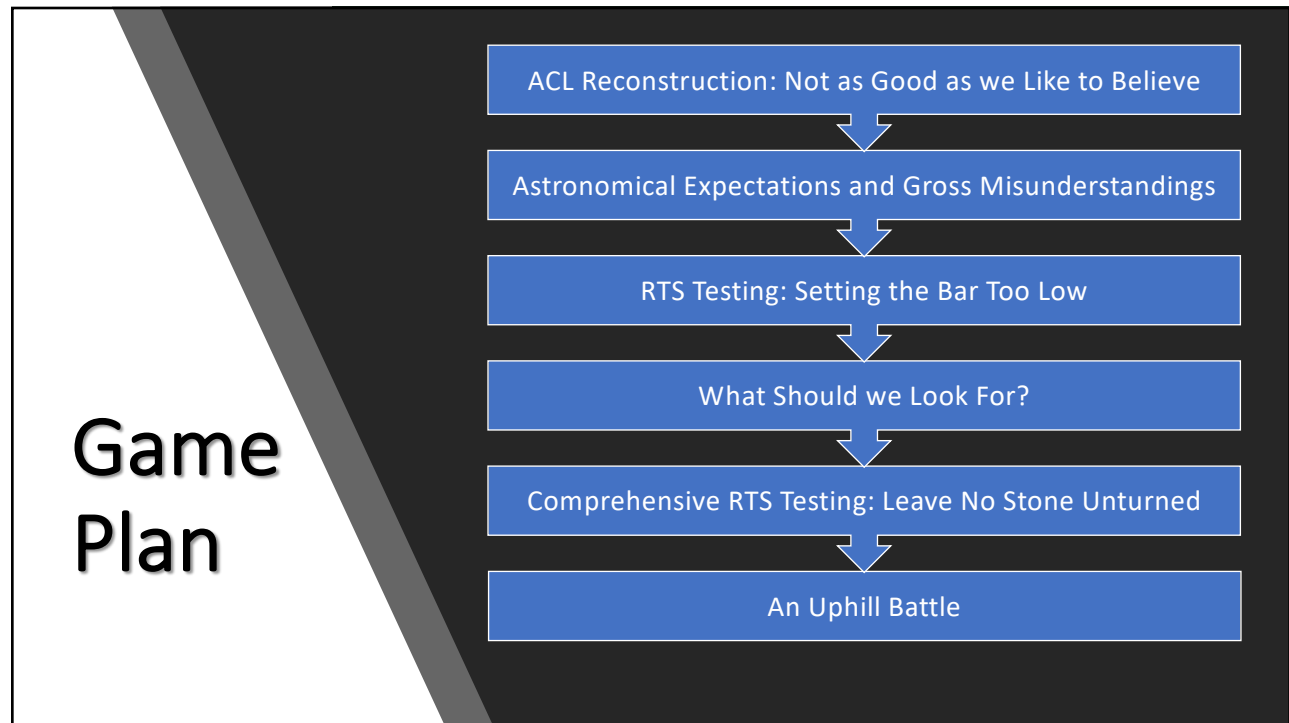


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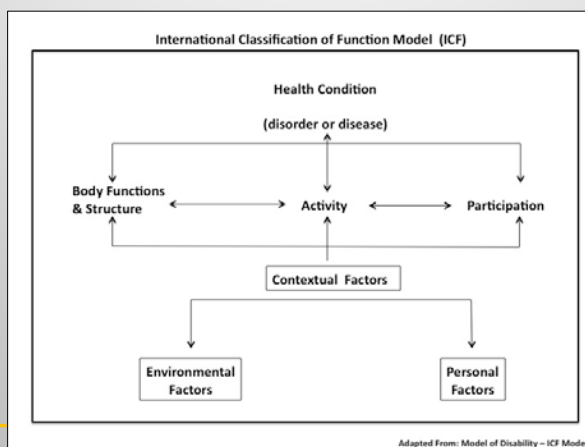


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Consensus criteria for defining 'successful outcome' after ACL injury and reconstruction: a Delaware-Oslo ACL cohort investigation



Lynch et al., 2015

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Consensus criteria for defining 'successful outcome' after ACL injury and reconstruction: a Delaware-Oslo ACL cohort investigation

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 Gregory E Hicks,³ Michael J Axe,⁶ Lars Engebretsen,⁷ May Arna Risberg,⁴
 Lynn Snyder-Mackler³

Body, Function & Structure

Absence of knee effusion
 Absence of knee giving way
 Symmetrical quad & hamstring strength


Activity & Participation Restriction

PRO's with clearly defined thresholds for success

Participation

Return to sport

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Likelihood of Return to Sport

81% return to any sport

65% return to preinjury level of sport

55% returned to competitive level after surgery

van Melick et al., 2016
Arden et al., 2016

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RTS Likelihood

- Men 1.4x more likely to return to preinjury sport level than women
- BPTB 1.2x more likely than HS
- Almost all professional athletes RTS



Arden et al., 2016

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Likelihood of Returning to Sport

Only 38% remained at the same level >2 years after ACL-R

Arden et al., 2016

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RTS Rates – Why so Abysmal?

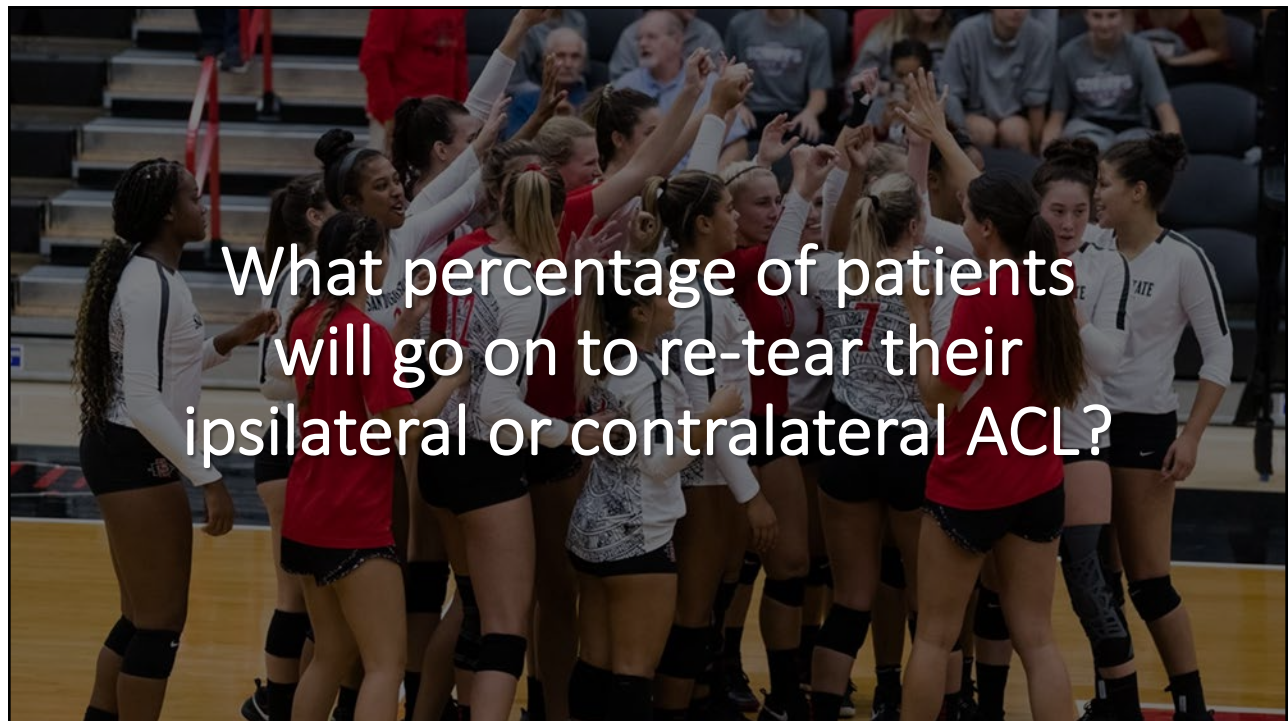
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- Lack of PT specialization
- Patient expectations
- Fear/anxiety
- Finances
- Motivation
- Insurance
- End of season/career
- At peace not returning

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Re-Tear Rates

~1/3 of all patients will go on to re-tear

Wiggins et al., 2016
Kaeding et al., 2015
Maletis et al., 2013
Borchers et al., 2009

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Incidence of Second ACL Injuries 2 Years After Primary ACL Reconstruction and Return to Sport

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*Investigation performed at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center,
Cincinnati, Ohio, USA*

29.5% sustained 2nd ACL injury

70% contralateral tear;
30% ipsilateral

Females more likely to tear
contralateral ACL than graft

Mean time to RTP: 215 days
(7 months)

Repeat injuries occur within 20
games or practice sessions of RTP

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Astronomical Expectations and Gross Misunderstandings

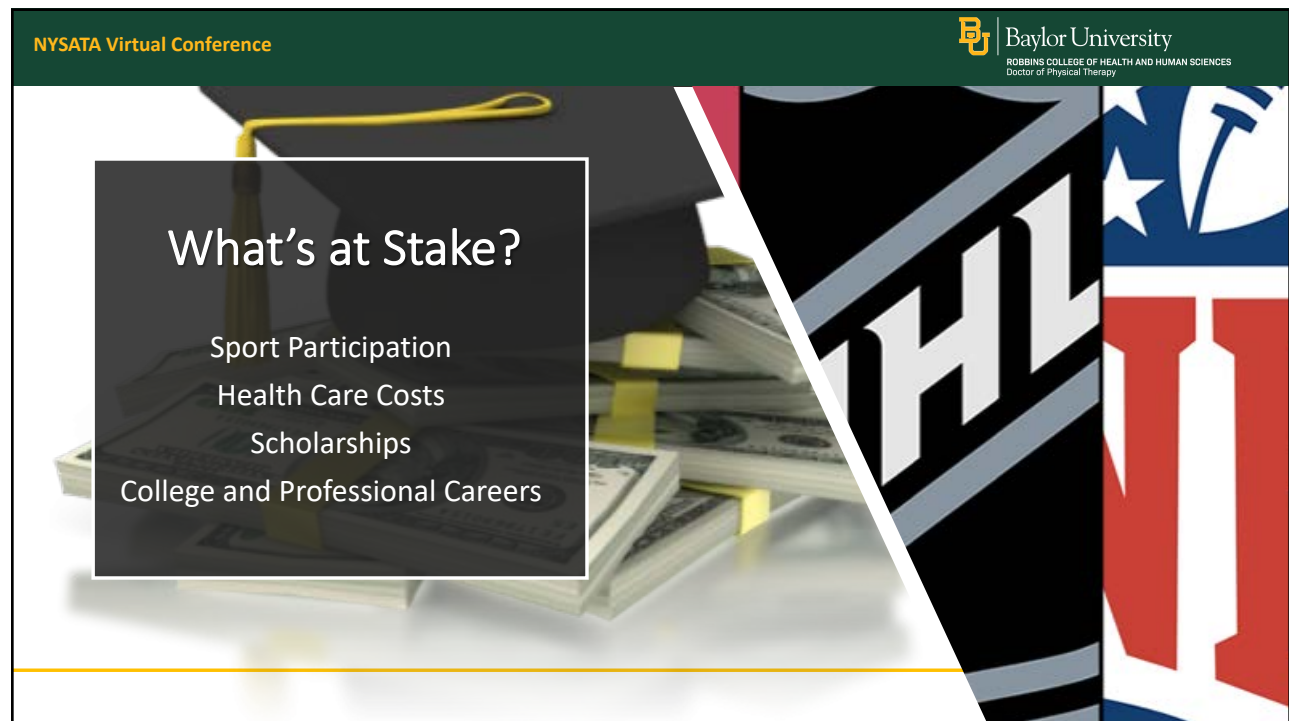
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What's at Stake?

- Sport Participation
- Health Care Costs
- Scholarships
- College and Professional Careers



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The slide features a background image of a stethoscope resting on a US dollar bill. The text is centered and reads:

Financial Ramifications

**Annual health care costs
exceeding \$625 million**

**One ACL injury costs ~\$38,000
including long-term costs**

Petushek et al., 2018
Wiggins et al., 2016

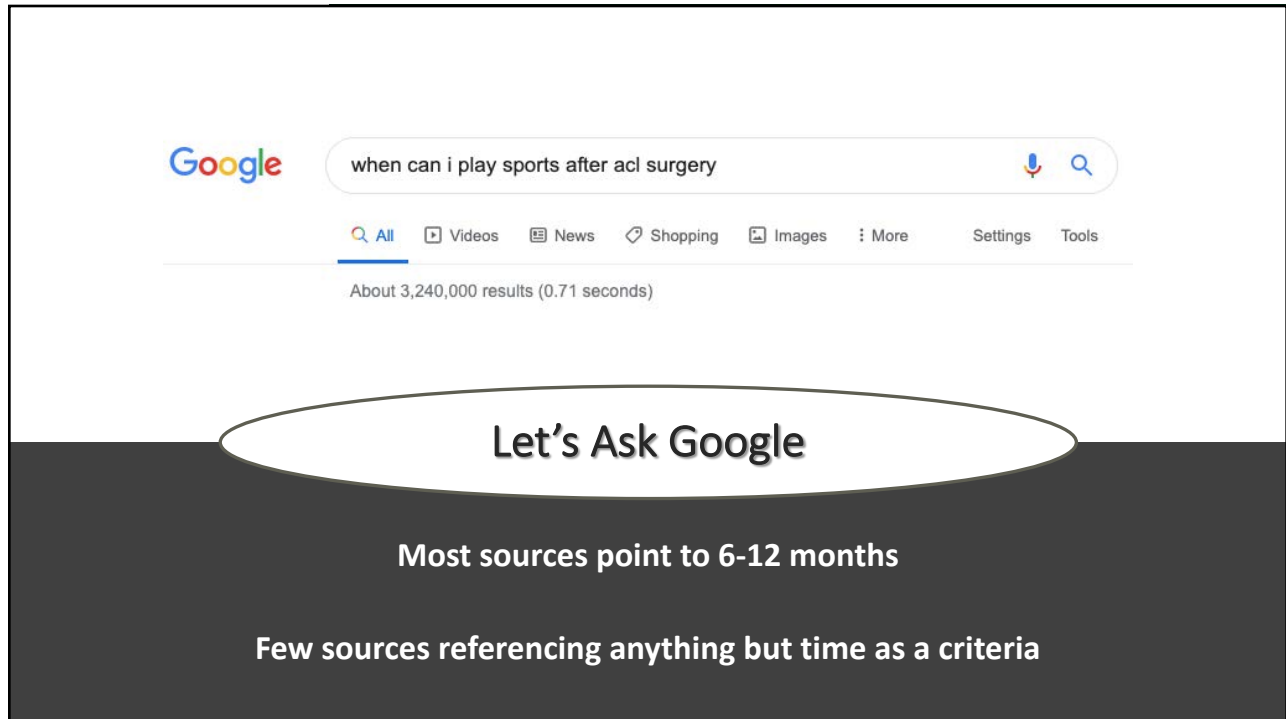
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The slide features a hand-drawn style text and a hand holding a question mark. The text on the left reads:

**WHAT
DO
YOU
EXPECT**

On the right, a hand is shown holding a large, hand-drawn question mark.

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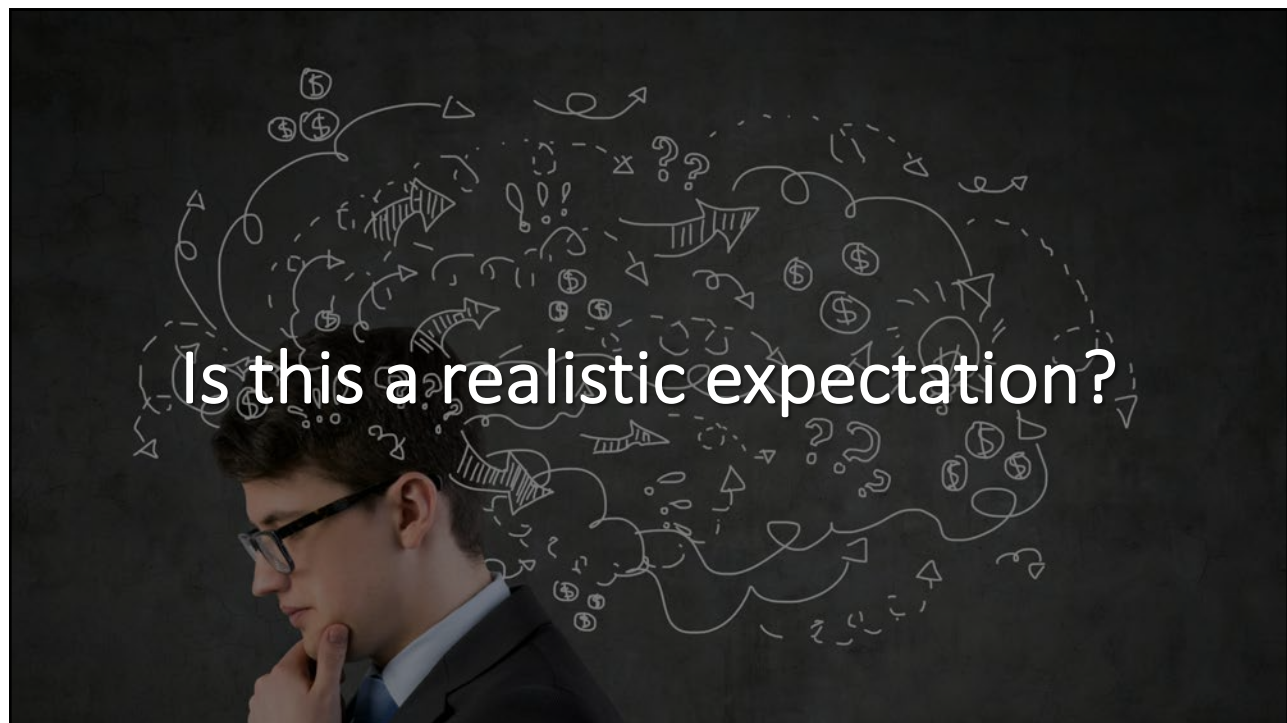
A screenshot of a Google search page. The search bar contains the text "when can i play sports after acl surgery". Below the search bar, the text "About 3,240,000 results (0.71 seconds)" is displayed. The navigation bar includes links for "All", "Videos", "News", "Shopping", "Images", "More", "Settings", and "Tools".

Let's Ask Google

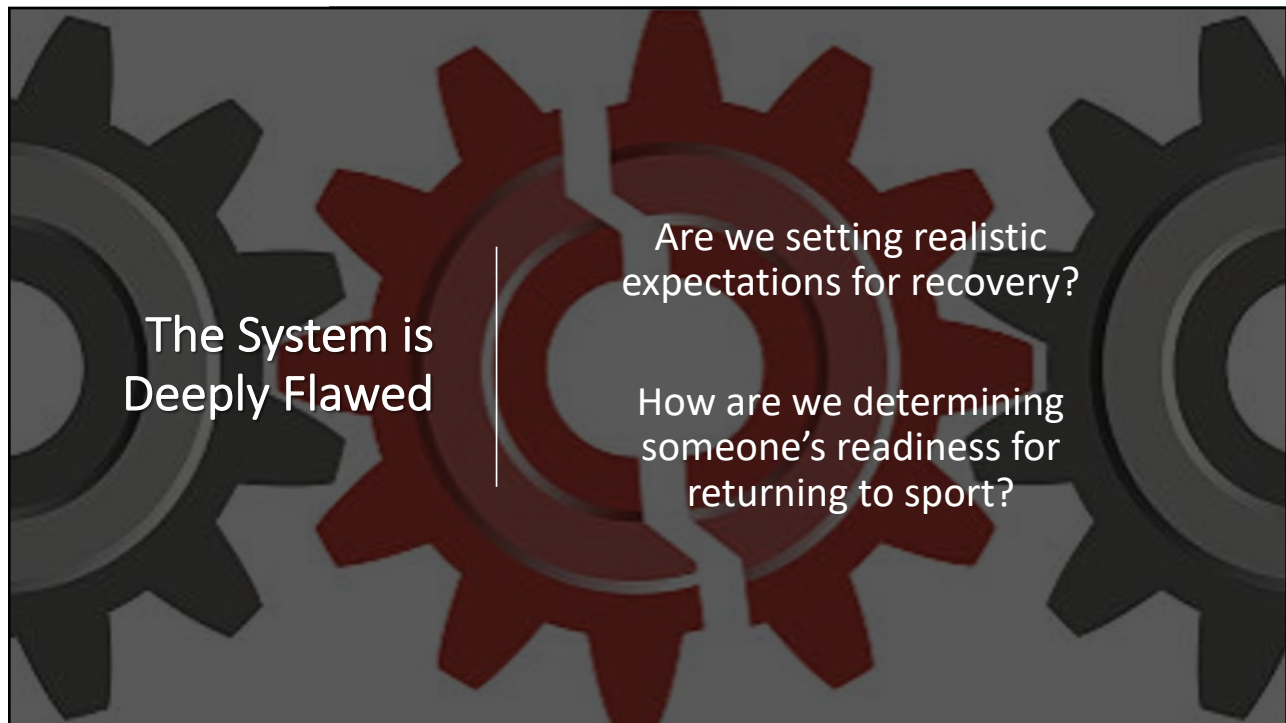
Most sources point to 6-12 months

Few sources referencing anything but time as a criteria

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Return to Sport Testing: Setting the Bar Too Low

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Rehab Protocols: Phase I

POST-OP DAYS 1 – 14

- Dressing:
 - POD 1: Debulk dressing, TED Hose in place
 - POD 2: Change dressing, keep wound covered, continue TED Hose
 - POD 7-10: Sutures out, D/C TED Hose when effusion resolved
- Brace x 4 weeks – Locked in extension for ambulation
 - Open to available range when pt has good quad control (no extensor lag)
- Crutches – weight bearing as tolerated (WBAT) in brace (D/C when gait is normal – generally at 2 weeks)
- Patellar mobilization (teach patient)
- Calf pumping
- AAROM 0-90 degrees (passive extension, active flexion, heel slides)
- Passive extension with heel on bolster or prone hangs
- Electrical stimulation in full extension with quad sets and SLR
- Quad sets, Co-contractions quads / Hamstring
- Straight leg raise (SLR) x 4 on mat (in brace if poor quad control)
- Mini squats – 0-45 degrees in parallel bars
- Weight shifts
- Total Gym (level 3-5) – Mini squats 0-45 degrees
 - Passive flexion to 90 degrees max (push up with opposite leg)
- Leg press 0-45 degrees with light resistance (up to ¼ body weight)
- Hamstring curls – Carpet drags or rolling stool (closed chain)
- Double leg heel raises
- Parallel bar ambulation – Forwards / backwards / lateral

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Rehab Protocols: Phase I

Weeks 2 - 4

- Brace x 4 weeks – Open to available range
- Crutches – WBAT, D/C when gait is WNL
- Continue appropriate previous exercises and following ex without brace
- Scar massage when incision healed
- AAROM, AROM through full range as tolerated
- Electrical stimulation – Continue as needed
- SLR x 4 on mat – Add light ankle weights if quad control is maintained
- Wall squats – No knee flexion past 45 degrees
- Total Gym – Progress levels of Mini-squats, 0-45 degrees
- Leg Press 0-45 degrees with resistance no more than ½ body weight
- Hamstring curls on weight machine with light resistance
- Forward, lateral and retro step downs in parallel bars
 - No knee flexion past 45 degrees (small step)
- Single leg heel raises
- Proprioceptive training – Single leg standing in parallel bars
 - Double leg BAPS for weight shift
- Stationary bike – Progressive resistance and time
- Treadmill – Forwards and backwards walking
- Stretches – Hamstring, Hip Flexors, ITB

GOALS

- ROM 0-110 degrees
- No effusion
- No extensor lag

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Rehab
Protocols:
Phase II

WEEKS 6 - 9

- Continue appropriate previous exercises
- Wall squats 0-90 degrees
- Leg press 0-90 degrees with resistance as tolerated
- Hamstring curls with resistance as tolerated
- Forward, lateral and retro step downs 0-90 degrees (large step)
- Hip weight machine x 4 bilaterally
- Proprioceptive training – Grid exercises
- Stationary bike – 15-20 minutes at a time, at least 70 rpm
- Treadmill – Walking progression program

GOAL

- Walk 2 miles at 15 min/mile pace

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Rehab
Protocols:
Phase III

MONTHS 3 - 4

- Isokinetic testing at 180 and 300 degrees/sec – Must have 80% of opposite leg to clear for straight line running
- Continue appropriate previous exercises
- Knee extension weight machine
- Short arc quads
- Agility drills / Plyometrics
- Treadmill – Running progression program if cleared
- Pool therapy – Swimming laps

GOAL

- Run 2 miles at easy pace

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Rehab
Protocols:
Phase IV

MONTHS 4 - 6

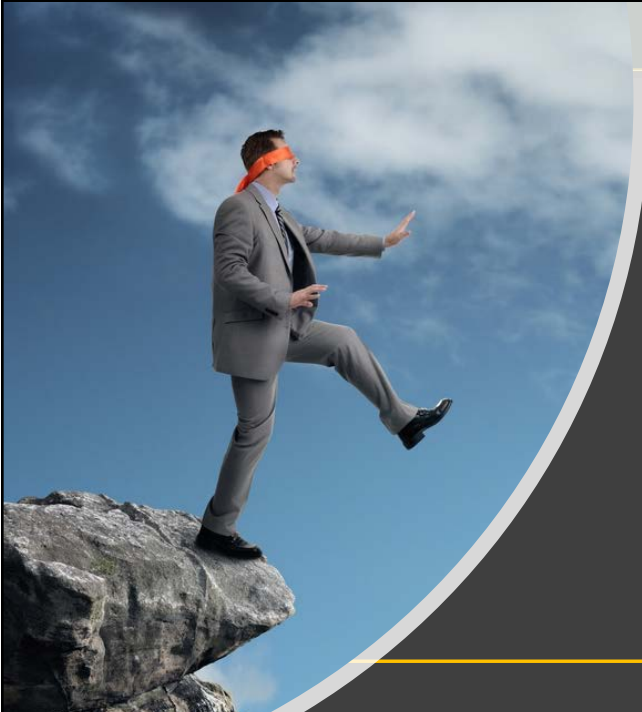
- Repeat Isokinetic testing as needed
- Continue appropriate previous exercises
- Sit-up progression
- Running progression to track
- Transition to home / gym program


GOAL

- Return to all activities

****NO CONTACT SPORTS UNTIL 6 MONTHS POST-OP****

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End-Stage Rehab: What Happened to my Protocol?

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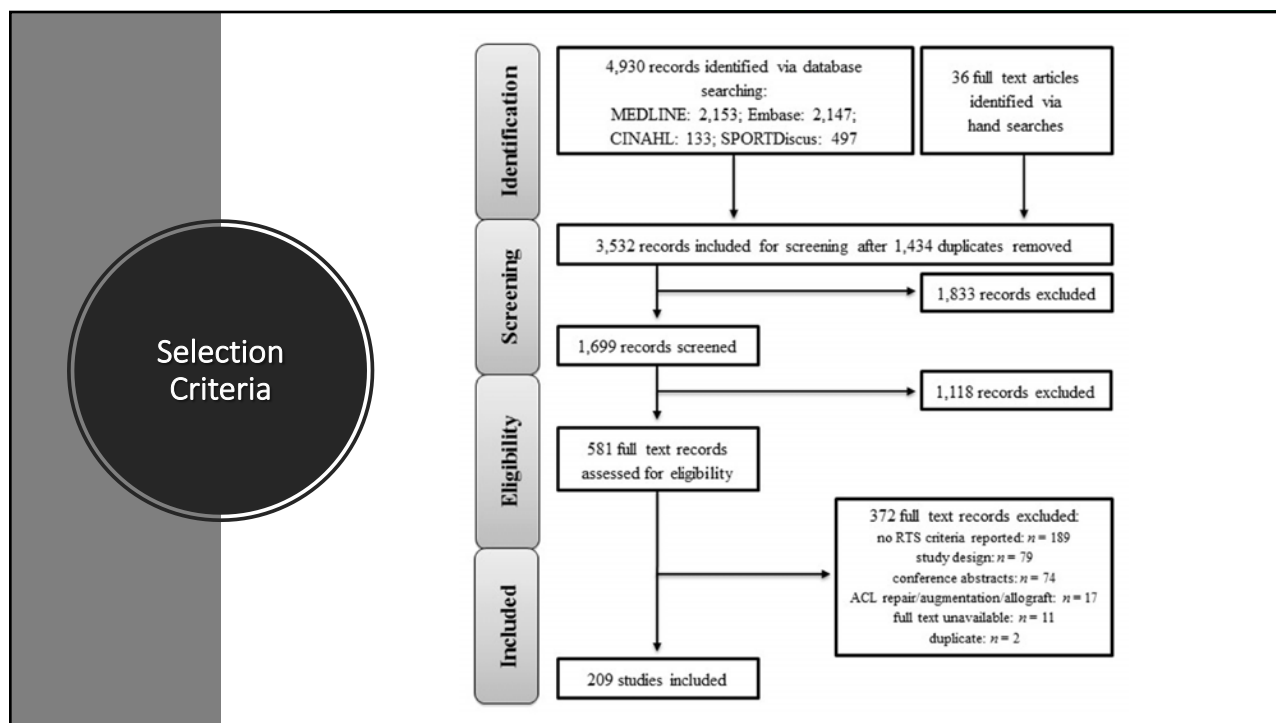
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Which criteria are used to clear patients to return to sport after primary ACL reconstruction? A scoping review

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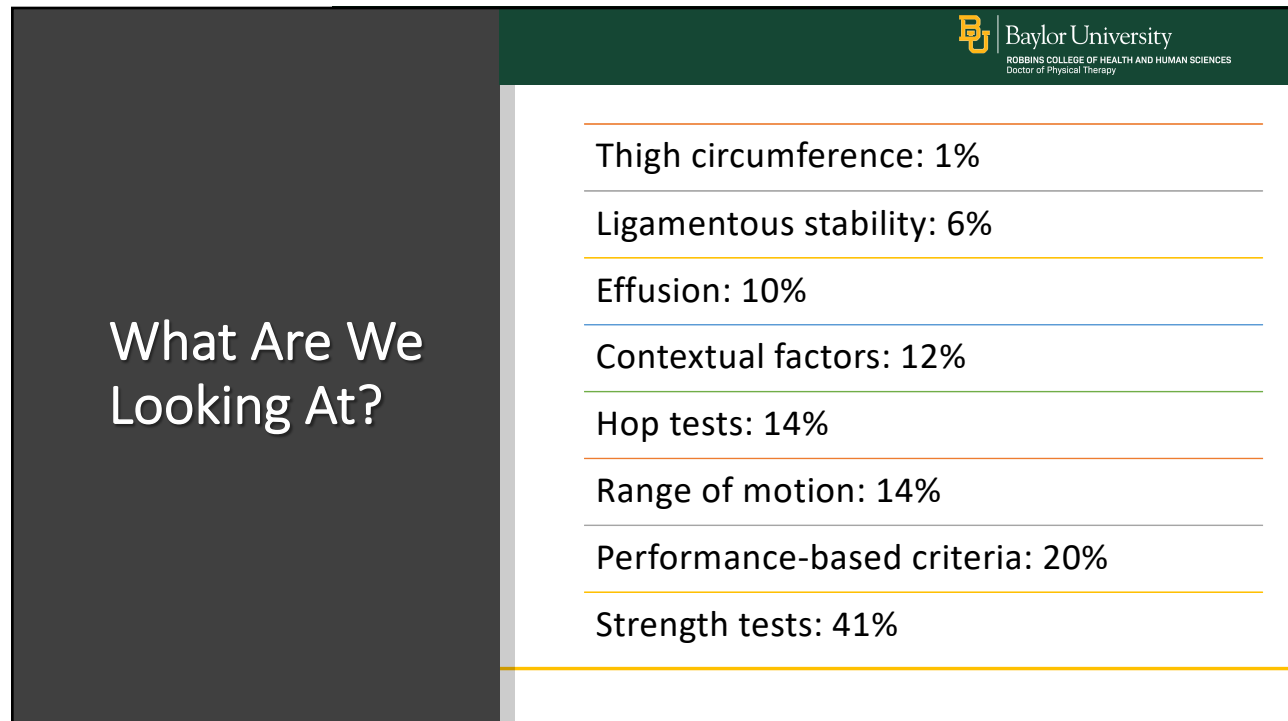
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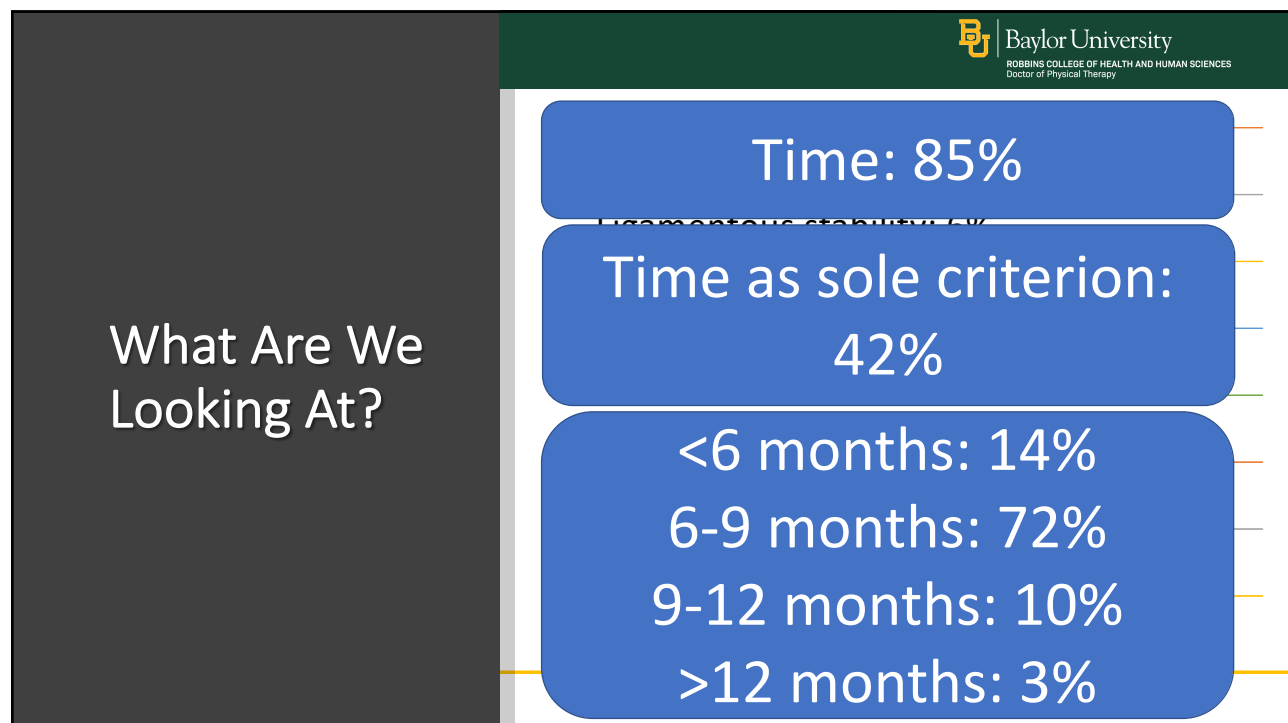
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Return to Sport Criteria & Associated ICF Classification	
Return to sport criteria categorisation	Corresponding ICF ¹⁷ framework classification
Time	N/A
Strength	Impairments
Clinical examination	Impairments
Hop testing	Activity (limitations)
Performance-based criteria	Participation (restrictions)
Patient report	Contextual factors

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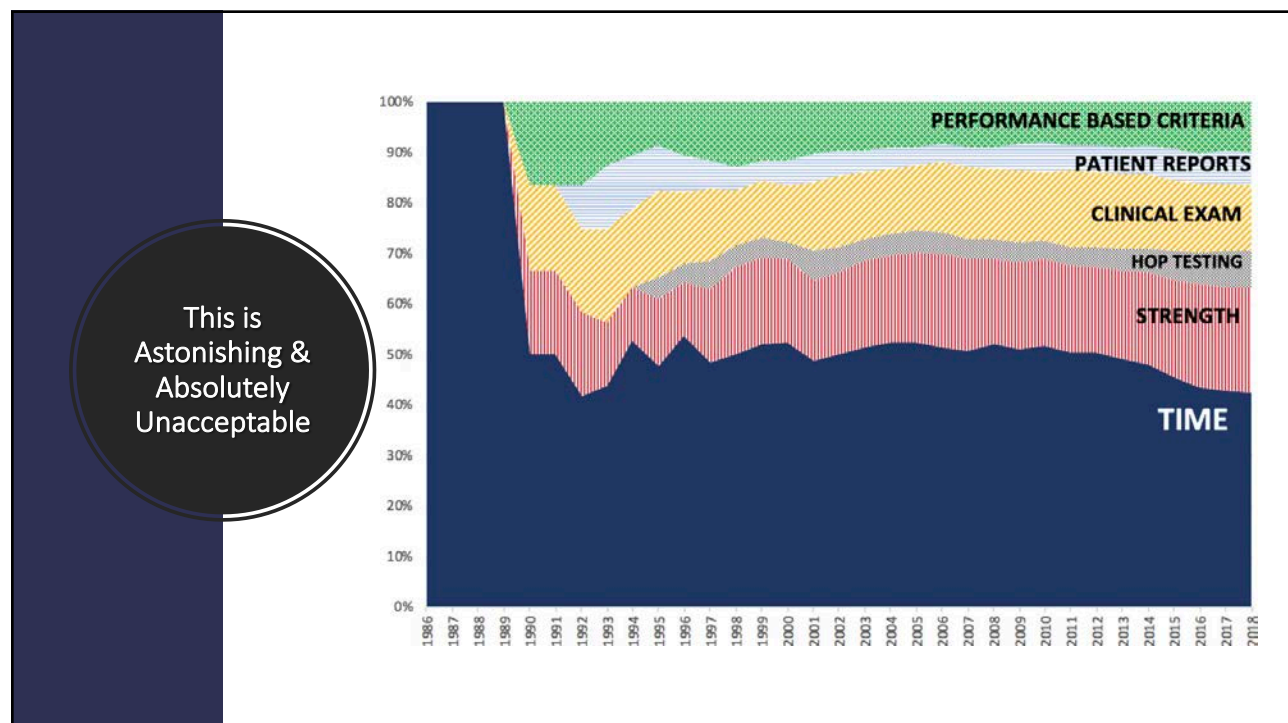
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Back to Normal Symmetry at 9 Months?

Back to Normal Symmetry?

Biomechanical Variables Remain More Asymmetrical Than Normal During Jump and Change-of-Direction Testing 9 Months After Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction

- 156 male patients 9 months after ACL surgery
- 62 healthy participants
- 3D motion capture
 - Double limb drop jump
 - Single limb drop jump
 - Single-leg hop for distance
 - Planned and unplanned change of direction

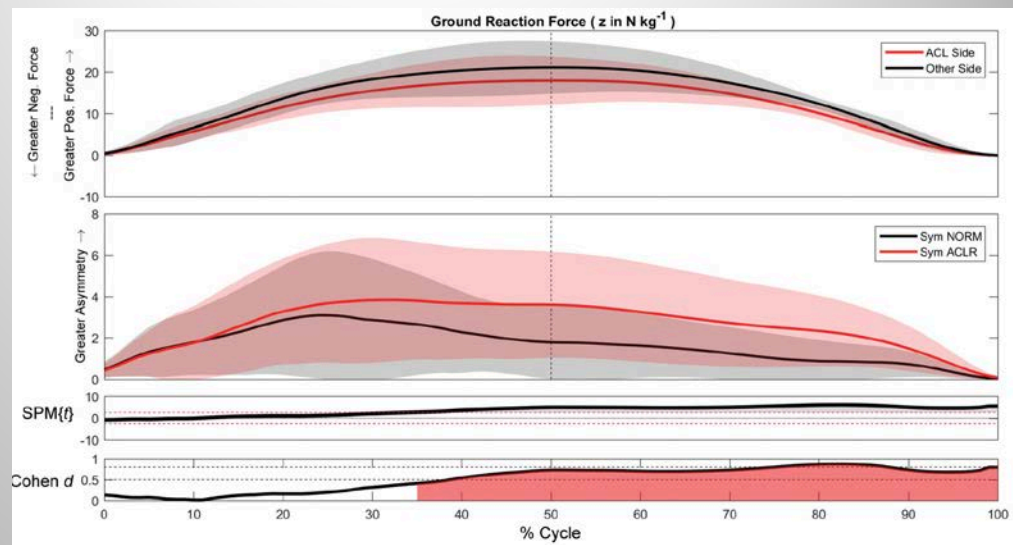
King et al., 2019

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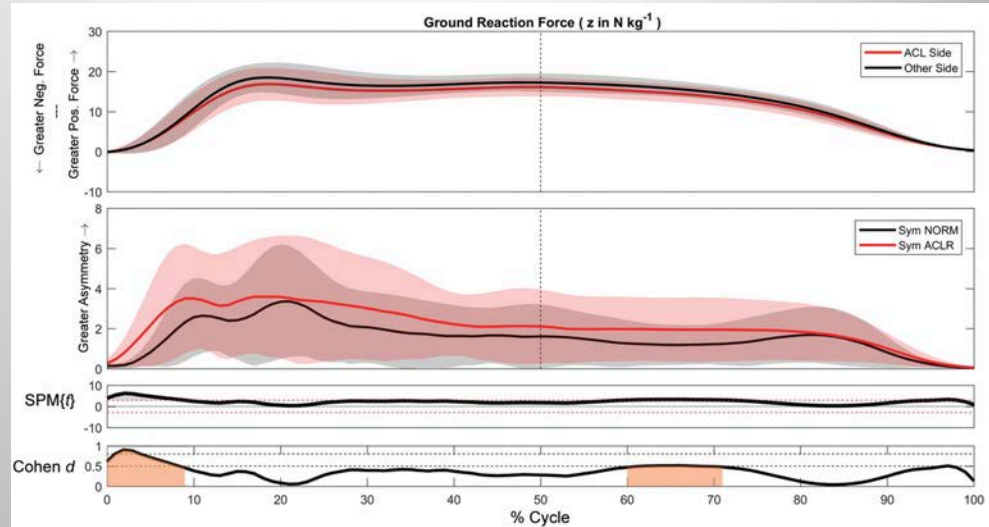
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Double Legged Ground Reaction Force



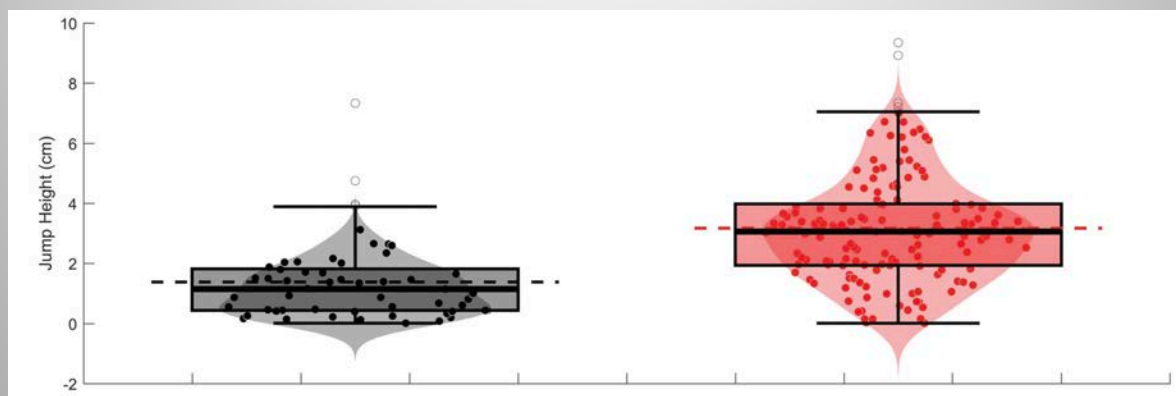
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Vertical Ground Reaction Force During 90° Cutting




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Single Limb Jump Height Between Norm (left) and ACL (right)



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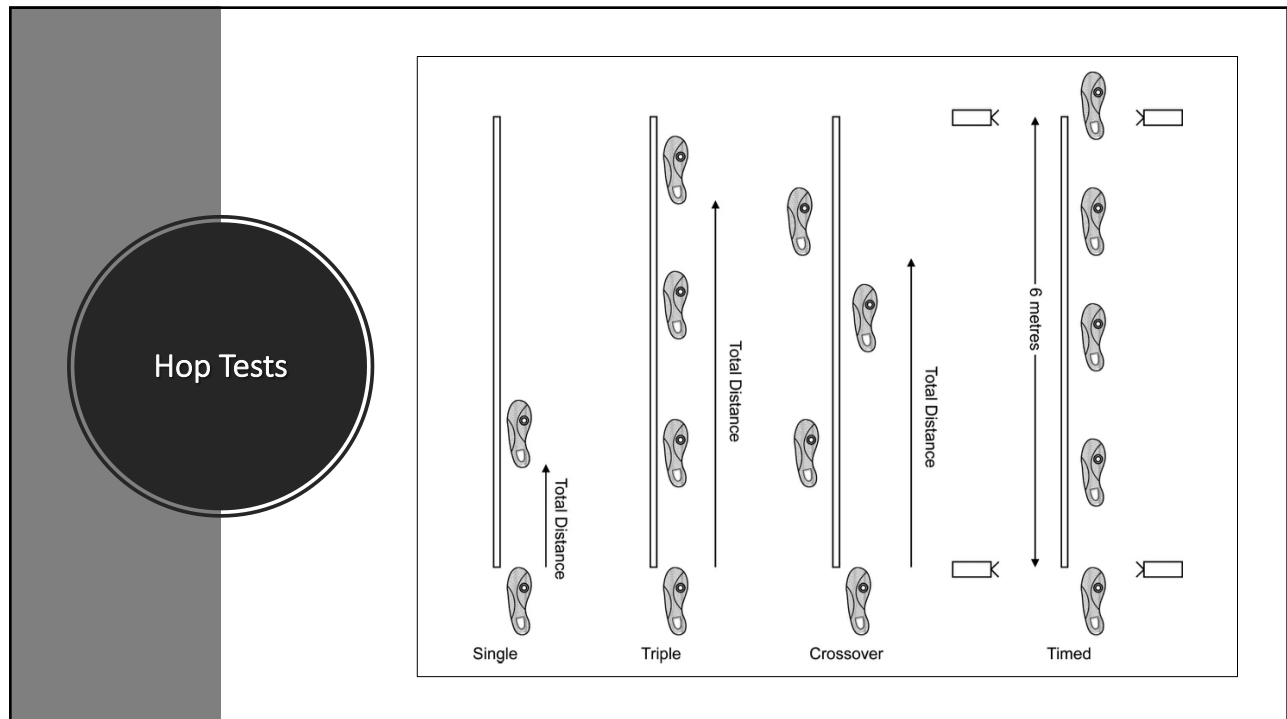


“The days of rehabilitation and RTS progressions solely governed by time (eg, at 3 months the athlete starts running, at 5 months the athlete starts training and at 6 months the athlete starts unrestricted sport) should be long behind us.

However, tempering aggressive rehabilitation and RTS progression to account for biology—healing of the ACL graft and recovery of neuromuscular function—is important because of the link between time since surgery and knee reinjury risk.”

Ciara Burgi, PT, DPT, SCS, FAAOMPT

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Hop Tests

The diagram illustrates four types of hop tests, each showing a vertical line representing the total distance and footprints indicating the hop pattern:

- Single:** A single hop from one foot to the other.
- Triple:** Three consecutive hops in a row.
- Crossover:** A hop where the feet cross over each other.
- Timed:** A hop test where the distance is marked as 6 metres.

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Is the Magic Number Really 90%?

Evidence-based guidelines advocate for a test battery to evaluate quality and quantity of movement with a limb symmetry index (LSI) of at least 90%.

Burgi et al., 2019
Dingenen et al., 2017
Van Melick et al., 2016
Grindem et al., 2018

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Symmetry Not the Same as Quality

- 25% reduction in knee motion during takeoff
- 40% reduction in peak knee moment during takeoff
- 38% reduction in peak knee power during takeoff
- 18% reduction in knee motion during landing
- 43% reduction in peak power absorption

Everyone had a LSI of >93%.

Orishimo et al., 2010

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Hop Distance Symmetry Does Not Indicate Normal Landing Biomechanics in Adolescent Athletes With Recent Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction

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Wren et al., 2018

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Hop Distance Symmetry Does Not Indicate Normal Landing Biomechanics in Adolescent Athletes With Recent Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction

Both symmetric and asymmetric patients offloaded the operative knee.

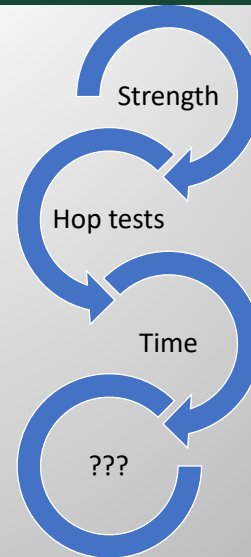
Symmetric patients achieved symmetry, in part, by hopping a shorter distance on the contralateral side.

Wren et al., 2018

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What about Testing Battery?


Van Melick et al., 2015
Grindem et al., 2016
Kyritsis et al., 2016
Gokeler et al., 2017
Ebert et al., 2018




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RTS Testing: What Should we Look For?

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Why settle when the stakes and failure rates are so high?

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Return to Play Criteria: A Systematic Review of 90 Studies

An extensive test battery should be used to determine the return-to-play moment, but there are no tests or test batteries that have been tested for construct or predictive validity for return to play.

➡

It is not clear which cut-off point of the LSI should be used for strength and hop tests.

➡

Perform an extensive test battery for quantity and quality of movement.

➡

An LSI of >90% could be used as a cut-off point. For pivoting/contact sports, an LSI of 100% is recommended.

Van Melicke et al., 2016

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A Scoping Review on Return to Sport

“The multifactorial nature of RTS suggests that a group of tests measuring athlete-centred constructs, rather than a single test in isolation, can provide an important basis for practitioners and athletes when planning RTS. Clearly, one test will not provide enough information and, for this reason, should not be the sole deciding factor in an RTS risk assessment.”

Burgi et al., 2019

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A Scoping Review on Return to Sport

Five Recommendations

1. Use a group of tests
2. Choose open tasks over closed tasks
3. Include tests with reactive decision-making elements
4. Assess psychological readiness to return to sport
5. Monitor internal and external workload

Burgi et al., 2019

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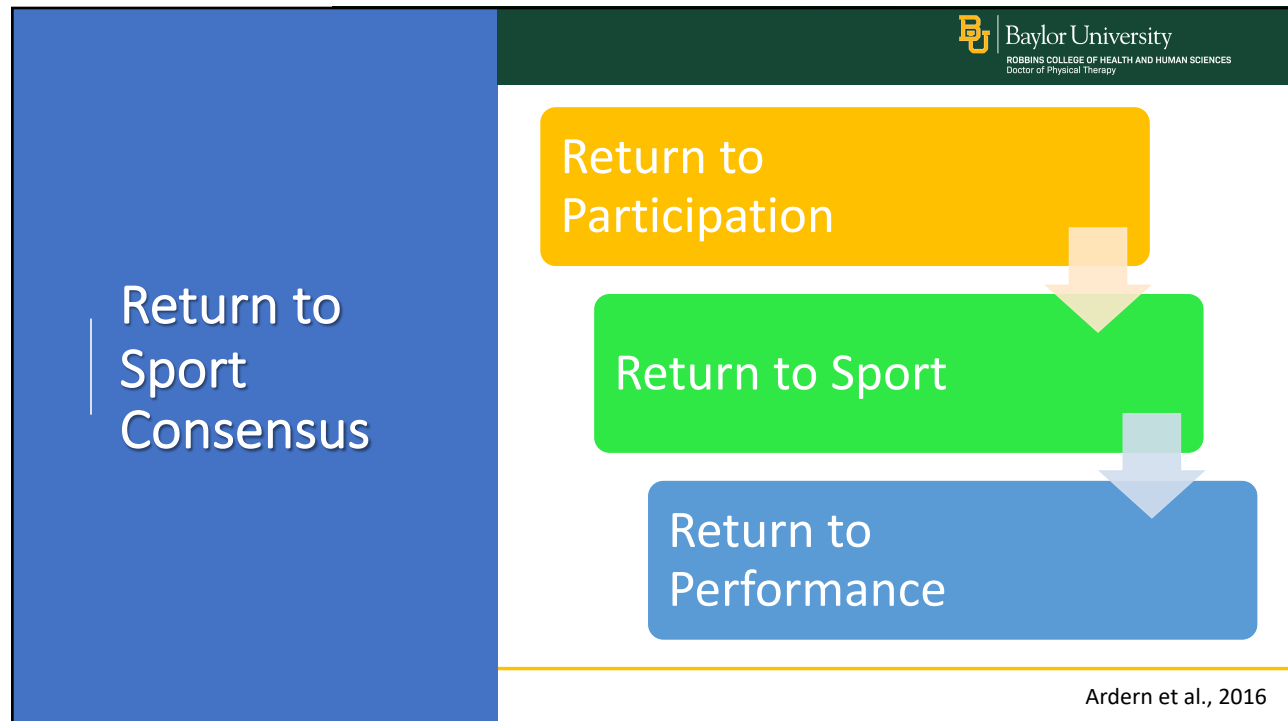
A Progressive Return to Sport

Returning to sport is not
the flip of a switch

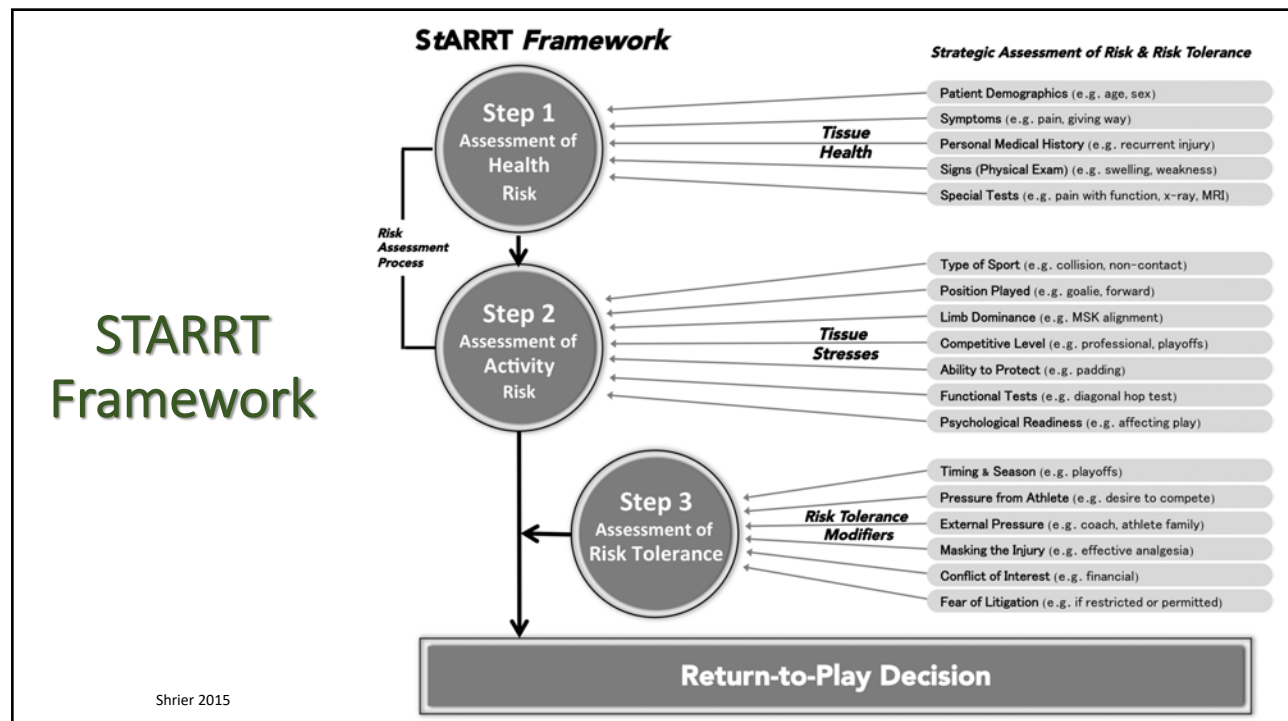
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How Long does it Take?

Ligamentization

Repopulation of proliferation cells
 Re-vascularization
 Re-innervation



Does this healing occur within common RTS timelines?

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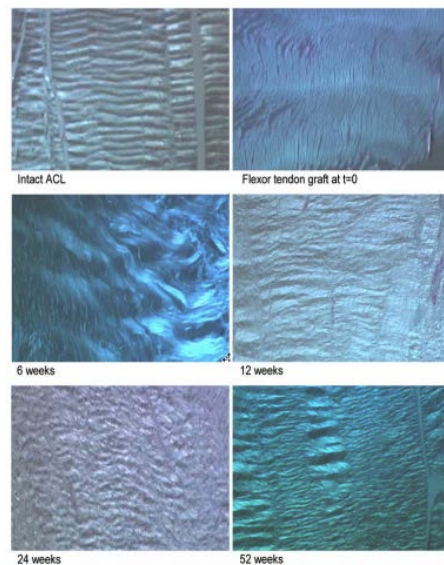
Graft Maturation

Same in humans as in animals

Occurs in humans over longer
 duration than observed in animals
 (longer remodeling phase)

Remodeling occurs around 12-24
 months

Hewett et al., 2018
 Scheffler et al., 2008



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Graft Maturation

Revascularization

Assessed with MRI and
transmission electron microscopy
(TEM)

Closely resembled native ACL
at 2 year follow up

Hewett et al., 2018
Scheffler et al., 2008

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Intact ACL

6 weeks

12 weeks

52 weeks

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Mechanoreceptors and Sensory Afferents

Hewett et al., 2018

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Native sensory
function lost
with ACL tear

*Not fully restored
with ACLR*

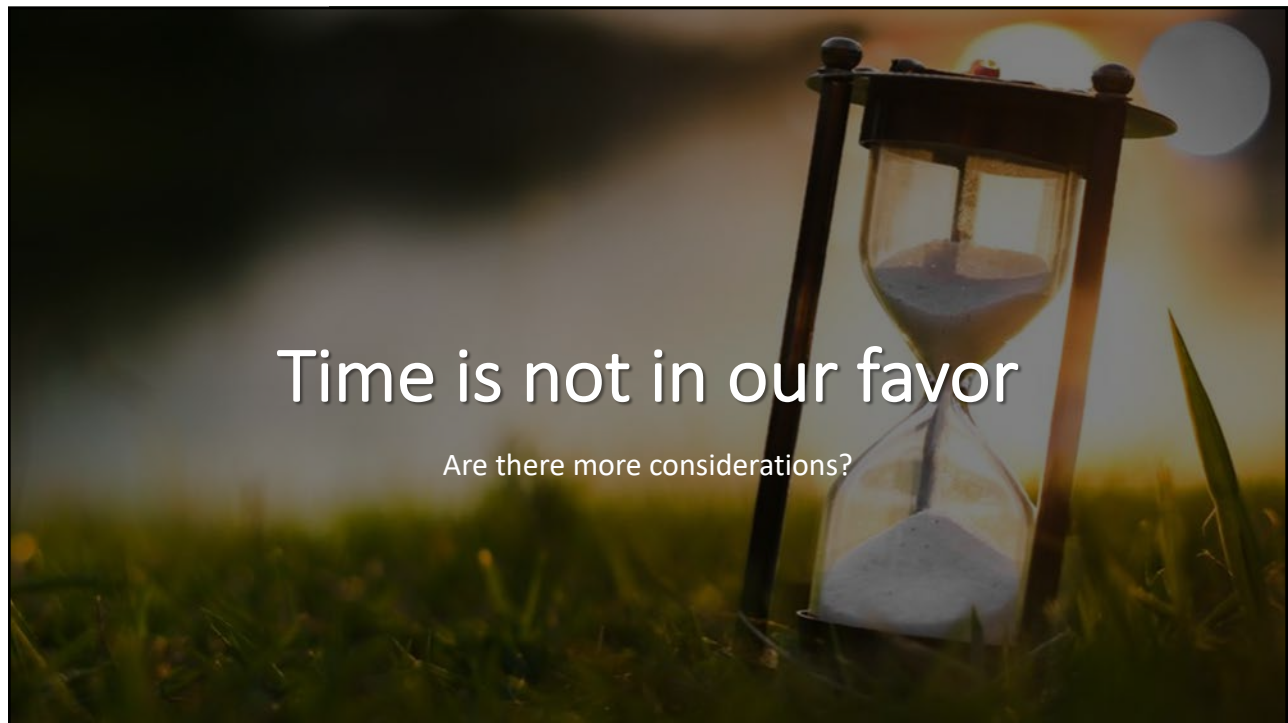
Compensation
with extra-
articular
sensation

*Improvements up to
24 months*

Limited evidence
that
proprioceptive
function can be
fully restored to
baseline levels

Limited evidence
if current testing
suggestive of
adversely
affected function

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What Do Athletes Need to Successfully Return to Sport?

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What Do Athletes Need to Successfully Return to Sport?

- Foundational Movement
- Jumping Mechanics
- Strength
- Power
- Agility & Cutting
- Psychological Readiness

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What Do Athletes Need to Successfully Return to Sport?

Foundational Movement: "Ticket to Entry"	How will I ensure the athlete is safe to test?
Jumping Mechanics	Are there standardized assessments?
Strength	How good is my MMT anyway?
Power	Symmetrical?
Agility & Cutting	This is key, but how do I measure?
Psychological Readiness	The body is ready, but is the brain?

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How Will We Measure This?

"Ticket to Entry"	Knee & ankle ROM, FMS, YBT, SLS
Jumping Mechanics	TJA, LESS
Strength	Isokinetic testing
Power	Hop testing
Agility & Cutting	Trazer LAS, Flanker, Reactive Agility Test
Psychological Readiness	ACL RSI, IKDC

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Ticket to
Entry

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ROM

Open & Closed Chain

Hip

Knee

Ankle

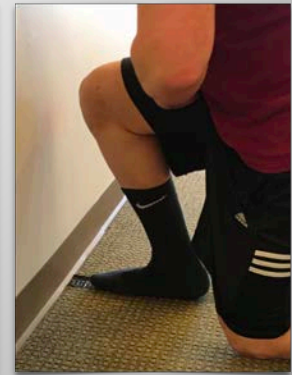
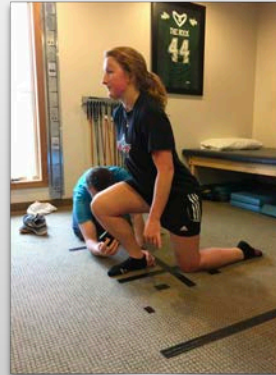
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Closed Chain Dorsiflexion

Restricted dorsiflexion range of motion (ROM) is associated with greater knee valgus displacement during landing and squatting tasks.

Abnormal

<35 degree TSA
<9-10cm toes to wall



Fong et al., 2011

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Functional Movement: YBT



Cut Scores

4/6/6 cm

or

M2P

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Functional Movement Screen

Underlying assumptions
 Concept
 Target population



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Functional Movement: FMS

Cut Scores

≥ 14 overall

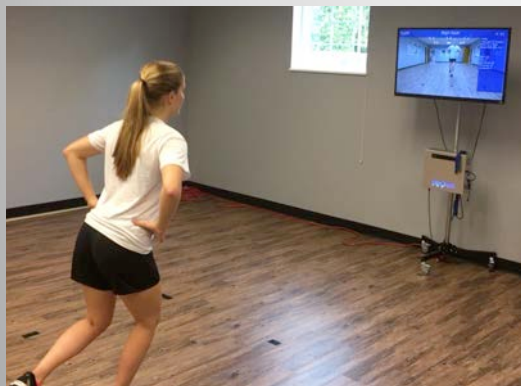
No side to side discrepancies

No 1's or 0's

Kiesel et al., 2007
 Chorbha et al., 2010

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Functional Movement: Single Leg Squat



Cut Scores

Valgus ≤ 5 degrees



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Functional Movement: Single Leg Squat




Single-Leg Squat Grading Criteria^a

1. Ipsilateral trunk lean
2. Pelvic tilt
3. Hip adduction or internal rotation
4. Dynamic knee valgus
5. Loss of balance



^aA good rating requires the absence of all 5 criteria in 2 of 3 trials. Otherwise, it was considered a poor result.

Hall et al., 2015

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Ticket to Entry		Knee and ankle ROM, FMS, YBT	
Jumping Mechanics		TJA, LESS	
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Agility & Cutting		Trazer LAS, Flanker, Reactive Agility	
Psychological Readiness		ACL RSI, IKDC	

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		<h2>Functional Movement: Tuck Jump Assessment</h2>	
		<p>10 seconds 10 errors (binary scoring) Maximum effort Reliability (inter/intra)</p>	
		<p>Dudley et al., 2013</p>	

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Tuck Jump Assessment	Pre	Mid	Post	Comments
Knee and Thigh Motion				
① Lower extremity valgus at landing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
② Thighs do not reach parallel (peak of jump)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
③ Thighs not equal side-to-side (during flight)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Foot Position During Landing				
④ Foot placement not shoulder width apart	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
⑤ Foot placement not parallel (front to back)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
⑥ Foot contact timing not equal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
7. Excessive landing contact noise	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Plyometric Technique				
8. Pause between jumps	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
9. Technique declines prior to 10 seconds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
10. Does not land in same footprint (excessive in-flight motion)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Total _____	Total _____	Total _____		



Myer et al., 2008

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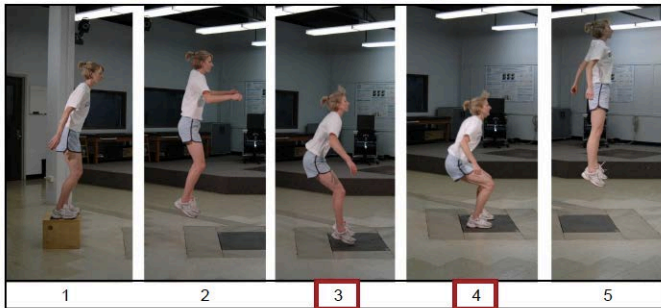
Functional Movement: Tuck Jump Assessment



Cut Score
 ≤ 3 errors

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Functional Movement: Landing Error Scoring System



Drop height: 30cm

Horizontal distance:
50% body height

Jump for maximum vertical
height after landing

Focus on initial landing and
max knee flexion

Quantify the number of
movement errors

Padua et al., 2010

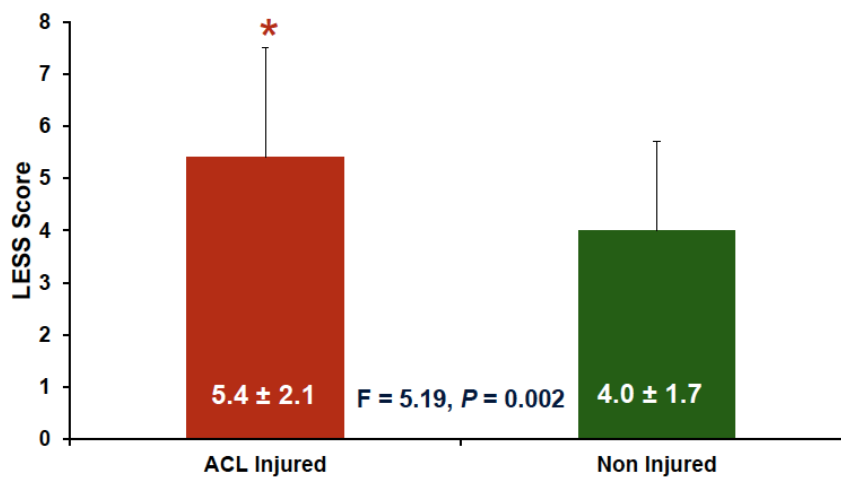
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Original 17
item LESS

- | | |
|---|---|
| <p>1. Knee Flexion @ Initial Contact: > 30 degrees
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (0)
 <input type="checkbox"/> No (+1)</p> <p>2. Knee Valgus @ Initial Contact: Knees over midfoot
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (0)
 <input type="checkbox"/> No (+1)</p> <p>3. Hip Flexion @ Initial Contact: Hips are flexed
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (0)
 <input type="checkbox"/> No (+1)</p> <p>4. Trunk Flexion @ Initial Contact: Trunk is flexed
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (0)
 <input type="checkbox"/> No (+1)</p> <p>5. Lateral Trunk Flexion @ Initial Contact: Trunk is vertical
 <input type="checkbox"/> Sternum centered over hips (0)
 <input type="checkbox"/> Lateral deviation of sternum over hips (+1)</p> <p>6. Ankle Plantar Flexion @ Initial Contact: Toe to heel
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (0)
 <input type="checkbox"/> No (+1)</p> <p>7. Foot Position @ Initial Contact: Toes > 30 of ER
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (+1)
 <input type="checkbox"/> No (0)</p> <p>8. Foot Position @ Initial Contact: Toes > 30 of IR
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (+1)
 <input type="checkbox"/> No (0)</p> <p>9. Stance Width @ Initial Contact: < Shoulder width
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (+1)
 <input type="checkbox"/> No (0)</p> | <p>10. Stance Width @ Initial Contact: > Shoulder width
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (+1)
 <input type="checkbox"/> No (0)</p> <p>11. Initial Foot Contact: Symmetric
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (+0)
 <input type="checkbox"/> No (+1)</p> <p>12. Knee Flexion Displacement: > 45 degrees
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (0)
 <input type="checkbox"/> No (+1)</p> <p>13. Knee Valgus Displacement: ≥ great toe
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (+1)
 <input type="checkbox"/> No (0)</p> <p>14. Hip Flexion Displacement: Hips flex more than at initial contact
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (0)
 <input type="checkbox"/> No (1)</p> <p>15. Trunk Flexion Displacement: Trunk flexes more than at initial contact
 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (0)
 <input type="checkbox"/> No (1)</p> <p>16. Joint Displacement (Sagittal Plane)
 <input type="checkbox"/> Soft (0)
 <input type="checkbox"/> Average (+1)
 <input type="checkbox"/> Stiff (+2)</p> <p>17. Overall Impression
 <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent (0)
 <input type="checkbox"/> Average (+1)
 <input type="checkbox"/> Poor (+2)</p> |
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Pre-Season LESS Scores Predict ACL Tears



Padua et al., 2010

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Functional Movement: Landing Error Scoring System



Cut Score

≤5 overall

Sensitivity: 86%

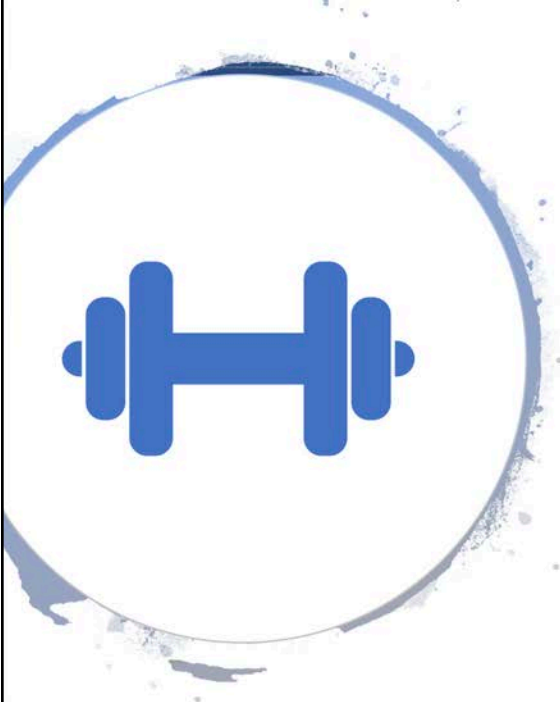
Specificity: 64%

Padua et al., 2015

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Jumping Mechanics	TJA, LESS
Strength	Isokinetic testing
Power	Hop testing
Agility & Cutting	Trazer LAS, Flanker, Reactive Agility
Psychological Readiness	ACL RSI, IKDC

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Quad Strength

Quad strength deficits with BPTB autograft exists up to 2 years

24 months shows nearly symmetrical knee extensor and flexor strength measurements

Marked improvement in extensor strength to symmetrical at 2 years post-operatively

Quad strength deficits resulted in worse functional outcomes at minimum of 1 year

Hewett et al., 2018
van Melick., 2016

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Strength: Isokinetic Testing



Peak Torque: Flexion and Extension

90 deg/sec and 240 deg/sec



Time to Peak Torque: Flexion & Extension

90 deg/sec and 240 deg/sec

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Power: Standard Hop Testing

Standard Procedures

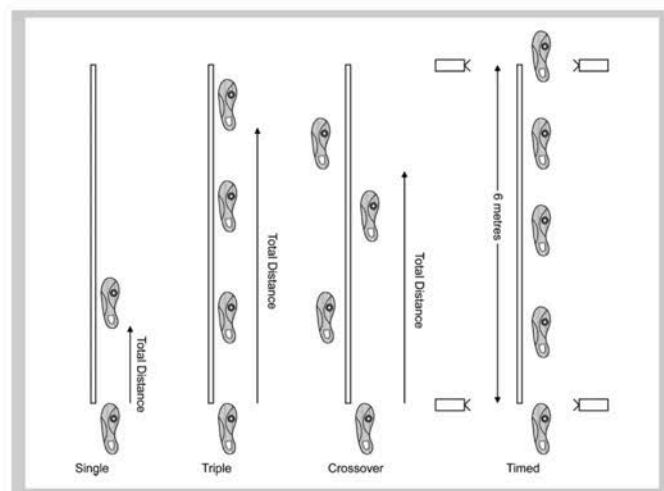
2 practice, 1 measure

Measure from heel

Stick landing ≥ 2 sec

Cut Score

$\geq 97\%$ Limb Symmetry



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Power: Hop and Stop Test





	Hop Left (m)	Hop Right (m)	Leap Onto Left (m)	Leap Onto Right (m)
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<h1>Lateral Agility Screen</h1>			

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Flanker Test

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Trazer Interpretation

Acceleration
Deceleration
Speed
Reaction Time

Reaction Time (s)	Test 1
Forward	--
ForwardRight	--
Right	0.4372
BackwardRight	--
Backward	--
BackwardLeft	--
Left	0.3836
ForwardLeft	--
L/R Difference	13.97 % L



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Reactive Agility Test

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Reactive Agility Test

See rubric in handouts

Combination of speed and mechanics

Criterion		Scoring	Score	
Limb Symmetry Index		LSI 95-100%: 0 LSI 90-94%: 1 LSI 85-90%: 2 LSI <84%: 3	See Above	
Sagittal Plane	Knee Flexion	<i>Knee flexed less than 30 degrees at initial contact</i> 1 = present 0 = absent	Left	Right
	Hip Hinge	<i>The trunk is upright and lacks a posterior hip hinge at initial contact</i> 1 = present 0 = absent	Left	Right
	Foot Contact	<i>Initial contact of plant foot on flatfoot or rearfoot</i> 1 = present 0 = absent	Left	Right
Frontal Plane	Plant Limb Knee Abduction	<i>The plant knee is medial to the foot with >10 degrees knee abduction at initial contact</i> 1 = present 0 = absent	Left	Right
	Plant Contact	1 = soft 0 = firm	Left	Right
	Plant Stance Width	<i>The plant foot is narrower than shoulder width at initial contact</i> 1 = present 0 = absent	Left	Right
	Pelvic Rotation	<i>Lacks initiation of pelvic rotation towards target after initial contact</i> 1 = present 0 = absent	Left	Right
Combined Total Score				

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Psychologic Readiness

Fear of reinjury and decreased confidence related to athletic ability or performing sport-specific tasks

Younger patients with lower psychological readiness are at higher risk for a second ACL injury after return to sport

Meierbachtol et al., 2018
McPherson et al., 2019

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Psychologic Readiness

ACL Return to Sport after Injury (ACL-RSI)

Knee Self-Efficacy Scale (K-SES)

Injury Psychological Readiness to Return to Sport Scale

1. I'm afraid that I might injure myself if I exercise	1	2	3	4
2. If I were to try to overcome it, my pain would increase	1	2	3	4
3. My body is telling me I have something dangerously wrong	1	2	3	4
4. My pain would probably be relieved if I were to exercise	1	2	3	4
5. People aren't taking my medical condition seriously enough	1	2	3	4
6. My accident has put my body at risk for the rest of my life	1	2	3	4
7. Pain always means I have injured my body	1	2	3	4
8. Just because something aggravates my pain does not mean it is dangerous	1	2	3	4
9. I am afraid that I might injure myself accidentally	1	2	3	4
10. Simply being careful that I do not make any unnecessary movements is the safest thing I can do to prevent my pain from worsening	1	2	3	4
11. I wouldn't have this much pain if there weren't something potentially dangerous going on in my body	1	2	3	4
12. Although my condition is painful, I would be better off if I were physically active	1	2	3	4
13. Pain lets me know when to stop exercising so that I don't injure myself	1	2	3	4
14. It's really not safe for a person with a condition like mine to be physically active	1	2	3	4
15. I can't do all the things normal people do because it's too easy for me to get injured	1	2	3	4
16. Even though something is causing me a lot of pain, I don't think it's actually dangerous	1	2	3	4
17. No one should have to exercise when he/she is in pain	1	2	3	4

Tampa Scale of Kinesiophobia (TSK-11)

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Is There More to the Story?

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A 3D pie chart illustrating the distribution of jury verdicts. The chart is divided into three segments: a large orange segment representing 50% (guilty), a grey segment representing 40% (not guilty), and a small blue segment representing 10% (hung jury). The chart has a dark brown shadow underneath, giving it a three-dimensional appearance.

Verdict	Percentage
Guilty	50%
Not Guilty	40%
Hung Jury	10%

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An Uphill Battle

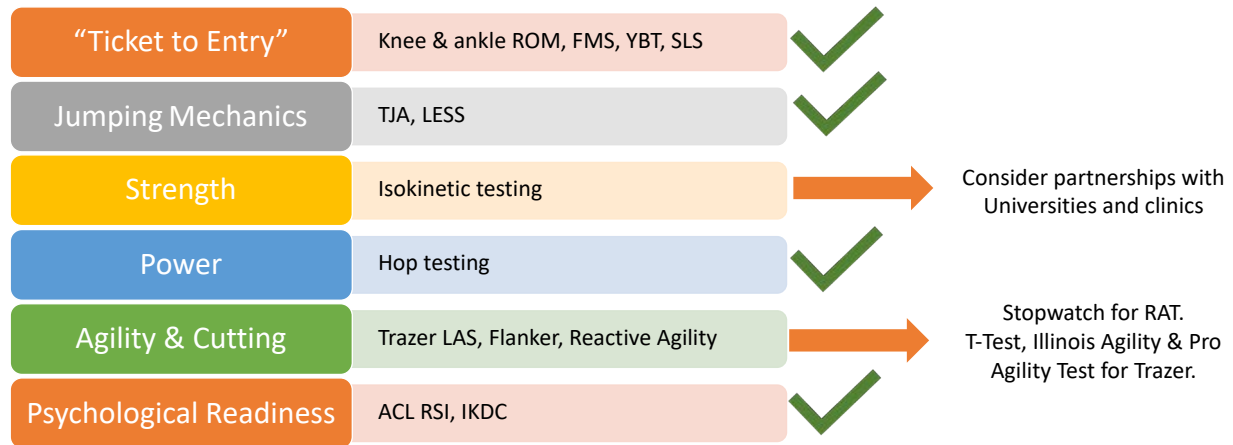
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Going Against the Grain

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What Can You Support?

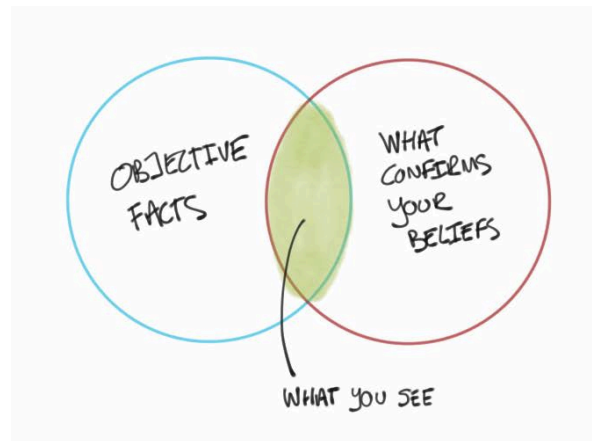


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Specialized RTS Testing Facilities

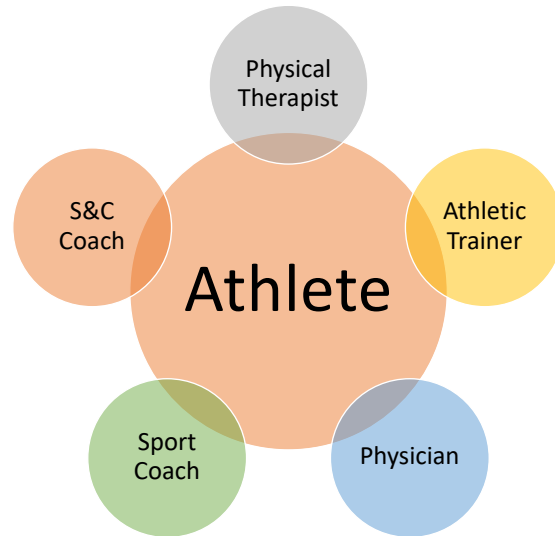
Leniency Bias
Halo Effect

Objective test battery
Clinicians familiar with RTS testing



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**We Can't Do
This Alone**




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**There is No
Way Around It**

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Please take this with you...




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TAKE A HARD LOOK
AT THE EVIDENCE,
NOT TRADITION OR
EMOTION




WHAT WE ARE
DOING ISN'T
WORKING




OUR GOAL ISN'T TO
RETURN SOMEONE
TO THEIR PRE-INJURY
STATUS



RETURN TO SPORT
TESTING MUST BE
ROBUST AND
MULTIFACTORIAL




MAKE IT HAPPEN OR
SHIP EM' OUT



IT TAKES A TEAM

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