# Return to Sports and Re-Injury after Anatomic ACL

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## **Outcome Following Surgery**

For athletic population, the ultimate outcome after ACL surgery is the ability to return to prior level of sports in terms of intensity, frequency, duration & absence of symptoms AND the prevention of re-injury.

What Proportion of Individuals that Undergo ACL Reconstruction Return to Their Prior Level of Athletic Activity?

## Return to Sports

#### 12 Months Post-Op

- 503 patients that participated in competitive Australian football, basketball, netball or soccer
- Return to sports at 12 months:
  - 168 (33.4%) attempted full competition
  - 169 (33.6%) attempted training and/or modified competition
  - 166 (33.0%) had not attempted training or return to sport
- Return to sports at 12 months more likely for:
  - Males
  - · Participation in seasonal sport
  - Hop test >85%

Ardern CL et al AJSM 2011

## **Return to Sports**

Return to sport following anterior cruciate ligament reconstruction surgery: a systematic review and meta-analysis of the state of play

Clare L Ardern, Kate E Webster, Nicholas F Taylor, 2 Julian A Feller

- 48 studies reporting return to sports of 5770 individuals after ACL reconstruction at mean follow-up of 41.5 months
- 3693 (64%) males
- Average age at follow-up 25.1 (range 13 60)
- Graft type:
  - 3967 (69%) autograft B-PT-B
  - 1156 (20%) autograft hamstring

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