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-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 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	75	466	5643	1.33 (1.05, 1.67)
Other Total Conventional Hip	19701	568612	3623071	0.54 (0.54, 0.55)
TOTAL	**19776**	**569078**	**3628714**	**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 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
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)
Other Total Conventional Hip	1.7 (1.7, 1.8)	2.1 (2.1, 2.2)	2.5 (2.4, 2.5)	2.8 (2.7, 2.8)	3.0 (3.0, 3.1)	3.3 (3.2, 3.3)

CPR	7 Yrs	8 Yrs	9 Yrs	10 Yrs	11 Yrs	12 Yrs
UniSyn	9.0 (6.7, 12.1)	10.6 (8.0, 13.9)	12.2 (9.4, 15.7)	12.7 (9.9, 16.3)	13.9 (10.9, 17.7)	13.9 (10.9, 17.7)
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
UniSyn	16.9 (13.4, 21.1)	16.9 (13.4, 21.1)	17.8 (14.2, 22.1)	18.7 (15.0, 23.3)	20.6 (16.4, 25.6)	22.0 (17.6, 27.4)
Other Total Conventional Hip	5.4 (5.3, 5.5)	5.8 (5.7, 5.9)	6.2 (6.1, 6.3)	6.6 (6.5, 6.7)	7.0 (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
UniSyn	22.0 (17.6, 27.4)	22.0 (17.6, 27.4)					
Other Total Conventional Hip	7.7 (7.5, 7.9)	8.0 (7.8, 8.2)	8.6 (8.3, 8.9)	9.0 (8.7, 9.4)	9.6 (9.1, 10.0)	9.6 (9.2, 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.

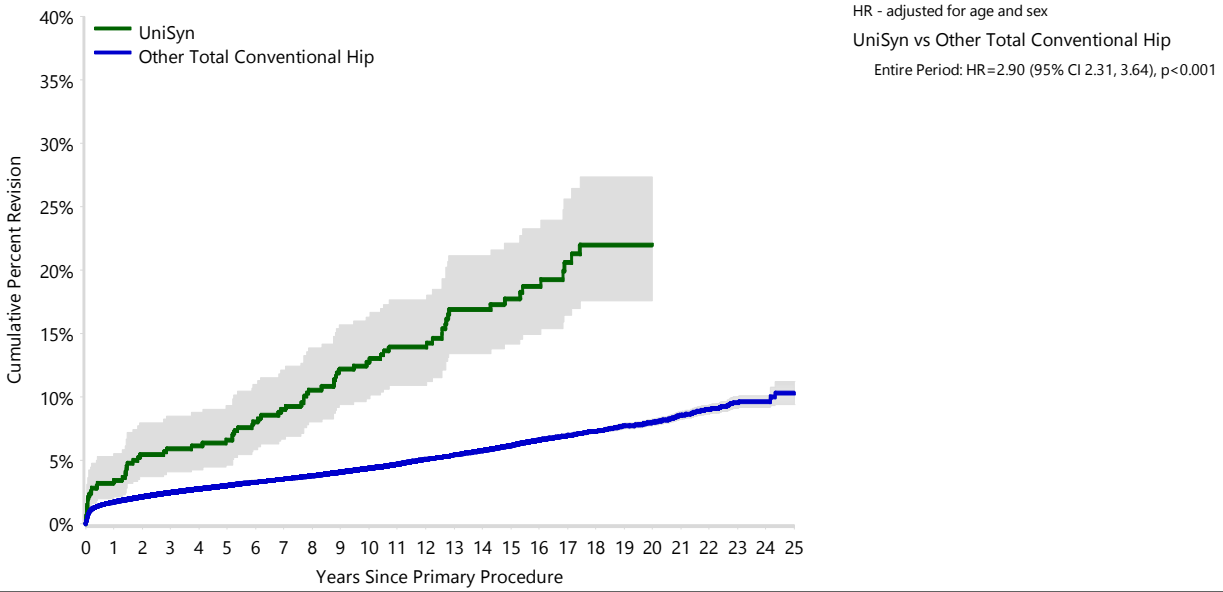
FIGURE 1

Yearly Cumulative Percent Revision of Primary Total Conventional Hip Replacement

The yearly cumulative percent revision of the 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
UniSyn	466	438	421	414	403	391	380	365
Other Total Conventional Hip	568612	501603	445433	391564	344389	299354	259516	220948

Number at Risk	8 Yrs	9 Yrs	10 Yrs	11 Yrs	12 Yrs	13 Yrs	14 Yrs	15 Yrs	16 Yrs
UniSyn	346	323	305	275	249	217	201	180	152
Other Total Conventional Hip	185798	153739	124848	99575	79802	63343	49730	38033	28355

Number at Risk	17 Yrs	18 Yrs	19 Yrs	20 Yrs	21 Yrs	22 Yrs	23 Yrs	24 Yrs	25 Yrs
UniSyn	118	90	69	53	22	3	0	0	0
Other Total Conventional Hip	20437	14638	10400	7396	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

	UniSyn		Other Total Conventional Hip	
Primary Diagnosis	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Osteoarthritis	50	66.7	16296	82.7
Fractured Neck Of Femur	2	2.7	1521	7.7
Osteonecrosis	7	9.3	844	4.3
Developmental Dysplasia	9	12.0	321	1.6
Rheumatoid Arthritis	1	1.3	201	1.0
Failed Internal Fixation	2	2.7	165	0.8
Tumour			157	0.8
Other Inflammatory Arthritis	1	1.3	102	0.5
Fracture/Dislocation			60	0.3
Other	1	1.3	21	0.1
Arthrodesis Takedown	2	2.7	13	0.1
TOTAL	**75**	**100.0**	**19701**	**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 22.4 Years)

	UniSyn			Other Total Conventional Hip		
Revision Diagnosis	Number	% Primaries Revised	% Revisions	Number	% Primaries Revised	% Revisions
Infection	7	1.5	9.3	5015	0.9	25.5
Prosthesis Dislocation/Instability	17	3.6	22.7	4382	0.8	22.3
Fracture	8	1.7	10.7	4346	0.8	22.1
Loosening	14	3.0	18.7	3627	0.6	18.4
Pain				339	0.1	1.7
Leg Length Discrepancy				307	0.1	1.6
Malposition				282	0.0	1.4
Implant Breakage Stem	7	1.5	9.3	210	0.0	1.1
Lysis	5	1.1	6.7	199	0.0	1.0
Implant Breakage Acetabular Insert	1	0.2	1.3	128	0.0	0.7
Wear Acetabular Insert				111	0.0	0.6
Incorrect Sizing	2	0.4	2.7	96	0.0	0.5
Metal Related Pathology	10	2.1	13.3	93	0.0	0.5
Implant Breakage Acetabular	2	0.4	2.7	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				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	2	0.4	2.7	321	0.1	1.6
N Revision	**75**	**16.1**	**100.0**	**19689**	**3.5**	**100.0**
N Primary	**466**			**568612**		

Note: This table is restricted to revisions within 22.4 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 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

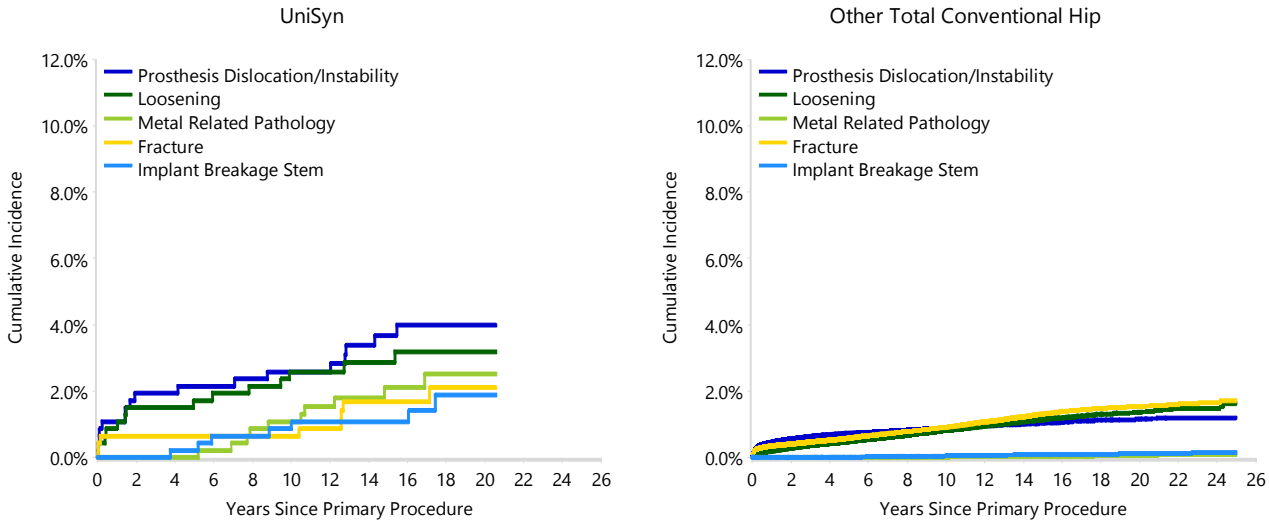


TABLE 5

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 22.4 Years)

	UniSyn		Other Total Conventional Hip	
Type of Revision	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Femoral Component	14	18.7	6642	33.7
Acetabular Component	38	50.7	3308	16.8
THR (Femoral/Acetabular)	8	10.7	2301	11.7
Cement Spacer	1	1.3	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	**61**	**81.3**	**12949**	**65.8**
Head/Insert	3	4.0	5371	27.3
Head Only	8	10.7	913	4.6
Minor Components	3	4.0	285	1.4
Insert Only			168	0.9
Bipolar Only			1	0.0
Cement Only			1	0.0
Head/Neck/Insert			1	0.0
N Minor	**14**	**18.7**	**6740**	**34.2**
TOTAL	**75**	**100.0**	**19689**	**100.0**

Note: This table is restricted to revisions within 22.4 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 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	73	449
Hybrid (Femur Cemented)	0	2
Reverse Hybrid (Femur Cementless)	2	15
TOTAL	**75**	**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	39	328
Ceramic/Non XLPE	1	2
Ceramic/XLPE	1	2
Metal/Metal	30	97
Metal/Non XLPE	2	25
Metal/XLPE	2	12
TOTAL	**75**	**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	2	33
TOTAL	**2**	**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	71	439
	VIC	3	13
	QLD	0	4
	WA	0	3
	ACT/NT	1	7
Other Total Conventional Hip	NSW	5507	167002
	VIC	4853	146558
	QLD	3968	104359
	WA	2510	64946
	SA	1887	52084
	TAS	439	18269
	ACT/NT	537	15394
TOTAL		**19776**	**569078**

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 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 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 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	3	36
2011	4	22
2012	0	19
2013	2	23
2014	5	27
2015	1	23
2016	1	17
2017	0	5
TOTAL	**75**	**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	70	452
347342200A-347343000A	2	8
TOTAL	**75**	**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)	6	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	18	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	**75**	**466**