

# **ACL** Reconstruction With *Internal*Brace<sup>™</sup> Technique vs **ACL** Reconstruction

### **Purpose**

To report the clinical outcomes of pain, function, and quality of life for patients who have undergone ACL reconstruction using the *Internal*Brace technique compared to patients who have undergone ACL reconstruction without using the *Internal*Brace technique.

#### Methods

The inclusion criteria for this analysis were patients enrolled in the Surgical Outcomes System™ global registry who underwent ACL reconstruction using the *Internal*Brace technique or ACL reconstruction without using the *Internal*Brace technique. Standard patient-reported outcomes questionnaires for VAS, KOOS ADL, and SANE Knee were administered at standard time points postoperatively. Results were reported from presurgery to 5 years postsurgery. The number of patients included per group is shown below.

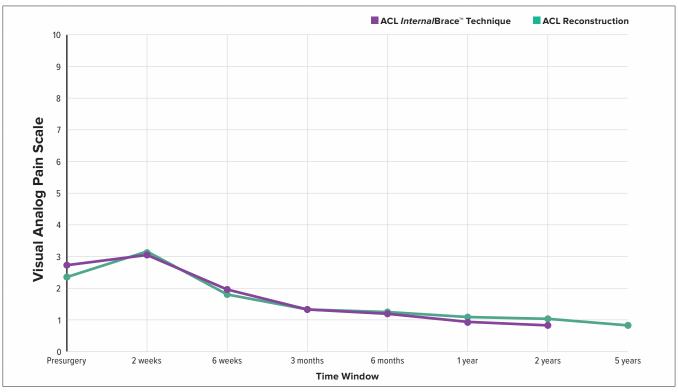
Time Point	# of Compliant ACL Reconstruction InternalBrace Technique Patients/ Total Patients	# of Compliant ACL Reconstruction Patients/ Total Patients
Presurgery	130/237	6101/9658
1 year	136/202	4008/7657
2 years	88/136	2608/5337
5 years	N/A	274/871

#### **Trend Conclusion**

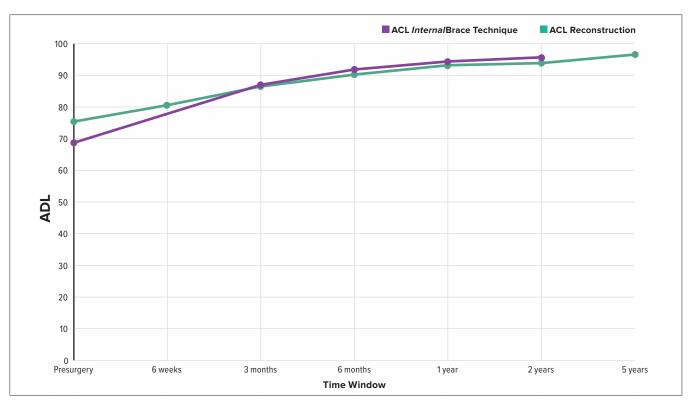
Based on these results, the pain, function, and quality-oflife scores of ACL reconstruction using the *Internal*Brace technique appear to trend toward similar outcomes to ACL reconstruction. However, no claims can be made on the potential of these results without further analysis to determine statistical significance.

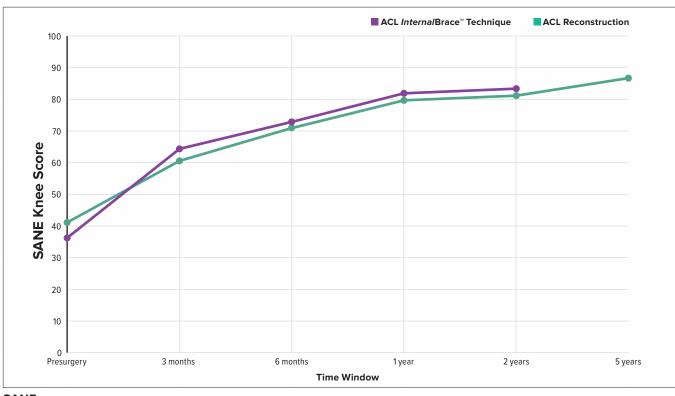


# Results



## VAS





**SANE** 



Time Point	ACL Reconstruction With <i>Internal</i> Brace™ Technique Avg ± STD VAS	ACL Reconstruction Avg ± STD VAS
Presurgery	2.8 ± 2.3	2.4 ± 2.2
1 year	0.9 ± 1.4	1.1 ± 1.6
2 years	0.8 ± 1.3	1.0 ± 1.6
5 years	N/A	0.8 ± 1.4

Time Point	ACL Reconstruction With Internal Brace Technique Avg ± STD KOOS ADL	ACL Reconstruction Avg ± STD KOOS ADL
Presurgery	68.8 ± 21.4	75.1 ±19.3
1 year	94.4 ±10.1	92.8 ± 11.3
2 years	95.5 ± 9.4	93.8 ± 11.2
5 years	N/A	95.8 ± 9.1

Time Point	ACL Reconstruction With Internal Brace Technique Avg ± STD SANE	ACL Reconstruction Avg ± STD SANE
Presurgery	36.0 ± 22.0	41.5 ± 23.3
1 year	82.2 ± 16.0	79.3 ± 17.4
2 years	84.3 ± 15.0	81.8 ± 18.1
5 years	N/A	86.1 ± 17.6

The InternalBrace surgical technique is intended only to augment the primary repair/reconstruction by expanding the area of tissue approximation during the healing period and is not intended as a replacement for the native ligament. The InternalBrace technique is for use during soft tissue-to-bone fixation procedures and is not cleared for bone-to-bone fixation.

