

For Athletes with Avascular Necrosis (AVN) Stem Cells May Offer Hope

Avascular Necrosis (AVN) has derailed the careers of many athletes at every level. Dr. Dennis Lox has been treating athletes with AVN by using stem cells.

CLEARWATER, FL, USA, June 23, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Dr. Dennis Lox an expert in Sports and Regenerative Medicine has treated numerous patients with [avascular necrosis](#) (AVN) with stem cell therapy from a variety of sports.

Dr. Lox has noted that soccer has a high incidence of injuries to the lower extremity, and he has treated several soccer players with AVN of the ankle, knee and hip with stem cell therapy. Additionally Dr. Lox has treated runners and tennis players with AVN. Avascular Necrosis occurs when the blood supply to the bone becomes disrupted leading to bone cell death or necrosis.

AVN can lead to collapse of the bone and an accelerated arthritis destroying the joint. This has derailed many an athletes career. Dr. Lox was consulted on a high school football player with severe hip AVN, unfortunately if the diagnosis is not made early the damage may be already to advanced. This was also the case for a baseball player. The most famous example was Bo Jackson the great football and baseball player who after being tackled developed hip AVN and never played football after having a hip replacement.

It is uncommon for [athletes with AVN](#) to return to their sport after surgery for AVN due to the drastic types of surgery used for treating AVN. Trauma is the most common cause of AVN, and early diagnosis improves the chances that [stem cells](#) may provide an effective treatment option.

About Dr. Dennis Lox

Dr. Dennis Lox is a regenerative medicine specialist serving patients in the greater Tampa Bay area, including, Clearwater, St. Petersburg, Tampa, New Port Richey, Sarasota, Orlando and Spring Hill and can accommodate the needs of patients throughout Florida, the United States, the Western Hemisphere, and Europe, as well. To learn more about stem cell therapy and other regenerative services offered by Dr. Lox, call (727) 462-5582.

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