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Management of Hip Arthritis in Young People



Introduction

OA presents unique challenges in younger patients

Symptoms & Quality of Life: Pain, mobility limitations

Patient Goals: Maintaining active lifestyle and delaying surgery

Patient Expectations

- High Expectations: Desire for pain relief and function
- Realistic Outcomes: need to understand options in detail
- Lifestyle Goals: Balancing joint health and activity

Non-Surgical Management Overview

- Conservative options first
- Personalized Goals: Tailoring treatment
- Joint injections
- Progression: When to consider surgery

Physiotherapy & Exercise

Strength Training: Core and hip muscles
Range of Motion: Maintain, not improve
Impact on Pain: Reducing inflammation

Low Impact Activities

Preferred Activities: Cycling, swimming, rowing

- Avoidance: High-impact activities
- Goal: Protect joint integrity while staying active

Benefits of Exercise

Research Evidence: Functional improvement with hip specific exercise programs

Outcomes: Mobility, strength, pain relief

Tailored Programs for better adherence

Weight Management

Impact on Joint Load: Lower weight reduces stress

- Evidence: Symptom reduction correlation (Blagojevic et al., 2010)
- Strategies: Diet, lifestyle changes

Surgical Management Overview

- Failure of conservative treatment
- Decision Factors:
 - Age
 - Activity + goals
 - Degree of arthritis

Hip Arthroscopy

Indications:

- Mechanical symptoms from labral tears or focal condral defects
- Improve head/neck offset with CAM impingement
- Only for early-stage arthritis

Outcomes: Worse outcomes in advanced stages (Sing et al., 2021)



Periacetabular Osteotomy (PAO)

- Patient Selection
 - Dysplasia or retroversion/overcoverage
 - Under 35
 - Mild OA
- Pros: Delays replacement by 20-30 years
- Cons: Long recovery, complex surgery



Femoral Osteotomy

Indications:

- Focal chondral lesions not amenable to arthroscopy
- Abnormal proximal femoral anatomy resulting in impingement

 Outcome: Reduced focal loading or impingement, arthritis delay

Hip Resurfacing Arthroplasty

- Candidates: Young, active, high-impact goals
- Advantages: Lower dislocation risk, improved function vs THR
- Risks: Femoral neck fractures, metal ions, higher revision rate



Hip Resurfacing (Cont.)

Metal on Metal Risks: Requires monitoring

- New Advances: Ceramic-on-ceramic
- Registry Data: overall higher revision rate than THR











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Entire Period: HR=3.06 (2.72, 3.44), p<0.001

Figure HT97

Total Hip Replacement (THR)

Indication: End-stage arthritis

Benefits: Pain relief, quality of life

Limitations: No running or high impact sports

THR - Prosthetic Advances

 Materials: Ceramic-on-ceramic, ceramic on highly cross linked polyethylene (XLPE)

- Longevity: Reduced revision rate
- Evidence: Cementless fixation preferred in young patients (Huo et al., 2021)

Surgical Approaches for THR

Outcomes: All approaches similar at 6 months

Factors: Surgeon experience, patient anatomy

Direct Anterior Approach (DAA)

- Pros: Lower dislocation, faster recovery
- Cons: Higher fracture rate
- Limitations: Not for severe deformities

Figure HT59 Cumulative Percent Revision of Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement by Surgical Approach (Primary Diagnosis OA, Revision for Dislocation/Instability)

Posterior and Lateral Approaches

- Posterior: Common, suited for complex cases
- Lateral: Suitable for complex, abductor risk
- Trade-offs: Dislocation (posterior), recovery (lateral)

Conclusion

- Non-operative management is effective and cheap
- Hip arthroscopy for labral tears or mild impingement
- Pelvic +/- femoral osteotomies for dysplasia or complex impingement
- Hip resurfacing for young, active men
- THR have excellent long term results