

# Traction Force During Hip Arthroscopy is Affected by Multiple Demographic and Anatomic Factors

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# Introduction

- During hip arthroscopy, traction is required to distract the hip joint for safe introduction of instrumentation
- Maximum traction intensity is the greatest risk factor for postoperative neurapraxia

## Risk of Sciatic Nerve Traction Injury During Hip Arthroscopy—Is It the Amount or Duration?

### An Intraoperative Nerve Monitoring Study

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# Introduction

- Neurapraxia after hip arthroscopy may include sciatic, pudendal, and/or common peroneal nerves
- Other complications related to traction: skin tears/skin necrosis, erectile dysfunction

## A Prospective Comparison of Groin-Related Complications After Hip Arthroscopy With and Without a Perineal Post

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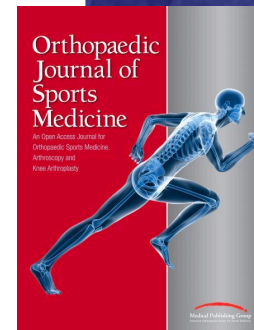
# Introduction

- Previous studies have demonstrated that male sex and elevated BMI are risk factors for needing increased traction during hip arthroscopy
- Further research into other demographic/anatomic factors can provide the surgeon with insight into how much traction force should be required during hip arthroscopy

## Patient-Specific Parameters Associated With Traction in Primary and Revision Hip Arthroscopic Surgery

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# Purpose

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- To determine the effects of demographic and anatomic factors on initial traction force required during hip arthroscopy



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# Methods

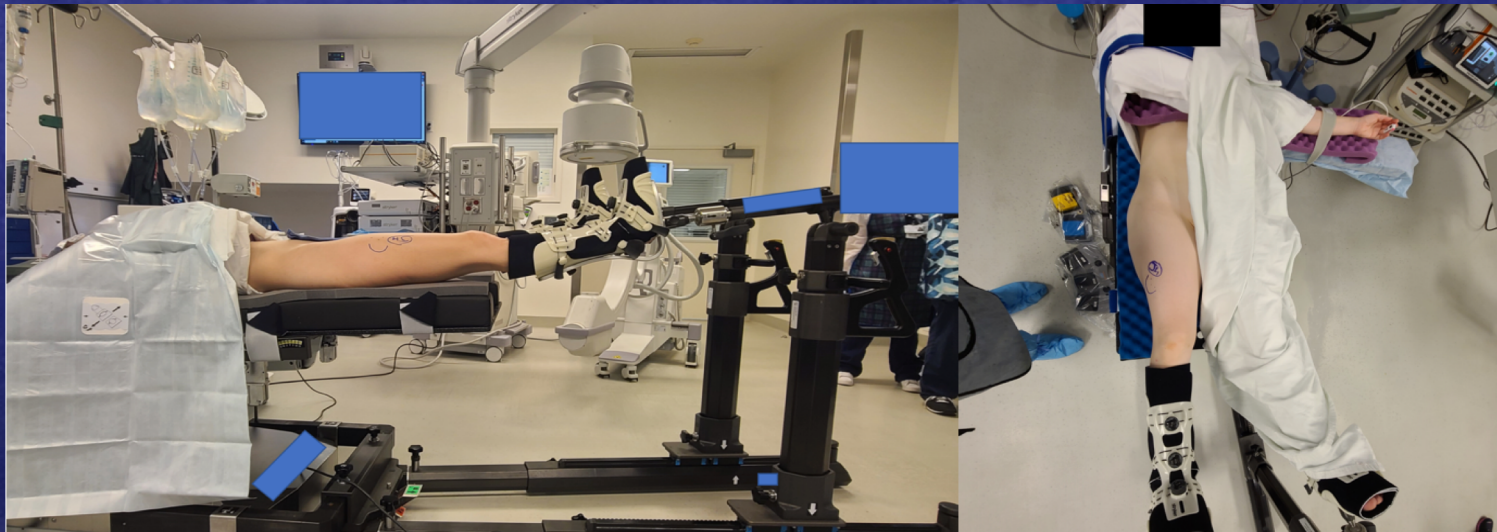
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- Retrospective analysis of prospectively collected data
- All patients undergoing hip arthroscopy by senior author between May 2019 and March 2022
- Variables measured included:
  - Sex
  - BMI
  - Age
  - Beighton Hypermobility Score (BHS)
  - Hip ROM in clinic
  - LCEA
  - Formal torsion-acetabular version (COTAV)



# Methods

- All patients underwent postless hip arthroscopy
- Initial traction force and traction force following interportal capsulotomy measured using force gauge built into bed



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# Methods

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- Two multiple regression analyses were performed to determine the effects of demographic and anatomic factors on initial traction force and traction force following capsulotomy
- A sub-analysis was performed with separate male and female cohorts



# Results

<b>Patient Demographics</b>	<b>Values (N=352)</b>
Age, y	32.6 ( $\pm$ 11.0)
Sex (male/female)	112/233
BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup>	24.1 ( $\pm$ 4.32)
Beighton Hypermobility Score	2.42 ( $\pm$ 2.27)

<b>Hip Pathology</b>	<b>% with Condition (N=352)</b>
No Dysplasia	48%
Borderline Dysplasia	20%
Dysplasia	32%



# Results

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- 352 hips
- Initial traction force 109 lbs → 94 lbs following capsulotomy
- Initial traction force for males 136 lbs → 117 lbs following capsulotomy
- Initial traction force for females 96.2 lbs → 83.2 lbs following capsulotomy



# Results

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## Multilinear regression analysis

- **Negatively correlated with initial traction force:**
  - **Abduction, external rotation, internal rotation, female sex, and mild laxity (BHS 3-5) vs no laxity (BHS 0-2)**
- **Positively Associated with traction force after capsulotomy:**
  - **BMI**
- **No significant correlation:**
  - **Flexion, COTAV, LCEA, sourcil angle, age, borderline dysplasia vs no dysplasia, and dysplasia vs no dysplasia**



# Results

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## Male cohort multilinear regression analysis

- Negatively associated with initial traction force:
  - Internal rotation, mild laxity (BHS 3-5) vs no laxity (0-2)
- Positively associated with initial traction force:
  - BMI
- Positively associated with traction force after capsulotomy:
  - BMI



# Results

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## Female cohort multilinear regression analysis

- Positively associated with initial traction force:
  - Abduction
- There were no significant variables for traction force following capsulotomy in the female cohort



# Conclusions

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- Some demographic and anatomic factors are associated with initial traction force during postless hip arthroscopy
- Surgeons can use this information to estimate necessary traction force and also discuss the possibility of traction-related nerve injuries with patients prior to surgery



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