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**MRI-Arthroscopy  
Correlation: ACL**

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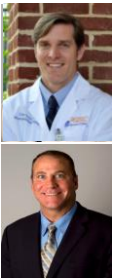
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## Overview

- Introduction
  - Anatomy of the ACL
  - MRI of the ACL
- Case 1: ACL & “Bone Bruise”
- Case 2: Pedi ACL
- Case 3: Revision ACL
- Case 4: ALL Augmentation
- Conclusion




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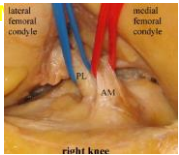
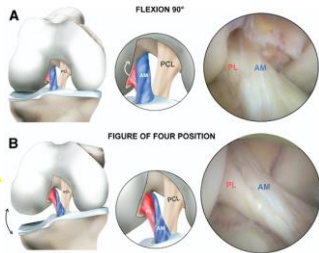
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## Knee—ACL

### Anatomy and Biomechanics

Tibia => LFC

- 33 mm x 11 mm
- 2 Bundles:
  - AM (tight in flexion)
  - PL (tight in extension)




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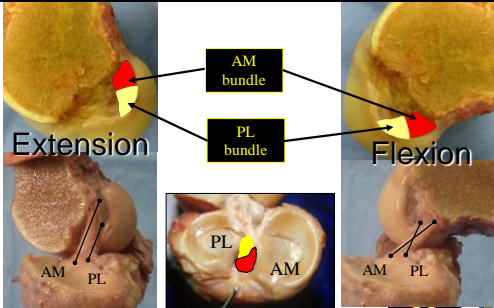
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### Femoral Insertion Alignment Changes With Knee Flexion




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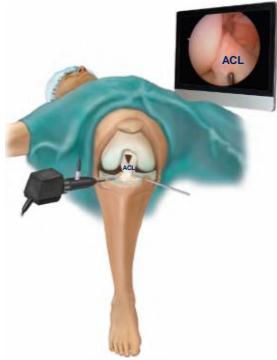
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### ACL Arthroscopy




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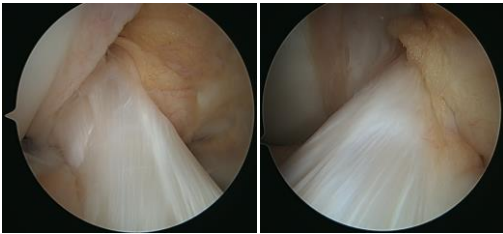
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### ACL Arthroscopy



View from Anterolateral Portal

View from Anteromedial Portal




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### Normal ACL

- Sagittal
  - Taut
  - Parallel
    - intercondylar roof (aka - Blumenstaat's line)
- Signal intensity
  - Low / intermediate
  - Striated

Evaluate in all planes




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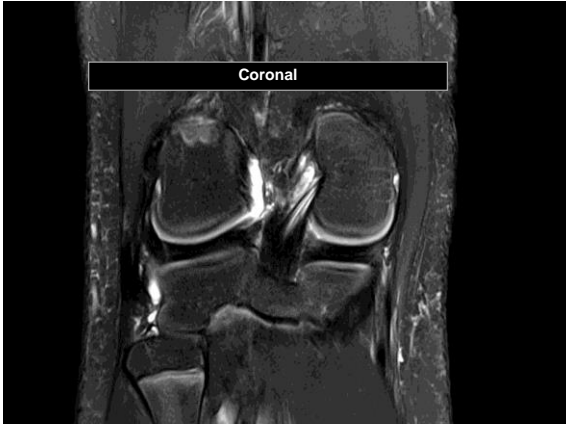
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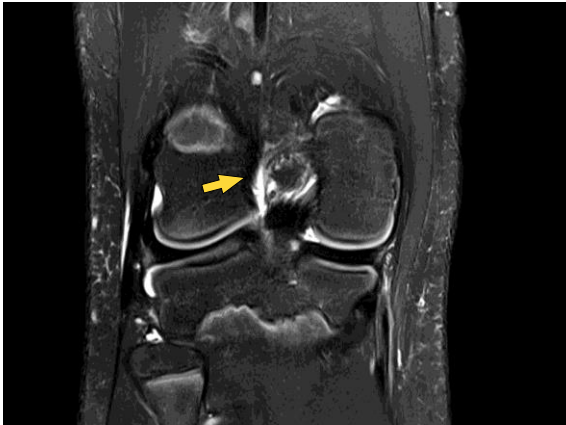
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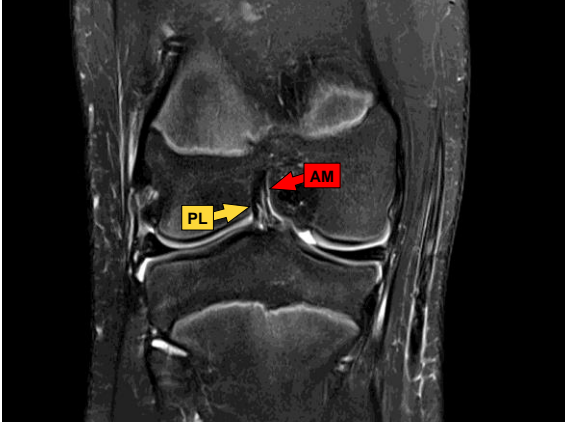
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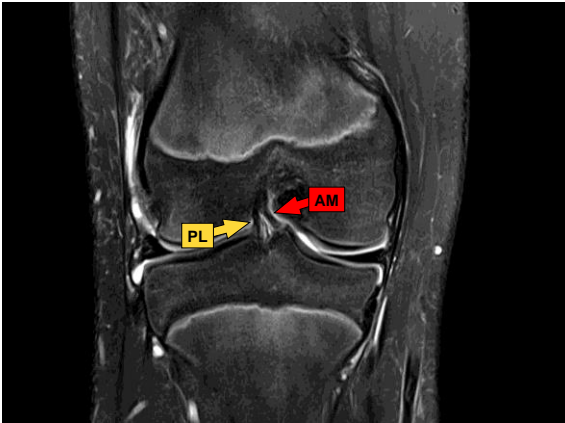
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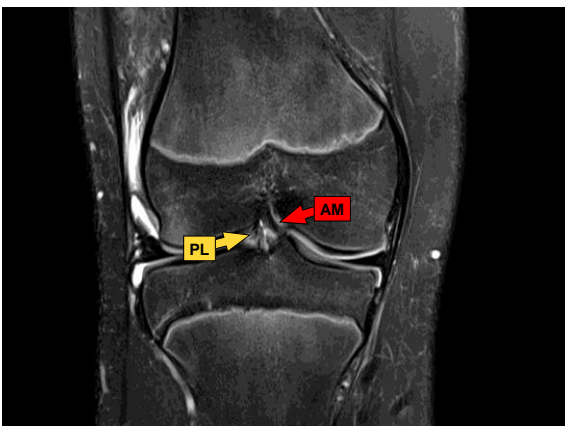
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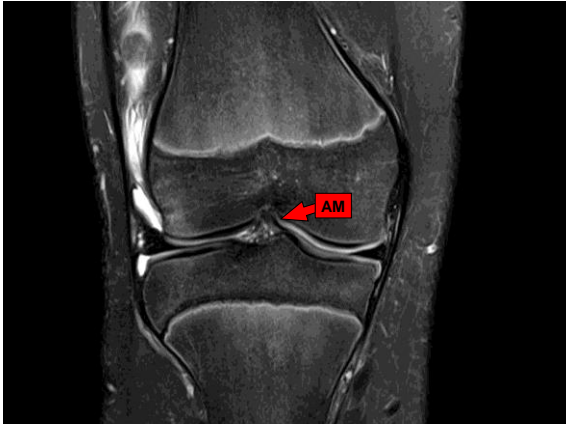
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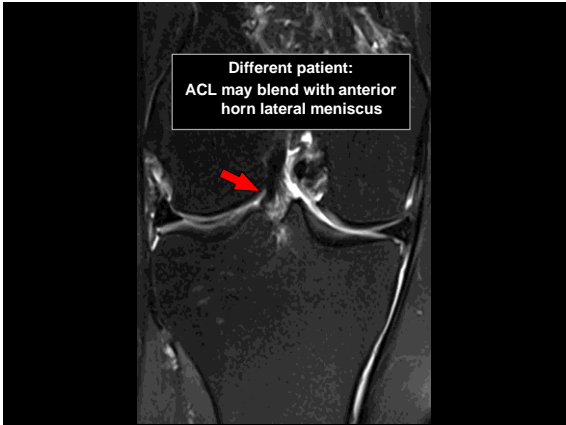
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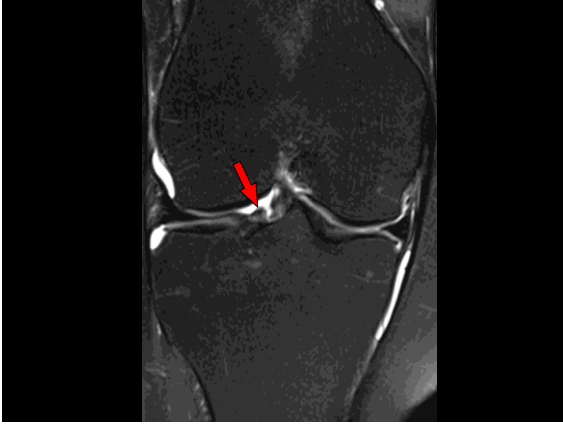
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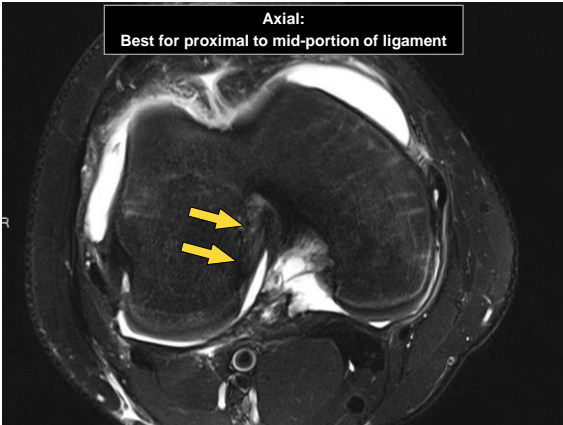
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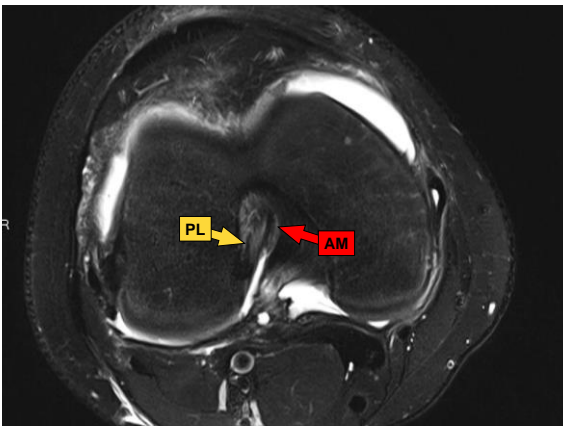
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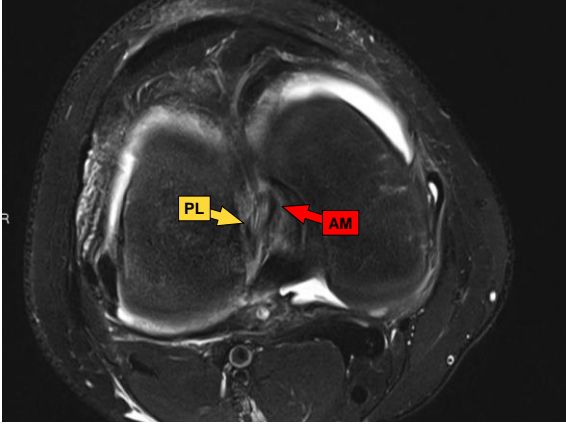
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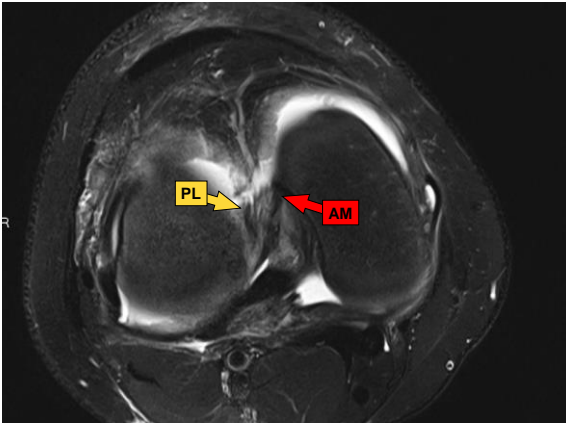
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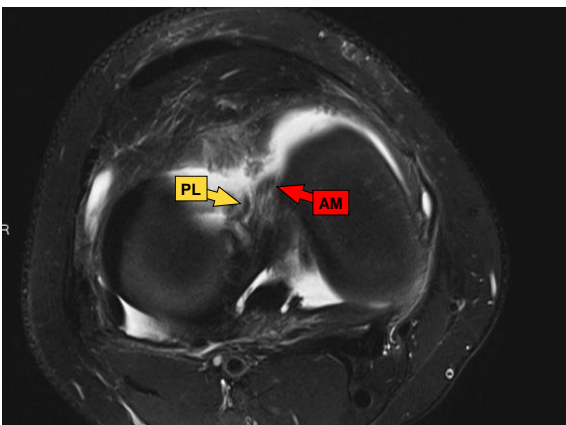
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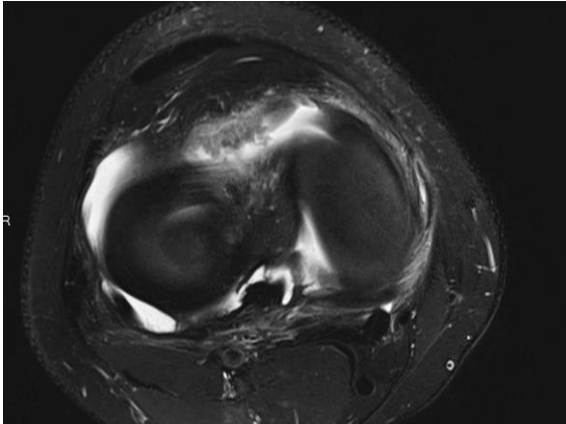
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### Case 1

HPI

- 17 yo M soccer player s/p **non-contact pivoting injury to L knee** during game 8 weeks prior
- Attempted to continue playing but had 2 **recurrent pivoting episodes**, most recently 5 days prior to presentation
- L knee swelling, pain, and **locking with incomplete extension** on most recent episode



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### Case 1

PE

- (+) effusion
- ROM 15-90
- (+) Lachman
- (+) lateral joint line tenderness



No XRs provided, brought in MRI from OSH performed after last instability episode



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MRI – ACL Tear



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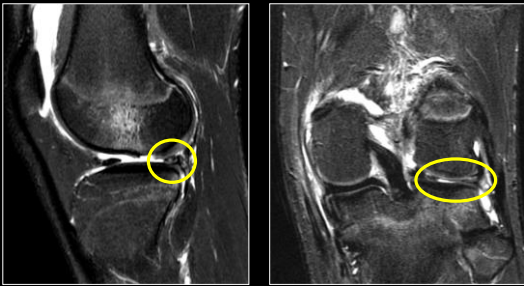
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MRI – Lateral Meniscus Tear



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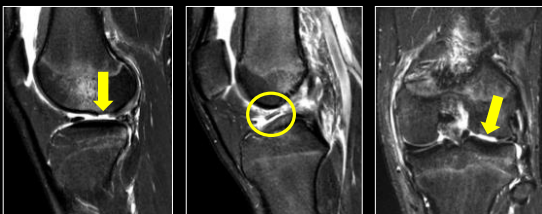
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MRI – Chondral Defect/Loose Body



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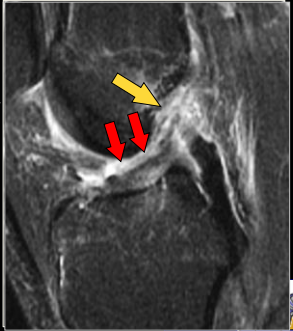
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# ACL: Complete Tear

Primary signs

- edematous mass
- "empty notch"
- irregular, horiz contour
- focal disruption




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## Case 1

Diagnosis

- Left knee ACL tear
- Left knee complex bucket-handle lateral meniscus tear
- Left knee lateral femoral condyle chondral fracture with loose body

Procedure

- Left knee ACL reconstruction with B-PT-B autograft
- Left knee PLM
- Left knee removal of loose body
- Left knee OATS to LFC




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## ACL Tear




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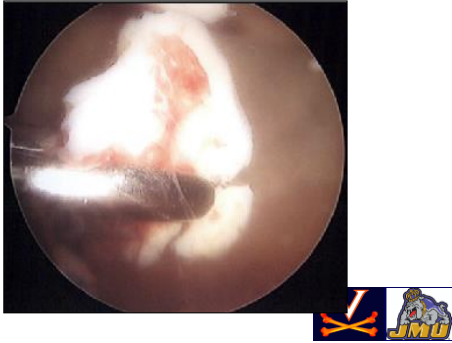
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### Removal of Loose Body



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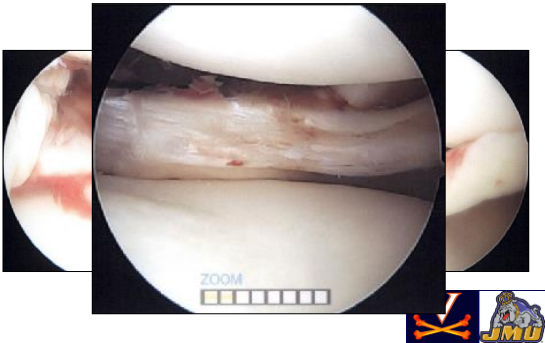
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### Lateral Meniscus Tear



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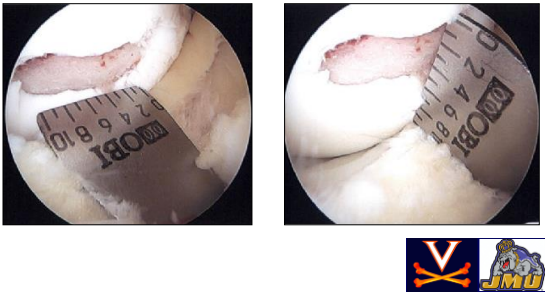
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### Chondral Defect



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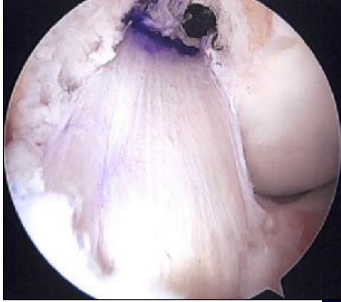
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### ACL Graft



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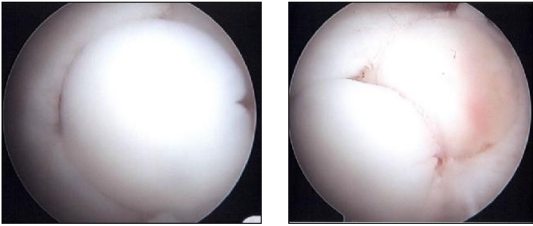
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### OATS Plugs



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### Case 2

#### HPI

- 14 yo boy S/P attempted ACL eminence repair one year prior @ Outside Hospital.
- Recurrent instability
- 2+ Lachman
- + Pivot Shift



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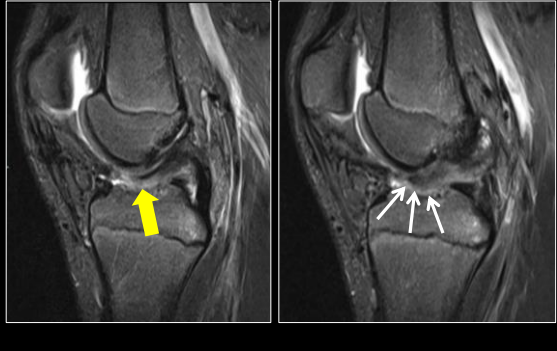
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### New MRI: failed repair




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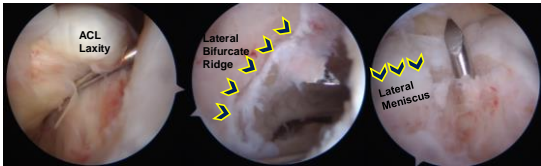
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### ACL Reconstruction




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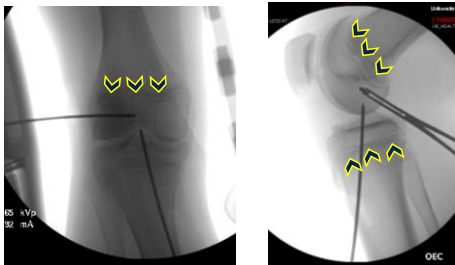
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### ACL Guide Pin Placement

Femoral: Below Pysis (All-Epiphyseal)  
 Tibial: Trans Physeal--Verticla




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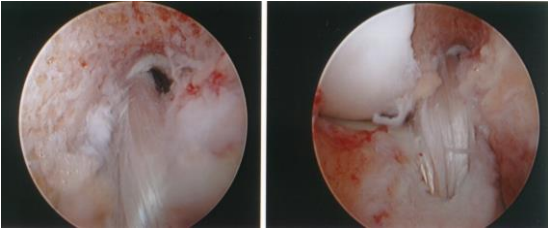
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### Pedi ACL Case

- ACL Hamstring Graft Placed "Over the Top"



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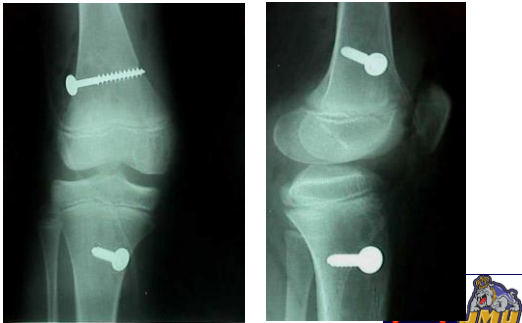
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### Pedi ACL Case

- Post-Operative Films



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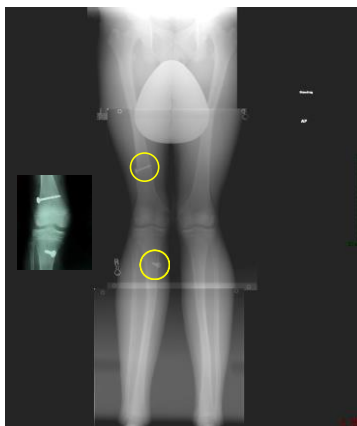
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### 4 Year Follow-up



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### Adult Reconstruction

- Trans-Tibial
  - Less disruption of femoral physis
  - Non-anatomic
- Independent Drilling
  - Substantial risk to the physis\*



\*Nelson J, Miller MD; JBJS-A 2011; 18:93 e53: 1-4




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### ACL Avulsion Repair EMcD 2481546

**HPI:** 19M with left knee pain, had a non-contact injury playing flag football and planted his foot on 9/12/14. He heard a pop and had immediate pain and swelling. Evaluated at ED, pain with WBAT, using crutches

**Exam:** 10° Loss of Extension;  
2+ Lachman, + Pivot




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XR: tibial spine avulsion




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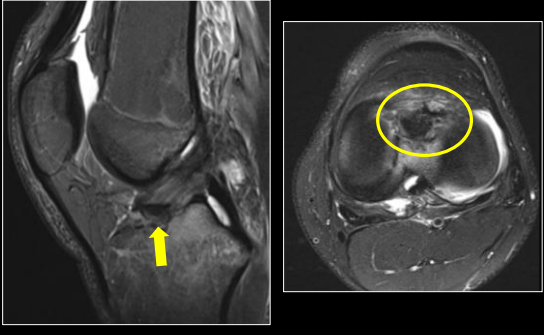
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MRI: tibial spine avulsion



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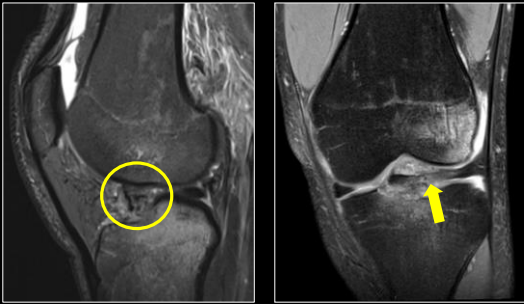
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MRI: avulsion/AHLM root tear



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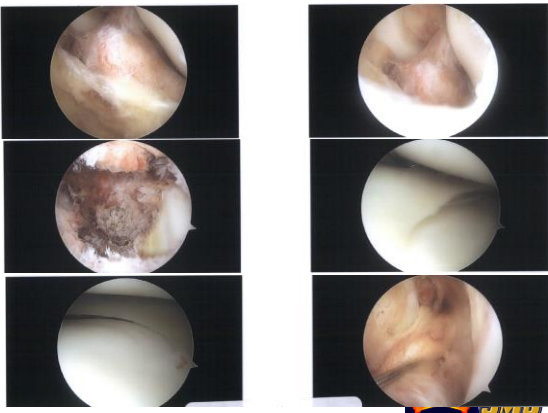
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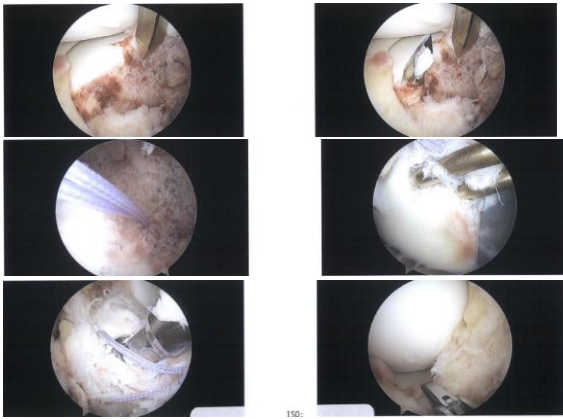
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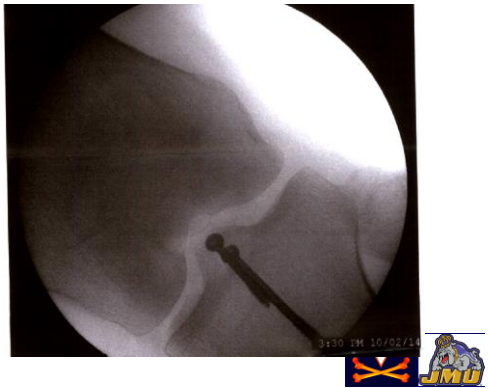
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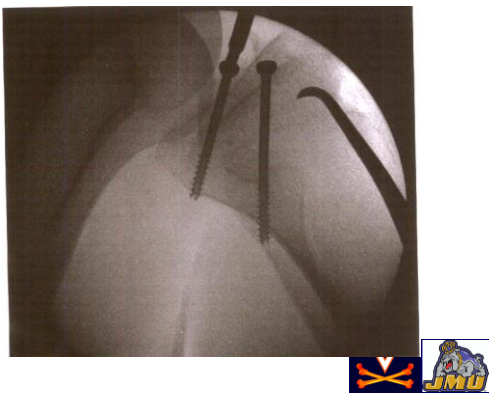
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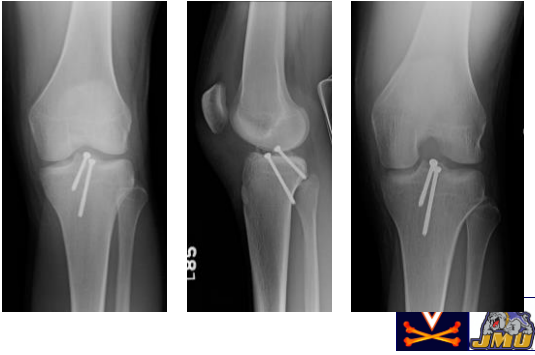
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### Case 3 Revision ACL Case

- 19yo Female S/P L ACL Revision x2
  - First ACL at age 15 BPTB T-T Allograft
    - Failed at 10 months—Soccer “injury”
  - Second ACL at age 16 BPTB T-T Allograft (again)
    - Failed again at 10 months—Soccer “injury”
  - Hardware removal and allograft bone grafting




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### Revision ACL Case (Continued)

- On Presentation (4 months S/P bone grafting), patient (and parents) complained of recurrent instability and requested a second opinion
- Radiographs suggested tunnel osteolysis and vertical femoral tunnel placement




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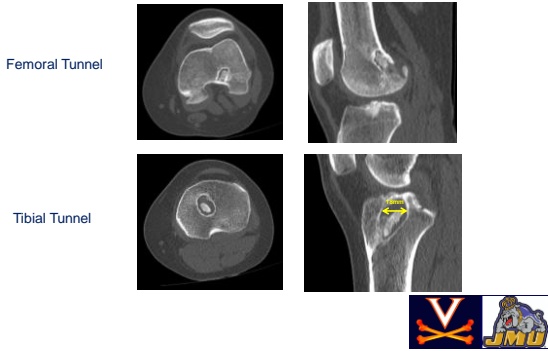
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### CT




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### ACL Case 1 (Continued)

- Labs:
  - Knee Aspirate: 600 WBC, Gram Stain -, No Growth
  - Systemic Labs: WBC, ESR, CRP all Normal




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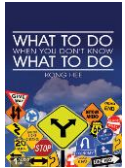
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### ACL Case 1 ARS Question 1

- What would you do next?
  - A. One Stage Revision ACL with Allograft
  - B. One Stage Revision ACL with Autograft
  - C. Two Stage Revision ACL—Allograft Bone Graft
  - D. Two Stage Revision ACL—Autograft Bone Graft




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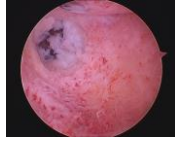
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### ACL Case 1 Management

- Planned 2 stage Revision
- Tibia
  - Overdrilling (up to 18mm)
  - ICBG (“Sandwich” Technique)




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### ACL Case 1 Management

- Planned 2 stage Revision
- Femur
  - Overdrilling (10 mm)
  - Allograft Cloward Dowel
    - Transtibial placement after tibial overdrilling




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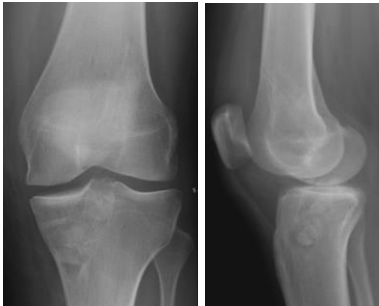
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### Revision ACL—Stage 1




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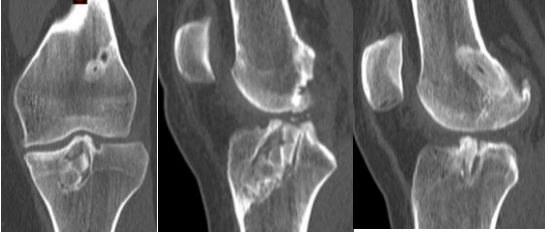
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CT—3 ½ months S/P Bone Grafting



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ACL Case 1  
ARS Question 2



- What would you do next?
  - A. Wait for Bone Graft to further incorporate
  - B. Repeat Bone Grafting of Tibial Tunnel
  - C. Proceed with Revision ACL with Allograft
  - D. Proceed with Revision ACL with Autograft



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2<sup>nd</sup> Stage: ACL reconstruction



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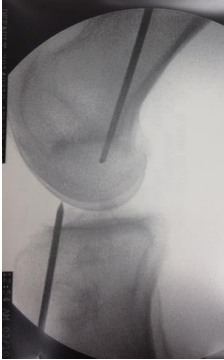
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2<sup>nd</sup> Stage: ACL reconstruction



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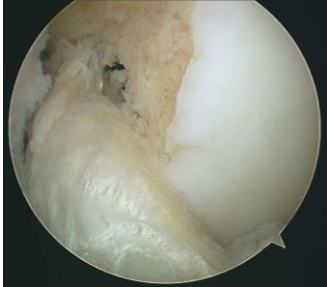
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2<sup>nd</sup> Stage: ACL reconstruction



BPTB Autograft



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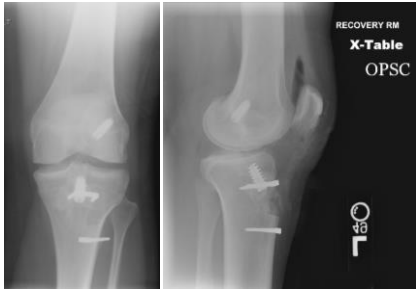
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## 2nd Stage: ACL reconstruction




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### Revision ACL Plug Technique

Guide wire placed in old tibial tunnel. Drilled to 10 mm, 10 mm Dowel Placed, New Tunnel Placed Behind Old Tunnel

**Cloward Plugs**—  
Allograft Dowels used to fill in defects from hardware removal or tunnel osteolysis



Battaglia T, Miller MD; *Arthroscopy* 2005; 21:767

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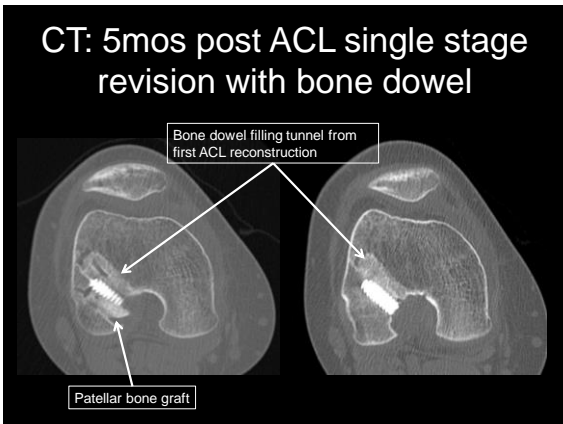
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### CT: 5mos post ACL single stage revision with bone dowel




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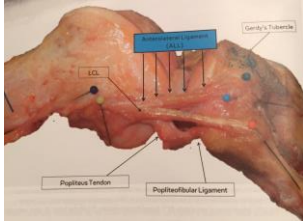
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# Anterolateral Ligament (ALL)

- Controversial
- Not really "New"
- What is it's role?
- Europeans (Claes and others) recommend Repair/Reconstruction in Patients with:
  1. Second Fx's
  2. Huge Pivots
  3. Revisions




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# ACL: Complete Tear

## Secondary signs

- *bone contusions*
- *"deep notch"*
- *Segond fracture*




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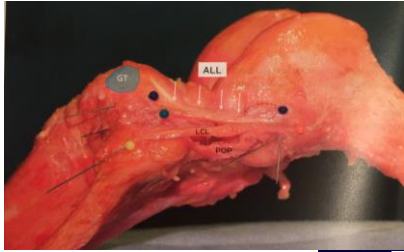
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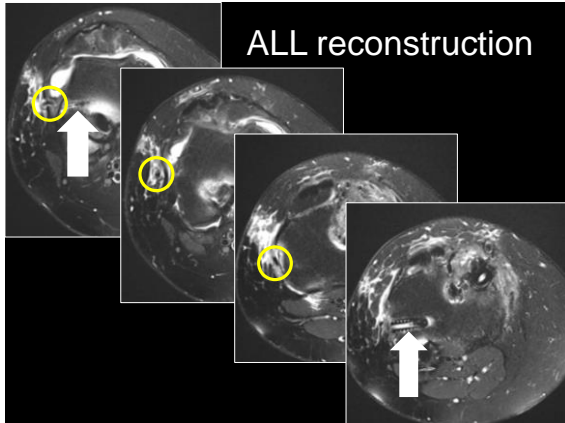
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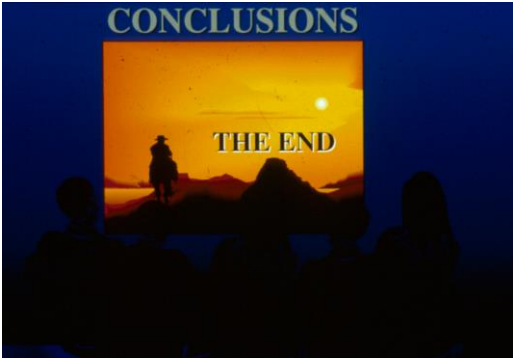
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### Conclusion

- Introduction
  - Anatomy of the ACL
  - MRI of the ACL
- Case 1: ACL & “Bone Bruise”
- Case 2: Pedit ACL
- Case 3: Revision ACL
- Case 4: ALL Augmentation
- Conclusion



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# MRI – Arthroscopy Correlations of the Knee: Menisci

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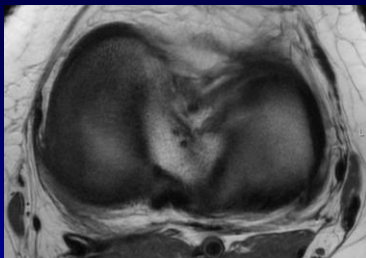
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- Semilunar (C-shaped)
  - Medial is more C-shaped and larger and lateral more rounded and smaller
- Divided into anterior and posterior horns and body
- Wedge shaped with biconcavity

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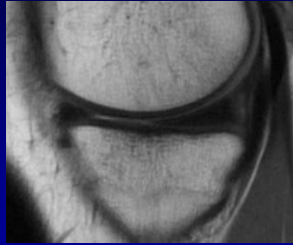
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## Medial Meniscus

- Posterior horn is larger than anterior horn
- Non-mobile – more firmly attached to the joint capsule
- Menisofemoral and meniscotibial (coronary) ligaments




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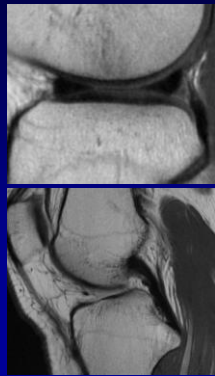
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## Lateral Meniscus

- Anterior = Posterior Horn
- Fibers of ACL extend into anterior horn
- Posterior root attaches anterior to PCL
- Menisofemoral ligaments – Humphrey & Wrisberg
- Popliteomeniscal fascicles




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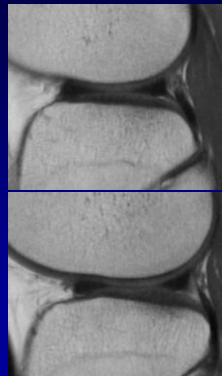
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## Lateral Meniscus

- Fascicles (2-3)
  - Meniscocapsular extension around popliteal hiatus
  - *Anteroinferior*: body LM to musculotendinous portion of popliteus – forms floor of hiatus
  - *Posterosuperior*: post horn LM to popliteus tendon – forms roof of popliteal hiatus
- If ruptured, can render the LM hypermobile; pain and locking




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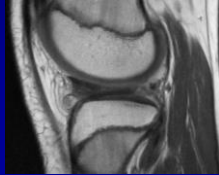
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## Discoid meniscus

- Watanabe classification: Complete, Incomplete\* and Wrisberg variants
- Non-tapering of apex of meniscus
- Radial diameter > 13 mm
- Increased height >2mm than opp meniscus
- Predisposes to degeneration and tear
- Pain, clicking, mechanical locking



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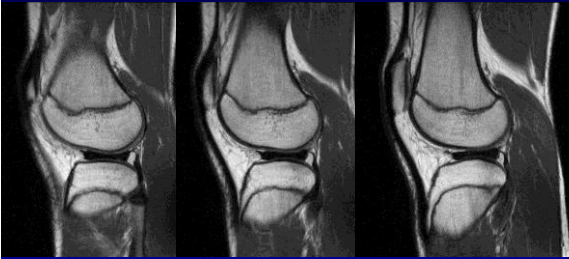
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## Discoid meniscus



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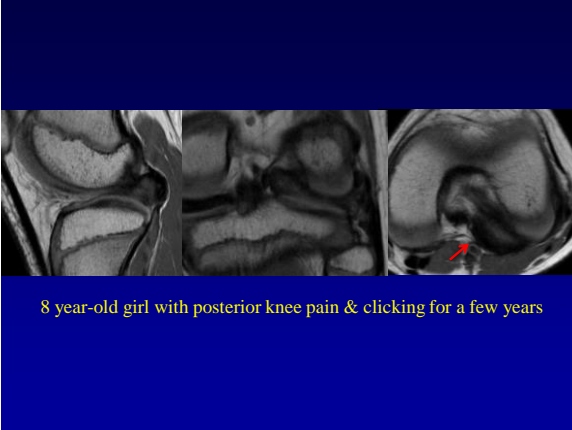
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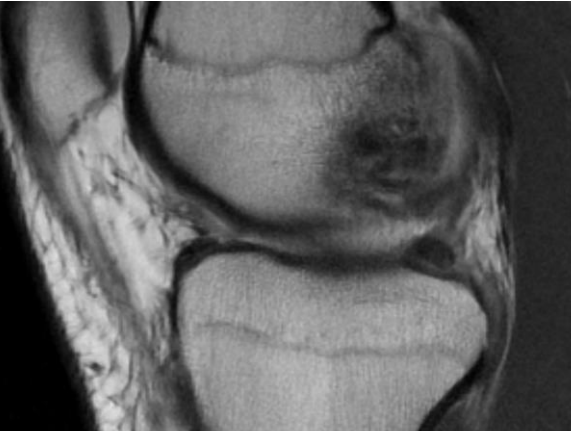
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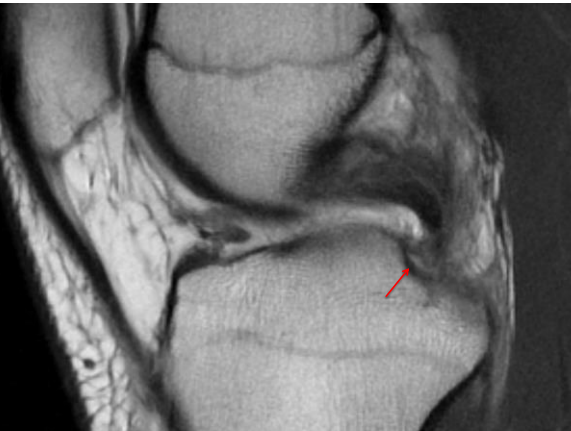
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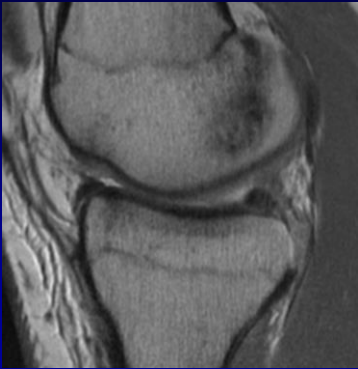
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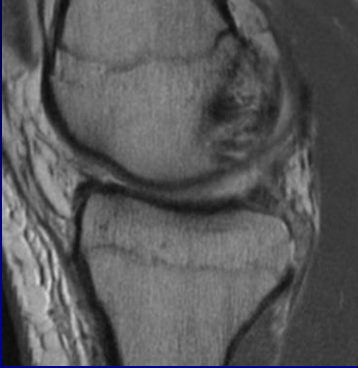
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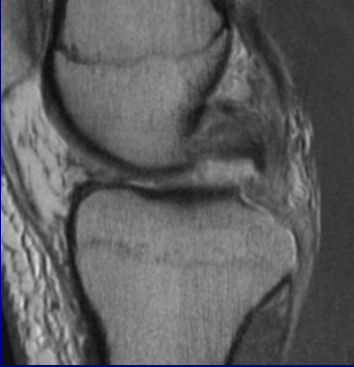
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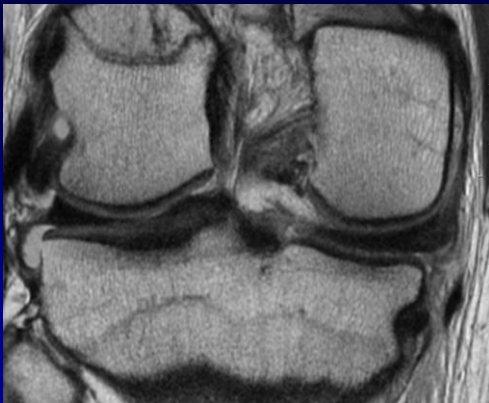
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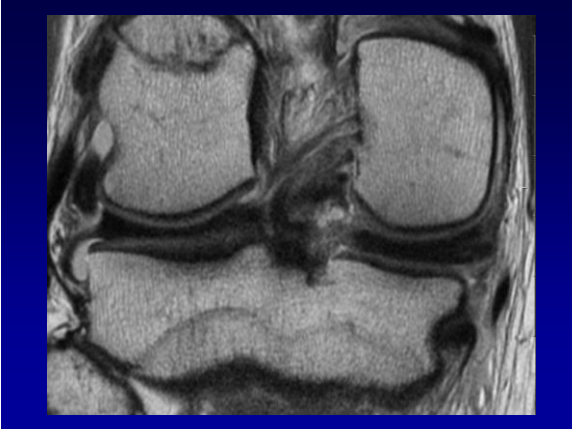
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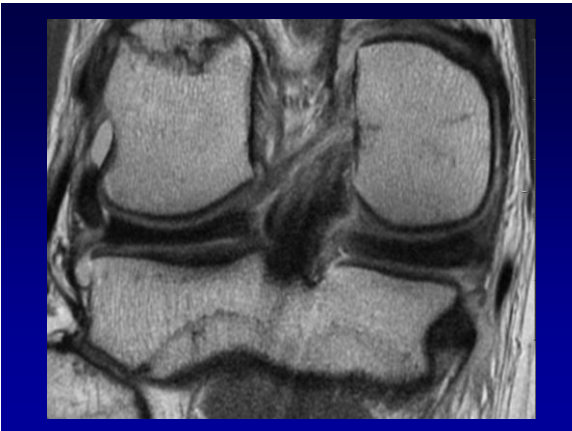
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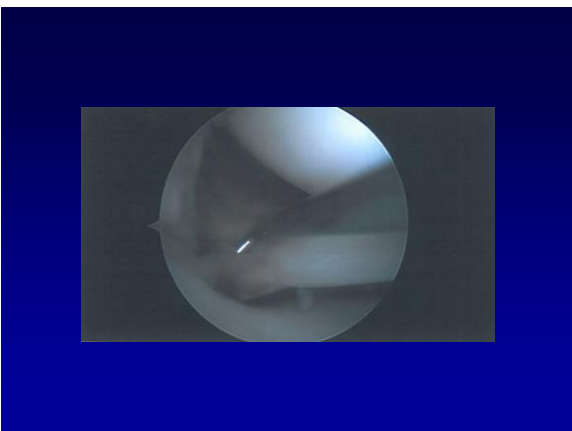
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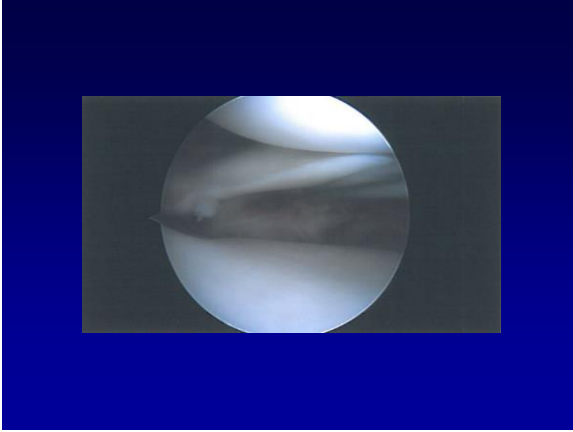
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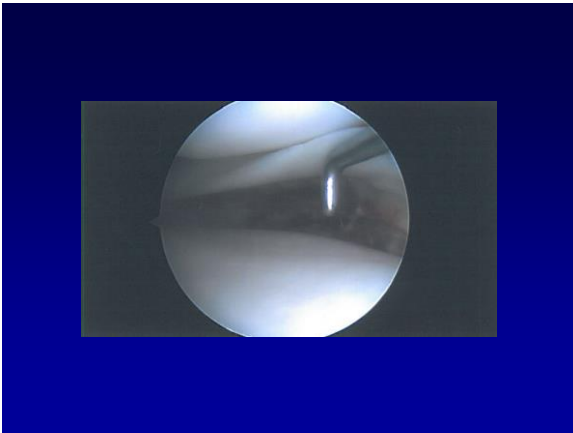
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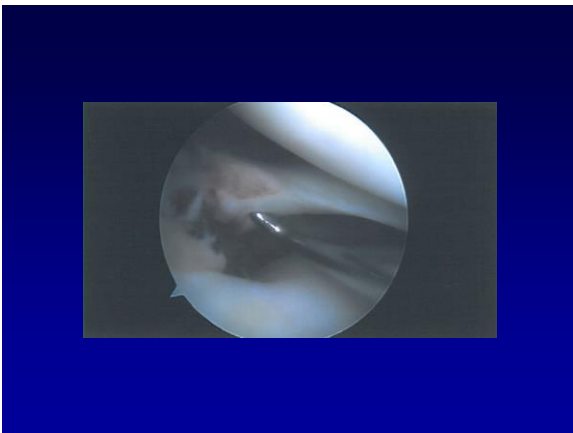
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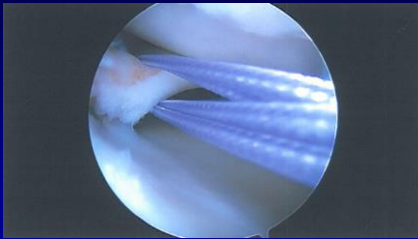
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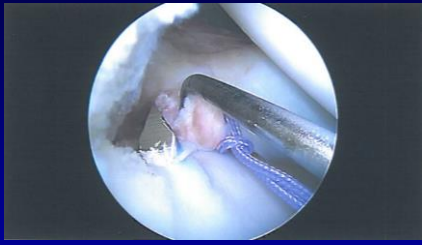
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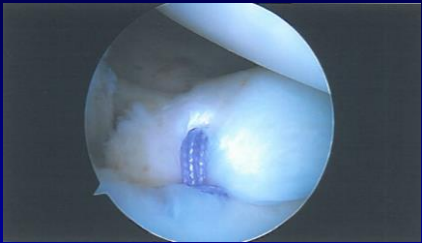
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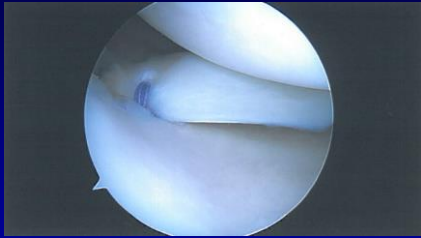
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47 year-old female with medial knee pain. Prior history of meniscal root re-attachment.

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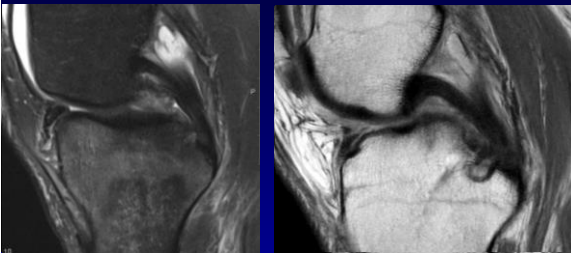
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### Radial tear



One year later

- Radial split at the post horn root junction MM. "Ghost sign"
- Subacute subchondral medial plateau fracture with mild bone plate depression and focal area of devitalized bone

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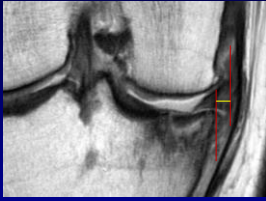
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## Meniscal extrusion



- Measured from outer meniscal edge to proximal tibial margin
- Medial > 3 mm. Lateral > 1mm
- Meniscal extrusion is 4 times more common medially

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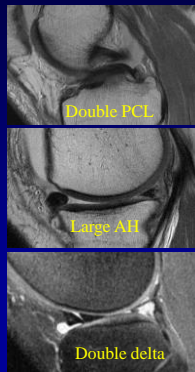
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## Bucket handle

- Circumferential longitudinal vertical tear w/ displacement of free internal fragment into intercondylar notch
- MM > LM
- MRI Signs
  - Double PCL
  - Double delta (lateral)
  - Large AH
  - Fragment in notch
  - Absent bow tie
  - Disproportionate horns



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48 year-old man with medial knee pain.  
Twisting injury a few months ago, heard a  
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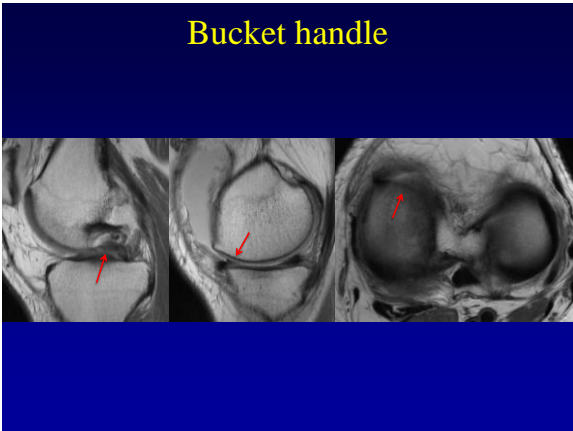
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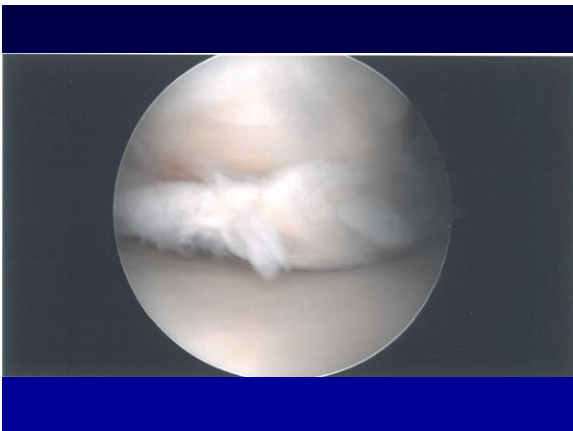
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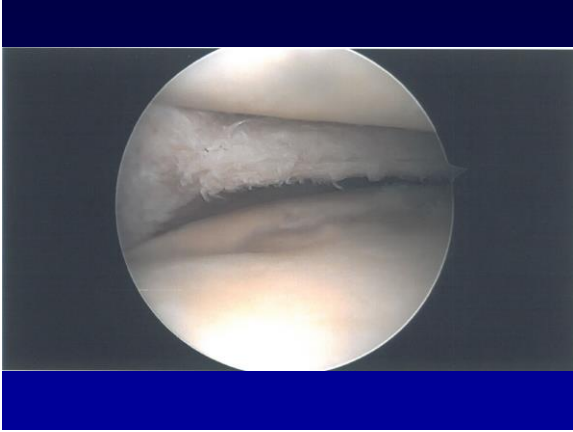
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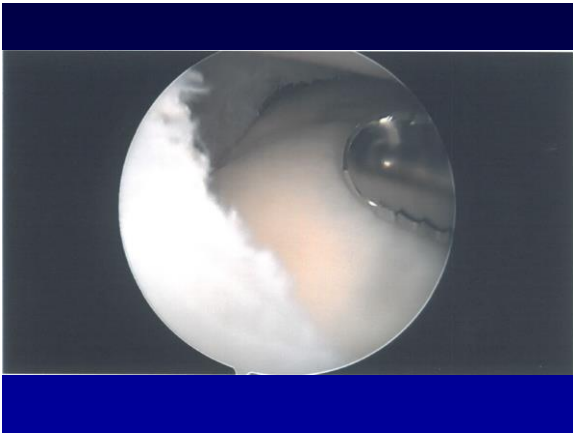
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Flap tear with displacement



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## Flap tear with displacement



- Important to recognize because gutters can be difficult to visualize at arthroscopy

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35 year-old woman with history of subtotal lateral meniscectomy and subsequent meniscal allograft.

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## Meniscal Allograft Transplantation



- The allograft bone slot is incorporated
- Mild extrusion of the body segment
- Satisfactory position of the horns
- No meniscal split

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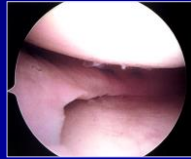
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# Meniscal Allograft Transplantation

## Why implant an allograft?

- "Arthroprotection"
  - Decrease contact stress on articular cartilage
- Pain relief
- Restore normal / near normal kinematics



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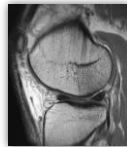
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## MRI -Arthroscopy Correlations: Cartilage

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# Imaging Hyaline Cartilage

## Quantitative MRI Techniques



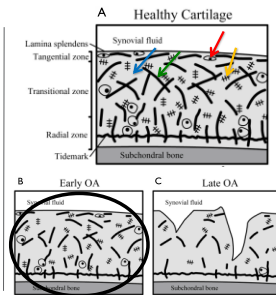
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### Hyaline Cartilage

#### Physiology

- Water (65-85%)
- Chondrocytes (4%)
- Type II Collagen (15-20%)
- Proteoglycans (PGs) (3-10%)
  - Protein core glycosaminoglycans (GAGs)

#### Biophysical structure



Matzatz SJ et al. *Quant Imaging Med Surg* 2013;3(3): 162-174



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### Quantitative MRI of Cartilage

- dGEMRIC
- T1rho Mapping
- T2 Mapping
- Sodium MRI
- Ultrashort TE
- gagCEST
- DWI

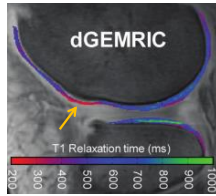


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## dGEMRIC

- Utilizes the fixed charge density (FCD) in cartilage to indirectly measure GAG content
- Requires intravenous contrast, exercise, and delay between injection and image acquisition
- Long scan times and contrast risk



Bittersohl B, et al. *Invest Radiol* 2010;45:538-42.



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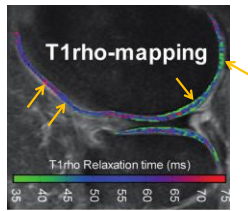
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## T1rho Mapping

- Non invasive measure of GAG content
- Inverse relation between T1rho relaxation time and PG/GAG content
- T1rho increases with age
- Potential tissue heating risk from the high RF power required



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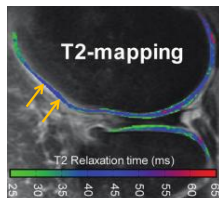
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## T2 Mapping

- Measures water content in cartilage
- Indirect assessment of collagen content and orientation
- May also be sensitive to PG content
- Susceptible to magic angle, rendering inaccuracies
- PG depletion occurs prior to collagen matrix degradation



Mosher TJ, et al. *Semin Musculoskelet Radiol* 2004;8:355-68.



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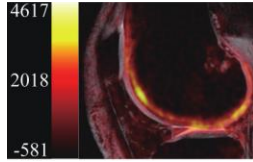
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## Sodium MRI

- Sodium cations are attracted to negatively charged GAGs
- Difficult to generate MR signal with Na ions
- Need high magnetic field strength with special coils
- Long scan times



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### Case #1

- 30-year-old man with a acute on chronic left knee pain following an traumatic basketball injury
- PE
  - Substantial effusion, TTP LJTL
  - ROM 20 – 90 degrees
  - Stable ligament exam
  - Neutral alignment



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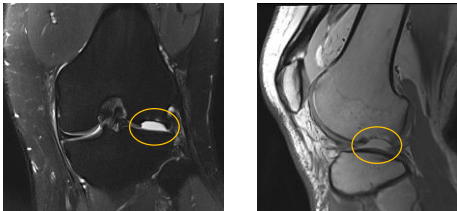
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## MRI



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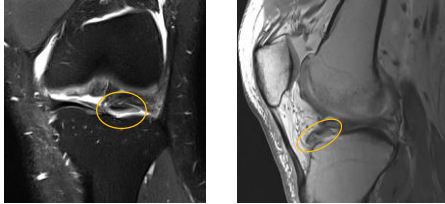
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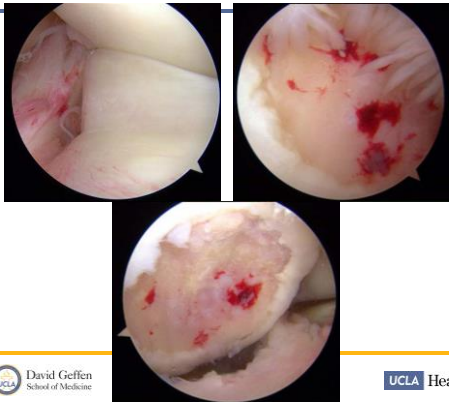
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Treatment?

• Lesion Qualities

- Etiology
  - Trauma
  - AVN
  - OCD
- Location
- Grade
- Size
- Character
  - Chondral vs. Osteochondral

• Patient Qualities

- Age
- Demand (High v. Low)
- BMI (>30)
- Expectations
- Alignment
- Meniscal Status
- Knee Stability



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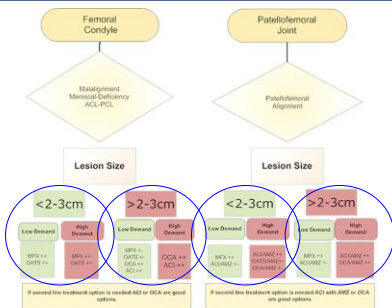
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### Current Treatment Options in the USA

Treatment	Repair Tissue	Fill	Durability
Marrow Stimulation	Fibrocartilage	Partial	2-3 Years
Autologous OATS	Hyaline Cartilage	Near total	3-5 Years
ACI	Hyaline-like Fibrocartilage	Partial to near total	2-5 Years
Osteochondral Allograft	Hyaline Cartilage	Near total	5-10 Years
Particulated Juvenile Allograft	Hyaline-like Fibrocartilage	Partial to near total	UNKNOWN



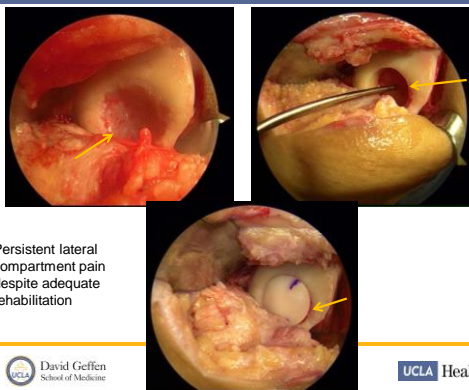
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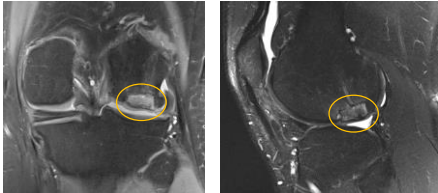
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### Post-op MRI



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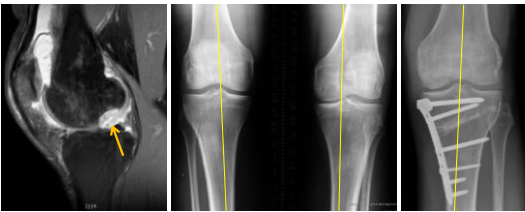
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### Companion Case



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### Case #2

• 24-year-old male with a chief complaint of chronic knee pain. History of recurrent patellar dislocations. Pt complains of pain and intermittent buckling/catching of his right knee as well as clicking of his right knee.

• PE

- 0-130
- Stable knee exam
- + Patellar grind
- Lateral patellar tilt
- Positive J sign
- TT-TG = 15 mm



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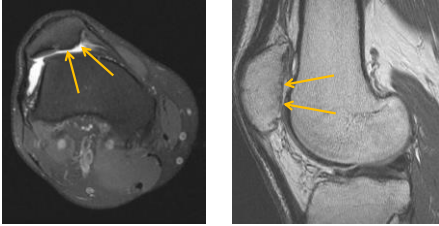
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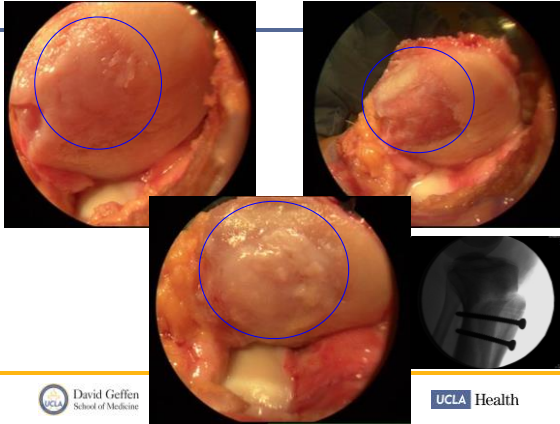
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Case # 3

- 30-year-old male with ACL, PMM, MFC OCD treated initially with ACLR, partial meniscectomy, and microfracture and subsequent debridement one year later.
- Pain with running and pivoting localized to medial compartment of knee
- PE:
  - ROM 0-135
  - TTP MFC
  - Stable Knee exam



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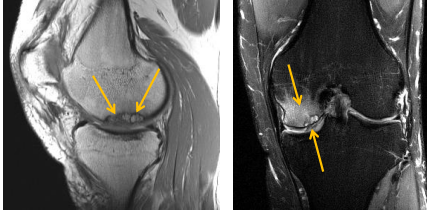
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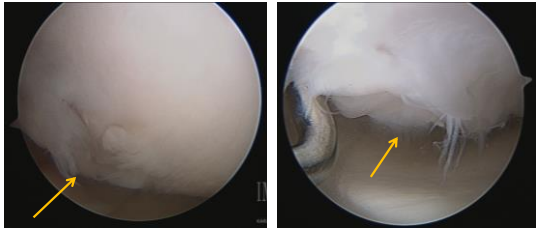
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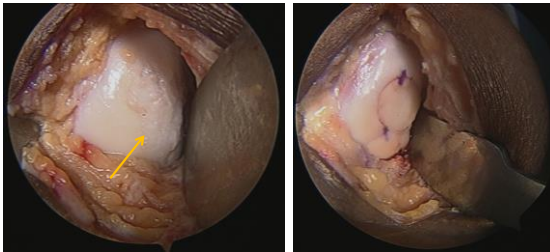
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### Keys to successful cartilage surgery

- Understand the basic physiology of cartilage repair & healing with each approach
- Clarify relevant diagnoses stringent indications
- Manage patient expectations
- Attention to surgical detail and rehabilitation
- Do the surgery with which you are most comfortable



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## Patellofemoral Instability

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*We have no conflicts to declare.*



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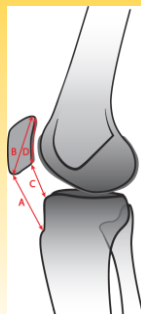
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## Patella Height

- Caton Deschamps Index  
– C/D
- Insall Salvati Ratio  
– A/B



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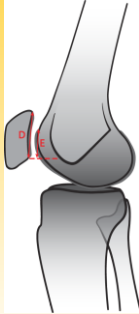
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### Patella Height : Patella Trochlear Index (PTI)

- E/D



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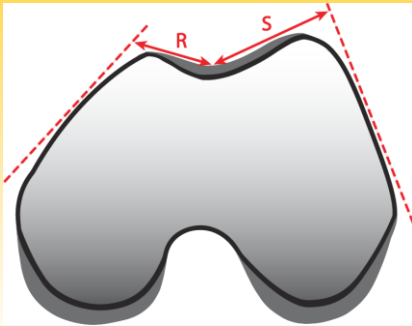
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### Facet Asymmetry (Medial/Lateral)



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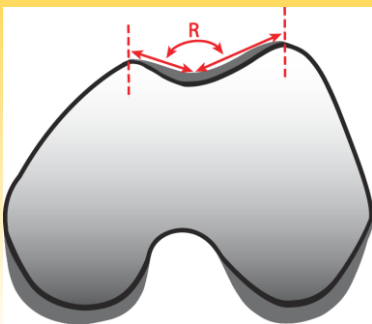
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### Sulcus Angle



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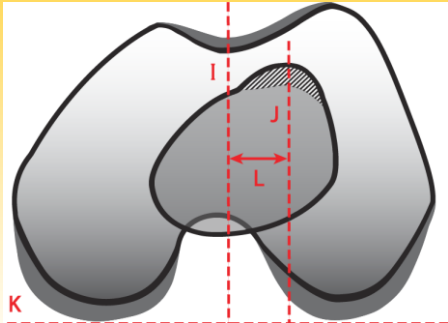
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### Tibial Tubercle Trochlear Groove Distance



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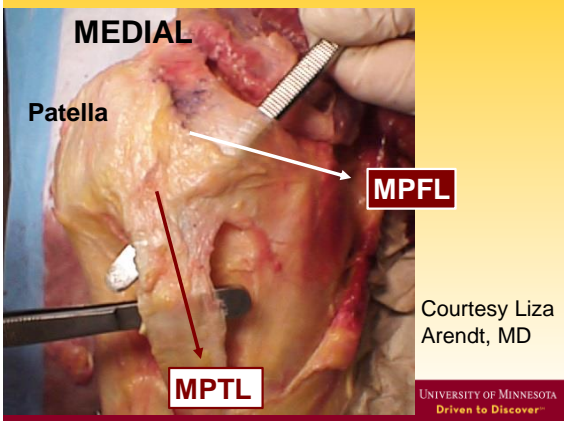
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### Case 1

- HX:
- 18 y/o offensive lineman for high school football team
- First injured 2 y/a
  - Valgus force & patellar dislocation
- Reinjured playing football
  - Valgus force and re-dislocation

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### Case 1

- Exam:
- 2-3Q lateral patellar translation with soft endpoint
- Patellar apprehension
- Medial patellar TTP
- Mild J sign
- Tight lateral retinaculum



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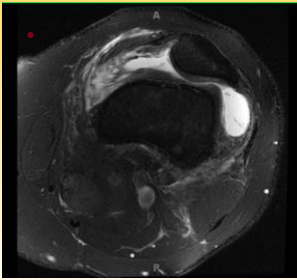
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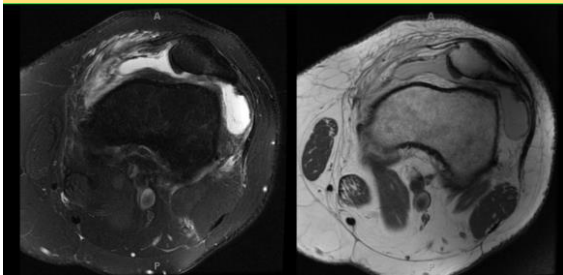
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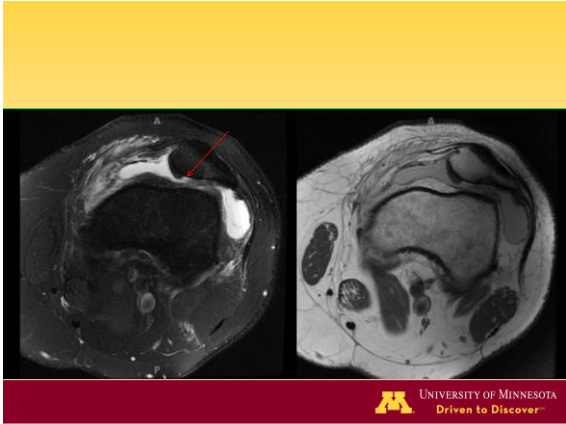
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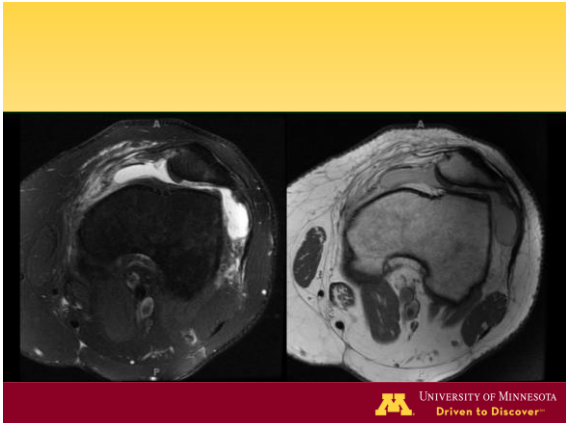
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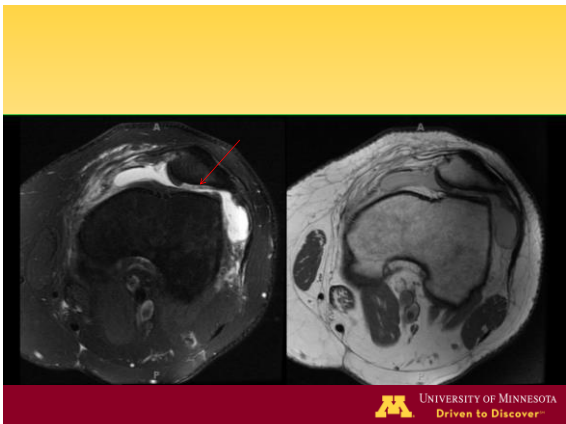
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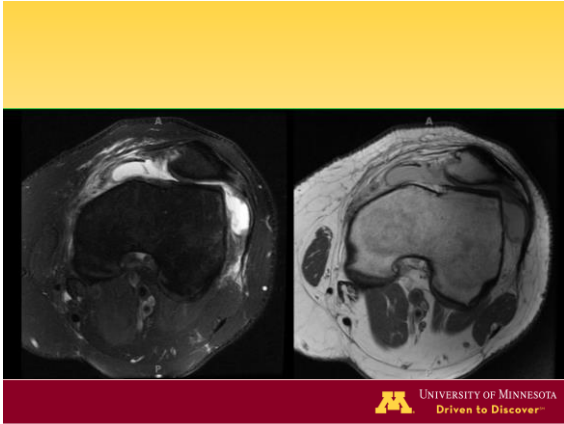
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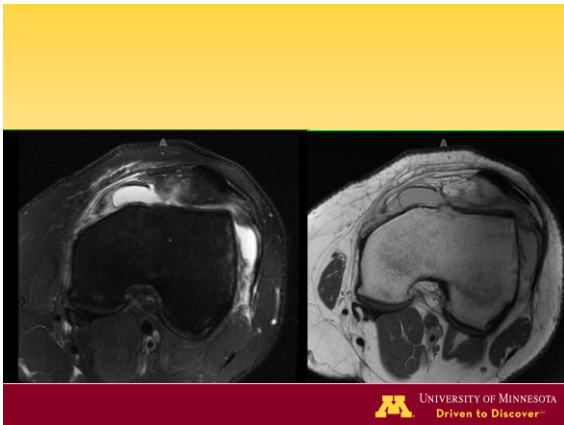
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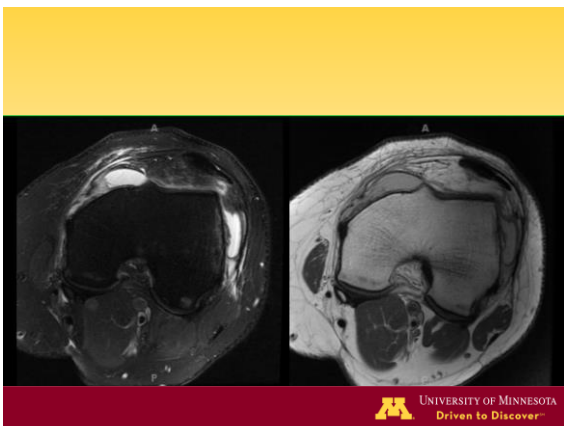
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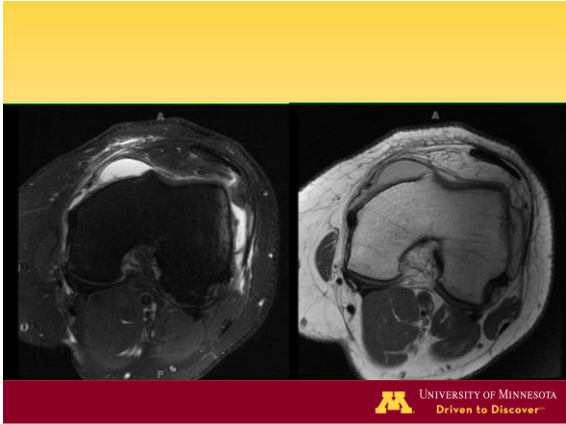
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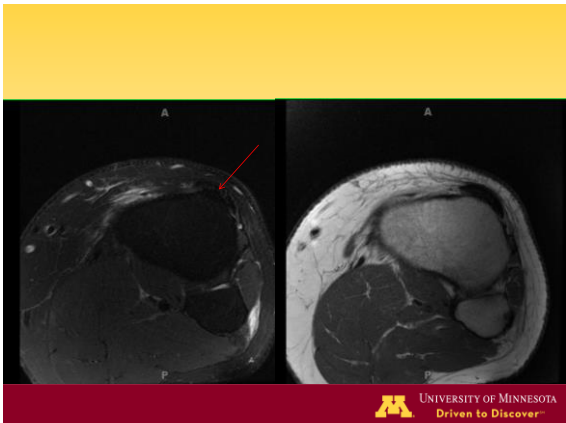
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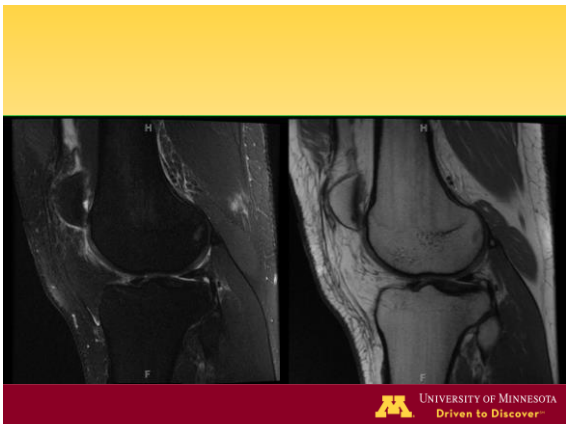
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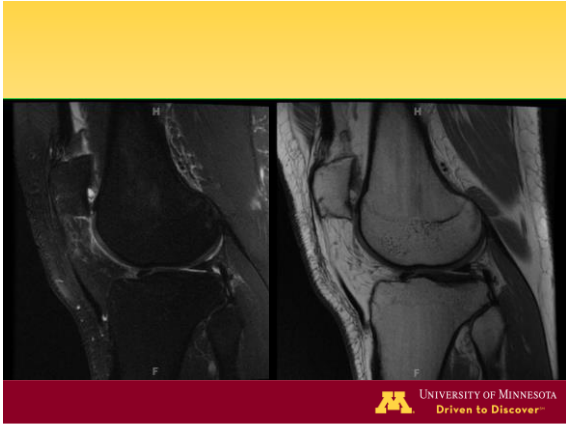
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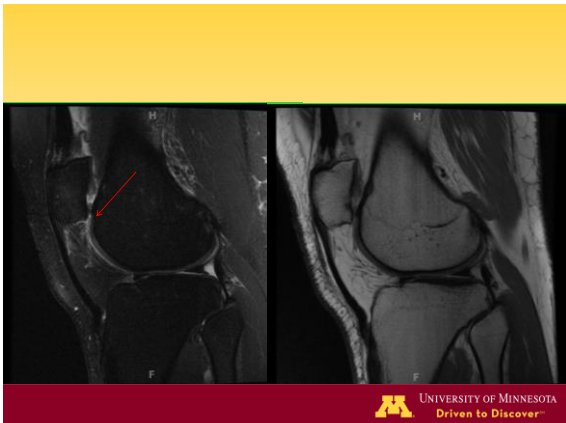
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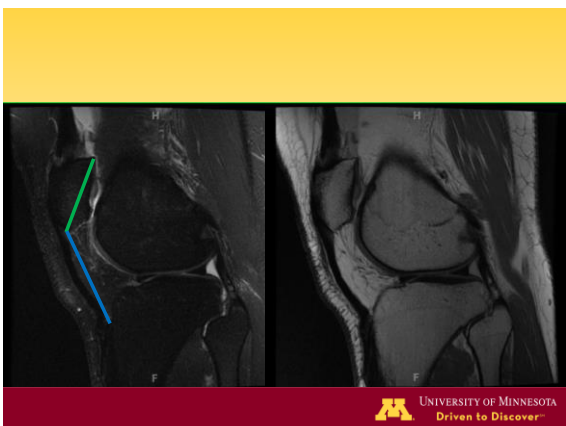
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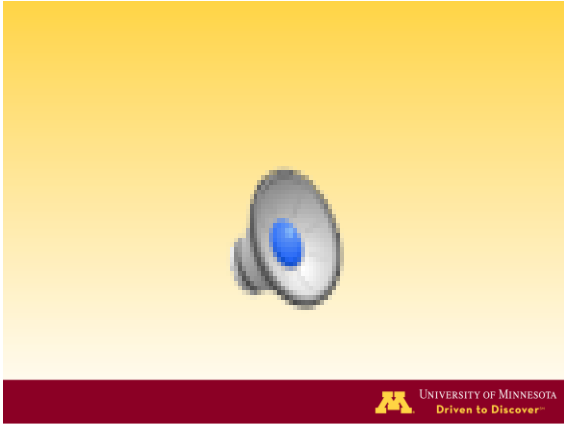
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**Case 2**

- Hx/Exam:
- 15 y/o M
- Non contact injury following spin move playing football
- First injury to the knee
- + effusion, global patellar tenderness, & patellar apprehension

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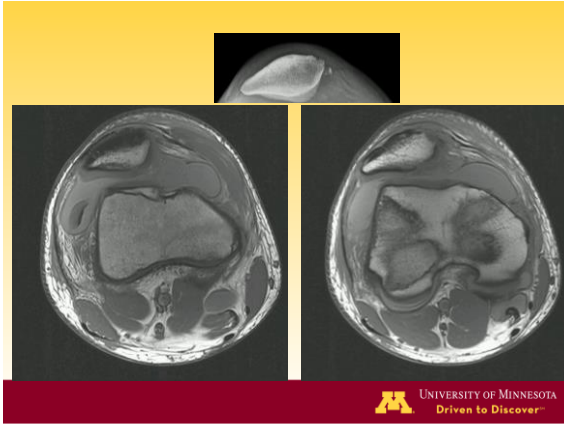
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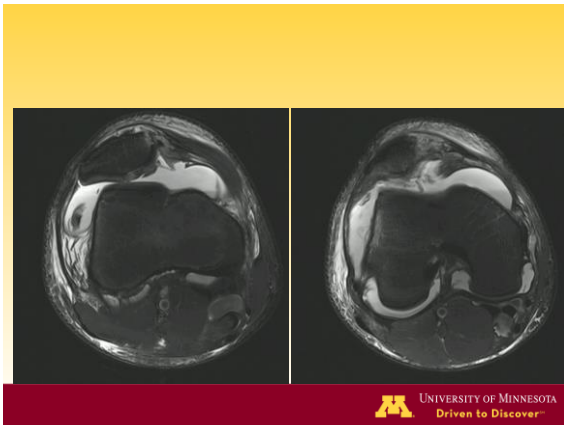
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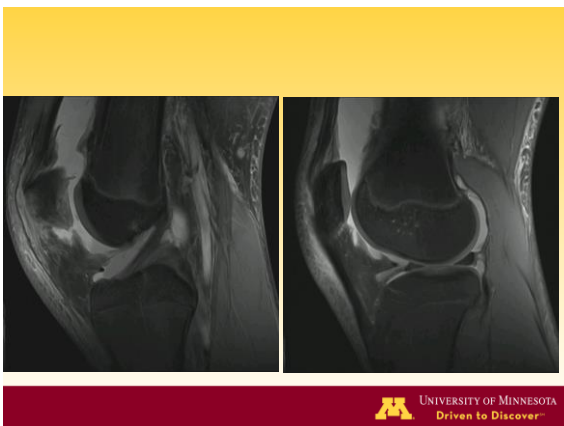
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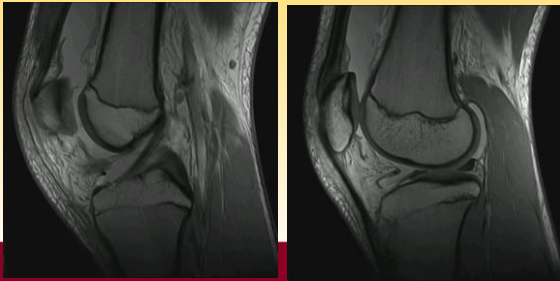
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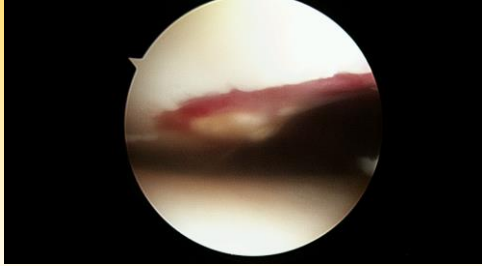
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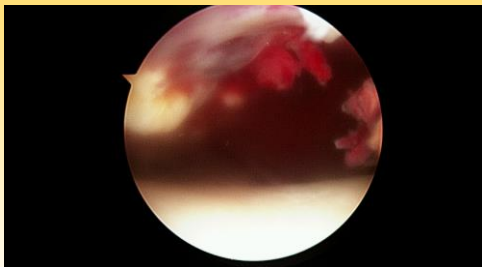
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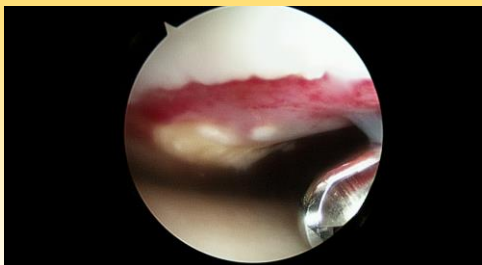
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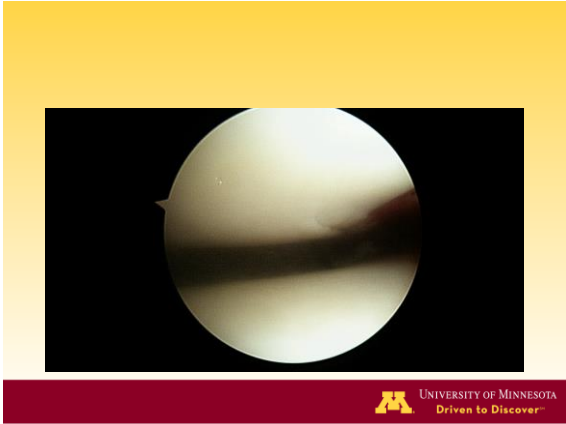
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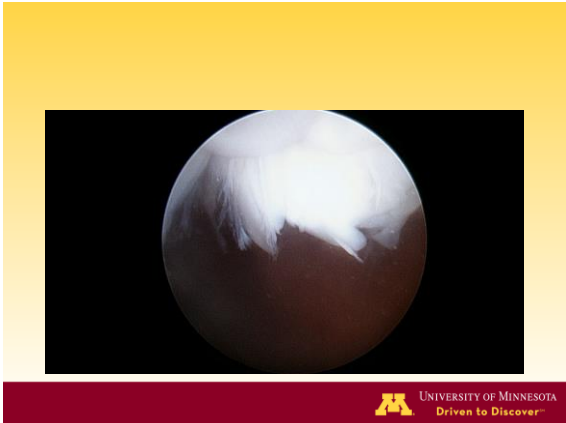
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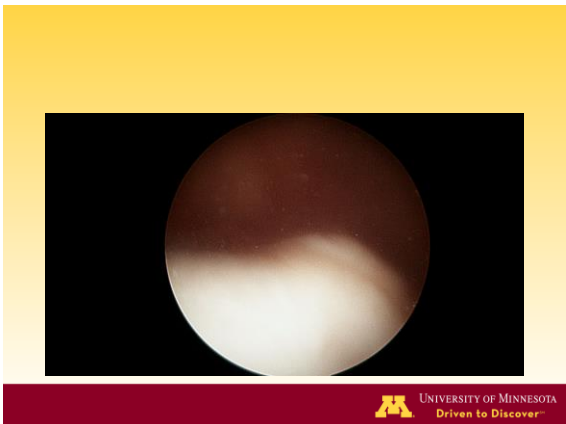
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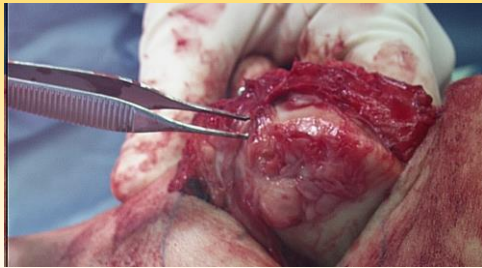
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