A 20-Year Follow-Up Results of Cementless Total Hip Arthroplasty using One Manufacturer's Expansion Cup

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INTRODUCTION:

The long-term outcomes of total hip arthroplasty (THA) using one manufacturer's expansion cup remain unclear. This study evaluated the long-term clinical and radiographic results after cementless THA using this expansion cup including survivorship at 29 years postoperatively.

METHODS: Sixty-three cases of cementless THA using this cup and stem with a minimum follow-up duration of 10 years were included (48 males and 8 females, average age: 49.5 years, mean follow-up duration: 20.5 years [range: 10–29]). We clinically evaluated the modified Harris Hip Score (HHS), and a radiographic analysis was performed regarding component stability and osteolysis. The complications included cup breakage, recurrent dislocation, periprosthetic femoral fracture (PFF), and periprosthetic joint infection (PJI). Survivorship was analyzed regarding the cup revision for aseptic loosening, cup revision for any reason, and any revision for any reason as the end point at 29 years postoperatively.

RESULTS: The HHS improved from 44.5 preoperatively to 87.5 postoperatively (p < 0.001). Fifteen hips (23.8%) were revised: cup revision in nine (14.3%), stem revision in three (4.8%), exchange limited to bearing surface in two (3.2%), and revision of all components in one (1.6%). A recurrent dislocation was observed in four hips (6.3%), cup breakage in five (7.9%), PFF in three hips (4.8%), and PJI and superficial wound infection in each hip. The estimated survivorship at 29 years postoperatively was 74.5% in the cup revision for aseptic loosening, 63.5% in the cup revision for any reason, and 52.1% in any revision for any reason as the end point.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION:

THA using one manufacturer's system showed an estimated survivorship of 63.5% in cup revision for any reason at 29 years postoperatively, and the main reason for cup revision after 24 years postoperatively was occult cup fracture. Thus, if a patient who underwent THA using this expansion cup complains of persistent hip pain, we suggest suspecting a potential occult cup fracture.















