

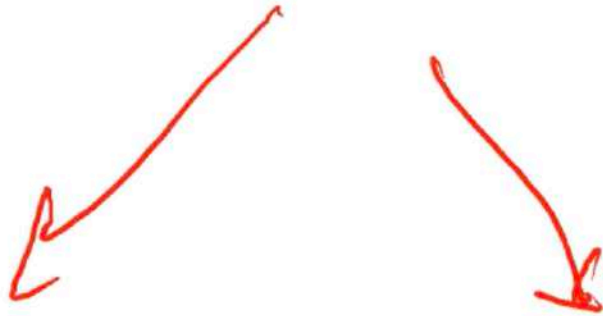
# Injuries around Knee

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# Injuries around Knee



- Distal Femur #
- Tibial Plateau #

(Part 1)

- Knee dislocation
- Patella #

## Distal Femur #

- “Fracture within transcondylar width of knee”



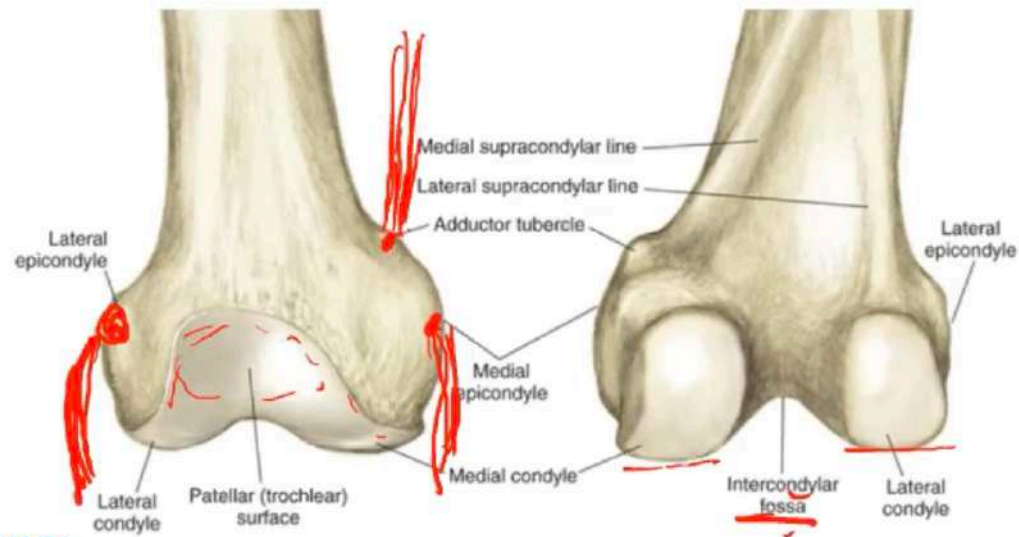
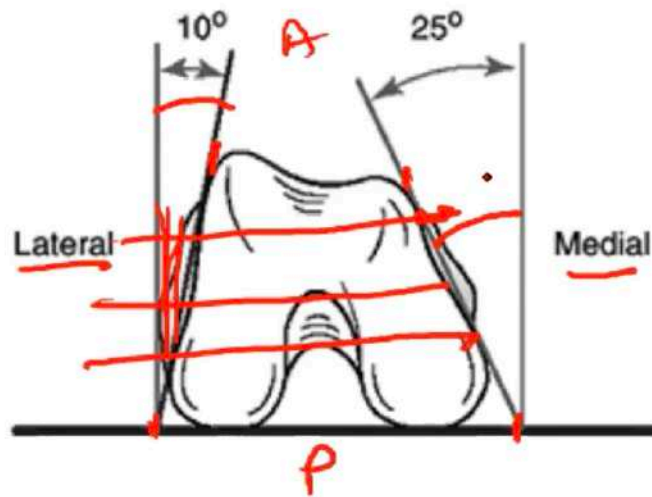
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## Age distribution — "Bimodal"

- Young males— High energy
- Old females — osteoporosis

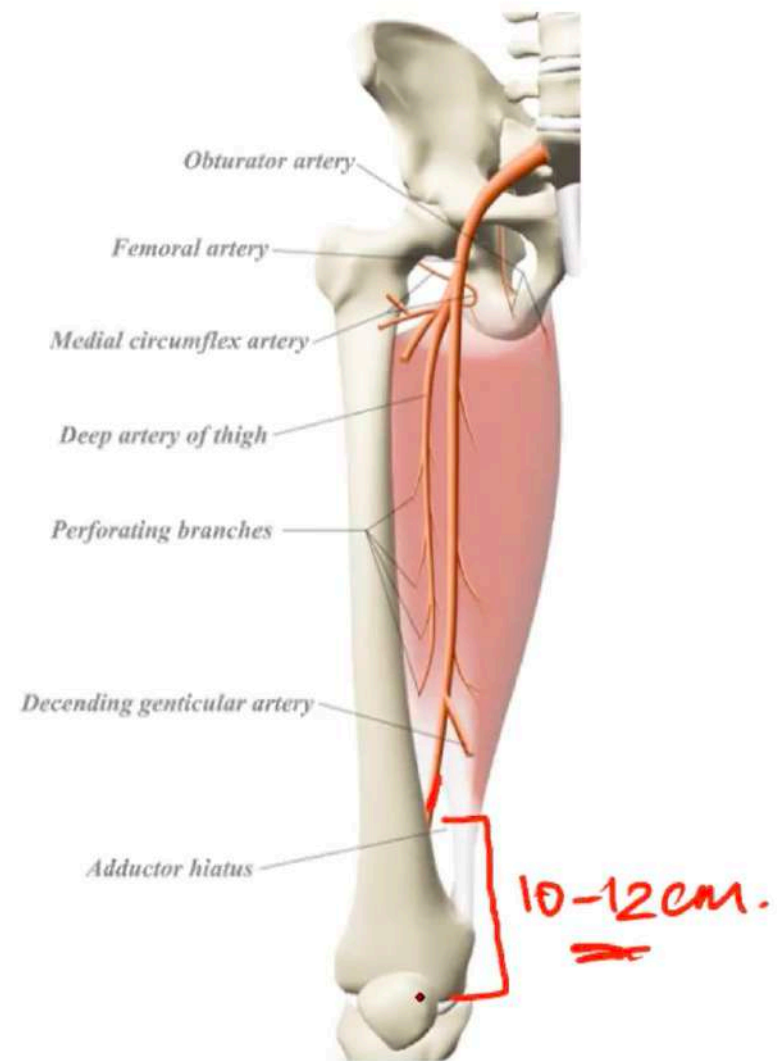
# Surgical Anatomy

- Trapezoidal- 10 degree lateral and 25 degree medial
- Medial condyle is more distal as compared to lateral condyle (Valgus)



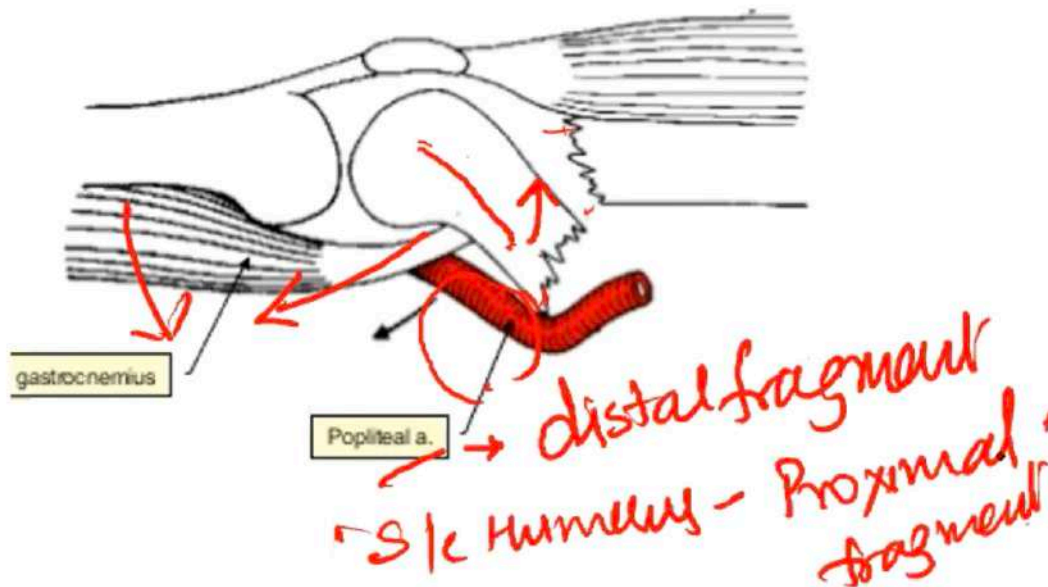
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- Femoral vessels pierce adductor magnus 10-12 cm above knee joint and enters posterior compartment



# Muscle displacements

- Shortening – Quadriceps and Hamstring
- Apex posterior angulation– Gastrocnemius pull
- Varus- Adductor magnus



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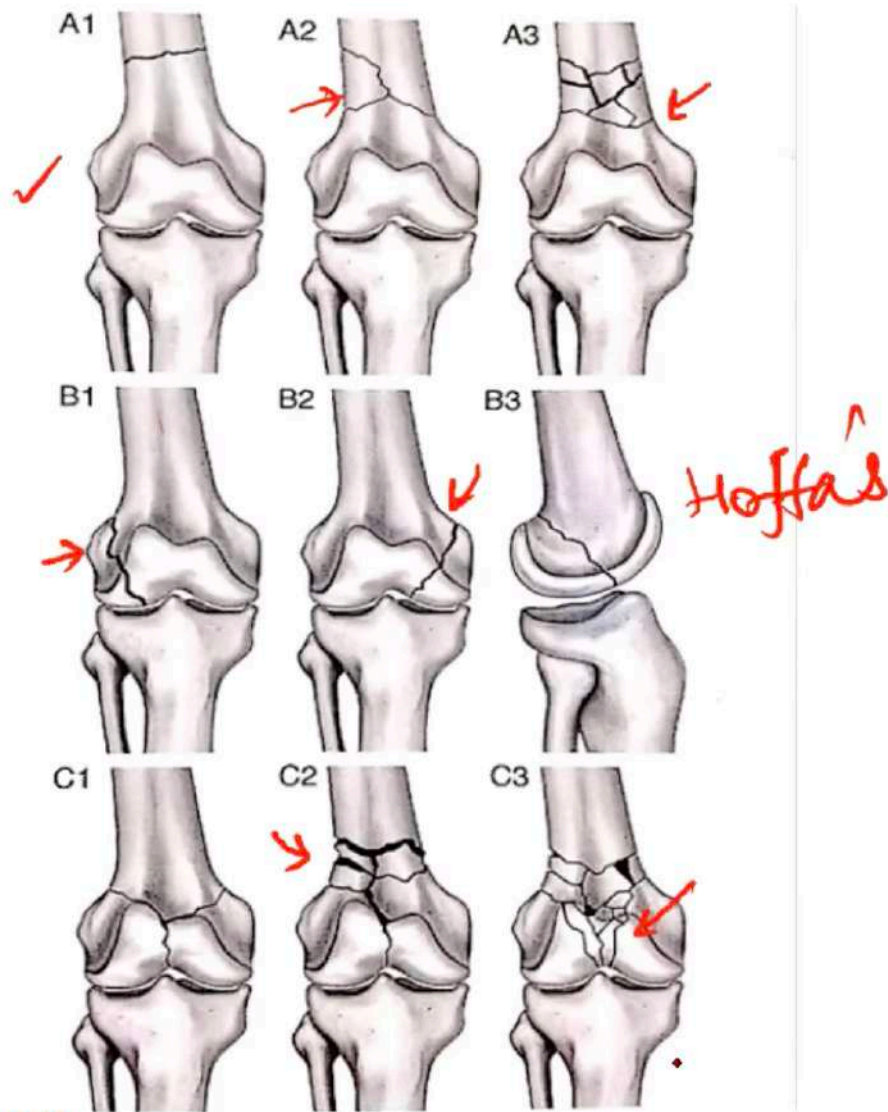


# Classification- AO

33 A → Extra-art.

B - Partial-articular

C - Complete articular



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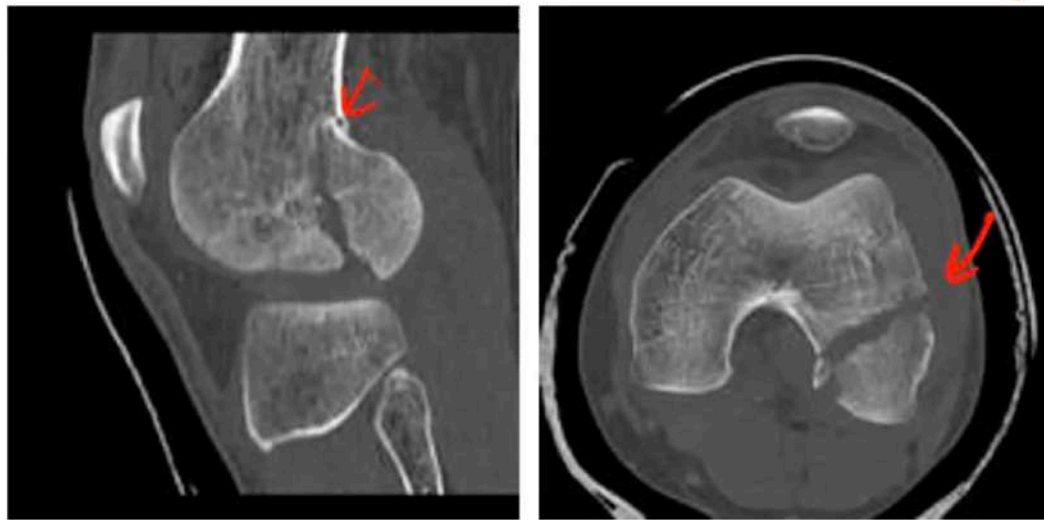


# Clinical presentation .

- Pain
- Swelling
- Bruise
- Crepitus
- Tenderness
- Mobility
- Shortening and external rotation

- ✓ • Neurological examination
- Vascular examination- Distal pulses must be checked
- Open #
- Skin condition — Blisters  
— tense swelling

CT



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# Implant Choice- Plate options



Blade plate-

technically demanding as it requires correct placement in three planes



DCS-

4cm of distal femur should be intact

Disadv- More bone is removed.

Bulky- Prominent hardware at ITB band



DFLCP-

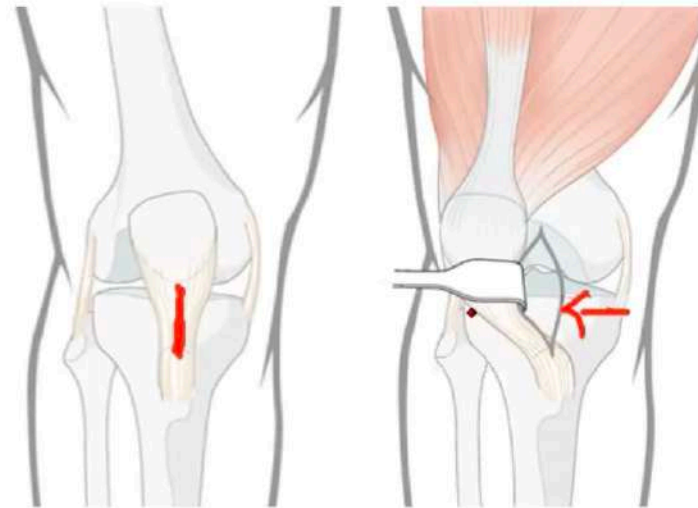
# Nail

- For nail-

✓ “Good reduction and Good entry point is must”

- Approach for nail- Transtendon

Medial parapatellar

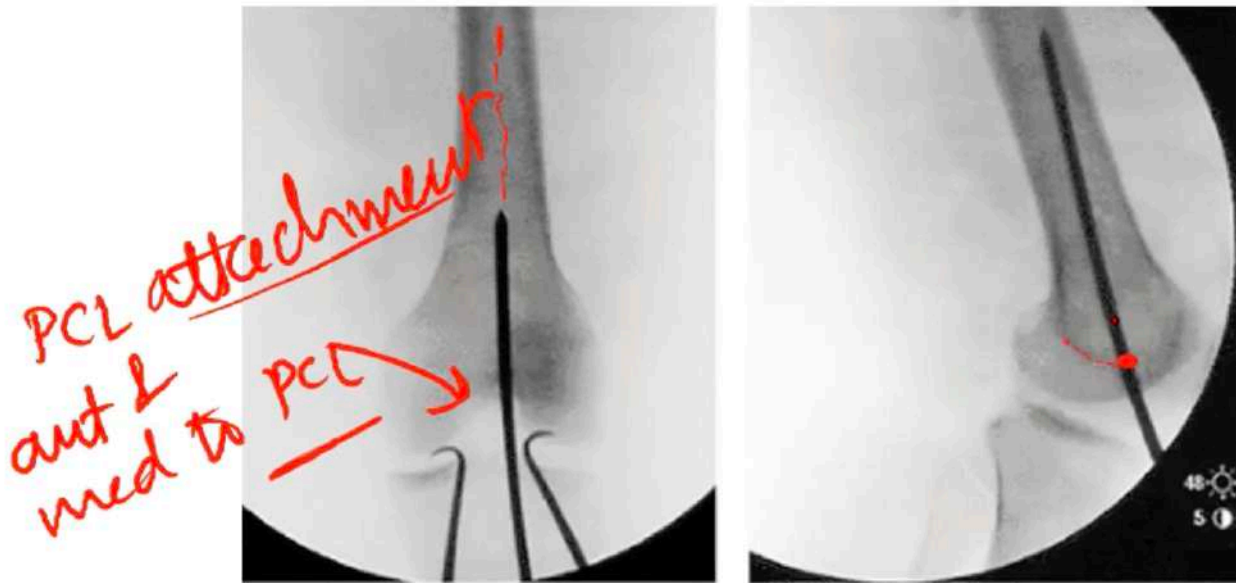


# Advantage of nail over plate

- Less invasive surgical approach
- Less soft tissue dissection- Preserve biology
- Load sharing device
- Intramedullary implant – resist bending forces better than plate



## Entry point for nail



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## Length of nail

- Upto or above the level of LT

< long nails.  
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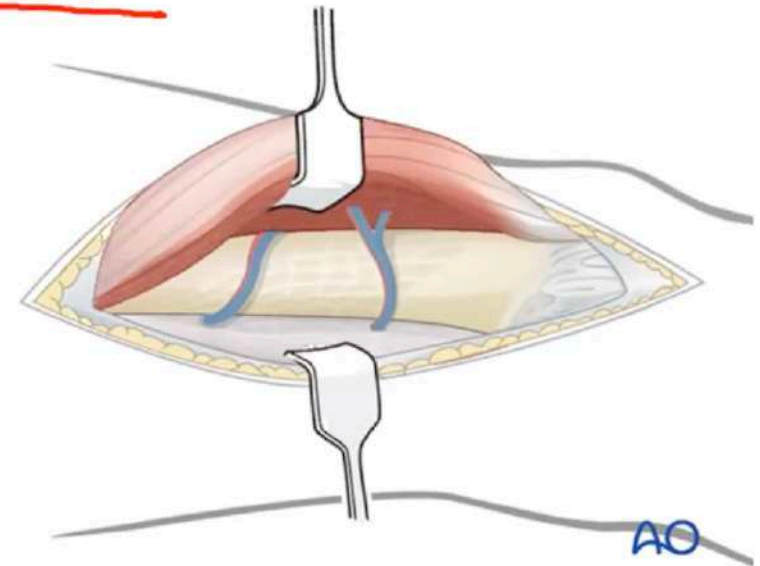


# Approaches for plate

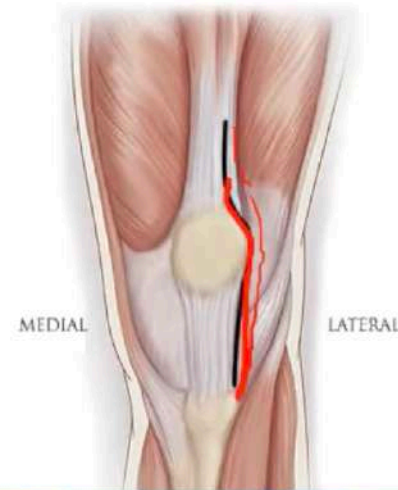
- Lateral approach → difficult + articular vision
  - Lateral Parapatellar - 1st red'n easy.
  - Anterolateral approach (Other name ??) → Swashbuckler
  - Medial parapatellar
  - Medial Sub VMO approach
- medial

# Lateral approach

- Lateral incision centered over lateral epicondyle
- Vastus lateralis is elevated off the intermuscular septum
- Minimal soft tissue stripping
- No soft tissue dissection on medial side



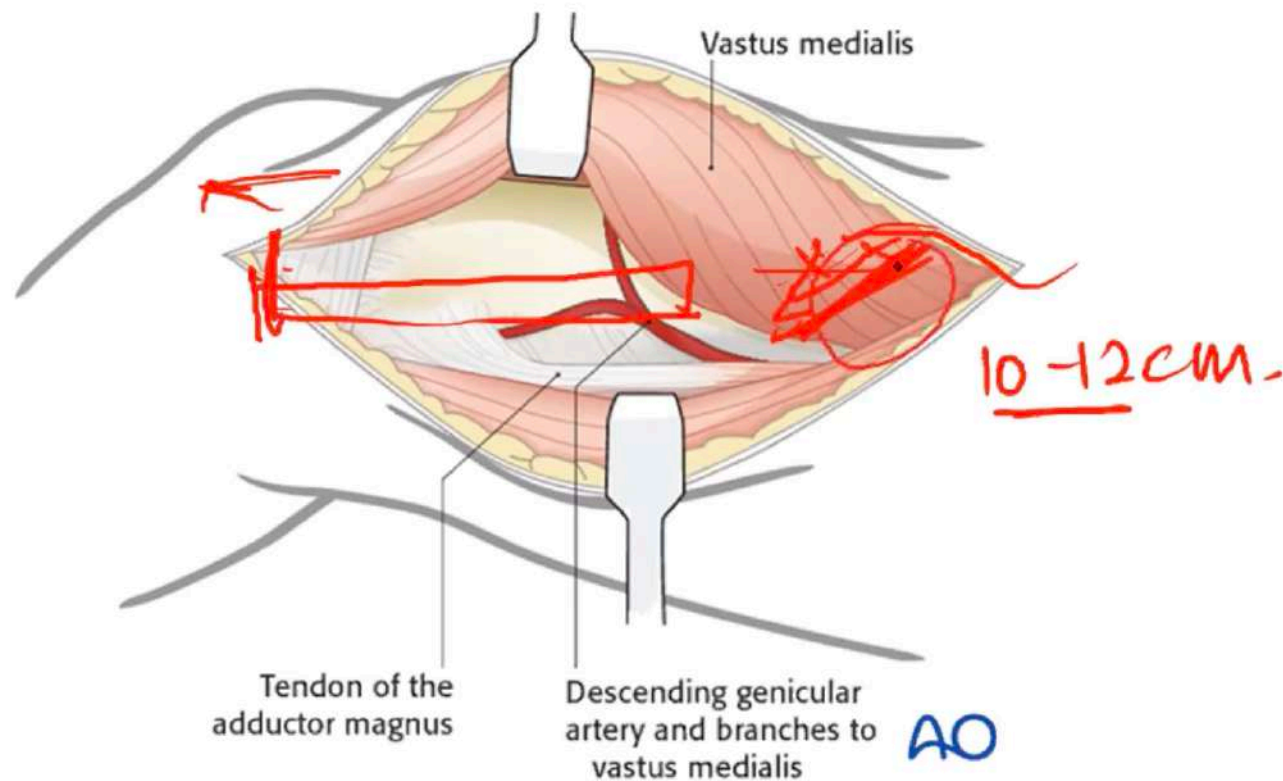
# Lateral parapatellar arthrotomy



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# Medial Approach

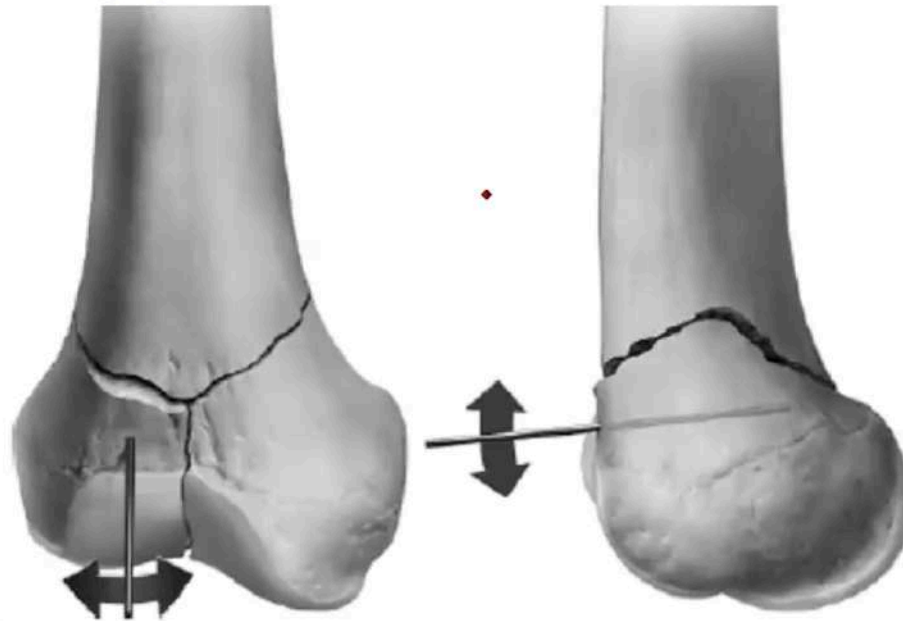


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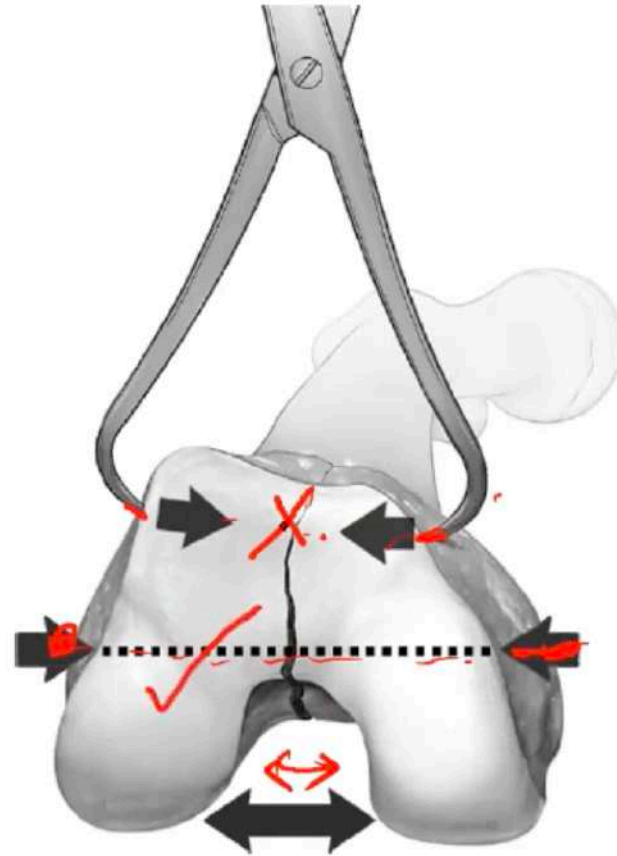
# Reduction tips

- Use of k wire as joystick



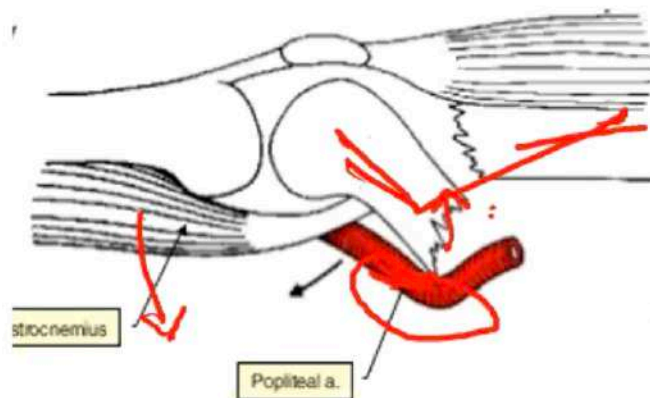
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## Use of reduction forceps/ clamp

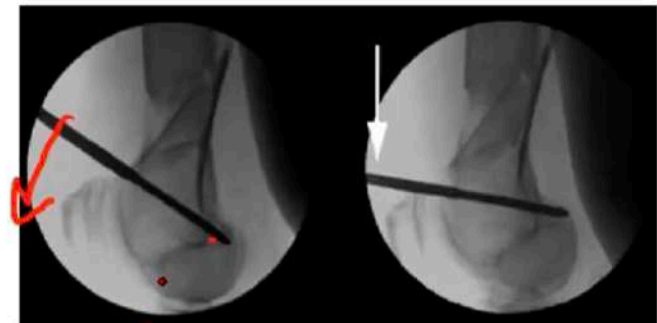


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# Reducing apex posterior angulation

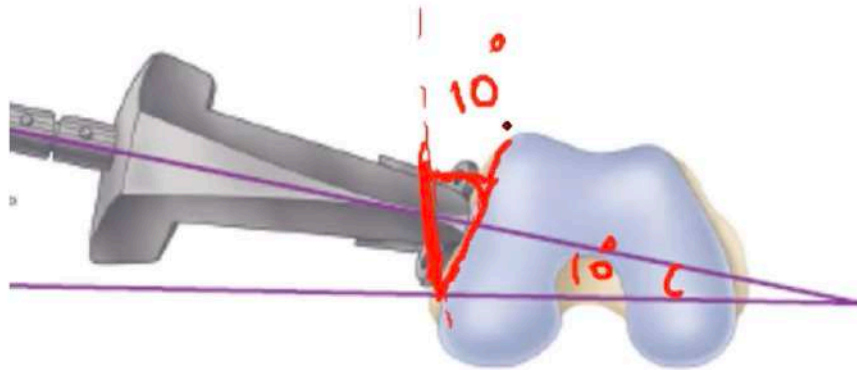


Using bolster/ sheet



Using Steinman pin as Joystick

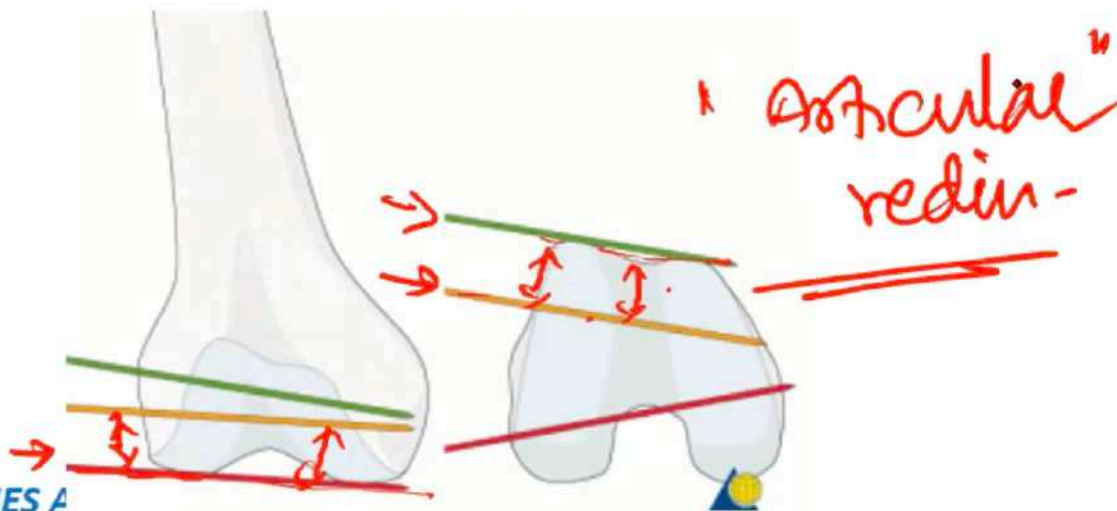
# Plate placement



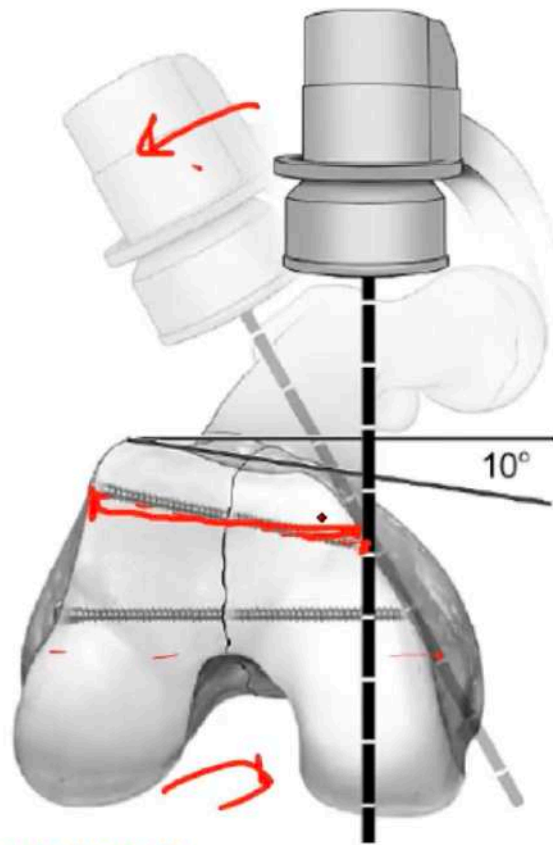
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# Screw placement

- Coronal plate alignment- put distal most screw parallel to distal articular surface
- If non locking and locking both screws are to be used, non locking to be applied first then locking



# Screw placement



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# Far Cortical Locking (FCL) screw concept

- Far cortical locking
- Decrease construct stiffness
- Increase callus formation

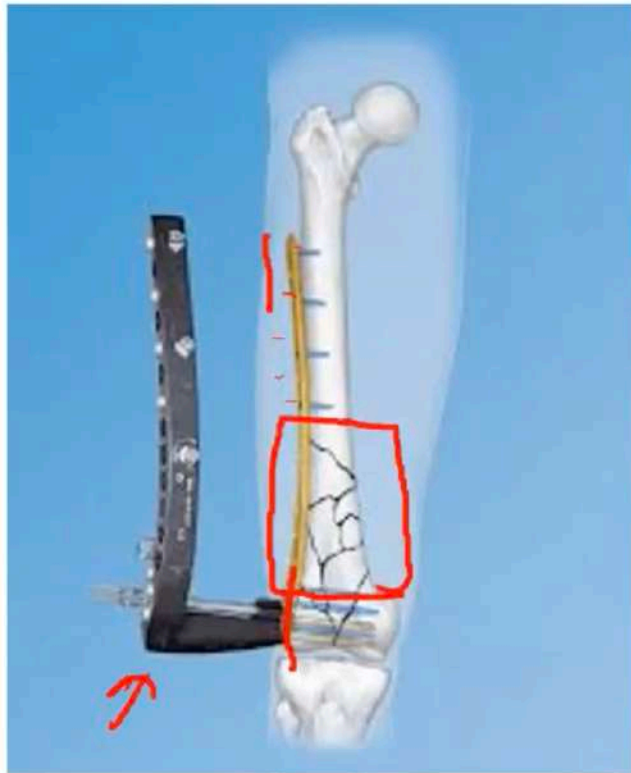
↓ stress rise  
↓ rigidity  
- relative stability  
↑ "callus"



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## ✓ LISS System

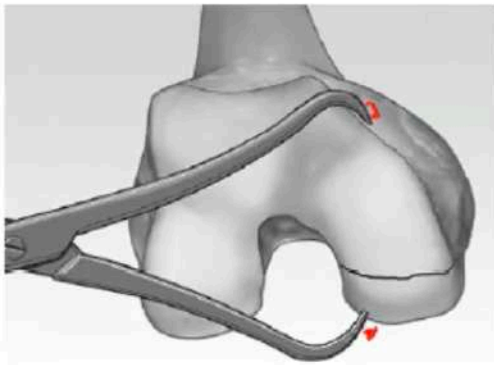
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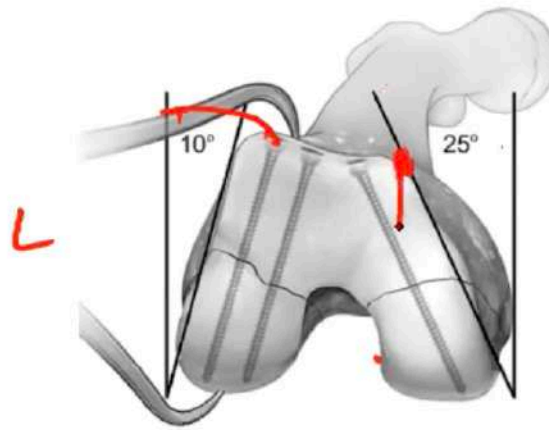
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## Type B3 # (Hoffa's #)

- Parapatellar arthrotomy



Reduction



Screw fixation Anterior to Posterior

# External fixator

- Damage control orthopaedics
  - Grade III Open #
  - Fracture Blisters/ Poor soft tissue condition
  - Vascular injury
- 
- Pins should be placed as far away from future incision
  - After 2-3 weeks, definitive fixation can be done



# Exploded femur- Comminution and/or Bone loss

- Options-

- Cement Spacer then Bone grafting
- Distraction osteogenesis (Bone transport)



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# Complications

- Malunion
- Symptomatic hardware
- Non union
- Infection
- Implant failure



## Tibial Plateau #



45 yr old male. Fresh injury

Treatment-

- a. Intramedullary nailing
- b. Lateral plating
- c. Medial plate
- d. Dual plating
- e. None of the above

*CT Scan  
Soft tissue  
condition*



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# Most important concept

✓ “Tibial Plateau #- Treatment guided by soft tissue status”

Tibial Pilon  
=

# Proximal Tibia #



Younger males-  
High energy trauma



Older females –  
Low energy trauma

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# Mechanism of injury

- Valgus and axial – Lateral plateau split-depression  
Depression is more if poor bone quality
- Varus- Medial plateau
- Flexion, Varus and IR- Posteromedial fragment



# Anatomy

- Lateral plateau is convex and is higher than medial
- Posterior Tibial slope 3- 10 degree (7°).



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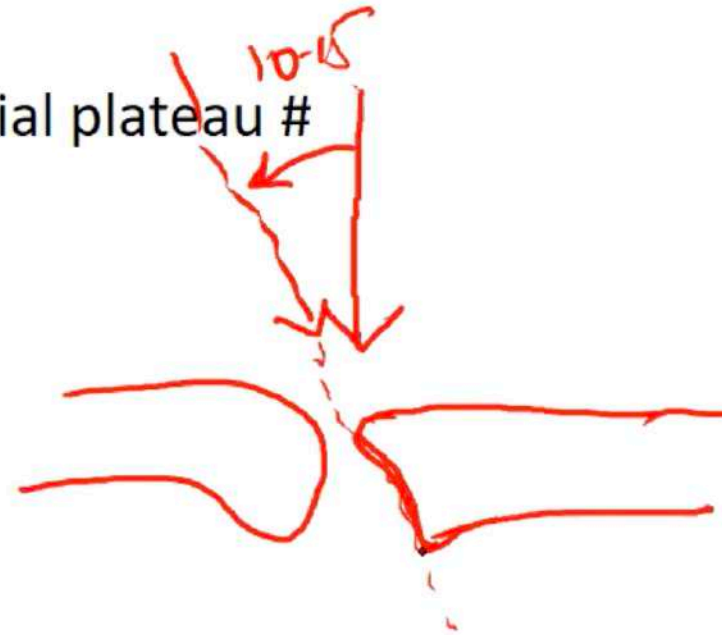


# Clinical presentation

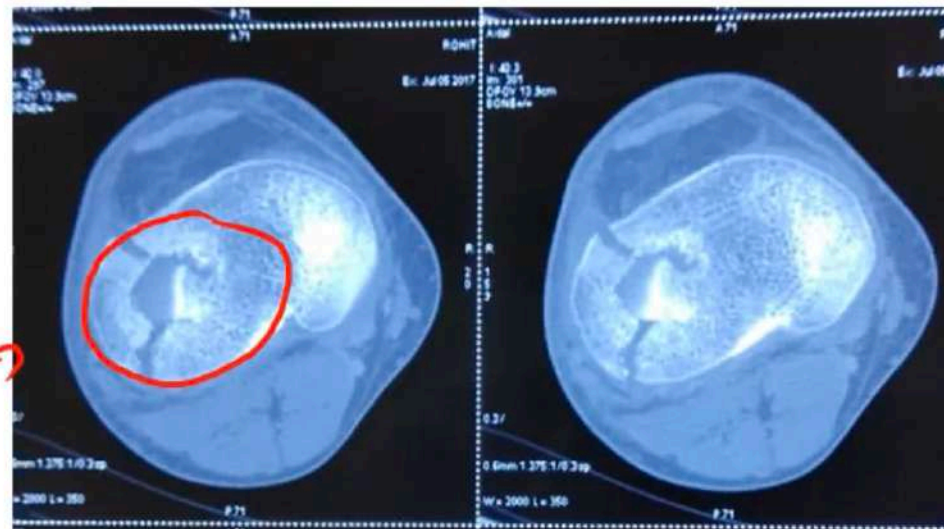
- Soft tissue examination is more important
- Open wounds
- Blisters
- Compartment syndrome
- Neurological and vascular examination is mandatory

# Xray

- Best Anteroposterior view for Tibial plateau #
- A. AP view neutral
- B. 10-15 degree caudal tilt
- C. 10-15 degree cephalic tilt
- D. 10-15 degree medial tilt



# CT Scan



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# If planning Exfix, when should be CT done

- A. Before Ex fix
- B. After Ex fix

# Span- Scan- Plan approach



Knee Span



CT Scan



Plan

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# MRI

- → Ligament Injuries -
- Meniscal Inj
- Occult Fr -

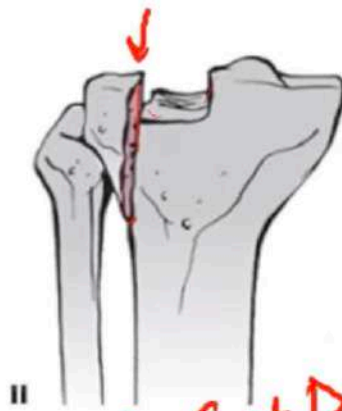




# 1. Schatzker classification



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LC-Split-



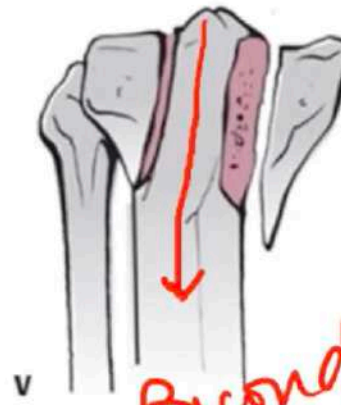
II  
LC-S+D



III  
Depression.



IV  
"Medial condyle"



V  
Bicondylar



VI  
H-D dissociation

## Most common type of #

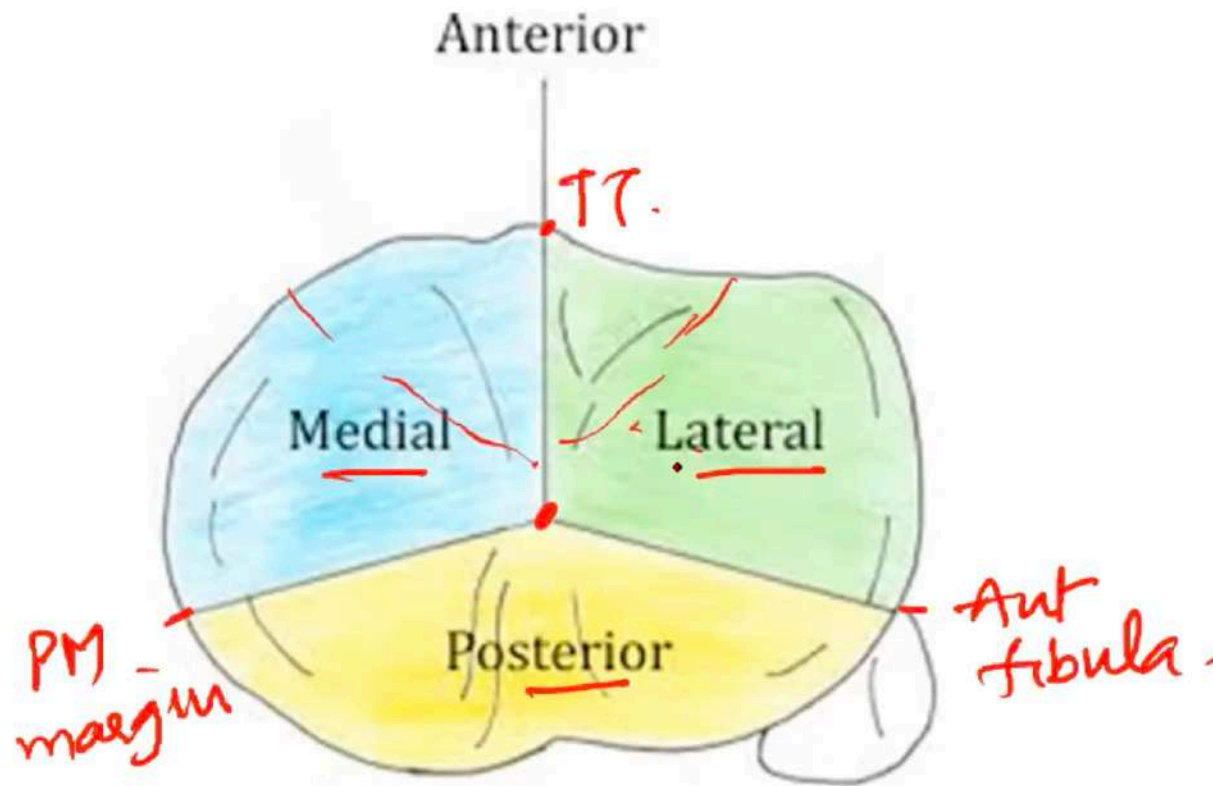
- A. Schatzker type 1
- B. Type 2
- C. Type 4
- D. Type 5

Main drawback of Schatzker and AO  
classification

- "Posterior" mixed "AP view"
- "Dislocation"

# Three column concept- CT based

'Luo'



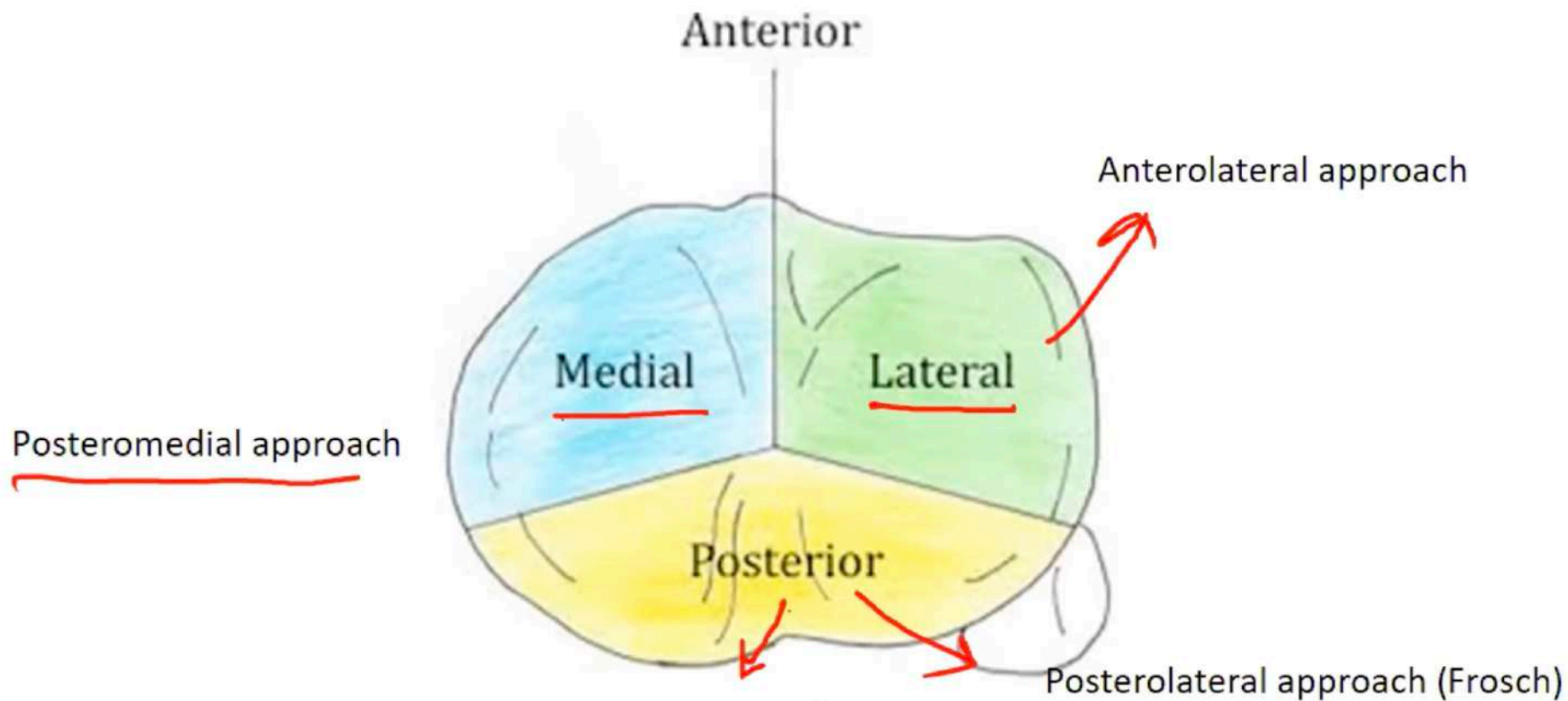
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# What is zero column fracture??



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# Approach on basis of Three column



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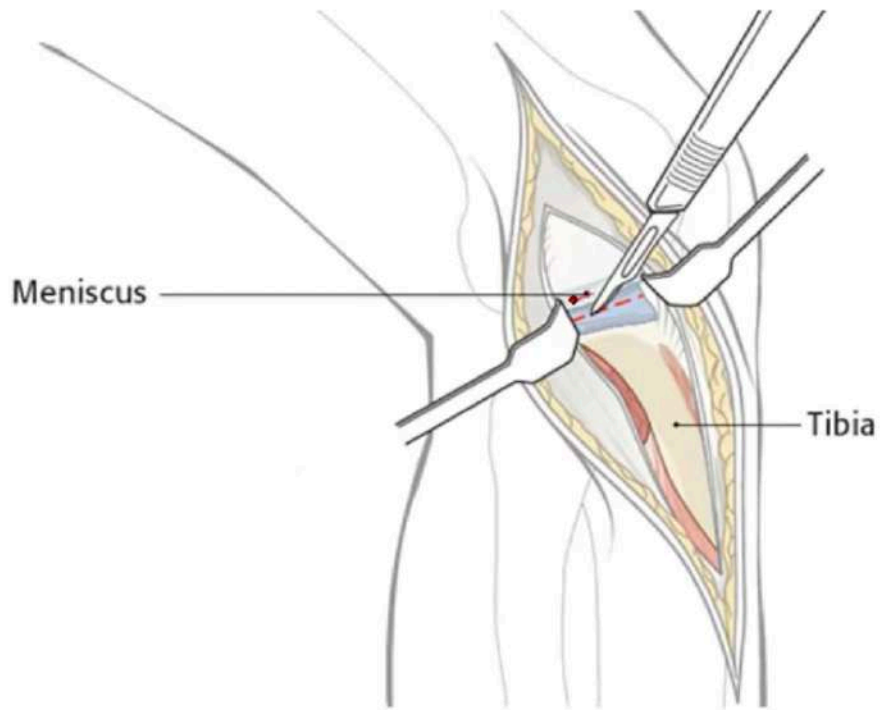


# Management

'Schatzker'

- 1- Split only → • Percutaneous CC screw fixation/ Plate
- 2- Split- depression → • Elevation + Void filler + Plate
- 3- Depression only → • Elevation + Void filler + Plate
- 4- Medial condyle → • Medial Plating
- 5- Bicondylar → • Dual Plating
- 6- Shaft dissociation → • Dual Plating

# Anterolateral

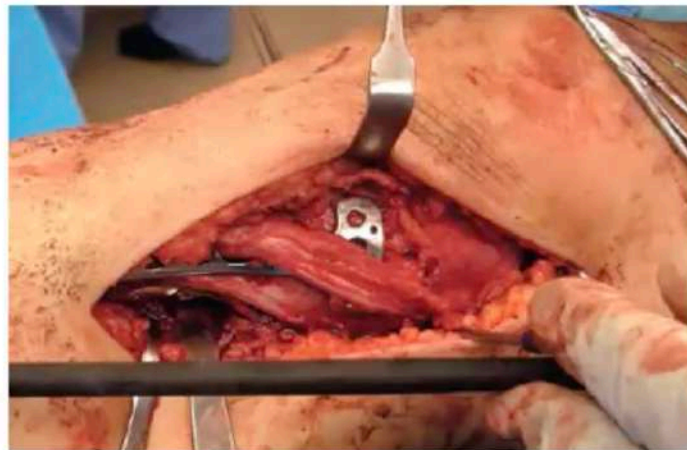
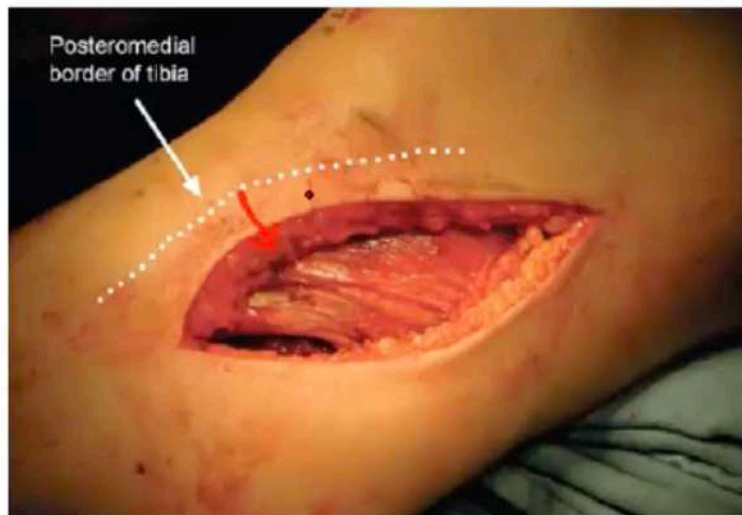


*Submeniscal  
arthroscopy*

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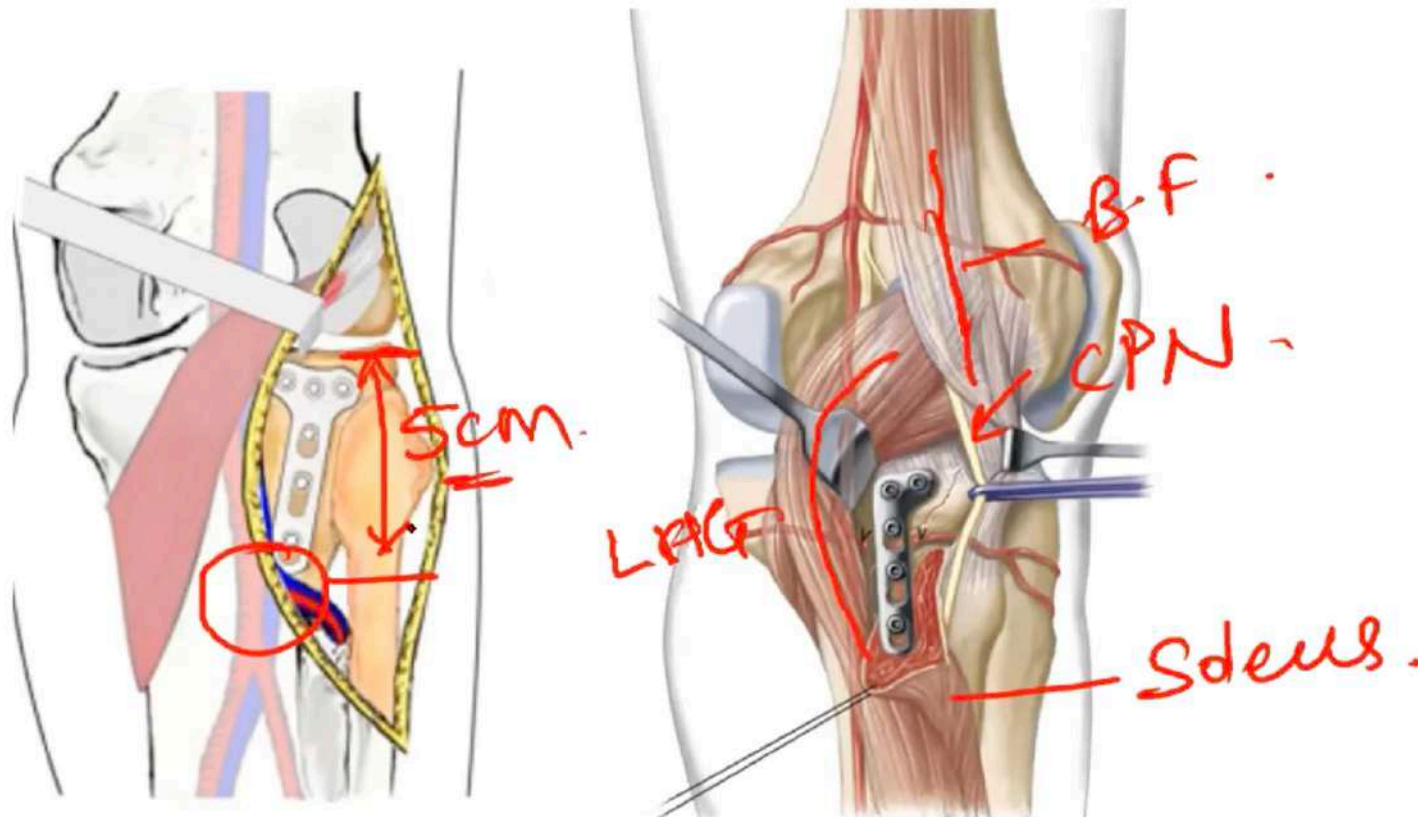
# Posteromedial approach

- Knee flexion and External rotation at hip
- Incision- 1-2 cm posterior to posteromedial border of tibia



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# Posterolateral approach (Frosch)

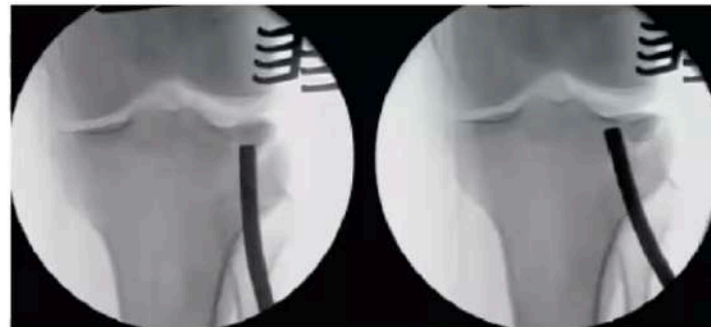
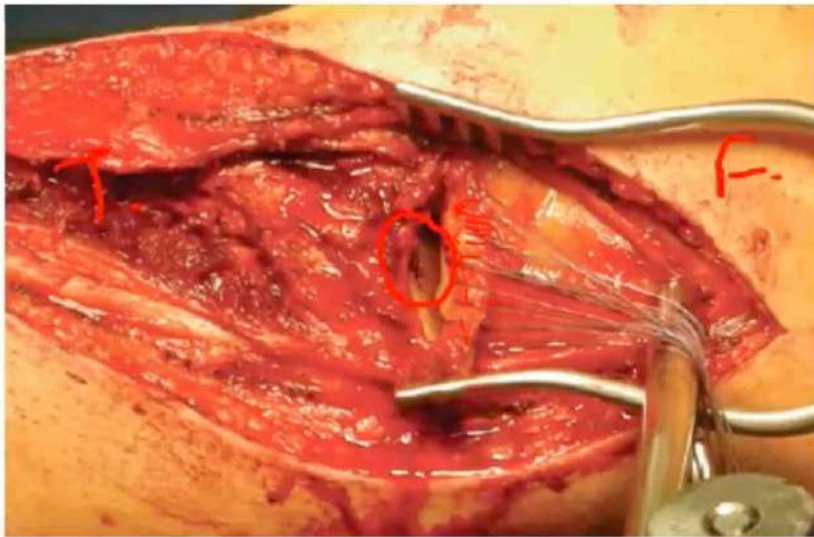


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# Articular reduction

- Direct reduction- Submeniscal arthrotomy
- C arm guidance
- Arthroscopic



4 C-arm

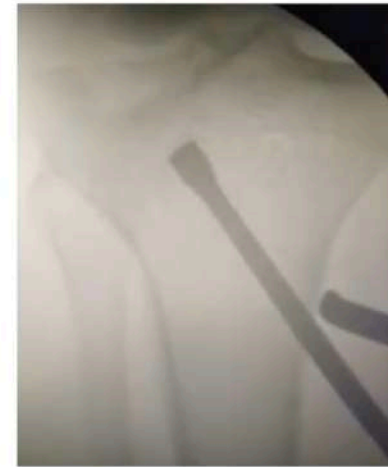
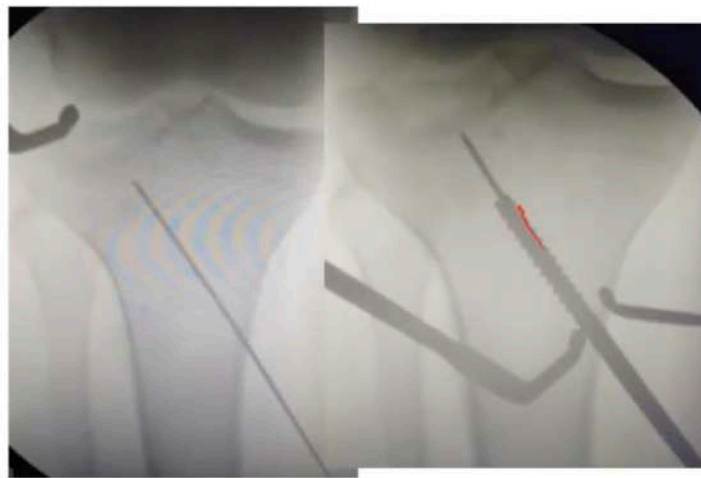
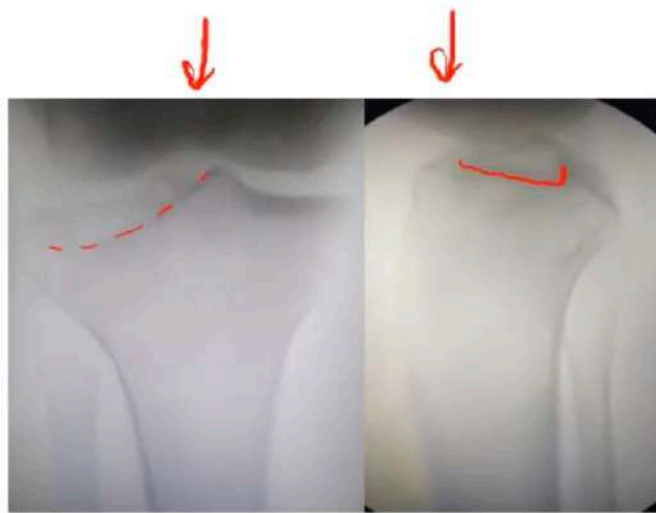
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# Elevating the depression

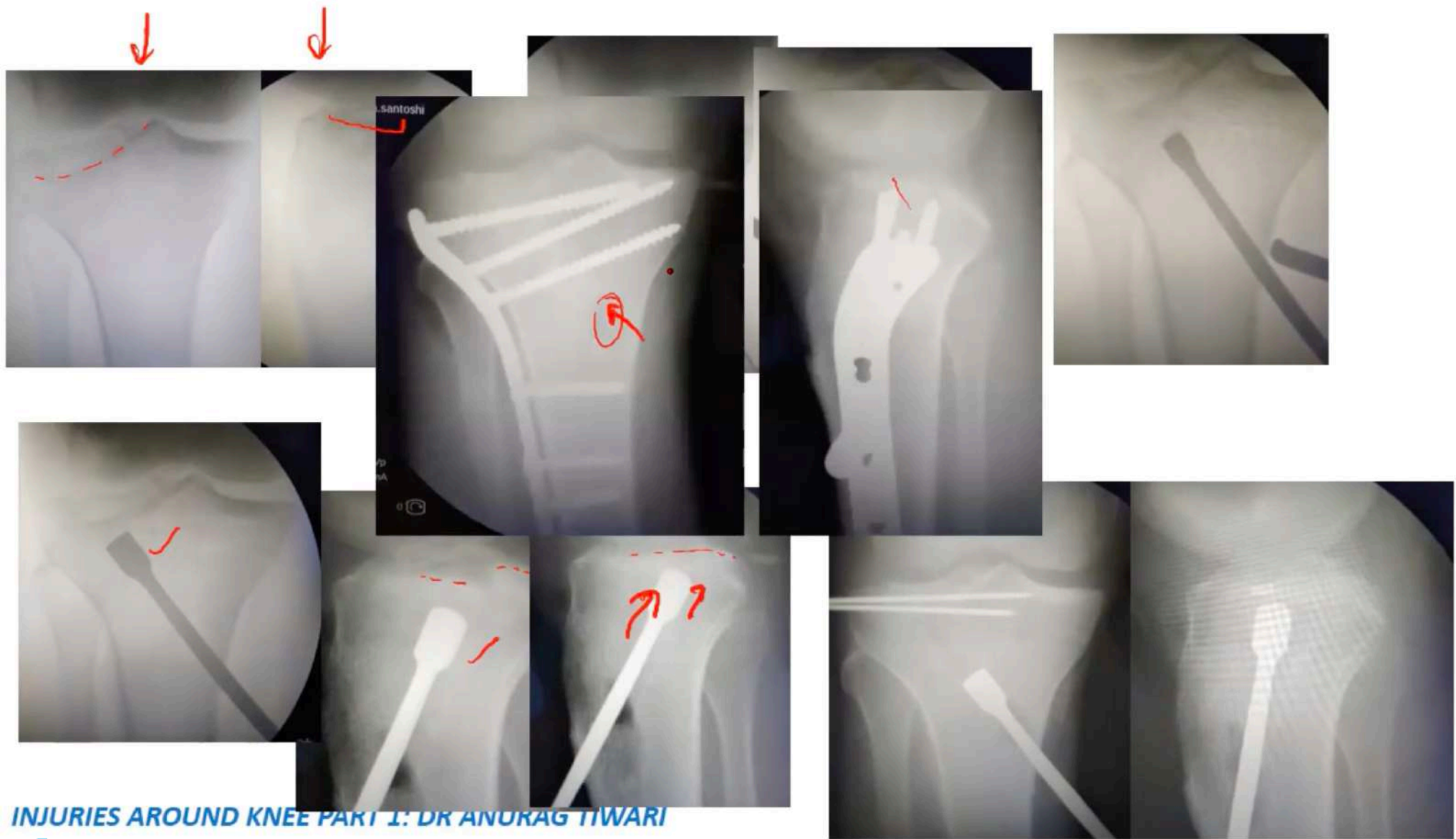
- Autologous bone graft
- Allograft
- Bone substitutes

Bone grafts are placed before fixation,  
Ca-P material to be placed after fixation.





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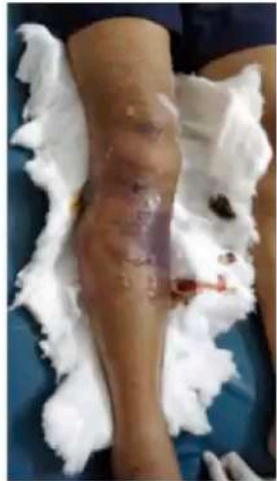


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# Role of External Fixator

- Indications-
  - Swelling
  - Open wounds
  - Fracture blisters
  - Compartment syndrome
- 
- 2 stage protocol

# Span- Scan- Plan approach



Knee Span

CT Scan



Plan

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# Complications

- Malunion
- Arthritis
- Compartment syndrome
- Non union
- Stiffness
- Symptomatic hardware
- Infection