

## Medial Patellar Ligament Desmotomy (MPD)

### Indication:

- **Upward Fixation of the Patella:** This is a condition which affects the equine stifle. It results from a difficulty or inability to release the passive stay apparatus mechanism of the stifle.

Note: Medial Patellar Ligament Desmotomy (MPD) can be considered as a last resort:

- In cases that are *unresponsive* to conservative management such as conditioning and development of the quadriceps muscle tone with training or medial patellar ligament splitting.
- If there is a persistent inability to unlock the stifle present.



*Image of a Horse Displaying Upward Fixation of the Patellar*