

# Hip Impingement Syndromes

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# Inspiration



# Introduction

- Epidemiology:
  - 5-24% of athletic injuries
    - Pediatric >> adults
  - 5-9% of high school athlete injuries
  - 12% of football/soccer/hockey players
  - 70% yearly incidence in runners



# Hips Are Bringing More Athletes to Their Knees

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The quest to build ever more proficient athletes keeps hitting unexpected snags, and perhaps nowhere is this more vivid than in Major League Baseball. Several top players have been hampered by a hip ailment that was unheard of in the sport a decade ago.

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# Which Athletes?

- Repetitive twisting, kicking, turning
  - Ballet
  - Football, soccer, hockey
  - Basketball, tennis
  - Martial arts
  - Breaststroke swimmers
- Repetitive Impact
  - Runners
  - Track & field
- Supermarket Shoppers\*



## **Supermarket hip: an unusual cause of injury to the hip joint.**

Yamamoto Y<sup>1</sup>, Villar RN, Papavasileiou A.

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#### **Abstract**

Sporting activity can be a significant cause of injury to the hip joint, in particular tears of the acetabular labrum and, less commonly, tears of the ligamentum teres. Femoroacetabular impingement and acetabular dysplasia are also commonly associated with labral tears. However, shopping in a supermarket would not normally be regarded as an at-risk activity for the hip joint. Despite this, we report 3 separate cases of hip injury (2 labral tears, 1 partial avulsion of the ligamentum teres), each of which was sustained while shopping in a supermarket. None of the 3 patients involved had radiographic evidence of acetabular dysplasia or arthroscopic evidence of femoroacetabular impingement. All patients were successfully treated by arthroscopic surgery of the hip. We therefore suggest that shopping in a supermarket may need to be reclassified as an at-risk activity for the hip joint.

# Under-recognized/diagnosed

- After workup, 30% of hip pain remains with no firm diagnosis pre-op
- Hip not recognized as the source of pain in upto 60% of pts presenting w hip pathology



## Orthopaedic Etiologies

### Muscle

Adductor strain/tendonitis  
Rectus femoris strain/tear  
Iliopsoas strain/tear  
Rectus abdominis strain/tear  
Muscle contusion  
Gracilis syndrome  
Athletic hernia

### Bone/Joint

Osteitis pubis  
Degenerative joint disease: hip  
Avascular necrosis: hip  
Labral tear: hip  
Femoral neck fracture/stress fracture  
Pubic ramus stress fracture  
Myositis ossificans, adductors  
Slipped capital femoral epiphysis  
Avulsion fracture: ASIS/AIIS/Isochium

### Nerve

Lumbar radiculopathy  
Iliotibial neuropathy  
Obturator neuropathy

### Other Orthopaedic

Bone/soft tissue neoplasm  
of hip/pelvis  
Seronegative spondyloarthropathy

## Nonorthopaedic Etiologies

### Hernia

Inguinal hernia  
Femoral hernia  
Preperitoneal lipoma

### Urologic

Prostatitis  
Epididymitis  
Urethritis/UTI  
Testicular neoplasm  
Ureteral colic  
Testicular torsion  
Hydrocele/varicocele

### Gynecologic

Endometriosis  
Pelvic inflammatory  
disease  
Ovarian cyst

### Surgical/GI

Rectal/colon neoplasm  
Inflammatory bowel  
disease  
Diverticulitis

Now, lets go through each one...

# Focus on Impingement Syndromes

## MAJOR IMPINGEMENT SYNDROMES\*

### LOWER EXTREMITY

SITE	SYNDROME	JOINT POSITION	STRUCTURES	TYPE
HIP	CAM – TYPE FEMORO-ACETABULAR	FLEXION, VARIABLE (IR / ER / ABD / ADD)	LABRUM, ARTICULAR CARTILAGE	BONE, SOFT TISSUE
	PINCER – TYPE FEMORO-ACETABULAR	FLEXION, VARIABLE (IR / ER / ABD / ADD)	LABRUM, ARTICULAR CARTILAGE	BONE, SOFT TIS
	ISCHIOFEMORAL	ADDUCTION	QUADRATUS FEMORIS	BONE, SOFT TISSUE
	SNAPPING HIP	VARIABLE	ILIOPSOAS, GLUTEAL, ILIOTIBIAL TRACT	BONE, SOFT TISSUE

# **FEMOROACETABULAR IMPINGEMENT**

# FAI Is An Important Risk Factor for Hip OA

I come to bury Caesar, not to praise him.

-Mark Antony

(also, David Rubin)



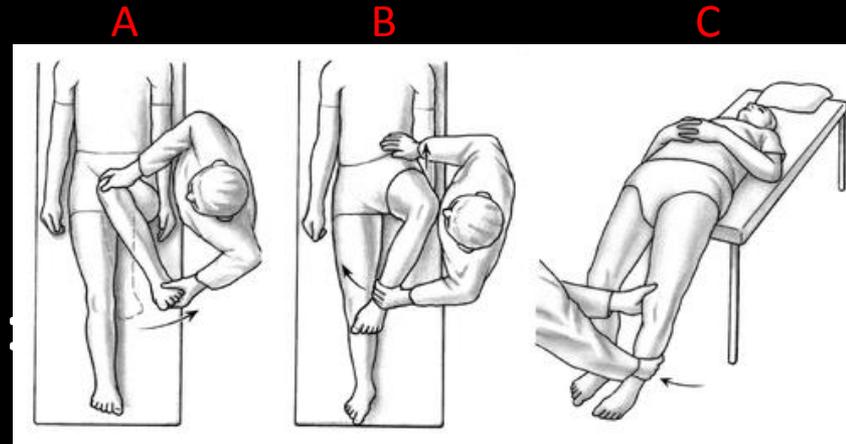
# FAI

- Epidemiology
  - 10-15% of general population
    - Possibly as high as 25% in young adult males
  - Young, athletic patients
  - Symptomatic 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> decade
  - Major cause of early osteoarthritis
- Cause:
  - Early pathologic contact of acetabulum & femur
  - Limiting physiologic hip motion
  - Repetitive microtrauma
  - Labral degeneration/chondral damage

# FAI

- Initially, limited range of motion
- Then, pain:
  - Groin pain with hip rotation
    - Sitting position or after sports activities
  - Trochanteric pain radiating to lateral thigh

# FAI



- Physical Exam:
  - Restricted flexion & IR
  - Positive Impingement signs
    - **A. Anterior:**
      - Pain w forced IR/Adduction w hip in 90 deg flexion
    - **C. Posterior:**
      - Pain w forced ER w hip in extension
  - **B. Drehmann's sign:**
    - Unavoidable passive ER rotation of hip while flexing hip

# FAI: Types

- Cam: Young active men (14:1 M:F)
  - Aspherical femoral head
  - Lateral (pistol-grip) vs Anterosuperior osseous bump
  - Chondral damage to anterosuperior acetabular cartilage
    - Large area of cartilage involved
  - Separation bet labrum & cartilage
- Pincer: Middle aged women (3:1 F:M)
  - Acetabular overcoverage of the hip
    - General vs focal
  - Circumferential peripheral chondral loss near labrum
  - Labrum crushed bet acetabular rim & femoral neck
- Majority (86%) have mixed cam/pincer type

# Importance of early diagnoses

- Imaging plays key role



- Early phase without findings of OA
- Important to detect in this phase
- Institute surgical intervention early

# Role of Imaging

- XR:
  - Evaluate for pincer/cam FAI
  - Exclude arthritis
  - Exclude AVN
- MR/MR Arthrography
  - Labral damage
  - Cartilage loss
  - $\alpha$ -angle measurement
- CT:
  - Evaluate acetabular/femoral version

# Imaging: XR

- AP Pelvis:
  - Evaluate acetabulum
  - Evaluate femoral head-neck junction
  - Evaluate for coxa vara
- Axial/Cross-table Lateral:
  - Evaluate anterior femoral head-neck junction
- Faux Profile:
  - Evaluate anterior coverage of acetabulum
  - Evaluate posteroinferior joint space (contrecoup lesion)



# Importance of True AP View of Pelvis

- Normal Pelvis Tilt/Rotation
  - Tip of coccyx in line w symphysis pubis
  - Distance bet sup aspect of symphysis pubis & mid portion of sacrococcygeal joint
    - 3.2 cm in men; 4.7 cm in women



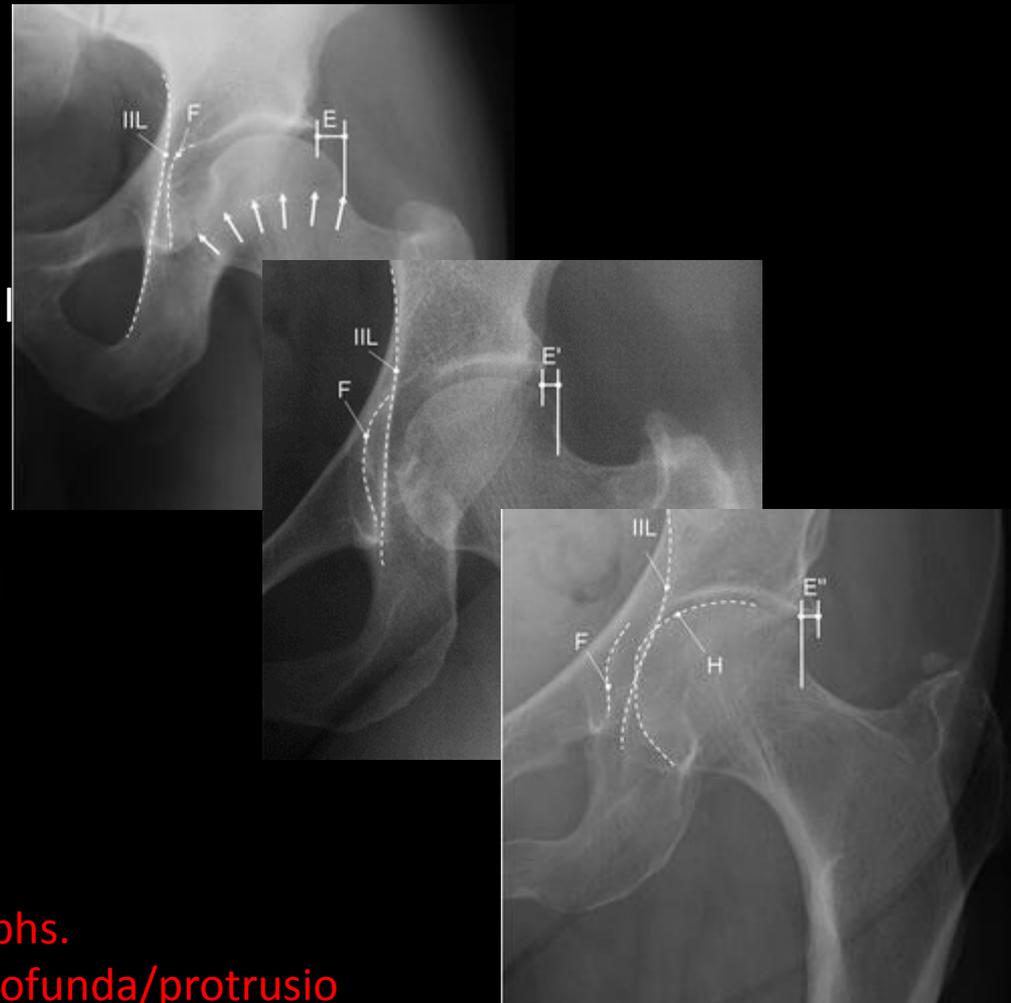
# Femoroacetabular Impingement

- **Pincer**
- Cam

# Pincer:

## General Acetabular Overcoverage

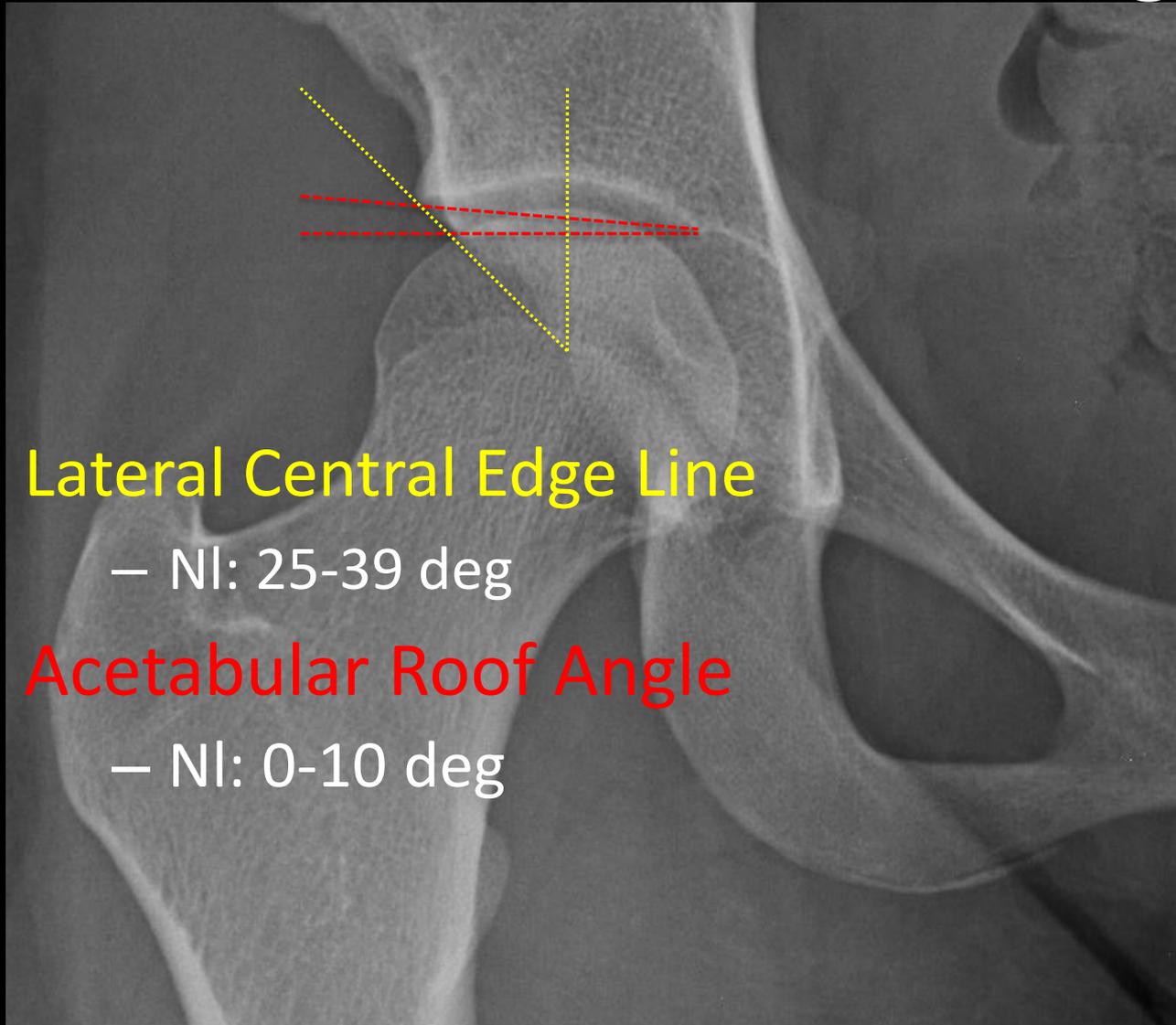
- Correlated w radiologic depth of acetabular fossa
  - NL:
    - Acetabular fossa line lateral to ilioischial line
  - Coxa Profunda:
    - Acetabular fossa touches/overlaps ilioischial line
  - Protrusio Acetabuli:
    - Femoral head overlaps ilioischial line



Can only evaluate on pelvis radiographs.

Hip radiographs can overdiagnose profunda/protrusio

# Pincer: General Acetabular Overcoverage



**Lateral Central Edge Line**

– NI: 25-39 deg

**Acetabular Roof Angle**

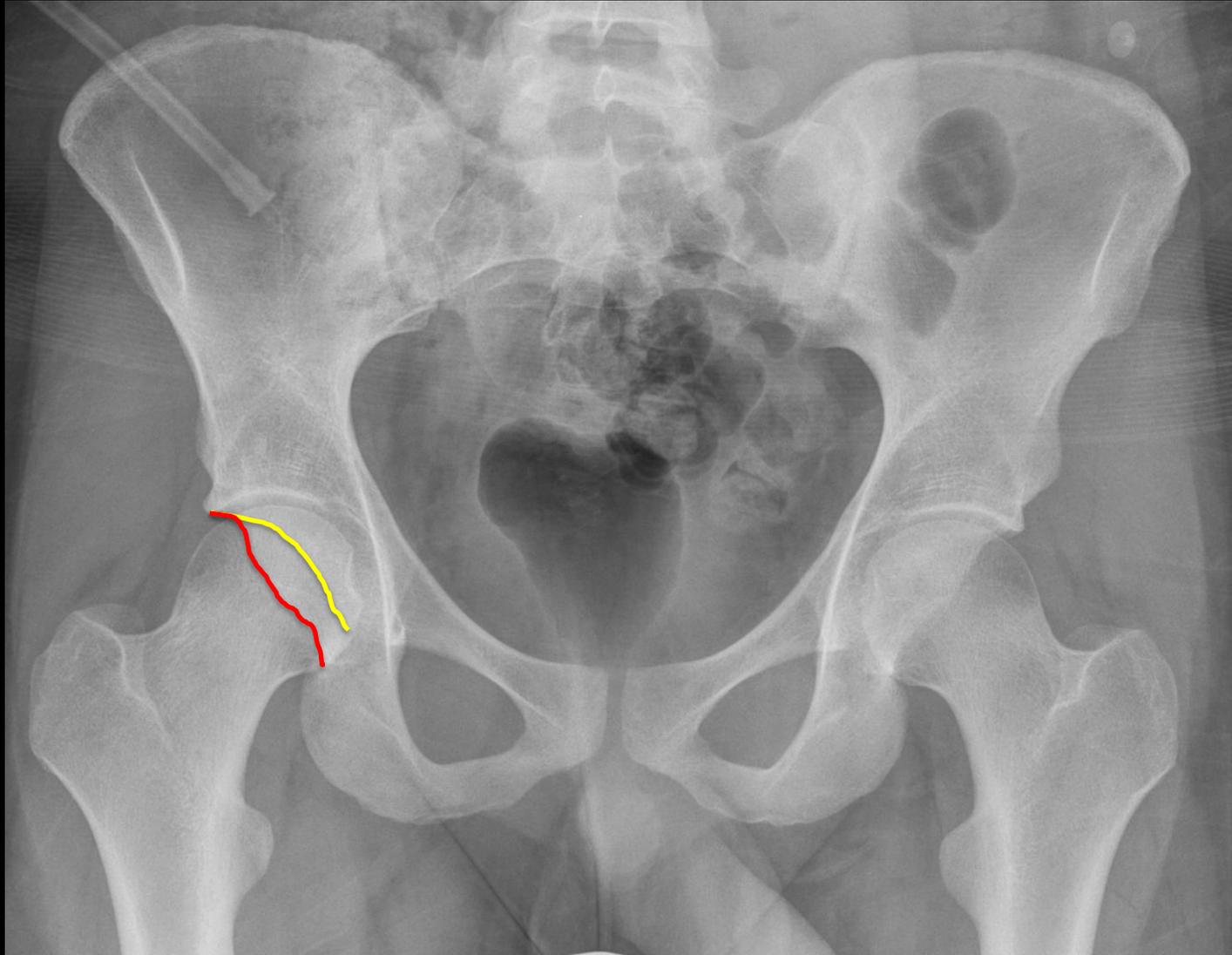
– NI: 0-10 deg

# Pincer:

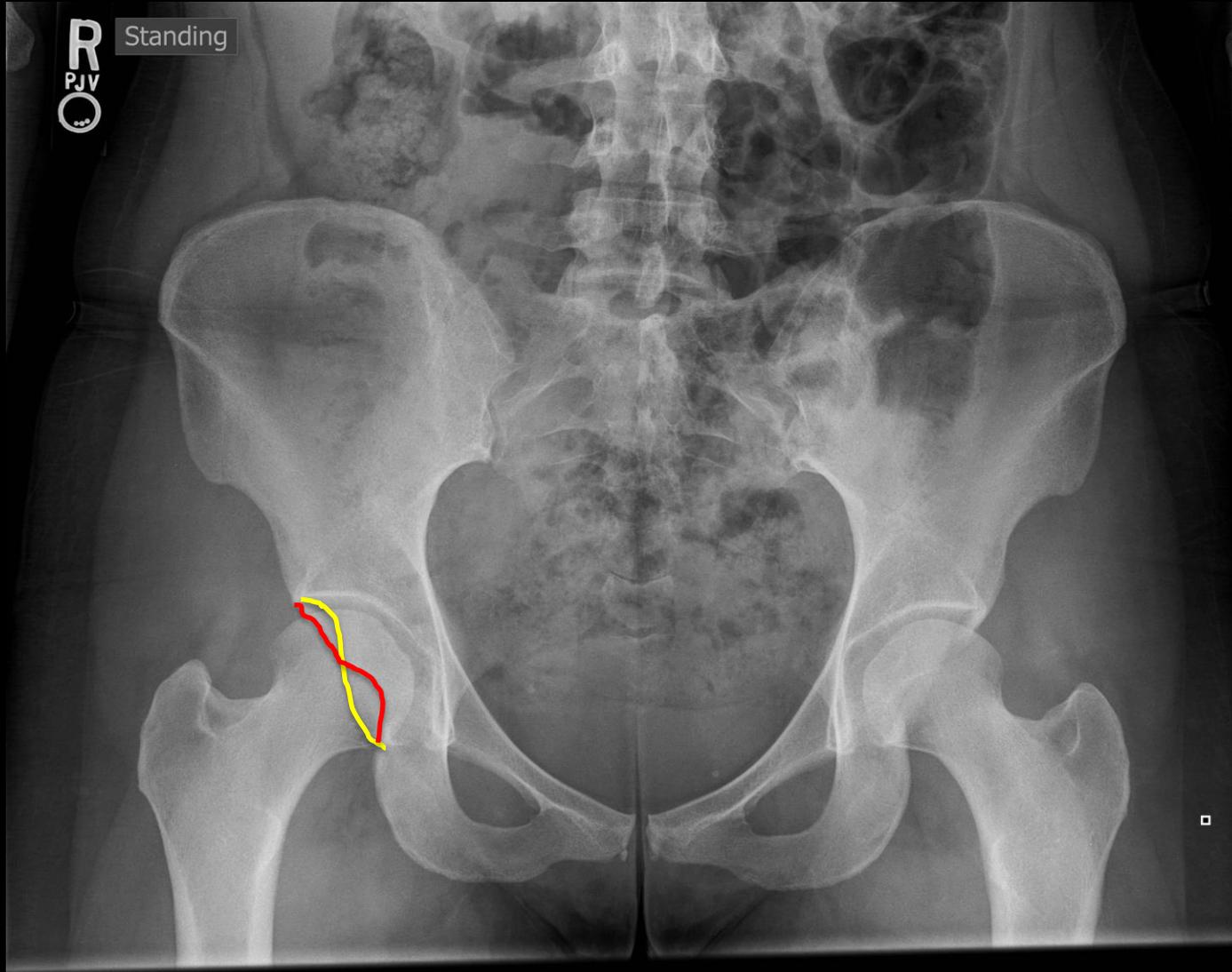
## Focal Acetabular Overcoverage

- Anterior Focal Acetabular Retroversion
  - Vs. Deficient Posterior Wall
- Prominent Posterior wall

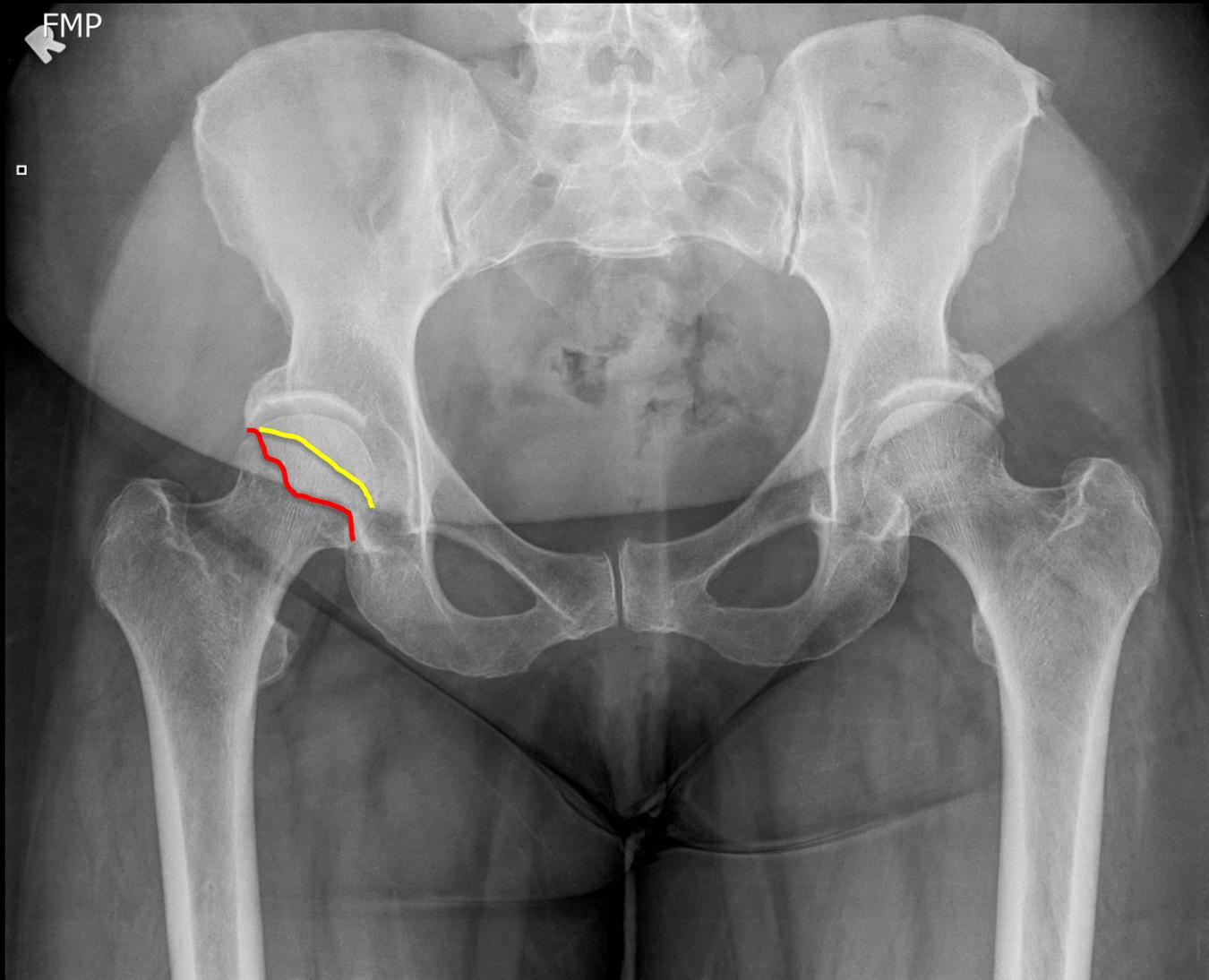
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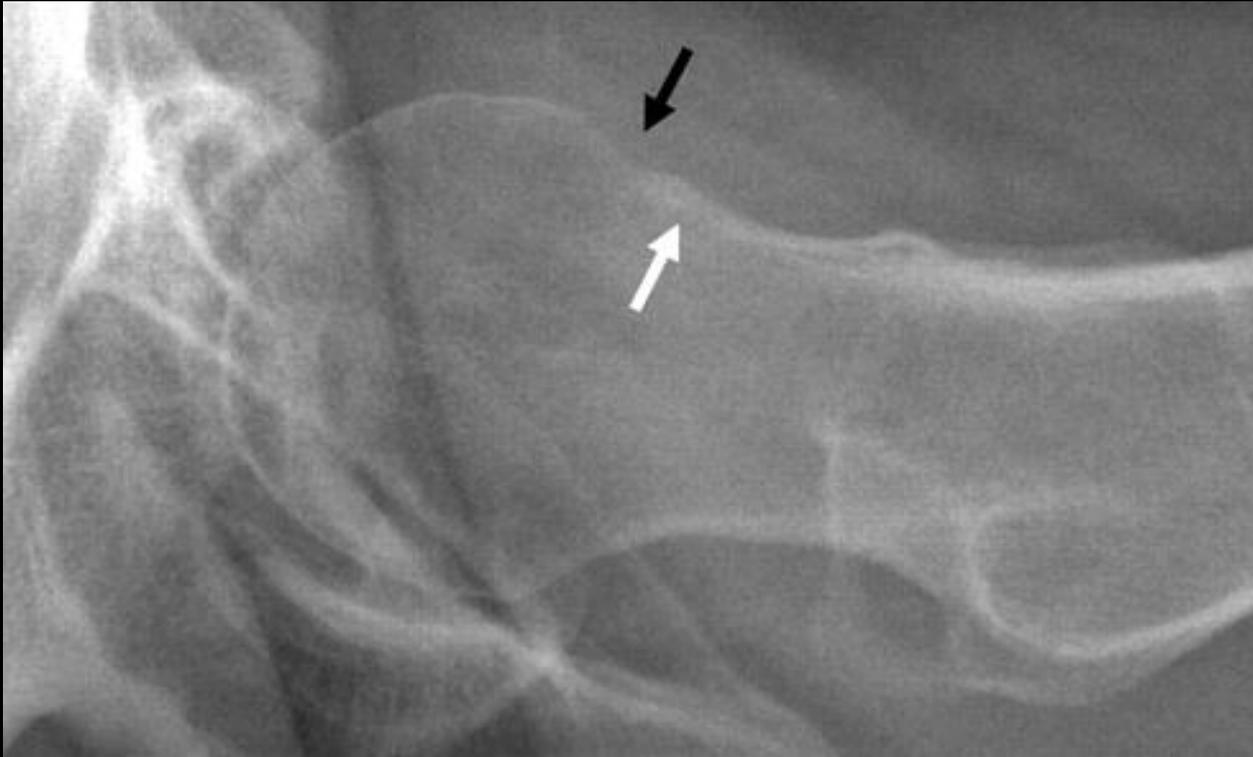
# Cross-Over Sign



# Posterior Wall Sign



# Pincer: Occasional Finding



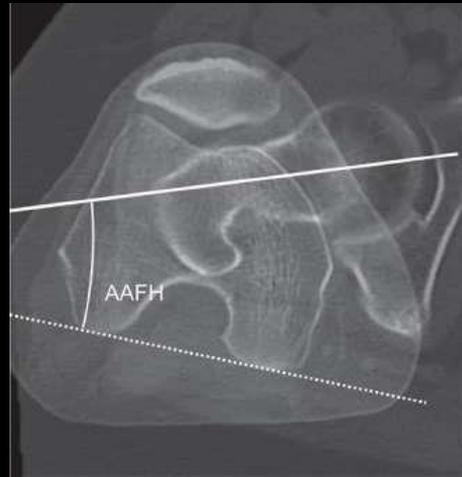
# Femoroacetabular Impingement

- Pincer
- **Cam**

# CAM:

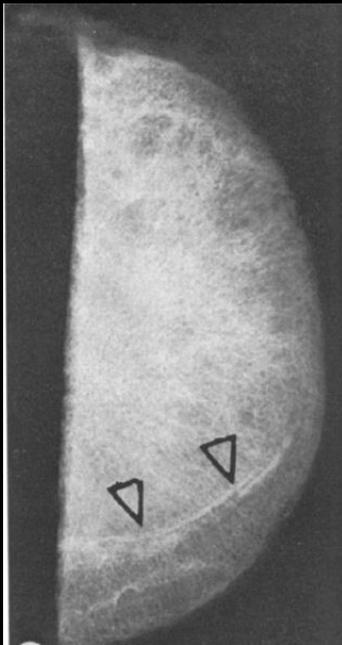
## Primary vs Secondary

- Primary:
  - Growth abnormality of capital femoral epiphysis
- Secondary:
  - Subclinical SCFE
  - Legg-Calve-Perthes disease
  - Coxa Vara
  - Retrotorsion/version of femoral head
    - S/P femoral neck fracture
    - Need CT for evaluation

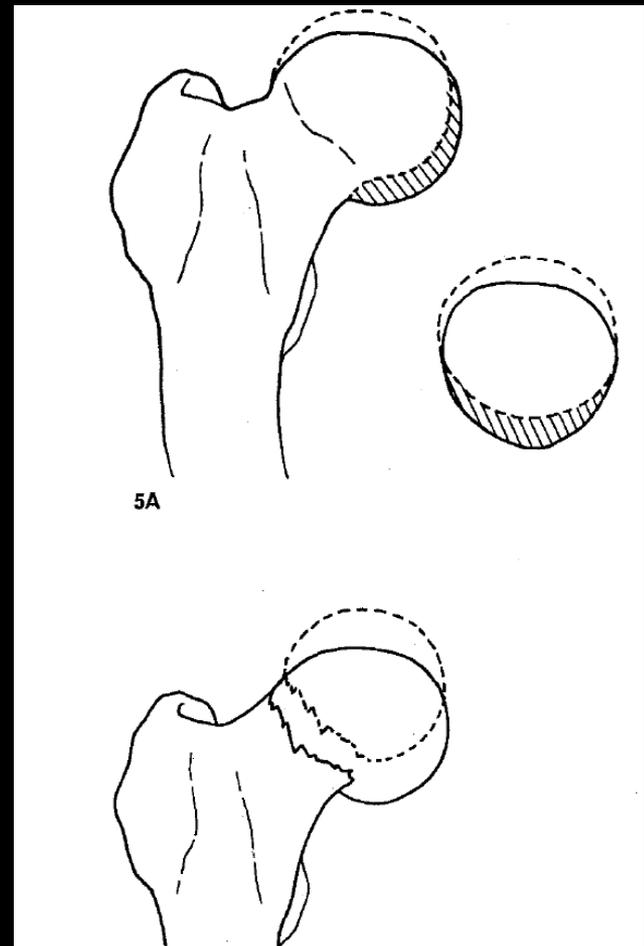


# “The last useful thing I published”

- Tilt deformity
  - =Mild SCFE
    - Murray, 1965
  - =Remodelling from OA
    - Resnick, 1976



Original zone of calcified cartilage

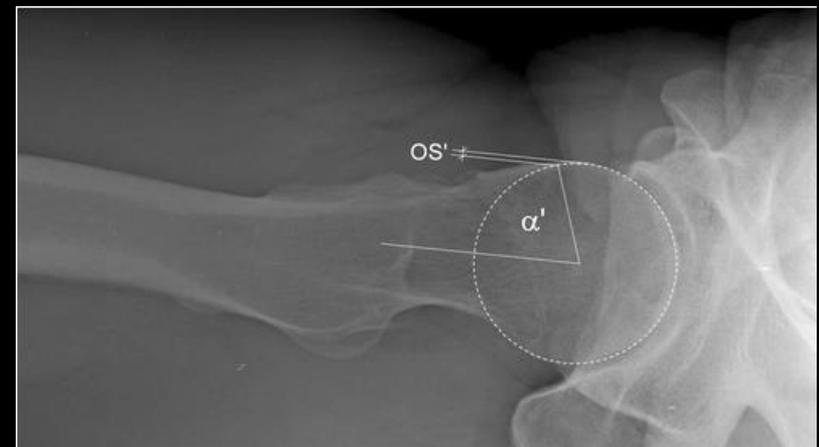


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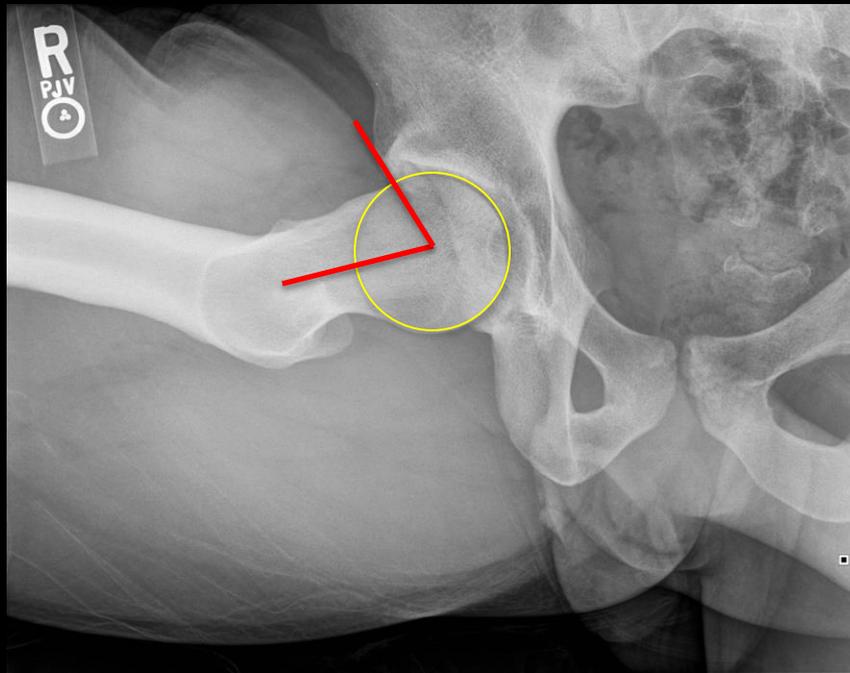
# CAM:

## Measurements on Cross-table Lateral

- $\alpha$ -angle:
  - Angle between femoral neck axis & line connecting head center and head-neck junction asphericity
  - $>50^\circ$  is abnormal
- Anterior Offset:
  - Diff in radius bet ant fem head & ant fem neck
  - $<10$  mm is abnormal



# Anterosuperior Osseous Bump



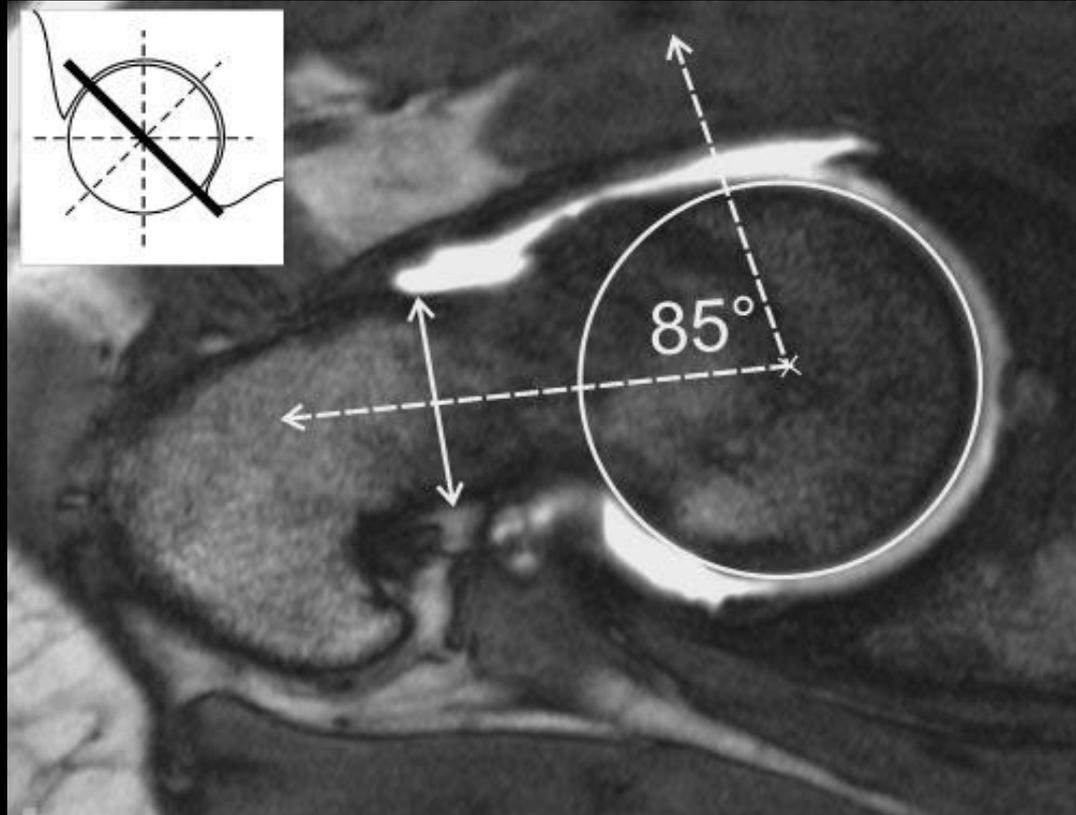
- Dunn View
- Hips flexed 90 deg
- Hips abducted 20 deg
- Neutral rotation

# Lateral bump/Pistol Grip



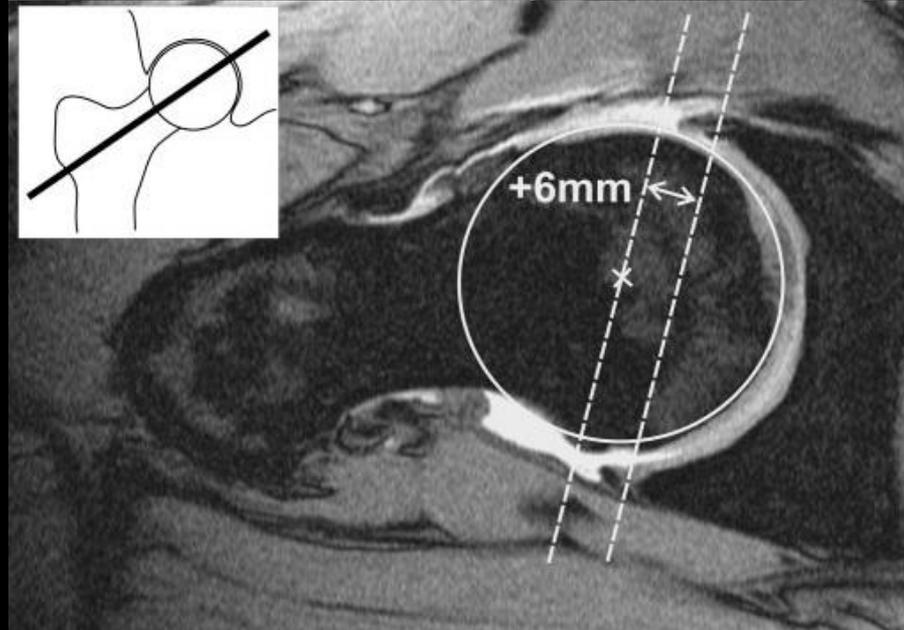
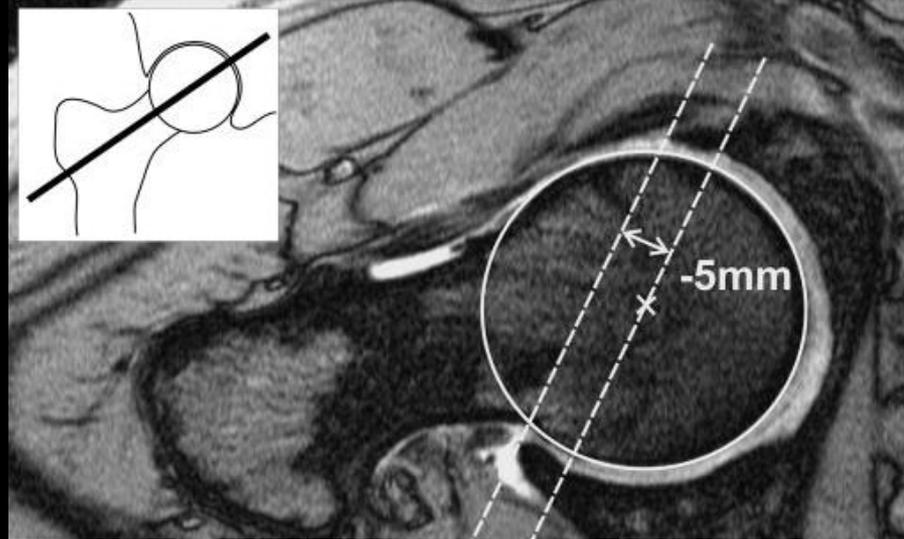
# Alpha Angle (CAM type)

- Axial oblique MRI
- >50 degree is abnormal
  - ?55 degree

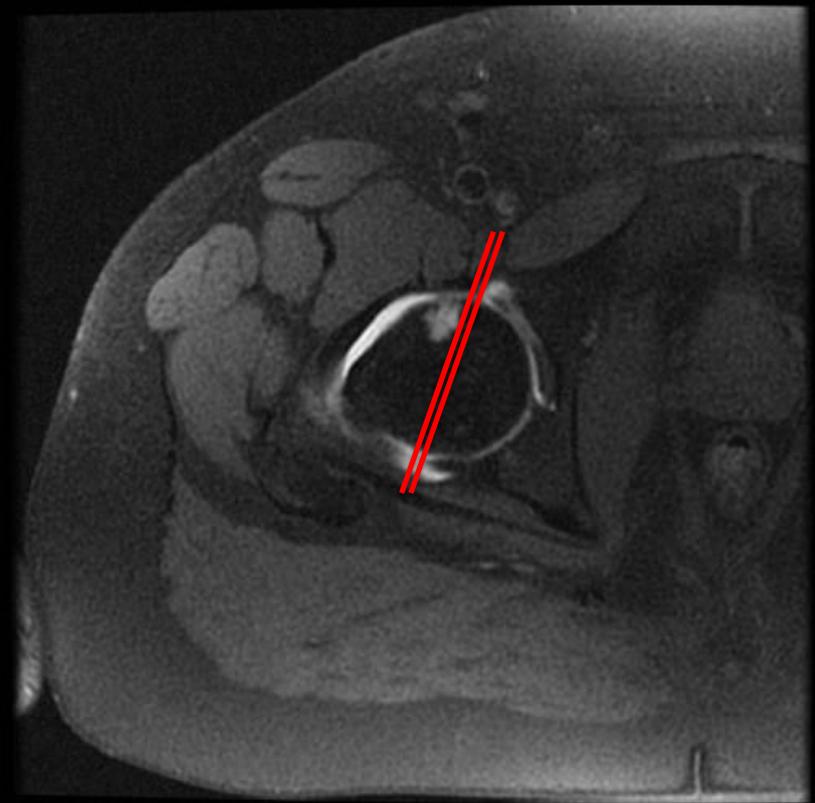
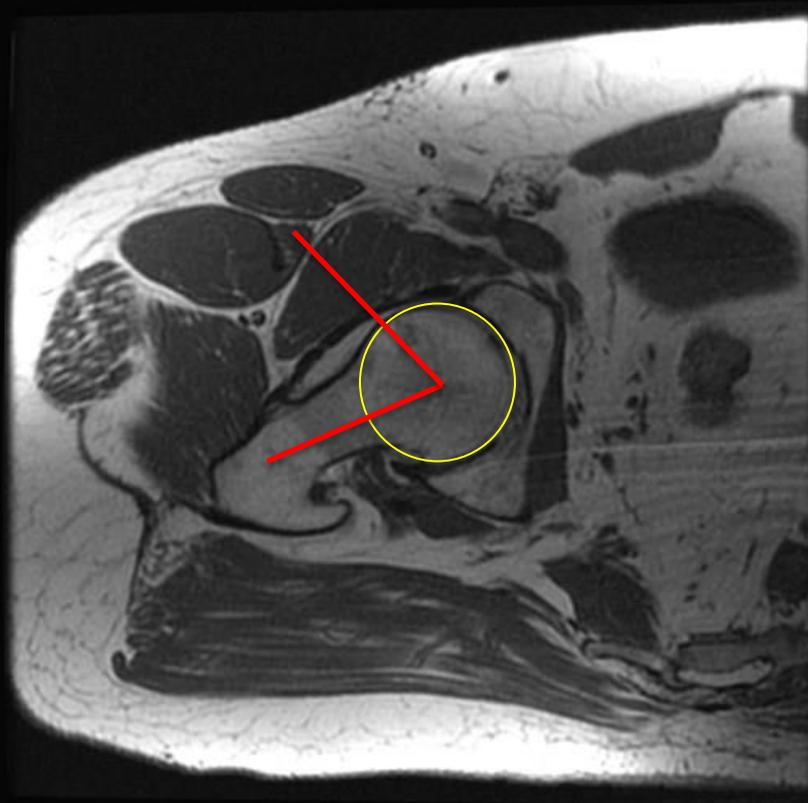


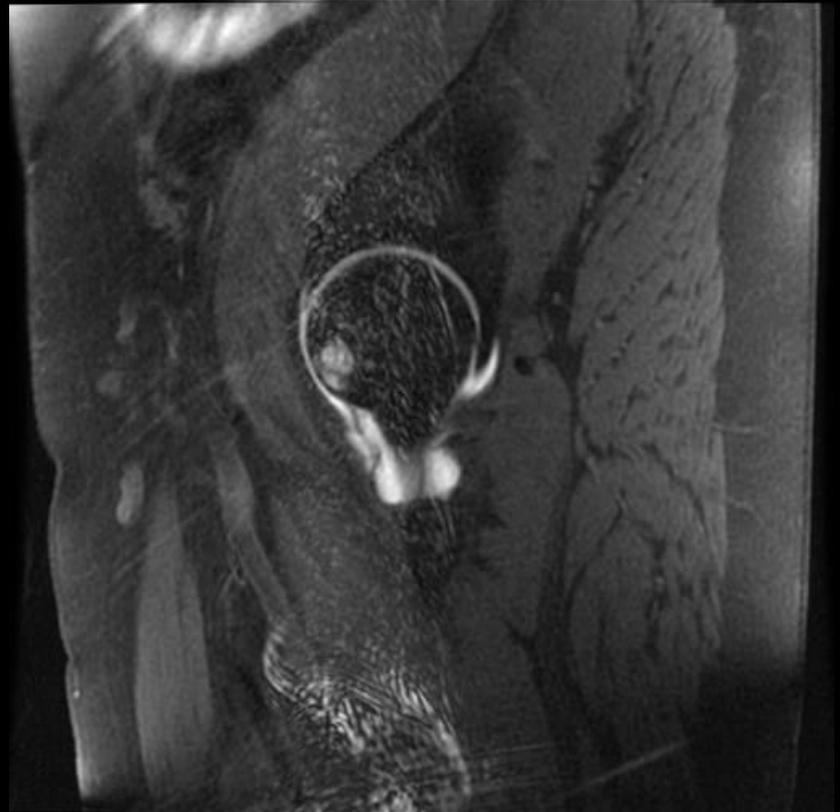
# Acetabular Depth (Pincer Type)

- Normal: 0 to +5mm
- Pincer FAI: <-5mm

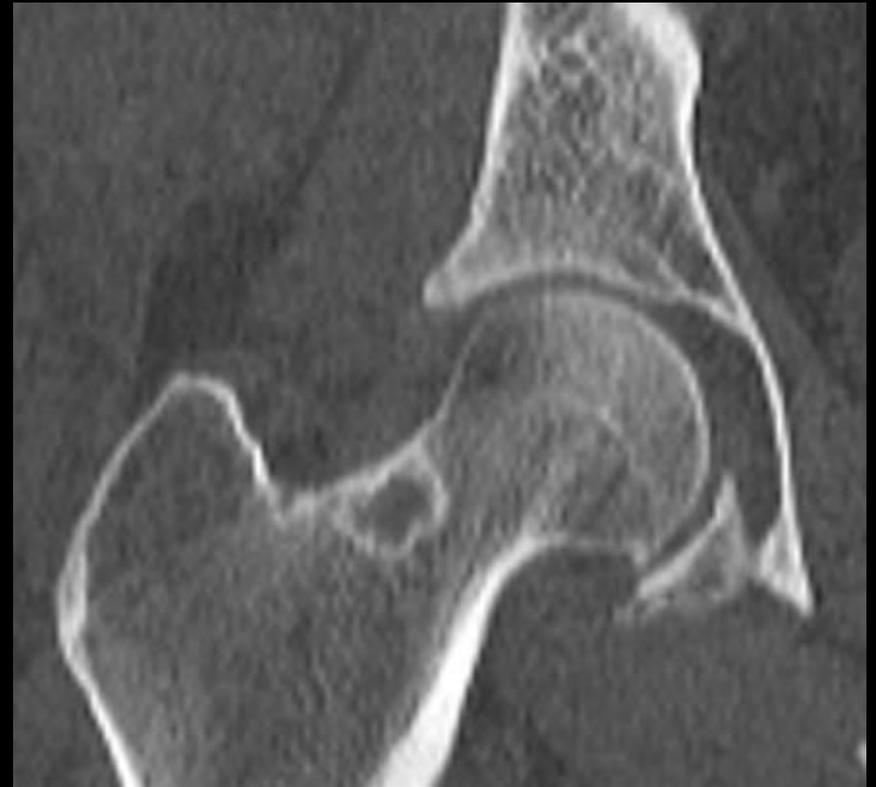
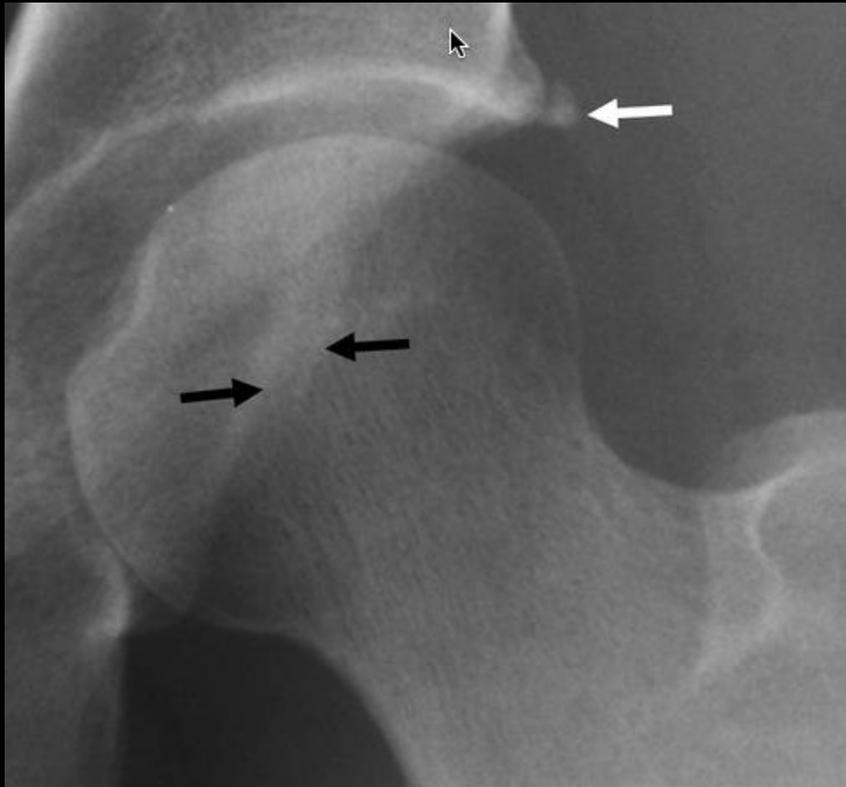


# Axial Oblique MR Arthrogram





# Secondary Findings



# Counter Argument: 2 Longitudinal Studies

- Bardakos NV et al. (2009)
  - 43 hips with cam morphology & mild OA
  - 1/3<sup>rd</sup> had no progression of OA after 10 years
- Hartofilakidis G et al. (2011)
  - 96 asymptomatic hips with FAI morphology
    - 17 cam, 34 pincer, 45 mixed
  - 82% did not develop OA
    - 18-19 y mean followup
  - $\alpha$ -angle of those that developed OA was no diff than those that did
  - Only contralateral OA was predictive

# Treatment

- Nonsurgical:
    - Relative rest & NSAIDs
    - Activity modification
      - Avoiding provocative positions
      - Muscle strengthening
    - Physical therapy
  - Surgical:
    - Address labrochondral pathology
    - Address underlying bony deformity
    - Open surgical dislocation of hip
      - Ganz et al
    - Arthroscopic
- SURGICAL**
- Cam:
    - Arthroscopic:
      - Anterosuperior deformity
    - Open:
      - Posterolateral deformity
      - Complex proximal femoral deformities
        - Legg-Calve-Perthes disease
  - Pincer:
    - Periacetabular osteotomy:
      - Severe retroversion w deficient posterior coverage
    - Acetabular rim trimming w labral refixation
      - Retroversion w nl posterior coverage
      - Risk for postoperative dislocation
    - Open surgical dislocation:
      - Global overcoverage

# Nonsurgical

- Emara et al.
  - 37 pt w FAI & mild deformity ( $\alpha$ -angle $<60^\circ$ )
  - Tx: Physical Therapy & activity modification
  - At 2 yr:
    - 11% had surgery
    - 89% had improvement in mean Harris hip score
      - 72  $\rightarrow$  91
- Hunt et al.
  - 6/17 pts improved w/o surgery
  - Those who picked surgery had higher activity levels

# Surgical

- Surgical Dislocation:
  - Ganz et al
  - Trochanteric osteotomy
  - Hip dislocated anteriorly
  - Allows circumferential access to acetabulum/proximal femur
- Complications:
  - Trochanteric pain
    - 46% of pts
  - Symptomatic intra-articular adhesions
    - 6%

# Surgical

- Arthroscopy:
  - 10/12 studies: Good to excellent outcomes in >75% pts
- Complications:
  - Low:
    - 1-6%
  - Iatrogenic labral/cartilage damage

**COXA SALTANS**

# Coxa Saltans



- “Snapping Hip”
- Audible snap of hip w/ flexion & extension or normal activities
- General population
  - 5-10% asymptomatic
- Certain professional athletes
  - Participate in extremes of hip motion
  - Higher incidence & more symptomatic

# Elite Athletes

- Survey of Ballet Dancers:
  - 90% by report
  - Hip external rotation/abduction >90 degrees
- Wahl et al.
  - 2 footballers & 1 soccer player
  - Hip flexion >90 degrees
- Also seen in weight-lifters & runners



# Coxa Saltans



- Mayer L. Snapping hip.
  - Surg Gynecol Obstet
  - 1919;29:425–4293
- Categories
  - Externa
  - Interna: Most common
  - Intraarticular

# Imaging Evaluation

- XR:
  - Coxa vara
  - DDH
- MRI:
  - Soft tissue edema about involved structure
  - Bursitis
- MRA:
  - Investigate intra-articular causes
- Bursography:
  - Not commonly used anymore
  - Historical imaging test of choice
- Ultrasound:
  - Newer modality & imaging test of choice

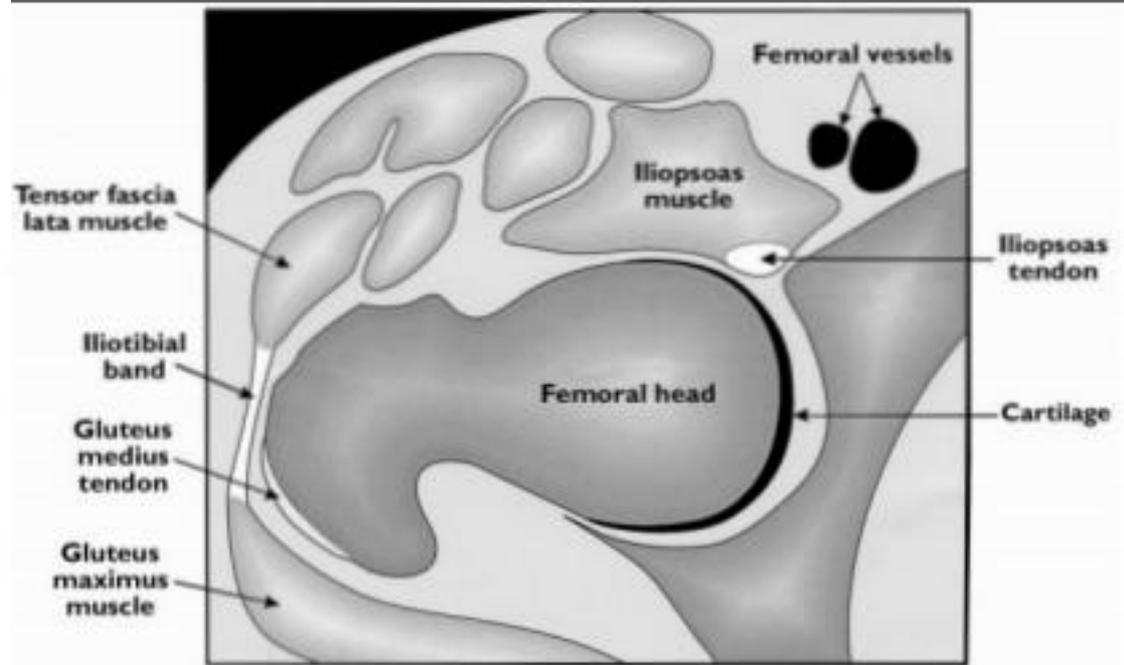
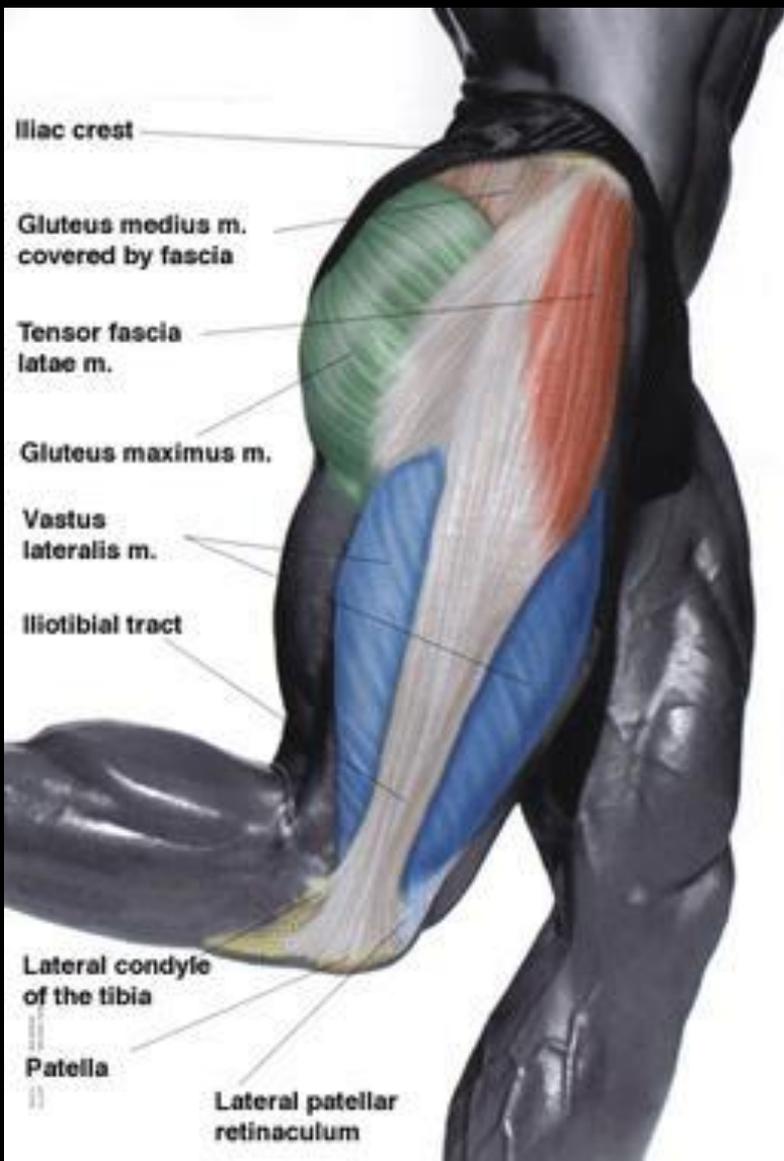
# Coxa Saltans

- **Externa**
- Interna
- Intraarticular

# Coxa Saltans Externa

- Iliotibial tract slides over the greater trochanter with flexion/extension
- ITT is posterior with hip extension & moves anterior with hip flexion

# Iliotibial Tract



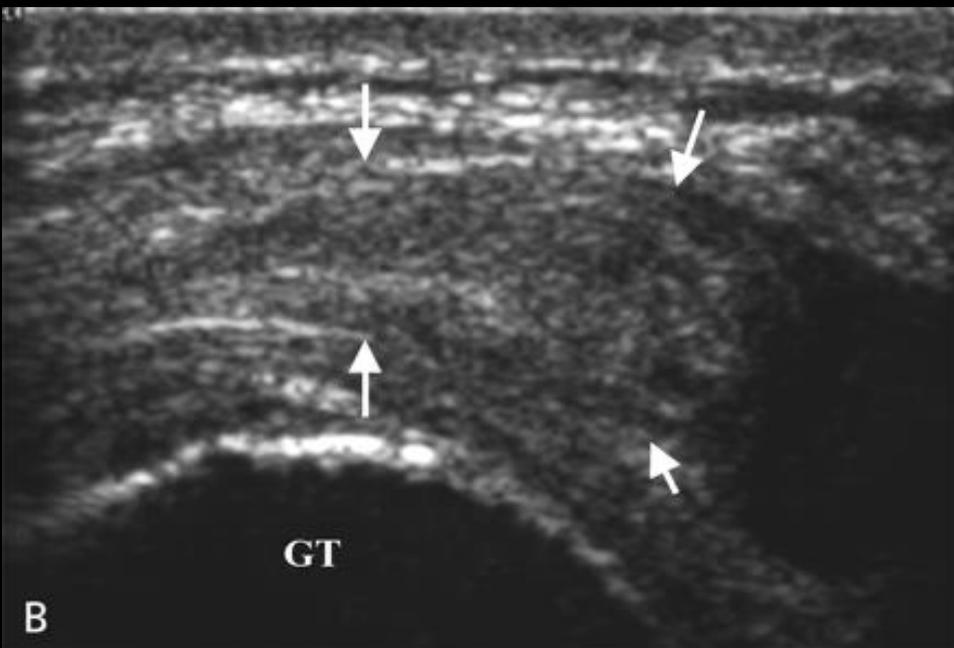
# Iliotibial Tract

- TFL & Glut max keep ITT taut whether hip is flexed or extended
- As taut throughout, any small anatomic change would precipitate snapping over GT
- Greater trochanteric bursa lies between ITT & GT
  - Predisposed to bursitis

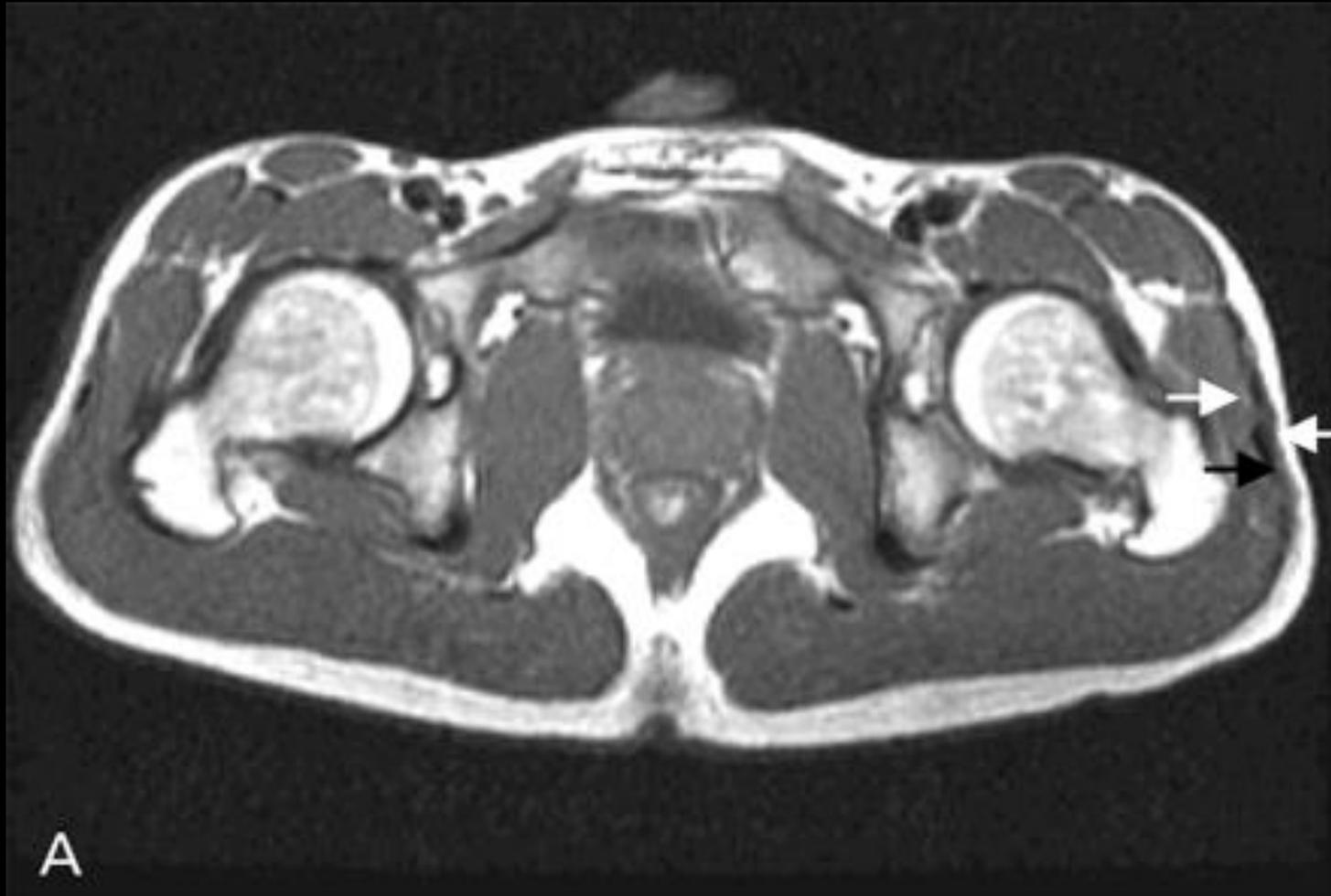
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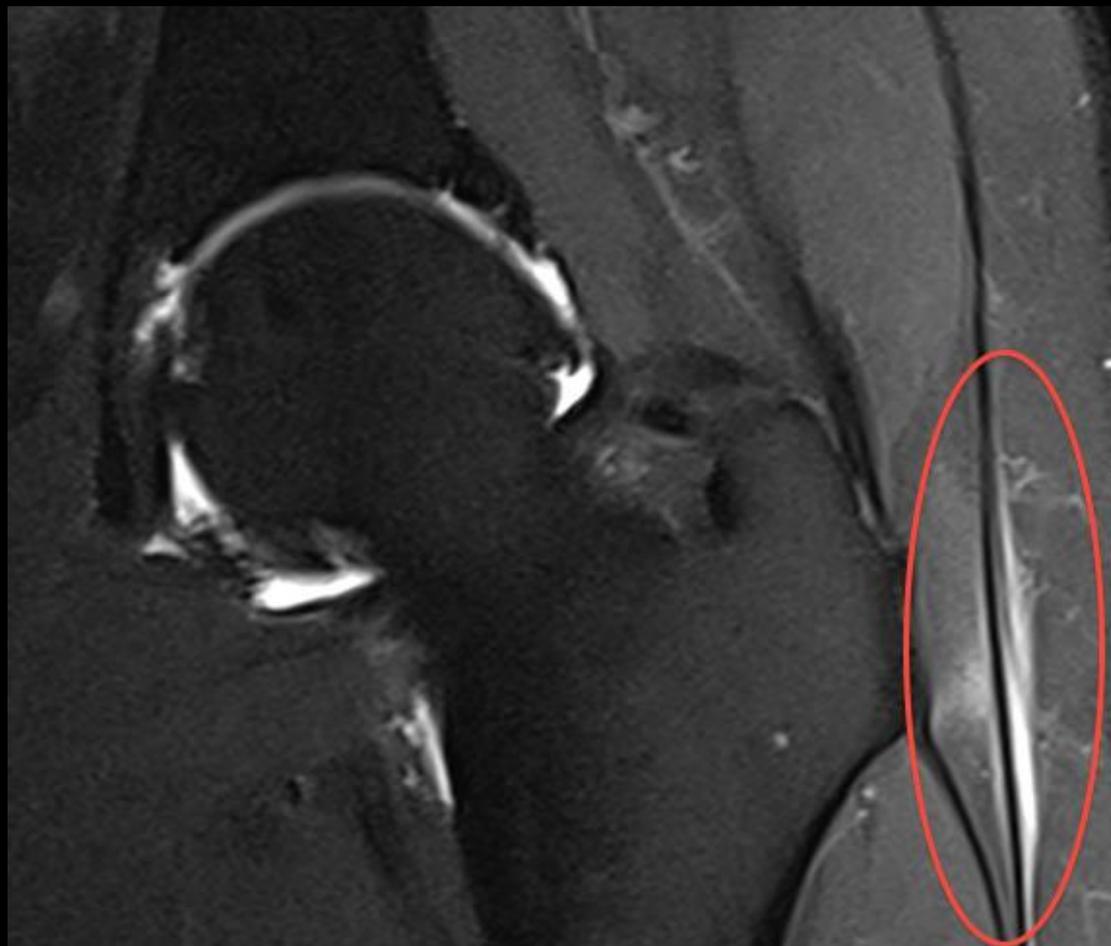
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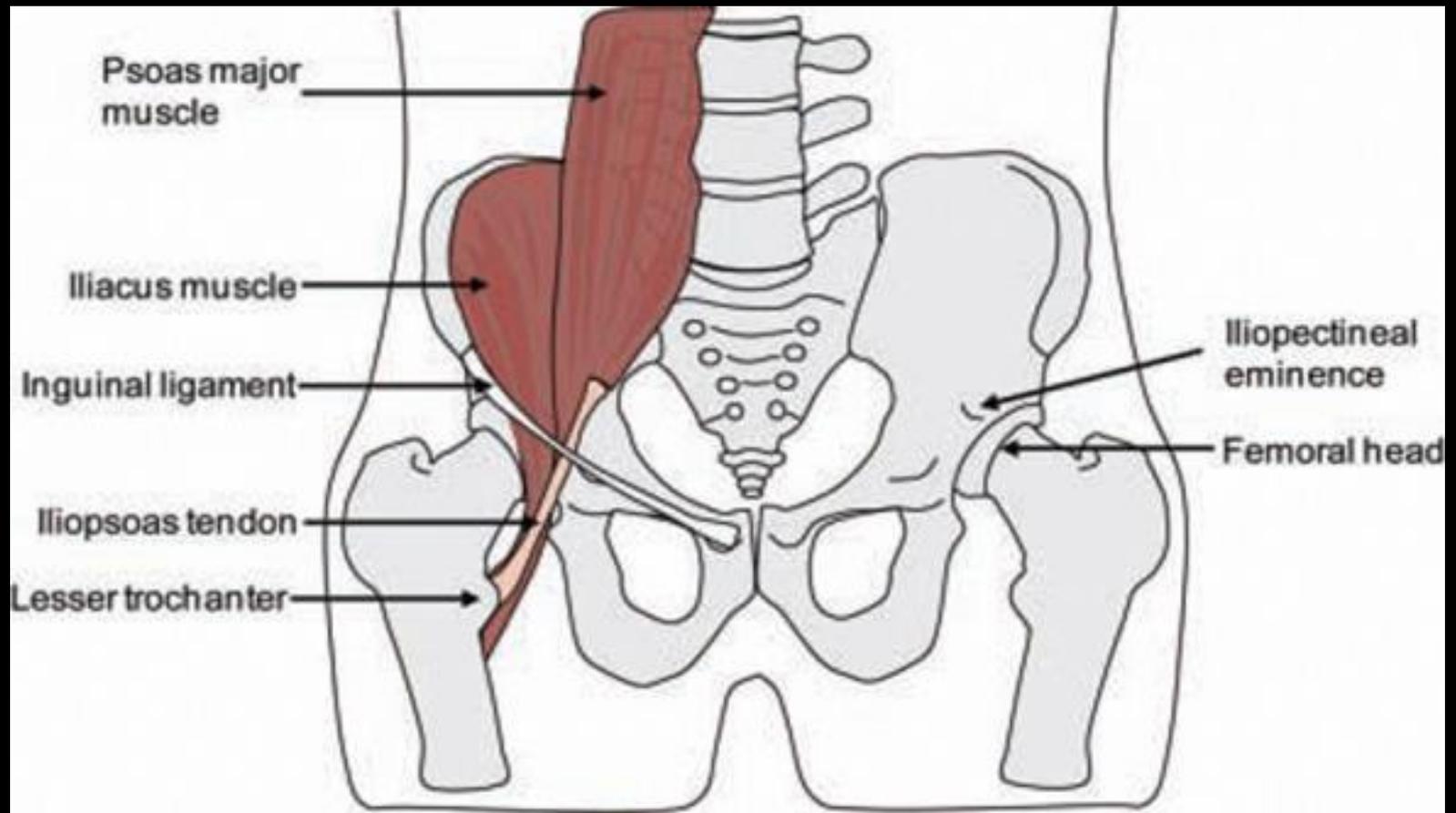
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- **Interna**
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# Coxa Saltans Interna

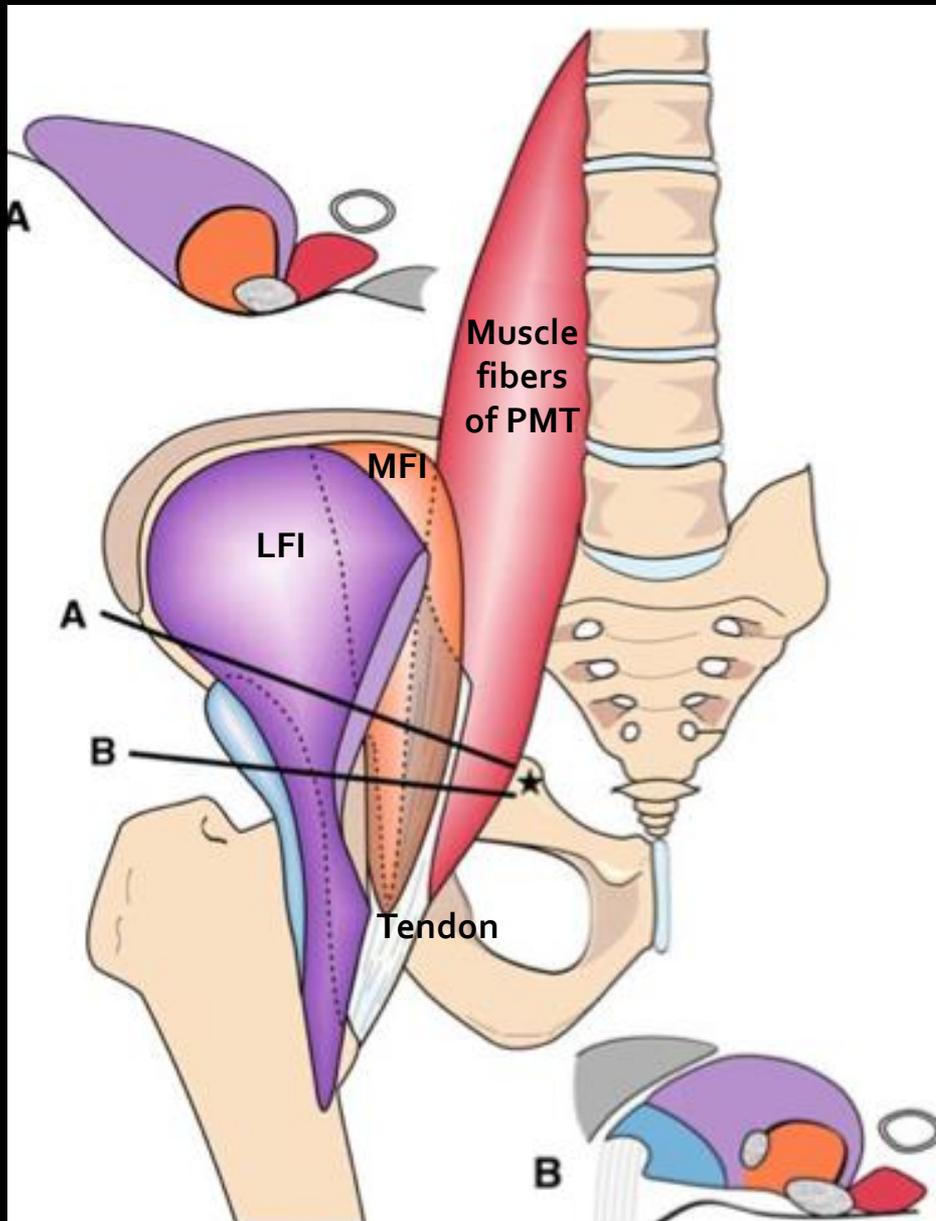
- Iliopsoas tendon moving over the:
  - Classically:
    - Femoral head/anterior hip capsule
    - Prominent iliopectineal ridge
    - Exostoses of lesser trochanter
    - Iliopsoas bursa
  - Newer:
    - Medial fibers of iliacus

# CSI: Physical Exam

- Supine patient
- Reproduce snapping by flexing/extending hip
- Block snapping by finger pressure over iliopsoas tendon at femoral head

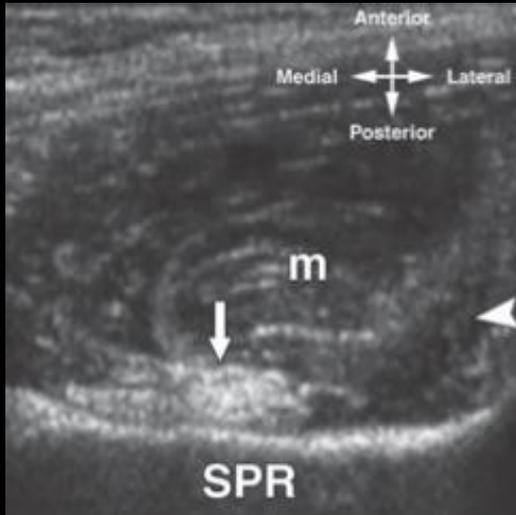


# Anatomical View of the Iliopsoas Muscle



- **PMT** = psoas major tendon
- **MFI** = medial fibers of iliacus
- **LFI** = lateral fibers of iliacus
- **IIT** = ilioinfratrochanteric bundle
- **\*** = iliopectineal eminence

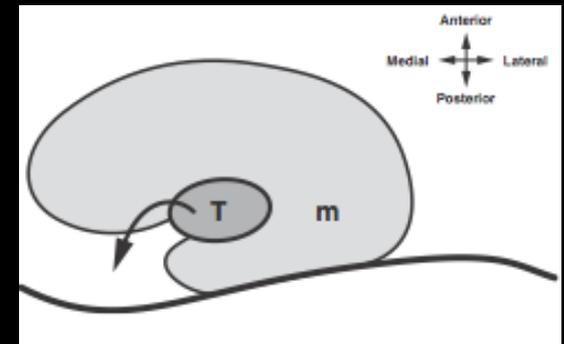
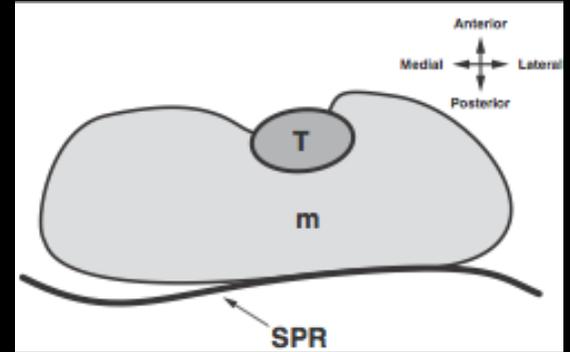
# Snapping Iliopsoas Tendon



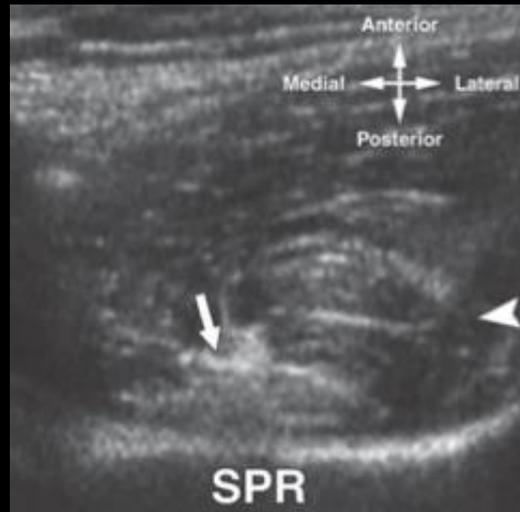
Neutral position



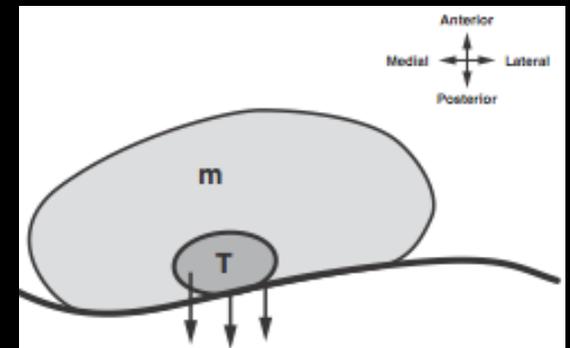
Frogleg position



Returning to neutral position



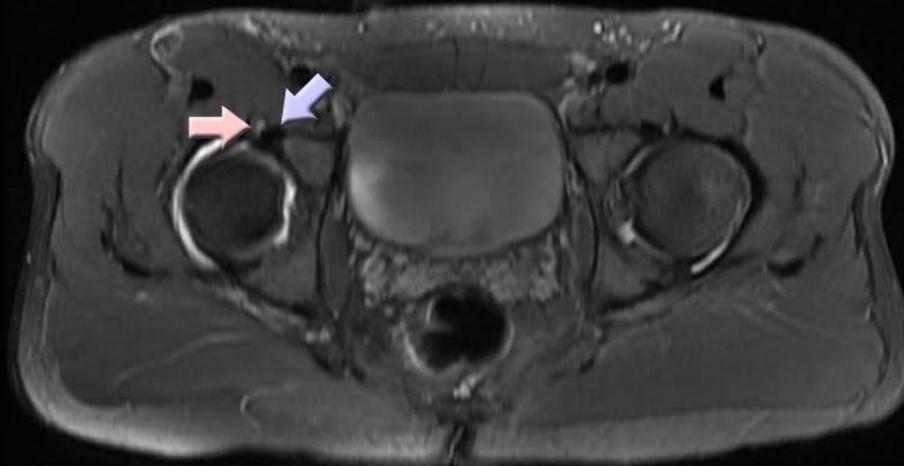
Back to neutral position



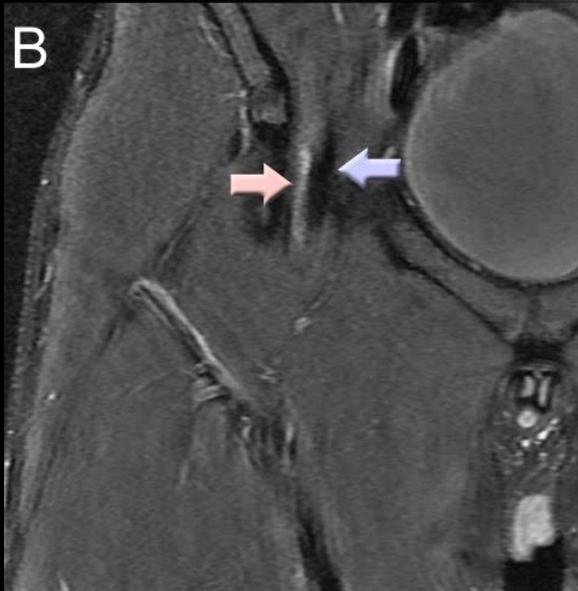
# Dynamic Ultrasound

# Coxa Saltans Interna

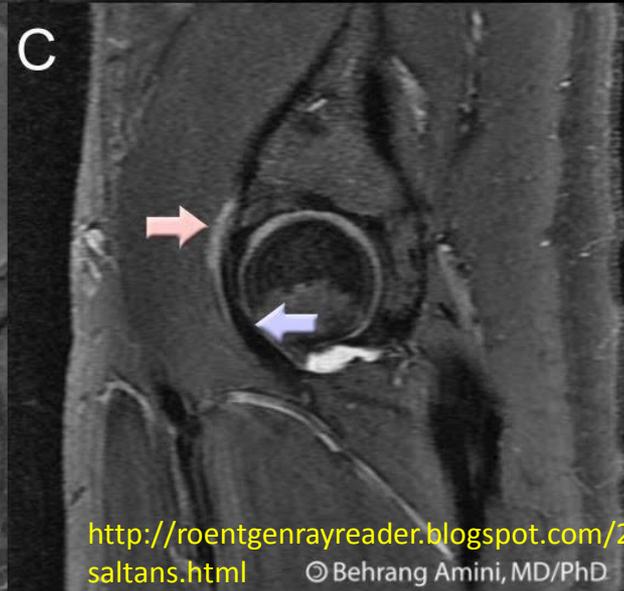
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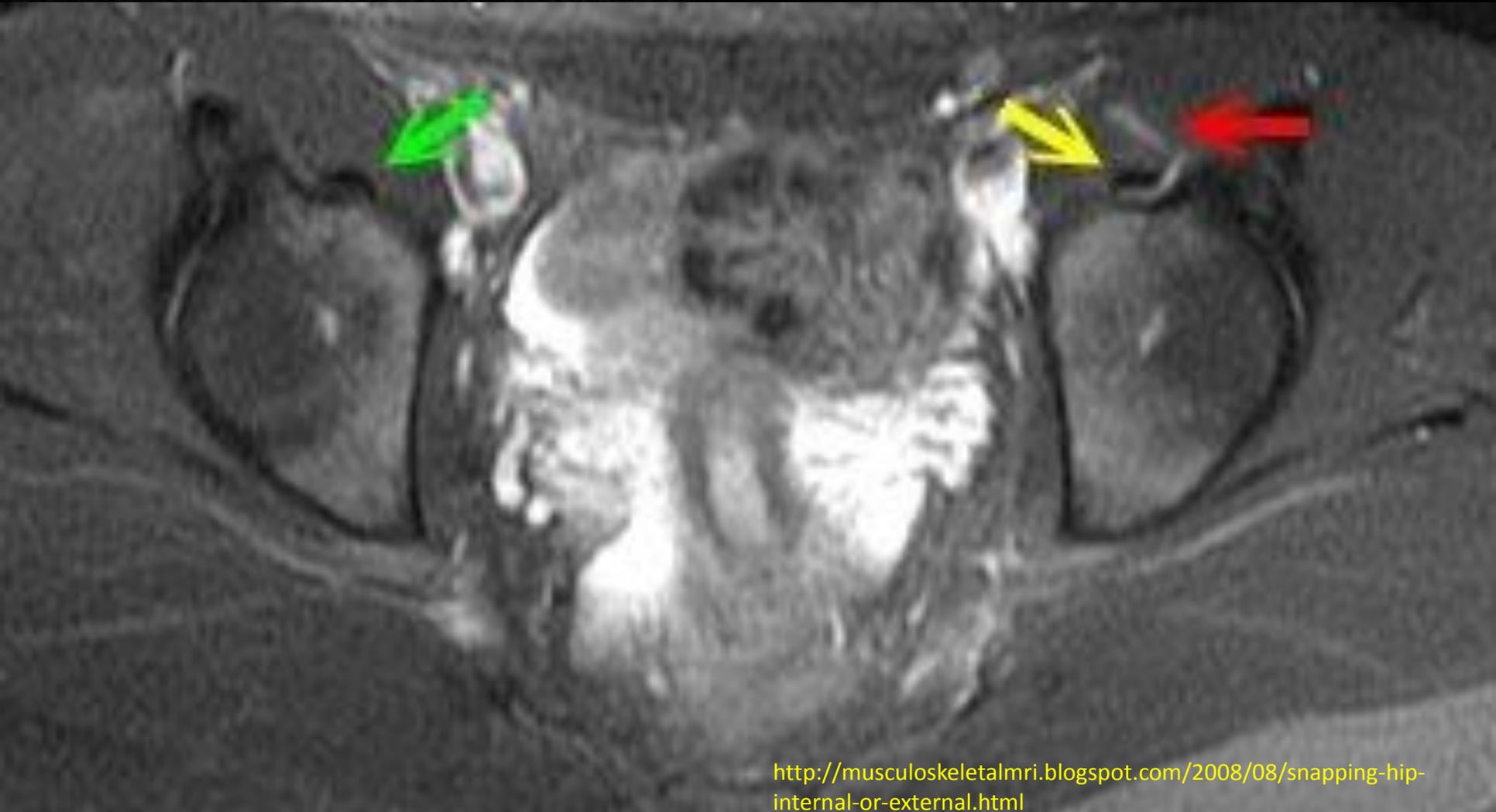
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# Coxa Saltans Interna



# Sounds Painful

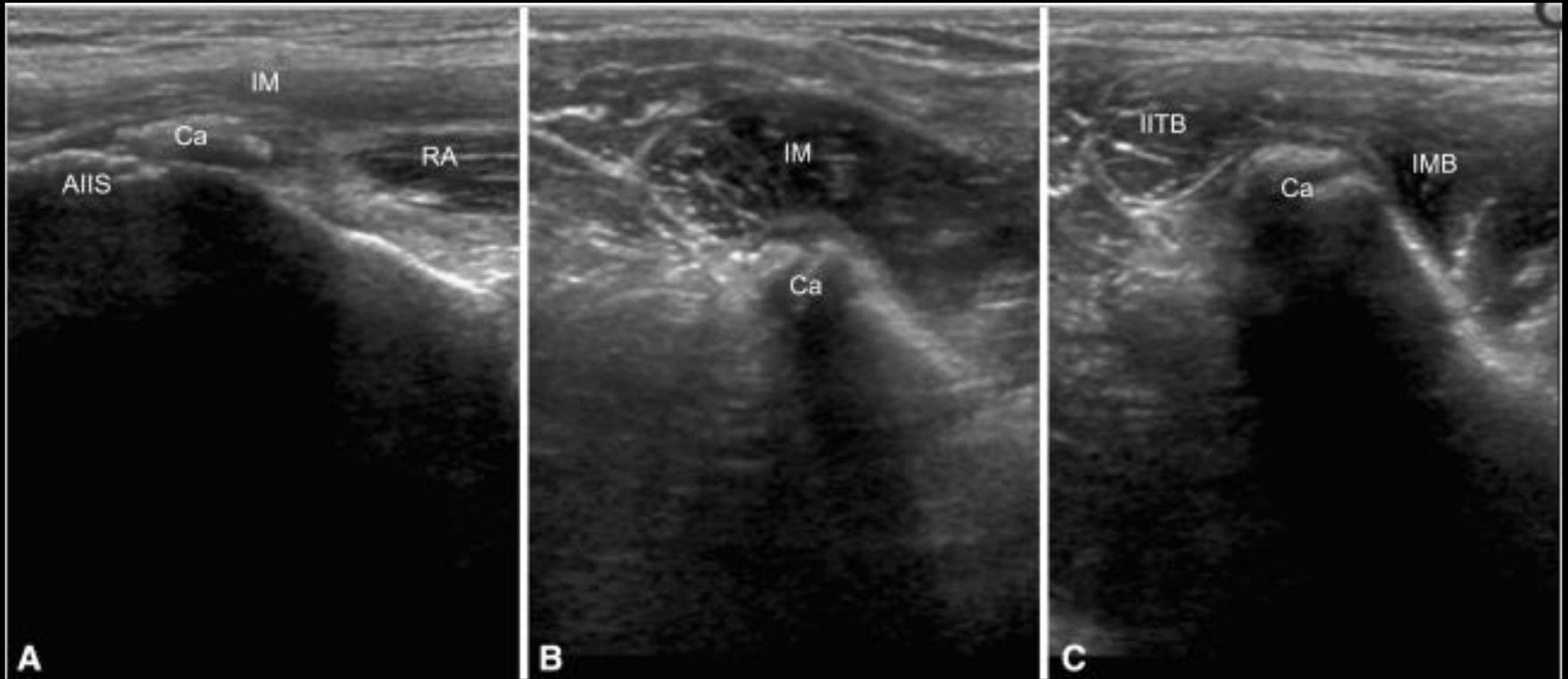
- Pelsser V, et al. AJR. 2001.
- 26 cases of extra-articular coxa saltans
  - 24: Underlying cause identified
  - 22: Coxa Saltans Interna
  - 14: Painful



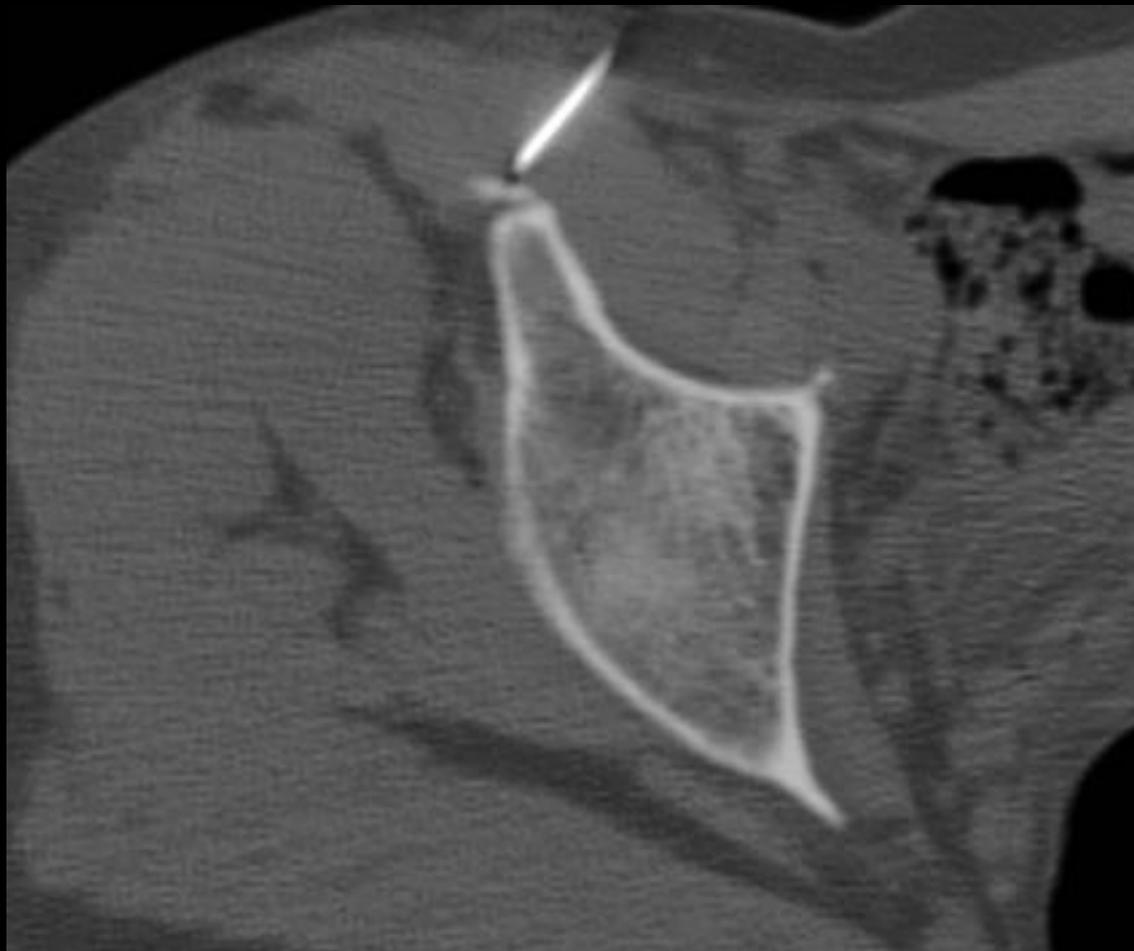
# Rare Cause: XR



# Rare Cause: US



# Rare Cause: CT



# Coxa Saltans

- Externa
- Interna
- **Intraarticular**

# Coxa Saltans Intra-articular

- Clicking sensation
- Labral tear
  - Cause pain >>> snapping hip
  - Usu posterosuperior
- Loose body
- Synovial chondromatosis
- Femoral head subluxation
- Synovial fold (Atilihan et al. 2003)

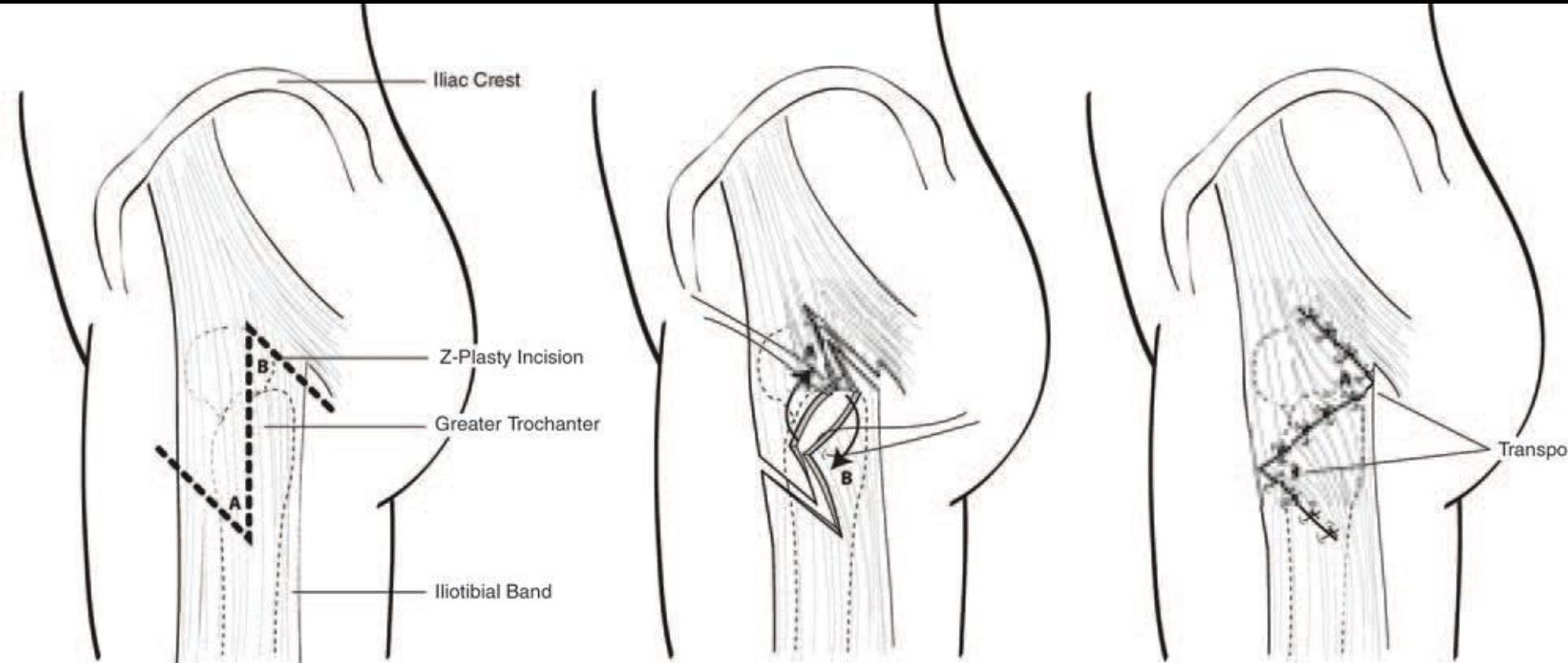
# Treatment of Coxa Saltans

- Conservative
  - Avoid inciting activities
  - Rest
  - Corticosteroid injection
  - Therapy emphasizing stretching
- Surgical
  - External – excision of greater trochanteric bursa w/ IT band lengthening
  - Internal – iliopsoas release &/or lengthening

# Treatment

- External:
  - Provencher et al. (2004)
    - 9 hips treated by ITT Z-lengthening
    - All had resolution of snapping
    - 1 had persistent groin pain
  - Ilizaliturri et al (2006)
    - 11 hips treated by diamond excision of ITT over GT
    - 10 had full resolution of symptoms
    - 1 had mild snapping but no pain at 2 year followup
- Most common complication:
  - Mild to moderate Trendelenburg gait
    - Caused by abductor weakness







Courtesy: Dr. Amy Sewick

# Treatment

- Internal:
  - Hoskins JS, et al (2004)
    - 85 patients fractional lengthening of iliopsoas
    - 20 patients had return of snapping by 1 year
  - Anderson SA, et al (2008)
    - Arthroscopic repair in 15 athletes
    - Incidental note of 12 athletes having labral tear
    - 0 had return of snapping
    - Theory: Iliopsoas dysfunction leads to labral tear
- Most common complication:
  - Hip flexor weakness

# ISCHIOFEMORAL IMPINGEMENT

# Ischiofemoral Impingement

- First reported in 1977 in 2 pts after total hip arthroplasty and 1 pt after proximal femoral osteotomy
- Radiographs: Narrowing bet ischium & lesser trochanter
- Relief with resection of the lesser trochanter

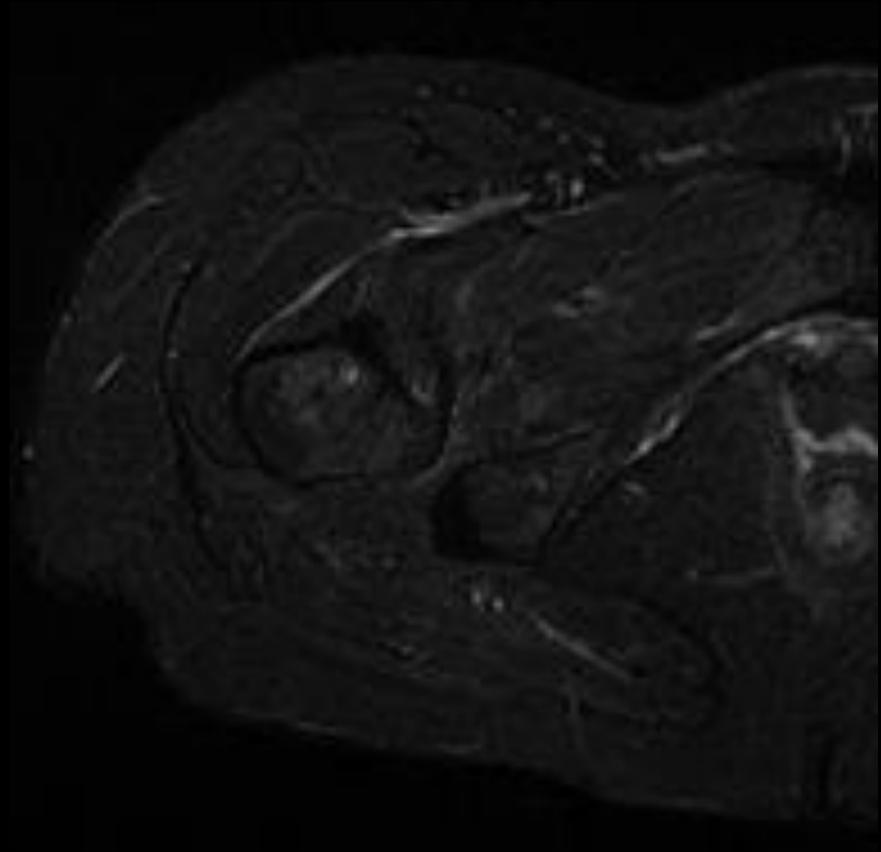
# Epidemiology

- Hip/Groin pain
  - Usu posterior
  - Pain radiates distally
  - Snapping/locking
- F >>> M
  - 84-100% female
  - Middle aged-elderly
- Bilateral: 25-40%

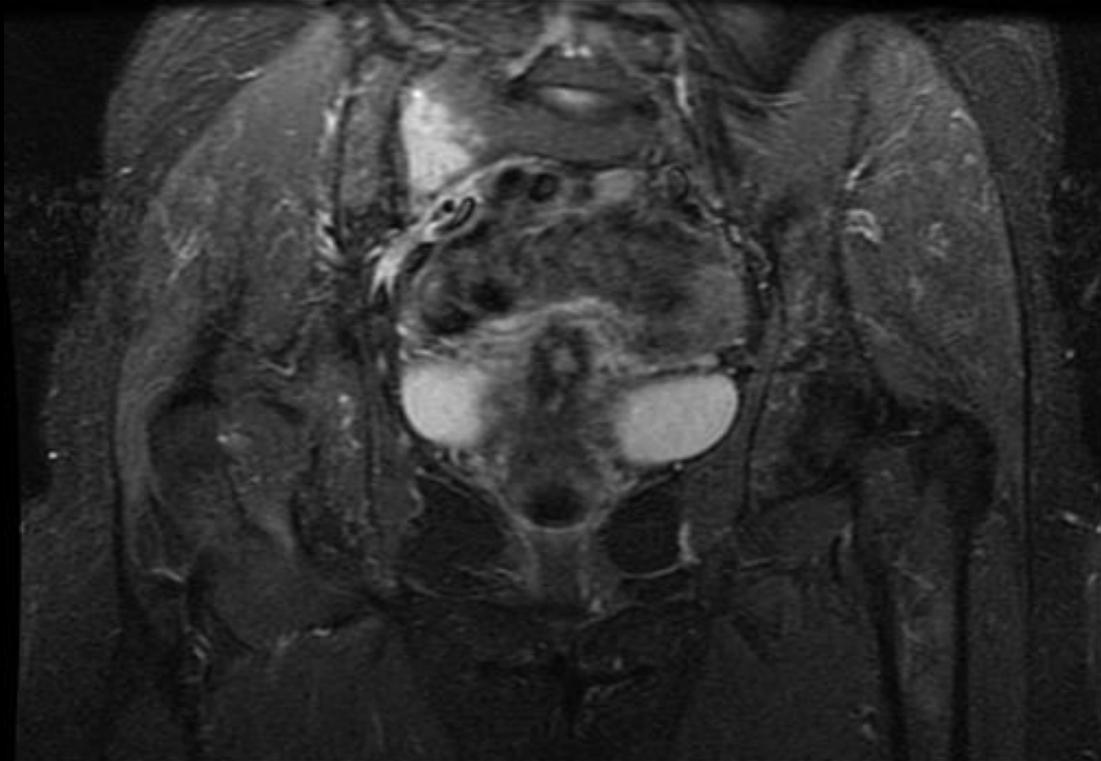
# Risk Factors

- Superomedial migration of femur 2/2 OA
- Osteochondroma
- Prominent lesser trochanter
- Enlarged ischium from prior fracture

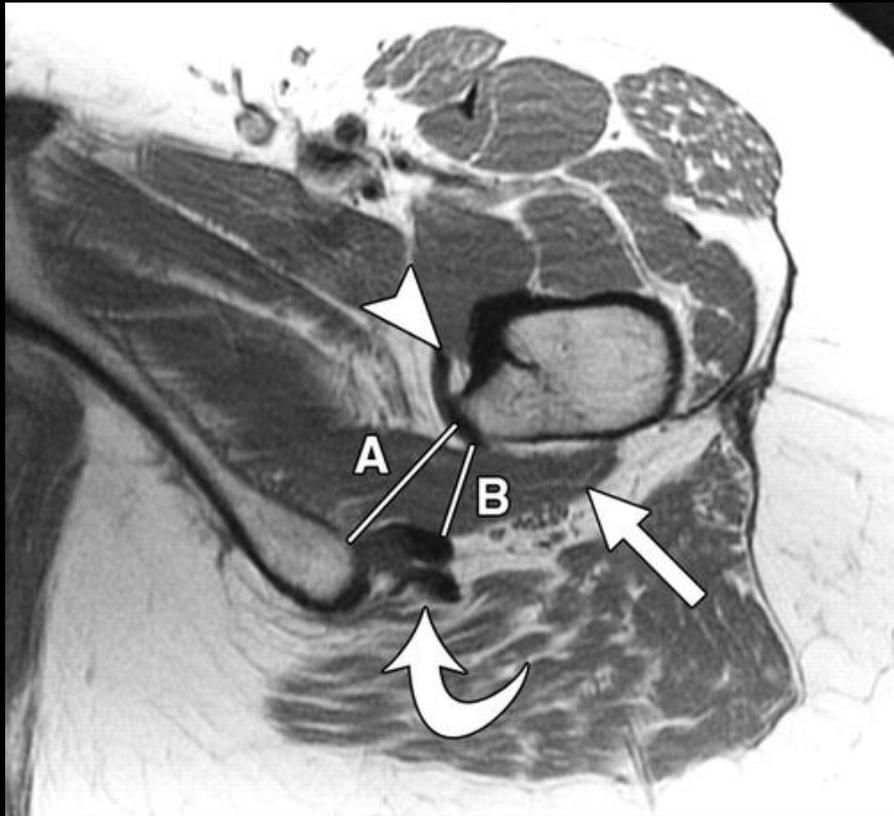
# Ischiofemoral Impingement



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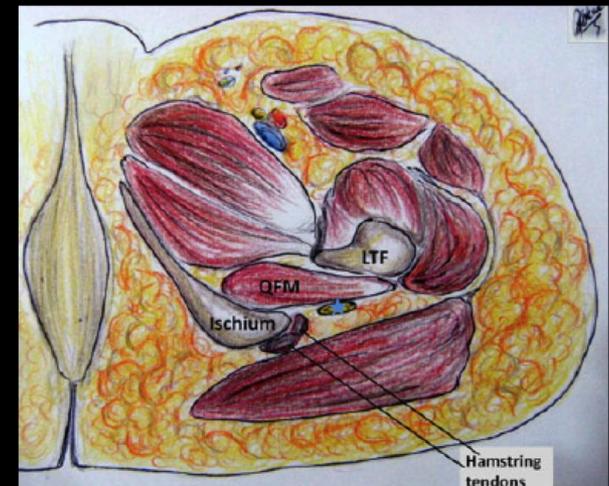
# Measuring for IFI



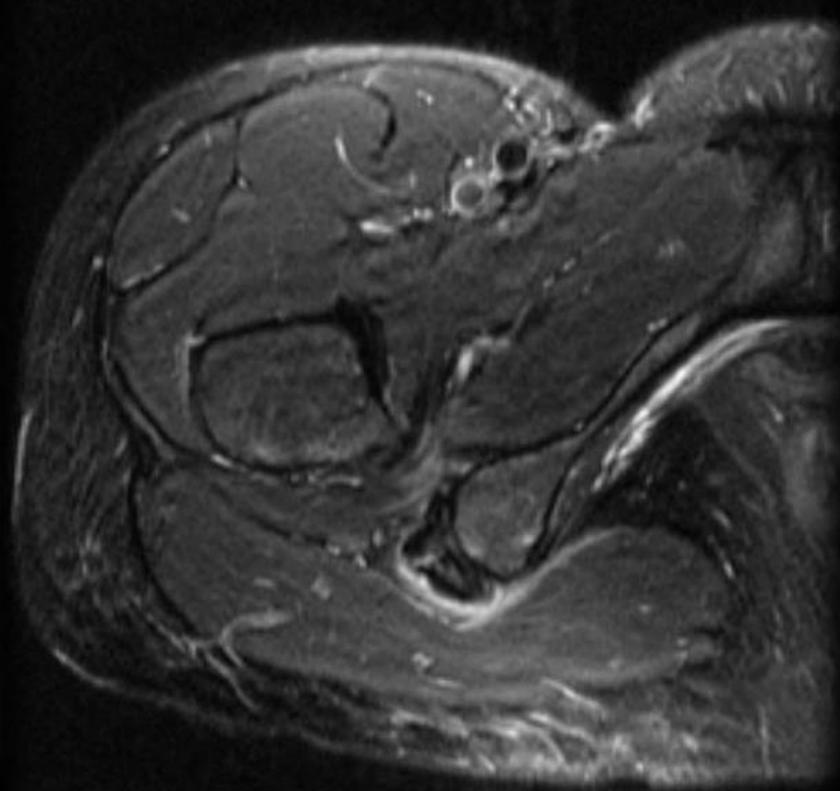
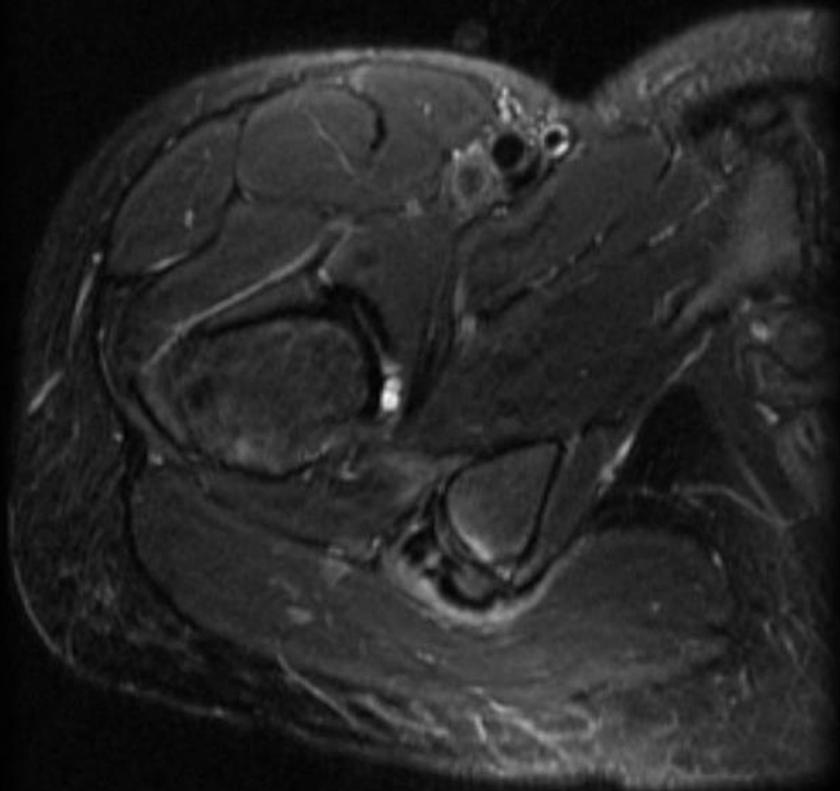
- A: Ischiofemoral Space (IFS)
  - 12.9 ( $\pm 5$ ) vs 22 ( $\pm 8$ ) mm
- B: Quadratus Femoris Space (QFS)
  - 6.7 ( $\pm 3$ ) vs 13.5 ( $\pm 4$ ) mm

# Quadratus Femoris

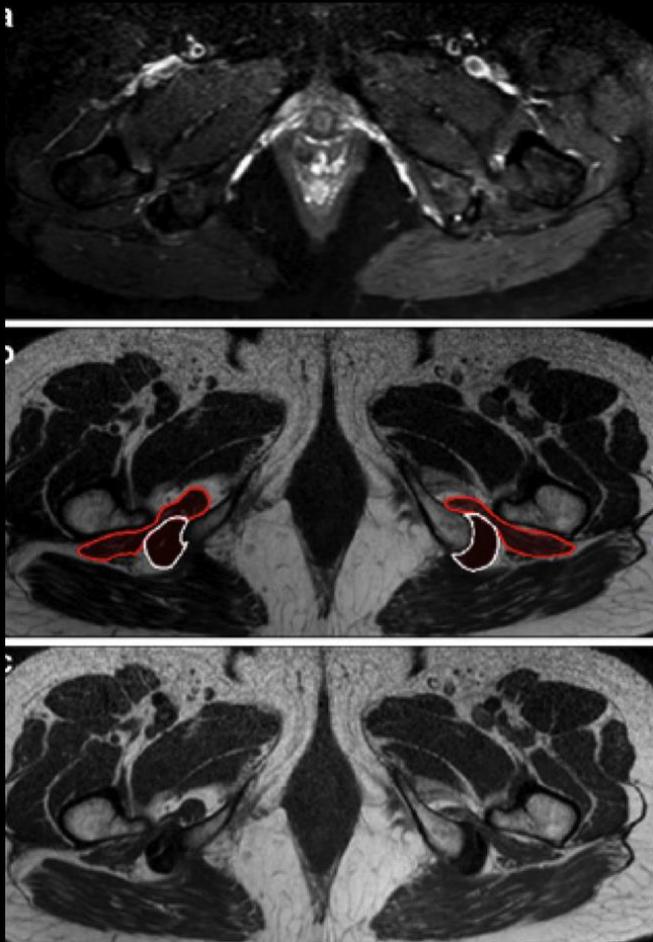
- Square muscle of the thigh
- Origin: Superior aspect of lateral surface of ischial tuberosity, just anterior to origin of semimembranosus tendon
- Insertion: Posteromedial aspect of proximal femur
- NI width bet ischium & proximal femur: 2 cm



# Ischiofemoral Impingement



# Hamstring Tendons



- Associated with hamstring tendon edema (50%) or partial tears (25%)
- Seagull Wing Sign of QFM
  - Hamstring tendinopathy/area contributes to IFI

# Grading QFM Edema

- Tosun et al. 2012
- 0: NI muscle signal
- I: Focal edema where IFS/QFS are narrowest
- II: Diffuse edema confined to muscle
- III: Edema extending to surrounding soft tissues
  - Can cause irritation of adjacent sciatic nerve → sciatica

# Grading QFM Fatty Replacement

- Tosun et al. 2012
- 0: NI muscle signal
- I: Tiny linear fat signal bet muscle fibers
- II: Linear & globular fat signal <50% of QFM
- III: Globular fat signal >50% of QFM

# SUMMARY

# Hip Impingement

- FAI
  - Pincer vs Cam
- Ischiofemoral Impingement
- Coxa Saltans
  - Externa, Interna, Intra-articular



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