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# Discoid meniscus

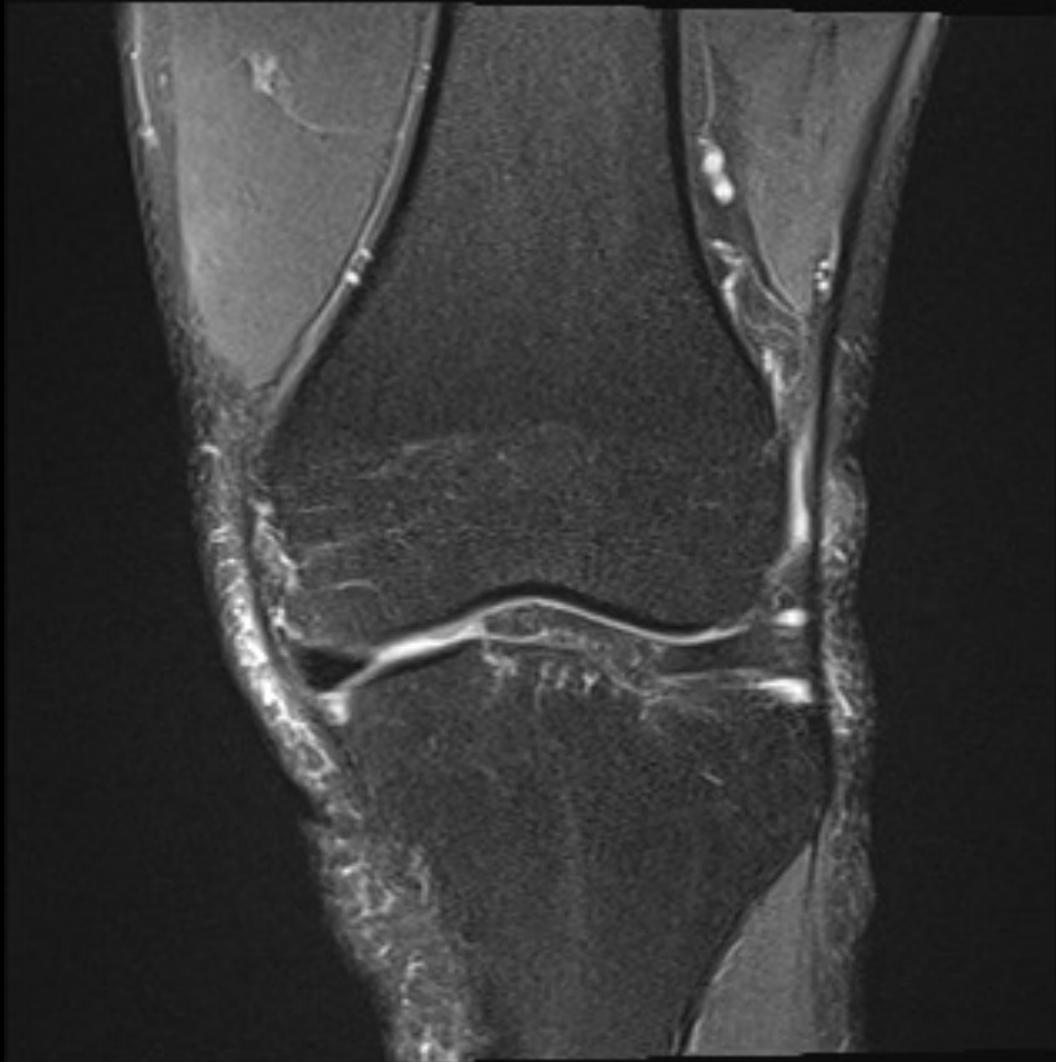
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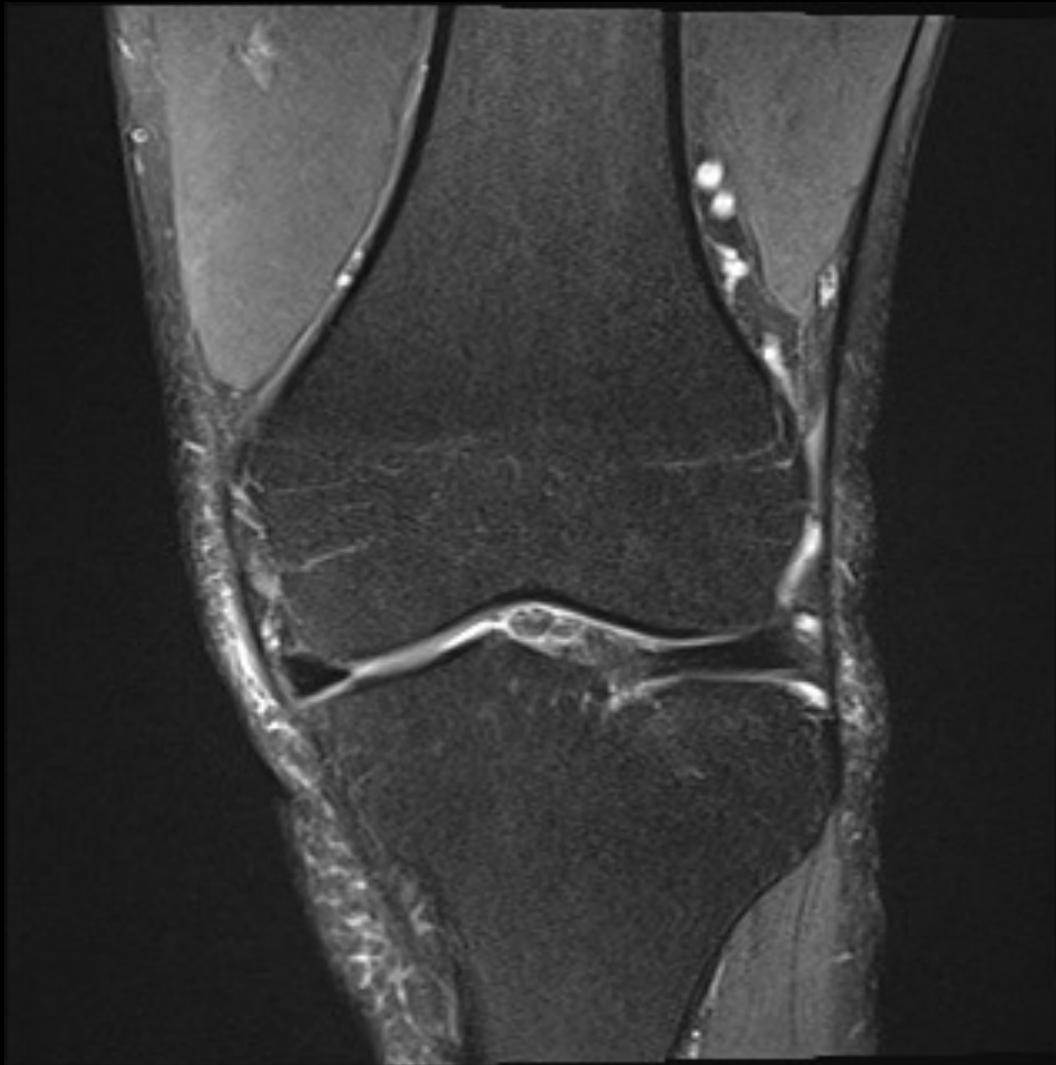
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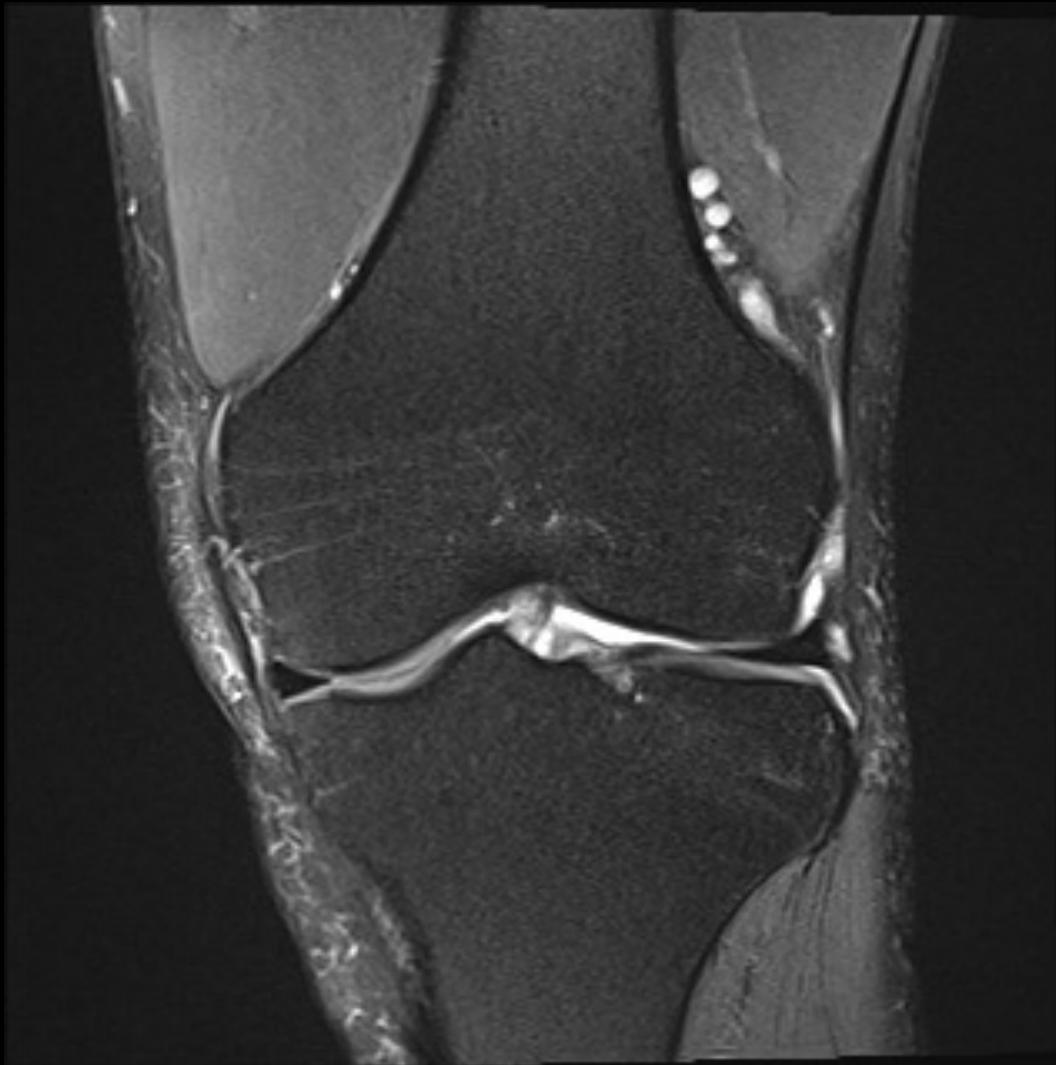
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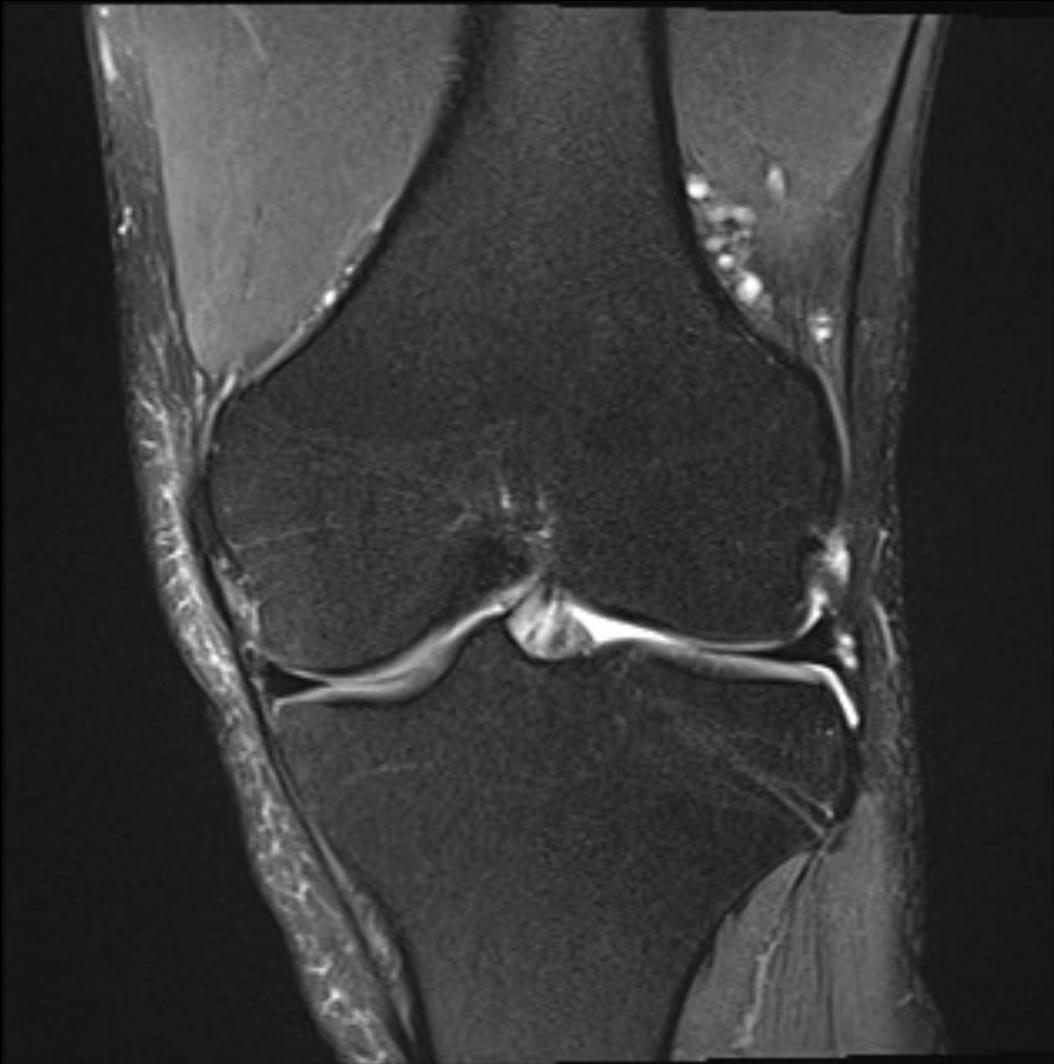
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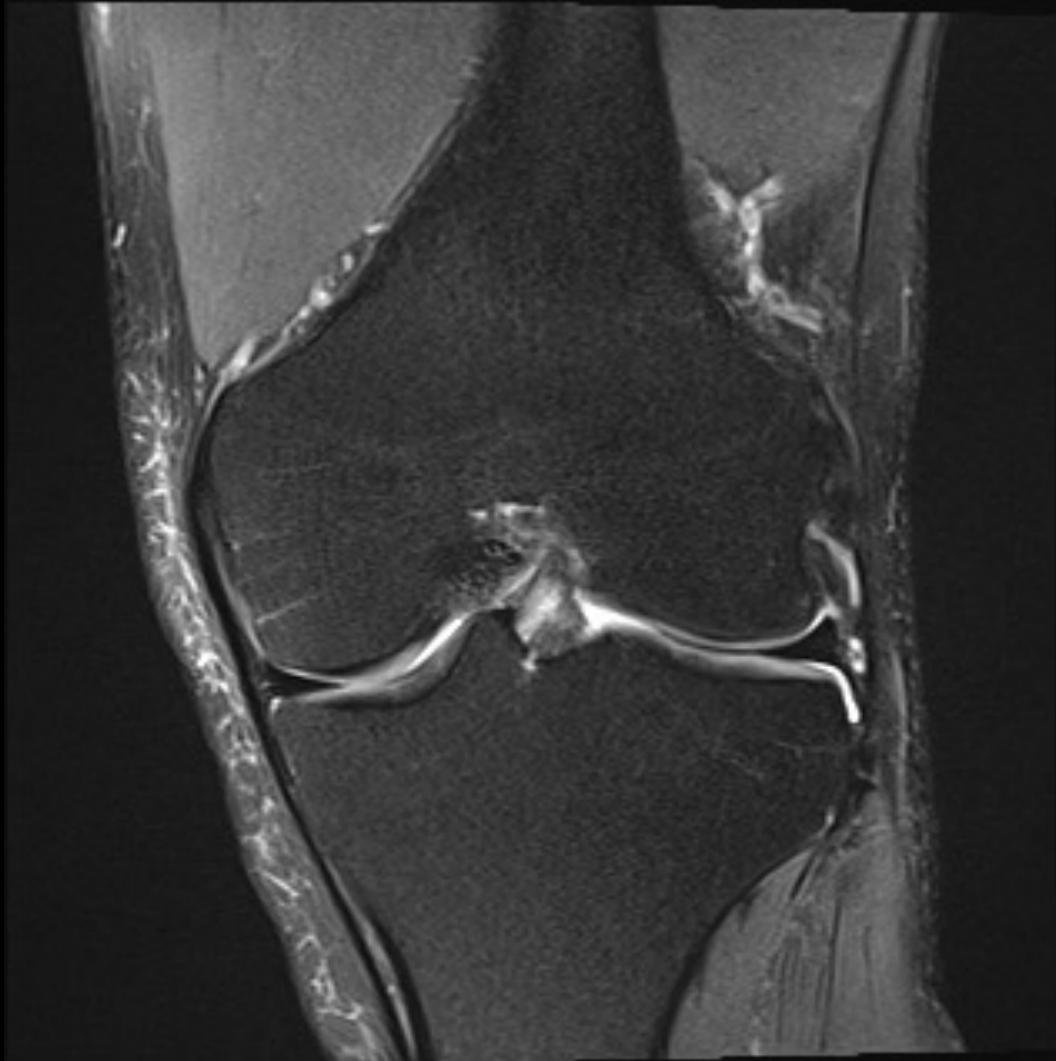
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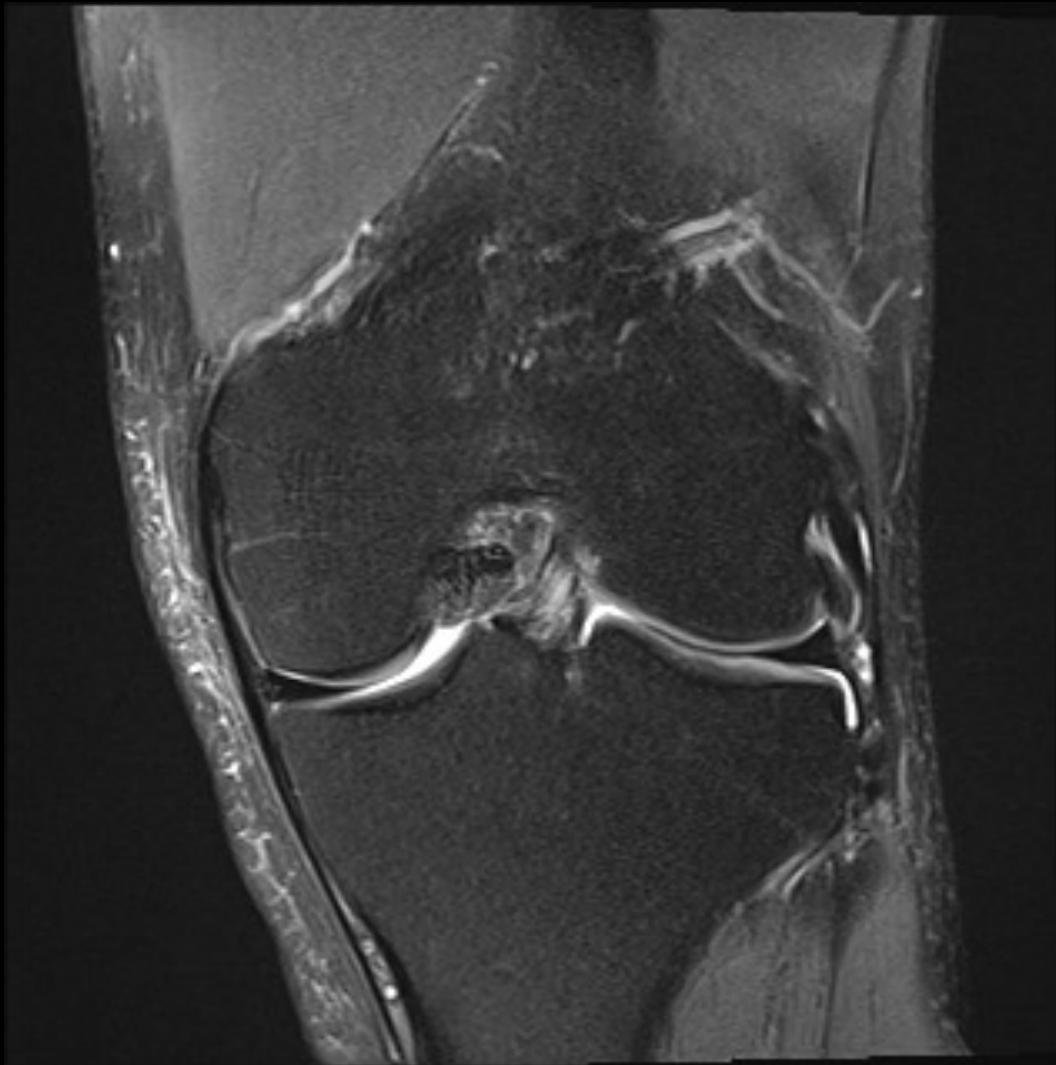
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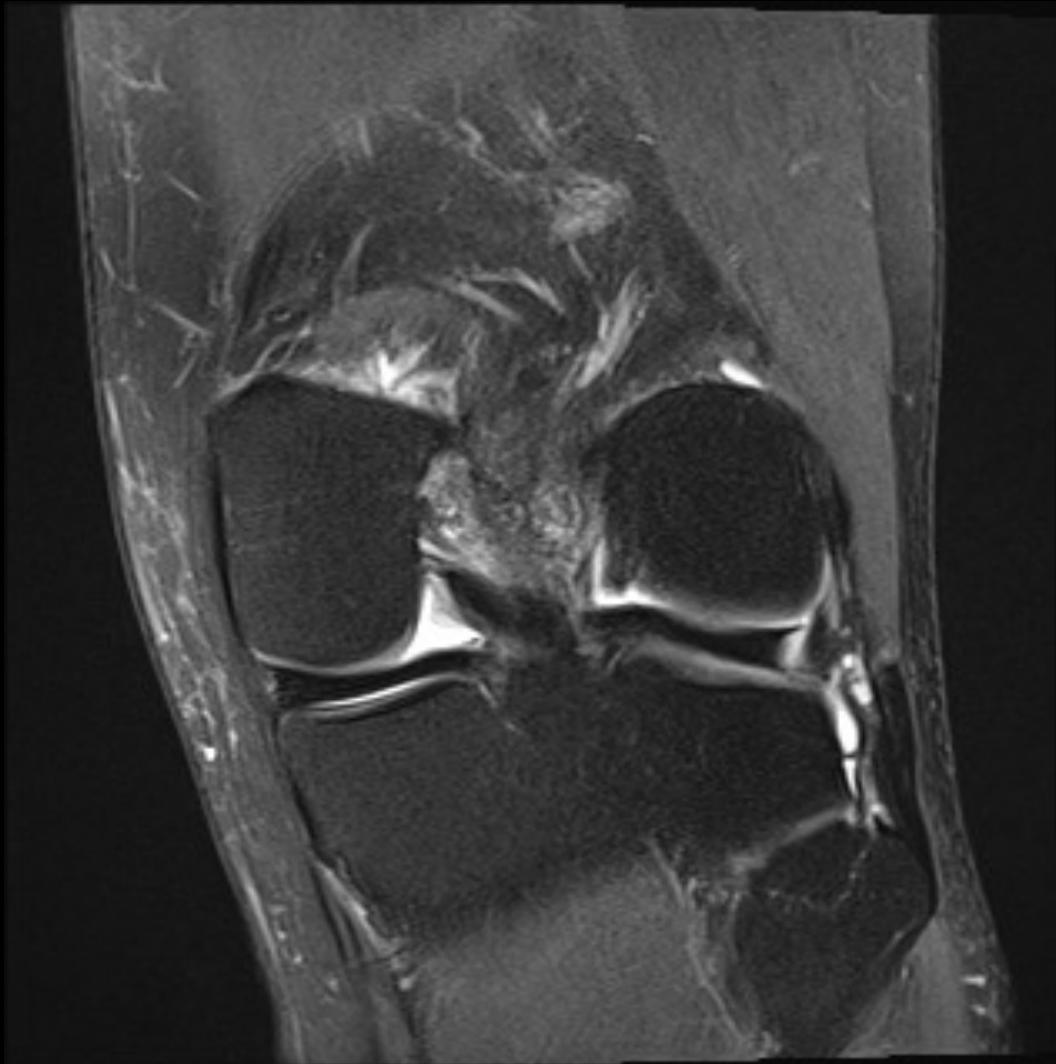
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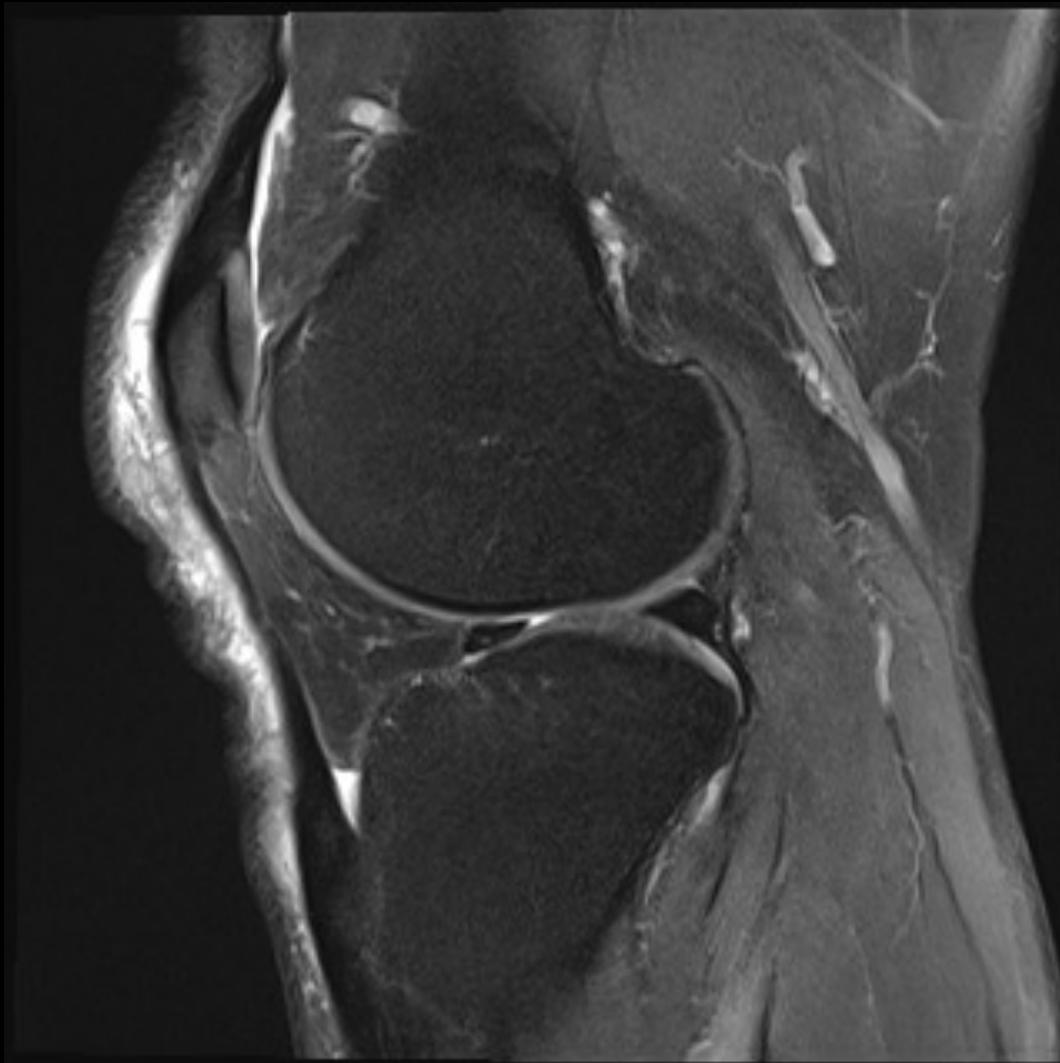
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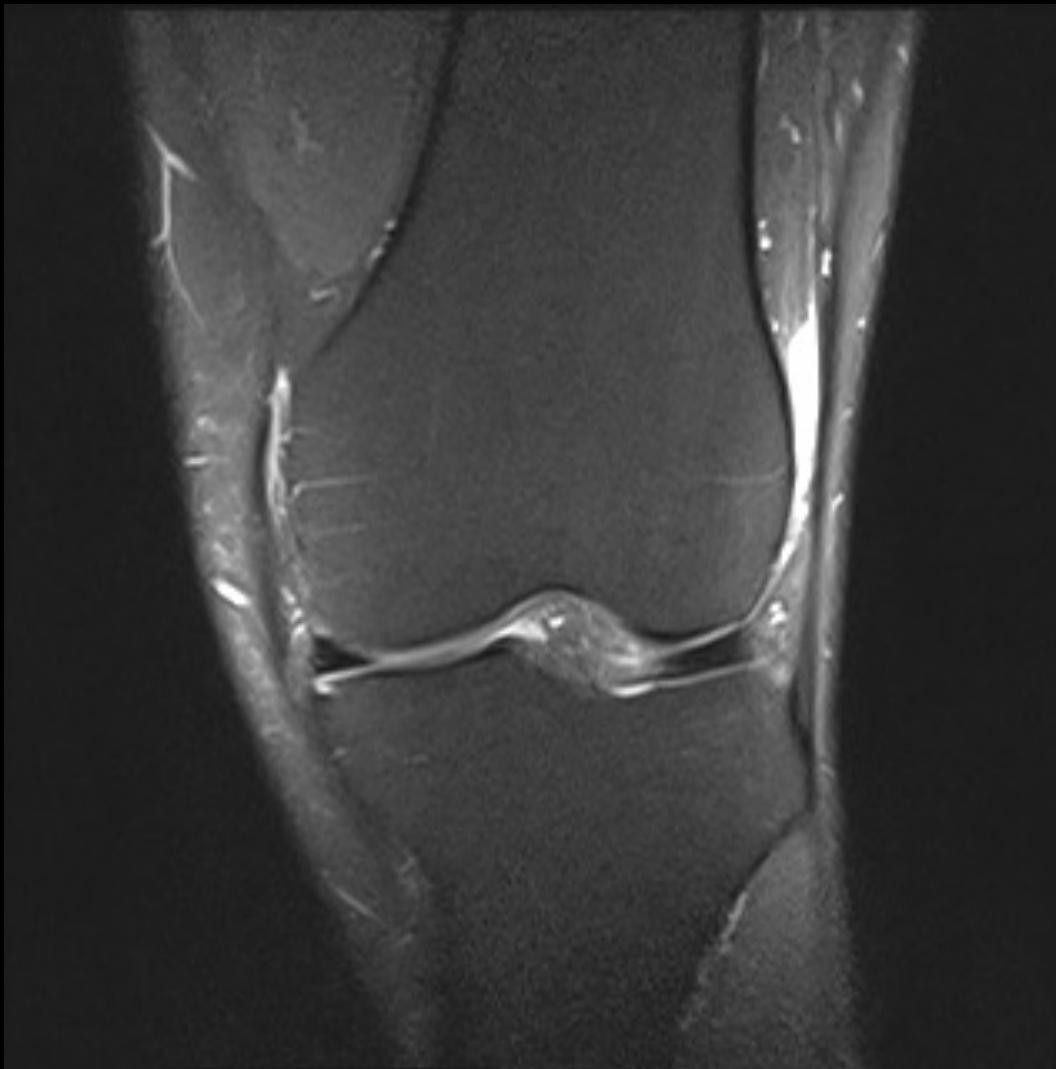
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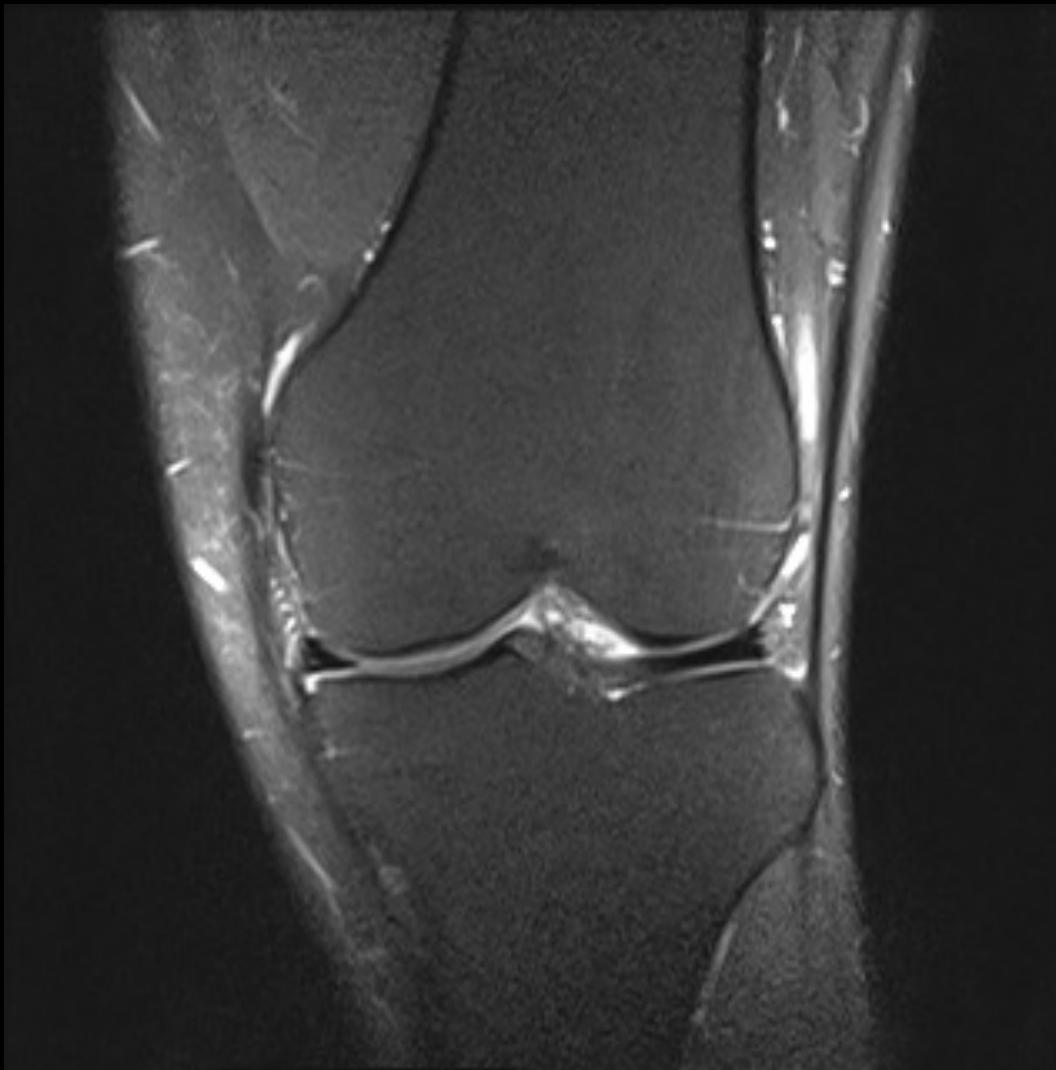
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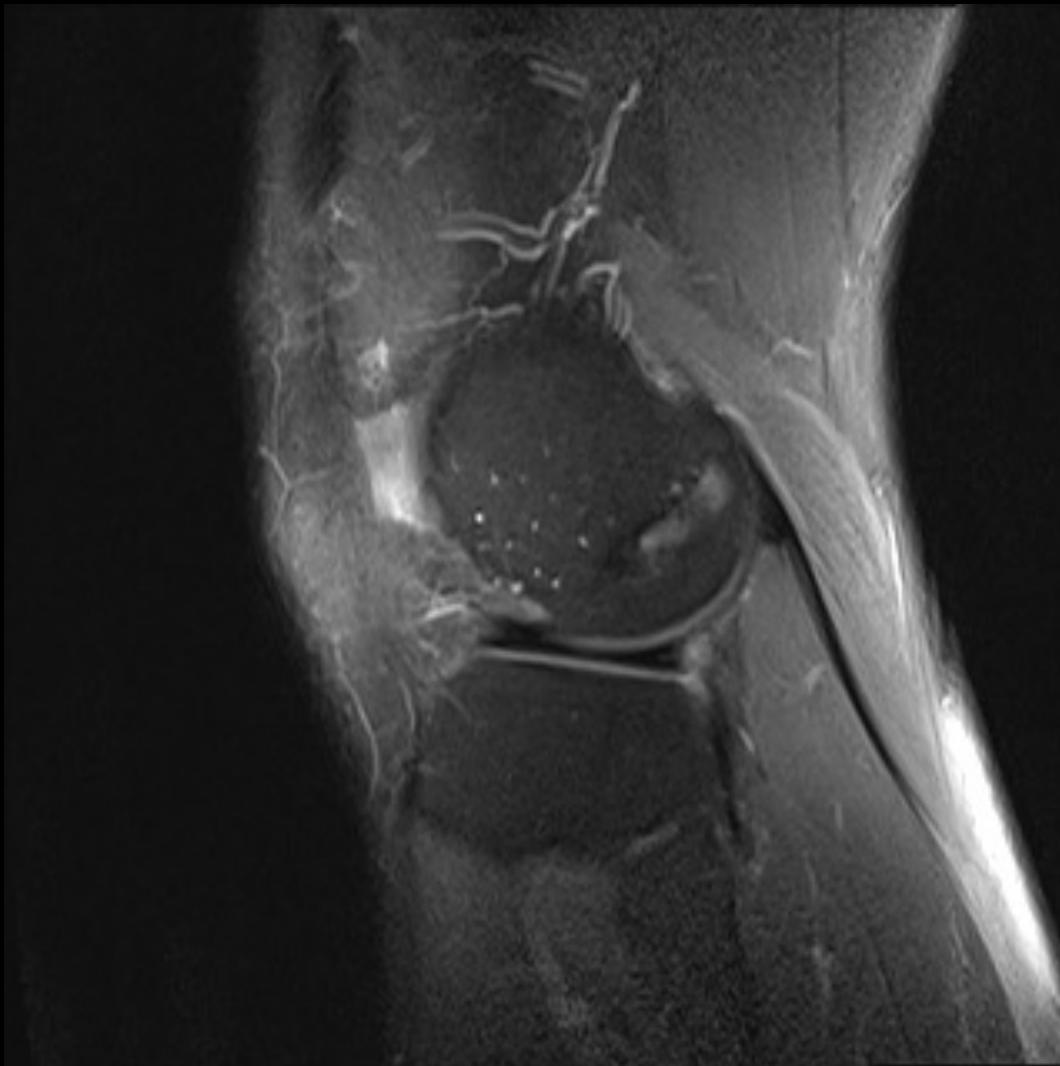
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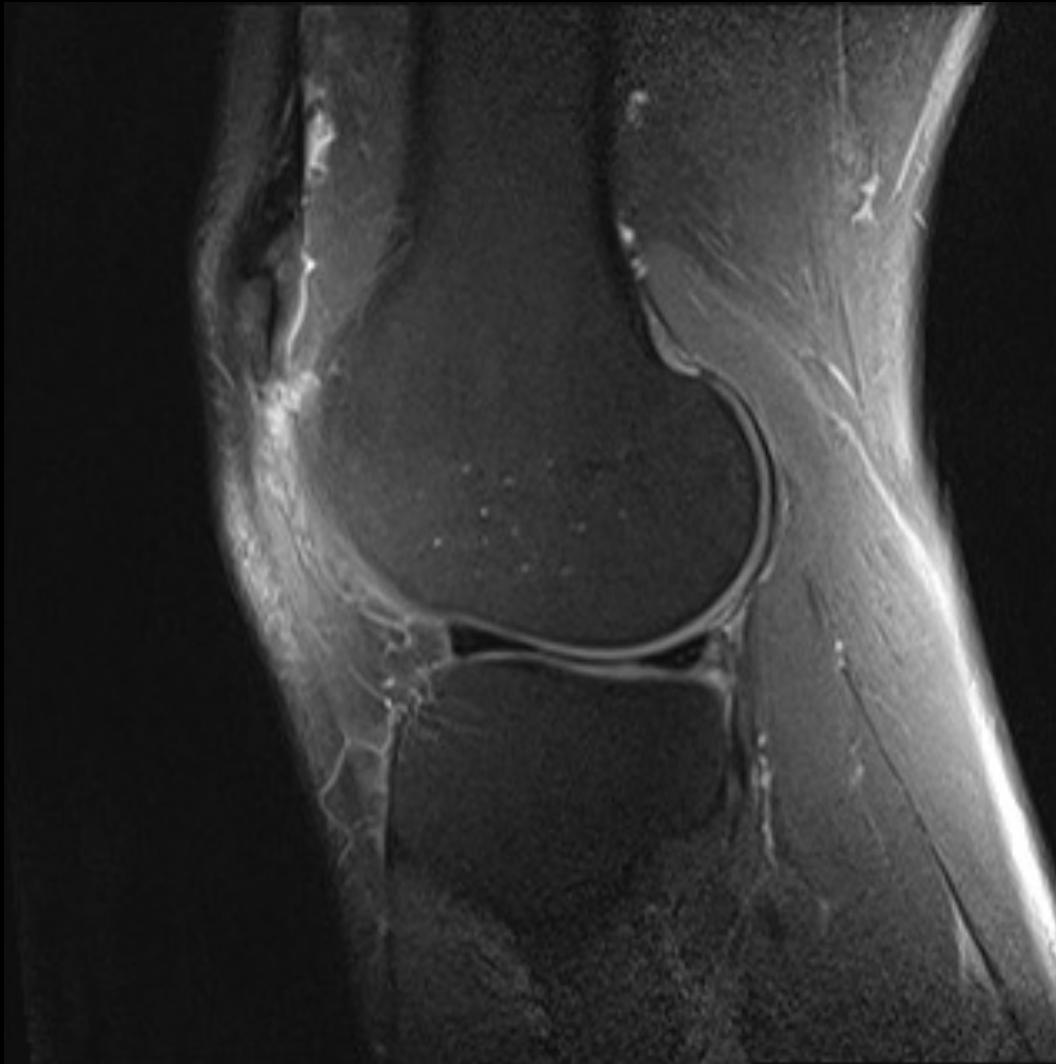
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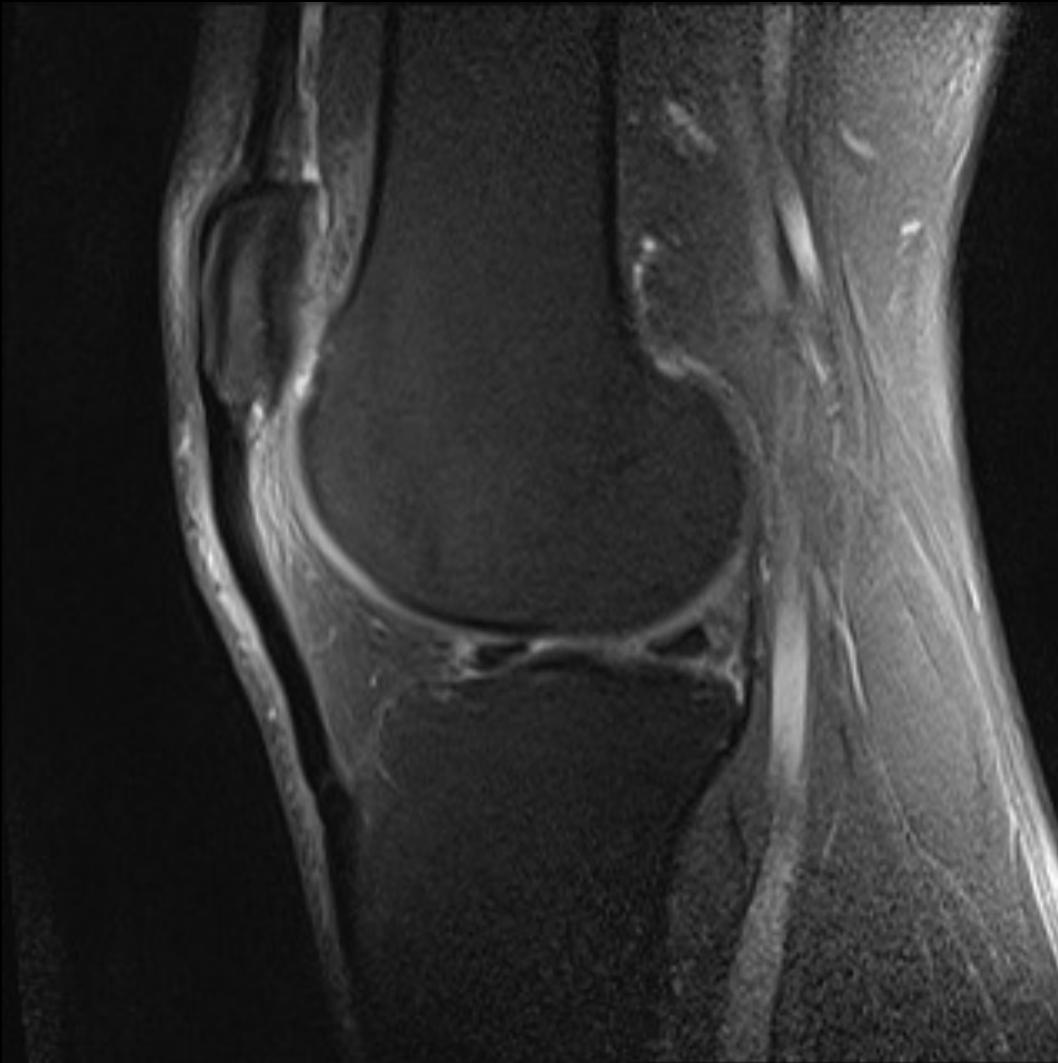
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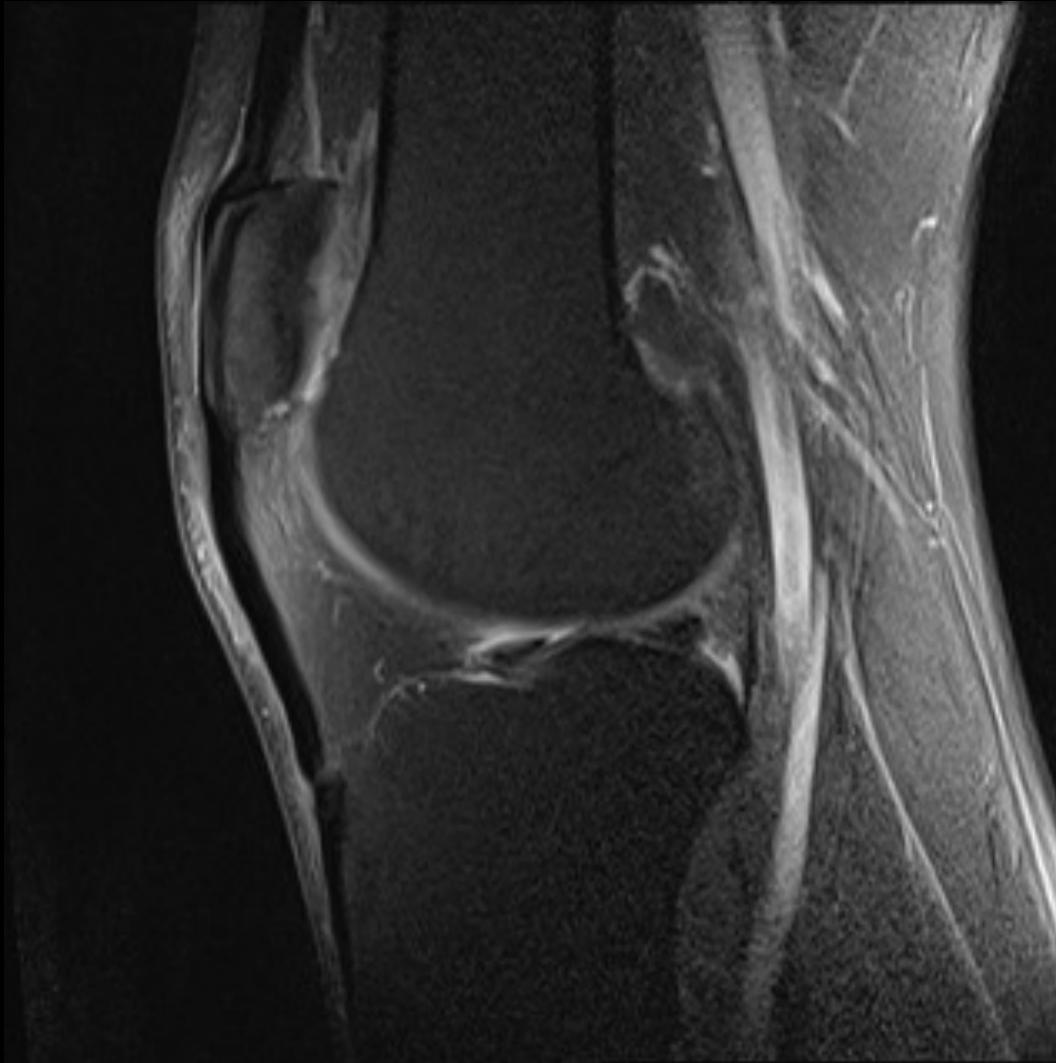
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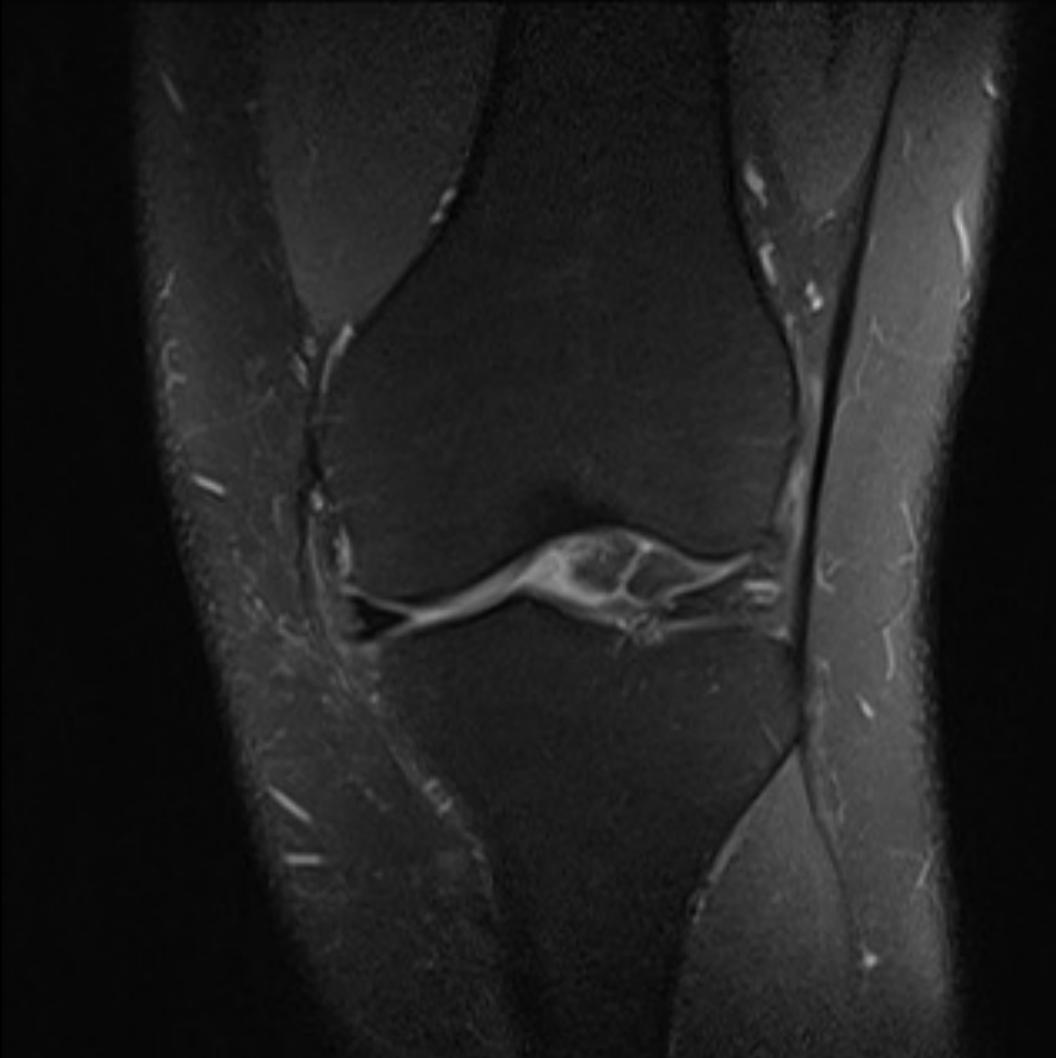
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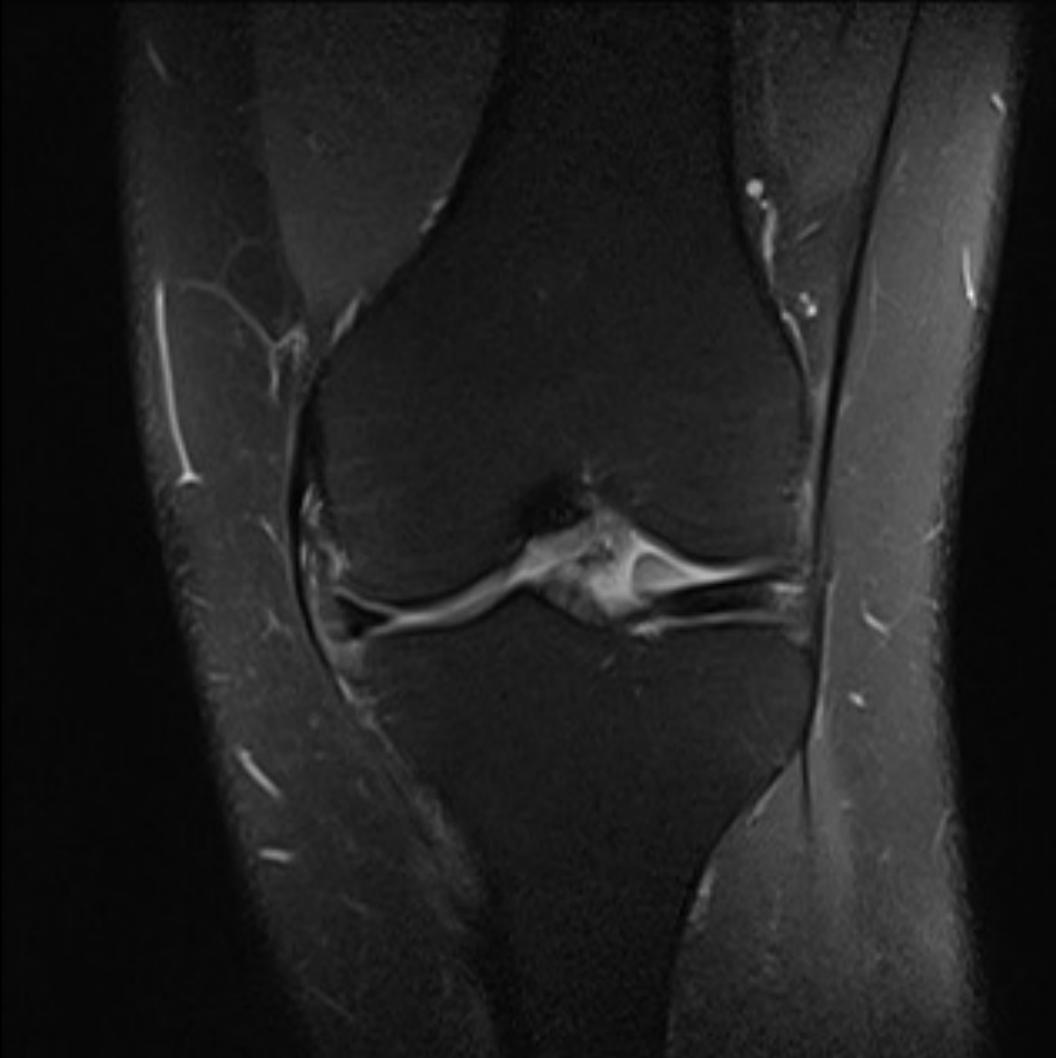
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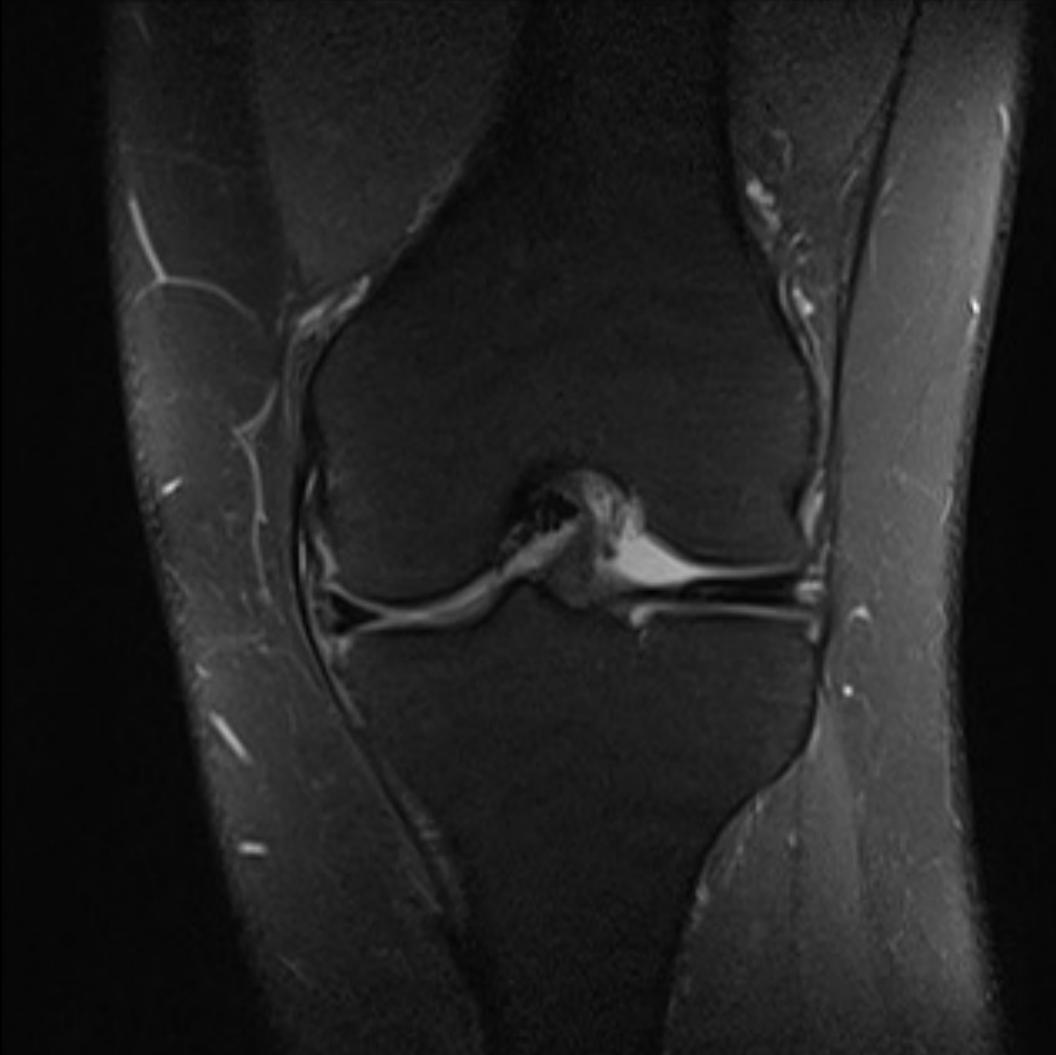
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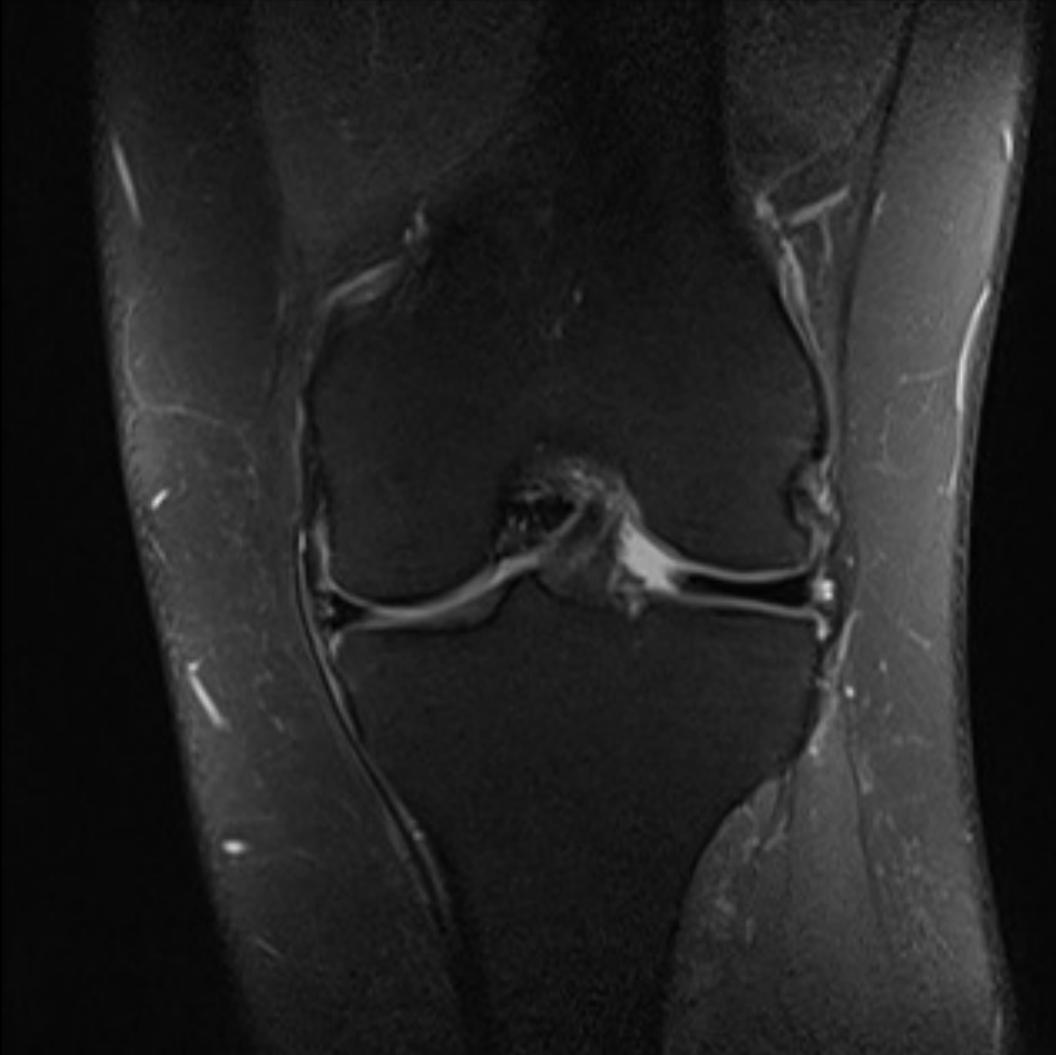
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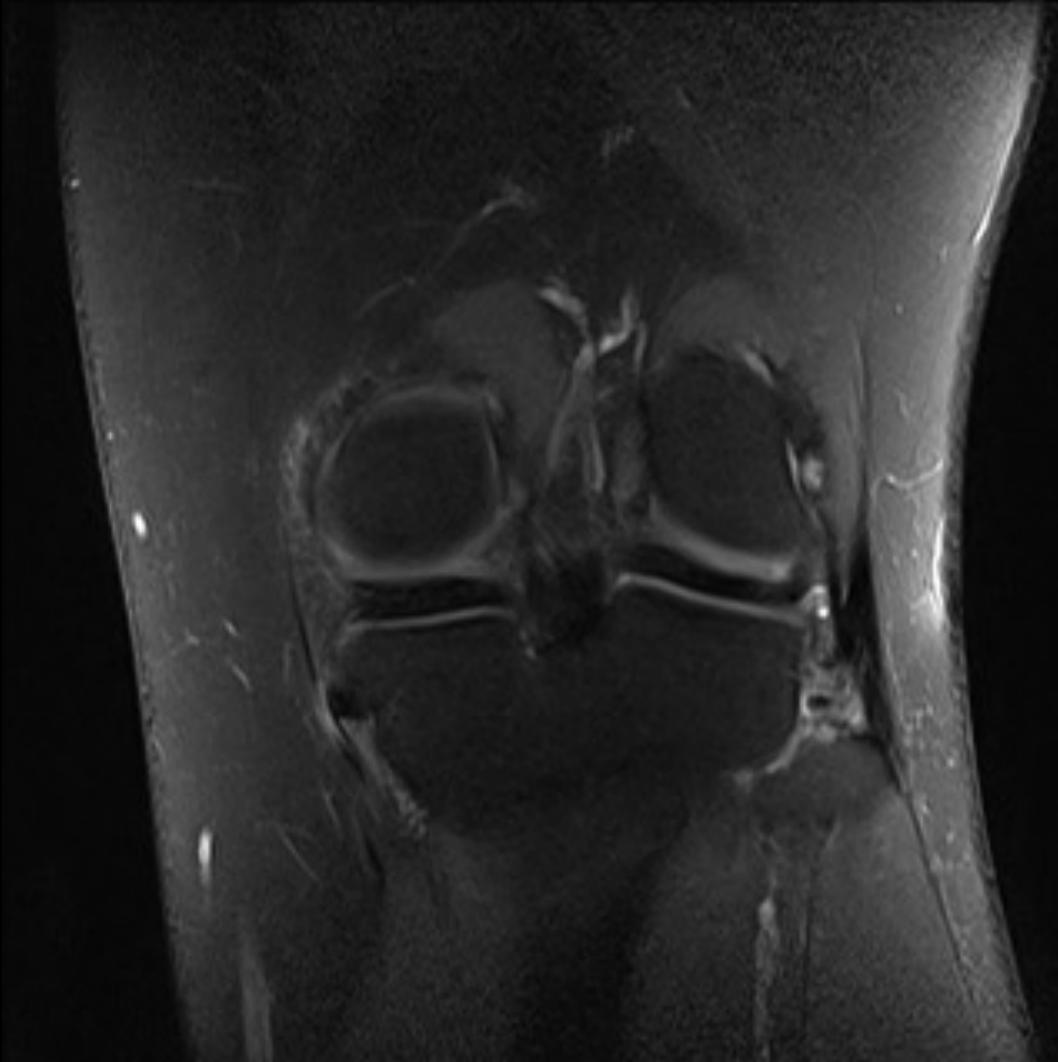
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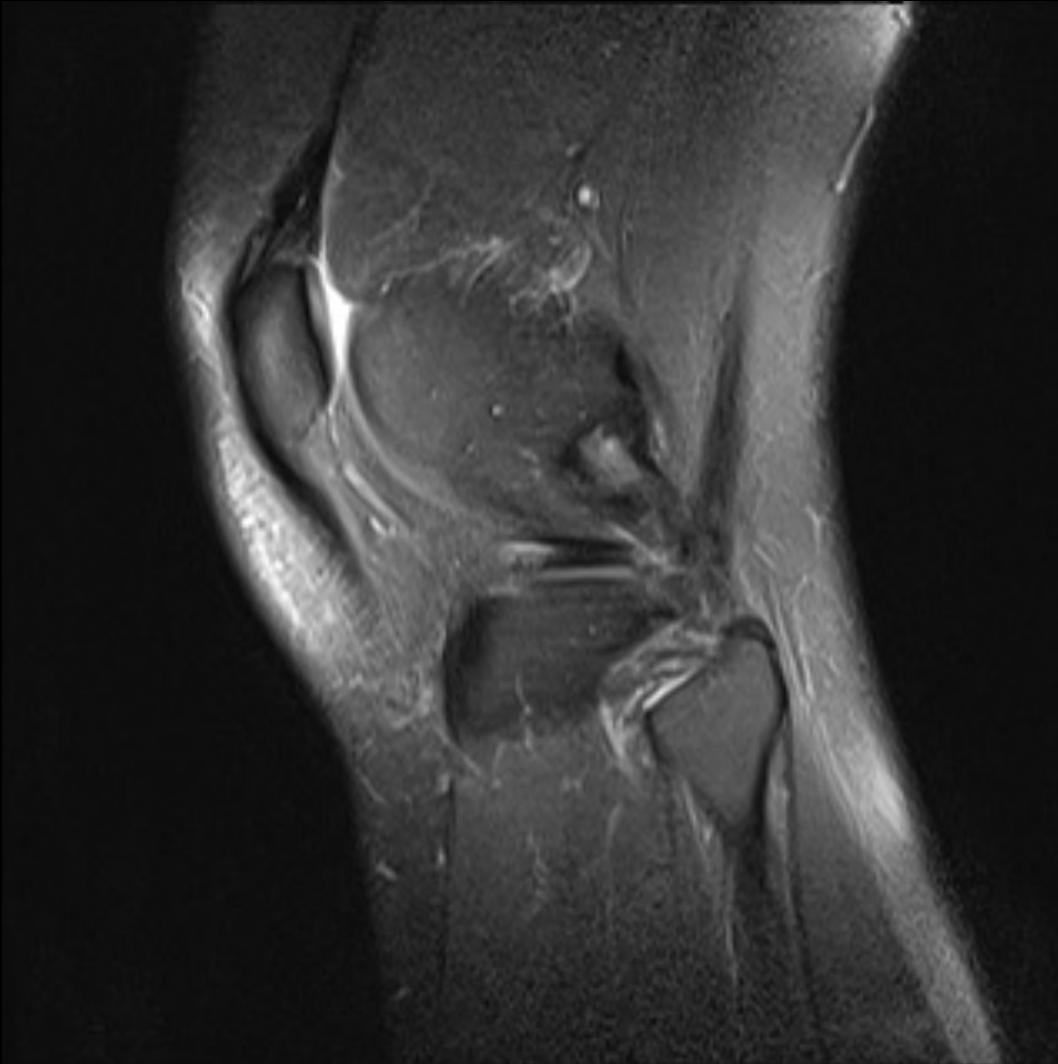
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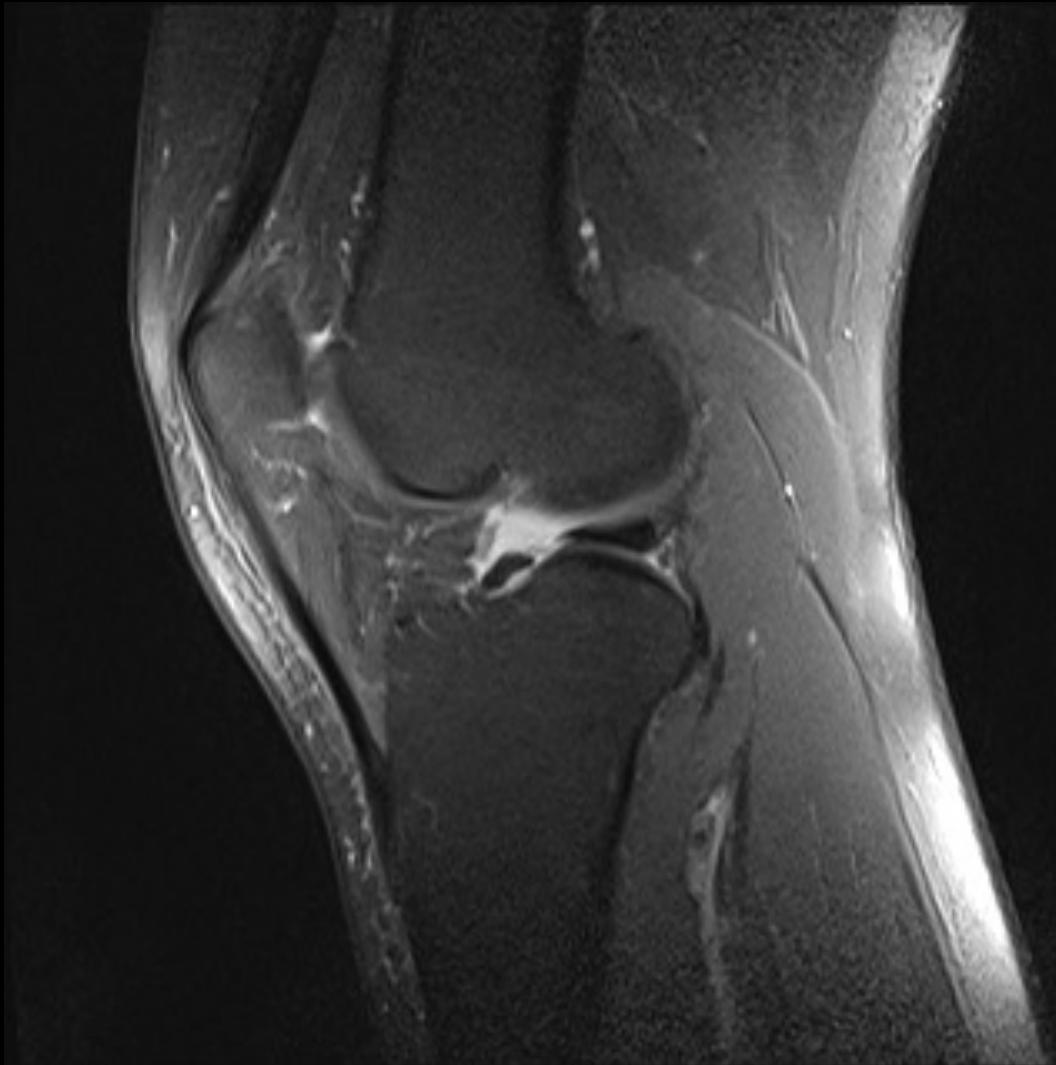
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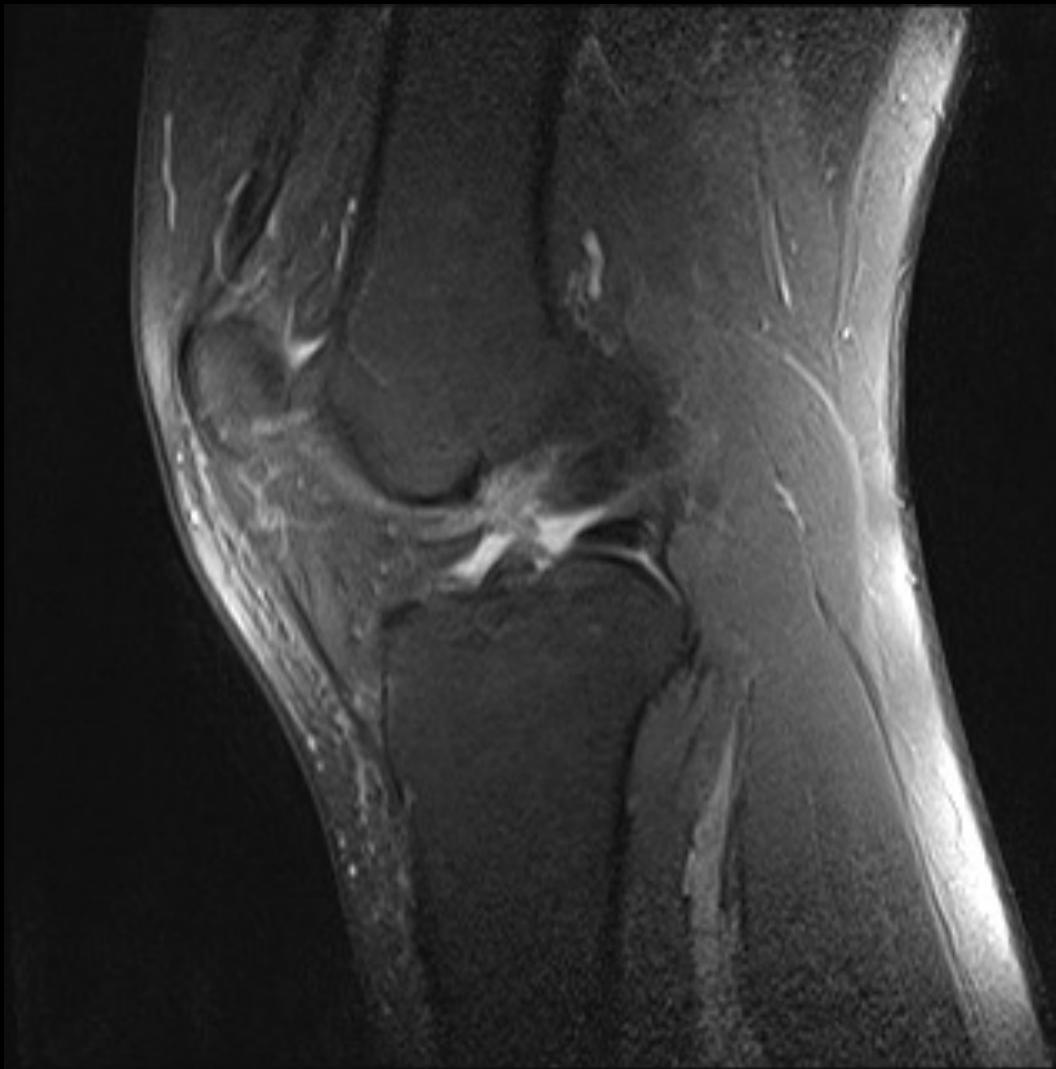
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# Discussion

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# Discoid meniscus

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- On sagittal images, a continuous bow-tie appearance on 3 or more 4 mm slices (12 mm)
- Up to 2 mm higher than the opposite meniscus

# Incidence

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- Lateral discoid menisci are more common
- 20% Bilateral
- Incidence 1.4-15.5%

# Clinical significance

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- Susceptible to tears and degeneration
- Pain, clicking, snapping

# Etiology

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- Failure of fetal discoid form to involute
- Deficient normal meniscal attachments

# Watanabe arthroscopic classification

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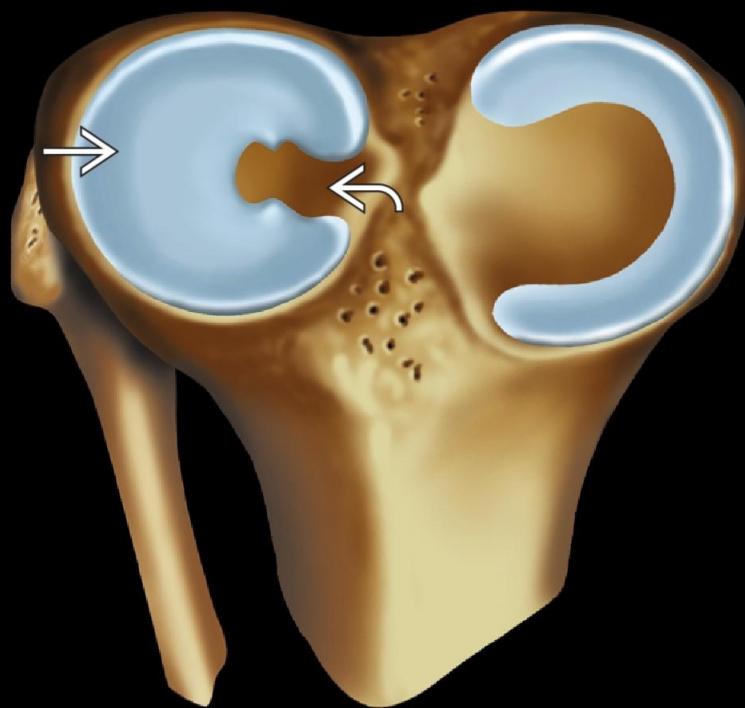
- Complete (type I)
- Incomplete (type II)
- Wrisberg variant (type III)

# Complete

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- Extends to the intercondylar notch
- No anterior or posterior horn equivalents identified
- Stable

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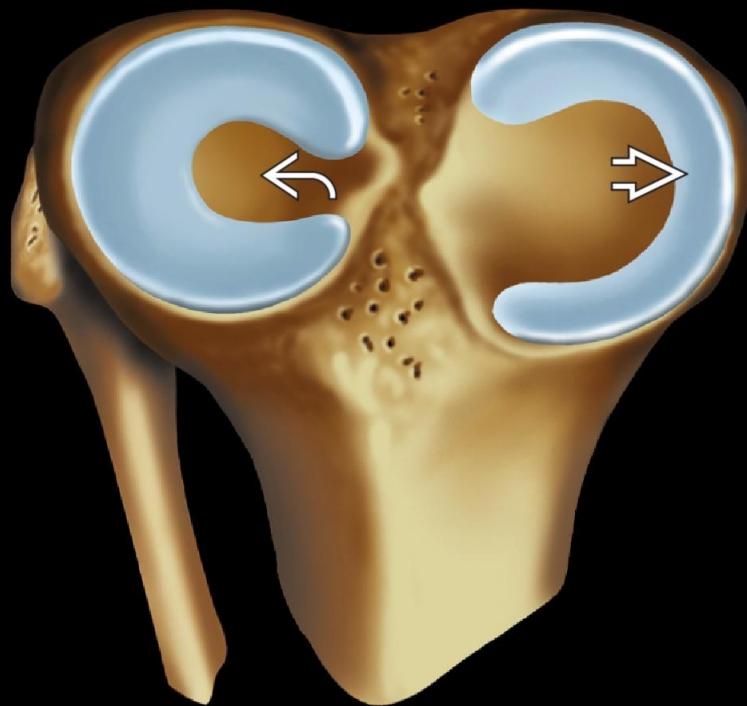
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# Incomplete

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- More common
- Stable

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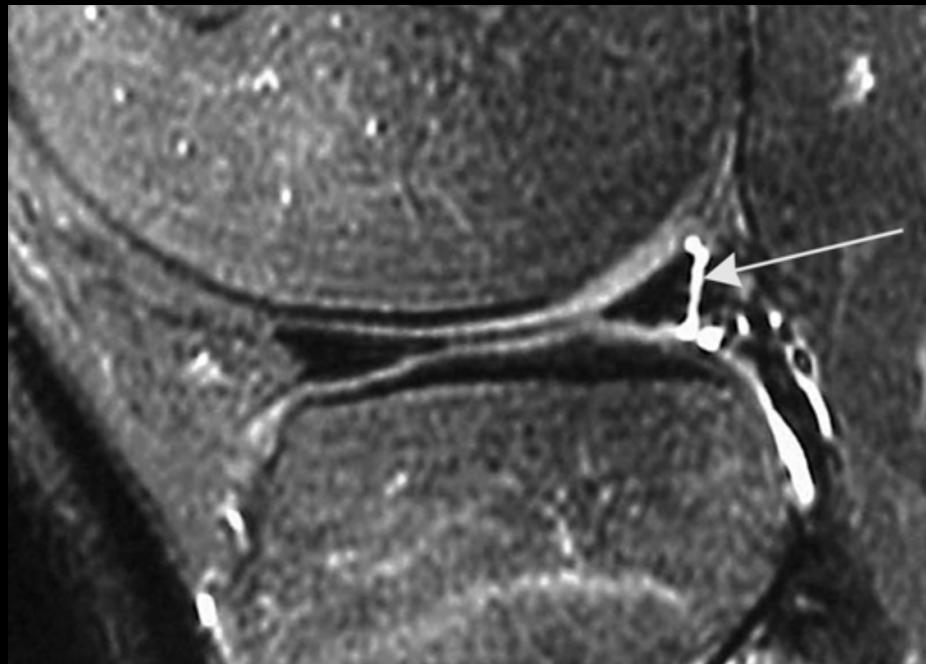
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# Wrisberg variant

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- Posterior meniscofemoral ligament (ligament of Wrisberg) the only posterior attachment
- No posterior attachment of the lateral meniscus from coronary ligaments, or fascicles
- Can only see the fascicles on MRI, not coronary ligaments
- Unstable

# Wrisberg variant



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