Atlas (Shell) Total Conventional Hip Investigation

Note: This analysis compares the Atlas (Shell) acetabular 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-2026.

Note: Procedures using metal/metal prostheses with head size larger than 32mm are excluded from the comparator. Procedures using prostheses with no recorded use in 2025 are excluded from the comparator.

TABLE 1

Revision Rate of Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement

The revision rate of the Atlas (Shell) 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)
Atlas (Shell)	67	628	5430	1.23 (0.96, 1.57)
Other Total Conventional Hip	19672	568243	3620711	0.54 (0.54, 0.55)
TOTAL	**19739**	**568871**	**3626141**	**0.54 (0.54, 0.55)**

Note: Prostheses no longer used in 2025 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 Atlas (Shell) 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
Atlas (Shell)	3.4 (2.2, 5.1)	3.5 (2.3, 5.3)	4.1 (2.8, 6.0)	4.5 (3.1, 6.6)	5.0 (3.5, 7.1)	5.5 (3.9, 7.7)
Other Total Conventional Hip	1.7 (1.7, 1.8)	2.1 (2.1, 2.2)	2.5 (2.4, 2.5)	2.7 (2.7, 2.8)	3.0 (3.0, 3.1)	3.3 (3.2, 3.3)

CPR	7 Yrs	8 Yrs	9 Yrs	10 Yrs	11 Yrs	12 Yrs
Atlas (Shell)	6.3 (4.5, 8.7)	6.9 (5.0, 9.5)	7.9 (5.7, 10.8)	9.4 (6.9, 12.6)	10.2 (7.5, 13.7)	10.7 (7.9, 14.3)
Other Total Conventional Hip	3.5 (3.5, 3.6)	3.8 (3.7, 3.9)	4.1 (4.0, 4.2)	4.4 (4.3, 4.5)	4.7 (4.6, 4.8)	5.1 (5.0, 5.2)

CPR	13 Yrs	14 Yrs	15 Yrs	16 Yrs	17 Yrs	18 Yrs
Atlas (Shell)	13.2 (9.9, 17.6)	16.1 (12.2, 21.0)	17.2 (13.1, 22.5)	18.6 (14.2, 24.2)	20.9 (16.1, 27.0)	20.9 (16.1, 27.0)
Other Total Conventional Hip	5.4 (5.3, 5.5)	5.8 (5.7, 5.9)	6.2 (6.0, 6.3)	6.6 (6.4, 6.7)	6.9 (6.8, 7.1)	7.3 (7.1, 7.5)

CPR	19 Yrs	20 Yrs	21 Yrs	22 Yrs	23 Yrs	24 Yrs	25 Yrs
Atlas (Shell)	20.9 (16.1, 27.0)						
Other Total Conventional Hip	7.7 (7.5, 7.9)	8.0 (7.8, 8.2)	8.5 (8.3, 8.8)	9.0 (8.7, 9.4)	9.5 (9.1, 10.0)	9.6 (9.1, 10.1)	10.3 (9.4, 11.2)

Note: Prostheses no longer used in 2025 are excluded from the comparator. Procedures using metal/metal prostheses with head size larger than 32mm are excluded from the comparator.

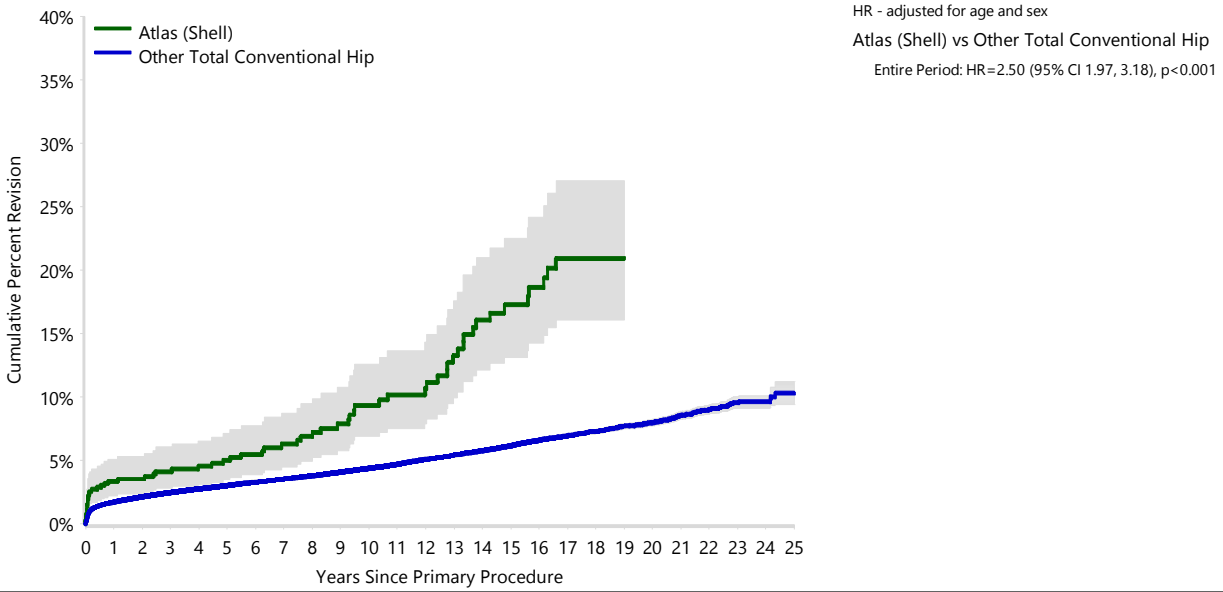
FIGURE 1

Yearly Cumulative Percent Revision of Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement

The yearly cumulative percent revision of the Atlas (Shell) 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
Atlas (Shell)	628	572	514	477	445	404	370	333
Other Total Conventional Hip	568243	501280	445165	391325	344175	299171	259363	220825

Number at Risk	8 Yrs	9 Yrs	10 Yrs	11 Yrs	12 Yrs	13 Yrs	14 Yrs	15 Yrs	16 Yrs
Atlas (Shell)	294	257	230	207	182	161	146	128	112
Other Total Conventional Hip	185692	153637	124752	99496	79741	63292	49684	37995	28322

Number at Risk	17 Yrs	18 Yrs	19 Yrs	20 Yrs	21 Yrs	22 Yrs	23 Yrs	24 Yrs	25 Yrs
Atlas (Shell)	92	85	65	36	17	0	0	0	0
Other Total Conventional Hip	20410	14611	10385	7390	4859	2863	1455	560	95

Note: Prostheses no longer used in 2025 are excluded from the comparator. Procedures using metal/metal prostheses with head size larger than 32mm are excluded from the comparator.

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

	Atlas (Shell)		Other Total Conventional Hip	
Primary Diagnosis	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Osteoarthritis	59	88.1	16272	82.7
Fractured Neck Of Femur	5	7.5	1519	7.7
Osteonecrosis	2	3.0	842	4.3
Developmental Dysplasia	1	1.5	320	1.6
Rheumatoid Arthritis			201	1.0
Failed Internal Fixation			165	0.8
Tumour			157	0.8
Other Inflammatory Arthritis			102	0.5
Fracture/Dislocation			60	0.3
Other			21	0.1
Arthrodesis Takedown			13	0.1
TOTAL	**67**	**100.0**	**19672**	**100.0**

Note: Prostheses no longer used in 2025 are excluded from the comparator. Procedures using metal/metal prostheses with head size larger than 32mm are excluded from the comparator.

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 21.9 Years)

	Atlas (Shell)			Other Total Conventional Hip		
Revision Diagnosis	Number	% Primaries Revised	% Revisions	Number	% Primaries Revised	% Revisions
Infection	10	1.6	14.9	5008	0.9	25.5
Prosthesis Dislocation/Instability	8	1.3	11.9	4377	0.8	22.3
Fracture	15	2.4	22.4	4337	0.8	22.1
Loosening	14	2.2	20.9	3621	0.6	18.4
Pain	1	0.2	1.5	338	0.1	1.7
Leg Length Discrepancy				307	0.1	1.6
Malposition				282	0.0	1.4
Implant Breakage Stem	1	0.2	1.5	208	0.0	1.1
Lysis	5	0.8	7.5	199	0.0	1.0
Implant Breakage Acetabular Insert	4	0.6	6.0	128	0.0	0.7
Wear Acetabular Insert	4	0.6	6.0	107	0.0	0.5
Incorrect Sizing				96	0.0	0.5
Metal Related Pathology				93	0.0	0.5
Implant Breakage Acetabular	4	0.6	6.0	73	0.0	0.4
Wear Head				49	0.0	0.2
Tumour				46	0.0	0.2
Heterotopic Bone				26	0.0	0.1
Implant Breakage Head	1	0.2	1.5	26	0.0	0.1
Wear Acetabulum				6	0.0	0.0
Osteonecrosis				4	0.0	0.0
Synovitis				2	0.0	0.0
Progression Of Disease				1	0.0	0.0
Other				321	0.1	1.6
N Revision	**67**	**10.7**	**100.0**	**19655**	**3.5**	**100.0**
N Primary	**628**			**568243**		

Note: This table is restricted to revisions within 21.9 years for all groups to allow a time-matched comparison of revisions.
Note: Prostheses no longer used in 2025 are excluded from the comparator. Procedures using metal/metal prostheses with head size larger than 32mm are excluded from the comparator.

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 Atlas (Shell) 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

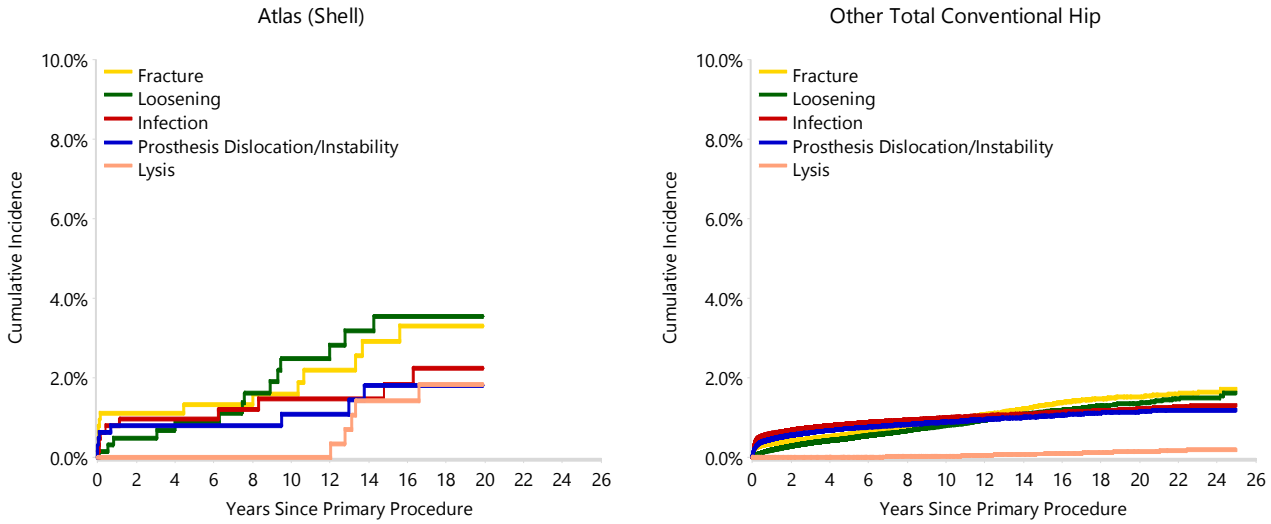


TABLE 5

Type of Revision Performed for Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement

This analysis identifies the components used in the revision of the Atlas (Shell) 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 Atlas (Shell) 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 21.9 Years)

	Atlas (Shell)		Other Total Conventional Hip	
Type of Revision	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Femoral Component	22	32.8	6631	33.7
Acetabular Component	17	25.4	3300	16.8
THR (Femoral/Acetabular)	13	19.4	2294	11.7
Cement Spacer	1	1.5	556	2.8
Removal of Prostheses			93	0.5
Reinsertion of Components			27	0.1
Total Femoral			12	0.1
Bipolar Head and Femoral			10	0.1
N Major	**53**	**79.1**	**12923**	**65.7**
Head/Insert	12	17.9	5364	27.3
Head Only			913	4.6
Minor Components			285	1.5
Insert Only	2	3.0	167	0.8
Bipolar Only			1	0.0
Cement Only			1	0.0
Head/Neck/Insert			1	0.0
N Minor	**14**	**20.9**	**6732**	**34.3**
TOTAL	**67**	**100.0**	**19655**	**100.0**

Note: This table is restricted to revisions within 21.9 years for all groups to allow a time-matched comparison of revisions.
Note: Prostheses no longer used in 2025 are excluded from the comparator. Procedures using metal/metal prostheses with head size larger than 32mm are excluded from the comparator.

TABLE 6

Revision Rates of Atlas (Shell) 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 Atlas (Shell) Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement by Fixation

Fixation	N Revised	N Total
Cemented	0	1
Cementless	50	522
Hybrid (Femur Cemented)	17	104
Reverse Hybrid (Femur Cementless)	0	1
TOTAL	**67**	**628**

TABLE 7

Revision Rates of Atlas (Shell) 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 Atlas (Shell) Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement by Bearing Surface

Bearing Surface	N Revised	N Total
Ceramic/Ceramic	19	78
Ceramic/Non XLPE	0	8
Ceramic/XLPE	4	62
Metal/Non XLPE	30	192
Metal/XLPE	4	78
Ceramicised Metal/Non XLPE	0	2
Ceramicised Metal/XLPE	10	208
TOTAL	**67**	**628**

TABLE 8

Revision Rates of Atlas (Shell) 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 Atlas (Shell) Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement by Approach

Approach	N Revised	N Total
Anterior	1	11
Lateral	2	32
Posterior	13	266
TOTAL	**16**	**309**

Note: Excludes 319 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 Atlas (Shell) 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
Atlas (Shell)	NSW	11	76
	VIC	6	11
	QLD	27	384
	SA	7	57
	ACT/NT	16	100
Other Total Conventional Hip	NSW	5496	166927
	VIC	4849	146551
	QLD	3954	104072
	WA	2510	64946
	SA	1887	52084
	TAS	439	18269
	ACT/NT	537	15394
TOTAL		**19739**	**568871**

Note: Prostheses no longer used in 2025 are excluded from the comparator. Procedures using metal/metal prostheses with head size larger than 32mm are excluded from the comparator.

TABLE 10

Number of Revisions of Atlas (Shell) Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement by Year of Implant

This analysis details the number of prostheses reported each year to the Registry for the Atlas (Shell) 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 2025 has a maximum of one year to be revised, whereas a primary procedure performed in 2023 has a maximum of three years to be revised.

Table 10: Number of Revisions of Atlas (Shell) Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement by Year of Implant

Year of Implant	Number Revised	Total Number
2003	2	8
2004	15	56
2005	7	45
2006	14	79
2007	8	46
2008	1	16
2009	1	13
2010	0	6
2011	1	7
2012	0	4
2013	0	8
2014	2	28
2015	2	23
2016	0	13
2017	2	27
2018	1	26
2019	1	26
2020	5	35
2021	0	23
2022	1	27
2023	1	29
2024	1	50
2025	2	33
TOTAL	**67**	**628**

TABLE 11

Revision Rates of Atlas (Shell) 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 Atlas (Shell) 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
Acetabular					
Atlas (Shell)	240044-240052	TITANIUM HA MS METAL BACK ACETABULAR CUP	NO	METAL	HA COATED
Atlas (Shell)	241363-241377	TITANIUM HA III P METAL BACK ACETABULAR CUP	NO	METAL	HA COATED

Table 11: Revised Number of Atlas (Shell) Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement by Catalogue Number Range

Acetabular Range	N Revised	N Total
240044-240052	51	313
241363-241377	16	315
TOTAL	**67**	**628**

TABLE 12

Revision Rates of Atlas (Shell) 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 Atlas (Shell) Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement by Femoral Stem Component

Femoral Stem Component	N Revised	N Total
C2	1	1
CORAIL	1	38
CPCS	0	13
Esop	32	189
Exeter V40	16	84
F2L	0	1
Friendly Hip	1	5
Furlong	0	1
Hip and Go	4	59
INDIVIDUAL	0	2
Pharo	1	3
Polarstem	10	209
SPS Evolution	1	13
Spectron EF	0	1
Synergy	0	8
Thira	0	1
TOTAL	**67**	**628**