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Large-diameter head metal-on-metal total hip arthroplasty using a modified Watson-Jones approach and novel reduction technique

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From 2006 to 2010, we performed 101 large-diameter head metal-on-metal total hip arthroplasty (THA) surgeries on 84 patients using an in-situ head-neck assembly technique through a modified Watson-Jones approach. The in-situ head-neck assembly technique avoided impingement of the prosthetic components and facilitated reduction of the THA. With a mean follow-up of 4.1 years (range, 2-5.7 years), clinical success was achieved in all hips. The Harris Hip Score improved from 52 points to 98 points. There were 5 outliers with respect to acetabular component inclination and 13 cases of inadequate cup seating. However, despite these unsatisfactory implantations, all these prostheses remained stable up until the most recent follow-up. Large-diameter head metal-on-metal THA performed using a modified Watson- Jones approach is highly successful. We recommend the use of this head-neck assembly technique for performing minimally invasive large-diameter head THA.

Biography

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