

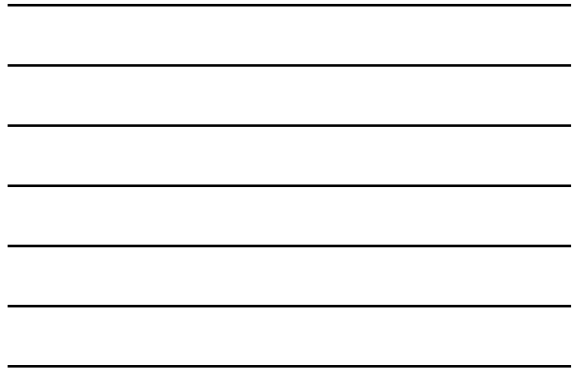
Physcal-Sparing ACL Reconstuction with Iliotibial Band in the Prepubescent Child

VuMedi Webinar
November 5, 2013

Mininder S. Kocher, M.D., M.P.H.

Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery
Harvard Medical School

Associate Director
Division of Sports Medicine
Boston Children's Hospital



Disclosure (November 2013)

- Consulting
 - Biomet
 - OrthoPediatrics
 - Smith+Nephew
 - Best Doctors
- Research Funding
 - OREF
 - NIH
- Royalties
 - Biomet
- Stock/ Stock Options
 - Pivot Medical
 - Fixes 4 Kids
- Publisher Royalties
 - Elsevier



A Big-Time Injury Striking Little Players' Knees

By GINA MORRIS
Last year, when Collin Link was 11 years old, he was tackled as he went in for a touchdown in pee-wee football.

"The kid's got an" — his mother, Crystal Link, said. "He kept saying he knows he's real bad." But Mrs. Link was not overly concerned, thinking it was just a sprain.

But the next morning when the family was getting ready to go to church near their home in The Woodlands, Tex., Collin said he



Collin Link wears a brace on the knee he hurt last year.

Torn Ligament Poses a Greater Risk for Growing Bones

could not walk. That Monday, a doctor told the Links what was wrong. Collin had an injury that doctors used to think almost never occurred in children. He had torn the anterior cruciate ligament, or A.C.L., in his left knee, the main ligament that stabilizes the joint.

The standard and effective treatment for such an injury is usually to surgery. But the operation poses a greater risk for children and adolescents who have not finished growing because it involves drilling into a growth plate, an area of still-developing tissue at the end of the leg bone.

Although there are no complete or official numbers, orthopedists at leading medical centers estimate that several thousand children and young adolescents are getting A.C.L. tears each year, with the number being diagnosed soaring recently.

Some centers that seek to see only a few such cases a year are now seeing several each week. And contrary to the old belief that boys are more prone to the injury than girls, at many an eight times more girls than boys are suffering the tears, doctors report.

It is not an overuse injury from playing one sport too intensely,

like shoulder injuries in young pitchers. Instead, doctors say, the injury occurs simply from twisting the knee, and symptoms are on the rise partly because it can now be easily detected and partly because the very nature of youth sports has changed.

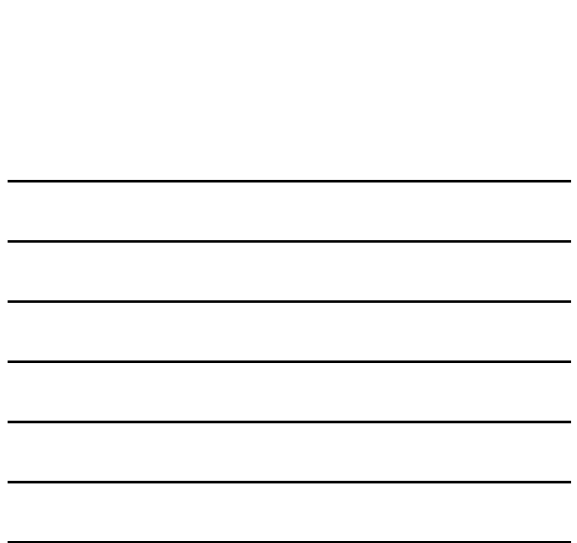
In the old days, said Dr. Theodore J. Galetsky, director of sports medicine at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and a spokesman for the American Academy of Orthopaedic Medicine, a child would develop a "crack knee" that made sports difficult, but the real reason was not understood. And most doctors, thinking children did not get A.C.L. tears, did not suspect the real reason.

Now that almost every child with a hurt knee gets a magnetic resonance imaging, doctors are finding the ligament tears on a regular basis.

The other reason for the reported surge in A.C.L. tears, doctors speculate, is that the best athletes are more or less constantly at risk. They play year-round and on multiple teams with frequent games, in which the risk of injury is higher than in particular because of the intensity of play.

"The kids are playing at really highly competitive levels at early and earlier ages," said Dr. Mininder S. Kocher, the associate director of the division of sports medicine at Children's Hospital in Boston.

Whatever the reasons, the increase in diagnoses has created a new problem: what to do about it. Continued on Page A33



Sharp Rise in Serious Sports Injuries in Children



Caleb Seymour, 8, of Hoiden, Maine, meets New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady at Gillette Stadium. (ABC News)

By LARA SALAHI (@larasalahiabc), BRINDA ADHIKARI, and MARK ABDELMALEK, M.D.
Nov. 15, 2011



Controversy: Pediatric ACL Injuries

- Initial Management
 - Nonoperative vs Operative
- Operative Management
 - Technique
 - Nontransphyseal
 - Partial Transphyseal
 - Transphyseal
 - Graft Choice / Fixation
 - Age / Skeletal Maturity
- Complications
 - Growth Disturbance



Pediatric ACL Injury

Treatment


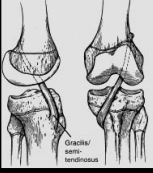
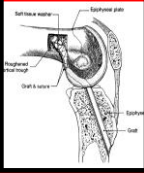

• Nonoperative Rx (complete tears):

- Angel & Hall (*Arthroscopy* 1989)
 - » 5/7 failure (ACL reconstruction)
- Graf et al (*Arthroscopy* 1992)
 - » 7/8 failure (ACL reconstruction, meniscal tears)
- Janarv et al (*J Pediatr Orthop* 1996)
 - » 16/23 failure (ACL reconstruction)
- Mizuta et al (*JBJS-B* 1985)
 - » 1/18 return to preinjury sport level, 6/18 meniscal tears
- McCarroll et al (*AJSM* 1988)
 - » 3/16 return to preinjury sport, 4/16 meniscal tears
- Millett et al (*Arthroscopy* 2002)
 - » ↑ medial meniscus tears with delay in treatment
- Moksnes H et al (*KSSTA* 2008)
 - » 20 children, 50% copers, 10% meniscal tear
- Lawrence et al (*AJSM* 2011)
 - » 70 children: time (OR 4.1), instability (OR 11.4)



Pediatric Knee Injuries

ACL Reconstruction


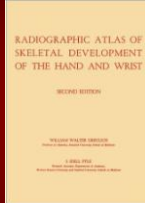
Extra-Articular	Physseal Sparing	Partial Transphysseal	Complete Transphysseal
			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Dahlstedt 1988 -McCarroll 1988 -Lazzarone 1990 -Graf 1992 -Nakhostine 1995 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -DeLee 1983 -Brief 1991 -Janary 1996 -Micheli 1999 -Anderson 2004 -Guzzanti 2004 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lipscomb 1986 -Andrews 1994 -Lo 1997 -Bisson 1998 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lipscomb 1986 -McCarroll 1994 -Matavan 1997 -Aronowitz 2000


MSK/COSF

Pediatric ACL Injury

Literature

- Problems
 - Small Series
 - Retrospective
 - Growth Remaining
 - Chronological Age
 - Not Skeletal Age
 - Not Physiological Age
 - Tanner 4





MSK/COSF

Pediatric ACL Injury

Evaluation


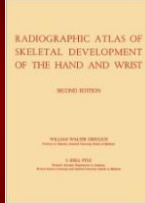

- Age

MSK/COSF

Pediatric ACL Injury Evaluation

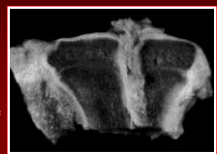

- Age
 - Chronological Age
 - Skeletal Age
 - Greulich & Pyle
 - Hand & Wrist
 - Pyle & Hoerr
 - Knee
 - Physiological Age
 - Tanner & Whitehouse
 - Stage 1: Prepubertal
 - Stage 2: Prepubertal
 - Stage 3: Pubertal: Young Adolescent
 - Stage 4: Pubertal: Older Adolescent
 - Stage 5: Skeletally Mature

© MSK/COSE

Pediatric Knee Injuries Growth Disturbance


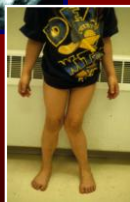
- Growth Disturbance
 - Animal Models
 - Guzzanti (JBJS 1994)
 - Rabbit, 2mm tunnels, 3/21 Disturbance
 - Stadelmeier (AJSM 1995)
 - Canine, 5/32" tunnels, No Disturbance
 - Edwards (JBJS 2001)
 - Canine, 80N, Femoral Valgus
 - Clinical Series
 - 2 Cases
 - Lipscomb (JBJS 1986)
 - Koman (JBJS 1999)

© MSK/COSE

Management and Complications of Anterior Cruciate Ligament Injuries in Skeletally Immature Patients: A survey of The Herodicus Society and The ACL Study Group

Kocher et al (Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics, 2002)

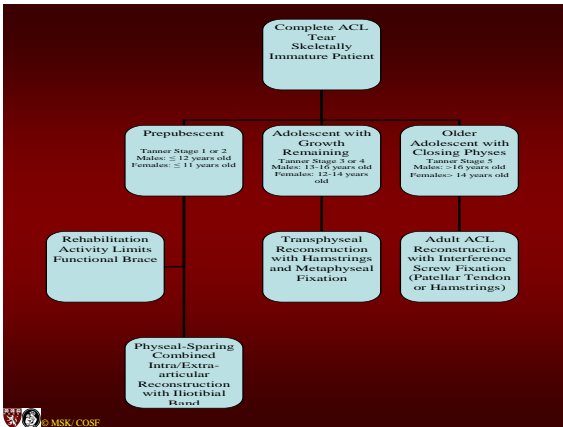
- 8 Cases: Distal Femoral Valgus with Bony Bar
 - 3: Implants (Interference Screws) across Physis
 - 3: Patellar Tendon graft bone block across Physis
 - 1: Large (12 mm) Tunnel with Patellar Tendon graft
 - 1: Over-the-Top Graft Placement
- 2 Cases: Genu Valgum without Bony Bar
 - Lateral Extra-Articular Tenodesis
- 2 Cases: Leg-Length Discrepancy
 - 2.5cm shortening (PT bone block across physis)
 - 3.0cm overgrowth (6mm hamstrings graft)
- 3 Cases: Recurvatum with Apophyseal Bar
 - Hardware across Tibial Tubercle Apophysis

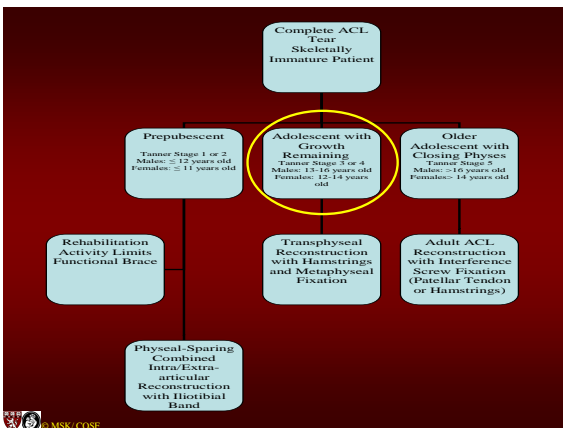
© MSK/COSE

Growth Distu

- 10 yr old male
 - Transphyseal ACLr
 - Auto Hamstrings
- 16 yr old male
 - Graft Failure
 - Valgus Deformity
- Revision ACLr
 - Allograft
 - Osteotomy



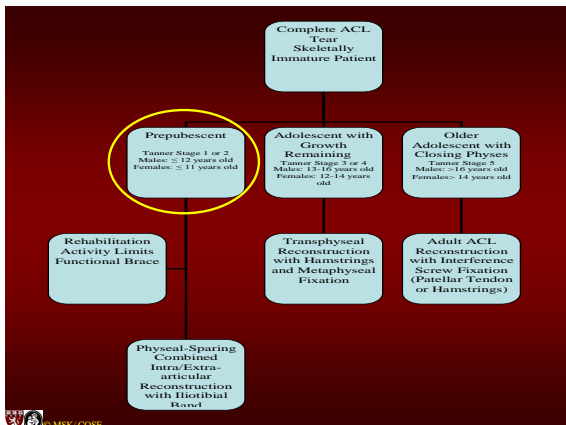




Transphyseal Reconstruction

- Transphyseal ACL reconstruction with autogenous hamstrings and metaphyseal fixation (Kocher et al: JBJS 2007).
 - 61 knees/ 59 pts (14.7 yrs old (11.6-16.9))
 - 3.6 yr follow-up (2.0-10.2)
 - 3.3% revision rate
 - IKDC: 89.5 ± 10.2 / Lysholm: 91.2 ± 10.7
 - 8.2 cm growth (1.2 - 25.4 cm)
 - No growth disturbance
- This technique appears provides for excellent functional outcome with a low revision rate and minimal risk of growth disturbance.





Physseal-Sparing Reconstruction

- Prepubescents
- Options
 - Nonoperative Treatment
 - Transphyseal (Paletta, Pinczewski)
 - Epiphyseal (Anderson, Ganley)
 - IT Band Physseal Sparing
- Technique
 - MacIntosh 2 variation
 - Extra/Intra-Articular
 - Over-the-Top
 - Over-the-Front
 - Trade-Off
 - Nonanatomic vs Physseal-Sparing



Physseal-Sparing Reconstruction



Physseal-Sparing Reconstruction



- Physseal-Sparing Combined Intra/ Extra-Articular ACLr with IT Band
- Kocher et al (*J Bone Joint Surg*, 2005)
 - 44 pts (10.3 yrs old (3.6-14.0))
 - 5.3 yr follow-up (2.0-15.1)
 - 4.5% revision rate (4.7 & 8.3 yrs)
 - IKDC: 96.7 ± 6.0
 - Lysholm: 95.7 ± 6.7
 - 21.5 cm growth (9.5 - 118.0)
 - No growth disturbance
 - Video Journal of Orthopaedics (3/06)



Physseal-Sparing Reconstruction

Biomechanical Evaluation of Pediatric Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction Techniques

Abbey Kennedy,* MD, Deeba G. Coughlin,* PhD, Melodie F. Metzger,* PhD, Ronald Tang,† BS, Andrew D. Pearle,† MD, Jeffrey C. Lotz,* PhD, and Brian T. Feeley,* MD
Investigation performed at the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, California

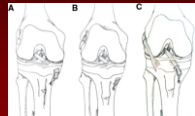
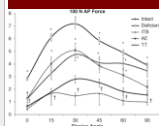


Figure 3.

Anteroposterior (AP) laxity as a function of knee flexion angle. Sectioning of the ACL resulted in a higher AP translation at all flexion angles. The iliotibial band (ITB) reconstruction resulted in AP displacement that was not significantly different from the intact state. The all-epiphyseal (AE) ACL reconstruction was not able to restore AP stability to the knee; that is, the AP translation remained significantly greater than the intact state at higher flexion angles. The trans tibial over-the-top (TT) reconstruction technique led to significantly higher anterior translation than the ACL-intact state at greater flexion angles (45°, 60°, and 90°).

*P < .05 vs intact. †Not significant vs intact.



Pediatric Knee Injuries

Agenda

- Nonoperative Treatment
- Partial Tears
- Treatment Options
- Growth Disturbance
- Treatment Algorithm
- Conclusions



MSK/COSE

Pediatric Knee Injuries

Summary

- Pediatric Athlete
 - “Child is not a little adult.”
 - “Child athlete is not a little adult athlete.”



MSK/COSE

Pediatric ACL Injury

Conclusions

- Recommendations
 - Know Patient’s Growth Remaining
 - Shared Decision Making
 - Risks: Nonoperative Treatment
 - Meniscal/ Chondral Injury
 - Risks: Operative Treatment
 - Growth Disturbance
 - Understand Pediatric Knee Anatomy
 - Distal Femoral Physis & Over-Top
 - Proximal Tibial Apophysis
 - Avoid Hardware/ Bone across Physis
 - Technique
 - Adolescents:
 - Transphyseal Hamstrings
 - Prepubescents:
 - Physeal-Sparing



MSK/COSE

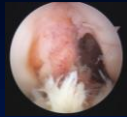


ACL Injuries in the Young Athlete

All Epiphyseal and Post Pubertal Reconstruction

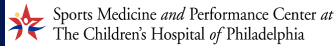


VuMedi Webinar



November, 5th, 2013

Theodore J. Ganley, MD
Director of Sports Medicine at
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia



Associate Professor, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery
The University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

T Ganley  

DISCLOSURES

I, Theodore Ganley, have NO relevant financial relationships to be discussed, directly or indirectly, referred to or illustrated with or without recognition within the presentation as follows:

•Reviewer/editor

- › The American Academy of Pediatrics
- › The American Journal of Sports Medicine
- › Clinical Orthopedics and Related Research
- › The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery
- › The Journal of Pediatric Orthopedics
- › The University of Pennsylvania Orthopedic Journal

•Advisory Board

- › The American Academy of Pediatrics Orthopedic Section
- › IPOS – International Pediatric Orthopedic Symposium

T Ganley  

ACL Injuries in the Young Athlete

Goals / Objectives




- 1 Injuries Increasing
- 2 All Epiphyseal ACL
- 3 Post-Pubertal ACL
- 4 Present evidence based options

T Ganley  

ACL Injury

Pre and Post Pubertal ACL

- Over 10 yrs



The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
2011 AAP

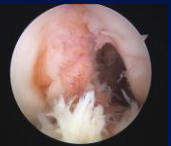
T Ganley

ACL Injury

Pre and Post Pubertal ACL

- Over 10 yrs
 - 914 ACL, 996 meniscal tears, 155 tibial spines
 - Tibial spine fractures (controls)

400% increase in ACL injuries ($p < 0.001$)
Multivariate linear regression analysis



The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
2011 AAP

T Ganley

ACL Injury

Who is getting injured?

Females > Males, Same Sports, Same Schools

Goldberg, Flynn, Ganley 2006

- Females - significantly greater risk/rate of these injuries relative to males



T Ganley

What can be done?

- **Goal: Prevent injuries**
 - or reduce the injury rate/severity



Pediatric ACL Prevention Programs can increase strength & performance



Theodore J. Ganley, MD
Jeffrey Albaugh, PT, MS, ATC

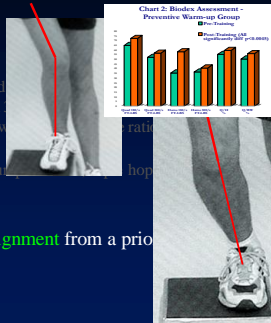


European Pediatric Orthopedic Society
Pediatric Orthopedic Society of North America
International Pediatric Orthopedic Symposium

Improvement? – Yes

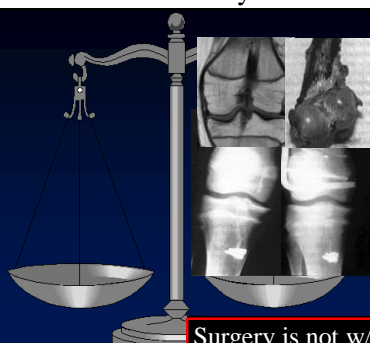
Warm up prevention group

- Improvements $P < 0.004$
 - Strength measures
 - Quadriceps peak torque at 180 and 90 degrees
 - Hamstring peak torque at 180 and 90 degrees
 - Quad/Hamstring and Quad/Body weight ratios
 - Performance measures
 - vertical jump unilateral, vertical jump bilateral, hop
- Drop jump screen - **Landing**
 - Higher percentage improved **alignment** from a prior valgum biased landing






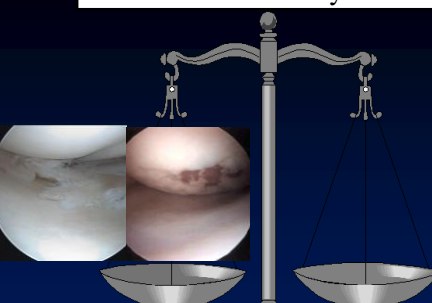
ACL Tear – Skeletally Immature




Surgery is not w/out risk

T Ganley 

ACL Tear – Skeletally Immature

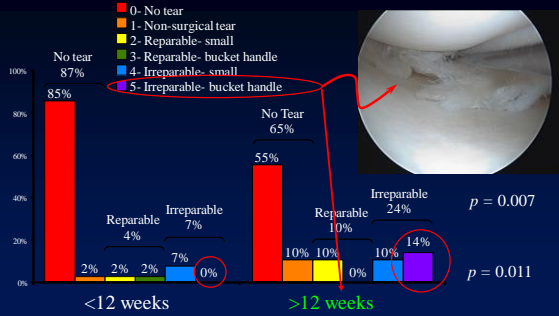


Nonop risks are not insignificant Quantify risks?

T Ganley 

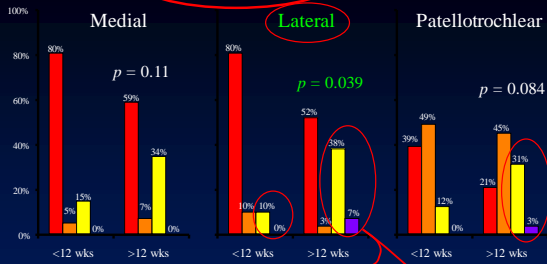
Meniscus Tear Severity: Medial Meniscus

Time as a discreet variable - meniscus ✓



T Ganley

Chondral Damage Severity



T Ganley

ACL Tear – Skeletally Immature

Surgical Delay - Risks

4-11x if >12 wk delay
 Lawrence/Ganley
 AJSM December 2011



T Ganley

Operative Treatment



T Ganley   

Pediatric ACL Injury

Intra-articular Extraphyseal

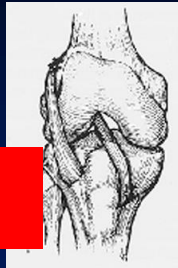
- Well documented



Performed for over 30 years



Micheli, Clin Orthop 1999
Kocher, Micheli, JBJS 2003

Min



T Ganley   

Pediatric ACL Injury

2 All Epiphyseal ACL

Established

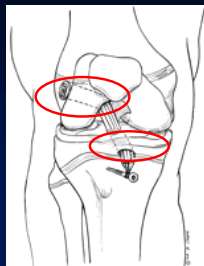
Performed for over 25 years



Published in JBJS



JBJS 2003

ALLEN F. ANDERSON, MD

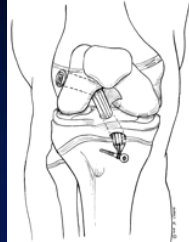


T Ganley   

Pediatric ACL Injury

TRANSEPIPHYSEAL REPLACEMENT OF THE ANTERIOR CRUCIATE LIGAMENT

- KT, Scanograms, Return to sport
- Mean IKDC 96.5 (86-100)
- No: Growth arrest, LLD, or significant side to side diff.



ALLEN F. ANDERSON, MD
JBJS 2003

All-epiphyseal ACL Reconstruction Improves Tibiofemoral Contact: An In Vitro Study

All-epiphyseal ACL reconstruction shifts contact anteriorly on the tibia compared with injured knee potentially reduce risk of cartilage damage & meniscal injuries without violating the growth plate in pediatric patients

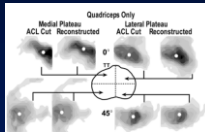


TABLE 1. P-values for Anterior-posterior Reconstructed Cases

	Medial		
	Q&A	Q	Q&H
0 degree	0.02	0.004	0.006
15 degrees	0.01	0.02	0.002
30 degrees	0.003	0.001	0.02

Matthew J. Stonestreet, MD,* Kercyn C. Jones, MD,† Marcus S. Kirkpatrick, MD,* Kushal S. Shah, BS,*‡ Caroline E. Frampton,*‡ Melanie A. Morscher, PT,† and John J. Elias, PhD*

Pediatric ACL Injury

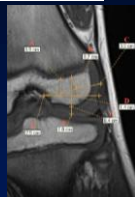
All Epiphyseal ACL

Anatomic Landmarks Utilized for Physeal-Sparing, Anatomic Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction
An MRI-Based Study

MRI's of 188 children (range 6-17)
Extra-articular and intra-articular landmarks identified.
3D recons - to confirm femoral tunnel placement

Note landmarks

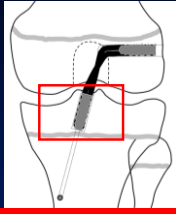
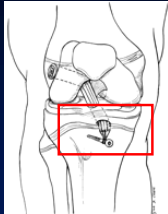
"Center of the ACL femoral footprint & the popliteus insertion safe, reproducible, anatomic ACL reconstruction"



John W. Xerogianis, MD, Kyle E. Hammond, MD, and Dane C. Todd, BS

Pediatric ACL Injury

All Epiphyseal ACL



Anderson

T. Ganley
T. Lawrence

T Ganley  

CORR 468: 1971-77, 2010

Pediatric ACL Injury



All Epiphyseal ACL

- Freddie Fu
 - 3D CT cover footprint post op
- Stringent criteria when developing technique

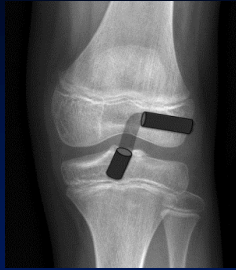


T Ganley  



T Ganley  

All Epiphyseal ACL



T Ganley  

Clinics in Sports Medicine 2011

All Epiphyseal ACL

ACL Deficiency

- Principle
 - Tunnels - at the femoral and tibial footprint
- Reference



AJSM 2007

T Ganley  

All Epiphyseal Femoral and Tibial

ACL Deficiency


- Principle
 - Tunnels
- Radiograph - tg patient



CORR 468: 1971-77, 2010

T Ganley  

All-epiphyseal, with Quadrupled Semitendinosus Autograft
 Eric J. Sarkissian, B.S., Theodore J. Ganley, M.D.
 Division of Pediatric Orthopaedic Surgery, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia



ACL tears in the pediatric limbament treatment remains controversial

- Non-operative management
- Operative reconstruction

We developed and perfected using a socket in the distal femoral epiphysis followed by tibial intravital and free dissection

Graft Preparation

- Quadrupled semitendinosus
- Two ACL grafts open to placed on opposite sides
- Alternatively, Tight Rope Insulator & Barro may be tibial side

Socket Preparation

- Pilot tracks created by guide
- Consider use of predrilling by mini-D CT scanner (Machete Minneapolis, MN)
- C-arm imaging acceptable

T Ganley

ACL Deficiency

All Epiphyseal

Femoral and Tibial

- Growth plate avoiding acl is your ...
 - Tunnel footprint
 - Fixation Method
 - Graft
 - Rehabilitation

T Ganley

ACL Deficiency

All Epiphyseal

Femoral and Tibial

- Your Methods “with a few caveats”
 - Tunnel footprint: (not at/compressing physis)
 - Fixation Method (not compressing physis)
 - Graft (typically not allograft)
 - Rehabilitation (modified - or you can have mine)

T Ganley

3 Transphyseal drilling

Is this a viable option? (in those approaching maturity)
(Bone Age

13/14, Tanner 3 or 4)

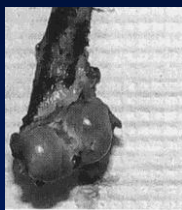
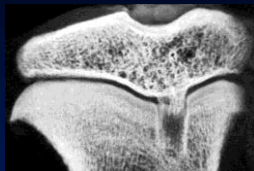
- Ham/Quadriceps – Lo, ICL 47,1998
- Patellar Tendon Allograft – Fuchs, Arthroscopy 2002
- Fascia Lata Allograft – Andrews, AJSM 1994
- Achilles Tendon Allograft
 - – Aronowitz, Ganley, Gregg: AJSM 2000
- Hamstring Autograft – Aronowitz/Ganley et al. AJSM 2000
Kocher/Micheli et al. JBJS 2007



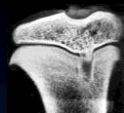
T Ganley

Transphyseal Reconstruction

✓ Need to follow rules?



T Ganley



Pediatric ACL Injury Sequelae




- **Mathematical models** – Wester, IPO 2002
13 y/o m / 21° Valgus / 2.5 cm Shortening
- **Basic Science Models**
Bone Bridge tunnels left empty - Arnoczky
Beagles / 75 N / LLD + Valgus - Edward, JBJS Am 2004
- **Clinical Reports** – Koman, Sanders JBJS 1999
Transphyseal screw: Valgus - Fem Osteotomy
- **Survey** – Kocher, Proes ACL Study Group, 2002
15 growth disturbances / 8 w/ BTB or device across physis
- **Unpublished Reports...**

T Ganley



3 Post Pubertal ACL



T Ganley   Clinics in Sports Medicine 2011

Hybrid ACL Reconstruction

All Epiphyseal Femoral



Transphyseal Tibial

T Ganley   Clinics in Sports Medicine 2011

Hybrid ACL Reconstruction



Growth plate avoiding

Growth plate respecting

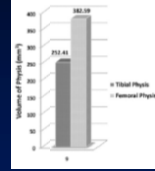
T Ganley   Clinics in Sports Medicine 2011

Pediatric ACL Injury Data for **Transphyseal** Component

Volumetric Injury of the Physis During Single-Bundle Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction in Children: A 3-Dimensional Study Using Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Mean % physeal volume removed/total physeal volume

6mm,	7mm,	8mm	9mm	diameter hole
1/6%,	2.2%,	2.9%,	3.8%,	for the tibia
2.4%,	3.2%,	4.2%	5.4%,	for the femur



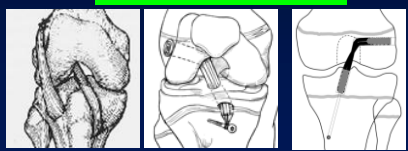
Kevin G. Shea, M.D., Jen Belzer, B.S., Peter J. Apel, M.D., Kurt Nilsson, M.D., M.S., Nathan L. Grimm, B.S., and Ronald P. Pfeiffer, Ed.D., L.A.T., A.T.C.

Conclusion

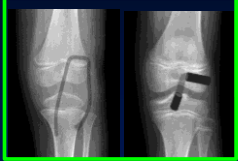
Persistently Symptomatic ACL Tear

Growth Plates "Wide Open"

can be avoided



Prepubescent



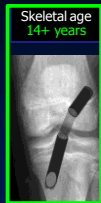
All Physeal Avoiding

2 All Epiphyseal



All Physeal Avoiding

3 Transphyseal



Skeletal age
14+ years



Skeletal age
12 years

Partial Physeal Avoiding

Hybrid ACL Reconstruction

All Epiphyseal Femoral

Transphyseal Tibial



Partial Physeal Avoiding

T Ganley  Clinics in Sports Medicine 2011

Pediatric Anterior Cruciate Ligament Injury: A Focus on Prevention and Treatment in the Young Athlete

GUEST EDITOR: Theodore J. Ganley, MD

Skeletal age
8 years

Skeletal age
10 years

Skeletal age
12 years

Skeletal age
14+ years



Physeal Avoiding

Transphyseal

T Ganley 

CLINICS IN
SPORTS MEDICINE

ACL Reconstruction in the
Young Athlete:
Shared decision making process



We can control our...

Decision making, Tunnels, Graft, Fixation, Rehab



However...

...we can't control patient behavior



ACL Injuries in the Young Athlete

Goals / Objectives



- 1 Injuries Increasing
- 2 All Epiphyseal ACL
- 3 Post-Pubertal ACL
- 4 Present evidence based options

Thank You!



T Ganley  Sports Medicine *and* Performance Center at
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Patellofemoral Instability in Skeletally Immature Athletes

Nov 5, 2013: Vumedi Webinar



William Hennrikus MD

Professor of Orthopaedics
Associate Dean of Education
Penn State College of Medicine
Email: WLH5k@hotmail.com



Disclosures--none

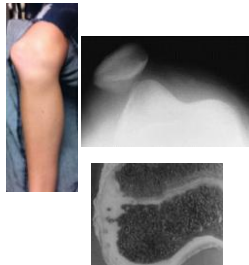
Neither I, William Hennrikus MD, nor any family members have any relevant financial relationships to be discussed, directly or indirectly, referred to or illustrated without recognition within the presentation



Outline

Adolescent Athlete—skeletally immature-- with a patella dislocation

- What's hot in the literature
- How do I treat---
 - *1st time dislocation
 - *Repeat dislocations
 - *Growth plate open
- Summary

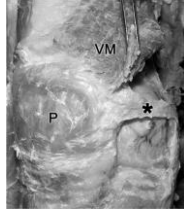


Philippot R Knee 2009

Bicos J AJSM 2007

Medial Patellofemoral Ligament--MPFL

- New 'holy grail' of PF Instability surgery
- #1 medial stabilizer of the patella
- MPFL repair or reconstruction is a key option in the treatment of PF Instability

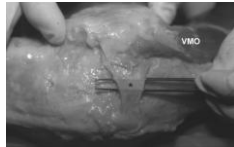


Primary restraint to PF Instability at 0-30 flexion

Overall, provides > 50% of medial restraint forces to patella

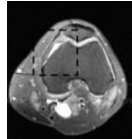
Origin

- Adductor tubercle—medial femoral epicondyle--near physis



Insertion

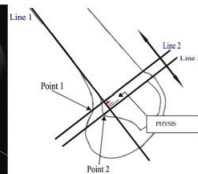
- Upper 2/3 of medial patella
- About 55 mm long



The relationship of the femoral physis and the MPFL

Shea K et al. Arthroscopy 2010

- The origin of the MPFL is 3 mm proximal to the femoral physis



- Avoid physeal injury when reconstructing the MPFL in immature athletes

1st time Acute patella dislocation in children and adolescents: a randomized clinical trial.

Palmu et al. JBJS 90A:2008

- 62 patients under age 16
- No osteochondral fractures
- 2 year clinical follow up; 16 year phone follow up
- Initial operative repair of the medial structures combined with lateral release did not improve the long term outcome
- **Routine repair of the ‘torn medial stabilizing soft tissues’ is not advocated for 1st time dislocation**

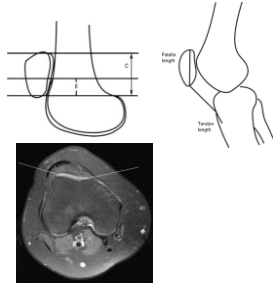
The patho-anatomy of patellofemoral dislocation

Monk A JBJSB 2011

Dynamic MRI study of 60 patients

Factors associated with PF Instability

- < 30% patella engagement in trochlea
- Patella Alta
- TT-TG > 20 mm
- Trochlea dysplasia

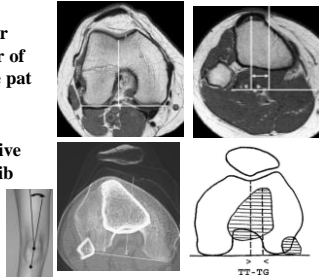


TT TG distance > 20 mm abnormal

Tecklenburg K JBJSB 2010

CT or MRI

- Distance between the center of the trochlear groove and the center of the attachment of the pat tendon to the tib tubercle
- Demonstrates excessive lateralization of the tib tub with high valgus vector on the patella
- *Imaging method to measure Q angle*



Patellar Fracture after MPFL Reconstruction

Parikh, S, Wall E JBJS A 2011

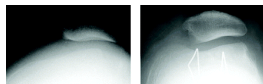
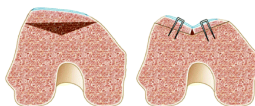
- 5 patella fractures p MPFL reconstruction
- **Recommend** avoid transverse drill hole in patella, single tunnel, adequate bone bridge, consider other techniques



The Role of Trochleoplasty

Bollier et al JAAOS 2011
 Utting et al JBJS B 2008
 F von Knoch JBJS B 2006

- Trochleoplasty should be reserved for severe dysplasia in which other options fail
- A ‘developing procedure’
- Not recommended if growth plates open



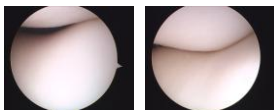
The Role of Lateral Retinacular Release

Clifton et al JBJSB 2010
 Fithian D et al Arthroscopy 2004

- Isolated LR is rarely performed among experienced knee surgeons
- Isolated LR is ineffective when treating PF instability

Effects of LR

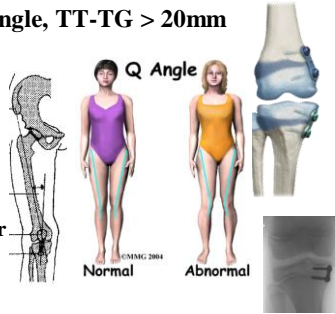
- PF contact pressure minimally changed
- Center of PF contact medialized between 60 and 120 deg flexion
- Decreased pressure on lateral facet in flexion
- Reduced lateral tilt
- **Denervation of lat retinaculum**



Guided Growth

High Q angle, TT-TG > 20mm

- Stevens et al JPO 2008
- Saran et al JAAOS 2010
- Ballal et al JBJSB 2010
- Goldman et al Curr Op Peds 2010



How do I treat—

Athlete with first PF dislocation—no additional pathology



- RICE
- Knee Immobilizer and towel
- Rehab: quad, hams, core—gluteal and abdominal muscles, hip ext and abd
Powers et al CORR 2003
- Patella sleeve
- Soft foot orthotic

Non-operative treatment

Nikku Acta Ortho Scand 1997
Andrade Knee/Arthroscopy 2002
Fithian Am J Sp Med 2004
Stefancin CORR 2007

- Rehab
- VMO strengthening
- Core strengthening
- Hip strengthening
- Taping/ bracing
- Shoe insert
- Activity modification



Operative Treatment

1st time dislocator and concomitant pathology

- Osteochondral fracture
- MPFL tear
- VMO avulsion
- Meniscal tear

*1st time dislocator has a
1 in 5 chance of
repeat DL*

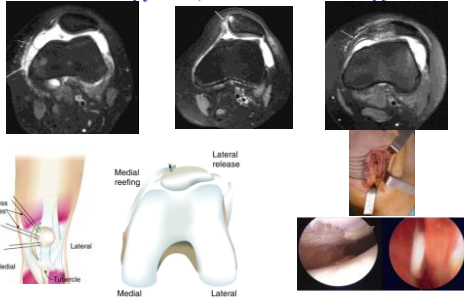
Repeat dislocator

*1 in 2 chance of repeat
dislocation*

- Proximal soft tissue surgery: *MPFL reconstruction*
- Distal re-alignment:
--soft tissue procedure
- Guided growth
- Combo

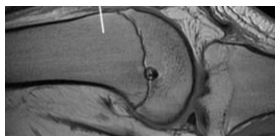
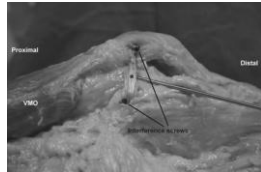
Mini open medial repair or reefing combined with lateral release

*Fithian OTSM 1999, Nam AJSM 2005, Steensen
Arthroscopy 2005, Halbrecht Arthroscopy 2001*



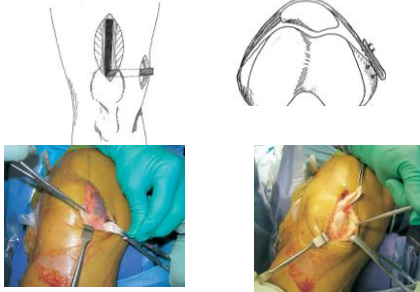
Athlete with Recurrent PF Instability MPFL Graft and Fixation Choices

- **Hamstrings:** Burks 2007
- **Patella Tendon:** Camanho 2007
- **Quadriceps:** Noyes 2006
- **Add Mag:** Teitge 2006
- **Allograft:** hyperlaxity



Quadriceps tendon

Noyes, Albright Arthroscopy 2006



Rehab

- Hinged brace 6 weeks
- Motion 0-30,30-60, full
- Wht bear 50% and advanced over 6 weeks to full
- Jog by 3 months
- Sports by 6 months

Complications

- Stiffness
- Painful hardware
- Patella fracture
- PF arthrosis

Outcomes

- Smith Knee Arthros 2007**
- Review of 8 papers, 174 pts
 - 2 yr follow up
 - 90% Excellent results

Contra-indication

- Pre-existing PF arthritis
Bony malalignment
- Re-alignment osteotomy
 - Guided growth hemi-epiphyseodesis
 - Distal/proximal procedures

Traditional distal realignment

Skeletally immature athlete

Galeazzi Semitendinosus Tenodesis

Galeazzi 1922 Italy

Open Physis--no TT ost

- Baker JBJS 1972 80%
- Letts JPO 1999 88%



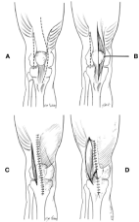
- Grannatt, Micheli, Kocher et al. JPO 2012
Safe but 82% repeat subluxation—35 % second surgeries
- Temporizing surgery—open physis
- *May need bony realignment surgery after skeletal maturity*

Traditional proximal/distal realignment

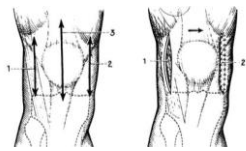
Skeletally immature athlete

Can lead to abnormal contact pressure, stiffness

Insall CORR 1972



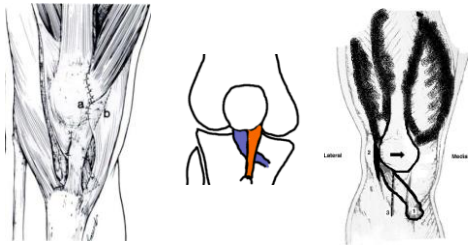
Scuderi JBJS 1988



Traditional proximal/distal realignment

Modified Roux Goldthwait Procedure

Fondren JBJS 1985, Marsh JPO 2006



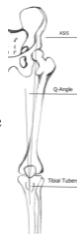
Miserable Malalignment

Delgado et al JPO 1996 9 patients

Stevens et al JPO 2004 14 patients

- All with Pat-femoral pathology
- Failed conservative therapy

- Fem ext rot osteotomy
- Tibial int rot osteotomy
- No additional soft tissue procedures were done to affect patella femoral tracking



Summary

Pat fem instability in skeletally immature athlete

- Challenging clinical problem
 - Open physis must be protected
 - Some children will have recurrent instability despite well done surgery
 - Ligamentous laxity and patella alta
- What is hot**
- Evolution from non-anatomic extensor mechanism operations to a more anatomic procedure based on reconstitution of the MPFL

Review Articles

- Hennrikus W, Pylawka T. Patellofemoral instability in skeletally immature athletes. J Bone Joint Surg 2013;95A:176-183.
- Pace JL, Hennrikus WL, Kocher MS. Surgical treatment of patellar instability in skeletally immature athletes. RV West and AC Covin, Eds. The Patellofemoral Joint in the Athlete. Springer 2013.

Thank You



Traumatic Patellar Dislocation: in the patient approaching skeletal maturity

- Jennifer M. Weiss, MD
- Southern California Permanente Medical Group
- Pediatric Orthopedic Surgery and Sports Medicine

12 year old male with “knee dislocation”

- Differential
 - Patellar dislocation
 - ACL tear



Patellar Dislocation and Instability in Kids

- Peak incidence: 15 years
- Traumatic dislocation
 - Usually noncontact
 - LE internal rotation with knee valgus on planted foot
 - Direct blow laterally on patella

Patellar Dislocation

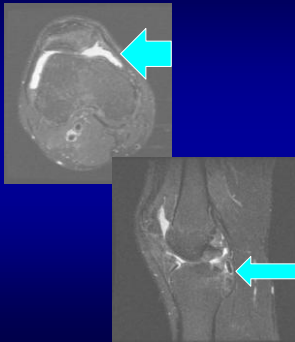
- History:
 - knee “gave out” or “popped out”
 - Most spontaneously reduce
- Physical Exam:
 - Effusion
 - Apprehension test

Apprehension test



Considerations: IMAGING

- X-Ray: may miss loose body
- MRI
 - loose body?
 - Trochlear dysplasia?



Nonoperative considerations

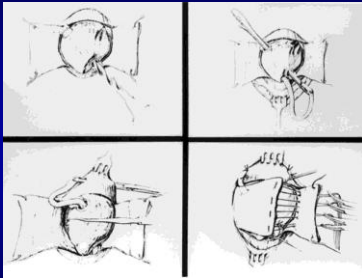
- Bracing or casting: initial immobilization
 - » Maenpaa, Acta Orthop Scand, 1997,
- Rehabilitation
- Counseling: this may happen again
 - 38% recurrence rate
 - 69% recurrence rate in the setting of trochlear dysplasia
 - » McIntosh 2013

Patellar Dislocation and Instability in Kids: Surgical Options

- Operative:
 - Tibial tubercle transfer contraindicated if growth plate is open
 - Galeazzi procedure: semitendinosis transfer to patella
 - Roux Goldthwait procedure
 - MPFL reconstruction
 - Lateral release???
 - Probably not alone



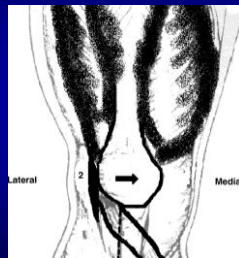
Semitendinosis transfer to patella: Galeazzi Technique



Letts, Davidson, et al, JPO, November 1999

Roux-Goldthwait procedure

- Lateral 1/2 of patellar tendon transferred medially to sartorius insertion
- Lateral release



MPFL: anatomy

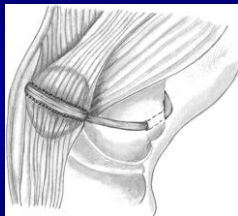
- Extracapsular fascial band
- Femoral attachment??
 - distal to the adductor tubercle and posterosuperior to the medial epicondyle
 - Cadaver study: femoral attachment proximal to physis over age 10, distal to physis under age 10 (Kevin Shea et al)
- Patellar attachment
 - Superomedial patella
- Passes deep to VMO
- 5.5 cm long
- 3? Cm wide

MPFL: function

- Constraint to lateral subluxation of patella
- Tears or stretches when patella dislocates
- Consideration for primary repair for first time dislocator??

MPFL reconstruction

- Good results even with trochlear dysplasia



Surgical technique

- Stability exam



Surgical technique

- Harvest & whipstitch Semi-Tendinosus tendon



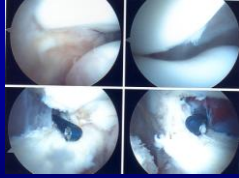
MPFL Technique

- Harvest semitendinosus
- Usually size 4.5



MPFL technique

- Arthroscopic exam
- Evaluate for loose bodies
- Lateral release if patellar tilt
 - Stop at inferior border of patella



Patellar fixation

- Suture anchor

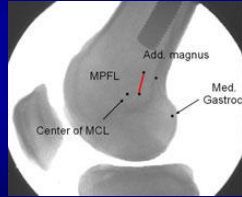


Patellar fixation



MPFL technique

- Tunnel graft under VMO
- Fix to femur in middle of epiphysis using interference screw



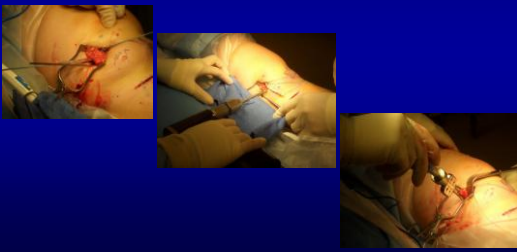
Femoral Fixation

- Passed under Vastus Medialis
- Femoral fixation drilled under Fluoroscopic guidance
- Middle of epiphysis



Femoral fixation

- Interference screw



Post Surgery Protocol

- 6 weeks hinged knee brace
- Encourage range of motion ASAP
- Crutches PRN
- Therapy for ROM and strength
- Back to sports 4-6 months

Patient Selection for MPFL

- Traumatic dislocators
- Atraumatic dislocators who have failed
 - Therapy
 - Bracing
 - More therapy
 - More bracing

Who Needs MORE??

- Neuromuscular issues
 - Cerebral palsy
- Laxity issues
 - Down's Syndrom
 - Ehler's Danlos
- Habitual Dislocators
- Alignment issues??
 - Miserable malalignment

What is "MORE"??

- Open lateral release
- Distal procedure
 - Tibial tubercle transfer
 - Roux Goldthwait

Thank You



Pediatric Sports Medicine Symposium

**Nonoperative Management of
Medial Humeral Epicondyle
Fractures**

Lawrence Wells, MD
Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Perelman School of Medicine
University of Pennsylvania



DISCLOSURE

My disclosure is in the Final Program

I have no conflicts

Medial Humeral Epicondyle Fx

Do Not Fix

Medial Humeral Epicondyle Fractures

- 12% OF ELBOW INJURIES
- PEAK AGE 11 Y

Wilkins KE. Fractures involving the medial epicondylar apophysis. In: Rockwood CA Jr, Wilkins KE, King RE, 1991. p 509-828.

- 5-15 mm displacement
- FOOSH



L. Wells

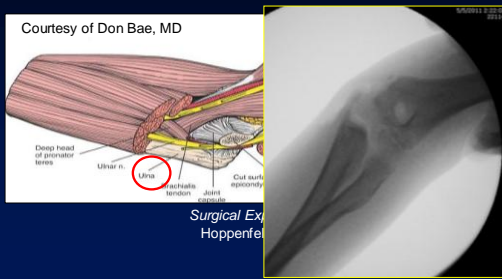
"Only" Incarcerated Medial Humeral Epicondyle Fractures Should Be Fixed...



L. Wells

Additional Indications for surgery...

- Ulnar nerve entrapped in joint
- Elbow is "markedly" unstable

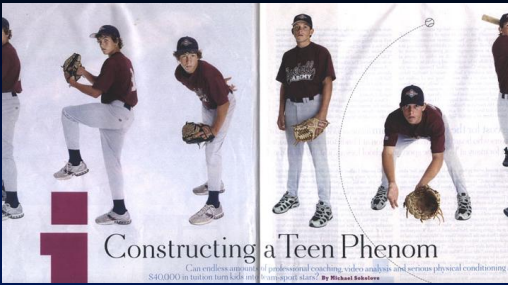


Our Daily Challenge...



L. Wells

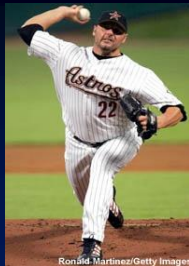
Our son has a fracture....You need to fix it...



L. Wells

Reality Going to the Pros.. Baseball

Approximately **one in 200, or approximately 0.45 percent** of high school senior boys playing interscholastic baseball will eventually be drafted by an MLB team.



Ronald Martinez/Getty Images

L. Wells

Medial Humeral Epicondyle Fx

Farsetti et al, JBJS 2001

- 42 patients
- Ave age 45 years at 30 year f/u
- Poor results with excision

30 year f/u LONG-TERM RESULTS OF TREATMENT OF FRACTURES OF THE MEDIAL HUMERAL EPICONDYLE IN CHILDREN

By P. FARSETTI, MD, V. POTINDA, MD, R. CERRIONI, MD, AND E. EPICELLI, MD
Investigation performed at the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, University of Rome "La Sapienza," Rome, Italy

Conclusions: In our study, nonsurgical treatment of isolated fractures of the medial humeral epicondyle with between 5 and 15 mm of displacement yielded good long-term results similar to those obtained with open reduction and internal fixation. The nonunion of the epicondylar fragment that was present in most patients who had been treated only with a cast did not adversely affect the functional results. Surgical excision of the medial epicondylar fragment should be avoided because the long-term results are poor.

39 yr f/u...full motion despite asymptomatic nonunion..

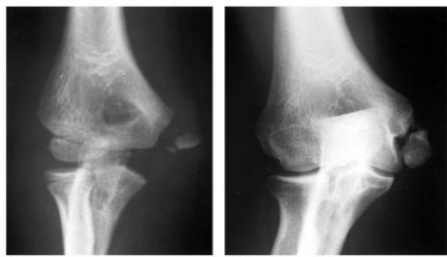


Fig. 1-A Fracture of the right medial humeral epicondyle with marked displacement in a twelve-year-old boy, treated with cast immobilization only.
Fig. 1-B Thirty-nine years after the injury, the patient had a full range of motion of the elbow, despite nonunion of the medial humeral epicondyle. The carrying angle of the affected elbow measured 15°. The final result was rated as good.

Farsetti JBJS 2001

Nonoperative RX
35 year F/U

Epicondylar elbow fracture in children

35-year follow-up of 56 unreduced cases

Fifty-six conservatively treated children (7-17 years) with a displaced (1-15 mm) fracture of the medial humeral epicondyle were examined 35 (21-48) years after the injury. In 31 cases a pseudarthrosis had developed of which 3 had mild ulnar nerve symptoms. The function and range of motion of the elbow was good in all cases.

Per O. Josefsson
Lars G. Danielsson

Lund University, Department of Orthopedics at Malmö General Hospital, S-214 01 Malmö, Sweden

Acta Orthop Scand 57:313-315



35 yr f/u asymptomatic nonunion

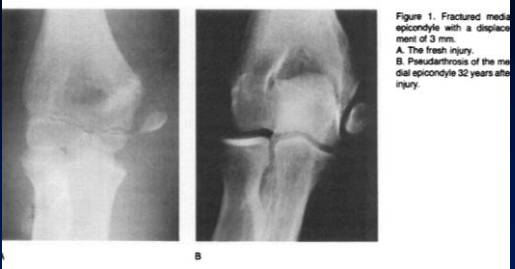


Figure 1. Fractured medial epicondyle with a displacement of 3 mm.
A. The fresh injury.
B. Pseudarthrosis of the medial epicondyle 32 years after injury.

L. Wells

The Literature is divided....

- Surgical treatment
- Indications
 - **Absolute**—Intra-articular entrapment of the medial epicondyle.....I agree....
 - **Relative**—Dominant arm in a throwing athlete, weight-bearing extremity in an athlete (eg, gymnast), ulnar nerve dysfunction.



L. Wells

Confusing literature..

- Systematic Reviews..
- Kamath
- Pappas
- Klatt



L. Wells

Systematic Reviews

J Child Orthop (2009) 3:343–357
 DOI 10.1007/s11832-009-9199-7

ORIGINAL CLINICAL ARTICLE

Operative versus non-operative management of pediatric medial epicondyle fractures: a systematic review

Atul F. Kamath · Keith Baldwin · John Horneff · Harish S. Hosalkar

- 14 studies included
- Pseudoarthrosis is common in Non op group
- No difference in pain at final followup

Medial Humeral Epicondyle Fractures

We don't know how bad it is...

How Displaced Are “Nondisplaced” Fractures of the Medial Humeral Epicondyle in Children? Results of a Three-Dimensional Computed Tomography Analysis

By Eric W. Edmonds, MD
Investigation performed at Rady Children's Hospital and Health Center, San Diego, California



Medial Humeral Epicondyle Fractures

We don't agree...

Intraobserver and Interobserver Agreement in the Measurement of Displaced Humeral Medial Epicondyle Fractures in Children

By Nick Pappas, MD, John T. Lawrence, MD, Derek Donegan, MD, Ted Ganley, MD, and John M. Flynn, MD
Investigation performed at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



Standard Radiographs are inconclusive... but does it matter...

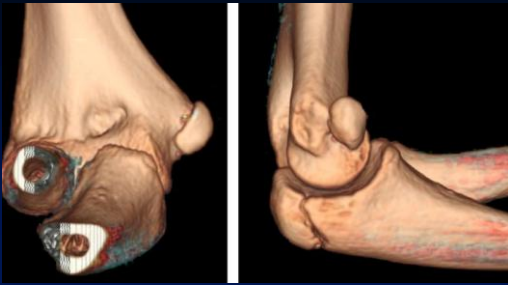


Pappas vs Klatt discordant xray review outcomes

L. Wells

19

Do we need a CT?... Does it matter?...



L. Wells

20

Medial Humeral Epicondyle Fractures

Complications



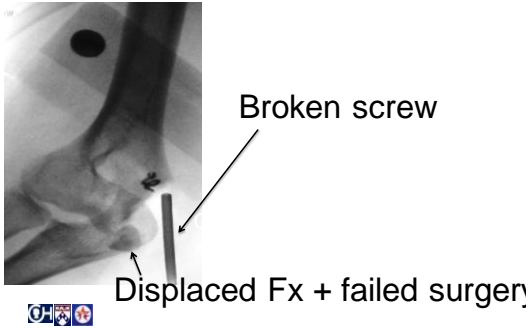
J Pediatr Orthop • Volume 31, Number 2, March 2011

Iatrogenic Radial Nerve Injury With Cannulated Fixation of Medial Epicondyle Fractures in the Pediatric Humerus: A Report of 2 Cases

David M. Marcus, MD,* Joshua Balts, BS,* James J. McCarthy, MD,†
Scott H. Kozin, MD,‡§ and Kenneth J. Noonan, MD*

Firstly, the use of a terminally threaded pin seems to be a risk factor. They seem to decrease the "feel" of the second cortex, so that advancement beyond the second cortex is much more likely, and potentially threaded pins are more likely to "wrap" or entangle the nerve. Second, the unique

Complications



Appeal for Evidence...

Medial Epicondyle Fractures in Children: Clinical Decision Making in the Face of Uncertainty

Charles T. Mehlman, DO, MPH and Andrew W. Howard, MD, FRCS(C), MSc†*

Carefully designed prospective studies, including randomized studies, are required before evidence-based pediatric orthopaedics can improve on the clinical recommendations derived from observational studies in the historical literature.



As we Wrestle with Value....



Value

THE DEDUCTIBLE BURDEN
 Just two years ago, only one in four employees was expected to pay a health-care deductible of \$400 or more. In 2013, that number is expected to more than double.

YOU BETTER SHOP AROUND

Consumers facing more out-of-pocket costs for medical care can save by

25

Our first charge is....



Primum non nocere
 First Do No Harm

Medial Humeral Epicondyle Fractures

MOST... DON'T NEED FIXING!

35 yr f/u

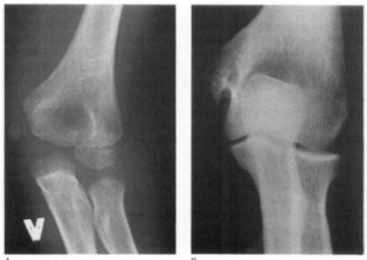


Figure 2. Fractured medial epicondyle with a displacement of 4 mm.
 A. The fresh injury.
 B. Healed medial epicondyle with a typical groove formation 33 years after injury.

Medial Humeral Epicondyle Fractures

- **MOST... DON'T NEED FIXING!**
- LAWRENCE et al AJSM 2013

Return to Competitive Sports After Medial Epicondyle Fractures in Adolescent Athletes

Results of Operative and Nonoperative Treatment

All 20 patients were able to return to playing their sport(s) at the next appropriate higher level given their age, irrespective of the treatment

Medial Humeral Epicondyle Fractures

- CONCLUSIONS...
- **Non operative Treatment**
 - Long arm cast 3 weeks
 - Early ROM as pain dissipates
- Return to ADL's and sports..

Bibliography

- Carl, Michelle S. Commentary on an article by Rob Figgess et al. "Intraobserver and interobserver agreement in the measurement of displaced humeral medial epicondyle fracture in children." *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery (British Volume)* 92-B (2010): 312-317.
- Edwards, Eric W. "How displaced are 'non-displaced' fractures of the medial humeral epicondyle in children? Results of a three-dimensional computed tomography analysis." *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery* 92-B (2010): 270-275.
- Farnoff P, Pimenta V, Cahalan B, Ippolito S. Long-term results of treatment of fractures of the medial humeral epicondyle in children. *J Bone Joint Surg Am*. Sep 2011;93-A(9):2019-2025.
- Gotschlich, Hilton P, et al. "Medial epicondyle fractures in the pediatric population." *Journal of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons* 20.4 (2012): 215-222.
- Jonsson PO, Danielsson LG. Epicondyle elbow fracture in children: 35 year follow-up of 56 unselected cases. *Acta Orthop Scand*. Aug 1986;55(6):313-315.
- Kamath, Aul F, et al. "Operative versus non-operative management of pediatric medial epicondyle fractures: a systematic review." *Journal of Children's Orthopaedics* 3.5 (2009): 345-357.
- Kist, Joshua B, et al. "The location of the medial humeral epicondyle in children: position based on common radiographic landmarks." *Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics* 32.5 (2012): 477-482.
- Lee PH, Shen MC, Chung JH, Lee CH, Wu SJ. Operative treatment of displaced medial epicondyle fractures in children and adolescents. *J Shoulder Elbow Surg*. Mar-Apr 2005;14(2):178-185.
- Loebler, Quentin M, et al. "Displaced medial epicondyle fractures of the humerus: surgical treatment and results. A report of 139 cases." *Archives of Orthopaedics and Trauma Surgery* 130.5 (2010): 648-655.
- Marcus, David M, et al. "Latrogenic radial nerve injury with comminuted fracture of medial epicondyle fractures in the pediatric humerus: a report of 2 cases." *Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics* 33.2 (2013): 614-616.
- Mahfouz, Charles T, et al. "Medial epicondyle fractures in children: critical decision making in the face of uncertainty." *Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics* 32 Suppl 2(2012): S135-S142.
- Ozbaki DC, Chalmers PA, Frank D, Williams RL, 3rd, Wilkerson W, Green DW. Acute avulsion fractures of the medial epicondyle while throwing in youth baseball players: a variant of Little League elbow. *Orthopedic Journal of Sports* 9(4) (2003): 310-315.
- Pappas, Nick, et al. "Intraobserver and interobserver agreement in the measurement of displaced humeral medial epicondyle fractures in children." *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery* 92-B (2010): 322-327.
- Patel, Neel M, et al. "Medial epicondyle fractures of the humerus: how to evaluate and when to operate." *Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics* 32 Suppl 2(2012): S10-S13.
- Papanica, Ylio, et al. "Neglected fracture of the medial humeral epicondyle that was entrapped into the elbow joint: a case report." *Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics*. Part B 33.1 (2012): 542-544.
- Smith, Jeremy T, et al. "Operative fixation of medial humeral epicondyle fracture nonunion in children." *Journal of Pediatric Orthopaedics* 30.7 (2010): 644-646.

Thank You



WellsL@email.chop.edu



Medial Epicondyle Fractures: To Fix



Eric W Edmonds, M.D.



Disclosures

- None pertinent to this talk



Introduction

- Anatomy
 - Anterior and posterior bundle of the medial collateral ligament
 - Pronator teres, flexor digitorum superficialis, flexor carpi radialis and ulnaris

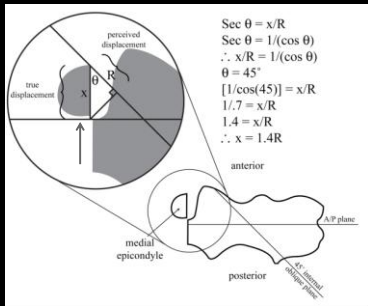


Introduction

- Pathomechanics
 - Displacement based on muscle vectors
 - Question utility of AP radiographs



Trigonometry



$$\begin{aligned} \sec \theta &= x/R \\ \sec \theta &= 1/(\cos \theta) \\ \therefore x/R &= 1/(\cos \theta) \\ \theta &= 45^\circ \\ [1/(\cos(45))] &= x/R \\ 1.7 &= x/R \\ 1.4 &= x/R \\ \therefore x &= 1.4R \end{aligned}$$



Real Question

- What is acceptable displacement?



- No acceptable answer to this question.



Current recommendations?

- Surgical Indications
 - AP x-ray displacement
 - > 2 mm
 - > 3 mm
 - > 5 mm
 - > 10 mm

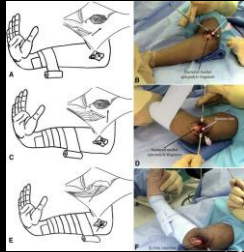


– Intra- and Inter-observer reliability low



Operative Treatment

- To expose the nerve or not expose the nerve
- Reduction methods
 - Clamp
 - Esmarch
 - K-wire
 - Dental pick

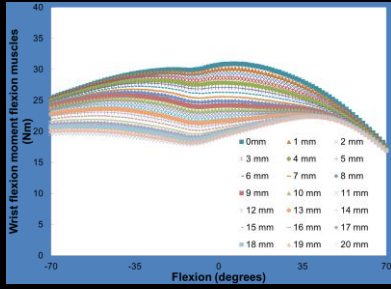


Fixation

- K-wires
- 4.0 or 4.5mm cannulated screws
- Suture anchors




Unpublished data



Thank You



ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH SPORTS MEDICINE INSTITUTE



Adolescent Clavicle Fractures: The Case for Non-Operative Treatment
John D. Polousky, MD
Surgical Director
Rocky Mountain Youth Sports Medicine Institute

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOSPITAL for CHILDREN

ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH SPORTS MEDICINE INSTITUTE

Adolescent Clavicle Fractures: The Case for Non-Operative Treatment

John D. Polousky, MD
I have no conflicts


ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOSPITAL for CHILDREN

ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH SPORTS MEDICINE INSTITUTE


Midshaft Clavicle Fractures


- Children- Wide spread agreement for non-operative treatment.
- Management is controversial in adults- due to nonunion/symptomatic malunion.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOSPITAL for CHILDREN

 **What about adolescents?**

- Nonunion-rare.
- Symptomatic malunion may be more common than once thought.
- First bone to ossify, last physis to close- 3rd decade.





 **Adolescent Clavicle Fracture**

THE JOURNAL OF BONE & JOINT SURGERY
JB&JS
This is an enhanced PDF from The Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery
 The PDF of the article you requested follows this cover page.


Nonoperative Treatment Compared with Plate Fixation of Displaced Midshaft Clavicular Fractures. A Multicenter, Randomized Clinical Trial


Canadian Orthopaedic Trauma Society
J Bone Joint Surg Am. 2007;89:1-10. doi:10.2106/JBJS.F.00020




 **Adolescent Clavicle Fracture**


- Higher Constant and DASH scores in the operative group.
- Fewer Symptomatic Malunion 9/49 [non-op] vs. 0/62 [op].
- Fewer Nonunions [7/49 vs. 2/62].



 **Adolescent Clavicle Fracture**

- What about the adolescents?
 - Nonunion is rare.
 - How frequent is symptomatic malunion?
 - Does remodeling correct some of the problems associated with malunion?
 - Strength.
 - Cosmesis.
 - Patient oriented outcomes.





 **Adolescent Clavicle Fracture**

Operative Versus Nonoperative Treatment of Midshaft Clavicle Fractures in Adolescents


Kelly L. Vander Have, MD, Aaron M. Perdue, MD, Michelle S. Caird, MD, and Frances A. Farley, MD

Background: Midshaft clavicle fractures in adolescents have *(J Pediatr Orthop 2010;30:307-312)*



 **Vander Have et al., JPO 2010**

- Retrospective cohort [Level III].
- 42 patients with 43 clavicle fractures.
- Mean age 15.4 yrs.
- 25 nonoperative.
- 17 operative.





Vander Have et al., JPO 2010

- Non-operative group
 - 5 [20%] symptomatic malunions.
 - 4 elected corrective osteotomy, which alleviated sx.





Carry et al., JPO 2011

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

A Survey of Physician Opinion Adolescent Midshaft Clavicle Fracture Treatment Preferences Among POSNA Members

Patrick M. Carry, BA,* Ryan Koonce, MD,† Zhaoxing Pan, PhD,‡ and John D. Polousky, MD§

Background: Based on recent evidence of inconsistent outcomes after the closed treatment of adult midshaft clavicle fractures, the management of similar fracture patterns in adolescents is being reevaluated. The primary aim of this study is to report current treatment preferences for adolescent midshaft clavicle fractures among pediatric orthopaedic physicians and to determine if recent adult literature has influenced clinical

trials are needed to evaluate the efficacy of primary operative fixation of midshaft clavicle fractures in adolescent populations.
Level of Evidence: Cross-sectional electronic survey, level V-expert opinion.

Key Words: adolescent, clavicle fracture, midshaft
(*J Pediatr Orthop* 2011;31:44-49)






Carry et al., JPO 2011





FIGURE 1. Radiographs of the midshaft clavicle fracture patterns included in the survey. The fracture patterns were chosen based on the Edinburg⁷ classification system.




 **Carry et al., JPO 2011**


- Even for segmental clavicle fractures in older adolescents, only 50% of POSNA members favored operative treatment.




 **POSNA 2012**


- Paper #79 “Functional Outcomes after Adolescent Clavicle Fractures Based on Fracture Displacement and Age”
 - Reinerson, Priola, Wall, et al.




 **POSNA 2012**


- Retrospective, min. 2 yr f/u.
- 91 pts. [age 10-18], treated nonoperatively.
- Compared degree of shortening with functional outcome.
- Functional outcomes [PODCI, QuickDASH] did not differ between shortening groups [0- >2cm].




 POSNA 2012


- Retrospective, min. 2 yr f/u.
- 91 pts. [age 10-18], treated nonoperatively.
- Compared degree of shortening with functional outcome.
- Functional outcomes [PODCI, QuickDASH] did not differ between shortening groups [0->2cm].




 POSNA 2012

- Greater shortening was correlated with better sports and physical function.
- QuickDASH score decreased with age.
- PODCI not correlated with age/displacement/shortening.



 POSNA 2012

- Paper #81 “Shoulder Motion, Strength and Functional Outcomes in Children with Established Malunion of the Clavicle”
 - Shah, Kalish, Kwon, Waters, **Bae**.
- 15 pts. with >2cm shortening, established malunion.





POSNA 2012

- Outcomes:
 - PODCI, VAS, DASH, ROM, Strength.
 - Forward flexion and abduction 6.5 degrees greater on uninjured side.
 - Not clinically significant.





JBJS 2013

- Shulz, et al.
 - 16 pts. [14 +/- 2yrs]
 - 2 yrs. f/u
 - Injured vs. uninjured extremity.
 - All fractures “completely displaced and shortened”
 - Measured QuickDASH, strength, ROM.






JBJS 2013

- Shulz, et al.
 - Slight decrease external rotation strength [8%] and abduction endurance [11%].
 - No difference in QuickDash, all other strength and endurance measures.
 - All returned to previous level of activity, or higher.
 - 1 pt. dissatisfied with cosmesis.



ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH SPORTS MEDICINE INSTITUTE

14 yo male



ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOSPITAL for CHILDREN

ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH SPORTS MEDICINE INSTITUTE

2 yrs later



ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOSPITAL for CHILDREN

ROCKY MOUNTAIN YOUTH SPORTS MEDICINE INSTITUTE

Conclusion

- Indications for ORIF:
 - Open fx.
 - Neurovascular compromise.
 - Impending skin compromise.
- **Relative** indications for ORIF:
 - Marked displacement?.
 - Polytrauma

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOSPITAL for CHILDREN



Conclusion

Evidence to support the routine ORIF of displaced clavicle fractures in adolescents is lacking.

The available evidence demonstrates non-operative treatment of displaced clavicle fractures in adolescents generally produces excellent clinical results.



Clavicle Fractures in Adolescents – Operative Treatment

- Vumedi Webinar
 - Nov 5, 2013
- Pediatric Adolescent Sports
 - Kevin G Shea, MD
- St. Lukes Sports Medicine
- St Lukes Health System
 - Boise, Idaho



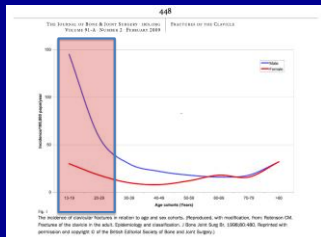
Disclosures

- None – Financial
- Reviewer
 - JPO
 - JBJS
 - CORR
- Committees
 - AAOS
 - AOSSM
 - POSNA



Epidemiology -

- 2.6-4.0% of all fractures
- 10-15% of all pediatric fractures
- Most Common fracture under 10 years of age
- This is a pediatric, adolescent, young adult male problem



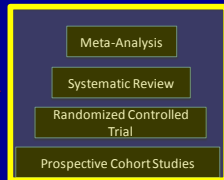
Epidemiology: Location

- Mid-Shaft - 69 to 82%
 - Most are displaced

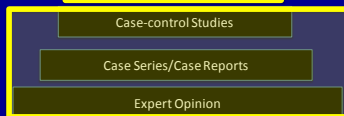


Study Designs – Levels of Evidence

2000's

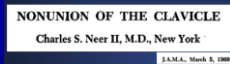


1960s



History of Treatment – 1950-1990s

- Non-unions were thought to be rare for mid-shaft
 - 0.1% to 0.8%
- Mal-unions not discussed
- Open Treatment most common cause of Non-Union
 - Neer - 4.6%
 - Rowe - 3.7%
- “The most common cause of non-union of fractures in the middle third has been improper initial operation” . . . Neer 1960



Clavicle Shortening and Poor Satisfaction

- Worse Clinical Results with Fracture Shortening
 - Ledger et al JSES 2005
 - Lazaridez et al JSES 2006



Some Real Data – Prospective, Registry

- Robinson et al 2004
- Risk Factors for Non-Union
 - Increasing Age
 - Female
 - Displacement
 - Comminution

ESTIMATING THE RISK OF NONUNION FOLLOWING NONOPERATIVE TREATMENT OF A CLAVICULAR FRACTURE

By C. MICHAEL BOWEN, MD, MChD, FRCS(Orth), Consultant in General Surgery, MRC(Surgical Unit), Westminster St, St Thomas' Hospital, Westminster, London W8 6AA, UK; and J. R. YERGEN, MD, FRCS(Orth), with thanks to: R. HARRISON, MD, MRCP, Investigator-in-Chief, the Reader/Topic Chair, Orthopaedic Science Unit, Southampton University Hospital, Southampton, UK

Clinical Risk Factors	Estimated Nonunion Risk
Age	Age
Gender	Gender
Fracture comminution	Fracture comminution
Fracture displacement	Fracture displacement
Fracture comminution	Fracture comminution
Fracture comminution	Fracture comminution
Fracture comminution	Fracture comminution
Fracture comminution	Fracture comminution
Fracture comminution	Fracture comminution
Fracture comminution	Fracture comminution
Fracture comminution	Fracture comminution

Data – A critical tool for patient centered care

THE JOURNAL OF BONE & JOINT SURGERY - [BRITISH] | FRACTURES OF THE CLAVICLE
VOLUME 91-A | NUMBER 2 | FEBRUARY 2009

TABLE 1 Calculated Probability of a Nonunion at Twenty-four Weeks After a Clavicular Shaft Fracture, Based on Age, Sex, Comminution, and Displacement*

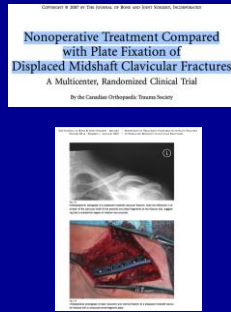
Age (yr)	Probability of a Nonunion							
	Not Displaced, Not Comminuted		Displaced, Not Comminuted		Comminuted, Not Displaced		Displaced and Comminuted	
	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females
20	<1%	2%	8%	16%	2%	7%	18%	30%
30	<1%	3%	10%	20%	4%	9%	20%	35%
40	1%	5%	13%	26%	5%	12%	25%	38%
50	2%	6%	16%	32%	6%	13%	29%	42%
60	2%	7%	19%	38%	8%	15%	31%	44%
70	4%	10%	21%	37%	9%	18%	35%	49%

*The values are based on studies including a total of 581 fractures.^{3,22}

- Adolescent – 14-20 Year Age Group
- Displaced
- Displaced and Comminuted

Higher Quality Data - RCT

- McKee 2007 JBJS
- Operative versus non-operative
- Displaced Midshaft
- RCT - Adult males
- Operative Group
 - Improved functional Outcome
 - Lower rate of mal-union and nonunion



Adult Literature: 100% displaced mid-shaft clavicular fracture

- Obremsky, JBJS 2009
- 75% of all patients will do very well without surgery
- 25% of these clavicle fractures wont do well
 - Shortening, non-union, mal-union
- How do we determine which ones won't do well?



Systematic Review

- McKee et al 2012
- Meta-Analysis
- 6 Studies, 412 Patients
- Operative vs Non-operative
 - Non-union rate higher in non-operative group
 - 14.5% vs 1.4%
 - Symptomatic Mal-union rate higher in non-op
 - 8.5% vs. 0.0%
- Earlier Functional Recovery in operative group
- No evidence to support better long term outcomes in operative group



Where are we now?

- Displaced, comminuted fractures
- We have much better evidence for decision making in adults
- Non-operative treatment is an option
- Some non-unions have good shoulder function



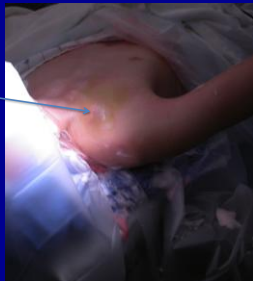
Where are we now?

- Displaced, comminuted fractures
- Active adults may do better with surgery? 6 months only?
- Shortening – association with poor satisfaction
- Healing Rate in the skeletally immature is still not known



Surgical Indications

- Skin tenting
- Open fractures
- Soft-tissue interposition
- Neurovascular compromise
- Multiple trauma
- Floating shoulder



Relative Surgical Indications

Patient Centered Decision Making is Key

- Younger, active patients with greater than 1.5-2 cm of shortening
- Severe displacement or comminution
- Significant cosmetic deformity
- Work, Sports
 - Cyclists
- Hand dominance

Case Discussions

Treatment for Mid-Shaft Fractures Minimally Displaced

- Non-displaced or minimally displaced
- Non-Operative Treatment
- Remains non-controversial



15 Year old Male Clavicle Fracture

3 Weeks



10 weeks



Case Study: Radiographs



13 Year old Male
Closed fracture
Soccer
Non skin compromise

How would you treat this?



Treatment Options

- 1. Sling
- 2. Figure 8 Brace
- 3. Closed Reduction
- 4. Open reduction with Plate
- 5. Open reduction with IM Rod



Now 17 Years Old – Chronic Shoulder Pain, and weakness





Treatment Options

- 1. Sling
- 2. Figure 8 Brace
- 3. Closed Reduction
- 4. Open reduction with Plate
- 5. Open reduction with IM Rod



ORIF with Local Bone Graft