

# **HIP DISLOCATION**

## ***MANAGEMENT AND COMPLICATIONS***



# Introduction...

- Nowadays...In the highways,in the factory, in the sports every where **SPEED...SPEED...SPEED**
- We are in a world speed
- Because of this high speed, hiigh voilence, even the **HIP** which is inherenty more stable, could not escape.
- Mostly with other injuries/ fractures

# Define... **DISLOCATION**

- *Complete loss of articular congruity(contact)*



# Historical review...

- In olden days traumatic dislocations very rare.
- One paper published after first world war, mentioned about the rarity of the condition

# HIP - Anatomy

- Multi axial spheroidal ( **Ball and socket joint** ),synovial joint.
- Made of *acetabulam*, *head of femur*



# CAPSULE

- Capsule attachment,

***Anteriorly***

At intertrochantric line

***Posteriorly,***

*one cm medial to the intertrochantric*

*crest*

# Ligaments

- **Four Ligaments**

Ilio – femoral ligament

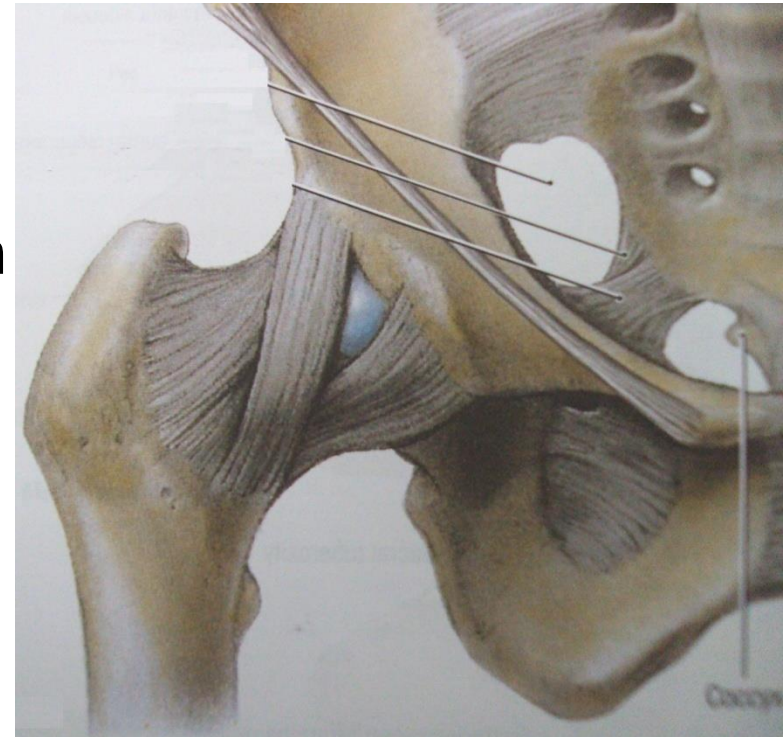
Ischio femoral ligament

Transverse acetabular ligament

Ligamentum teres

# Iliofemoral Ligament

- Inverted “Y” ligament or ***Ligament of Bigelow*** (or) Berting ligament (or) Hipsiloid Ligament.
- ***Apex*** – Attached between and acetabular rim and AIIS
- ***Base*** – Diverges from the apex as medial and lateral bands





## Contd....

- **Medial band** – vertical, attached to infero medial portion intertrochantric line.
- **Lateral Band** – Attached to a tubercle at supero lateral part of Inter trochantric line
- One of the strongest ligament
- *Prevents the trunk from falling backwards* in standing position.

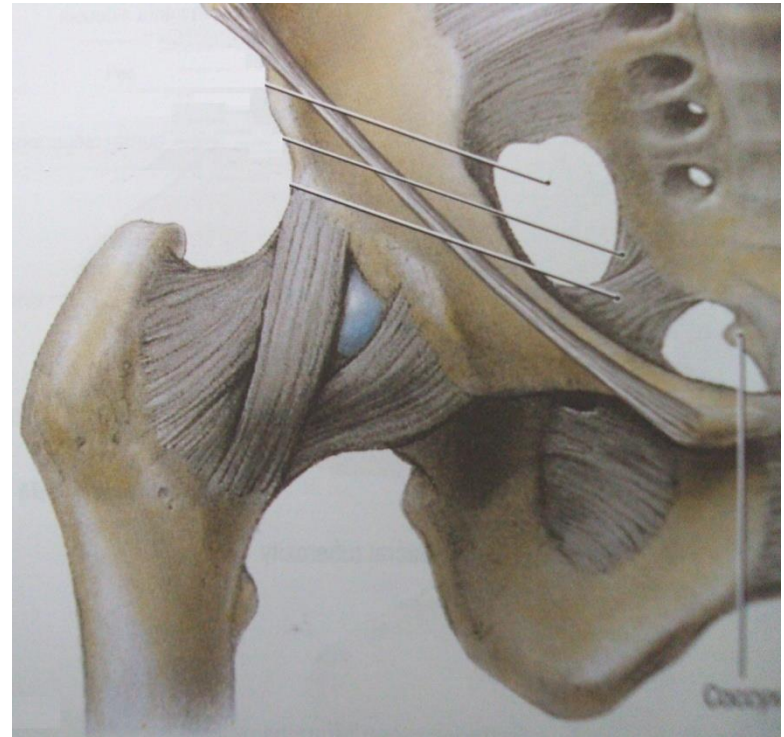
# Pubofemoral Ligament

Triangular

**Base** – Iliopubic eminence, obturator membrane, obturator crest.

**Distally** – Blends with the capsule and ilio femoral ligament

- ***Supports the joint infero medially***



# Ischiofemoral Ligament

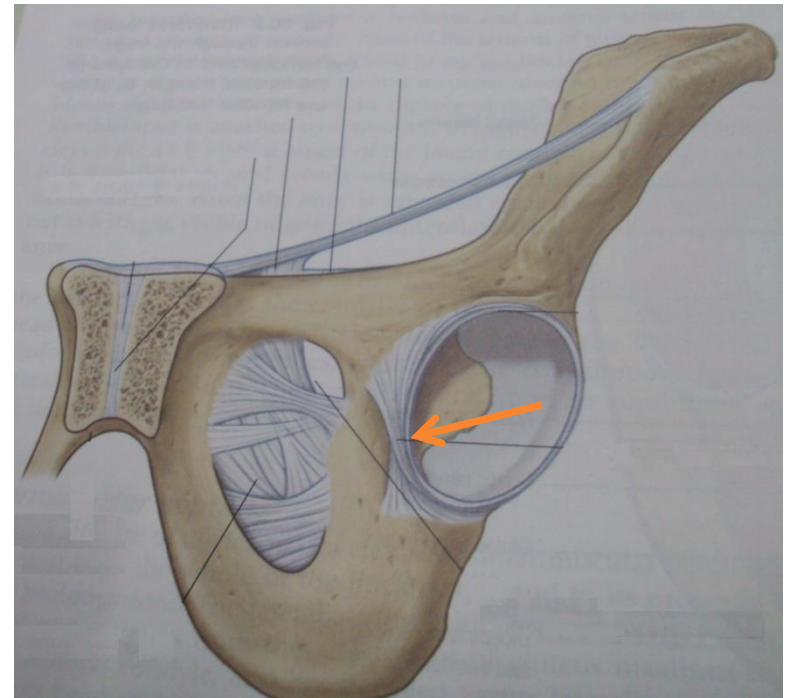
- Thickening of the capsule.
- Three parts
  - Central
  - Lateral
  - Medio – Inferior

***Relatively  
weak, supports the  
joint posteriorly***



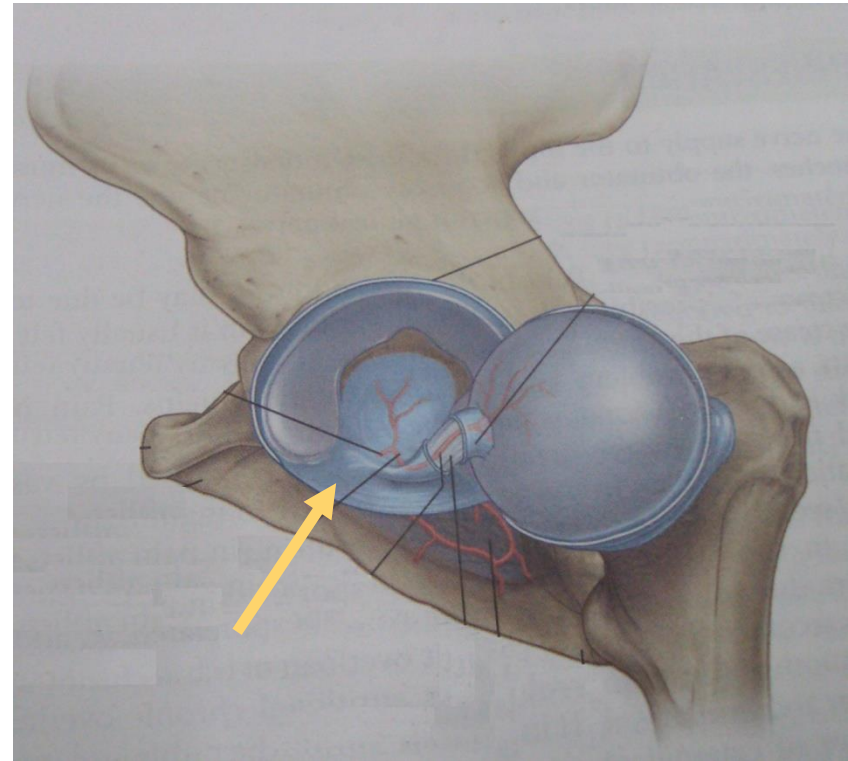
# Transverse Acetabular Ligament

- Cross the acetabular notch, forming a foramen through which neuro-vascular structures enter the joint.



# Ligamentum Teres

- Triangular flattened ligament
- **Apex** – Antero – superior part of the fovea centralis
- **Base** – Both edges of acetabular notch
- **Tense** – *When Hip semiflexed, adducted*
- **Relax** – *When abducted*



# Stability....

- Depends upon..
  1. Depth of the Acetabulum
  2. Narrowing the rim by labrum  
( 10% coverage to the head)
  3. Strong Ligaments
  4. Strength of the surrounding muscles.
  5. Length and obliquity of the neck

***At any moment of the ROM, 50% Contact  
(Unlike shoulder, not more than 25%)***

# Mechanism of Dislocation

- Posterior Dislocation
  - RTA
  - Deceleration dash board injury in which the occupant's flexed knee hit against the dash board with ***flexed, adducted internally rotated*** hip.



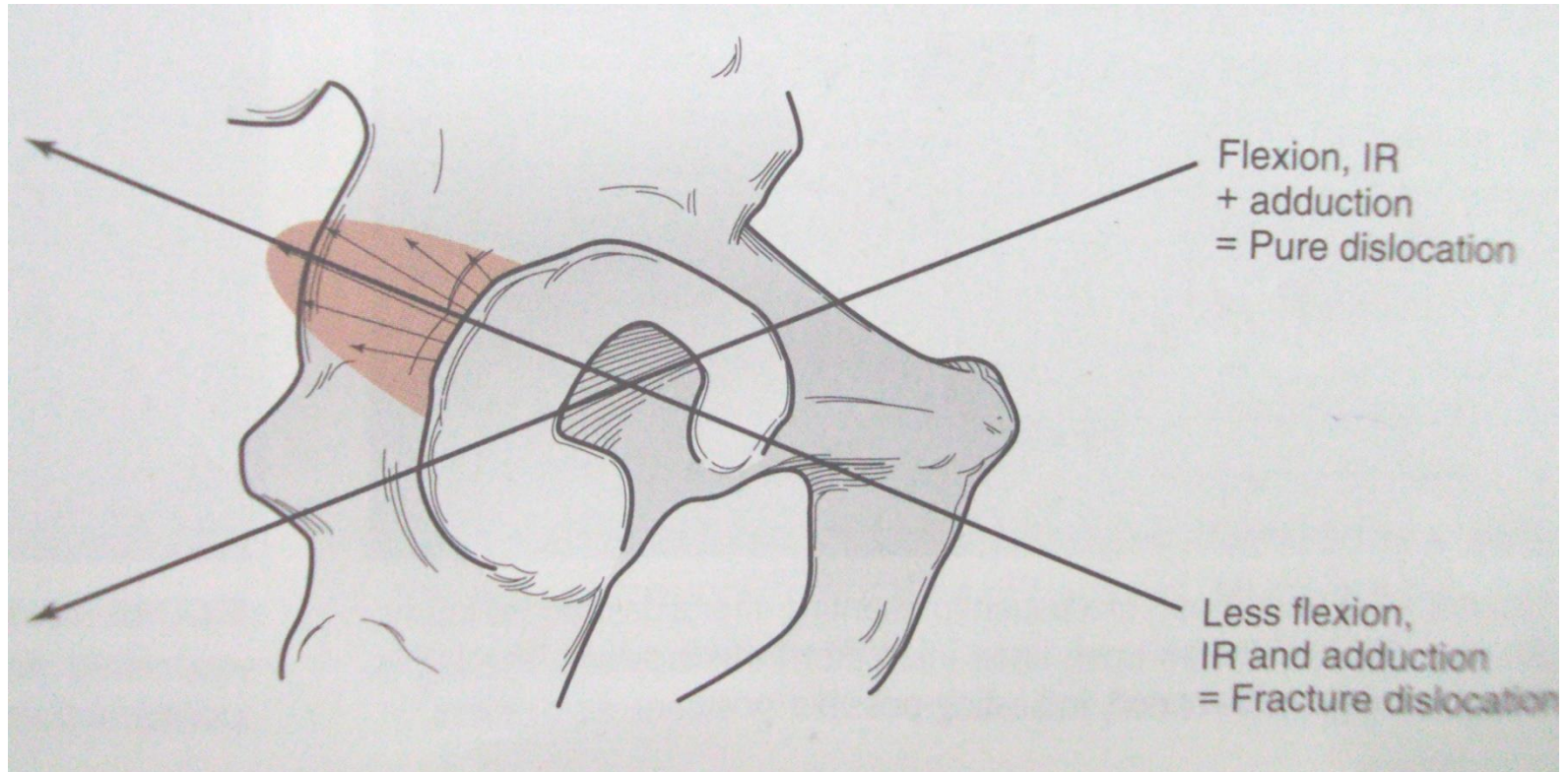
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- Either pure dislocation (or) fracture dislocation?

Pure Dislocation	Fracture Dislocation
<b>More flexion and adduction, during injury.</b>	<b>Less adduction and internal rotation</b>
<b>Decreased Anterverion ( Head more posterioly)</b>	<b>Increased antoversion ( Head anteriorly)</b>



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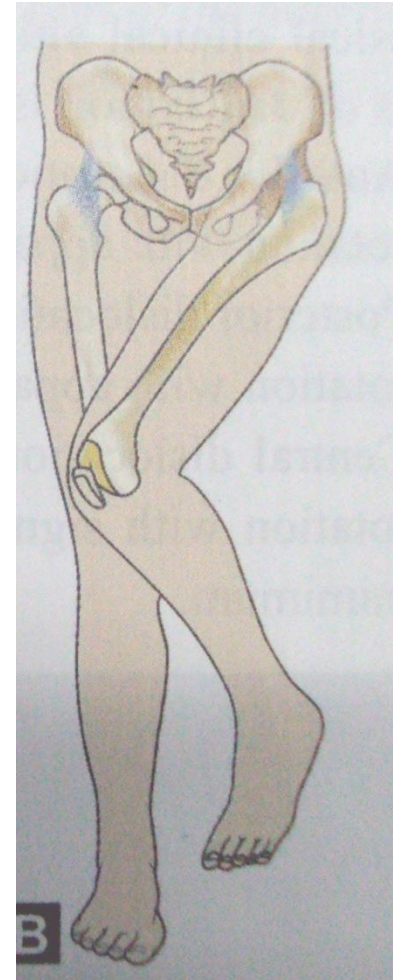


# Mechanism of Ant.Dislocation

- RTA
- Deceleration injury in which the occupant's hip in ***flexed / extended, abducted, externally rotated.***

# Signs....

- **Posterior dislocation,**  
limb shortening  
Flexion  
Adduction  
Internal rotation
- **Vascular sign of**  
**narath positive**

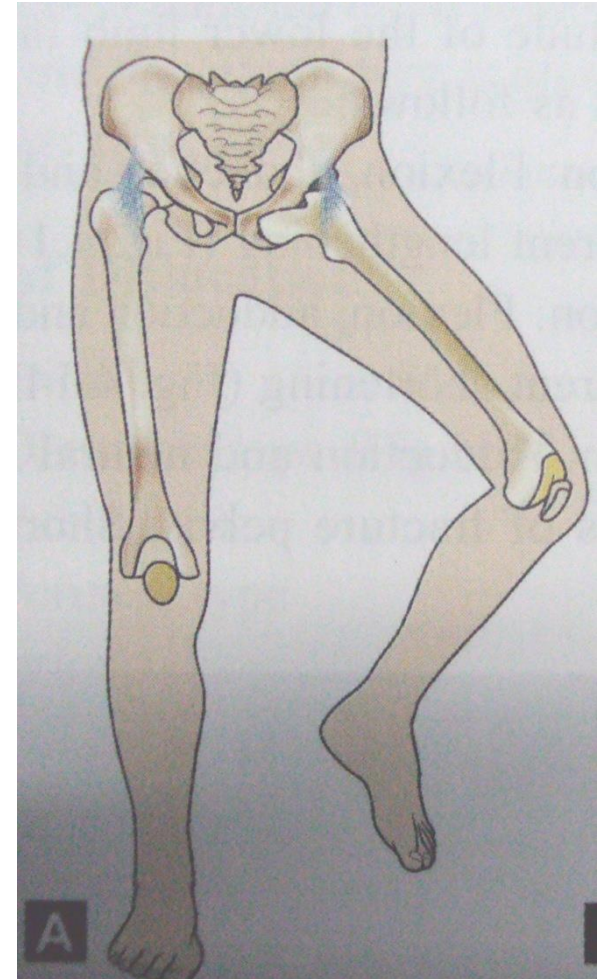


# Posterior dislocation patho-anatomy

- Capsule ruptured posteriorly
- Shearing force acting on hip
- Anteromedially oriented fragment of head in Type 5

# In anterior dislocation...

- Apparent lengthening
- Flexion –Obturator type
- Extension-pubic type
- Abduction
- External rotation



# In Ant. Dislocation

- Capsule ruptured Inferiorly – (or) Antero inferiorly.
- Impaction type of Injury to Head
- **Head – having indentation mark on antero superior aspect** due to head resting on sharp margins of acetabulum.

# Associated Injuries – Must Look for

- Fracture Head of Femur
- Fracture Neck of Femur
- Fracture Shaft of Femur
- Acetabulum / Pelvic Fractures
- Knee / Patella Injuries

# Imaging-

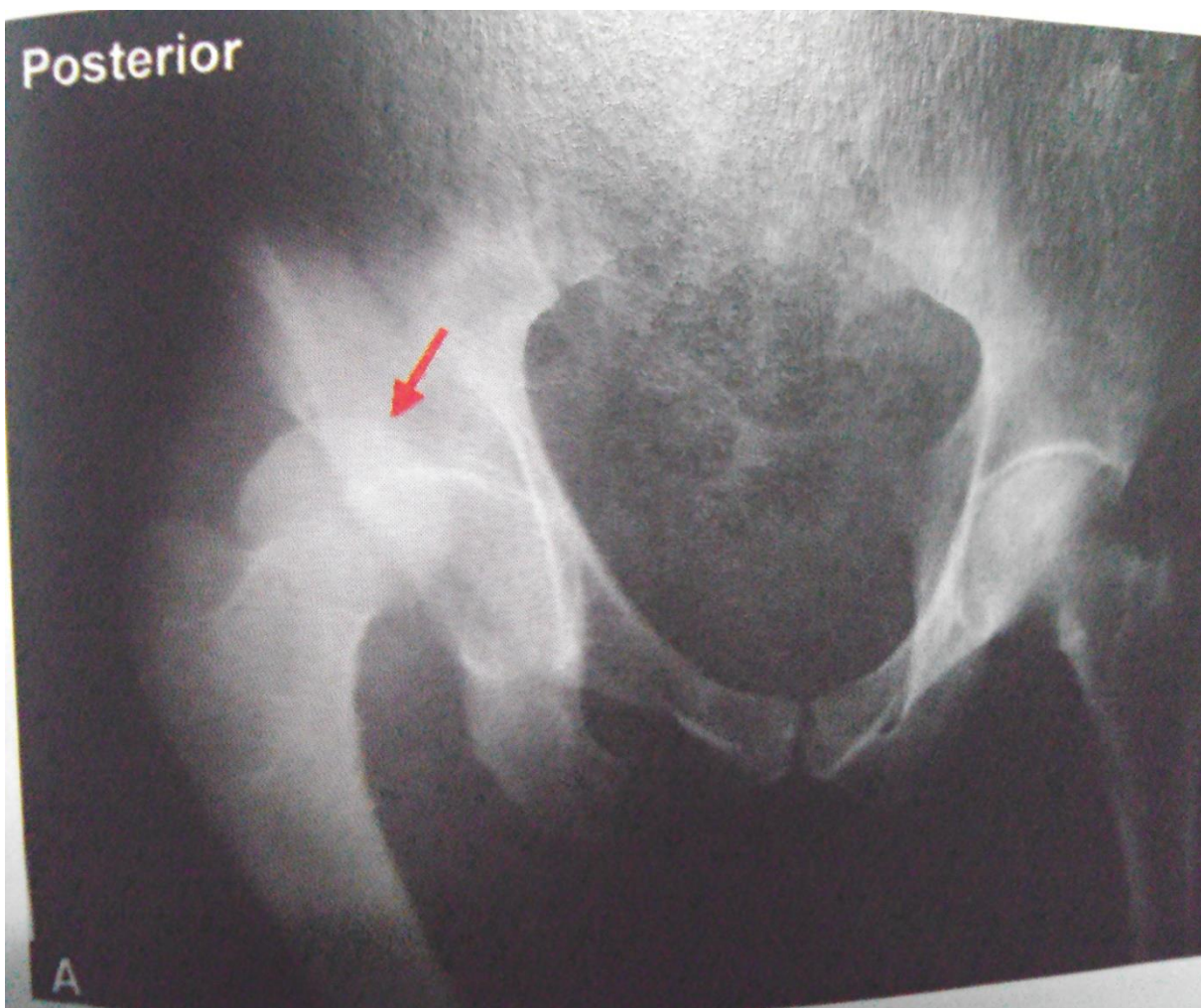
- X-ray – Views

AP, Two oblique views, inlet views

In Posterior Dislocation

- Loss of congruity with
  - **Small Head**
  - **Head overlapping over the root of acetabulum.**
  - **Lesser trochanter not apparently visible.**





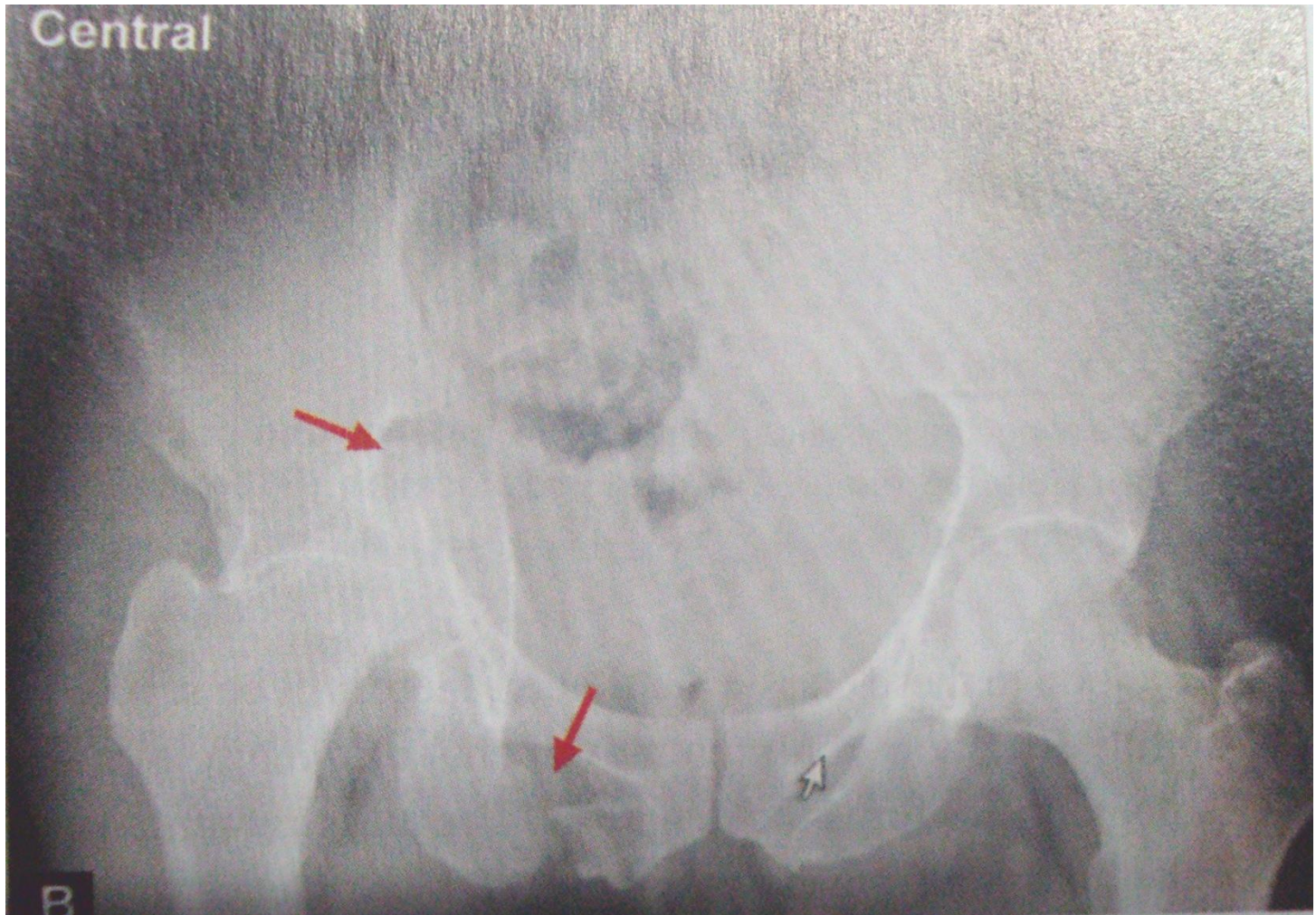
# Anterior Dislocation

- Loss of Congruity with
  - Large Head
  - Head medial and inferior to acetabulum.



# CENTRAL DISLOCATION

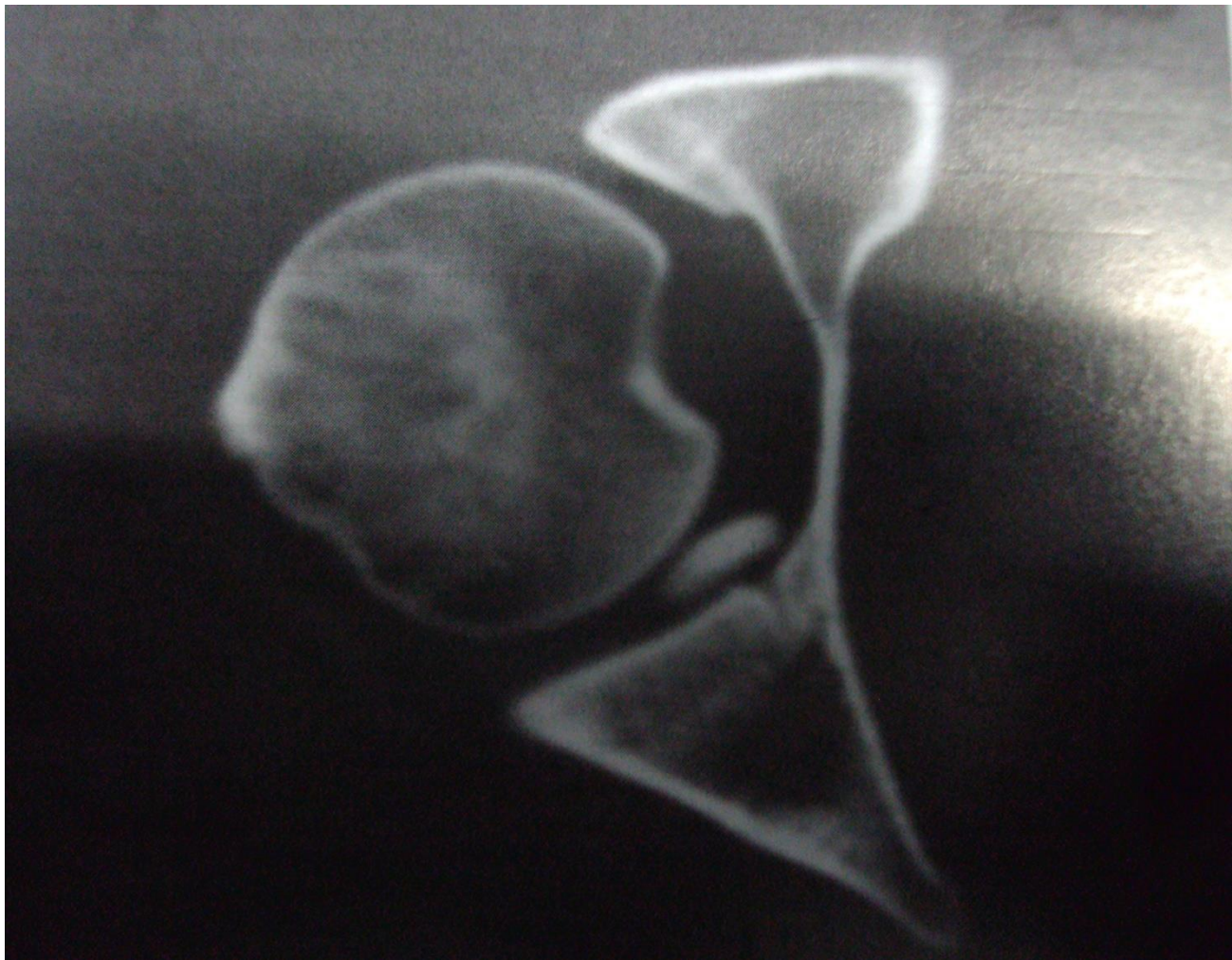
- Transverse (or) Bicolumnar fracture of acetabulum.
- Margin of head medial to the Iliopectineal line.





# ROLE OF CT SCAN

- 2mm / 3mm cuts
- Intra articular fragments better visualized
- Head in the centre of subchondral ring of acetabulum – visible as a Bull's eye
- Difference as much as 0.5mm in the distance from the anterior articular surface – subluxation.



# ROLE OF MRI

- Useful in evaluation of Post traumatic osteonecrosis



# SPECT SCAN

- Single photon emission computed tomography.
- To evaluate the difference between ***AVN and Impaction injuries***

# Anatomical classification

- Posterior
- Anterior
  - Pubic
  - Obturator
  - peroneal
- Central # Dislocation

# CLASSIFICATION

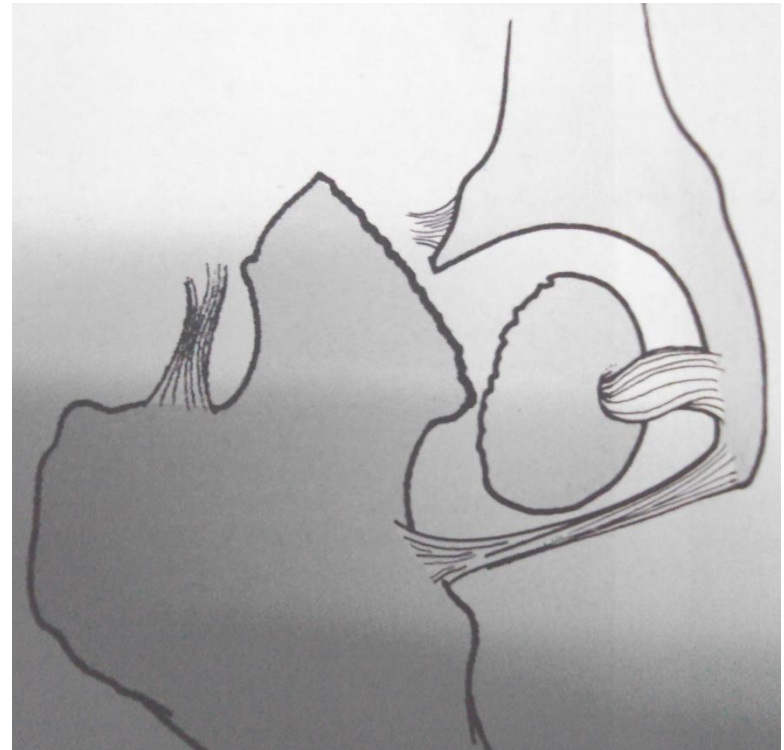
- Thompson – Epstein
  - **Type 1** – Pure dislocation with (or) without minor fracture of posterior wall
  - **Type 2** – Dislocation with single fracture fragment
  - **Type 3** – Dislocation with comminution of the posterior wall
  - **Type 4** – Dislocation with fracture acetabular floor
  - **Type 5** – *Dislocation with fracture femoral head.*

# Pipkin Classification

- **Type I**  
posterior dislocation  
with femoral head #  
inferior to fovea.

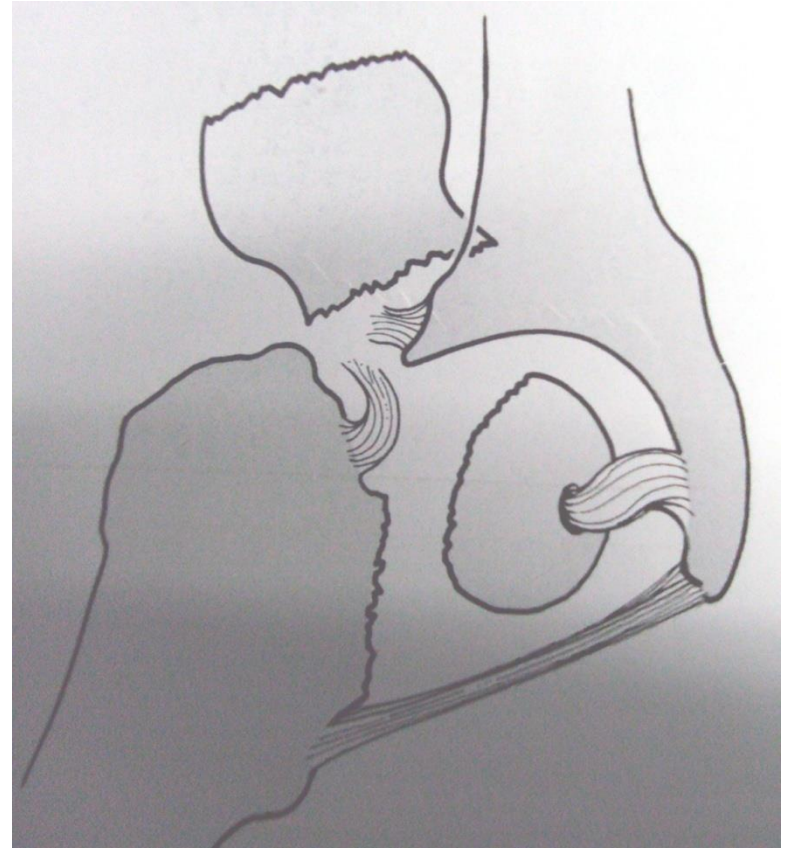


- **Type 2;**  
posterior  
dislocation with  
femoral head #  
cephalad to the  
fovea.

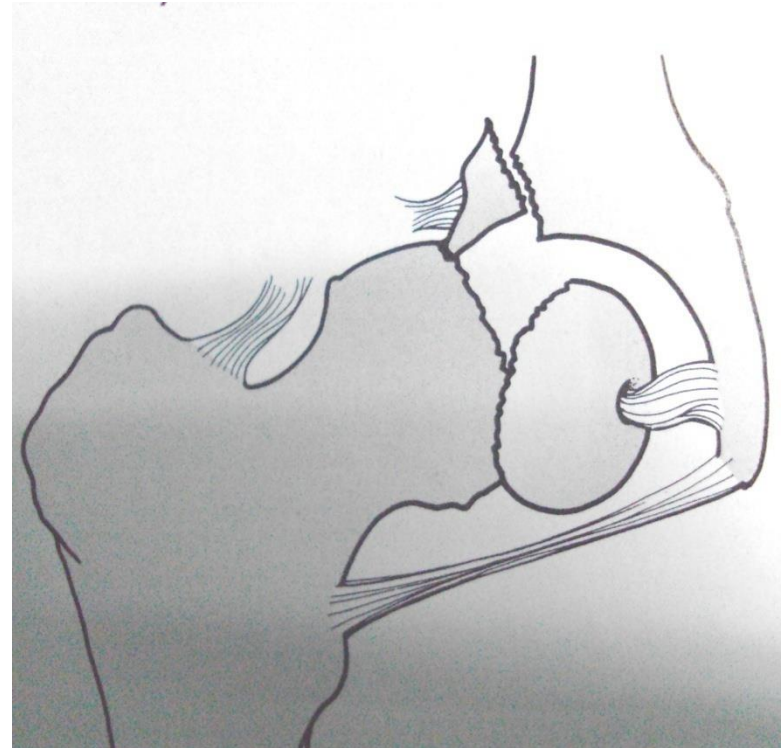


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- **Type 3-**
- Femoral head # with # femoral neck



- **Type 4-**  
Femoral head #  
associated acetabular  
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# Stewart – Milford classification

- Specially address the post reduction stability.
- Type 1 Simple dislocation without any fracture
- Type 2 Dislocation with one (or) more fragment but with sufficient socket of acetabulum to maintain GOOD post – reduction stability.
- Type 3 Dislocation with fracture of the rim with gross post – reduction stability.
- Type 4 Dislocation with fracture Head (or) Acetabulum.



# MANAGEMENT

## Orthopaedic EMERGENCY!!!

Patients divided in to two groups

i) Pure dislocations

ii) Fracture dislocations

i) Fracture acetabulum

ii) Fracture Head of Femur

iii) Fracture shaft of Femur

# MANAGEMENT OF PURE POSTERIOR DISLOCATION

- Methods for closed reduction
- Allis method
- Baltimore lift
- Bigelow's method
- Stimpson's gravity method

# Principles....

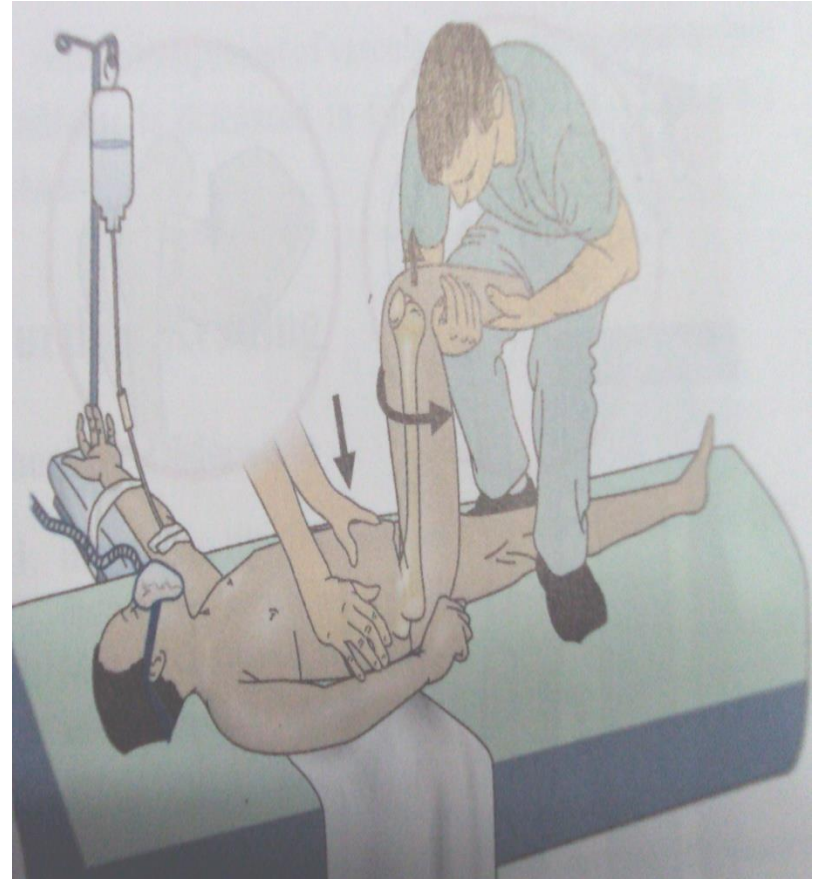
- Long term results depends severity of the initial injury
- *Reduction open or closed should be within 12 Hours.*
- *One or two attempts only for closed reduction*


# ***Indications for closed reduction***

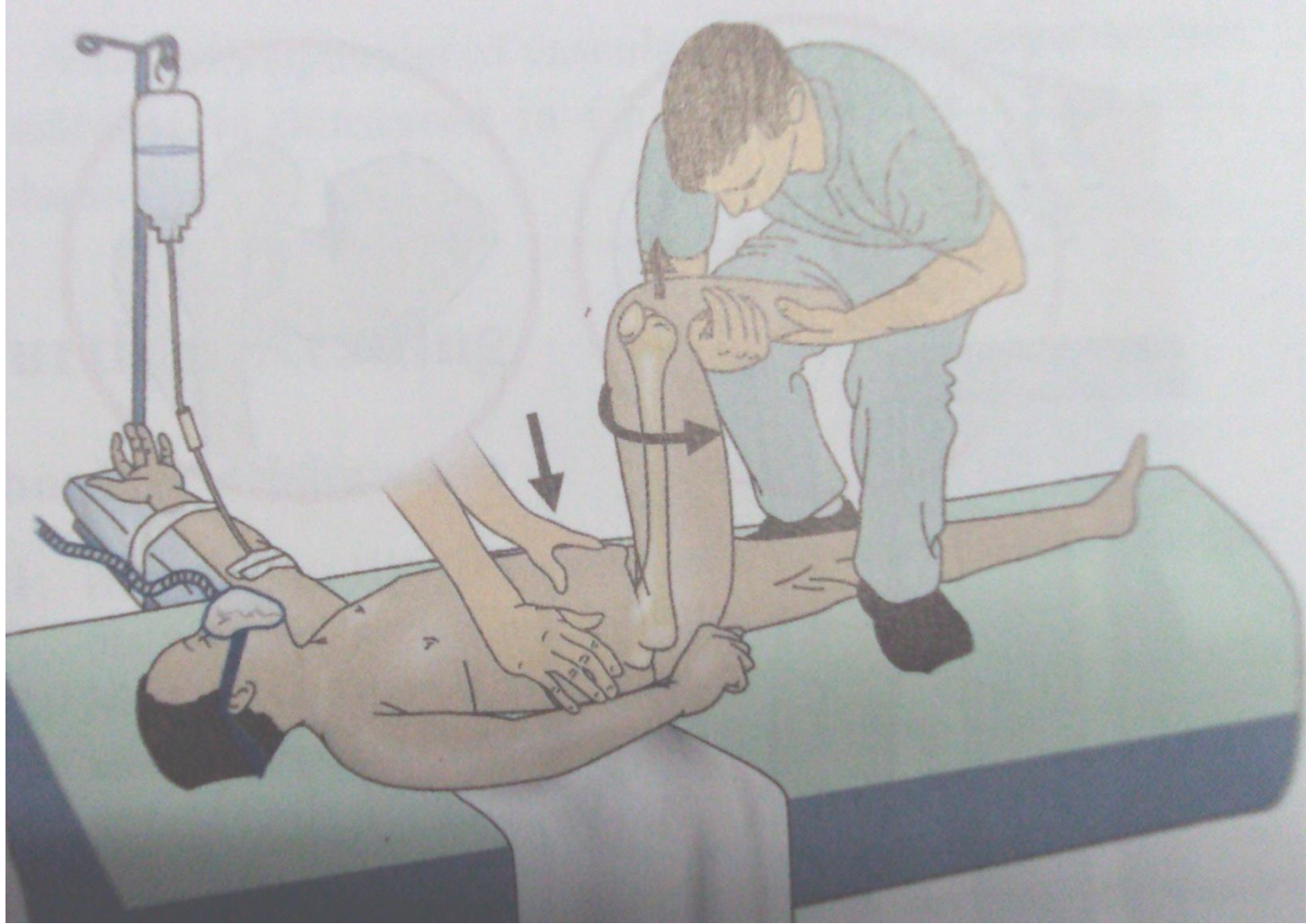
- Congruent reduction without any #
- Posterior wall # reduced with stable congruent reduction.
- Pipkin type I # with congruent reduction
- Pipkin type 2 # with anatomical, congruent reduction

# ALLIS METHOD

- M.C. used
- Patient supine ↓, G.A.
- Hip, Knee – In flexion (Relaxing the Hamstrigs)




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- Traction – in line with deformity
  - Counter traction – pressure on ASIS
  - While traction, additional internal or external rotation to augment the reduction.
  - Finally limb extended, abducted and externally rotated.



# EAST BALTIMORE LIFT

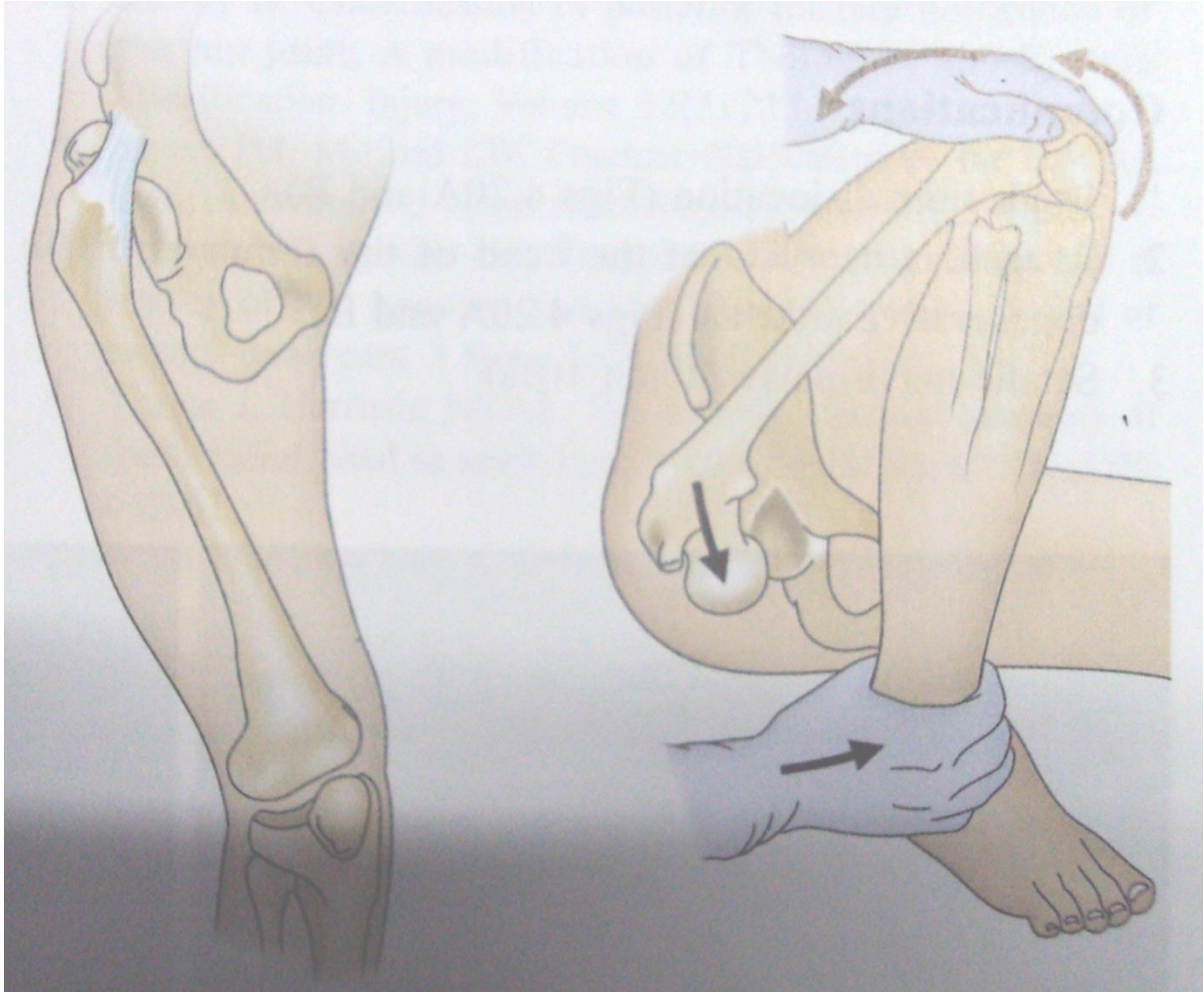
- Modification of Allis method.
- Patient supine with HIP and Knee flexed 90<sup>0</sup> surgeon on the affected side of the limb.
- Keeping his one arm under the proximal calf.
- Another hand to grip the ankle of affected limb.



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- The assistant on opposite side, doing the same
  - Another assistant stabilising the pelvis.
  - Surgeon, assistant squat to some extent.
  - Then straightening up to reduce the dislocation

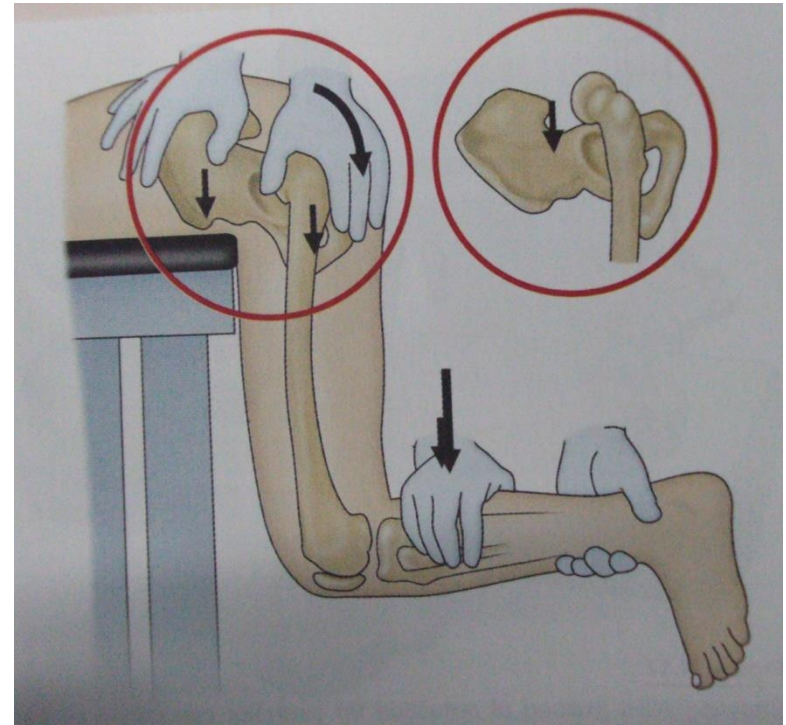
# Bigelow method

- Same as Allis method.
- While maintaining the traction and counter traction limb is rotated externally in a circumadductory manner.
- Head levered back in to the acetabulum
- ***More prone for fracture NOF.***



# STIMPSON GRAVITY METHOD

- Patient prone.
- Both lower limb hanging off the end of the table.
- Assistant stabilize the pelvis
- Knee in 90° flexion.
- Surgeon grasping the knee
- Longitudinal traction
- Internal & external rotation.

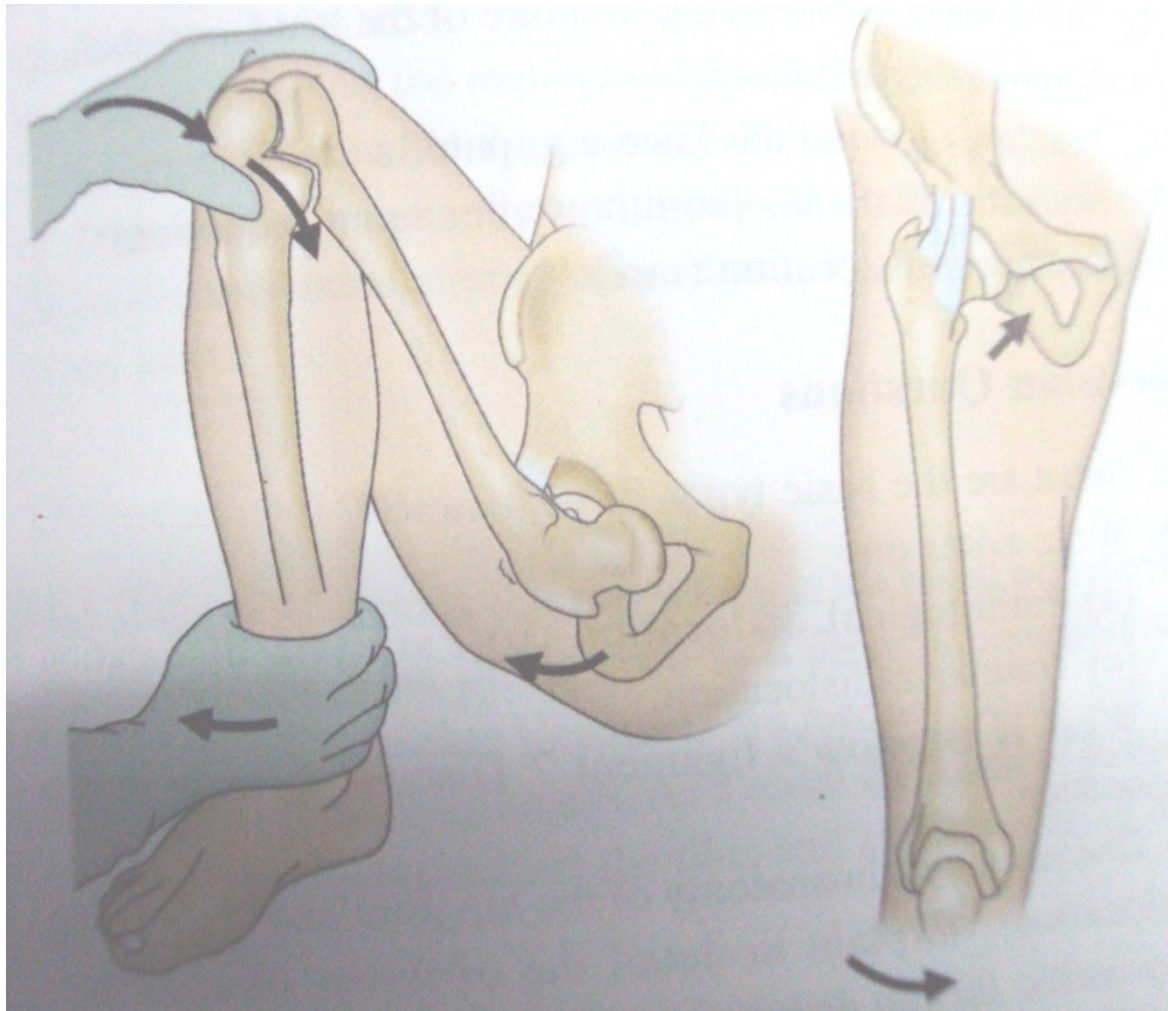


# ANTERIOR DISLOCATION

- Allis method
- Second assistant giving lateral traction.
- Instead of external rotation, limb ***adducted & internally rotated.***
- Finally extension of the limb.

# Reverse Bigelow's Method

- Exactly in opposite manner to that of posterior dislocation.
- Limb ***rotated internally*** in a circumadductory manner.



# POST REDUCTION STABILITY TEST

- Patient supine
- All ROM tested
- HIP flexed, internally rotated pressure given in axial long axis of the femur.
- Under C-Arm, any loss congruence between the head and roof of acetabulum  
-unstable hip.



# POST REDUCTION ASSESSMENT

- X-ray – Five view to be taken
  - AP
  - 2 oblique views
  - Pelvic in let view
  - Pelvic outlet view

# Contd....

- **Congruence assessed by relationship between the head and roof of acetabulum.**
- **There should be equal parallelism.**
- **Intact Shenton's line.**
- **Distance between the Radio graphic tear drop and femoral head – compared with normal hip.**



# POST REDUCTION CT

- 2mm cuts
- Intraarticular fragments better visualized.



# POST REDUCTION MANAGEMENT

## ***Current protocol*** (CAMPBELL)

- Mobilisation after they able to do straight leg rise.
- With hip precautions followed for 6 weeks
- Initial mobilisation with crutches in toe touch weight bearing

# OPEN REDUCTION

- **Indications:-**

- Irreducible dislocation.
- Neglected dislocation.
- Dislocation with fracture head of femur.
- Dislocation particularly involving the weight bearing part of neck of femur.
- Dislocation with fracture shaft of femur.
- When  $>30^{\circ}$  of posterior wall involved in fracture dislocation.
- Iatrogenic sciatic nerve palsy.

# OPEN REDUCTION - APPROCHES

- ***Anterior approach – (smith peterson)***
  - Anterior dislocation.
  - Dislocation with fracture head.
- ***Posterior approach –(Kocher – Longenbeck's)***
  - Post. dislocation.
  - Dislocation with fracture posterior wall.
  - Dislocation with soft tissue inter position.

# OPEN REDUCTION - APPROCHES

- ***Lateral Approach – Watson Jone’s***
  - Irreducible dislocation.
  - Neck of femur.
- ***Advantages:-***
  - Complete exposure of neck and acetabulum.
  - Vascular structures not disturbed.

# Trans trochantric approach (or) surgical dislocation approach

- For Dislocation with femoral head fracture , acetabular fracture
- Full view of acetabular cavity, head of femur.



## Posterior Approach

Convenient

**Most difficult to visualise the antero medially oriented fragment, with out disturbing the ligamentum teres (further damaging the blood supply to fragment)**

*More chance for AVN*

## Anterior Approach

Technically difficult

**Easy to reduce the antero medially oriented fragment.**

*Less change for AVN*

# DISLOCATION WITH FRACTURE

## HEAD-Principles

- If congruent reduction – conservative
- If non congruent with unstable hip.

- Open reduction, then

If Small fragment,

***Excision of fragment***

If larger fragment, fixation with

- **Herbert screws**
- **Acutrax screws.**
- **Counter sinking screws with head.**
- **Resorbable pins**

- **Type 1** –CR –concentric-conservative  
If not – OR- fixation or resection of  
the fragment.
- **Type 2** CR-Concentric-Conservative  
If not - OR - fixation

- **Type 3 – Controversial.**

*In young pt-* OR ,Osteosynthesis of # neck of femur with vascularised pedicle graft.

- **In older age, Hemiarthroplasty**

- Type 4 : Depending upon the type of acetabular #

# DISLOCATION WITH FRACTURE NECK OF FEMUR

- Open reduction of hip dislocation
  - Osteosynthesis of fracture NOF
  - With vascularised quadratus femoris graft.

# DISLOCATION WITH FRACTURE SHAFT OF FEMUR

- Hip dislocation
  - CR. With stimpson gravity method.
  - Greater trochantric manipulation with stein men pin insertion.
  - ***ORIF of fracture SOF.***

# DISLOCATION WITH FRACTURE POSTERIOR WALL OF ACETABULAM

- Congruent / stable reduction conservative.
- *ORIF – when > 30% involved*
- Through Kocher – Longen back approach
- >60 years – Replacement surgery

# CENTRAL FRACTURE DISLOCATION

- Transverse acetabular fracture with dislocation.
- **Two groups**
  - 1. Intact weight bearing surface
  - 2. Acetabulum made into bag of bones



# Management

- **Group I - Anatomic Reduction  
Internal Fixation.**
- **Group II - Conservative  
Early mobilisation**
- Always depending upon  
***superior acetabular dome.  
congruence between dome and  
head.***

# Post op Management

- In case of fracture dislocation.
  - No active hip movement till 6 weeks
  - But CPM to be started once the pain decreased.
  - The toe touch weight bearing – After pain subsides till 10 – 12 weeks.

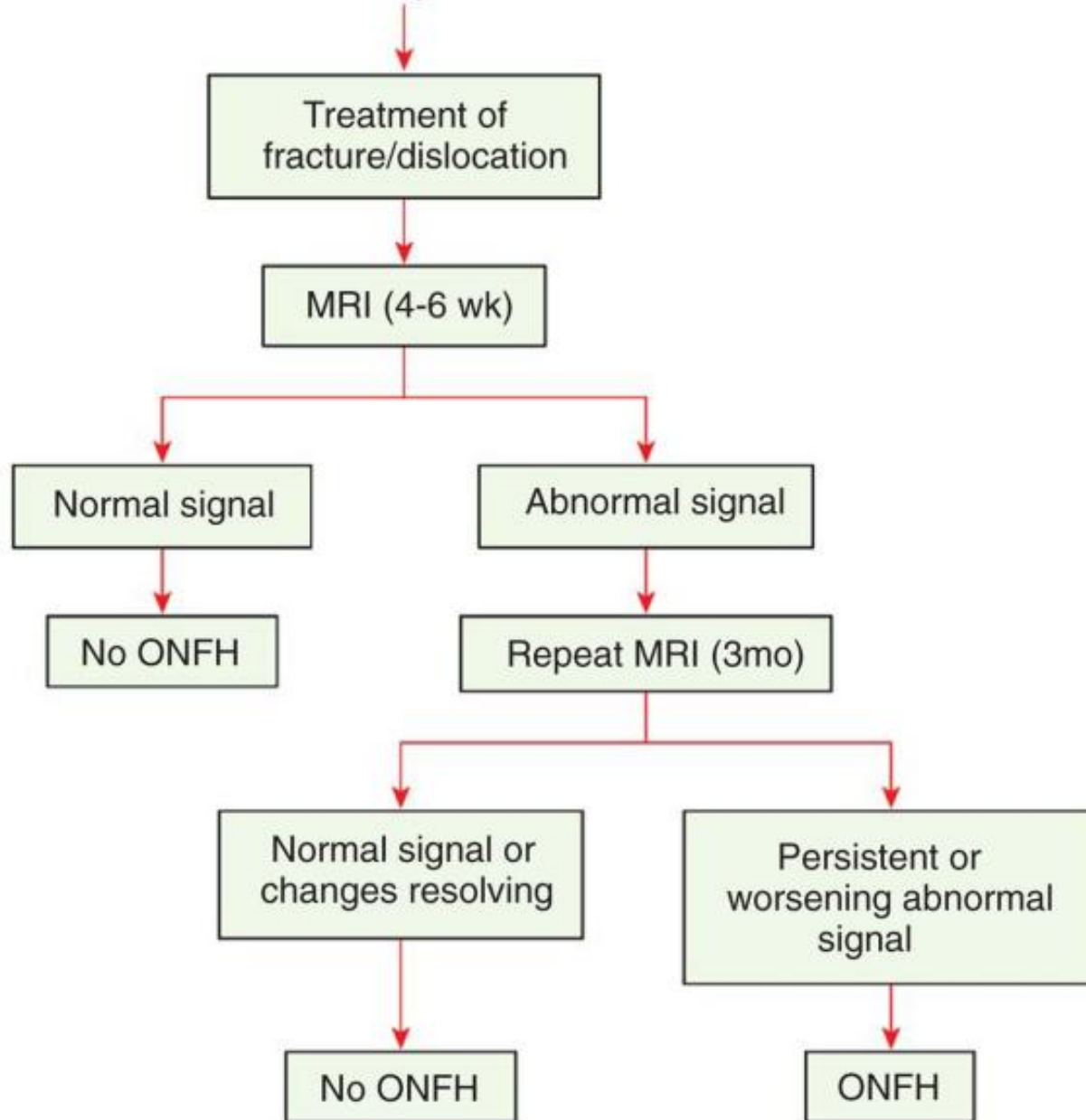
# COMPLICATIONS - EARLY

- ***Sciatic nerve injury:***
  - 10-12% cases
  - Stretching
  - Peroneal part.
  - Usually recovers
  - If nerve injury after reduction  
Immediate exploration
- ***Vascular injury.***
  - Superior gluteal artery injury.
- ***Fracture of shaft of femur***

# LATE COMPLICATIONS

- **Avascular necrosis**
  - M.C. after posterior dislocation.
  - It reduced within 6 hrs, 0 -10% only.
  - M.C. cause – spasm of vessels not due to turned vessels.
  - **Early sign** : cystic irregularity at junction of superior articular surface of femoral head with neck.s

# Traumatic Hip Dislocation



# SECONDARY OSTEOARTHRITIS

- M.C. in posterior dislocation.
- **Delay in reduction leads to chondrocyte *apoptosis***
- Leads to Osteoarthritis.

# Old Unreduced dislocation

- Anterior
  - Intertrochanteric Osteotomy (Gibson's approach)
  - Dividing the femur along the intertrochanteric line
  - Adduction Internal rotation Extension of the limb

# Post reduction

- Skin traction 6 weeks
- Crutch walking after 6 weeks
- Full weight bearing after 3-4 months



# Nagi Modified Girdlestone arthroplasty – for >6 months old

- Anterior smith peterson approach
- Subcapital osteotomy
- Cut femoral neck is displaced upward into the acetabuum
- Post op skeletal traction for 6 weeks
- Non weightbearing/ Crutch walking aftr 6 weeks
- Gradual weightbearing after 3 months

# posterior

- Type 1 –
  - Closed reduction
  - Gupta's traction abduction technique
  - Open reduction
- Type 2 and 3
  - Open reduction internal fixation with post op skeletal traction

# Gupta's traction abduction technique

- Utpt with 18 kgs
- Under sedation and muscle relaxation
- Alternate day x-ray , on 5<sup>th</sup> day head will be at or below level of acetabulum
- Now, gradually abduct the limb and reduce the traction with 3.6 kgs every 4<sup>th</sup> day
- Once head reduced, traction with 7 kgs for 2 wks.
- After 2 wks, non weightbearing exercises for 4 weeks.
- Full weightbearing after 3 months.



- Type 4 and 5

Total Hip arthroplasty (>3 month old)

Arthrodesis (young patients)

Subtrochanteric osteotomy

# Heterotopic classification

- Implies the significance of trauma.
- M.C. in posterior dislocation, In anterior dislocation, in case head of femur fracture.
- Indomethacin – to prevent it
- Radiation therapy – in older age.

# Myositis ossificans

- Due to repeated manipulation.
- Associate with head injury.

# Irreducible Dislocation

- **In posterior type,**
  - Button holing through the capsule
  - Long bony fragment interposition
  - Soft tissue Interposition of
    - Piriformis
    - Gluteus maximus
    - Ligamentus teres
    - Acetabular Labrum
    - Iliofemoral ligament

# In Anterior Dislocation

- Button holing through the capsule.
- Bony fragments interposition.
- Soft tissue interposition.
  - Rectus femoris
  - Iliopsoas.
  - Anterior Hip capsule.
  - Acetabular Labrum.



# Treatment for irreducible dislocation.

- Open reduction
- Arthrodesis
- Total Hip replacement.
- Girdle stone excision arthroplasty.

**Poor function at 6 months – Poor prognosis.**

**Good function at 1 year – Good prognosis.**

# Future?

- Arthroscopic removal of small fragments.
- **>2cm<sup>2</sup> surface** area in impaction injury on the Head will lead to – contact force disturbance.
  - Secondary osteo arthritis.
- So this area must be elevated and to be packed with ***subchondral grafts***.

# *Take home message...*

- **High violence injury, polytraumatic.**
- **Reduction as early as possible.**
- **Proper post reduction assesment.**
- **OR, if CR failed.**
- **Early immobilisation**
- **Close follow up, in delayed reduction cases**

