



# Allograft Skeletal Reconstruction: Applications and Challenges

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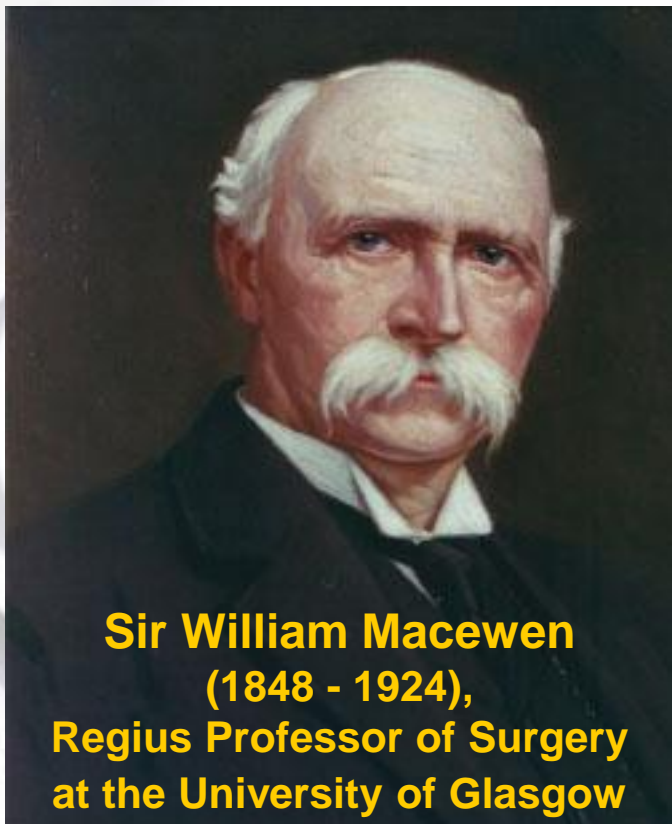
# Allografts

- Types
- Safety
- Utility
- Complications
- Solutions
- Future applications
- Case study

# History of Bone/Tissue Transplantation

Osteoarticular elbow transplant





**Sir William Macewen  
(1848 - 1924),  
Regius Professor of Surgery  
at the University of Glasgow**

. Macewen W. Observations concerning transplantation of bone, illustrated by a case of interhuman osseous transplantation, whereby two-thirds of the shaft of a humerus was restored.

Proc Roy Soc Lond 1881; 32: 232-47

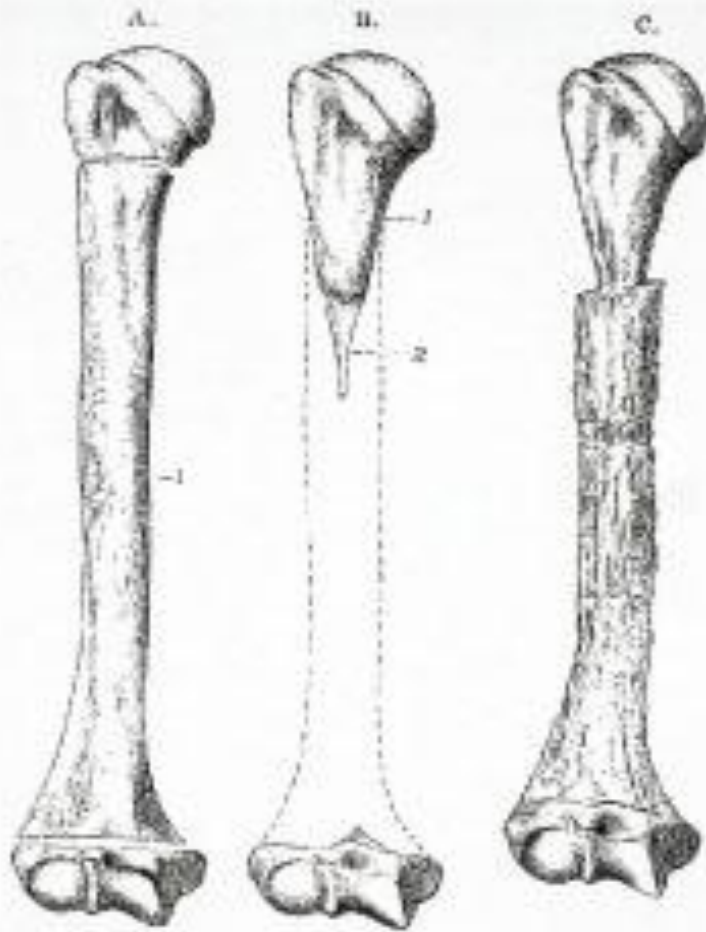
## **First successful bone allograft transplant**

**Glasgow, 1878. Dr Macewen, age  
32,  
had a 3 yr old emaciated boy  
with osteomyelitis, necrosis, right  
humerus mid-shaft,**

**chronic pus draining  
Humerus shaft removed, healed**

**15 mo later: no bone regrowth, limb  
useless and parents request  
amputation**





*Schematic Drawings.*

A.  
1. Removed diaphysis, which  
was measured.

B.  
1. Portion of shaft attached  
to head reproduced  
from original porce-  
tains.  
2. Cartilaginous terminal  
removed before first  
transplant.

C.  
1. First graft.  
2. Second graft.  
3. Third graft.



**30 YR LATER**

**Limb functions,**

**Macewen W. The Growth of Bone.  
Observations on Osteogenesis. An  
Experimental Enquiry into the  
Development and Reproduction of  
Diaphyseal Bone. James Maclehose  
and Sons: Glasgow; 1912**

# Allografts

- Traditional
  - Cancellous
  - Cortical
- DBM
- Sports
  - Ligaments
  - Tendons
- Osteoarticular
  - Cryopreserved
  - Fresh



# Allografts in the United States

- 2012 – 1 Million allografts
- Less than 50% use of autografts  
Morbidity..Cost
- **Why structural?**  
Strongest material for it's size and weight  
Used to replace bone loss for trauma, tumor, infection and osteolysis where the only other alternative may be limb loss.

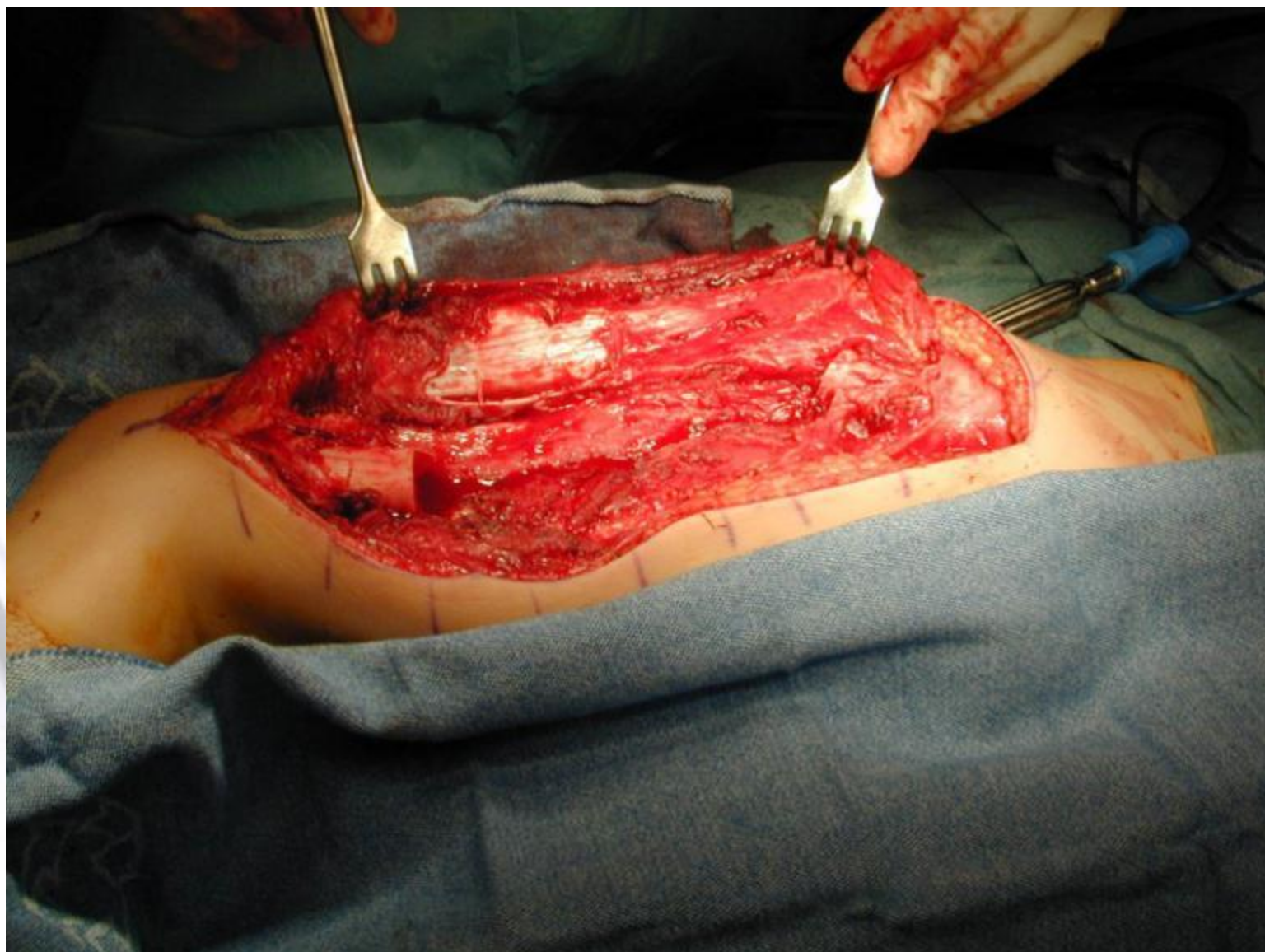
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7 yo female w/ sarcoma left femur



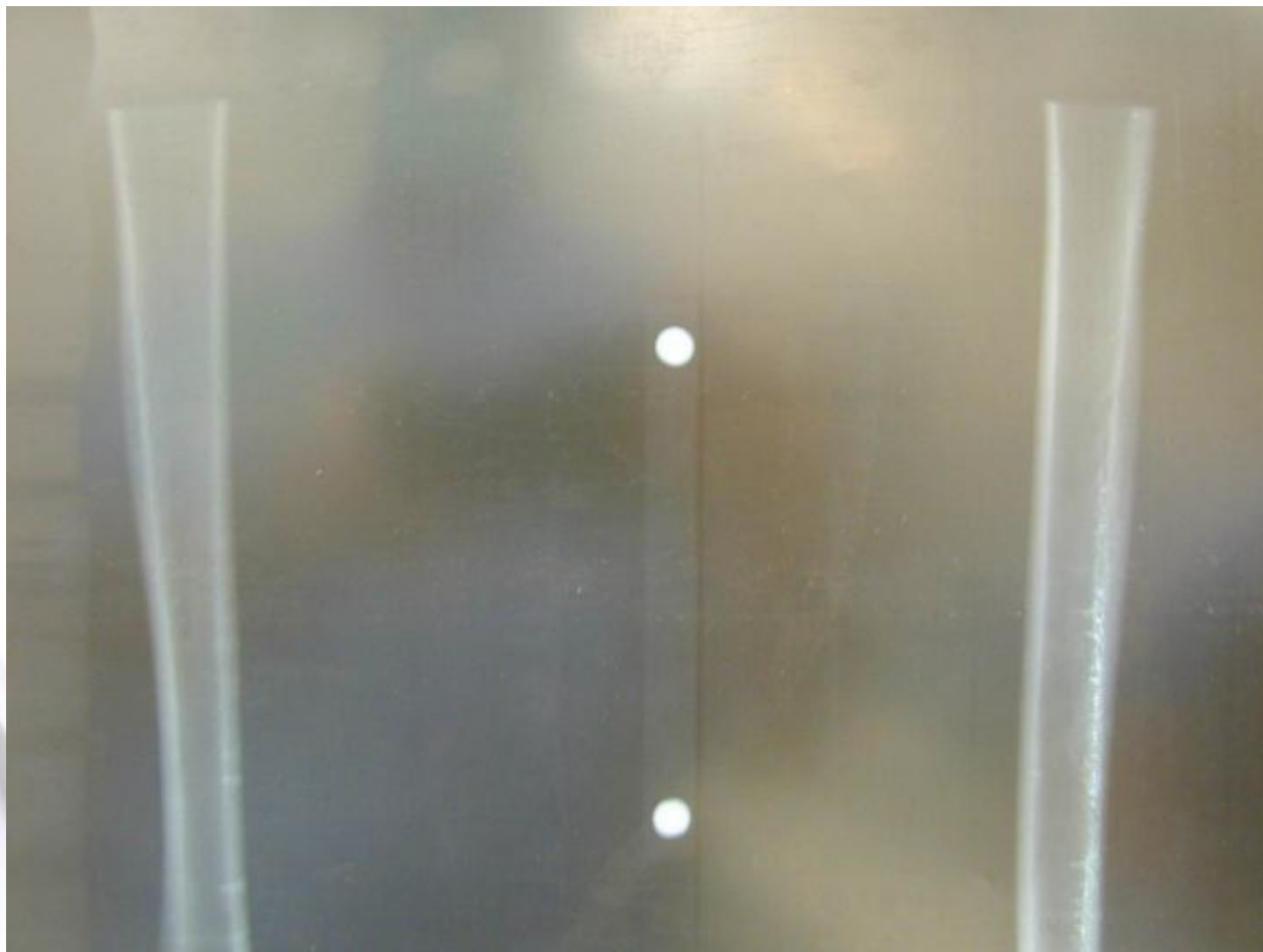






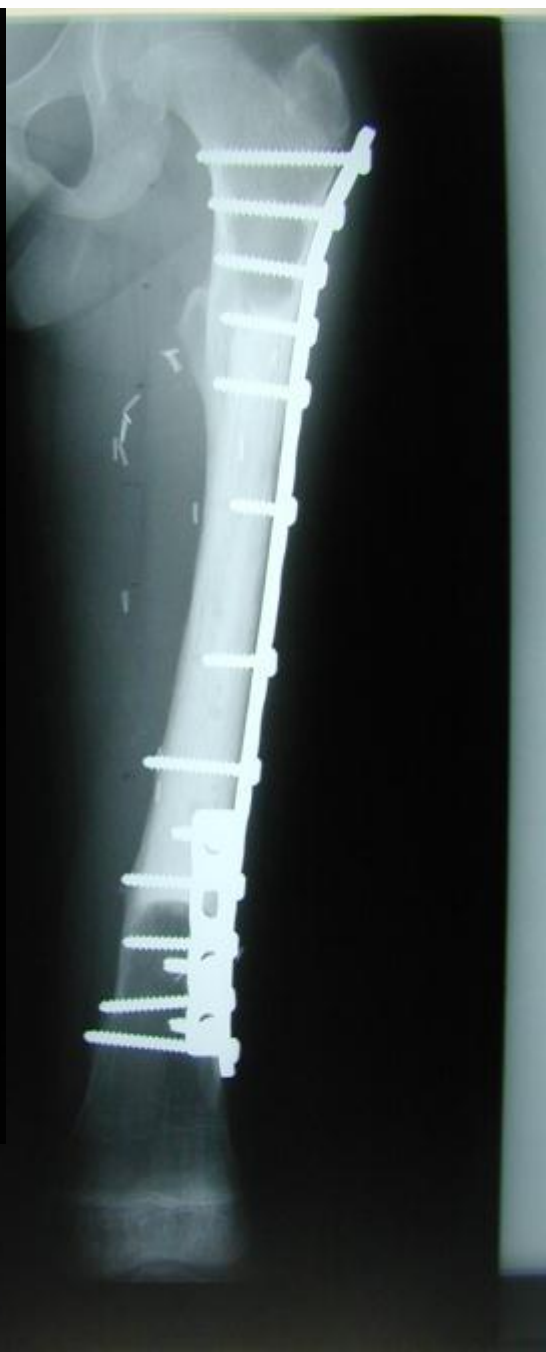
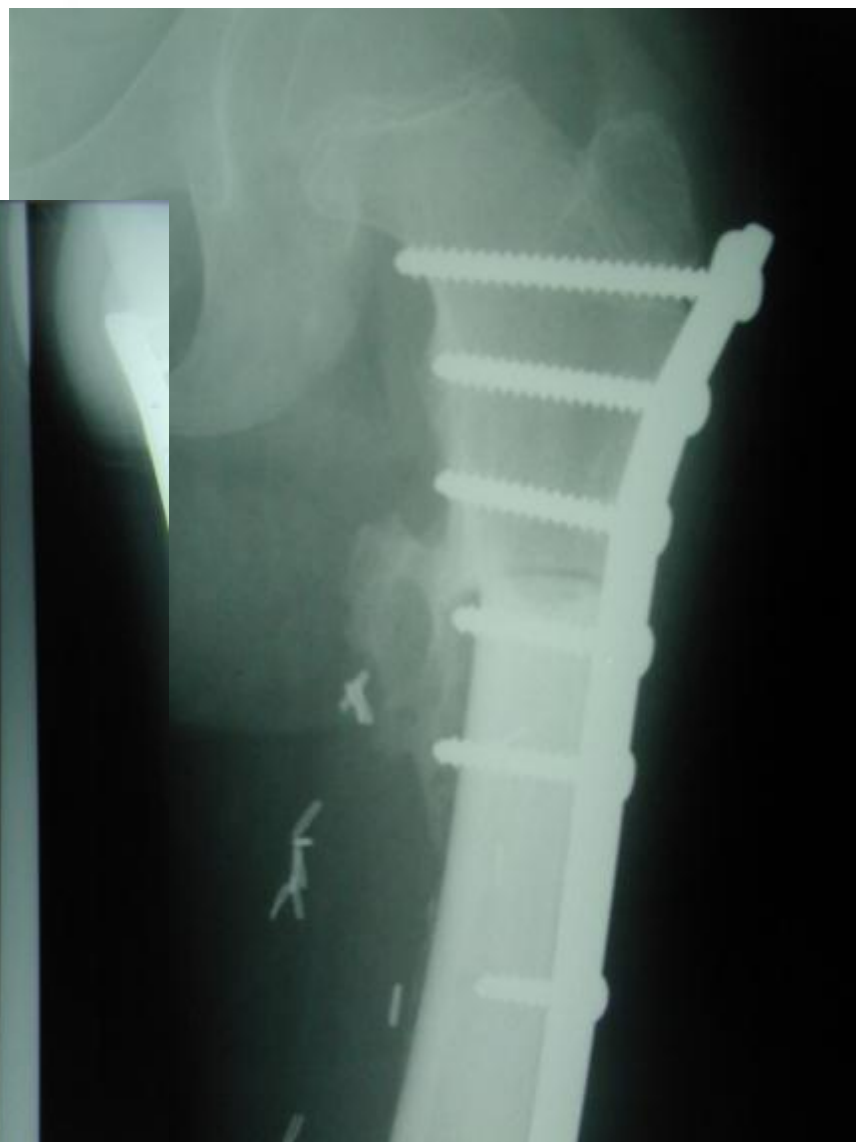
















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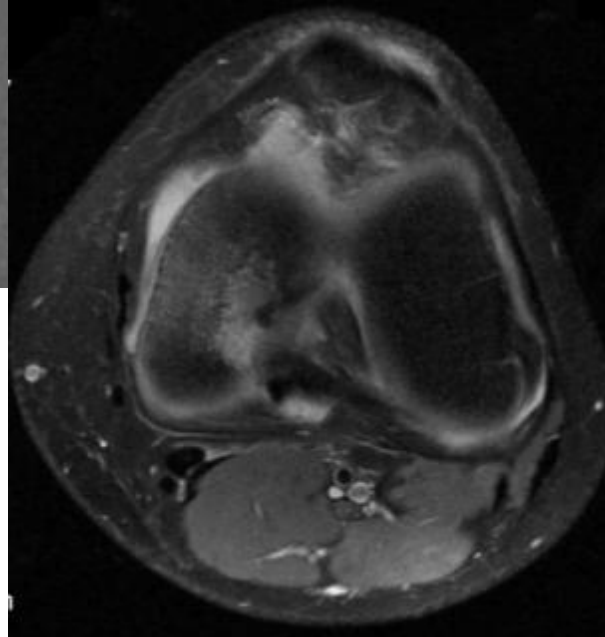
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- 13 yo female w/ hx Juvenile OCD
- Cheerleader
- OCD lesion R knee '07- improved w/ rest x 3 mos
- Developed L knee pain 10/08 and rested as she did w/ R knee
- Returned to cheerleading gradually and developed signif pain
- L knee scope at Children's Hosp → large OCD lesion L MFC 8/24/09
- Did well w/ PT and resumed high level tumbling/cheerleading

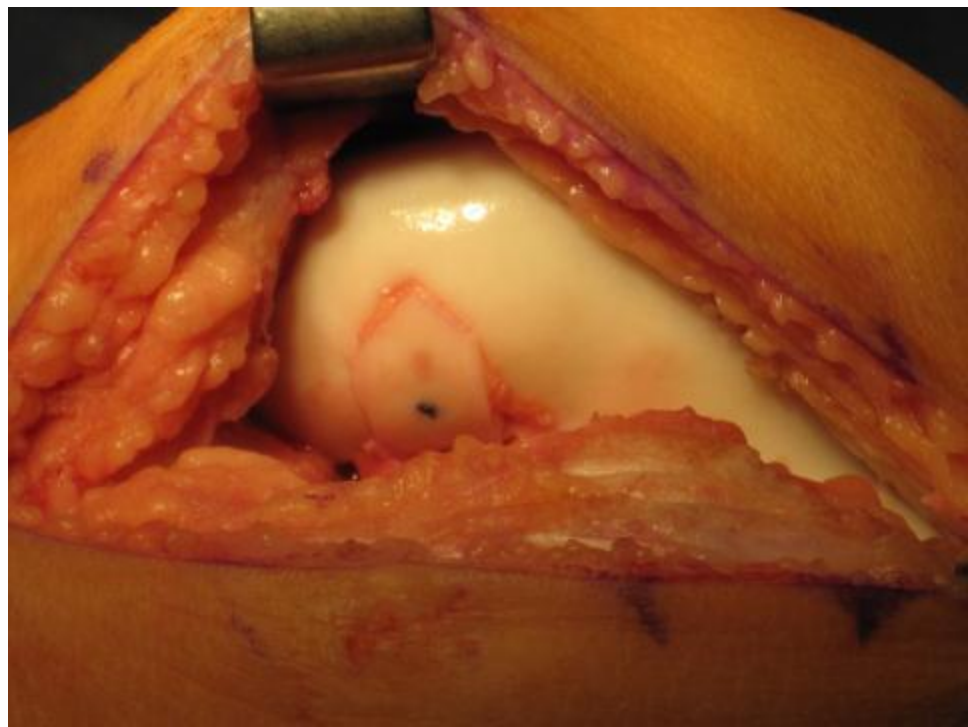
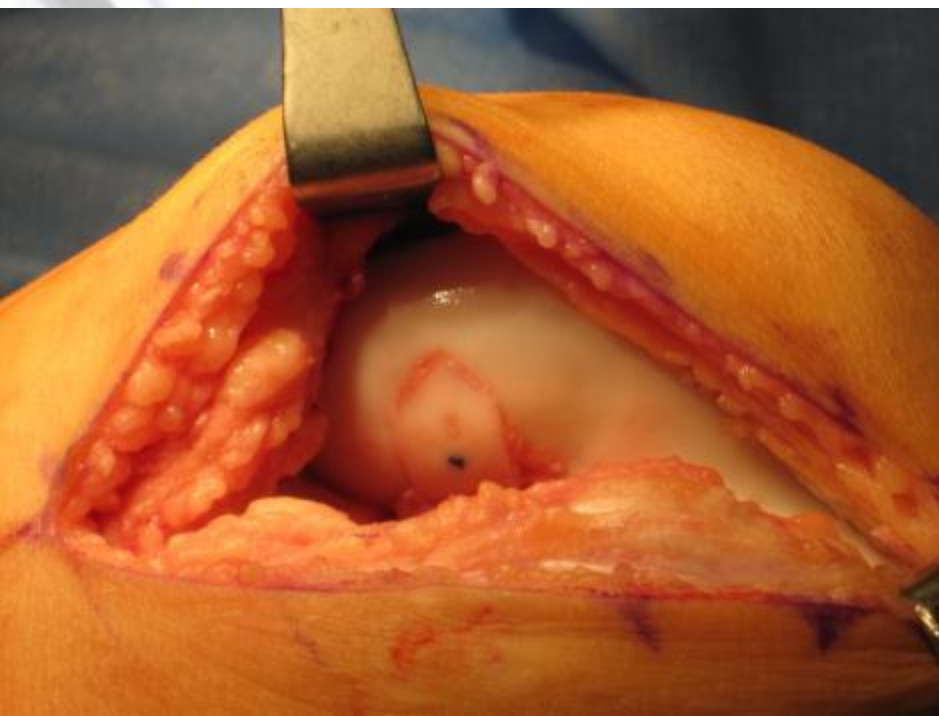
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# MRI 9/2/09





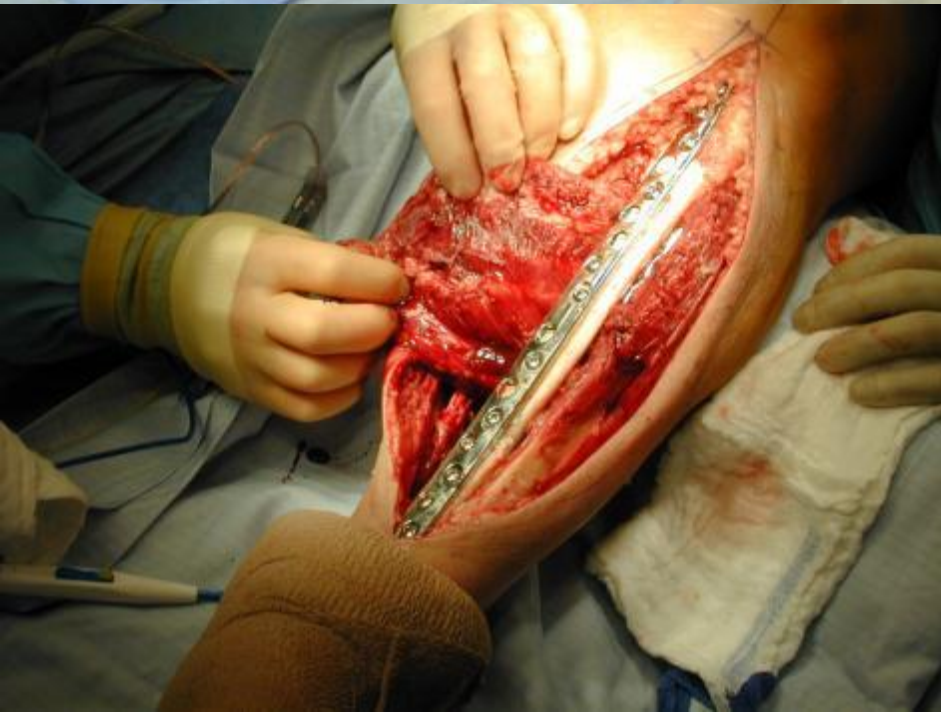


# 18 yo OCD Femoral condyle 6mos PO



# 18 yo college tennis player osteosarcoma tibia







Back playing  
competitive tennis

17 you female championship  
basketball player  
low grade OGS





Returned to competition

# Clinical Cases

- 22 yo... 150,000 volt injury...bilateral UE and LE amputations.  
Right AE with only humeral head present....













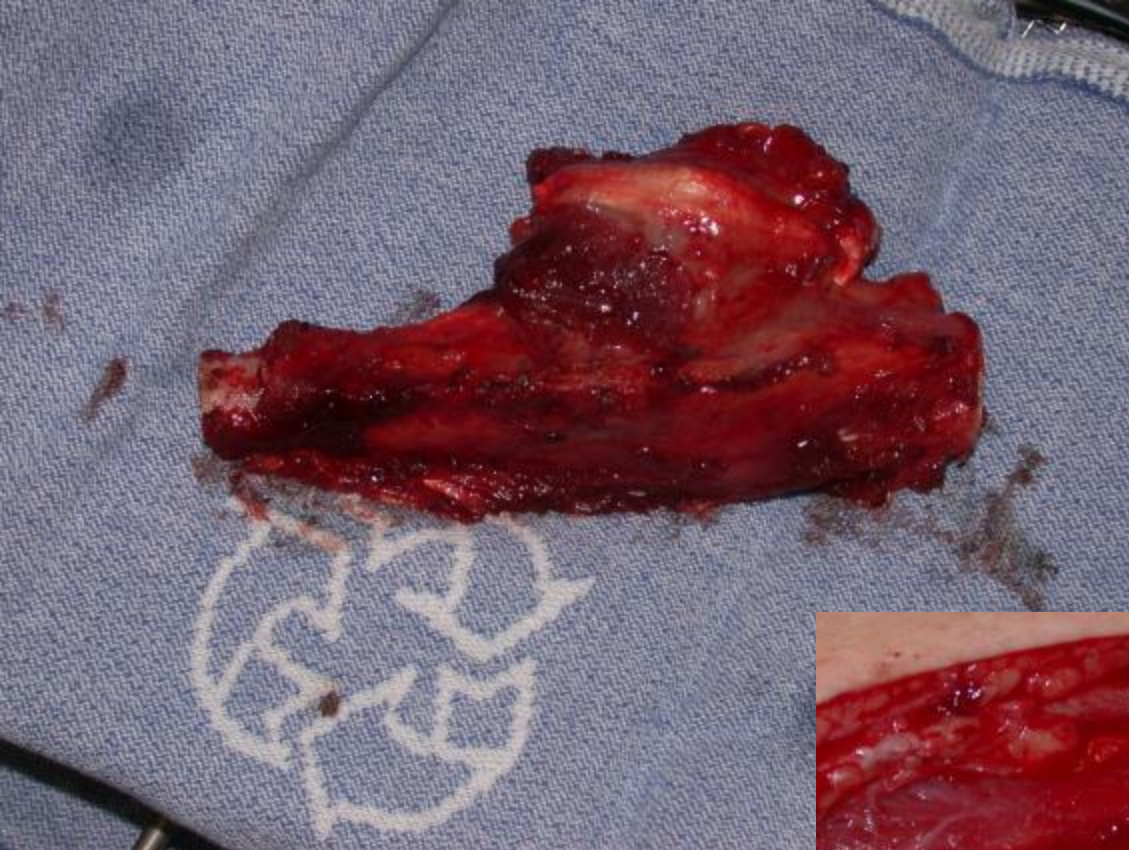


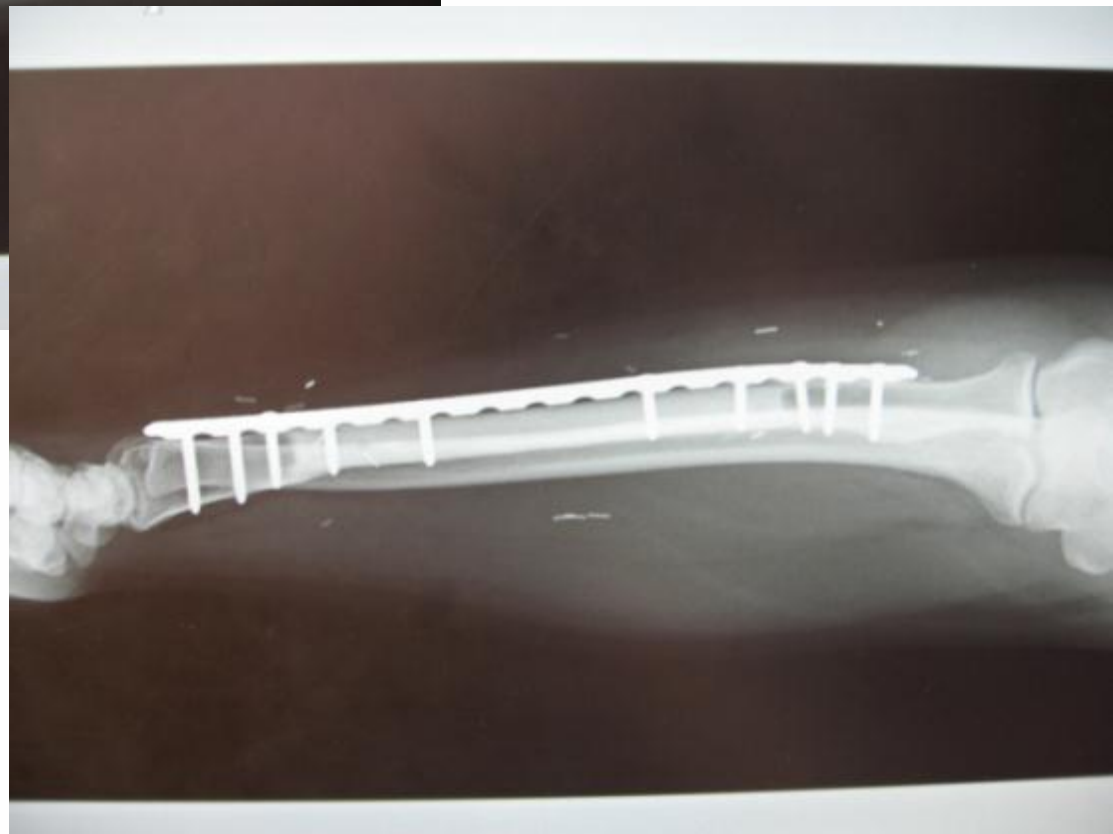




# 18 yo male lacrosse player ogs ulna











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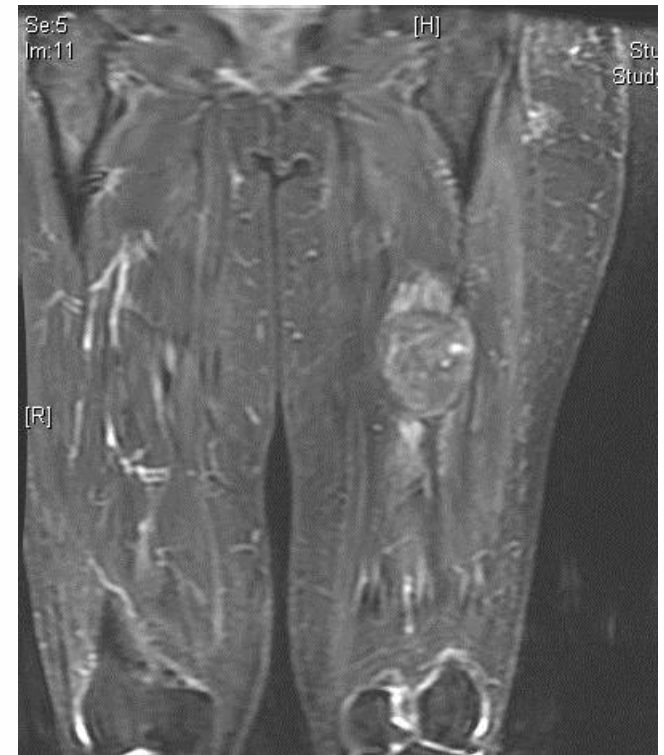
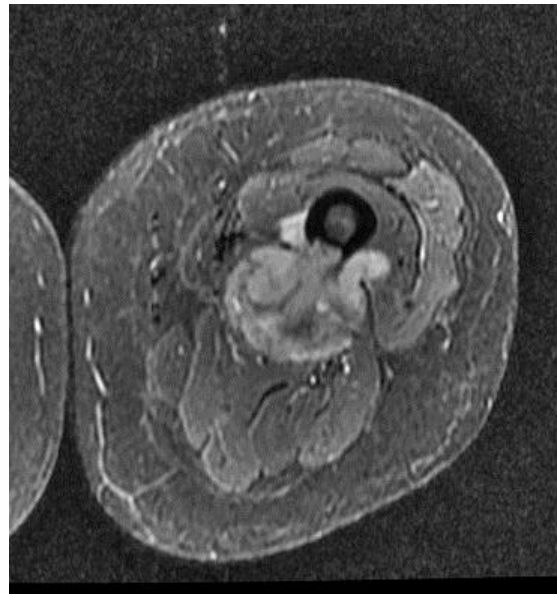
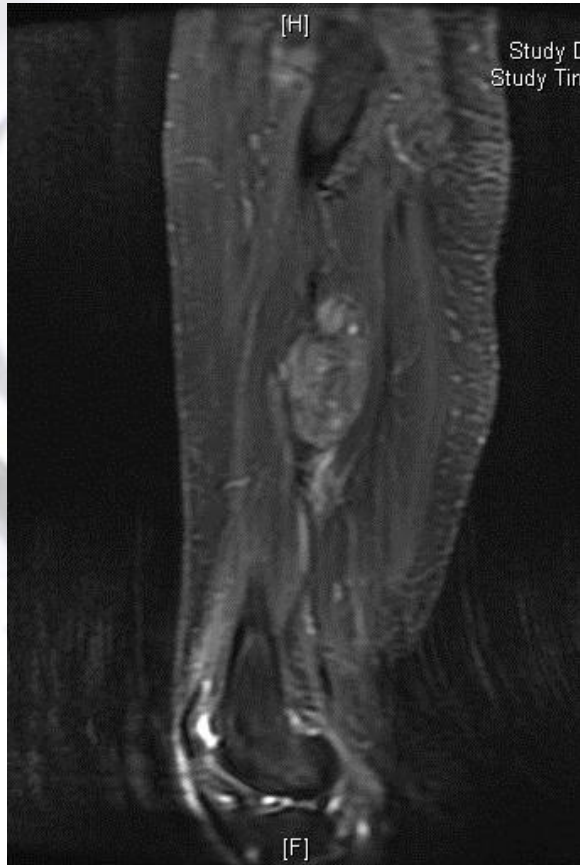


30 yo female small cell OGS  
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Se: 55676/4  
Im: 1/2



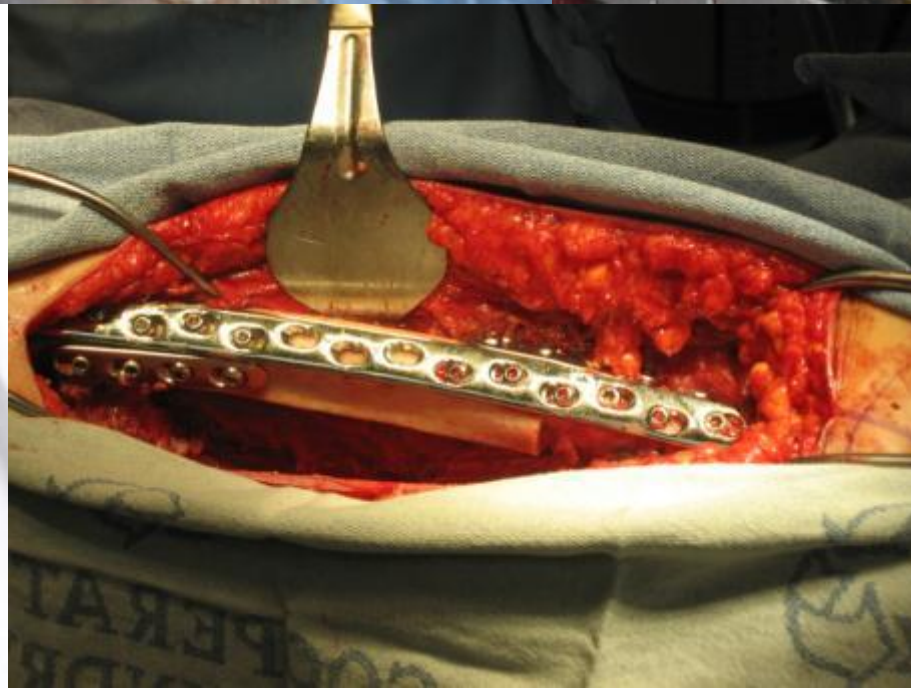
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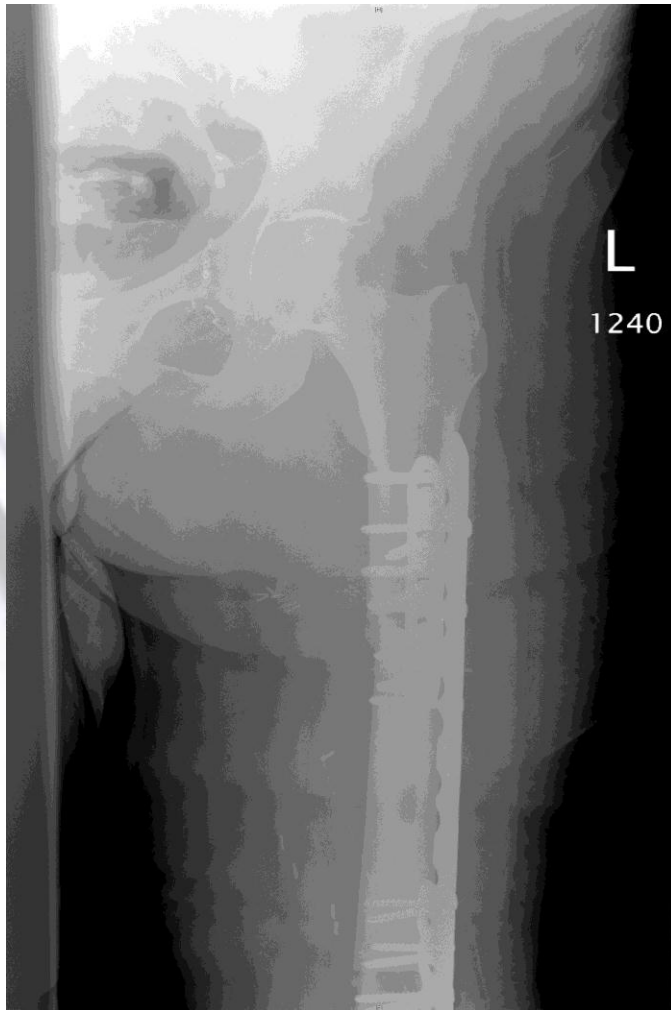


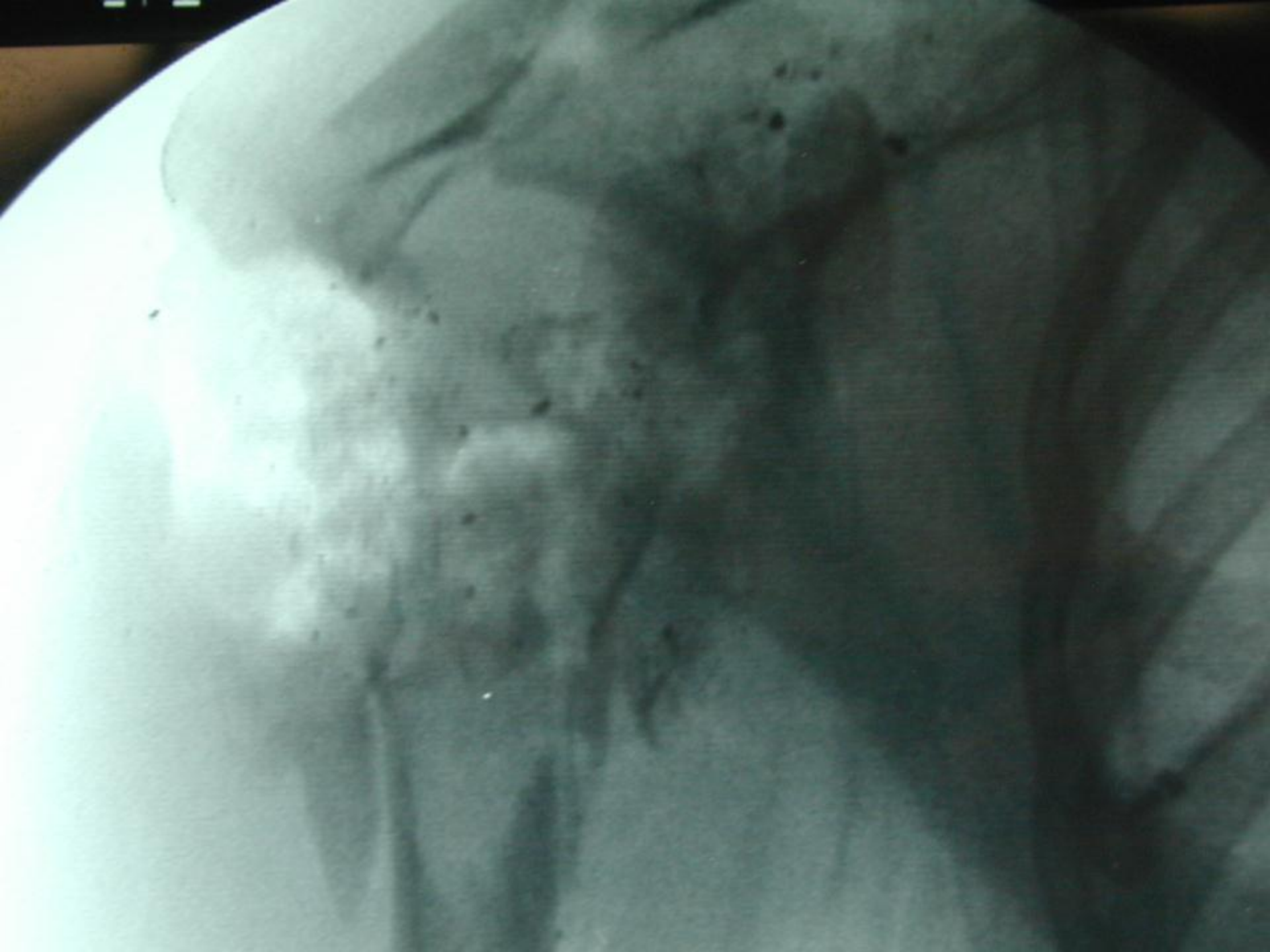






# Post-op 6/17/09

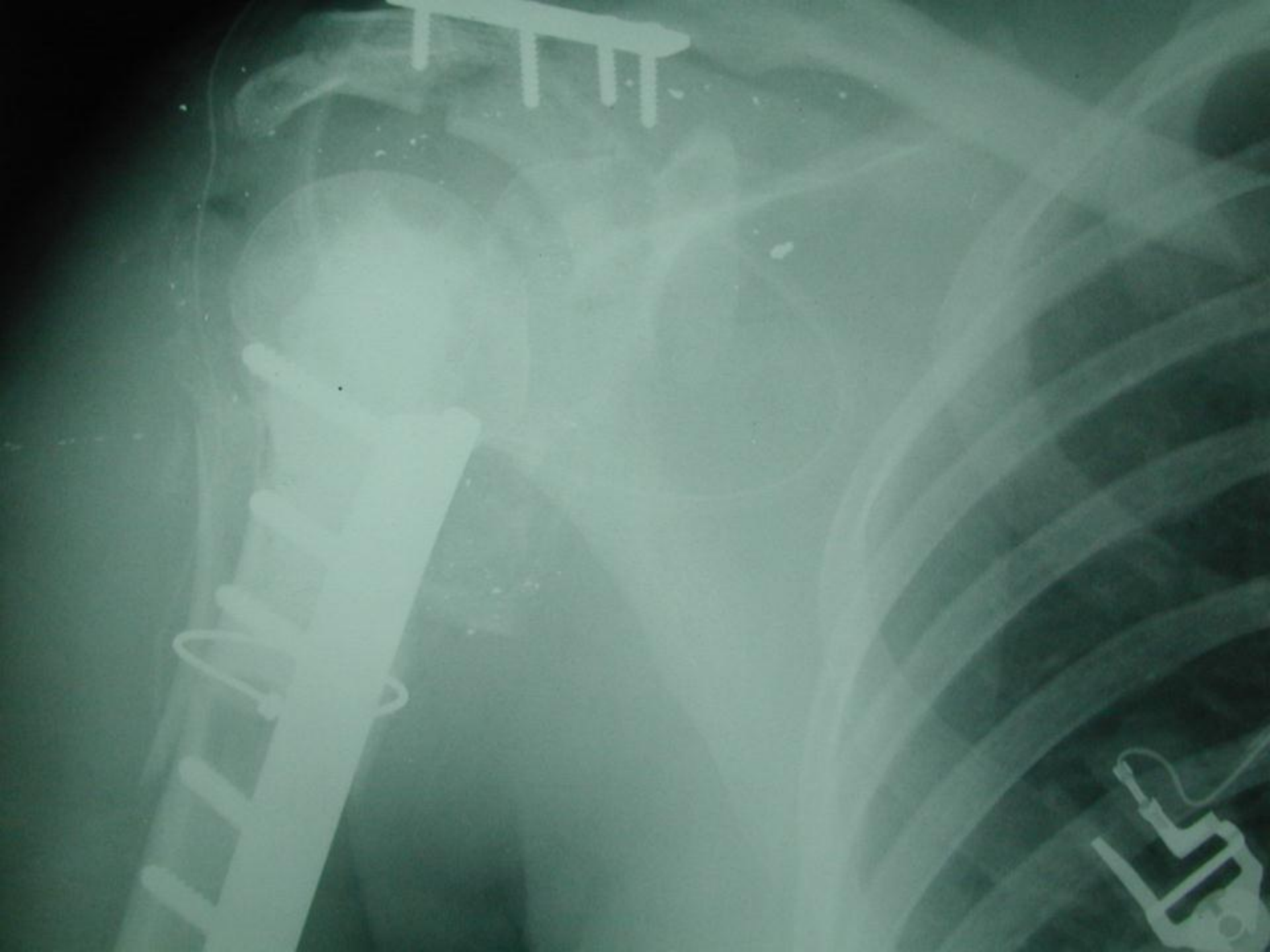


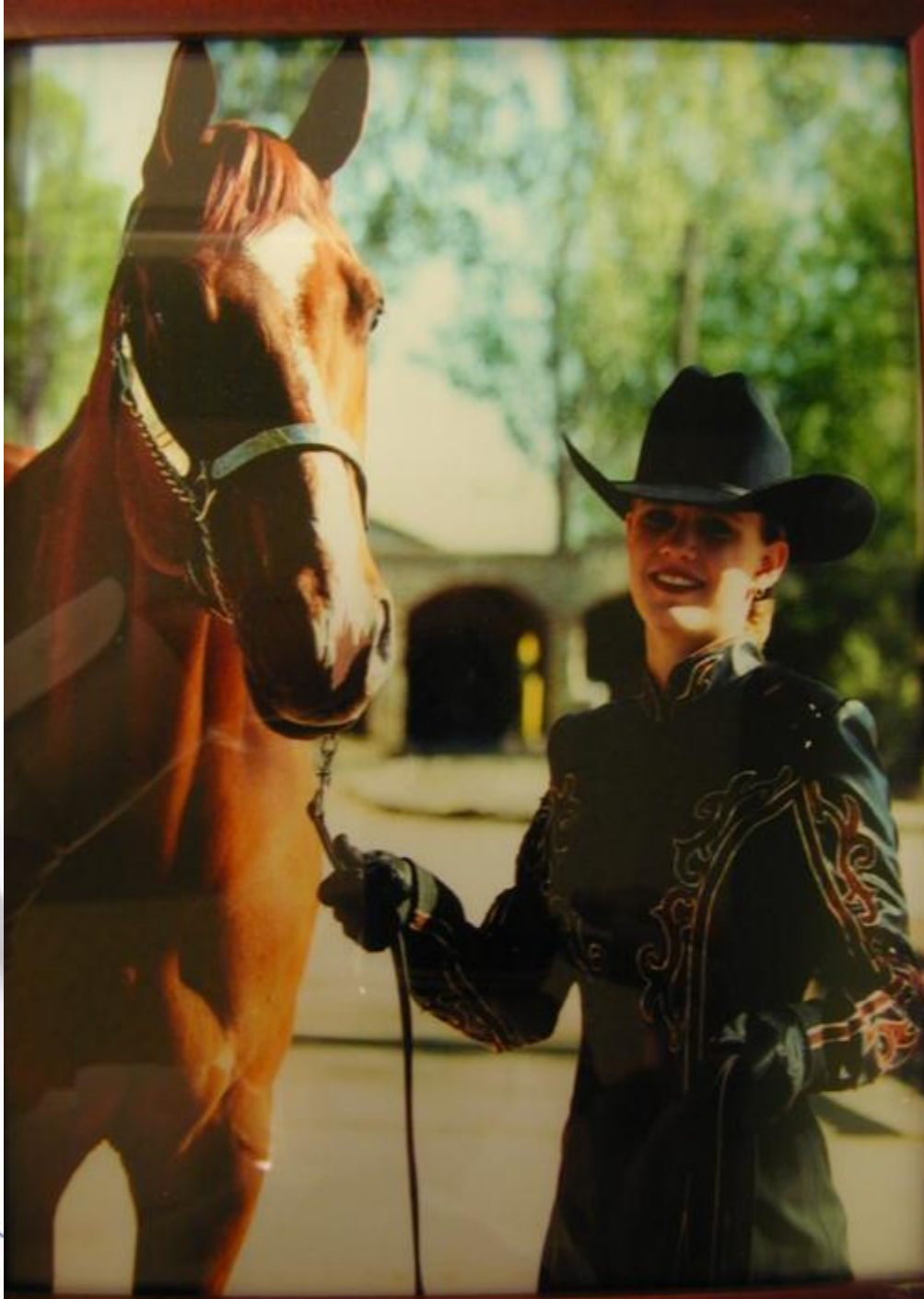


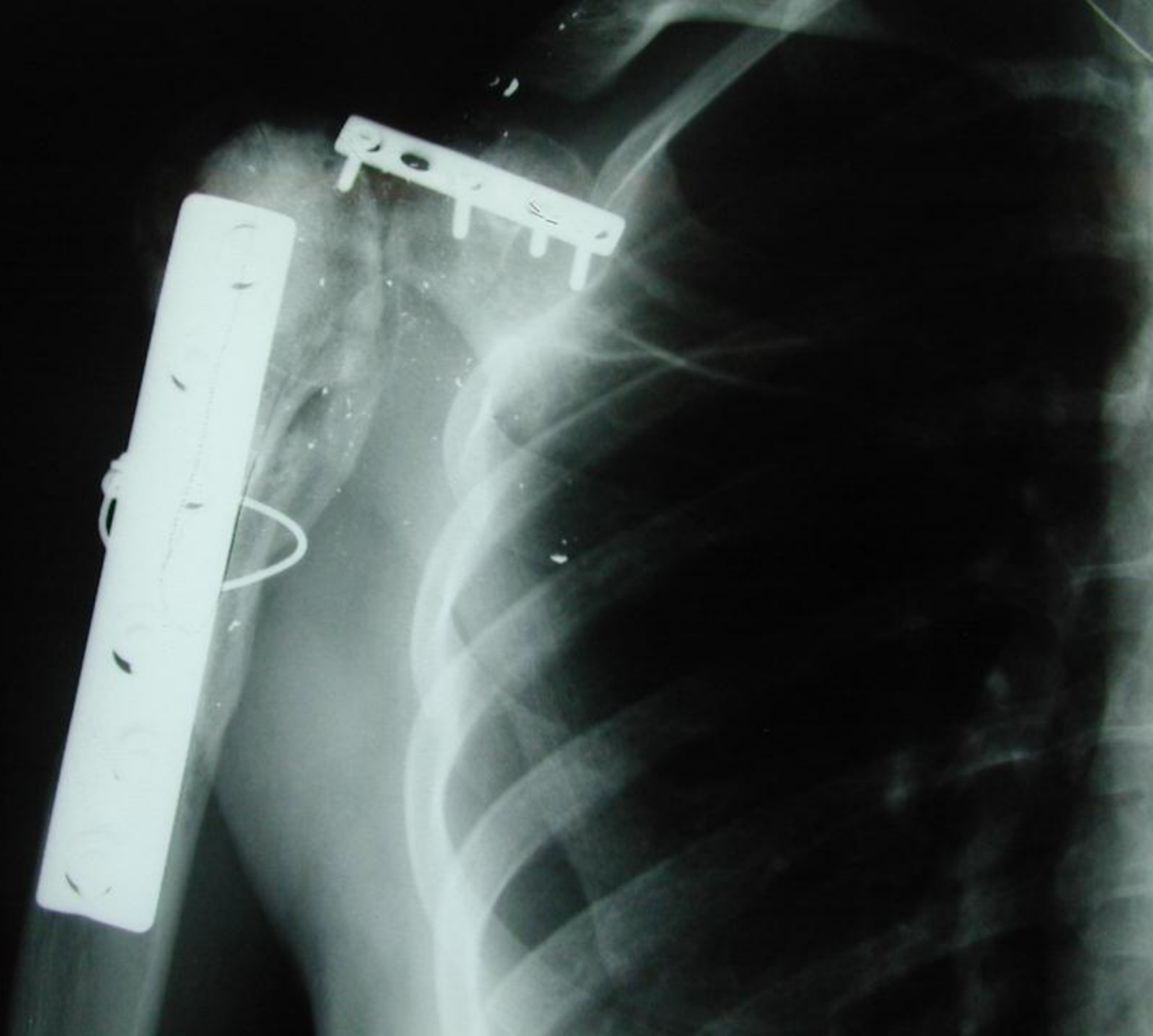




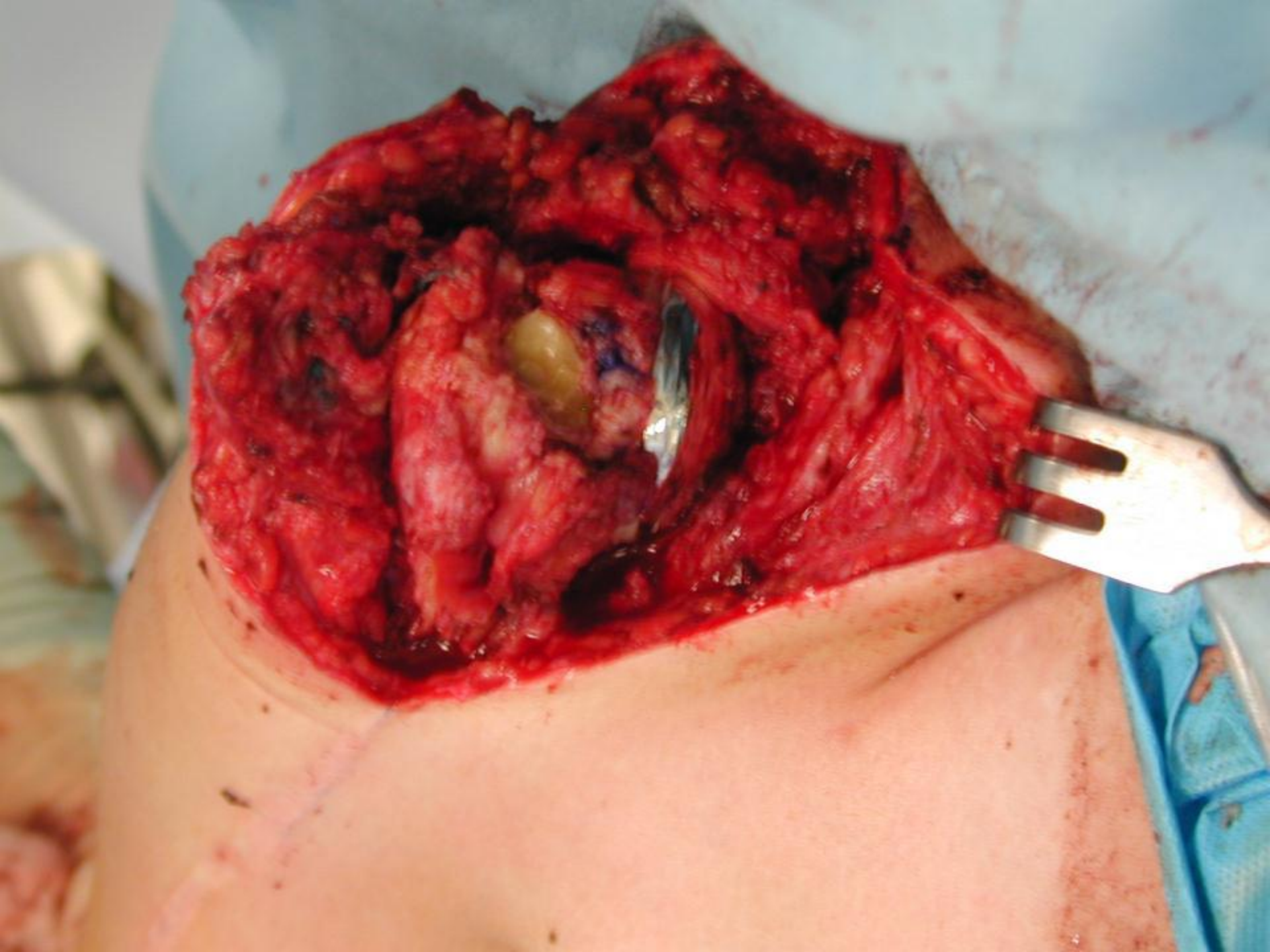
















# Thank you

- Questions?

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# So...that's the good news..

## Allograft Complications

- 1990
- Combined – MGH – 50% (80%)
- Infection – 4-30%
- Non-union – 8-14%
- Fracture – 5-18%

How do we justify doing an operation that has a 50%+ complication rate?

- **Have we improved?**
- **New techniques    DETAILS, DETAILS DETAILS**

# Infection

- Why?  
Compromised local bed  
Compromised immune  
system

Poor soft tissue coverage

Nutrition

Multiple operations

Hematoma

Dead tissue

# Clinical Infection Prevention

- Antibiotics
- Meticulous technique
- Avoid hematoma
- Use local/free flaps
- ANC (>500)
- Toe nail hygiene



# Non-unions

- WHY?
  - Nutrition
  - Chemotherapy/radiation
  - NSAIDS
  - Smoking
  - Lack of RIGID fixation
  - Poor local blood supply
  - Poor graft fit
  - Infection



# Non-union Prevention

- Nutrition
- Avoid NSAIDS/smoking
- Graft junction sites initially
- Graft delayed unions early
- RIGID fixation
- Perfect fit
- Ultrasonic stimulation (?)



# Fracture

- WHY?  
Bone dissolution
- Lack of mechanical support  
along entire graft
- Granulation tissue/cortical perforations
- Non-unions/loss of fixation

# Fracture Prevention

- Bridge entire graft with hardware
- Graft initially and early if delayed union
- Avoid cortical perforations (holes for sutures)
- Avoid excessive activities

# Prevention of Allograft Complications

- **Antibiotic cement loaded allografts**

Removes marrow/blood elements

Serves as reservoir for antibiotic

Strengthens graft overall

Allows for more rigid fixation



# Cemented Allografts

- Dog studies

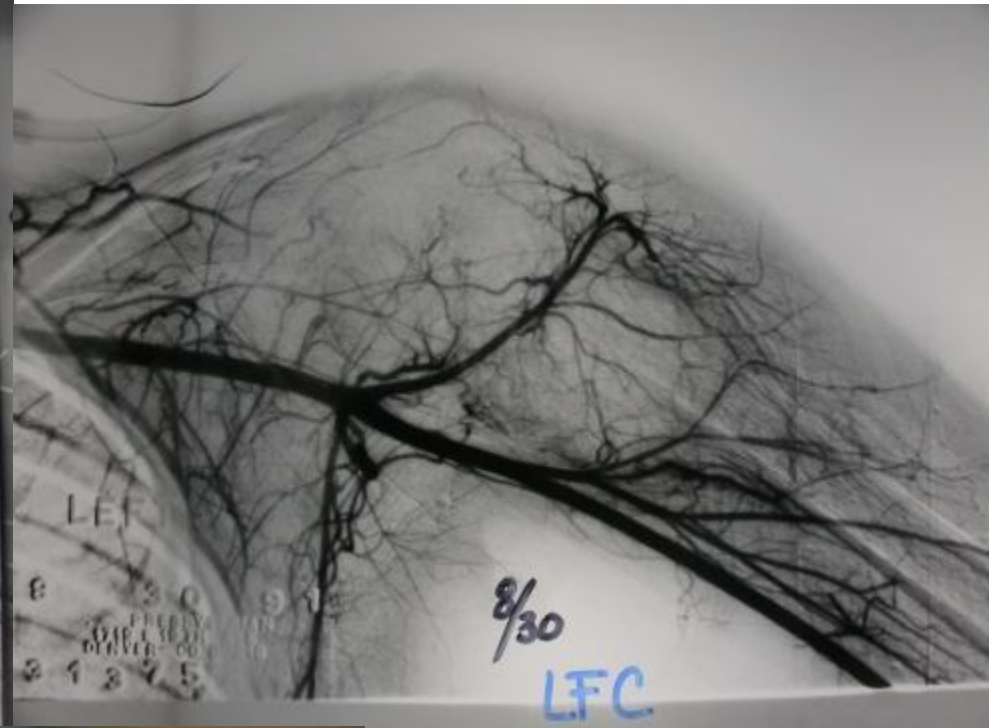
Did not interfere with healing/strength  
Reduces complications 50%

- Human studies (Toronto/Denver)

Reduced complications 30% (Primarily  
infection and non-union)

10 yo male OGS proximal humerus









- Now a professional guitar player

15 years post op

# History

- 50 yo male dx w/ osteosarcoma of L distal femur 1990
- Chemo-4 rounds of Adriamycin and cisplatin pre-op and 4 rounds post-op
- Resection w/fem allograft in Michigan 4/91
- L TKA 4/06
- Met lung CA w/ more chemo → renal insuff
- Mult thoracotomies '92-'97 – CTs neg now
- Developed hip and knee pain 11/09

# XRAY 12/10/09

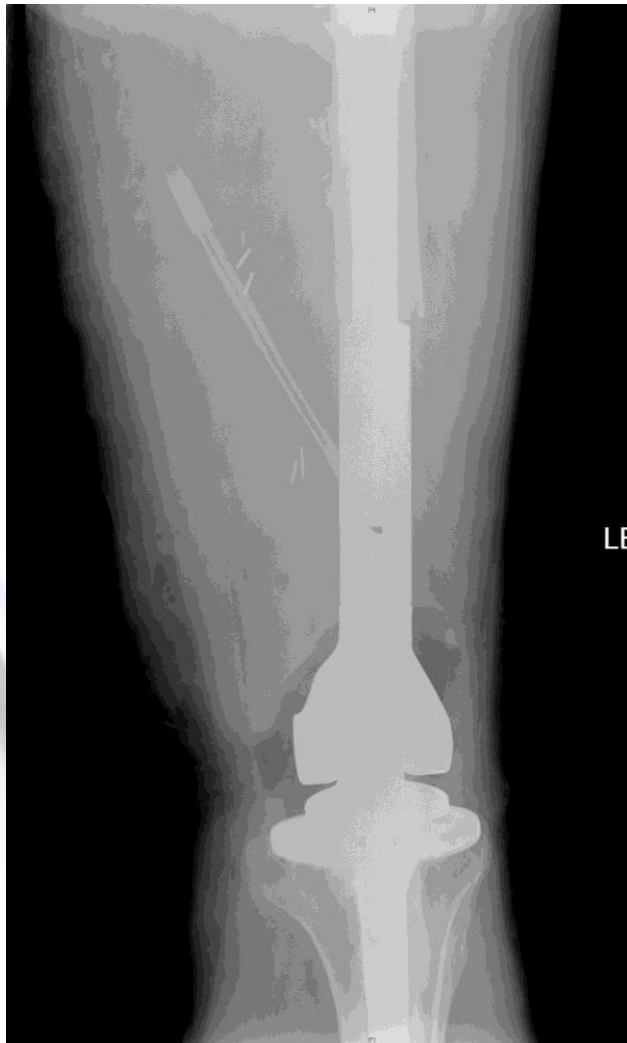


# CT 12/17/09





# DFR 1/27/10



# History 20 year follow up

- 46 yo female s/p rad resect L tibia w/allograft recon w/intercalary allograft and gastroc flap for osteosarcoma – 1992
- Back to normal activities
- Now needs knee replacement on other knee

# Post-op screw removal







10/25/11





# Allografts for Skeletal Reconstruction: Summary

- Anatomically replaces resected tissue
- Best grafts are cortical/intercalary
- Allograft prosthetic composites for periarticular areas
- Safe in regards to disease transmission
- Complications can be avoided
- Successful grafts will last the lifetime of the patient

# Allograft Safety: What about Infection: Viral and Bacterial

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# Allografts: Safety

- AATB Inspected and accredited
- Serology Hepatitis/HIV (PCR)
- Medical Director Review
- Pre-processing cultures
- Post processing destructive cultures
- Extraction

When in doubt, throw it out!

# Recent Publicity Re: Bacterial Infection

- Fresh graft
- No pre-processing cultures
- Put into cell culture media w/o culture
- Pt developed acute knee infection post op  
Clostr. Sordelli

# Magnitude of Problem?

- CDC – 41 cases of post op infection involving allograft cases
- 750,000 aliquots/pieces of allograft used 2001

Still not clear.....

# Where do these bugs come from?

- Donor  
Time of death  
Post mortem bacterial growth
- Procurement  
Skin contamination  
Break in sterile technique  
Bowel contamination
- Processing  
Environmental  
Break in technique  
Cross contamination
- OR 1% of all procedures



# Culturing.....

- Traditional swabbing  
Used for years – tissue banking and clinical medicine, ? False negatives?  
May not be sensitive enough!
- Extraction method – immersion/agitation  
May be more sensitive, less false negatives

# Current Practice

- Highest risk graft – Fresh  
Procured, wrapped, iced, shipped.  
Upon arrival processing commences..  
Grafts cultured, companion tissue used for  
destruction/culture, grafts re-cultured just  
before insertion into cell culture media.  
Extraction

MINIMUM FIVE CULTURES PER GRAFT

Know where your grafts  
come from, what they  
are tested for, how they  
are treated and who  
screens the donor.

# History

- 42 yo female diagnosed w/ osteosarcoma of L distal femur at age 19 in 1988
- Underwent resection, placement of allograft bone, and fusion w/ a rod 11/15/88 in Tampa, FL
- Doing well until Jan '11 when she stopped abruptly to avoid running into someone
- Noted a loud pop followed by L distal femur pain



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Se: 2/2  
Im: 1/1

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Acc: 6007316  
2011 Apr 07  
Acq Tm: 15:37:24.000000

W Knee lat \*  
Se: 3/2  
Im: 1/1

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Acc: 6007316  
2011 Apr 07  
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STANDING

JH

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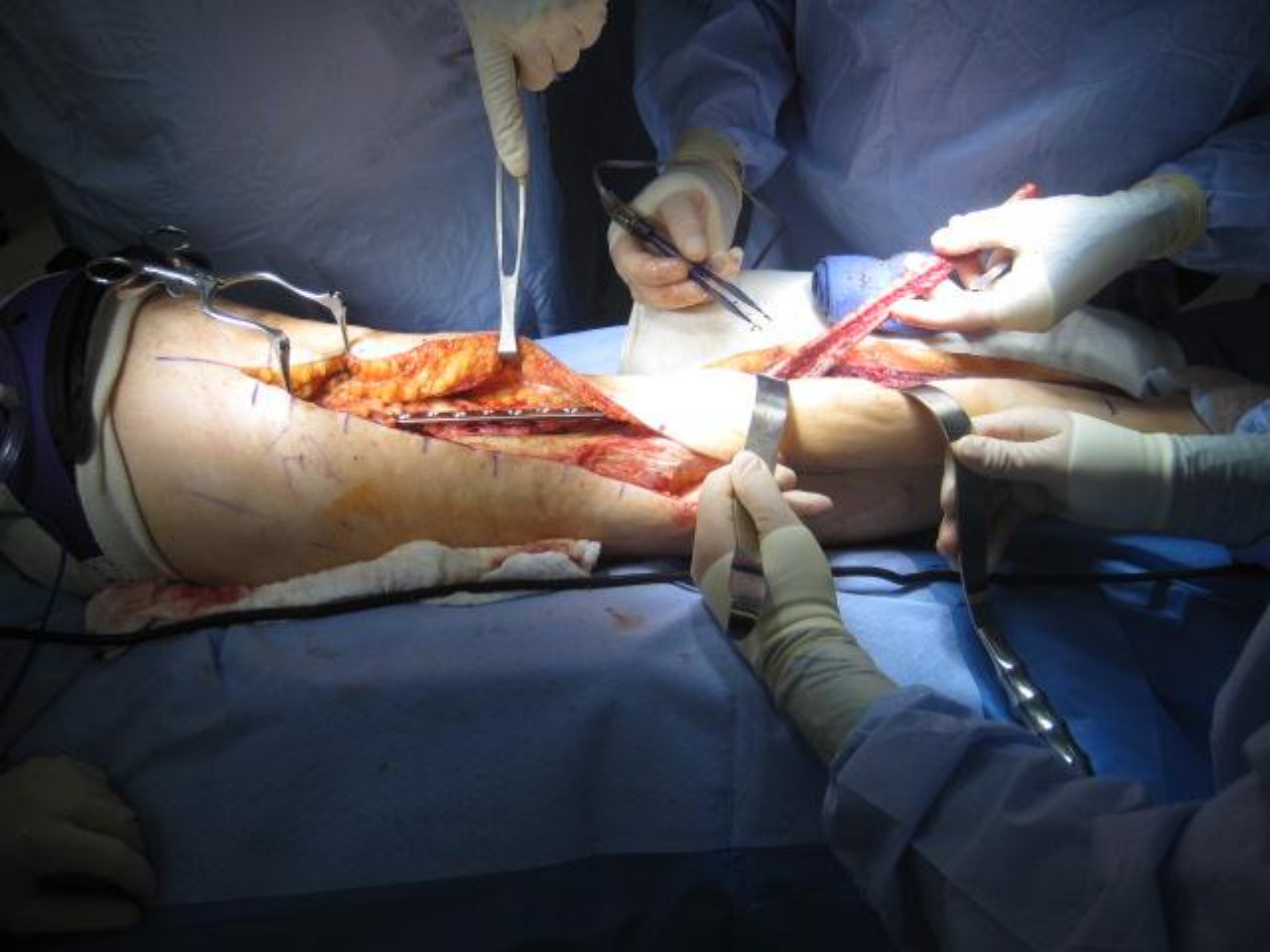
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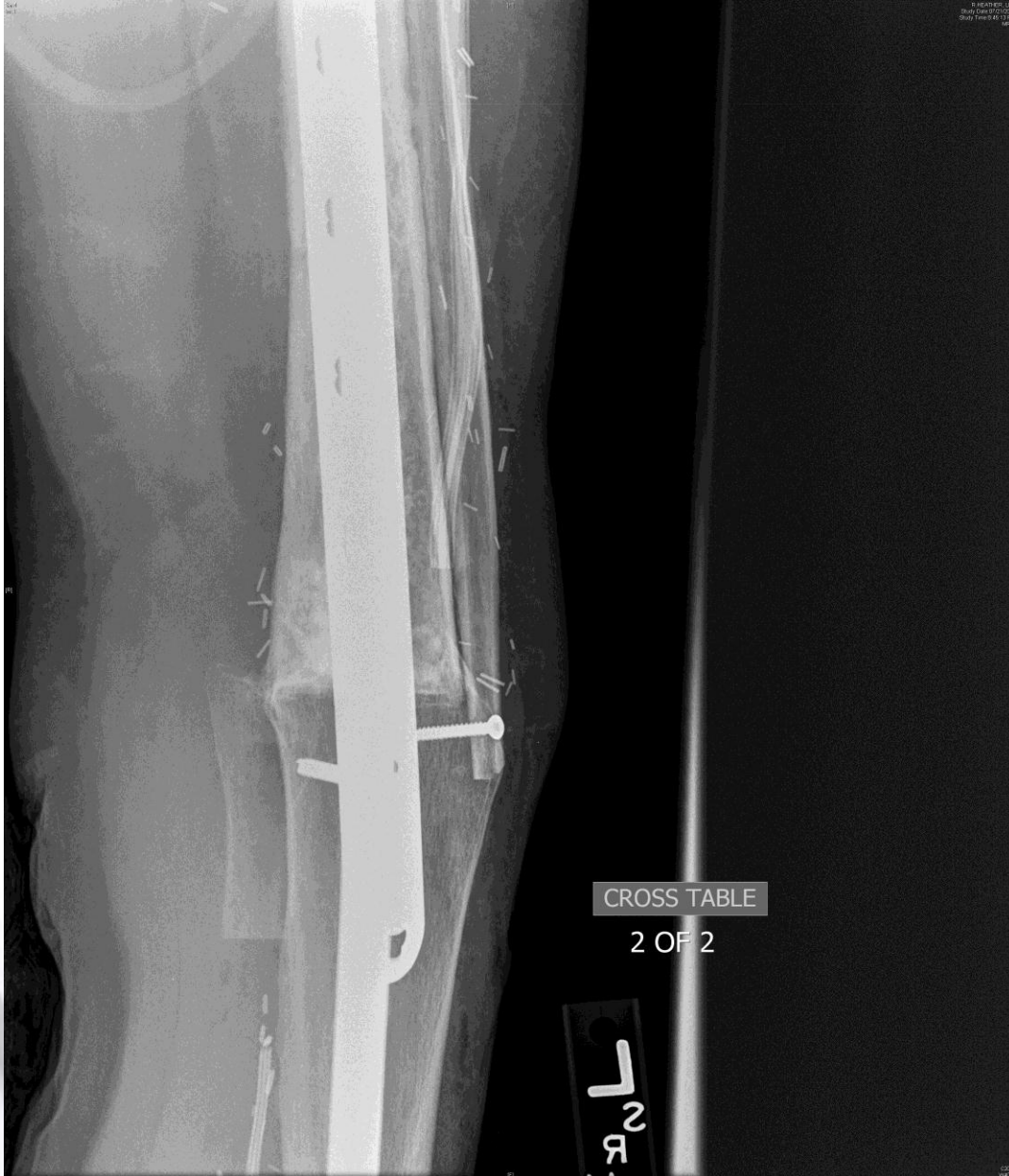
# Procedure

- To OR 7/21/11 for bridging compression plate, a vascularized free fibular flap, and stem cell allograft









Special Case....  
Special Person!!







17 yo female osteosarcoma  
proximal tibia



30 yo Traumatic loss distal tibia



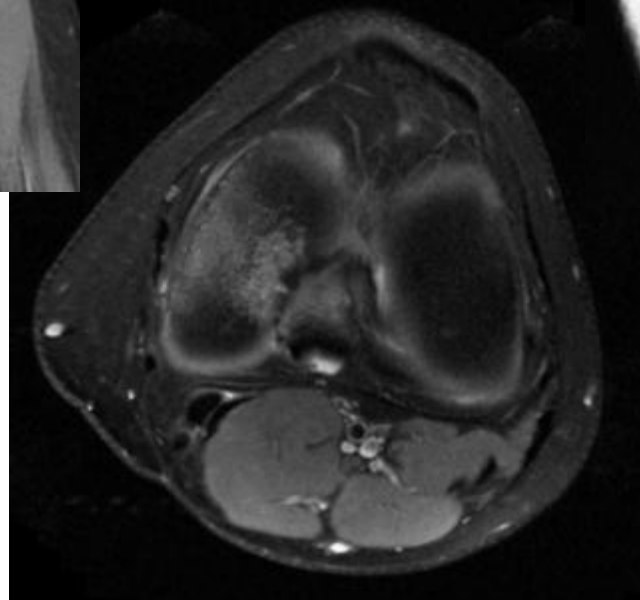




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# MRI 7/29/09





# Post-op 9/30/09

## Osteochondral Allograft to MFC





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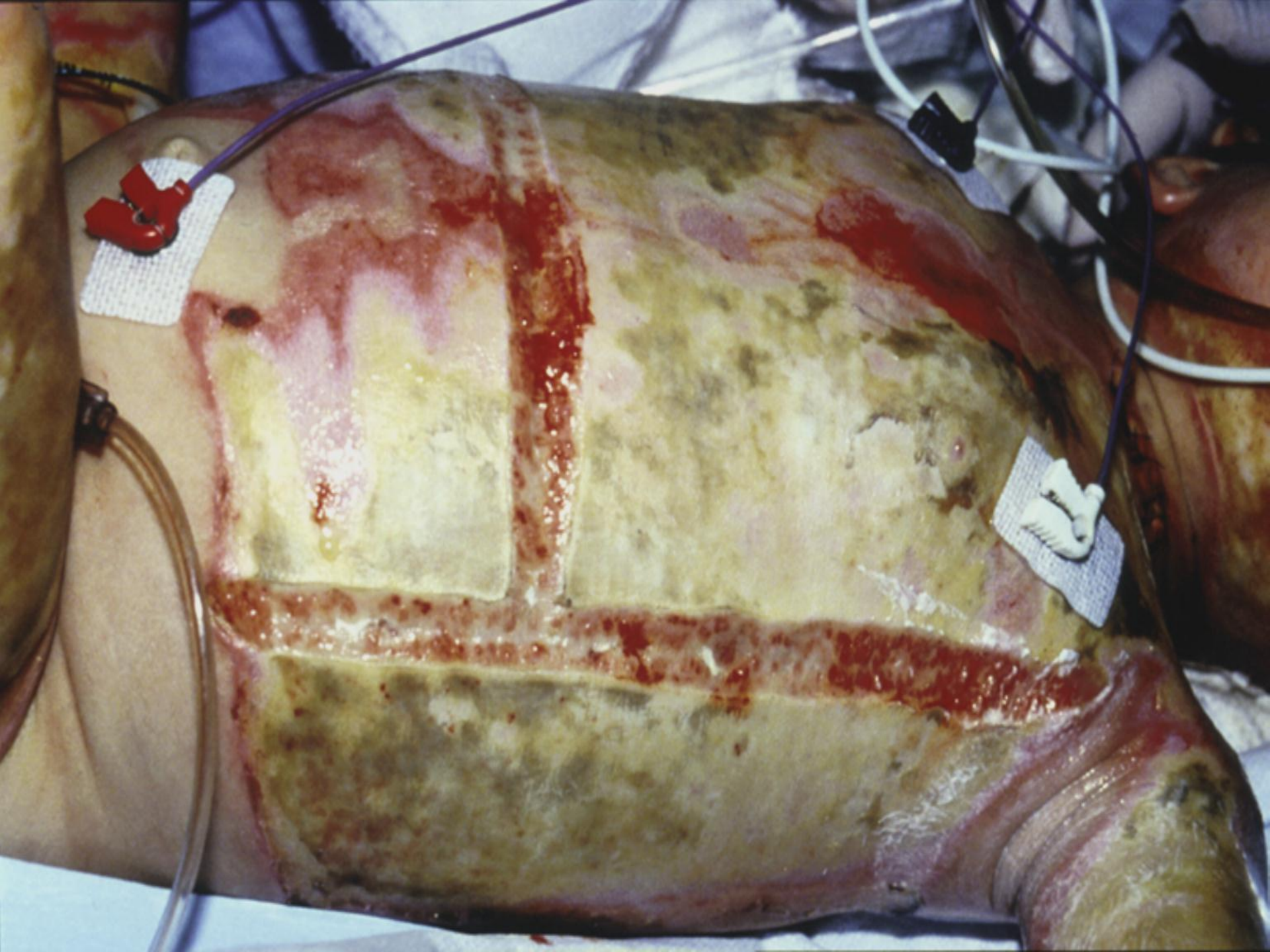


# Human Allograft Skin

## Traditional Indications for Use

### Excised burn wounds

- ◆ Partially excised burn wounds
- ◆ Extensive skin disorders
- ◆ Test wound bed for autografting
- ◆ Dermis template for cultured skin
- ◆ Necrotic wound infected
- ◆ Chronic wounds

















24 yo osteonecrosis humeral head  
due to high dose steroids for a  
closed head injury







# 22 yo female, shot in leg while watching television

- Entrance medially
- Exit anteriorly
- No N/V damage!
- Initial I & D







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