

# Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip: Lessons Learned from a Multicenter Prospective Study

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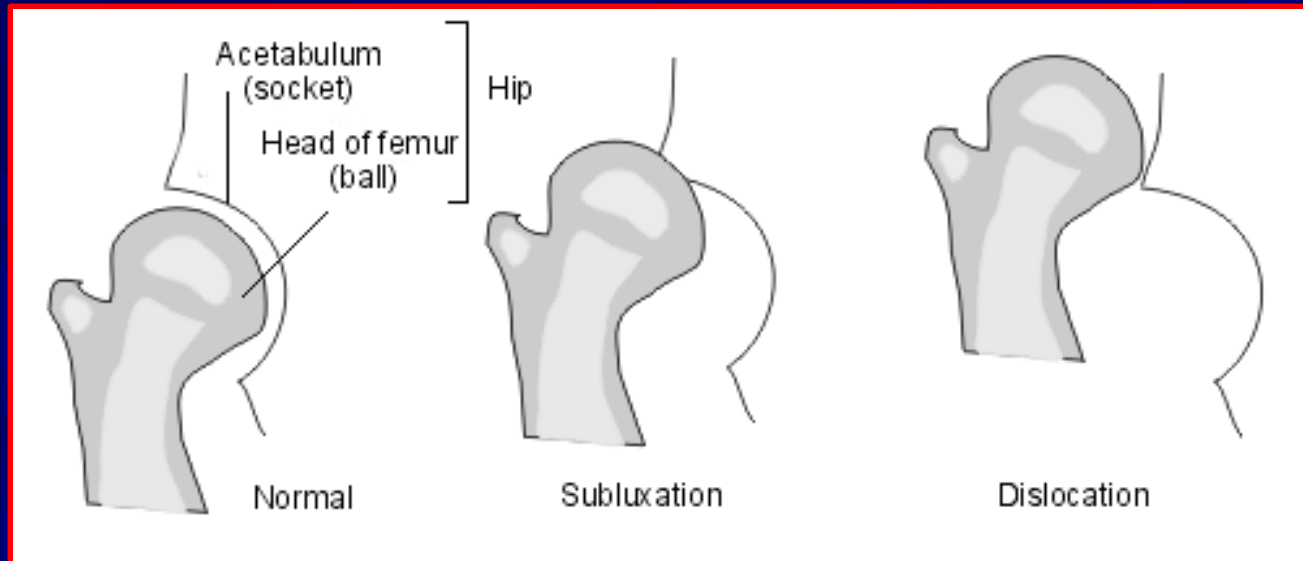


# OBJECTIVES

- To describe the need for prospective study groups
- Classification and terminology of DDH
- Results and lessons learned from the IHD study



# Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip (DDH)



- 2-3/1000 live births = dislocations
- 30-50/1000 live births = subluxations



# DDH in the Literature

- **No fundamental improvements** in DDH management
- **Variable treatment** regimens and outcomes
- **Reiteration** of known successful treatments
- **Confusion** on classification terminology





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**DETECTION AND NONOPERATIVE  
MANAGEMENT OF PEDIATRIC  
DEVELOPMENTAL DYSPLASIA OF THE HIP IN  
INFANTS UP TO SIX MONTHS OF AGE**

**EVIDENCE-BASED CLINICAL PRACTICE  
GUIDELINE**

Adopted by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons  
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The Pediatric Orthopaedic Society  
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# Guideline Recommendations

- 2 **moderate** evidence recommendations
- 7 **limited** evidence/expert opinion recommendations
- **No strong** recommendations based on available evidence





# Where Do We Go From Here?

- **Research!**
  - Multicentre studies
  - Prospective data collection
- Understand treatment outcomes
- Decrease variation in diagnosis, treatment
- **Improve patient outcomes**
  - Clinical and Quality of Life



# Objective

To address the *gaps in evidence* for DDH management through a multicentre, international prospective study



Nine Affiliated Centres: Australia, Boston, Mexico, Orlando, Philadelphia, San Diego, Toronto, UK Vancouver

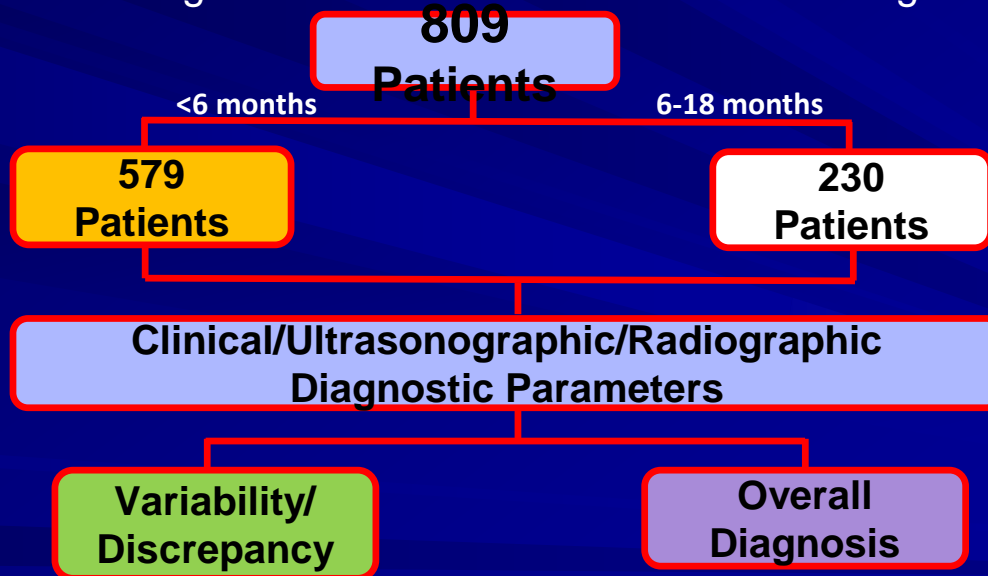
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# Methods

## International Hip Dysplasia Institute (IHDI) Study Group:

Multi-center, prospective, international observational cohort study  
Infants with dislocated hips at rest  
Diagnosed between 0 and 18 months of age



# Patient Demographics and Diagnostic Methods

Patient Demographics	
<b>Sex</b> (Male/Female)	686/123
<b>Diagnosis Age</b> (Median [Range])	1.5 months [0-18]
<b>Fetal Presentation</b> (Breech/Cephalic/Unknown)	207/568/34
<b>Family History</b> (Yes/No/Unknown)	251/533/61

Diagnostic Method	
<b>Clinical/Ultrasound</b>	504 (62.3%)
<b>Clinical/Radiograph</b>	223 (27.6%)
<b>Clinical/Ultrasound/ Radiograph</b>	17 (2.1%)
<b>Ultrasound</b>	46 (5.7%)
<b>Radiograph</b>	19 (2.3%)
<b>Dynamic Assessment</b>	716 (88.5%)

**Study inclusion requirement: Imaging confirmation  
prior to treatment initiation**



# Diagnostic Outcomes and Discrepancies

Diagnosis?	No Dislocation		
	Clinical	Ultrasound	Radiograph
Dislocation	Clinical		5
	Ultrasound	57	0
	Radiograph	6	

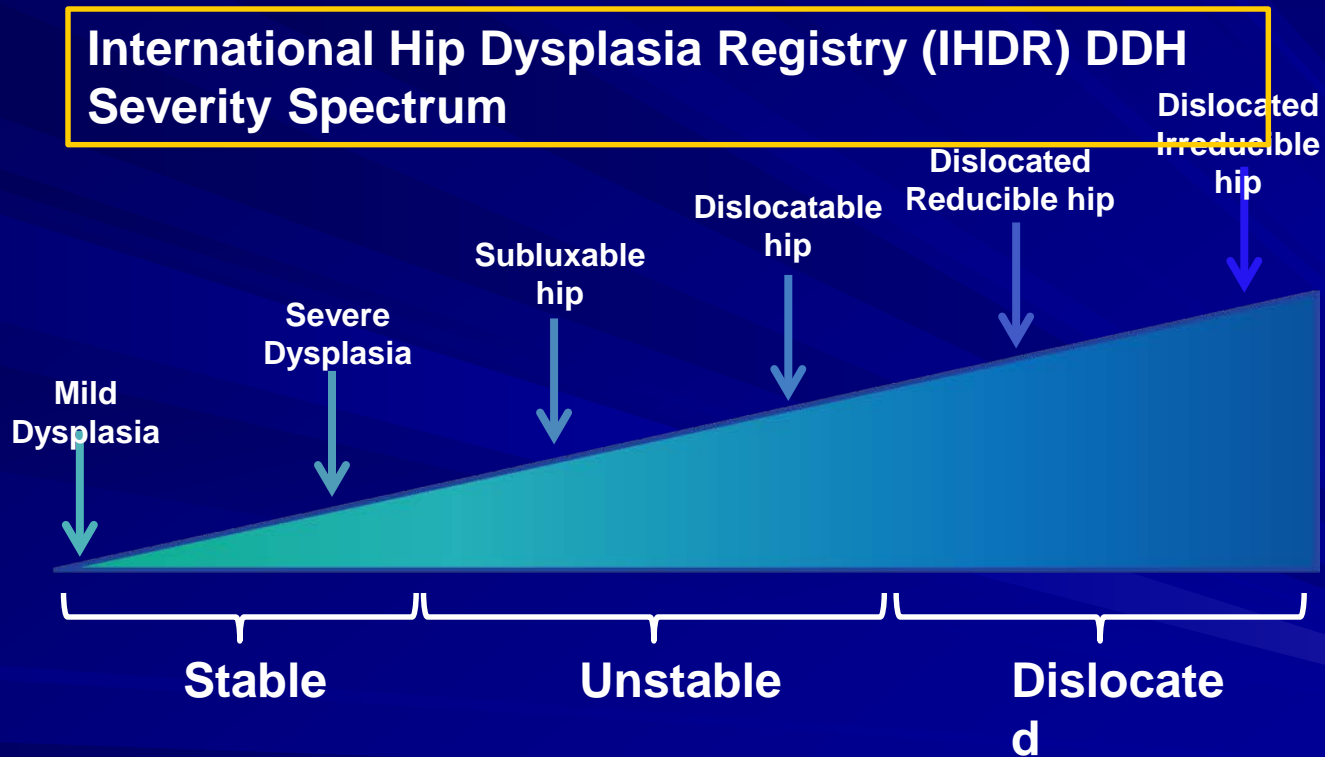
Diagnostic Discrepancy	
Clinical to Ultrasound	109/504 (21.6%)
Clinical to Radiograph	11/223 (4.9%)

- Discrepancy in clinical vs. radiologic diagnosis
  - Subjective definitions between surgeons, across centres

What is the gold standard diagnosis?



# Complexity of DDH Diagnoses



Schaeffer EK et al. *Med J Aus.*  
2018;208(8):359-364.



# A Standardized Diagnostic Classification

Clinical		Radiographic		Overall Diagnosis (Clinical+XR)
Femoral Head	Joint Laxity	IHDI Grade	Acetabular Morphology	
Reduced	Stable	I	Normal	Normal
			Dysplastic	Dysplastic
		II	Normal	Subluxated
			Dysplastic	Subluxated
	Unstable	I	Normal	Dislocatable
			Dysplastic	Dislocatable
II	Normal	Dislocatable/Subluxated		
	Dysplastic	Dislocatable/Subluxated		
Dislocated	Reducible	III or IV	Normal	Dislocated Reducible
			Dysplastic	Dislocated Reducible
	Irreducible	III or IV	Normal	Dislocated Irreducible
			Dysplastic	Dislocated Irreducible
Clinical		Ultrasound		Overall Diagnosis (Clinical+US)
Femoral Head	Joint Laxity	%FHC	Acetabular Morphology	
Reduced	Stable	>50	Normal	Normal
			Dysplastic	Dysplastic
		35-50	Normal	Subluxated
			Dysplastic	Subluxated
	Unstable	>50	Normal	Dislocatable
			Dysplastic	Dislocatable
35-50	Normal	Dislocatable/Subluxated		
	Dysplastic	Dislocatable/Subluxated		
Dislocated	Reducible	0-35	Normal	Dislocated Reducible
			Dysplastic	Dislocated Reducible
	Irreducible	0-35	Normal	Dislocated Irreducible
			Dysplastic	Dislocated Irreducible





# Conclusion and Significance

- Lack of a ***standardized diagnostic method*** and classification system has led to ***low-level evidence*** and ***lack of consensus*** across DDH literature
- Significant ***discrepancy*** exists among ***diagnostic methods***
- ***Subjective interpretation*** of diagnostic definitions limits cross-study and cross-centre comparison
- Development, dissemination of ***standardized classification*** system imperative to ***promote fundamental advancements*** in DDH diagnosis and management



# Centre Variability and Diagnostic Classification

## What Is the Impact of Center Variability in a Multicenter International Prospective Observational Study on Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip?

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Classification	Hip Status	
	Right	Left
Bilateral Dislocated	Dislocated	Dislocated
Unilateral Dislocated	Normal	Dislocated
	Dislocated	Normal
Bilateral Dysplastic	Dysplastic	Dysplastic
Unilateral Dysplastic	Normal	Dysplastic
	Dysplastic	Normal
Bilateral Hybrid	Dislocated	Dysplastic
	Dysplastic	Dislocated



# Risk Factors for Late-Presenting DDH

## What Risk Factors and Characteristics Are Associated With Late-presenting Dislocations of the Hip in Infants?

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- **Late-presenting DDH (>3 months at diagnosis)**
  - more complex treatment, long-term complications
- **Factors associated with late presentation:**
  - Cephalic presentation at birth
  - History of swaddling
  - Unilateral dislocation
  - Irreducible dislocation



# Outcomes of Brace Treatment in DDH

## Evaluation of Brace Treatment for Infant Hip Dislocation in a Prospective Cohort

Defining the Success Rate and Variables Associated with Failure

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Level of Evidence: Prognostic Level I.

- **Primary brace treatment successful in 79% of infants**
  - dislocated hip diagnosed <6 months of age
- **Factors associated with brace failure:**
  - Severity of dislocation
  - Age at treatment
  - Brace type
  - Hip affected



# Management of Irreducible Hip Dislocations in Infants With Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip Diagnosed Below 6 Months of Age

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# Conclusions

- Pavlik harness treatment has been demonstrated to be a safe first-line treatment for infants with dislocated irreducible hips
- Left hips were more likely to be successfully reduced in pavlik harness





# Outcomes of Surgical Treatment in DDH

## Closed Reduction for Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip: Early-term Results From a Prospective, Multicenter Cohort

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**Level of Evidence: Level II—prospective observational cohort.**

**In the literature: early CR increases risk of avascular necrosis (AVN)  
than delayed OR due to absence of ossific nucleus**

Variable	CR	OR
Patients	78	62
Hips	87	69
Initial Success	79/87 (91%)	68/69 (99%)
Initial Failure	8/87 (9%)	1/69 (1%)
Redislocation	7/79 (9%)	0/68 (0%)
Further Corrective Surgery	8/72 (11%)	3/68 (4%)
AVN	18/72 (25%)	18/69 (26%)
ON present	8/39 (21%)	12/43 (28%)
ON absent	10/33 (30%)	6/20 (23%)





# Developmental dysplasia of the hip: addressing evidence gaps with a multicentre prospective international study

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# The Need for Further Corrective Surgery in Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip:

Surgical Decision-making and Practice Variability

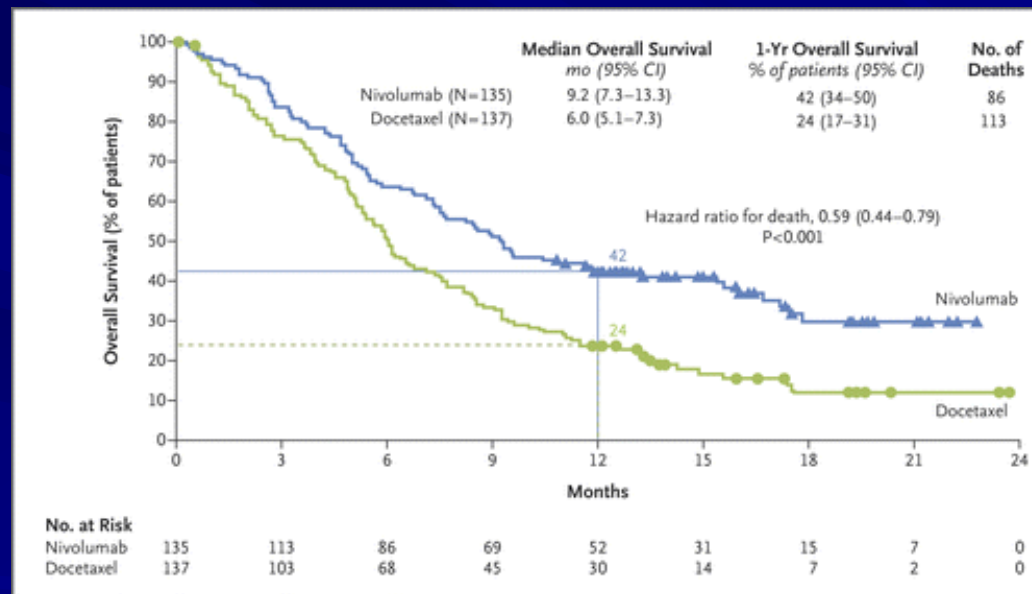
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# Outcome Measures in the Medical Literature

- Cancer therapy/drug trials:
  - patient death = true *objective* outcome for survival analysis



## Outcome measures in Orthopaedic Surgery?

Brahmer et al., NEJM 2015;373:123-135.



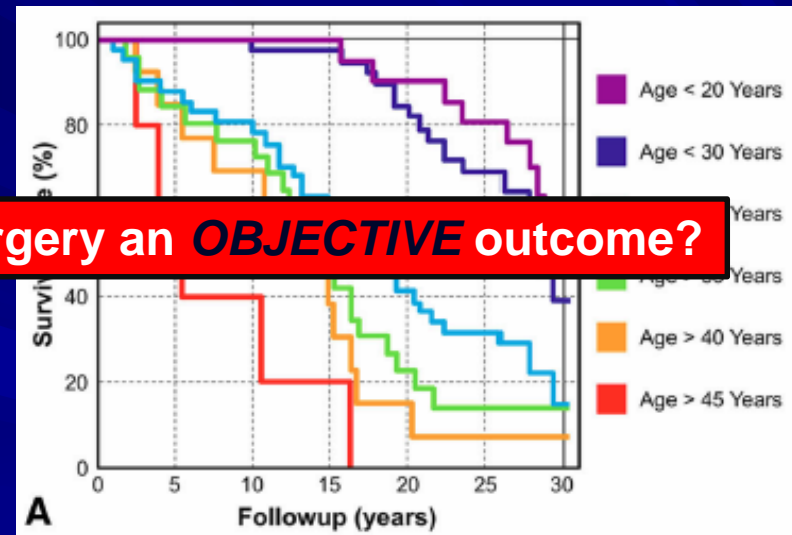
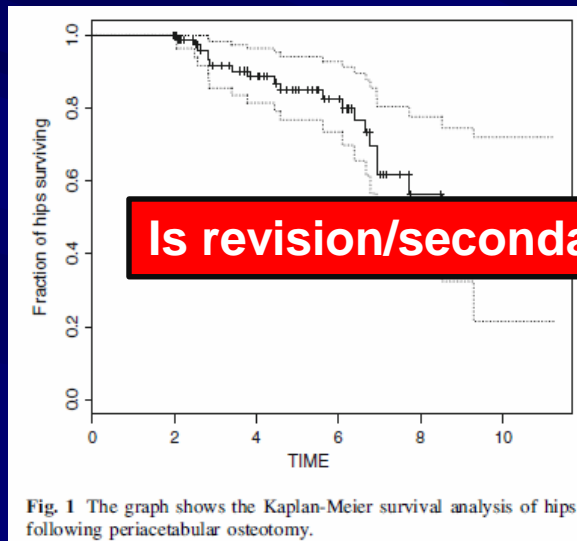
# Outcome Measures in Orthopaedic Surgery

- **Subjective** outcome measures common in orthopaedic surgery
  - Secondary/revision surgery
  - Grading of Complications
  - Grading/ treatment of Infection
- Outcomes can depend upon:
  - Hospital/medical system
  - Patient geographic location
  - Patient preference
  - **Surgeon decision-making**



# Survival Analysis in Orthopaedic Surgery

- Secondary/revision surgery = common outcome for survival analysis



Is revision/secondary surgery an **OBJECTIVE** outcome?

**Periacetabular Osteotomy (PAO) survival endpoint = conversion to THA**

Millis et al., CORR 2009;467:2228-2234.

Lerch et al., CORR 2017;475:1154-1168.



# Example Case: PAO Survival

A patient undergoes a periacetabular osteotomy (PAO) at 15 years of age:

## USA:



## Canada:



## India:

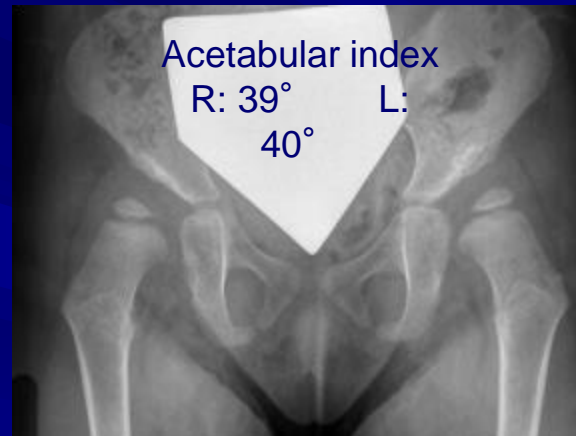


# Case Example – Patient 8

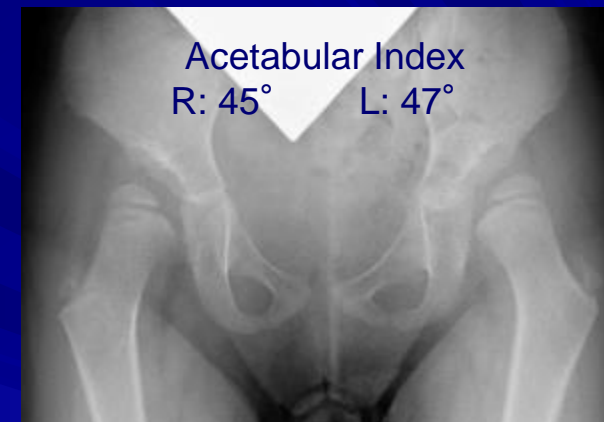
Diagnosed with bilateral dislocated hips at 16 months of age  
Underwent closed reduction, spica casting at 18 months



Age: 2 years 2 months  
8 months post-CR



Age: 2 years 10  
months  
12 months post-CR



Age: 3 years 6 months  
2 years post-CR



# FCS as a Surrogate Outcome Measure

Many studies use FCS as an indication of success or failure of initial procedure

## Predictors for Secondary Procedures in Walking DDH

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**Background:** Persistent or recurrent hip dysplasia and/or loss of reduction can complicate the treatment of developmental dysplasia of the hip (DDH) in walking children. In this study, we identify predictors for secondary procedures after open reduction of the hip in walking children with DDH.

**Level of Evidence:** Retrospective case series, level IV.

**Key Words:** DDH, hip dysplasia, open reduction of hip, pediatric hip

*(J Pediatr Orthop 2012;32:282–289)*

**FCS decisions and timing can be dependent upon surgeon preference**

## Evaluation of Experienced Surgeons' Decisions Regarding the Need for Secondary Surgery in Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip

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# Case Example: Minimal Agreement

Age: 19 months  
13 months post-OR

**Standardized  
consensus = 0**

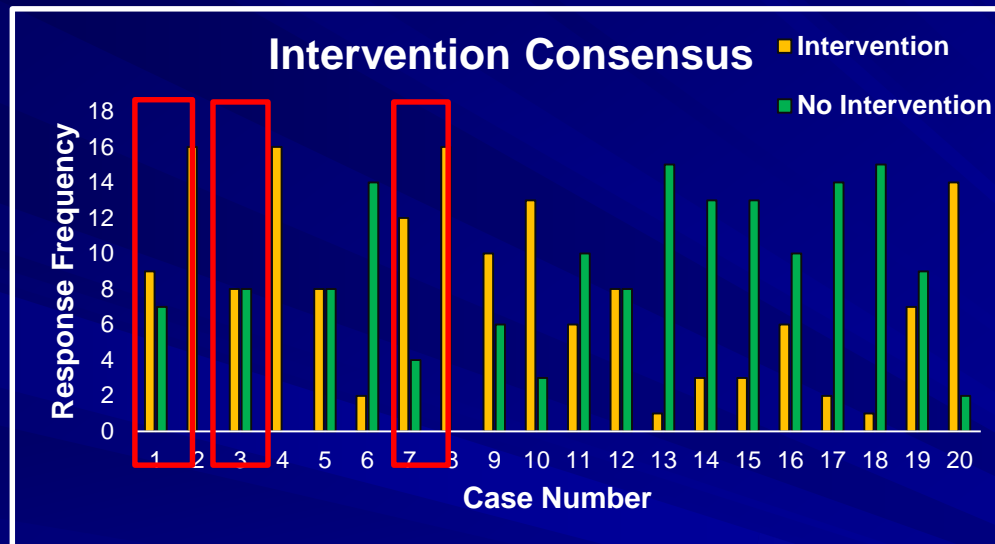


- 8/16 surgeons  
WOULD perform an  
intervention**
- ✧ Arthrogram to assess need for further procedures (1)
  - ✧ Femoral Varus Osteotomy (1)
  - ✧ Pelvic Osteotomy (Dega) (2)
  - ✧ FVO + PO (Salter) (1)
  - ✧ Open Reduction (OR) + PO (1)
  - ✧ OR + FVO (1)
  - ✧ Abduction Bracing (1)

- 8/16 surgeons WOULD  
NOT perform an  
intervention**
- ✧ POSSIBLE need for future intervention (5)
    - 4 – PO
    - 1 – PO + OR
  - ✧ DEFINITE need for future intervention (3)
    - 1 – PO
    - 1 – FVO + PO + OR
    - 1 – FVO + PO



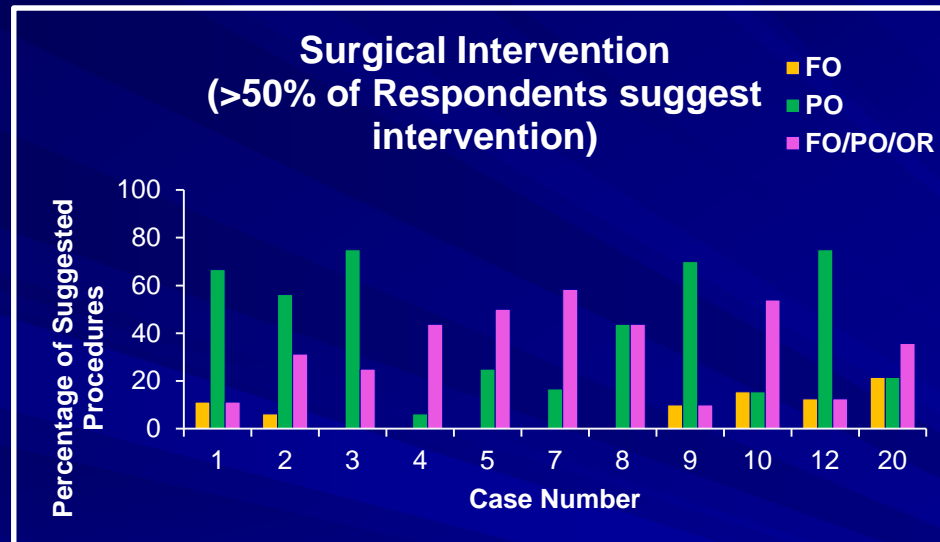
# Intervention Consensus



- Unanimous agreement : 3/20 cases (15%)
- Average standardized consensus (0-1 scale): 0.52  
[0.34,0.70]



# Surgical Procedure Choice



- Considerable variation in procedure choice
- **Pelvic osteotomy (PO) (41%), combined pelvic and femoral osteotomy (PO/FO) (24%) = most frequent procedure choices**



# Conclusions

IHDI has demonstrated the power of prospective study groups to **generate high quality evidence with practice-changing potential:**

- Developed diagnostic algorithms
- Identified risk factors
- Challenged previous retrospective findings

***BUT*, early-term results *ALSO* demonstrate need for comprehensive, long-term follow-up**



# Unanswered Questions

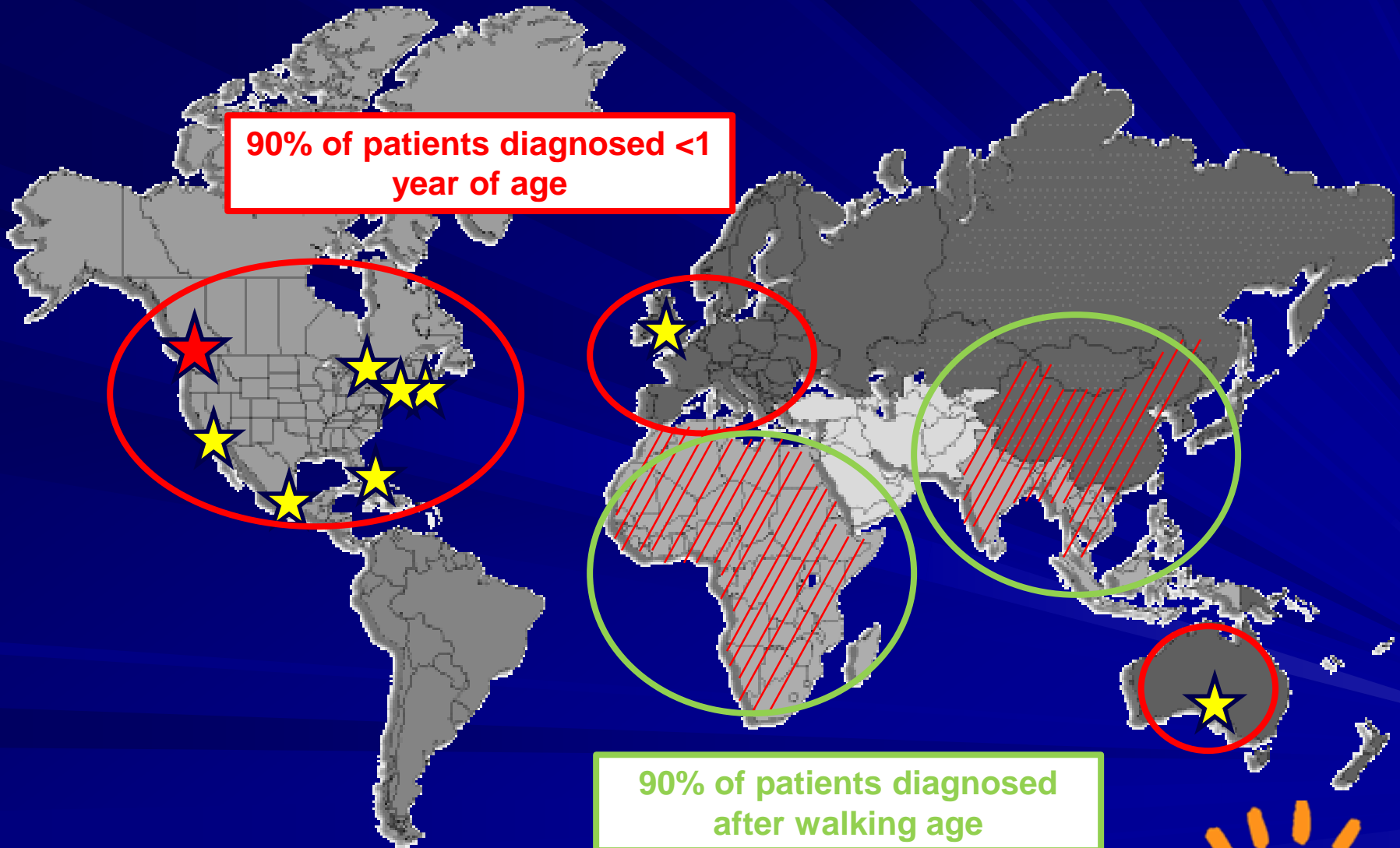
Even in the developed world:

- Many *unanswered questions* regarding screening, diagnosis, treatment, management
- Large *practice variability* surgeon-to-surgeon, centre-to-centre
- Limited ability to identify *optimal management strategies*



# DDH and Under-served Areas

90% of patients diagnosed <1 year of age



90% of patients diagnosed after walking age





# Development of an International Hip Dysplasia Registry (IHDR)

Hypothesis-  
Generating:

**DDH Registry (Housed at BCCH)**

FULL SPECTRUM of DDH  
Follow-up to skeletal maturity

Hypothesis-  
Testing:



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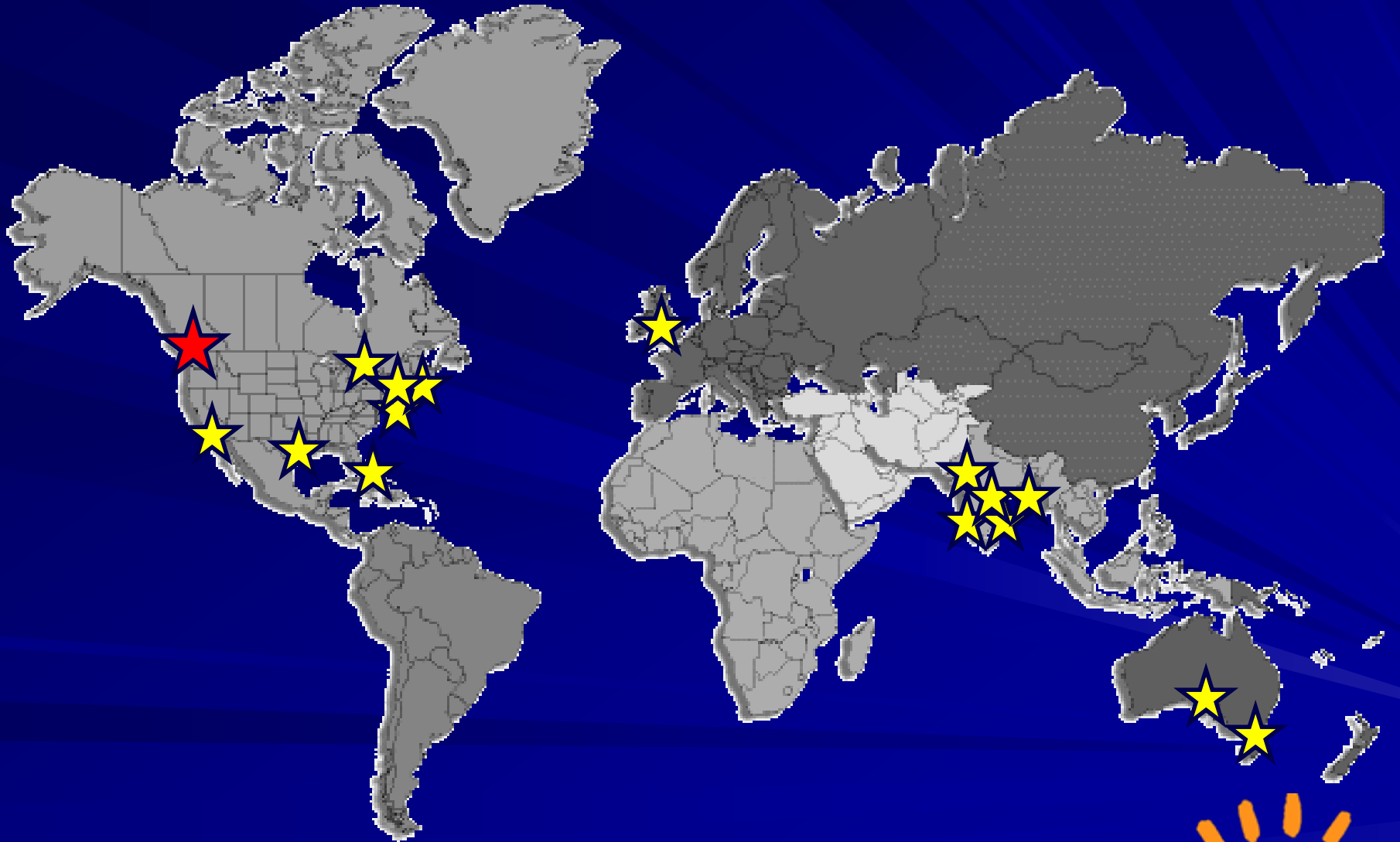
**RCT – Rigid vs.  
Dynamic Bracing**

**RCT – DDH risk factor  
screening and  
monitoring**

**RCT – Observation vs.  
Pavlik for dysplastic,  
clinically stable hips**



# Potential for Global Impact



# 3D Ultrasound in the Management of Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip



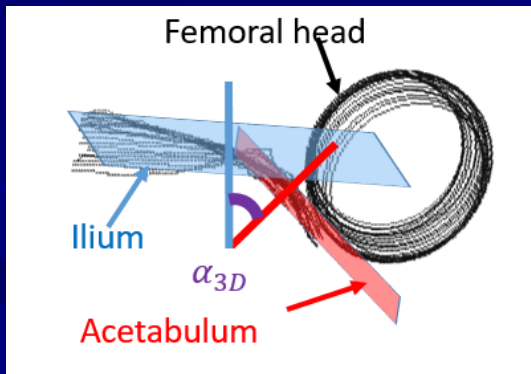
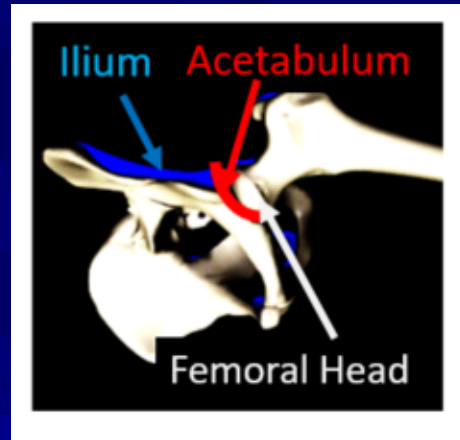
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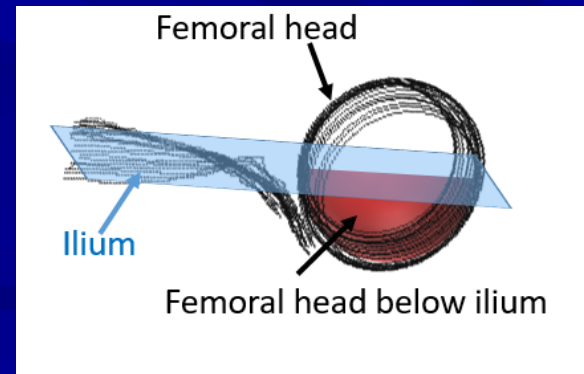
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# Proposed 3D-derived Dysplasia Metrics



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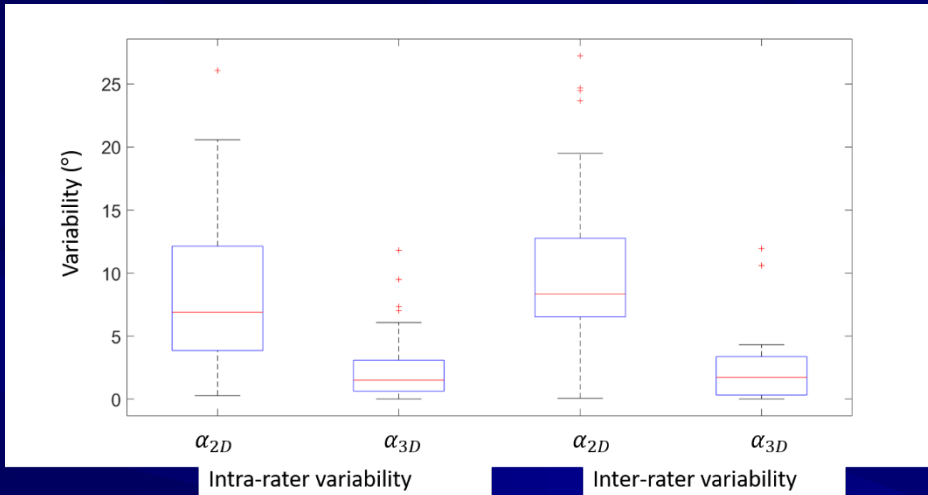


$FHC_{3D}$



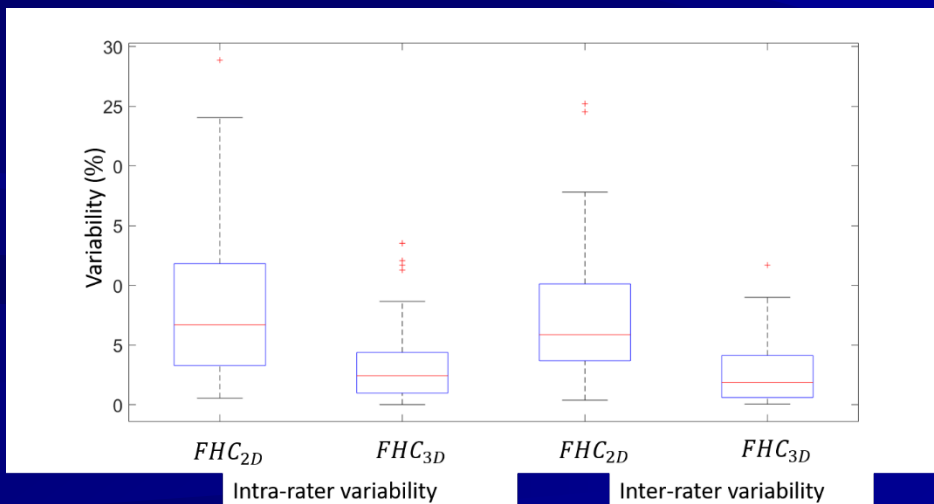
# Variability, 2D/3D

$\alpha_{3D}$  vs.  $\alpha_{2D}$



- Statistically significant reduction in variability for  $\alpha_{3D}$  compared to  $\alpha_{2D}$

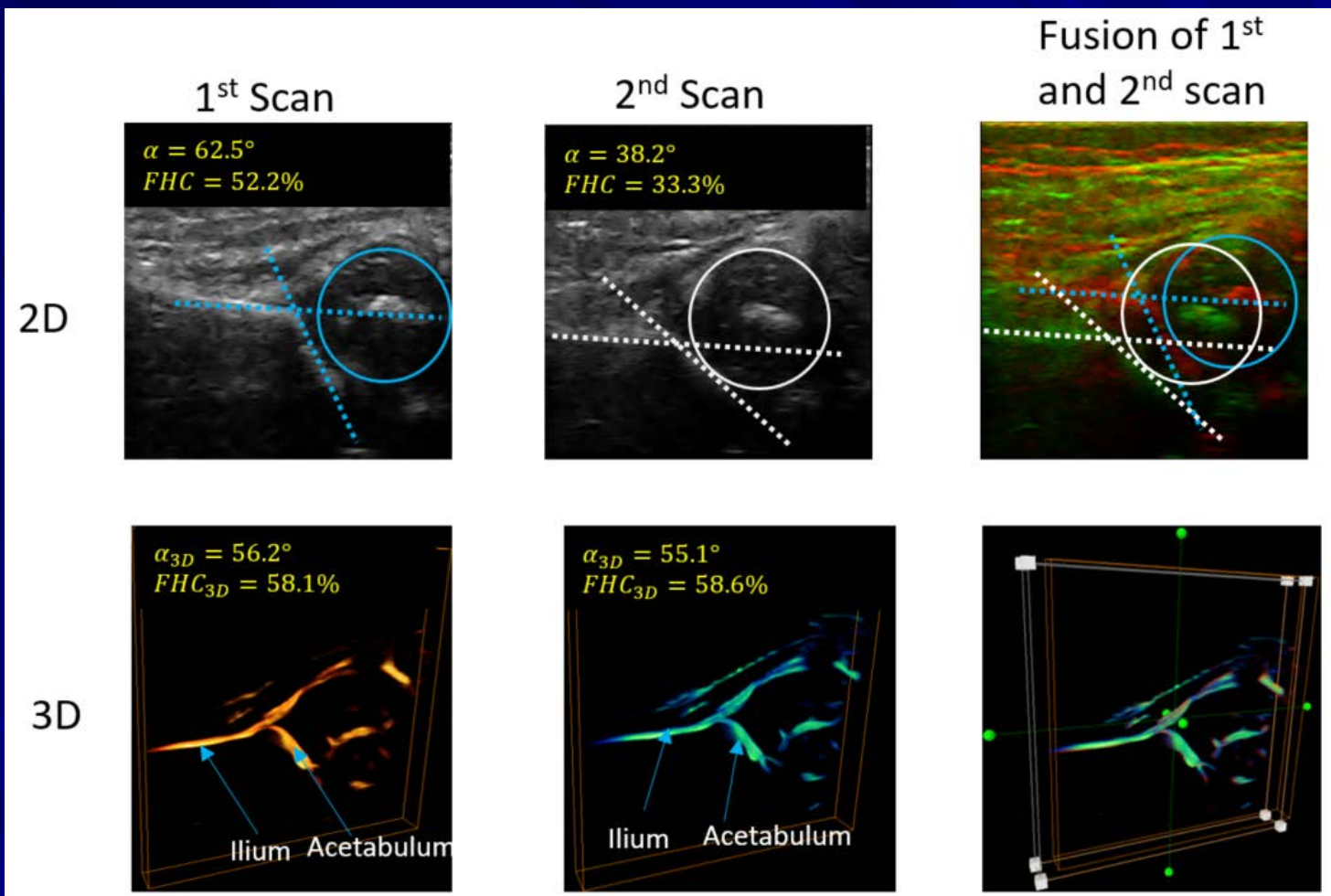
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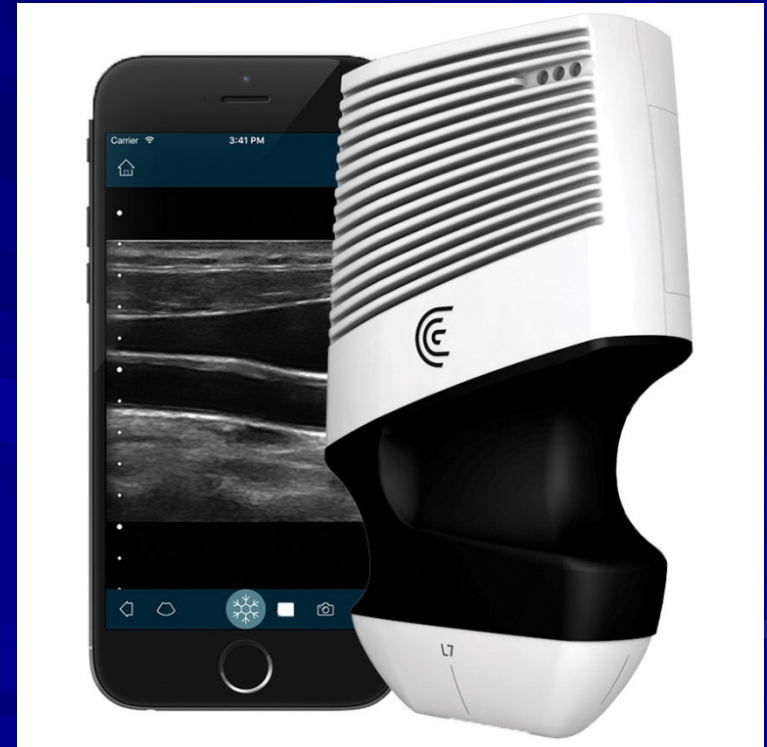
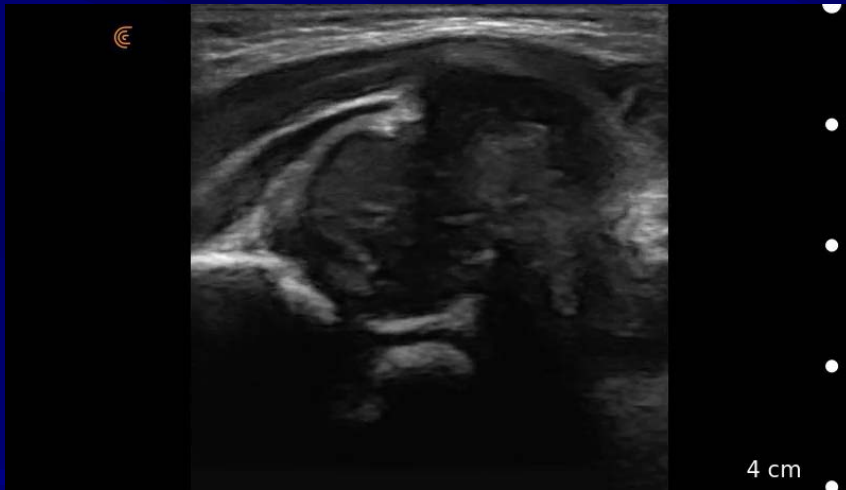
# Example Result, and Intuition for Reduced Variability with 3D





# Future Directions

**Clarius: Wireless Portable Ultrasound  
Linear Handheld Ultrasound Scanner**





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