

Foreword
Return to Play



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“Doc, when can my star athlete play again?” This is a question that may send shivers up the spine of any team physician. This issue of the *Clinics in Sports Medicine* is designed to help answer some of these difficult questions—so you can have the coach blame us if our “crystal ball” wasn’t tuned into the right channel!

We have included a variety of conditions—both medical and surgical—and have tried to provide the most up-to-date publications, policy, and advice. Dr. Ed McFarland, who is an active member of both the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine and the American College of Sports Medicine, has done an outstanding job of pulling this together. He has used his extensive experience with the Advanced Team Physician Course to help refine the topics and the recommendations. When can your athlete safely return? Read on, and find the answer!

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