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# Biceps Tenodesis in 30-Year-Old and Younger Military Servicemembers: Trends & Longer- Term Follow-up



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## Subpectoral Biceps Tenodesis for Treatment of Isolated Type II SLAP Lesions in a Young, Active Population

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**N=20, mean f/u: 3 years**

## Return to Play After Biceps Tenodesis and Transfer in a Young, Athletic Population

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**N=41, f/u: 4 years**

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## Arthroscopic treatment of type II superior labral anterior (SLAP) lesions in a younger population: minimum 2 years of follow-up: similar between SLAP repair and biceps tenodesis

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## Return to Play After Biceps Tenodesis for Isolated SLAP Tears in Overhead Athletes

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## Open Subpectoral Biceps Tenodesis: An Alternative to Arthroscopic Repair for Patients Under 30

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**N=29, f/u: 5 years**

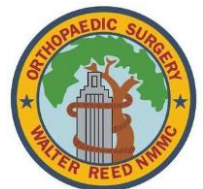
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## Biceps Tenodesis Is a Viable Option for Management of Proximal Biceps Injuries in Patients Less Than 25 Years of Age

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# Purpose



- Young patient with SLAP tear = treatment dilemma
  - Repair? Tenodesis?
- Military population: relatively young, relatively high shoulder demand
- What are the utilization trends, long-term outcomes, and implications of open biceps tenodesis (OBT) in a 30-year-old and younger active-duty military population?





# Materials & Methods

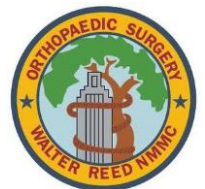
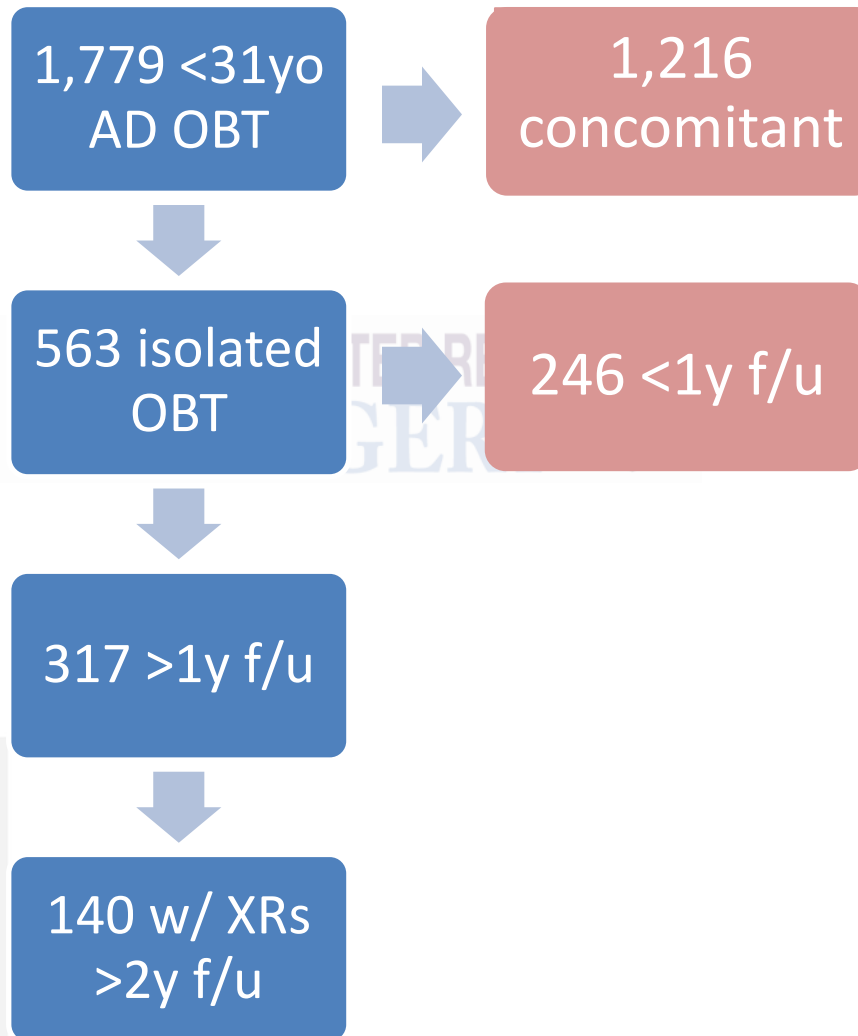


- Military Data Repository (MDR) query for CPT 24340 (open biceps tenodesis) from 2010-2015
- Exclusion: concomitant shoulder instability, rotator cuff tear, distal clavicle arthrosis
- Retrospective chart review of patients with >1 year follow-up
  - Demographics, complications, return to duty
  - Additional post-operative shoulder care
  - Presence of additional post-operative shoulder radiographs





# Methods

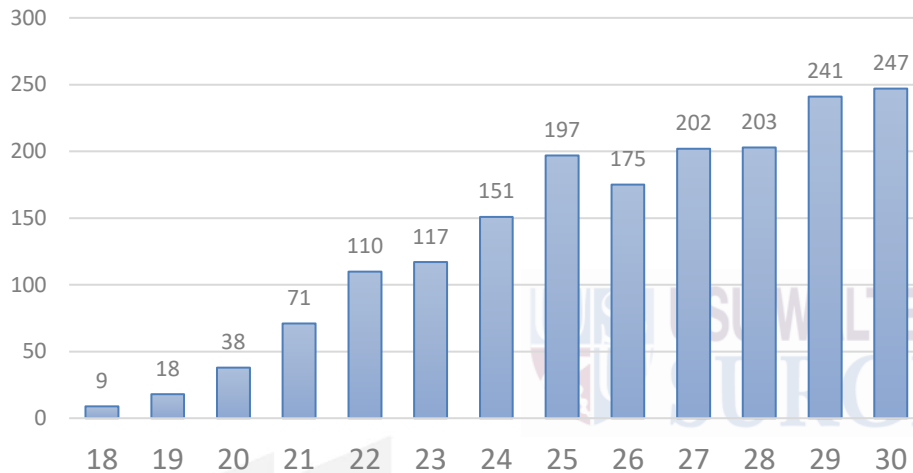




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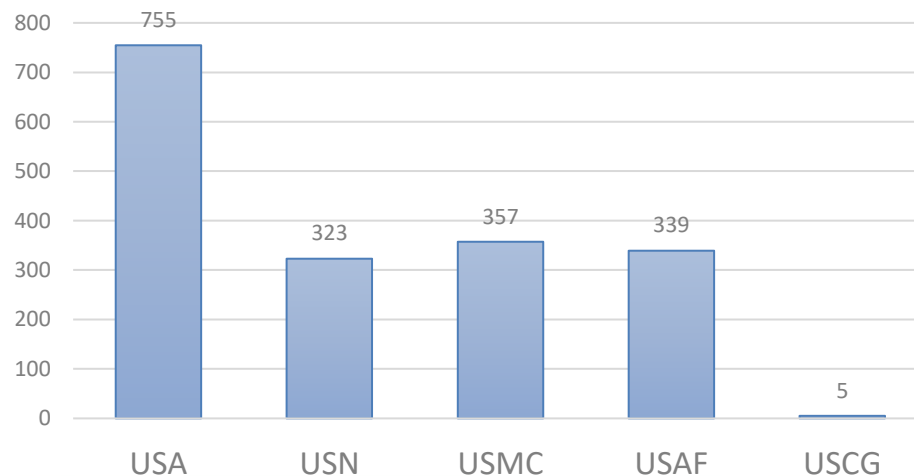


### Age Distribution

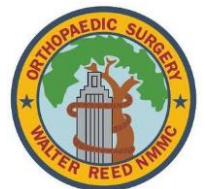


• Mean age: 26 (18-30)

### Service Branch Distribution



- USA: 42%
- USN: 18%
- USMC: 20%
- USAF: 19%
- USCG: 0.3%

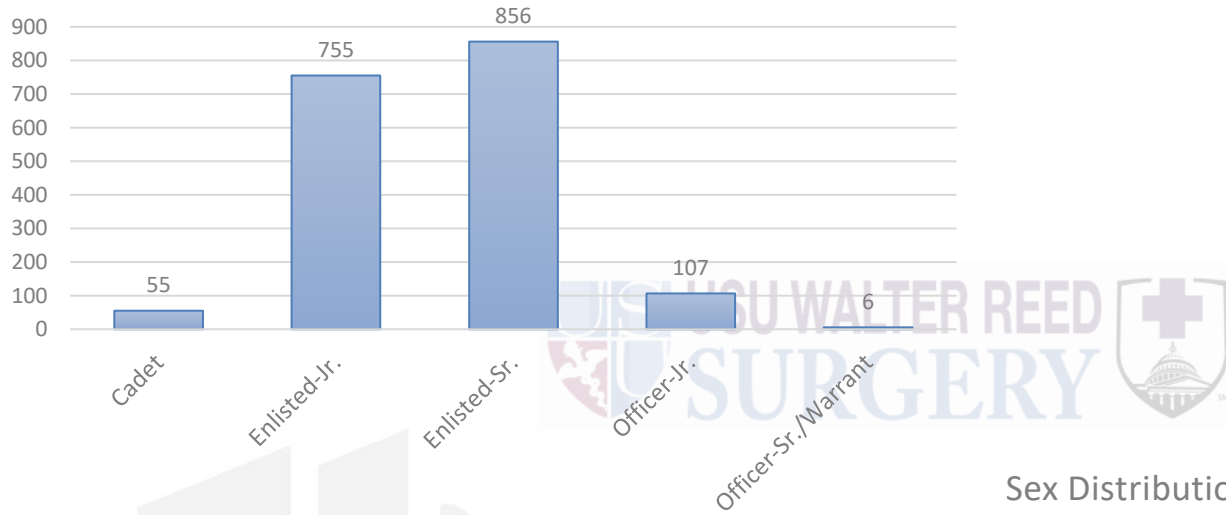




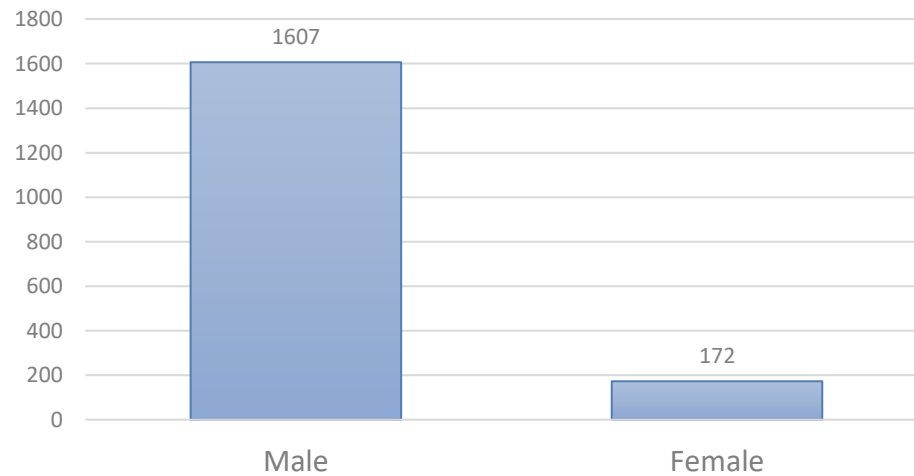
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Rank Distribution



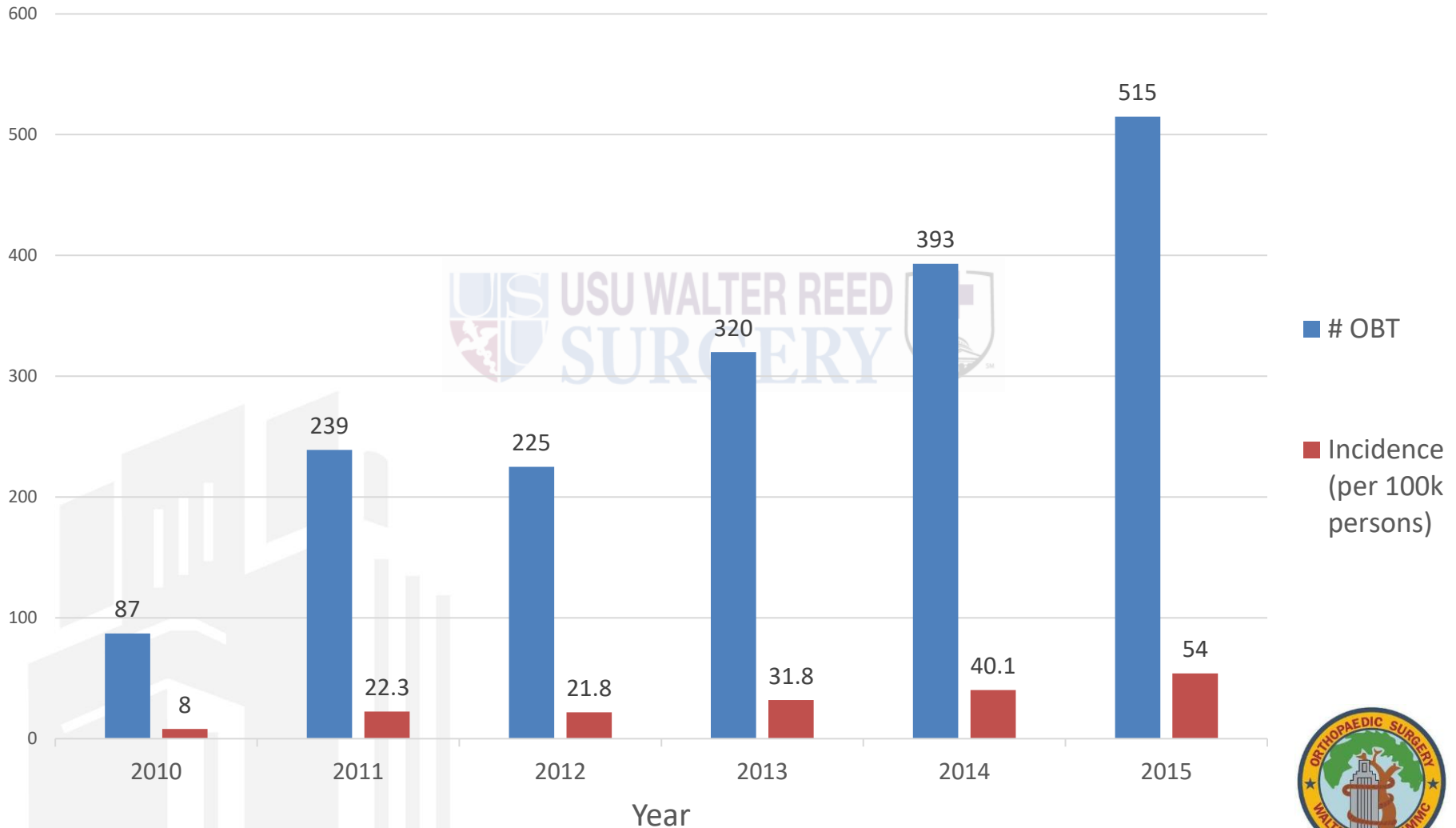
Sex Distribution







# Results: OBT Trends





- Acute complications (5.4%, 17/317):
  - Tenodesis failure: 7 (2.2%)
  - Superficial wound infection: 5 (1.6%)
- Subsequent ipsilateral shoulder care at mean **9.7-year f/u** (IQR 8.6-11.0):
  - 57% (182/317) represented at least once with shoulder complaint (past 6-month f/u)
    - 43% (135/317) due to pain
      - 14% also had contralateral shoulder pain →
      - 29% “contralateral-adjusted” incidence of subsequent symptoms isolated to operative side
    - 21% subsequent injury
    - 13% additional surgery

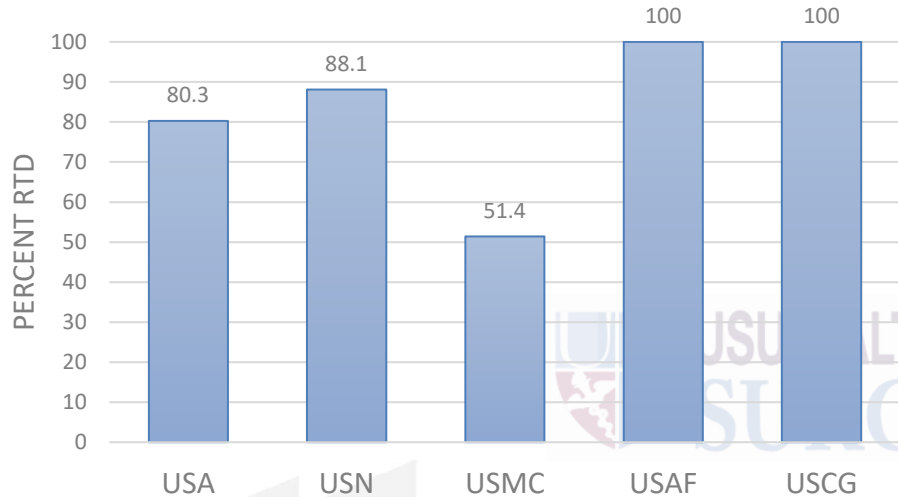




# Results: Return to Duty

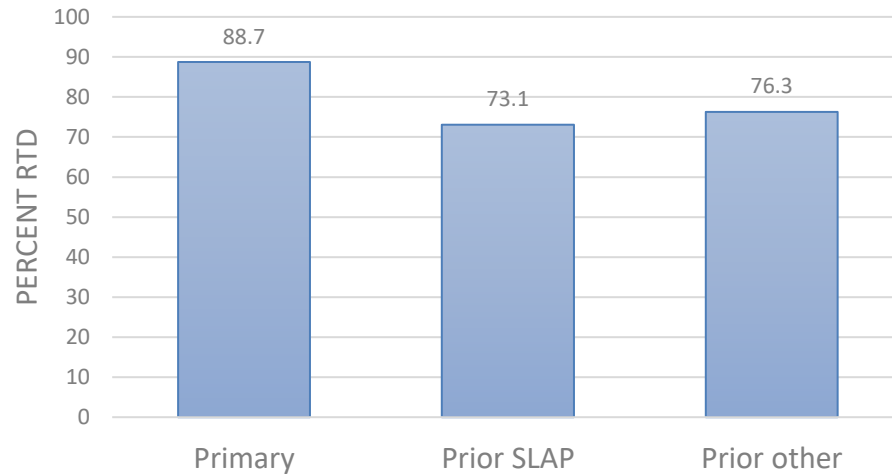


RTD - Branch of Service



- Mean RTD: 85%

RTD - Surgery Category



- RTD lower after prior SLAP repair vs. primary OB (p=.01)

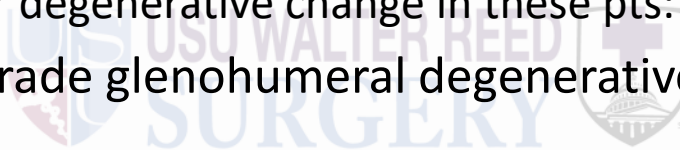




# Results: Radiographic



- N = 140 patients with radiographs >2y post-op
  - Mean: 6.3 years post-op
- Glenohumeral degenerative change ( $\geq$  mild): 16% (22/140)
  - 95% (21/22) of these patients had progression from pre-op
  - Acromioclavicular degenerative change in these pts: 9/22 →
- Isolated or higher grade glenohumeral degenerative change: 9% (13/140)





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# Limitations



- Variation in surgical technique
- Limited granularity on surgical indication
- Limited granularity on characteristics of subsequent shoulder symptoms





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# Continuing Study



- Ongoing analysis of pre- and late post-operative radiographs
  - Quantifying glenohumeral joint migration and degenerative change





# Conclusions



- Open biceps tenodesis increasingly utilized in young military servicemembers
  - 6.8-fold incidence increase 2010-15
- Low acute complication rate
  - 2% tenodesis failure
- Relatively high RTD
  - 85% overall but lower with prior surgery (including SLAP repair) and in Marines
- Moderate rate of subsequent shoulder care
  - 57% with at least one visit past routine f/u
- Progression of glenohumeral OA in some
  - 9% ACJ-adjusted OA progression prevalence





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