





Joint Session ACOFP and AOASM: **Sports Hernia**

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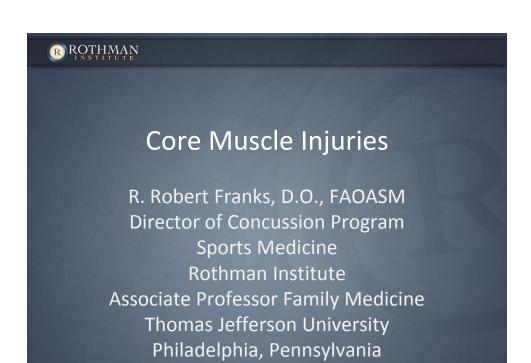
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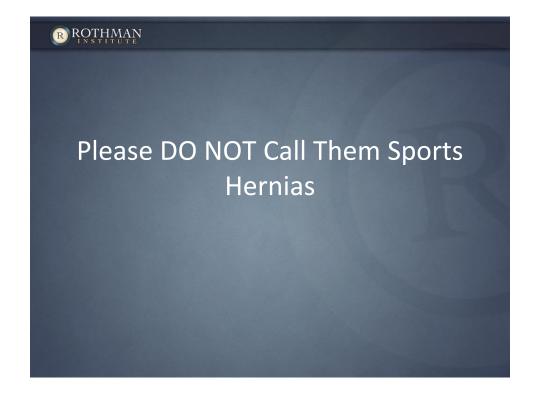
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Introduction

- Philadelphia athletes with core muscle injuries
 - Eagles' Donovan McNabb
 - Eagles' Zach Ertz
 - Eagles' Kevin Curtis
 - Flyers' Danny Briere



Introduction

- Incident of groin pain is 5 to 7% of all sports injuries
- Most common in soccer, ice and field hockey, tennis and Australian Rules Football
- Some studies have attributed increased diagnosis to more aggressive athletic play but other studies have cited greater awareness of core muscle injuries by Certified Athletic Trainers and Sports Medicine Physicians



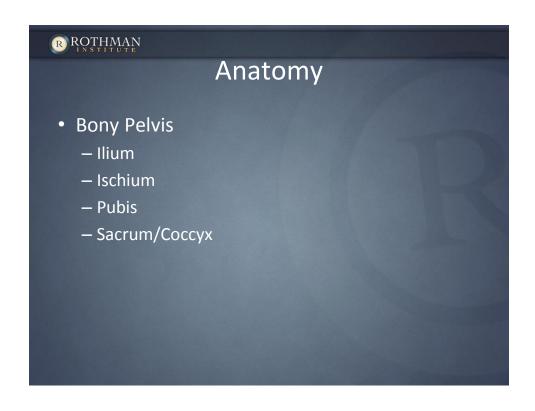
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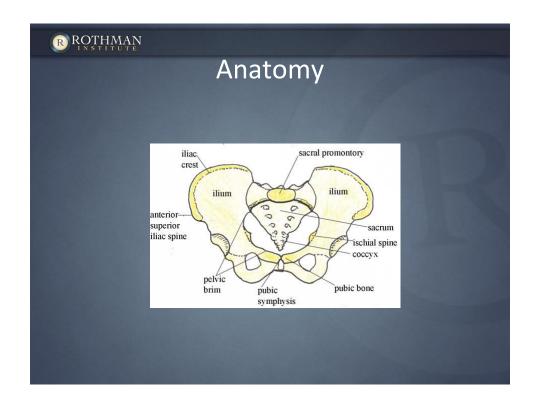
- One of least understood, inadequately defined and poorly researched affections of all sports medicine injuries
- Core muscle injuries are actually several different conditions lumped together under one common medical terminology
- Can be acute, chronic, or acute on chronic variety
- Found more commonly in male than female athletes



Differential Diagnosis

- Adductor strain
- Osteitis Pubis
- Iliopsoas Strains/Bursitis
- Stress Fractures
- Avulsion Fractures
- Hip Pathology Labral Tear, FAI, Snapping Hip
- Nerve Compression







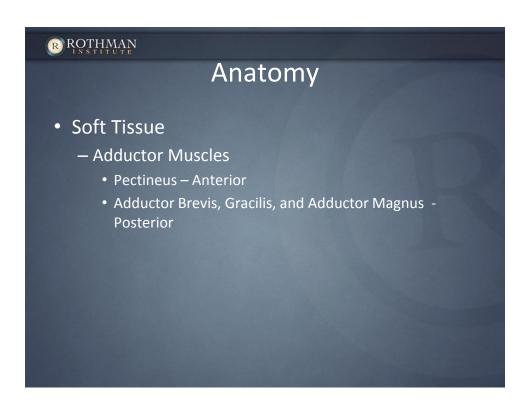
Anatomy

- Soft Tissue
 - Fibrous attachment of pubic symphysis
 - Fibrocartilage articular disc between pubic bones with attached ligaments
 - Most important is the arcuate ligament at the anterior, inferior margin of the joint attaching to the symphysis capsule, both pubic tubercles and providing a superficial attachment for regional tendon/muscle complex

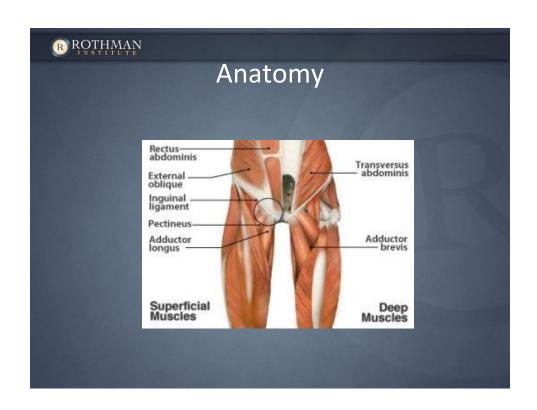


Anatomy

- Soft Tissue
 - Right and Left Rectus Abdominis/Adductor
 Aponeuroses
 - Meet at midline pubic symphysis containing vertical raphe forming a dense midline pubic plate



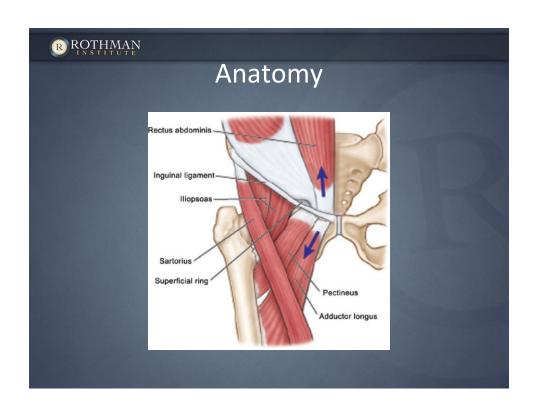






Anatomical Balance

- Rectus Abdominis creates posterior tension
- Adductors create inferoanterior tension with core rotation and extension
- This opposition along with aponeurosis needed for anterior pelvic stability
- Disruption of this balance leads to core muscle instability and core muscle injury





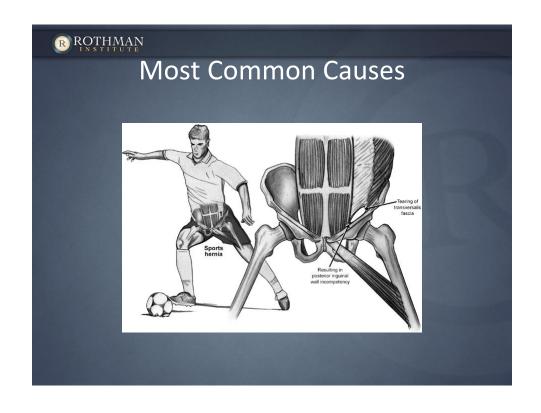
Pathogenesis

- Groin injuries usually occur from the following:
 - Overuse
 - Increased shearing across the hemipelvis
 - Lumbopelvic and lower extremity muscle strength endurance, extensibility, and coordination imbalance
 - Loss of dynamic abdominal wall rotational stability
 - Loss of congenital inguinal wall weakness
 - Overall core weakness



Most Common Causes

- Hip adductor strain/tear with palpable pain at pubic bone attachment and resisted hip adduction
- Iliopsoas strain/tear with palpable pain of muscle at lower lateral abdomen or just distal to inguinal ligament. Pain often with crunch or resisted crunch. Can be co-morbid Thomas Test pain
- Rectus abdominis strain/tear with palpable pain at distal tendon or on attachment at pubic bone and pain with resisted sit up





Physical Examination Findings

- NO detectable inguinal hernia
- Inguinal canal tenderness
- Dilated superficial inguinal ring
- Pubic tubercle tenderness.
- Hip adductor origin tenderness



Physical Examination Findings

- Key physical finding may be pubic tubercle tenderness and inguinal floor tear that can possibly be palpated creating pain inside the external inguinal ring
 - Pain my radiate to testicle or laterally to upper thigh
 - Aggravated by sudden movement, Valsalva, sexual activity, resisted sit up, or hip adduction



Imaging

- Traditional X-ray views include:
 - AP Pelvis
 - AP and lateral of affected hip
- X-rays can yield changes associated with:
 - FAI
 - -OA
 - Ostitis Pubis
 - Avulsion Fracture



Imaging

- Traditional ultrasound is useful modality to diagnose INGUINAL HERNIA
- CT is often used to diagnose INGUINAL HERNIA
- MSK Ultrasound identifies tendonopathies and tendon/muscle tears but incomplete in looking at inflammatory and degenerative bony processes



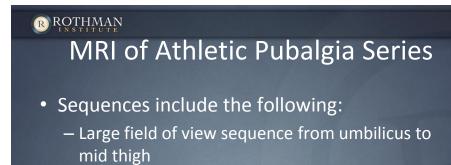
Imaging

- MRI of Athletic Pubalgia series
 - 1.5 Tesla unit with phased array, multichannel coil gives best imaging

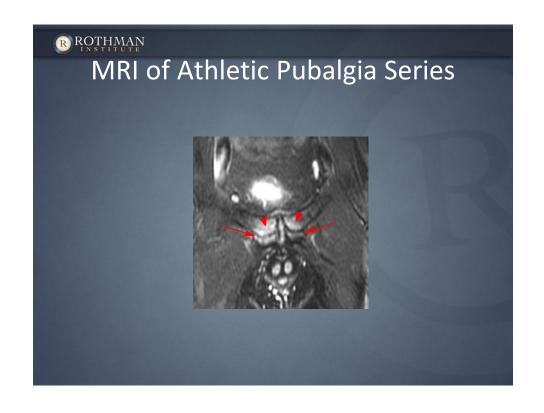


MRI of Athletic Pubalgia Series

- Sequences include the following:
 - Entire bony pelvis including high resolution sequences over the pubic symphysis
 - Standard coronal, sagittal and axial planes, but also coronal oblique imaging plane from anterior margin of the iliac crest forming a sagittal localizer sequence (along the arcuate line of the pelvis) needed to see the rectus abdominus/adductor longus aponeurosis and its attachment at pubic tubercle



 Smaller field of view sequences focused on pubic symphysis extending through the pubic rami bilaterally









- Conservative:
 - Physical Therapy
 - Focused progressive hip adductor stretching and strengthening exercises as well as extensive core muscle strengthening
 - Exercise to improve strength, endurance, coordination and appropriate hip and abdominal muscle balance as well as core stability
 - Abduction, adduction, flexion and extension exercises
 - Sit-ups
 - Wobble board
 - Sliding board
 - Fitter exercises



- Conservative:
 - OMT
 - Focused treatment on hip/pelvis and often sacrum/SI joint
 - Physical Therapy
 - Return to sports is generally after 8-12 weeks of treatment with athlete pain free in PT and with exertion therapy
 - Athlete must be able to successfully pass sport-specific activity – cutting and smooth directional change are critical



- Conservative:
 - Corticosteroid Injection
 - Usually done at insertion of rectus abdominis or adductor longus tendons usually at pubic tubercle
 - Prolotherapy Injection
 - Sclerosing agent injected at one of the following sites:
 - Adductor attachments
 - Conjoined tendon at pelvic rim
 - Pubic symphysis



- Surgical
 - Exploration and repair considered when rest and non surgical treatment has been attempted UNLESS
 - True pathology elicited on MRI and conservative treatment would not be conducive to a high level athlete – i.e. compete disruption of pubic plate in ice hockey player



- Surgical
 - Open or laparoscopic approaches can provide good results
 - Most repairs address repair of abdominal muscles, adductor muscles, or both, or fascia near the inguinal ligament.
 - Repairs that do not addresses forces causing pathology are often unsuccessful
 - Whether open or laparoscopic, repair rates vary from 63 to 95%



- Surgical
 - Laparoscopic repair usually associated with quicker return to sports
 - Training at 4 weeks
 - Full activity at 6 weeks



- Post-Surgical Rehabilitation
 - Good data lacking for return to activity following surgery
 - Some physicians do not do PT after surgery



- Post-Surgical Rehabilitation
 - PT post-surgical generally consists of the following:
 - Avoidance of sharp, sudden, cutting movements
 - Lower extremity inflexibility, weakness, and lack of coordination is corrected
 - Running straight ahead at day 21
 - Sprinting without cutting at week 3
 - Full activity after laparoscopic repair in 6 to 8 weeks
 - Full activity after open repair at approximately 18 weeks



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