

“Material Problems” on the stem side



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Table HT15 Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement by Reason for Revision (Primary Diagnosis OA)

Reason for Revision	Number	Percent
Loosening	2975	25.6
Prosthesis Dislocation	2506	21.6
Fracture	2265	19.5
Infection	2055	17.7
Lysis	266	2.3
Pain	219	1.9
Leg Length Discrepancy	169	1.5
Malposition	154	1.3
Instability	125	1.1
Implant Breakage Stem	119	1.0
Metal Related Pathology	118	1.0
Implant Breakage Acetabular Insert	102	0.9
Wear Acetabular Insert	98	0.8
Incorrect Sizing	90	0.8
Implant Breakage Acetabular	76	0.7
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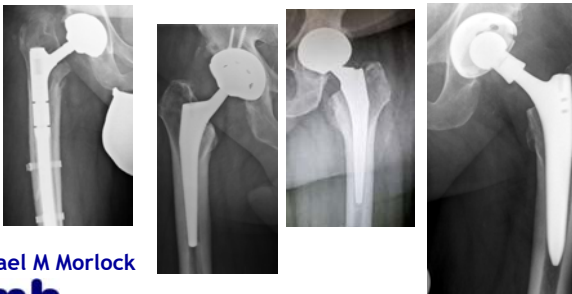
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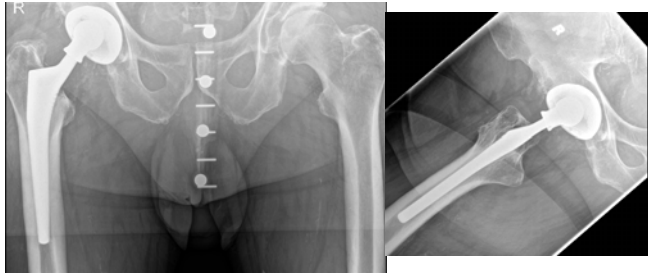
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Primary THA: 2006
Pre cup exchange: 2016



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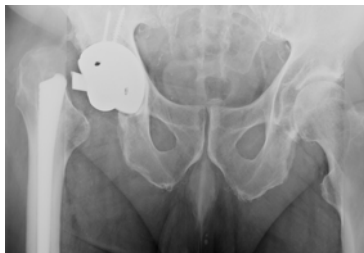
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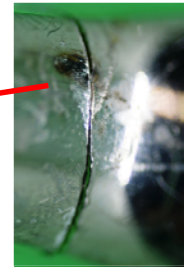
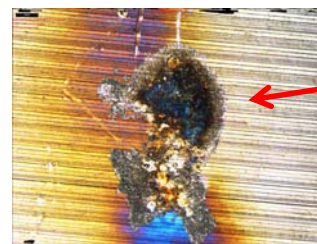
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Case 1 **bmh**

- High bending load for 10 years (3×XL head)
- Weakening of highly loaded area during revision (scratches, spark transition from electro knife)
- Notch sensitivity of Ti-Alloys

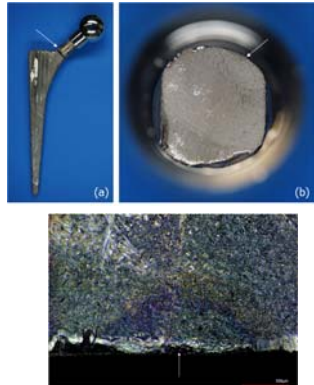
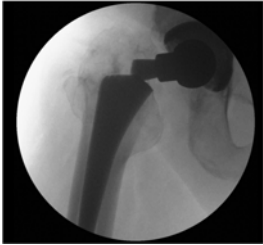
Case 2 **bmh**

Primary 08.10.2006
+8mm head



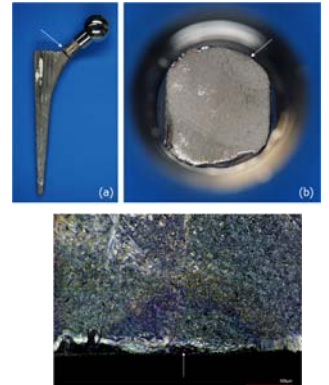
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Fracture 15.05.2014

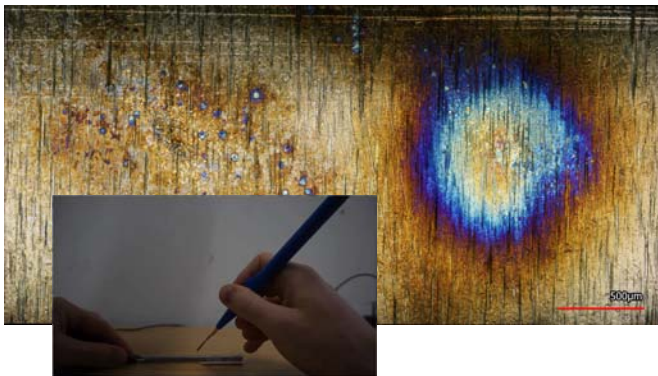


Case 2 **bmh**

..... the combination of a CLS stem and a DePuy head with a neck length of **more than 8 mm** is an unauthorized combination, which is not released by Zimmer (see www.product-compatibility.zimmer.com)...
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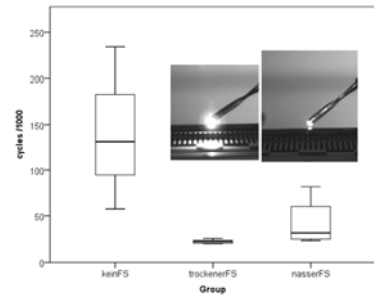
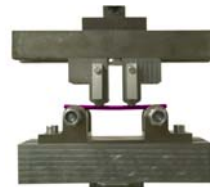
Sparc Transition **bmh**



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Fatigue testing in cyclic 4 point-bending

- Cyclic bending
- $f = 10 \text{ Hz}$
- Maximum bending stress $S_B = 1640 \text{ MPa}$
 - FEMA $S_{\text{joggingHigh100}} = 694 \text{ MPa}$
 - FEMA $S_{\text{stumble}} = 2277 \text{ MPa}$



Failure for unmodified rods (left), dry contact (middle) and wet contact (right; cycles *1000)

Case 3 **bmh**

Kasseler

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Schädigung eines Hüftendoprothesenschafts durch Einsatz eines Hochfrequenzmessers

Abb. 1 In der Prothesenhälfte geführter Schaft (links) mit vergrößerter Darstellung der Anschlagfläche am Bruchring (rechts).

All cases **bmh**

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Electrosurgery Induced Damage to Ti-6Al-4V and CoCrMo Alloy Surfaces in Orthopedic Implants In Vivo and In Vitro

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Stable stem "disease"

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- Don't touch the stem with an electro knife during revision surgery if you want to keep it
- If you try to take the stem out - you have to finish it...

Stable stem „disease“: Mismatch - major

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16 years in situ
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14/16 head
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Koper M,
JBJS Case Connect 2014;4:e25

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Bottoming out due to taper mismatch

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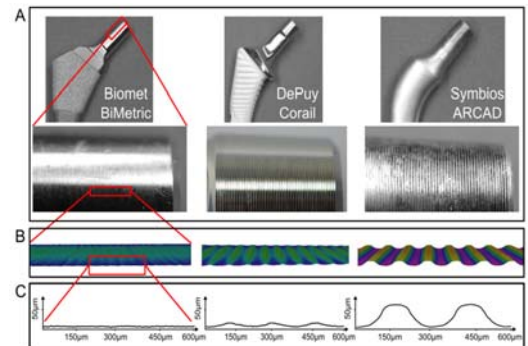


Courtesy Steve Young

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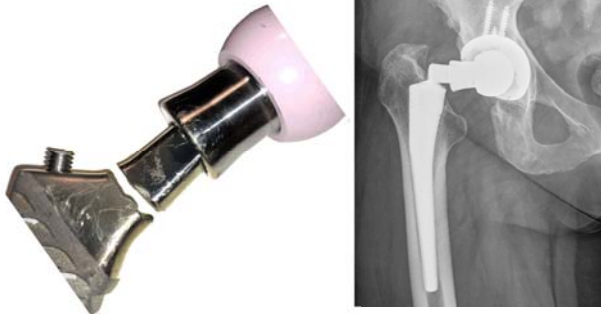
Mismatch - minor

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Case 4 **bmh**

Index Surgery 11/2005 head +8.5mm
 Cup exchange 03/2014 BioBall 4XL, 32mm
 Neck fracture w/o trauma 11/2018



Mechanics **bmh**

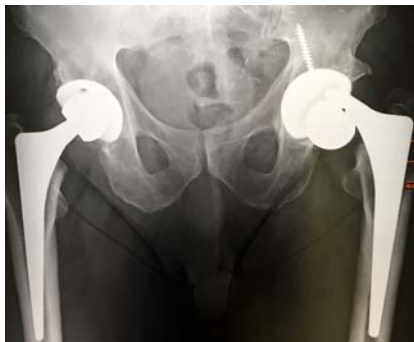
Bending load is dangerous

- Increased by
- Offset (stem and head)
- Load (weight and activity)

Case 5 **bmh**

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2019/01:



Material loss
 Head: 403mm³



Material loss
■ Taper: 1089mm³ (53%)
■ Neck: 288mm³

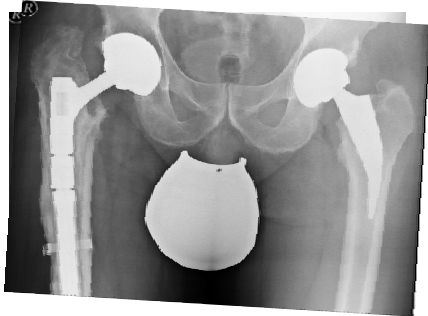
Mechanics **bmh**

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- Location of weak spot

Case 6 **bmh**

Bruno Schweigert, Gengenbach

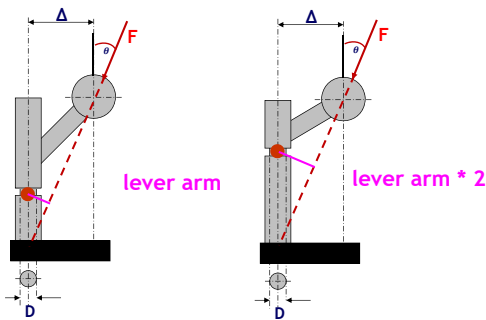


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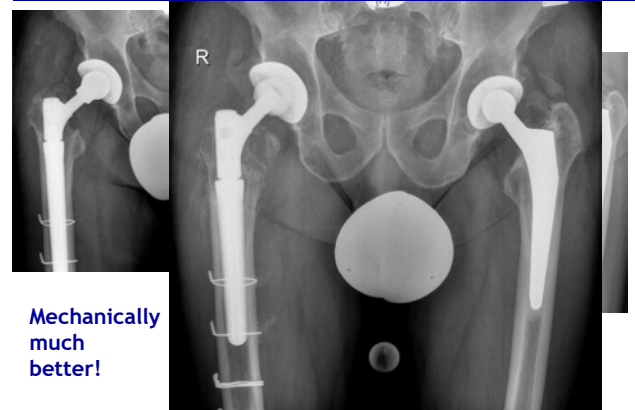
- Double fracture
- Biolox Ø36mm 12/14 XL (+8)
- only+5 approved



Location of weak spot **bmh**



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Discussion **bmh**



He crashed twice...

Take Home **bmh**

- „Material“ problems in THA have been nearly eliminated



The A* rating
These criteria are summarised for the A* rating in the following tables:

Criteria – total hip replacement	3A*	5A*	7A*	10A*	13A*
Minimum number of centres outside development countries	3	3	3	3	3
Minimum total cohort	150	250	350	500	100
Minimum at risk at benchmark time	150	250	300	400	100
Maximum revision rate II	3.0%	3.5%	4.0%	5.0%	6.0%

* The upper 95% confidence interval for 3A revision rate 11. * Survival must be lower than the opposite

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13A* in THA:
- 15 stems
- 24 cups

- „Material“ problems in THA have been nearly eliminated (registries “control“).
- Today: „Process“ & „System“ problems
- High bending loads in successful THAs can become critical, especially if implant strength is jeopardized (scratches, notches, spar transition)
- Critical factor during cup revision (wear of old PEs)
- Watch head length (primary and revision)

Read IfUs...



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