

The Revision ACL “Outsiders”

Additional Considerations for the ACL graft tear

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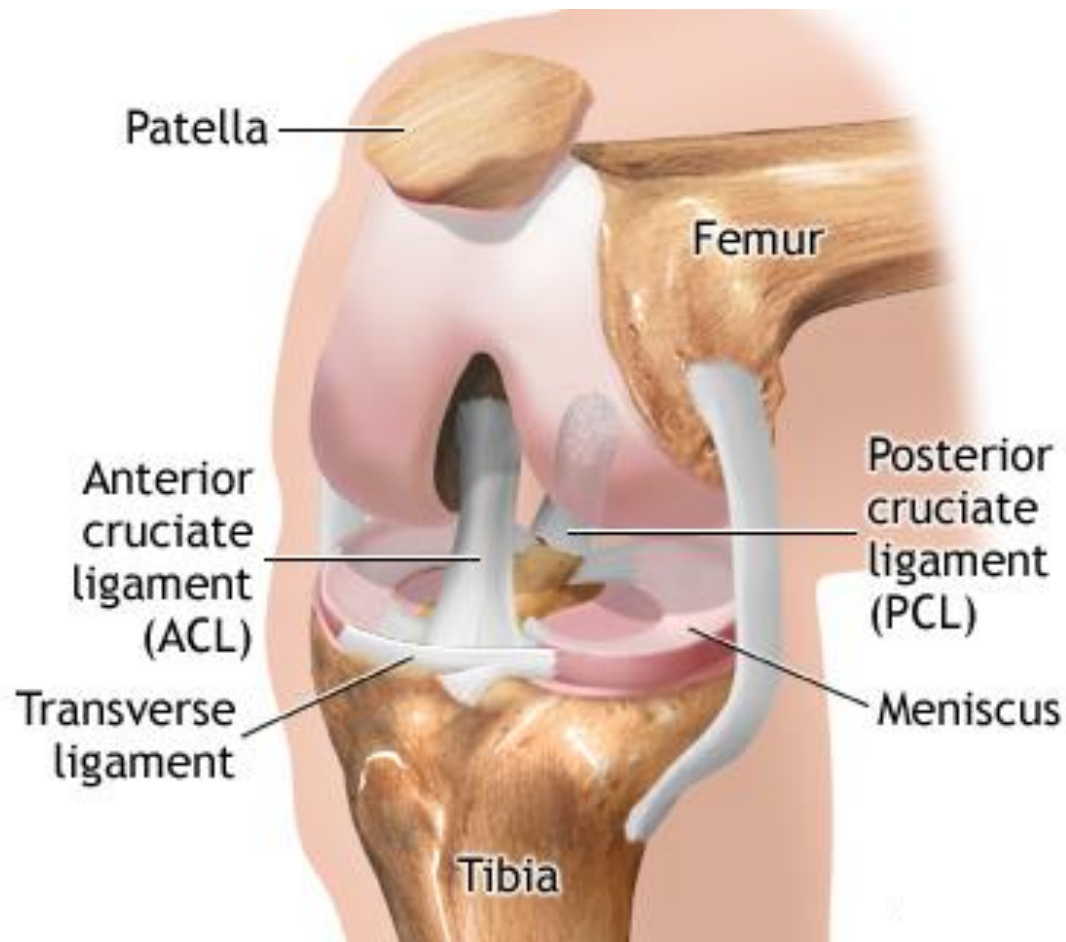
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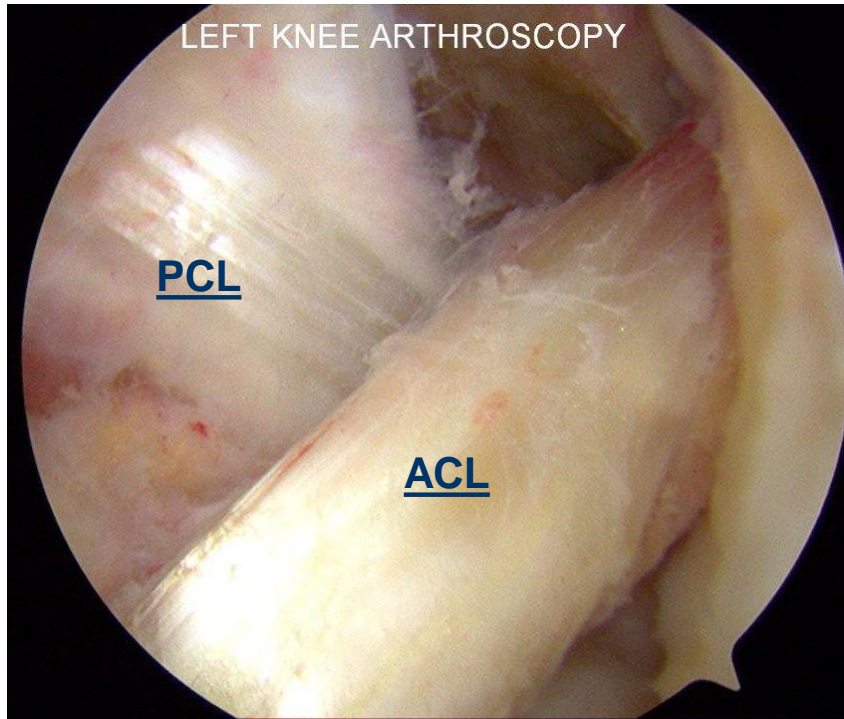
- Rare but devastating
 - 91% survival rate 25 yr post-op (Sanders '17)
- Examine reasons
 - Acute explainable trauma
 - Preventable



- 200,000 ACL reconstructions are performed annually in the US



ACL Reconstruction



10 miles from Boston



Revision Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction Surgery

Mark H. Getelman, MD, and Marc J. Friedman, MD

JAAOS 1999

Table 1
Causes of Failure

Technical

- Nonanatomic tunnel placement
- Inadequate notchplasty
- Improper tensioning
- Graft fixation
- Insufficient graft material

Biologic

- Failed ligamentization
- Infection
- Arthrofibrosis
- Infrapatellar contracture syndrome

Traumatic

- Early (before graft incorporation)
- Late (after incorporation)

Failure due to secondary instability

- Rotatory instability
- Skeletal malalignment
- Varus / valgus instability

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- Landmark paper for ACLR with returning to sports
- Quad symmetry (isokinetic test) + single-legged hop test
- Muscle + Hop must be >90%
- 51% reinjury rate PER MONTH until 9 months



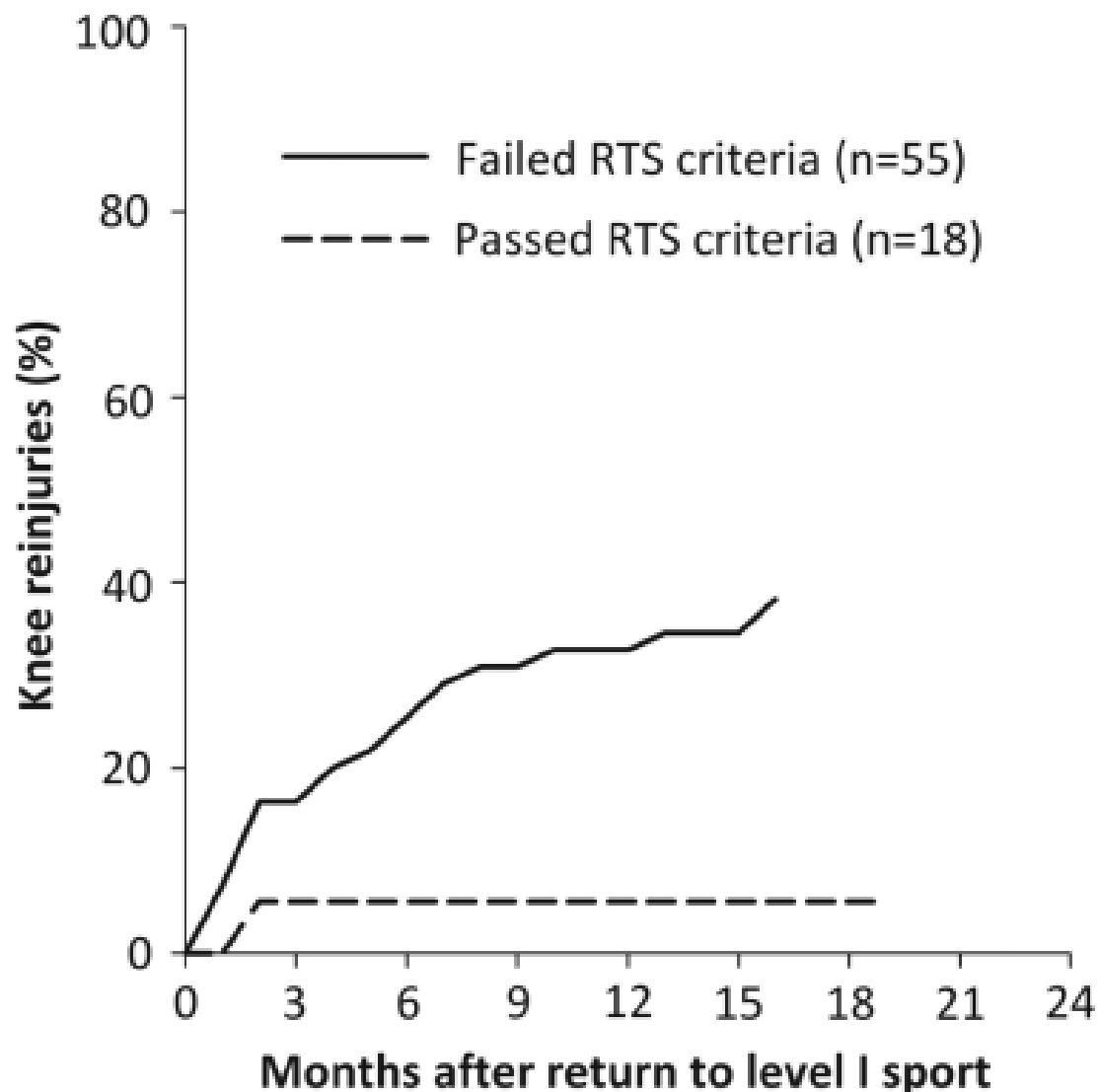
ACL re-tear: PREVENTION



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- Technical
 - Graft
 - Tunnel considerations
 - Tibial Slope
 - Anterolateral Ligament (ALL)
 - Synthetic graft
- Rehabilitation
 - Objective measurement
 - Limb symmetry index
 - Functional movement assessment
 - Synder-Mackler: 84% reduction in re-injury if pass RTS criteria
 - British Journal Sports Medicine 2016





Graft Considerations

Skilled Rehabilitation



Graft

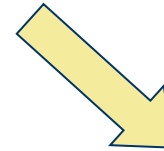
Motivated
Patient

Skilled Surgeon

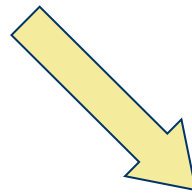
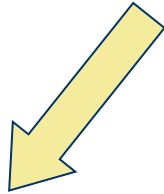
ACL Graft Options



Autograft



Allograft



Bone-Tendon-Bone
(BTB)

Hamstring

Quadriceps



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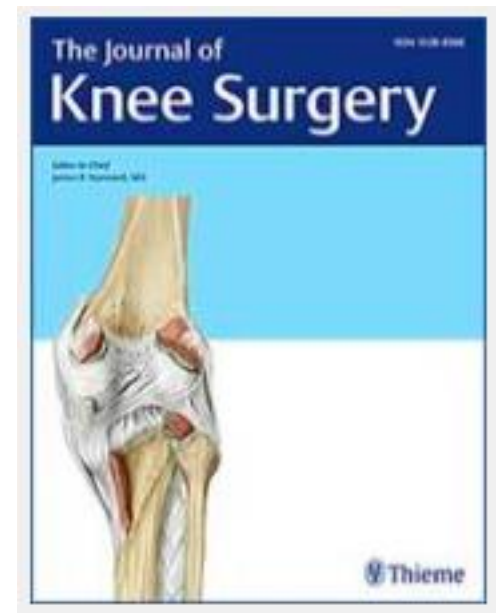
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Variance in Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction Graft Selection based on Patient Demographics and Location within the Multicenter Orthopaedic Outcomes Network Cohort

Darby A. Houck, Matthew J. Kraeutler, Armando F. Vidal, Eric C. McCarty, Jonathan T. Bravman, Michelle L. Wolcott,
[MOON Knee Group](#)

- 2,149 ACLR patients broken into 4 regions of USA
- Strong affiliation between region and graft selection
 - AKA: Evidence of regional bias
 - Northeast: BTB



Risk Factors and Predictors of Subsequent ACL Injury in Either Knee After ACL Reconstruction

Prospective Analysis of 2488 Primary ACL Reconstructions From the MOON Cohort

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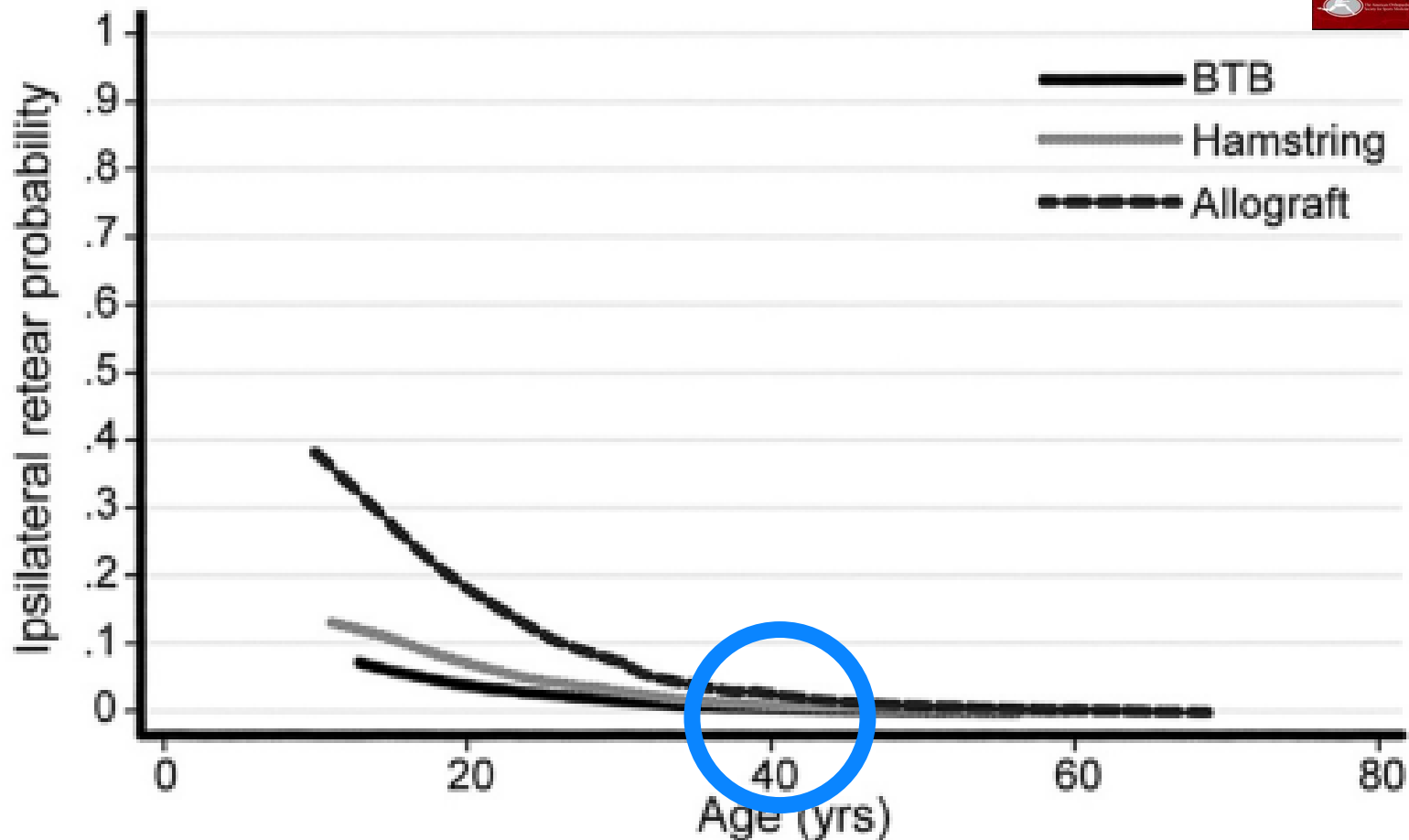
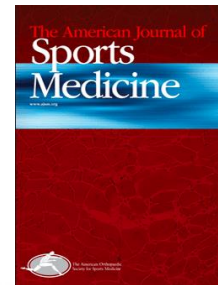
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- 2488 Primary ACL results
- Significantly higher rate of re-tear with allograft (5.2x higher than BTB Auto)
- Significantly higher rate of re-tear with younger age and higher activity level
- Chance of re-injury rose by 11% for each point on Marx scale

Landmark study for Age/ACL

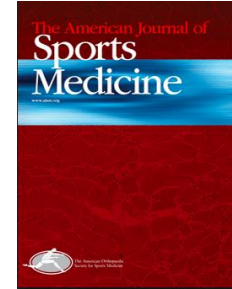


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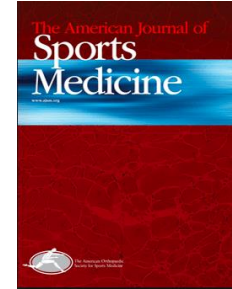
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- 1205 patients getting revision ACL. Median age: 26. Two-year follow-up.
- Grafts: Autograft (48%) and Allograft (49%)
- 28% getting surgery by original surgeon
 - “Nothing ruins good results like follow up”

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- Autograft: Predictor of better IKDC, KOOS Sports subscale, KOOS quality of life, and 2 year Marx scales.
- Autograft: 2.78 times less likely to re-tear vs allograft in revision setting



Synthetic grafts the first
time?

- 1980's: Synthetic grafts are developed
- Significant complications rates due to material reaction (synovitis, post-traumatic arthritis, etc)
- Abandoned soon after

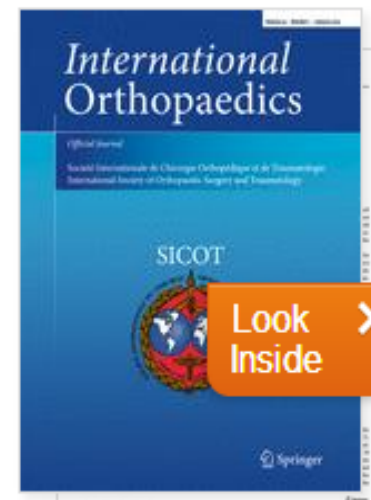


- LARS
 - Ligament Augmentation & Reconstruction System
- Polyethylene terephthalate (PET) designed for tissue ingrowth
 - Fixed the issues from 1980's
- 1995: First clinical report (Dericks)
 - 220 cases, 0 cases synovitis
- 2013 saw international surge in LARS results and studies



Anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction with LARS™ artificial ligament results at a mean follow-up of eight years

Paolo Domenico Parchi, Ciapini Gianluca, Lorenzo Dolfi, Alessandro Baluganti, Piolanti Nicola, Fabio Chiellini, Michele Lisanti



- Multi-database search for LARS results
- 35 papers
- 1,245 cases
 - F/U 3 months-9 years
- 12 graft ruptures (0.96%)
- 3 cases knee synovitis (0.24%)
- Five papers compared vs autograft
 - No significant difference
 - LARS had faster recovery and return to sport
- One paper reported on long term results
 - 25 patients with 9 year F/U
 - 95% success rate
 - Zero cases of synovitis

2019 ACL graft choice



- Patient specific
- Age
- Activity Level





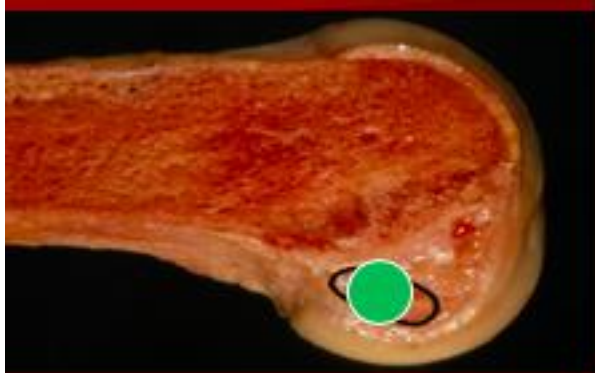
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- Femoral
 - Vertical (superior)
 - Anterior
 - Wide

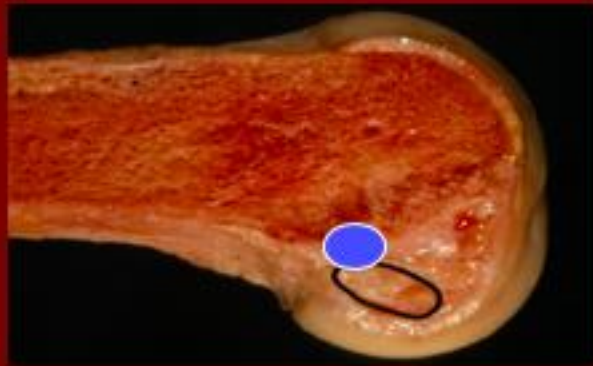
- Tibial
 - Anterior
 - Posterior
 - Wide



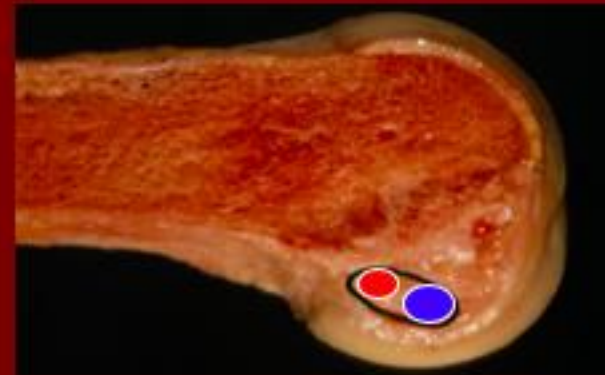
Tunnel Overview



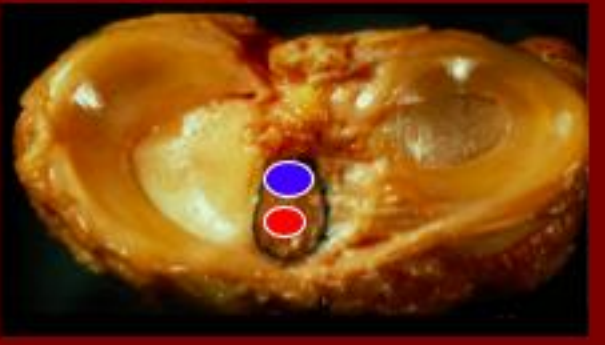
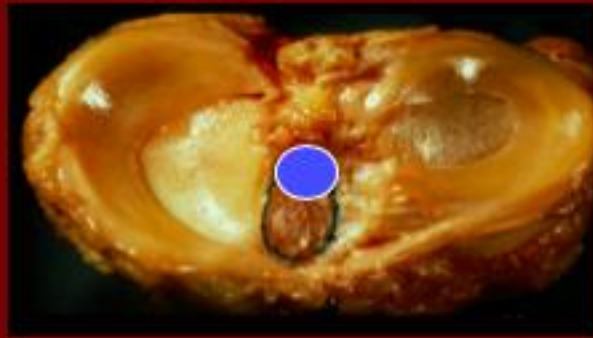
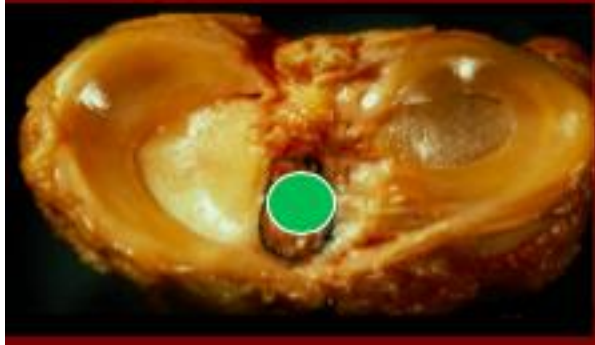
"Anatomic"



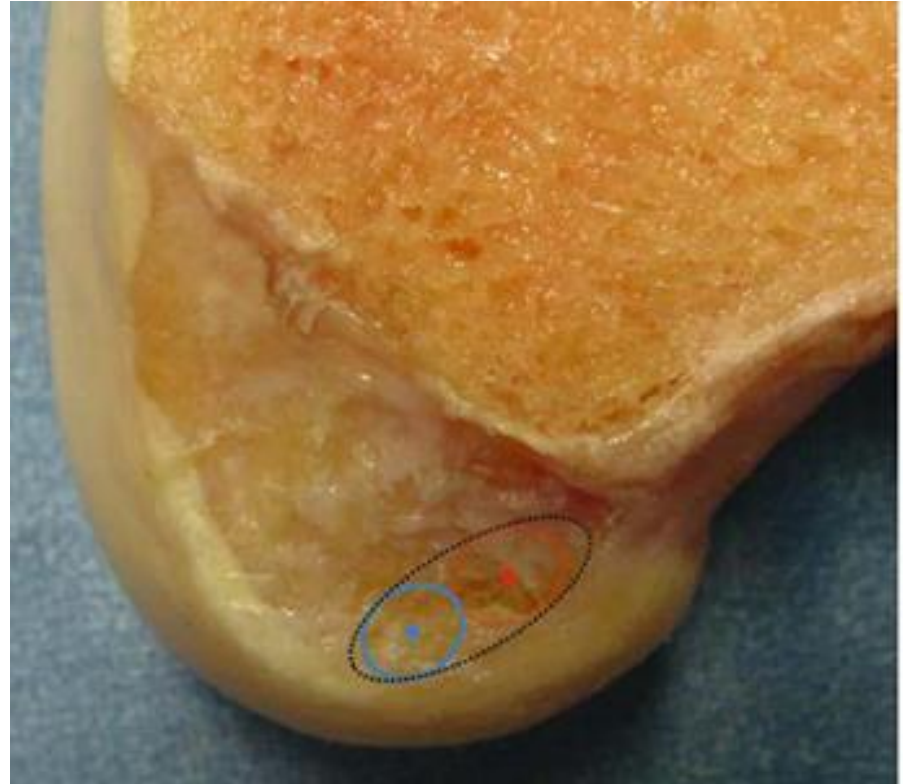
Nonanatomic/Traditional



Double Bundle



- ACL comprised of two bundles
 - Anteromedial (AM)
 - Posterolateral (PL)



Be prepared to move (Bypass)



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Be prepared to fill



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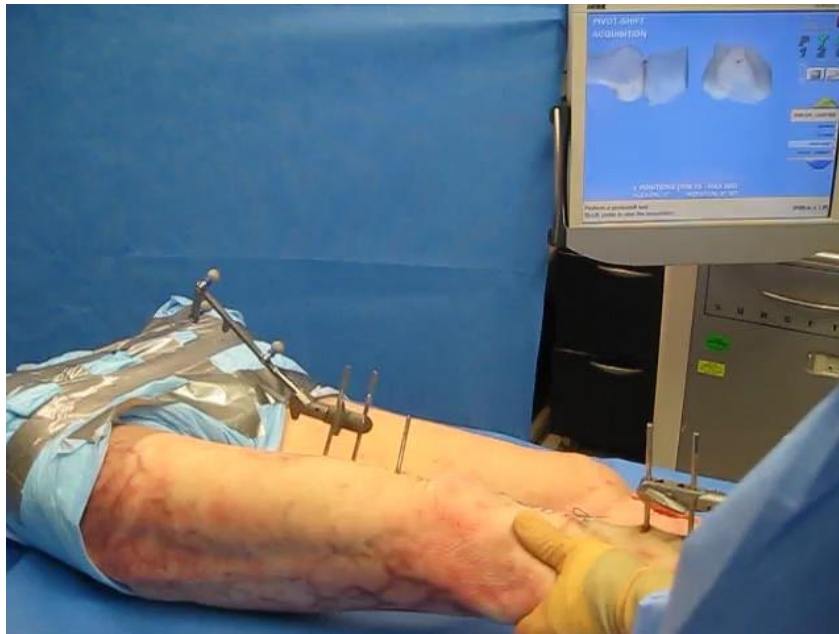
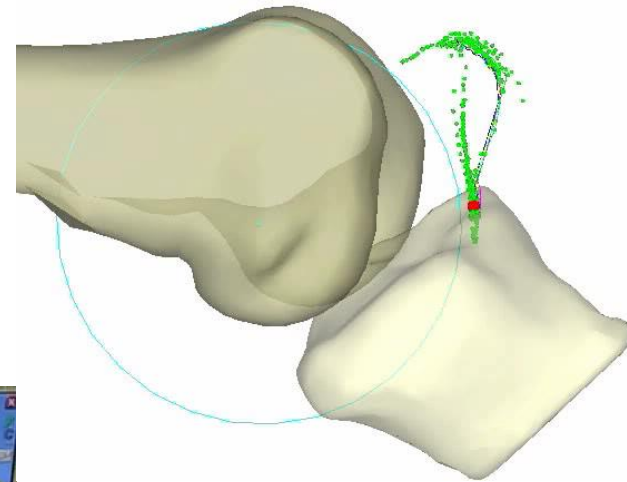
Tibial Slope

- ACL tears with lateral femur subluxing posterior off the tibial plateau (aka: “pivot shift”)



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Unregistered



ACL/Tibial slope relationship



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Better grip



Not as secure



Tibial Slope and Its Effect on Force in Anterior Cruciate Ligament Grafts

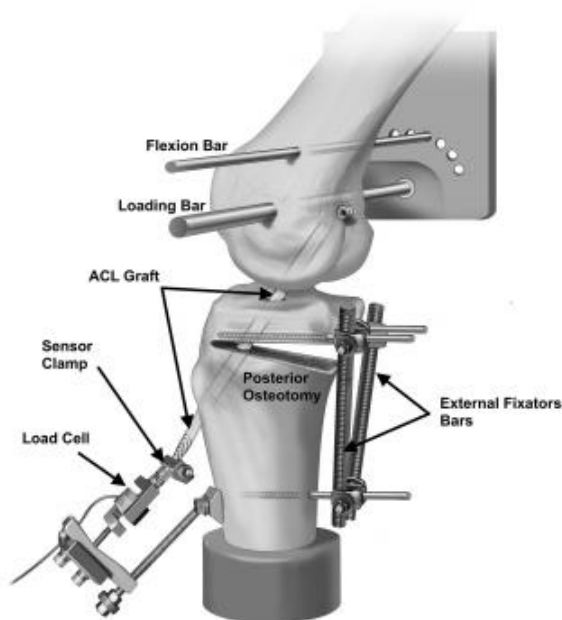
Anterior Cruciate Ligament Force Increases Linearly as Posterior Tibial Slope Increases

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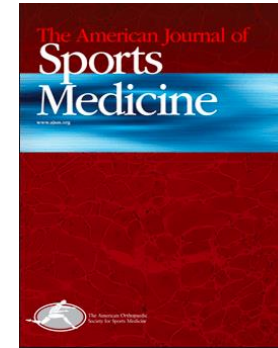
- Cadaveric study
- ACL graft tested at various points of flexion
- Tibial slope was varied between -2° and 20° of posterior slope at 2° increments

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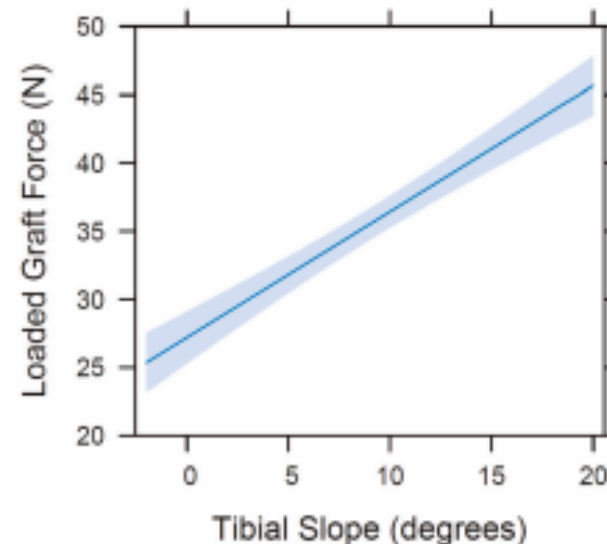
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- Result: Direct linear correlation between graft force and *increasing* tibial slope

A1 Tibial Slope Effect Plot



Association between tibial plateau slopes and early graft failure after Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction

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- 37 patients underwent revision ACL within two years of primary surgery
- Compared to 37 controls with intact ACL
- Intact ACL group: Lateral tibial plateau slope 3.3 degrees
- Revision ACL group: Lateral tibial plateau slope 7.1 degrees

Increased Lateral Tibial Plateau Slope Predisposes Male College Football Players to Anterior Cruciate Ligament Injury

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- 90 NCAA-1 football players with ACL tears
- Case matched for age, height, weight, and BMI to subjects without an ACL injury (control group)
- Measured notch size, medial and tibial plateau slopes, and condylar widths, and bicondylar width.
- Multivariable analysis revealed **that increased lateral tibial slope** (odds ratio, 1.32 [95% CI, 1.03 to 1.70]) was the **sole independent predictor of ACL injury.**
- Lateral tibial slope (deg) 7.7 ± 3.5 (ACL group) vs 4.7 ± 2.8 (Control)

Lateral Tibial Posterior Slope Is Increased in Patients With Early Graft Failure After Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction

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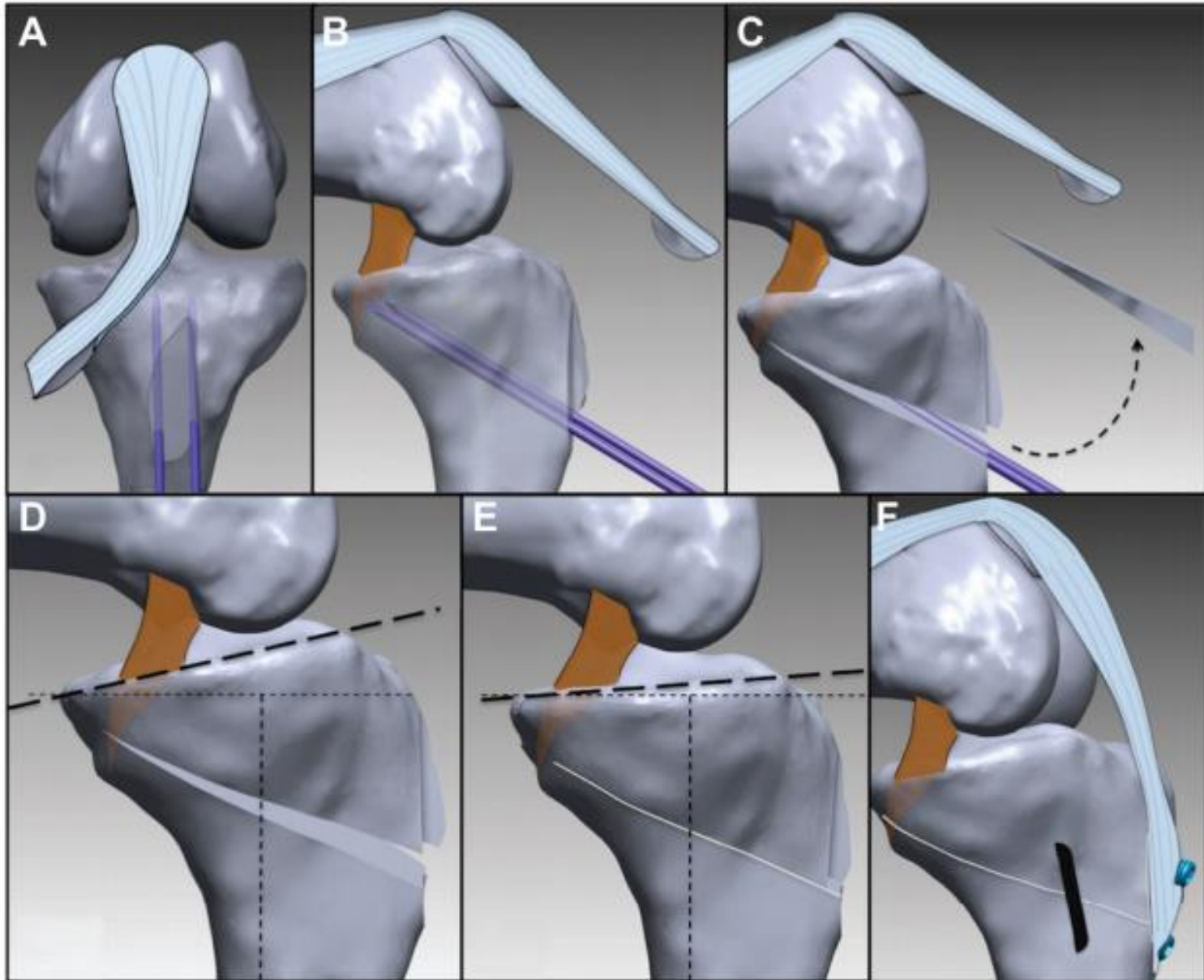
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- 35 patients who tore ACL graft within 2 years from primary
- Case matched for age, sex, date of primary surgery, and graft type (control group with intact ACL)
- 2.4 times increased risk for graft failure with a 4 degree increase in slope
- Nearly 4 times increased risk for failure with a 6 degree increase in slope.



Increased lateral tibial slope: The Fix?

Anterior closing wedge osteotomy





Tibial slope correction combined with second revision ACL produces good knee stability and prevents graft rupture

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Effects of Anterior Closing Wedge Tibial Osteotomy on Anterior Cruciate Ligament Force and Knee Kinematics

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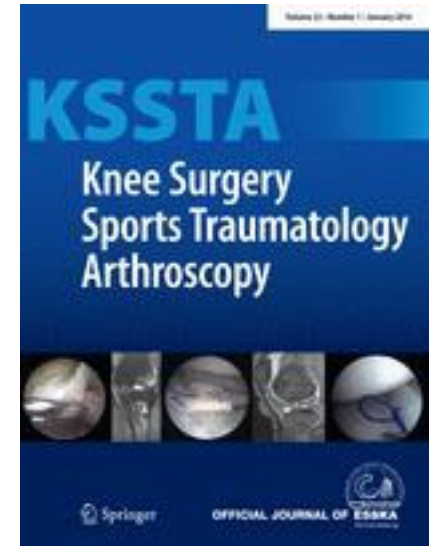
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- 11 cadavers tested before and after surgery
- Ten-degree anterior closing wedge osteotomy of the proximal tibia
- Anterior tibial translation was tested between 5° and 45° flexion
- “Posterior Tibial Slope-reducing osteotomy significantly decreased ACL force”

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- 9 revision ACL patients
- Indication: Osteotomy if >12 degree posterior tibial slope
- Mean age 30.3. Mean follow-up: 4yr
- Aimed for 3-5 degree slope
- Results: Satisfactory outcome with no complication. No re-tear.



Proximal Tibial Anterior Closing Wedge Osteotomy in Repeat Revision of Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction



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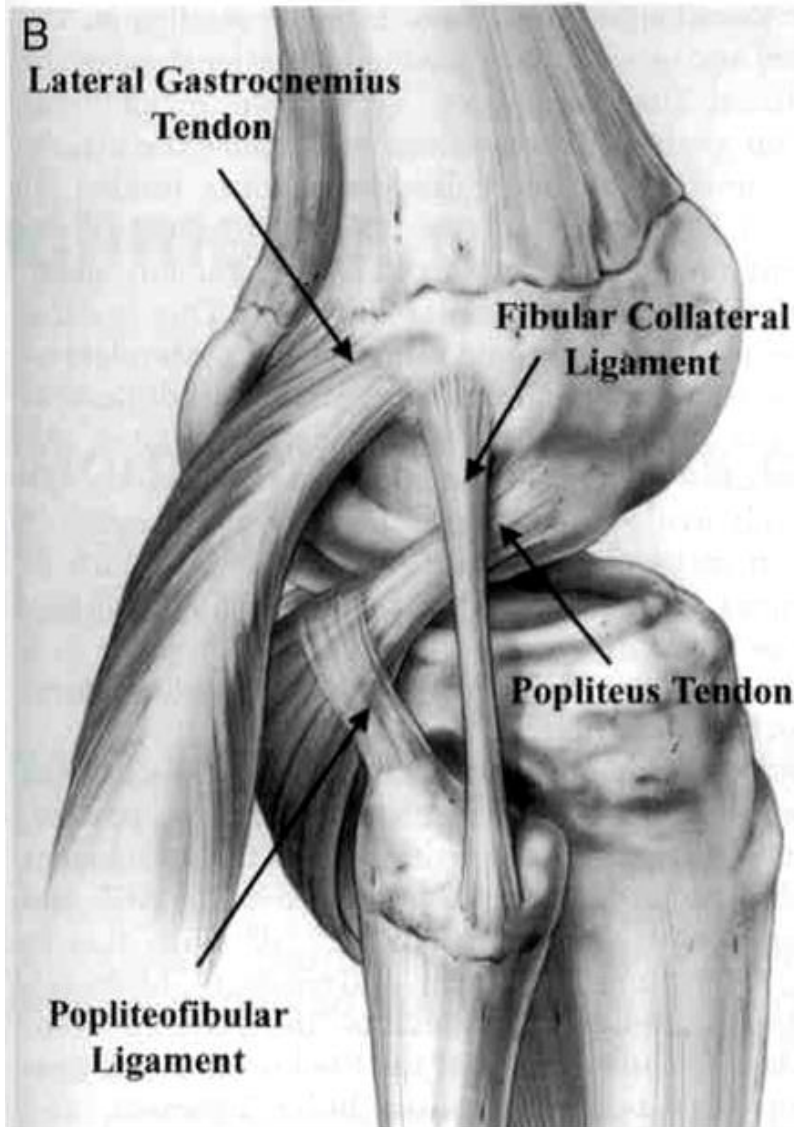
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- 5 RE-revision ACL patients. 23-45 month follow-up.
- Pre-operative 13.6 degree posterior tibial slope
- Post-operative 9.2 degree posterior tibial slope
- Results: Satisfactory outcome with no complication. No re-tear.



Secondary Stabilizers: The Anterolateral Ligament (ALL)

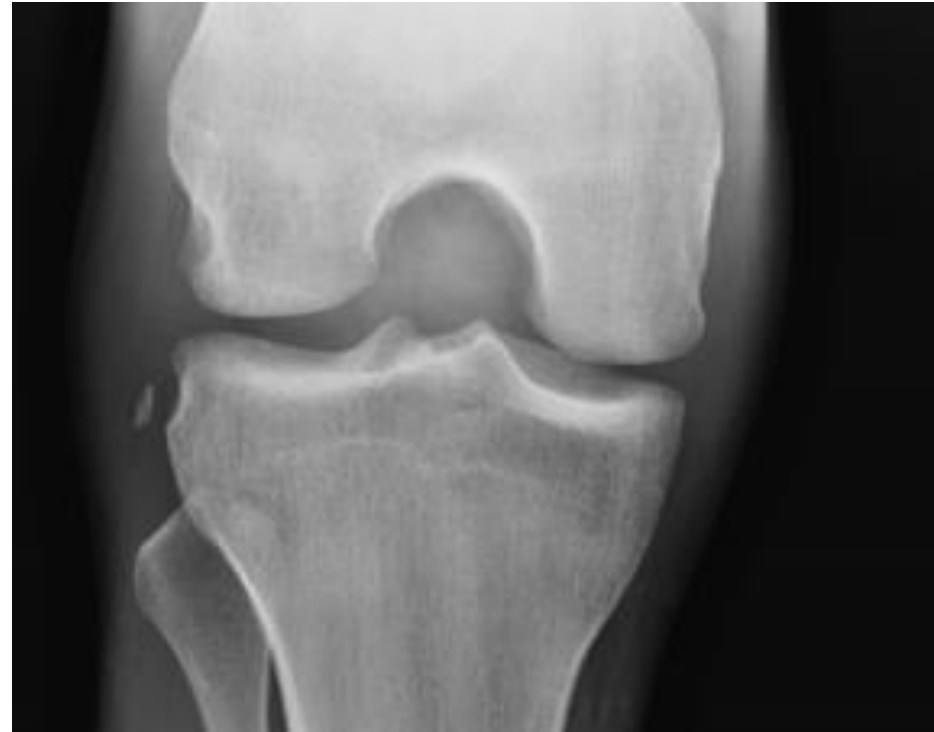


- Rotatory stabilizing region
- Incidence PLC injury 7% to 13.9% with ACL injury (LaPrade Arthroscopy 2007)
 - Underreported – physical exam difficult
- Failure to treat posterolateral corner injuries associated with increased risk for graft failure after ACL
 - LaPrade AJSM 1999, Hughston JBJS 1985
- Corten, Bellemans AJSM 2008
 - Suggest initially missed posterolateral corner injury as “key variable” explaining 24% revision in their cohort



- Physical Exam
- Evaluate every patient with an ACL-deficient for varus laxity and rotational instability
- Varus stability 30 degrees
- **Dial Test** at 30 and 90 degrees
 - 10° increase in ER = laxity
 - At 30° only: Posterolateral corner
 - At 30 and 90: Posterolateral corner and PCL

- Dr. Paul Segond
- 1879: “Pearly, resistant fibrous band”
 - Small bony avulsion off the lateral tibial plateau
 - 75-100% of ACL tears

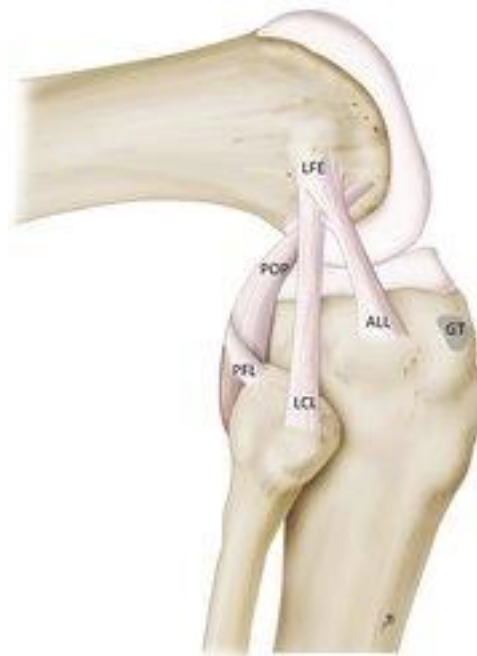


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Doctors Identify a New Knee Ligament

By GRETCHEN REYNOLDS NOVEMBER 13, 2013 12:01 AM 64 Comments



Anatomy of the anterolateral ligament of the knee

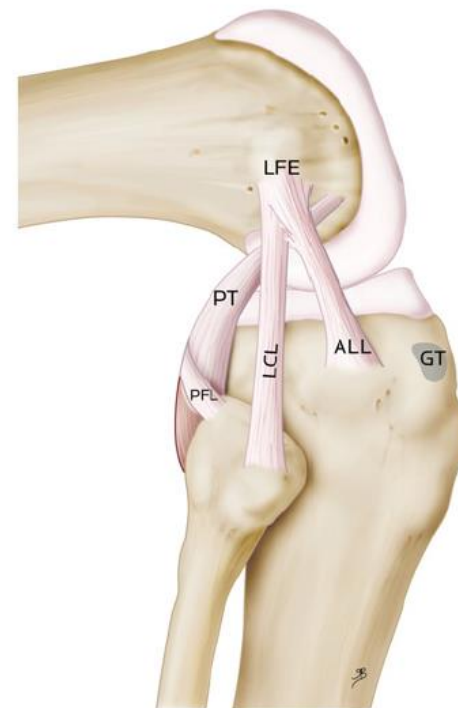
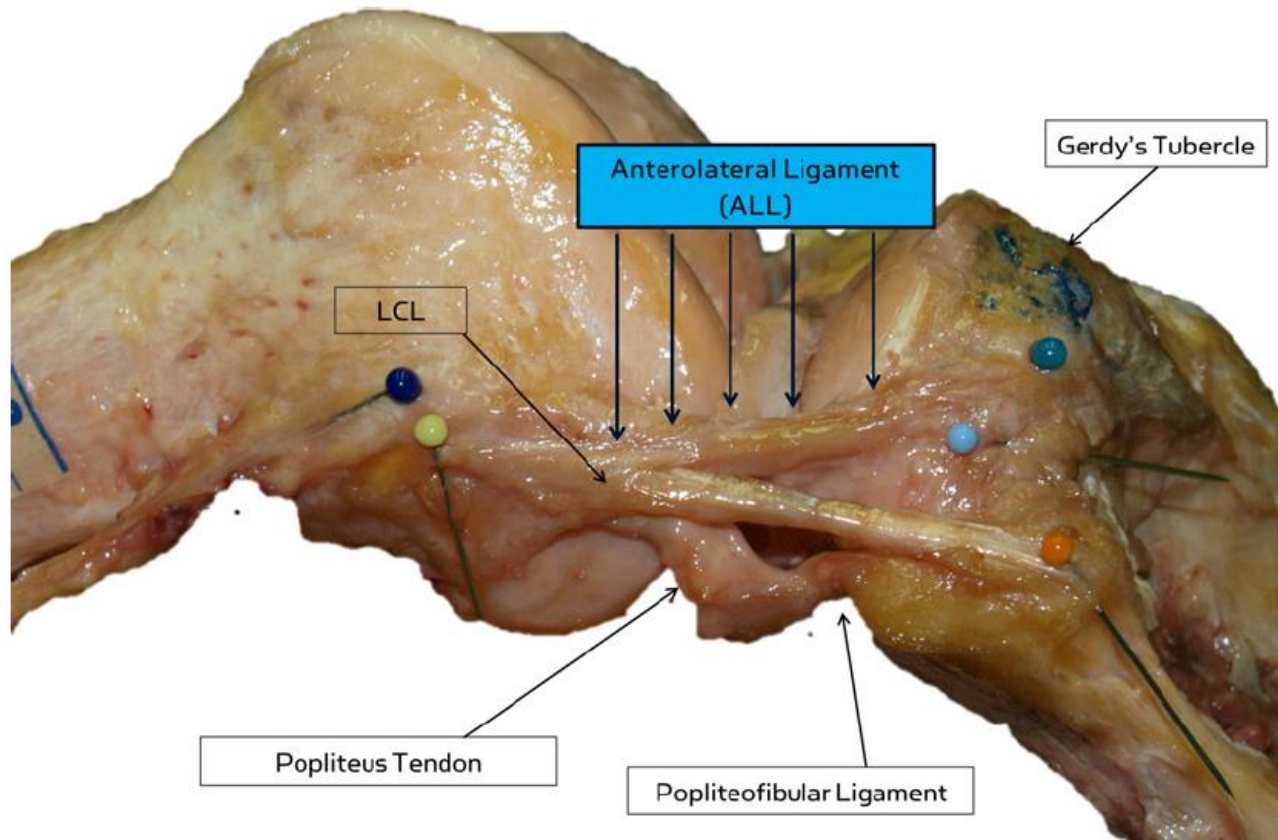
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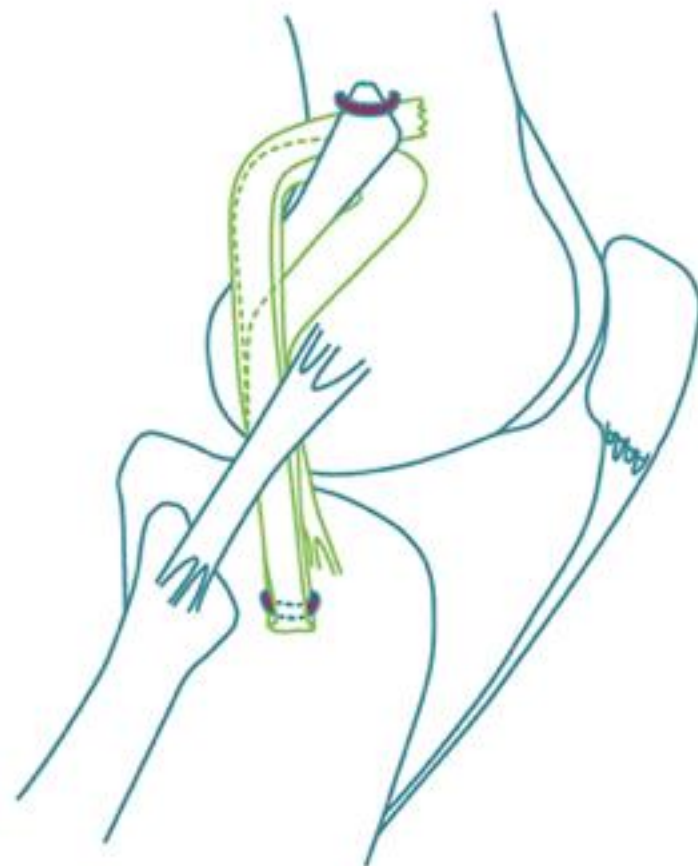


- **Descriptions of Anterolateral instability**

- Jack Hughston JBJS 1976
- Galway/Beaupre/MacIntosh 1972
- Slocum et al 1976
- Loe, Johnson, Southwick 1978
- Noyes 1993

- **Extra-articular Surgery (IT Band tenodesis)**

- Marcel Lemaire 1972
- MacIntosh Procedure 1972
- Coker-Arnold Modification
- Frank Noyes 1991
- Marcacci and Zaffagnini AJSM 2009

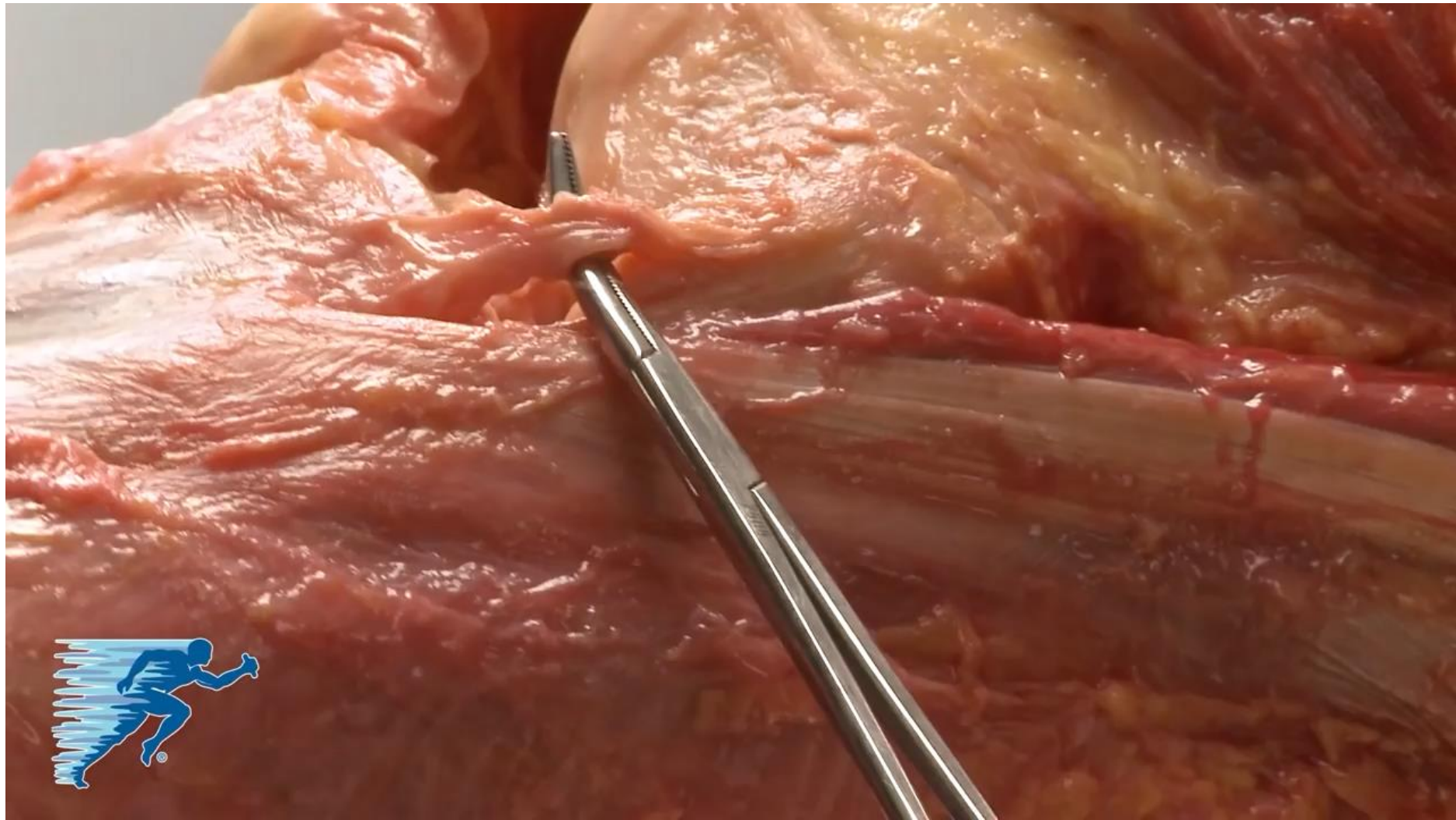


Anterolateral ligament



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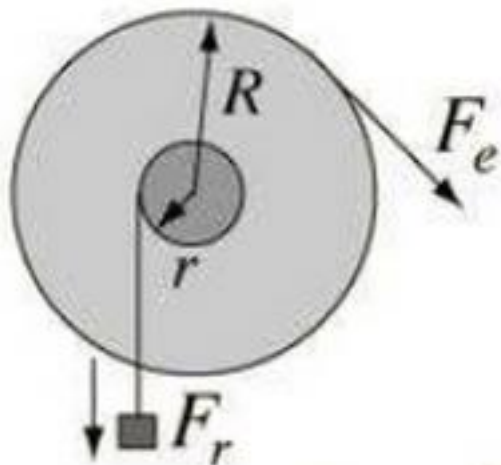
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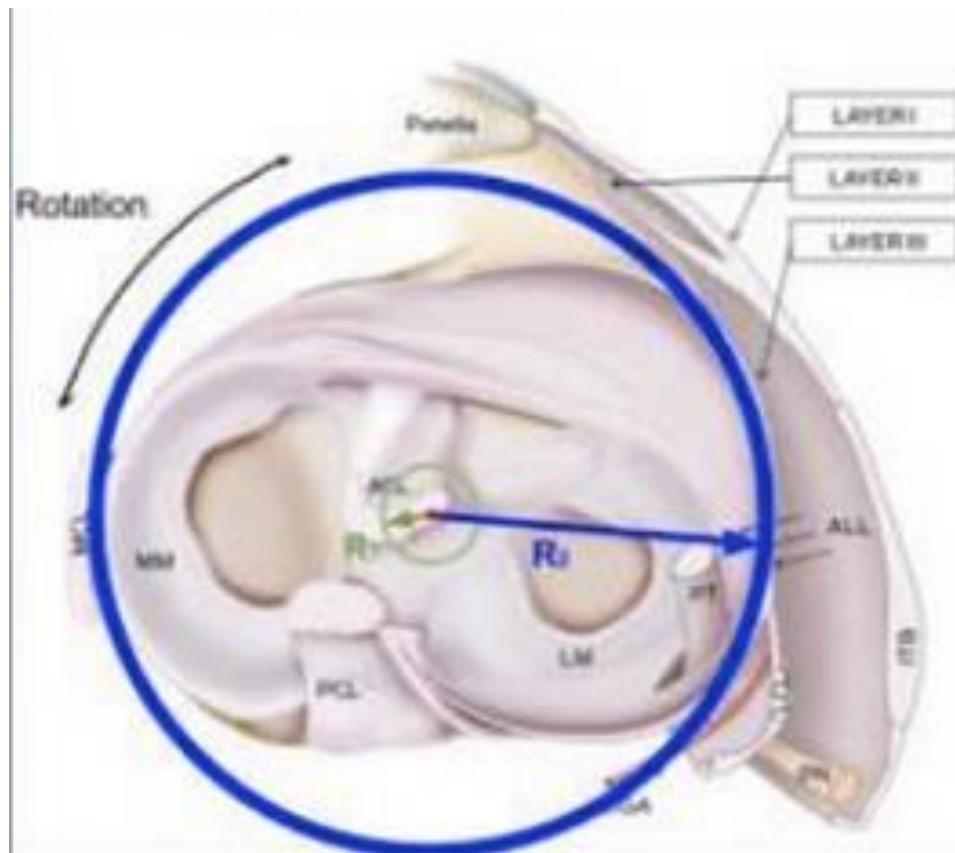
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How Can a Centrally Located Ligament Adequately Prevent Rotation?





Wheel and axle $IMA = \frac{R}{r}$



Anterolateral ligament (ALL) sees 6 times the force seen by the ACL



- “I’ll use it in a second revision”
- “I’ll wait for the clinical”
- “Concept seems good....”
- “This is nothing new”
- “3+ Pivot”





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Outcome of a Combined Anterior Cruciate Ligament and Anterolateral Ligament Reconstruction Technique With a Minimum 2-Year Follow-up.

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- 92 Patients. Primary ACL + ALL.
- 2 year follow up (mean 32.4 +/- 3.9 months)
- Indications: Second fracture, chronic ACL lesion, grade 3 pivot shift, high level of sporting activity, pivoting sports, and radiographic lateral femoral notch sign
- 1.1% ACL re-rupture

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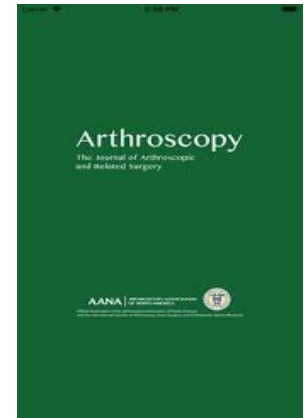
Combined Anterior Cruciate and Anterolateral Ligament Reconstruction in the Professional Athlete: Clinical Outcomes From the Scientific Anterior Cruciate Ligament Network International Study Group in a Series of 70 Patients With a Minimum Follow-Up of 2 Years.

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- 72 Professional Athletes. Primary ACL + ALL.
- Minimum 2 year follow up (mean 3.9 years)
- 5.7% ACL re-rupture (4 patients)
- Final follow up Tegner: 8.8 +/- 1.5
- At 1 year: 87% return to same level. Avg 7.9 months.



Anterolateral Ligament Reconstruction Is Associated With Significantly Reduced ACL Graft Rupture Rates at a Minimum Follow-up of 2 Years: A Prospective Comparative Study of 502 Patients From the SANTI Study Group

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- Scientific ACL NeTwork International (SANTI)
- 502 Primary ACL patients. BTB (105) vs Ham (176) vs Ham +ALL (221)
- Mean age: 22.4yrs
- Mean follow-up of 38.4 months
- Hamstring: **10.77% re-tear**(range, 6.60%-17.32%)
- BTB: **16.77% re-tear** (range, 9.99%-27.40%)
- Hamstring + ALL: **4.13% re-tear** (range, 2.17%-7.80%)



Clinical Outcomes of Isolated Revision Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction or in Combination With Anatomic Anterolateral Ligament Reconstruction

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- 87 revision ACL split into 2 groups
- 45 isolated revision ACL vs 42 combo revision ACL + ALL.
- Mean Isolated F/U: 3.5 yrs Mean Combo F/U: 3.2 yrs
- Results:
 - Subjective IKDC score, Tegner score, and ACL-RSI better in **combo** group at final follow up.
 - *Return to sport at same level*: 57.1% in **combo** group vs 25.6% in isolated group

- Avoid the re-tear in the first place
 - Rehab and don't bend
- Learn from mistakes
 - Graft/patient selection, tunnel placement, etc
- Change with the times
- Stay up on research
- Be transparent with the patient



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