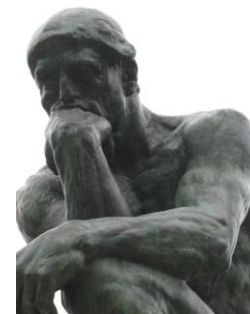


# FST- Calcific tendinopathies

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# Calcific tendinopathies

Formative phase

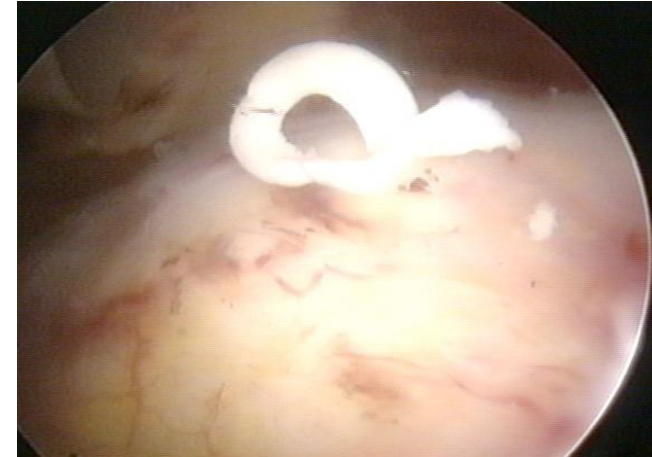
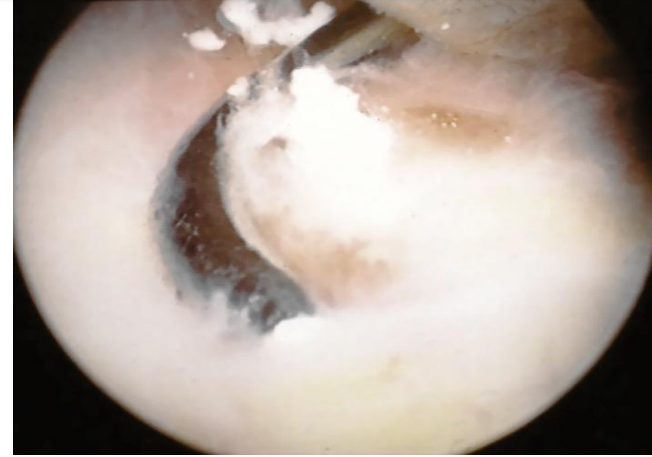
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Resorption phase

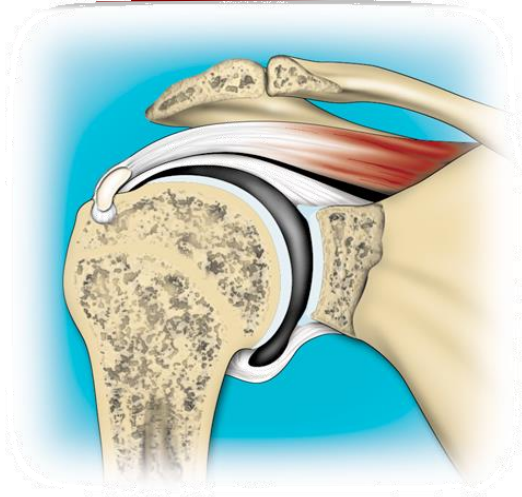


“cheese”

Tendon repair phase



# Calcific tendinopathies



-Size

- Number

- Position

- Phase



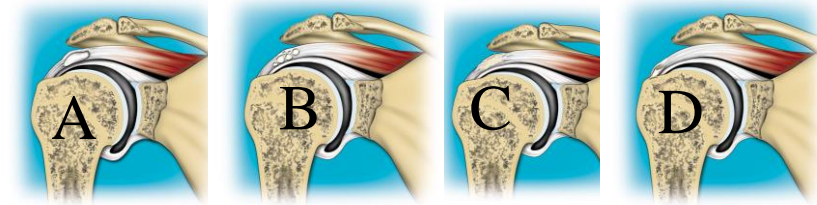
Associated conditions:

- SLAP
- Cuff tear
- CLBO
- Instability
- AC arthrosis



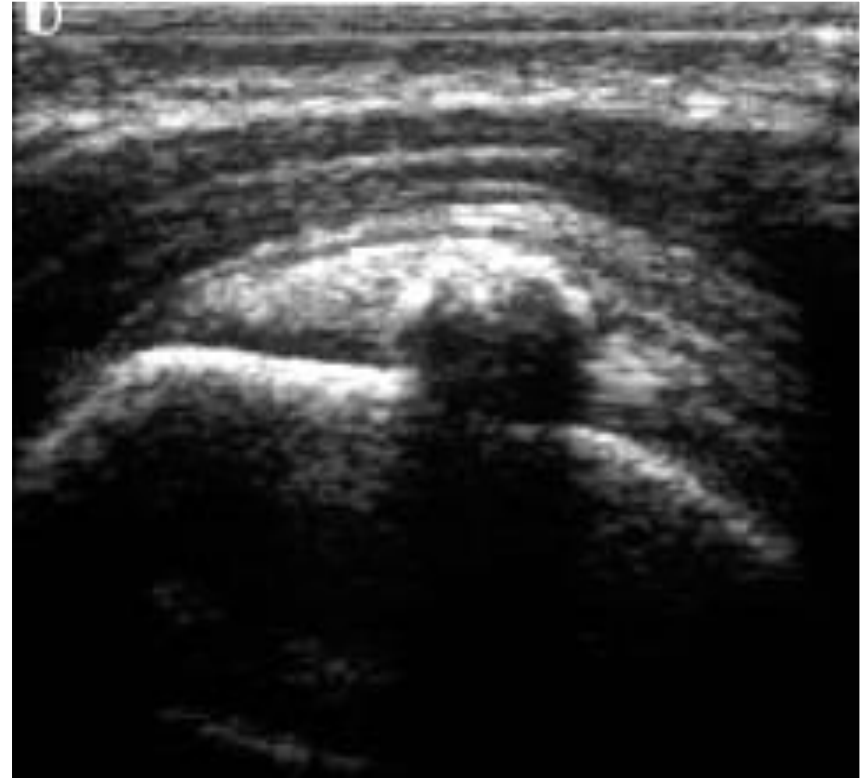
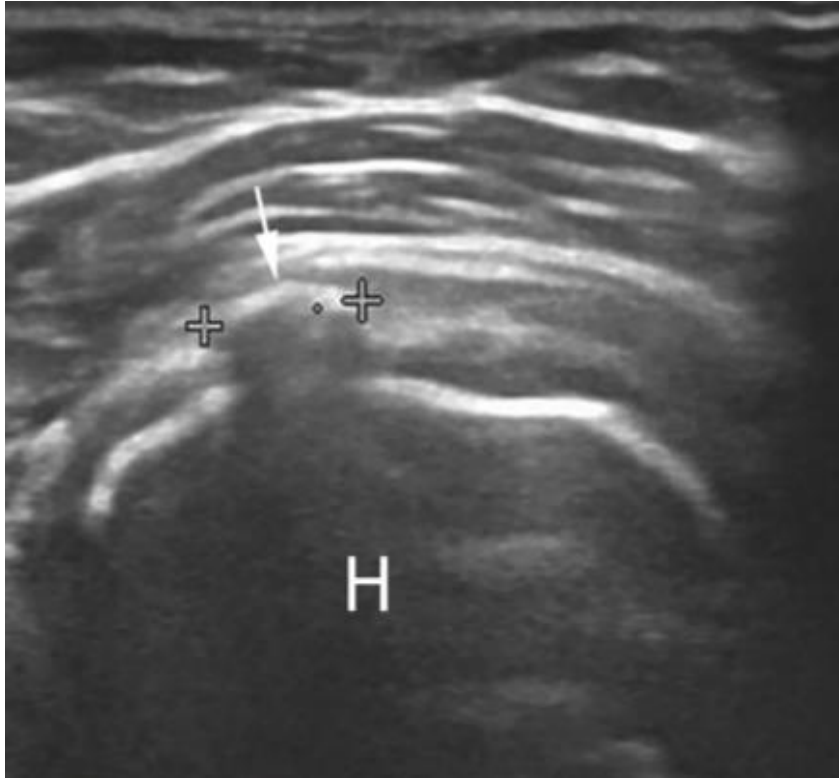
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Molè, Kempf 1993

# Ultrasound evaluation



# MRI Evaluation

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## Greater tuberosity osteolysis

### Osteolytic lesion of greater tuberosity in calcific tendinitis of the shoulder

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**Summary** This study investigated tuberosity osteolysis, an uncommon and frequently misdiagnosed form of calcific tendinitis of the shoulder, and evaluated its effects on clinical and surgical outcomes. A total of 126 patients with calcific tendinitis studied with radiographs, ultrasound, and magnetic resonance images (MRIs) were divided into groups positive and negative for tuberosity osteolysis and treated by arthroscopy. Follow-up evaluation was at 2 years, using the Constant score. Tuberosity osteolysis was associated with significantly lower Constant scores, both before and after surgical treatment. Clinical and imaging findings exhibited a significant correlation. A 100% correlation was found between arthroscopy and MRI findings of tuberosity osteolysis compared with 90% with radiographs. Imaging and functional data indicate that calcific tendinitis of the rotator cuff with tuberosity osteolysis is a distinctive form of calcific tendinitis that should be considered in clinical and surgical practice.

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Calcific tendinitis, a condition characterized by multifocal, cell-mediated calcification of viable tissue, affects a significant number of patients with shoulder complaints.<sup>21</sup> Hypoxia, microtrauma, and disuse have been suggested as causative factors, but its etiology remains unclear.<sup>10-19</sup> It may be an incidental finding in an asymptomatic shoulder (3% to 20%), or it may be the cause of pain (7%), often bilateral (13% to 47%), with a predilection for the right shoulder.<sup>1</sup> Women are affected slightly more frequently than men.<sup>1</sup> The propensity for the supraspinatus tendon (51%), just medial to the greater tuberosity, is still unexplained; the infrapinatus (44.5%), teres minor (23.3%), and subscapularis (3%) tendons are less commonly affected.<sup>1,7,17</sup>

According to Ulthoff and Loehr,<sup>30</sup> the disease progresses through correlating pathologic and clinical stages. The initial phase of deposit formation is rarely symptomatic. The acute symptoms are usually associated with the resorptive phase, where vascular invasion, an influx of phagocytic cells, and edema raise intratendinous pressure.<sup>22</sup> Symptoms may become chronic.

Conservative treatment with anti-inflammatory drugs, steroids, nonsteroid drugs (NSAIDs), local injection of anesthetic, and needling is frequently successful.<sup>6,9,13,24</sup> Extracorporeal shock wave (ECSW) therapy is effective in selected patients and has minimal complications.<sup>3,18,23</sup> Radiation therapy is increasingly used less because of its potential for adverse consequences.<sup>14</sup> Arthroscopic treatment of chronically painful calcific tendinitis of the rotator cuff, resistant to conservative or semi-invasive treatment (needling), is successful in more than 90% of patients.<sup>5,19</sup>

Some authors have described a different disease course<sup>3</sup> with a longer duration of painful symptoms and a reduction



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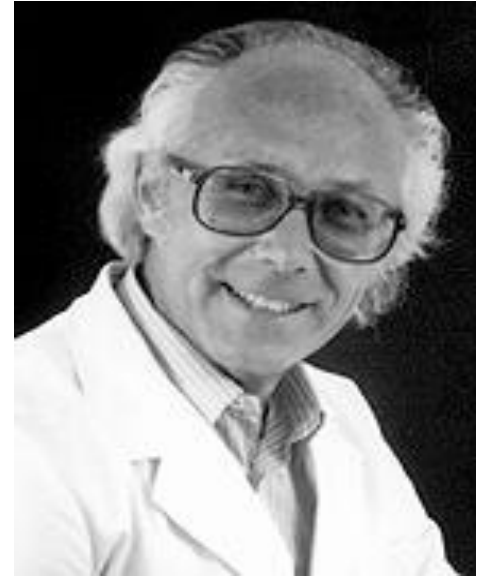
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# Treatment

**Conservative treatment**

**90%**

**Good outcomes**



**Gschwend 1981**

# Treatment

## Conservative treatment:

- FANS
- Steroid injections
- Needling
- ESWT

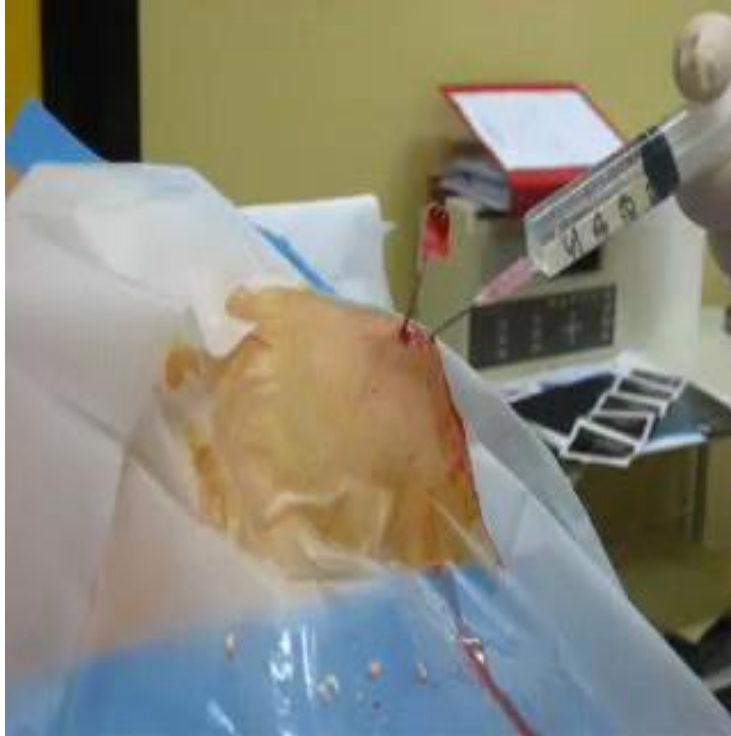
## Surgical treatment

- **arthroscopy procedure** reserved for chronic cases that have not responded to conservative treatment



# Needling

## Acute phase



# Arthroscopic treatment (Chronic)

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**In case of failure of conservative treatment**

# ESWT

Best statistically results in **ESWT VS PLACEBO**

*Wang (2003) Gerdesmeyer (2003)*

Reduction of pain and improvement of functional outcomes in more **90%**

*Malliaropoulos (2017) Pan (2003)*

Reduction in number and size of calcification in **40-60%**

*Rebuzzi (2008) Cosentino (2003) Wang (2003)*

Overlapping clinical outcomes between **surgery and ESWT** (in early stage)

*Rompe (2011) Rebuzzi (2008)*



# Our experience- ESWT

**158 calcific tendinopathies**



- 71% Complete resorption of calcification
- Short and long term antalgic control
- Good functional outcomes

# Calcific tendinopathies - ESWT

## 158 patients

Divided into 2 groups according to the size:

**Group A:** 88 calcification < 15mm

**Group B:** 70 calcification > 15mm



## Prognostic factors for the outcome of extracorporeal shockwave therapy for calcific tendinitis of the shoulder

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# Calcific tendinopathies - ESWT

## Ultrasound evaluation:

- Position
- Morphological characteristics

## Subdivision into subgroups "arc-shaped / non arc-shaped"

**Group A1:** 45 < 15mm non arc-shaped

**Group A2:** 43 < 15mm arc-shaped

**Group B1:** 36 > 15mm non arc-shaped

**Group B2:** 34 >15mm arc-shaped

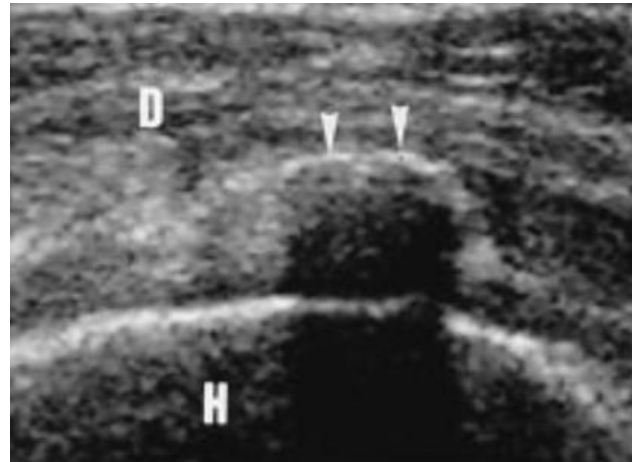
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# Protocol - ESWT

## Treatment protocol:

- 6 sessions
- 7-day interval between sessions
- No pre-treatment local anesthesia
- 3000 pulses with *Energy Flux Density* between 0,10 e 0,20 mJ/ mm<sup>2</sup>
- Average frequency 5Hz
- Ultrasound during treatment

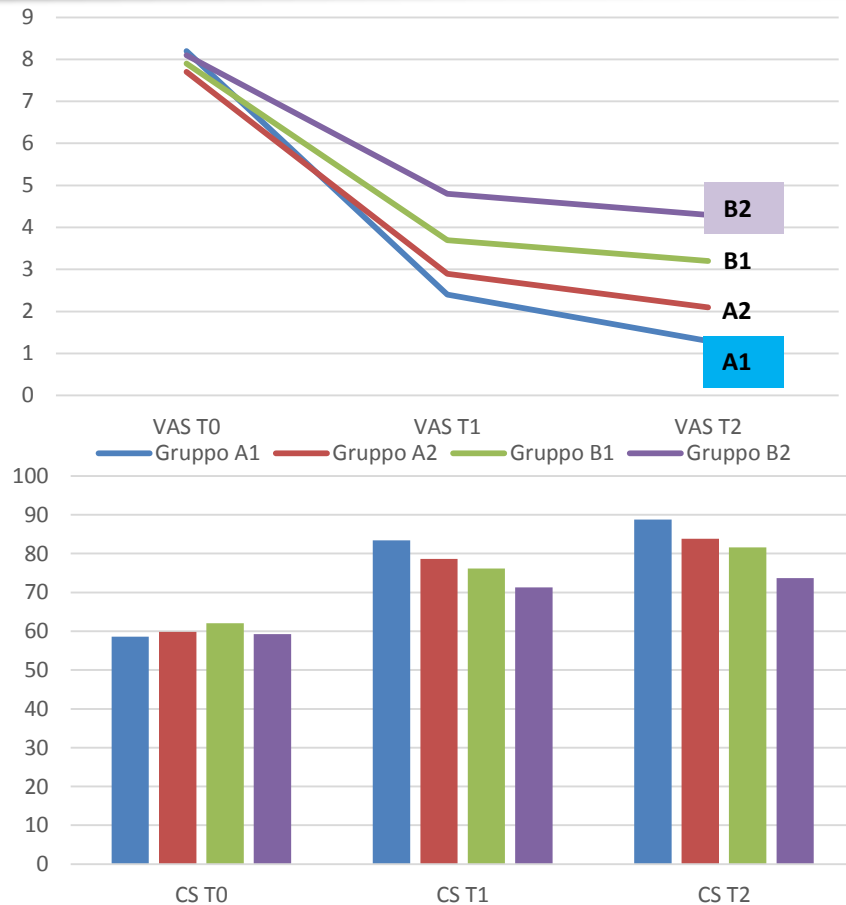
# Clinical Results - ESWT

## (VAS)

	N°	VAS T0	VAS T1	VAS T2
GROUP A1	45	8,2 (s=1,19)	2,4 (s=0,99)	1,3 (s=0,92)
GROUP A2	43	7,7 (s=1,04)	2,9 (s=1,18)	2,1 (s=1,05)
GROUP B1	36	7,9 (s=1,16)	3,7 (s= 1,23)	3,2 (s= 1,13)
GROUP B2	34	8,1 (s=1,18)	4,8 (s=1,05)	4,3 (s=1,21)

## (Constant Score)

	N°	CS T0	CS T1	CS T2
GROUP A1	45	58,6 (s=4,96)	83,4 (s=6,29)	88,76 (s=3,86)
GROUP A2	43	59,8 (s=3,91)	78,6 (s=4,18)	83,87 (s=2,71)
GROUP B1	36	62,1 (s=3,89)	76,2 (s= 2,81)	81,64(s= 2,58)
GROUP B2	34	59,3 (s=3,77)	71,3 (s=3,82)	73,73 (s=3,06)

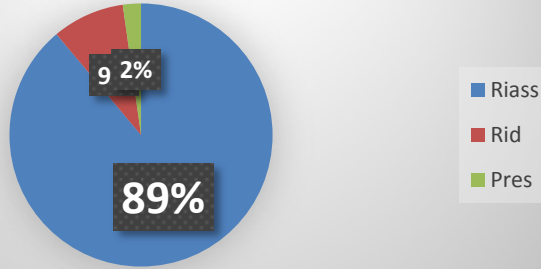




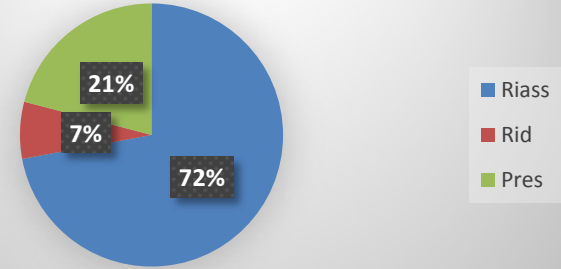
# US results - ESWT

## US Follow-up at 6 months

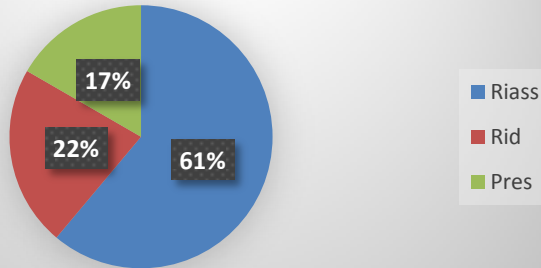
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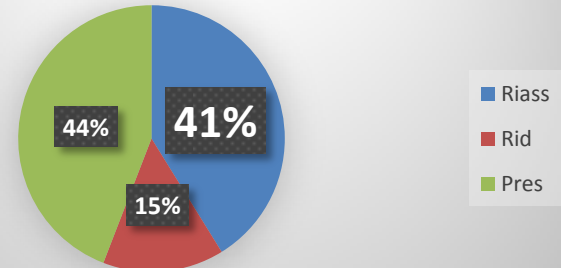
### Group A2



### Group B1



### Group B2



# Conclusion - ESWT

- **Calcification size (</>15mm) is the main prognostic factor**
- **The "arc-shaped" ultrasound form results in a percentageally higher rate of nonresorption**
- **Unsatisfactory results if these 2 conditions are associated**

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