

# Partial Osteochondral Fractures of the Condyles

(Osteochondral Defects)



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# Treatment Options for Osteochondral Fractures Decision •Primary Repair (ORIF vs AARIF)



- •Augmentation: BMP, Stem Cells, PRP, Fibrin Glue
- •Cartilage Repair: Marrow Stimulation 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> generation
- •Cartilage Regeneration: Scaffolds, Matrix, Cells (autologous vs. allogenic)

Bone Replacements: autograft, allograft, syntheticBone and Cartilage: Scaffolds, OATS (auto, allograft)







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## **Treatment of Knee Osteochondral Fractures**

**Treatment of osteochondral fractures of the knee: a meta-analysis of available scientific evidence.** Kuhle J; Angele P; Balcarek P; Eichinger M; Feucht M; Haasper C; Alexander G; Jung T; Lill H; Marquass B; Osti M; Rosenberger R; Salzmann G; Steinwachs M; Voigt C; Vogt S; Zeichen J; Niemeyer P:. Int Orthop (Germany), Dec 2013, 37(12) p2385-94.

- Although traumatic osteochondral fractures of the knee represent a common pathology of the knee joint, there is no general agreement concerning specific treatment
- Of possible 1,226 articles, only 19 studies met criterion and had clinical follow-up of 638 patients.
- All articles (n = 19) identified represent case series (evidence-based medicine level IV)
- Studies had average 33 pts, 46 month follow up and used 6 different scoring systems, success rate 83%.
- Significant lack of scientific evidence, No valid conclusions for any specific treatment algorithm

#### **Demographics of OCD**

**The demographics and epidemiology of osteochondritis dissecans of the knee in children and adolescents**. Kessler JI; Nikizad H; Shea KG; Jacobs JC; Bebchuk JD; Weiss JM: Am J Sports Med, Feb 2014, 42(2) p320-6

- A retrospective chart review of over 1 million patient records ages 2-19 yrs
- 192 patients with 206 OCD lesions of the knee identified.
- MFC- 63.6%
  LFC- 32.5%
  Patella 1.5%, Trochlea 2%
  50.0% Right; 42.7% Left
  7.3% Bilateral
  11.2 per 100,000 Ages 12-19
  6.8 per 100,000 Ages 6-11
  None 5 yrs or less
  Incidence:15.4 Males vs 3.3 Females per 100,000 patients
- Male patients had 3.8 times a greater risk of OCD of the knee than female patients (P < .001; 95% CI, 2.71-5.41).</li>
- Blacks highest odds ratio of OCD of the knee compared with all other ethnic groups.

# Osteochondral Fractures Fundamental Issues

- 1. Bone lesion, Cartilage intact
- 2. Bone lesion, Cartilage Disrupted, may or may not be reparable
- 3. Bone deficit, Cartilage <u>not</u> reparable













#### Osteochondral Fracture Treatment Is there <u>Salvageable</u> native cartilage on fracture or lesion?

- Does any part or all of the fracture have viable articular cartilage ?
- Assess on MRI, Radiographs, Arthroscopic Evaluation
- Try to *retain native cartilage* by any means necessary
- Repair, Stabilize, Augment to reestablish congruity of articular surface
- Evaluate the need to correct any Malalignment or Maltracking









# Osteochondral Fracture Treatment Arthroscopic Staging/Assessment

- Assess Fracture, bone bed, articular surfaces
- Is Loose body viable to repair ?
- Can it be repaired? Single stage
- Restore articular surface
- If Yes Proceed with Arthroscopic or Open Reduction and Internal Fixation
- Mini-Open gives better control of articular surface









# Osteochondral Fracture Treatment Arthroscopic Treatment

- Marrow stimulation (for small defects < 2.5 cm<sup>2</sup>)
  - Augmentation if appropriate
- Edge debridement, Chondroplasty, MSCs
- Arthroscopic Stabilization: Darts, Screws (absorbable vs metal)
- Avoid Prominence of Fixation; Plan for removal and counsel patient
- OATS autograft (usually prefer mini-open for this option)
- If not reparable or immediately treatable, plan for second stage procedure
  - Chondral Biopsy, OATS, Allograft
  - Scaffold, Matrix













# **Treatment with Microfracture**

Clinical Efficacy of the Microfracture Technique for Articular Cartilage Repair in the Knee: An Evidence-Based Systematic Analysis. Mithoefer K, McAdams T, Williams R, Kreuz PC, Mandelbaum BR: Am J Sports Med October 2009 37 2053-2063;

- Twenty-eight studies describing 3122 patients were included in the review.
- Factors affecting clinical outcome: Defect fill on MR; Macroscopic repair cartilage quality positively affected longterm failure rate; Histologic repair tissue quality remained inconclusive
- Systematic analysis shows that microfracture provides effective short-term functional improvement of knee function but insufficient data are available on its long-term results.
- Shortcomings of the technique include limited hyaline repair tissue, variable repair cartilage volume, and possible functional deterioration.

# **Smart Scaffolds for Cell Recruitment** Marrow Stimulation Augmentation

- BST-Cargel (Piramal, Canada)
- Chitosan-glycerol phosphate-based scaffold designed to stabilize marrow clot and prevent clot retraction
- Peripheral whole blood is added immediately before implantation resulting in adhesion and polymerization
- •Significant better MRI-appearances with the BST-Cargel vs MFX in a 2 year's follow up.
- BST CarGel: EU Class III device, Not in US





Novel scaffold-based BST-CarGel treatment results in superior cartilage repair compared with microfracture in a randomized controlled trial. Stanish WD, McCormack R, Forriol F, Mohtadi N, Pelet S, Desnoyers J, Restrepo A, Shive MS. J Bone Joint Surg Am. 2013 Sep 18;95(18):1640-50 Smart Scaffolds for Cell Recruitment Marrow Stimulation Augmentation BioCartilage: (Arthrex) Micronized Cartilage Matrix

- Allograft Cartilage ( ECM- Col, GAG, Growth Factors )
- Cartilage is dehydrated than micronized- Freeze dried (Particle size 100-300microns), Fibrin Glue
- It provides a scaffold over the MFX- disappears over time





It is based upon the principle of the chitosan based scaffold (Shrimp Exoskeleton)

#### Arthroscopic Treatment Unstable OCD7 Osteochondral Fractures

Arthroscopic Fixation of Osteochondritis Dissecans of the Knee: Clinical, Magnetic Resonance Imaging, and Arthroscopic Follow-up . Makino A, Muscolo DL, Puigdevall M, Costa-Paz M, Ayerza M, MD. Am L Sports Med 2005, 33:1499-1504.

- Unstable OCD treated with Arthroscopic Herbert Screws, followed average 50 months, Level IV study
- Hardware removed @ average 100 days post fixation
- 14 of 15 knees showed stable surface with healing of osteochondral fragment by MRI
- Lysholm score improved from a mean of 79 preoperatively to 97 postoperatively.
- Correlation of MRI healing, Arthroscopic healing with good clinical outcomes

## Osteochondral Fracture Treatment Open Cartilage Preservation: Trochlea

- Minimally open technique, absorbable Darts
- Augment with BMP, Stem cells, Fibrin Glue seal











## **Osteochondral Fracture Treatment Open Cartilage Preservation: Femoral Condyle**

Save Cartilage at all costs!
Bone Graft (Autograft), Augment









# **Osteochondral Fracture Treatment**

Autologous Bone Graft Harvest from Femoral Condyle

- OATS harvester from femoral condyle (tibia) for autologous cancellous bone
- Back fill harvest site with allograft or bone graft
   substitute







# Osteochondral Fracture Treatment Open Cartilage Preservation: Femoral Condyle • Stabilize, Bone Graft, Augment







Hardware Removal @ 4 Mos.







#### Osteochondral Fracture Treatment Open Cartilage Preservation: Hardware Removal • Plan on Hardware Removal in Pre-operative Counseling

• Avoid damage to opposing articular surface



Damage to tibial plateau



Portal track; free up screw head

Preop: get the correct screwdriver



Damage to trochlea



# Articular Cartilage OCD/OCF Treatment Open Cartilage Preservation: OATS

Intact or partially attached articular cartilage and unstable OCD bone
Preserve cartilage while healing bone
Can replace areas of damaged cartilage







Native Cartilage still better than regenerated cartilage



 Articular Cartilage OCD/OCF Treatment Open Cartilage Preservation: OATS
 Stabilize w/ 3-5 OAT Autograft plugs (6 to 8 mm in size) and internal fixation (temporary or absorbable)











3 years post-op

# Articular Cartilage OCD/OCF Treatment No Salvageable native cartilage on fragment and no bony deficiency

- Predominant Articular Cartilage Lesion
- Smaller deficits may be amenable to marrow stimulation/scaffold (< 2.5 cm<sup>2</sup>)
- Treatment with advanced biologic cartilage repair techniques:
  - Autologous Chondrocyte Implantation (ACI)
    - Arthroscopic assessment of lesion(s)
  - Chondral Biopsy for cell culture
- Scaffolds, Allograft Cartilage (deNovo)

#### Advanced Biologic Cartilage Repair Techniques Deep osteochondral filling scaffold

Maio Regen (Fin-Ceramica, Italy)
tri-layered Type 1 collagen implant with varying levels of hydroxyapatite and magnesium. Press Fit

• MRI shows good defect filling and implant integration but also inhomogeneous regenerated tissue and subchondral bone changes in most patients at both 1 and 2 years



• AJSM, 2013





Case courtesy Mats Brittberg MD

Advanced Biologic Cartilage Repair Techniques Smart Scaffolds for Cell Recruitment

- Agili-C is single stage press fit bi-phasic implant for hyaline cartilage and bone regeneration
- Bone phase is calcium carbonate; cartilage phase modified aragonite and HA



#### Articular Cartilage OCF/OCD Treatment Open Cartilage Reconstruction: Autologous Chondrocyte Implantation (ACI)

Secure membrane cover, water tight seal for cells











#### Articular Cartilage OCF/OCD Treatment Arthroscopic Cartilage Reconstruction: Hyalograft ACI

- ACI alternative done by arthroscopy
- Chondrocyte seeded on hyalyronic acid scaffold Hyalograft/Hycel
- Scaffold implanted slightly below the surrounding cartilage surface and sealed with Fibrin Glue





Case courtesy Mats Brittberg MD

# Articular Cartilage OCF/OCD Treatment

No Salvageable native cartilage, Bone Deficiency

- Bone Deficiency  $\geq$  7-8 mm
- Defect will require treatment bone deficiency:
  - Bone Grafting and Staged ACI
  - Single staged ACI with
     "Sandwich technique"







- Osteochondral Autograft (only for smaller lesion needing no more than two plugs)
- Osteochondral Allograft (benefit of treating both bone and cartilage loss), no size limitation

# **Articular Cartilage OCD Treatment** Arthroscopic Bone Grafting • Bone Deficiency $\geq$ 7-8 mm

















# **Articular Cartilage OCD Treatment** Arthroscopic Bone Grafting

# Bone Graft (Auto and Allograft) to level of subchondral bone, seal with Fibrin

















#### Articular Cartilage OCD Treatment Open Cartilage Replacement Osteochondral Allograft

• Significant Bone Loss, Treats both bone and cartilage deficiency



















#### **Treatment with Fresh Osteochondral Allografts**

**Do fresh osteochondral allografts successfully treat femoral condyle lesions?** Levy YD; Gortz S; Pulido PA; McCauley JC; Bugbee WD: Clin Orthop Relat Res, Jan 2013, 471(1) p231-7

- 122 patients (129 knees) who underwent osteochondral allograft transplantation of the femoral condyle. Mean age was 33 yrs, 53% male. Median F/U 13.4 yrs.
- Sixty-one knees (47%) underwent reoperations. Thirtyone knees (24%) failed at a mean of 7.2 years.
   Survivorship was 82% at 10 years, 74% at 15 years, and 66% at 20 years.
- Age of more than 30 years at time of surgery and having two or more previous surgeries for the operated knee were associated with allograft failure.

#### Treatment Options for Osteochondral Fractures (OCD) Summary

- Preserve patient articular cartilage first and foremost; error on the side of repair.
- Evaluate for any concomitant malalignment and treat aggressively
- Treat bone involvement in OCF/OCD with as little damage as possible to articular cartilage
- Use Autologous bone graft
- Cautious of Hardware, Plan to remove
- Don't hesitate to stage treatment, always do what is best to preserve native cartilage

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