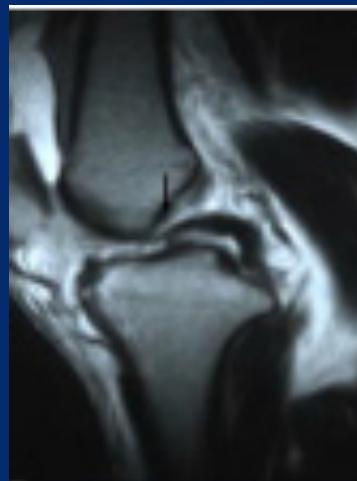


# Arthroscopic PCL reconstruction

## How I do



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✓ Basic anatomy

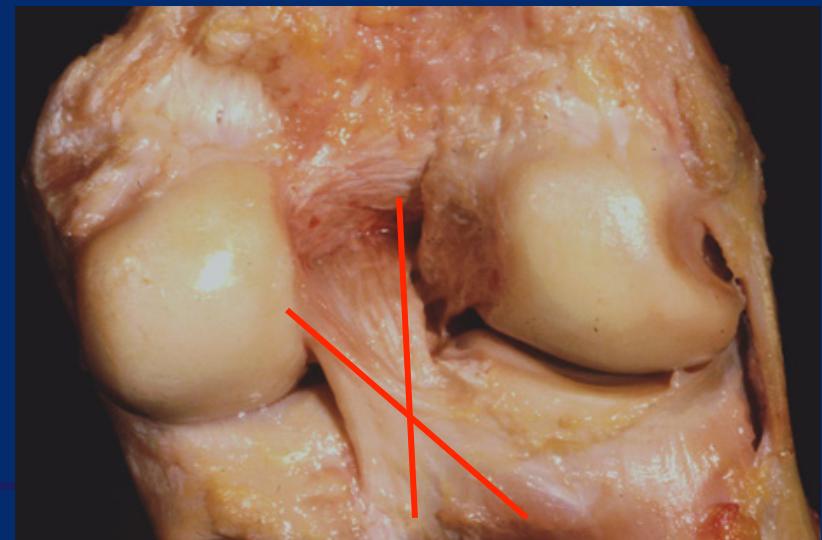


✓ Choice of the Graft

✓ Tibial & Femoral Tunnels

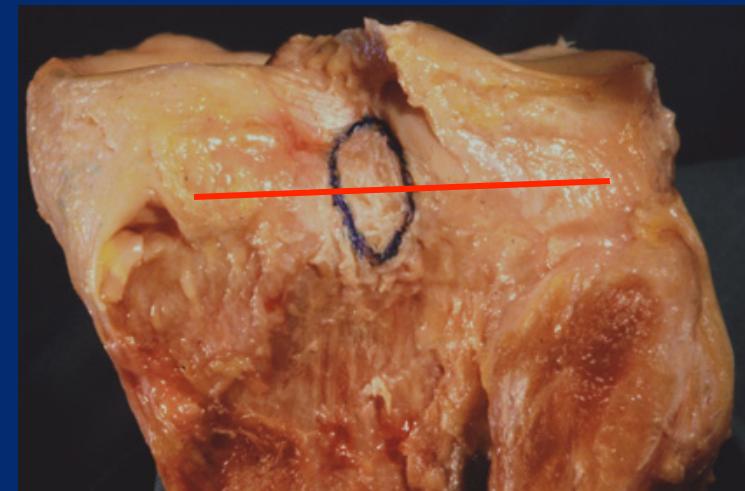
✓ Fixation

✓ SB vs DB



# Basic PCL anatomy

✓ Tibial attachment

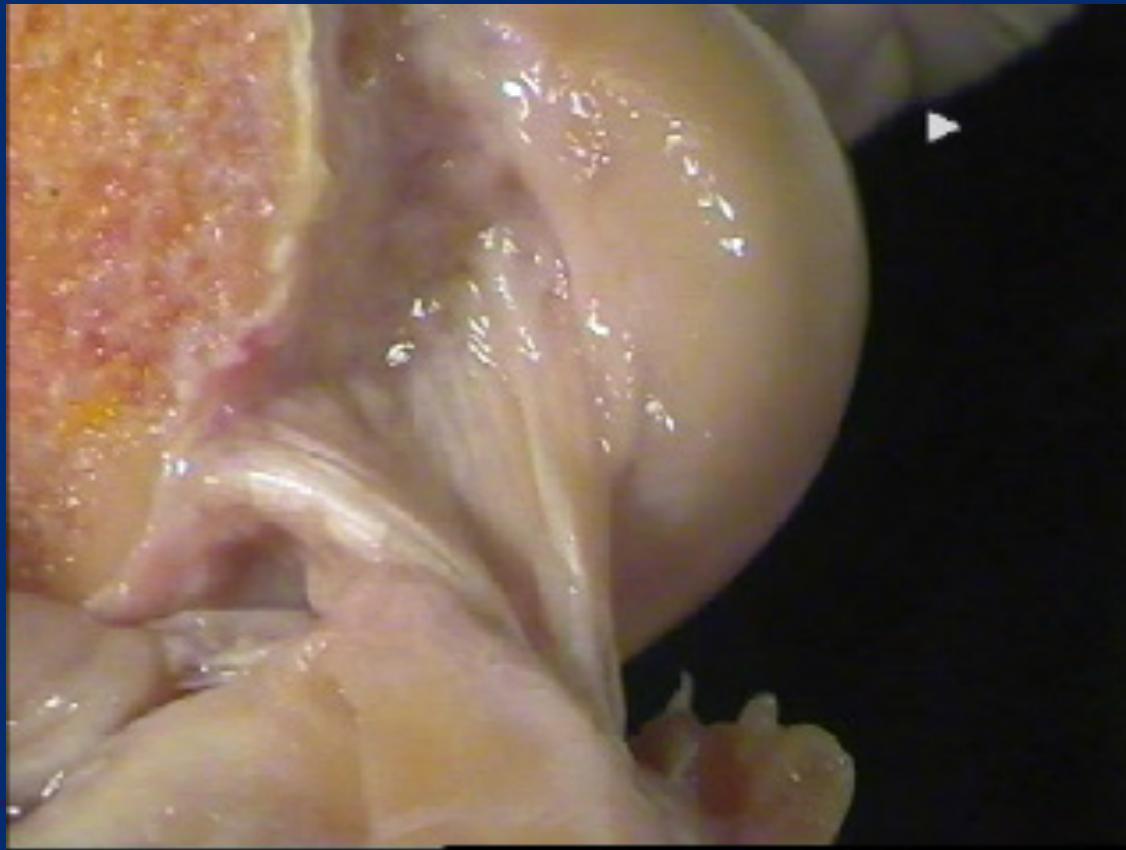


✓ Femoral attachment



# Basic PCL anatomy

- ✓ Biomechanics of both bundles



# Choice of graft

- ✓ Keep intact the dynamic stabilizers
- ✓ Autograft (quad tendon or hamstring)
  - ✓ Can be splitted for DB



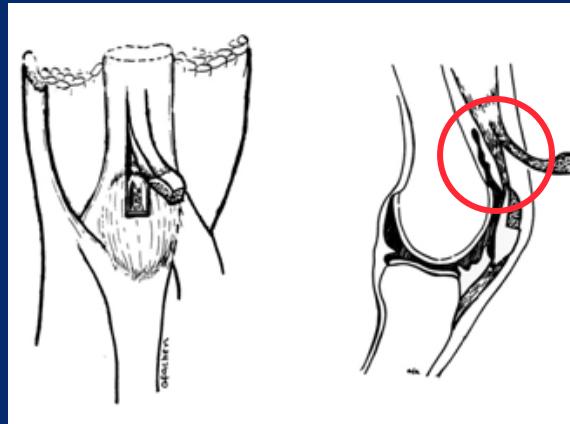
- ✓ Allograft is a viable option (multiligament injuries)

# Quad tendon harvesting

## ✓ Preparing

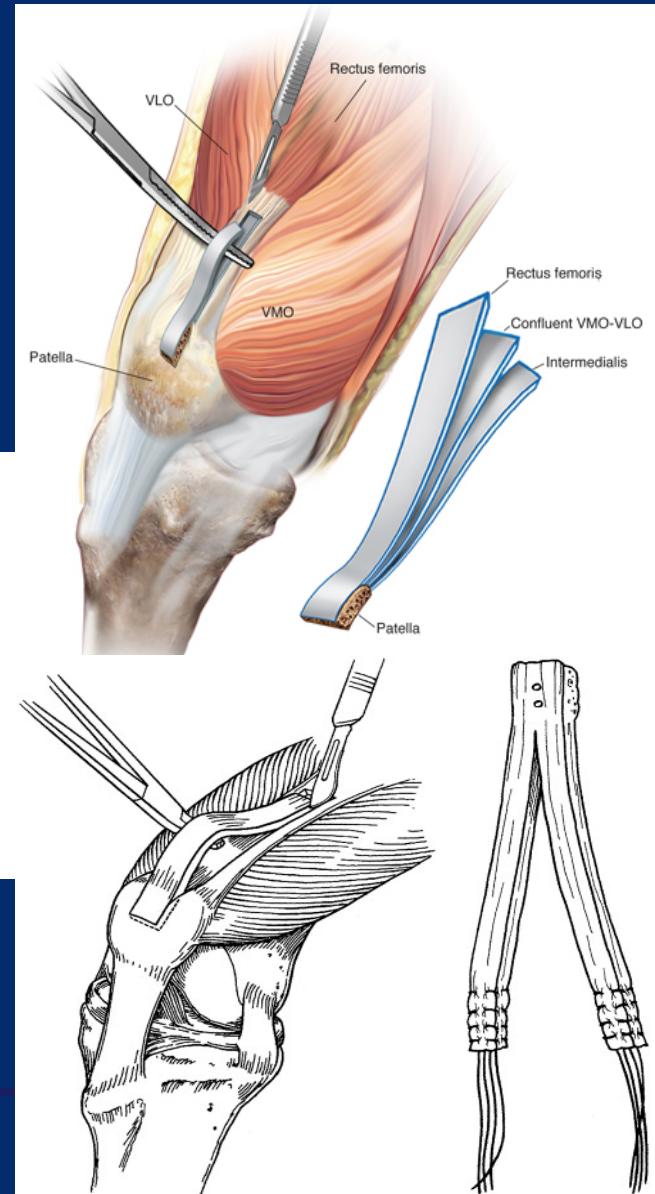
- ✓ Trapezoidal shape/block
- ✓ Splitted in length

## ✓ Pitfall

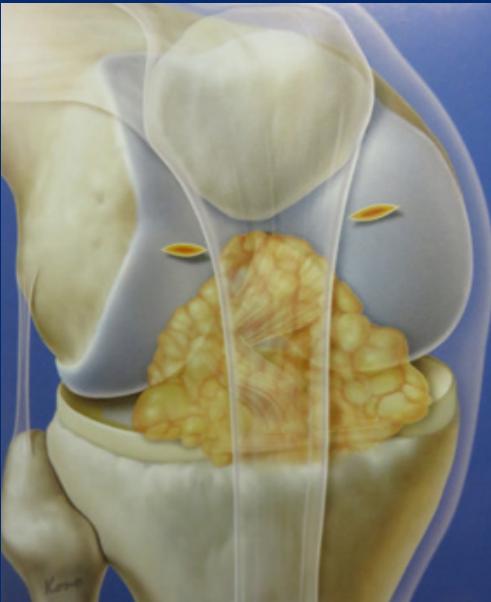


## ✓ Sizing

- ✓ Bone block 12 / 14mm
- ✓ Soft tissue 10 mm
- ✓ 2 ≠ sizes (PM & AL)



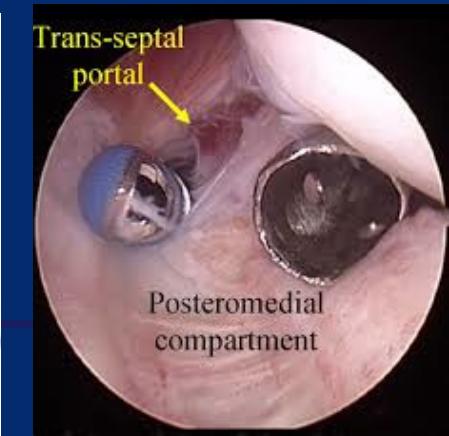
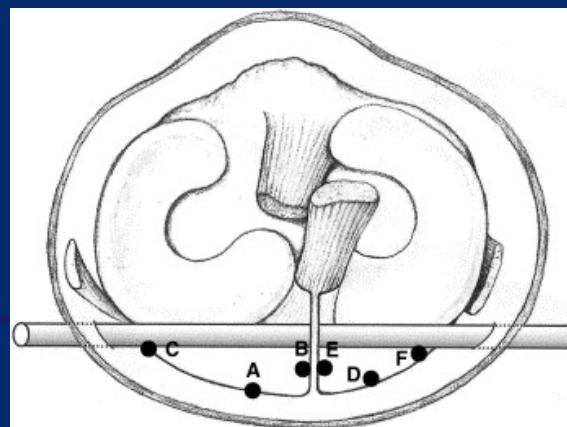
# Portals



✓ Posteromedial



✓ Transeptal



# Arthroscopic debridement

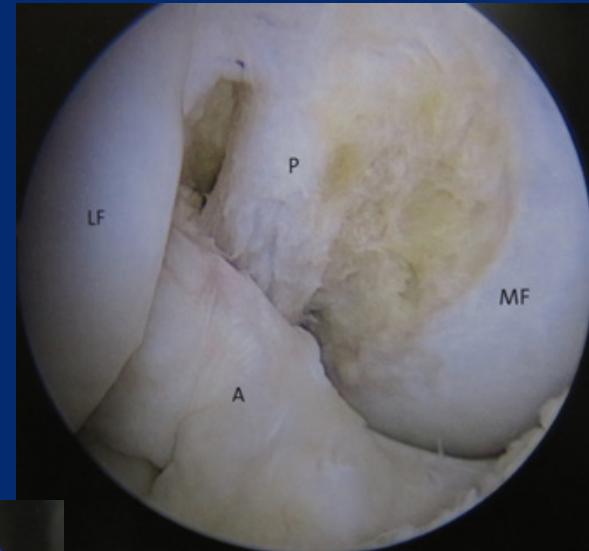
✓ Keep intact some remnants

✓ Intact bundle if possible

✓ Posterior release

✓ Septum

✓ Tibial ridge



# Tibial tunnel

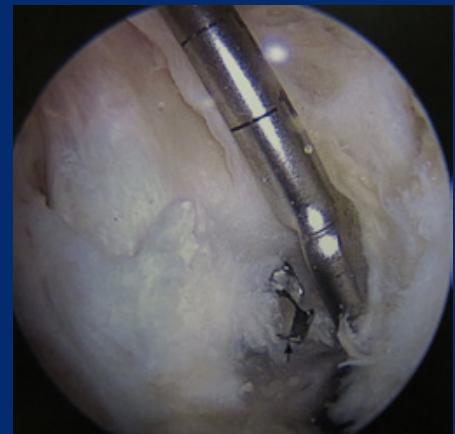
✓ C-arm?



✓ Protect post structures

✓ Special guide

✓ Curette



✓ Double sized tunnel



✓ Bone block close to post cortex



# Femoral tunnel(s)

✓ Accessory inferolateral portal

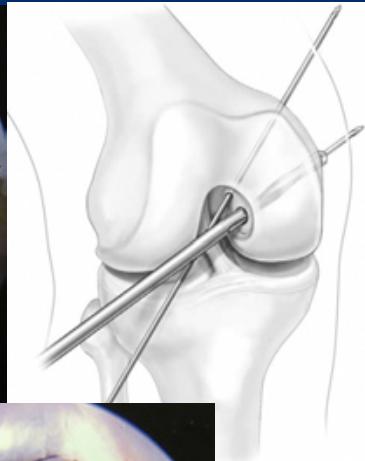
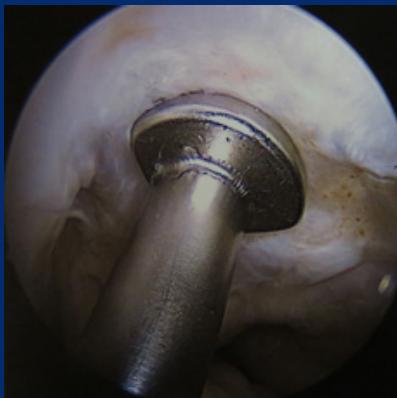


✓ AL & PM bundles location

✓ Guide

✓ Cartilage

✓ Bridge



# Graft passage

✓ Shuttle relay



✓ Suture retriever

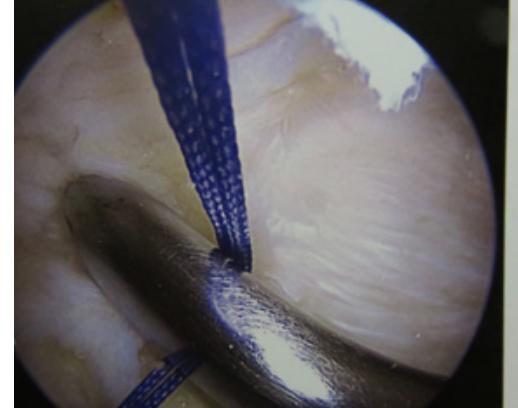
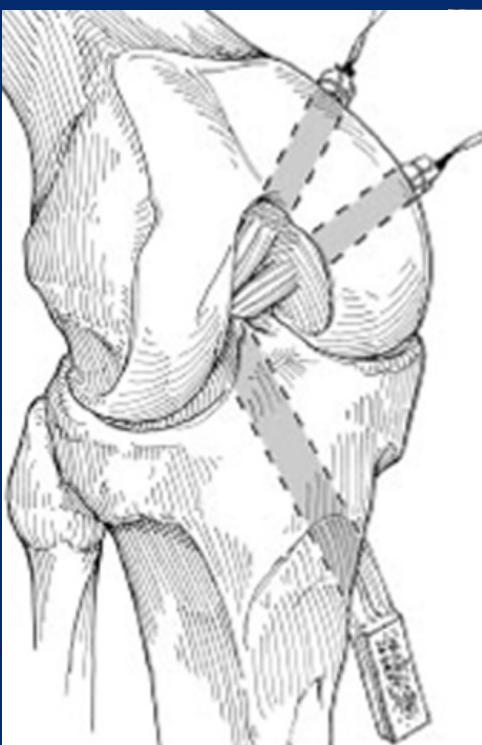


✓ Killer turn

✓ Tunnel 1mm larger

✓ Posterior bone plug

✓ Push-pull technique



# Fixation

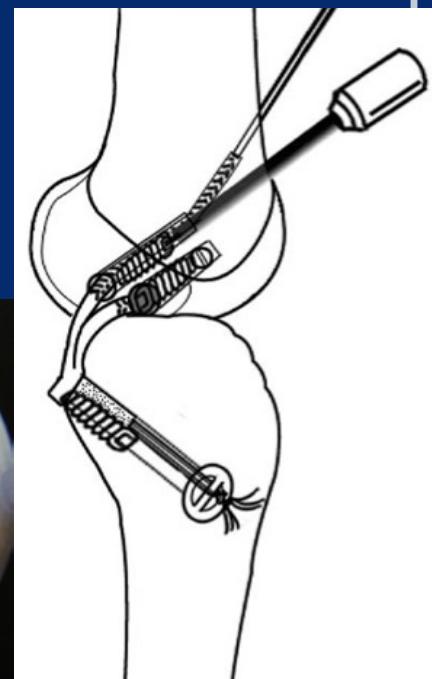
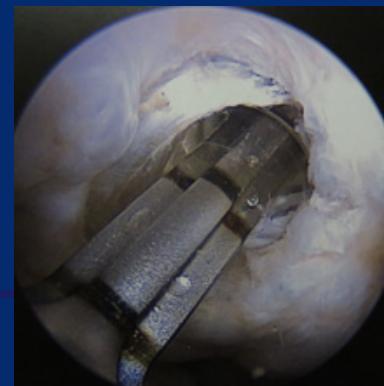
- ✓ Self locking @ tibial level+screw



- ✓ Screw fixation @ femoral site

- ✓ Full extension for PM

- ✓ 30° of flexion for AL  
(less tension during ROM)



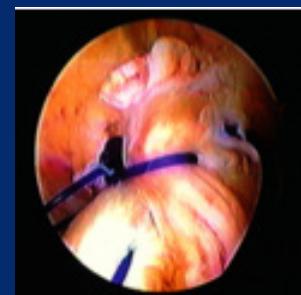
- ✓ As closer as possible  
the articular aperture  
(in/out or out/in)

# SB/DB

✓ Depends on clinical status



✓ Isolated PCL tear has some healing potential (stretching before rupture)



✓ Proximal (peel off)

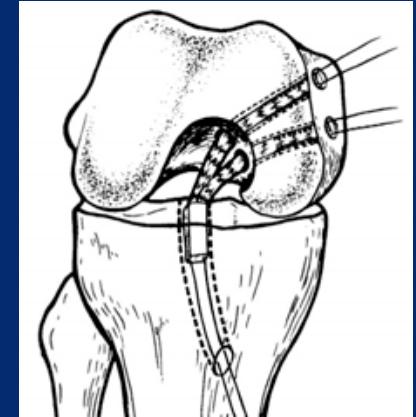
✓ Over 12mm of post laxity, other ligaments may be injured



# Take home messages

✓ Assessment

✓ Stress X rays > MRI



✓ Don't be afraid of posterior portals

✓ Chronic reconstruction

✓ Check alignment (post slope)

✓ Open wedge HTO : flexion + valgus

✓ Can be combined with PCL reconstruction

