

Arthroplasty in the Athlete  
*MAKO Robotic Technology*

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# Disclosures

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# Osteoarthritis

Most Common Joint Disorder in US

- 15,000,000 have OA of the Knee

Lifetime risk of Symptomatic OA

- 40% for men
- 47% for women

Murphy L, Schwartz TA, Helmick CG, et al. Lifetime risk of symptomatic knee osteoarthritis. *Arthritis Rheum* 2008;59(9):1207–13

# Etiology



**Interplay between Intrinsic  
and Extrinsic factors**



**Intrinsic**

Age  
Gender  
Genetics



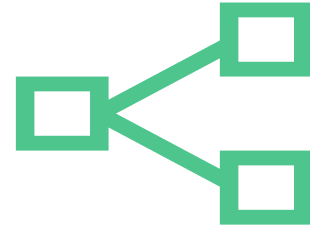
**Extrinsic**

Obesity  
Injury/Occupation  
Alignment



## Age

Cumulative exposure to environmental stresses



## Gender

Female gender is associated with increased risk for development of OA

Possible hormonal relationship  
Other factors such as alignment

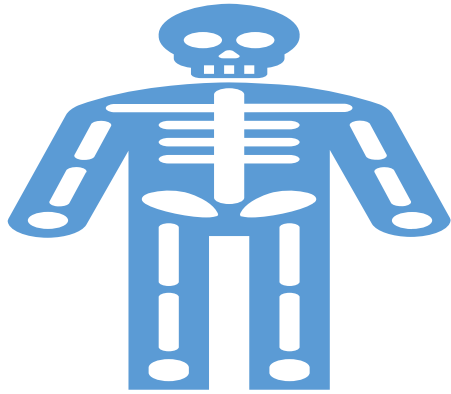


## Genetics

Heritable component estimated to be 50 – 65%

Predisposition to extrinsic factors

# Intrinsic Factors



## **Obesity**

Increased lifetime risk for development of OA to 60%

Increases risk of development of OA due to injury or occupation



## **Occupation/Injury**

Occupations Requiring Carrying, Repetitive Kneeling or Squatting

Athletes



## **Alignment**

Extrinsic Factors

# Alignment

## OA Development

- Varus alignment increases risk by 2X
- Valgus alignment increases risk by 54%

## OA Progression

- Varus alignment has a 4X increased risk
- Valgus alignment has a 5X increased risk

# Alignment



75% of compressive loads born in medial compartment of a neutrally aligned knee



Increase of 4-6% in Varus alignment can increase loading of the medial compartment by 20%



Participation in weight bearing sports predisposes development of Varus alignment in adolescent athletes



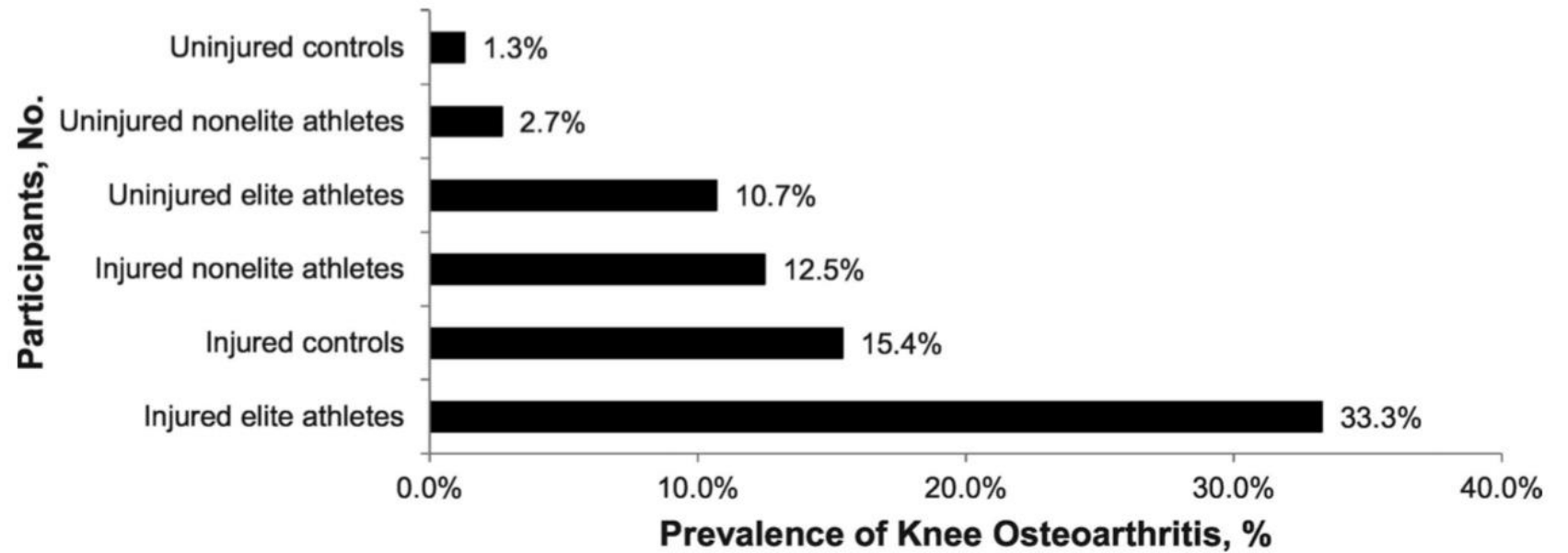
Proportion of athletes with Varus alignment of the knees is higher



Athletes are predisposed to the development of Osteoarthritis

- Repetitive High Impact Activity
- Endure excessive loads
- Varus Alignment
- Long- distance running, soccer, weight lifting, and wrestling had a prevalence of OA 3 to 7 times that of controls\*
- American football was also associated with a 9 times higher prevalence of knee OA\*
- Injuries are common

Injury in Athletes and prevalence of OA



## Arthroscopy

Reported rates of TKA at 1, 2, and 3 years after arthroscopy were 10.1%, 13.7%, and 15.6%, respectively

Orthopedics. 2016 Nov 1;39(6):e1041-e1044

## Meniscectomy

132 fold increase in rate of TKA compared to age-matched pairs

J Bone Joint Surg Br. 2012 Dec;94(12):1649-54

# ACL Reconstruction

- Yields a lower cumulative incidence of OA development and TKR
- 7 times greater risk of Knee Arthroplasty compared to matched controls

• J Bone Joint Surg Am. 2014 Jan 1;96(1):2-10

# Knee Arthroplasty

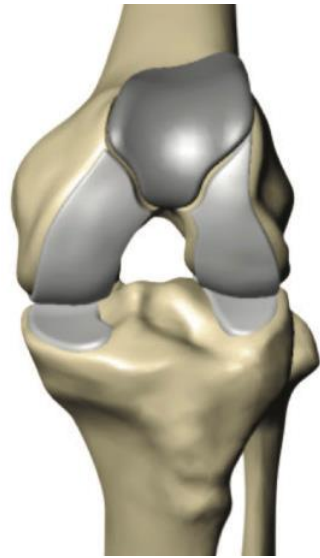
- INDICATIONS: OA with Pain and/or functional impairment which fails to respond to conservative treatment
- In up to 19% of patients who were candidates for Joint Arthroplasty, return to sports was the primary indication

• Meneghini RM, Russo GS, Lieberman JR. Modern perceptions and expectations regarding total knee arthroplasty [published online June 17, 2013]. J Knee Surg

# KNEE ARTHROPLASTY OPTIONS



MEDIAL



PATELLOFEMORAL



LATERAL



TOTAL KNEE

# Arthroplasty in the Athlete

- 61.4% of 726 patients returned to their previous sport in some capacity\*
- 27% of patients decreased their activity secondary to pain, which led to the conclusion that patients should be cautioned against expecting to return to high-impact sports\*
- UKA had higher return to athletic participation than those with TKA\*\*

\*Wylde V, Blom A, Dieppe P, et al. Return to sport after joint replacement. J Bone Joint Surg Br. 2008;90:920-923.

\*\*Hopper GP, Leach WJ. Participation in sporting activities following knee replacement: total versus unicompartmental. Knee Surg Sports TraumatolArthrosc. 2008;16:973-979

# How Long Does it Last?

- Pooled Registry data indicates that for:
  - TKA, survival at 25 yrs is 82%
  - UKA 25 year survival is 69%
- SURVIVAL is dependent upon:
  - Age at time of procedure
  - Activity level
  - Other extrinsic factors such as BMI
  - ***Surgical Technique—Alignment and Balance***





# WHY ARE WE CONCERNED ABOUT BALANCE AND ALIGNMENT?



# POSTOPERATIVE ALIGNMENT OF TKR

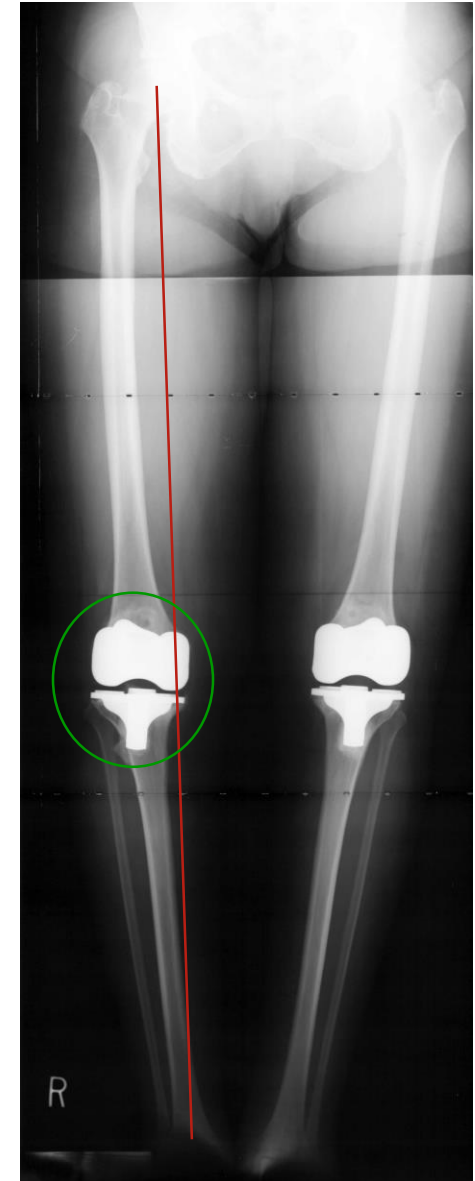
*RITTER ET AL, CLIN ORTHOP 1994*

Primary TKR	Number of Cases	Percent EARLY REVISION
Varus > 3°	35	14%
Neutral	244	1%
Valgus > 3°	82	0%

NOTE: 32% MALALIGNED

# VARUS MALALIGNMENT

- FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS
- 145.9% INCREASE IN POLYETHYLENE CONTACT STRESSES
- *Liau et al, Clinical Biomechanics 2002*
- IN VITRO LOADING OF TKR IN CADAVER TIBIA
- 86.6% INCREASE IN POLYETHYLENE STRAIN
- *Green et al, J Arthroplasty 2002*

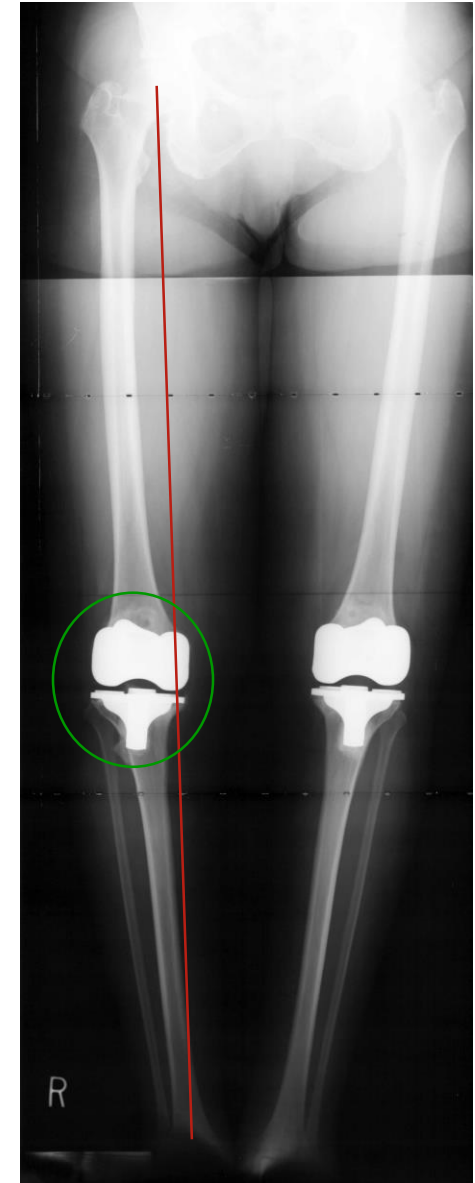


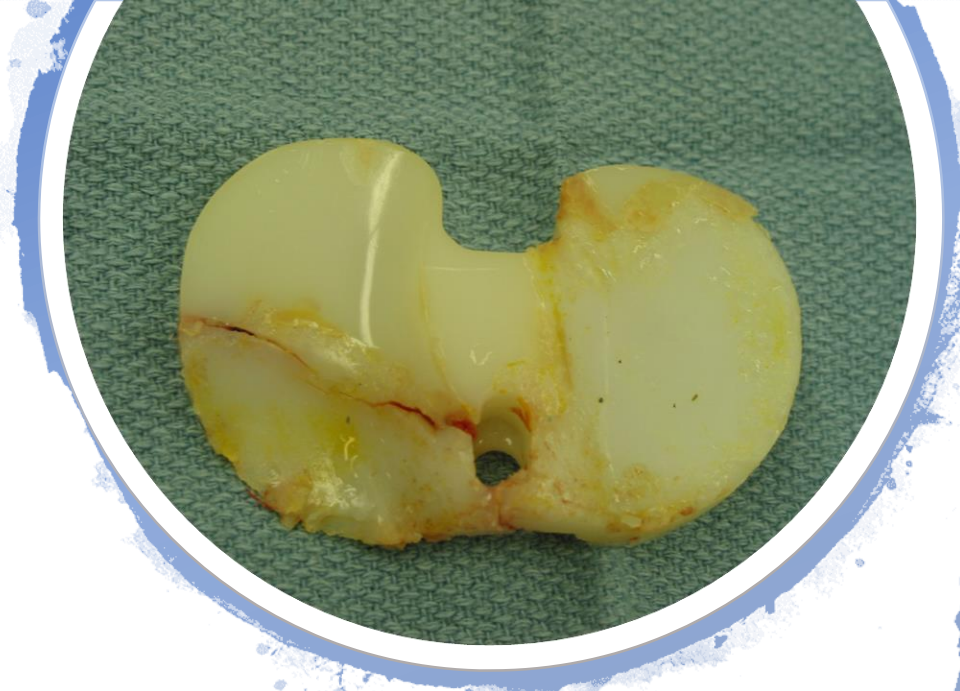
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WHY SHOULD WE BE CONCERNED ABOUT BALANCE AND ALIGNMENT?

# The Dirty Truth

Only 81% of patients are **SATISFIED**  
with their Total Knee Replacement  
in terms of pain relief and function

Patient Satisfaction after Total Knee Arthroplasty:  
Who is Satisfied and Who is Not?

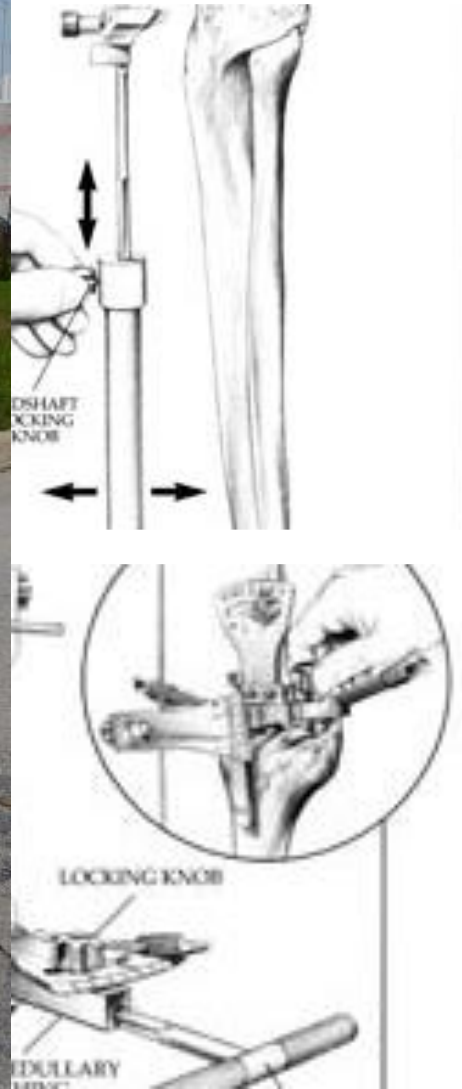
# Reasons for TKA Revision

50% were performed <2 yrs  
After Index Surgery

33% Of Early Revisions Performed Due to:

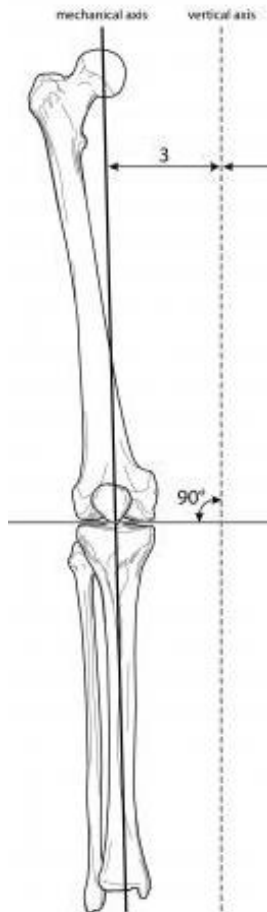
- Component Malposition & Malalignment
- Instability/Poor Balance







# Conventional Instrumentation



## META-ANALYSIS

Bathis, H, et al Orthopade 2006 Oct (10):1056-65

- 13 Studies
- “Safe Zone”  $\pm 3^\circ$  from Neutral Mechanical Axis
- Only 75.6% of Knees met Criteria



# Instrumentation for Unicompartmental Arthroplasty



- Less Accurate than TKA
- Poor Reproducibility



Notoriously Inconsistent  
Results

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Take Advantage of  
Available Technologies



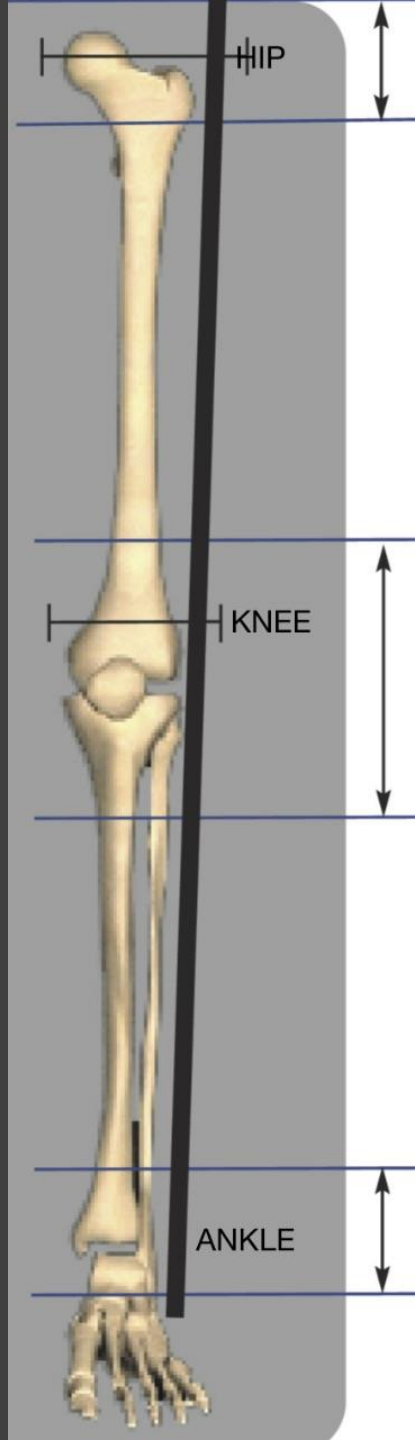
# MAKO ROBOTIC ARM ASSISTED ARTHROPLASTY

- 3-Dimensional Pre-operative Planning
- Accurate Intra-operative Adjustments
- Haptic Guidance
- Consistent and Reproducible Results





CT scan  
obtained to  
produce a  
Patient-specific  
3D Model



# ENHANCED PREOPERATIVE PLANNING

stryker Case Planning Pre-Op RIO Check Bone Registration Intra-Op Planning Bone Preparation Case Completion Dr. Gibson

Varus 0.0° External 2.6° External 0.0° Flexion 2.0°  
PCA TEA

7.0 8.0 8.5 11.0  
L M L M

7.0 3.5 7.0 3.5

0.0° 0.0° 0.0°  
Varus External P. Slope

Bone Resection

Triathlon® CR Cruciform

Femur Post. 4  
Tibia 5  
Poly 9

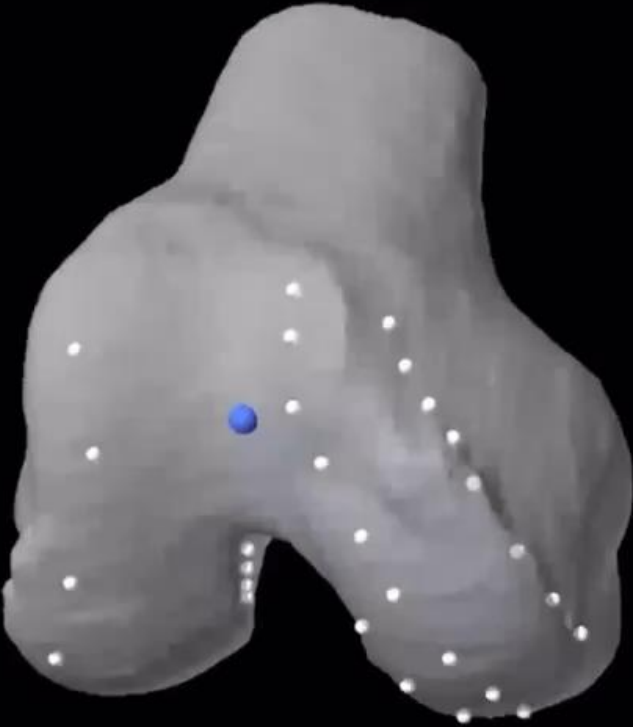
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Femur Capture

Femur checkpoint too close to cut


Implant Planning

# BONE REGISTRATION

stryker Case Planning Pre-Op RIO Check Bone Registration Intra-Op Planning Bone Preparation Case Completion LigBalance Pre



1



27.5%

Search

- Femur
- Tibia

Capture

Clear Last Point

Clear All Points

The image displays the Stryker LigBalance software interface for bone registration. The top navigation bar includes 'Case Planning', 'Pre-Op RIO Check', 'Bone Registration' (the active tab), 'Intra-Op Planning', 'Bone Preparation', and 'Case Completion'. On the right, there are icons for 'LigBalance Pre', a help icon, a settings gear, and a camera icon. The main workspace shows a 3D model of a femur with several white registration points and a blue dot. A green number '1' is positioned to the right of the model. Below the model is a progress bar showing 27.5% completion. On the right side, there is a search bar and a list of bone types: 'Femur' and 'Tibia', both with checkboxes. Below the list are three buttons: 'Capture', 'Clear Last Point', and 'Clear All Points'. An inset video in the bottom right corner shows a surgical team in blue scrubs performing a procedure on a patient's leg, with a femur being prepared.

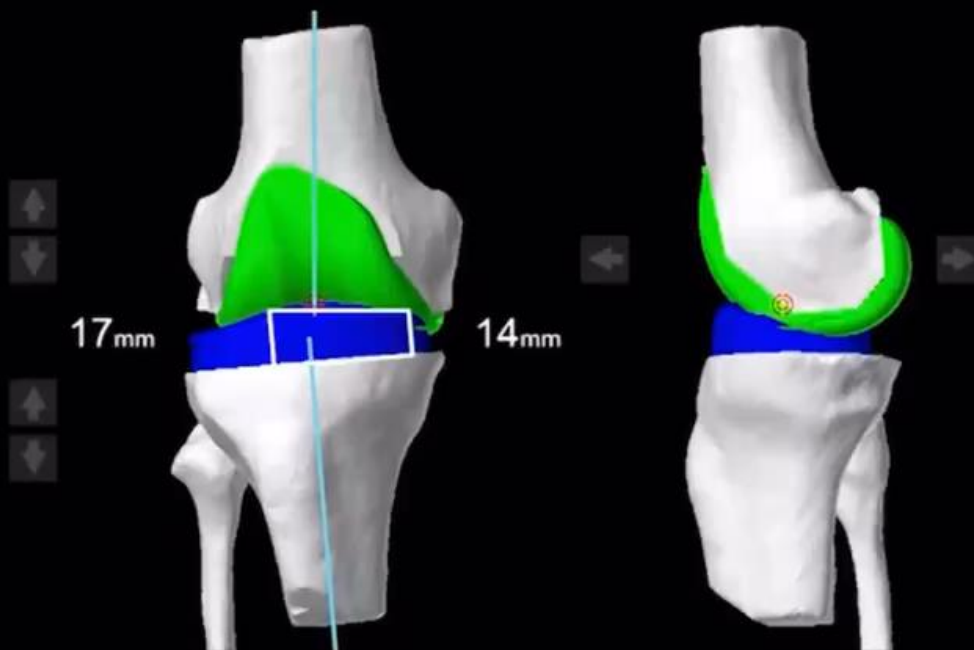


# DYNAMIC JOINT BALANCING

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Case Planning Pre-Op RIO Check Bone Registration Intra-Op Planning Bone Preparation Case Completion

LigBalance Pre



Limb Flexion

1°

Limb Varus

5°

Planned Valgus

0°

Triathlon® CR Cruciform

Femur	-	5	+
Tibia	-	5	+
Poly	-	9	+

Capture Pose




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# HAPTIC GUIDANCE: CONTROL OF BONE RESECTION

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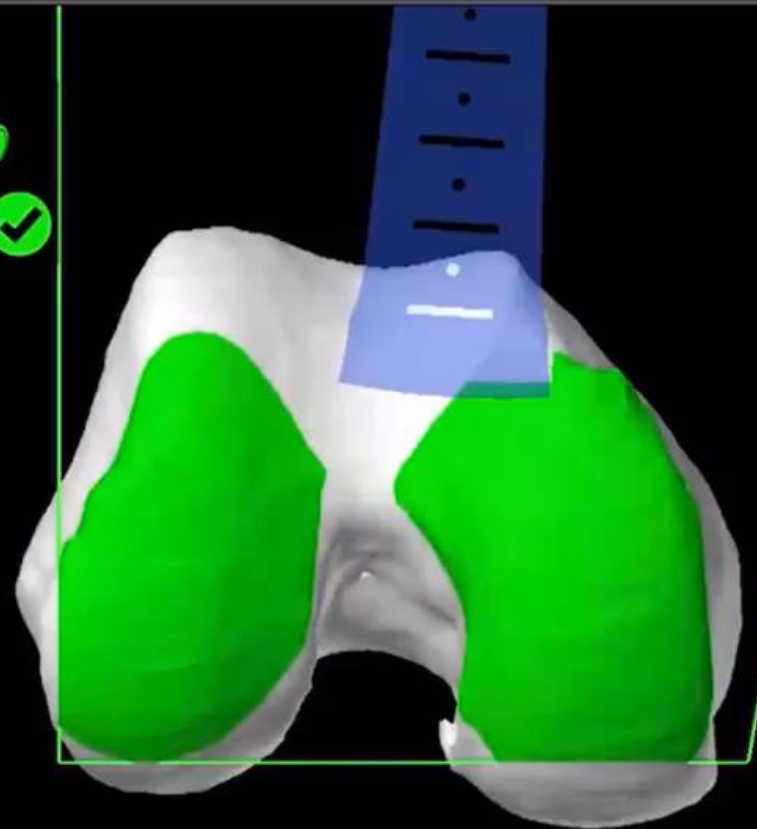
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Flexion

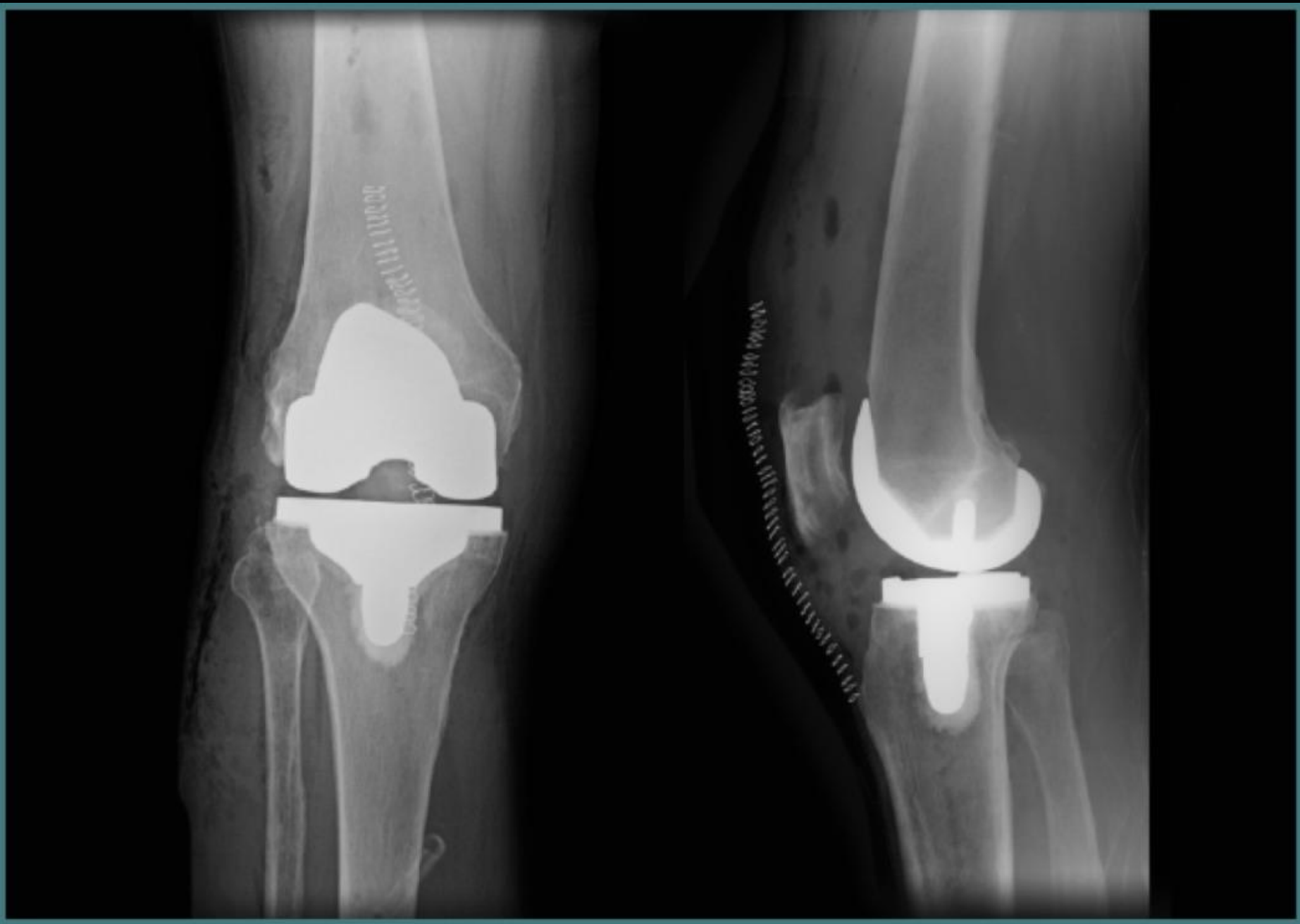
89.0°



1: Distal

Side	Right
Femur	4
Tibia	4 x 9mm
Tool	Angled Saw, Standard
Mode	Cutting

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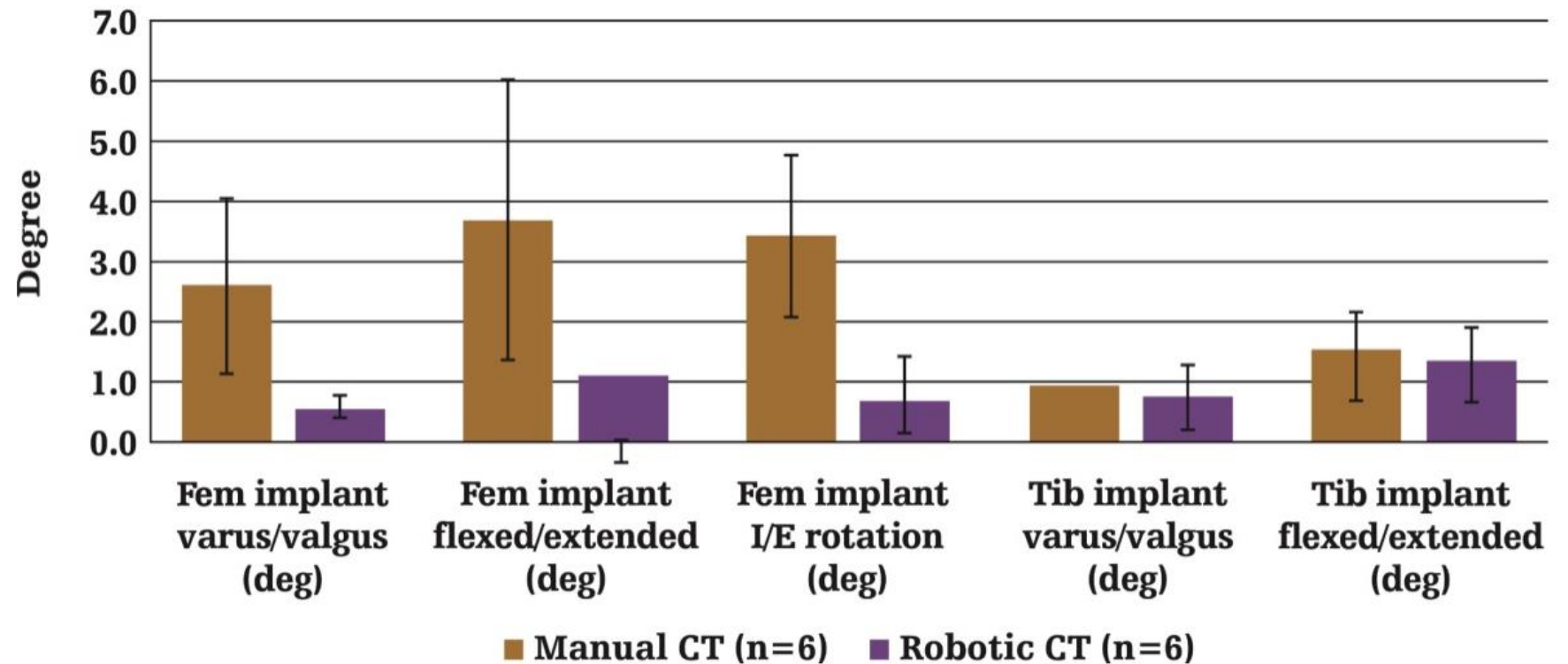




COMPLEX CASE

Robotic Arm Assisted TKA: Greater Accuracy

### Component position accuracy compared to planned<sup>33</sup>



Hampp EL, Chughtai M, Scholl LY et al. Robotic-arm assisted total knee arthroplasty demonstrated greater accuracy and precision to plan compared with manual techniques. J. Knee Surg. 2019 Mar;32(3):239- 250

# RESULTS: Early Functional Recovery

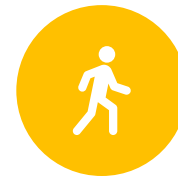
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Less Postoperative  
PAIN



Decreased Blood  
Loss



Less Time to Straight  
Leg Raise



Fewer In-patient PT  
sessions



Increased Maximum  
Knee Flexion at  
Discharge

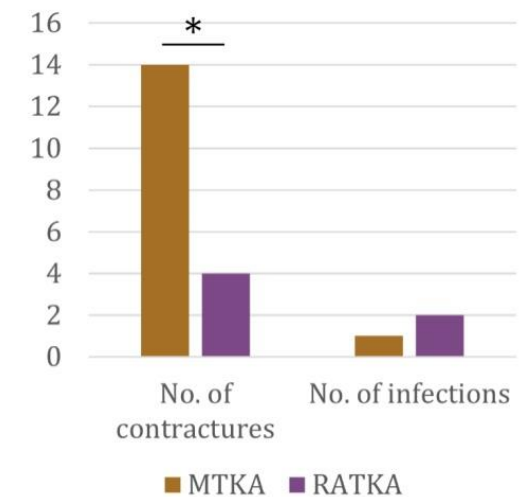
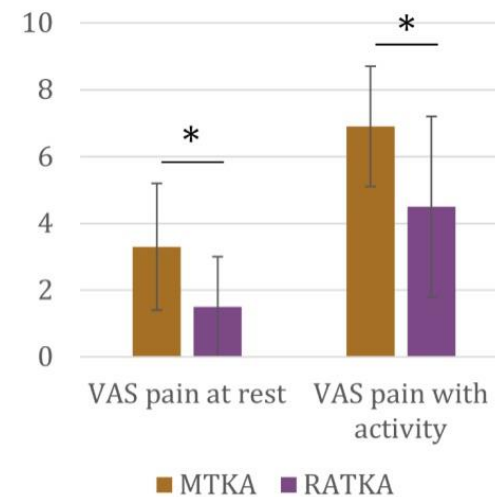
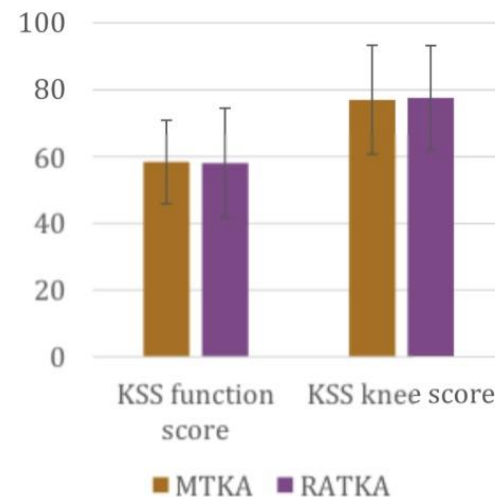


26% Reduction in  
length of Stay

Kayani B, Konan S, Tahmassebi J, Pietrzak JRT, Haddad FS. Robotic- arm assisted total knee arthroplasty is associated with improved early functional recovery and reduced time to hospital discharge compared with conventional jig-based total knee arthroplasty. Bone Joint J. 100(7), 930–937 (2018).

# Results: Improved Early Outcomes

## 100 Robotic TKA VS 100 Conventional TKA @ 6 weeks

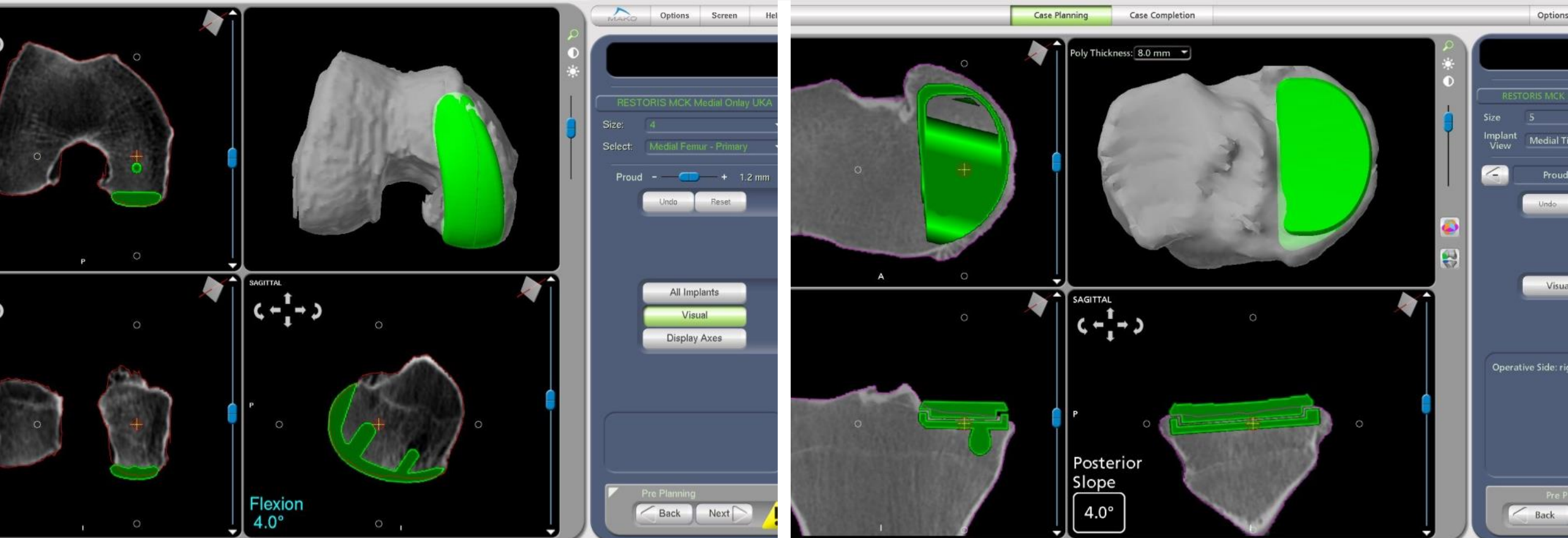






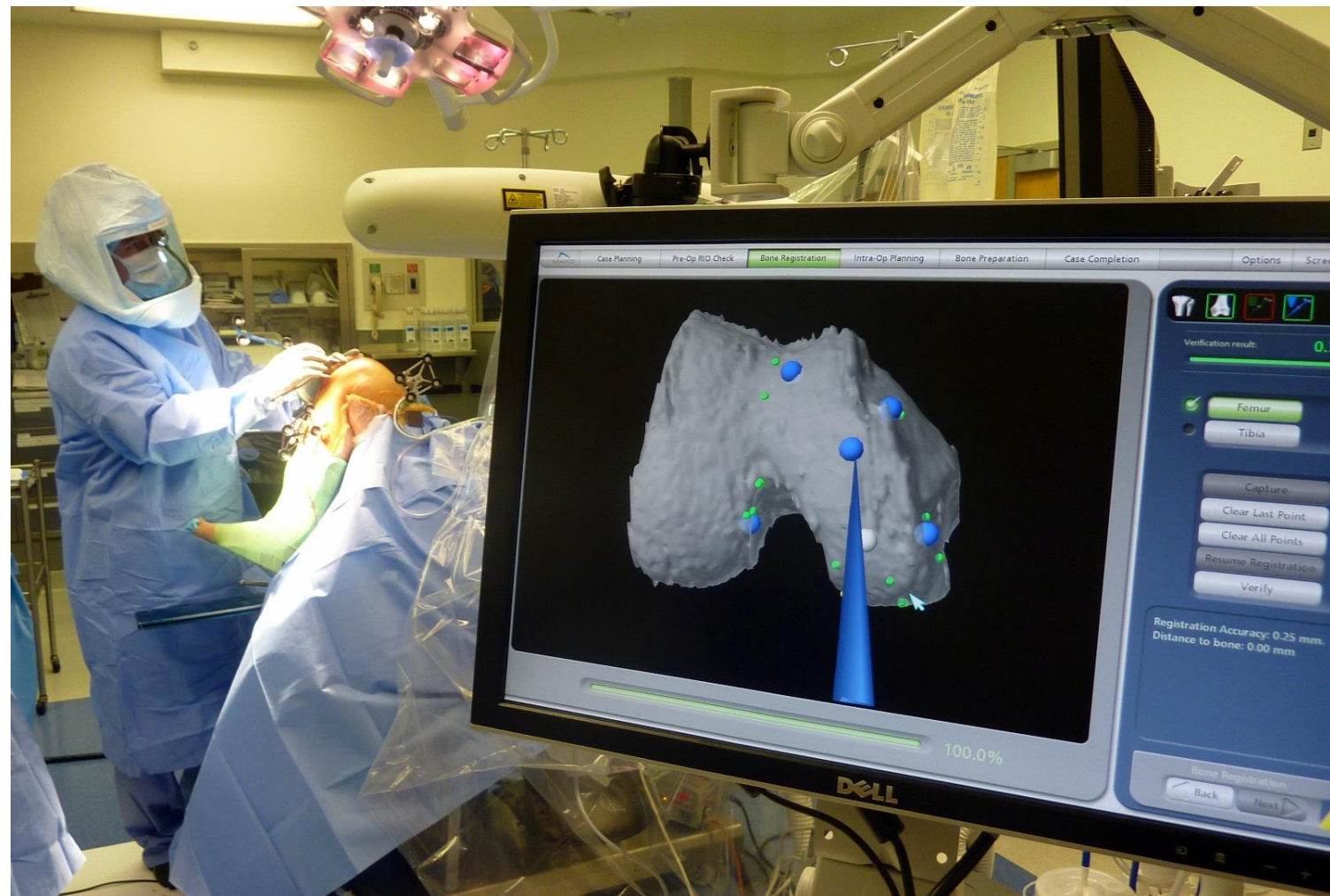
# Unicompartmental Arthroplasty





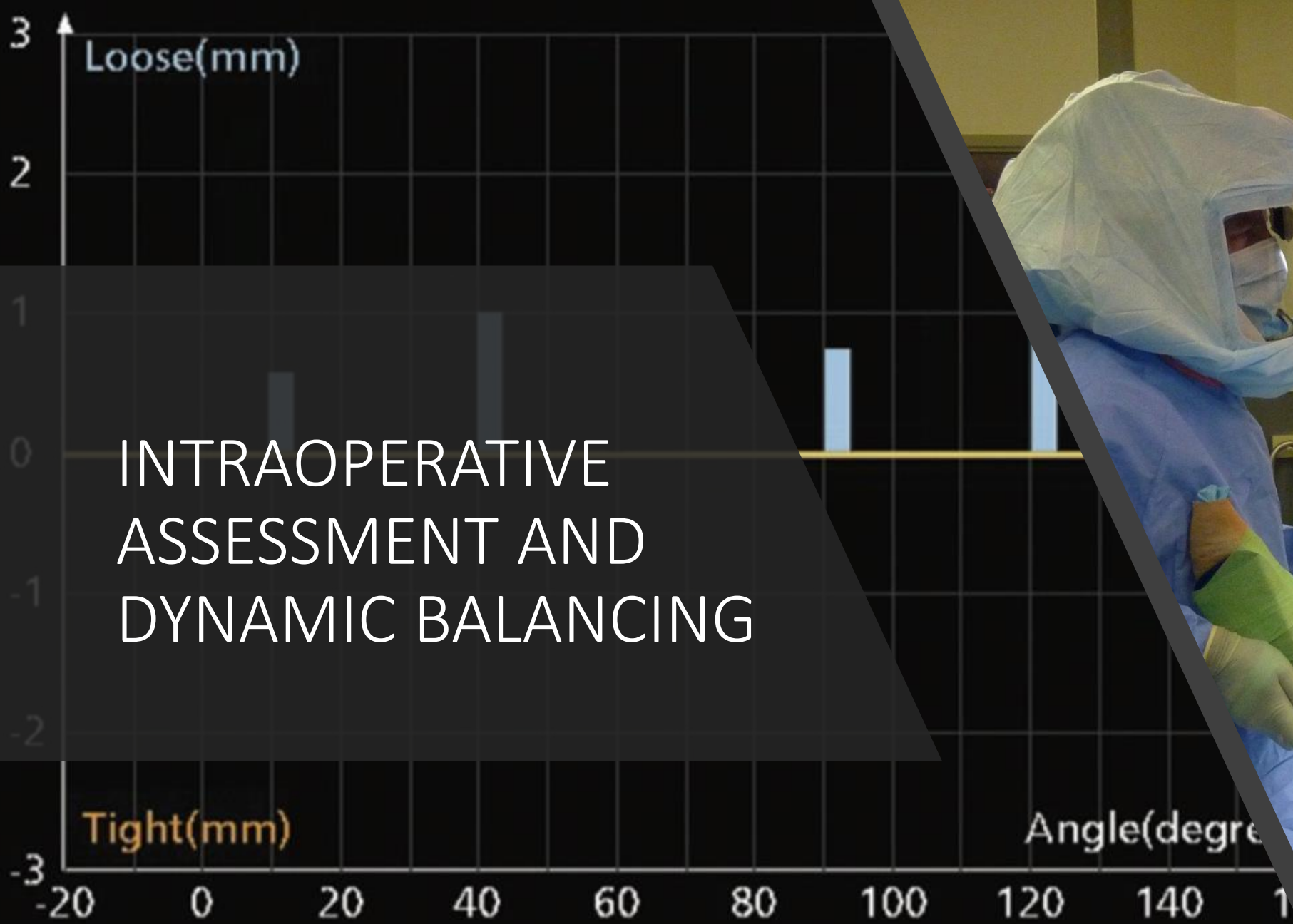
ENHANCED PREOPERATIVE PLANNING

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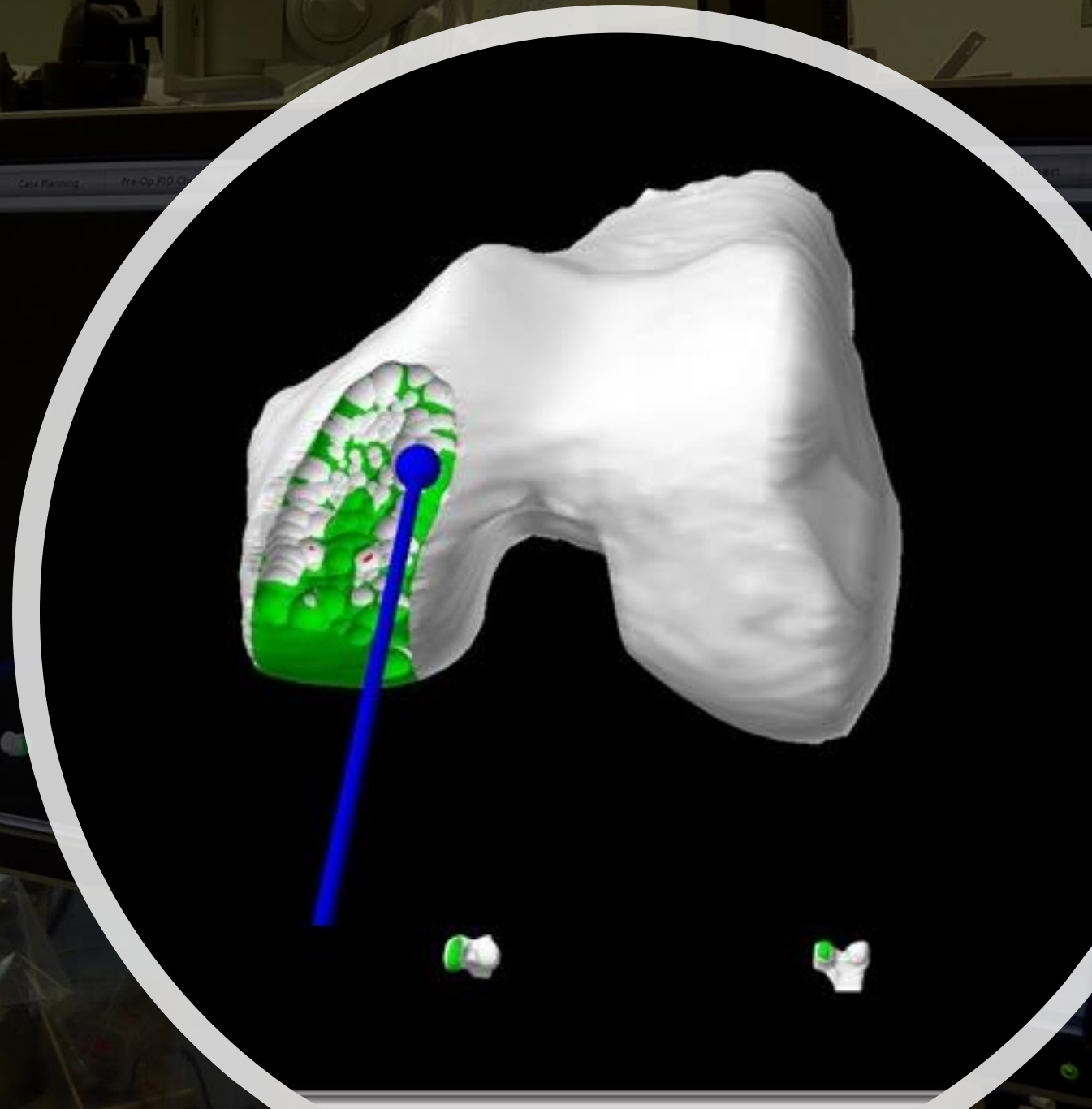




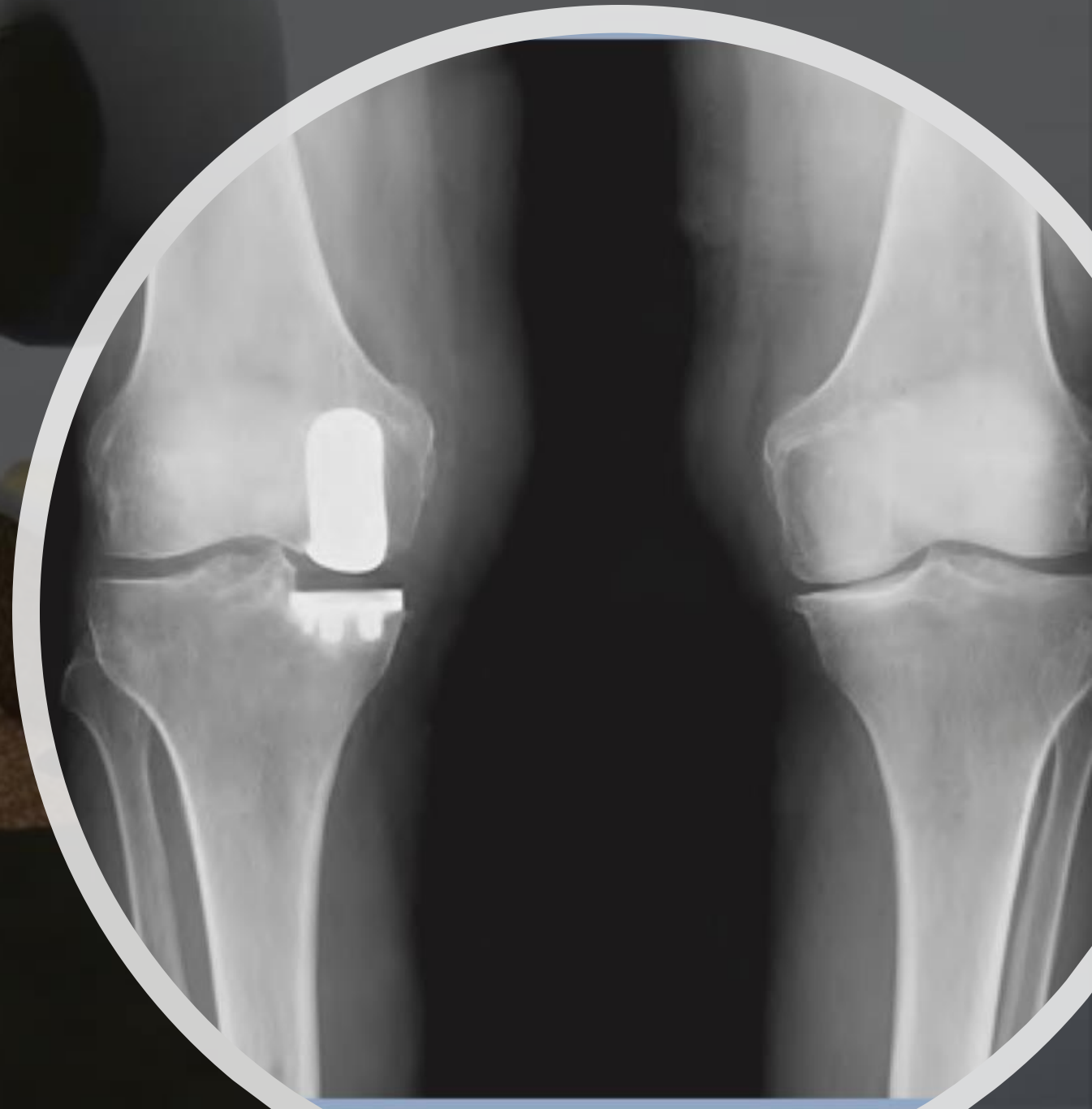
# INTRAOPERATIVE ASSESSMENT AND DYNAMIC BALANCING



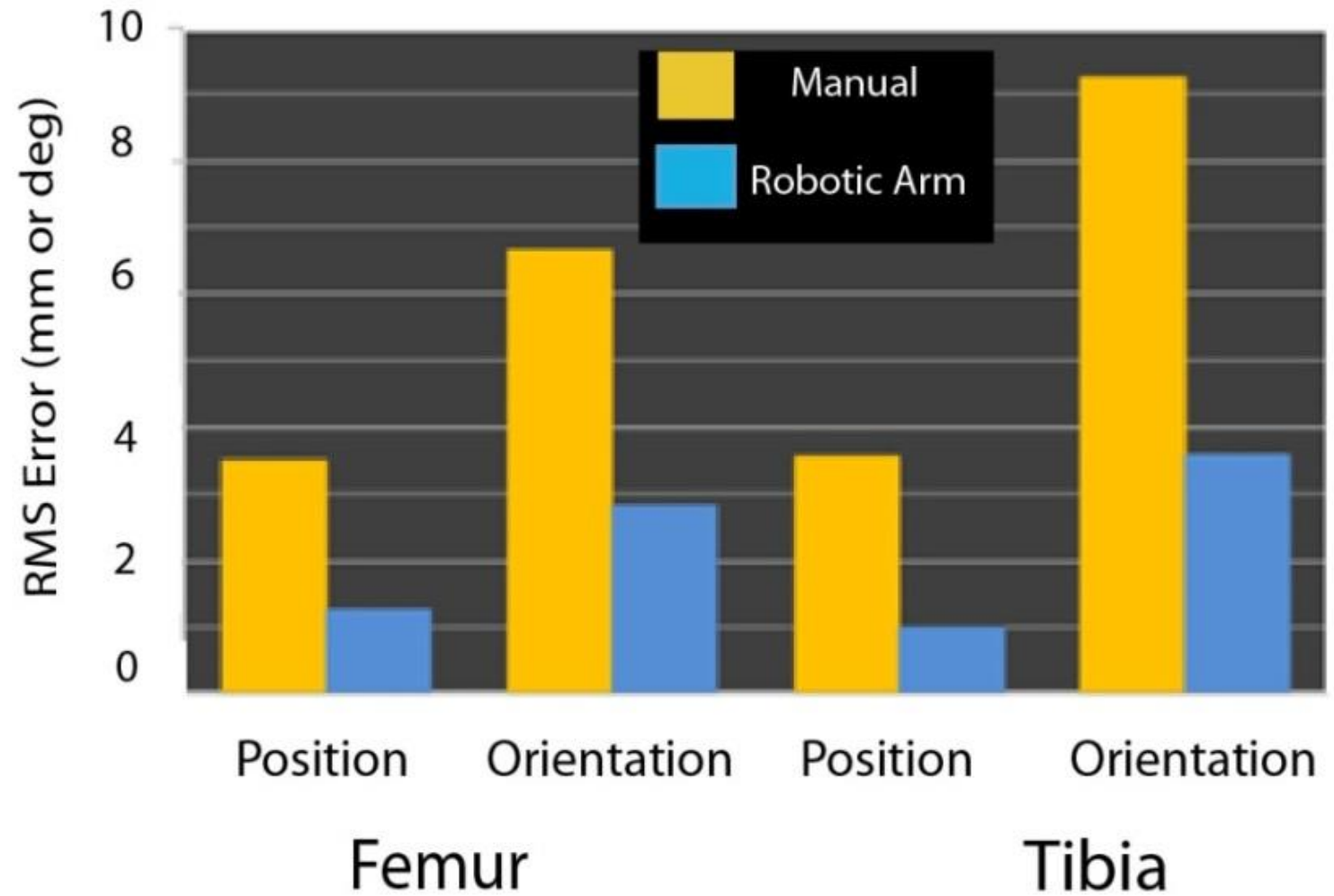
# BONE PREPARATION



RADIOGRAPHIC RESULT:  
Unicompartmental  
Arthroplasty (UKA)



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ACCURACY OF  
IMPLANTATION

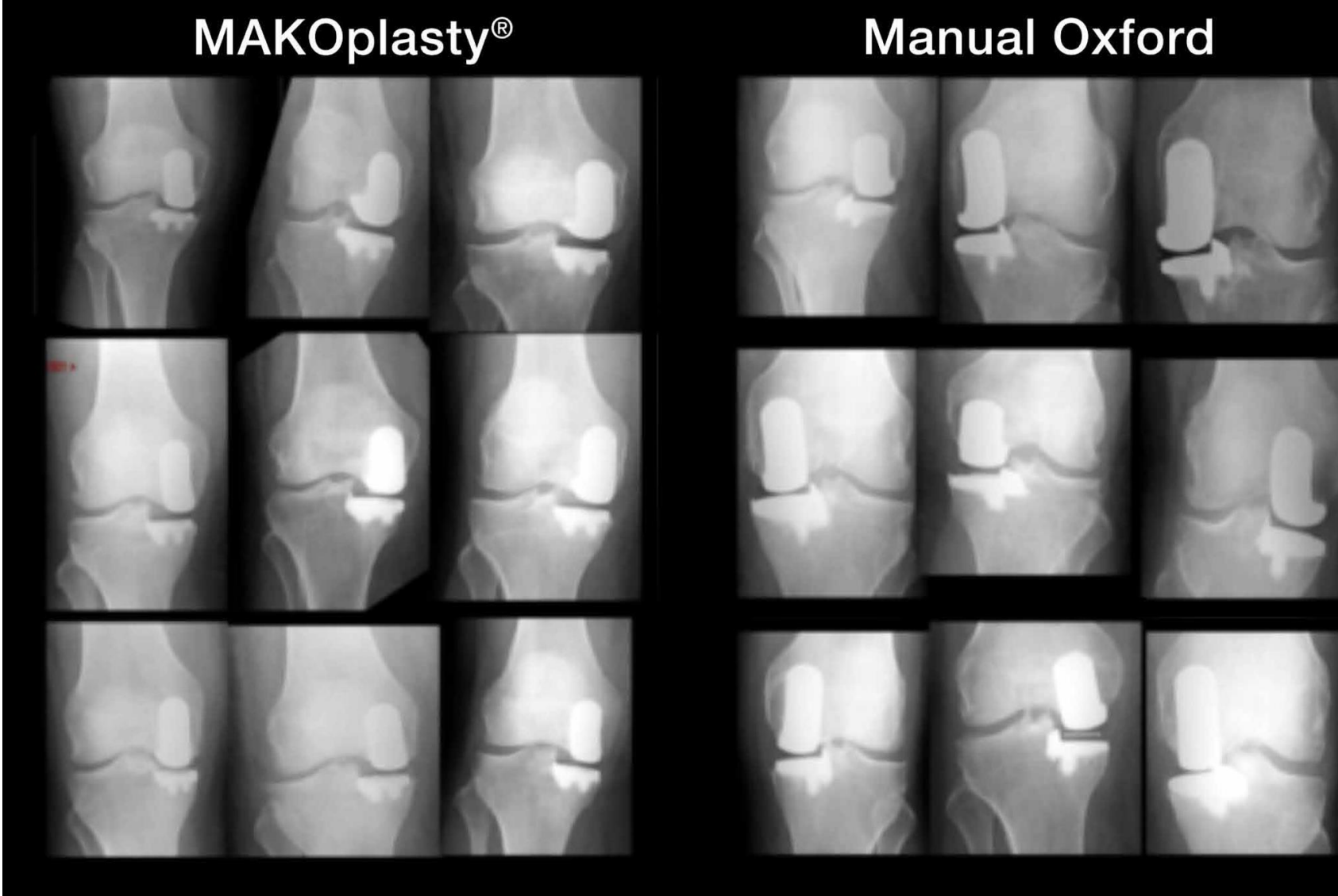


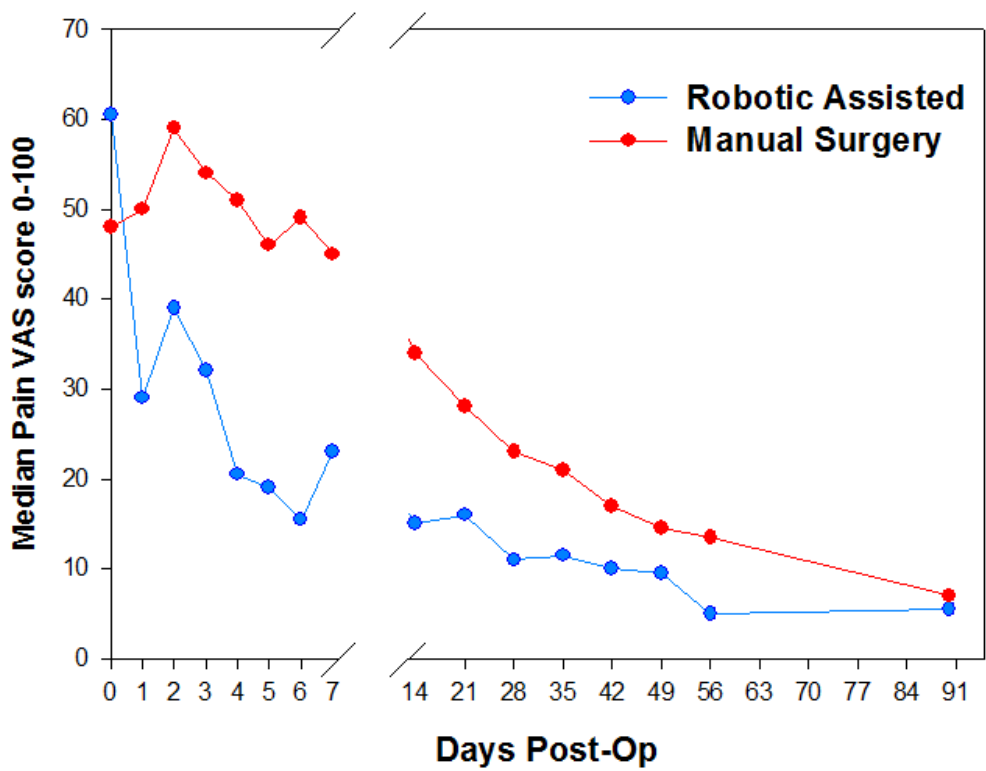
*A Randomized Controlled Trial Comparing Accuracy and Outcomes of Robotically Assisted PKA to Manual PKA*

Principal Investigators: Drs. Blyth, Jones, Maclean, Anthony, Rowe



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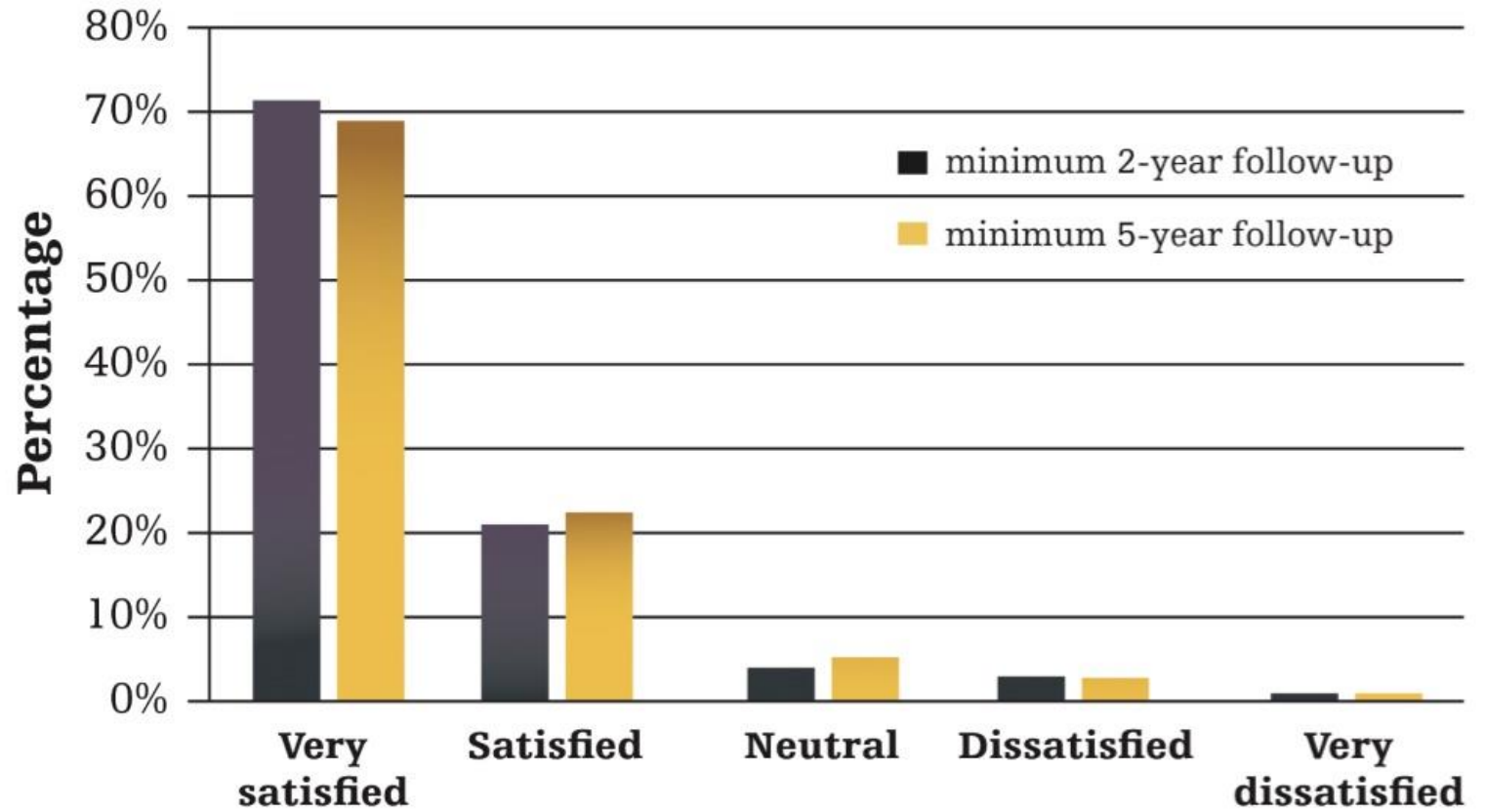
# MAKOplasty® Demonstrates Early Less Post-Operative Pain Versus Manual UKA (Oxford® )

Conclusion: MAKOplasty Patients Had Significantly Less Pain than Oxford Patients Day 1 To Week 8

Jones B, Blyth M, MacLean A, Anthony I, Rowe P. Accuracy of UKA implant positioning and early clinical outcomes in a RCT comparing robotic assisted and manual surgery. CAOS International Conference, June 13-15, 2013, Orlando, Florida.



## Mako Partial Knee patient satisfaction

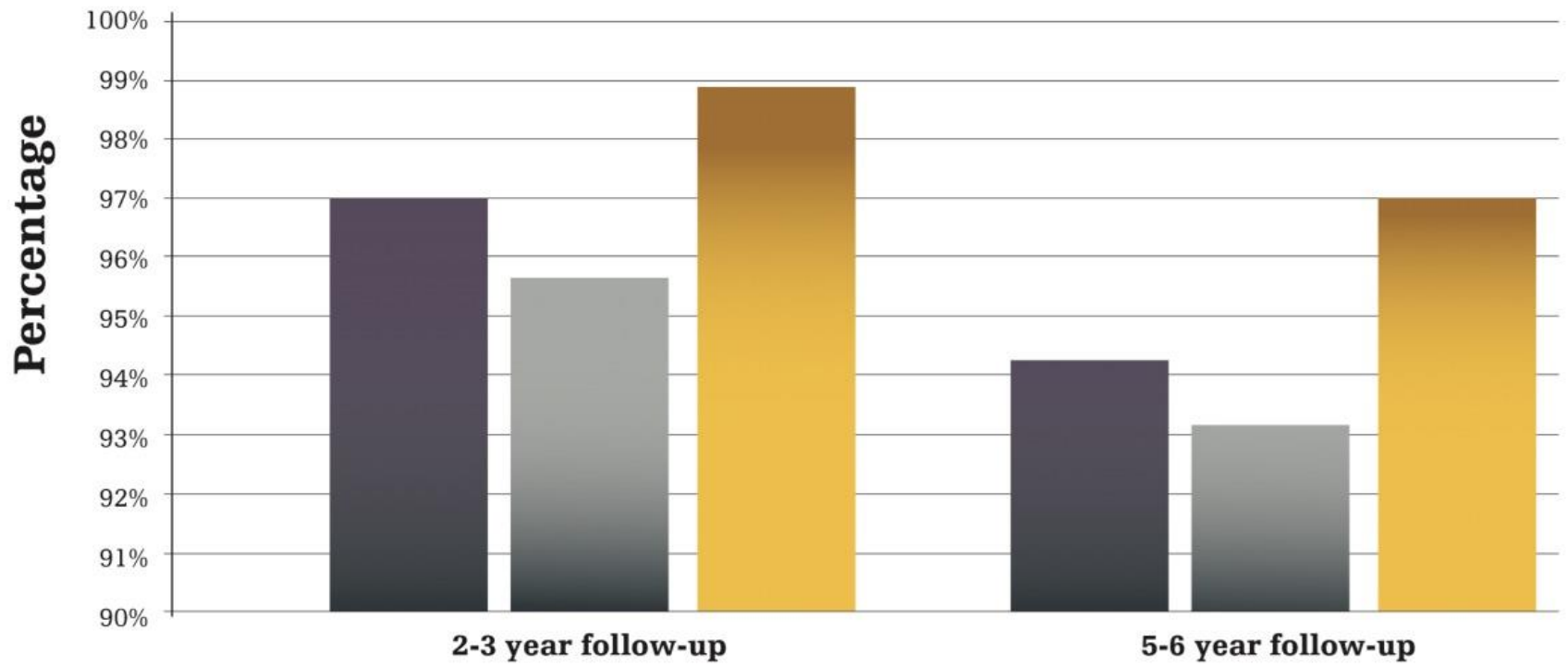


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PATIENT  
SATISFACTION  
LONG-TERM

IMPROVED  
SURVIVORSHIP

### Partial knee survivorship

- Cohort studies
- Annual registries
- Mako Partial Knee



# What Activities Are Permitted After Arthroplasty?

A Survey of Experienced Joint Replacement Surgeons



Recommended

Walking, Swimming, Biking, Hiking, Tennis (Doubles)



“Allowed with experience” or  
”No Consensus”

Skiing, Weight Lifting, Hockey, Gymnastics,  
Tennis (Singles)



Not Recommended

soccer, jogging, basketball and football

## SUMMARY

- OA is Prevalent in Athletes
  - Injuries
  - Repetitive Use
  - Varus Alignment common
- Robotic Assistance Allows for More Consistently Superior Results than Conventionally Performed Arthroplasty
- Return to many Sports is *POSSIBLE*

