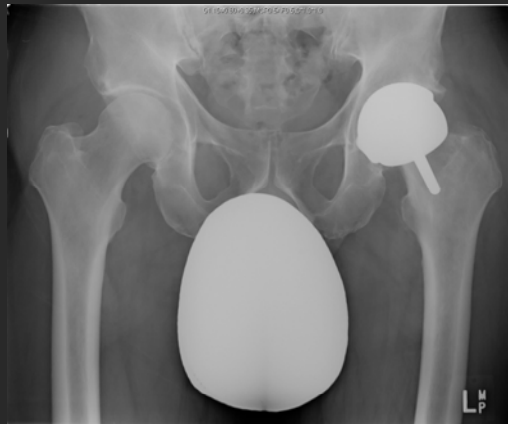


# Total Hip Arthroplasty



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# Purpose

- Provide information that explains the rationale for the post-op precautions.
- Provide some general guidelines for post-operative care.

# Presentation Overview

1. THA – types and applications
2. Surgical Approaches
3. Dislocation
4. Considerations for post-operative care
5. Post-operative management

# Osteoarthritic hip



# Total Hip Arthroplasty

**Total Hip Arthroplasty is a term that includes a number of different joint prostheses.**

1. Standard Total Hip Arthroplasty
2. Bipolar Hemiarthroplasty
3. Birmingham Hip Resurfacing
4. Modified Standard THA



# 1. Standard THA

## A. Metal on Plastic

### Description

- metal head articulating with plastic acetabular component
- femoral head diameter b/w 28-32 mm
- cemented or uncemented

### Target Population

- most common

### Advantages/Disadvantages

- No risk of producing metal ions
- polyethylene wear – particles can induce osteolysis

# 1. Standard THA

## B. Metal on Metal

### Description

- metal head articulating with metal acetabular component
- femoral head diameter b/w 28-32 mm
- cemented or uncemented

### Target Population

- generally males
- not used on women of childbearing age, or on individuals with known Ca or renal disease

### Advantages/Disadvantages

- improved wear
- production of metal ions



# 1. Standard THA

## C. Ceramic on Ceramic

### Description

- ceramic head articulating with ceramic acetabular component
- Somewhat larger femoral head (36 + mm)
- cemented or uncemented

### Target Population

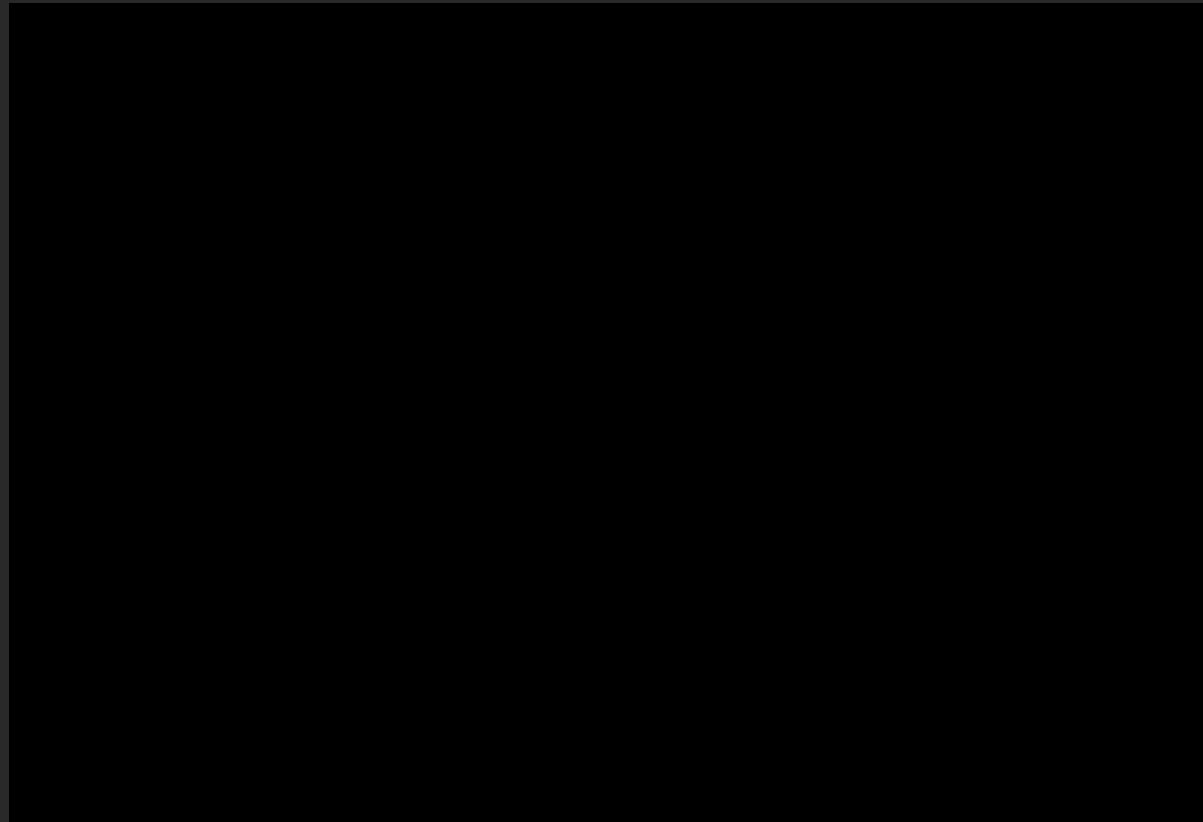
- Most commonly used in younger females

### Advantages/Disadvantages

- no risk of producing metal ions
- more stable because of larger head
- greater risk of fracturing compared to metal components
- can be noisy

# Standard THA

## Ceramic on Ceramic



## 2. Bipolar Hemiarthroplasty

### Description

- two articulating surfaces, small ball within the larger femoral head which articulates with the acetabulum
- no acetabular component
- generally cemented

### Target Population

- generally conducted on older individuals post hip # that cannot be repaired
- goal being to get the patient up and mobilizing

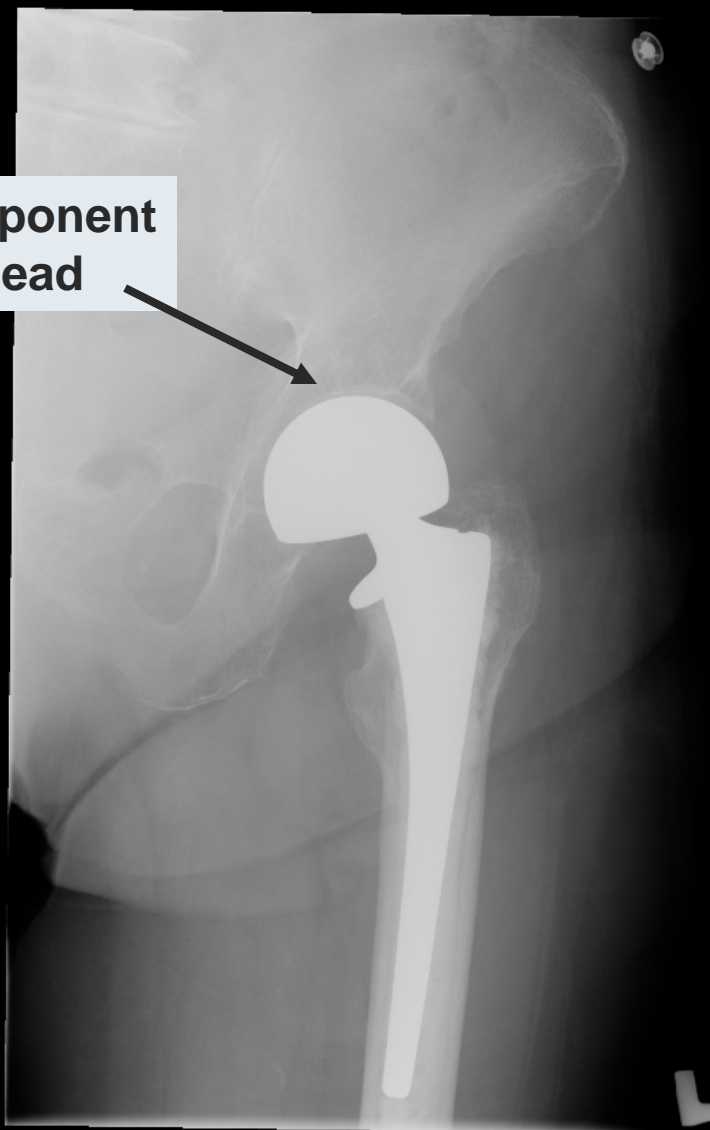
### Advantages/Disadvantages

- decreased time in OR = less stress on patient
- risk of dislocation is low
- acetabular wear
- residual groin pain

# Bipolar Hemiarthroplasty

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No acetabular component  
Large femoral head



# 3. Birmingham Hip Resurfacing

## Description

- always metal on metal (no femoral stem)
- large femoral head (50-58 mm) cemented
- acetabular component not cemented

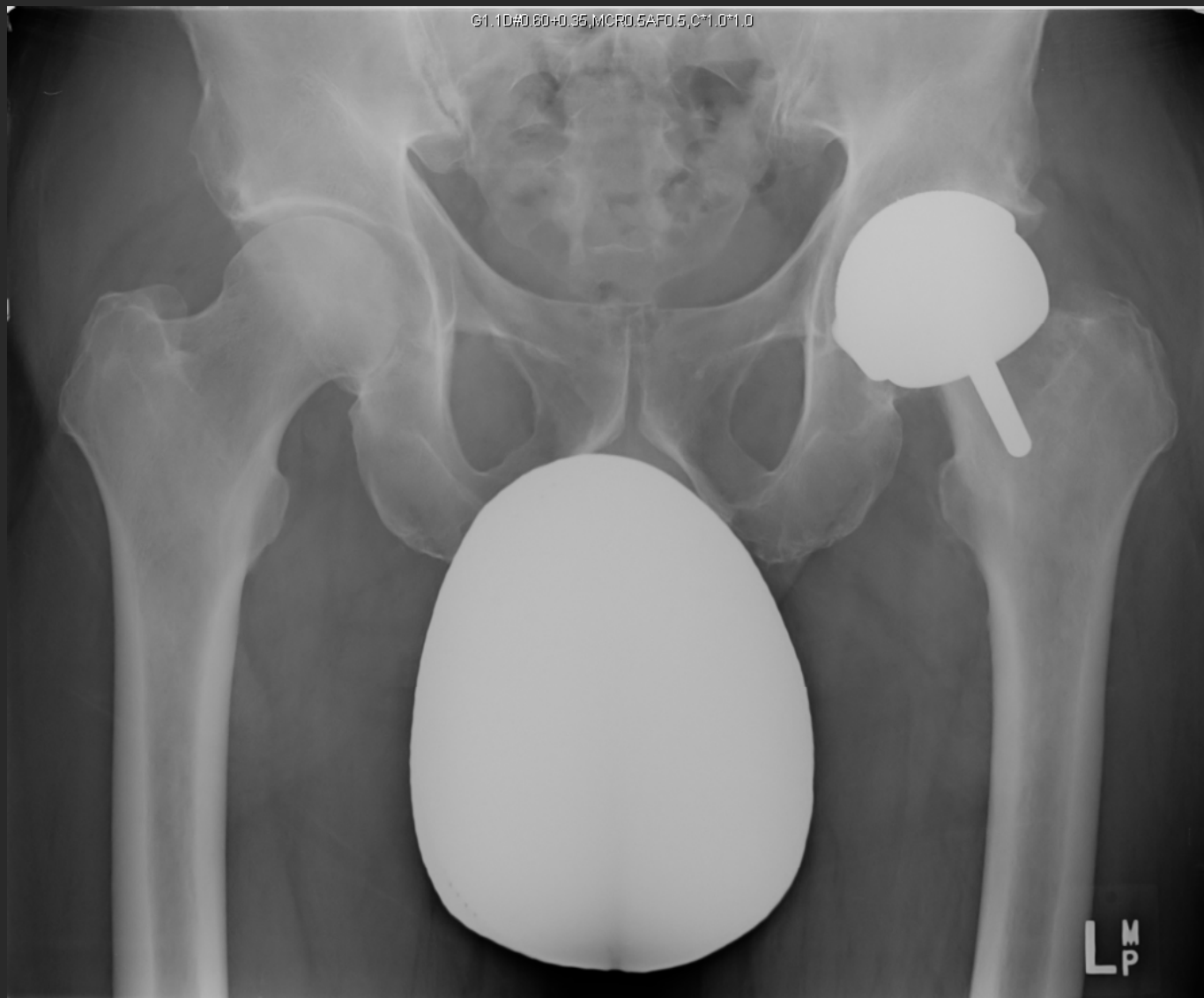
## Target Population

- generally performed on younger males with good bone stock
- generally not females due to potentially increased risk of # in the femoral neck and risk of exposure to metal ions

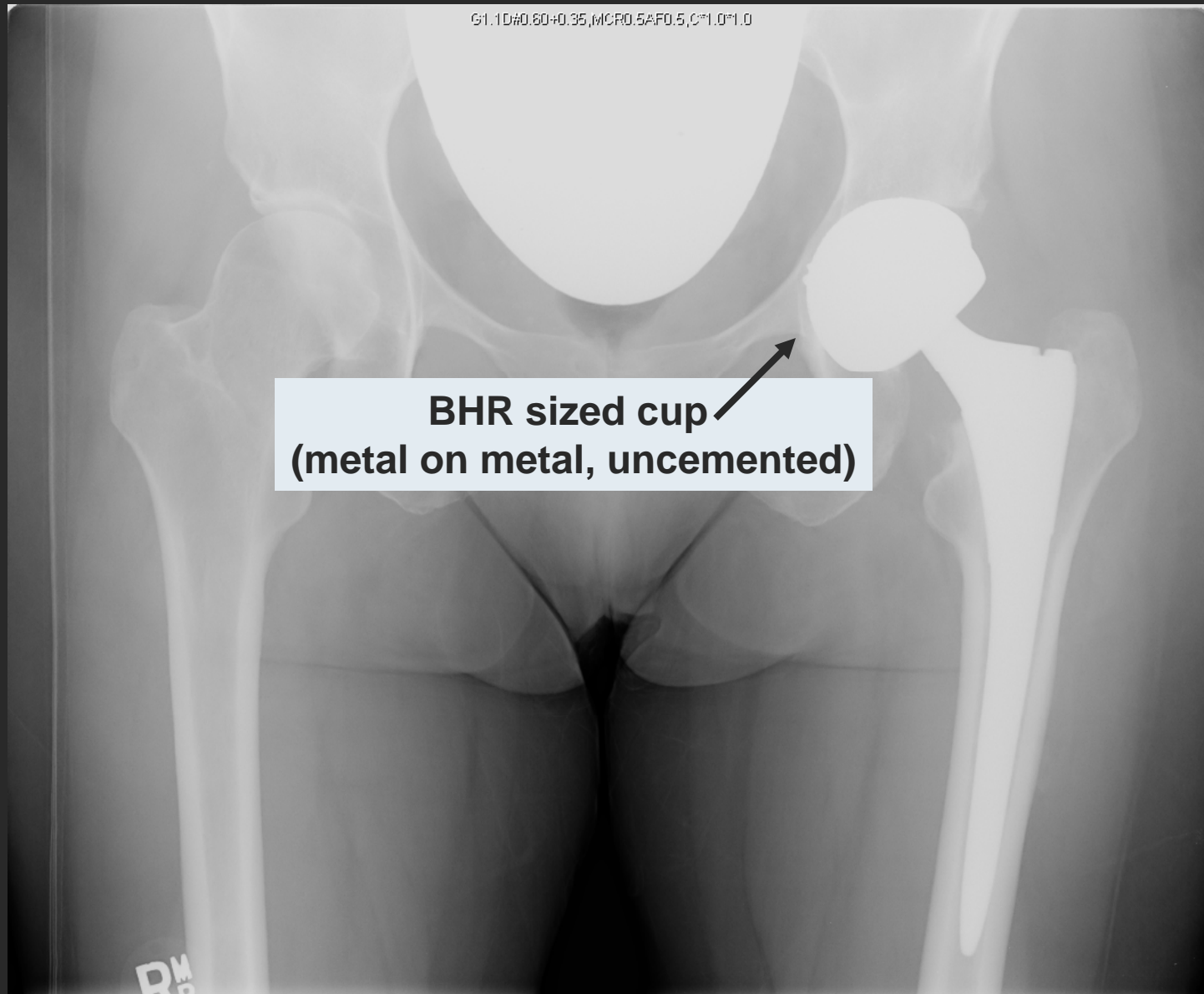
## Advantages/Disadvantages

- risk of dislocation is low
- revision THA easier

# Birmingham Hip Resurfacing



## 4. Modified Standard THA



## Total Hip Arthroplasty

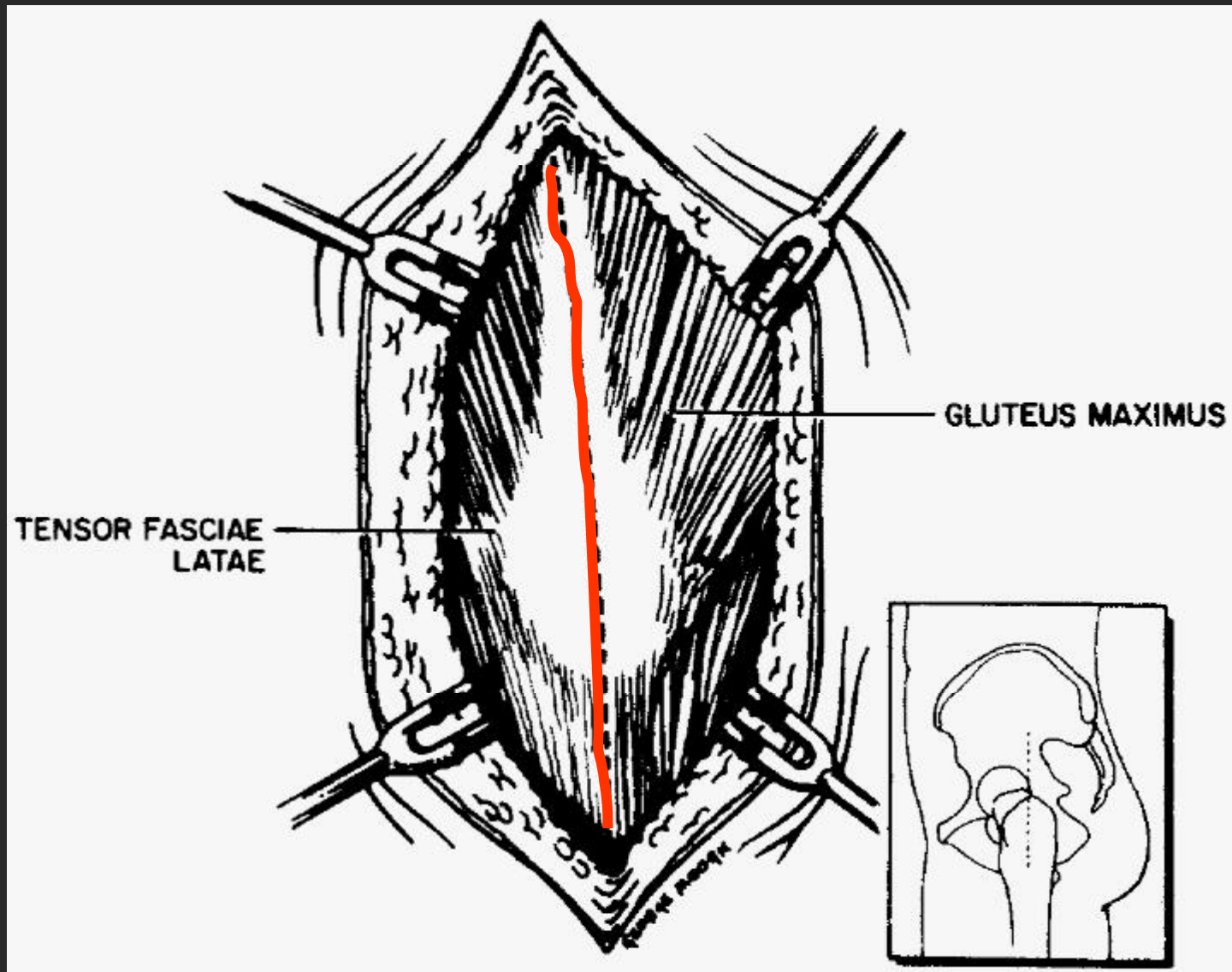
# Surgical Approaches

### Two approaches typically used at LHSC

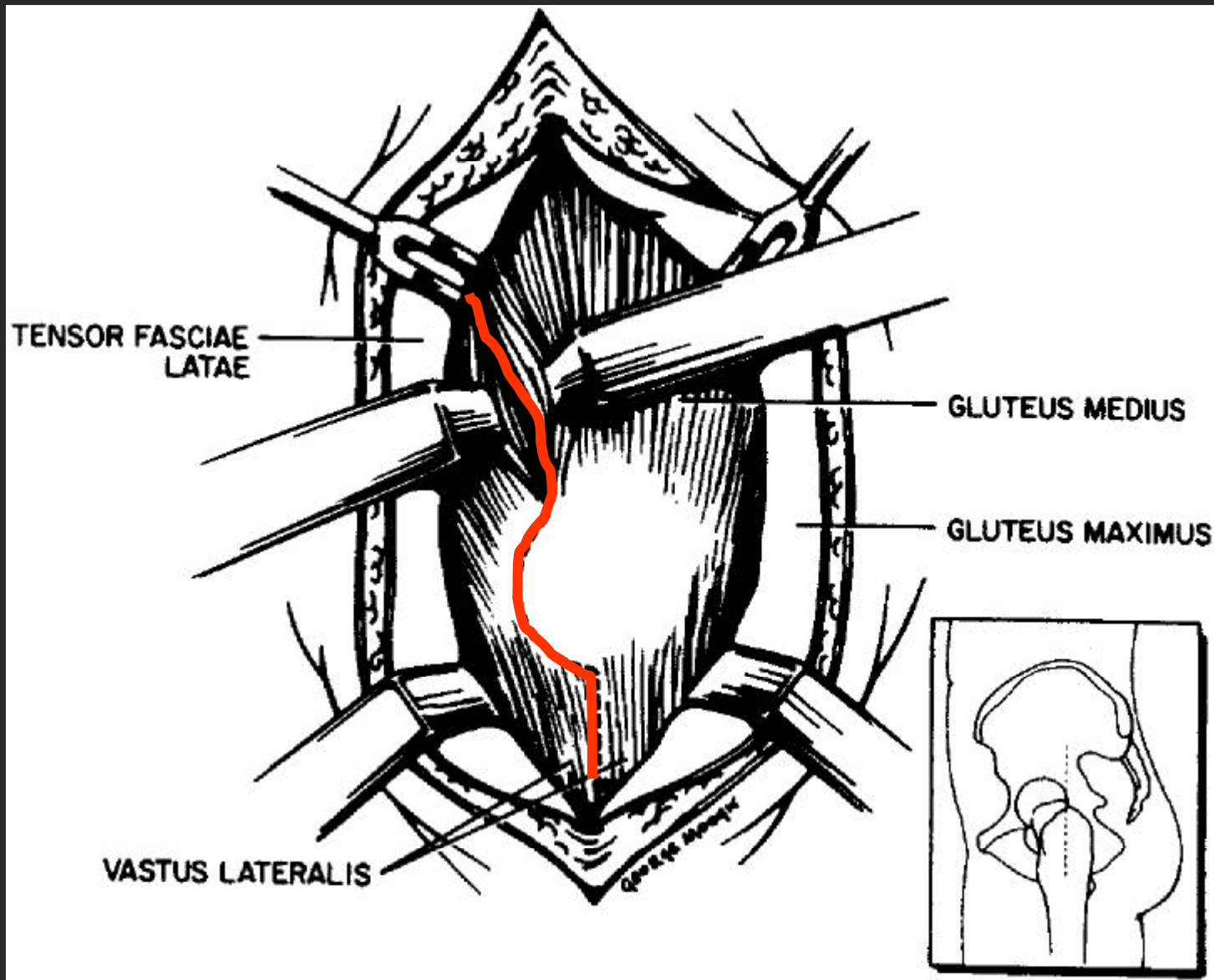
1. Modified lateral (Hardinge approach)
  - decreased dislocation rate
  
2. Posterior Approach
  - abductors are spared



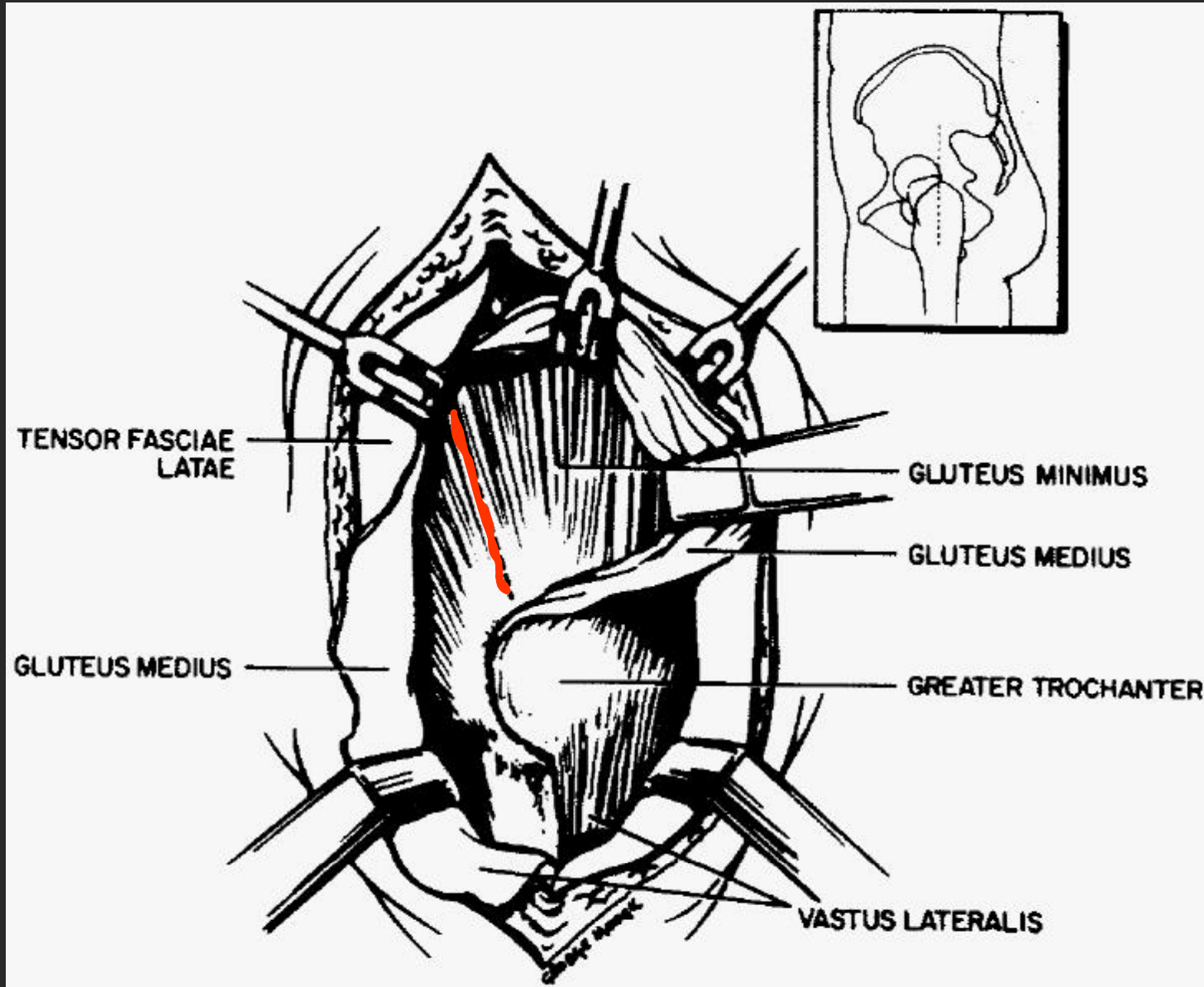
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# Modified lateral ( Hardinge approach)

## Rehabilitation Implications

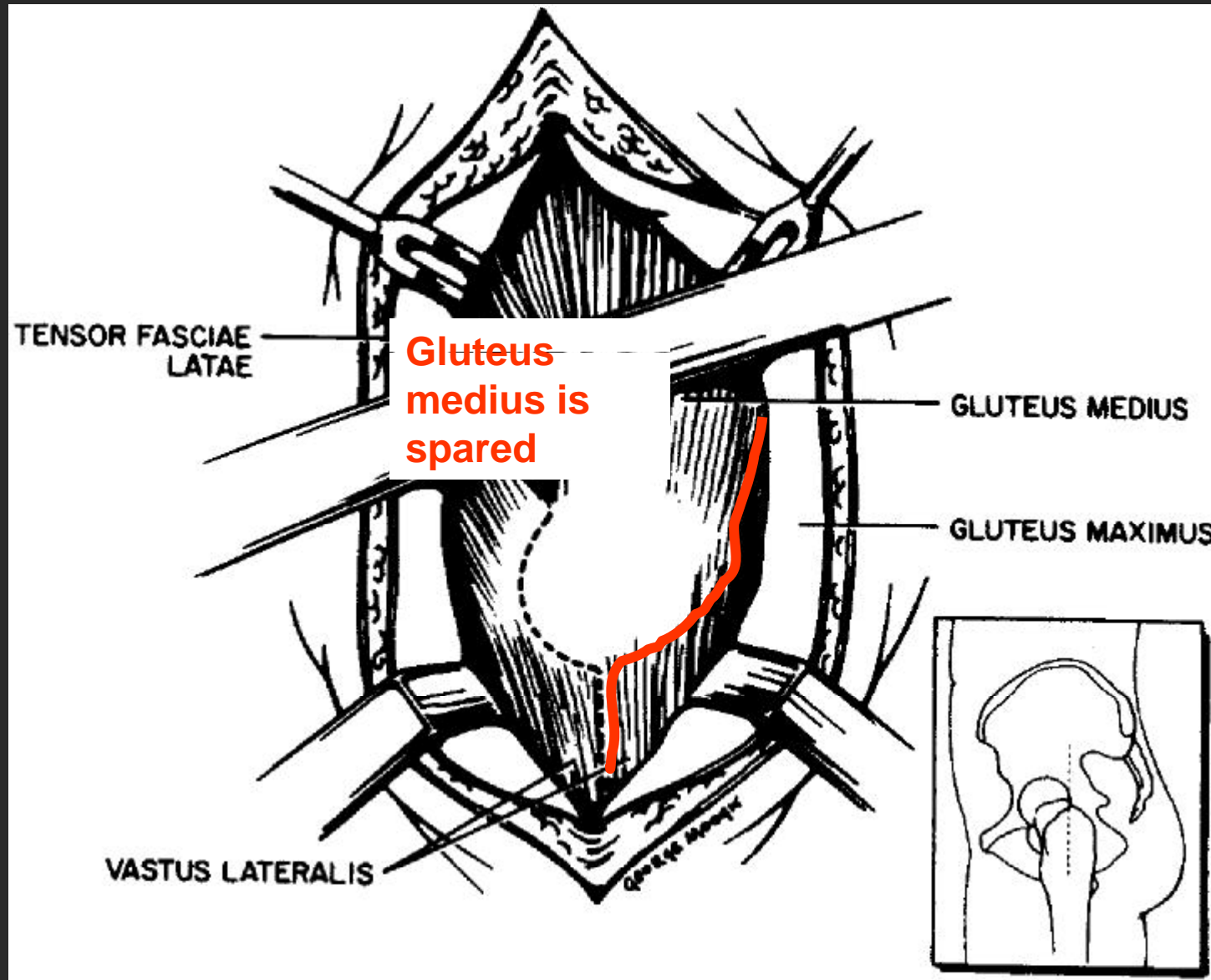
### Advantages

- Risk of dislocation is low, 0.5% ( posterior capsule is left intact )

### Disadvantages

- Abductors are incised

## Posterior Approach



# Posterior Approach

## Rehabilitation Implications

### Advantages

- Abductors are spared
- Potential to return to higher level of function

### Disadvantages

- Risk of dislocation is high compared to modified lateral approach, 3-4% (posterior capsule is incised)

Note: Dislocation rate reduced if small rotators repaired

# Dislocation

- other than DVT, dislocation most common complication
- 60% of dislocations occur within first 5 weeks
- 85% of dislocations occur within 2 months
- 95 % can be reduced on first attempt
- recurrence rate can be up to 60 %
- 15 – 40 % may require revision

(Demos et al. Clinical orthopaedics and related research, No 393, 168-190, 2001 )  
(Bourne et al, Journal of Arthroplasty Vol 19 No 4 2004,111-114)



## Dislocations: common mechanisms

Mechanism	Percent
Getting up from a seated position	15%
Twisting while standing	14%
Fall	12%
Reaching for object on floor while standing/bending at waist	11%
Reaching for object on floor while in a seated position	10%
Putting on shoes/socks, foot care, shaving legs	6%
Hyperextension mechanisms	6%
Rolling over/ shifting positions in bed	6%
Twisting while sitting	5%

Data based on > 200 dislocations, 1998-2006, unpublished data, Mayo Clinic, Dr. J L Howard



## Dislocations: common mechanisms and direction

Mechanism	Posterior	Anterior
Getting up from a seated position	26 %	6 %
Reaching for object on floor while in a seated position	16 %	0 %
Putting on shoes/socks, foot care, shaving legs	15 %	0 %
Reaching for object on floor while standing and bending at the waist	15 %	1 %
Fall	7 %	11 %
Hyperextension mechanisms	0 %	14 %
Twisting while standing	0 %	41 %

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# Dislocations

## Summary

- Mechanism of Dislocation

- Flexion activities accounted for 42% of dislocations
- Twisting activities accounted for 19% of dislocations

- Direction of Dislocation

- Flexion activities accounted for 72% of posterior dislocations
- Twisting and hyperextension accounted for 55% of anterior dislocations

## Total Hip Arthroplasty

# Rehabilitation

- Few studies address post-op management and activity restrictions
- There is little biomechanical data on which to base post-op protocols
- Youm et al (2005) – of 363 surgeons responding to a survey about post-op THA protocols 336 (90%) included dislocation precautions
  - high toilet seat (96.6%)
  - restricted hip flexion (79.9%)
  - reacher/grabber (77.6%)
  - abduction pillow (67.8%)
  - high chair (56.6%)
- Based on the responses, suggest rehabilitation that will guide patients to a gradual resumption of full joint loading activities and protect patients from potential dislocations

# Considerations for Post-Operative Protocol

- Protect patients from potential dislocations (movement restrictions)
- Hip abductor function/healing (exercise restriction)
- Cementless vs cemented (weight-bearing restrictions)
- Other factors: intraoperative, revisions (surgeon specific restrictions)

## Total Hip Arthroplasty

### Precautions

- No Flexion > 90 degrees
- No adduction beyond neutral
- No extremes of rotation
- No abduction exercises for the initial 4 weeks
- SLR with caution – not in first two weeks
  - good static quads – lock knee
  - good QoR

# Precautions: consider flexion

## Anatomy

- anteriorly ligaments most important in providing stability
- posteriorly muscles most important in providing stability

## With Movement

-In flexion ligaments are relaxed and therefore femoral head is not as firmly held in the acetabulum

## **Flexion is a position of instability**

Add adduction to flexion – little force needed to dislocate posteriorly

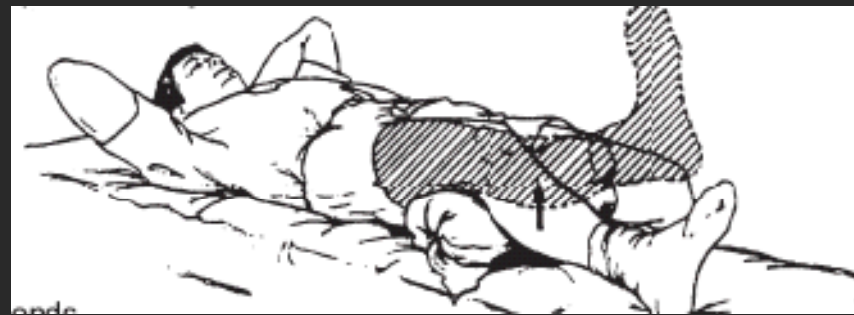
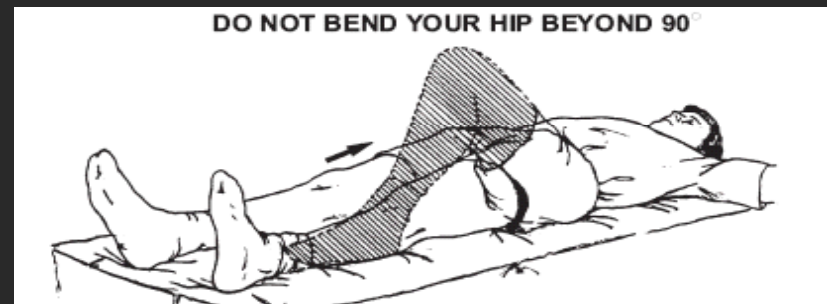
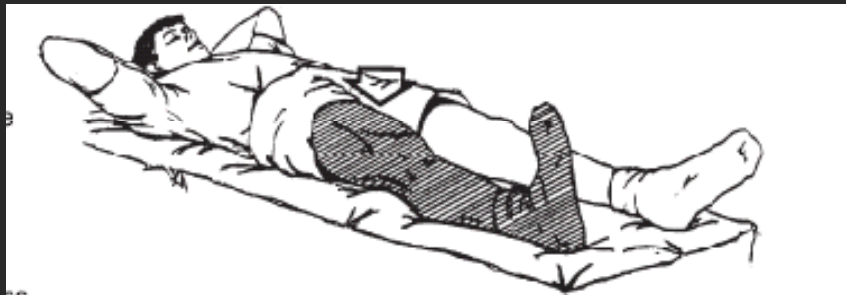
## Total Hip Arthroplasty

### General guidelines (0-6 weeks)

- adhere to precautions
- Normalize gait pattern with appropriate aids based on WB'ing status ( time frame for using aids based on the discretion of therapist )
- Hip ROM within restrictions
- Basic quadricep strength

# Total Hip Arthroplasty

## Exercises initiated in Hospital (initial two weeks)





## Total Hip Arthroplasty

### Exercises initiated at two weeks

- Active Hip Flexion, Extension
- Active/Resisted Knee extension exercises (sitting)

### Exercises initiated at four weeks

- Standing Hip Abduction

## Total Hip Arthroplasty

### General guidelines (> 6 weeks)

- precautions typically removed but hip ROM should not be forced
- Emphasis on functional activities in early stages (ADL's, stairs, ambulation with or without aids as necessary)
- Abduction strength
- Other Strengthening and proprioception exercises as tolerated to achieve patient specific goals

## Total Hip Arthroplasty

### Exercises initiated at six weeks

- Side lying abduction exercises – progress as able
- Weight transfer exercises onto operated extremity (weaning off gait aids as appropriate)
- Progressive strengthening exercises as tolerated
  - quads
  - hamstrings
  - gluts
  - calf

## Total Hip Arthroplasty

# RETURN TO SPORT

- agreement between surgeons to allow low impact sports
- previous participation in the sport should be considered
- time interval for return to sport
  - up to 3 months - 32 % of 760 surgeons
  - up to 6 months - 65 % of 760 surgeons
- participation in sport increases but the actual number of sports played decreases

Klein et al. Journal of Arthroplasty, 2007

Chatterji et al. 2004

# Return to Sports

Allowed	Allowed with experience	Not recommended
Stationary Bicycling	Low-impact aerobics	High-impact aerobics
Croquet	Road bicycling	Baseball/softball
Ballroom dancing	Bowling	Basketball
Golf	Canoeing	Football
Horseshoes	Hiking	Jogging
Shooting	Horseback riding	Singles tennis
Shuffleboard	Cross-country skiing	Squash
Swimming	Downhill skiing	Hockey
Doubles Tennis	Ice skating/Rollerblading	Soccer
Walking	Weightlifting	Volleyball

Healy et al.2001, Klein et al 2007

# Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. When can I lie on my surgical side?

- as soon as you find it comfortable

## 2. If LLD is a concern when should it be corrected?

- LHSC surgeons feel the wait time should be close to 12 weeks to let the muscles adapt to the new position and alignment and give prostheses some time to settle

Questions?