Reverse Shoulder Replacement for Rotator Cuff Tear Arthritis

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Reverse Shoulder Replacement

- 71 year old female with Right shoulder pain and limited ROM for the last 10 years. Patient can not perform any overhead activities without pain and has very limited function. Difficulty with brushing her hair, putting on ear rings, and washing her face. She failed all conservative management including injections, NSAIDs, physical therapy and exercises. Patient had an irreparable rotator cuff tear with shoulder arthritis and she elected for a Reverse Shoulder Replacement
  - Subjective Shoulder Value ~15%
  - CTA (Hamada IV b or V)

- Preoperative and Postoperative Radiographs Below