



Failure of MPFL reconstruction

How to deal with



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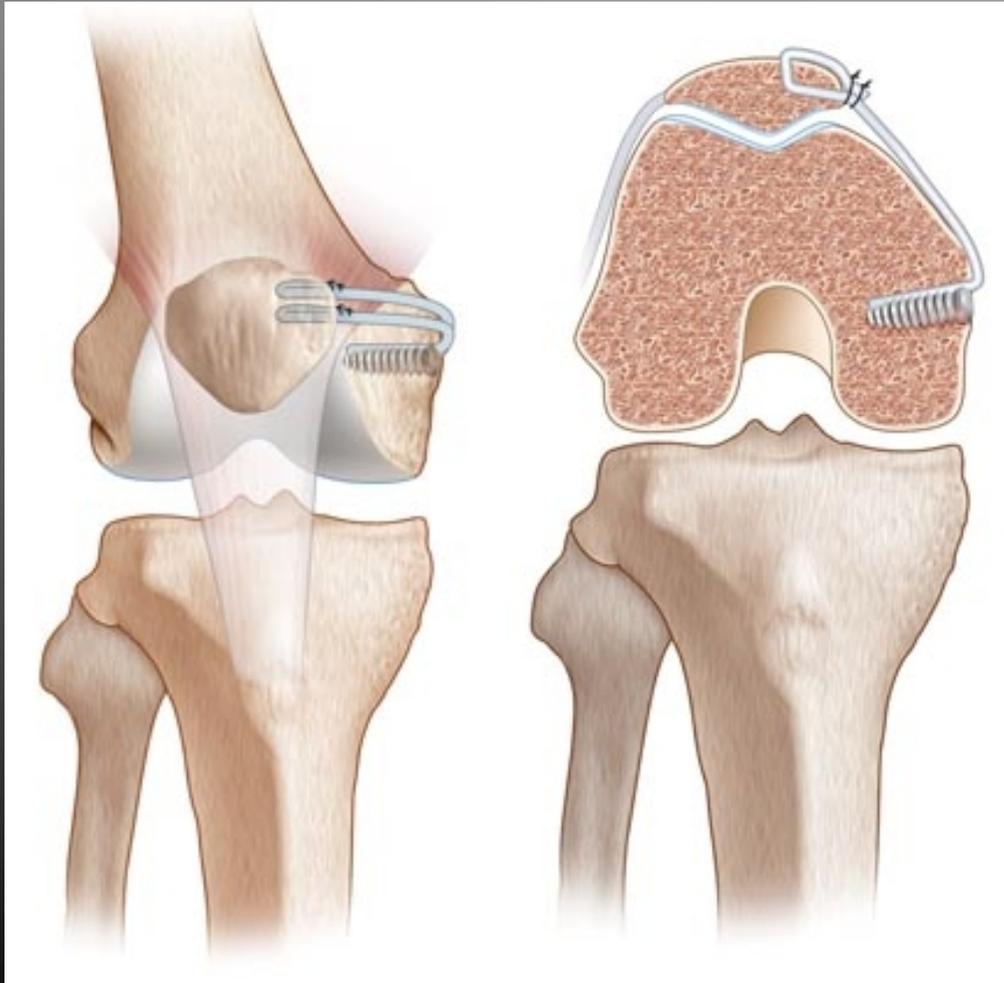
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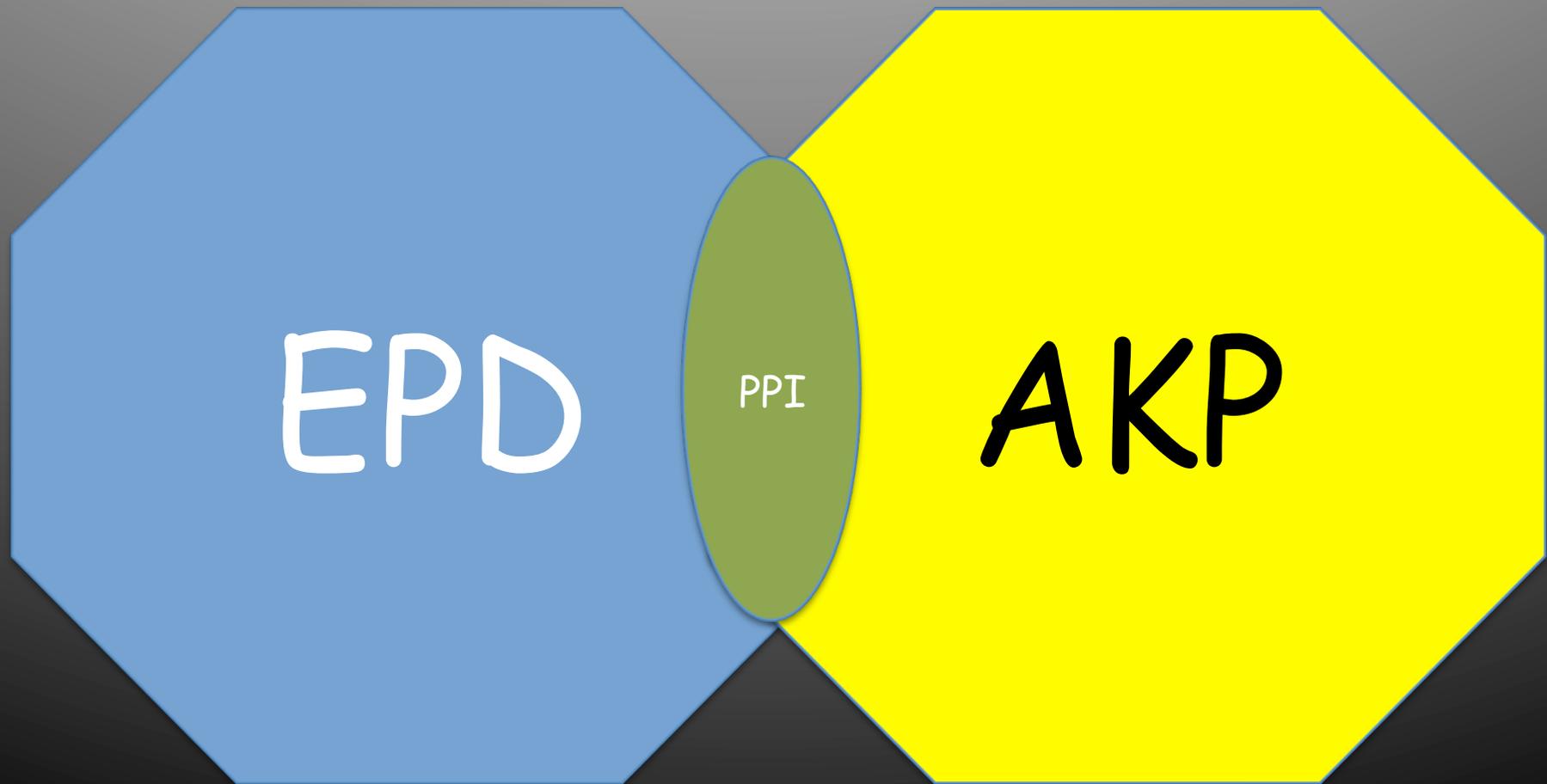


Causes of failures

Understanding these complications can help us to avoid pitfalls during surgery, as well as to appropriately address failures of the setting of revision surgery.

- Misunderstanding
- Misdiagnosis
- Incomplete treatment
- Complications of treatment

Diagnosis



Comprehensive surgery

- The following procedures are generally easy, but can lead to significant complications if not carried out with prudence and for the correct indications.
- These techniques are not indicated for painful patella syndrome, which can be worsened by these procedures.

Diagnosis

- Anamnesis
- Chief complain
- Current Symptoms
- Physical examination systematic/comparative
- Recent New complete radiological check-up
- **Previous operative report (s)**

Complete analysis as if it was the First clinics
whatever if you did the previous surgery or not

Predisposing factors

+/-Trauma



Trochlea
dysplasia

Patella alta
TT-TG > 20mm

MPFL

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A systematic review of complications and failures associated with MPFLR for recurrent patellar dislocation.

- 25 articles
- A total of 164 complications occurred in 629 knees (26.1%). These adverse events includes patellar fracture, clinical instability on postoperative examination, loss of knee flexion, wound complications and pain.
- 26 patients returned to the operating room for additional procedures.

MPFLR has a high rate of success

The complication rate of 26.1% is not trivial.

[Am J Sports Med. 2012.](#)

Shah JN, Lattermann C

Complications MPFL R 25% +/- 21

- Improper technique

Overtension: Checkrein/ Strengthen the graft in flexion

Poorly positioned: Visual inspection of Adduction tubercle- epicondyle. Fluoroscopic or Anatomometric perop control

- Loss of motion
- Overpressure medial PF joint (Pain, OA)
- Recurrence of lateral patella Instability (8%)
- Painful hardware requiring hardware removal
- **Patella fractures**

* Shah AJSM 2012

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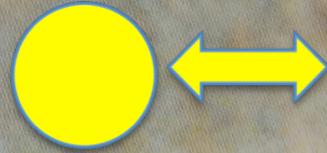
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Stiffness in flexion



Laxity in extension

0.6mm/rot
6 sp

Isolated and combined MPFL R.

42 patients @ 24 mths FU

Isolated MPFL 15

Combination procedure 27

S or Very Satisfied 87%

multifactorial problem

MPFL reconstruction, alone or in combination, seems to be an **effective treatment for recurrent patellar dislocations after a failed previous surgery**, leading to significant increases in stability and functionality as well as a reduction in pain.

[Am J Sports Med. 2013](#)

Kohn LM, Schöttle PB

Analysis of failure and clinical outcome after unsuccessful MPFLR in young patients

19 patients

age @ primary MPFL R was 18.4 y.

age @ index operation 20.2

3 main reasons for failed MPFLR

neglected additional risk factors (5 severe trochlear dysplasia, 2 excessive femoral anteversion)

intra-operative technical errors (7 experienced pain with limited flexion: 3 anterior femoral tunnel and 4 MPFL graft overtensioning)

inappropriate patient selection

S or Very Satisfied 78.9%

Partially S 15.8%

Not S 5.3%

[Int Orthop. 2014. Nelitz M & al](#)

Identifying the potential causes of failure can help to treat and possibly prevent future complications.

Patella fracture after MPFL R. using suture anchors.

- We feel that this is an important learning point when initially using this technique (suture anchors) , and should be disseminated to other surgeons who undertake this surgery.

Patellar fr. after MPFLR/repair: a report of five cases

- 5 Patients TU 22mts 6 to 41
- In 1992, in a series of 30 patients, Ellera Gomes reported the 1st patellar fr. after MPFLR (transverse patellar tunnel)
- Since 8 patellar fr. reported with use of patellar bone tunnels.
4 due to technical errors associated with patellar tunnel placement.
4 medial rim avulsion fr. of the patella after MPFLR
- Fr of the superior pole (**sleeve avulsions**) reported after medial soft-tissue imbrication and lateral retinacular release; to our knowledge,
- **proximal patellar fractures** after MPFL reconstruction or isolated soft-tissue repair

Parikh SN, Wall EJ [J Bone Joint Surg Am. 2011](#)

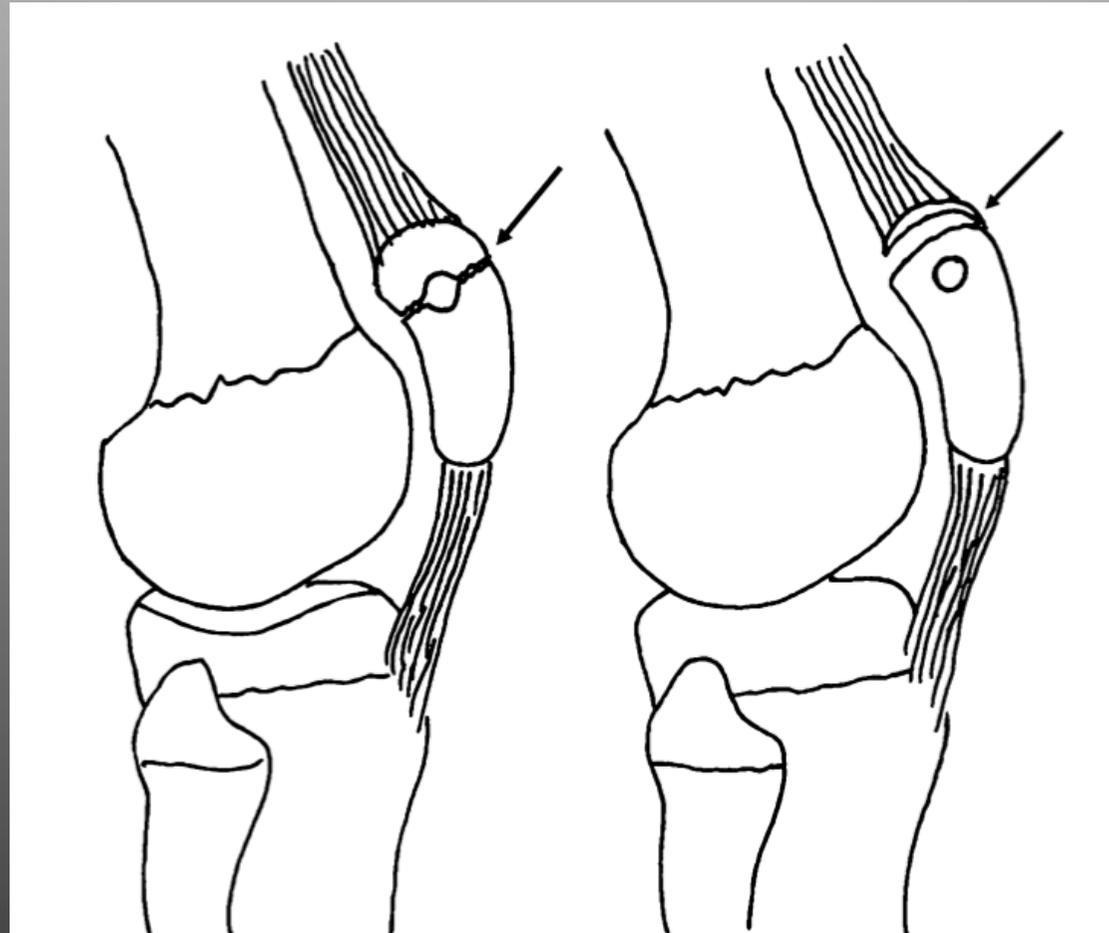
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- Most fractures occur within 3 months
- Challenging to manage patellar fr. in the post-operative period immobilization is recommended for 6wks after fracture fixation and then aggressive physical therapy

Patellar fr. after MPFLR/repair: a report of five cases

- **Type-I** fr are transverse through the patellar tunnel or drill hole: tension-band wiring.
- **Type-II** fr are superior pole fr, or sleeve avulsion fr, associated with proximal realignment, lateral release, or excessive dissection near the superior aspect of the patella: similar to quadriceps tendon tear.
- **Type-III** fr. are medial rim avulsion through drill holes in the patella, associated with recurrent patellar dislocation: open reduction and internal fixation of the bone fragment with the use of screws and suture anchors, and all had excellent outcomes.

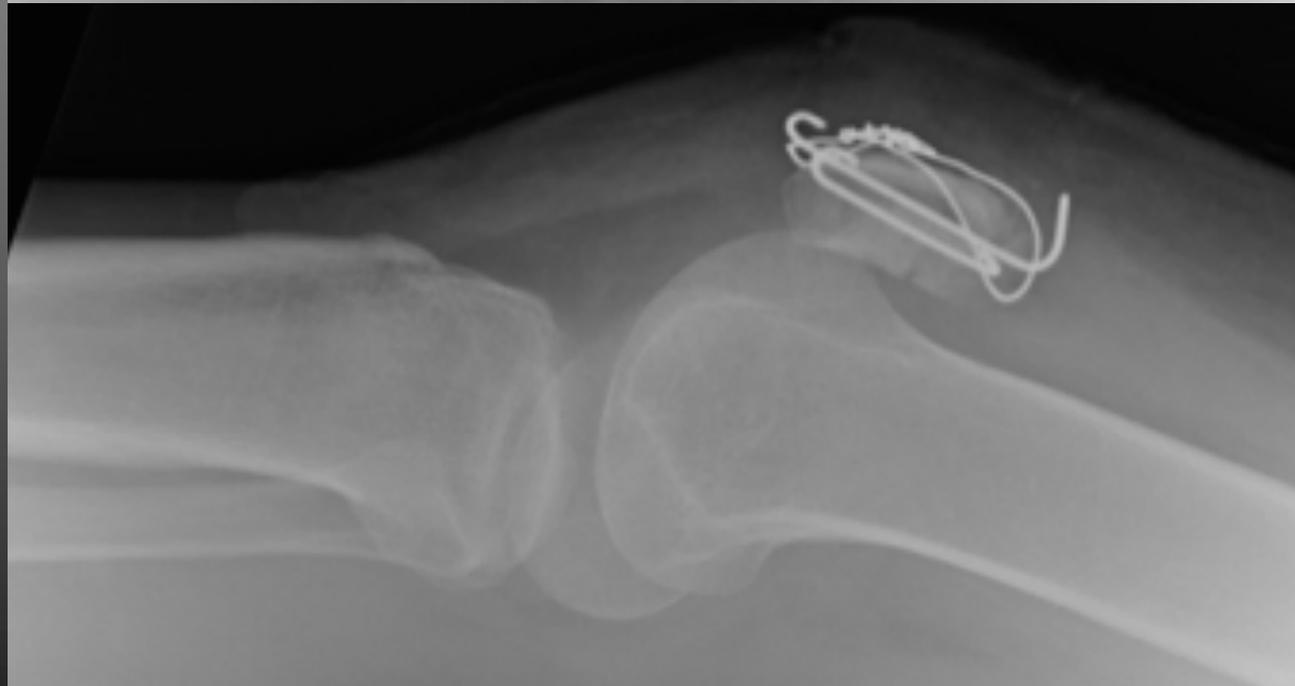
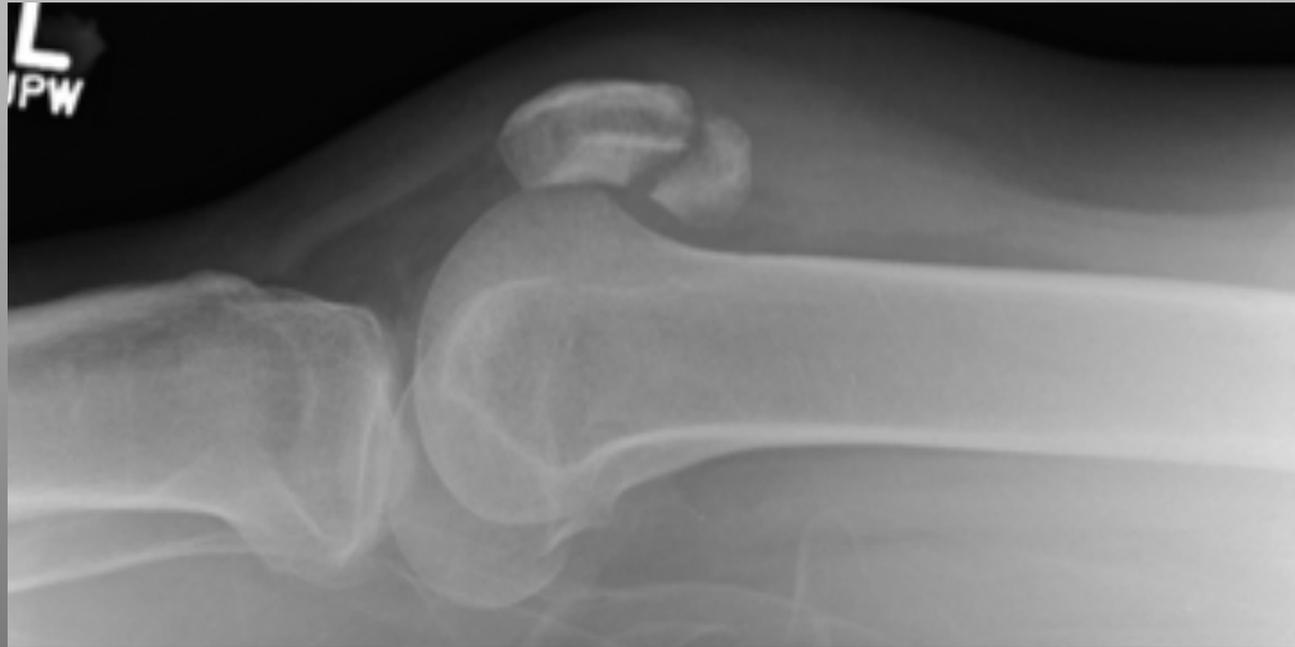
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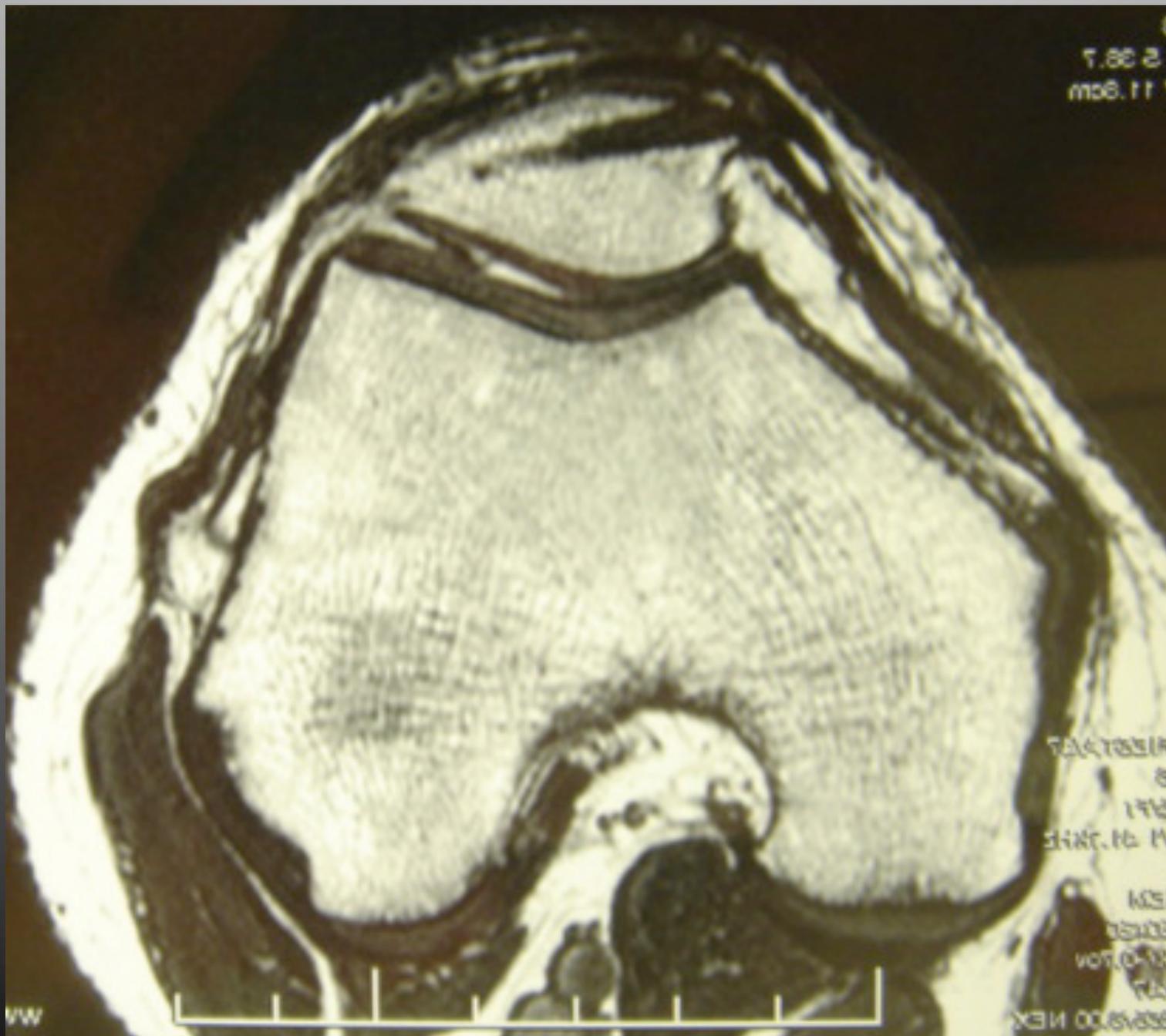
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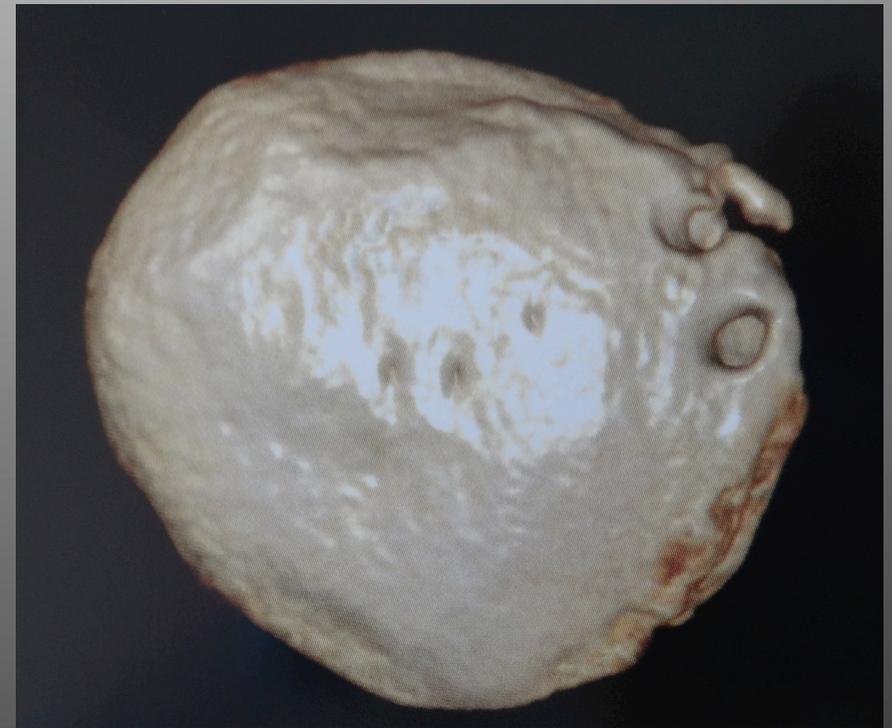






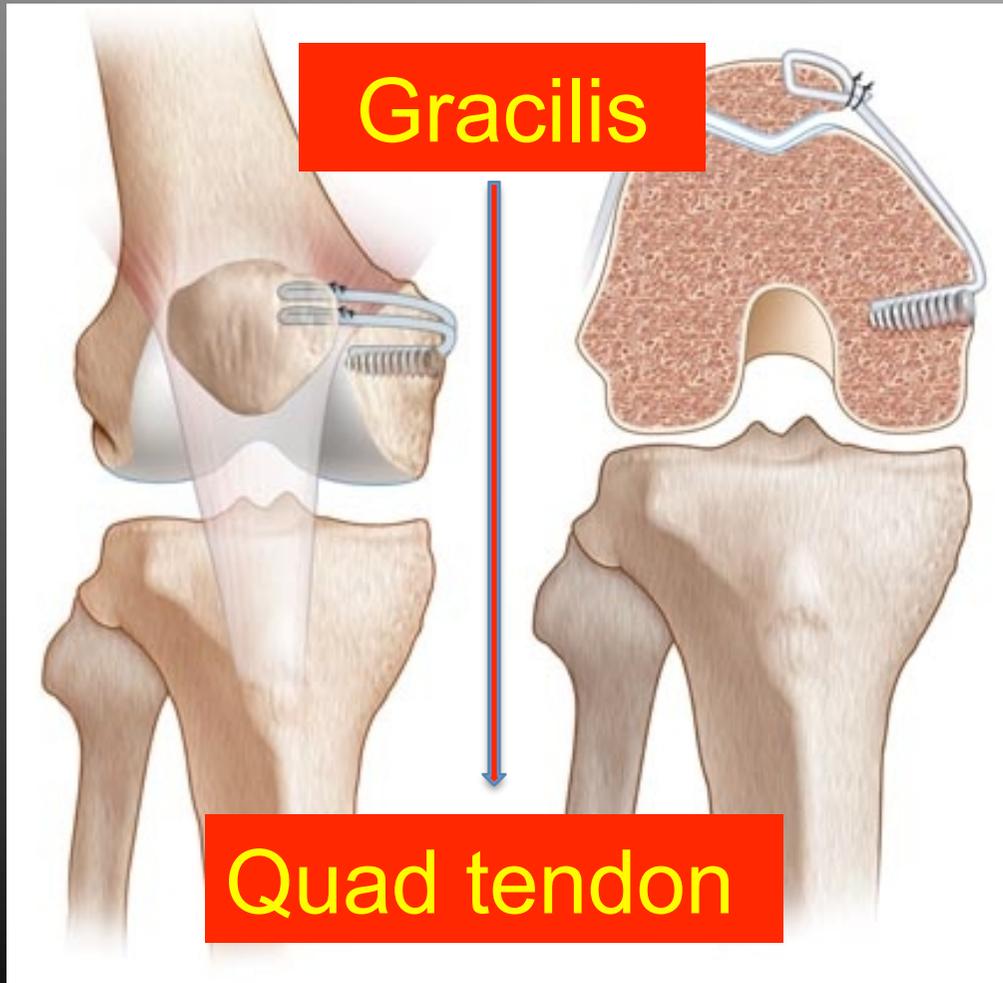


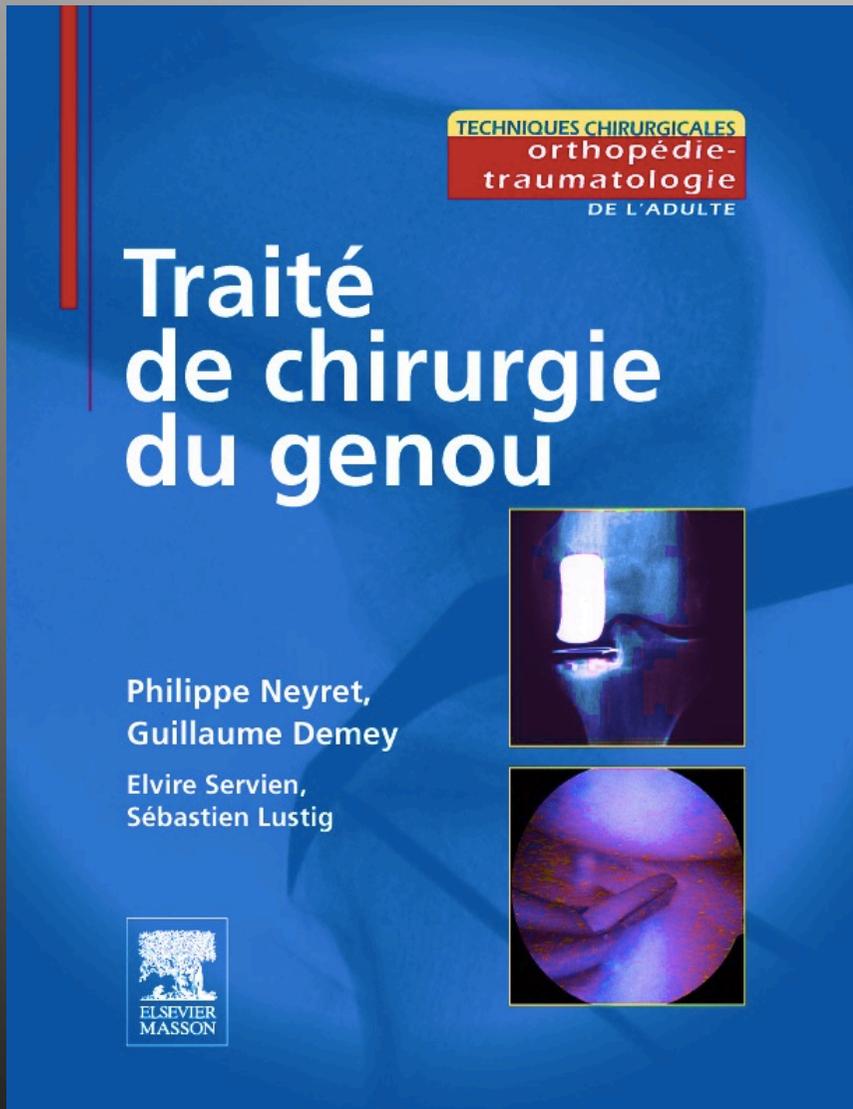
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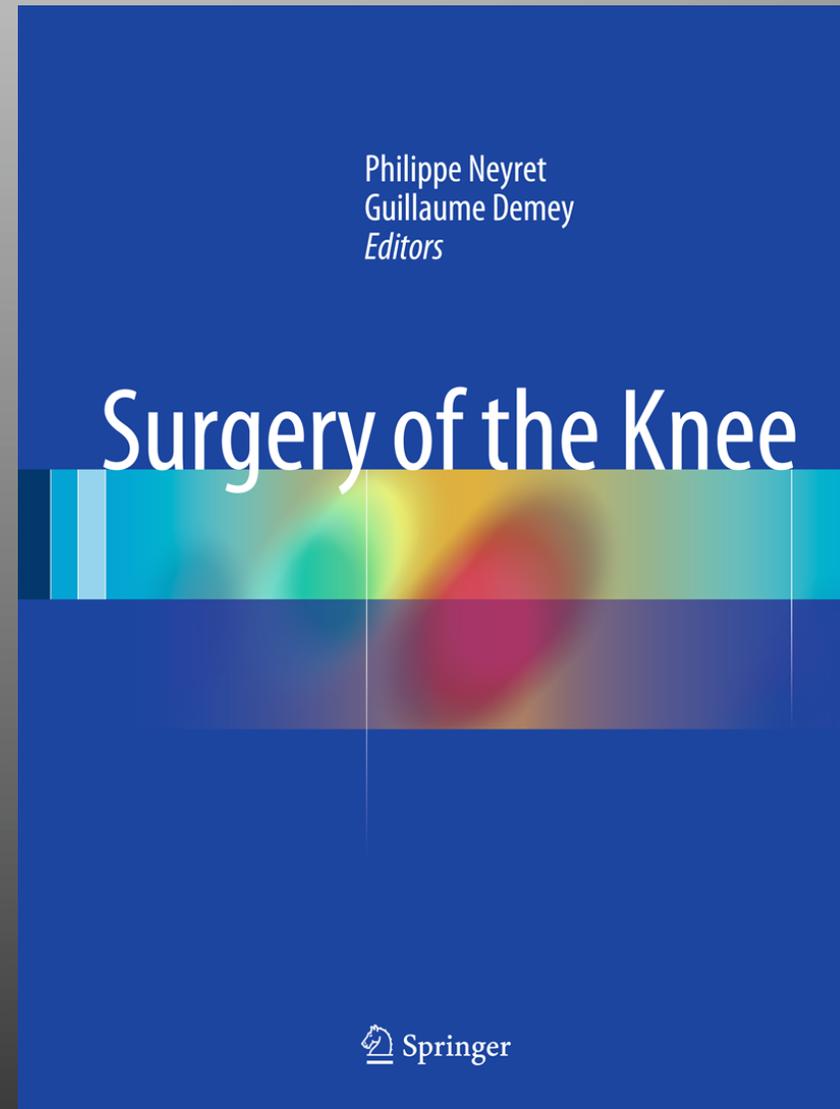
10 of our first 40 cases treated without osteosynthesis

MPFL Reconstruction





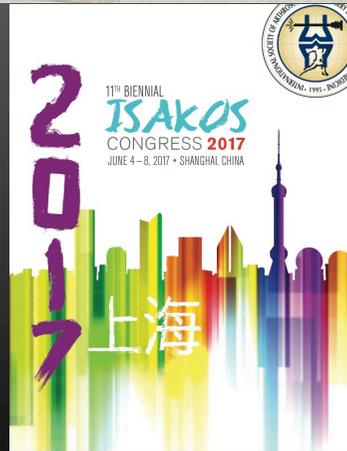
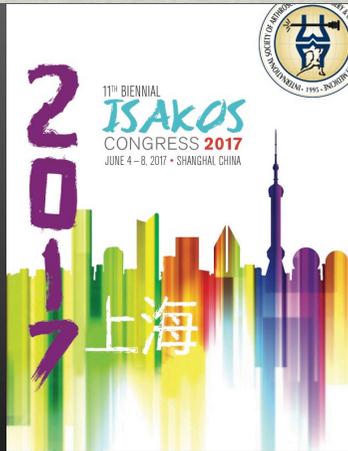
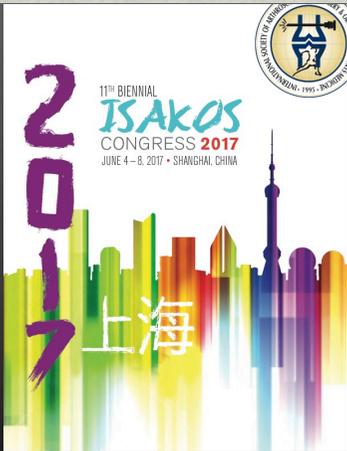
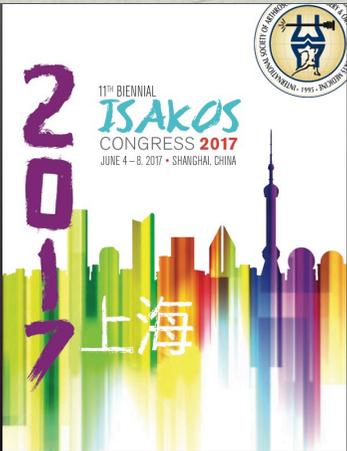
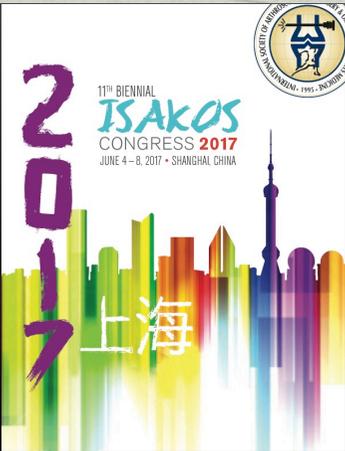
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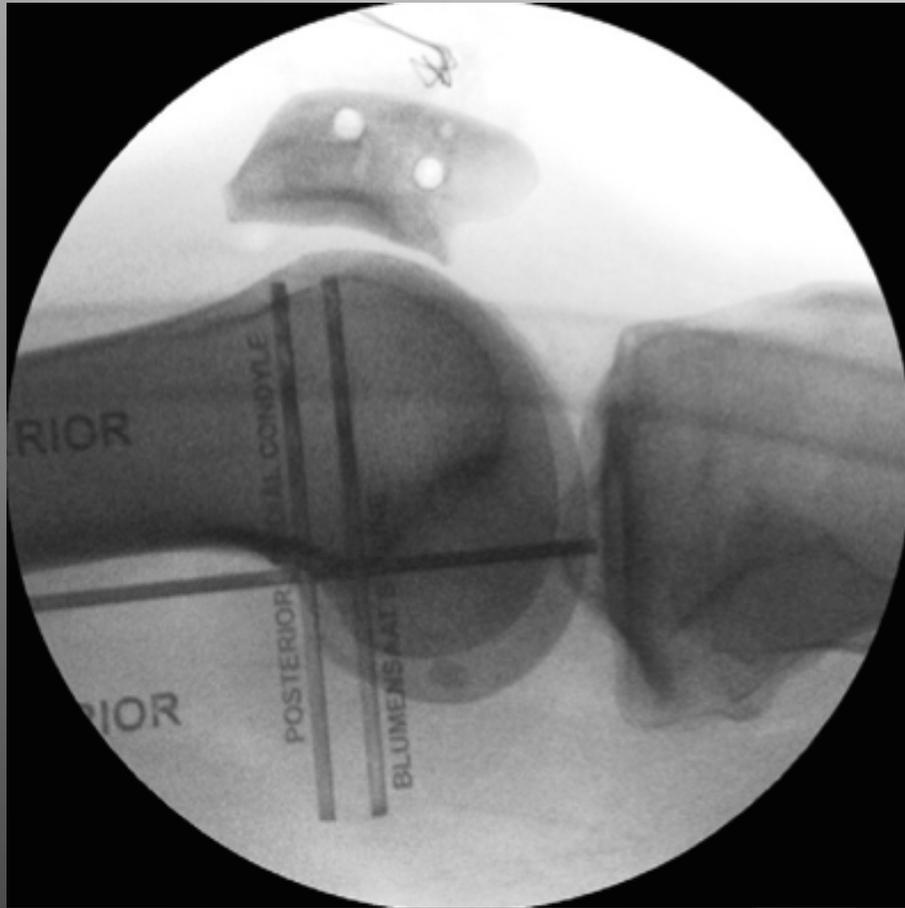
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Complications Trochleoplasty

- Combination of several procedures
- Arthrofibrosis (33% -Donell- to 0°)
- ROM deficit
- Subchondral bone and cartilage damage
- Progression of PF OA due to PF incongruency?

PF arthroplasty for symptomatic nonunion after trochlear osteotomy for patellar instability: a case report

One patient 33Y

Elevation of the lateral facet of the trochlea

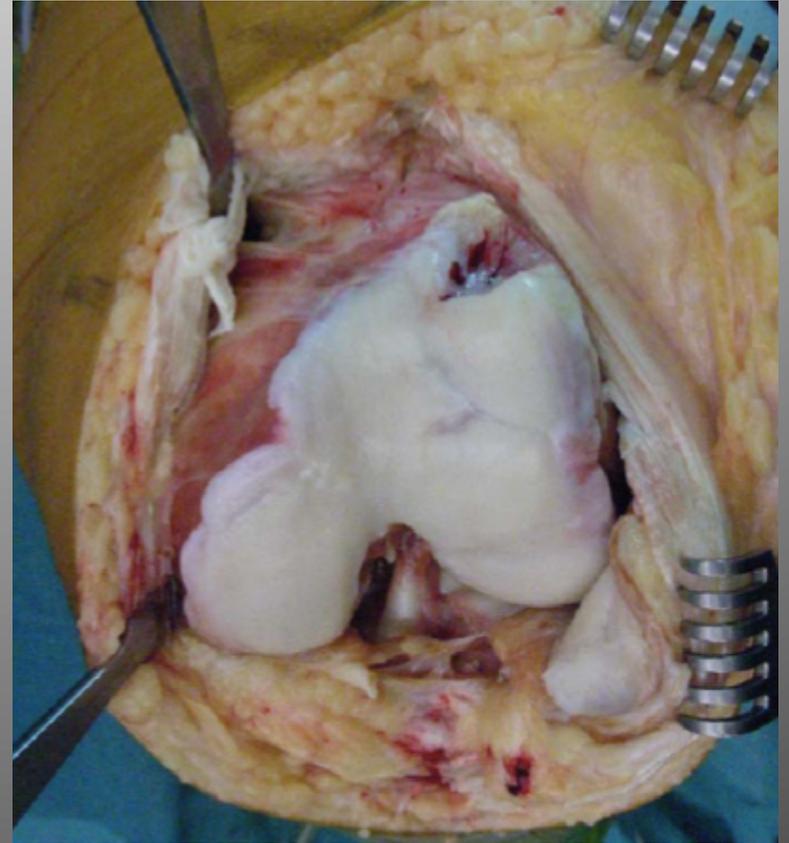


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Cases J. 2009

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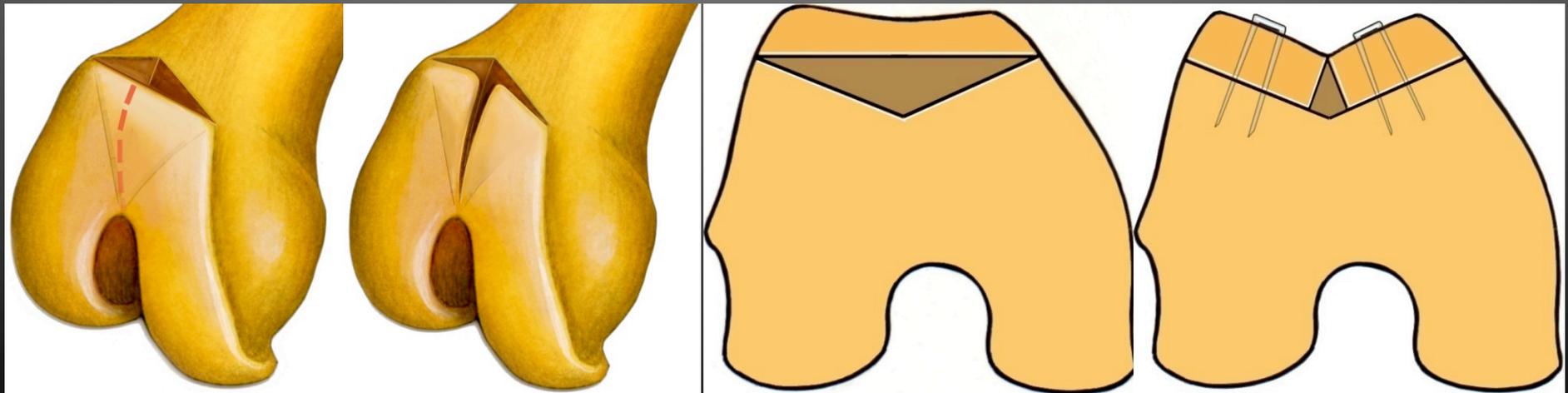
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Treatment

- Deepening Trochleoplasty

In our department a deepening trochleoplasty is only indicated severe trochlear dysplasia (with a bump of >6 mm, abnormal patellar tracking or failure of previous surgery)., particularly in case of recurrence.



The Lyon's sulcus-deepening trochleoplasty

- 24 knees @ 66mths FU (24-191).
- In all: Additional soft-tissue and bony operations
- No patellar re-dislocation
- Pain decreased in 72%
- Negative apprehension in 75% ($p < 0.01$)
- No PFOA.

an **acceptable revision option** if persisting patellar dislocation and high-grade trochlear dysplasia.

[Int Orthop. 2013](#)

[Dejour D, Byn P, Nitagiopoulos PG.](#)

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Complications Tibial Tuberosity Osteotomy

- Neurovascular structures (8 to 9 mm)
- Compartment syndrome
- Tibial fractures (Fulkerson, 0 to 8%); Type of osteotomy, delayed RTS
- ATT fractures, ATT avulsion
- ATT nonunion
- Painful hardware
- DVT
- Arthrofibrosis, patella infera.

RESULTS

N= 130 (174 knees) 1988-1999

FU: 2y-13y N=110

Subjective IKDC: 77.2 (45.9-95.4)

Very Satisfied or Satisfied: 94%

Post-op dislocation: 4.5%

Sports Med Arthrosc. 2007 Jun;15(2):61-7.

Tibial tuberosity transfer for episodic patellar dislocation.

Servien E, Verdonk PC, Neyret P.

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E. Servien, T Ait Si Selmi, Ph Neyret Subjective evaluation
of surgical treatment for patellar instability
Rev Chir Orthop, 2004, 90, 137-142



Bernageau and Goutallier defined the TAGT that measured the lateral implantation of the ATT and external FT rotation

[Factors affecting study].

[Article in French]

Lustig S, Servien E, Ait Si

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Abstract

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

TT-TG (tibial tuberosity--

MATERIAL AND METHODS

1989 and 2002. Objective

of both knees were exam

consecutive TT-TG mea

(difference between the p

RESULTS:

For the 36 no

difference was significan

measured intraoperativel

expressed in absolute va

with surgically performed

DISCUSSION:

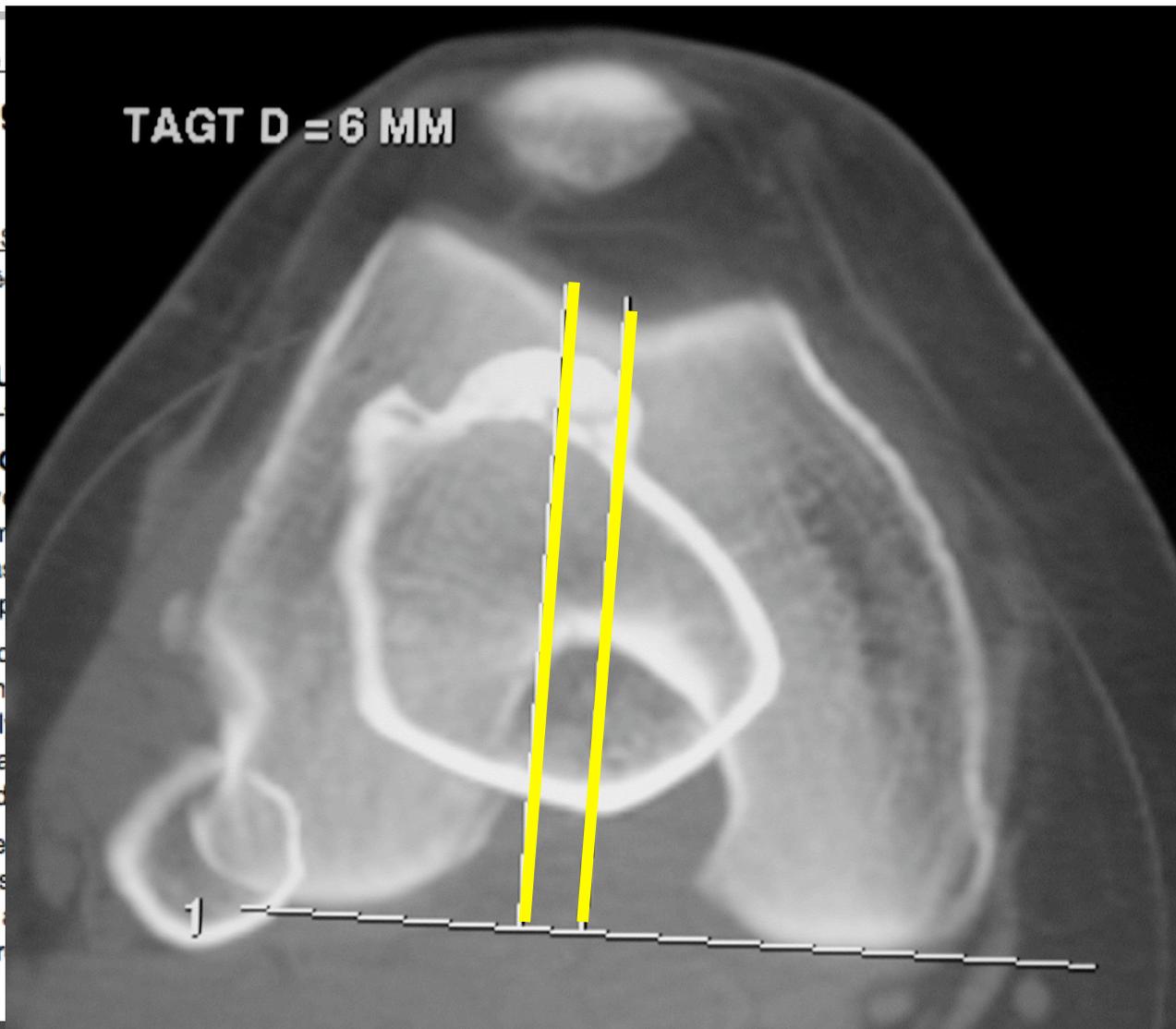
For some

patellar instability. It mus

assessment is however r

radiographic protocol is r

obtained.



A CT-scan

(CT) measurements of the

patellar instability between

pre and postoperative CT-scans

analyzed the difference in two

measurements of medialization

in mm (range 0-13 mm). This

medialization effectively

reduced the difference

in measurement compared

with therapeutic choices for

pre or postoperative

medialization. A rigorously applied standard

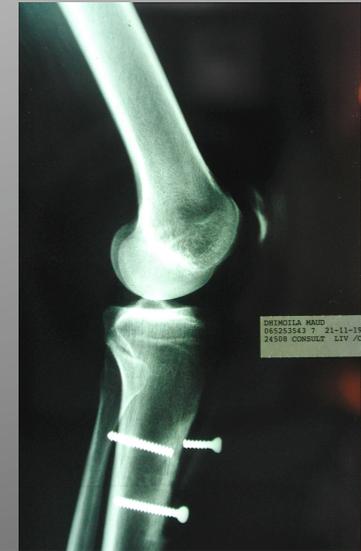
protocol was used and the values

Is TT-TG reliable after medialization of the ATT?

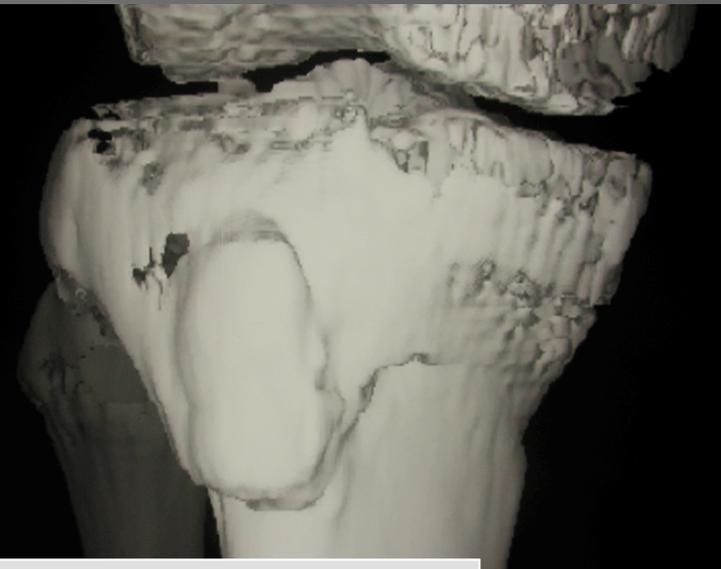
Complications

After ATT osteotomy

- Migration delayed union or non-union (screw 2mm longer)
- Fractures of the tibial shaft



TT Osteotomy + 2 months

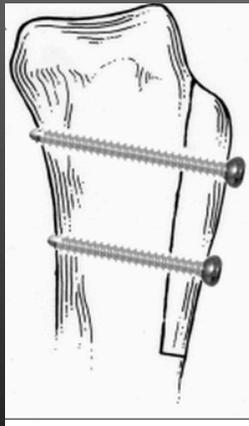


TT Osteotomy + 18 months

Tibial fractures after TTO for patellar instability: a comparison of three osteotomy configurations

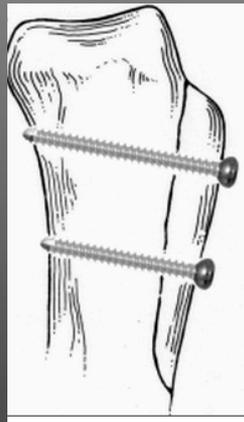
- with rigid two-screw, bicortical fixation the complication rate could be lowered to 0%. Avoidance of periosteal stripping, and secondary cortical devascularization at the caudal aspect of the TTO appears to optimize bony consolidation, thereby minimizing fractures.
- [J Child Orthop. 2011.](#)
- [Luhmann SJ, Fuhrhop S, O'Donnell JC, Gordon JE](#)

Subperiosteal stripping of the osteotomy site
Transverse plane, at a 90° angle to the anterior tibial cortex (TTO-B)



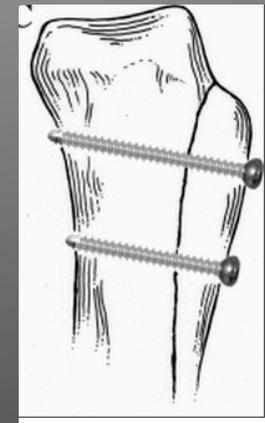
Saw blade

Gradually tapered or sloped to exit the anterior tibia at a less than a 45° angle (TTO-S)



Distal cut of the osteotomy

Osteotome
Without subperiosteal dissection) and without exiting the tibial cortex anteriorly, but by greensticking the anterior tibial cortex (TTO-G).

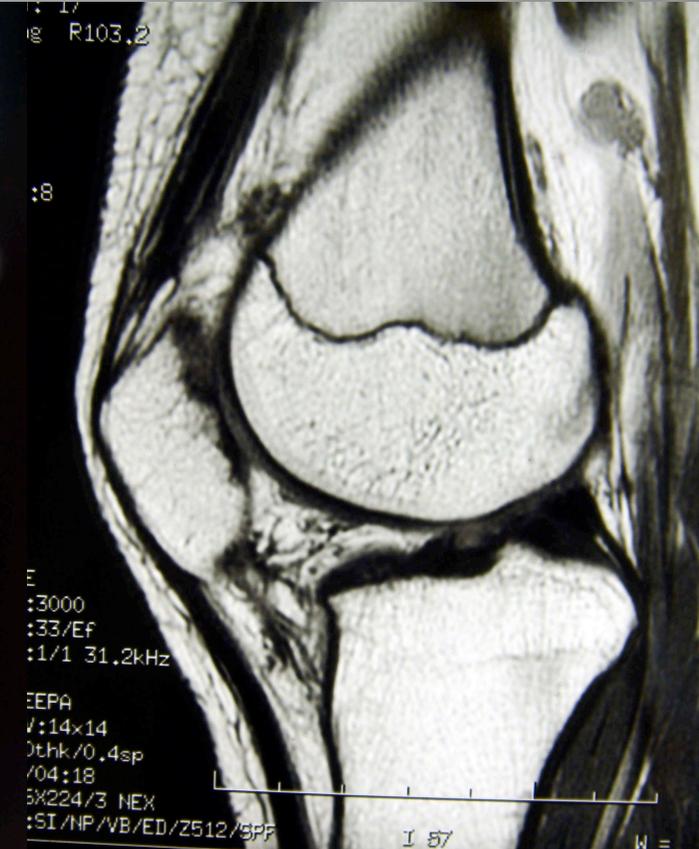


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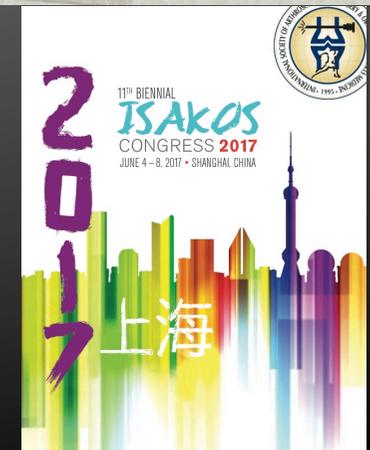
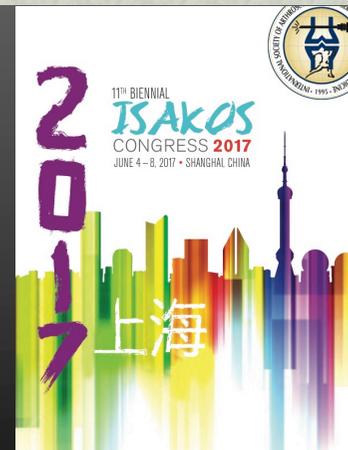
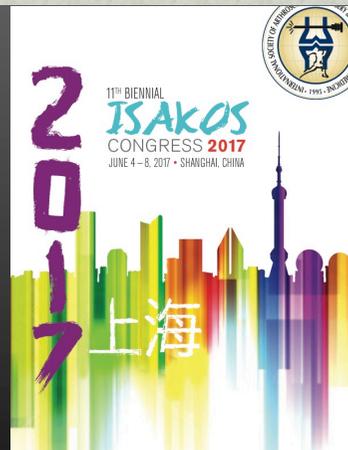
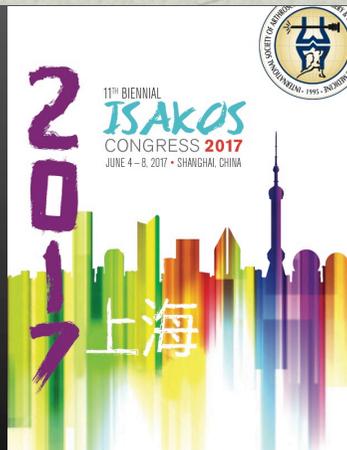
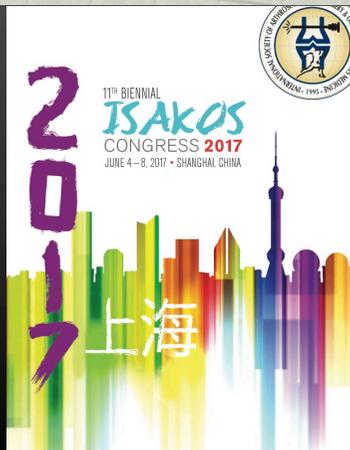
Tiall...
1st dislocation 3 YO
Previous operation at 10 YO



Complications LRR

- No longer recommended
- Increased medial patella translation
- Increased lateral patella translation

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Technical failure of MPFL R.

5 patients

IF MPFL is positioned non-anatomically

medial subluxation, medial patellofemoral articular overload, and recurrent lateral instability are possible

led to disabling symptoms and a need for revision surgery.

Strategies to identify the anatomic MPFL insertion during surgery

[Arthroscopy.](#) 2011

Bollier M, Fulkerson J, Cosgarea A, Tanaka M

Recurrent patellar dislocation after MPFLR

3 patients

moderate to severe traumatic episode led to 3 P Dislocations including transverse avulsion fracture at the medial rim of the patella

All three were treated by an open reduction and internal fixation
No complication or recurrent dislocations occurred

underlying pathology

weak area results from the previous drill holes, which act as stress risers.

KSSTA 2008 Thauat M, Erasmus PJ

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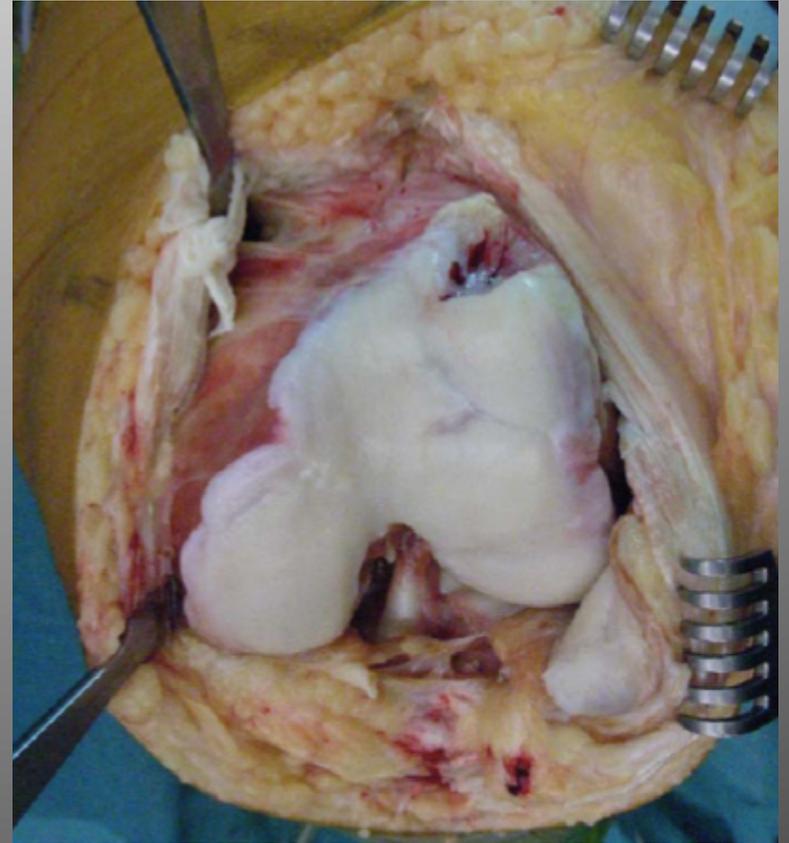
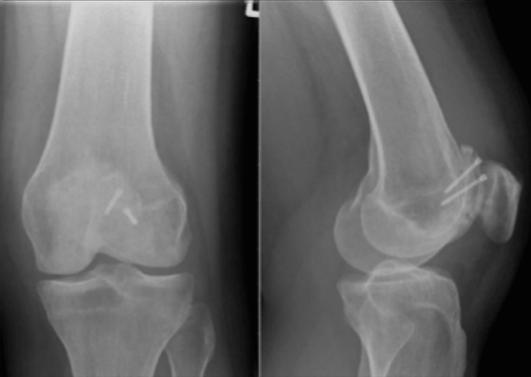
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CONCLUSION

- Preventing widening by
 - Optimal femoral tunnel positioning : fluoroscopy
 - ATT distalization when needed
- No role of trochlea dysplasia ?



ATT distal transfer

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RESULTS

n=55

- Femoral Tunnel Positioning

Normal Group	Widened Group
optimal : 66 %	optimal : 56 %
non optimal: <u>34 %</u>	non optimal: <u>44 %</u>

More malpositioned tunnel in widened group

p=0.05

Analysis of failed surgery for patellar instability in children with open growth plates

37 patients

with recurrent patellofemoral instability after unsuccessful Roux-Goldthwait procedure, lateral release, medial reefing or in combination

Trochlear dysplasia seems to be a major risk factor for failure of operative stabilization of recurrent patellofemoral instability in children and adolescents. The results in children are in consensus with the literature in adults that a more tailored operative therapy including reconstruction of the MPFL and trochleoplasty has to be considered

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