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12 other pitfalls associated with traditional techniques. This Technical Note describes an ultrasound-
13 guided suprapectoral biceps tenodesis procedure.

14 Introduction:

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16 Numerous biceps tenodesis procedures have been described in the literature and can vary based
17 on method of visualization, tenodesis location with respect to the bicipital groove and pectoralis
18 major, and hardware.¹⁻⁴ Techniques that fix the long head of the biceps tendon (LHBT) at any
19 position above the pectoralis major are typically performed arthroscopically while a subpectoral
20 tenodesis is an open or mini-open procedure.¹⁻⁴ For arthroscopic procedures performed
21 suprapectoral, exposing the location in or below the groove can be challenging. The tissue layer
22 overlying the bicipital groove (transverse humeral ligament) makes exposure of the tendon
23 within the groove the greatest challenge using arthroscopy. For a suprapectoral tenodesis, the
24 surgeon must visualize the biceps tendon arthroscopically in the joint and tag the transverse
25 humeral ligament at the top of the groove. In the subacromial space, this tag suture is used as the
26 reference point to start unroofing the biceps, taking down the transverse humeral ligament and
27 exposing the biceps within the groove.

28 Intraoperative use of ultrasound avoids these pitfalls. Ultrasound allows surgeons to accurately
29 identify the LHBT as it exits the bicipital groove instead of going through the joint and de-
30 roofing the tissue layer above the groove. Ultrasound is an inexpensive, non-irradiating, and non-
31 invasive modality that can be easily used to visualize soft tissue structures in real-time. Presented
32 is a Technical Note of a ~~novel,~~n ultrasound-guided suprapectoral tenodesis of the LHBT (Video
33 1, Table 1).

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35 Surgical Technique:

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37 The authors prefer to place the patient in a beach chair position, but the lateral decubitus position
38 can also be used. A diagnostic arthroscopy is performed to evaluate the LHBT and other intra-
39 articular pathologies (Figure 1). If a tenodesis is to be performed, the LHBT is tagged with a
40 suture, using a 90° SutureLasso (Arthrex Inc., Naples FL) and a FiberStick (Arthrex Inc., Naples
41 FL) (Figure 2). The suture is passed directly in front of the anterior cannula—this will act as a
42 landmark when tensioning later in the procedure. The LHBT is then tenotomized (Figure 3).
43 Other pathologies are addressed as needed.

44 A linear ultrasound probe ([M-Turbo, FUJIFILM Sonosite, Inc., Bothell WA](#)) is preferred for this
45 procedure and is prepared by placing it in a sterile cover and using sterile ultrasound gel. With
46 the probe in short axis to the LHBT, the bicipital groove is identified where the LHBT can be
47 found resting (Figure 4A/B). With the groove in view, placement of the portals and tenodesis
48 would be too proximal. The probe can be scanned distally to bring the pectoralis major into view
49 as it crosses over the LHBT (Figure 5). This area is too distal for portal and tenodesis placement.
50 The LHBT can be identified in short axis with the tendon centered in the image just as the tendon
51 exits the distal end of the bicipital groove and still above the pectoralis major (Figure 6). With
52 this area identified, the medial and lateral suprapectoral portals (SPM & SPL, respectively) are
53 created approximately 1 centimeter medial and lateral to the center of the probe (Figure 7). Once
54 the skin incisions are made, a closed, curved Kelly clamp is inserted into the portals; pushed
55 down to bone; oriented toward the opposing portal; and then opened and spread to create a space
56 to work under the deltoid and above the biceps tendon. This is done through both portals (Figure
57 8).

58 A 30° arthroscope is placed in the SPL portal and instrumentation is placed in the SPM portal.
59 Instrumentation is specifically placed in the SPM portal and oriented lateral so as to avoid
60 neurovascular complications of the medial structures of the proximal arm (axillary nerve,
61 musculocutaneous nerve, or brachial artery) if the instrumentation were to pass point or plunge.
62 Since the site of tenodesis is not within a contained cavity, the arthroscope is used with a pump
63 (50 mmHg) to control bleeding. A shaver and ablation wand are used to clear the tissue between
64 the deltoid and LHBT, as well as the deltoid and the anterior humerus stopping at the superior
65 border of the pectoralis major. Care is taken as the ascending branch of the anterior humeral
66 circumflex artery runs lateral to the biceps tendon and often needs to be cauterized. The ablation
67 wand is used when cleaning the tissue around the biceps and anterior to the humerus in preparing
68 the bone and tendon for tenodesis. The biceps tendon is mobilized medially and held to the side
69 with an 18 gauge spinal needle (Figure 9). A 7.5 mm Pilot Headed Reamer (Arthrex Inc., Naples
70 FL) is used to create a socket for the tenodesis below the groove and above the pectoralis major
71 (Figure 10). The reamer should be angled perpendicular to the bone surface and along the course
72 that the LHBT runs anatomically. As the biceps can potentially be subluxated medially, drilling a
73 hole where the LHBT sits for a given patient may not represent the proper location for a
74 tenodesis. The spinal needle is removed and the stay suture in the proximal biceps is pulled
75 (Figure 11). The LHBT will return to its anatomic location just distal to the bicipital groove and
76 will need to be tensioned appropriately. The stay suture should be pulled so that it reaches the
77 anterior cannula where it was originally tagged to achieve proper tension and length; pulling the
78 suture proximal to this landmark will cause over tensioning and anchoring the LHBT with the
79 stay suture distal to the cannula will result in inadequate tension. A 7.0 x 19.5 mm Forked Tip
80 BioComposite SwiveLock Tenodesis screw (Arthrex Inc., Naples FL) is used to fix the tendon

81 into the socket (Figure 12 & 13). One end of the stay suture is pulled to detach it from the
82 proximal tendon, which will now be located in the groove, extra-articular. The residual tendon
83 superior to the tenodesis can be left in place or resected as desired. This completes the
84 ultrasound-guided suprapectoral biceps tenodesis (Figure 14).

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86 Discussion:

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88 Technical aspects of biceps tenodesis procedures can vary significantly based on attachment
89 location, open versus arthroscopic visualization, and suture fixation methods^{[ref].¹⁻⁴} Tenodesis
90 procedures can be broadly categorized into two main types: suprapectoral and subpectoral. The
91 former can be further subcategorized depending on the location of the fixation with respect to the
92 bicipital groove: above, within, or below the groove. The multitude of techniques have generally
93 produced good to excellent clinical results,⁵⁻⁷ and the specific technique employed largely
94 depends on surgeon preference.

95 For arthroscopically performed suprapectoral tenodesis techniques, accurate visualization of the
96 LHBT when fixing within or below the bicipital groove is a challenge. To see the LHBT
97 properly, surgeons must resect the transverse humeral ligament that covers the bicipital groove.
98 This deroofing procedure carries risk and can prove to be technically difficult. To combat this
99 challenge, ultrasound is used to easily identify the LHBT as it exits the groove, negating the need
100 for deroofing (Table 2).

101 Appropriate portal placement is an important factor for the safety of tenodesis procedures.

102 Portals placed too superior or inferior to the site of tenodesis would require angulation of the

103 instrumentation. Particularly when drilling a socket, perpendicularity to the bone surface is
104 imperative to prevent skiving or plunging. Ultrasound allows surgeons to intraoperative and non-
105 invasively mark the appropriate portal locations to ensure instrumentation will be directed
106 perpendicular to the bone surface which is unreliable when performed blindly.

107 When a biceps tenodesis is performed blindly with no way to visualize the LHBT prior to
108 creating an incision, procedural risk is elevated when attempting to find the LHBT
109 arthroscopically. In cases of a medially subluxated LHBT, locating the tendon can prove even
110 more challenging. Surgeons must subsequently search through the tissue of the upper arm to find
111 the LHBT. This creates the potential for medial or lateral plunging into the surrounding
112 neurovascular structures like the musculocutaneous or axillary nerves, as well as the cephalic or
113 brachial arteries and veins. Being able to quickly and easily identify the LHBT before creating
114 incisions and inserting instrumentation helps to avoid these potential complications.

115 To combat the challenges associated with traditional suprapectoral LHBT tenodesis procedures,
116 we developed the described ultrasound-guided technique. Use of ultrasound intraoperatively
117 avoids unnecessary risks, can cut down on surgical time, and can limit potential iatrogenic
118 damage. The benefits of this procedure make this the preferred technique for suprapectoral
119 biceps tendon tenodesis.

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142 Figure Legend:

143 Figure 1: Through an arthroscopic view via the posterior portal of the right shoulder using a 30°
144 arthroscope with the patient in a beach chair position, the long head of the biceps tendon can be
145 seen. Tenodesis is indicated for this tendon as it is frayed and demonstrates obvious signs of
146 disease.

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148 Figure 2: Through an arthroscopic view via the posterior portal of the right shoulder using a 30°
149 arthroscope with the patient in a beach chair position, a 90° straight SutureLasso (Arthrex Inc.,
150 Naples FL) can be seen placed through the midsubstance of the long head of the biceps tendon
151 (star). A FiberStick (Arthrex Inc.) is subsequently passed through the SutureLasso and is used to
152 tag the proximal tendon. The tendon is tagged directly in front of the cannula, which will allow
153 for the proper tensioning of the biceps when the tenodesis is fixed in place.

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155 Figure 3: Through an arthroscopic view via the posterior portal of the right shoulder using a 30°
156 arthroscope with the patient in a beach chair position, the long head of the biceps tendon can be
157 seen being tenotomized. The tenotomy is performed proximal to the tagged portion of the tendon
158 at the insertion to the labrum (star).

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160 Figure 4: (A) An external view of the linear ultrasound probe (M-Turbo, FUJIFILM Sonosite,
161 Inc., Bothell WA) -placed on the anterior aspect of the right shoulder with the patient in a beach
162 chair position, in short axis for the long head of the biceps tendon. The ultrasound is used to first

163 identify the bicipital groove, where the long head of the biceps rests. (B) An ultrasound image of
164 the long head of the biceps tendon in short axis (star), resting in the bicipital groove. With the
165 bicipital groove in view, placement of the portals and tenodesis in this location would be too
166 proximal. The ultrasound probe can be scanned distally to identify the appropriate region for the
167 suprapectoral tenodesis.

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169 Figure 5: An ultrasound view of the long head of the biceps tendon in short axis (star) and resting
170 on the humerus. The pec major can be seen to the right of and crossing over the biceps tendon.
171 This area would be too distal for the placement of the portals and tenodesis.

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173 Figure 6: An ultrasound view of the long head of the biceps tendon in short axis (star) and resting
174 on the humerus. Neither the bicipital groove nor the pec major tendon can be seen in this view,
175 indicating this location to be appropriate for portal placement and subsequent tenodesis.

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177 Figure 7: An external view of the right shoulder in preparation for tenodesis with the patient in a
178 beach chair position. The appropriate location for the portals and subsequent tenodesis have been
179 identified using the linear ultrasound probe. Markings for portal placement (star) are made
180 approximately 1 centimeter medial and lateral to the center of the probe when the biceps tendon
181 is centered on the monitor. The markings denote the location of the medial and lateral
182 suprapectoral portals.

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184 Figure 8: An external view of the right shoulder with the patient in a beach chair position. The
185 medial and lateral suprapectoral portals have been created based on the optimal location
186 identified via ultrasound. In preparation for tenodesis, a closed, curved Kelly clamp is first
187 inserted and pushed down to bone. The Kelly clamp is subsequently oriented towards the
188 opposing portal, and then opened and spread to create a working space under the deltoid and
189 above the biceps and humerus. The Kelly clamp is in the lateral suprapectoral portal in the
190 image; however, this should be done through both portals.

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192 Figure 9: An arthroscopic view through the lateral suprapectoral portal of the right shoulder
193 using a 30° arthroscope with the patient in a beach chair position. With tissue cleared and the
194 bone bed prepared (star), the long head of the biceps tendon is mobilized and held medially using
195 an 18 gauge spinal needle, placed percutaneously superior to the medial suprapectoral portal.

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197 Figure 10: An arthroscopic view through the lateral suprapectoral portal of the right shoulder
198 using a 30° arthroscope with the patient in a beach chair position. The long head of the biceps
199 tendon has been mobilized medially and held in place with an 18 gauge spinal needle. Through
200 the medial suprapectoral portal, a 7.5 millimeter Pilot Headed Reamer (Arthrex Inc., Naples FL)
201 is angled perpendicular to the bone surface and used to drill a socket into the anterior humerus at
202 the location identified and prepared for tenodesis (star). This location should be along the
203 anatomic course of the long head of the biceps tendon, be distal to the bicipital groove, and
204 remain above the pectoralis major.

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206 Figure 11: An arthroscopic view through the lateral suprapectoral portal of the right shoulder
207 using a 30° arthroscope with the patient in a beach chair position. With the socket created (star),
208 the spinal needle can be removed, and the original stay suture can be pulled. The stay suture
209 should be pulled so that it reaches the anterior cannula where the tendon was originally tagged.
210 These two acts return the biceps to its normal position and sets the biceps tendon and muscle to
211 the appropriate tension and length.

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213 Figure 12: An arthroscopic view through the lateral suprapectoral portal of the right shoulder
214 using a 30° arthroscope with the patient in a beach chair position. Through the medial
215 suprapectoral portal, the Forked Tip BioComposite SwiveLock Tenodesis screw (Arthrex Inc.,
216 Naples FL) is used to capture and set the biceps tendon into the socket.

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218 Figure 13: An arthroscopic view through the lateral suprapectoral portal of the right shoulder
219 using a 30° arthroscope with the patient in a beach chair position. Through the medial
220 suprapectoral portal, the 7.0 millimeter Forked Tip BioComposite ~~SwiveLock~~-Tenodesis screw
221 (Arthrex Inc., Naples FL) can be seen securing the biceps tendon into the socket.

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223 Figure 14: An arthroscopic view through the lateral suprapectoral portal of the right shoulder
224 using a 30° arthroscope with the patient in a beach chair position. The 7.0 millimeter Forked Tip
225 BioComposite ~~SwiveLock~~-Tenodesis screw (Arthrex Inc., Naples FL) can be seen secured in
226 place and flush with the humerus. The stay suture is removed from the proximal tendon. The

227 residual tendon superior to the screw may be left in place or resected as desired. This completes
228 the ultrasound-guided suprapectoral biceps tenodesis procedure.

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231 Table 1. Pearls & Pitfalls

| Pearls | Pitfalls |
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| Use ultrasound to find distal edge of bicipital groove and superior border of pectoralis major to identify safe and appropriate location for tenodesis. | Without ultrasound, medially plunging may damage the neurovascular structures adjacent. |
| Place 18-gauge spinal needle percutaneously and superior to medial suprapectoral portal to hold and protect the biceps tendon to the side while drilling. | Without ultrasound, the musculocutaneous nerve may be mistaken for a medially subluxated LHBT and tenodesed inappropriately. |
| Place instrumentation through medial suprapectoral portal and arthroscope through lateral suprapectoral portal. | Placing instrumentation through lateral suprapectoral portal risks significant complications if instrumentation were to pass point or plunge medially. |
| Pull tagged end of LHBT to anterior cannula where originally tagged to set tension and length. | Under or over pulling tagged end of LHBT can cause a length-tension mismatch for tendon and muscle. |

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233 LHBT, Long head of biceps tendon

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235 Table 2. Advantages & Limitations

| Advantages | Limitations |
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| Use of ultrasound intraoperatively allows for accurate, non-invasive identification of LHBT as it exits bicipital groove. | Ultrasound requires some proficiency. |
| Ultrasound avoids need to resect transverse humeral ligament. | If LHBT is significantly frayed or compromised, the tendon may not be able to hold suture tag. |
| Ultrasound can quickly identify a medially subluxated LHBT, reducing operative time. | |
| Using anterior cannula as reference point for suture tagging of LHBT enables easy and correct tensioning of tendon and muscle. | |

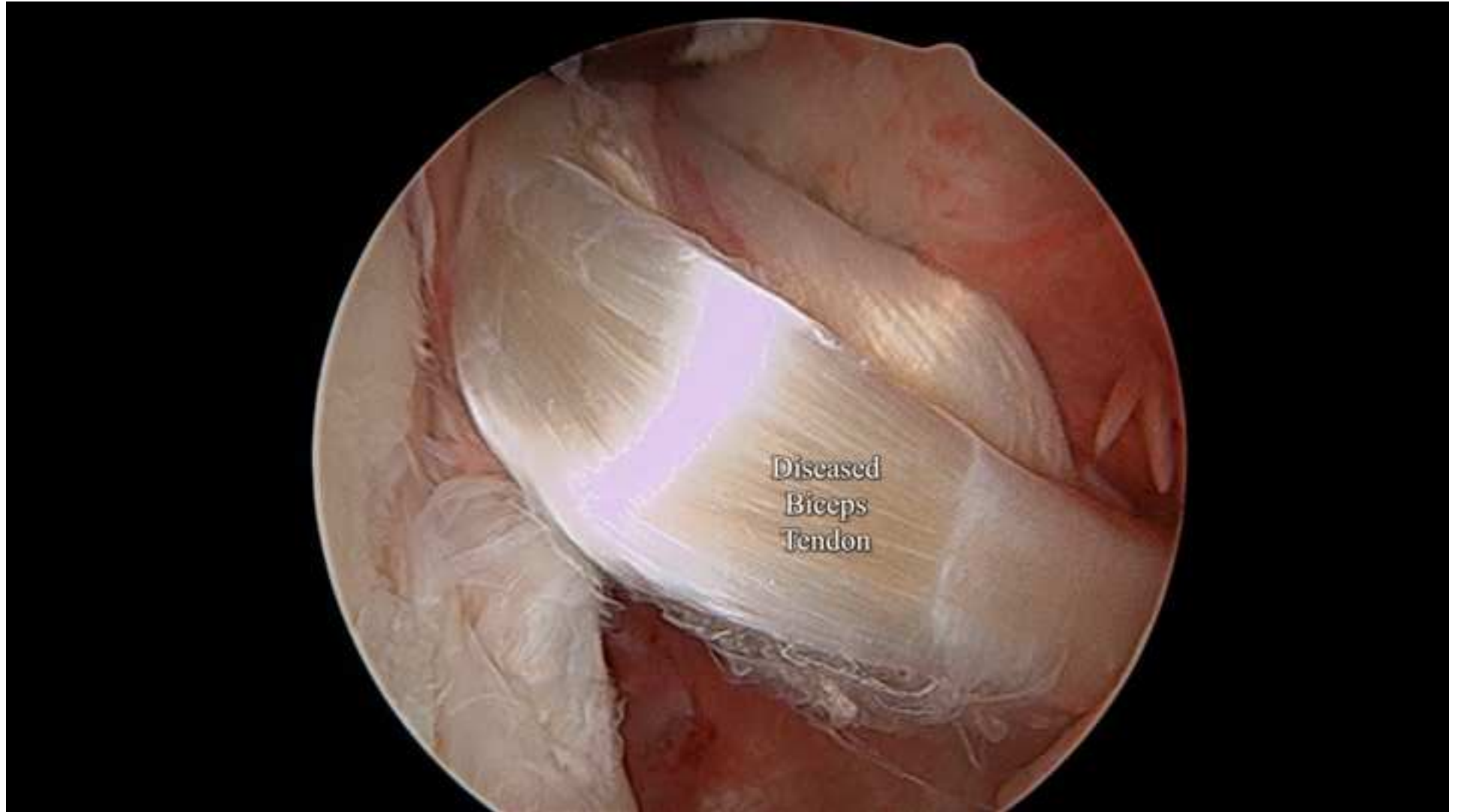
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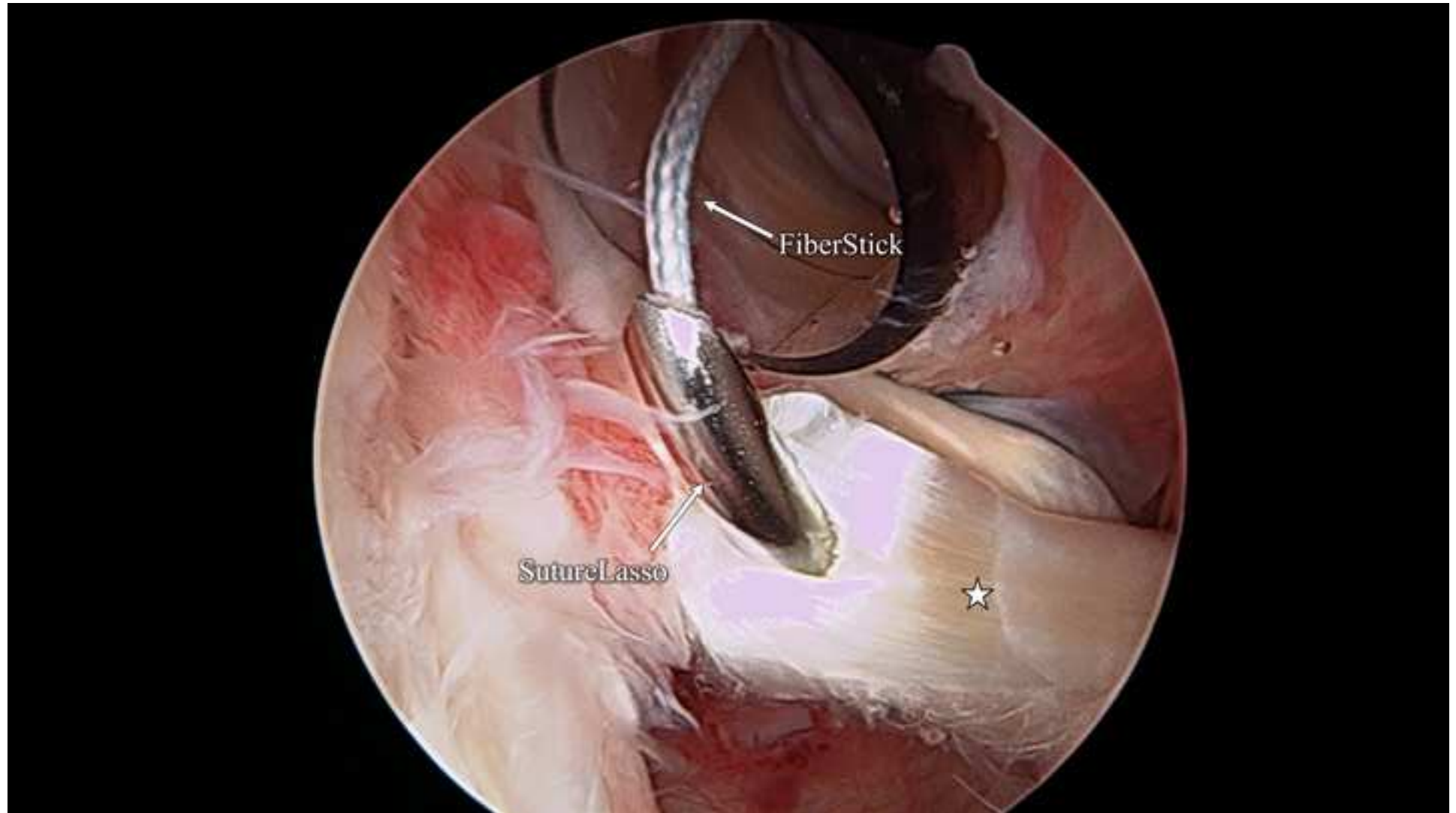
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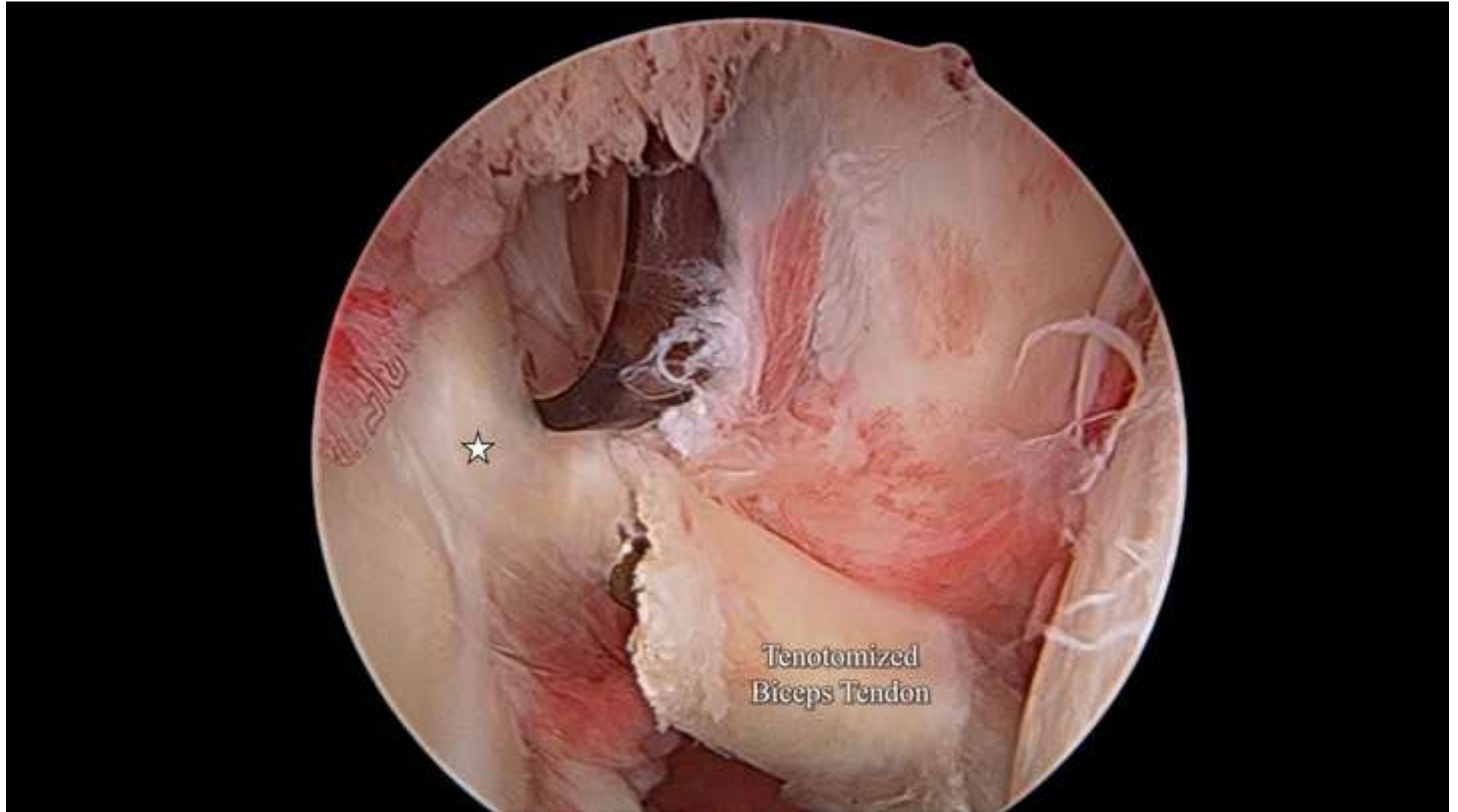
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239 The long head of the biceps tendon is arthroscopically evaluated to determine the need for
240 tenodesis. If tenodesis is to be performed, the tendon is first tagged with a suture. A 90 degree
241 SutureLasso is placed through the midsubstance of the tendon and a FiberStick is passed. The
242 tendon is tagged directly in front of the cannula to facilitate proper tensioning of the biceps
243 during fixation. Once tagged, the biceps tendon is tenotomized. A linear ultrasound probe is used
244 to identify the biceps tendon in short axis and its location with respect to the bicipital groove and
245 pec major. Starting proximal, we can see the biceps tendon seated in the bicipital groove. As the
246 transducer is moved distally, the groove disappears. Continuing distal with the probe, the pec
247 major comes into view superficial to the biceps tendon. Returning proximally the bicipital
248 groove reappears. The location for the portals and subsequent tenodesis is below the groove and
249 above the pec major. The portals are made approximately 1 centimeter medial and lateral to the
250 center of the probe, which is centered over the biceps tendon. The probe can be reapplied to
251 ensure the markings are in the correct position. With the medial and lateral suprapec portals
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253 opposing portal, and then opened and spread to create a working space under the deltoid and
254 above the biceps tendon. This is done through both portals. A shaver and ablation wand can be
255 used to clear tissue for better visualization—caution should be exercised for two arteries. The
256 anterior circumflex artery that runs along the superior border of the pec should be avoided, and
257 the ascending branch of this artery that rises lateral to the biceps should be addressed as it often
258 requires cauterization. The biceps tendon is mobilized medially and held to the side with a spinal
259 needle. A 7.5 millimeter Pilot Headed Reamer angled perpendicular to the bone surface is used
260 to create a socket along the anatomic course of the biceps and distal to the groove but above the

261 pec major. The spinal needle is removed, and the original stay suture is pulled so it matches up to
262 the anterior cannula where the tendon was originally tagged. This returns the biceps to the
263 normal position and sets the tendon and muscle to the appropriate tension and length. A 7.0
264 millimeter Forked Tip BioComposite SwiveLock Tenodesis screw is used to fix the tendon into
265 the socket. The stay suture can be removed from the proximal tendon, and the anchor can be seen
266 flush with the humerus completing the ultrasound-guided suprapec biceps tenodesis procedure.









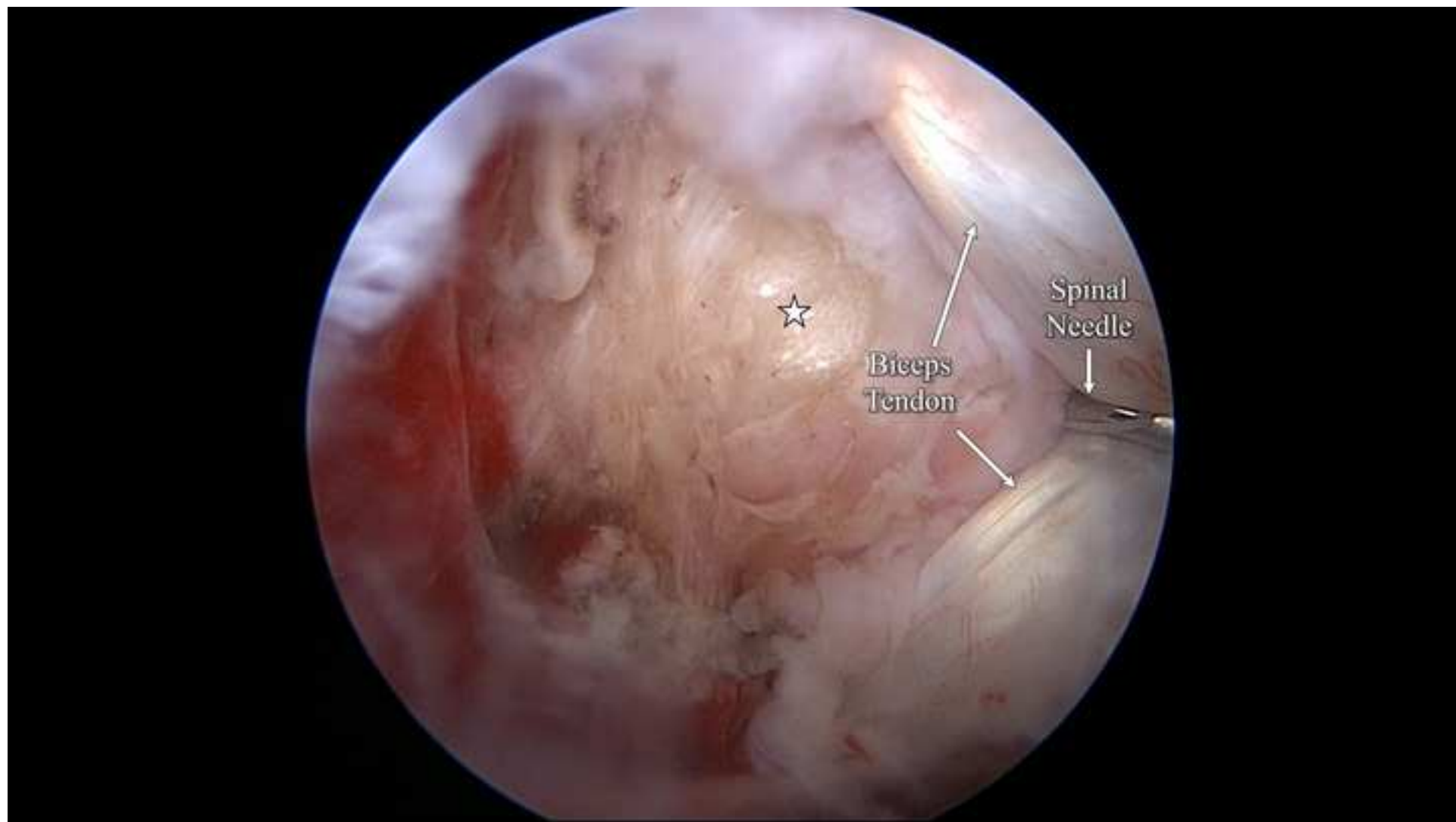


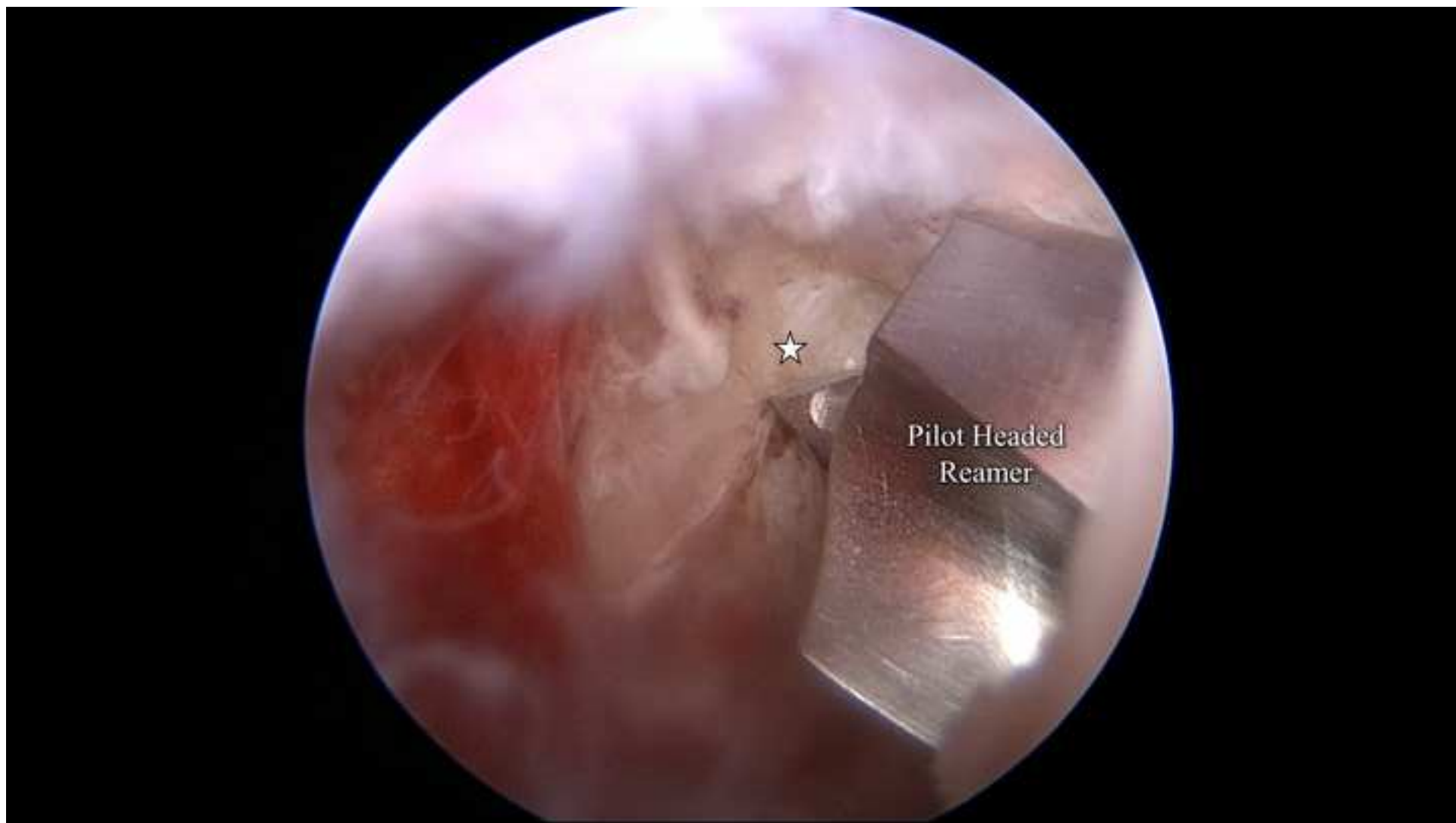


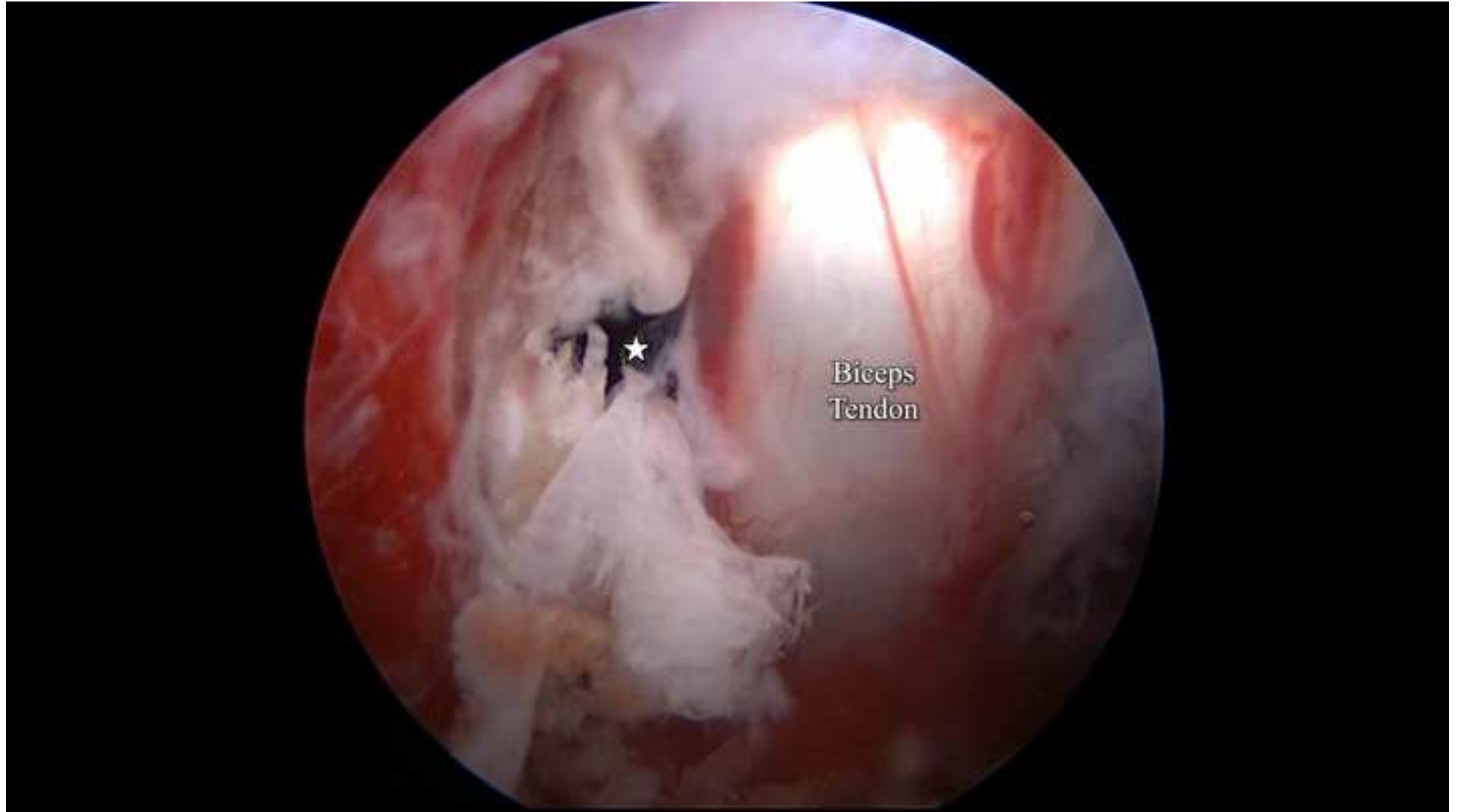


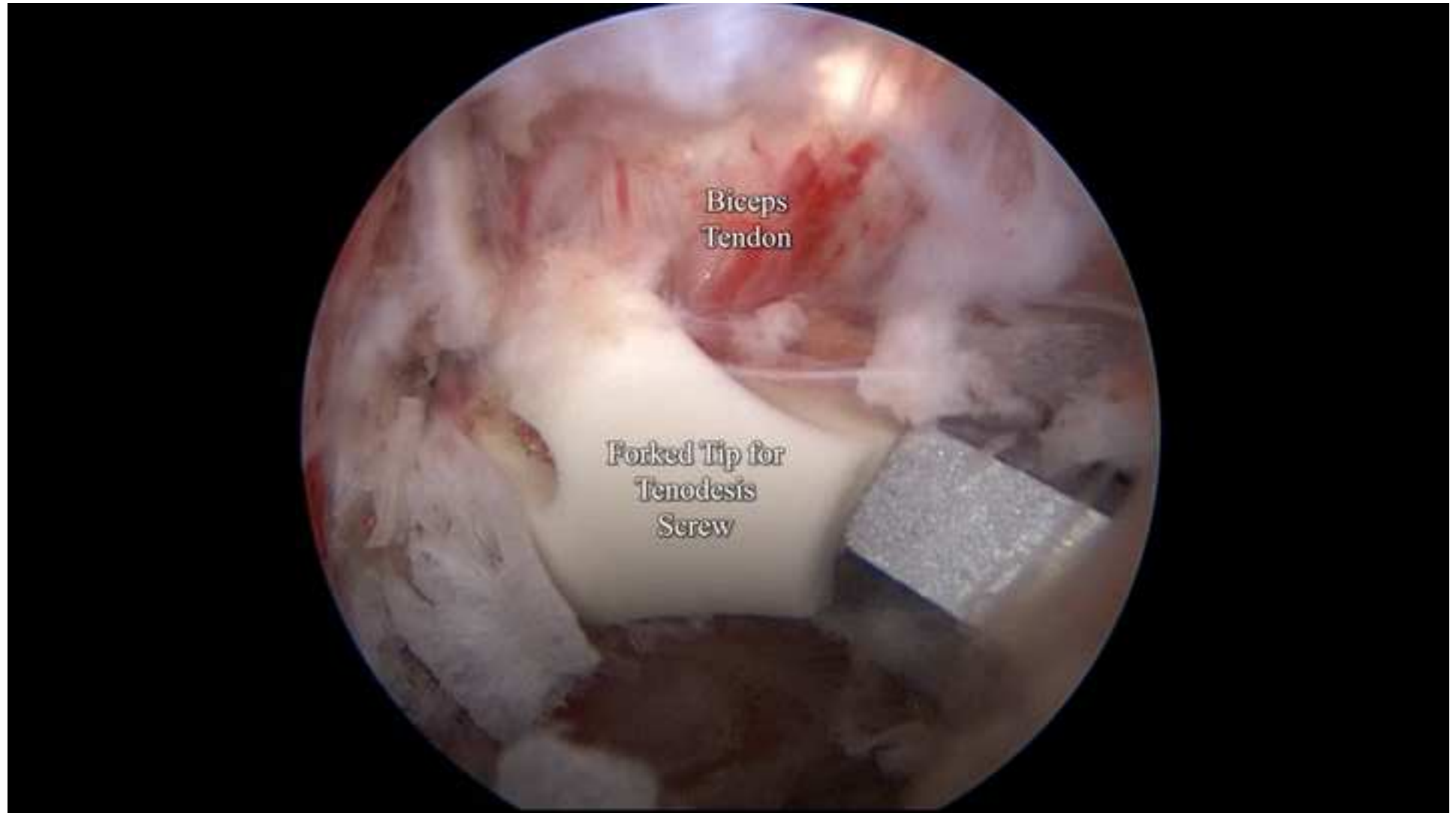




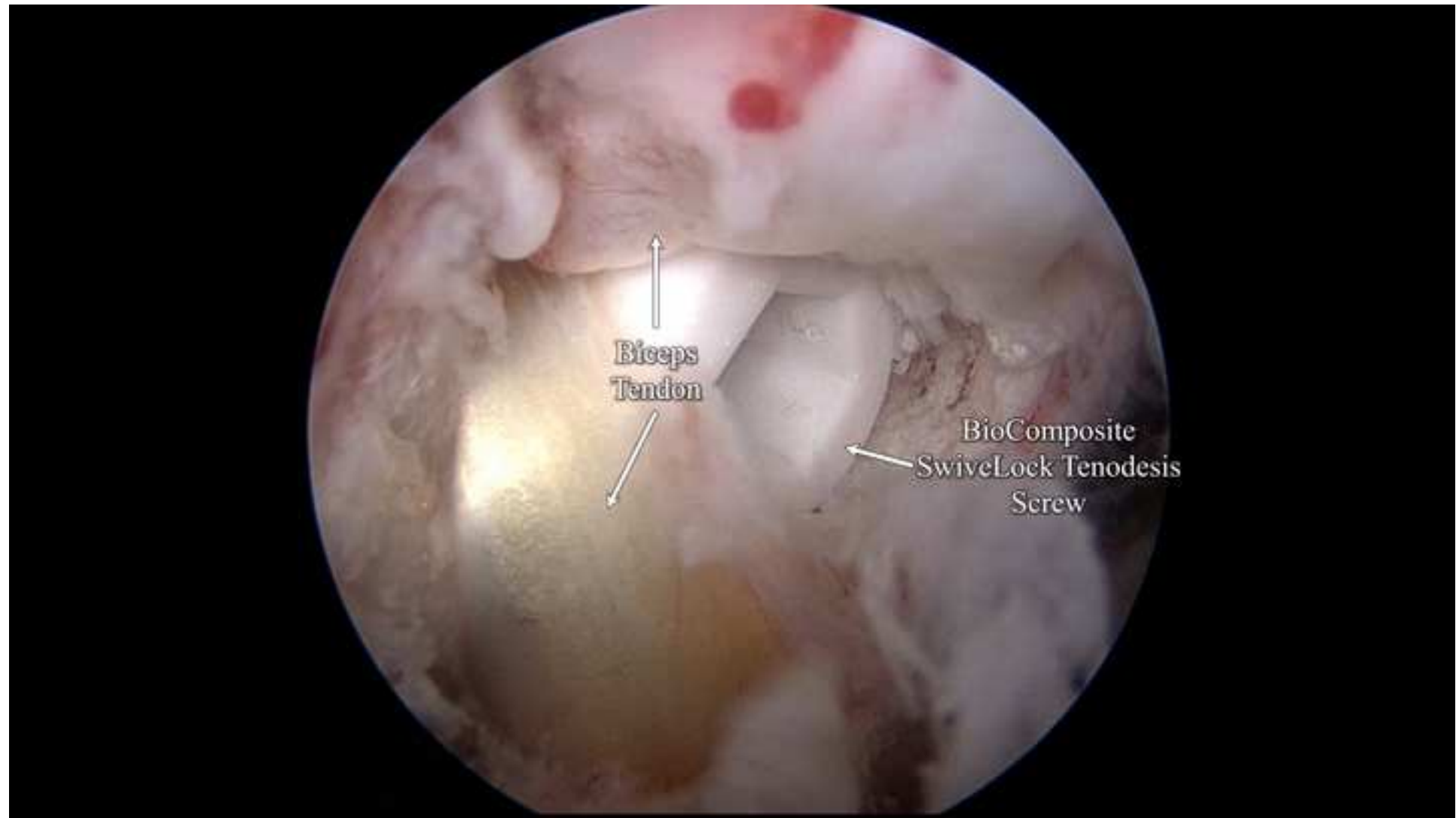


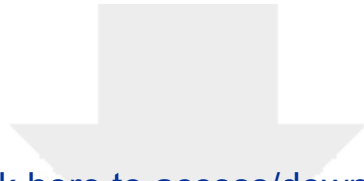








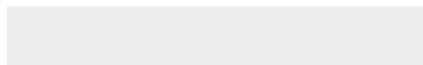




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The Classifications have been added to the Separate Title Page.

The term “new” was removed from the manuscript at line 32.

The manufacturer of the ultrasound unit and the specific brand used in the technique are mentioned at lines 44 and 159-160.

The patient positioning was added to the figure legends where appropriate at lines 143, 148, 155, 160, 176-177, 183, 192, 197, 206, 213, 218, and 223.

The term “SwiveLock” was removed from figures 13 & 14 as requested at lines 219 and 224.

Recent references were added to line 88.

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