Closed reduction techniques for acute anterior shoulder dislocation: from Egyptians to Australians

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Acute anterior shoulder dislocation is a common presentation to emergency departments. A standard technique for reduction does not exist. Most dislocations can be reduced by one or more simple manoeuvres involving traction-countertraction, leverage and/or pulsion. The better-known methods are discussed, highlighting the manoeuvres, virtues and drawbacks. (Hong Kong j.emerg.med. 2004;11:178-188)

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