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# Conservative Versus Operative Management of Acute High Grade Acromio-Clavicular Joint Injuries

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# Abstract

The administration of type III Acromio-Clavicular (AC) Joint wounds stays questionable, while a re-visitation of past degree of practical movement with non-careful treatment has been archived in various case arrangement, careful decrease and coracoclavicular tendon recreation has been related with an ideal result and can be considered in patients who place high utilitarian requests on their shoulders or in competitors who take an interest overhead games. Careful administration is demonstrated for high-level (type IV) acromioclavicular joint wounds to accomplish anatomic decrease of the acromioclavicular joint, reproduction of the coracoclavicular tendons, and fix of deltotrapezial facica. Results after careful remaking of the coracoclavicular tendons have been good concerning accomplishing relief from discomfort and re-visitation of useful exercises, however further enhancements in the biomechanical quality of these builds are important to evade loss of decrease and creep with cyclic stacking. The aftereffects of this precise survey recommend that there is no clinical distinction in useful result scores in high-grade AC joint disengagements. Patients who go through non usable administration have a more fast re-visitation of work, however have a more unfortunate corrective result of their shoulder. Among the surgeries, the these days two most utilized strategies are the snare plate and arthroscopic methodology.

Keywords: Conservative, Operative, Acromio-Clavicular, Joint.

# 1. Introduction

Acromioclavicular joint wounds are basic among more youthful male people extraordinarily physical games members. In spite of the fact that greater part of AC joint wounds can be dealt with non operatively with a preliminary of immobilization, torment medicine, cryotherapy and physiotherapy, there are numerous patients don't react to traditionalist treatment and may require careful treatment [1].

Distinguishing and treating these patients as per chronicity and level of injury is the main point in therapy strategy [1].

Air conditioning joint wounds speak to about 9% of shoulder support injuries [2]. Lion's share of air conditioning joint wounds happening between ages 20-40 and men endure multiple times more than ladies, this is because of men partake in high danger exercises and physical games like football, hockey and rugby [3].

Wounds to the AC joint can happen because of direct injury which is the most widely recognized function, for example, direct hit to the parallel shoulder or circuitous injury which is fundamentally position related and can happen after a fall on outstretched or adducted arm position which make AC and CC tendons more defenseless against injury [4.]

Intense AC joint wounds speaks to a symptomatic and remedial test for shoulder and injury specialists, current accessible order frameworks can't make a case for complete evaluation of capsuloligamentous and myofascial injury example and kind of instability [5].

Regardless of high recurrence of AC joint wounds, their administration still a matter of discussion [4].

The point of this efficient audit is to survey the best modalities in the board of intense high evaluation acromioclavicular joint wounds.

# 2.Patients and methods

Patients and method, subjects and method. material and method Types of studies will include studies done by cohort, randomized control trials that compare non operative and operative outcomes of acute high grade AC joint dislocation will be selected. We will select studies that has minimum follow up 12 months.

## **2.1Types of participants**

Rockwood's type III-V acute isolated injuries in adult will be selected. We will exclude patients with chronic injuries, biomechanical, cadaveric, animal and studies that do not directly compare operative and nonoperative outcomes will be excluded.

## 2.2 Type of intervension

All types of surgical and non-operative treatment will be included in the analysis.

## 2.3 Types of outcome measures

Functional scores which include constant score and DASH score, objective clinical outcome which include time to return to work time to return to sport and time to pain free status radiographic finding which include coracoclavicular distance, radiographic joint reduction and evidence of osteoarthritis complication include poor cosmetic outcome, need for surgery after failure of operative or non operative treatment implant complication and infection.

### 2.4 Methods of review

Locating and selecting studies we will search the following electronic bibliographic databases: Medline, PubMed.medical subject headings.

# 2.5 Search strategy for identification of studies

We will look through information bases utilizing the accompanying catchphrases: intense AC joint wounds, acromioclavicular joint wounds. The inquiry technique will incorporate just terms identifying with or portraying the intercession which is referenced in Search methodology. Studies distributed between January 2010 and the date the pursuits are run will be looked for. The ventures will be re-run not long before the last investigations and further examinations recovered for incorporation.

Studies will be chosen for consideration dependent on the length of development of results. The examinations ought to have a subsequent season of at any rate one year. The writing search will be restricted to the English language and human subjects To guarantee writing immersion, we will check the reference arrangements of included examinations or significant audits recognized through the hunt. We will likewise look through the creators' very own documents to ensure that all important material has been caught. The information will be plotted in a PR1SMA Flow Chart.

#### 2.6 Data extraction

We will extract patient age at time of intervention, the type of injury, the cause of injury pre-operative and post-operative measured radiographic finding and objective clinical outcome, occurrence of complications (Implant Failure, infection and cosmetic complication).

## 2.7 Statistical considerations

The team will develop and test the screened papers based on the inclusion and exclusion criteria. Citation abstracts and full text articles will be available. The review authors was independently screen the titles and abstracts yielded by the search against the inclusion criteria. We will obtain full reports for all titles that appear to meet the inclusion criteria or where there is any uncertainty. Review author pairs was then screen the full text reports and decide whether these meet the inclusion criteria. Data abstracted will include demographic information, methodology, intervention details, and all reported patient-important outcomes.

#### 3. Results

PRISMA Flowchart representing items of systematic review displaying the process performed, in Fig (1) Table (1) shows some of these studies.

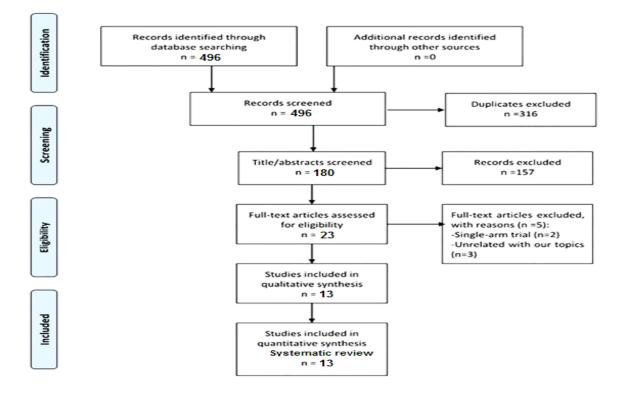


Fig (1) PRISMA Flowchart representing items of systematic review displaying the process performed.

 Table (1) Studied included in the systematic review.

| Author                       |      | Type of treatment   | Outcome score  | Complications  |
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| Chang et<br>2018 [6]         | al., | outcomes between<br>operative and<br>nonoperative<br>management of<br>Rockwood types III-V<br>injuries  | Operative group had<br>better cosmetic outcome (odds ratio [OR] =<br>0.05; P < 0.00001) and radiographic reduction<br>(OR =<br>24.94; P < 0.0001). Constant scores favored the<br>operative group<br>Nonoperative treatment was associated with<br>faster return   |  |
| De Carli et al.,<br>2015 [7] | al., | group A included 25<br>patients treated<br>conservatively, and<br>group B included 30   | to work (MD = 4.17, P < 0.0001), lower<br>implant complications (OR = 7.19, P < 0.0001),<br>and reduced<br>infection rate (OR = 3.65, P = 0.007). No<br>difference was found for DASH Score<br>return to sport,<br>radiologic evidence of osteoarthritis, and need<br>for surgery after failed management.<br>Constant, ASES and UCLA scores were similar<br>in both groups (P > 0.05), whereas ACJI<br>results favoured the surgical group (group A,<br>72.4; group B, 87.9; P < 0.05). All | In group A, we detected<br>calcifications in<br>30% of patients; in group B we<br>detected two cases of moderate   |
| Joukainen<br>al., 2014 [8]   | et   | patients treated surgically<br>with the TightRope <sup>™</sup><br>system<br>In the operative<br>treatment group, the ACJ<br>was reduced and fixed<br>with 2 transarticular<br>Kirschner wires and ACJ<br>ligament | measurements of radiographic evaluation were<br>significantly reduced in the surgical group<br>compared with the conservative group.<br>No statistically significant differences in<br>shoulder scores<br>on the CS, UCLA, Larsen, or SST scales were<br>noted<br>between the study groups or between the type<br>III and V  | osteolysis and calcifications in<br>70% of patients.<br>Complications were reported in<br>medical records and/or<br>in the context of the patient<br>interview at follow-up in 6<br>cases in the OT group: loss of<br>the optimal position of the  |
|                              |      | suturing. The Kirschner<br>wires were extracted<br>after 6 weeks.<br>Nonoperatively treated<br>patients received a<br>reduction splint for 4<br>weeks   | subgroups (Table 4). The age- and sex-<br>correlated Constant<br>scores were $93\% \pm 14\%$ and $96\% \pm 6.6\%$ in the<br>OT and NOT<br>groups, respectively. Correlated CSs for the OT<br>and NOT<br>groups are also available for subgroups type III<br>$(88\% \pm$<br>24% and 99% $\pm 7.4\%$ , respectively) and type V<br>$(98\% \pm 11\%)$<br>and 94% $\pm 9.5\%$ , respectively).   | K-wire (n ¼ 4), broken K-wire:<br>(n ¼ 1), and superficial<br>wound infection (n ¼ 1), which<br>healed with local therapy<br>and peroral antibiotics. The<br>broken K-wires in 1 patient<br>were left inside the clavicle<br>without any long-term harm<br>and could be seen inside the<br>clavicle in the follow-up<br>radiographs. One patient in the<br>nonoperative group had<br>persistent shoulder pain                  |
| Longo et<br>2017 [9]         | al., | A surgical procedure was<br>performed for<br>633 (74%) shoulders,<br>while the remaining 218<br>shoulders (26%)<br>underwent conservative<br>management   | Constant score, used in 14<br>(63%) of 22 studies. The mean Constant score<br>was<br>87.3 for surgical14,17,19,20,23,25–27,29,30,33<br>and 88 for<br>conservative17,23,29 treatment. No statistical<br>difference was detected between the two groups<br>(P =<br>0.6832).  | needing ACJ resection 1 year<br>after ACJ dislocation.<br>The rate of recurrence in the<br>surgical group was 14%. No<br>statistical significant<br>differences were found betweet<br>conservative and surgical<br>approaches in terms of<br>postoperative osteoarthritis and<br>persistence of<br>pain, although persistence of<br>pain seemed to occur less<br>frequently in<br>patients undergoing a surgical<br>treatment. |
| Murray et<br>2018 [10]       | al., | acute type-III or IV<br>disruption of the AC<br>joint<br>were randomized to<br>receive ORTSD fixation<br>or nonoperative<br>treatment   | At 1<br>year postoperatively, the mean DASH score<br>was 4.67 in the nonoperative treatment group<br>and 5.63 in<br>the ORTSD group, and the mean OSS was<br>45.72 and 45.63, respectively. Patients managed<br>with<br>ORTSD fixation had inferior DASH scores at 6<br>weeks (p < 0.01)   | Persistence of pain seems to<br>occur less frequently in<br>patients treated surgically for a<br>Type III AC dislocation<br>There were 5 patients who<br>experienced failed<br>nonoperative treatment and<br>subsequently underwent a<br>surgical procedure. ORTSD<br>fixation (£3,359.73) was<br>associated with significantly<br>higher costs than nonoperative<br>treatment   |

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| L. Natera<br>Cisneros et al.,<br>2015 [11]                       | comparison between<br>patients managed<br>operatively with a<br>coracoclavicular<br>suspension device<br>arthroscopically placed<br>versus<br>patients managed non-<br>operatively<br>(grade IIIB-V according<br>to the ISAKOS<br>diversification of the<br>Rockwood classification) | (1) physical SF36 score (CONS-group<br>18.6 $\pm$ 6.1 and SURG-group 28.1 $\pm$ 6.9,<br>p = 0.001); (2)<br>mental SF36 score (CONS-group 10.8 $\pm$ 11.2<br>and SURG-group 10.6 $\pm$ 6.8, $p = 0.960$ ); (3)<br>VAS (CONS-group<br>-7.3 $\pm$ 1.7 and SURG-group -7.7 $\pm$ 1.2,<br>p = 0.412); (4) DASH questionnaire (CONS-<br>group -55.7 $\pm$ 9.8 and<br>SURG-group -77.4 $\pm$ 9,5, $p = 0.020$ ). The mean<br>Constant score assessed at the last follow-up<br>visit was (CONSgroup 91.1 $\pm$ 7.4 and SURG-<br>group 95.3 $\pm$ 2.5, $p = 0.020$ ). The mean global<br>satisfaction registered at the last<br>follow-up visit was (CONS-group 8.5 $\pm$ 1.7 and<br>SURG-group 8.9 $\pm$ 0.9, $p = 0.371$ ). | (£796.22, p < 0.0001).<br>There was evidence of<br>scapular dyskinesis in 52.4 %<br>(11/21) of the patients of the<br>CONS-group and in 15 %<br>(3/20) of the patients of<br>the SURG-group (p = 0.030).<br>The mean VAS registered at<br>the last follow-up visit in the<br>group of patients that<br>developed scapular dyskinesis<br>was $2 \pm 0.96$ and in the group of<br>patients with normal scapular<br>motion $0.3 \pm 0.47$<br>(p = 0.000). In the SURG-<br>group, anatomic reduction of<br>the ACJ was finally achieved in<br>60 % (12/20) of the<br>patients; vertical subluxations<br>were observed in 20 % (4/20);<br>and complete dislocations were<br>observed in 20 %<br>(4/20) |
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| L. G. Natera<br>Cisneros &<br>Sarasquete<br>Reiriz, 2017<br>[12] | comparison between<br>patients managed<br>operatively with a hook<br>plate versus patients<br>managed non-operatively  | (1) physical<br>SF36 score (PLATE group $53.70 \pm 4.33$ and<br>CONS group $52.10 \pm 6.11$ , p = 0.449); (2)<br>mental SF36<br>score (PLATE group $53.06 \pm 6.10$ and CONS<br>group $56.99 \pm 6.47$ , p = 0.110); (3) VAS for<br>pain (PLATE<br>group $1.45 \pm 1.51$ and CONS group $1.50 \pm 1.79$ , p = 0.943); (4) DASH score (PLATE<br>group $4.79 \pm 5.60$<br>and CONS group $5.83 \pm 6.76$ , p = 0.668); (5)<br>Constant score (PLATE group $91.36 \pm 6.84$ and<br>CONS<br>group $91.05 \pm 7.35$ , p = 0.908); (6) Global<br>Satisfaction (PLATE group $8.45$<br>$\pm 1.73$ , p = 0.449)   | There was evidence of scapular<br>dyskinesis in 18 % (2/11) of the<br>patients of the<br>PLATE group and in 52.4 %<br>(11/21) of the patients of the<br>CONS group (p = 0.127)  |
| Esen et al., 2011<br>[13]  | surgical (modified<br>Weaver-Dunn) and<br>conservative treatment<br>techniques for Rockwood<br>type III<br>acromioclavicular<br>dislocation  | $\pm$ 1.73, p = 0.449).<br>According to Poigenfurst's criteria, the results<br>were classified as good or excellent in both<br>groups. No statistically significant difference<br>was found between the results of the groups<br>according to<br>Poigenfurst's criteria (p> 0.05)  | No complication occurred in<br>either groups  |

# 4. Discussion

The main finding of this investigation was that traditionalist and careful administration demonstrated comparative clinical results, including tirelessness of torment, osteoarthritis counteraction and result scores. Nonetheless, perseverance of torment was more uncommon in the gathering of patients dealt with medical procedure (Chi squared test utilizing P: 0.0952, Fisher''s precise test P: 0.0741).

Among the careful gathering, arthroscopic and snare plate strategies show lower pace of repeat and inconveniences contrasted and "older" methodology. The clinical result consequences of the careful strategy and the moderate technique were practically identical. This was shown by the mean Constant score that was 88 for traditionalist treatment and 87.3 for surgeries (P = 0.6832).The different scores were not utilized in enough investigations to make a gauge sufficiently precise to speak to the example size.

The entanglements were more obvious in the careful gathering than in the moderate group.10, 12 one of the main intricacies in the careful methodology was re-disengagement, with a general rate of14%, or disappointment of medical procedure. No measurable distinction was found between the two most utilized methods: Hook Plate and arthroscopic strategies (Fisher"s accurate test P: 1.0000). Re-disengagement was because of disintegration of the bone by obsession gadgets, relocation of pins utilized for obsession, disappointment of metallic obsession gadgets and repeat of disfigurement.

Other careful intricacies incorporated an agonizing or cosmetically disappointing scar, late improvement of AC arthralgia and the need of a subsequent activity to eliminate obsession gadgets. No factual distinction was found in either agony or osteoarthritis between the two unique methodologies. In view of the information, there is developing proof to recommend that the careful methodology is in no way, shape or form the best quality level for Type III AC removal. Then again, if employable administration is plainly demonstrated, it is as yet conceivable that some careful procedures may show preferable results over others.

In the present efficient survey, patients who went through arthroscopic systems appear to have a lower pace of remaining postoperative torment and postoperative repeat contrasted and snare plate method, despite the fact that no measurable contrasts are found in the two cases. These discoveries likely outcome from less delicate tissues dreariness, and better representation of the coracoid and intra-articular pathology.

Be that as it may, arthroscopic methodology in this specific pathology can be performed uniquely in exceptionally particular climate. Also, the snare plate frequently should be taken out after 6 weeks [14]. The information we investigated recommended that AC joint sticking was related with a higher pace of confusions than different techniques. This was connected not exclusively to stick movement and breakage, yet in addition to the advancement of ensuing joint pain. Moreover, there were a few reports of screw pullout and bone disintegration with the Bosworth technique for CC obsession. The utilization of non-metallic obsession appeared to be related with lower complexity rates.

Our efficient survey uncovered that there were both a few points of interest and impediments related with traditionalist treatment. These incorporated the more limited time of recovery, the independence from hospitalization and good useful outcomes all in all [15].

The disservices were a moderate pace of constant agony, shakiness and constraint of movement. On the off chance that a reconstructive methodology was required, it was more hard to perform medical procedure after a constant time of relocation. In light of this, specialists can settle on an educated proof based choice for their patients. A piece of the dynamic cycle includes getting that while the writing may talk about the dangers versus the advantages of various techniques; it may not absolutely highlight a specific best quality level administration approach.

For instance, the careful methodology for AC disengagement appeared to be defended distinctly in a couple of circumstances: initially, as a restorative strategy in patients with extraordinary unmistakable quality of the clavicle, since moderate treatment often brought about a diligent disfigurement; besides, inpatients with specific workplaces, particularly those requiring 90 levels of flexion or kidnapping or both for quite a while; and, thirdly, in patients with truly difficult work necessities for work. ISAKOS Upper Extremity Committee as of late recommended to treat Type III AC shakiness with moderate administration, and if persevering agony didn't permit patients to revisitation of game or work for >3 a month a careful adjustment ought to be justified.

The vast majority of the included investigations were Level III proof review study or less, consigning the survey to the inalienable constraints of this degree of proof. Determination predisposition was obvious in the diverse patient populaces, in light of the accompanying ceaseless and straight out factors: sexual orientation, age, arm strength, smoking status and workers" remuneration status. A few investigations in this audit didn't utilize an approved result measure, making correlation among examines troublesome.

The expressed complexity rate, separated from review information, was probably going to be an underestimation of the genuine confusion rate in light of the fact that the creators of the examined examinations might not have announced minor inconveniences in spite of their event. Likewise, the scope old enough was exceptionally huge, from 11 to 79 years, and the action (level of work or game) of the various patients was heterogeneous.

There is likewise an expected disparity in the anticipation and useful effect of Type III AC disengagements for discrete patient populaces, for example, unskilled workers contrasted and first class competitors; be that as it may, these information were not recorded. A portion of the Level III investigations displayed determination inclination and others did exclude a portion of the entanglements in the endproduct.

In a perfect world, our examination should just have contrasted one sort of careful mediation and moderate administration, to give more homogenous comparators. Nonetheless, as there isn't sufficient information for this examination plan, we ordered information from different careful procedures. Lamentably, there was deficient information on each careful procedure to conclusively propose which strategy had prevalence.

Furthermore, a portion of the surgeries that were performed are only from time to time utilized today; making them hard to prescribe to muscular specialists, even with a fitting example size. Further exploration is needed to decide the fitting administration alternatives for intense and extreme AC disengagements (Types IV, V and VI). There is likewise scope for contemplating the distinction in guess and reactions to various treatment strategies in Type IIIA contrasted and Type IIIB wounds, adherence set up in the event that it is surely fundamental for this sub characterization.

The utilization of randomized controlled clinical preliminaries would be advantageous; nonetheless, there might be worries over the possible untrustworthy nature of treating patients with Type III AC disengagements moderately aimlessly; unquestionably, the executives choices must be associated clinically.

### 5. Conclusion

The aftereffects of this deliberate survey propose that there is no clinical distinction in utilitarian result scores in high-grade AC joint disengagements. Patients who go through non employable administration have a more quick re-visitation of work, however have a more unfortunate corrective result of their shoulder. Among the surgeries, the these days two most utilized methods are the snare plate and arthroscopic methodology.

The last appears to have a lower pace of leftover postoperative agony and postoperative repeat however even for this situation; more information and accordingly more investigations are expected to help this finding. A few investigations, nonetheless, report careful difficulties from the breakage and movement of inserts particularly in the event of pin-obsession procedures, utilized for essential obsession over the AC joint, which here and there require further intercession.

Medical procedure is additionally connected with longer hospitalizations and more noteworthy recuperation times. While these outcomes favor a nonemployable methodology, potential advantages of medical procedure can't be precluded particularly for patients who have a high practical interest, for example, workers and competitors

This features the significance of an educated conversation with the patient in regards to the advantages and dangers of both usable and no employable administration.

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