

S.T.A.R./S.T.A.R Total Ankle Investigation

Note: This analysis compares the S.T.A.R./S.T.A.R talar/tibial tray combination with all other total ankle prostheses.

This combination 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 prostheses with no recorded use in 2025 are excluded from the comparator.

TABLE 1

Revision Rate of Primary Total Ankle Replacement

The revision rate of the S.T.A.R./S.T.A.R total ankle combination is compared to all other total ankle prostheses.

Table 1: Revision Rates of Primary Total Ankle Replacement

Component	N Revised	N Total	Obs. Years	Revisions/100 Obs. Yrs (95% CI)
S.T.A.R./S.T.A.R	14	49	436	3.21 (1.76, 5.39)
Other Total Ankle	462	6156	33532	1.38 (1.25, 1.51)
TOTAL	476	6205	33968	1.40 (1.28, 1.53)

Note: Prostheses no longer used in 2025 are excluded from the comparator.

TABLE 2

Yearly Cumulative Percent Revision of Primary Total Ankle Replacement

The yearly cumulative percent revision of the S.T.A.R/S.T.A.R total ankle combination is compared to all other total ankle prostheses.

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

CPR	1 Yr	2 Yrs	3 Yrs	4 Yrs	5 Yrs
S.T.A.R/S.T.A.R	4.1 (1.0, 15.5)	8.3 (3.2, 20.6)	12.6 (5.8, 25.8)	14.7 (7.3, 28.4)	14.7 (7.3, 28.4)
Other Total Ankle	1.9 (1.5, 2.2)	3.4 (2.9, 3.9)	4.8 (4.2, 5.4)	5.8 (5.2, 6.5)	7.1 (6.3, 7.9)

CPR	6 Yrs	7 Yrs	8 Yrs	9 Yrs	10 Yrs	11 Yrs
S.T.A.R/S.T.A.R	16.9 (8.8, 31.0)	21.3 (12.0, 35.9)	21.3 (12.0, 35.9)	23.7 (13.9, 38.8)	29.1 (17.9, 45.0)	29.1 (17.9, 45.0)
Other Total Ankle	7.9 (7.1, 8.8)	8.9 (8.0, 9.9)	10.2 (9.2, 11.3)	11.6 (10.5, 12.9)	12.7 (11.4, 14.0)	13.6 (12.2, 15.0)

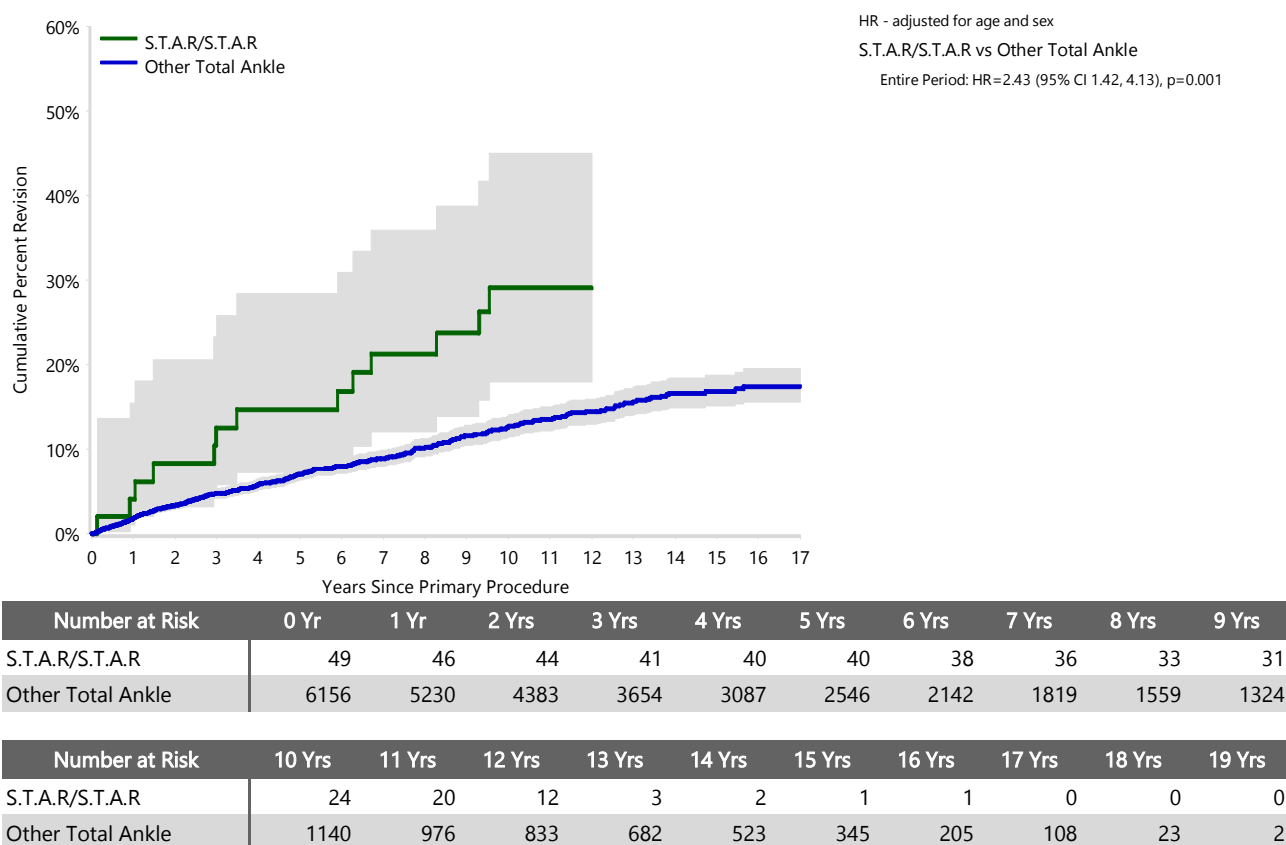
CPR	12 Yrs	13 Yrs	14 Yrs	15 Yrs	16 Yrs	17 Yrs
S.T.A.R/S.T.A.R	29.1 (17.9, 45.0)					
Other Total Ankle	14.4 (13.0, 15.9)	15.6 (14.1, 17.4)	16.6 (14.9, 18.5)	16.8 (15.1, 18.7)	17.5 (15.6, 19.6)	17.5 (15.6, 19.6)

Note: Prostheses no longer used in 2025 are excluded from the comparator.

FIGURE 1**Yearly Cumulative Percent Revision of Primary Total Ankle Replacement**

The yearly cumulative percent revision of the S.T.A.R/S.T.A.R total ankle combination is compared to all other total ankle 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 Ankle Replacement

Note: Prostheses no longer used in 2025 are excluded from the comparator.

TABLE 3**Primary Diagnosis for Revised Primary Total Ankle 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 ankle prostheses.

Table 3: Primary Diagnosis for Revised Primary Total Ankle Replacement

Primary Diagnosis	S.T.A.R./S.T.A.R		Other Total Ankle	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Osteoarthritis	14	100.0	437	94.6
Rheumatoid Arthritis			16	3.5
Instability			3	0.6
Osteonecrosis			2	0.4
Other Inflammatory Arthritis			2	0.4
Fracture/Dislocation			1	0.2
Other			1	0.2
TOTAL	14	100.0	462	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 Ankle Replacement - Reason for Revision (Follow-up Limited to 16.6 Years)

Revision Diagnosis	Number	S.T.A.R./S.T.A.R		Number	Other Total Ankle	
		% Primaries Revised	% Revisions		% Primaries Revised	% Revisions
Loosening	5	10.2	35.7	154	2.5	33.6
Infection	2	4.1	14.3	66	1.1	14.4
Lysis				46	0.7	10.0
Implant Breakage Ankle Insert	4	8.2	28.6	38	0.6	8.3
Instability	1	2.0	7.1	36	0.6	7.8
Impingement				25	0.4	5.4
Pain				24	0.4	5.2
Fracture	1	2.0	7.1	16	0.3	3.5
Prosthesis Dissociation				11	0.2	2.4
Arthrofibrosis				8	0.1	1.7
Malalignment				8	0.1	1.7
Heterotopic Bone				6	0.1	1.3
Wear Ankle Insert				6	0.1	1.3
Implant Breakage Tibial				2	0.0	0.4
Incorrect Sizing				2	0.0	0.4
Synovitis	1	2.0	7.1	2	0.0	0.4
Metal Related Pathology				1	0.0	0.2
Osteonecrosis				1	0.0	0.2
Progression Of Disease				1	0.0	0.2
Tumour				1	0.0	0.2
Other				5	0.1	1.1
N Revision	14	28.6	100.0	459	7.5	100.0
N Primary	49			6156		

Note: This table is restricted to revisions within 16.6 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 Ankle 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 S.T.A.R./S.T.A.R total ankle combination. A comparative graph is provided of the cumulative incidence for the same reasons for revisions for all other total ankle prostheses.

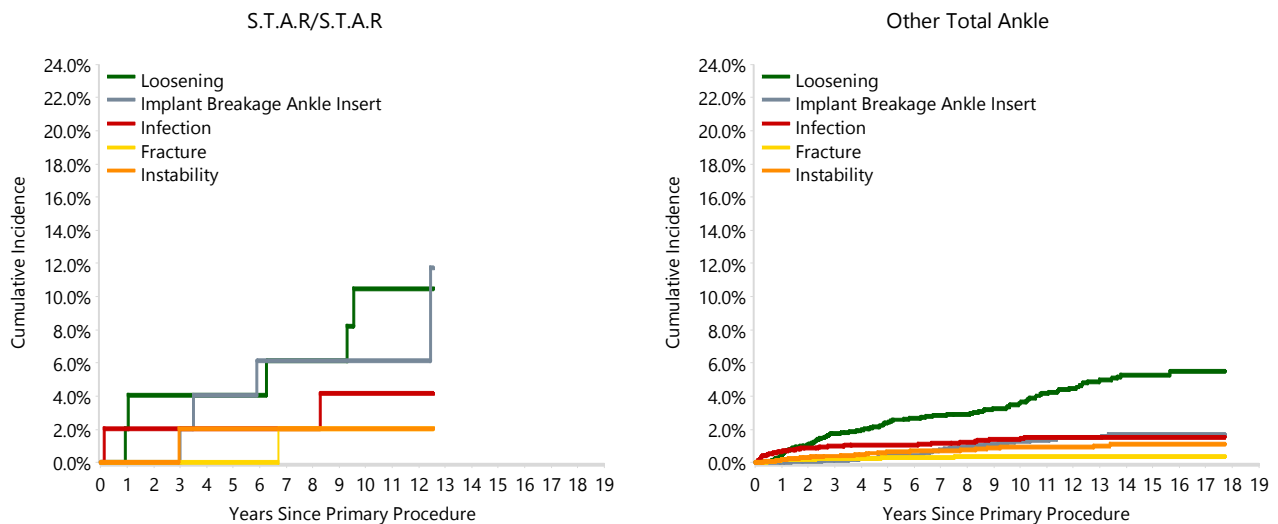
Figure 2: Cumulative Incidence Revision Diagnosis for Primary Total Ankle Replacement

TABLE 5

Type of Revision Performed for Primary Total Ankle Replacement

This analysis identifies the components used in the revision of the S.T.A.R./S.T.A.R total ankle combination and compares it to the components used in the revision of all other total ankle 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 ankle prostheses i.e. is there a difference in the type of revision undertaken for the S.T.A.R./S.T.A.R total ankle combination compared to all other total ankle prostheses.

Table 5: Primary Total Ankle Replacement - Type of Revision (Follow-up Limited to 16.6 Years)

Type of Revision	S.T.A.R./S.T.A.R		Other Total Ankle	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Tibial/Talar	6	42.9	97	21.1
Tibial Only	1	7.1	39	8.5
Talar Only	1	7.1	32	7.0
Cement Spacer			23	5.0
Removal of Prostheses	1	7.1	7	1.5
N Major	9	64.3	198	43.1
Insert Only	4	28.6	206	44.9
Arthrodesis	1	7.1	48	10.5
Minor Components			7	1.5
N Minor	5	35.7	261	56.9
TOTAL	14	100.0	459	100.0

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TABLE 6**Revision Rates of S.T.A.R./S.T.A.R Primary Total Ankle 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 S.T.A.R./S.T.A.R Primary Total Ankle Replacement by Fixation

Fixation	N Revised	N Total
Cementless	14	47
Hybrid (Tibial Cemented)	0	2
TOTAL	14	49

TABLE 7**Revision Rates of Primary Total Ankle Replacement by State**

This enables a state by state variation to be identified for the S.T.A.R/S.T.A.R total ankle combination and provides the comparative data for each of the states for all other total ankle 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 7: Revised Number of Primary Total Ankle Replacement by State

Component	State	N Revised	N Total
S.T.A.R/S.T.A.R	NSW	5	6
	VIC	2	10
	WA	7	33
Other Total Ankle	NSW	124	2382
	VIC	158	1630
	QLD	30	562
	WA	82	674
	SA	37	445
	TAS	16	317
	ACT/NT	15	146
	TOTAL	476	6205

Note: Prostheses no longer used in 2025 are excluded from the comparator.

TABLE 8**Number of Revisions of S.T.A.R/S.T.A.R Primary Total Ankle Replacement by Year of Implant**

This analysis details the number of prostheses reported each year to the Registry for the S.T.A.R/S.T.A.R total ankle combination. 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 8: Number of Revisions of S.T.A.R/S.T.A.R Primary Total Ankle Replacement by Year of Implant

Year of Implant	Number Revised	Total Number
2007	1	1
2009	2	3
2010	2	3
2011	1	4
2012	0	2
2013	4	15
2014	4	12
2015	0	4
2016	0	4
2018	0	1
TOTAL	14	49

TABLE 9

Revision Rates of S.T.A.R./S.T.A.R Primary Total Ankle 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 S.T.A.R./S.T.A.R 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
Talar				
S.T.A.R	400211-400220	TALAR COMPONENT	NO	METAL
S.T.A.R	400250-400259	ANKLE TALAR COMPONENT COCRMO	NO	METAL
Tibial Tray				
S.T.A.R	400230-400234	ANKLE TIBIAL COMPONENT	NO	METAL
S.T.A.R	400260-400264	ANKLE TIBIAL COMPONENT - SINGLE COATED	NO	METAL

Table 9: Revised Number of S.T.A.R./S.T.A.R Primary Total Ankle Replacement by Catalogue Number Range

Talar Range	Tibial Tray Range	N Revised	N Total
400211-400220	400230-400234	14	47
	400260-400264	0	1
400250-400259	400230-400234	0	1
TOTAL		14	49