

Smith+Nephew introduces innovative sports medicine foot & ankle repair solutions in Australia and New Zealand

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First in market to offer adjustable tensioning technology for insertional Achilles reconstruction and lateral ankle instability repair



Smith+Nephew, the global medical technology company, has announced the launch of a comprehensive foot & ankle repair portfolio in Australia and New Zealand (ANZ) with proprietary adjustable tensioning technology.

The ULTRABRIDGE² Adjustable Achilles Reconstruction and ULTRABRACE² Adjustable Ankle Instability Techniques are changing the way foot & ankle surgeons perform these repairs by allowing them to refine and optimise suture tension after anchor insertion.

The ability to adjust tension for specific patients allows the surgeon to give the precise amount of range-of-motion to that patient depending on the patient's level of activity. The surgeon can check and revise the repair construct before locking the suture, which may help restore normal anatomy and deliver potentially better outcomes for the patient.

The new foot & ankle portfolio also includes Smith+Nephew's best-in-class all suture anchor with consistent deployment and strong fixation, now integrated with needles for open procedures. The anchor inserter tensions the device on deployment, ensuring consistency every time.

"Both Australians and New Zealanders are very physically active, with sports and active recreation participation rates

exceeding 75%. Our portfolio of foot & ankle solutions represents a truly groundbreaking introduction for today's athletes by offering adjustable tensioning technology after anchor insertion, which is not currently available in the ANZ market," said Joaquin Lasso, SVP of Sports Medicine, International Markets for Smith+Nephew.