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 Many of the applications presented are considered off-label

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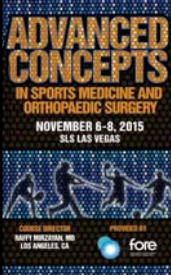
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## Current Techniques in Autologous Chondrocyte Implantation

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**Since everything else is cheaper,  
 the prime indication for ACI  
 is where other things  
 don't work**


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## Where does what work?

	MFx	OCA	ACI
Size	Small (<2-3cm <sup>2</sup> ) + Medium (>3cm <sup>2</sup> ) - Large (>5cm <sup>2</sup> ) -	Small + Medium + Large +	Small + Medium + Large +
Location	Condyle + Trochlea +/- Patella -	Condyle + Trochlea +/- Patella +/-	Condyle + Trochlea + Patella +
Depth	Chondral + Osteochondral -	Chondral + Osteochondral +	Chondral + Osteochondral +/-
Age	<35 + >35 -	<35 + >35 +	<35 + >35 +

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## Results

- **Knutsen (RCT)**  
no difference between ACI and MFx!



- Knutsen - JBJS (2004)
- Saris - AFSM (2008, 2009)
- Basad - KSSTA (2010)
- Kon - AFSM (2009)
- Van Assche - KSSTA (2010)

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## Results

- **Knutsen (RCT)**  
ACI for larger defects (>4cm<sup>2</sup>)
- **Van Assche (RCT)**  
No difference at 2 years (2.4cm<sup>2</sup>)
- **Kon (Cohort)**  
similar at 2y, MACI better at 5y (2.4cm<sup>2</sup>)
- **Saris (RCT)**  
↑histology, ↑outcomes at 3y, at 5y only for more acute defects (<3y) (2.7cm<sup>2</sup>)
- **Basad (RCT)**  
MACI better at 2y (>4cm<sup>2</sup>)
- **Saris (RCT)**  
MACI better at 2y (4.8cm<sup>2</sup>)



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## Where do we use ACI?

**Prime indications for ACI:**

- Focal contained defect >3cm<sup>2</sup>
- Femoral condyle, trochlea or patella (off-label)
- Intact subchondral bone (OCD ok in young)

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## ACI Technique

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## ACI

**Technique (Biopsy):**

- Biopsy
- intercondylar notch, prox./sup. to sulcus terminalis
- 5x10mm, 200-300 mg




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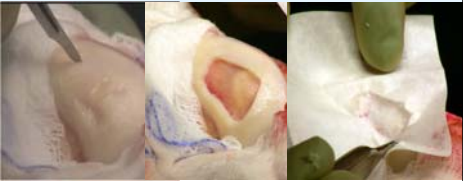
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## ACI

- Approach by defect location and other procedures
- Outline defect; include all soft/fissured cartilage
- Create stable vertical shoulders
- Template defect with glove paper or aluminum foil




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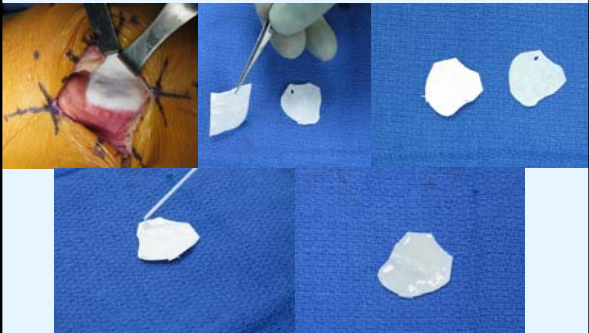
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## Cell seeding technique




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## Cell seeding technique

	injected	seeded	P-value
N	45	39	
Age	33	31	0.25
Defect area	5.9	4.5	0.002
KOOS (Δ)			
- Pain	18.4	18.1	0.09
- Symptoms	6.5	5.0	0.45
- ADL	15.7	15.4	0.33
- Sport	21.0	24.7	0.12
- QoL	26.2	28.5	0.21
IKDC (Δ)	21.4	22.4	0.33
Lysholm (Δ)	12.5	21.7	0.34

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## Summary

- ACI is expensive
- ACI is effective with success >80%
- It becomes cost-effective in larger and patello-femoral defects
- Here, it should be considered as 1<sup>st</sup> line Rx

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