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# Passport® AR Surgical Technique

**Total Knee Instrumentation** 

For use with Scorpio Single Axis Total Knee System

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# Introduction

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Stryker Passport AR Instrumentation is designed for the surgeon who prefers anteriorly based femoral resections.

Passport AR Instruments are an organized and flexible set of surgical instruments designed to address patient variables and individual surgeon preferences. Femoral alignment is based on intramedullary referencing. Tibial alignment may be carried out in either an extramedullary or intramedullary fashion. The order of femoral and tibial preparation is not critical. This surgical protocol depicts femoral preparation first, followed by tibial preparation. This order may be changed to address patient indications or to satisfy surgeon preference.

The Passport AR Instrument system allows the surgeon the flexibility to choose pre-operatively or intra-operatively between a cruciate retaining or cruciate substituting component while using one core set of instrumentation.

At various stages throughout the procedure; optional alignment checks may be carried out to confirm instrument position, component orientation, and overall limb alignment.

Finally, several orthopaedic surgeons have added valuable input and guidance to the creation of these instruments and this surgical protocol. Their contributions significantly enhance the information found in this document.

# Summary



Scorpio Total Knee

## **Femoral Preparation**

- 1. Distal Alignment
- 2. Anterior Skim Cut
- 3. Distal Resection
- 4. Sizing
- 5. A/P and Chamfer Resections
- 6. Trial
- Femoral Notch Preparation
   Implant

## **Tibial Preparation**

- Tibial Alignment
   Proximal Tibial Resection
- 3. Trial
- 4. Trial Broaches and
- Alignment Tower
- 5. Implant

# **Exposure**

#### Exposure

A standard anterior mid-line incision is preferable (**Fig. 1**); however, any previous incisions can be used or incorporated to decrease the risk of skin slough.

The capsule is entered through a medial parapatellar approach approximately 1cm from the medial border of the patella (**Fig. 2**).

The quadriceps mechanism is incised longitudinally to allow adequate patellar eversion and sufficient knee flexion (**Fig. 3**).



# **Femoral Preparation**

## **Femoral Preparation**

The intramedullary canal is accessed by drilling a hole in the center of the intercondylar notch using the Passport 3/8" diameter starter drill (**Figs. 4, 5**).





Rotational Alignment can be determined in one of two ways: **Option 1 - Femoral IM Alignment with** Epicondylar Referencing

Place the epicondylar referencing guide (Fig. 6) into the intercondylar notch hole (Fig. 7) and reference either:

- 1) the trochlear groove using the vertical bar; or
- 2) the epicondyles using the horizontal slotted bar.

Either of the above methods will result in a line parallel to the epicondylar axis.



**Epicondylar Reference Guide** 



## Option 2 - Femoral IM Alignment with 3° External Rotation Guide

Insert the Femoral Alignment Guide into the intramedullary hole (Figs. 11, 12).



Figure 11



Place the 3° External Rotation Guide into the slots of the Femoral Alignment Guide taking care to assemble the guide in the appropriate left or right orientation. Use this guide to judge equal amounts of medial and lateral posterior condyle (**Fig. 13**). If the posterior condyles are a deficient reference due to a bone deformity, the guide should be aligned with the epicondyle using the epicondylar referencing guide.

Use two 1/8" diameter pins through the distal holes to secure the Femoral Alignment Guide to the distal femur. The External Rotation Guide may be removed.

Two sets of holes are provided for use with small or large knees.



3° External Rotation Guide

## **Anterior Skim Cut**



The length of the stylus may be easily adjusted by sliding it to the appropriate point. The tip of the stylus indicates the exit point of the sawblade when the final femoral resections are made. Adjusting the tip of the stylus to reference off the high point of the anterior lateral cortex will result in a conservative anterior cut, eliminating the risk of notching the cortex (**Fig. 16**).



Prior to resection, check the saw exit level around the superomedial and superolateral sides of the anterior cortex with a sawblade or a Stryker Bladerunner (**Fig. 17**).

Tighten the side screw with the hex wrench to lock the resection guide in place (**Fig. 18**). The stylus can be removed before the resection is made. Use a .050" thick sawblade to make the resection (**Fig. 19**).

After the resection is completed, loosen the side screw and remove the Anterior Skim Resection Guide, leaving the Femoral Alignment Guide pinned in place.

"Because more lateral bone than medial bone will be resected from the anterior femur, cut the medial side first – it should be a relatively small wafer of bone. If it is a large medial resection, double check that the guide is properly externally rotated." Stephen Incavo, MD



#### **Distal Femoral Resection**

Assemble the 8mm or 10mm Distal Resection Guide to the Distal Resection Guide Stand by placing the Guide over the pegs. These guides are magnetized to assure correct assembly. The resection guide may then be locked into place by pushing in and turning the locking knob 1/4 turn clockwise (**Fig. 20**). **Note:** The components shall be positioned to avoid excessive hyperextension. Excessive Femoral flexion and tibial slope should be avoided when implanting the components. Implant positioning resulting in excessive hyperexternsion may result in premature wear and damage to the implant.



Slide the assembly into the anterior holes of the Femoral Alignment Guide and lower the assembly down until the Distal Resection Guide sits flush on the anterior skim resection. Tighten the side screw to secure the guide (**Fig. 21**).





Once secured (**Fig. 24**) remove the Distal Femoral Alignment Guide by first removing the 1/8" pins in the distal femur. Remove the IM Rod, then slide out the Distal Femoral Alignment Guide and Distal Resection Guide Stand, leaving only the Distal Resection Guide in place.

Make the distal resection using a .050" thick sawblade and remove the resection guide (**Fig. 25**).

An additional 2mm or 4mm of distal femur may be resected by sliding the Distal Resection Guide up off the headless pins and placing it back on so that the pins go through either the "+2" or "+4" holes. Resect the remaining bone.

**Note:** If the "X" pin hole is used, this pin must be removed prior to repositioning or removing the Distal Resection Guide.



## **Femoral Sizing**

The sizing guide should be used to determine the appropriate size cutting block and femoral component. The size can be determined by placing the feet of the guide under the posterior femoral condyles. The top bar should be collapsed until it seats flush on the anterior skim resection. In the event of in-between sizing, the smaller size should be selected (**Fig. 26**).



## Femoral Anterior, Posterior and Chamfer Resections

Position the Femoral Cutting Guide on the distal femur. The anterior lip of the block should sit flush against the resected anterior femur (**Fig. 27**). Using the pin driver and a mallet, drive the two serrated pins into the femur (**Fig. 28**). Additional stability may be achieved by using towel clamps on the side of the blocks.

"If the bone is sclerotic, pre-drill the hole with a 1/8" drill bit." David Markell, MD









Complete the remaining four femoral bone resections (**Fig. 29**). The order of the resections is critical; the sequence is:

- posterior condyles
   posterior chamfer
- 3. anterior cortex
- 4. anterior chamfer



This order of cuts will optimize the stability of the femoral cutting block. Making the posterior chamfer cut before the anterior chamfer maintains a larger surface of bone upon which to support the Femoral Cutting Guide. The resection slots are designed so all of the resections can be completed without having to remove the block.

After the femur has been cut, release the towel clamps, if they were used. Remove the guide by inserting the removal pin on the Slide Hammer into the extraction hole on the block (**Fig. 30**) and use the Slide Hammer Extractor to pull the guide off distal femur (**Fig. 31**).





Figure 31

#### **Optional Flexion/Extension Check**

If an optional check for flexion/extension equality is desired, the Femoral Cutting Guide must be removed after the posterior resection was made and the tibial resection must be completed (For tibial resection instructions, please see the "Tibial Preparation" section of this protocol). Place the knee in flexion and using the proper size and thickness Stryker Flexion/Extension Blocks, measure the gap between the posterior femoral condyles and the proximal tibia (Fig. 32). Then, bring the knee into extension and measure the gap between the distal femoral condyles and the proximal tibia (Fig. 33). This check should give a good indication of flexion/extension equality.



# **Scorpio Universal Preparation Block**

**The Scorpio Universal Preparation Block** Instrument is used after completion of the five femoral bone cuts.

**Note:** Pins used with the size 3, 4 and 5 Notch Blocks should be used with no more than one pin per side to avoid the potential for the pins intersecting with each other. Pins should be used on the contra-lateral side from each other. For example, if a pin is placed through the medial anterior chamfer hole, a second pin should only be placed on the lateral side through either the chamfer or anterior flange hole. Towel clamps may be used for additional stability if necessary in the indicated holes on the distal plane.

• Select the desired size Femoral Notch Block. The block sits on the anterior, anterior chamfer and distal cuts. The anterior geometry represents the left and right lateral flanges of the implant of the same size. The sides are marked LL and RL for left lateral and right lateral, respectively.

• Position the Notch Block on the prepared distal femur, aligning the lugs with the holes made by the Femoral Cutting Guide (tap into place with mallet) (**Fig. 34**). To further aid the positioning, note that the block is also the same width as the implant of its respective size.

• Once the Notch Block is seated flush against the anterior, anterior chamfer and distal cuts of the femur, drill 1/8" headless pins through the angled holes ("X") on the anterior and/or anterior chamfer surfaces of the block (4 "X" holes at 15° (**Fig. 35**)).

• Towel clamps may be used on the medial and lateral sides of the distal portion of the block. It is recommended to use at least the 2 anterior pin holes, even if towel clamps are used. Stryker recommends the following instructions be used when using the Size 3 Notch Preparation Guide: Size 3 Notch Block Notch Preparation Pins used with the Size 3 Notch Block should only be placed in through the anterior chamfer to avoid hitting the notch punch. Do not place pins through the anterior flange. Towel clamps may be used for additional

stability if necessary, in the indicated holes on the distal plane.



#### For Posterior Stabilized Knees

Choose one of the following options to prepare the femoral notch:

#### **Notch Preparation Option 1:** *Punch Technique*

**Note:** If the femoral bone is sclerotic, Option 2 (Saw Technique) should be used for the notch preparation.

• Assemble the appropriate size Notch Punch to the punch handle.

Notch Punch Size	Part #
3/5	7650-3373
7/9	7650-3377
11/13	7650-3371

• Guide the Notch Punch into the tracks on the distal face of the Notch Block (**Fig. 36**). The rails on the sides of the cutting edge fit into the tracks on the inside walls of the block.

• Using a mallet, impact the Punch until it reaches the end-stop and is fully seated in the Notch Block (**Fig. 37**). Remove the Punch from the tracks with a slaphammer if necessary (**Fig. 38**).

**Note:** Using an osteotome or rongeur, remove the margin of intercondylar bone necessary to ensure that all soft tissue is cleared from the intercondylar area of the femur. (It is important to remove all soft tissue in femoral notch prior to compacting bone to avoid future potential for soft-tissue impingement).

#### **Notch Compacting**

• Assemble the appropriate size Notch Compactor to the punch handle.

Notch Punch Size	Part #	
3/5	7650-3383	
7/9	7650-3387	
11/13	7650-3381	

Repeat Notch punch technique with the compactor (**Figs. 36-38**).



Figure 36



Figure 37



Slaphammer

#### **Notch Preparation Option 2:**

Saw Technique
Guide the pegs of the modular Notch Saw Guide into the anterior holes on the Notch Block (Fig. 39).

• Use a narrow saw blade, osteotome, or double-edged reciprocating saw blade and the Notch Saw Guide as a guide to saw or cut distally through the entire depth of the intercondylar notch (**Fig. 40**).

• Using the inner walls of the Universal Notch Guide as a saw guide, lay the saw blade flat against the cutting guide and saw on it through the intercondylar notch both medially and laterally until the cut is complete (**Fig. 41**).

**Note:** Even if the saw technique is used, you must still perform the Notch Compacting step to confirm that enough bone was removed to accommodate for the cam and post.



Figure 41

## For Posterior Stabilized and Cruciate Retaining Knees

Choose one of the following options to prepare the patella recess:

#### **Patella Recess Preparation Option 1:** *Punch Technique*

• Assemble the appropriate size Patella Recess Punch (3/5, 7/9, 11/13) to the punch handle (**Fig. 42**).

• Insert the rails of the Patella Recess Punch into the tracks at the distal end of the Notch Block. Start the cut from the distal surface and advance anterior/proximal (Fig. 43).

• Tap the end of the Scorpio punch handle with the mallet to advance the punch.

**Note:** *Take care that the handle is aligned with the track and rails that the punch passes through, so as to avoid jamming the instrument.* 

• One complete pass of the punch through the track and full length of the block will clear the necessary groove for the patella track. A secondary pass may be used, if desired, to confirm all tissue is removed.

• Remove the pins, towel clamps and the Universal Notch Block.

• Proceed with femoral trialing using Stryker Passport AR or PR surgical protocols.





#### **Patella Recess Preparation Option 2:** Rasp Technique

• Assemble the Scorpio punch handle to the appropriate size rasp (3/5, 7/9, 11/13) (**Fig. 44**).

• Start from the distal surface and advance to anterior/proximal so the entire rasp passes through the length of the block. The position of the rasp is constrained within the block. • Continue cutting with the rasp until it rides flat on the top surface of the block. The groove is then completely prepared (**Fig. 45**).

**Note:** *The rasp only cuts in one direction.* 

• Remove the pins, towel clamps and the Universal Notch Block.



#### **Assessment of Fit**

Assemble the appropriate Femoral Trial to the Femoral Impactor/Extractor. This is done by first rotating the center knob counter-clockwise in order to lower the plastic head of the instrument. Taking note of the proper orientation of the instrument, (LEFT MEDIAL or RIGHT MEDIAL), align the jaws with the medial/lateral recesses in the Femoral Trial and turn the side adjustment knob until the jaws tighten into the recesses.

Rotate the center knob clockwise until the plastic head contacts the Femoral Trial (**Fig. 46**). This secure assembly helps maintain correct medial/lateral and flexion/extension position of the trial while seating. Impact the trial onto the prepared distal femur.

Remove the Femoral Impactor/Extractor and assess the fit of the trial component. Fixation lug holes are created by drilling through the trial femur with a 1/4" diameter lug drill with stop.

**Note:** *Size #3 femoral trials only accept an 1/8" diameter drill. The drill hole diameter is increased to 1/4" after removal of the trial.* 

#### **Downsizing the Femur**

If a smaller femoral component is desired after the femur has already been cut for a specific size, simply assemble the next smaller size femoral cutting guide to the femur by driving the serrated pins into the same fixation holes used with the previous cutting guide. Towel clamps should be used to secure the block to the femur. Repeat the posterior, posterior chamfer, anterior and anterior chamfer resections.

"Watch for excess lateral overhang." Peter Bonutti, MD

**Posteriorly Referencing Option** See the Scorpio PR Protocol.



# **Tibial Preparation**

of the guide (Fig. 47).



Axial alignment is achieved when the vertical shaft of the instrument parallels the long axis of the tibia in both the A/P and M/L views. Use the A/P and M/L adjustment thumbscrews to facilitate alignment (Figs. 48, 49).

"Prior to placement of the tibial alignment guide, either extra or intramedullary, it is helpful to sublux the tibia anteriorly. This is most easily done by placing a curved Hohmann retractor in front of the posterior cruciate ligament from beneath the resected femur."

*"If the PCL has become abnormally"* adherent to the posterior aspect of the tibial spine, this will cause booking open of the knee in flexion. The PCL may be very gently released in a subperiosteal fashion using a 3/8" curved osteotome or similiar elevator. Do not release or recess the PCL below the level of the intended tibial cut."



Landmarks often used to obtain correct axial alignment and rotation include:

1. Tibial Tubercle - The alignment rod usually lies over the medial third of the tibial tubercle.

2. Second Metatarsal - The second metatarsal generally is in line with the center of the ankle (Fig. 50).

Once axial alignment is established, tighten the A/P and M/L adjustment thumbscrews (Fig. 51).

Figure 50



#### **Tibial Resection Level**

The Passport System offers Right and Left, 0 and 5 degree Tibial Resection Guides.

**Note:** 0 degrees of posterior slope is recommended for use with the Scorpio PS femoral components. 5 degrees of posterior slope is recommended for use with the Scorpio CR femoral components.

The Tibial Stylus is assembled to the appropriate Tibial Resection Guide by depressing the button on the Tibial Stylus and then fully seating it in either the medial or lateral hole on the top of the resection guide. Release the button to lock the stylus in place (**Fig. 52**).

Assemble the Tibial Resection Guide/Tibial Stylus assembly to the External Tibial Alignment Guide by sliding it over the top of the proximal shaft, adjusting the stylus to reference the desired point on the tibial plateau (**Fig. 53**).

"The posterior inclination of the tibial resection may be adjusted slightly by moving the distal end of the alignment ig anteriorly." Figure 52 Tibial Stylus Tibial Stylus Tibial Stylus Tibial Resection Control of the tibial Tibial Resection Control of the tibial Tibial Resection

**Note:** The components shall be positioned to avoid excessive hyperextension. Excessive Femoral flexion and tibial slope should be avoided when implanting the components. Implant positioning resulting in excessive hyperextension may result in premature wear and damage to the implant.

Figure 53 **Distal Alignment** 



#### **Proximal Tibial Resection**

Secure the Tibial Resection Guide to the proximal tibia using two 1/8" Drill-Pins, drilling through the "0" holes.

Loosen the thumbscrew that holds the Tibial Resection Guide to the External Tibial Alignment Guide.

Loosen the vertical adjustment thumbscrew on the shaft of the alignment guide.

Using the Pin Puller, extract the two headed fixation pins on the top of the alignment guide from the proximal tibia.

Remove the proximal shaft of the alignment guide by sliding it up through the top of the resection guide (**Fig. 56**).

Slide the Tibial Resection Guide posteriorly until it comes in contact with the anterior tibia. Placing a 1/8" Drill-Pin through the "X" pin hole will further secure the resection guide to the tibia.

The Alignment Handle may be used with an Alignment Rod, referencing the same landmarks as outlined previously to verify proper alignment.

Resect the plateau using a .050" (1.27mm) saw blade (**Fig. 57**).

The Tibial Resection Guide is removed by first sliding the guide off over the two 1/8" Drill-Pins and then removing the pins with the Pin Puller.

If desired, 2mm or 4mm of additional bone may be resected by repositioning the guide over the pins through the +2 or + 4 holes respectively (**Fig. 58**).

**Note:** If the "X" Pin hole is used, this pin must be removed prior to repositioning or removing the Tibial Resection Guide.

"Placing the body of a Hohmann retractor or a pin in front of the PCL will help protect it while making the tibial cut." Hugh Morris, MD

"Care should be taken to protect the medial and lateral collateral ligaments and the patellar tendon. A Hohmann retractor is effective along the lateral compartment to protect the patellar tendon."

Steven Zelicof, MD, Ph.D.



#### **Tibial Intramedullary Alignment Option**

Pre-op A/P and M/L X-rays of the tibial shaft should be obtained to determine the shape and size of the intramedullary canal. If the canal is excessively bowed or otherwise deformed (previous fracture, etc.) preventing proper placement of an IM rod, external alignment may be indicated.

#### **Entry Hole and IM Rod Position**

The Passport IM Tibial Alignment Instruments provide 1/4", 5/16", and 3/8" diameter cannulated IM Rods.

If the tibial eminence is pronounced, make an initial cut to flatten the tibial plateau and expose an area of cancellous bone.

Remove all soft tisssue, including remnants of the ACL, from the intercondylar area of the tibial plateau.

Make an entry hole for access into the intramedullary canal using a 3/8" drill. It is generally agreed that a point on the tibial plateau approximately mid-line in the medio-lateral plane and at the approximate junction of the anterior and middle 1/3 of the plateau in the A/P plane will be in line with the tibial intramedullary canal (**Fig. 59**).

The entry hole may also be prepared by utilizing the 3/8" Guide Bushing which has been assembled to the pre-determined size Tibial Trial Baseplate and positioned on the resected plateau (**Fig. 60**).

Proper alignment is confirmed by attaching the Alignment Handle and Alignment Rod to the Tibial Trial Baseplate so that the rod is parallel to the tibial axis in both the M/L and A/P planes.

Use a 3/8" diameter drill bit to create the entry hole. Advance the 3/8" drill bit only so far enough to gain access to the IM canal. Toggling the drill will create a slightly oversized hole which will aid in self-centering of the IM Rod and will allow for extrusion of marrow and fat during rod placement.



#### **IM Rod Placement**

Attach the pre-determined diameter IM Rod to the T-Handle by depressing the button, inserting the IM Rod fitting, and releasing the button to lock into place. Pre-operative X-ray templating will aid in the determination of the IM Rod diameter. Introduce the IM Rod into the entry hole and gradually advance it down the intramedullary canal (**Fig. 61**).

Several steps may be taken to avoid an increase in intramedullary pressure:

- A. Advance the IM Rod slowly;
- B. Rotate the IM Rod within the canal during advancement;
- C. Apply suction to the fitting on the end of the cannulated IM Rod.

The proximal portion of both the 3/8" and 1/4" diameter IM Rods changes to 5/16" in diameter. It is necessary to insert those rods so that the diameter transition point is within the intramedullary canal. The 5/16" diameter IM Rod may be inserted to any depth up to the scribe mark on the proximal shaft. Once the IM Rod is positioned, remove the T-Handle (**Fig. 62**).

Intra-operative X-rays may be obtained to confirm accurate position of the rod in the canal.



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Assemble the appropriate Tibial Resection Guide to the IM Tibial Alignment Guide by sliding the Tibial Resection Guide onto the rail of the alignment guide and tightening the thumbscrew on the resection guide (**Fig. 63**).

Assemble the Tibial Stylus to the Tibial Resection Guide by depressing the button on the top of the Tibial Stylus, inserting the stylus into either the medial or lateral hole on the top of the Tibial Resection Guide, and releasing the button to lock the stylus into place (**Fig. 64**).





Both the 0 and 5 degree Tibial Resection Guides may be used with the IM Tibial Alignment Guide. When the 0 degree Tibial Resection Guide is used, the A/P direction of the guide is not critical. However, when the 5 degree Tibial Resection Guide is used, care must be taken to direct the resection directly from anterior to posterior. Any mal-rotation of the resection may result in an inadvertent varus or valgus plane of resection.

Accurate rotational position of the Tibial Resection Guide may be assessed by attaching the Alignment Handle to the front of the resection guide and inserting an Alignment Rod through the handle (**Fig. 67**).



- A. The external rod will usually lie over the medial third of the tibial tubercle.
- B. The external rod should intersect the center of the talus, slightly medial to the mid-intermalleolar space.
- C. The external rod should be in line with the second metatarsal (provided no foot or lower leg abnormalities exist) (**Fig. 68**).

Figure 68



#### **Proximal Tibial Resection**

Once the resection level is established. secure the Tibial Resection Guide to the anterior tibia using the 1/8" Drill-Pins, drilling through the "0" holes. Pinning through the "X" Pin hole will further secure the Tibial Resection Guide to the tibia (Fig. 69).

Remove the Tibial Stylus by depressing the button and pulling the stylus out.

Release the IM Tibial Alignment Guide from the Tibial Resection Guide by loosening the thumbscrew on the resection guide. Re-attach the T-Handle to the IM Rod and extract both the IM Rod and IM Tibial Alignment Guide together, leaving the Tibial Resection Guide pinned in place. Resect the tibial plateau through the slot in the Tibial Resection Guide. Use of a .050" (1.27mm) sawblade is recommended for an accurate resection (Fig. 70).

Additional bone may be resected by repositioning the Tibial Resection Guide over the pins in the +2 or +4 holes. This will resect an additional 2mm or 4mm of bone respectively (Fig. 71).

The Tibial Resection Guide is removed by first sliding the guide off over the two 1/8" Drill-Pins and then removing the pins with the Pin Puller.

Note: If the "X" Pin hole is used, this pin must be removed prior to repositioning or removing the Tibial Resection Guide.



# **DeltaFit Keel Preparation**

#### **Tibial Component Sizing**

Maximally flex the knee and deliver the tibia forward.

"To facilitate exposure of the tibial plateau, a limited release may be performed and extended as required to compensate for angular deformities. Medial osteophytes are removed to facilitate the medial release. The lateral fat pad is freed from the infrapatellar bursa to allow superior lateral visualization."

Steven Zelicof, MD, Ph.D.

Assemble a Tibial Trial Baseplate to the Alignment Handle and place it on the resected tibial plateau (**Fig. 72**). Choose the size that best covers the tibial plateau. Slight overhang is preferable to undersizing.

"If slight medial or lateral overhang is necessary for adequate anterior-posterior cover, the overhang will be better tolerated laterally rather than medially. Medial overhang is associated with pain secondary to soft tissue impingement on the tray." Richard Fingeroth, MD

## Figure 72



#### **Tibial Component Alignment**

Replace the Trial Femoral Component on the femur. Assemble a Tibial Bearing Insert Trial to the Tibial Trial Baseplate by first positioning it posteriorly on the baseplate and then fully seating it anteriorly (**Fig. 73**). Reverse the steps to dis-assemble the insert trial from the baseplate.

Position the assembled insert and baseplate on the tibial plateau and carry out a trial reduction. Assess overall component fit, ligament stability, and joint range of motion.

As the joint is taken through flexion and extension, the femoral trial component helps position the tibial baseplate. Final position of the tibial trial is achieved when tibiofemoral articular contact is most congruent. This is best assessed when the knee is in extension.

"It is important to note that when taking the knee through range of motion, the patella should be in its normal position. If the knee is ranged while the patella is everted, it will abnormally externally rotate the tibia and give a false impression of the correct rotational orientation for the tibial baseplate."

#### Hugh Morris, MD

"With the patella reduced, soft tissue balancing can also be evaluated at this time. If there is excessive tightness on one side, the tibial tray will lift off on the contralateral side as the knee is flexed and extended. Appropriate releases can then be performed until the tray remains flat through a full range of motion. Furthermore, if the PCL is too tight, the anterior tray will lift up as the knee is flexed. This can be corrected with PCL recession."

Richard Fingeroth, MD

## Figure 73





#### **Tibial Keel Punching**

Tibial Punches are identified by keel size (3/5, 7/9, 11/13) and bone preparation ("Cement Keel" creates a cement mantle around the keel; "Press Fit Keel" creates an interference fit around the keel).

The sequence of steps necessary to prepare the tibia for the Deltafit Keel may vary depending on the bone quality of the proximal tibia. In relatively soft bone (i.e., rheumatoid) only one punching step with the final tibial size/preparation punch may be required. In normal bone, it is recommended that a smaller "Press Fit Keel" punch be used first, followed by the final size/preparation punch.

In denser bone, several intermediate punching steps may be required prior to final punching. If sequential punching is undertaken, only "Press Fit Punches" should be utilized until the final size is reached. If extremely dense bone is encountered, a 3/8" Guide Bushing may be assembled to the baseplate and a pilot hole drilled prior to tibial punching (**Fig. 77**).







Assemble the Tibial Punch Tower to the baseplate by placing the tower onto the two small locating pins on top of the baseplate. During the subsequent tibial punching, the tower will maintain correct position of the punches.

Fit the appropriate Tibial Punch into the Tibial Punch Tower (**Fig. 78**). Handles may be assembled to the tower to aid in maintaining position and stability of the tower/baseplate assembly during punching. A mallet may be used to impact the punch. Advance the punch until it seats fully on the baseplate (**Fig. 79**). During extraction, take care to avoid toggle or angulation of the punch as this may distort the bone preparation. The Quick Release Slide Hammer connects to the punches for extraction.

Once the final punch has been seated, tibial preparation is complete (**Fig. 80**).

"In good quality bone, I will often cement the tibial tray but press fit the Deltafit Keel. As a rough test to determine bone quality, I lift the tower by its handles with the press fit punch in place. If the punch does not pull out of the bone, I press fit the keel." Richard Fingeroth, MD



Figure 80 Completed Tibial Preparation



#### **All-Poly Tibial Punching**

To prepare for an All-Poly Tibial Component, the tibia must first be prepared with the appropriate size Cement Punch as shown in the Tibial Punching Sequence Chart (**Page 45**).

**Note:** If sequential punching is undertaken, only "Press Fit Punches" should be utilized until the final size is reached.

Remove all instruments from the tibia, including the Tibial Punch, Punch Tower, Trial Baseplate, and Fixation Pins.

Set the All-Poly Tibial Punch to the predetermined keel size (see below) by pulling the side pin out and sliding the stop up or down until the appropriate keel size is reached. Release the side pin to secure the punch position.

Fibial Tray Size	Stop Location
#3	#3/#5
#5	#3/#5
#7	#7/#9
#9	#7/#9
#11	#11/#13
#13	#11/#13

Impact the All-Poly Tibial Punch into the tibia using the punch slots produced from the previous punching sequence as a guide (**Fig. 81**).

Continue impaction until the stop contacts the proximal tibia. It is important that the All-Poly Tibial Punch be held straight during impaction.

Once the punch has been seated, remove it with a mallet or the Quick Release Slap Hammer. The resected and punched surfaces are prepared for bone cement in the usual fashion. After the preferred cementing technique has been performed, place the All-Poly Tibial Component into the prepared tibia. Seating is accomplished by first positioning and partially seating the component by hand, followed by final seating with the All-Poly Tibial Impactor (**Fig. 82**). After the cement is cured, the knee is thoroughly cleaned and lavaged.





	TIBIAL PUNCHING SEQUENCE			
IMPLANT SIZE	PRESS FIT KEEL	CEMENT KEEL	ALL-POLYETHYLENE IMPLANT	
3	PRESS-FIT #3/#5	PRESS-FIT #3/#5 CEMENT #3/#5	PRESS-FIT #3/#5 CEMENT #3/#5 ALL-POLY #3/#5	
5	PRESS-FIT #3/#5	PRESS-FIT #3/#5 CEMENT #3/#5	PRESS-FIT #3/#5 CEMENT #3/#5 ALL-POLY #3/#5	
7	PRESS-FIT #3/#5 PRESS-FIT #7/#9	PRESS-FIT #3/#5 PRESS-FIT #7/#9 CEMENT #7/#9	PRESS-FIT #3/#5 PRESS-FIT #7/#9 CEMENT #7/#9 ALL-POLY #7/#9	
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#### **Tibial Component**

If tibial fixation is to be augmented by bone screws, remove the polyethylene plugs in the tibial tray screw holes prior to implantation (**Fig. 83**).

Assemble the Tibial Component Impactor/ Extractor to the implant. To assemble, retract the slide rod levers and insert the "feet" into the central hole in the tibial tray. Release the levers and tighten the knurled thumbscrew by hand to securely engage the impactor/ extractor to the implant (**Fig. 84**).

Introduce the tibial tray into the prepared tibia and impact it until the tray is fully seated (**Fig. 85**). Clear all excess bone cement while maintaining position of the implant.









Figure 83

#### **Tibial Bearing Insert Assembly**

Prior to assembly of the prosthetic UHMW-PE bearing insert, the trial insert may be placed in the tibial tray to once more assess joint stability and range of motion.

To assemble the prosthetic bearing insert, the tibial tray interior must first be free of all debris and soft tissue. After cleaning tray interior, distract the joint and angle the insert posteriorly into the tray. The posterior lips of the bearing insert must fit beneath the lips on the interior, posterior tray wall.

"Placement of the final polyethylene insert after hemostasis is obtained facilitates accessibility to posterior bleeding points and cement."

Steven Zelicof, MD, Ph.D.

Then snap the insert in place anteriorly (**Fig. 86**). Hand pressure or a light tap with a mallet is required. The tibial bearing insert is fully seated once the metal retaining wire locks under the barbs on the anterior, interior surface of the tray wall.



#### Femoral Component

Assemble the appropriate size and side femoral implant to the Femoral Impactor/Extractor in the same manner as the femoral trial. Place the implant on the prepared femur and impact it until fully seated (**Fig. 87**). The Impactor/Extractor aids in maintaining accurate position of the implant during implantation. **Note:** The components shall be positioned to avoid excessive hyperextension. Excessive femoral flexion and tibial slope should be avoided when implanting the components. Implant positioning resulting in excessive hyperextension may result in premature wear and damage to the implant.

#### Closure

After cement polymerization, thoroughly irrigate the joint and place suction drains. Hemostasis is achieved after deflation of the tourniquet. Close soft tissues in the normal layered fashion.



# **Post-operative Care, Indications, Contraindications and Warnings**

## Indications

- Painful, disabling joint disease of the knee resulting from: degenerative arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis or post-traumatic arthritis.
- Post-traumatic loss of knee joint configuration and function.
- Moderate varus, valgus, or flexion deformity in which the ligamentous structures can be returned to adequate function and stability.
- Revision of previous unsuccessful knee replacement or other procedure.

# Additional Indications for Posterior Stabilized Components:

- Ligamentous instability requiring implant bearing surface geometries with increased constraint.
- Absent or non-functioning posterior cruciate ligament.

For TS Components Only: Severe anteroposterior and medial/lateral instability of the knee joint.

#### Indications for Bone Augmentation:

- Painful, disabling joint disease of the knee secondary to: degenerative arthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, or post-traumatic arthritis, complicated by the presence of bone loss.
- Salvage of previous unsuccessful total knee replacement or other surgical procedure, accompanied by bone loss.

#### Contraindications

- Any active or suspected latent infection in or about the knee joint.
- Any mental or neuromuscular disorder which would create an unacceptable risk of prosthesis instability, prosthesis fixation failure, or complications in post-operative care.
- Bone stock compromised by disease, infection or prior implantation, which cannot provide adequate support and/or fixation to the prosthesis.
- Skeletal immaturity.
- Severe instability of the knee joint secondary to the absence of collateral ligament integrity and function.
- Obesity. An overweight or obese patient can produce loads on the prosthesis which can lead to failure of the fixation of the device or to failure of the device itself.

# Additional Contraindication for Bone Augmentation:

 Bone stock which is sufficient for the adequate fixation of the total knee component without augmentation wedges.

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