

Correlation between 6-month  
return-to sport test results after ACLR  
and clinical and functional outcome.  
A 4-year follow-up of 498 patients



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# *DISCLOSURES*

*Not for this study*

*Consultant*

*Stryker*

*SBM*

*FH*

# After ACLR ?

## Return to sport

- 80% return to sport
- 2/3 return to pre-injury level
- 1/2 return to competitive sport

## And

- Re-rupture *6% to 25%...*
- Contralateral rupture *5% to 24%...*
- Secondary meniscal lesions

Time after  
Graft ?  
Rehabilitation ?  
Functional outcome ?

**NOT ENOUGH**



# And so...?

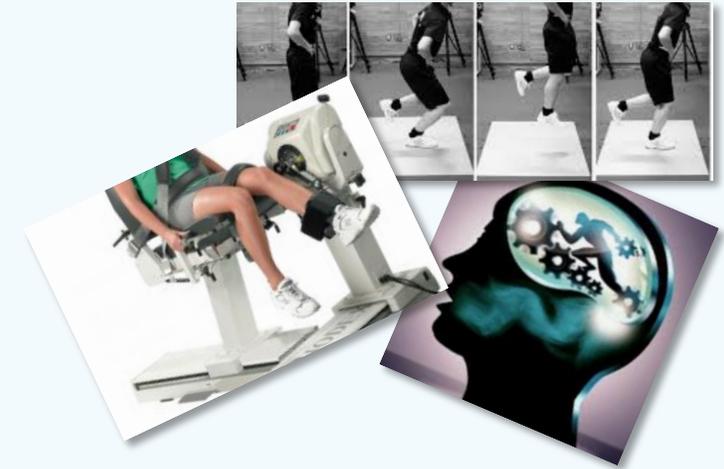
PREDICTIVE ELEMENTS TO ANTICIPATE THESE COMPLICATIONS  
IN THE MEDIUM AND LONG TERM



EVALUATION AFTER ACLR SHOULD BE MULTIFACTORIAL

# How ?

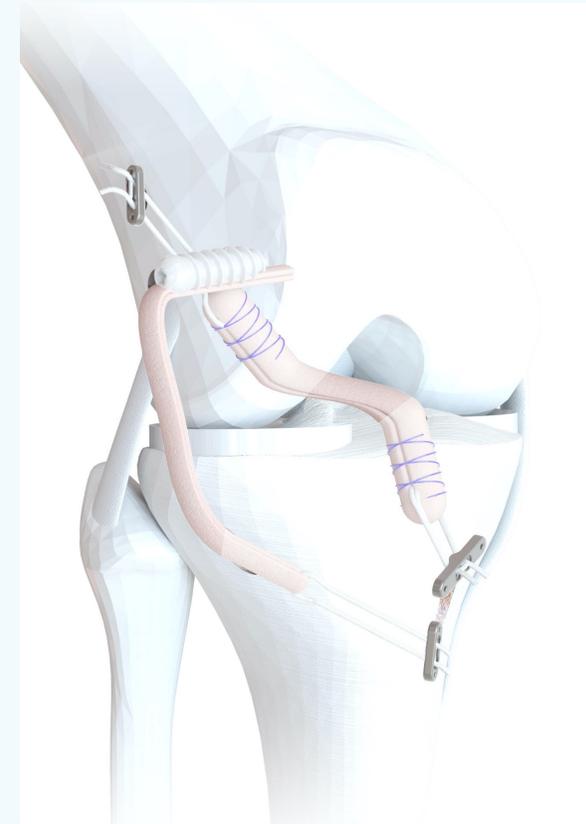
- Development of composite tests = To evaluate ability for RTS
- Several parameters :
  - Jump tests
  - Strength evaluation
  - Psychological evaluation with ACL-RSI



➔ Correlation between parameters of the test and clinical / fonctionnal results at medium FU ?

# Material and methods

- Monocentric study
- Primary ACLR
- **498** patients
- Same composite test at 6 months
  
- At the longest follow-up
  - *Reruptures , reoperations and contralateral ruptures*
  - *Subjective IKDC, Tegner, Self Knee Value SKV, ACL-RSI*



# Material and methods

## COMPOSITE TEST

- STRENGTH EVALUATION:
  - Quad conc 60°/s
  - Quad conc 240°/s
  - Hamstrings conc 60°/s
  - Hamstrings conc 240°/s
  - Hamstrings exc 30°/s
  - Ratios
- JUMP TESTS
  - Single Hop Test
  - Triple Hop Test
  - Side Hop Test
  - Drop Jump Test
  - Squat Unipodal
- ACL-RSI

AMPLITUDES ARTICULAIRES	COTÉ SAIN	COTÉ OPÉRÉ
FLEXION	140	140
EXTENSION	0	5° de flessum

TEST ISOCINETIQUE		COTÉ SAIN	COTÉ OPÉRÉ	DÉFICIT
QUADRICEPS	CONC 60°/sec	115	84	27%
	CONC 240°/sec	687	639	7%
ISCHIOJAMBIERS	CONC 60°/sec	72	72	0%
	CONC 240°/sec	767	746	3%
	EXC 30°/sec	103	83	20%

ANGLE PIC COUPLE IJ EXC 30°/SEC	NORME <15°	4	6

RATIOS IJ/Q	60°/sec (conc/conc)	240°/sec (conc/conc)	Mixte (IJexc30/Quadconc240)
NORME	0,5-0,6	0,7-0,8	>1,2
COTE SAIN	62	1,12	1,8
COTE OPERE	85	1,17	1,5

SAUTS	COTÉ SAIN	COTÉ OPÉRÉ	DÉFICIT
SINGLE HOP TEST	180	175	3%
TRIPLE HOP TEST	555	530	5%
SIDE HOP TEST (MAX SAUTS EN 30 SEC)	62	66	-6%
DROP JUMP TEST (RAS 0 / VALGUS 1)	0	1	
SQUAT UNIPODAL (RAS 0 / VALGUS 1)	1	1	

SCORE ACL-RSI	88%
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**TEST FAVORABLE À UNE REPRISE DES ACTIVITÉS DE PIVOTS SANS CONTACT  
SOUS AVIS CHIRURGICAL SI : FLEXION > 120° / EXTENSION < -5° ET DÉFICIT  
MUSCULAIRE ET AUX TESTS DE SAUTS < 15%**

### CONCLUSION :

Déficit en force du quadriceps.

Déficit des IJ en excentrique.

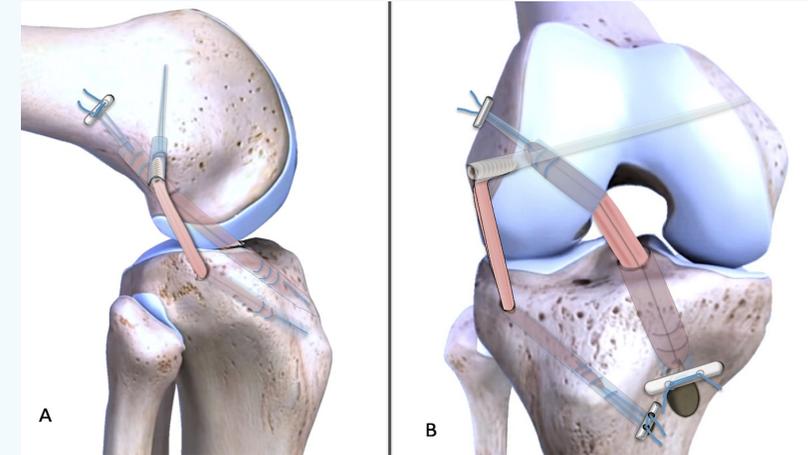
Les ratios sont un peu trop élevés en force pour le côté opéré et en endurance pour le côté sain et le côté opéré. Ceci témoigne de la nécessité de renforcer le quadriceps vis-à-vis des IJ.

Les tests de sauts sont bons mais la lutte contre le valgus dynamique reste à travailler.

Test favorable sous réserve de poursuivre le renforcement et le contrôle moteur.

# RESULTS

- FU : 4,8 years  $\pm$  1
- Mean age : 27,6 ans  $\pm$  11
- Preoperative Tegner : **7,1  $\pm$  1**



- Re-ruptures: **5,4%** (27 patients)
- Contralateral ruptures : **10,6%** (53 patients)
- Reoperations : **11,8%** (59 patients)

# RESULTS – RTS ?

- RTS = 91 %

*ACL RSI better if RTS (65 vs 58)  $p < 0,022$*

- Return to the same sport = 72 %

*ACL RSI better if return to same sport 68 vs 56  $p < 0,001$*

- Return to the same sport same level = 59 %

*ACL RSI if same level 69 vs 59  $p < 0,001$*



# RESULTS – FUNCTIONNAL RESULTS ?

- Postoperative Tegner = **6**  $\pm$  2,1 (  1 point...)
  - Postoperative IKDC = **77**  $\pm$  11,9
  - SKV = **87%**  $\pm$  14
- 6 months ACL RSI correlated with IKDC/Tegner/SKV at 5 y FU  
*p* < 0,001

# RESULTS

NO CORRELATION BETWEEN ELEMENTS OF  
THE COMPOSITE TEST AND:

- RERUPTURE
- CONTRALATERAL RUPTURES
- REOPERATIONS

$$p > 0,1$$

# Results

- ACL RSI 6 months = 65 %  $\pm$  39
  - ACL RSI 5 years = 69 %  $\pm$  26
- $p < 0,001$

But in 4 years, only 4 points...



STATISTICAL CORRELATION between ACL-RSI at 6 m and 5 y



# DISCUSSION

No correlation between elements of the composite test and rerupture, contralateral ruptures and reoperations

So composite test at 6 months after ACLR :

To correct deficits with an objective analysis

To know who will return to sport and how

**BUT IS NOT PREDICTIVE FOR FAILURES**

# DISCUSSION

*Small increase (but statistical) of ACL-RSI*

65  $\longrightarrow$  69

*Patients with low ACL-RSI at 6 months  
... stayed low at 5-years FU*

# DISCUSSION

Correlation between ACL-RSI at 6 months and 5 years



And ACL-RSI at 6 months correlated with resumption to jumps and proprioception

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VERY IMPORTANT TO INTRODUCE JUMPS  
FROM THE REHABILITATION PHASE (3 to 6 months)

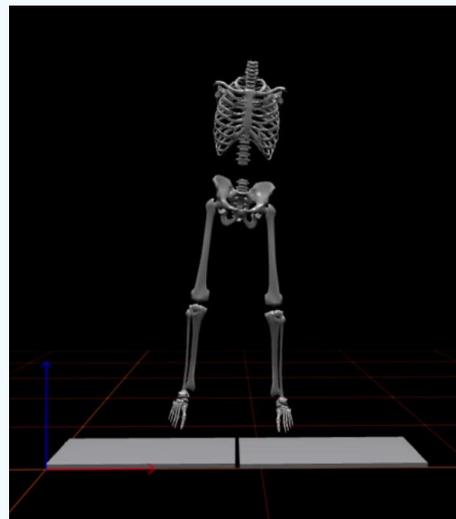
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More analysis of the mouvement ?



# CONCLUSION

- ACL-RSI at 6 months = Correlation with functional scores at 5 Y  
...but little evolution between 6m and 5y
- Patients really have to resume jumps during rehab
  - Under control
  - Progressively

