**Updated Charcot Joint Case Discussion**

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***JP Warner***

Dear CSS Members:

Enclosed is an interesting case as follow-up to the advice some of you offered. Please take a look at the outcome and offer input. I wonder if the evidence-based approach or the eminence-based approach adequately inform…or perhaps the execution of the plan was poor. You can decide.

Download the case here: [https://www.dropbox.com/s/j4jzvwqoyckp9ko/Codman%20Shoulder%20Society%20Presentation.pptx?dl=0](https://nam03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dropbox.com%2Fs%2Fj4jzvwqoyckp9ko%2FCodman%2520Shoulder%2520Society%2520Presentation.pptx%3Fdl%3D0&data=02%7C01%7Cfsavoie%40tulane.edu%7C7aeea0b8f9ef4e9d920108d8692c00b3%7C9de9818325d94b139fc34de5489c1f3b%7C1%7C1%7C637374985009083742&sdata=hFVcfaucbi4THiKXouiS%2BRh0%2FjHUnzVbY2XqPZCWXfo%3D&reserved=0)

Best Regards,

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***Felix Savoie***

JP, I thought I responded when you first presented the Charcot patient but may have been on another discussion group;

This isn't the surgeon but the disease:  about 30 years ago I thought I had a solution to Charcot arthropathy using a variant of Rick Worlands old shoulder bipolar prosthesis.  I did 2 with pretty good outcome and was at a meeting with Dr Rockwood so showed one to him and asked his thoughts.  He said never operate on them- they will do badly and not even know 1/2 the time until something sticks through the skin .

Foolishly I did a few more and then re-assesed;  found I had a 200% major complication rate with surgery. Pretty impressive failure on my part; so belatedly listened to Dr Rockwood and refused to do surgery.  I have wondered over the years if the RSP might work for this unique problem, but have PTSD from my early series.

in most I ended up taking out the prosthesis and using a variant of Buzz Burkhead resection arthroplasty.

sorry to not be of help but I do not have a solution for this problem.

Buddy Savoie

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***JP Warner***

Thanks for your comments Buddy. Optimism and advice can sometimes lead to problems. JPW

***10/8/2020***

***Patrick Denard***

JP.

What was the time period between the xrays/MRI and CT? While CT is obviously our method of choice to assess bone loss, the difference is dramatic. It sounds like you had to wait for recovery from the neurosurgical procedure before doing the RSA. But do you think the outcome would have been different if you were able to address earlier?

Best,

Patrick