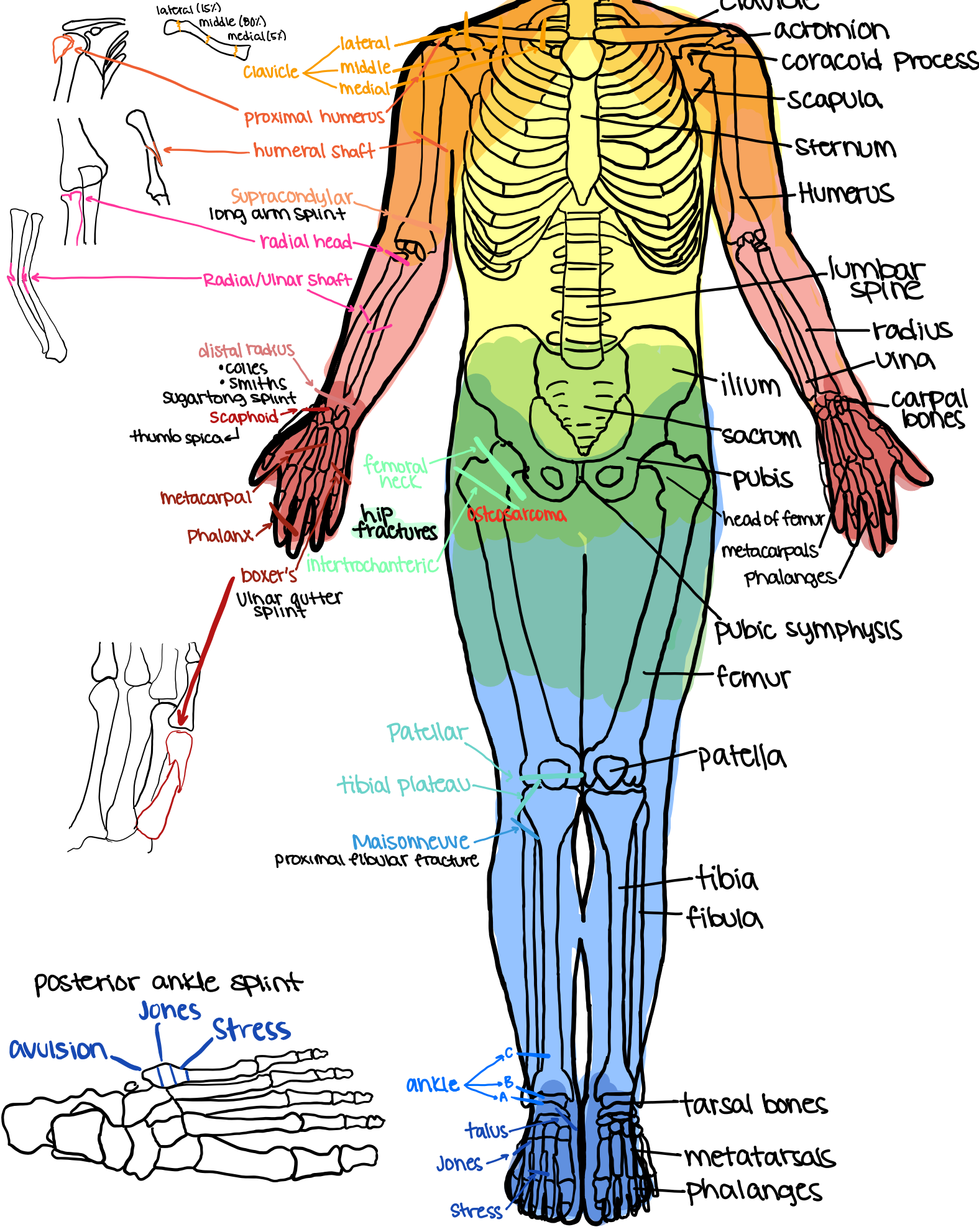


# FRACTURES



# DIGIT CONDITIONS

## FINGER DISLOCATION

patho loss of normal alignment of joint  
± associated fracture or soft tissue injury

Clinical pain, swelling, deformity, ↓ROM

diagnosis 3V digit X-ray  
°dislocation may be dorsal, volar, or lateral

treatment closed reduction and splinting

- °longitudinal traction w/ pressure until in place
- °ortho referral = definitive

## PHALANX FRACTURE

patho MOI age dependent

- °10-29yo → sports
- °30-69yo → machinery
- °70yo → falls

Clinical tenderness, swelling, ecchymosis, ↓ROM, deformity

diagnosis 3V digit X-ray

treatment immobilization

emergent → open, tendon rupture

displaced → closed reduction

Weak pincer grasp

## GAMEKEEPERS THUMB

patho injury to ulnar collateral ligament w/ MCP joint instability at thumb

°commonly during sports

Clinical Swelling, tenderness along ulnar thumb MCP

diagnosis Xray rules out fracture  
CT/MRI can confirm rupture

treatment

partial tear → thumb spica  
2-6 weeks

significant → immobilize + refer

## BOUTONNIERE DEFORMITY

patho rupture of central slip over PIP joint due to laceration, trauma, or rheumatoid arthritis

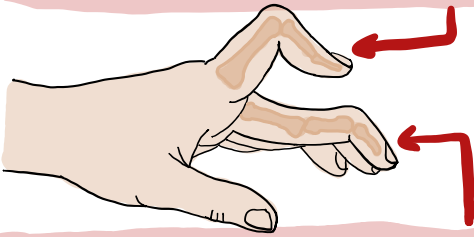
Clinical PIP flexion, DIP extension

diagnosis Clinical

treatment refer within 1 week if acute

nonoperative → splint PIP x b wks

operative → if acute or fails splint



## MALLET FINGER

patho disruption of terminal extensor tendon distal to DIP joint

Clinical droopy finger at DIP joint

°unable to actively extend at DIP joint

diagnosis 3V Xray finger

treatment

nonoperative → splint x 6-8 wks

operative → CRPP x 8 wks

## DUPUYTREN'S CONTRACTURE

genetic. male > female

patho hyperplasia of palmar fascia with nodule formation and palmar fascia contracture

Clinical typically chronic. Hx of nodules in hands → mild discomfort

°ring and small fingers most commonly

diagnosis Clinical

treatment observation unless

+table top test → consider needle aponeurotomy, xiaflex, surgical excision

## SWAN NECK DEFORMITY

patho degenerative and common in RA

°causes: lax volar plate and imbalance of muscle forces on PIP

Clinical DIP flexion, PIP extension

diagnosis Xray

treatment double ring splint

Operative = definitive

## INFECTIOUS FLEXOR TENOSYNOVITIS

patho infection → inflammation of flexor tendon and synovial sheath

diagnosis Clinical consider imaging

treatment emergent consult

°typically requires I/D and IV abx

Clinical Kanavel signs -

- °flexed posture of digit
- °tendon sheath tender to palp
- °pain w/ extension
- °fusiform swelling

# HAND/WRIST

## INJURIES

### METACARPAL FRACTURE

patho trauma. 40% of hand injuries  
AKA **boxer's fracture**

Clinical pain, swelling, ecchymosis, ↓ROM

diagnosis 3 view hand

treatment reduction if needed.

- rarely operative
- splint if MCP in flexion

### SCAPHOID FRACTURE

patho fall on outstretched hand

- most commonly fractured

low blood flow to scaphoid creates watershed area and **poor healing**

Clinical tenderness at anatomical snuffbox

diagnosis Wrist X-ray + **Scaphoid View**

- if X-ray negative → CT or MRI

treatment **Urgent consult**

non-operative → 8-10 wks thumb sica splint

± operative → avascular necrosis risk

### DISTAL RADIUS FRACTURES

**most common** orthopedic injury

- often associated w/ ulnar fracture

patho FOOSH or trauma

Clinical pain, swelling, ecchymosis, deform

- assess skin injury and NV exam

diagnosis 3 view wrist X-ray

treatment

nondisplaced/ extrarticular → **sugar tong splint**, ortho FU in 1 wk

displaced → **reduction** + post reduction X-rays →

non-operative → short arm cast x 6 wks

operative → closed reduction (percutaneous pinning) or

**open reduction internal fixation**

**Colles fracture**: dorsally displaced

- typically results from fall on extended wrist. More common.

"Dinner fork" appearance

**Smith's fracture**: volarly displaced

- typically results from fall on flexed wrist.

## CONDITIONS

### CARPEL TUNNEL SYNDROME

patho compressive neuropathy of median nerve

- due to repetitive motions/vibrations

Clinical numbness, tingling

↓ median nerve sensitivity

**Phalens, durkans, tinels**

diagnosis Clinical

treatment **COCK UP** wrist

brace @ night (first line)

- steroid injections

- release (open or scope)

### de QUERVAIN'S TENOSYNOVITIS

patho Stenosing 2 of

1st dorsal compartment

(abductor pollicis longus and extensor pollicis brevis)

Clinical **radial sided** wrist

pain → worse when raising objects

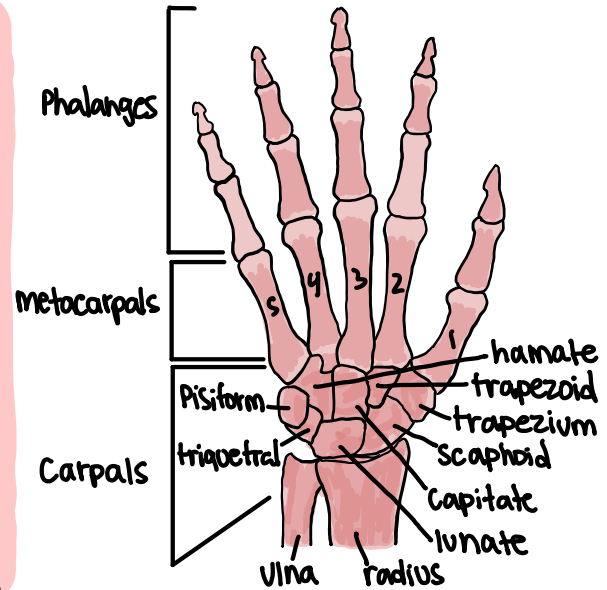
diagnosis Clinical

+ **finkelsteins**

treatment **thumb spica**

brace w/ NSAIDs

- if severe, steroid injection/surgery



### GANGLION CYST

patho fluid filled cyst overlying joint or tendon. **dorsal wrist** most common

Clinical firm, well circumscribed mass - **transilluminates**. usually asymptomatic

diagnosis Clinical

treatment observation ± bracing, aspiration (50%), surgery (10%)

# FOREARM AND ELBOW

## Shaft fractures

patho diaphyseal fracture of radius and/or ulna

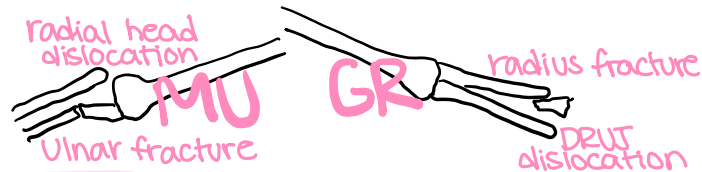
Clinical Pain at forearm, swelling, ↓ROM. Assess pulses

diagnosis 2V forearm

treatment

**Peds** → reduction w/ casting

**adults** → **sugar tong splint** + refer



**Galeazzi**: radial shaft fracture w/ dislocation of DRUJ (distal radioulnar joint)

**Monteggia**: ulnar shaft fracture w/ radial head dislocation. can cause PIN neuropathy (thumb weakness)

↑ treated operatively

## Radial head fracture

patho FOOSH, occasionally elbow trauma

Clinical Pain at radial head, elbow

edema, ↓ROM (**supination**)

diagnosis 3V elbow xray

treatment

displaced → **Sling/posterior splint** and early ROM (7-10 days)

nondisplaced → **Sling/posterior splint**

• FU ortho within **1 week** ± ORIF

## Supracondylar humerus fracture

epl Peds (5-7yo)

patho MOA usually FOOSH. Distal humerus fracture common in Peds

Clinical ↓ROM elbow, neuro exam required:

- **AIN neuropaxia** unable to flex thumb IP joint, index DIP joint (okay sign)

- **median nerve injury** ↓sensation volar index

- **radial neuropaxia** ↓extension wrist, MP, IP

diagnosis 3V elbow ± 2V forearm

treatment **long arm splint** → refer

emergent → NVC, open, compartment s.

## Elbow dislocation age 10-20yo

patho due to cascade of trauma to elbow

**Posterolateral** → axial force, rotation of forearm

Clinical simple or complex (**terrible triad** - LCL tear, radial head fx, coronoid tip fracture)

diagnosis 3V elbow x-ray

treatment closed reduction, splinting, early

motion if simple. ± ORIF. Refer.

## Epicondylitis

### Medial

### golfers elbow

**MORE COMMON**

overload of

**flexor-pronator**

mass at medial

epicondyl

• associated w/

Ulnar neuropathy,

UCL insufficiency

pain worsened by

• repetitive mvmt

• gripping

• resisted wrist **flexion**

tender along

medial epicondyl

or 5-10mm distal

Clinical

• x-ray normal

MRI/US definitive

RICE, NSAIDs

x6 months

If failed,

**tenex** or **open**

**debridement** of

pronator teres/

flexor carpi radialis

reattachment

### Lateral

### tennis elbow

epi laborers

patho overload at origin

of **common**

**extensor tendon**

• repetitive

gripping, forceful

activity

pain worsened by

• gripping

• resisted wrist and

long finger

**extension**

decreased grip

strength

Clinical

x-ray → calcifications

US → thick ECRB

RICE, NSAIDs

x6 months

If failed,

**tenex** or **open**

**debridement** of

ECRB

## Olecranon Bursitis

patho inflammation of

fluid filled **synovial sac**

• trauma, pressure, infection

Clinical pain worse w/

direct pressure.

• **Painless, full extension**

differentiates from effusion

diagnosis Clinical.

Septic → aspirate

treatment RICE, NSAID, PT

If septic → antibiotics

• steroid injection → no benefit

## Cubital tunnel Syndrome

patho Ulnar nerve

Compression at elbow

Clinical paraesthesia of

**small finger, ulnar ring**

• motor sx less common

diagnosis **tinels** at elbow

• gpd standard → **EMG**

• MRV/US → ↑ signal, thick

treatment **brace @ night**

operative → decompression

or transposition of nerve

# SHOULDER

## Clavicle fractures

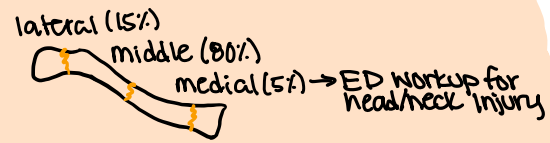
Epi most common fracture in **kids/adolescents**

patho traumatic injuries - falls, MVCs, sports injuries

Clinical POP, pain. **Pneumothorax** and **brachial plexus injury** are complications

diagnosis 2V clavicle (AP and cephalic tilt)

treatment **Sling, early motion**. Surgery if open, unstable, NV compromise



## Shoulder dislocation - dislocation of glenohumeral joint

### Anterior - far more common

patho occurs when shoulder is **abducted and externally rotated** and anterior force occurs

Clinical pain, deformity, ↓ ROM

° loss of **normal rounded appearance**

diagnosis 3V shoulder (AP, Y, axillary) →

treatment reduction (+post-red imaging)

° immobilization → ortho within week

### Posterior

patho **seizures, electric shock** most common mechanism when shoulder is adducted and internally rotated

Clinical arm **adducted / internally rotated**. Flattening of anterior shoulder, prominence of coracoid and posteriorly

diagnosis AP may show **lightbulb sign**

treatment immobilize 4-6 weeks + PT

if recurrent → operative

## Management → REDUCTION

**Kocher**: arm at side, externally rotated 15 forward flexed then internally rotated

**Hippocratic**: traction against a heel placed in patient axilla

**Stimson's**: weight hung from affected arm of patient in prone position

**Always take post reduction Xrays before discharge**

## AC joint separation

patho traumatic injury to AC joint w/ disruption of **acromioclavicular** and/or **coracoclavicular** ligaments

° direct blow or fall on shoulder

Clinical hx trauma, pain over AC joint,

abnormal shoulder contour

diagnosis 2V clavicle ± bilateral AP

treatment

I-III → nonoperative. Sling, early PT

IV-VI → operative. **CC ligament reconstruction**

## Adhesive Capulitis AKA frozen shoulder

Epi **diabetes, thyroid disease**

patho functional loss of both **passive** and **active** shoulder motion

° idiopathic, post-traumatic, post-surgical

Clinical **external rotation** deficits common.

Stages: **freezing** (gradual, diffuse pain) →

**frozen** → **thawing** (gradual ↑ ROM)

diagnosis 3V X-ray (benign). ± MRI

treatment **PT**. ± NSAIDs, steroid injections

operative → **capsular release** (anesthetized)

## Subacromial Impingement

Epi first stage

patho compression of rotator cuff muscles by superior structures

Sx **insidious** onset. Worsened by lifting, overhead activities, nighttime. Normal strength

+ **neer impingement test**

+ **Hawkins test**

dx 3V X-ray → normal. ± MRI/US

manmt PT, NSAIDs, injections

operative → **Subacromial decompression**

## Bursitis

→ partial to full thickness tear

↓  
massive RC tears

↓  
Rotator cuff arthropathy

## Biceps tendonitis

Epi associated w/ subscapularis tears and shoulder impingement

patho inflammation/tendinosis of biceps tendon

Sx **anterior** shoulder pain. + Speeds test, Yergason's test. **Popeye** deformity

dx 3V shoulder benign. MRI/US

manmt NSAIDs, PT, injections

operative → **arthroscopic tenodesis**

# NECK

## CERVICAL RADICULOPATHY (neck pain)

patho compression of cervical nerve root (C7 most common)

- usually due to spondylosis or disc etiology

clinical pain (neck/shoulder/arm), muscle weakness, sensory change, ↓DTRs

- **Spurling test** - pressure applied to top of head
- **Shoulder Abduction Relief test**

diagnosis Clinical

treatment conservative w/ NSAIDs, ± muscle relaxants. PT!

- epidural steroid injections (for severe pain)
- SURGERY IF sx, evidence of cervical nerve root compression by MRI/CT myelography, AND progressive motor weakness

# CERVICAL SPINE FRACTURES

## JEFFERSON

- burst C1 fracture
- vertical downward force (diving, fall on head)
- very unstable

## ODONTOID

- C2 dens/odontoid process
- forceful flexion or extension
- type I, II, III
- unstable

## CLAY SHOVELERS

- fracture of the spinous process
- lower cervical
- MVC w/ forced flexion
- stable

# RIB FRACTURES

patho blunt trauma often associated with other severe injuries

clinical localized pain reproduced w/ deep breath/palpation

- look for crepitus, ecchymosis

diagnosis CXR ± "rib series"

treatment avoid "splinting"

- NSAIDs, incentive spirometry
- surgery NOT common

# RIBS

## COSTOCHONDRITIS "costosternal syndrome"

patho Unknown. upper costal cartilage at costochondral/sternal junction

clinical reproducible pain at costosternal area

diagnosis Clinical.

treatment Conservative

# THORACIC OUTLET SYNDROME

patho brachial plexus (neuro) or subclavian (vascular) compression as they exit confined space between clavicle and sternum

- due to variant anatomy or trauma

clinical nerve compression - pain/paresthesia forearm/ulnar aspect of hand

vascular compromise - swelling/discoloration worse w/ abduction. Adson's maneuver.

diagnosis CXR → bony abnormality. Vascular US.

treatment Conservative

refer → acute/subacute progressive neurologic weakness, disabling pain/paresthesia, or failed conservative therapy → thoracic outlet decompression

# PECTUS EXCAVATUM

"Funnel chest" - depression

- most common congenital anterior chest wall deformity (noted at age 1). POOR PFTs.
- asymp. in peds → ± DOE, rib pain.
- surgery → reconstruction

# PECTUS CARINATUM

"Pigeon chest" - protrusion of sternum

- less common w/ later onset (puberty) → associated w/ scoliosis, congenital heart disease
- cosmesis main concern. Normal PFTs
- bracing or surgery

# BACK/SPINE

## SPRAIN/STRAIN

MC of back pain

patho stretch/tear of muscle or ligament

Clinical **no neuro sx**

- palpable spasm, ↓ lordosis

diagnosis clinical

- Imaging doesn't improve clinical outcome

treatment conservative

- NSAIDs, muscle relaxants
- **Physical therapy**

## SPINAL STENOSIS

patho narrowing of spinal canal, lateral recess, or nerve root canal → **nerve root compression**

Clinical **neurogenic claudication**

- back pain, sensory loss

diagnosis MRI

treatment conservative first,

epidural steroid injections

± **elective surgery** → spacer, fusion, laminectomy

## HERNIATED DISC

patho protrusion of disc that leads to **nerve root compression**

- **L5-S1 most common**

Clinical radicular LBP ± SLR  
diagnosis Clinical.

Imaging IF red flags or >12 wks  
↳ MRI gold standard

treatment conservative - NSAID, steroids, opioids (pain), PT

- **surgery** → elective for disabling sx > 6 wks

Sensory

**L1**  
inguinal

Weakness

hip flexion

Reflex

N/A

**L2/3/4**

anterior leg,  
medial leg

hip flexion/abduction,  
knee extension

Knee DTR

**L5**

lateral leg,  
dorsal foot

foot dorsiflexion,  
toe extension

± knee DTR

**S1**

posterior leg,  
plantar foot

plantar flexion,  
difficult to walk

ankle DTR

## EPIDURAL ABSCESS rare

epi ETOH, DM, HIV, tattoos

patho suppurative infection in epidural space between dura and vertebra

Clinical non-specific w/ fever, localized pain, neuro deficits.

- late finding - **paralysis**

diagnosis **MRI** w/ contrast entire spine

- WBC, ESR/CRP, blood cultures

treatment surgical decompression

- Abx (often long-term)

## CAUDA EQUINA SYNDROME

patho **Compression of nerve roots** due to

- extensive central disc protrusion, epidural abscess, tumor, spondylosis

Clinical back pain PLUS radiculopathy, urinary changes, saddle anesthesia, loss of sphincter tone

diagnosis **emergent MRI**

treatment IV steroids pre-op → **emergent decompression**

## VERTEBRAL COMPRESSION FRACTURE

patho Osteoporosis-related (or malignancy) trauma (from high jump)

- loss of vertebral height

Clinical acute mid back pain after cough, lift, fall

- insidious pain, **height loss**

**Kyphosis** → multiple fractures

diagnosis X-ray often incidental (pain > 12 wks)

treatment conservative - pain, bone loss

- Physical therapy

- **vertebroplasty/kyphoplasty** - vertebral augmentation procedures

## SCOLIOSIS

epi female = male but curve

progression 10x higher in females

patho lateral curvature (>10°) of spine. Likely genetic

Clinical **truncal asymmetry**

exam: curvature of spine,

shoulder/waist asymmetry

- **adams forward bend**

- **scoliometer**

diagnosis Standing full PA spine

- **Cobb angle >10°**

- **Risser sign** (skeletal maturity)

treatment refer to ortho

# HIP

## FRACTURES

### FEMORAL NECK

fracture of proximal femur, classified by anatomy.

patho  
epidemiology  
etiology  
clinical

elderly  
fall

hip/groin pain, NWB,  
short, externally rotated  
**AVN risk**

### INTERTROCHANTERIC

elderly  
fall

hip pain, NWB,  
short, externally rotated  
tender trochanter

### TROCHANTERIC

young

forceful muscle contraction  
lesser: groin/knee pain  
greater: lateral hip pain  
or tenderness

diagnosis  
treatment

hip and pelvis xray ± cross sectional imaging

ortho consult

ORIF vs arthroplasty vs. nonop

refer to ortho  
usually non-op

## DISLOCATIONS

**ANTERIOR** → slight hip flexion, external rotation

**POSTERIOR** → hip flexion, internal rotation, leg shortening

patho displacement of femoral head from acetabulum

Clinical preceding trauma → pain, ↓ROM, deformity

diagnosis Xray pelvis/hip

treatment emergent ortho consult for reduction

- ↓ complications if within **6hrs**
- post reduction imaging

## SLIPPED CAPITAL FEMORAL EPIPHYSIS

patho displaces from femoral neck through physal growth plate.

etiology: rapid GH, trauma, obesity, genetics

Clinical **dull ache** through hip, groin, knee  
↳ exacerbated by external rotation

diagnosis hip x-ray

treatment refer to ortho  
**NWB** w/ crutches until ORIF

## LEGG-CALVE PERTHES

patho **AVN** of the capital femoral epiphysis

◦ **Children**. Idiopathic.

Clinical **limp** x weeks. Gradual pain, worse w/ activity

◦ **↓ abduction/internal rotation**

diagnosis hip xray → crescent sign. Bone scan or MRI

treatment refer, NWB

- movement important
- period of casting/bracing

## AVASCULAR NECROSIS

patho **vascular compromise**  
leads to bone death and mechanical failure

Clinical **gradual pain**, worse w/ weightbearing.  
◦ non specific

diagnosis hip x-ray → **crescent sign**. MRI.

treatment controversial

- non-operative → not effective
- joint-sparing surgery w/ grafting, **osteotomy**
- **total hip replacement** is definitive. **ESPECIALLY IF**
  1. acetabular involvement
  2. joint collapse

## COMPARTMENT SYNDROME

patho ↑ **pressure** within compartment compromising circulation and tissue function.  
◦ **>30mmHg** → ischemia

Clinical **Sx progression over hours** → **pain out of proportion** to injury, **paresthesia**.

PE → pain w/ passive stretch. Tense/wood like. Pallor. ↓ sensation. Muscle weakness → **paralysis**

diagnosis hx + PE + measurement of compartment pressures

treatment **SURGICAL EMERGENCY** → **fasciotomy** definitive

- remove dressings, limb level w/ heart, analgesic, IV fluids if hypotensive
- HBO adjunct



# KNEE

## OTTAWA KNEE RULES

Knee X-ray IF:

>55 years old, tenderness of fibular head, isolated patellar tenderness, unable to flex knee to 90 degrees, unable to bear weight immediately AND at time of evaluation

### ACL injury MOST COMMON

epi: athletes. ↑Q angle.

patho: pivot, hyperextension, trauma

sx: PDP followed by swelling, give out

dx: MRI. Lockman > anterior drawer

manmt: conservative → refer

### LCL injury

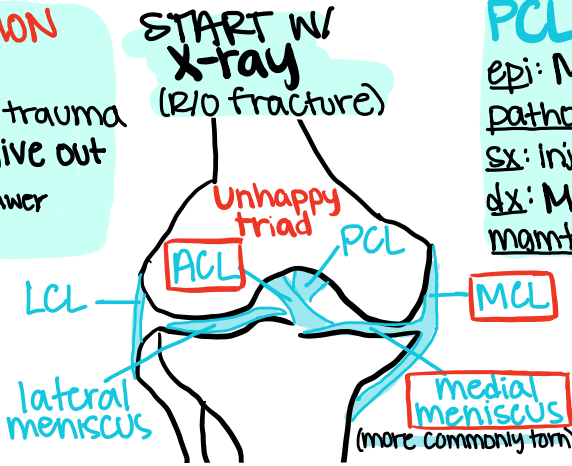
epi: athletes

patho: varus stress - blow

sx: line tenderness, joint laxity

dx: MRI if major

manmt: conservative, NSAID, RICE, PT → ± immobilizer/crutches → ortho for surgical reconstruction



### PCL injury

epi: MVC, sports

patho: proximal tibia force (knee flexed)

sx: injury followed by pain (popliteal fossa)

dx: MRI to confirm. Posterior drawer

manmt: conservative → refer

### MCL injury

epi: athletes

patho: Valgus stress (blow/twist)

sx: line tenderness, joint laxity

dx: MRI if major

### Meniscus tear medial > lateral

patho: tear in fibrocartilage of joint

• acute → twisting injury (change in direction)

• chronic → degeneration + stress

sx: popping, locking, giving out

• duck waddle, McMurray, Apley grind

bakers cyst: synovial fluid effusion

dx: X-ray → edema. US → effusion. MRI → extent.

manmt: RICE, NSAIDs, WBAT → refer to ortho

± arthroscopic repair

### Knee dislocation

patho: loss of articulation of the tibiofemoral joint.

• high energy trauma

sx: deformity w/ edema, ecchymosis.

• careful skin and neurovascular exam → pulses, ABI, doppler

dx: Clinical

manmt: ORTHO EMERGENCY → immediate reduction. Posteriolateral needs open reduction

### Patellar fracture

patho: fracture of kneecap due to direct blow or fall on knee

sx: effusion. Important to assess extension

dx: knee X-ray w/ Sunrise view

manmt: immobilize → ortho

### Patellar dislocation

epi: F > M. Young athletes (<20yo)

patho: lateral displacement (w/ ligament injury)

sx: flexed, twisted/direct blow

dx: Clinical

manmt: reduction → extend, pressure on lateral patella  
• post reduction Xray (AP, lat, sunrise)

### Prepatellar bursitis

epi: jobs w/ prolonged kneeling

patho: trauma → inflammation

sx: soft, nontender globular lump

dx: aspiration, analysis, knee Xray

manmt: NSAID, RICE, brace/immobilize

### Tibial Plateau Fracture lateral plateau common

patho: direct blow to knee or axial loading.

sx: trauma + knee pain + NNB. Foot drop (peroneal nerve)

dx: Xray knee → depression of proximal tibia. ± CT/MRI

manmt: Ortho. Usually ORIF

### Osgood-Schlatter disease

epi: 9-14yo w/ recent growth spurt and athletic involvement

patho: osteochondritis of tibia tuberosity. overuse injury due to repetitive strain, chronic avulsion

sx: gradual, achy, anterior knee pain. Pain reproduced w/ knee extension against resistant

dx: Clinical. X-ray appropriate

manmt: conservative w/ quad stretching

# ANKLE

## SPRAIN

patho stretching, rupture of ankle ligament

◦ classify by location. Grade by function

Clinical **grade 1**

**microscopic** tears  
mild edema/tenderness  
able to bear weight  
no joint instability  
no immobilization

diagnosis Clinical. rule of fracture if indicated

treatment RICE, NSAID, crutches (2-3d)

**grade 2**

complete ligament tear  
moderate pain, edema, ecchymosis  
**Painful** weightbearing  
↓ROM, mild instability  
**ACE** ± airsplint x weeks

**grade 3**

complete ligament tear  
**severe** pain, edema, ecchymosis  
**no** weightbearing  
**joint instability**  
**Splint vs. ACE** ± airsplint vs  
**Stirrup splint**

## OTTAWA ANKLE RULES

Ankle X-ray IF:

1. Pain in malleolar zone **PLUS**
  - bony malleolar tenderness **OR** unable to bear weight
2. Pain in midfoot **PLUS**
  - tender base of 5th **OR** unable to bear weight

## FRACTURES

patho **distal tibia** and/or **fibula** due to trauma

◦ Unimalleolar, bimalleolar, trimalleolar

Clinical based on mechanism, pain, edema, ecchymosis

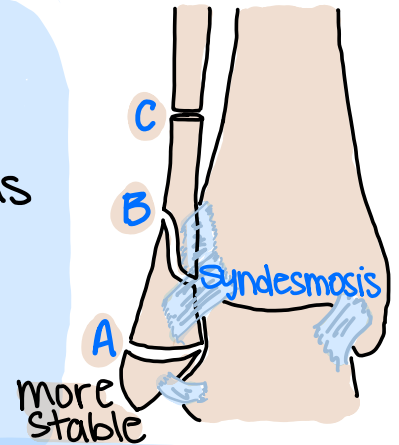
diagnosis 3V ankle x-ray. Ottawa ankle rules

↳ including oblique

treatment **Splint @ 90 degrees** in posterior splint

**Crutches**/no weight bearing

Unstable fracture → ORIF



## Maisonneuve Fracture

patho **proximal fibular fracture** as a result of syndesmoid disruption in the setting of malleolar fracture or deltoid ligament injury

diagnosis tib/fib or knee x-ray for any pt w/

1. **mortise disruption** or
2. **proximal fibular tenderness**

treatment **fixation** w/ syndesmotic screws and malleolar fixation

## ANKLE DISLOCATION

high speed MVC, sports, fall  
loss of articulation of distal tibia and talus. if posterior ↓

**plantar flexion** during injury

◦ commonly includes fracture

Clinical

Ortho. **closed reduction**,

**posterior splint**. ± ORIF

epidemiology

patho

clinical

diagnosis

treatment

## ACHILLES TENDON RUPTURE

Sports. Male. 30-40yo. quinolone use.

recurrent microtrauma → tendinopathy

Shear stress → rupture

burning pain (relief w/ rest)

localized tenderness. crepitus

xray → **hagland's** deformity

**posterior splint plus** →

operative/non heal same

"pop" or feels stuck

+ **thompson** Plantar flex absent

POCUS

RICE, NSAID, taping

chronic → PT

# FOOT

## TRAUMATIC INJURIES

### ① Talus Fracture

**epi:** uncommon. MVC. **Snowboarders**  
**patho:** axial loading force at ankle  
**sx:** hx fall from height, high-energy trauma  
◦ neurovascular  
**dx:** 3V ankle. CT in negative but ↑ suspicion  
**mnt:** **urgent ortho eval** due to **AVN risk**  
**emergent** if open, NV compromise  
◦ splint, NWB, analgesia

### ② Jones Fracture

**patho:** fracture of proximal 5th metatarsal usually due to **vertical** or **mediolateral force** when plantarflexed  
**sx:** pain on **lateral side** of foot. **Tender to base of 5th metatarsal**  
**dx:** 3V foot  
**mnt:** posterior splint, NWB, RICE, analgesic, ortho FU  
**open/NVC** → emergent referral

### ③ Stress Fracture

**epi:** athletes, military, dance, obesity  
◦ **female athlete triad**  
**patho:** **repetitive stress** to forefoot from WB activities → metatarsal shaft fracture  
**sx:** **axial load** elicits pain. Point tender.  
**dx:** Clinical. Xray may be normal  
◦ **MRI** and **bone scan** confirm  
**mnt:** RICE, acetaminophen, post-op shoe

### ④ Lisfranc injury

**epi:** rare. MVCs, falls, footwear  
**patho:** disruption of **tarsometatarsal joint** due to injury  
**sx:** **plantar ecchymosis, midfoot instability** → pathognomonic  
**dx:** 3V foot → WB xray → CT or MRI definitive  
**mnt:** boot/splint, RICE, NWB  
◦ often ORIF and long recovery (12w)

## ATRAUMATIC INJURIES

### ① Planter fasciitis

**epi:** common  
**patho:** unknown. degeneration, proliferation, chronic inflammation  
**sx:** pain in **inferior heel** worse w/ **walking**  
◦ worse in **morning**  
**PE** → elicit pain by palpating fascia while dorsiflex  
**dx:** Clinical  
**mnt:** weight mnt. **heel/arch support**.  
◦ RICE, NSAID, steroid injection, plantar stretching  
◦ **1yr** of sx → **surgical release**

### ② Tarsal tunnel syndrome

**patho:** compression of **tibial nerve** as it passes under **transverse tarsal ligament**  
**causes:** scar tissue, overuse, tight shoes  
**sx:** **ache, burn, numb** at **medial sole**  
◦ worse as day progresses, when dorsiflexed  
**dx:** **tinell sign** over posterior medial malleolus  
**sensory loss** over plantar surface  
**mnt:** NSAID → steroid injection → Surgery

### ③ Hallux valgus

**patho:** **lateral deviation** of hallus on first metatarsal (bunion)  
**causes:** **footwear**  
**sx:** pain, deformity  
**dx:** Clinical  
**mnt:** **low heel, wide shoes**. Orthotics.  
◦ Surgical if conservative fails

### ④ Morton's Neuroma

**epi:** F > M. 25-50yo  
**patho:** proliferation or degeneration of an **interdigital nerve**.  
◦ possibly due to tight footwear  
**sx:** **burning pain** between **3rd/4th** metatarsal worse w/ amputation  
◦ palpable mass, tender  
**dx:** MRI or US  
**mnt:** low heel, wide shoe → injection → surgery