HTO Hinge Pin and FreeCut Systems

Surgical Technique





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Required Steps for Both Techniques



Using the full-length standing AP radiograph, draw a line from the center of the femoral head to the center of the tibiotalar joint. This demonstrates the patient's mechanical axis. Draw another line from the center of the femoral head to a midway point* in the lateral knee joint. Draw a final line from the center of the tibiotalar joint to the same point in the lateral knee joint. The angle formed by the intersection of these 2 lines determines the degree of correction required to return the patient's mechanical axis to the point of intersection on the lateral side. Prior to final fixation, verify the alignment by external examination and fluoroscopy.

*This point is located at 62.5% of the width of the proximal tibia (ie, 80 mm [width to proximal tibia] \times 0.625 = 50 mm).

Corresponding Medial Opening

Correction Degrees	Small	Medium	Large	Extra Large
5		6.26 mm	6.62 mm	7.69 mm
6	6.26 mm	7.25 mm	7.69 mm	8.76 mm
7	7.25 mm	8.25 mm	8.76 mm	9.83 mm
8	8.25 mm	9.25 mm	9.83 mm	10.90 mm
9	9.25 mm	10.25 mm	10.90 mm	11.98 mm
10	10.25 mm	11.25 mm	11.98 mm	13.05 mm
11	11.25 mm	12.26 mm	13.05 mm	14.13 mm
12	11.25 mm	13.26 mm	14.13 mm	15.21 mm
13	12.26 mm	14.27 mm	15.21 mm	16.29 mm
14	13.26 mm	15.28 mm	16.29 mm	17.38 mm
15	14.27 mm	16.29 mm	17.38 mm	

If using an <code>iBalance®</code> HTO implant, verify the implant size prior to making a skin incision.



Confirm the tibial width measurement intraoperatively using AP fluoroscope imaging and the iBalance steel ruler. Obtain measurements both anterior and posterior to the proximal tibia and average the 2 readings for the tibial plateau width. This method provides compensation for parallax and magnification of the fluoroscope image and confirms the preoperative planning.

Tibial width = (width anterior + width posterior) ÷ 2

Estimated iBalance HTO System Instrument Size

Small	Medium	Large	Extra Large
64-70 mm	70-78 mm	78-88 mm	88-96 mm

Hinge Pin First | Steps 3-10



Assemble the extramedullary (EM) guide and the PEEK hinge pin attachment ordinated such that the correct operative side is identified.



Place the extramedullary (EM) guide on the operative limb. Adjust the working height and position the PEEK hinge pin guide with the medial arm in the approximate location of the desired osteotomy. The guide should be approximately parallel to the tibial crest. Position the posterior tip of the guide on the most posterior and medial aspect of the tibia.



With the assistance of a true anteroposterior (AP) fluoroscopic image, confirm that the hole associated with the determined component size is in the appropriate position (approximately 1.25 times greater than the distance from the hinge pin to the nearest lateral cortex).



With the assistance of lateral fluoroscopy, adjust the slope and working height on the EM guide.



Identify Gerdy's tubercle with a sterile skin marker as the approximate location for the entry point of the hinge pin. This location can optionally be identified under fluoroscopy with the use of the hinge pin template.

Under x-ray, the lateral tibial plateau has to be seen in line and ¹/₃ of the fibula head is projected through the tibia. The horizontal aspect of the template should be aligned with the tibial plateau and the vertical aspect with the lateral aspect of the tibia. The skin may be marked through the oval at the proximal level of the fibular head.



Insert two 2.4 mm breakaway guide pins using the conventional method. The angle of the osteotomy should be angled toward the termination point identified in the previous step. It is recommended that the cutting guide is used to ensure the appropriate distance and parallel nature of the guide pins.



Replace the cutting guide with the hinge pin cutting guide. Adjust the articulating arm so that the hinge pin hole is aligned approximately over the skin mark created earlier (Gerdy's tubercle). Use a 5 mm cannulated reamer to drill the hinge pin hole. Take care to ensure proper internal/external rotation is established. Insert the hinge pin and remove the hinge pin cutting guide.



Create the osteotomy using the conventional method. Start with a sagittal saw and finish with flexible osteotomes. The osteotomy should terminate completely at the hinge pin. Fluoroscopic confirmation should be checked repeatedly throughout the cutting process.

If the iBalance[®] PEEK wedge implant will be used, proceed with step 11. If the ContourLock^m HTO plate system will be used, open the osteotomy using the conventional method and apply the plate.

Hinge Pin First | Steps 3-10 (Cont.)



After confirming appropriate internal/external rotation, drive a 2.4 mm guidewire into the appropriate hole corresponding to the desired implant size.



Remove the EM guide and ream over the guidewire with a 5 mm reamer.



Remove the hinge pin cutting guide.



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Insert the appropriately sized FreeCut keyhole guide. The posterior medial aspect of the guide represents the posterior flange of the implant. This flange should align with cortical bone and the posterior medial aspect of the tibia.



Drill both keyhole lugs. After the first hole is drilled, the keyhole lug stabilizer may be inserted to ensure proper alignment of the guide while the second lug is prepared.



Insert the appropriately sized FreeCut keyhole guide. The posterior medial aspect of the guide represents the posterior flange of the implant. This flange should align with cortical bone and the posterior medial aspect of the tibia.



Very slowly, open the jack by turning the turnkey handle until the planned correction angle is noted on the correction guide. It is important to rotate the turnkey slowly over several minutes to allow for stress relaxation of the lateral cortex. To allow for compression of graft material, variation in accuracy, and insertion of the implant, open the jack approximately 1-3 additional degrees. Press fit the graft material into the osteotomy using the graft tamp. Pack the graft material beyond the opening jack paddles to avoid overfilling.



Open the sterile implant package that matches the planned correction angle. Insert the iBalance® HTO implant through the opening jack jaws into the osteotomy and keyholes.



Push in and seat the implant into the wedge and keyholes. Ensure that the implant keys fit cleanly into the drilled keyholes. Check alignment with the anteromedial and posteromedial surfaces. Disassemble and remove the opening jack components from the osteotomy, leaving the iBalance HTO implant in place.



Insert the drill guide into the posterior proximal hole of the implant so that it fits closely and the index marks and numbers are visible. Slide the anchor drill through the drill guide and drill into the tibia, ensuring that the drill tip remains below the inferior chondral bone of the tibial plateau. Monitor drilling under fluoroscopic imaging.



Slide the anchor depth device through the drill guide into the drilled hole until it bottoms out. Determine the proper cancellous anchor length using the depth device. Use the anchor driver to advance the cancellous anchor through the implant into bone. Tighten the anchor until the entire head recesses just below the implant surface and then advance another quarter turn. Repeat for the other proximal hole of the implant.



Insert the drill guide into the posterior distal hole of the implant until it fully seats. Adjust the guide until the index marks and numbers are visible. Slide the anchor drill through the guide and drill into the tibia, ensuring that the drill tip passes completely through the distal cortex of the tibia.



Remove the drill and slide the anchor depth device through the drill guide and drilled hole, hooking the distal cortex. Determine the length of the cortical anchor by selecting the closest aligned index mark on the depth device.



Remove the anchor depth device. Insert the tap guide into the implant and tap the drilled hole with the cortical tap to the measured depth.



Using the anchor driver, insert the cortical anchor through the implant into bone until it engages the far side of the cortex. Tighten the anchor until the entire head is just below the implant surface and then advance another quarter turn. Repeat the above steps for the other distal hole.



The remainder of the osteotomy can be filled with a bone void filler.

Bone Void Filler Options



AlloSync[™] Pure Demineralized Bone Matrix

AlloSync Pure is a dehydrated osteoinductive DBM derived from 100% allograft bone. Surgeons can adjust the viscosity of AlloSync Pure bone matrix to have a more flowable or putty-like consistency based on hydration.



AlloSync Expand Fibers

AlloSync Expand fibers are 100% demineralized bone giving ideal intraoperative handling and controlled expansion into bone voids. The fibers of the graft wick blood, bone marrow, and other physiological fluids that allow the graft to expand and improve fill.



QuickSet[™] Calcium Phosphate Cement

Quickset cement is a macroporous, injectable, hardening, resorbable bone cement provided in an easy-to-use, closed mixing system with high compressive strength.

*Quickset cement is a product of Graftys, S.A.



BoneSync[™] Calcium Phosphate Cement

Contains collagen and is a fast-setting, drillable, and injectable cement that can be mixed with biologically active fluid (ie, BMA, PRP, or whole blood) to improve incorporation.

Note: BoneSync is also offered in putty and strip forms.



Osferion Osteotomy Wedges

An osteoconductive bone void filler consisting of 100% high-purity beta-tricalcium phosphate (β -TCP). Available in wedge and trapezoid shapes, intended to promote healing and provide added rigidity to the repair.

Ordering Information

iBalance[®] HTO Instrument Set

Product description	Item number
iBalance HTO Instrument Set	AR- 13400S
Steel rule, 120 mm	AR- 13410
Cobb elevator	AR-13411-01
Posterior elevator	AR-13411-02
NV shield, left, SM/MD	AR-13412-01
NV shield, right, SM/MD	AR- 13412-02
NV shield, left, LG/XL	AR-13412-03
NV shield, right, LG/XL	AR- 13412-04
Fastener and lock washer	AR- 13413
NV shield handle	AR- 13414
Hex driver	AR- 13415
Adjustable base, left	AR-13416-01
Adjustable base, right	AR-13416-02
Keyhole guide, left	AR-13417-01
Keyhole guide, right	AR- 13417-02
Alignment handle	AR- 13418
Hinge pin aimer	AR-13419-01
Hinge pin aimer, collet nut	AR-13419-02
Biplanar alignment mount	AR- 13420-01
Biplanar alignment bar	AR- 13420-02
Multi-tool	AR- 13421
Fixation pin	AR- 13422
Tissue protector	AR- 13423
Hinge pin drill, AO connection	AR- 13424-01
Hinge pin drill, chuck connection	AR- 13424-02
Hinge pin	AR- 13424-03
Hinge pin drill stop	AR- 13424-04
Keyhole reamer	AR- 13425
Keyhole provisional pin	AR- 13426
Cutting guide, left, SM/MD	AR- 13427-01
Cutting guide, right, SM/MD	AR- 13427-02
Cutting guide, left, LG/XL	AR-13428-01
Cutting guide, right, LG/XL	AR- 13428-02
Medial osteotome, beveled	AR- 13429-01
Osteotome handle	AR- 13429-02
Opening jack, back arm	AR-13430-01
Opening jack, front arm	AR-13430-02
Opening jack fastener	AR- 13430-03
Opening jack turnkey	AR-13430-04
Correction guide, SM/MD	AR-13431-01
Correction guide, LG/XL	AR-13431-02
Graft tamp	AR-13432
Anchor drill guide	AR-13433
Anchor drill, chuck connection	AR-13434-01
Anchor drill, AU connection	AR-13434-02
Anchor depth gauge	AR-13435
Anchor tap guide	AR-13436
Cortical bone tap, 4.5 mm	AR-13437
	AK-13438
Anchor driver	AK-13439
	AR-134000

iBalance Instrument Set Implants

Product description	Item number
Small 6°/Medium 5° – Small 15°/Medium 13°	
iBalance HTO implant, SM 12°	AR-13400S-12
iBalance HTO implants	AR-13400M-05–13
iBalance HTO implant, MD 14° and 15°	AR-13400M-14-15
iBalance HTO implant, LG 5°	AR-13400L-05
iBalance HTO implants, LG 6°/XL 5° – LG 15°/XL 14°	AR-13400L-06-15

iBalance Instrument Set Anchors

Product description	Item number
iBalance HTO anchors, cancellous, 20-32 mm	AR- 13401-20 - 32
iBalance HTO anchors, cortical, 24-52 mm	AR- 13402-24 - 52

iBalance TKA (EM Tibial Guide)

Product description	Item number
iBalance TKA, EM tibial guide, proximal body	AR- 623-30
iBalance TKA, EM tibial guide, ankle clamp	AR- 623-33
HTO hinge pin EM guide	AR- 13440-01
HTO hinge pin EM guide, large	AR- 13440-02
HTO hinge pin saw guide	AR- 13315-3
HTO hinge pin guide	AR- 13315-2

Freehand Cutting Guide

Product description	Item number
HTO cutting guide	AR- 13315
HTO FreeCut technique keyhole guide, medium	AR- 13417M
HTO FreeCut technique keyhole guide, large	AR- 13417L

Suggested Bone Substitute

Product description	ltem number
OSferion Osteotomy Wedge	
OSferion osteotomy wedge, 7 mm × 30 mm	AR- 13370-1
OSferion osteotomy wedge, 10 mm × 30 mm	AR- 13370-2
OSferion osteotomy wedge, 12 mm \times 35 mm	AR- 13370-3
OSferion osteotomy wedge, 15 mm × 35 mm	AR- 13370-4
OSferion Trapezoid	
OSferion trapezoid, $8 \times 25 \times 7 \text{ mm} \times 75$	AR- 13372-1
OSferion trapezoid, $9 \times 25 \times 7 \text{ mm} \times 75$	AR- 13372-2
OSferion trapezoid, $10 \times 25 \times 7 \text{ mm} \times 75$	AR- 13372-3
AlloSync [™] DBM Putty	
DBM putty, 1 cc	ABS- 2012-01
DBM putty, 2.55 cc	ABS- 2012-02
DBM putty, 5 cc	ABS- 2012-05
DBM putty, 10 cc	ABS- 2012-10
AlloSync [™] Expand	
AlloSync [™] Expand demineralized cortical fibers, 1 cc	ABS- 2017-01
AlloSync [™] Expand demineralized cortical fibers, 2.5 Cc	ABS- 2017-02
AlloSync [™] Expand demineralized cortical fibers, 5 cc	ABS- 2017-05
AlloSync [™] Expand demineralized cortical fibers, 10 cc	ABS- 2017-10

BoneSync™ Kit Packages	
BoneSync cement, 3 cc	AR- 3103
BoneSync cement, 5 cc	AR- 3105
BoneSync cement, 10 cc (2 × 5 cc kit)	AR- 3105-2
BoneSync Putty	•
Putty, 2.5 cc	ABS- 3202
Putty, 5 cc	ABS- 3205
Putty, 10 cc	ABS- 3210
Putty, 15 cc	ABS- 3215
BoneSync Strips	•
Strip, 10 cc	ABS- 3310
Strip, 15 cc	ABS- 3315
Quickset [™] Kits	
Kit, 5 cc	ABS- 3005
Kit, 8 cc	ABS- 3008
Kit, 16 cc	ABS- 3016

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