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Table 1. Arthroscopic Findings

Pathologic lesions	No. of Cases
Discoid meniscus	19
Meniscal tear	7
Ligament injury	6
Plica syndrome	4
Articular cartilage injury	3
Patellar subluxation	2
Chronic synovitis	2
Osteochondritis dissecans	1
Loose body	1
Foreign body	1
No pathology seen	2
Total	48

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Table 2. Correct Diagnosis(" not useful ")

Diagnosis	No. of Cases
Discoid meniscus	10
Meniscal tear	2
Ligament injury	1
Chronic synovitis	1
Total	14

Table 3. Additional Diagnosis(" useful ")

Pathologic lesions	Clinical diagnosis (No. of cases)	Arthroscopic finding (No. of cases)
Ligament injury	3	2
Meniscal tear		3
Discoid meniscus		1
Plica syndrome		1
Patellar subluxation	1	
Loose body	1	
Articular cartilage injury		1
Total	5	8

Table 4. Incorrect Diagnosis & Internal Derangement(" very useful ")

Pathologic lesions	Clinical diagnosis (No. of cases)	Arthroscopic finding (No. of cases)
Discoid meniscus	4	5
Meniscal tear	3	1
Plica syndrome		3
Articular cartilage injury		2
Patellar subluxation		1
Chronic synovitis		1
Pathology not seen		2
Internal derangement	6	
Total	13	15

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Abstract

The Usefulness of Arthroscopy in Children with Knee Problems

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Purpose : The aims of this review were to evaluate the usefulness of arthroscopy and to study of different types of knee pathology in children under 15 years old.

Materials and Methods : From January 1980 to January 2000, we retrospectively re-viewed and analyzed 31 children (38 knees) under 15 years old, were performed arthroscopy at our department The usefulness of arthroscopy was assessed by relating the prearthroscopic diagnosis to the intraarthroscopic findings. The procedure was classified as " not useful " when no additional information was obtained, " useful " when a doubtful diagnosis was confirmed and additional information was obtained, and " very useful " when a totally different diagnosis was reached and the cases of internal derangement.

Results : Total 46 lesions of 38 knees were found in arthroscopic finding. Most frequent pathology was meniscal lesions (26 cases), next were ligament injury (6 cases). Arthroscopy was found to be very useful, useful, not useful in 40%, 16%, 44%, respectively of children.

Conclusion : In this study, the most common arthroscopic findings are meniscal lesions (57%). 56% of all cases were classified as useful and very useful. Overall, arthroscopy is an effective diagnostic and therapeutic tool that can be used safely in children.

Key Words : Knee, Arthroscopy