

## ReadiGraft BLX Putty and ReadiGraft Bone Chips in the Treatment of Severe Osteoarthropathy in Hemodialysed Patient

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### 1. Abstract

Osteoarticular complications are a major concern in patients treated with long-term hemodialysis, hemofiltration or continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis. Uremic chronic patients, treated for long periods of time ( $\geq 15$  years) with hemodialysis, could develop a new kind of osteoarthropathy due to amyloidosis characterized by abnormal distribution of beta-2 microglobulin (B2M) in joint tissue. Deposits of B2M are responsible for several lesions, clinically evident in different pathologies, such as: carpal tunnel syndrome, spondylarthrosis, and hemodialysis osteoarthropathy.

### 2. Introduction

The pathogenesis of dialysis arthropathy, although still unknown, is probably multifactorial. A group of associated factors, including duration of dialysis, type of dialysis membrane, patient's age, effects of hyperparathyroidism on the skeletal system, presence of apatite crystals, and an aluminum and iron overload may play a role [1-6]. In this case study, radiological evidence of articular complications is apparent in hips with massive infiltration of amyloid deposits. Immuno-peroxidase studies revealed the presence on intracellular hemosiderin [7-8]. Allografts are able to restore bone stock and facilitate fusion in the treatment of joint-sparing articular repair [9]. In this case, ReadiGraft cortical/cancellous bone chips and

ReadiGraft BLX Putty, a demineralized bone matrix (Lifenet Health, Virginia Beach, Virginia, USA), were used to fill the defect and encourage bone healing [9].

### 3. Case Presentation

#### Patient

42 years old male with uremic chronic disease since the age of 20.



Figure 1: Pre-operative X-Ray.

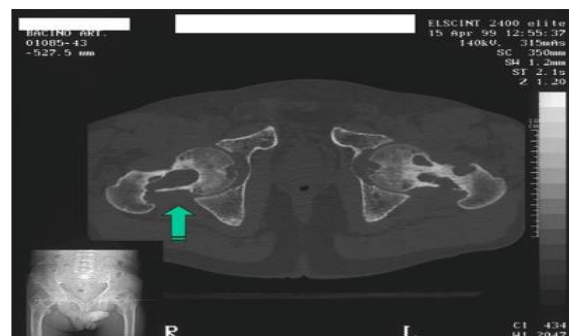


Figure 2: Pre-operative MRI.

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parathyroidectomy and subsequent implant in the 10 years ago, the patient had a subtotal forearm.

Within years he developed unstable hyperparathyroidism. Total excision of the implant was completed.

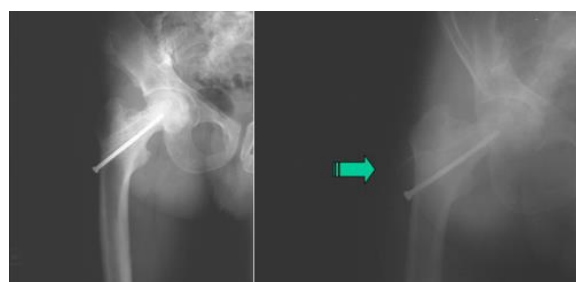
#### 4. Diagnosis

Patient presented with radiological evidence of articular complications in both hips with massive infiltration of amyloid deposits.

Immuno-peroxidase studies revealed the presence on intracellular hemosiderin. Parathyroid hormone was normal (34.8pg/ml at the time of hospitalization).

#### 5. Treatment

On the right hip a “cylinder carrot” done with a trephine was filled with ReadiGraft cortical/cancellous chips and ReadiGraft® BLX Putty. A cancellous screw was fixed to the femur head to save the hip joint.



**Figure 3:** Right hip 15 months post-operation.

#### 6. Outcome

The patient was satisfied with the surgery.

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