CPD EVENT RECORD

Case-Based Discussion



The discussion concerned an active, 53-year-old man with unilateral genu varum and joint pain on walking more than a mile. X-rays showed bone-on-bone contact and retropatellar arthritic degeneration.

The question was whether conservative management would be beneficial, or whether the patient would be better advised to elect for surgery.

Options suggested included muscle strengthening, counterstrain technique, supplementation, electrotherapy, use of an offloader brace and acupuncture/dry needling. Use of appropriate language in discussing the condition was emphasised in order to avoid catastrophisation.



Evaluation, Reflection and Impact on Practice (this part of the certificate is **not** automatically generated - it has been entered by the participant)

A number of interesting suggestions were made regarding the treatment of this osteoarthritic, varus knee. This adds to my knowledge and leaves me better placed to advise patients on their treatment options in the fut ure.