Neck Sparing Stem Design Concept

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The concept of neck sparing stems is not new. Frederick R. Thompson (New York) developed a device to treat neck fractures and in 1948 Philip Wiles implanted the first Thompson stem with a metal socket.

Freeman, Townley, Pipino and Whiteside have continued to advocate the use of neck sparing stems. Mechanical studies have clearly shown an early advantage to increased axial and torsional resistance with the intact femoral neck. The challenge has been to create a design that loads the medial calcar in compression maintaining the integrity of that bone structure.

The Muscle Sparing Approach™ (MSA™) or Neck Sparing Approach™ (NSA™) has been conceived in an attempt to create a bone conserving stem allowing soft tissue sparing approaches that would provide more reproducible results as compared to hip resurfacing. The stem is simple in design, reproducible in technique and provides for fine tuning joint mechanics. The novel proximal internal flare is designed to improve proximal load transfer and the shape of the stem allows for immediate torsional and axial stability.

Collaboration with Omni Life Science and Global Orthopaedic Technology has advanced this concept into a viable alternative to both conventional and hip resurfacing total hip arthroplasty.
We can do better than this with regards to bone remodeling.
The current trend, is it reproducible? What has really changed?
Townley and BMH resurfacing
J. Keggi soft tissue exposure is greater than muscle sparing approach and problems occur in the most experienced hands.
Wolf’s Law
Vascular supply of femoral head and neck
Conventional neck resection
conventional neck resection vs. high resection
Is MOM the answer or just a limitation
Thompson stem designed for femoral neck fractures
neck sparing vs. conventional neck resection
High neck resection
Surgical evaluation of technique
MOM cup insertion with high neck resection (Keppler)
Design experience and historical review. The type of bone remodeling we are looking for.
Concept
Anterior approach (John Keggi)
Significant templating and review of many designs and concepts.
Over 100 patients have been templated including my own x-rays.
High offset custom stem from Biomet vs. neck sparing design
Surgical collaboration has been conducted in both the U. S. and Australia.
New technologies have been utilized to step up the development process.
Poster 2007 AOA in Australia (significant bone remodeling)
Hip resurfacing has limited application
Development process
Competitive small stems (not all neck sparing in design)
Small stems, some with limited intrinsic stability and some difficult to revise.
Freeman and Whitside neck sparing stems
Surgical development/conversion to K2 cementless stem (Keppler)
The first MSA™ stem off the line in Australia
High neck resection with rasp in place
Keppler converting to a K2 Modular stem
Cadaver CT Data

Visible Human Project - Digital image dataset of complete human male and female cadavers in MRI, CT and anatomical modes

Right hip
39 y.o. male
5’ 11”, 199 lbs
Short Stem
Size 4
Loads and Boundary Conditions

Peak Gait

784 N (1.0x BW)
abductor and tensor fascia lata muscle loads

710 N (0.9x BW)
vastus lateralis muscle load

1783 N (2.4x BW)
Peak gait load (level walking)

Distal femur fixed

[Helleret et al., J. Biomech, 2005]
Significant FEA modeling has been done to-date.
Novel design concepts to improve outcomes.
We hope you will consider being part of this exciting hip project!
Third MSA™ neck resection
Intrinsic shape
Stem & neck
measurement matches up!
MSA™ Neck Sparing Stem
A new conservative approach to THA
The tradition established by Charles O. Bechtol continues within JISRF and the development of the (MSA™, NSA™) Neck Sparing Stem. (patent pending)
MSA™ (Muscle Sparing Approach), NSA™ (Neck Sparing Approach)

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