



## Ke/Ke kann Revision verbessern

Bei HTEP-Revisionen sind Keramik/Keramik-Gleitpaarungen möglicherweise die beste Wahl. Im Rahmen seiner Studie untersuchte **Wirtz** die aus zahlreichen Registern und klinischen Studien vorliegenden kumulierten Revisionsraten. In seinem Vortrag auf dem AAOT-Kongress 2016 in Buenos Aires wies er darauf hin, dass Ke/Ke-Gleitpaarungen mehrere Revisionsursachen vermeiden, das Risiko erneuter Infektionen senken und bessere Ergebnisse liefern.

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## Geräusche in allen Gleitpaarungen

In einer mit Patientenfragebögen durchgeführten Studie zur Geräuschentwicklung bei Hüftprothesen fanden **Robinson et al.**, dass dieses Phänomen sowohl bei Ke/Ke- als auch Me/PE-Gleitpaarungen auftrat, allerdings mit unterschiedlicher Inzidenz. Aus ihrer Sicht handelt es sich bei den Geräuschen um ein bisher zu wenig gemeldetes Phänomen, und sie empfehlen, alle HTEP-Patienten unabhängig von der Art der Gleitpaarung hierüber zu informieren.

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## Geringere Luxationsrate bei Ke/Ke

Die Revisionsrate aufgrund von Luxationen für Ke/Ke-Gleitpaarungen ist im Vergleich mit anderen Alternativen signifikant geringer, wenn der Durchmesser der Gleitpaarung mehr als 28mm beträgt. **Pitto** stellte seine Datenanalyse des neuseeländischen Registers auf dem Jahreskongress 2016 der japanischen Hüftgesellschaft (JHS) vor. Da er die besten Ergebnisse bei Ke/Ke-Gleitpaarungen mit einem Durchmesser von 32 mm fand, postulierte er als Ursache die Vermeidung entzündlicher Reaktionen auf den Polyethylen- und Metallabrieb und der resultierenden Flüssigkeitsansammlung und Kapselablösung.

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## Ist Keramik die wirtschaftlichste Alternative?

Unter Berücksichtigung der durch Konuskorrosion bedingten Diagnose- und Revisionskosten können keramische Kugelhüften durchaus wirtschaftlicher sein als die Kobalt-Chrom-Varianten. In Anbetracht der neuesten Erkenntnisse zu Metall-Gleitpaarungen berechneten **Wyles et al.** die finanzielle Gesamtbelastung. In der günstigsten Konstellation müssen 0,875 % aller HTEP-Patienten wegen einer unerwünschten lokalen Gewebereaktion (adverse local tissue reaction – ALTR) nachuntersucht werden, bei 0,11 % der Patienten ist ein Revisionseingriff erforderlich. Im ungünstigsten Fall kommt es bei 3,5 % aller HTEPs zu einer Nachuntersuchung aufgrund von ALTR, die bei 1,75 % der Patienten zu einem Revisionseingriff führt. Die Schlussfolgerung der Autoren lautet, dass für das amerikanische Gesundheitswesen „der breitflächige Einsatz (keramischer Kugelhüften) bei HTEP-Eingriffen in der Tat die wirtschaftlichste Lösung auf gesellschaftlicher Ebene darstellen könnte.“

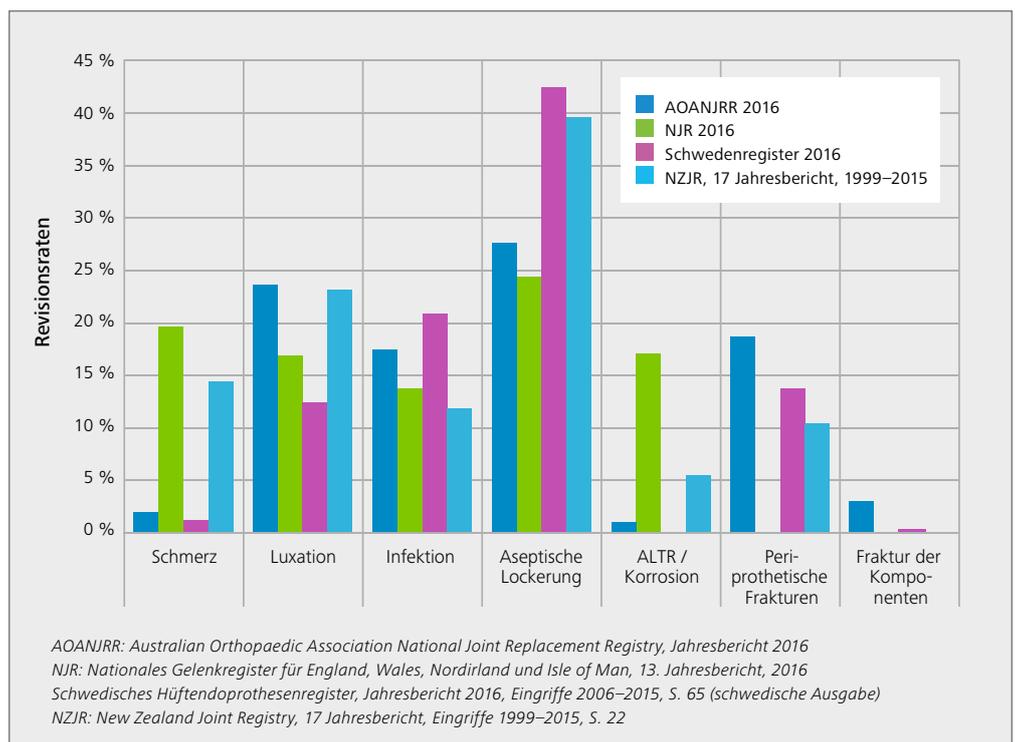
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## Medicare-Patienten und Ergebnisse der HTEP-Gleitpaarungen: Studienerkenntnisse

Ältere Patienten mit Ke/PE-Gleitpaarung zeigten laut Datenbank der amerikanischen Krankenkasse Medicare ein geringeres Risiko für Luxation, Infektion und Mortalität als Patienten mit Me/PE-Gleitpaarung. **Kurtz et al.** untersuchten in den USA 315 784 Medicare-Patienten ab einem Alter von 65 Jahren. Sie sahen bei den Ke/PE-Gleitpaarungen ebenfalls ein geringeres Revisionsrisiko als bei Me/PE-Gleitpaarungen, doch war der Unterschied statistisch nicht signifikant. Beim Vergleich von Patienten mit Ke/Ke- und Me/PE-Gleitpaarungen fand sich kein statistisch signifikanter Unterschied bezüglich des Risikos für Luxation, Revision und Mortalität. Allerdings zeigte sich bei den Patienten mit Ke/Ke-Gleitpaarung ein geringeres Infektionsrisiko als bei den Patienten mit Me/PE-Gleitpaarung. Der Charlson Komorbiditätsindex war durchgehend einer der wichtigsten Prädiktoren für Mortalität, Luxation und Revision sowie Infektion. Der bedeutsamste Faktor des Infektionsrisikos war Adipositas, die gleichzeitig auch zweitwichtigster Revisionsgrund war. Die Schlussfolgerung der Autoren lautet, dass keramische Gleitpaarungen verglichen mit Me/PE-Gleitpaarungen mit einer geringeren Infektionsrate einhergehen.

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## Revisionsgründe bei HTEP



Aseptische Lockerung, Luxation und Infektion sind die drei häufigsten Revisionsgründe bei HTEP.

# Executive Summary

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<b>Title</b>	<b>Ceramic Femoral Heads for All Patients? An Argument for Cost Containment in Hip Surgery</b>
<b>Authors</b>	Cody C. Wyles, Benjamin A. McArthur, Eric R. Wagner, Matthew T. Houdek, Jose H. Jimenez-Almonte, Robert T. Trousdale
<b>Journal</b>	Am J Orthopaedics 2016 September; 45(6):E362-E366
<b>Level of Evidence</b>	None given.
<b>Summary</b>	<p>Trunnionosis from modular connections of total hip arthroplasties (THA) is also an issue with metal-on-polyethylene (MoP) bearings, and can lead to increased complications such as painful THA or revisions (see also Monthly CeraNews 2_2016). The diagnosis and management of adverse local tissue reactions (ALTRs) is complex and cost-intensive. As ceramic femoral heads can mitigate this issue, a cost effectiveness model was developed by the authors.</p> <p>The cost estimation for an ALTR work-up was calculated following a published guideline (Kwon et al JBS 2014). Aspects of this were imaging (MRI, ultrasonography, radiography), serum and aspiration tests, and clinical appointments and procedures including revision. The costs for the tests were taken from in-house data. The authors created two models:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) additional cost for a ceramic femoral head and</li> <li>2) cut-off value for cost effectiveness of a ceramic femoral head. Ceramic head prices were determined from 3 different practice sources for 2 different suppliers. The simulations were based on a previous finding that 7% of THA patients with MoP bearings present groin pain and that 12.5, 25 or 50% of these receive an ALTR work-up or are revised.</li> </ol> <p>The cost for a single ALTR work-up was \$5,085 with MRI and \$2,402. Revision with 3-day stay costs \$53,320 without perioperative medications and devices. Ceramic head extra cost was between \$500 and \$1,500.</p> <p>The authors concluded that their model suggests that ceramic femoral heads could be more cost-effective than cobalt-chrome alloy femoral heads. In regards to ALTRs, ceramic femoral ball heads show a superior safety profile and wholesale use in THA may in fact provide the most economical option on a societal scale.</p>
<b>Study Limitations</b>	<p>Use of 7% as the incidence of painful conventional THA (self-reported)</p> <p>Based on only one clinical complication - trunnionosis</p> <p>Cost from one finance department at one institution</p> <p>Cost estimation only valid for the USA</p>
<b>Key Messages</b>	<p><b>Trunnionosis is a serious complication, also with MoP implants.</b></p> <p><b>Additional cost for a ceramic femoral head in the US was \$500 - \$1'500.</b></p> <p><b>Ceramic femoral heads could be more cost-effective than CoCr femoral heads based on avoidance of the consequences of metal release.</b></p>

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<b>Title</b>	<b>Outcomes of Ceramic Bearings After Primary Total Hip Arthroplasty in the Medicare Population</b>
<b>Authors</b>	Steven M. Kurtz, Edmund Lau, Doruk Baykal, Bryan D. Springer
<b>Journal</b>	J Arthroplasty. Published online, 2016. DOI: 10.1016/j.arth.2016.02.054.
<b>Level of Evidence</b>	None given.
<b>Summary</b>	<p>Kurtz et al analyze the outcome of total hip arthroplasty (THA) with ceramic-on-ceramic (CoC), ceramic-on-polyethylene (CoP) and metal-on-polyethylene (MoP) bearings for 315,784 US Medicare patients. They looked at periprosthetic joint infection (PJI), dislocation, revision, and death. Propensity scores were developed (used to treat large data sets of retrospective registry data, such as the Medicare claims administrative data) to adjust for selection bias in the choice of bearing couples. Most patients received MoP (74.7%), followed by CoP (22.3%) and CoC (3%) bearings. Patients were on average 74.3 years of age, with CoP and CoC used more often in the age group below 70 years (MoP 24.2%, CoP 40.3%, CoC 38.2% of patients). 62% were females, 94% were white, and 57% were without significant comorbidities.</p> <p>THA patients with CoP bearings exhibited a significantly reduced risk of dislocation (<math>p &lt; 0.01</math>), infection (<math>p = 0.001</math>) and mortality (<math>p = 0.001</math>) compared to patients with MoP bearings. Additionally a trend towards reduced revision risk with CoP in comparison to MoP bearings (<math>p = 0.095</math>) was reported. The Charlson comorbidity index was consistently one of the most important predictors for mortality, dislocation, revision and infection. Obesity was the most important risk factor for infection and the second most important factor for revision.</p> <p>When comparing patients with CoC and MoP bearings, there was no significant difference in risk of dislocation, revision, or mortality. However, there was a significantly reduced risk of infection (<math>p = 0.01</math>).</p> <p>The authors conclude that their study results showed no significant difference in risk of revision at 8-9 years follow up for THAs with any bearing. However, after adjusting for selection bias and various other confounding factors, ceramic bearings exhibit an association with lower risk of infection compared with MoP bearings.</p>
<b>Study Limitations</b>	<p>Analysis is limited to THAs from the Medicare records including ICD-9-CM (reporting bearing material) classification and diagnosis codes. Codes recording accuracy was not tested.</p> <p>Study with only elderly patients, &gt; 65 years</p> <p>Several relevant factors such as differences in material (PE/XPE; type of ceramic), bearing diameter are not reported in the Medicare records.</p> <p>36 mm CoC bearings, which have shown to reduce the risk of dislocation, were only available at the end of the study period.</p>
<b>Key Messages</b>	<p><b>Risk of infection was lower in patients with CoP and CoC bearings compared to patients with MoP bearings.</b></p> <p><b>Risk of mortality, dislocation, and infection was lower in patients with CoP bearings compared to MoP bearings.</b></p> <p><b>No significant difference in risk of overall revision rates between different bearing surfaces.</b></p> <p><b>Charlson comorbidity index was one of the most important risk factors for mortality, dislocation, revision and infection.</b></p>

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<b>Title</b>	<b>Noise characteristics in ceramic-on-ceramic vs. metal-on-polyethylene total hip arthroplasty: a comparative study</b>
<b>Authors</b>	Patrick G. Robinson, Ian Anthony, Sudeep Kumar, Bryn Jones, Andrew Stark, Roland Ingram
<b>Journal</b>	Hip International 2016; 26 (5):492-497. DOI: 10.5301/hipint.5000383
<b>Level of Evidence</b>	None given.
<b>Summary</b>	<p>Robinson et al. sent a hip questionnaire (Ingram Squeaky Hip Score) and the Oxford Hip Score to 1,000 patients, of which 509 responded. Patient mean age was 63.7 years with a mean post OP follow up 33 months (6-156 months). 282 patients had ceramic-on-ceramic (CoC) and 227 metal-on-polyethylene (MoP) total hip arthroplasties (THA). In the CoC group 17% of the patients reported noise (55% clicking, 26% grinding, 19% squeaking, 17% crunching, 11% popping) compared to 8% in the MoP group (47% clicking, 21% squeaking, 16% crunching, 5% grinding, 5% popping), although the difference was not significant (<math>p=0.054</math>). Patients with noisy hips had an average of 5 points less in their OHS (Oxford Hip Score), however, the authors state that longer follow up is necessary to link noise to poorly functioning implants.</p> <p>In the CoC group 42% of noise affected patients frequently/all the time compared to 26% in the MoP group. Occasional noise was reported by 38% and 37%, respectively, and rare emission of noise in 19% and 37%, respectively. Movements causing noise were bending down and standing up, as well as taking the first few steps in both groups and squatting in the CoC group. Bending down and walking was reported to cause the loudest noise in both groups. Almost 30% of CoC and 15% of MoP patients complained of occasional pain during noise. When patients rated the effect of noise on their daily lives on a scale from 0-10 (0=no effect), the CoC group had a median score of 2 (range 0-8) and the MoP group had a median score of 1 (range 0-7). The authors found no relationship between noisy hips and BMI or femoral head size.</p> <p>According to the authors, noise from THA is an underreported phenomenon, which currently has been focused primarily on squeaking with CoC bearings. However, they found that it should also be considered a potential "complication" with MoP bearings. They conclude that patients should generally be forewarned of possible noise emission from their THA, irrespective of the bearing.</p>
<b>Study Limitations</b>	<p>Questionnaire based study, not validated</p> <p>Patient selection criteria not given</p> <p>61% of CoC implanted with THA components previously reported with high incidence of noise generation</p> <p>Short term study (CoC 2.5 years, MoP 3.3 years)</p> <p>Big age difference between CoC and MoP patients; age had a significant effect on noise reported</p>
<b>Key Messages</b>	<p><b>Noise is an underreported phenomenon of uncertain significance.</b></p> <p><b>Noise is a general issue in THA and not restricted to CoC bearings.</b></p> <p><b>Study reports squeaking even with MoP THA.</b></p> <p><b>Patients should be consented of possible noise emission irrespective of bearing surfaces.</b></p>

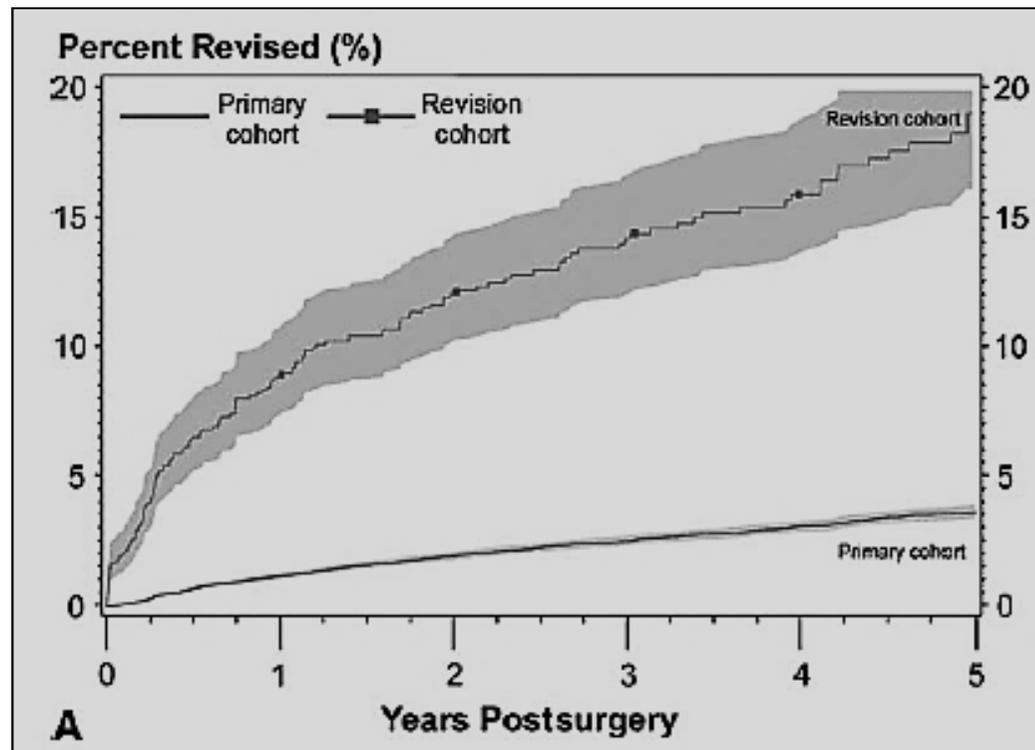
# Ceramic-on-Ceramic in revision hip arthroplasty

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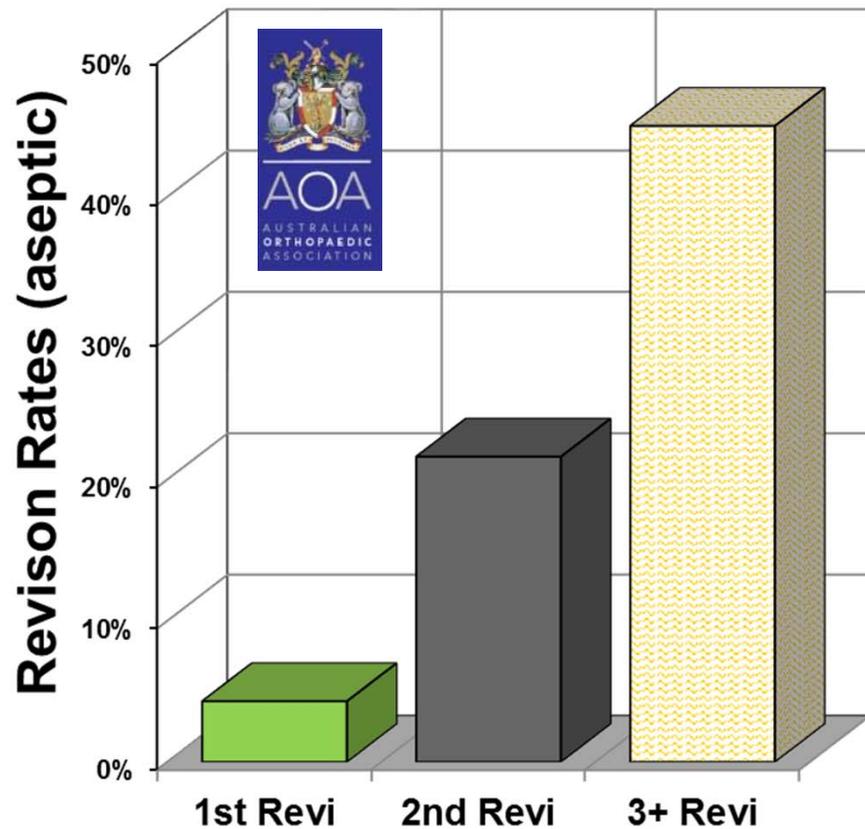
## Risk of Subsequent Revision after Primary and Revision Total Joint Arthroplasty

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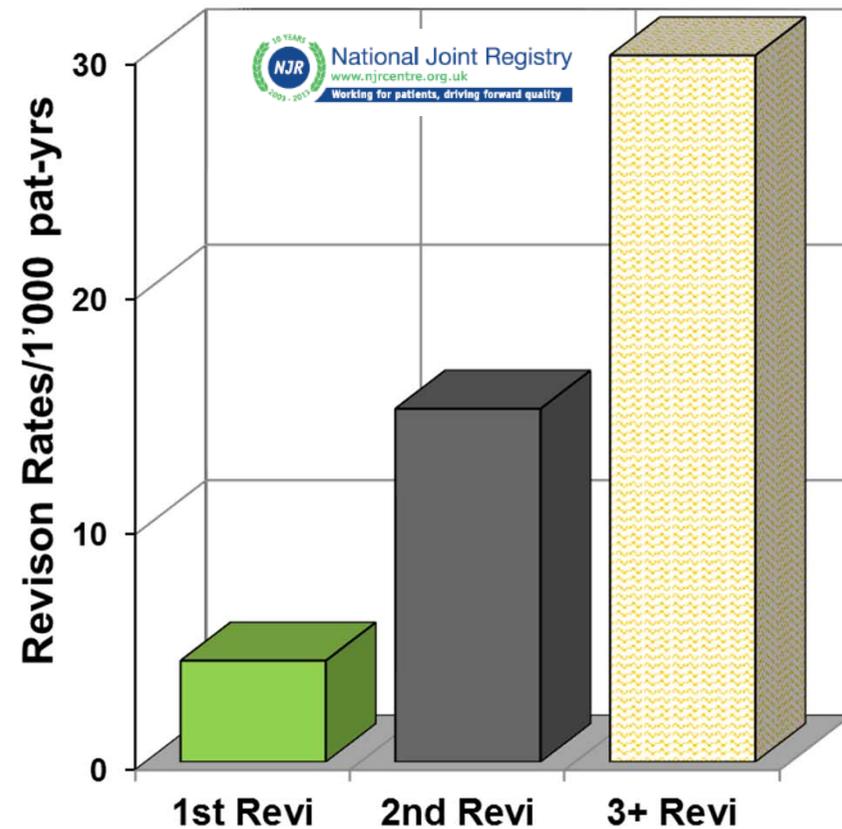


# revisions at 10 years postoperative

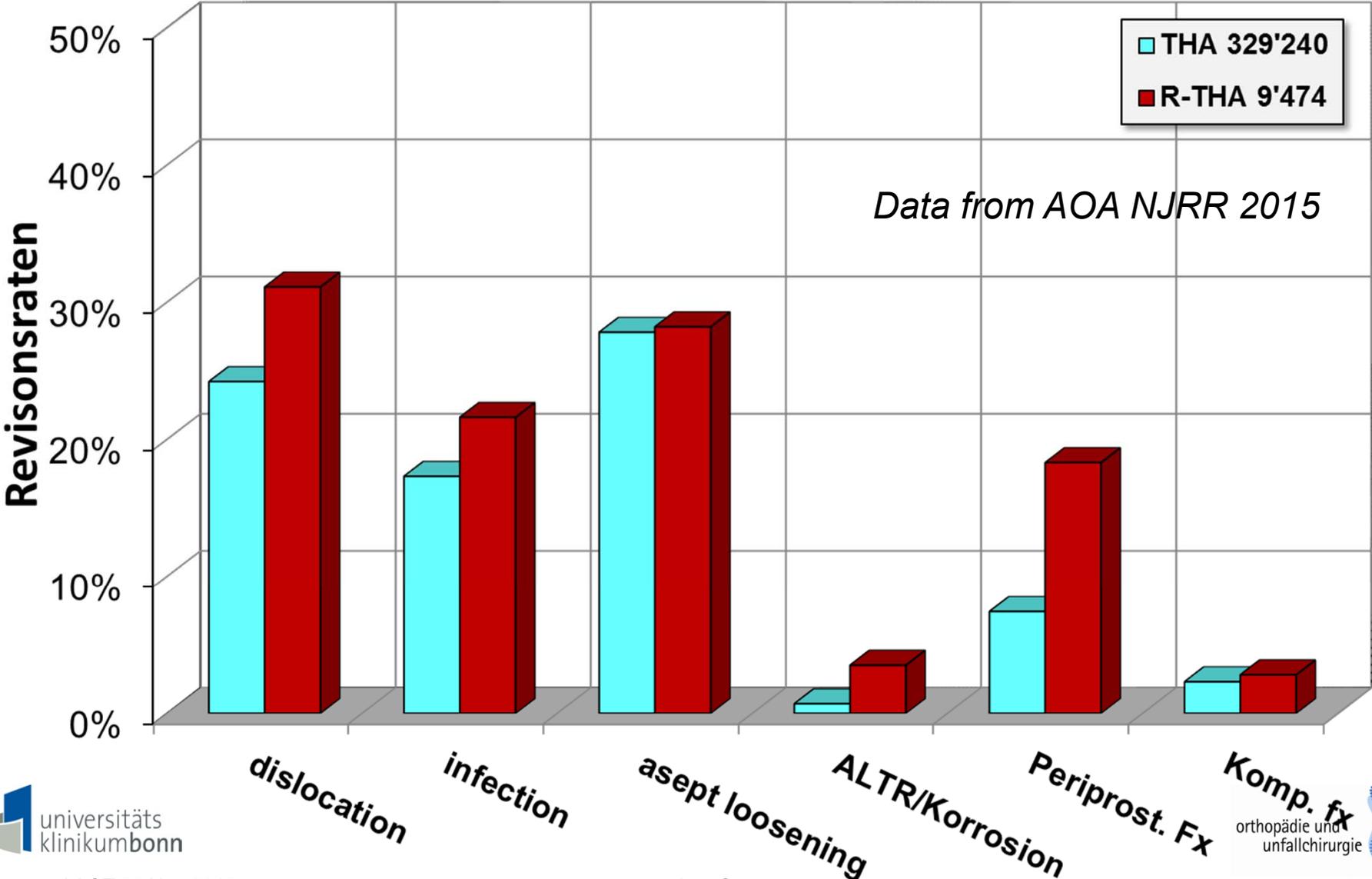
**AOA NJRR 2015 – 327.151 THA**  
**9.474 aseptic R-THA**



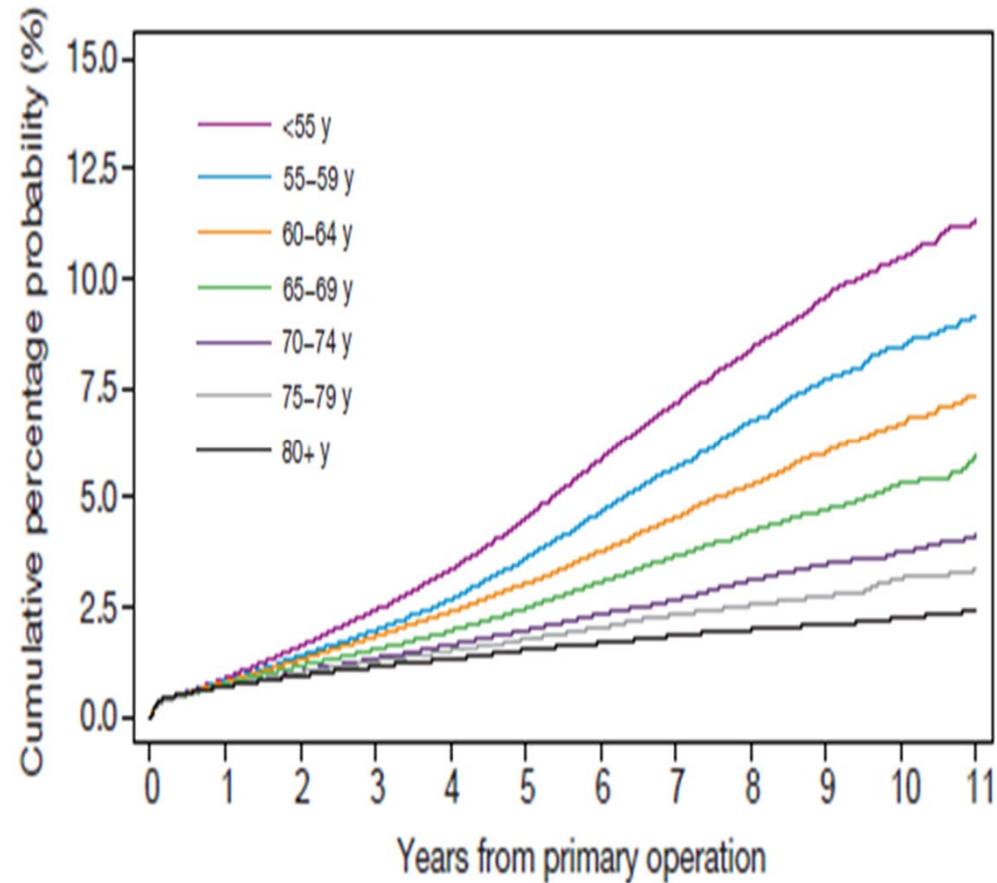
**UK-NJR 2015 – 708.311 THA**  
**79.859 aseptic R-THA**



# revision reasons THA & Re-THA



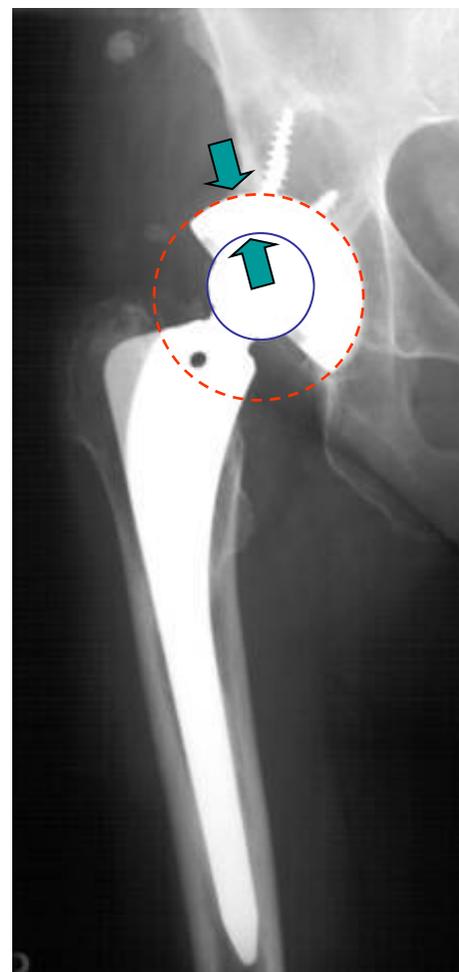
# Dilemma – young patients are still young at time of 1th revision



UK NJR 2015

# bearings in revision arthroplasty

linear wear [mm]			
	0.2 mm	0.1 mm	2 $\mu$ m
	PE- metall	PE- ceramic	ceramic- ceramic
	soft - hard	hard - hard	





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### Outcomes of Ceramic Bearings After Revision Total Hip Arthroplasty in the Medicare Population

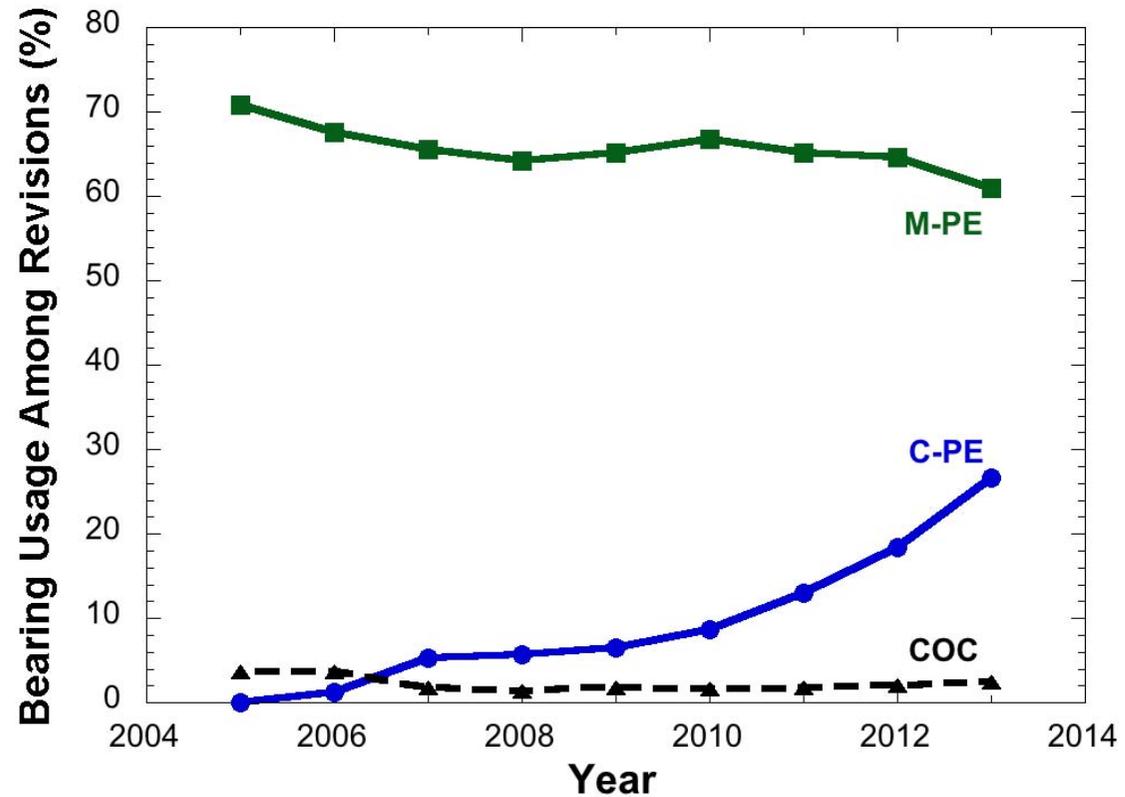
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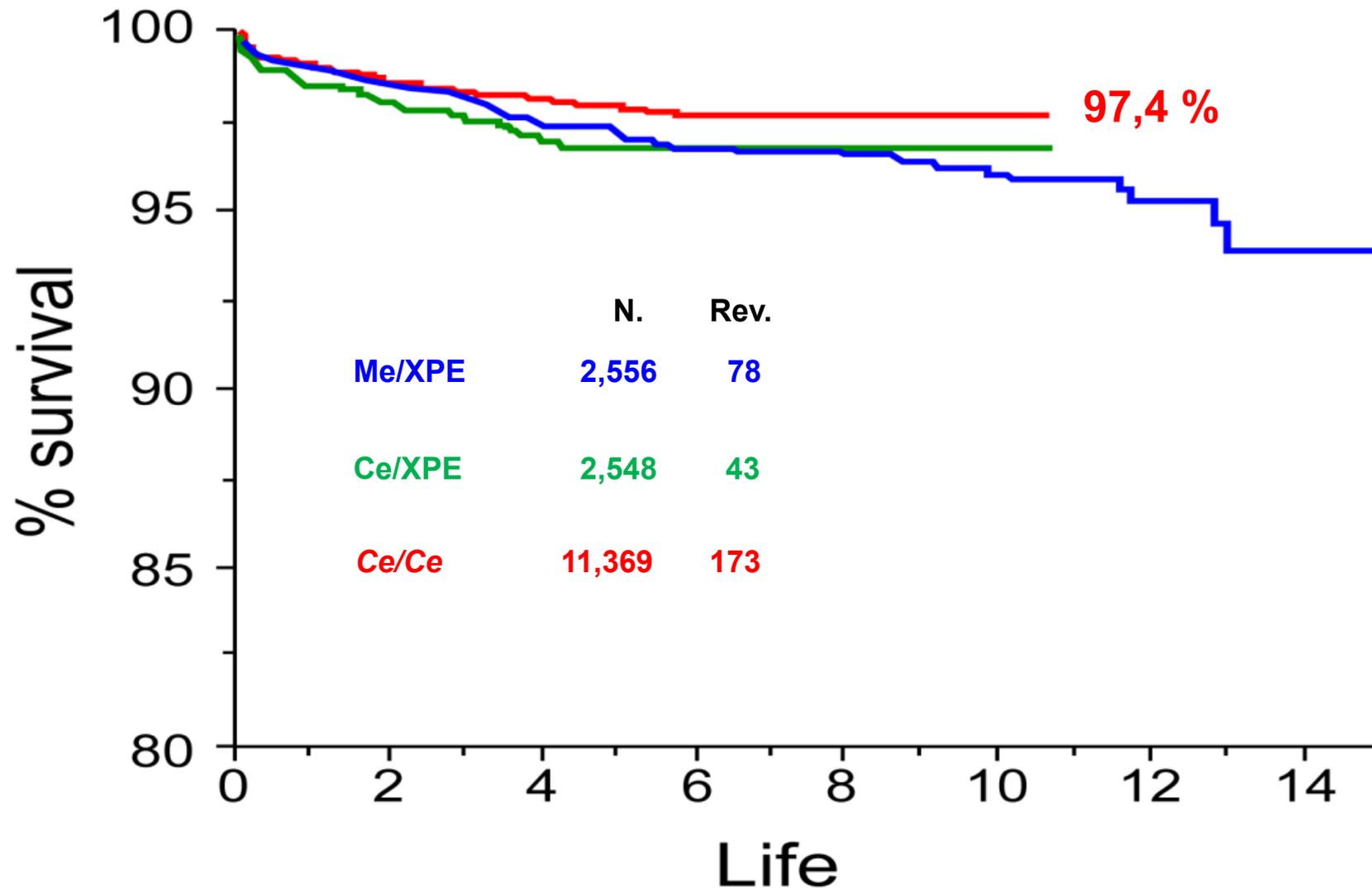
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US-Medicare population  
between 2005 and 2013.  
n= 31.809  
age > 65 yr  
*Note: CoC limited  
availability in US (FDA)*



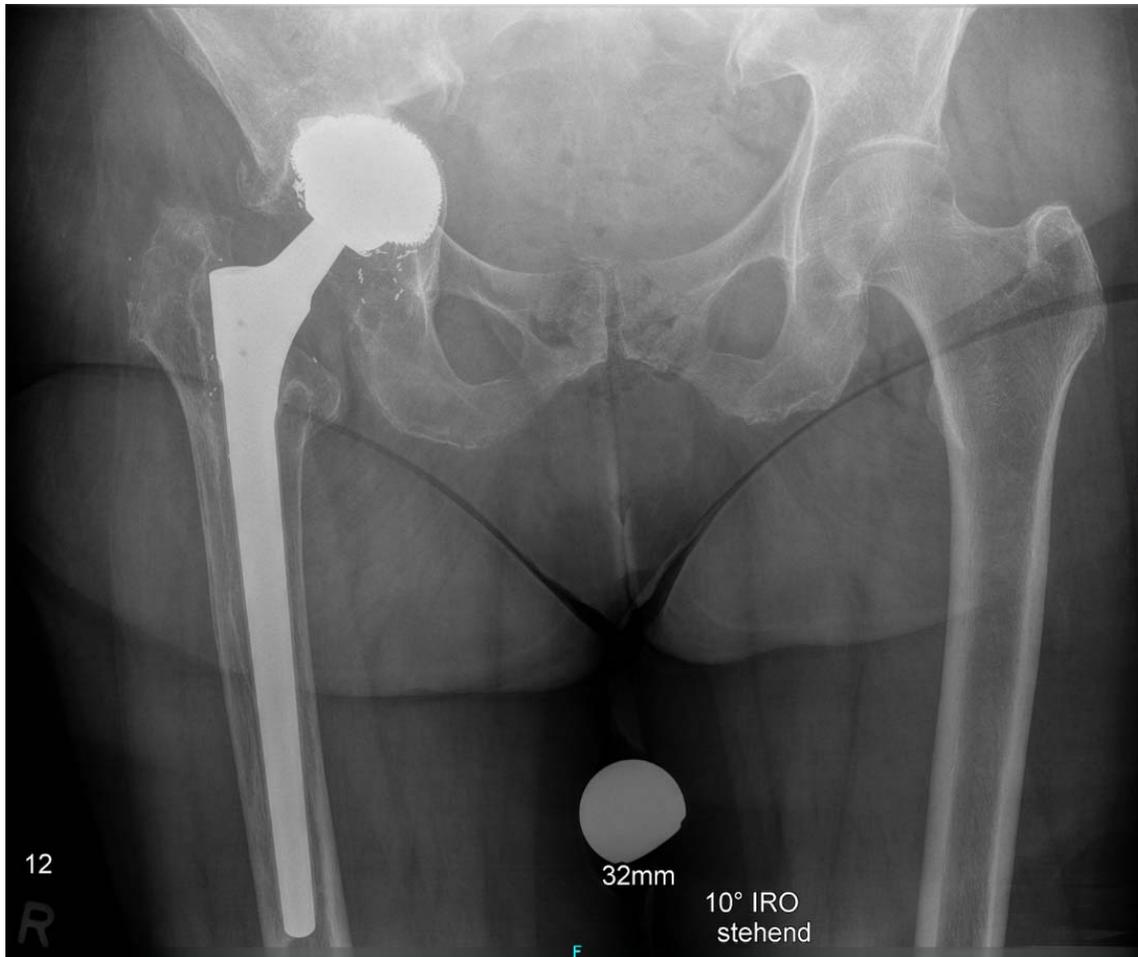
# Revision rate THA (only osteoarthritis)



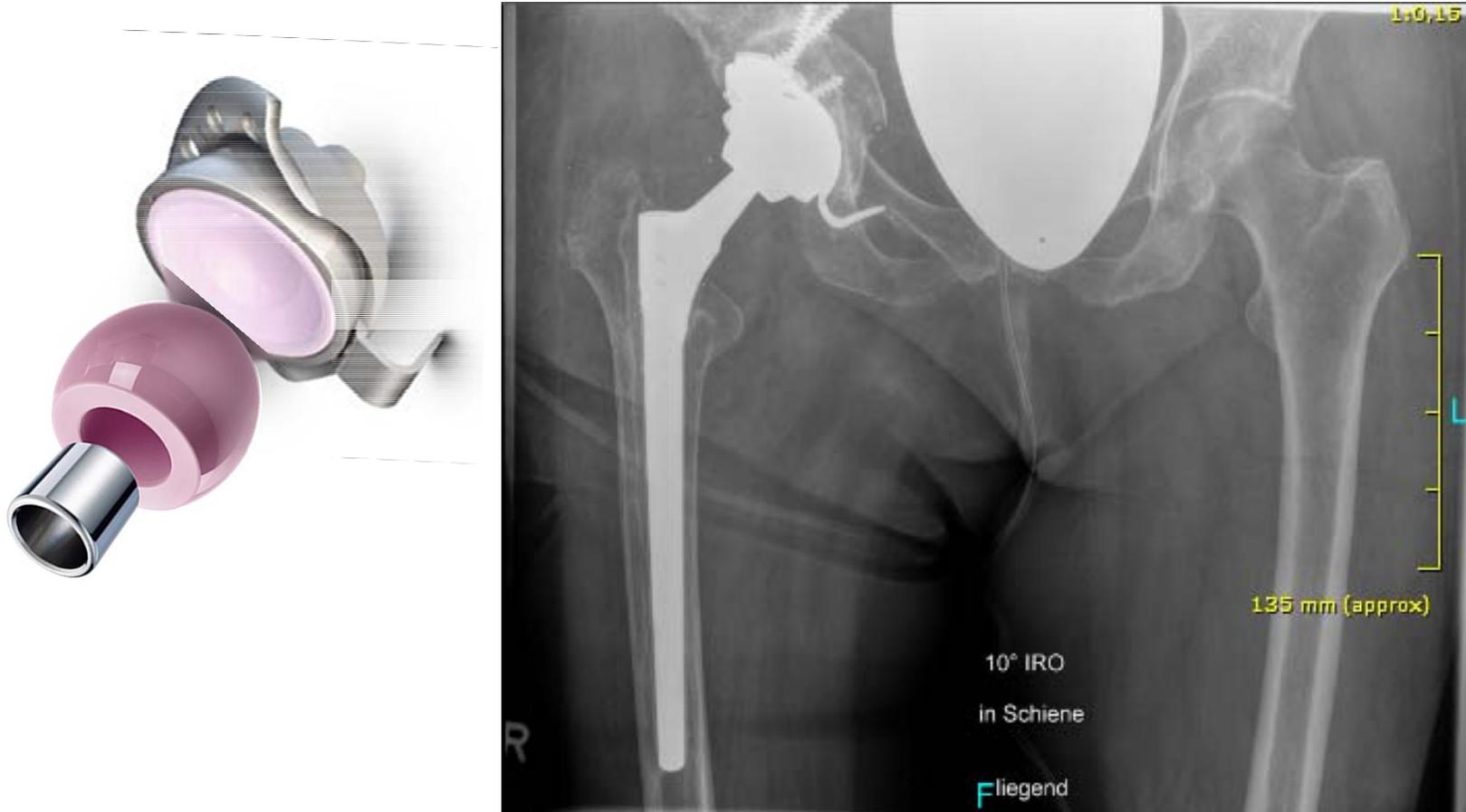
T.R., f., 73 ys.

BPO-allergy

medial + superomedial acetabular defect, stem taper not damaged

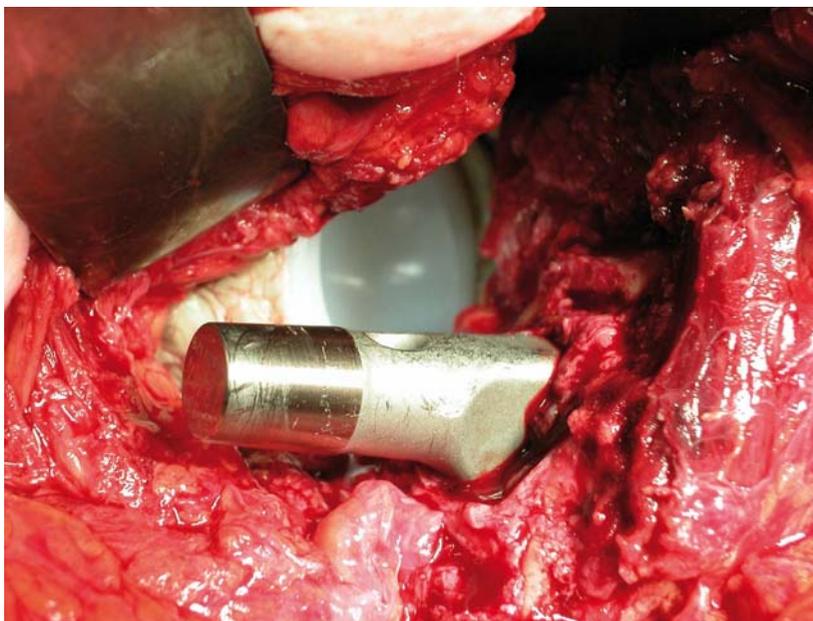


# Cementless acetabular reconstruction with C-o-C, sleeved ceramic head

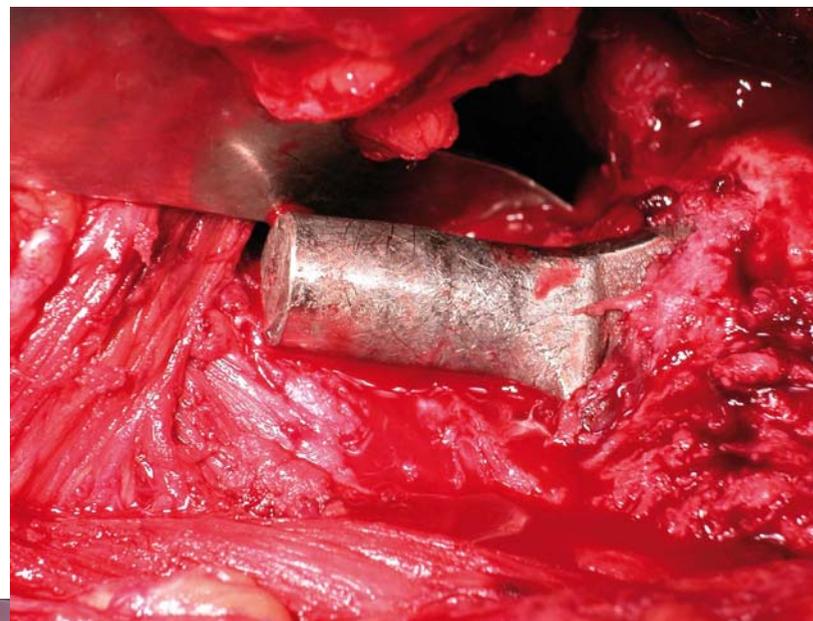


# Use of sleeved ceramic heads

**minor damage on stem taper**  
light scratches < 0.25 mm



**major damage on stem taper**  
heavily scratched, broad truncations



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can be used



**BIOLOX®OPTION**  
must not be used

# adapter sleeves for BIOLOX<sup>®</sup>OPTION - literature

“large ceramic heads ...with a metal adapter sleeve have no effect on corrosion of modular taper connections”

*Fretting Corrosion and Trunnion Wear — Is it also a Problem for Sleeved Ceramic Heads?  
Preuss R, Haeussler KL, Flohr M, Streicher, RM. Seminars in Arthroplasty 2012; 4: 251-6*

“the use of the Biolox<sup>®</sup>OPTION system in revision hip arthroplasty demonstrates little damage to either the titanium adapter sleeve or the ceramic head”

*Performance of Biolox Delta Ceramic Bearings with Titanium Adapter Sleeves in Revision Hip Arthroplasty: A Retrieval Analysis.  
Figgie M. Jr., Elpers, Padgett D. Abstract ORS 2015*

“fretting corrosion in sleeved ceramic heads showed lower levels than observed in prior studies of tapers in CoCr femoral heads. None of the sleeves in this study had severe corrosion of the internal sleeve surface”

*Fretting and Corrosion Damage in Taper Adapter Sleeves for Ceramic Heads: A Retrieval Study.  
MacDonald DW, Chen A, Lee GC, Klein GR, Mont MA, Kurtz SM. Submitted to JoA August 2016*

# ceramic-inlays in cup revision



CombiCup R- Link



MRSC - Brehm

K.A., f., 64ys.

2.- Re-THA, BPO+Nickel allergy



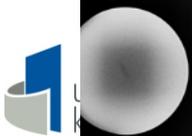
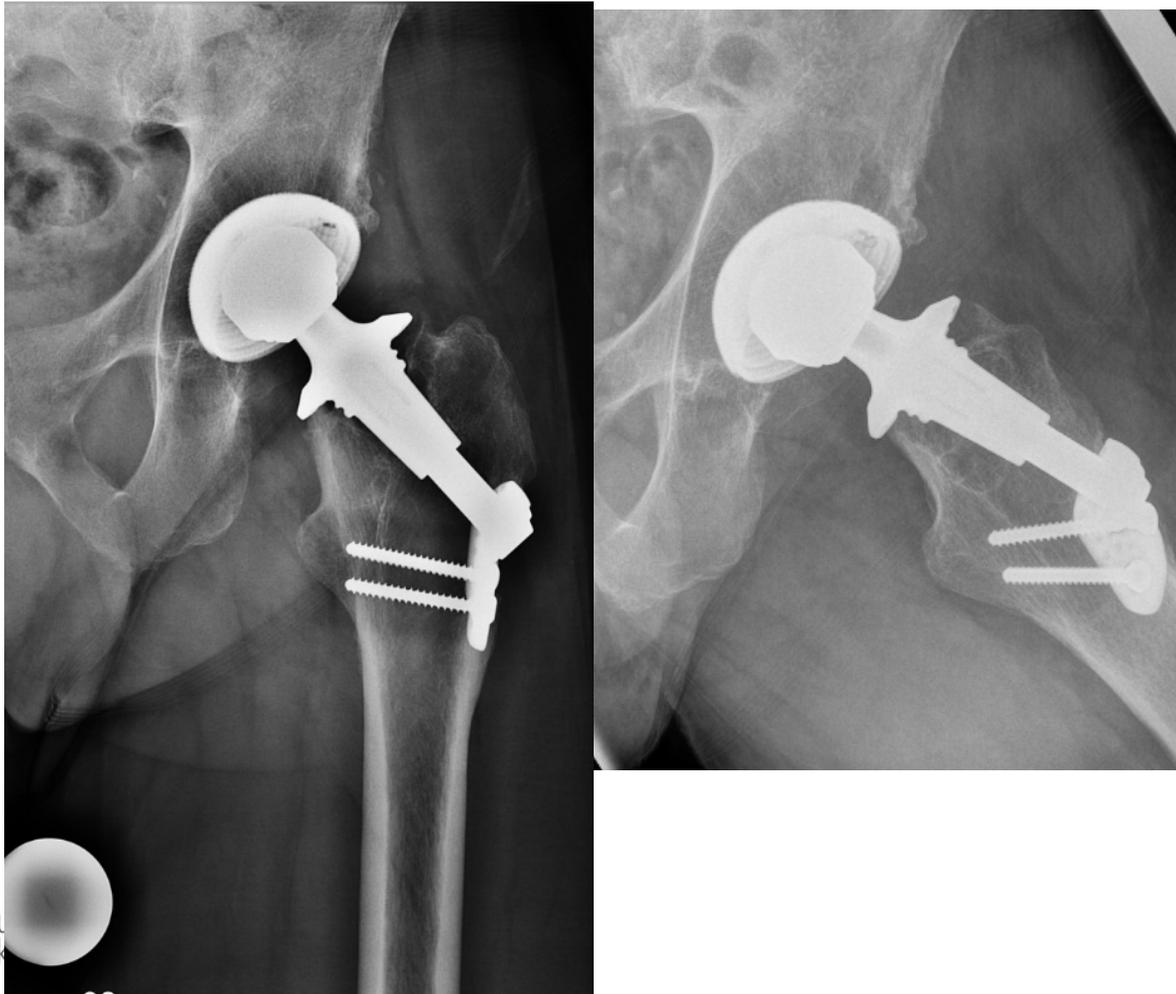
CombiCup R [Link]



20°

B.H., m., 62 ys.

extended PE + ME-granuloma  
superomedial + craniolateral defect

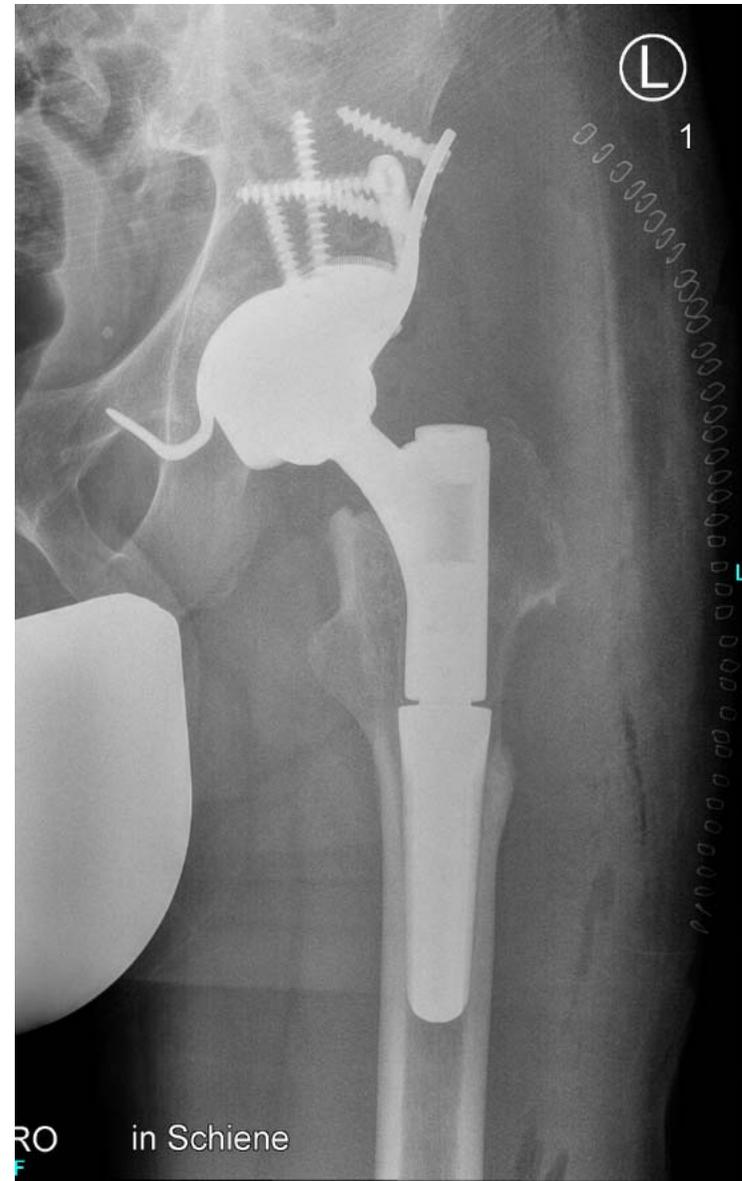


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symposium Ceramtec



„augment-and-modular cage“  
MRSC [Brehm]



# Why ceramic in hip revision ?

## aseptic loosening, young patient

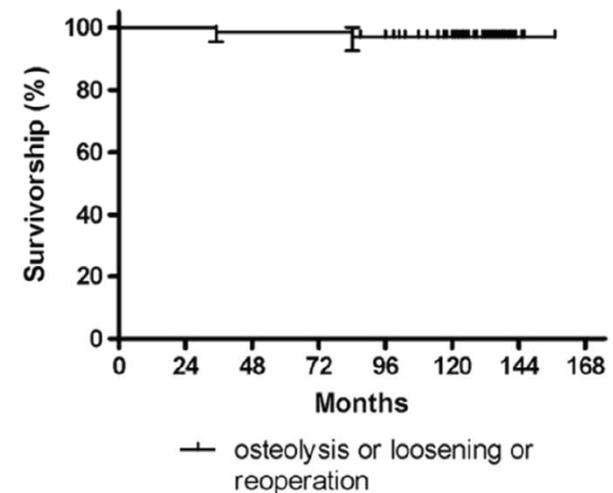
The Journal of Arthroplasty Vol. 28 No. 1 2013

### Revision Total Hip Arthroplasty Using an Alumina-On-Alumina Bearing Surface in Patients With Osteolysis

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n=64  
age 47 yr [24-72 yr]  
follow-up mean 9.8 yr  
survival rate 97%  
dislocation 3

#### Osteolysis or Loosening of Any Implant or Reoperation for Any Reason



**Fig. 4.** Kaplan-Meier curve, with any reoperation or radiographic evidence of osteolysis or loosening as the end point. The tick marks indicate censored data. The I bars indicate the 95% CIs.

G.R., f., 64ys.

2. Re-THA, aseptic cup loosening, multiple dislocations (head 28mm)



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## dislocation

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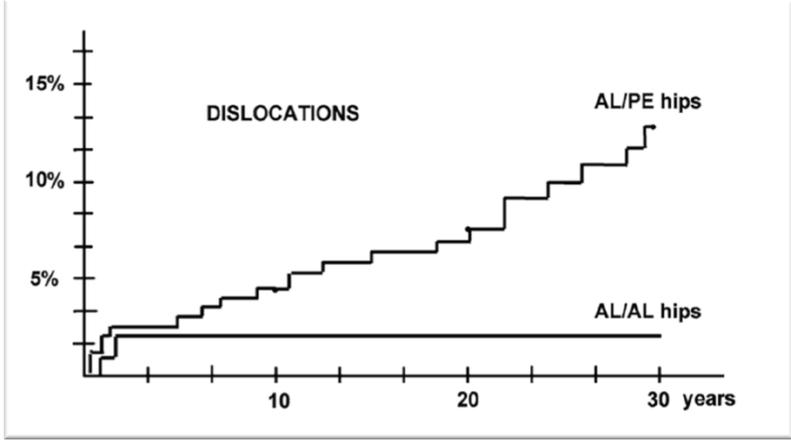
### Ceramic-on-ceramic Bearing Decreases the Cumulative Long-term Risk of Dislocation

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**Table 1.** Dislocations in AL/AL and AL/PE hips

Dislocation	AL/AL hips (n = 126)	AL/PE hips (n = 126)	p value
Early first time < 2 years	2 (1.6%)	2 (1.6%)	0.82
Late first time > 2 years	0 (0%)	14 (11%)	< 0.001
Recurrent	2 (1.6%)	15 (12%)	0.01
Cumulative number	4 (3.2%)	31 (25%)	< 0.001

Values are expressed as number of dislocations with percentage in parentheses. For recurrent dislocations, the first time was not counted; AL/AL = alumina-on-alumina; AL/PE = alumina-on-polyethylene.



“...he reasons may be related to observed differences in the periarticular muscles (fat atrophy or not) ...”



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## Outcomes of Ceramic Bearings After Revision Total Hip Arthroplasty in the Medicare Population

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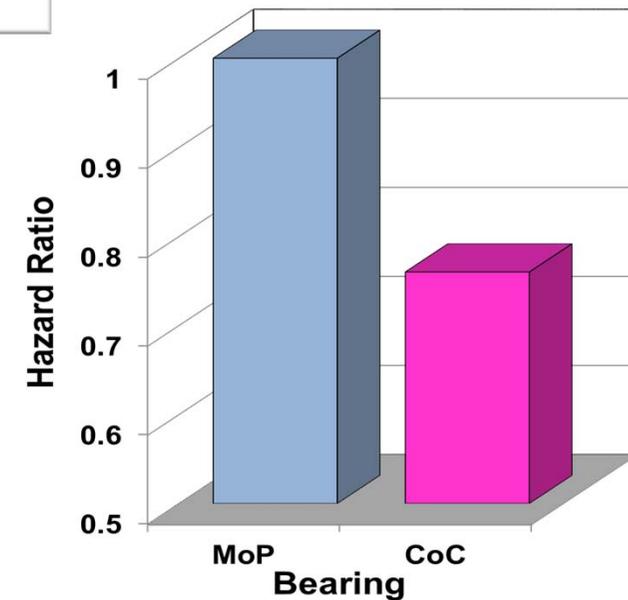
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## US-Medicare Register 2005 - 2013

- 31'809 Revisions-THA
- adjusted for patient-, hospital- und surgeon risk-factors; Cox-Regression
- Ce/Ce significant better
  - HR = 0,76;  $p=0,04$  im Vergleich zu Me/PE



A.M., m., 59ys

Girdlesone-situation 6 mo after explantation  
MRSA, Propriani acnes



# Why ceramic in hip revision ?

## Periprosthetic joint infections

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### Periprosthetic Joint Infection in Hip Arthroplasty: Is There an Association Between Infection and Bearing Surface Type?

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NZJR  
n= 84.894  
age 68 yr (SD 11 yr)  
follow-up 9yr (1-15)

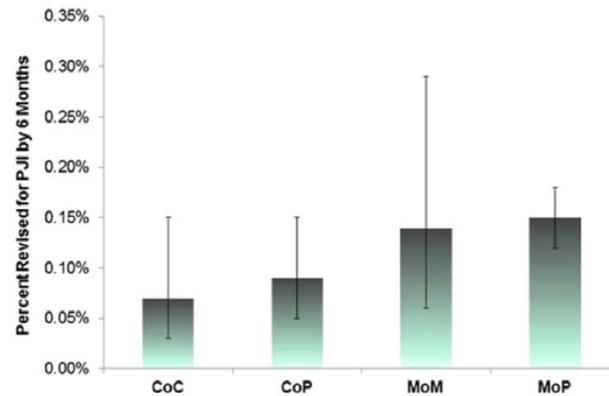


Fig. 1 This figure shows the percent of revision with CIs for PJI within 6 months after the index procedure by bearing surface.

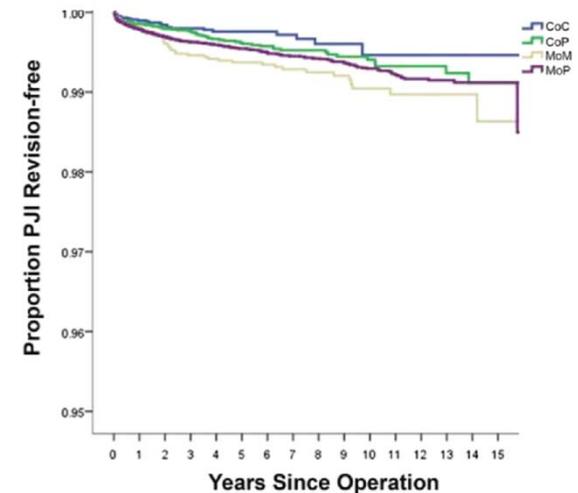
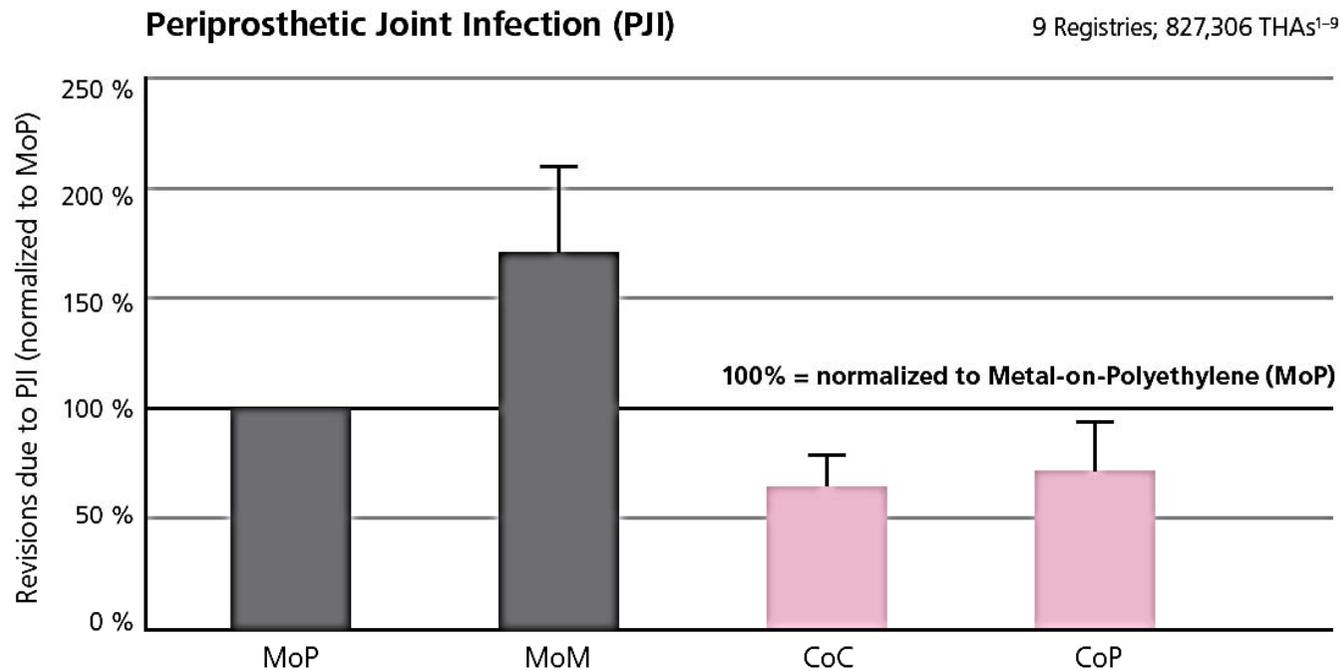


Fig. 2 The Kaplan-Meier survival analysis shows the proportion of revision-free THAs for PJI by bearing surface. The median observation period in this patient population (84,894 THAs) was 9 years (range, 1–15 years).

# Why ceramic in hip revision ?

## Periprosthetic joint infection



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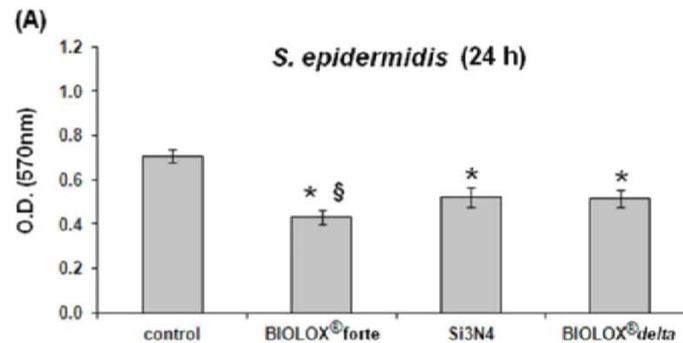
## Bioceramic materials show reduced pathological biofilm formation

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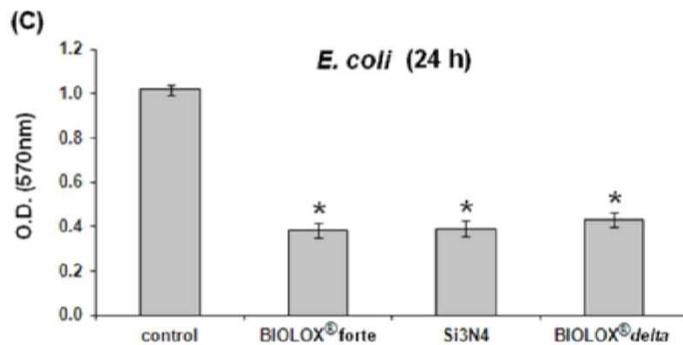
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(B) *S. epidermidis*

Specimen	% Inhibition (vs control)
BIOLOX <sup>®</sup> forte	38.6 ± 3.3
Si3N4	25.9 ± 4.5
BIOLOX <sup>®</sup> delta	26.8 ± 3.9



(D) *E. coli*

Specimen	% Inhibition (vs control)
BIOLOX <sup>®</sup> forte	62.3 ± 3.5
Si3N4	61.5 ± 3.8
BIOLOX <sup>®</sup> delta	57.5 ± 3.2

K.M., f., 63 ys.,

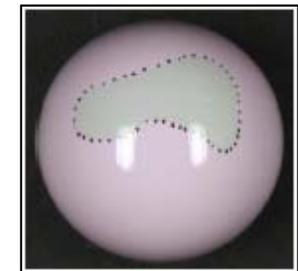
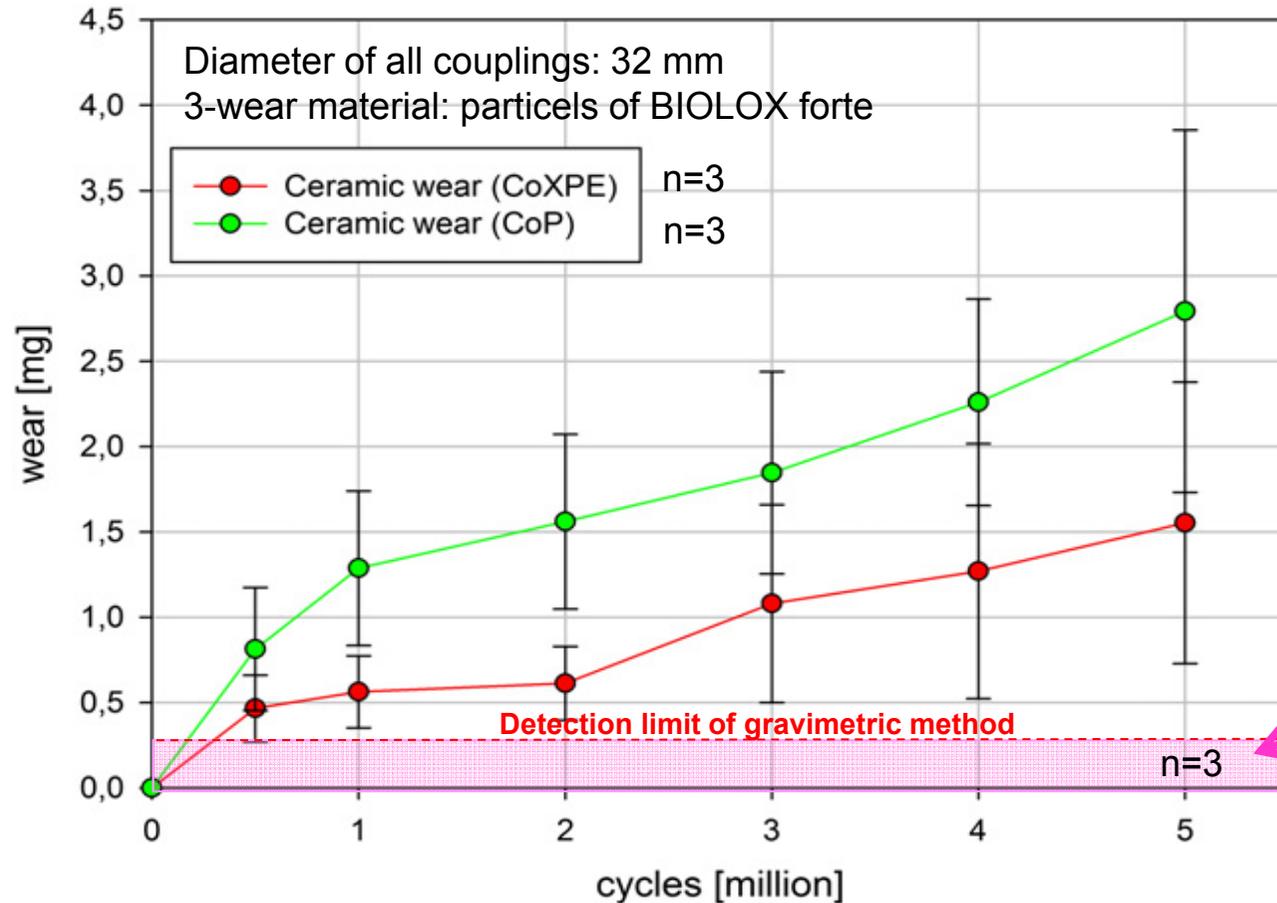
ME-ME resurfacing with aseptic cup loosening 4 ys. postop  
revision with CE-CE + cementless stem + 36 head



# Why ceramic in hip revision ?

ALRT - „wear disease“

## 3-body wear-study



**KE-KE**  
Deltakeramik

B.M., f., 55 ys.

rim fracture of the ceramic inlay with multiple ceramic particles within the soft-tissues



preop



postop

# Why ceramic in hip revision ?

## Ceramic fracture



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**Case report**

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**Massive wear in a CoCrMo head following the fracture of an alumina head**

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### Third-Generation Ceramic-on-Ceramic Bearing Surfaces in Revision Total Hip Arthroplasty

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# indications of C-o-C in Re-THA

- revision because of aseptic loosening in young patients (<70ys)  
=> avoiding PE-wear / osteolysis
- revision because of dislocation with small heads  
=> “upgrade” to larger head diameter (36 / 40)
- revision because of periprosthetic joint infection  
=> reducing risk of re-infection
- revision because of ALTR in case of MoM  
=> stops effect and eliminates the risk of re-occurrence
- revision because of ceramic fracture  
=> best and safest option



ceramic on ceramic is an (the) option in revision hip arthroplasty

# Ceramic Bearings and Revision Risk for Late Dislocation



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# Introduction

- **Dislocation is a major complication after THA and constitutes a prominent reason for revision surgery**
- **Multiple studies have focused on risk factors for late dislocation, but bearing surface has not been extensively studied**
- **Currently there is conflicting evidence about bearing surfaces and dislocation rates**



# Introduction

**The incidence of dislocation is highest in the first year after arthroplasty, and then continues at a constant rate over the life of the implant**

- **Early (<1yr) versus late dislocation (>1yr):**
  - **Early: patient and surgical factors**
  - **Late: biological factors**



# Objective

- **To determine whether the bearing surface is a risk factor for late revision due to dislocation in primary THA**



# Methods

## NZ Arthroplasty Registry:

- Since 1999
- 100,315 primary THJRs (16-year Report)
- Dislocation most common cause for revision (26.5%)



# Methods

## **Exclusion criteria:**

- Resurfacing arthroplasty**
- Revision arthroplasty**
- Primary endpoint was revision for late dislocation (late defined as >1 year postOP)**

# Material and Methods

- **73,386 THRs fulfilling inclusion:**
  - **73,386 hips  $\geq 1$  year postOP**
  - **65,387 hips  $\geq 2$  years postOP**
  - **42,086 hips  $\geq 5$  years postOP**
  - **12,967 hips  $\geq 10$  years postOP**
- **Mean age 68.9 years**
- **Mean 10-year Follow-up**
- **53.2% female**
- **88% OA**

# Material and Methods

- **Surgical Approach:**
  - **Posterior 65.3%**
  - **Lateral 28.3%**
  - **Anterior 4.2% (other 2.2%)**
  
- **Bearing surfaces:**
  - **MoP 53,331**
  - **CoP 14,093**
  - **CoC 8,177**
  - **MoM 5,910**
  - **CoM 461**

# Results

- **3130 (4.3%) hips revised for any cause**
  - **Rate of 0.7/100 component / years**
- **836 (1.1%) revised for dislocation**
  - **Rate of 0.19/100 component / years**
- **470 (0.65%) revised for dislocation >1 year**
  - **Rate of 0.11/100 component / years**

# Multivariate Analysis

**CoC HR versus**

**– CoP**

**(HR 2.10; 95% CI 1.12 – 3.94, p=0.021)**

**– MoP**

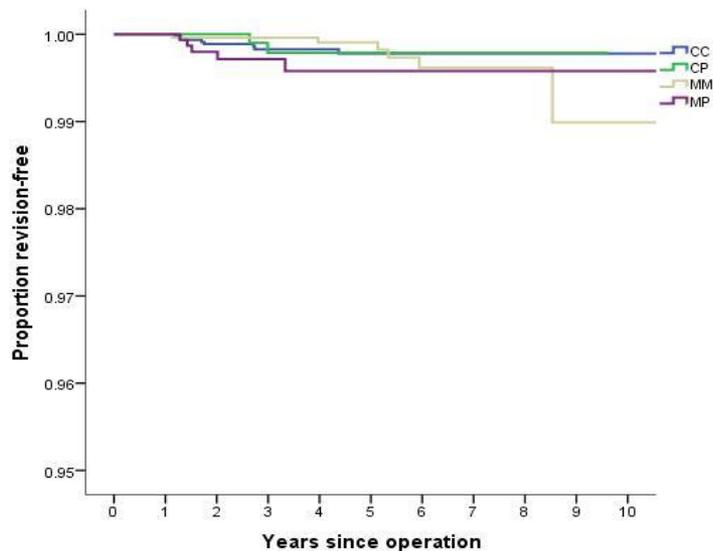
**(HR 1.76; 95% CI 0.94 – 3.28, p=0.075)**

**Adjusted for age, gender, head size, surgical approach**

# Results

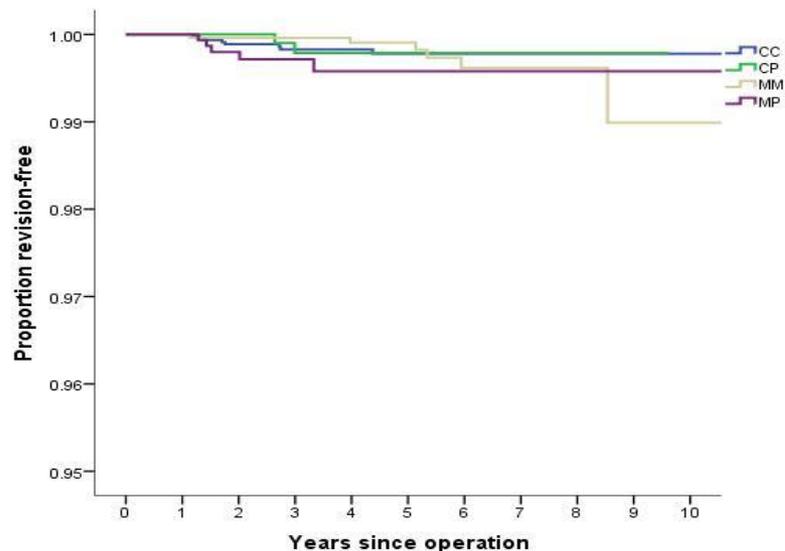
- **There were statistically significant lower rates of revision for dislocation in all age groups with >28mm CoC bearings than:**
  - **MoM (HR = 0.36; 95% CI 0.20 – 0.67, p= 0.004)**
  - **CoP (HR = 0.51; 95% CI 0.30 – 0.89, p= 0.018)**
  - **MoP (HR = 0.55; 95% CI 0.33 – 0.93, p= 0.027)**

Revision for dislocation after 1 year

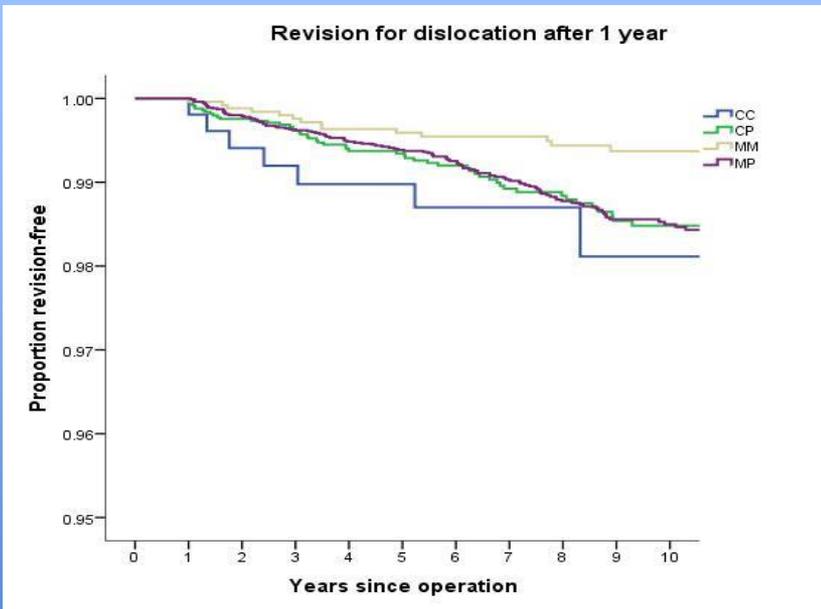


**Head size >28mm and age <65 years**

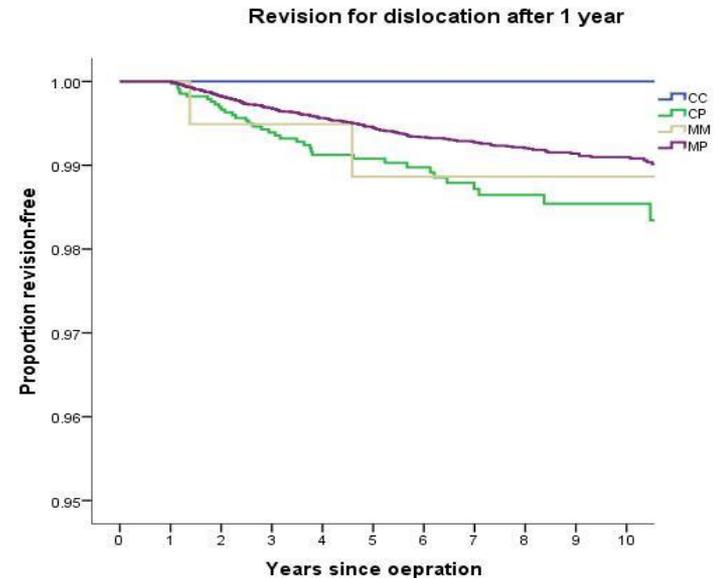
Revision for dislocation after 1 year



**Head size >28mm and age ≥ 65 years**



**Head size  $\leq 28$ mm and age  $< 65$  years**



**Head size  $\leq 28$ mm and age  $\geq 65$  years**

**There were more revisions in CoC than MoM THAs in younger patients and smaller head size ( $< 65$  years, 28 mm) (HR 0.29; 95% CI 0.12–0.71;  $p = 0.014$ )**

# Discussion

- **This 10-year Registry analysis shows low rates of revision for late dislocation with CoC THRs**
- **Confirms Australian Registry finding regarding the increased risk of revision for late dislocation in patients younger than 65 yrs with 28mm CoC**
- **Confirms findings of previous paper showing low rates of late dislocation with 32mm CoC**

***Sexton SA et al.:* CoC and risk of revision due to dislocation after THA. JBJS 91B: 1448-53, 2009**

***Hernigou P et al.:* CoC Decreases the Long-term Risk of Dislocation. CORR 471:3875-82, 2013**

# Discussion

- **Late dislocations may be influenced by biological factors:**
  - **analysis of tissue reaction to ceramics has shown small numbers of macrophages, few foreign body type giant cells and occasional lymphocytes**
  - **polyethylene implants promote extensive foreign body type inflammatory changes**

*Esposito C. et al.: Periprosthetic Tissues from CoC THAs.  
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# Discussion

**Late dislocations may be influenced by biological factors like *Pathology of the Pseudo-Capsule*:**

- MoP pseudocapsules exhibit significantly higher levels of inflammatory markers than CoC**
- inflammatory reaction to polyethylene and metal wear particles results in fluid expansion and capsule dissociation**

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# Message to Take Home

## Ceramic Bearings:

- Low rates of revision for late dislocation
- Best outcome with 32mm bearing surfaces



