

CASE REPORT

Medical Education Series

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Diabetic Foot Osteomyelitis and Charcot Foot Reconstruction

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PATIENT HISTORY

A 58 year old female with a background of diabetes and charcot foot, presented with a chronic wound on the plantar aspect of her foot. She previously had multiple debridement and local wound care. After multiple surgeries her wound remained infected. She was presented with two options for her wound - either to attempt limb salvage surgery or to opt for a below knee amputation. She decided to try limb salvage surgery first.

DIAGNOSIS

Diabetic Foot Osteomyelitis and Charcot Foot.

TREATMENT

First operation - Forefoot debridement. Post-operatively she was treated with Dalbavancin IV, however her wound remained infected.

Second operation: Midfoot gigli osteotomy with external fixation. External fixator was left in place for 6 weeks.

Third and fourth operation: Removal of external fixation and Tibio-Talo-Calcaneal arthrodesis was performed using a hindfoot nail, while the medial column was addressed by using a plate and screw construct.

During the post-op period, the patient developed surgical wound dehiscence, with exposed bone. Additional bone biopsies, once again, revealed presence of acute osteomyelitis. Patient was admitted to hospital, and underwent removal of her metal work with 6 weeks of IV antibiotics. At the conclusion of IV abx therapy, additional bone biopsies were negative for osteomyelitis.

4) Fifth and final operation with CERAMENT G: Implantation of custom 3D titanium, Tibio-Talo-Calcaneal hindfoot nail and medial column beam. CERAMENT G was injected into and around 3D implant, and used to fill osseous voids.

HARDWARE

Restor3d custom cage.

OUTCOME

After her procedure with CERAMENT G – she has had no further surgical intervention or systemic antibiotics. She is currently attending physiotherapy and ambulating with use of custom dynamic ankle foot orthoses.



Intra-op images of CERAMENT G injected around the custom cage (Restor3d).





1 year post op X-rays showing continued stable construct, and the patient remains infection free.

Advancing Osteomyelitis Management

- Bone remodeling to promote and protect bone healing¹
- Local antibiotic elution that is safe, consistent and clinically significant²

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