

# Precourse 11: Arthroscopic Management of Carpal Instability

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## **PROGRAM**

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7:00 AM - 9:20 AM

Session 1: Scapholunate Instability

David J. Slutsky, MD | Guillaume Herzberg, MD, PhD

7:00 AM - 7:10 AM

SL Instability: Diagnosis and Grading  
William B. Geissler, MD

7:10 AM - 7:20 AM

Arthroscopic gap measurement for SL Instability  
Shohei Omokawa, MD

7:20 AM - 7:30 AM

Association of the Geissler grade following ligament sectioning  
Steve K. Lee, MD

7:30 AM - 7:40 AM

Arthroscopic Pinning for SL Instability  
A. Lee Osterman, MD

7:40 AM - 7:50 AM

Arthroscopic treatment for grade 1 and 2 SL instability  
David S. Ruch, MD

7:50 AM - 8:00 AM

Arthroscopic treatment for grades 3 and 4 SL instability  
Dean G. Sotereanos, MD

8:00 AM - 8:10 AM

Associated Lesions with SL Instability  
Randall W. Culp, MD

8:10 AM - 8:20 AM

Arthroscopic Corelli SL ligament reconstruction  
Nicholas Charles Smith, MD

8:20 AM - 8:30 AM

Arthroscopic RASL  
Michael R. Hausman, MD

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Imaging and anatomical considerations for RADICL repair  
Scott W. Wolfe, MD

8:40 AM - 8:50 AM

Arthroscopic repair of DIC ligament  
Ubaldo Ayala, MD

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Arthroscopic Wrist Debridement and Radial Styloidectomy for SLAC wrist  
Melvin P. Rosenwasser, MD

9:00 AM - 9:10 AM

Arthroscopic Resection for Advanced SLAC Wrist  
Tyson K. Cobb, MD

9:10 AM - 9:20 AM

Arthroscopic arthrodesis for SLAC wrist  
Francisco del Piñal, MD

9:20 AM - 10:40 AM

Session 2: Lunotriquetral Instability  
David J. Slutsky, MD | Guillaume Herzberg, MD, PhD

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LT Instability: Diagnosis and Grading  
Toshiyasu Nakamura, MD, PhD

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The Floating Lunate  
Alejandro Badia, MD

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Arthroscopic Tx vs. Graft for gr IV LT instability  
Jan-Ragnar Haugstvedt, MD

9:50 AM - 10:00 AM

Role of Arthroscopy for Radiocarpal Dislocation  
David J. Slutsky, MD

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Arthroscopy for Lunate Fractures with Radiocarpal and Midcarpal Instabilities  
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Arthroscopic Treatment of PLD and PLFD  
Bo Liu, MD

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Arthroscopic Treatment of Perilunate Injuries  
Guillaume Herzberg, MD, PhD

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Arthroscopic DRCL repairs  
Mark Ross, FRACS

10:40 AM - 11:00 AM  
Session 3: Midcarpal Instability  
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Arthroscopy and MCI  
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Role of Arthroscopy in treatment of Palmar Midcarpal Instability  
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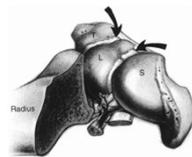
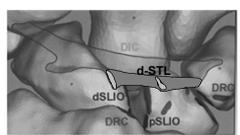
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**SL joint Stabilizer**

<p><b>Primary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ SLIOL (Dorsal, Proximal, Palmar)</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Secondary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ DIC (dorsal intercarpal)</li> <li>■ ST (scaphotrapezial)</li> <li>■ LRL (long radiolunate)</li> </ul> 
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> Berger RA J. Hand Surg, 1996  
 > Nanno M, Viegas SF: Hand Surgery Update 4

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**Analysis of Carpal Instability  
- Scapholunate (SL) Instability -**

Category I	Category II	Category III	Category IV	Category V
Chronicity	Constancy	Etiology	Direction	Pattern
> Acute (<1w)	> Pre-dynamic	> Traumatic	> DISI	> CID
> Subacute (1-6w)	> Dynamic	> Congenital	> VISI	> CIND
> Chronic (>6w)	> Static	> Inflammatory	> Ulnar	> CIC
		> Neoplastic	> Vertical	> CIA
		> Iatrogenic	> Combined	

> Larsen CF, Amadio PC, Gilula LA, et al: JHS-am 1995  
 > Watson H, et al: JHS-Br, 1993

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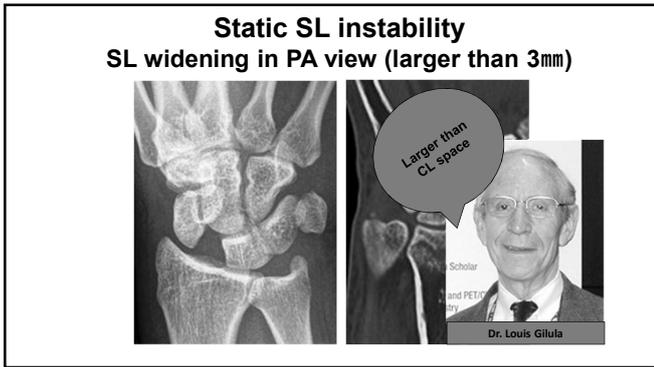
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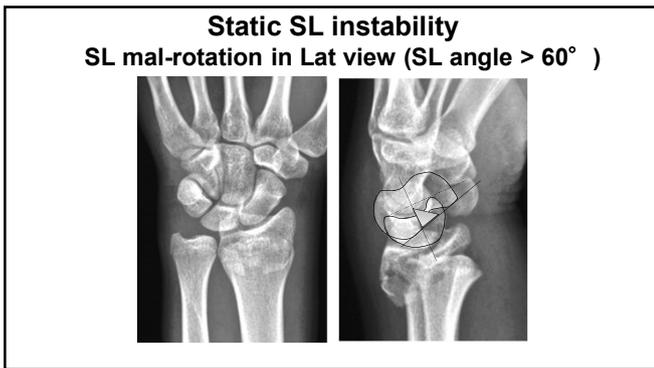
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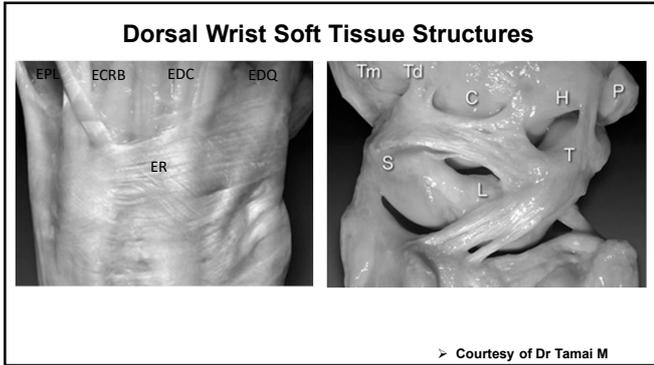
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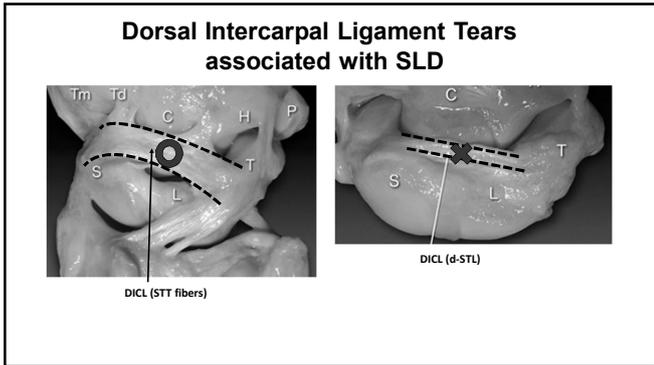
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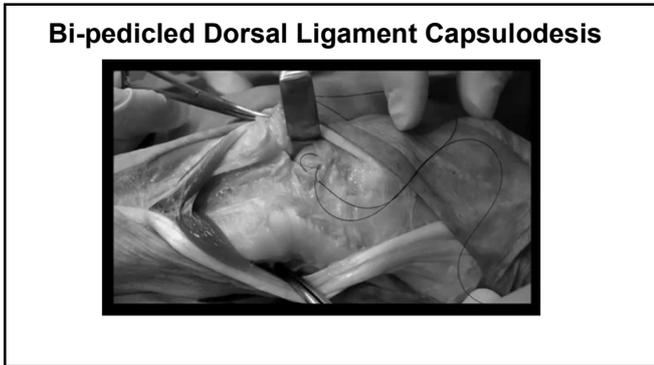
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51Y-F: Chronic, Static, Reducible, Cartilage Healthy (stage 4)



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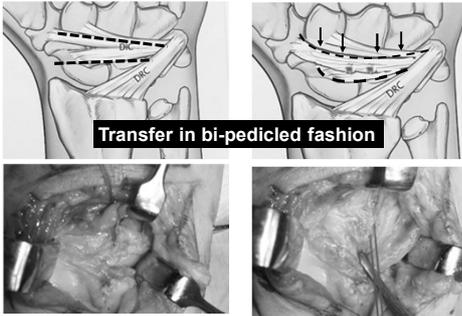
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Bipedicled Dorsal Ligament Capsulodesis



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Temporary Screw Fixation for 3 months



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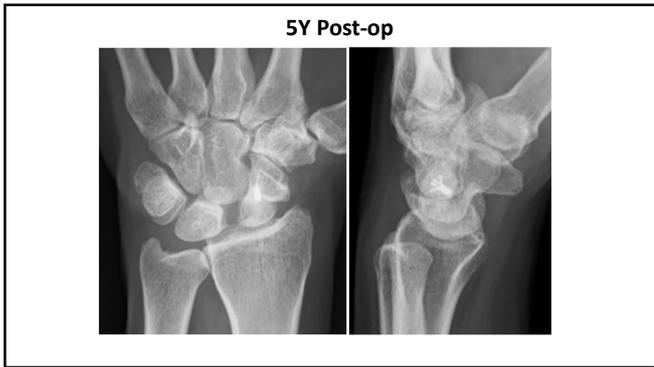
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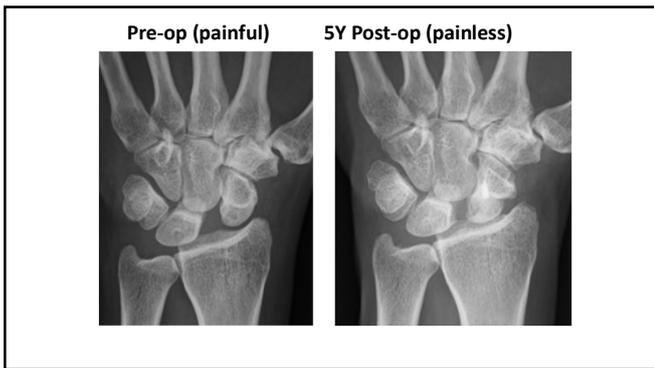
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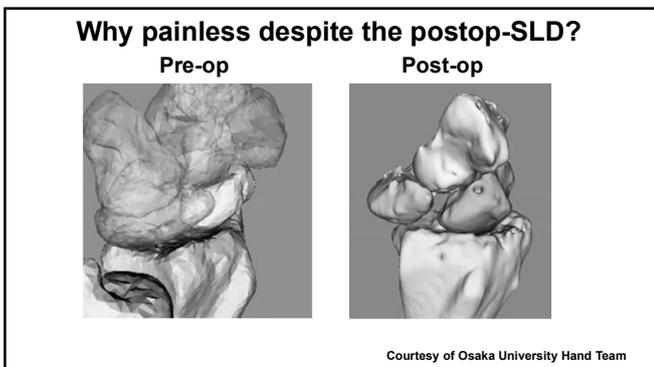
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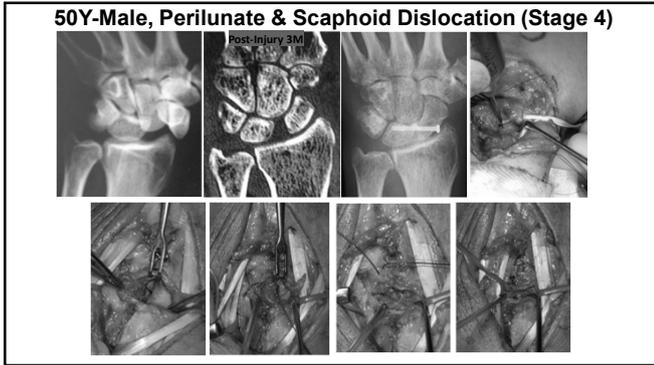
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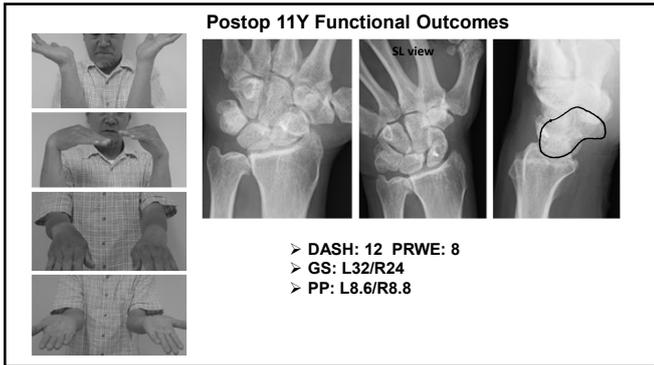
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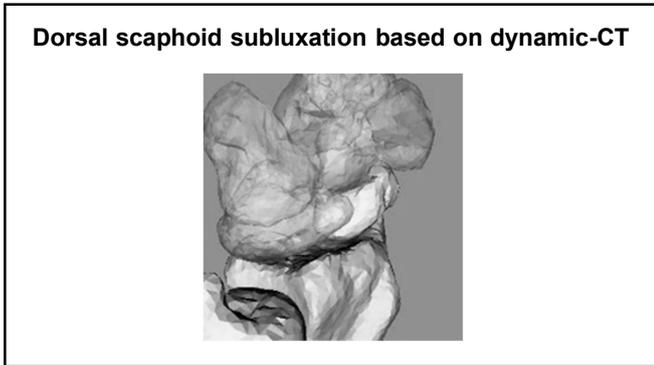
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**Lateral wrist X-ray is more important than PA view**

➤ Omori, Moritomo, Omokawa et al: JHS 2013

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**Dorsal Scaphoid Subluxation correlate with Wrist pain & Disability (PRWE)**

	SLIL	Controls	p-Value
SL gap	4.1 mm (±1.4)	2.0 mm (±0.5)	p < 0.001
SL angle	76.7° (±11.2)	50.2° (±9.5)	p < 0.001
RL angle	14.4° (±10.4)	8.9° (±4.0)	p = 0.035
RS angle	63.0° (±8.7)	50.0° (±11.4)	p < 0.001

	SLIL	Controls	p-Value
Concentric circles	2.9 mm (±1.7)	0.9 mm (±1.1)	p < 0.001
DTL distance	2.5 mm (±1.9)	0.6 mm (±1.2)	p < 0.001
DTL	15/20 dorsal	4/20 dorsal	p < 0.001

DTL: Dorsal Tangential Line

➤ Chan K, Vutescu E, Wolfe Scott et al: IWIW 2018, JWS 2019

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**18yo Male Rugby player (6M post injury)**

2.8mm SL gap in grip view

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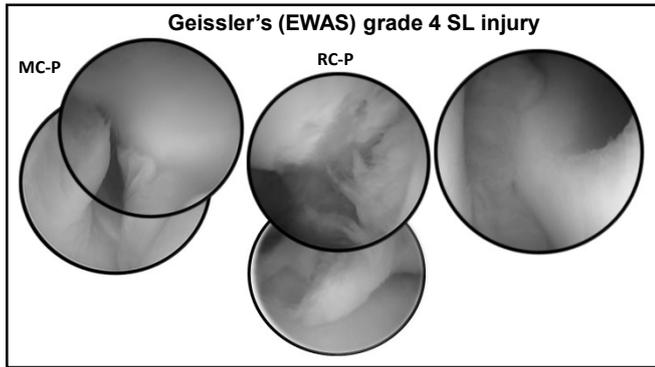
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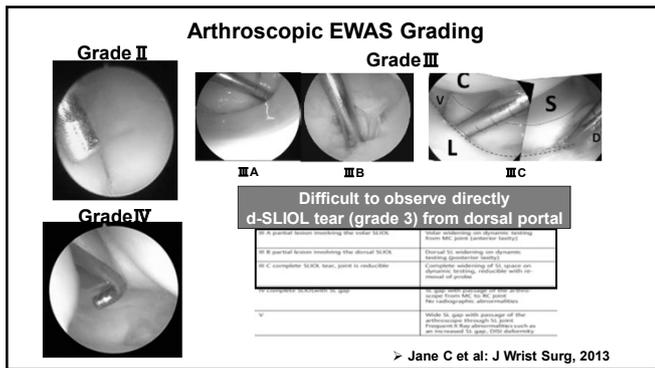
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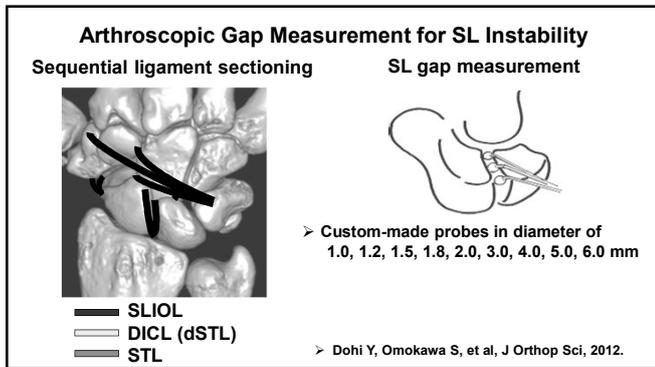
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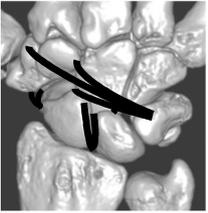
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**Arthroscopic Gap Measurement for SL Instability**

Sequential ligament sectioning



Staging

- Stage 0: intact
- Stage 1: v,p-SLIOL
- Stage 2: d-SLIOL
- Stage 3: partial d-STL
- Stage 4: complete d-STL
- Stage 5: STL

- SLIOL: scapulothoracic interosseous ligament
- d-STL: dorsal scapothoracic ligament
- STL: scapothoracic ligament

➢ Dohi Y, Omokawa S, et al, J Orthop Sci, 2012.

Legend:  
 — SLIOL  
 — DIOL (d-STL)  
 — STL

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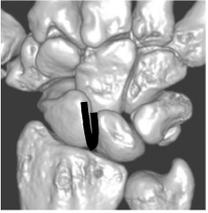
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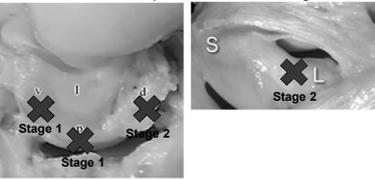
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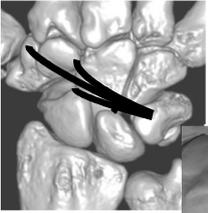
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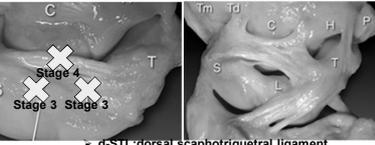
**Arthroscopic Gap Measurement for SL Instability**

Sequential ligament sectioning



Staging

- Stage 3: partial d-STL
- Stage 4: complete d-STL



- d-STL: dorsal scapothoracic ligament

Legend:  
 — SLIOL  
 — DIOL (d-STL)  
 — STL

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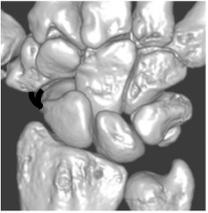
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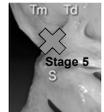
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### Arthroscopic Gap Measurement for SL Instability

**Sequential ligament sectioning**



**Staging**



**Stage 5: STL**

➤ STL: scaphotrapezial ligament

- SLIOL
- DIOL (d-STL)
- STL

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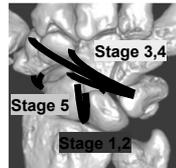
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### Results

	Static SL gap	Dynamic SL gap	
Stage 0	0.0 ± 0.0	0.3 ± 0.6	} p<0.01
Stage 1	0.0 ± 0.0	0.4 ± 0.8	
Stage 2	0.5 ± 0.6	2.2 ± 1.2 *	
Stage 3	0.5 ± 0.6	2.7 ± 1.4 *	
Stage 4	1.3 ± 0.8	4.1 ± 2.0 *	
Stage 5	1.4 ± 0.9	4.8 ± 1.5 *	



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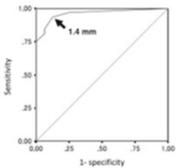
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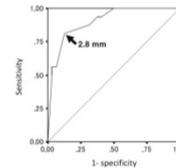
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### Results

#### AUC and Dynamic SL gap cut-off value -identifying SLIOL & d-STL tear-



➤ AUC: 0.94 for complete SLIOL tear  
➤ 1.4 mm gap showed 91% accuracy



➤ AUC: 0.90 for complete d-STL (DIOL) tear  
➤ 2.8 mm gap showed 85% accuracy

AUC (Area under the curve)

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**Summary**

- SL gap distance in static SL instability shows >3mm neutral PA view wrist X-ray (>CL joint space)
- SL angle in static SL instability shows >60 degrees in neutral lateral view wrist X-ray
- Dynamic SL instability reveals carpal malalignment in stress (grip view) and dynamic X-ray
- Dorsal scaphoid subluxation (>2mm) relative to radius (lateral view) contribute to wrist symptom
- Arthroscopic measurement of dynamic SL gap distance may identify complete SLIOL (1.4mm) and d-STL (2.8mm) tears

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# Association of the Geissler grade following ligament sectioning

## **Steve K. Lee, MD**

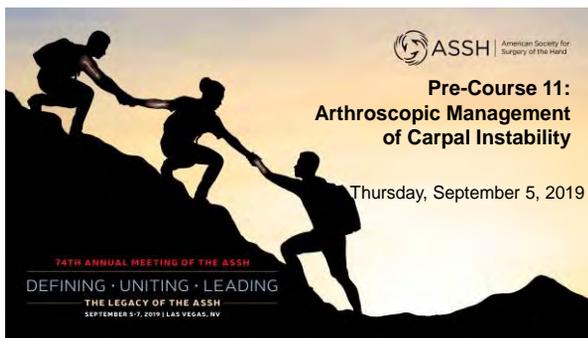
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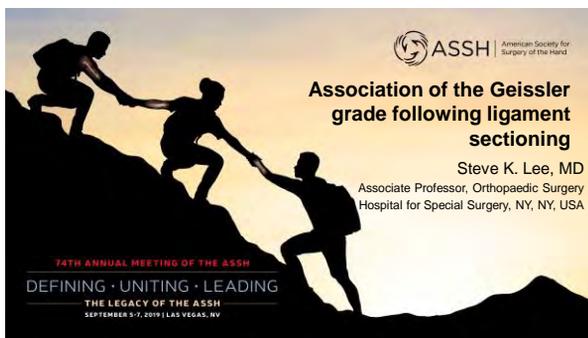
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- **Consultant: Axogen, J&J Depuy Synthes, Zimmer Biomet**
- **Speaker's panel: Axogen, J&J Depuy Synthes**




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# Introduction

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- The scapholunate ligament is the most common intra-carpal ligament injured
- Diagnosis of these injuries can be made by clinical examination, imaging studies and arthroscopic evaluation




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- Geissler published an arthroscopic classification to describe and grade the severity of scapholunate injuries (Geissler JBJS 1996)
- Commonly used in the literature and practice




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GRADE	DESCRIPTION
I	Attenuation, hemorrhage
II	Slight gap, = probe
III	Pass probe
IV	"Drive through"

From Geissler et al., JBJS, 1996




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GRADE	DESCRIPTION
I	Attenuation, hemorrhage
II	Slight gap, < probe
III	Pass probe
IV	"Drive through"

*From Geissler et al., JBJS, 1996*



radiocarpal



midcarpal




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GRADE	DESCRIPTION
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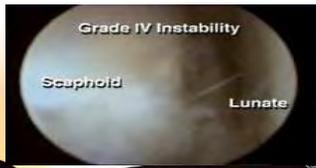
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• **Treatment algorithms have been based on this classification system**

- Abe et al. JHS Br 2006
- Earp et al. JBJS 2006
- O' Meeghan et al. JHS Br 2006
- Piecha et al. KSSTA 1999




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SCIENTIFIC ARTICLE

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**Association of Lesions of the Scapholunate Interval  
With Arthroscopic Grading of Scapholunate  
Instability Via the Geissler Classification**

Steve K. Lee, MD, Zina Model, BA, Healthy Desai, MD, Patricia Hsu, MD,  
Naler Paksima, DO, MPH, Gurpreet Dhalwal, MD

2015




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**Purpose**

- **The purpose of this study was to determine if specific anatomic lesions of the scapholunate supporting structures correlate with different grades of the Geissler classification**




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## Materials & Methods

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Standard wrist arthroscopy was performed



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- The scapholunate supporting ligaments were then serially sectioned using both arthroscopic and open techniques
- The appearance of the scapholunate interval from both radiocarpal and midcarpal joints was recorded following each sectioning

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- Ligaments were sectioned in the following order:
    - vSLIL
    - mSLIL
    - dSLIL
    - RSC
    - LRL
    - DRC
    - DIC
    - STT
- (based on Short and Mayfield)*

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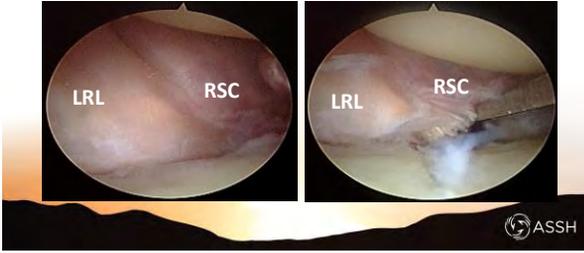
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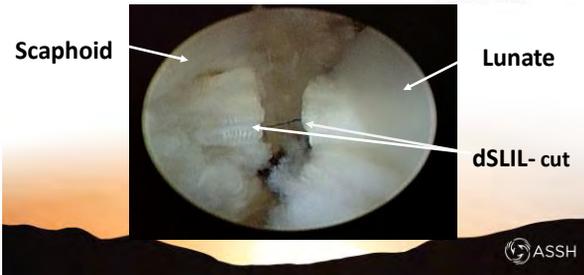
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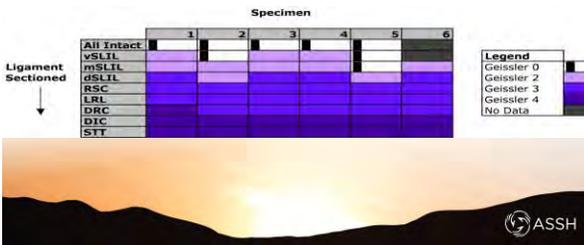
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## Results

Ligament Sectioned	Specimen					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
All Intact	-	-	-	-	-	-
vSLIL	-	-	-	-	-	-
mSLIL	-	-	-	-	-	-
dSLIL	-	-	-	-	-	-
RSC	-	-	-	-	-	-
LRL	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRC	-	-	-	-	-	-
DIC	-	-	-	-	-	-
STT	-	-	-	-	-	-

Legend	
Geissler 0	-
Geissler 2	-
Geissler 3	-
Geissler 4	-
No Data	-

- Geissler grade 2 injuries occurred with lesions of the intrinsic ligaments only
- Most commonly involved only volar and membranous portions of the SLIL




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RSC	-	-	-	-	-	-
LRL	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRC	-	-	-	-	-	-
DIC	-	-	-	-	-	-
STT	-	-	-	-	-	-

Legend	
Geissler 0	-
Geissler 2	-
Geissler 3	-
Geissler 4	-
No Data	-

- Geissler grade 3 injuries usually first occurred with lesions of the dorsal SLIL
- Lesions through the volar extrinsic wrist ligaments continued to be represented as a Geissler grade 3 injury




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Ligament Sectioned	Specimen					
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mSLIL	-	-	-	-	-	-
dSLIL	-	-	-	-	-	-
RSC	-	-	-	-	-	-
LRL	-	-	-	-	-	-
DRC	-	-	-	-	-	-
DIC	-	-	-	-	-	-
STT	-	-	-	-	-	-

Legend	
Geissler 0	-
Geissler 2	-
Geissler 3	-
Geissler 4	-
No Data	-

- Geissler grade 4 injuries most commonly did not occur until the DIC was sectioned




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## Discussion

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- The Geissler grade progressively increased with sequential sectioning of the scapholunate supporting ligaments
- Lesions of the dorsal SLIL (Geissler 3) and the DIC (Geissler 4) represented key transition points with regards to progression through the Geissler grades




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## Conclusion

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- In a cadaveric model the arthroscopically determined Geissler grade can be correlated with specific anatomic lesions of the scapholunate supporting ligaments




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## Conclusion

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- Geissler grade 2: SLIL, volar and membranous portions
- Geissler grade 3: dorsal SLIL through RSC, LRL
- Geissler grade 4: DIC, STT




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# Conclusion

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- This information could help guide treatment after arthroscopic evaluation




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Precourse 11: Arthroscopic Management of Carpal Instability  
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# Arthroscopic Pinning for SL Instability

## **A. Lee Osterman, MD**

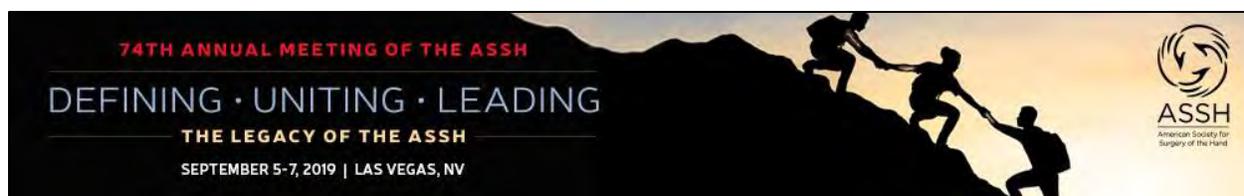
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# Arthroscopic treatment for grade 1 and 2 SL instability

## **David S. Ruch, MD**

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- Consulting Fee: ReSurge International



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# Arthroscopic treatment for grades 3 and 4 SL instability

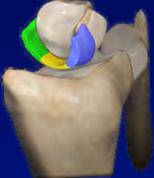
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**Arthroscopic Treatment  
for grades 3 & 4 SL Instability**



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**Scapholunate  
Interosseous Ligament Injuries**

- *Most common/significant wrist ligament injury*
  
- *Wide spectrum of injuries*
  
- *Diagnostic and treatment dilemma*

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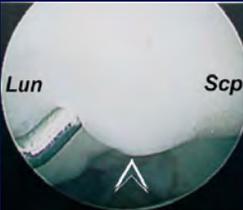
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**Geissler's Classification**

Grade I



**Occult Instability**

*redundancy / V sign*

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**Geissler's Classification**

Grade II



**Pre-Dynamic Instability**

*partial tear (proximal/membranous portion)  
minimal gapping*

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**Geissler's Classification**

Grade III



**Dynamic Instability**

*incongruence / gapping*

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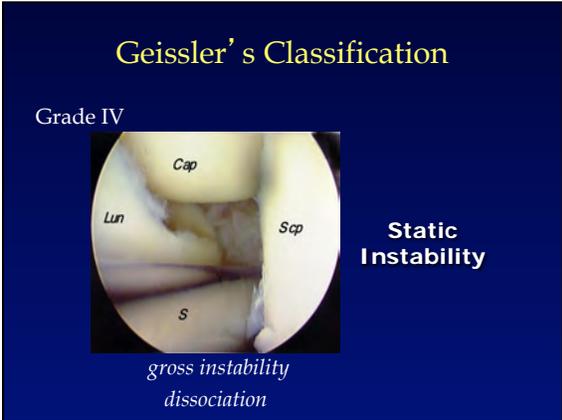
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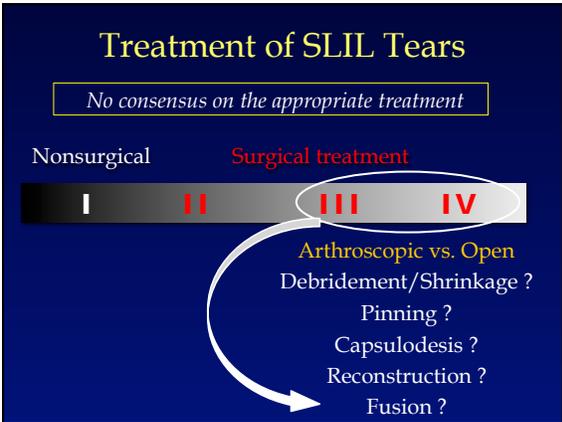
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### Treatment of Partial SLIL Tears

- Partial tears: grade II – III
- Treatment dilemma
- Described by Watson et al. (1997) as the **“dorsal wrist syndrome”**
- One of the main causes of dorsal wrist pain

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### Treatment of Partial SLIL Tears

Should we repair them?

- no radiographic signs of instability at 7 year f-up of untreated partial tears but...
- Persistent pain
- Limited ROM
- Functional limitations

O'Meehan Cj, Stuart W, Mamo V, Stanley JK, Trail IA. JHS 2003

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### Partial SLIL Tears

Arthroscopic debridement

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provides pain relief

stabilizing effect of scar tissue formation

partial denervation of the wrist

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*Geissler III & IV SLIL tears*  
*arthroscopic debridement*  
*&*  
*percutaneous pinning*

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**Arthroscopic Reduction and Percutaneous Pinning**

<b>GROUP I</b> symptoms <3 m SL interval <3 mm	<b>GROUP II</b> symptoms >3 m SL interval >3 mm
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- 83% of the pts were symptom-free
- 53% of the pts were symptom-free

**Chronicity and static instability are negative prognostic factors**

*Whipple TL. Hand Clin 1995*

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**Arthroscopic Debridement and Closed Pinning for Chronic Dynamic Scapholunate Instability**

*Chronic dynamic SLIL tears*

*“evaluation of aggressive arthroscopic debridement of the SLIL and closed pinning”*

*JHS Am 2006*

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### Material

- 11 pts mean age 37 y (range 23-50 y)
- Chronic Dynamic S-L Instability
- Pain with loading of the wrist and weakness
- Time from injury to surgery - 7 m

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### Arthroscopic findings

Geissler III: 5



Geissler IV: 6



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### Technique

#### Aggressive Arthroscopic Debridement

- Removal of all residual SLIL
- Removal of SL interval cartilage to bleeding bone



#### Closed Pinning under Fluoroscopy

- 2 K/W to SL joint
- 1 or 2 K/W to SC joint



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### Results

- Mean follow-up **33 m** (12-76 m)
- Functional outcome (Modified Mayo Wrist Score):  
    *excellent: 2, good: 4, fair: 1, poor: 4*
- 3 failures => re-operated (capsulodesis/arthrodesis)

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### Results

#### *Geissler Grade III vs IV tears:*

- younger age at presentation
- better final:
  - wrist scores
  - ROM
  - grip strength

**BUT**

*None of these differences reached statistical significance*

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### *Arthroscopic Debridement and Percutaneous Pinning*

#### **Conclusions**

- *Geissler Grade III tears*  
    *May be a better indication for this procedure*
- *An option for pts who:*
  - *require maintenance of wrist motion*
  - *do not desire an open procedure*

Darlis NA, Kaufmann RA, Giannoulis F, Sotereanos DG. JHS Am 2006

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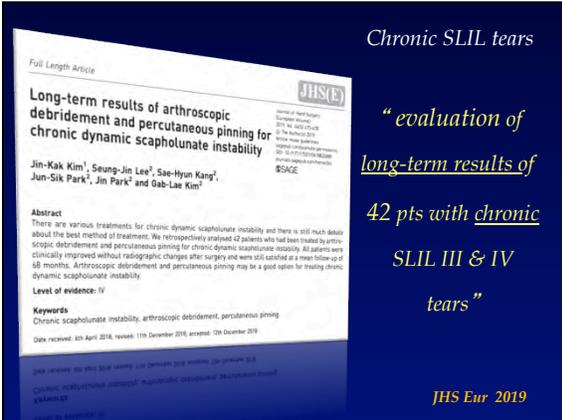
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### Material

- 42 pts mean age 32 y (range 19-57 y)
- Geissler III: 30 & Geissler IV: 12
- Chronic Dynamic S-L Instability
- Time from injury to surgery - 9 m (4-14 m)

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### Results

- Mean follow-up 68 m (minimum 60 m)
- All pts clinical improvement
- Modified Mayo Wrist Score:  
mean pre-op: 62 post-op: 88
- No DISI

Kim LK, Lee SL, Kang SH, Park JS, Park J, Kim GL. JHS Eur 2019

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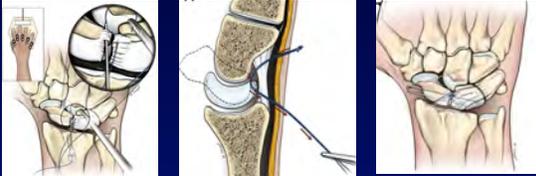
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Arthroscopic dorsal capsuloligamentous  
SL ligament repair



Garcia-Elias's staging system:  
stage 2: 3 pts  
stage 3: 25 pts  
stage 4: 29 pts

only for stage 4:  
add pinning KWs

57 pts

Wahegaonkar AL, Mathoulin CL, J Wrist Surg 2013

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Results

- Mean follow-up 30.7 m (18-43 m)
- All pts clinical improvement  
ROM, pain VAS score, grip strength
- DASH Score:  
mean pre-op: 46.04 post-op: 8.3
- DISI was corrected

Wahegaonkar AL, Mathoulin CL, J Wrist Surg 2013

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Geissler III & IV SLIL tears

arthroscopic -assisted  
combined dorsal & volar  
SL ligament reconstruction  
with tendon graft

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**Results**

- Mean follow-up **48.3 m**  
(11-132 m)
- 11 pts no pain  
6 pts pain at extreme of motion
- 13/17 pts return to pre-injury job level
- 4/17 pts: asymptomatic recurrent DISI
- 1/17 pts: asymptomatic necrosis proximal scaphoid



*Ho PC, Wong CW, Tse WL. J Wrist Surg 2015*

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*Geissler III & IV SLIL tears*

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*SL ligament reconstruction*

*with tendon graft*

*(modified Brunelli)*

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**Modified Brunelli technique**



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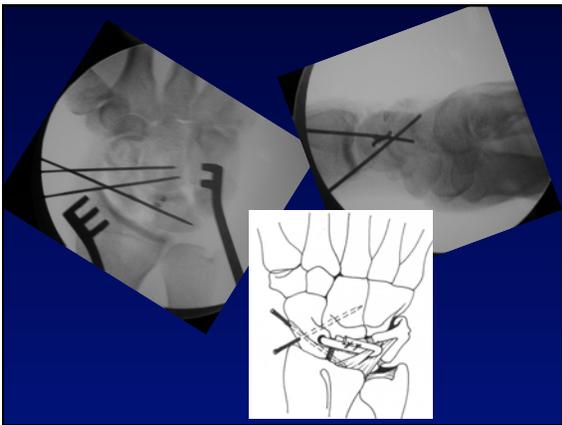
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Closed and Arthroscopic Options

When Will It Work?

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- *Arthroscopic debridement and pinning in the acute setting comprise a good option for Geissler III partial tears in a younger patient cohort*
- *The results of debridement are less satisfactory in cases of complete tears*
- *Chronic complete tears are contraindication for closed treatment*

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**Thank you**

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# Associated Lesions with SL Instability

**Randall W. Culp, MD**

- Royalty: Arthrosurface
- Consulting Fee: Arthrex



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# Arthroscopic Corelli SL ligament reconstruction

**Nicholas Charles Smith, MD**

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# Arthroscopic RASL

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# Imaging and anatomical considerations for RADICL repair

## **Scott W. Wolfe, MD**

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## Anatomy of the Dorsal ScaphoLunoTriquetral Ligament Complex

Wessel, L., Kim, D., Ayala-Gamboa, U.A., Ross, M., Couzens, G., Wolfe, S.W.

### Introduction

Considerable controversy surrounds the anatomy of the dorsal ligament complex of the proximal carpal row. There is little consensus on the precise origin and insertion points of the extrinsic dorsal radiocarpal (DRC) ligament and the intrinsic dorsal intercarpal (DIC) ligaments. Whether or not the DIC and DRC insert on the lunate is debated. The dorsal scaphotriquetral ligament (DST) has been variably described as a labral-like extension of the proximal row over the dorsal capitate, or a component of the dorsal intercarpal ligament. The purpose of our study is to describe the frequency and dimensions of the insertion sites of the DRC, DST and DIC on the lunate, and the anatomic relationship of the DST and DIC ligaments. We hypothesize that the intracapsular DST and DRC ligaments consistently insert on the dorsal lunate, and the DST represents the deep component of the DIC, intimately bound to the dorsal scapholunate and lunotriquetral ligaments.

### Methods

Fourteen fresh-frozen cadaveric specimens (6 M, 8F), age 70.6 (range 61 to 86) were imaged under fluoroscopy to confirm anatomic posture and alignment of the proximal carpal row. Wrists were excluded if they demonstrated arthritis in the radiocarpal or intercarpal joints, or carpal malalignment, as defined by abnormal radio-lunate and scapholunate angles and scapholunate widening. The DRC and DIC ligaments were visually inspected, photographed and measured *in situ*. All measurements were made in radial-ulnar direction and proximal distal-direction at the midpoints of the insertion. The conjoined DRC/DIC ligament insertion on the triquetrum was measured and osteotomized tangentially and lifted radially. The insertion sites of the DIC-DST and DRC on the lunate were measured and divided tangentially to expose the dSLIL. Finally, the DIC-DST insertion on the scaphoid ridge and trapezium-trapezoid were measured in a similar fashion. Insertion areas were approximated by multiplying the two distances, assuming a rectangular shape, and then were mapped to anatomic models.

### Results

The conjoined triquetral insertion of the DIC-DST and DRC measures  $89.6 \pm 6.2 \text{ mm}^2$ . In each specimen, the DST represented an inseparable deep subsection of the DIC, and had strong attachments to the lunate  $65.0 \pm 28.3 \text{ mm}^2$ , and scaphoid ridge  $67.4 \pm 26.8 \text{ mm}^2$ . The DRC consistently inserted on the lunate just proximal to the DIC-DST insertion over a smaller surface area,  $29.3 \pm 27.6 \text{ mm}^2$ . The DIC-DST is intimately integrated with the dSLIL, and inserts along the entire dorsal scaphoid ridge  $67.4 \pm 26.8 \text{ mm}^2$ , creating a labral-like covering of the dorsal capitate. The DIC consistently inserted on the trapezoid.

### Discussion

These data demonstrate a consistent insertion of both the DIC and DRC on the lunate, confirming Viegas' findings. We found the DST to be intimately related to the DIC, and that it constituted a stout deep subsection of the DIC that spanned the entire proximal row with robust insertion sites on each bone. This may be better identified as the "deep DIC" or the "dorsal scapholunotriquetral" ligament (DSLTL), and we believe that the DSLTL represents the insertion of the DIC on the three bones of the proximal carpal row. The dorsal lunate ligament insertion zone, or "bare area" is an important anatomic landmark, and should be respected in surgical exposures of the wrist. Finally, we disagree with Viegas that the DIC attachment on the trapezoid is variable, finding a consistent extension across the midcarpal joint to the trapezoid, increasing its labral-like enclosure of the capitate.

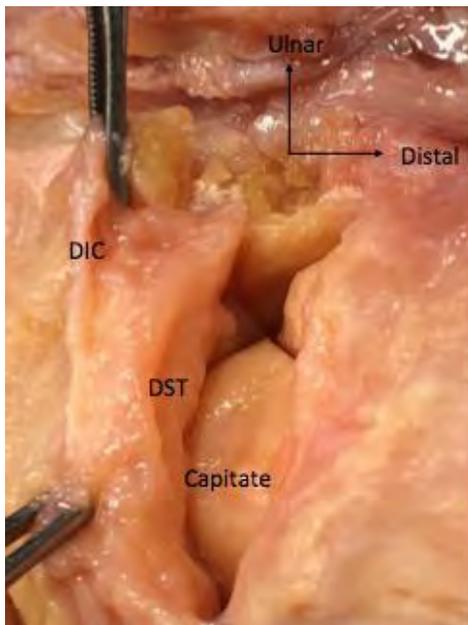


**Hagert, E. 2008**



**Wessel/Wolfe Modifications, 2019**

**Figure 1. Anatomic mapping of ligament insertions in comparison to Hagert, 2008.**



**Figure 2. The DIC-DST is intimately integrated with the dSLIL, creating a labral-like covering of the dorsal capitate.**

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# Arthroscopic repair of DIC ligament

**Ubaldo Ayala, MD**

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# Arthroscopic Wrist Debridement and Radial Styloidectomy for SLAC wrist

**Melvin P. Rosenwasser, MD**

- Consulting Fee: Stryker Acumed Zimmer Biomet Conexions



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# Arthroscopic Resection for Advanced SLAC Wrist

**Tyson K. Cobb, MD**

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# Arthroscopic Resection Arthroplasty of Radial Column (ARARC) for SLAC wrist

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- I have no relevant financial discloses
- Past president International wrist arthroscopy society- Formerly known as EWAS

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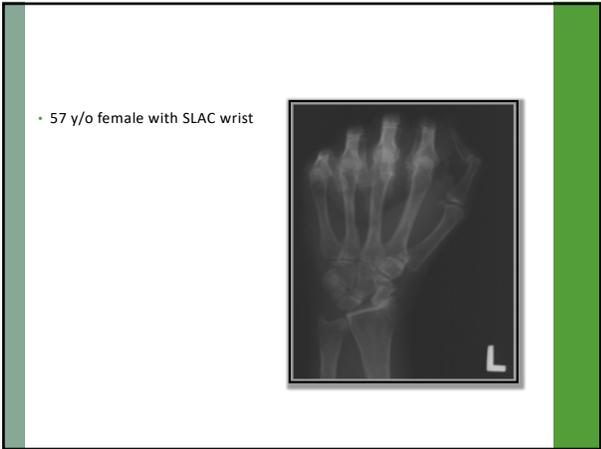
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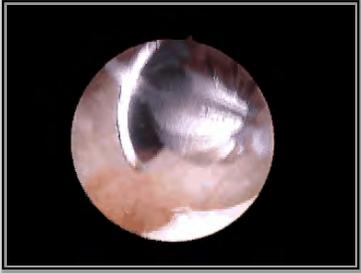
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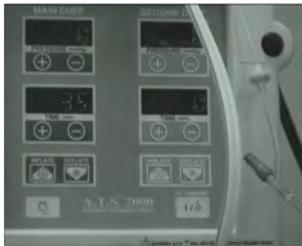
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Postop



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### 4 months postop

- No pain
- Range of Motion- 50/50



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### 8 Year Follow-up

- Pain 0/10
- Satisfaction 5/5

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- 65 y/o male with SNAC wrist
- Radial impingement pain



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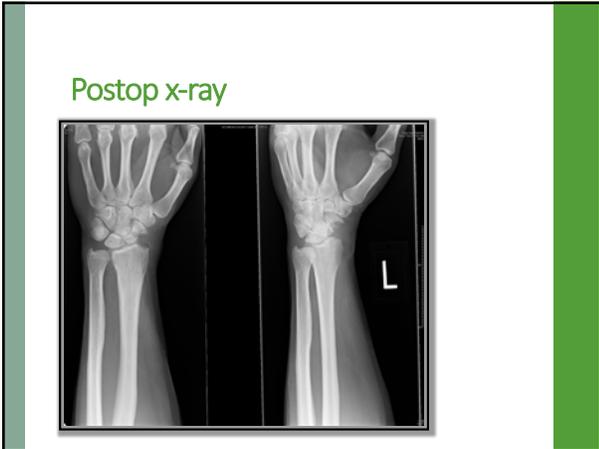
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2 months postop

- 95% pain relief
- Bowling 2x's per week
- Range of Motion
  - 15° flexion
  - 60° extension
  - 10° radial deviation
  - 25° ulnar deviation

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### 5 Year Follow-up

- "Best it's Ever Been"
- Pain 0/10
- Satisfaction 5/5

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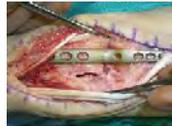
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### SLAC Wrist: Minimally Invasive Treatment

Arthroscopic Resection Arthroplasty of the Radial Column



Wrist fusion



Proximal Row Carpectomy

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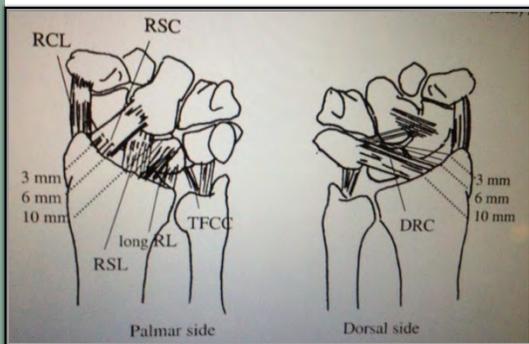
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Toshiyasu Nakamura, et al. J Hand Surg. Jan 2001;26A(1).

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### indications

- Pain over radial styloid
- Dorsal pain may not go away
- Last procedure first?

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### Arthroscopic Resection Arthroplasty of the Radial Column for SLAC Wrist

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**Abstract** **Background:** Symptomatic advanced acrophase advanced collapse (SLAC) wrists are typically treated with extensive open procedures, including but not limited to scaphoidectomy plus trapezium resection (TR) and proximal row resection (PRC). Although a minimally invasive arthroscopic option would be desirable, no convincing reports exist in the literature. The purpose of this paper is to describe a new surgical technique and outcomes on 14 patients who underwent arthroscopic resection arthroplasty of the radial column (ARARC) for arthroscopic stage II through stage III SLAC wrists and to describe an arthroscopic staging classification of the radiocarpal joint for patients with SLAC wrist.

**Patients and Methods:** Data were collected prospectively on 17 patients presenting with radiographic stage I through III SLAC wrists who underwent ARARC in lieu of scaphoidectomy and 4C7 or PRC. Fourteen patients (12 men and 2 women) subject to 1-year follow-up were included. The average age was 77 years (range 41 to 78). The mean follow-up was 24 months (range 12 to 41). Arthroscopic resection arthroplasty of the radial column is described for varying stages of arthrotic changes of the radiocarpal joint. Midcarpal resection was not performed.

**Results:** The mean Disabilities of the Arm, Shoulder, and Hand (DASH) score was 64 preoperatively and 28 at final follow-up. The mean satisfaction (5 = not satisfied, 1 = completely satisfied) at final follow-up was 4.5 (range 3 to 5). The pain level (on 0-10 scale) improved from 6.6 to 1.3. The total arc of motion changed from 124° preoperatively to 142° postoperatively following an ARARC. Grip was 16 kg preoperative and 13 kg postoperative. Radiographic stages typically underestimated arthroscopic stages. Although four of our patients appeared to be radiographic stage I, all were found to have arthrotic findings, normal or mild to moderate arthrotic arthralgia at the time of arthroscopy.

**Clinical Relevance:** Pain relief is rapid and remains consistent over time following ARARC. ARARC may be a viable surgical option for patients with SLAC wrist who desire a minimally invasive procedure. Radiographic stages underestimate the degree of arthrotic change. Accurate staging requires arthroscopy. The indications and long-term outcome are not well defined; continued surveillance is warranted.

**Level of Evidence:** Level IV; Therapeutic study.

**Keywords:** arthroscopy, arthroplasty, arthroscopic, arthroscopy, minimally invasive, resection, scaphoidectomy, advanced collapse, SLAC, wrist.

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### Purpose

- Patients prospectively enrolled who underwent ARARC for advanced SLAC wrists
- Describe an arthroscopic staging classification of the radiocarpal joint for patients with SLAC wrist
- Compare to literature controls of 4C7

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### Materials & methods

- Data were collected prospectively: 17 patients
- Underwent ARARC in lieu of 4CF or PRC
- Midcarpal resection was not performed
- Data were analyzed on 14 patients with a minimum of 1-year follow-up: 2 Females / 12 Males
- Mean age: 57 (range 41 to 78)
- Mean follow-up: 24 months (range 12 to 61)

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### Materials & methods

- COMPARISON
- A study of 4CF was selected from the literature for comparison with similar variables and follow-up\*

\*Bain GI, Watts AC. The outcome of scaphoid excision and four-corner arthrodesis for advanced carpal collapse at a minimum of ten years. J Hand Surg Am. 2010 May;35(5):719-25.

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### Arthroscopic classification vs radiographic stage

Arthroscopic Stage	Corresponding Radiographic Stage	Description
Stage I	0 or I	Focal degenerative changes confined to the tip of the radial styloid (3 to 4 mm). Abundant synovitis is typically present over the involved styloid region, which may obscure a portion of the reactive bony process.
Stage II	I	Degenerative changes of the radial styloid and a portion of the scaphoid fossa.
Stage IIB	I or II	Stage II changes plus corresponding arthritic change (kissing lesions) of the scaphoid.
Stage III	II or III	Loss of cartilage of the entire scaphoid fossa.
Stage IIIB	II or III	Stage III changes plus corresponding changes of the scaphoid.

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**results**

	Preop	Final Follow-up
• Mean DASH (0 to 100)	66	28
• Mean NRS Pain (0 to 10)	6.6	1.3
• Mean Total Arc of Motion	124°	142°
• Median Grip (kg)	16	18
• Mean Satisfaction (0 to 5)	N/A	4.5

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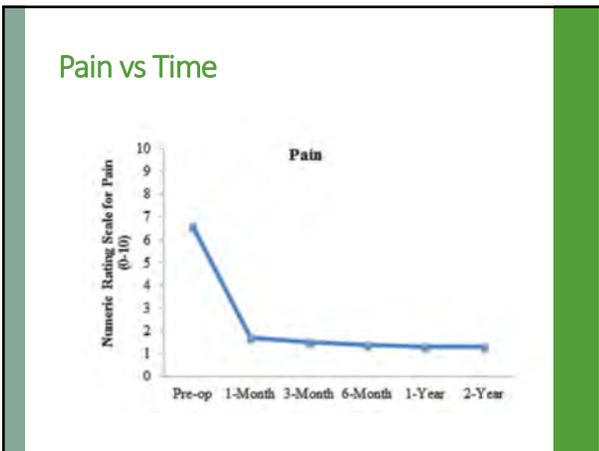
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**results**

- Change in total ROM
- ARARC +18°
- \*4CF -19°
- (p < .001)

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### Results

- Median Grip
- Difference in median grip strength between ARARC and 4CF\* was not significant ( $p = .67$ )

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(a) Preop PA radiograph showing triquetral-capitate interval. (b) Three-year post-operative PA fist view showing widening of the triquetral-capitate interval. Note that there is no ulnar translation of the lunate but rather radial translation of the distal row on the proximal row.



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### Results

- ARTHRITIC STAGES
- Radiographic Vs. Arthroscopic
- 4 patients appeared to be radiographic Stage I
- All were found to have arthritis involving some or all of the radioscapoid articulation at the time of arthroscopy

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## Failures

- 3 (21%) patients failed due to persistent pain




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## conclusions

- Pain relief is rapid and remains consistent over time
- ARARC may be a viable surgical treatment option for patients with SLAC wrist who desire a minimally invasive procedure
- Radiographic stages underestimate the degree of arthritic change
- Accurate staging requires arthroscopy
- ARARC may yield better ROM based on comparison to literature controls of 4CF
- Indications and long-term outcome have yet to be defined

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### • Arthroscopic Resection Arthroplasty for Scapholunate Advanced Collapse Wrists

• **Objectives:** We previously published early outcomes of arthroscopic resection arthroplasty of the radial column (ARARC) for scapholunate advanced collapse (SLAC) pattern of degenerative wrist arthritis. The purpose of this study was to report mid-term outcomes following ARARC for SLAC wrists.

• **Methods:** Patients (N=31) with a minimum of 3-year follow-up who underwent ARARC for arthroscopic stage II through IIIb SLAC wrists were evaluated. Fourteen of these patients were included in the previous publication. General, regional, or wide-awake anesthesia was used based on patient preference and medical needs. Standard radiocarpal and midcarpal arthroscopy was performed using standard portals. A radiofrequency ablator was employed for denervation. Resection of the styloid, arthritic portion of the scaphoid fossa of the radius, and the proximal 2/3rd of the scaphoid were performed using a 4 mm barrel burr. Data were prospectively collected before surgery, and at postoperative intervals of 1, 3, 6, and 12 months, and annually thereafter. Numeric Rating Scale (NRS) for pain (0-10; 0=no pain, 10=worst possible pain) and satisfaction with outcomes (0-5; 0=extremely dissatisfied, 5=extremely satisfied) were obtained. Functional outcomes of grip (2<sup>nd</sup> position on 5-stage dynamometer), wrist range of motion, and disabilities of the arm, shoulder and hand (DASH) score (0-100; 0=no disability, 100=most severe disability) were evaluated. Total arc of motion was calculated by adding flexion, extension, radial deviation and ulnar deviation.

• **Results:** Mean follow-up was 62 months (range 40-78). Mean age was 62 years (range 40-78) with an equal distribution of nonmanual and manual laborers. Mean pain score was 7 (range 3-10) before surgery and 0.3 (range 0-3) at final follow-up. Mean grip strength was 40 lbs. (range 10-80) before surgery and 50 lbs. (range 15-90) at final follow-up. Mean total arc of motion was 113 deg. (range 63-170) before surgery and 127 deg. (range 61-186) at final follow-up. Mean DASH was 42 (range 16-91) before surgery and 3 (range 0-38) at final follow up. Mean final satisfaction was 5 (range 4-5). There were 2 (7%) failures requiring revision surgery for persistent pain.

• **Conclusions:** Although mid-term outcomes with an average 5-year follow-up demonstrate that ARARC may be a viable surgical option for arthroscopic stage II through IIIb SLAC wrists, longer follow-up and prospective studies comparing ARARC to traditional surgical options are required to further evaluate this procedure.

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### Materials & methods

- 31 patients
- Mean age: 62 (range 40 to 78)
- Work type- half manual laborers
- Mean follow-up: 62 months (range 36 to 120)

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### 31 Patients ARARC for SLAC

Variable	pre-op	2 Year	5 Year
Pain	7	1.3	0.3
Total Arc Motion	113	127	142
Grip	16 kg	18 kg	23 kg
Satisfaction 0-5	NA	4.5	4.9
DASH	66	28	3

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### Results

- Failures- 21% in 2014  
7% 2018

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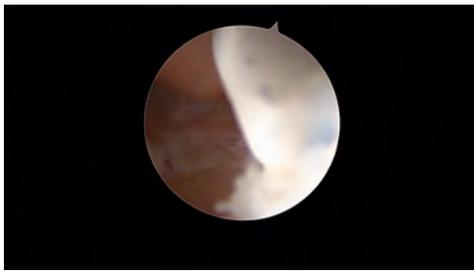
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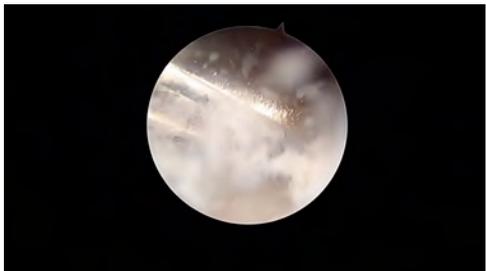
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**Update**

- >40 cases
- FU- 10 years
- Failures- 5%

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62 Year old with bilateral SLAC wrist  
4 corner fusion Lt, ARARC Rt



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# Arthroscopic arthrodesis for SLAC wrist

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# LT Instability: Diagnosis and Grading

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# The Floating Lunate

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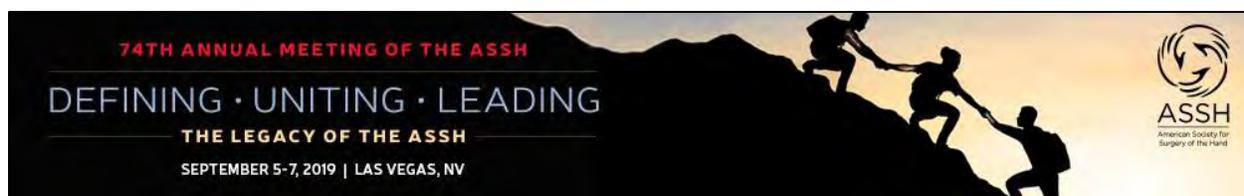
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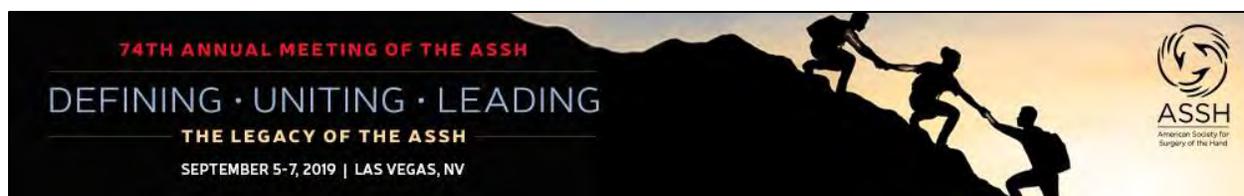
# Arthroscopic Tx vs. Graft for gr IV LT instability

**Jan-Ragnar Haugstvedt, MD**

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# Role of Arthroscopy for Radiocarpal Dislocation

**David J. Slutsky, MD**

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# Arthroscopy for Lunate Fractures with Radiocarpal and Midcarpal Instabilities

**Gregory I. Bain, FRACS, PhD**

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# Arthroscopic Treatment of PLD and PLFD

**Bo Liu, MD**

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# Arthroscopic Treatment of Perilunate Injuries

**Guillaume Herzberg, MD, PhD**

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# Arthroscopic DRCL repairs

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# Arthroscopy and MCI

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# Role of Arthroscopy in treatment of Palmar Midcarpal Instability

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