

# ACL R- WITH LET AND HUGHSTON PROCEDURE IN ACL AND MCL INJURY PROVIDES GOOD STABILITY AND LOW REVISION WITHOUT INCREASING THE COMPLICATION RATE: A CASE-CONTROL STUDY AT 8 YEARS OF FOLLOW-UP.

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# BACKGROUND

## ACL + MCL tears:

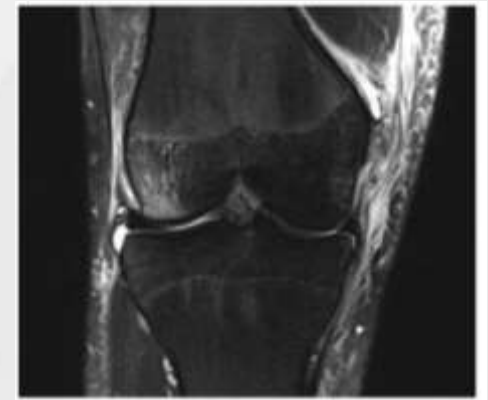
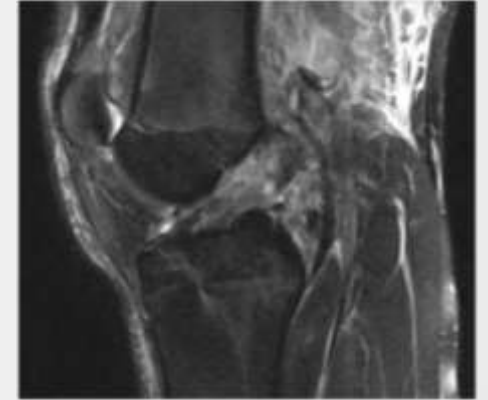
- ✓ Still no consensus in the management of MCL in combined setting (conservative / repair / MCL reconstruction)
- ✓ MCL surgery → increased stiffness

*Figueroa , Schenck et al. JISAKOS 2020*

## Scandinavian registry study (~20'000 patients):

- ✓ ACL + MCL (conservative) → x2 times of ACL-R failure
- ✓ ACL + MCL (reconstruction) → lower clinical scores compared to ACL-R alone

*E. Svantesson et al. KSSTA 2021*

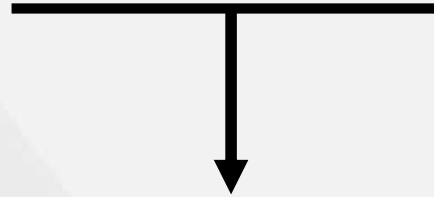


**NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THIS COMBINED INJURY**



# HUGHSTON PROCEDURE

## CONSERVATIVE TREATMENT



## MCL RECONSTRUCTION



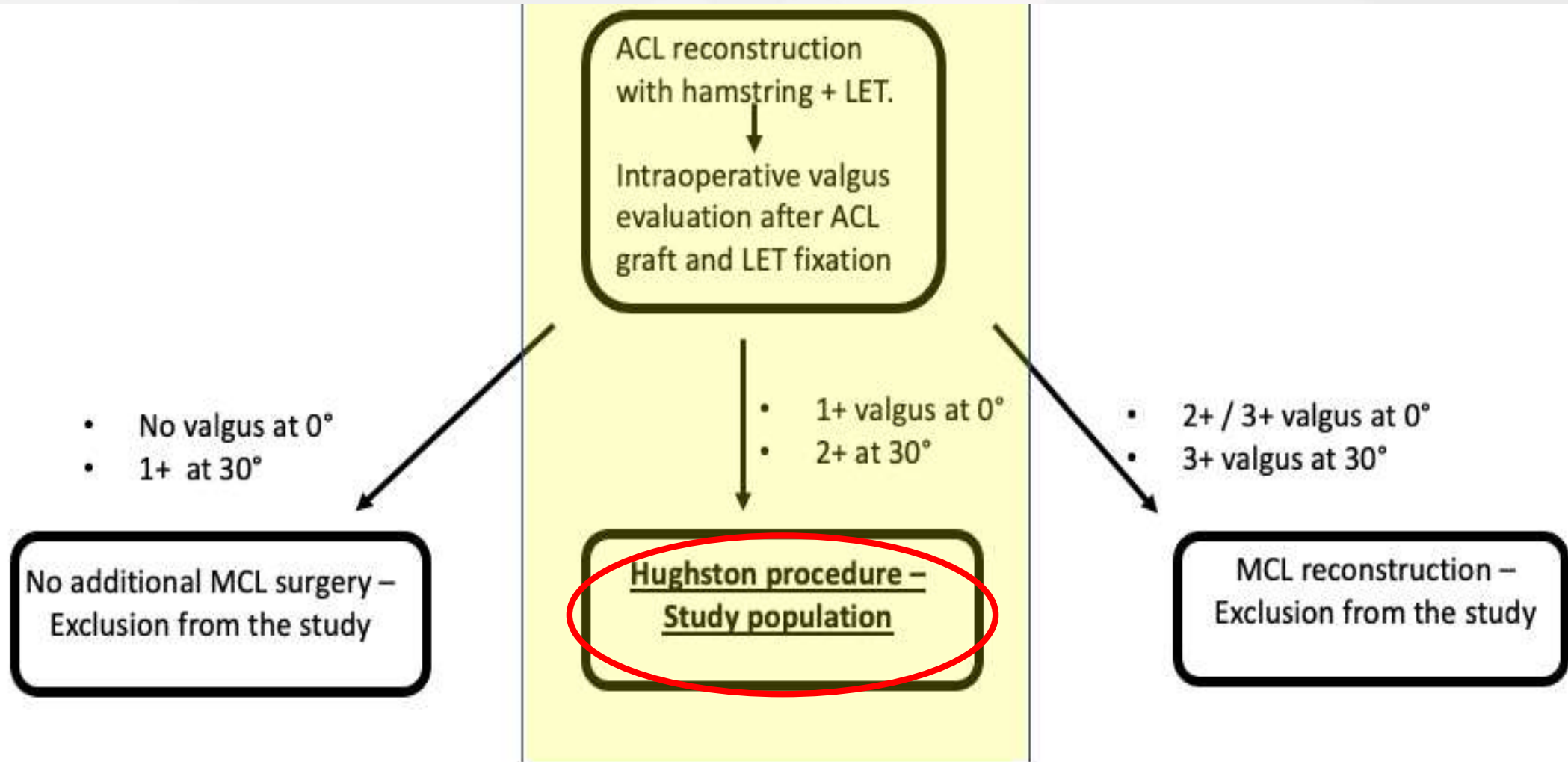
## “HUGHSTON PROCEDURE”

- Bridging procedure
- Only proximal MCL tears
- Moderate valgus laxity
- No need for graft / hardware
- Less invasive than MCL-R

*Hughston et al. AJSM 1996*



# ACL-MCL TREATMENT ALGORITHM





# MATERIAL AND METHODS

**RETROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS** of 70 PATIENTS (35 PER GROUP)  
FOLLOW-UP OF 8.1 YEARS (MIN 2)

**HUGHSTON group**

ACL + MCL injury  
grade II with chronic  
instability

ACL-R + LET +  
«Hughston»  
procedure



**MATCHED 1:1 BY:**

- ✓ AGE ( $\pm$  5 YEARS)
- ✓ SEX (M/F)
- ✓ FOLLOW-UP TIME  
( $\pm$  3 YEARS)
- ✓ MENISCAL LESIONS  
(YES / NO)

**CONTROL  
group**

Isolated ACL  
lesion with NO  
medial instability

ACL-R +  
LET



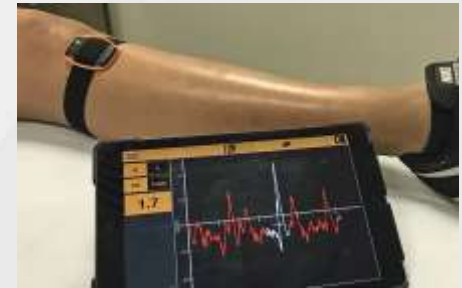
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## CLINICAL SCORES

- **LYSHOLM** score
  - **VAS** score
- **TEGNER** score
- **KOOS** score

## OBJECTIVE EVALUATION

- **KiRA Pivot Shift**  
quantification
  - **KT-1000**



## SURGICAL FAILURE:

- ✓ ACL revision / graft rupture (MRI)

## CLINICAL FAILURE:

- ✓ PS grade 2+ and/or KiRA  $\geq 1.5 \text{ mm/s}^2$  side-to-side and/or
- ✓ KT-1000 side-to-side  $\geq 5 \text{ mm}$  or **surgical failure**



# RESULTS:

## ACL GROUP vs HUGHSTON GROUP:

- **NO DIFFERENCE IN CLINICAL SCORE**  
VAS  $1.5 \pm 2.0$  vs  $2.5 \pm 3.1$  ;  $p=0.15$
- TEGNER 6 (3-6) vs 6 (2-7) ;  $p=0.88$
- LYSHOLM 96 vs 93 ;  $p=0.20$
- KOOS subscales ;  $p= 0.21 - 0.80$
- **NO DIFFERENCE IN OBJECTIVE STABILITY**
- KiRA S-S:  $0.2 \pm 1.2$  vs  $0.6 \pm 0.9$  ;  $p=0.90$
- KT 1000 S-S:  $1.5 \pm 2.4$  vs  $1.7 \pm 2.0$  ;  $p=0.86$
- **VALGUS ASSESSMENT (HUGHSTON) at 30° :**
- 1+ in 4 (12%) patients
- 2+ in 2 (6%) patients

MEASURE	Hughston group	Control group	p-value
KiRA INJ	3.2 (0.9)	3.1 (1.2)	0.713
KiRA CONTRA	2.6 (0.8)	2.9 (1.6)	0.623
KiRA S-S	0.6 (0.9)	0.2 (1.2)	0.898
KT 25 N INJ	6.6 (2.6)	7.2 (2.8)	0.150
KT 25 N CONTRA	5.0 (1.7)	5.7 (2.3)	0.146
KT 25 N S-S	1.7 (2.0)	1.5 (2.4)	0.864
KT man max INJ	9.3 (3.1)	8.8 (2.9)	0.888
KT man max CONTRA	7.2 (1.9)	7.4 (2.1)	0.693
KT man max S-S	2.3 (2.8)	1.5 (2.2)	0.731
ROM active INJ	127.1 (7.1)	130.2 (5.2)	0.102
ROM passive INJ	131.9 (5.2)	130.9 (5.1)	0.405





# RESULTS: SURGICAL FAILURE

## SURGICAL FAILURE:

✓ 2 (6%) PER GROUP (n.s.)

## CLINICAL FAILURE:

✓ 5 (17%) ACL GROUP

✓ 7 (25%) IN THE HUGHSTON GROUP (n.s.)

## REOPERATION:

✓ 4 (11%) ACL GROUP

✓ 5 (14%) IN THE HUGHSTON GROUP (n.s.)

1 M.U.A (3%) in the Hughston group.

REOPERATION	HUGHSTON GROUP	CONTROL GROUP
<u>ACL REVISION</u>	2	2
<u>HARDWARE REMOVAL</u>	1	2
<u>MUA</u>	1	0
<u>MENISCUS SCAFFOLD</u>	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>

→ NO DIFFERENCE



# CONCLUSION

- «ACL+MCL» INJURY TREATED WITH HUGHSTON PROCEDURE HAS SAME FAILURE RATES AS ISOLATED ACL-R
- HUGHSTON PROCEDURE DOES NOT NEGATIVELY AFFECTS CLINICAL SCORES
- NO INCREASED STIFFNESS-RELATED COMPLICATIONS
- COST-EFFECTIVE AND EASY
- SELECTED CASES!

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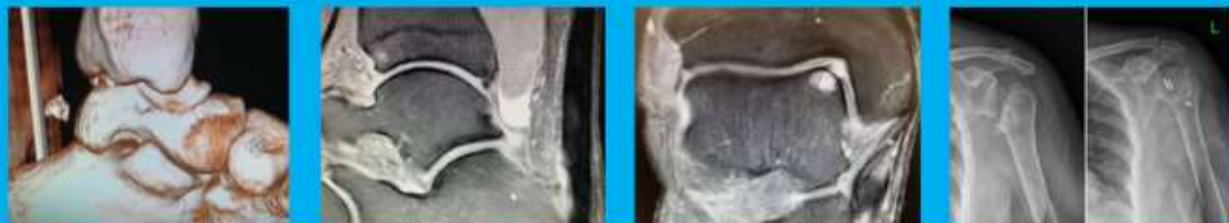
*Thank you!*



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