

# Proximal Femoral Nail versus Dynamic Hip Screw Fixation for Intertrochantreric Hip Fractures AO Types A2 and A3 in Patients above Sixty Years Old: A Prospective Comparative Randomized Controlled Trials

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### **Abstract**

The point of this study is to think about the treatment and results of temperamental intertrochantric hip cracks AO sorts 31A2 and 31A3 treated by element hip screw (DHS) versus proximal femoral nail (PFN). An imminent randomized and near study was directed on eighty four patients (52 guys (61.9%), 32 females (38.1%)) from March 2011 – March 2013. Out of 84 cases, 40 patients treated with DHS (bunch An) and 44 patients were treat with PFN (bunch B). In this study, greatest age was 92 years and least of 60 years with a normal of 72.1 years. Compared to DHS obsession, PFN obsession had lesser operation time, less blood misfortune watched and the patients were prepared to do early assembly with less healing center stay and lesser rates of insert disappointments (p<0.05), be that as it may, DHS patients indicates speedier union rates long haul follow up as Harris score following one year was comparative in both gatherings. PFN gives more steady obsession to precarious intertrochentric breaks extraordinarily AO sort 31A3 and has more good transient results in type of less technique length of time, blood misfortune and insert disappointments, additionally anticipates neck shortening that is usually seen with DHS obsession.

**Keywords:** Intertrochantric break, DHS obsession, dynamic hip screw, proximal femoral nail, forthcoming study.

# Introduction

Intertrochanteric breaks are characterized as 'cracks including upper end of femur through and in the middle of both trochanters with or without expansion into upper femoral shaft. Pertrochanteric breaks of the proximal femur are exceptionally normal among the elderly. The occurrence of these breaks is required to rise significantly encourage with propelling age of the populace. In 1990 26% of every single hip break happened in Asia while this figure could ascend to 37% in 2025 and 45% in 2050¹. There is trust that hip crack danger has started to decrease in specific territories of world however reason is obscure.

In Denmark the frequency of hip breaks has declined around 20% from 1997 to 2006. These breaks lead to high rates of mortality, bleakness and loss of independence. The objective of treatment of these cracks is to accomplish inflexible obsession and to permit early assembly and weight bearing keeping in mind the end goal to anticipate dismalness and to encourage rehabilitation<sup>2</sup>. Pertrochanteric hip breaks have been dealt with effectively with element hip screw (DHS) inserts that permit controlled pressure at the crack site. Alternatively, these breaks can be dealt with utilizing proximal femoral nails (PFN), normally embedded percutaneously and connected with diminished blood misfortune, less presentation to radiation and lower blood transfusion requirements. PFNs likewise give more

prominent strength because of their short minute arm and their brace impact counteracts medialization of the femoral shaft. However, entanglements connected with their utilization incorporate fundamentally femur cracks, slice outs through the femoral head, and the requirement for reoperations. PFNs have just been demonstrated predominant in the exceptionally unsteady subtrochanteric and opposite slanted breaks (OTA/ASIF 31A3) and these inserts are more far reaching when contrasted with DHS<sup>3</sup>.

Nonoperative treatment ought to just in nonambulatory endless patients with agony fatal ailments with under 42 days of future, uncertain restorative comorbidities that block surgical treatment, dynamic irresistible maladies. Nonoperative methodology incorporates decrease by means of footing and early preparation inside of the points of confinement of torment resistance. The traditionalist methodology has high inconvenience rate. The regular issues of delayed immobilization, decubitus ulcers, U.T.I, joint contractures, pneumonia, and thromboembolism add to the high death rate. The expanded rate of varus distortion and shortening results in poor capacity. The agent administration of intertrochanteric breaks has developed since use of altered nail plate, dynamic hip screws to which a few alterations have been added to intramedullary gadgets. It is pivotal for elderly patients to recapture their pre-crack mobile capacity as speedily as would be prudent, as drawn out clinic stays, contaminations, and deferred physiotherapy lead to loss of self-governance.

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Treatment that uses negligibly obtrusive inserts empowers early postoperative full weight bearing, and presents a low confusion rate. This study thought about the fleeting wandering capacity of elderly patients after obsession of shaky intertrochanteric breaks with either the PFNA or DHS<sup>4</sup>.

# Methodology

An imminent randomized and relative study was led on the patients conceded in Hawler Private Hospital. Our study populace basically comprised 84 (52 guys (61.9%), 32 females (38.1%) from March 2011 – March 2013. Out of 84 cases, 40 patients treated with DHS (bunch An) and 44 patients were treat with PFN (bunch B). In this study, greatest age was 92 years and least of 60 years with a normal of 72.1 years<sup>5</sup>.

The essential parameters surveyed were:

**Clinical:** i. Wound condition, ii. Shortening, iii. Harris hip score.

**Radiological:** i. Union, ii. Amount of Collapse iii. Complication like screw cut out and z phenomena.

Every one of the patients was deliberately assessed preoperatively which included nitty gritty history to focus the reason for crack and different maladies. The radiograph of pelvis with both hips and parallel perspective of the influenced hip was taken. The break was ordered utilizing Orthopedic Trauma Association (OTA/AO) grouping. Skin footing was applied to all cases. Embed either DHS or PFN was haphazardly select by working specialist, all cases were work on a standard crack table under anesthesia utilizing standard working method

of the insert picked<sup>5</sup>. The break table is crucial to accomplish decrease and as it permits free access for the C-arm in both perspectives. A blend of third era Cephalosporin (Ceftriaxone 1g) regulated intravenously 30 minutes preceding the skin entry point. The same mix was utilization for 48 hours postoperatively in standard measurements. The injuries were assessing on the third and sixth post-agent day. Join were uproot on the fourteenth day. Patients were caught up at one month to month interim until crack union and after that at 6 month to month interim for 1 year and afterward at yearly interim. Quantitative variables (patient age, length of intense consideration stay, surgical time, break union time, PMS) were express as medians and interquartile reaches, inferable from the little specimen size. The two gatherings were analyzed utilizing the Pearson Chi squared test or the Mann-Whitney U test. A p estimation of <0.05 was considered measurably noteworthy<sup>6</sup>.

## **Results and Discussion**

This study included 84 affirmed instances of intertrochanteric cracks of either genders (52 guys (61.9%), 32 females (38.1%)) from March 2011 – March 2013. Out of 84 cases, 40 patients treated with DHS (bunch An) and 44 patients were treat with PFN (bunch B). In this study, most extreme age was 92 years and least of 60 years with a normal of 71.2 years. In Group A 40 patients (47.6%), 22 were guys (55%) and 18 were females (45%).In gathering B 44 patients (52.4%) were incorporated in which 30 were guys (68.1%) and 14 females (31.9%). Ingathering A 30 patients were had A2 crack AO Type (75%) and 10 patients (25%) had A3 break AO Type, in-gathering B 28 patients were had A2 crack AO sort (63.6%) and 16 patients with A3 break AO sort (36.4%)<sup>7</sup>.



Figure-1
62 Year-old female patient with intertrochanteric fracture fixed with PFN.(a) Preoperative anteroposterior view. (b)
Immediate post-operative anteroposterior view. (c) Anteroposterior view at 6 week follow up<sup>3</sup>

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**Procedure duration:** In this study different intraoperative parameters were took in thought, for example, anesthesia sort, strategy length of time, radiation introduction, measure of blood misfortune, skin entry point and other intraoperative difficulty, for example, mechanical issues. Was more for the gathering A when contrasted with gathering B, the time was figured from the season of skin entry point to the tie of skin conclusion, the normal technique length of time for the gathering A was 62±26

minutes and for the gathering B the normal was  $49\pm22.5$  minute<sup>8</sup>.

**Blood loss:** Which was measured by accumulation in the suction deplete and swarm include, was less gathering B than in gathering A with a normal loss of 90 ml in gathering B and 150 ml in normal in gathering A.

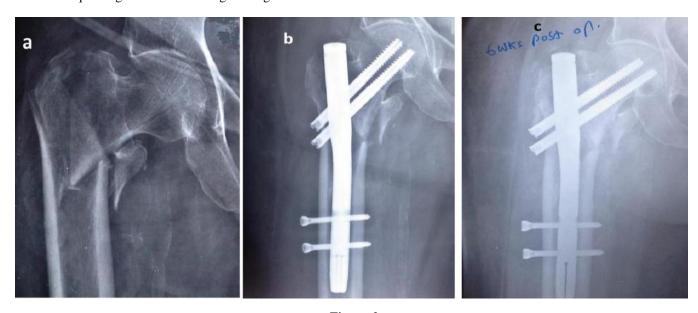


Figure-2
72 Year-old male patient with intertrochanteric fracture fixed with PFN.(a) reoperative anteroposterior view. (b)
Immediate post-operative anteroposterior view. (c) Anteroposterior view at 6 week follow up<sup>5</sup>

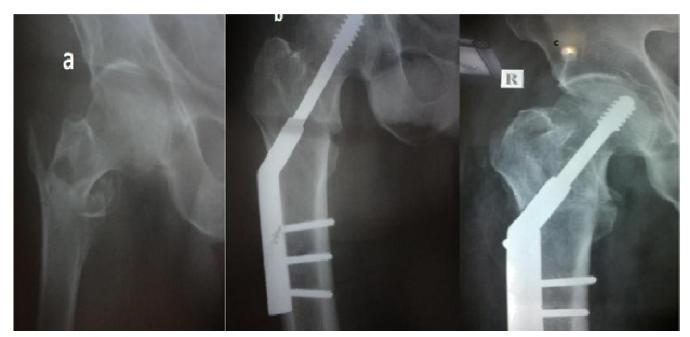


Figure-3
63 Year-old male patient with intertrochanteric fracture fixed with DHS.(a) Preoperative anteroposterior view. (b)
Immediate post-operative anteroposterior view. (c) Anteroposterior view at 6 week follow up<sup>9</sup>

**Anesthesia type:** In gathering A the anesthesia sort which were general anesthesia in 2 patients(5%), epidural anesthesia in 3 patients (7.5%) and spinal anesthesia in 15 patients (87.5%).In bunch B the anesthesia sort which were general anesthesia in 2 patients (4.54%), epidural anesthesia in 1 patients (2.27%) and spinal anesthesia in 41 patients (93.18%).

**Radiation exposure:** The C-arm fluoroscopy shoots were generally had no measurable distinction between both gatherings with a normal of 51.2±31.65 shoots/method.

Intraoperative complications: For both gatherings there were no intraoperative complexity in accomplishing close decrease as in both gatherings we utilized orthopedic table to accomplish close diminishment. In gathering An in 7 patients out of 40 (6 cases with A3fracture AO sort) had insert disappointments as 4 patients with softened spoil and support plate, 2 patients with cut-out and 1 quiet with turn of head and neck. All these seven cases obliged correction surgery. In-gathering B there were no insert disappointment noted, there were no iatrogenic trochanteric crack or the sidelong cortex, and we stage a few troubles in the insertion of the distal nail screws however there were no occurrences of drill offer breakage or sticking<sup>9</sup>.

**Infection:** There were no any instances of contamination in both gatherings and every one of the 84 patients were give Mesporin (Ceftiaxone) vial 1g m.i.d as a prophylactic before the technique and proceeded for 3 days P.O.

**P.O DVT:** Luckily, there were no any patient answered to have P.O DVT or pneumonic emboli as all patient in both gatherings were give antithrombotic in type of Clexane (enoxaparin) vial 4000I.U s.c for 7-10 days P.O. Also, all patient were guidance to wear hostile to DVT socking.

**Functional hip score:** In both gatherings, all patients were subjected to the Harris hip score5 at the 1-month, 3 months, 6

months and one yearly two yearly subsequent meet-ups.

In the D.H.S bunch the 1 month hip score (Avg. 24.4) was not as much as that of the P.F.N bunch (Avg. 33), p < 0.05 however this distinction vanished with the two gathering on the 6th month to month and yearly catch up with both scores being same (D.H.S-93 and P.F.N-93). At 2 years, the score was comparable for both inserts  $^{10}$ .

Weight bearing 1 day P.O: In 20 patients out of 40 in the gathering A had the capacity bear weight in the first day postliminary, every one of whom were from A2 sort of break. None of the A3 crack sort patient had the capacity do so.In complexity, to gathering An in-gathering B all the 44 patients had the capacity do full weight bearing in the first day P.O.

Walking with assistance for 6 meters: This was done in the second and third P.O day, in the gathering A 25; patients (62.5%) had the capacity stroll with help for 6 meters, in these 25 patients 22 were from the A2 crack sort and just 3 from the A3 break type.In bunch B all the patient had the capacity stroll with help to 6 meters the p worth was (P<0.05) which is noteworthy.

**Time to return to previous activity:** With a normal of 12-16 weeks was the period to come back to pre-break action in the gathering A, yet in the gathering B the time was essentially shorter with a normal of 6-8 weeks.

With a capacity to remain on the influenced leg were in a normal of 5-7 weeks for gathering an, and 3-6 weeks to gathering  $B^{11}$ .

**Union Rate:** It was quicker in the gathering A with a normal of 12-16 weeks contrasted with a normal of 14-24 weeks in the gathering B.

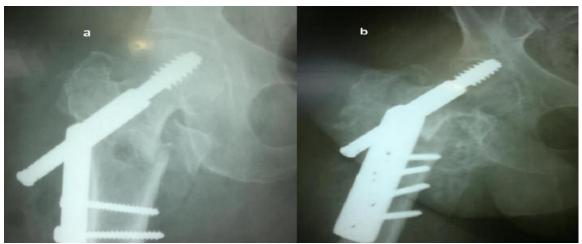


Figure-4

Anteroposterior view at 6-week follow up of a 75 year old female patient with intertrochanteric fracture fixed with DHS (failure) cut out. (a) & (b)<sup>11</sup>

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**Discussion:** The ideal obsession gadget for trochanteric breaks is still questionable at present. Jones et al. looked at the intramedullary nail (IMN), which included gamma nail, intramedullary hip screw (IMHS), and PFN, with sliding hip screw for treatment of extracapsular proximal femoral cracks. In the last three to four decades, treatment of intertrochanteric cracks has changed altogether. Countless inserts has been contrived and tossed. The treatment still merits the kind of break and state of patient. These gadgets had various biomechanical and organic preferences over the routine element hip screw. Long haul concentrates however uncovered that the utilization of these gadgets was connected with higher intra agent and late confusion frequently obliging update surgery. This has prompted alterations in the gadget and method of the intramedullary gadgets. An audit of writing will uncover a few studies on the alert's correlation hip screw to intramedullary nail. Every one of them expected to analyze intra and postoperative difficulties, postoperative capacity, union rates and insert disappointment rate between the two.

## Conclusion

In our study, we found: Less agent time in PFN bunch, less agent blood misfortune in PFN bunch, Early come back to day by day exercises, less complexity in PFN gathering like less contamination, less sliding, less appendage length error contrasted with DHS bunch. The plate and screw gadget will debilitate the bone mechanically. The regular reasons for obsession disappointment are insecurity of the breaks, osteoporosis, and the absence of anatomical decrease, disappointment of obsession gadget and wrong arrangement of the screw. We observed the proximal femoral nail to be more valuable in temperamental and converse angled pattern. Thus, PFN is much better than DHS in administration of break intertrochanteric femur. Early adjustment of precarious intertrochanteric breaks with mechanically more steady embeds, (for example, the PFNA) empowers prior weight bearing, recuperation of mobile capacity, and come back to prefracture social and group capacity, and less dependence on parental figures. Intertrochanteric cracks including the posteromedial divider or lesser trochanter are viewed as temperamental. In patients with such breaks treated with the DHS, weight bearing is postponed until bone union, to minimize breakdown of the obsession. On the other hand, if such breaks are treated with the PFNA, early weight bearing is permitted in light of the fact that the PFN is more steady biomechanically. In this way, our PFN patients would be wise to walking freedom at 6 and 12 months. No advantages in any structure have been gotten or will be gotten from a business gathering related straightforwardly or in a roundabout way to the subject of this article.

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