Lower Extremity Injuries

The History

- How, When and Where ?
- Swelling?
- Ability to Ambulate?
- Did you hear or feel a Pop?
- Did you Relocate an Injured part?

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The Physical Examination

- Have the patient demonstrate the area of maximal tenderness
- Use one finger to localize tenderness
- Is the tenderness located over the bone or the soft tissues?

³ Knee Anatomy

4 Injury Terms:

Sprain vs Strain

5 Sprains

Severity:

- Grade I min. structural disruption
- Grade II partial disruption
- Grade III complete disruption
- 6 Physeal Fracture Patterns
- 7 Knee Ligaments in Children
- 8 Knee Ligaments in Children

9 Knee Examination

- · Always examine the hip when examining the knee
- Obligatory External Rotation with Hip Flexion is an important sign of potential hip pathology
- Hip pain is often referred to the anterior thigh or knee

10 Slipped Capital Femoral Epiphysis

Obligatory External Rotation with Hip Flexion

11 Physical Exam

- Deformity
- Swelling
- Tenderness
- Mobility
- Stability

12 Physical Exam

- Lachman Test for ACL and PCL
- Anterior and Posterior Drawer

13 📕 MRI

- Menisci
- Ligaments

Tumor

14 Physical Exam

Assess Medial and Lateral Stability

15 Physical Exam

- Palpate the Joint Lines for Tenderness --Meniscal Pathology
- 16 Meniscal Tears
 - Rarely Before 12
 - Occasionally Isolated
 - Unusual to be Minor Trauma
 - Consider Discoid



• Radiographic "confirmation"

35 Physeal Injury

- Mild to moderate swelling
- Minimal or no ecchymosis
- Refusal to weightbear
- Tenderness directly over physis
- Treatment
- 36 **Tillaux Fracture**

37 Fifth Metatarsal Fracture

- Usually forced inversion injury
- Minimal findings but patient almost always refuses to weightbear on affected bone
- Jones vs Styloid
- 38 Lisfranc Injury

39 Lisfranc Injury

- u Mechanisms:
 - » longitudinal
 - » twist
 - » bend
- u Treatment:
 - » Identify or suspect !
 - » Splint, Ice, Elevate,
 - » Early referral to
 - » Ortho for ORIF