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# Lesões tendinosas no desporto

## Actualidades terapêuticas

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***'Tendon disorders are a nemesis to both the athlete and the physician'***  
**(Douglas B Clement, Olympic athlete and sports medicine professor)**  
**American Journal of Sports Medicine 1984;12:179**



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# Lesões tendinosas no desporto

- Rotura traumática
- Lesão microtraumática
  - “tendinite”; tendinose; tendinopatia
- Luxação tendão



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# Tendões

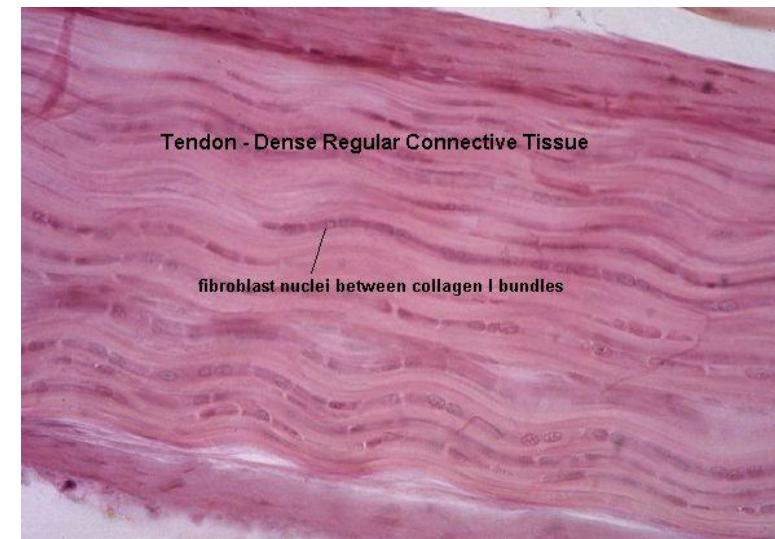
- Estruturas de tecido conjuntivo que unem um músculo a um osso, transmitindo a força gerada pelo músculo à estrutura óssea



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# Tendões

- Fibras de colagénio
  - Colagénio tipo I (95%)
  - Colagénio tipo III e IV
- Fibras elásticas
- Matriz extra-celular
- Tenócitos





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# Modificações do tendão com a idade

- Histológicas
  - Diminuição progressiva do número de células
  - Aumento do diâmetro das fibras de colagénio
  - Diminuição das fibras elásticas
- Bioquímicas
  - Diminuição do conteúdo de água
    - 75% no recém-nascido
    - 53% na 7<sup>a</sup> década de vida
  - Dimuição das glicoproteínas



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# Cicatrização/reparação

- Rotura traumática
  - Lesões de avulsão óssea
  - Rotura junção mio-tendinosa
- Traumatismo indirecto
  - Vascularização
  - Doença inflamatória associada
  - Idade
  - Localização anatómica
- Lesão microtraumática de sobrecarga



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# Tendinite

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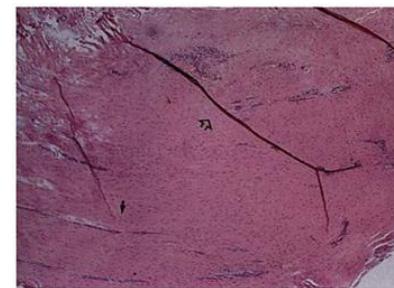


Fig. 2 Photomicrograph demonstrating tendinosis of the extensor carpi radialis brevis tendon. The entire specimen appears to be hypercellular, with focal areas that are densely cellular. Some of the hypercellular regions are parallel to the tendon fibers (solid arrow), whereas others are not (open arrow). There is no evidence of an inflammatory response, as indicated by the absence of polymorphonuclear leukocytes, lymphocytes, and macrophages (hematoxylin and eosin, x 20).

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| Diagnóstico patológico      | Macroscopia   | Histologia  |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Tendinose                   | Degeneração intra-tendinosa<br>(frequente com a idade,<br>microtraumatismos, compromisso<br>vascular)         | Desorientação fibras de colagénio,<br>aumento da presença de substância<br>mucoide, necrose focal, aumento da<br>proliferação celular |
| Tendinite/rotura parcial    | Degeneração sintomática dos<br>tendões com rotura irrigação sanguínea e<br>resposta inflamatória de reparação | Alterações degenerativas, evidência de<br>rotura. Proliferação fibroblástica,<br>hemorragia e tecido de granulação                    |
| Paratendinite               | 'Inflamação' da zona mais periferia do<br>pertitendão   | Degeneração mucoide. Infiltrado<br>disperso de células mononucleares, com ou<br>sem exsudato.   |
| Paratendinite com tendinose | Paratendinite associada a alteração<br>degenerativa intra-tendinosa   | Alterações degenerativas encontradas<br>na tendinose e presença de infiltrado<br>inflamatório na região do peritendão                 |



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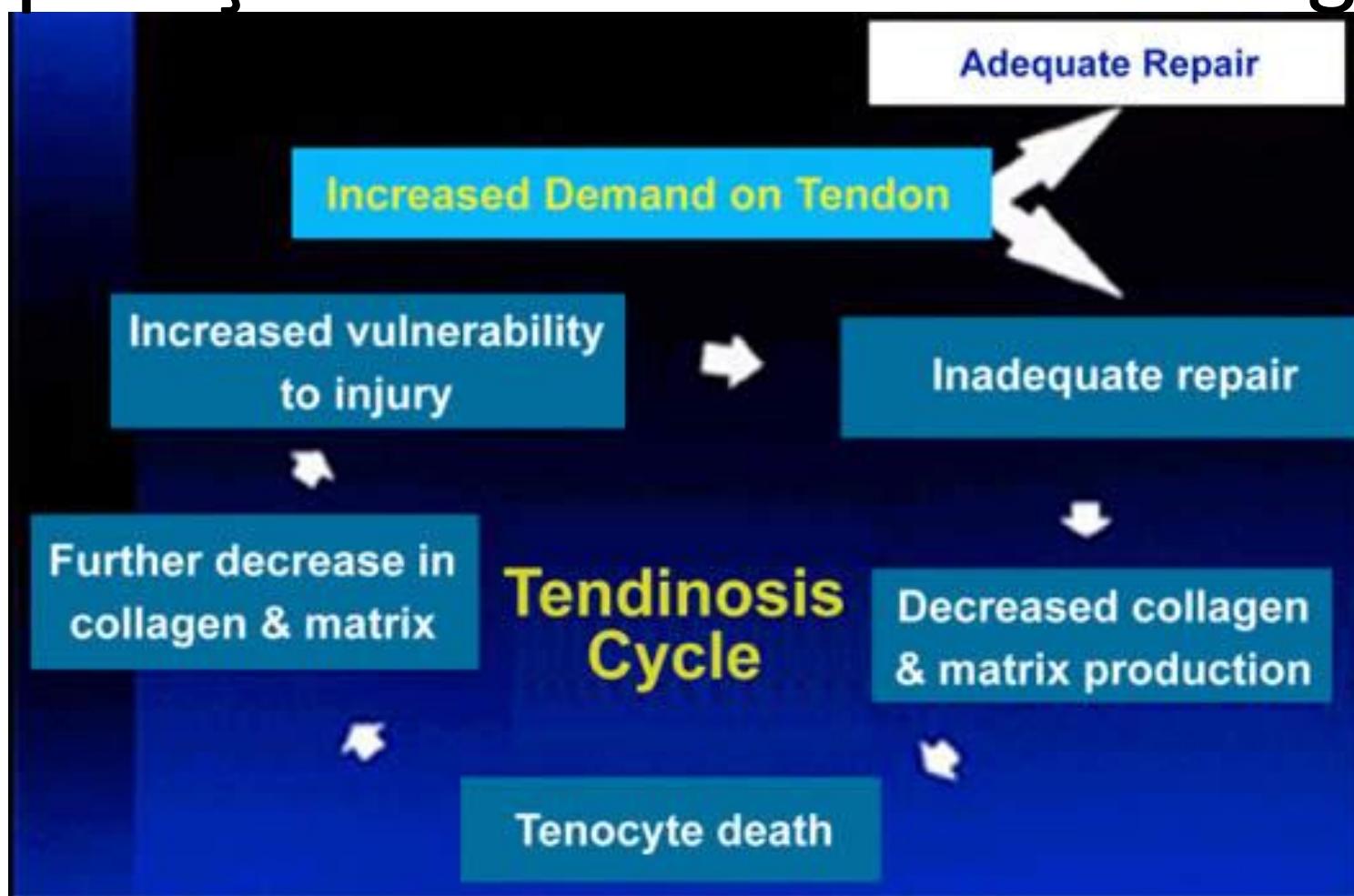


**Normal**



**Sobrecarga**

# Reparação em lesão de sobrecarga





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# Factores associados

- **Intrínsecos**
  - Alinhamento
    - Pronação excessiva tornozelo
    - Joelho valgo/varo
    - Anteversão do colo femoral
  - Dismetria membros
  - Desiquilíbrios musculares
  - Hipermobilidade
  - Rigidez muscular
- **Extrínsecos**
  - Erros no treino
    - Intensidade
    - Técnica
    - Fadiga
  - Piso
  - Calçado e equipamento



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# Outros factores

- Idade
  - Apofisites
    - Osgood-Schlatter
    - Sever
- Género
- Localização anatómica
  - Joelho
  - Pé (tendão Aquiles)
  - Cotovelo



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# Tratamento



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- O tratamento conservador continua a ser o padrão básico de tratamento das tendinopatias
  - Repouso activo
  - Infiltração com corticóides
  - Alteração do gesto técnico
  - Preparação física adequada

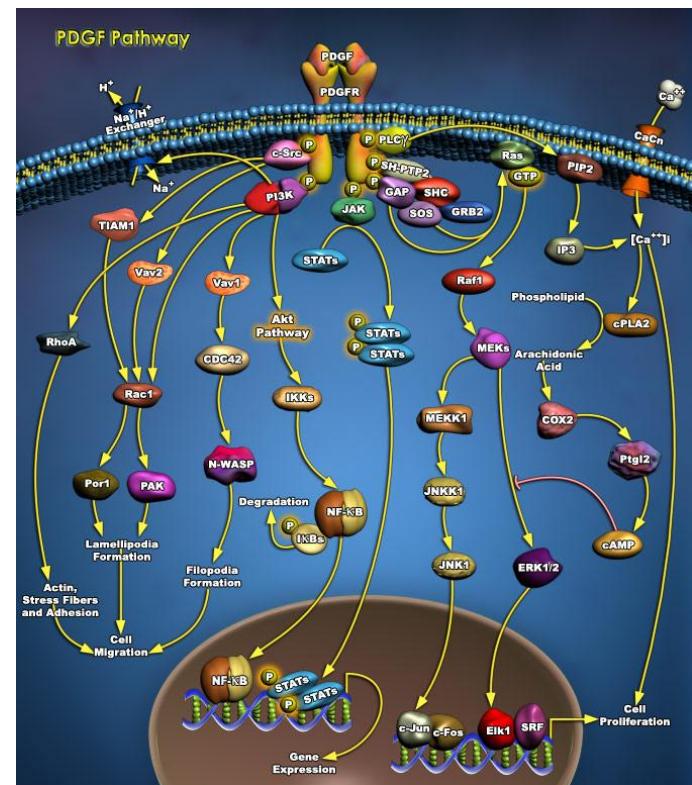


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# Outras alternativas

## • Utilização de PRP





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# Comparison of Surgically Repaired Achilles Tendon Tears Using Platelet-Rich Fibrin Matrices

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**Background:** Platelet-rich fibrin matrices release a natural mixture of growth factors that play central roles in the complex processes of tendon healing.

**Hypothesis:** Application of autologous platelet-rich matrices during Achilles tendon surgery may promote healing and functional recovery.

**Study Design:** Case-control study and descriptive laboratory study; Level of evidence, 3.

**Methods:** Twelve athletes underwent open suture repair after complete Achilles tendon tear. Open suture repair in conjunction with a preparation rich in growth factors (PRGF) was performed in 6 athletes and retrospectively compared with a matched group that followed conventional surgical procedure. The outcomes were evaluated on the basis of range of motion, functional recovery, and complications. Achilles tendons were examined by ultrasound at  $50 \pm 11$  months in retrospective controls and  $32 \pm 10$  months in the PRGF group. In the laboratory portion of the study, PRGF treatment was characterized by the number of platelets and concentration of insulin (IGF-I), transformed (TGF- $\beta$ 1), platelet-derived (PDGF-AB), vascular endothelial (VEGF), hepatocyte (HGF), and epidermal (EGF) growth factors in patients affected by musculoskeletal traumatic injuries.

**Results:** Athletes receiving PRGF recovered their range of motion earlier ( $7 \pm 2$  weeks vs  $11 \pm 3$  weeks,  $P = .025$ ), showed no wound complication, and took less time to take up gentle running ( $11 \pm 1$  weeks vs  $18 \pm 3$  weeks,  $P = .042$ ) and to resume training activities ( $14 \pm 0.8$  weeks vs  $21 \pm 3$  weeks,  $P = .004$ ). The cross-sectional area of the PRGF-treated tendons increased less ( $t = 3.44$ ,  $P = .009$ ). TGF- $\beta$ 1 ( $74.99 \pm 32.84$  ng/mL), PDGF-AB ( $35.62 \pm 14.57$  ng/mL), VEGF ( $383.9 \pm 374.9$  pg/mL), EGF ( $481.5 \pm 187.5$  pg/mL), and HGF ( $593.87 \pm 155.76$  pg/mL) significantly correlated with the number of platelets ( $677 \pm 217$  platelets/ $\mu$ L,  $P < .05$ ).

**Conclusion:** The operative management of tendons combined with the application of autologous PRGF may present new possibilities for enhanced healing and functional recovery. This needs to be evaluated in a randomized clinical trial.

**Keywords:** sports; platelets; growth factors; surgical repair; Achilles tendon

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# ABI

## (Autologous blood injection)

Utilização sobretudo em situações de rotura traumática aguda como complemento à terapêutica cirúrgica





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# Estudos tipo RCT

| Technique                          | Species | Tissue-type     | Study Details  | Results   | Type  |
|------------------------------------|---------|-----------------|--|---|---|
| Autologous Blood Injections (ABI)  | Animal  | Tendon Ligament | Taylor 2002 <sup>37</sup> – Rabbit – normal Patella Tendon   | No harmful effects  | Crossover   |
|                                    | Human   | Tendon Ligament | 1)Edwards 2003 <sup>31</sup> – Lateral Epicondylitis<br>2) Connell 2006 <sup>30</sup> – Medial Epicondylitis<br>3)Connell 2006 <sup>30</sup> – Lateral Epicondylitis | 1)79% patients complete pain relief<br>2&3) No pain at 6 months         | Cohort  |
| Autologous Conditioned Serum (ACS) | Animal  | Muscle          | Wright-Carpenter 2004 <sup>28</sup> – Mice Gastrocnemius   | Increased satellite cells & myofibres                                   | Controlled Trial  |
|                                    | Human   | Muscle          | Wright-Carpenter 2004 <sup>29</sup> – Human Skeletal Muscle  | Improved recovery 22.3 v 16.6 days                                      | Controlled Trial  |
| Platelet-Rich Plasma (PRP)         | Animal  | Tendon Ligament | Aspenberg 2004 <sup>33</sup> – Rat Achilles tendon rupture   | 30% improved strength at 1 week   | Cohort  |
|                                    |         | Muscle          | Carda 2005 <sup>32</sup> – Skeletal Muscle tears   | Improved healing at 6 days  | Cohort  |
|                                    | Human   | Tendon Ligament | 1)Mishra 2006 <sup>7</sup> – Elbow tendinopathy<br>2)Sanchez 2005 <sup>35</sup> – Achilles tendon rupture<br>3)Sanchez 2007 <sup>27</sup> – Achilles tendon rupture  | 1) 60% ↓VAS at 8/52 v 16% ↓ control<br>2&3) full recovery 14 weeks v 21 | 1)Controlled Trial<br>2)Case Report<br>3)non-randomised Trial |
|                                    |         | Muscle          | Sanchez 2005 <sup>36</sup>   | Full recovery in ½ time v controls                                      | Case series   |
|                                    |         |                 |  |   |   |
| Suramin                            | Animal  | Muscle          | Chan 2005 <sup>43</sup> – Mice Gastrocnemius   | ↓scar tissue ↑tetanic strength  | Controlled Trial  |
| Relaxin                            | Animal  | Muscle          | Negishi 2006 <sup>45</sup> – Mice Skeletal Muscle  | ↓fibrosis ↑myofibre regeneration  | Crossover   |



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#### CONCLUSION

Overuse injuries of the Achilles tendon are common, particularly among runners. Many patients' injuries can be managed conservatively, but recovery is often slow and prolonged. The limited blood supply to the tendon may contribute to slow or stalled healing. The growth factors in PRP are hypothesized to jump start the healing process for patients with chronic Achilles tendinopathy.

One case report highlighted the rapid recovery of a competitive athlete from a partial tear of the Achilles tendon that was treated with PRP injections. Additionally, one case series of 14 patients with mid-portion Achilles tendinopathy reported dramatic improvements on two validated scales of Achilles tendon pain and function within three months of therapy and sustained through eighteen months. No significant complications were reported.

However the one high quality, double-blinded, sham-controlled randomized trial found no benefit to PRP injections compared with sham injections. The trial was relatively small, so it may have been underpowered to detect small improvements from PRP injection. There are also alternative approaches to processing and activating PRP. It may be that the approach used in this trial was not effective, but other approaches will be effective. However, based on the current evidence, PRP injection, added to the standard eccentric exercise therapy, does not appear to be an effective approach to the treatment of Achilles tendinopathy. A search of ClinicalTrials.gov indicates that there are at least 41 trials testing PRP for a variety of musculoskeletal and orthopedic conditions, so more data should be available in the near future.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that use of platelet-rich plasma injections for the treatment of non-insertional Achilles tendinopathy does not meet CTAF Criterion 3 through 5 for improvement in health outcomes.



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# Utilização de radiofrequência



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# Tratamento por RF

**Treatment of chronic tendinosis with bipolar radiofrequency stimulation**

**Arthroscopy**

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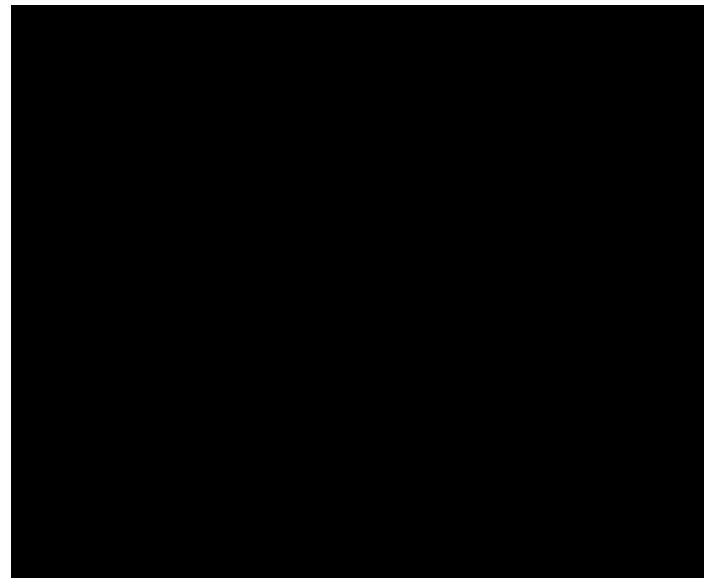




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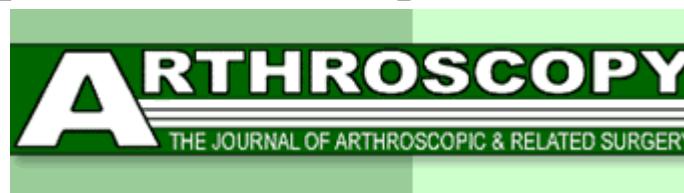
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# Tratamento por RF

Results: Ninety two percent of patients had significant improvement in their pain and function at 6 months. The post-operative VAS pain scores were decreased by 55% at 7–10 days post operative, 75% at 4 weeks, and 85% at the 6 month evaluation. There was significant improvement ( $p < 0.05$ ) in the SF-36, IKDC, Upper Limb DASH, and the AOFAS scores. Seventy-five percent of the pre-operative MRI's had changes consistent with tendinosis. Post surgical and tendinosis changes were observed in 96% of patients at 4 weeks. At 6 months, only 21% had tendinosis changes on their MRI.

Conclusion: Bipolar radiofrequency stimulation appears to be a safe and effective treatment of chronic tendinosis. Further research is needed in this area to better understand the biochemical processes by which bipolar radiofrequency stimulation leads to pain relief and potential tendon repair.





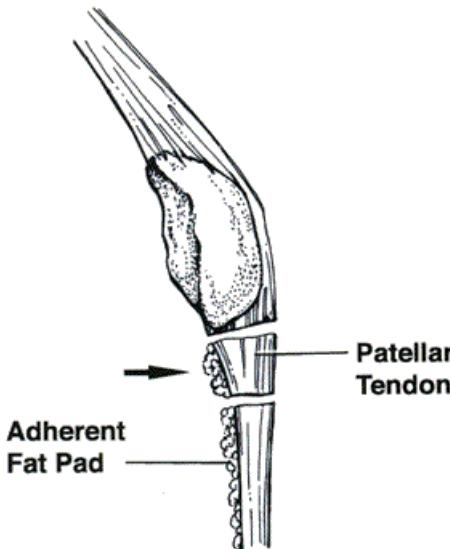
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# Fasciculação

# Fasciculação tendão

- Pretende realizar uma inflamação controlada
  - Com desenvolvimento de tecido de fibrose
  - Excisão de tecido inflamatório ou necrótico local





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# “Jumper’s knee”



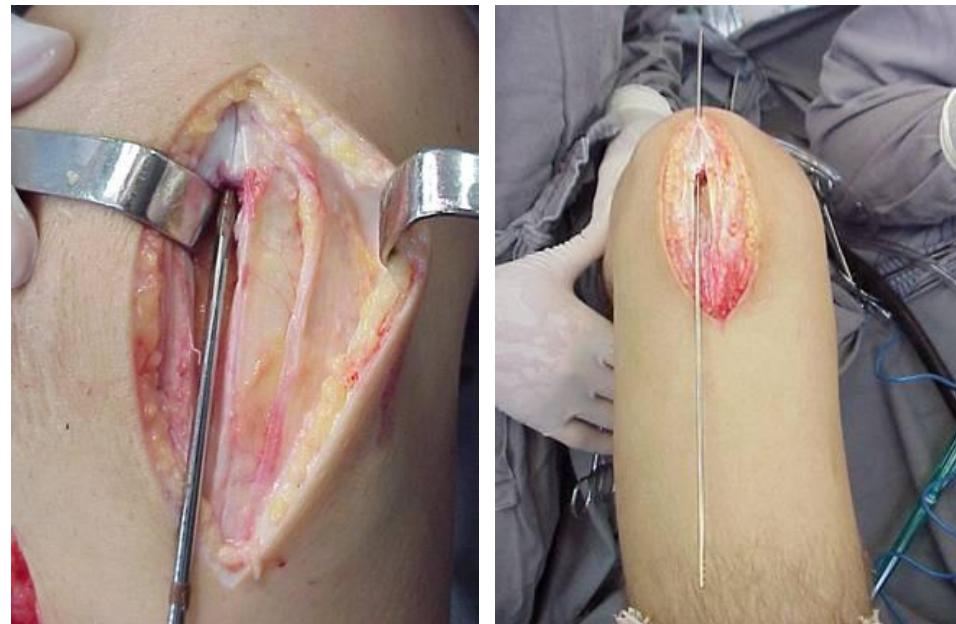


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Reforça da zona central do tendão patelar com autoenxerto livre tendinoso (m. semitendinoso)



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# **Patellar tendinosis: a follow-up study of surgical treatment.**

**Ferretti A, Conteduca F, Camerucci E, Morelli F.**

**BACKGROUND:** Patellar tendinopathy (jumper's knee) is an overuse syndrome that frequently affects athletes. A retrospective study was done to analyze the results at a minimum of five years after the performance of a surgical technique in competitive athletes. **METHODS:** From 1985 to 1995, thirty-two patients (thirty-eight knees) affected by patellar tendinopathy were treated surgically after failure of nonoperative treatment. All knees were operated on by the same surgeon using the same surgical technique: longitudinal splitting of the tendon, excision of any abnormal tissue that was identified, and resection and drilling of the inferior pole of the patella. The results in twenty-seven patients (thirty-three knees), including twenty-two athletes (twenty-seven knees) who were still involved in sports activities (or wished to still be involved) at a competitive level at the time of final follow-up, were reviewed at a mean of eight years postoperatively. The results were evaluated according to symptoms and the ability to return to full sports activities. **RESULTS:** The result was excellent in twenty-three knees (70%), good in five, fair in one, and poor in four at the time of the long-term follow-up. **Eighty-two percent of the patients who tried to pursue sports at their preinjury level were able to do so, and 63% of those knees were totally symptom-free.**

**CONCLUSIONS:** The outcome of the described surgical treatment appears to be satisfactory; however, the results are less predictable in volleyball players.



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# Mensagem a reter

- As tendinopatias são lesões de sobrecarga cujo melhor tratamento é a prevenção
- Quando instituidas a primeira e grande opção é o tratamento conservador
- A cirurgia deve ser sempre uma opção de recurso!



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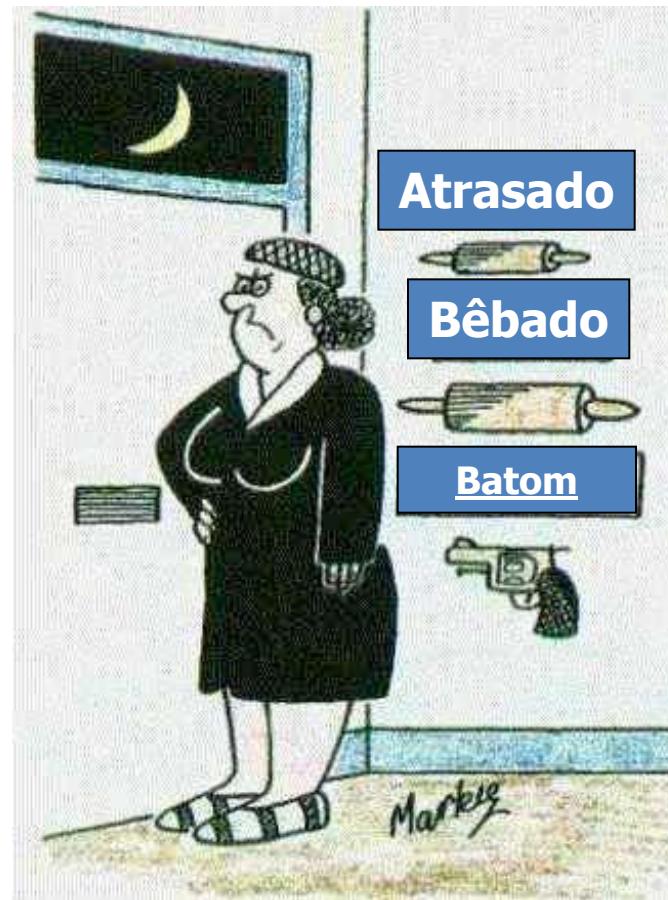
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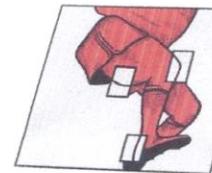




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