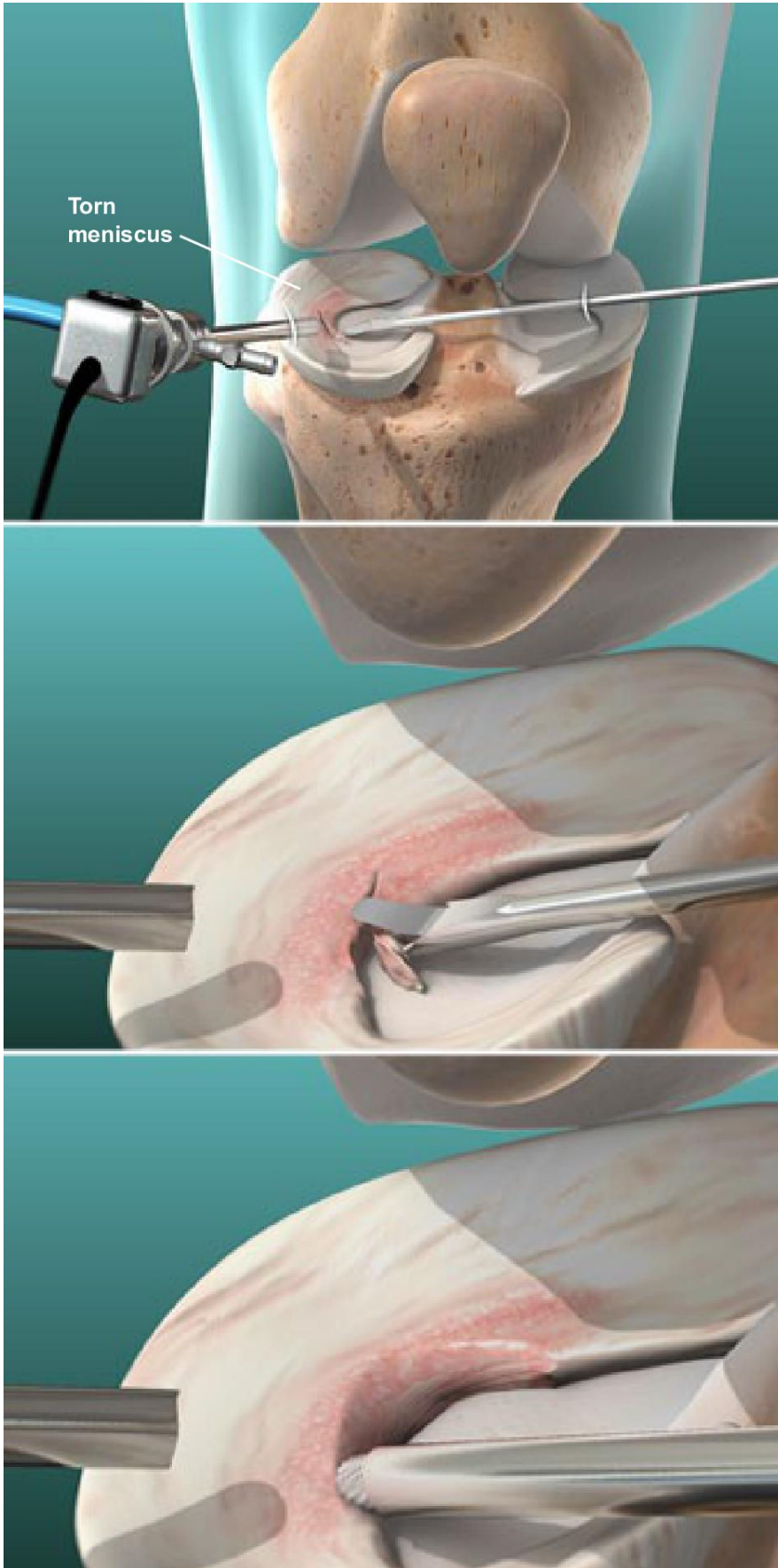




Partial Meniscectomy



Overview

The meniscus is a cushion of cartilage. There are two in each knee. If one of these shock absorbers is worn out or hurt, you may need a partial meniscectomy to remove the damaged areas.

Preparation

To start the operation, your knee is numbed. Your surgeon creates small openings in your skin. A camera called an arthroscope is put in one. It lets the surgeon see the inside of your knee on a monitor. Surgical instruments are put in the other openings.

Repair

The surgeon carefully trims away the damaged parts of your meniscus. Any rough areas are smoothed out so your knee will work well.

End of Procedure and Aftercare

When the procedure is done, the openings in your skin are closed. Your knee is bandaged. You will be watched for a brief time before you go home. Your healthcare provider will give you tips to help you heal.