

UniSyn Total Conventional Hip Investigation

Note: This analysis compares the UniSyn femoral stem prosthesis with all other total conventional hip prostheses.

This prosthesis has been identified as having a significantly higher rate of revision. For a detailed explanation of the process used by the Registry that results in identification of prostheses that have a higher than anticipated rate of revision please refer to the Prostheses with Higher than Anticipated Rates of Revision chapter of the most recent AOANJRR Annual Report, <https://aoanjrr.sahmri.com/annual-reports-2025>.

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TABLE 1

Revision Rate of Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement

The revision rate of the UniSyn total conventional hip prosthesis is compared to all other total conventional hip prostheses.

Table 1: Revision Rates of Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement

Component	N Revised	N Total	Obs. Years	Revisions/100 Obs. Yrs (95% CI)
UniSyn	73	466	5409	1.35 (1.06, 1.70)
Other Total Conventional Hip	19492	552154	3552443	0.55 (0.54, 0.56)
TOTAL	19565	552620	3557852	0.55 (0.54, 0.56)

Note: Prostheses no longer used in 2024 are excluded from the comparator. Procedures using metal/metal prostheses with head size larger than 32mm are excluded from the comparator.

TABLE 2

Yearly Cumulative Percent Revision of Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement

The yearly cumulative percent revision of the UniSyn total conventional hip prosthesis is compared to all other total conventional hip prostheses.

Table 2: Yearly Cumulative Percent Revision (95% CI) of Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement

CPR	1 Yr	2 Yrs	3 Yrs	4 Yrs	5 Yrs	6 Yrs	7 Yrs	8 Yrs
UniSyn	3.2 (2.0, 5.3)	5.5 (3.7, 8.0)	5.9 (4.1, 8.5)	6.1 (4.3, 8.8)	6.6 (4.7, 9.3)	8.1 (5.9, 11.0)	9.0 (6.7, 12.1)	10.6 (8.0, 13.9)
Other Total Conventional Hip	1.7 (1.7, 1.8)	2.2 (2.1, 2.2)	2.5 (2.4, 2.5)	2.8 (2.7, 2.8)	3.0 (3.0, 3.1)	3.3 (3.3, 3.4)	3.6 (3.5, 3.6)	3.9 (3.8, 3.9)

CPR	9 Yrs	10 Yrs	11 Yrs	12 Yrs	13 Yrs	14 Yrs	15 Yrs	16 Yrs
UniSyn	12.2 (9.4, 15.8)	12.5 (9.7, 16.1)	13.8 (10.8, 17.5)	13.8 (10.8, 17.5)	16.5 (13.1, 20.7)	16.5 (13.1, 20.7)	17.4 (13.8, 21.9)	18.6 (14.7, 23.2)
Other Total Conventional Hip	4.2 (4.1, 4.2)	4.4 (4.4, 4.5)	4.8 (4.7, 4.8)	5.2 (5.1, 5.3)	5.5 (5.4, 5.6)	5.9 (5.8, 6.0)	6.3 (6.2, 6.4)	6.7 (6.6, 6.9)

CPR	17 Yrs	18 Yrs	19 Yrs	20 Yrs	21 Yrs	22 Yrs	23 Yrs
UniSyn	20.8 (16.5, 26.2)	22.6 (17.8, 28.4)	22.6 (17.8, 28.4)				
Other Total Conventional Hip	7.1 (6.9, 7.2)	7.4 (7.3, 7.6)	7.9 (7.7, 8.1)	8.3 (8.0, 8.5)	8.8 (8.5, 9.1)	9.3 (9.0, 9.7)	9.9 (9.4, 10.5)

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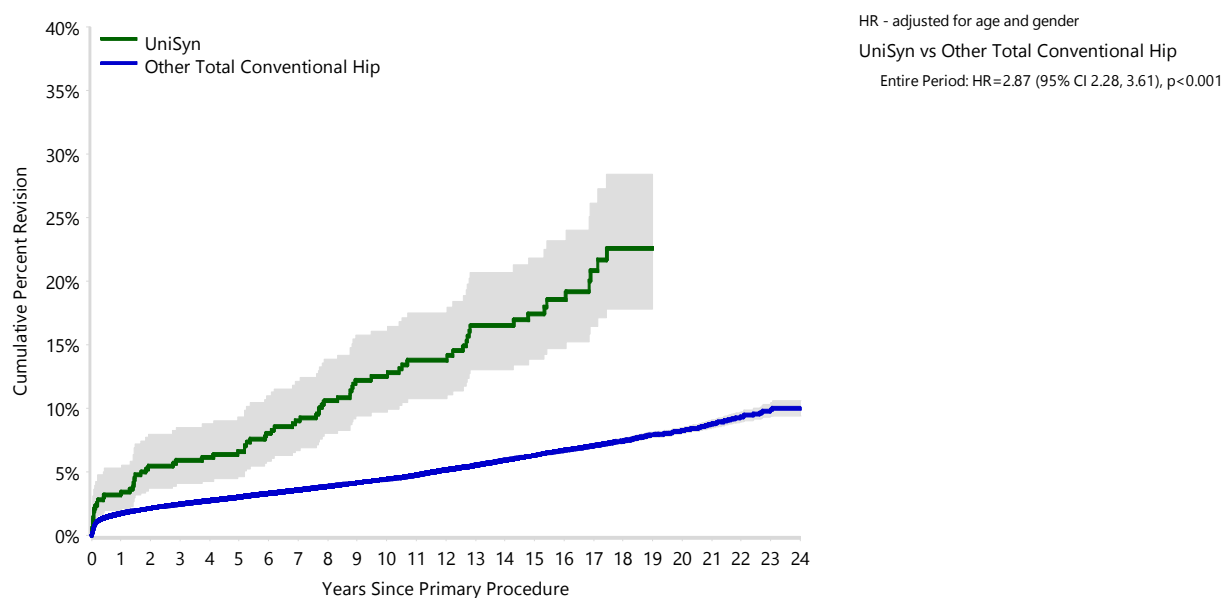
FIGURE 1

Yearly Cumulative Percent Revision of Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement

The yearly cumulative percent revision of the UniSyn total conventional hip prosthesis is compared to all other total conventional hip prostheses. In addition, hazard ratios are reported.

Hazard ratios are reported for specific time periods during which the hazard ratio is constant. This is done to enable more specific and valid comparisons of the risk of revision over time. The pattern of variation in risk has important implications with respect to the underlying reasons for any difference.

Figure 1: Cumulative Percent Revision of Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement



Number at Risk	0 Yr	1 Yr	2 Yrs	3 Yrs	4 Yrs	5 Yrs	6 Yrs	7 Yrs	8 Yrs	9 Yrs	10 Yrs	11 Yrs
UniSyn	466	438	421	414	403	391	380	365	342	312	290	256
Other Total Conventional Hip	552154	487715	432817	384210	337213	295811	254946	217123	182233	150376	122151	99378

Number at Risk	12 Yrs	13 Yrs	14 Yrs	15 Yrs	16 Yrs	17 Yrs	18 Yrs	19 Yrs	20 Yrs	21 Yrs	22 Yrs	23 Yrs
UniSyn	233	208	188	160	126	94	77	54	23	4	0	0
Other Total Conventional Hip	80223	63999	49890	37936	28064	20581	15102	10871	7426	4536	2346	851

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TABLE 3**Primary Diagnosis for Revised Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement**

This table identifies the diagnosis of the primary procedure which was subsequently revised. This information is provided as there is a variation on outcome depending on the primary diagnosis. It is therefore important when considering the reasons for a higher than anticipated rate of revision that there is identification of the primary diagnosis. This information should be compared to the primary diagnosis for the revisions of all other total conventional hip prostheses.

Table 3: Primary Diagnosis for Revised Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement

Primary Diagnosis	UniSyn		Other Total Conventional Hip	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Osteoarthritis	48	65.8	16174	83.0
Fractured Neck Of Femur	2	2.7	1436	7.4
Osteonecrosis	7	9.6	856	4.4
Developmental Dysplasia	9	12.3	313	1.6
Rheumatoid Arthritis	1	1.4	210	1.1
Failed Internal Fixation	2	2.7	157	0.8
Tumour			148	0.8
Other Inflammatory Arthritis	1	1.4	112	0.6
Fracture/Dislocation			53	0.3
Other	1	1.4	19	0.1
Arthrodesis Takedown	2	2.7	14	0.1
TOTAL	73	100.0	19492	100.0

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TABLE 4

Reasons for Revision

This is reported in two ways: a percentage of primary procedures revised and as a percentage of all revision procedures.

% Primaries Revised: This shows the proportional contribution of each revision diagnosis as a percentage of the total number of primary procedures. This percentage can be used to approximate the risk of being revised for that diagnosis. Differing percentages between groups, with the same distribution of follow up time, may identify problems of concern.

% Revisions: The number of revisions for each diagnosis is expressed as a percentage of the total number of revisions. This shows the distribution of reasons for revision within a group but cannot be used as a comparison between groups.

Table 4: Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement - Reason for Revision (Follow-up Limited to 21.7 Years)

Revision Diagnosis	Number	UniSyn		Other Total Conventional Hip		
		% Primaries Revised	% Revisions	Number	% Primaries Revised	% Revisions
Infection	7	1.5	9.6	4769	0.9	24.5
Prosthesis Dislocation/Instability	17	3.6	23.3	4400	0.8	22.6
Fracture	7	1.5	9.6	4344	0.8	22.3
Loosening	13	2.8	17.8	3704	0.7	19.0
Pain				327	0.1	1.7
Leg Length Discrepancy				297	0.1	1.5
Malposition				269	0.0	1.4
Lysis	5	1.1	6.8	208	0.0	1.1
Implant Breakage Stem	7	1.5	9.6	200	0.0	1.0
Implant Breakage Acetabular Insert	1	0.2	1.4	127	0.0	0.7
Wear Acetabular Insert				107	0.0	0.5
Incorrect Sizing	2	0.4	2.7	98	0.0	0.5
Metal Related Pathology	10	2.1	13.7	92	0.0	0.5
Implant Breakage Acetabular	2	0.4	2.7	68	0.0	0.3
Wear Head				43	0.0	0.2
Tumour				40	0.0	0.2
Implant Breakage Head				31	0.0	0.2
Heterotopic Bone				27	0.0	0.1
Wear Acetabulum				10	0.0	0.1
Osteonecrosis				3	0.0	0.0
Synovitis				1	0.0	0.0
Other	2	0.4	2.7	311	0.1	1.6
N Revision	73	15.7	100.0	19476	3.5	100.0
N Primary	466			552154		

Note: This table is restricted to revisions within 21.7 years for all groups to allow a time-matched comparison of revisions.

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FIGURE 2**Cumulative Incidence Revision Diagnosis of Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement**

This figure details the cumulative incidence of the most common reasons for revision. The five most common reasons for revision are included as long as each of these reasons account for more than 10 procedures or at least 5% of all revisions for the UniSyn total conventional hip prosthesis. A comparative graph is provided of the cumulative incidence for the same reasons for revisions for all other total conventional hip prostheses.

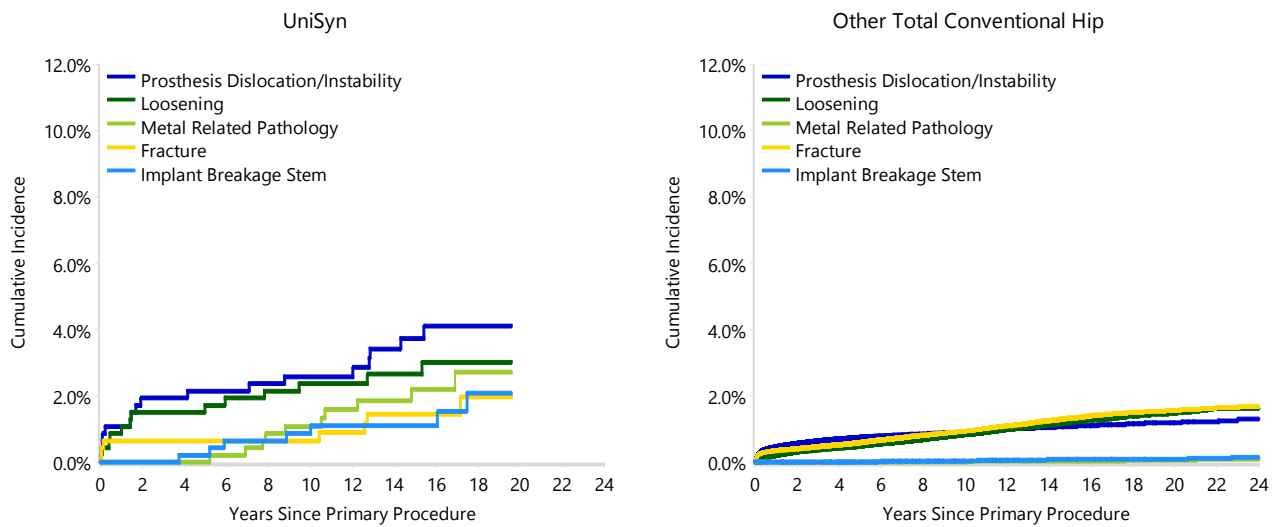
Figure 2: Cumulative Incidence Revision Diagnosis for Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement

TABLE 5

Type of Revision Performed for Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement

This analysis identifies the components used in the revision of the UniSyn total conventional hip prosthesis and compares it to the components used in the revision of all other total conventional hip prostheses.

The reason this analysis is undertaken is to identify whether there is one or more components which are being replaced that differ from the components replaced for revisions of all other total conventional hip prostheses i.e. is there a difference in the type of revision undertaken for the UniSyn total conventional hip prosthesis compared to all other total conventional hip prostheses.

Table 5: Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement - Type of Revision (Follow-up Limited to 21.7 Years)

Type of Revision	UniSyn		Other Total Conventional Hip	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Femoral Component	13	17.8	6558	33.7
Acetabular Component	37	50.7	3414	17.5
THR (Femoral/Acetabular)	8	11.0	2254	11.6
Cement Spacer	1	1.4	593	3.0
Removal of Prostheses			98	0.5
Reinsertion of Components			29	0.1
Total Femoral			13	0.1
Bipolar Head and Femoral			9	0.0
N Major	59	80.8	12968	66.6
Head/Insert	3	4.1	5098	26.2
Head Only	8	11.0	923	4.7
Minor Components	3	4.1	305	1.6
Insert Only			179	0.9
Bipolar Only			1	0.0
Cement Only			1	0.0
Head/Neck			1	0.0
N Minor	14	19.2	6508	33.4
TOTAL	73	100.0	19476	100.0

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TABLE 6**Revision Rates of UniSyn Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement by Fixation**

This analysis is provided as some prostheses have more than one fixation option. Additionally there are prostheses where an alternative to the recommended approach to fixation was used e.g. a cementless prosthesis that has been cemented or vice-versa.

Table 6: Revised Number of UniSyn Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement by Fixation

Fixation	N Revised	N Total
Cementless	71	449
Hybrid (Femur Cemented)	0	2
Reverse Hybrid (Femur Cementless)	2	15
TOTAL	73	466

TABLE 7**Revision Rates of UniSyn Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement by Bearing Surface**

This analysis is provided as some prostheses are combined with a variety of bearing surfaces. All bearing surfaces used with this prosthesis are listed.

Table 7: Revised Number of UniSyn Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement by Bearing Surface

Bearing Surface	N Revised	N Total
Ceramic/Ceramic	37	328
Ceramic/Non XLPE	1	2
Ceramic/XLPE	1	2
Metal/Metal	30	97
Metal/Non XLPE	2	25
Metal/XLPE	2	12
TOTAL	73	466

TABLE 8

Revision Rates of UniSyn Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement by Approach

This analysis is provided as some prostheses are used with a variety of surgical approaches. All surgical approaches used with this prosthesis are listed.

Table 8: Revised Number of UniSyn Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement by Approach

Approach	N Revised	N Total
Lateral	0	7
Posterior	1	33
TOTAL	1	40

Note: Excludes 426 procedures with no approach recorded

TABLE 9

Revision Rates of Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement by State

This enables a state by state variation to be identified for the UniSyn total conventional hip prosthesis and provides the comparative data for each of the states for all other total conventional hip prostheses.

The purpose of this analysis is to determine if the higher than anticipated rate of revision has widespread distribution between states. If there is widespread distribution then the reason for the higher than anticipated rate of revision is unlikely to be surgeon specific. If the prosthesis has been used in only a small number of states it is not possible to distinguish if the higher than anticipated rate of revision is related to the prosthesis, surgeon, technique or patient.

Table 9: Revised Number of Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement by State

Component	State	N Revised	N Total
UniSyn	NSW	69	439
	VIC	3	13
	QLD	0	4
	WA	0	3
	ACT/NT	1	7
Other Total Conventional Hip	NSW	5288	159916
	VIC	4851	143812
	QLD	3893	100102
	WA	2492	62236
	SA	1926	51998
	TAS	448	18480
	ACT/NT	594	15610
TOTAL		19565	552620

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TABLE 10**Number of Revisions of UniSyn Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement by Year of Implant**

This analysis details the number of prostheses reported each year to the Registry for the UniSyn total conventional hip prosthesis. It also provides the subsequent number of revisions of the primaries reported in that year.

Primary procedures performed in later years have had less follow up time therefore the number revised is expected to be less than the number revised in earlier years. For example, a primary procedure performed in 2024 has a maximum of one year to be revised, whereas a primary procedure performed in 2022 has a maximum of three years to be revised.

Table 10: Number of Revisions of UniSyn Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement by Year of Implant

Year of Implant	Number Revised	Total Number
2002	0	1
2003	3	14
2004	5	41
2005	10	74
2006	6	33
2007	14	37
2008	10	46
2009	11	48
2010	2	36
2011	4	22
2012	0	19
2013	2	23
2014	5	27
2015	0	23
2016	1	17
2017	0	5
TOTAL	73	466

TABLE 11

Revision Rates of UniSyn Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement by Catalogue Number Range

Many prostheses have a number of catalogue ranges. The catalogue range is specific to particular design features; more than one catalogue range usually indicates a minor difference in design in a particular UniSyn prosthesis.

This analysis has been undertaken to determine if the revision rate varies according to the catalogue number range.

Model	Catalogue Range	Catalogue Description	Cement	Material	Coating
Femoral Stem					
UniSyn	3460419280-3460421300	PLASMA STANDARD PROXIMAL BODY	NO	METAL	
UniSyn	346142222A-346143238A	PLASMA STANDARD PROXIMAL BODY	NO	METAL	HA COATED
UniSyn	346152222A-346153238A	PLASMA HA STANDARD PROXIMAL BODY	NO	METAL	HA COATED
UniSyn	347342200A-347343000A	PLASMA CALCAR PROXIMAL BODY	NO	METAL	HA COATED

Table 11: Revised Number of UniSyn Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement by Catalogue Number Range

Femoral Stem Range	N Revised	N Total
3460419280-3460421300	0	1
346142222A-346143238A	3	5
346152222A-346153238A	68	452
347342200A-347343000A	2	8
TOTAL	73	466

TABLE 12

Revision Rates of UniSyn Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement by Component

A prosthesis may be combined with multiple components. This analysis has been undertaken to determine if the revision rate varies according to the component with which it is combined.

Table 12: Revised Number of UniSyn Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement by Acetabular Component

Acetabular Component	N Revised	N Total
ABGII	0	1
Acetabular Shell (Global)	5	52
BHR	0	3
Brunswick	2	6
Cer-Met	10	74
Custom Made (Anatomics)	0	1
Delta-One-TT	1	1
Delta-TT	1	1
Duraloc	0	1
Durom	0	1
FMP	0	1
Fin II	17	158
Fitmore	1	1
Icon	30	88
Lineage	0	8
Muller	0	9
PINNACLE	0	6
Procotyl E	0	1
Procotyl L	1	4
R3	0	4
Ringloc	0	4
S-Rom	0	1
SPH-Blind	4	23
SPH-Revision	0	1
Trabecular Metal (Shell)	0	2
Transcend	0	2
Trident (Shell)	1	10
Trilogy	0	1
Versafitcup CC	0	1
TOTAL	73	466