REVISION TKR: TIPS AND TRICKS MAKE A PLAN!

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A lot of Potential difficulties to be adressed before a REVISION TKR!

Clinical exam Axis Radiographs Slope Long-leg Stiffness Patella baja Ct scan • Ligaments... **Ponction** Bone • Skin **Biology** Bone scan







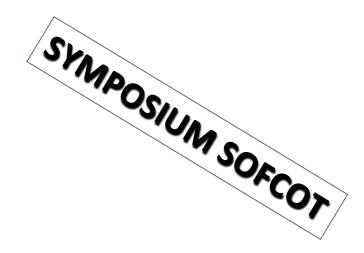


To be adressed previous revision surgery

May influence surgical approach

Aetiologies:

- Infection (25%)
- No infection (75%)
- Mainly 80%
 - Aspetic loosening 34%
 - "Patella" problem 18%
 - stiffness 15%
 - laxity13%
- Secondary problems 20%
 - Mechanical loosening7%
 - pain 7%
 - fracture 4%
 - Synovitis2%





Imaging before revision





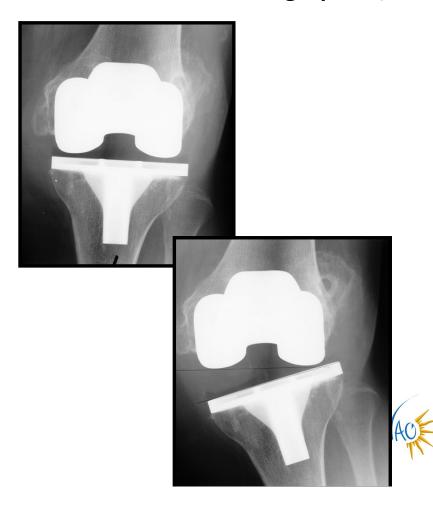
Imaging before revision

Long leg standing Rx

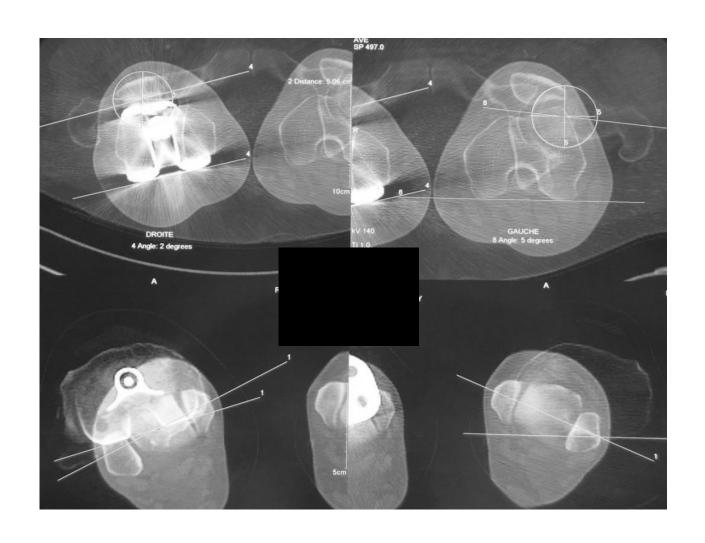




Stress radiographs +/-



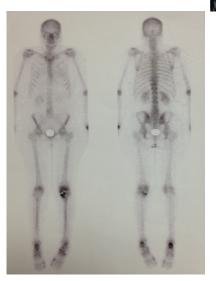
CT Scan





Infection?

- Skin
- Aspiration
- Bone scan?
- CRP









Skin

- Scars:
- Horizontal
- Vertical
- Medial
- Lateral

• ...



Sometimes even worse...

- Need for a secondary flap???
- One stage?
- Two stages?
- A question of approach or a problem of closure?





ROM, Laxity





• Origin? Bone or Ligament?

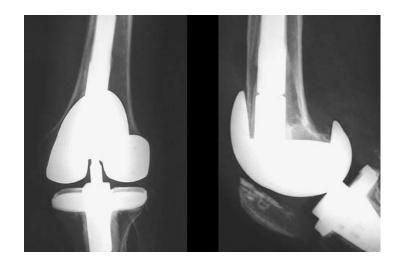






Extensor apparatus

- Patella Baja AND stiffness<90
- = need to make a Tibial tubercle osteotomy



- Problem Extensor apparatus? Need to reconstruct?
- Patella?





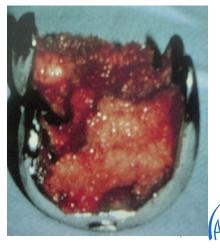
Cement/anchorage to bone

• Schedule osteotomies: ATT, femur...











How to obtain a good exposure?

- Problem for Surgical exposure?
- Eversion/lateralisation of the patella
- Positionning of the implants
- PREOP PLANNING: take decisions before
- SURGICAL TECHNIQUES
- Step by step procedure





SURGICAL EXPOSURE

- Risk for patella avulsion during TKR= 0.5%, 5% during Revisions
- Reconstruction
- Poor results
- Flexion
- Extensor lag



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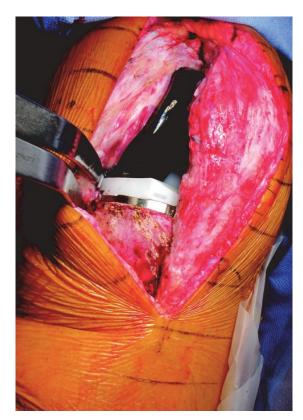
Patella Inversion Method for Exposure in Revision Total Knee Arthroplasty

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Surgical options

- Soft tissue procedures
- Release MCL
- Increase skin/soft tissue incision

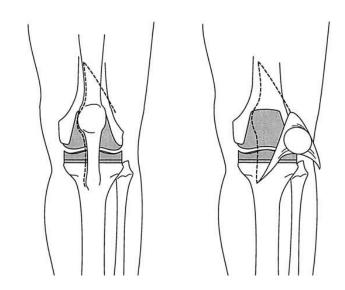




Quad Turn down

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- Weaken extensor mechanism
- Delay rehabilitation



Campbell Orthop clin north am 1998



Rectus Snip

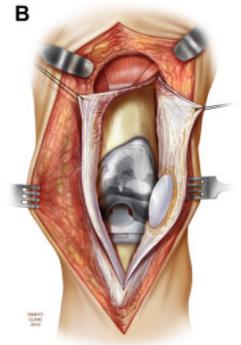
- 1943 Coonse and Adams
- 80's Insall (1984-95)
- Trousdale Clin Orthop 1993
- Hsu J Arthroplasty 2012
- ... Poor results?



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Surgical approach: which option?

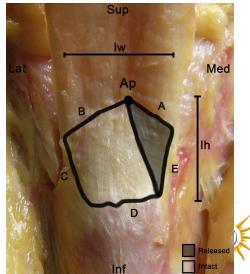
- Different options
- Lateral approach
- Medial with parellar tendon release
- ATT osteotomy



Medial approach PT release

- Effect of medial release of the PT
- Dervin J Arthroplasty 2014 Epub
- Increase 30% exposure of the lateral side
- Loss of 20% ultimate strength
- Risk OK
- Reasonable limit



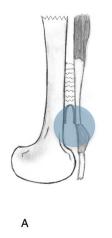




Medial approach quad release

- Tarabichi S J Arthroplasty
 2010
- Complete resection of the suprapatellar adhesions
- Gain of motion







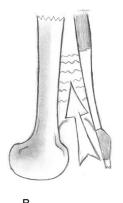


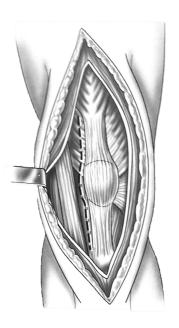


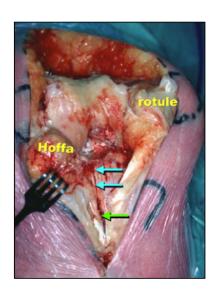
Table 1. Shown are the measured prerelease ROM (under anesthesia) and the average immediate postrelease improvement

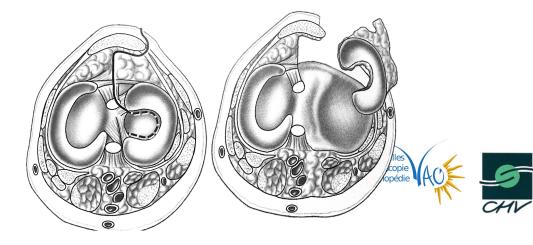
Prerelease ROM (range)	85	90	95	100	105	≥110
	(n=2)	(n=2)	(n=9)	(n=4)	(n=14)	(n=11)
Post-release improvement (average, in degrees)	55	40	38	39	32.5	26

Lateral approach

- Keblisch 1991, modified
- Lateral patellar tendon release
- Limited
- If ATT osteotomy is planned







ATT Osteotomy

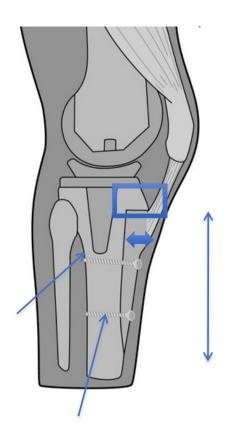
- Dolin JBJS 1983
- Whiteside Clin Orthop 1990
- Friedrich N Oper Orthop 1999
- Quad muscle preserved
- Avoid patellar tendon avulsion
- Vascular supply patella
- Bone healing





ATT: Technical key points

- >7cm
- Thickness 1cm
- Width 2cm
- Self locking
- Height: raise the patella?
- No Need for Stem
- 2 bicortical screws



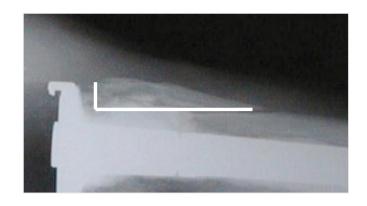
Young J Arthroplasty 2008 Whiteside LA Clin Orthop 1990



TT elevation



To be decided before+++
To avoid main additional complications



Length: 7cm
Upper angle
Biseau en bas
Keep medial attachments

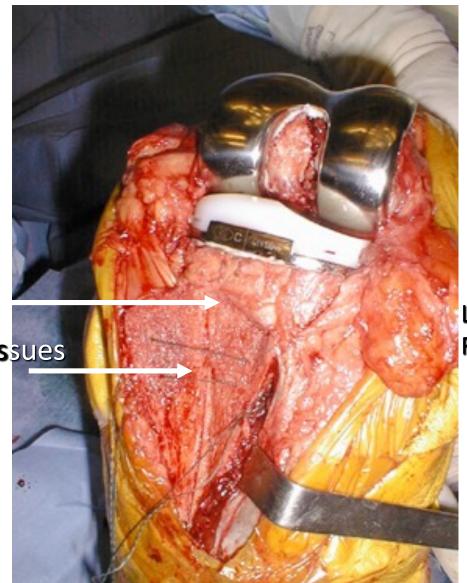






Upper angle

Medial soft tissues
preservation



Lateral approach Fat pad flap





1/ Fixation with wires

2/ Fixation with wires around the stem

3/ Fixation with screws

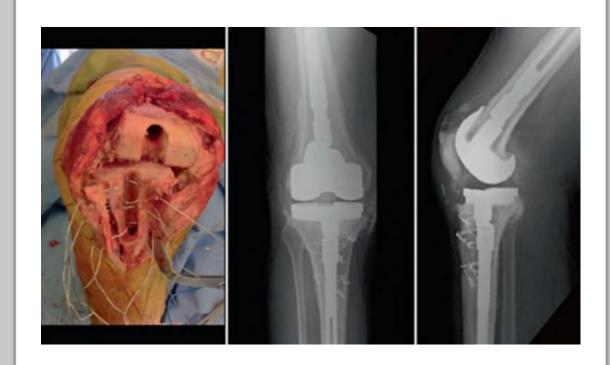






Conclusion:

- MAKE A PLAN
- Assess patellar height
- Exposure is crucial
- Manage potential patellar instability, avulsion
- Avoid tibia malrotation
- ATT osteotomy in case of doubt
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Algorithm

No patella baja

Medial aproach, quad and patellar tendon release

Patella baja and stiffness <80°?

ATT Osteotomy

Previous ATT osteotomy?

Quad Snip





