

MEDIAL CLOSING HIGH TIBIAL OSTEOTOMY

Indications and technique

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Introduction

- **Isolated lateral OA:** 7-10% of all knee OA (*Khan et al, JBJS am 2008*)
- **Several etiologies** (*Scott et al, BJJ 2013*):
 - Femoral valgus
 - Proximal Tibial valgus
 - Lateral menisectomy
 - Post-traumatic OA

Lateral OA in young and active patients is difficult a challenge



Osteotomy around the knee = alternative to TKA

Introduction

- Different options for varus osteotomies:

- Distal femoral **(DFO)**

- medial closing-wedge

- lateral opening-wedge

- Proximal tibial **(HTO)**

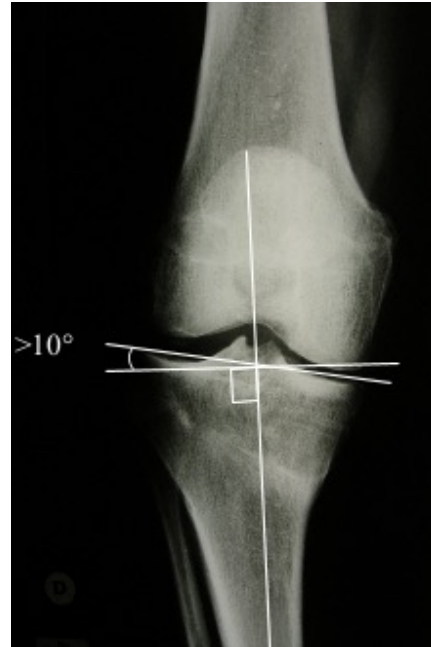
- medial closing-wedge

- lateral opening-wedge

Introduction

Early reports of isolated HTO performed for **large valgus deformity** showed:

- risk of **overcorrection**
- creating **joint line obliquity**



Shoji et al, JBJS Am 1973
Coventry et al, JBJS Am 1987

→ Most studies focused on **distal femoral osteotomy** (DFO)

Deformity analysis



1. MPTA: mechanical Medial Proximal Tibial Angle (85-90°)

2. JLCA: Joint Line Convergence Angle (0-3°)

3. mLDFA: mechanical Lateral Distal Femoral Angle (85-90°)

4. mFTA: mechanical Femoro-Tibial Angle (180 +/- 3°)

Genu valgum: Tibia valga involved in 50%

Alghamdi et al, J Arthro 2014

Eberbach et al, AJSM 2017

Indications / Contraindications of HTO

INDICATIONS

- Symptomatic lateral femorotibial OA (**Ahlbäck scores 2-3**)

AND

- **No OA in medial compartment**

AND

- **No tibia vara**

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- **BMI > 30 kg/m²**
- **Chronic inflammatory rheumatism**
- Lateral femorotibial OA **Ahlbäck grade 4**
- Knee **stiffness** (>10° of flexion contracture and/or <90° of knee flexion)

Surgical planning

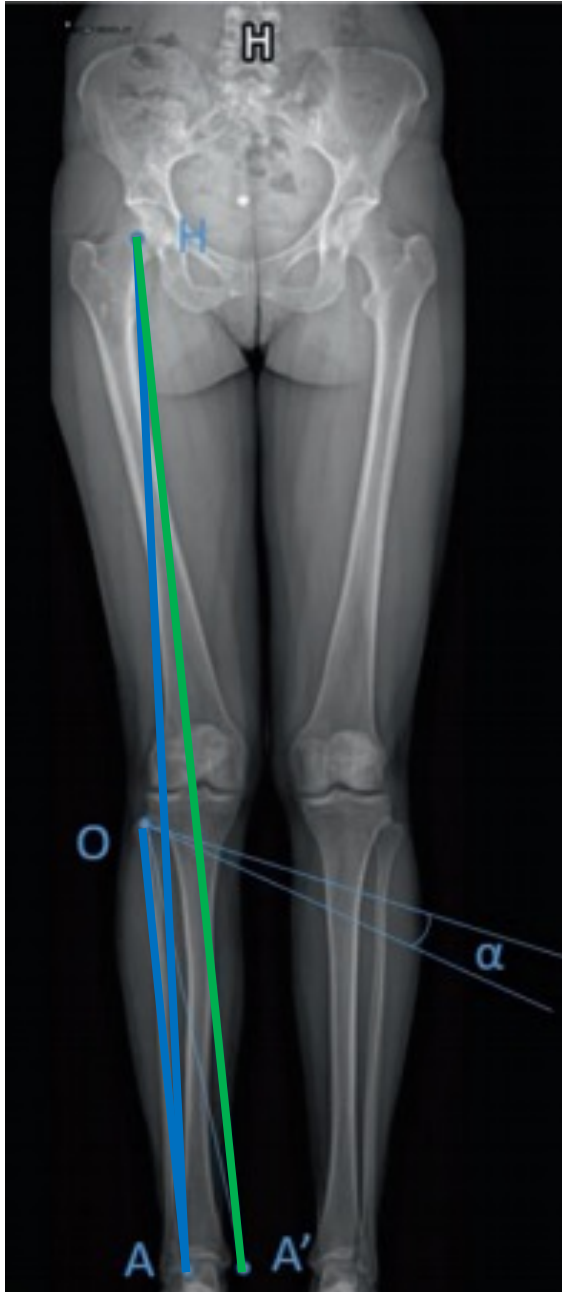
Miniaci technique

Correction target: mFTA through the **medial tibial spine (Normo-correction)**
(Chambat et al, OTSM 2000)

O: Lateral Hinge of the osteotomy

α : Desired correction angle

Evaluation of the **wedge resection**



Surgical technique

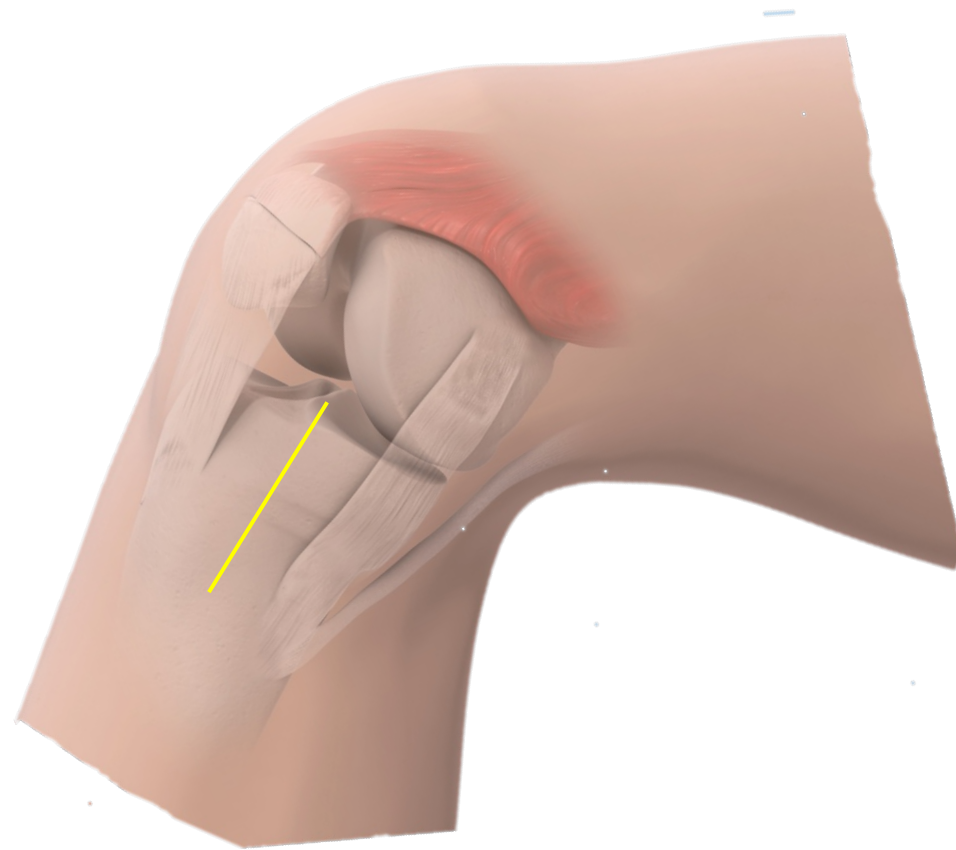
- Supine position, Knee flexed 90°
- Fluoroscopic guidance



- **Arthroscopy first** for intra-articular assessment +/- meniscal or cartilage debridement

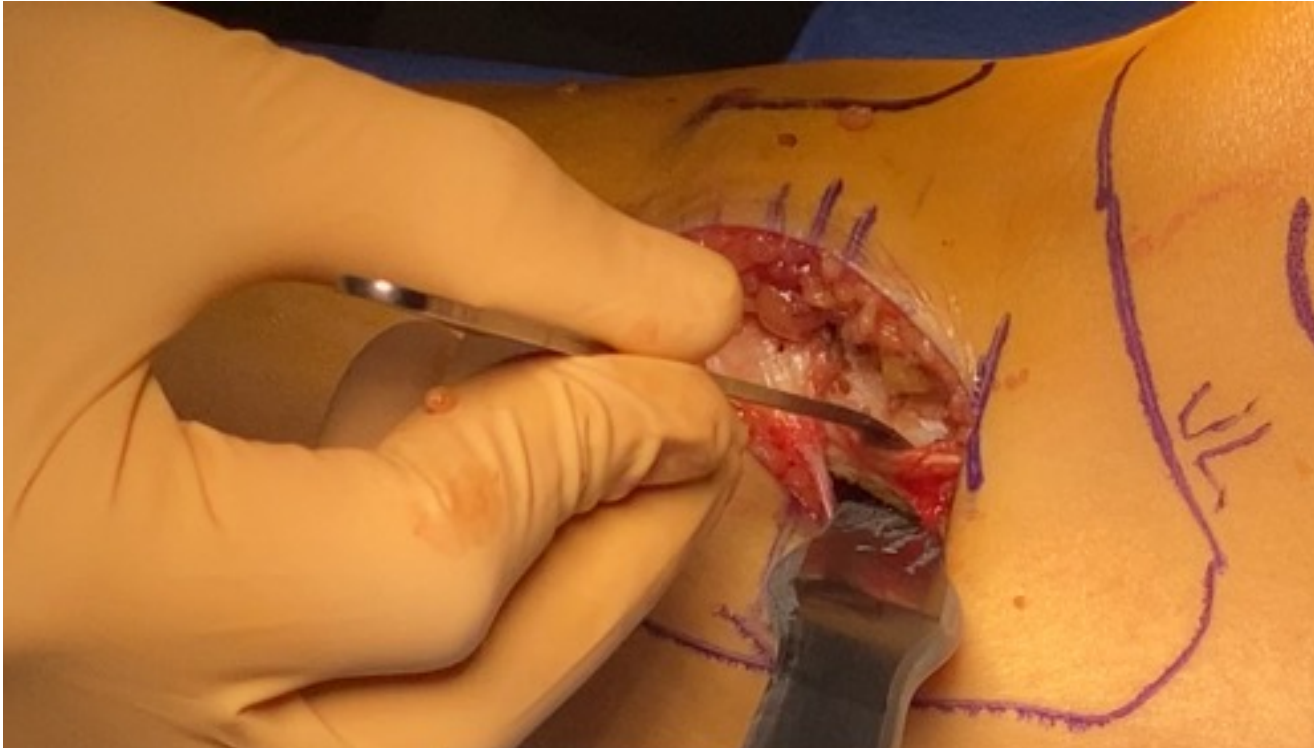
Surgical technique

- **Anteromedial approach**



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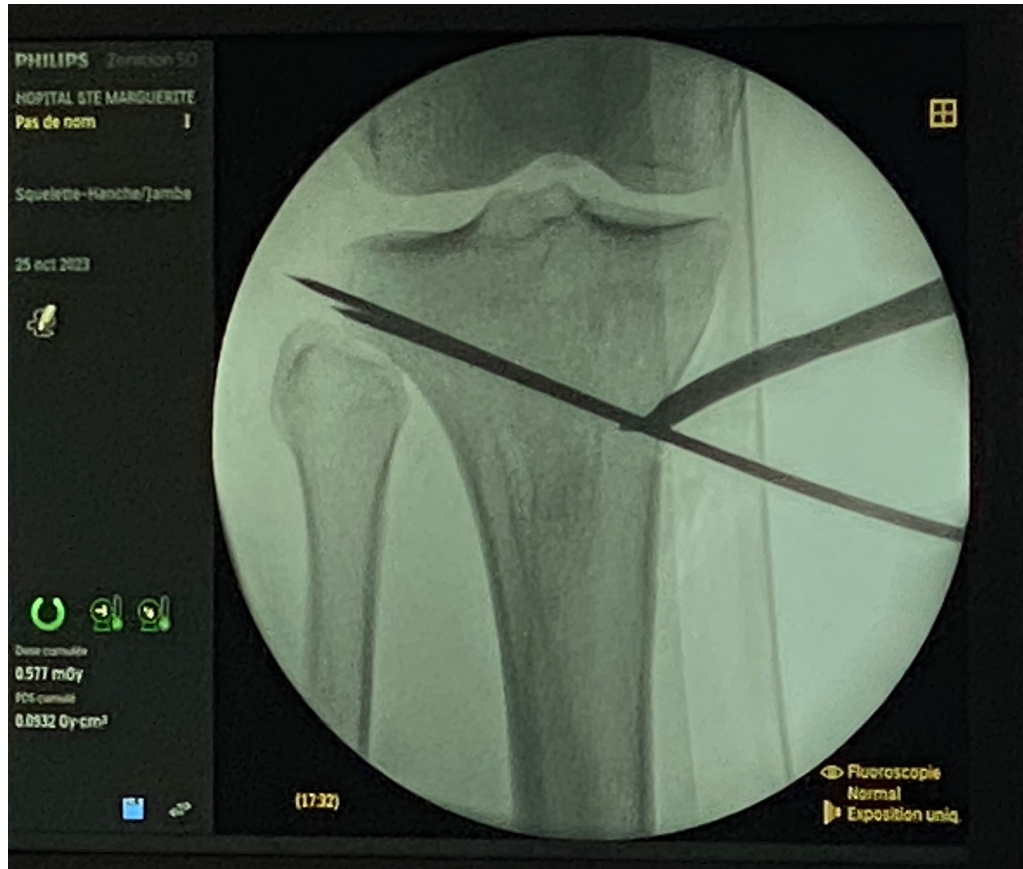
Surgical technique



- Release of Pes anserinus tendons
- Release / Section of Superficial layer of MCL
- Posterior retractor

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Surgical technique

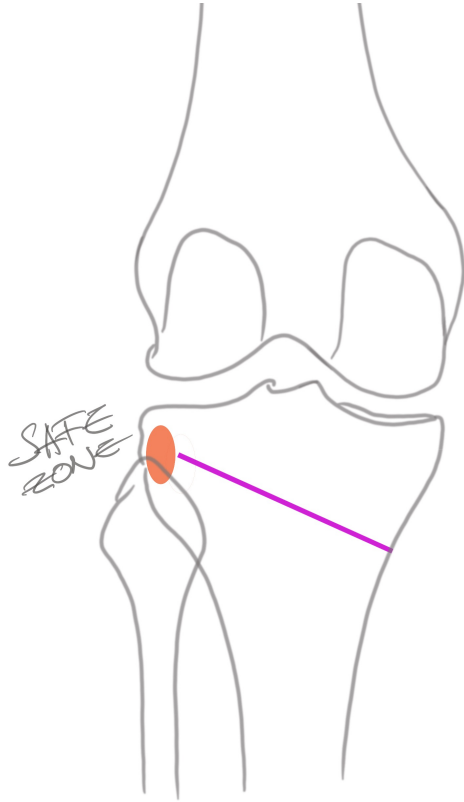


- **2 parallel Kirschner wires** from medial to upper part of prox. tibiofiular joint

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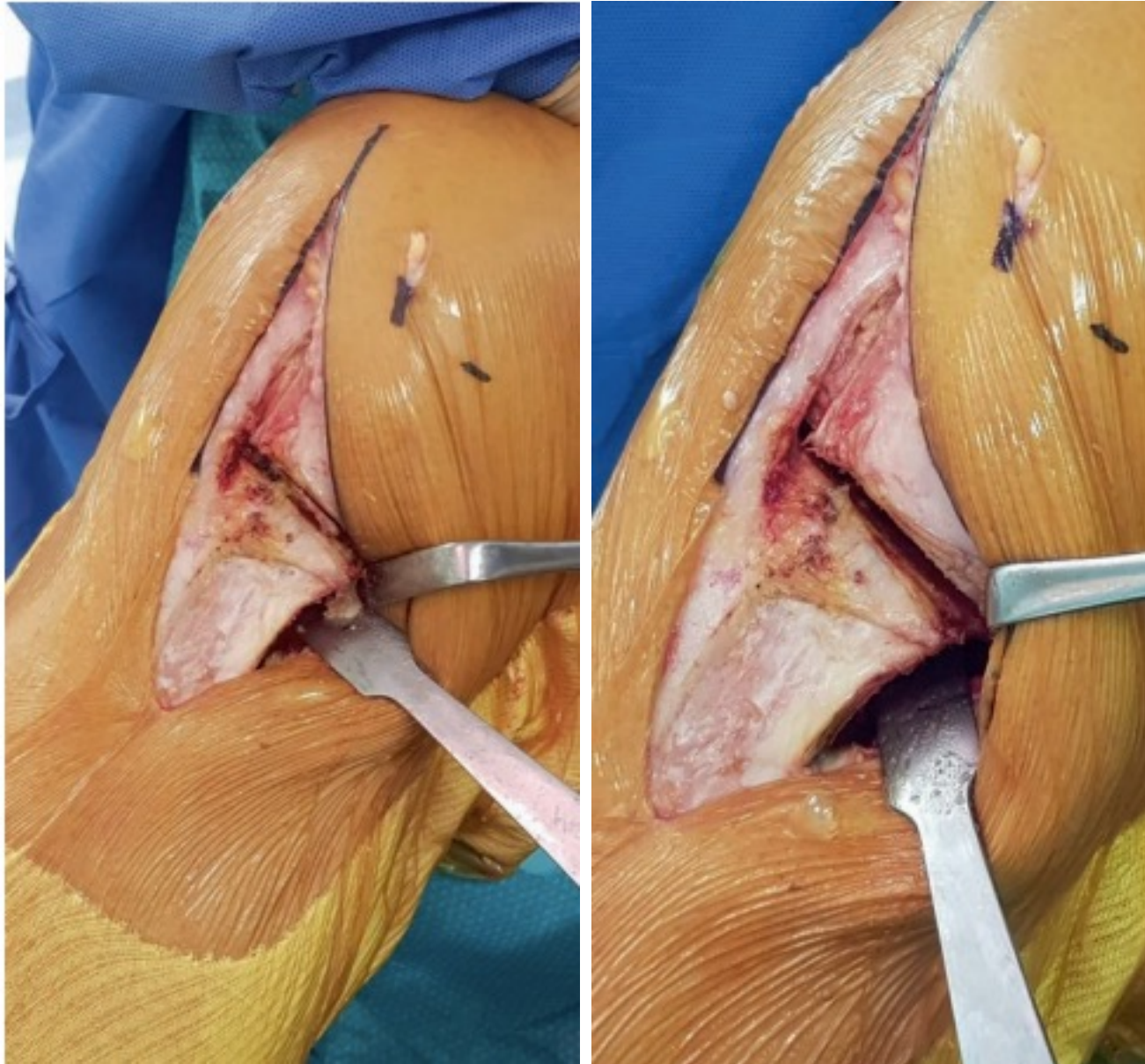
- **Osteotomy** with oscillating saw
(keep lateral hinge)



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Surgical technique



- **Second cut:** inferior to the first (*preoperative planning*)
- Resection of triangular bone
- Consider thickness of the saw blade
- **AVOID OVERCORRECTION**

Surgical technique

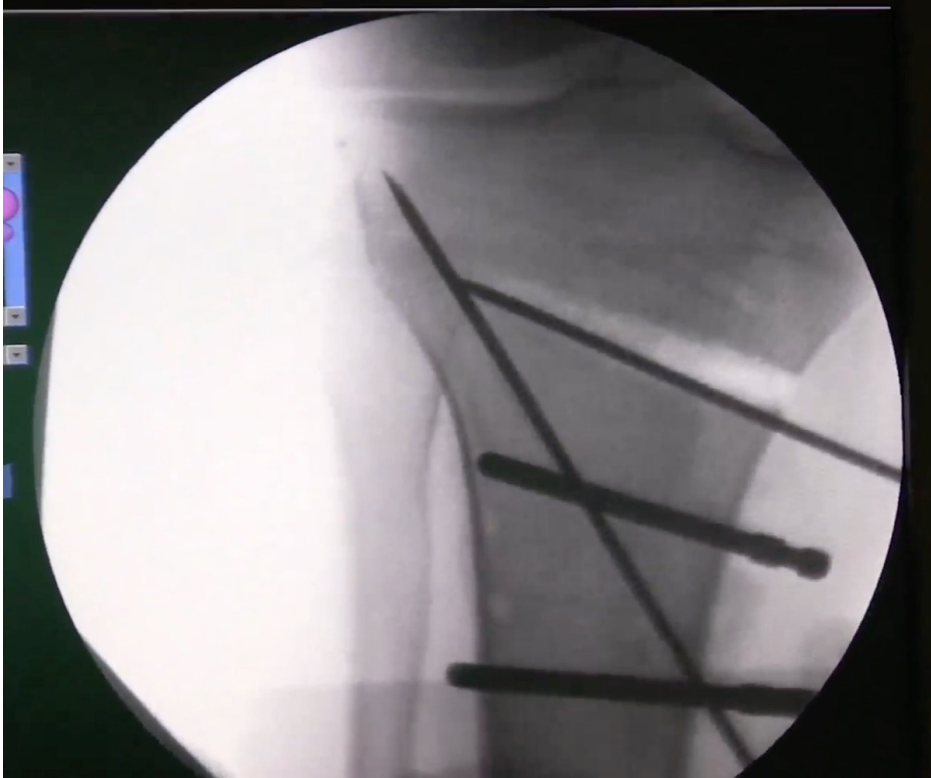
- Final fixation with **L-Plate**



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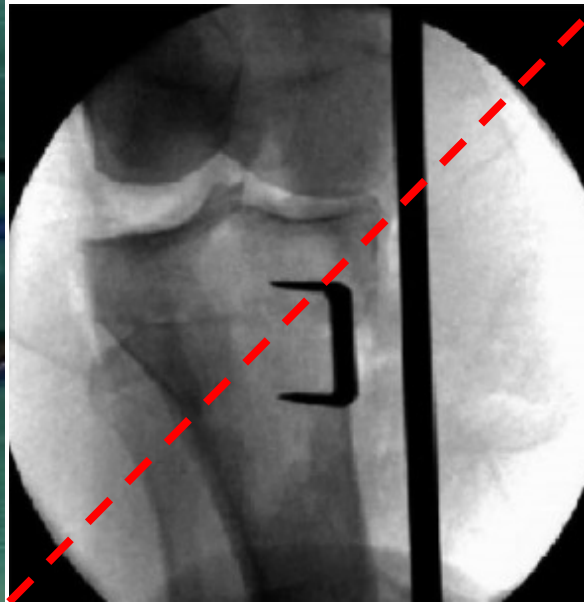
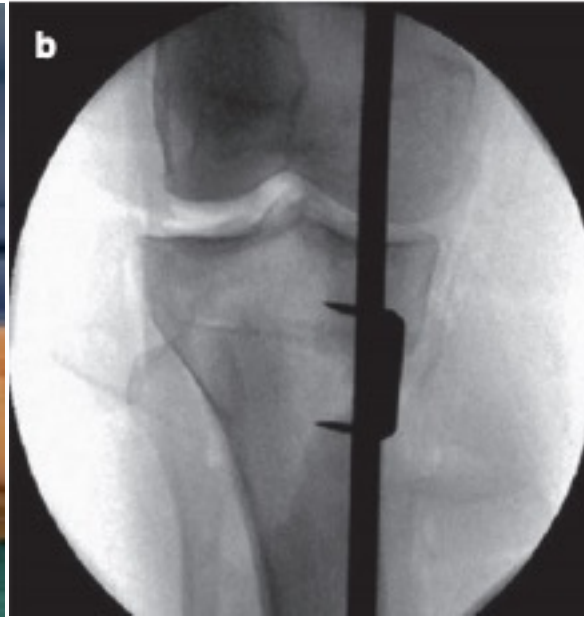
Tips & Tricks



- Place a **HINGE PIN**
- **8 times more stable**

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Tips & Tricks



- HTO temporary fixed with **surgical staple**
- Fluoroscopy assesement with **no varus stress**

Closing wedge HTO: best indication

Varus HTO: predictive factors of good results:

Pre-op Tibia valga – No tibia vara

Postoperative MPTA $\geq 85^\circ$

No overcorrection

Coventry. JBJS Am 1973

Shoji and Insall. JBJS Am 1987

Mirouse et al OTSR 2017

Lambrey et al. Submitted 2024



Conclusion

VARUS CLOSING WEDGE HTO:

- Safe procedure – Low complication rate
- Bone union +++

- Good long term results:

Survivorship 93.5% (95%CI [83.6 - 97.5]) at 5 years and 71.7% (95%CI [55.6 - 82.7]) at 10 years.

Median time to TKA was 12.7 years 95%CI [10.6 - 17.1]

Post-operative MPTA

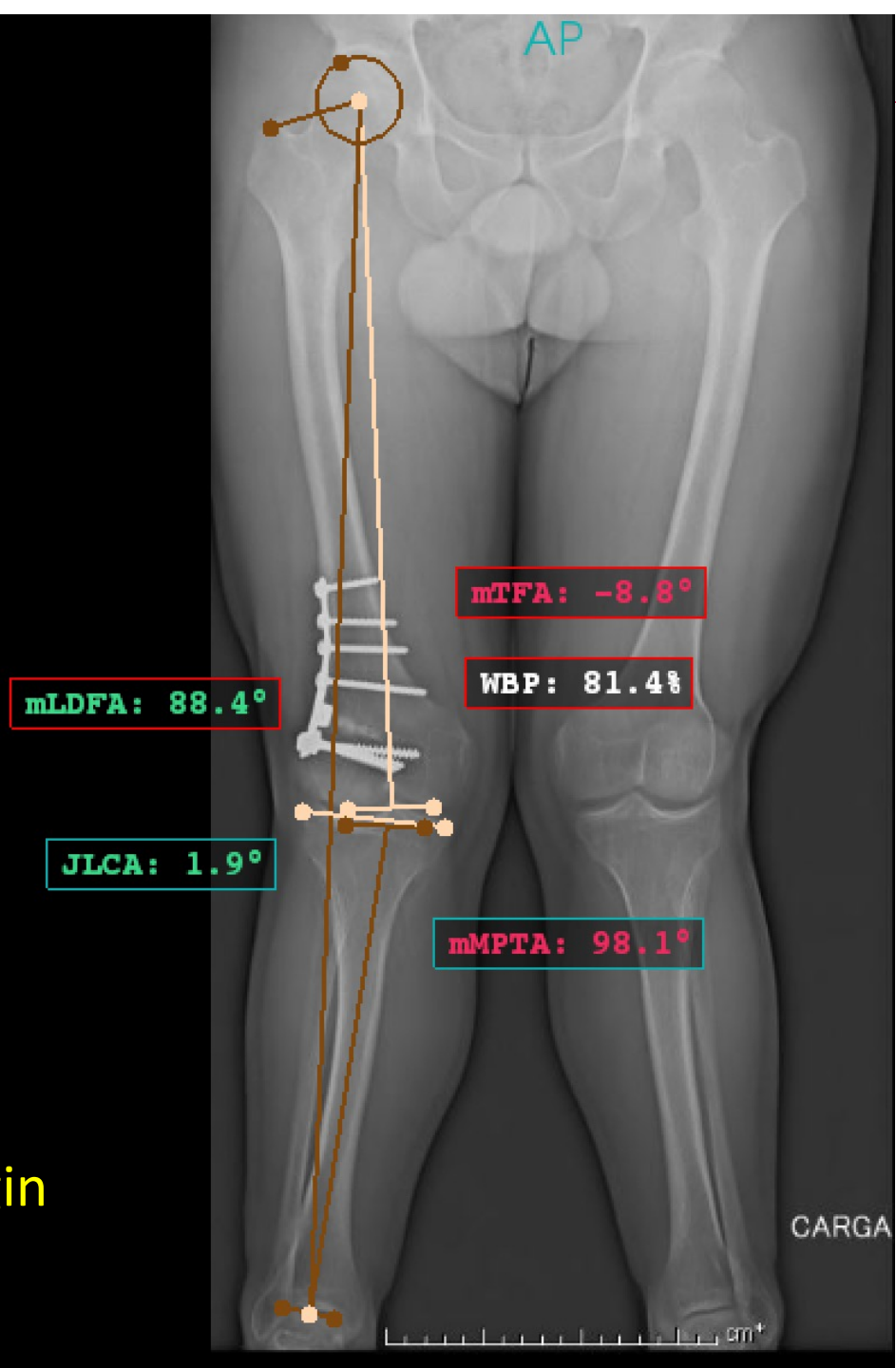
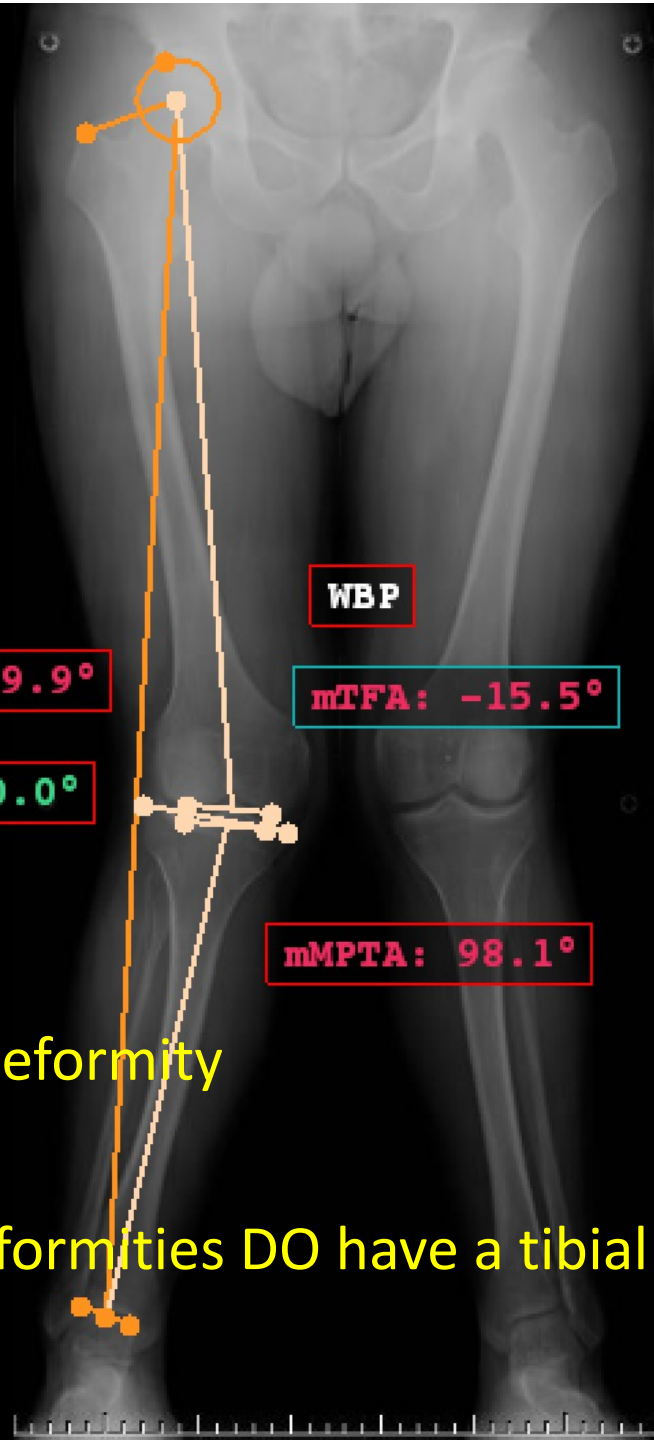
The risk of conversion to a TKA is 20 times higher for patients with a postoperative mPTA outside the optimal range of 85°-90°

Conclusion

- Don't forget to analyze the deformity
- Almost 50% of the valgus deformities DO have a tibial origin

Eberbach et al, AJSM 2017

Alghamdi et al. J Arthroplasty 2014



Genu Valgum: mFTA $\geq 4^\circ$

MPTA $> 90^\circ$

Tibial origin

Tibial osteotomy

Combined femoral & tibial origin

Double level osteotomy

mLDFA $< 85^\circ$

Femoral origin

Femoral osteotomy

Thank You



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