

A Study Of Total Hip Replacement Done Through Posterolateral Approach Kashmir Prespective

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A prospective study of total hip replacement done through posterolateral approach was conducted at Skims medical college, on 86 cases from December 2010 to april 2016.

Introduction: Since its inception in 1960, Total hip arthroplasty has revolutionised the treatment of painful hip arthritis. The concept of replacing the abnormal joints has long been recognised by surgeons, but efforts were hampered by the lack of suitable materials and imprecise surgical technique.

Primitive attempts at replacing the ankylosed or debilitating arthritic hip in 1800 used wood, ivory, and even pig bladders. In the first half of the 20th century acetabular cups made of pyrex and Teflon and femoral heads of acrylic cement were tried unsuccessfully. In 1930, an alloy of cobalt chromium-molybdenum called vitallium was discovered and cobalt chrome alloys are one of the metals still used today. The modern era of "low friction" hip arthroplasty began in 1960 with the work of Sir Jhon Charnley, who pioneered the use of stainless steel metal-on-polyethylene [MOP] prosthesis. Many different variations and designs have since been introduced, but most follow his principle of a metal femoral head articulating against polyethylene socket. Hip arthroplasty has become so successful, with some designs having a 25 year survivorship almost 80%, that the hip is the most commonly replaced joint, with more than 5,00,000 performed each year world wide.

The posterior approach to the hip was popularised by Moore in the 1950s. A recent survey of surgeons from around the world suggests that posterior approach is the most common surgical approach used internationally for the total hip arthroplasty.

The main advantages of the posterolateral approach compared with other mini-incisions are its simplicity, with shortened operating time. While the surgical time for a posterior approach is an average of 37 to 70 minutes throughout the literature, the 2-incision approach prolongs the surgery by a factor of 2 or 3. Compared with the anterior or 2-incision approach, the posterolateral and anterolateral approaches also have a much lower incidence of perioperative complications, with the rate being similar to rates seen with a standard incision. For the 2-incision technique and the anterior mini-incision approach, perioperative periprosthetic fracture rates of up to 8.7% and 8.4%, respectively, have been described. Considering that mini-incision total hip replacement has no dramatic clinical benefits other than the cosmetic appeal, the use of mini-incision total hip replacement by the average orthopaedic surgeon should be carefully monitored.

Complication of total hip arthroplasty performed with this technique occur most often in women with osteoporosis above 65 years of age or with BMI of more than 32. The rate of complication doubles with surgeons performing less than 50 total hip arthroplasties per year.

I. Material Methods

Study was conducted on 86 cases [89 hips] during years Dec 2010 to April 2016. After thorough cleansing and scrub of both legs draping was done. Two surgical assistants were used. Average age was 69.58. There were 47 females [54.6%], 39 males [45.3%]. Right side was affected in 44 [49.4%] and left in 45 [50.5%]. 22 cases presented with AVN, 54 with femoral neck fractures, 3 cases were diagnosed as rheumatoid arthritis, 5 cases as osteoarthritis and one case each as protrusive and neglected acetabular fracture.

In 34 cases cemented implants were used and Avatar and Signature in 14 and 12 cases and Stryker, Depuy and Zimmer in 8, 8 and 10 cases respectively. 54 cases were cemented, 32 as non cemented and 2 as hybrid.

Technique

Position: Lateral

Anaesthesia: spinal/combined spinal/epidural

Incision length 10-20cms posterior to mid lateral line (fig 1)

Split gluteus maximus and fascia along the length of incision

Partial release of the gluteus maximus tendon

Release of the quadratus femoris from the posterior border of the vastus lateralis

Release of the short external rotators and posterior capsule as one sleeve from the femoral neck and piriformis fossa

Dislocation of femoral head and its amputation

Release of the reflected head of the rectus femoris to allow for anterior mobilisation of the femur

Full exposure of acetabulum achieved by putting steinmen pin at 120 clock position,C retractor anteriorly,right angled homan posterior and afuranc retractor inferiorly(fig 2)

Femur exposed by pushing it proximally and a jawed homan underneath

Appropriate size acetabular cup and femoral stem put after following the steps

2 drill holes done in posterior aspect of trochanter and posterior capsule and external rotators stitched back as one layer

Tensor fascia repaired with #2 ethibond and # 0 vicryl interrupted and running sutures

Drain kept in sub fasial layers

Local antibiotic and xylocaine was injected

Skin stitched with staples



Fig 1: shows the posterolateral incision

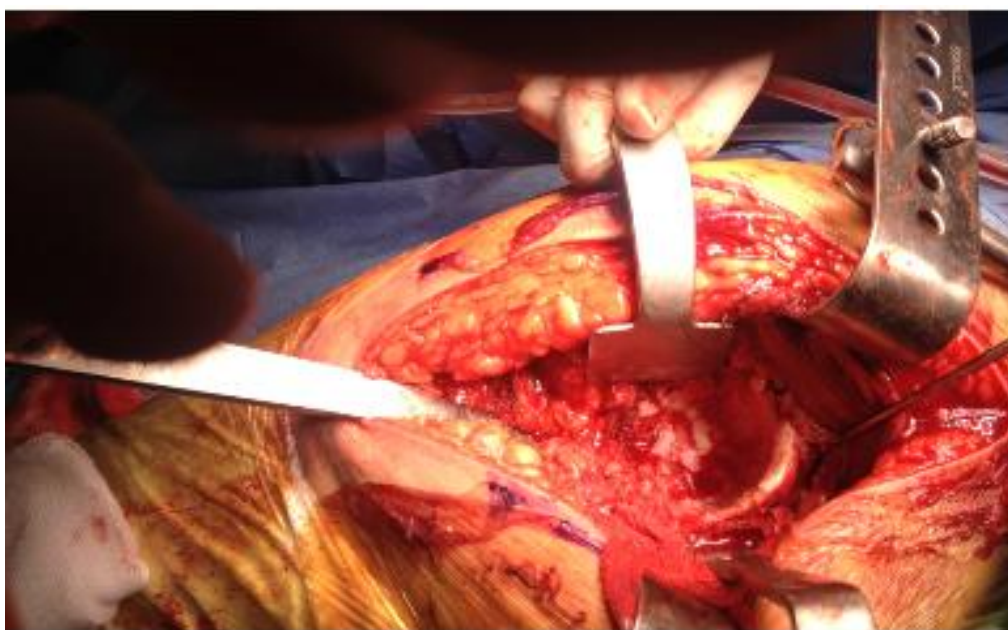


Fig 2: Acetabulum fully exposed

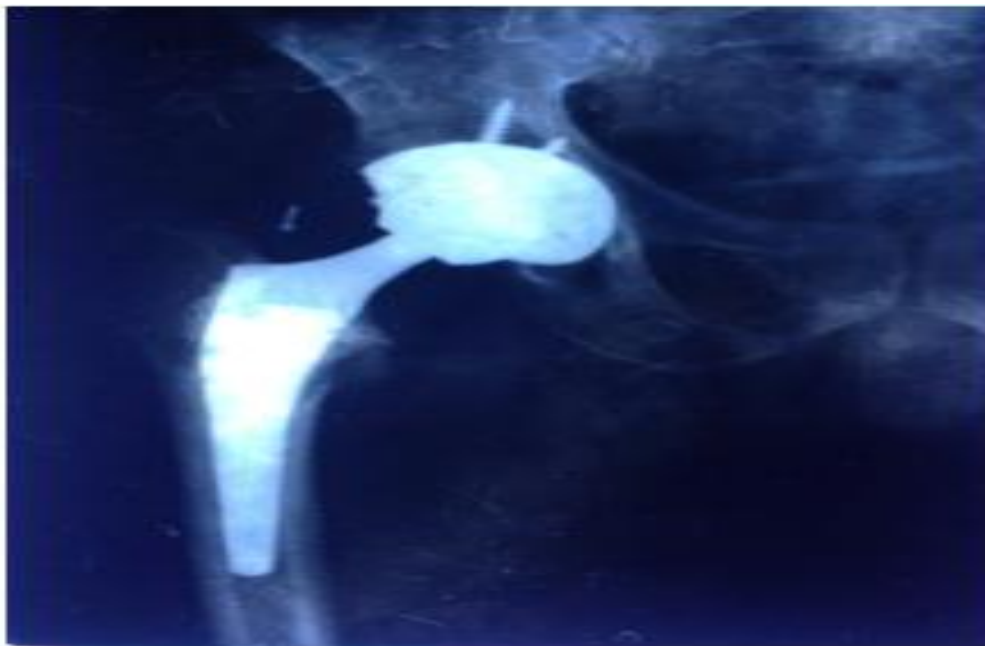


Fig 3: Showing Follow up picture at 1 year

II. Results

There were 4 deaths, one case died on the first postoperative day. 6 cases were lost to follow up. follow up extended from 1 month to 5 years (fig 3). Dislocation was seen in 6 cases [6.74], two cases dislocated more than two times and open reduction and robust repair of posterior capsule and external rotators was done. Harris Hip score {HHS} average preoperatively was less than 25 [10-96] and postoperative average HHS was 81.6 with P value less than 0.001.

Visual analogue scale {VAS} : 86% good/ excellent result
88.25% none/mild pain
76.5% had no restrictive activity

95.1% had leg length discrepancy less than 1cm

Radiograph : Bony ingrowth of cup was seen in 98% cases

Subsidence was seen 5 stems

Average inclination was 46.0

Mobilisation was done on 3rd post operative day

Complications:

No intraoperative fractures were seen

Pulmonary embolism was seen in one

DVT was seen in two cases

Perforation of cortex in one case

Wound infection was observed in one case who was diabetic and thorough lavage of the wound was done

III. Discussion

The direct anterior approach was described by Smith Peterson in 1940 and was later modified by Heuter in 1950. Internationally this approach is gaining popularity in the hip arthroplasty community. Advocates of this approach consider its advantages to be the muscle sparing nature of its internervous intervals, earlier restoration of gait kinematics and low dislocation rates [13-17].

Direct anterior approach is a muscle sparing approach, there is immediate muscle tone preservation, reduced muscle degeneration, decreased risk of dislocation; decreased postoperative pain, shorter stay in the hospital and faster return to daily activities. In DAA, there is no violation of abductor mechanism [Dorr, Hip arthroplasty, Sanders 1996]. Posterior capsule and external rotators are preserved and there is excellent exposure of acetabulum. In DAA, there is difficulty in femoral canal preparation and high chances of fracture. It has utility in high riding hip and fusion take down.

Potential disadvantages: is technically demanding, new approach for most surgeons, learning curve is high, more than 40 cases, more operative time; increased blood loss, femoral fractures and lateral femoral cutaneous nerve injury. Learning curve:

Woolson 2009 ----- 20-30 cases

D' Aring 2009 -----20-30cases
Sparains 2012 ----- 46 cases and stopped
Goytia 2012 -----60 cases and
Bhandari 2009 ----- 100cases.

Direct Lateral approach to the hip was described by Hardinge in 1982 18. Approximately 60% of Canadian orthopaedic surgeons perform this using a direct lateral approach 19. This approach provides adequate exposure of both proximal femur and acetabulum 8. It has benefit of providing an extensile exposure to the femur as required. A very low dislocation rate has also been reported in clinical follow up 20-21.

The posterior approach to the hip was popularised by Moore in 1950. A recent survey of surgeons from around the world suggest that posterior approach is the most common surgical approach used internationally for this 9. It provides adequate visualization of both the acetabulum and femur during reconstruction procedures. The approach spares the abductor muscles during surgical exposure of the acetabulum and femur 8. It has also the benefit of providing an extensile exposure to the femur and acetabulum as required.

Thomas sculco is a pioneer of minimal invasive posterolateral approach which can easily be extended, there is less blood loss and is expeditious but increased dislocation rate. Considering that mini-incision total hip replacement has no dramatic clinical benefits other than the cosmetic appeal, the use of mini-incision total hip replacement by the average orthopaedic surgeon should be carefully monitored. In a recent study where 1465 total hips were replaced and followed for 8.4 years [2-10.4], average skin incision was 8.4 [6-10]. His radiographic evaluation included:

Abduction	42.2	[28-59]
Cement	95%	[A or B]
Stem	93%	
Complication		
Dislocation:	18	[1.2%]
Femoral fracture	5	[0.3%]
Nuropraxia	5	[0.3%]
Wound complication		
Haemotoma:	4	
Wound infection	3	
Less dislocation		
1037 thr	0.96	sigene etal
437 thr	0.61	matta etal
2132 thr	1.3	kanan etal
1374 thr	1.5	seral etal
1465 thr	1.2	sculco etal

The advantages of minimally invasive posterolateral approach total hip arthroplasty are multiple. They include more rapid rehabilitation and more prompt return to activities of daily living. There has been a clear impression that patients experience less postoperative pain and improved satisfaction. There has been concomitant decrease in hospital stay and improved cosmesis and potentially reduced blood loss. This technique is certainly more demanding and there may be a tendency to vertical cup placement. A tendency to eccentric reaming of the acetabulum may be noted if the proximal femur is not adequately retracted anteriorly 22.

Minimally invasive surgery [MIS] is defined as a surgical technique performed through a short skin incision to avoid injury to muscles and tendons. The advantages of MIS over the classical technique in total hip arthroplasty include: faster recovery, shorter rehabilitation and hospital stay, decreased blood loss, less pain and a shorter scar. The anterior approach to the hip, first described by Robert Judet in 1947 as a modified Smith-Petersen approach, follows the [principles of MIS. Other approaches advertised as minimally invasive [posterior, lateral, or double incision approach] are associated with muscle and or tendon injury. Therefore they should be referred to as less invasive surgery [LIS] 11.

A review of the literature to date provides no convincing evidence of any significant advantages of small incision THR compared with standard incision THR other than a shorter surgical scar. Comparison studies that prove both significant advantages and low complication rates of small incision THR are needed before these procedures can be recommended for general use 23.

Jose A Rodriguez et al Compared the direct anterior approach and conventional posterior approach and observed faster functional recovery with the direct anterior approach up to 2 weeks and no differences were observed between groups beyond 6 weeks 24.

In the present study, though not compared with other approaches, our results were consistent with other studies where conventional posterolateral approach was used.

IV. Conclusion

Commonly practised approaches anterior ,lateral and posterior each have its advantages and disadvantages.High-quality clinical comparisons are lacking in the literature;therefore,surgeon preference is likely more a function of training and anecdotal success.Therefore ,emphasis is that surgeons should choose the approach with which they are conversant and have experience.Further research should determine the long term implications of surgical approach on clinical outcomes,gait analysis and economics.

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