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Surgical Technique
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Diagnosis of an acetabular labral tear is mostly clinical and presents in a similar manner as meniscal pathology in the knee. Patients can present with complaints of mechanical symptoms such as popping, painful clicking and catching, and may demonstrate reduced range of motion of the hip.

Prior treatment guidelines suggested that debridement and resection of the torn labral tissue was appropriate for pain relief. Though effective, this often compromised the function of the acetabular labrum.

Longitudinal, peripheral, and intrasubstance tears are amenable to repair. By repairing the torn labrum, the following physiological functions can be preserved:

- Joint compressive forces
- Cartilage consolidation
- Vacuum-sealing mechanism
- Joint stability and congruity

**Patient Positioning**

Acetabular labral repair is performed in the central compartment of the hip joint requiring appropriate distraction to allow adequate space for performing the operation. Proper distraction in the supine position can be achieved using the Arthrex hip distraction system (HDS) to facilitate the desired lower extremity positioning.
Portal Placement

Acetabular labral repair is performed using a variety of arthroscopic portals including a combination of anterior (A), anterolateral (AL), midanterior (MA), and/or distal anterolateral accessory (DALA) portals. Flexible Trim-iT™ custom hip cannulas can be cut to size and used for all working portals to provide enhanced instrument mobility.

The 8.25 mm flexible Trim-iT custom hip cannula is made of a soft polyvinyl chloride plastic designed to provide enhanced instrument mobility and minimize iatrogenic damage to the articular surfaces. The reinforced proximal threads hold exceptionally well in soft tissue and the ability to cut the cannula from 7 cm to 15 cm working lengths minimizes OR inventory and makes it one of the most versatile cannulas available.

Simple 3-Step Cannula Insertion

1. Measure. Place the calibrated switching stick into the portal and measure the soft tissue distance.

2. Cut. Cut the cannula to the desired length.

3. Insert. Load the cannula onto the adjustable obturator and insert into the joint.
After performing an acetabuloplasty, create a bone socket by sliding the appropriate drill guide down the cannula and placing it on the acetabular rim near the articular surface. Advance the drill bit on power through the drill guide until the collar contacts the handle. Cycle the drill bit 2-3 times in hard bone to clear bone debris from the prepared socket and subsequently remove the drill bit.

Insert the implant down the drill guide and impact the back of the handle with a mallet to the positive stop at the end of the inserter. Pull the black suture release tab and remove the drill guide and implant inserter from the cannula.

Create a loop with 1 limb of the #1 FiberWire® suture and load approximately 5 cm of it through the hip labral Scorpion™ suture passer. Pull slight tension on the suture towards the left side of the Scorpion suture passer shaft and gently squeeze the back handle to expose the Nitinol Scorpion needle. The suture will load into the notch of the needle.

Slide the hip labral Scorpion suture passer into the joint space and place the articulating jaw underneath the labrum as close as possible to the transitional zone of cartilage. Squeeze the front trigger to engage the tissue and compress the back of the handle to push the needle through the labral tissue. Remove the hip labral Scorpion suture passer from the joint and release the suture.
Tie and advance an arthroscopic sliding knot followed by 3 alternating half hitches using a knot pusher to complete the repair. Cut the suture strands with a FiberWire® suture cutter. Note: Use the suture limb that is farthest away from the acetabular face as the post to avoid a prominent knot stack near the acetabulum. Insert subsequent implants until the repair construct is complete.
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Use a BirdBeak® suture retriever to grab and pass the suture limb that is closest to the labrum. Push it through the base of the labrum and release it from the jaws. Remove the suture retriever from the labrum and pierce the tissue again through the substance of the labrum closer to the femoral head. Retrieve the loop of suture and pull it out of the cannula.
### Ordering Information

#### 2.4 mm SutureTak Implant
- **Mini Hip SutureTak Anchor, PEEK**, 2.0 mm × 8.6 mm  
  AR-1934PHS-20

#### 2.4 mm SutureTak Reusable Instruments, Extended Hip Length
- Drill Guide, XL, Crown Tip, w/ cannulated obturator  
  AR-1934-20DG  
- Drill Guide, XL, Fork Tip, w/ cannulated obturator  
  AR-1934-20DGF  
- Cannulated Obturator, XL, for Drill Guide  
  AR-1934-20DGF-1  
- Step Drill, XL, for 2.0 mm Mini Hip SutureTak Anchor  
  AR-1934DH-1  
- Step Drill, XL, for 2.0 mm Mini Hip SutureTak Anchor, hard bone  
  AR-1934DH-2

#### 2.4 mm SutureTak Disposable Instruments, Extended Hip Length
- Disposable Step Drill, XL, for 2.0 mm Mini Hip SutureTak Anchor, hard bone  
  AR-1934DH-2  
- Disposables Kit, XL, for 2.0 mm Mini Hip SutureTak Anchor  
  AR-1934DH-20  
- Disposable Curved Insertion Kit, XL, for 2.0 mm Mini Hip SutureTak Anchor  
  AR-1934DH-20C

#### 2.4 mm SutureTak Implants
- Mini SutureTak Anchor, PEEK, w/ #1 FiberWire Suture, 2.0 mm × 12 mm  
  AR-1934PF-20  
- Mini SutureTak Anchor, Biocomposite, w/ #1 FiberWire Suture, 2.0 mm × 12 mm  
  AR-1934BCF-20

#### 2.4 mm SutureTak Disposable Instrumentation, Standard Hip Length
- Curved Insertion Kit for 2.0 mm SutureTak Anchor  
  AR-2948D

#### 2.4 mm SutureTak Implant
- SutureTak Anchor, PEEK, w/ #2 FiberWire Suture, 2.4 mm × 12 mm  
  AR-1934PF-24  
- SutureTak Anchor, Biocomposite, w/ #2 FiberWire Suture, 2.4 mm × 12 mm  
  AR-1934BCF-24  
- SutureTak Anchor, Biocomposite, w/ two #2 FiberWire Suture, 2.4 mm × 12 mm  
  AR-1934BCF-24-2

#### 2.4 mm SutureTak Reusable Instrumentation, Standard Hip Length
- Drill Guide, Fork Tip, with cannulated obturator  
  AR-1325H-2.4  
- Drill Guide, Fishmouth, with cannulated obturator  
  AR-1949H-2.4  
- Step Drill for 2.4 mm SutureTak Anchor  
  AR-1934D-24  
- Step Drill for 2.4 mm SutureTak Anchor, hard bone  
  AR-1934D-24-1  
- Step Drill for 2.4 mm SutureTak Anchor, very hard bone  
  AR-1934D-24-2

#### 3.0 mm SutureTak Implants
- SutureTak Anchor, PEEK, w/ #2 FiberWire Suture, 3.0 mm × 12.4 mm  
  AR-1934PS  
- SutureTak Anchor, Biocomposite, w/ two #2 FiberWire Suture, 3.0 mm × 12.2 mm  
  AR-1934PS-2  
- SutureTak Anchor, Biocomposite, w/ #2 TigerTail® Suture, 3.0 mm × 14.5 mm  
  AR-1934BCFT  
- SutureTak Anchor, Biocomposite, w/ two #2 TigerTail Suture, 3.0 mm × 14.5 mm  
  AR-1934BCFT-2  
- Bio-SutureTak® Anchor, w/ #2 FiberWire Suture, 3.0 mm × 14.5 mm  
  AR-1934BF  
- Bio-SutureTak Anchor, w/ two #2 FiberWire Suture, 3.0 mm × 14.5 mm  
  AR-1934BF-2

#### 3.0 mm SutureTak Reusable Instrumentation, Standard Hip Length
- Drill Guide, Fork Tip, for 3.0 mm SutureTak Anchor  
  AR-1325H-2.9  
- Drill Guide, Fishmouth, w/ cannulated obturator  
  AR-1949H-3.0  
- Step Drill for 3.0 mm SutureTak Anchor  
  AR-1250LT

#### 3.0 mm SutureTak Disposable Instrumentation, Standard Hip Length
- Disposables Kit for 3.0 mm SutureTak Anchor  
  AR-1934DHS-2  
- ShaverDrill™ Instrument for 3.0 mm SutureTak Anchor  
  AR-1250LTSR

### Additional Featured Products
- Hip Distraction System  
  AR-6829S
- Trim-iT™ Custom Hip Cannula, 8.25 mm × 15 cm  
  AR-6590
- Trim-iT Custom Hip Cannula Switching Stick, cannulated  
  AR-6590ST
- Trim-iT Custom Hip Cannula Inserter Handle  
  AR-6590DH
- Trim-iT Custom Hip Cannula Obturator  
  AR-6590YT
- Hip Labral Scorpion™ Suture Passer  
  AR-16991
- Hip Labral Scorpion Needle  
  AR-16991N
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