Persona®
The Personalized Knee®
Surgical Technique
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Indications
When a mechanical alignment approach is utilized, this device is indicated for patients with severe knee pain and disability due to:

- Rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, traumatic arthritis, polyarthritis.
- Collagen disorders, and/or avascular necrosis of the femoral condyle.
- Post-traumatic loss of joint configuration, particularly when there is patellofemoral erosion, dysfunction or prior patellectomy.
- Moderate valgus, varus, or flexion deformities.
- The salvage of previously failed surgical attempts or for a knee in which satisfactory stability in flexion cannot be obtained at the time of surgery.

When a personalized alignment* approach is utilized, this device is indicated for patients with severe knee pain and disability due to:

- Rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, traumatic arthritis, polyarthritis.
- Collagen disorders, and/or avascular necrosis of the femoral condyle.
- Moderate valgus, varus, or flexion deformities.

The personalized alignment (PA) surgical technique may only be used with Persona CR femoral components, Persona CR, UC, or MC articular surface components, and cemented nonporous Persona tibial components without a stem extension.

Porous coated components may be used cemented or uncemented (biological fixation). All other femoral, tibial baseplate, and all-polyethylene (UHMWPE and VEHXPE) patella components are indicated for cemented use only.

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Contraindications
This device is contraindicated for the following:

- Previous history of infection in the affected joint and/or other local/systemic infection that may affect the prosthetic joint.
- Insufficient bone stock on femoral or tibial surfaces.
- Skeletal immaturity.
- Neuropathic arthropathy.
- Osteoporosis or any loss of musculature or neuromuscular disease that compromises the affected limb.
- A stable, painless arthrodesis in a satisfactory functional position.
- Severe instability secondary to the absence of collateral ligament integrity.

Total Knee Arthroplasty is contraindicated in patients who have rheumatoid arthritis (RA) accompanied by an ulcer of the skin or a history of recurrent breakdown of the skin because their risk of postoperative infection is greater. RA patients using steroids may also have increased risk of infection. Late infections in RA patients have been reported 24+ months postoperative.

The personalized alignment surgical technique is contraindicated for patients with greater than 5° valgus deformity with MCL insufficiency.
Introduction

Successful total knee arthroplasty depends in part on re-establishment of normal lower extremity alignment, proper implant design and orientation, secure implant fixation, and adequate soft tissue balancing and stability. Persona The Personalized Knee is designed to help the surgeon accomplish these goals by combining alignment accuracy with a simple, straightforward technique.

The instruments and technique assist the surgeon in restoring the center of the hip, knee, and ankle to lie in a straight line, establishing a neutral mechanical axis. The femoral and tibial components are oriented perpendicular to this axis. Femoral rotation is determined using the posterior condyles, the epicondylar axis, or Whiteside’s line as a reference. The instruments enable accurate cuts to ensure robust component fixation.

A wide variety of component sizes, shapes, and constraint options allow for optimized component fit and soft tissue balancing. The femur, tibia, and patella are prepared independently, and can be cut in any sequence using the principle of measured resection (removing enough bone to allow replacement by the prosthesis). Adjustment cuts may be needed later. The anterior referencing technique uses the anterior cortex to set the A/P position of the femoral component. The posterior condyle cut is variable.

Constraint Options

The degree of constraint of the bearing can be planned based on surgeon preference and patient requirements. The use of the cruciate retaining (CR) femoral provisionals and components can be used with either a CR or Medial Congruent® (MC) bearing when the posterior cruciate ligament (PCL) is intact.

The CR femoral provisionals and components can be used when the PCL is sacrificed or deficient and removed, if used with either a MC or ultracongruent (UC) bearing provisionals and components.

Also, posterior stabilized (PS) femoral provisionals and components can be used with the PS or constrained posterior stabilized (CPS) bearings provisionals and components when the PCL is deficient and removed.

PS femoral components cannot be used with CR, MC, or UC bearings and CR femoral components cannot be used with PS or CPS bearings.

The CPS bearings can be used to provide moderate varus/valgus constraint in patients to facilitate soft tissue balance and stability. The CPS bearings shall be used with cemented non-porous femoral and tibial components only. Additional information for this product may be found in the Constrained Posterior Stabilized (CPS) Surgical Technique (97-5026-072-00).

The MC, UC, PS, and CPS implants can be used in the following situations, depending on the degree of the deformity, the stability of the ligaments, and the quality of the bone. The surgeon is responsible for assessing whether a more constraining implant/system or revision implant/system is necessary.

1. **Marked valgus deformity** – requiring PCL and lateral soft tissue release.

2. **Prior high tibial osteotomies** – soft tissue balancing is the same as for a valgus deformity with lateral soft tissue and PCL release.

3. **Patellectomy** – PCL incomplete or absent.

4. **Most revision situations** – PCL deficient or nonfunctional.
Introduction (cont.)

😄 Note: The MC components can be used with or without the PCL present. The UC, PS, and CPS components should not be used if the PCL is present.

Please refer to the package inserts for complete product information, including contraindications, warnings, precautions, and adverse effects.

Pre-operative Planning

Obtain 36 inch or 53 inch standing anteroposterior and lateral radiographs of the extremity, as well as a sunrise view of the patella. The entire femur should be visualized to rule out any structural abnormalities, as the distal femoral cut will be referenced from an intramedullary rod in the medullary canal.

Use the template overlay (available through your Zimmer Biomet representative) to determine the angle between the anatomic axis and the mechanical axis. This angle will be reproduced intraoperatively. This surgical technique helps the surgeon ensure that the distal femur will be cut perpendicular to the mechanical axis and, after soft tissue balancing, will be parallel to the resected surface of the proximal tibia.

Patient Preparation

To prepare the limb for total knee arthroplasty, adequate muscle relaxation is required. The anesthesiologist should adjust the medication based on the patient’s habitus and weight, and administer to induce adequate muscle paralysis for a minimum of 30-40 minutes. It is imperative that the muscle relaxant be injected prior to inflation of the tourniquet. Alternatively, spinal or epidural anesthesia should produce adequate muscle relaxation. If desired, apply a proximal thigh tourniquet and inflate it with the knee in hyperflexion to maximize that portion of the quadriceps that is below the level of the tourniquet. Once the patient is draped and prepped on the operating table, determine the landmarks for the surgical incision.

Surgical Approach

The surgeon can choose a midvastus approach, a subvastus approach, or a parapatellar medial arthrotomy. Also, depending on surgeon preference, the patella can be either everted or subluxed. The femur, tibia, and patella are prepared independently, and can be cut in any sequence using the principle of measured resection (removing enough bone to allow replacement by the prosthesis).
Introduction (cont.)

Magnet Usage
Warning: Some instruments in the Persona System contain magnets. All Persona Magnetic Instruments should be kept at a safe distance from a patient’s active implantable medical device(s) (i.e. pacemaker). These types of devices may be adversely affected by magnets. Instruments containing magnets should be kept on an appropriate table or stand when not in use at the surgical site.

Symbols
Symbols have been established for the following:

- Left
- Right
- Varus/Valgus
- Medial/Lateral
- Standard
- Do not implant - Not for implant
- Do not impact
- Inset Only
- Anterior Referencing
- Lock
- Unlock
- Cemented
- Stemmed
- Narrow
Introduction (cont.)

Screw/Pin Information

The chart below contains relevant information on various 3.2 mm screws/pins that are compatible with the Persona System. If these screws/pins are used during the procedure for instrument fixation, they should be removed prior to closure as they are NOT implantable.

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* The 2.5 mm female hex screws and 2.5 mm male hex driver should not be used in cortical bone, as this may increase the incidence of stripping of the driver.
Resect Distal Femur

Assemble Adjustable Distal Resection Instrumentation

Pull the lever on the modular handle and insert the IM rod (Figure 1). Orientation of the IM rod will align with the polished line on the sides of the modular handle.

Technique Tip: Alternately, the IM rod may be inserted into the top of the modular handle to accommodate surgical preference.

Set the valgus angle on the adjustable valgus guide by pressing the button and rotating the dial to the appropriate left or right valgus angle from 0 degrees to 9 degrees (Figure 2).

Avoid turning the locking knob excessively in the counterclockwise, or "unlocking", direction to prevent it from binding.

Note: If desired, align the depth markings on the IM rod with the flat plate of the adjustable valgus guide to set the IM rod at a specific length. Inserting the IM rod beyond the double line marking, indicated with caution symbols, may prevent assembly of the modular handle to the IM rod (Figure 3).

Refer to Appendix C for Optional Instruments to resect the distal femur.

Set the resection depth on the adjustable resection tower by rotating the dial (Figure 4). The ‘0’ setting indicates a 10 mm resection. Adjustments can be made in 1 mm increments from 10 mm to 14 mm.
Resect Distal Femur (cont.)

Assemble Adjustable Distal Resection Instrumentation (cont.)

Note: The ‘0’ setting can be set to indicate a 1 mm through 9 mm resection depth, in 1 mm increments, by assembling the corresponding resection plate to the valgus guide. Figure 5 illustrates this with the 9 mm resection plate. The 9 mm and 8 mm resection plates may facilitate correction of recurvatum and the 1 mm–3 mm resection plates can be used for recutting the distal femur, if needed.

The size 1 and 2 femoral components are 1 mm thinner distally than sizes 3-12. Consider adjusting the resection depth on these sizes to accommodate for this difference.

Technique Tip: If it is possible that the femoral component may be a size 1 or 2, then consider cutting the distal resection for a size 1 or 2. If the size of the femur is later determined to be 3-12, then the additional bone cut can be made using the 1 mm resection plate.

Insert the adjustable resection tower into the adjustable valgus guide.

Rotate the lock lever on the adjustable resection tower to the unlocked, or “in-line”, position and fully insert into the cut guide (Figure 6a). Flip the lock lever to the locked, or “vertical”, position to secure it to the cut guide (Figure 6b).

Technique Tip: The adjustable resection tower is compatible with the fixed valgus guide and the fixed resection tower is compatible with the adjustable valgus guide. These instruments can be interchanged to accommodate surgical preference.
Resect Distal Femur (cont.)

Establish Femoral Alignment

Drill the IM canal using the 8 mm IM step drill (Figure 7). Suction the canal to remove medullary contents.

Insert the IM rod and assembled distal resection instrumentation into the IM canal far enough to ensure the most accurate replication of the anatomic axis.

Set the orientation of the adjustable valgus guide by placing it against the most prominent distal condyle and rotating it about the IM rod so that the engraved lines are aligned with the epicondylar axis (Figure 8a).

Turn the lock knob on the adjustable valgus guide clockwise, to the locked position, to secure orientation of the assembly (Figure 8b).

Note: Setting rotation of the adjustable valgus guide is important for creating a distal resection that matches the desired valgus angle selected. It does not set the rotation of the femoral component.
Resect Distal Femur (cont.)

Establish Femoral Alignment (cont.)

For additional fixation, or in lieu of using the lock knob, impact the captured pin on the medial or lateral side of the adjustable valgus guide until the head of the captured pin is flush with the plate (Figure 9).

Resect Distal Femur

Verify the adjustable valgus guide is set to the proper side (left or right) and angle and that the adjustable resection tower is set to the appropriate depth.

Technique Tip: If unsure of the adjustable resection tower depth setting, rotate the dial clockwise until a “click” is felt. This occurs when the dial moves from the ‘4’ setting to the ‘0’ setting. The bold ‘0’ will be visible on the dial and the line will be aligned with the ‘0’ mark along the shaft (Figure 10).

Technique Tip: Confirm valgus alignment by inserting the drop rod adapter into the large holes on the anterior face of the cut guide and insert an alignment rod into the drop rod adapter (Figure 11).

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<th>Persona 8 mm IM Rod</th>
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Resect Distal Femur (cont.)

Resect Distal Femur (cont.)

Insert a trocar tipped pin through each of the standard pin holes marked ‘0’ on the anterior surface of the cut guide (Figure 12).

Flip the lock lever on the adjustable resection tower to the unlocked, or "in-line", position and pull the handle to remove the IM rod and assembled distal resection instrumentation leaving only the cut guide attached to the femur (Figure 13).

Note: If the captured pin was deployed it may be necessary to first remove it from the bone using the pin puller. Alternatively, removing the IM rod from the adjustable valgus guide may facilitate removal of the captured pin from the bone.

Optional Instrument

A fixed distal resection system exists for users who, for all patients, maintain a consistent valgus angle for their distal cut. For use of this instrument refer to Appendix C: Optional Instruments: Resect Distal Femur - Fixed Distal Resection Instrument Section 1.

Technique Tip: Additional 2 mm adjustments may be made by using the sets of holes marked -2, +2, and +4. These sets of holes indicate, in millimeters, the amount of additional bone resection each will yield relative to the resection setting on the resection tower (where ‘0’ represents 10 mm. However, if the 9 mm resection plate is used, the ‘0’ represents 9 mm).
Resect Distal Femur (cont.)

Optional Instrument (cont.)

Insert the resection guide into the cut slot of the cut guide to verify the depth of resection.

Insert a trocar tipped pin through at least one of the locking, or oblique, pin holes in the cut guide to further secure the cut guide to the femur (Figure 14).

Using a 1.27 mm (0.050 inch) oscillating saw blade through the cut slot in the cut guide, resect the distal femur.

Note: The flatness of the distal femoral resection is critical to ensuring adequate contact between the porous femoral implant and the bone. If using a porous femoral implant, evaluate the flatness of the resection prior to sizing and modify the cut as necessary so that it is completely flat.

Remove all pins and the cut guide.

Optional Cutting Technique

If desired, the bone resection can be made from the top (most distal) surface of the cut guide (Figure 15a). The top surface of the cut guide is 4 mm from the cut slot. Therefore, if cutting from the top surface, the position of the cut guide must be adjusted by moving the cut guide from the trocar tipped pins through the ‘0’ holes and reinserting the cut guide onto the trocar tipped pins through the holes marked ‘+4’ (Figure 15b). Insert a trocar tipped pin through at least one of the locking, or oblique, pin holes in the cut guide to further secure the cut guide to the femur prior to cutting the femur.
Resect Proximal Tibia

Assemble Extramedullary (EM) Alignment Guide

Depress and hold the button on the EM distal rod and insert the threaded rod on the EM ankle clamp into the distal rod and release the button. Depress and hold the button on the distal end of the EM proximal tube and insert the EM distal rod into the EM proximal tube and release the button (Figure 16).

1. Lift the lever on the EM proximal tube up.
2. Translate the cut guide onto the top of the EM proximal tube, under the locking cone.
3. Push down the lever on the EM proximal tube to lock the cut guide in place.

Attach the selected tibial cut guide to the EM alignment guide (Figure 17).
Resect Proximal Tibia (cont.)

Assemble Extramedullary (EM) Alignment Guide (cont.)

The buttons shown in Figure 18 are used to adjust the following: varus/valgus angle of the cut guide, slope of the cut guide and the height of the cut guide. The height adjustment button can be depressed for macro-adjustment or the dial can be rotated for micro-adjustment.

One full rotation of the dial equals 4 mm of height adjustment and ¼ turn equals 1 mm of height adjustment (Figure 19). Rotating the height adjustment dial clockwise shortens the alignment guide and rotating the dial counterclockwise lengthens the alignment guide.

The system includes six different cut guides: a 7 degree cut guide and a 3 degree guide, in left, right, and universal (non-sided) configurations.

✿ Technique Tip: It is recommended to use the 3 degree cut guide for a PS component and the 7 degree cut guide for a CR component. If the UC bearing is to be used, the recommended tibial cut slope is 5–7 degrees. Biasing towards a flatter slope cut for the UC bearing provides an opportunity to better match flexion and extension space, considering the flexion space generally increases more than the extension space when the PCL is resected. If the MC bearing is used, the recommended tibial slope is 5 degrees. However, 7 degrees is allowable particularly when the PCL is retained.
Resect Proximal Tibia (cont.)

Position Alignment Guide

To improve the exposure of the tibial surface, retract the tibia anteriorly. Carefully position the retractor against the posterior cortex of the tibia subperiosteally to prevent neurovascular injury. Retract the patella laterally. Adjust the EM alignment guide to the approximate length of the tibia. Place the spring arms of the EM ankle clamp around the ankle proximal to the malleoli. Align the vertical slot in the cut guide with the medial third of the tibial tubercle.

⚠️ Technique Tip: Care should be taken when pinning into the tibia to avoid perforating the posterior cortex.

Adjust the height of the cut guide to the approximate desired location. Use the engraved line on the top of the cut guide to align the rotational and M/L placement guide (Figure 20b). A 3.2 mm pin or screw may be inserted through the 12 mm vertical slot in the cut guide to secure the desired M/L and rotational position of the proximal portion of the guide (Figure 20a).

⚠️ Note: This pin will need to be removed to allow the “+2” or “+4” mm shifts with the cut guide.

Align the EM alignment guide with the mechanical axis of the tibia (Figure 21a). The longitudinal axis will usually lie just medial to the mid-point of the tibial tubercle and be centered in line with the intercondylar eminence. The distal end of the EM alignment guide should be positioned about 5 mm–10 mm medial to the midpoint between the palpable medial and lateral malleoli. The short vertical engraved lines on the varus/valgus adjustment rail are incremented by 5 mm to aid in setting the desired varus/valgus position of the EM alignment guide (Figure 21b). Excessive soft tissue or poor exposure or visualization can make it difficult to palpate bony landmarks so care should be taken to ensure accurate cuts.
Resect Proximal Tibia (cont.)
Position Alignment Guide (cont.)

Adjust the EM alignment guide in the sagittal plane to be parallel to the anterior tibial crest. A 3.2 mm drill or the 3.2 mm pin can be placed through the hole in the slot of the cut guide to help assess the expected slope of the tibial resection, and if desired, match the patient’s specific anatomic slope (Figure 22). As necessary, adjust the tibial slope of the EM alignment guide. If there is bulky bandage around the ankle or if there is excessive adipose tissue, the guide can be adjusted to create the desired slope. This will help ensure that the tibia will be cut with the proper slope. Care should be taken to avoid excessive posterior slope and to verify coronal alignment to the mechanical axis.

Set Resection Level

Each tip of the stylus indicates a different resection level. The 2 mm tip is used to establish the resection level from the defective tibial condyle for a minimal cut. The 10 mm tip is used to establish the resection level from the least involved tibial condyle.

To assemble, push and hold the lever on the stylus and insert the stylus into the top of the cut guide and release the lever (Figure 23). The stylus rotates and telescopes to facilitate desired positioning of the stylus tip.

**Technique Tip:** Boom tip must be in the vertical position to accurately assess resection level. Correct position is verified with an audible click as the boom twists. WARNING: An excessive bone resection will result if the boom is not in the vertical position.

**Technique Tip:** If using the top surface of the cut guide to make the resection, follow this technique for setting the resection level with the stylus. Then follow the optional technique at the end of this section. The stylus tips are calibrated to the cut slot.
Resect Proximal Tibia (cont.)

Set Resection Level (cont.)

The 2 mm tip should rest on the defective tibial condyle (Figure 24). This positions the slot of the cut guide to remove 2 mm of bone below the tip of the stylus.

Alternatively, rest the 10 mm tip of the stylus on the cartilage of the least involved condyle (Figure 25). This will allow the removal of the same amount of bone that the thinnest tibial component will replace. These two points of resection will usually not coincide. The surgeon must determine the appropriate level of resection based on patient’s needs, such as age and bone quality. Rotate the micro-adjustment dial of the EM proximal tube to position the stylus and the cut guide to the desired level.

️ Technique Tip: When adjusting the height of the EM alignment guide steady the distal portion of the guide with one hand and use the other hand to adjust the height of the proximal portion of the guide.

A resection guide can be placed through the cut slot on the cut guide, to verify the desired level and slope of the resection (Figure 26). Insert a 3.2 mm trocar tipped pin through one of the "0" holes in the cut guide with the pin/screw inserter. Ensure the cut guide is flush to the bone and not impeded by soft tissues before making the cut.

Insert a second trocar tipped pin through the other "0" hole in the cut guide with the pin/screw inserter (Figure 27). Remove the stylus by pushing the lever on the side of the stylus and remove.

To confirm alignment, insert the drop rod adapter into the cut guide and insert the alignment rod into the adapter (Figure 28).
Resect Proximal Tibia (cont.)

Resect Proximal Tibia

The entire EM alignment guide can be left in place for additional stability during resection. Optionally, the EM alignment guide can be removed by lifting the lever on the EM proximal tube up to the open position, translating the EM alignment guide anteriorly while leaving the cut guide in place (Figure 29). If the EM alignment guide has been removed, additional 2 mm adjustments may be made by shifting the cut guide to the sets of holes marked “+2”, and “+4”. The markings on the cut guide indicate, in millimeters, the amount of additional bone resection relative to the standard tibial resection set by the cut guide and stylus. If a pin or screw was inserted into the 12 mm vertical slot, it will need to be removed to make the 2 mm adjustments.

Once the resection level has been determined, insert a 3.2 mm trocar tipped pin in the oblique hole indicated by a lock pin symbol, to further secure the cut guide (Figures 30a and 30b). If a pin or screw was inserted into the 12 mm vertical slot, then a pin through the oblique hole may not be needed for secure fixation.

Optional Technique

If desired, the resection can be made from the top surface of the cut guide. The top surface of the cut guide is 4 mm above the cut slot (Figure 31); therefore, the position of the cut guide must be adjusted by moving the cut guide from the headless pins and reinserting the cut guide through the holes marked “+4” (Figure 32).
Resect Proximal Tibia (cont.)

Optional Technique (cont.)

Technique Tip: The patellar tendon may be located behind the lateral side of the cut guide due to the patellar tendon relief cutout on the cut guide. Be careful to avoid cutting the patellar tendon when resecting the tibia.

Use a 1.27 mm (0.050 inch) oscillating saw blade through the slot on the cut guide to resect the proximal surface of the tibia (Figure 33).

Prior to removing the cut guide, a contralateral or universal cut guide (of any angle) can be inverted and placed on the resected tibia to assure that a planar cut has been achieved (Figure 34). If necessary, perform a clean-up cut.

Note: The flatness of the proximal tibial resection is critical to ensuring adequate contact between the porous tibial implant and the bone. If using a porous tibial implant, evaluate the flatness of the proximal tibial resection prior to drilling for the pegs. Modify the cut as necessary so that it is completely flat.

Remove oblique pins and the tibial cut guide.

Technique Tip: If unable to complete the resection on the lateral side of the tibia, remove the cut guide, extend the knee and retract the soft tissue on the lateral side. If necessary, use an osteotome to complete the resection.

If the cut guide has been removed, the drop rod adapter and alignment rod can be inserted into the holes on the inverted contralateral or universal cut guide (of any angle) to verify the desired tibial resection (Figure 35).

Remove all pins.
Size Femur and Establish External Rotation

Rotate the feet of the anterior referencing femoral sizing guide so the appropriate “Left” or “Right” markings are visible as the femoral sizing guide is placed on the bone (Figure 36). External rotation can be set at 3 degrees or 5 degrees from the posterior condylar axis.

**Technique Tip:** Remove any osteophytes that interfere with instrument positioning.

Apply the sizer so that the flat surface of the sizer is flush against the resected surface of the distal femur and the feet of the sizer are flush against the posterior condyles. Center the sizer mediolaterally. Both the vertical and horizontal portions of the sizer provide visual cues relative to the A/P and epicondylar axes of the femur to help ensure that desired external rotation is attained.

**Note:** Sizer geometry is rotated 3 degrees to align to the A/P and epicondylar axes of the femur. The 3 degrees drill holes are rotated 3 degrees from the posterior feet and are neutral to the central sizer geometry. This enables use of the A/P and epicondylar axis to set rotation.

If the 3 degrees external rotation holes are to be used to set external rotation, the etched line on the sizer should be positioned so it is in line with Whiteside’s line (Figure 37) to optimize the M/L position of the drill holes for subsequent 4-in-1 cut guide placement. If the 5 degrees external rotation holes are to be used, the sizer can be positioned with the etched line on the sizer 4 mm laterally from Whiteside’s line to better center the drill holes for subsequent 4-in-1 cut guide placement, due to the M/L offset of the holes. Hold the guide in place and if necessary, secure the sizer to the femur using 25 mm x 3.2 mm (2.5 mm female hex) screws (Figure 38) in one or both of the holes on the lower portion of the guide to help draw the sizer adjacent to the distal femur, particularly in MIS situations.

**Note:** Do NOT use 48 mm screws for fixation of the anterior reference sizer. 48 mm screws are not recommended due to potential bone perforation.

**Technique Tip:** Do not impact the sizer onto the femur.
Size Femur and Establish External Rotation (cont.)

Slightly extend the knee and retract soft tissues to expose the anterior femoral cortex. Clear any soft tissue from the anterior cortex. Ensure that the leg is in less than 90 degrees of flexion (70 degrees–80 degrees). This will decrease the tension of the patellar tendon to facilitate placement of the sizing boom. The sizing boom telescopes proximally/distally to facilitate optimal placement along the anterior cortex. The engraved lines along the top of the boom approximate the anterior flange lengths of the size 1, 7, and 12 femoral components (Figure 39a). Once the sizing boom is appropriately positioned, it should be locked in place by tightening the knob at the end of the boom clockwise (Figure 39b).

⚠️ **Technique Tip:** Lock boom after positioning to reduce the toggle of the boom tip. This will also reduce the risk of notching.

⚠️ **Technique Tip:** Positioning the sizing boom tip on the “high” part of the femur by lateralizing the location of the sizing boom tip can often lessen the likelihood of notching the femur.

⚠️ **Technique Tip:** To size accurately, the sizing boom should be telescoped to the size read from the tower. If the boom is telescoped to the exact size, the tip of the boom will approximate the exit point of the saw blade through the anterior cortex.
Size Femur and Establish External Rotation (cont.)

After the sizer is appropriately positioned on the femur, read the femoral size from the engraved lines on the sizer tower and select the closest size (Figure 40). There are six even sizes labeled on the left side of the tower and six odd sizes labeled on the right side of the tower, with lines indicating the in-between sizes. The 3 degrees or 5 degrees holes in the midline of the A/P portion of the sizer are used to drill 3.2 mm holes for pegs on the anterior referencing 4-in-1 femoral cut guide (Figure 41). A 3.2 mm pin may be placed in the first drilled hole to maintain an “index” position prior to drilling the second hole. Remove the screws, then remove the sizer.

🔍 **Technique Tip:** The multi pin puller cannot be used to extract the screw(s).

🔍 **Technique Tip:** This anterior referencing sizer works only with these anterior referencing 4-in-1 femoral cut guides and provisionals, and implants referenced in this technique.

🔍 **Technique Tip:** If the femoral size is determined to be a size 3 or bigger but was prepared for a size 1 or 2, consider cutting additional distal bone using the 1 mm resection plate.
Complete Femoral A/P and Chamfer Resections

By hand, place the 4-in-1 cut guide on the femur by aligning the two pins on the back of the guide with the previously drilled positioning holes (Figure 42). Impact the face of the guide until the guide is flush with the femur. Place the resection guide through the anterior slot of the cut guide to ensure the desired anterior resection (Figure 43). If inadequate bone will be removed from the anterior cortex, drill through the two holes on the face of the cut guide (Figure 44a). Use the slaphammer to axially remove the cut guide (Figures 45a and 45b). Place the next smaller-sized femoral cut guide on the femur in the newly drilled “posteriorized” drill holes (Figures 44a and 44b). Verify the anterior and posterior resection levels with the resection guide to assure that the desired resections will be attained. If too much posterior bone will be resected the original femoral cut guide can be used.

⚠️ Technique Tip: If the 2 mm shift holes are to be used, assure that the desired holes on the distal femur are used. The resection guide can be used as final verification of the anticipated anterior and posterior resections.

⚠️ Technique Tip: If there is a risk of anterior notching, the 4-in-1 cut guide can be removed, rotated 180 degrees and be replaced on the distal femur. Holes can then be drilled through the 2 mm shift holes on the face of the 4-in-1 guide. The 4-in-1 guide then needs to be removed, rotated 180 degrees and be placed on the distal femur in the anteriorized holes. This will result in a 2 mm anterior shift of the 4-in-1 femoral resections. Using the resection guide, verify that the desired anterior and posterior resections will be attained.

Optional Instrument

The shift block can be used to internally or externally rotate the 4-in-1 cut guide 2 degrees and/or shift 1 mm in the anterior or posterior direction. Refer to Appendix C: Optional Instruments: Shift Block, for use.
Complete Femoral A/P and Chamfer Resections (cont.)

Optional Instrument (cont.)

After final placement of the desired anterior referencing 4-in-1 cut guide, insert 3.2 mm trocar-tipped pins or 3.2 mm headed screws (see Screw Information section for examples) through the oblique holes in the anterior referencing 4-in-1 cut guide (Figure 46). Use a 1.27 mm (.050 in.) thick oscillating saw blade to complete the anterior, posterior, posterior chamfer, and anterior chamfer resections through the cut slots (Figure 47). Upon completion of the cuts, use the multi pin puller to remove the oblique pins.

Technique Tip: It is not recommended that the following headed screws are used through the oblique holes of the anterior referencing 4-in-1 cut guides, as the head of the screw may interfere with the saw blade: 00-5791-041-00, 00-5791-043-00, 00-5791-044-00, 00-5061-063-00.

Use the slaphammer to remove the cut guide from the femur. Insert the slaphammer, rotate \( \frac{1}{4} \) turn clockwise to engage the locking feature extract (Figures 48a and 48b).

Technique Tip: Completing the femoral resections in the order of anterior, posterior, posterior chamfer, and then anterior chamfer, the 4-in-1 cut guide will have the greatest stability.
Establish Size and Rotation of Tibia

Use only Persona tibial sizing, broaching, and provisional instrumentation for preparation of Persona Implants.

Once tibial osteophytes have been thoroughly removed, select the appropriate right or left sizing plate that provides the desired tibial coverage, without overhang at any location. Appropriate tibial sizing is important as an over sized tibia component can result in overhang, soft tissue impingement and pain, or with stemmed components potential distal conflict between stem and bone.

Attach the tibial sizing plate handle to the cemented tibial sizing plate (Figure 49a). The recommended tibial rotational alignment is within 5 degrees of the axis created by the medial ⅓ of the tibial tubercle and the PCL attachment point. The engraved lines on the cemented tibial sizing plate can be used to aid in establishing the desired tibial rotation. Rotate the cemented tibial sizing plate to attain the desired tibial rotational alignment. The notch in the lateral periphery of the sizing plate is used to establish proper position with respect to the lateral border of the tibia without medialization of the sizing plate.

When the desired position has been attained, secure the cemented tibial sizing plate by placing 25 mm x 3.2 mm (2.5 mm female hex) screws or 25 mm x 3.2 mm short head holding pins in the medial and lateral holes near the PCL cutout of the cemented tibial sizing plate (Figure 49b). The remaining adjunct fixation holes shown on the surface of the cemented tibial sizing plate can be used if necessary. If the cemented tibial sizing plate is to be used as a provisional in later steps, male-headed screws/pins used in these holes must be removed prior to using the Tibial Articular Surface Provisionals (TASPs) (Figure 50). Ensure that the cemented tibial sizing plate remains in the proper position when securing it to the bone. Once desired alignment has been verified with the alignment rod, remove the tibial sizing plate handle from the cemented tibial sizing plate.

Note: Male-headed Screws/Pins must be removed from these holes for Tibial Articular Surface Provisionals (TASPs)
Establish Size and Rotation of Tibia
(cont.)

⚠️ Technique Tip: Do not impact, lever, or pry the tibial sizing plate handle; this instrument is designed for alignment purposes only. Use the alignment rod in the hole or slot in the tibial sizing plate handle to verify proper tibial plate varus/valgus alignment. (See Appendix A for correcting varus/valgus resections)

⚠️ Technique Tip: If using a screw through the anterior medial hole on the periphery of the cemented tibial sizing plate, ensure that the cemented tibial sizing plate remains in the desired position and does not lift off posteriorly.

Drill and Broach Tibia

The keel of the tibial implant has a unique location for every size; therefore, it is critical to select the proper size at this step before drilling and broaching. Once these subsequent steps have been performed, the size should not be changed. If desired, femoral finishing can be performed in conjunction with provisional trialing at this stage to assure that the desired range of motion and soft tissue balance can be attained with the cemented tibial sizing plate in place prior to drilling and broaching the tibia.

By hand, place and hold the cemented tibial drill guide on the tibia cemented tibial sizing plate, by first engaging the posterior tabs in the undercuts in the cemented tibial sizing plate and then making sure that the distal anterior portion of the cemented tibial drill guide is flush against the cemented tibial sizing plate (Figure 51a).

Use the cemented tibial drill and drill until the center of the size-specific engraved line on the cemented tibial drill is in line with the top of the cemented tibial drill guide (Figure 51b). After drilling is complete, remove the cemented tibial drill and cemented tibial drill guide.

⚠️ Technique Tip: Insert cemented tibial drill into cemented tibial drill guide prior to starting cemented tibial drill. By hand, hold the cemented tibial drill guide flush against the cemented tibial sizing plate while drilling.
Drill and Broach Tibia (cont.)

Optional Technique

If desired, the cemented tibial drill stop collar, may be used to aid in drilling to the correct depth. Depress the button on the cemented tibial drill stop collar and slide the cemented tibial drill stop collar to the desired size-specific position on the cemented tibial drill (Figure 52).

Confirm that the correct size is displayed in the cemented tibial drill stop collar window (Figure 53) and that the cemented tibial drill stop collar is locked on the cemented tibial drill.

⚠️ Technique Tip: Verify that the cemented tibial drill stop collar is locked on the cemented tibial drill by attempting to slide the cemented tibial drill stop collar on the cemented tibial drill by hand. The cemented tibial drill stop collar will make an audible click when it locks on the cemented tibial drill.

⚠️ Technique Tip: Insert cemented tibial drill into cemented tibial drill guide prior to drilling.

After positioning the cemented tibial drill stop collar in the proper position, drill through the cemented tibial drill guide until the cemented tibial drill stop collar contacts the cemented tibial drill guide (Figure 54). After drilling is complete, remove the cemented tibial drill and cemented tibial drill guide from the cemented tibial sizing plate.
Drill and Broach Tibia (cont.)

Optional Technique (cont.)

Insert the correct-sized cemented tibial broach into the cemented tibial broach inserter/extractor handle (Figure 55). Retract the impaction head until it locks in the fully retracted position, which will facilitate placement on the cemented tibial sizing plate. After seating the cemented tibial broach inserter/extractor handle on the cemented tibial sizing plate, tap the impaction head once to seat the cemented tibial broach. Impact the cemented tibial broach inserter/extractor handle assembly with care to prevent fracture of the tibia (Figure 56). Impact until the impaction head bottoms out on the cemented tibial broach inserter/extractor handle stop (Figure 56 inset). While holding the cemented tibial broach inserter/extractor handle, impact the extraction button to remove the cemented tibial broach from the bone (Figure 57). Avoid dislodging the cemented tibial sizing plate when removing the cemented tibial broach inserter/extractor handle.

**Technique Tip:** Assure that no metallic debris is present on the magnetic feet of the cemented tibial broach inserter/extractor handle as this may inhibit the mating with the cemented tibial sizing plate and may introduce unwanted debris into the surgical site.

**Technique Tip:** Make sure that the cemented tibial broach inserter/extractor handle remains flush against the cemented tibial sizing plate and in full contact with the cemented tibial sizing plate and that the cemented tibial broach inserter/extractor handle does not tip during impaction. The orientation of the cemented tibial broach inserter/extractor handle is important to ensure proper and complete broaching resulting in full seating of the tibial implant on the bone.

**Technique Tip:** DO NOT extract with mallet blows on either the medial or lateral side of the under surface of the impaction head of the cemented tibial broach inserter/extractor handle. DO NOT attempt to extract the cemented tibial broach with a horizontal or angled blow on any side of the cemented tibial broach inserter/extractor handle.
Prepare the Patella

If the surgeon determines that the condition of the patient’s patella is satisfactory, it is not necessary to resurface the patella. The geometry, depth, and length of the patella groove on the Persona Femoral Component accommodates the unresurfaced patella.

 Emoji Technique Tip: These instruments are designed for onlaying all-poly patella only.

Place the leg in full extension, evert the patella to at least 90 degrees. Stabilize the patella, using two inverted towel clips. Incise the soft tissue around the patella down to the insertion of the quadriceps and patellar tendons. Before making any bone cuts, determine the maximum thickness of the patella by using the femur caliper to measure the most prominent anterior-to-posterior dimension (Figure 58).

 Emoji Technique Tip: The femur caliper has a tolerance of ± 0.25 mm.

Resect the Patella

Please refer to the appropriate surgical technique if other patella instrumentation is to be used to resect the patella.

Refer to the sizing chart for patella dimensions (Figure 59). Use a 3.2 mm drill to drill the highest portion of the medial facet perpendicular to the articular surface approximately 12 mm deep centered on the medial sagittal ridge (Figure 60). This acts as a guide for proper medialization of the patella.

Use the patella osteotomy guide with the stylus set for the desired amount of resection. Depress the button on the stylus while twisting to set the stylus at the desired resection level (Figure 61). If the patella is very worn, resect less bone.

 Emoji Technique Tip: Assure that the patella osteotomy guide stylus is referencing the most prominent point on the patella before resecting.

 Emoji Technique Tip: At least 10 mm of bone must remain to ensure that the pegs of the patella implant do not protrude through the anterior surface (see image).
Resect the Patella (cont.)

Apply the patella osteotomy guide medially and laterally with the jaws at the osteochondral juncture with the handles of the jig oriented toward the foot. Apply the guide with the jaws parallel to the dorsal surface of the patella, while positioning the patella osteotomy guide stylus over the most prominent point on the patella. Make the resection with a 1.27 mm (0.050 inch) thick saw blade (Figure 62). Cut the patella flat so that a smooth surface remains.

Technique Tip: To facilitate unlocking the patella osteotomy guide from the patella, apply slight gripping pressure on the handles of the patella osteotomy guide and depress the release lever to unlock the patella osteotomy guide (Figure 63).

Finish the Patella

Using the NexGen® Patella Sizing Template, select the maximum-sized patella that does not overhang, centered over the 3.2 mm drill hole as a reference for proper medialization (Figure 64).

Technique Tip: Do not drill through the center hole of the NexGen Patella Sizing Template.

Technique Tip: Eccentric placement of the patella 3–4 mm medially allows for better patella tracking.
Finish the Patella (cont.)

Insert the appropriately-sized NexGen Patella Peg Drill Guide into the patella clamp in the proper orientation (Figure 65). Place the patella clamp with the NexGen Patella Peg Drill Guide over the cut surface of the patella, centered slightly toward the medial facet over the 3.2 mm drill hole with the clamp oriented so two of the holes are biased toward the medial side of the patella (Figure 66).

**Technique Tip:** For hard/sclerotic bone it may be necessary to impact the NexGen Patella Peg Drill Guide face to fully seat the drill guide. This is necessary to assure that adequate bone removal is attained during drilling to fully seat the implant.

Use the NexGen 6.4 mm Patella/Femoral Drill to drill through the 3-peg holes in the NexGen Patella Peg Drill Guide (Figure 67).

**Technique Tip:** To facilitate unlocking the patella clamp from the patella, apply slight gripping pressure on the handles of the patella clamp and depress the release lever to unlock the patella clamp (Figure 68).
CR Femoral Finishing and Trialing

✨ Technique Tip: Reference the orientation and size etched and/or engraved markings to identify the correct provisional.

Assemble the femoral CR impactor pad to the femoral inserter/extractor. Hold the femoral inserter/extractor with the handle in the open position and insert the femoral CR impactor pad, aligning the “CR” on the femoral CR impactor pad with the arrow on the femoral inserter/extractor (Figure 69a). The femoral CR impactor pad is keyed, so the femoral CR impactor pad may have to be rotated while placing and aligning the femoral CR impactor pad onto the femoral inserter/extractor.

Femoral sizes 3 through 11 are provided in two profiles, standard and narrow. The size 3 through 11 standard femoral provisionals have intermittent cutouts around the periphery, with the inner dimension representing the outer profile of the narrow femoral implant and the outer dimension representing the outer profile of the standard femoral implant (Figure 69b).

Femoral sizes 1 and 2 are provided in one profile, narrow; and femoral size 12 provided in one profile, standard. Thus the size 1, 2 and 12 femoral provisionals do not have intermittent cutouts. Care should be taken to use the appropriate standard or narrow implant as is related to side (left or right) and size based on the provisional fit and ROM provided during the trialing phase.

✨ Technique Tip: Do not impact the anterior flange of the CR femoral provisional. Do not impact the medial or lateral aspects or the release lever of the femoral inserter/extractor.

Remove any posterior osteophytes or overhanging bone on the femur to facilitate maximum knee flexion. Attach the femoral inserter/extractor to the correct CR femoral provisional by inserting the hook on the femoral inserter/extractor arm into the anterior notch in the CR femoral provisional and close the handle on the femoral inserter/extractor to secure the CR femoral provisional (Figure 70).
CR Femoral Finishing and Trialing
(cont.)

Place the correct CR femoral provisional onto the femur in the desired medial/lateral position. Impact the end of the femoral inserter/extractor handle to fully seat the CR femoral provisional onto the femur (Figure 71). To remove the femoral inserter/extractor from the CR femoral provisional, pinch the release lever while pulling out/down (Figure 71). Alternatively, if the CR femoral provisional is placed on the femur by hand, the femoral inserter/extractor handle must be in the closed and locked position prior to engaging the CR femoral provisional. Then the femoral inserter/extractor can be used to impact the provisional onto the femur. For additional fixation of the fully seated provisional, insert the 25 mm x 3.2 mm screw (2.5 mm female hex) with the 2.5 mm male hex driver through the hole in the lateral anterior flange of the CR femoral provisional (Figure 72).

**: Technique Tip:** Ensure the shoulder of drill is seated at bottom of the femoral provisional counterbore.

If the tibia has been prepared, a trial range of motion can be performed to assure proper positioning of the CR femoral provisional prior to femoral peg hole preparation. Once desired medial-lateral placement has been attained, drill the peg holes for size 3 through 12 femoral implants through the CR femoral provisional with the NexGen 6.4 mm Patella/Femoral Drill (Figure 73). For size 1 and 2 femoral implants use the NexGen 4.4 mm Femoral Peg Drill. If a screw was used to provide adjunct fixation, remove the screw from the anterior flange in the CR femoral provisional. The slaphammer can be used to remove size 3 through 12 CR femoral provisionals (Figure 74). Rotate the slaphammer a ¼ turn outward. For size 1 and 2 CR femoral provisionals the slaphammer can be inserted into the notch on the medial or lateral side of the provisional. Alternatively, the femoral inserter/extractor can be reattached to the CR femoral provisional to remove it from the bone. If necessary, place the round end of the slaphammer in the extraction hole of the femoral inserter/extractor to facilitate removal.
CR Femoral Finishing and Trialing
(cont.)

**Technique Tip:** Ensure oval hole of the femoral provisional is free of debris prior to inserting slaphammer.

**Technique Tip:** If trialing with TASP leave femoral provisional in place until trialing is complete.

**Technique Tip:** Do not impact the anterior flange of the CR femoral provisional for removal, as this may damage the CR femoral provisional.

PS Femoral Finishing and PS Box Preparation

**Technique Tip:** Reference the orientation and size etched and/or engraved markings to identify the correct provisional.

Assemble the femoral PS impactor pad to the femoral inserter/extractor. Hold the femoral inserter/extractor, with the handle in the open position and insert the femoral PS impactor pad, aligning the "PS" on the femoral PS impactor pad with the arrow on the femoral inserter/extractor (Figure 75a).

The femoral PS impactor pad is keyed, so the femoral PS impactor pad may have to be rotated while placing and aligning the femoral PS impactor pad onto the femoral inserter/extractor.

Femoral sizes 3 through 11 are provided in two profiles, standard and narrow. The size 3 through 11 standard femoral provisionals have intermittent cutouts around the periphery, with the inner dimension representing the outer profile of the narrow femoral implant and the outer dimension representing the outer profile of the standard femoral implant (Figure 75b). Femoral sizes 1 and 2 are provided in one profile, narrow; and femoral size 12 provided in one profile, standard. Thus the size 1, 2, and 12 femoral provisionals do not have intermittent cutouts. Care should be taken to use the appropriate standard or narrow implant as is related to side (left or right) and size based on the provisional fit and ROM provided during the trialing phase.
**PS Femoral Finishing and PS Box Preparation (cont.)**

⚠️ **Technique Tip:** Do not impact the anterior flange of the PS femoral provisional. Do not impact the medial or lateral aspects or the release lever of the femoral inserter/extractor.

Remove any posterior osteophytes or overhanging bone on the femur to facilitate maximum knee flexion. Attach the femoral inserter/extractor to the correct PS femoral provisional by inserting the hook on the femoral inserter/extractor arm into the lateral notch in the PS femoral provisional and close the handle on the femoral inserter/extractor to secure the PS femoral provisional (Figure 76).

Place the correct PS femoral provisional onto the femur in the desired medial/lateral position. Impact the end of the femoral inserter/extractor handle to fully seat the PS femoral provisional onto the femur (Figure 77). To remove the femoral inserter/extractor from the PS femoral provisional, pinch the release lever while pulling out/down (Figure 77).

Alternatively, if the PS femoral provisional is placed on the femur by hand, the femoral inserter/extractor handle must be in the closed and locked position prior to engaging the PS femoral provisional. Then the femoral inserter/extractor can be used to impact the provisional onto the femur. For additional fixation of the fully seated PS femoral provisional, insert the 25 mm x 3.2 mm screw (2.5 mm female hex) with the 2.5 mm male hex driver through the hole in the lateral anterior flange of the PS femoral provisional (Figure 78).
PS Femoral Finishing and PS Box Preparation (cont.)

Make the anterior to posterior PS box cut with a 1.27 mm (0.050 inch) thick, ½ inch wide oscillating or reciprocating saw blade, by resting the saw blade in a parallel manner on the PS femoral provisional. Avoid Undercutting the medial and lateral condyles. This is particularly important for smaller femurs (Figure 79a).

After completing the anterior-to-posterior box cut, make the vertical wall cuts for the PS notch cuts by resting the saw blade in a parallel manner against the interior sidewalls of the PS femoral provisional (Figure 79b).
**PS Box Cut Guide**

**for PS Box Preparation**

**Optional Instrument**

With the PS femoral provision already in place, by hand, insert and hold the correct-sized PS box cut guide into the anterior holes of the PS femoral provisional (Figure 80). For additional fixation of the fully seated PS box cut guide, insert the 25 mm x 3.2 mm screw (2.5 mm female hex) with the 2.5 mm male hex driver through one of the holes in the PS box cut guide. Separate PS box cut guides exist for the PS femoral provisional for sizes 1–2, 3–5, 6–9, and 10–12.

**Technique Tip:** Do not impact the PS box cut guide into the provisional.

Make the anterior to posterior PS box cut with a 1.27 mm (0.050 inch) thick, ½ inch wide oscillating or reciprocating saw blade, by resting the saw blade in a parallel manner on the front surface of the PS box cut guide. Avoid undercutting the medial and lateral condyles. This is particularly important for smaller femurs (Figure 81a).

After completing the anterior-to-posterior box cut, make the vertical wall cuts for the PS notch cuts by resting the saw blade in a parallel manner against the interior sidewalls of the PS femoral provisional (Figure 81b).
PS Femoral Finishing and PS Box Preparation (cont.)

⚠️ Technique Tip: Keep blades against the support features of the cut guide and femoral provisional to ensure adequate bone resection. The cut planes (A/P and vertical) extend below the top of the PS cam.

⚠️ Technique Tip: Align the raised bumps on the exterior side walls of the box provisional with the grooves in the interior sidewalls of the femoral provisional.

If a screw was used to provide adjunct fixation, remove the screw and the PS box cut guide, if used. By hand, insert the correct-sized PS box provisional into the PS femoral provisional to assure that adequate bone has been removed for the implant AND for proper patella trialing. Separate left and right PS box provisionals exist for sizes 1–2, 3–5, 6–9, and 10–12 PS femoral provisionals (Figure 82). The constrained posterior stabilized (CPS) cut slot must be used if a CPS bearing is selected. The CPS cut slot may also be used for PS box resections. Additional information for this product may be found in the Constrained Posterior Stabilized (CPS) Surgical Technique (97-5026-072-00).

⚠️ Technique Tip: If the appropriately sized PS box provisionals does not easily seat into the PS femoral provisional, perform clean up cuts to assure adequate bone has been removed. Do NOT impact the PS box provisional. Make sure the PS femoral provisional is fully seated after inserting the correct PS box provisional.
**PS Femoral Finishing and PS Box Preparation** (cont.)

**Technique Tip:** Ensure the shoulder of drill is seated at bottom of the femoral provisional counterbore.

Drill the pegs holes for the size 3 through 12 femoral implants through the PS femoral provisionals with the NexGen 6.4 mm Patella/Femoral Drill (Figure 83). The size 1 and 2 femoral components do not have pegs thus drilling is not required for those sizes. Remove the screw from the anterior flange in the PS femoral provisional. Remove the PS box provisional. The slaphammer can be used to remove size 3 through 12 PS femoral provisionals (Figure 84). Rotate the slaphammer a ¼ turn outward. For size 1 and 2 PS femoral provisionals the slaphammer can be inserted into the notch on the medial or lateral side of the provisional. Alternatively, the femoral inserter/extractor can be re-attached to the PS femoral provisional to remove it from the bone. If necessary, insert the slaphammer in the extraction hole of the femoral inserter/extractor to facilitate removal.

**Technique Tip:** Ensure oval hole of the femoral provisional is free of debris prior to inserting slaphammer.

**Technique Tip:** If trialing with TASP leave femoral provisional in place until trialing is complete.

**Technique Tip:** Do not impact the anterior flange of the PS femoral provisional for removal, as this may damage the PS femoral provisional.
Perform Trial Reduction

Remove any posterior osteophytes or overhanging bone on the femur to ensure maximum knee flexion. In this step, a trial reduction is performed to check component position, patellar tracking, range of motion (ROM), and joint stability. Depending on the order of the surgical steps, some of the provisional components may already be in place. For example if the cemented tibial sizing plate is to be used, it may already be in place. If the femoral provisional was the last bone preparation step, it will already be in place. If not, attach the femoral inserter/exactor to the appropriate femoral provisional and insert on the bone in the correct position (Figures 85a and 85b).

🔍 Technique Tip: Be sure that soft tissue is not trapped beneath the provisionals. Impact until fully seated.

Remove the femoral inserter/exactor from the provisional. With the knee in extension, ensure that the provisional is flush against the resected distal surface of the femur on the medial condyle. Retract the lateral side and check to make sure it is flush distally, on the lateral side. If preparation for patella resurfacing has been performed, insert the appropriate patella provisional during the trialing phase.
Tibial Articular Surface Provisional (TASP) Assembly

The TASP consists of three parts: a TASP bottom, a TASP shim, and a TASP top. Select the TASP bottom that matches the cemented tibial sizing plate or tibial baseplate implant. Select the TASP top that mates with both the TASP bottom and the femoral provisional or component as marked on the anterior face of the TASP top (Figure 86a). In addition to the markings on the parts, the same colors are used for the mating TASP tops and bottoms. Axially align the pin slots on the TASP top with the pins on the TASP bottom during assembly as these parts must be assembled BEFORE the TASP shim can be used (Figure 86b). Select the set of TASP shims that match the selected Tibial implant size.

⚠️ Technique Tip: There are two TASP bottom thicknesses +0 mm and +6 mm. Use +0 mm bottom for 10–14 mm constructs and the +6 mm bottom for 16–20 mm constructs.

⚠️ Note: TASP bottom pins are offset to prevent assembly of left TASP tops on right TASP bottoms and vice versa.

⚠️ Technique Tip: As shown on the anterior face of the TASP top, confirm the correct constraint, femoral compatibility, tibial size, and side.

⚠️ Technique Tip: Apply gentle manual pressure without impacting the TASP construct with either a mallet or hand. The TASP construct includes the TASP top, bottom, shim, and tibial sizing plate handle.

⚠️ Technique Tip: As described on page 13, if using the cemented tibial sizing plate during the trialing phase, please assure that the necessary male-headed screws/pins are removed from the anterior surface of the cemented tibial sizing plate to avoid interference and potential damage to the TASP.
Tibial Articular Surface Provisional (TASP) Assembly (cont.)

The shims (10, 11, 12, 13, and 14 mm) are not side-specific. Attach the tibial sizing plate handle to the appropriate 10 mm shim (Figure 87a). While holding the TASP top and bottom together with one hand, lock the TASP top and bottom together by inserting the appropriate 10 mm shim with the tibial sizing plate handle (Figure 87b). The 10 mm shim will create a TASP construct which matches the thickness of the thinnest tibial bearing implant, 10 mm (Figures 88a and 88b).

**Technique Tip:** During assembly of the TASP construct, slide the shim in using a direct anterior approach between the TASP top and bottom. To avoid inadvertent separation, maintain slight pressure between the TASP top and bottom while inserting the shim.

The shims are incremented by 1 mm to create TASP constructs of 10 mm, 11 mm, 12 mm, 13 mm, or 14 mm to match the implant offering. The +6 mm bottoms are included for instances where the TASP construct needs to be 16 mm, 18 mm, or 20 mm. In these circumstances, the 10 mm, 12 mm, and 14 mm shims are to be used to create the respective TASP constructs.

**Note:** The maximum thickness of available CR implants is 18 mm. MC, UC, and PS implants are available in thicknesses up to 20 mm. Also, 15 mm, 17 mm, and 19 mm thicknesses are NOT available in CR, MC, UC, or PS.

It is recommended that the thinnest TASP construct (10 mm) be inserted into the joint space, with the knee at greater than 30 degrees of flexion (Figure 89a), to perform an initial ROM assessment.

If a thicker construct is needed to appropriately fill and balance the joint space, place the knee in approximately 5–15 degrees of flexion (Figure 89b) to facilitate *in vivo* removal and insertion of the shims with the tibial sizing plate handle.
The entire TASP construct can be removed to exchange the shims of the TASP construct. This is accomplished by flexing the knee greater than 30 degrees, then lifting the tibial sizing plate handle while attached to the TASP construct. Once the anterior lip of the TASP bottom is above the anterior rail of the tibial sizing plate (Figure 89c), rotate the TASP out of the joint space medially or laterally (Figure 89d). This will aid in preventing unwanted shim disassembly during TASP removal.

**Technique Tip:** Varus/Valgus forces may make it difficult to remove the TASP construct. To aid in the removal of the TASP and prevent breakage, ensure that the joint is in a neutral position when removing the TASP construct.

As shown (Figure 90), size A and B tibias, size C and D tibias, size E and F tibias, and size G and H tibias, share side-specific tibial bottoms, tibial tops, and color, respectively.

When using the stemmed tibia provisional, assemble the stemmed tibia provisional to the tibial provisional extractor and insert in the prepared tibia bone. For additional fixation of the fully seated provisional, insert the 25 mm x 3.2 mm screw (2.5 mm female hex) with the 2.5 mm male hex driver through the two screw fixation holes in the medial and lateral compartments on the STP.

**Note:** Do NOT use 48 mm screws for cemented tibial sizing plate fixation. 48 mm screw are not recommended due to potential bone perforation.
Check ligament stability in extension and in 30 degrees, 60 degrees, and 90 degrees of flexion. Attempt to distract the joint in flexion to ensure that it will not distract. If a posterior stabilized component is used, hyperflex the knee and verify that the spine still engages the cam. Insert the patellar provisional onto the resected patellar surface. Perform a ROM to check patellar tracking. When component position, ROM, and joint stability have been confirmed, remove all provisional components.

If a CR femoral implant is to be used and the PCL is recessed or becomes deficient intraoperatively, the PCL should be fully resected and the Medial Congruent (MC) or ultracongruent (UC) TASP should be trialed to assure desired ROM and joint stability prior to bearing implant selection.

When trialing with either a CR or MC insert and the PCL is retained, posterior soft tissue tightness may occur, resulting in the femur booking open (Figure 91). Should this occur, consider resecting the PCL. If the PCL is resected, either a MC or UC bearing should be used.

If unacceptable flexion/extension gap imbalances exist, refer to the "Balance Flexion/Extension Gaps" section of Appendix B for potential options.

The constrained posterior stabilized (CPS) TASP may also be assessed if further stability is needed. Additional information for this product may be found in the Constrained Posterior Stabilized (CPS) Surgical Technique (97-5026-072-00). When greater varus/valgus constraint is needed and/or stems or augments are required, the surgeon should consider using a revision implant system.

Assemble the tibial provisional extractor to the stemmed tibia provisional to remove the stemmed tibia provisional prior to implanting the components.

Technique Tip: If the TASP construct is used with the femoral and/or tibial implants, contact with bone cement should be avoided to prevent potential damage to the TASP components.

Technique Tip: The articular surface inserter should not be used with the TASP.

Technique Tip: Use only the tibial sizing plate handle to remove the TASP construct. The use of other instruments may damage or break the TASP.
Implant Components

⚠️ Technique Tip: Prior to cementing implants, remove provisionals and use pulse lavage to remove unwanted debris from the resected bone surfaces and the joint space.

In this step, the final components are implanted, and the tibial bearing is secured to the implanted tibial baseplate. When using cemented components, it is recommended to use two batches of cement. After the implants have been chosen, make a final check to ensure that all components are compatible. If the resected surfaces of the tibia and/or femur are sclerotic, drill multiple holes with a small drill (2.0 mm–3.2 mm) to improve cement intrusion. Mix the cement following the manufacturer’s guidelines for cement prep including but not limited to mix, work, and set time.

Tibial Plate

Sublux the tibia anteriorly to allow adequate clearance to insert the tibial implant into the prepared bone. Do not apply substances other than bone cement to the tibial implant (i.e. do not dip implant into antibiotics or other substances). Keep the implant clean and free of debris prior to cementing. Place a layer of cement on the underside of the tibial baseplate, around the keel, on the resected tibial surface, and in the tibial IM canal. Assemble the quick connect handle to the tibial impactor head (Figure 92). Unlock collar and hold, insert handle into impactor head, release collar, and rotate handle until “click” is heard. Refer to the option of an attached inserter for the tibial plate insertion, located in Appendix C. Position the tibial plate onto the tibia and use the tibial impactor to impact it until fully seated (Figure 93). Thoroughly remove any excess cement in a consistent manner. Allow the cement to fully cure before performing a trial ROM or inserting the bearing.
Implant Components (cont.)

**Femoral Component**

With the knee in 70 degrees – 90 degrees of flexion, retract the soft tissue in the desired manner. Place a layer of cement on the underside of the prosthesis and in the holes drilled in the femur. Attach the femoral inserter/extractor to the femoral component (Figures 94a and 94b). Insert the femoral component onto the distal femur by translating the component laterally until the lateral peg aligns with the drill hole in the lateral femoral condyle. Take care to avoid scratching the implant component surfaces. After the femoral component is placed on the femur and the femoral inserter/extractor is removed, the femoral inserter/extractor can be used to fully seat the implant onto the femur. If this method is used, the femoral inserter/extractor handle must be in the closed and locked position. Ensure that soft tissue is not trapped beneath the implant. Alternatively, assemble the quick connect handle to the femoral impactor head (Figure 95). Use this assembly to fully seat the femoral implant (Figure 96). Remove retractors, and check the medial and lateral sides to make sure the femoral implant is fully impacted distally. Remove any excess cement in a thorough and consistent manner.

**Bearing**

The articular surface inserter applies both downward and rearward forces to aid in the insertion of the bearing onto the tibial base plate. Choose the correct tibial bearing based on size, side, constraint and thickness as determined by the trial range of motion. Place the bearing onto the tibial base plate. Apply pressure anterior to posterior to properly engage the tibial component and tibial bearing for final seating. This is necessary to allow the inserter to properly engage the tibial component and tibial bearing for final seating (Figure 96). Steady the surface of the base plate with one hand by applying downward pressure near the posterior cruciate cutout.

**Technique Tip:** Insert a bearing only once. Never reinsert the same bearing onto a tibial base plate.
Implant Components (cont.)

Bearing (cont.)

Engage the hook on the articular surface inserter with the mating slot in the front of the base plate and close the lever with your index finger. This locks the inserter to the tibial plate (Figure 98a). Squeeze the handle of the articular surface inserter to seat the bearing (Figure 98b). Open the lever and remove the articular surface inserter.

Alternatively the bearing can be locked into the tibial plate as described above, prior to tibial plate implantation. If PS femoral implants are used, the femoral implant should be implanted before the tibial implant to avoid the excessive joint distraction required to clear the post while implanting the PS femoral implant. If CR femoral implants are used, the tibial implant should be implanted prior to the femoral implant to facilitate the removal of excess cement from the posterior aspect of the tibia, prior to femoral implantation.

Technique Tip: Only in vivo assembly of the ultracongruent bearing is recommended because the design of the ultracongruent bearing precludes cement removal from the PCL cutout area at the tibial baseplate/bone interface.

Assemble the quick connect handle to the tibial impator head. Unlock collar and hold, insert quick connect handle into tibial impator head, release collar, and rotate handle until “click” is heard. Position the tibial plate bearing construct onto the tibia and use the tibial impator to impact it until fully seated (Figure 99). Thoroughly remove any excess cement in a consistent manner.

Technique Tip: Do NOT impact or lever the articular surface inserter or extractor tools when they are attached to the tibial plate as this may disrupt the fixation of the tibial plate to the bone and/or cause damage to the implant or instrument. Also, do not impact the bearing.

To remove a bearing from the baseplate, engage the hook on the articular surface removal instrument with the mating slot on the front of the base plate and squeeze the handle to disengage the bearing from the base plate. The articular surface removal instrument should not be used for provisional removal.
Implant Components (cont.)

Patellar Component

Please refer to the appropriate surgical technique if other patella instrumentation is to be used to accomplish the patella implantation.

All-Polyethylene Patella

With the knee in 70 degrees – 90 degrees of flexion, apply cement to the anterior surface and pegs of the patellar component while in a doughy consistency. Alternatively, this step can be performed with the knee in full extension. Locate the drilled peg holes and use the patella clamp assembly to insert and secure the patella in place. Fully open the jaws of the patella clamp and align the tooth to the anterior surface of the patella and the patella clamp head to the posterior surface of the implant (Figure 100). Use the patella clamp to apply enough pressure to fully seat the implant on the patellar surface. Remove any excess cement in a thorough and consistent manner.

Close Incision

Freely irrigate the wound with the solution of choice to assure unwanted debris is removed from the joint space prior to closure. A drain may be placed intracapsularly. Then close the wound with sutures and apply a bandage. Please refer to package insert for complete product information, including contraindications, warnings, precautions, and adverse effects.

Surgeon Notes and Tips

Take care that the retractors do not inadvertently dislodge the tibial baseplate, particularly on the posterolateral corner. Verify that the femoral component is fully seated before closing the wound. Confirm that no portion of the quadriceps mechanism has been pinned beneath the femoral component.
Appendix A

2 Degrees Valgus Recut Guide

Insert the Persona Drop Rod Adapter into the tibial cut guide. Place the alignment rod with coupler into the drop rod adaptor and assess the cut (Figure 101).

If a valgus correction cut is needed, place the valgus recut guide on the resected tibial plateau by attaching the alignment rod with coupler and the NexGen PRI Alignment Adaptor. Align with the medial ⅓ of the tubercle. Once it has been determined that the desired correction cut will be attained, slide the medial portion of the valgus recut guide so it is flush with the medial portion of the tibial cortex to provide a planar recut of the tibia. Affix with 3.2 mm trocar tipped pins using the pin and screw inserter.

❗️ Technique Tip: The fixation holes for the valgus recut guide are at oblique angles to improve fixation of the guide.

Perform resection, remove trocar tipped pins, and the valgus recut guide (Figure 102).
Appendix A (cont.)

2 Degrees Varus Recut Guide

Insert the Persona Drop Rod Adapter into the tibial cut guide. Place the alignment rod with coupler into the drop rod adaptor and assess the cut (Figure 103).

If a varus correction cut is needed, place the varus recut guide on the resected tibial plateau by attaching the alignment rod with coupler and the NexGen PRI Alignment Adaptor. Align with the medial \( \frac{1}{3} \) of the tubercle. Once it has been determined that the desired correction cut will be attained, slide the lateral portion of the varus recut guide so it is flush with the lateral portion of the tibial cortex to provide a planar recut of the tibia. Affix with 3.2 mm trocar tipped pins using the pin and screw inserter.

\[ \text{Technique Tip: The fixation holes for the varus recut guide are at oblique angles to improve fixation of the guide.} \]

Perform resection, remove trocar tipped pins, and the varus recut guide (Figure 104).
Appendix B

Spacer Block Technique

Technique Tip: The distal thickness of the Persona CR and PS Femoral Components is 9 mm for sizes 3-12 and 8 mm for sizes 1-2. The posterior thickness of the Persona CR Component is 9 mm for sizes 3-12 and 8 mm for sizes 1-2. The posterior thickness of the Persona PS Component is 10 mm for sizes 3-12 and 9 mm for sizes 1-2.

Note: The spacer block techniques described below only apply when the femoral bone cuts have been made for a size 3-12 femur. If the femoral bone cuts have been made for a size 1-2 femur, adjust the technique to account for the distal femoral thickness difference described above.

Check Extension Gap

After the proximal tibia and distal femur have been resected, the extension gap can be evaluated using spacer blocks or a tensioning device. Position the knee in full extension. The distal thickness of the Persona Femoral Component is 9 mm and the minimum Persona Tibial Articular Surface/Baseplate Construct is 10 mm. If a 10 spacer block (19 mm thickness) does not fit into the resected joint space in extension, it will be necessary to remove additional bone from either the tibia or the femur. The spacer block physical thicknesses are 9 mm more than what are shown on the spacer blocks to represent the combined Persona distal femoral thickness and the corresponding tibial component thickness.

Check Flexion Gap

After the femoral finishing cuts have been completed and with the knee in 90 degrees flexion, use the spacer/alignment guides or MIS spacer/alignment guides to check ligament balance and joint alignment in flexion. Insert the alignment rod with coupler into the guide and check the alignment of the tibial resection (Figure 106). Then check ligament balance. If necessary, insert progressively thicker spacer blocks until the desired soft tissue tension is obtained.
Appendix B (cont.)

Spacer Block Technique (cont.)

Balance Flexion and Extension Gaps

- Technique Tip: Prior to addressing flexion/extension imbalances, make sure that desired varus/valgus alignment has been attained.

- Technique Tip: If femoral or tibial recuts are performed subsequent femoral finishing and tibial finishing steps need to be repeated to provide for proper provisional and component fit.

With the knee in extension, attach the alignment rod to the alignment rod with coupler. Check ligament balance and limb alignment in extension. Refer to Figure 107 for potential solutions for flexion/extension mismatches.

1. If a knee is too tight in both flexion and extension, resecting additional tibial bone or reducing the height of the tibial bearing may be sufficient to balance the construct.

2. If the knee is tight in flexion but acceptable in extension, three options exist. One option is to release the PCL either by island osteotomy or ligament release, both of which lengthen the ligament. If the PCL is absent, change constraint to MC or UC. A second option is to cement the femoral component distal to the bone cut. This augmentation with cement distally fills the extension space when used with a thinner tibial bearing. The third option is to downsize the femoral component.

3. If the knee is loose in extension and tight in flexion one option is to use a smaller sized femoral component possibly with a thicker polyethylene component.

4. If the joint is acceptable in flexion but tight in extension, several options exist. One is to release the posterior capsule from the femur. Another alternative is to resect more distal femoral bone. This moves the femoral component proximally on the femur at the expense of elevating the joint line.

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Figure 107
Appendix B (cont.)

Spacer Block Technique (cont.)

Balance Flexion and Extension Gaps (cont.)

5. If both components are acceptable, no further modification is necessary.

6. If the joint is acceptable in flexion and loose in extension, consider downsizing the femoral component with a thicker tibial bearing. If the femoral component cannot be downsized, cement the femoral component distal to the bone cut. This augmentation with cement distally fills the extension space.

7. If the joint is loose in flexion and tight in extension, a larger femoral component may suffice. A second option is a thicker tibial bearing with a more proximal femoral position. A third option is a thicker tibial component combined with a posterior release.

8. If the joint is loose in flexion and acceptable in extension, increasing the femoral size may equalize the gaps. Alternatively, moving the femoral component proximally and applying a thicker tibial bearing will equalize the gaps. Another option is to fill the flexion gap with the appropriate poly and perform a posterior release to increase the extension gap.

9. If a joint is symmetrically loose in both flexion and extension, a thicker tibial bearing will usually solve both problems.

In situations where two options exist to help solve the soft tissue mismatch, the position of the patella or the joint line helps the surgeon decide which option to select.

>Note: After applying one of these solutions, perform another trial reduction. This will identify any new problem or a variation of the initial problem that may exist.
Appendix C: Optional Instruments

Resect Distal Femur – Fixed Distal Resection Instrument

Assemble Fixed Distal Resection Instrumentation

Pull the lever on the modular handle and insert the IM rod (Figure 109). Orientation of the IM rod will align with the polished line on the sides of the modular handle.

⚠️ Technique Tip: Alternately, the IM rod may be inserted into the top of the modular handle to accommodate surgical preference.

Insert the IM rod into the fixed valgus guide.

⚠️ Note: If desired, align the depth markings on the IM rod with the flat plate of the fixed valgus guide to set the IM rod at a specific length (Figure 110).

Insert the fixed resection tower into the face of the fixed valgus guide indicating the angle and side of the knee (left or right).

⚠️ Note: The valgus alignment guide will resect 10 mm of distal bone. The distal resection can be changed to 1 mm through 9 mm resection depth, in 1 mm increments, by assembling the corresponding resection plate to the valgus guide. Figure 111 illustrates this with the 9 mm resection plate. The 9 mm and 8 mm resection plates may facilitate correction of recurvatum and the 1 mm – 3 mm resection plates can be used for recutting the distal femur, if needed.

The size 1 and 2 femoral components are 1 mm thinner distally than sizes 3-12. Consider adjusting the resection depth on these sizes to accommodate for this difference.
Appendix C: Optional Instruments (cont.)

Resect Distal Femur – Fixed Distal Resection Instrument (cont.)

Assemble Fixed Distal Resection Instrumentation (cont.)

Rotate the lock lever on the fixed resection tower to the unlocked, or “in-line”, position and fully insert into the cut guide (Figure 112a).

Flip the lock lever to the locked, or “vertical”, position to secure it to the cut guide (Figure 112b).

🌟 Technique Tip: The fixed resection tower is compatible with the adjustable valgus guide and the adjustable resection tower is compatible with the fixed valgus guide. These instruments can be interchanged to accommodate surgical preference.
Appendix C: Optional Instruments (cont.)

Resect Distal Femur – Fixed Distal Resection Instrument (cont.)

Establish Femoral Alignment

Drill the IM canal using the 8 mm IM step drill (Figure 113). Suction the canal to remove medullary contents.

Insert the IM rod and assembled distal resection instrumentation into the IM canal far enough to ensure the most accurate replication of the anatomic axis.

Set the orientation of the fixed valgus guide by placing it against the most prominent distal condyle and rotating it about the IM rod so that it is aligned with the epicondylar axis (Figure 114).

Note: Setting rotation of the fixed valgus guide is important for creating a distal resection that matches the desired valgus angle selected. It does not set the rotation of the femoral component.

To secure orientation, impact the captured pin on the medial side of the fixed valgus guide until the head of the captured pin is flush with the plate (Figure 115).
Appendix C: Optional Instruments (cont.)

Resect Distal Femur – Fixed Distal Resection Instrument (cont.)

Resect Distal Femur

Verify the fixed valgus guide is set to the proper side (left or right) and the fixed valgus guide shows the appropriate valgus angle.

Technique Tip: Confirm valgus alignment by inserting the drop rod adapter into the large holes on the anterior face of the cut guide and insert an alignment rod into the drop rod adapter (Figure 116).

Insert a trocar tipped pin through each of the standard pin holes marked ‘0’ on the anterior surface of the cut guide (Figure 117).

Flip the lock lever on the fixed resection tower to the unlocked, or “in-line”, position and pull the handle to remove the IM rod and assembled distal resection instrumentation leaving only the cut guide attached to the femur (Figure 118).

Note: If the captured pin was deployed it may be necessary to first remove it from the bone using the pin puller. Alternatively, removing the IM rod from the fixed valgus guide may facilitate removal of the captured pin from the bone.

Technique Tip: Additional 2 mm adjustments may be made by using the sets of holes marked -2, +2, and +4. These sets of holes indicate, in millimeters, the amount of additional bone resection each will yield relative to the 10 mm resection accommodated by the fixed resection tower (however, if the 9 mm resection plate is used, the depth adjustments are relative to a 9 mm resection).
**Appendix C: Optional Instruments** (cont.)

![Figure 119](image)

**Side Designation**

**Size Femur – Anterior Referencing Sizer**

**Size Femur and Establish External Rotation**

Rotate the feet of the anterior referencing sizer so the appropriate “left” or “right” markings are visible as the anterior referencing sizer is placed on the bone (Figure 119). External rotation can be set at 3 degrees or 5 degrees from the posterior condylar axis.

⚠️ **Technique Tip:** Remove any osteophytes that interfere with instrument positioning.

Apply the anterior referencing sizer so that the flat surface of the anterior referencing sizer is flush against the resected surface of the distal femur and the feet of the anterior referencing sizer are flush against the posterior condyles. Center the anterior referencing sizer mediolaterally. Both the vertical and horizontal portions of the anterior referencing sizer provide visual cues relative to the AP and epicondylar axes of the femur to help ensure that desired external rotation is attained.

⚠️ **Note:** Sizer geometry is rotated 3 degrees to align to the A/P and epicondylar axes of the femur. The 3 degrees drill holes are rotated 3 degrees from the posterior feet and are neutral to the central sizer geometry. This enables use of the A/P and epicondylar axis to set rotation.

If the 3 degrees external rotation holes are to be used to set external rotation, the etched line on the anterior referencing sizer should be positioned so it is in line with Whiteside’s line (Figure 120) to optimize the M/L position of the drill holes for subsequent anterior referencing 4-in-1 cut guide placement.
Appendix C: Optional Instruments (cont.)

Size Femur – Anterior Referencing Sizer (cont.)

Size Femur and Establish External Rotation (cont.)

If the 5 degrees external rotation holes are to be used, the sizer can be positioned with the etched line on the anterior referencing sizer 4 mm laterally from Whiteside’s line to better center the drill holes for subsequent anterior referencing 4-in-1 cut guide placement, due to the M/L offset of the holes. Hold the anterior referencing sizer in place and if necessary, secure the anterior referencing sizer to the femur using 25 mm x 3.2 mm (2.5 mm female hex) screws (Figure 121) in one or both of the holes on the lower portion of the anterior referencing sizer to help draw the anterior referencing sizer adjacent to the distal femur, particularly in MIS situations.

⚠️ Note: Do NOT use 48 mm screws for fixation of the anterior reference sizer. 48 mm screws are not recommended due to potential bone perforation.

Slightly extend the knee and retract soft tissues to expose the anterior femoral cortex. Clear any soft tissue from the anterior cortex. Ensure that the leg is in less than 90 degrees of flexion (70 degrees – 80 degrees). This will decrease the tension of the patellar tendon to facilitate placement of the anterior referencing sizer boom. The position of the anterior referencing sizer boom tip approximates the proximal position of the anterior flange of the femoral component. The anterior referencing sizer boom can be rotated to facilitate insertion under the soft tissue envelope. A palpable indication as well as a vertical orientation of the end of the anterior referencing sizer boom (Figure 121) ensures that the anterior referencing sizer boom is rotated to the correct position.

⚠️ Technique Tip: Do not impact the anterior referencing sizer onto the femur.
Appendix C: Optional Instruments (cont.)

Size Femur – Anterior Referencing Sizer (cont.)

**Size Femur and Establish External Rotation (cont.)**

⚠️ **Technique Tip:** Positioning the anterior referencing sizer boom tip on the “high” part of the femur by lateralizing the location of the anterior referencing sizer boom tip can often lessen the likelihood of notching the femur.

After the anterior referencing sizer boom is appropriately positioned, read the femoral size from the engraved lines on the anterior referencing sizer tower and select the closest size (Figure 122). There are six even sizes labeled on the left side of the tower and six odd sizes labeled on the right side of the tower, with lines indicating the in-between sizes. The same size markings are present on the anterior surface of the anterior referencing sizer boom and approximate the proximal position of the anterior flange of the femoral component when telescoped to the same size that has been determined by the vertical anterior referencing sizer tower (Figure 123). The 3 degrees or 5 degrees holes in the midline of the A/P portion of the anterior referencing sizer are used to drill 3.2 mm holes for pegs on the anterior referencing 4-in-1 femoral cut guide (Figure 124).

A 3.2 mm pin may be placed in the first drilled hole to maintain an “index” position prior to drilling the second hole. Remove the screws, then remove the anterior referencing sizer.

⚠️ **Technique Tip:** The multi pin puller cannot be used to extract the screw(s).

⚠️ **Technique Tip:** This anterior referencing sizer works only with these anterior referencing 4-in-1 femoral cut guides and provisionals, and implants referenced in this technique.

25 mm x 2.5 mm Female Hex Screw
42-5099-025-25

3.2 mm Drill
00-5120-085-00
Appendix C: Optional Instruments (cont.)

Shift Block

Prior to performing the four facet cuts with the 4-in-1 cut guide, determine whether the position of the block anterior to posterior and external rotation is sufficient. If adjustment is needed, remove the 4-in-1 cut guide from the femur and insert the shift block using the same holes in the distal face of the femur (Figure 125).

To select the method of adjustment, depress button and rotate drill guide until the desired face is shown. If a 2 degrees rotation is desired, rotate the guide to the appropriate 2 degrees rotation face (Figure 126).

If an A/P shift is desired, rotate the guide to the appropriate 1 mm shift face (Figure 127).

⚠️ Technique Tip: The Persona Shift Block is only to be used with the Persona 4-in-1 Cut Guides.

⚠️ Technique Tip: Do not impact or torque the shift block while inserting or drilling.
Appendix C: Optional Instruments (cont.)

**Shift Block** (cont.)

After making sure the appropriate face is locked in place, drill through the holes that have been selected using a 3.2 mm drill (Figure 128).

 риск Technique Tip: Ensure drill guide is locked in place for accurate shift or rotations.

If additional adjustment with the shift block is desired, remove it from the bone, using an osteotome if necessary, and replace it in the newly drilled holes and repeat the drilling process. Otherwise, place the 4-in-1 cut guide in the newly drilled holes (Figure 129) and perform bone resections.

 риск Technique Tip: The shift block can be rotated 180 degrees to create new drill holes in the opposite M/L direction while providing the same A/P shift or rotation adjustment. If a 180 degrees rotation is performed, be careful to avoid overlapping previously drilled holes.
Appendix C: Optional Instruments (cont.)

Resect Distal Femur – PRI Distal Resection Instrument

Please refer to the appropriate surgical technique if other distal femoral alignment and distal femoral resection instrumentation is to be used to accomplish the distal femoral resection.

After attaining the desired soft tissue exposure, use the 8 mm IM step drill to make a starter hole (Figure 130).

Suction the canal to remove medullary contents.

Insert the femoral IM rod into the modular T-handle (Figure 131) and insert the IM rod into the femur far enough to ensure the most accurate replication of the anatomic axis, then remove the modular T-handle (Figure 132).

Technique Tip: As the symbol on the modular T-handle indicates – do not impact the modular T-handle.
Appendix C: Optional Instruments (cont.)

Resect Distal Femur – PRI Distal Resection Instrument (cont.)

Retract the spring-loaded button on the top of the femoral valgus alignment guide and rotate the valgus adjustment dial to the desired valgus angle and release the button to lock the valgus angle from 0 degrees to 9 degrees, ensuring that the proper left or right setting is attained (Figure 133).

Place the femoral valgus alignment guide on the IM rod against the most prominent condyle and confirm the desired valgus setting (Figure 134).

 Technique Tip: If the epicondyles are visible, the epicondylar axis may be used as a guide in setting the orientation of the femoral valgus alignment guide. This does not set the rotation of the femoral component, but keeps the distal cut oriented to the final component rotation. If desired, the guide can be pinned to provide rotational stability (Figure 135).
Appendix C: Optional Instruments (cont.)

Resect Distal Femur – PRI Distal Resection Instrument (cont.)

Resect Distal Femur

Attach the 0 degrees captured/uncaptured cutting head to the distal femoral resection guide (Figure 136). The adjustment dial on the resection guide can be set from “-2” to “+4”. The “0” represents a 10 mm distal resection (Figure 137). The -1 setting represents a 9 mm resection while the +4 setting represents a 14 mm resection. Upon rotation, the dial has palpable stops and clear markings at each 2 mm location. One half rotation creates 1 mm of adjustment. Insert the distal femoral resection guide with the cutting head into the femoral valgus alignment guide until the cutting head rests on the anterior femoral cortex.

Verify the desired resection setting on the distal femoral resection guide and/or rotate the adjustment dial to attain the desired setting (Figure 138a). Insert trocar tipped pins through the two standard pin holes marked “0” on the anterior surface of the cutting head (Figure 138b). Additional 2 mm adjustments may be made by removing the cutting head from the pins and replacing the cutting head on the pins in the sets of holes marked -2, +2, and +4. The markings on the cutting head indicate, in millimeters, the amount of bone resection each will yield relative to the initial distal resection setting.
Appendix C: Optional Instruments (cont.)

Resect Distal Femur – PRI Distal Resection Instrument (cont.)

Resect Distal Femur (cont.)

smouth Technique Tip: If more fixation is desired, insert trocar tipped pins in the small oblique holes on the cutting head.

If pin(s) were used to maintain rotational alignment of the alignment guide, use the multi pin puller to remove the pin(s). Alternatively, the pin/screw inserter can be used to remove these pin(s).

Squeeze the button on the distal femoral resection guide (Figure 139) to release and remove the femoral valgus alignment guide and distal femoral resection guide assembly from the cutting head. The modular T-handle is used to remove the IM rod, prior to the distal femoral resection.

Alternatively, the modular T-handle can be used to remove the IM rod while the button on the distal femoral resection guide is squeezed to facilitate rapid removal of the IM rod, the femoral valgus alignment guide and the distal femoral resection guide at the same time. If necessary, the round end of the slaphammer can be used in conjunction with the central hole in the modular T-handle to remove the IM rod.

Cut the distal femur through the cutting slot in the cutting head, using a 1.27 mm (0.050 inch) oscillating saw blade (Figure 140).

smouth Technique Tip: Check the flatness of the distal femoral cut with a flat surface, such as the top of one of the tibial cut guides. If necessary, modify the distal femoral surface so that it is completely flat. This is extremely important for the placement of subsequent guides and for proper fit of the implant.

After completing the cut, remove pins and the cutting head.
Appendix C: Optional Instruments (cont.)

Figure 141 Figure 142 Figure 143 Figure 144 Figure 145

Implant Components

Attached Tibial Plate Inserter

Depress the lever of the tibial inserter to extend the metal distal tab (Figure 141). Insert the tab into the implant’s dovetails on the central portion of the tibial implant. Slide the tibial inserter posteriorly until the tab engages the dovetails (Figure 142). Release the lever to secure the tibial inserter to the tibial implant. Ensure the tibial inserter is seated flush to the proximal surface of the tibial implant (Figure 143).

Sublux the tibia anteriorly to allow adequate clearance to insert the tibial implant into the prepared bone. Do not apply substances other than bone cement to the tibial implant (i.e. do not dip implant into antibiotics or other substances). Keep the implant clean and free of debris prior to cementing. Place a layer of cement on the underside of the tibial baseplate, around the keel, on the resected tibial surface, and in the tibial IM canal.

Position the tibial plate onto the tibia and use the tibial inserter to impact it until fully seated.

To release the inserter from the implant, depress the lever on the tibial inserter. The handle will move in a superior direction away from the tibial implant (Figure 144). Tilt the handle posteriorly to disengage the distal tab of the inserter from the plate (Figure 145).

Thoroughly remove any excess cement in a consistent manner. Allow the cement to fully cure before performing a trial ROM or inserting the bearing.
Appendix D: Compatibility Charts

**CR:** Persona CR Femoral/Persona CR Bearing and Tibial Compatibility

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