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# **KNEE JOINT**

### **OBJECTIVES**

- At the end of the lecture, students should be able to:
- List the type & articular surfaces of knee joint.
- Describe the capsule of knee joint, its extra- & intra-capsular ligaments.
- List important bursae in relation to knee joint.
- Describe movements of knee joint.
- Apply Hilton's law about nerve supply of joints.

# **KNEE JOINT**





# **IDENTIFY**



## **TYPES & ARTICULAR SURFACES**

- Knee joint is formed of:
- Three bones.
- Three articulations.

 Femoro-tibial articulations:
 between the 2 femoral condyles
 upper surfaces of the 2 tibial
 condyles (Type: synovial, modified hinge).

Femoro-patellar articulations: between posterior surface of patella & patellar surface of femur (Type: synovial, plane).









 Is deficient anteriorly & is replaced by: quadriceps femoris tendon, patella & ligamentum patellae.
 Possesses 2 openings: one for popliteus tendon & one for communication with suprapatellar bursa.

# **EXTRA-CAPSULAR LIGAMENTS**



- 1. Ligamentum patellae (patellar ligament): from patella to tibial tuberosity.
- 2. Medial (tibial) collateral ligament: from medial epicondyle of femur to upper part of medial surface of tibia (firmly attached to medial meniscus).
- **3. Lateral (fibular) collateral ligament:** from lateral epicondyle of femur to head of fibula (separated from lateral meniscus by popliteus tendon).
- 4. Oblique popliteal ligament: extension of semimembranosus tendon.





### **INTRA-CAPSULAR LIGAMENTS**

### ATTACHMENTS:

- Each meniscus is attached by anterior & posterior horns into upper surface of tibia.
- The outer surface of medial meniscus is also attached to capsule & medial collateral ligament: medial meniscus is less mobile & more liable to be injured.

### **FUNCTIONS**:

- They deepen articular surfaces of tibial condyles.
- They serve as cushions between tibia & femur.

### MENISCI



### They are 2 C-shaped plates of fibrocartilage. The medial meniscus is large & oval. The lateral meniscus is small & circular.

### **INTRA-CAPSULAR LIGAMENTS**

### **ANTERIOR & POSTERIOR CRUCIATE LIGAMENTS**



#### ATTACHMENTS:

Anterior cruciate: from anterior part of intercondylar area of tibia to posterior part of lateral condyle of femur.

**Posterior cruciate:** from posterior part of intercondylar area of tibia to anterior part of medial condyle of femur.

#### FUNCTIONS:

**Anterior cruciate:** prevents posterior displacement of femur on tibia. **Posterior cruciate:** prevents anterior displacement of femur on tibia.





### **IMPORTANT BURSAE RELATED TO KNEE**



Suprapatellar bursa: between femur & quadriceps tendon, <u>communicates</u> with synovial membrane of knee joint (Clinical importance?)

- Prepatellar bursa: between patella & skin.
- **Deep infrapatellar bursa:** between tibia & ligamentum patella.
- **Subcutaneous infrapatellar bursa: between tibial tuberosity & skin.**
- Popliteal bursa (not shown): between popliteus tendon & capsule, <u>communicates</u> with synovial membrane of knee joint.

### **MOVEMENTS**

- FLEXION:
- 1. Mainly by hamstring muscles: biceps femoris, semitendinosus & semimembranosus.
- 2. Assisted by sartorius , gracilis & popliteus.
- EXTENSION:
  - Quadriceps femoris.
- ACTIVE ROTATION (PERFORMED WHEN KNEE IS FLEXED):
- A) MEDIAL ROTATION:
- 1. Mainly by semitendinosus & semimembranosus.
- 2. Assisted by sartorius & gracilis.
- B) LATERAL ROTATION:
  - **Biceps femoris.**

# **MOVEMENTS (cont'd)**

- INACTIVE (DEPENDANT) ROTATION:
   A) LOCKING OF KNEE:
- Lateral rotation of tibia (medial rotation of femur), at the end of extension
- Results mainly by tension of anterior cruciate ligament.
- In locked knee, all ligaments become tight.
- **B) UNLOCKING OF KNEE:**
- Medial rotation of tibia (lateral rotation of femur), at the beginning of flexion.
- Performed by popliteus to relax ligaments & allow easy flexion.



### **NERVE SUPPLY**

### **REMEMBER HILTON'S LAW:**

# *"The joint is supplied by branches from nerves supplying muscles acting on it".*

# **IDENTIFY**





# **ANKLE JOINT**

# **OBJECTIVES**

- At the end of the lecture, students should be able to:
- List the type & articular surfaces of ankle joint.
- Describe the ligaments of ankle joints.
- Describe movements of ankle joint.

### **SKELETON OF FOOT**



### **TYPES & ARTICULAR SURFACES**





### TYPE: It is a synovial, <u>hinge</u> joint. ARTICULAR SURFACES: <u>UPPER</u>: A socket formed by: the lower end of tibia, medial malleolus & lateral malleolus. LOWER: Body of talus.

## LIGAMENTS

### MEDIAL (DELTOID) LIGAMENT:

- A strong triangular ligament.
  Apex: attached to medial malleolus.
  Base: subdivided into 4 parts:
- 1. Anterior tibiotalar part.
- 2. Tibionavicular part.
- 3. Tibiocalcaneal part.
- 4. Posterior tibiotalar part.

#### **LATERAL LIGAMENT:**

- Composed of 3 separate ligaments (WHY?).
- Anterior talofibular ligament.
- Calcaneofibular ligament.
- Posterior talofibular ligament.



### **MOVEMENTS**

### **DORSIFLEXION:**

- Performed by muscles of <u>anterior</u> compartment of leg (tibialis anterior, extensor hallucis longus, extensor digitorum longus & peroneus tertius).
   PLANTERFLEXION:
- Initiated by soleus.
- Maintained by gastrocnemius.
- <u>Assisted</u> by other muscles in <u>posterior</u> compartment of leg (*tibialis posterior, flexor digitorum longus & flexor hallucis longus*) + muscles of <u>lateral</u> compartment of leg (*peroneus longus & peroneus brevis*).



### **INVERSION & EVERSION MOVEMENTS occur** *at the talo-calcaneo-navicular joint*.



# **OBJECTIVES**

- At the end of the lecture, students should be able to:
- List the type & articular surfaces of hip joint.
- Describe the ligaments of hip joints.
- Describe movements of hip joint.

### **TYPES & ARTICULAR SURFACES**

- TYPE:
- It is a synovial, <u>ball &</u> <u>socket</u> joint.
- ARTICULAR SURFACES:
- Acetabulum of hip (pelvic) bone
- Head of femur



## LIGAMENTS (3 Extracapsular)



Iliofemoral ligament: Y-shaped, anterior to joint, limits extension
 Pubofemoral ligament: antero-inferior to joint, limits abduction & lateral rotation
 Ischiofemoral ligament: posterior to joint, limits medial rotation

### LIGAMENTS (3 Intracapsular)



•Acetabular labrum: fibro-cartilaginous collar attached to margins of acetabulum to increase its depth for better retaining of head of femur.

Transverse acetabular ligament: converts acetabular notch into foramen through which pass acetabular vessels

•Ligament of femoral head: carries vessels to head of femur

### **MOVEMENTS**

- FLEXION: Iliopsoas (mainly), sartorius, pectineus, rectus femoris.
- EXTENSION: Hamstrings (mainly), gluteus maximus (powerful extensor).
- ABDUCTION: Gluteus medius & minimus, sartorius.
- ADDUCTION: Adductors, gracilis.
- MEDIAL ROTATION: Gluteus medius & minimus.
- LATERAL ROTATION: Gluteus maximus, quadratus femoris, piriformis, obturator externus & internus.

### **QUESTION 1**

- The muscle that <u>extends the hip & flexes the</u> <u>knee joint is:</u>
- 1. Gluteus maximus.
- 2. Quadriceps femoris.
- 3. Sartorius.
- 4. Semitendinosus.



### **QUESTION 2**

- □The bursa that <u>communicates with the</u> <u>synovial membrane of knee joint is:</u>
- 1. Suprapatellar.
- 2. Prepatellar.
- 3. Subcutaneous infrapatellar.
- 4. Deep infrapatellar.

### **QUESTION 3**

- **The muscle that** <u>dorsiflexes the ankle</u> is:
- 1. Flexor digitorum longus.
- 2. Tibialis anterior. 🗧
- 3. Peroneus brevis.
- 4. Gastrocnemius.

