

Hansson Pin System

Adults

Operative Technique

Hip Fracture
• Femoral Neck Fracture



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Introduction and Rationale

Introduction

The Hansson Pin system, designed by Professor Lars Ingvar Hansson at the University of Lund in Sweden, was developed based on research concerning the effects of implants on the blood supply to the femoral head. The Hansson Pin system has been designed to minimize surgical trauma to the patient and offer secure, stable fixation with reduced risk of healing complications for femoral neck fractures.

Twenty years of successful clinical use have led the Hansson Pin System to its current form.

Rationale

This simple and precise procedure is used for fixation of femoral neck fracture. After reduction of the fracture, two cylindrical pins are inserted through a drilled hole and atraumatically advanced into the femoral head.

After deployment of the hook, strong and stable fixation is achieved.

This publication describes a detailed recommended procedure for using Stryker Osteosynthesis devices and instruments.

It offers guidance that should be followed, but, as with any such technical guide, each surgeon must consider the particular needs of each patient and make appropriate adjustments as required. A workshop training is required prior to first surgery.

Relative Indications & Contraindications

Indication

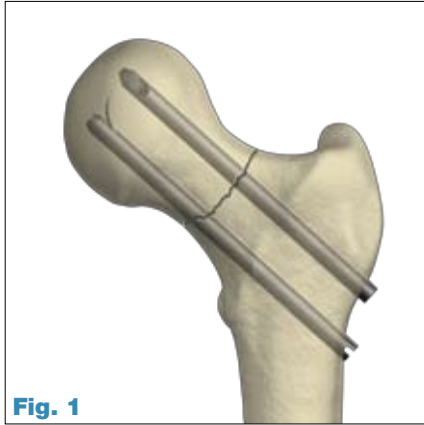


Fig. 1

Adult Femoral Neck Fractures

Other Indication

Slipped Capital Femoral Epiphysis

Refer to the complete "Paediatric Hansson Pin Operative Technique's"
- Literature number 982303.

Contraindications

Due to a lack of any supportive clinical experience, the Hansson Pin is not recommended for use with paediatric hip fractures.

Relative Contraindications

The physician's education, training and professional judgement must be relied upon to choose the most appropriate device and treatment. Conditions presenting an increased risk of implant failure include:

- Any active or suspected latent infection or marked local inflammation in or about the affected area.
- Compromised vascularity that would inhibit adequate blood supply to the fracture or the operative site.
- Bone stock compromised by disease, infection or prior implantation that can not provide adequate support and/or fixation of the devices.
- Material sensitivity, documented or suspected.
- Obesity. An obese patient can produce loads on the implant that can lead to failure of the fixation of the device or to failure of the device itself.
- Patients having inadequate tissue coverage over the operative site.
- Implant utilization that would interfere with anatomical structures or physiological performance.
- Any mental or neuromuscular disorder which would create an unacceptable risk of fixation failure or complications in postoperative care.
- Other medical or surgical conditions which would preclude the potential benefit of surgery.

Detailed information is included in the instructions for use being provided with each implant. See package insert for a complete list of potential adverse effects and contraindications. The surgeon must discuss all relevant risks, including the service life of the device and the need for postoperative protection of the implant with the child's parents, when necessary.

Features & Benefits

Preserves bone integrity

- **Reduced Bone disruption.**

By using only two Hansson Pins to treat a femoral neck fracture, cancellous bone within the femoral head and neck is preserved. Furthermore, no additional fixation points are required in the femoral shaft.

Preserves the blood supply

- **Minimum Surgical Trauma.**

The smooth profile of the Hansson Pins allows for sliding into final positioning without applying torque forces or hammering. This minimizes disruption to the blood supply and the consequent danger of avascular necrosis.⁶ Reduces the risks of segmental collapse and non-union.

Minimal Invasive Surgery

- **Small Incision.**

The complete procedure is carried out through a 4-5cm incision, which can be reduced when using the Percutaneous Drill Guide.

- **Short Procedure.**

Simple instrumentation and a reproducible procedure allows fixation to be achieved within an adequate time frame.

Allows early mobilisation

- **Stable Fixation.**

The security and stability of the fixation allow most patients to be mobilized during their first postoperative day and discharged early.⁵

Features & Benefits

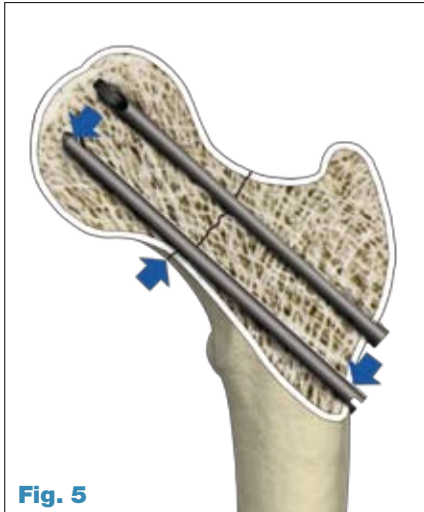


Fig. 5

Three point contact with cortical bone provides maximum stability.

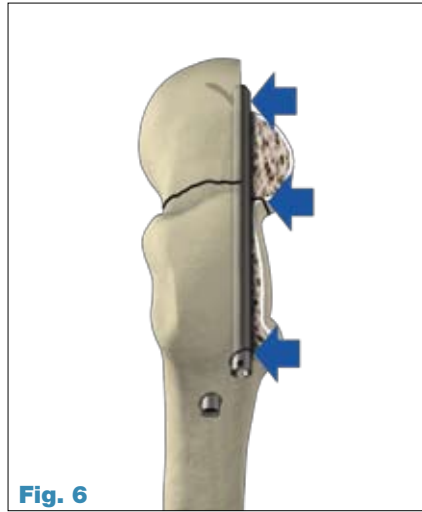


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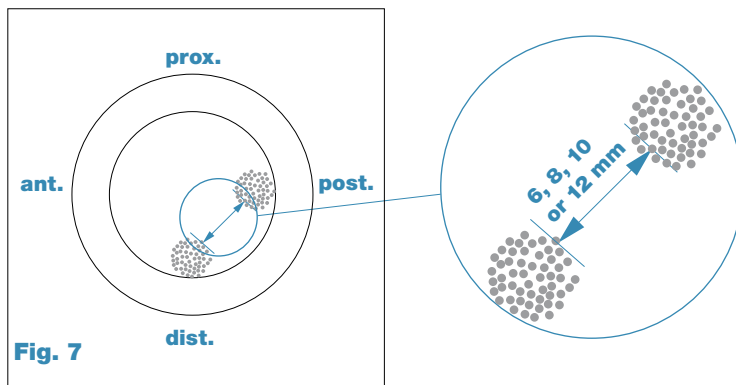


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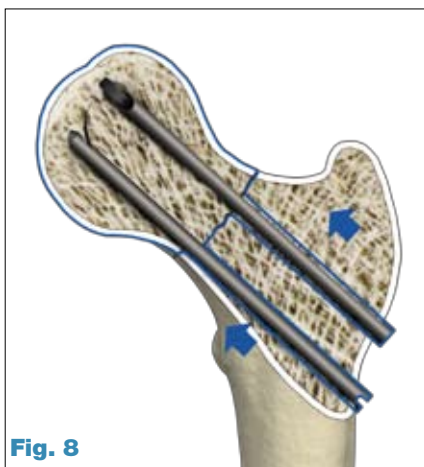


Fig. 8

Parallel placement of the pins ensure continuous compression at the fracture site.

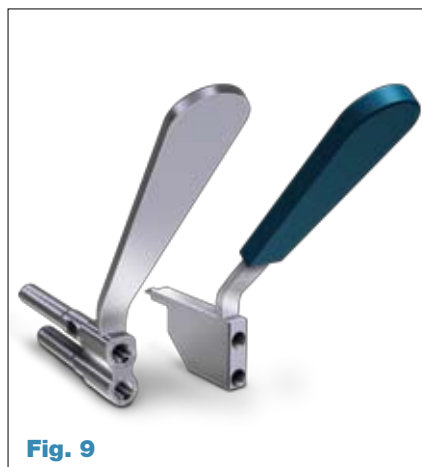


Fig. 9

Simple instrumentation ensures precise parallel placement

Provides secure fixation

- **Strong Resistance to Rotation.**

Peripheral pin placement within the neck provides strong resistance to rotation.⁴

- **Use of Cortical Bone for buttressing.**

Each pin contacts strong cortical bone in three places to provide stability.

- **Firm Anchorage.**

The hook of each pin engages in subchondral bone to provide secure anchorage and prevent migration or backing out. The Hansson Pin System does not rely on soft cancellous bone for support and the risk of displacement is thereby minimized.

Maintains contact with bone

Reduces the risks of redisplacement and nonunion.

- **Precise Parallel Placement.**

Precise parallel placement allows for fracture dynamization thus ensuring continuous contact with bone, even during resorption. Allows physiological compression at the fracture site.⁴

Reduces the risk of non-union. Encourages bone healing.

Easy extraction

The risk of the pin being trapped in the bone is reduced as the pin surface is smooth. The hook is easily withdrawn into the body of the pin, which can then be pulled out.⁴

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Step 1: Patient Positioning

Place the patient in supine position on the fracture table.

Healthy side:

Position the leg on the healthy side with the hip in flexion and adequate abduction so that the C-arm can be adjusted intraoperatively for both the anterior/posterior view, and the axial view which is necessary to obtain a true axial view of the femoral neck and head.

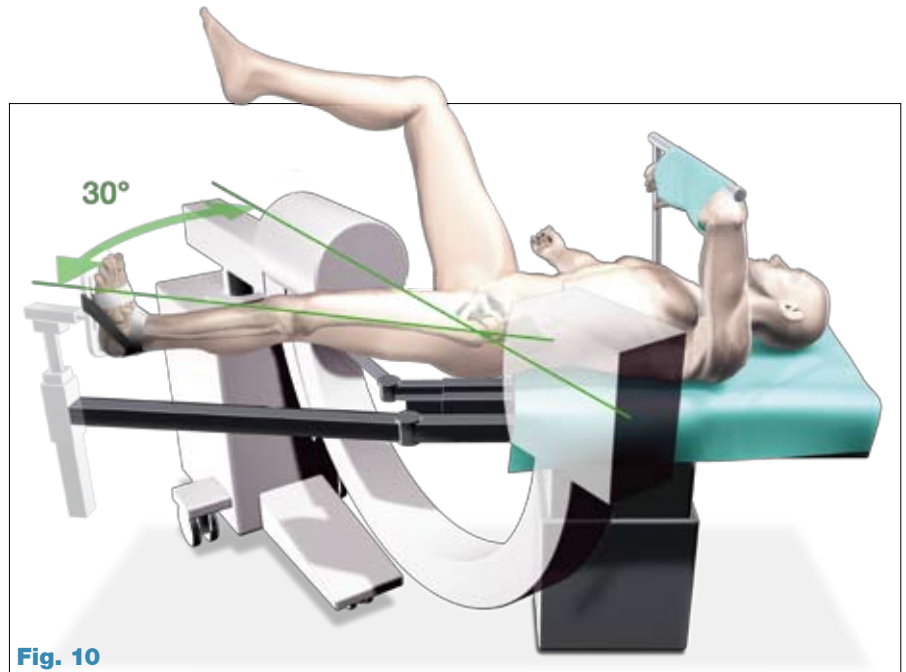


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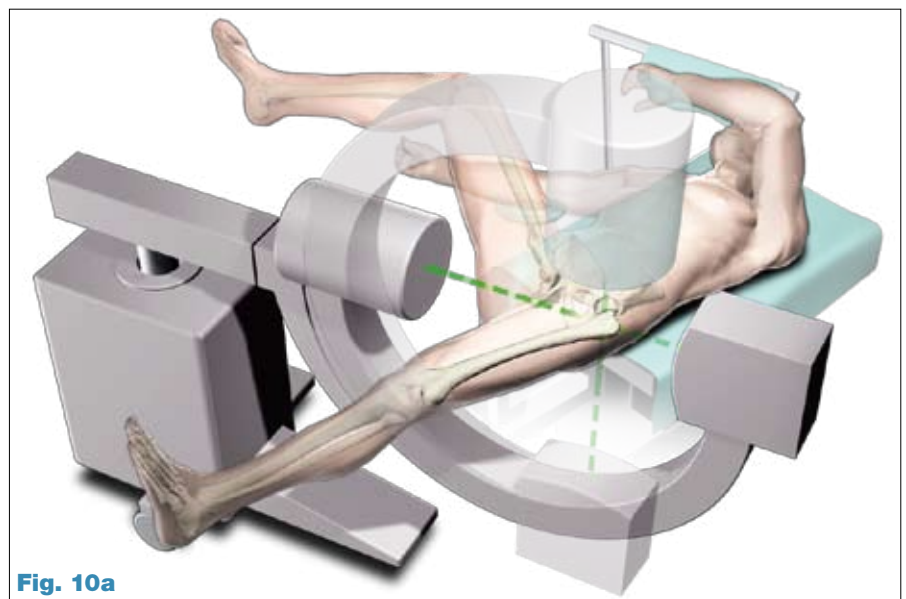


Fig. 10a

Step 2: Fracture reduction

Reduction should be achieved as anatomically as possible and closed reduction of the fracture is recommended. If this is not achievable in a closed procedure, open reduction should be performed.

Traction is applied to the fracture, keeping the leg straight. (Fig. 10-10a). Maintaining traction, the leg is internally rotated 10–15 degrees to complete fracture reduction; the patella should have an either horizontally or slightly inward position (Fig. 11). The patient is then prepared and draped.



Fig. 11

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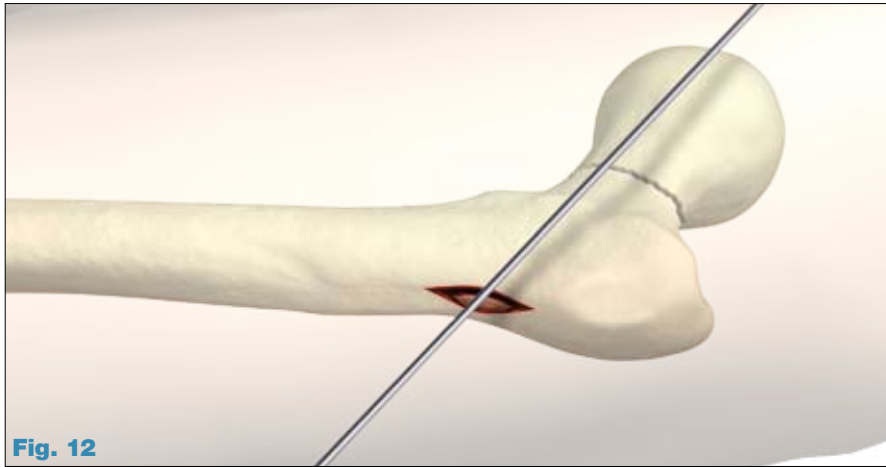


Fig. 12

Step 3: Incision

In order to find the appropriate point for limited skin incision, hold a Guide Wire over the skin surface of the hip. Angle the Guide Wire under image intensification so that it is positioned in line with the femoral neck. With the Guide Wire placed at a 135° angle, the Hansson Pin should enter the lateral cortex at the level of, but not below, the lesser trochanter.

A 10-20mm incision is made and the fascia lata is divided in the direction of the fibres.

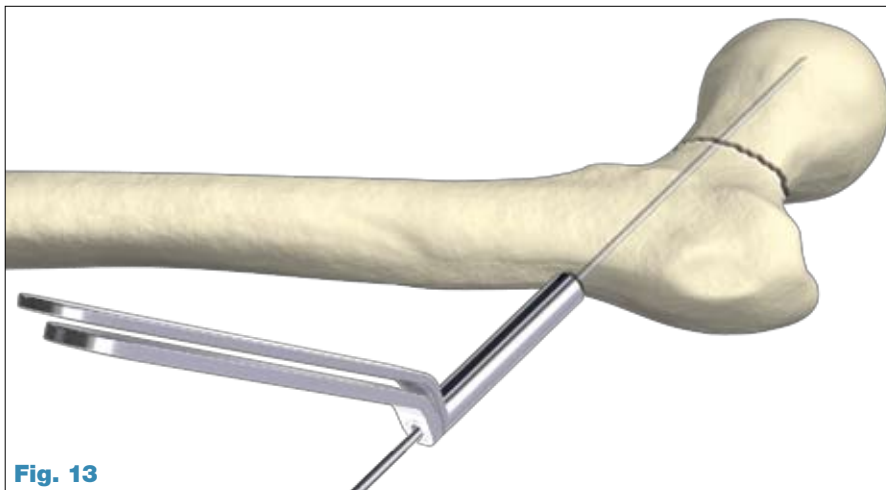


Fig. 13

Step 4: Distal Guide Wire Insertion

The Guide Wire together with the Guide Wire Bush and the Protective Measuring Sleeve are inserted through soft tissues down to the lateral cortex. Starting point:

- In the antero-posterior view the tip of the Guide Wire should be at the level, but not below, the lower edge of the lesser trochanter.
- In the axial view it should be central in relation to the femoral head and neck.

It is essential to have the Guide Wire close to the inner inferior cortex.

Once the alignment of the Guide Wire is satisfactory, the Guide Wire is advanced to the subchondral bone of the femoral head.

The Guide Wire Bush is then removed.

Note:

To prevent unintended Guide Wire advancement and penetration in the surrounding tissue, frequently check the position of the Guide Wire under image intensification.

Note:

Guide Wires are not intended for re-use. They are single use only. Guide Wires may be damaged or bent during surgical procedures. If a Guide Wire is re-used, it may become lodged in the drill and could be advanced into the pelvis, damaging large blood vessels or vital organs.

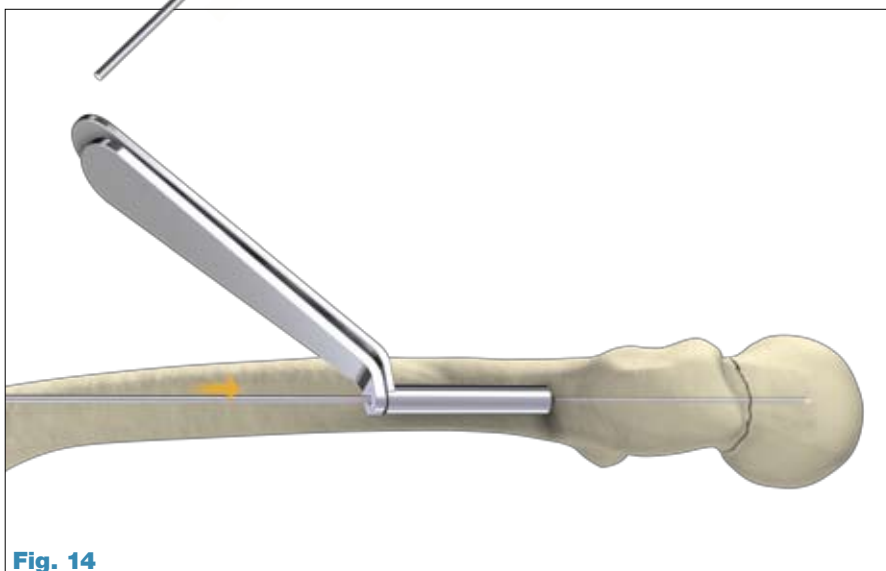


Fig. 14

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Step 5: Distal Drilling

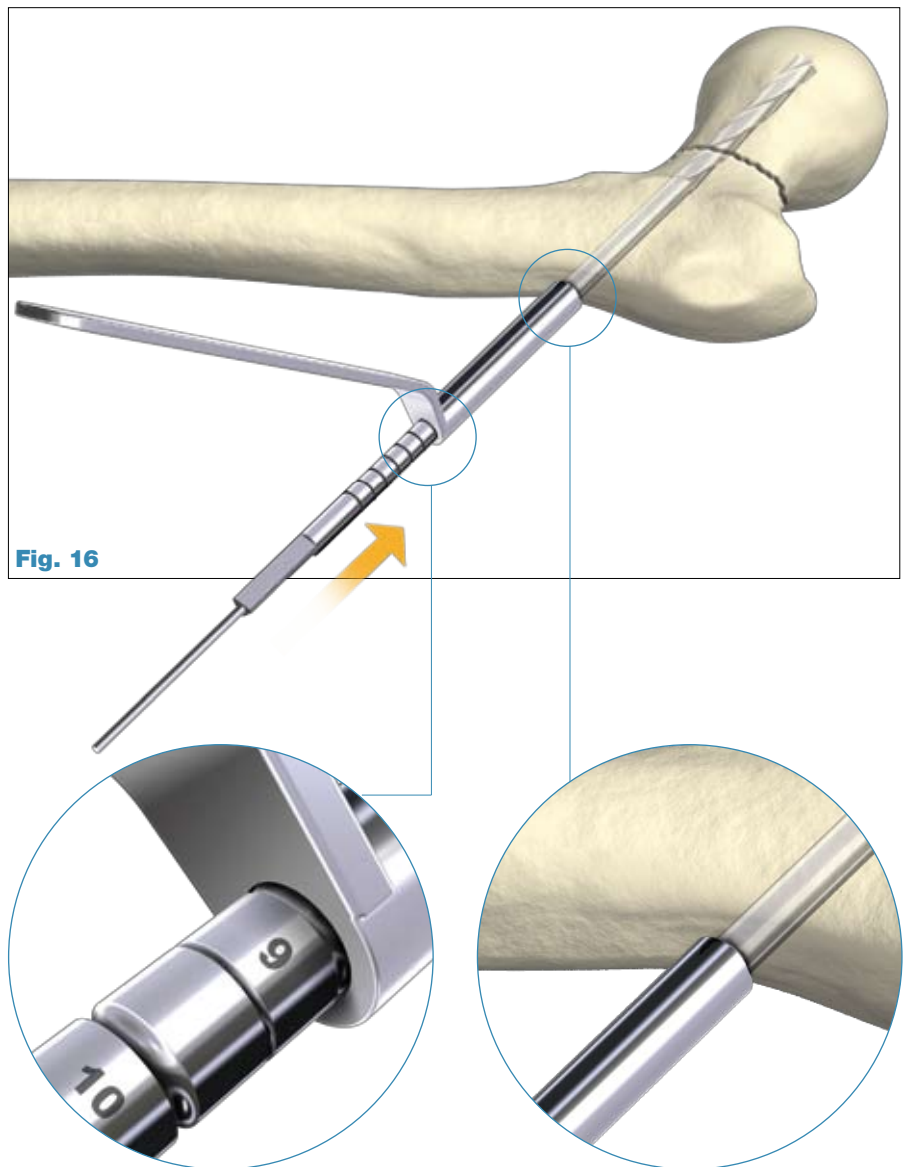
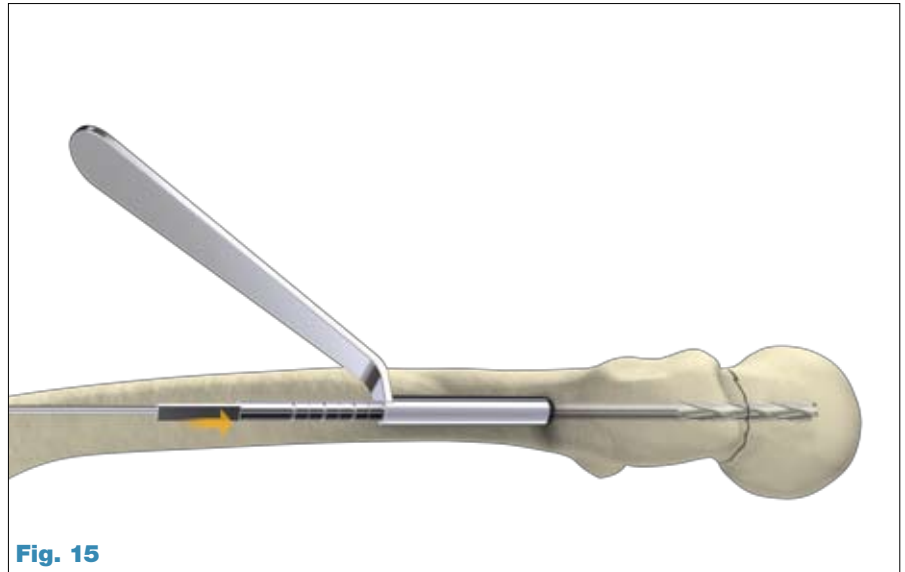
The Short Cannulated Drill is inserted over the Guide Wire.

The Protective Measuring Sleeve is maintained against the lateral cortex and drilling is carried out, using image intensification to ensure that the Short Cannulated Drill follows the line of the Guide Wire accurately and does not cut through the calcar. It is also important to ensure that the Guide Wire does not penetrate the hip joint. When the tip of the Short Cannulated Drill has reached the subchondral bone, the **required Hansson Pin length is read off the scale** on the Short Cannulated Drill protruding from the Protective Measuring Sleeve.

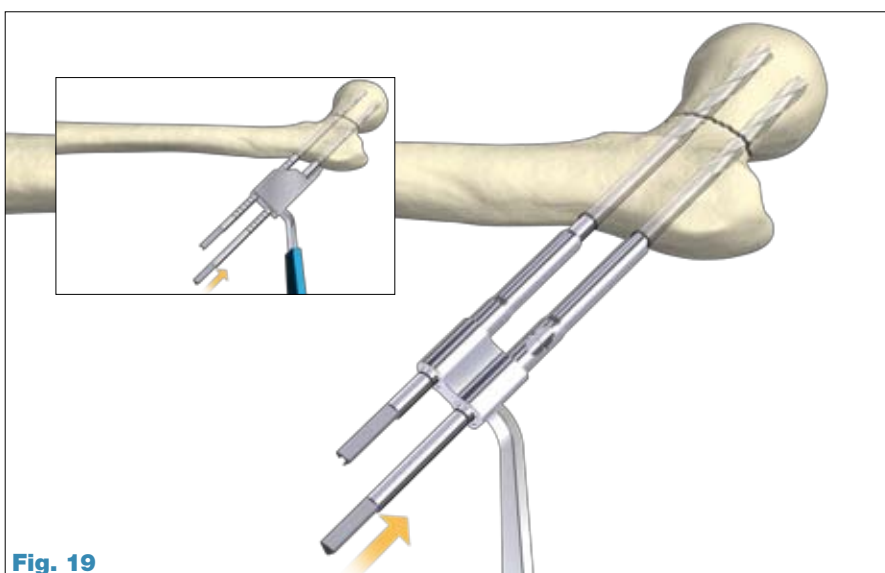
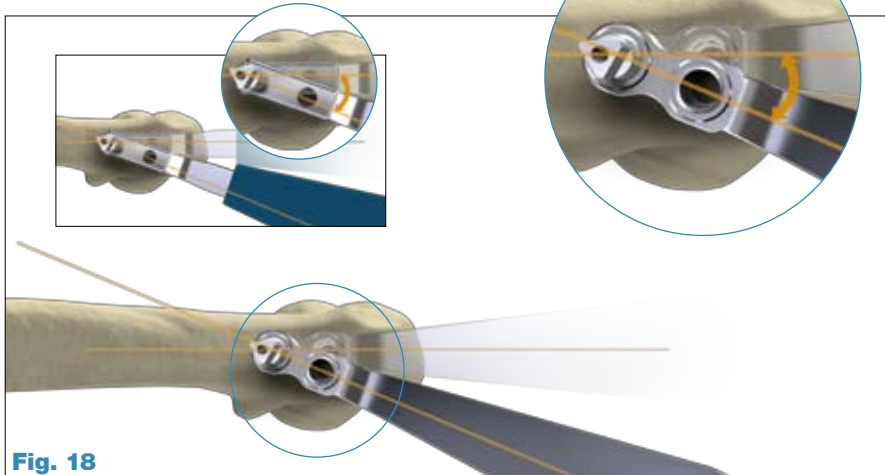
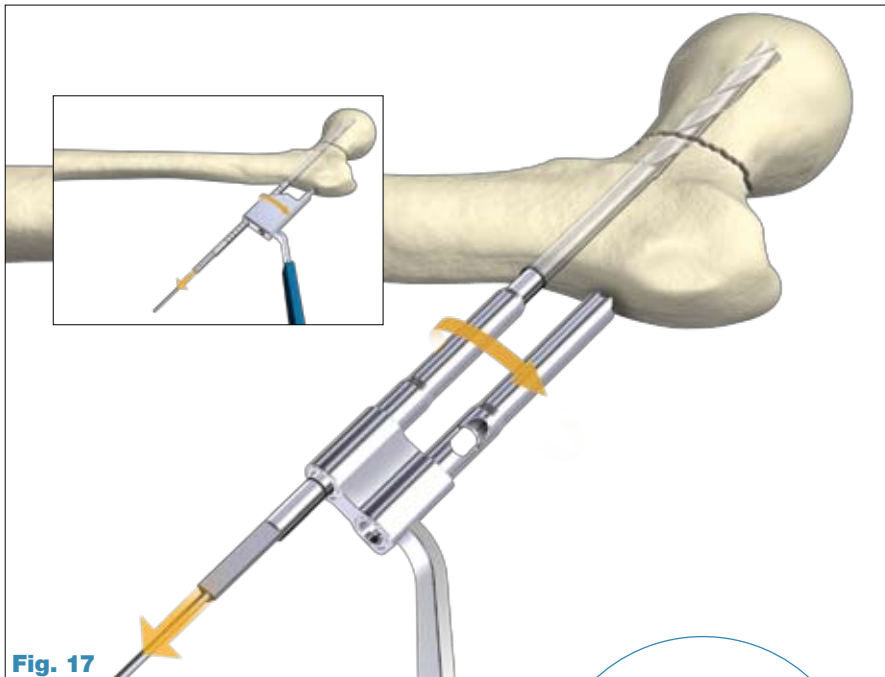
Note:

Make sure that the Protective Measuring Sleeve is in contact with the bone when reading the scale.

The Protective Measuring Sleeve and the Guide Wire are then removed.



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Step 6: Proximal Drilling

The next step is to drill a hole for the proximal Hansson Pin position as close as possible to the posterior cortex of the femoral neck. This is achieved by selecting the Drill Guide (6, 8 or 10mm) which gives the widest possible separation of the pins without cutting through the posterior and superior cortex.

The incision is extended 20 to 30mm, when using a Drill Guide with Elastasil Handle.

The selected Drill Guide (6,8 or 10mm) is then pushed over the Short Cannulated Drill located distally and rotated, in order that the new channel is situated posteriorly and proximally to the Short Cannulated Drill located distally. In order to decrease potential risk of cutting through the posterior and superior cortex, it is possible to glide the Long Guide Wire Bush into the Drill Guide and then advance a Guide Wire into the femoral Head. Thus the exact positioning can be checked before drilling, either with the Long Cannulated Drill (or with the Long Solid Drill after removing the Guide Wire).

The tip of the Drill Guide is pushed into the cortex to enhance stability.

The Long Cannulated Drill (or the Long Solid Drill if the Guide Wire was removed), is used to prepare the second hole, using image intensification in both AP and axial views to ensure that the Long Cannulated Drill (or the Long Solid Drill) does not cut through the posterior cortex. The hole is drilled up to the subchondral bone of the femoral head. The lateral view alone indicates whether the Long Cannulated Drill (or the Long Solid Drill) is advanced sufficiently in the femoral head.

The required Hansson Pin length is again read off the scale on the Long Cannulated Drill (or the Long Solid Drill) protruding from the Drill Guide. **The Long Cannulated Drill (or the Long Solid Drill) and the Drill Guide are then removed to allow for proximal Hansson Pin insertion.**

Note:

The Hansson Pin length may be read more accurately off the Protective Measurement Sleeve, if the tip of the Drill Guide is properly anchored in the bone.

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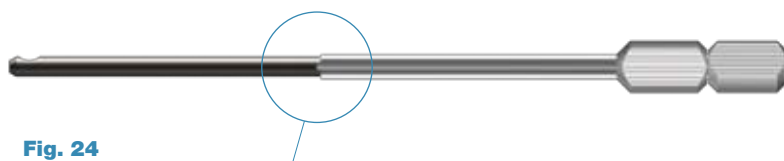
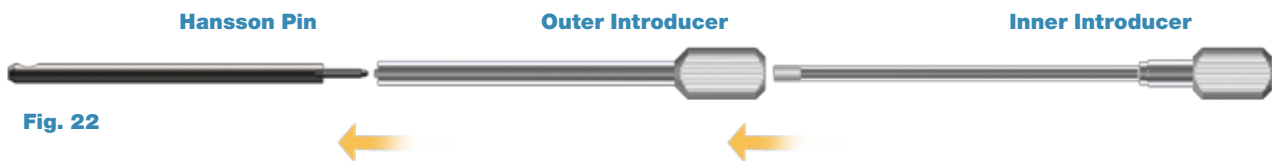
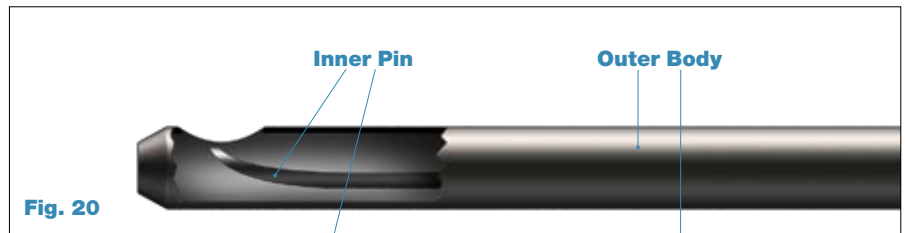
Step 7: Instrument-to-Pin Assembly

Verify that the Inner Pin does not protrude from the window of the Outer Body and is in correct position (Fig. 20).

Pass the Inner Introducer through the Outer Introducer and screw it into the Hansson Pin (Fig. 23).

There are unequal tabs on the Outer Introducer which correspond with slots in the Hansson Pin; the tabs and slots should securely mate when the Introducer Assembly is screwed onto the Hansson Pin. The handles of the Inner and Outer Introducers does not need to be aligned.

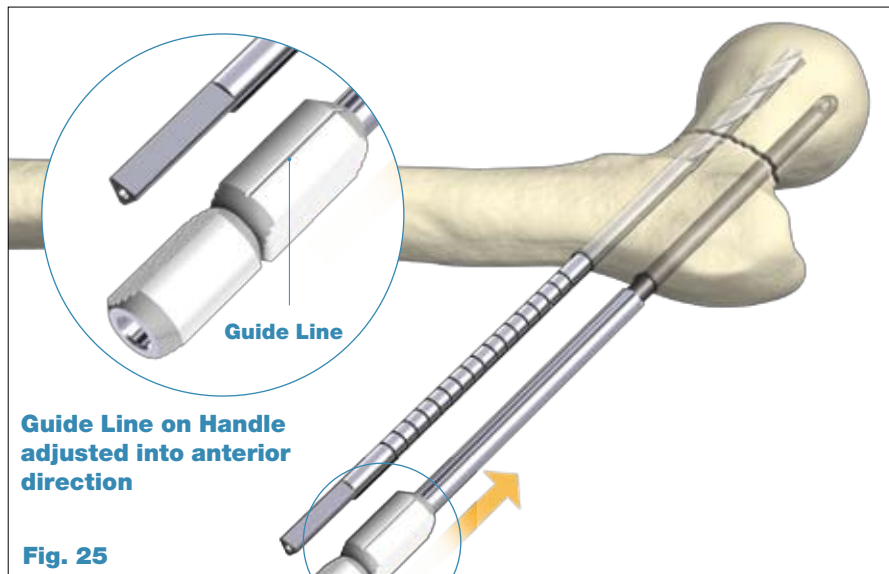
There is a guide line on the Outer Introducer, in line with the window of the pin, indicating the direction in which the hook will be deployed.



Note:
Do not excessively tighten the inner introducer, in order to facilitates further disassembly.



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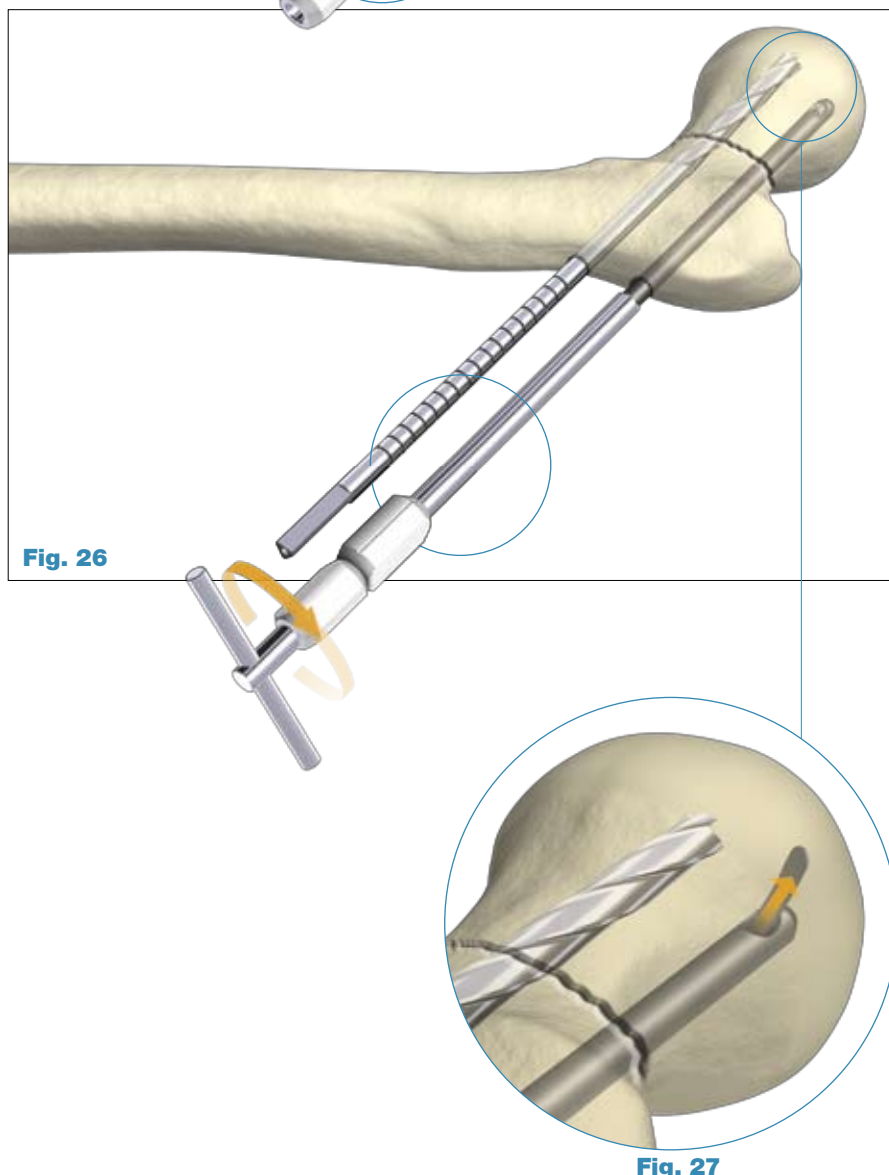


Step 8: Insertion of the Hansson Pin and Activation of the Hook

Insert the Hansson Pin with the Introducer Assembly into the proximal posterior channel.

Ensure that the pin is fully inserted and in good position using fluoroscopy.

The guide line on the Handle of the Outer Introducer must point anteriorly, giving the direction in which the hook will point. (Fig. 25 and Fig. 26).



Insert the tip of the Introducer Handle through the hole in the Inner Introducer.

Maintain both the Outer and Inner Introducers in position.

The hook is activated by turning the Introducer Handle clockwise whilst gently pushing medially on the Introducer Assembly, to avoid inadvertent lateralization of the pin position. Continue turning the Introducer Handle to completely deploy the hook using image intensification. A mechanical stop is provided by the Inner Introducer, at the point when the hook is fully deployed.

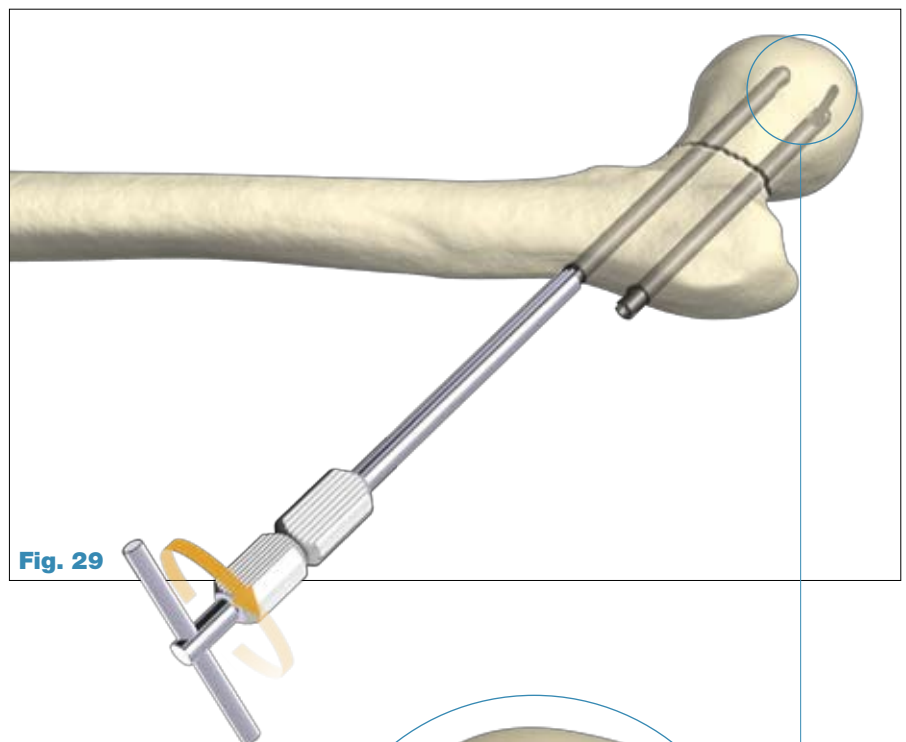
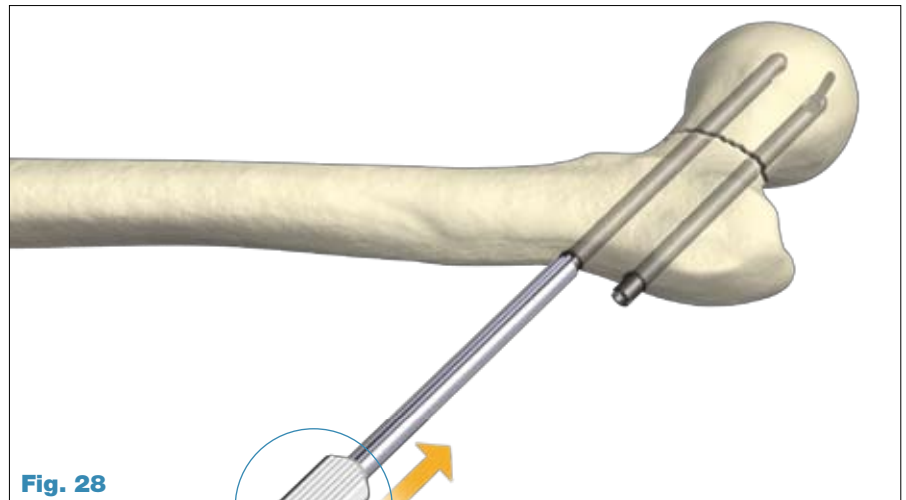
After deployment of the hook (Fig. 27), the Outer Introducer and the Inner Introducer should be removed. Maintain the Outer Introducer in position and unscrew counter clockwise, first the Introducer Handle and then the Inner Introducer.

Fig. 27

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Step 10: Distal Pin Insertion

A Hansson Pin of the length required for the distal hole (usually longer than the proximal Hansson Pin) is mounted on the Introducer Assembly and inserted in the same way, but with the guideline on the Outer Introducer facing superiorly so that the hook will also emerge superiorly (Fig. 28). AP and axial views imaging is used to ensure accurate placement.



Maintain the Outer Introducer in position. Unscrew and then remove the Introducer Handle followed by the Inner Introducer and the Outer Introducer.

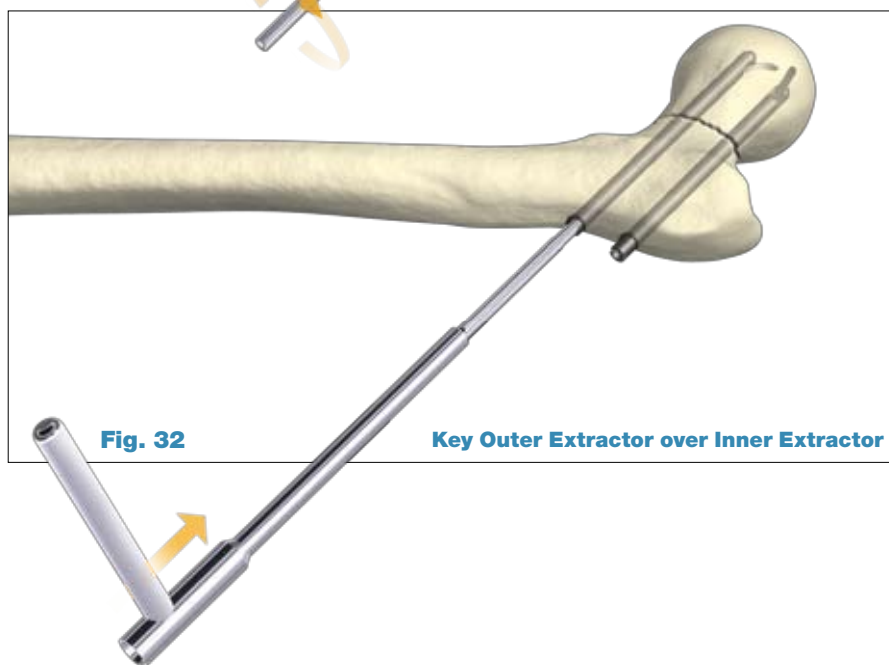
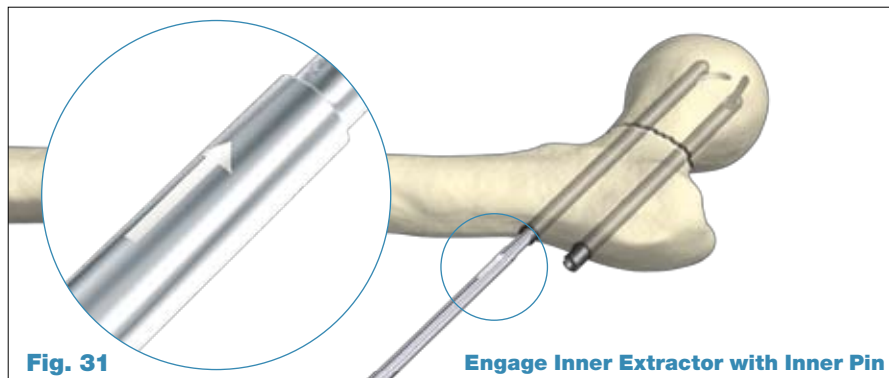
The wound is sutured and closed in the normal manner.

Post Operative Care

Full weight-bearing as tolerated by the patient may be allowed in elderly patient. In younger patients, partial weight-bearing is preferable.



Operative Technique



Pin Removal

Step 1:

The arrowed end of the Inner Extractor is engaged with the inner pin's thread and rotated clockwise until it stops (Fig. 31).

Step 2:

The Outer Extractor is slid over the Inner Extractor until it is in contact with the Outer Body of the Hansson Pin (Fig. 32)

Note:

If the Outer Extractor is not in contact with the outer body of the Hansson Pin, rotate the Outer Extractor **only until it engages the flat sides of the Inner Extractor** and push the handle gently until it touches the tip of the Outer Body. It is important not to exert any rotation on the Outer Extractor once the instrument is keyed by the flat sides of the Inner Extractor.

Step 3:

Maintain the Outer Extractor in place. Insert the threaded tip of the Extractor Handle into the Outer Extractor and turn it clockwise to engage the threaded part of the Inner Extractor.

Do not rotate the Outer Extractor. Continue to turn the Extractor Handle until a mechanical stop is felt. This completely withdraws the hook into the Outer Body of the Hansson Pin. **Check under image intensification that the hook is fully retracted prior to pulling back the implant.**

Once the hook is fully retracted, remove the implant along with the extraction instruments. In case the hook is removed on its own, leaving behind the Outer Body of the Hansson Pin, the Outer Body is removed by assembling the Inner and Outer Introducers and removing the Outer Body from the bone.

Step 4:

Repeat the procedure for the proximal Hansson Pin.

Ordering Information – Implants

Hansson Pins



Stainless Steel Ref	Pin Length mm	Titanium Ref
394070S	70mm	694070S
394075S	75mm	694075S
394080S	80mm	694080S
394085S	85mm	694085S
394090S	90mm	694090S
394095S	95mm	694095S
394100S	100mm	694100S
394105S	105mm	694105S
394110S	110mm	694110S
394115S	115mm	694115S
394120S	120mm	694120S
394125S	125mm	694125S
394130S	130mm	694130S
394135S	135mm	694135S
394140S	140mm	694140S

Special Order

Ordering Information – Instruments

	REF	Description
Instruments		
	704501	Short Cannulated Drill Ø 6.7mm × 246mm with Jacobs fitting
	704522	Long Solid Drill Ø 6.7mm × 276mm with Jacobs fitting
	704510	Protective Measuring Sleeve
	704511	Guide Wire Bush
	704535	Outer Introducer
	704536	Inner Introducer
	704517	Introducer Handle
	704537	Drill Guide 6mm with Elastosil handle
	704538	Drill Guide 8mm with Elastosil handle
	704539	Drill Guide 10mm with Elastosil handle
	704505S	Threaded Guide Wire Ø 2.4mm × 300mm (Single Use - Sterile Packed)
	901704	Sterilisation Tray for Instruments (Lid and Insert)
	704527	Extractor Handle
	704528	Outer Extractor
	704529	Inner Extractor

Ordering Information – Instruments

	REF	Description
Optional Instruments		
	704500	Extra Short Cannulated Drill Ø 6.7mm × 216mm with Jacobs fitting
	704502	Cannulated Drill Long Ø 6.7 × 276mm with Jacobs fitting
	704515	Outer Introducer
	704516	Inner Introducer
	704525S	Guide Wire Ø 2,4 × 235mm (Single Use - Sterile Packed)
	704531	Percutaneous Drill Guide 6mm
	704532	Percutaneous Drill Guide 8mm
	704533	Percutaneous Drill Guide 10mm
	704534	Percutaneous Drill Guide 12mm
	704526	Guide Wire Bush Long
	704540	Emergency Inner Extractor

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