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“Graft reconstruction for irreparable rotator cuff tears: superior capsule reconstruction vs. tendon repair with graft interposition”

Massive rotator cuff tears in the shoulder are sometimes so large that they cannot be repaired using standard surgical methods. This study aims to evaluate a new method of attempting to repair these otherwise "irreparable" tears. The new method involves attaching the torn tendon ends in a different place than anatomy suggests. This new technique has been shown to restore shoulder function by the designing institution. Our study will compare this new technique to the current standard which adds a "bridge" of material to the torn tendon to complete an anatomic repair.