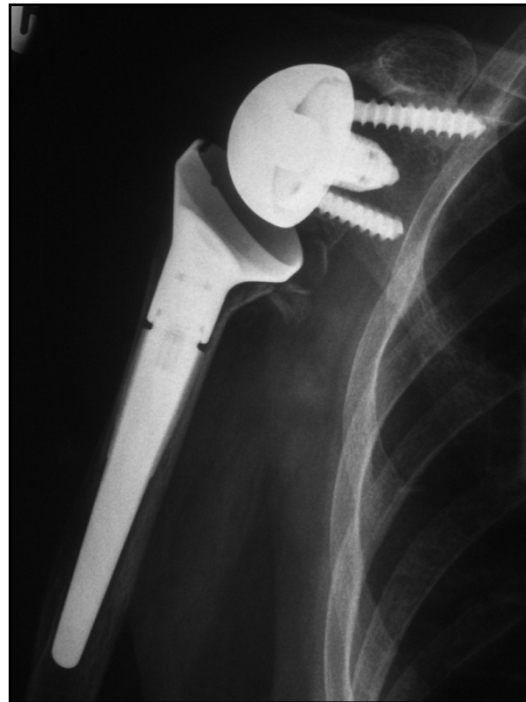


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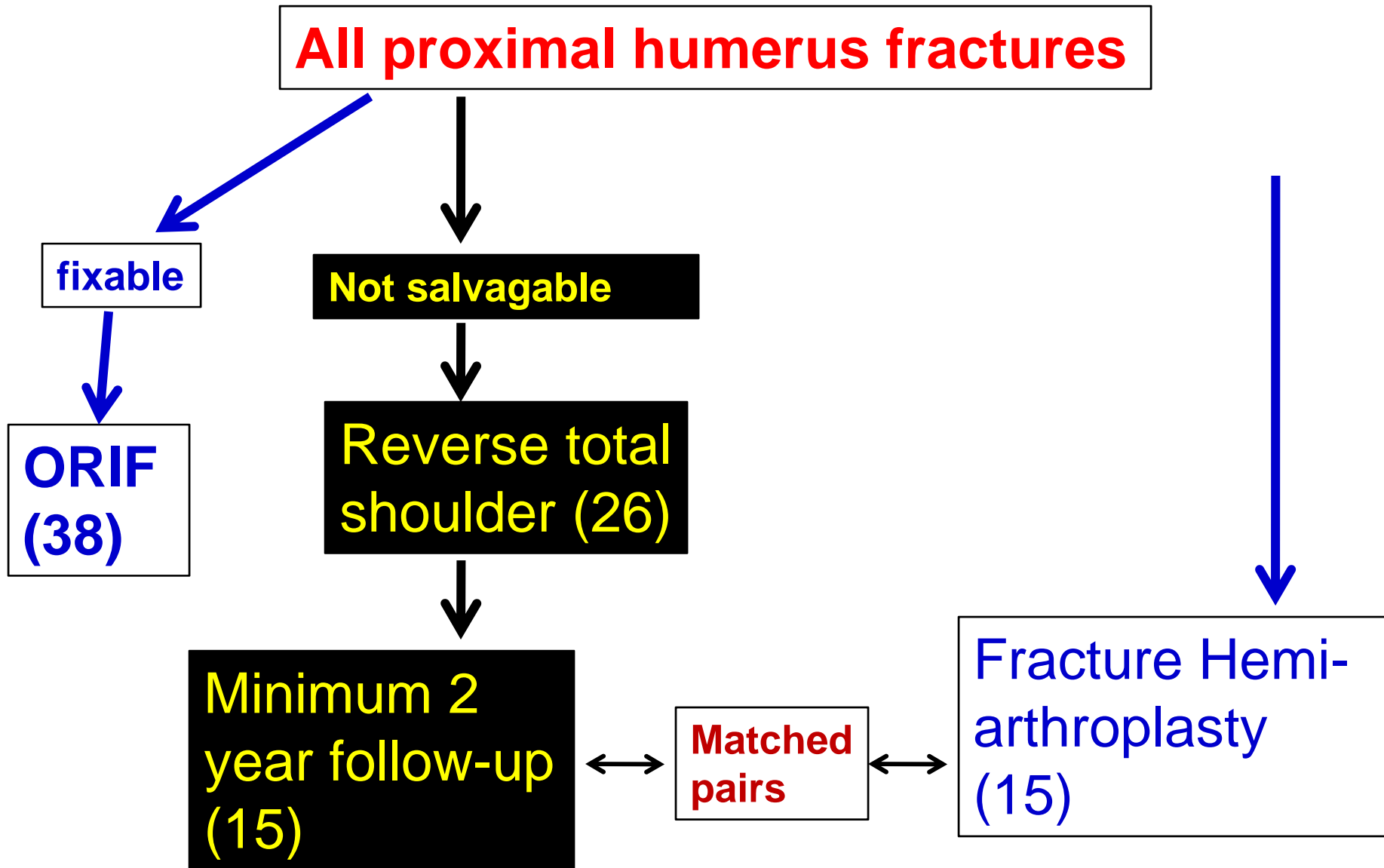
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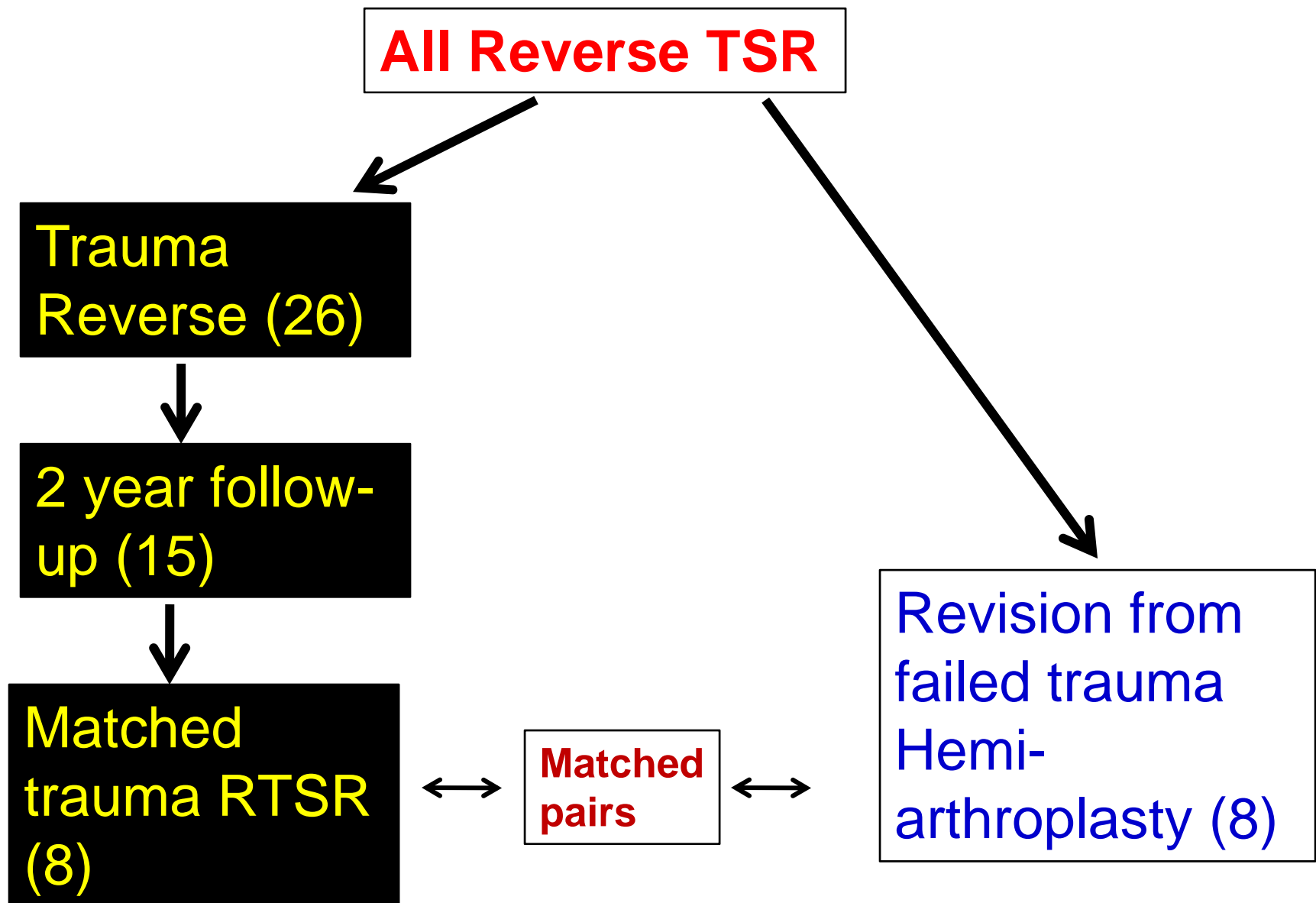
Epworth RTSR Study

- 15 consecutive primary RTSR for fractures
- Patients over 70
- 3-4 part non-re-constructible fractures
- Single surgeon
- Antero-superior approach (McKenzie)

Epworth shoulder fracture study – 2005

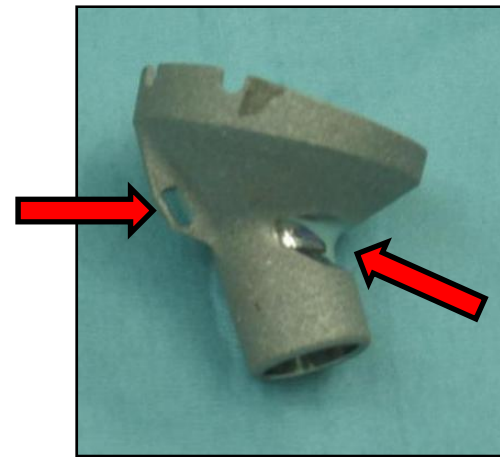


Epworth shoulder fracture study – 2003



The study - Implants

- Reverse prostheses
 - Grammont type
 - SMR – trauma body
- - cemented or press fit

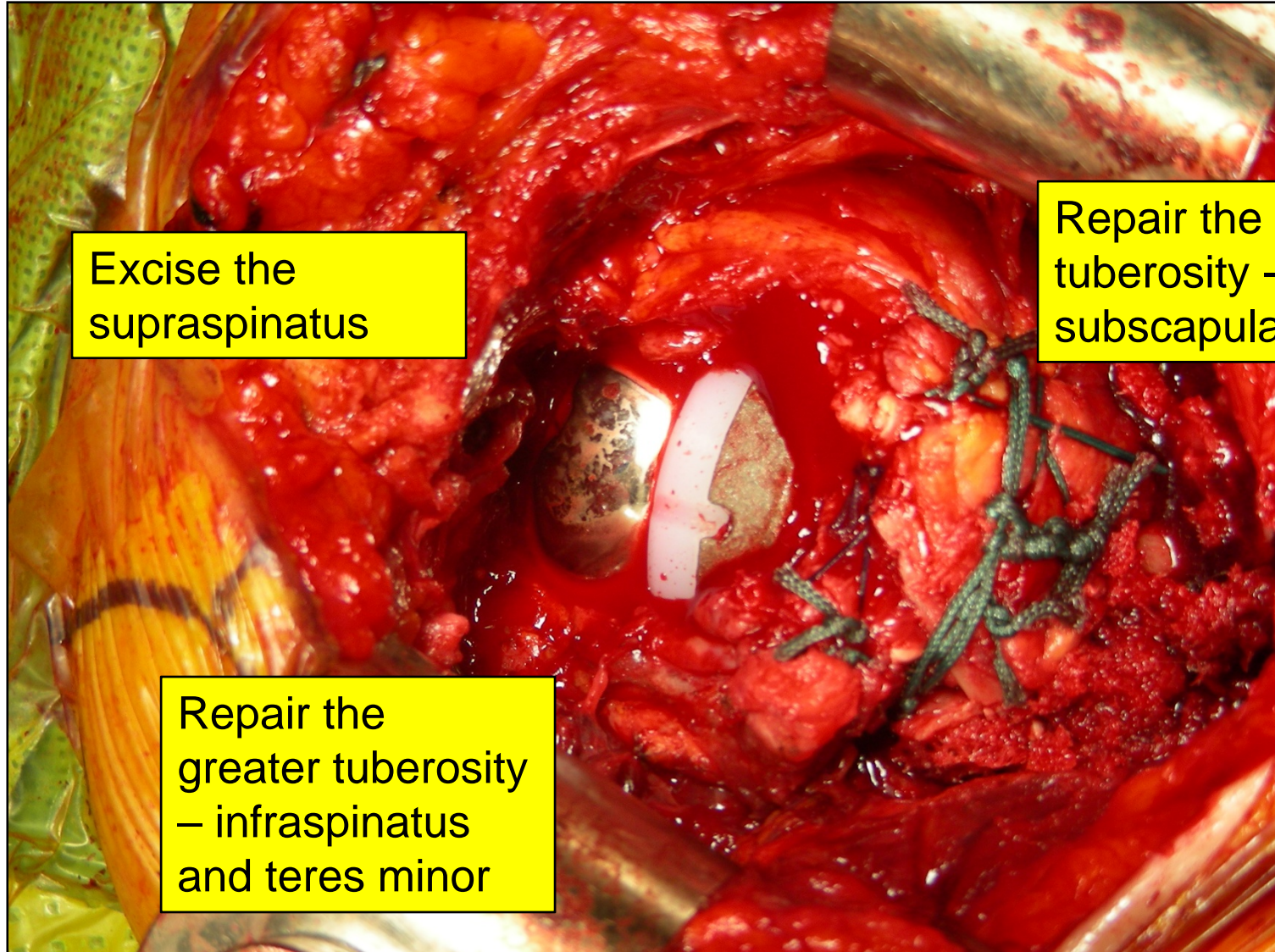


- Hemi-arthroplasty series (SMR)

45° beach chair position with traction using the 'Spider arm' device



Tuberosity repair – Boileau technique



Excise the
supraspinatus

Repair the lesser
tuberosity -
subscapularis

Repair the
greater tuberosity
– infraspinatus
and teres minor

Rehabilitation

- Slower than 'non-trauma' primary reverse
- Sling and immobilizer for 2 – 4 weeks
- Allow for 'scarring'
- No formal physiotherapy
- Self mobilisation per printed protocol

Outcome measures

- Visual analogue pain scale
- Range of motion
- Constant scores
- Dislocation rates
- Revision rates

Radiological outcomes

- Tuberosity union
- Nerot - Sirveaux notching scale
- Glenoid loosening
- Humerus stem loosening
- Impending revision

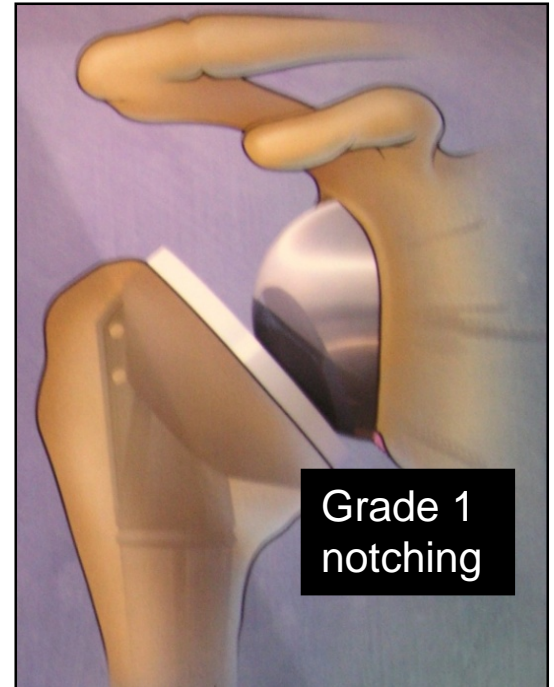
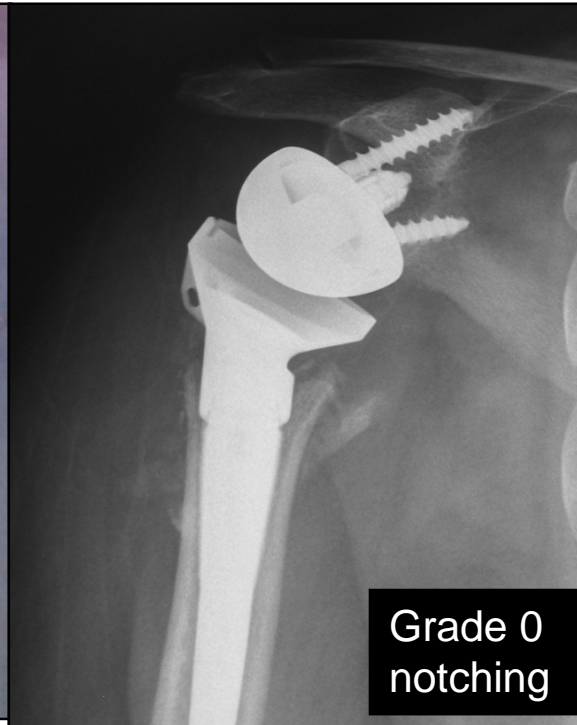
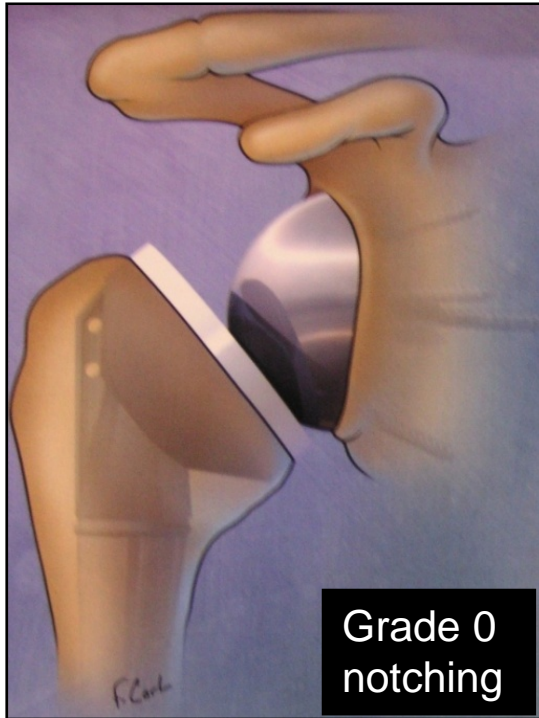
Results @ 2 yr

- Average age – 82 (72 – 89)
- Visual analogue pain scale (0-1) (painfree)
- Constant score – 62
- Range of motion
- Forward elevation = 132 deg (170 - 90)
- Abduction = 128 deg (150 - 85)
- Hand to mouth – 15/15

Results @ 2 yr

- Dislocations = 0
- Revision rate = 0
- Cases awaiting revision = 0
- All patients were satisfied with their results
- 5/15 wanted better function - FE
(< 100 deg FE)

Glenoid notching - Nerot / Sirveaux



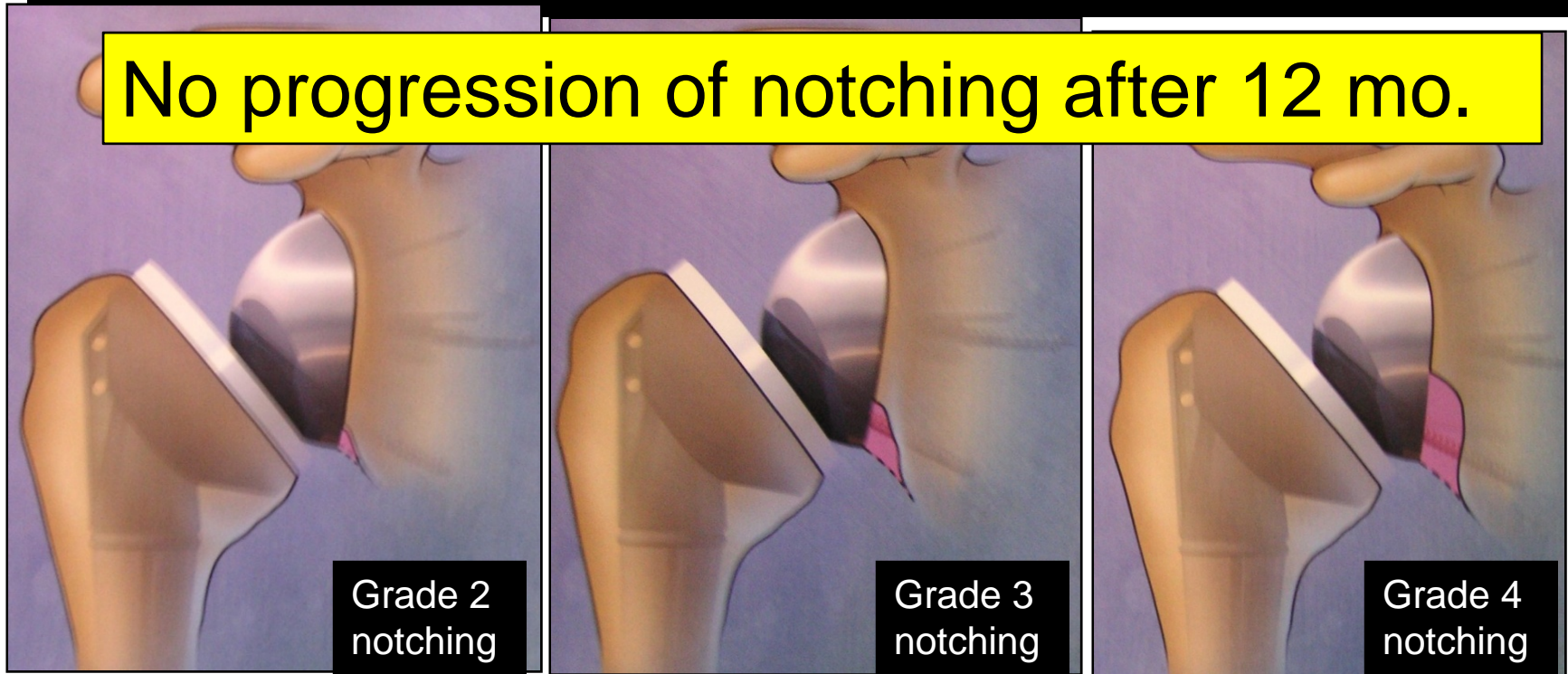
Grade 0 – no notch (7)

Grade 1 – small notch (4)

11 /15 had no notching or minor notching

Glenoid notching - Nerot / Sirveaux

No progression of notching after 12 mo.



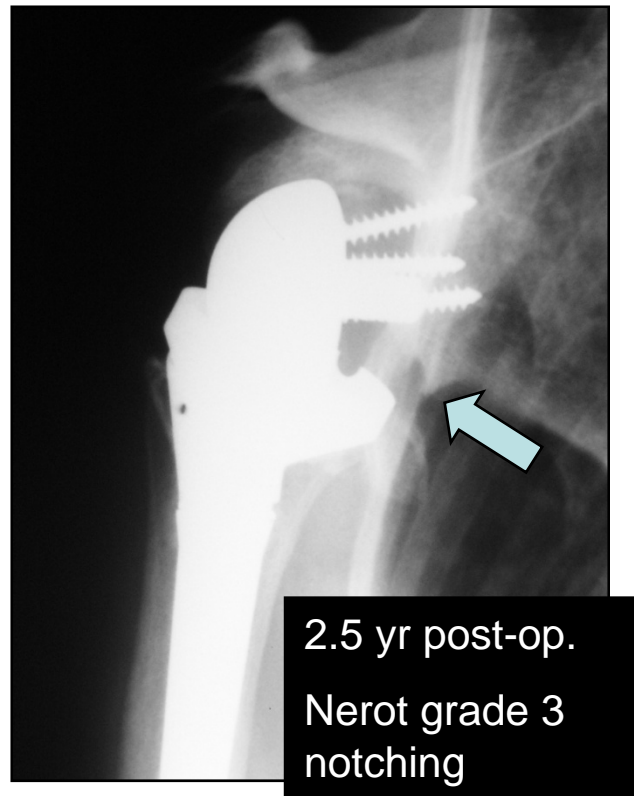
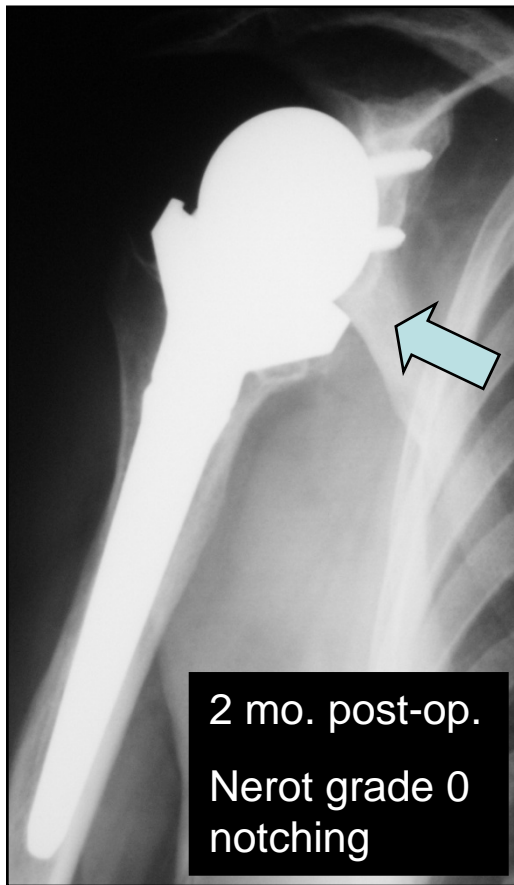
Grade 2 – notch with condensation (stable) (3)

Grade 3 – erosion to inferior screw (1)

Grade 4 – erosion to peg +/- early glenoid loosening (0)

Glenoid Notching

Case 2: AS, 78 year old female with four part fracture dislocation of right shoulder:
Painless notching, stabilized after 12 mo., with no deterioration in range of motion



Tuberosity union v/s non-union

Tuberosity non-union

7/15

Tuberosity union

8/15

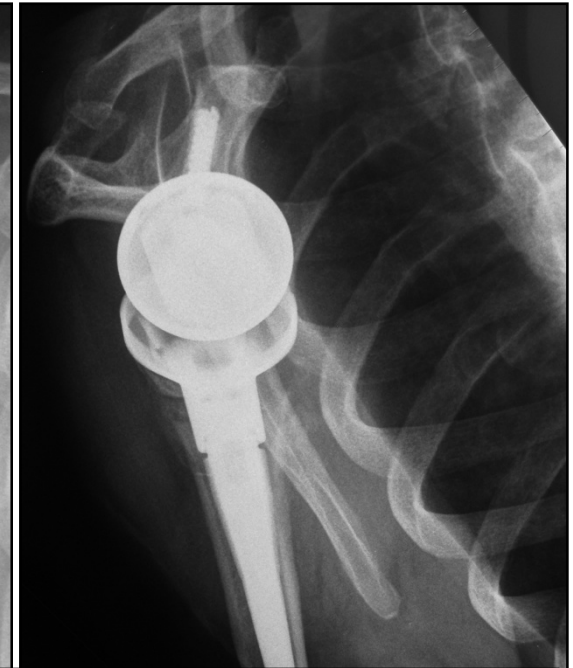
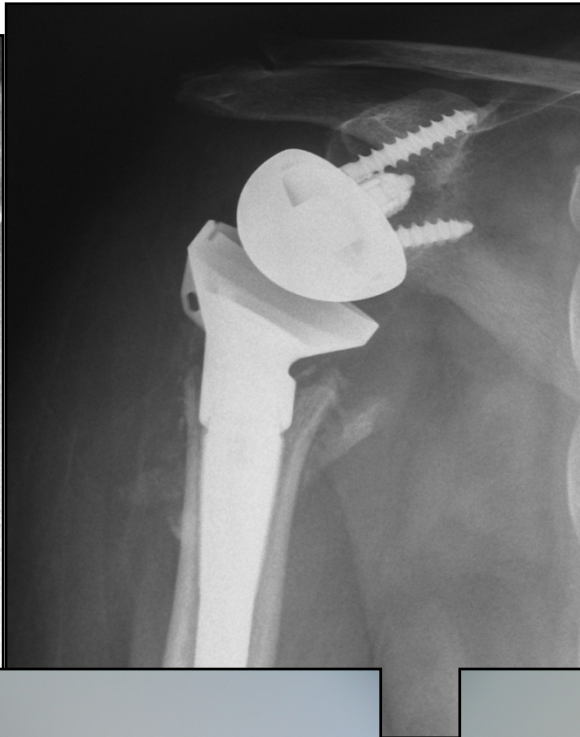
ER by the side – 30 v/s 36 ($p=0.6$)

ER in abduction – 24 v/s 28 ($p=0.8$)

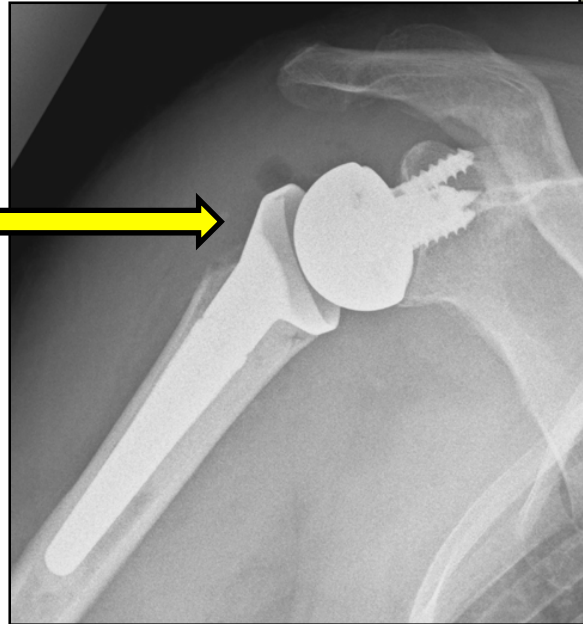
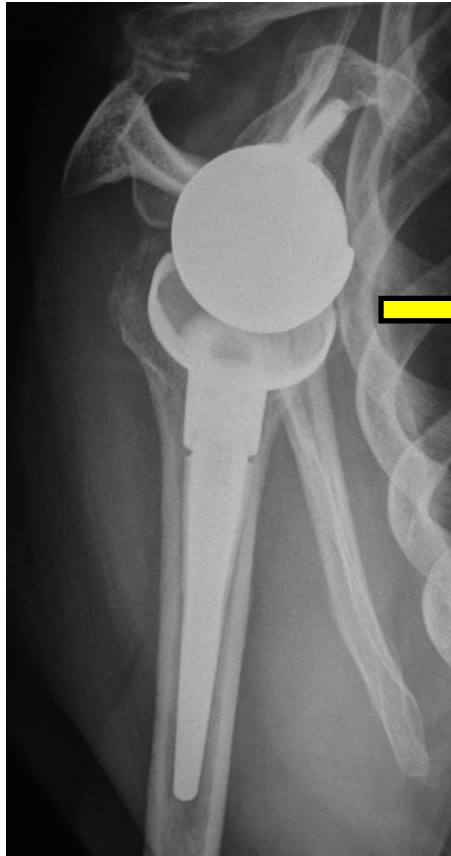
Constant scores – 56 v/s 68 ($p=0.1$)



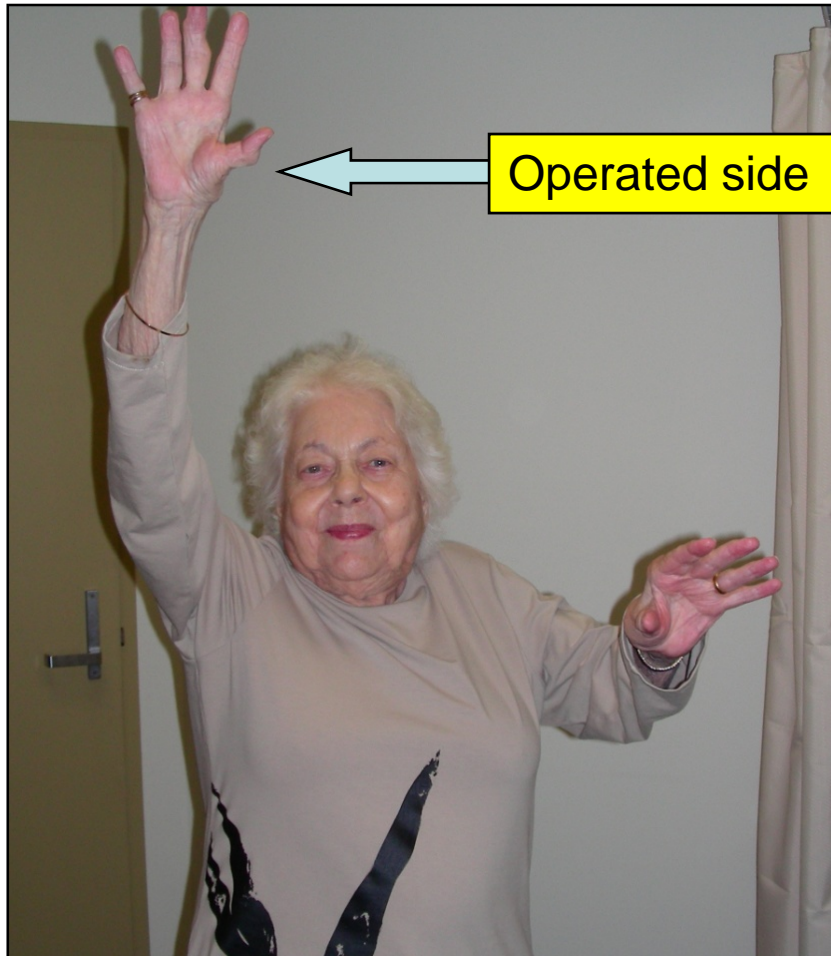
Contra-lateral upper and lower limb 'Polio'



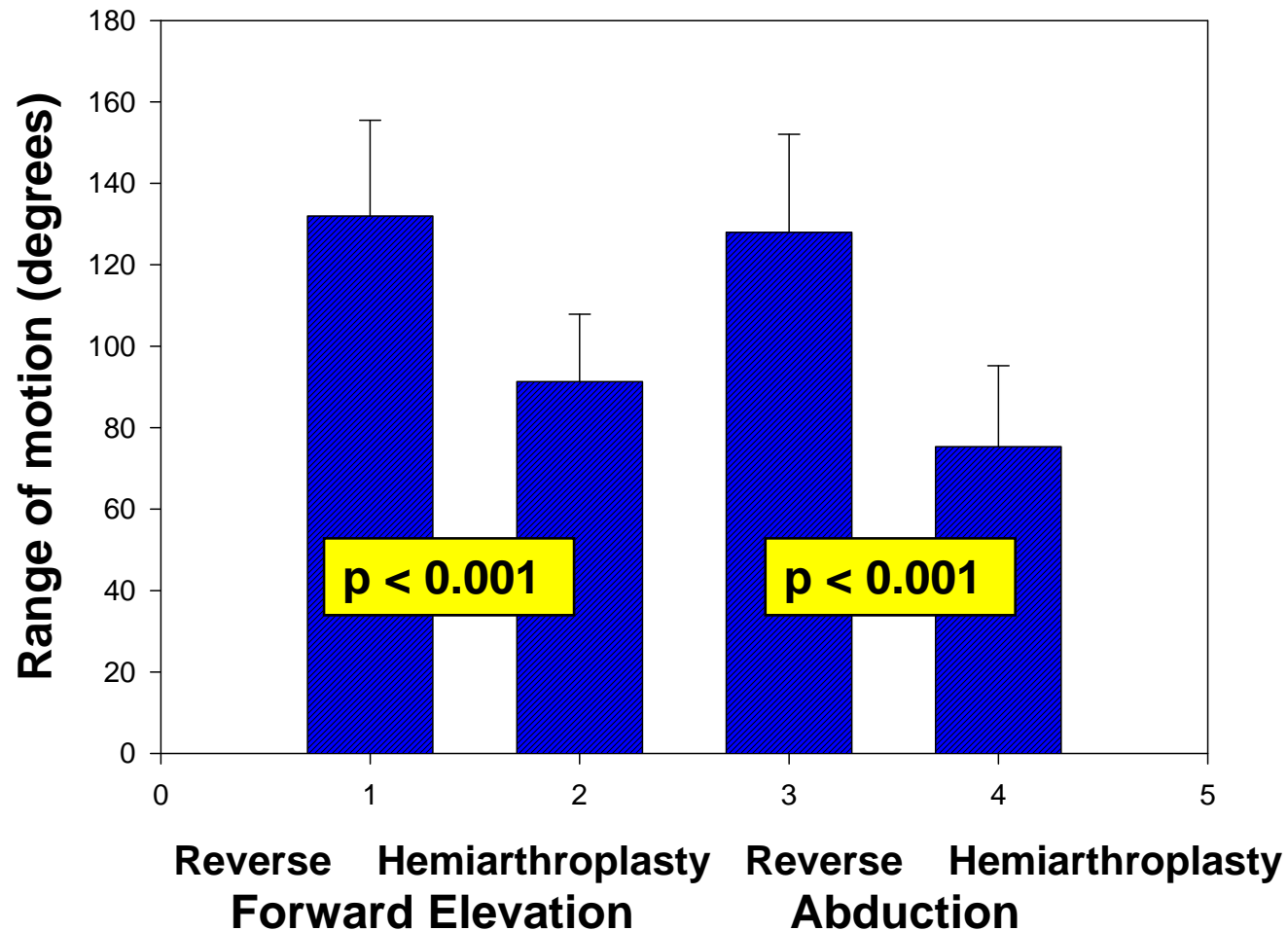
85 year old lady; lives in a hostel;
CTA opposite shoulder



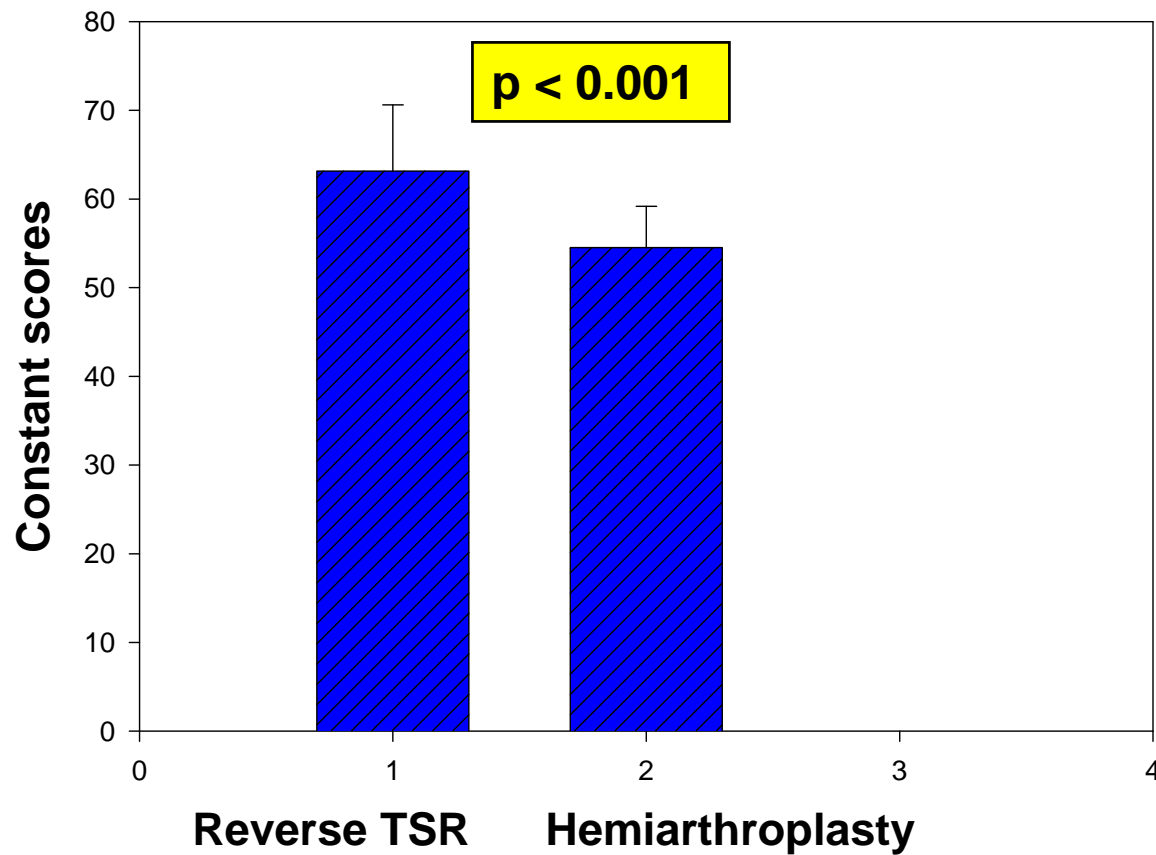
Results at 24 month review



Range of Forward Elevation and Abduction Reverse TSR vs Hemiarthroplasty

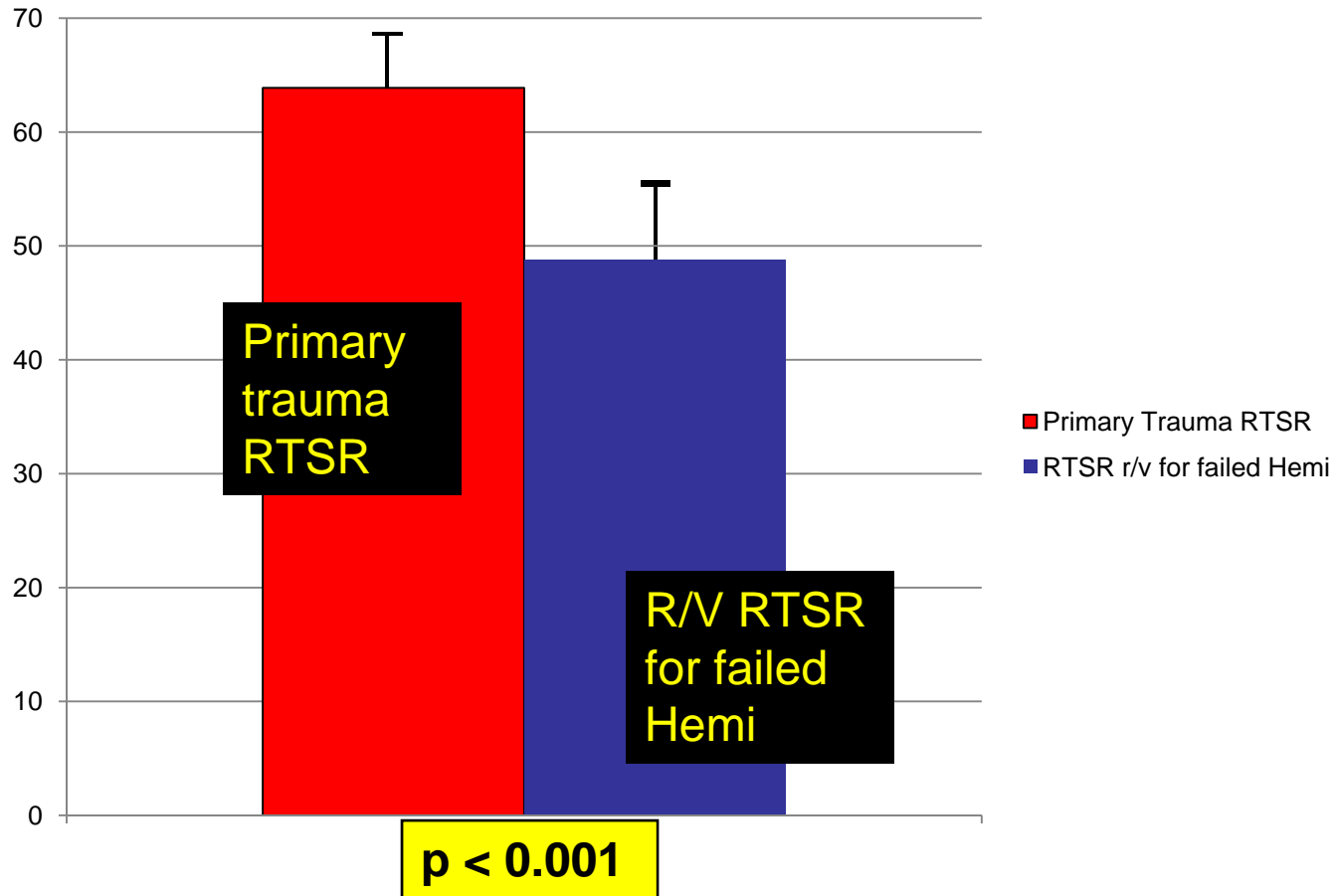


Constant scores: Reverse TSR vs Hemiarthroplasty for trauma



Primary v/s Revision RTSR

Constant
score



Conclusions

- RTSR for trauma in the elderly
- Reliable operation
- Easy to rehabilitate
- Reproducible results
- Results do not deteriorate with time

Future

- Need longer follow-up
- Ethics approval for
Prospective Randomised Study
RTSR v/s Hemiarthroplasty
- Arthroplasty v/s ORIF
(unethical to randomise)

