

The Prosthetic Hip Dislocation Study

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Background

Prosthetic hip dislocation (PHD) is a serious and morbid complication following total hip replacement and hemiarthroplasty. There are currently no national or local guidelines governing the management of this condition, and significant variation exists in practice. PHDs result in repeated hospital admissions, clinic appointments and patient morbidity, placing considerable burden on an already pressured health service. This national audit aimed to characterise current management and develop a standardised protocol.

Aims

To improve care for patients who suffer prosthetic hip dislocations by characterising current management, identifying practice variation, and developing a streamlined national management protocol.

Objectives

1. Retrospectively review all episodes of THR and hemiarthroplasty dislocation at GSTT from January to June 2019. 2. Document acute and long-term management strategies used. 3. Collect anonymous consultant opinion questionnaire data on PHD management preferences. 4. Compare findings against published literature to establish a framework for a national management protocol.

Guidelines

No established national guidelines for prosthetic hip dislocation management

Keywords

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