SPR 2015 POSTGRADUATE COURSE
Musculoskeletal Imaging

For further study

On this knee MRI from a 16 year-old male, which component of the posterolateral corner is indicated by the arrow?

A. Popliteus tendon
B. Arcuate ligament
C. Popliteo-fibular ligament
D. Fibular collateral ligament
E. Biceps femoris tendon

Which component of the posterolateral corner is indicated by the arrow?

- Option B is CORRECT. The arcuate ligament lies immediately posterior to the popliteus tendon as it exits the knee joint.
- Option A is NOT correct. The popliteus is anterior to the arcuate ligament.
- Option C, D and E are NOT correct. The popliteo-fibular ligament, fibular collateral ligament and biceps femoris tendon are all more lateral in location.

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Regarding this closed mouth image from an MRI in a 15-year-old girl with JIA. What is true about the position of the intra-articular disc?

A. Normal position – the posterior band of the disc is at the 11 o’clock position
B. Normal position – the posterior band of the disc is at the 12 o’clock position
C. Anteriorly displaced – the posterior band of the disc is at the 12 o’clock position
D. Anteriorly displaced – the central intermediate zone is at the 11 o’clock position
E. The position of the disc cannot be assessed on a single view

MRI in a 15-year-old girl with JIA. What is true about the position of the intra-articular disc?

- Option A is NOT correct. A posterior band of the disc at 11 o’clock shows the band is anteriorly displaced.
- Option B is CORRECT. The posterior band of the articular disc is at approximately the 12 o’clock position, which is the normal location for the closed mouth position.
- Option C is NOT correct. The articular disc position is normal.
- Option D is NOT correct. The central intermediate zone of the disc is at 11 o’clock, which is normal for the closed mouth position.
- Option E is NOT correct. The position of the disc is assessed on this image.

MRI in a 15-year-old girl with JIA. What is true about the position of the intra-articular disc?


Coronal STIR image from an 18 month-old with a 3 week history of limp and inward deviation of the foot. What is the most appropriate next imaging study?

- A. MRI left knee
- B. MRI right knee
- C. MRI bilateral tibias/fibulas
- D. MRI pelvis
- E. MRI lumbar spine
Next best test in an 18 month-old with a 3 week history of limp and inward deviation of the foot.

- Option A is NOT correct. Focally increased signal in the epiphyseal growth cartilage of the medial femoral condyle is a common finding.
- Option B is NOT correct. The right knee appears normal.
- Option C is NOT correct. The abnormal psoas muscle signal localizes the abnormality more proximally.
- Option D is NOT correct. Signal within the remainder of the pelvis is normal.
- Option E is CORRECT. Abnormal signal in the left psoas could indicate infection, and children with psoas infections are at risk for developing discitis and vertebral osteomyelitis.

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The proportionality of the bones would be best described how?

- Option A is NOT correct. Micromelia = diffuse shortening of all portions of the extremities.
- Option B is NOT correct. Acromelia = disproportionate shortening of the distal aspect of the extremities.
- Option C is NOT correct. Mesomelia = disproportionate shortening of the mid portion of the extremities, to include the tibia, fibula, radius, and ulna.
- Option D is CORRECT. Rhizomelia = shortening of the proximal portions of the extremities (humerus and femur) and is typical of achondroplasia.
- Option E is NOT correct. Acromesomelia = disproportionate shortening of the middle and distal portions of the extremities.
The proportionality of the bones would be best described how?


Based on this Doppler US image, the most likely diagnosis in a 9-day-old with a left posterior thigh mass is which of the following?

- Option A is NOT correct. Venous malformations are most typically ill-defined lesions consisting of dilated venous channels with low internal flow.
- Option B is NOT correct. Lymphatic malformations usually present as multicystic lesions with no internal blood flow.
- Option C is CORRECT. Infantile hemangiomas appear as circumscribed vascular masses in infants aged 0-12 months.
- Option D is NOT correct. Capillary malformations are typically cutaneous abnormalities (ex. port wine stain).
- Option E is NOT correct. A vascular mass is present.

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- Cyrulnik AA, Glick SA. "Update on Propranolol for Infantile Hemangioma: Where Are We Now?." NeoReviews 2015; 16: e16-e25
A 7 week old female undergoes hip ultrasound. The hip is stable, alpha angle = 52° and femoral head coverage of 43%. Appropriate management is:

A. Treatment with Pavlik harness  
B. Treatment with rigid abduction orthosis  
C. Observation and repeat ultrasound in 5-7 weeks  
D. Open surgical treatment  
E. Perform arthrogram to evaluate for dynamic instability

The hip is stable, with an alpha angle = 52° and femoral head coverage of 43%. Appropriate management is:

- Option C is **CORRECT**: Observation and repeat US
- These parameters in a stable hip represent physiologic immaturity as defined by the Graf classification (Graf IIb). Therefore no treatment is recommended at this time, as the “abnormality” (alpha angle < 60 degrees) is likely to resolve spontaneously. A follow-up ultrasound at approximately 12 weeks of age is reasonable to determine if there is truly any evidence of dysplasia.

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Infant with short stature. Along with a J-shaped sella, this image is characteristic of which of the following?

A. Mucopolysaccharidosis  
B. Pseudoachondroplasia  
C. Jeune Syndrome  
D. Osteogenesis Imperfecta  
E. Thanatophoric Dysplasia
Infant with short stature. Along with a J-shaped sella, this image is characteristic of which of the following?

- Option A is **CORRECT**. The finding is proximal pointing of the metacarpals. The mucopolysaccharidoses share radiographic features known as "dysostosis multiplex", including a J-shaped sella, proximal pointing of the metacarpals, thickening of the ribs, anterior vertebral body beaking, and narrow inferior aspect of the iliac bones.
- Option B is **NOT correct**. Pseudoachondroplasia is characterized by anterior tonguing of the vertebral body, mini-epiphyses, and "windswept" appearance of the knees.
- Option C is **NOT correct**. Jeune syndrome is characterized by a trident shaped acetabular roof, very short ribs, and diffuse shortening of the long bones.
- Option D is **NOT correct**. OI is characterized by diffusely decreased bone mineralization, Wormian bones, and fractures.
- Option E is **NOT correct**. Thanatophoric dysplasia is characterized by short ribs, flat acetabular roofs, narrow sciatic notches, and micromelia with a curved appearance of the long bones.

Additional studies that would aid surgical decision making include all of the following except:

- Option A is **NOT correct**: An AIR view confirms that the femoral head can be concentrically reduced with a pelvic ostectomy.
- Option B is **CORRECT**: MRI of the hip without intra-articular contrast provides little additional clinical information in the setting of adolescent DDH.
- Option C is **NOT correct**: A false profile view give more information about anterior coverage of the femoral head.
- Option D is **NOT correct**: MR arthrogram allows improved visualization of the labrum (to evaluate for associated tears) and articular cartilage.
- Option E is **NOT correct**: Reduced hip pain after an intra-articular injection of local anesthetic can confirm that the pain is likely a result of hip pathology.
Additional studies that would aid surgical decision making include all of the following except:


What type of posterolateral corner injury is seen on this image?

- Options A and B are NOT correct. Both structures more posterior.
- Option C is NOT correct. The popliteo-fibular ligament attaches on the fibular head medial to the attachment of the fibular collateral ligament and biceps femoris tendon.
- Option D is NOT correct. The popliteus tendon is normal.
- Option E is CORRECT. The lateral collateral ligament extends from the lateral femoral condyle to the lateral aspect of the fibular head. In this example, it is retracted proximally from its distal attachment to the fibular head.

What type of posterolateral corner injury is seen on this image?

22 month-old with an injury 1 month ago, now with pain, fever, and refusal to bear weight. Radiographs at the time of injury are shown. What is the most appropriate next imaging study?

A. Radiographs opposite tibia and fibula
B. Radiographs pelvis
C. Radiographs left tibia and fibula
D. MRI left tibia and fibula
E. MRI bilateral lower extremities

What is the most appropriate next imaging study?

- Option A is NOT correct. Comparison radiographs are not routine.
- Option B is NOT correct. The site of injury was the left lower leg.
- Option C is CORRECT. MRI is the most sensitive test to look for infection or an occult fracture.
- Option D is NOT correct. Repeat radiographs could be helpful, but may be normal in the setting of infection.
- Option E is NOT correct. Unless the abnormal side cannot be localized, unilateral imaging is sufficient.

What is the most appropriate next imaging study?


- Sagittal oblique GRE images in a 17 year-old girl who does not have inflammatory arthritis. Which of the following is the most likely cause of this patient's TMJ disease?

A. Primary osteoarthritis
B. Synovial chondromatosis
C. Prior iatrogenic injury
D. Pigmented villonodular synovitis
E. Acute infection
Which of the following is the most likely cause of this patient’s TMJ disease?

- Option A is **NOT** correct. Osteoarthritis is uncommon in children.
- Option B is **NOT** correct. Synovial chondromatosis is rare in the TMJ and is typically mono-articular.
- Option C is **CORRECT**. Trauma is one of the major factors associated with TMJ pathology. It may be secondary to an accidental or iatrogenic injury.
- Option D is **NOT** correct. Pigmented villonodular synovitis is rare in the TMJ and is typically not bilateral.
- Option E is **NOT** correct. Infection can occur at the TMJ in children, but it is usually unilateral and deformity/erosions are atypical in the acute setting.

What is the most likely diagnosis for this subcutaneous lesion at the knee in a 18-year-old male with chronic knee pain?

- A. Venous malformation
- B. Lymphatic malformation
- C. Infantile hemangioma
- D. Capillary malformation
- E. Normal hypervascular subcutaneous tissue

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- Option C is **NOT** correct. Infantile hemangiomas appear as circumscribed vascular masses in infants aged 0-12 months.
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