Rotator cuff repair

An evidence based look at Advanced Healing Solutions

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Age is the dominant risk factor for rotator cuff re-tear¹

- Re-tear rates have been shown to double in the 50-59 age bracket compared to those below 50°
- Bone mineral density, which is known to decrease with age, also correlates with re-tear rate³



Figure: Graph of age vs. retear rate. The risk of retear doubled from 15% at age 50 years to >30% at age 70 years.⁴



Patients who undergo revision rotator cuff surgery can be twice as likely to have a re-tear compared to those undergoing primary repair*⁵

- A meta-analysis has shown patients with re-tear have significantly poorer function than those without re-tear $(p{<}0.001)^6$
- Following a revision surgery, patients experience increased pain, weaker strength and motion and have lower satisfaction with shoulder function compared to those undergoing primary repair surgery⁵



Figure: Intact repairs (%) for primary and revision surgery at 6 months and 2 years⁵ *n=310, primary; n=50, revision



Repair constructs can specifically address osteopenic bone^{7,8} associated with patients over 50³

 Open architecture anchors have been shown to increase bone density surrounding the anchor⁹ and potentially improve healing potential¹⁰



- In a model of osteporotic bone, open architecture anchors had a significantly greater failure load compared to standard anchors⁷ (p < 0.05)
- Knotless anchors with an internal suture locking mechanism perform consistently and may be advantageous in osteopenic bone⁸



Figure: Bone density at, and up to 2.50mm away from, the surface of an open architecture anchor and a standard anchor on 6-month CT scans. *=p<0.01, †=p<0.05.⁶ Figure: Mean load to failure (N) of PEEK open architecture and standard anchors in 5-pcf Sawbone. Statistical significance (p<0.05) vs * 4.5mm and \$ 5.5mm open architecture anchors⁷

Advanced healing solutions

The HEALICOIL° Family of suture anchors is redefining healing potential for rotator cuff repair

- The HEALICOIL anchor family features an open architecture design which allows bone to interdigitate within the thread profile
- Superior bone growth has been demonstrated at 6 months compared to solid anchors; this may contribute to higher pullout strength and offer the potential for reduced failure⁹
- Treatment of patients with a HEALICOIL Suture Anchor resulted in a greater rotator cuff thickness at 6 weeks post op compared to those treated with a non-vented anchor 10
- The HEALICOIL KNOTLESS anchor features an internal locking mechanism , the suture is securely locked in place providing an additional point of fixation*¹¹





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