

# 5 Joints Webinar Series

The Foot & Ankle

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With Master Trainer Pat Marques



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# Outline

- Introductions – Dr. Kevin Steele
- Overview of the 5 Joints Webinars
- Foot/Ankle Wrapup
- Anatomy
  - Intro to Anatomy
  - Knee Basic Anatomy
- Biomechanics
  - Knee Movement
  - Gait
- Functional Movements
- NeuroBiomechanics
- Assessment
  - In person
  - Online
- Drills and Tips
- Q&A

# Introduction

- Dr. Grove Higgins
  - Chiropractor & Soft Tissue Practitioner
  - Speaker and Educator
  - Functional Anatomy Instructor
  - Strength & Conditioning
  - Research
    - Biomechanics Gait and Foot Development
    - Anatomy of Lower Leg Modeling
    - Exercise & Hormonal Response
  - Been in Medicine Since 1993
- Patrick Marques
  - Lt. Col. USA Ret.
  - MS Exercise Science, CPT, ZHealth Master Trainer & Instructor
  - Speaker and Educator
  - Corrective Exercise Therapist
  - Research
    - Exercise & Hormonal Response, Sleep

# Introduction

- Neuroathlete
  - Use a “Neural Lens” to address performance, pain, and recovery
  - Online – assessment and training all over the world
    - USA, Sweden, & 18,000ft on Mt Everest
  - Clinic – manual therapy, chiropractic, exercise therapy, neuropsychology
  - Work with trainers online and provide mentoring and tools

# 5 Joints



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Thursdays

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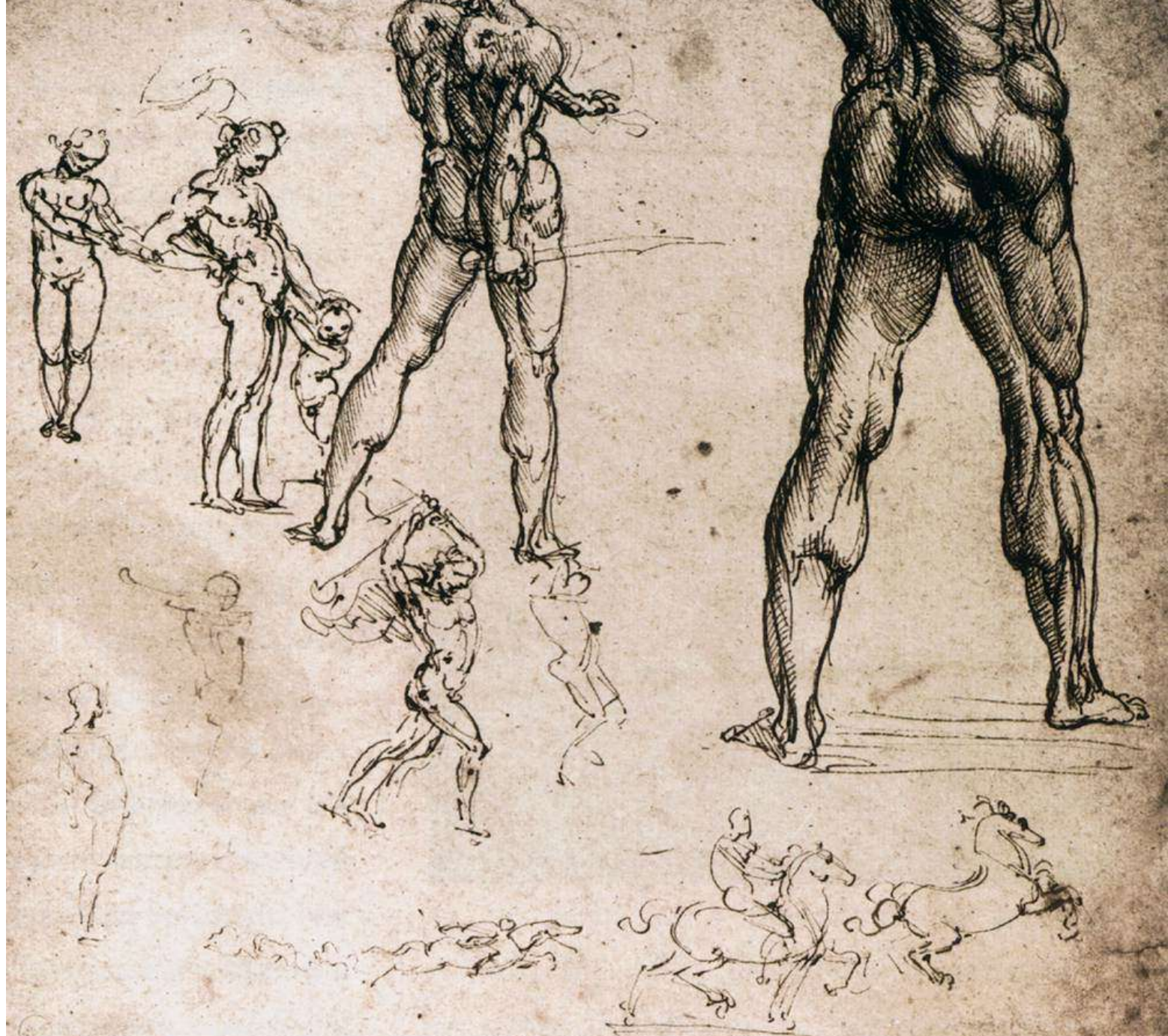
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# Anatomy of the Knee

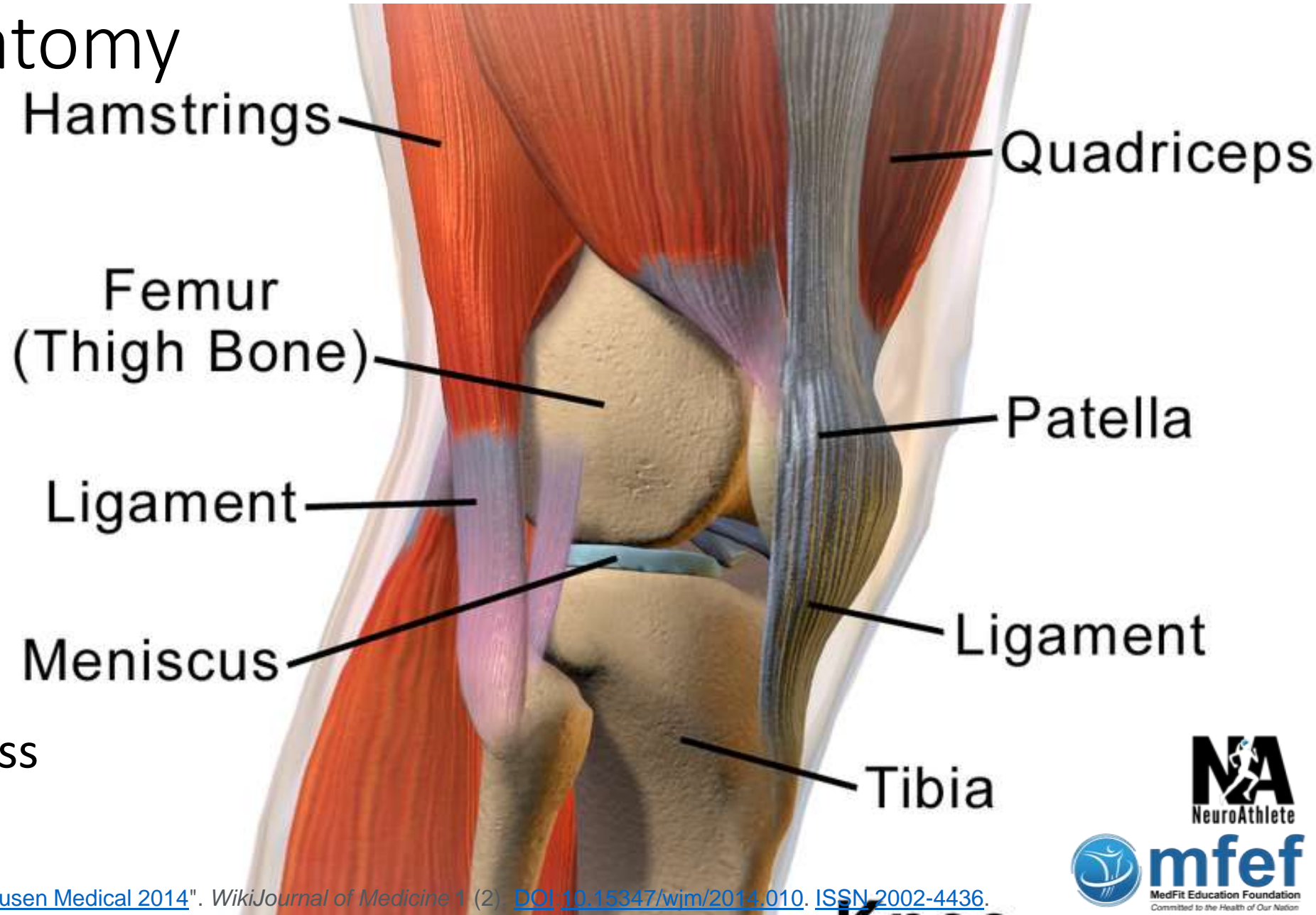






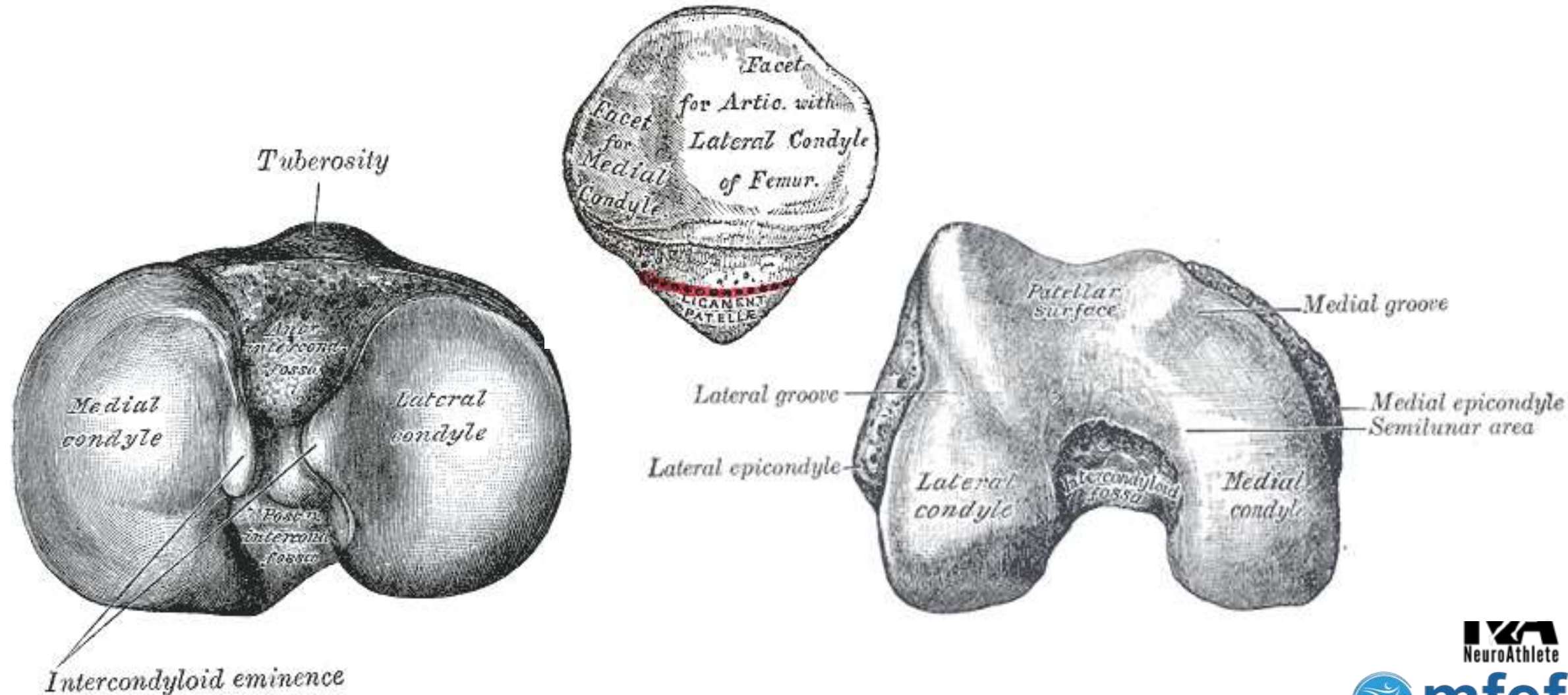
# Knee – Anatomy

- 3 Joints
- 4 Major Ligaments
- Extensive Capsule
- Articular Cartilage
- Meniscus
- 13 Muscles Cross
- 2 Major Nerves



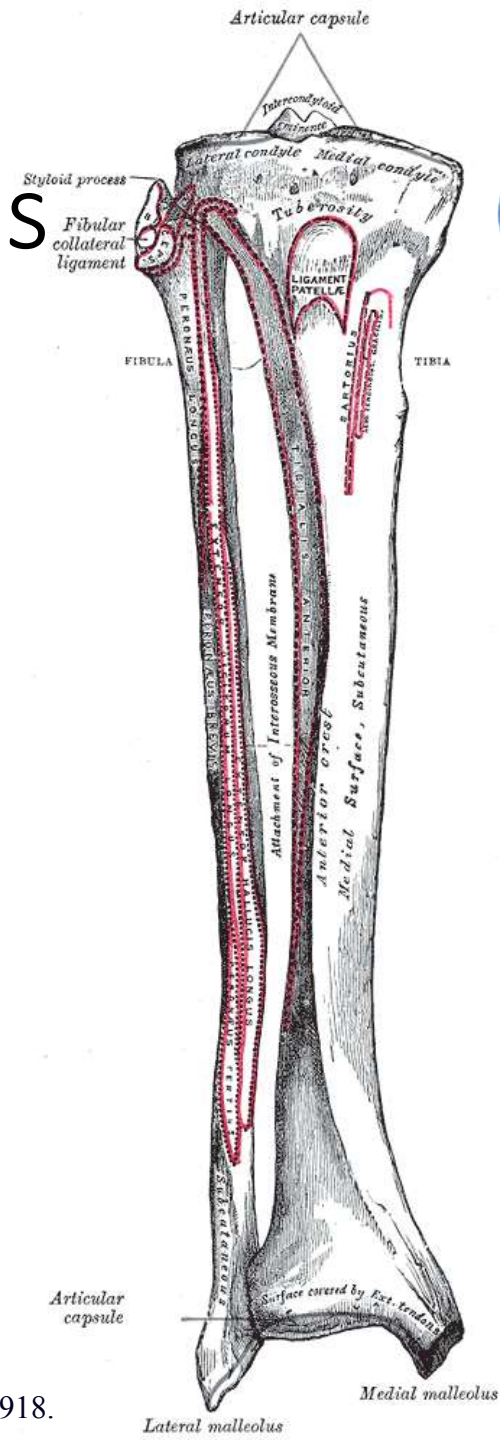
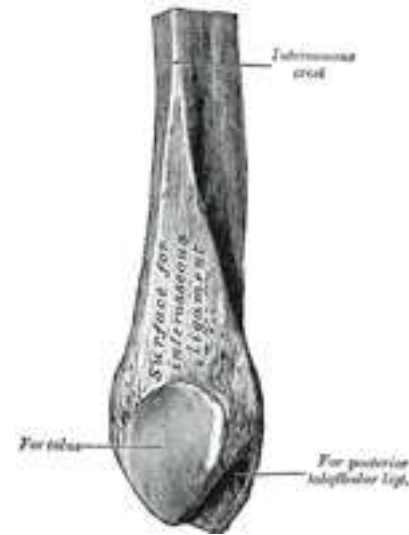
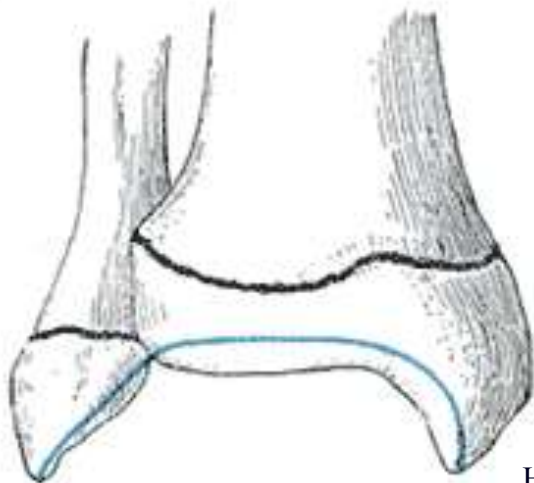


# Knee – Bones Articular Surfaces



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# Knee – Meniscus

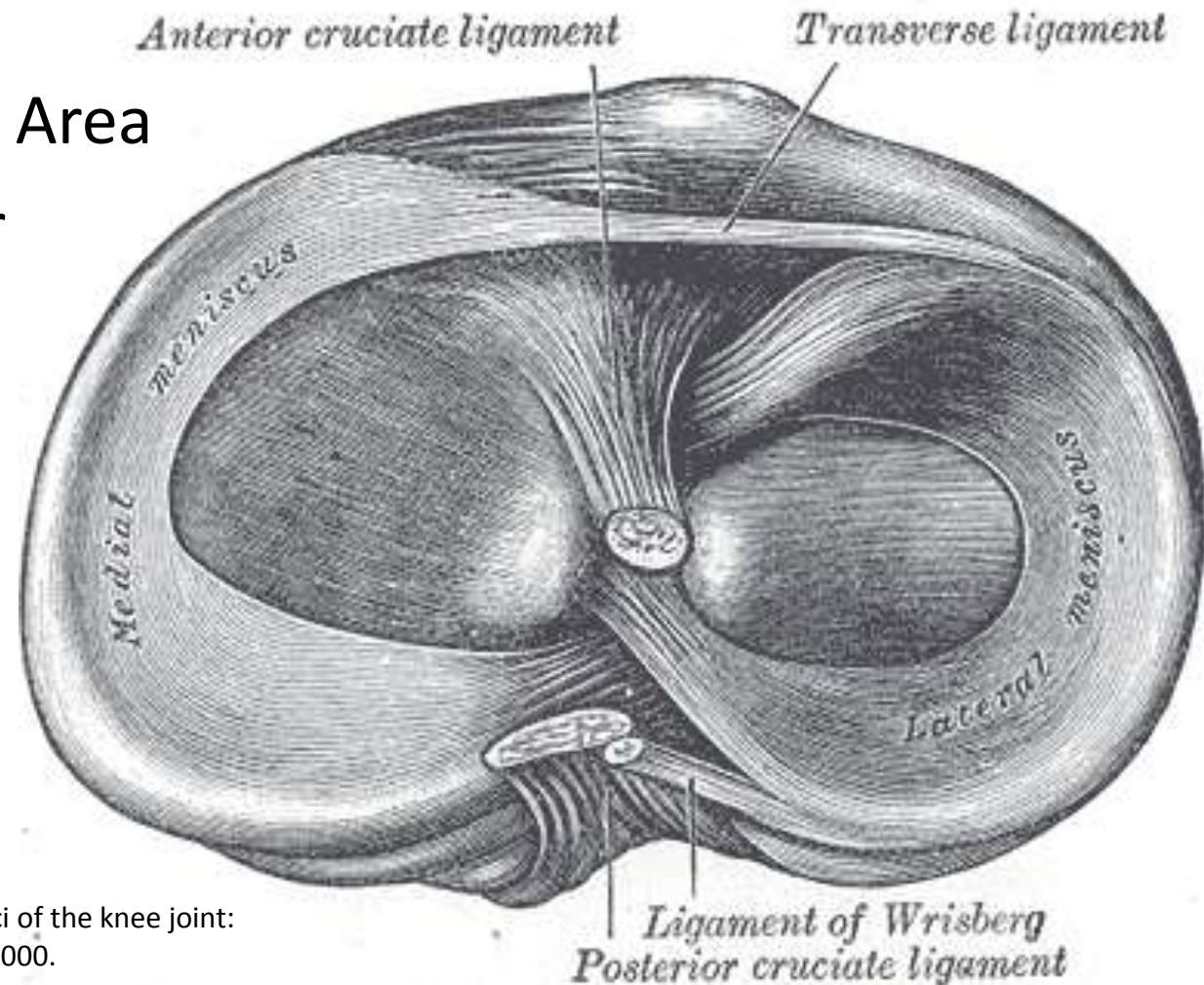


- Increase Functional Surface Area  
For Femur
- Disperse Bodyweight
- Disperse Impact
- Sensory Inside the Knee

“Pacinian and Ruffini corpuscles as well as free nerve endings...

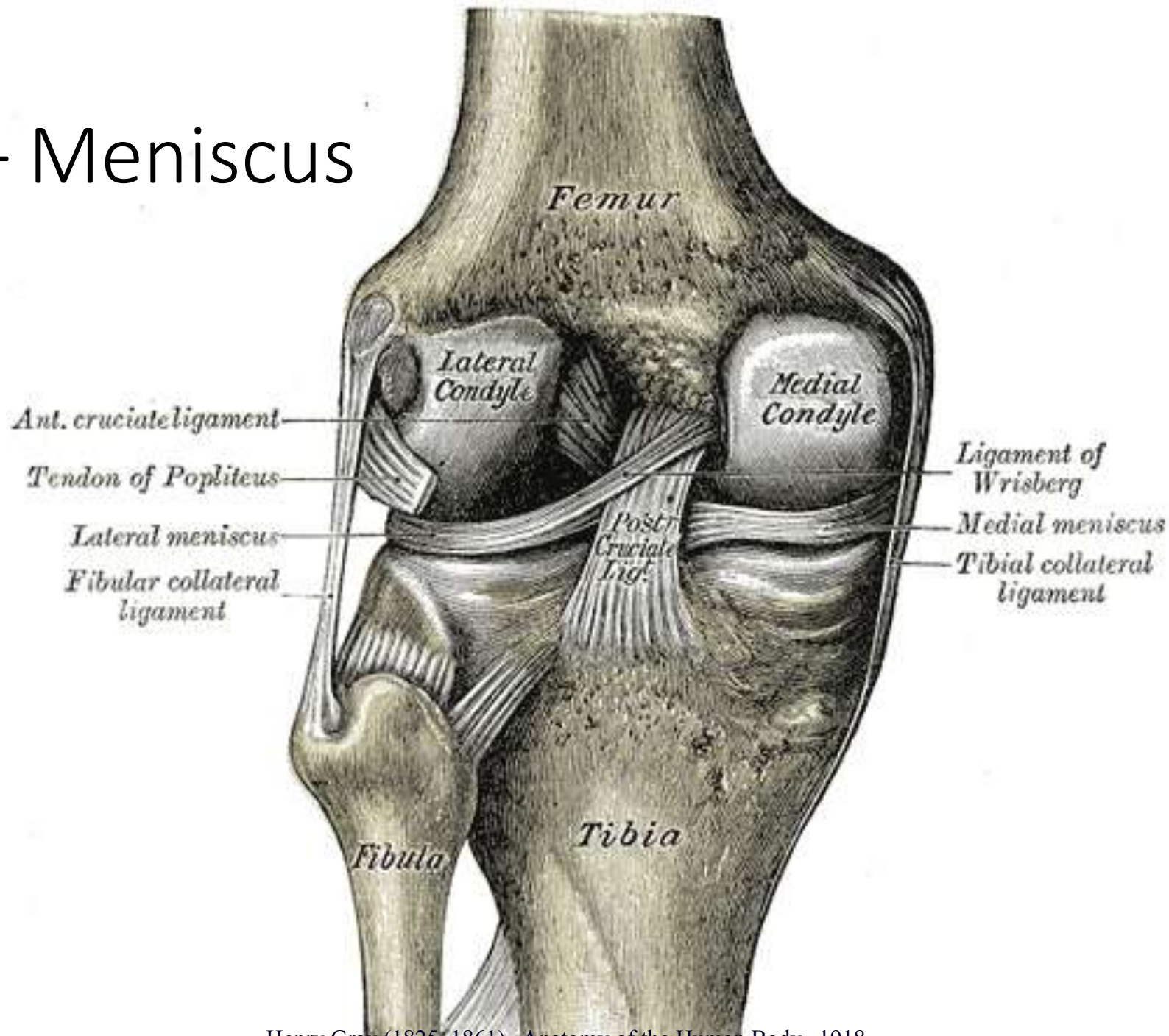
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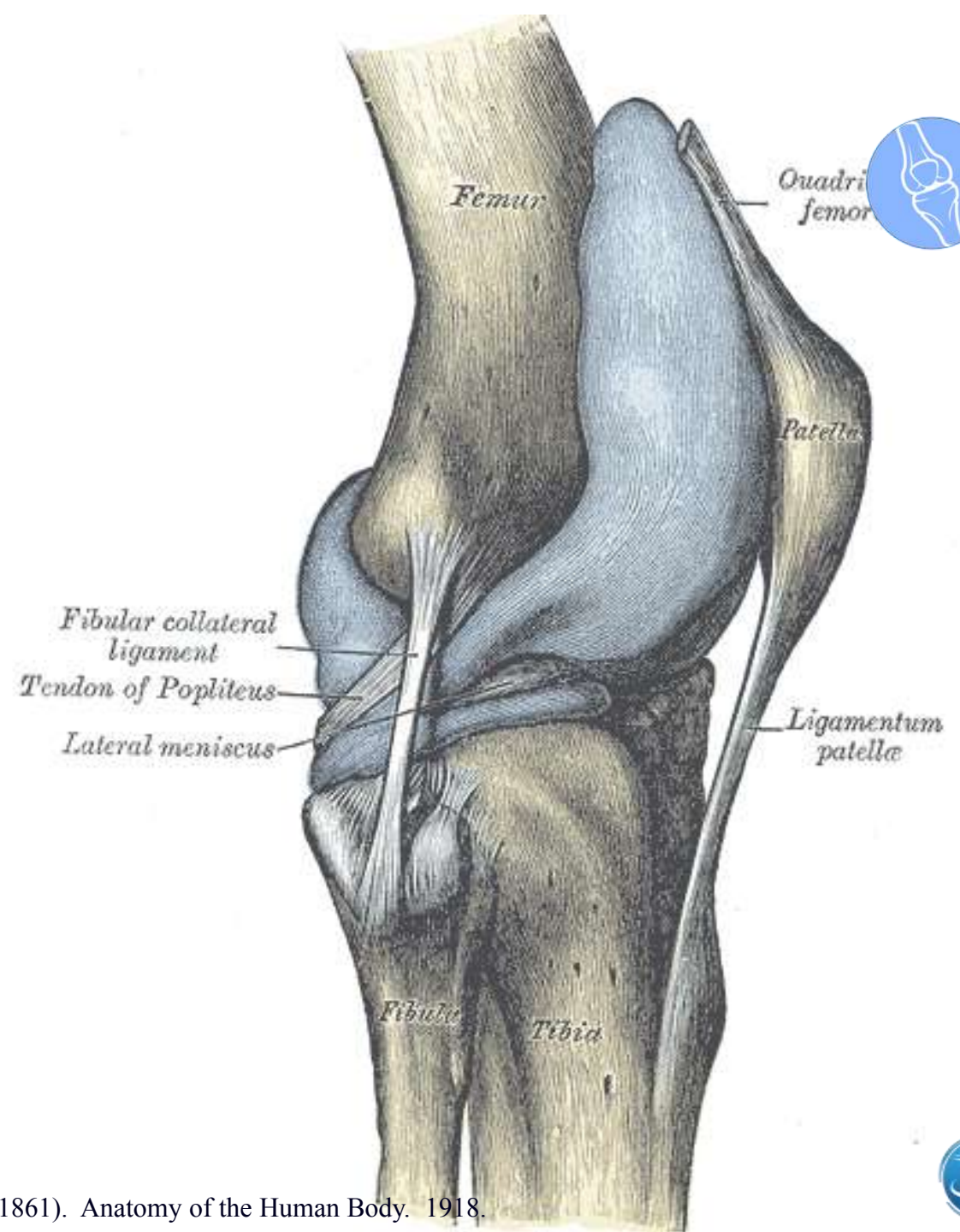
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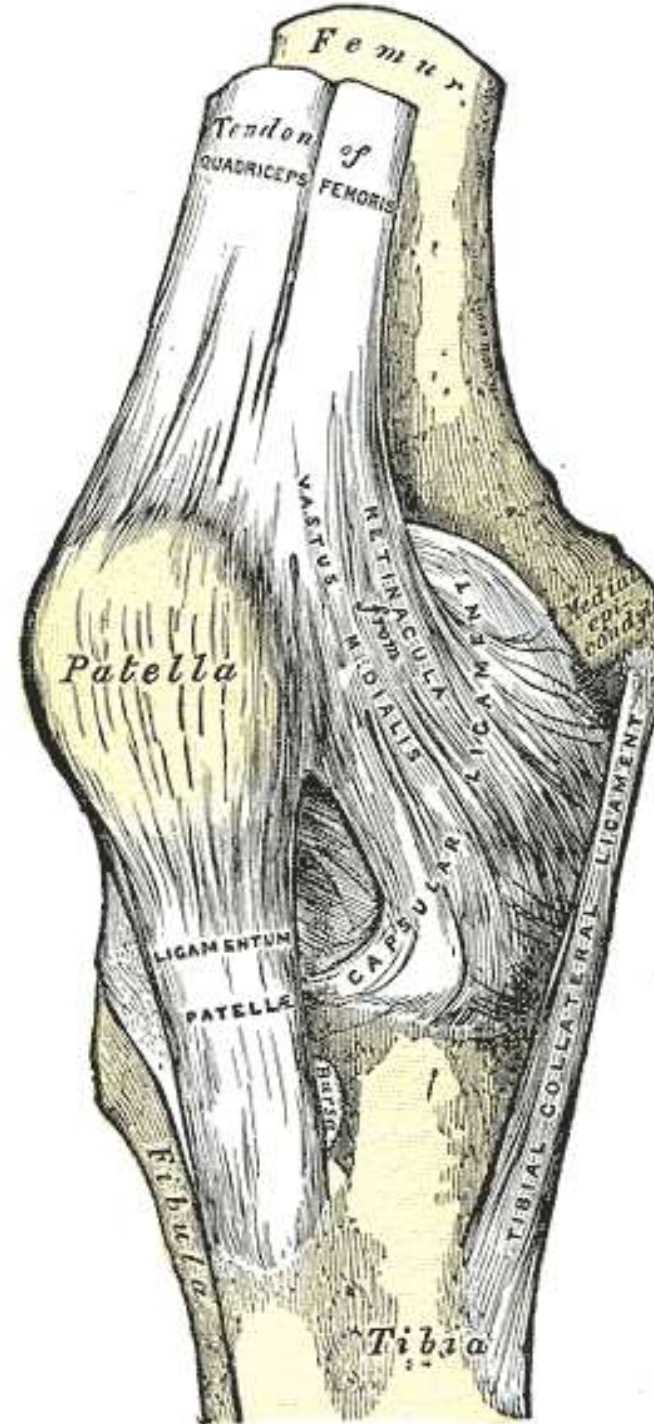
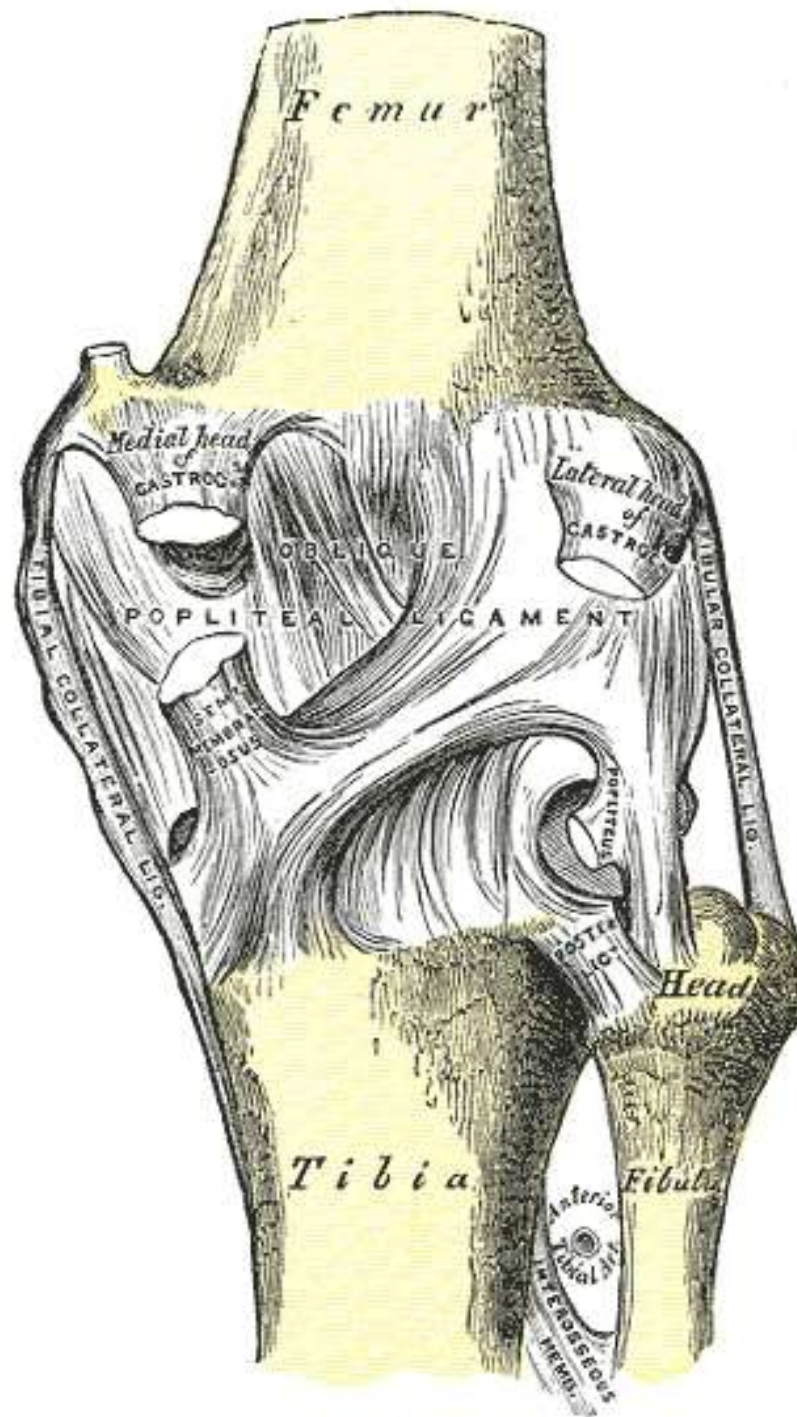
# Knee – Bursas

- Decrease Friction





# Knee – Capsule





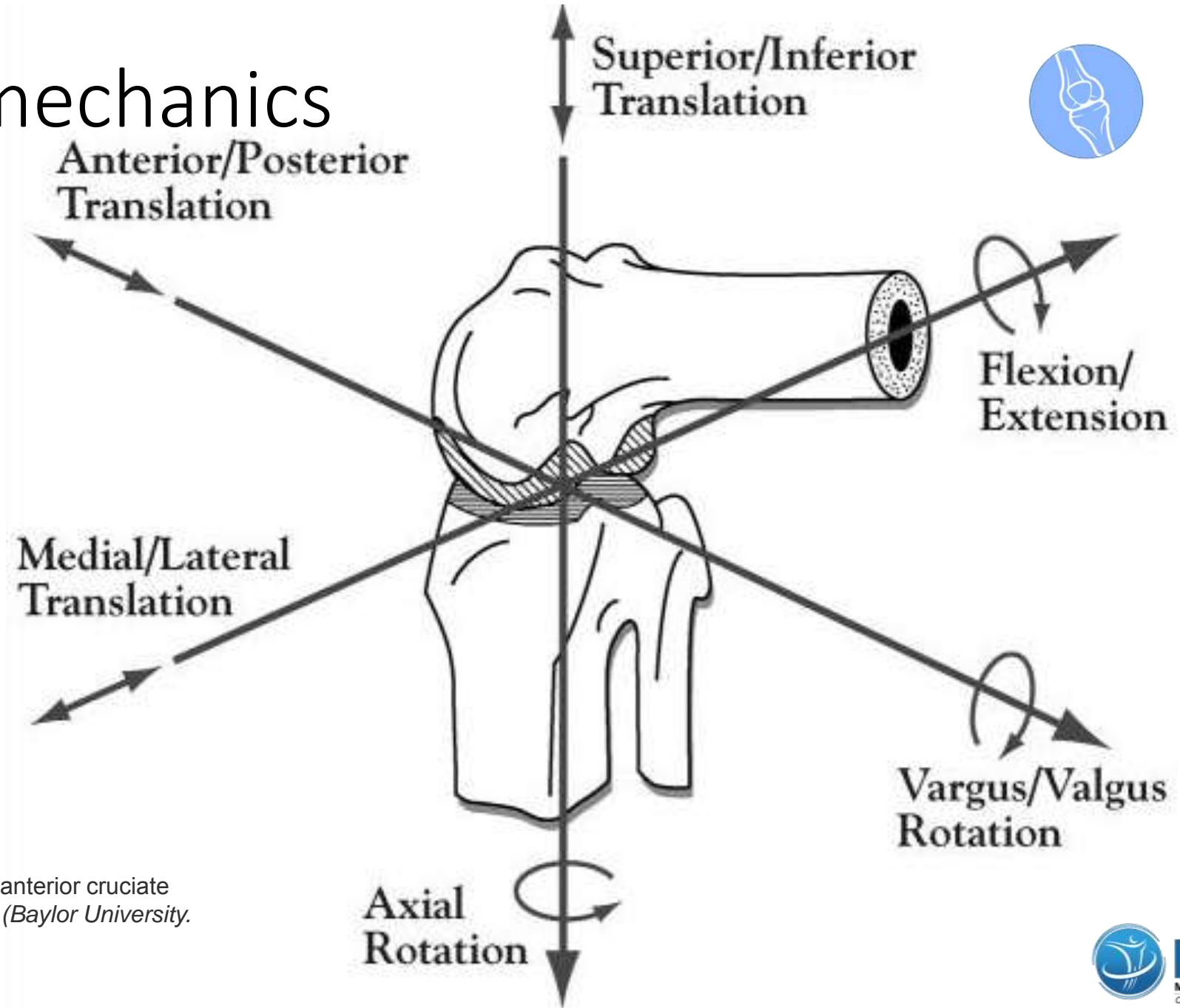
# BIOMECHANICS POP QUIZ!!



Is it safe to squat or lunge with your  
knees over your toes?

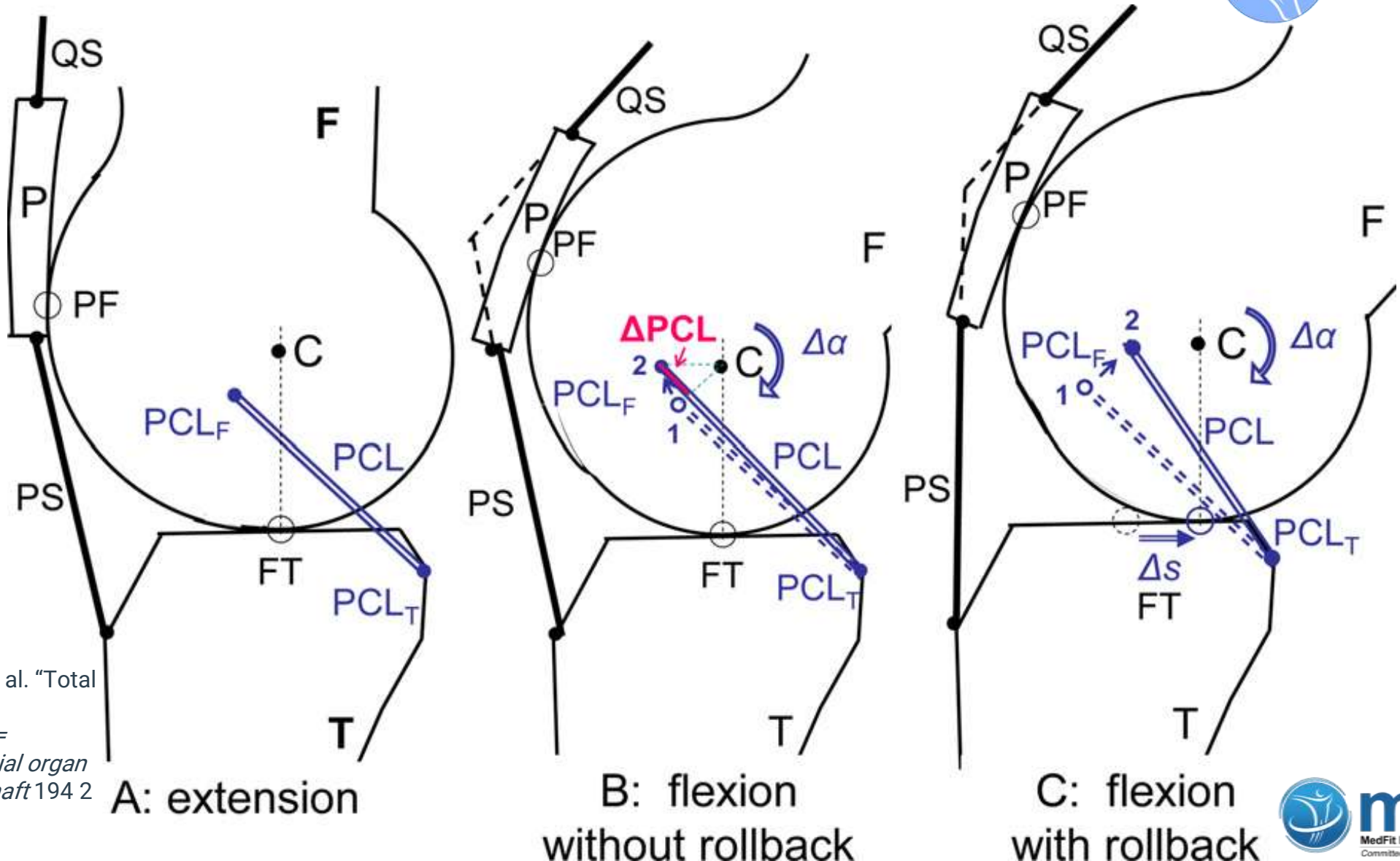
# Knee – Biomechanics

## 6 Degrees of Freedom



Komdeur, Prashant et al. "Dynamic knee motion in anterior cruciate impairment: a report and case study." *Proceedings (Baylor University Medical Center)* vol. 15,3 (2002): 257-9.  
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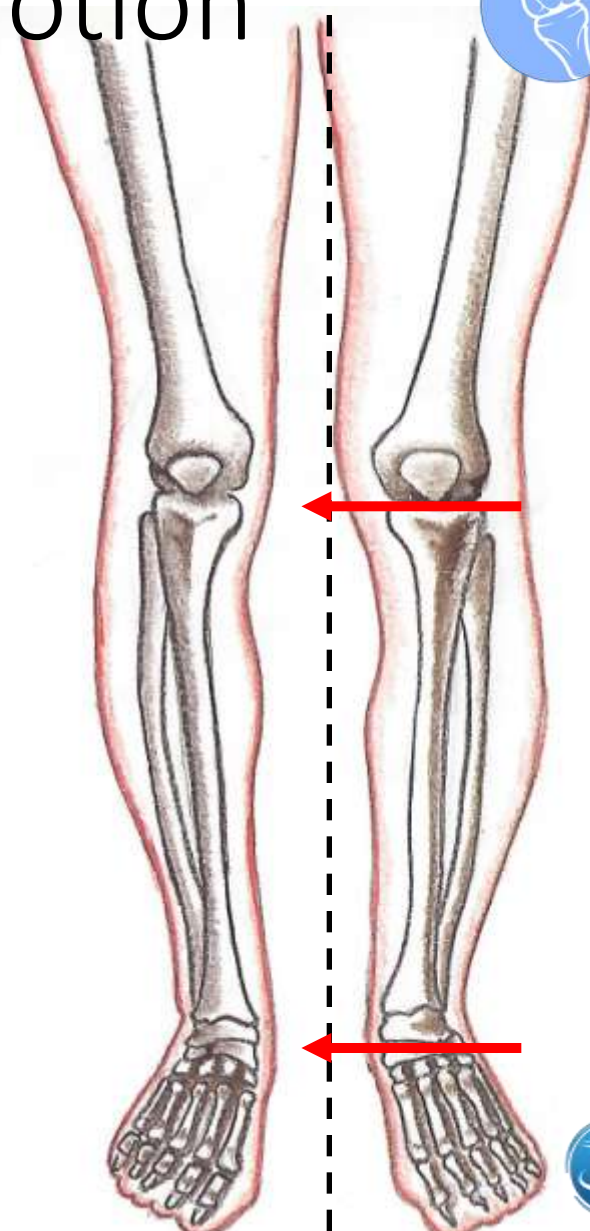
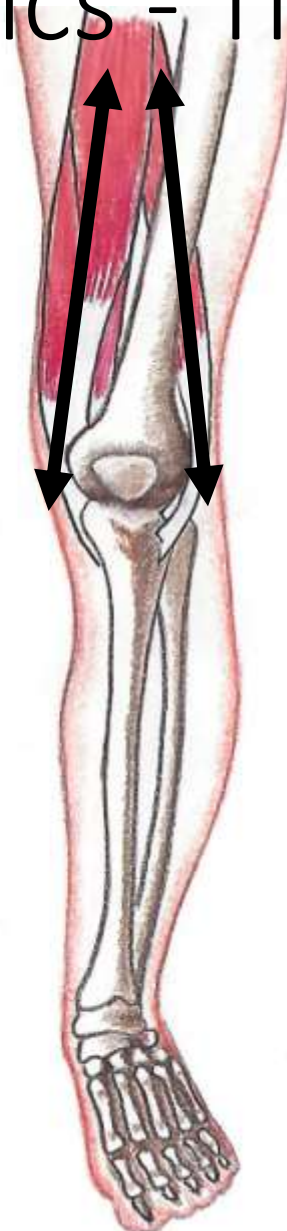
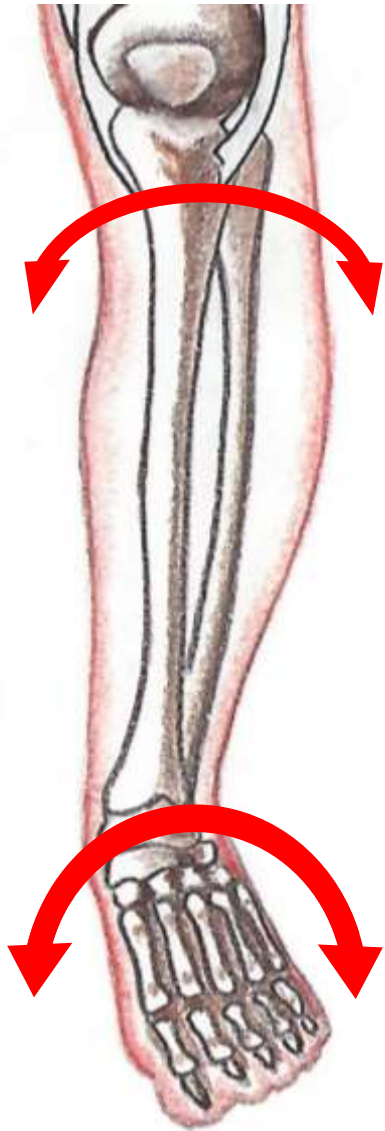
# Knee – Biomechanics



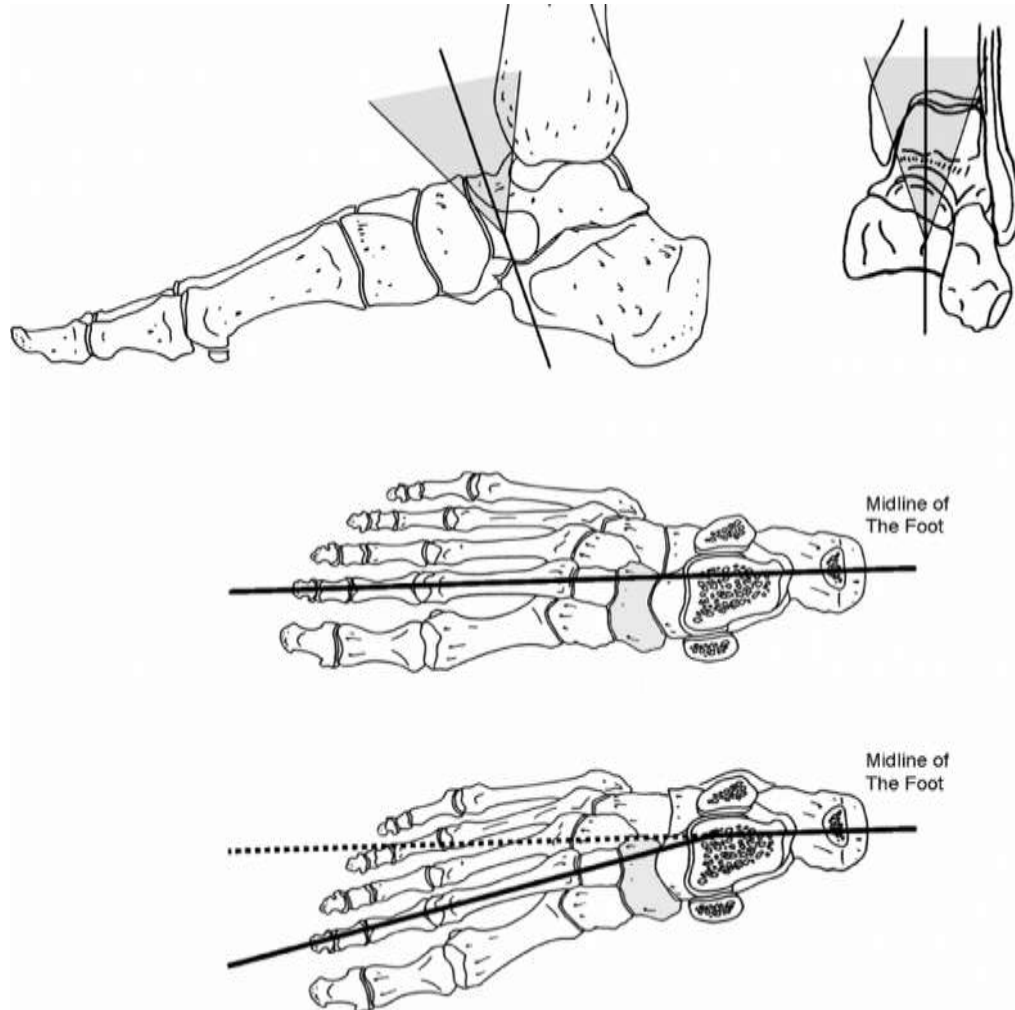
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# Knee – Biomechanics - Tibial Motion

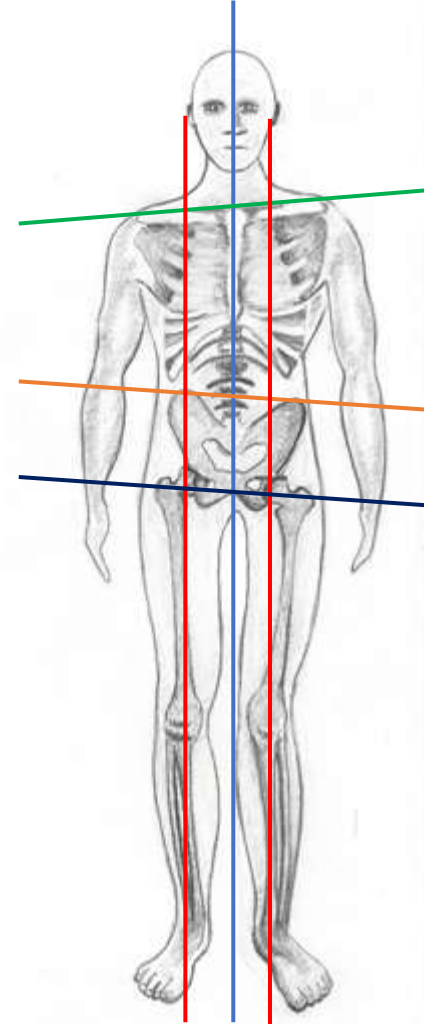
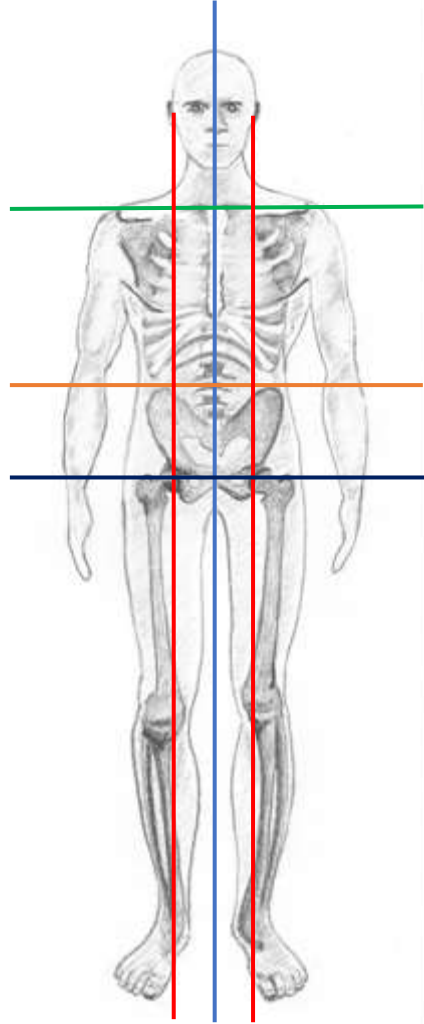


# Talonavicular Joint



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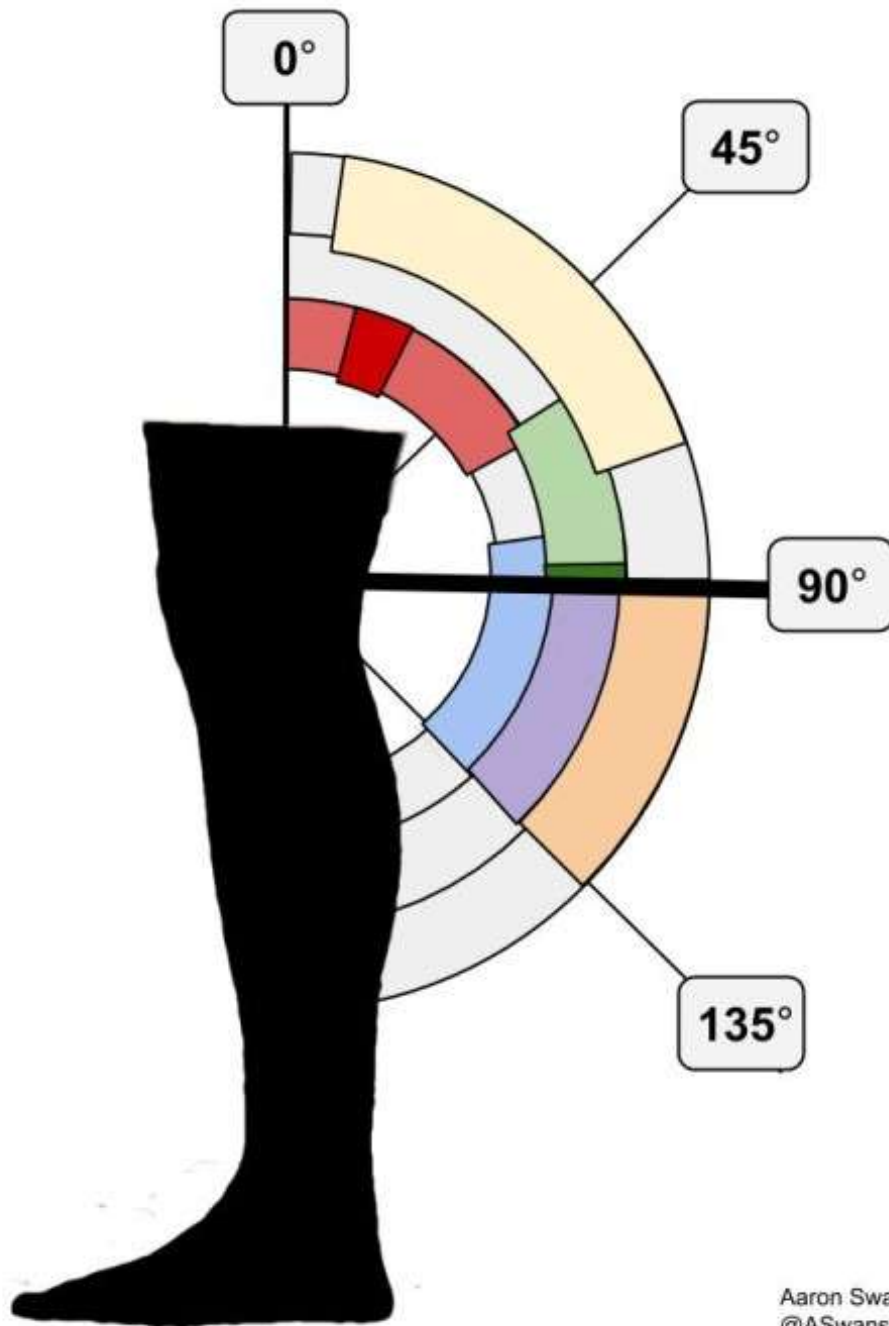
# Foot & Ankle – Posture & Gait





# Degrees of Knee Flexion During the Deep Squat

|        |                                |
|--------|--------------------------------|
| 0-60   | Maximum Anterior Shear Forces  |
| 15-30  | Peak ACL Shear Forces          |
| 10-70  | Maximum Hamstring EMG          |
| 80+    | Maximum Quadriceps EMG         |
| 50-90  | Maximum Posterior Shear Forces |
| ~90    | Maximum PCL Shear Forces       |
| 90-130 | Maximum Compressive Forces     |
| 90+    | Maximum Glute EMG              |



Patellofemoral joint contact area increases with knee flexion and weight-bearing. Besier TF, Draper CE, Gold GE, Beaupré GS, Delp SL. J Orthop Res. 2005 Mar;23(2):345-50.

<http://www.aaronswansonpt.com/the-deep-squat-part-1-the-good-the-bad-the-not-so-ugly/>

# Questions?



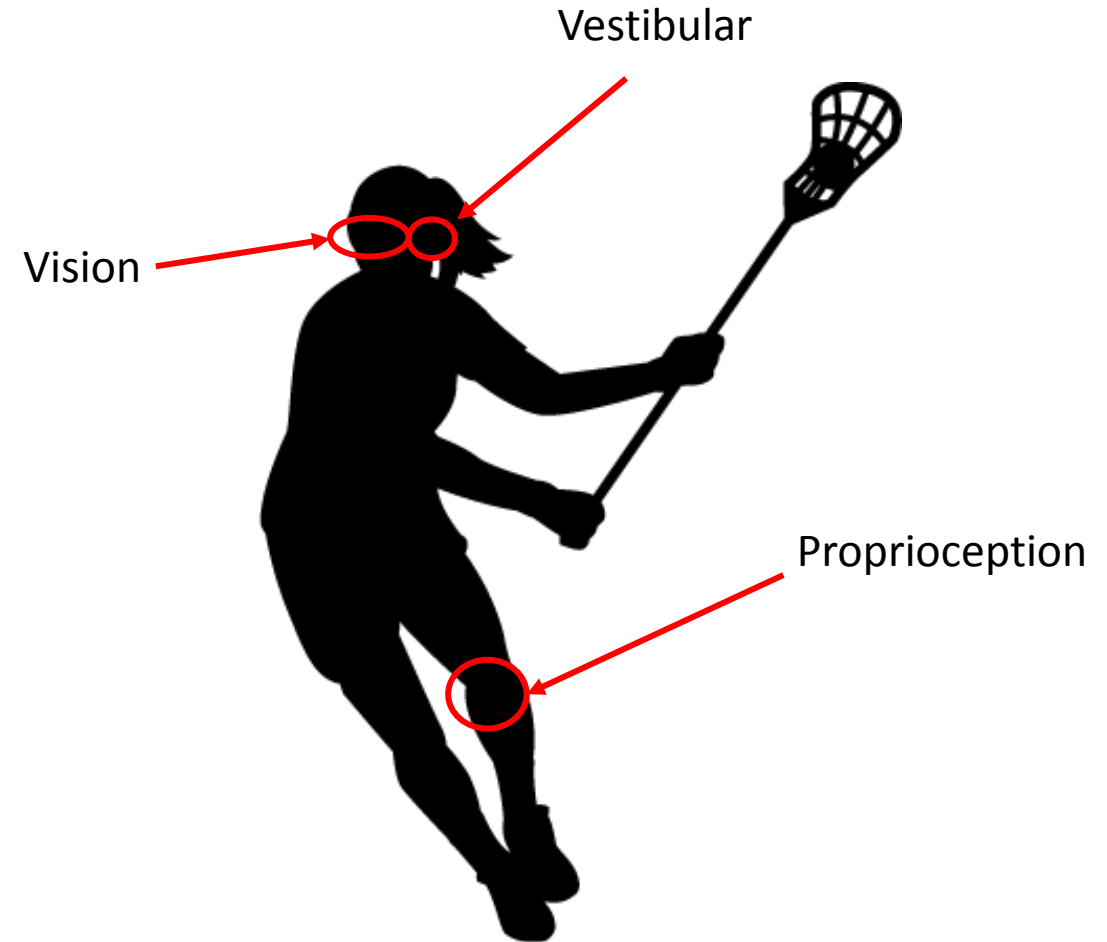
Who am I? How did I come into  
the world? Why was I not  
consulted?

~ Soren Kierkegaard

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# NeuroBiomechanics of the Knee

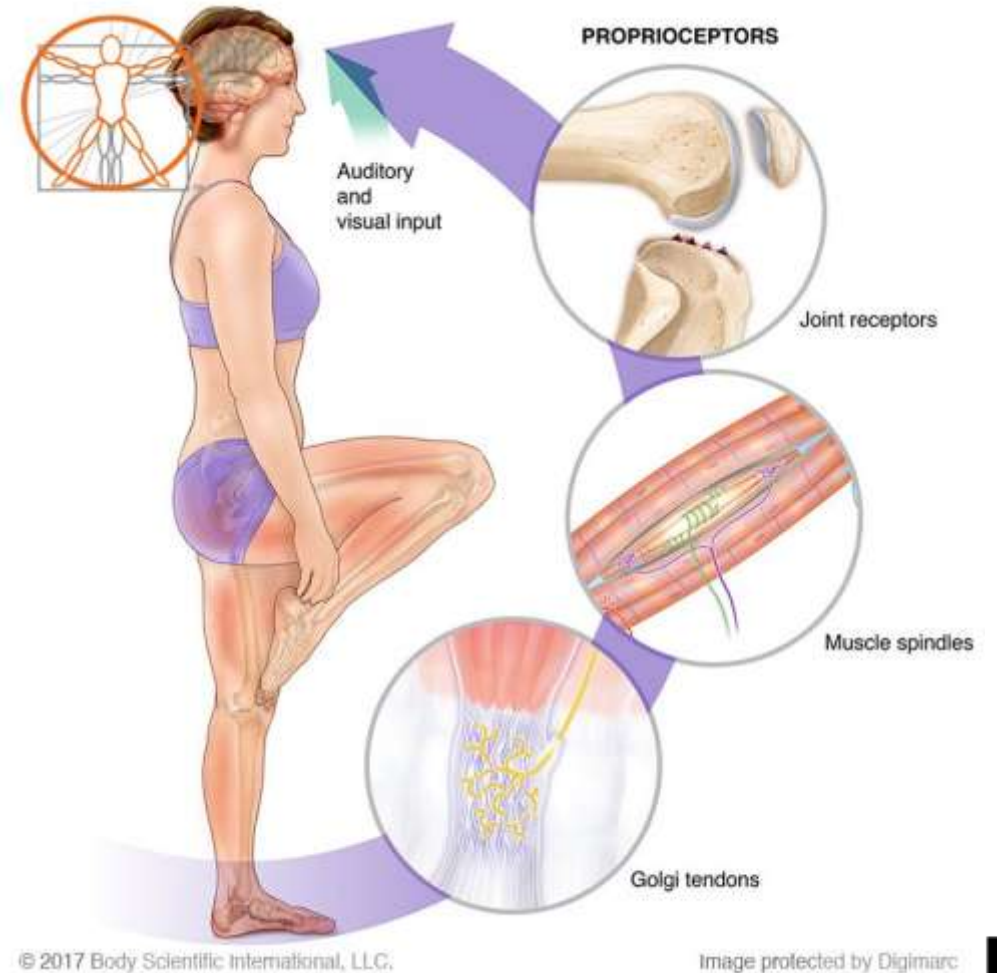
- Good balance & movement requires input from 3 systems:
  - Vision
  - Vestibular
  - Proprioception
- Your Brain is the GPS, these systems are the satellites





# NeuroBiomechanics of the Knee

- Proprioception
  - Lives in the brain
  - Your brain's 3D map of you in time and space
- Nerve endings that provide many different type of information to the nervous system such as:
  - Mechanoreceptors (*\*end ROM = more input!*)
  - Chemoreceptors
  - Thermoreceptors
  - Baroreceptors
  - Electromagnetic Receptors
  - Nociceptors



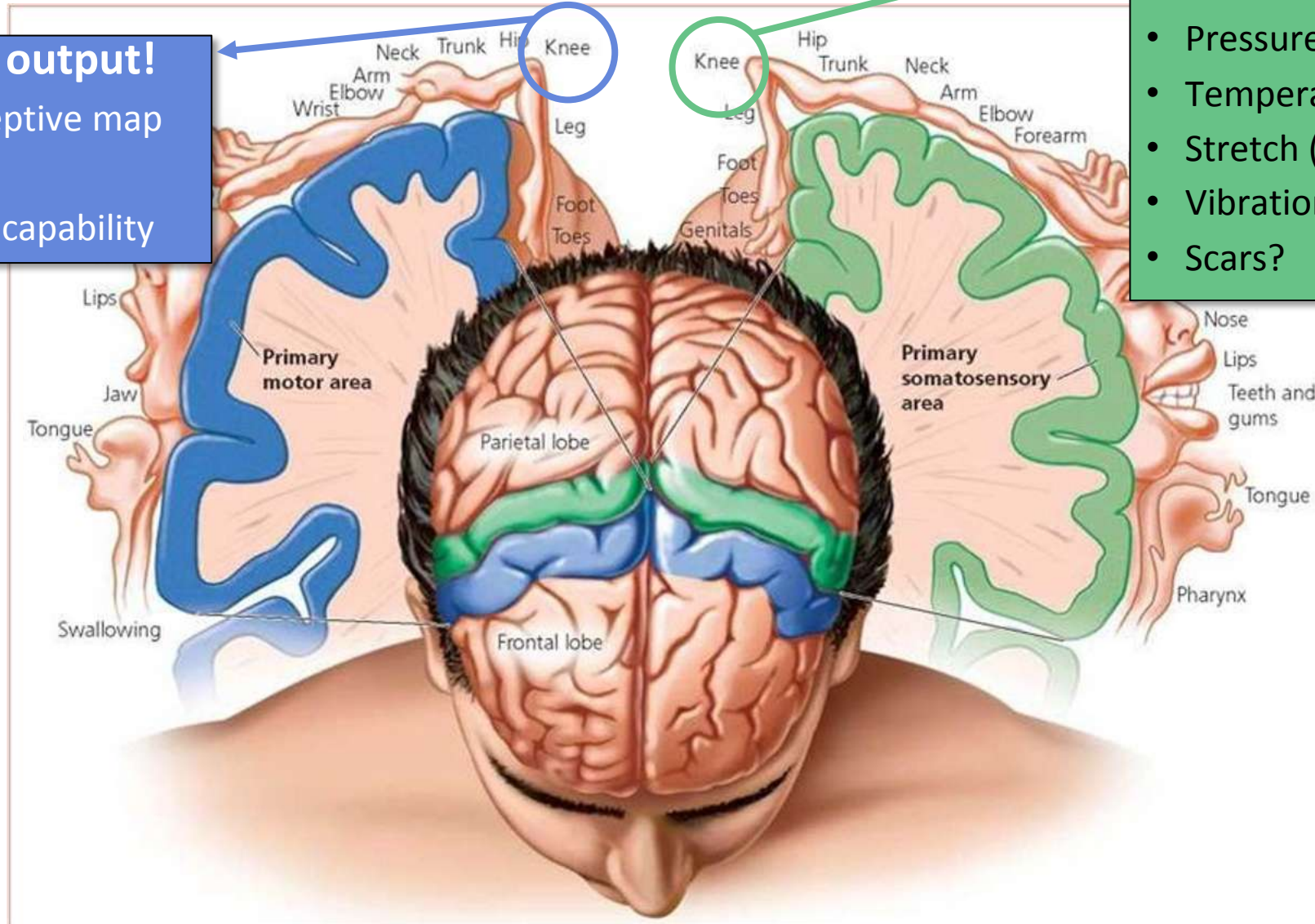
# NeuroBiomechanics of the Knee

## 2. Better Motor output!

- Clearer proprioceptive map
- Less threat
- Better predictive capability

## 1. Increased sensory input:

- Skin Stimulation
- Pressure (wraps)
- Temperature (hot/cold)
- Stretch (kinesiology tape)
- Vibration
- Scars?



# NeuroBiomechanics of the Foot

- Assessments:
  - Squat or Lunge (quality/depth)
  - Active Pain-Free ROM
- Individual Joint Mobility Drills:
  - Tibial Rotations (seated)
  - Tibial Rotations (standing)
  - Knee Circles (hanging)
  - Knee Circles (front lunge)
- Tibial Nerve Glide





# NeuroBiomechanics of the Foot

## • Tibial Rotations (Seated):

- Seated on floor or a bench
- Heel on the ground; ankle at 90°
- Hands on sides of knee, fingers on either side of patellar tendon
- Externally rotate the tibia (shin), by driving the action from the shin bone and pivoting on the heel
- Then internally rotate the tibia
- Repeat for 10-15 repetitions



## • Tibial Rotations (Standing):

- Stand in a slight forward lunge; 60% of weight on the lunging leg
- Keep the hips neutral (no rotation)
- Slowly rotate tibia (shin) back and forth; focus on tibia, not the knee
- Keep the foot flat on the ground, although you should see & feel the arch rising and lowering
- Repeat for 10-15 repetitions



# NeuroBiomechanics of the Foot

- **Knee Circles (Hanging):**

- Standing in neutral stance, lift working leg so hip is flexed to 90°
- Use the hip to initiate a circular motion at the knee
- Focus on the knee – not the foot
- Keep the foot relaxed
- Finish the circle by locking out the knee
- 3-5 reps in each direction



- **Knee Circles (Front Lunge):**

- From front lunge, lock the knee
- Drop knee to inside while bending it
- Continue circle to front over toes
- Circle the knee to the outside as it straightens
- 3-5 reps in each direction



# NeuroBiomechanics of the Foot

## Tibial Nerve Glide Tensioning:

- **Start Position:** Seated on chair or floor with working leg extended, non-working leg folded in
- **Tensioning Sequence:**
  - Ensure working leg is straight out from the hip, not going out at an angle
  - Internally rotate the working leg at the hip
  - Keep the leg straight at the knee
  - Ankle Dorsiflexion (toes toward shin)
  - Ankle Eversion (face bottom of foot outward)
  - Hinge at the hips to bring chest towards knee
  - "Slump" the upper back and neck

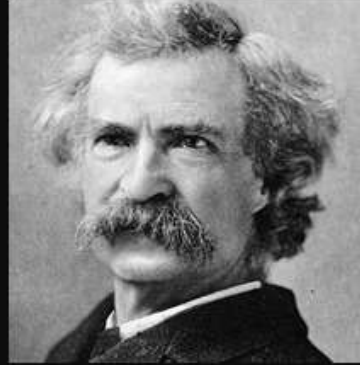
## Tibial Nerve Flossing:

- Taking one joint in and out of the tensioned position:
  - Unlock and lock the knee, or...
  - Let the foot/ankle relax to plantar flexion or...
  - In and out of the spinal "slump"
- 6-8 reps of "flossing"





# Questions?



He who asks is a fool for five minutes, but he who does not ask remains a fool forever.

~ Mark Twain

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