Management and treatment of acetabular bone loss

Acetabular bone loss in the setting of revision total hip arthroplasty can be a potentially complex problem. Given the rise in revision total hip arthroplasty, it is important for all total hip and knee surgeons to be able to successfully manage these patients. A thorough understanding of bone loss management is critical to allow intra-operative versatility during these procedures. Several bone loss classification systems exist, however, the Paprosky classification dictates treatment options based on the bone loss encountered. Extensive pre-operative planning is imperative, but the treating surgeon must remember that the reconstruction plan may change based on the pattern of bone loss that is encountered after the acetabular component has been removed and the remaining bone stock is reassessed.

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