

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Adult Hip Reconstruction in Greece

It is more than 50 years that adult reconstruction emerged in Greece. Since then, it has grown as the core subspecialty in Greek Orthopaedics. With the pioneering work of Prof Hartofilakidis in cemented Charnley hip arthroplasty and congenital hip disease, as well as the work of very active contemporary hip surgeons, Greek adult reconstruction is recognized internationally. PubMed as of February 2022, using the terms hip and Greece, gives 1253 results (papers).

I had the privilege and honor to be invited as a guest editor to compile an issue for adult hip reconstruction in Greece. In this extra issue of Acta Orthopaedica et Traumatologica Hellenica, the always active Professor G. Hartofilakidis presents 11 patients that their total hip arthroplasties survived for more than 40 years follow-up. Assoc. Professor J Vlamis is presenting his view on Developmental Dysplasia of the Hip. Professor K. Malizos et al., with his continued interest in hip osteonecrosis, present the current trends and controversies of femoral head Osteonecrosis. Professor Megas and his co-authors, who has a special interest on short stems, present a systematic review about the short femoral stems with metaphyseal or meta-diaphyseal fitting in total hip arthroplasty. Rapid recovery is discussed worldwide today and thus we (Babis et al.) show our current methodology and results when applying this new way of recovery in Greek hospitals. Finally, Theo Karachalios et al. present the experience of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery of the University of Thessaly with the technique of extended trochanteric osteotomy in revision total hip arthroplasty.

It is a fact that not all hip surgeons are represented in this issue. Many others are active in our beloved adult hip reconstruction. This issue may be a booster for all these authors to publish their experience and innovations in Acta Orthopaedica et Traumatologica Hellenica.

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