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## **Drop Vertical Testing after Quadriceps, Hamstring, and BPTB Autografts in ACL Reconstruction**

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# DISCLOSURES

- No Relevant Disclosures

# BIOMECHANICS DEFINE CRITICAL RISK FACTORS

Winner of the 2004 O'Donoghue Award

## Biomechanical Measures of Neuromuscular Control and Valgus Loading of the Knee Predict Anterior Cruciate Ligament Injury Risk in Female Athletes

A Prospective Study

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Patients with *primary* ACL tear landed with 10.5° greater knee extension and 8.4° greater knee valgus

## Biomechanical Measures During Landing and Postural Stability Predict Second Anterior Cruciate Ligament Injury After Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction and Return to Sport

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Patients with ACL *retear* landed in increased knee extension with increased frontal plane knee motion (valgus)

# PURPOSE

- Compare *biomechanical outcomes* during a DVJ between common autograft types six-months after ACL reconstruction in an adolescent population
  - Hamstring (HS)
  - Quadriceps +/- Bone Block (QB, Q)
  - Bone-Patellar Tendon-Bone (BTB)
- Hypothesis
  - **There will be differences in biomechanical profiles between patients depending on autograft type used**



# METHODS

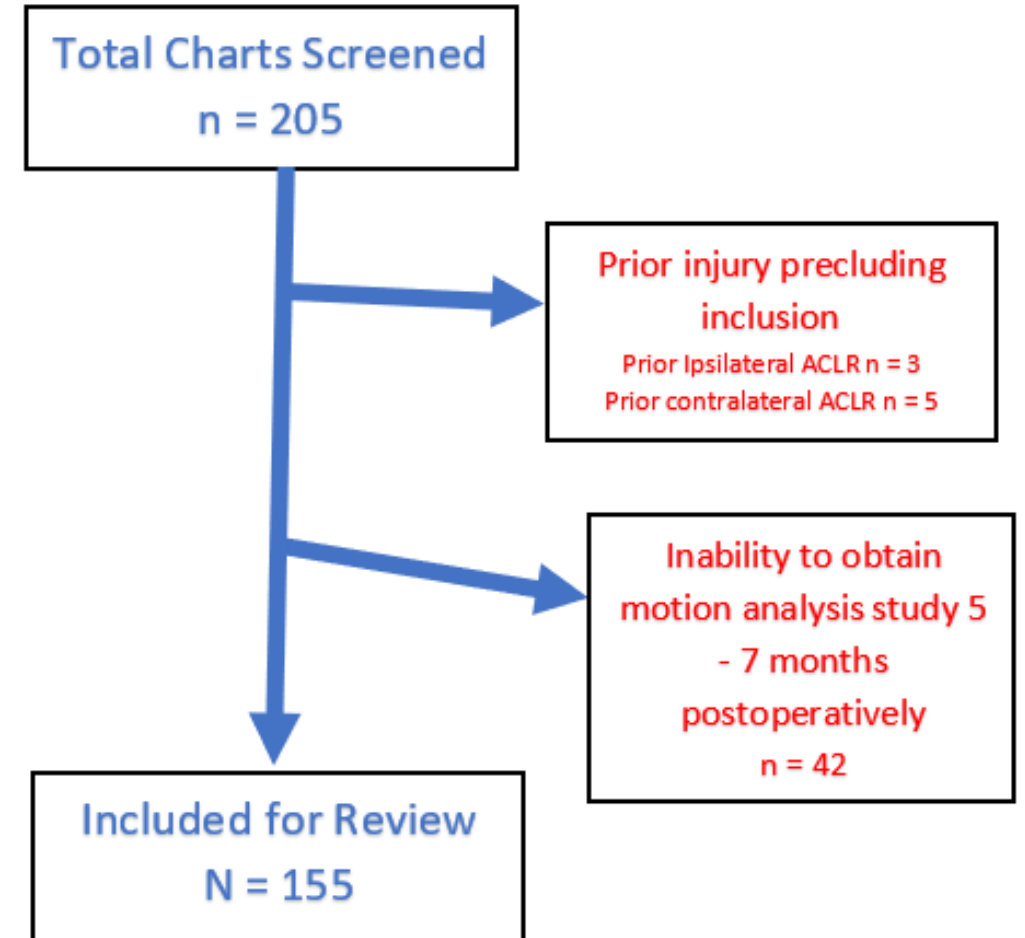
# METHODS

- Two board certified orthopedic sports medicine surgeons at single institution
- Prospective evaluation of patients 8-18 years old with first time ACL tear 6 months after reconstruction
- **4 Autograft Types**
  - Hamstring
  - Quadriceps +/- Bone Block
  - Bone-Patellar Tendon-Bone
- Chart review to collect age, sex, height, weight, affected limb, graft type, and mechanism of injury



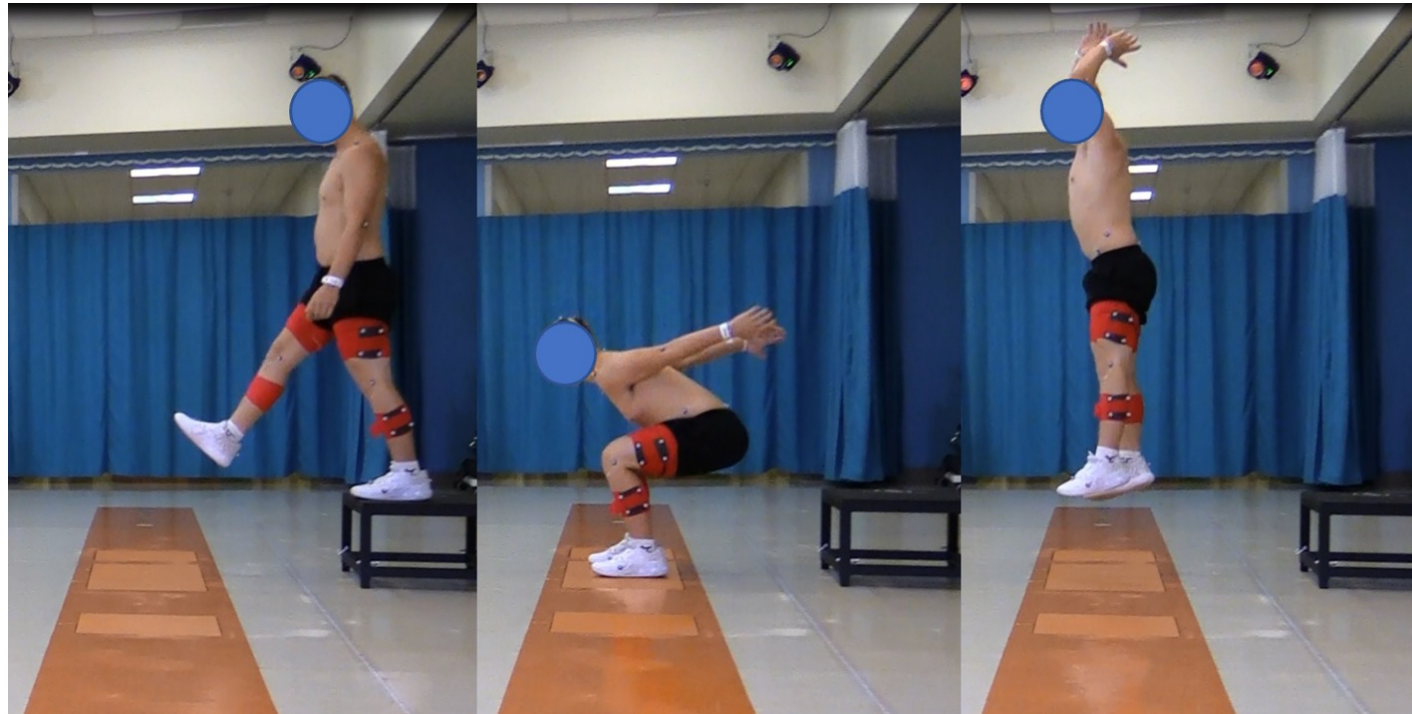
# INCLUSION/EXCLUSION

- Inclusion
  - 8-18 y/o
  - First Time ACL Tear
- Exclusion
  - Preexisting joint disease
  - Hx of previous knee injury to either lower extremity
- **155 patients** included in final analysis



# MOTION ANALYSIS

- Kinematic and kinetic data collected during a DVJ using a 3D computerized marker system (Motion Analysis Corp. CORTEX software)
- Evaluated biomechanical factors including hip internal rotation moment, hip adduction moment, knee valgus angles/moments, knee extensor moments among others





# DATA ANALYSIS

- Operative limb was compared to Nonoperative limb
  - Standardized per mass for force related variables
- Average and Maximum Values calculated

$$\textit{Average Value} = \frac{\sum_0^T \textit{Var}_{\textit{affected limb}} - \sum_0^T \textit{Var}_{\textit{unaffected limb}}}{M}$$

$$\textit{Maximum Value} = \frac{\textit{Var}_{\textit{affected limb}} \parallel_{t=t_{\textit{max}}} - \textit{Var}_{\textit{unaffected limb}} \parallel_{t=t_{\textit{max}}}}{M}$$



# RESULTS

# PATIENT CLINICAL CHARACTERISTICS

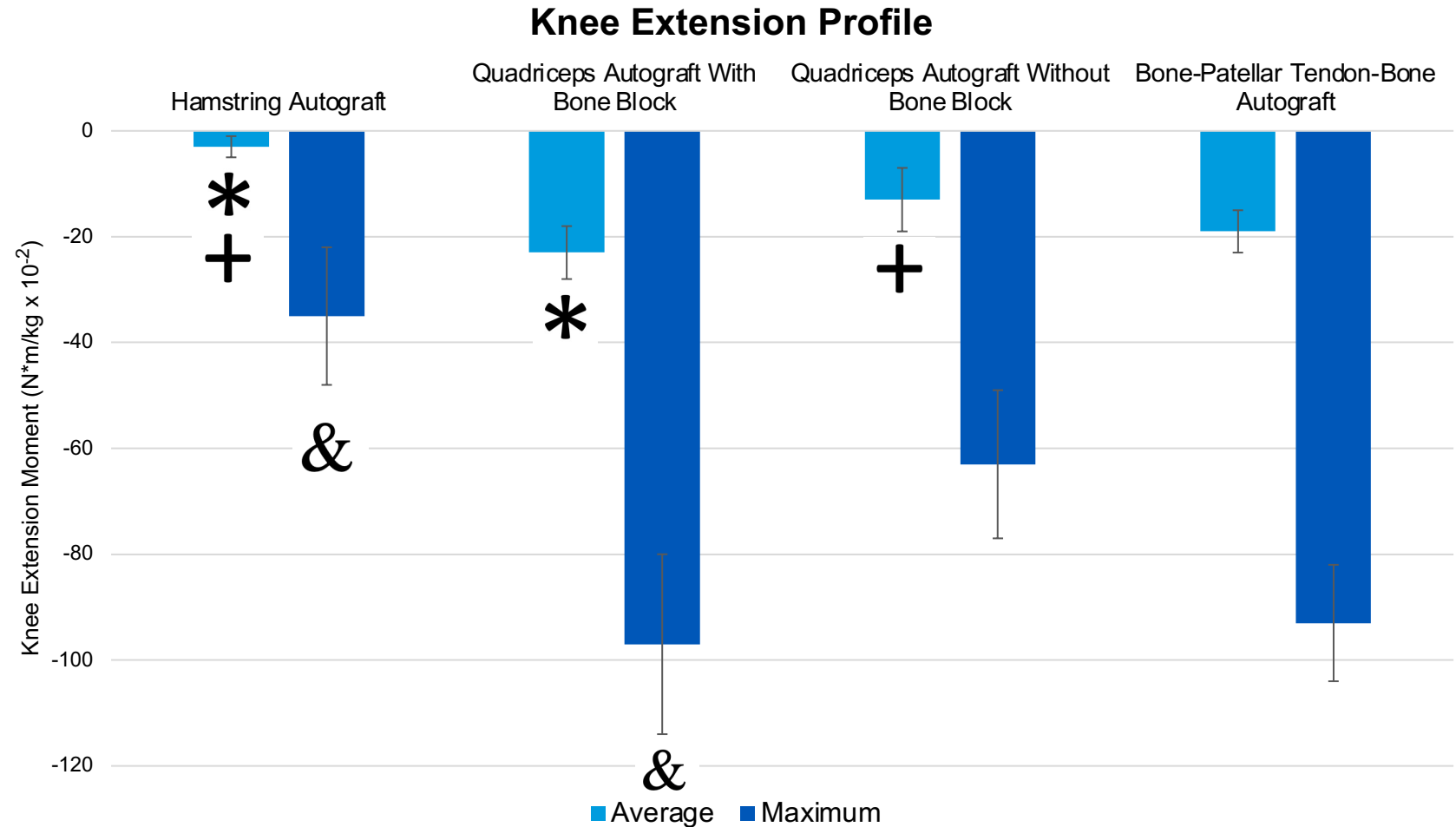
- 205 patients screened, **155 included for analysis**
  - Hamstring → 54
  - Quad + Bone Block → 40
  - Quad without Bone Block → 35
  - BTB → 26
- Mean Age **15.8 y/o**
- No significant differences in age, sex, or affected leg between groups ( $p > 0.1973$ )

Table 1: Patient demographics and clinical characteristics by autograft group

	HS (n=54)	QB (n=40)	Q (n=35)	BTB (n=26)	Total (N=155)	P-value
Age (years)						
Mean (SD)	16.2 (2.02)	15.5 (2.0)	15.6 (1.6)	15.8 (1.4)	15.8 (1.89)	0.19732
Sex (Male)	26 (48.15%)	29 (42.5%)	19 (54.3%)	11 (42.3%)	85 (54.8%)	0.72241
Affected Leg (Right)	31 (57.4%)	16 (40.0%)	14 (40.0%)	14 (53.8%)	75 (48.4%)	0.71201
Height (cm)						
Mean (SD)	172.7 (11.8)	169.2 (8.8)	164.6 (9.25)	170.5 (8.8)	169.23 (11.4)	<0.0001*
Weight (kg)						
Mean (SD)	77.9 (21.8)	64.1 (12.6)	69.1 (14.6)	77.9 (17.7)	73.13 (20.03)	0.00152
Body Mass Index (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )						
Mean (SD)	26.0 (6.1)	22.2 (3.0)	25.5 (4.9)	26.7 (5.4)	25.8 (5.8)	0.00152
Mechanism of Injury						0.0331
Contact	44	26	19	17	106	
Noncontact	10	14	16	9	49	
None	0	0	0	0	0	

# KNEE EXTENSION MOMENT

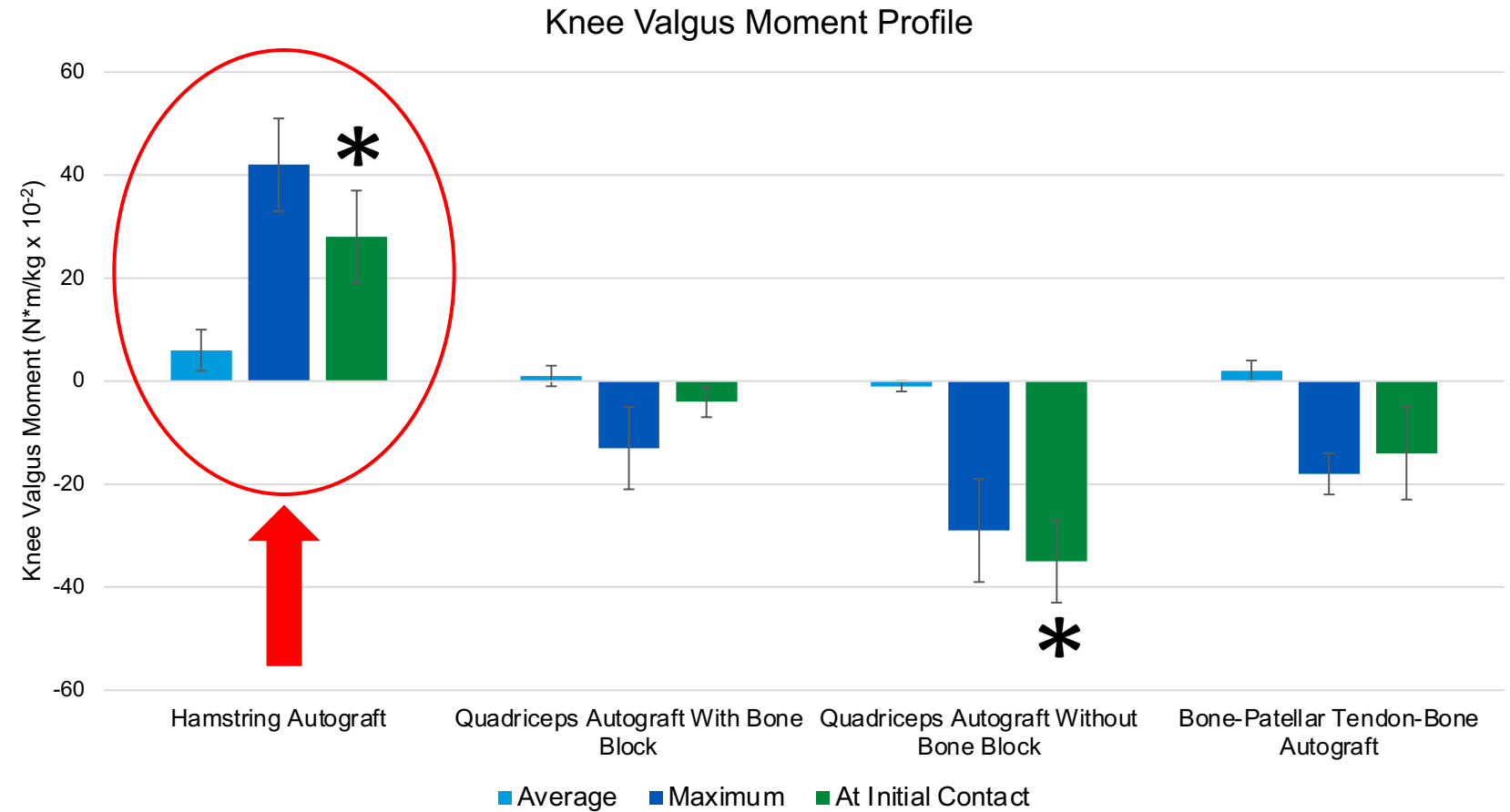
- *Quadriceps Autografts* with and without bone block have **significantly decreased knee extension moment averages and maximums** compared to Hamstring Autograft



**Figure 4:** The knee extension moment average and maximum as compared between our 4 graft types. Significant differences are noted with an asterisk (\*), plus (+), or ampersand (&) sign.

# KNEE VALGUS MOMENT

- *Hamstring Autografts* are significantly associated with **larger knee valgus moments** at initial contact compared to Quadriceps Autograft Without Bone Block during DVJ



**Figure 5:** The knee valgus moment average, maximum, and at initial contact as compared between our 4 graft types. The overall group can be seen on the far right. Significant differences are noted with an asterisk (\*).

# HIP ADDUCTION AND TIBIAL INTERNAL ROTATION

- Hamstring Autografts are significantly associated with **larger hip adduction maximums and knee internal rotation averages moments** compared to Quadriceps with Bone Block during DVJ

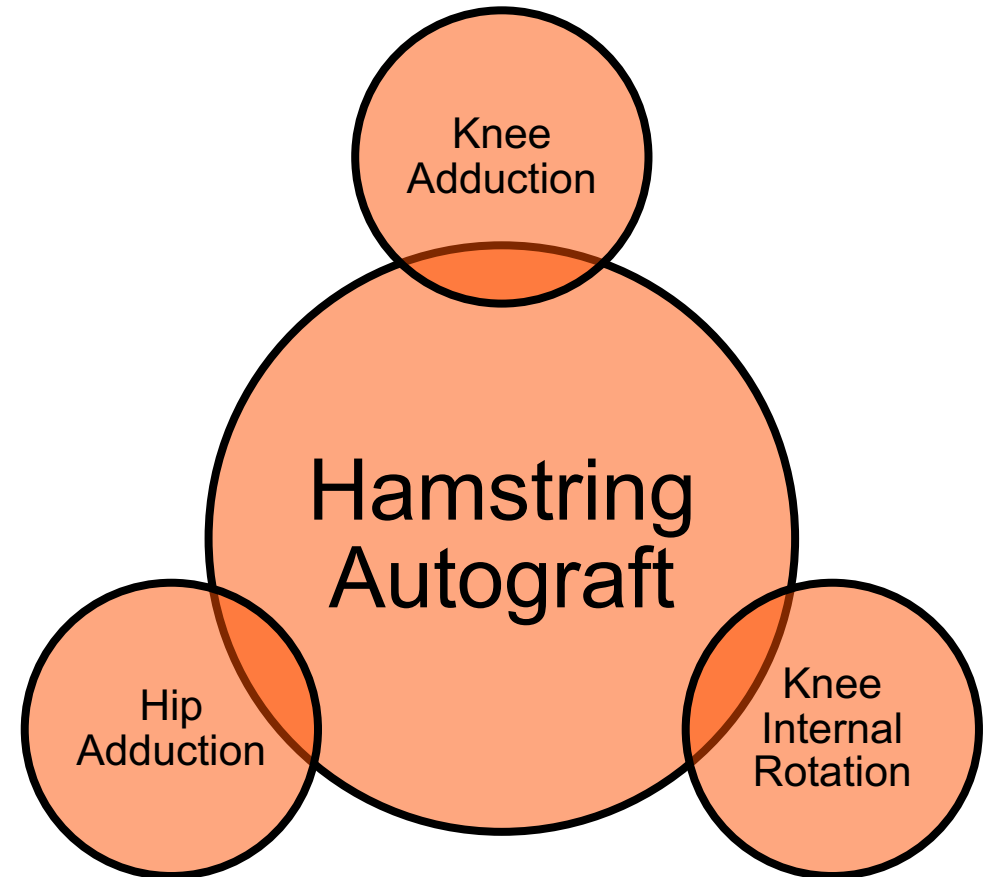
Parameter (Units)	HS Group	QB Group	Q Group	BTB Group	P-Value (Initial Kruskal Wallis)	Total	Follow-Up Dwass-Steel-Crichlow-Fligner Test	
<i>Hip Adduction Moment (N*m/kg x 10<sup>-2</sup>)</i>								
Average	2 (0.02)	-2 (0.02)	-3 (0.02)	-2 (0.02)	0.117	-1 (0.02)	N/A	N/A
Maximum	<b>30 (0.05)</b>	<b>-4 (0.04)</b>	9 (0.04)	-2 (0.02)	<b>0.033</b>	11 (0.05)	<b>HS &amp; QB</b>	<b>0.0426</b>
<i>Knee External Rotation Moment (N*m/kg x 10<sup>-2</sup>)</i>								
Average	<b>-2 (0.02)</b>	<b>2 (0.02)</b>	2 (0.03)	1 (0.01)	<b>0.00871</b>	1 (0.02)	<b>H &amp; QB</b>	<b>0.0206</b>
Maximum	4 (0.02)	2 (0.02)	1 (0.01)	2 (0.01)	0.98481	2 (0.01)	N/A	N/A



# DISCUSSION

# MAIN FINDINGS

- Hamstrings Autograft associated with **hip adduction, knee internal rotation and knee valgus** at 6 months after ACLR during DVJ
  - Dynamic knee valgus associated with increased risk of ACL re-tear in prior literature
- Quadriceps Autografts associated with **decreased extensor mechanism moments** at 6 months after ACLR during DVJ





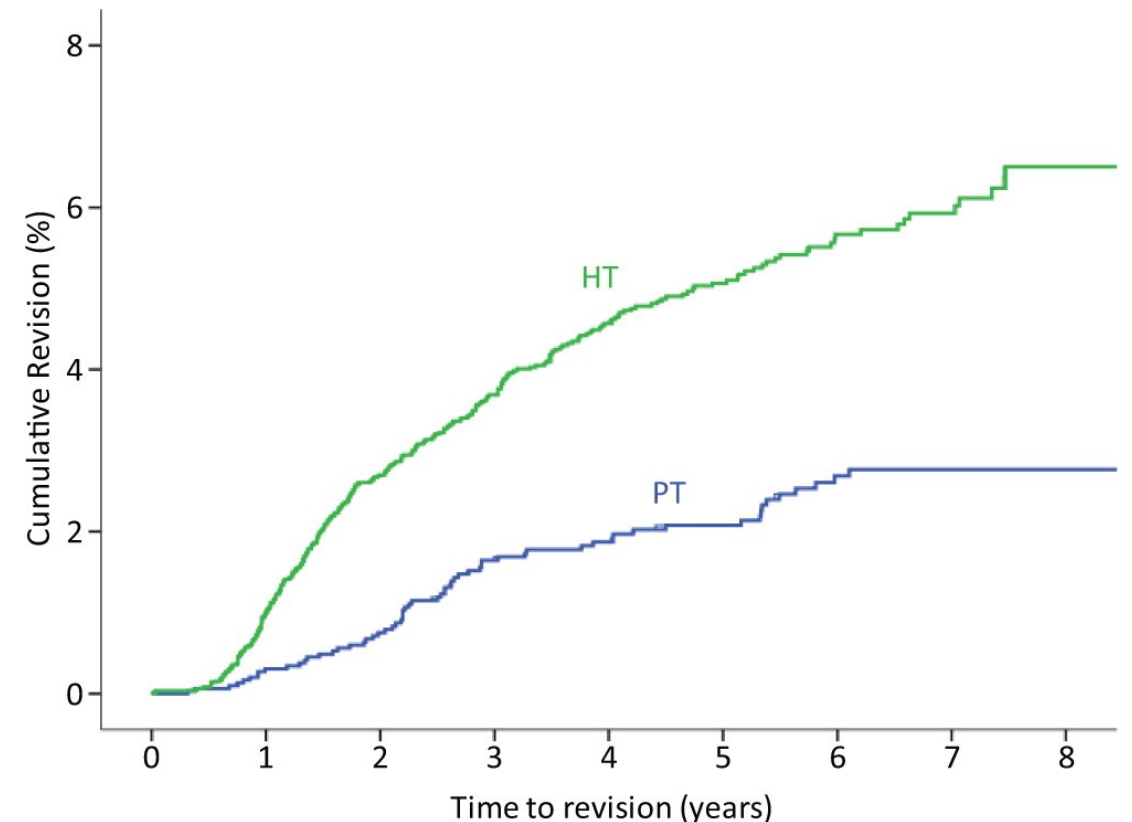
# GRAFT TYPE

- Retrospective review Norwegian Registry
- Evaluated revision after 12,643 primary ACLRs
- 5 Year Revision Rate
  - Hamstring → 5.1%
  - BTB → 2.1%
- **HR 2.3** (95% CI 1.8-3.0) for hamstring vs patellar tendon grafts
  - Patients 15-19 y/o → **HR 4.0** (95% CI 3.1-5.2)

## Increased Risk of Revision With Hamstring Tendon Grafts Compared With Patellar Tendon Grafts After Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction

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“We can only speculate what caused this increased risk of revision in the HT group”

# PREDICTING RETEAR RISK

- Prospectively evaluated 56 athletes for 12 months
  - 3D gait lab Analysis performing DVJ
  - Postural stability assessment
- Predictive Factors
  - Trunk (OR 2.3)
    - **Increased single leg instability (Biodex)**
  - Knee (OR 3.5)
    - **Increased total frontal plane movement (Valgus)**
    - **Decreased knee flexion moment**
  - Hip (Most Predictive; OR 8.4)
    - Increased hip internal rotation moment (contralateral)
      - 78% Sensitive, 81% Specific
  - Limb Asymmetry (OR 3.3)

TABLE 2  
Multivariable Model Odds Ratio Estimates

Variable	Odds Ratio	95% Confidence Interval
Uninvolved hip rotation net moment impulse (initial 10% of landing)	8.4	2.1, 33.3
2-dimensional frontal plane knee motion during landing	3.5	1.3, 9.9
Side-to-side difference in sagittal plane knee moment at initial contact	3.3	1.2, 8.8
Postural stability on involved limb	2.3	1.1, 4.7

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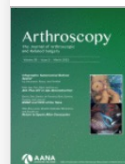
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2D Peak frontal plane knee valgus ( $\Theta=16.2^\circ$ )

# WHY DOES THE 6-MONTH TIME POINT MATTER?

- Most providers recommend RTP >9 months after surgery
- **The 6–9 month time point is critical in targeting rehabilitation**

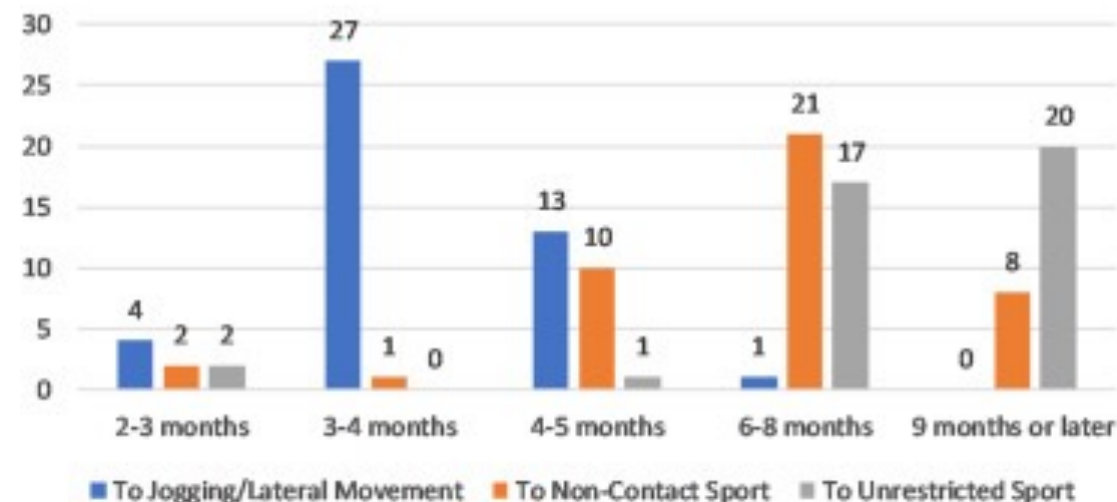


## There Is Substantial Variation in Rehabilitation Protocols Following Anterior Cruciate Ligament Reconstruction: A Survey of 46 American Orthopaedic Surgeons

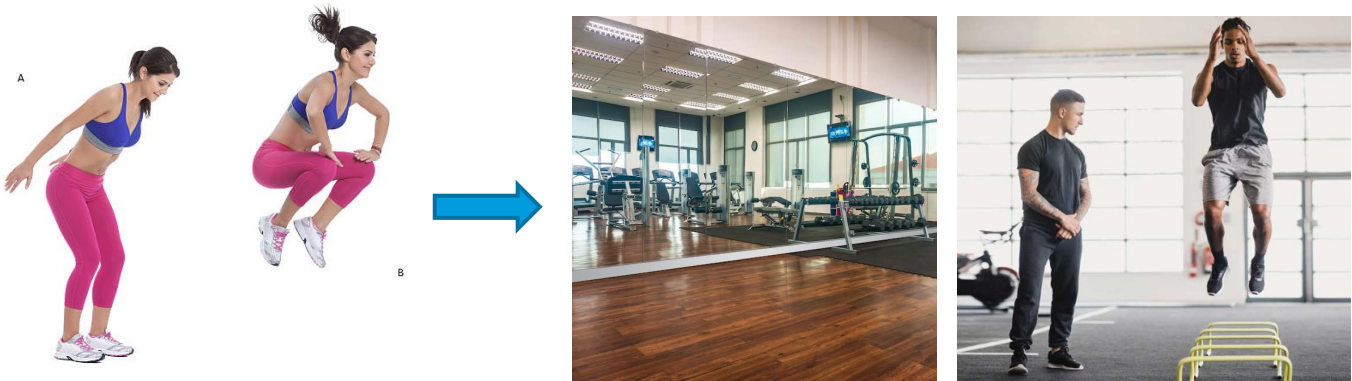


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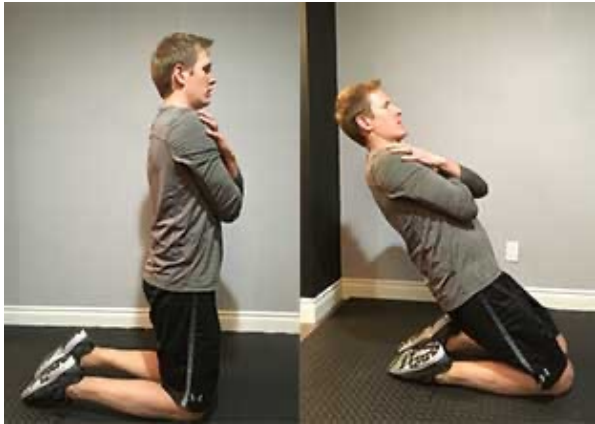
When Can a Patient Advance to Next Rehab Phase?



# ADDRESSING PATHOLOGIC MOVEMENT PATTERNS



Plyometric exercise with Biomechanical Feedback



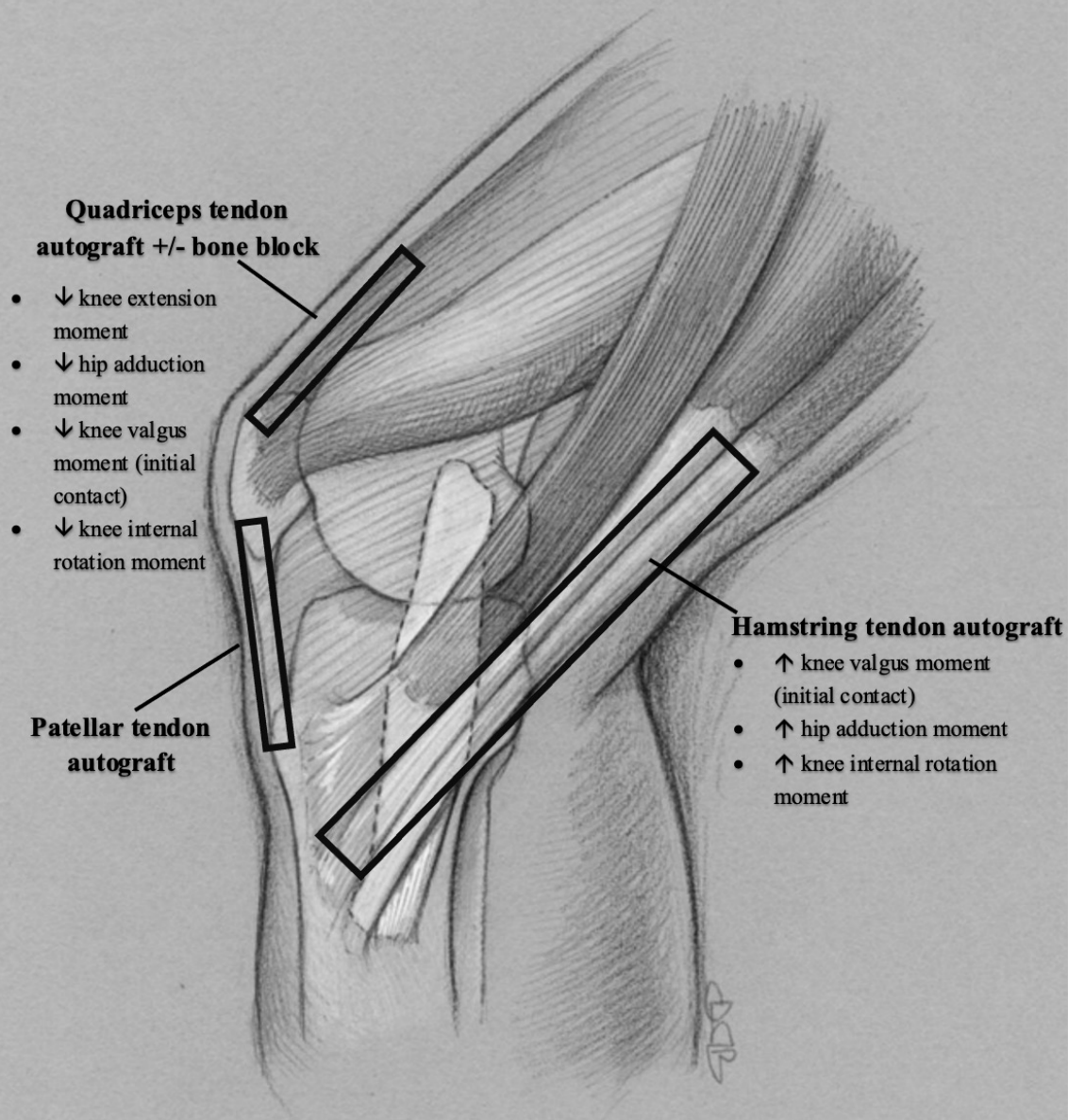
Extensor Mechanism Strengthening



# CONCLUSIONS



## Functional Differences in Autograft Type with DVJ After ACLR



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# CONCLUSIONS

- **“Robbing Peter to Pay Paul”**
  - Each autograft has a *unique postoperative biomechanical profile* of altered movement after ACLR
  - Surgeons should be *thoughtful* about graft choice based on expected biomechanical deficits
  - Deficits should be targeted early in rehabilitation



# LIMITATIONS

- Nonrandomized patient cohort
- No long-term clinical performance data on retear rates
- Two surgeon series at a tertiary hospital in Southwest United States may limit generalizability

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