

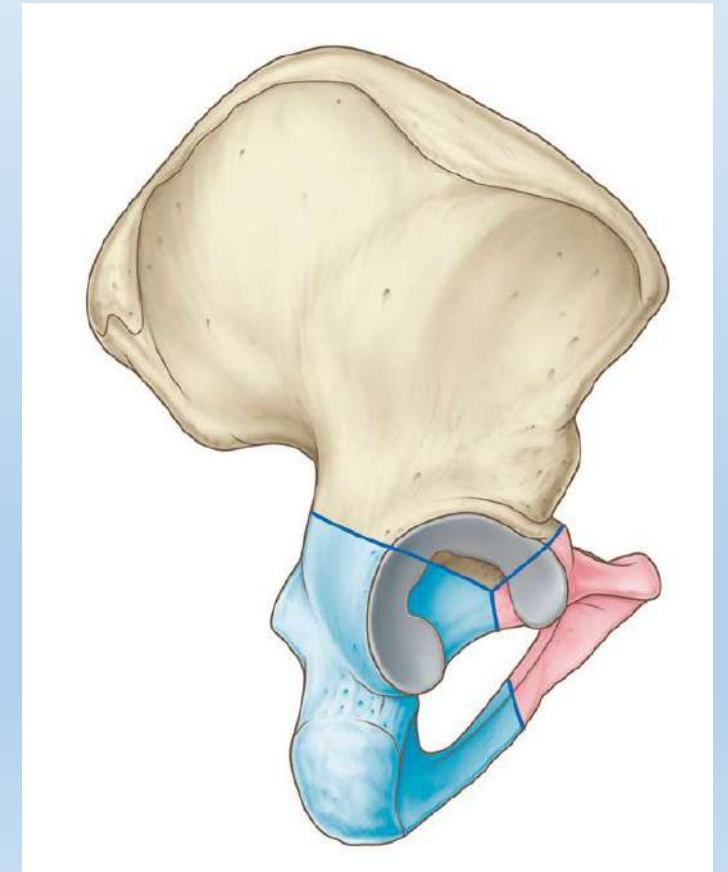
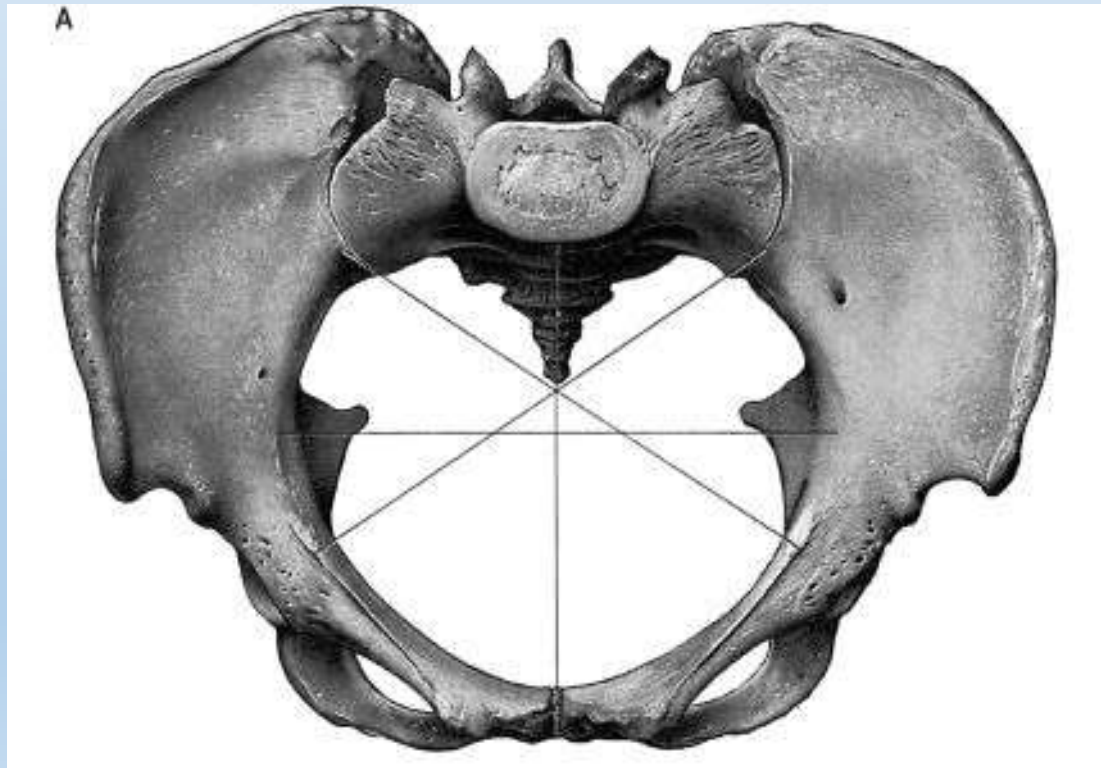
# MAKING SENSE OF PELVIC INJURIES: PAHO-BIOMECHANICS

# BONES OF PELVIS

**Sacrum (in between)**

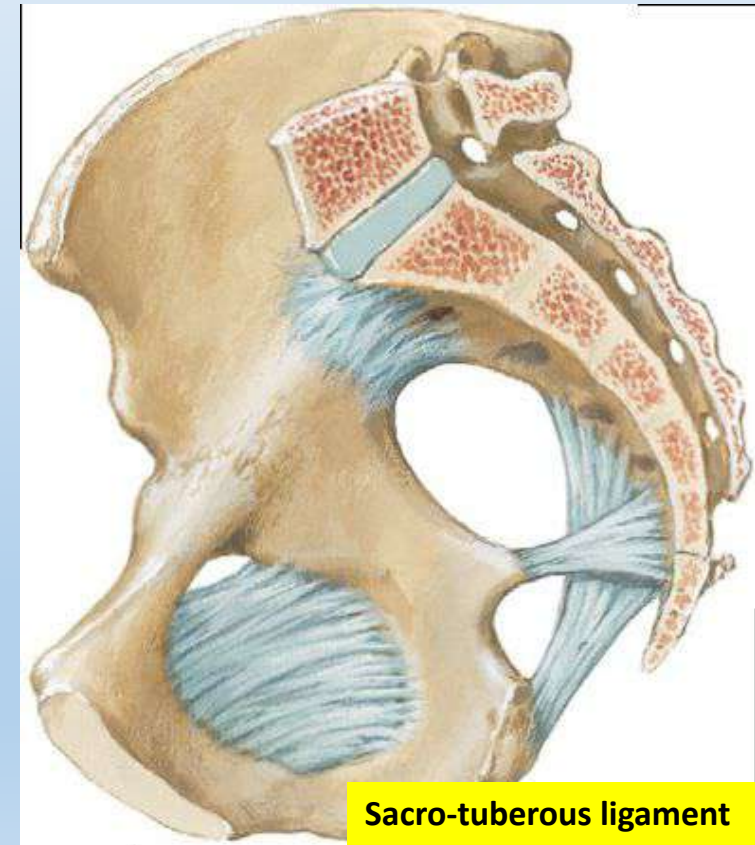
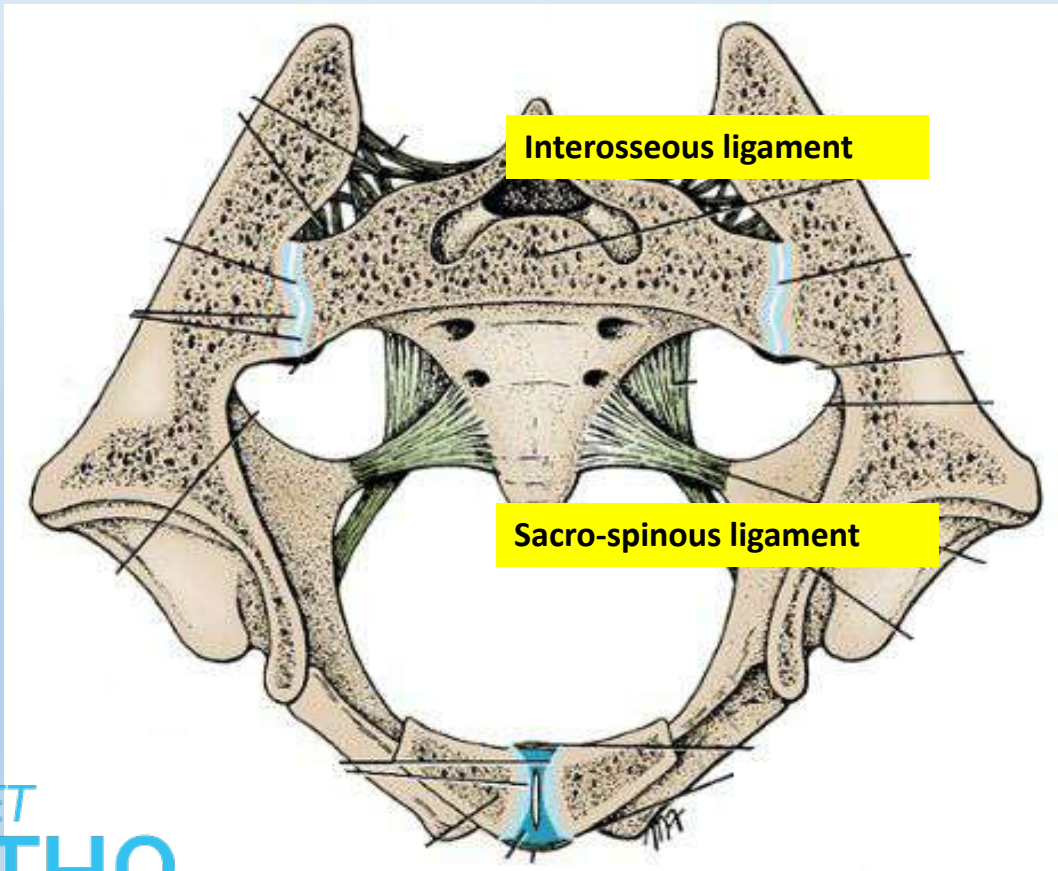
**Two Innominate bones (ilium, ischium, pubis)**

**Connected by SIJ and Symphysis pubis**

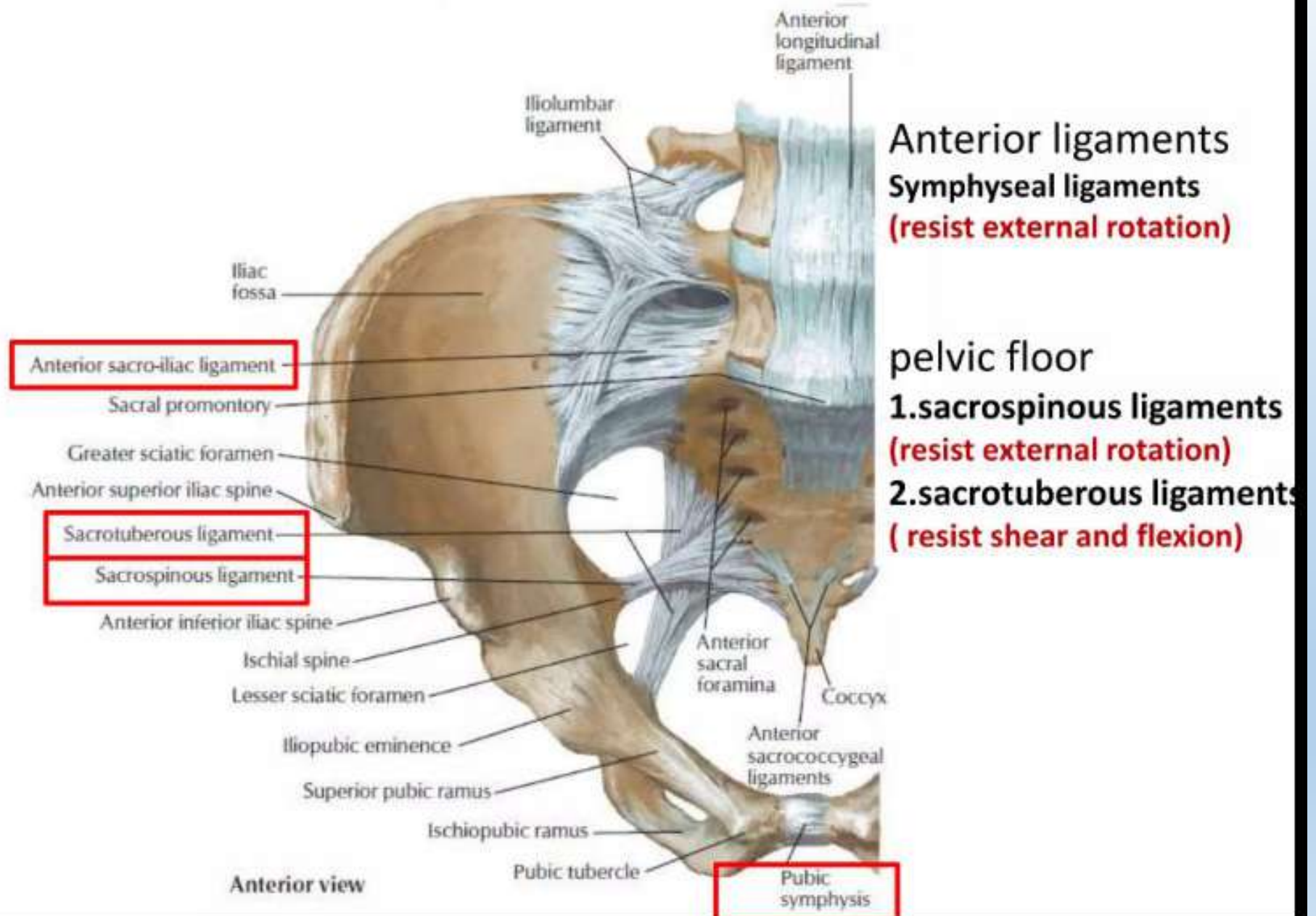


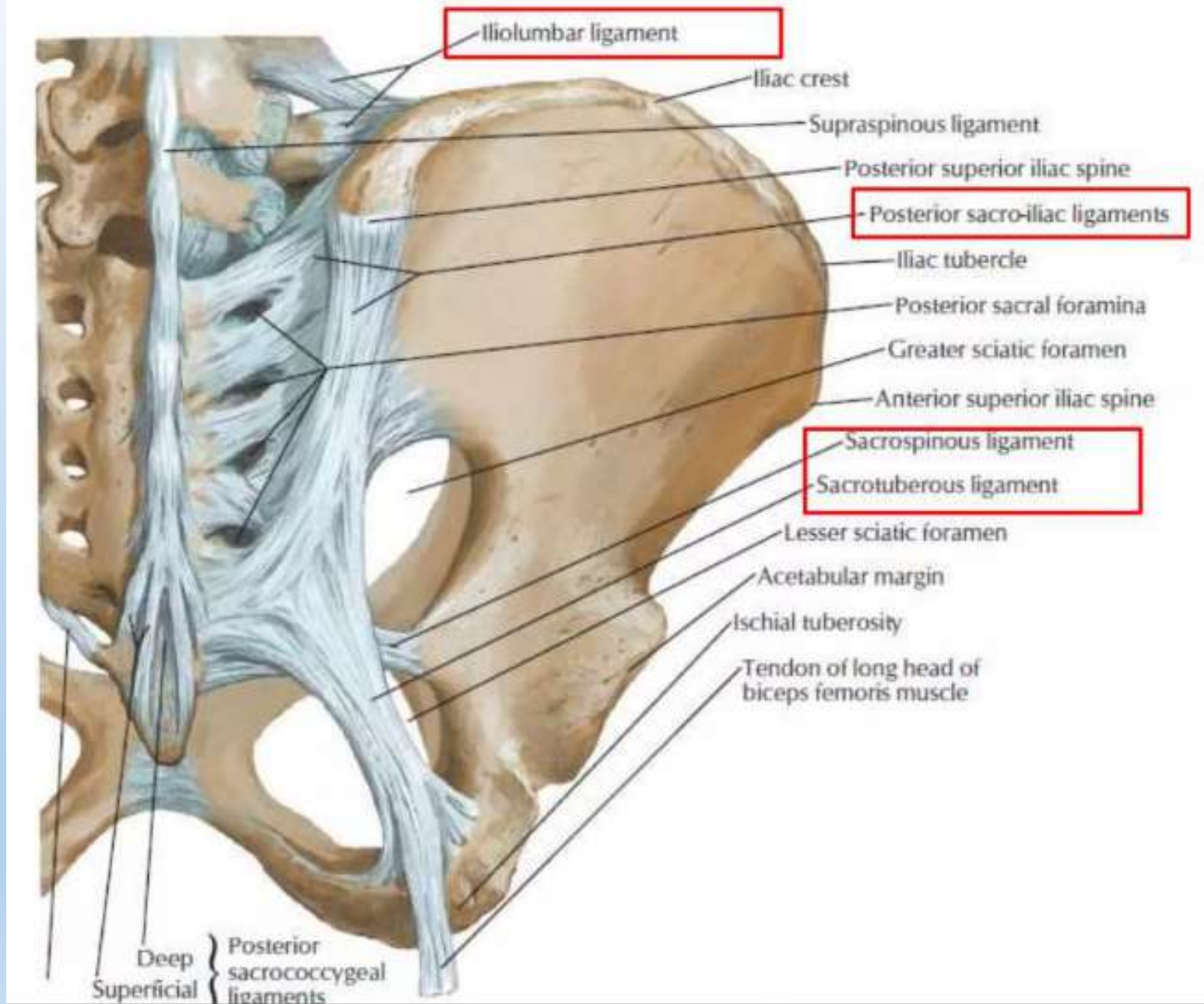
# LIGAMENTOUS ANATOMY

- Sacrotuberous - resists shear and ante-flexion
- Sacrospinous - resists external rotation



# 2.Ligaments





# Pelvic inlet /pelvic ring/pelvic brim (egde of the inlet)

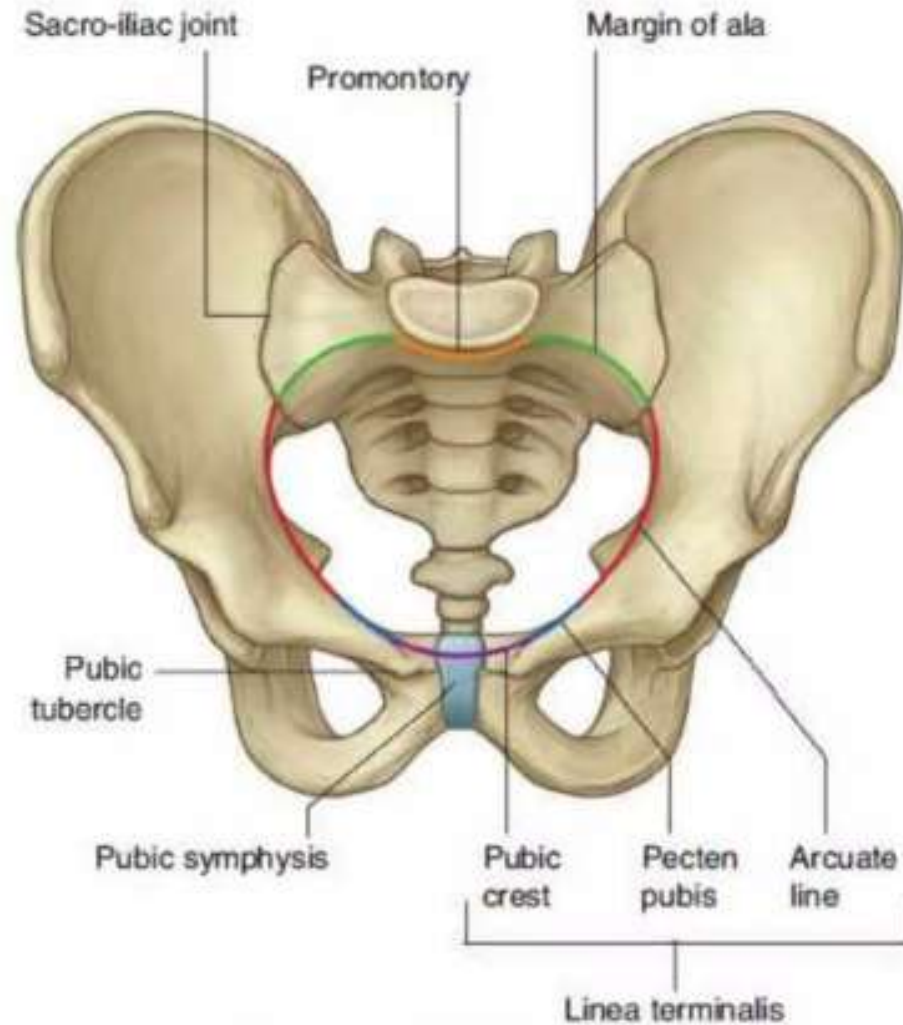
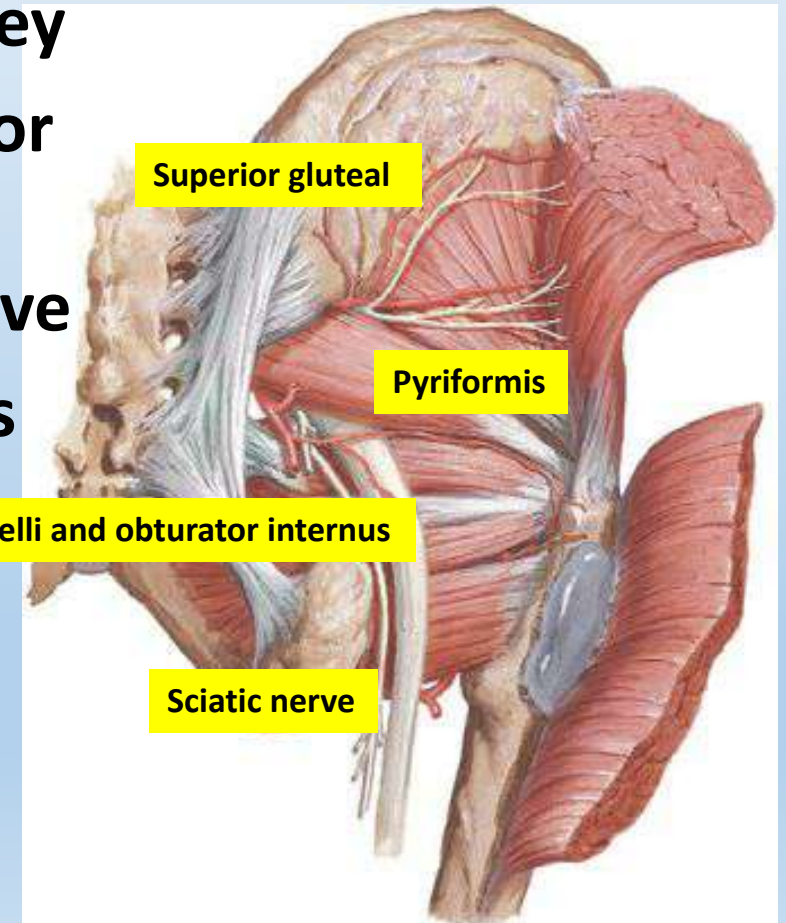
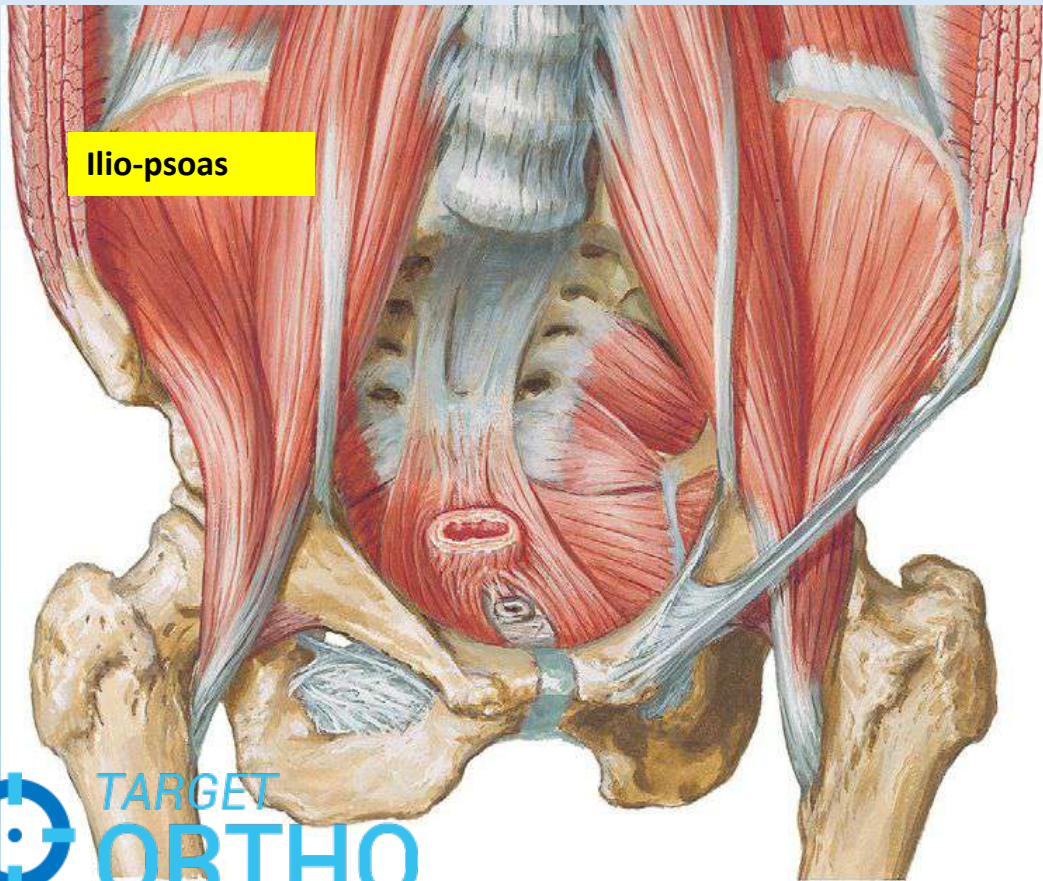


Fig. 5.28 Pelvic inlet

# MUSCULAR ANATOMY

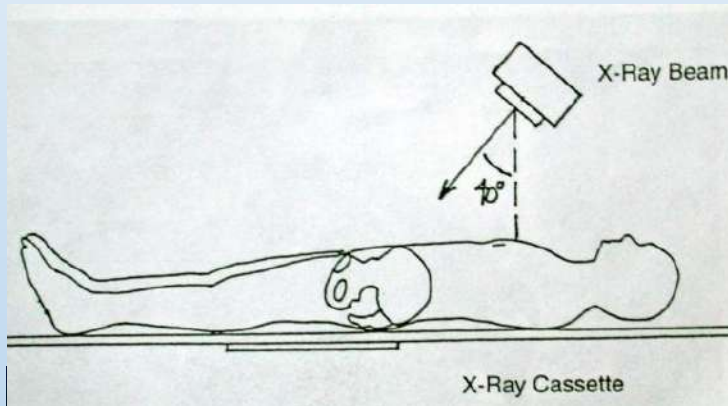
**Posteriorly..**

**Pyriformis is the key  
Gemilli & Obturator  
internus  
protect Sciatic nerve  
Quadratus femoris**

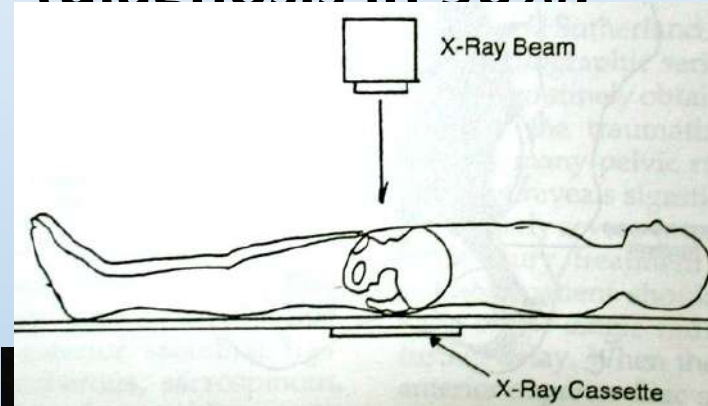


# RADIOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF PELVIS

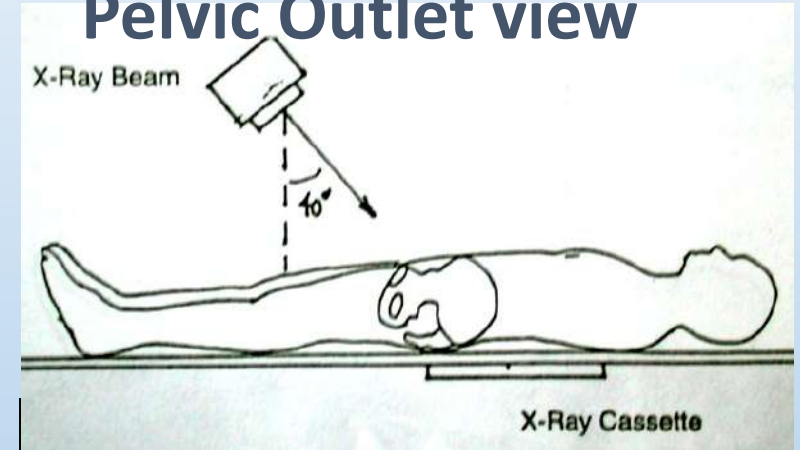
## Pelvic Inlet view



## Antero-Posterior view (diagnosis in 90%)



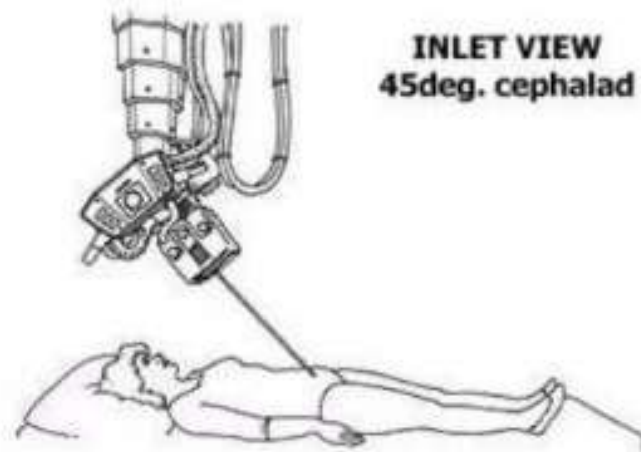
## Pelvic Outlet view



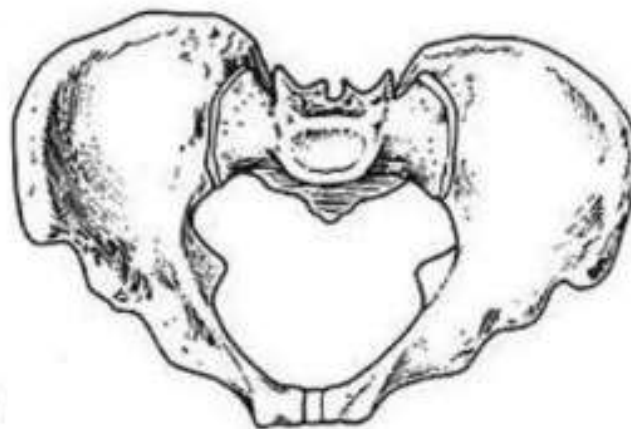


# Pelvic inlet view

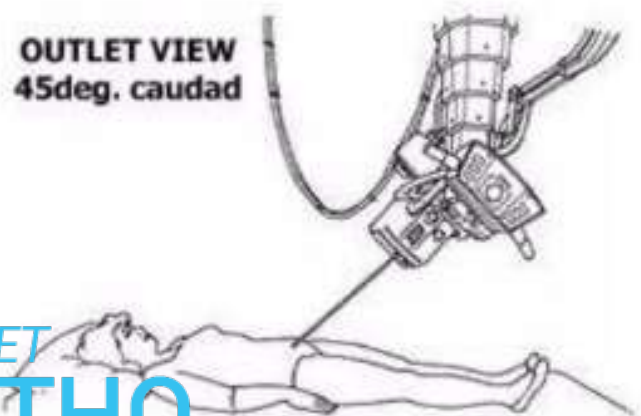
Inlet view:



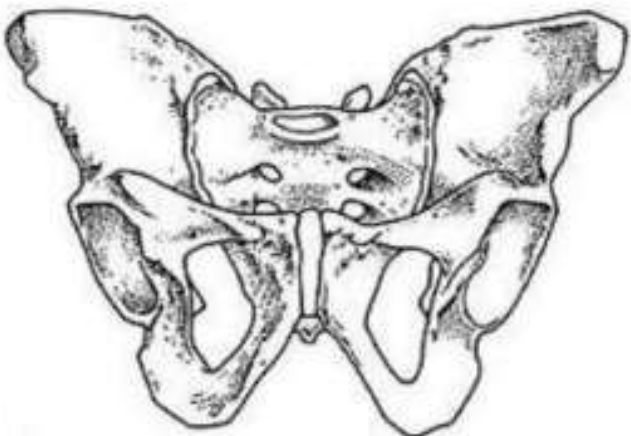
**INLET VIEW**  
45deg. cephalad



Outlet View:



**OUTLET VIEW**  
45deg. caudad

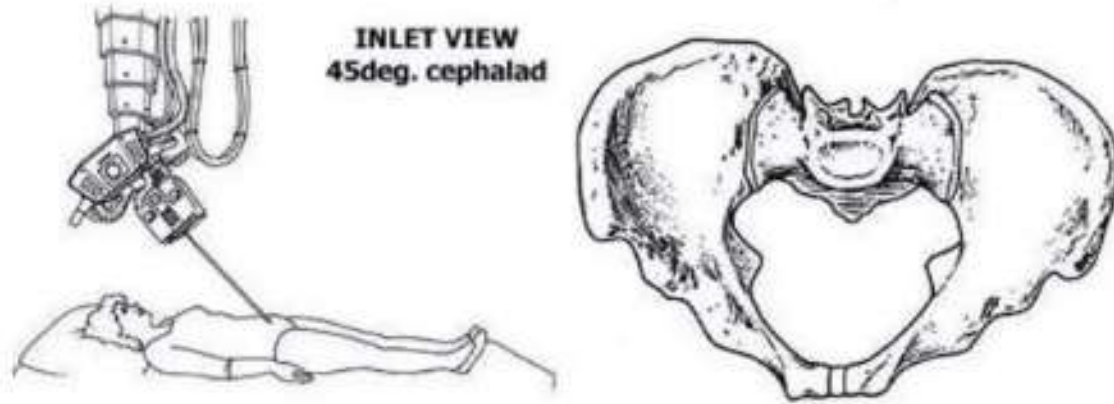


**INLET VIEW** shows

1. fractures of the sacrum
2. AP displacement of injured portions of the ring, and
3. the degree and severity of **rotational displacement** of the injured hemipelvis.
4. **Widening of the sacroiliac or symphysis pubis joint** is clearly visible on the inlet view.
5. fractures of the **pubic rami** are usually well visualized.

# Pelvic outlet view

Inlet view:



## Outlet view shows

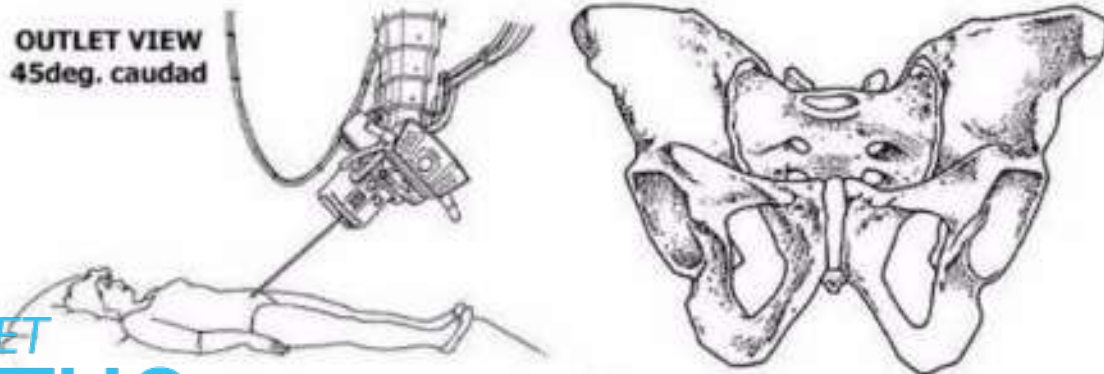
1. fractures of the sacrum.

2. Fractures of the **posterior iliac wing** are visible on the outlet view, as are fractures of the pubic rami.

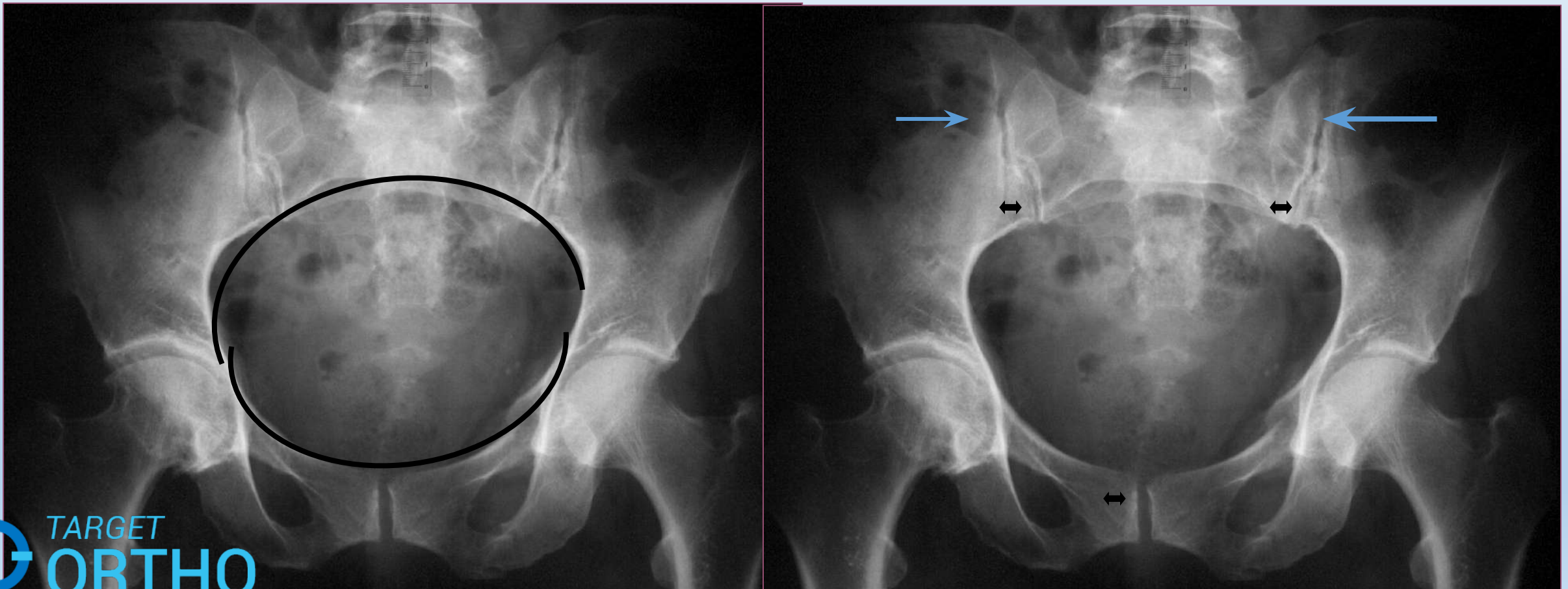
3. Widening of the sacroiliac joint can be noted.

4. The outlet view also demonstrates **cephalad or caudad displacement** of the injured hemipelvis

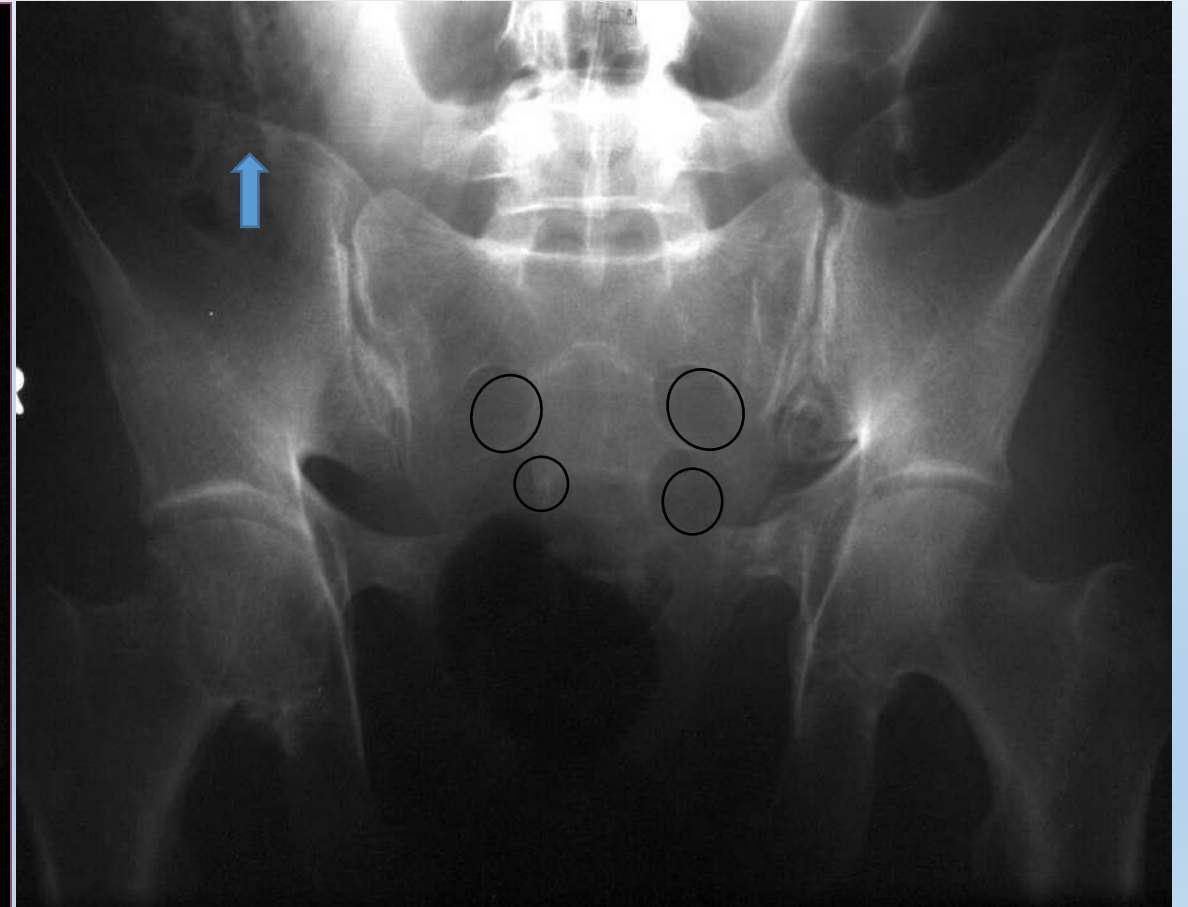
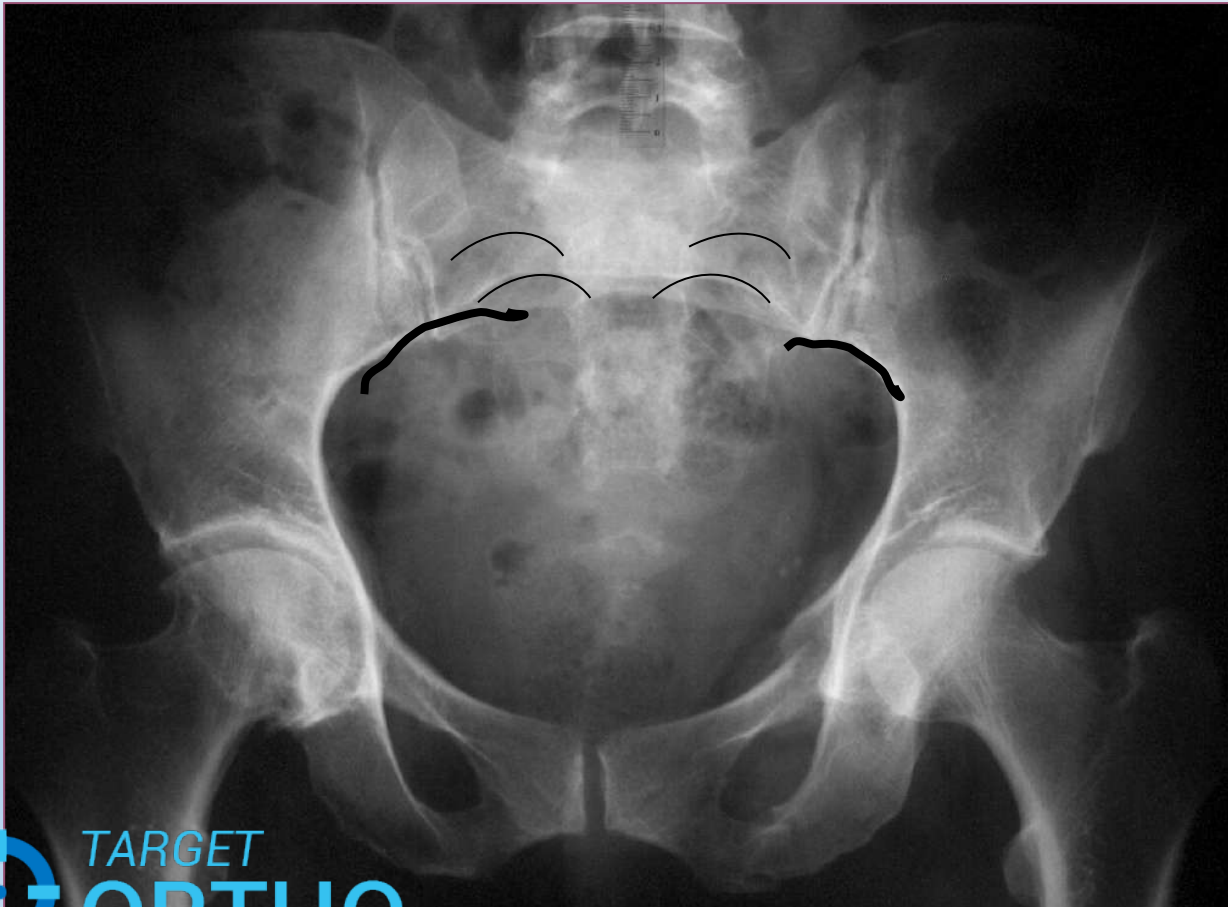
Outlet View:



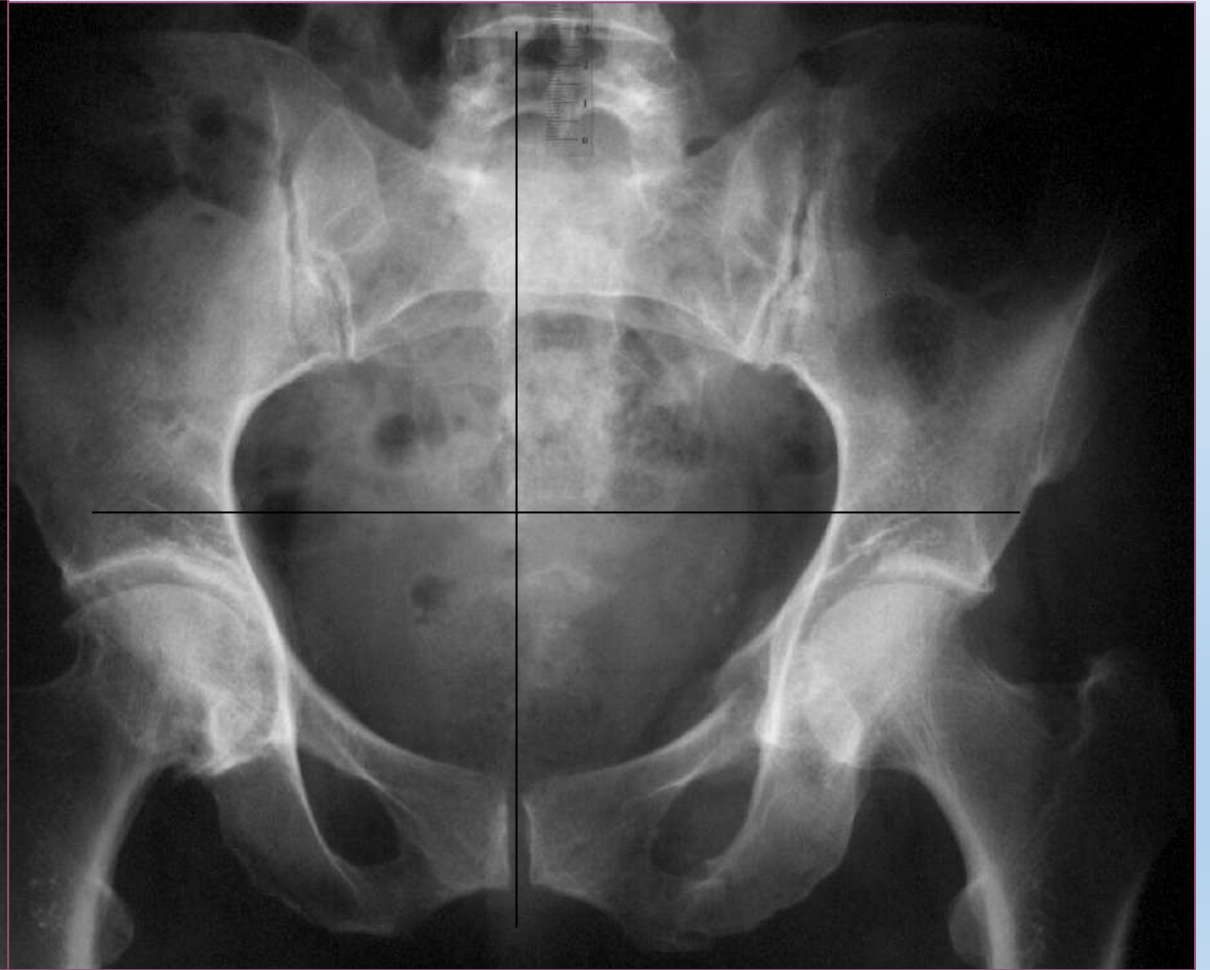
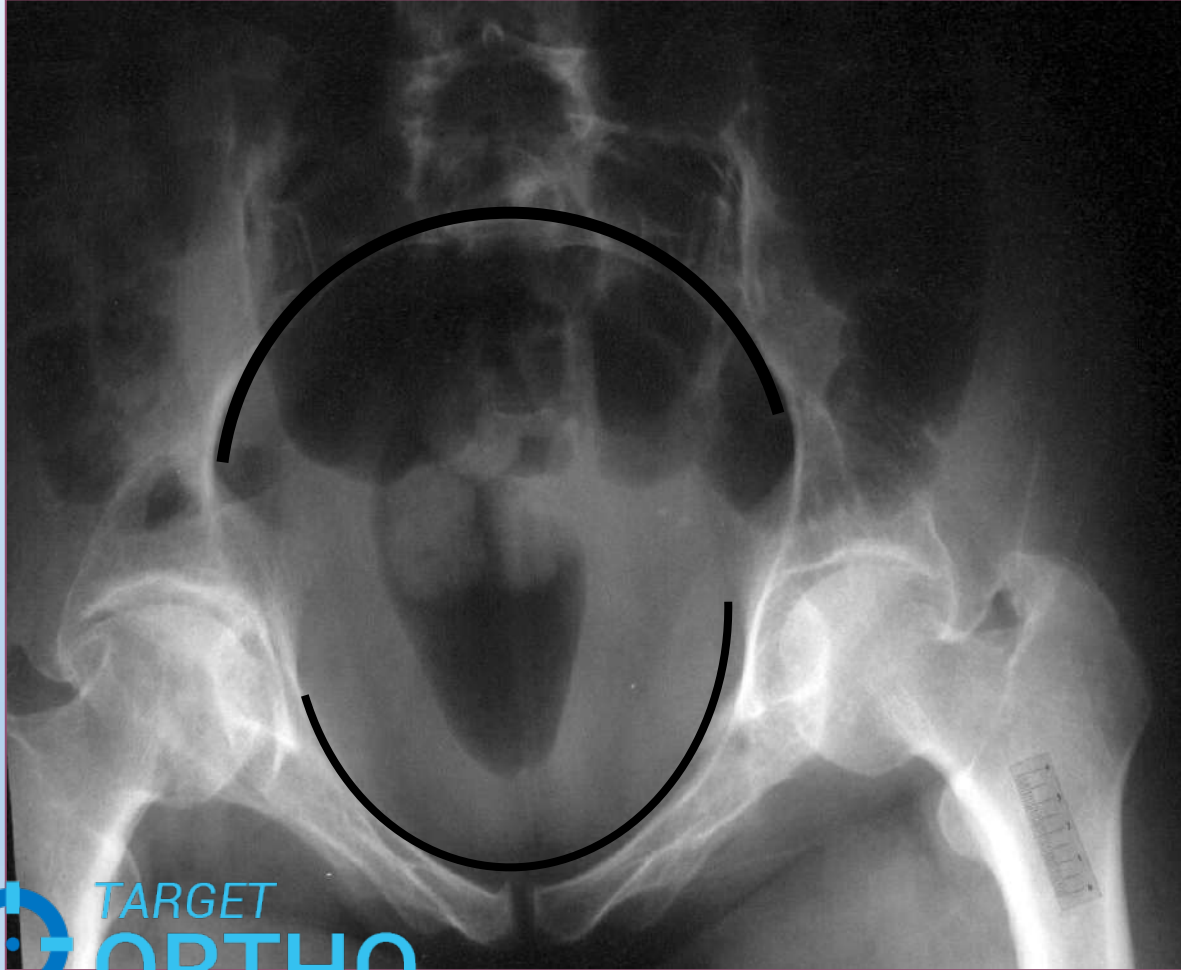
# RADIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS OF PELVIS



# RADIOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF PELVIS

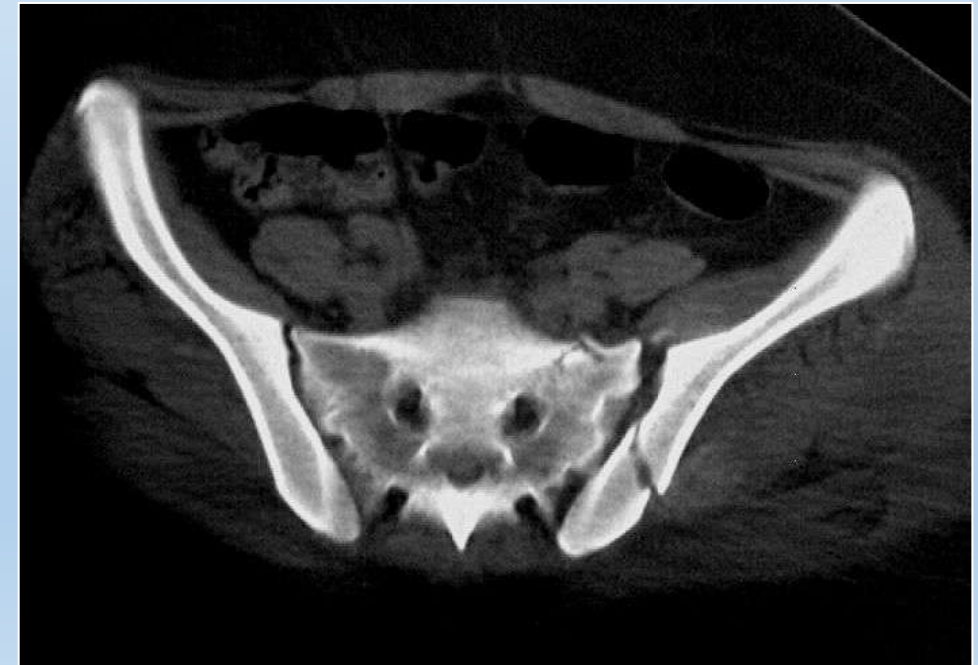


# RADIOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF PELVIS



# CT EVALUATION OF PELVIS

- Superior details of fracture
- Position of fracture fragments
- Extent of diastasis of SI joint & Pubic symphysis
- Better evaluation of Sacrum & Acetabulum



# 3 D CT IMAGES OF PELVIS

**Better perception ring disruption**

**Better preoperative planning**



# WEIGHT BEARING AXIS

**Sacrum - Keystone**



**Sciatic buttress**

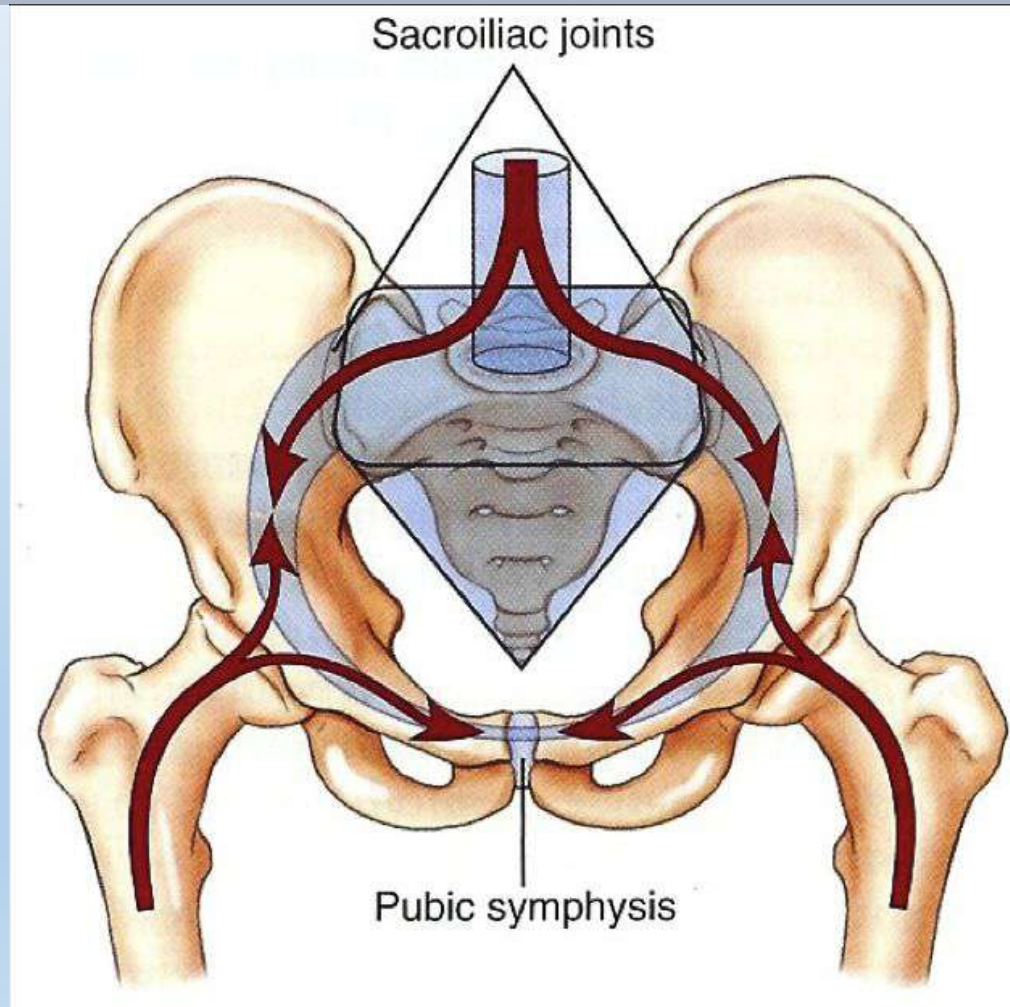


**Pelvic brim**



**Acetabulum (standing)**

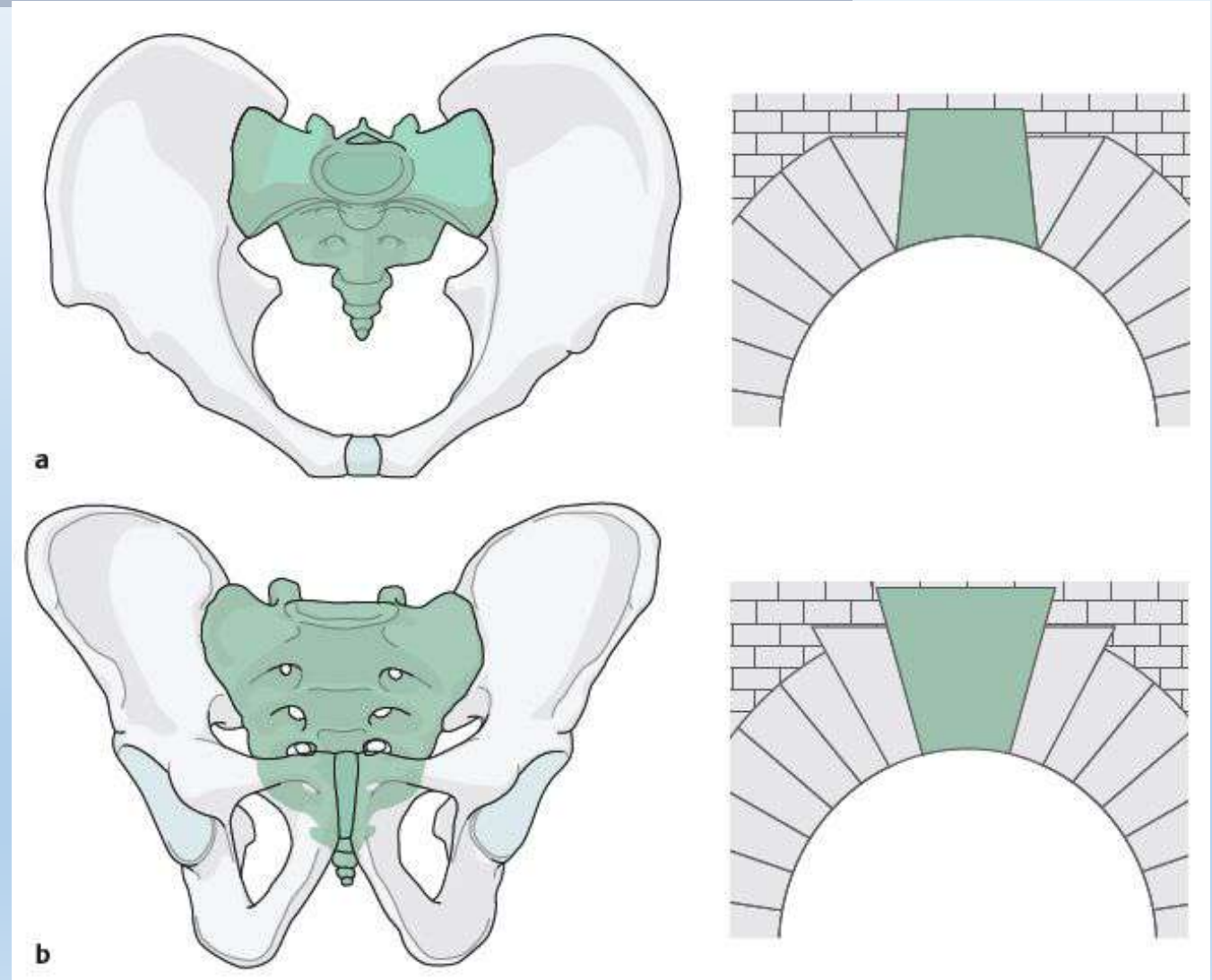
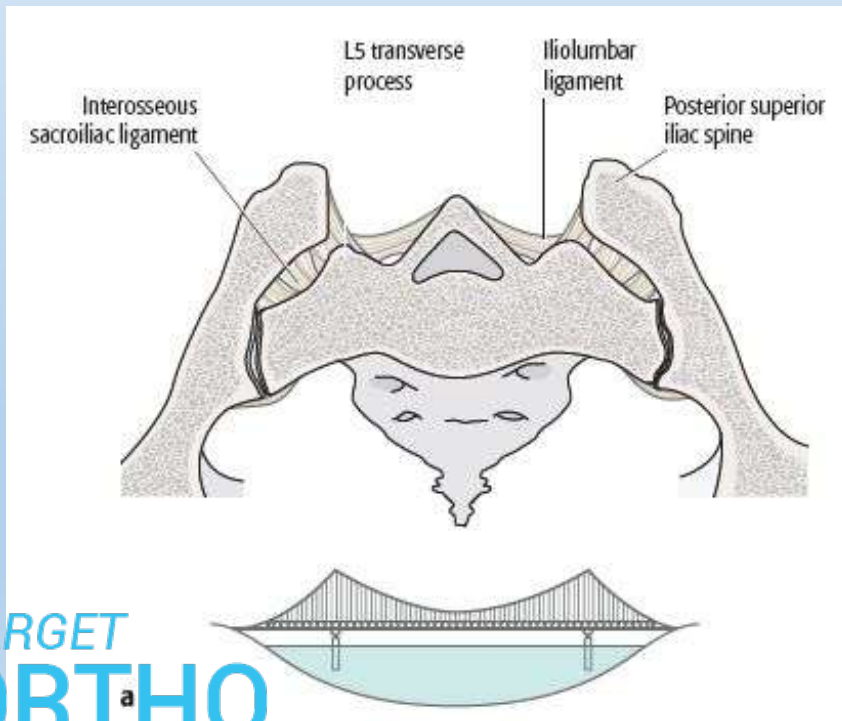
**Ischium (sitting)**



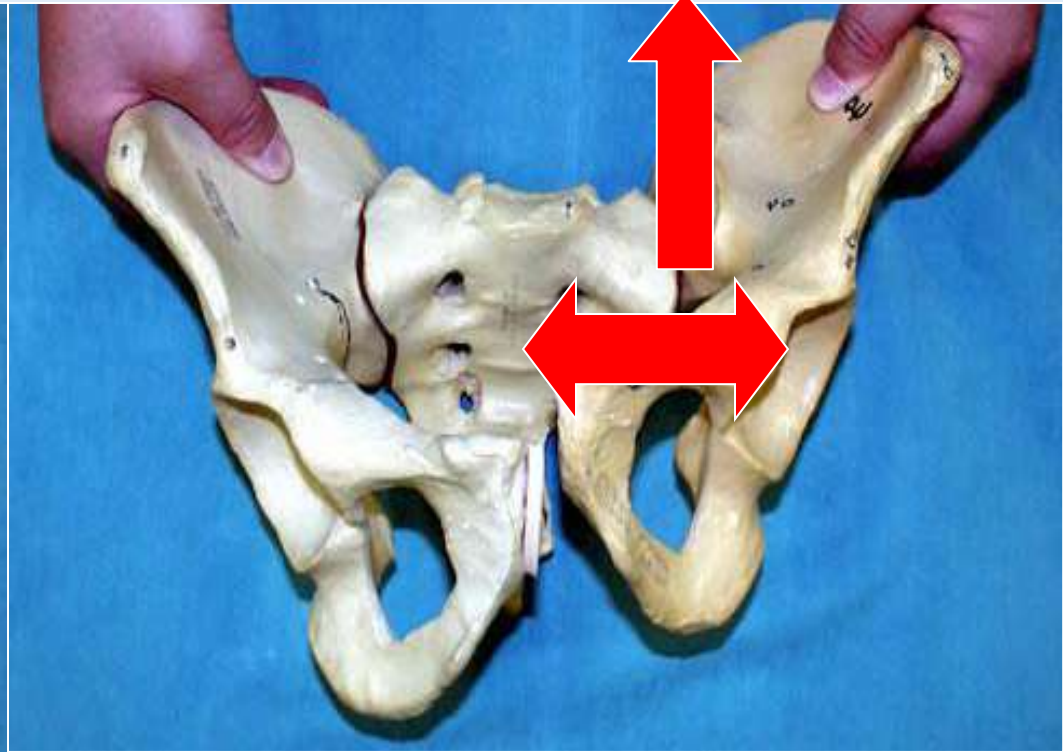
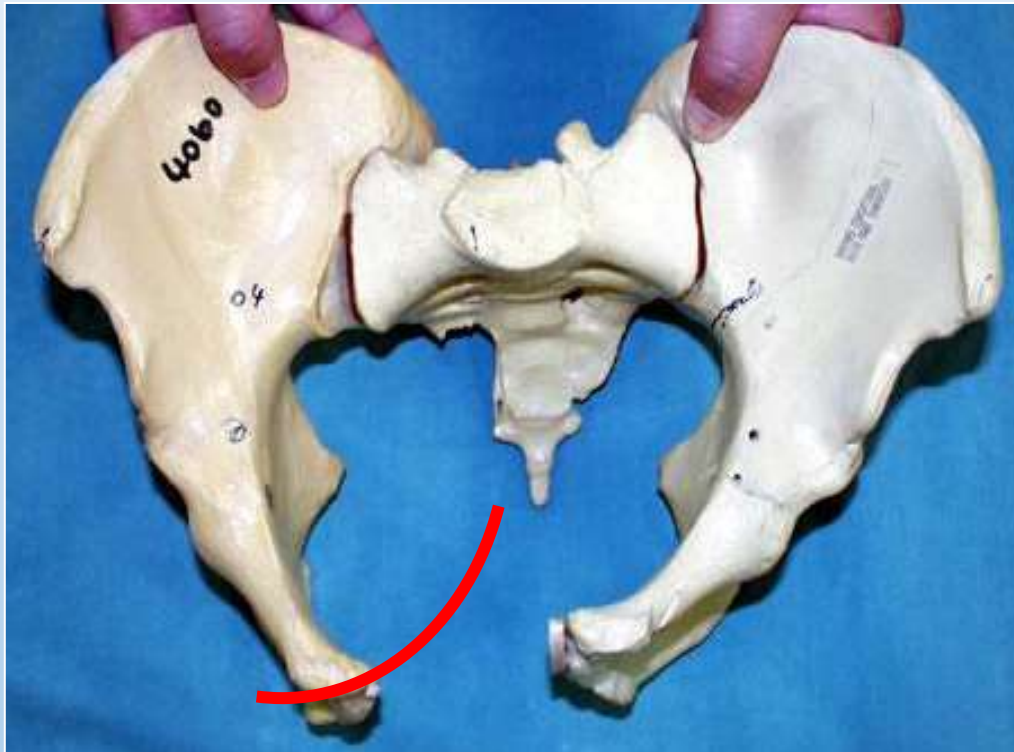


# STABILITY OF THE PELVIS

- Ring structure
- Keystone
- Suspension bridge



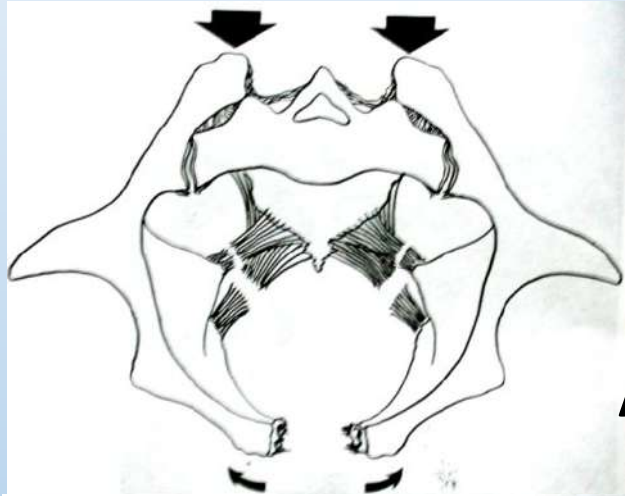
# UNSTABLE PELVIC INJURY



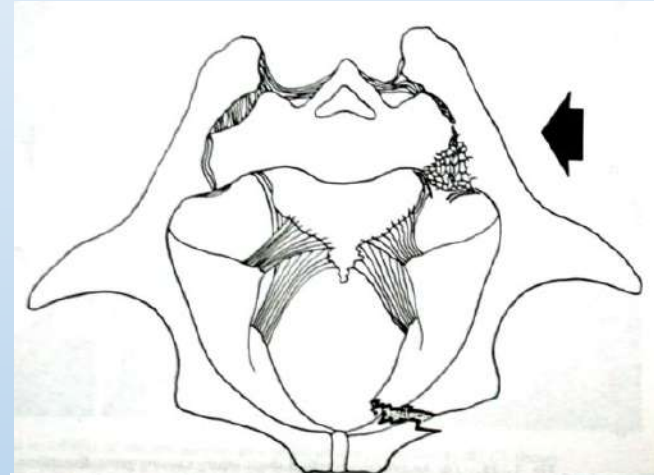
**B- ROTATIONALLY UNSTABLE , VERTICALLY STABLE**

**C- ROTATIONALLY UNSTABLE , VERTICALLY UNSTABLE**

# YOUNG & BURGESS CLASSIFICATION OF PELVIC INJURY



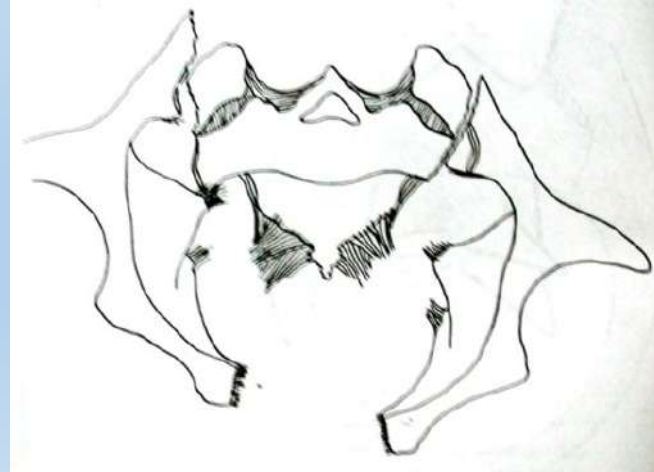
**Antero-Posterior  
compression**



**Lateral  
compression**

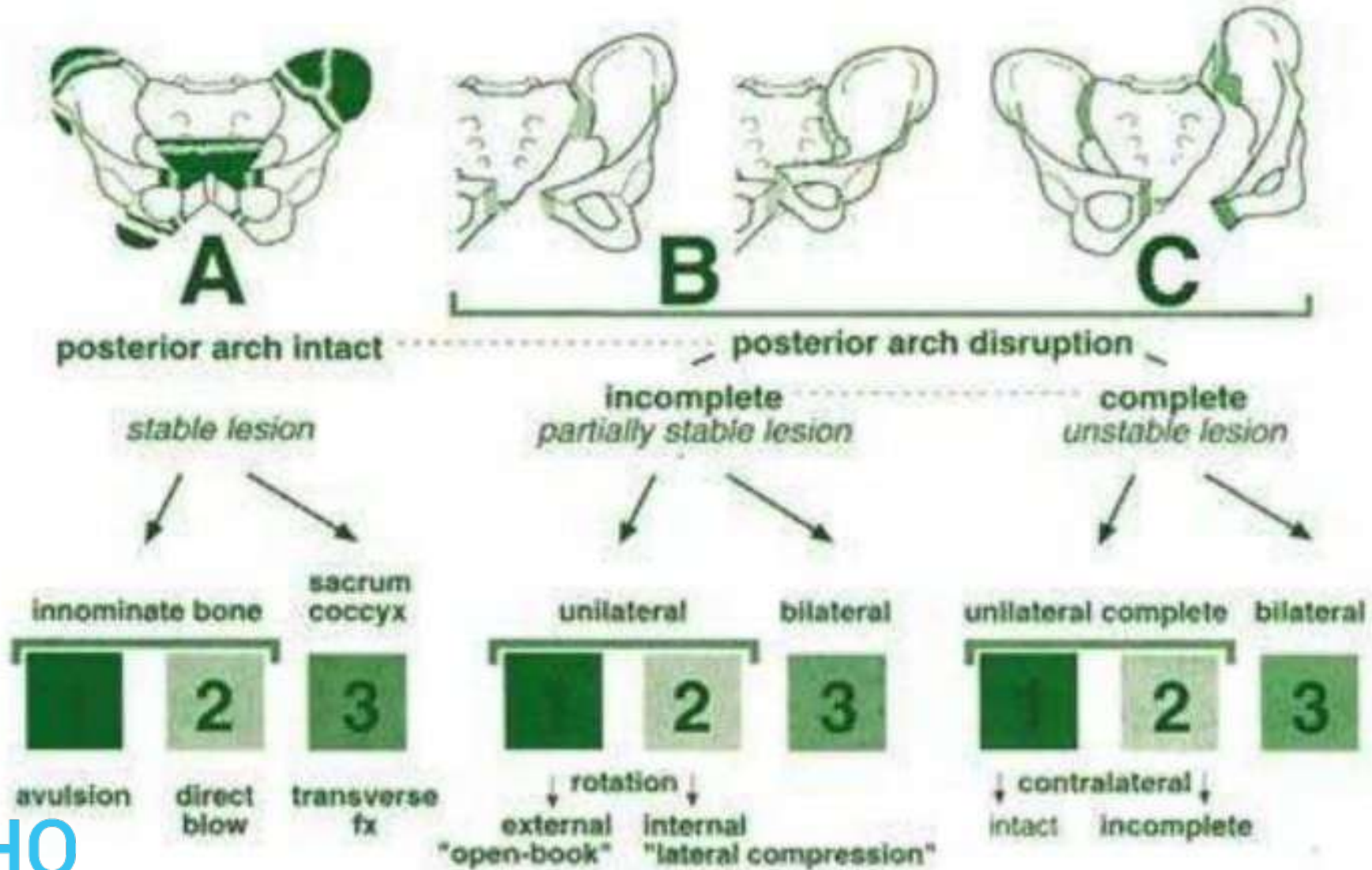


**Vertical  
shear**



**Combined  
mechanical  
injury**

# Tiles system



# Classification of pelvic #

## **BOX 56-1** Classification of Pelvic Ring Lesions

### **Type A: Stable (Posterior Arch Intact)**

- A1 Avulsion injury
- A2 Iliac wing or anterior arch fracture caused by a direct blow
- A3 Transverse sacrococcygeal fracture

### **Type B: Partially Stable (Incomplete Disruption of Posterior Arch)**

- B1 Open book injury (external rotation)
- B2 Lateral compression injury (internal rotation)
  - B2-1 Ipsilateral anterior and posterior injuries
  - B2-2 Contralateral (bucket-handle) injuries
- B3 Bilateral

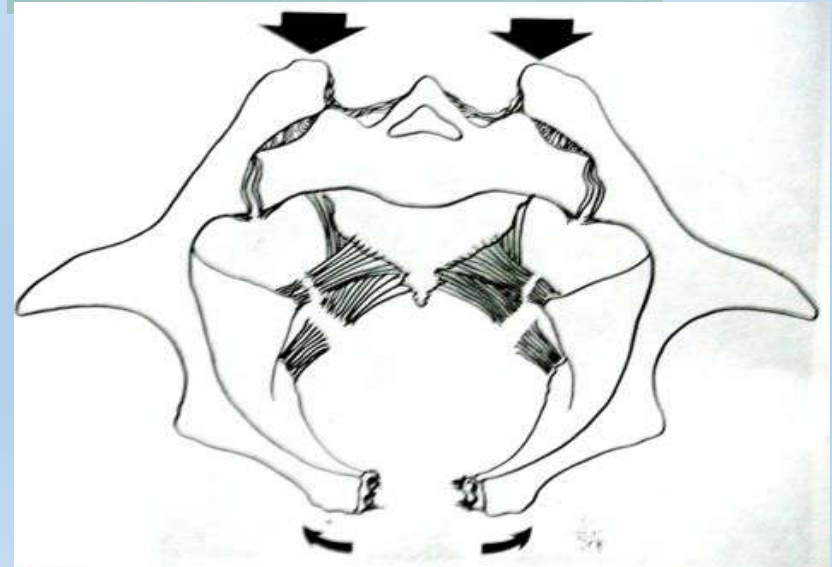
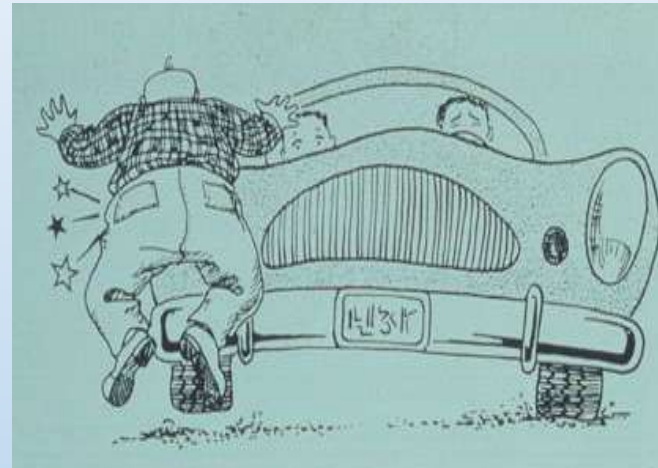
### **Type C: Unstable (Complete Disruption of Posterior Arch)**

- C1 Unilateral
  - C1-1 Iliac fracture
  - C1-2 Sacroiliac fracture-dislocation
  - C1-3 Sacral fracture
- C2 Bilateral, with one side type B, one side type C
- C3 Bilateral

From Tile M: Acute pelvic fractures, part I: Causation and classification, *J Am Assoc Orthop Surg* 4:143, 1996.

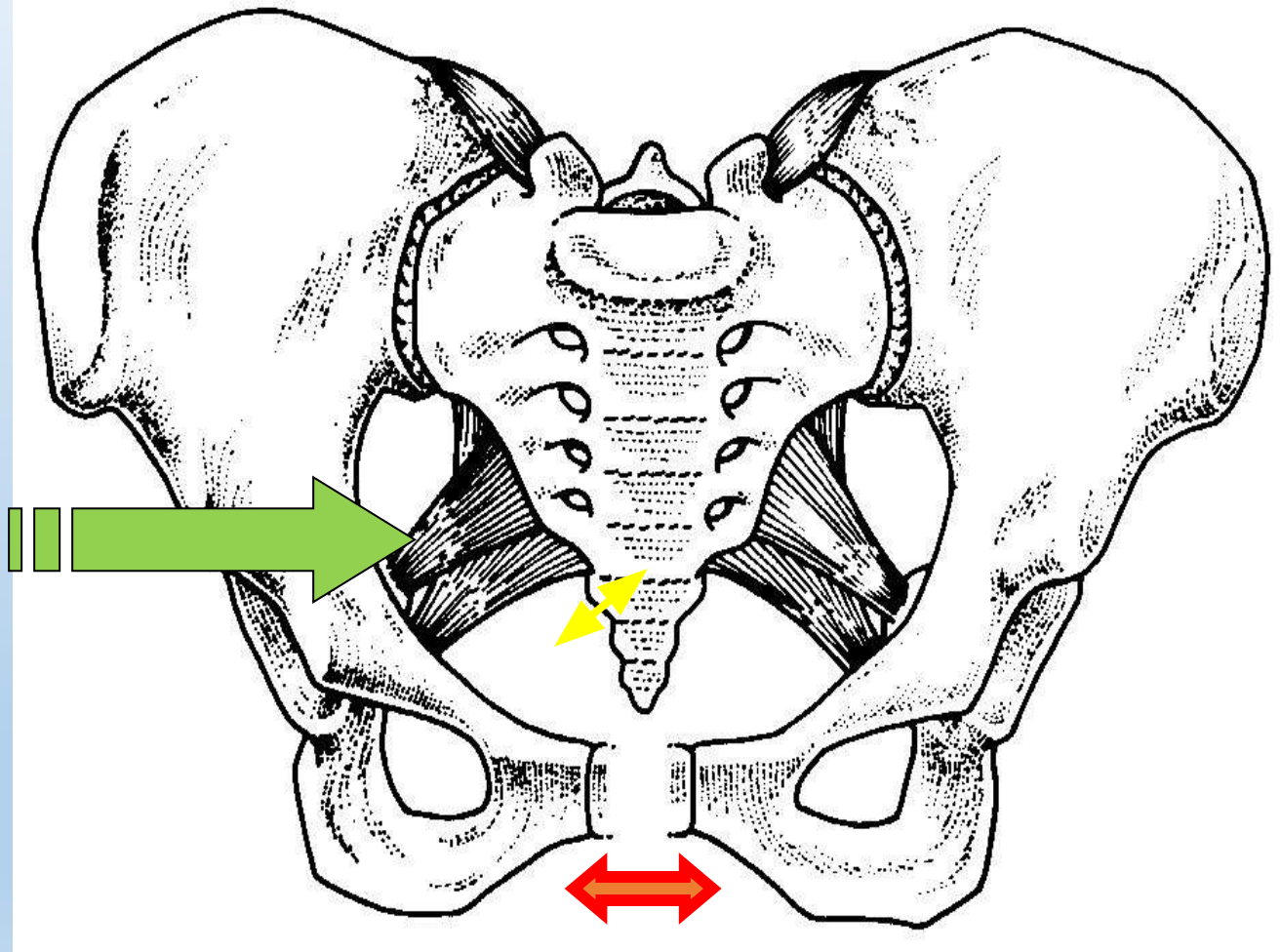
# ANTEROPOSTERIOR COMPRESSION INJURY

- Pubic diastasis with or without posterior ring injury.
- Pelvis to open: One or both hemi-pelvis undergo external rotation.
- Various degrees of AP compression injuries



# AP COMPRESSION, TYPE I

- Note that the ligaments are stretched, and not torn



# AP COMPRESSION, TYPE I

**Pubic diastasis  
<2.5 cm**

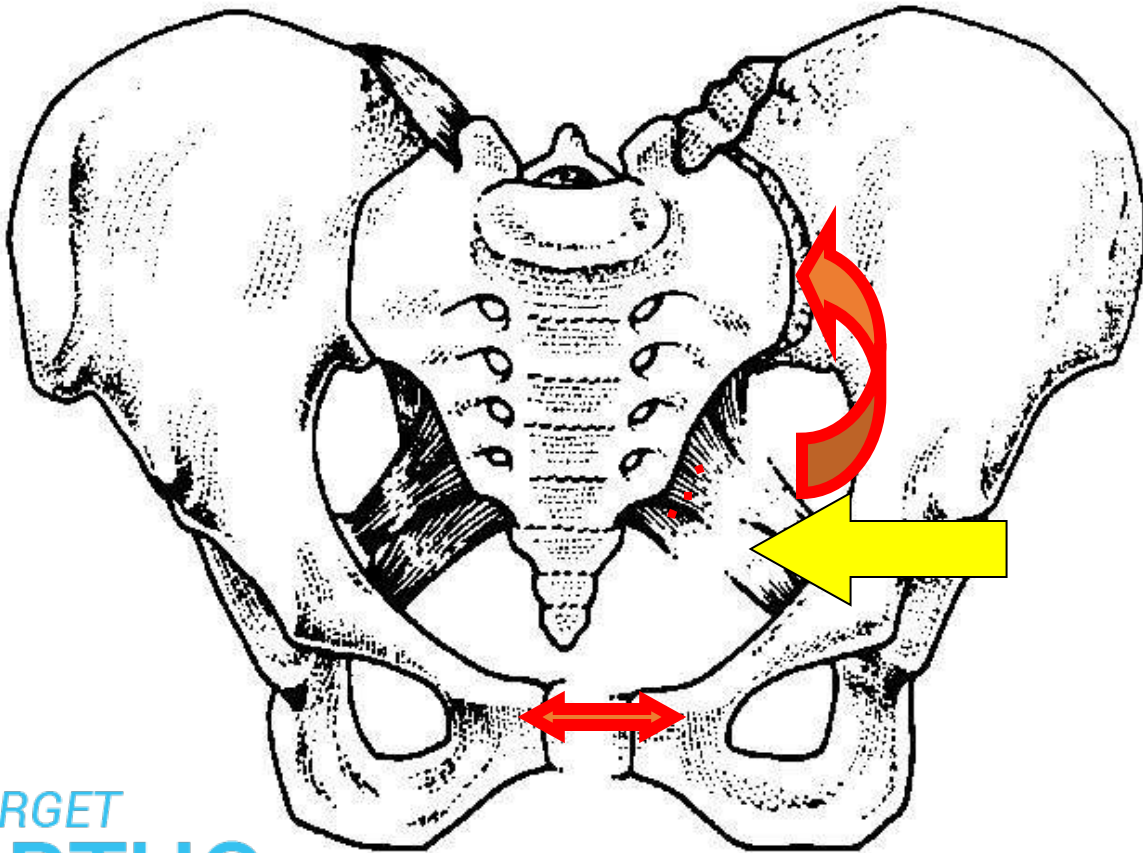
**External rotation**

**Stable**





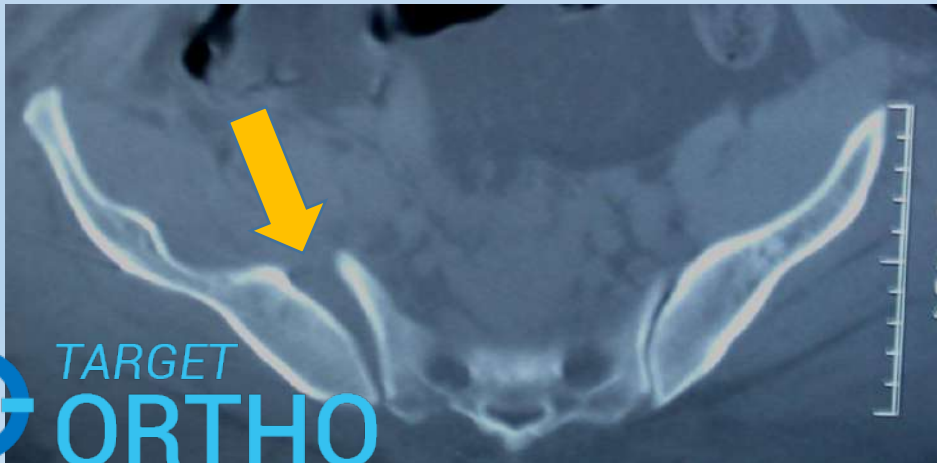
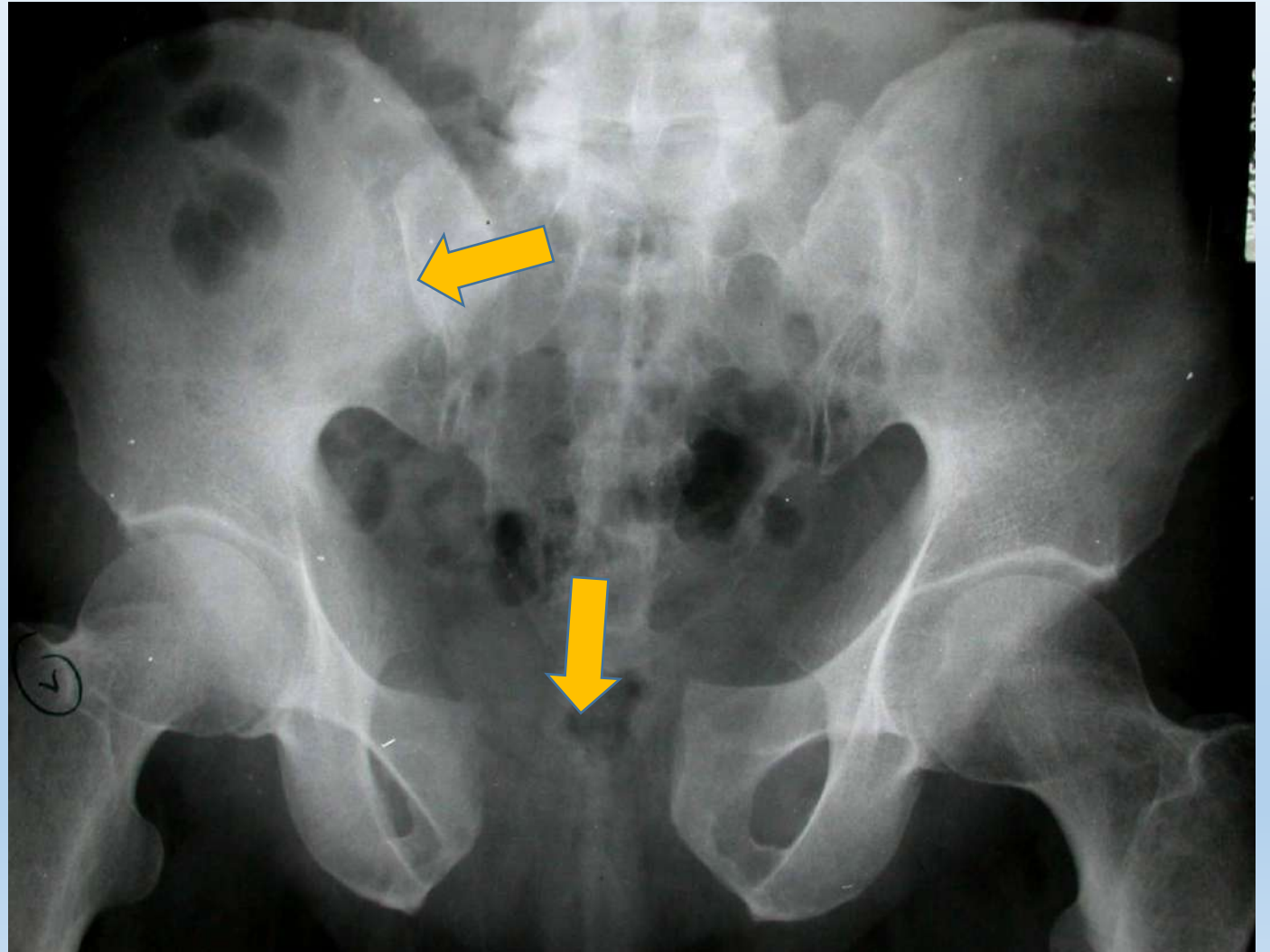
## AP COMPRESSION, TYPE II



- Sacrotuberous,
  - Sacrospinous, and
  - Anterior SI joint ligaments
- disrupted (post SI ligaments intact)

# AP COMPRESSION, TYPE II

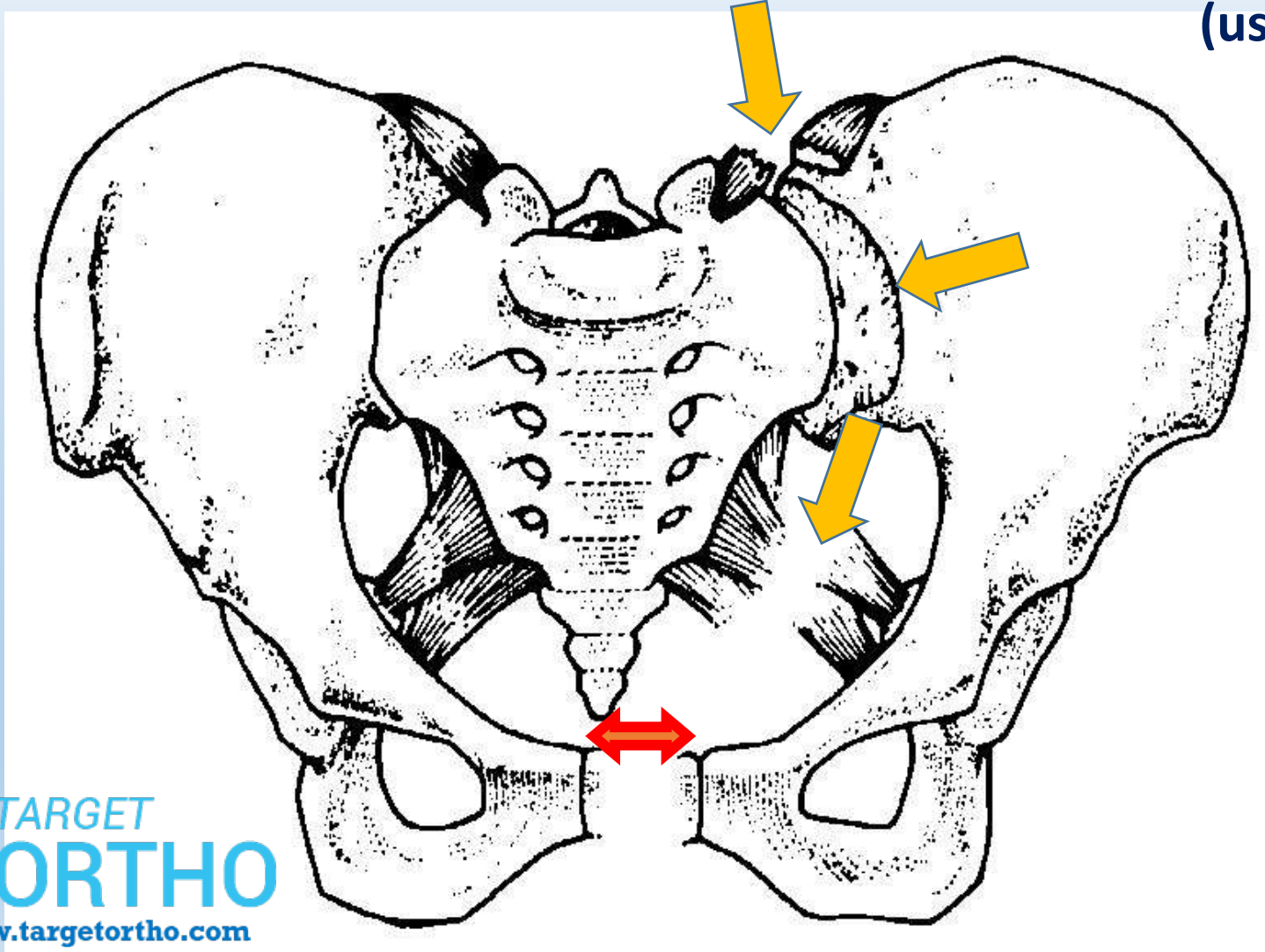
- Pubic diastasis  $>2.5$  cm,
- Anterior SI joint disruption  
External rotation
- Rotationally **unstable**,  
vertically **stable**



# AP COMPRESSION, TYPE III

**Complete ilio-sacral dissociation**

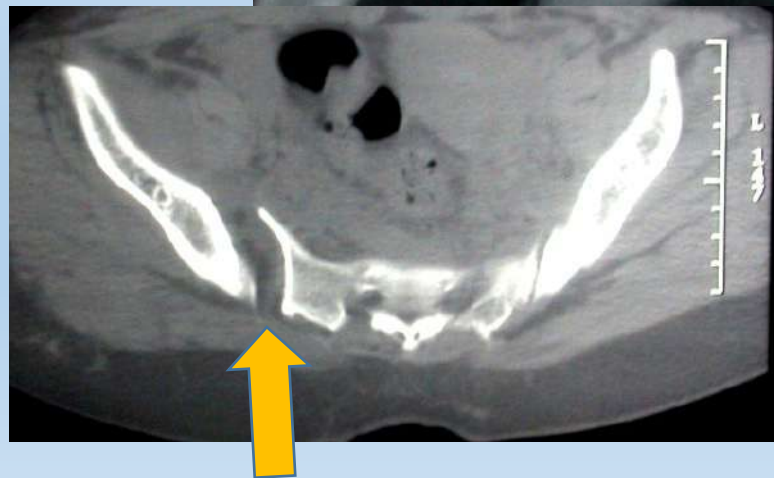
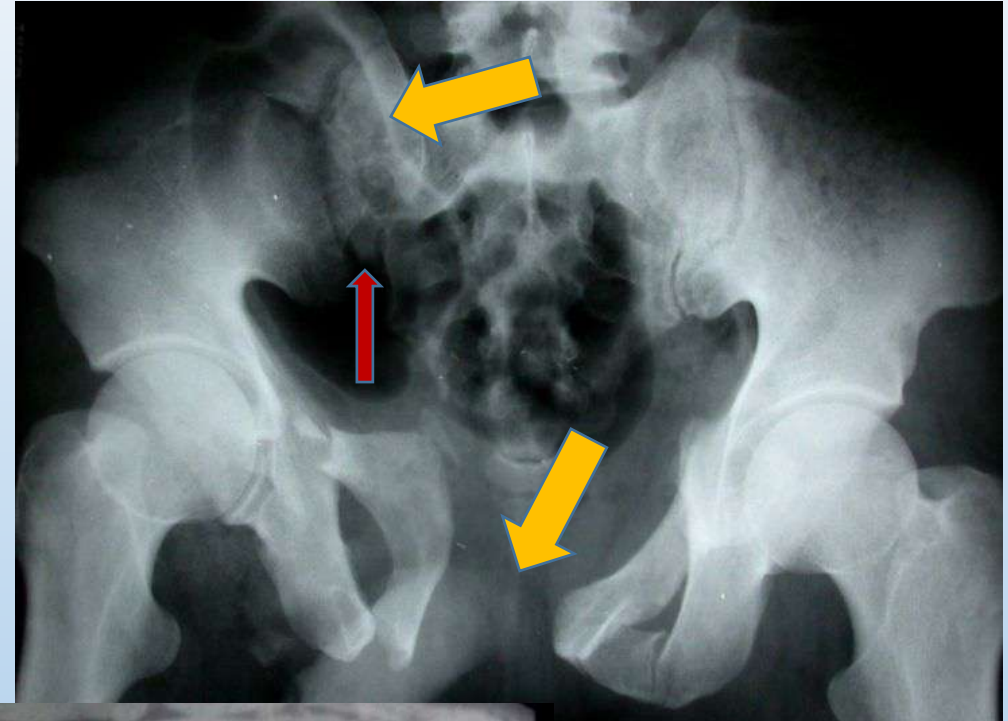
(usually not vertically displaced)



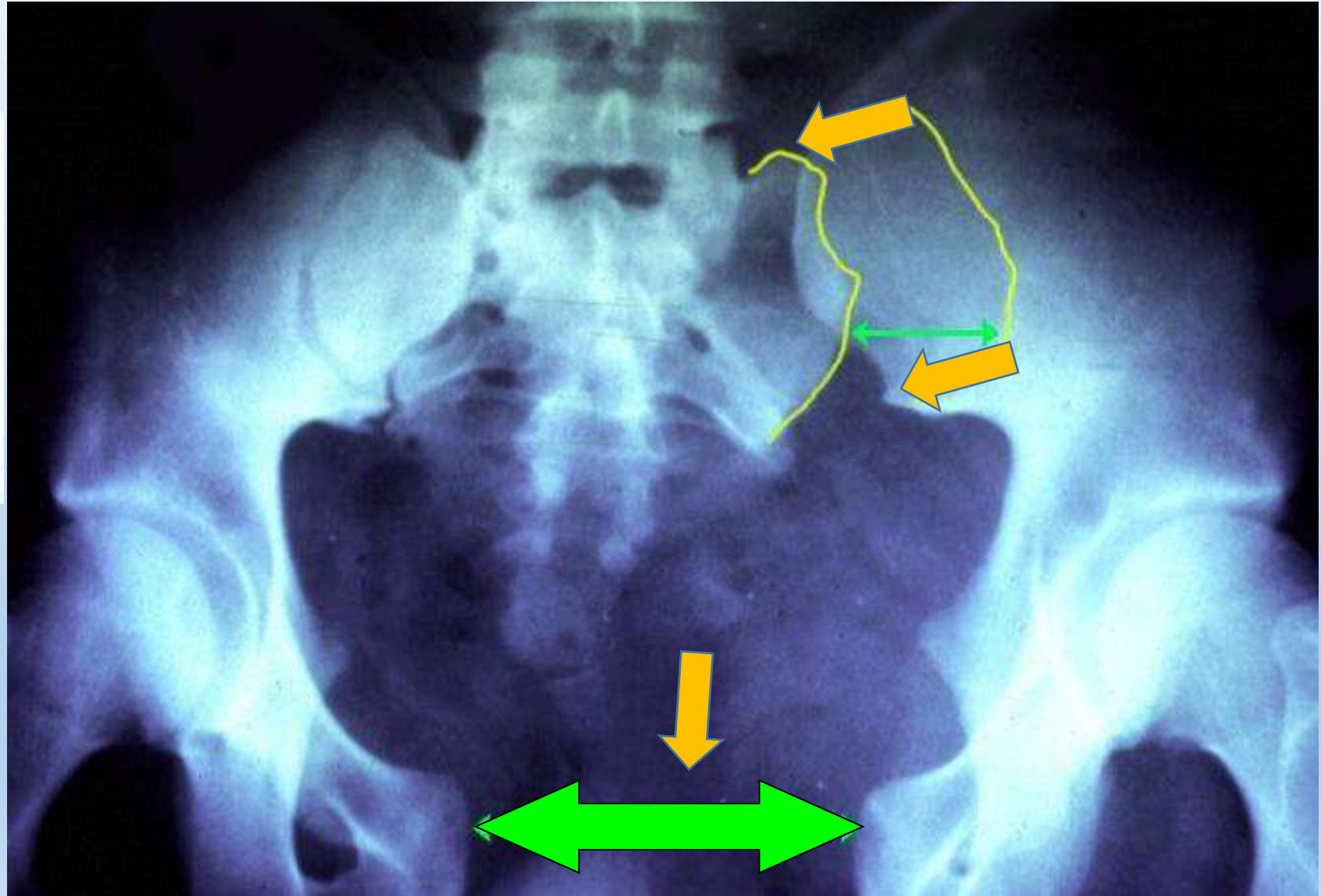
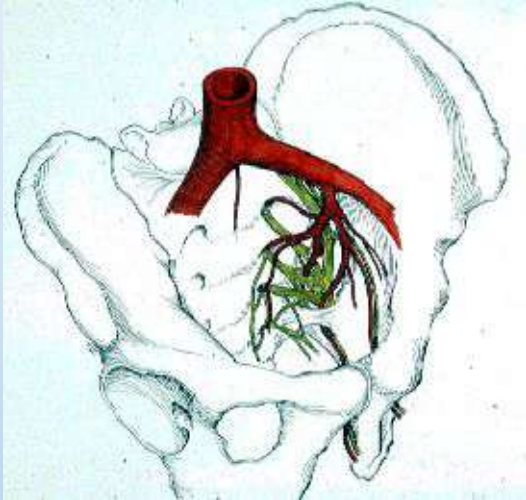
# AP COMPRESSION, TYPE III

Type II plus posterior SI joint disruption

- External rotation
- Rotationally **unstable**,
- Vertically **unstable**

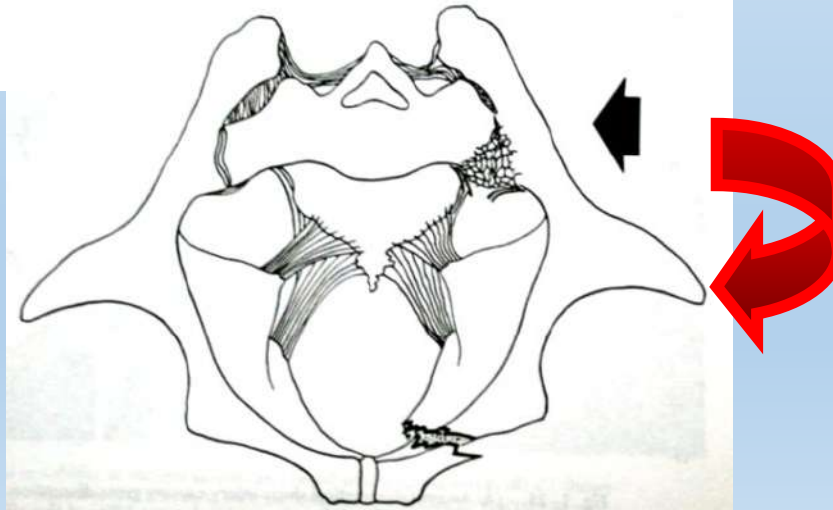
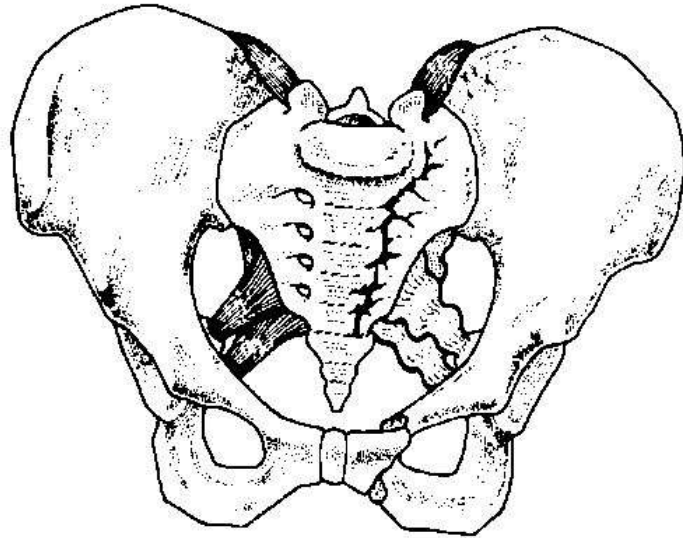


# AP COMPRESSION, TYPE III



# LATERAL COMPRESSION INJURY

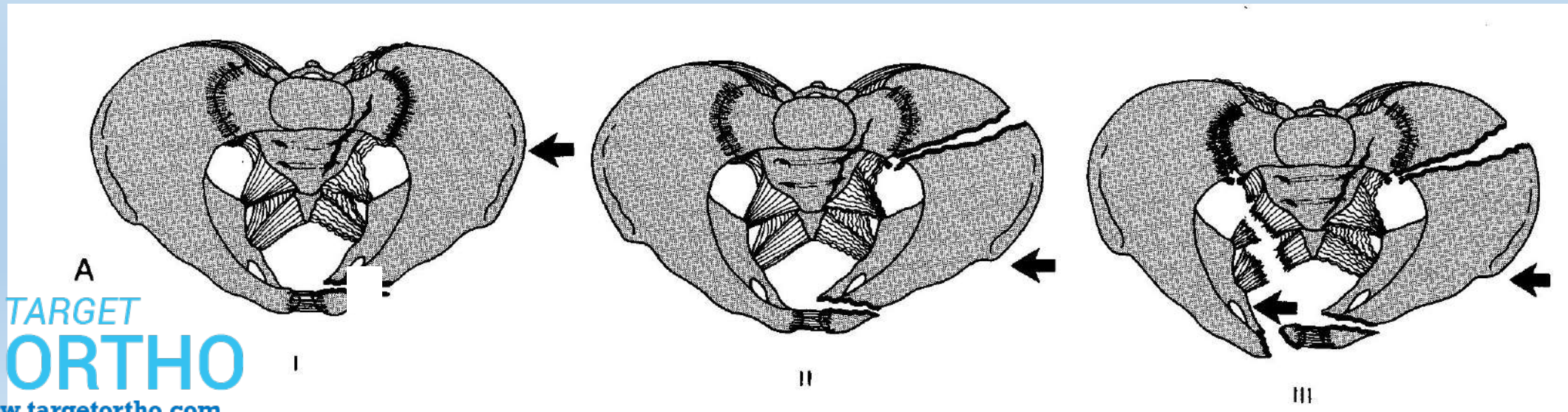
By side hit as to a pedestrian, common Injuries



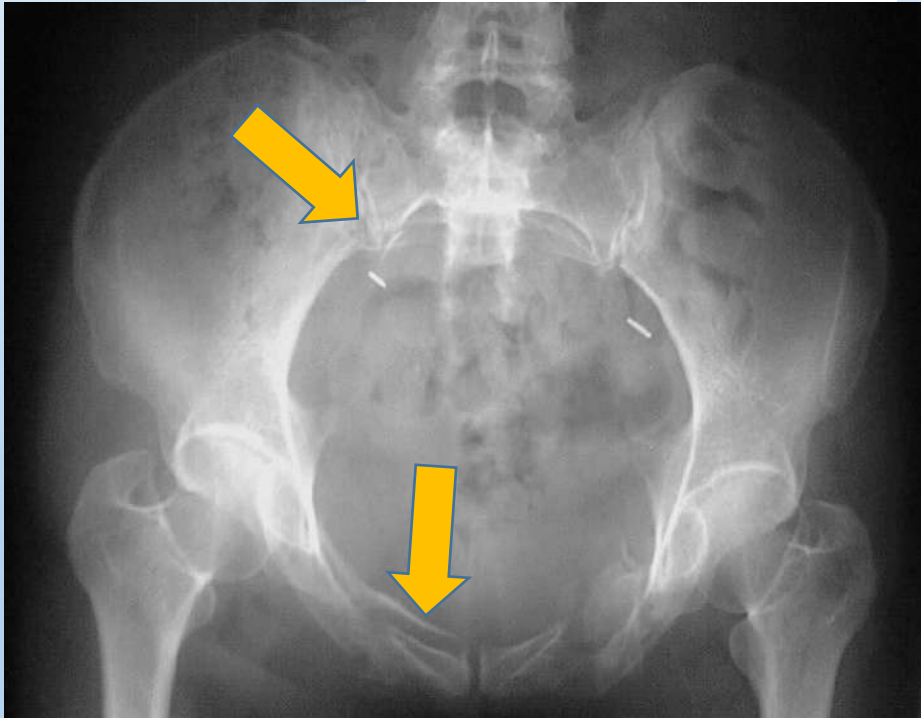
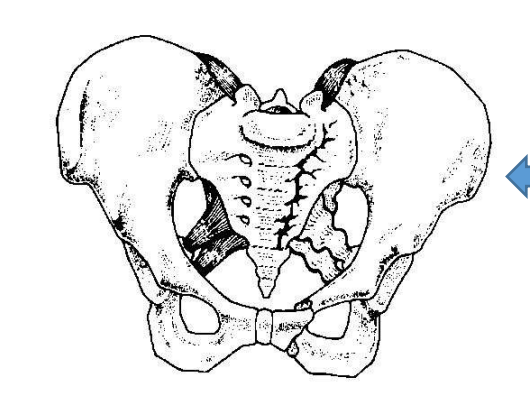
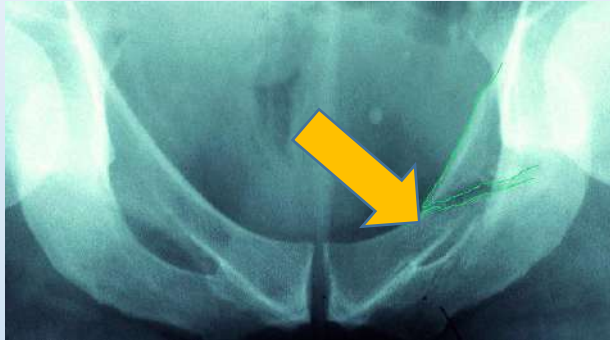
# LATERAL COMPRESSION INJURY

Most common pattern.

- **LC1** – stable, load to posterior ring.
- **LC2** – load to anterior ring, posterior ligaments injured, ST and SS intact.
- **LC3** – **LC2** + external rotation injury of the other side.



# LATERAL COMPRESSION-I



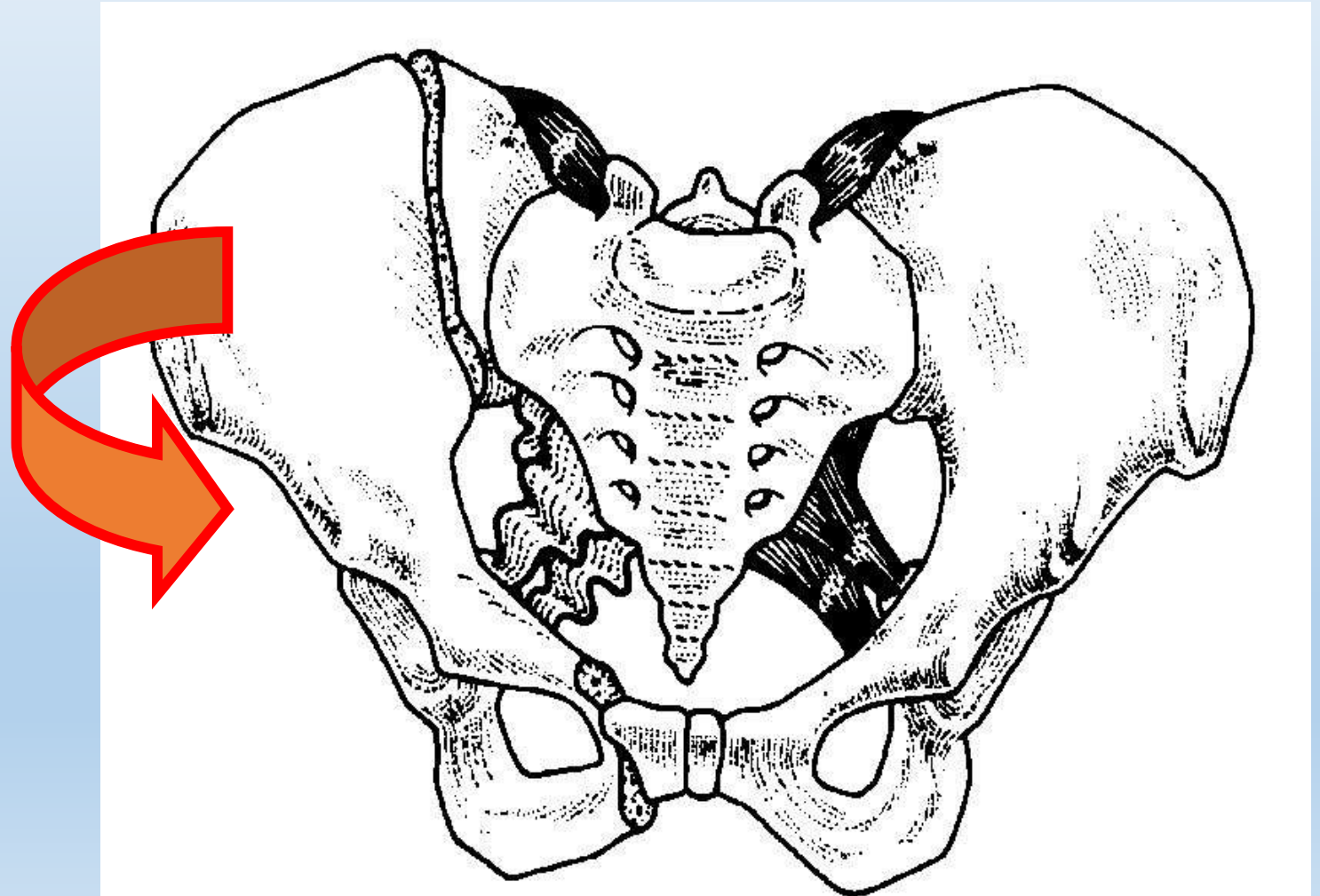
**Stable, load to posterior ring.**



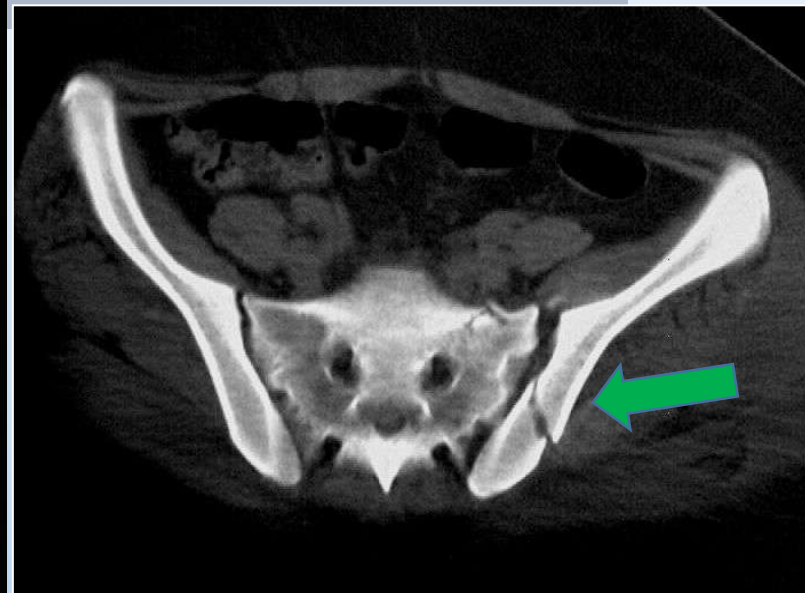
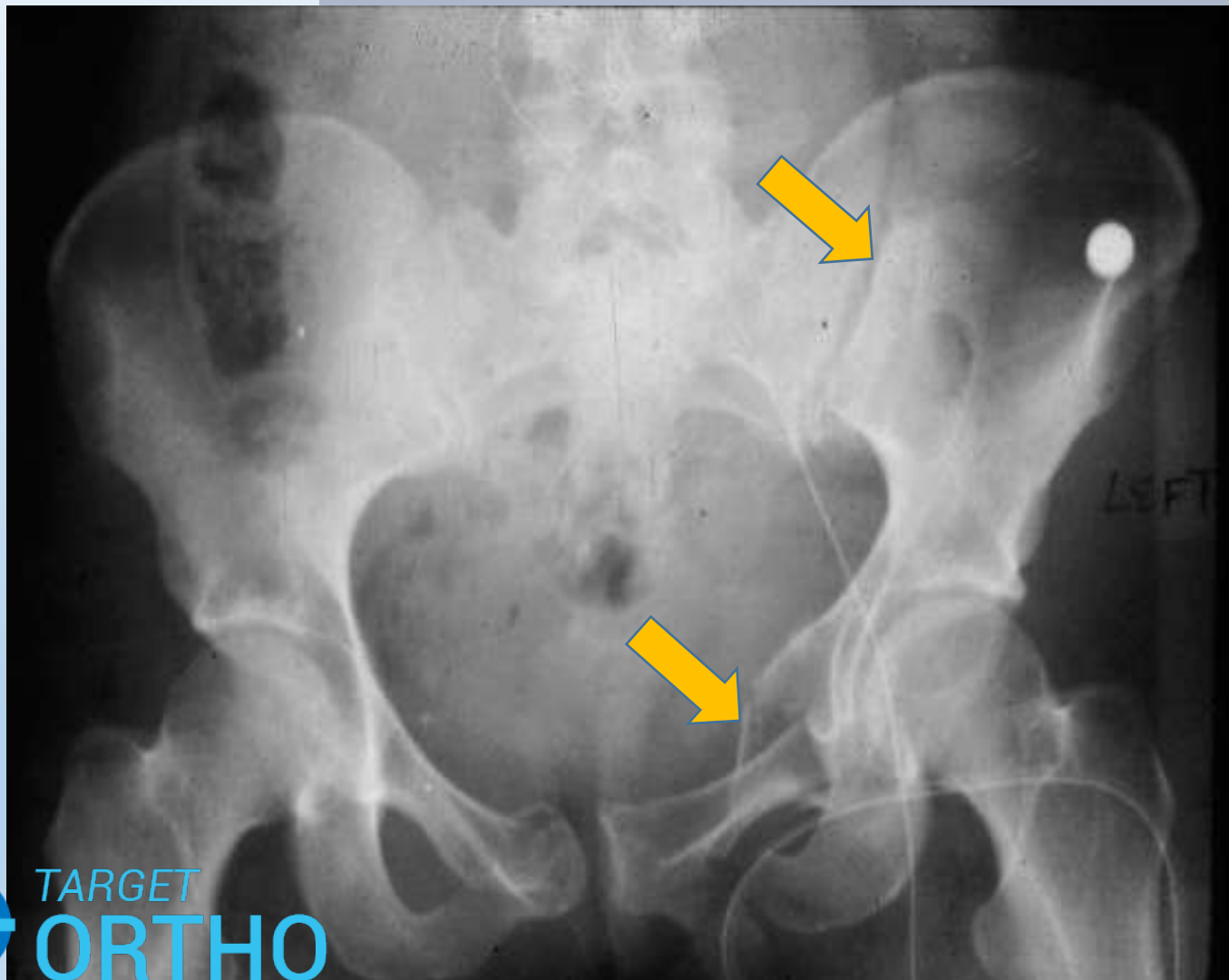
# LATERAL COMPRESSION II

## LC II: Iliac wing fracture

load to anterior  
ring, posterior  
ligaments injured,  
ST and SS intact

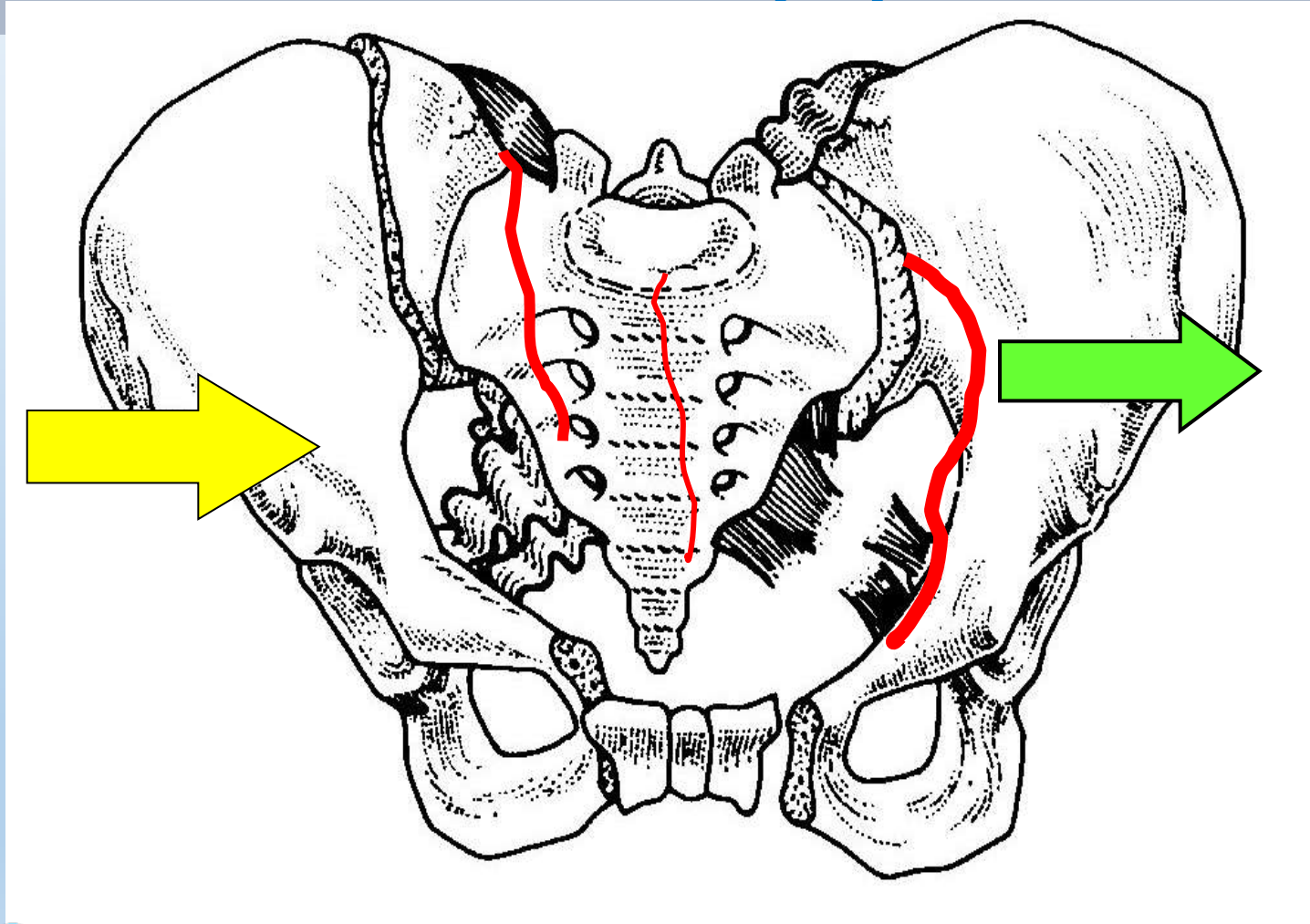


# LATERAL COMPRESSION-II

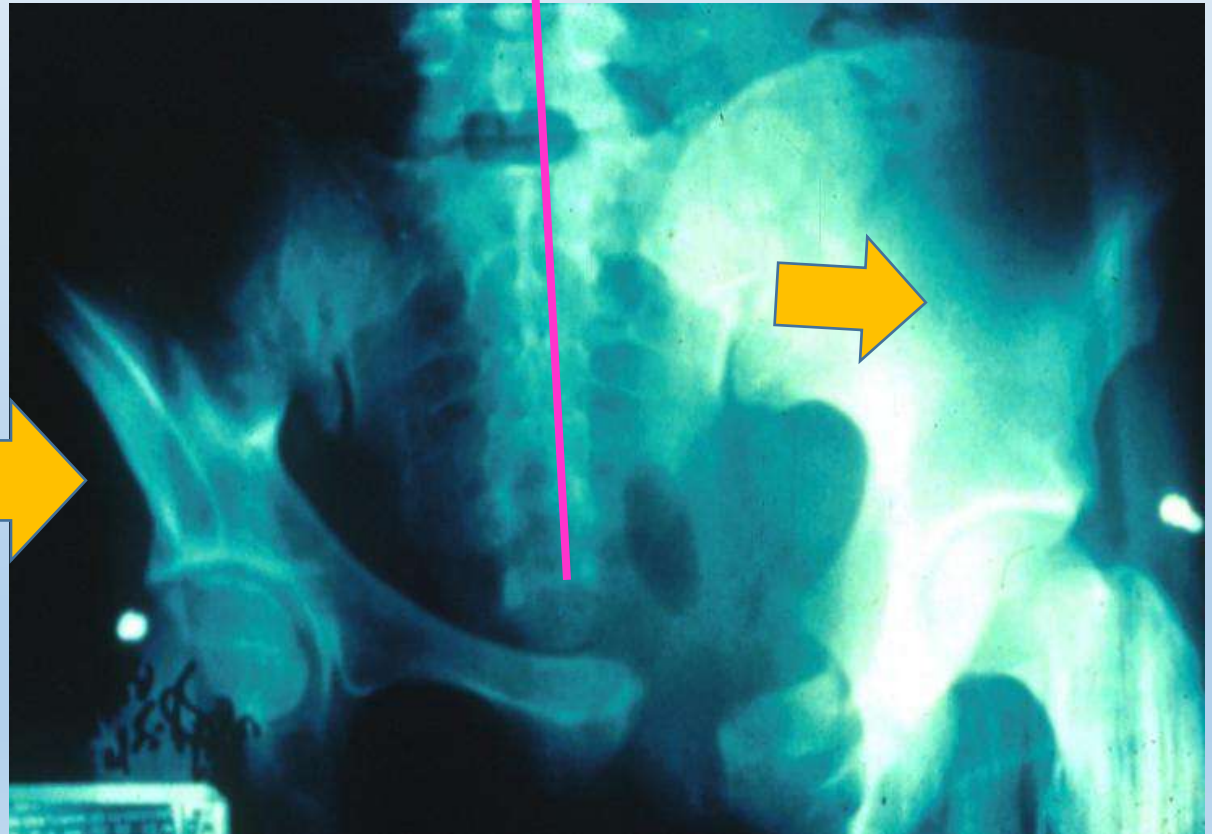
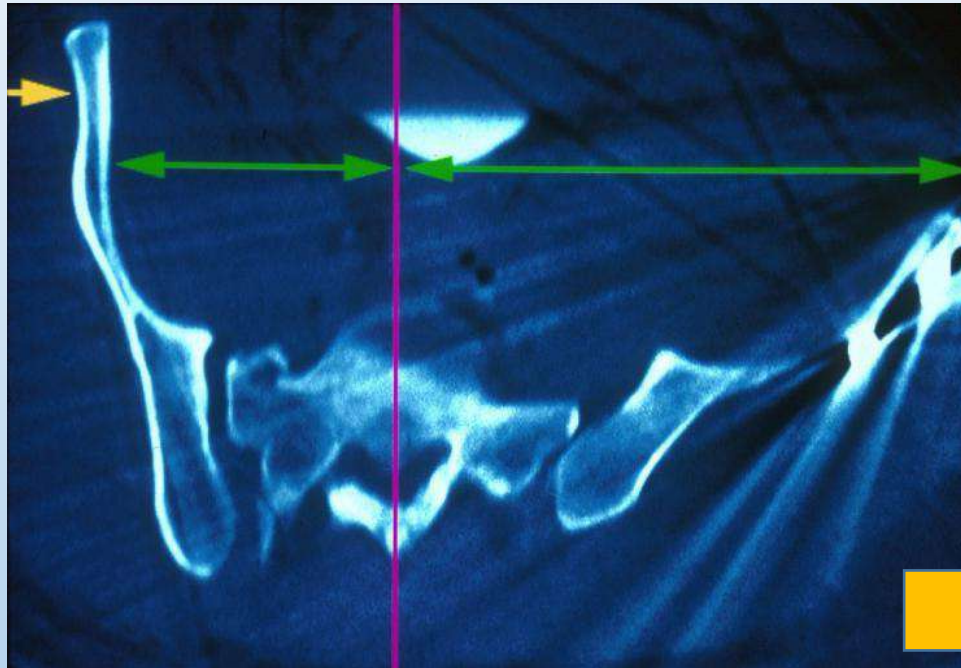


# LATERAL COMPRESSION III

“Windswept pelvis”

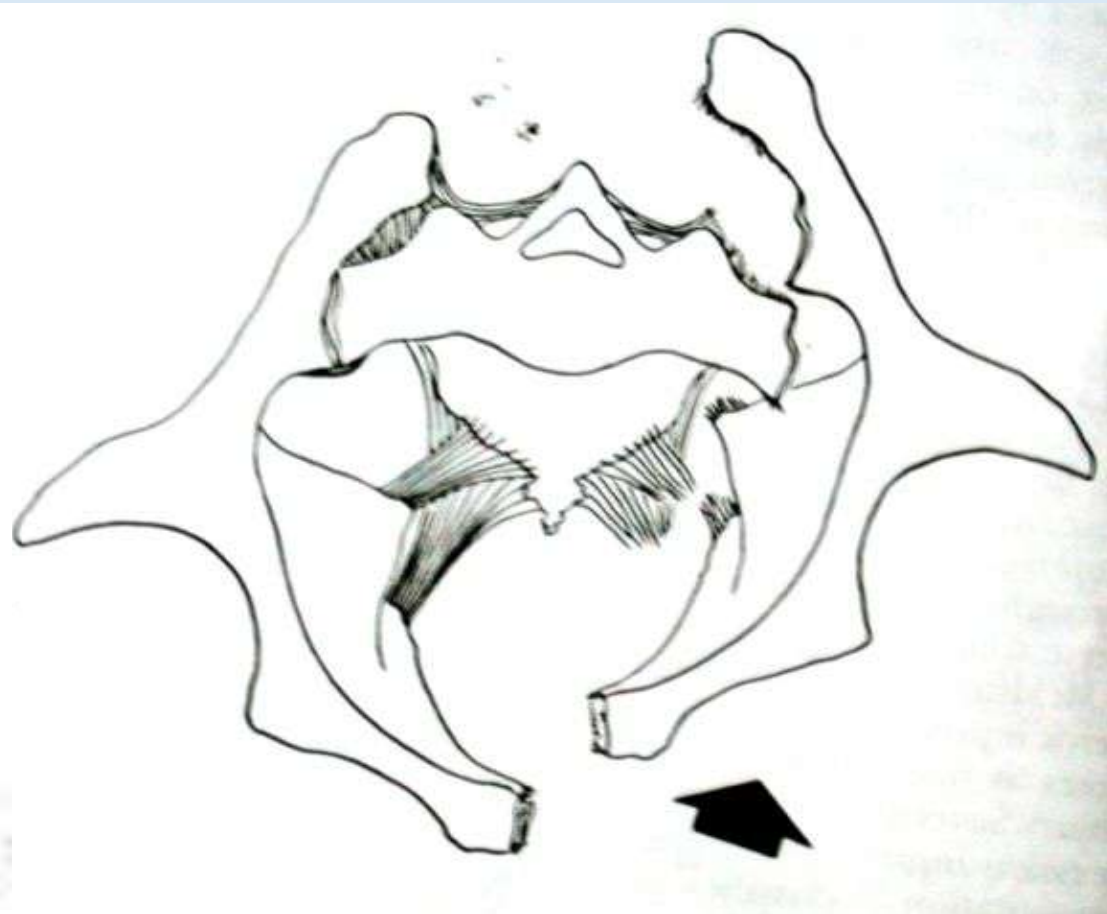


# LATERAL COMPRESSION III



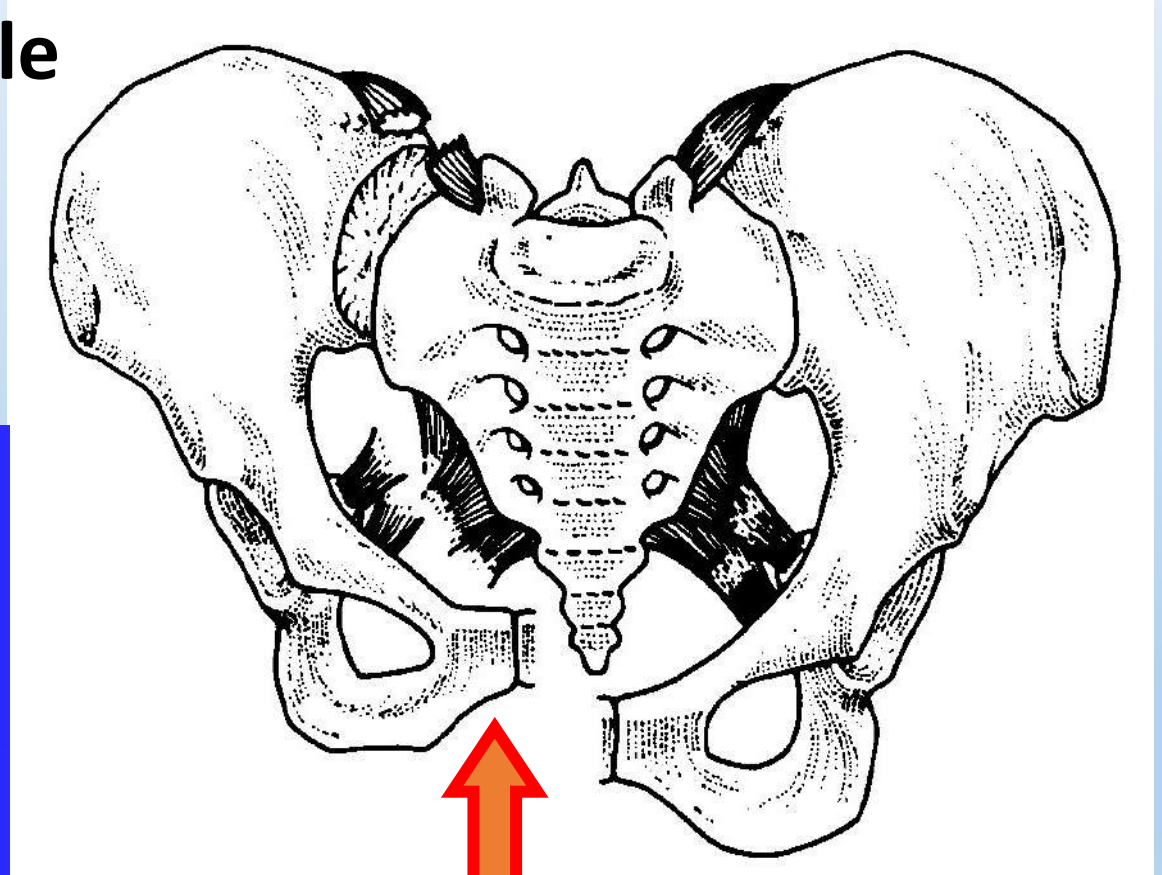
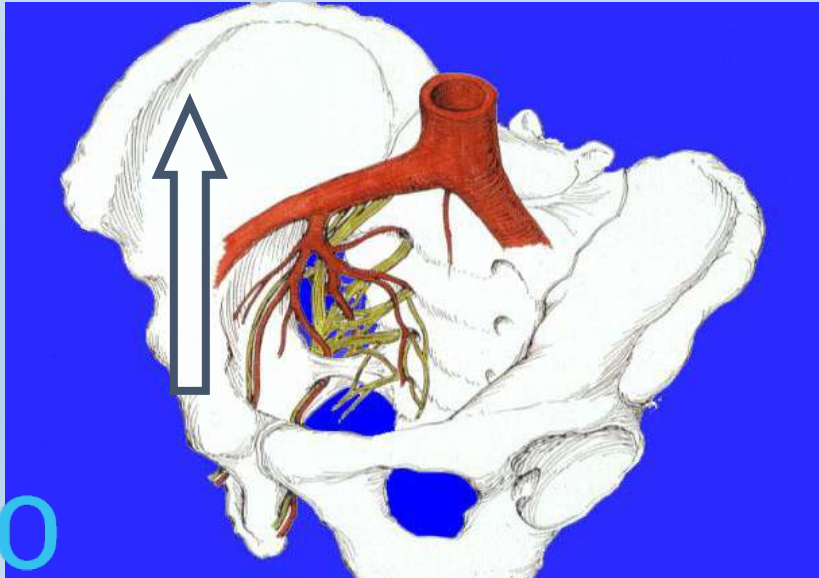
# VERTICAL SHEAR INJURY

By Fall from height : Fractures vertically oriented,  
Through joints / syndesmosis / bones, Whole  
hemi-pelvis displaced s

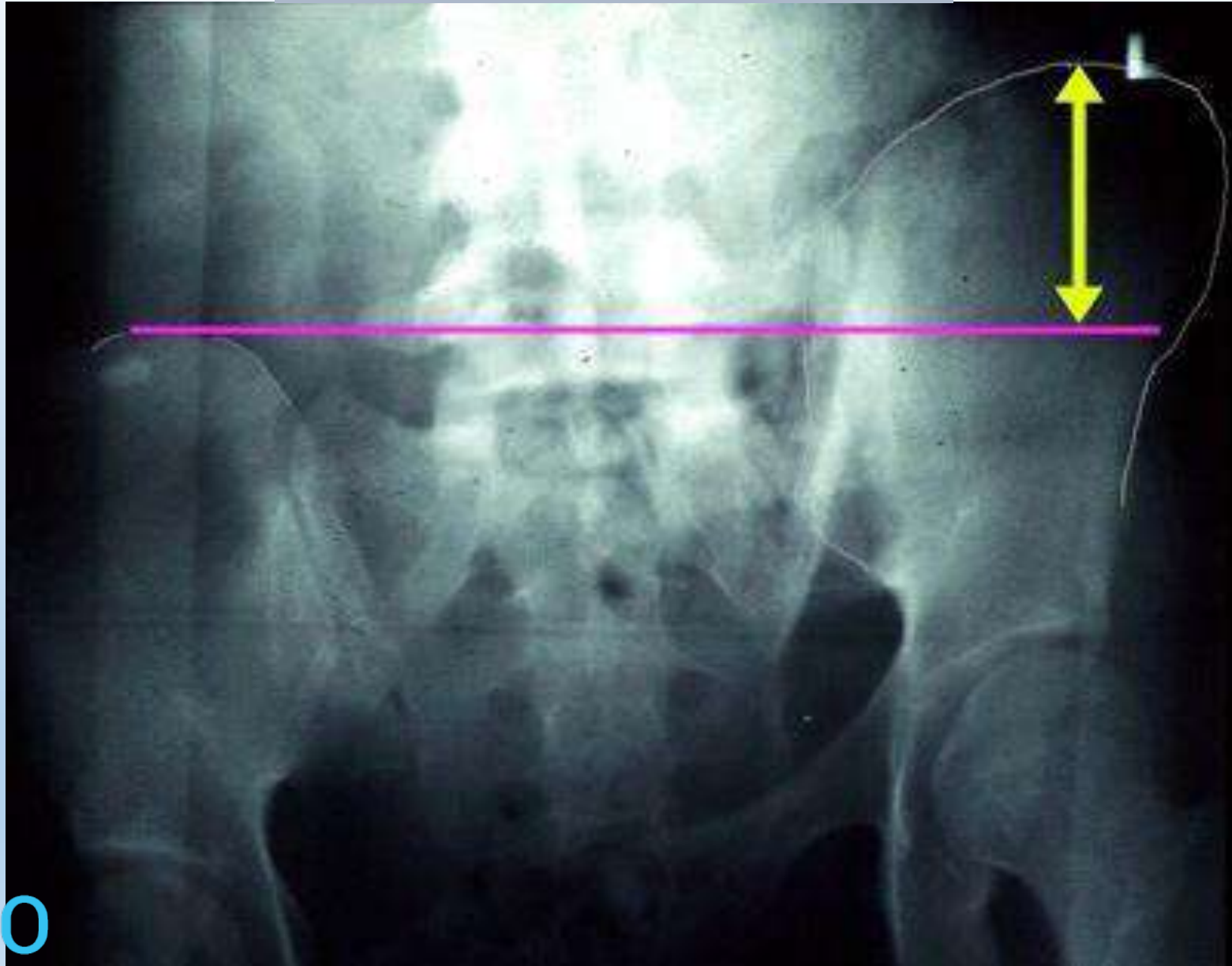


# VERTICAL SHEAR

Ant. symphysis or vertical rami fractures-post. Injury variable  
Vertical displacement  
Vertically unstable –  
due to a unilateral injury.

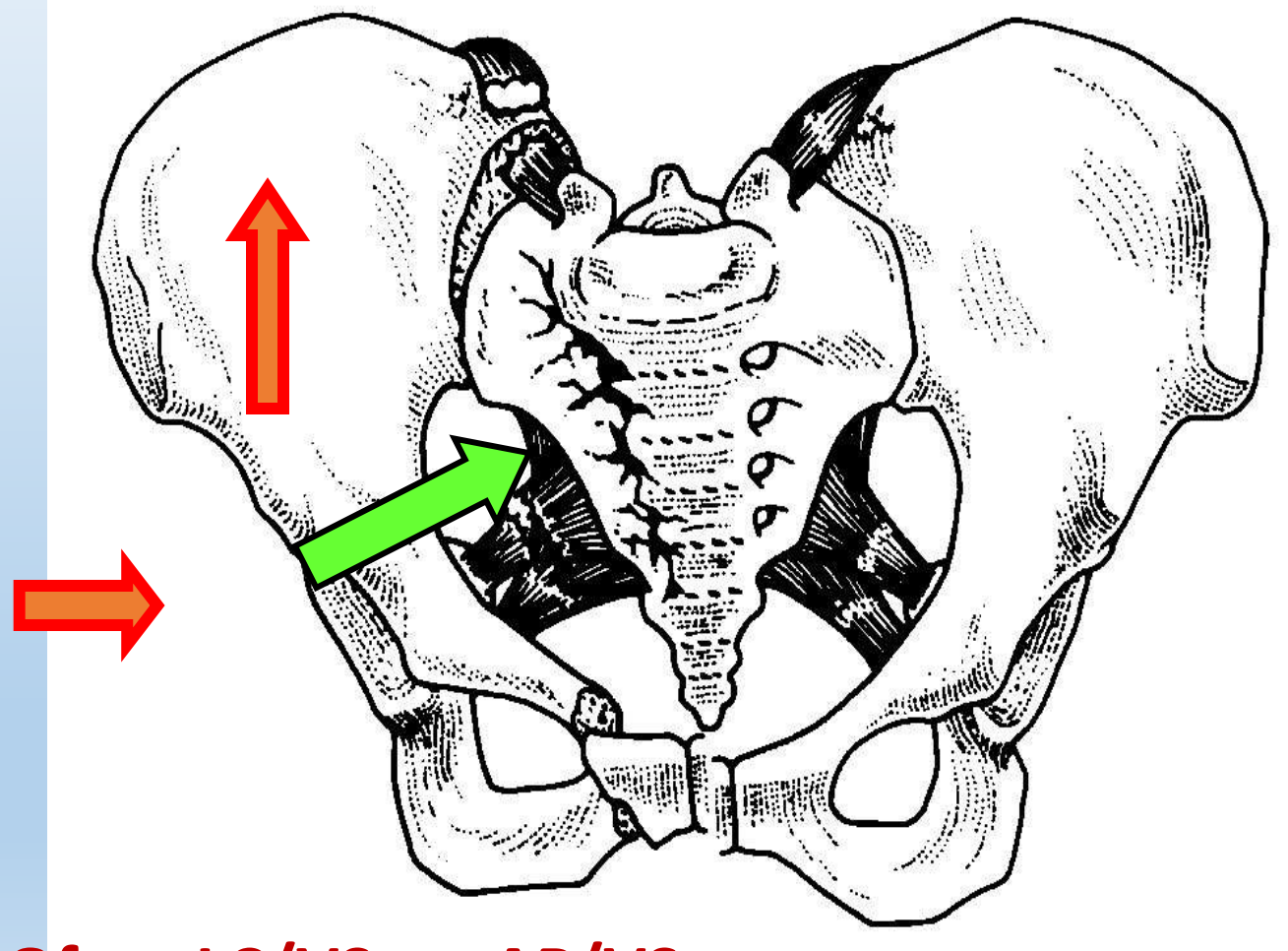


# VERTICAL SHEAR



# COMBINED MECHANICAL INJURY

Combined vectors occasionally 2 separate injuries (ejection/landing)



Often LC/VS, or AP/VS





# COMBINED MECHANICAL INJURY

**In MVA : Combination of vectors of the forces causing injury, Multiple fracture patterns**



# Interobserver Reliability of the Young-Burgess and Tile Classification Systems for Fractures of the Pelvic Ring

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**Objectives:** The purpose of this study was to measure interobserver reliability of 2 classification systems of pelvic ring fractures and to determine whether computed tomography (CT) improves reliability. The reliability of several radiographic findings was also tested.

**Key Words:** interobserver, reliability, classification, fracture, pelvis, radiographs

*(J Orthop Trauma 2008;22:379–384)*

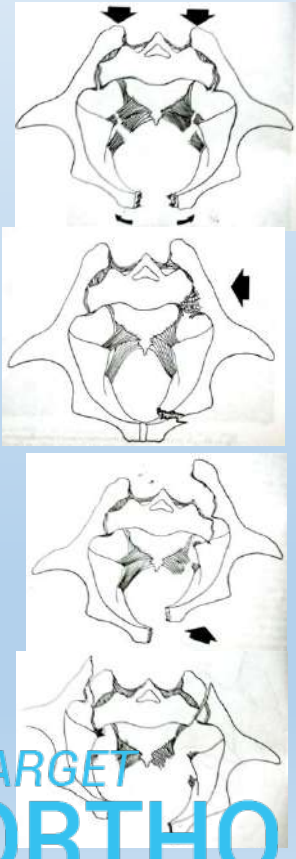
**Young-Burgess system may be optimal for the learning surgeon.**

**Tile classification system, of particular benefit for those people who have specialty training in pelvic and acetabular surgery.**

## Pelvic Ring Disruptions: Effective Classification System and Treatment Protocols

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# YOUNG AND BURGESS CLASSIFICATION



**Blood replacement averaged 5.9 units  
(LC -3.6 units; APC-14.8 units; VS-9.2 units, CMI-8.5  
units).**

**No patient with an isolated or vertical shear pelvic  
injury died.**

**The predictive values of classification system and  
treatment protocols based on it reduce the  
morbidity and mortality related to pelvic ring  
disruption**

# SUMMARY

- ❑ In managing pelvic ring injuries, the most important biomechanical consideration is stability.
- ❑ The determination of pelvic stability and the related injury classification help to guide treatment.
- ❑ That is, every unstable pelvis does not require an operation.
- ❑ Pelvic stability is just one factor to be included in the analysis of risks and benefits necessary for each individual patient

# THANK YOU

