

Trochleoplasty and MPFL

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Medial Patellar Ligaments



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Medial MPFL PatelloFemoral Ligament Medial MPML PatelloMeniscal Ligament Medial MPTL **PatelloTibial** Ligament

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Dimensions

✓ Length: 35 to 70 mm

✓ Width: 5 to 30 mm

Femoral insertion: 12.2 ± 2.6mm* Patellar insertion: 24.4 ± 4.8mm*

✓ Thickness: 1mm



Article	Number of knees	MPFL identified (%)	Length/breadth at the origin
Smirk and Morris [15]	25	100	58/NS
Hautamaa et al. [10]	17	100	NS
Conlan et al. [4]	27	90	NS/13
Steensen et al. [16]	11	100	NS/15.4
Reider et al. [14]	NS	35	NS/10
Panagiotopoulos et al. [13]	8	100	47/15
Nomura et al. [11]	20	100	58/12
Tuxoe et al. [17]	39	100	53/17
Our series	23	100	57/12

*Philippot et al, KSSTA2009

Femoral insertion

Patellofemoral anatomy and biomechanics: current concepts

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"A cloud rather than a point"

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Origin and insertion of the medial patellofemoral ligament: a systematic review of anatomy

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Diagram summarising the MPFL attachment areas darker shading represents study concordance

AT adductor tubercle, AMT adductor magnus tendon GT gastrocnemius tubercle mGT medial gastrocnemius tendon sMCL superficial medial collateral ligament MFE medial femoral condyle







Schöttle point

Radiographic Landmarks for Femoral Tunnel Placement in Medial Patellofemoral Ligament Reconstruction

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- ✓ 1.3 mm anterior to the posterior cortex extension
- ✓ 2.5 mm distal to a perpendicular intersecting the origin of the posterior medial femoral condyle
- ✓ 3 mm proximal to a perpendicular intersecting the posterior point of the Blumensaat line

Patellar insertion

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Attachment to patella as reported by 48 studies, 1120 knees

MPFL

Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis of the Medial Patellar Ligaments

An Anatomic and Radiographic Study

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MQTFL Medial Quadriceps Tendon Femoral Ligament

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Medial PatelloFemoral Complex MPFC = MQTFL + MPFL



Biomechanics

Biomechanical Evaluation of the Medial Stabilizers of the Patella

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Failure Load

Failure Load, Stiffness, Failure Stress, and Modulus of the MPFL, MPTL, and MPML^a

Structure	Failure Load, N	Stiffness, N/mm	Failure Stress, MPa	Modulus, MPa	Length, mm	Cross-sectional Area, mm ²
MPFL	178 ± 46	23 ± 6	5 ± 2	41 ± 19	69.5 ± 7.1	43.1 ± 13.8
	(91-270)	(8-34)	(2-9)	(13-87)	(53-79)	(14.8-68.8)
MPTL	147 ± 80	31 ± 21	4 ± 2	35 ± 17	44.6 ± 8.8	34.8 ± 16.6
	(23-279)	(6-75)	(2-7)	(23-47)	(29-60)	(25.5-79.5)
MPML	105 ± 62	14 ± 8	2 ± 1	14 ± 8	53.4 ± 10.7	55.3 ± 18.4
	(35-233)	(5-30)	(1-4)	(5-32)	(38-72)	(10.5-63.8)

^aValues are reported as mean \pm SD (range). MPFL, medial patellofemoral ligament; MPML, medial patellomeniscal ligament; MPTL, medial patellotibial ligament.

- ✓ The MPFL and MPTL had comparable ultimate loads and stiffness, while the MPML had lower failure loads and stiffness
- ✓ Midsubstance failure was the most common type of failure

MPFL – Strength and Stiffness

Comparison of structural properties of various graft tissues commonly used for MPFL reconstruction				
Tissue	Number of Specimens	Ultimate Load (N)	Stiffness (N/mm)	Reference
Semitendinosus	11	1216 ± 50	186 ± 9	Noyes <i>et al.,</i> 1984
Fascia lata	18	628 ± 35	118 ± 5	Noyes <i>et al.,</i> 1984
Gracilis	17	838 ± 30	171 ± 11	Noyes <i>et al.,</i> 1984
MPFL	10	208 ± 90	8	Amis, 2003
MPFL	12	145.6 ± 49	18.9 ± 1.3	Arendt, 2007

Courtesy of E. Arendt

MPFL – Strength and Stiffness



Biomechanics

Concepts of the Distal Medial Patellar Restraints: Medial Patellotibial Ligament and Medial Patellomeniscal Ligament

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<u>MPFL + MQTFL= proximal medial restraints</u>

primary stabilizer to lateral translation
50% to 60% of the restraint

<u>MPTL and MPML = distal stabilizers</u>

✓ MPTL : 0% to 24% for the MPTL
 ✓ MPML: 8% to 38% for the MPML
 ✓ MPTL + MPML : 20% to 40%



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MPFL = primary medial stabilizer of the patella in the first **30°** of flexion **MPTL and MPML** : are important in 2 moments during ROM

- **terminal extension**: counteracts quadriceps contraction
- Deep flexion : increased role in restriction of lateral translation, patellar tilt, and patellar rotation at 90° of flexion
 (26% in extension, to 46% at 90°)

Effect of malpositioning

Simulated Surgical Errors

- Over-tightening the graft by 3
 & 6 mm caused increased graft
 & PF forces
- Malpositioning the femoral tunnel by 5 mm caused increased graft & PF forces
- Malpositioning or overtightening the graft caused excessive graft and medial PF cartilage forces



Elias & Cosgarea, AJSM 2006

Effect of over-tightening

- Low tension (2-N) applied to the MPFL graft reestablished normal patellar translation and normal PF contact pressures
- ✓ Higher tension (10-N, 40-N) restricted lateral translation and increased PF contact pressures
- Over-tightening the graft caused increased PF pressure



Beck et al, AJSM 37, 2007

Isometry ?



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The favourable anisometry: An original concept for medial patellofemoral ligament reconstruction

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0-30° of flexion Engagement into the trochlea



Fig. 3. Femoral fixation distal to the adductor tubercle just anterior to the most prominent point of the palpated epicondyle with tensioning performed in extension will result in a graft that has maximum tension in extension and progressively becomes lax in flexion. A more proximal placement (adductor tubercle) can lead to a reconstruction that overconstrained with knee flexion.

- 1. Choice of graft
- 2. Double bundle
- 3. Positioning
- 4. Tensioning
- 5. Fixation
- 6. Rehabilitation
- 7. Indication

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Gracilis is strong and long enough

> Knee. 2021 Dec;33:169-175. doi: 10.1016/j.knee.2021.09.007. Epub 2021 Oct 6.

Biomechanical comparison of two medial patellofemoral ligament reconstruction techniques: Quadriceps tendon fixation versus single-tunnel patella fixation with gracilis autograft did not differ in load to failure and stiffness

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QT vs Gracilis

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- 2. Double bundle
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✓ Loose better than Over-Tighten✓ Check the isometry

Isometry : perop testing

Tension at 0-30° of flexion Engagement into the trochlea No tension in flexion





Courtesy of T. Néri

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 Common fixation methods are stronger than native MPFL
 MPFL reconstruction is strong enough to allow "aggressive rehabilitation" with early weightbearing and unrestricted motion

> Comparative Study > Arthroscopy. 2013 Apr;29(4):766-73. doi: 10.1016/j.arthro.2012.12.004. Epub 2013 Feb 8.

Medial patellofemoral ligament reconstruction: fixation strength of 5 different techniques for graft fixation at the patella

Simon Lenschow ¹, Benedikt Schliemann, Jens Gestring, Mirco Herbort, Martin Schulze, Clemens Kösters

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The Best Indication : Low Grade Abnormalities





But when should we perform a trochleoplasty ?



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Factors of instability





1987 Findings (1800 patients analysis)

4 Instability factors (Statistical Threshold)

- **1. Trochlear Dysplasia 96%**
- 2. Patella Alta AT/AP \geq 1.2
- Excessive TT-TG \geq 20 mm 3.
- 10220 mm 13220 mm 13200 mm

Trochlear Dysplasia



Dejour Classification (1998)



Trochleoplasty or not ?

Systematic Review

Arthroscopy 2014

Trochleoplasty Versus Nontrochleoplasty Procedures in Treating Patellar Instability Caused by Severe Trochlear Dysplasia

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Combined Trochleoplasty

0,9%

Isolated MPFL

REDISLOCATION RATE



Trochleoplasty or not ?

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Results of medial patellofemoral ligament reconstruction compared with trochleoplasty plus individual extensor apparatus balancing in patellar instability caused by severe trochlear dysplasia: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Combined Trochleoplasty

2,1 %

Isolated MPFL

REDISLOCATION RATE



QOL & Trochlear Dysplasia

Does severity of femoral trochlear dysplasia affect outcome in patellofemoral instability treated by medial patellofemoral ligament reconstruction and anterior tibial tuberosity transfer? **OTSR 2015**

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Table 3 Mean IKDC Functional Score.

	Preoperative	Follow-up
Whole series	54±11 (27–77)	$74 \pm 17 (21 - 92)^{*}$
S– (without trochlear spur)	$58 \pm 10 (42 - 77)$	$79 \pm 19 \left(21 92\right)^{*,\text{¥}}$
S+ (with trochlear spur)	$50 \pm 12 (27 - 67)$	$68 \pm 13 (35 - 84)^{*}$
P value, S– vs. S+	NS	0.0123



Clinical functional results were poorer in patients with trochlear spur





QOL & Trochlear Dysplasia

Effect of Trochlear Dysplasia Am J Sports Med 2016 on Outcomes After Isolated Soft Tissue Stabilization for Patellar Instability

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Trochlear bump of 5 mm was associated with lower postoperative BPII scores

Banff Patella Instability Instrument (BPII)

Significant correlation between the presence of **high-grade trochlear dysplasia and disease-specific quality of life** an average of 2 years after MPFL-R surgery







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Short and midterm results



ORIGINAL PAPER

The Lyon's sulcus-deepening trochleoplasty in previous unsuccessful patellofemoral surgery

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Midterm Results of Comprehensive Surgical Reconstruction Including Sulcus-Deepening Trochleoplasty in Recurrent Patellar Dislocations With High-Grade Trochlear Dysplasia

Panagiotis G. Ntagiopoulos,* MD, PhD, Pieter Byn,[†] MD, and David Dejour,^{*‡} MD Investigation performed at Lyon-Ortho-Clinic, Clinique de la Sauvegarde, Lyon, France



2012 Primary (n=31 knees) 7y FU

Long term results

n=34 knees @ Mean FU 14.8y No OA

Sulcus-Deepening Trochleoplasty Results in Low Rates of Patellar Redislocation and Patellofemoral Arthritis at 10 to 20 Years Postoperatively

David Dejour,* MD, Tomas Pineda,* MD, Guillaume Demey,* MD, Floris van Rooij,^{†‡} MSc, and Amedeo Guarino,* MD Investigation performed at Lyon-Ortho-Clinic, Clinique de la Sauvegarde, Ramsay Sante, Lyon, Paris



Very long term results

n=11 knees FU 23 to 30y

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Sulcus-deepening trochleoplasty grants satisfactory results with minimal patellofemoral arthritis at 23–30 years of follow-up

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TABLE 1	Demographics an	d adjuvant	procedures
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	Initial cohort (<i>n</i> = 1 [/] Mean ± SD	1) Range	Final cohort (<i>n</i> = 9) Mean ± SD	Range
Age at index surgery (years)	25.6 ± 6.9	(15–47)	25.6 ± 6.9	(15–47)
Female	5 (45%)		4 (44%)	
Side				
Right	3 (27%)		3 (33%)	
Left	8 (73%)		6 (67%)	
Surgical antecedents				
Arthroscopy	4 (36%)		4 (44%)	
тто	2 (18%)		2 (22%)	
Judet	1 (9%)		1 (11%)	
None	4 (36%)		2 (22%)	
Adjuvant procedures				
TTO + VM Plasty	9 (82%)		7 (78%)	
Only TTO	1 (9%)		1 (11%)	
Only VM Plasty	1 (9%)		1 (11%)	

Abbreviations: SD, standard deviation; TTO, tibial tuberosity osteotomy; VM, vastus medius.

Very long term results

TABLE 2 Postoperative outcomes.

	Final cohort (<i>n</i> = 9)	
	Mean ± SD	Range
Follow-up (years)	24.4 ± 2.1	(23–30)
Recurrent dislocation	1 (11%)	
No apprehension	9 (100%)	
Iwano classification		
1	3 (33%)	
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Range of motion (°)		
Extension	0.0 ± 0.0	(0–0)
Flexion	130.0±8.7	(120–140)
Satisfaction (0-10)	9.2 ± 0.7	(8–10)
Kujala score (0–100)	76.9 ± 8.5	(68–89)
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Patellar height (CDI)	0.97 ± 0.15	(0.73–1.10)

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FIGURE 1 Radiographs to assess patellofemoral osteoarthritis at preoperative and postoperative assessment.

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When should we perform a trochleoplasty ?

✓ Sometimes

✓ In revision... But not only!!

✓In primary +++

- ✓ Don't miss the indication (grade D+++, grade B)
- ✓ Factors of OA progression :
- 1. Cartilage status at the time of surgery
- 2. Revision setting

✓ Personalized surgery in 2025!



ACL management in 2025













PF Instability in 2025















Correct one by one the anatomical abnormalities



Le "menu à la carte"



