Total Hip Arthroplasty

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Purpose

• Provide information that explains the rationale for the post-op precautions.

• Provide some general guidelines for post-operative care.
Presentation Overview

1. THA – types and applications
2. Surgical Approaches
3. Dislocation
4. Considerations for post-operative care
5. Post-operative management
Osteoarthritic hip

OA Hip
Total Hip Arthroplasty

Total Hip Arthroplasty is a term that includes a number of different joint prostheses.

1. Standard Total Hip Arthroplasty
2. Bipolar Hemiarthroplasty
3. Birmingham Hip Resurfacing
4. Modified Standard THA
1. Standard THA

Prostheses

Ceramic on ceramic
1. Standard THA

A. Metal on Plastic

Description
- metal head articulating with plastic acetabular component
- femoral head diameter b/w 28-32 mm
- cemented or uncemented

Target Population
- most common

Advantages/Disadvantages
- No risk of producing metal ions
- polyethylene wear – particles can induce osteolysis
1. Standard THA

B. Metal on Metal

Description
- metal head articulating with metal acetabular component
- femoral head diameter b/w 28-32 mm
- cemented or uncemented

Target Population
- generally males
- not used on women of childbearing age, or on individuals with known Ca or renal disease

Advantages/Disadvantages
- improved wear
- production of metal ions
C. Ceramic on Ceramic

Description
- ceramic head articulating with ceramic acetabular component
- Somewhat larger femoral head (36 + mm)
- cemented or uncemented

Target Population
- Most commonly used in younger females

Advantages/Disadvantages
- no risk of producing metal ions
- more stable because of larger head
- greater risk of fracturing compared to metal components
- can be noisy
Standard THA

Ceramic on Ceramic
2. Bipolar Hemiarthroplasty

Description
- two articulating surfaces, small ball within the larger femoral head which articulates with the acetabulum
- no acetabular component
- generally cemented

Target Population
- generally conducted on older individuals post hip # that cannot be repaired
- goal being to get the patient up and mobilizing

Advantages/Disadvantages
- decreased time in OR = less stress on patient
- risk of dislocation is low
- acetabular wear
- residual groin pain
Bipolar Hemiarthroplasty

No acetabular component
Large femoral head
3. Birmingham Hip Resurfacing

Description
- always metal on metal (no femoral stem)
- large femoral head (50-58 mm) cemented
- acetabular component not cemented

Target Population
- generally performed on younger males with good bone stock
- generally not females due to potentially increased risk of # in the femoral neck and risk of exposure to metal ions

Advantages/Disadvantages
- risk of dislocation is low
- revision THA easier
Birmingham Hip Resurfacing
4. Modified Standard THA

BHR sized cup (metal on metal, uncemented)
Surgical Approaches

Two approaches typically used at LHSC

1. Modified lateral (Hardinge approach)
   - decreased dislocation rate

2. Posterior Approach
   - abductors are spared
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Rehabilitation Implications

Advantages

- Risk of dislocation is low, 0.5% (posterior capsule is left intact)

Disadvantages

- Abductors are incised
Gluteus medius is spared
Rehabilitation Implications

Advantages

- Abductors are spared
- Potential to return to higher level of function

Disadvantages

- Risk of dislocation is high compared to modified lateral approach, 3-4% (posterior capsule is incised)

Note: Dislocation rate reduced if small rotators repaired
Dislocation

- other than DVT, dislocation most common complication

- 60% of dislocations occur within first 5 weeks

- 85% of dislocations occur within 2 months

- 95% can be reduced on first attempt

- recurrence rate can be up to 60%

- 15 – 40% may require revision

(Demos et al. Clinical orthopaedics and related research, No 393, 168-190, 2001)
(Bourne et al, Journal of Arthroplasty Vol 19 No 4 2004, 111-114)
## Dislocations: common mechanisms

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Data based on > 200 dislocations, 1998-2006, unpublished data, Mayo Clinic, Dr. J L Howard
Dislocations: common mechanisms and direction

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Dislocations

Summary

• **Mechanism of Dislocation**
  - Flexion activities accounted for 42% of dislocations
  - Twisting activities accounted for 19% of dislocations

• **Direction of Dislocation**
  - Flexion activities accounted for 72% of posterior dislocations
  - Twisting and hyperextension accounted for 55% of anterior dislocations
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Rehabilitation

• Few studies address post-op management and activity restrictions

• There is little biomechanical data on which to base post-op protocols

• Youm et al (2005) – of 363 surgeons responding to a survey about post-op THA protocols 336 (90%) included dislocation precautions
  
  - high toilet seat (96.6%)
  - restricted hip flexion (79.9%)
  - reacher/grabber (77.6%)
  - abduction pillow (67.8%)
  - high chair (56.6%)

• Based on the responses, suggest rehabilitation that will guide patients to a gradual resumption of full joint loading activities and protect patients from potential dislocations
Considerations for Post-Operative Protocol

- Protect patients from potential dislocations (movement restrictions)
- Hip abductor function/healing (exercise restriction)
- Cementless vs cemented (weight-bearing restrictions)
- Other factors: intraoperative, revisions (surgeon specific restrictions)
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**Precautions**

- No Flexion > 90 degrees

- No adduction beyond neutral

- No extremes of rotation

- No abduction exercises for the initial 4 weeks

- SLR with caution – not in first two weeks
  - good static quads – lock knee
  - good QoR
Precautions: consider flexion

**Anatomy**

- anteriorly ligaments most important in providing stability
- posteriorly muscles most important in providing stability

**With Movement**

-In flexion ligaments are relaxed and therefore femoral head is not as firmly held in the acetabulum

**Flexion is a position of instability**

Add adduction to flexion – little force needed to dislocate posteriorly
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**General guidelines (0-6 weeks)**

- adhere to precautions

- Normalize gait pattern with appropriate aids based on WB’ing status (time frame for using aids based on the discretion of therapist)

- Hip ROM within restrictions

- Basic quadricep strength
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Exercises initiated in Hospital (initial two weeks)
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**Exercises initiated at two weeks**

- Active Hip Flexion, Extension
- Active/Resisted Knee extension exercises (sitting)

**Exercises initiated at four weeks**

- Standing Hip Abduction
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**General guidelines (> 6 weeks)**

- Precautions typically removed but hip ROM should not be forced.

- Emphasis on functional activities in early stages (ADL’s, stairs, ambulation with or without aids as necessary).

- Abduction strength.

- Other strengthening and proprioception exercises as tolerated to achieve patient specific goals.
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Exercises initiated at six weeks

- Side lying abduction exercises – progress as able
- Weight transfer exercises onto operated extremity (weaning off gait aids as appropriate)
- Progressive strengthening exercises as tolerated
  - quads
  - hamstrings
  - gluts
  - calf
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RETURN TO SPORT

• agreement between surgeons to allow low impact sports

• previous participation in the sport should be considered

• time interval for return to sport
  - up to 3 months - 32 % of 760 surgeons
  - up to 6 months - 65 % of 760 surgeons

• participation in sport increases but the actual number of sports played decreases

Chatterji et al. 2004
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Healy et al. 2001, Klein et al. 2007
Frequently Asked Questions

1. When can I lie on my surgical side?
   - as soon as you find it comfortable

2. If LLD is a concern when should it be corrected?
   - LHSC surgeons feel the wait time should be close to 12 weeks to let the muscles adapt to the new position and alignment and give prostheses some time to settle
Questions?