



# Management of Knee OA

## What are we trying to achieve?

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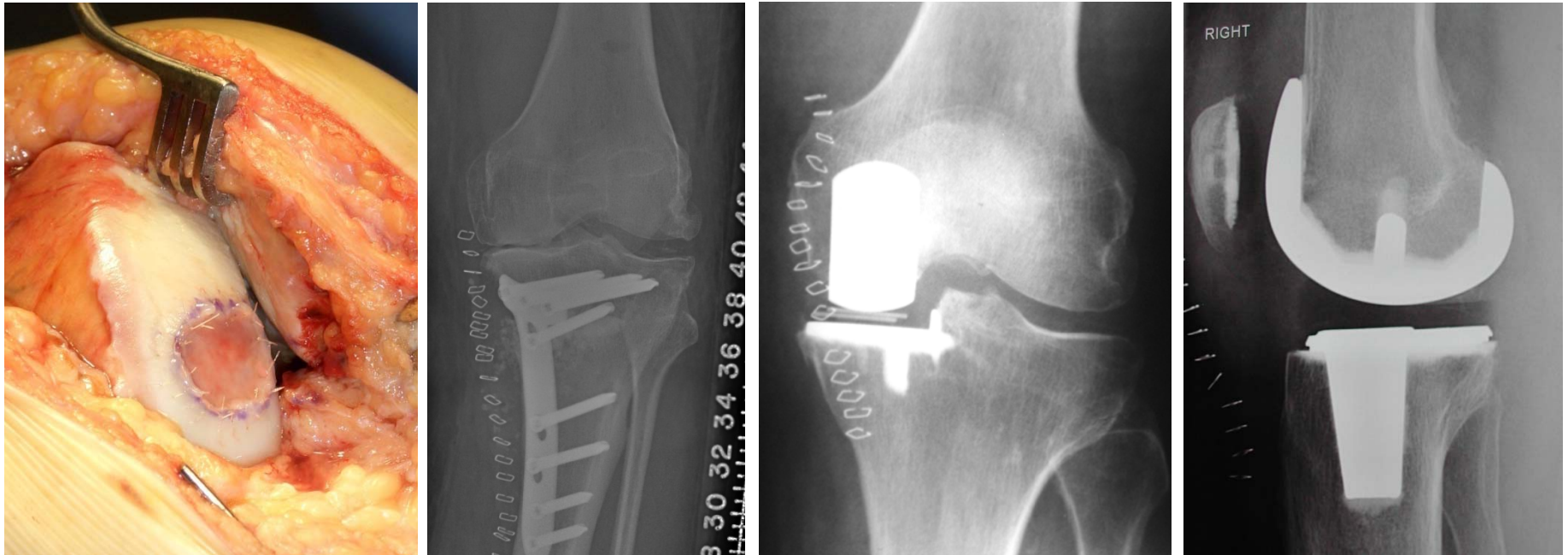
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# KNEE PROCEDURES IN OA

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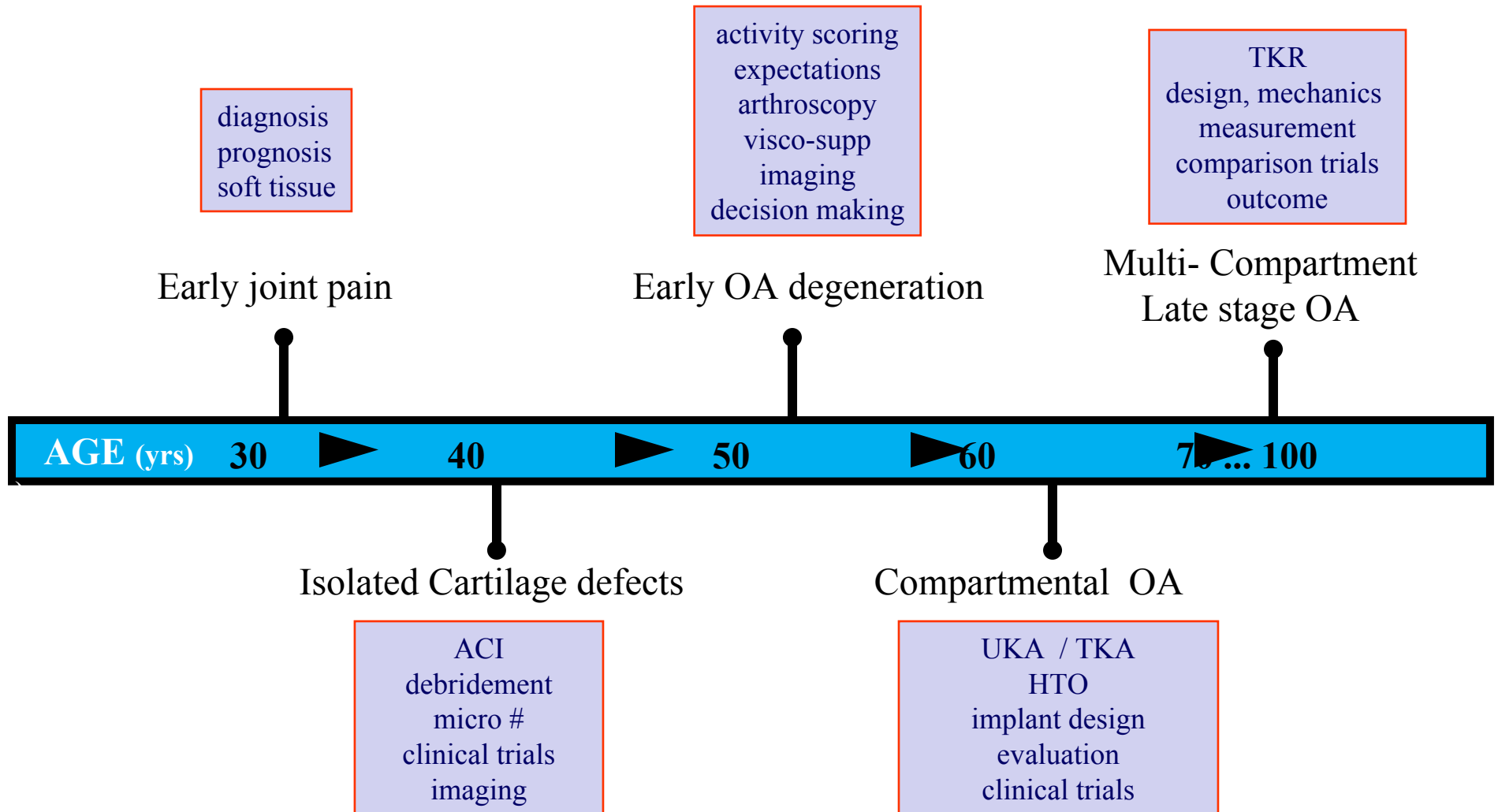


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Across the entire treatment history of the patient

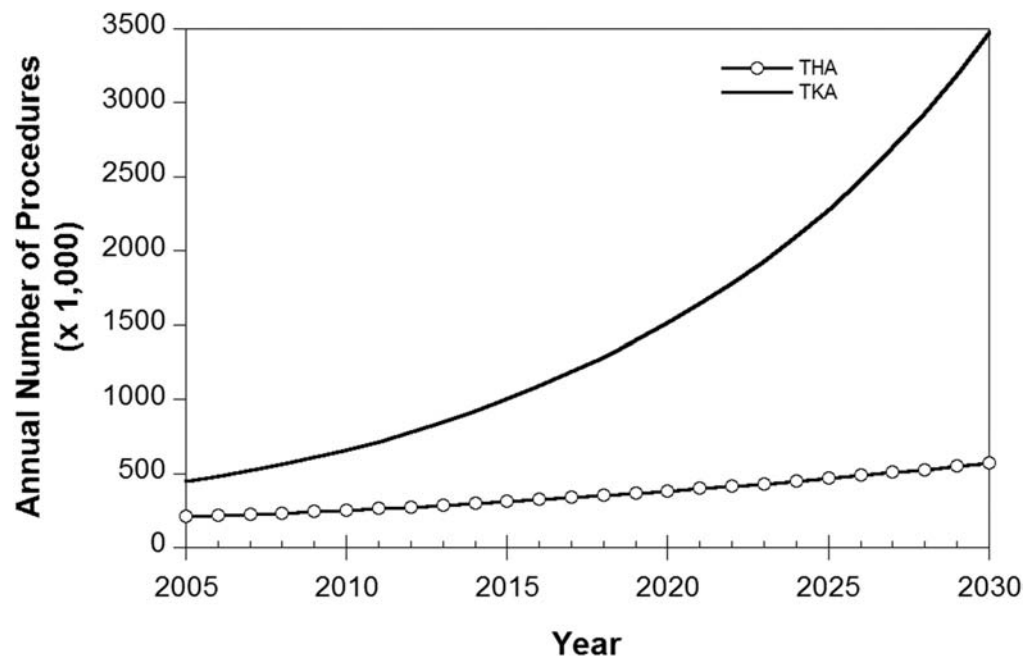


# NOC BRU Knee OA Clinical Research Programme

## THE NATURAL HISTORY OF KNEE OA



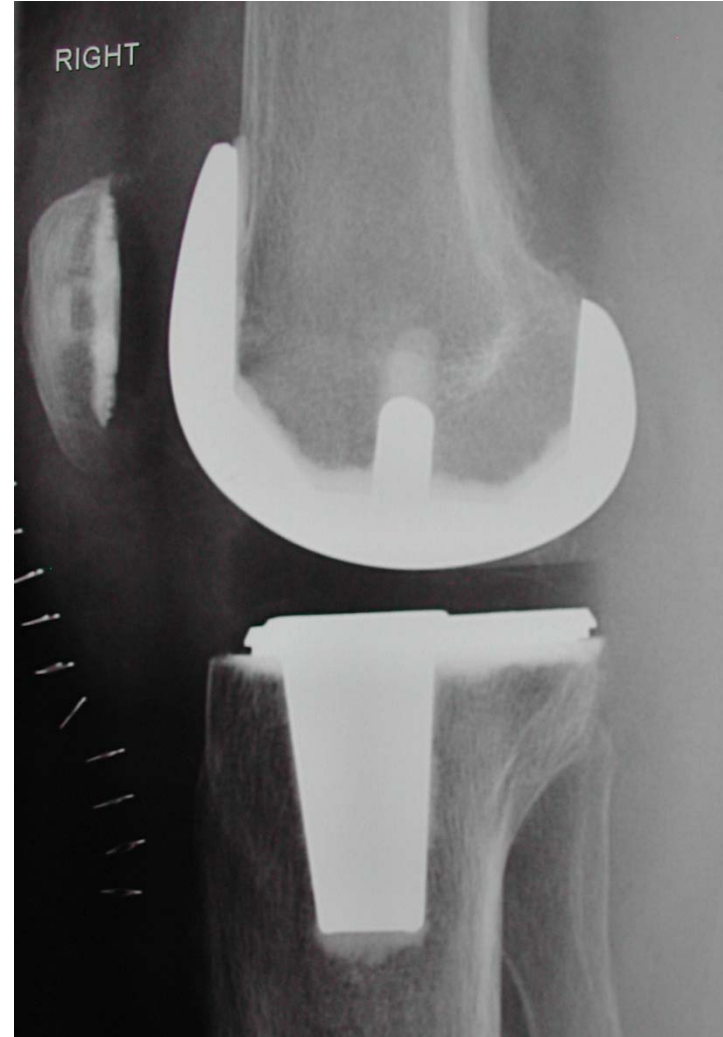
# Knee Osteoarthritis



- Common
- Affects 34% of patients over 45
- Increasing demand for knee replacement
- 3.48 million by 2030



# TKA





# Results

- Excellent long-term survival
- Functional results can be very good
- Established treatment
  
- ... But

# Poor Outcome in TKA

(15-30%)

- Patient expectations affect satisfaction after TKA

Noble: 2006 CORR

- Pain in the assessment of TKR

Murray: 2000 JBJS Br

- Comparison of hip and knee arthroplasty outcomes at early & intermediate follow-up

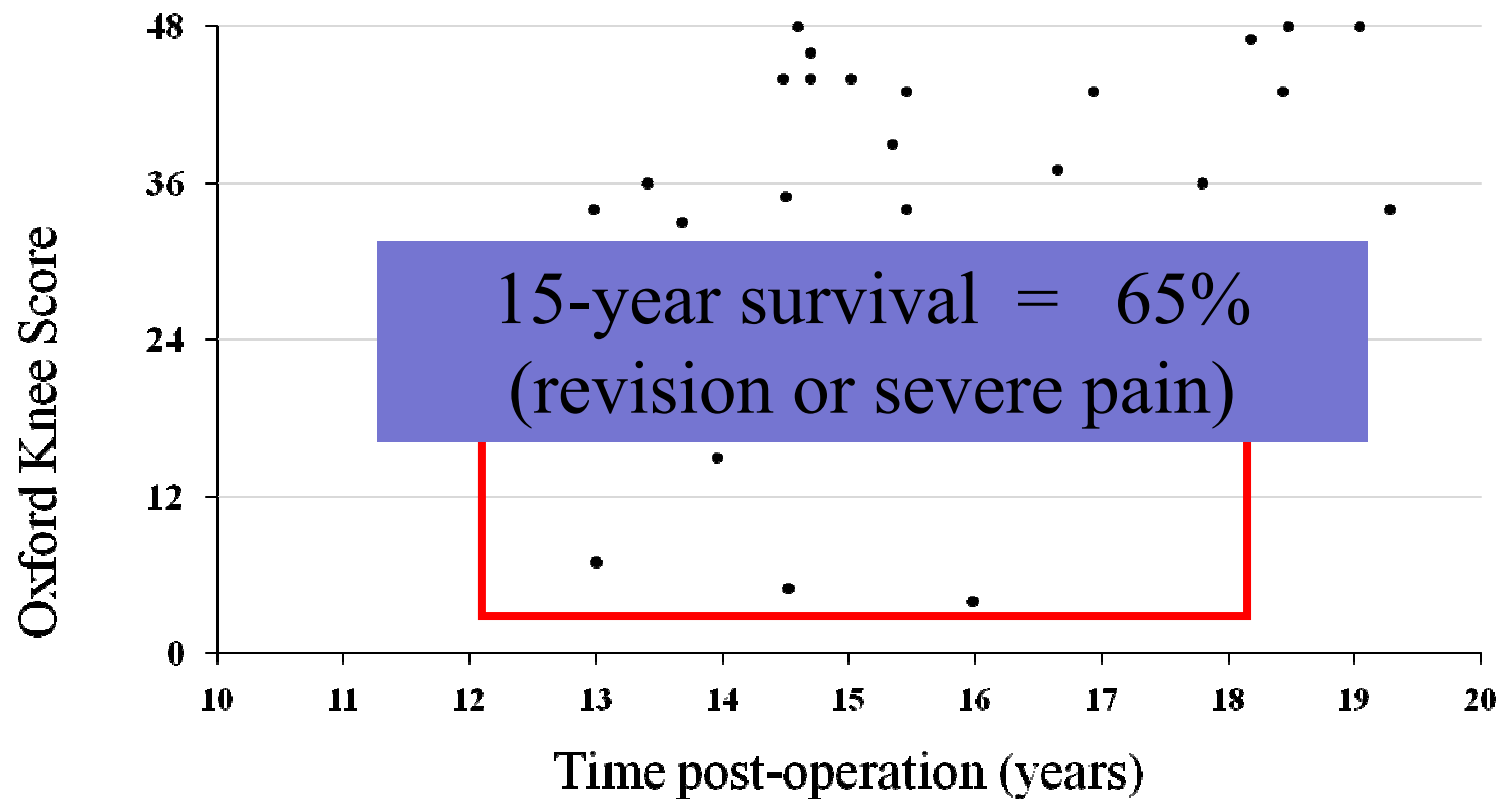
Beverland: 2009 Orthopaedics



# Highlighted in young patients

OKS in TKA < 60 performed at NOC

Price et al. Knee 2010



# How to improve results of TKA ?

## Prevent Failure

- Improved materials (poly)
- Improved prosthesis design (PFJ)
- Better fixation
- Refined indications
- Improved instruments
- Navigation

....will this improve functional outcome?

# Alternative approach...

Procedures preserving normal structures

Osteotomy

Partial knee replacement

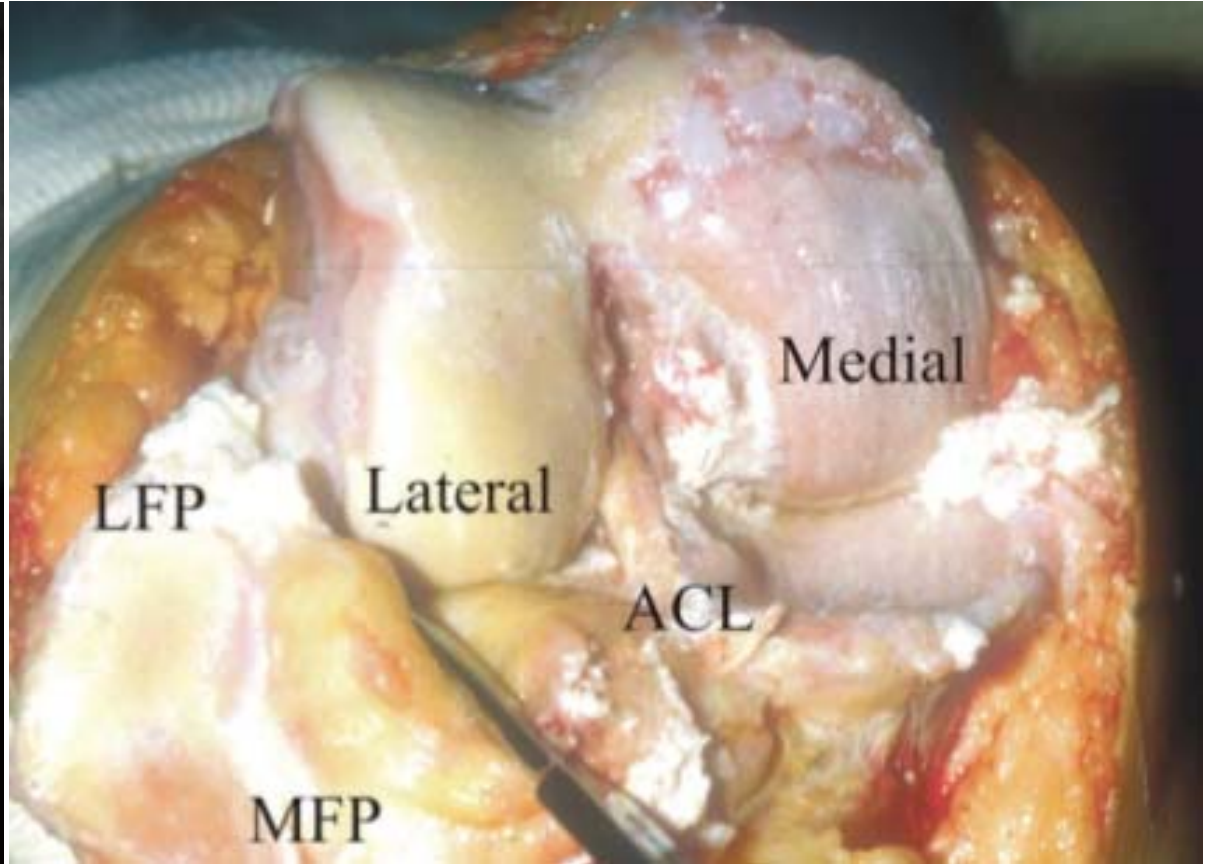
# Recognising Different Phenotypes of OA

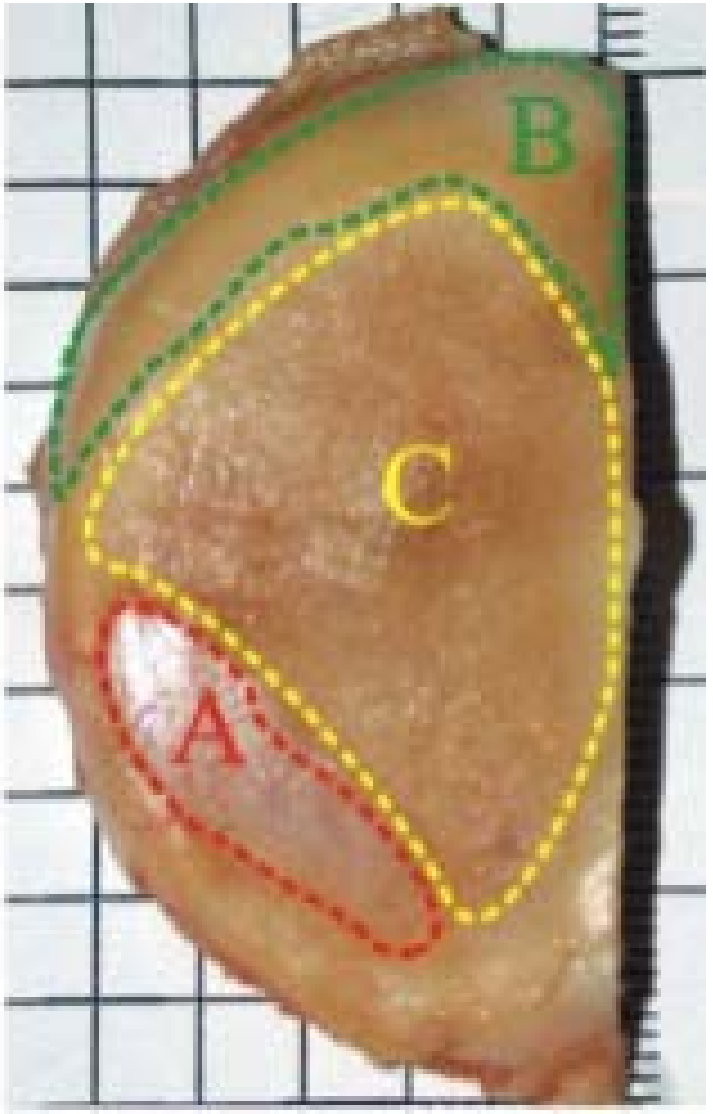


Antero-medial OA  
Intact ACL  
Correctable deformity

White et al. 1991

# Anteromedial Gonarthrosis





# TKA



# Alternative treatments

## HTO





# Alternative treatments

## UKA



Lateral OA



P FJ OA



# Partial arthroplasty

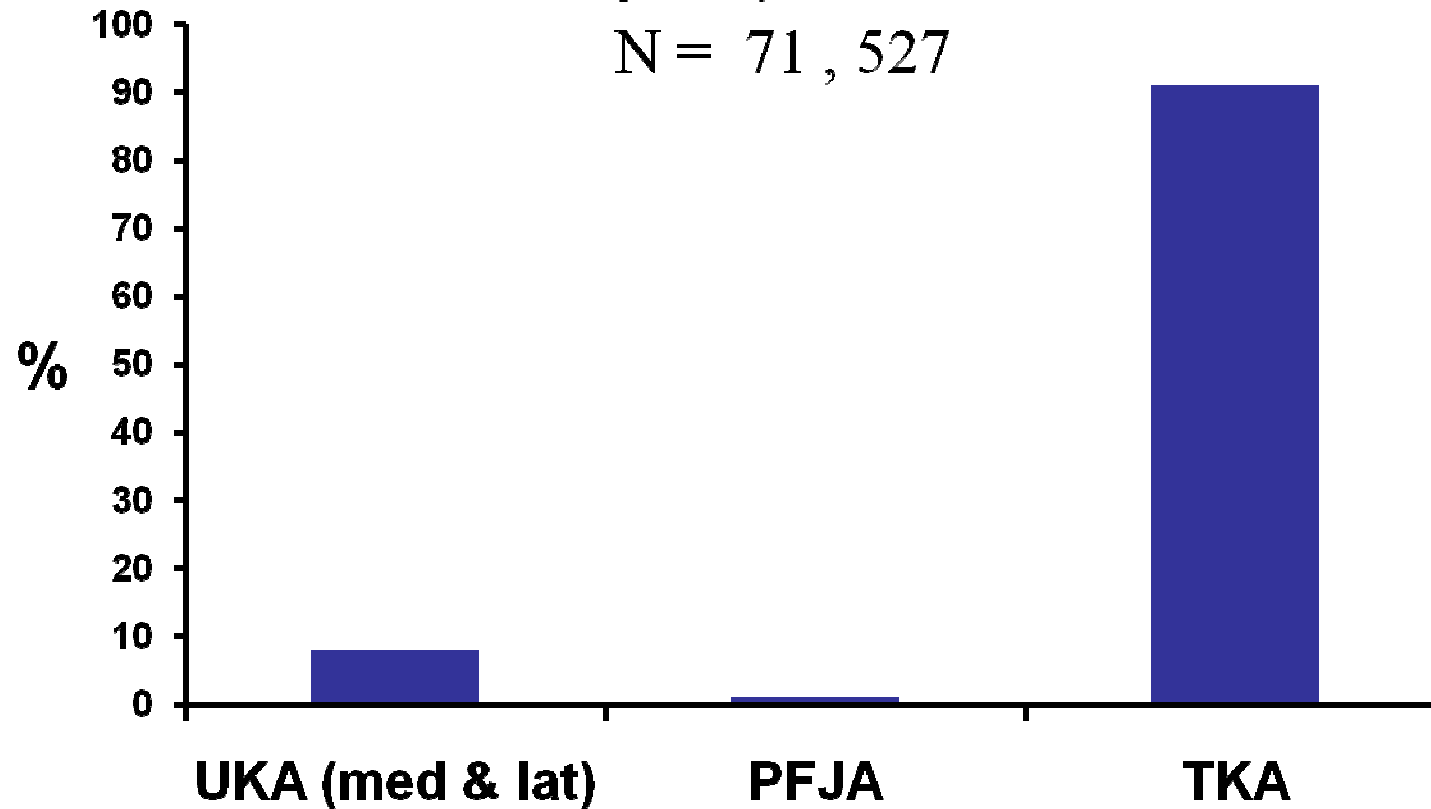


# Knee Arthroplasty in the UK

## Type of Knee Arthroplasty

UK NJR 2009

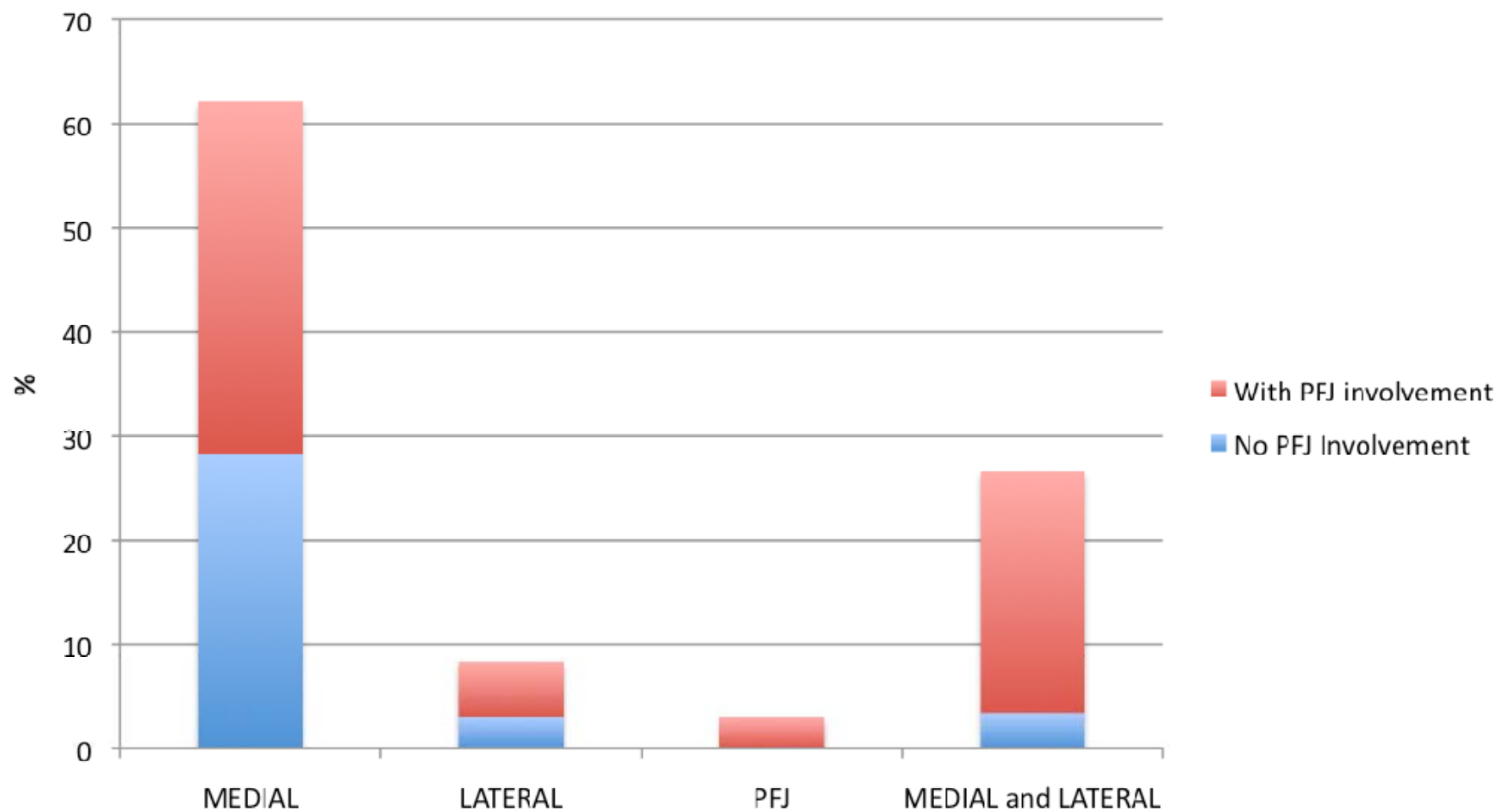
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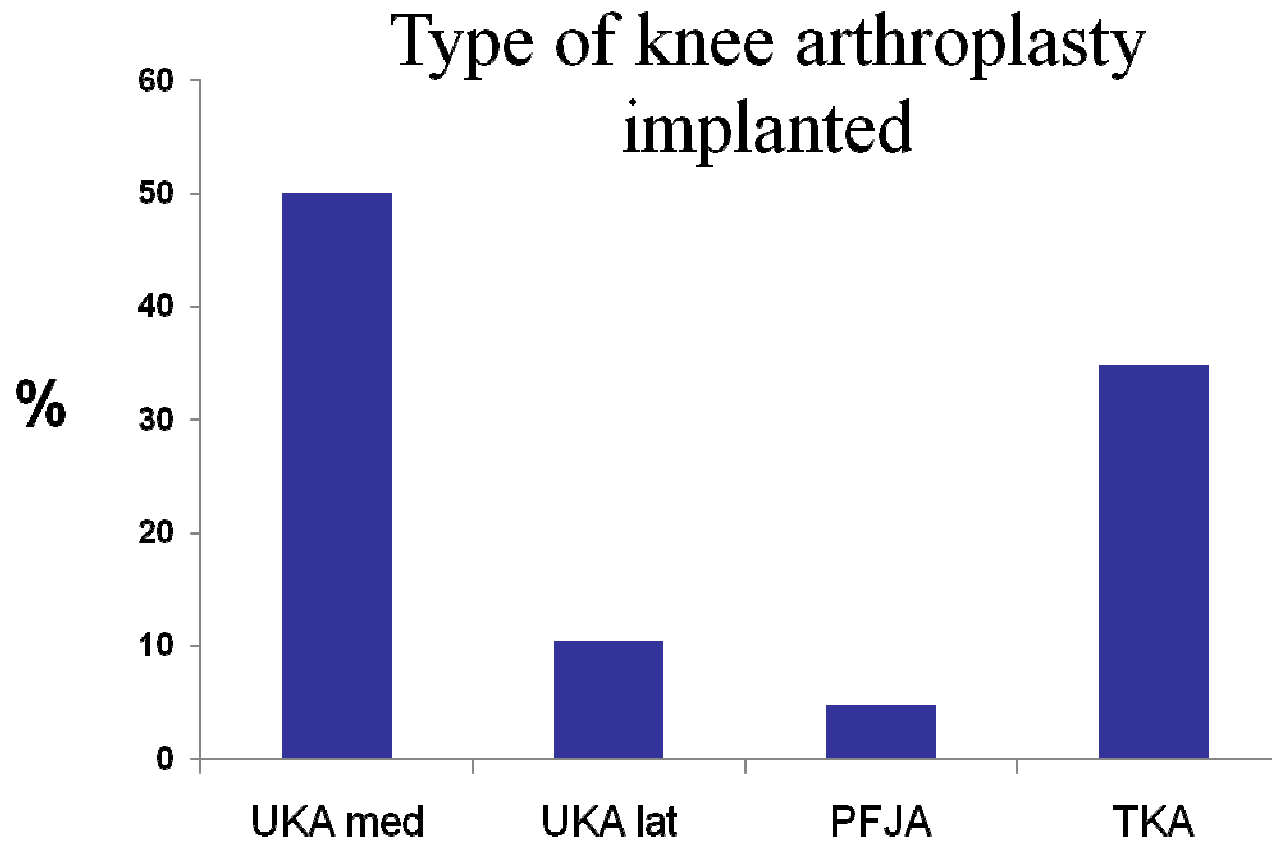
# What pattern of OA presents in clinic at the NOC?

- Continuous cohort study
- Primary referrals from local GPs only
- Tertiary and second opinions excluded
- 700 new patients with OA
- Radiographic assessment

**Chart To Show Percentage Breakdown Of Pattern of Knee Arthritis Presenting to Knee Clinic Over A Calendar Year**



# Reflected in practice at NOC



# Driven by different factors

- Clinical advantage
  - Functional outcome & kinematics
  - Less morbidity & rapid recovery (MIS)
- Survival improvement
  - Detailed indications
  - Series with good long-term outcome
- Cost effectiveness
  - Less expensive



# Indications for medial UKA

## Bone on bone antero-medial OA

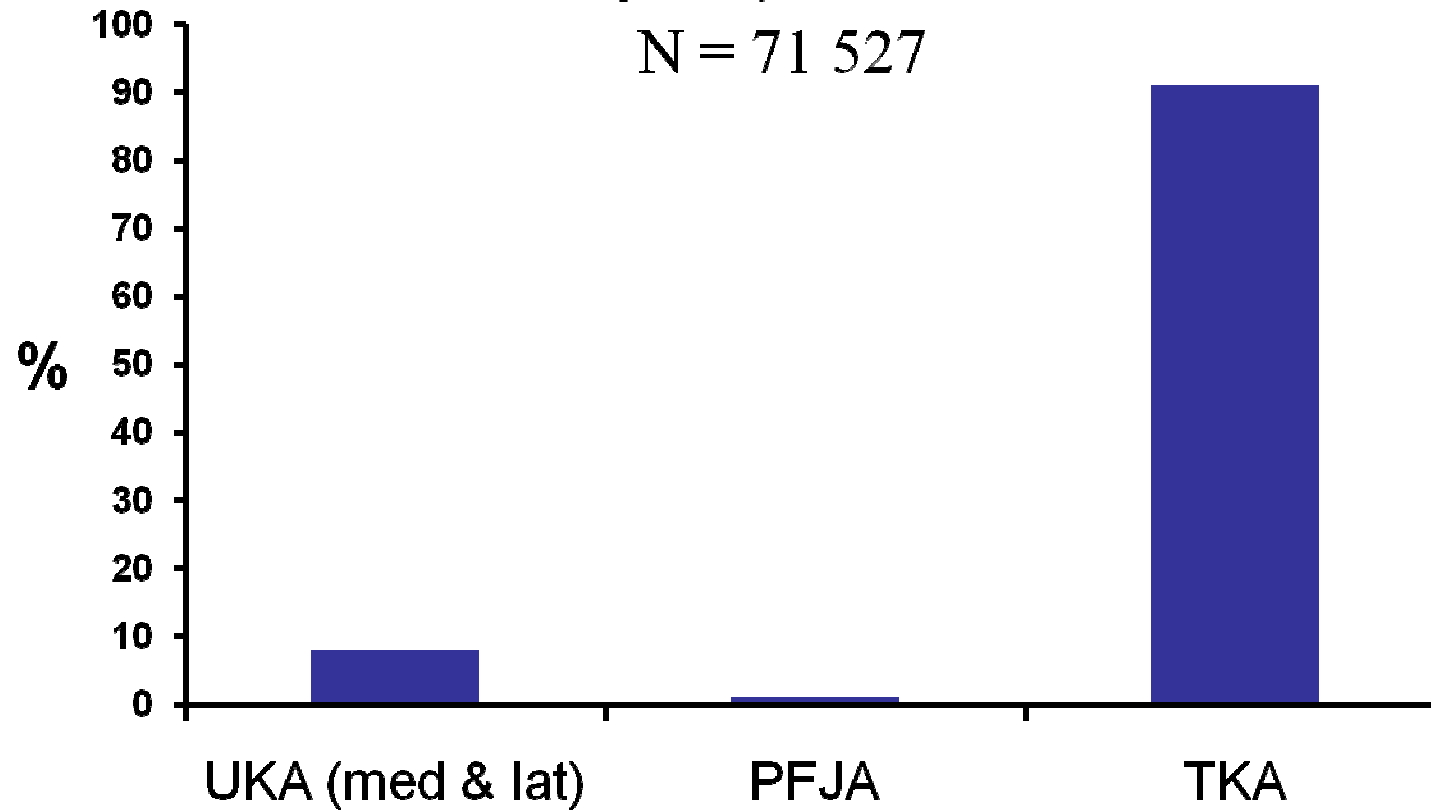
- Full thickness articular cartilage loss
- ACL intact
- Correctable varus deformity
- Anterior medial OA

# Knee Arthroplasty in the UK

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# Evidence for partial replacement

- Not conclusive
  - Survival series
  - One RCT (Bristol)
- Better data to guide/change practice

# Total or Partial Knee Arthroplasty Trial

## TOPKAT

NIHR HTA RCT (£2.5m)



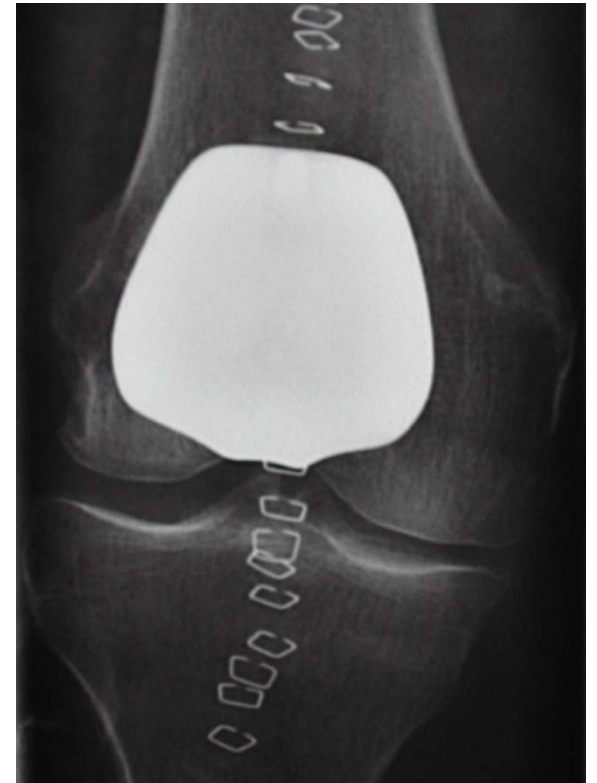
**UKA or TKA**

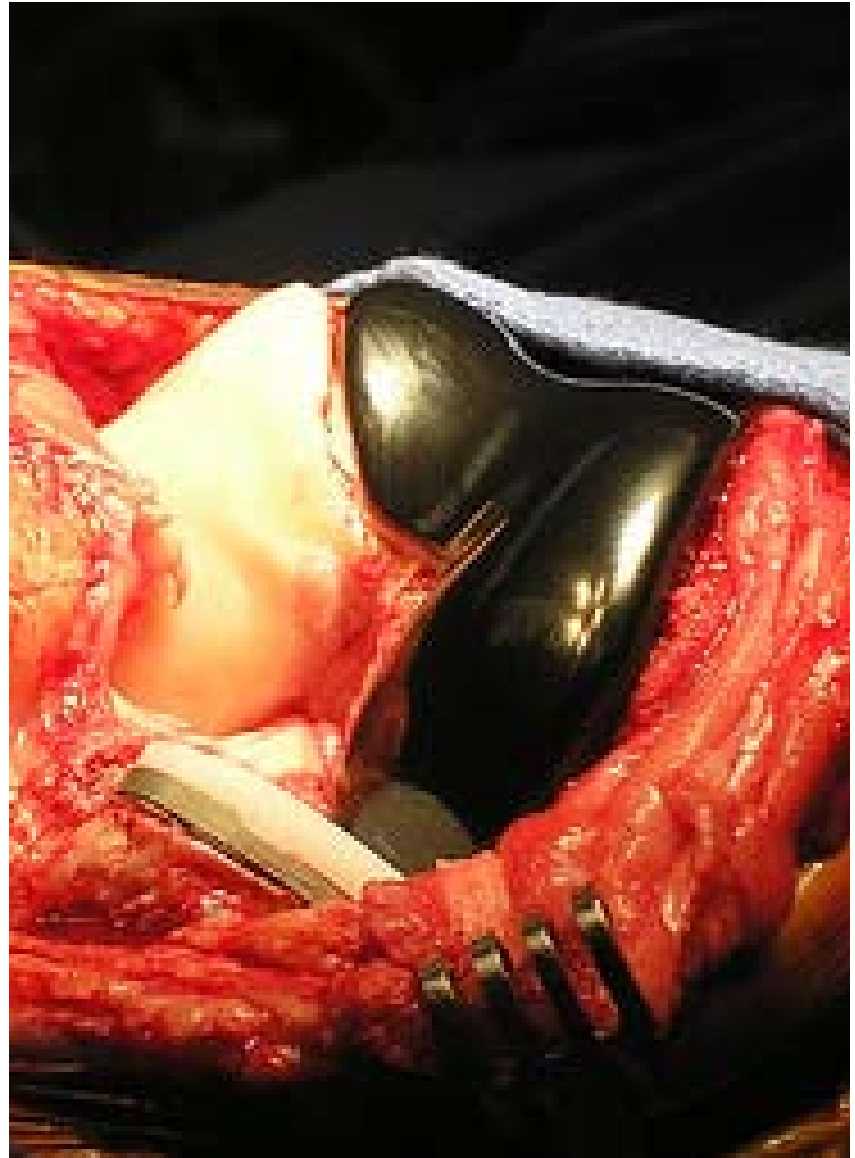
1-year functional outcome (OKS)

10-year survival

Health economics

# Similar evidence for other procedures required





# Extending Indications for Partial Knee Replacement



Medial UKA + ACL

Early results in Oxford  
encouraging

Mean OKS 43 at 2 years  
(n = 30)

# Treatment of earlier disease

We need to understand the pattern of early disease.



# 'Partial thickness' radiographic AMG

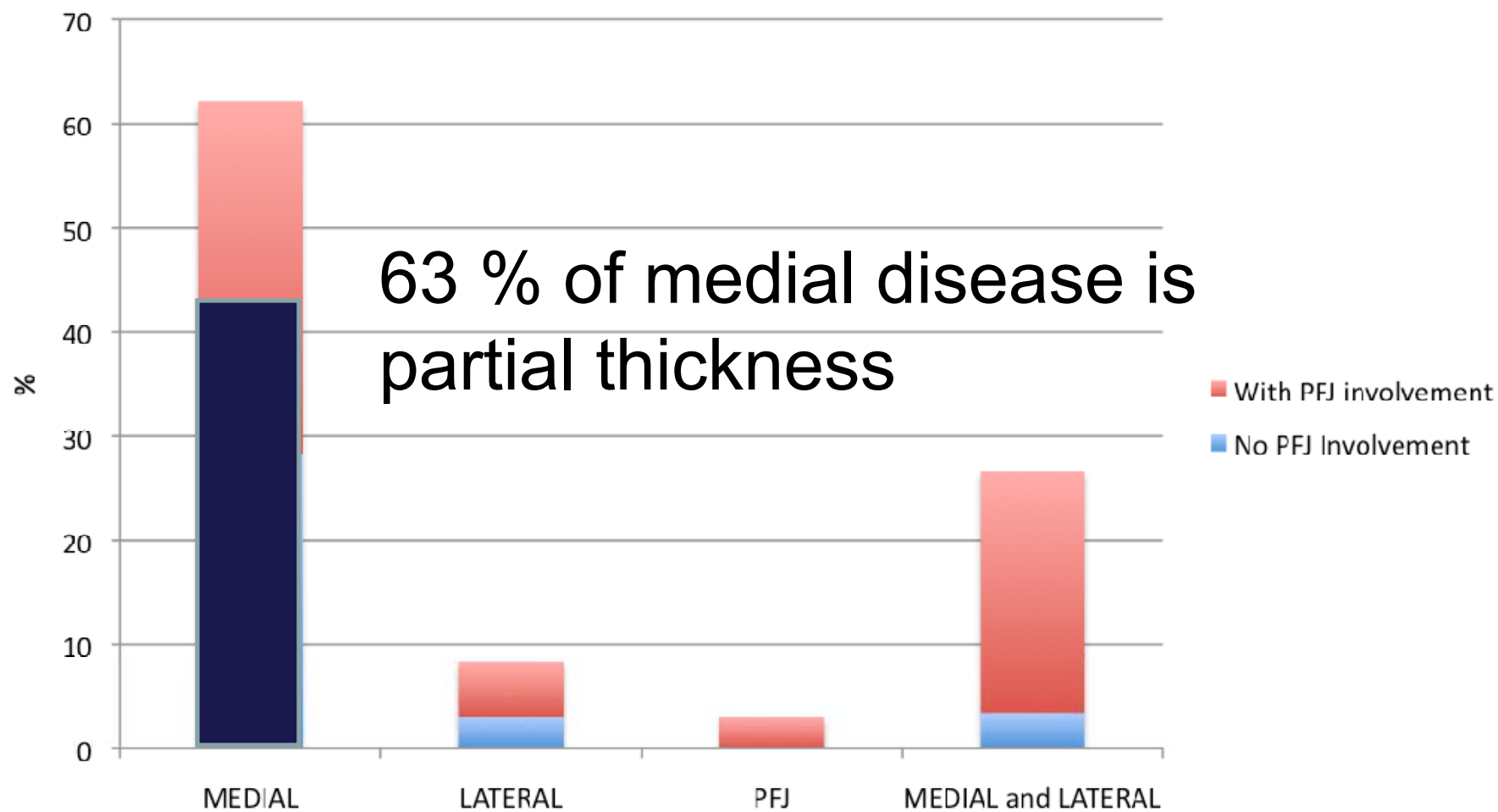


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Grade 2

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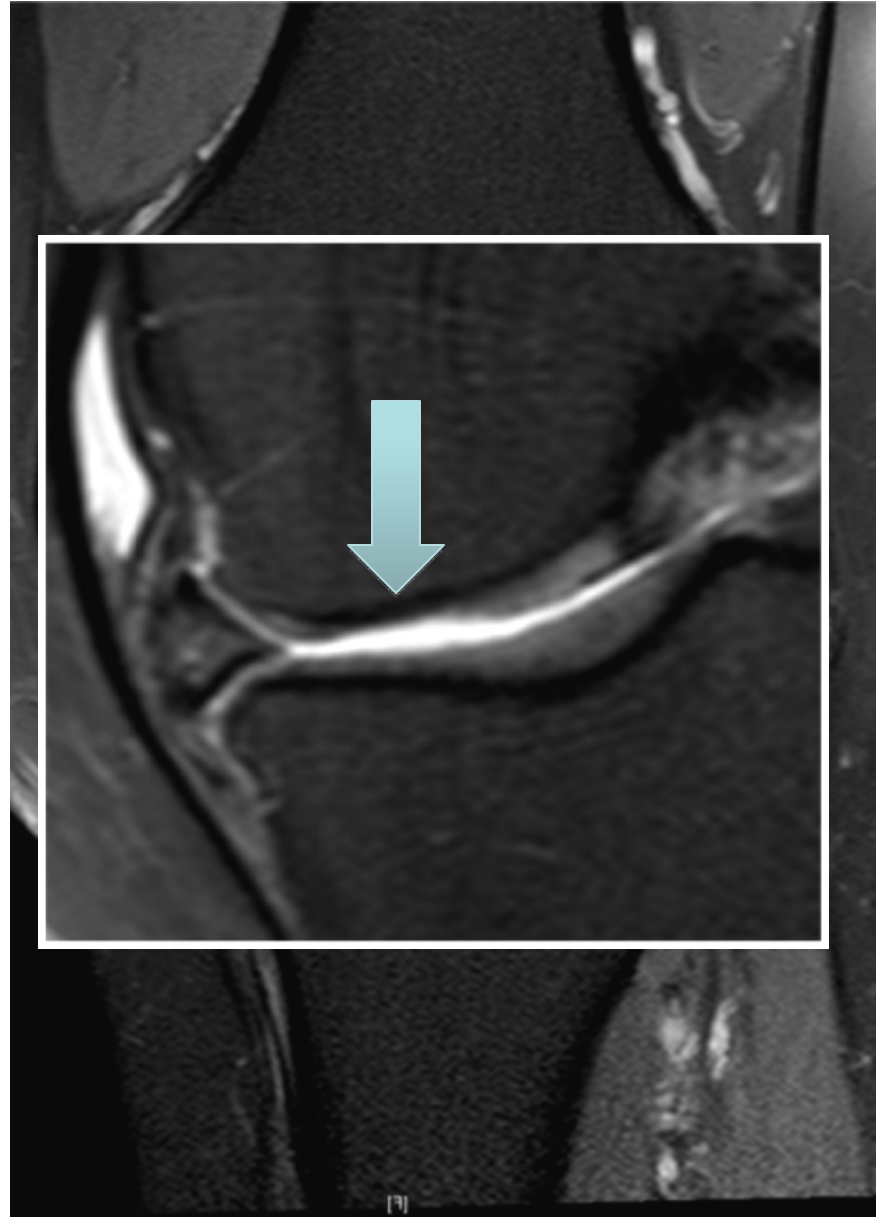
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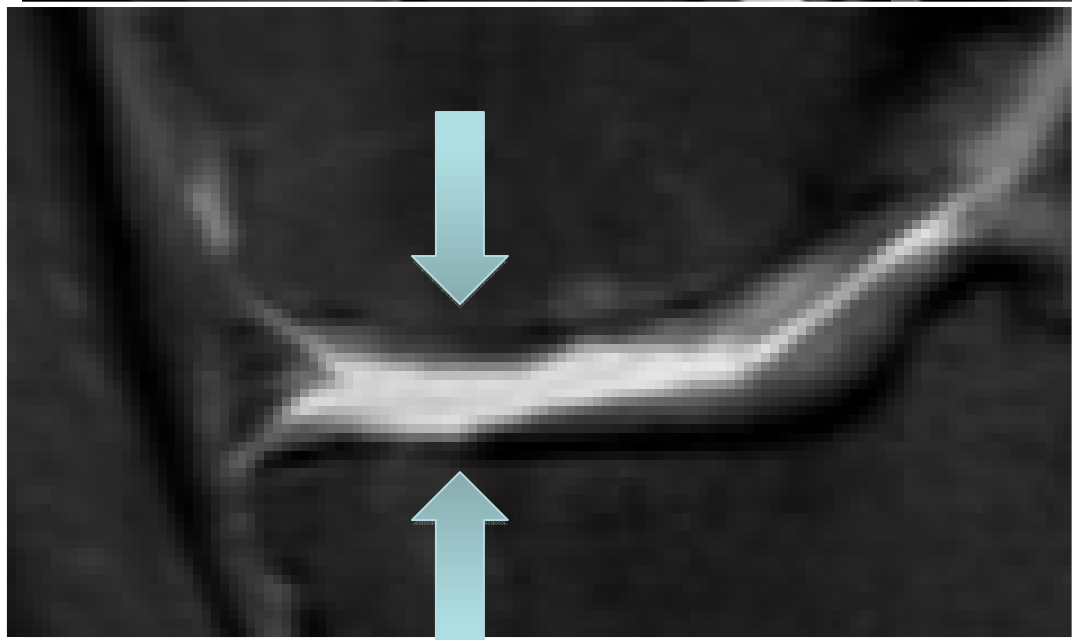
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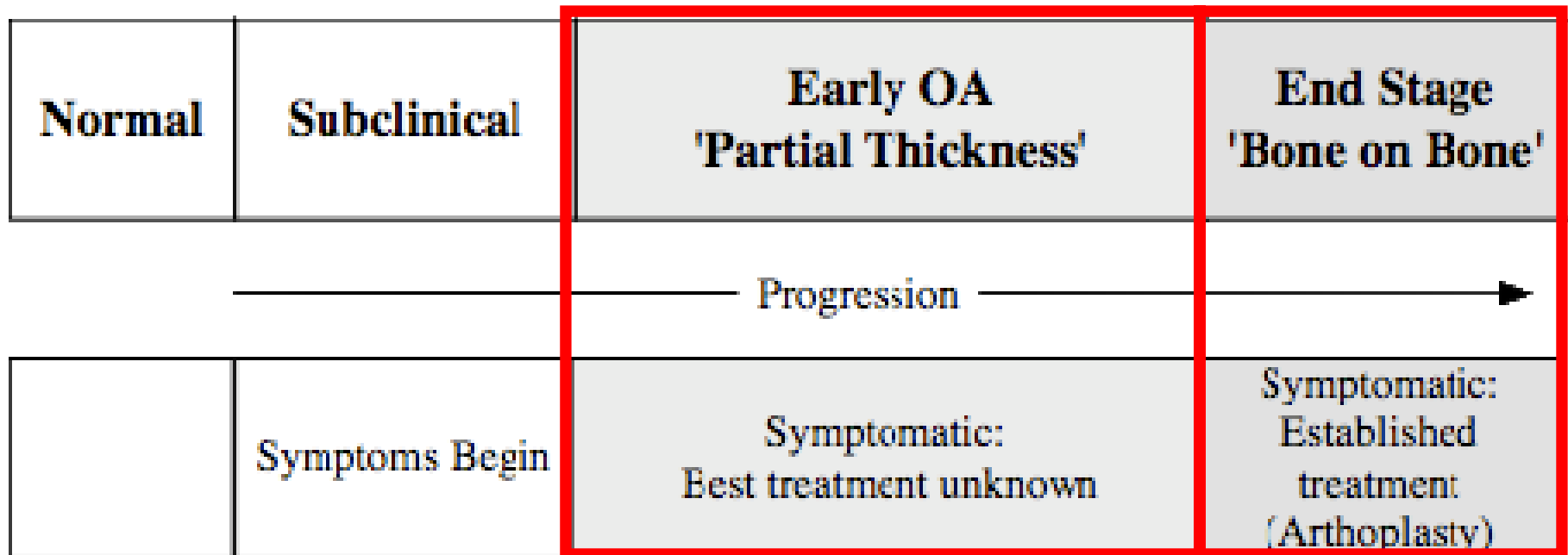
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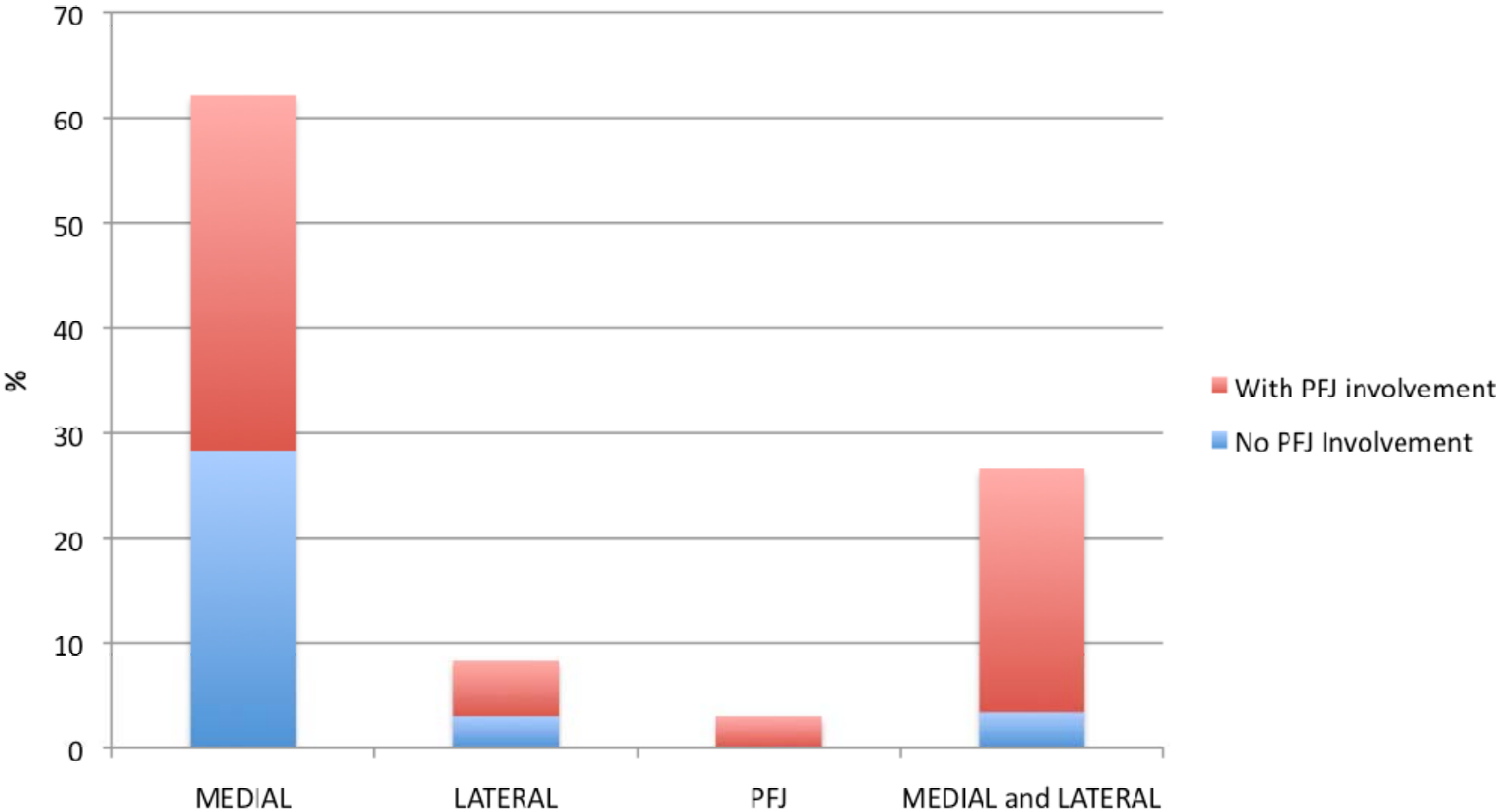
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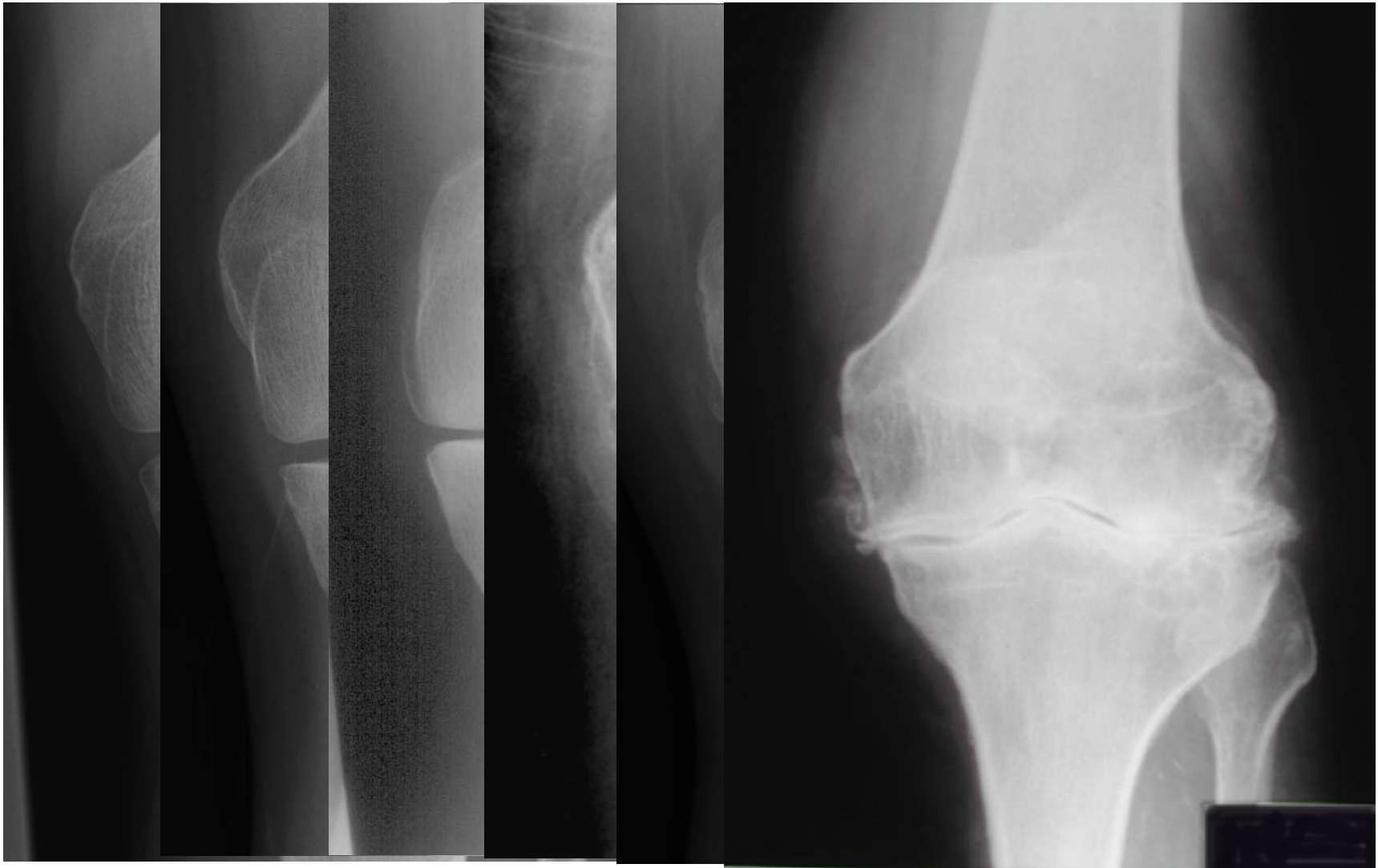
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# Progression of medial OA

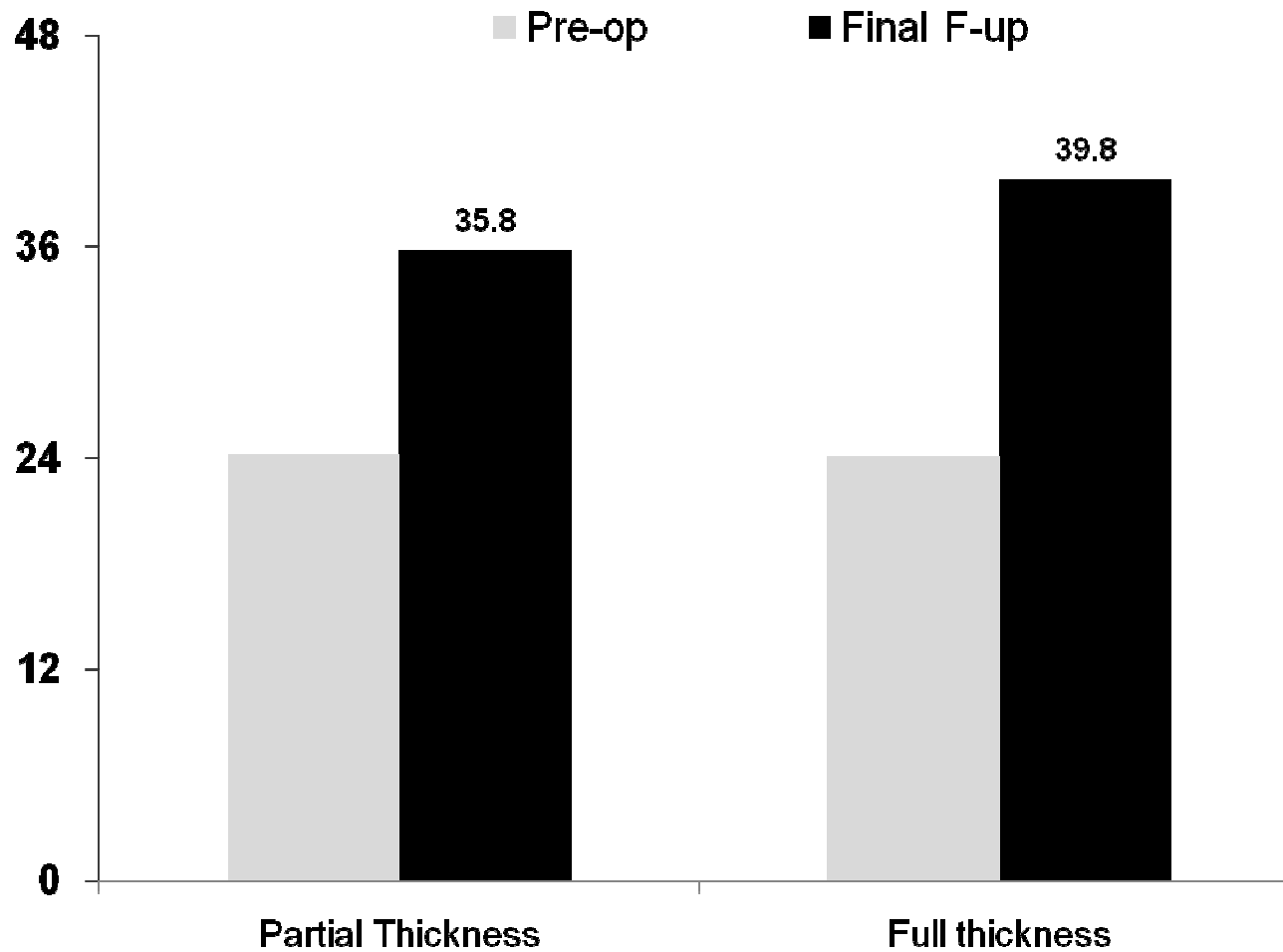


# UKA for Partial Thickness AMG at the NOC

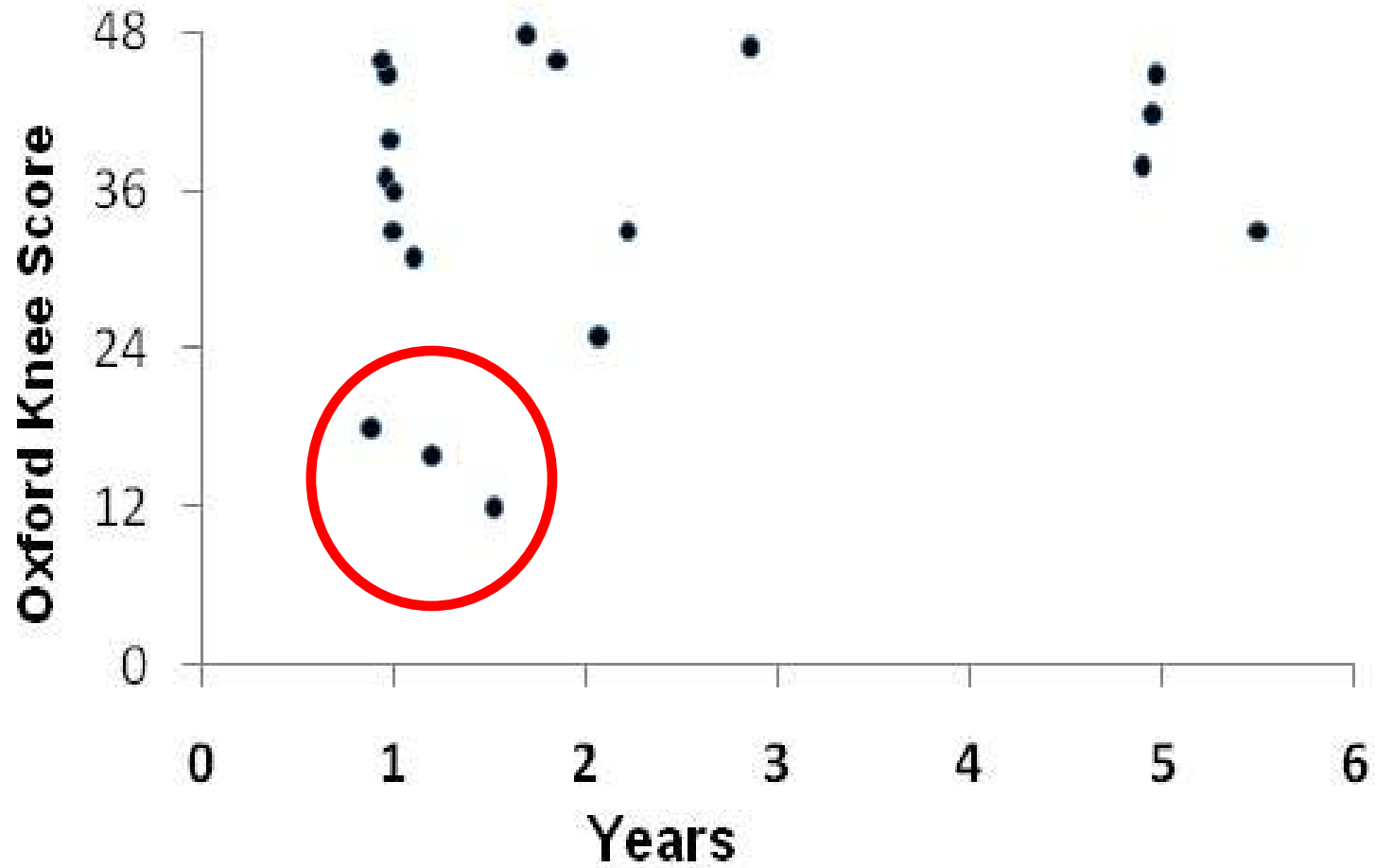
- UKA in KL grade 2 or 3
- 21 Knees & patients (out of total series of 1150 )
- Oxford mobile bearing UKA
- Partial thickness (PT) compared to Full thickness ( FT) cartilage damage



# UKA for Partial Thickness at the NOC



# UKA for Partial Thickness OA



# Define Indications for UKA in earlier disease

- Understand the stages of medial OA

# Role of Osteotomy



Malalignment associated  
with progression

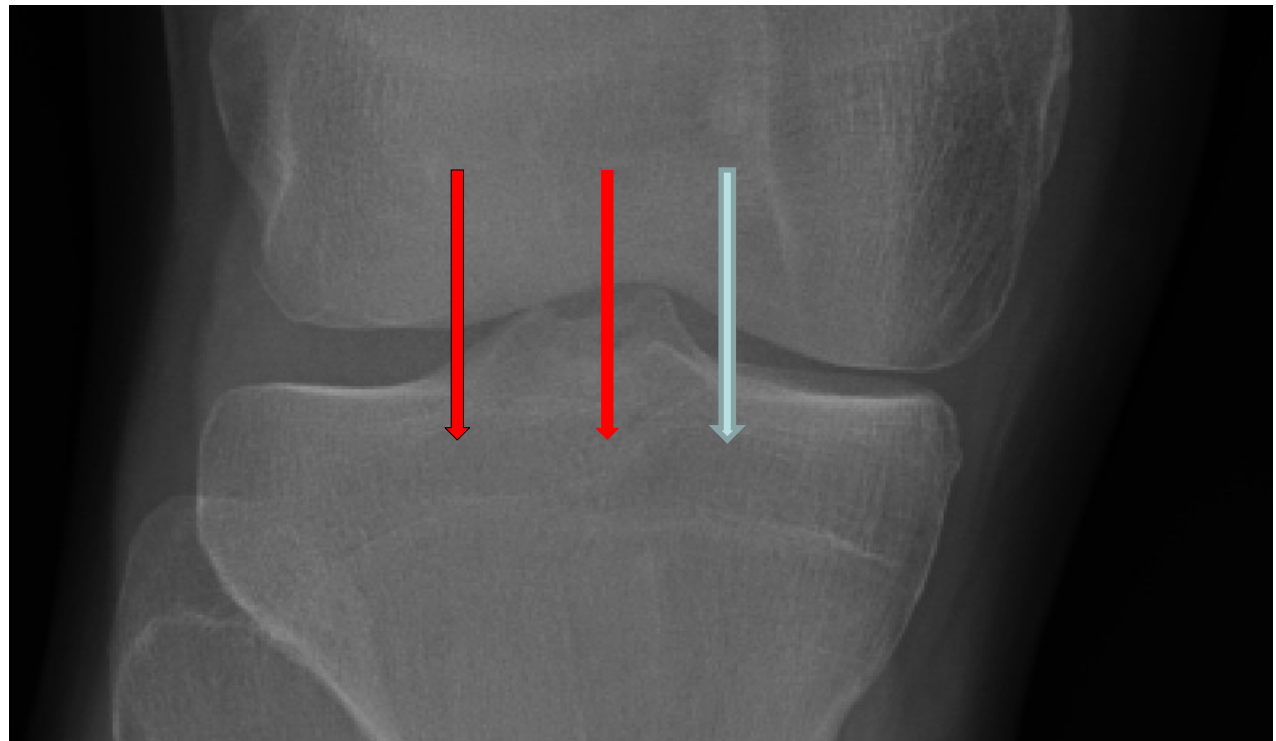
Sharma et al. 2001 JAMA

Osteotomy may prevent  
progression

# HTO: Opening vs. closing ?

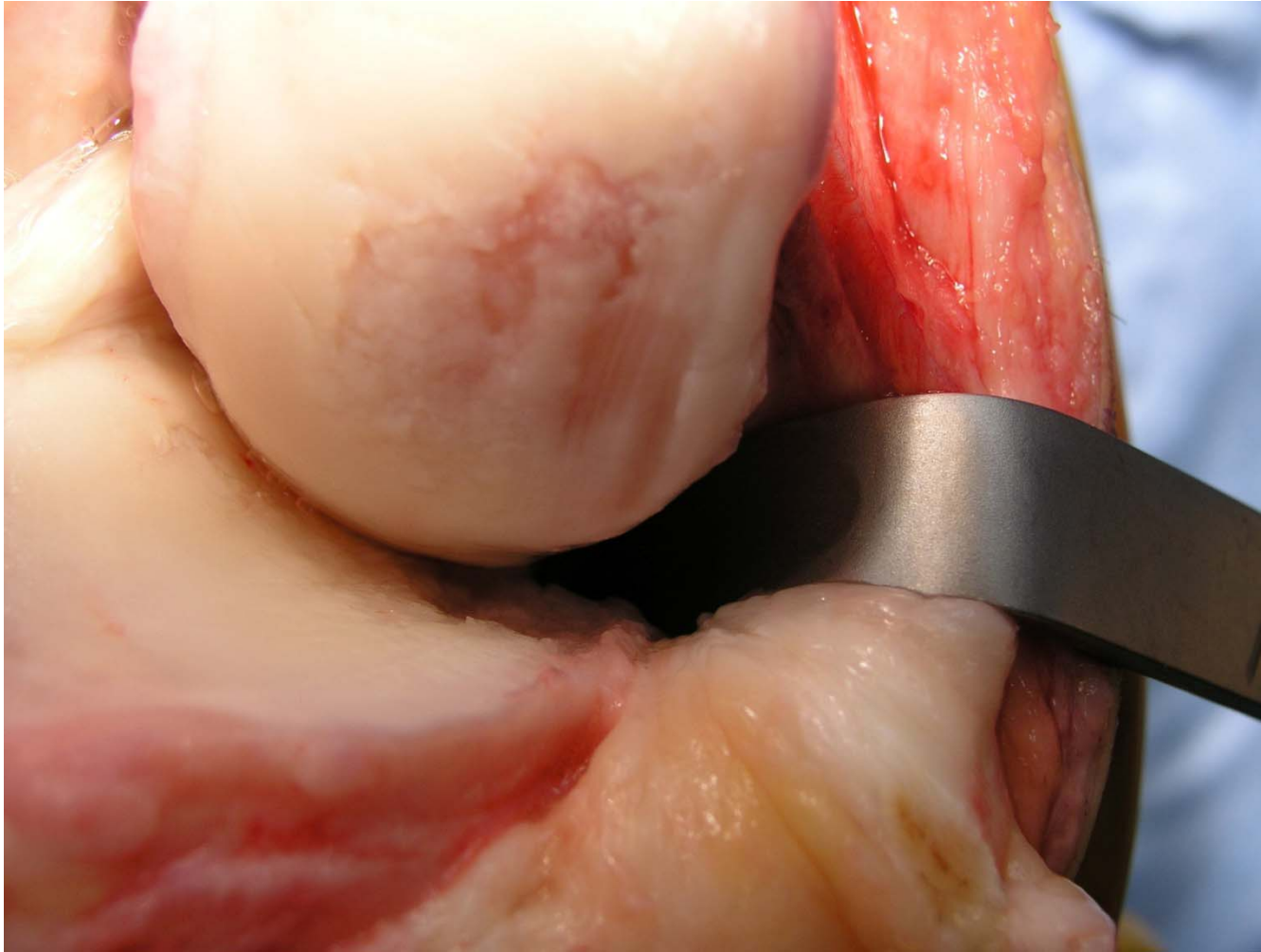


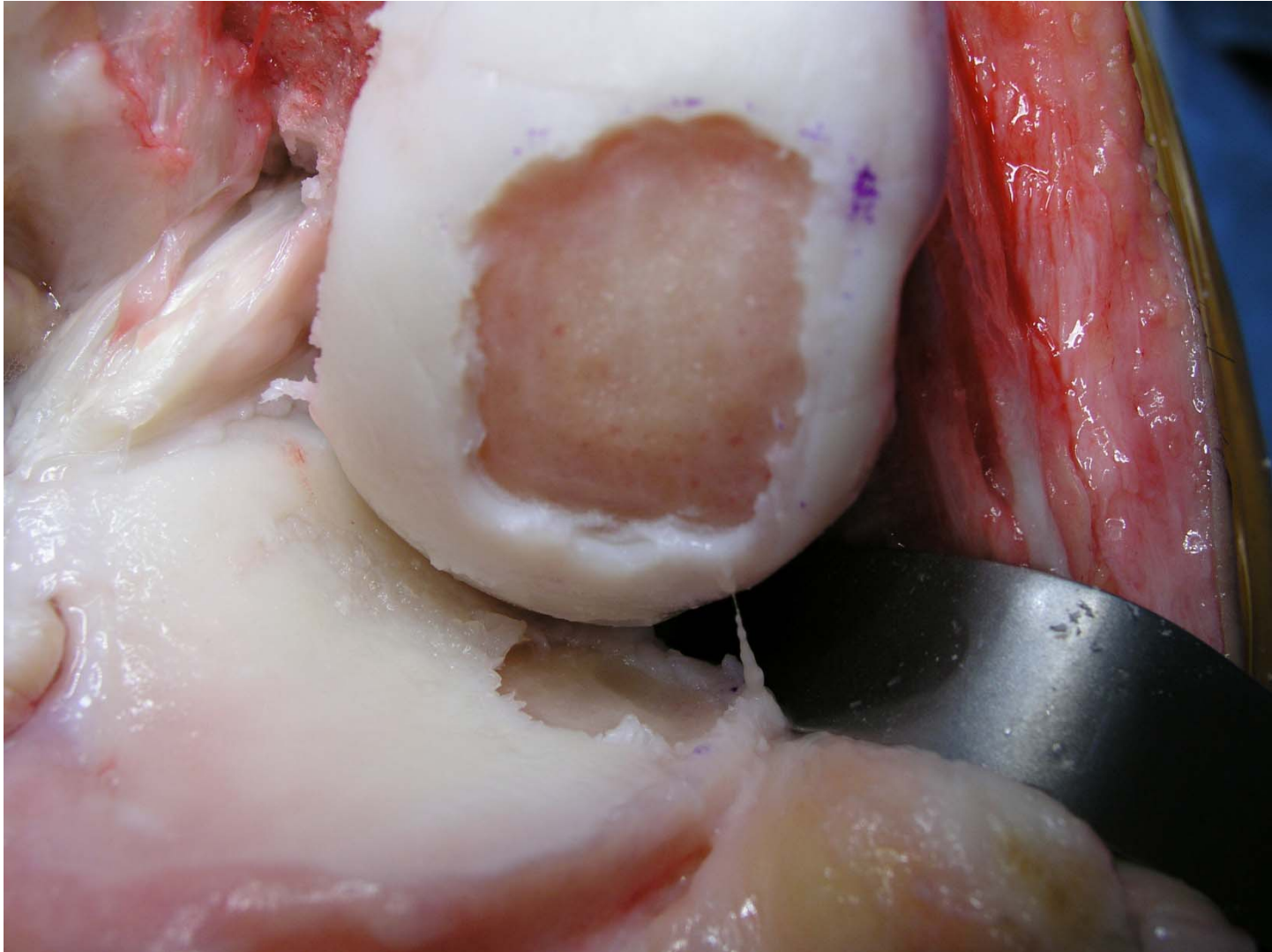
# HTO ? Size of correction



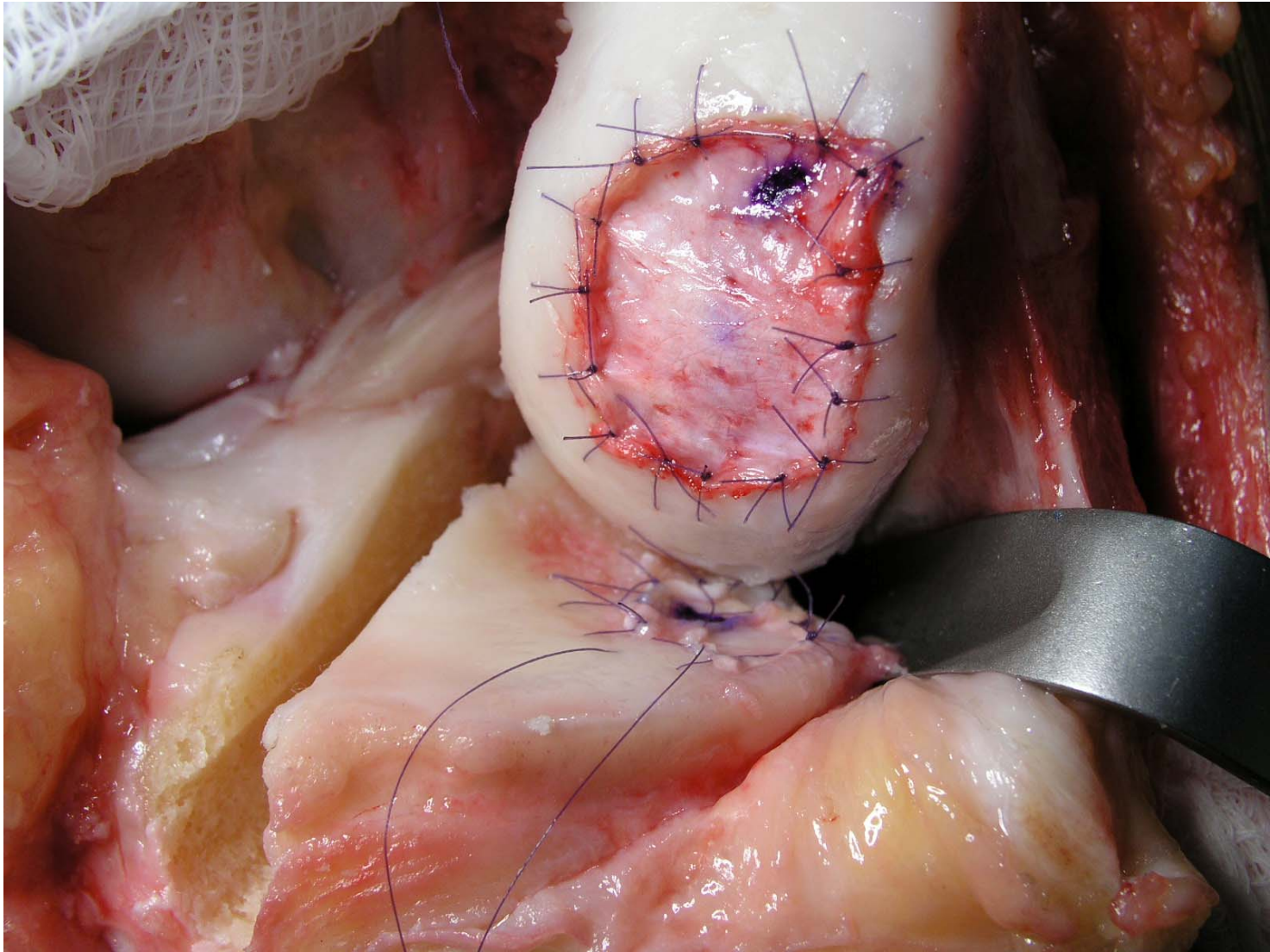
Role for navigation

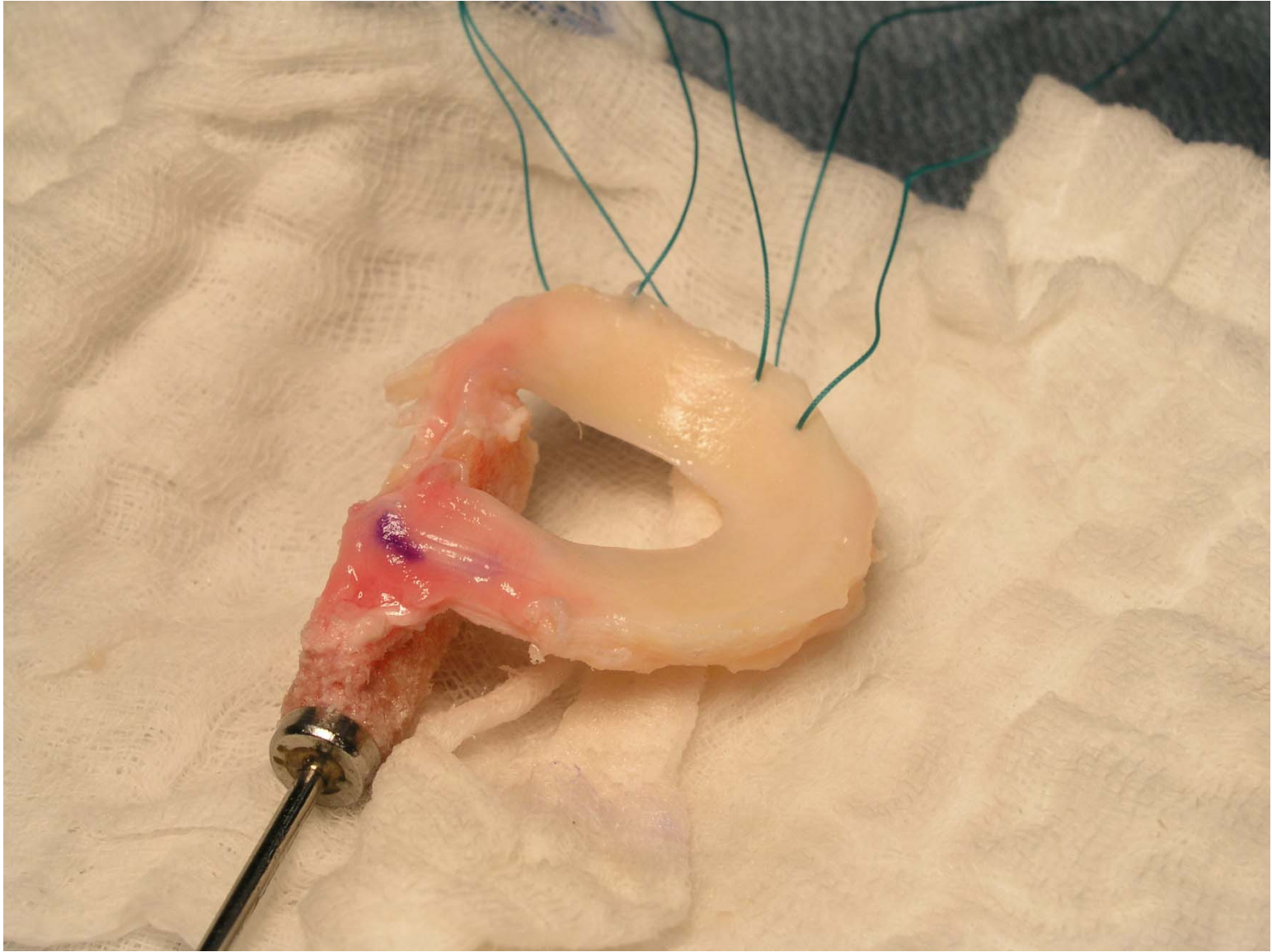
# Role of Biological Replacement









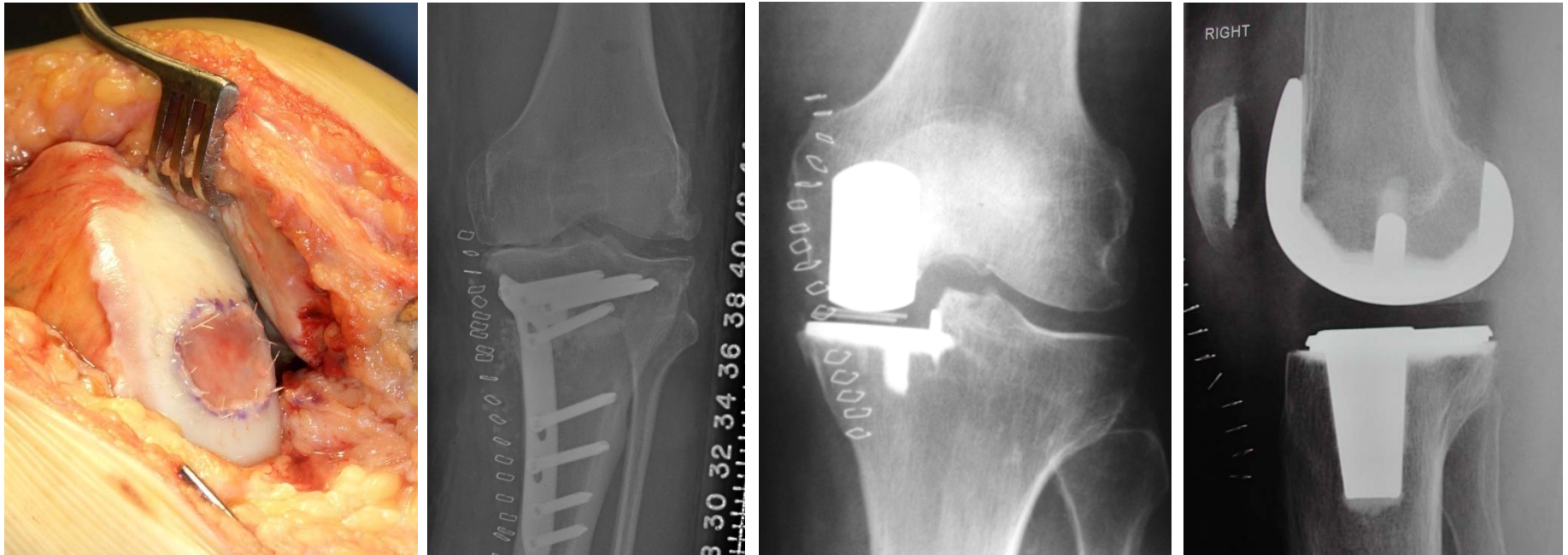


# Biological Reconstruction

- Indication: Young patients
- Few short term reports
- No longer-term results
- Post-operation morbidity
- Cost – prohibitive in NHS
- More data required

# KNEE PROCEDURES IN OA

## What are we trying to achieve?



Sustained reduction in pain and improved function  
Across the entire treatment history of the patient

# AIMS

## Development of knee OA treatment

- Improve established TKA procedure
- Develop use of partial knee arthroplasty if established as clinically advantageous
- Use HTO to treat early disease to slow progression

# OA surgery treatment pathway

- Implications of each treatment for the next

HTO

UKA

TKA

Revision TKA

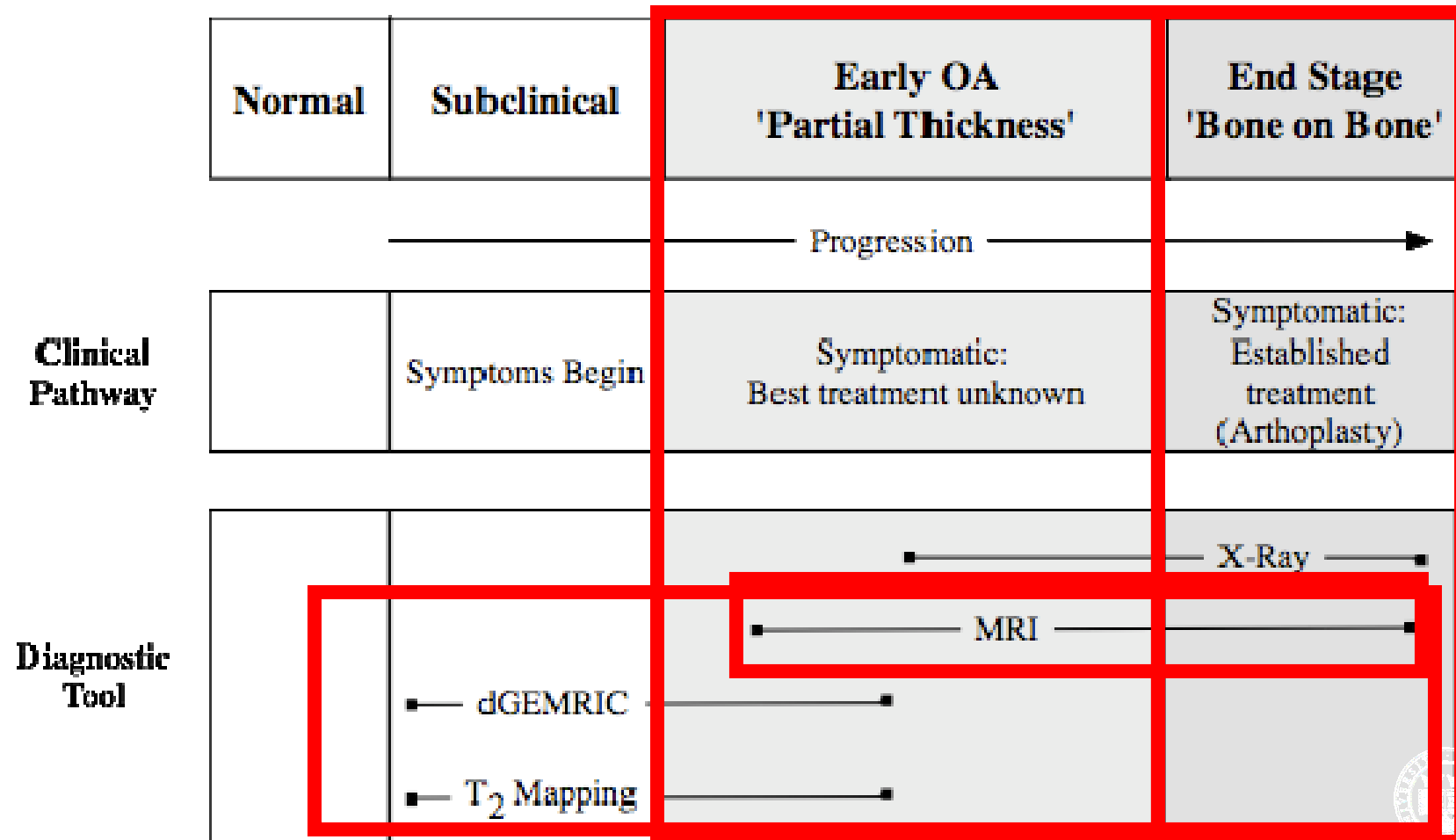




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Thank you

# Time Line for Knee OA





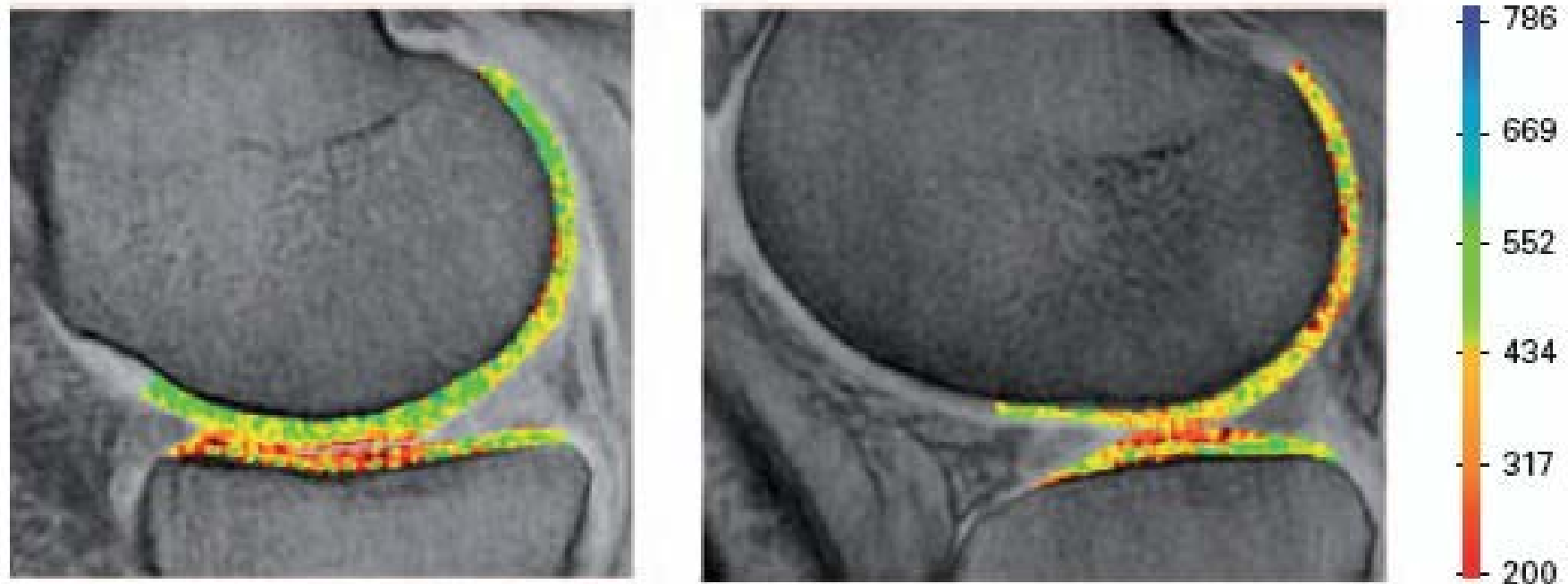
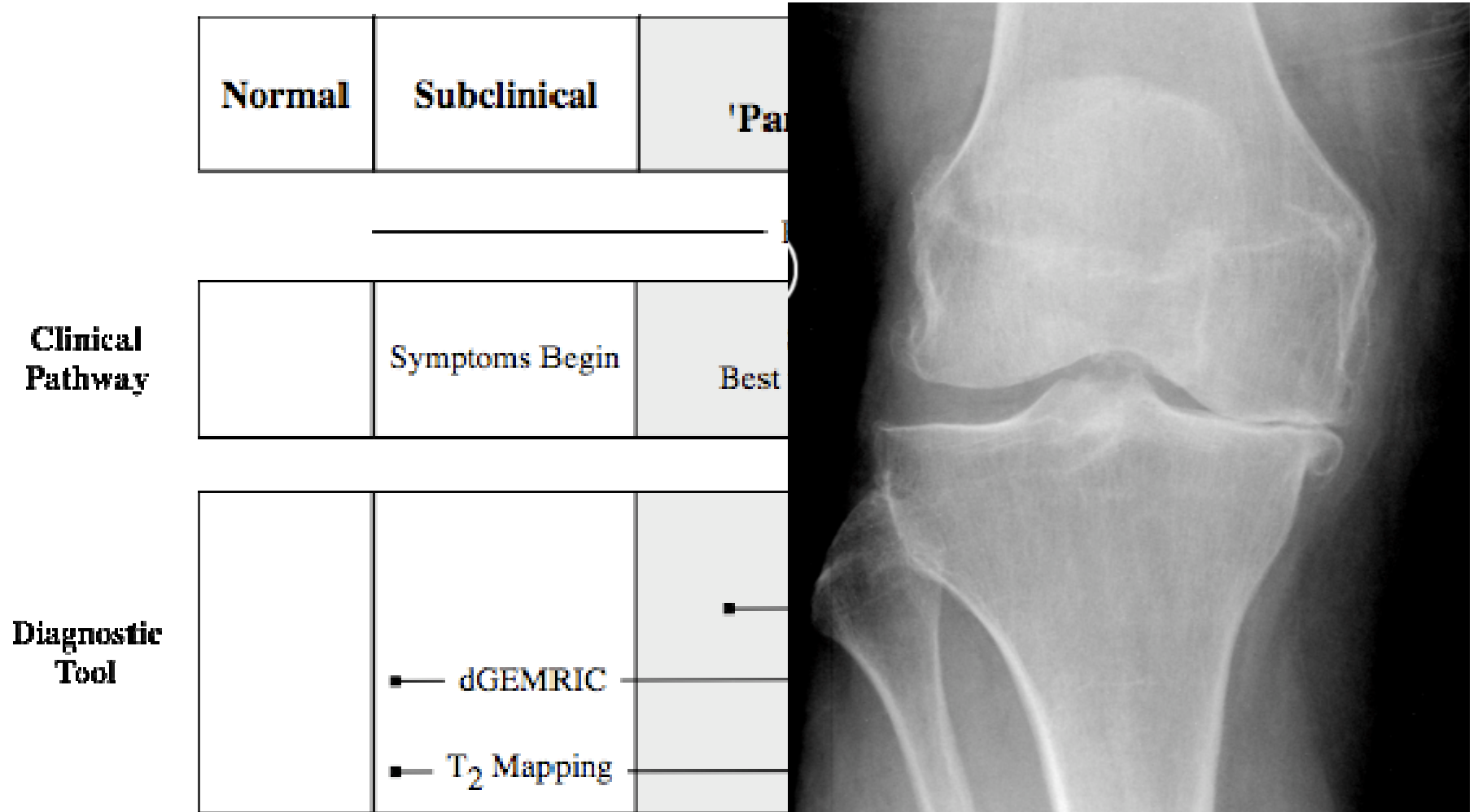


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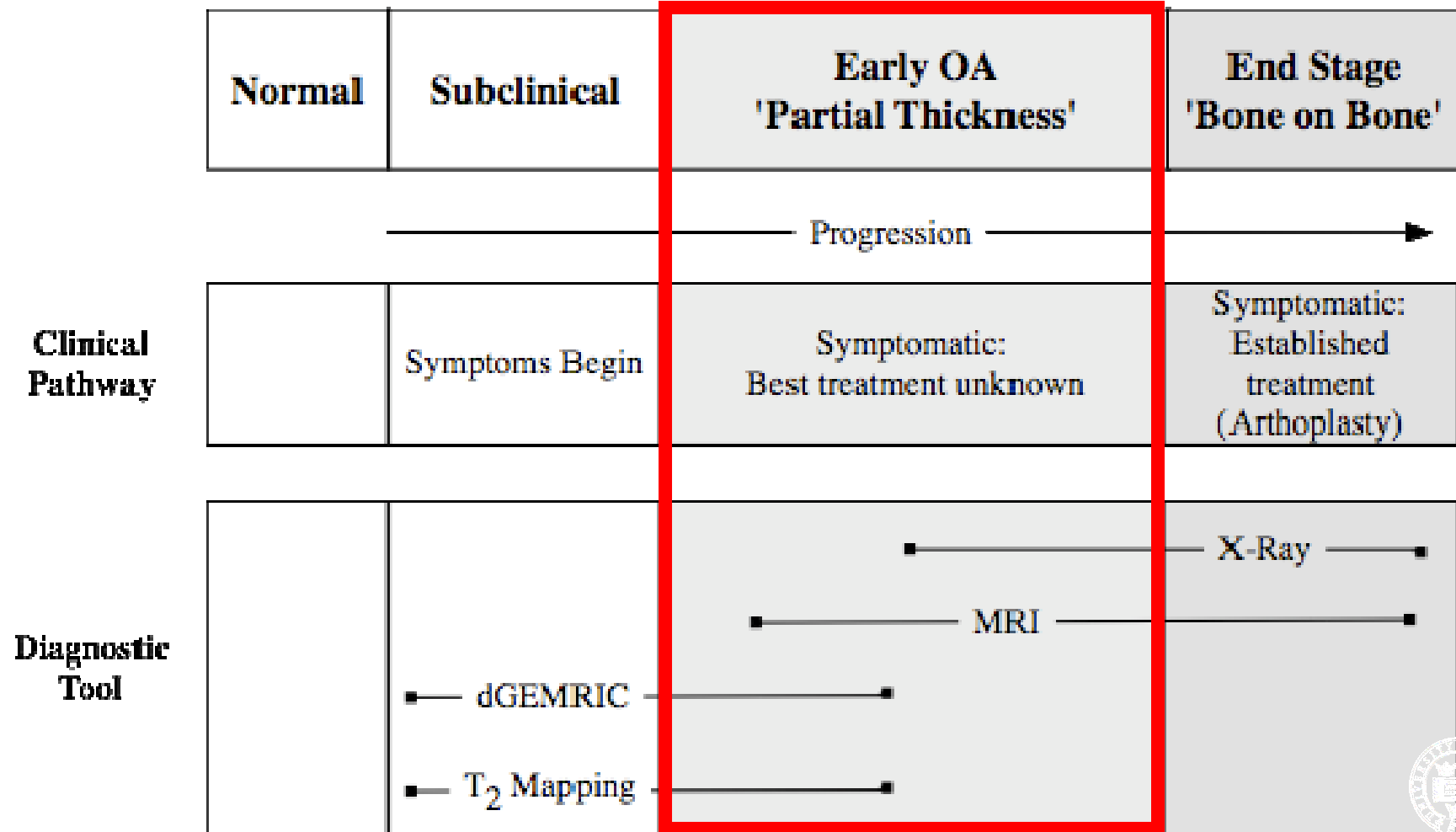
A delayed gadolinium-enhanced MRI of cartilage (dGEMRIC) scan of the knee showing slices from the medial (left) and lateral (right) compartments. The scale (ms) represents the dGEMRIC index ( $T_{1Gd}$ ), the colour scale applied to the image facilitates visual interpretation. Higher values of  $T_{1Gd}$  represent increased glycosaminoglycan (GAG) content. The scan demonstrates the physiological reduction in concentration of GAG as one moves from the deep to superficial cartilage zones, particularly clearly for the tibial cartilage of the lateral compartment. The tibial cartilage of the medial compartment demonstrates a relative depletion of GAGs anteriorly compared with posteriorly, in the absence of chondral erosion, suggesting early anteromedial osteoarthritis (image kindly provided by Dr Deborah Burstein, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston).

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# Conclusion

## Surgery for medial OA at 50

HTO

UKA

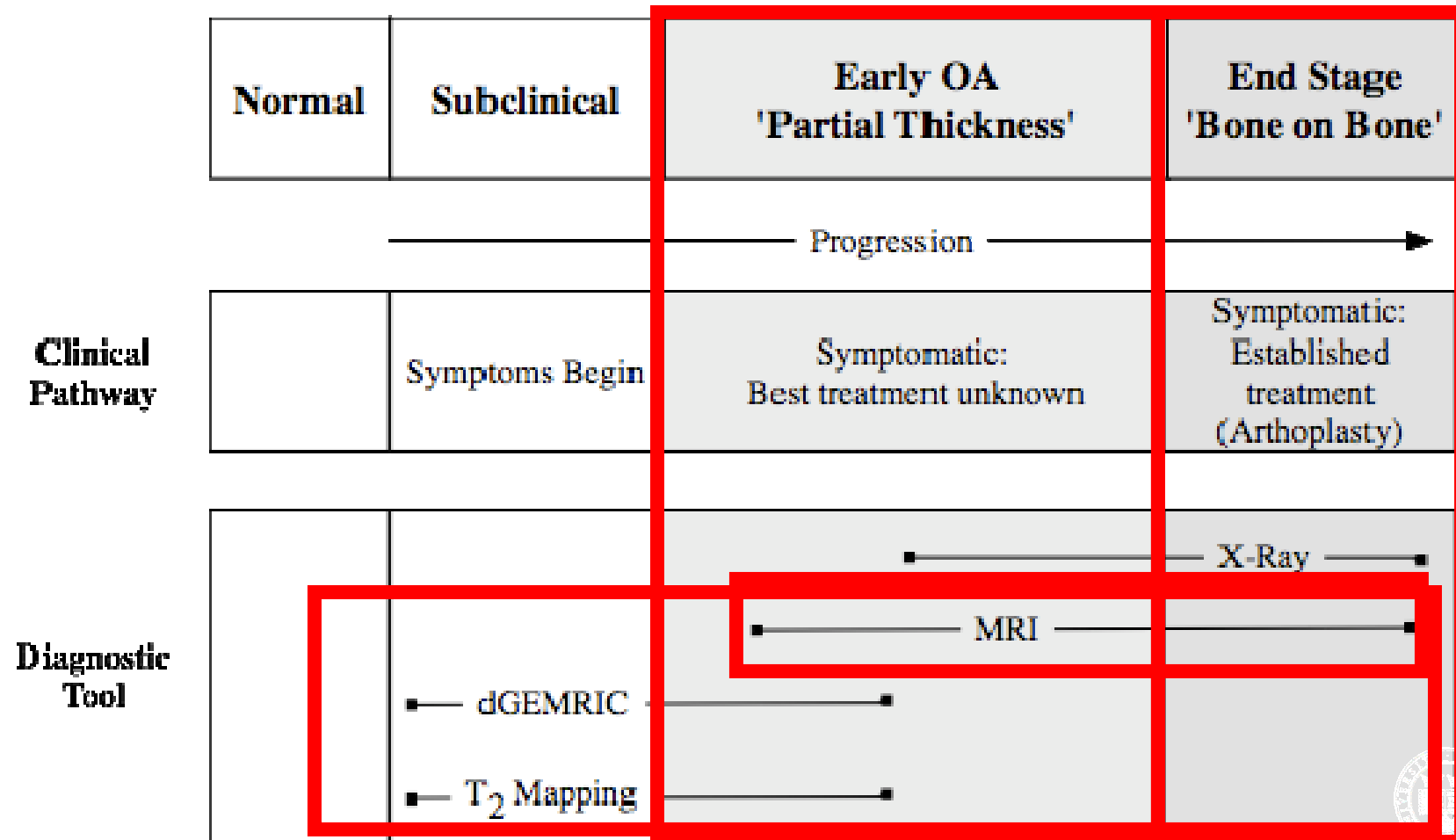
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Knee surgeon requires all these methods to treat the spectrum of disease seen with OA in the young adult.

Each has its correct indications.



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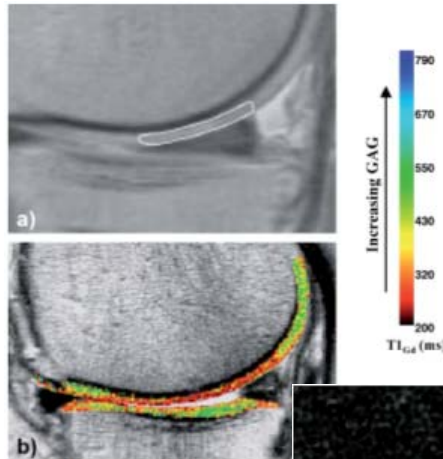


# Alternative treatments

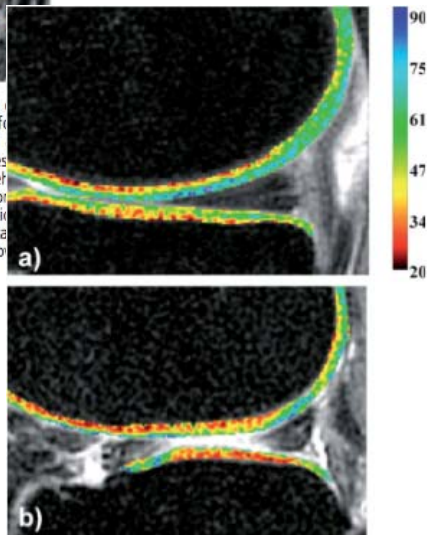
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# Modern imaging techniques



**Figure 10.** Sagittal dGEMRIC images means of obtaining relaxation time info signal intensity from a given region images comprising the relaxation metric representing the relaxation of tissue. (b) Alternatively, the relaxation on a pixel by pixel basis for a relaxation example, the dGEMRIC Index ( $T_{1Gd}$ ) can sharp demarcation of a region of low femoral condyle.



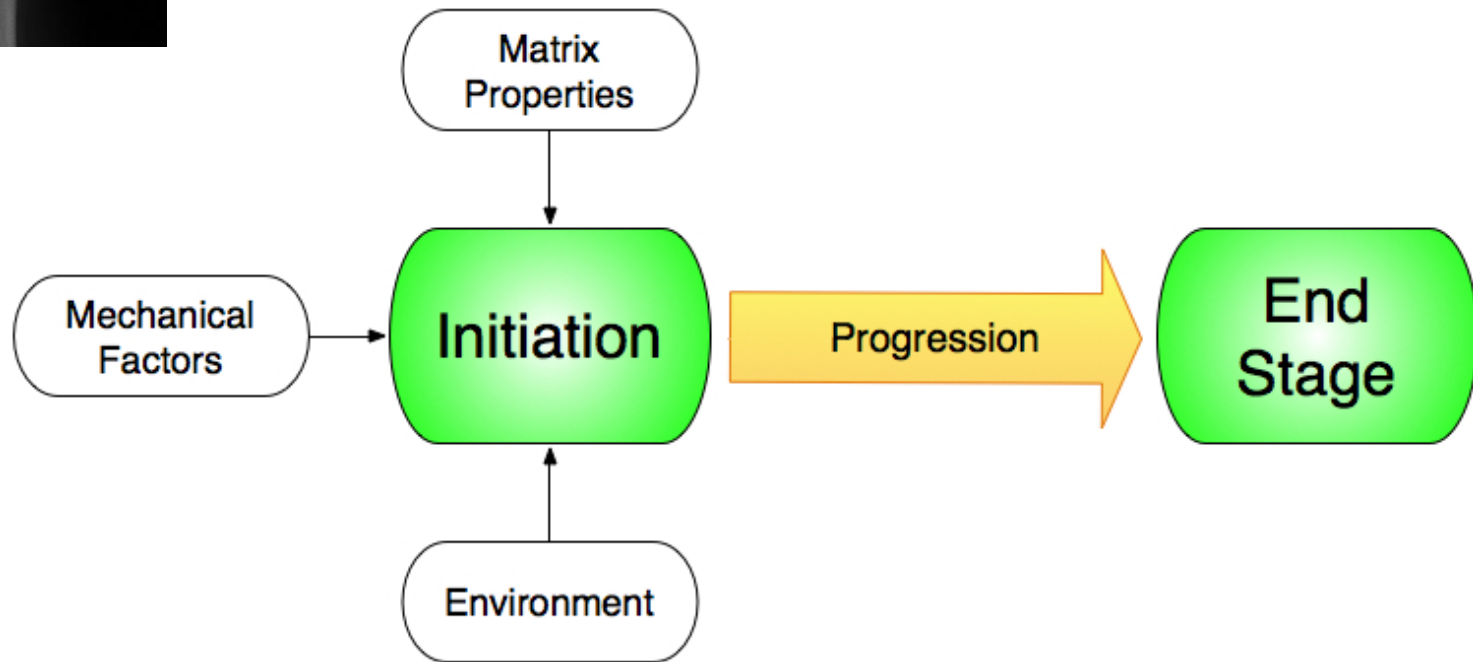
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  - proteoglycan assessment

- $T_2$  Mapping
  - Collagen assessment

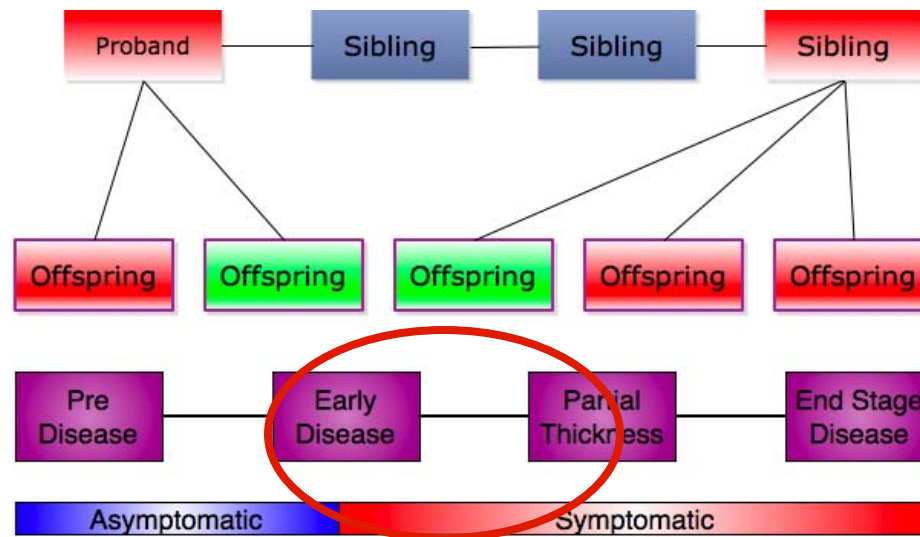


# Genetic Risk



# Sib-Kid Imaging

- Long leg X-Rays, MRI and CT of Sib Kid cohort
- Describe stages of OA



# Family Studies

- Sibling Risk
  - Hip OA - 2.05
    - Lanyon et al 2000
  - Hip or knee OA - 2.32
    - Chitnavis et al 1997
  - Tricompartmental knee OA - 2.8
    - Neame et al 2004
  - AMG - 3.21
    - McDonnell et al 2007
- Offspring Risk
  - Hip OA - 3.5
    - Spencer et al 2005

# Risk

## - Family Studies

Proband



# Early OA of the Knee

- How do we identify patients with early disease?





Figure 1 - A timeline of knee osteoarthritis

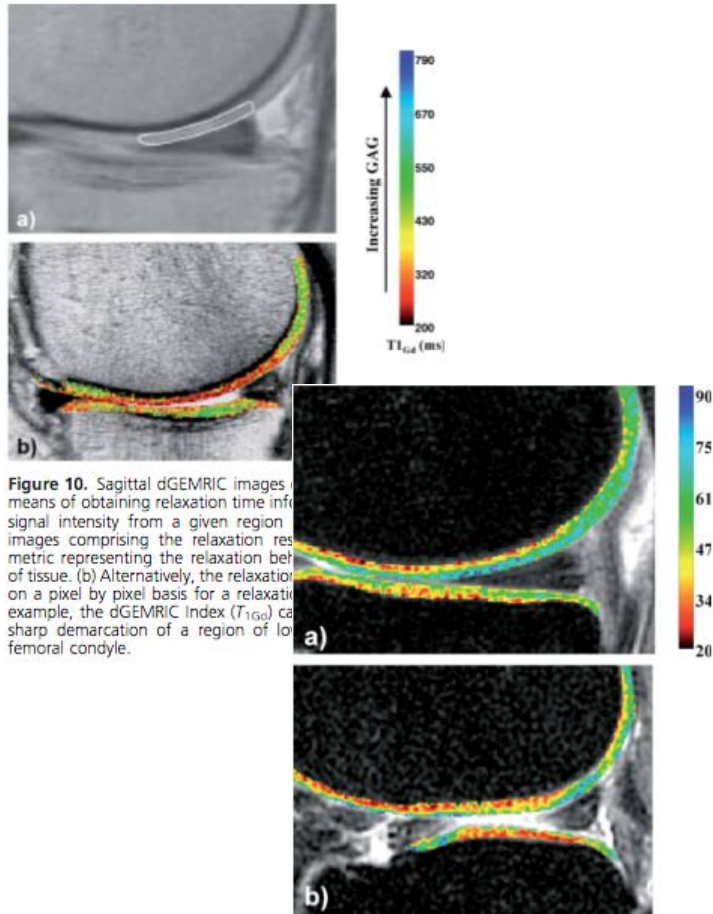
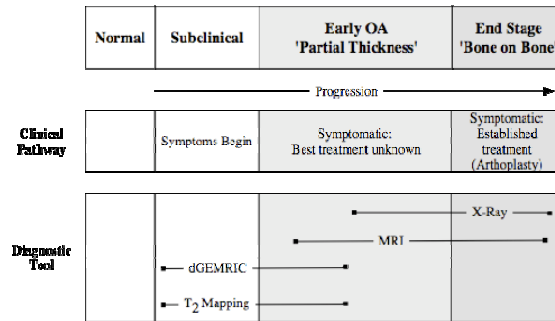


Figure 10. Sagittal dGEMRIC images. (a) shows a normal knee joint with a color scale for T<sub>1Gd</sub> (ms) ranging from 200 to 790. (b) shows a knee joint with a sharp demarcation of a region of low T<sub>1Gd</sub>, indicating a region of low proteoglycan content.

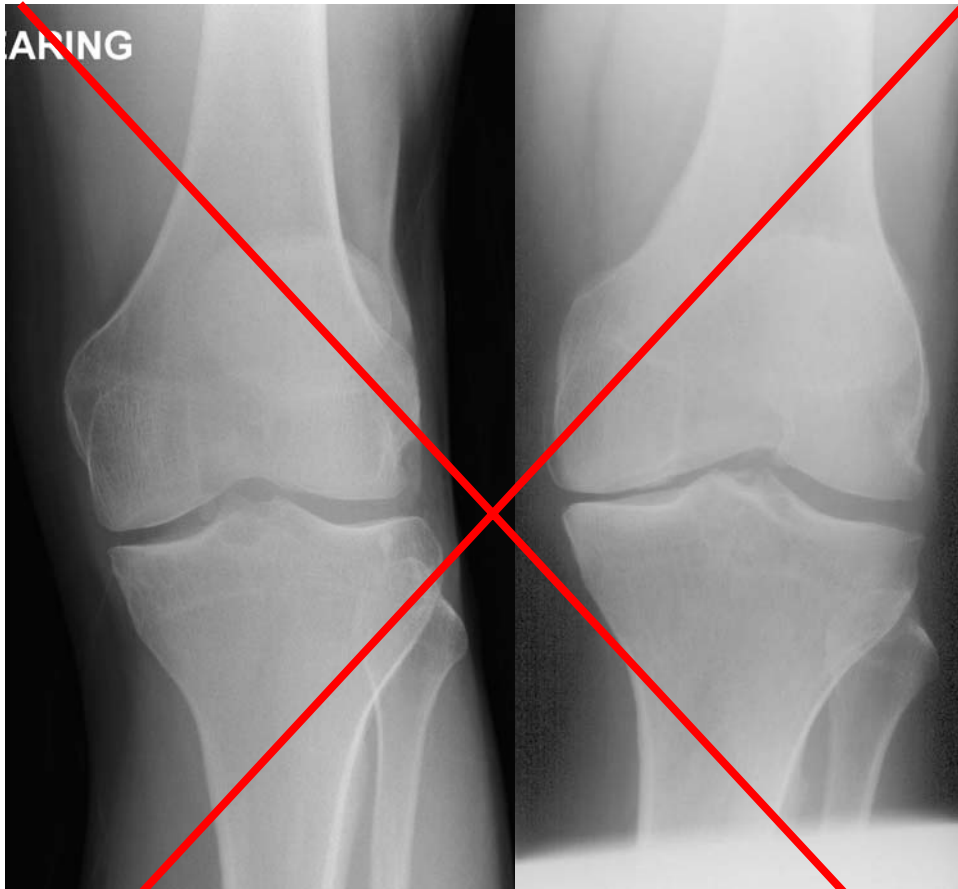
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# Present indication for UKA for Antero-medial OA



Partial thickness



**Full thickness Bone  
on Bone**

- Cost of UKA

# Progression of medial OA

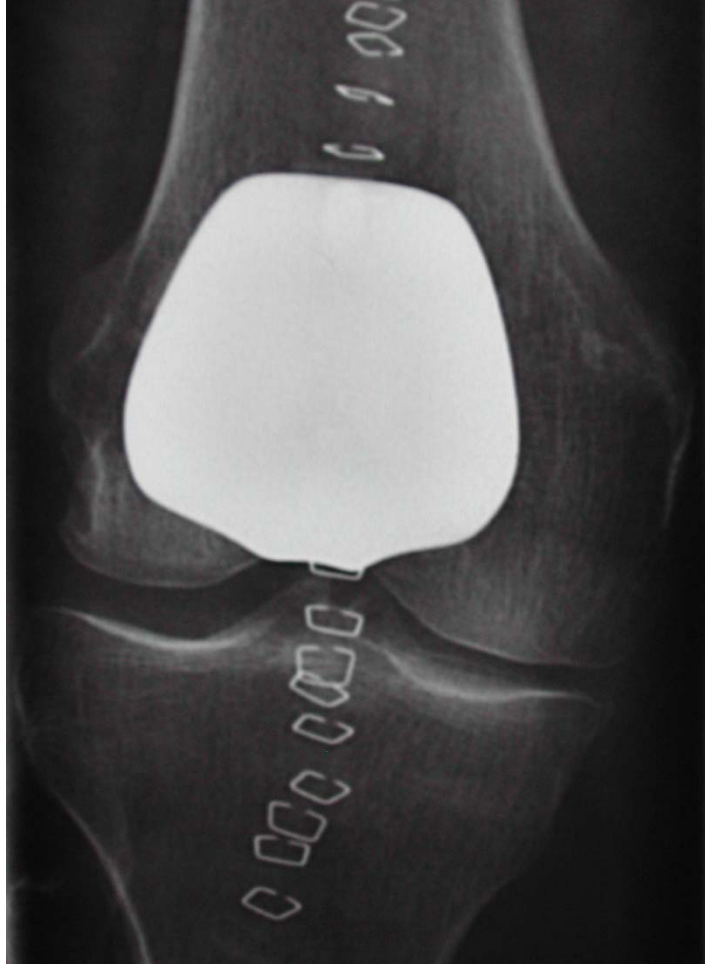






# Anteromedial Gonarthrosis (AMG)

- White et al 1991
  - Medial compartment wear
  - Intact ACL and MCL
  - Correctable varus deformity
- McDonnell, Price et al 2008
  - As ACL damage progresses, the lesion extends further posteriorly





# Indications for UKA

## Knee pathology

- **Full thickness articular cartilage loss**
- ACL intact
- Correctable varus deformity
- Anterior medial OA