

# Indications for HTO in 2022

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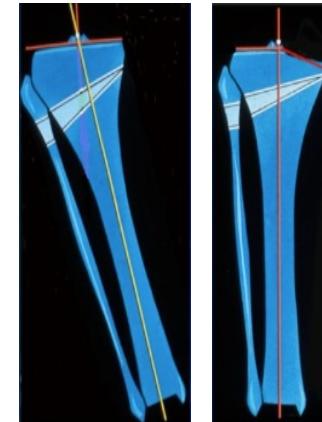
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# How do we make the right decision?

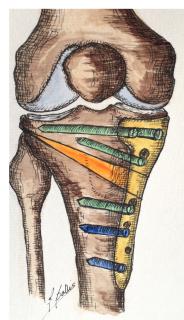
- Correct assessment of the pathology:

- Patient related factors
- Anatomical factors
- Ligamentous status



- Understand patient expectations

- Good knowledge of therapeutic options  
(and limits)



# Dogmatic approach – Ideal candidate

- Ideal Age : 40 - 55 yo

Risk of early failure: 5 times higher if > 56yo

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## Function after tibial osteotomy for medial gonarthrosis below aged 50 years

Sten Odenbring<sup>1</sup>, Björn Tjörnstrand<sup>2</sup>, Niels Egund<sup>3</sup>, Bengt Hagstedt<sup>4</sup>, Lennart Hovelius<sup>5</sup>, Anders Lindstrand<sup>1</sup>, Torben Luxhøj<sup>5</sup> and Anders Svanström<sup>6</sup>

- Obesity (BMI>25-30) = risk factor of failure

Survival rate of 56% at 10y for obese patients  
vs 91%

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- High-demand activity

# Dogmatic approach – Ideal candidate

- Ideal and possible patients for HTO – ISAKOS 2005

Ideal*	Possible†	Not suited
Isolated medial joint line pain	Flexion contracture < 15°	Bi-compartmental (medial and lateral) OA‡
Age (yrs) 40 to 60	Previous infection	Fixed flexion contracture > 25°
BMI < 30	Age 60 to 70 or < 40	Obese patients
High-demand activity but no running or jumping	ACL, PCL or PLC insufficiency	Meniscectomy in the compartment to be loaded by the osteotomy
Malignment < 15°	Moderate patellofemoral arthritis	
Metaphyseal varus, i.e. TBVA > 5°	Wish to continue all sports	
Full range of movement		
Normal lateral and patellofemoral components		
IKDC (A) B, C, D/Ahlback I to IV <sup>80</sup>		
No cupula		
Normal ligament balance		
Non-smoker		
Some level of pain tolerance		

\* BMI, body mass index; TBVA, tibial bone varus angle; IKDC, International Knee Documentation Committee osteoarthritis classification

† ACL, anterior cruciate ligament; PCL, posterior cruciate ligament; PLC, posterolateral corner

‡ OA, osteoarthritis

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# Dogmatic approach – Ideal candidate

## • Clinical examination

- Age < 65 y
- No obesity
- No smoker
- Pain at the joint line
- ROM almost normal
- Ligament status OK
- No reducibility of deformity
- No inflammatory history



### ■ ASPECTS OF CURRENT MANAGEMENT

#### Osteotomies around the knee

PATIENT SELECTION, STABILITY OF FIXATION AND BONE HEALING IN HIGH TIBIAL OSTEOTOMIES

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# Dogmatic approach – Ideal candidate

- Radiological exam

- Ahlbäck 1 or 2
- Normal contralateral and PF compartment
- Extra-articular deformity  $>5^\circ$  (Constitutional)



Clin Orthop Relat Res. 2006 Nov;452:91-6.

## A 12-28-year followup study of closing wedge high tibial osteotomy.

Flecher X<sup>1</sup>, Parratte S, Aubaniac JM, Argenson JN.

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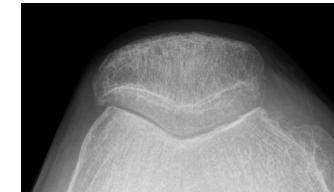
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### Tibial bone varus angle $>5^\circ$

**Bonnin M, Chambat P.** Current status of valgus angle, tibial head closing wedge osteotomy in medial gonarthrosis. *Orthopade* 2004;33:135-42 (in German).

## “Borderline” candidate

- Young patient with severe OA, in order to delay the arthroplasty

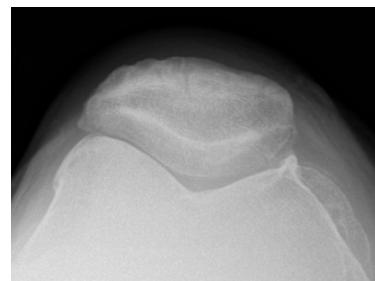


- Old patient in good health with highly demanding sport activities



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60 yo – BMI: 22 – Male  
Tennis player



Surgical Option ?



# Retrospective study of SFA 2019



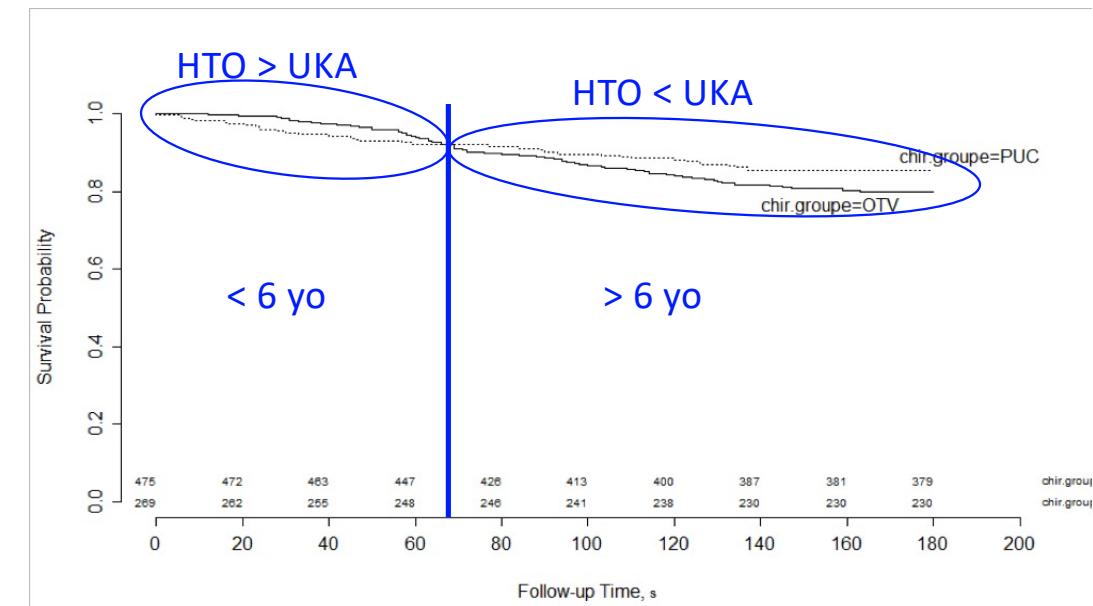
- Multicentric (10 orthopaedic departments)
- 481 included HTO between January 2004 and December 2015
- Only isolated HTO without anterior laxity

- ⇒ Survival rate?
- ⇒ Risk factors of failure and revisions?
- ⇒ Ideal candidate?



# Risk factors of HTO survival

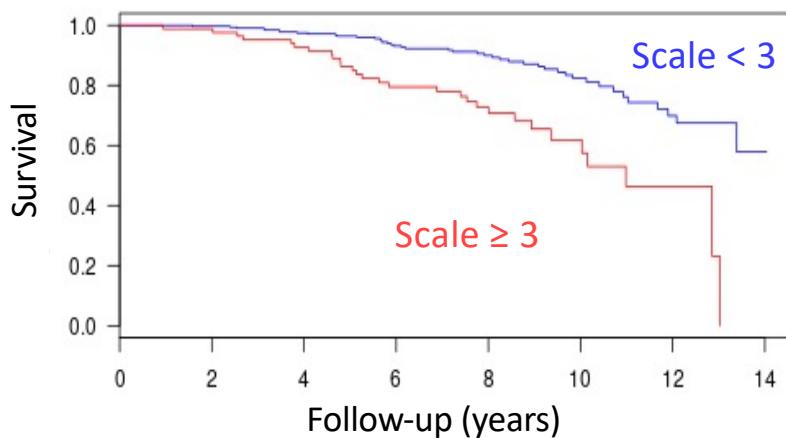
	Protective factors	Risk factors	
<b>Gender</b>	<b>Female</b>	Male	p = 0.01
<b>Age</b>	< 54 yo	> 54 yo	p < 0.01
<b>BMI</b>	< 25	> 25	p < 0.01
<b>BMI</b>	< 35	> 35	p < 0.01
<b>Ahlback</b>	<b>1 or 2</b>	3 (or 4)	p < 0.01
<b>Intra articular varus</b>	<b>&lt;0.9°</b>	≥ 0.9°	p = 0.047
<b>HKA correction</b>	<b>≥ 8°</b>	< 8°	p < 0.01
<b>Post op HKA</b>	<b>&gt; 180°</b>	< 180°	p < 0.01
<b>Hinge</b>	<b>Safe</b>	Fracture	p < 0.01





# Predictive HTO Scale

	0 point	1 point	2 points
Age	< 55 yo	≥ 55 yo	
BMI	< 25	25-35	≥ 35
Ahlback	1 or 2	3 or 4	



411 patients	Scale < 3	Scale ≥ 3	Series
Number of patients	326	85	481
Survival at 5 years	97%	86%	93%
Survival at 7.5 years	92%	76%	85%
Survival at 10 years	83%	57%	74%

$\chi^2 : 23.12$   
 $p = 0.000002$

$p=0.008$

$p=0.003$

When HTO scale is  $\geq 3$ , HTO survival is low!

# Tennis player ...



3 months

1 year



# Conclusion

- Some indications are obvious = ideal candidate
- Some borderline indications
- Predictive HTO scale (SFA 2019)  
➡ helpful tool for surgical decision

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