



Patient Specific Instrumentation in TKA



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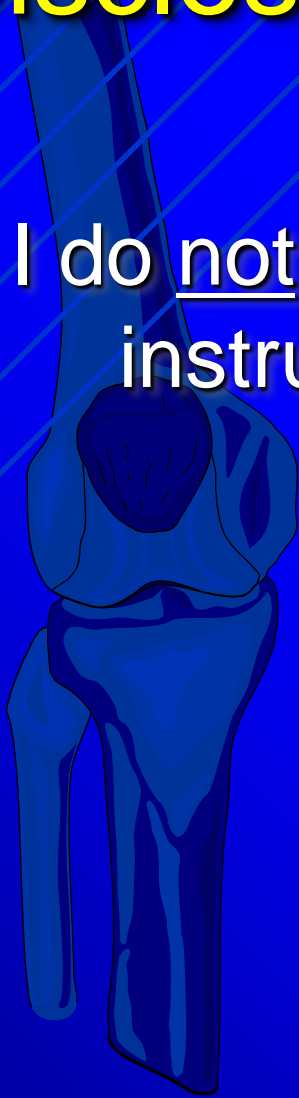
Non-industry funded study

- Patient specific blocks donated in-kind by Smith & Nephew



Disclosure

I do not routinely use patient specific instrumentation for my total knee arthroplasty patients



Objectives

Review the current evidence and discuss the role for patient specific instrumentation in total knee arthroplasty



Goals of Knee Arthroplasty

Restoration of mechanical alignment

- Neutral aligned lower extremity (3° - 7° valgus)

Preservation of joint line

Ligament balancing

Patellofemoral tracking

Full range of motion

Lotke, PA, Ecker, ML: Influence of positioning of prosthesis in total knee replacement. *J Bone Joint Surg Am* 1977;59:77–9.

Goals of Knee Arthroplasty

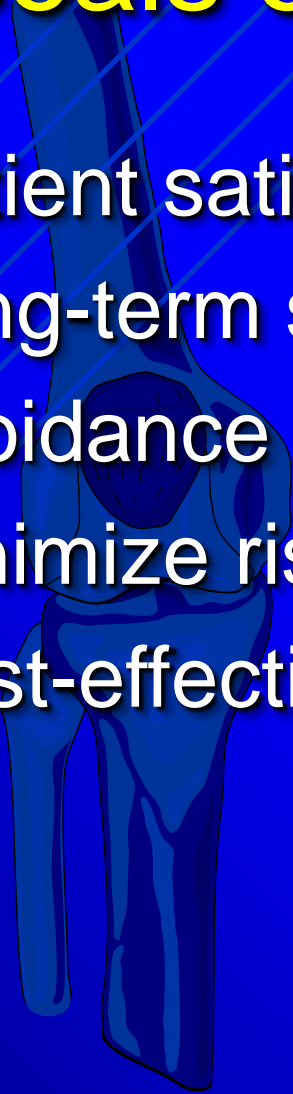
Patient satisfaction and function

Long-term survivorship

Avoidance of complications

Minimize risks of future surgery

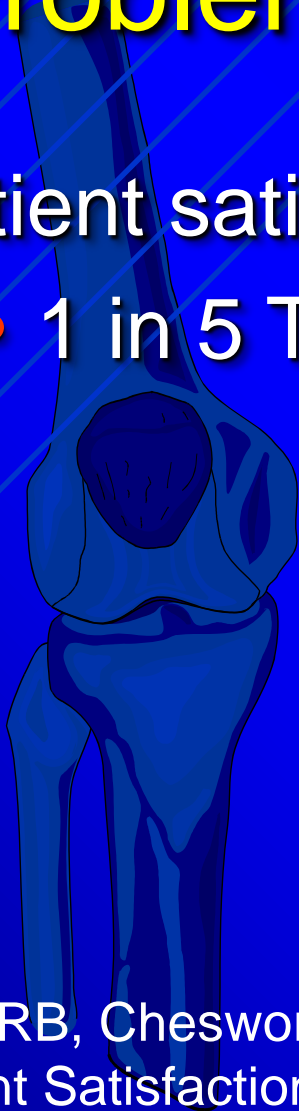
Cost-effective



Problem

Patient satisfaction and function

- 1 in 5 TKAs is not satisfied



Bourne, RB, Chesworth, BM, Davis, AM, Mahomed, NN, Charron, KDJ, Met, D: Patient Satisfaction after Total Knee Arthroplasty Who is Satisfied and Who is Not ? 2010;57–63.

How can we improve?



How can we improve?

- What we are putting in
- How we are doing it



What we are putting in

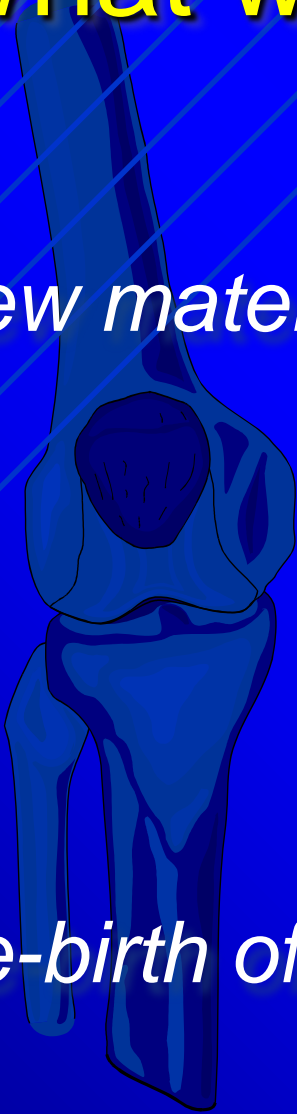
- *New materials*

Different plastics

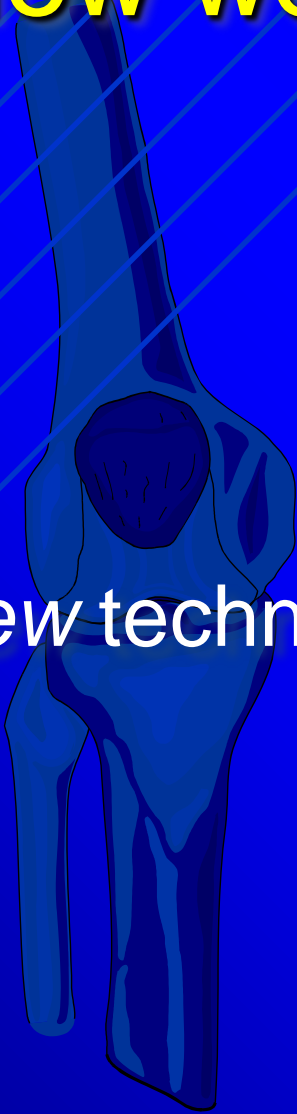
Different metals

*Different
biomechanics*

- *Re-birth of old things* → *UKA*



How we are putting it in



- **New techniques**

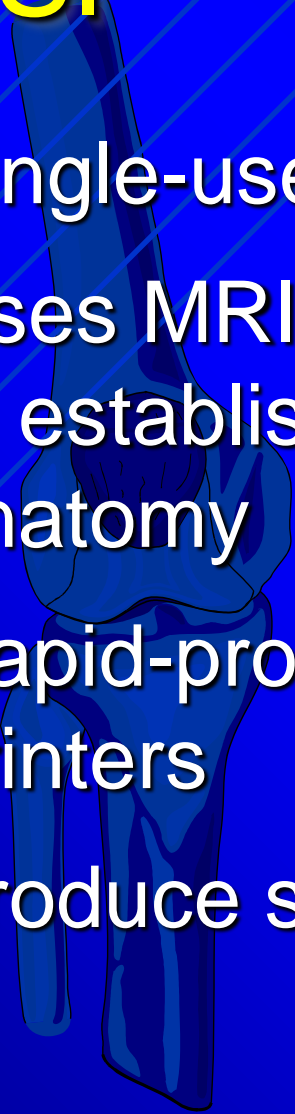
*Computer Assisted
Surgery (Navigation)*

Robotic Surgery

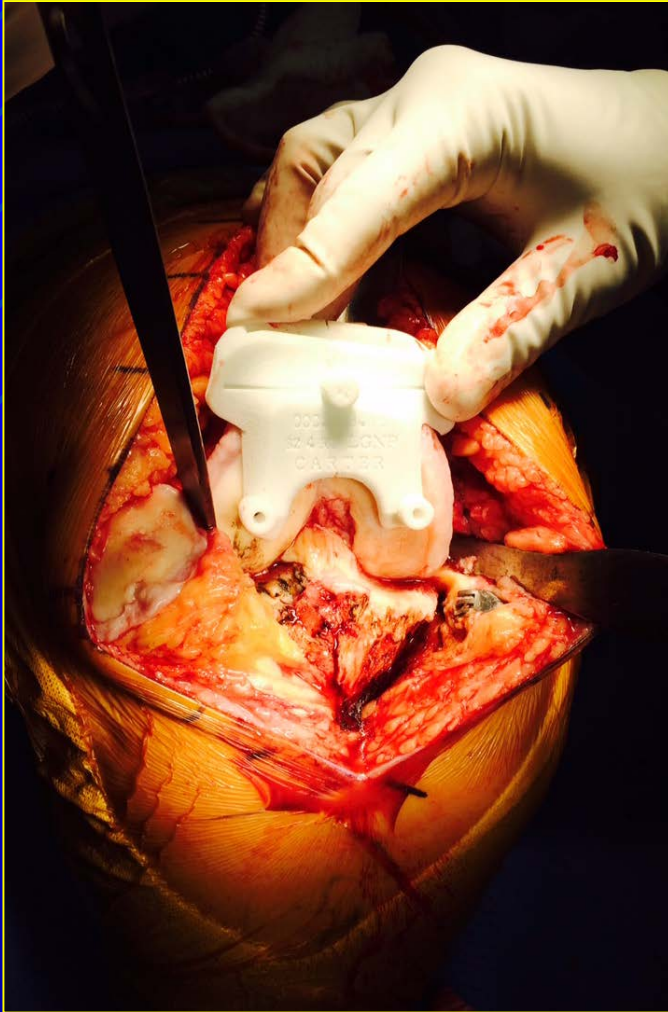
*Patient Specific
Instrumentation (PSI)*

PSI

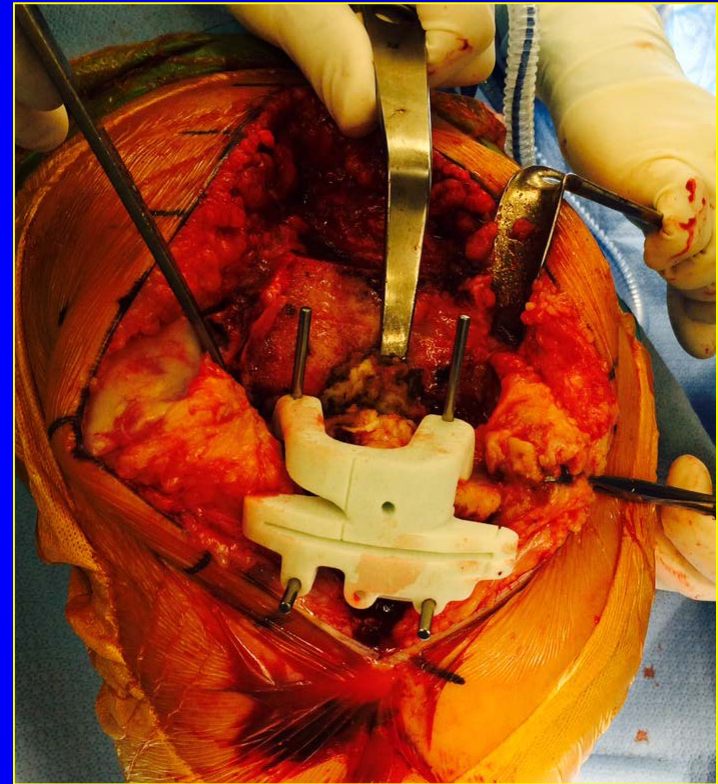
- Single-use patient-specific instrumentation
- Uses MRI or CT (+/- standing radiographs) to establish the 3D contour of knee anatomy
- Rapid-prototyping technique and 3D printers
- Produce sterile guides to perform TKA



PSI



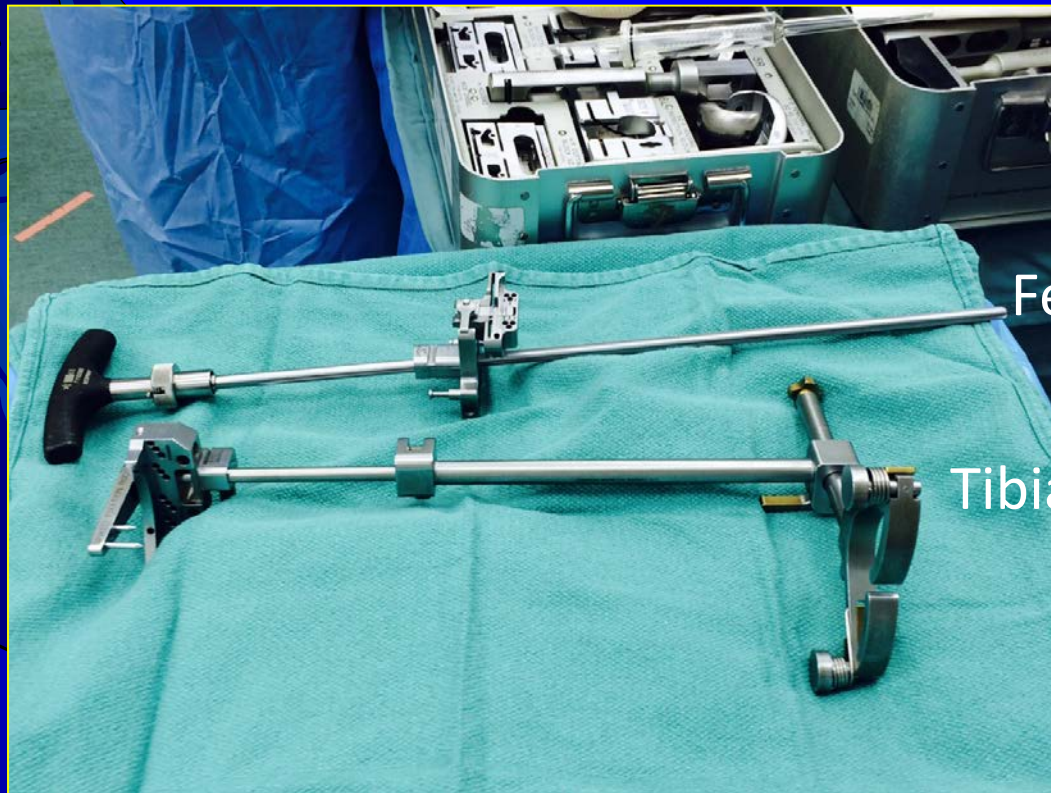
Femoral



Tibial

Rationale

- Conventional instrumentation involves simple tools with inherent inaccuracies



Femoral

Tibial

Conventional Instrumentation

Limitations

- Numerous jigs and fixtures
- Risk of infection from repeated-use
- Risk of bleeding, fat embolism, or fracture with the insertion of intramedullary alignment guides



PSI



Purported Advantages

- Reduced operative time
- Reduced inventory
- Cost savings

Rationale



Conventional instrumentation

Rationale



Patient-specific instrumentation

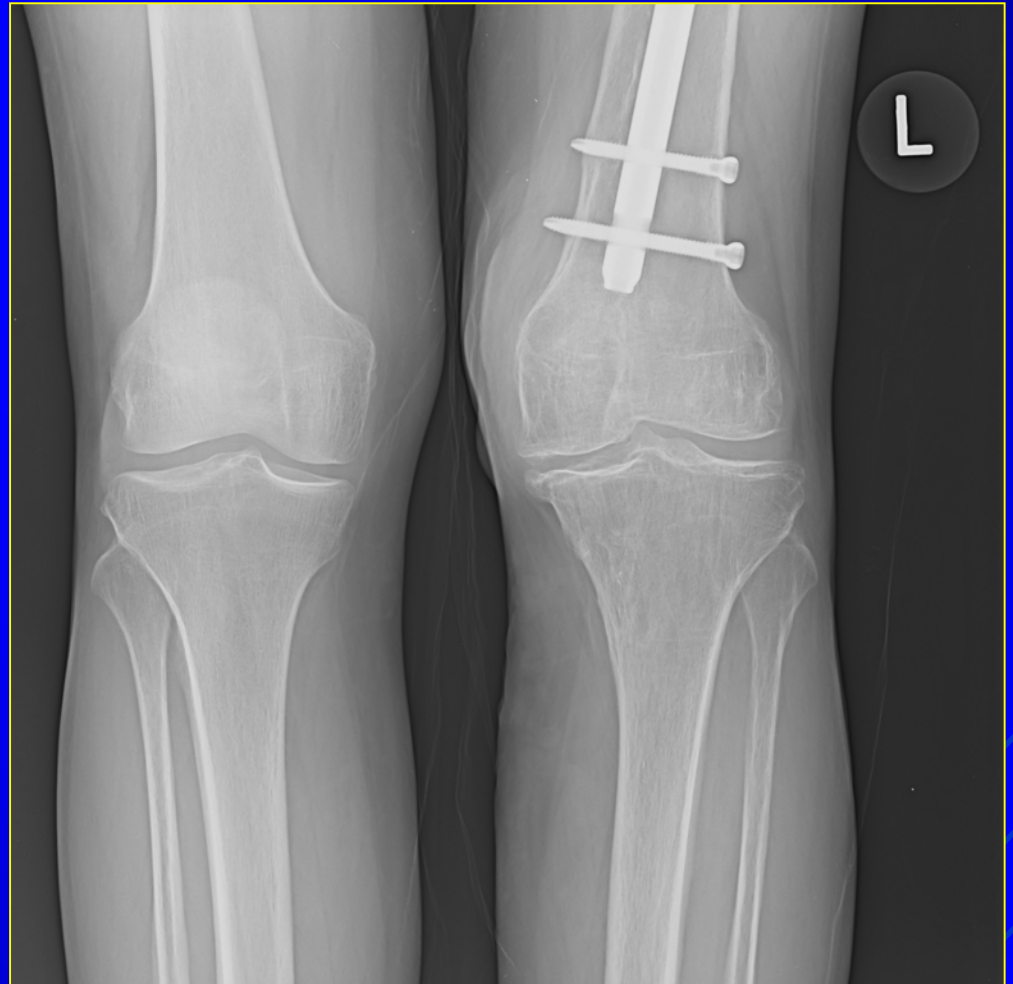
Rationale

Some cases preclude conventional (IM) instrumentation

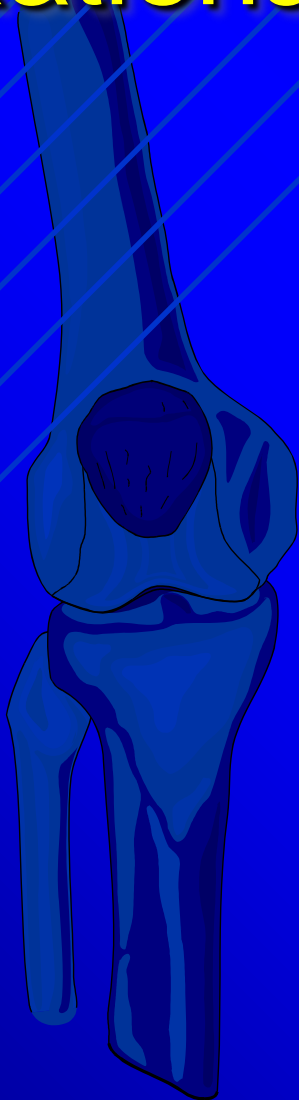


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Some cases preclude conventional (IM) instrumentation



Rationale



Rationale

- Used routinely, PSI guides might
 - Improve alignment
 - Increase efficiency
 - Decrease instruments
 - Reduce surgical steps
 - Reduce operation time
 - Improve longevity
 - Improve kinematics



Evaluation of Conventional and Patient-Specific Instrumentation in Total Knee Arthroplasty using Radiostereometric Analysis



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Background

- In practice, PSI success has been mixed
- Cost-effectiveness of PSI has been questioned



Lombardi AV, and Frye BM. *Curr Rev Musculoskelet Med* 2012;5(4):309-14.
Ng VY, DeClaire JH, Berend KR, et al. *Clin Orthop Relat Res* 2012;470(1):99-107.
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Nam D, Park A, Stambough JB, et al. *Clin Orthop Relat Res* 2016;474(1):40-6.

Objective



- Evaluate PSI technology compared to conventional instrumentation for TKA
 - Resource utilization
 - Surgical waste
 - Patient outcomes
 - Economics
 - Alignment
 - Implant migration and kinematics (RSA)

Objective

- Evaluate PSI technology compared to conventional instrumentation for TKA
 - In context of Canadian healthcare system



Methods: PRCT

- 50 patients:
 - 25 PSI
 - 25 Conventional
 - Powered for implant migration using RSA
 - Western University Health REB approval
 - Clinicaltrials.gov (NCT02230215)
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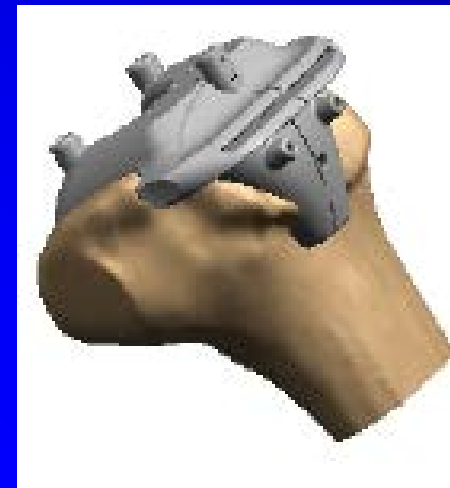
Methods: PRCT

- Legion™ PS implant
 - Smith & Nephew, Memphis, TN
- Cemented fixation
- Resurfaced patella
- Marker beads inserted in femur and tibia



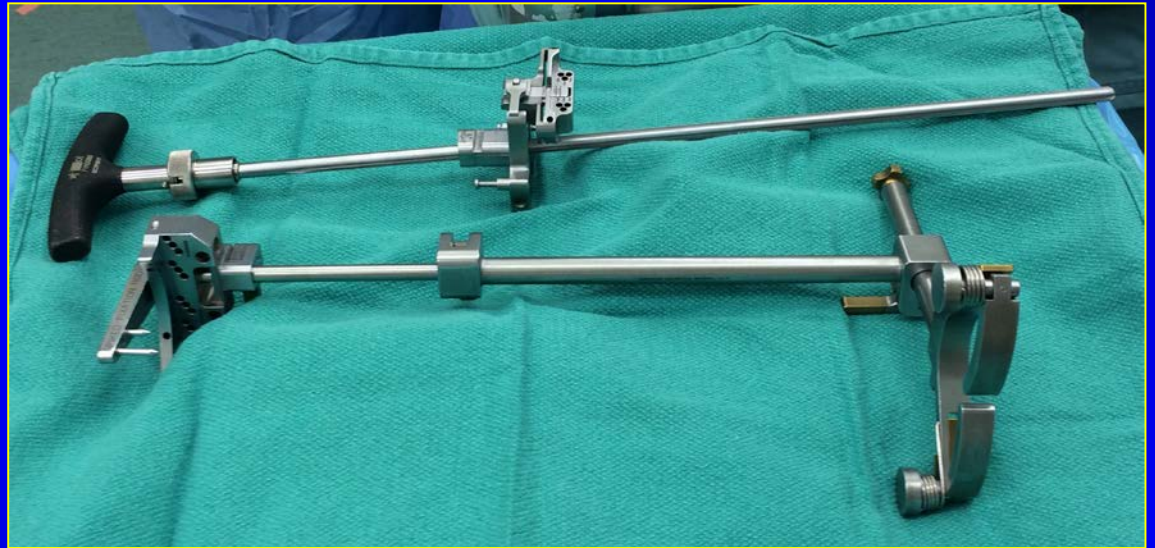
Methods: PSI vs Conventional

- PSI
 - MRI; 3-foot hip-ankle x-rays
 - Approval of OR plan
 - Visionaire™ cutting guides



Methods: PSI vs Conventional

- Conventional
 - IM femur
 - EM tibia



Follow-up



- Standard of care visits
- Baseline – implant position
- 6 weeks
- 3 months
- 6 months
- 1 year
- 2 years

Outcomes



- Duration of OR
- Number of procedure-specific trays
- Surgical waste audit
- Outcomes (WOMAC, SF-12, EQ5D, UCLA)
- Costs and healthcare resource use
- RSA (model-based software)

Outcomes

- Radiographic and RSA data
 - Mechanical axis
 - Femoral and tibial component alignment
 - Joint line elevation
 - Maximum total point motion (MTPM)



Results: Exclusions

Enrollment

57 consecutive patients randomized

Allocation

Conventional
Instrumentation Group
n = 27

Patient Specific
Instrumentation Group
n = 30

Withdrawals:
Other medical issues (n = 1)
Issue with RSA beads (n = 1)

Withdrawals:
Other medical issues (n = 1)
Withdrew consent (n = 2)
Guide not ready in time (n = 1)
Incorrect guide provided (n = 1)

Analysis
(n = 25)

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(n = 25)

Results: Demographics

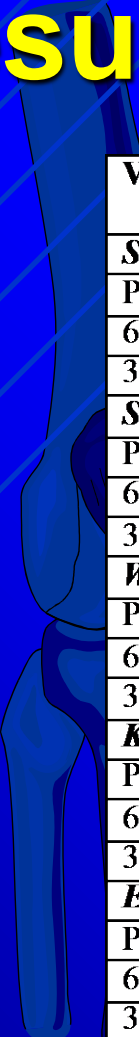
Variable	Patient Specific	Conventional	p Value
Age (years)	69 ± 8	69 ± 8	0.87
Male : Female	12 M : 13 F	7 M : 18 F	0.24
Height (cm)	170 ± 11	165 ± 10	0.08
Weight (kg)	88 ± 18	84 ± 16	0.11
BMI (kg/m ²)	30 ± 5	31 ± 6	0.74

Similar between cohorts

Results: Resources and Waste

Variable	Patient Specific Instrumentation n = 25	Conventional Instrumentation n = 25	p Value
<i>Intraoperative Resource Utilization</i>			
Total OR time (min)	112.5 ± 20.2	101.7 ± 14.7	0.04
Procedure time (min)	80.0 ± 11.4	73.9 ± 8.4	0.04
Tourniquet time (min)	76.2 ± 15.7	73.6 ± 8.3	0.16
Blood loss (ml)	133.0 ± 196.2	117.0 ± 83.8	0.58
Trays opened (number)	4.8 ± 0.7	8.1 ± 0.9	< 0.0001
Deviation from plan	7 of 25 cases	3 of 25 cases	0.50
<i>Surgical Waste</i>			
Total waste (kg)	10.1 ± 1.5	10.6 ± 1.7	0.24
Cardboard/paper (kg)	0.4 ± 0.1	0.4 ± 0.1	0.63
Biohazardous (kg)	1.6 ± 0.5	1.7 ± 0.5	0.74
Blue Recyclables (kg)	0.3 ± 0.1	1.4 ± 0.5	< 0.0001
Landfill (kg)	7.8 ± 1.0	7.3 ± 1.2	0.16

Results: Patient Outcomes



Variable	Patient Specific Instrumentation	Conventional Instrumentation	p Value
<i>SF-12 Mental Score</i>			
Pre-operative	59.2 ± 6.6	51.7 ± 11.1	0.03
6 weeks	52.5 ± 8.8	53.7 ± 10.8	0.70
3 months	56.3 ± 7.2	50.0 ± 10.1	0.10
<i>SF-12 Physical Score</i>			
Pre-operative	32.4 ± 7.9	34.0 ± 10.8	0.77
6 weeks	32.7 ± 8.1	35.5 ± 8.8	0.29
3 months	37.7 ± 8.8	42.1 ± 9.1	0.13
<i>WOMAC Total Score</i>			
Pre-operative	51.9 ± 12.3	53.3 ± 17.6	0.95
6 weeks	62.1 ± 16.0	76.2 ± 13.4	0.005
3 months	71.9 ± 11.8	74.5 ± 14.4	0.54
<i>KSS Flexion Score</i>			
Pre-operative	108.5 ± 13.4	105.5 ± 17.8	0.58
6 weeks	95.6 ± 13.8	111.4 ± 12.3	0.004
3 months	111.0 ± 10.6	115.5 ± 11.0	0.23
<i>EQ5D</i>			
Pre-operative	76.5 ± 12.5	76.5 ± 15.5	0.99
6 weeks	78.9 ± 14.8	80.7 ± 12.3	0.57
3 months	77.7 ± 19.3	78.1 ± 14.8	0.79
<i>UCLA Activity Score</i>			
Pre-operative	4.6 ± 1.6	4.6 ± 1.6	0.96
6 weeks	3.5 ± 1.2	4.0 ± 1.4	0.20
3 months	4.6 ± 1.6	4.7 ± 1.3	0.75

Results: Complications

- PSI
 - 1 infection
 - 3 manipulations
- Conventional
 - None



Results: Procedure Costs

	Patient Specific Instrumentation	Conventional Instrumentation
Procedure and inpatient stay	\$8,290.29 ± 1,502.59	\$6,502.91 ± 1,437.76
Postoperative resource use		
<i>Ministry of Health</i>	\$3,046.75 ± 8,429.12	\$608.54 ± 394.47
<i>Societal</i>	\$8,356.38 ± 13,365.05	\$5,154.84 ± 6,920.98
Total Cost per Case		
<i>Ministry of Health</i>	\$11,361.17 ± 8,692.48	\$7,111.45 ± 1,567.46
<i>Societal</i>	\$16,670.80 ± 13,463.19	\$11,657.75 ± 6,800.54

Results: Procedure Costs

	Mean Difference (95% CI), p-value
Procedure and inpatient stay	1,787.38 (951.10 to 2,623.67), p < 0.01
Postoperative resource use	
<i>Ministry of Health</i>	2,438.21 (1,124.01 to 6,000.43), p = 0.17
<i>Societal</i>	3,201.55 (2,879.16 to 9,282.26), p = 0.29
Total Cost per Case	
<i>Ministry of Health</i>	4,249.72 (534.43 to 7,964.99), p = 0.03
<i>Societal</i>	5,013.05 (1,079.73 to 11,105.83), p = 0.10

Greater avg. cost per procedure for PSI: **\$1,787.38**

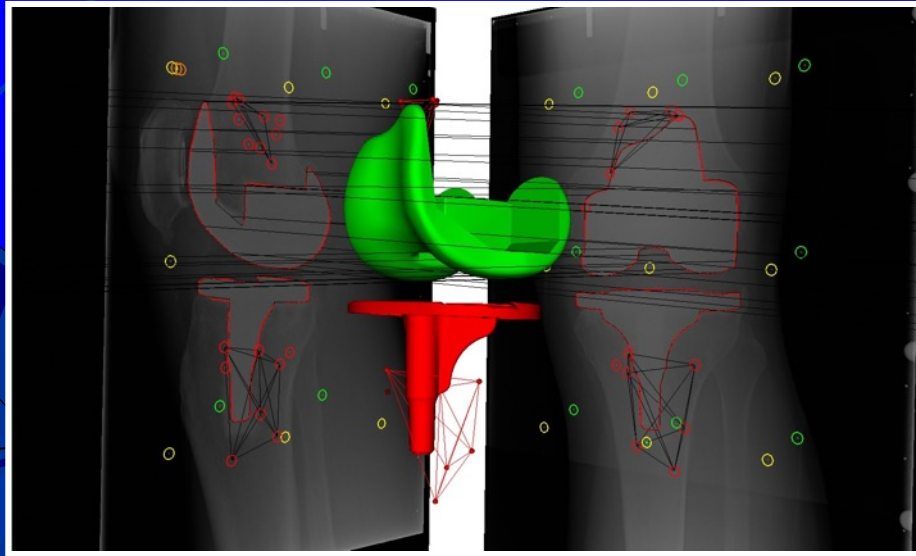
If revision for infection excluded: \$1,765.92

Results: Alignment

- No difference
 - Hip knee angle
 - Tibial slope

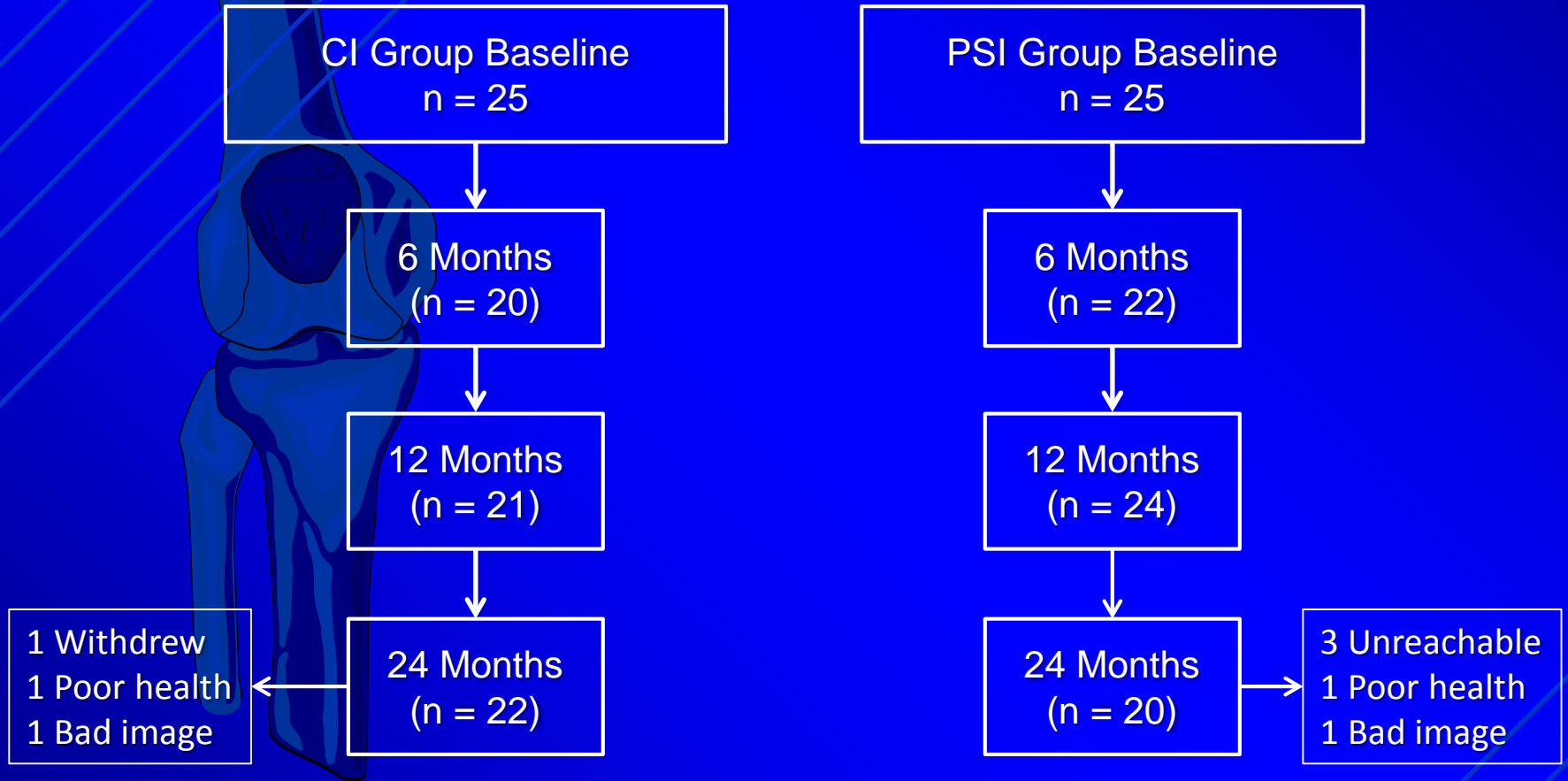


Radiostereometric analysis

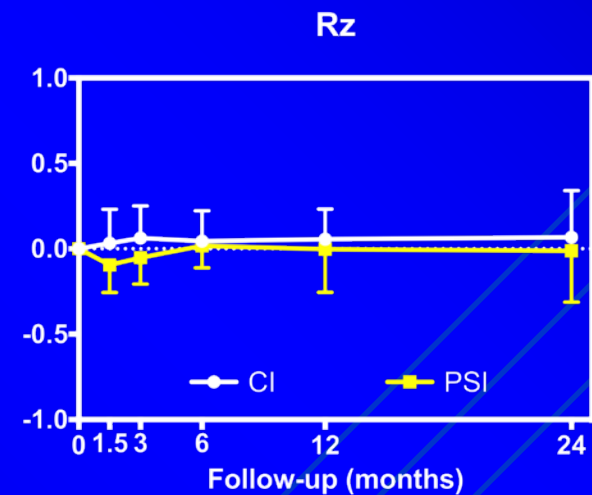
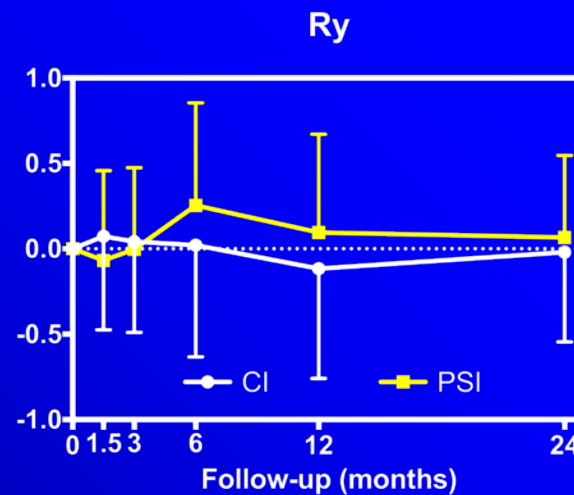
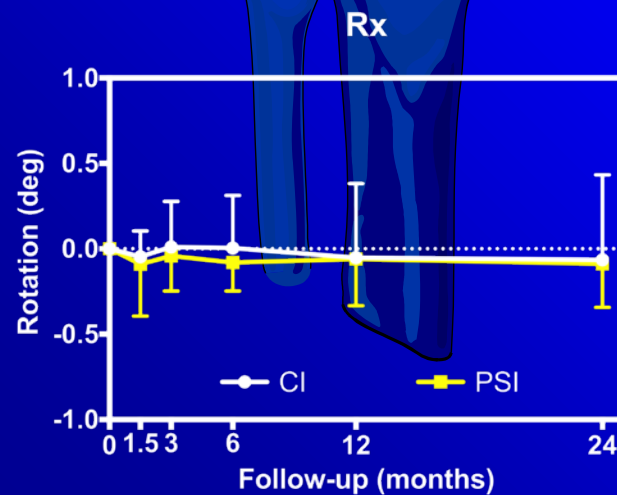
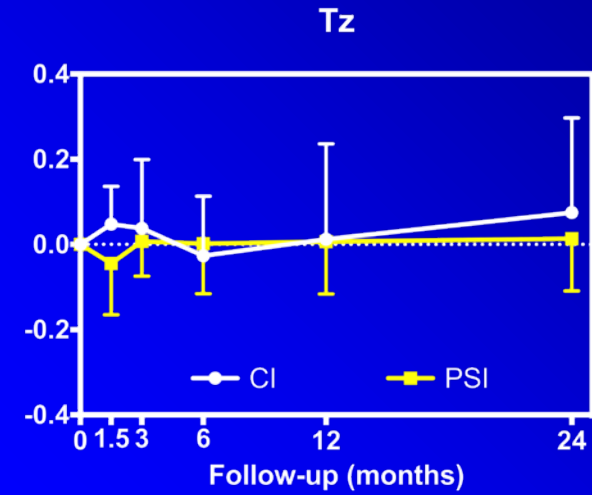
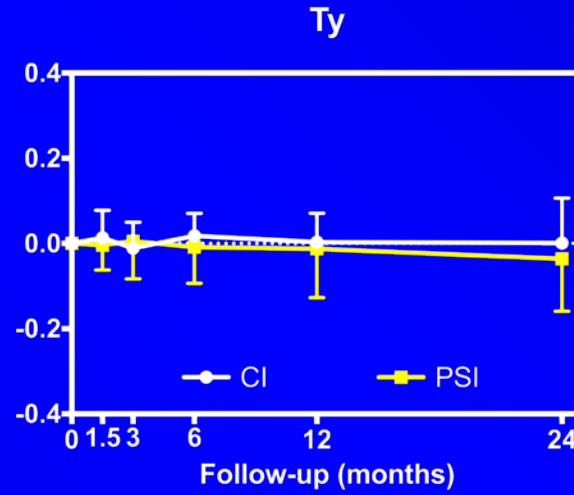
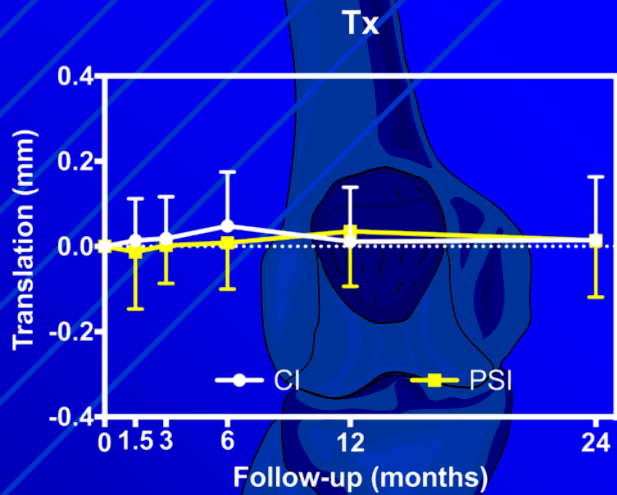
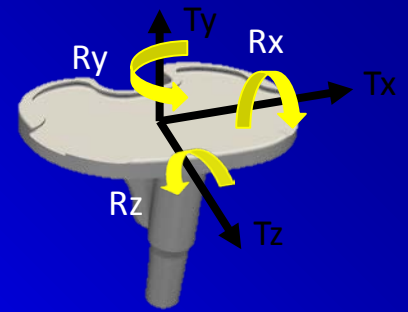


- Beads in femur, tibia
- Supine RSA exams
- Model based RSA
- 2 wks (baseline), 6 wks, 3 mos, 6 mos, 12 mos, 24 mos

Patient RSA exams

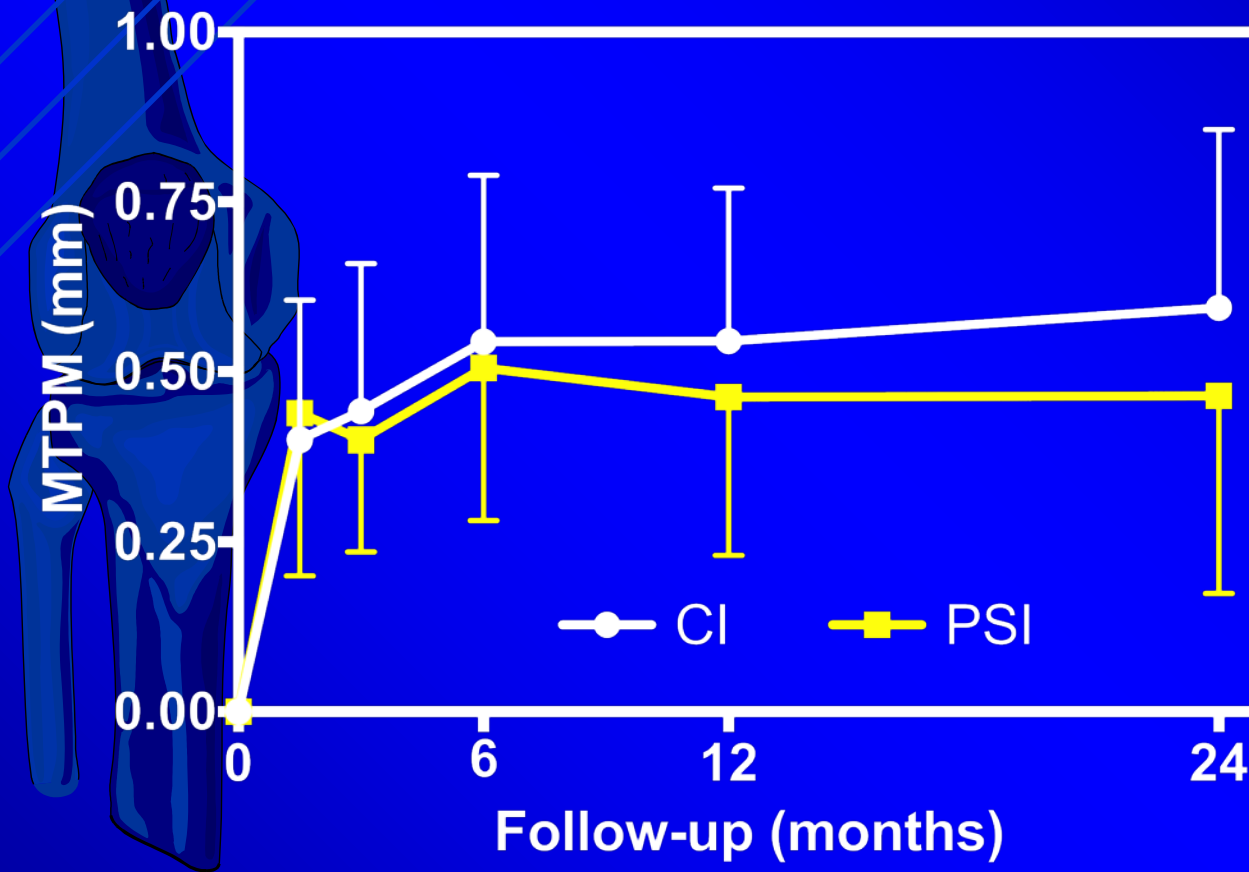


Tibial migration



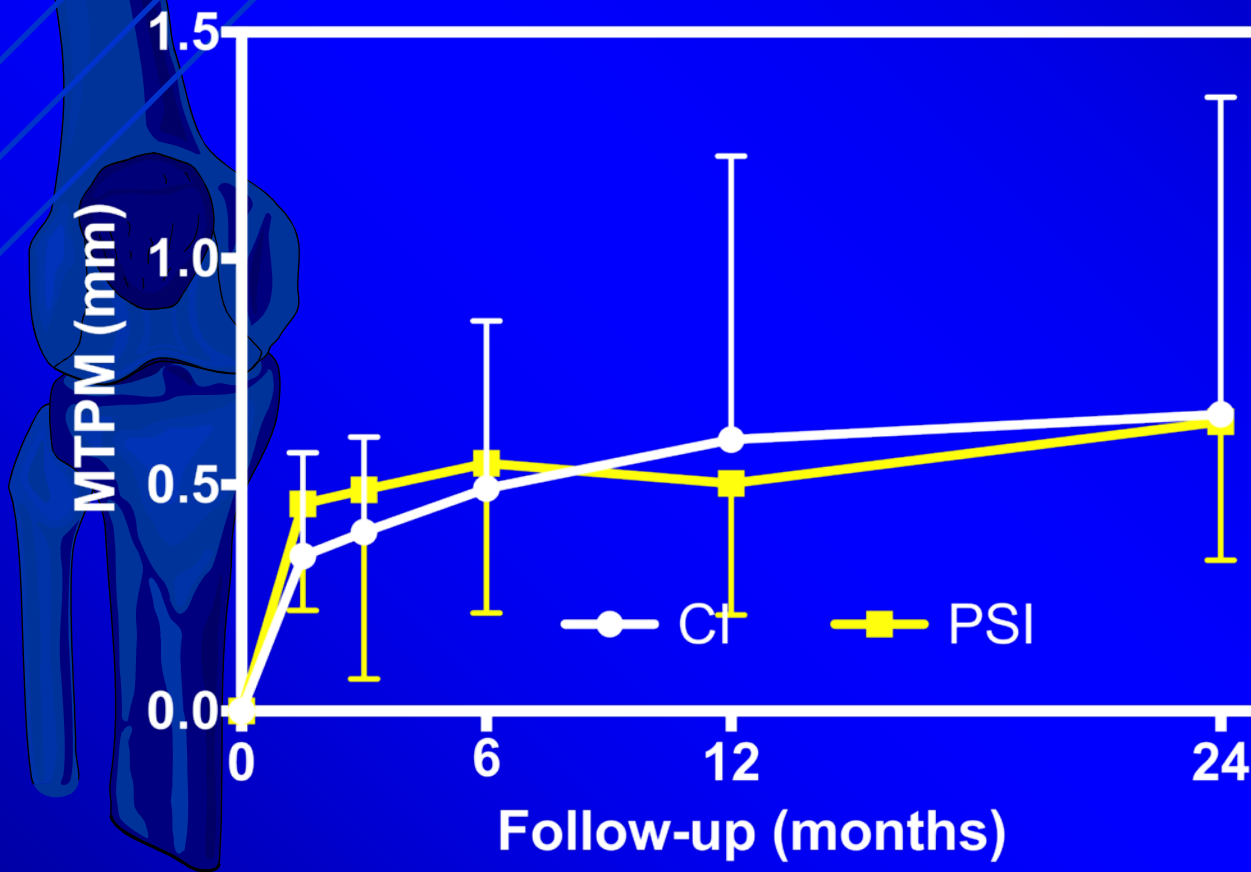
Tibial MTPM

$p = 0.77$



Femoral MTPM

$p > 0.05$



Predicted loosening

Published Threshold	Patient Specific	Conventional
¹ MTPM at 6 months <0.5 mm	0.51 mm (None > 1.6 mm)	0.54 mm (None > 1.6 mm)
² MTPM at 12 months <0.5 mm	0.46 mm (None > 1.6 mm)	0.55 mm (None > 1.6 mm)
³ MTPM from 12-24 months <0.2 mm	-0.01 mm (5 > 0.2 mm)	0.06 mm (3 > 0.2mm)
⁴ Rx at 24 months <0.8 deg	-0.09 deg (None > 0.8 deg)	-0.06 deg (3 > 0.8 deg)

¹Pijls et al. (2018) *Acta Orthop.*

²Pijls et al. (2012) *Acta Orthop.*

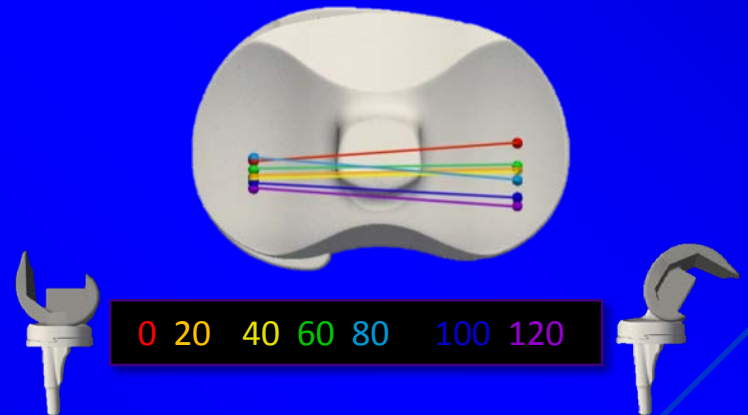
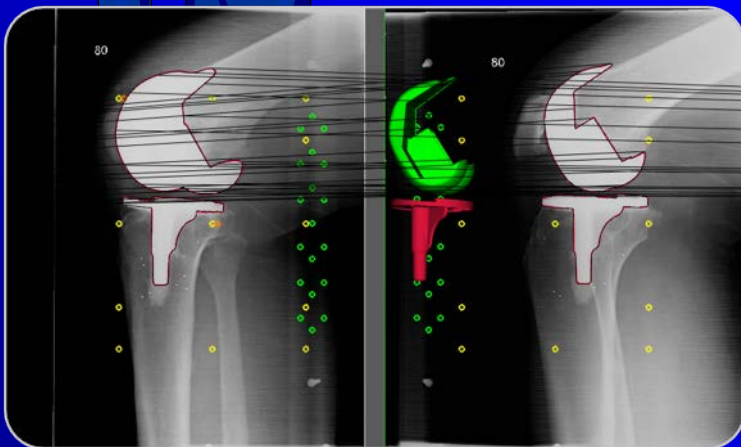
³Ryd et al. (1995) *JBJS Br.*

⁴Gudnason et al. (2017) *Acta Orthop.*

Contact kinematics



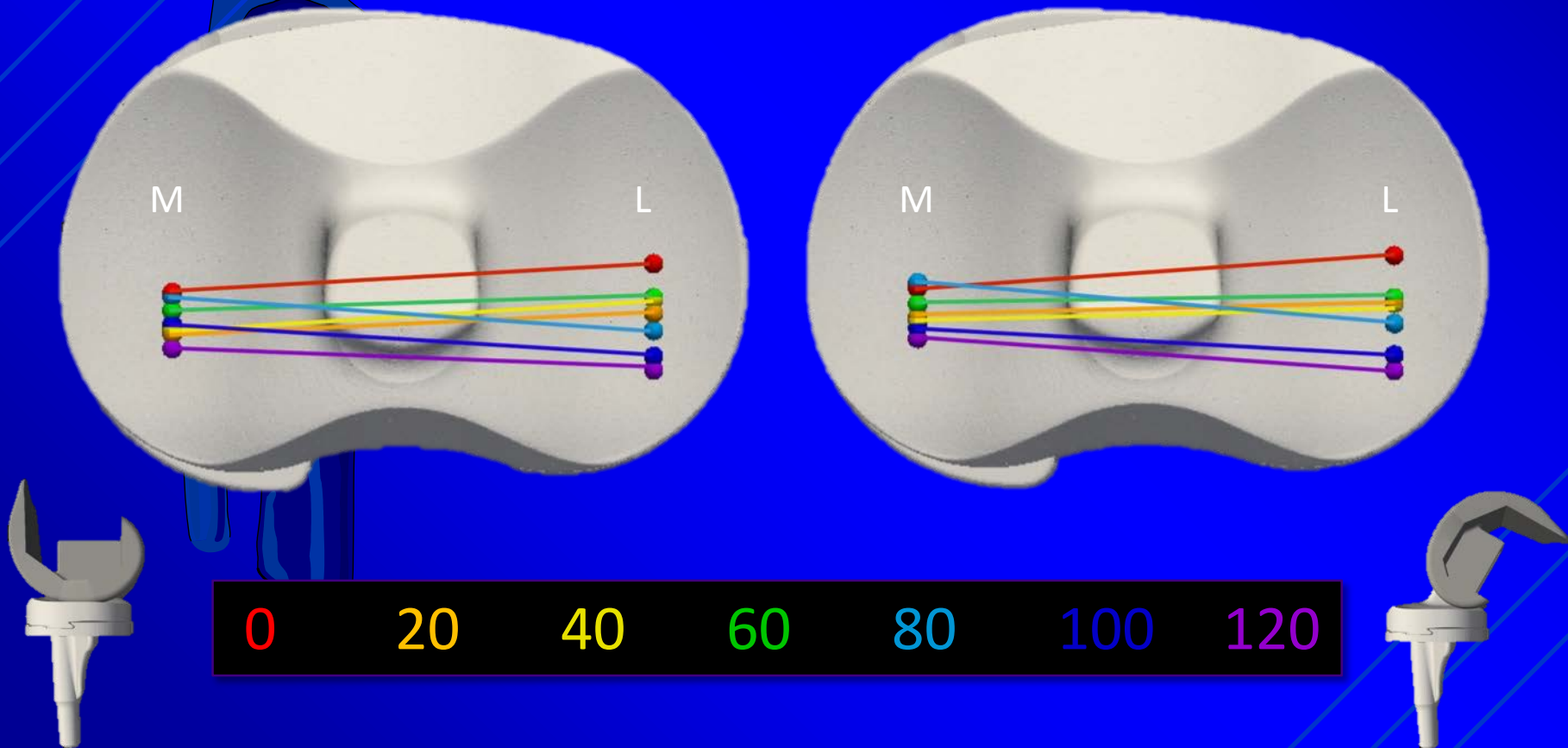
Quasi-static RSA takes exams at 0, 20, 40, 60, 80, 100, and 120 degrees of flexion



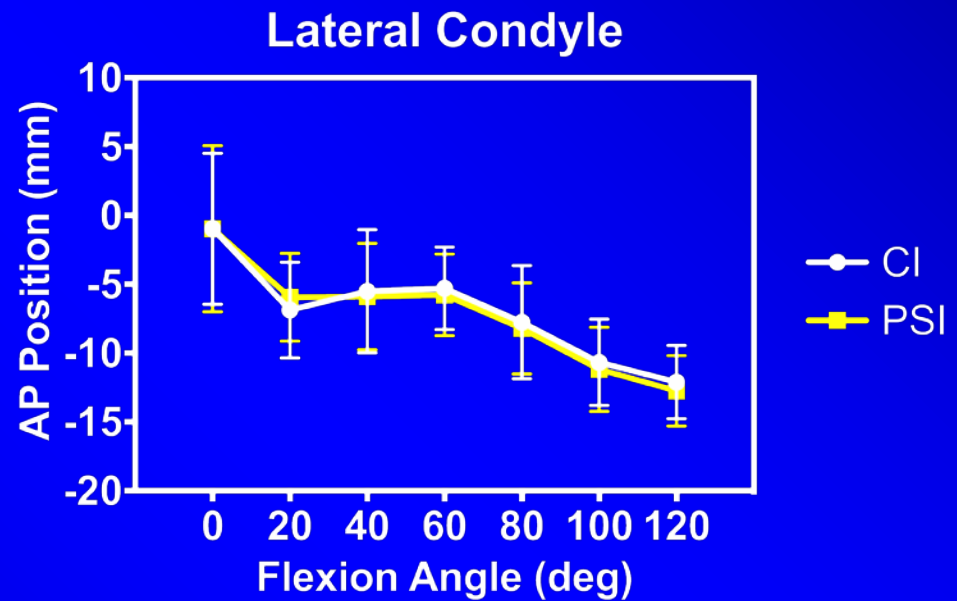
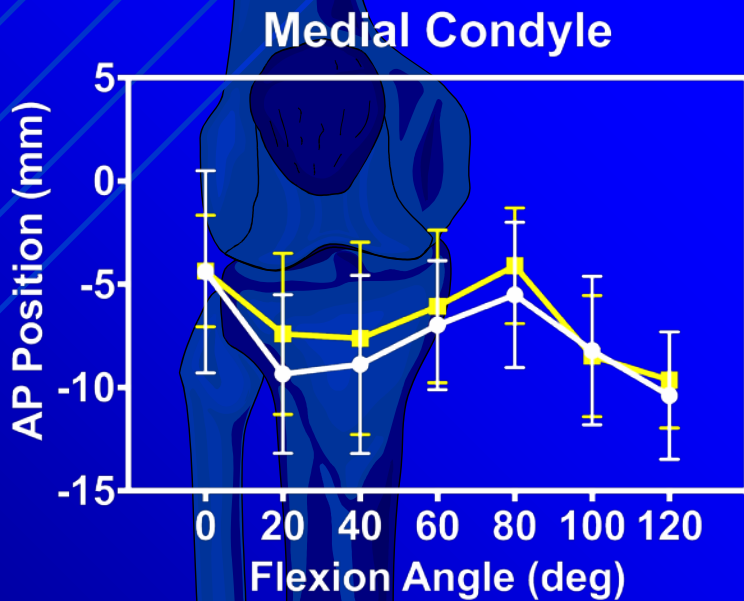
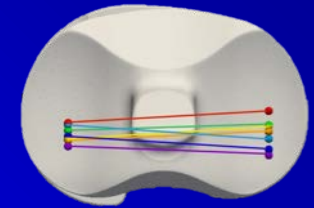
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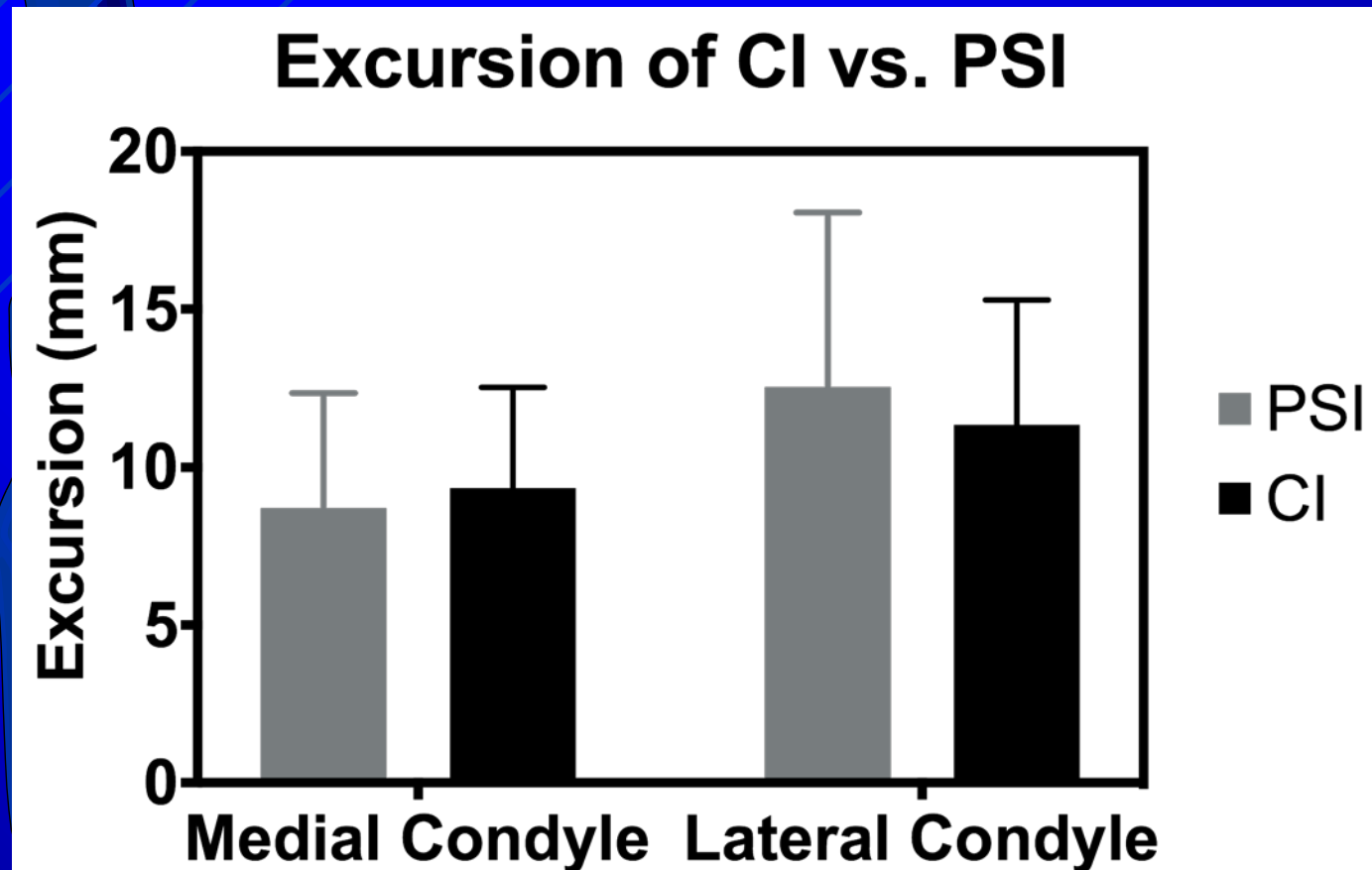


Contact location



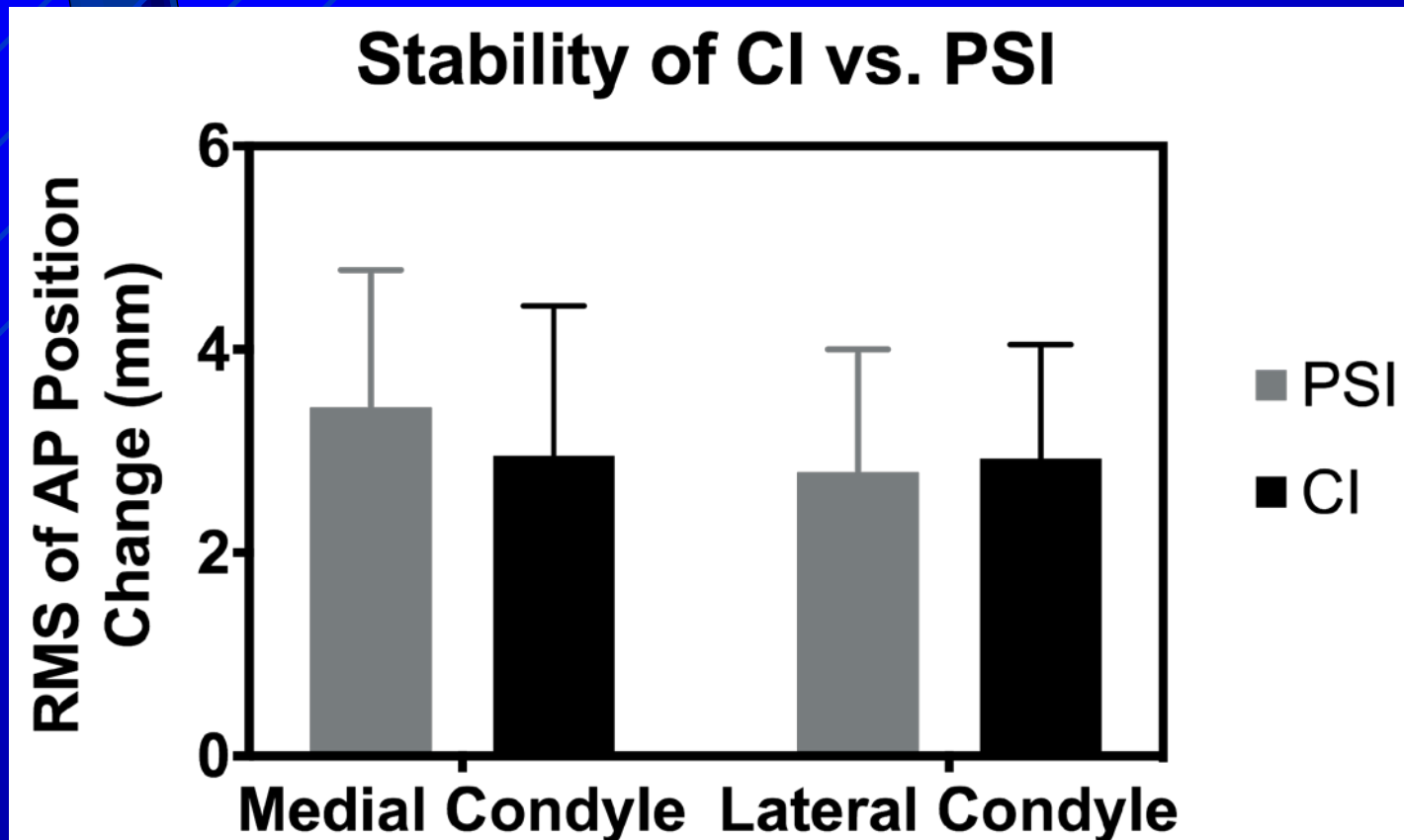
$p > 0.05$ at all flexion angles

Magnitude of excursion



$p > 0.05$

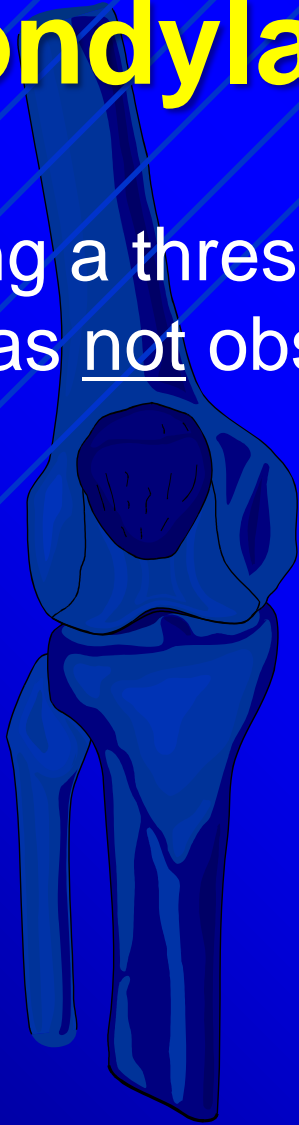
Stability



$p > 0.05$

Condylar lift-off

Using a threshold of 1 mm, condylar separation was not observed in either group



Discussion

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- 44 studies
 - 2,866 PSI
 - 2,956 standard instrumentation

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- Risk of femoral coronal-plane malalignment
 - Significantly lower for PSI

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- Risk of tibial sagittal-plane and coronal-plane malalignment
 - Higher for PSI

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- Minor reductions in total operative time and blood loss were noted for PSI

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- PSI improves accuracy of femoral component alignment and mechanical alignment

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- But at the cost of increased risk of outliers for the tibial component alignment

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- Not a substantial justification for routine use of the technology

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- Additional costs of several thousand U.S. dollars for using PSI technology
- Total cost of €1,142 for PSI beyond conventional instrumentation

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Surgical waste audit of 5 total knee arthroplasties

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- Routine operation produces more waste than family of 4 produces in one week

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Early migration of tibial components is associated with late revision

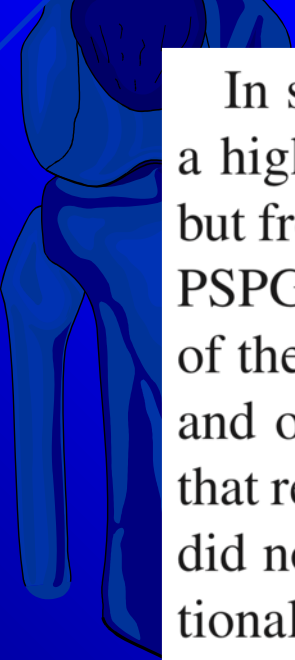
A systematic review and meta-analysis of 21,000 knee arthroplasties

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- Acceptable early implant migration
- Not considered at risk of revision

A 2-year RSA study of the Vanguard CR total knee system: A randomized controlled trial comparing patient-specific positioning guides with conventional technique

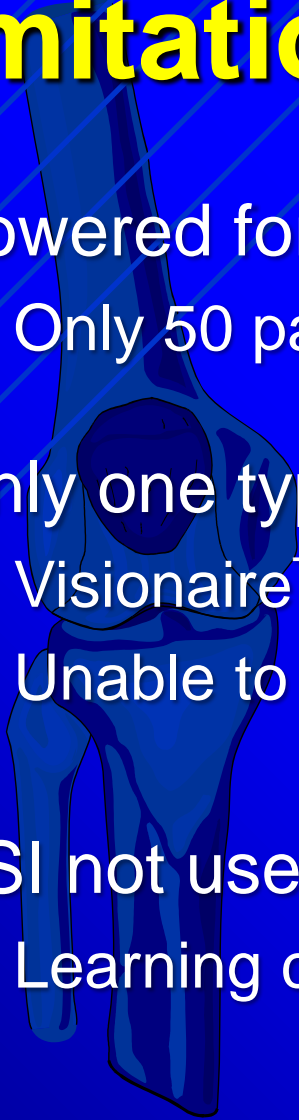
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In summary we found that the cemented Vanguard CR had a higher initial mean migration than expected at 12 months, but from 12–24 months the conventional group stabilized. The PSPG group also had continuous migration at this point. None of the implants in our study rotated more than recommended, and only 2 implants had a total peripheral subsidence above that recommended, 1 in each group. Although the PSPG group did not have a statistically different MTPM from the conventional group, we think that the findings of the migration pattern of this technique are of some concern and call for longer follow-up.

Limitations

- Powered for an RSA analysis of implant migration
 - Only 50 patients included
- Only one type of guide was examined
 - Visionaire™ (Smith & Nephew, Memphis, TN)
 - Unable to blind surgeon to technique
- PSI not used routinely at our institution
 - Learning curve for this technique



Strengths

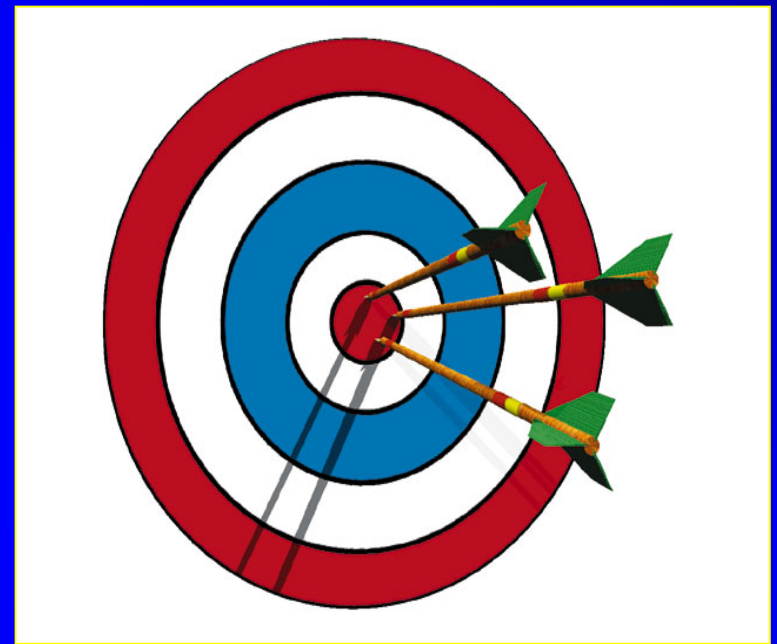


- Few studies have been devoted to cost
 - First in the context of Canadian healthcare system
- RSA evaluation
 - Clinically relevant association between early migration of TKAs and late revision for loosening

Conclusion

Ideal instrumentation

- Accurate and precise
- Time efficient
- Does not require preop imaging
- Proven benefit
- Minimum cost
- Widely available



Conclusion

- PSI group provided minimal or no advantage over conventional jigs:
 - Operative time
 - Surgical waste
 - Number of adverse events
 - Patient reported outcomes
 - Increased cost

Conclusion

- With RSA, PSI
 - Had acceptable migration patterns
 - None considered at risk of revision



Conclusion

- With RSA, PSI
 - Had acceptable migration patterns
 - None considered at risk of revision
 - Did not reduce the predicted risk of aseptic loosening
 - Did not provide any substantial advantage over CI with respect to contact kinematics

Conclusion

- Literature does not demonstrate a significant clinical or radiological benefit of PSI over other techniques in TKA
- Cost of PSI is a significant barrier for publicly funded healthcare systems
- PSI is not justified for routine use, but can be safely employed in selected cases



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