Femoral tunnel



Does the approach really of importance?



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Base is Anatomy



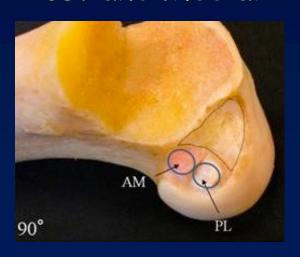
√To go from A to B





✓ ACL femoral insertion spot

Post and Medial

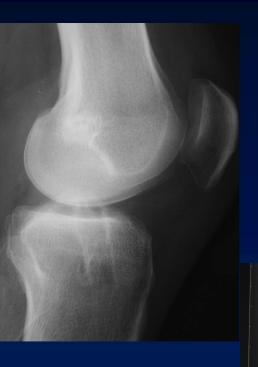




Femoral tunnel is important



✓ Direction, diameter, length





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THE controversy





- √With a drill guide
- √Guided reamed tunnel

Single bundle samples







✓ Anteromedial portal

✓ Transtibial

✓Out in technique







✓ Reliable and reproducible



Literature 107 hits the last 10 years



- ✓ Advantages AM portal ≥ Out/In > Transtibial
 - √ Significant !!
 - √1,2 to 2,3 mm!!
 - ✓ Clock position

- ✓Is it valid?
- ✓ Comparison with malpositioned femoral spot
- √So we move "anatomical SB reconstruction"
- ✓ Thanks to DB studies to show that we have to be oblique (for those who did notice it before...)

Anteromedial portal



- ✓ Technique
 - ✓ Need 120° flexion
 - ✓ Lower medial portal
 - √ Shoot & slide
 - ✓ Pilot hole
 - ✓ Offset Guide

- **√**Risks
 - ✓ Limit for menisci treatment
 - ✓ Damage medial condyle



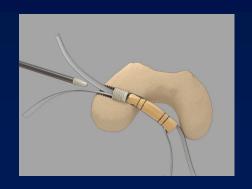
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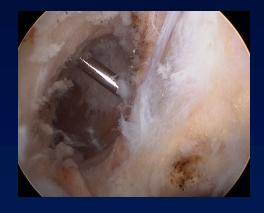


✓Technique ✓Differents guides



✓Risks
✓2 incisions



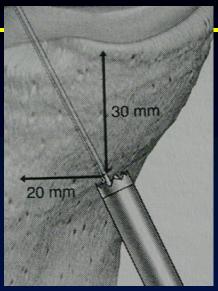




Trans tibial



- ✓ Technique✓ Modify cortex tibial entry✓ Ofsset guide





- **√**Risks
 - ✓ Damage tibial tunnel





Are the spots so different?



- ✓ Differences
 - √ Shape of the entry point
 - ✓ Track in the shaft



- √Variants in
 - ✓ Surgeon's choice / tip of the guide
 - √ Keeping intact the remnants
 - ✓ Guide stability, shape
 - ✓ Sizes of the drill guided (2mm)
 - The size of the graft in the tunnel and its displacement during fixation
 - ✓ Screw for BTB or Hamstring ACLR





Weak points of the "rules"



- ✓Intra tester reliability
 - Change with patient's morphotype
 - ✓ Dominant hand

- √Knee anatomy
- ✓ Clinically relevant?

Navigation



- √Peroperative 3-D measurement
 - ✓ Translation
 - ✓ Rotation

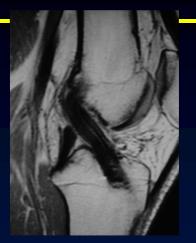
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- √Use of rigid bodies fixed into tibia and femur
- ✓ Usefull to control the efficacy of ACL repair
- ✓ Does not fit with everyday practice...

Conclusion



- ✓ We do like to compare
 ✓SB vs DB
 ✓Hamstrings vs BTB vs ITB vs QT
 ✓ With or without lateral tenodesis
 ✓Portals



- ✓ Do the one you get properly in your hands
- ✓ Learn others to ✓ Improve your skill ✓ In case of...
- ✓ Be oblique to control pivot shift
- ✓ You can reach the good spot anyway

