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Shoulder Erectile Dislocation

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Shoulder dislocation in its erecta form is a rare variety found especially in young people, it represents 0.5% of all shoulder dislocations. Its mechanism is a fall on the upper limb in great abduction or antepulsion.

We report the case of a 65-year-old patient admitted to the emergency room for trauma of the left upper limb, clinical examination found: the left upper limb in forced abduction, arms in the air and inability to bring the elbow to the body (Figure 1). No vascular disorder was noted. The AP shoulder x-ray revealed an inferior dislocation of the humeral head and a diaphyseal axis above the horizontal (Figure 2). Treatment consisted of reduction under general anesthesia followed by immobilization with an elbow-to-body sling for three weeks.



Figure 1: Clinical appearance of an erectal dislocation.



Figure 2: X-ray of the left shoulder showing an erectal dislocation.