Hip Fractures: Continuum of Care

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Background

- Treatment of hip fractures in the elderly has a major impact on the healthcare system in the United States.
- An estimated 258,000 fractures in 2010 projected to increase to >289,000 in 2030 as the population ages and life expectancies increase.
- The annual United States economic burden for managing hip fractures estimated at \$17 - \$20 billion in 2010.
- Hip fracture treatment was ranked #13 of the top 20 most expensive diagnoses for Medicare in 2011.





Hip Fracture Mortality

- ~ 25% at one year
 - Males 30% mortality
 - Females 20% mortality
- ~ 20% at two years
- ~ 45% at two years postoperatively in patients with chronic renal failure
- Surgery within 48 hours decreases 1 year mortality
- Predictors of mortality
 - pre-injury mobility is the most significant determinant for post-operative survival
- Factors that increase mortality
 - Male gender
 - Intertrochanteric fracture (vs femoral neck fracture)
 - Operative delay of >2 days
 - Age >85 years
 - 2 or more pre-existing medical conditions

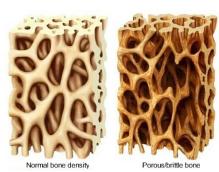
ASA classification (ASA III and IV increases mortality)





Osteoporosis

- Defined by WHO as a T score of < -2.5
- A quantitative vice qualitative disorder of bone loss
- 1.2 million osteoporotic fractures occur each year
 - 700,000 are vertebral fractures (60-70 years old)
 - 300,000 are hip fractures (70-80 years old)
 - 200,000 are wrist fractures (50-60 years old)



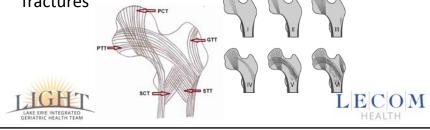




Singh Index

- Decreased BMD not apparent on x-ray until >30% loss.
- The Singh index describes the trabecular patterns of proximal femur
- X-rays are graded 1-6 according to the disappearance of the normal trabecular pattern

 Singh Index of < 3 have higher incidence of fragility fractures



DEXA

(Dual energy x-ray absorptiometry)

- The WHO has adopted DEXA derived BMD measurements to define normal bone, osteopenia, and osteoporosis in both the axial and appendicular skeleton.
- performed in lumbar spine:
 - measures BMD from L2 to L4 and compiles scores
- Performed in hip:
 - measure BMD from femoral neck, trochanter, and intertrochanteric region and compiles scores
- sensitivity and specificity most accurate with the least radiation exposure





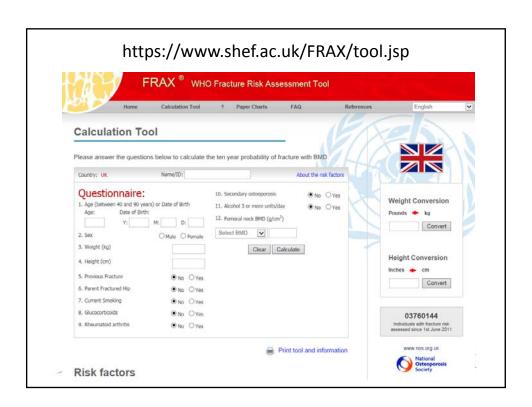
FRAX

(World Health Organization Fracture Risk Assessment Tool)

- Pharmacologic treatment for osteoporosis should be considered if patients are postmenopausal women or men >50 yo AND meet one of the following criteria:
 - (1) prior hip or vertebral fracture
 - (2) T score -2.5 or less at the femoral neck or spine
 - (3) T score between -1.0 and -2.5 at the femoral neck or spine AND a
 - 10-year risk of hip fracture >3% or
 - 10-year risk of major osteoporosis-related fracture >20%.









Hip Fractures in the Elderly Clinical Practice Guidelines September 5, 2014





AAOS Hip Fractures in the Elderly Clinical Practice Guidelines

- General Themes
 - Optimal care of the geriatric hip fracture patient occurs in the setting of a multidisciplinary team of providers with a patient-centered focus.
 - Early surgical intervention portends to better patient outcomes
 - Avoidance of delirium with multimodal pain control
 - Focus on overall nutrition and bone health





AAOS Hip Fractures in the Elderly CPG Interdisciplinary Team

 Strong evidence supports use of an interdisciplinary care program in those patients with mild to moderate dementia who have sustained a hip fracture to improve functional outcomes.





AAOS Hip Fractures in the Elderly CPG Advanced Imaging

- Moderate evidence supports MRI as the advanced imaging of choice for diagnosis of presumed hip fracture not apparent on initial radiographs.
 - CT scan =
 - administration of ionizing radiation
 - not as sensitive as MRI for detecting occult fractures
 - Bone Scan =
 - suboptimal spatial resolution compared to MRI
 - identifies occult fractures *after* 72 hours from time of injury = results in surgical delay





AAOS Hip Fractures in the Elderly CPG Preoperative Traction

- Moderate evidence does not support routine use of preoperative traction for patients with a hip fracture.
 - No difference with regards to decreased pain or quantity of analgesia administered.



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AAOS Hip Fractures in the Elderly CPG Surgical Timing

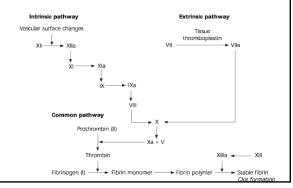
- Moderate evidence supports that hip fracture surgery within 48 hours of admission is associated with better outcomes.
 - Challenging because the sickest patients often have the longest delays.
 - Patients delayed because of medical reasons have the highest mortality rate, and it is this subset of patients that could potentially benefit the most from earlier surgery.



ASPIRID & Playin

- Aspirin & Plavix

 Limited evidence supports not delaying hip fracture surgery for patients on aspirin and/or clopidogrel.
 - Systematic review suggests that at worst that there is no advantage to this practice
 - Advantage for patients may be in that surgery is not delayed.
- Recommend delaying surgery for 24-hours minimum from last dose of Xa inhibitors
 - Xarelto
 - Pradaxa
 - Eliquis
 - Arixtra



AAOS Hemiarthroplasty vs. Total Hip Arthroplasty

- Moderate evidence supports a benefit of total hip arthroplasty in properly selected patients with unstable (displaced) femoral neck fractures.
- Total Hip Arthroplasty =
 - Lower pain related scores
 - Lower revision rates for acetabular wear



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AAOS Hip Fractures in the Elderly CPG Transfusion Threshold

- Strong evidence supports a blood transfusion threshold of no higher than 8g/dl in asymptomatic postoperative hip fracture patients.
- FOCUS Trial (Carson et al. (2006). NEJM)
 - (n=2016) Restrictive transfusion threshold of hemoglobin 8g/dl in asymptomatic hip fracture patients with cardiovascular disease or other risk factors resulted in no significant difference in primary or secondary outcomes at 30 or 60 days including mortality, independent walking ability, residence, other functional outcomes, cardiovascular events, or length of stay.







Calcium

AAOS Hip Fractures in the Elderly CPG Nutritional Status/Bone Health

- Moderate evidence supports that nutritional supplementation in patients with underlying deficiency improves functional outcomes and reduces mortality.
- Moderate evidence supports use of supplemental vitamin D and calcium in patients following hip fracture surgery.
- Admission laboratories should include:
 - Albumin
 - Vitamin D
- Multivitamin started on admission
- 20 gram protein supplement started on admission
- Dietary requirements
 - Calcium → 1200-1500mg po daily
 - Vitamin D → 800-1000 IU daily (titrate according to Vitamin D obtained on admission)
- Dietician consultation obtained upon admission.
- \bullet | Evaluate at first outpatient follow-up appointment for $E \subset M$ bisphosphonate therapy.

AAOS Hip Fractures in the Elderly CPG Intensive Physical Therapy

- Strong evidence supports intensive physical therapy postdischarge to improve functional outcomes in hip fracture patients.
- ~1/3 of patients with hip fractures return to their previous level of function

Intensive Physical Therapy s/p hospital discharge shown to improve:

- Functional Outcomes
- Leg Strength
- Balance
- Mobility
- Performance of ADLs
- Overall health status



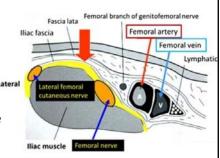






AAOS Hip Fractures in the Elderly CPG Postoperative Multimodal Analgesia

- Strong evidence supports multimodal pain management after hip fracture surgery.
 - Local Anesthesia
 - Regional Anesthesia Fascia Iliacus Block
 - Axial Anesthesia Epidrual/Spinal
 - Narcotics avoid narcotics with active metabolites (Morphine & Codeine)
 - IV Tylenol
 - IV Toradol
 - Tramadol
 - Neuromodulators Lyrica, Neurontin
- The multimodal approach results in pain control with lower doses of each individual agent, thereby reducing the deleterious side-effects seen at higher dosages in the control of the contro





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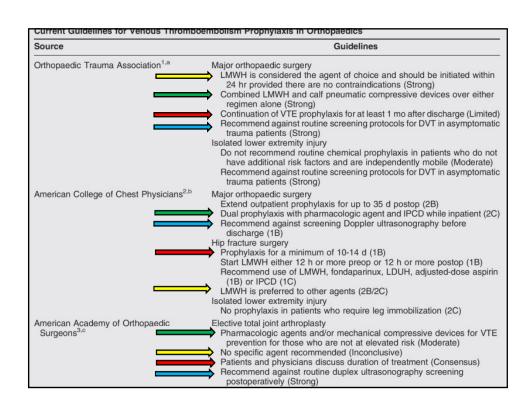
AAOS Hip Fractures in the Elderly CPG VTE Prophylaxis

- Moderate evidence supports use of venous thromboembolism prophylaxis (VTE) in hip fracture patients.
- Recommendations from 3 major Academies
 - OTA (Orthopedic Trauma Association)
 - ACCP (American College of Chest Physicians)
 - AAOS (American Academy of Orthopedic Surgery)









INR Reversal



- Most hospitals do not have an official policy for INR reversal for patients presenting with a hip fracture
- Controversy & dogma exist regarding optimal management
 - Preoperative administration of Vitamin K lends to difficultly in obtaining postoperative therapeutic INR?

Longer hospital admissions with reversal?

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Ashouri, Al-Jundi, Mangwani. (2011). Hematology

- Retrospectively identified 1797 Femoral Neck Fractures
- 57 patients on Coumadin at admission (mean INR = 2.9)
- Divided into two cohorts
 - A =16 patients cessation of coumadin only
 - B = 41 patients received Vitamin K and FFP
- Average time to Surgery
 - A = 4.4 days
 - -B = 2.4 days
- Reversal of high INR is important to avoid significant delay in surgery





Tal, Rubin, Rozen. (2013). Israeli Medical Association

- Retrospectively reviewed 21 patients with hip fractures taking Coumadin on hospital admission
- Two cohorts

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- Vitamin K reversal 11 patients
- Reversal without intervention 10 patients
- Patients who received vitamin K:
 - had less preoperative time (2.64 days vs. 5.10 days) when compared with patients who did not receive vitamin K.
 - had had statistically significantly shorter hospitalization stays (9.4 days vs 13.2 days).
- Conclusions Treatment with vitamin K for hip fracture patients who receive warfarin shortens preoperative time and reduces the length of hospitalization.

Gleason, Mendelson, Kates, & Friedman. (2014). Journal of the American Geriatric Society

- Retrospectively reviewed 1,080 hip fractures
- 84 patients on Coumadin at admission (mean INR 1.7)
- Vitamin K, FFP, or both administered to patients with INR
 2.0
- Longer time to surgery in those taking warfarin than in those not taking warfarin (28.9 vs 21.7 hours).
- Length of stay was longer for those taking warfarin than those not taking warfarin (4.8 vs 4.2 days).
- Neither time to surgery nor length of stay were significantly different after adjustment for baseline comorbidity.
- No significant differences with regards to:

Thromboembolic event rates
Bleeding complications rates
Mortality
30-day readmission after surgery



Hip Fractures



Hip Fracture Types

- Five Types of Hip Fractures
 - Isolated Greater Trochanteric / Lesser Trochanteric
 - Femoral Neck
 - Intertrochanteric
 - Subtrochanteric
 - Pathologic





Isolated Greater Trochanteric and Lesser Trochanteric Fractures

- Rarely occur in isolation in the elderly
- Should raise suspicion for occult fracture extension and prompt further evaluation
- ~33% of isolated Lesser Trochanteric Fractures are associated with metastatic disease



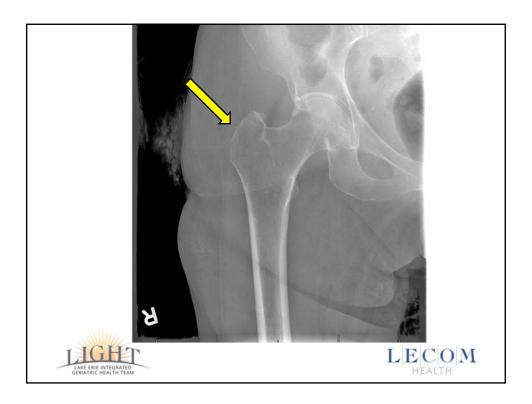


Isolated Greater Trochanteric Fracture Case

83yo female falls from standing height.
 Exquisite tenderness over lateral aspect of right hip. Pain with logroll. Unable to weight bear on right lower extremity.



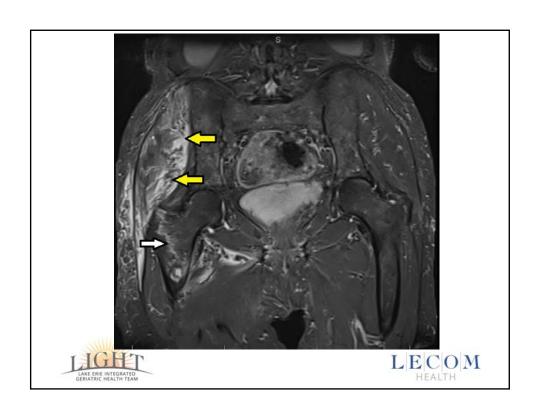


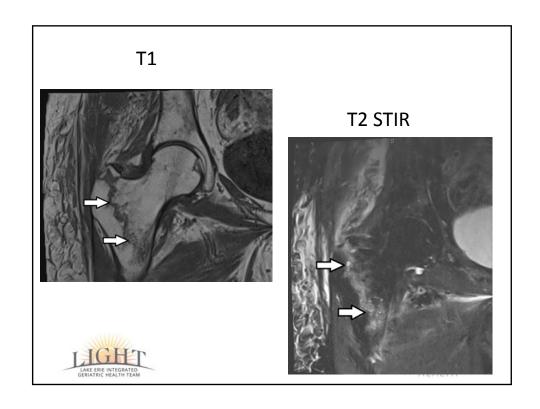


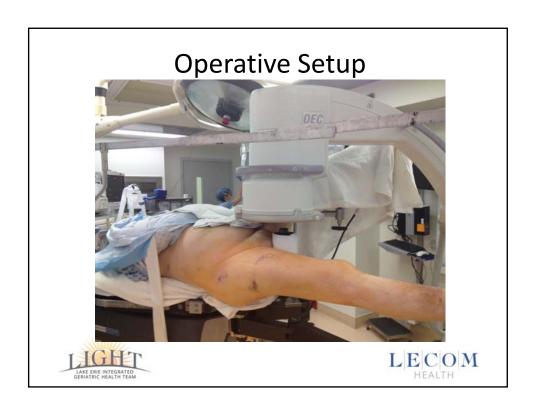
- Tenderness over lateral aspect of greater trochanter is c/w greater trochanter fracture
- Groin pain with logroll and inability to weight bear on ipsilateral lower extremity = suspicious for occult fracture extension.
- MRI = best study to r/o occult hip fracture

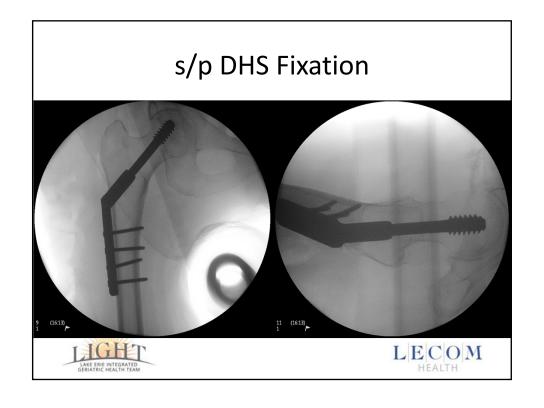


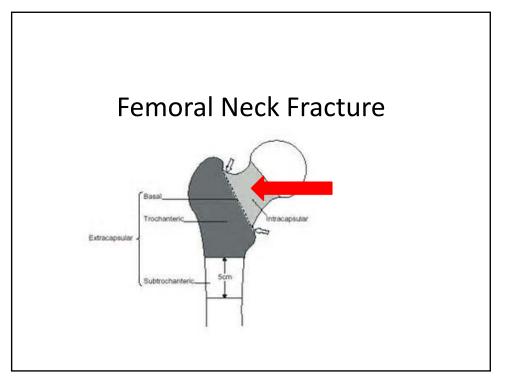






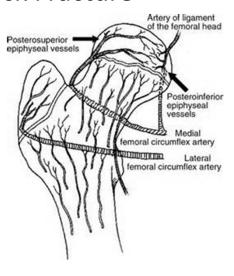






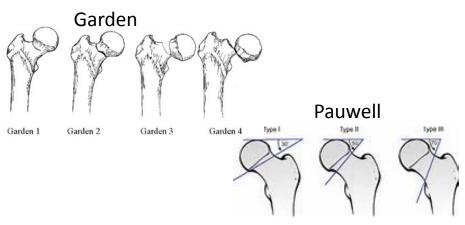
Femoral Neck Fracture

- Intracapsular
 - High rates of non-union
- Tenuous vascular supply
- High rates of avascular necrosis
 - Femoral head 100%
 - Subcapital 75%
 - Transcervical 50%
 - Basicervical 25%
 - Intertrochanteric Rare



Femoral Neck Displaced vs. Non-displaced

 Treatment depends on fracture characteristics and patient factors



Nondisplaced Valgus Impacted Femoral Neck Treatment

- Operative Fixation
 - Percutaneous Screw Fixation (inverted triangle)





Displaced Femoral Neck Fracture Treatment

- < 50 yo ORIF (Displaced & Non-displaced)
- 65 85 yo (high demand) THA
- > 85 yo (low demand; neuromuscular disease; cognitive impairment) – Hemiarthoplasty





Table I. The Sernbo score. A sum of 15 or more indicates that the patient should have a THA, less than 15 a hemiarthroplasty

	Points
Age (yrs)	
70 to 80	5
> 80	2
Habitat	
Own home	5
Sheltered home	2
Walking aids	
One cane or none	5
Canes, walking frame	2
Mental status	
Alert	5
Slight confusion	2

Cement vs. Non-cemented

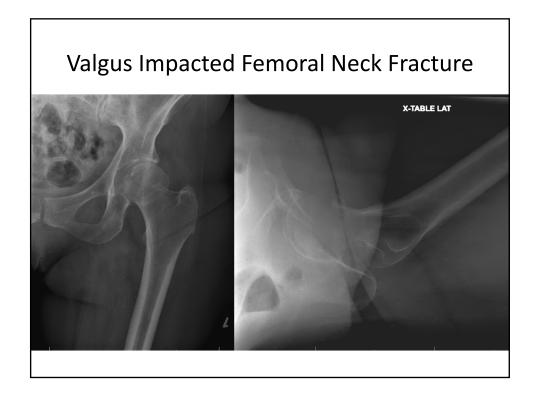
- Cement Femoral Component = ideal for osteoporotic bone
- Osteoporotic bone = density decreased d/t loss of trabecula.
 Osteoporotic bone is MORE porous.
- Increased porosity of osteoporotic bone allows cement to interdigitate with bone creating a strong interface resistant to fracture
- Cement pressurization/tight pressfit of the femoral canal risks fat embolization

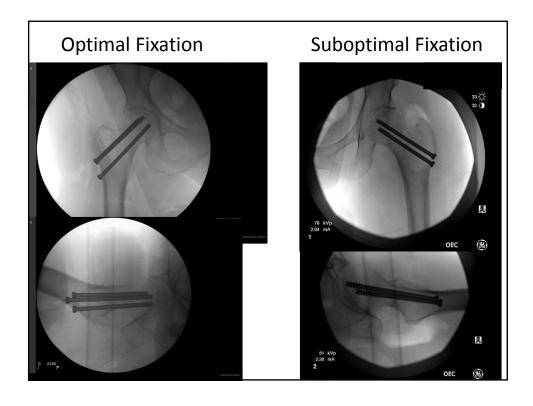


Femoral Neck Fracture Case

• 79yo female with medical history significant for myasthenia gravis and "forgetfulness" fall from standing height and left hip pain.





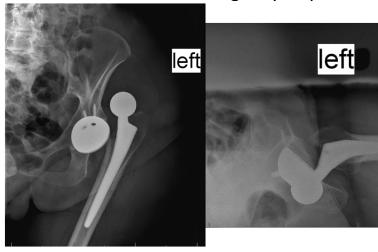


 Unfortunately, poor bone quality and suboptimal fixation led to failure of fixation necessitating conversion to Total Hip Arthroplasty (THA).



s/p THA - 2 weeks out

- Leaned forward hyper-flexing hip getting OOB
- Closed reduced in Emergency Department



s/p THA - 3 weeks out

- Leaned forward hyper-flexing hip getting off shower seat
- Closed reduction performed in OR after unsuccessful attempt in ED

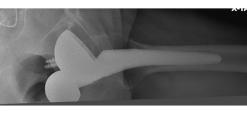




s/p THA – 4 weeks out

- Leaned forward getting into bed while wearing hip abduction brace
- Closed reduction performed in OR after unsuccessful attempt in ED



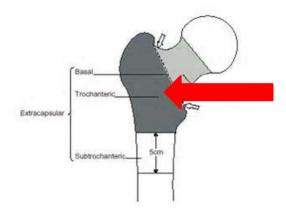


- Examination under fluoroscopy during Closed Reduction in OR revealed:
- Hip was stable at simultaneous 90 degrees flexion and 60 degrees internal rotation
- Patient's Component Placement
 - Acetabular Component
 - 50° abduction angle (normal)
 - 25° anteversion (normal)
 - Femoral Component
 - 15° anteversion (normal)

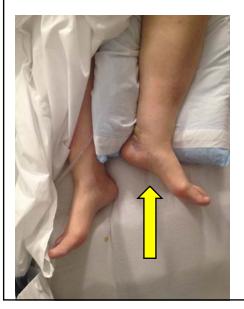
Factors Portending to a less than optimal Clinical Outcome

- Uncontrolled Myasthenia Gravis
- Posterior Approach
- Total Hip Arthroplasty for Facture Revision
- Cognitive Decline
- Inability/Unwillingness to understand or remain compliant with posterior hip precautions
- Total Hip Arthroplasty in setting of severe lumbar spondylosis

Intertrochanteric Hip Fracture



Shortened & Externally Rotated





What makes an Intertrochanteric Hip Fracture Unstable?

- Calcar Comminution
- Reverse Obliquity Fracture Pattern
- Subtrochanteric Extension
- Lateral Cortex Comminution

Stable Intertrochanteric Hip Fracture



Calcar Comminution







Subtrochanteric Extension

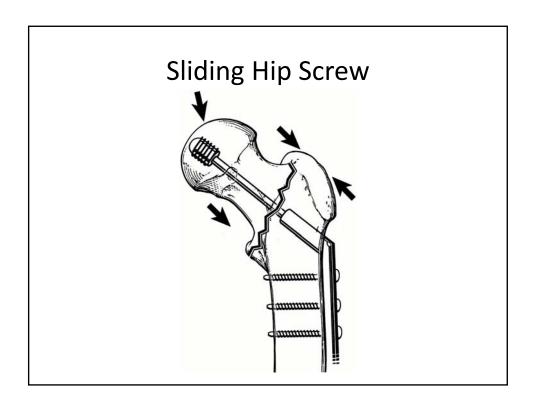




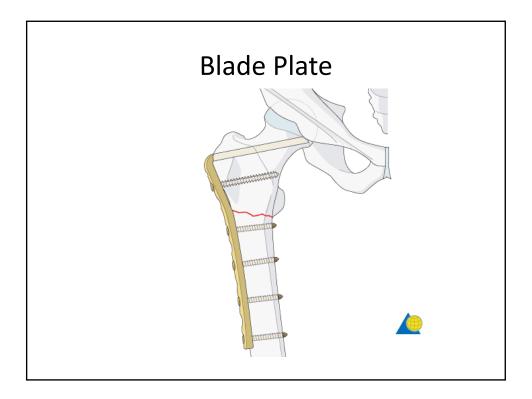


Intertrochanteric Hip Fracture Treatment

- Stable
 - Sliding Hip Screw
 - Cephalomedullary Nail (short)
- Unstable
 - Cephalomedullary Nail (long)
 - Condylar Blade Plate
 - Dynamic Condylar Plate





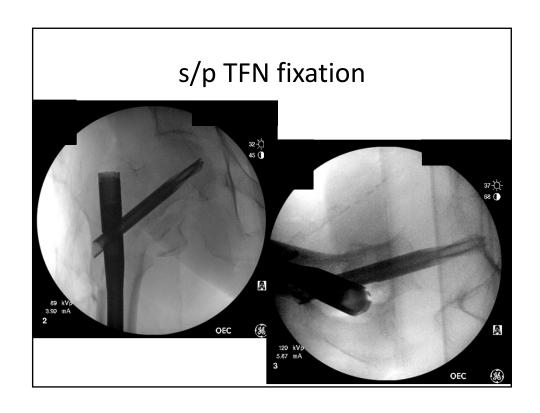


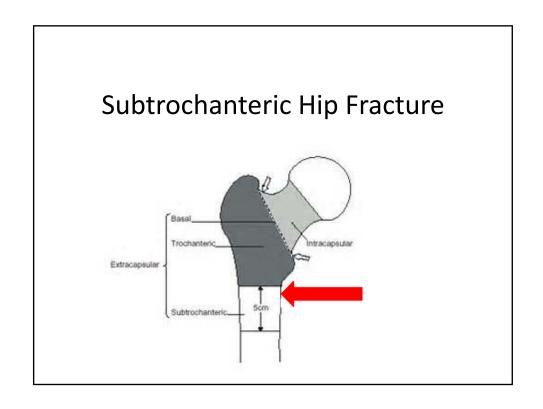
Intertrochanteric (unstable) Hip Fracture Case

- 88yo male fall from standing height. Unable to weight bear on RLE.
- Closed DNVI









Subtrochanteric Fractures

- Subtrochanteric typically defined as area from lesser trochanter to 5cm distal
 - intertrochanteric fractures may have subtrochanteric extension
- Epidemiology
 - younger patients with a high-energy mechanism
 - elderly patients from a low-energy mechanism
 - rule out pathologic or atypical femur fracture
 - bisphosphonate use, particularly alendronate, can be risk factor (~6-7% incidence with alendronate)





Atypical Subtrochanteric Femur Fracture Case

- 53yo female transfer from outside hospital for left thigh radicular pain to neurosurgery service.
- No h/o trauma
- Prednisone 5-6 years for RA





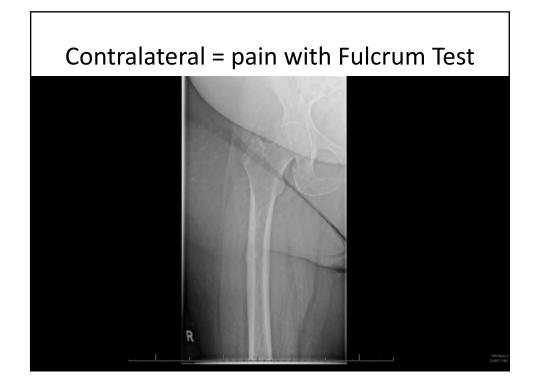




- Atypical Subtrochanteric Fractures mandate imaging of the contralateral extremity.
- ~ 30% incidence of bilaterality



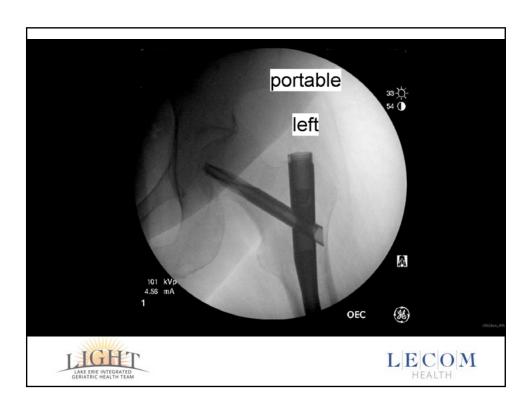


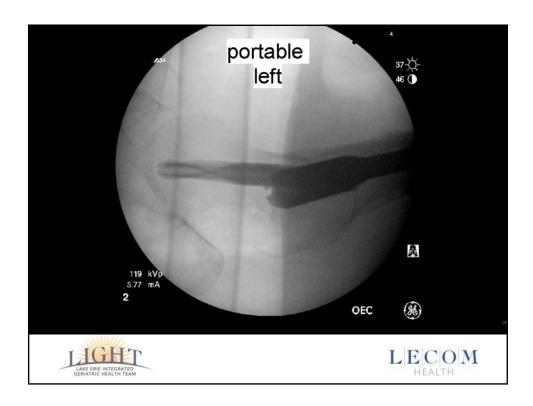










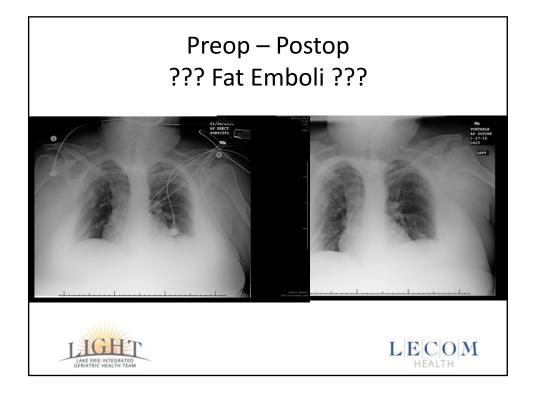




 Upon insertion of nail O2 sats dropped from 100% to 89% on 100% O2 via ET tube







Pathologic Fractures





Pathologic Fractures

- Prophylactic fixation is preferred to fixation of actual pathological fracture secondary to
 - shorter operative time (technically less demanding)
 - decreased morbidity
 - quicker recovery
 - Relaxed postoperative weightbearing restrictions





Pathologic Fractures

- Five Cancers have a predilection to metastasize to bone
 - Prostate Blastic
 - Breast Blastic or Lytic
 - Renal Lytic (extremely vascular)
 - Thyroid Lytic
 - Lung Lytic





Mirels Criteria

Mirels Criteria Prophylactic Fixation Indicated Lower Extremity > 8 Upper Extremity > 7				
Score	1	2	3	
Site	Upper Extremity	Lower Extremity	Peritrochanteric	
Pain	Mild	Moderate	Functional	
Lesion	Blastic	Mixed	Lytic	
Size	< 1/3	1/3 – 2/3	> 2/3	



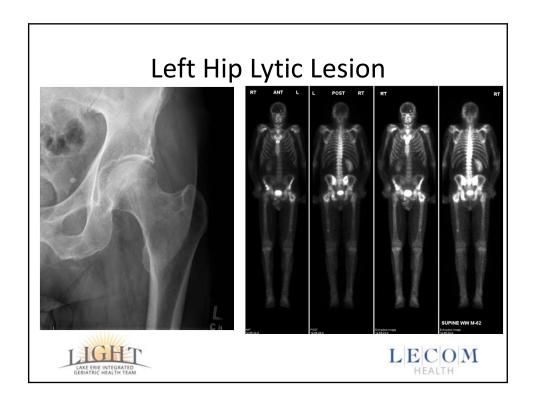


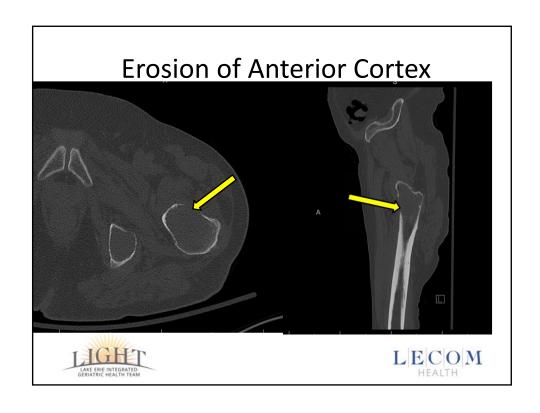
Pathologic Fracture Case

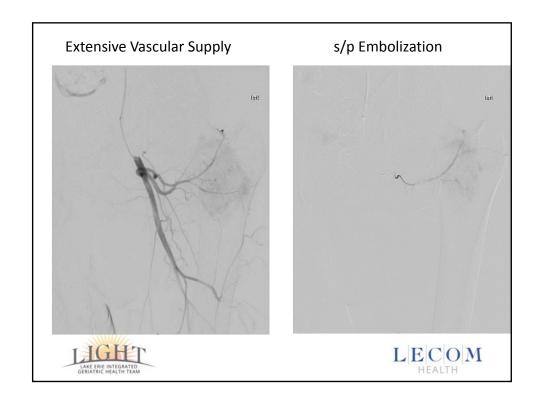
• 53yo male s/p nephrectomy approximately 16 years ago for renal carcinoma. 3 weeks of progressively worse left hip pain. Now unable to ambulate.











s/p Prophylactic Fixation (protect the entire bone)

