

CASE REPORT

**Medical Education Series** 

# **Chronic Osteomyelitis - Tibia**

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#### **CHRONIC OSTEOMYELITIS - TIBIA**

#### PATIENT HISTORY

A 22 year old male presented with a long standing history of chronic osteomyelitis of his right tibia. He previously had an open fracture which was managed in Cuba, and was initially treated with an external fixator and then converted to plate and screws for definitive fixation and the fracture healed. He then underwent removal of hardware due to a recurrent infection and was treated with antibiotics at that time. He presented to our unit years later with symptoms of chronic osteomyelitis.

#### **DIAGNOSIS**

Chronic osteomyelitis of the right tibia.

#### **TREATMENT**

Patient presented to our unit with pain in his right tibia and a draining sinus from his soft tissues. He was managed initially with an irrigation and debridement of his right tibia osteomyelitis, including his intramedullary canal, and excision of his sinus tract. The samples were sent for culture and pathology. The following week, he underwent a second irrigation and debridement of the right tibia including intramedullary reaming and then CERAMENT® G was injected with the 2-Can delivery system.

#### **CULTURE**

Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA).

#### **SYSTEMIC ANTIBIOTICS**

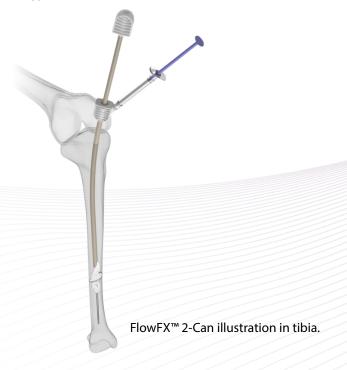
6 weeks of IV ABX Vancomycin.

#### **OUTCOME**

6 months post-operatively, he is fully weight bearing and no signs of infection recurrence. In the post-operative xrays signs of remodelling can be seen in the previous defects.

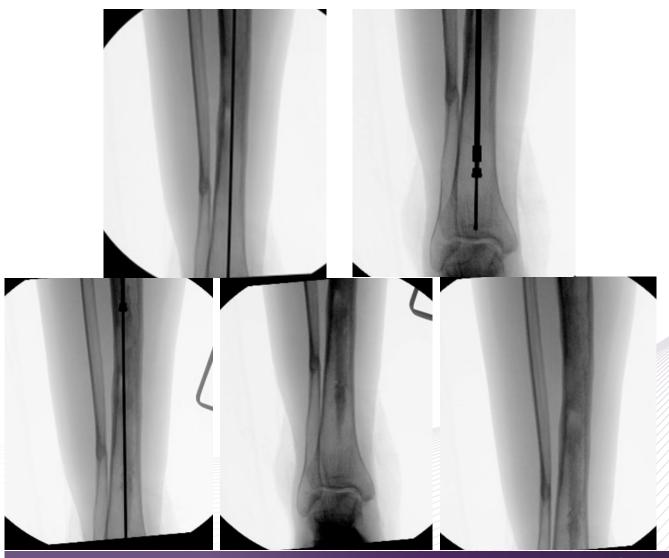
#### **ADDITIONAL DELIVERY DEVICES**

FlowFX<sup>™</sup> 2-Can





Pre-op images: images demonstrating chronic osteomyelitis changes with sclerosis of the bone.



Intra-op images: guide wire, 2-Can, and then images with CERAMENT G, highlighting the ability to see CERAMENT G under fluroscopy.





#### **Advancing Osteomyelitis Management**

- Bone remodeling to promote and protect bone healing
- Local antibiotic elution that is safe, consistent and clinically significant<sup>1</sup>

1 Stravinskas et al. 'Pharmacokinetics of gentamicin eluted from a regenerating bone graft

substitute - In vitro and clinical release studies'. Bone Joint Res. 2016; 5:427-435



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