Technique of

Direct Anterior Approach

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Utilizing the Unger Anterior Total Hip Instruments



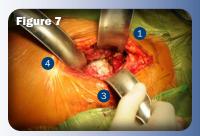
Figure 1











With the patient in the supine position, prep to above the ASIS Figure 1.

Begin the incision approximately three (3) finger-breadths below (posterior) to the ASIS, straight to below the greater trochanter (usually 6-8 cm) Figure 2.

Identify the fascia over the tensor fascia lata (TFL); make the incision into the fascia Figure 3.

Ligate the lateral circumflex vessels Figure 4.

Place the sharp pointed Narrow Hohmann Retractor (#3) in the "saddle" (between the superior neck and the abductor) Figure 5.



Lift up the rectus femoris; partially release the reflected head rectus.

Place the single or double-pronged Wide Hohmann Retractor (#1 or #2) on the anterior column where the reflected head attaches Figure 7.



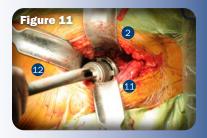


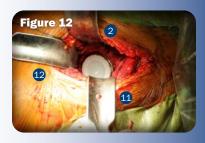






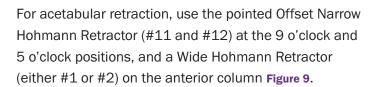








Osteotomy the femur into two pieces and remove the head with a 4.0mm (#1310 or similar) Femoral Head Removal Pin Figure 8.





Femoral Head Removal Pin (#1310)



Ream the acetabulum 10-15 degrees anteversion **Figure 10.**

Impact the acetabular cup into position Figure 11.

Impact the acetabular cup liner into place Figure 12.

Do a superior capsular release, and use a bone hook (#5935 or similar) to pull up the femur. Place the Soft Tissue Protector (#10) over the TFL Figure 13.









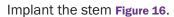






Use the mueller type Femoral Neck Elevator (#9) to push up and hold the femur. Place the double-prong Wide Hohmann Retractor (#2) on the posterior medial neck, and use the sharp pointed Narrow Hohmann Retractor (#3) to pull back the abductor and TFL over the Greater Trochanter. Use the curved Canal Finder Rasp (#6) and the offset Box Osteotome (#7 or #8) to prepare the femoral shaft **Figure 14**.

Broach Figure 15.



Assess leg lengths, stability and impingement Figure 17.

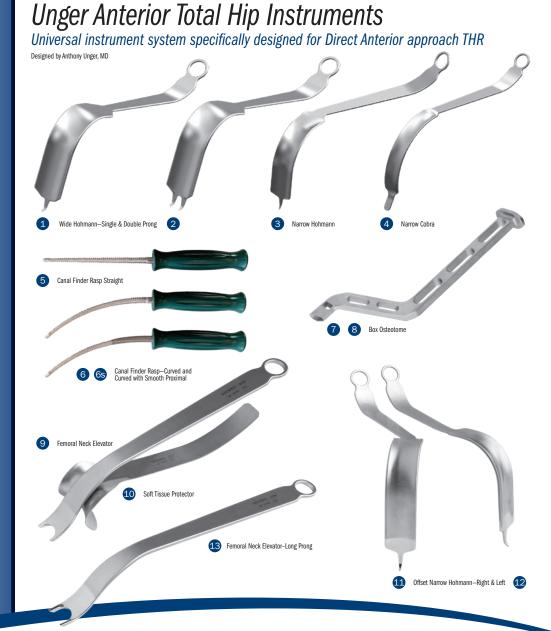
Attach the real femoral head Figure 18.

Close the TFL fascia with running suture Figure 19.

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PRODUCT NO'S: 3001 [Unger Wide Hohmann-Single Prong] Blade Width: 45 n Blade Depth: 5.45" (13,8 cm) Overall Length: 13.5" (34,3 cm) 3008 [Unger Wide Hohmann-Double Prong] Blade Width: 45 mm Blade Depth: 5.45" (13,8 cm) Overall Length: 13.5" (34,3 cm) 3002 [Unger Narrow Hohmann] Blade Width: 34 mm Blade Depth: 4" (10,2 cm) Overall Length: 13" (33 cm) 3003 [Unger Blunt Narrow Cobra] Blade Width: 34 mm Blade Width at Tip: 12 mm Blade Depth: 5.25" (13,3 cm) Overall Length: 14.5" (36,9 cm) 3004 [Unger Canal Finder Rasp-Straight] Overall Length: 11" (27,9 cm) Handle Length: 5" (12,7 cm) 3004-01 [Unger Canal Finder Rasp-Curved] Overall Length: 11" (27,9 cm) Handle Length: 5" (12,7 cm) 3004-02 [Unger Canal Finder Rasp-Curved with Smooth Proximal] Overall Length: 11" (27,9 cm) Handle Length: 5" (12,7 cm) 3005-R [Unger Box Osteotome-Right] Overall Length: 12" (30,5 cm) 3005-L [Unger Box Osteotome-Left] 8 Overall Length: 12" (30,5 cm) 3006 [Unger Femoral Neck Elevator] Blade Width at Widest: 25 mm Overall Length: 13" (33 cm) Handle Length: 9" (22,9 cm) 3007 [Unger Soft Tissue Protector] Blade Width: 50 mm Blade Depth: 1.75" (4,4 cm) Overall Length: 10.125" (25,7 cm) 3009-R [Unger Offset Narrow Hohmann-Right] Blade Width: 34 mm Blade Depth: 4" (10,2 cm) Overall Length: 13" (33 cm) 3009-L [Unger Offset Narrow Hohmann-Left] Blade Width: 34 mm Blade Depth: 4" (10,2 cm) Overall Length: 13" (33 cm) Optional Instruments: 3006-01 [Femoral Neck Elevator–Long Prong] Blade Width at Widest: 25 mm



Overall Length: 13.4" (34 cm) Handle Length: 9" (22,9 cm)

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Hannum Tissue Grasper
Used for dissection (to preserve)/or removal of the anterior capsule, removal of the labrum, or other soft tissue around the acetabulum prior to cup implantation. Also used to release the capsule to expose the femur for placement of the femoral stem. Long, low profile helps facilitate working through a small incision without disrupting vision.



PRODUCT NO: 1775-03 [Long Jaw] 3mm Jaw Width Overall Length: 9.25"

Other instruments commonly used with this approach:



Lombardi Bone Hooks

Used to elevate the femur to allow adequate soft tissue release to aid in femoral exposure.



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Femoral Head Removal Pin

PRODUCT NO: 1310 [Pin] Overall Length: 9" Diameter: 4mm (5/32")

Partial threaded pin used to help remove a femoral head.

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