Ask the Experts: Rapid Fire TKA Early Complication Management





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Overview

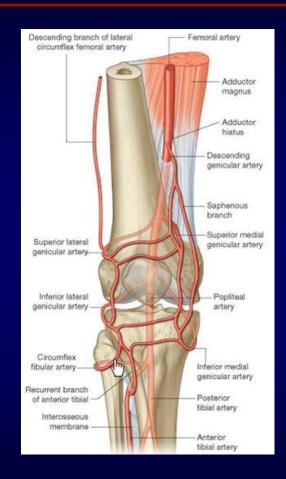
- Wound problems
- Stiffness
- Instability
- Early loosening
- Infection





Skin Blood Supply

- Intrinsic
 - perforators from superior and inferior genicular systems
- Extrinsic
 - Medial: descending genicular artery (branch of superficial femoral artery)
 - Anterior: recurrent branch of anterior tibial artery
 - Lateral: descending branch of lateral femoral cutaneous artery

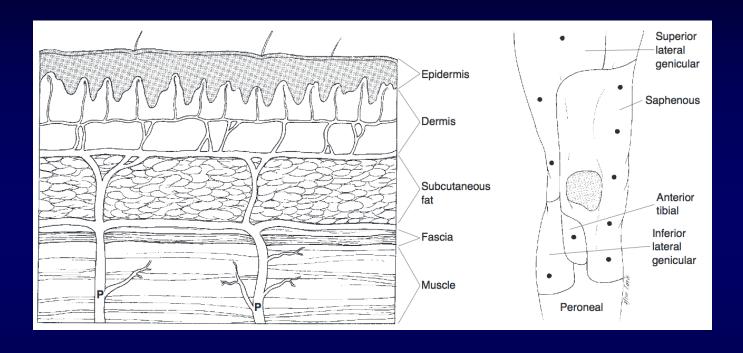


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Skin Blood Supply



Surgical Exposures in Revision Total Knee Arthroplasty

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J Am Acad Orthop Surg 1998;6:55-64





Lateral Skin: Lower tcP02

Blood Supply to the Anterior Skin of the Knee - Perioperative Measurement by Transcutaneous Oxygen Tension-

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- 34 yo F s/p PFJ replacement for post-traumatic arthrosis
- Plastics early!







- 67 yo F s/p primary
 TKA for post-traumatic arthrosis
- Previous ORIF in her 30s
- 7 cm skin bridge
- Immobilize ?
- VAC ?
- Wet to dry drsgs?
- Abx?







- 39 yo M primary TKA and ex mech recon w/ mesh 2011 for post-traumatic arthrosis
- Foot drop from compartment syndrome; hidradenitis on TNF alpha inhibitor
- No lag, no pain, no assist
- 2 weeks pain
- Gross pus
- Systemically septic MRSA
- 1 stage?
- 2 stage?
- Insert exchange?













- VAC
- Nylons
- Immobilize
- POD 5
- ? VAC
- ? Flap
- ? nitropaste









• POD 21









Interesting Case: Knee Arthroplasty

CC: Recurrent Right knee effusions s/p revision Total Knee Arthroplasty

HPI: 61F, multiple knee aspirations with negative infection work-up.

On rifampin and Bactrim since last surgery 12/19/17 (4 months ago)

OSH ID service planning on 6 months of abx total.

She has moderate pain with activities, stairs, kneeling, low chairs, any exercise.

PSH: extensive (see detail next slide)

PMH: BCC, hx intestinal obstructions, Hx DVT 1980's, distant history of gastroschisis

Meds: Bactrim, progesterone, meloxicam, tramadol PRN

ALL: NKDA

FH: Non-contributory

SH: VP at an international publishing company. Social drinker. Quit smoking in the 90's.

Interesting Case: Knee, 4/9/18 Extensive Hx surgery Right knee: all at OSHs

PSH: Distant **HTO**, 1990's

12/10/04 R knee open meniscectomy, debridement, chondroplasty

3/17/06 R TKA, OSH -> MUA 5/18/06

11/6/06 R knee lysis of adhesion, poly exchange, **TTO** re-alignment

11/20/06 R knee DAIR (MSSA) -> MUA 12/18/06 -> c/b wound problem

12/25/06 R knee I and D and complex wound closure -> MUA 3/5/07

12/20/13 R knee arthroscopic lysis of adhesions

10/9/14 R knee revision TKA and revision TTO

2015-2016 serial aspirations for recurrent effusions

4/17/2017 R knee resection arthroplasty, ROH HTO staple and screws, static abx spacer (MRSA)

6/29/2017 R revision TKA, c/b patellar tendon rupture repaired primarily with fiberwire c/b instability -> persistent effusions

12/5/2017 R revision TKA -> **hinge**, sleeves and tibial component retained, c/b draining hematoma, bleeding, & wound problem

12/20/17 R knee I&D, liner exchange, and revision capsular closure (rent about the tubercle)

XR:



Exam: Well-nourished, well-developed, NAD

5'6", 125lbs (BMI: 20)

Antalgic gait, trendelenberg negative wound well-healed, 2+ effusion, not red or warm neutral alignment, ROM 0-115 with some discomfort palpable patellofemoral crepitus, no instability PPP, SILT, good strength throughout

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Plan: Aspiration, cell count, culture, alpha-defensin Agree with plan to continue abx to 6 months Follow-up in 2 months or sooner PRN

Procedure: aspirated 240cc of blood-tinged fluid

	wbc	pmn	a-def	Сх
4/9/18	33	30	neg	NG14d

RTC 6wk

CC: requesting re-aspiration for symptomatic relief

HPI: after aspiration was able to increase her activity level, do Pilates, and golf.

weaning tramadol, tolerating Bactrim

unfortunately effusion re-accumulated a couple weeks after aspiration

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Plan: Aspirate knee

Stay the course with OS ID service

RTC PRN

Procedure: aspirated 210cc of blood-tinged fluid

	wbc	pmn	a-def	Сх
4/9/18	33	30	neg	NG14d
5/21/18	56	39	neg	NG14d

3 weeks later, presents to partner's clinic

CC: Right hip and groin pain.

HPI: Groin pain pain with activity, stairs one-at-a-time, refractory to NSAIDs

Exam: Groin pain with hip IR

XR:

LABS:

ESR: 14 (nl<30)

CRP: <0.2 (<0.9)

PLAN: ???



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PLAN: Aspirate

Wbc 5, 54%

A-def neg

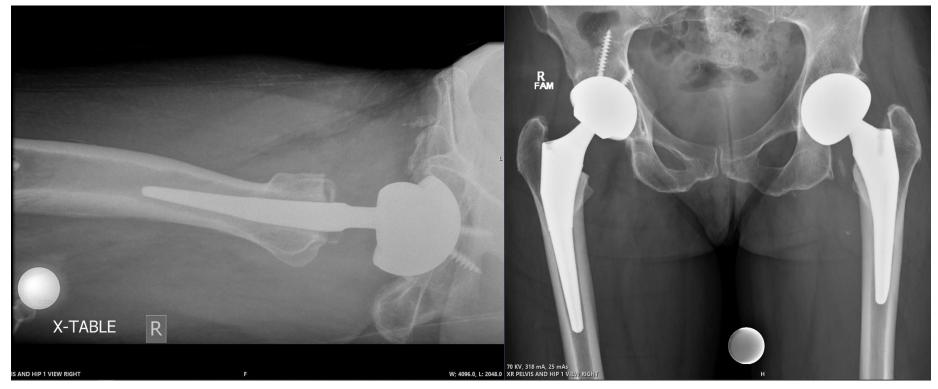
Consult ID



Routine R THA w press-fit implants 7/18/18

Routine recovery, except persistent Right knee effusions, aspirated 8/27/18

Discontinued Bactrim 10/5/18



CC: Recurrent Right knee effusions

Exam: 2+ effusion

ROM 0-100, no instability

5 degree extensor lag

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Plan: Defer aspiration

Consult with IR

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Exam: 2+ effusion

ROM 0-110, no instability

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Plan: Open synovectomy and liner exchange.

interval aspiration for symptomatic relief.

	СС	date	wbc	pmn	a-def	Cx
	240	4/9/18	33	30	neg	NG14d
	210	5/21/18	56	39	neg	NG14d
	160	7/10/18	196	38	nd	NG14d
stopped Bactrim		10/5/18				
	200	8/27/18	discar	rded		
	150	1/15/19	discarded			

Interesting Case: Knee, 5/22/19 open synovectomy, insert exchange

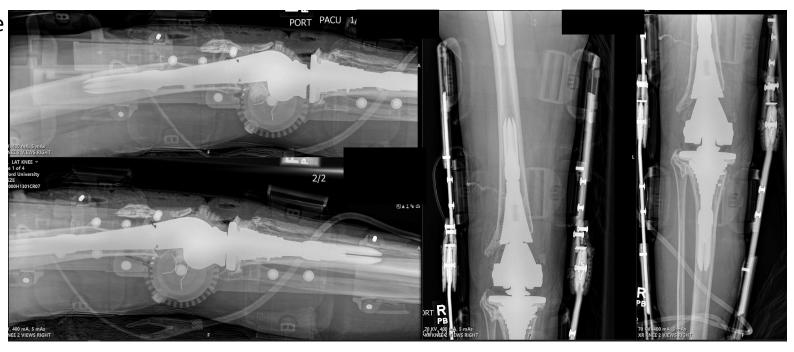
OR:

Synovial fluid: typical blood-tinged appearance, wbc 25

Mature, thick synovium, no synovitis

Well fixed implants

Liner exchange WBAT, HKB LIE



2 weeks post-op, no effusion





6 weeks post-op (7/9/19)

2+ effusion, 105cc

10 degree extensor lag

4 months post-op (9/23/19)

2+ effusion, 260cc

20 degree extensor lag

6 months post-op (11/19/19)

2+ effusion, 420cc

No extensor lag noted



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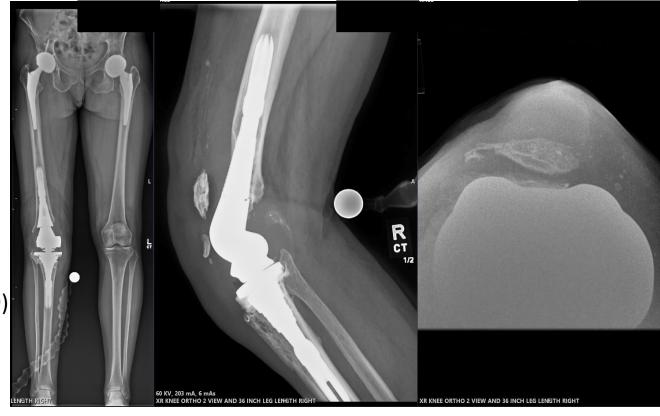
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Plan: 12/16/19 IR embolization of superior and descending geniculate arteries

Interesting Case: Knee, 1/6/20

RTC

CC: recurrent knee effusions





RTC

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	260	9/23/19	83	45	neg	NG14d	80 prepatellar, 180 intra-articular
	420	11/19/19	189	30	neg	NG14d	
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Dx: defect in retinaculum allowing communication between the joint and prepatellar bursa

-> Arthrotomy, synovectomy, capsular closure

OR

Aspiration: wbc 175

Redundant skin anteriorly

essentially a tissue expander

impending sinus

2mm rent is retinaculum identified

joint space communicating with

prepatellar bursa

Up-sized poly $12 \rightarrow 14$.

Excised redundant retinaculum, Advanced patellar ligament in pants-over-vest fashion.

Excised redundant skin, closed primarily.

Plans: WBAT, HKB LIE x 2weeks



Interesting Case: Knee

2/28/20, 2 weeks post-op



4 weeks post-op

Fell on her Right knee while moving boxes out of son's apartment at 3 weeks post-op.

Now with swelling and **fluid collection** between skin and capsule.

Concern that she may have damaged the capsular repair.

5 degree extensor lag

3 months post-op (5/12/20)

2+ effusion

5 degree extensor lag

5 months post-op (7/14/20) 3+ effusion, 200cc aspirated 25 degree extensor lag After the aspiration

Dx: ???



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5 months post-op (7/14/20) 3+ effusion, 200cc aspirated

25 degree extensor lag

After the aspiration



Plan: Dx: Incompetent retinaculum -> extensor mechanism reconstruction with Marlex Mesh

Extensor mechanism reconstruction

Scar revision

OR

Marlex mesh

Patellar tendon intact, but attenuated.

Transected, overlapped, repaired.

Plan: HKB LIE x 3 months







OR
Extensor mechanism reconstruction

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Marlex mesh available but not used

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8/27/20 Present to ED w pain and swelling ESR 42 (30), CRP 5.5 (0.5)



Pre-Op

Post-OP



OR
Extensor mechanism reconstruction

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Aspiration: wbc 2,556, 96% pmn

Pre-Op



Post-OP



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Pre-Op



Post-OP



Interesting Case: Knee, 9/3/20





Interesting Case: Knee, 9/14/20





PLAN: ???





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Interesting Case: Knee, 9/22/20

Clear full-thickness injury ESR 105 (30), CRP 2.1 (0.8)

PLAN: ???





Interesting Case: Knee, 9/22/20

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PLAN:
OR 9/23/20
Explant, static abx spacer
Possible gastric flap
Possible free flap

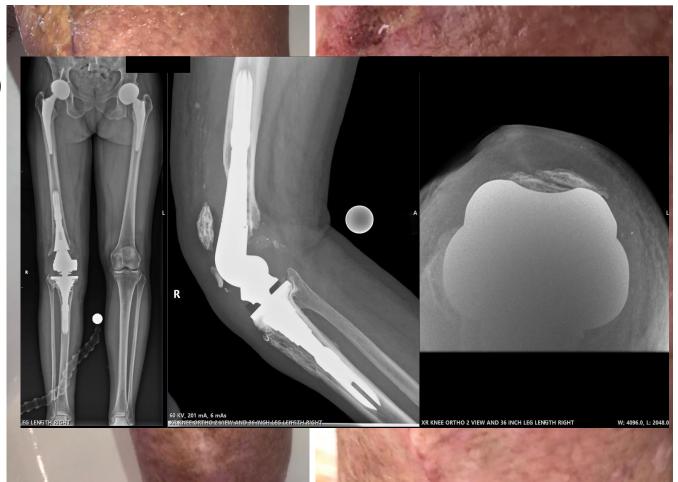




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OR 9/23/20
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Possible free flap



Synthes humeral nail, abx Simplex cement

5x deep tissue cultures

Removed all non-absorbable sutures

Thorough synovectomy

High-speed burr and osteotomes, minimal bone loss

Canals reamed and curetted

care to avoid THA implant proximally
Intentionally shortened limb to aid in closure
Distalized patella while closing capsule
Rotational flap on skin, no need for gastroc flap
Incisional wound vac, HKB LIE, strict elevation
ID consult, PICC line
If wound fails to heal then
Plan for gastroc flap in 5-7 days





1 week post-op
TTWB, HKB LIE, iVAC
Strict elevation
Cx: CoNS x5



Interesting Case: Knee, 10/5/20

2 weeks post-op

Replace iVac

TTWB, HKB LIE, strict elevation

Shared photo and plan with plastic surgery colleagues

ID co-management: pansensitive CoNS.

Cefazolin via PICC, end date 11/3/20

Weekly clinic visits for wound checks...

3 weeks (10/12/20): iVac change

4 weeks (10/19/20): drainage decreasing, iVac change



5 weeks (10/26/20) iVac change ESR 5 (30) 6 weeks (11/3/20) iVac change Extend abx to 11/30/20 7 weeks (11/9/20) stop iVac start wet-to-dry 11/16/20, 11/23/20, 11 weeks (12/8/20)

stop IV Abx

start PO abx





12/15/20 2/2/21



PLAN: ???



12/15/20 2/2/21



PLAN:
Plastics consult:
Exchange and flap (2-stage)
Replant and flap (1-stage)
or local wound care?



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- 1) Spacer exchange w flap
- 2) Elevate flap and replant



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At pre-op visit in March patient feels there has been some progress



12/15/20 2/2/21 5/11/21







Interesting Case: Knee, return to OR 5/13/21:





Again, weekly wound checks WBAT, HKB LIE

When to progress motion?





Again, weekly wound checks WBAT, HKB LIE

At 6 weeks allowed 10 deg
At 8 weeks allowed 70 deg
No extensor lag noted



Interesting Case: Knee, presents to ED 7/19/21

Mechanical ground level fall

Tripped while carrying a case of water



Interesting Case: Knee, presents to ED 7/19/21

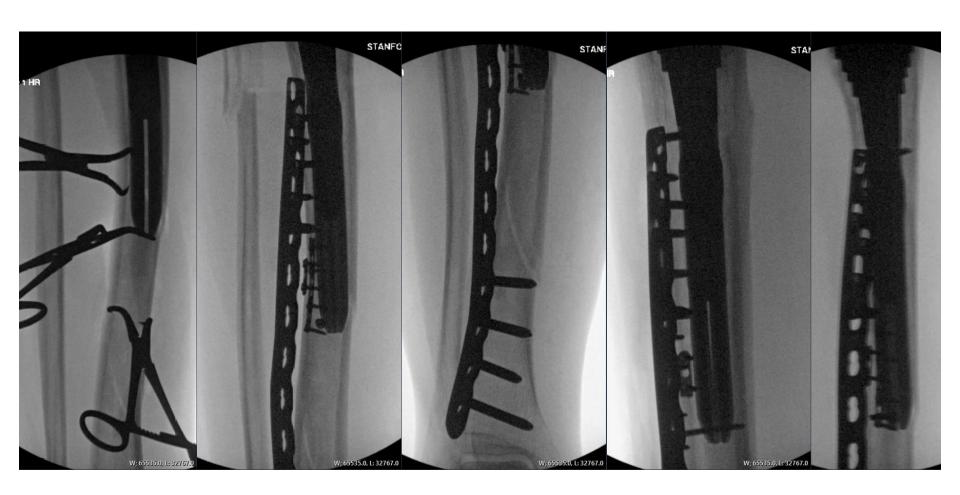
Mechanical ground level fall

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Managed by Trauma service



Interesting Case: Knee, presents to OR 7/20/21



NWB x 6weeks
TDWB x 6 weeks
WBAT at 3 months



NWB x 6weeks
TDWB x 6 weeks
WBAT at 3 months

At 8 weeks noted

90 deg extensor lag

Plan: ???



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TDWB x 6 weeks
WBAT at 3 months

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WBAT at 3 months

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At 12 weeks planned For recon w Marlex mesh +/- gastric flap



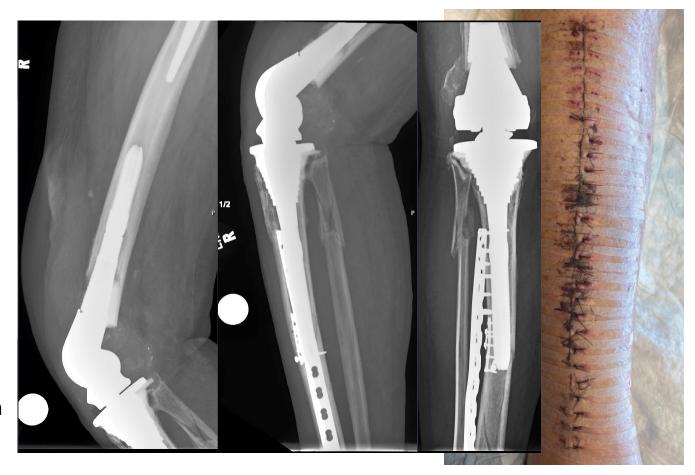
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Interesting Case: Knee, revision extensor mechanism recon OR 12/10/21

OR

medial 2/3 of tubercle avulsed patella subluxated laterally liner sized up to 14 carefully identified site for mesh insertion 3.5mm screw w washer tubularized mesh weaved through patella tendon incorporated w non-absorables able to close skin, no flap. decision regarding flap was made with plastic surgeon



Interesting Case: Knee

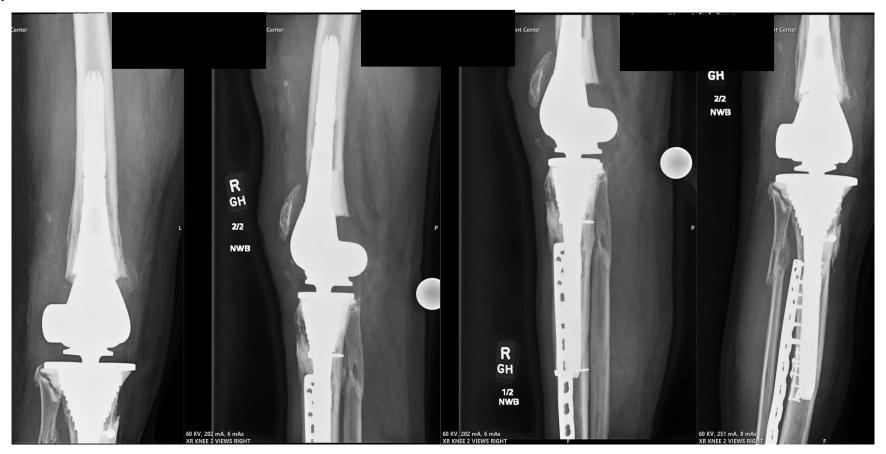
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Interesting Case: Knee, 01/18/22

s/p R revision TKA and extensor mechanism reconstruction 12/10/21



Interesting Case: Knee, 04/18/22

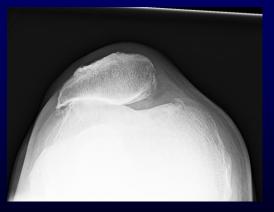
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Stiffness

- 81 yo active male
- PAF on Eliquus
- Golf
- 0-120⁰ preop
- ? PFJ replacement
- ? TKA











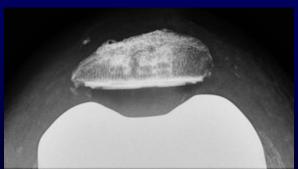
Stiffness

0-80⁰ 6 weeks 0-85⁰ 6 weeks

Timing of manipulation? Cortisone injection?











Stiffness

- 0-125 after manip
- 12 weeks: 0-105



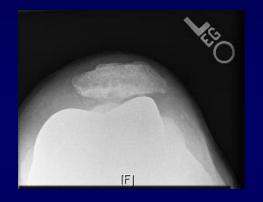




Stiffness - RM









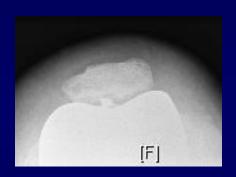




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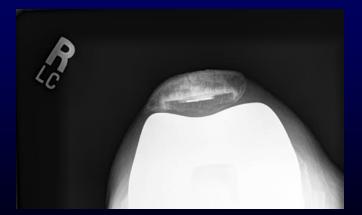




SS – "unstable"







+100 - 1400





JC – "unstable"









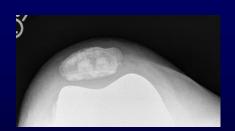
? insert exchange vs.
? full revision vs.
? tibial revision





NM – 50 yo F, Fall, "unstable"









- ? Brace
- ? MCL reconstruction
- ? Constrained condylar
- ? Hinge



NM – MCL Insufficiency





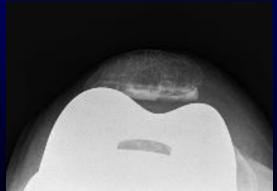




SB – Lateral Pain









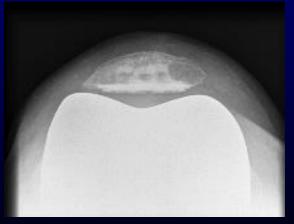


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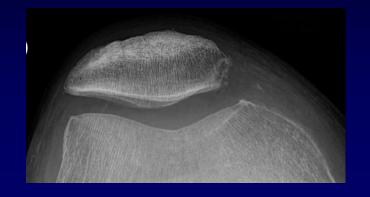




CS

- 59 yo M
- 5'9" 215 lbs.
- Medial pain







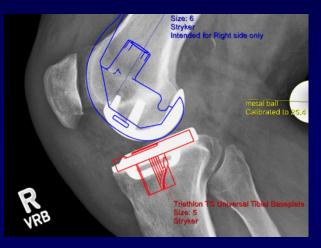




12 weeks postop

- Sharp, medial pain with WB
- No pain meds
- No assist devices









13 weeks postop

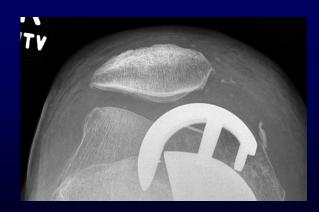
No trauma

Revision UKA?

TKA?











Conversion to TKA







Thank You





