



## Medical Center of Arlington

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The Medical Center of Arlington (MCA) holds informal coursework in various arthroscopic techniques. Its original courses were held when arthroscopic techniques were taught for intra-articular anterior cruciate ligament techniques. Presently, the MCA is in discussions with Genzyme to create a Regional Cartilage Regeneration Center. In its proposed design, we will be certifying doctors to perform articular cartilage implantation techniques.

An ad hoc teaching committee does most instruction. Formal organization is not necessary, as the instruction, to date, has been random and scheduled on an as-needed basis. Physicians can schedule time in the OR to observe various certifications. Formal labs with sheep legs are used. The Carticel Corporation sanctions the hands-on certification.

The center is organized with Arlington Orthopaedic Associates (AOA), the prime orthopaedic provider for the central Dallas / Ft. Worth metroplex area. Arlington Orthopaedic Associates is constantly upgrading techniques and knowledge. Most recently, its members were the first in the area to be certified for the Unispacer Arthroplasty technique.

Physicians or equipment representatives wishing to bring physicians to the center may contact those surgeons in the group performing a particular procedure and schedule time to observe. With appropriate notice, the surgeon has the option of scrubbing the case. Because real patients are often observed, AOA works closely with the hospital to ensure the privacy of the patient.

