

News You Can Use from Your Partner for Orthopedic Solutions



Hello all!

We've just returned from another successful Arthrex Anchor Repair System Lab at Texas A&M University! We had 41 participants and once again received excellent reviews on the lab. Please consider taking one of these CE Courses and learn about this superior suture anchor system. The last one for the year will be held in Los Angeles, CA on November 14th. There are still openings but courses fill up fast...so don't hesitate!

There are only 3 openings for the "Introduction to Basic Canine Arthroscopy" on September 12th in Atlanta. Due to the demand for this course we have added stations. But these spots won't last long! To sign up for either of these courses please see below for links to the registration page on the Arthrex Vet Systems website.

Minimally Invasive Technique for Treating CCL Injuries

Featured Solution

Tightrope CCL by Arthrex Vet Systems



Tightrope CCL is a minimally invasive technique for stabilization of the cranial cruciate deficient stifle. It employs bone to bone fixation and the high strength characteristics of FiberTape®. Utilizing isometric sites, the TightRope CCL technique can counteract cranial tibial thrust, drawer and internal rotation, while providing optimal joint range of motion. It is a simple and repeatable procedure for a wide range of patients.

Over two years of follow up on more than 700 cases, the TightRope® CCL

Product Update

Later this summer, TightRope will undergo a minor update to a preassembled double TightRope. The progression to the double TightRope was based primarily on its provision for intraoperative evaluation of optimal TightRope placement and tensioning. The first TightRope loop is temporarily tied and ROM, drawer, thrust and internal rotation are assessed to ensure that isometric placement has been accomplished with appropriate tensioning of the TightRope. The joint is cycled through multiple ROM's to ensure full seating of the device and any adjustments necessary can be made prior to final tying of both strands.

See the technique client owners are asking about!

View the new TightRope CCL animation online at www.arthrexvetsystems.com and get more information on this and

technique has a reported 95% success rate. It is one of the most thoroughly reported CCL repair procedures in the history of veterinary medicine. (See Multi-Site Clinical Data Update below)

other high quality products, upcoming surgical labs and surgical technique guides.

TightRope CCL Multi-Site Clinical Data Update

For more than two years now, we have been collecting information from veterinarians that have sent in their clinical data on their TightRope patients.

To date, we have 16 centers that have sent in data on 583 canine TightRope cases. Every animal was a minimum of 3 months out from the time of surgery to greater than 2 years. Weight ranges for the animals were from 2-93kg.

The overall reported success rate is 95.5% with 48.2% of these rated as “Excellent” and 47.3% rated as “Good”. An “Excellent” rating indicates that the animal was able to return to full function without lameness or limitations. A “Good” rating indicates that the animal was able to return to preinjury level of function but may be limited by level, duration, or type of activities or requires consistent medication to achieve level of function.

The type of complications listed were 9.4% as “Major” and 10.9% as “Minor”. “Major” complications included infection (2.9%), meniscus (3.4%), and implant/technique failure (2.7%). The “Minor” complications include functional instability (3.5%), infection (2.2%) and other (3.9%). These complications are right on par with reported complications for TPLO, lateral suture, TTA, and cranial closing wedge osteotomy, with ranges from 17-59% in the peer-reviewed veterinary literature.

Clinical Data Email Updates

If you would like to receive these updates via email please contact:

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Other Featured Orthopedic Solutions

Full Line of Veterinary Bone Models

Canine Knee	9050
Canine Osteoarthritis Knee – Normal + 3 conditions	9051
Canine Hip	9060
Canine Elbow	9070
Canine Shoulder	9075
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Canine Skin with Flea bite conditions	9090
Feline Heart and Lung	9141
Canine Heart with Heartworm	9150
Canine Heart and Lung	9151
Feline Hip	9160
Feline Elbow/Shoulder	9170
Feline Jaw	9190
Feline Jaw – clear material showing teeth	9191
Canine Jaw	9195
Canine Jaw – clear material showing teeth	9196
Two-sided Canine Ear – normal and infected	9200



Clients find their pet’s condition is easily understood when viewing our anatomically correct and accurate models. We carry a full line of veterinary models. Call for pricing!



NEW! Arthroscopy Equipment for Veterinarians



Arthrex Vet Systems has recently released its new line of arthroscopy equipment for veterinarians. This new system proves to be a tremendous value by combining excellent image quality, reliability, cost effectiveness and integration of software that allows the unit to connect directly to a laptop for image and video capture.

Coming soon: Our demo model is on the way! Please inquire about setting up a demonstration in your clinic.

NEW! Lease program: Canine Arthroscopy Set

A comprehensive selection of specialty instrumentation to perform arthroscopic procedure on the stifle, elbow, shoulder, and hock. From Arthrex Vet Systems



LEASE PROGRAMS

Rental: \$400 plus shipping

Lease program: Original Interlocking Nail[®] System



Average costs per procedure when using the lease program:

Rental of equipment: \$275 - Interlocking Nail: \$72 - Bolts (4): \$56

Overnight Shipping: approx \$60 (actual cost to be determined at time of shipping)

Total cost = approx \$457.00 per procedure

If you use our lease program and then decide to purchase an Interlocking Nail System, the price of the new system will be reduced by \$250.

Arthrex Tightrope & Anchor Videos and Animations

SURGICAL TECHNIQUE

Arthrex Media Center Updates!!

Check out the updated Arthrex Vet Systems Media Center for a **NEW Tightrope CCL technique animation** along with surgical videos for both the Tightrope CCL and CCL

ANIMATIONS AND VIDEOS

Anchor Repair Systems. Whitepapers, scientific articles and other resources are available as well. www.arthrexvetsystems.com/en/mediacenter



Inventory Clearance!!! Original Interlocking Nails

HALF-PRICE INVENTORY CLEARANCE - ONLY WHILE SUPPLIES LAST! INTERLOCKING NAILS FOR MODEL 22* - Half price - \$33 each!!

6mm with 2.7mm holes and 8mm with 3.5mm holes (4 hole nails)

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22-06-205-02-02-2.7	22-08-205-02-02-3.5
22-06-230-02-02-2.7	22-08-230-02-02-3.5

6mm with 2.7mm holes and 8mm with 3.5mm holes (3 hole nails)

22-06-140-01-02-2.7	22-08-140-01-02-3.5
22-06-160-01-02-2.7	22-08-160-01-02-3.5
22-06-185-01-02-2.7	22-08-185-01-02-3.5
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22-06-205-02-01-2.7	22-08-205-02-01-3.5
22-06-230-02-01-2.7	22-08-230-02-01-3.5

*Nails will also work with the current Model 11 System. Holes are 22mm apart rather than 11mm. **Only while supplies last!!!**

BASIC SMALL ANIMAL ARTHROSCOPY

This course is an introduction to the basic technique of elbow and shoulder arthroscopy. Discussion of equipment needs and care, specific indications and methods to consistently achieve successful visualization and management of joint disorders will be discussed in a lecture format. Participants will learn to gain access to the elbow and shoulder, develop working portals and become familiar with instruments available for treatment of intra-articular lesions in a cadaver limb.

Tightrope CCL – MINIMALLY INVASIVE TECHNIQUE FOR TREATING CCL INJURIES

This laboratory will provide a didactic section covering the principles of the Tightrope CCL materials and technique, a step-by-step presentation of the surgical technique, and presentation of data regarding the clinical results of the technique from a prospective cohort (TPLO) study in canine patients.

Lab and Lecture Schedule 2009



2009 Basic Small Animal Arthroscopy Labs



Date	Location	Exhibit/Lab
August 20-21, 2009	Naples, FL	VA3 Meeting Arthroscopy Advanced
September 12	Atlanta, GA	Basic Arthroscopy

Click here: www.arthrexvetsystems.com to view an agenda and a listing of dates, locations, and to register for these courses.



2009 Tightrope CCL Labs

The laboratory period will include hands-on training in a wet-lab period in which each person can perform the technique on a cadaveric canine stifle. Individuals signing up for this laboratory should be comfortable and experienced with performing aseptic exploratory arthrotomy or arthroscopy of the canine stifle, as well as traditional cruciate stabilization techniques.



Date	Location	Exhibit/Lab
September 26	Los Angeles, CA	TightRope
November 7	Dallas, TX	TightRope

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NOVEL TECHNIQUES FOR TREATING CRANIAL CRUCIATE LIGAMENT TEARS AND THE MENISCUS IN DOGS AND CATS

Learn and practice the concept, techniques and instrumentation of selected joint stabilization procedures in the canine cadaver pelvic limb. Repair cranial cruciate ligament (CrCL) tears, collateral ligament disruption, patellar luxation, tarsal collateral ligament injury using easy-to-learn techniques and the latest specialized implant. Practice the application of suture anchors and a novel suture material. Upon completion of this course, the participants should be able to show an increased expertise and confidence in treating unstable or luxated pelvic limb joints including CrCL disruption, patellar luxation and collateral ligament injury.



2009 Anchor CCL Repair System Labs



Date	Location	Exhibit/Lab
November 14	Los Angeles, CA	Anchor

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INTERLOCKING NAIL & TPLO WORKSHOPS

These workshops will provide practical, hands-on instruction on 1) treatment for cranial cruciate ligament ruptures and 2) a cost effective, technically simple method of fracture stabilization. In the workshop on Saturday you will learn the surgical approach and tibial plateau leveling technique using novel instrumentation that was developed by Dr. Erick Thorsgard and is marketed by Innovative Animal Products. There will be practical information presented in a series of short lectures followed by a closely instructed wet lab. The lab will use both plastic sawbones and cadaveric limbs. You will have an opportunity to develop your skills under the supervision of highly experienced experts. On Sunday, a workshop on interlocking nailing for internal fracture fixation will be offered. This course will include a series of short lectures with



2009 Original Interlocking Nail and TPLO Labs



Date	Location	Exhibit/Lab
October 24/25 TBD (More information forthcoming)	University of MN	Interlocking Nail/TPLO

practical information on the nailing instrumentation and application to long bone fractures, again followed by wet labs offering the opportunity to apply this fixation method to plastic bone and cadaveric limbs with long bone fractures.

FIXIN – CONICAL COUPLING INTERNAL FIXATION SYSTEM

The course is designed to introduce the Veterinary Surgeon to the new FIXIN internal fixation system explaining mechanics innovation, instruments, implants, surgical technique, technical errors and possible complications; the goal is to prepare the surgeon to approach the system describing in detail the surgical procedure and the "tricks" to reach the desired performance. A series of case histories also shows a selection of clinical cases selected from over 600 applications in four years that highlight the flexibility and simplicity of the system and its way of working, the course also includes a workshop on plastic bones during which Surgeons can have a short but comprehensive experience with the FIXIN system.

To register for this course: **Innovative Animal Products 888.551.4394**

FIXIN

2009 FIXIN Labs



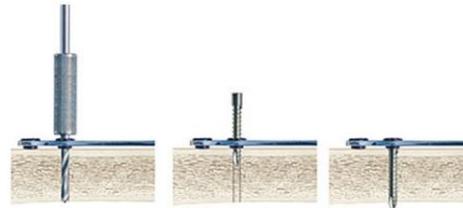
Date	Location	Exhibit/Lab
December 19 th	New York, NY	FIXIN – Locking Supports

To register: www.innovativeanimal.com

Click on "FIXIN Course Registration" link under the IAP University Section

Fax to 507.281.8110 or **Call** 888.551.4394

For more information and case logs **See here:** www.traumavet.it



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