



# Radiofrequenza e Criolesione in ecoguida per dolore degli arti superiori e inferiori

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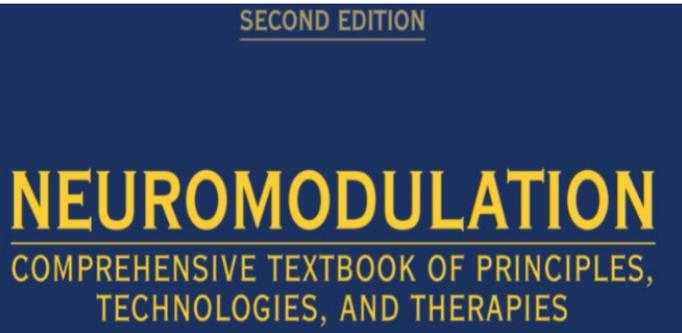
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# What is Neuromodulation

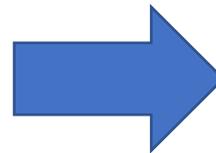


“The alteration of nerve activity through targeted delivery of a stimulus, such as electrical stimulation or chemical or physical agents, to specific neurological sites in the body”

*The International Neuromodulation Society*

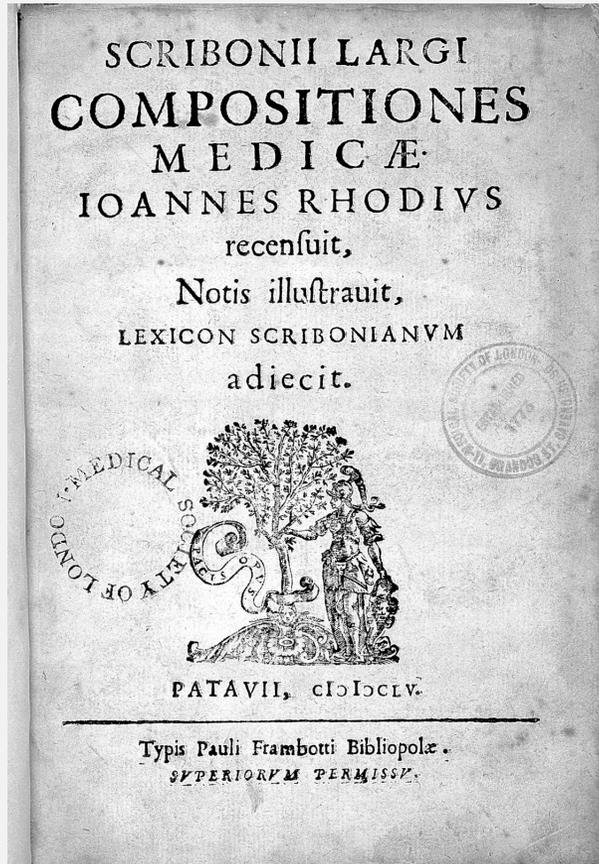
- inhibition
- stimulation
- modification
- regulation
- therapeutic alteration

electrically or chemically or physically



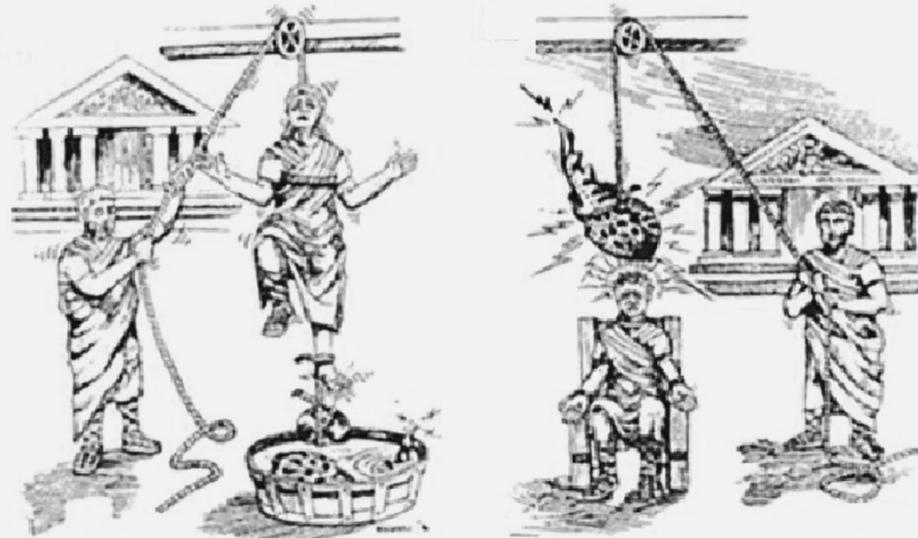
activity in the central, peripheral, or  
autonomic nervous system

**Objective:** to maximize nociceptive block, minimize tissue destruction



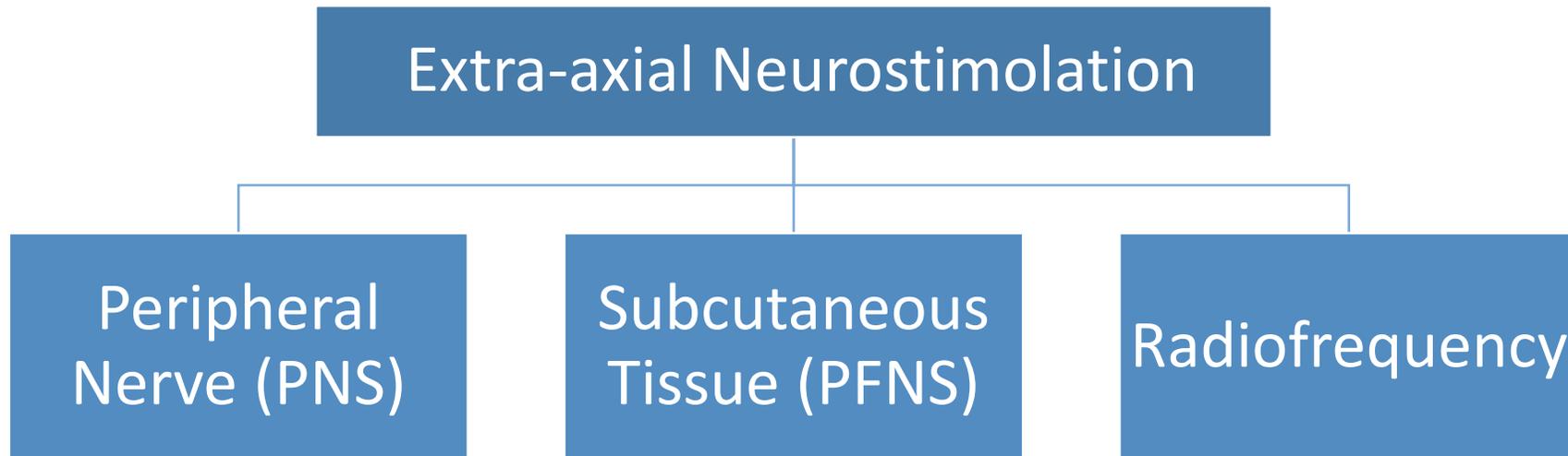
## The first use of electricity for pain control

- Scribonius Largus observed the disappearance of gout pain after accidental contact with a torpedo fish (15 AD).
- Use of Mediterranean Sting-rays to cure headaches (46 AD).



# Extra-axial Neurostimulation

## Electrical neuromodulation (Neurostimulation)



# The power of fire



# RADIOFREQUENCY

## CONTINUOUS (1949)

- 500 kHz with sine wave
- Temperatures between 50 and 90 °C
- Variable voltage → fixed temperature
- Damage of nerve fibers

## PULSED (1998)

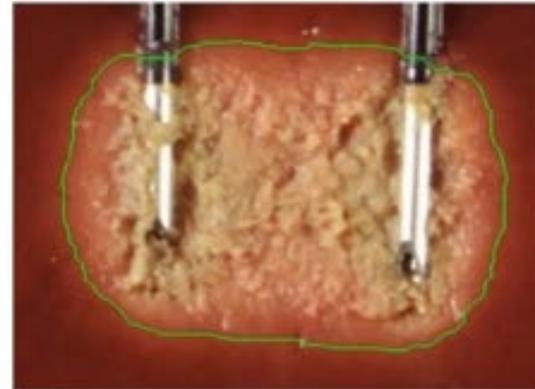
- 500 kHz with sine wave
- 2 pulses lasting 20 msec/second (2Hz)
- 480 msec pause
- Maximum 42 ° C
- 45V → temperature <42 ° C
- Minimal neurolesion or neuromodulation (?)

# DIFFERENT TYPES of RADIOFREQUENCY



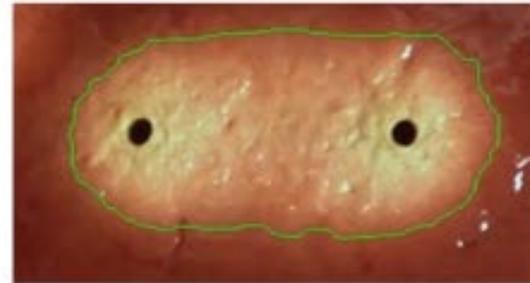
## Monopolar

- Tissue heated
- Egg-shaped or spherical ablation
- Most procedures

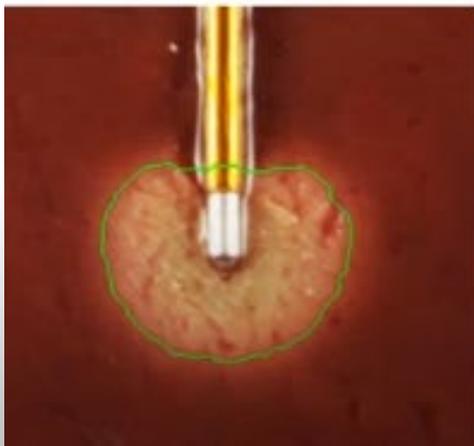


## Bipolar

- Tissue heated
- RF between electrodes
- No ground pad
- Large brick-shaped ablation
- Eg SIJ Joint, Thoracic MB



Two cross sections of one ablation



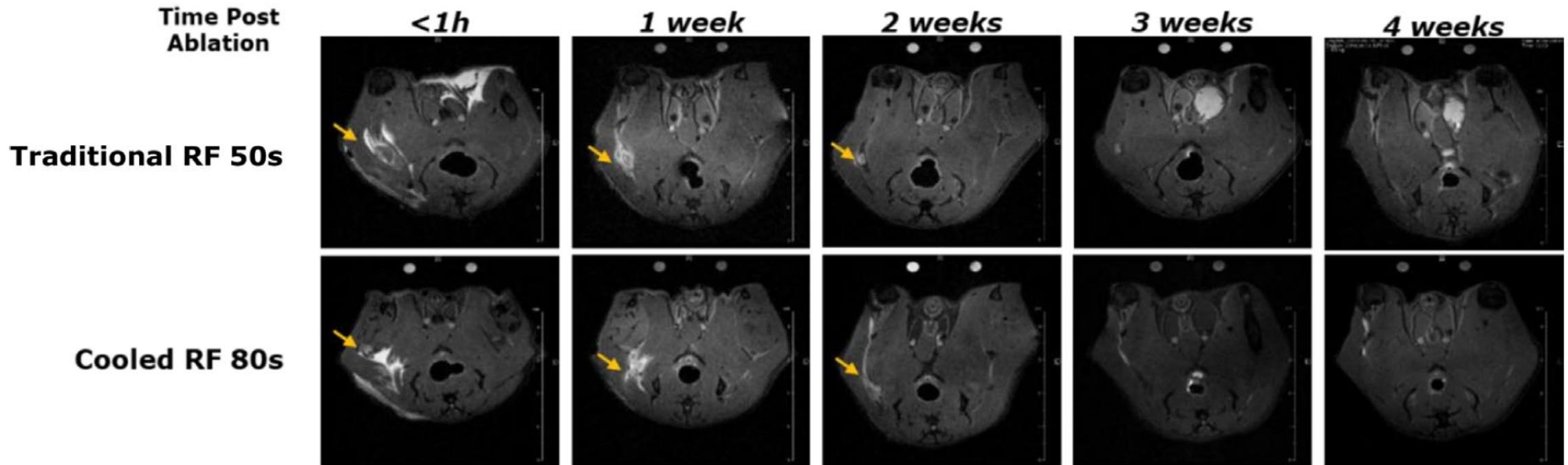
## Cooled

- Tissue heated
- Spherical ablation
- Electrode cooled



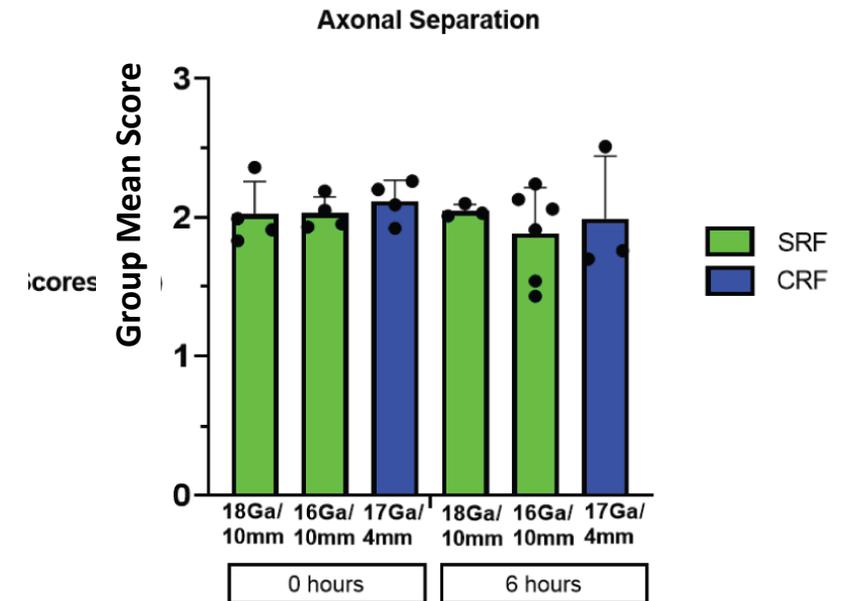
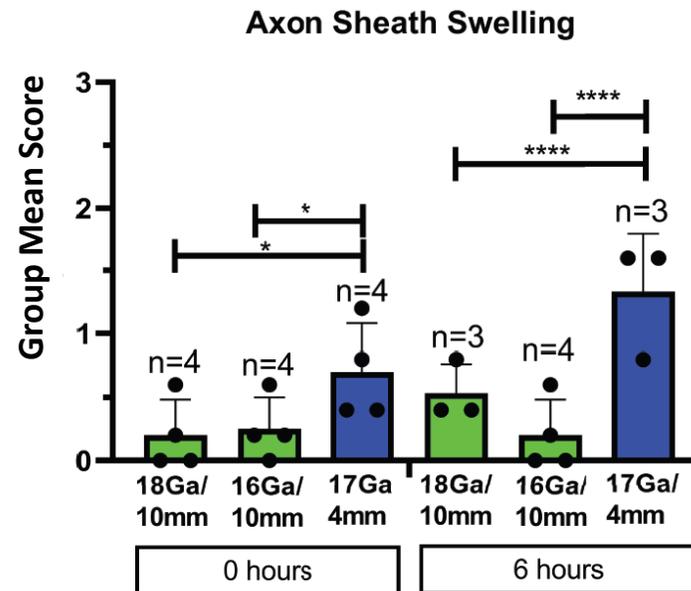
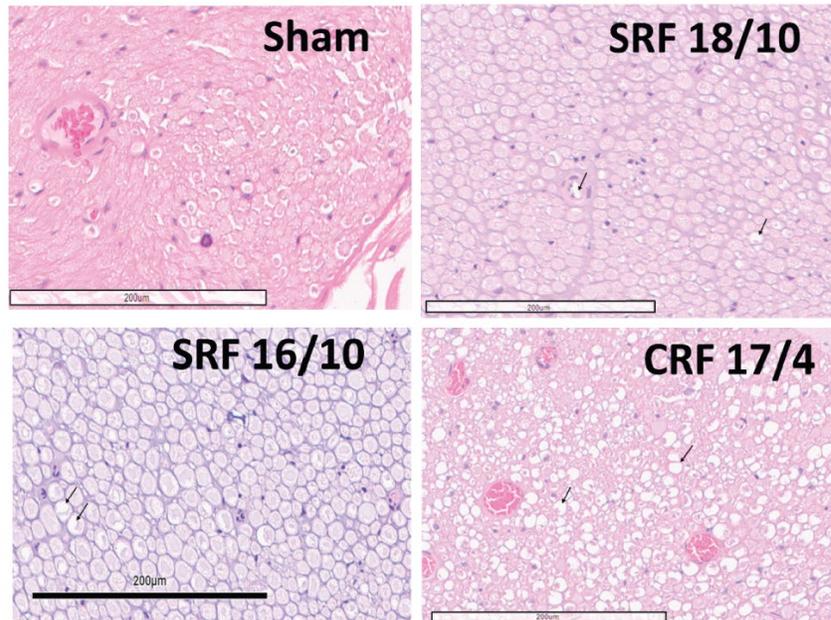
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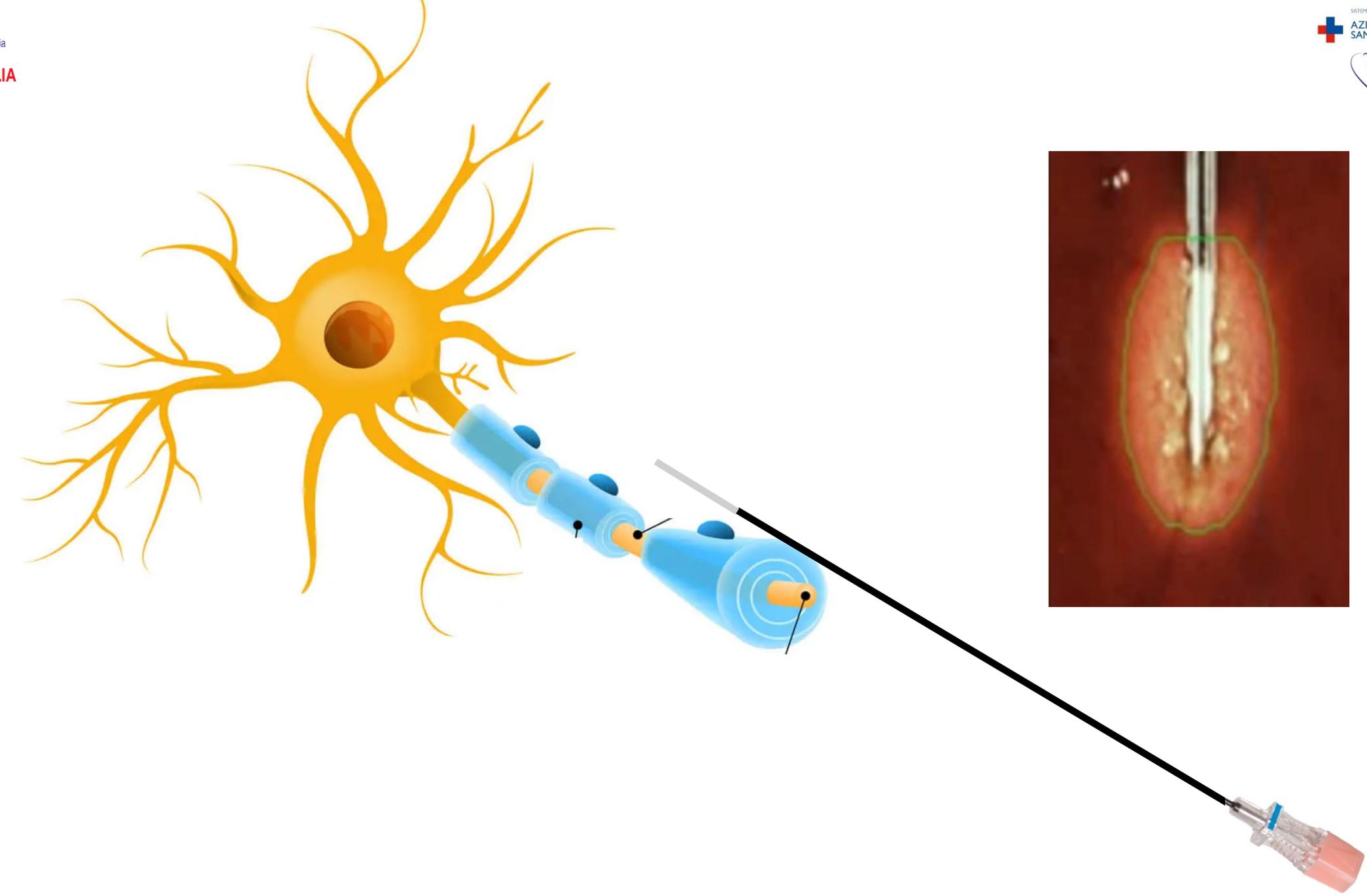
# Physiological and functional responses of water-cooled versus traditional radiofrequency ablation of peripheral nerves in rats





# Water-circulating probes significantly modify lesion length and axon damage in cooled radiofrequency ablations when compared with similar-sized standard radiofrequency probes in rats



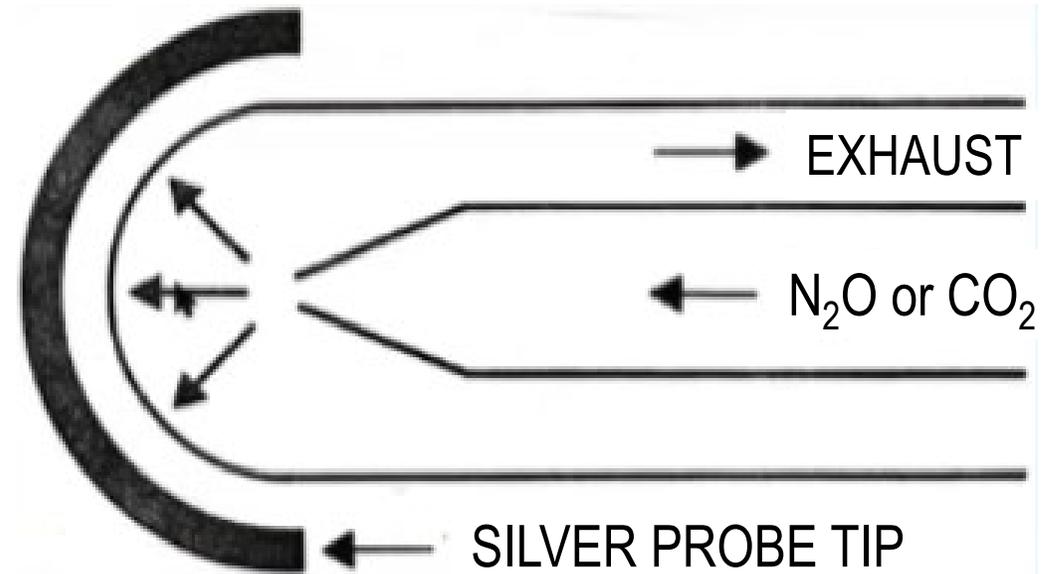




# The power of ice

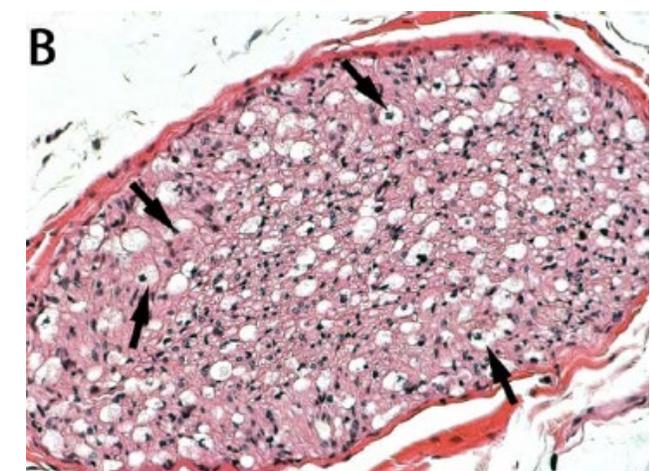
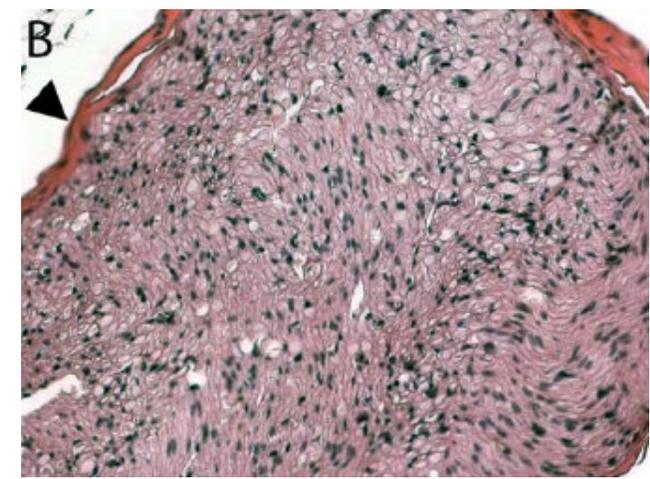
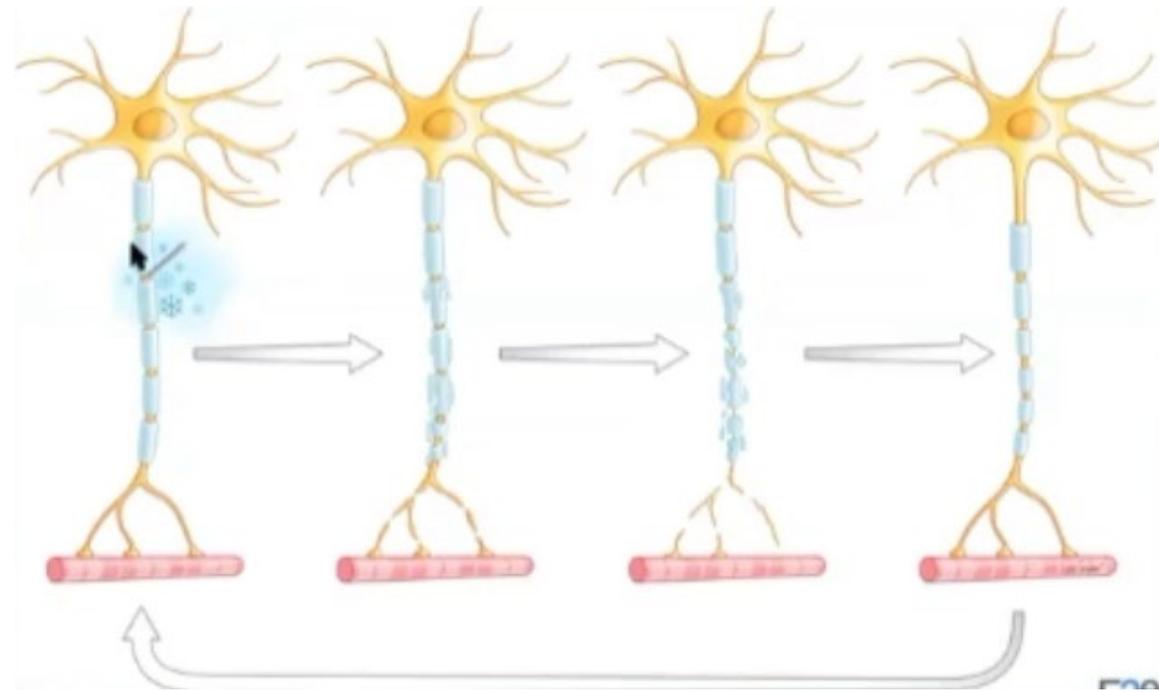
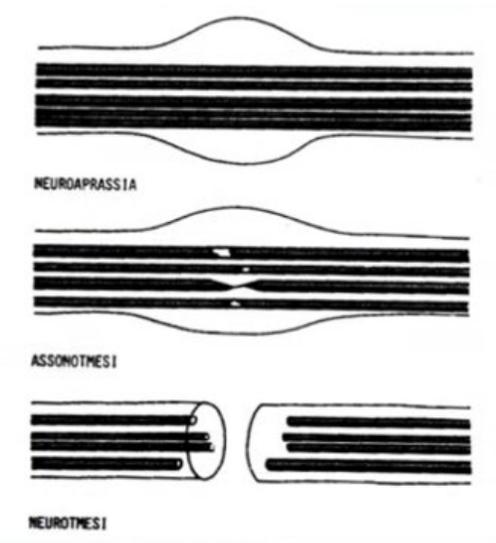


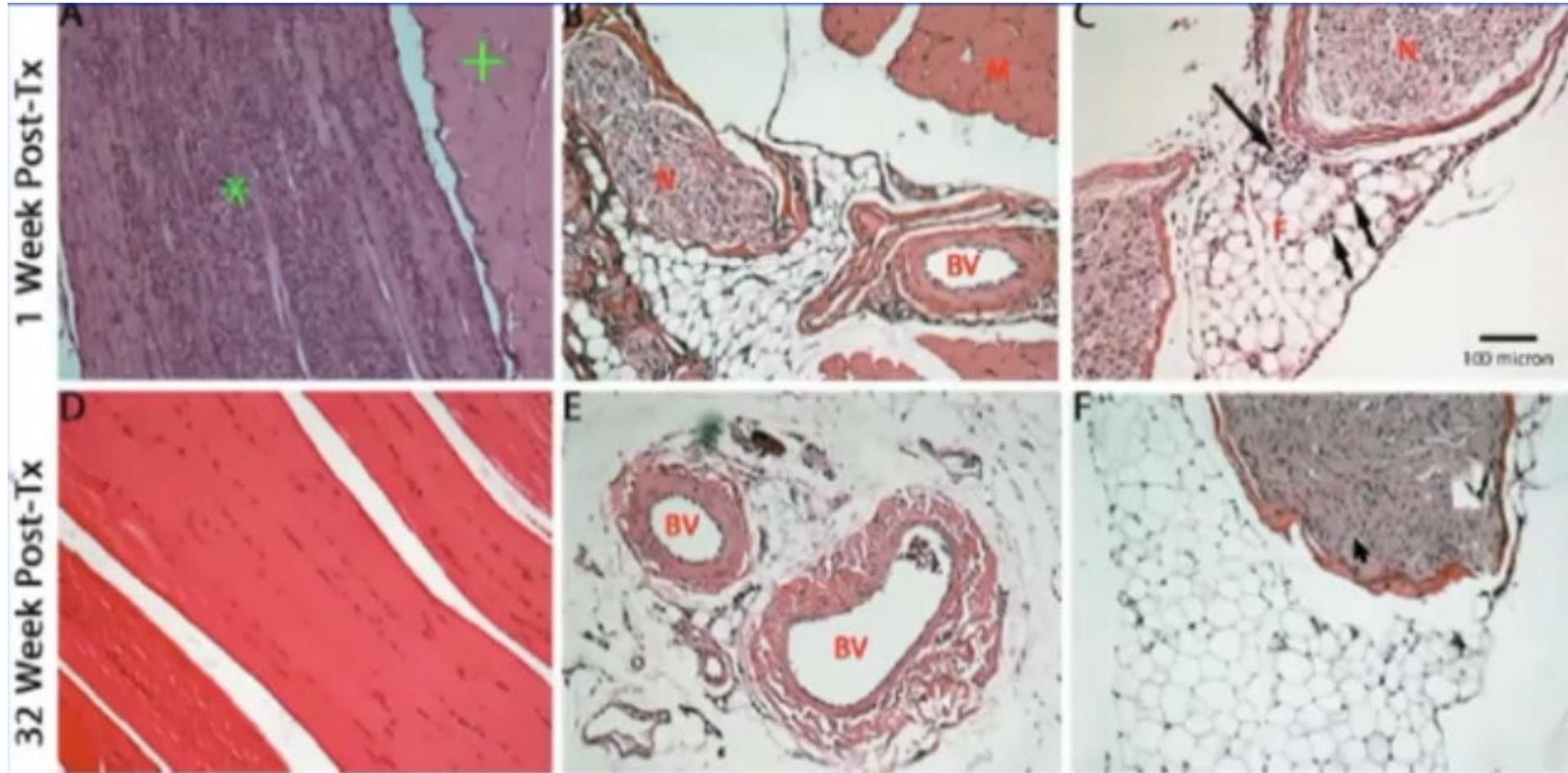
- A compressed gas ( $N_2O$  or  $CO_2$ ) is released through a tiny opening and expands
- The tip goes to  $-70^\circ C$  (Joules-Thompson effect)



# WALLERIAN DEGENERATION AND RECOVERY OF MOTOR NERVES AFTER MULTIPLE FOCUSED COLD THERAPIES

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**BLOOD VESSELS**

**FAT**



# Why Ultrasound?

1. Most typical imaging examinations and interventional procedures performed under fluoroscopy have also been reportedly performed under ultrasound guidance

Hurdle MF. Phys Med Rehabil Clin N Am. 2016;27(3):673–86.

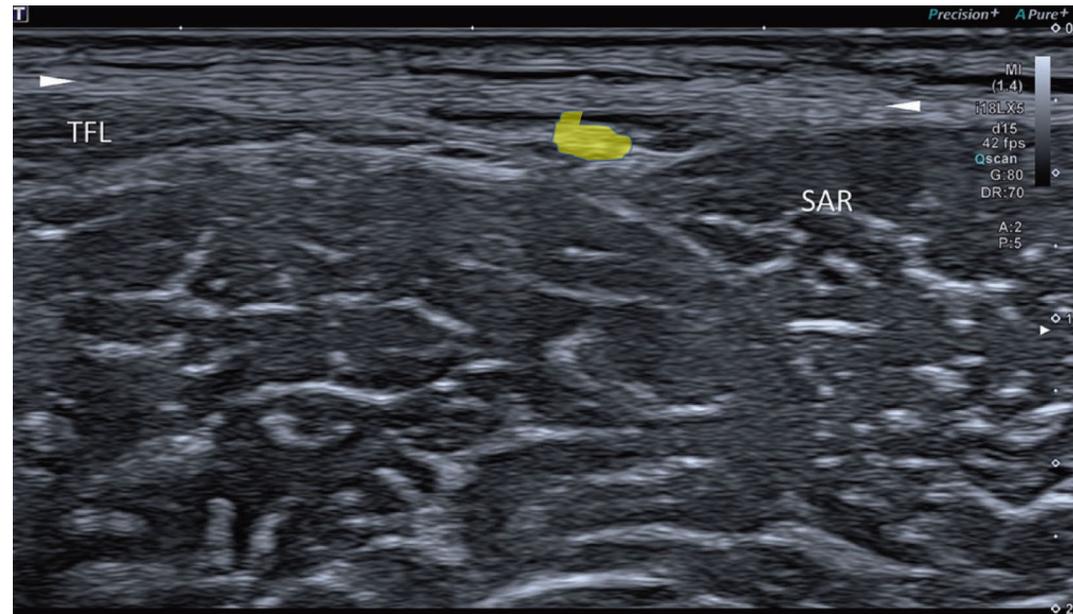
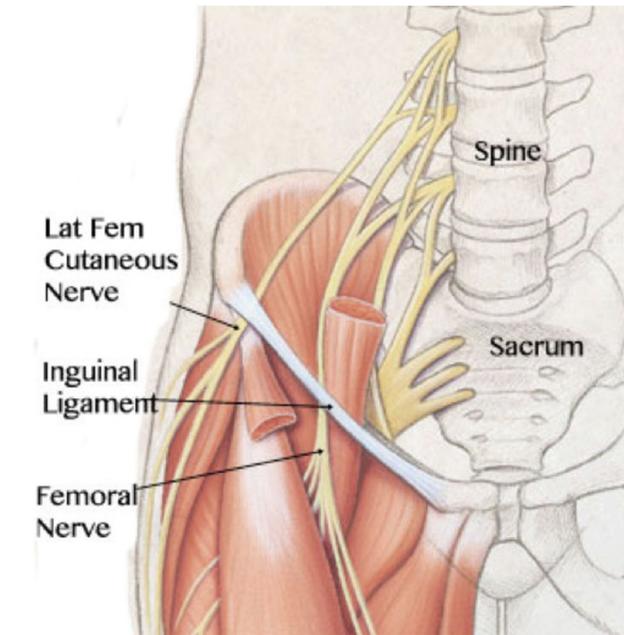
2. For certain types of cervical pain injection therapy, there is also evidence that ultrasound provides noninferior guiding effects when compared with computed tomography

Yue Ley et Al. ì. Clin J Pain. 2023;39(2):68–75..

3. Many advantages:
  - no ionizing radiation,
  - real-time guidance,
  - high spatial resolution,
  - excellent soft tissue contrast,
  - ability to identify and avoid critical structures

# Pain Management

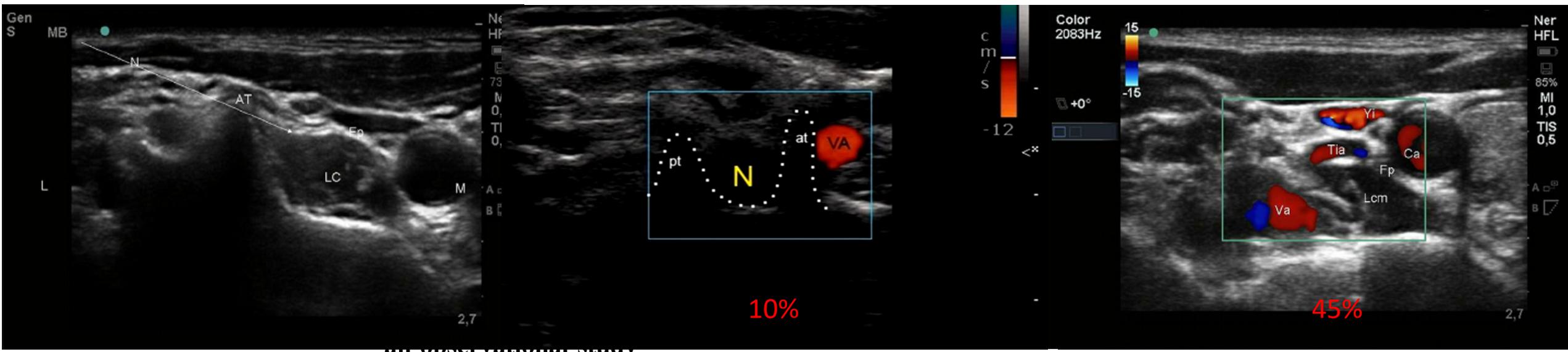
- Ensure **accuracy** of procedures



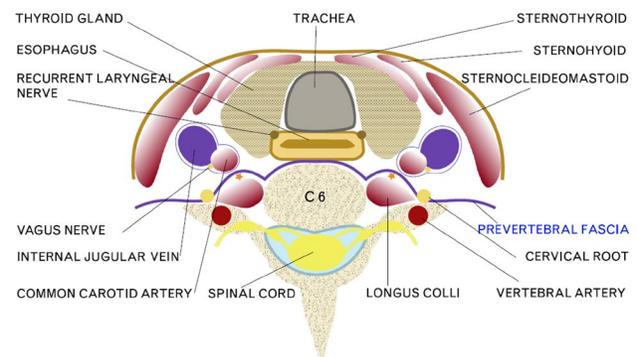
Landmark guide: 5-40%

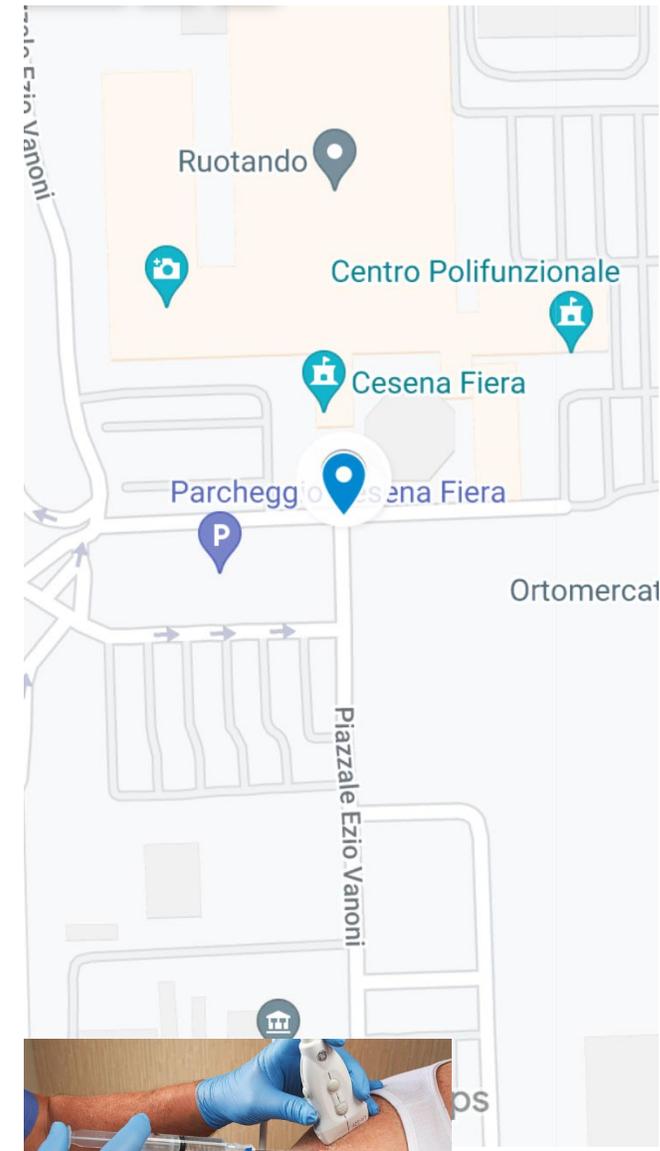
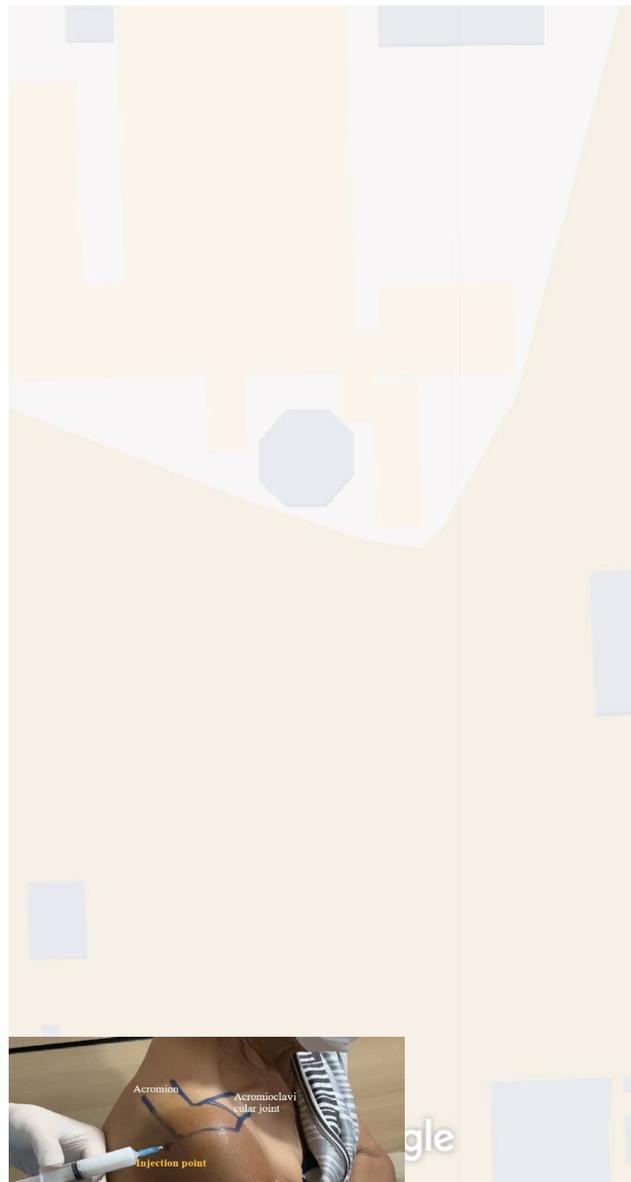
US-guidance: 95-100%

# Pain Management



an observational study





# Only good qualities?





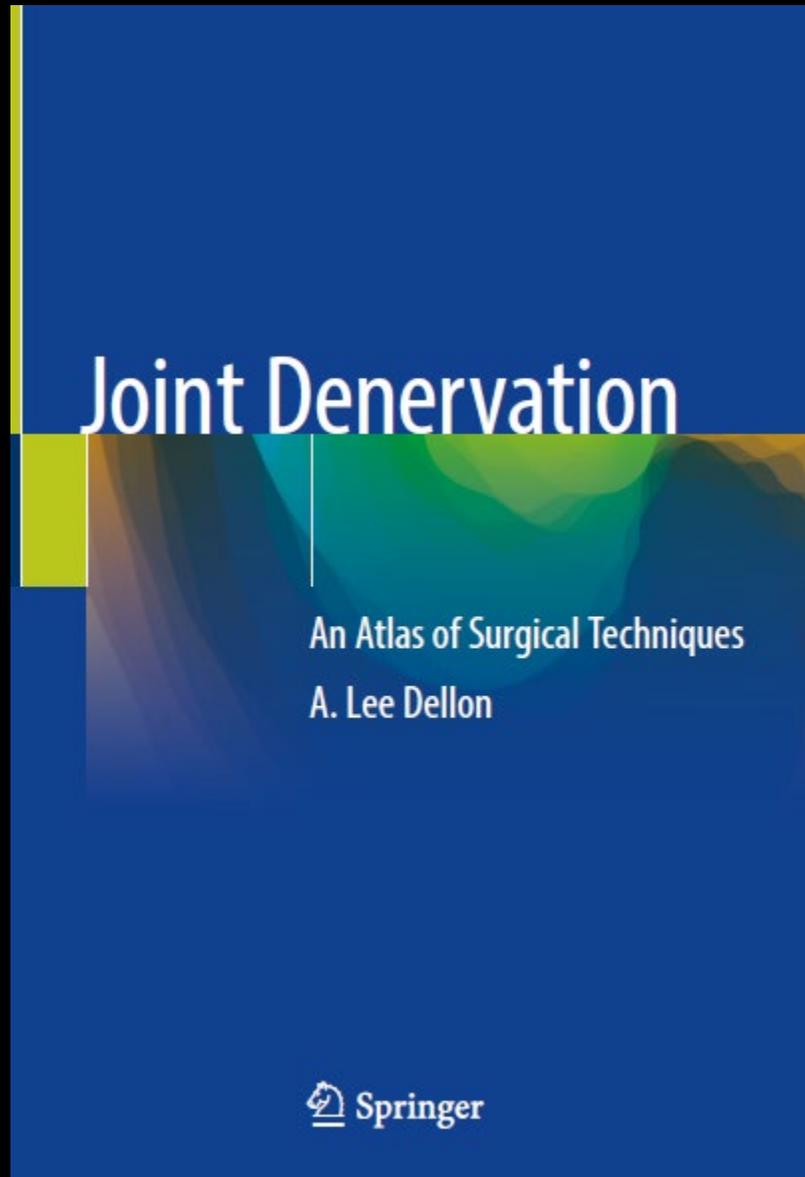
**ESSR-Shoulder**



**ESSR-Hip**



**ESSR-Knee**

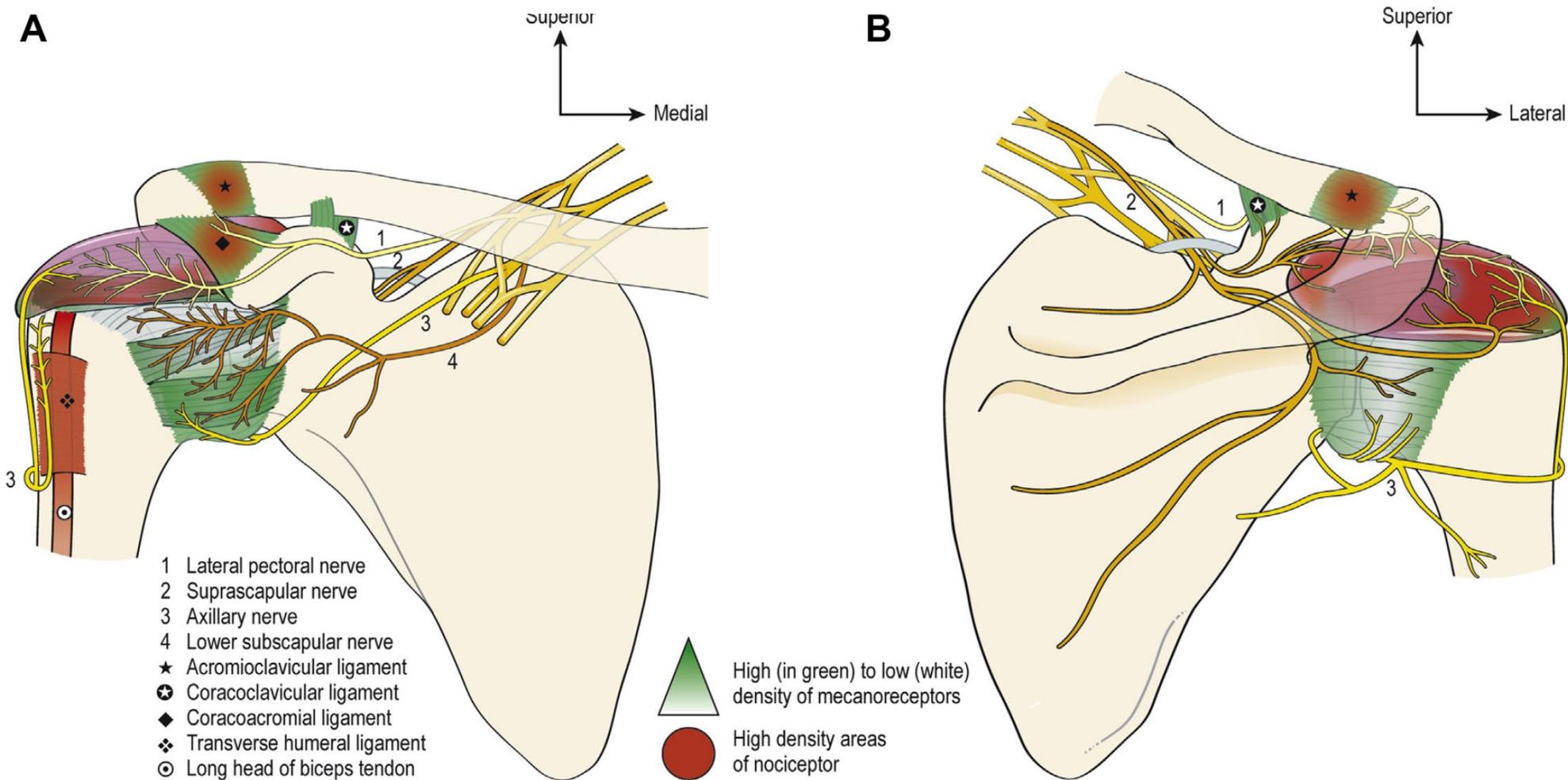


1863: John Hilton  
Hilton's Law

Motor sparing

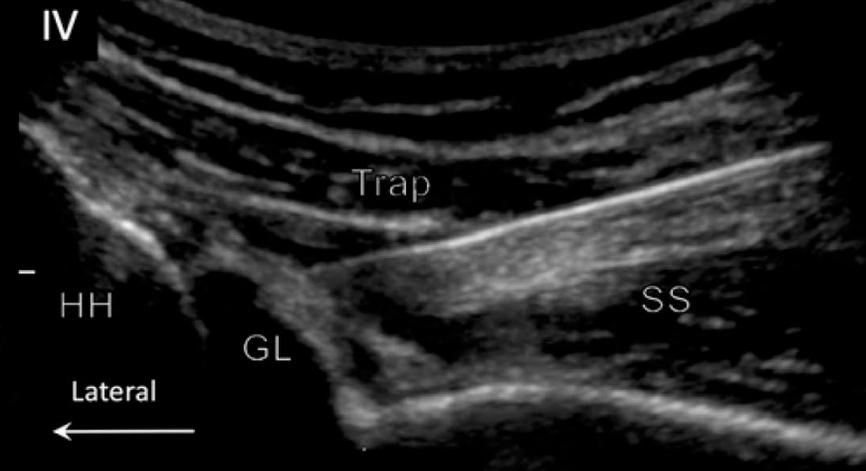
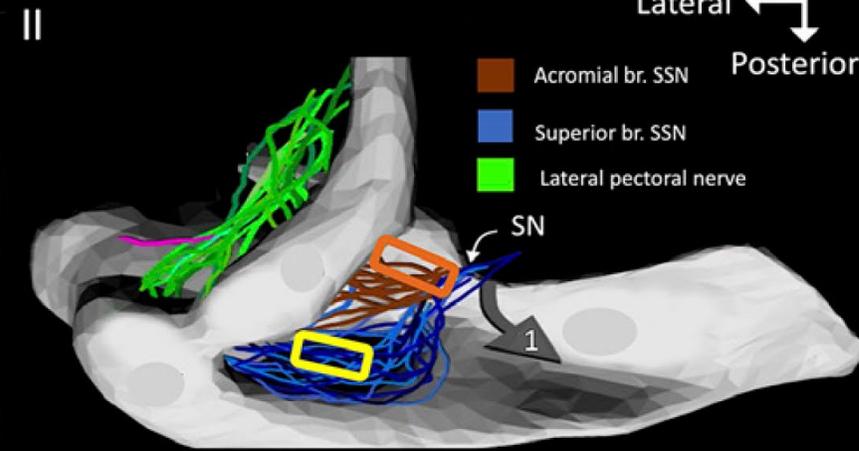


## Sensory innervation of the human shoulder joint: the three bridges to break



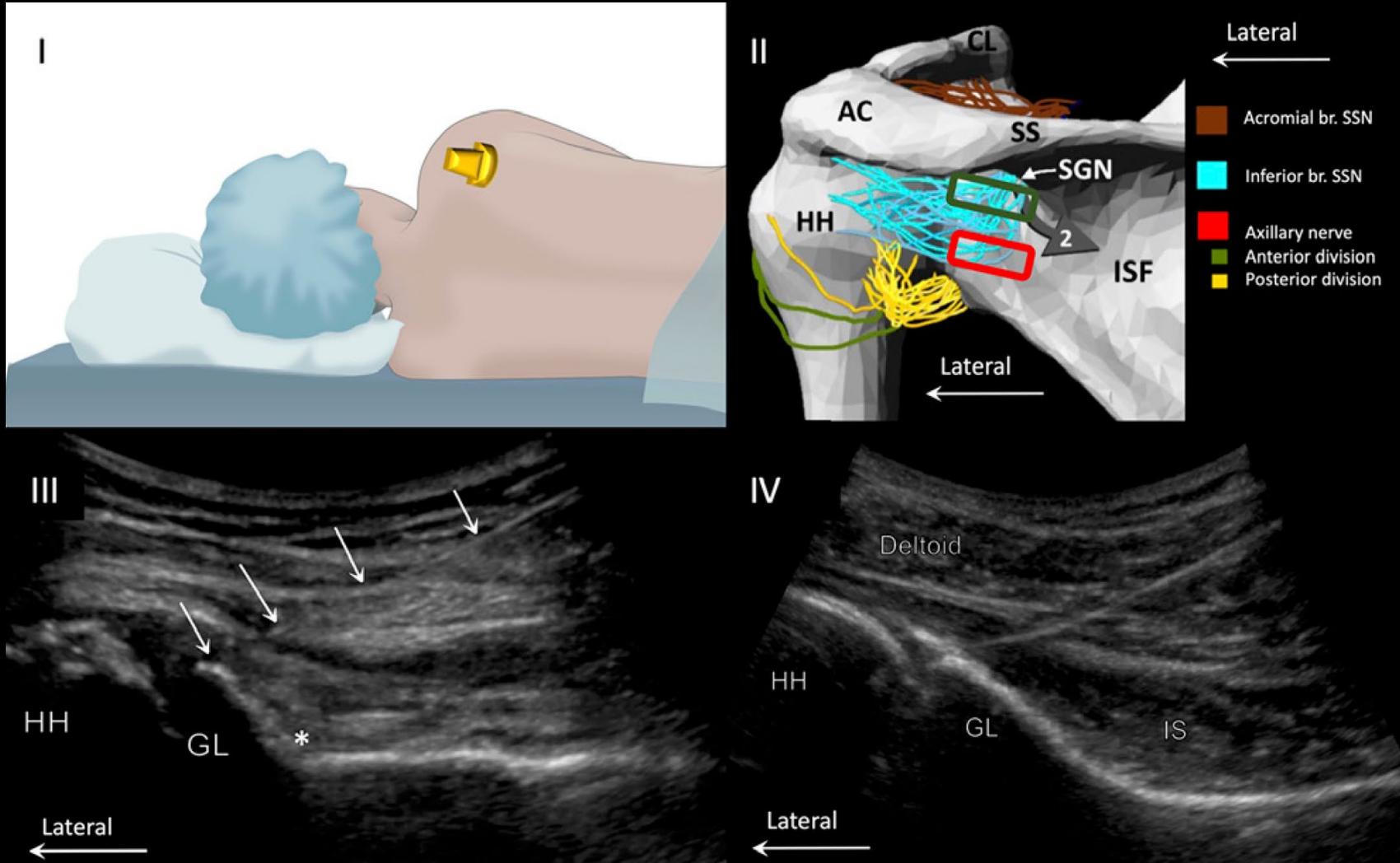
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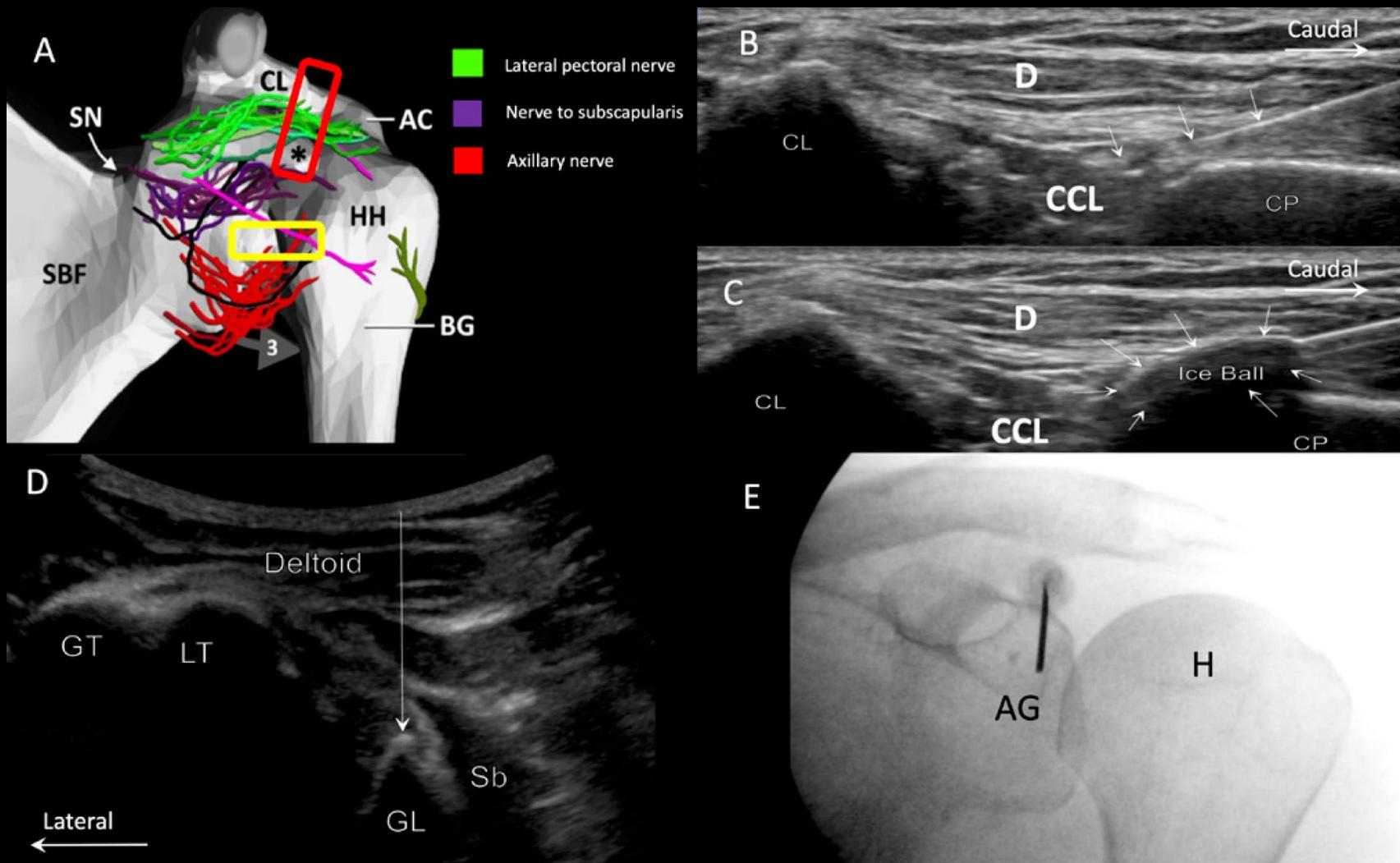
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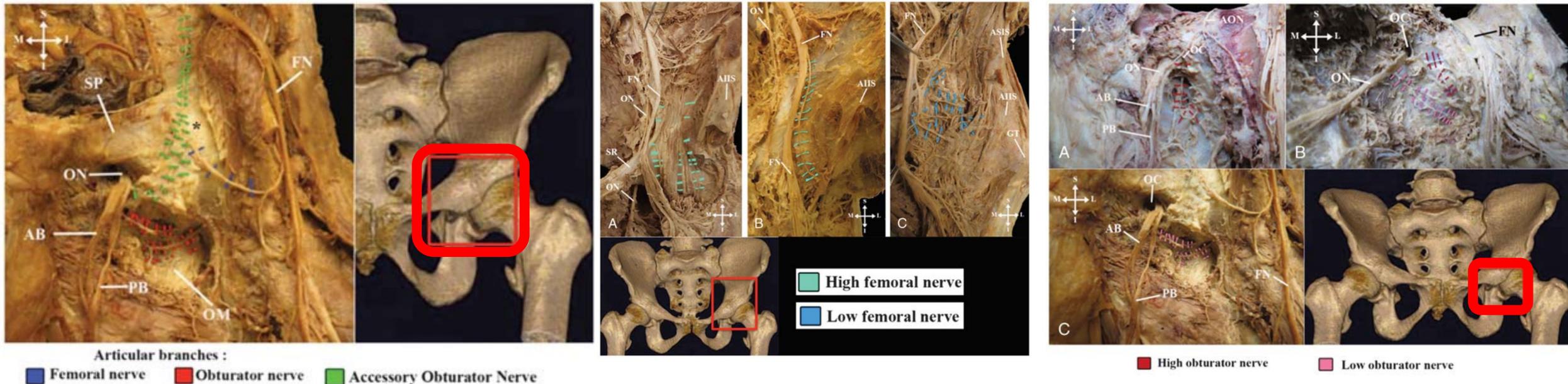
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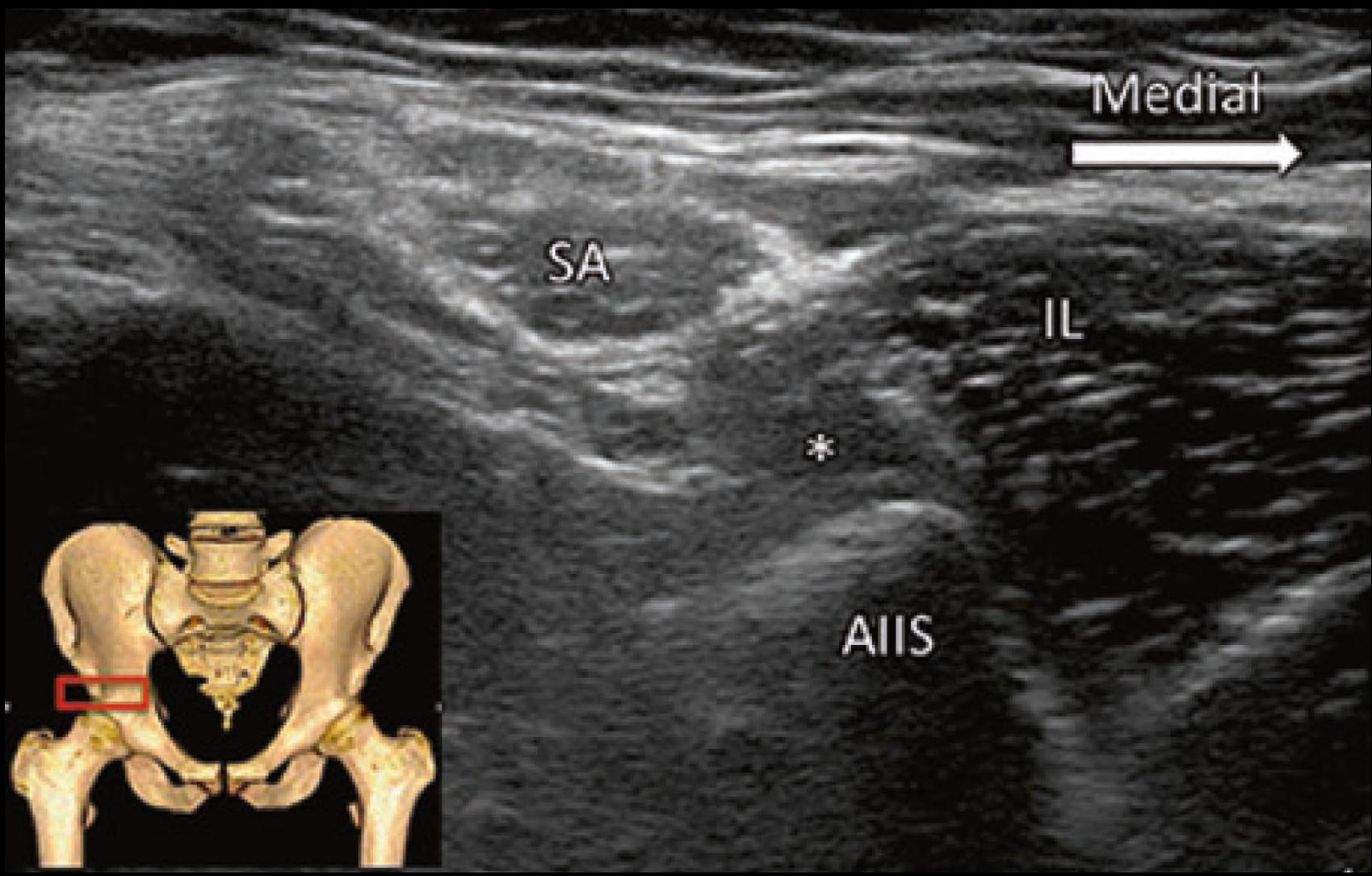


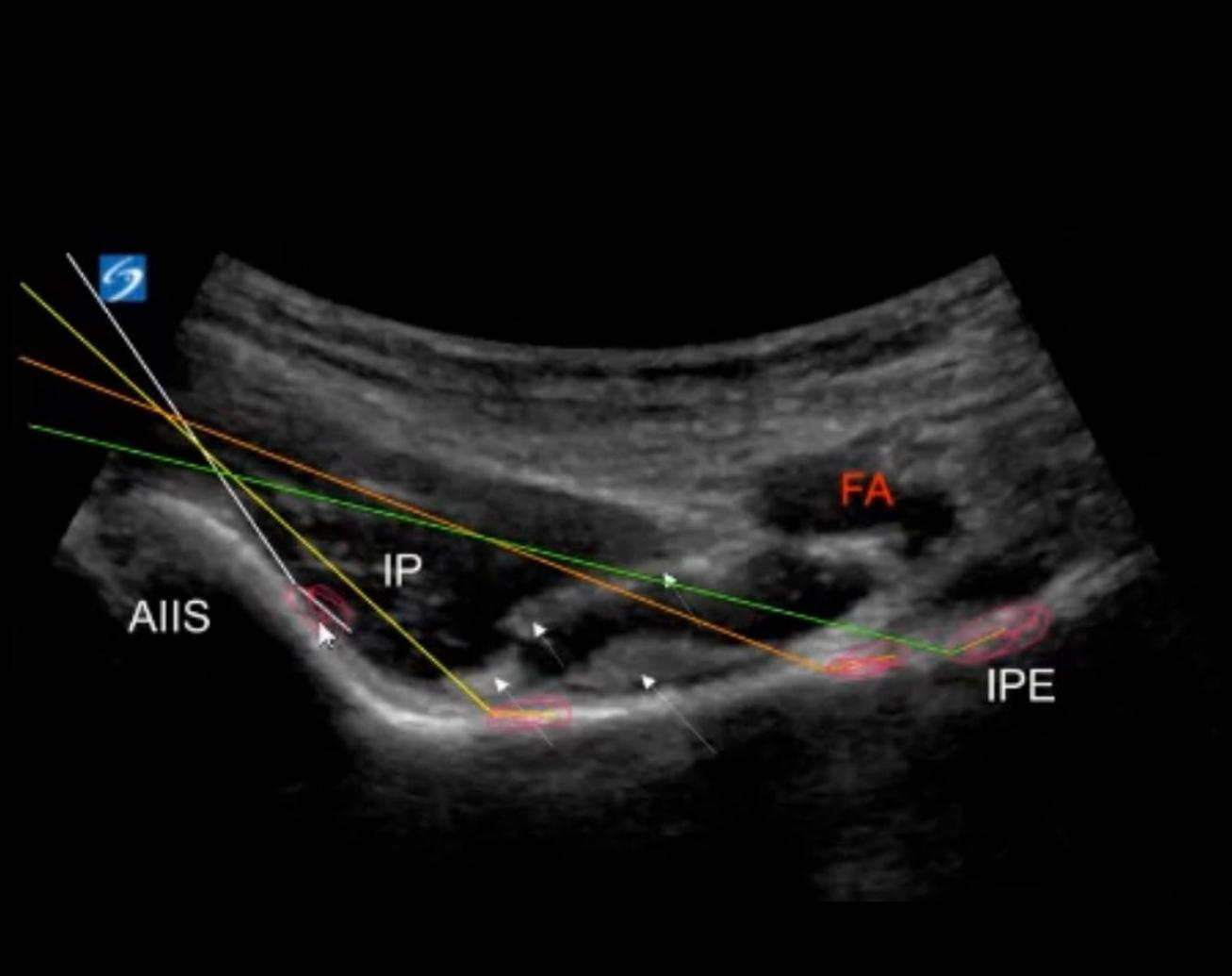
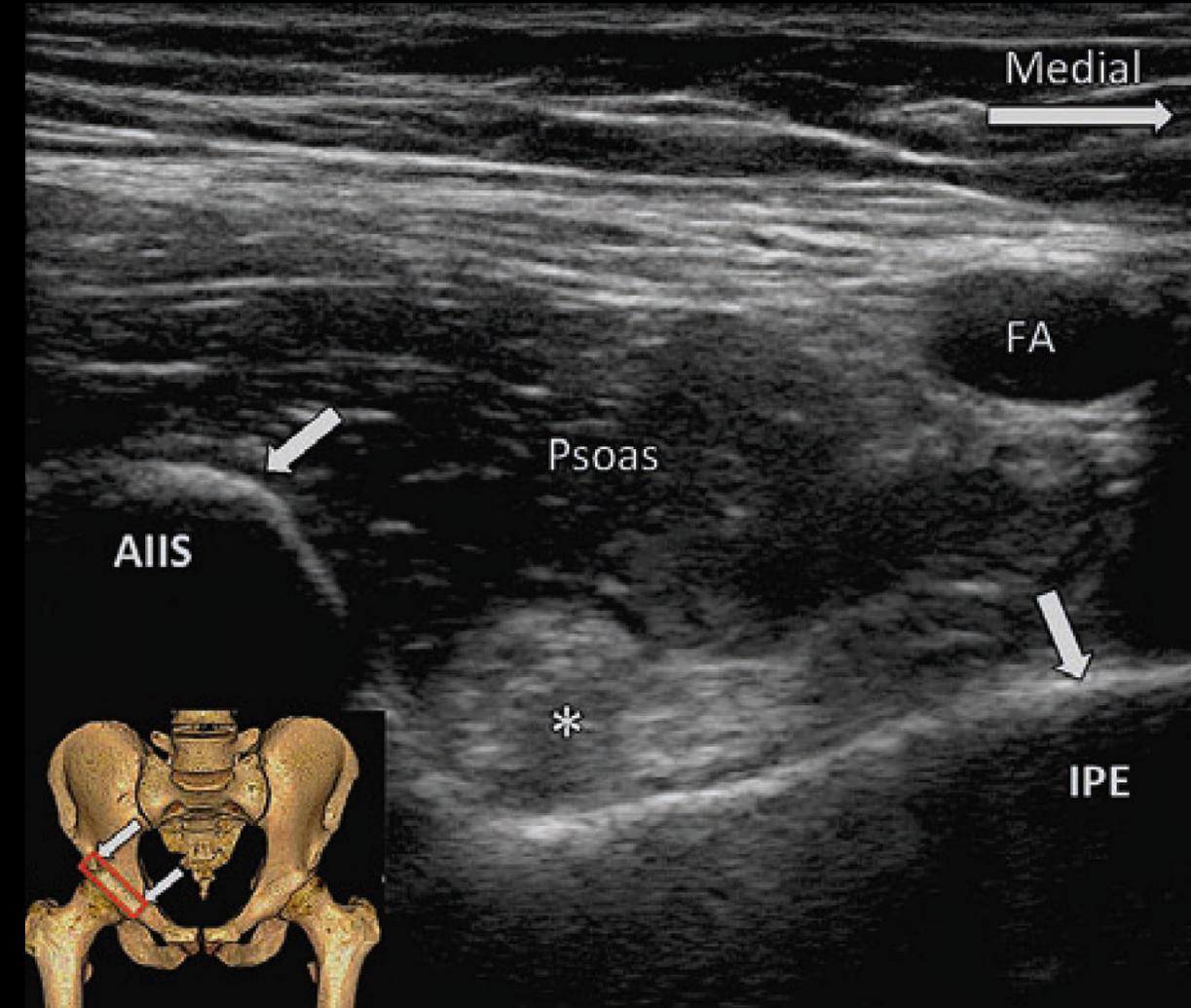
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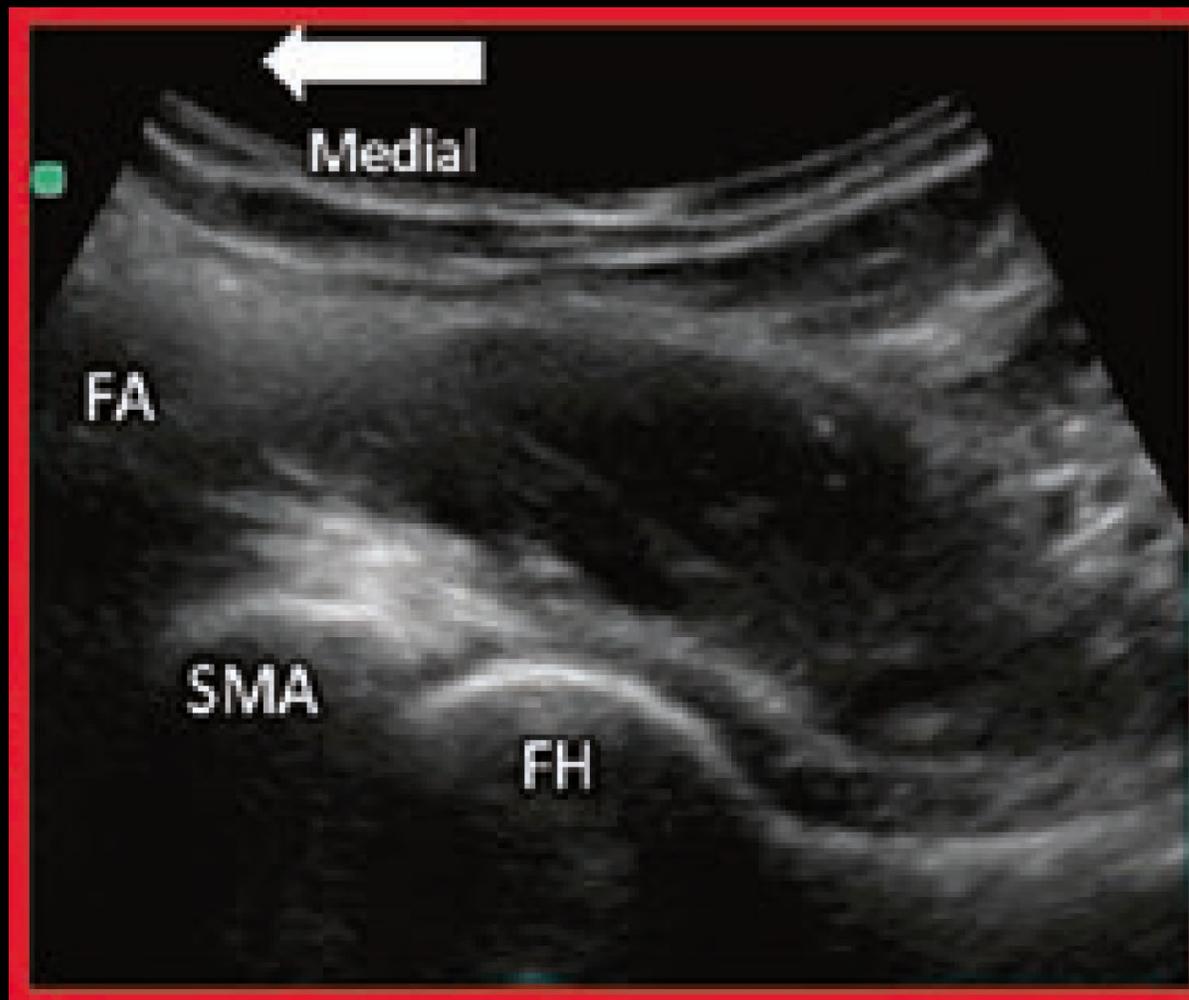
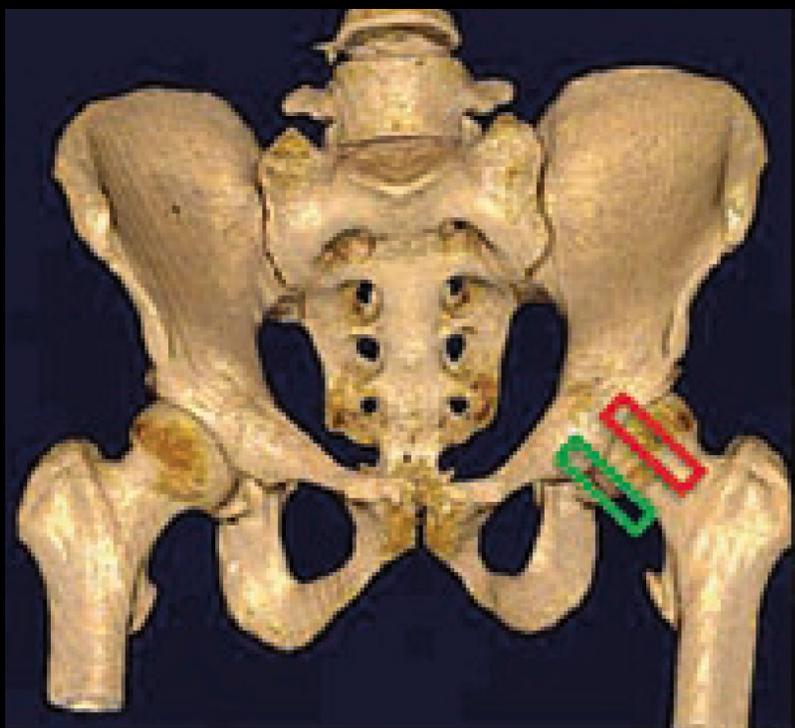
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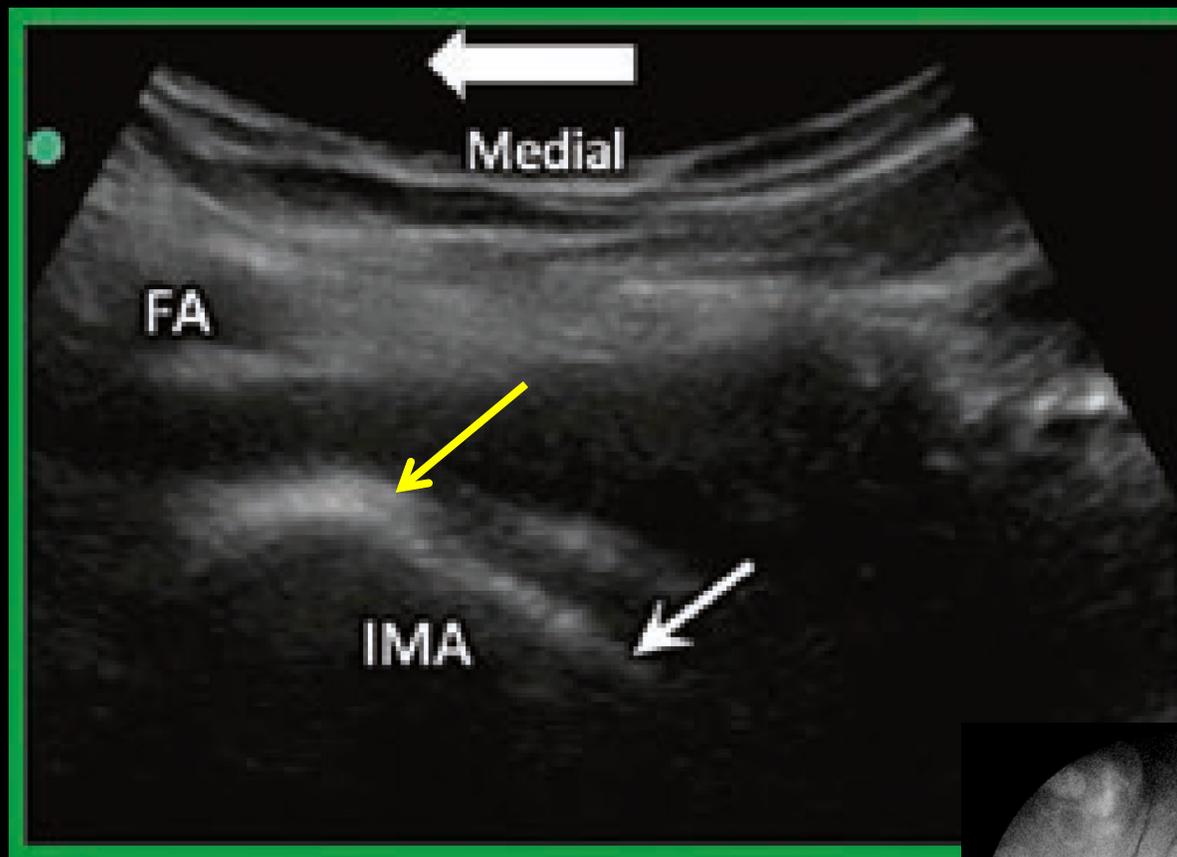
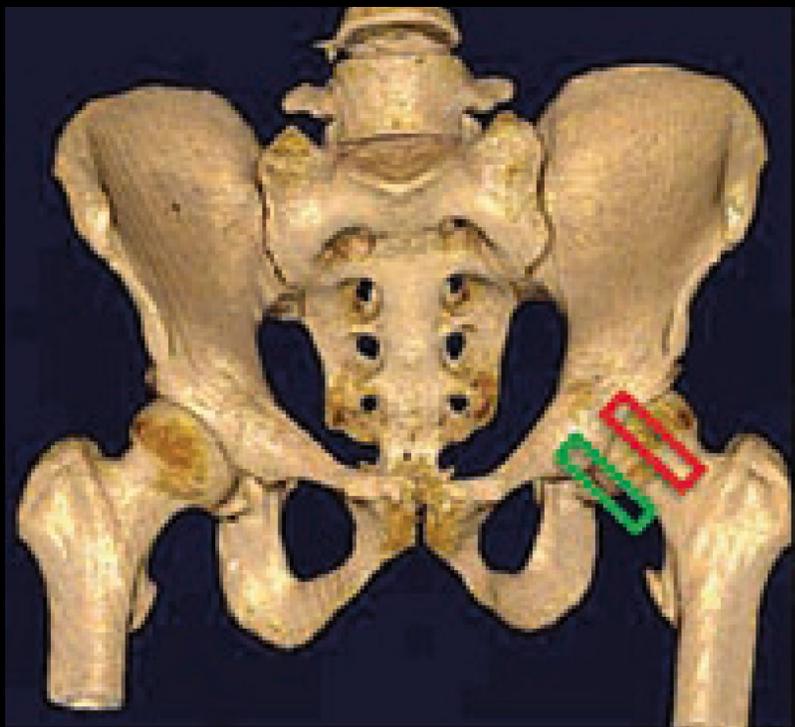
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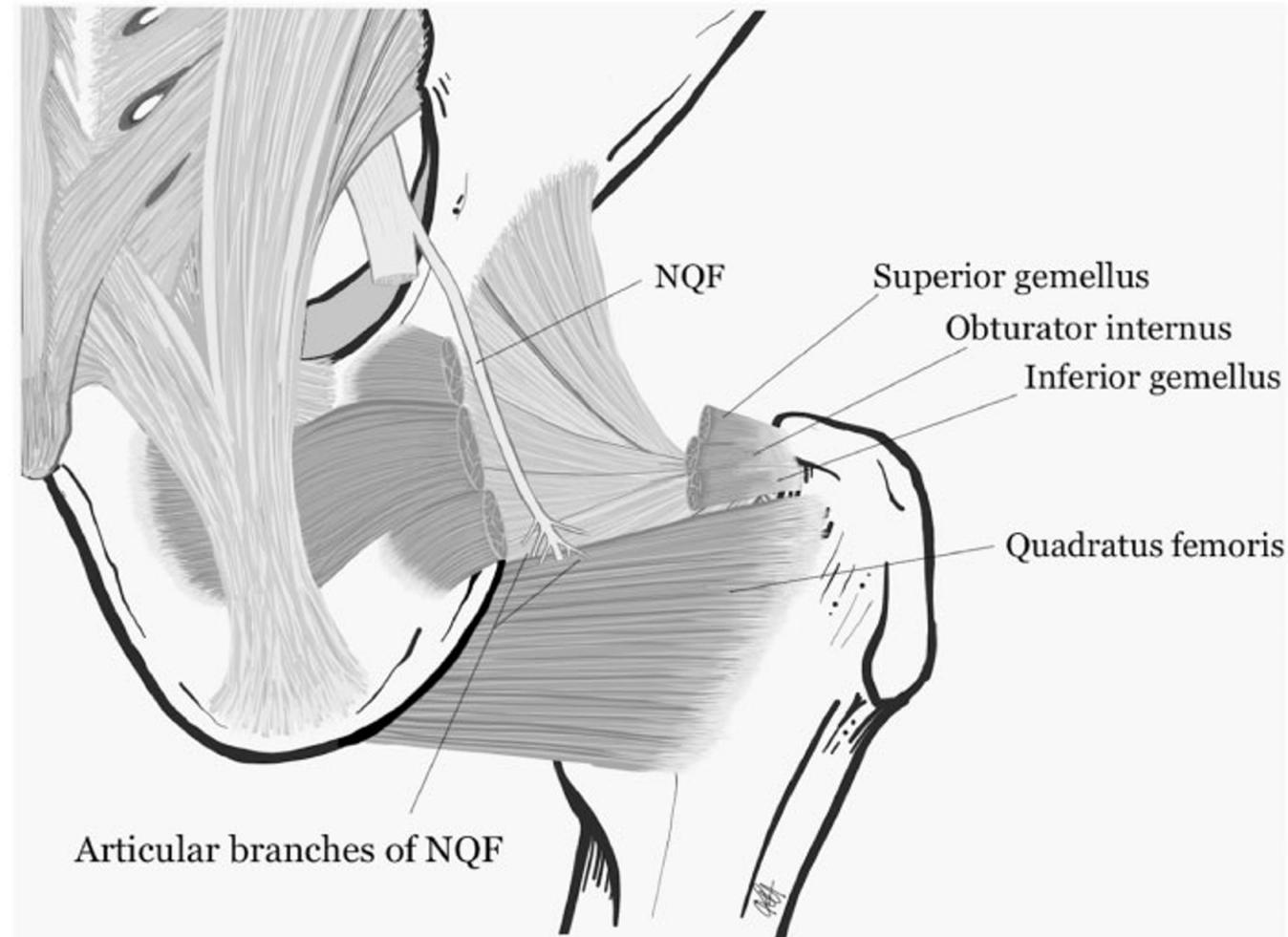




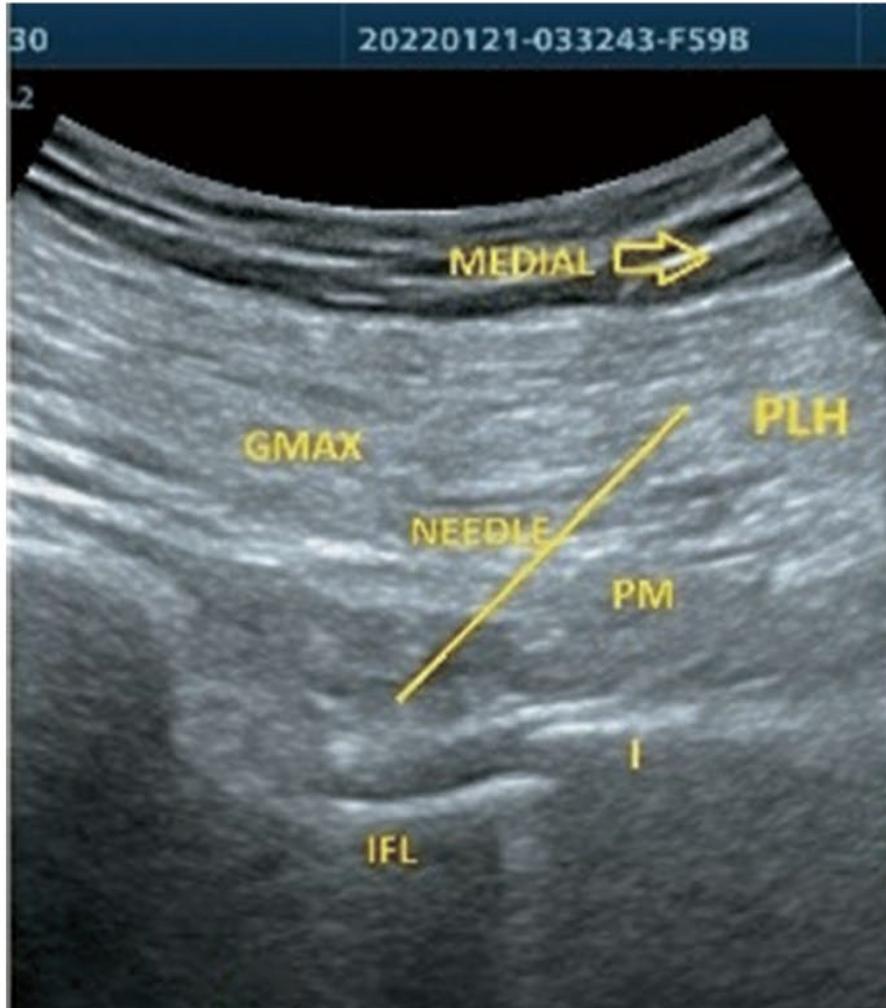
## NEUROMODULATION & MINIMALLY INVASIVE SURGERY SECTION

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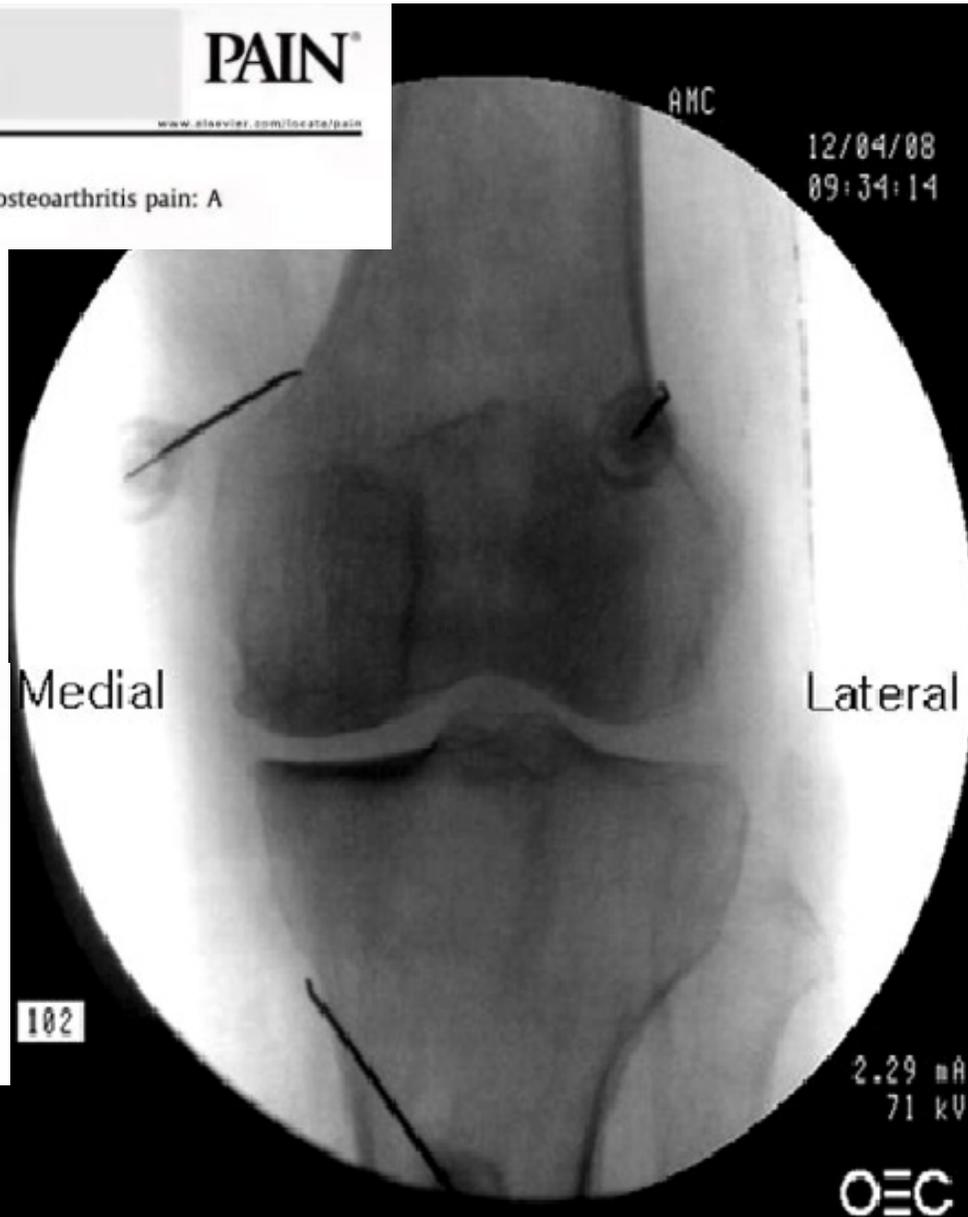
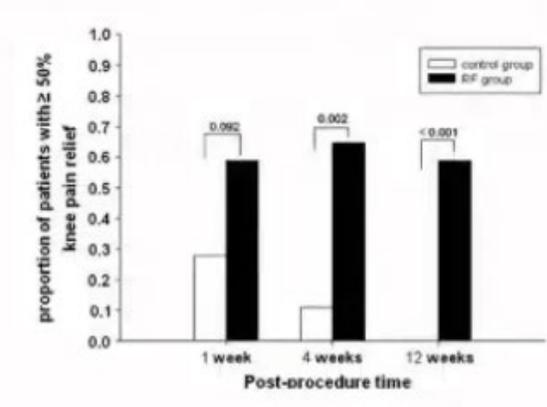
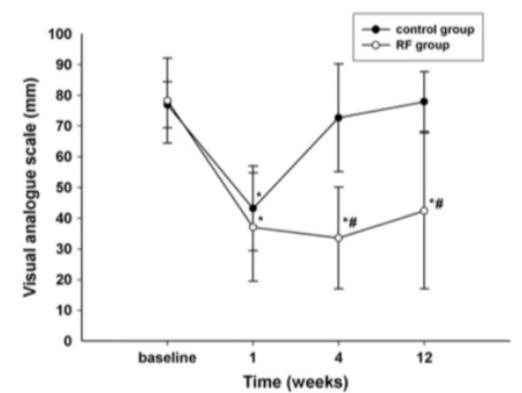
### Innervation of the Posterior Hip Capsule: A Cadaveric Study



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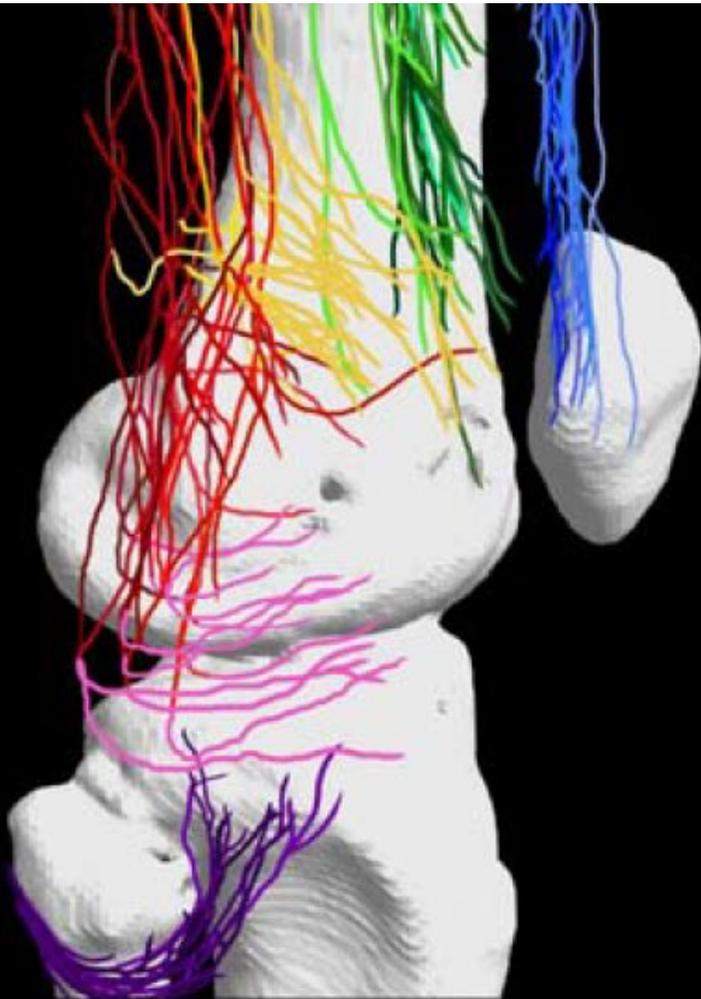
Research papers  
**Radiofrequency treatment relieves chronic knee osteoarthritis pain: A double-blind randomized controlled trial**



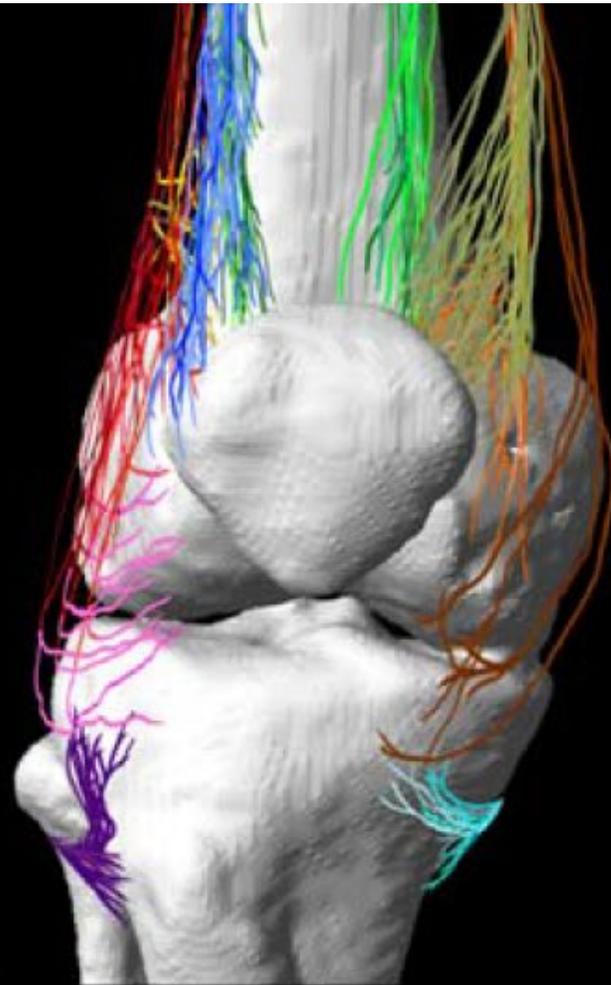
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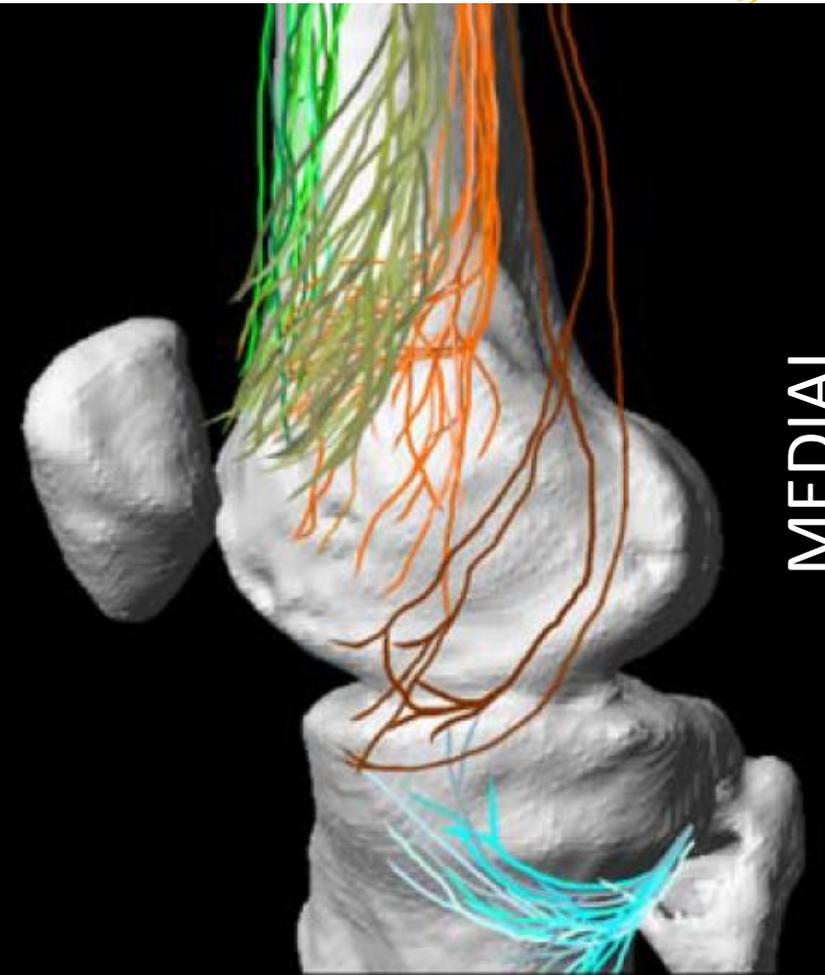
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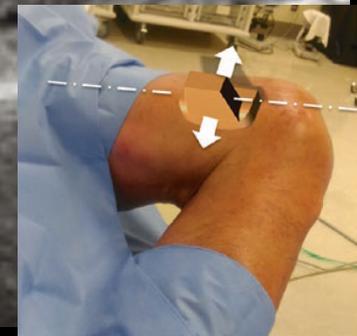
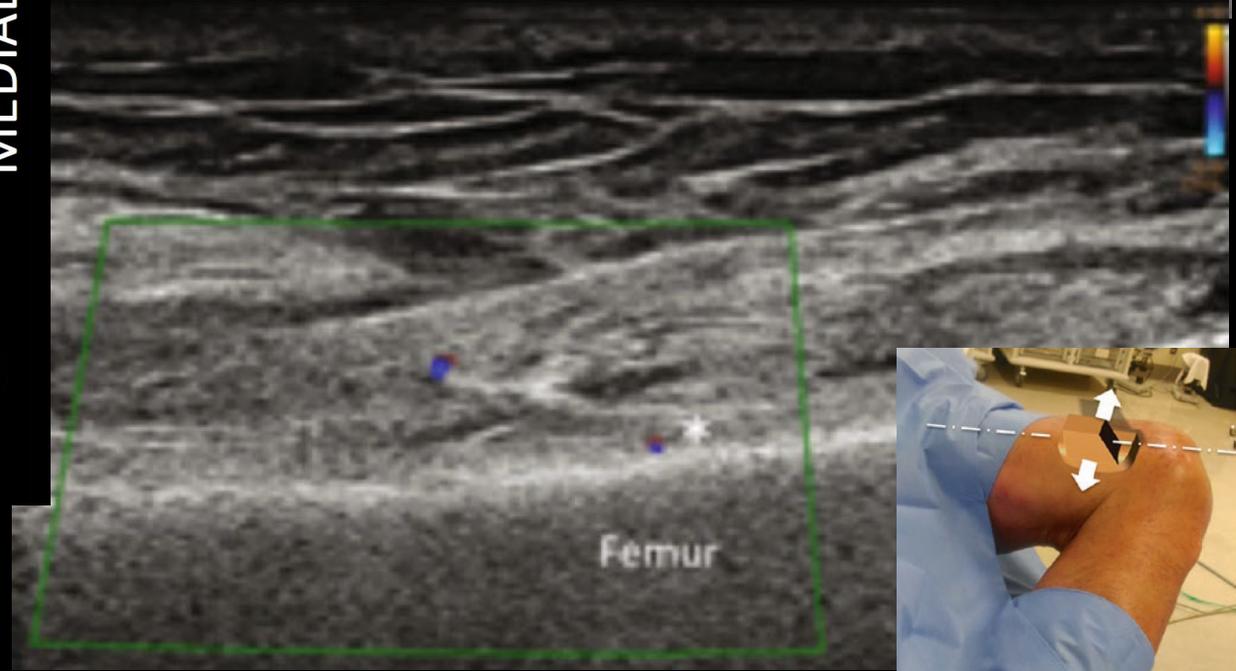
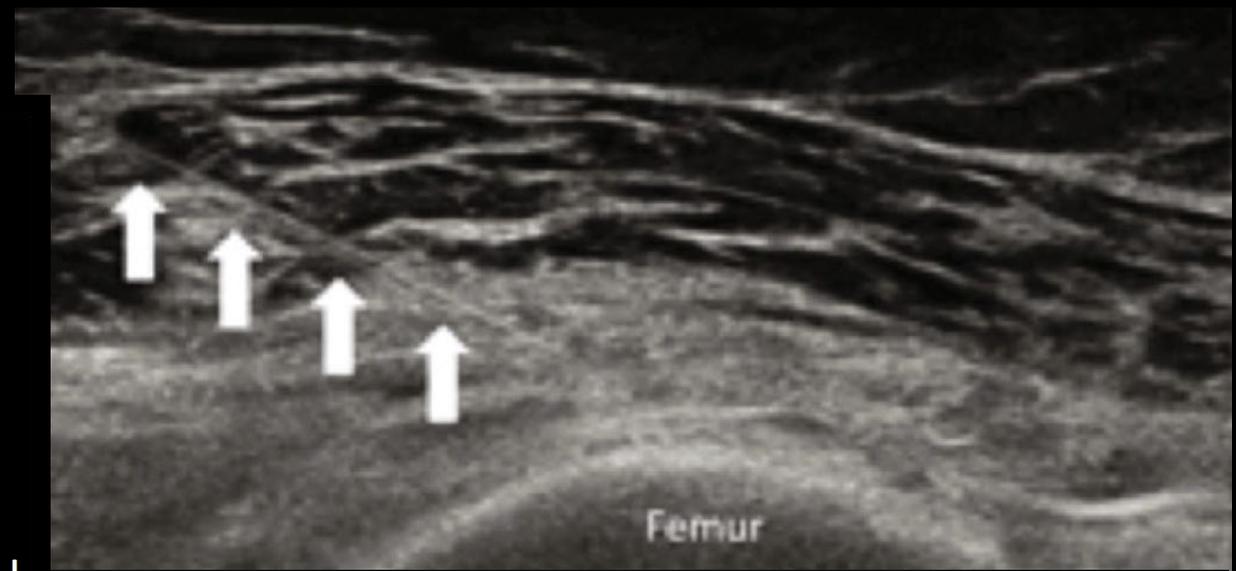
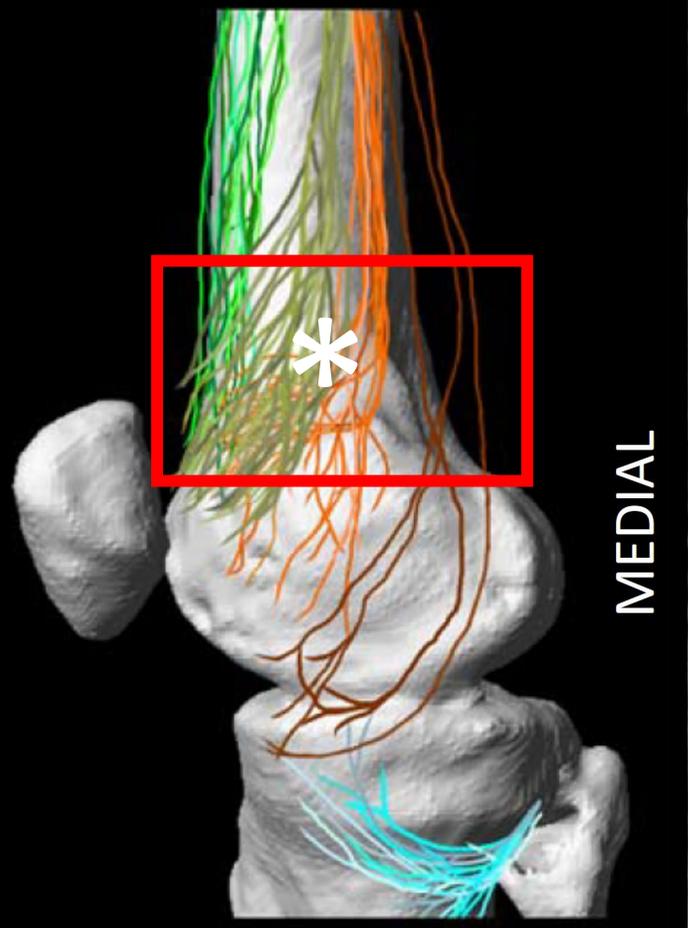
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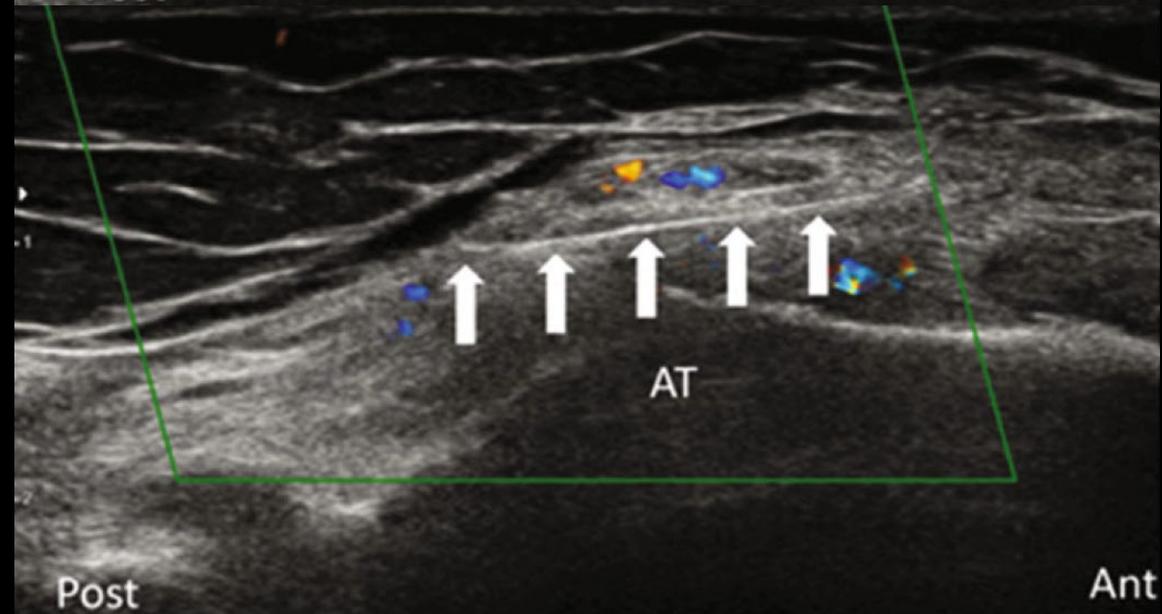
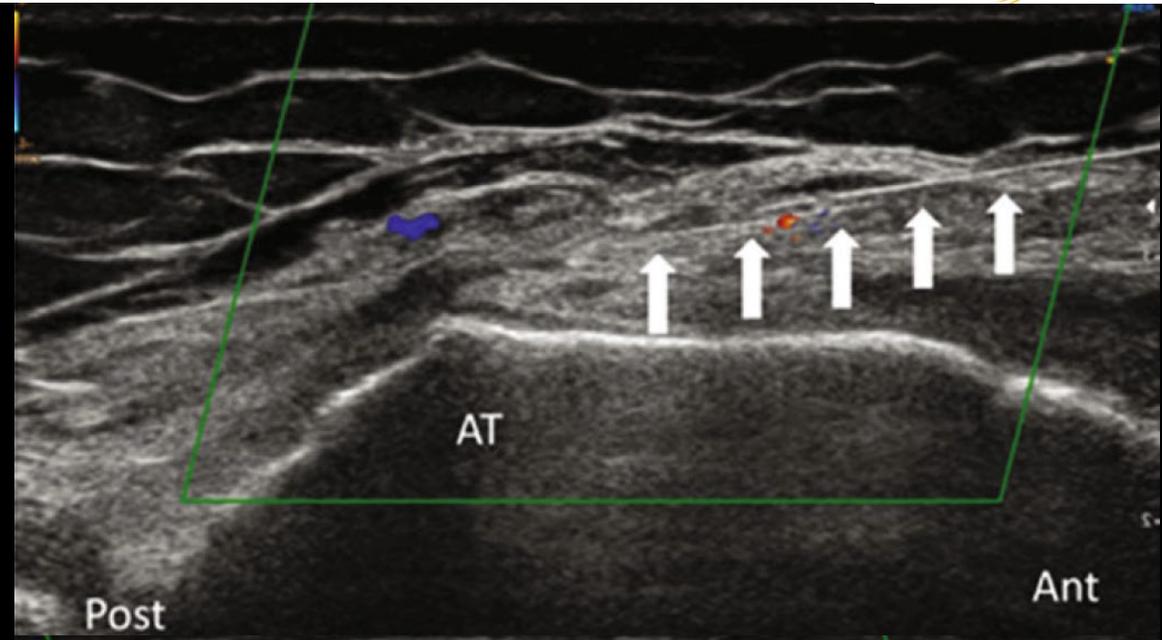
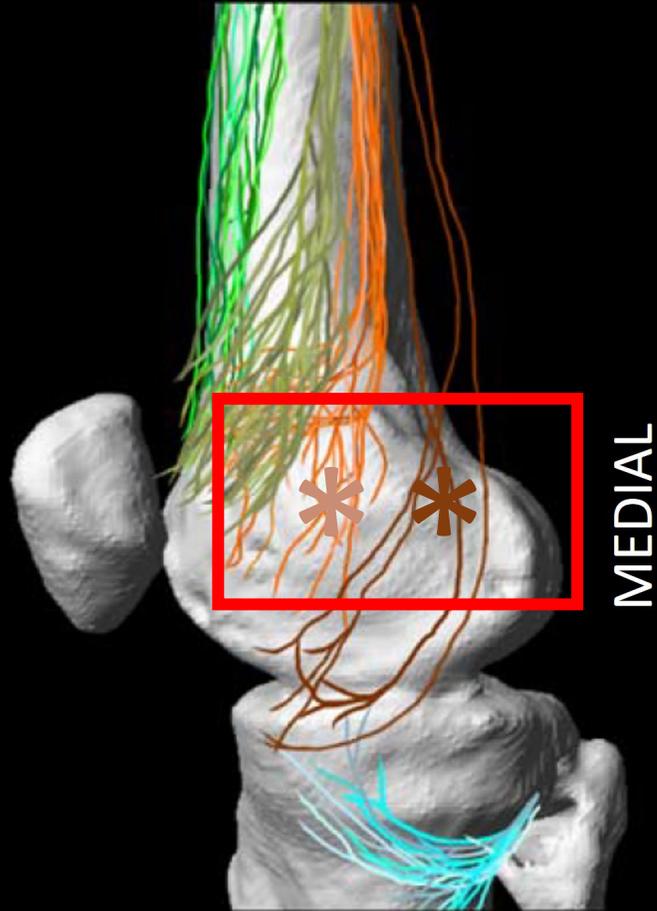
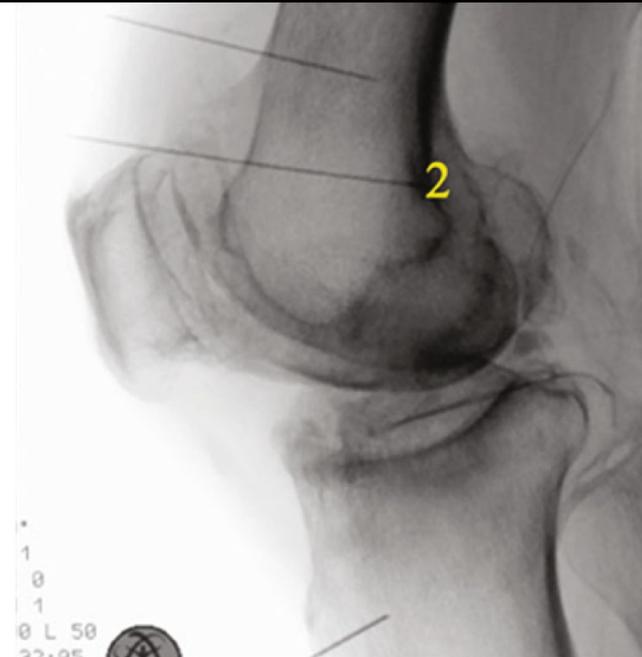


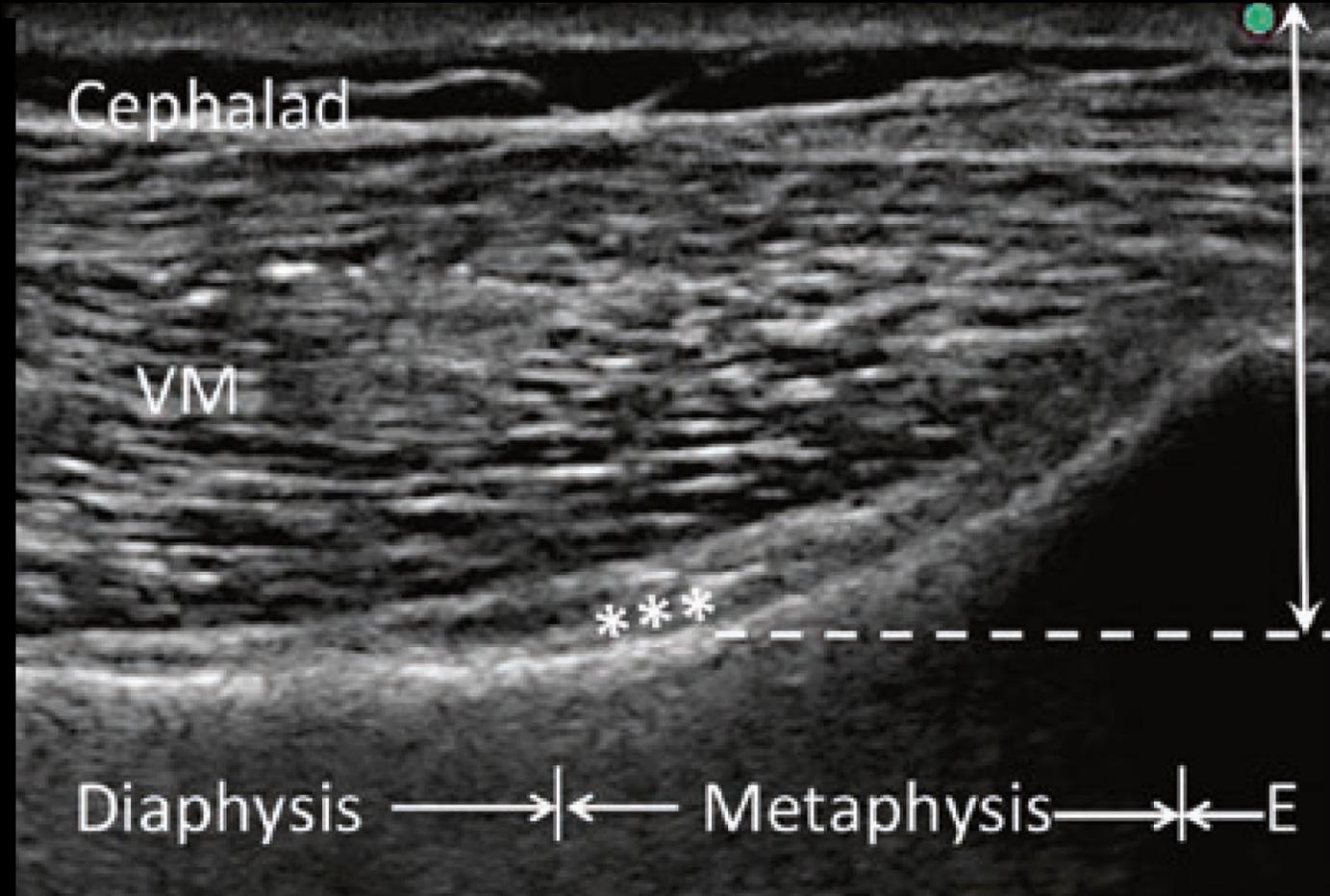
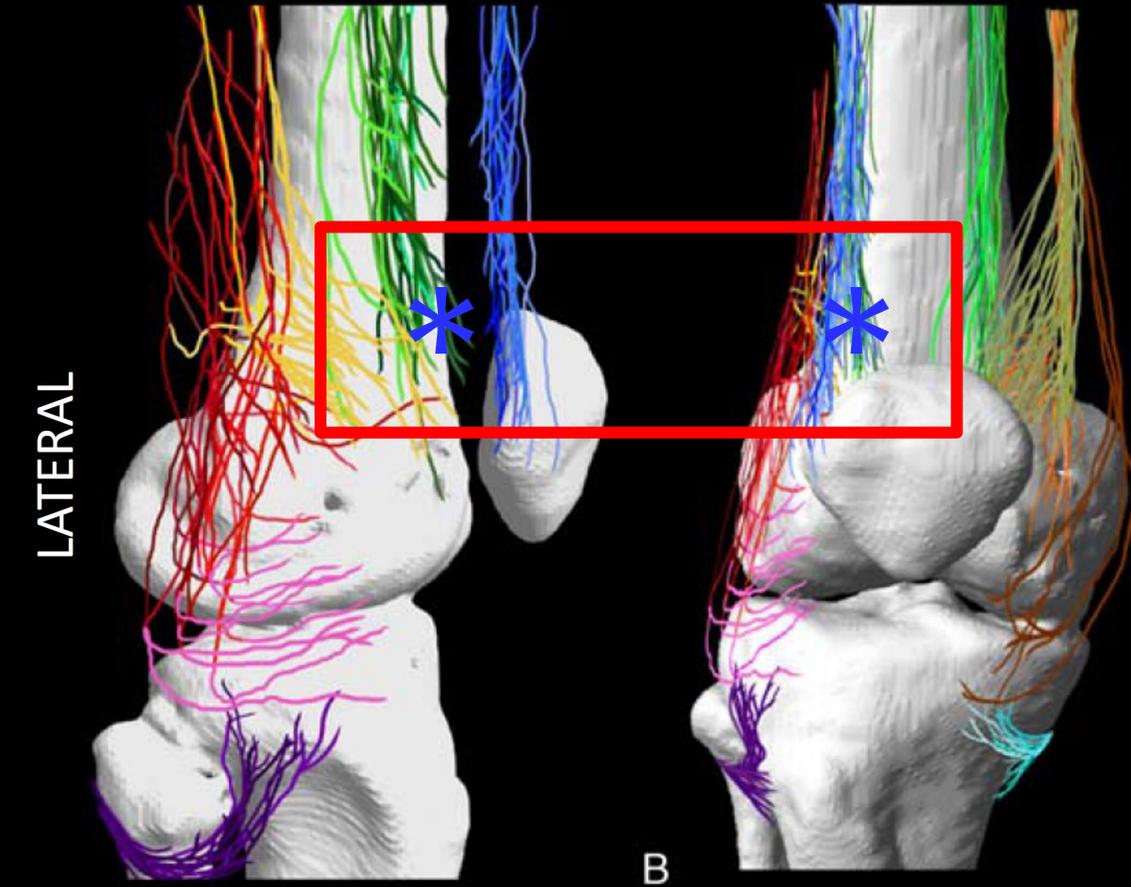
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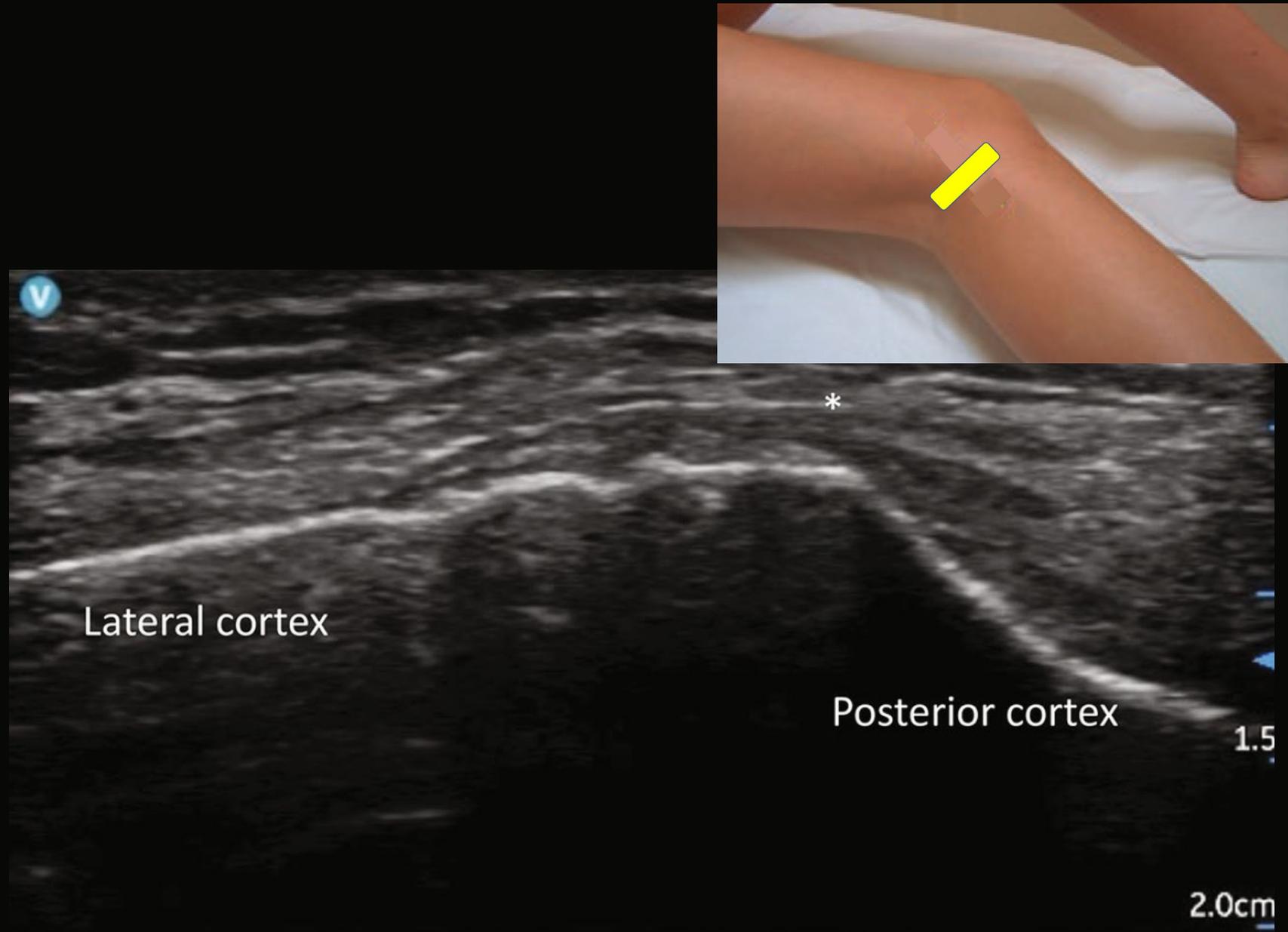
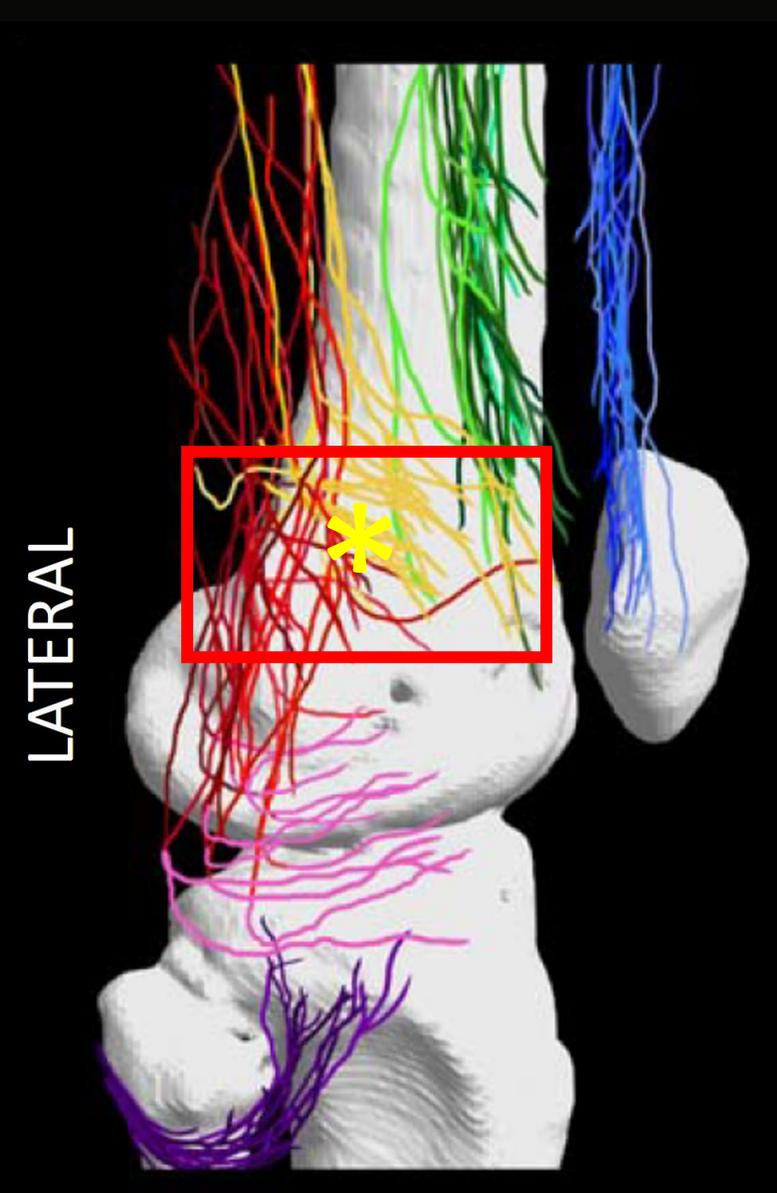


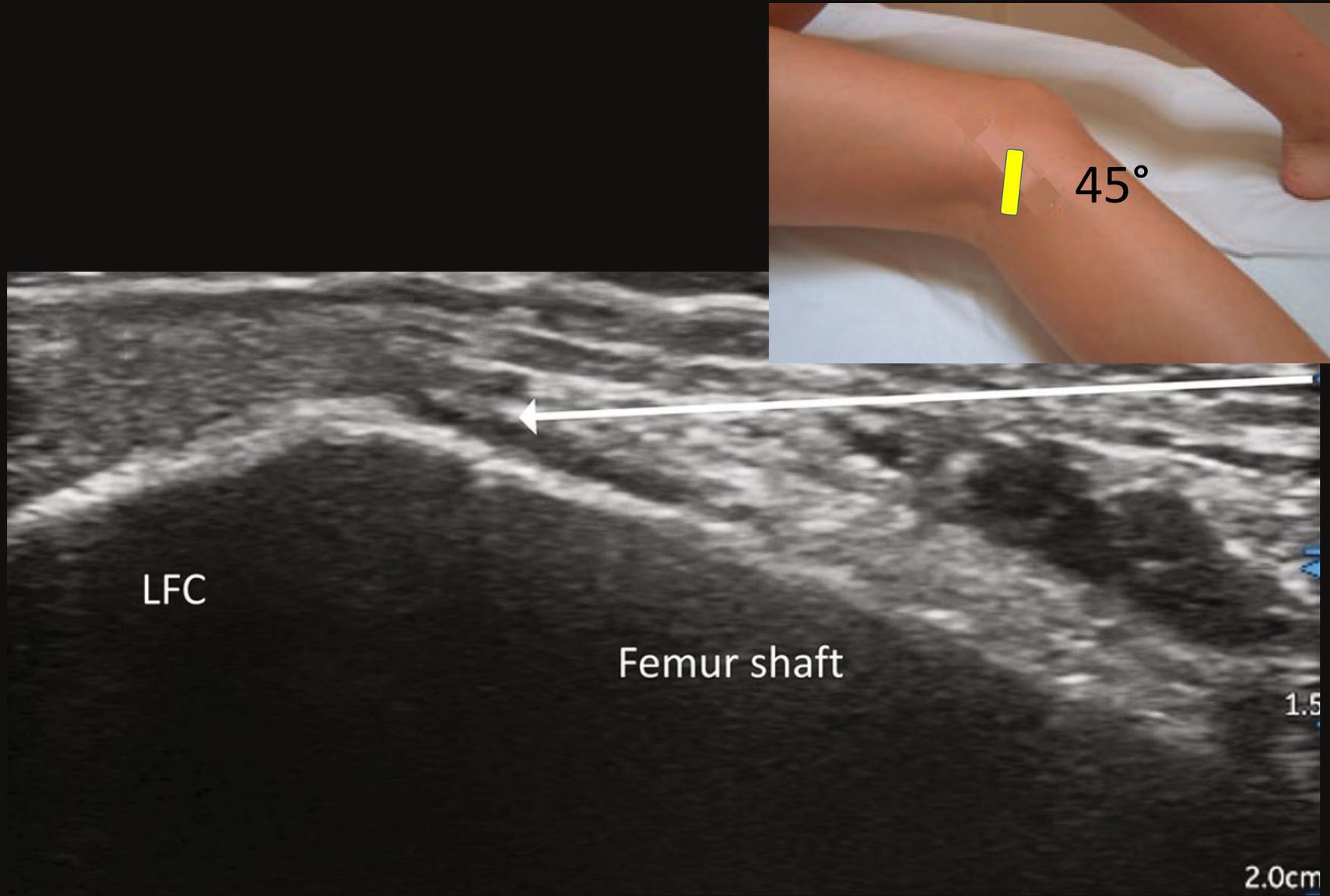
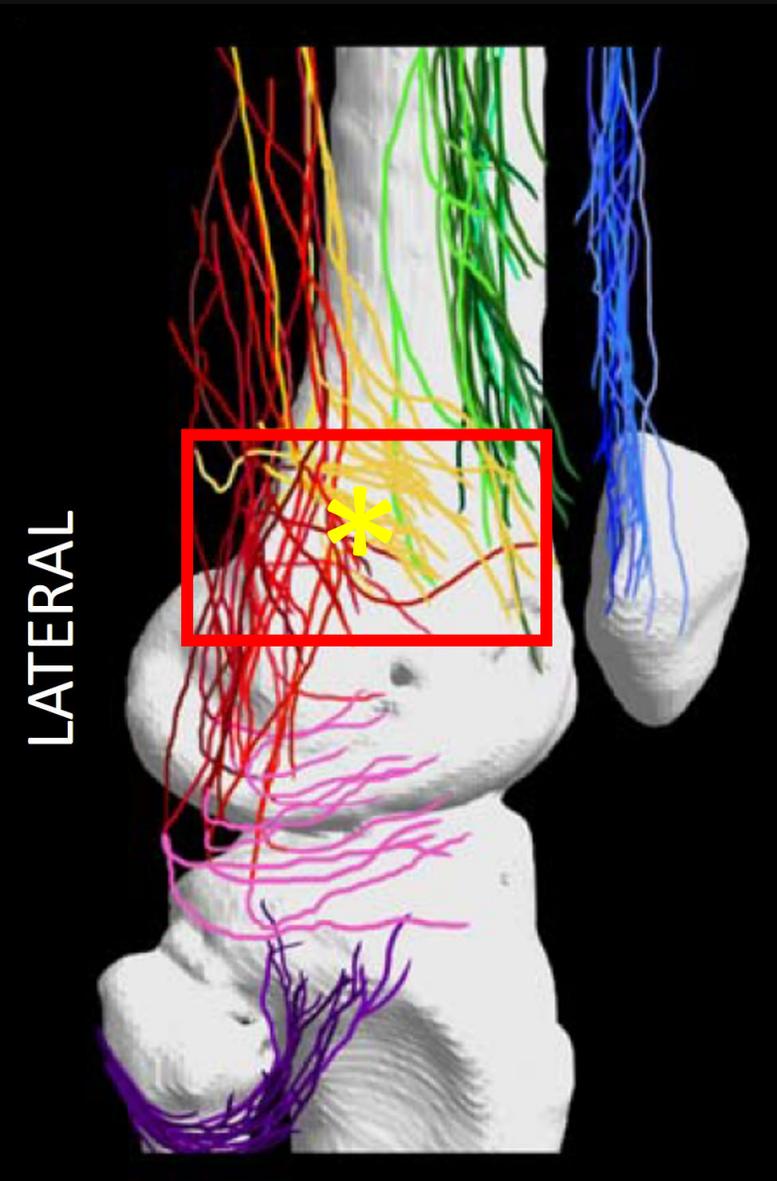
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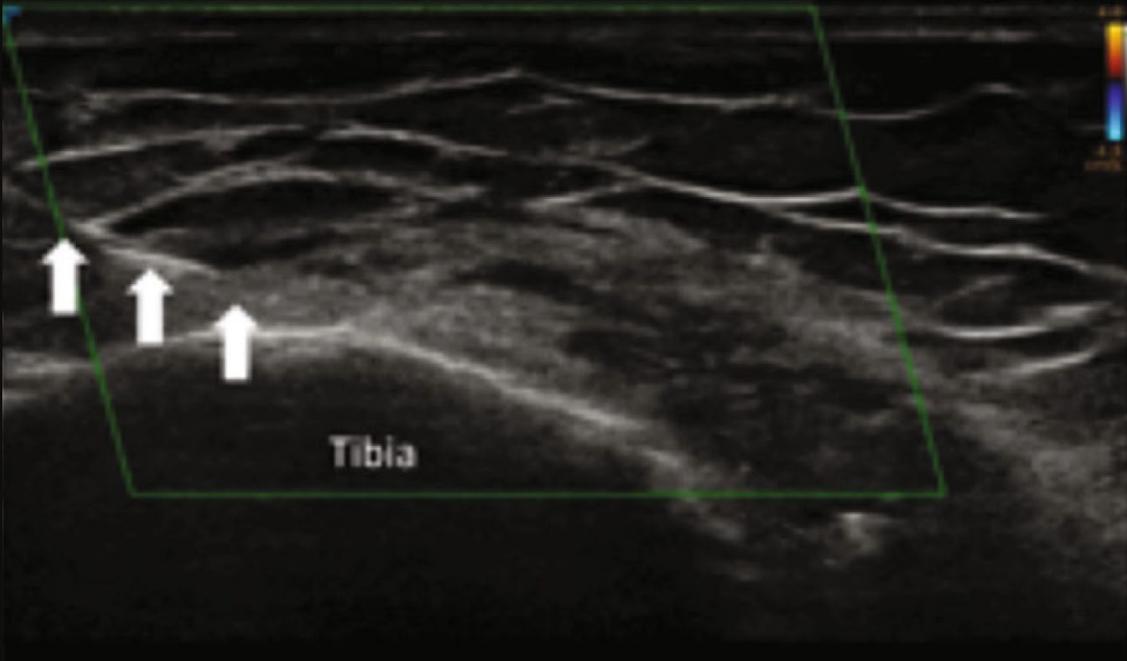
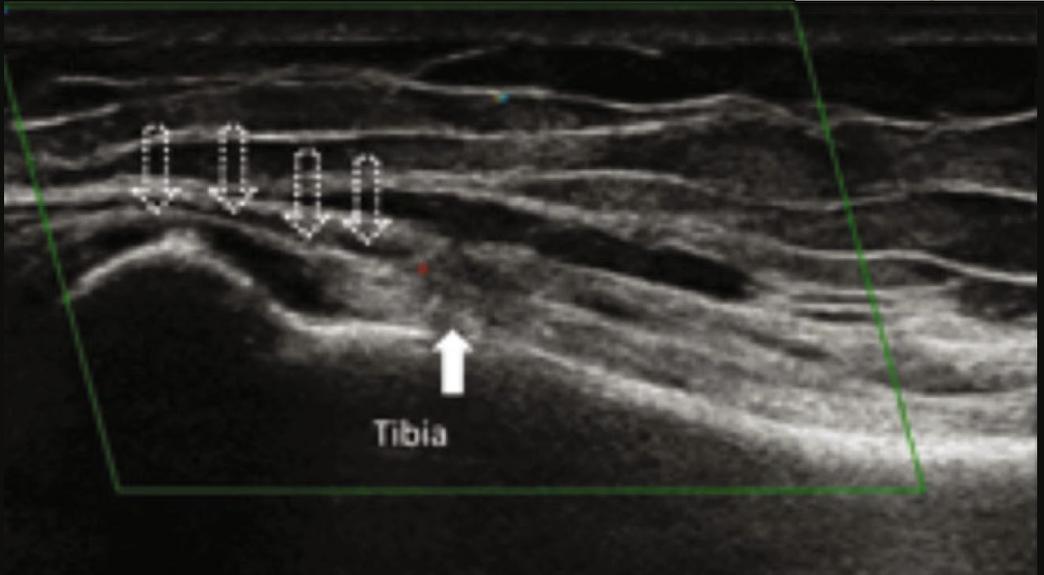
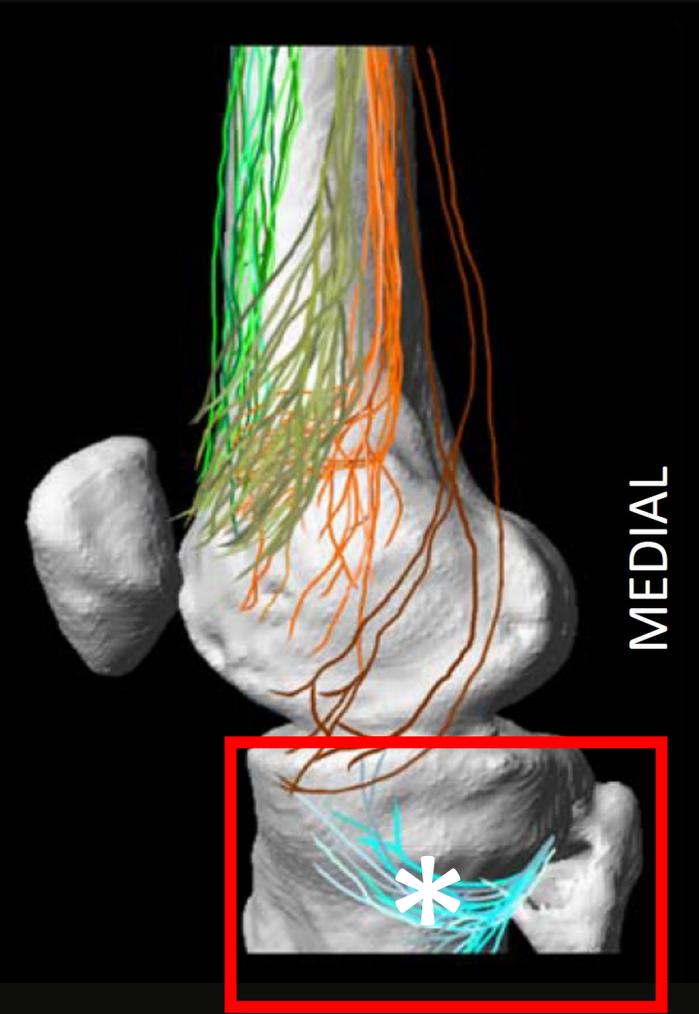
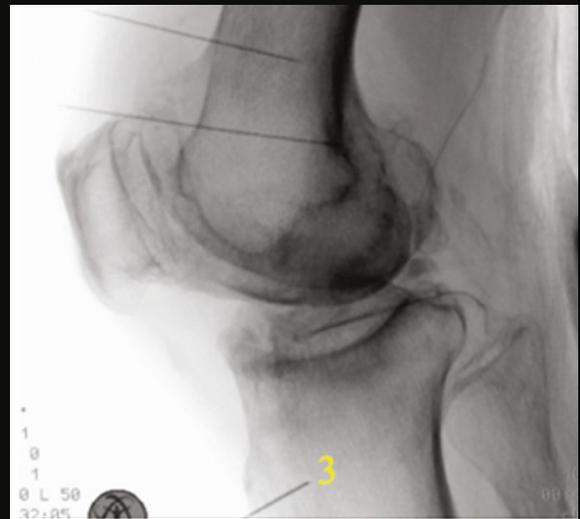


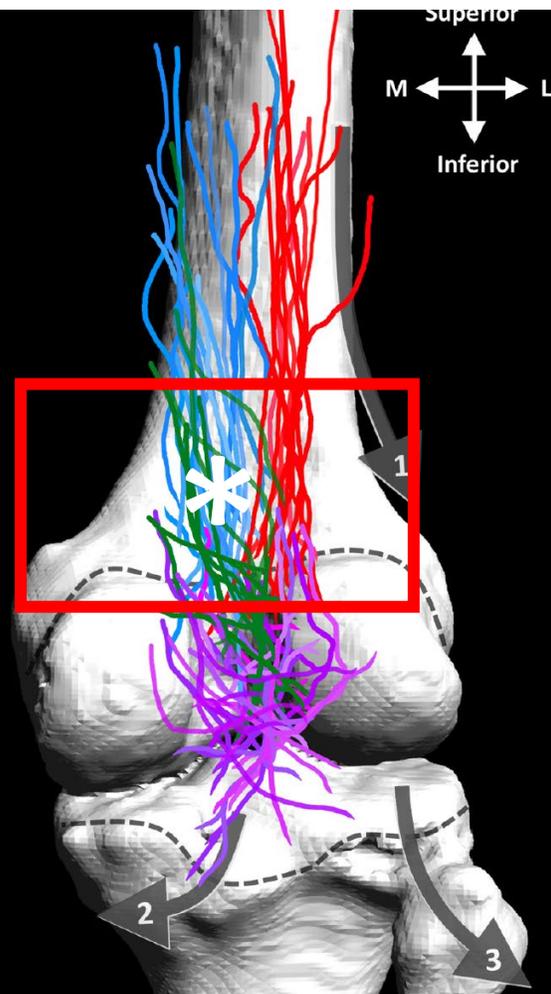




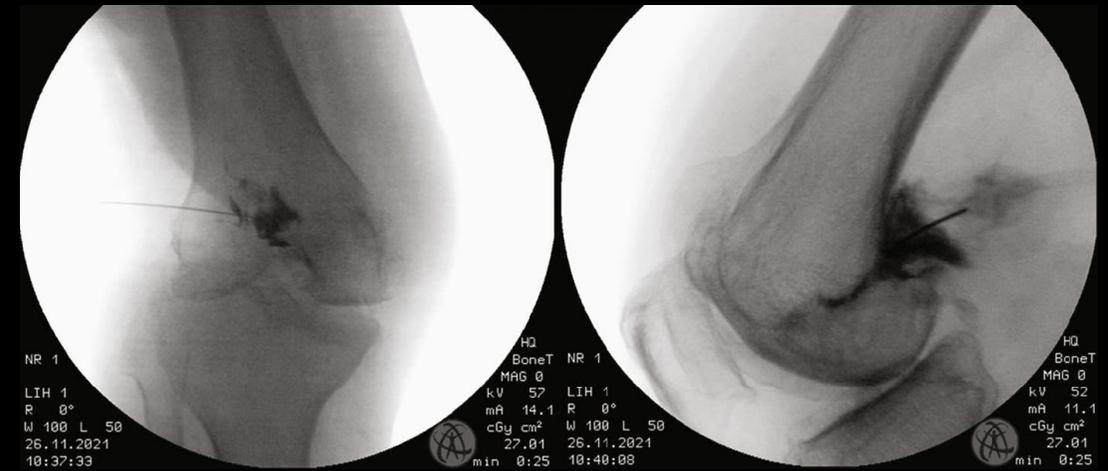
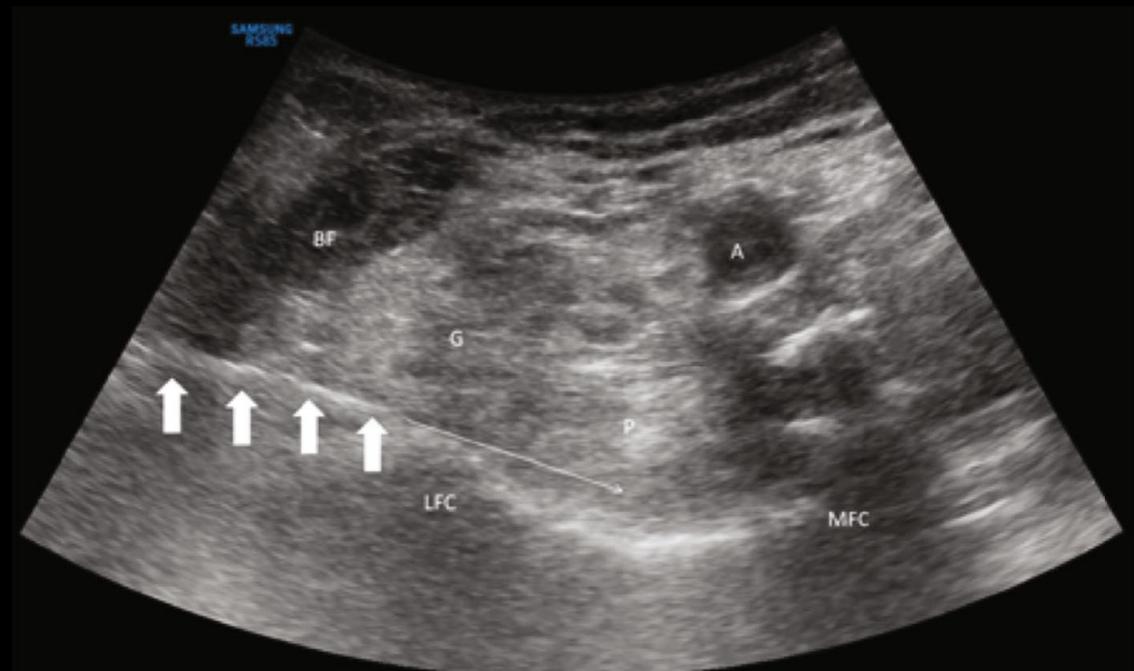








- Posterior br. common fibular/sciatic n.
- Posterior div. obturator n.
- Superior br. tibial n.
- Inferior br. tibial n.



# TAKE HOME MESSAGES

1. Temperature-mediated Neuromodulation appears to be a safe and effective treatment for chronic joint pain
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  5. US could be an important tool in the management of joint pain
- temperature-  
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