



# BONE MARROW STIMULATION PROCEDURES

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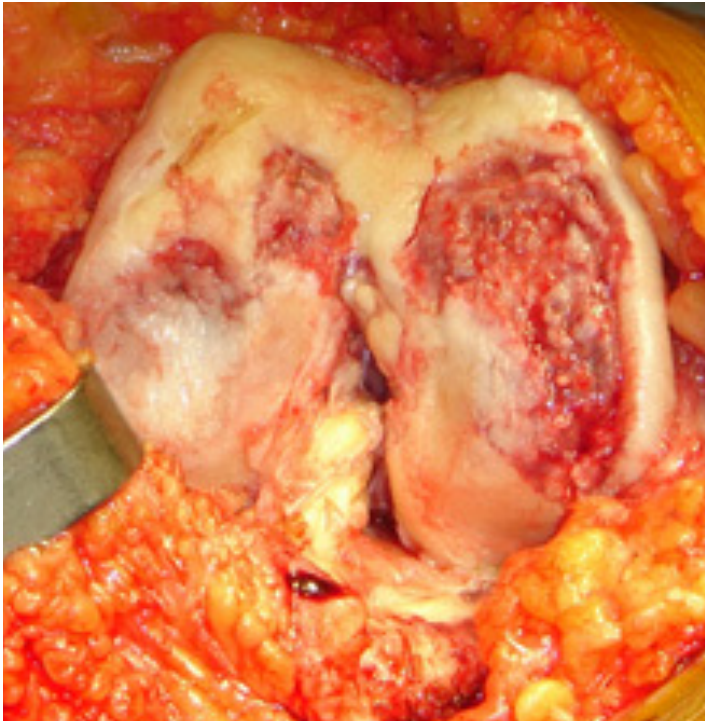
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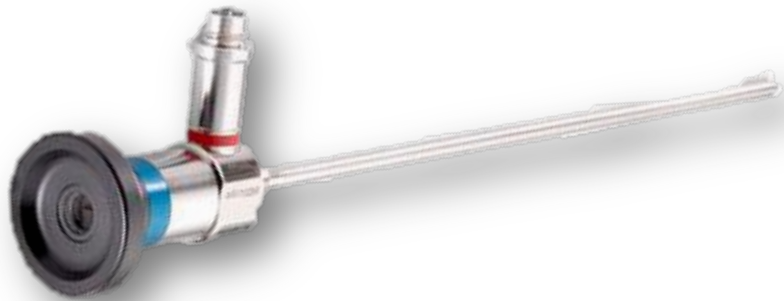
Extensive



Degenerative

**Arthroplasty**

# CARTILAGE DEFECTS OF THE KNEE



Focal  
Isolated



OCD  
Trauma

**Cartilage Surgery**

# ICRS GRADING SYSTEM

International Cartilage Repair Society

<b>Grade 1</b>	Nearly normal	Superficial lesions
<b>Grade 2</b>	Abnormal	< 50% of cartilage depth
<b>Grade 3</b>	Severely abnormal	> 50% of cartilage depth
<b>Grade 4</b>	Severely abnormal	Through subchondral bone

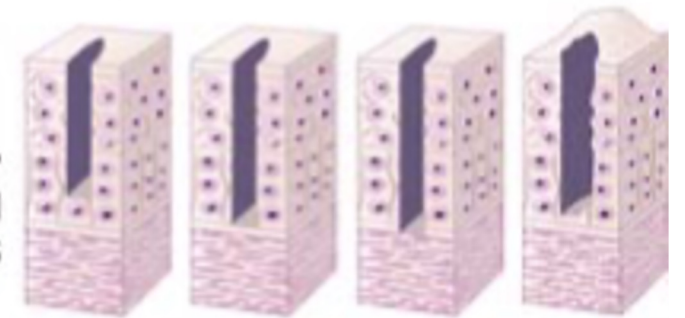
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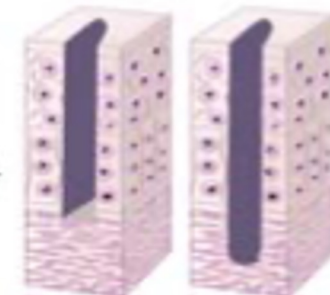
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Grade 3



Grade 4



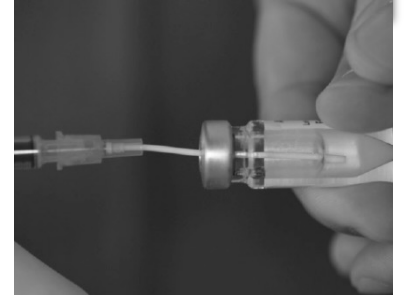
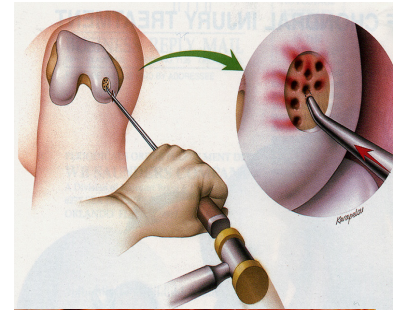
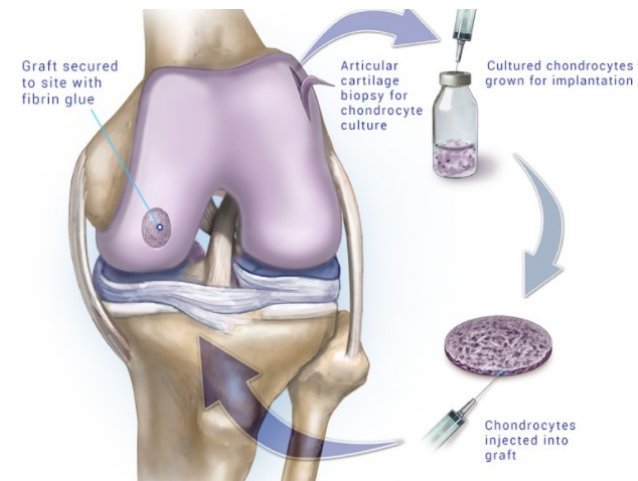
# SURGICAL SOLUTIONS

## PALLIATIVE STIMULATION :

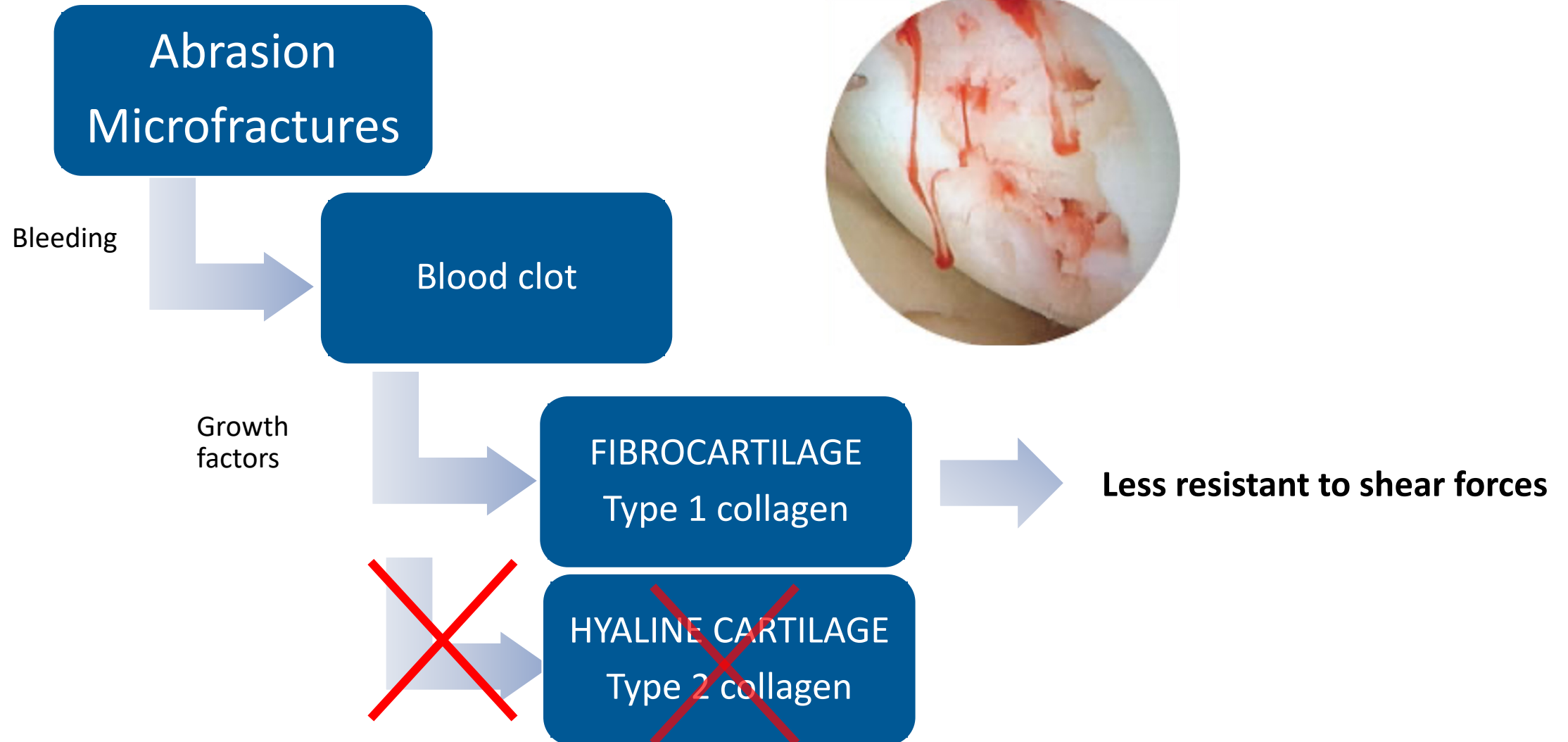
- Marrow Stimulation Procedures

## REPAIR TECHNIQUES:

- Osteochondral autograft : Mosaicplasty
- Osteochondral allograft transplantation
- Autologous chondrocyte implantation (ACI)
- Matrix-associated ACI (MACI)



# GOALS





# MARROW STIMULATION TECHNIQUES

## Osteochondral drilling

Pridie (60's)

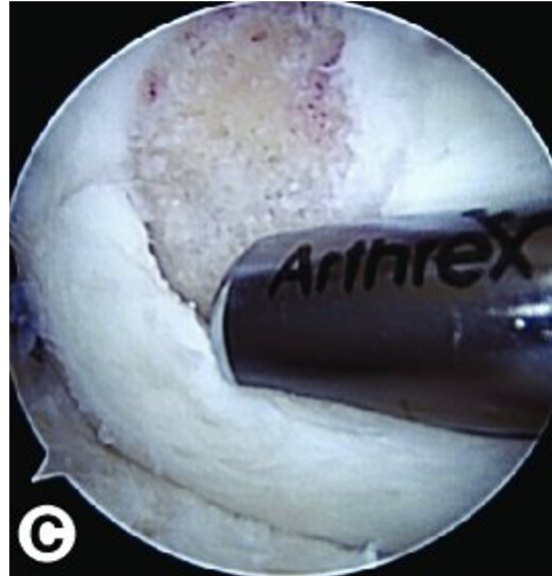


Motorized

1.5 drill – 18/20 K-Wire

## Abrasion chondroplasty

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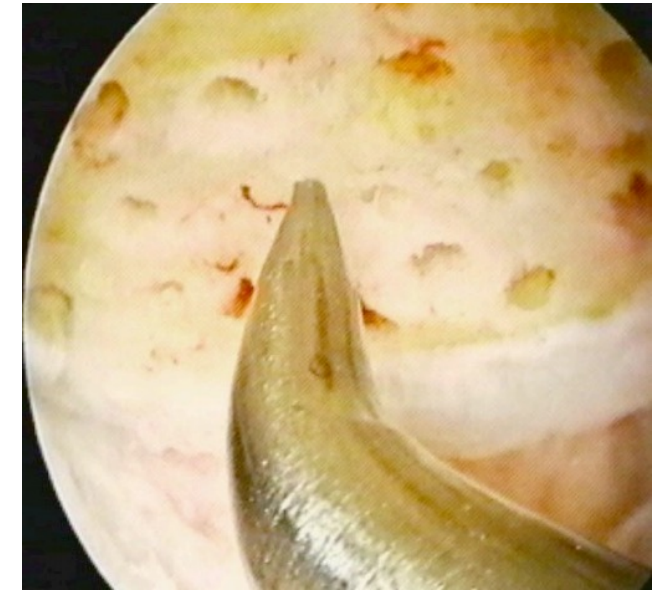
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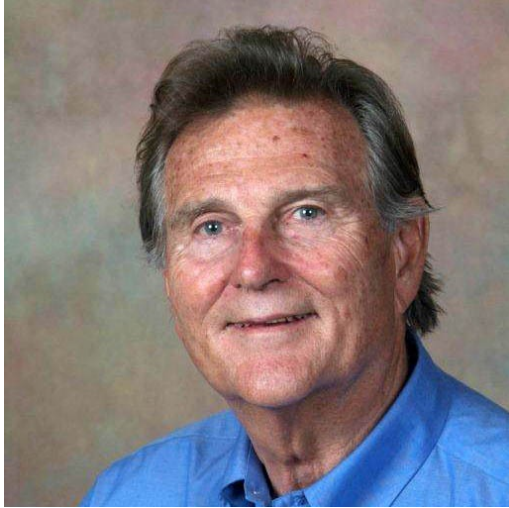
## Microfracture

Steadman(90's)

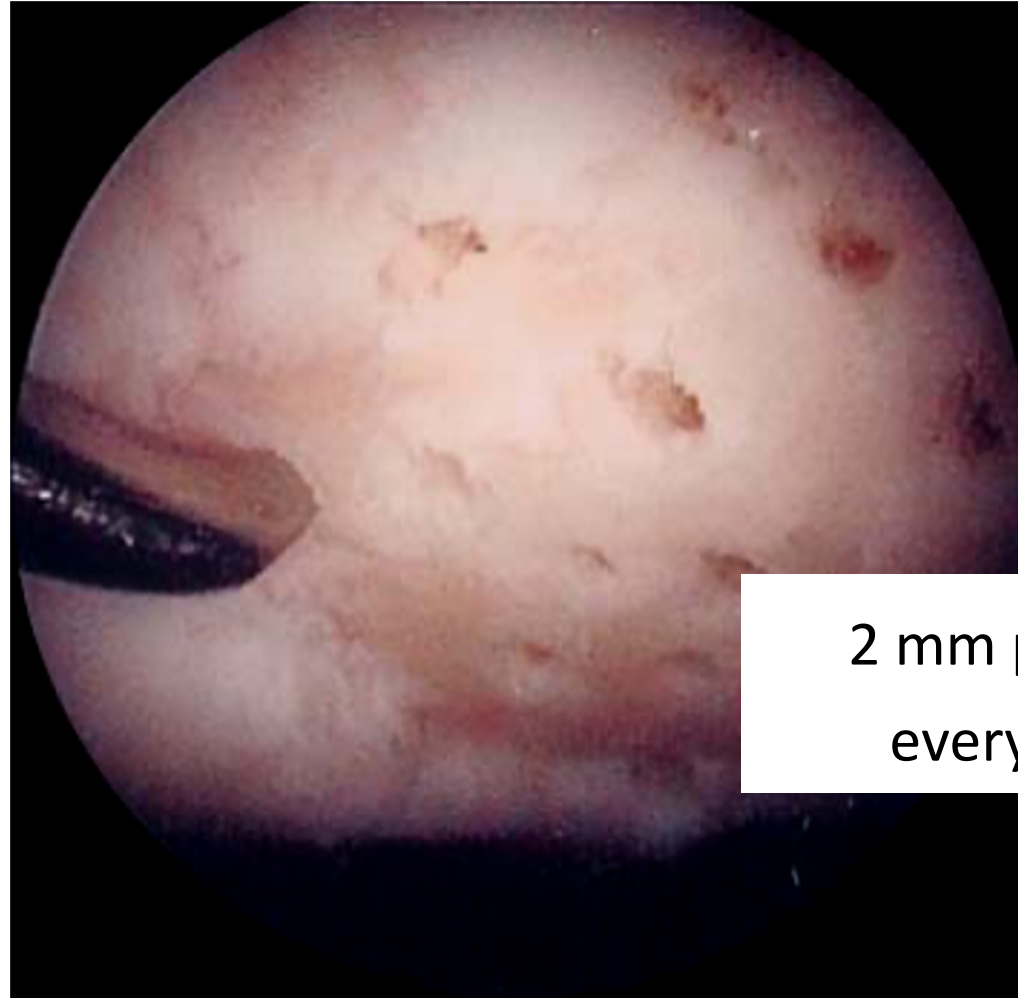


Perforations

Inconsistent results



JR. STEADMAN



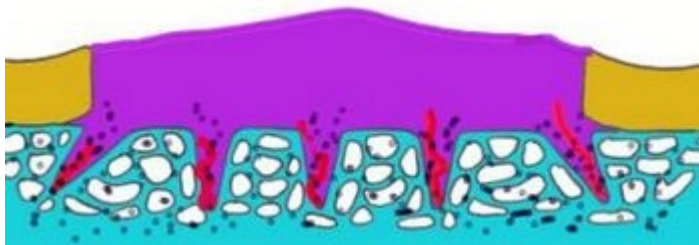
2 mm perforations  
every 3 – 4 mm

*Steadman JR. and al. Microfracture technique for full-thickness chondral defects: technique and clinical results. Oper Tech Orthop. 1997;7:300–4.*

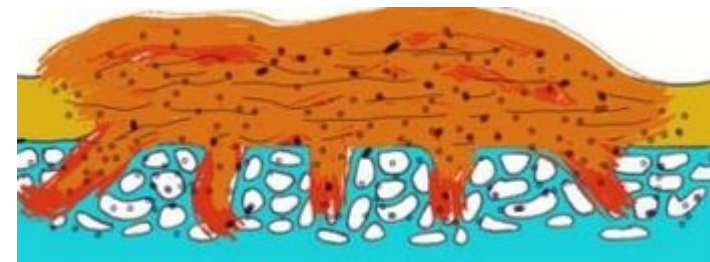
# Principles

Rebuild « cartilage » with mesenchymal stem cells

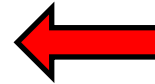
Debridment ( clean the defect) & multiples holes



Healing cartilage

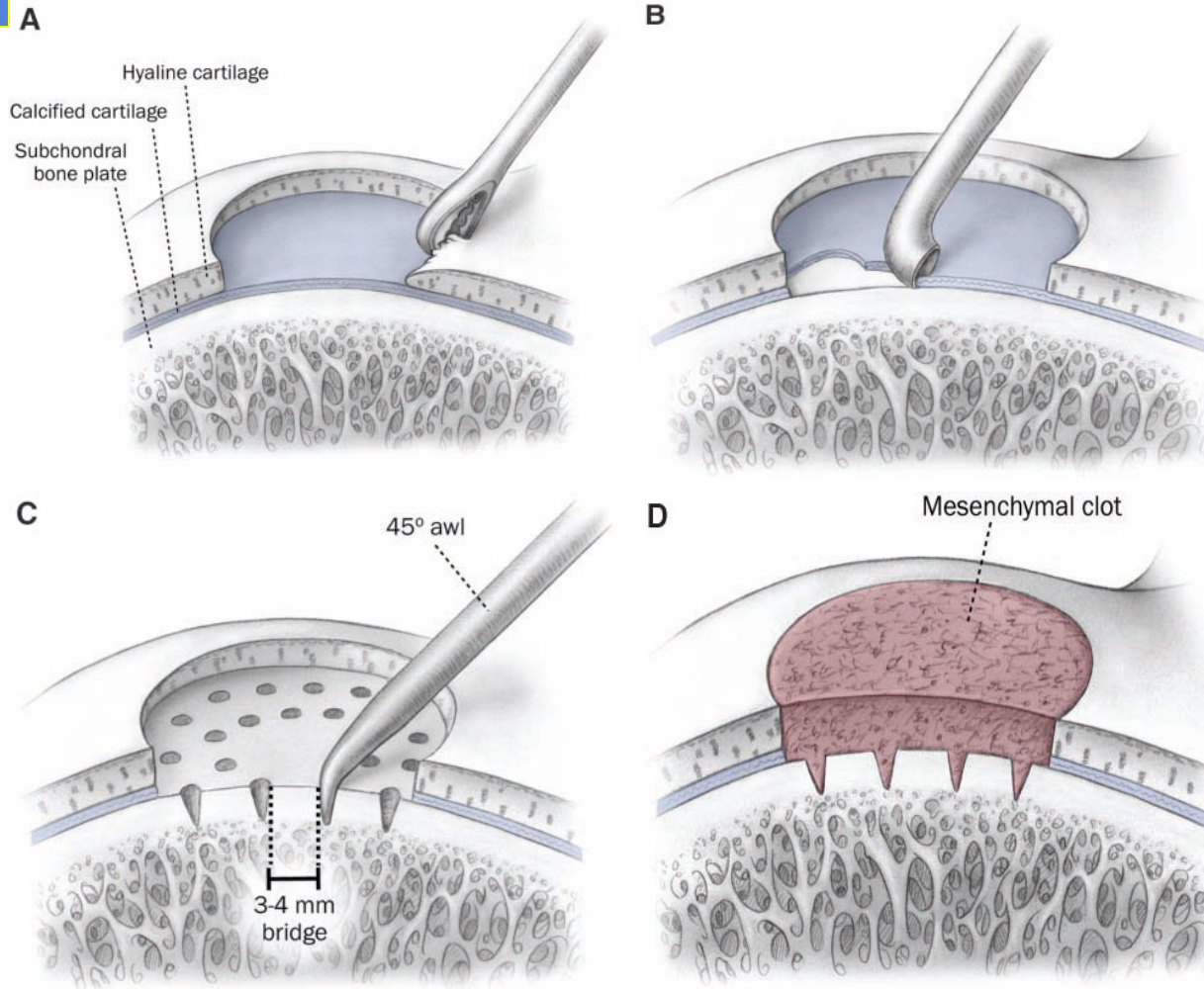


Clot formation





# Procedure



## Special ancillary



3 – 4 mm deep  
every 3 - 4 mm





Injury, Int. J. Care Injured (2008) 39S1, S26-S31



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[www.elsevier.com/locate/injury](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/injury)

## Marrow stimulation techniques

MR Steinwachs<sup>1</sup>, Th Guggi<sup>1</sup>, PC Kreuz<sup>2</sup>



# POSTOP CARE: 3 phases

## - Healing phase (week 0-6):

Non WB+++

Edema reduction, ROM recovery, low resistance strengthening

## - Transition phase (week 6-12):

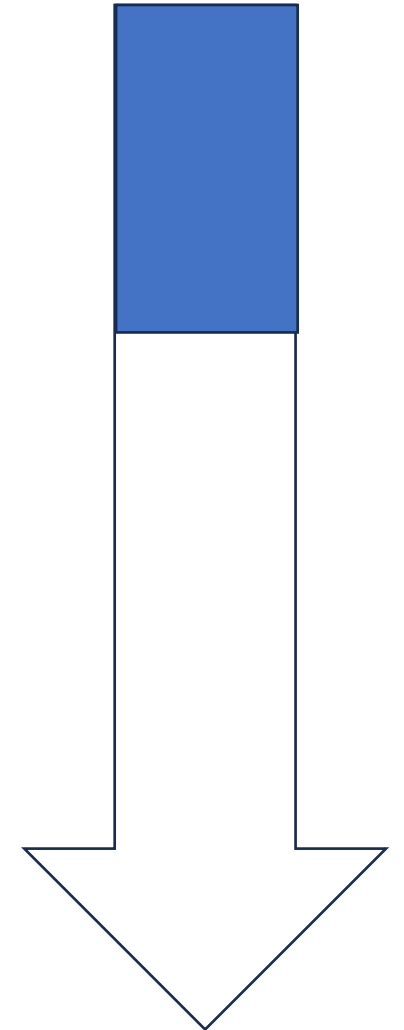
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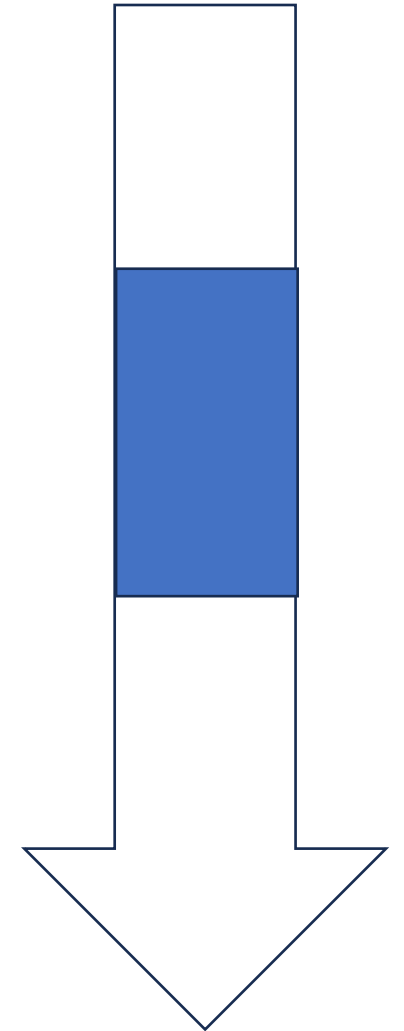
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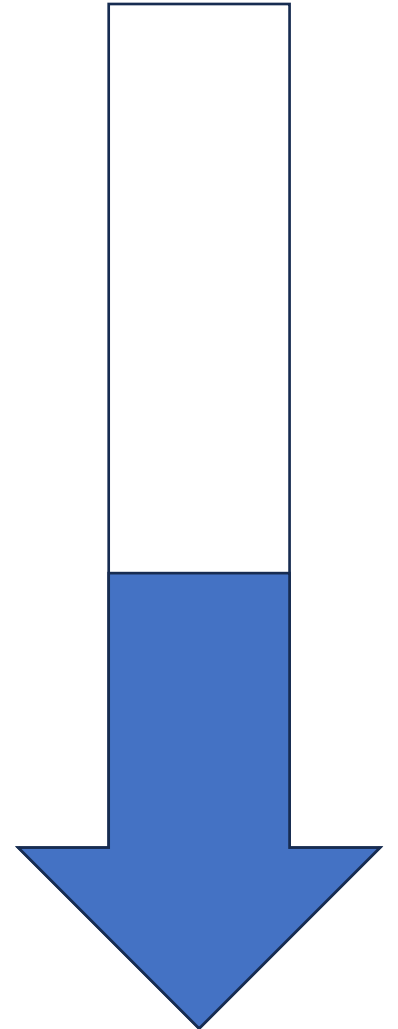
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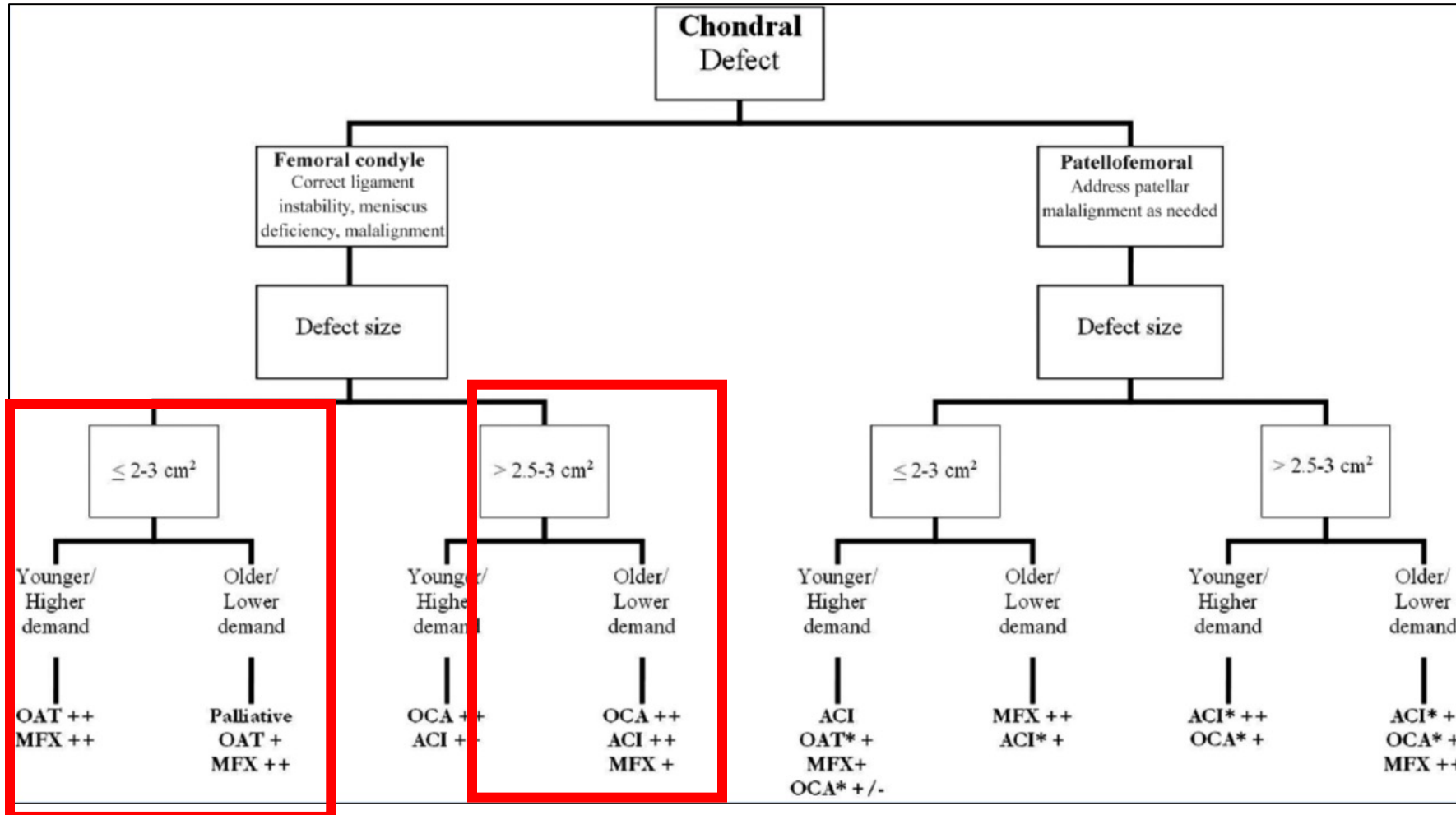
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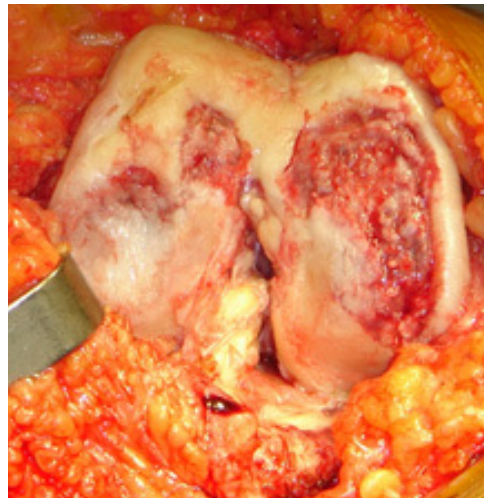


# INDICATIONS



# CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Age > 50
- Inability to follow postop protocol
- Diffuse joint degeneration
- Avascular necrosis



# RESULTS

## Microfractures

Evidence-Based Status of Microfracture Technique:  
A Systematic Review of Level I and II Studies

Deepak Goyal, M.B.B.S., M.S.(Orthop), D.N.B.(Orthop), M.N.A.M.S.,  
Sohrab Keyhani, M.D.,

Eng Hin Lee, M.D., F.R.C.S.C., F.R.C.S.(Edin), F.R.C.S.(Glasg), F.A.M.S., and  
James Hoi Po Hui, M.D., F.R.C.S.(Edin)

**Arthroscopy 2013**

- 1 to 4 cm<sup>2</sup>
- Short term improvement in clinical score

**38% failure at 10 years**  
**Better results in younger patients**

# RESULTS

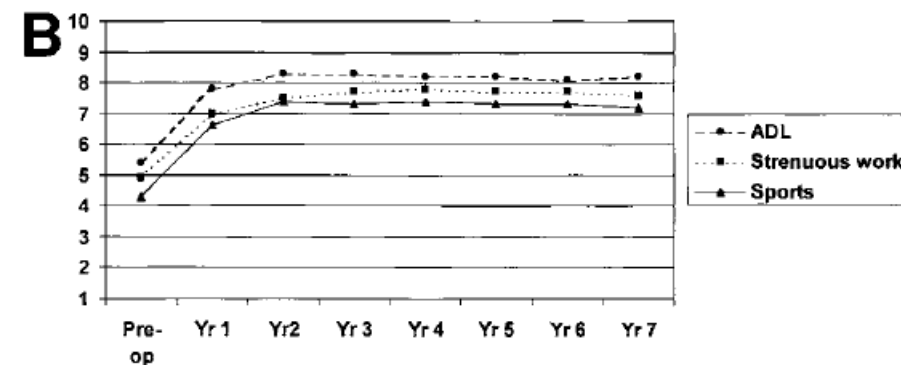
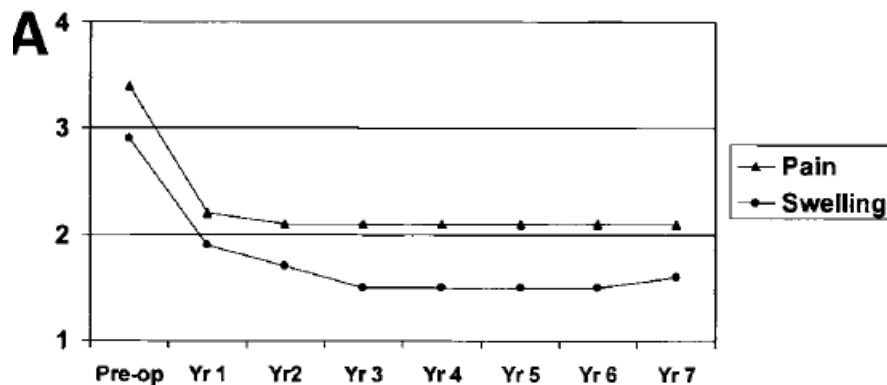
## Microfractures

Outcomes of Microfracture for Traumatic Chondral Defects  
of the Knee: Average 11-Year Follow-up

Arthroscopy 2003

J. Richard Steadman, M.D., Karen K. Briggs, M.B.A., Juan J. Rodrigo, M.D.,  
Mininder S. Kocher, M.D., M.P.H., Thomas J. Gill, M.D., and William G. Rodkey, D.V.M.

- 72 patients 11 years FU
- Improvement in pain and functional scores



**Better results patients < 45yo**

# RESULTS

## Microfractures

**Long-term results after microfracture treatment for full-thickness knee chondral lesions in athletes**

**KSSTA 2013**

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MFC > LFC

MFC > Patella



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**Good long term outcomes in patients <31 Yo  
with lesions < 400mm<sup>2</sup>**

**Degenerative changes: older patients and large lesions**

# RESULTS

## Microfractures vs Mosaicplasty

Ten-year follow-up of a prospective, randomized clinical study of mosaic osteochondral autologous transplantation versus microfracture for the treatment of osteochondral defects in the knee joint of athletes

Rimtautas Gudas<sup>1</sup>, Agne Gudaite, Arnoldas Pocius, Asta Gudiene, Emilis Cekanauskas, Egle Monastyreckiene, Algidas Basevicius

AJSM 2012  
Level 1

**60 patients, 10 years FU**

Failure at final FU

**OAT : 14%**

**MF : 38%**

Return to sport at the same level :

**OAT : 75%**

**MF : 37%**

# RESULTS

## Microfractures vs Mosaicplasty

Osteochondral Autograft Transfer Versus  
Microfracture in the Knee: A Meta-analysis of  
Prospective Comparative Studies at Midterm

Arthroscopy 2016

Ayoosh Pareek<sup>1</sup>, Patrick J Reardon<sup>1</sup>, Jeffrey A Macalena<sup>2</sup>, Bruce A Levy<sup>1</sup>, Michael J Stuart<sup>1</sup>,  
Riley J Williams 3rd<sup>3</sup>, Aaron J Krych<sup>4</sup>

**249 patients**

**67 months FU**

**OATS > return to sport  
OATS lower failure rate**

**Lesions > 3 cm<sup>2</sup>**

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**No difference for lesions < 3 cm<sup>2</sup>**

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## Microfractures vs ACI

A randomized trial comparing autologous chondrocyte implantation with microfracture.  
Findings at five years

JBJS 2007

Gunnar Knutsen <sup>1</sup>, Jon Olav Drogset, Lars Engebretsen, Torbjørn Grøntvedt, Vidar Isaksen, Tom C Ludvigsen, Sally Roberts, Eirik Solheim, Torbjørn Strand, Oddmund Johansen

**80 patients**

**5 years FU**

**Significant improvement in both group  
23% failure both group**

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A Randomized Multicenter Trial Comparing Autologous Chondrocyte Implantation with Microfracture: Long-Term Follow-up at 14 to 15 Years

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Tom C Ludvigsen<sup>3</sup>, Sverre Løken<sup>3</sup>, Eirik Solheim<sup>4</sup>, Torbjørn Strand<sup>4</sup>, Oddmund Johansen<sup>5</sup>

**No difference between the two groups  
32 % failure microFx vs 42% ACI**

# RESULTS

## Microfractures vs Microfractures « plus »

Micro-fragmented stromal-vascular fraction plus microfractures provides better clinical results than microfractures alone in symptomatic focal chondral lesions of the knee

Salvatore Bisicci <sup>1</sup>, Gabriele Bonatti <sup>2</sup>, Susanna M Pagnotta <sup>3</sup>, Cosimo Tudisco <sup>3</sup>

KSSTA 2020

20 MF vs 20 MF+  
FU 12 m  
WOMAC  
• MF 25,5  
• MF+ 17,7

Comparative Clinical Observation of Arthroscopic Microfracture in the Presence and Absence of a Stromal Vascular Fraction Injection for Osteoarthritis

Phu Dinh Nguyen <sup>1</sup>, Tung Dang-Xuan Tran <sup>2</sup>, Huynh Thi Thanh Nguyen <sup>3</sup>, Hieu Trung Vu <sup>1</sup>, Phuong Thi-Bich Le <sup>2</sup>, Nhan Lu Chinh Pham <sup>3</sup>, Bich Vu <sup>3</sup>, Ngoc Kim Phan <sup>3</sup>, Phuc Van Pham <sup>3</sup>

Stem Cells  
Transl Med  
2017

15 MF vs 15 MF+  
FU 18 m  
WOMAC  
• MF 37  
• MF+ 15

Adipose-Derived Mesenchymal Stem Cells With Microfracture Versus Microfracture Alone: 2-Year Follow-up of a Prospective Randomized Trial

Yong-Gon Koh <sup>1</sup>, Oh-Ryong Kwon <sup>1</sup>, Yong-Sang Kim <sup>1</sup>, Yun-Jin Choi <sup>2</sup>, Dae-Hyun Tak <sup>1</sup>

Arthroscopy 2016

18 MF vs 26 MF+  
FU 24 m

Associated procedures

Short FU  
Few patients

↗ Pain & quality of life both groups

Cartilage regeneration ?  
Long term OA ?

# Take-home Message Microfracture

- To consider as a primary treatment for small osteochondral lesion ( $< 2\text{cm}^2$ ) in young patients
  - Minimally invasive
  - Not demanding
  - Low cost
  - Low Morbidity

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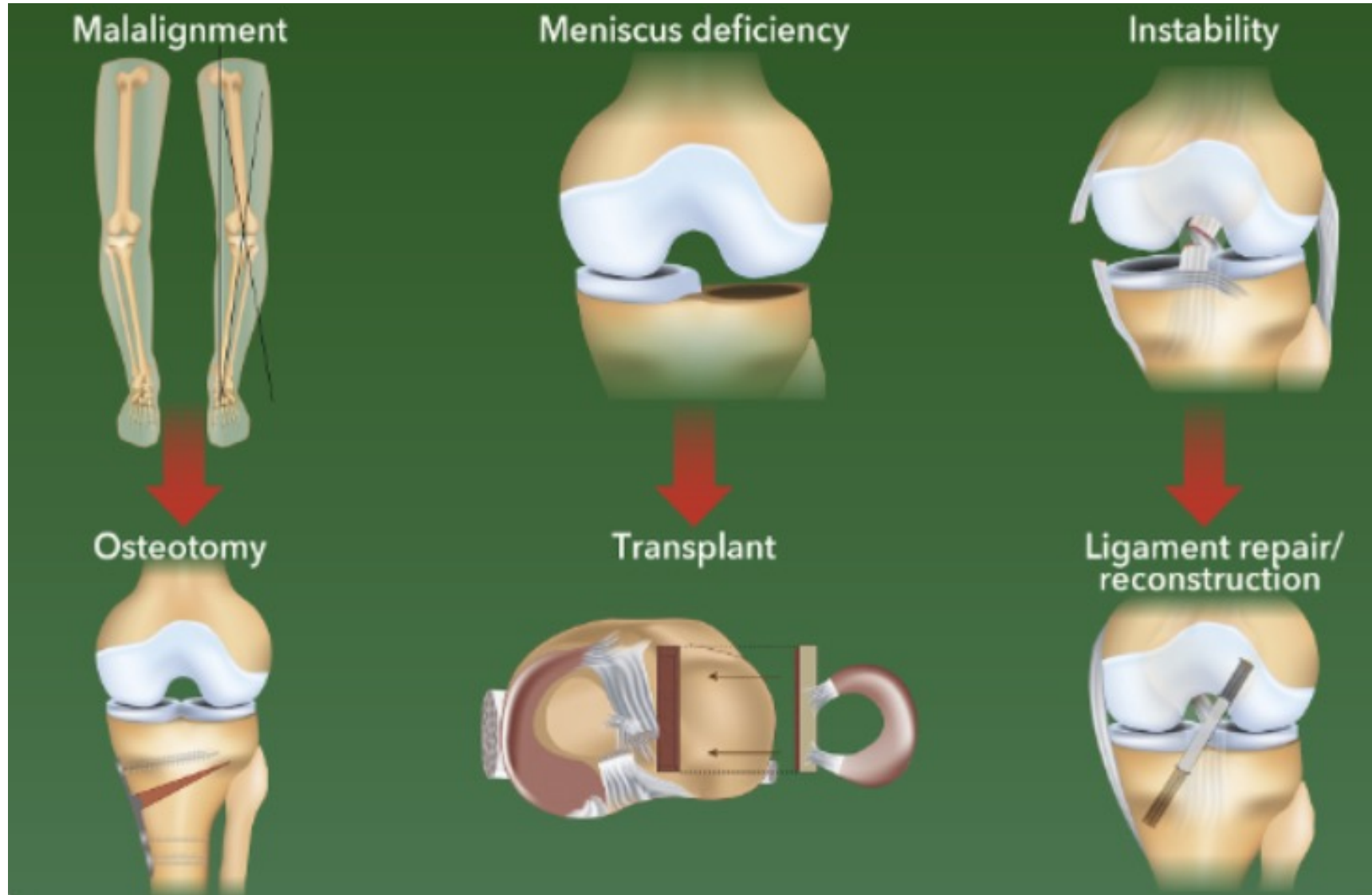
CURRENT CONCEPTS REVIEW

## Chondral Lesions of the Knee: An Evidence-Based Approach

MAJ Travis J. Dekker, MD, USAF, MC, Zachary S. Aman, MS, BA, Nicholas N. DePhillipo, PhD, MS, ATC, CSCS, LT COL  
Jonathan F. Dickens, MD, USA, MC, Adam W. Anz, MD, and Robert F. LaPrade, MD, PhD



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