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Revision Surgery in Total Ankle Replacement

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Introduction

Registers

n = 2300

Fevang BT et al Acta Orthop 2007

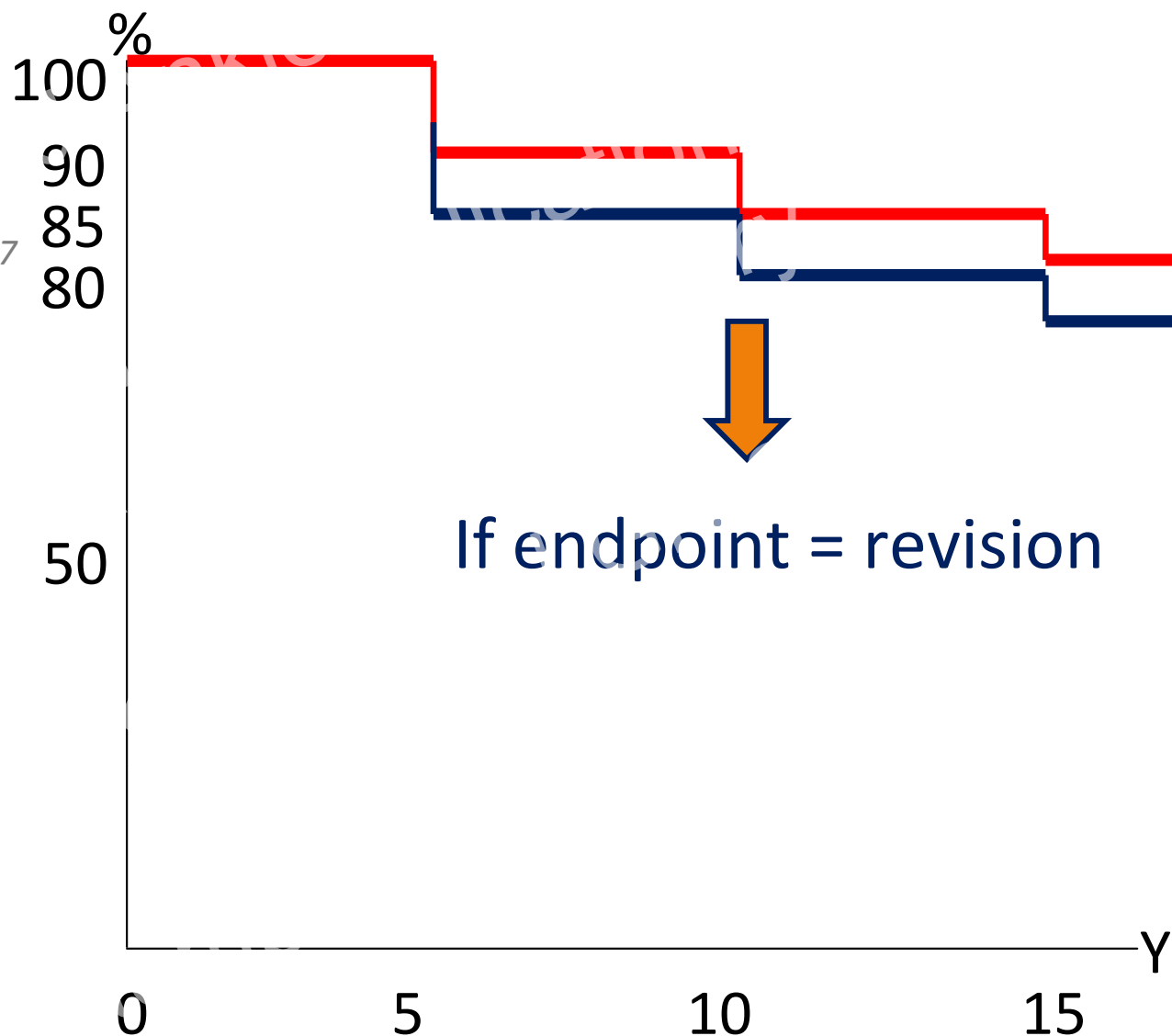
Henricson A et al Acta Orthop 2007

Labek G et al JBJS-Br 2011

Skyttä ET et al Acta Orthop 2010

Survival rate

- 90% at 5 years
- 85% at 10 years
- 80% at 15 years



Overall **implant** revision rate at 10 years

11 (5-25)%



Loosening
5-10 %



Failure
Malposition
2-5%



Infection
1-4%



Other
1-10%

60% Exchange
40% Take down to fusion

Overall revision rate at 10 years

Up to 40%

- Soft tissues
- Impingement
- Fractures

- **Cysts !**

- Other...



Bonnin & Ellis TAR Today, CIC ed. Int, in press; Labeck G et al FAI 2011;

Hintermann B et al Orthopäde 2011; Gougoulas et al CORR 2010

Cysts: Incidence = 0-60%

Pathogenesis


Besse J FAI 2009

Crevoisier&Assal RevMedCH 2006

Wood PL JBJS-B 2003

Anderson T JBJS-A 2008

Buechel FF FAI 2003

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- Micromotion
 - Polyethylene wear → granuloma
 - Metal wear → particles
 - Progression of original cysts

Revision surgery

Questions

Decision

1. Identify cause ?

YES

Solve

NO

Experimental surgery

2. Implant salvage ?

YES

No touch

Partial exchange

Total exchange

NO

Optimal risk/function

Revision surgery

My purpose

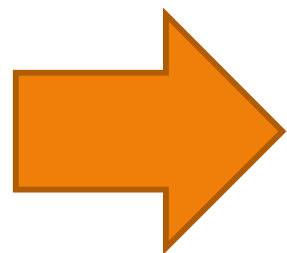
- Focus on intra-articular
- Share personal experience

Illustrative situations of revision

LS-GE : 25 / 170 : **15%**



- 8 Cysts
- 5 Impingements
- 5 Infections
- 3 Dislocations
- 1 Fracture
- 1 Talar necrosis
- 2 Other



19 implant salvage / exchange
6 take down to fusion

Impingement : 5 cases

MA 45y



Impingement

Lessons

Prevention

- Careful cleaning of the gutters

Action

- Early revision >>> powerful

Infection : 5 cases

PJ ♀ 51-52y

- Post traumatic



- Favorable outcome



Infection

PJ ♀ 53-54y

- Outcome unchanged
- Occasional swelling

- Outcome ↓
- Little swelling & pain ↑



2 Y



3 Y



Infection

- Aspiration : neg
- CRP > 20
- 2 stages exchange
- Sonication : prop. Acnes
- Atb iv >>> po 3 Mo

PJ ♀ 54y



Infection

+ general health ↓



4 Mo

PJ 54y



Infection

Lessons

- CAVE painful TAR « without » explanation

Prevention

- Usual precautions

Action

- Early infection → mobile parts exchange
- Late infection → 2 stages exchange or conversion
- Apply optimal risk/function principle

Dislocation : 3 cases

SR ♀ 63y

- Post traumatic
- Long standing varus



Post OP



Dislocation

SR ♀ 63y

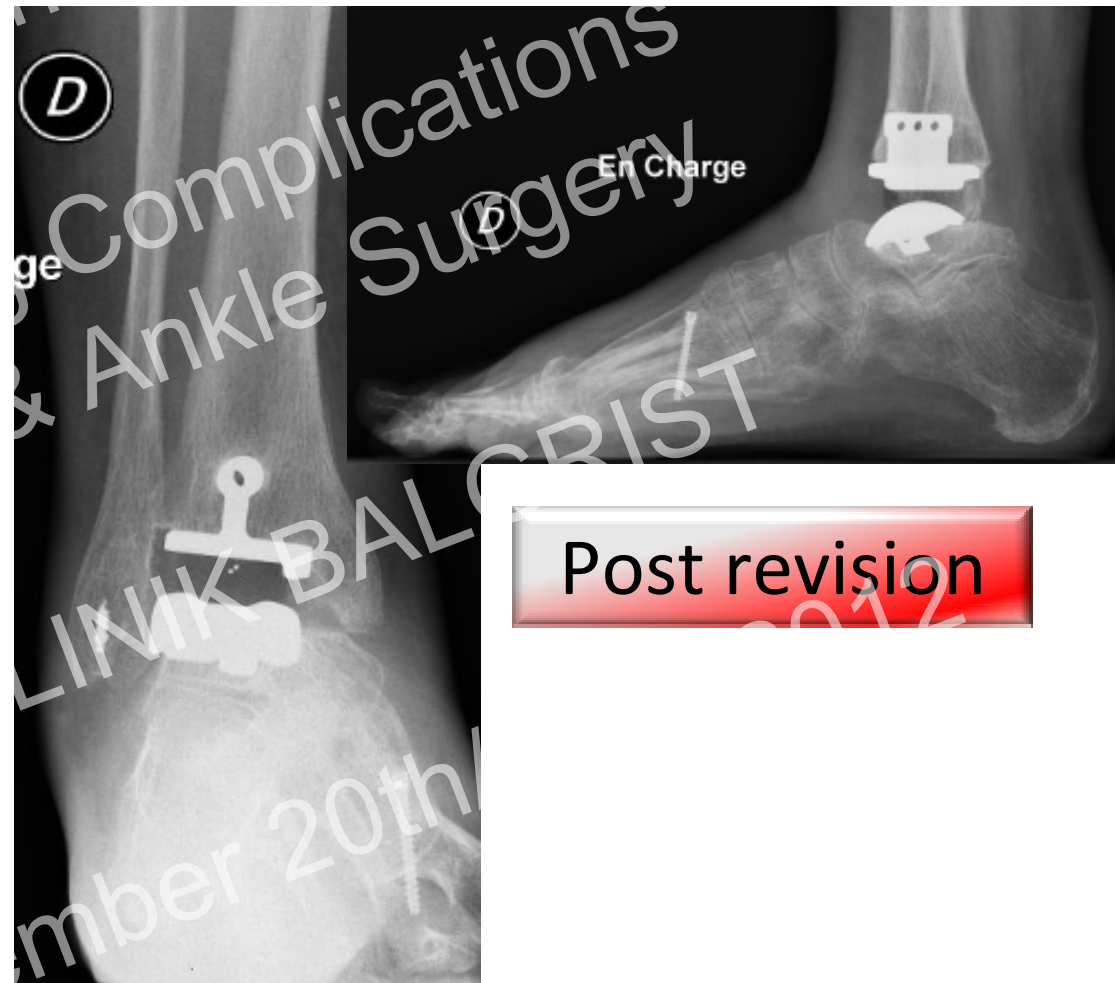
6 weeks



Intra-articular mismatch

Dislocation

SR ♀ 63y



Post revision

Dislocation

Lessons

- Increase accuracy in preoperative planning

Prevention

- Do not leave OR without perfect balancing/kinematics
- Fixed-bearing ?

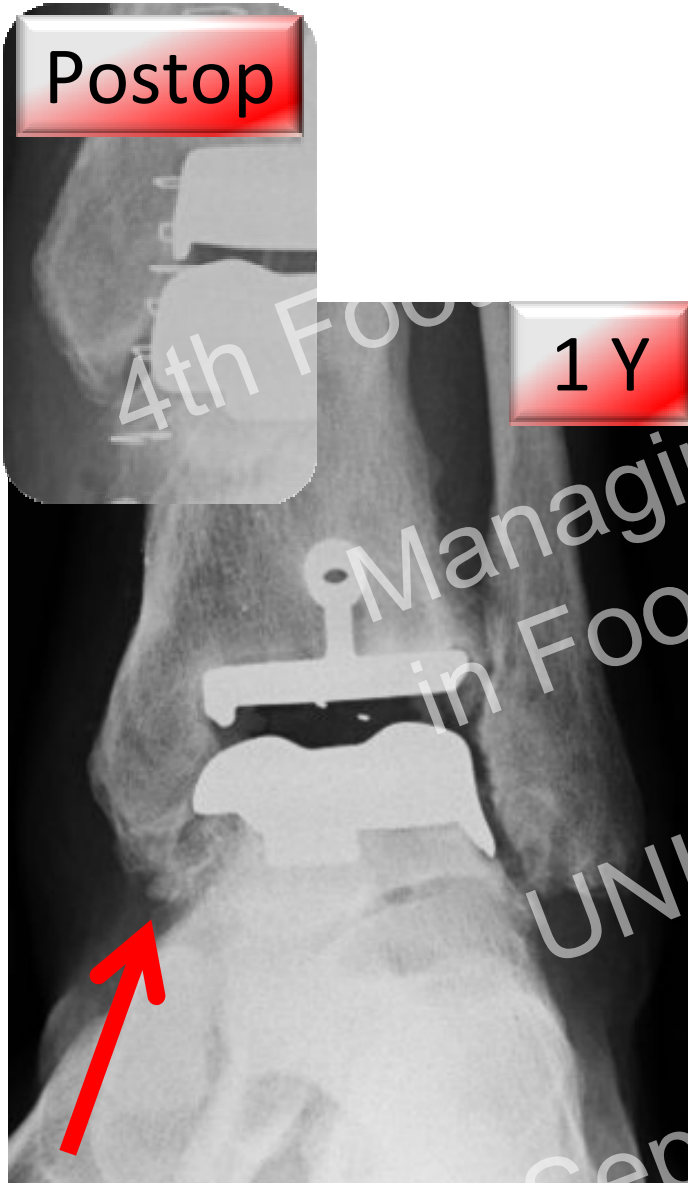
Action

- Revision mandatory
- Identify extra-articular vs intra-articular origin
- Wait for adequate weight bearing + adequate skin conditions

Cysts : 8 cases

Postop

JA 49y



- Some pain medial malleolus
- Farmer 100%
- Skiing / Hiking

Cysts

JA ♀ 51y

3 Y



- ↑ Pain medial malleolus
- ↑ Swelling
- Skiing / No more hiking
- Farming ↓ 50%

Cysts

CT & Spect CT

JA 51y



Experimental surgery

Resection of the medial malleolus

JA ⓘ 51y



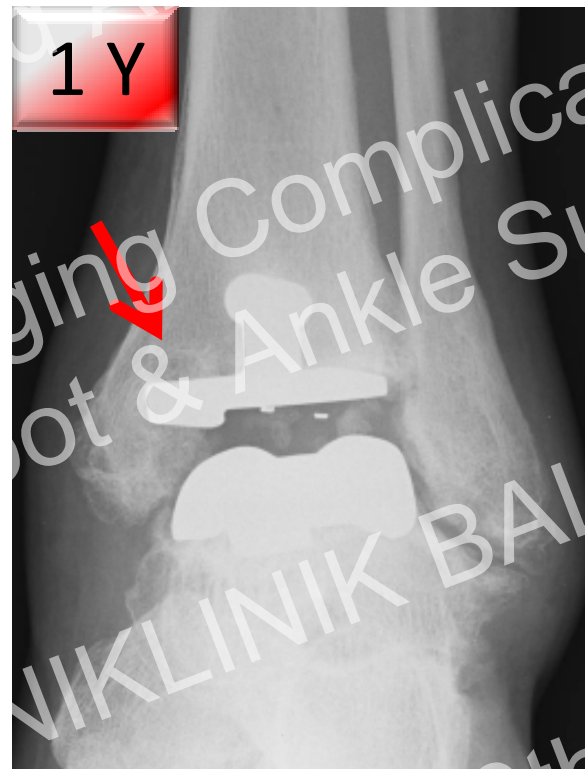
Resection of the medial malleolus

- No instability / laxity ; AOFAS 83 ; farming-skiing-hiking 100%



Cysts

GM ⓘ 65-70y

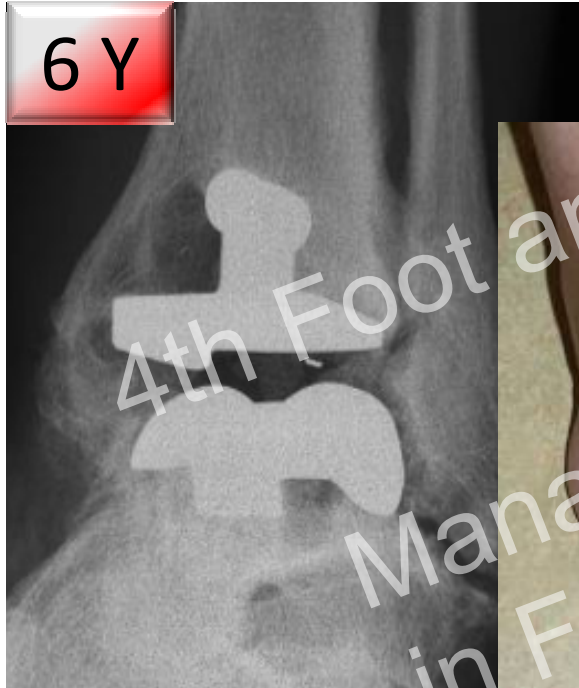


- No pain / good function
- Occasional swelling

Cysts

6 Y

GM ♀ 71y

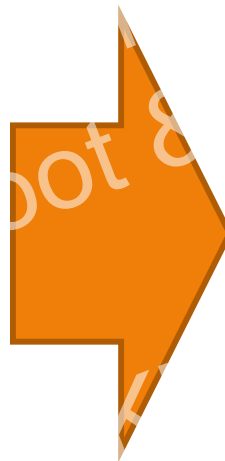
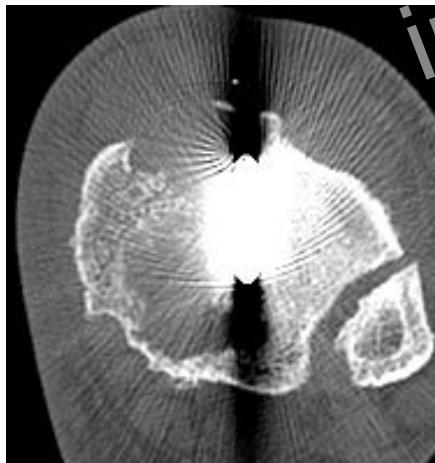


- CRP <5
- Culture : neg
- Low pain

Experimental surgery

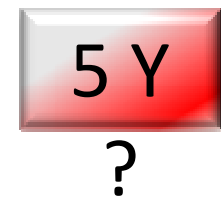
Curetage – cementation – PE
exchange

GM ♀ 71y



Curetage – cementation – PE exchange

GM ♀ 72-73y

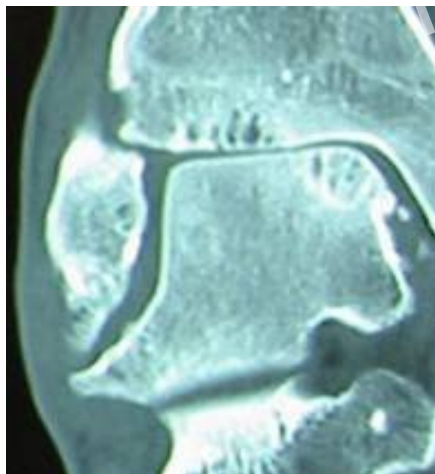
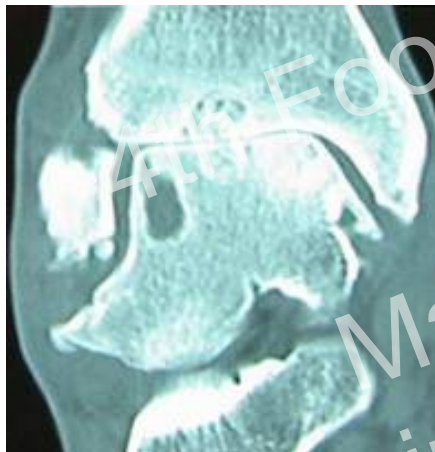


- Low pain
- Good function
- No inflammation

Cysts

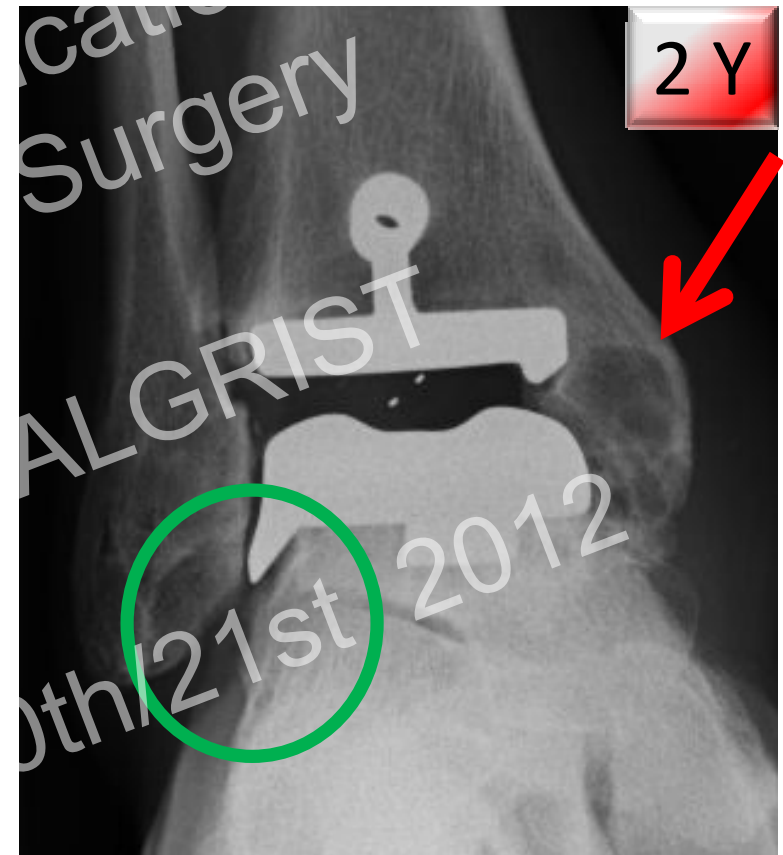
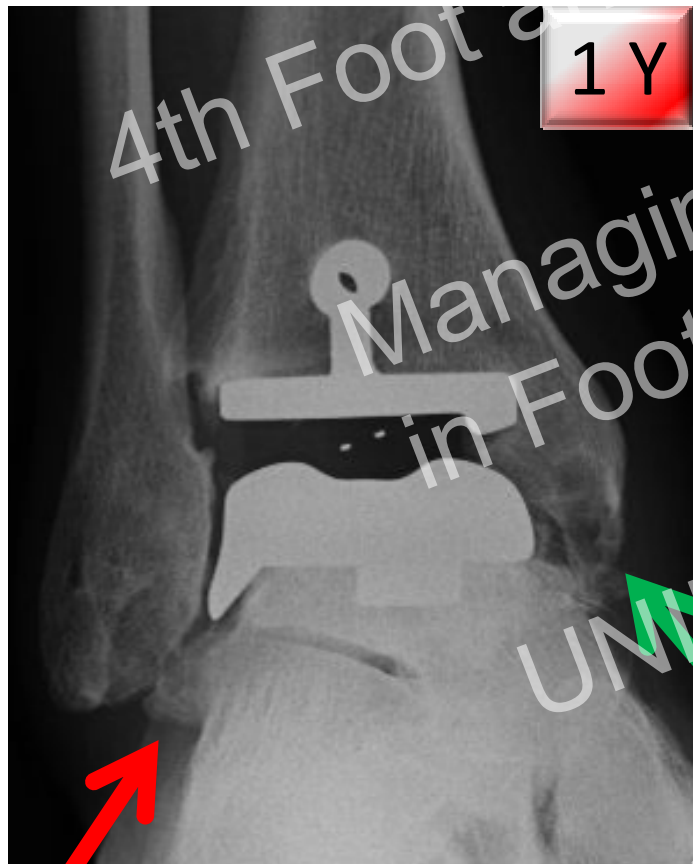
- Post traumatic
- High sports level

MA 44y



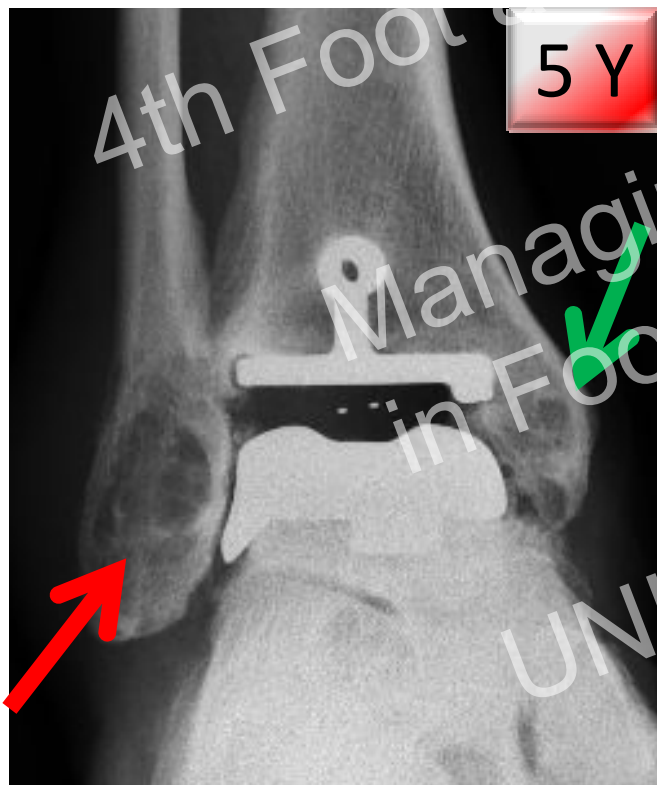
Cysts

MA ♀ 45-46y



Cysts

MA ♀ 49y



Experimental surgery

Curetage – autograft

MA ♀ 49-50y



Cysts : talar side

Autograft + ST fusion

RC ♀ 57-58y



Cysts

Lessons

- Our cases : microbiol./ patho./ electr. microscopy : NEGATIVE

Prevention

- Preop CT → fill the subchondral cysts
- Obturate / clean
- Fixed-bearing ?

Action

- Revision f(pain) + f(risk for loosening – bone loss)
- Prefer autograft *Judet Th Salto Exp Meeting, Paris 2011*
- CAVE talus

Talar necrosis : 1 case

- Moderate pain medial and lateral
- Swelling

RM ♀ 69-72y



Talar necrosis

Autograft + Nailing + Plating

RM 72y



Talar necrosis

RM 73y



Talar necrosis

Lessons

Prevention

- Economic talar cut

Action

- Autograft + calcanéó-talo-tibial arthrodesis
- Revision implants + autograft ?

Conclusion

TAR associated with high revision rate

Revision is challenging

- Understand the cause of failure
- Take the adequate decision
- Experimental surgery

Helpful for optimizing primary implantation

Revision implants



Thank you

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