

Survivorship of uncemented acetabular parts compared

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To compare the survivorship of historical and current uncemented acetabular components following total hip arthroplasty, Hilal Maradit Kremers, M.D., of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and associates followed 3,236 patients who underwent 3,448 revision total hip arthroplasty procedures from 1984 through 2004. They compared overall and cause-specific survival rates of 10 different acetabular



components, adjusting for age and sex.

The researchers identified 605 repeat revisions, including 386 cup revisions, with an overall survival rate of 69 percent at 15 years. Cup revision for aseptic loosening was significantly more common for beaded designs (hazard ratio [HR], 2.01) and less common for trabecular metal designs (HR, 0.25), compared with titanium wire mesh. During a median 5.2-year follow-up of 534 total arthroplasties with cross-linked polyethylene liners there were no liner revisions for wear and/or osteolysis. The risk of wear-related revision was significantly lower with cross-linked polyethylene than conventional liners. The risk of repeat revision was not associated with femoral head size or use of an elevated liner.

"In the setting of revision total <u>hip arthroplasty</u>, cup survival was worse with beaded acetabular designs compared with titanium wire mesh or highly porous designs," the authors write. "Cross-linked polyethylene liners were associated with a reduced risk of wear-related liner revision."

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