



# Is there a place for focal femoral condyle resurfacing?

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## INTRODUCTION

Focal femoral resurfacing fills the gap between arthroscopic repair and knee arthroplasty.

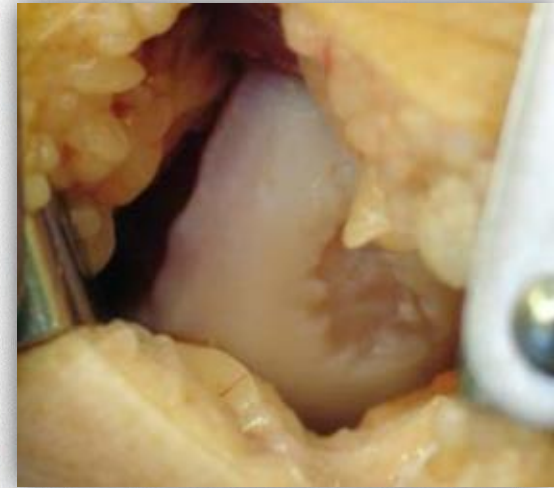
Is it a good option for treating osteochondral defects?





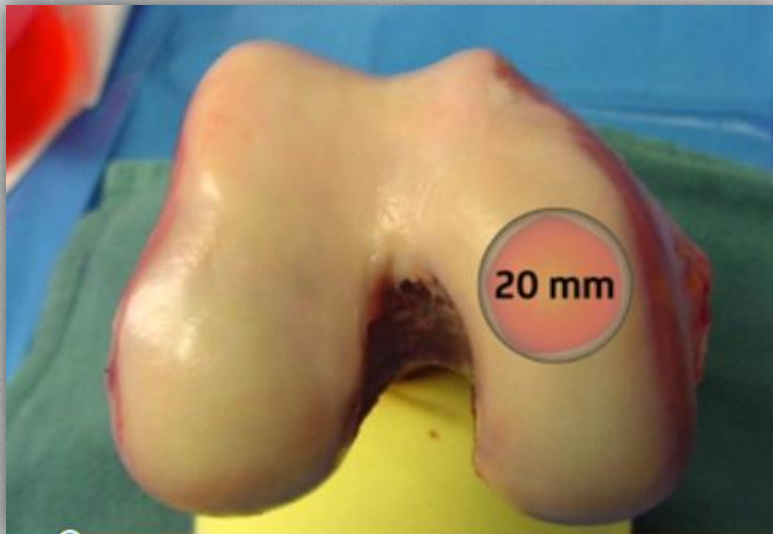
## Indications - **LIMITED**

- » **Cartilage lesion that have failed prior therapy (conservative or surgical)**
- » **Symptomatic lesions classified as ICRS grade 2, 3, or 4**
- » **Lesion size may not exceed 3.1 cm<sup>2</sup> and must be circumscribed by a 15 mm or 20 mm circle of normal or nearly normal (ICRS Grade 0 or 1) cartilage, with an overall depth less than 4 mm from the articulating surface**
- » Subchondral bone quality sufficient to support the implant
- » Understanding and willingness to comply with the post-operative rehabilitation instructions and follow-up visits
- » Age 21 years and older





Indications - **LIMITED**



**DIAMETER = SURFACE**

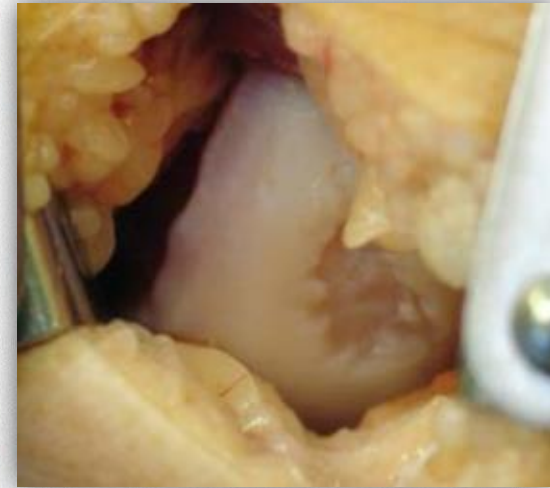
**15mm = 1.77 mm<sup>2</sup>**

**20mm = 3.14 mm<sup>2</sup>**



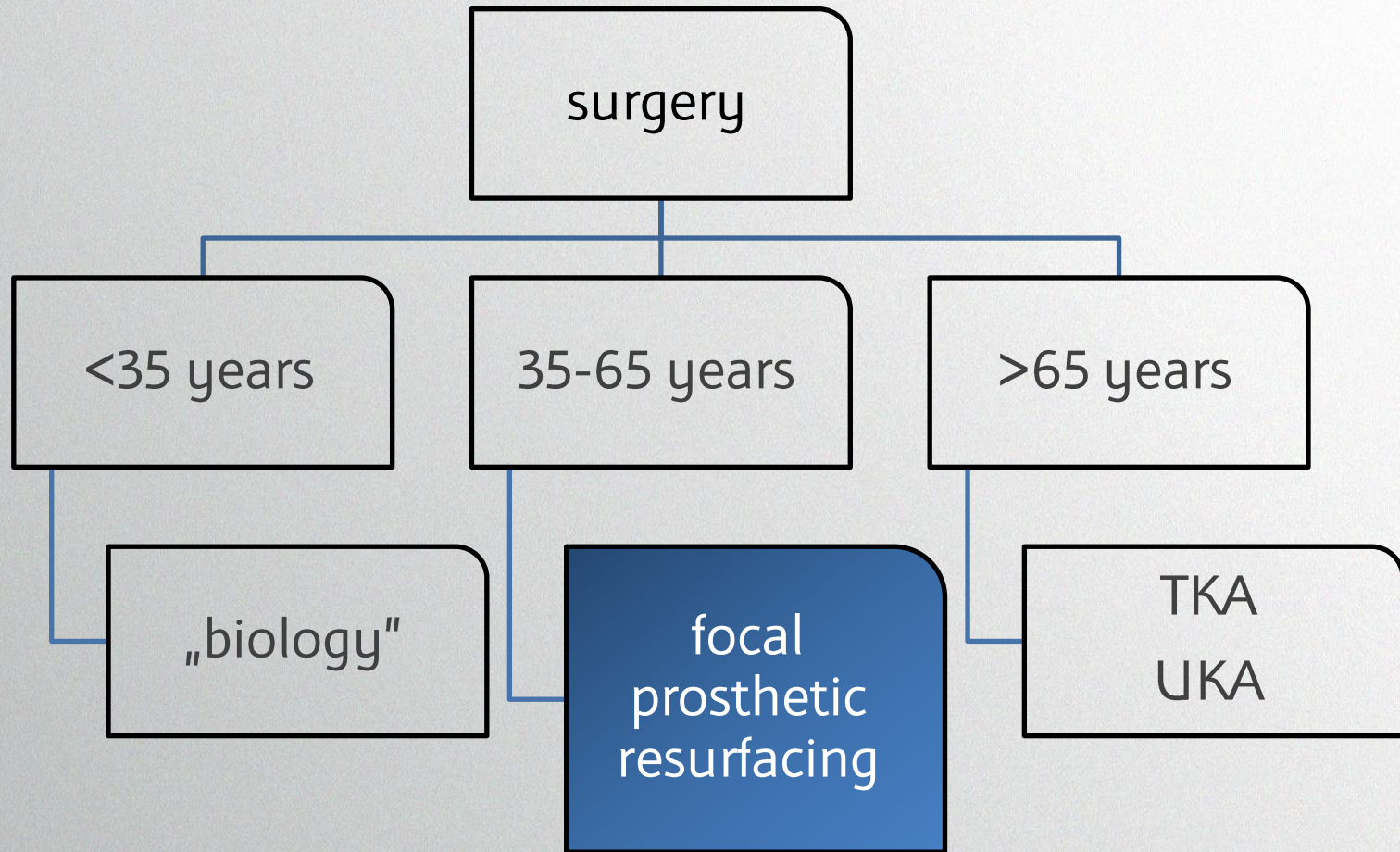
## CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Body mass index (BMI)  $\geq 35$
- Generalized degenerative or autoimmune arthritis
- Gout
- Uncorrected chronic malalignment of the patella
- Uncorrected ligamentous instability
- Kissing lesion on tibia
- More than one implant required to accommodate lesion
- Allergy (cobalt, chromium, molybdenum, titanium)





## PROPOSED **ALGORITHM**



→ Prosthetic inlay resurfacing for the treatment of focal, full thickness cartilage defects of the femoral condyle: a bridge between biologics and conventional arthroplasty - Peter Bollars • Marc Bosquet • Bruno Vandekerckhove • Francois Hardeman • Johan Bellemans



# GUIDELINES



**TABLE 45-7**

## Operative Treatment of Articular Cartilage Lesions

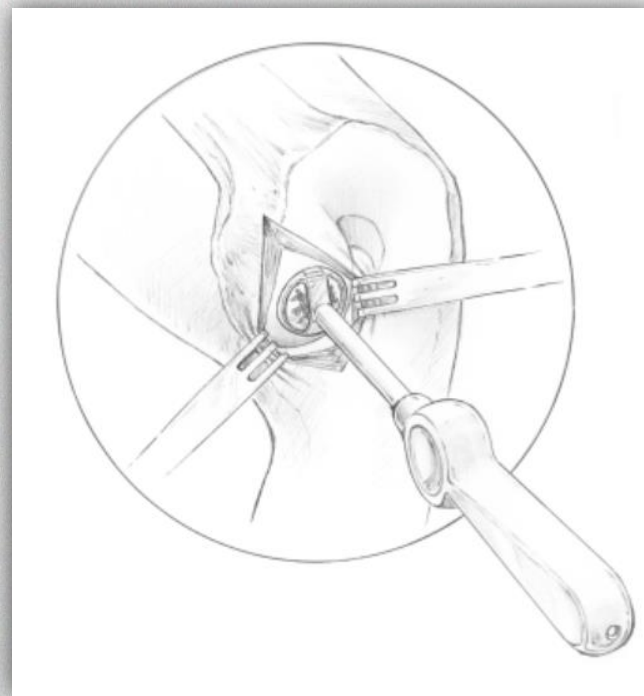
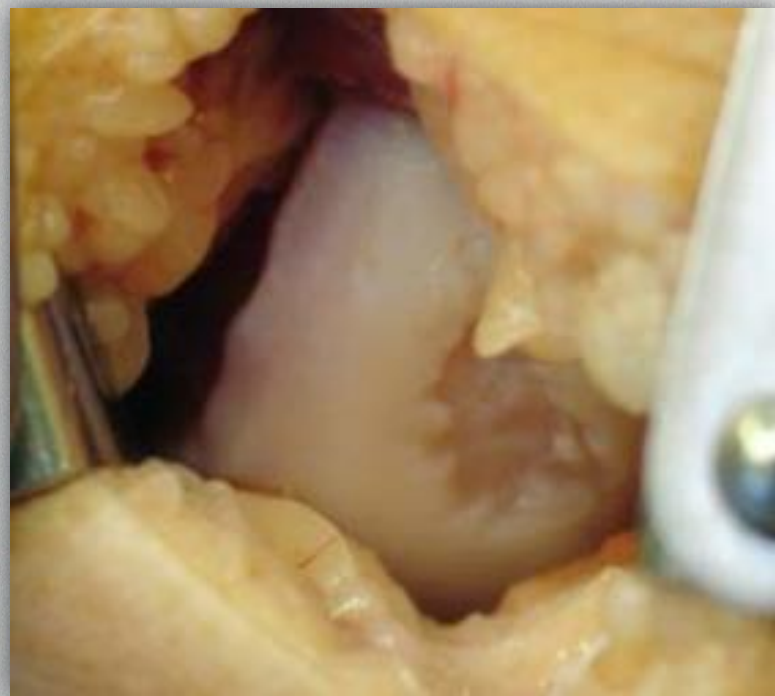
LESION SIZE	OPERATIVE TREATMENT
≤1.0 cm	Observation Abrasion chondroplasty Microfracture Osteochondral autograft transfer
1.0-2.0 cm	Abrasion chondroplasty Microfracture Osteochondral autograft transfer
2.0-3.5 cm	Fresh osteochondral allograft Autologous chondrocyte implantation
3.5-10 cm	Autologous chondrocyte implantation
Multiple (2 or 3)	Autologous chondrocyte implantation

## NICE National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

„The consensus among UK clinicians is that ACI is the only effective treatment option for defects that are over 2cm<sup>2</sup> when symptoms persist after non-surgical management.“

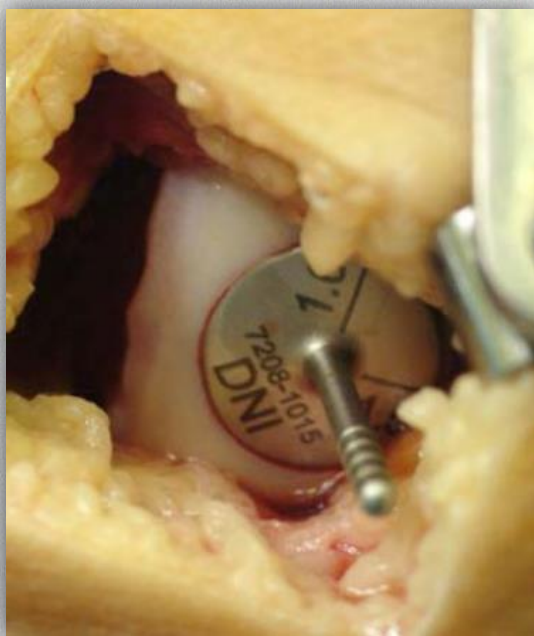
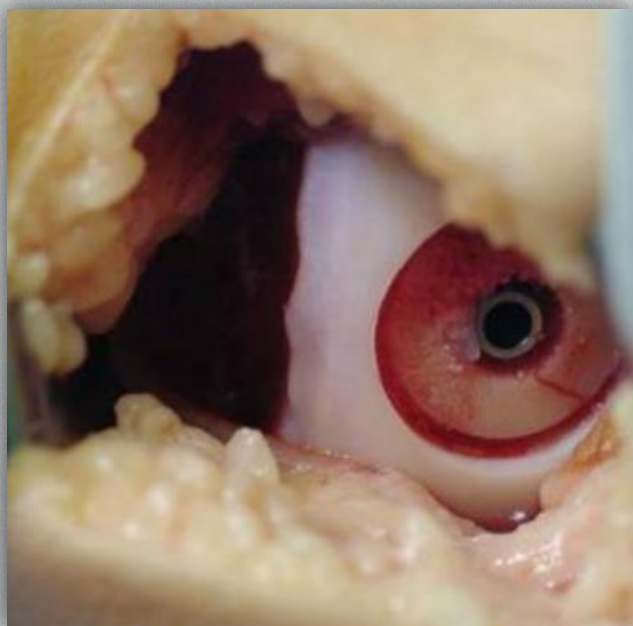


# SURGICAL **TECHNIQUE**





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# PITFALL – **SURGICAL** TECHNIQUE and **KISS** LESION

Knee Surg Sports Traumatol Arthrosc (2008) 16:56–63  
DOI 10.1007/s00167-007-0416-7

KNEE

## Effects of a contoured articular prosthetic device on tibiofemoral peak contact pressure: a biomechanical study

Christoph Becher · Roland Huber ·  
Hajo Thermann · Hans H. Paessler ·  
Gobert Skrbensky



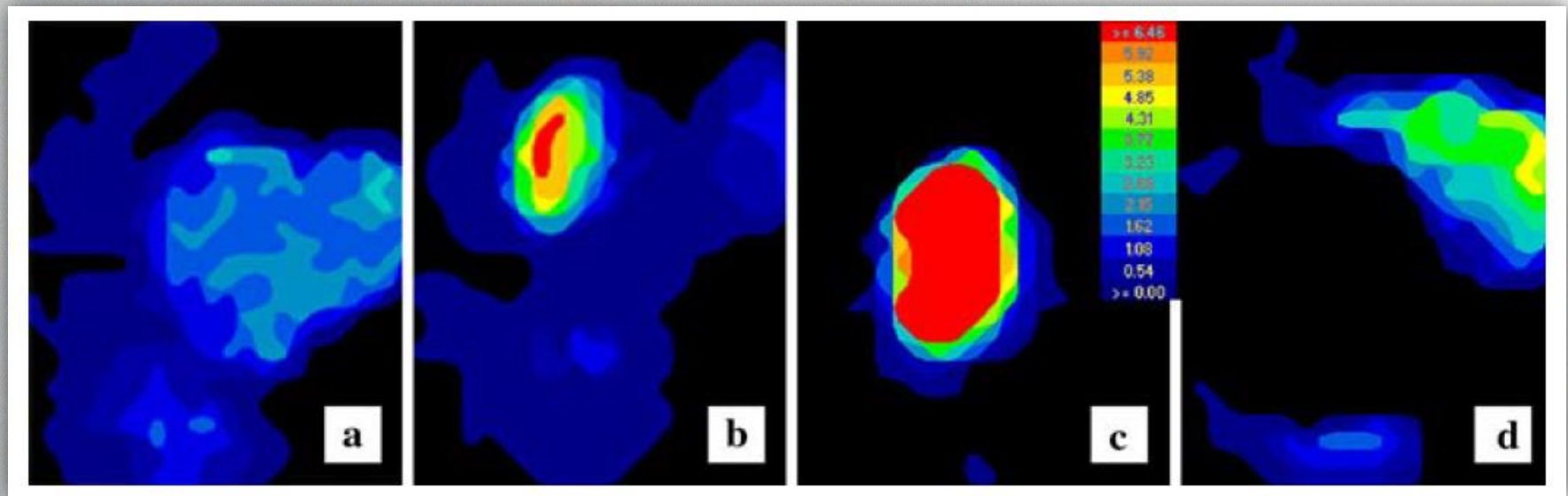
Focal knee resurfacing and effects of surgical precision on opposing cartilage.  
A pilot study on 12 sheep

N. Martinez-Carranza ††\*, H.E. Berg ††, K. Hultenby §, H. Nurmi-Sandh ||, L. Ryd ††, A.-S. Lagerstedt ||

- 90% to 217% increase in peak contact pressure for 1mm proud implant
- Conclusion: slightly recessed implantation



# PITFALL – **SURGICAL** TECHNIQUE and **KISS** LESION



untreated

flush

1 mm proud

defect

PEAK CONTACT PRESSURE @ 15° KNEE FLEXION



# AVAILABILITY



**NOT yet available in United States**

**still under review by FDA**

NIH U.S. National Library of Medicine

*ClinicalTrials.gov*

[Home](#) > Study Record Detail

**Follow-up of Arthroscopic HemiCAP Implants**



# FEW QUALITY PAPERS

Arch Orthop Trauma Surg  
DOI 10.1007/s00402-017-2717-8



KNEE ARTHROPLASTY

## Focal articular prosthetic resurfacing for the treatment of full-thickness articular cartilage defects in the knee: 12-year follow-up of two cases and review of the literature

C. Becher<sup>1</sup> · E. E.

Knee Surg Sports Traumatol Arthrosc (2016) 24:1695–1701  
DOI 10.1007/s00167-016-4000-x



KNEE

## Treatment of full-thickness cartilage lesions and early OA using large condyle resurfacing prosthesis: UniCAP<sup>®</sup>

Jens Ole Laursen<sup>1</sup>

Knee Surg Sports Traumatol Arthrosc  
DOI 10.1007/s00167-011-1757-9

KNEE

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François Hardeman · Johan Bellemans

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A848. EARLY CLINICAL EVALUATION OF A CONTOURED FOCAL RESURFACING PROSTHESIS SYSTEM (HEMICAP<sup>®</sup>) IN UK PATIENTS

K. I. Eleftheriou, N. Ali, R. Thakrar, H. V. Parmar  
Published 19 October 2011



## **Prosthetic inlay resurfacing for the treatment of focal, full thickness cartilage defects of the femoral condyle: a bridge between biologics and conventional arthroplasty**

Peter Bollars · Marc Bosquet · Bruno Vandekerckhove ·  
François Hardeman · Johan Bellemans



- » 19 cases
- » Knee Score 42% change compared to pre-operative scores
- » soft tissues and bone stock are preserved providing a delayed strategy for traditional arthroplasty



## Treatment of full-thickness cartilage lesions and early OA using large condyle resurfacing prosthesis: UniCAP®

Jens Ole Laursen<sup>1</sup>

- » study group: 64 patients
- » level of evidence IV (case series)
- » **HIGH CONVERSION TO ARTHROPLASTY RATE - 47% (7 year follow-up)**
- » **CONCLUSION: temporary solution for younger patients**



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of full-thickness articular cartilage defects in the knee:  
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C. Becher<sup>1</sup> · E. B. Cantiller<sup>1</sup>

- » analysis of 2 cases and 169 in reviewed studies
- » The results suggest that focal articular prosthetic resurfacing is an effective and safe treatment option in selected cases.





## VERY FEW QUALITY PAPERS

### CONCERNING VERY HIGH **REOPERATION** RATE

**CONCLUSION:** The present study demonstrated an improved subjective outcome and reduced pain after femoral resurfacing using the UniCAP (®) implant in a relatively large cohort of patients with symptomatic large cartilage lesions or early OA. **A 47 % reoperation rate with conversion to arthroplasty was found.** The femoral resurfacing implantation can be a temporary treatment for large cartilage lesions or early OA that is expected to develop into osteoarthritis. For younger patients who are ineligible for arthroplasty treatment, this implant can offer a temporary solution.

**LEVEL OF EVIDENCE: IV.**

*Conclusion* The present study demonstrated improved subjective outcome and reduced pain after femoral resurfacing using the HemiCAP implant in a relatively large cohort of patients with symptomatic cartilage lesions. **A concerning 23 % reoperation rate with conversion to arthroplasty was found.** Femoral resurfacing implantation treatment can be a temporary treatment for cartilage lesions expected to develop into osteoarthritis and for younger patients not eligible for arthroplasty treatment.

*Level of evidence* IV.



# AUSTRALIAN REGISTRY

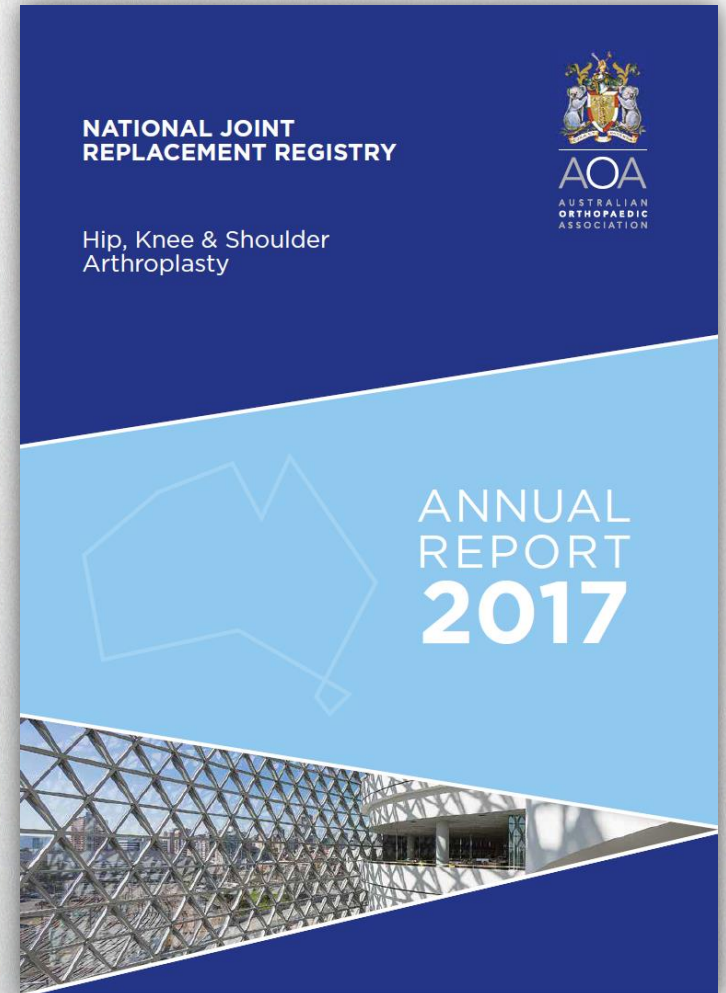
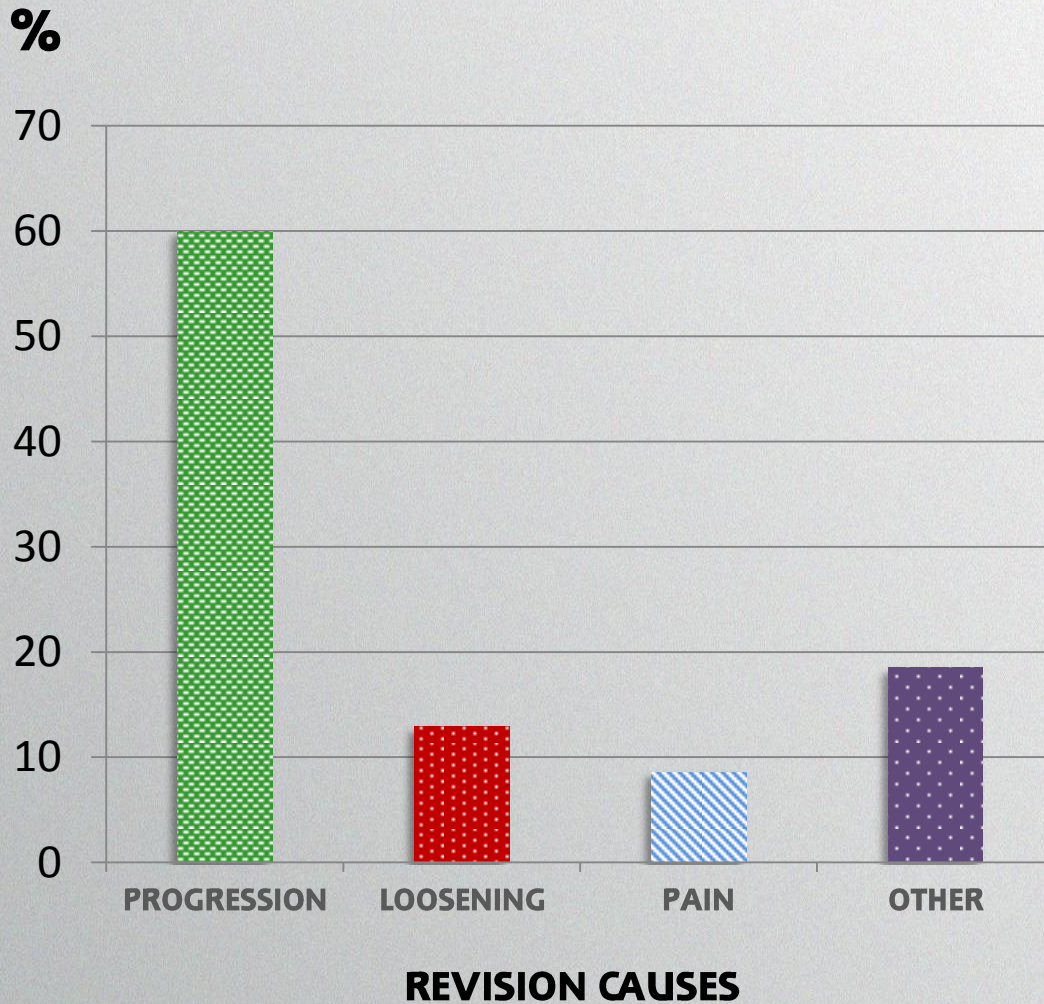
- » 238 in the registry (0.4%)
- » hemicap type implants
- » mean age: 50.4 y
- » males: 50.8%

**The cumulative percent revision of partial resurfacing procedures undertaken for osteoarthritis is 38.7% at nine years.**



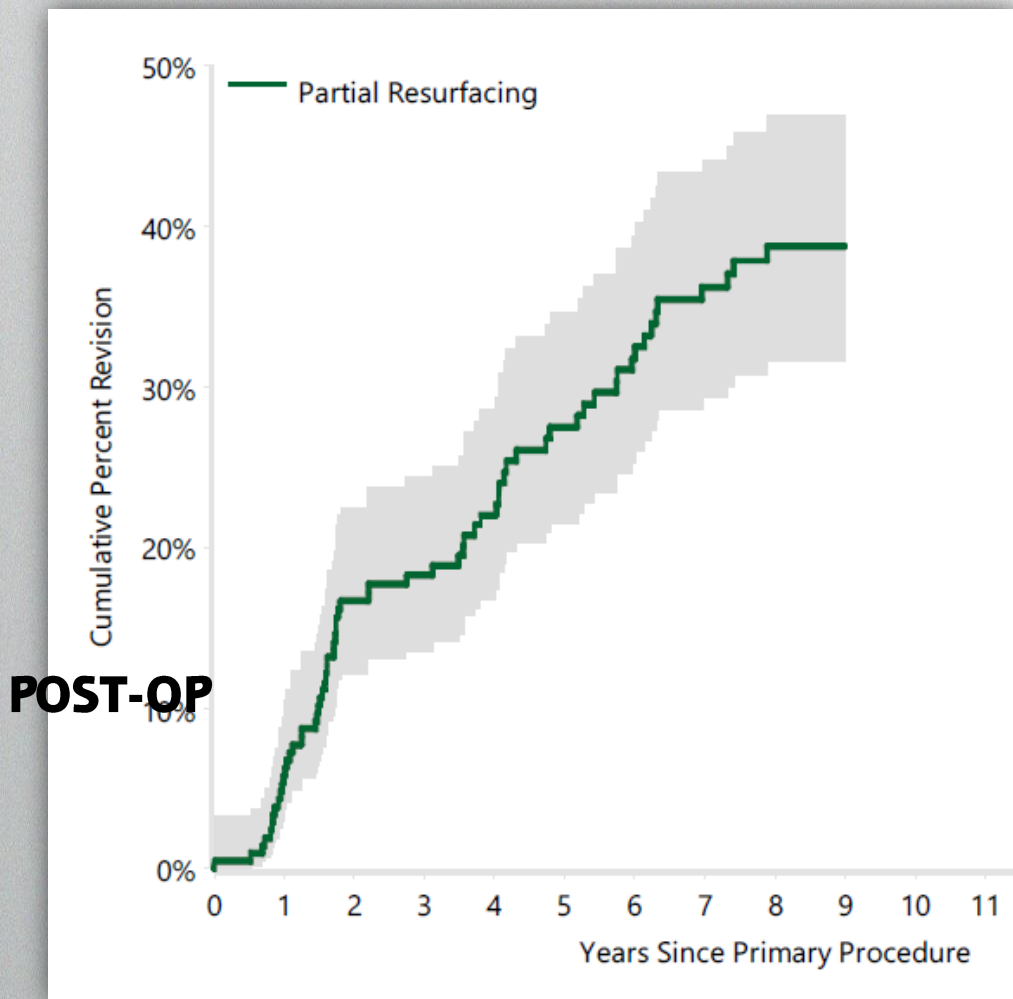


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**POST-OP**

**CUMULATIVE % REVISION**










## OUR **MATERIAL**

- » our material comprises of 4 patients operated in 2015
- » indication: focal cartilage lesion on medial femoral condyle
- » 2 males, 2 females
- » age: avg. 46 (42-52)
- » in 1 case: subsequent ACL reconstruction
- » in 1 case: UNICAP prosthesis
- » 2 year follow up





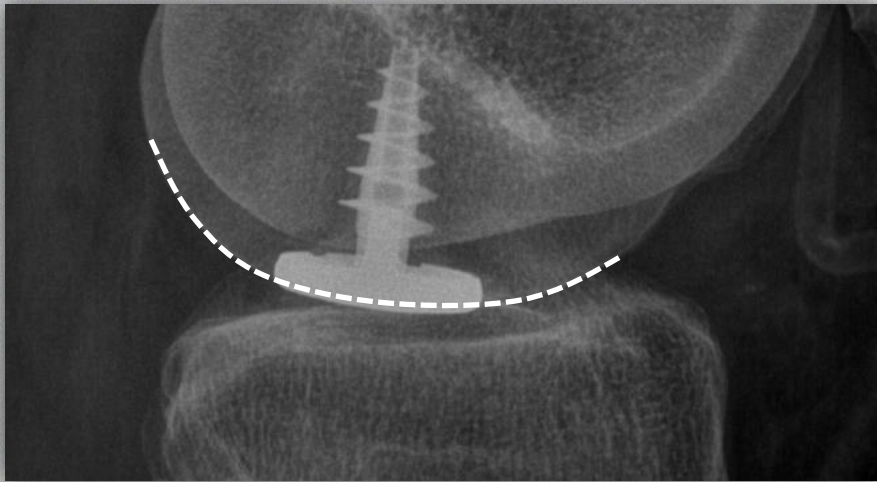
## OUR **MATERIAL** | 2 year follow up

Implant	PAIN VAS	Revision	Loosening	Infection	Kissing lesion	Would recommend
	DECREASE	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
	DECREASE	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
	CONSTANT	YES (Oxford)	NO	NO	YES	NO
UNICAP	DECREASE	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES

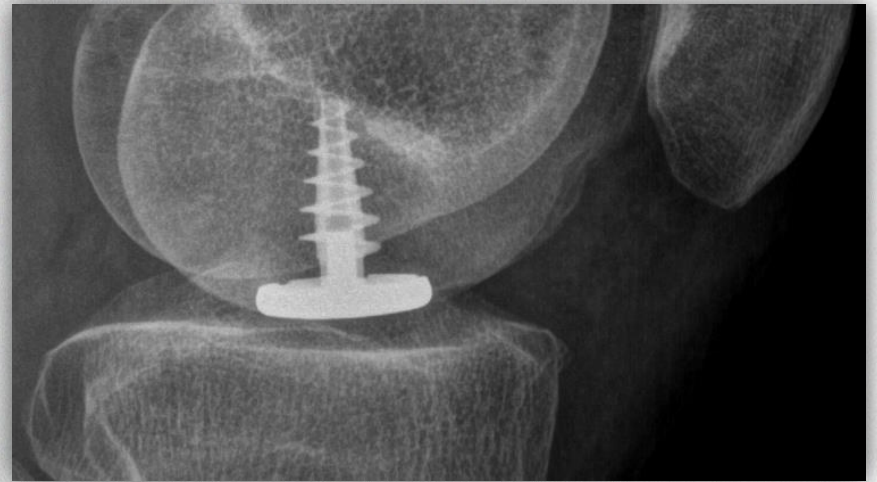




**REVISION CASE**



**POST-OP**



**1 YEAR**

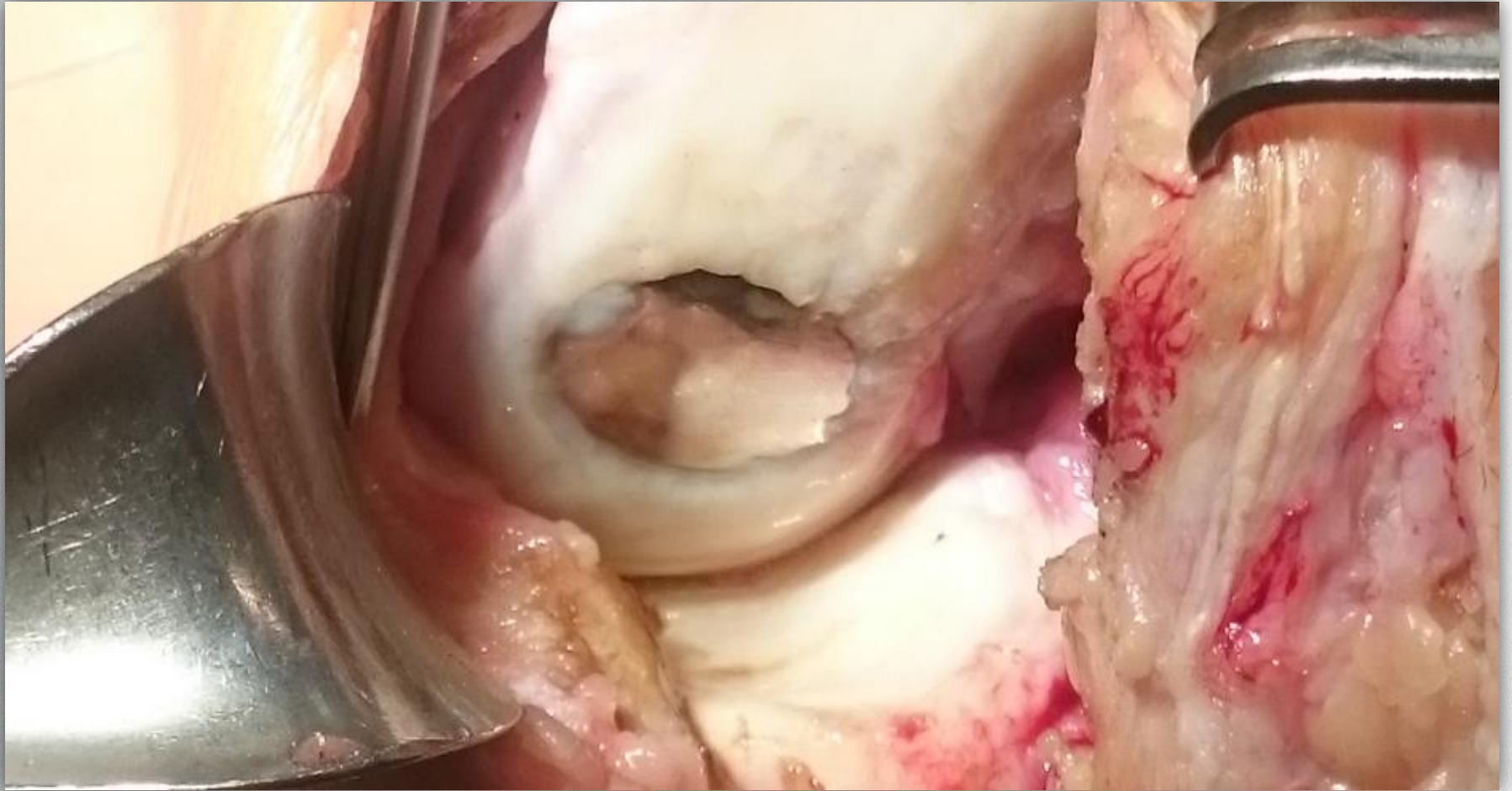


## REVISION CASE





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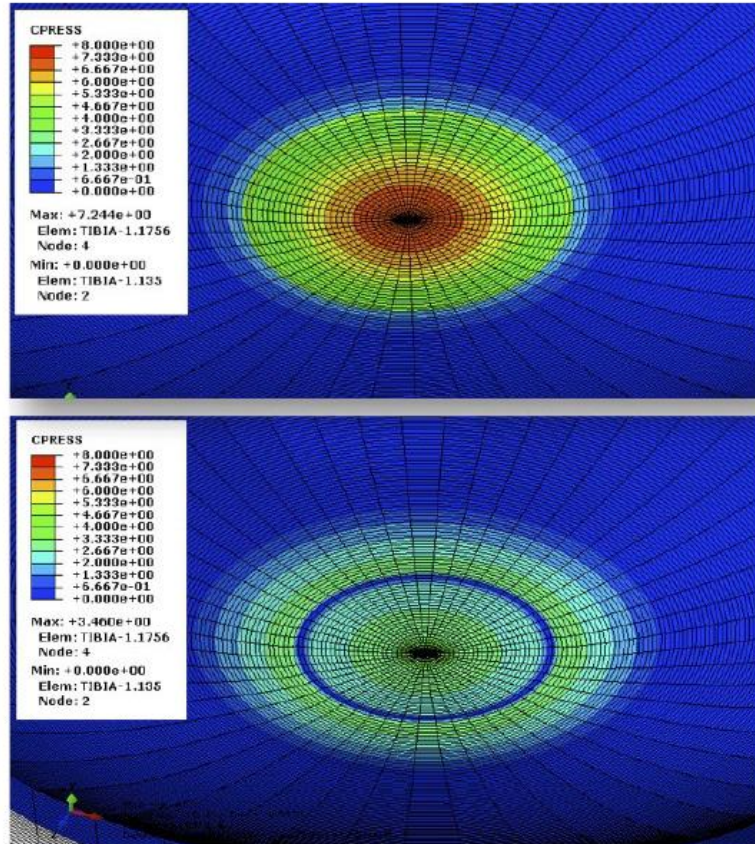
## NEW IMPLANTS

- » new generation of implants
- » hydrophilic composite material  
(hyaluronic acid + UHMWP)
- » titanium stem
- » claims to be better
- » less stiffness
- » even less evidence
- » multicenter trials in UK





# NEW IMPLANTS | BIOMECHANICS



Pressure mapping looking at metal implant on tibial cartilage contact pressures, peak 7.24MPa, active contact zone loaded area - 314mm<sup>2</sup> and BioPoly implant on tibial cartilage contact pressures, peak 3.46MPa, active contact zone loaded area - 471mm<sup>2</sup>.

## 2015 ICRS Convention Abstract

19.3.3 - Focal Knee Resurfacings – Filling the void between biological resurfacing and arthroplasty. (ID 7168)

Presented May 10, 2015

Paul Jermin (Liverpool, United Kingdom) Jonathan Yates (Liverpool, United Kingdom) Michael J. McNicholas (Liverpool, United Kingdom)



# NEW IMPLANTS



- » 33 patients
- » 2 year follow up
- » significant and meaningful improvement in comparison with preoperative function
- » 1 revision





## CONCLUSION

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**RESURFACING CAN BE AN GOOD OPTION IN KNEE SURGERY**

**HOWEVER**

**LIMITED**

**TEMPORARY**

**REQUIRES FURTHER STUDIES**

