

Orthopedic Team Course Meeting: Nonoperative Treatment of Hip OA



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Introduction

- **Hip OA: Most Common Cause of Hip Pain in Older Adults**



33 Yo Female Hockey Coach

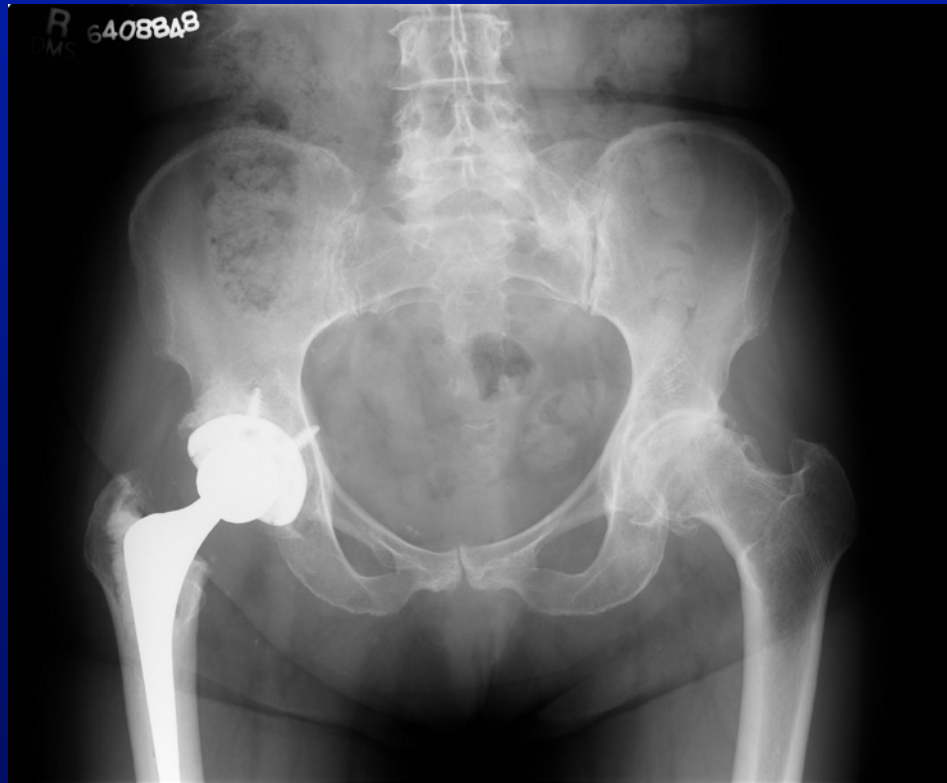
Leading to THA < 55 yo



- Osteoarthritis 50%
 - DDH
 - FAI
- Osteonecrosis 30%
- Inflammatory 7.8%
- Postraumatic 7.7%

Clohisy et al JBJS 2011

Many Years



2007



2015

Rate of Degenerative Change

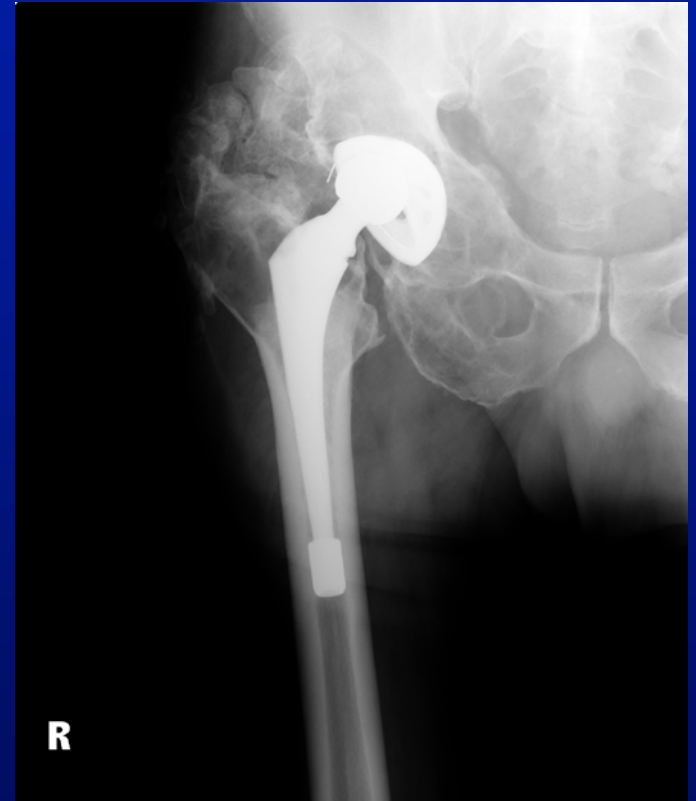
Median Time To Progression Between Tönnis Stages

| | CDH | FAI | Normal |
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| T0 → T1 | 15.9 years | 12.6 years | 17.9 years |
| T0 → T2 | 27.2 years | 25.7 years | 30.6 years |
| T0 → T3/THA | 33.1 years | — | — |

Log-Rank Test*

Nonoperative Treatment

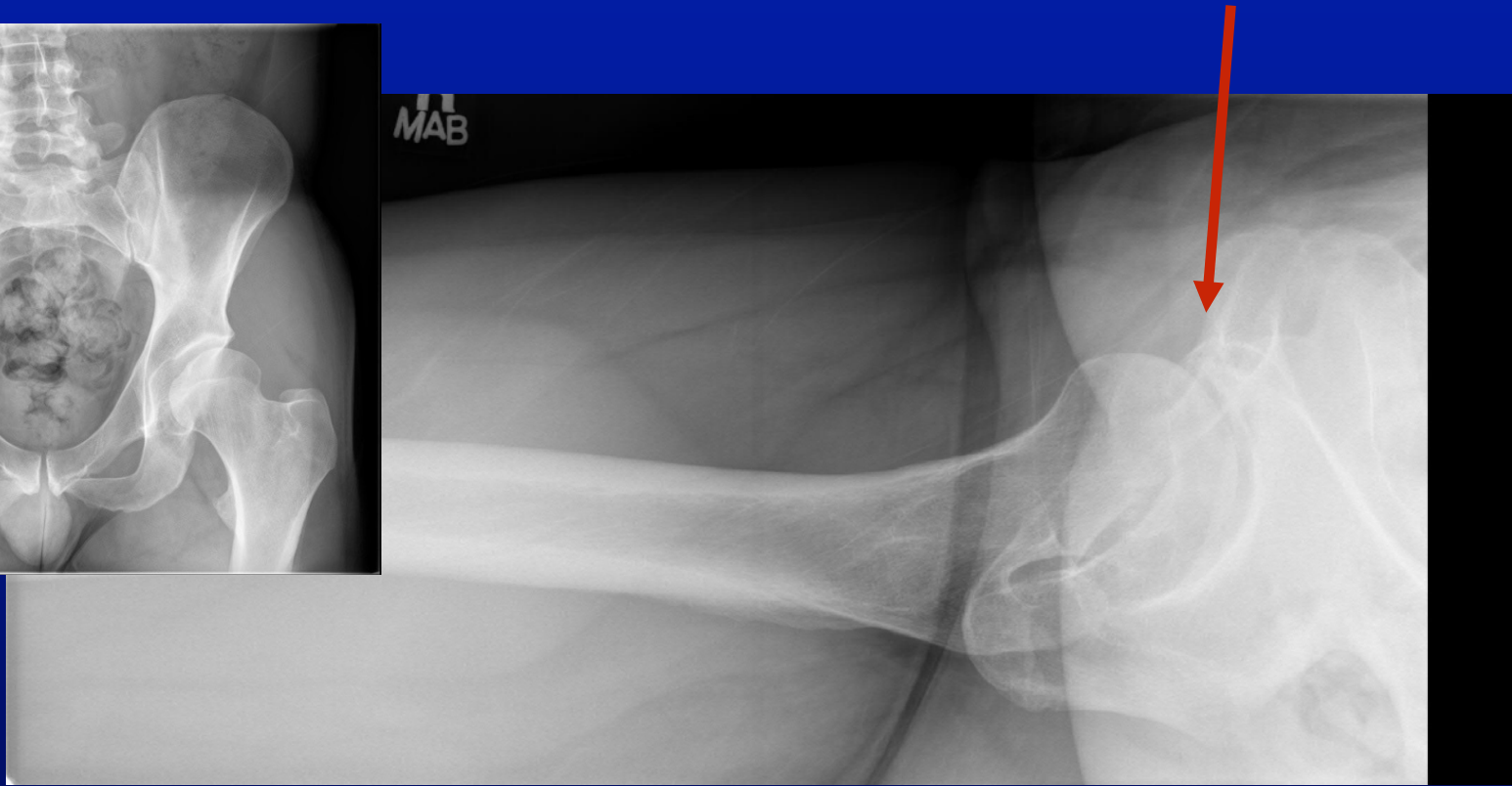
- Despite the optimism of alternative bearing surfaces including highly cross linked polyethylene, THA should be recommended only after appropriate nonoperative treatment has been exhausted



Outline

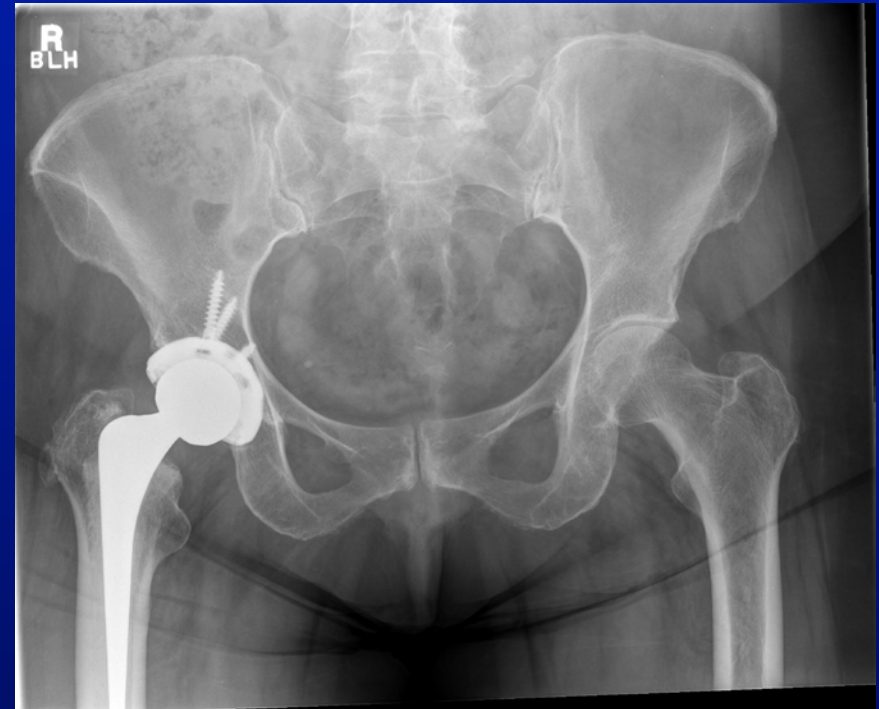
1. Radiographic features of Hip Arthritis that are commonly missed
2. Patients with hip symptoms you don't want to miss as joint preservation may help
3. Nonoperative treatment modalities for hip OA and their evidence
4. When should I refer for surgery?

Whats easy to miss...



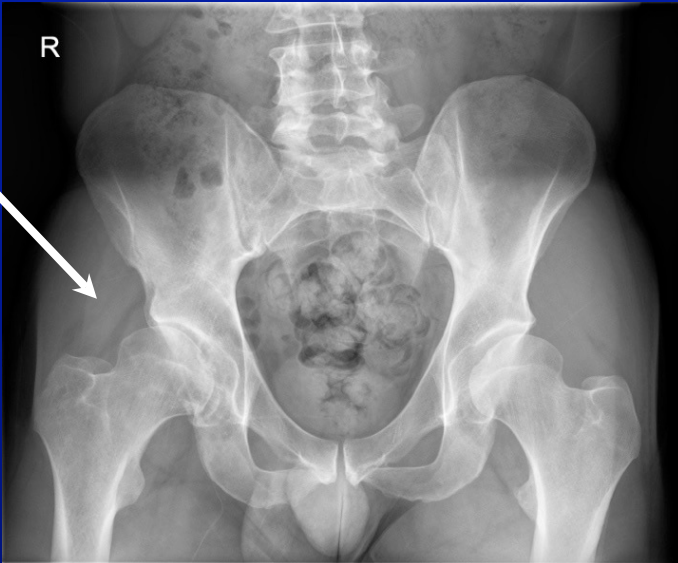
Anterior Wear Pattern
Instability

Medial OA

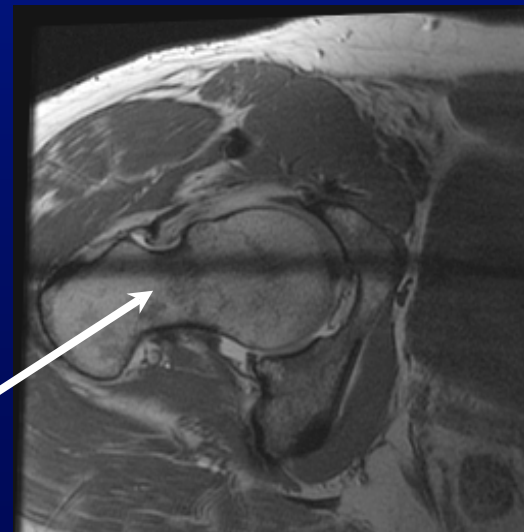
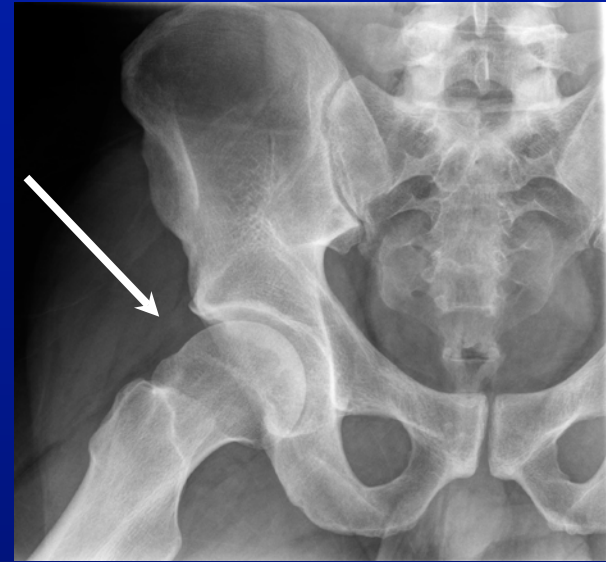


What not to Miss?

DDH



FAI



Adult Hip Osteoarthritis Non operative Treatment



- Nonoperative Treatment may be beneficial in early stages of OA
- Results are highly patient dependent

**Levels of
evidence
for clinical
application**

**Level 1 - formal, open, clinical
randomised-controlled trials**

**Level 2 - case controlled trials (comparisons
made but not randomised)**

**Level 3 - observational studies (including surveys
and questionnaires)**

**Level 4 - anecdotal evidence (including independent
user comments and reviews)**

Level 5 - methodological verification and validation studies

Patient Education

activity, walking and stair climbing.



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- Decreases Pain
- Improves Function
- Reduces Stiffness and Fatigue
- Decreased Medicine Use
- 20% more Pain relief than NSAIDS alone

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| Patient education | Activity modification Exercise recommendations Weight reduction Methods to unload joint | <u>(Moderate evidence, Level I-II)</u> Decreased pain, decreased stiffness and fatigue, improved function and decreased medication usage reported in studies involving patient education in self-management of arthritis [1, 3, 4, 21-24]. |
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Assistive Devices



- Reduce Pain and Activity Limitation
- Cane in contralateral hand
- Carry Loads in ipsilateral hand

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| Gait training | Use of assistive device to decrease the load on the arthritic hip. (cane, crutches, walker) | <u>(Weak evidence, Level II-IV)</u> Decreased pain and improved activity levels reported with use of gait aide[25]. Expert consensus endorses the use of assistive devices. |
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NSAIDS



- Randomized Trials showing benefit in hip OA
- Must weight the risk of GI bleed and HTN



NSAIDS

Table 3

Recommendations for the selection of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) for the treatment of osteoarthritis (OA) according to patients' risk factors

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| Normal GI risk | Non-selective NSAIDs with PPI Cox-2-selective NSAIDs (consider PPI) |
| Increased GI risk ^a | Cox-2-selective NSAIDs with PPI Avoid non-selective NSAIDs |
| Increased CV risk | Prefer naproxen Avoid high-dose diclofenac and ibuprofen (if on low-dose aspirin) Caution with other non-selective NSAIDs Avoid Cox-2-selective NSAIDs |
| Increased renal risk | Avoid NSAIDs ^b |

Cox-2, cyclo-oxygenase-2; CV, cardiovascular; GI, gastrointestinal; NSAID, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug; OA, osteoarthritis; PPI, proton pump inhibitor.

^a Including use of low-dose aspirin.

^b With glomerular filtration rate < 30 cc/min; caution in other cases GI.

Cortisone Injections



- I like to Use
- Placebo controlled trial showed benefits of its use
- Improvements for ~ 3 months

Viscosupplementation



- Not FDA approved
- May be best for mild to moderate OA
- Metanalysis shows potential benefit in hip OA

Glucosamine-Chondroitin



- Mixed Results. Glucosamine may have short term improvement in pain and function
- Chondroitin: Minimal benefit or non-existent

Table 6. Pharmacologic recommendations for the initial management of hip OA*

We conditionally recommend that patients with hip OA should use one of the following:

Acetaminophen

Oral NSAIDs

Tramadol

Intraarticular corticosteroid injections

We conditionally recommend that patients with hip OA should not use the following:

Chondroitin sulfate

Glucosamine

We have no recommendation regarding the use of the following:

Topical NSAIDs

Intraarticular hyaluronate injections

Duloxetine

Opioid analgesics

Physical Therapy



- Commonly recommended
 - Functional Training
 - Flexibility, Strengthening, endurance
 - Hydrotherapy
- Manual therapy and ROM

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| Balance and functional training | Exercises to simulate ADLs performed at varying speeds and progress difficulty level Chair rise Reaching Stepping Squatting Balance and proprioception training | <u>(Weak evidence, Level II)</u> Improved functional performance with weight bearing activities reported [26]. |
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Mostly Level II

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| Manual therapy | Assisted stretching, traction manipulation, mobilization (P/A, distraction/traction). Recommend use in combination with exercise. | <u>(Moderate evidence, Level I, IV)</u> Short-term pain relief and improved hip mobility and function reported in studies [27, 28]. |
| Flexibility | Stretch identified tight structures. Target: iliopsoas, rectus femoris, hip adductors | <u>(Moderate evidence, Level II)</u> Decreased pain, less use of medication, improved function reported in studies [1, 29-31]. |
| Strengthening | Strengthen identified weak structures. Target hip abductors and hip extensors | <u>(Moderate evidence, Level II)</u> Decreased pain, less use of medication, improved function reported in studies [1, 29, 32-34]. |
| Aerobic/Endurance | Intensity: 60-80% max capacity Duration: at least 20 minutes, 3 times/wk Type: Low/no-impact (land and aquatic based) | <u>(Moderate evidence, Level II)</u> Improved function and decreased pain have been reported in studies [1, 24]. |

Real World..



- Patients Want to Be Active
- Many Do not Want to Change their Activity Level
- Patients find it hard to loose weight
- Hip Replacement is very Successful at all ages...

Arthroplasty

• Indications

- Hip pain that does not respond to non-operative management
- Interfering with patient activity level and quality of life



Total Hip Arthroplasty



In Conclusion

- Hip Arthritis is Common
- Do Not want to Miss Patients with Early Structural Hip Disease that may benefit from joint preservation
- Patients Education, NSAIDS, Cortisone Injections, Physical therapy are accepted forms for non operative management with differing success rates

In Conclusion

- When Failure of nonoperative management referral for THA is very appropriate.

