1. Introduction

Total hip replacement arthroplasty (THRA) using a metal-on-polyethylene articulation has become one of the most effective procedures for the surgical treatment for end-stage hip disease. However, polyethylene wear debris-induced osteolysis has been postulated to cause/contribute to the aseptic loosening of a THRA, and hence, is regarded to be an important factor in its in vivo longevity. Low friction low wear ceramic-on-ceramic bearing surfaces are an attractive alternative to conventional metal-on-polyethylene articulation in terms of eliminating or reducing the problems related to polyethylene wear debris, and may offer a promising option for young active patients.

Since November 1997, more than 2,000 cases of a cementless ceramic-on-ceramic THRA have been performed at Seoul National University Hospital (SNUH). Kaplan-Meier survivorship analysis of SNUH cases with any implant revision for any reason as the end point, revealed a cumulative survival rate of 99.0% (95% confidence interval, 97.0% to 100%) at ten years after index arthroplasty. (Ref: Lee et al., J Bone Joint Surg Am. 2010 Jul 21;92(8):1715-9) Moreover, recently, SNUH hip service found a high 10-year survival of cementless ceramic-on-ceramic THRA (98.9% survival rate) in highly active patients younger than 30 years. (Ref: Yoon et al., Clin Orthop Relat Res. 2012 Dec;470(12):3530-6)

In addition, SNUH hip service reported that the ceramic-on-ceramic bearing surfaces used for revision THRA in patients with osteolysis produce encouraging clinical results and implant survival rates at a minimum of 7 years postoperatively (96.9% survival rate) (Ref: Yoo et al., J Arthroplasty. 2013 Jan;28(1):132-8) The outcome of THRA in SNUH is outstanding.

The SNUH adult hip service can be the best option for the education of adult hip reconstruction for the global visitor supported by the highest number of cases in the world as well as structured and active research activities, even for a short duration of a few weeks.
2. Visiting Fellowship Program

2-1. Short-term visiting fellowship program

This is an integrated practical education course which provides experience of tens of hip disease patients within a few weeks and is purposed to let the trainee have a structured concept and knowledge of adult hip reconstruction surgery.

The trainee is expected to learn fundamental principles of adult hip reconstruction surgery mainly focused on hip arthroplasty including primary total hip arthroplasty, revision total hip arthroplasty, hip hemiarthroplasty, and so on. We hope this experience form relatively large number of hip disease patients could be effectively applied to their own practice in their own practical fields. Is it also expected that the introduction and discussions on a number of researches that take place at SNUH may develop new collaborations of adult hip researches by two countries.

1) Duration: 2 weeks or 4 weeks program courses, which are basically similar in contents; however more chances of participating in operation and in-depth discussion on issues of adult hip reconstruction are available in 4 week’s program.

2) Educational contents

Adult hip reconstruction surgery: Indication and technical principles of each operation technique

Post-operative care: post-operative rehabilitation, complication management, follow-up period and check-up lists

Conferences: decision making of difficult cases, discussion on interesting cases and updated publication

Research meeting: clinical, translational research activities of SNUH adult hip service

Other activities: Observation of outpatients clinic and invitation to other frequent meetings in hip society
2-2. Long-term visiting fellowship program

Six months or 1-year program courses are available in long-term visiting program. Their educational contents are basically similar with those in short-term programs.

3. Faculty Member

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