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Schemat zaopatrywania złamań bliższego końca kości ramiennej u osób starszych

**Treatment algorithm
for proximal humeral
fractures in the elderly**

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Incidence

- Humeral neck fractures account for 5% of fractures of the appendicular skeleton
- Third commonest osteoporotic fracture
- Incidence of 6.6 per 1000 person/years



Katowice

299 012 inhabitants

Upper Silesian Industrial Region

About 3 mln inhabitants

Smith *et al.* *Trials* (2017) 18:91
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Trials

STUDY PROTOCOL

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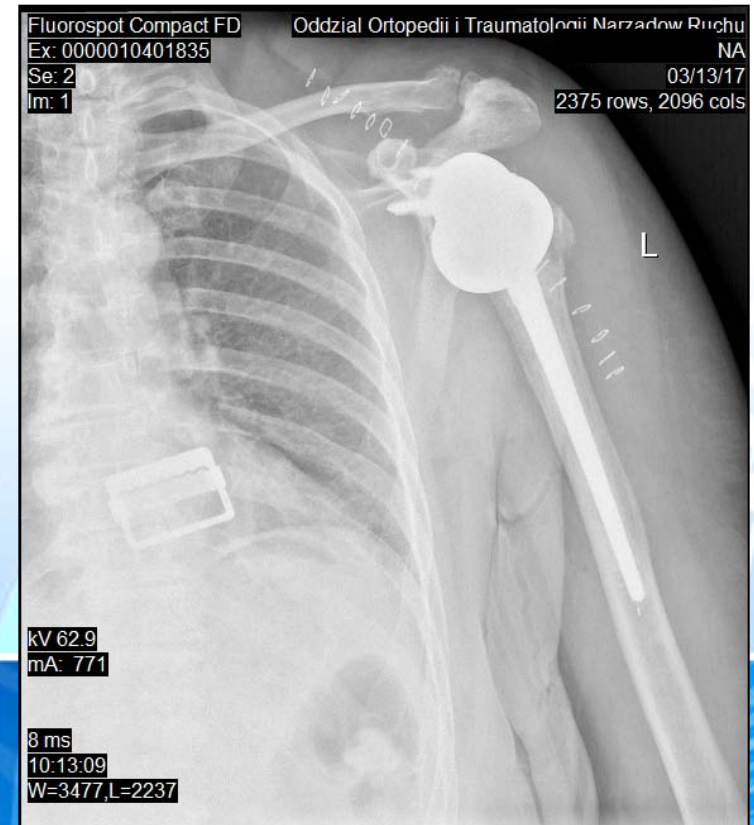


Reverse Shoulder Arthroplasty for the treatment of Proximal humeral fractures in the Elderly (ReShAPE trial) : study protocol for a multicentre combined randomised controlled and observational trial

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Possibilities

- Conservative treatment
- Surgery
 - K- wires
 - Locking plate
 - Nail
 - Prosthesis
 - Hemiarthroplasty
 - TSA
 - RTSA



worldwide tendency



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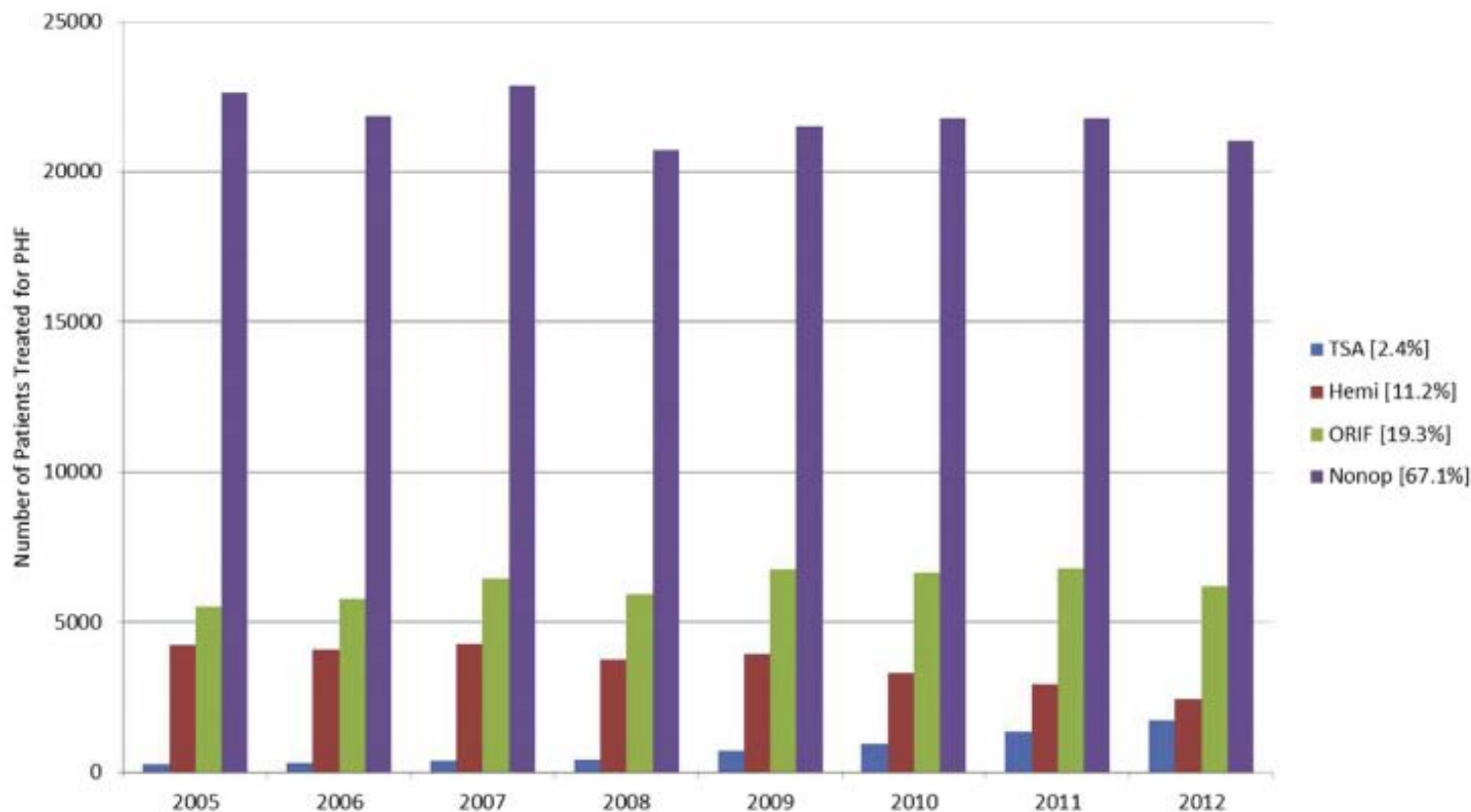


Figure 1 Treatment type for proximal humerus fracture by year.

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Proximal humerus fragility fractures: recent trends in nonoperative and operative treatment in the Medicare population



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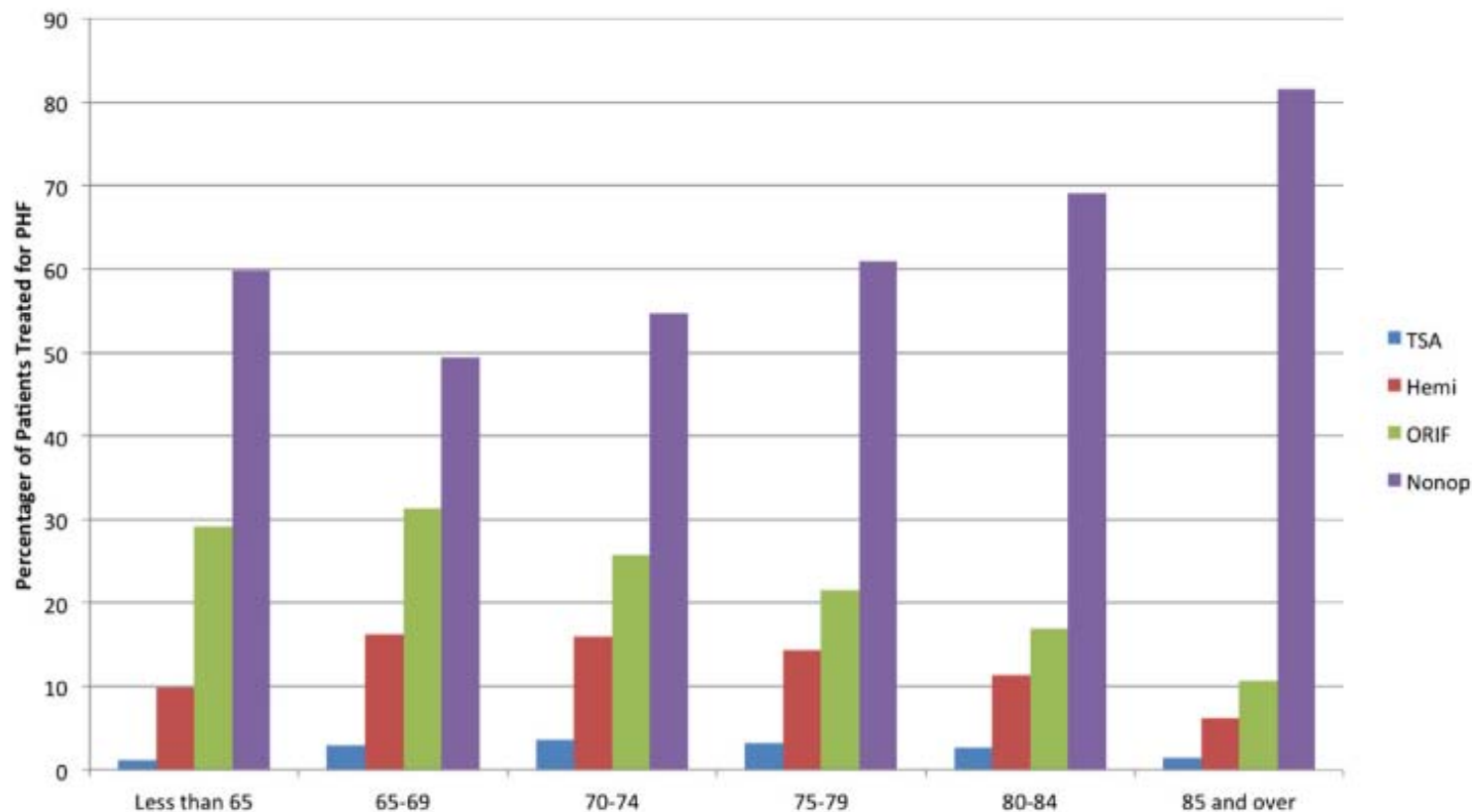


Figure 2 Treatment type for proximal humerus fracture by age.

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Conservative treatment

Up to 85% of proximal humeral fractures are minimally displaced and are usually treated nonoperatively with most having a good outcome regardless of comminution !!!



**Court-Brown CM, Garg A, McQueen MM. The epidemiology of proximal humeral fractures. Acta Orthop Scand. 2001;72(4):365–71.
Gaebler C, McQueen MM, Court-Brown CM. Minimally displaced proximal humeral fractures: epidemiology and outcome in 507 cases. Acta Orthop Scand. 2003;74(5):580–5.**

Conservative treatment



In general, excellent results have been achieved with short-term immobilization (< 2 weeks) in a sling and early physical therapy.

Surgery ??



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**SAFETY
FIRST!**





Conclusion This study shows that it is safe and justifiable to consider surgical treatment of a severely dislocated proximal humerus fracture in selected patients aged 75 and older.

**Sixty-four patients were treated surgically
There were no postoperative deaths within 3 months**

Yes!

J Orthopaed Traumatol (2014) 15:111–115
DOI 10.1007/s10195-013-0273-8

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Proximal fractures of the humerus in patients older than 75 years of age: should we consider operative treatment?

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K. de Leur · E. A. M. van der Voort ·
D. I. Vos · L. Van der Laan



choice

One patient = one surgery max. !!!

Angular stable plate



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Objective: The objective of the study was to evaluate functional outcome, patient self-assessment, and radiographic outcome at 1 year in displaced three- and four-part proximal humeral fractures (OTA group 11-B2 and 11-C2).

Design: Randomized controlled trial.

11-B2

without metaphyseal impaction



11-C2

impacted with marked displacement



Results: At 12 months, mean Constant scores favored conservative treatment by 2.4 points (nonsignificant; $P = 0.62$). There was no significant difference in mean patient self-assessment. However, radiographic outcomes were significantly better for surgically treated patients.

Conclusion: There is no evidence of a difference in functional outcome at 1-year follow-up between surgical treatment and conservative treatment of displaced proximal humeral fractures in elderly patients.

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(J Orthop Trauma 2012;26:98–106)

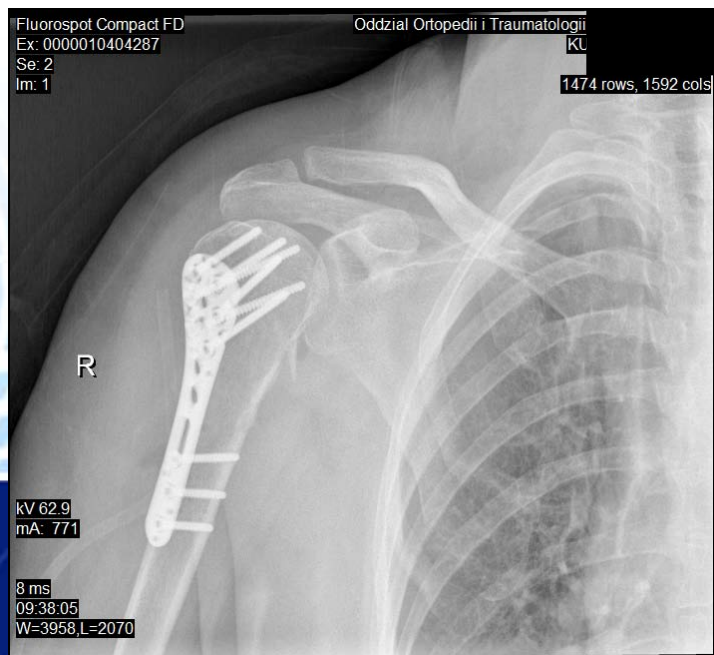
Surgical Treatment With an Angular Stable Plate for Complex Displaced Proximal Humeral Fractures in Elderly Patients: A Randomized Controlled Trial

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Angular stable plate

Conclusion: The results of our study indicate an advantage in functional outcome and HRQoL in favor of the locking plate compared to nonoperative treatment in elderly patients with a displaced 3-part fracture of the proximal humerus, but at the cost of additional surgery in 30% of the patients.

Level of evidence: Level I, Randomized Controlled Trial, Treatment Study.



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Internal fixation versus nonoperative treatment of displaced 3-part proximal humeral fractures in elderly patients: a randomized controlled trial

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Angular stable plate

- number of complications, with rates of up to 36%, are reported.
- the chances to surgically restore shoulder function after failed ORIF were limited in collective.

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Locking plate fixation of fractures of the proximal humerus: analysis of complications, revision strategies and outcome

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Angular stable plate



Neer 3- and 4-part proximal humeral fractures in older patients with initial varus angulation of the humeral head had a significantly worse clinical outcome and higher complication rate than similar fracture patterns with initial valgus angulation

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Locked Plating of 3- and 4-Part Proximal Humerus Fractures in Older Patients: The Effect of Initial Fracture Pattern on Outcome

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Intramedullary nail



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Conclusions: Patients who were managed with locked angular-stable intramedullary nailing of two-part surgical neck proximal humeral fractures via an articular entry point had reliable fracture-healing, favorable clinical outcomes, and little residual shoulder pain.



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Angular-Stable Locked Intramedullary Nailing of Two-Part Surgical Neck Fractures of the Proximal Part of the Humerus

A Multicenter Retrospective Observational Study

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Plate vs. Nail



Results: There was no significant mean treatment group difference in the Constant-Murley score at 12 months (70.3 points for the nail group vs. 71.5 points for the plate group; $P = .750$) or at individual follow-up assessments. There were no differences in the 3-, 6- and 12-month Disabilities of the Arm, Shoulder and Hand scores, visual analog scale scores, and range of motion, except for the medial rotation at 6 months. The neck-shaft angle was equivalent between the groups at 12 months. There were significant differences over 12 months in total complication rates ($P = .002$) and reoperation rates ($P = .041$). There were no significant differences for the rotator cuff tear rate ($P = .672$).

Conclusion: Fixation of PHFs with locking plates or locking intramedullary nails produces similar clinical and radiologic results. Nevertheless, the complication and reoperation rates were higher in the nail group.

Level of evidence: Level I; Randomized controlled trial; Treatment study

More patients exhibited complications in the nail group (34%) than in the plate group (21%)

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Locking intramedullary nails compared with locking plates for two- and three-part proximal humeral surgical neck fractures: a randomized controlled trial



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PHN
58*
Number

Plate
153*
Number

Complication risk (95% CI)^{II}

21% (11.2–33.4)

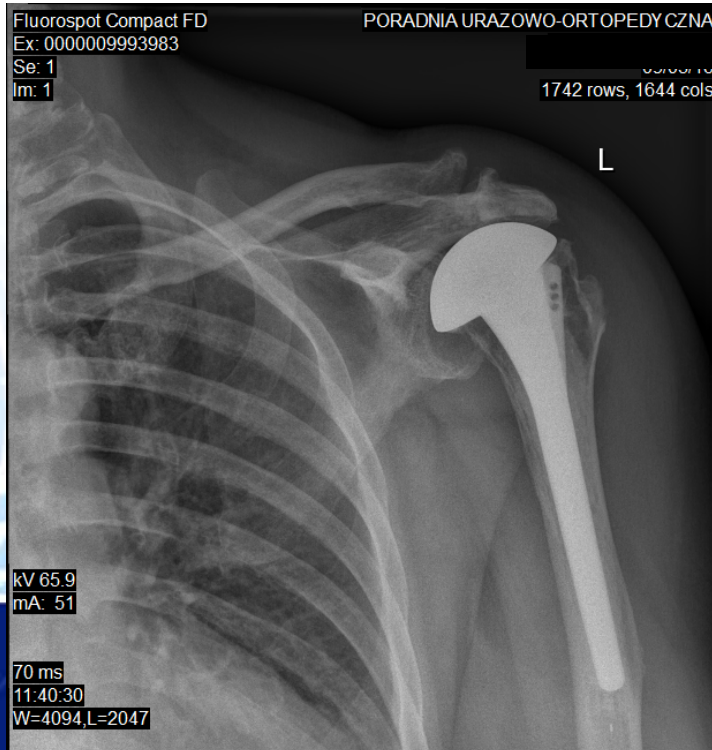
31% (24.1–39.4)



Conclusions The clinical outcome of hemiarthroplasty was influenced by factors reflecting function and conditions of the rotator cuff. Anatomical reconstruction and bone union of the tuberosities need to ensure clinical success in hemiarthroplasty.

Conclusion

The factors which reflect the qualitative and functional status of the rotator cuff influence postoperative outcomes. Anatomical reconstruction of the tuberosities and functional reconstruction of the rotator cuff are important for improving postoperative outcomes. The indications for RTSA should be considered in patients with poor bone quality and in whom repair and healing of the greater and lesser tuberosities cannot be expected.





RCTs increased markedly after 50 years of age and that these findings were present in more than 50% of dominant shoulders in the seventh decade of life and in 80% of participants over 80 years of age

Milgrom C, Schaffler M, Gilbert S, et al.
Rotator-cuff changes in asymptomatic adults.
J Bone and Joint Surgery, Britain 1995; 77: 296–296

a 50% likelihood of a bilateral RCT at 66.0 years of age ($p < 0.01$)

Review

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**Systematic review on risk factors
of rotator cuff tears**

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hemiarthroplasty

Nonunion, malunion, and resorption or migration of the greater tuberosity are the most common complications and ultimately lead to inconsistent and mainly disappointing functional results.

Therefore, a current trend from hemiarthroplasty toward RTSA is reported for complex humeral fractures in the elderly.

reverse total shoulder arthroplasty



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Conclusion

RTSA for acute head-splitting, 3-part, and 4-part fractures of the proximal humerus in elderly patients with osteoporotic bone yielded very satisfactory subjective and objective outcomes with acceptable complication and revision rates in our study population. In case of secondary displacement of the greater tuberosity after RTSA, revision surgery may need to be considered because of the otherwise definitely impaired functional outcome.

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Reverse total shoulder arthroplasty for acute head-splitting, 3- and 4-part fractures of the proximal humerus in the elderly



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HA vs. RSA



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Results: The analysis included 1 Level I study, 1 Level II study, 3 Level III studies, and 2 Level IV studies. Reverse shoulder arthroplasty was more favorable than hemiarthroplasty in forward elevation ($P < .001$), abduction ($P < .001$), tuberosity healing ($P = .002$), Constant score ($P < .001$), American Shoulder and Elbow Surgeons score ($P < .001$), and Disabilities of the Arm, Shoulder and Hand score ($P = .001$). Only external rotation ($P = .85$) was not in favor of reverse shoulder arthroplasty.

Conclusions: The available literature suggests that reverse shoulder arthroplasty performed to address complex proximal humeral fractures might result in more favorable clinical outcomes than hemiarthroplasty performed for the same indication.

Level of evidence: Level IV, Meta-Analysis.

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REVIEW ARTICLE

Hemiarthroplasty versus reverse shoulder arthroplasty for treatment of proximal humeral fractures: a meta-analysis

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RSA vs. HA vs. ORIF



Conclusion

In this small case-control study with short-term follow-up, RTSA appears to provide range of motion superior to that of HA and ORIF. RTSA predictably restored active elevation $>90^\circ$ in all patients within 4 months, without the need of formal outpatient therapy. RTSA realized significant cost savings to Medicare compared with ORIF and HA.

tuberosity

Conclusion

After reverse shoulder arthroplasty for 4-part proximal humerus fracture in elderly patients, tuberosity healing in an anatomic position was achieved in only 37% of patients. However, patients who underwent reverse shoulder arthroplasty for comminuted proximal humerus fracture obtained satisfactory functional outcomes regardless of tuberosity healing. There were no significant differences in functional outcomes or ROM between the 2 groups, with the exception of external rotation, which was better in the healed tuberosity group. Therefore, tuberosity healing did not seem to be a prerequisite for satisfactory outcomes after conventional reverse shoulder arthroplasty for 4-part proximal humerus fracture.



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Reverse shoulder arthroplasty for four-part proximal humerus fracture in elderly patients: can a healed tuberosity improve the functional outcomes?

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Nonoperative management versus reverse shoulder arthroplasty for treatment of 3- and 4-part proximal humeral fractures in older adults

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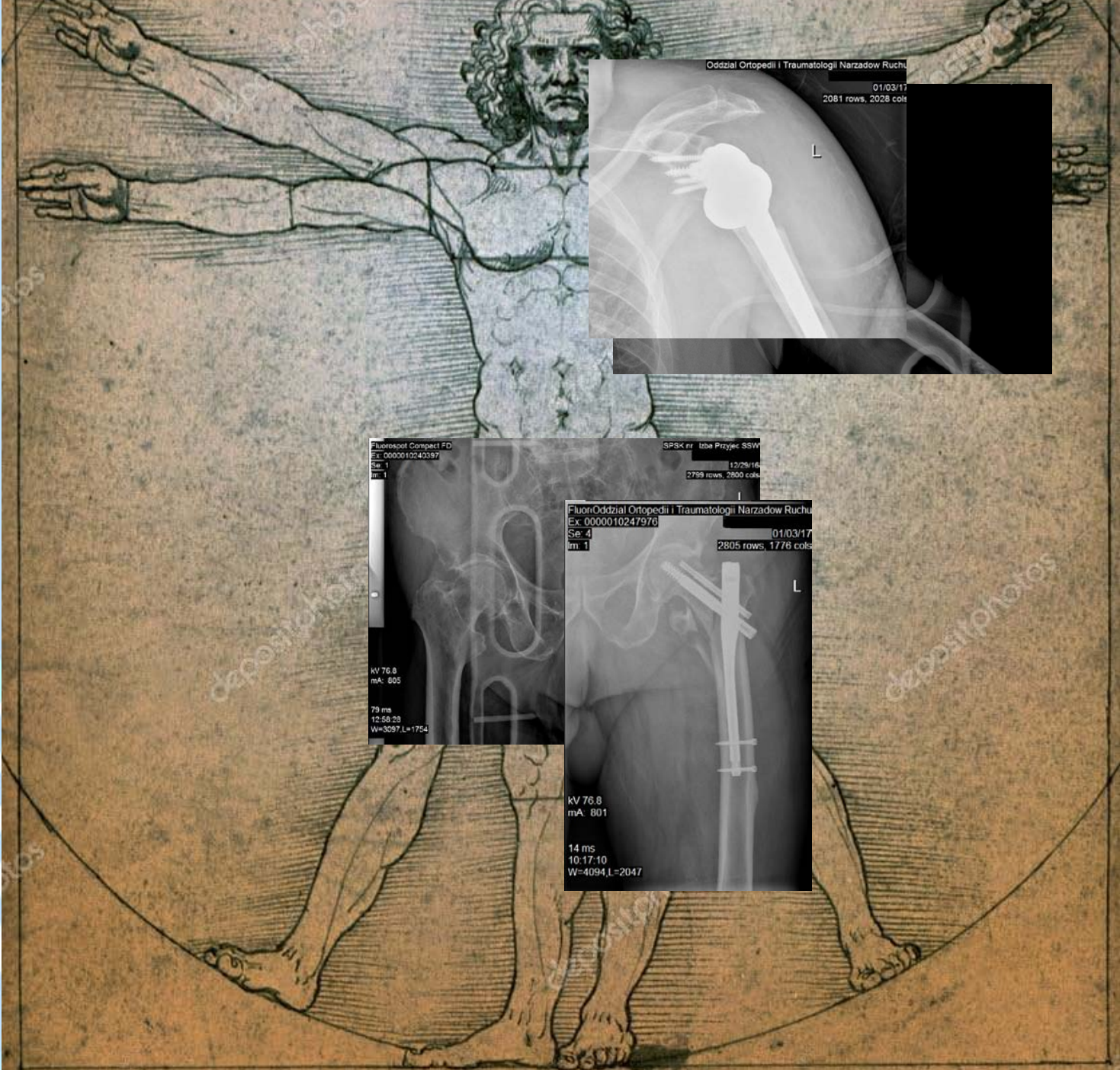
Conclusions

This is the first study to compare nonoperative management versus RSA in the treatment of displaced 3- and 4-part fractures of the proximal humerus in the older adult. This study suggests that there are no clinical benefits in early-term to midterm follow-up of RSA over nonoperative treatment. In addition, no differences were noted for those patients who received RSA in a delayed fashion, suggesting a trial of nonoperative management will not compromise the outcomes of a delayed RSA.

Take home message



- Your treatment should depend on patient condition and expectations
- Non or slight displaced - nonoperative with with short-term immobilization (< 2 weeks)
- 2 parts fracture – ORIF/CRIF
- 3 or 4 parts fracture – rather RSA, even delayed
- Hemiarthroplasty – non recommended in elderly





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