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%.

https://www.shef.ac.uk/FRAX/tool.jsp
Hip Fractures in the Elderly
Clinical Practice Guidelines
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• 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
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.

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
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.

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.
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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

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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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.

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.
- Evaluate at first outpatient follow-up appointment for bisphosphonate therapy.
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Intensive Physical Therapy

- Strong evidence supports intensive physical therapy post-discharge 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

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Postoperative Multimodal Analgesia

- Strong evidence supports multimodal pain management after hip fracture surgery.
  - Local Anesthesia
  - Regional Anesthesia – Fascia Iliacus Block
  - Axial Anesthesia – Epidural/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.
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)

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<td>Elective total joint arthroplasty&lt;br&gt;Pharmacologic agents and/or mechanical compressive devices for VTE prevention for those who are not at elevated risk (Moderate)&lt;br&gt;No specific agent recommended (Inconclusive)&lt;br&gt;Patients and physicians discuss duration of treatment (Consensus)&lt;br&gt;Recommend against routine duplex ultrasonography screening postoperatively (Strong)</td>
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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 difficulty in obtaining postoperative therapeutic INR?

Longer hospital admissions with reversal?


• 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
  - 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.


- 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
Operative Setup

s/p DHS Fixation
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

Garden

Pauwell

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) – Hemiarthroplasty

Table 1. The Sernbo score. A sum of 15 or more indicates that the patient should have a THA, less than 15 a hemiarthroplasty

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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 press-fit 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.
Valgus Impacted Femoral Neck Fracture
Optimal Fixation  Suboptimal Fixation

- 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
What makes an Intertrochanteric Hip Fracture Unstable?

- Calcar Comminution
- Reverse Obliquity Fracture Pattern
- Subtrochanteric Extension
- Lateral Cortex Comminution
Stable Intertrochanteric Hip Fracture

Calcar Comminution
Reverse Obliquity Fracture Pattern

Subtrochanteric Extension
Lateral Cortex Comminution

Intertrochanteric Hip Fracture Treatment

• Stable
  – Sliding Hip Screw
  – Cephalomedullary Nail (short)

• Unstable
  – Cephalomedullary Nail (long)
  – Condylar Blade Plate
  – Dynamic Condylar Plate
Sliding Hip Screw

Cephalomedullary Nail
Intertrochanteric (unstable) Hip Fracture Case

- 88yo male fall from standing height. Unable to weight bear on RLE.
- Closed DNVI
s/p TFN fixation

Subtrochanteric Hip Fracture
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

Contralateral = pain with Fulcrum Test
Body Habitus impeding nail insertion despite using the Bariatric Trochanteric Femoral Nail Outrigger
portable left
• Upon insertion of nail O2 sats dropped from 100% to 89% on 100% O2 via ET tube

Preop – Postop
??? Fat Emboli ???
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

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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.

Left Hip Lytic Lesion
Erosion of Anterior Cortex

Extensive Vascular Supply  s/p Embolization
s/p Prophylactic Fixation (protect the entire bone)

Thank You