Image-guided Evaluation of Musculoskeletal Disorder and Surgery

Abstract

Musculoskeletal injuries are the most common healthcare problem in the United States. Current clinical diagnosis and evaluation methods for most mobility injuries may not be able to detect the injury-induced critical kinematic changes. There is an urgent need to develop a method enabling accurate acquisition of in vivo joint kinematics in the clinical environment. This presentation demonstrates how an image-guided method can fulfill such a need and improve musculoskeletal injury evaluation.

Biography

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