

Extended Antibiotic Prophylaxis in Aseptic Revision Hip and Knee Arthroplasty: A Systematic Review



Michael Valenzuela, DO, Jacob King, OMS-II
Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

Introduction

- Extended antibiotics shown to reduce periprosthetic joint infection (PJI) in high-risk patients undergoing primary hip and knee arthroplasty
- Limited information available on effectiveness of antibiotic prophylaxis in preventing PJI in aseptic revision hip and knee arthroplasty
- Purpose of systematic review
 - Determine if antibiotics > 24 hours postop significantly reduces PJI rates compared to standard antibiotic care

Method

- Systematic review adhering to Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analysis guidelines
- Inclusion criteria
 - Antibiotic administration > 24 hours
 - Aseptic revision hip or knee arthroplasty
 - Patients 18 years or older.
- Exclusion criteria
 - Primary surgeries
 - Non-hip or knee arthroplasty.
- Screening of demographics, antibiotic regimen, PJI rates, and follow-up.

Author	Number of Patients (Study/Control)	Procedure	Mean Age (SD)	Follow-Up
Kuo (2022) ¹	2467/333	Aseptic Revision THA & TKA	Study: 63.6 (13) Control: 63.7 (13.3)	30 days, 90 days, 1 year
Bukowski ²	267/637	Aseptic Revision TKA	65.9 (9.8)	90 days, 1 year, 5 years
Kuo (2019) ³	209/209	Aseptic Revision Hip Arthroplasty	Study: 68.3 (11.9) Control: 67.5 (12)	1 year
Bukowski ⁴	370/737	Aseptic Revision THA	65 (no SD given)	90 days, 1 year, 5 years
Villa ⁵	93/85	Aseptic Revision THA & TKA	Study: 68 (10.8) Control: 69 (9.1)	Mean for both groups: 849 days Range: 15-1671
Claret ⁶	138/203	Aseptic Revision TKA	72.1 (8.4)	3 months
Zingg ⁷	176/0	Aseptic Revision TKA	63.9 (9.9)	No standardized timeframe
Kuo (2020) ⁸	176/76	Aseptic Revision TKA	Study: 70.1 (10.2) Control: 71.4 (11.3)	Mean: 5.2 +/- 2.5 years
Mauerhan ⁹	45/49	Primary and Revision TKA/THA	65 (range 17-95)	1 year

Results & Discussion

- 9 articles published from 1994 to 2023 included for final analysis.
- Assessed Rates of PJI after revision hip or knee arthroplasty
 - Compared standard treatment and antibiotic prophylaxis
 - 7 showed no statistically significant differences in PJI rates
 - Decrease in PJI rates for the study group in Claret study
 - Rate of PJI in control group = 6.9%, study group = 2.2% ($p = 0.049$)
 - Zingg et al noted decrease in PJI rates compared to other published rates, but p-values not listed.¹⁻⁹



Image 1: Total Knee Arthroplasty¹⁰



Image 2: Total Hip Arthroplasty¹¹

Conclusion

- Not significant data indicating extended antibiotic use for prevention of PJI in aseptic revision arthroplasty
- May be beneficial in reduction of PJI rates for high-risk patients
- Further prospective studies needed conducted to assess their utility

References

1. Kuo F, Chang Y, Huang T, Chen DW, Tan TL, Lee MS. Post-operative prophylactic antibiotics in aseptic revision hip and knee arthroplasty: a propensity score matching analysis. *Scientific reports* 2022;12:18319.
2. Bukowski BR, Owen AR, Turner TW, et al. Extended Oral Antibiotic Prophylaxis After Aseptic Revision TKA: Does it Decrease Infection Risk? *The Journal of arthroplasty* 2022;37:S997-S1003.e1.
3. Kuo F, Aalirezai A, Goswami K, Shohat N, Blevins K, Parviz J. Extended Antibiotic Prophylaxis Confers No Benefit Following Aseptic Revision Total Hip Arthroplasty: A Matched Case-Controlled Study. *The Journal of arthroplasty* 2019;34:2724-9.
4. Bukowski BR, Owen AR, Turner TW, et al. Extended Oral Antibiotic Prophylaxis After Aseptic Revision Total Hip Arthroplasty: Does it Decrease Infection Risk? *The Journal of arthroplasty* 2022;37:2460-5.
5. Villa JM, Panu TS, Braaksma W, Higuera CA, Riesgo AM. Extended Oral Antibiotic Prophylaxis After Aseptic Total Hip or Knee Arthroplasty Revisions: A Preliminary Report. *The Journal of arthroplasty* 2023;38:141-5.
6. Claret G, Tornero E, Martínez-Pastor J, et al. A Prolonged Post-Operative Antibiotic Regimen Reduced the Rate of Prosthetic Joint Infection after Aseptic Revision Knee Arthroplasty. *Surgical infections* 2015;16:775-80.
7. Zingg M, Kheir MM, Ziembka-Davis M, Meneghini RM. Reduced Infection Rate After Aseptic Revision Total Knee Arthroplasty With Extended Oral Antibiotic Protocol. *The Journal of arthroplasty* 2022;37:905-9.
8. Kuo F, Lin P, Bell KL, Ko J, Wang C, Wang J. Extended Postoperative Prophylactic Antibiotics with First-Generation Cephalosporin Do Not Reduce the Risk of Periprosthetic Joint Infection following Aseptic Revision Total Knee Arthroplasty. *The Journal of knee surgery* 2020;33:597-602.
9. Mauerhan D, Nelson C, Smith D, et al. Prophylaxis against infection in total joint arthroplasty. One day of cefuroxime compared with three days of cefazolin. *Journal of bone and joint surgery: American volume* 1994;76:39-45.
10. <https://www.mayoclinic.org/medical-professionals/orthopedic-surgery/news/customized-implants-for-knee-replacements/mac-20439300>
11. <https://emedicine.medscape.com/article/398669-overview>

Table 2: Antibiotic Regimen and Outcomes¹⁻⁹