

Use of Opte*form*[®] to Repair Failed Total Knee Prosthesis with Osteolysis

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Presentation

A 58-year-old, 335 pound female with bilateral total knee arthroplasties was seen three weeks after a fall. On examination, the right knee was found to be painful with laxity in both the A/P and M/L planes. Radiographs showed a large osteolytic lesion in the lateral femoral condyle (Figure 1). The patient elected to have revision right total knee arthroplasty.

Operation

The femoral and tibial components were removed. A large osteolytic defect was found in the lateral femoral condyle and a much smaller defect in the lateral tibial plateau. Defect sizes were 4cm deep by 3cm wide and 1cm deep by 1cm wide respectively.





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Fig.1 Pre-operative: large osteolytic defect in the lateral condyle.

Fig.2 Six weeks post-operative: Opteform^{*} (white arrows) surrounding femoral head allograft (black arrows).





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A warmed 8cc disk of Opteform* was placed into the proximal portion of the femoral defect. A sagittally split, hemi-femoral head allograft was shaped and impacted into the defect on top of the Opteform^{*}. A second warmed 8cc disk of Opteform^{*} was used to fill in the remaining voids between the allograft and the host bone. The tibial defect was filled with the remainder of Opteform[®]. Femoral and tibial resections were made and Optetrak^{*} total knee components were implanted to complete the revision procedure.

Post-operative Results

Radiographs taken at six weeks post-operatively (Figure 2) showed the femoral head allograft (black arrow) surrounded by Opteform^{*} (white arrows) in the lateral femoral condyle. Three month radiographs showed consolidation of Opteform* in progress around the femoral head allograft and no migration of any component (Figure 3). Clinical examination demonstrated full extension and 110° flexion with no instability in either plane. Flexion at 1 year increased to 115° with continued stability and excellent component position. One year radiographs demonstrated graft incorporation with trabeculation traversing the Opteform^{*} and good reconstitution of the lateral cortex (Figure 4).

Fig.3 Three months post-operative: consolidation in progress and stable components.

Fig.4 One year post-operative: trabeculation across the Opteform with good reconstitution of the lateral cortex.