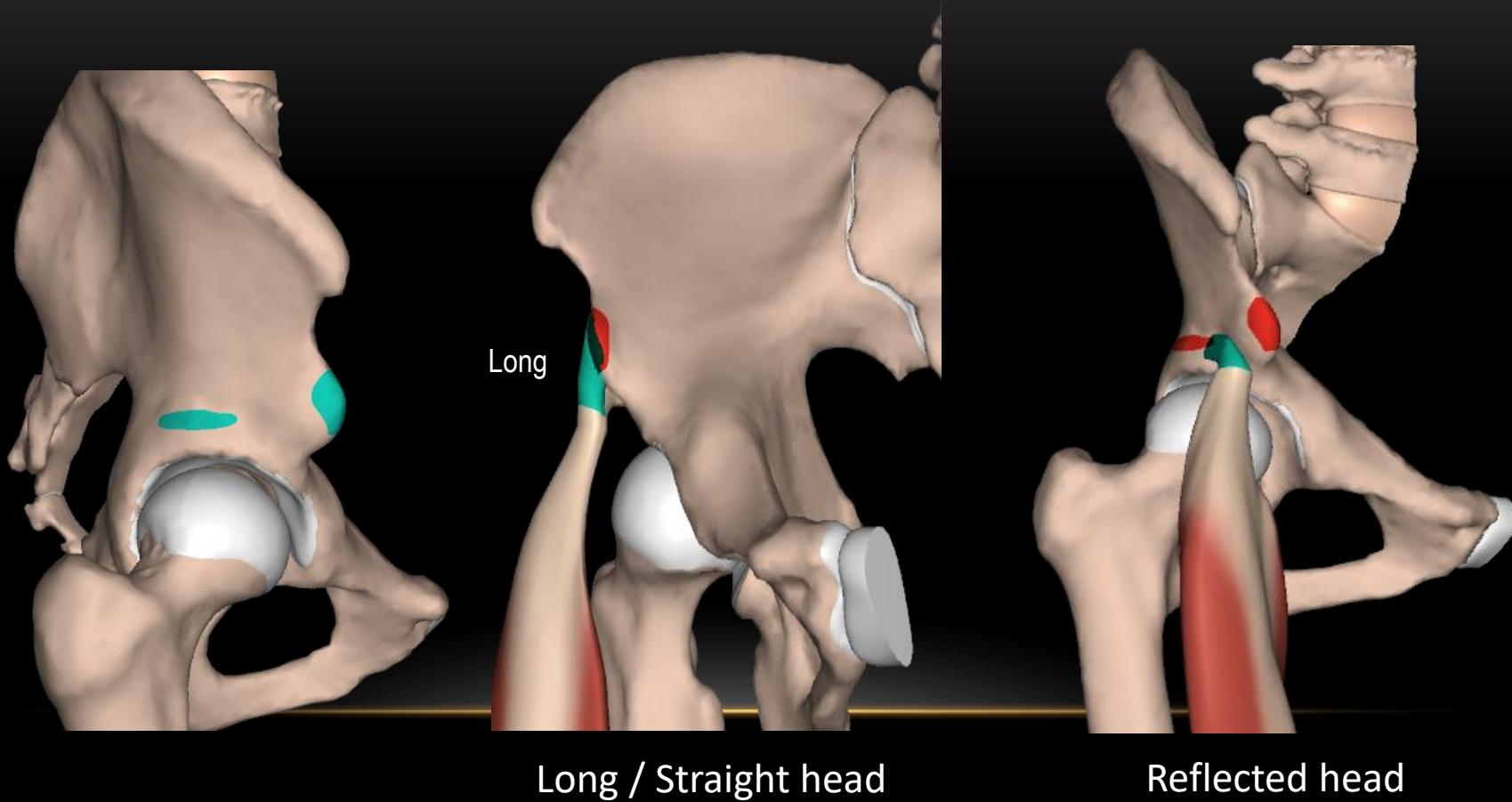
Rectus  
femoris  
avulsion



Rectus  
femoris  
avulsion



# Rectus femoris attachments



# Rectus femoris tear

- Acute / chronic
- Partial or complete
- Bony fragment – if so how far displaced

Rx

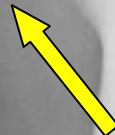
- Rest /conservative
- Surgical fix

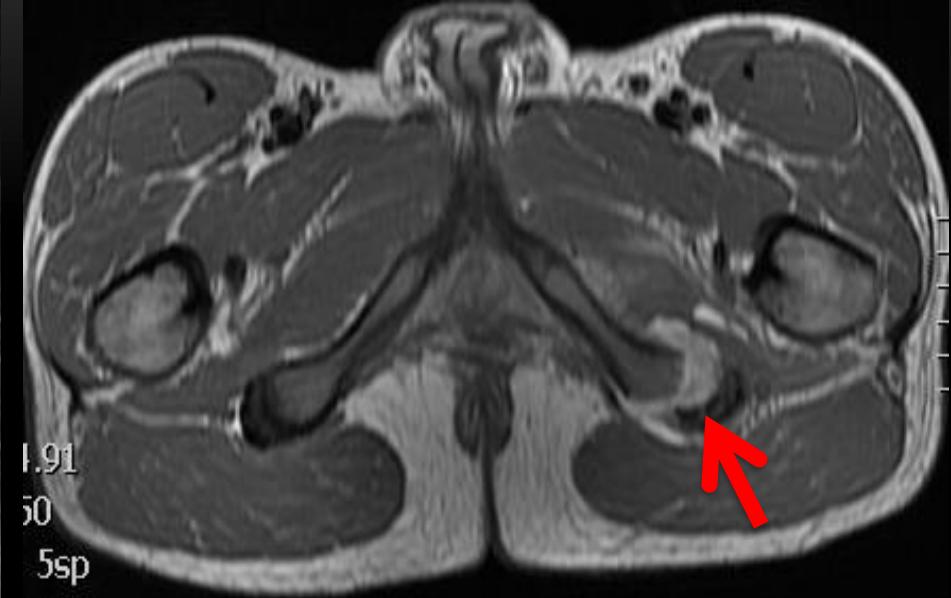
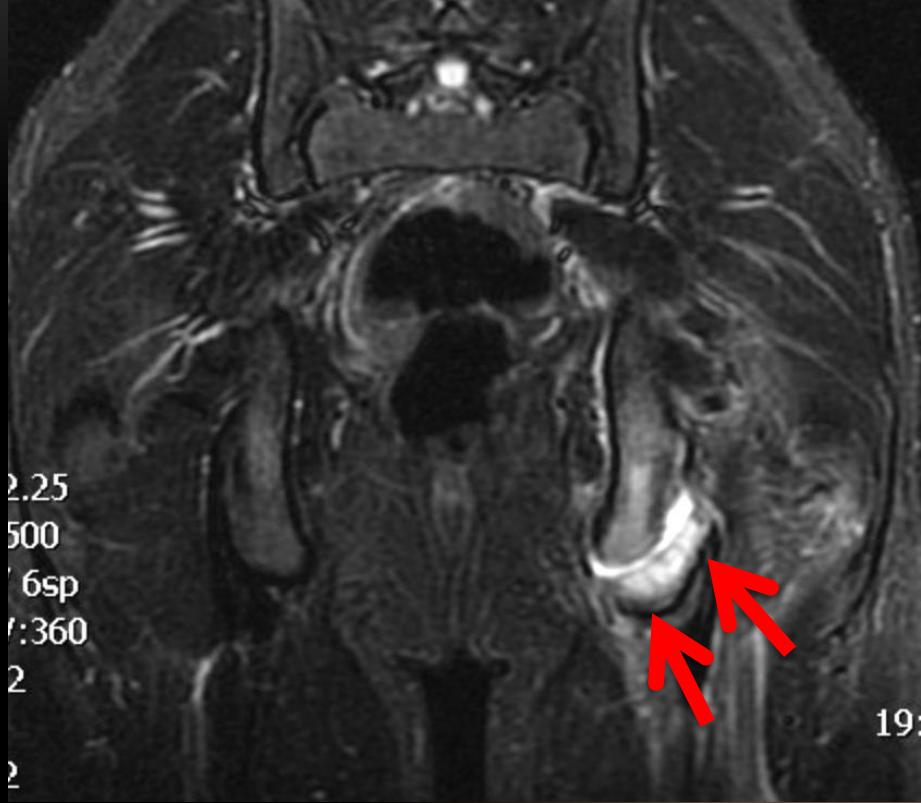


Fall from horse .. Hip pain...



Avulsion  
hamstring origin





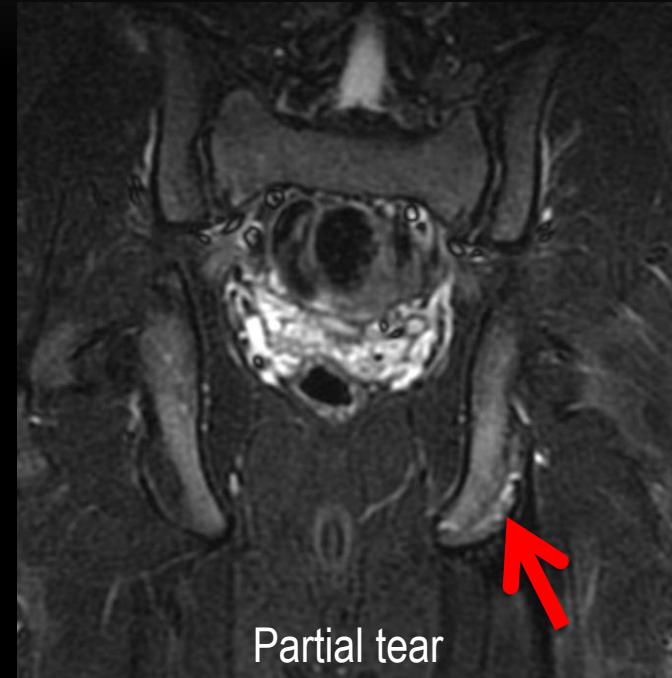
Complete avulsion  
hamstring origin

# Hamstring avulsion... What is relevant

- Partial or complete
- Bony fragment +/-
- Distance of retraction

**RX**

- If more than 2cm displaced – consider surgery



Partial tear



# Summary

- Anatomy
- Femoral head injuries
- Vascularity of femoral neck
- Stress reaction / fracture
- Avulsion injuries
- Soft tissue injuries

Please focus on the  
clinical relevance of  
the injury

# MR correlation of knee injuries in the ER

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# Introduction

- Knee injury is common in both high velocity and in low velocity impact
- ER radiologists have an excellent ability to evaluate knee injuries using plain radiography and CT
- BUT there is limited exposure to MSK MRI in the ER setting

# Objectives

- Review MRI appearances of knee injuries presenting in the ER
- Raise awareness of associated injuries
- Improve clinical understanding and diagnostic confidence

# Layout

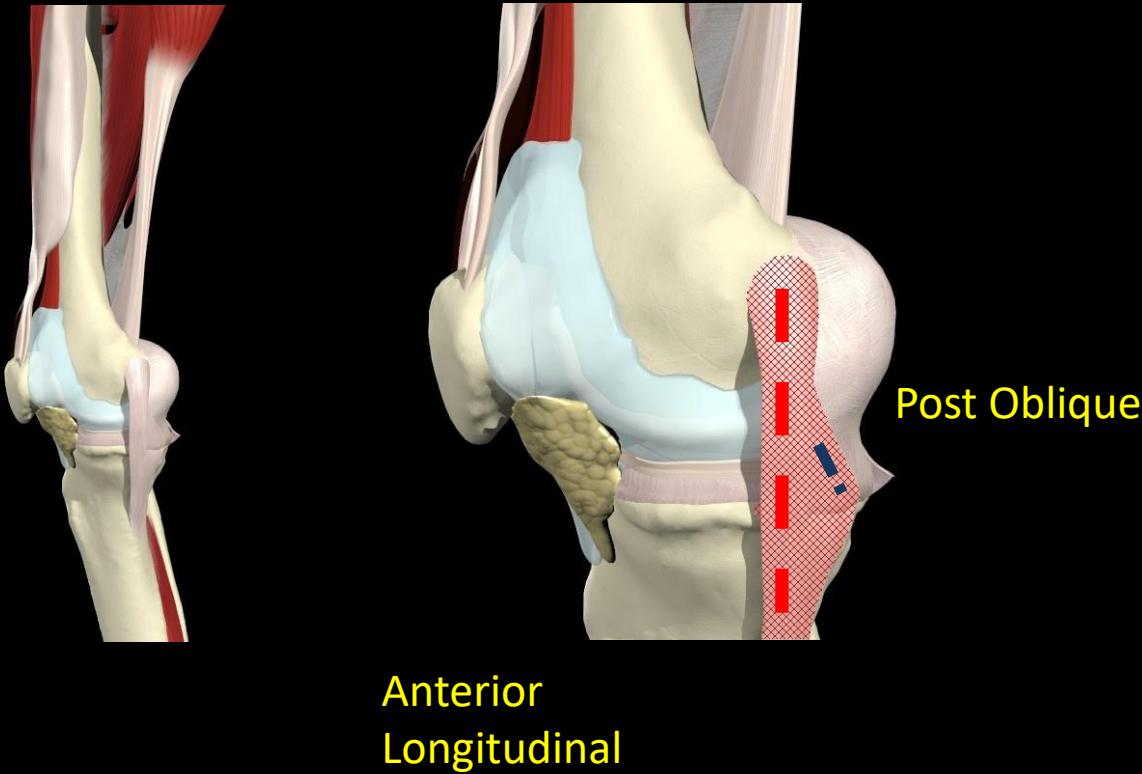
- Anatomy – Normal
- X-ray
- MRI
- Clinical relevance

Medial knee

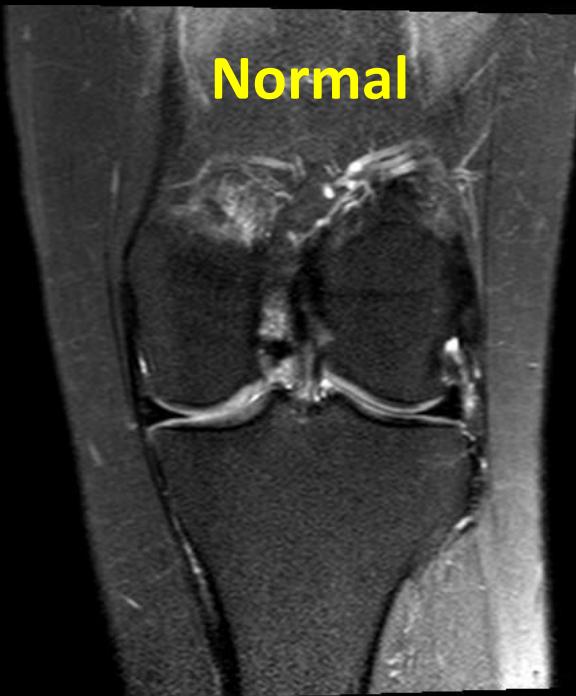
# Medial side pain



# Medial collateral ligament

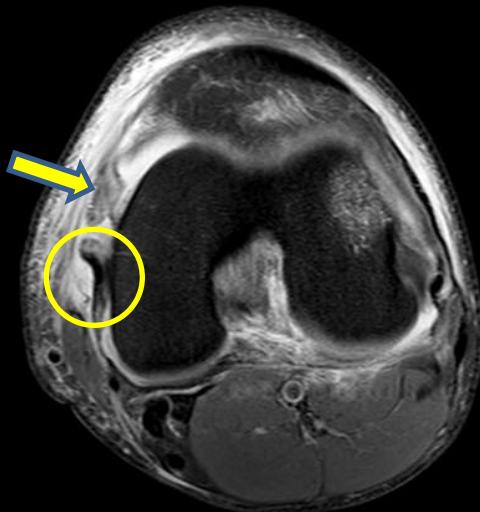


# Medial collateral – high grade 2 sprain



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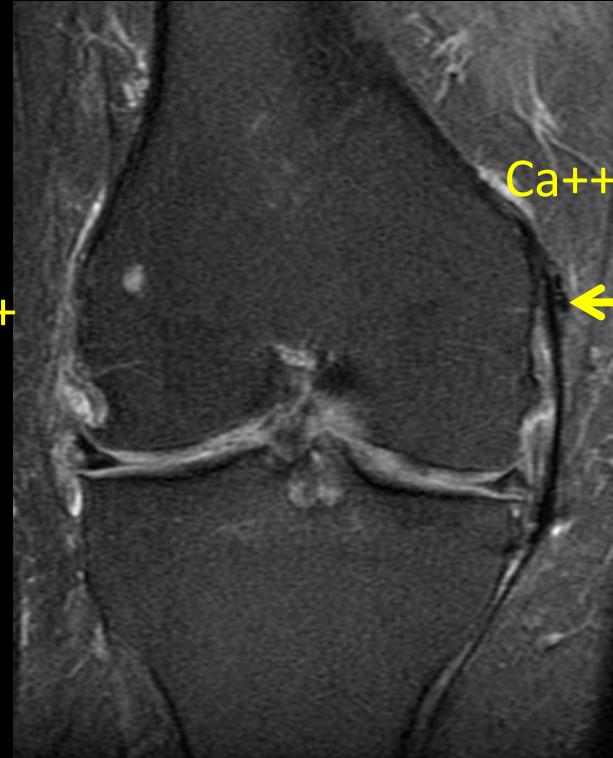
Normal



# MCL injury – Clinical stuff....

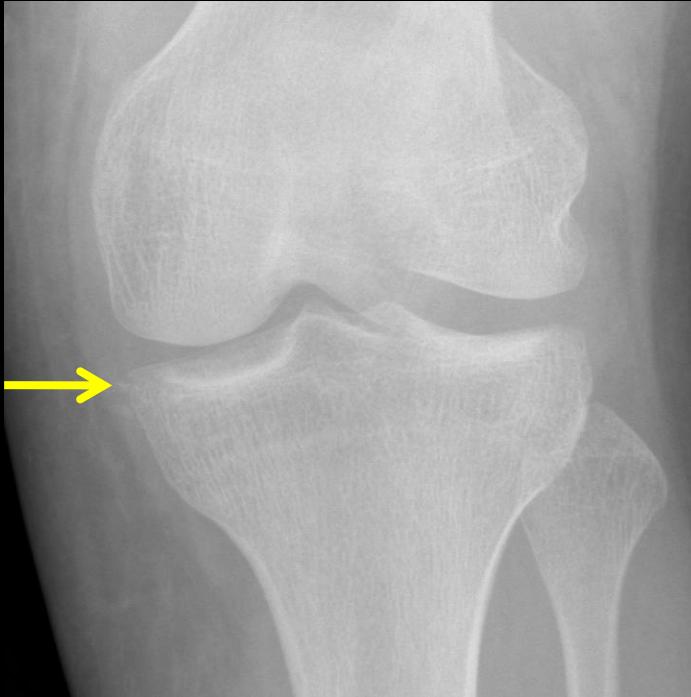
- Valgus force
- Partial or full thickness tear
- Isolated tears – good outcome with conservative
- Associated injuries
  - ACL

# Pellegrini-Stieda Lesion



Look for PCL injuries

# Reverse Segond Fracture



association with PCL and  
medial meniscal tears

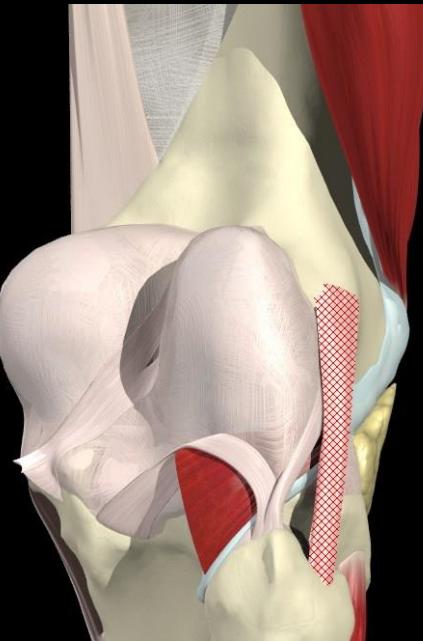


medial meniscocapsular ligament

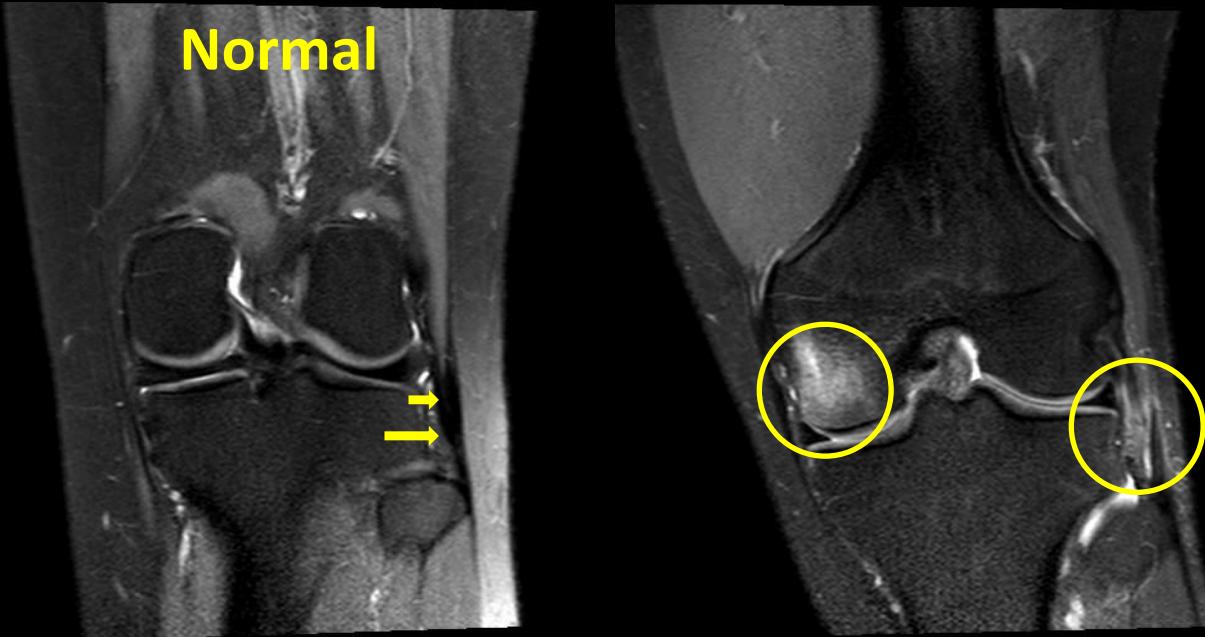


Lateral knee

# Lateral collateral ligament



# Football tackle – pain lateral aspect - Lateral collateral ligament injury



# Lateral Collateral Ligament

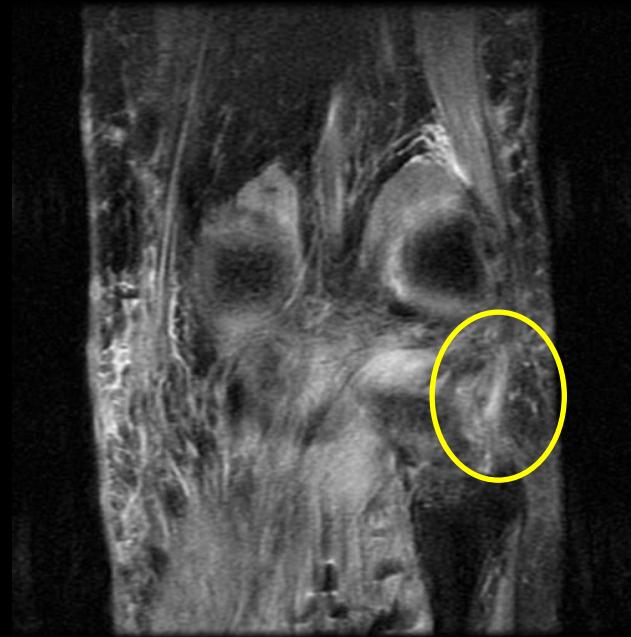


Proximal ligament tears are rare

# MCC varus injury

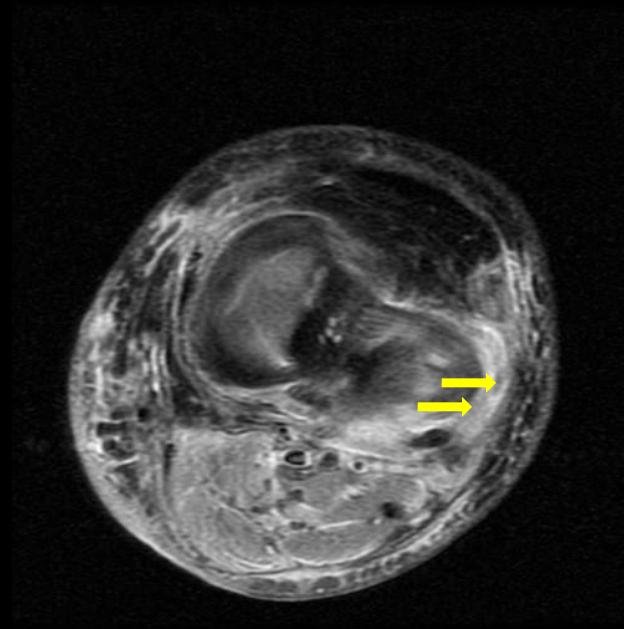
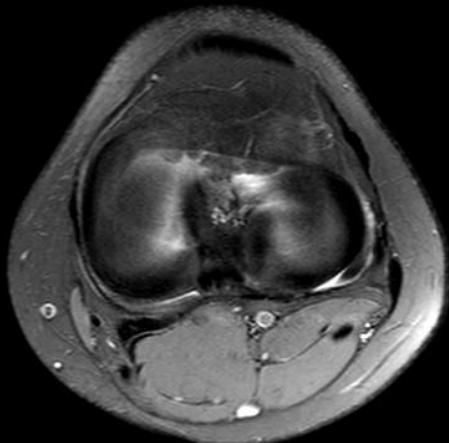


# MCC varus injury-Lateral collateral ligament injury

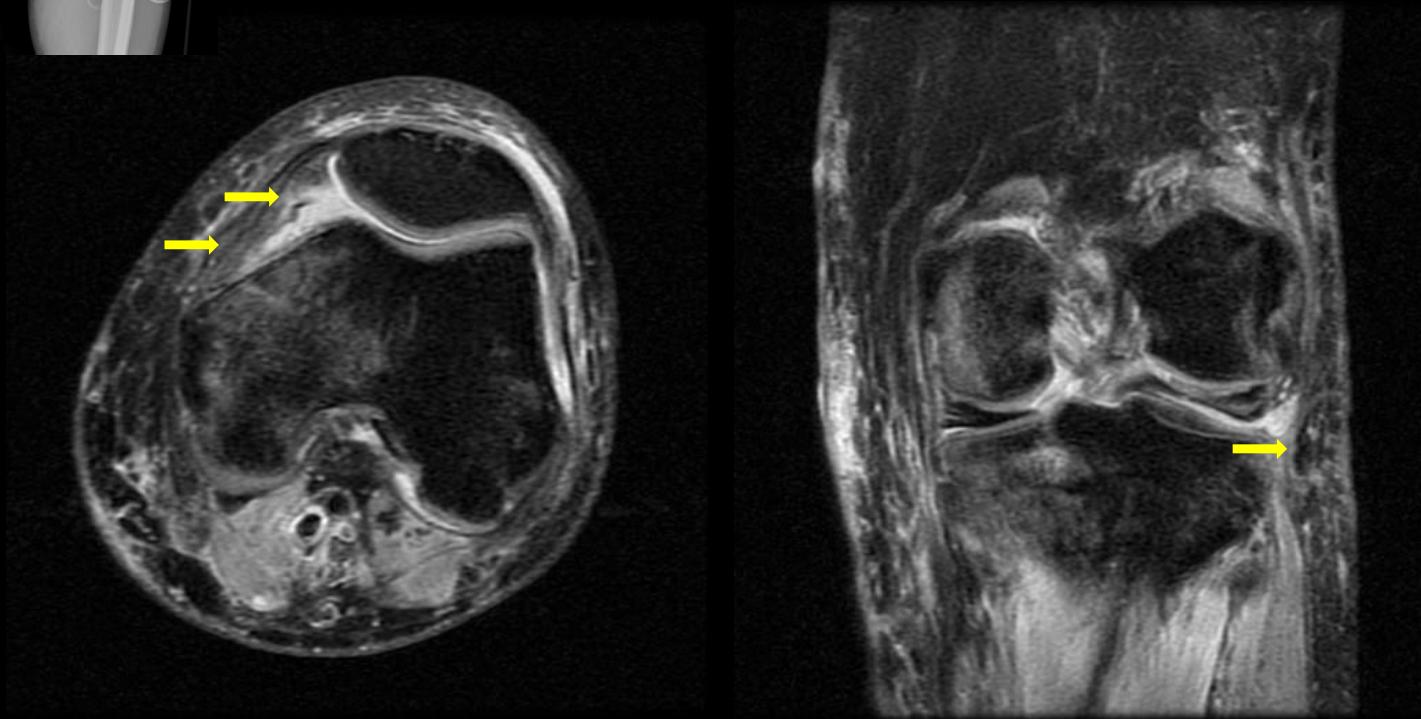


# Lateral collateral ligament – grade 3 tear

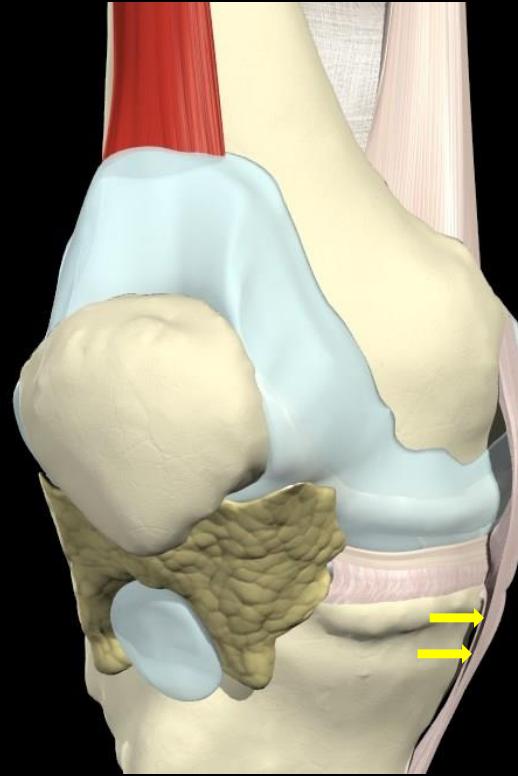
Normal



# Varus, lateral collateral ligament– associated injuries



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**Meniscotibial ligament**

# LCL injury – Clinical stuff....

- Varus , external rotation
- Rarely isolate LCL tear
- Look for “**Posterolateral corner**” structures
- Management based on other associated injuries

Posterolateral knee

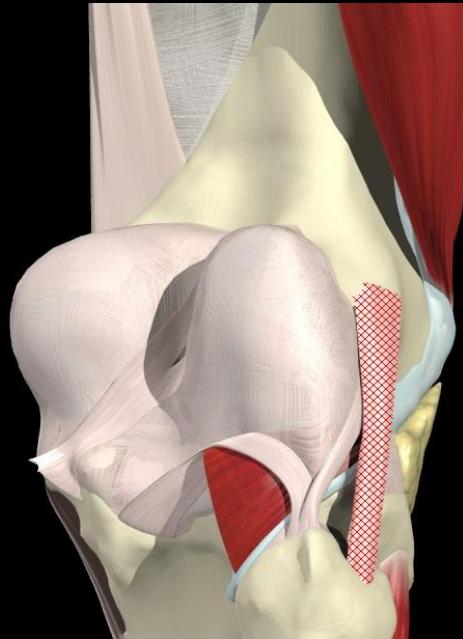
# 18 yr old ATV injury



Arcuate sign

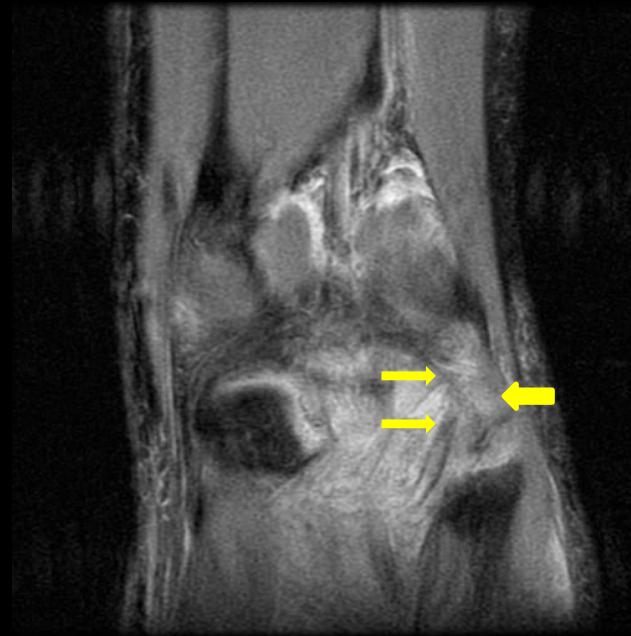
# Posterolateral corner

- Arcuate ligament
  - Popliteal tendon
  - Popliteofibular ligament
  - Lateral collateral ligament
  - Posterolateral joint capsule
- 
- Fabellofibular ligament

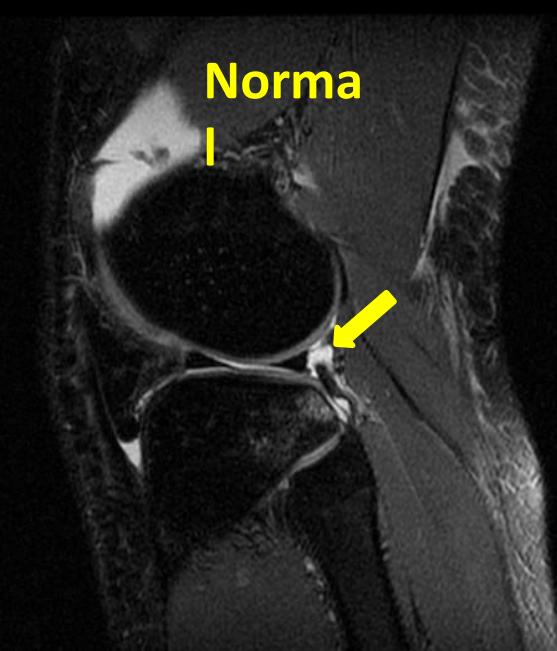


# Posterolateral corner – popliteus sprain, arcuate ligament tear

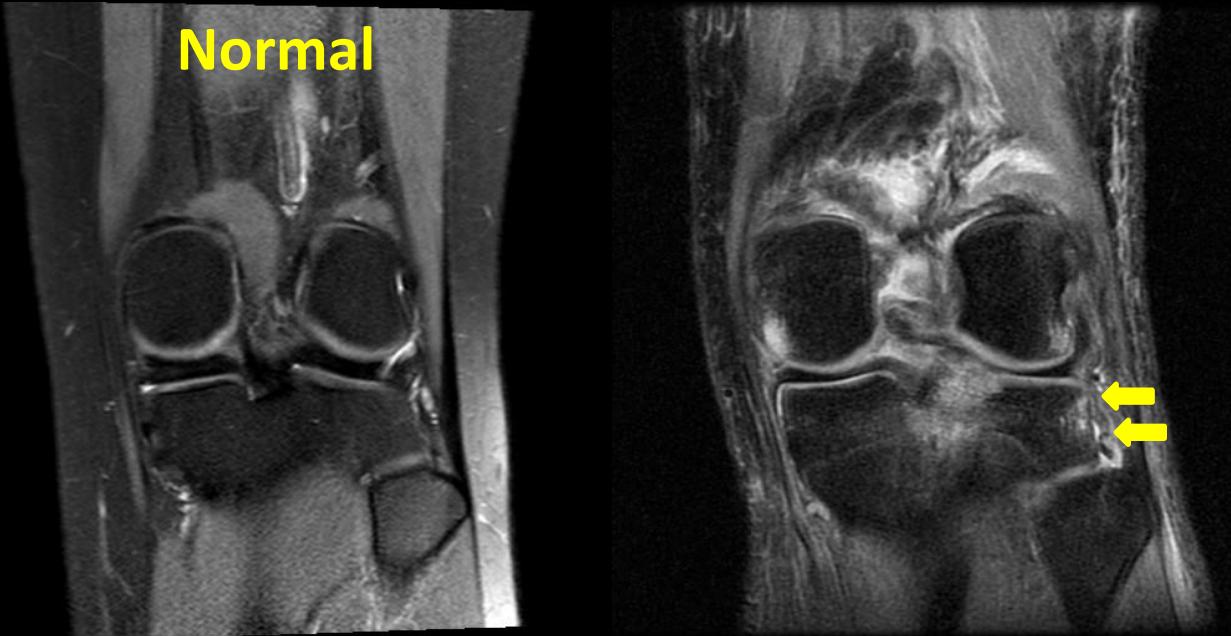
Normal



# Posterolateral corner – arcuate lig tear

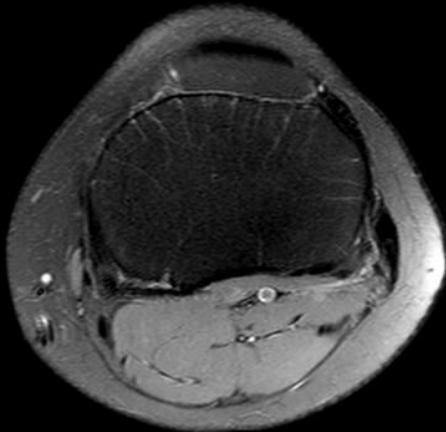


# Posterolateral corner – popliteofibular ligament injury



# Posterolateral corner – popliteus & lateral capsule sprain

Normal

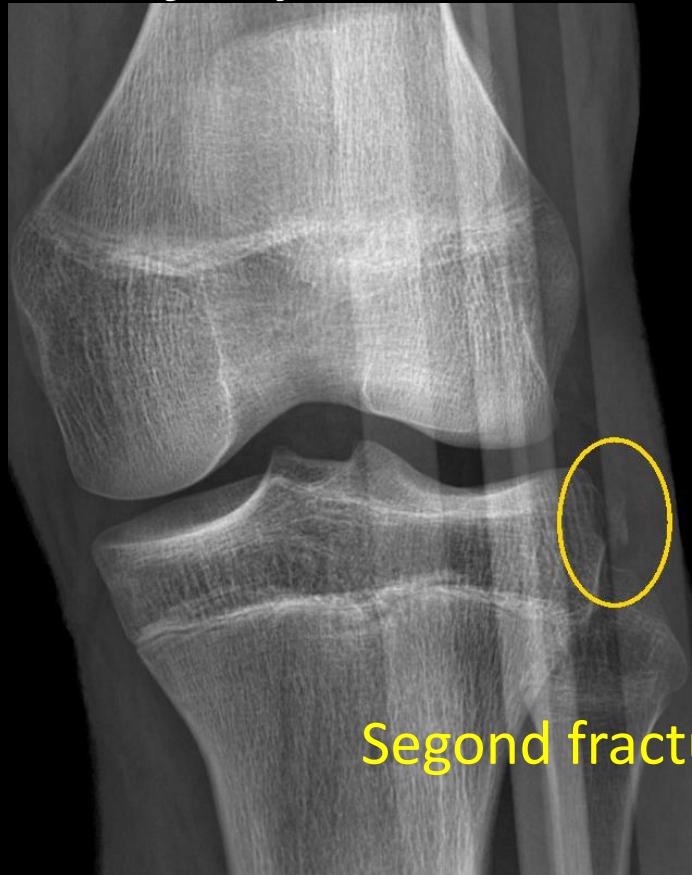


# Posterolateral corner- why should we worry?

- Instability
- Buckling in hyperextension
- **Can be missed at initial clinical presentation**
- Surgical repair warranted

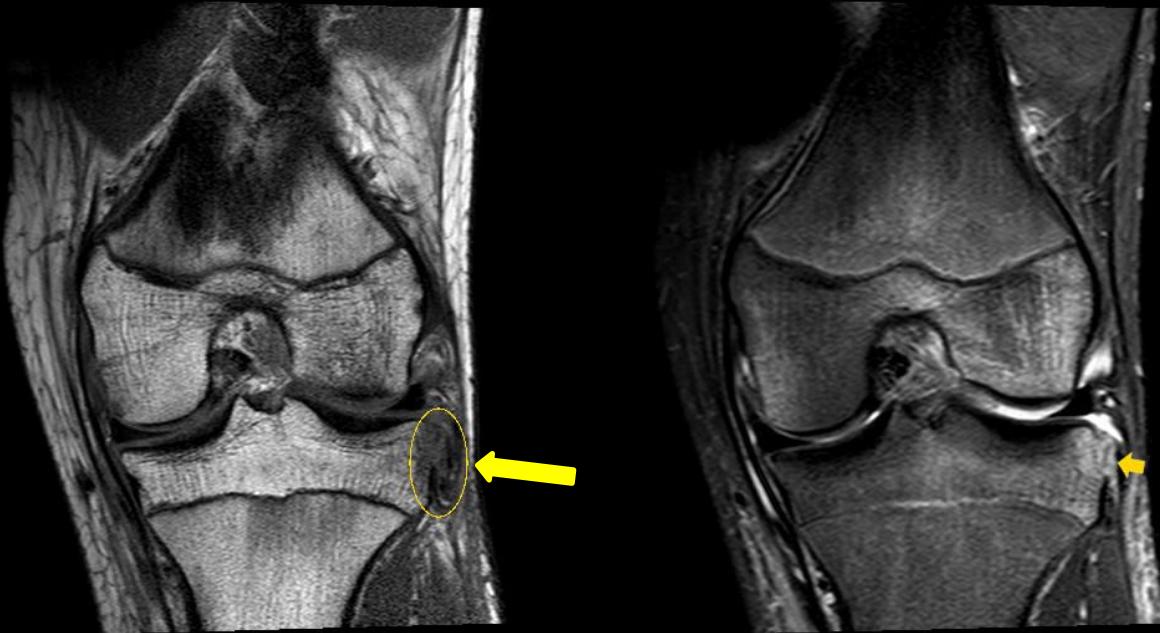
Still around the lateral knee...

# Fender injury



Segond fracture

# Segond fracture

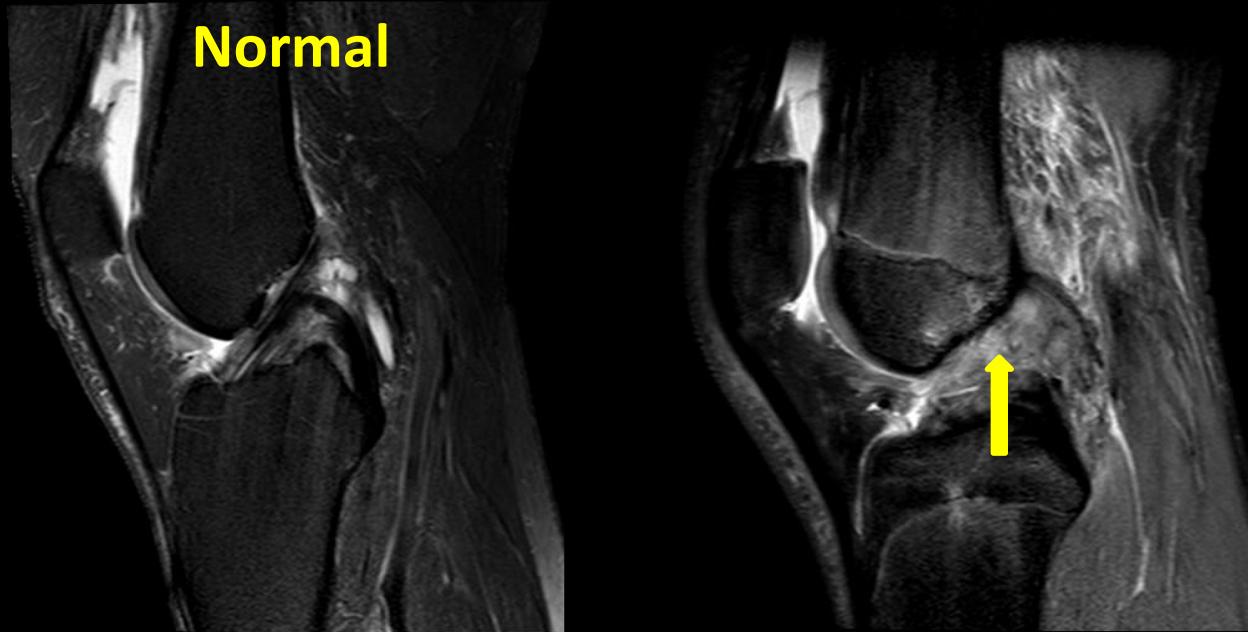


# Segond fracture – lateral capsular injury

Normal



# Segond fracture – associated ACL inj



# Segond fracture – Clinical stuff...

- Dashboard injury – internal rotation +varus
- Lateral Capsular avulsion
- Associated injuries
  - ACL
  - Meniscus



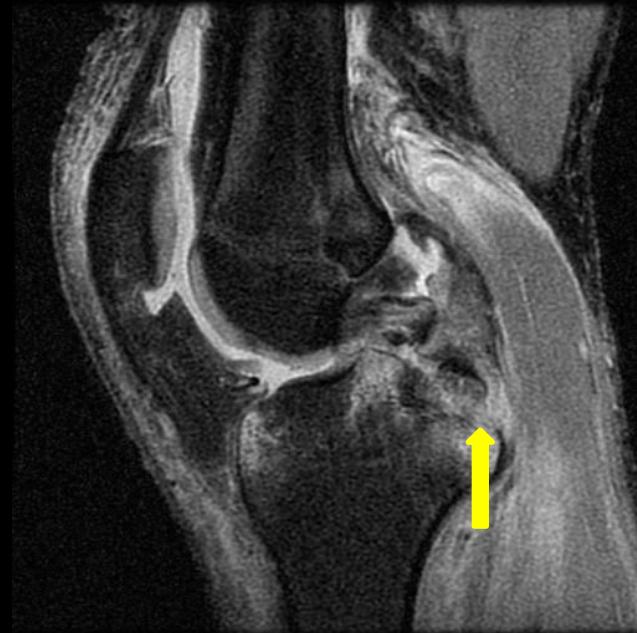
# Posterior Cruciate ligament

# ATV injury

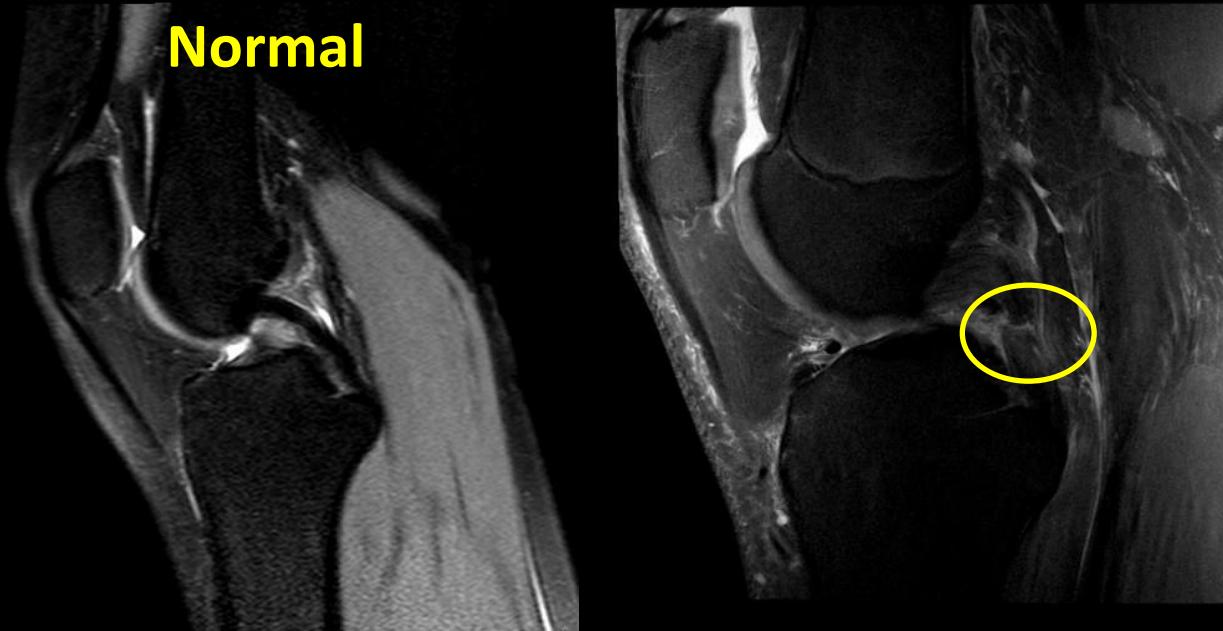


# PCL tear + avulsion

Normal



# Rugby tackle - PCL

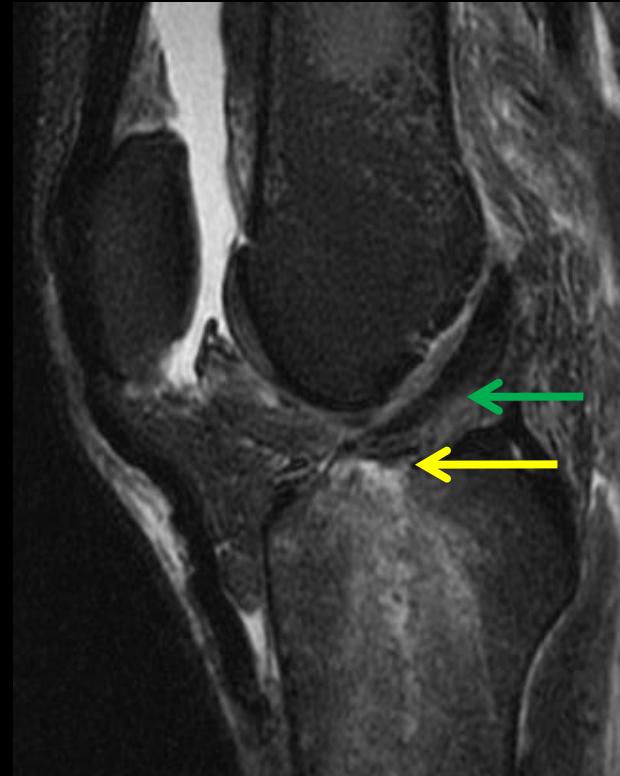
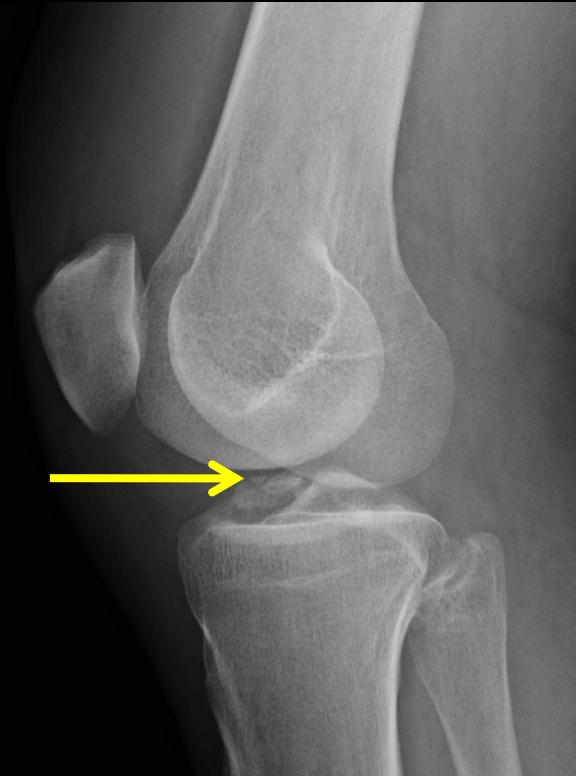


# PCL injuries – Clinical stuff....

- Direct posterior translation of tibia
- Associated with Posterolateral corner injuries and posterior capsule injuries
- Can be treated conservatively if isolated injury

# Anterior Cruciate ligament

# Anterior Cruciate Ligament

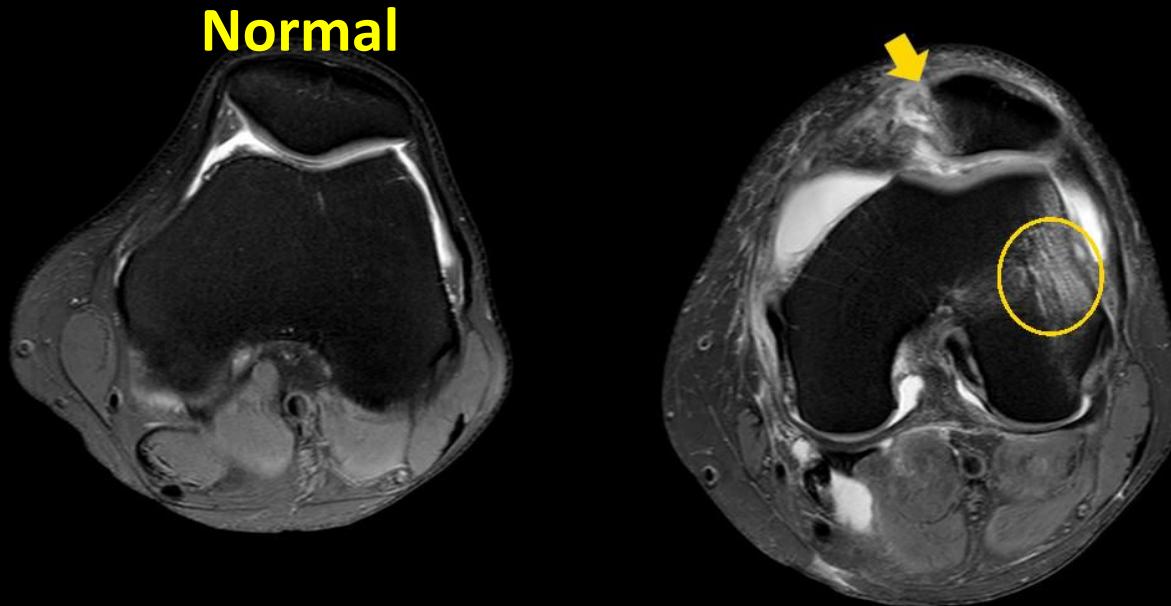


Anterior knee

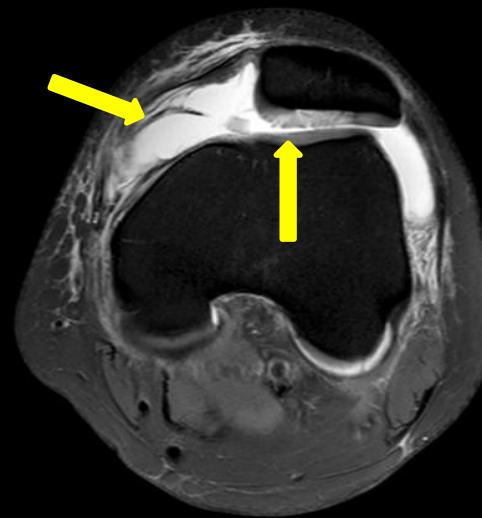
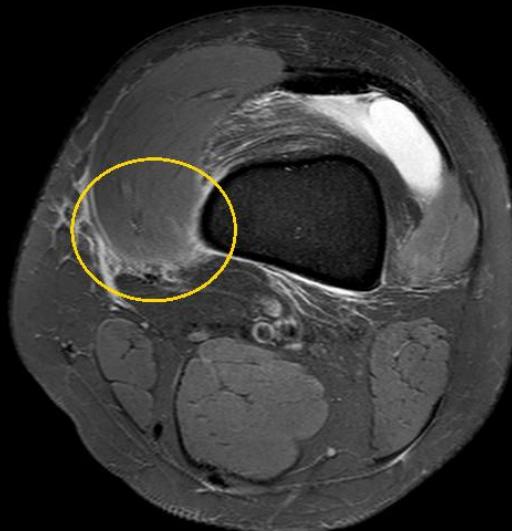
# Patella dislocation



# Medial retinaculum injury + “Kissing contusions”



# Dislocation patella – Vastus medialis obliquus sprain & cartilage injury

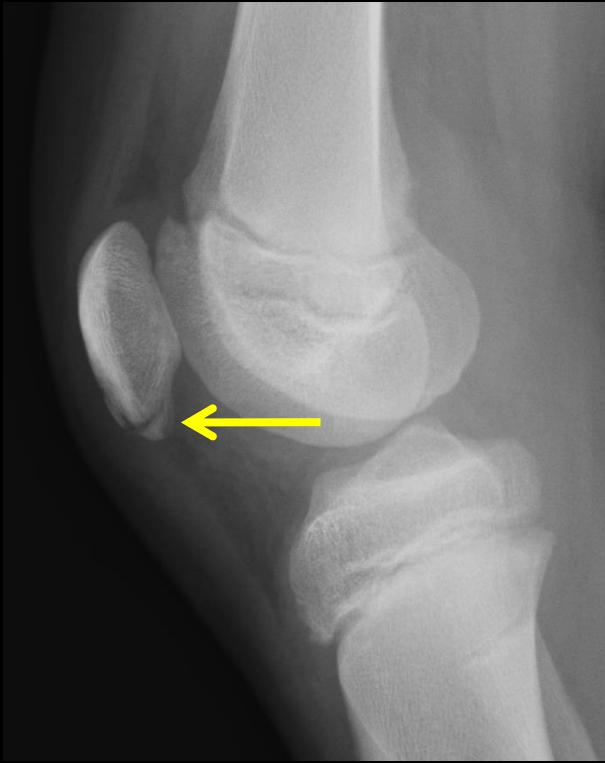


Medial  
retinaculum/patellofemoral  
ligament injury

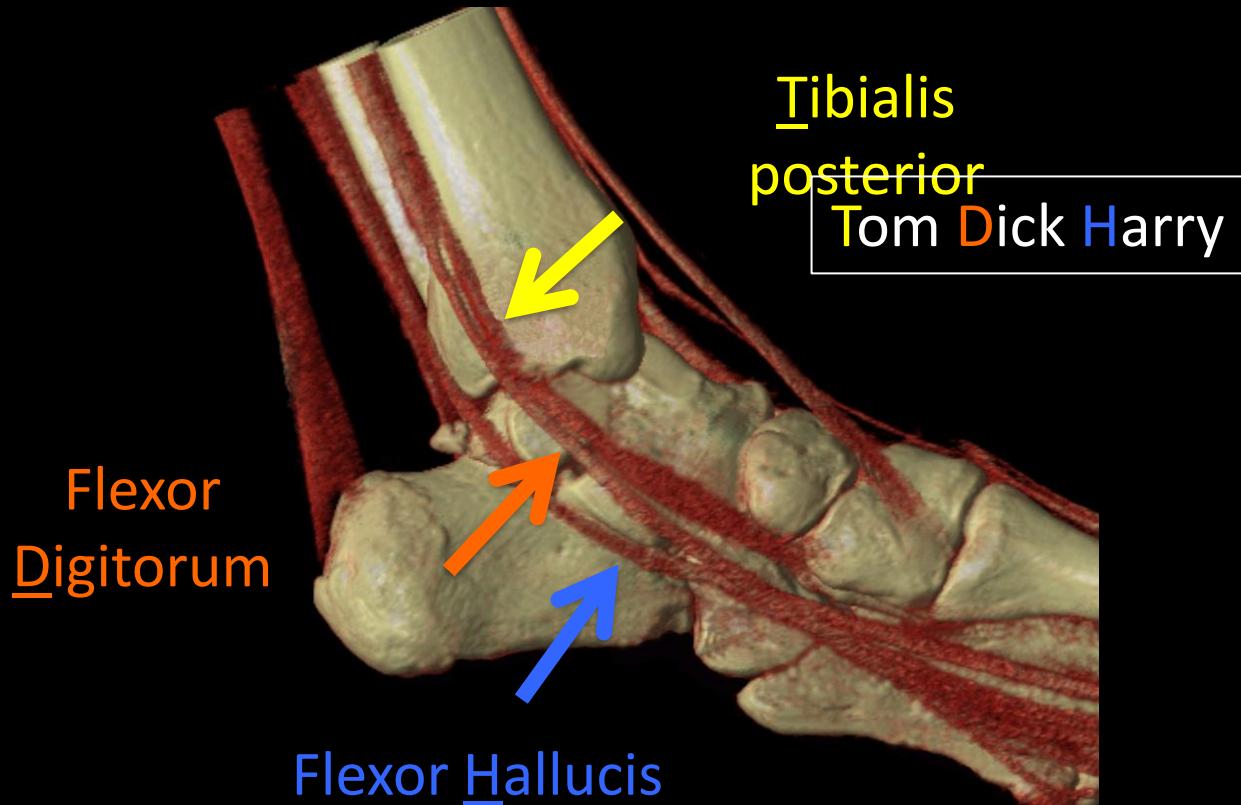
# Patella dislocation – clinical stuff...

- Look for cartilage injury
- Medial patellofemoral ligament / retinacular injury may require surgery
- Evaluate trochlear groove & Vastus medialis obliquus

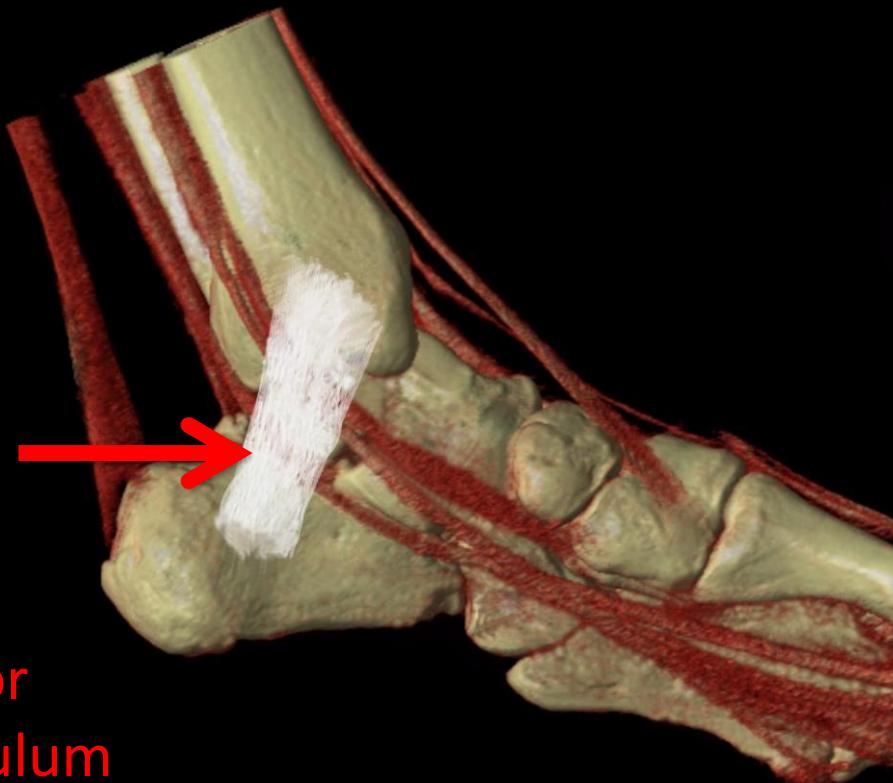
# Patellar Tendon – sleeve avulsion



# Anatomy medial



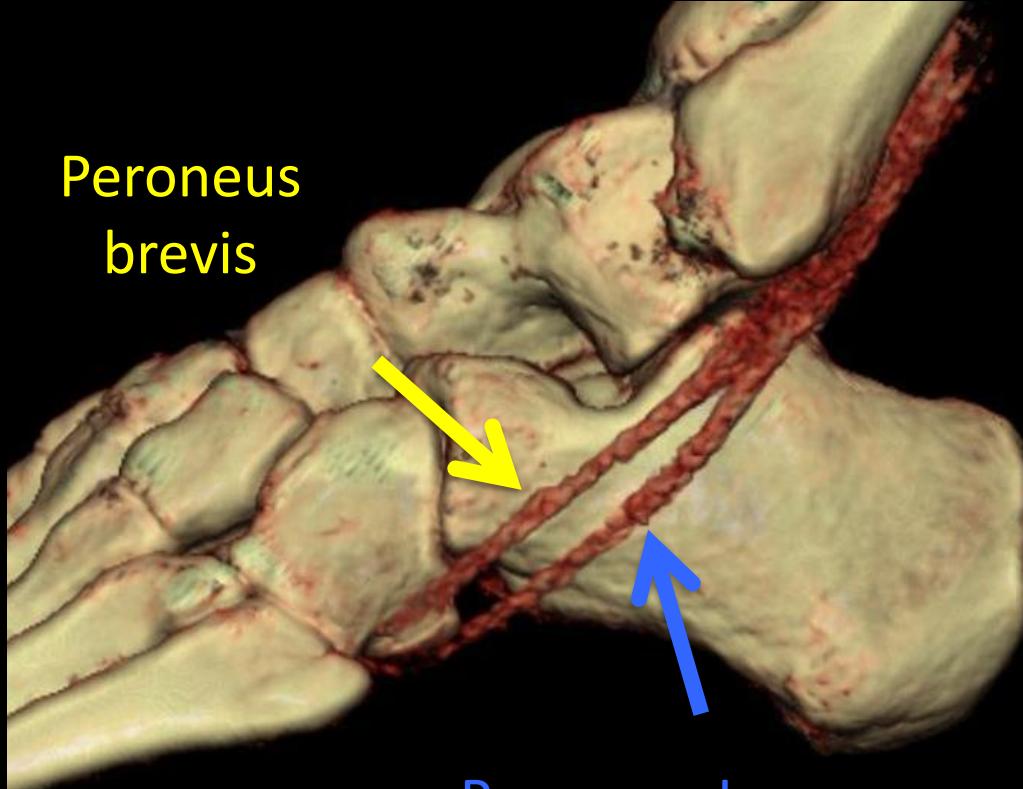
# Anatomy medial



Flexor  
Retinaculum

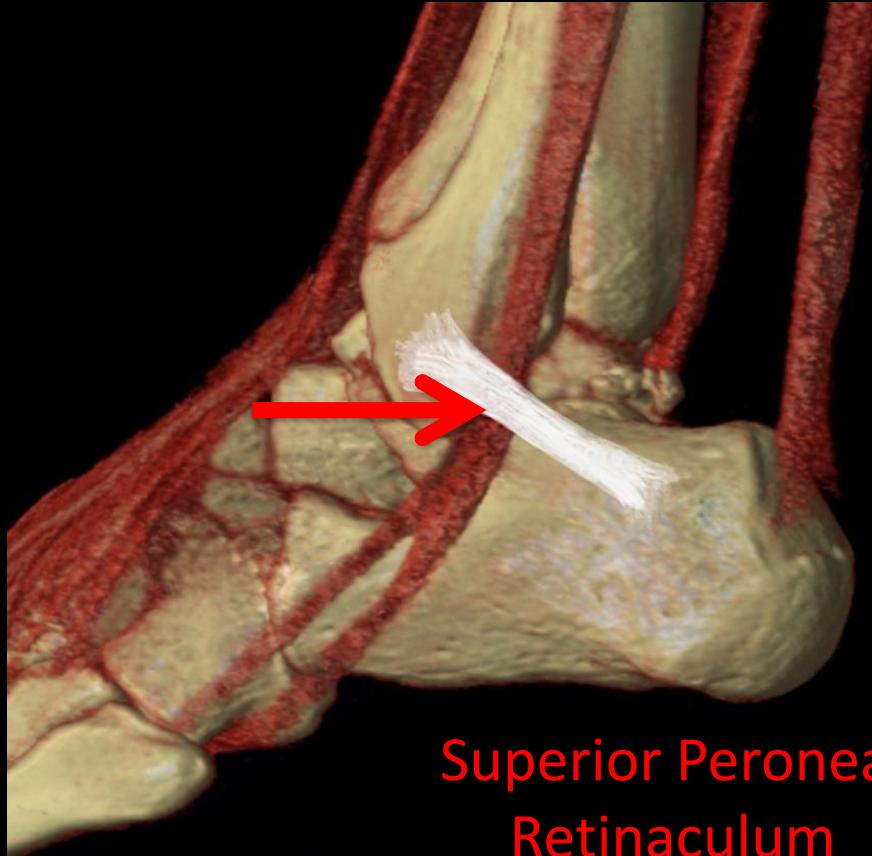
# Anatomy lateral

Peroneus  
brevis



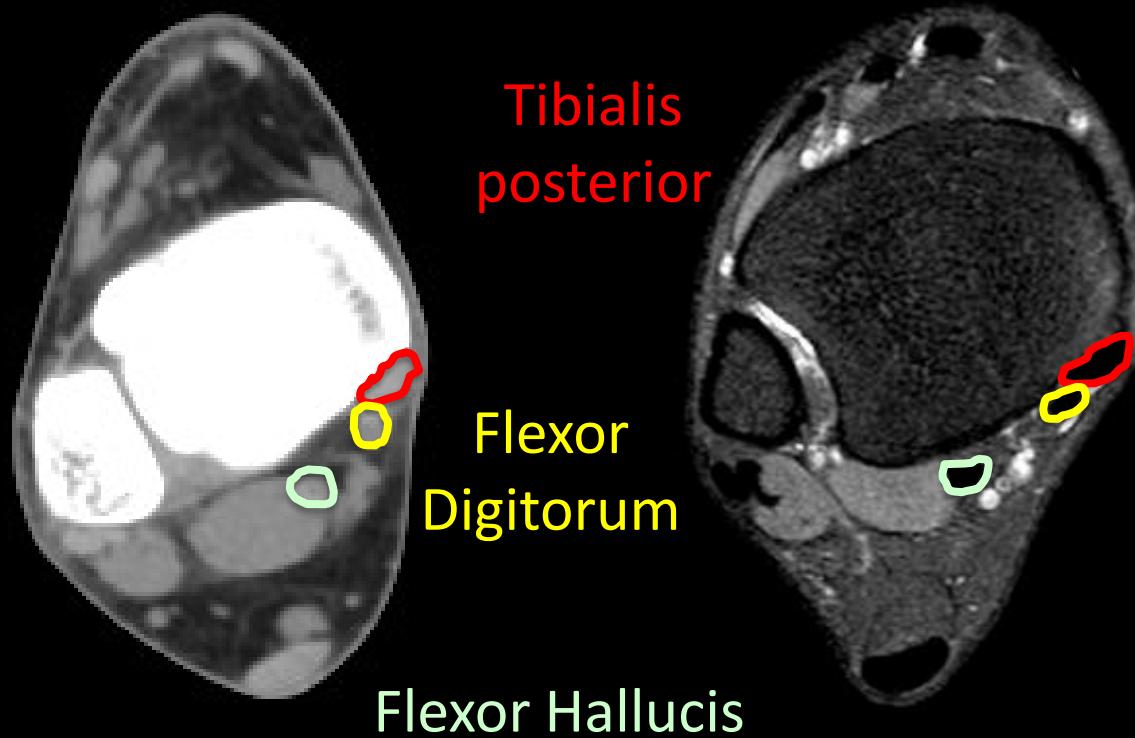
Peroneus Longus

# Anatomy lateral

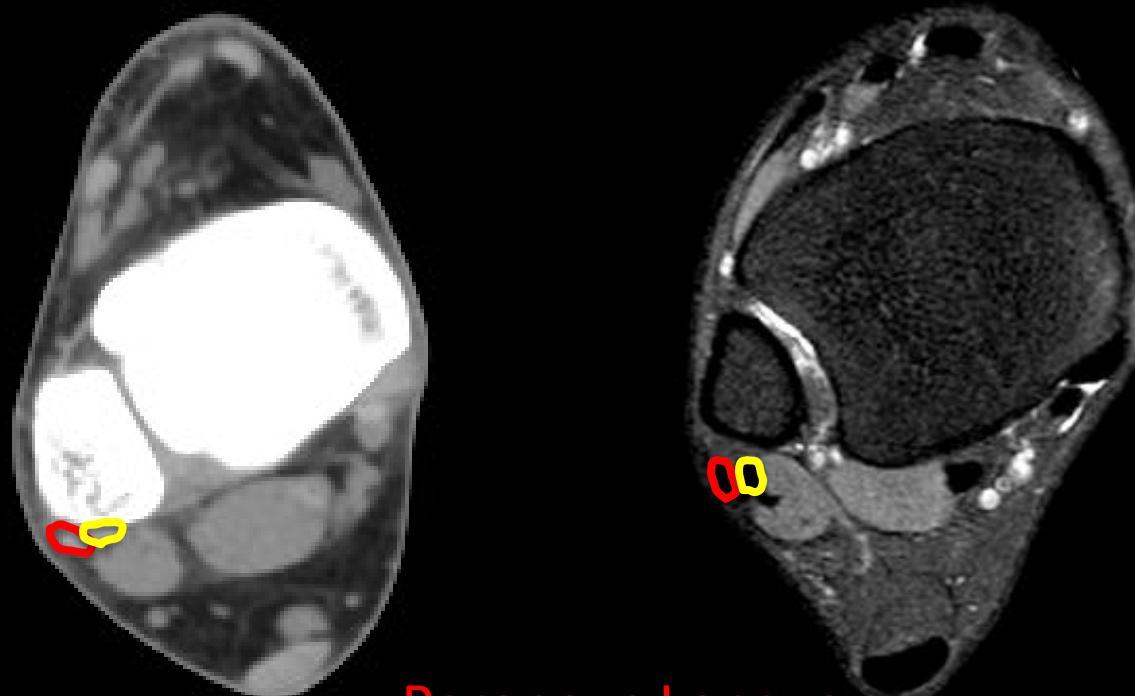


Superior Peroneal  
Retinaculum

# Anatomy medial tendons



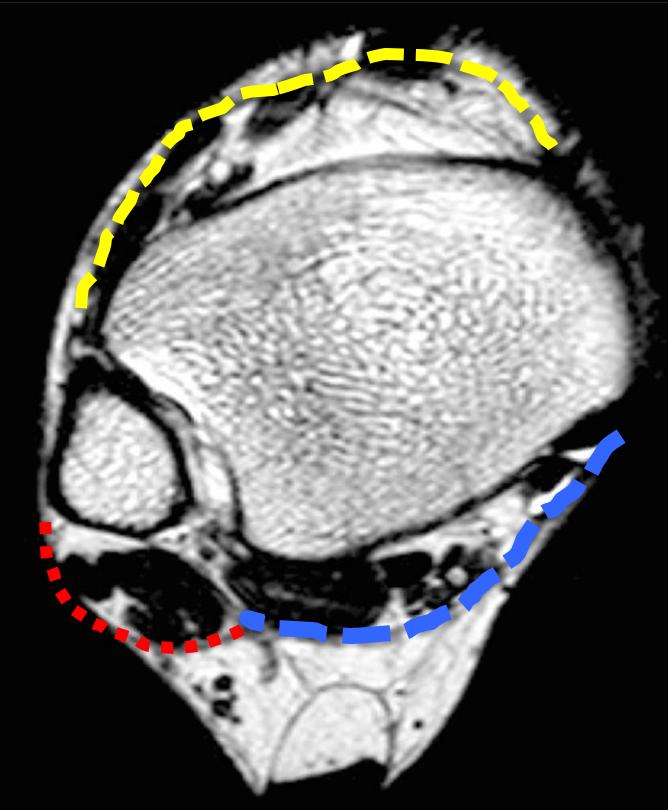
# Anatomy lateral tendons



Peroneus Longus

Peroneus  
brevis

# Anatomy retinaculum



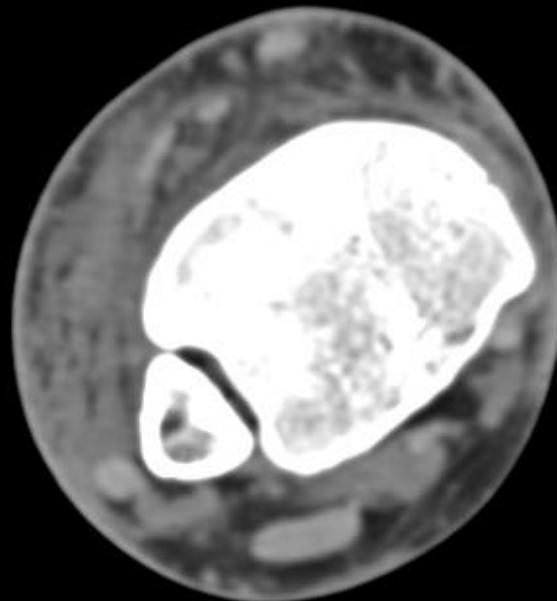
Extensor  
retinaculum

Flexor  
retinaculum

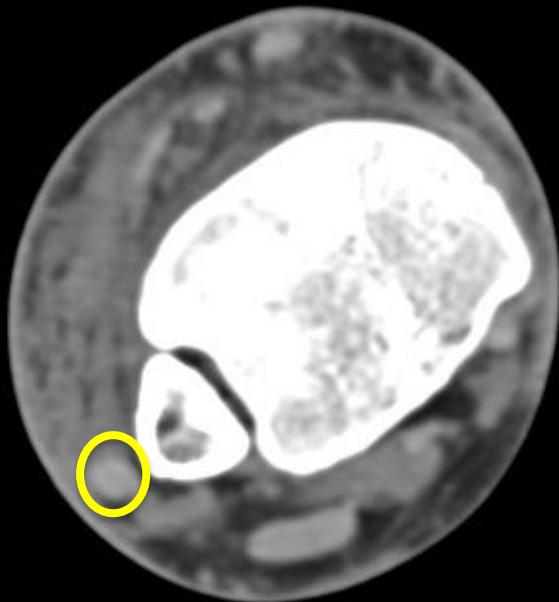
Superior peroneal  
retinaculum

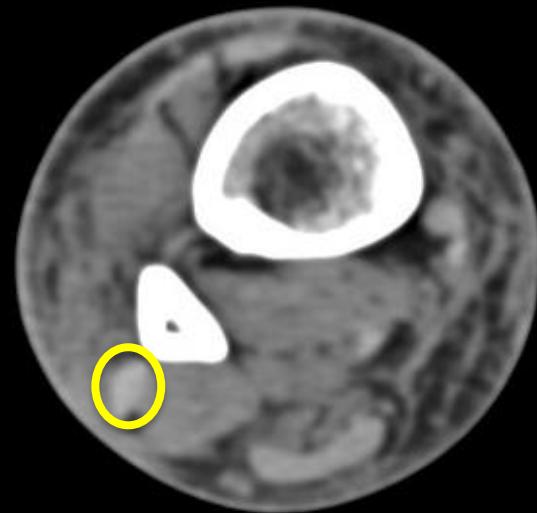
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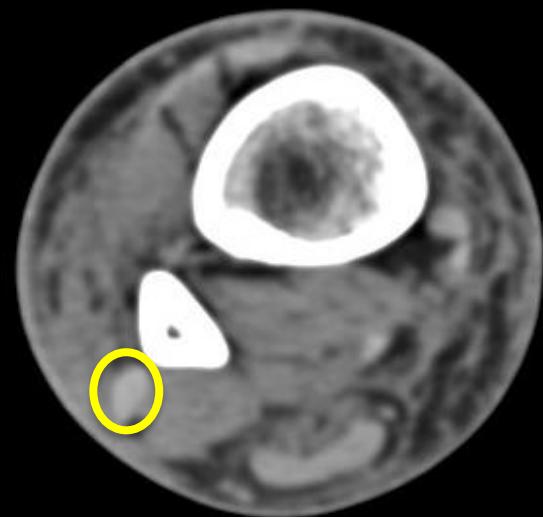
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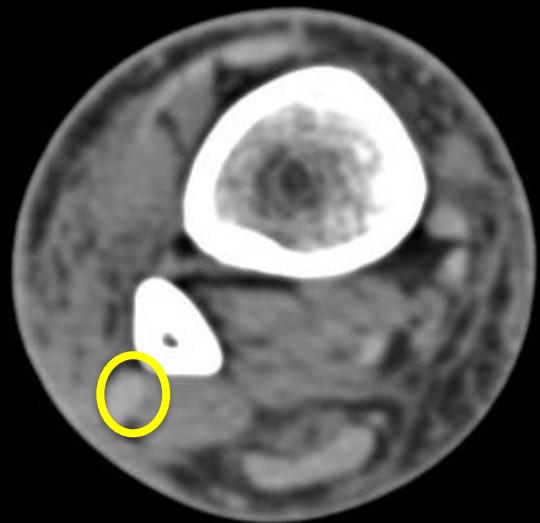


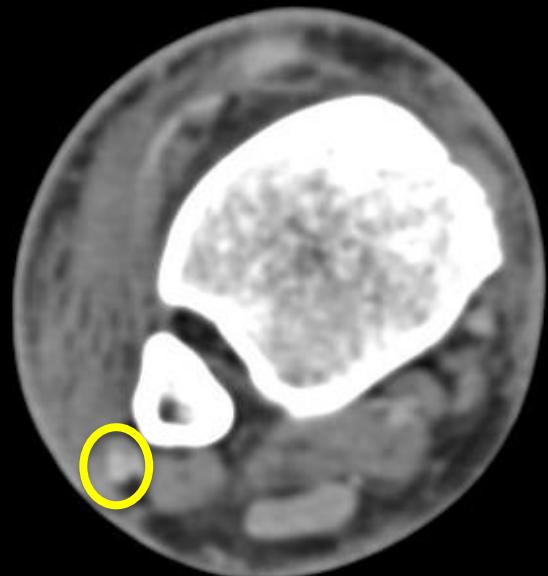
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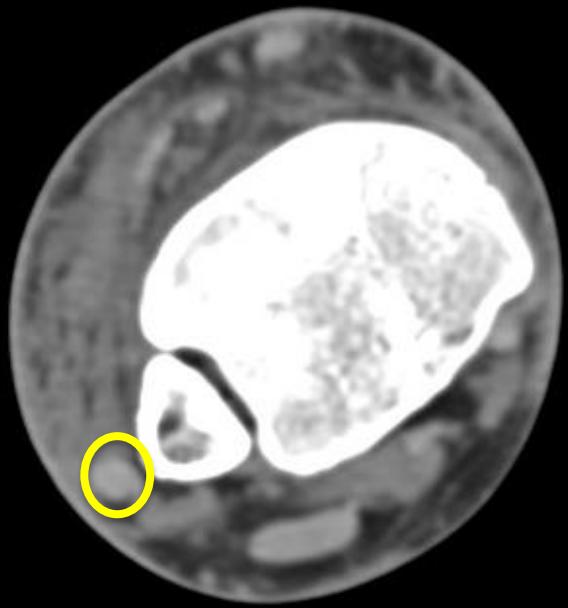


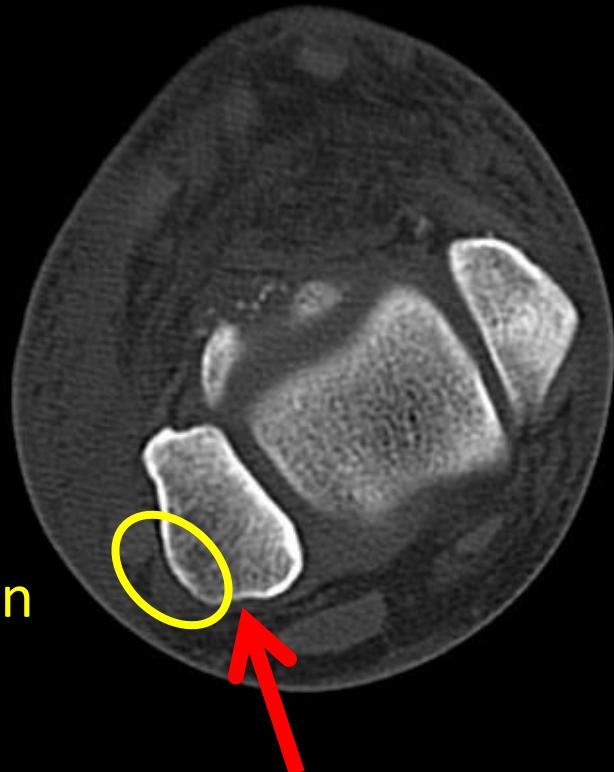












NO avulsion

Retro-fibular groove



H

L

R

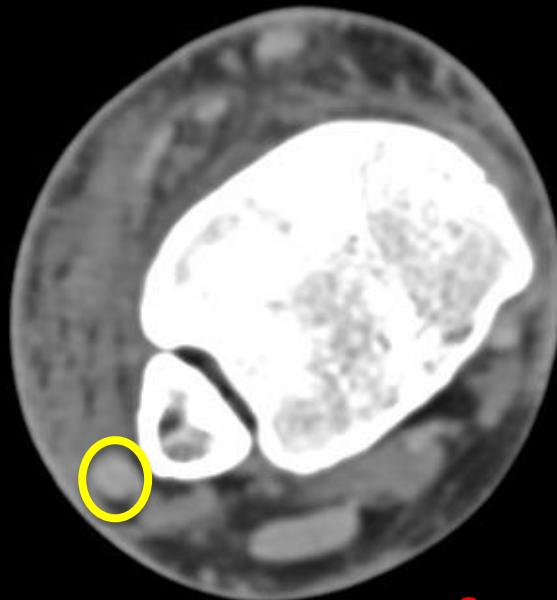
F



5mm/1cm

5mm/1cm

# Subluxation of peroneal

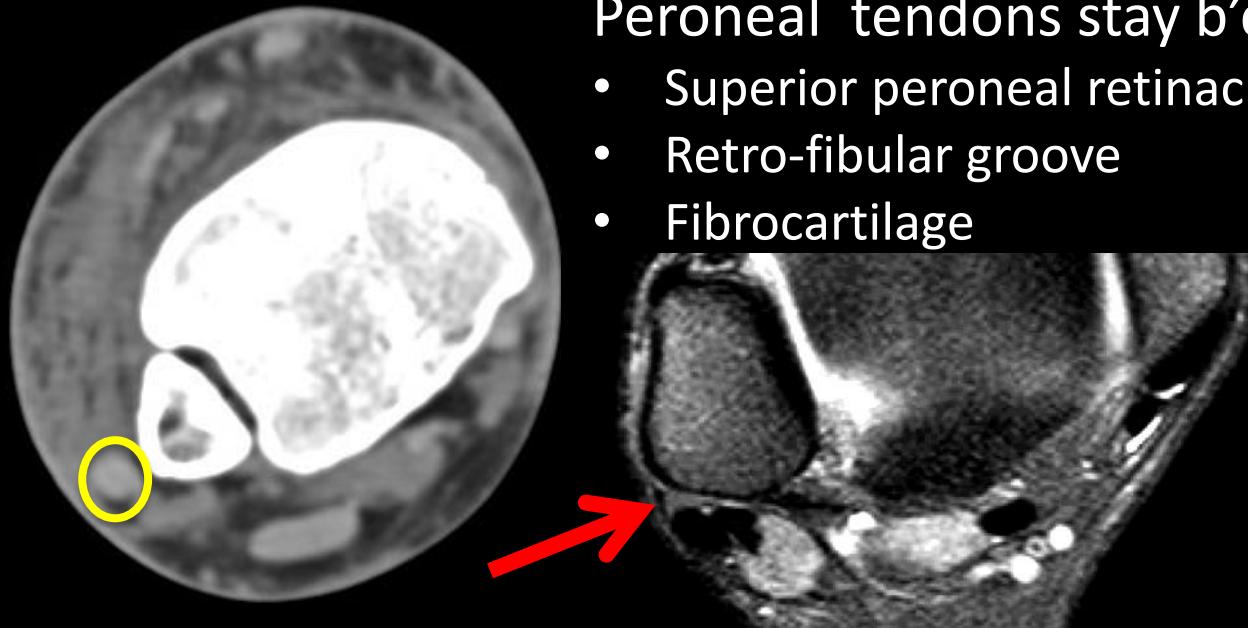


Superior Peroneal  
Retinaculum



Normal

# Subluxation of peroneal

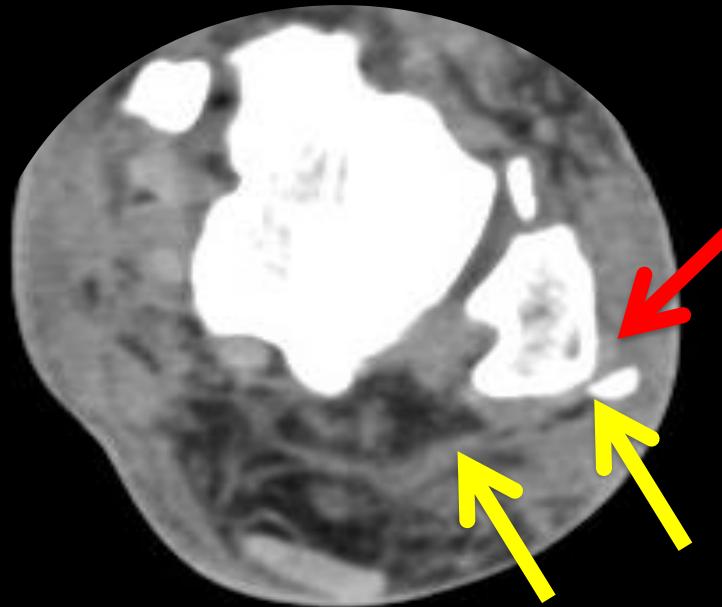


Peroneal tendons stay b'cos

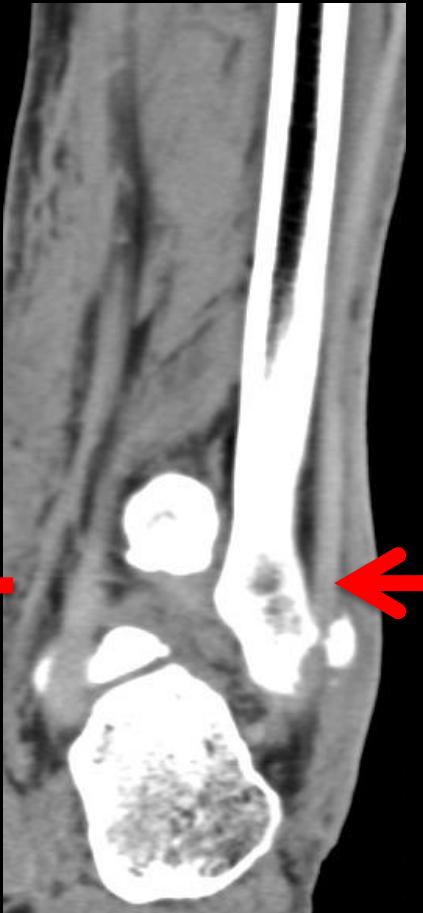
- Superior peroneal retinaculum
- Retro-fibular groove
- Fibrocartilage

Normal Fibrocartilage

# Lateral symptoms



Superior Peroneal  
retinacular avulsion fx +  
split Peroneus





Superior Peroneal  
retinacular avulsion  
fx + split Peroneus

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5mm/div

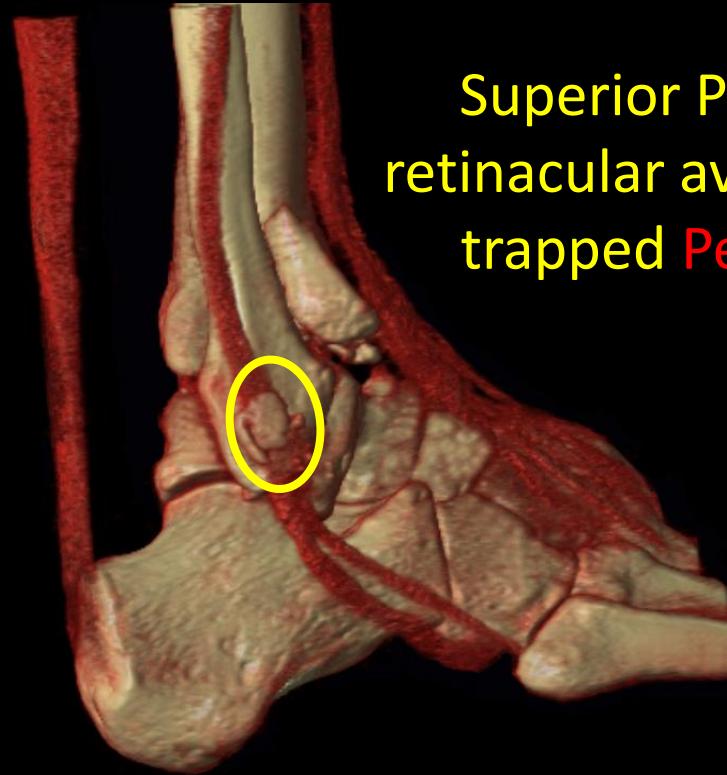


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5mm/div

# Lateral symptoms

2<sup>nd</sup> case



Superior Peroneal  
retinacular avulsion fx +  
trapped Peroneus

# Medial sided pain in er

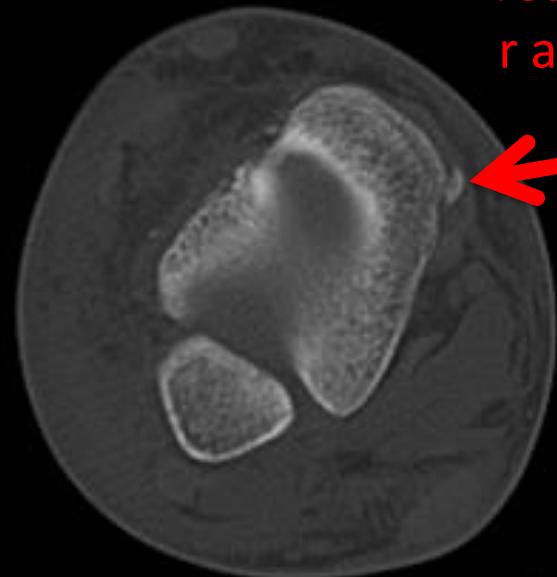


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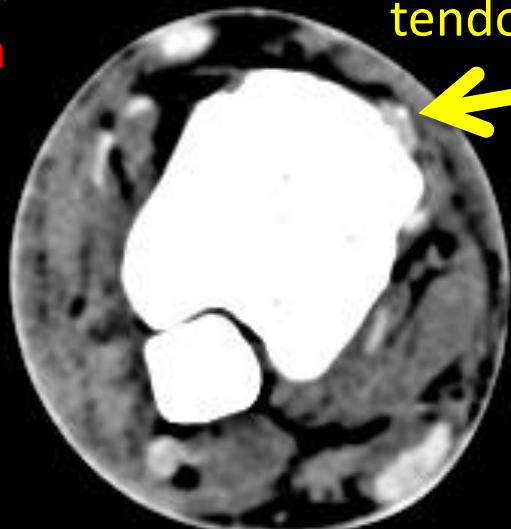
# Medial sided pain in er



# Flexor retinacular avulsion



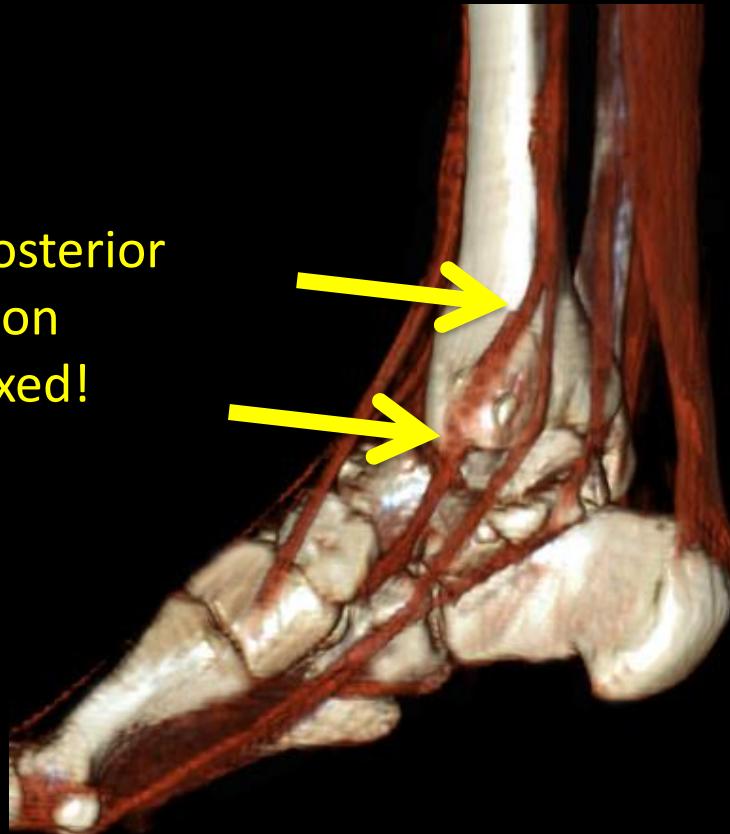
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Tibialis  
posterior  
tendon

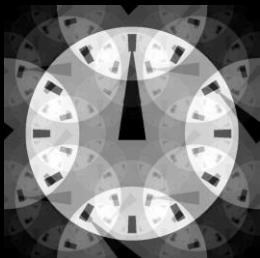
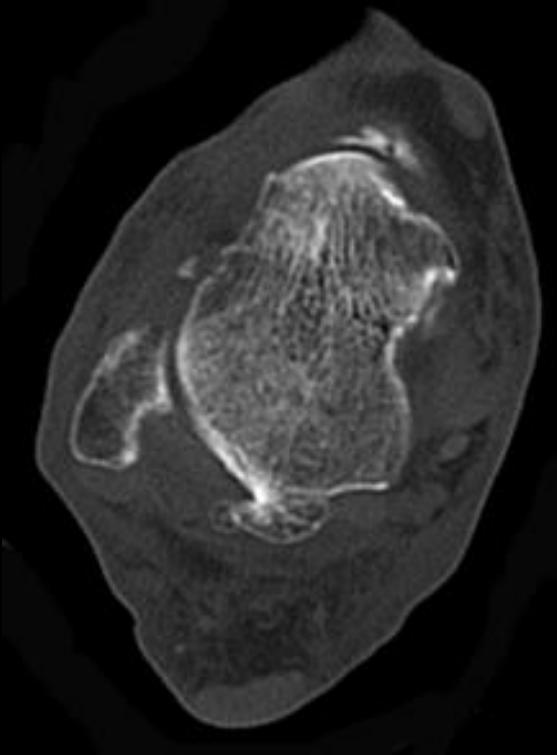
# FLEXOR RETINACULAR AVULSION

Tibialis Posterior  
tendon  
Subluxed!

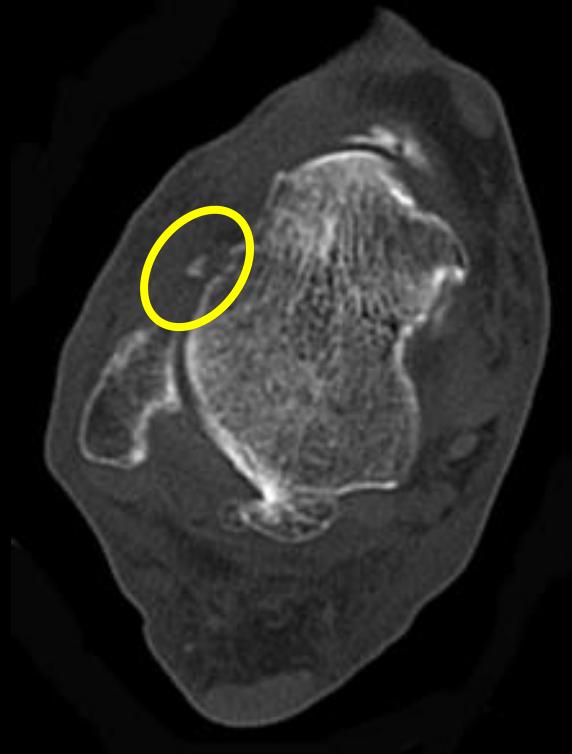


Lets look at some more injuries

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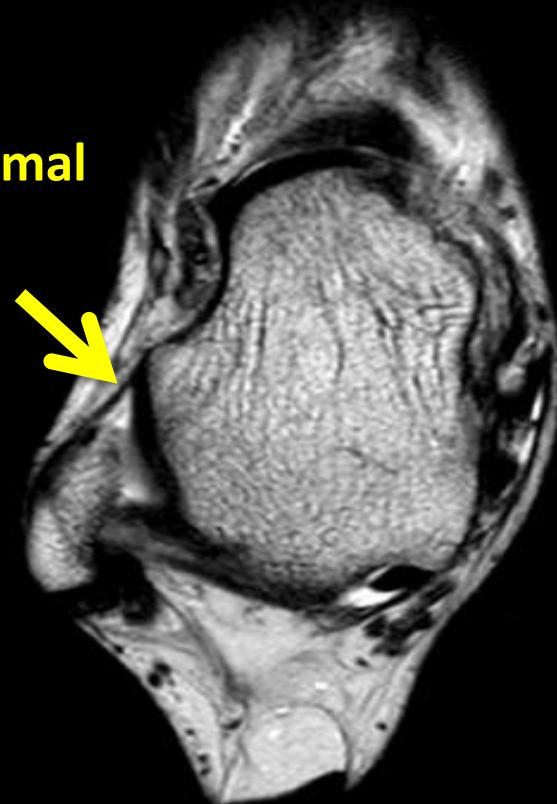


# Atfl avulsion

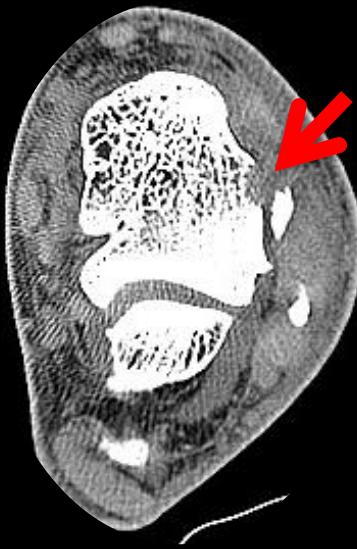
Anterior  
Talofibular  
Ligament  
Avulsion



Normal

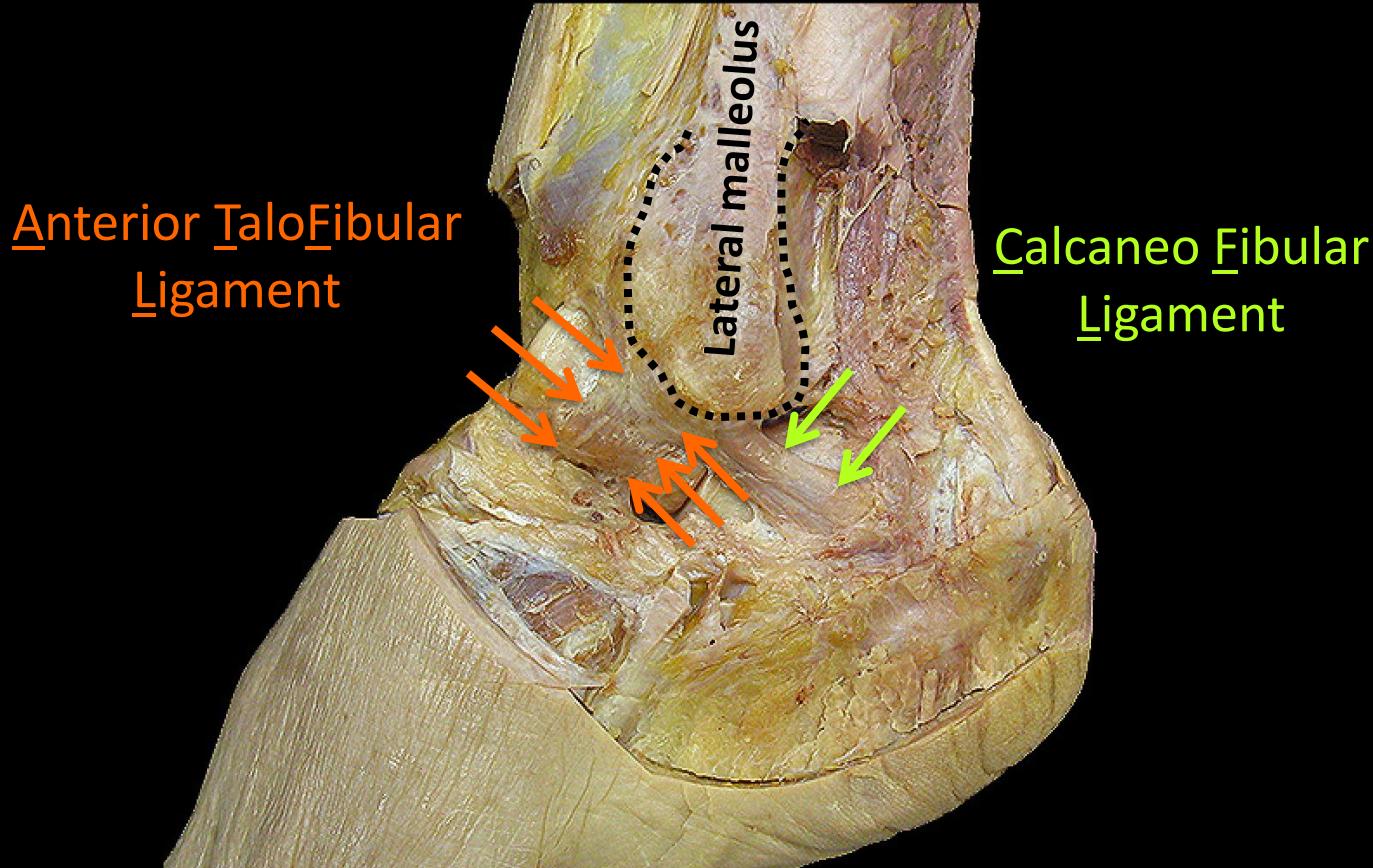


# Cycling injury



ATFL avulsion

# Anatomy – atfl & cfl



# CalcaneoFibular Ligament Avulsion

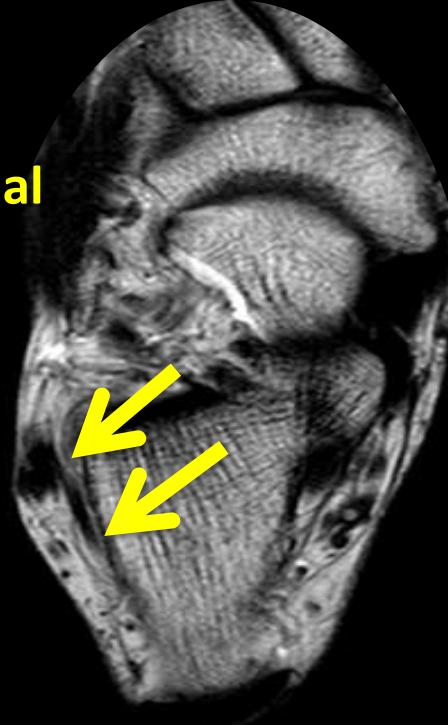
Posterior  
lateral pain



# CalcaneoFibular Ligament Avulsion



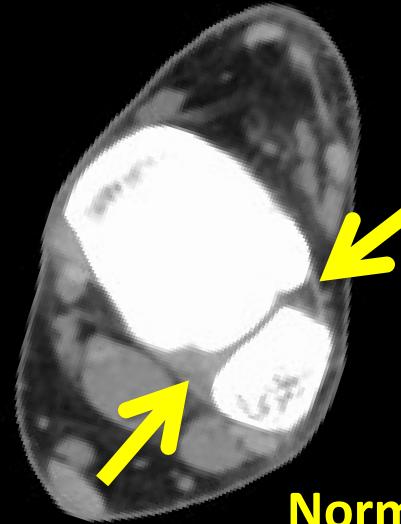
Normal



## Some more avulsions

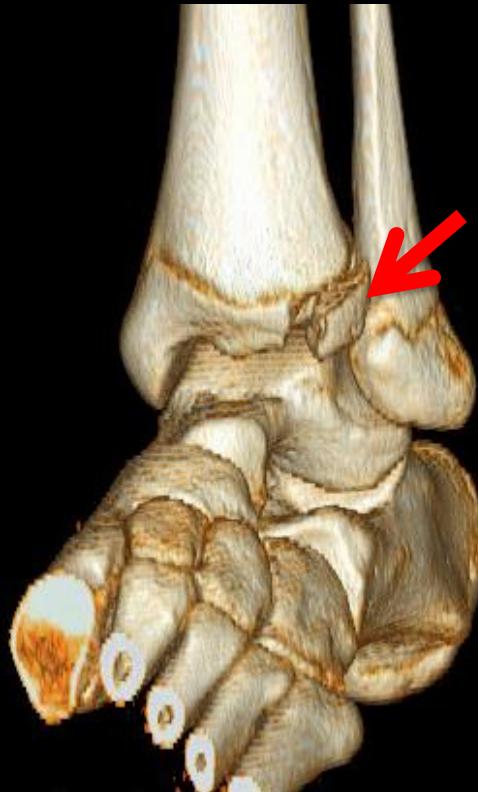
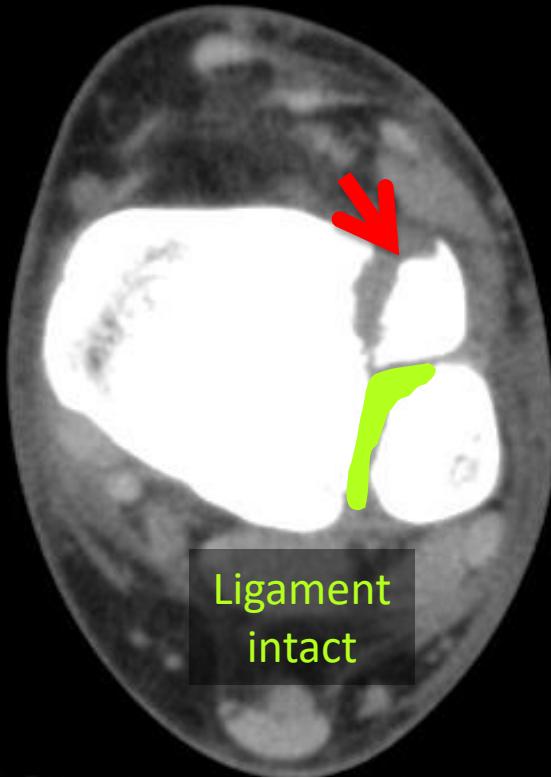


Distal Tib Fib  
avulsion



Normal  
Distal Tib Fib  
Ligament

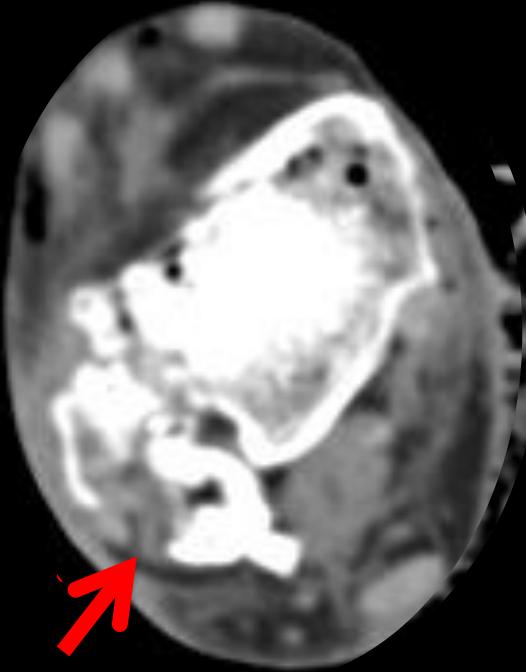
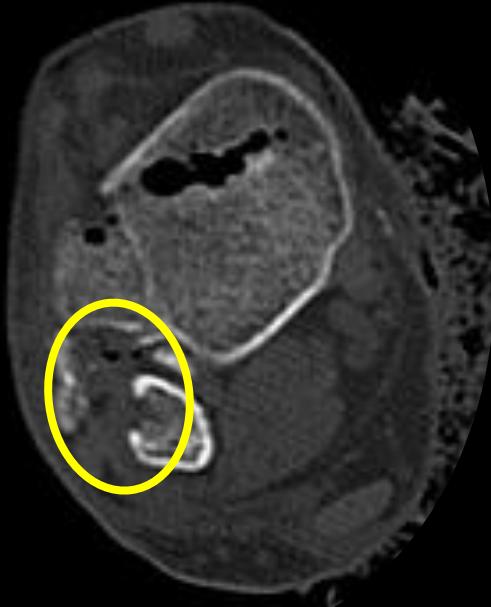
# 14 yr old Gymnastics injury



Juvenile Tillaux  
fracture

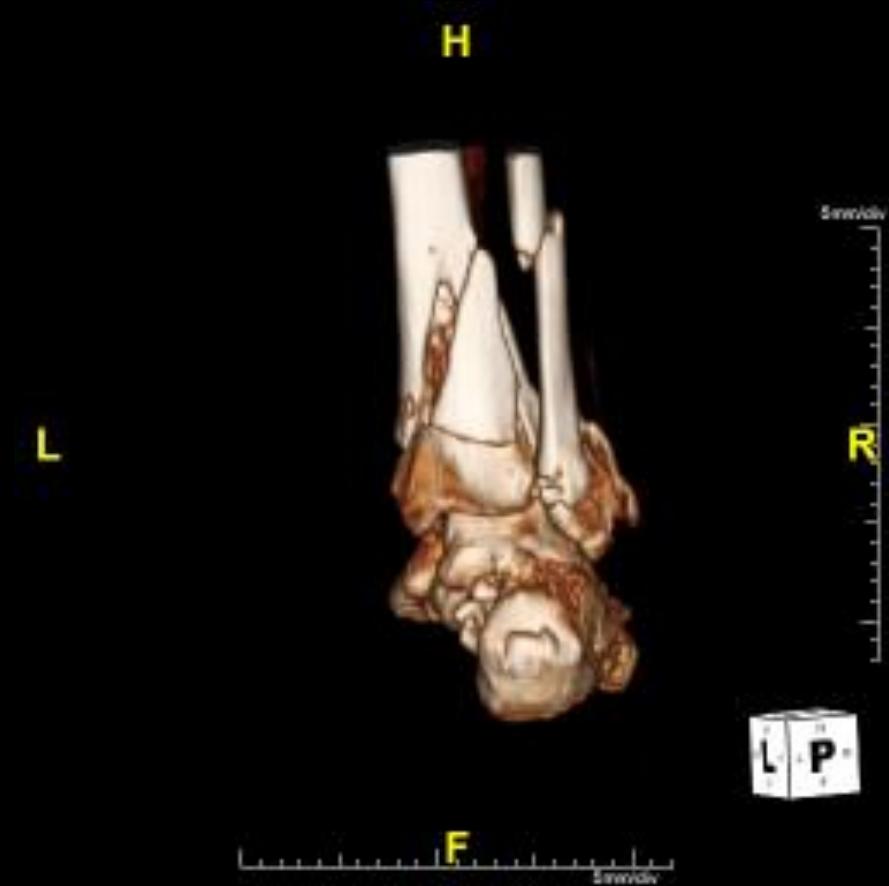
What about tendons?!

Open  
wound  
MCC

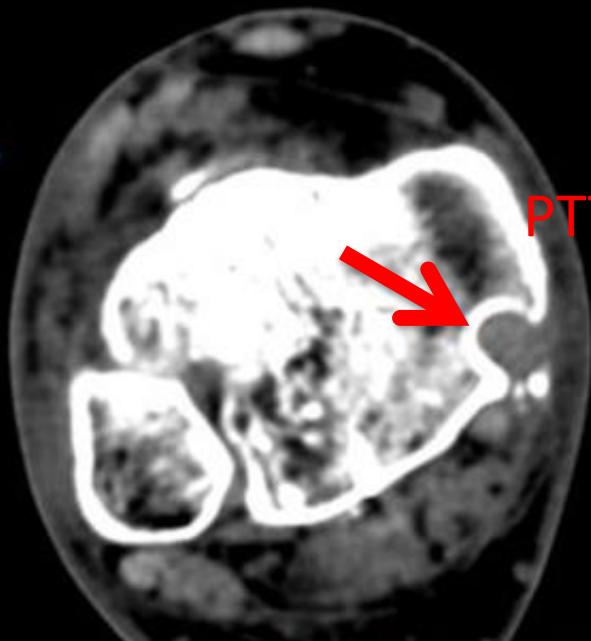


Trapped PL & PB  
tendons

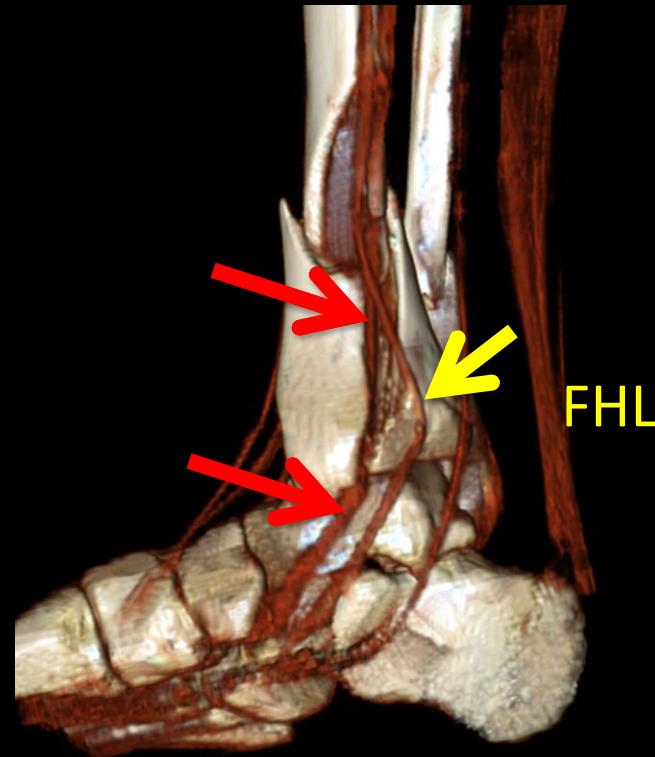
# Trapped Peroneus Longus & Brevis



# Medial tendons in trouble!



PTT

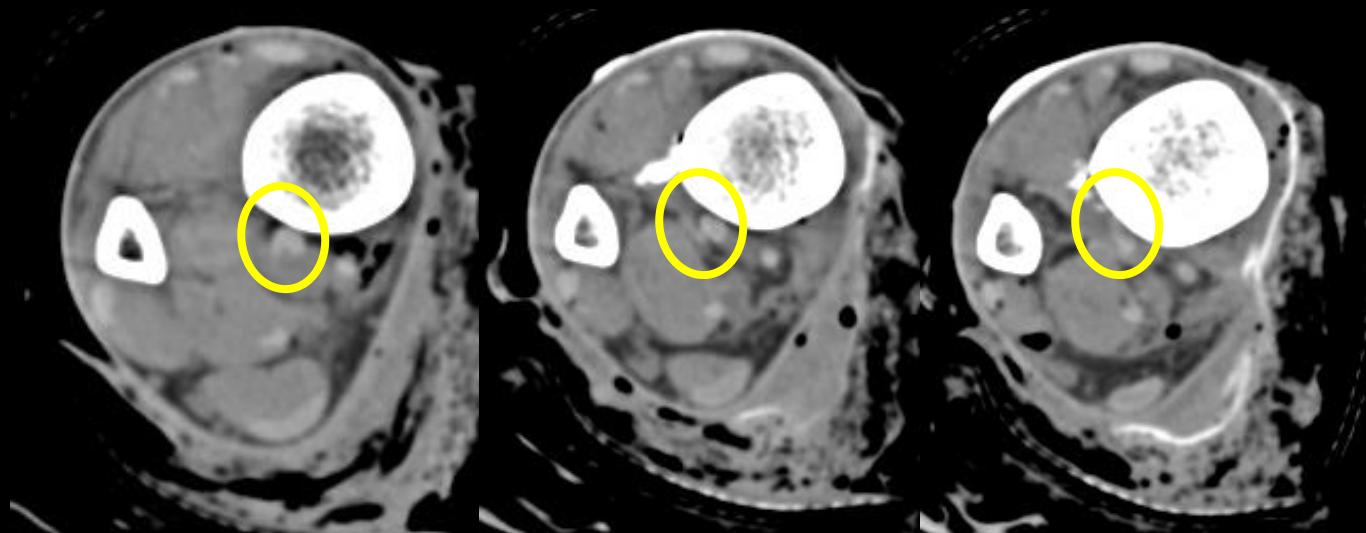


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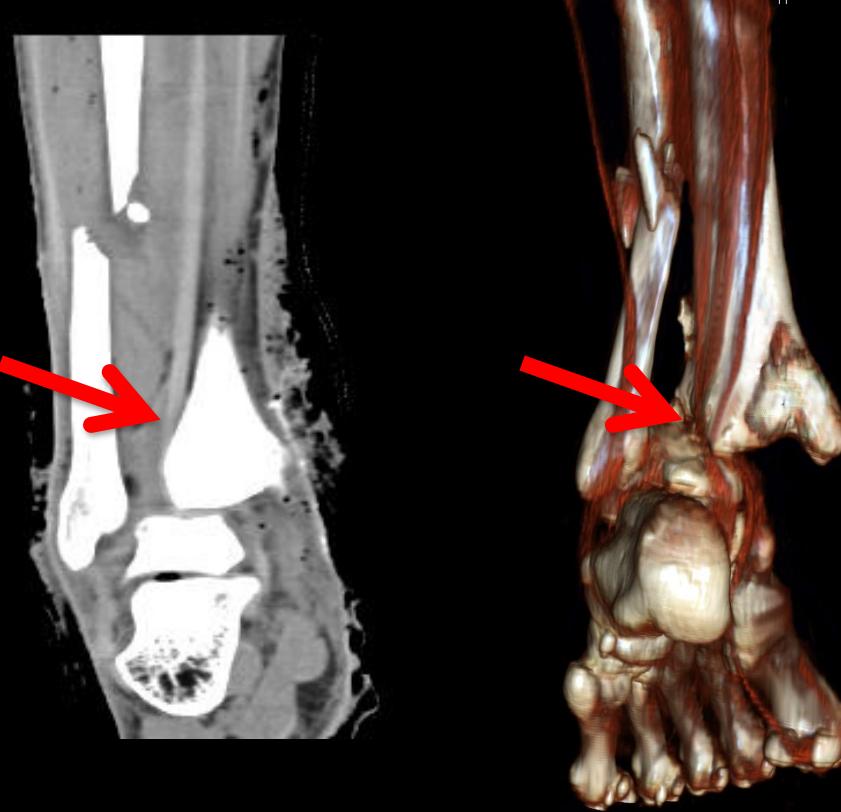
# NON REDUCING ANKLE !



# THE VANISHING Tibialis post tendon!

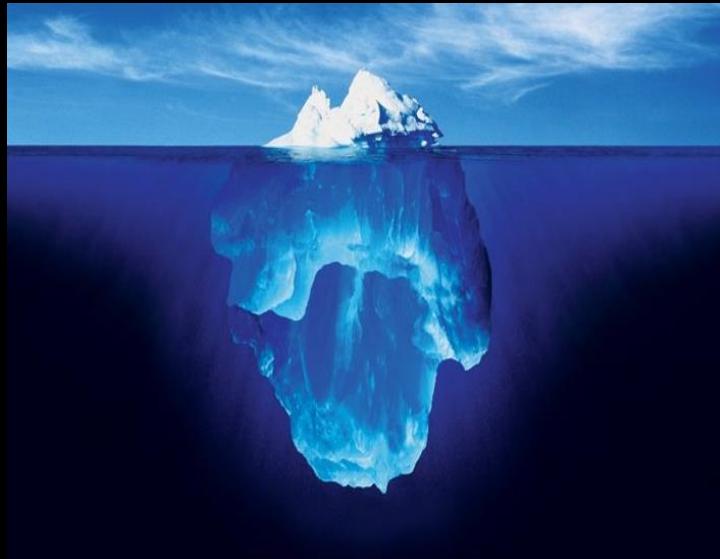


# THE VANISHING Tibialis post tendon!



# Summary...

- “Small” avulsion / chip fractures are just the tip of the iceberg for significant soft tissue injuries
- Associated soft tissue injuries may warrant surgery





Thank you for your attention!

