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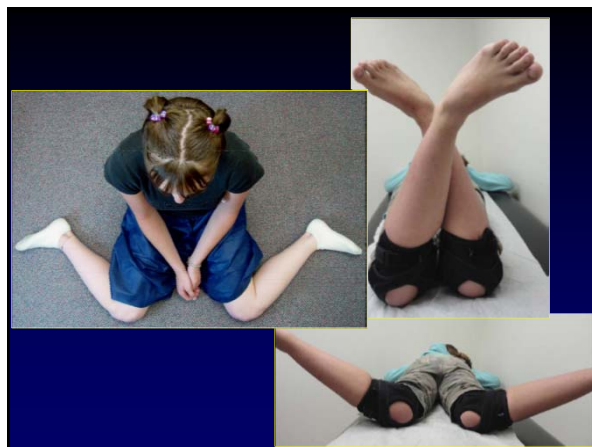
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Patellofemoral Pain



### Patellofemoral Pain

*Common Clinical Problem*

- ✓ Common lesion in Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine
- ✓ 80% > improve without surgery
- ✓ Multiple disorders & diagnosis:
  - ✓ Tibiofemoral malalignment
  - ✓ PF instability-ligaments
  - ✓ PF dysplasias – congruency
  - ✓ PF arthrosis
  - ✓ ELPS

**Pain & Dysfunction !**

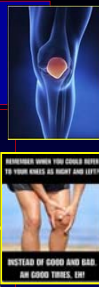
## PATELLOFEMORAL DISORDERS

### Introduction

- Common knee pathology encountered by orthopaedic / sports medicine clinicians
- In the general population, 1 out of 4 experience PFPS at some time in their lives
- ✓ 2007-11: 2,188,753 people Dx with PFPS
  - ✓ Females 1.2 million cases (common age 50-59)

*Giaviano et al: IJSP '15*

*Common Problem  
Often Difficult to Successfully Treat*




## PATELLOFEMORAL DISORDERS

### Introduction

- ✓ Vexing clinical challenge
- ✓ “Black hole of Orthopaedics”  
*Dye: Sports Med Arthro Review '94*
- ✓ No single explanation has clarified this problem
- ✓ No single surgery or therapeutic approach solves all PF dysfunctions

*Challenging Patient Population*



## Patellofemoral Rehabilitation

### Then & Now



1998



2014



THEN



NOW







“Call me Caitlyn”

← Bruce Jenner then & now →

## Patellofemoral Rehabilitation

### Then & Now



**SLR (?)**



**Bridging (!)**

### Patellofemoral Rehabilitation

*Then & Now*

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**Hip Adduction (?)**      **Hip Abd & ER (!)** ★

### Patellofemoral Rehabilitation

*Then & Now*

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**VMO Strengthening (?)**      ★ **Gluts Med & Max (!)**

### PATELLOFEMORAL DISORDERS

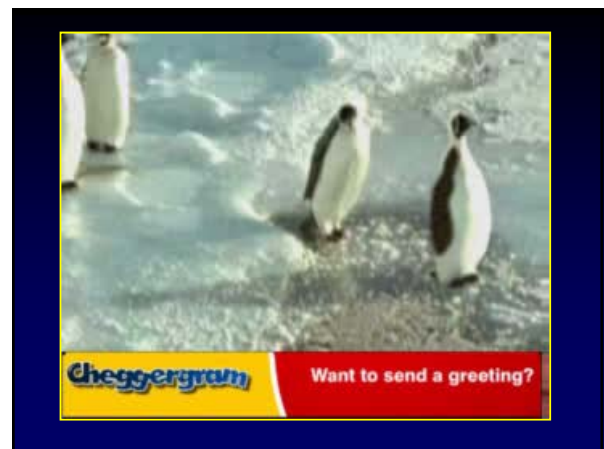
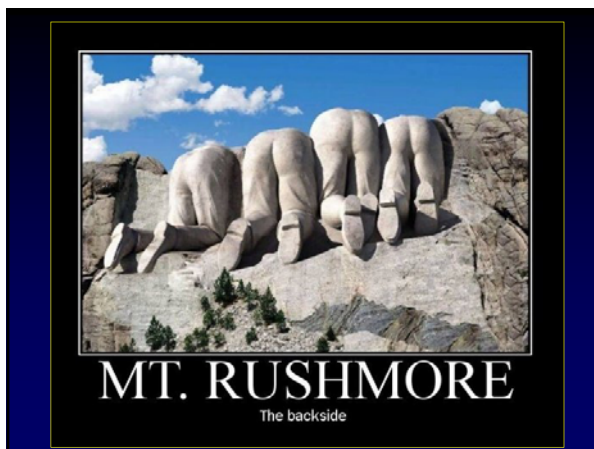
*1980 & 90's Treatments Focused On:*

- ✓ VMO strengthening
- ✓ Patellar taping
- ✓ Activation VMO
- ✓ Patellar bracing
- ✓ Foot orthotics
- ✓ Stretching / flexibility

### PATELLOFEMORAL DISORDERS

*Current Treatments Focuses On:*

- ✓ Hip strengthening
- ✓ Pelvic control
- ✓ Core strength
- ✓ Knee joint proprioception
- ✓ Stretching / flexibility
- ✓ Orthotics







### What is the source of patellofemoral pain?

Where's the patellofemoral pain coming from? Structure?

### Rehabilitation Patellofemoral Pain

*Pinpoint the Exact Cause*

- ✓ Pinpoint the exact cause & location
  - Fulkerson: AJSM '02
- ✓ Patellofemoral pain
  - Pain generators:
    - ✓ Subchondral pressure
    - ✓ Retinaculum
    - ✓ Synovium
    - ✓ Nerve

Current Concepts  
Diagnosis and Treatment of Patients with Patellofemoral Pain  
John P. Fulkerson MD

### Dye, Vaupel, Dye AJSM 1998

- Conscious neurosensory mapping of internal structures without anesthesia
- Subjectively graded sensation: 0 (none) – 4 (severe)
- Spatial localization: A (accurate localization) – B (poor localization)

0 (No sensation)  
1 (Non-painful awareness)  
2 (Slight discomfort)  
3 (Moderate discomfort)  
4 (Severe pain)


*Fulkerson, et al Clin Orthop 1985*

- Small nerve injuries in the lateral retinaculum
- Nerve fibers appeared enlarged & inflammation present
- Potential source of PF pain – long lasting PF pain

*Classification System for Non-Operative Rehabilitation*  
*Wilk, Davies, Mangine, Malone: JOSPT '98*




**Patellofemoral Pain Syndrome**  
*Clinical Differential Diagnosis*




<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Patellar Compression Syndrome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» ELPS</li> <li>» GPPS</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ <b>Patellar instability</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Chronic instability</li> <li>» Recurrent dislocation</li> <li>» Acute dislocation</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ <b>Mechanical dysfunction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abnormal biomechanics</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ <b>Osteochondritis dissecans</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Direct patellar trauma</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Fracture</li> <li>» Fracture / dislocation</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ <b>Soft tissue lesion</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Suprapatellar plica</li> <li>» Fat pad syndrome</li> <li>» IT band friction</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ <b>Overuse syndrome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» Tendonitis</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ <b>Neurologic disorders (RSD) Regional Pain Syndrome</b></li> </ul>
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**Increased Femoral Anteversion**

- ↑ femoral torsion
- ↑ forces patellofemoral joint

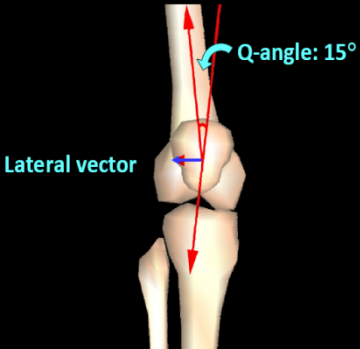


*Yoshioka JBJS 1987*



*Bob Teitge, MD*

**Lower limb alignment & lateral forces on the patella**




Q-angle: 15°

Lateral vector

**Dynamic Q-Angle**

- **Proximal factors**
  - Femoral adduction
  - Femoral internal rotation
- **Distal factors**
  - Pronation
  - Tibial internal rotation



## Stabilization From ABOVE & BELOW

## ACL REHABILITATION

*Rehab Concepts*

- “Stabilization of the knee - occurs from above & below”
  - » Hip & core stabilization
  - » Foot & ankle control

*Wilk et al: Ortho Clin No Am '03*  
*Powers et al: JOSPT '03*  
*Wilk et al: J Athl Trn '99*

## Patellofemoral Assessment

*Functional Assessment*

- ✓ Standing posture
- ✓ Walking (gait assessment)
- ✓ Squatting
- ✓ Step down
- ✓ Jump down (?)
- ✓ Running (?)

Ground ←→ Head Assessment

## Patellofemoral Assessment

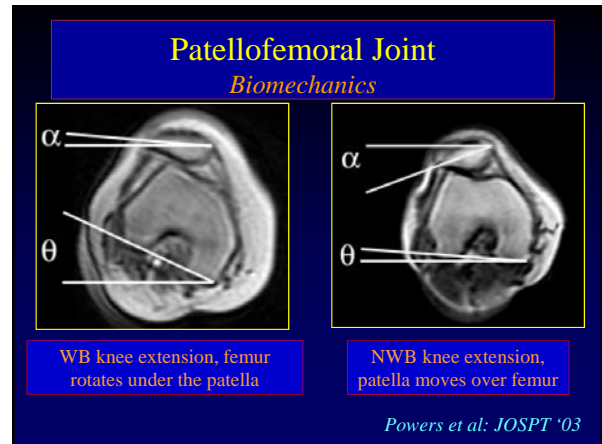
*Step Down Test*

## Patellofemoral Assessment

*Step Down Test*

1.2° (Lumbar angle)  
 1.8° (Pelvis angle)  
 2.2° (Valgus/Varus)

Wilk- Patellofemoral Rehab: Where are we in 2017



Musculoskeletal Biomechanics Research Lab USC

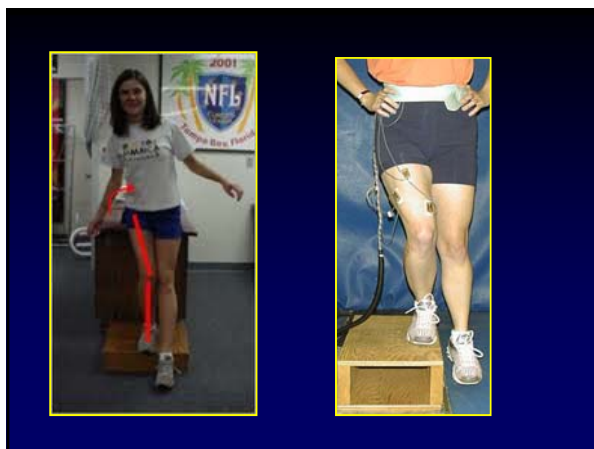
### Females with PFP Have Weak Hip Muscles: A Systematic Review

Prins & van der Wurf, *Austr J Physiother*, 2009

- 6 studies evaluated
- Conclusion: "Strong evidence that females with PFP have impaired strength of the hip extensors, abductors and external rotators"

*Nakagawa et al: JOSPT 2012 (Brazil)*

- Determine if there are differences in the sexes between hips, core, knee kinematics, hip strength and hip activation in subjects with & without PF pain
- 80 subjects (females vs males, PFPS vs No PFPS)
  - ✓ Compared to normals – PFPS had more trunk lean, contralateral pelvic drop, hip adduction & knee abduction during single leg squat
  - ✓ Subjects PFPS: 18% less hip abd & 17% less ER
  - ✓ Females with PFPS: poorer glut med activ, ↑ hip IR





### Patellofemoral Pain Syndrome *Treatment Approach*

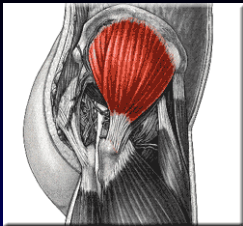
- **Pain & Dysfunction:**
- **Pain:**
  - ✓ Reduce soft tissue pain/inflammation
  - ✓ Laser therapy
  - ✓ “trick soft tissue stresses” (tape, hip activation)
  - ✓ Ice, NSAIDs, brace
- **Dysfunction:**
  - ✓ Correct biomechanics (hip & foot/ankle)
  - ✓ Strengthen hip & core
  - ✓ Modify activity level



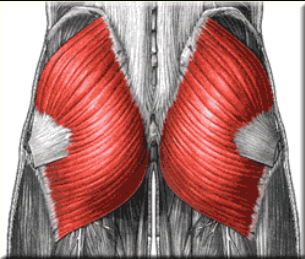


### Correct Altered Biomechanics Through Hip & Core Exercises

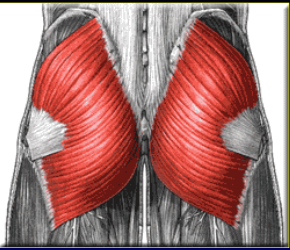




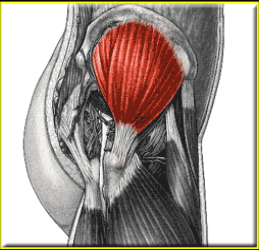
- **Gluteus Medius:**
- Functions:
- Abduction
- Anterior fibers: IR & flexor
- Posterior fibers: ER & ext



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- Tri-Planar Muscle*
- Extensor
- Abductor
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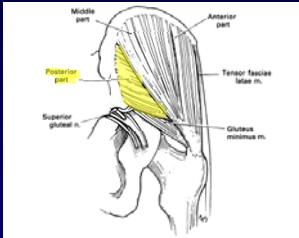
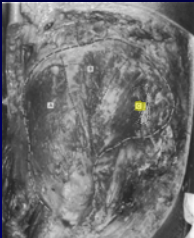
**J Anat '89**

J. Anat. (1989), 146, pp. 179-189  
Wilk & Havers  
Printed in Great Britain

**The functional anatomy of tensor fasciae latae and gluteus medius and minimus**

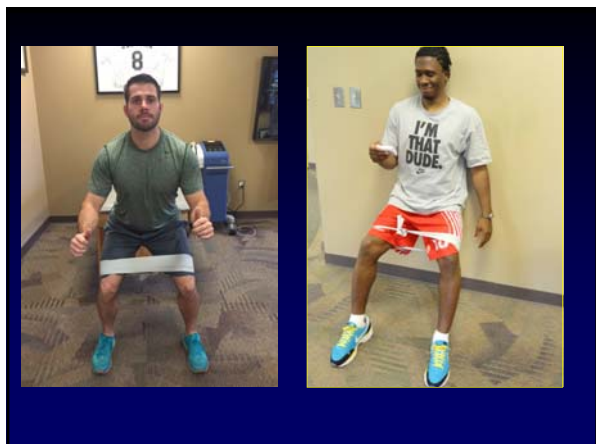
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Wilk- Patellofemoral Rehab: Where are we in 2017



Bridging Exercises



Lateral Slides

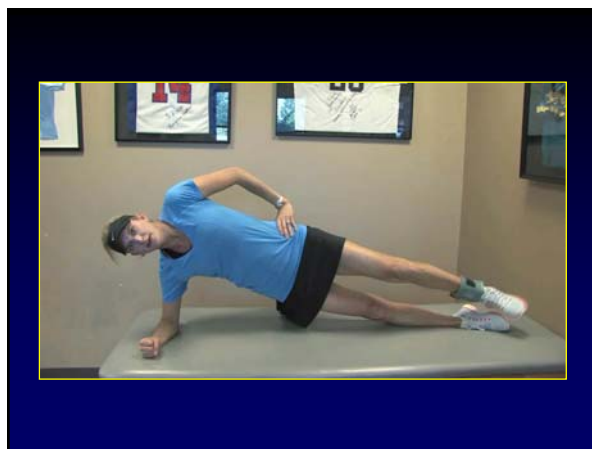


Lateral Slides



RDLs

Wilk- Patellofemoral Rehab: Where are we in 2017



# Wilk- Patellofemoral Rehab: Where are we in 2017



### Rehabilitation Exercise Progression for the Gluteus Medius Muscle With Consideration for Iliopsoas Tendinitis

An In Vivo Electromyography Study Philippon:AJSM '11

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Investigation performed at the Steadman Philippon Research Institute, Vail, Colorado

TABLE 2  
EMG Amplitude Ranks and Final Rank Order for Gluteus Medius Muscle Activation and Final Rehabilitation Phase Assignment\*

Final Rank	Exercise	Concentric Phase		Eccentric Phase		Rehabilitation Phase
		PA	AA	PA	AA	
1	Single-leg bridge	1	1	3	2	III
2	SL, hip abduction-IR	2	2	5	4	III
3	Prone heel squeeze	5	4	1	1	III
4	SL, hip abduction-wall	3	3	4	3	II
5	SL, hip abduction-ER	4	5	5	6	II
6	Rotated hip extension	7	6	6	5	II
7	Traditional hip clam	6	7	7	7	II
8	Double-leg bridge	9	9	8	8	I
9	Hip clam-neutral	8	8	11	11	II
10	Stood hip rotation	11	12	9	9	I
11	Rotated knee flexion	13	10	12	10	I
12	Supine hip flexion	10	13	10	13	I
13	Rotated knee extension	12	11	13	12	I

\*EMG, electromyography; PA, peak amplitude; AA, average amplitude; SL, side-lying; IR, internal rotation; ER, external rotation.



### RESEARCH REPORT

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### Distefano:JOSPT '09

### Gluteal Muscle Activation During Common Therapeutic Exercises

TABLE 2  
NORMALIZED GLUTERUS MEDIUS MEAN SIGNAL AMPLITUDE (% MVIC)

Exercise	Mean ± SD (95% CI)
Side-lying hip abduction	81 ± 42 (62,100)
Single limb squat	64 ± 24 (53,75)
Lateral band walk	61 ± 34 (46,76)
Single limb deadlift	58 ± 25 (42,70)
Sideways hop	57 ± 35 (41,73)
Transverse lunge*	48 ± 25 (32,59)
Transverse lunge*	48 ± 21 (38,57)
Forward lunge*	45 ± 21 (38,57)
Forward lunge*	42 ± 21 (33,52)
Clam with 30° hip flexion*	40 ± 38 (23,57)
Sideways lunge*	39 ± 19 (30,47)
Clam with 60° hip flexion*	38 ± 29 (25,51)

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; MVIC, maximum voluntary isometric contraction.  
\* Exercises are significantly different than the hip abduction exercise (P<0.05).  
† Exercises are significantly different from the single-limb squat (P<0.05).



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TABLE 1 NORMALIZED ELECTROMYOGRAPHIC AMPLITUDE OF EACH MUSCLE FOR EACH EXERCISE*			
Exercise	Tensor Fascia Lata	Gluteus Medius	Superior Gluteus Medius
Side-lying hip abduction	32.3 ± 12.1	43.8 ± 34.7 (P < .002)	23.7 ± 24.3 (P < .002)
Clam	6.2 ± 3.6	20.8 ± 10.0 (P < .002)	1.9 ± 2.3 (P < .000)
Clam	5.4 ± 3.4	36.7 ± 10.0 (P < .000)	4.8 ± 24.1 (P < .002)
Hip flex	24.4 ± 24.4	32.7 ± 16.0 (P < .284)	12.7 ± 24.2 (P < .002)
Single	22.8 ± 14.3	18.1 ± 12.0 (P < .626)	20.2 ± 12.0 (P < .706)
Quad-squat hip extension	8.6 ± 9.3	27.3 ± 14.0 (P < .002)	28.5 ± 14.6 (P < .002)
Star-drilling	18.7 ± 9.6	30.9 ± 16.2 (P < .002)	30.1 ± 12.5 (P < .002)
Quad-squat hip extension	12.1 ± 7.1	30.2 ± 15.7 (P < .002)	22.4 ± 16.7 (P < .002)
Squat	4.6 ± 3.8	17 ± 11.0 (P < .02)	12.8 ± 7.8 (P < .002)
Step-up	22.4 ± 12.4	29.0 ± 16.0 (P < .001)	32.0 ± 16.4 (P < .284)
Quadruped hip	18.1 ± 12.9	32.0 ± 15.0 (P < .002)	26.5 ± 14.0 (P < .002)

\*Values are mean ± SD percent maximum voluntary contraction.  
 †Significantly greater than tensor fascia lata (P < .05).  
 ‡Significantly less than tensor fascia lata (P < .05).

TABLE 2 GLUTEAL-TO-TFL INDEX FOR EACH EXERCISE	
Exercise	Gluteal-to-TFL Activation Index
Clam†	35
Side-lying*	64
Clam-swing†	59
Quad-squat hip extension, knee extended*	52
Quad-squat hip extension, knee flexed*	53
Side-lying hip abduction	36
Star-up	32
Star-up†	32
Squat†	28
Step-up	18
Clam	18

Abbreviations: TFL, tensor fascia lata.  
 \*Exercises in which both gluteal muscles demonstrated significantly higher normalized electromyographic amplitude than the TFL.

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### My Favorite Hip Exercises

- ✓ Bridging bilateral &/or single leg
- ✓ Hip abduction (sidelying &/or wall)
- ✓ Single leg balance
- ✓ Step downs (single leg squat)
- ✓ Lateral slides (with resistance bands)
- ✓ Squats with hip abduction
- ✓ RDLs
- ✓ Clams
- ✓ Side Plank with hip abduction
- ✓ Quadruped hip extension
- ✓ Star drill

### Hip Exercises Phase I

- ✓ Bridges (bilateral → unilateral)
- ✓ Sidelying hip abduction
- ✓ Planks (prone & side)
- ✓ Seated resistance band ER
- ✓ Clams
- ✓ Squats with hip abduction
- ✓ RDLs
- ✓ Quadruped hip extension

### Hip Exercises Phase II

- ✓ Bridges (unilateral)
- ✓ Side plank into hip abduction
- ✓ Front step down with hip abduction
- ✓ RDLs
- ✓ Star drill
- ✓ Single leg balance (foam, Bosu, rocker)
- ✓ Clams
- ✓ Wall hip abduction (sidelying → side plank)

*Khayambashi, Mohammadkhani,  
...Powers: JOSPT '12*

- 24 females with PF pain
  - » N=12 exercise group (focus on hip exercises)
  - » N=12 control group (focus on quads exercises)
  - » Exercise group- Bil hip abd & ER strengthening
- Results: assessed pain levels, quality of life & hip strength
- ✓ *Results: pain sign reduced, quality of life improved, and hip strength improved*



*Witvrouw et al: AJSM '00*

- Risk factors for patellofemoral pain
- 282 students (131 females) age 18 17-21)
- Phys Ed class 2 yr; 14 hours / week
- Evaluated 9 variables prospectively
- 24 students developed PF pain (13 F)

*Witvrouw et al: AJSM '00*

- Significant differences between PF pain group & others
  - ✓ *Quadriceps / gastroc flexibility*
  - ✓ *Explosive strength (vertical jump)*
  - ✓ *Thumb – forearm flexibility*
  - ✓ *Reflexive EMG response time (VMO /VL)*
  - ✓ *Psychological “looking for social support” - ...*

*Who Needs Core Stability ??*



*Patellar Taping*



### Patellofemoral Pain

*Treatment – Patellar Taping*

- Patellar Taping reduces pain in 78 -92% patients

*Lan et al: AJSM '10*  
*Cowan et al: Br J Sports Med '06*  
*Whittingham et al: JOSPT '04*  
*Hinman, McConnell: BMJ '03*  
*Wilson et al: JOSPT '03*  
*Salsich, Powers: JOSPT '02*  
*Powers et al: JOSPT '97*



### Patellofemoral Pain


*Treatment: Patellar Taping (Position)*

*Larsen et al: AJSM '95*

- » 20 healthy subjects (18-35 yrs)
- » Merchant view prior & after taping
- » Taping repositioned patella medially
- » Ineffective at maintaining after ex.

*Pfeiffer et al: AJSM '04*

- » 18 healthy females (mean age 22 yrs)
- » 4 flexion plain radiographs
- » Taping repositioned patella prior to exercise but after exercise did not maintain



### Patellofemoral Pain

*Treatment: Patellar Taping (EMG)*

*Cowan et al: Br J Spts Med '06*

- » Effect of patellar taping on EMG amplitude during stair stepping
- » Taping no effect on EMG activity

*Salsich, ...Powers: JOSPT '02*

- » Effects patellar taping on VL EMG during stair ambulation
- » No change in EMG activity with tape

*Cerny : Phys Ther '95*

- » VMO/VL muscle ratio during exercise
- » No difference in EMG activity w/ taping

### Patellofemoral Pain

*Treatment: Patellar Taping (Proprioception)*

*Callaghan et al: J Athl Train '02*

- » Effects of taping on knee proprioception
- » 52 healthy subjects (mean age 23 yrs)
- ✓ *Subjects with good proprio – no benefit from taping*
- ✓ *Subjects with poor proprio – did benefit from taping*

*Callaghan et al: Man Ther '08*


- » 32 subjects with PFPS (mean age 31.9 yrs)
- ✓ *Tape did not enhance proprio – some cases worsened*
- ✓ *Subjects with PFPS with poor proprio – improved proprioception*

### Patellofemoral Pain

*Treatment: Patellar Taping (Gait)*

*Powers et al: J Orthop Spts PT '97*

- Effects of patellar taping on stride characteristics & joint motion in subjects with PF pain
- *Less pain but only minimal change in stride*
- Increase in stride length during ramp ascent



### Patellofemoral Pain

*Treatment: PF Bracing*

*Powers, Shellock, Beering, et al: MMSE '99*

- 10 females with PFPS (ages 17-45 yrs)
- Kinematic MRI assessment on lateral tracking
- *Genutrain P3 brace – best of tested bracing\**
- No sign diff in med/lateral displacement braced

*Powers, Ward, Chan, et al: MMSE '04*

- 15 females with PFPS (18-45 yrs)
- Kinematic MRI assessment
- On-Track brace: 50% reduction in pain
- PTO brace: 44% reduction in pain



### Rehab Patellofemoral Pain

*Conclusions – stay the course*

- ✓ Numerous causes/reasons for PF pain
- ✓ Not all PF pain/dysfunction is the same
- ✓ No one single surgery/therapy to solve
- ✓ Assess biomechanical factors
- ✓ Think hip, core, proprioception
- ✓ Improve pain & dysfunction
- ✓ Use all your tricks, skills & knowledge

