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Polyurethane Meniscal Scaffold In Postmeniscectomy Syndrome Presented Good Clinical Results At Minimum 10-Years Of Follow-Up

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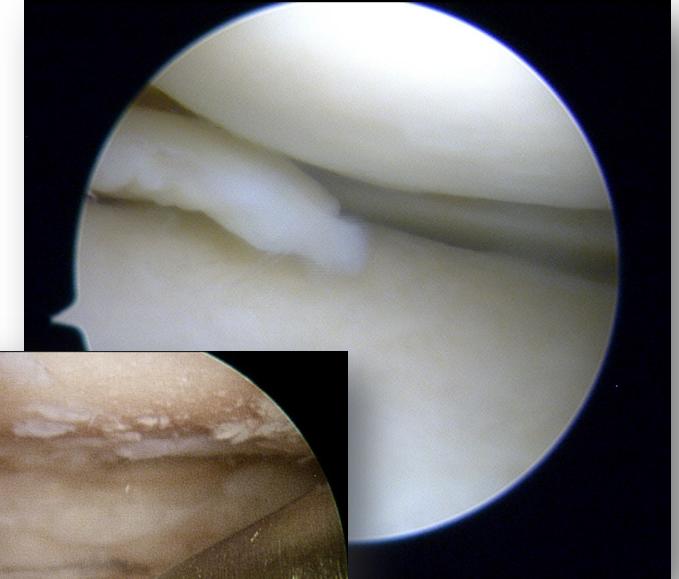
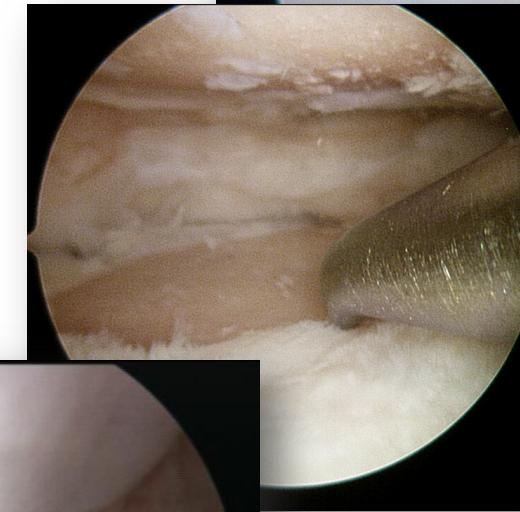
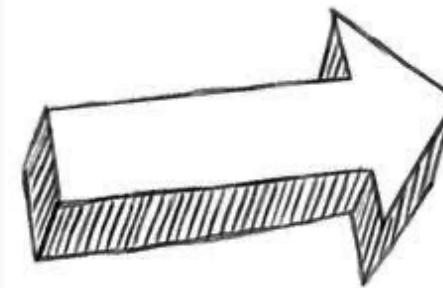
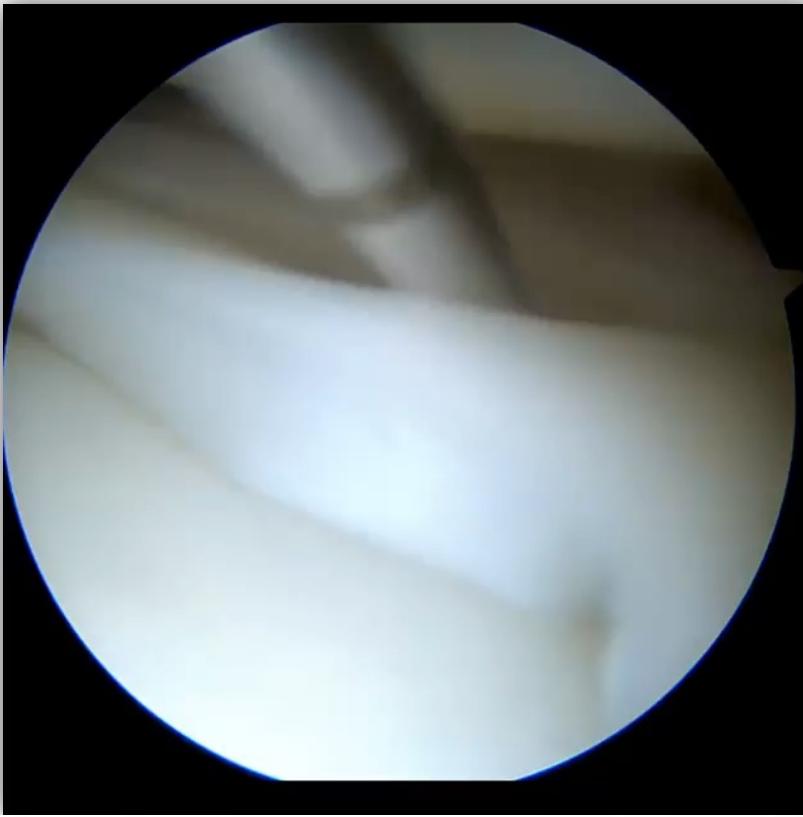
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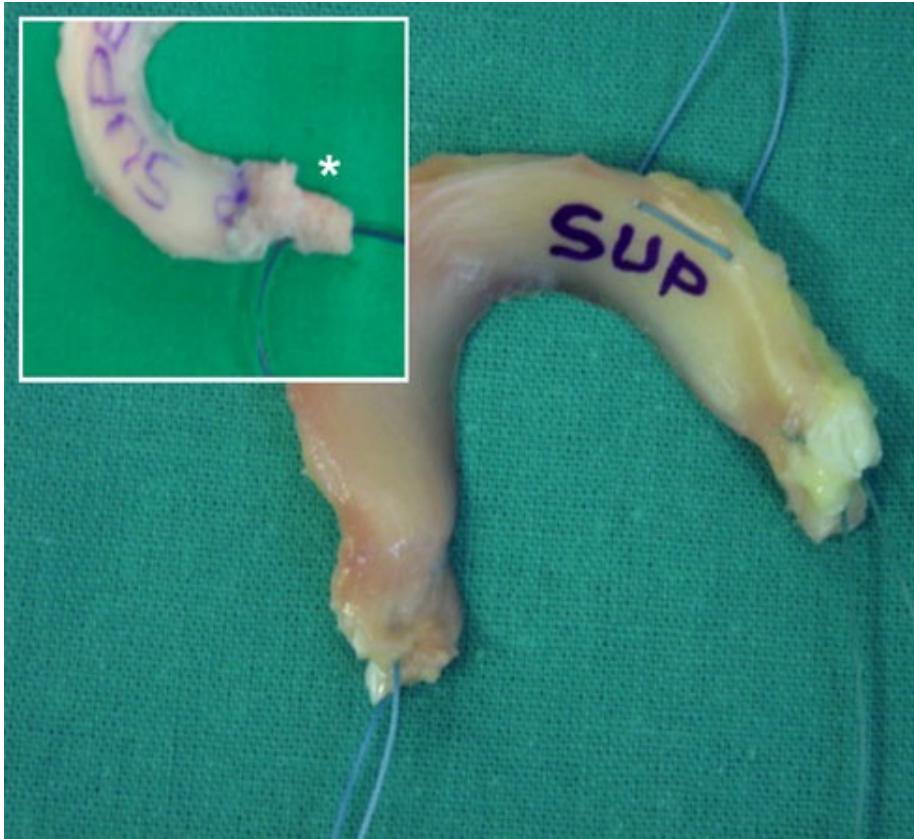
Background



save the
meniscus
some things are better left intact



Post-meniscectomy syndrome



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Purpose

To evaluate the clinical outcomes at a minimum 10-year follow up in a series of patients with post-meniscectomy syndrome treated with a polyurethane meniscal scaffold.

Hypothesis

Both pain relief and improvement in knee functions, observed after a 5-year follow-up, would remain significant, despite the expected joint deterioration associated with the aging process



Methods

- Prospective study: 27 patients (2008 – 2011)
- KOOS, IKDC, Lysholm, Tegner
- X-Ray –MRI (5 – 10 years post op)
- *Student's t-test.* 0,05.

EXCLUSION

- Complete absence of meniscus
- Grade III – IV chondral lesion
- Untreated knee instabilities
- Untreated malalignments >5°
- Inflammatory arthritis
- Polyurethane allergy
- Autoimmune diseases and pregnancy

ARTHROSCOPIC TECHNIQUE

- ALL-IN Posterior horn
- OUT-IN Body and anterior horn

Surgical Technique	n
Isolated polyurethane scaffold implantation	6
Microfractures	2
HTO	5
HTO + microfractures	9
ACL-R	1
ACL-R + microfractures	2
ACL-R + HTO	1
PCL-R	1

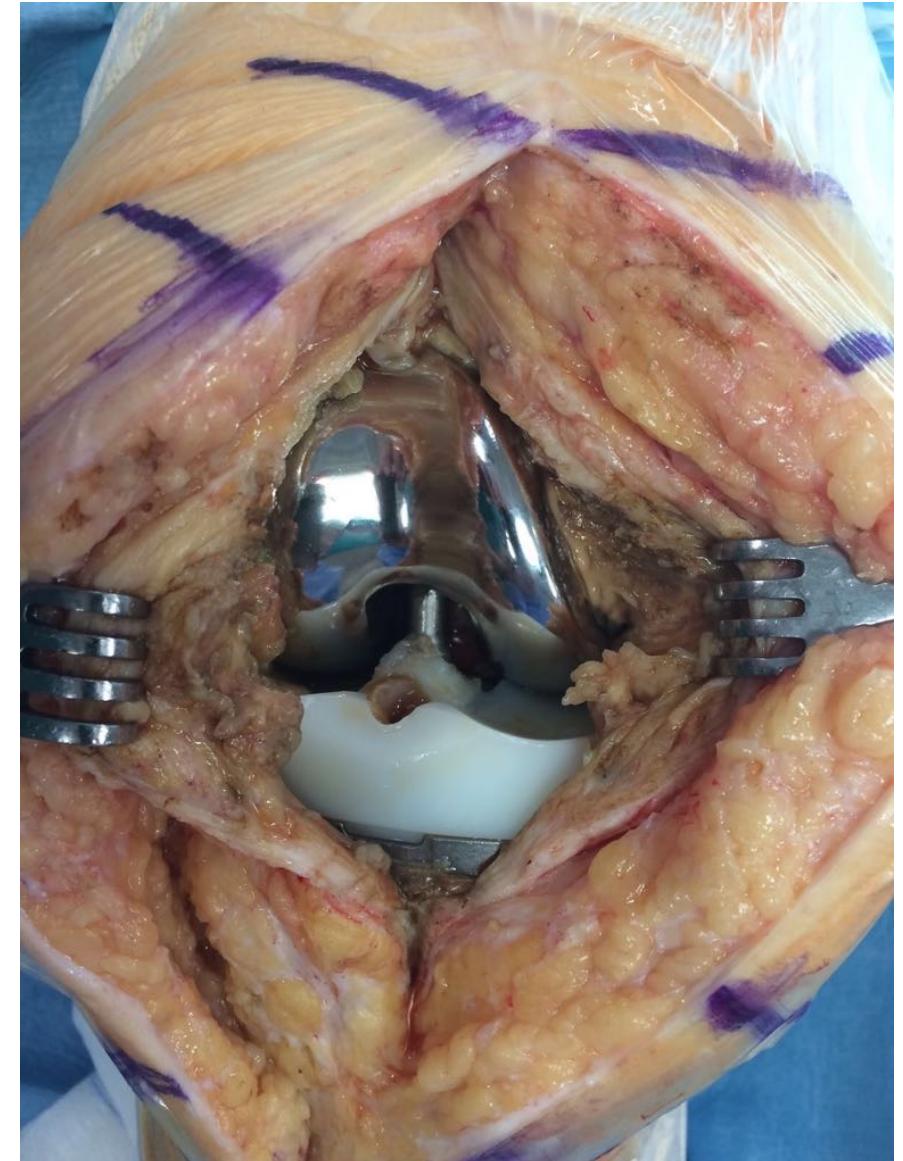
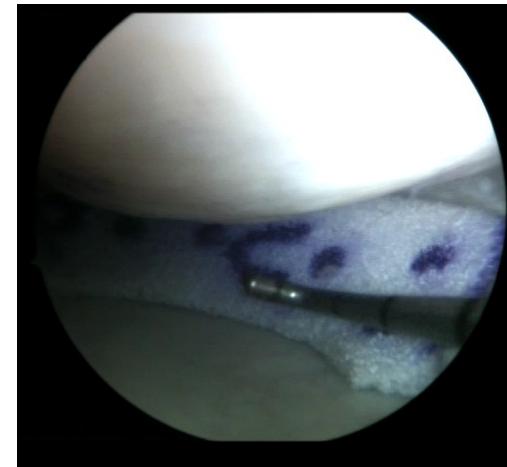
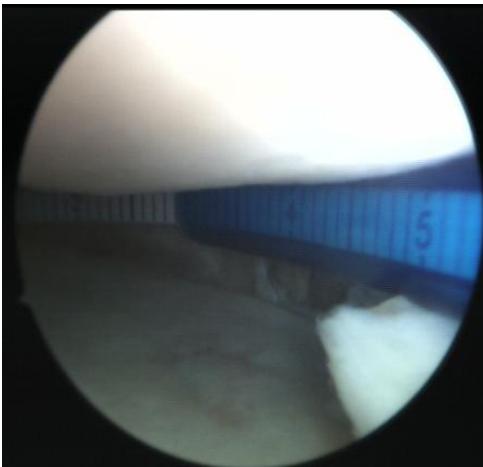
HTO, high tibial osteotomy; ACL-R, anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction;

PCL-R, posterior cruciate ligament reconstruction.



Results

- **21 patients**
 - Male 17 Female 4
 - Right 10 Left 11
- *Follow-up 142.2 +/- 9.6 (123-153) months*
- *Age 56 +/- 9.8 años (36 - 68)*
- *No complications*
- **2 TKR 122 months**

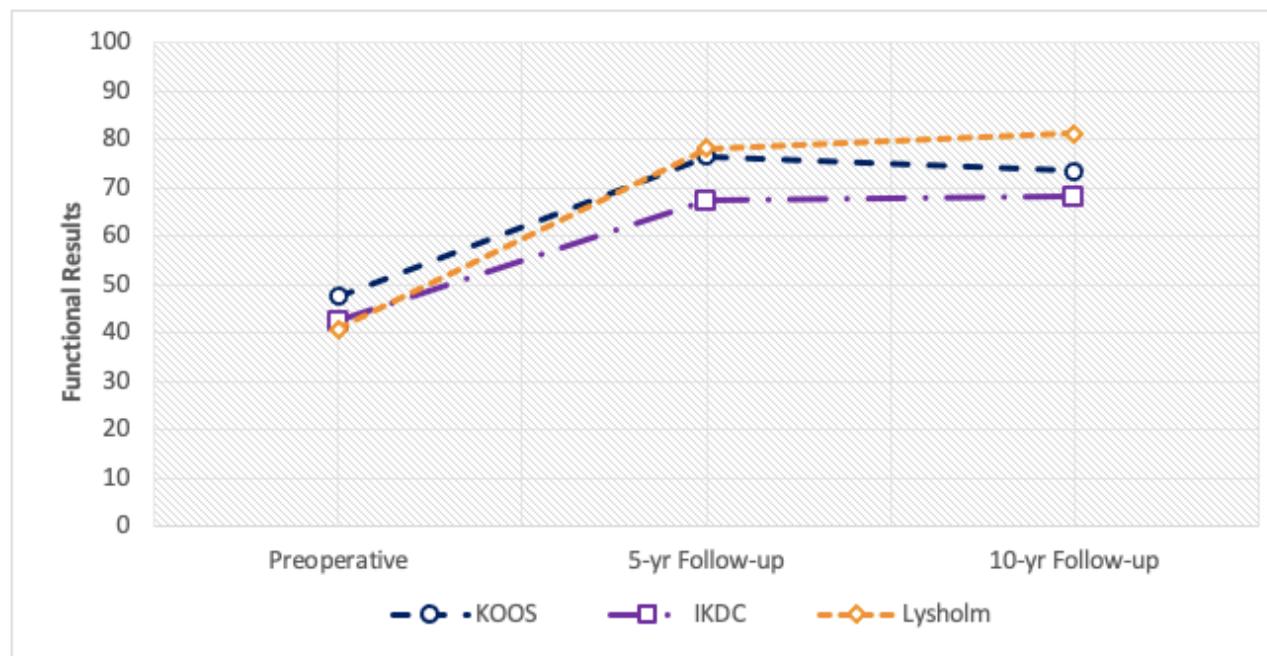


Results

	Preoperative	5-yr Follow-up	Final Follow-up
KOOS	47.4 ± 21.2 (15-88)	76.5 ± 11.7 (60-100); p<0.001	73.4 ± 20.6 (25-97.6); p<0.001
IKDC	42.3 ± 19.1 (13.2-82.8)	67.2 ± 15.5 (41.4-88.5); p<0.001	68.1 ± 20.6 (28.7-95.4); p=0.001
Lysholm	40.7 ± 18.4 (11-88)	77.0 ± 17.1 (60-100); p<0.001	81.2 ± 15.7 (49-100); p<0.001
Tegner	5 (0-9)	5 (2-8); n.s.	6 (1-8); n.s.

NOTE. All data are expressed as mean \pm SD (range). Statistical significance (P value) was set at 0.05.

KOOS, Knee injury and Osteoarthritis Outcomes Score; IKDC, International Knee Documentation Committee.

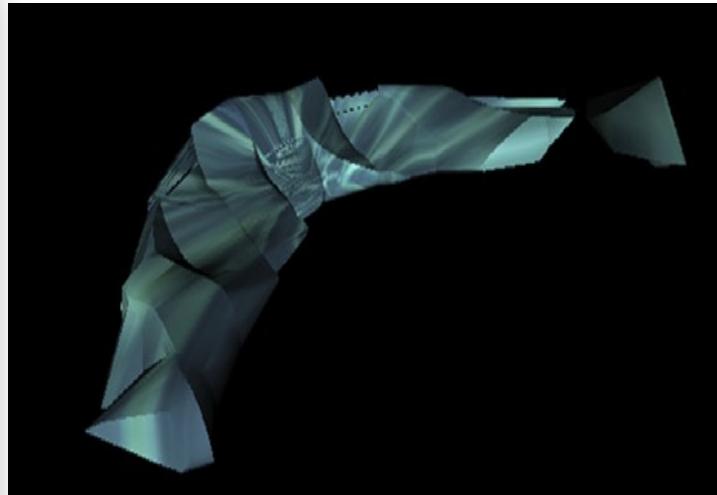


Results



Joint space narrowing in the Rosenberg projection

5 years	10 years	
$1.32 \pm 1.57 \text{ mm}$ (0-4)	$0.5 \pm 1.32 \text{ mm}$ (0-3.5)	$P>0.05$



Complete resorption at 10-year follow-up in 4 MRI

Conclusion

The polyurethane implant in patients with postmeniscectomy syndrome provides significant and stable pain relief over time, with good functional results at 10 years. However, the images obtained do not demonstrate a chondroprotective effect.



- The implant improves symptoms even after 10 years, in a meniscectomized compartment, even though arthritic changes are evident
- A survival rate of 90.5% at 10 years is a fact to consider





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