

RADIOLOGICAL AND FUNCTIONAL OUTCOME POST FIXATION IN UNSTABLE PROXIMAL FEMUR FRACTURE: COMPARISON BETWEEN PROXIMAL FEMORAL NAIL ANTIROTATION (PFNA) AND PROXIMAL FEMORAL LOCKING COMPRESSION PLATE (PFLCP)

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INTRODUCTION:

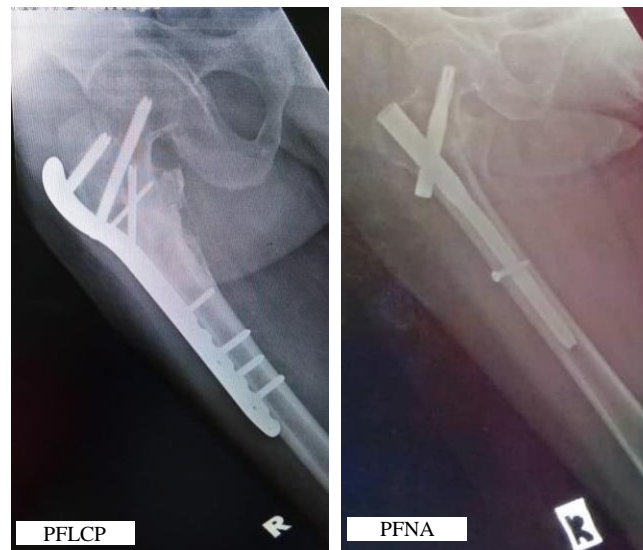
Incidence of unstable proximal femoral fracture is increasing in trend and the treatment is challenging. Operative treatment offers various selection of implant including plate and intramedullary nail. The purpose of this study is to compare radiological and functional outcome between both implants: PFNA and PFLCP.

METHODS:

This is a single centre observational cohort study involving all patients with unstable proximal femur fracture, admitted from January 2012 till December 2017. Plain pelvic and hip radiographs at immediate, 6 month and 1 year post-operative. Neck shaft angle (NSA) and its difference on contralateral side measured. Radiological outcome evaluated prevalence of varus malalignment and quality of fracture reduction. Functional outcome is measured by using Lower Extremity Functional Scale (LEFS).

RESULTS:

Sample population is 91 patients. Radiological and functional outcome didn't differ significantly ($p>0.05$) but PFLCP group had shown significant shorter union time (table 1,2).



Variable	PFNA (n=44)	PFLCP (n=47)	p-value
Age (years)			
Mean	57.45	50.23	0.145
SD	23.54	23.31	
Gender			
Male	28	33	0.505
Female	16	14	
Time from injury to surgery (days)			
Mean	12.89	12.23	0.533
SD	4.34	5.48	
Time of fracture union (months)			
Mean	11.44	9.15	0.018
SD	4.95	4.03	
Fracture type			
AO 31 A.2	18	16	0.716
AO 31 A.3	17	18	
Seinsheimer type			
type 3a	8	7	
type 4	0	0	0.381
type 5	2	5	
Varus malalignment (post operation)			
Immediate	4	7	
6 months	19	16	
1 year	24	21	
LEFS Score			
Mean	64.19	68.50	0.113
SD	13.65	11.73	

Reduction quality (NSA difference at immediate post-operative)	PFNA, (n,%)	PFLCP, (n,%)	p-value
Good (<5 degree)	41 (93.2)	41 (87.2)	0.487
Acceptable(5-10 degree)	3 (6.8)	6 (12.8)	*Fisher exact test
Poor (>10 degree)	0	0	
Total	44 (100)	47 (100)	

DISCUSSIONS:

Association of radiological and functional outcome between both implants was statistically insignificant ($p>0.05$), which concurrent with the study by Singh AK, 2017, Li GX, 2012.

CONCLUSION:

Both implants were effective in treating unstable proximal femur fractures.

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