



Total Knee Arthroplasty With Extra Articular Deformity

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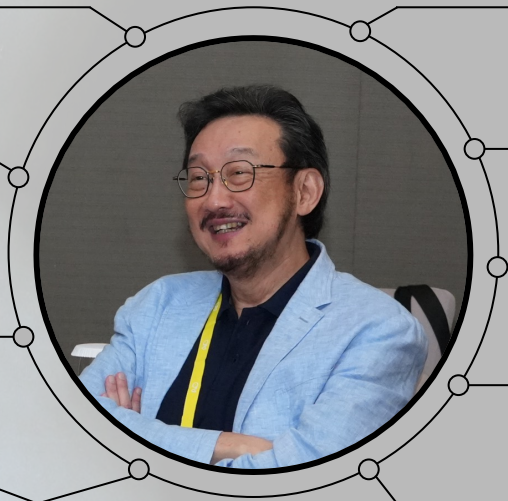
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Challenges of Extra Articular Deformity in TKA



- A deformity is considered as extra-articular when it is located proximal to the femoral epicondyles or distal to the fibular neck
- **Clinically significant deviation if :**
 - Coronal $> 5^{\circ}$ and sagittal $> 10^{\circ}$
- Confront with challenges of bone resection and soft tissue balancing
 - **Improper bone cut for intra-articular correction \Rightarrow imbalance soft tissue gap**



Extra Articular Deformity : The Questions ?

Can we correct the extra-articular deformity in the joint ?

Doing so may correct alignment, but there will be an effect on soft tissue balance

When is an osteotomy appropriate ?

When can we do it as part of the joint replacement and when should we do a 2-stage procedure ?





Pre-Operative Planning

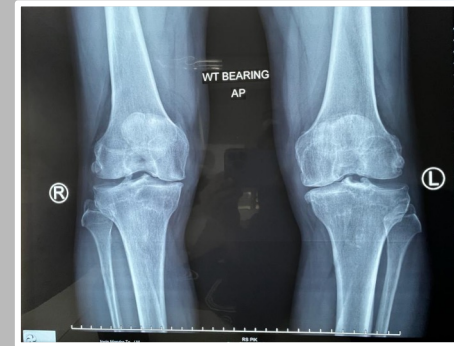
Radiographic Evaluation

Long Leg Views

>50% of EAD of the tibia are **not detected** on short films of the knee

Intra or extra articular deformity

CT scan if suspicion of bone loss



Alghamdi et al, J Arthrop 2014



Which Technique to Choose?

How would you manage the deformities ?

- Is it only a ligament problem ?
- Is it only a bone defect problem ?
- Is it a combined problem ?

TKA with extra-articular osteotomy

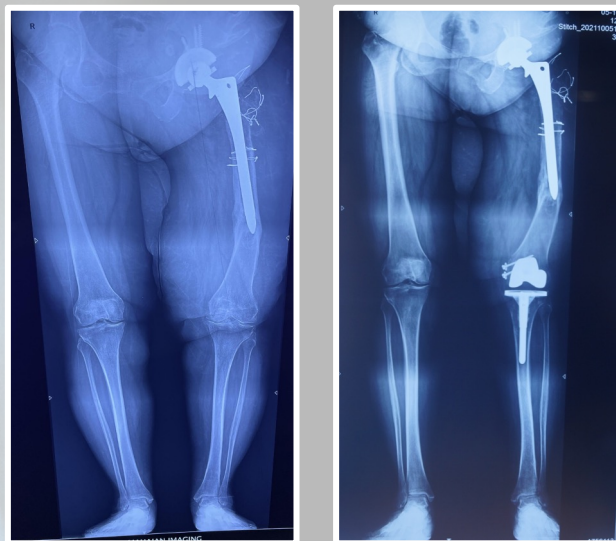
- **One-stage**
- **Two-stage**

Intra Articular Correction



Indications for intra-articular correction :

- Extra-articular deformity is far from the joint
- Bony cuts do not interfere with ligamentous attachments



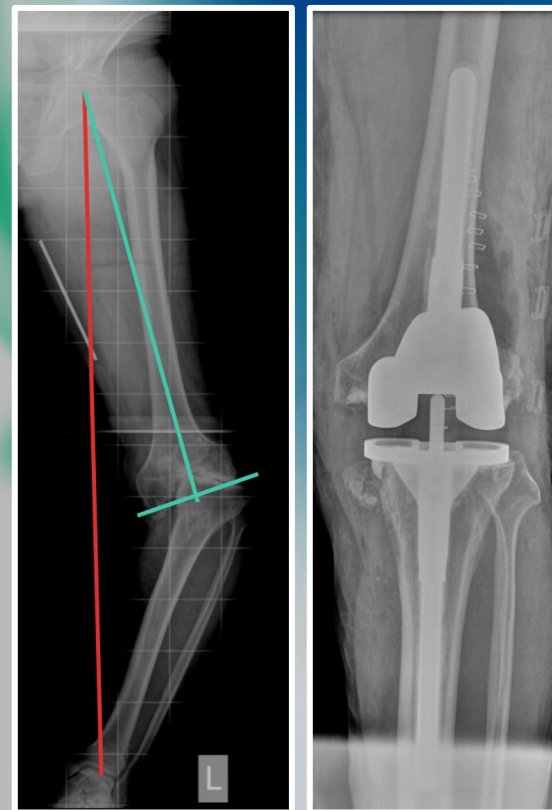
Courtesy of Rajeev Sharma

Tips & Trick in Intra Articular Correction



If the proposed femoral bone resection passes distal to the insertions of the collateral ligaments (on average 25 mm proximal to the joint line), an intra-articular correction **is feasible**

If the perpendicular line passes through the top of the tibial plateau, correction with primary arthroplasty **is feasible** (Wang et al)





Pre-Operative Planning for TKA:

Sagittal Plane

Intra-articular correction with TKA is :

- Procurvatum deformity is $< 10^\circ$
- Recurvatum deformity is $< 20^\circ$

Guidelines :

- **Sagittal deformity** $> 20^\circ \rightarrow$ an **osteotomy** should be performed before TKA



Ashok Rajgopal

One-Stage TKA + Osteotomy



Advantages

- Single surgical session
- Easier ligament and soft-tissue balance management
- Reduce cost

Drawbacks

- The coronal deformity is corrected in extension but not in flexion
- Technically demanding
- Higher surgical risk: blood loss, thromboembolism, infection



Tibial Rotational Alignment



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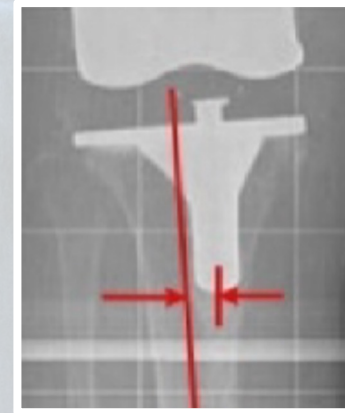
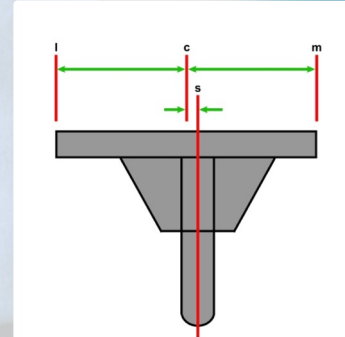
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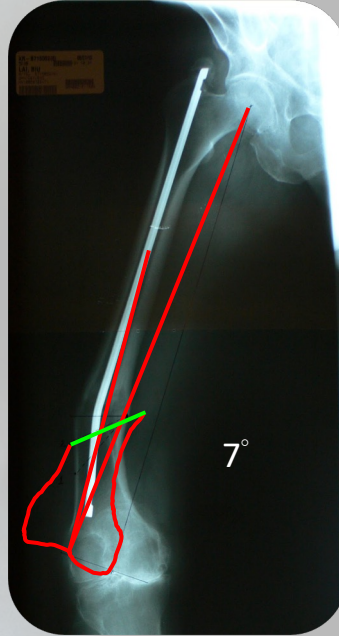
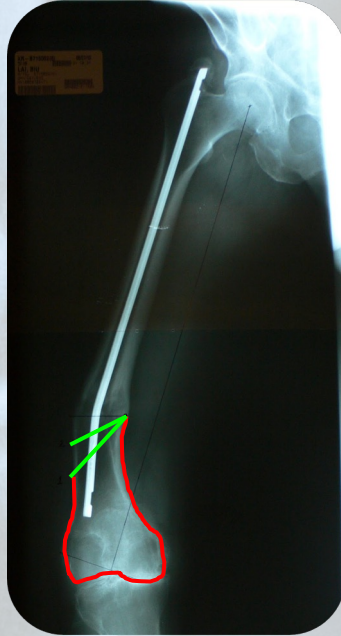
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In Asian knees, the **tibial anatomic axis does not pass the same point of plateau** as the Western Caucasian knees

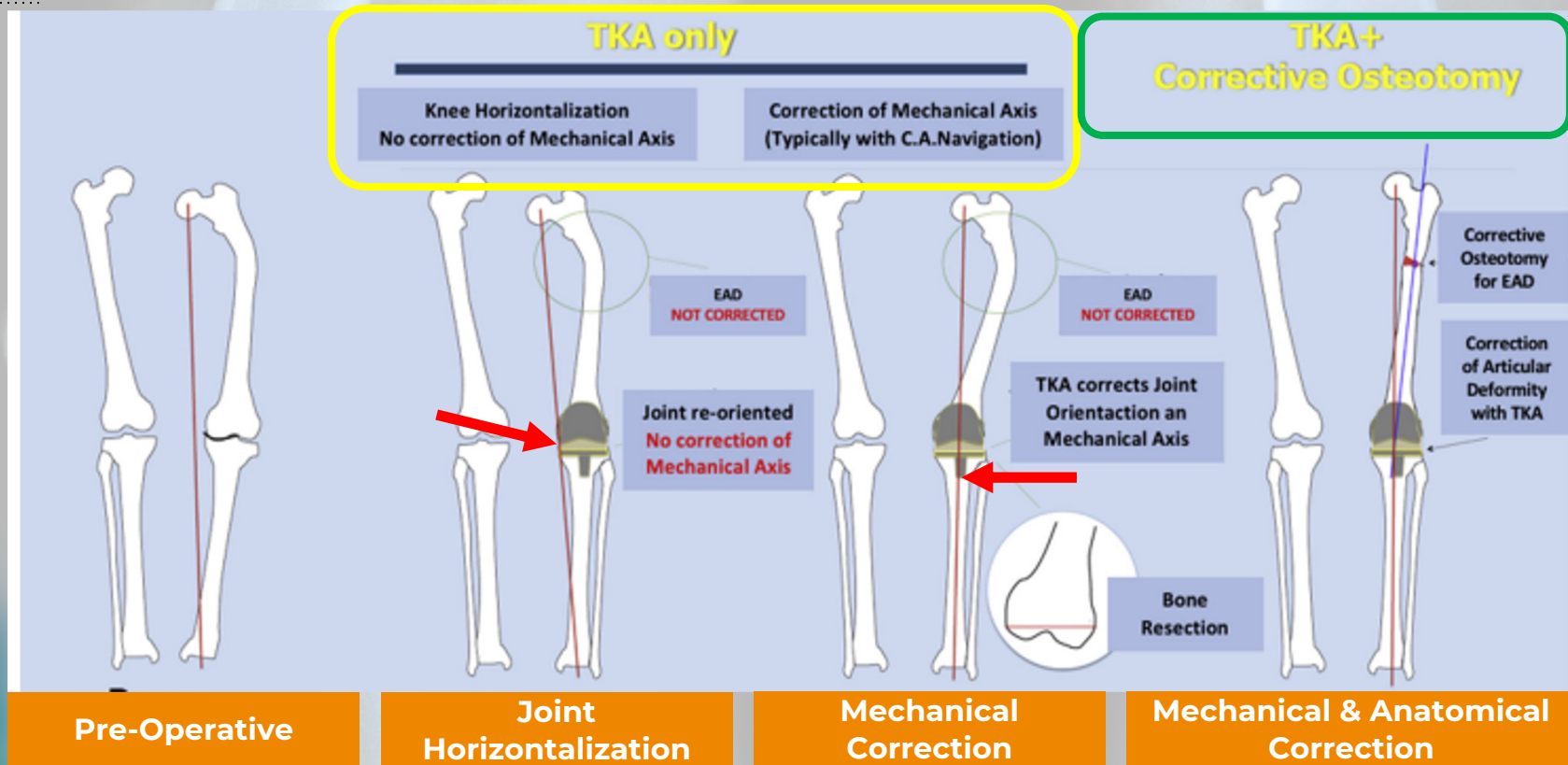
For Caucasian, **medially offset stem is more suitable** while in **Asian, more anterolateral**



One-Stage TKA + Osteotomy



One-Stage TKA + Osteotomy



Two-Stage TKA + Osteotomy



Greater surgical flexibility



Achieve not only overall alignment, but also anatomical axes



More favorable in younger patients



Sometime osteotomy alone reduce the pain and improve kinematic → delaying TKA

*Sculco et al, JAAOS, 2019
Seah et al, CORR, 2011*

Two-Stage TKA + Osteotomy



Staged osteotomy followed by arthroplasty

is beneficial in :

- Severe cases in which bony cuts would interfere with soft-tissue structures
- In cases with leg-length discrepancy

Severe Extra Articular Deformity



Tips & Trick



Femoral-sided deformities !! :

Less well tolerated than tibial deformities in the coronal plane

A corrective cut of **distal femur** changes the balance of the knee
only in extension

A corrective cut on the **tibial side** changes the balance of the
knee **equally in flexion and extension**

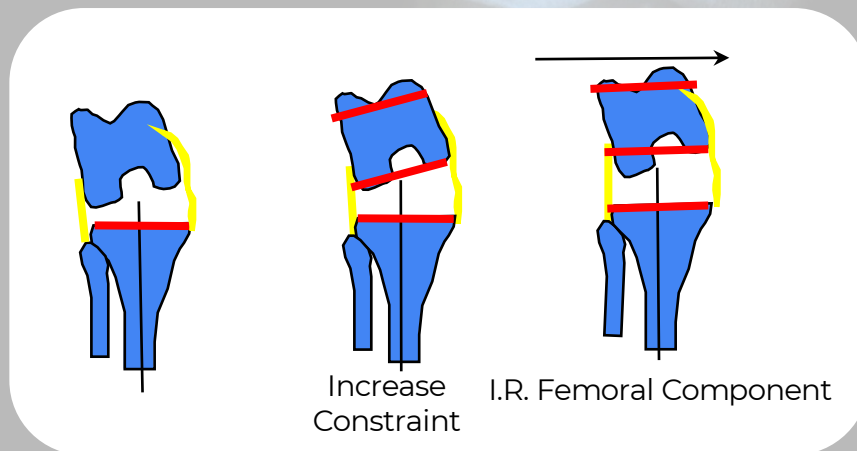
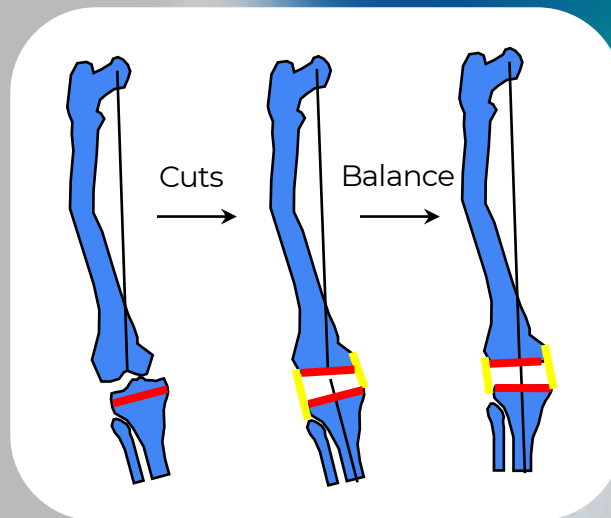
Femoral Side

Balanced in extension

Unbalanced in flexion

Options

- More constraint
- Cheat by rotation of femoral component
- Beware there is a limit



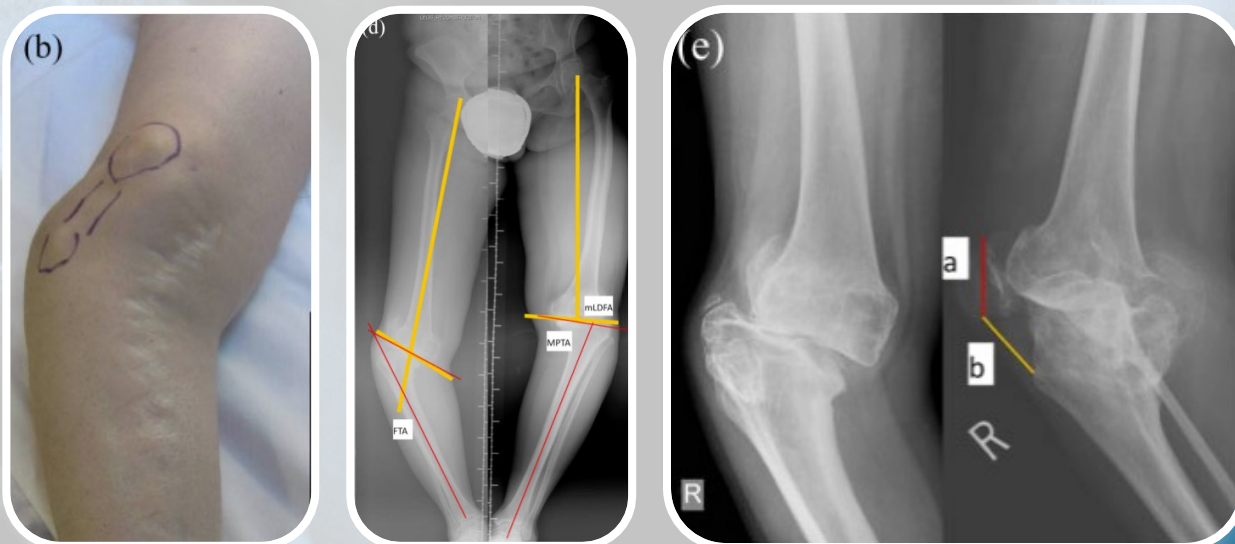
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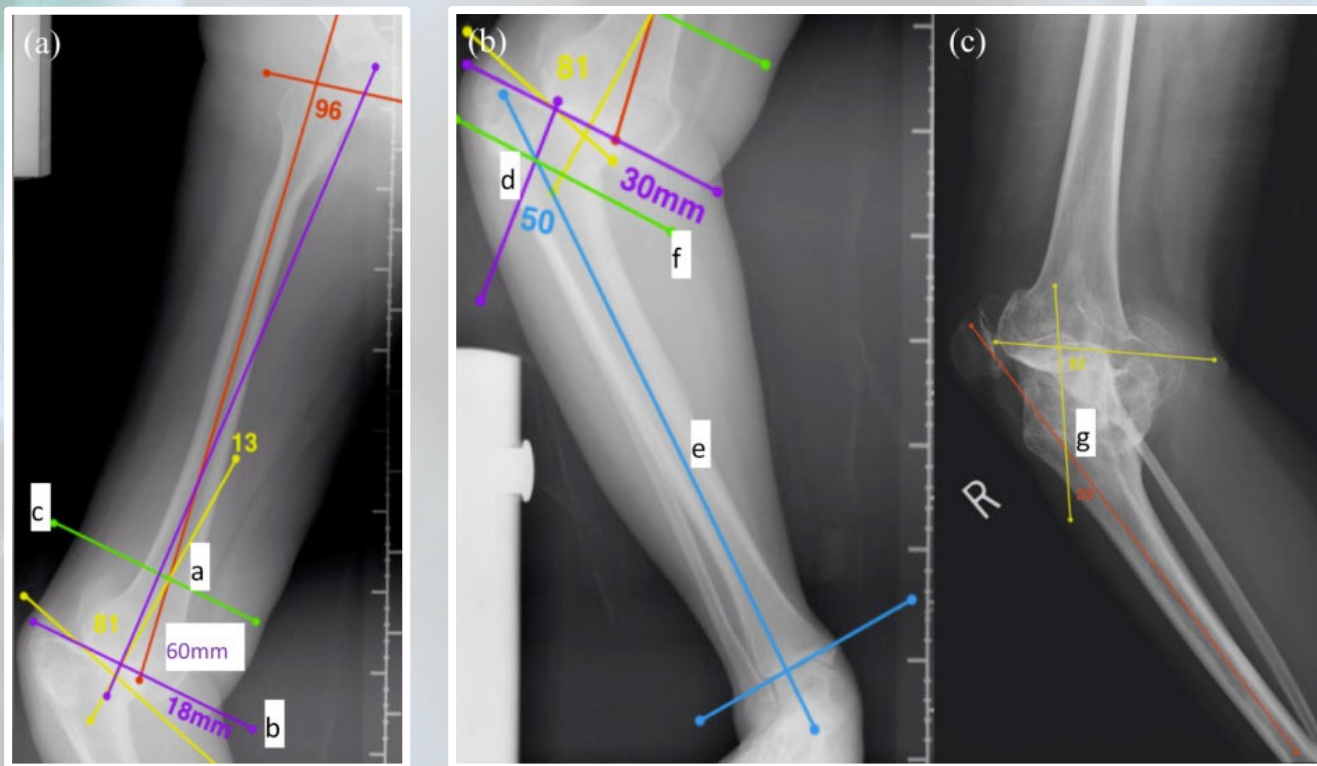
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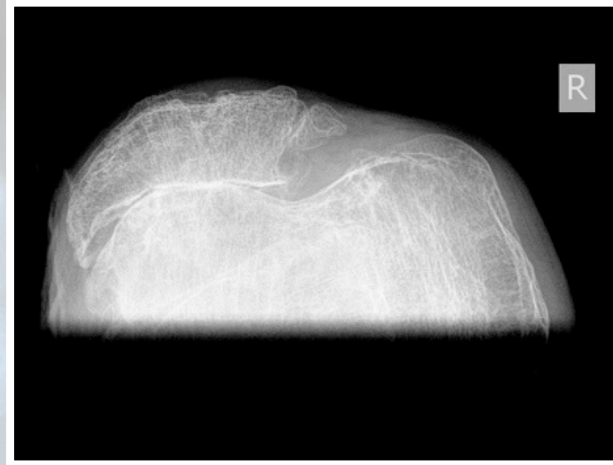


Fan et al., J Orhtop Surg, 2017



Extra Articular Deformity

Femoral Osteotomy



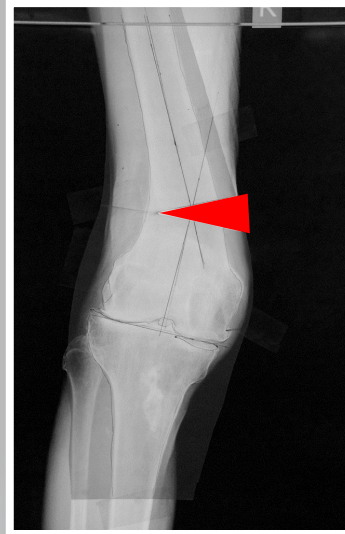


Extra Articular Deformity **Femoral Osteotomy**

PLAN

This operation is done before you get to the operating theatre!

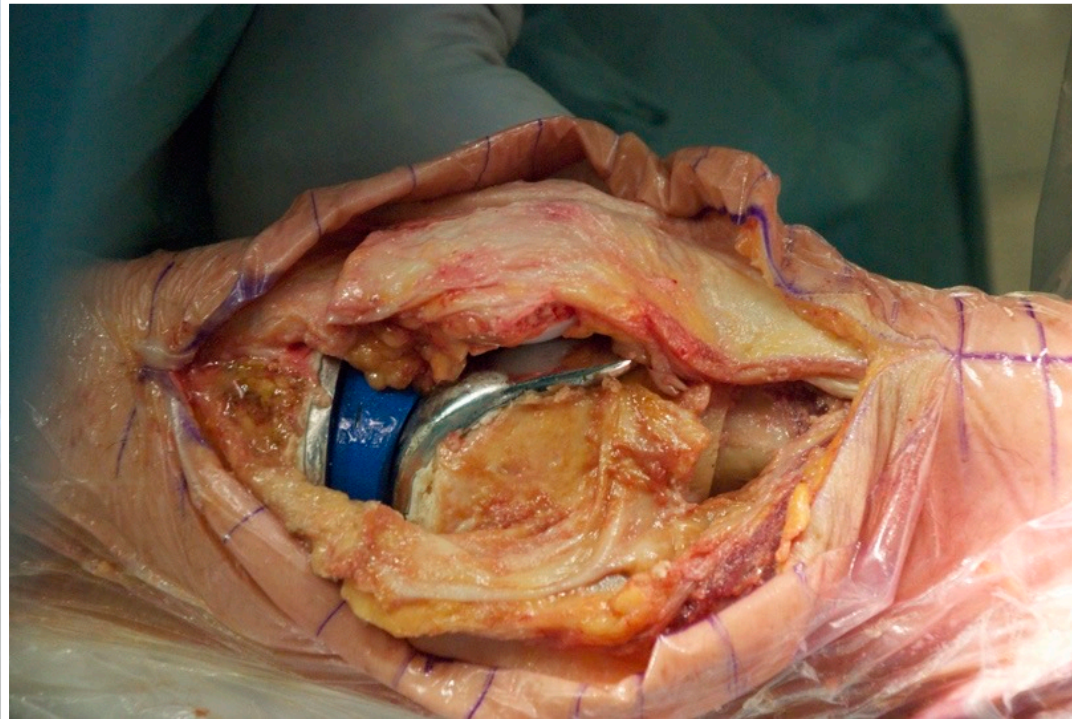
Where ?



At the site of deformity, if feasible

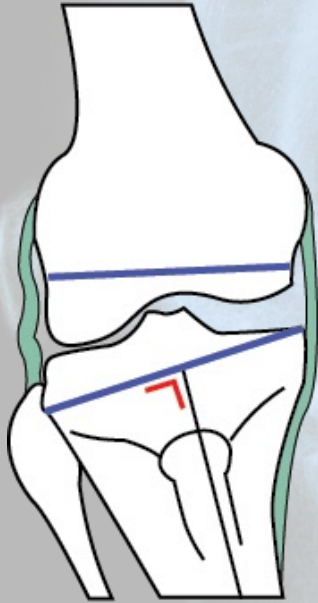
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Femoral Osteotomy

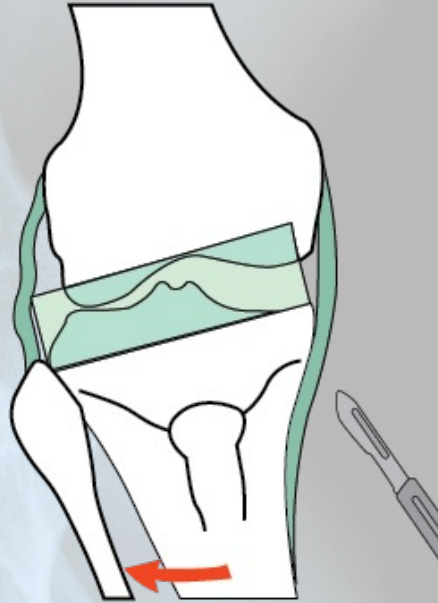


Femoral Malunion

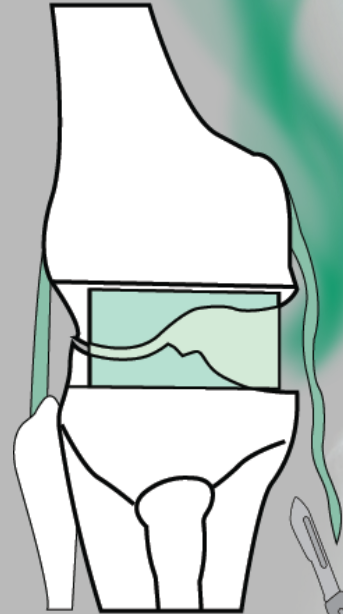
Varus Deformity



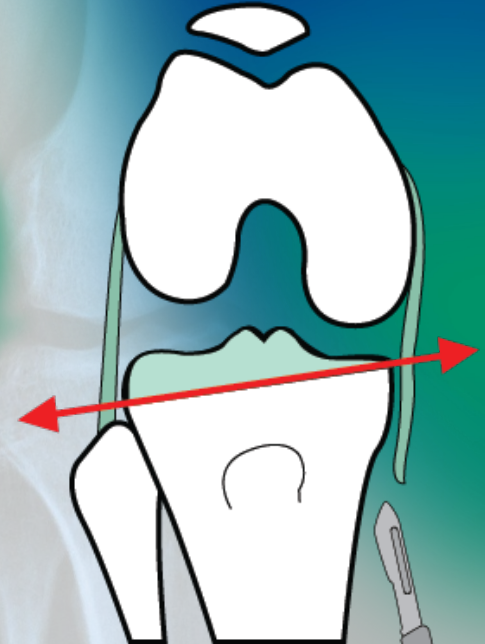
Extension GAP



Asymmetrical



Release



Mismatch
flexion / extension

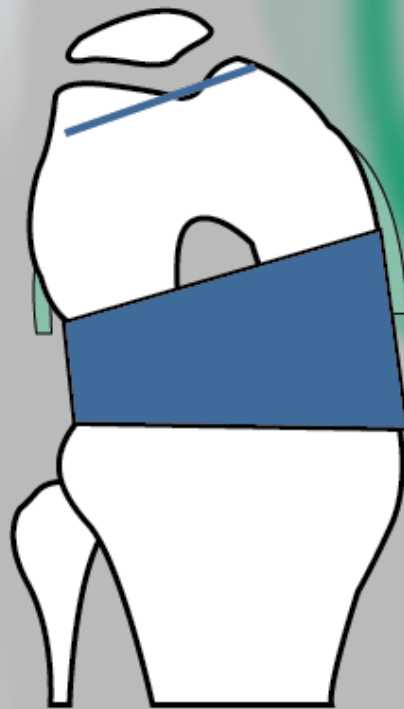
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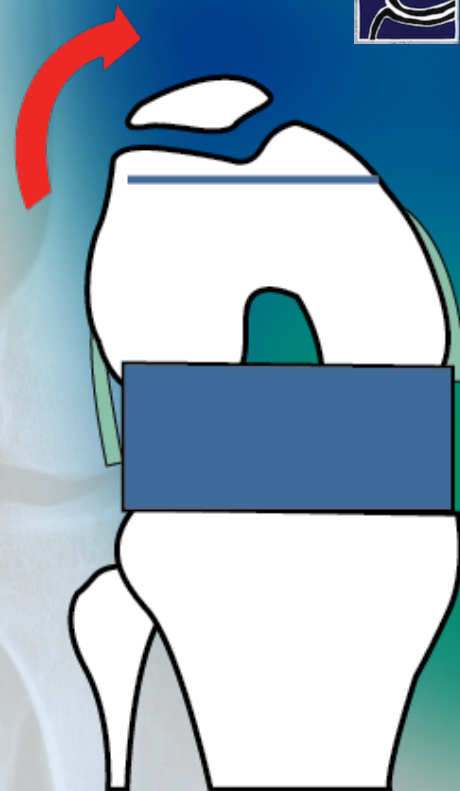
In-order-to compensate the asymmetrical distal femoral cut:

- Either accept a medial laxity in flexion
- Or internally rotate the femoral component

Courtesy of Sebastien Lustig



More constrained
prosthesis

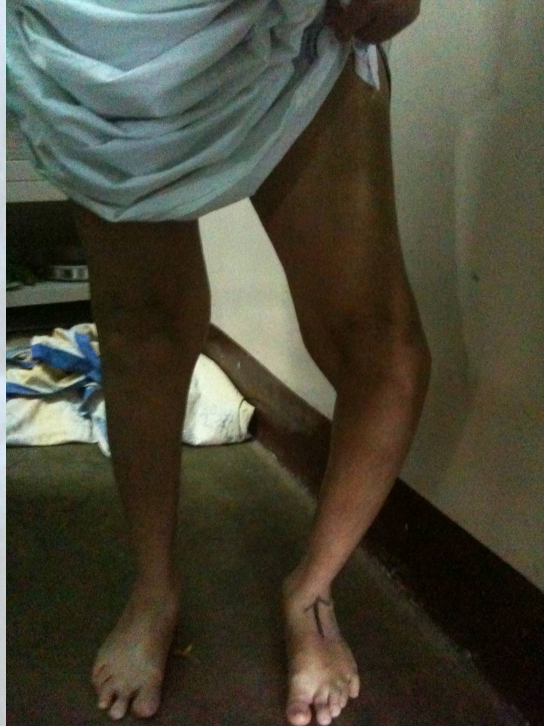


Internal femoral
torsion

CASE



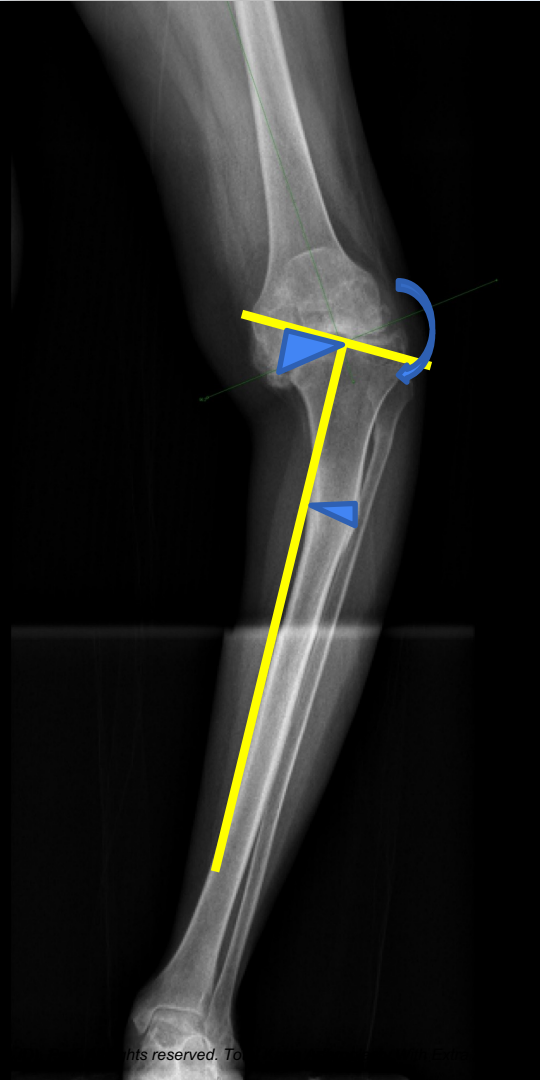
Extra Articular Deformity Proximal Tibia





CASE

Extra Articular Deformity Proximal Tibia



Extramedullary
alignment

With extra-articular
correction



CASE

Extra Articular Deformity Proximal Tibia



Intramedullary
alignment

With extra-articular
correction

Extra Articular Deformity

Proximal Tibia



4 years post op

Which Techniques to Choose ?



How do you manage the bone cuts ?

- Should the surgeon use patient-specific instruments ?
- Should the surgeon use navigation / robotics ?
- When & Where is an osteotomy appropriate ?

- **Conventional**
- **Navigation / Robotics**
- **Custom prosthesis**

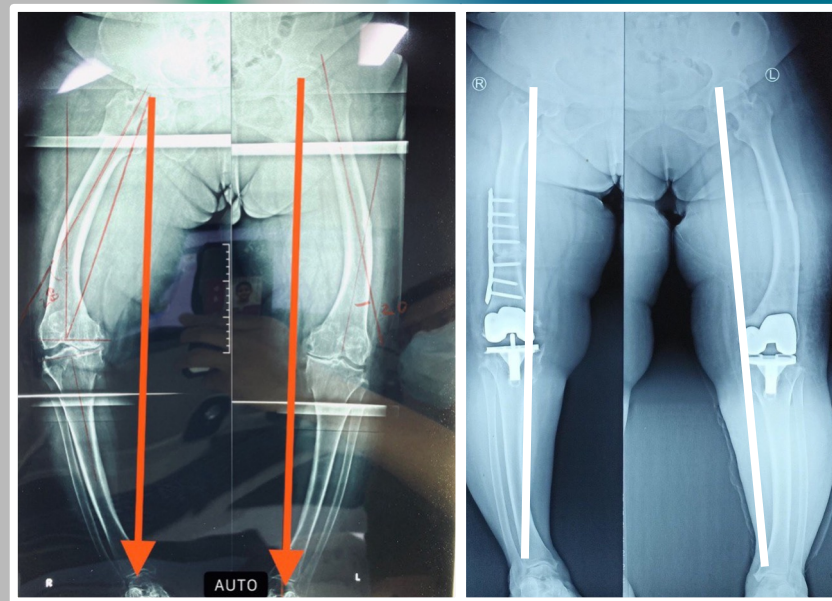
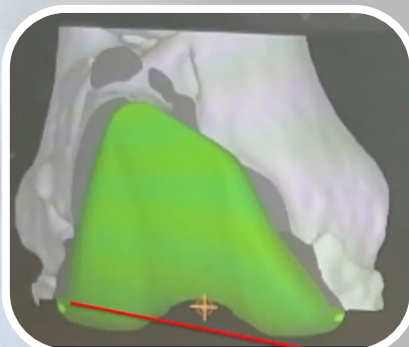
Why Use A Robotics / Computer ?



Accurate evaluation of sagittal and coronal plane deformities

Real time evaluation of soft tissue tension

Avoids IM rod in severe deformities





So, Which Techniques is The Best?

The decision to perform TKA in EAD should be based on:



Take Home Messages



Pre-operative planning is critical in treatment of these difficult knees and should be performed by experienced arthroplasty surgeon

A wide range of implants should be available

Robotic / CAS is a useful adjunct but not needed in every case

Intra-operative correction suffices in the majority of cases

Outcomes are sustained over time if the planning and execution are done well



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attention