

Utilization of a Next Generation Decellularized Dermal Allograft to Augment the Repair of a Re-Ruptured Achilles Tendon

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Surgical Summary

Clinical Presentation:

- 66-year-old female with left sided heel pain for over 1 year. Attempted conservative treatment options: boot, physical therapy, and nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drugs (NSAIDs).
- MRI at that time showed Haglund's with moderate to severe hypertrophic tendinopathy and interstitial tearing.
- Subsequent need for surgical intervention: Achilles tendon debridement and repair with GraftJacket[®] for augmentation and Haglund's resection. Discharged to home, non-weightbearing for 4 weeks, followed by physical therapy and weight bearing in a boot.
- Continued to complain of pain and swelling; Failed physical therapy, and further non-operative management (NSAIDs, rest, immobilization).
- Repeat MRI showed severe hypertrophic tendinopathy with 4 cm ill-defined tear with full thickness component filled with inflammatory tissue, no gap.

Intraoperative Findings:

- Previous achilles tendon debridement site was noted. Ruptured achilles tendon (Figure 1 and 2), with significant inflammation; presence of residual Graftjacket[®].



Figure 1

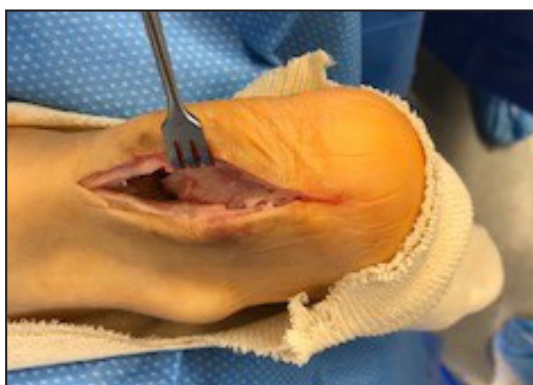


Figure 2

Surgeon Perspective:

"DermaPure provided reinforcement of this repair and was easy to handle."

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Surgical Procedure:

- Surgical incision through previous lateral approach at the base of the achilles, revision calcaneal exostectomy and decompression.
- Debridement of achilles tendon, removed residual Graftjacket[®], extensive resection followed by side to side repair of the achilles tendon.
- DermaPure[®] decellularized dermal allograft placed circumferentially, with the basement membrane outermost, to augment the side to side repair (Figure 3 and 4).



Figure 3



Figure 4

Post-Operative Note:

- Discharged to home non-weight bearing for 4 weeks, to be followed by physical therapy and weightbearing in a boot.
- Patient is being followed routinely to assess clinical outcomes.

DermaPure[®] Implantation:

- 4 cm x 6 cm
- Basement membrane outer-most

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