Hip Disorders

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General: Predisposing factors Poor flexibility Exercise fatigue Poor conditioning – Normal Hamstring to quadriceps ratio: 3:5 Injuries occur during the eccentric phase of muscle contraction - Grade I (strain) to Grade III (complete tear)

Most common in track and gymnastic injuries





 Clinical Presentation:
 – Pain in hamstring region after a forceful hamstring contraction or knee extension
 – Tenderness over muscle belly or origin

<u>Provacative Test</u>: Pain elicited in the ischial region with knee flexion

Imaging:
 – NOT GENERALLY NEEDED

Treatment:

- RICE (rest, ice, compression, elevation)
- Weight bearing reduction
- NSAIDS

 Gentle stretching, advancing to strengthening when inflammation is reduced

General:

- Painful muscle contraction involving the piriformis muscle
- External hip rotator
- Can be stressed due to body mechanics in a chronic condition or injured acutely with forceful hip internal rotation.





- Genetic Variation of muscle may cause sciatic nerve involvement
- Piriformis muscle irritates sciatic nerve. (pseudo-sciatica)
- Six times more likely to occur in women.

Clinical Presentation:

- Pain in the lateral buttock, posterior hip, proximal posterior thigh, and SI region
- Pain exacerbated by walking up stairs
- Tenderness over muscle belly that stretches from sacrum to greater trochanter
- Pain worse when sitting on hard surface or performing activities that produce hip adduction and internal rotation.
- Possible pain with bowel movements.

Clinical Presentation continued...
 – NORMAL strength
 – Symmetrical reflexes
 – (+) Freiberg's sign- pain with passsive hip

abduction and internal rotation to compress sciatic nerve

 (+) Pace's sign- pain or weakness with contraction of piriformis, with resistance to active hip external rotation and abduction

 Provacative test: Pain with internal hip rotation, adduction, and flexion

Imaging:
 – Radiographs of L/S spine to rule out other pathology.

Treatment:

- Since the piriformis is an external rotator of the hip, treatment commonly includes:
 - Inward-rotation stretches for the piriformis muscle
 - Strengthening of the internal rotator muscles
- NSAIDS first, then Tri-cyclics, Neurontin if neuropathic sx's continue
- Ultrasound, TENS, and other PT modalities
- Local corticosteroids
- Correct leg length discrepancy



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General

– A.k.a. Iliopsoas snapping-tendon syndrome

- Well-recognized, poorly understood
- Can be caused by overuse or trauma

 Injury causes inflammation of muscle tendon and bursa causing muscle tightness and imbalance

 Audible snap due to iliotibial band snapping over greater trochanter or the iliopsoas tendon subluxing over the pectineal eminence of the pelvis.



Clinical presentation:
 – Hip snapping with flexion, often causes pain
 – Tenderness over the iliopsoas muscle

<u>Provacative test</u>:
 – Pain on hip flexion

Imaging:
 Useful to rule out other pathology only.

Treatment:

Ice, NSAIDs, stretching and strengthening
Corticosteroid injection if conservative measures fail.



General:

- Inflammation of bursa located over greater trochanter
- Condition may cause hip snapping
- My cause altered gait mechanics, muscle imbalance, and reduced flexibility
- Usually middle aged to elderly, F>>>M

Clinical Presentation: Pain is worse at night and with activity Unable to lie on the affected side Snap palpable over greater tubercle Pain may radiate down lateral thigh.

Provacative Test:

 Pain over the greater trochanter during movement from full extension to flexion

Imaging

 Radiographs to rule out other bony pathology

Treatment:

- NSAIDS
- SAC for assistance with ambulation
- Strengthening of the hip adductor groups
- Local corticosteroid injection for resistant cases
- Deep Heating PT modalities (TENS, etc.)
- Correct Heel length discrepency
- ITB Stretching





Iliotibial band stretching

Trochanteric Bursitis Exercises



Piriformis stretch



Standing Side

lliotibial band stretch



Straight leg raise



Wall squat with a ball



Prone hip extension

Corticosteroid injections

- 2 to 4 cc mix of corticosteroid and local anesthetic
 - (ex: 1cc 2% lidocaine with 2 cc betamethasone)
- No more than 3 injections over 6 month period
- Use 22 gauge 3 ¹/₂ inch needle to ensure bursa is reached



Posterior Hip Dislocation



General:

- Most common hip dislocation
- Avascular necrosis occurs in 10-20% of patients
 Sciatic nerve often compressed or stretched
 Often occurs during MVA when hip is flexed, adducted & medially rotated

Posterior Hip Dislocation



Clinical Presentation:

- Hip appears flexed, adducted, and internally rotated
- *Affected leg appears shorter because the dislocated femoral head is higher than normal side.*
- Pt will be unable to abduct affected hip

Posterior Hip Dislocation

Imaging: Hip radiographs

 Treatment: Orthopedic surgery- this is emergency due to potential vascular compromise and sciatic nerve injury.

General:

- A.k.a. "osteonecrosis", "aseptic necrosis" (Ischemic necrosis"
- Traumatic (more common) vs. Atraumatic
- Condition characterized by death of osteocytes without sepsis.
- Interruption of vascular supply is the defining common pathway of the disease process
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- Male:female= 4:1

 In children aged 2-12, this condition is known as Legg-Calve-Perthes disease



Causes:

- Corticosteroid use (100% bilateral involvment)
- Alcohol Abuse (>400mL per week)
- Idiopathic
- Many others....

 Most common causes in adults is steroid use and alcohol use




Clinical Presentation:

- Pain present in the groin, anterior thigh, or even the knee
- Insidious onset
- Short swing and stance phase on the affected side during gait
- Loss of external and int rotation of the hip
- Pain elicited with ROM
- Hip externally rotates with hip flexion

 Imaging:

 Plain X-rays:
 Irregular or mottles femoral head on plane films





Coronal T1-weighted MRI

Imaging: MRI

- Gold standard for AVN (90% sensitive)
- Indicated for both hips if sx's apparent (50% of atraumatic cases have bilateral involvement
- Low signal intensity on T1 imaging

Treatment

- Objective: maintain femoral head with within acetabulum while healing and re-modeling occurs
- Pediatric Population: Bracing and casting to retain femoral head within acetabulum
- Osteotomy may be used to treat symptomatically
- THA
- Meds: Pain control (no medical treatment effective)

General: Increased risk with Osteoporosis 90% occur in patients >50 years old • 60% occur in patients >75 years old - Fixed risk factors: age, sex (F>M), race Modifiable risk factors: Alcohol, caffeine consumption Smoking Meds (benzo's, antipsychotics) Malnutrition

General cont...

- DVT occurs in >50% unprotected patients (highest PE risk during 2nd & 3rd week postoperatively
- Incidence of heterotopic ossification (>50%) after total hip replacement, but <10% lose ROM
- Survivor mortality rate post fx 20-30% after 1 year, and 40% after 2 years.

Classification:

 Intracapsular
 Intertrochanteric
 Subtrochanteric



Hip Fracture

A hip fracture is actually a fracture in top (neck) of the thighbone.

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- A.k.a. Femoral Neck Fractures
- Morbidity associated with fracture involves disruption of blood vessels to femoral head causing AVN







Clinical Presentation

- Hip pain
- Limb external rotation
- Apparent shortened leg on affected side

Imaging:
 – X-ray (AP & lateral)
 – Bone scan for occult fx's



- Treatment: Garden Stages I & II
 Surgical
 - Percutaneous pins across the fracture site or 3 parallel cannulated hip screw (DHS) for stabilization (younger patients)
 - Rehab early with full or partial weight bearing
 - May be treated conservatively if patient is unfit for surgery or for an old impacted fracture.



Treatment: Garden Stages III & IV

- Surgical: Hip Replacement of femoral head using cemented or non-cemented hemiarthroplasty
 - Procedure of choice in elderly patients with displaced femoral neck fractures.

– Rehab:

- Full WBAT if cemented
- Partial or full WB for uncemented cases

 TO CEMENT OR <u>NOT</u> TO CEMENT???



Hip Precautions following THR



- Adduction
- Internal Rotation
- Flexion past 90 degrees

Hip Precautions following THR

Do not cross your legs.

- Put a pillow between your legs if you lie on your side.
- Do not turn your leg inward.
- Do not bend over from the hips to reach objects or tie your shoes.
- An assistive device or reacher is necessary to perform activities of daily living (ADL) safely.

Hip Precautions following THR

In some patients at risk for hip dislocation, individualized precautions are necessary. The use of a hip abduction brace may be necessary in these patients.



Hip Precautions



Sit only on elevated chairs or toilet seats.

Pillows can be used under the knees, back, and/or side for comfort and support.





Patient lying on side with operated leg on top.



Standing position for both the patient and partner.



Prognosis after THR

 Factors involved with permanent institutionalization following THR include:
 Age >80
 Lack of family support
 Insufficient therapy at nursing facility
 Pre-existing dementia

Prognosis after THR

Post-operative dislocation after THA:
 – More common when pt had previous hip

- replacement
- Posterior approach more common dislocation than anterior approach.
- Aseptic loosening usually will not occur for at least 10 years

General:

- Most common type of hip fracture, mostly seen in falls
- Highly fragmented fractures may result in significant blood loss
- Post-operatively, leg-length discrepancy may result
- Hospital stays tend to be the longest & are more likely to need nursing home.

 Classification:

 Standard Oblique (stable)
 Reverse Oblique (unstable)



Clinical Presentation: – Hip pain and externally rotated hip



Imaging:
 – X-rays
 – CT
 – MRI





Treatment: - Surgical CRIF if possible Compression Screw (DHS)- may cause shortening and roation at the fracture site. • Angle nail plate may be used IM rod • If fixation is unstable, medial displacement osteotomy of femur may be necessary

- Rehab

- Progressive weight bearing from partial to full
- May need leg lifter, raised toilet seat, and elevated hip chair to take stress off the hip
- Long term problems:
 - Poor balance
 - Shortened leg
 - Trendelenberg gait

Time to heal 12-15 weeks (may drive at 12 weeks)

- Subject to very high mechanical stresses, therefore, hardest to stabilize surgically
 Fractures may be simple, fragmented, or comminuted
 Occur between the lesser trochanter and
 - the isthmus of the diaphysis of the femur.

Clinical Presentation:
 – Hip pain and externally rotated hip
 – Possible shortening and malalignment

Imaging: X-rays, CT





Type 28

Type 2A

Russell-Taylor classification

- Type I do not extend into piriformis fossa, thus, IM nailing beneficial
- Type II extend into greater trochanter & involve piriformis fossa, complicating IM nailing techniques.

Treatment:

 ORIF with fixation (several choices)
 Side or Blade plate and screws
 IM rod (makes extremely strong fixation though the proximal femur and trochanteric region)

 Rehab: Rehab may be delayed until fracture healing is evident





Femoral Neck Stress Fractures

 Two types: Compression type and Transverse (tension) type
 Endurance athletes most susceptible (long distance runner's military recruits)


Compression type:

- More stable
- Generally along inferior neck of femur (medial)

Transverse (tension) type:
 Less stable
 Generally along superior (lateral) region of femoral neck

Clinical Presentation:

 Groin pain
 Worsening of symptoms with ADL's
 Pain at extreme ranges of internal and external rotation.



Imaging:

- X-ray may be (-) at first, but then show periosteal thickening or radiolucent line
- Bone scan may be (+)
 2-8 days later after sx's.

– MRI

Treatment:

 Compression type:
 Bed rest
 NWB 6 weeks or until no pain at rest
 Transverse (tension type)
 Generally treated with internal fixation due to high risk of displacement

General:

 Injury to epiphyseal growth plate at the head of the femur causing displacement of the growth plate

- May be associated with direct hip trauma
- Possible association with hormones

Common ages of incidence 11-16 yo
Usually develops in overweight boys around puberty





Clinical Presentation

- Usually groin or hip pain, but may also present as thigh or knee pain.
- Sx's improve w/rest & worsen w/walking or moving
- Later, a limp develops, followed by hip pain that extends down the inner thigh to the knee.
- The affected leg is usually twisted outward.
- Limited internal hip rotation, extremity externally rotates when hip is flexed



 Imaging: X-rays (AP and frog-leg views) or CT will demonstrate posterior displacement of epiphysis



A screw is inserted to prevent any further slip of the femoral head through the growth plate.

Treatment:

- Immediate cessation of weight bearing
- Surgical stabilization to align the separated ends of the thighbone and fasten them together with pins.
- The hip is immobilized in a cast for several weeks to 2 months.

Endocrine testing to rule out:
Growth hormone deficiency
Hyper/hypo thyroidism
Panhypopituitarism
Multiple endocrine neoplasia



<u>Iliohypogastric Nerve</u>
 The distribution of the cutaneous sensation is a small region just superior to the pubis.

Iliohypogastric nerve: Most commonly injured during surgery Rarely injured alone Idiopathic iliohypogastric syndrome- rare, occurs in pregnant women with rapidly expanding abdomen

Sports traumas a major cause

Ilioinguinal nerve

 supplies sensory branches pubic symphysis, superior and medial aspect of the femoral triangle and either the root of the penis and anterior scrotum in the male or the mons pubis and labia majora in the female.



Ilioinguinal nerve causes:

- lower abdominal incisions (Pfannenstiel)
- Pregnancy
- ileac bone harvesting
- Appendectomy
- inguinal lymph node dissection
- femoral catheter placement
- Orchiectomy
- total abdominal hysterectomy
- abdominoplasty



Genitofemoral Nerve supplies the proximal portion of the thigh about the femoral triangle just lateral to the skin that is innervated by the ilioinguinal nerve.

 May result from: hernia repair, appendectomy, biopsies, and cesarean delivery.

 Injury may also occur due to intrapelvic trauma to the posterior abdominal wall, retroperitoneal hematoma, pregnancy, or trauma to the inguinal ligament

<u>Lateral Femoral</u> <u>Cutaneous Nerve</u>

- Branch of femoral nerve
- Anterior branch supplies cutaneous sensation to the lateral thigh including just proximal to the patella
 - posterior branch pierces the fascia lata posterior and lateral and divides into multiple small branches that supply the skin from the greater trochanter to the mid thigh

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- Intrapelvic causes: pregnancy, abdominal tumors, uterine fibroids, diverticulitis, or appendicitis.
- Extrapelvic causes: include trauma to the region of the ASIS (eg, a seatbelt from a motor vehicle accident), tight garments, belts, girdles, or stretch from obesity and ascites.

 Mechanical factors: prolonged sitting or standing and pelvic tilt from leg length discrepancy. Diabetes can also cause this neuropathy in isolation or in the clinical setting of a polyneuropathy. extrapelvic causes, or mechanical causes

