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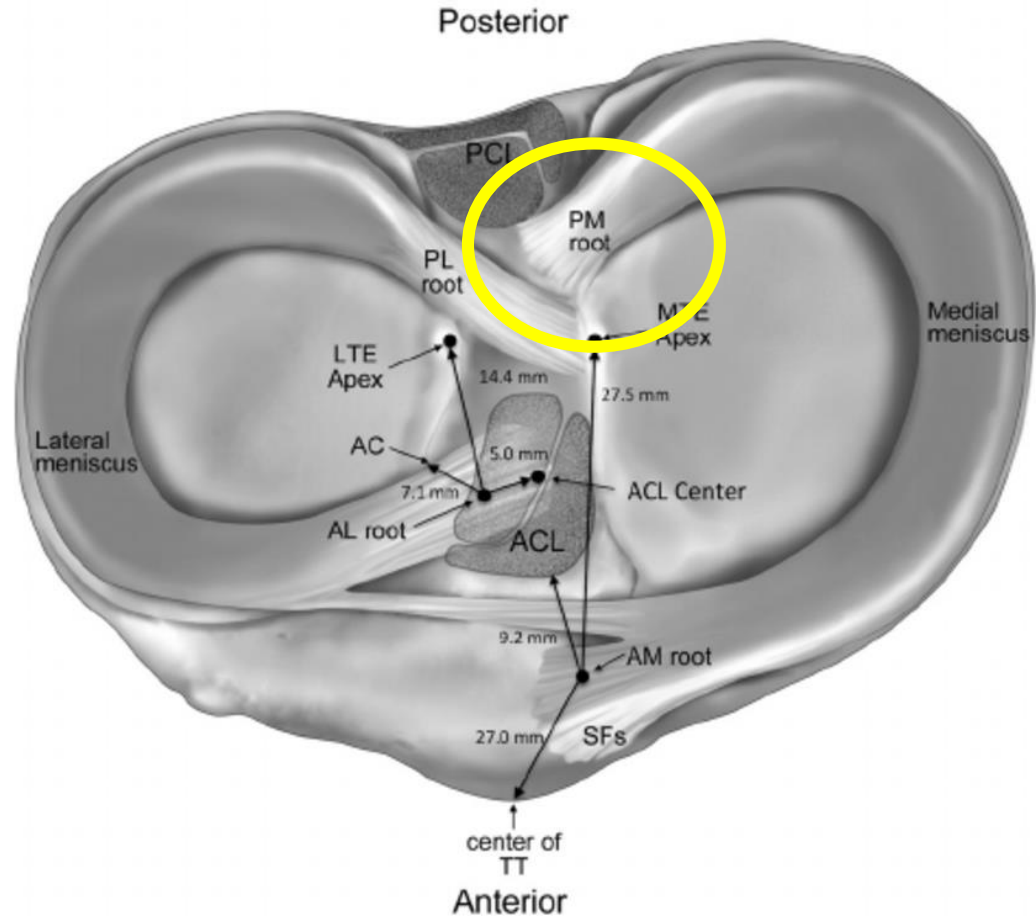
Meniscal Root Repair - Technique and Pearls

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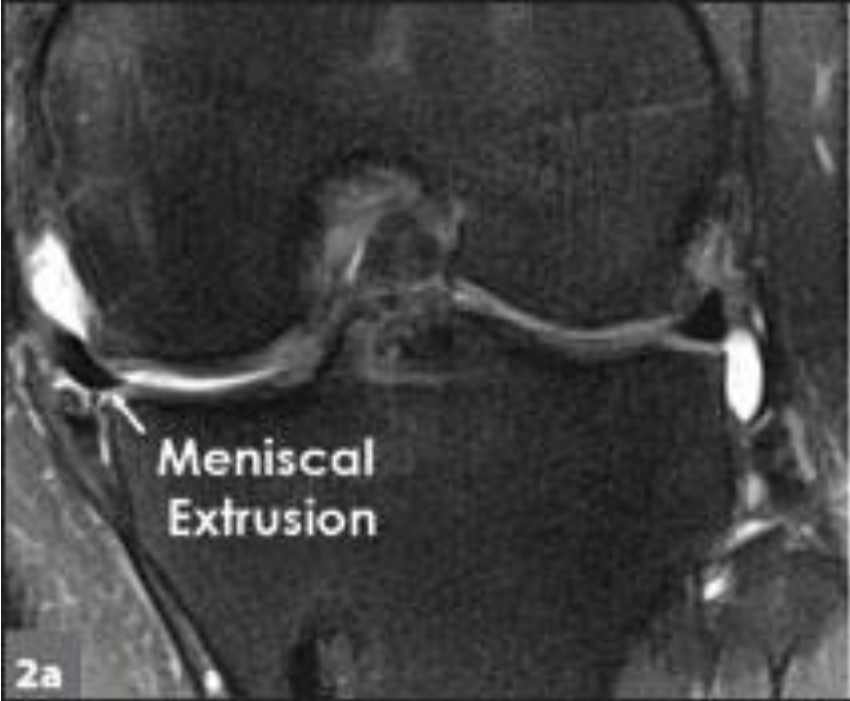
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Meniscal root injuries

- Meniscal root = bony connection of meniscus with tibia
- Lateral/medial anterior/posterior roots
- Small tears with huge impact: whole meniscus becomes afunctional
- Often no history of major knee trauma
- Posterior medial root injuries are “**silent killers**” leading to accelerated OA



Meniscal root injuries: diagnosis



Meniscal root repair: why and when?

- Until recently, most PMRs were treated with “classic” meniscus tear + conservative management

Meniscus Root Repair vs Meniscectomy CME or Nonoperative Management to Prevent Knee Osteoarthritis After Medial Meniscus Root Tears

Clinical and Economic Effectiveness

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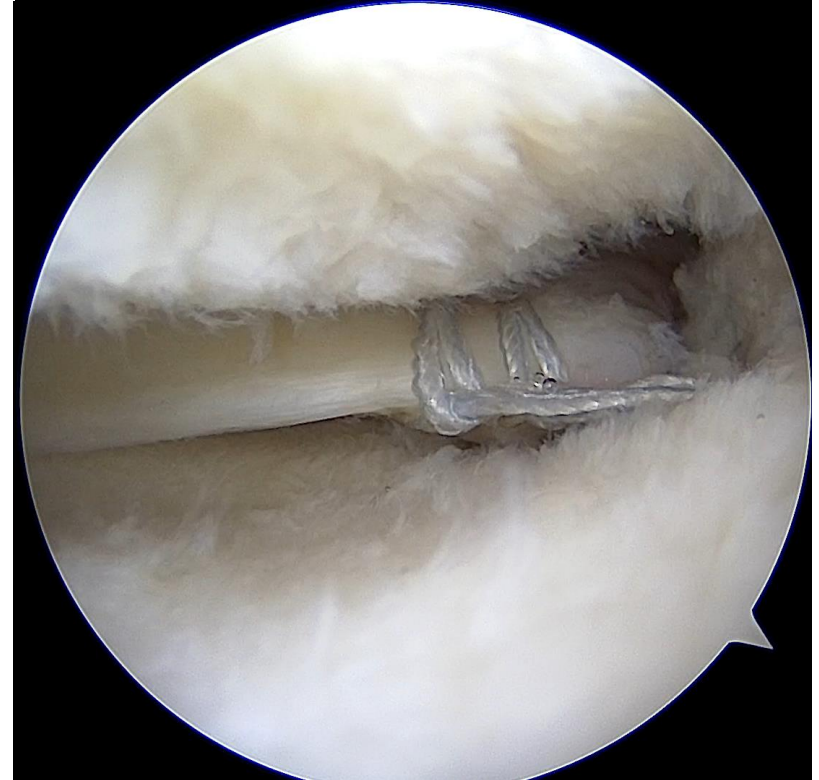
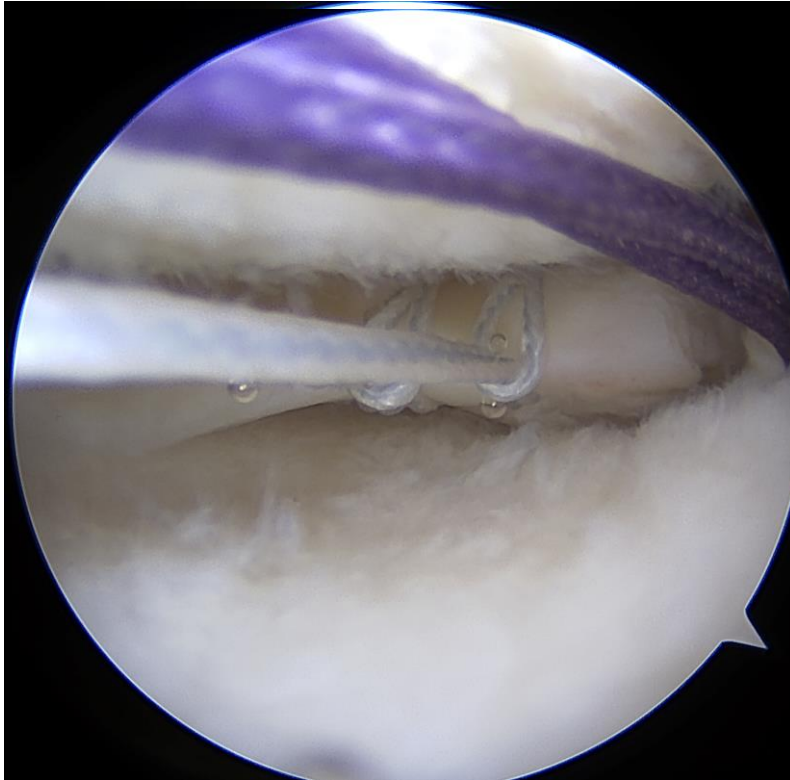
Root repair technique

- “Fix the root as close as possible to its original bony insertion”
- For the medial meniscus: **1 cm posterior to medial spine**
- **Standard** arthroscopy set-up (vs ramp repair)
- **Instruments are key!**
 - A PassPort Cannula
 - Knee Scorpion Suture Passer
 - Meniscal Root Marking Hook





Meniscal root repair case



Suggested wet lab procedure

- Make portals and place PassPort cannula
- Make the root injury with a small biter
- Drill the tunnel and 5mm deep socket with the use of the guide and 6mm Flipcutter
- Whip stitch the meniscus with 2x Fiberwire #0
- Fix the sutures with Swivelock 4.75mm on the anterior aspect of proximal tibia

Good Luck!

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