Osteochondritis Dissecans of the Knee













Knee is the most common site

- Lateral femoral condyle: 15-20%
 Medial femoral condyle: 70-80%
- Patellofemoral: less than 5%

Risk factors

- Male sex (2x higher)
- Age 11-15 years
- Contralateral knee (15-40%)

Prognostic factors

- Open physis
- Lesion <2 cm²



- Limited weight bearing
- Avoid impact activity
- 3-6 months

SURGICAL INDICATIONS

- Unstable lesion
- Healthy subchondral bone
- Physis closed or impending closure
- Failed non-operative management



- Drill stable lesions-(intraarticular or retrograde)
- Curettage, reduction, and fixation +/- 2nd stage hardware removal
- Excise non viable lesions +/cartilage restoration





Long term OA rates with excision



Long term OA rates with preservation

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