

## AANA E.L.I.T.E. Knee 2026

This educational activity is designed to provide orthopaedic surgeons with an individualized, evidence-informed, and skills-focused experience in advanced knee arthroscopy and ligament reconstruction. Participants engage in a comprehensive pre-course curriculum addressing core and advanced concepts in knee pathology and surgical management, including diagnostic knee arthroscopy, meniscal injury patterns and treatment options, principles of knee ligament anatomy and biomechanics, graft selection and harvest techniques, and strategies for cartilage preservation and restoration. Additional content focuses on surgical management of instability across multiple planes, including cruciate, collateral, and patellofemoral instability.

During the live course, participants benefit from focused instruction through Technical Pearls sessions, non-CME surgical demonstrations, and interactive case-based panel discussions emphasizing real-world surgical decision-making. The cornerstone of the experience is two extended hands-on E.L.I.T.E. lab sessions in which participants select from a broad range of advanced arthroscopic and open knee procedures, allowing for a customized learning experience. Faculty provide direct observation, structured guidance, and real-time feedback to support skill acquisition, technical refinement, and confidence in procedural execution.

This immersive educational design supports improved competence and performance by enabling participants to deepen their understanding of surgical indications and techniques, practice advanced knee procedures in a controlled and supervised environment, and apply case-based reasoning to complex knee pathology, including multiligament injury, patellofemoral instability, meniscal preservation, and cartilage restoration.

### Learning Objectives

1. **Describe** the current evidence-based principles, indications, and technical considerations for arthroscopic and open knee procedures, including meniscal preservation, ligament reconstruction, and cartilage restoration.
2. **Demonstrate** improved competence in performing advanced knee arthroscopy techniques, including diagnostic arthroscopy, meniscus resection and repair, graft harvest, and single-stage cartilage procedures.
3. **Apply** anatomic and biomechanical principles to surgical management of knee instability, including ACL, PCL, MCL, posterolateral corner, and patellofemoral instability.
4. **Integrate** contemporary reconstruction strategies for complex and multiligament knee injuries, including MPFL repair, imbrication, and reconstruction, as well as MQTFL reconstruction.
5. **Utilize** case-based reasoning to guide surgical decision-making for complex knee pathology, including ligamentous instability, meniscal injury patterns, and focal cartilage defects.
6. **Evaluate** individual learning needs and select personalized procedural goals to enhance technical proficiency and improve patient outcomes in knee surgery.



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**AANA E.L.I.T.E. Knee Lab,  
October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Orthopaedic Learning Center, Rosemont, Illinois  
Available Lab Focus: Knee**

**Course Chairs**

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**Associate Faculty**

TBD

<b>Saturday E.L.I.T.E. Session</b>	
<b>Hands-on Activity</b>	
<b>7:00-7:30 a.m.</b>	Registration, Coffee, Networking, Booth Visits – <b>Reception Area</b>
<b>7:30-8:30 a.m.</b>	Technical Pearls - <b>Auditorium</b>
<b>8:30-8:45 a.m.</b>	Move to Lab
<b>8:45-11:30 a.m.</b>	<p>E.L.I.T.E. Lab Session - <b>Lab</b> Participant Chosen Goals – Build Your Lab Session!</p> <p><b>Available Shoulder Procedures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnostic scope</li> <li>• Knee Ligament Anatomy and Reconstruction</li> <li>• Meniscus Resection/Repair</li> <li>• Graft harvest</li> <li>• ACL Repair/Reconstruction</li> <li>• PCL Reconstruction/PLC Reconstruction</li> <li>• MCL Repair/Reconstruction</li> <li>• MPFL Repair/Imbrication/Reconstruction, MQTFL Reconstruction</li> <li>• Chondroplasty/Marrow Stimulation/Single Stage Resurfacing</li> </ul>
<b>11:30-12:00 p.m.</b>	Lunch Available – <b>Reception Area</b> Move to Auditoriums for Procedure Demonstrations
<b>12:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m.</b>	Non-CME Demonstration - <b>Lab</b>
<b>12:30-1:00 p.m.</b>	Non-CME Demonstration - <b>Lab</b>
<b>1:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m.</b>	Break – <b>Reception Area</b>

1:30-2:00 p.m.	Panel Discussion (Case-based) – <b>Auditorium</b>
2:15-5:15 p.m.	<p>E.L.I.T.E. Lab Session - <b>Lab</b> Participant Chosen Goals</p> <p><b>Available Shoulder Procedures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnostic scope</li> <li>• Knee Ligament Anatomy and Reconstruction</li> <li>• Meniscus Resection/Repair</li> <li>• Graft harvest</li> <li>• ACL Repair/Reconstruction</li> <li>• PCL Reconstruction/PLC Reconstruction</li> <li>• MCL Repair/Reconstruction</li> <li>• MPFL Repair/Imbrication/Reconstruction, MQTFL Reconstruction</li> <li>• Chondroplasty/Marrow Stimulation/Single Stage Resurfacing</li> </ul>
5:15 p.m.	Course Adjourns

**Relevant Financial Disclosures**

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## Master Online Program – Knee

### Pre-Course Lecture Database

Innovations in Knee Arthroscopy	
Knee Arthroscopy Master Class (Online Pre-Course)	
10 Minutes	Primary ACLR: Which Graft Choices for Which Patient? BTB, Hamstring, or Quad Tendon? Luke V. Tollefson, M.D.
10 Minutes	Key Principles for a BTB Graft Harvest Jesper Fritz, M.D.
10 Minutes	Key Principles for a Quad Tendon Harvest Alan Getgood, M.D.
10 Minutes	Role of Concomitant Lateral Meniscal Root and Ramp Tears on ACL Graft Forces and Key Surgical Principles Andrew Geeslin, M.D.
10 Minutes	The Role of the Posterolateral, Posteromedial and Anterolateral Corner on ACL Graft Forces and How to Maximize Success of your ACLR Gilbert Moatshe M.D., PhD
10 Minutes	The Role of Hyperlaxity and Increased Tibial Slope on ACL Graft Forces and How to Address These for a Primary ACLR Andrew Bernhardson, M.D.
10 Minutes	Revision ACLR: Don't Miss These Concomitant Pathologies to Improve Your Outcomes Darren Johnson, M.D.
10 Minutes	Horizontal Meniscus Repairs: Indications and Optimization of Techniques Vehniah Tjong M.D.
10 Minutes	Meniscal Radial Tears: How to Optimize Repairs Sanjeev Bhatia, M.D.
10 Minutes	Medial Meniscus Root Tears: Key Pearls to Optimizing Outcomes in 2025 Scott Faucett, M.D.
10 Minutes	Posteromedial and Posterolateral Knee-Key Anatomic Principles and Surgical Pearls Travis Dekker M.D.
10 Minutes	Anatomic FCL and Posterolateral Corner Reconstructions: Anatomic Treatment and Surgical Pearls Ciara Stevenson M.D.
10 Minutes	Clinically Relevant PCL Anatomy, Bracing, and Diagnostic Techniques in 2025 Patrick Kane, M.D.
10 Minutes	Double Bundle PCLR is the Gold Standard and Key Surgical Pearls Jorge Chahla, M.D., PhD