

Meniscus Tears



Tears of the meniscus are common injuries seen in the knee. They can occur anywhere along the meniscus. The clinically relevant tear where the meniscus is torn through is sometimes referred to on MRI reports as a Type III meniscus. The tear can be seen on both the sagittal and coronal slices. Tears are easiest to identify on the water weighted sequences (where water is white) such as T2, STIR, Fat Suppression, et cetera. The tear will show up as a linear band of high signal.

Importantly, it must extend to at least one of the edges of the cartilage like the posterior horn tear seen below. Also, it should be seen on at least two consecutive slices.