

# Two stage revision of periprosthetic infection after TKA

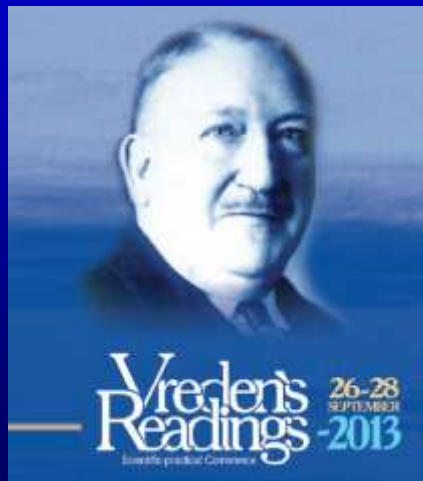
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# Themistocles Gluck: an unrecognised genius

20 May 1890

N J Eynon-Lewis, D Ferry, M F Pearse

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emphasised the need for ease of application and atraumatic surgery: "The devices must be easy to insert through small wounds. Even if the device is technically complicated, ingeniously made and movable in different directions, it must not give rise to operative difficulty."

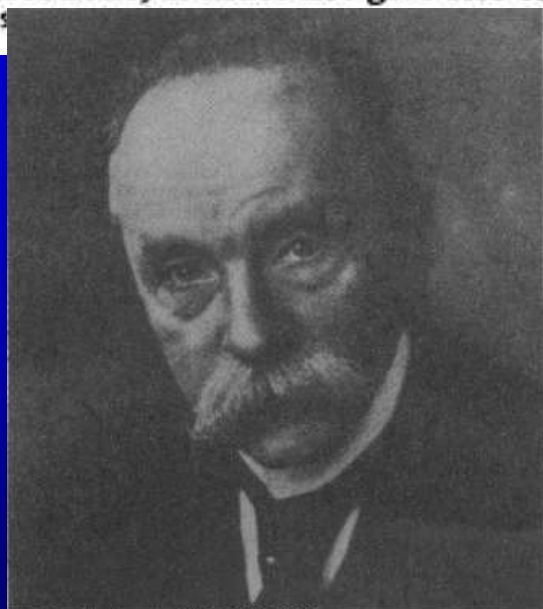


FIG 2—Themistocles Gluck, 1853-1942

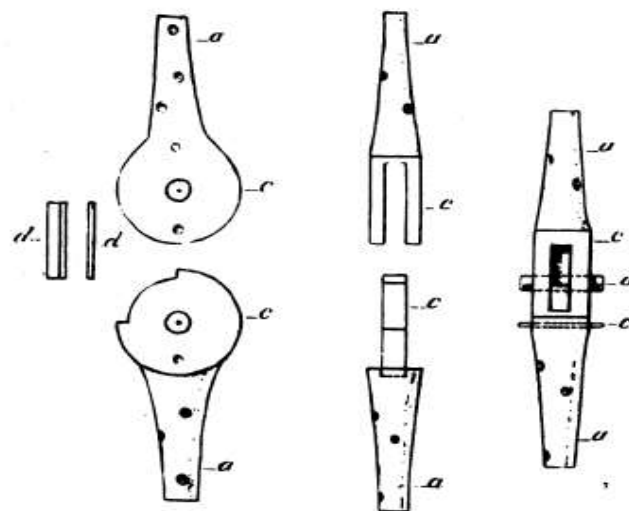
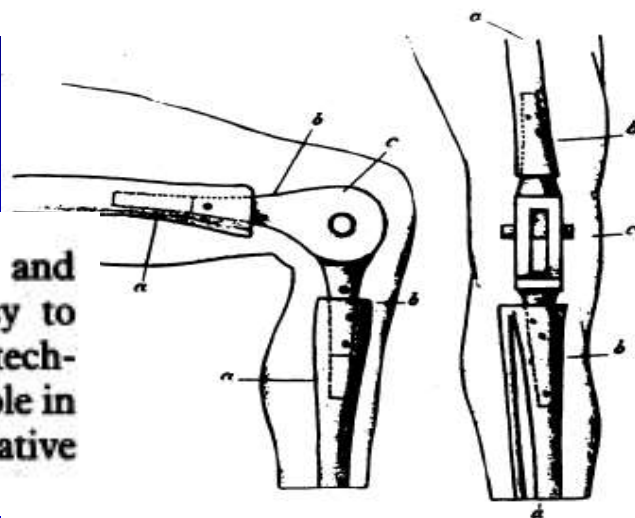


FIG 1—Ivory total knee a prosthesis showing slots for

fistula formation. Gluck, a rigid follower of asepsis, later realised that prior joint infection was a contra-indication to joint replacement. Sadly, because of the

lecture. Bergmann wrote to Gluck, "As the leader of German surgery I cannot allow that you discredit German science in front of a platform of international surgical specialists. My pupils and I will fight you with



«Postoperative infection is the saddest of all complications... »

Sir John Charnley

# Two-stage revision for infected TKA

When ?

Why ?

How ?

Results?

**Proceedings of the International  
Consensus Meeting on  
Periprosthetic Joint Infection**

Chairmen:

Thorsten Gehrke MD

Javad Parvizi MD, FRCS



**International Consensus  
Group on Periprosthetic  
Joint Infection**  
**July 31- August 1, 2013**  
**Thomas Jefferson  
University, Philadelphia**

# When?

## Irrigation & Debridement

**Question 1A: When can irrigation and debridement (I&D) be considered?**

**Consensus:** I&D may be performed for early postoperative infections that occur within 3 months of index primary arthroplasty with less than 3 weeks of symptoms.

**Delegate Vote:** Agree: 84%, Disagree: 13%, Abstain: 3%  
(Strong Consensus)



# When?

**Question 2: What are the indications for two-stage exchange arthroplasty?**

**Consensus: Two stage-exchange arthroplasty is a reasonable option** for the treatment of periprosthetic joint infection (PJI). Specific conditions where two-stage exchange may be indicated over one-stage exchange include:

- 1) patients with systemic manifestations of infection (sepsis)
- 2) the scenario where infection appears obvious but no organism has been identified;
- 3) preoperative cultures identifying difficult to treat and antibiotic-resistant organisms
- 4) presence of a sinus tract
- 5) inadequate and non-viable soft tissue coverage

**Delegate Vote:** Agree: 93%, Disagree: 7%, Abstain: 0% (Strong Consensus)



# Why?

2 problems

Cure the infection

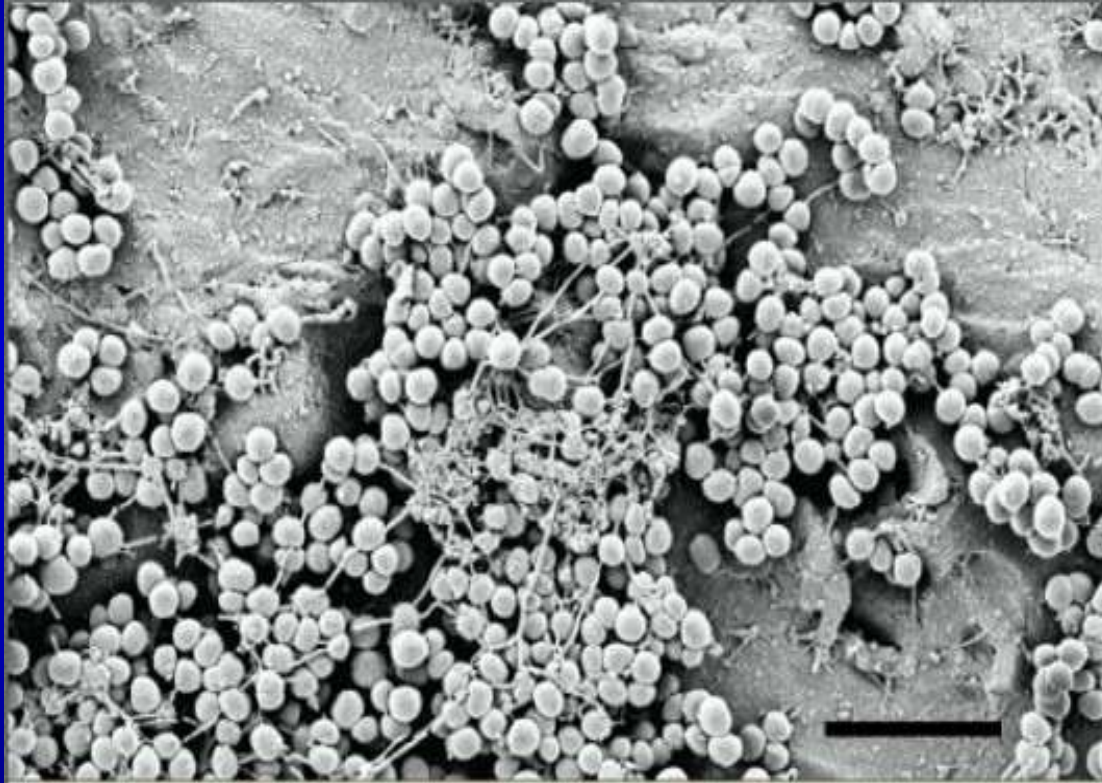
Maintain or restore Knee Function



**« Environment is everything  
Bacteria are nothing »**

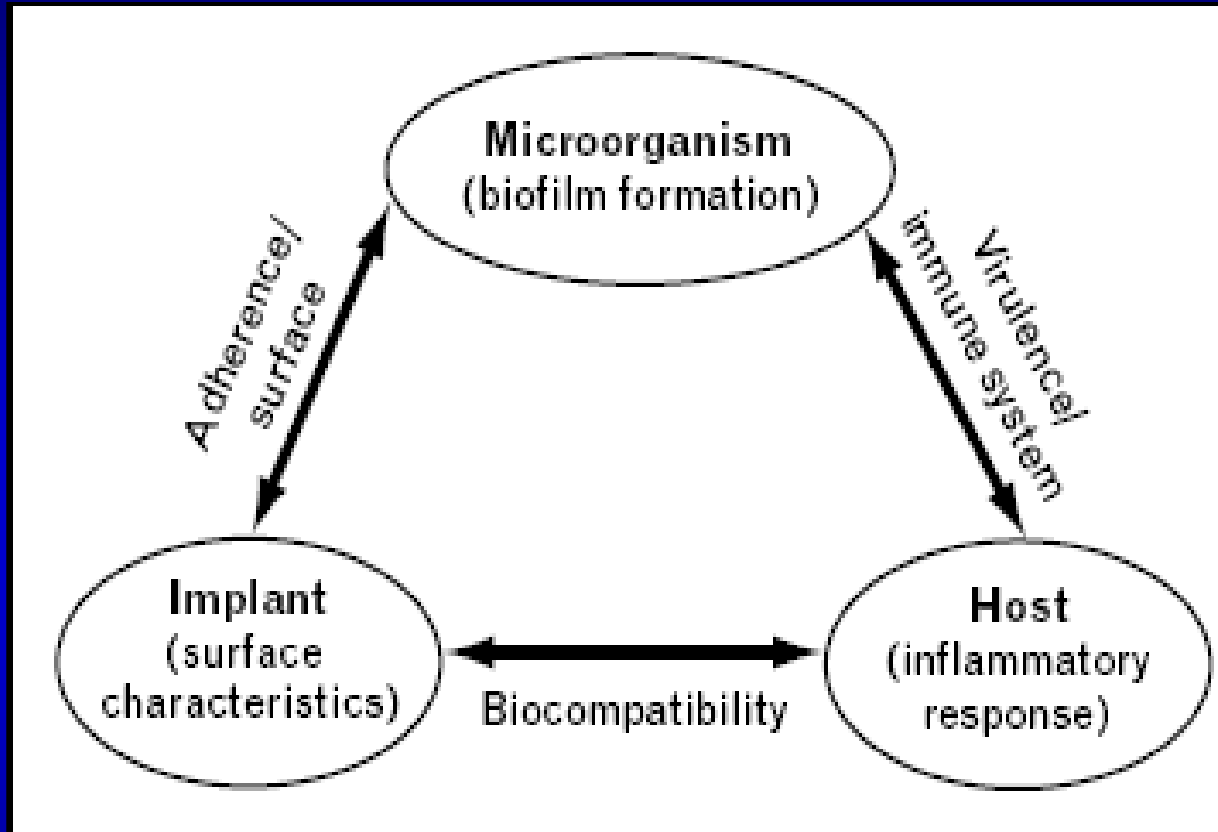
***Louis Pasteur***

# Role of Biofilm= Basic Survival Mechanism for Microorganism



Decrease the number of bugs colonies

# Basic Principle of the pathogenesis of implant-associated infections



Interaction between the microorganism, the implant and the host

*Infection associated with orthopedic implant , Trampuz, Curr Opin Inf Dis, 2006*

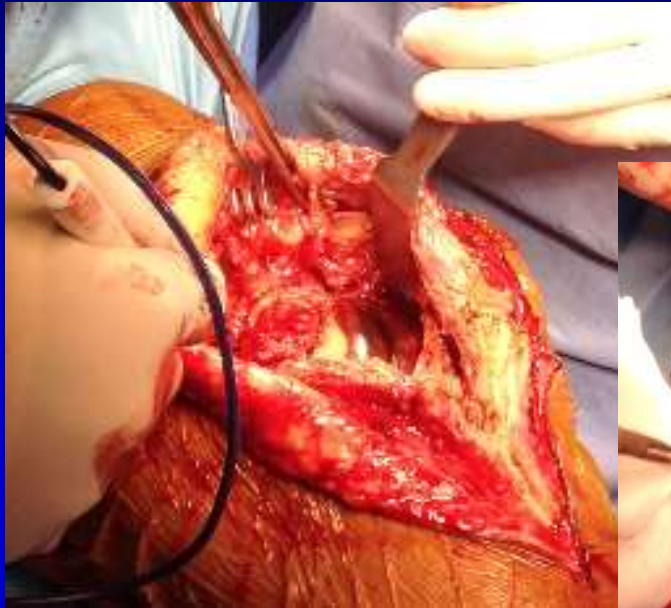
# How ?

First step : remove everything and spacer

Second step: in between

Third step :reimplantation

1. Approach: always the same  
Skin: lateral  
Extensive subvastus approach



**Remove all  
fibrous tissue**

## 2. Implant removal

Not always a slam dunk!





# My main problem: cement removal



# Spacer? Consensus Phili

Articulating spacers provide better function and is especially preferred for patients who are likely to have spacer in place for longer than 3 months.

There is a non-significant trend in range of motion improvement with articulating compared to non-articulating spacers, but the panels believes that this is still of value to the patient

No difference in terms of infection control

Non articulated spacers when too much bone loss

**Consensus 3: reimplantation is easier with articulated spacers**

# Different manufacturers



Thoracic  
Drain to build  
the quill



# Antibiotic loaded

individualized for each patient based on the organism profile and antibiogram (if available) as well as the patient's renal function and allergy profile.

Vancomycin (1- 4 gm per 40 gm/ 40 gr package of cement)

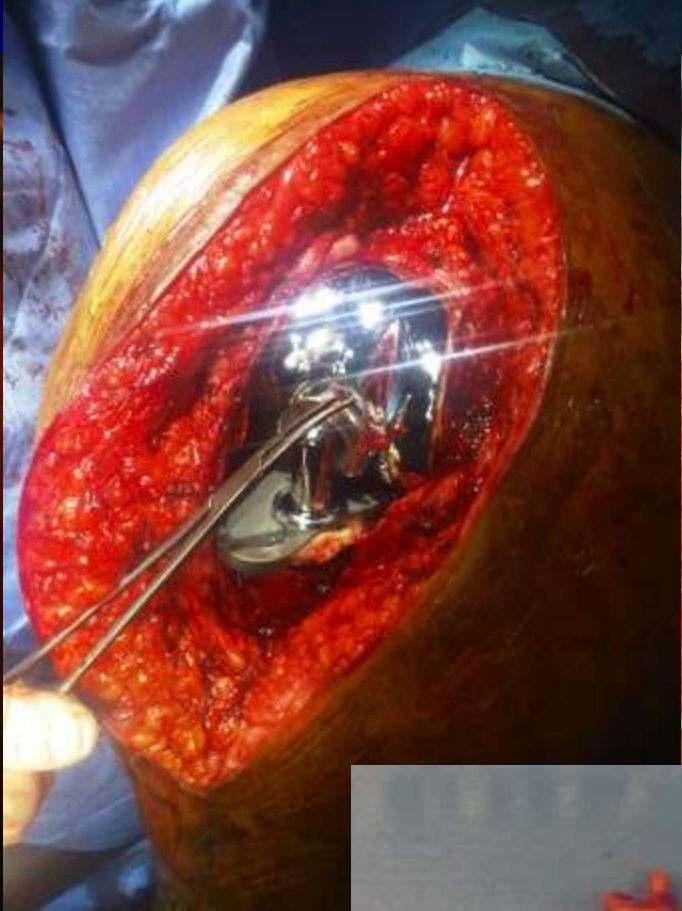
Tobramycin (2.4-4.8 gms per 40 gm package of cement)

Gentamicin (1- 4 gm per 40 gm package of cement)

72 years-old lady  
Loosed hinged  
Suspicion of infection







# Antibiotic loaded spacer





How long  
should we  
keep the  
spacer?



# Skin: Gastrocnemius flap



Two stage revision : first stage

« If you think about it, that means that you need it »



# How long in between?

**Consensus:** There is no definitive evidence in the literature as to the optimal time interval between the two stages. Reports vary from 2 weeks to several months.

More than 6 months: sub-optimal functional results

# Classical protocol

Adapted Antibiotic therapy lasting 4 to 6 weeks with subsequent cessation of antibiotics for 2 to 8 weeks prior to reimplantation

The need for serologic evaluation, synovial fluid analysis, and culture of joint fluid aspirate prior to reimplantation is unclear.

A change in value from those conducted at the time of resection was a helpful indicator though

# Third step : reconstruction

## **Manage**

Approach

Implant, cement or TM removal

Joint line, alignment and stability

Bone loss

Extensor mechanism

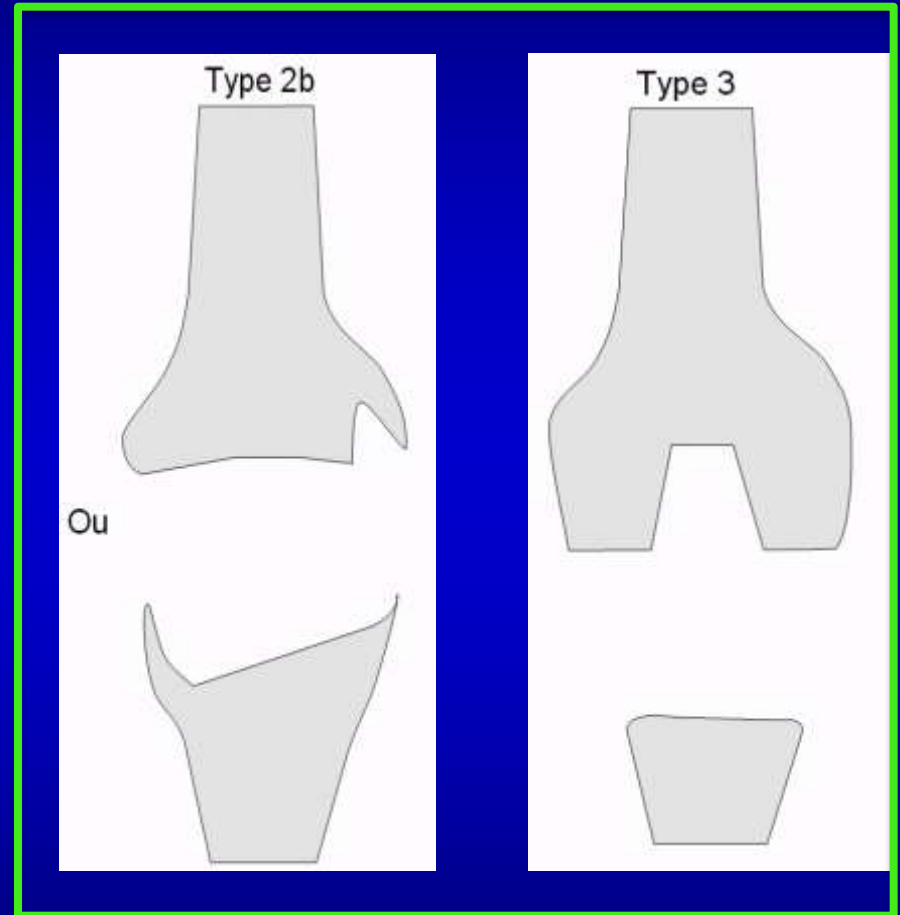
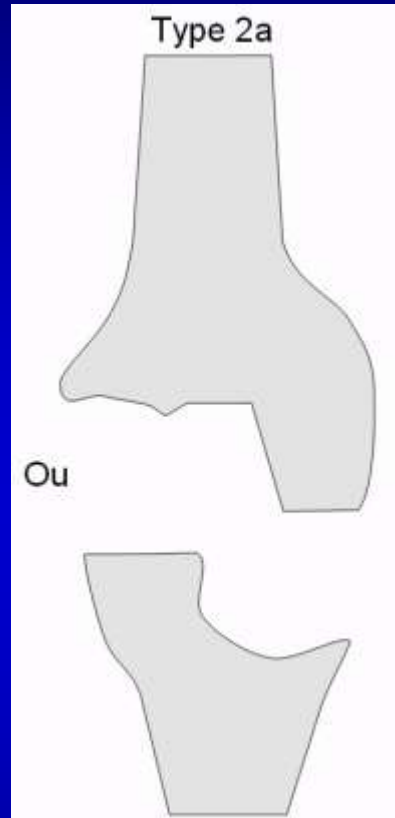
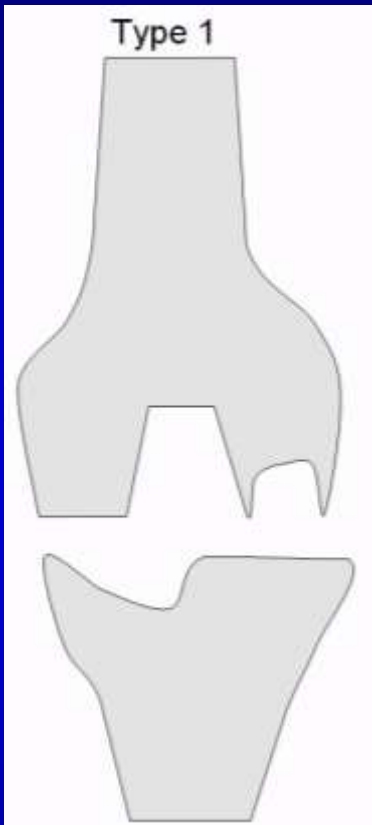
Skin

## 4. Bone loss: Big Hole





# Type of bone loss

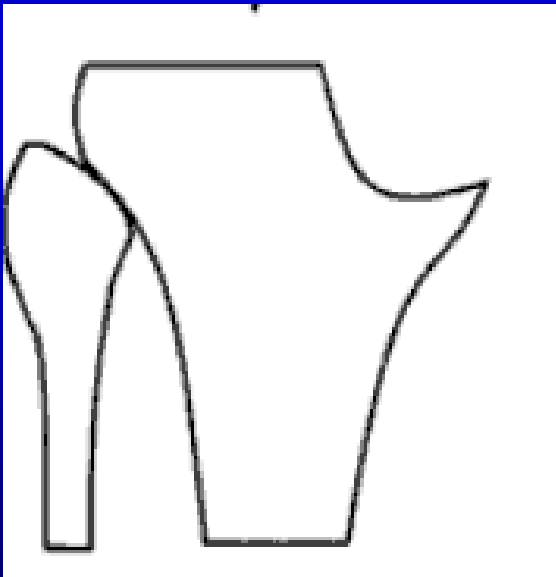


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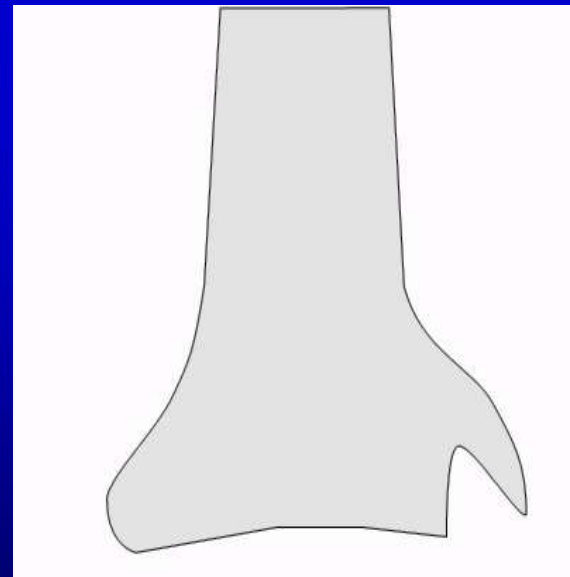


# consequence 1

1. Segmental = rebuild
2. Cavitary: fill



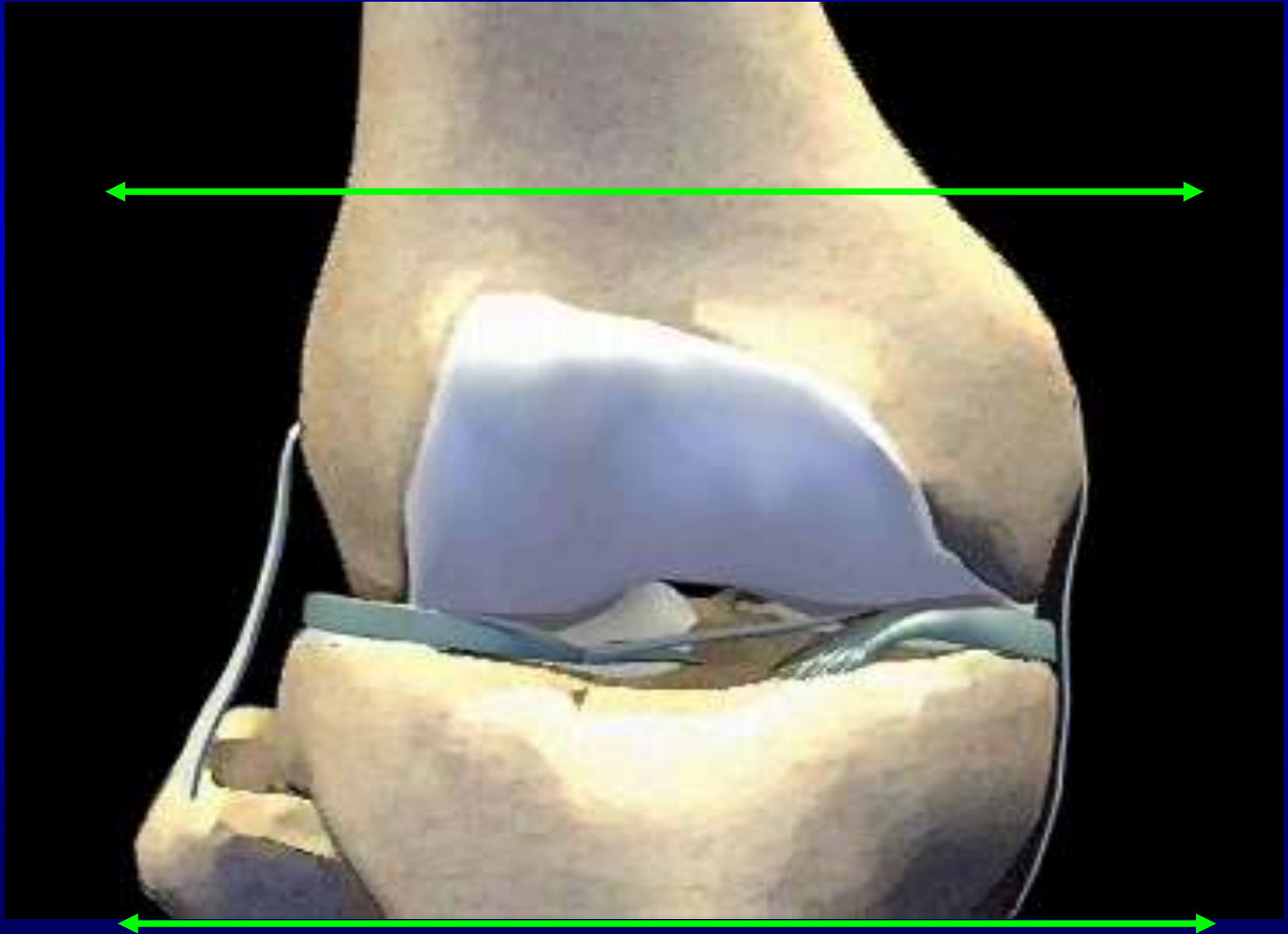
Tibia



Femur

# Consequence 2

No ligament any more => RHK



# LPS flex



# CCK



# RHK



One surgical challenge

Restauration of a  
strong and long  
lasting metaphysal  
support





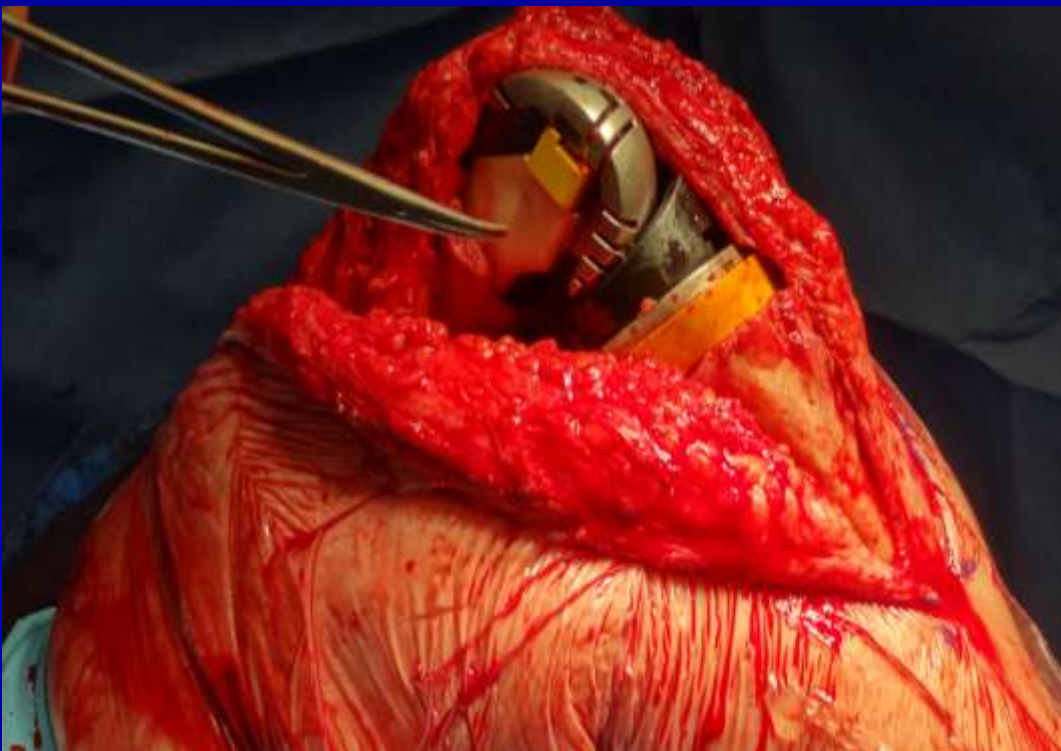


# Femoral Epiphysal reconstruction

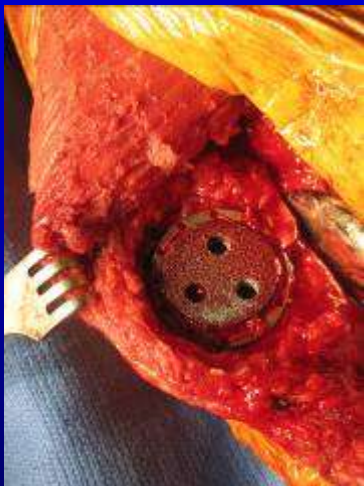




# Augments



Not always easy



# Results

Our results : 81 % at five years for staph A

Parratte S et al. SOFCOT 2004

85 % at five years , and 78% at 10 years

*Clin Orthop Relat Res. 2012 Oct;470(10):2730-6..*

***Assessing the gold standard: a review of 253 two-stage revisions for infected TKA.*** Mahmud T, Lyons MC, Naudie DD, Macdonald SJ, McCalden RW.

# **Conclusion**

**Consensus Philadelphia: J Parvizi**

**Team work**

**2 surgical stages**

**In between: crucial**