

## CONGENITAL UPPER LIMB DEFORMITIES

### SWANSON'S CLASSIFICATION

#### 1. Failure of Part formation

Transverse absence: Congenital amputation

Longitudinal absence: Radial Club hand  
Ulnar Club hand  
Cleft hand

#### 2. Failure of Part Differentiation

Radioulnar synostosis  
Camptodactyly  
Trigger thumb  
Syndactyly

**3. Duplication** Polydactyly: Pre-axial, Post-axial

**4. Overgrowth** Macroductyly

**5. Undergrowth** Thumb hypoplasia (Blauth)

#### 6. Miscellaneous

Constriction ring syndrome  
Congenital dislocation of radial head  
Madelung's deformity

### FACTS

Congenital anomalies affect 1% to 2% of newborns

Approximately 10% of those children have upper-extremity

Genetics

Trisomy of 21, 18, 13 Polydactyly, Syndactyly

Apert's syndrome AD

Environmental factors:

Drugs: Thalidomide, Dilantin, Warfarin

## ASSESSMENT

Initial visit: an emotion filled event.

Parents: Underlying guilt.

Parents have difficult for families to accept.

Risk for Future Pregnancies: Genetic counselling

## TRANSVERSE AMPUTATION

Part distal is missing.

Rare

Eg: Absence hand at wrist

## INTERCALARY AMPUTATION

Segment in between is absent.

More common with Thalidomide Intake during pregnancy



## RADIAL CLUB HAND

1: 30,000

Bilateral in 60%

### Clinical

Absence of radius and radial rays

Bowing of the ulna

Associated

- Anal atresia
- Tracheo- oesopharyngeal fistula
- Radial bone absence
- Renal anomalies
- Cardiac anomalies



## Treatment

Use of serial casts

Realignment and stabilization: Lower end of ulna is transferred radially.

Tendon transfers - Ulnar side tendons transferred radial side

Correction of the ulnar bowing – osteotomy

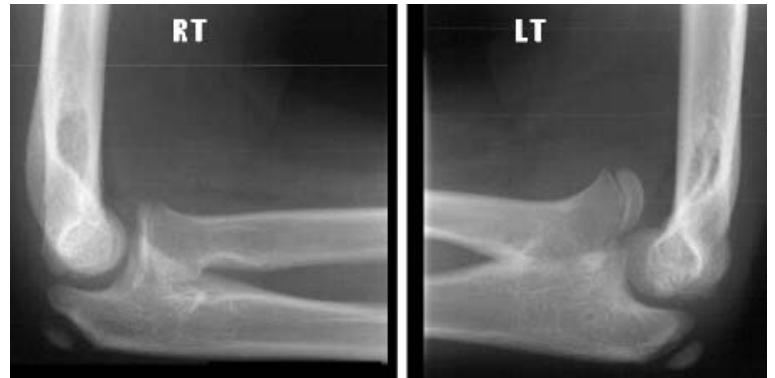
## RADIO-ULNAR SYNOSTOSES

AD;

Bilateral in 60%

Site: Proximal 1/3 of forearm

Deformity: Forearm pronation



Rx: Leave it alone.

When bilateral: rotational osteotomy in one forearm to a functional position

## TRIGGER THUMB

Often bilateral, with fixed flexion of thumb

If present >1 yrs Rarely recover

Treatment: - Surgery

Release A1 pulley [base of the tendon sheath]



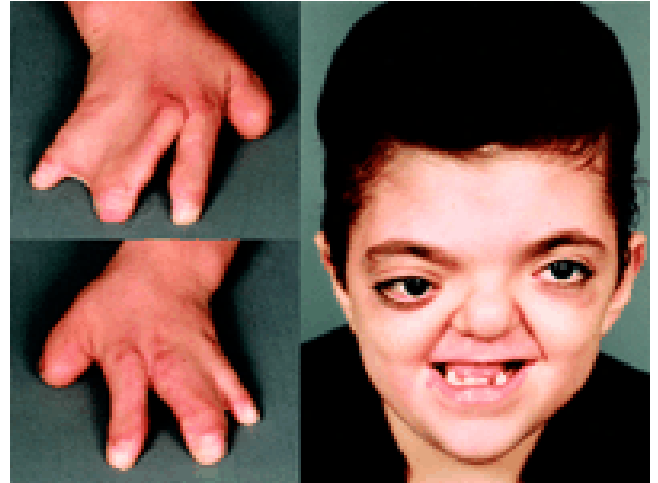
## SYNDACTYLY

Syndactyly: Syn = together in Greek

Mnemonic 5,15,50,30:[Thumb and Index 5%;  
Ring and little: 30%]

More common in white males, AD

Present bilaterally in 50%



**Types:** I Isolated

II Complex Trisomy 13, 14, 21

Apart syndrome [clinodactyly; facies]

Holt Oram Syndrome [ASD, Radial club hand]

Poland's [Absence of Pectoralis major]

## Treatment

Surgery: At 18 months old.

Full-thickness skin grafting is almost always required for soft tissue coverage.

## Technique

Mark the skin flaps Z plasty

Dorsal butterfly flap, to make the web

Both sides of the same digit : never separated on the same day (>6 wks)

## **POLYDACTYLY**

### **POST AXIAL POLYDACTYLY**

Post axial [next to the little finger]

Is a common hand anomaly

10 times more in Blacks

AD

Nonsyndromal



### **PRE AXIAL POLYDACTYLY**

Preaxial [next to the thumb]

Is common duplication in whites

AR [ 17 chromosome]

Syndromal

### **Treatment**

Excise the rudimentary finger

## **MACRODACTYLY**

-Hamartomatous enlargement of soft tissue

-Associated with neurofibromatosis

When hemi-hypertrophy, suspect

Wilm's tumor

Adrenal carcinoma

Hepatoblastoma

### **Treatment**

Debulking,

Osteotomy

Epiphysiodesis



## CONSTRICTION RING SYNDROME [CRS]

Also called: Streeeter's syndrome

1 in 15,000 live births

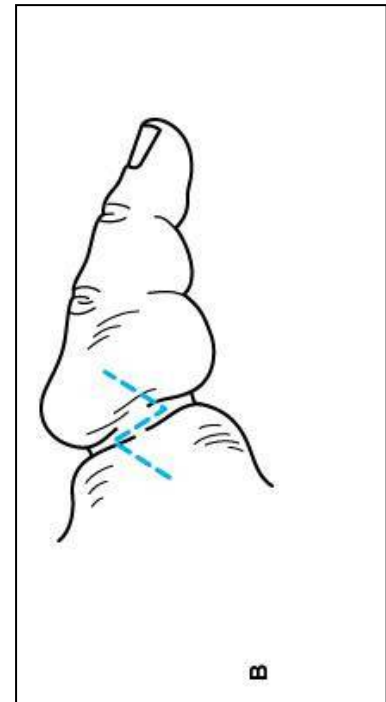
The etiology of CRS is unclear

It is not genetic

CRS frequently affects both arms and all four limbs

Commonly associated with clubfoot

Surgical treatment: Z-plasty of constriction



## CONGENITAL DISLOCATION OF THE ELBOW

Incidence: 0.16%

### D/D

Old Monteggia

Multiple endochondromatosis or exostosis

Radio-ulnar synostosis

**Clinical:** Family history; Bilateral anomaly;  
Loss of supination

**Radiological:** Hypoplasia of the Capitulum  
Dome shaped Head

**Treatment:** If painful, excision after maturity



## MADELUNG'S SYNDROME

Epiphyseal arrest on ulnar and volar half of the distal radius

Joint is directed ulnarward and volarward

AD variable expressivity; Females (4:1)

Wrist motion: Extension and supination are limited

X ray may show: Classical deformity  
Inferior Radio-ulnar dislocation

**Treatment**    Corrective osteotomy  
Physeal resection and fat graft`



## SPRENGEL'S SYNDROME

Failure of the normal caudal migration of the scapula

Associated with Congenital scoliosis

Klippel Fail syndrome

The superomedial scapula is connected to the proximal cervical spinous process through an omovertebral connection (bone, cartilage) in 30%

**Treatment:** Surgical correction



## TORTICOLLES

Associated with other “Molding disorders”

Hip dysplasia

Metatarsus adductus

Plagiocephaly



**Treatment**      Stretching exercise 90% good results

.                      Surgery if necessary at one year (Distal or proximal release or both)

**Look for**        Upper cranial anomaly

Ophthalmologic disorder

Posterior fossa brain tumor

## KLIPPEL FAIL SYNDROME

Low hair line

Limited ROM of the neck

Can be associated with Sprengle’s shoulder,

Renal or cardiac anomaly

Avoid contact sports





### 3. LOWER LIMB CONGENITAL DEFORMITIES

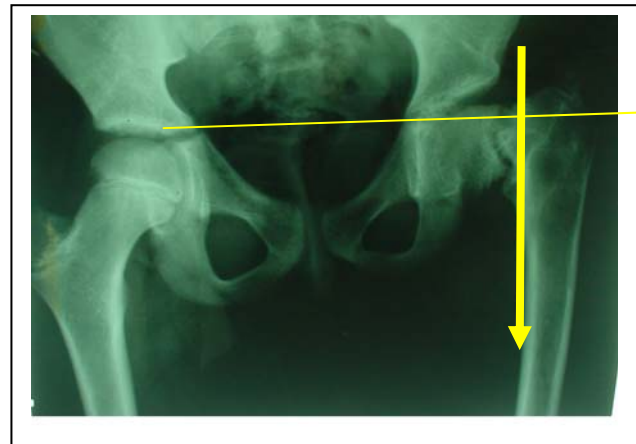
#### INFANTILE COXA VARA

##### Clinical

- Trendlenburg gait
- Adduction is more than abduction
- Supratrochanteric shortening

##### X ray

- Coxa Vara  $<110^\circ$
- Hilgenreiner epiphyseal angle  $> 60^\circ$



**Treatment** Corrective Valgus osteotomy

#### PROXIMAL FEMORAL DEFICIENCY

- Can be associated with absence of fibula.
- tarsal coalition is common

##### Type A [congenital short femur]

- Gap between proximal and distal femur, which ossifies by maturity
- Femur is 80% short

##### Type B

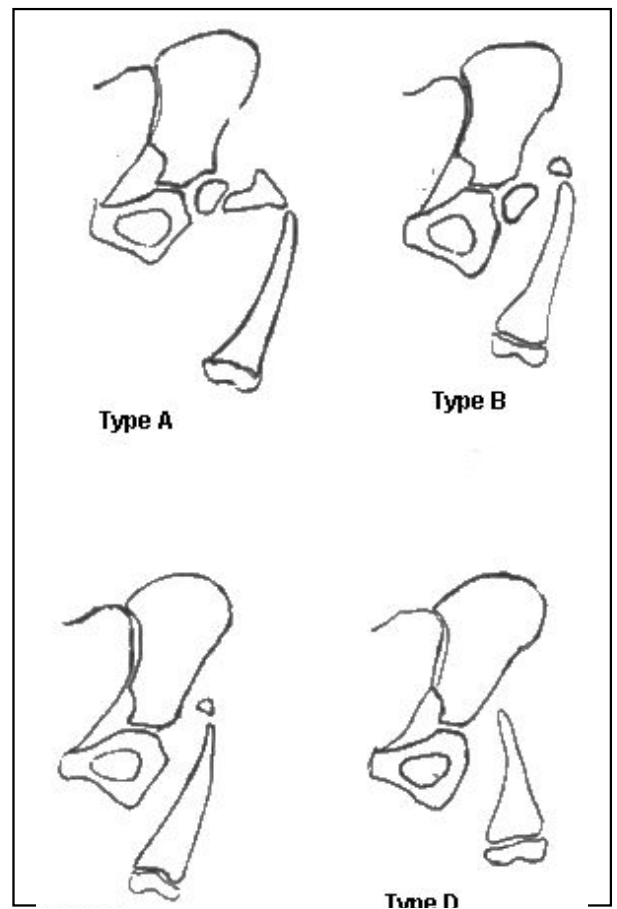
- The femoral head and acetabulum are hypoplastic;
- The femoral gap does not unite

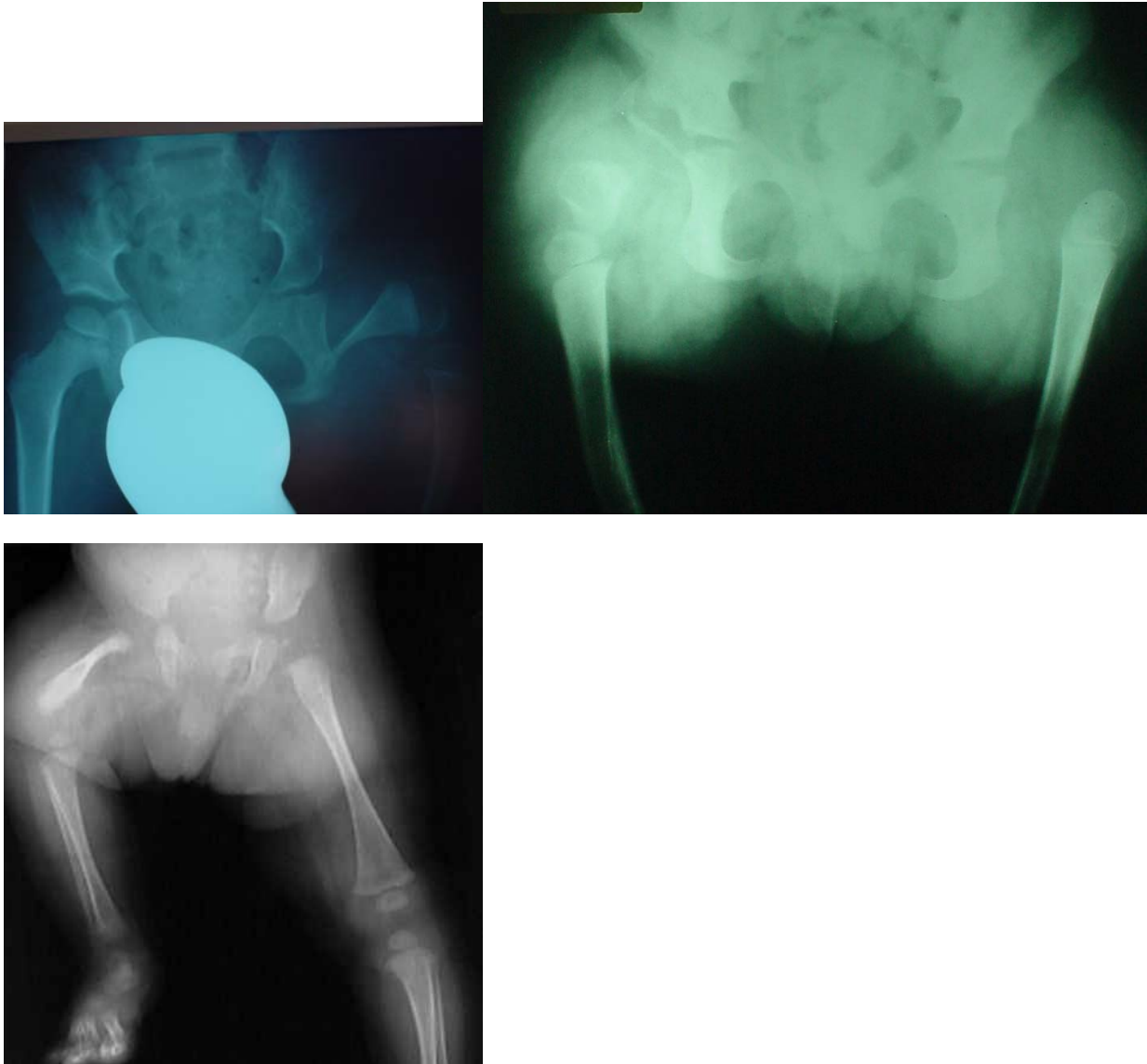
##### Type C

- The Femoral head is absent
- The Acetabulum is present but dysplastic

##### Type D

- The femoral head and acetabulum: absent





## Treatment

Type I      Ilizarov lengthening of the femur

Type II      Valgus osteotomy and fusion

Type III and IV

Extended prosthesis

Syme's and extended prosthesis

Knee fusion and Syme's [Brown]

Van Ness procedure: Informed consent and Psych evaluation

## ABSENCE OF FIBULA

Absence of Fibula more common than tibia

Can be associated

PFFD,  
ACL absence,  
Toe ray absence

Tarsal coalition

Tibial bowing: Anteromedial bow



Treatment Syme's amputation

## POSTEROMEDIAL BOWING TIBIA

Postural

Posteromedial bowing of tibia

Is usually benign

Observe for shortening of the limb



Treatment: Regresses with stretching exercises

## ANTEROLATERAL BOWING OF TIBIA

Rare but serious condition

### Treatment

Protective brace

Bone graft and fixation of tibia

Some times repeat operation

May need disarticulation of the ankle



## **CONGENITAL VERTICAL TALUS**

Autosomal dominant

Associated with: trisomy of 13

Talus remain in plantar flexion both in dorsiflexion and plantarflexion.

**Treatment:** Soft release and plaster cast

