

HIP ARTHROSCOPY IMPROVES OUTCOMES WITH MODERATE CONVERSION TO TOTAL HIP ARTHROPLASTY RATES IN PATIENTS AGED 50 YEARS OR OLDER: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

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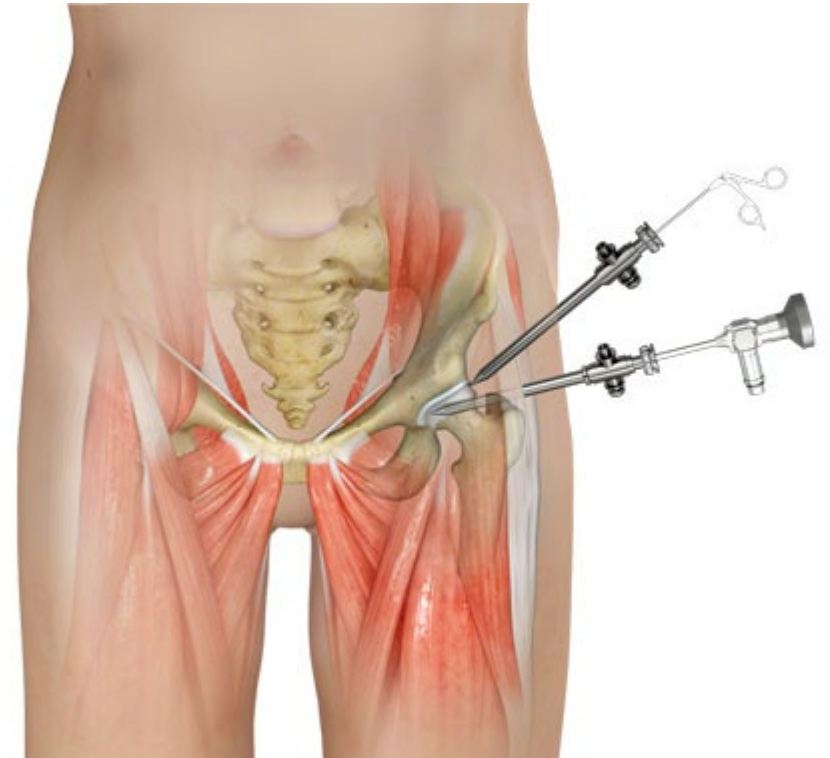
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Introduction & Background

- The prevalence of hip pain increases significantly with age in both the male and female populations [1-3], wherein 1 in 4 individuals are expected to develop hip pain by the age of 85 [4]
- This is often a result of age-related wear and tear, osteoarthritis (OA), and several musculoskeletal pathologies of the hip. Hip pain can be severely debilitating in the elderly and compromise their independence [5]
- A systematic review evaluating the utility of arthroscopy in patients aged 40 or older found that patients had significant improvements in postoperative outcomes compared to baseline, with a conversion to total hip arthroplasty (THA) at a rate of 18.1% at a mean of 25 months postoperatively [6]
- Given the significant increase in the prevalence of hip pathologies with increasing age [3] as well as the increased risk in conversion to THA [5-7], there is a need to assess the utility of hip arthroscopy in older age groups as well

Purpose & Hypothesis

Purpose

- Evaluate the effectiveness and safety profile of hip arthroscopy in individuals aged 50 or older compared to younger patients

Hypothesis

- Patients will experience significant improvements in postoperative clinical outcomes compared to baseline, but may have a moderately increased risk of conversion to total hip arthroplasty (THA) compared to younger patients

Methods

- Included studies reporting on the outcomes of primary hip arthroscopy for patients aged 50 years or older
- All levels of evidence
- Excluded editorials, reviews, technique studies and non-human or cadaveric studies

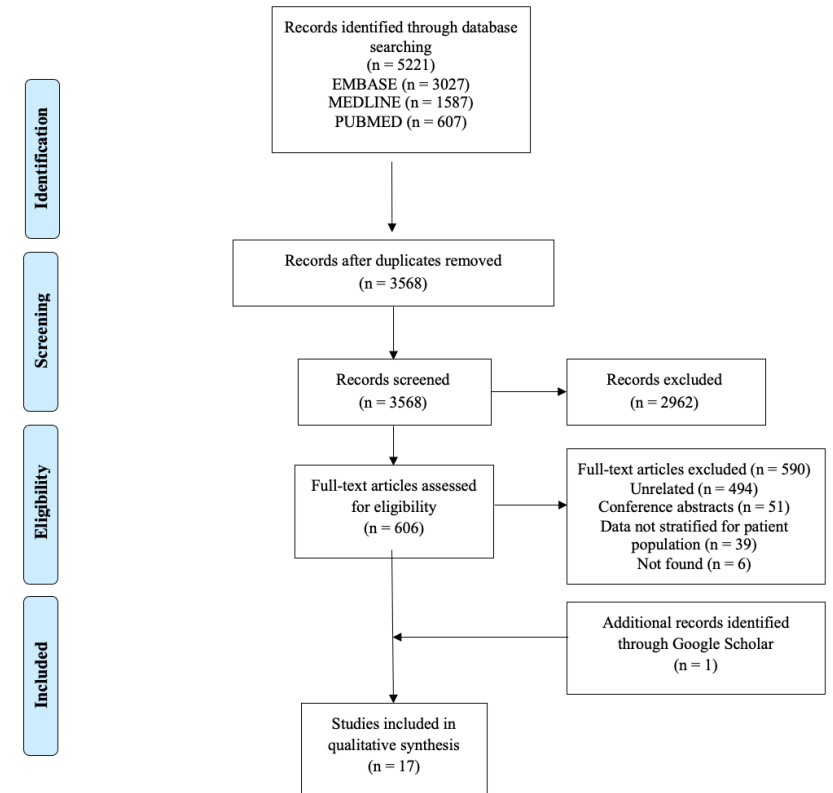


Fig 1. Preferred reporting items for systematic reviews and meta-analyses (PRISMA) flow diagram, demonstrating the systematic review of the literature for the use of hip arthroscopy for patients aged 50 years or older.

RESULTS

Systematic review of the literature yielded 17 included studies with a total of 6,696 patients.

Demographic Data	
Total N (Hips)	6,696 (6,701)
Total N of Hips	6,701
Mean age	61.4 ± 5.0 years
Median follow-up	24 (range: 1.4-70.1)
Indications	
Undefined Pathology/Distribution of Pathologies Unclear	93.8%
FAI, OA + Labral Tear	2.7%
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Other (isolated labral tear, septic arthritis)	0.9%

Outcomes

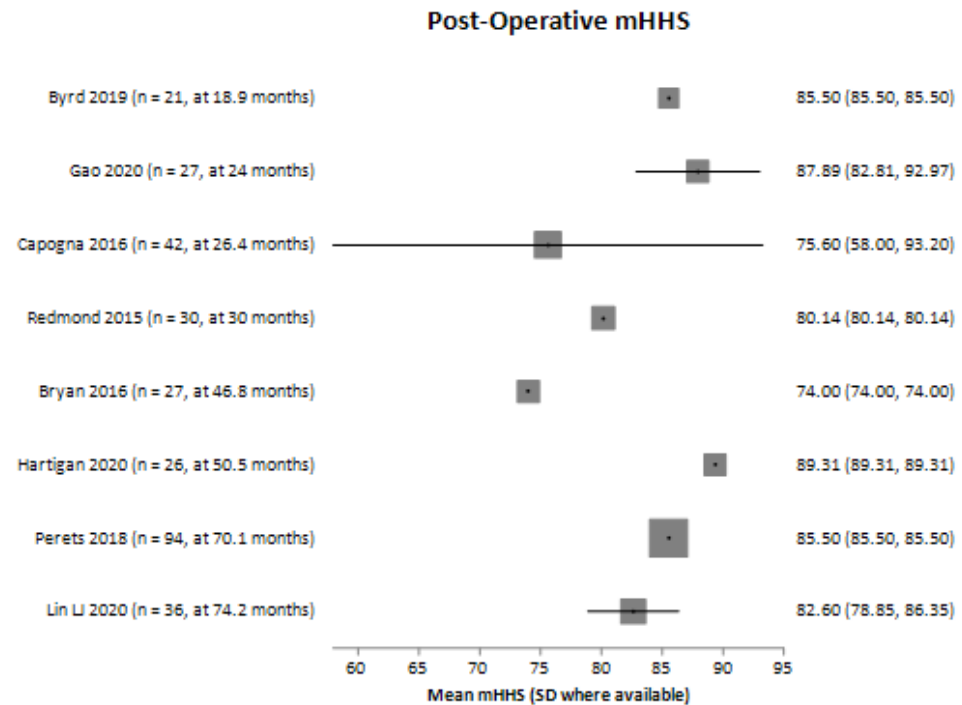


Fig. 2. Graphical representation depicting the mean (\pm SD) postoperative Harris Hip Score (mHHS) scores across studies reporting this outcome.

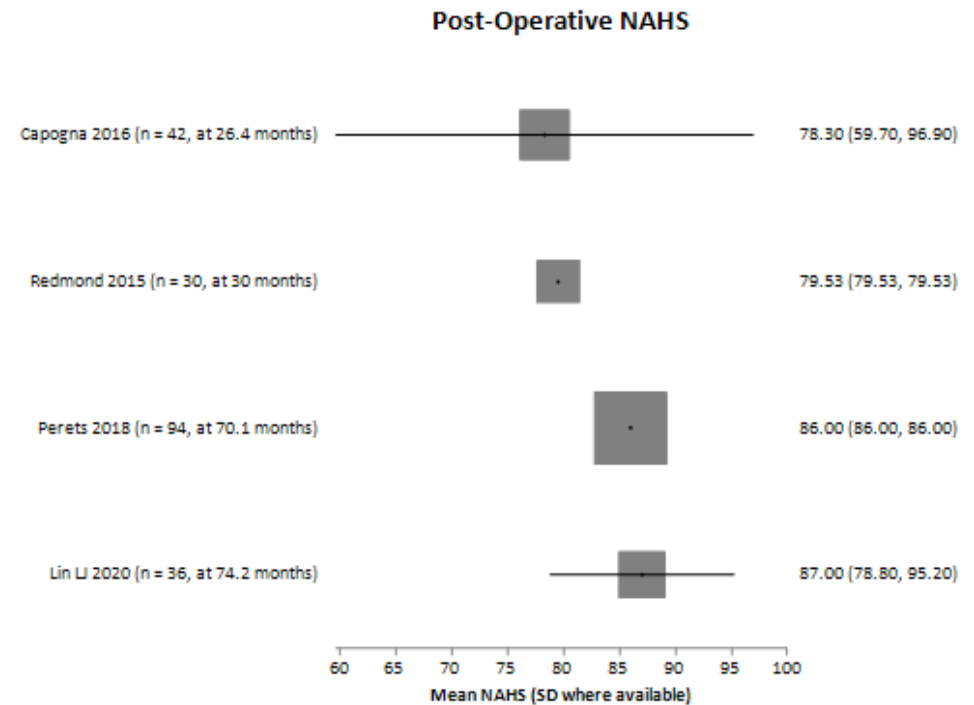


Fig. 5. Graphical representation depicting the mean (\pm SD) postoperative Nonarthritic Hip Score (NAHS) scores across studies reporting this outcome.

Outcomes (Cont'd)

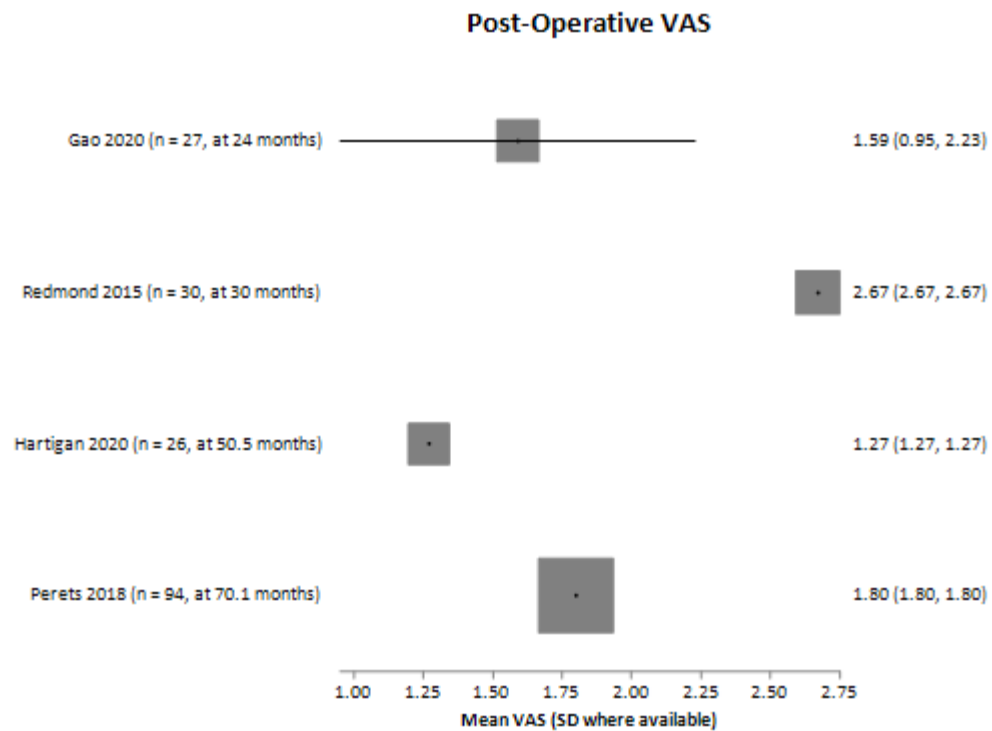


Fig. 4. Graphical representation depicting the mean (\pm SD) postoperative visual analog scale (VAS) scores across studies reporting this outcome.

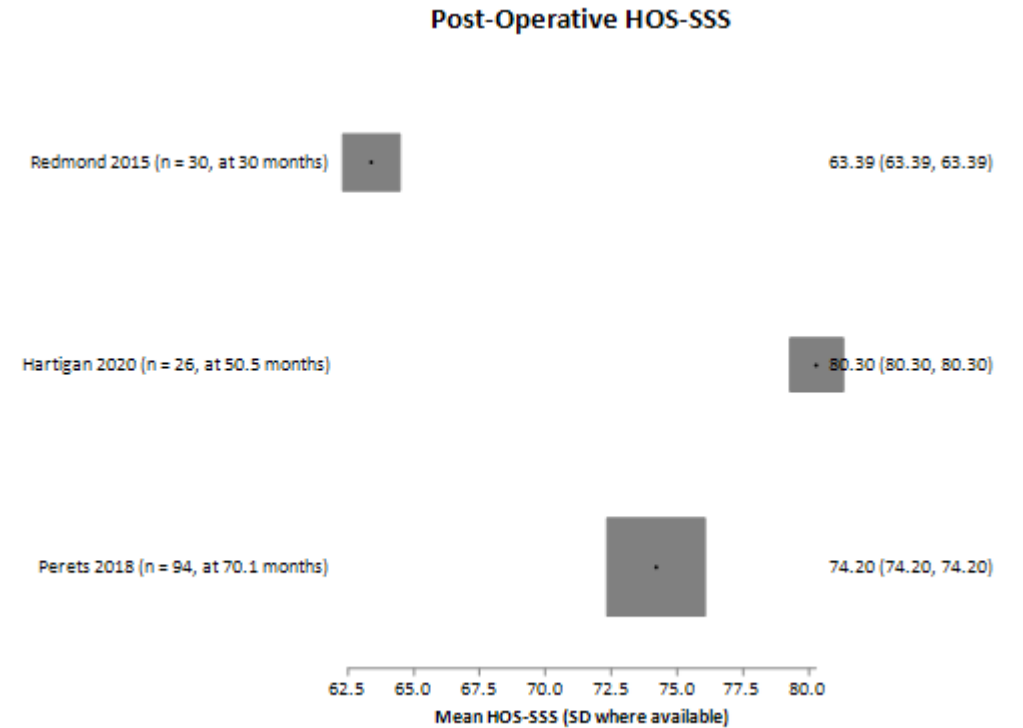


Fig. 5. Graphical representation depicting the mean (\pm SD) postoperative Hip Outcome Score-Sport Scale (HOS-SSS) scores across studies reporting this outcome

Comparative Outcomes

- Patients aged 50 years or older, had significantly worse postoperative outcomes compared to those younger than 50 years of age ($p < 0.05$) [8-10]
- This was in outcome measures such as WOMAC (total, pain, stiffness and functionality subscales), HOS-ADL, HOS-SSS, and NAHS
- Studies also found that patients aged 50 years or older had a significantly higher risk of conversion to THA compared to younger counterparts ($p < 0.05$) [11,12]
- It was also found that those who required conversion to THA had significantly higher preoperative pain, acetabular inclination, severe chondral damage, and lower preoperative mHHS and HOS-ADL scores compared to those who did not require conversion [13]

Complications

- The overall complication rates studies ranged from 0% to 38.3%
- Complications included conversion to THA (range: 0 to 34.6%), revision hip arthroscopy (range: 0 to 10.8%) and other minor complications (e.g., deep vein thrombosis, superficial wound infection, heterotopic ossification, etc.) (range: 0 to 17.4%)
- Mean time to conversion to THA ranged from 6 to 60 months postoperatively

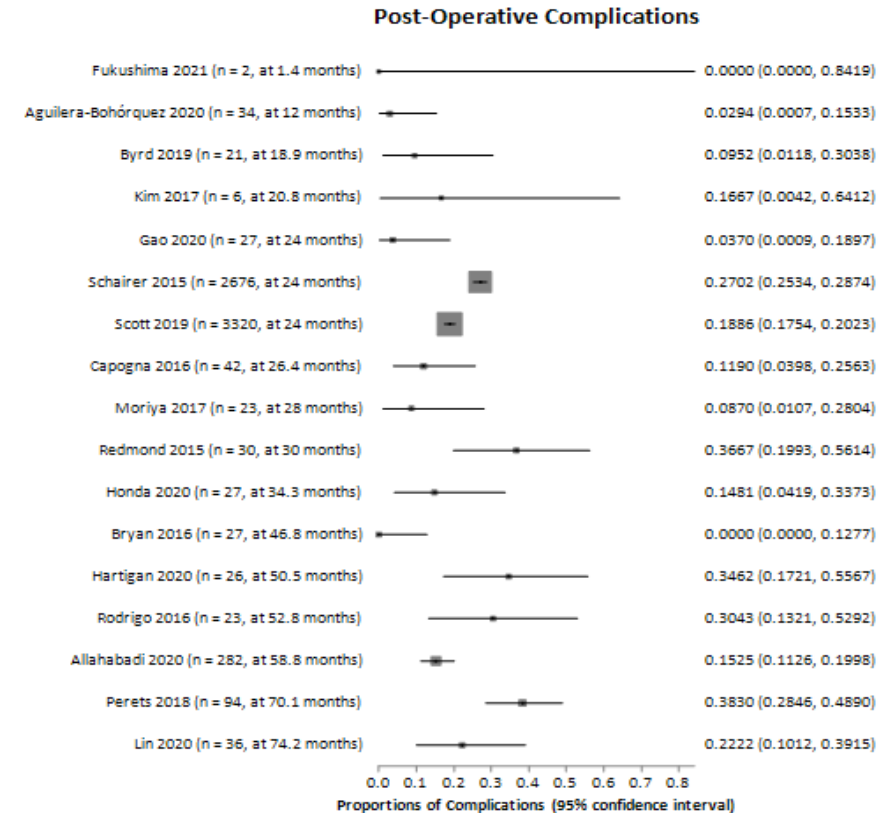


Fig. 6. Graphical representation depicting the proportion (95% confidence interval [CI]) of patients with postoperative complications across studies reporting complications.

Limitations

- Low quality of evidence (64.7% Level IV studies)
- The methodological heterogeneity precluded a meta-analysis
- Seldom reporting of preoperative radiographic data, thus limiting our ability to identify whether patients were already at risk to failure, revision surgery, or conversion to THA prior to hip arthroscopy
- Variability of indications, surgical techniques, and rehabilitation protocol employed across included studies. Thus, an optimal operative management for older patients with hip pain undergoing hip arthroscopy could not be identified.

Conclusions

- Hip arthroscopy for patients aged 50 years or older yields improvements in patient-reported outcomes postoperatively compared to baseline, with a moderate rate of conversion to THA (range: 0 to 34.6%).
- Clinicians should consider patient history (e.g., imaging, comorbidities, etc.) and values when electing for hip arthroscopy in the older population.

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