

# Emerging Technology in the Clinic and OR

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### Outline

- Clinic Innovations
- Implant technology
- Robotics
- OR technology/efficiency
- Future directions





## AI Scribes

### Clinic Innovations

### Ambient EHR-integrated scribes

- Listen passively during visits, auto-generate notes directly into EMR

### Mobile-app based/AI only scribes

- Smart phone or tablet records → appears in EMR within minutes
- Voice assistant features, parallel patient communications

### Hybrid AI + human scribes\*

- AI generates draft, then remote medical documentation assistant reviews for accuracy





## Decision Aids

Clinic Innovations

### Educational video modules

- Explain surgery, risk, rehab, etc.

### Interactive web tools

- Quizzes, checklists, "what to expect" pathways

### EHR-integrated portals

- Preop tasks, reminders, recovery tracking

### Institution-specific apps

Customized education + PROMs collections

# The Impact Of Decision Aids On Adults Considering Hip Or Knee Surgery

<u>Vanessa B. Hurley, Hector P. Rodriguez, Stephen Kearing, Yue Wang, Ming D. Leung, and</u> Stephen M. Shortell

"Compared to matched patients not exposed to the decision aids, those exposed had two-and-a-half times the odds of undergoing hip replacement surgery and nearly twice the odds of undergoing knee replacement surgery within six months of the consultation."



# Implant Technology



Cementless Knee Designs

Implant Technology

- Porous surfaces
  - Ti or CoCr with 3D printed lattice for ingrowth
- Hydroxyapatite coatings





# Advances in Hip Stems

Implant Technology

Triple-taper takeover



R. G. Ricotti,

Changing practice to a new-generation tripletaper collared femoral component reduces periprosthetic fracture rates after primary total hip arthroplasty

A CONSECUTIVE SERIES OF 1,888 CASES

**■ THE INTERNATIONAL HIP SOCIETY** 





1.42% vs 0.13% (p=0.002)



D. A. Flevas. R. Sokrab,

J. M. Vigdorchik, D. J. Mayman,

S. A. Jerabek. T. P. Sculco,

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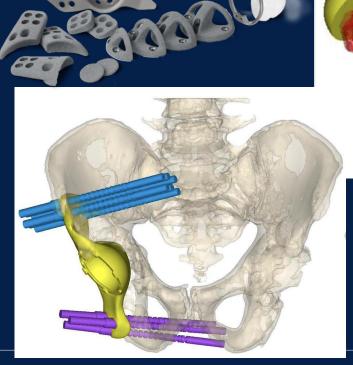
Acetabular & Revision Implants

Implant Technology

3D printed custom components

 Trabecular metal/porous metal augments and cones







# "Smart" Implants

Implant Technology

- Sensor-enabled components
  - Measure load, pressure, alignment in real time
- Data-transmitting
  - Wireless communication with external devices
- Integrated wearables/implant ecosystems
  - Combine implant data + patient-reported outcomes



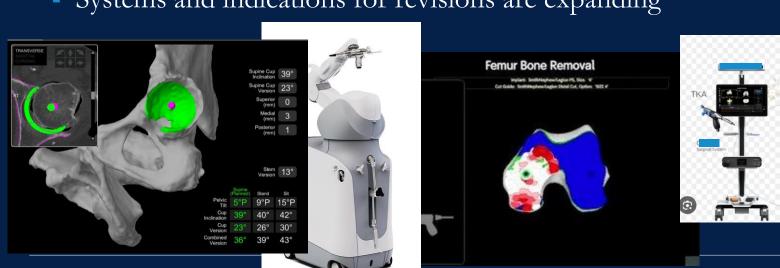




# Robotics in Complex & Revision Cases

### Robotics

- Considerations
  - Image based/imageless, haptics, portability, revision applications, compatibility with multiple systems
- Systems and indications for revisions are expanding





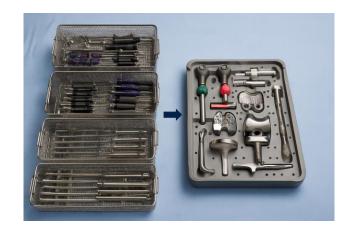


# OR Technology/Efficiency Emerging Technology in the Clinic and OR

# OR Technology/Efficiency

- Consolidated or single-tray systems
  - Leverage robotic planning
- Augmented reality









# Future Directions

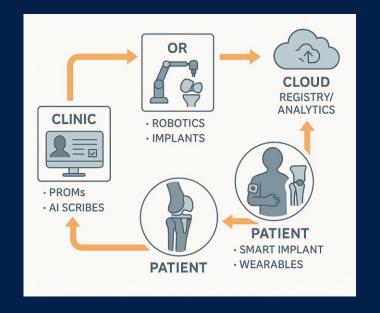


# Personalized Arthroplasty

Future Directions

### Convergence of Innovations:

- Clinic (AI scribes + PROMs)
- OR (Robotics + Implants)
- Patient-centered (Smart Implants +/ Wearables)
- Cloud (Registries + Analytics)



### Impact:

- Personalized arthroplasty tailored to bone quality, activity, demographics, and anatomy
- Predictive analytics for early complication detection





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# PROMs Integrations

Clinic Innovations

- Short-form joint scores → HOOS JR, KOOS JR, Oxford Hip/Knee Score.
- Computer adaptive testing → PROMIS CAT modules (physical function, pain interference).
- EHR-integrated dashboards → EMR questionnaires, registry addons
- Research/registry platforms → REDCap, AJRR (American Joint Replacement Registry)

