

# Fractures of the femur and lower leg

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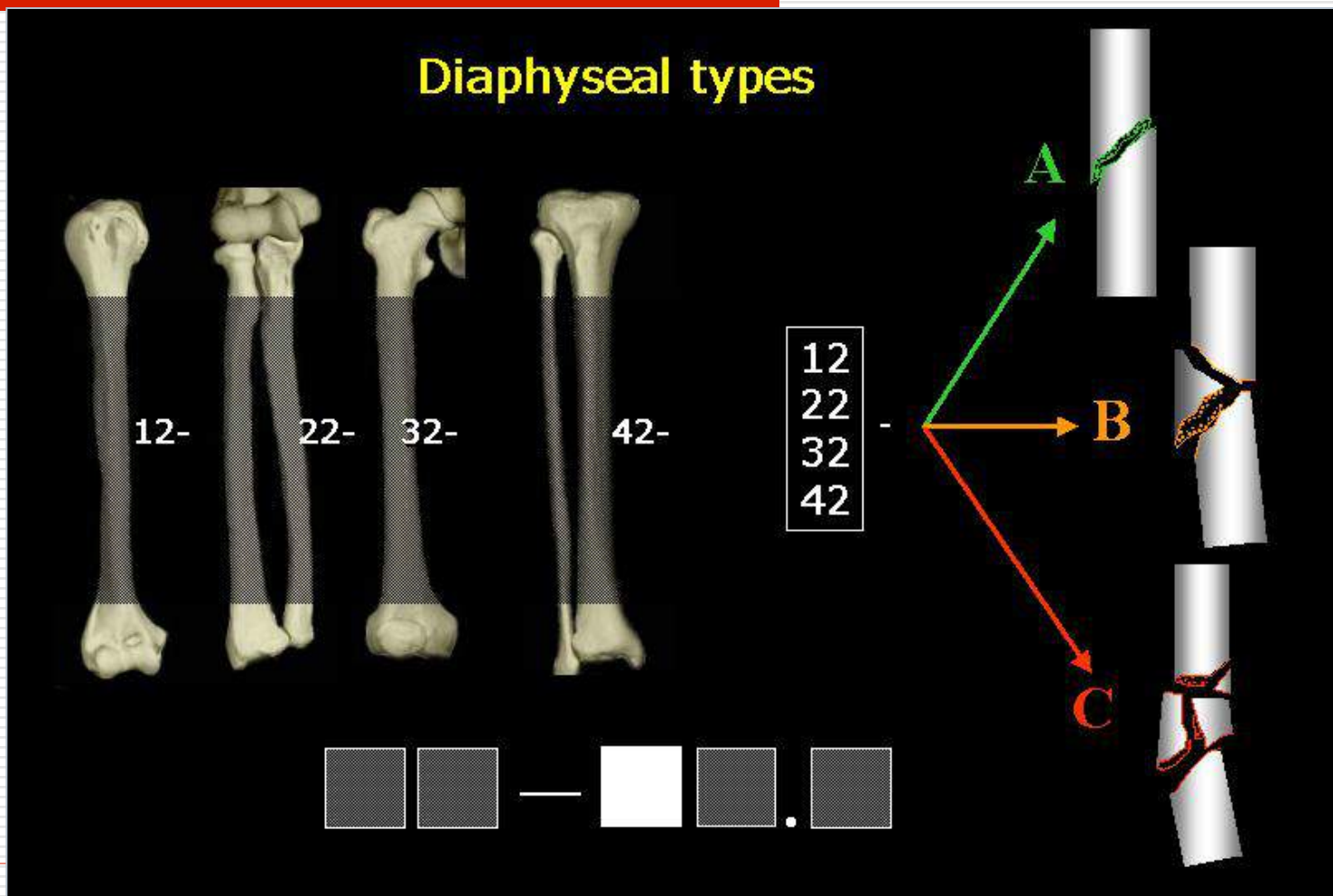


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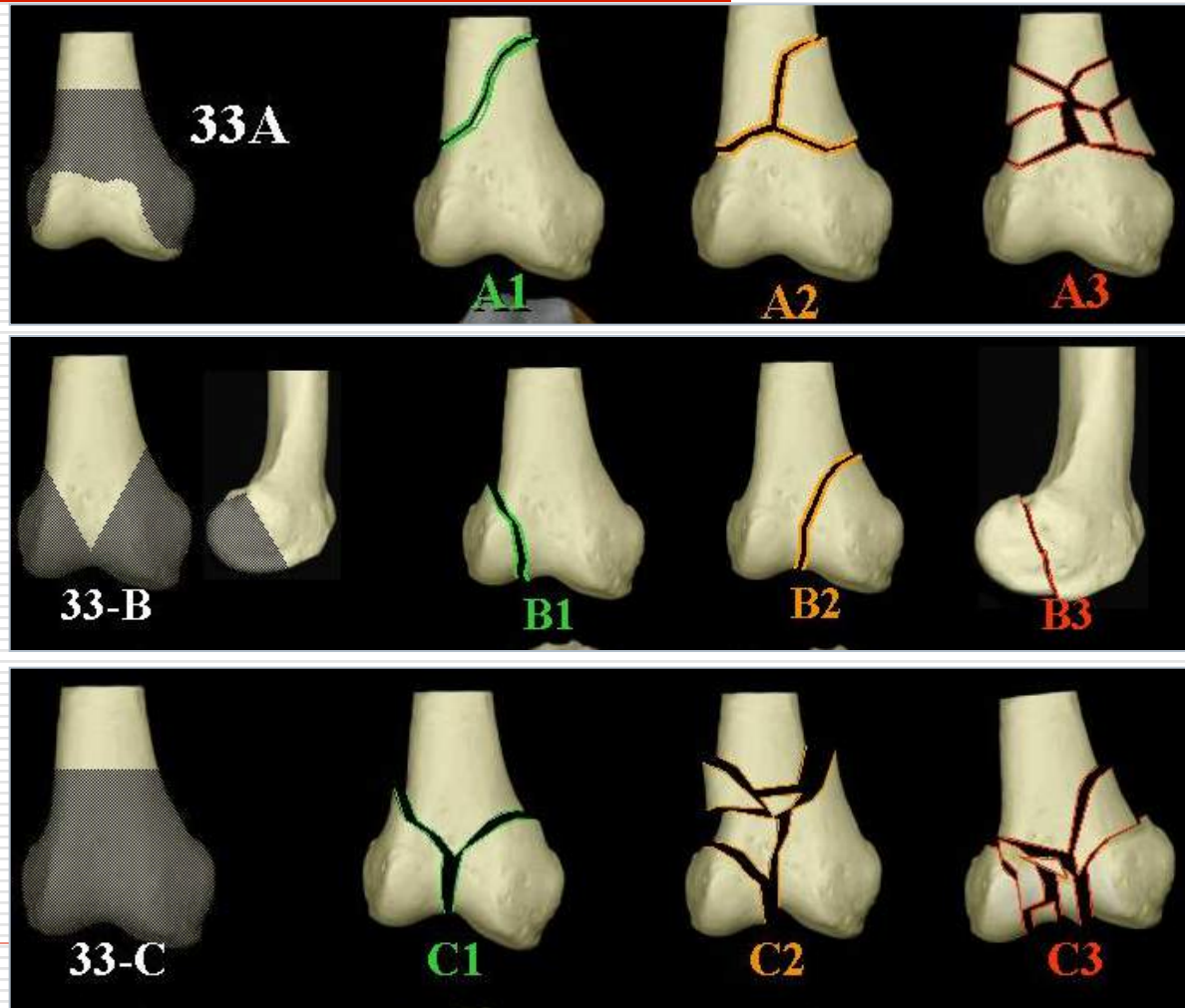
# FEMORAL FRACTURES

## AO/ASIF - CLASSIFICATION



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## TREATMENT

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### **Conservative (non-surgical):**

extension - skeletal traction  
cast fixation

### **Surgical:**

plate  
minimally invasive plate (MIPO)  
intramedullar pin, TEN  
intramedullary nail

- reamed
- unreamed

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external fixator

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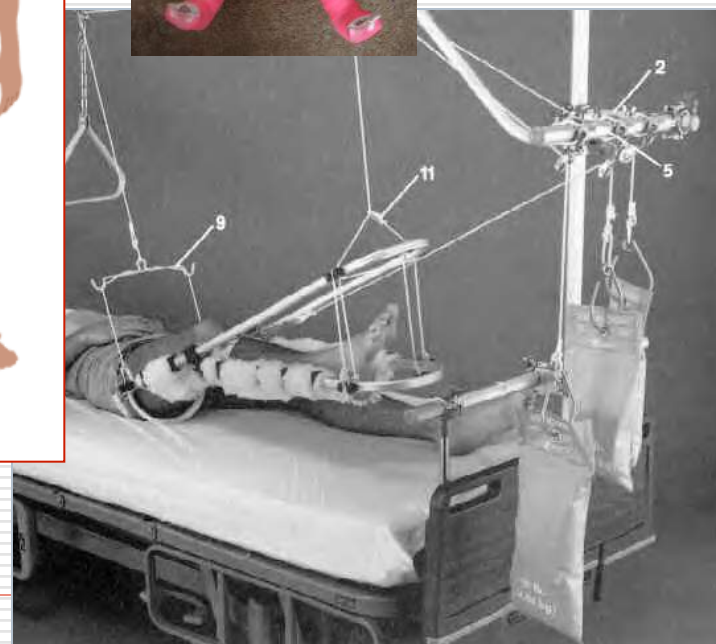
## NON-SURGICAL TREATMENT

### Indications:

- contraindications of surgery
- preparation for surgery
- infants

### Methods:

- 6-12 weeks skeletal traction
- hip spica cast



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## SURGICAL TREATMENT

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### Indication:

*'if there is no contraindication'*

### Aims:

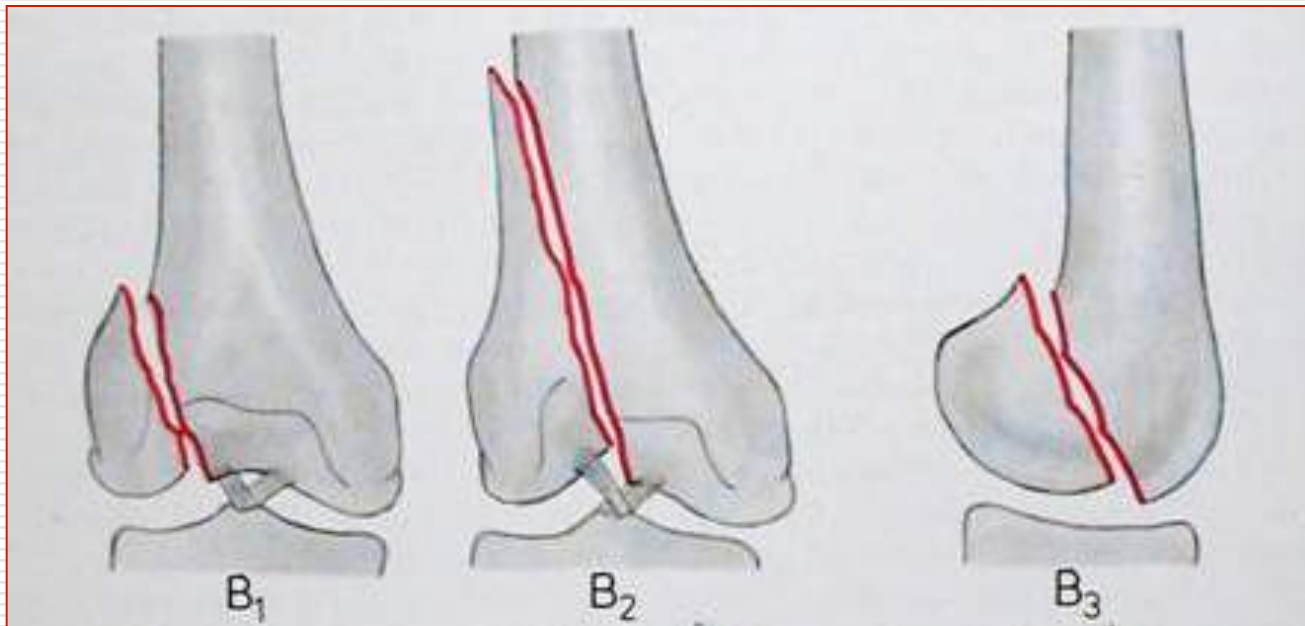
- Anatomic reduction of the joints surface
  - Stable fixation
  - Early movement of the joints
  - Preserve the whole function of the extremity
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## SCREW FIXATION

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**AO/ASIF TYPE B FRACTURES**

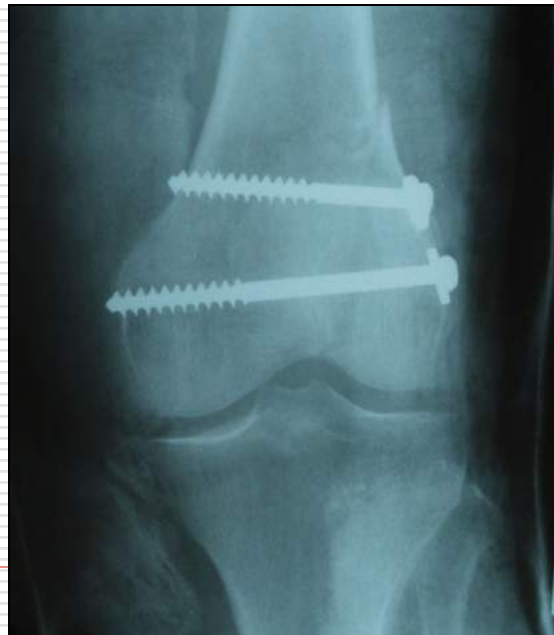
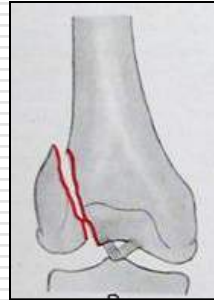
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## TYPE B2 FRACTURES – CANCELLOUS SCREW

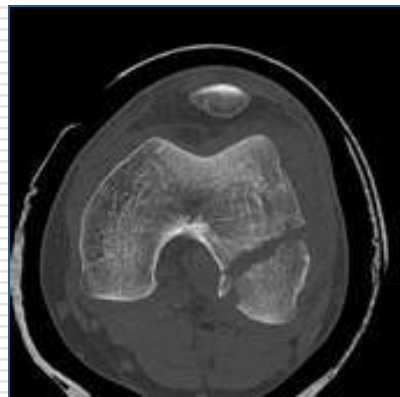
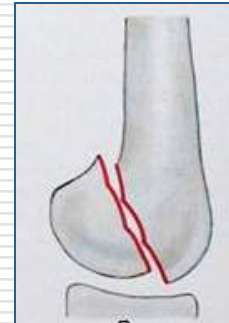
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## TYPE B3 'HOFFA' FRACTURES – CANCELLOUS SCREW



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## PLATE FIXATION

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### **Indications:**

- metaphyseal, intra-articular fractures
- periprosthetic fractures
- vascular injury

### **Advantages:**

- anatomical reduction

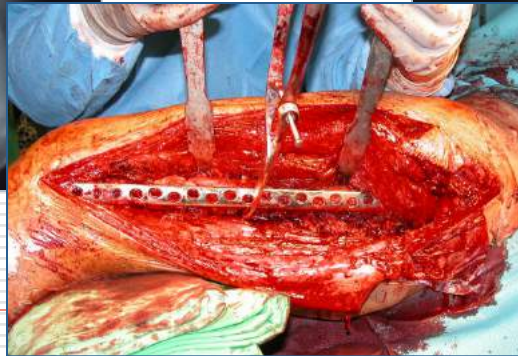
### **Disadvantages:**

- great approach
  - damage of periosteal blood supply
  - relatively higher rate of infection
  - contractures
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## DC (dynamic compression) PLATE



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## BUTTRESS PLATE



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## DCS (dynamic condylar screw )

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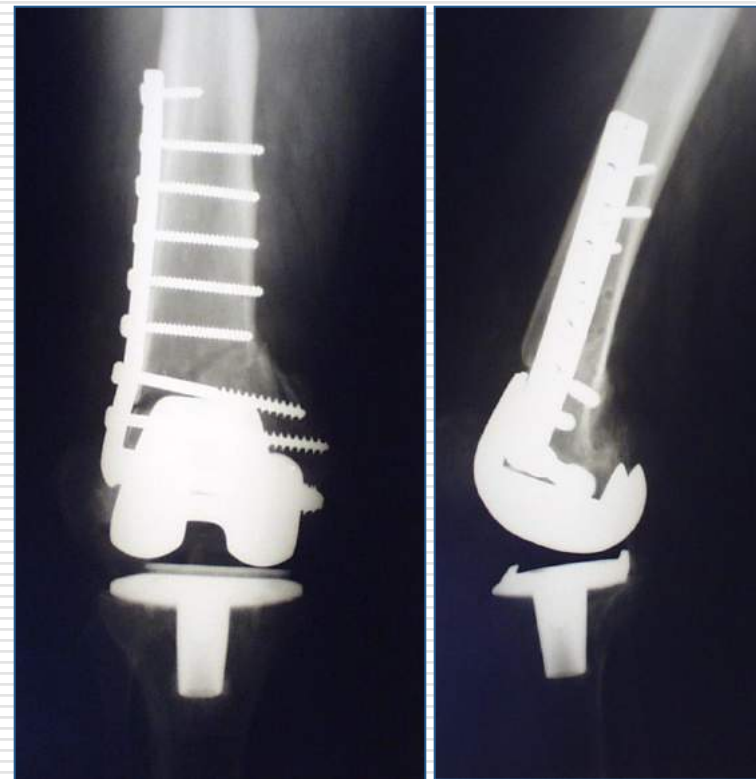
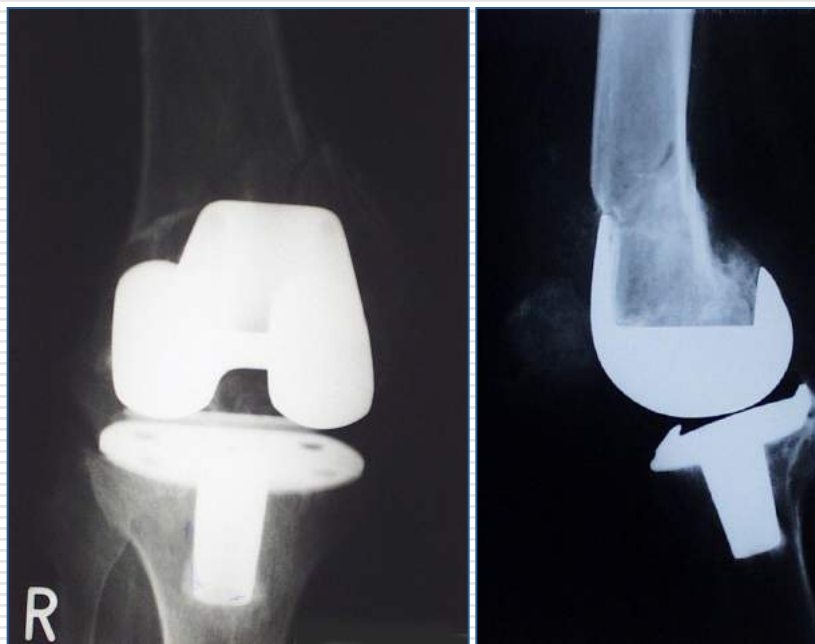


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## DCS (dynamic condylar screw )

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## LISS AND LCP SYNTHESIS

**LISS:** less invasive stabilising system

**LCP:** locking compression plate - 'fixateur interne'

### Indications:

- metaphyseal, intra articular fractures
- osteoporosis
- contraindication of nailing

### Advantages:

- small approach
- minimal soft tissue damage
- micro movements
- stability



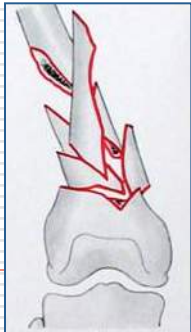


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## TYPE A3 DISTAL FEMUR - LISS

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## TYPE C2 DISTAL FEMUR and C1 PROX TIBIA - LISS

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## PEDIATRIC FEMUR DIAPHYSIS FRACTURE - LCP

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## INTRAMEDULLARY PIN – TEN (titanium elastic nail)

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### Indications:

- only in childhood

### Advantage:

- minimal invasive

### Disadvantage:

- low stability



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## REAMED INTRAMEDULLARY NAILING

### Indications:

- closed fractures
- Grade I. open fractures
- mono-trauma
- transverse and short oblique fractures

### Contraindications:

- Grade II-III open fractures
- polytrauma
- segmental fracture
- compartment syndrome

### Advantages:

- high stability – full weight-bearing

### Disadvantages:

- destruction of endosteal blood supply
- high pressure during reaming
- high risk of infection





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## UNREAMED INTRAMEDULLARY NAILING

### Indications:

- closed fractures
- Grade I-III. open fractures
- polytrauma

### Contraindications:

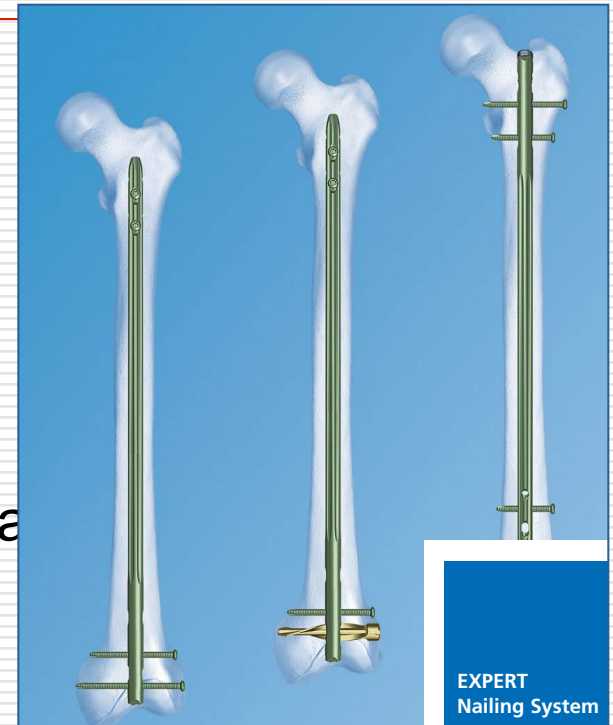
- Grade III/C open fra

### Advantages:

- low risk of infection
- good blood supply
- minimally invasive

### Disadvantages:

- lower stability: partial weight-bearing



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## TRANSVERSE MIDSHAFT FRACTURE

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## TRANSVERSE MIDSHAFT FRACTURE

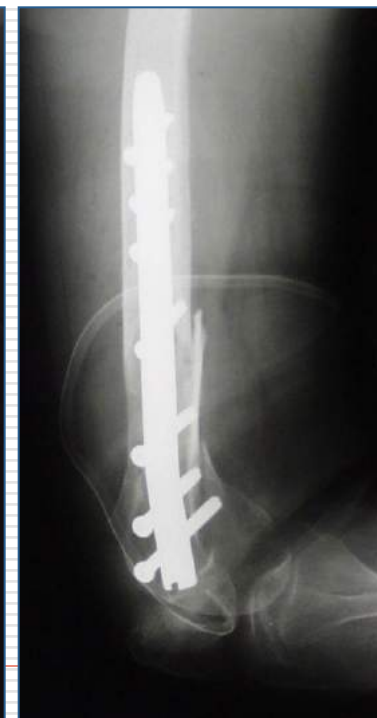
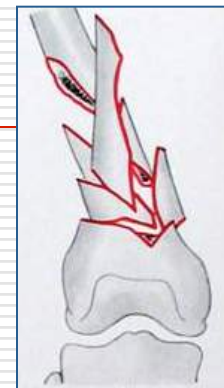
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## TYPE A3 SUPRACONDYLAR FRACTURE

### RETROGRADE NAIL



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## FIXATEURE EXTERNE

### Indications:

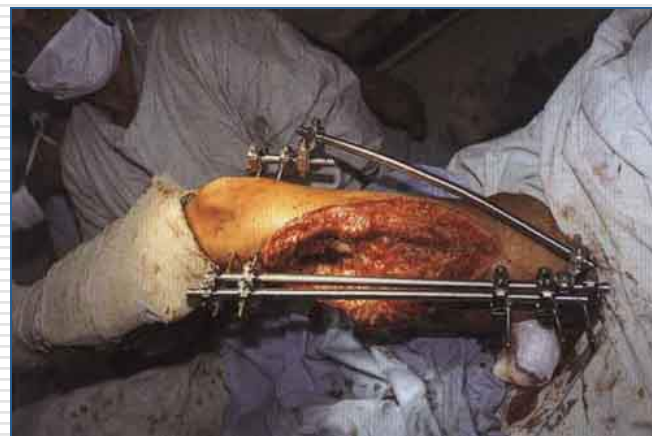
- Grade II-III open fracture
- polytrauma
- transitional fix.
- septic complications

### Advantages:

- fast
- minimally invasive
- good stability

### Disadvantages:

- pin infection
- change in method
- contractures



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## PEDIATRIC DIAPHYSEAL FRACTURE

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### *UNILATERAL EXTERNAL FIXATOR*



# Fractures of patella

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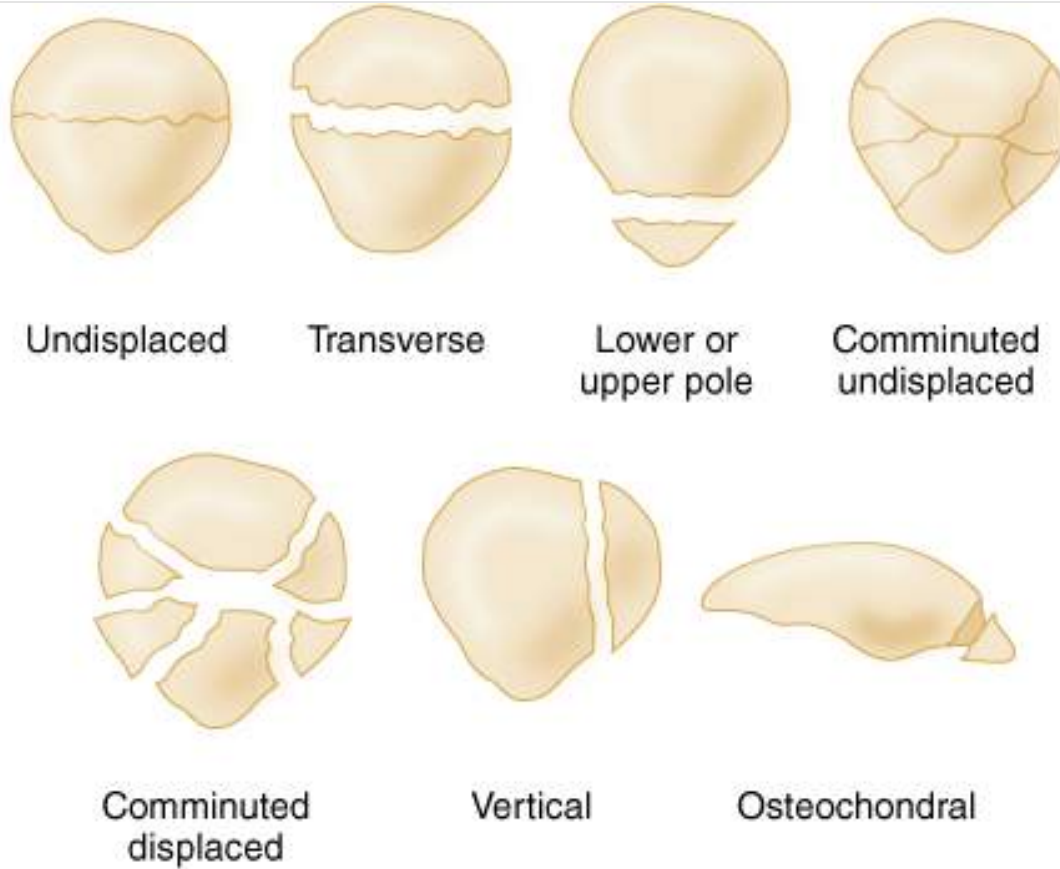
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# PATELLA FRACTURES

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## *Classification*

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# PATELLA FRACTURES

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## *Diagnos*tics

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- Physical examination – extensor function!!
- X-ray
- CT, MRI



# PATELLA FRACTURES

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## *Treatment*

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- Non-operative: undisplaced, closed patella fractures with intact extensor mechanism
  - Operative: displaced open/closed patella fracture, or avulsed patella fractures
    - tension band
    - partial patellectomy with 'anchoring' the patella
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# Fractures of the lower leg

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# Tibial Fracture Classification

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No universally accepted classification scheme.

Describe the following

Location (prox., middle, distal third)

Configuration (transverse, spiral, comminuted)

Displacement

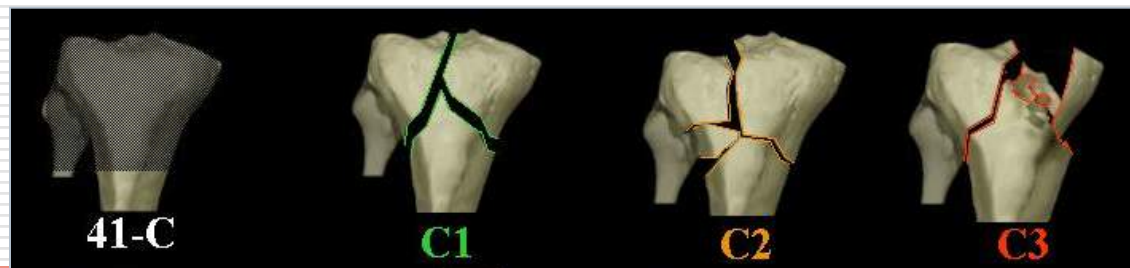
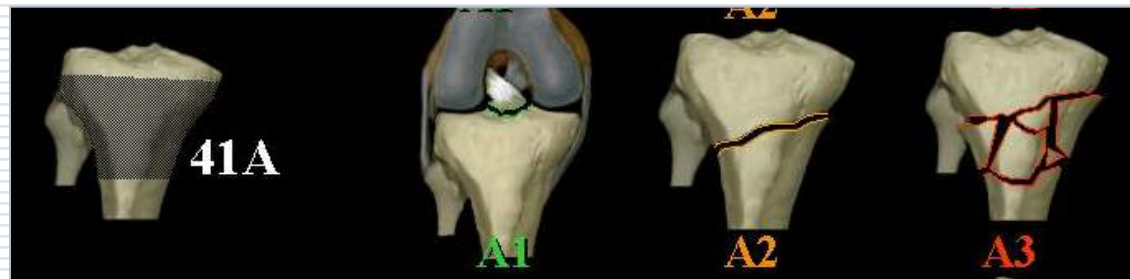
Angulation

Length

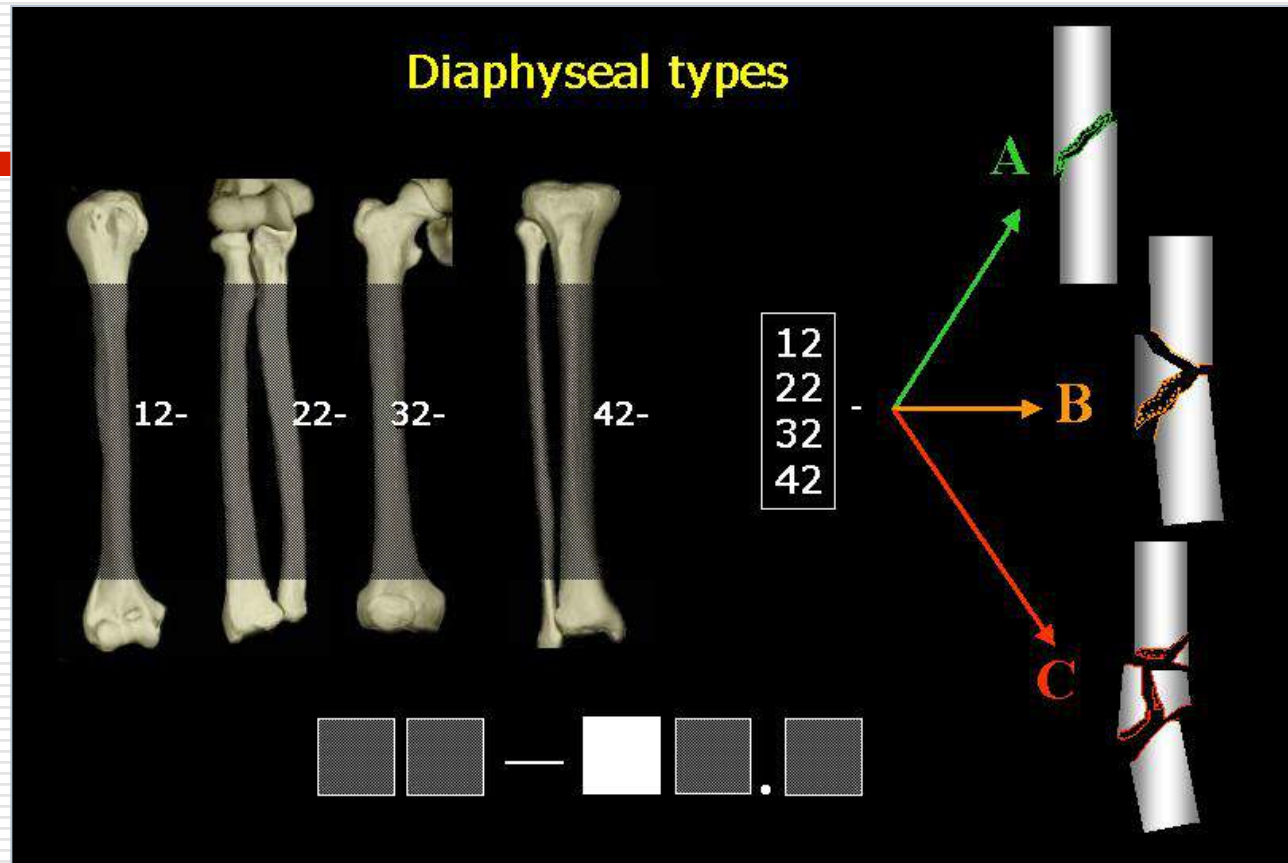
Rotation

# Proximal tibial fractures classification according to AO

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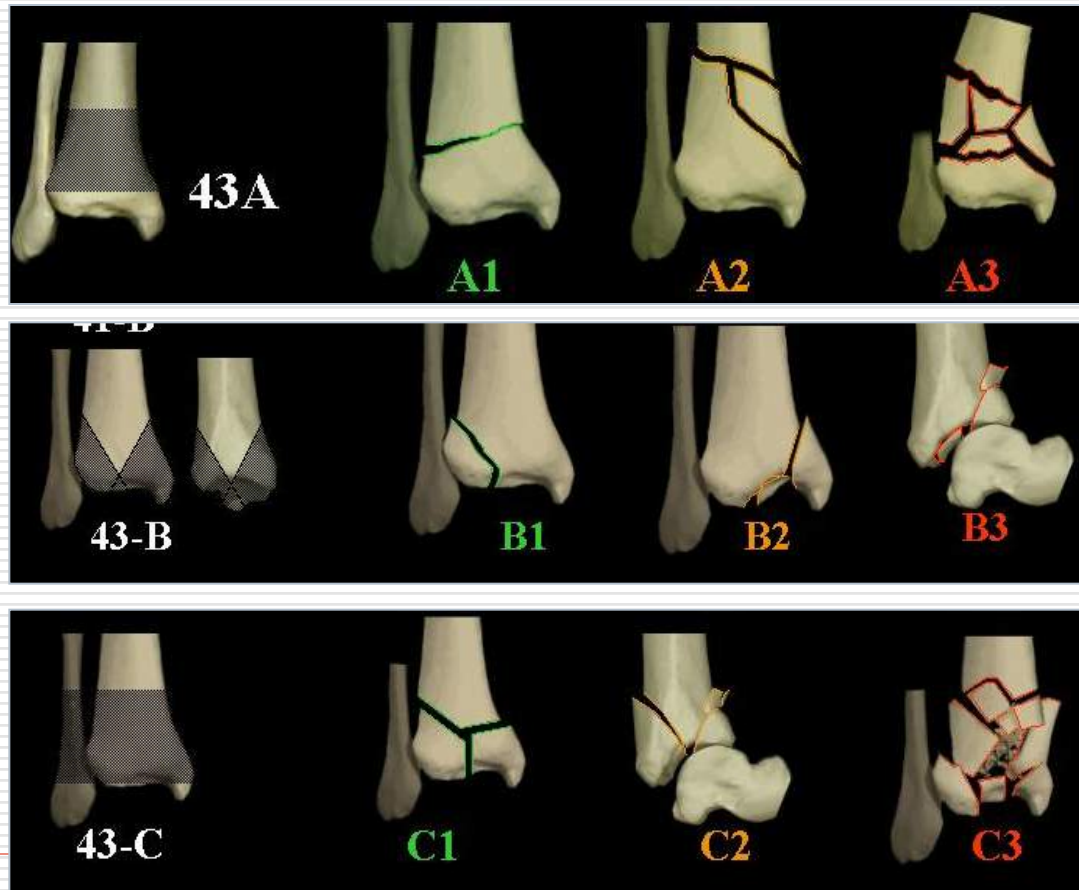


# Diaphyseal fractures classification according to AO



# Distal tibial fractures classification according to AO

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# Possibilities for the treatment of tibial shaft fractures

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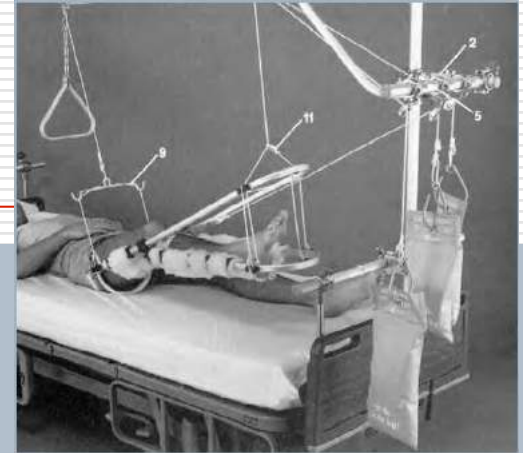
## Conservative:

- extension-skeletal traction
- plaster cast
- brace

## Surgical:

- plate
- minimally invasive plate
- locking compression plate
- Intramedullar nail
  - reamed
  - unreamed
- Fixateur externe

# Conservative treatment



## Indications:

surgical contraindication  
isolated tibia fracture  
low energy fracture  
transverse or short oblique fracture

## Ways:

a/ 3 weeks skeletal tractions- 3 weeks long plaster cast- 6 weeks walking cast

b/ 3 weeks long splint- 3 weeks long circular cast- 6 weeks walking cast

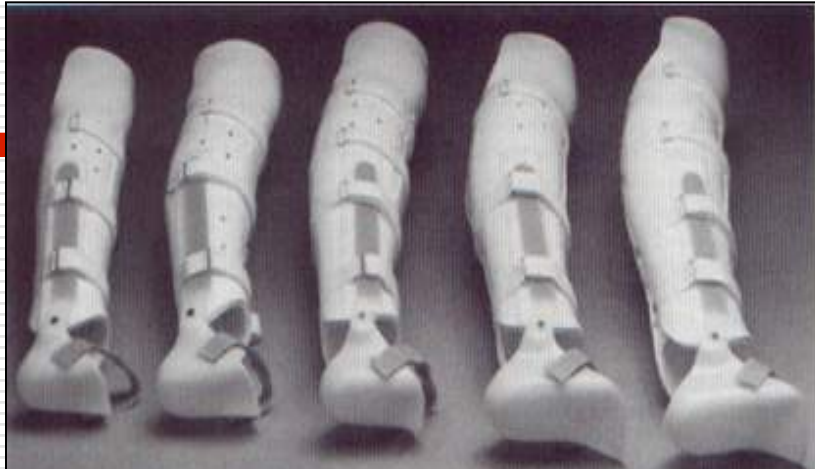
c/ 4 weeks long cast- 8 weeks brace

# Conservative treatment





# Sarmiento PTB /patellar - tendon –bearing/ brace



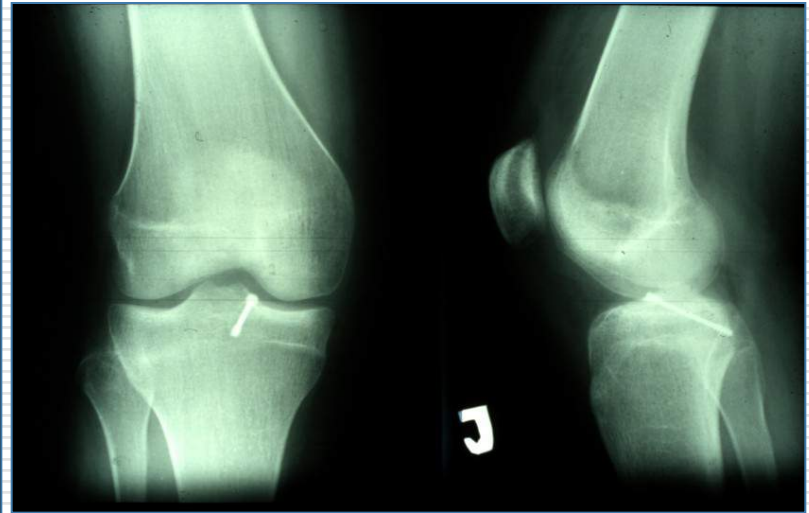
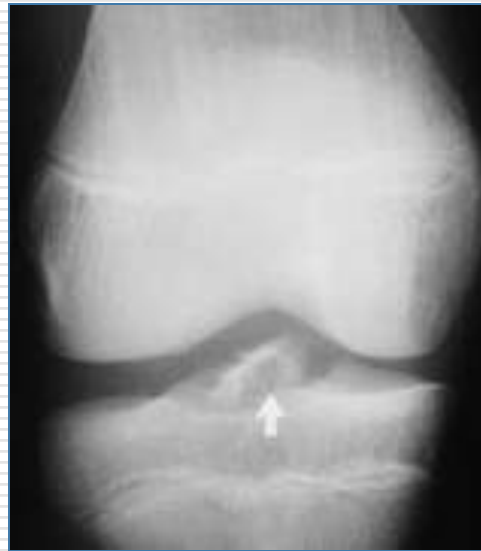
# Screw

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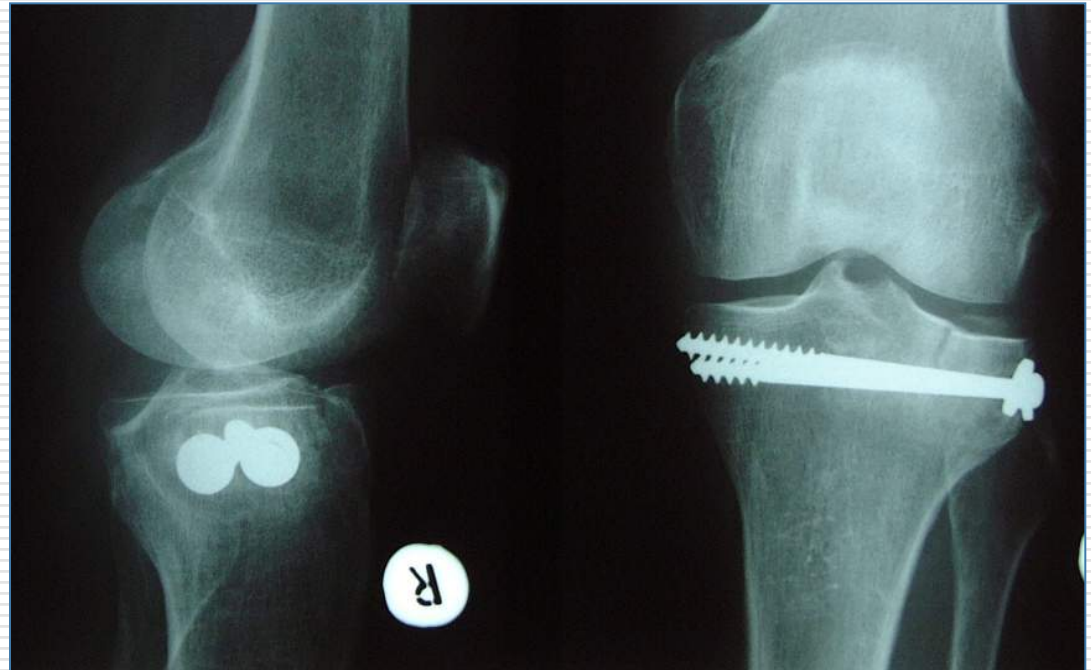
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# A1 type fracture avulsion of the eminentia interc. ant. reinsertio

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# Tibia lateral plateau vedge fracture: percutaneous screw fixation



# Plate OS

## Indications:

- pediatric
- compartement syndrome
- vascular injury
- metaphyseal, intraarticular fractures

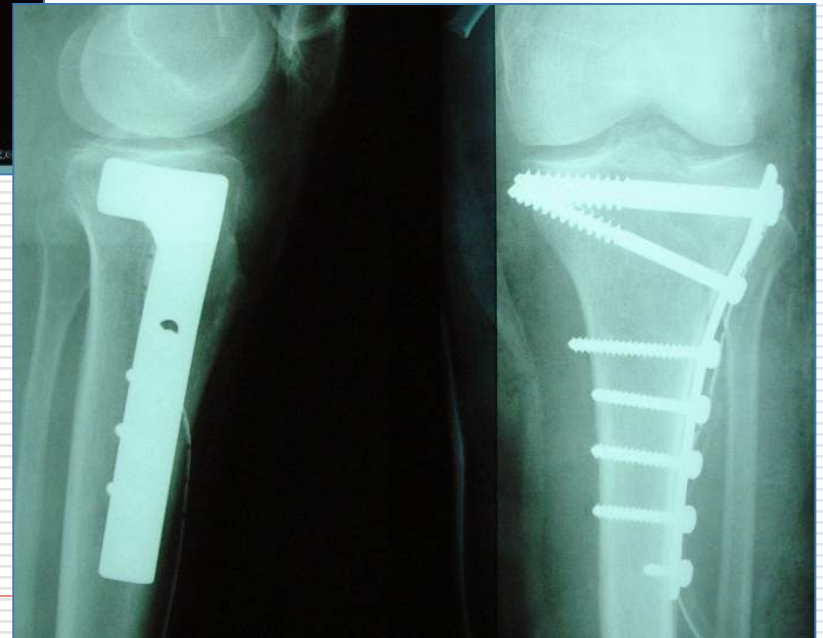
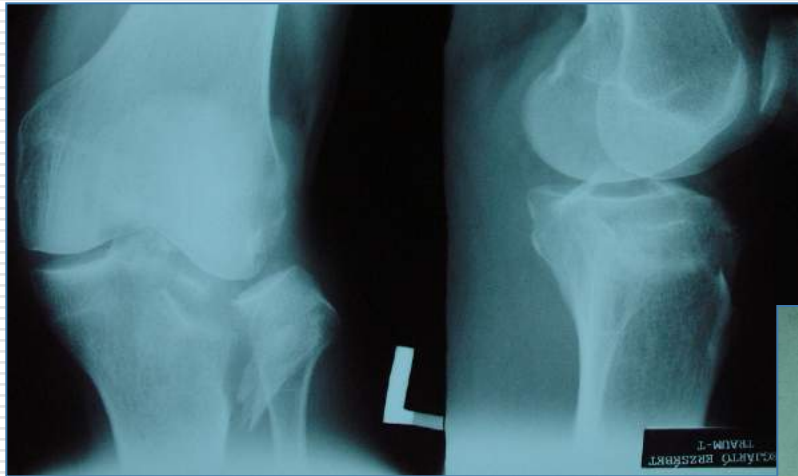
## Advantages:

- anatomical reposition

## Disadvantages:

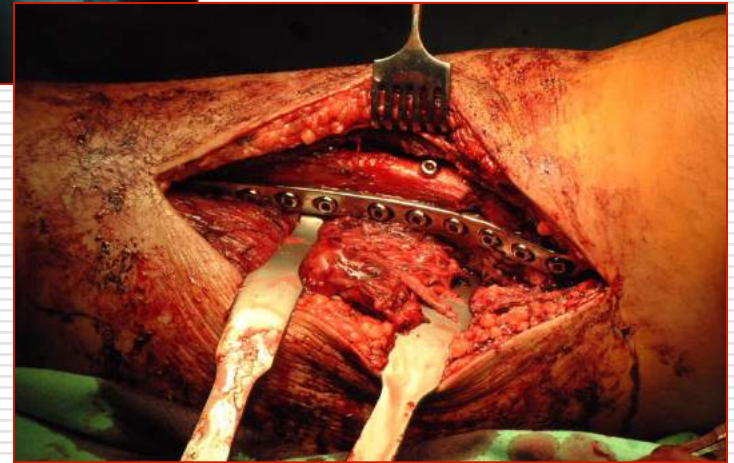
- great approach
- damage of periosteal blood supply
- high rate of infection
- contractures

# Lateral plateau intraarticular fracture: L-LCP plate

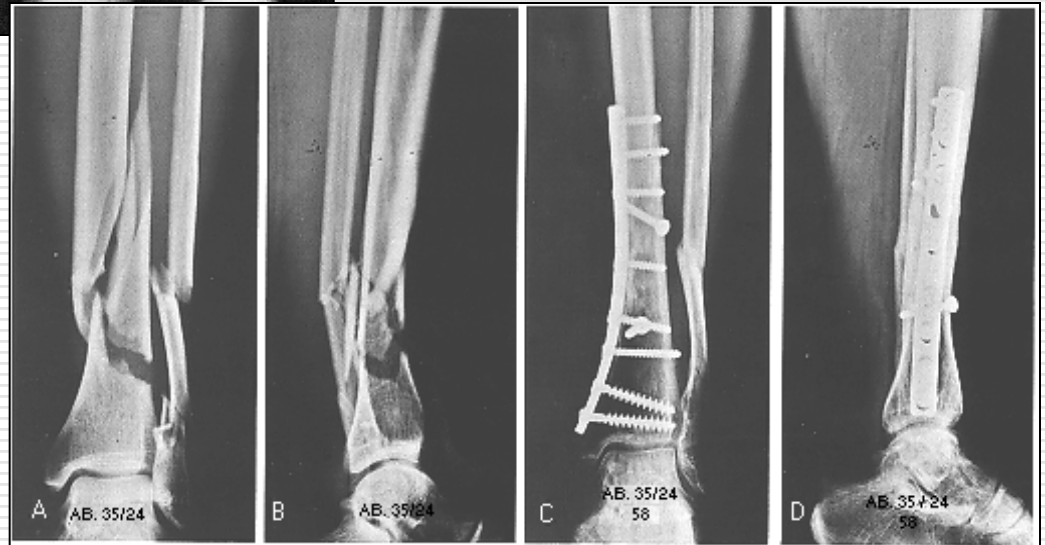
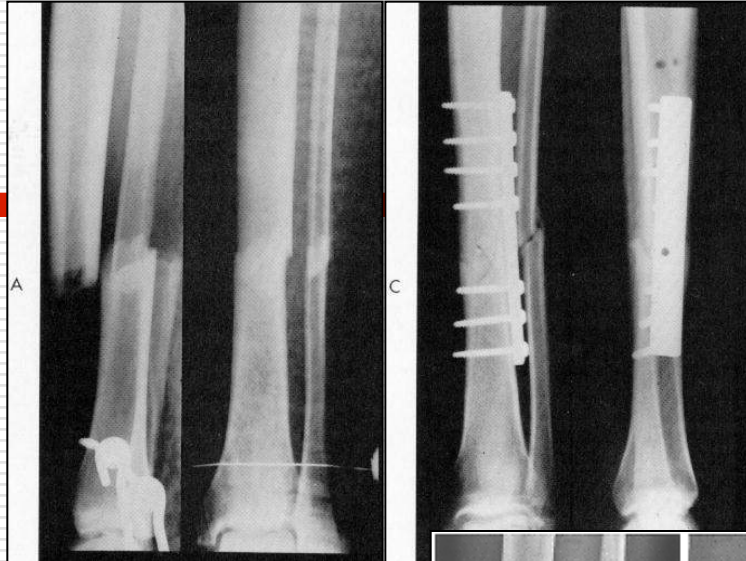


# A3 type proximal tibia fracture

## Plate os

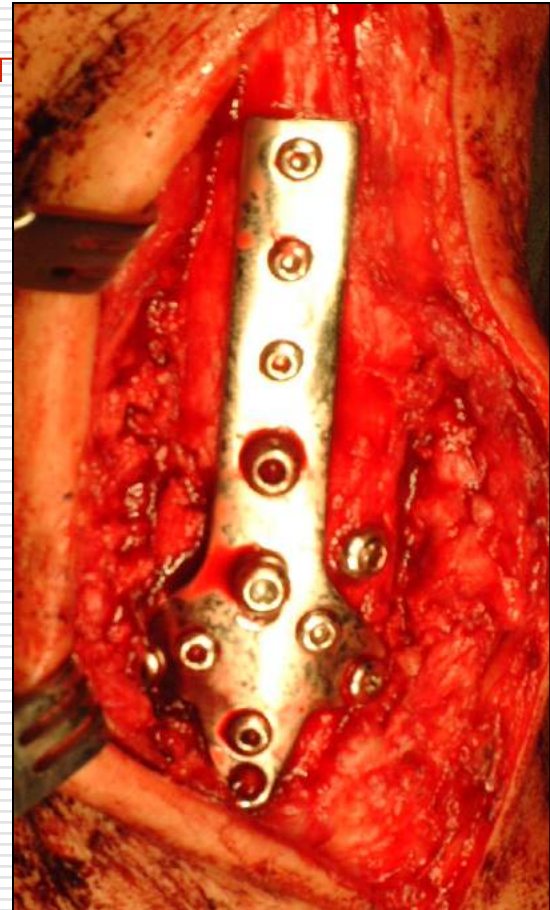
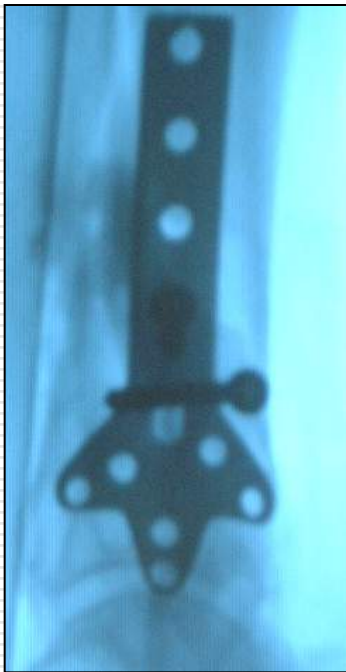


# DC plates





# Supramalleolar fracture: butress plate



# Minimally invasive plate OS



## Indications :

pediatric

metaphyseal, intraarticular  
fractures

## Advantages:

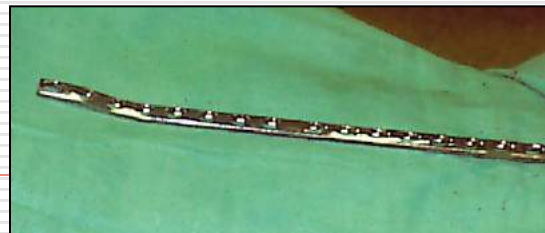
small approach

minimal soft tissue damage

## Disadvantages:

low stability

# Proximal intraarticular tibia fracture: minimally invasive plate OS



# Distal third tibia fracture: minimally invasive plate OS

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LISS: less invasive stabilising system  
LCP: locking compression plate  
fixateur interne

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Indications :

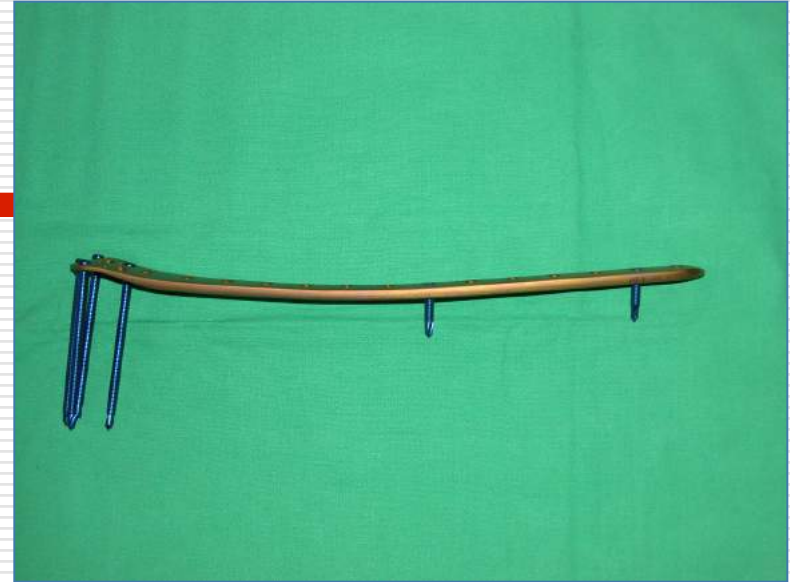
metaphyseal, intraarticular  
fractures

Advantages:

small approach  
minimal soft tissue damage  
good reposition  
high stability

# LISS: less invasive stabilising system

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# Proximal third tibia fracture : less invasive stabilising system OS

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# LCP: locking compression plate

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# B3 type proximal tibia fracture: L-LCP



# Proximal third tibia fracture: locking compression plate

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# Proximal, diaphyseal and distal fractures: 2 pcs LCP



# Supramalleolar fracture: LCP

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# Intramedullary pinning

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Indications :

pediatric ( TEN-titan elastic nail)

Advantages :

minimally invasive

fast

Disadvantages :

low stability: + plaster cast

# Intramedullary pinning with TEN



# Reamed intramedullar nailing

## Indications:

- closed fractures
- grade I. open fractures
- monotrauma
- transverse and short oblique fractures

## Contraindications:

- Grade II-III open fractures
- polytrauma
- segmental fracture
- compartment syndrome

## Advantages:

- high stability – full weight-bearing

## Disadvantages:

- destruction of endosteal blood supply
- high pressure during reaming
- high risk of infection



# Middle third tibia fracture: reamed intramedullar nailing

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# Unreamed intramedullar nailing

## Indications:

- closed fractures
- grade I-III open fractures
- polytrauma

## Contraindications: ?

## Advantages:

- low risk of infection
- good blood supply
- minimally invasive

## Disadvantages:

- lower stability: partial weight-bearing



# Proximal third tibia fracture: unreamed im. nail



# Spiral tibia fracture: unreamed im. nail

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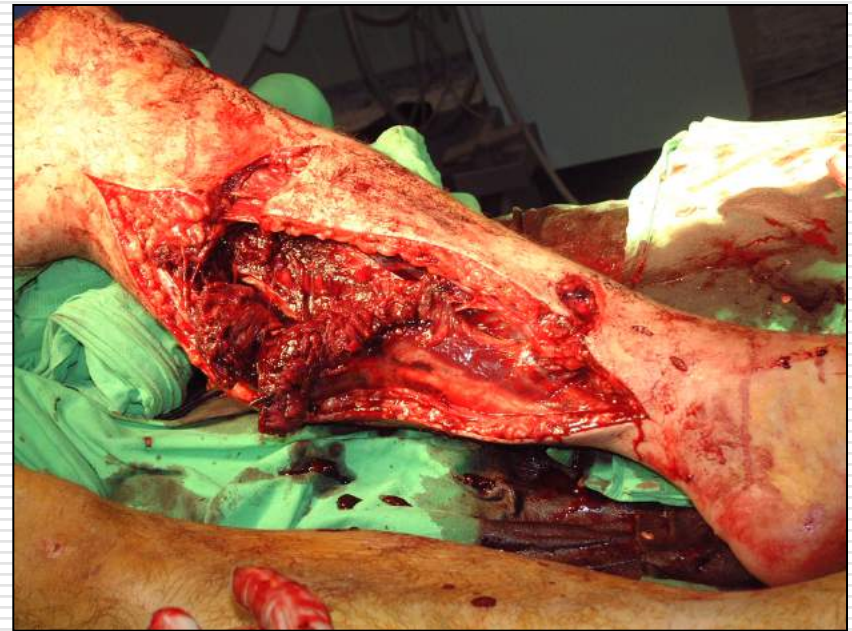


# Distal third spiral tibia fracture: unreamed im. nail



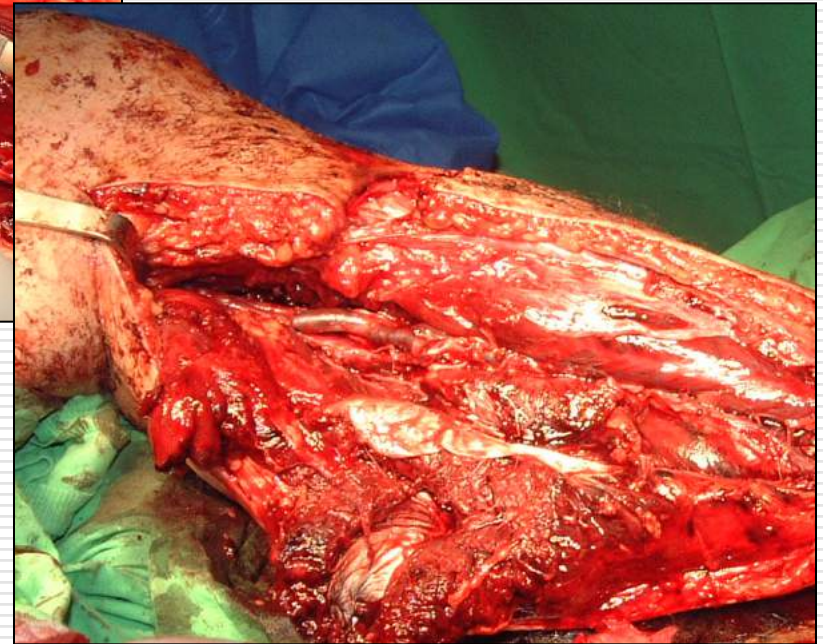
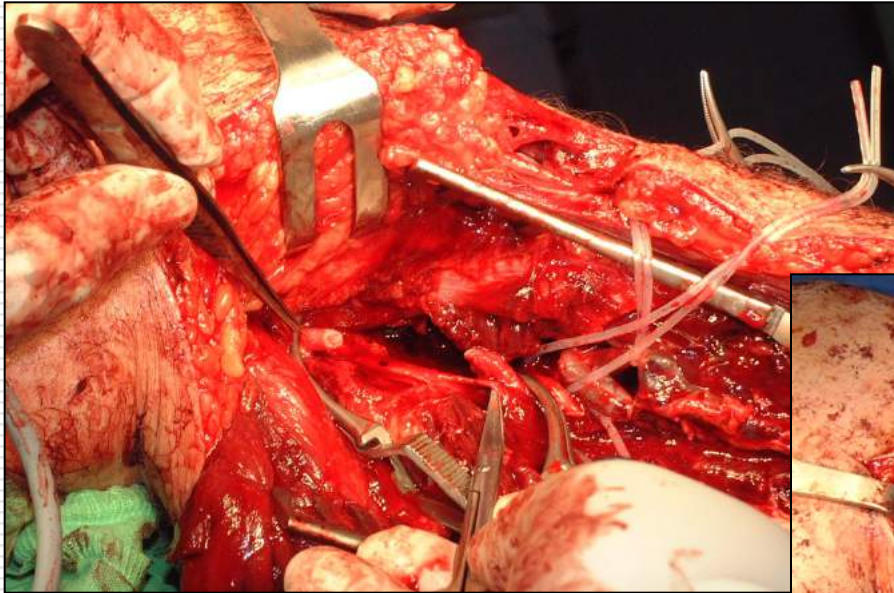
# Type III/C open fracture arterial injury compartment syndrome

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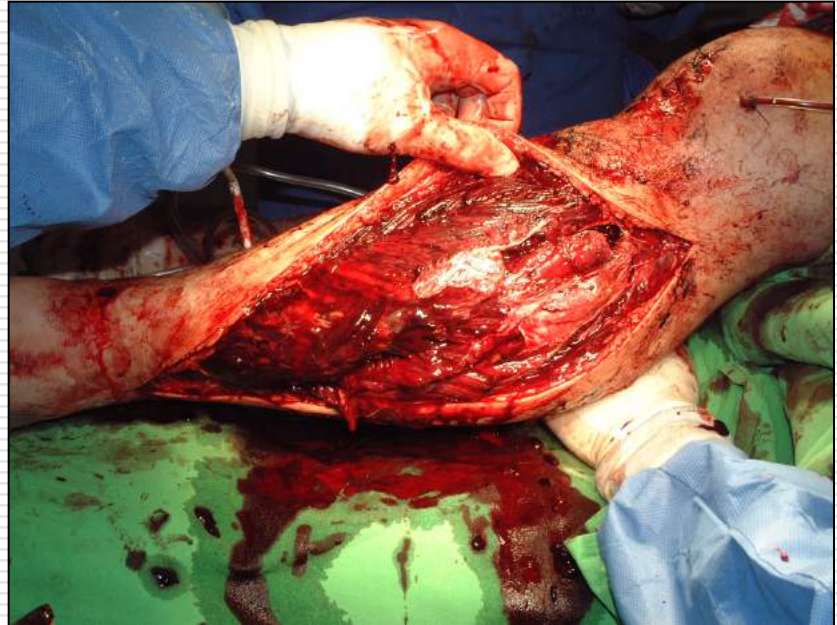
# popliteal artery replacement with vein graft

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# Decompression

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# Soft tissue coverage with MESH graft

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# Fixateur externe

## Indications:

- Grade II-III open fractures
- polytrauma
- temporary fixation (pinless)
- metaphyseal, intra-articular fractures
- septic complications

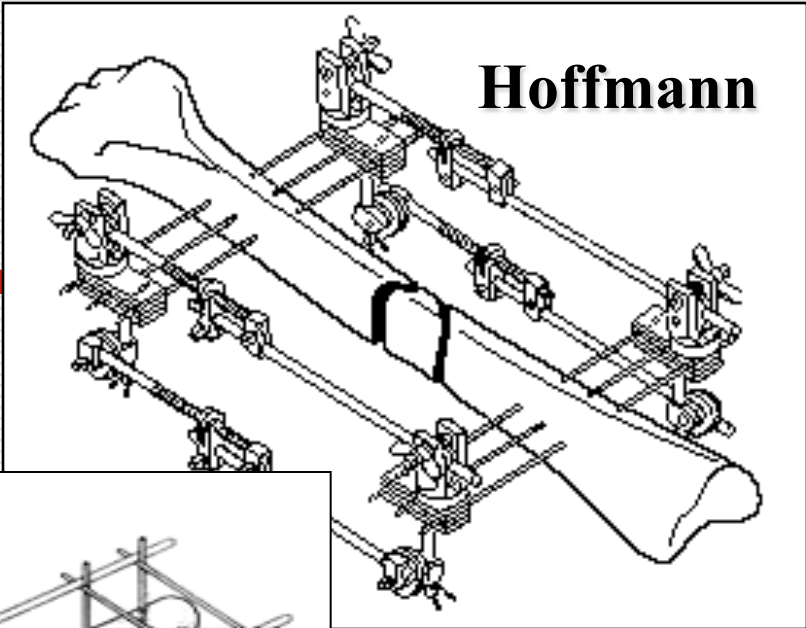
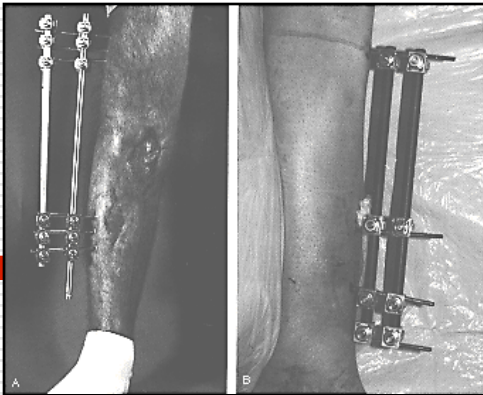
## Advantages:

- fast
- minimally invasive
- low rate of infection
- high stability

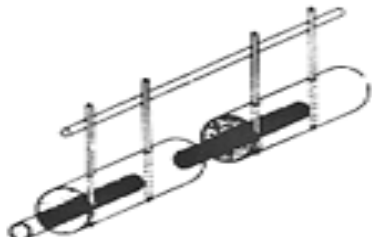
## Disadvantages :

- pin tract infection
- change in method
- contractures
- personal comfort

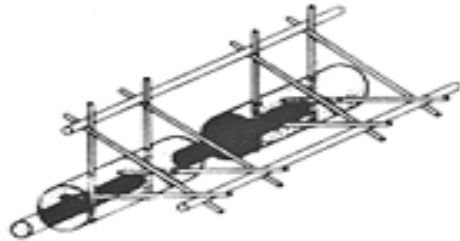
# Fixateur externe I.



## UNILATERAL FRAMES



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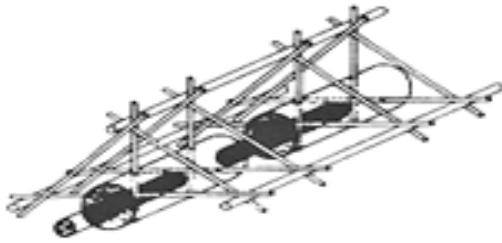


2-PLANE

## BILATERAL FRAMES

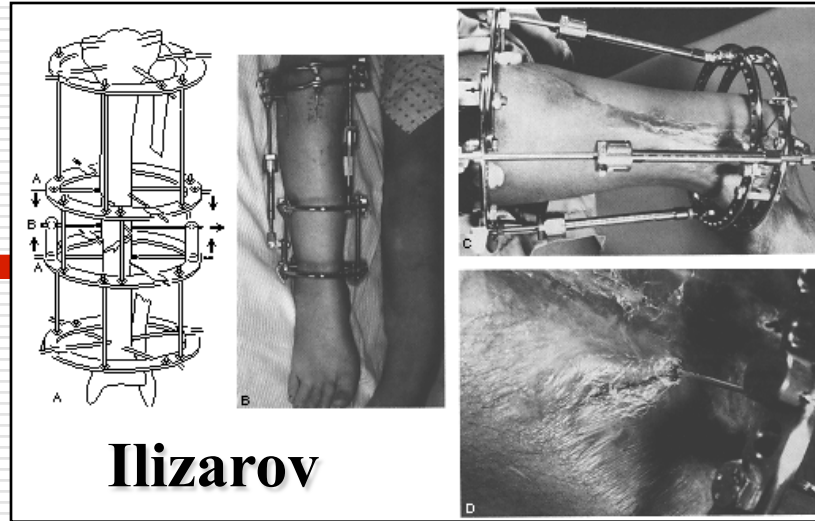


1-PLANE



2-PLANE

# Fixateur externe II.

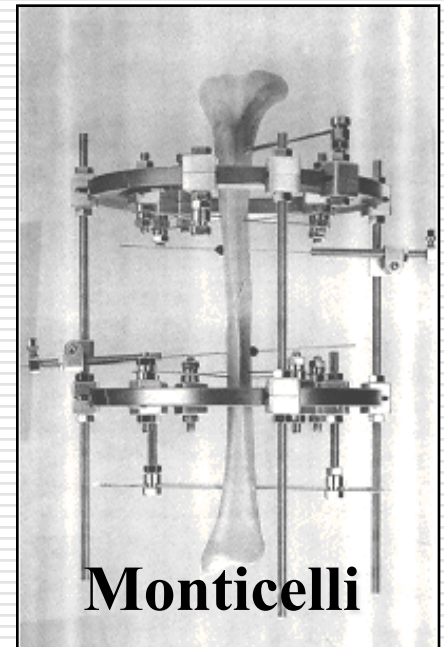


**Ilizarov**

circular



Hybrid



**Monticelli**

Semi-circular

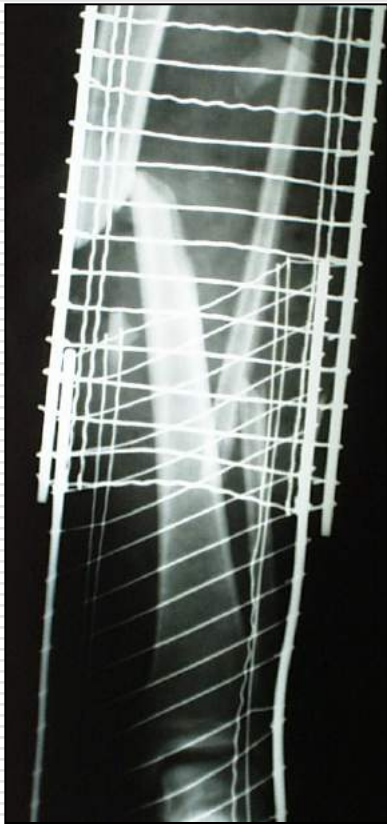
# Proximal third complex fracture: triangular fixateur

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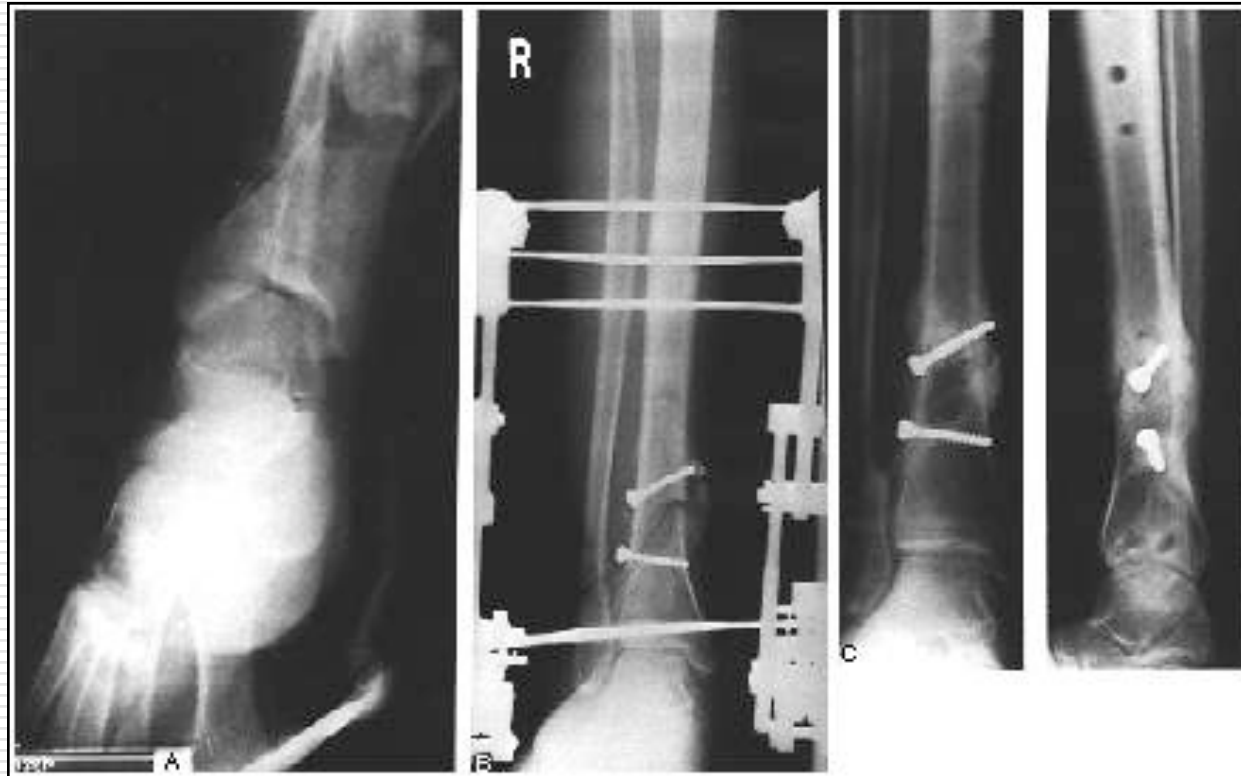
# Grade III open fracture: unilateralis fixateur

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# Supramalleolar tibia fracture: bilateral fixateur

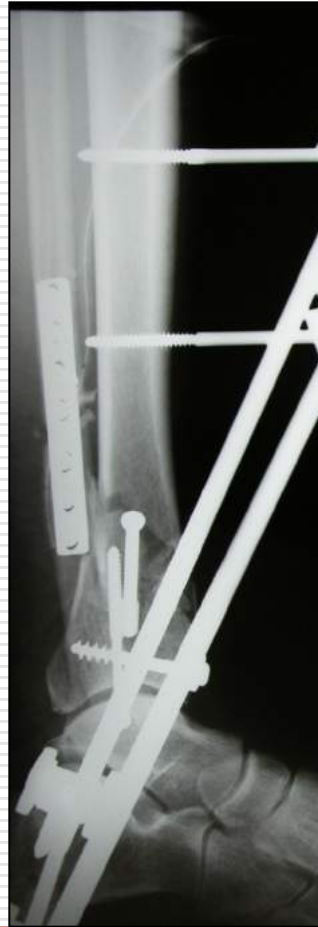
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# Grade II. open C type distal fracture:



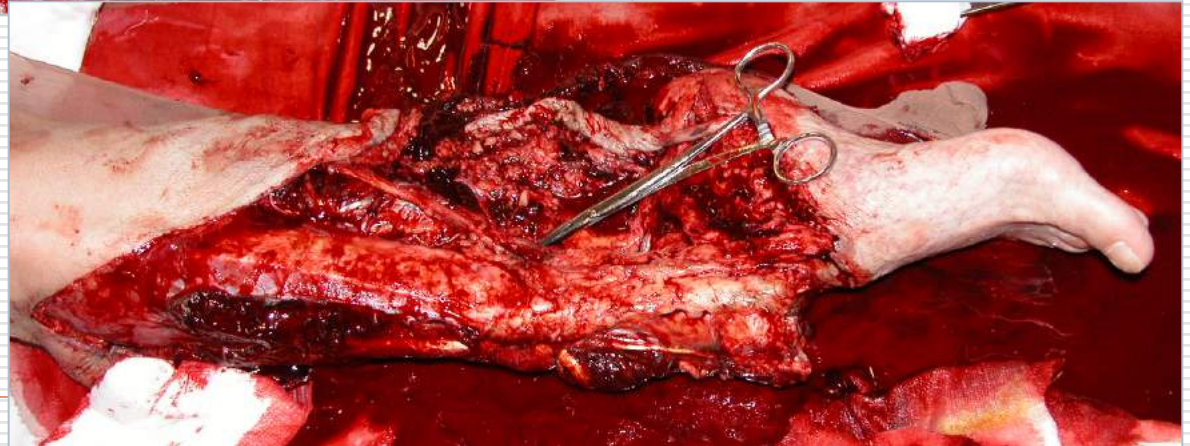
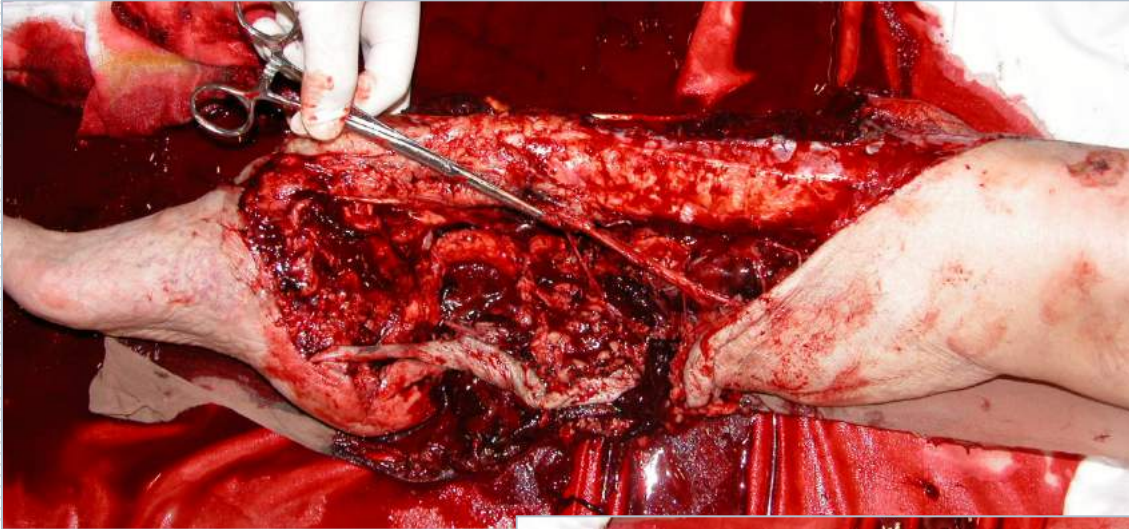
# Triangular bridging fixateur





# Grade IV open fracture: mission impossible

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# Thank you for your kind attention!

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# Introduction

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- Very common injury

Movement:

flexion-extension

rotation

Stabilization:

ligaments, capsule,

menisci, muscles



# Anatomy

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Femur:

medial condyle (larger)  
lateral condyle (proximal)

Tibia:

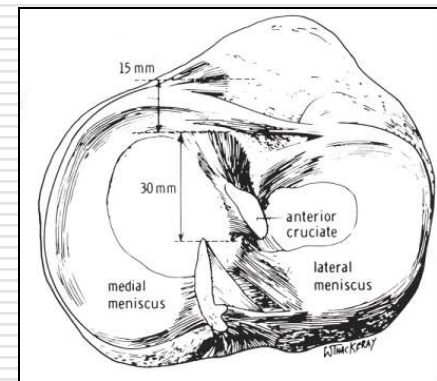
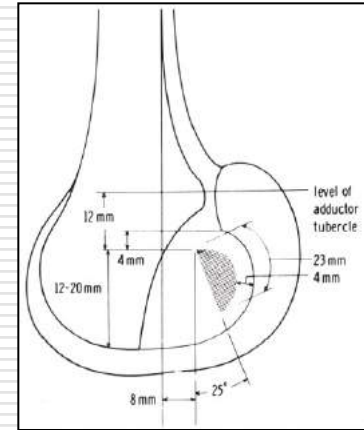
double concave surface with mensci

Patella:

largest sesamoid bone

3 joints:

tibio-femoral  
patello-femoral  
tibio-fibular



# Anatomy – muscles

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## Flexors:

### Hamstring group:

Biceps femoris

Semitendinosus

Semimembranosus

### Pes anserinus group:

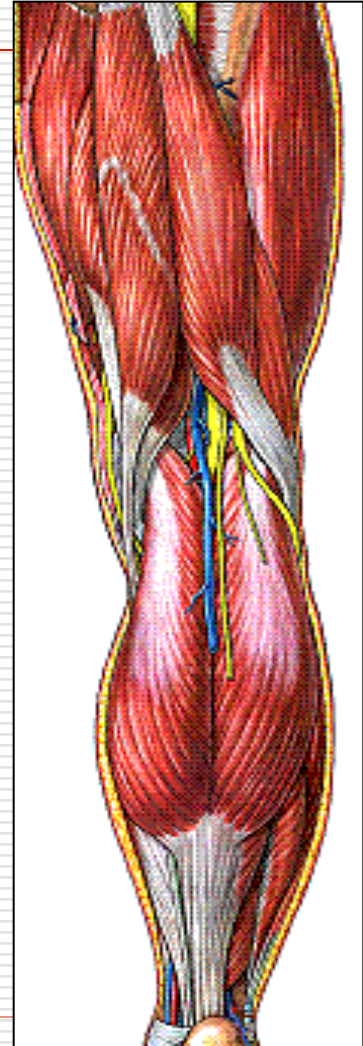
Gracilis

Sartorius

Semitendinosus

Gastrocnemius

Popliteus



# Anatomy – muscles

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Extensors:

Quadriceps group:

Vastus medialis,  
lateralis,  
intermedius

Rectus

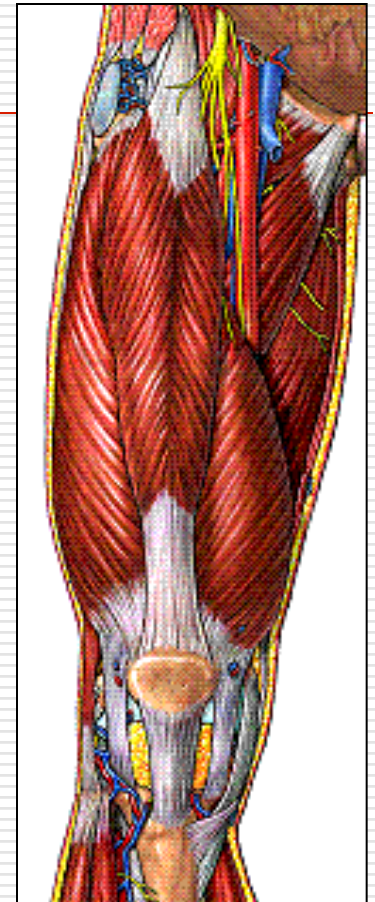
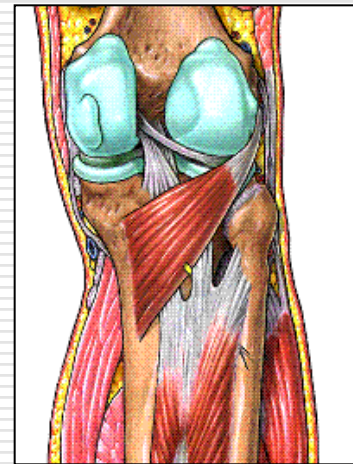
External rotator:

Popliteus  
Semimembranosus  
Sartorius  
Gracilis

Internal rotator:

Biceps

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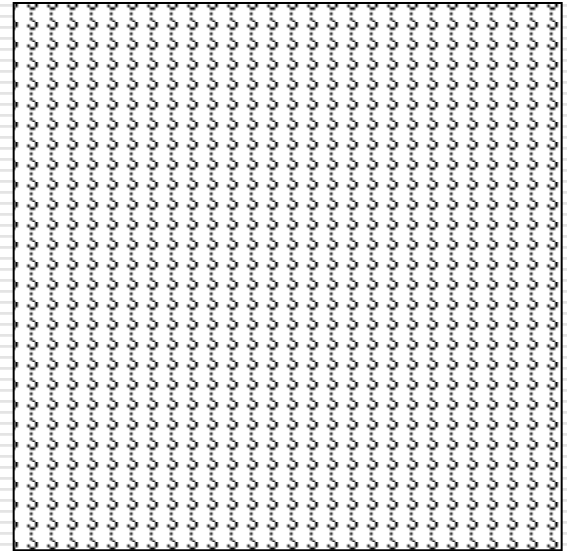


# Anatomy – menisci

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## Function:

- deeper joint surface
- reducing stress
- stabilizing



# Anatomy – menisci

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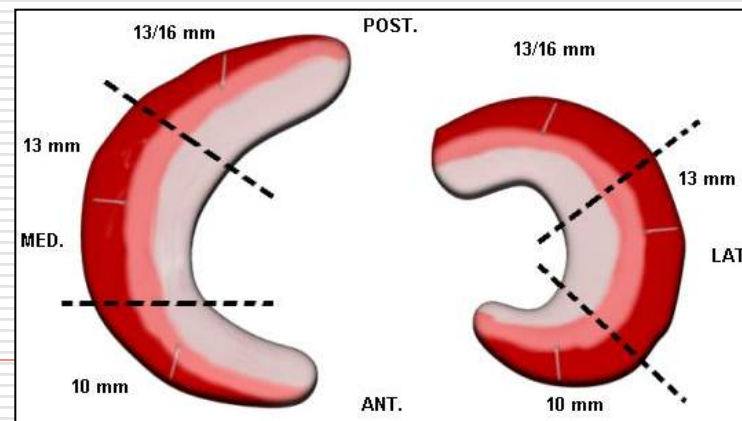
Blood supply:

Arteria circumflexa gen.

red – red zone: external 1/3 +++

red – white zone: middle 1/3, +/-

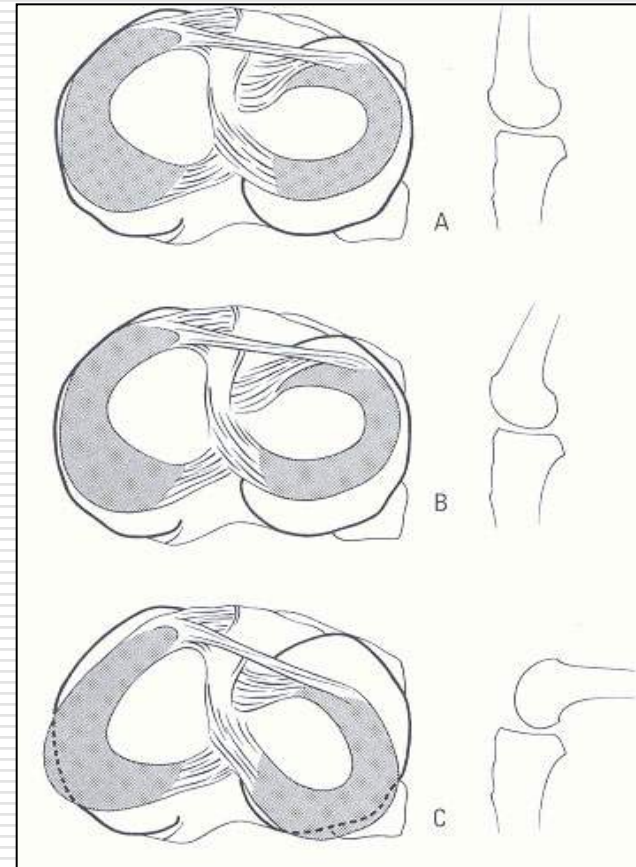
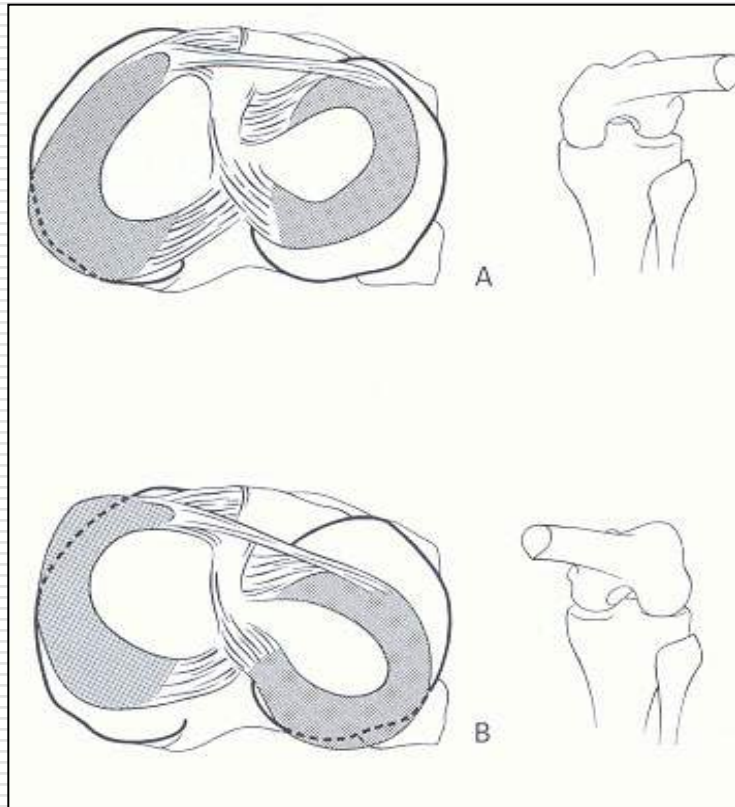
white – white zone: : internal 1/3, ---





# Different position of menisci

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# Anatomy - ligaments

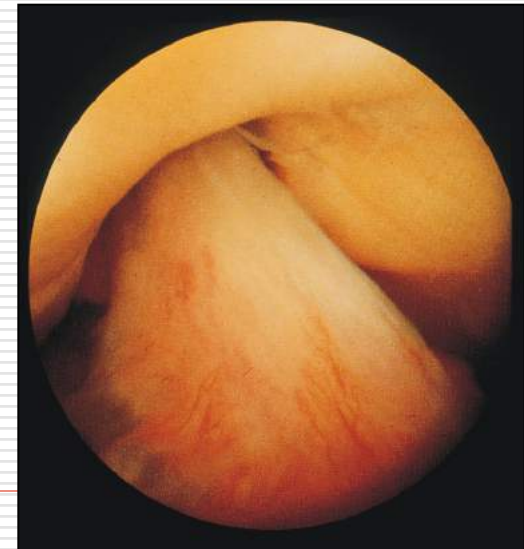
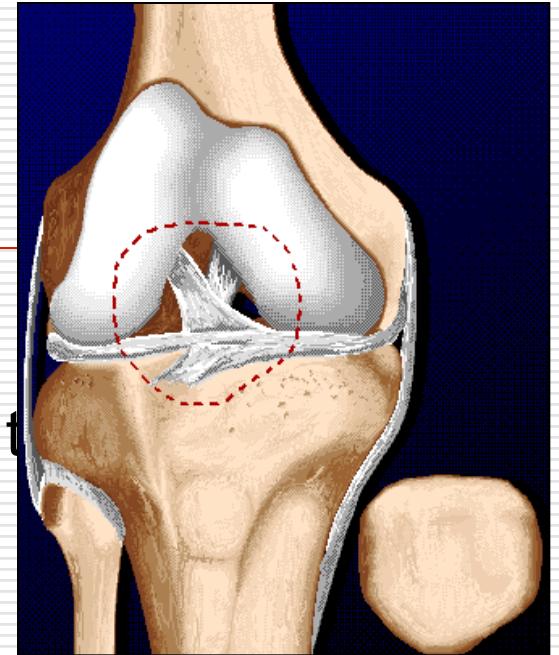
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## Anterior Crucial Ligament (ACL):

- \* posterolat. femur – anteromed. t
- \* stretched: extension
- \* function:

stabilizer: anterior and  
internal rotation

secondary stabilizer: valgus-  
varus stress

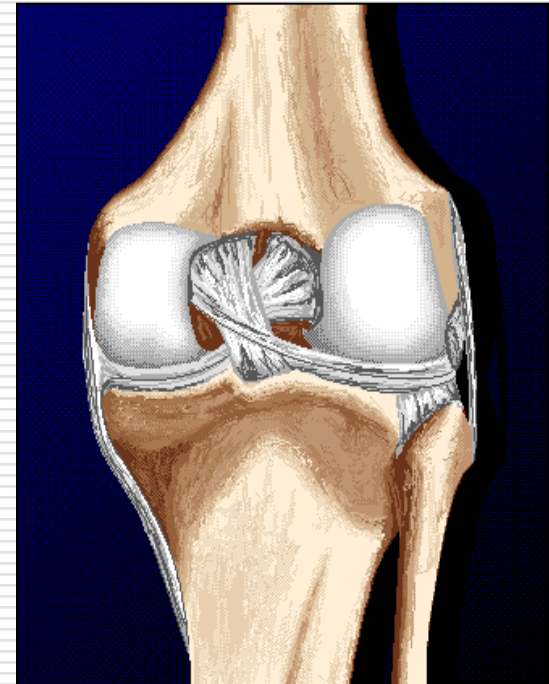


# Anatomy - ligaments

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## Posterior Crucial Ligament (PCL):

- \* primary stabilizer
- \* stronger, than ACL!
- \* anteromed. Femur – posterolat. Tibia
- \* stretched: flexion
- \* function:
  - stabilizer: posterior and internal rotation



# Anatomy - ligaments

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Medialis collateral (MCL):

medial femur condyle – medial tibia condyle  
connected to medial meniscus

Function:

Stabilizer: external rotation  
valgus stress

Lateralis collateral (LCL):

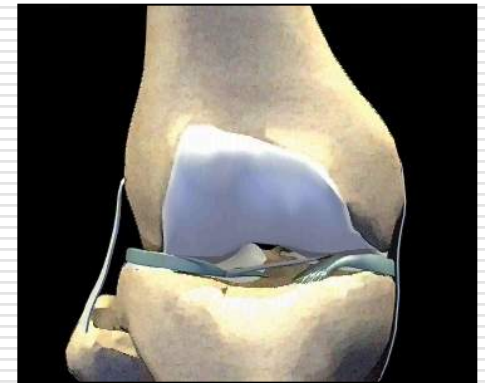
lateralis femur condyle – fibula head  
strong

Function:

external rotation  
varus stress

Posterior capsue-ligament 'ligamentum arcuatum':

musculus popliteus – lateral meniscus



# Examination of Stability – stress tests

## Valgus test:

Extension and 30 degrees flexion  
+: medial laxity  
ACL, MCL, PM capsule injury



## Varus test:

Extension and 30 degrees flexion  
+: lateral laxity  
ACL, LCL, PL capsule injury



# Examination of Stability – stress tests

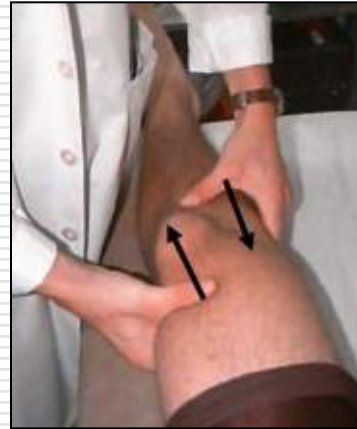
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Lachman test:

20-30 fokos flexion

+: anterior tibial translation

ACL sérülés



Anterior-posterior drawer test:

90 degrees flexion or sitting position

relaxed hamstring group!

+: tibia A-P laxity

ACL - PCL szakadás



# Examination of Stability – stress tests

Posterior sag test:



# Acute knee injuries:

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Contusion / distorsion

ACL tear

PCL tear

MCL tear

LCL tear

Knee disclotation

Patellar dislocation

Patellar ligament tear

Quadriceps tendon rupture

Meniscus injury

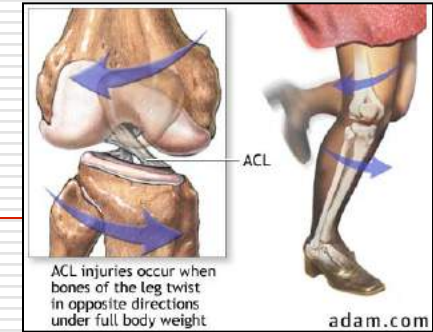
Osteochondral fractures

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# ACL injuries



Mechanism:

Rotation:

External tibia rotation + valgisation of knee

Hyperextension

Direct trauma, landing to the ground

Symptoms:

Cracking-crunching sound

Haemarthros immediately

Loss of function

Instability

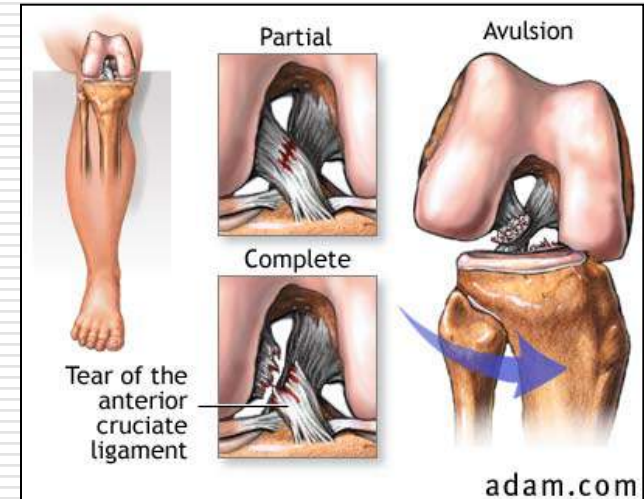
+ Lachmann és anterior drawer test

Dg:

Physical examination

Ultrasonography

MRI



*Complete or partial tear!*

# ACL injury: conservative therapy

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## Indication:

- Chronic injury
- Minimal activity
- No instability
- No associated injury

## Therapy:

- Immobilisation? Not really...
  - Brace
  - Fizikotherapy:
    - Quadriceps exercises
    - Hamstring group: relax a bit..
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# ACL injury: surgical treatment

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## Indication:

- Young patient
- Physical activity
- Instability
- Associated injuries

## Treatment:

- Suture + augmentation
- Reinsertion

## Graft:

- Autograft: Patella tendon (BTB), Hamstring (Semit.+Gracilis), Quadriceps tendon
- Allograft: BTB, Achilles, Hamstring, ACL, IT branch
- Xenograft: bovine
- Synthetic graft
- Tissue engineering graft: future



~~ACL suture~~



# ACL reinsertion:

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## Indication:

Tear: proximal femur condyle

Bony fragment with intact ligament

## Methods:

Over the top

Over the button

Anchor

Suture

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# ACL femoral reinsertion: bone anchor

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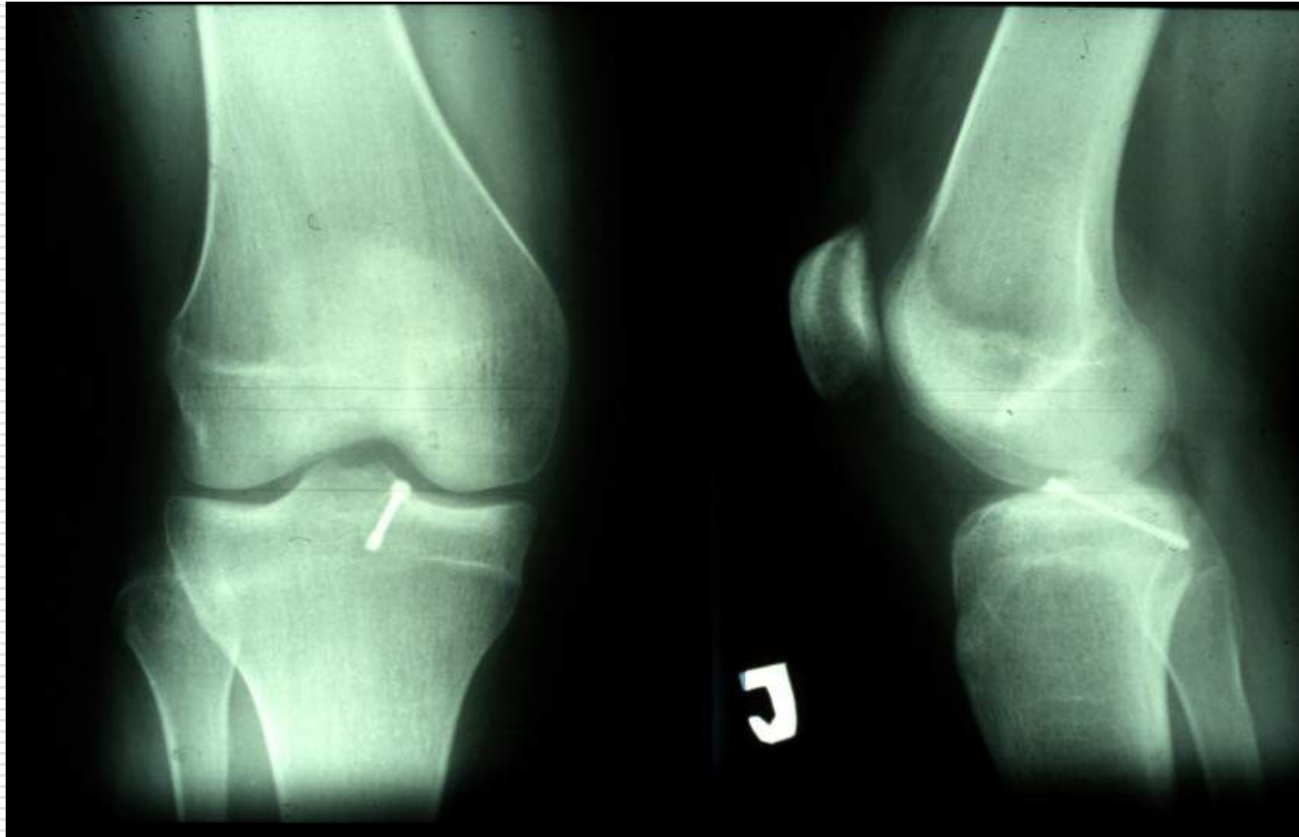
# ACL tibial reinsertion: bone anchor

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# ACL - tuberositas tibiae reinsertion Herbert screw

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# ACL reconstruction - autografts

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## Grafts:

Patellar tendon (BTB),  
Hamstring (Semitendinosus+Gracilis),  
Quadriceps tendon

## Fixation devices:

Interference screw: titanium, absorbable  
Bone anchor  
Press fit

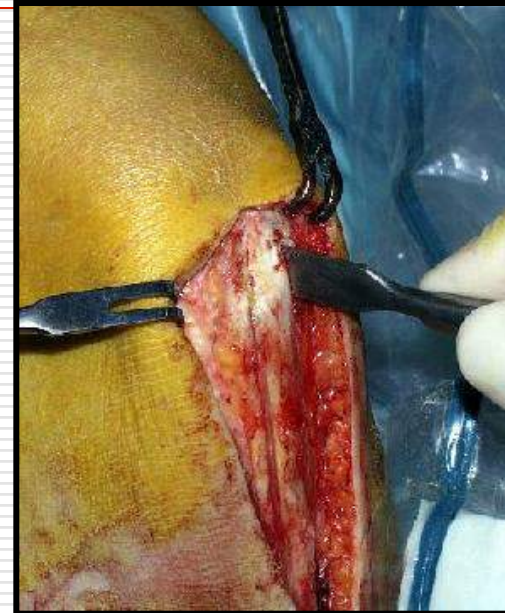
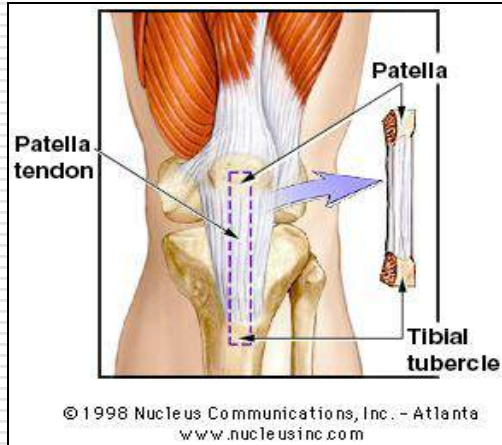
## Surgery:

Arthroscopy  
Surgical approach



# BTB plastic

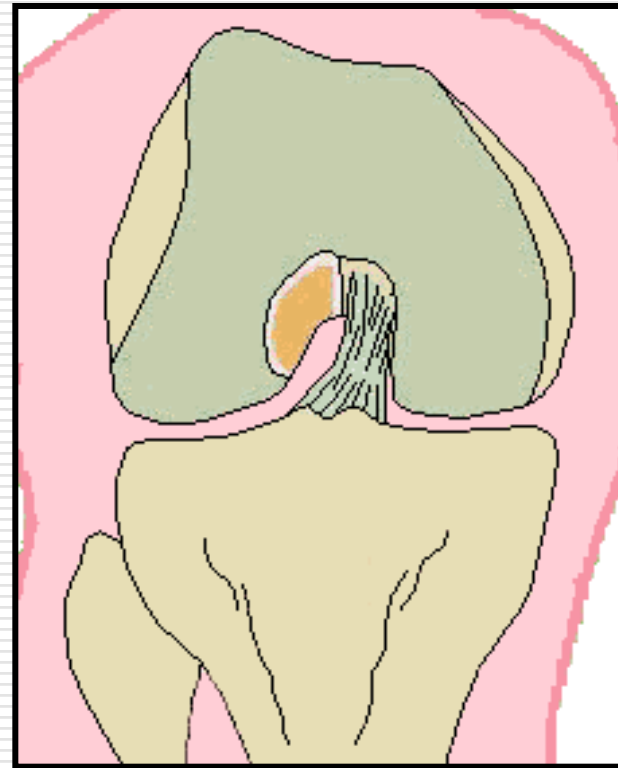
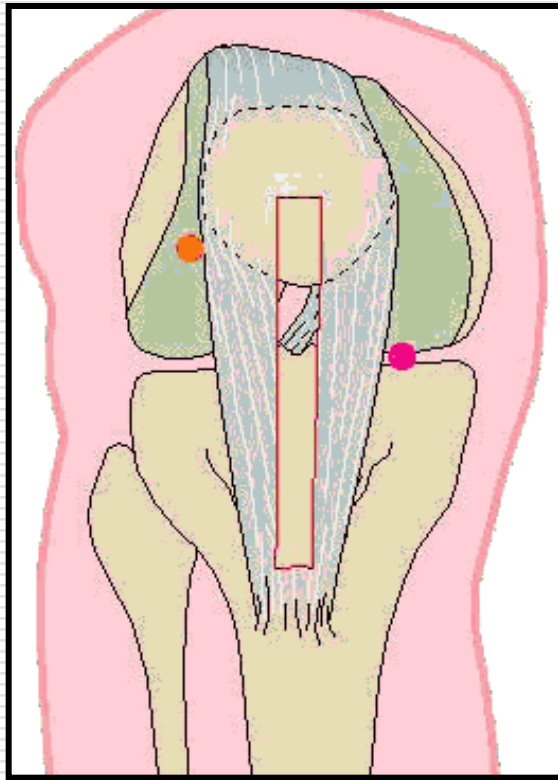
## Graft extraction:



# BTB plastic

## Arthroscopy, notch plastic

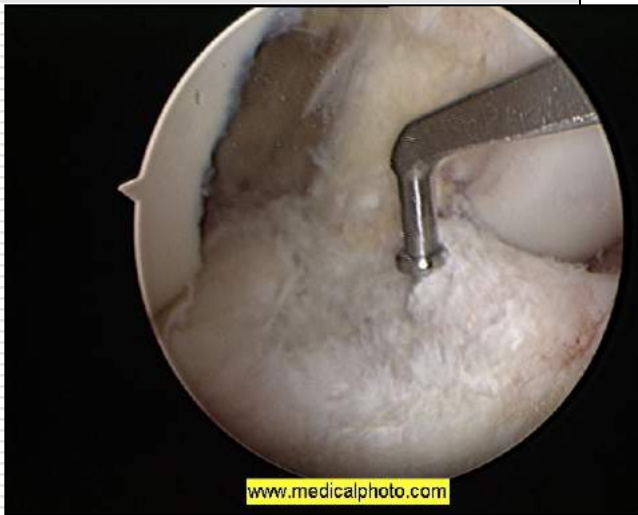
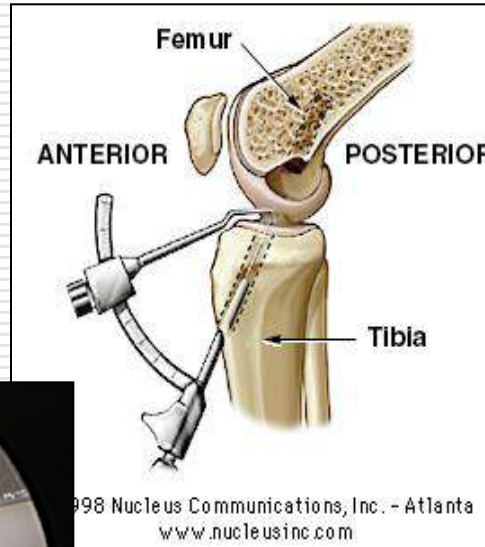
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# BTB plastic

## Drilling through the tibia

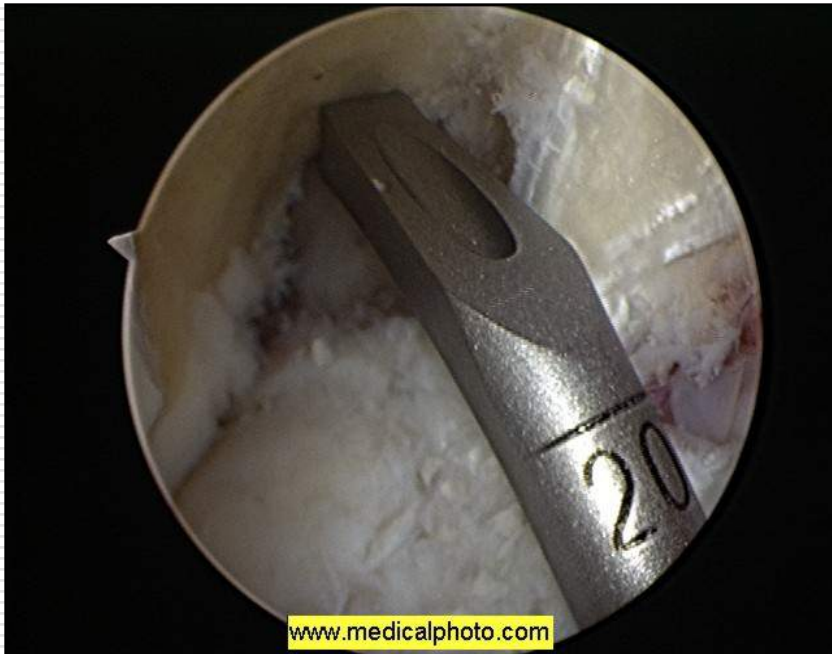
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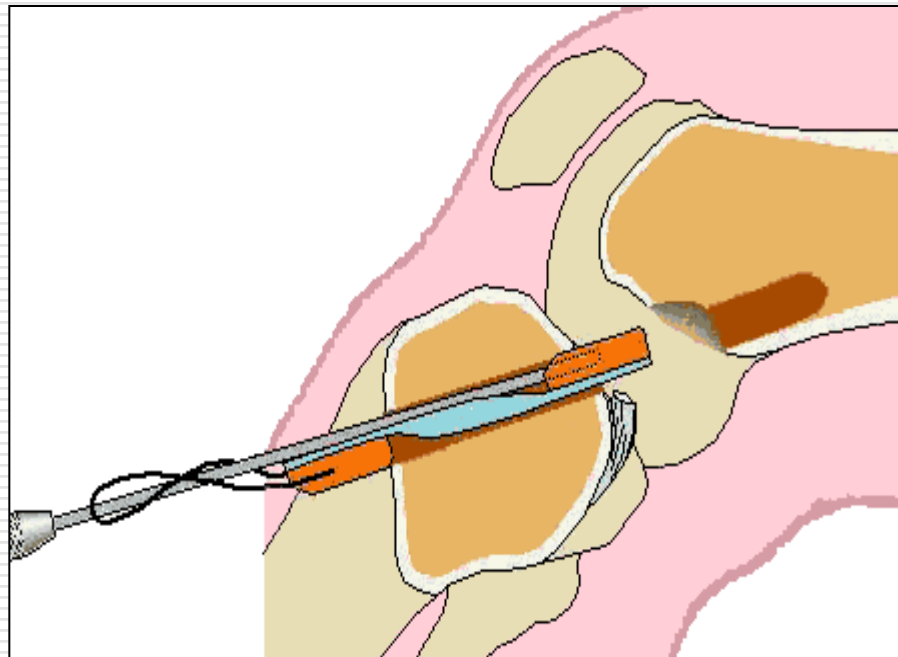
## Drilling through the femur + depth length

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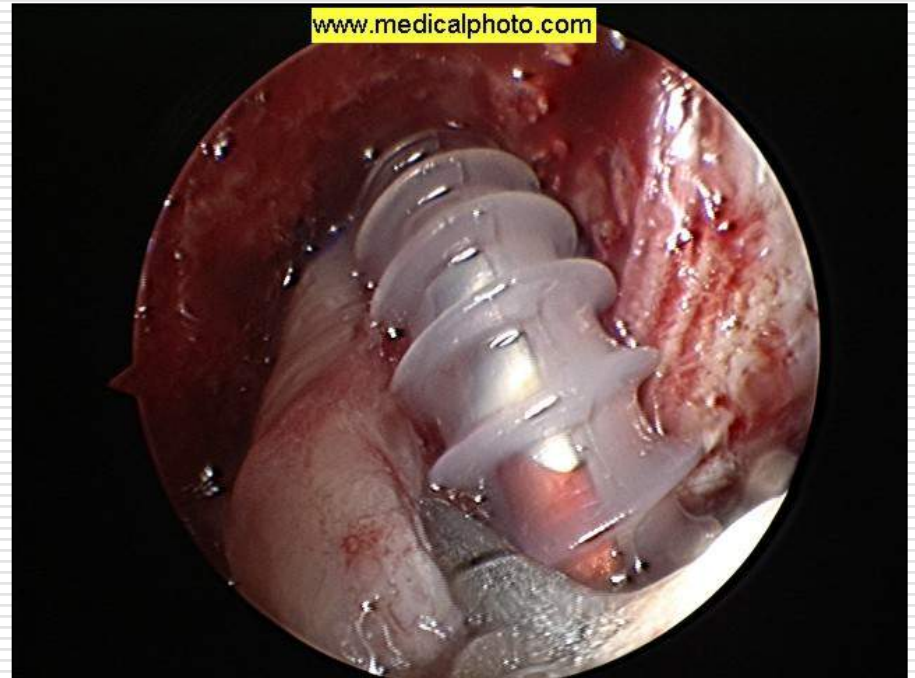
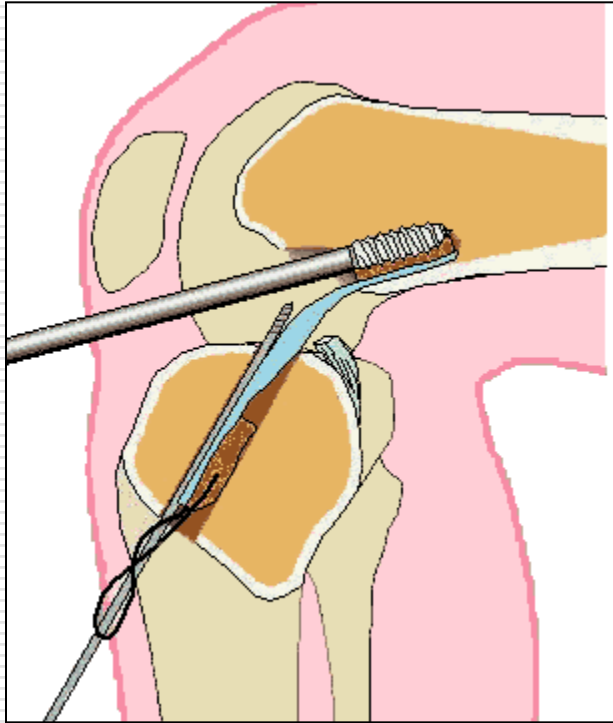
# BTB plastic Graft insertion

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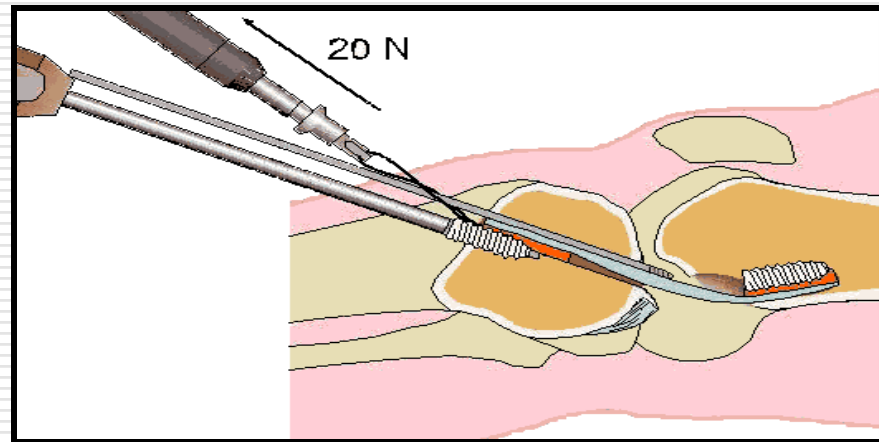
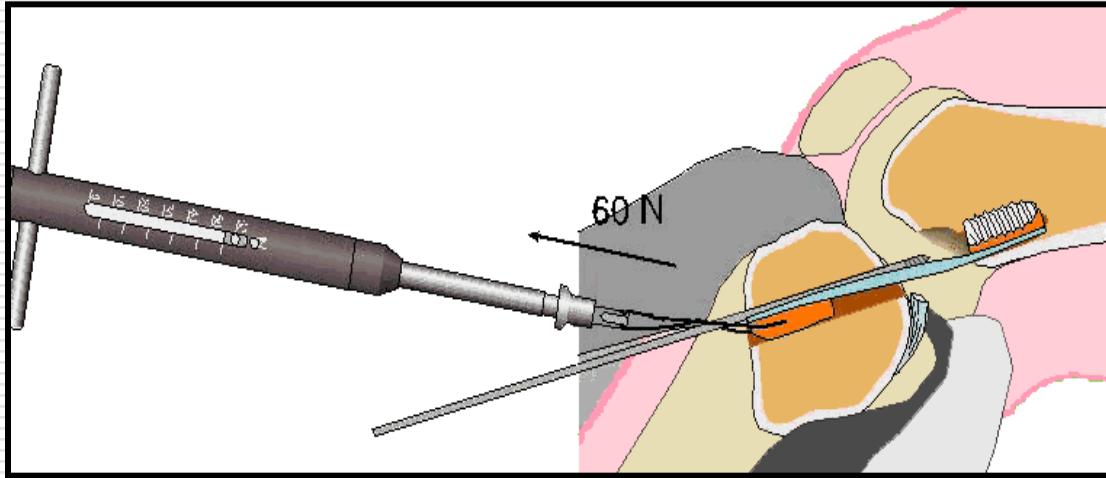
# BTB plastic Femoral fixation

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# BTB plastic Tibial fixation

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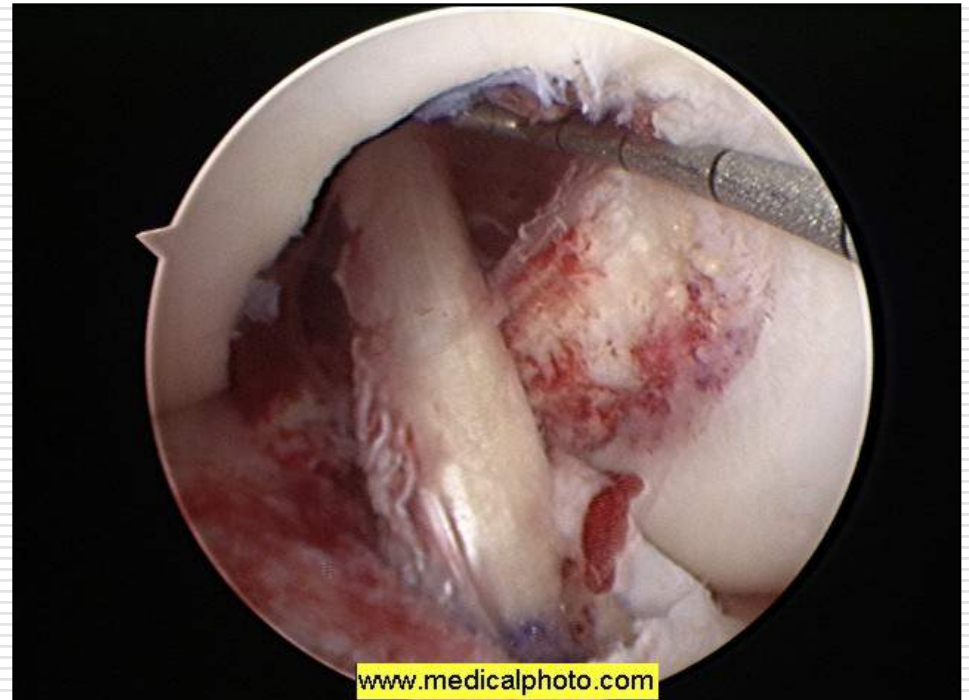
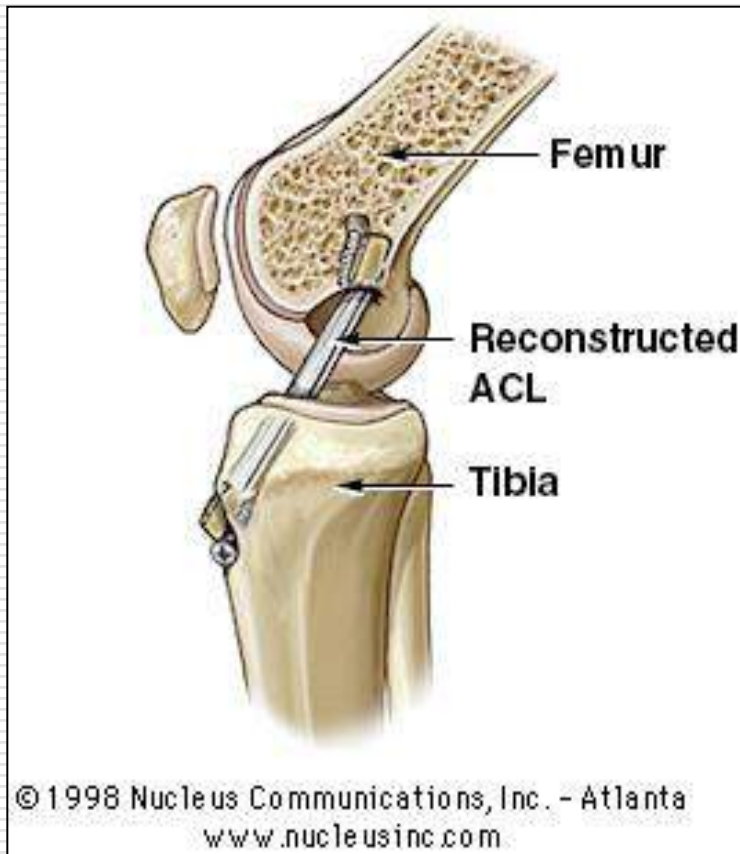




# BTB plastic

## Final result

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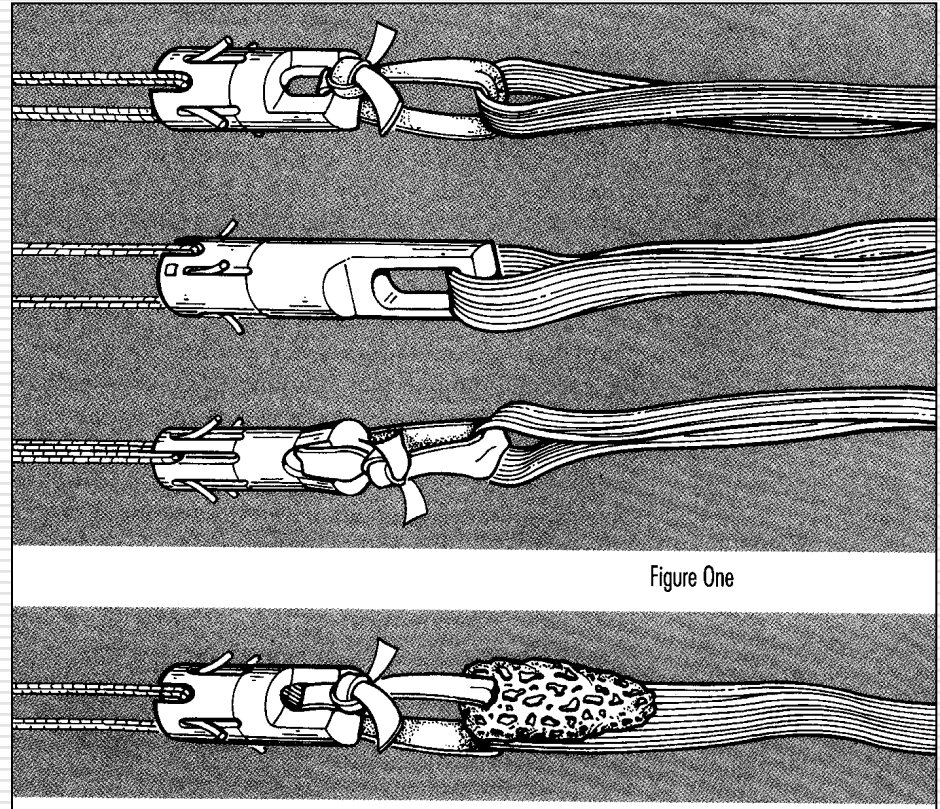
# BTB graft – interference screw

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# Hamstring graft – bone anchor

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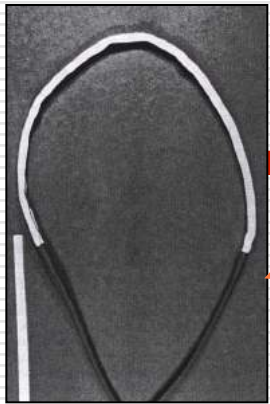


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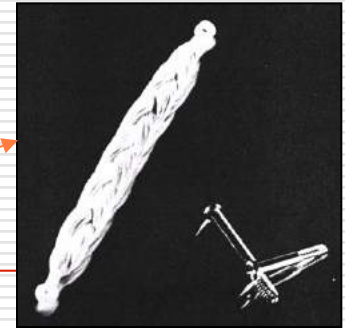
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# ACL synthetic graft



Gore-Tex: polytetrafluorethylen



Stryker-Dacron: polyester

Augmentation

Kennedy LAD

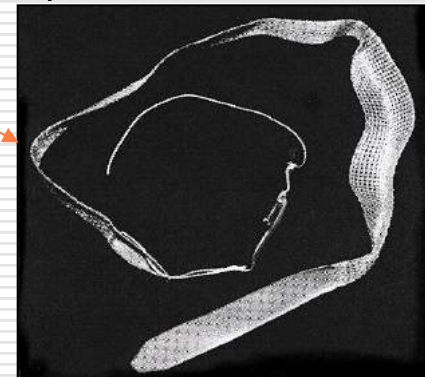


Tissue ingrowth

Leeds-Keio: polyester (Dacron)

Surgery:

Arthroscopy



# Unhappy triad

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Injured:

ACL

MCL

Medial meniscus

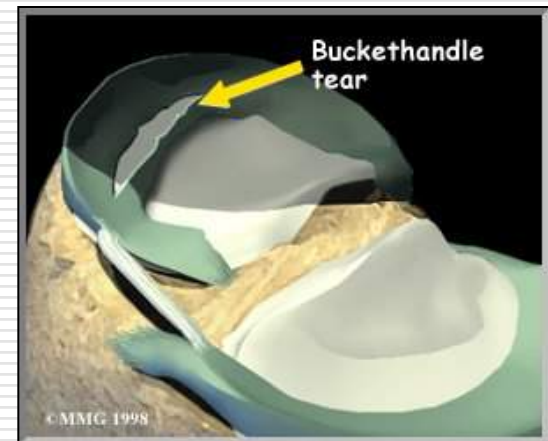
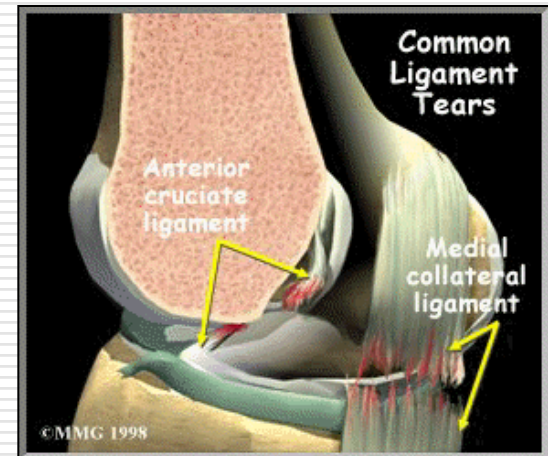
Therapy:

Operation !

Arthroscopy:

Meniscus injury

ACL reconstruction



# Dislocation of the Knee

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Severe injury

High energy trauma

Injured: ACL, PCL, MCL, LCL  
meniscus  
politeal tendon  
capsule  
hamstring group  
peroneal v. tibial nerve  
popliteal artery and vein  
bone  
cartilage

Symptoms: immovable  
loss of function  
extreme swelling  
hypaesthesia  
lack of paplable pulse

Therapy: reduction  
primary: artery and nerve injuries  
secondary: ACL, capsule

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# Knee Dislocations:

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□ Posterior



□ Anterior

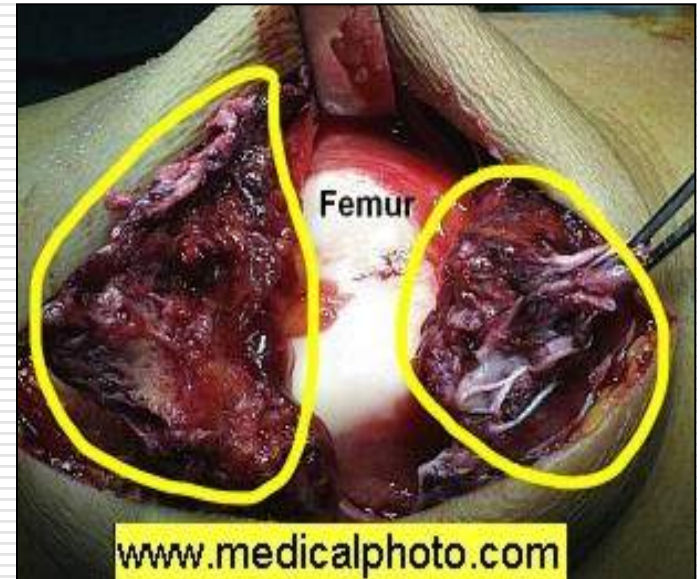
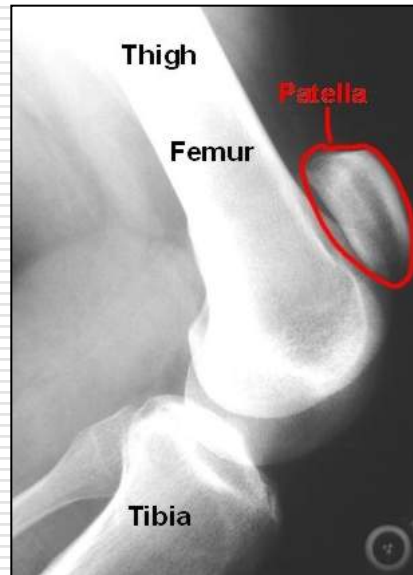


□ Rotation



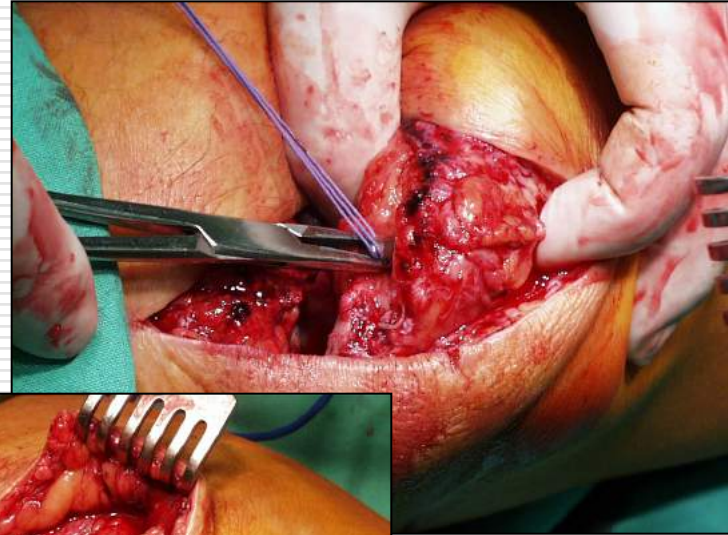
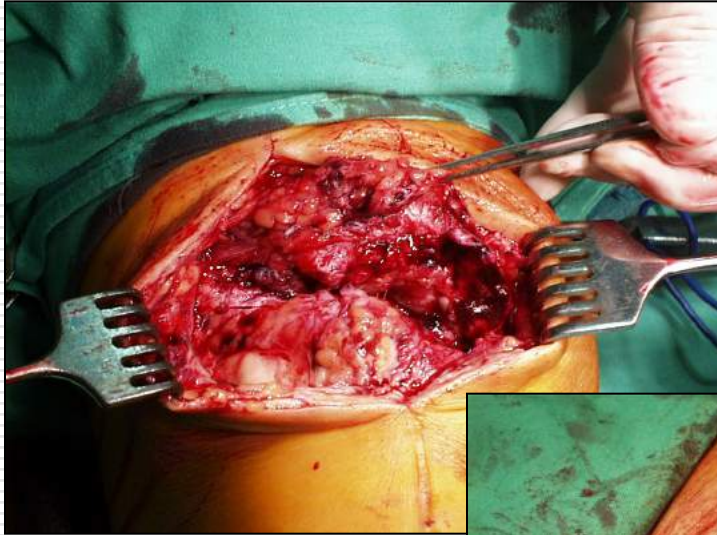


# Tear of Patellar Ligament



# M.Quadriceps reinsertion with bone anchor

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# Meniscus injuries

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Mechanism:

sudden twist - lower leg in 'fixed' position

Symptoms:

pain

hydrops

haemarthros (tear at the base)

joint lock up

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# Diagnostics:

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Physical examination:

Steimann:

knee in flexion  
lower leg rotation

Böhler:

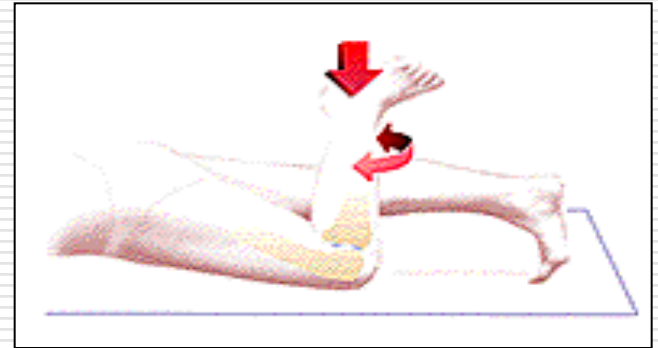
extended knee  
lower leg ab/adduction

Appley:

prone position  
knee: 90 degrees flexion  
axial compression + rotation

McMurray:

knee and hip: 90 degrees  
flexion + rotation test



# Diagnostics:

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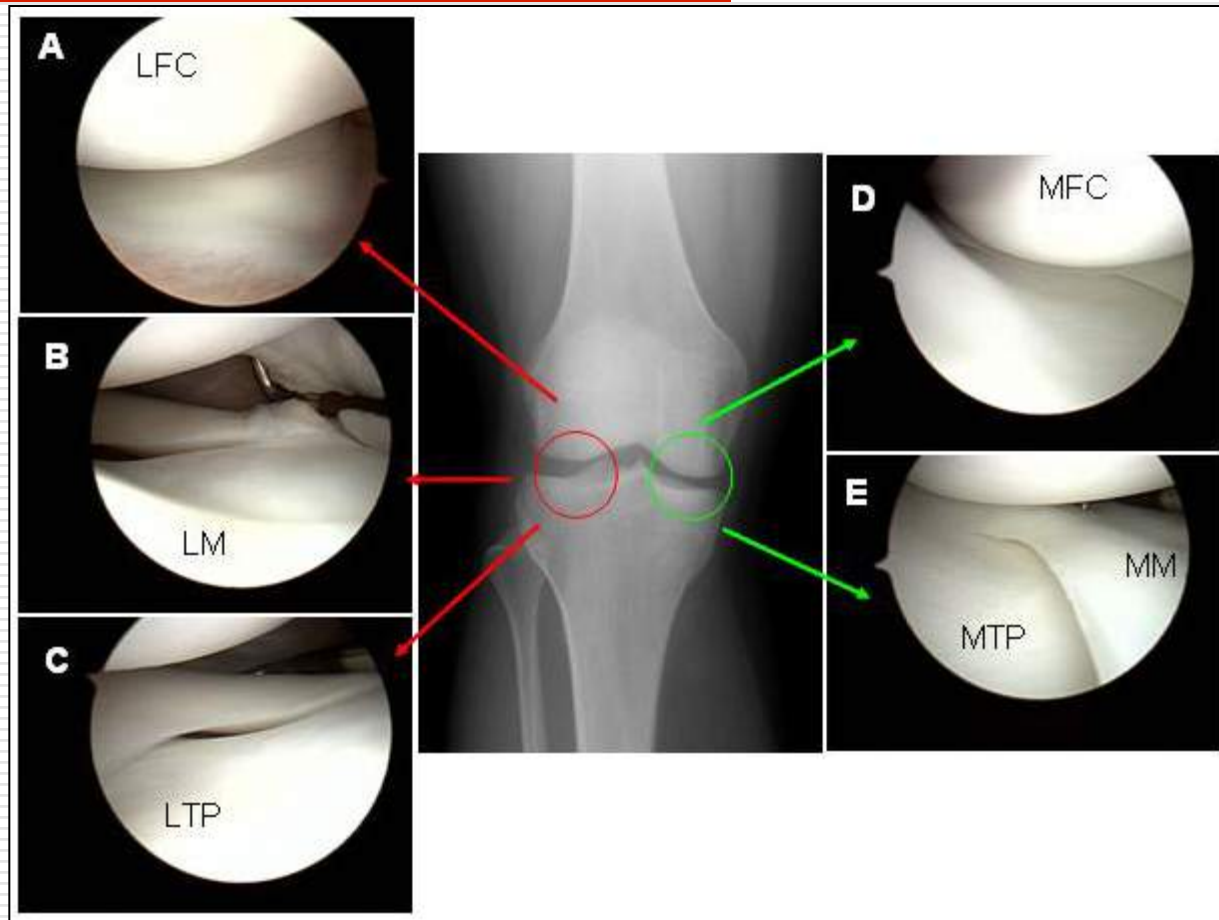
Ultrahang  
MR



Arthroscopy

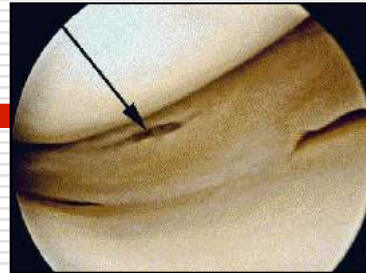


# Intact menisci - arthroscopy



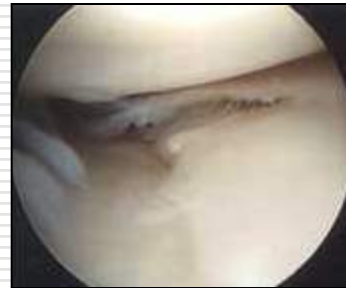
# Meniscal injuries:

Vertical

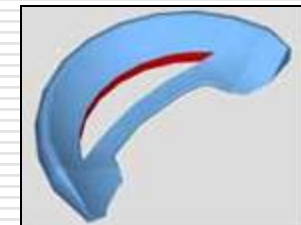


Radial

Incomplete  
Complete



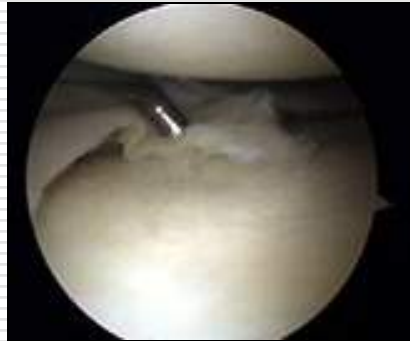
Bucket handle



# Meniscal injuries:

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Medial posterior horn



Lateral posterior horn  
incomplete



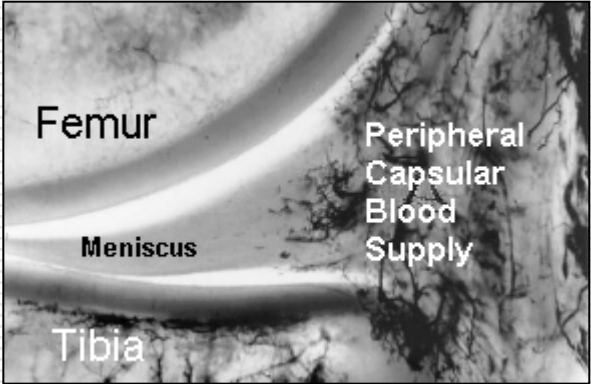
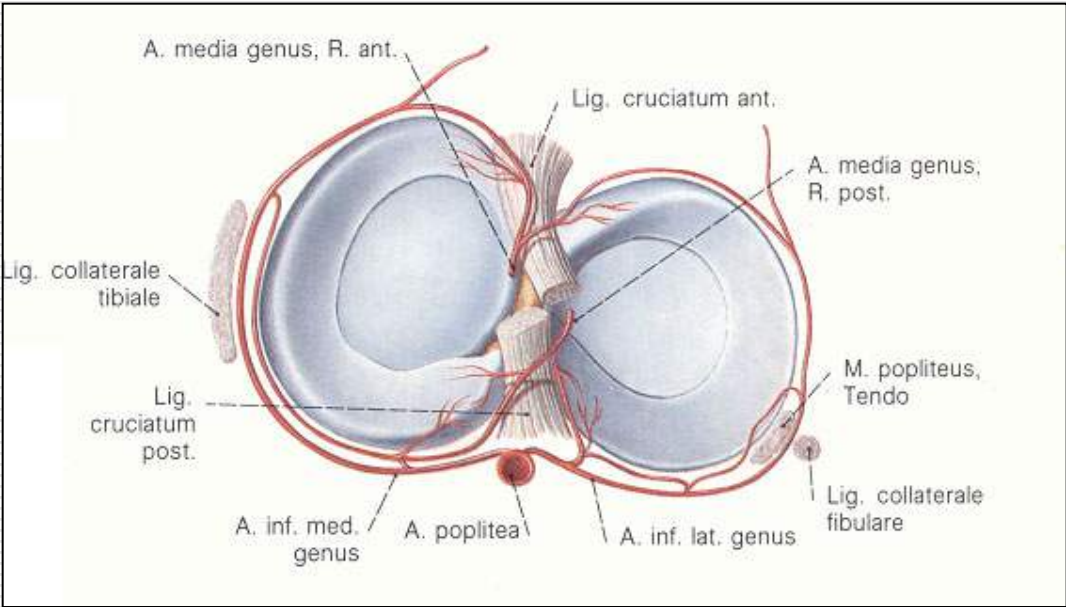
Lateral posterior horn  
complete





# Blood supply

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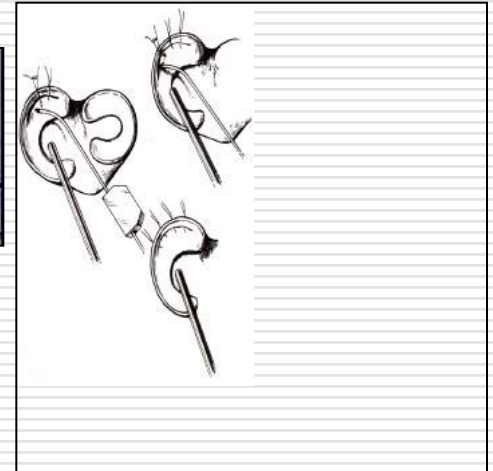
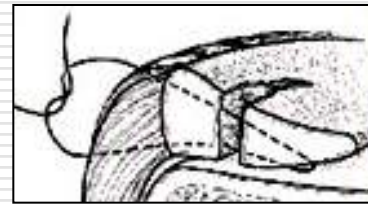


# Treatment:

~~Arthrotomy~~

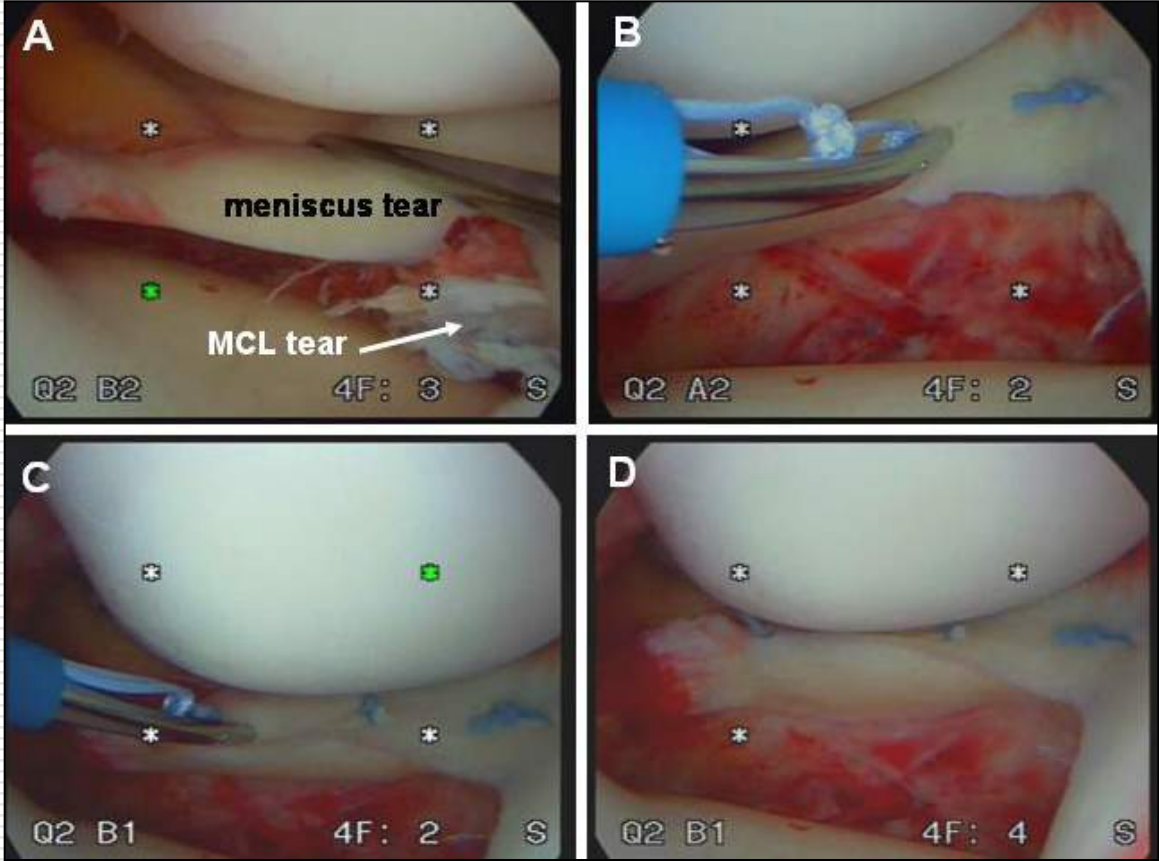
Arthroscopy

suture



# Meniscus suture

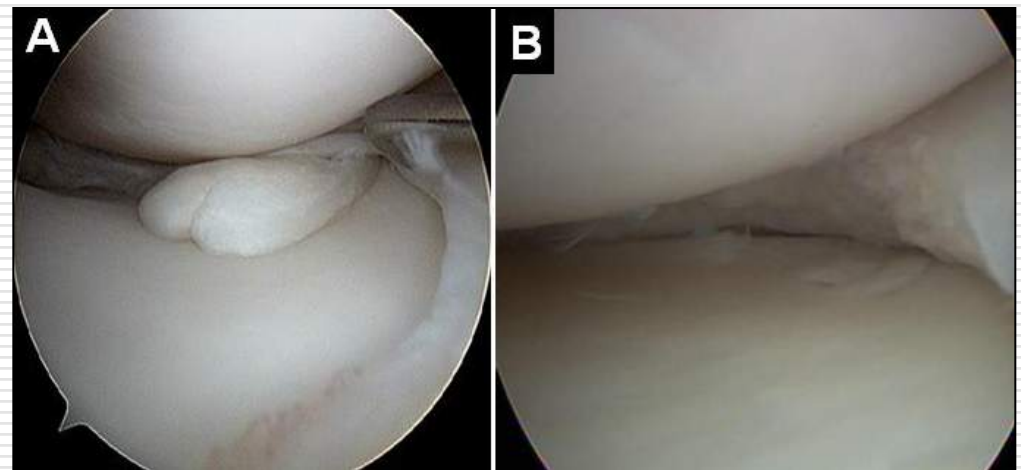
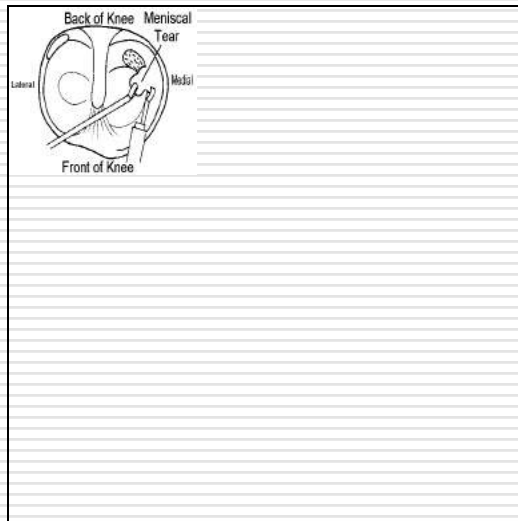
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# Meniscus resection

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## Partial resection



# Meniscus resection

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Total resection



# Meniscus transplantation

