

Principles of Revision Knee Arthroplasty

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Aims

- Current and Predicted revision burden
- Causes of failure and revision
- Principles of Revision TKR
- Revision Strategy
- Future Direction of Revision Surgery

Burden

- 90,000 pa TKR - NJR
- 700,000 USA - predicted to increase by 600% by 2030, with 250,000 revisions.
- 92% increase in NJR revisions in 5 years. C.6000
- Increased trend in younger patients
- 4 million in US with a TKR
- Aged >77, 90% chance of outliving TKR
- <55, 5x 3year revision rate

Financial Analysis

- Approx £8000 NHS England Tariff
- Costs £9655 for aseptic revision
- £30,000 infected revision

- Mean loss £4655 per case

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- Revise, don't repeat
- Complete revision
- Pre operative plan (A, B, C, Z)
- Stable fixation with compensation for bone loss
- Restoration of Joint Line
- Restoration of Anatomical Alignment and rotation
- Soft Tissue balancing with functional stability

Reasons for failure of TKR

- **IDENTIFY A CAUSE**
- Mont MA, Serna F, Krackow K, Hungerford Exploration of radiographically normal total knee replacement for unexplained pain. CORR 1996;1:216-20.

Causes of failure of TKR NJR

| | |
|-------------------|-----|
| Aseptic loosening | 24% |
| Pain | 17% |
| Instability | 10% |
| Infection | 30% |
| Malalignment | 6% |
| Periprosthetic # | 3% |
| Stiffness | 6% |

Early Revision

- Instability
- Malalignment
- Malposition
- Fixation failure
- Patella

75% <2yr

technique

- **Infection**

Sharkey PF, Hozack WJ, Rothman RH, Shastri S, Jacoby SM. Why Are Total Knee Arthroplasties Failing Today? Clin Orthop Relat Res 2002;1:7-13.

Workup

History

- “never been right” vs new onset
- Peri op issues
- Pain – mechanical, loading vs constant
- Hip & spine
- Bloods
- Aspiration

Examination

- Soft tissues
- Alignment
- ROM
- Instability – AP, varus/valgus, collaterals
- Extensor function
- Patellar tracking

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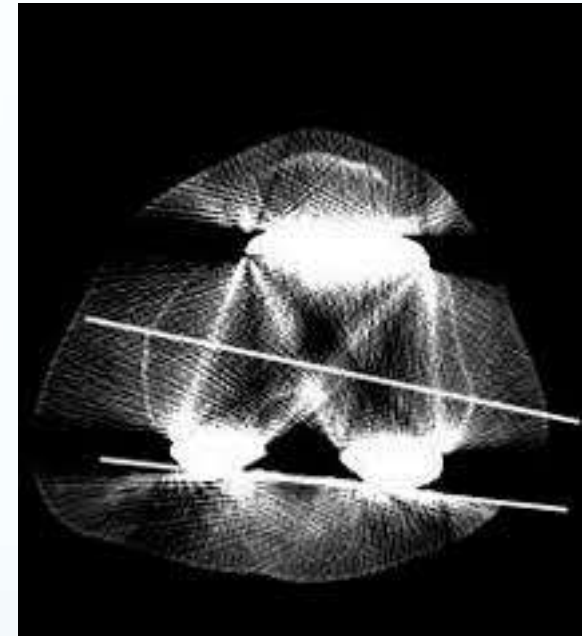
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- Sequential



XR

- Alignment
- CT for rotation

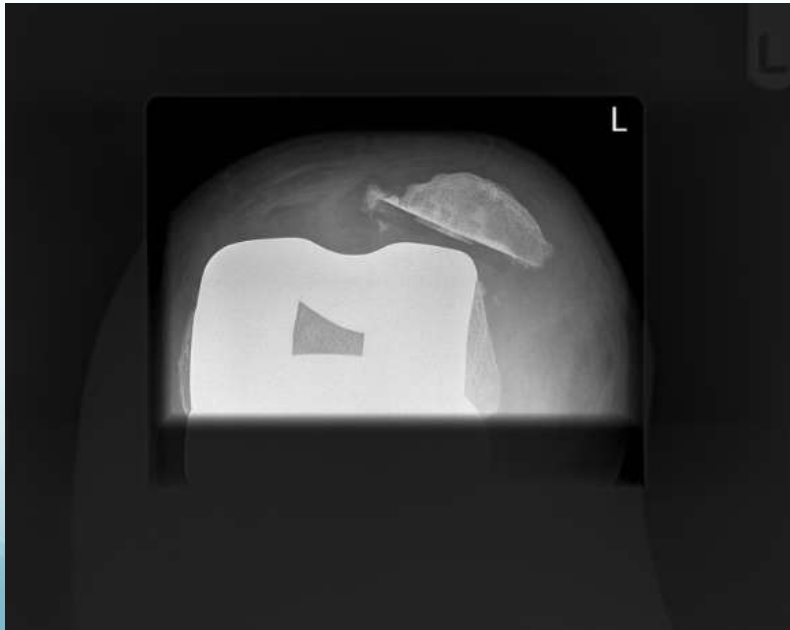


THE PERTH CT PROTOCOL
FOR TOTAL KNEE
ARTHROPLASTY

S.K. Chauhan, G.W. Clark,
R.G. Scott, S. Lloyd and J.M.
Sikorski

XR

- Patella

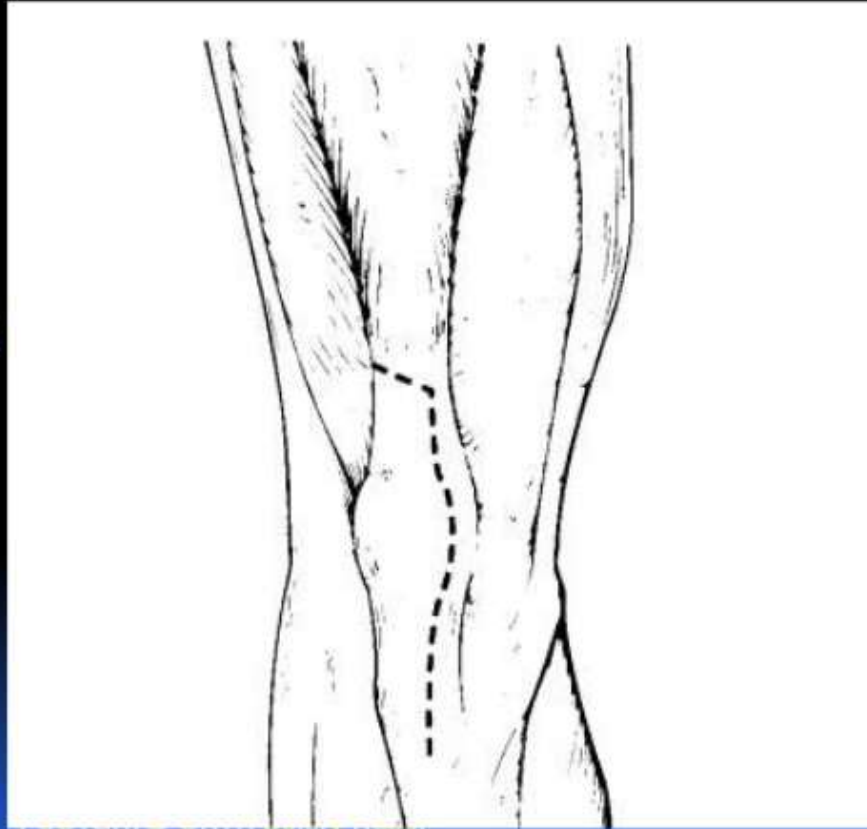


Surgical Technique

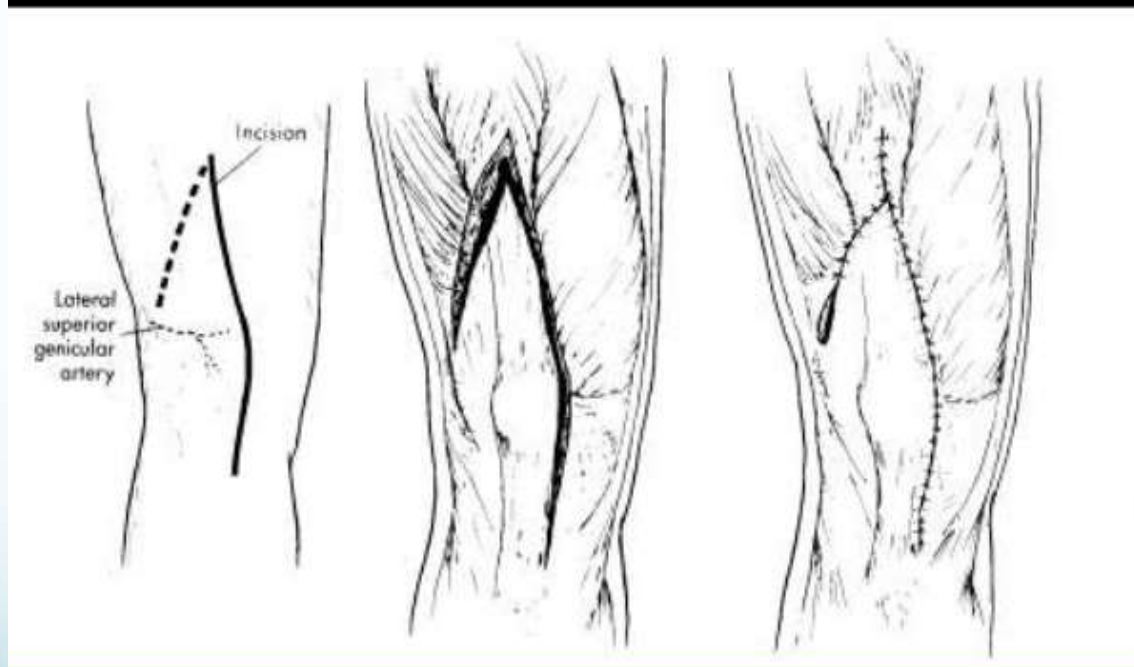
Exposure

- Attention to detail
- Steady, gradual exposure
- Scarred, fibrotic extensors
- Shortened PT
- Supra patellar pouch, gutters
- Patella subluxation
- Femoral peel
- Plastics

*Rectus
snip
(Insall)*



Scott Siliski V-Y Quadricepsplasty



Removal

- Remove surrounding soft tissue
- Femur
 - Gigli saw
 - Stacked osteotomes
 - Sagittal saw
 - Punch
 - Posterior condyles



Removal

- Remove surrounding soft tissue
- Tibia
 - Oscillating saw
 - Stacked osteotomes
 - Clearance of posterior tibia off femur



Bone Loss

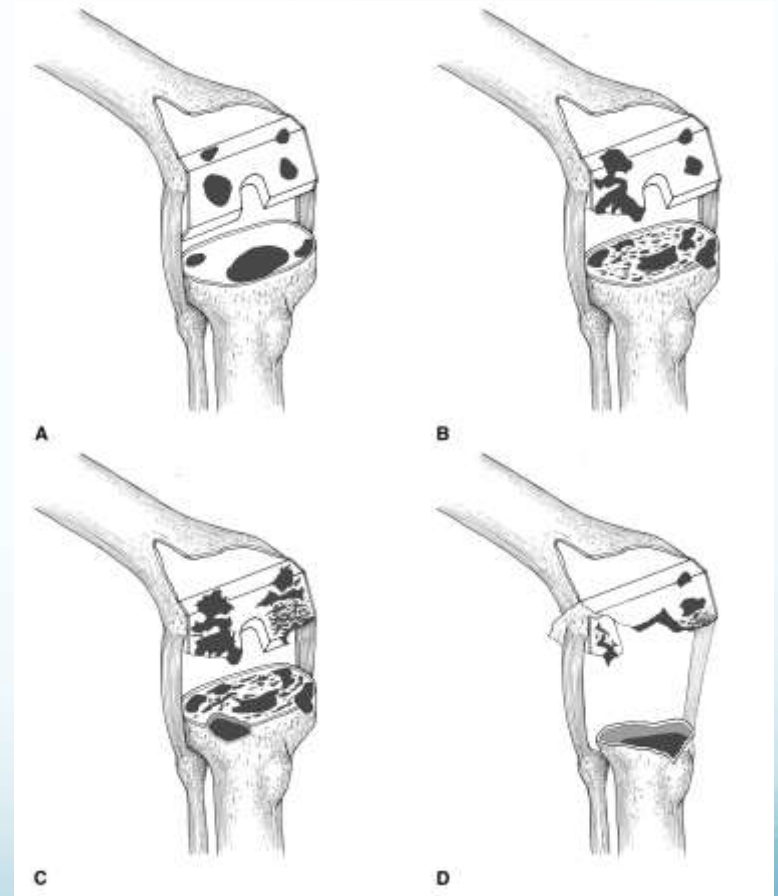


Bone Loss - AORI

Table 1

Anderson Orthopaedic Research Institute Classification of Bone Defects

| Type | Severity of Bone Deficiency Encountered |
|------|--|
| 1 | Minor femoral or tibial defects with intact metaphyseal bone, not compromising the stability of a revision component. |
| 2 | Damaged metaphyseal bone. Loss of cancellous metaphyseal femoral bone requiring reconstruction (cement fill, prosthetic augment, or bone graft) to provide stability of the revision component. A: Defects in one femoral or one tibial condyle B: Defects in both femoral or both tibial condyles |
| 3 | Deficient metaphyseal segment compromising a major portion of either femoral condyles or tibial plateau, occasionally associated with collateral or patellar ligament detachment. |



Indications



Type I

Femoral

There is no component subsidence or osteolysis. The femur maintains a normal joint line with full condylar profile. Primary components are generally used unless soft tissue deficiencies dictate a greater level of constraint.



Tibial

There is no component subsidence or osteolysis. The tibial plateau is above the level of the fibular head and there is a full metaphyseal segment.



Type II

Femoral

The joint line is elevated and the condylar profile is reduced. F2A – one condyle involved. F2B – both condyles involved.



Tibial

The tibial plateau is at or below the level of the fibular head. The tibial flare is reduced. T2A – One plateau involved. T2B – both plateaus involved.



Type III

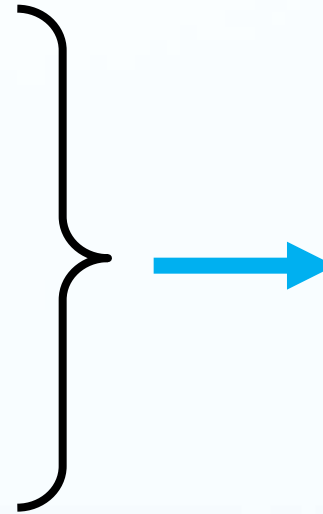
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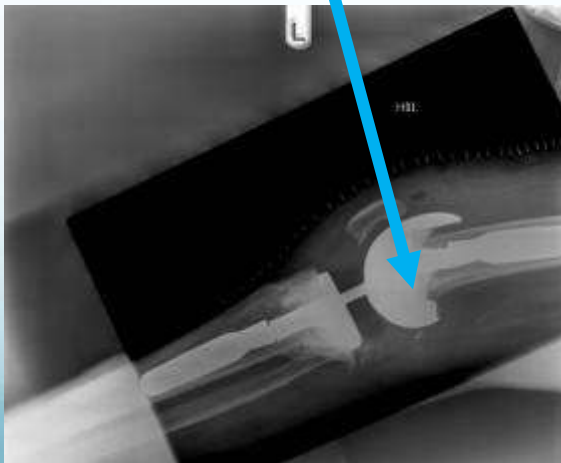
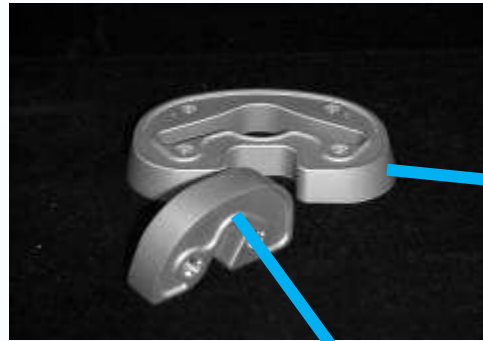
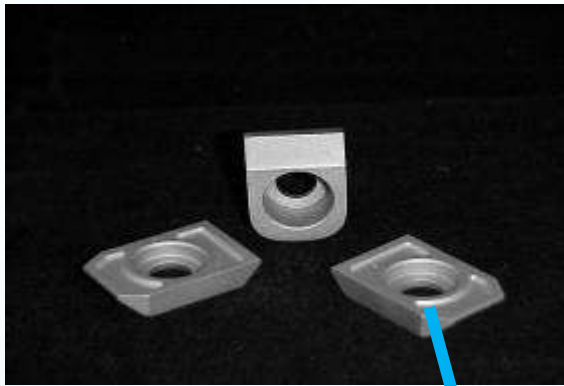


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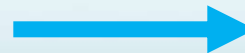
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Cones



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- **Restoration of Joint Line**
- **Restoration of Anatomical Alignment – rotational and anatomical alignment**
- **Soft Tissue balancing with functional stability**

How I do it

- Step 1 – restoration of stable tibial platform
- Augments below or thicker poly

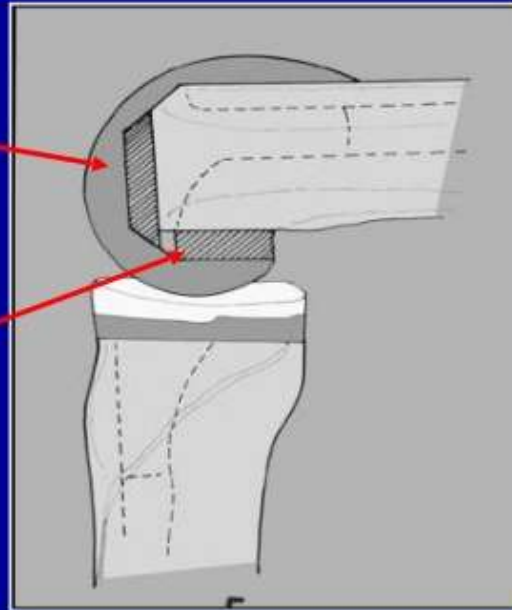


Step 2 link femur to tibia

Femur controls the soft tissues

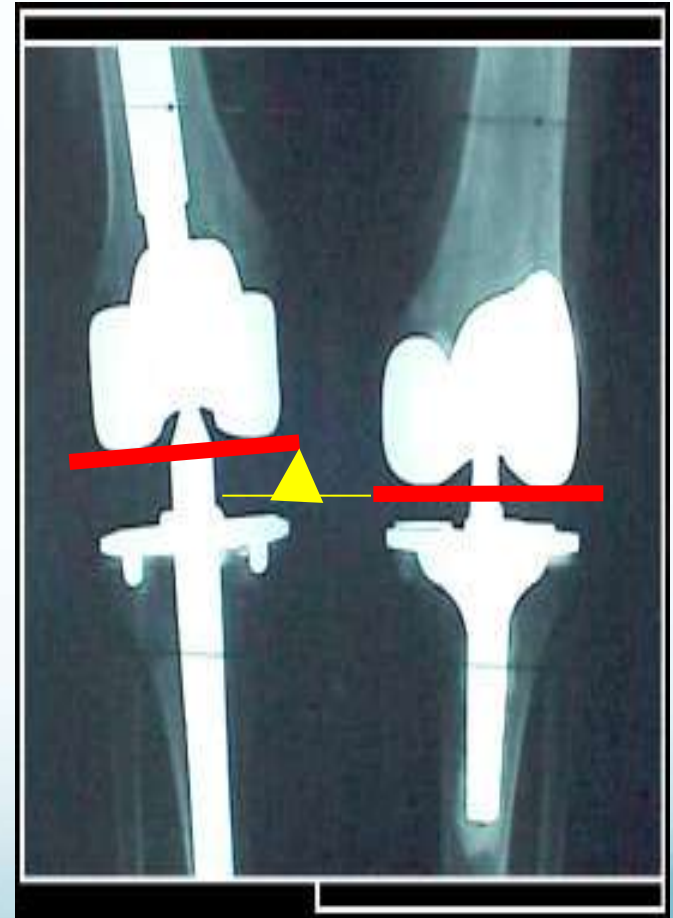
Extension Gap position

Flexion Gap Size



Importance of Joint-Line Restoration

- Issue: Inadequate Joint Line restoration:
 - Lower functional score
 - Increased need for manipulation
 - Increased chance of re-revision
 - More pain, less stability
- Partington Clinical Orthop 1999
 - JL elevated
 - > 5 mm 85/107 (79%)
- Mason, Whistler 2002
 - Knee society clinical rating score
 - JL elevated ≥ 8 mm 125
 - JL elevated ≥ 8 mm 141
- Martin, Whiteside Clinical Orthop 1990
 - Results:
 - JL elevated 5mm mid-flexion instability
 - JL lowered 5mm mid flexion tightening
 - JL elevated or lowered 5mm varus / valgus instability



Where is the joint line ?

RESULTS CADAVERIC

- ME 28mm (+/- 3.54 mm)
- IPP 14mm (+/- 4.29)
- TT 32mm (+/- 7.73)

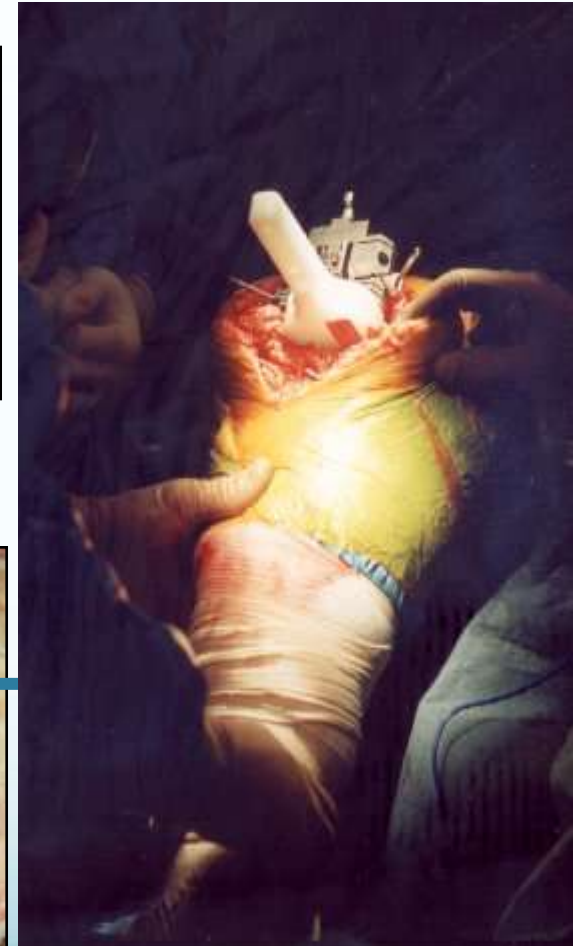
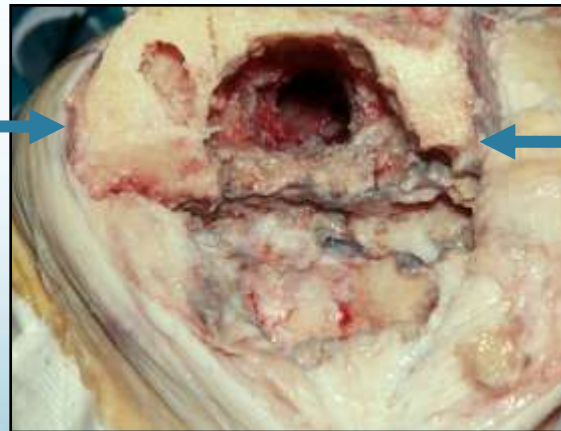
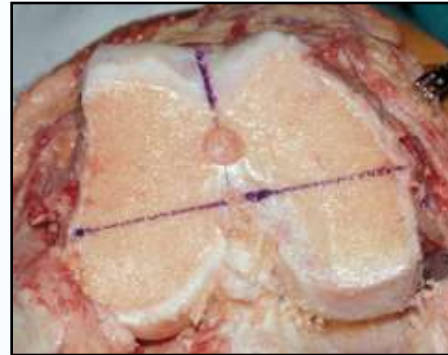
Joint Line

- Distal Femoral Augments
- ME
- Meniscal remnants
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ESTABLISHING FEMORAL COMPONENT ROTATION

- Must re-establish the transepicondylar axis
- Often cannot reference the posterior condyles
- Reference the epicondyles for proper rotation



Rotation and Size



constraint

- As little as necessary for a stable knee
- CR
- CS
- PS
- CCK
- Hinge

CCK

Commonly used CCK systems in UK



NexGen
(Zimmer)



Triathlon
TS
(Stryker)



Legion
Smith &
Nephew



Vanguard
SSK
(Biomet)



PFC Sigma
TC3 (DePuy)

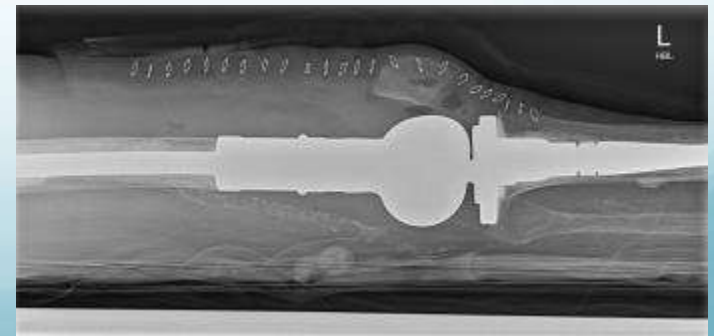
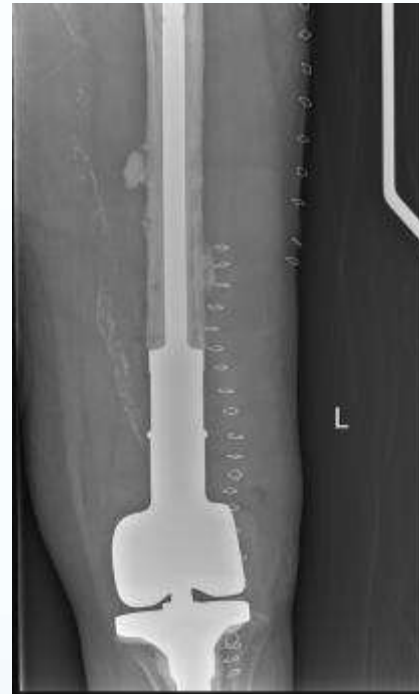
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Hinge

- Lack of soft tissue constraints



Distal Femoral Replacement



Revision workload

369 hospitals revision TKR

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graph TD; A[369 hospitals revision TKR] --> B[60% <10]; B --> C[40% <5];
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60% <10

40% <5

30% surgeons currently perform less than 5/year

THR analysis suggests >35/year needed (Ravi et al BMJ 2014)

Summary

- Rising demand is a challenge
- Expensive, resource intensive
- Multidisciplinary team, specialist centres
- When to operate
- What issues to address
- Logical plan of attack

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