

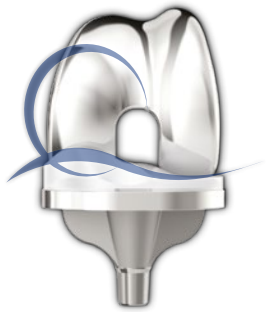



KINEMATIC ALIGNMENT PLATFORM

A comprehensive platform
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Functional **stability** and
patient-specific kinematics



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Dedicated **Kinematic Alignment**
metal instrument set



Patient-specific 3D planning
optimizing **kinematics**

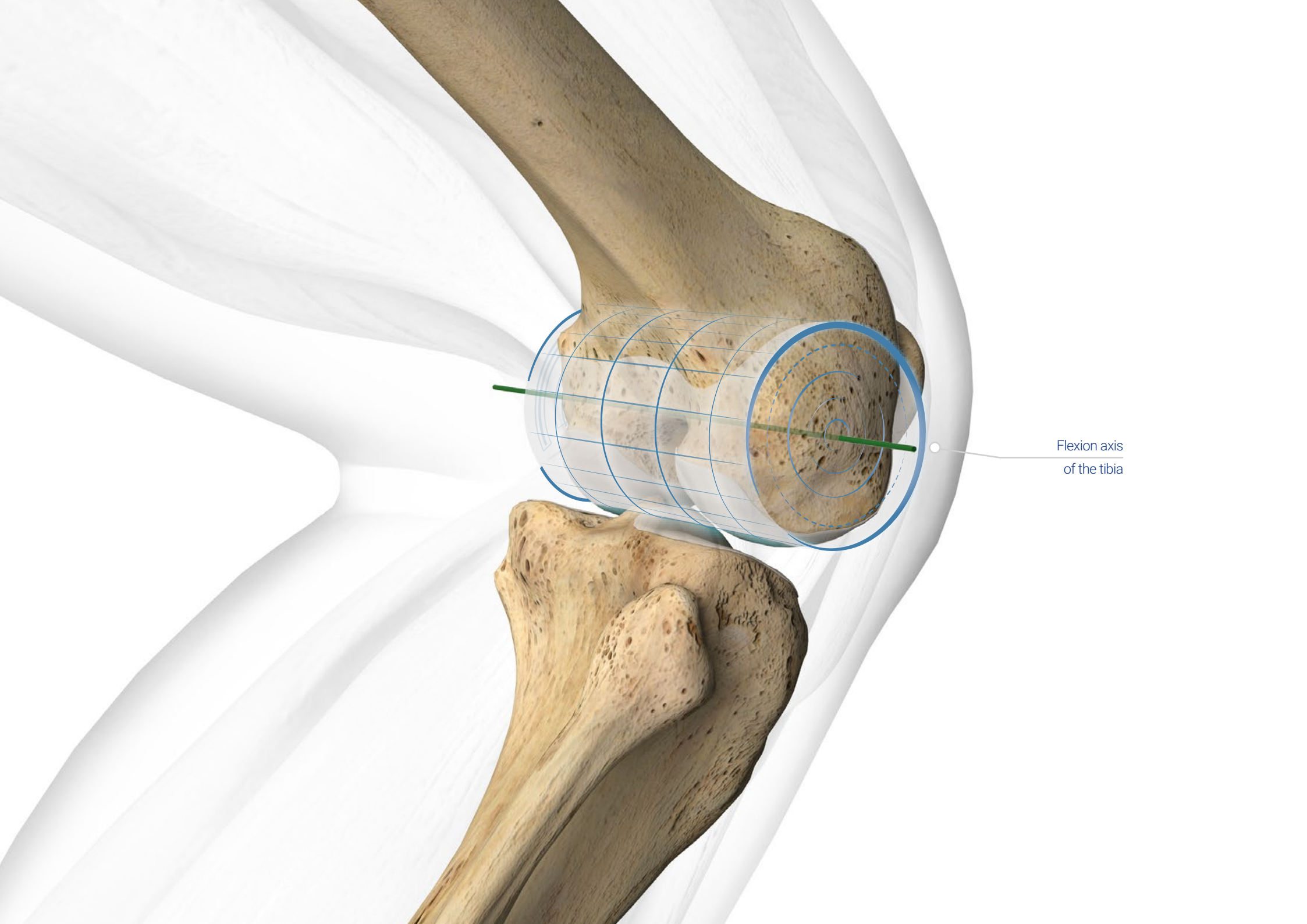


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Flexion axis
of the tibia

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What is **Kinematic Alignment**?

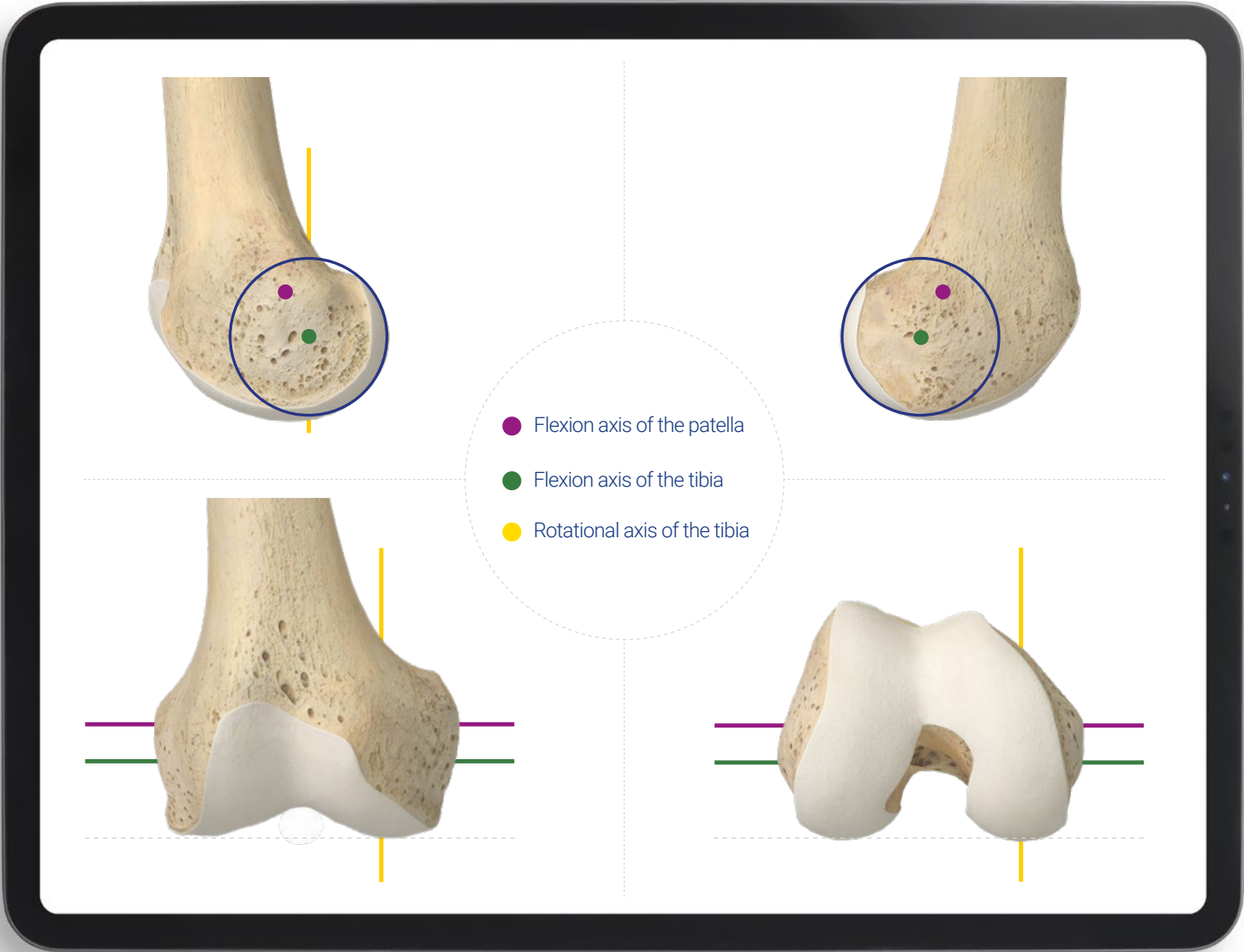
Kinematic Alignment TKA aims to personalize joint line reconstruction through anatomic resurfacing, with little to no ligament releases.

Kinematic Alignment places the implant in a custom position for each patient, so as to restore the native femoral and tibial joint line, as well as limb and knee alignment, which are unique to each individual.

By restoring the native alignment, the prosthetic component is aligned to the three axes that describe the normal knee kinematics, i.e.^[1]:

- Transverse axis in the femur, around which the tibia flexes and extends
- Longitudinal axis in the tibia, around which the tibia rotates internally and externally on the femur
- Transverse axis in the femur, around which the patella flexes and extends

Aligning the **flexion-extension axes** of the femoral component to the natural knee kinematic axes of the patient's individual knee has proved to lead to better overall functional outcomes^[2].



Why Kinematic Alignment?

To restore native patient alignment, i.e. the angles and level of the femoral and tibial joint line, the prosthetic components are positioned so as to restore the native knee flexion-extension axes. It has been reported^[3] that the Joint Line Orientation Angle (JLOA) in the coronal plane is parallel to the floor in the native knee and perpendicular to the weight-bearing axis of the body in bipedal stance. One study has reported^[4] that after KA-TKA, patients could stand with their knees more parallel to the floor and bear weight more centrally during gait compared to MA-TKA patients. This may explain the subjective consistently positive feedbacks of the early and mid-term clinical outcomes.

Several articles have reported that patients who underwent Kinematic Alignment TKA had significantly better outcomes in terms of pain relief, function and a more “normal-feeling” knee^[5,6].

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Our mission is to restore the native function of the knee and give our patients their lives back.

Dr. Howell



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GMK Sphere

Based on the knee anatomy and the kinematic studies^[7] performed by Prof. Michael Freeman and Prof. Vera Pinskerova, **GMK Sphere** is a medially stabilized total knee implant designed to deliver maximum functional stability with the goal of increasing TKA patient satisfaction during activities of daily life and decreasing postoperative knee pain. GMK Sphere is a medially stabilized implant that has been proven to reproduce the natural motion of the knee^[8,9,10].

In order to better replicate the native knee anatomy and kinematics GMK Sphere's design features a **congruent medial compartment** and a **flat lateral compartment**. By providing stability on the medial compartment and freedom of movement on the lateral compartment GMK Sphere allows the **"medial-pivoting motion"**. This kind of movement has been proven to better replicate the natural knee motion^[11,12].



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Kinematic Alignment meets Kinematic Design

GMK Sphere and Kinematic Alignment are based on similar observations on the knee and share the same ultimate goals:

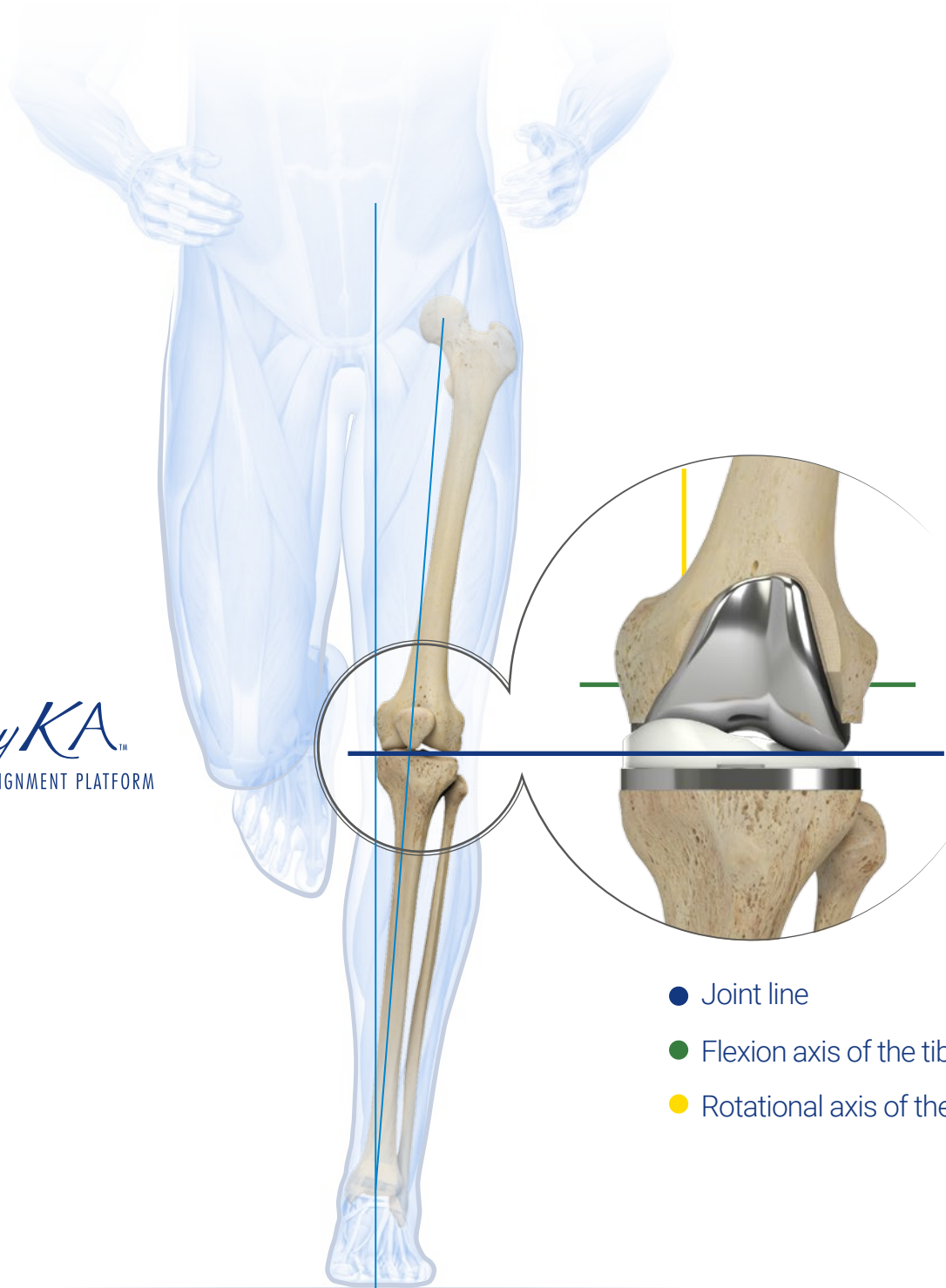
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- RESTORE THE NATIVE LAXITY OF THE KNEE



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- Joint line
- Flexion axis of the tibia
- Rotational axis of the tibia

Kinematic Alignment meets Kinematic Design

RESTORE THE KINEMATIC AXES OF THE KNEE

One of the main principles of Kinematic Alignment is that the axis of the cylinder that approximates the femoral condyles is the flexion-extension axis^[13]. GMK Sphere is an implant that helps to restore the kinematic axes. Indeed, GMK Sphere is a single radius implant, that follows the same flexion-extension axis throughout the motion of the knee. The GMK Sphere medial ball in-socket provides stability to the knee and allows to reproduce the natural motion of the knee. The **medial ball in-socket** allows also to keep the kinematic axis in the right A-P position throughout flexion, thus avoiding paradoxical motion^[14]. The features of GMK Sphere allow the restoration of the flexion-extension axis and the reproduction of the natural motion of the knee, making GMK Sphere a particularly suitable implant for Kinematic Alignment.



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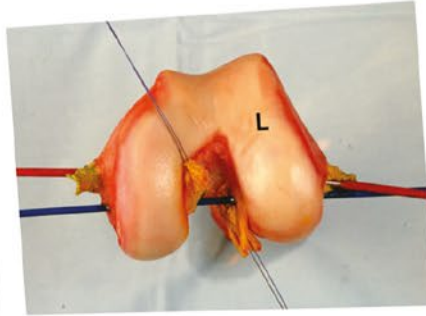


Fig. 16

Cadaver femur.
The red rod passes through the transepicondylar line and the attachment of both collateral ligaments. The blue rod passes through the Flexion Facet Centres and through the attachment of the LCL and both cruciate ligaments.

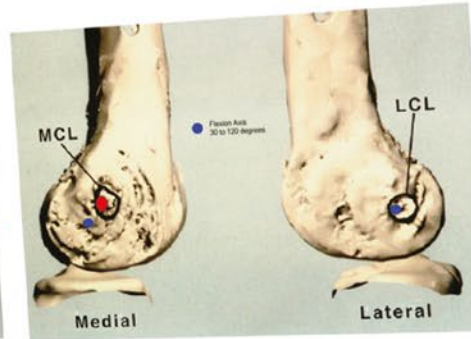


Fig. 17

CT reconstructions of the medial and lateral aspects of the distal femur.
The red dot is the Extension Facet Centre and coincides with the attachment of the MCL. The blue dot marks the FFCs medially and laterally and on the lateral side coincides with the attachment of the LCL.

Kinematic Alignment meets Kinematic Design

RESTORE THE NATIVE LAXITY OF THE KNEE

During their studies,^[15] Prof. Freeman and Prof. Pinskerova observed that the lateral ligament is tense in extension while it is lax in flexion. The laxity of the lateral compartment was also pointed out by Dr. Howell^[16], who confirmed the presence of an unequal balancing in flexion and extension. With GMK Sphere, the medial ball-in-socket provides stability to the knee, while allowing patient specific laxity on the lateral compartment.

The GMK Sphere **trochlea groove** has been designed **asymmetrical** (6° diverging), 7mm deep and **lateralized** by 2mm with respect to the midline of the femoral component. This allows for a more natural medial-lateral translation of the patella during flexion-extension and can reduce stress on either the natural patella or the patellar implant.



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Section 4 Supplementary figures



This "top-of-the-tibia" diagram shows screw-home rotation in three groups of volunteers: in intact knees (ICL) and in the group with (group 1) acute injury, group 2 chronic injury). Terminal rotation occurs in both groups of the ACL deficient knees. Both forward and backward rotation occur in the ACL deficient knees. The axis of longitudinal rotation laterally (Schneider M, Pruknerova V, Birsch SJ, New Y, Freeman NB. *Beitrag zur Biomechanik des Kniegelenkes nach Belastungs-MRT. Die Orthopaedie* 33: 333-343, 1998).

See also: Logan MC, Williams A, et al [1], 2004; Logan MC, Dunstan L, et al 2004; and Logan MC, Williams A, et al [2], 2004. These 3 references can be found in Publications in the literature.

Section 4 Supplementary figures



Fig. 18
The attachment of the ligament to the FFC is shown. The FFC is red. From full extension to about 30° the femur rotates around the FFC causing the FFC to move downwards and forwards (see arrows on the left figure). By 33° (right) contact has moved from the anterior face to the tissue facet and rotation is now around the FFC (see dots). As a consequence the FFC moves upwards and backwards (see arrow).



Fig. 19
The lateral side of the specimen seen in the previous figures. The LCL is dissected, its attachment to the epicondyle (at the FFC) is green. In extension (left) the lateral condyle and with it the femoral attachment of the LCL has moved anteriorly until the LCL is tense limiting rotation. At 90° flexion (right) the lateral condyle has moved posteriorly and therefore the LCL has relaxed (demonstrated by traction on a string).

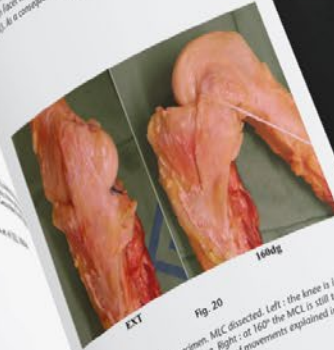


Fig. 20
The medial side of the specimen. MCL dissected. Left: the knee is in full extension and the MCL is tense. Right: at 160° the MCL is still tense anteriorly because of the combination of movements explained in Fig. 18.



Fig. 21
A frontal MRI of the knee flexed 90° with varus stress applied. For reasons explained in Fig. 19 the LCL was slack before stress was applied and therefore the femur can be separated from the tibia laterally (so-called "lift-off").

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GMK Sphere anatomical design

GMK Sphere has also some fitting features to best adapt to a broad spectrum of anatomic profiles:

- **13 femoral sizes**, with 2mm increments in AP and ML.
- **7 insert thicknesses**, from 10 to 20mm, with 1mm increments between 10 and 14mm and 3mm increments between 14 and 20mm.
- **Anatomically shaped tibial baseplate** to best fit the asymmetrical profile of the tibia.

The combination of 13 femoral sizes and inserts with 1mm increments allows the surgeon to «fine-tune» the ligament balance according to the KA principles and to improve stability throughout the whole range of motion.

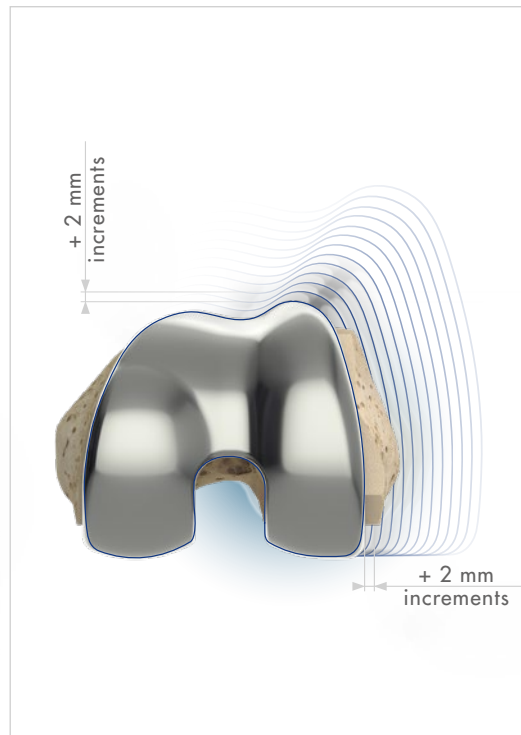
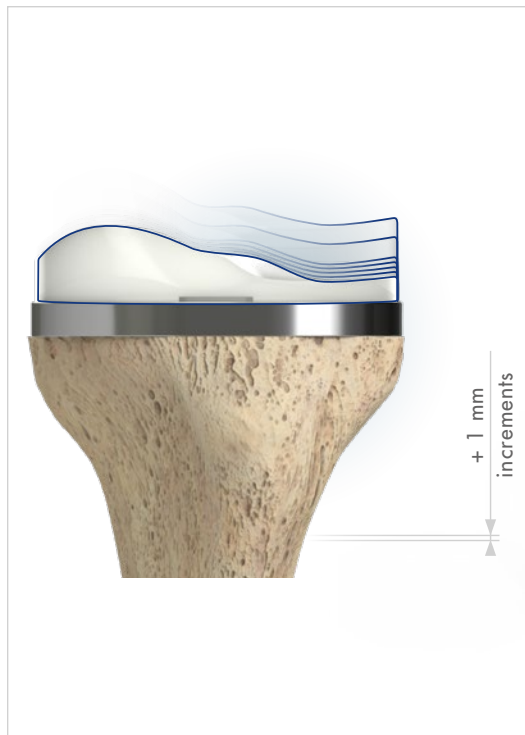


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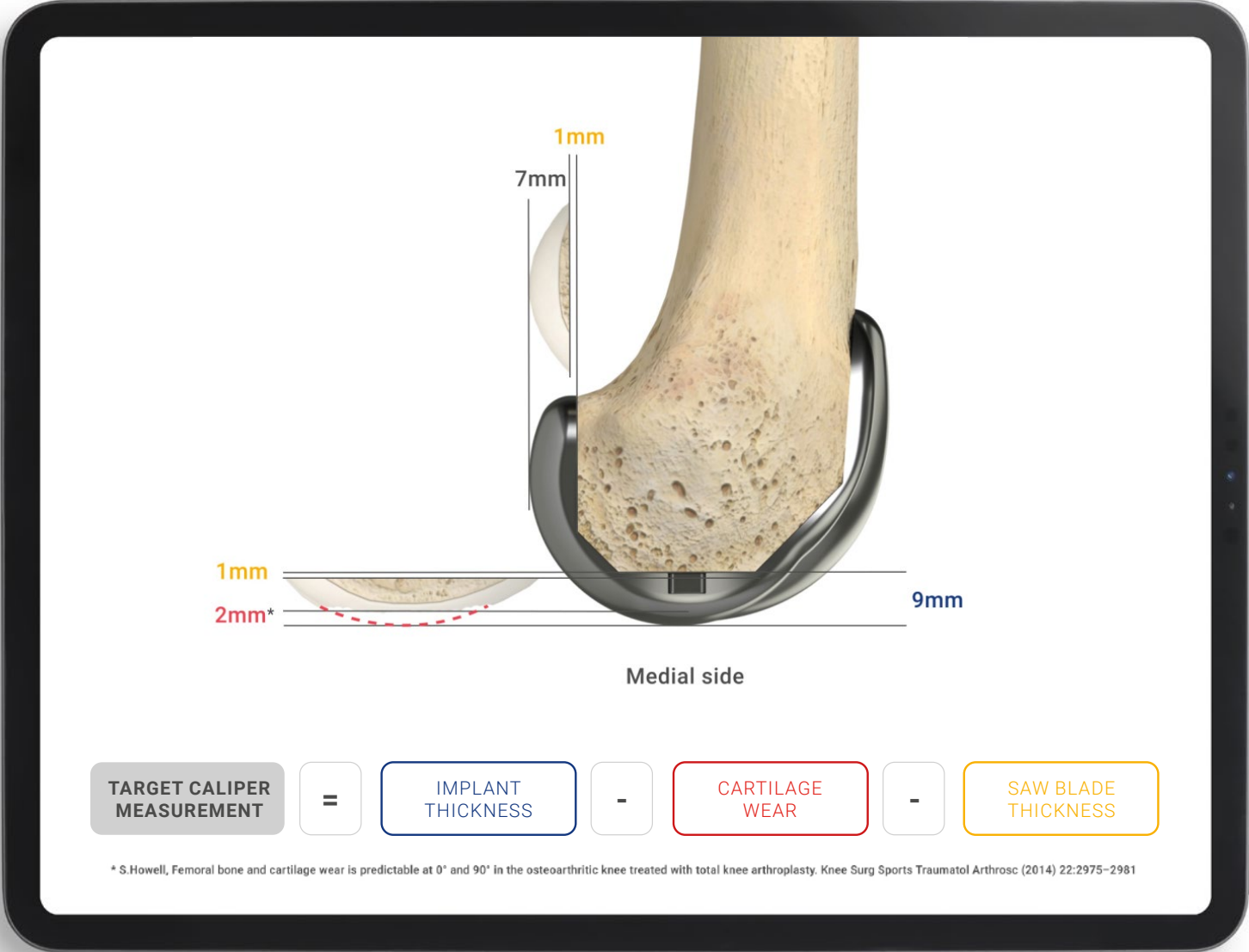
Kinematic Alignment is a true “resurfacing” of the knee, in which the implant thickness replaces the exact amount of bone and cartilage removed.

Medacta has developed, together with leading expert Dr. S. Howell, a dedicated instrument set that allows to kinematically align the implant using the calipered technique. The Calipered Technique allows the restoration of the native pre-arthritic alignment by measuring all the bone cuts and accounting for cartilage wear.



WATCH THE TECHNIQUE IN ACTION

MyKA Calipered Technique
Watch S.Howell, MD, video on Calipered Kinematic Alignment
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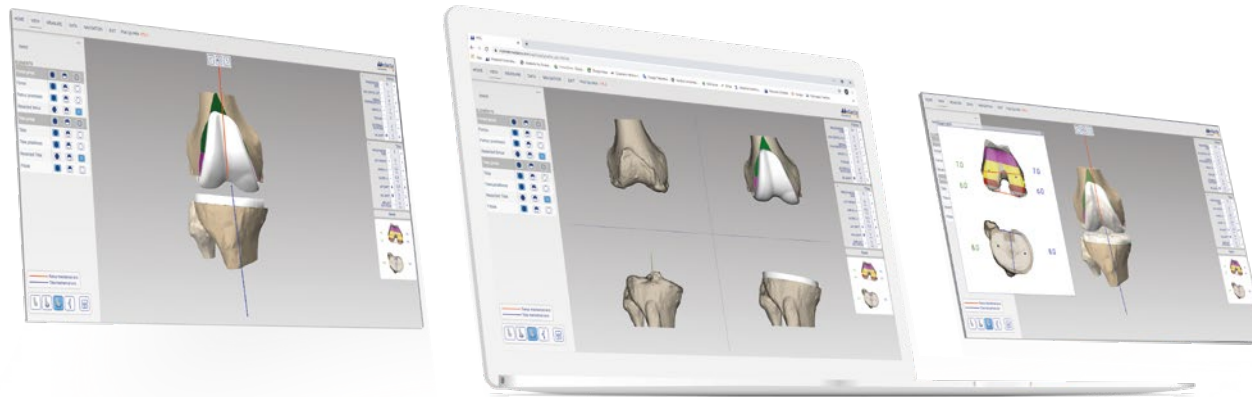


* S.Howell, Femoral bone and cartilage wear is predictable at 0° and 90° in the osteoarthritic knee treated with total knee arthroplasty. Knee Surg Sports Traumatol Arthrosc (2014) 22:2975–2981

MyKnee KA

Kinematic Alignment can also be achieved by using the proven accuracy^[17,18] of Medacta's MyKnee 3D printed patient-specific solution. A web-based 3D preoperative plan is drawn to kinematically align the implant based upon the same rationale of Calipered Kinematic Alignment Technique.

The MyKnee patient-specific guides are designed using preoperative MRI and CT scans in order to kinematically align the implant mimicking each patient's native anatomy. MyKnee KA also allows the surgeon to set some boundaries to the planning, which is helpful to streamline the learning curve phase.



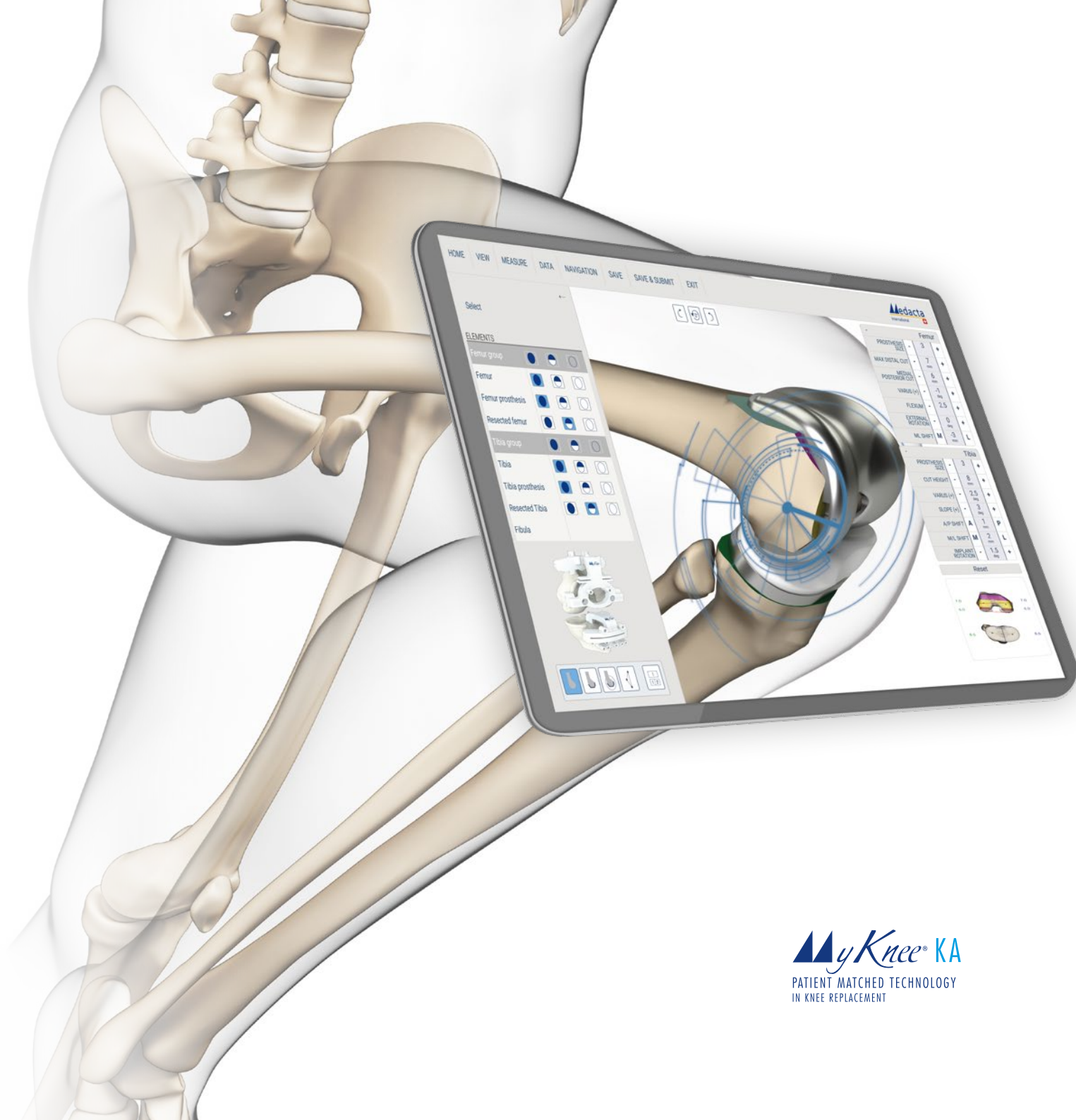
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The M.O.R.E. Institute offers effective and continuous education to surgeons, with the aim to **improve patient outcomes** and **surgical proficiency**. The M.O.R.E. Institute was built, and has been growing, around the concept of sharing experience within the international medical community. It has become a unique and global education platform, tailored to everyone's needs.

The MyKA Educational Program can count on an evergrowing network of Kinematic Alignment experts all over the world, and offers dedicated symposia and Learning centers, as well as user meetings for continuous education and discussion.



Courtesy of Stephen Howell M.D.
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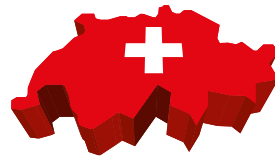


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