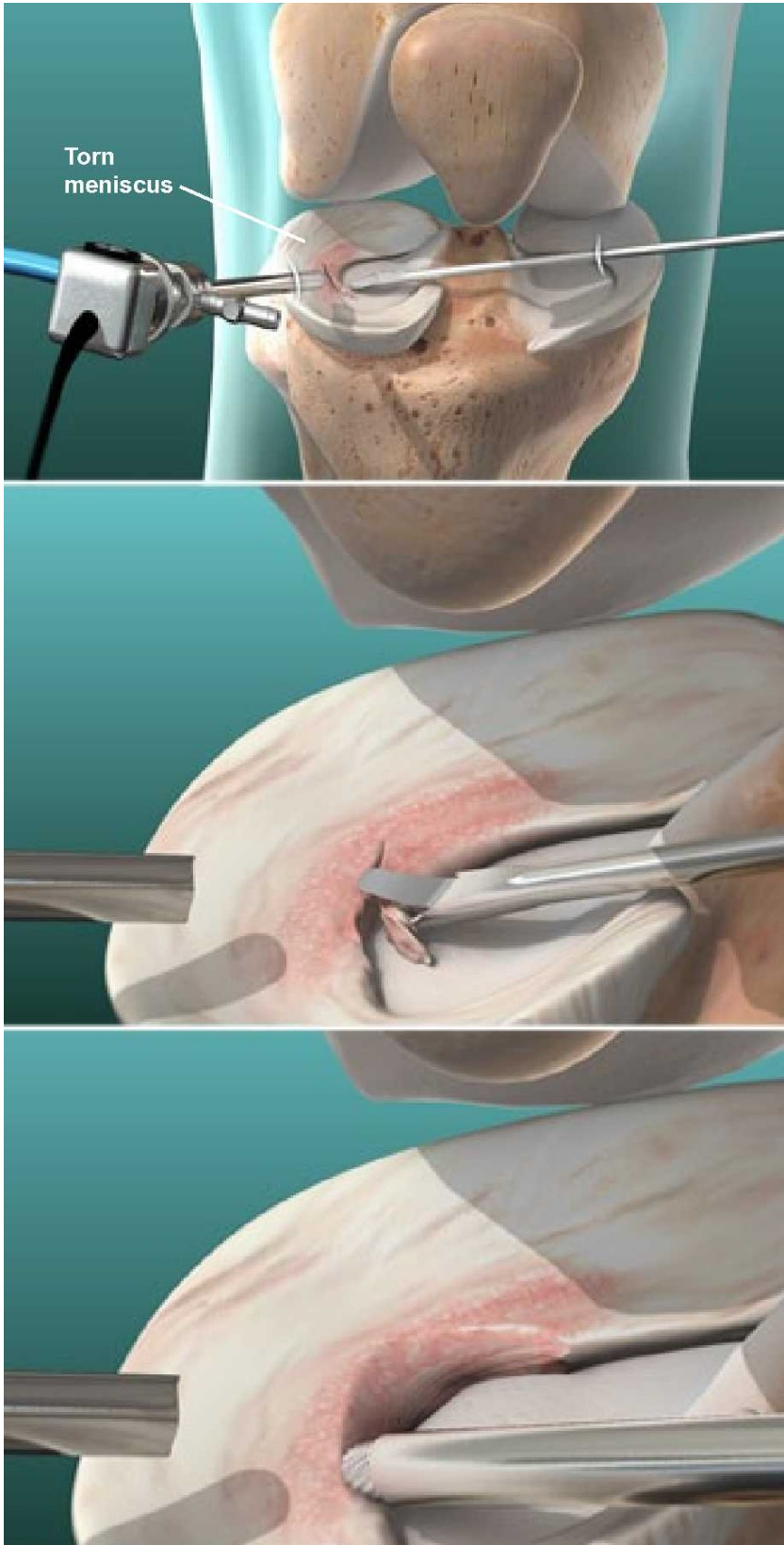




Meniscectomy (Partial)



Overview

The meniscus is a cushion of cartilage in your knee that absorbs shock and allows for smooth movement of the knee joint. There are two menisci in each knee. If one is worn out or damaged, you may need a partial meniscectomy to remove the damaged areas.

Preparation

Your knee is numbed to start the procedure. Your surgeon creates small openings in your skin. An arthroscope camera is put in one opening, so the surgeon can see inside your knee joint. Surgical tools are inserted in the other openings.

Repair

The surgeon will carefully trim the damaged parts of your meniscus and smooth any rough areas so your knee will work properly.

End of Procedure and Aftercare

At the end of the surgery, your incisions will be closed and your knee will be bandaged. After a brief period of observation, you will be discharged to go home. Your doctor will create a post-surgery treatment plan that will likely include physical therapy.