



SURGICAL TECHNIQUE





he Bio-Modular® Choice Shoulder System, designed for both total and hemiarthroplasty of the shoulder, has enjoyed nearly two decades of clinical success. The variety of head types and sizes, along with multiple glenoid options, allow the surgeon to better recreate the normal anatomy which is so important in tensioning of the soft tissues for joint stability and providing maximum postoperative function. The modular components also allow the surgeon to better reconstruct the rotator cuff tuberosity mechanism in difficult acute fractures and chronic malunions of the proximal humerus. The reverse Morse taper modular design enables the surgeon to easily revise a hemiarthroplasty by allowing unobstructed access to the glenoid. The modularity in both the implants and instruments, along with the numerous design options throughout, increase intraoperative flexibility, offering the surgeon an excellent overall system to perform arthroplasties tailored to each patient.



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Surgical Position

Once general anesthesia has been satisfactorily induced, or a supraclavicular nerve block has been given, the patient is placed supine with the affected shoulder positioned as lateral as possible on the operating table. A folded sheet is placed below the scapula and a modified beach chair position is utilized. The arm and shoulder are then prepped and draped free (Figure 1).

Surgical Incision

The approach utilized is an extended deltopectoral anterior incision that begins immediately above the coracoid process and extends distally and laterally, following the deltopectoral groove along the anterior border of the deltoid (Figure 2). The deltoid muscle is carefully retracted laterally to avoid releasing the deltoid from the clavicle. If necessary, the deltoid may be partially released from its distal insertion by subperiosteal dissection. The conjoined tendon is retracted medially after partially releasing it (less than 1 cm through the tendon) from the coracoid.

Once the anterior structures are identified, the humerus is gently rotated externally, and a longitudinal incision is made through the tendinous portion of the subscapularis muscle and capsule, just medial to the lesser tuberosity (Figure 3). In cases of severe contracture, subscapularis lengthening may be required. The subscapularis tendon may be tagged at this time with nonabsorbent sutures. The humerus is now externally rotated and extended to expose the humeral head. The axillary recess, if contracted, will require dissection inferiorly to avoid the axillary nerve.

In cases of hemiarthroplasty for proximal humeral fractures, the approach may have to be modified in order to better visualize the fracture fragments and mobilize the tuberosity fragments for reconstruction.

Resection of the Humeral Head

Use the appropriate retractors to expose the humeral head and neck.

Extramedullary Resection

Insert the knurled handle into the appropriate side (for right or left shoulder) of the extramedullary resection guide. Place the guide against the humerus at an appropriate height. Align the long shaft of the guide with the axis of the humeral shaft and the angled resection plate with the anatomical neck. Place the version control rod into the desired version hole and align it with the forearm flexed at 90 degrees. The guide may be pinned to the bone if desired. Use the angled resection plate to guide the saw blade into the humeral head (Figure 4).

Intramedullary Resection

Using the 6mm reamer, drill a hole through the humeral head along the axis of the humeral shaft. This pilot hole will be just lateral to the articular surface of the head and just medial to the attachment of the rotator cuff. Ream the humeral canal with the 6mm reamer, stopping when the engraved line on the reamer shaft is parallel with the top of the humeral head. Sequentially ream in 1mm increments until good cortical contact is achieved, leaving the last reamer in place (Figure 5). Remove the T-handle.

Resection Guide Assembly

Attach the resection block to the short segment of the guide arm and tighten the thumbscrew. Insert the long segment of the guide arm into the appropriate side of the arm slide (labeled "right" and "left") and finger tighten the thumbscrew (Figure 6).









Figure 9

Rotate the entire IM resection guide assembly clockwise until the guide's angled cutout is parallel to the reamer shaft. Insert the reamer shaft into the angled cutout and turn the guide counterclockwise until straight (Figure 7). Finger tighten the thumbscrew. Place the version control rod into the appropriate version hole and align the rod with the forearm flexed at 90 degrees.

Make final position adjustments using two thumbscrews. Adjust the arm slide thumbscrew for medial/lateral movement and the reamer shaft thumbscrew for height. Once the final position has been set, insert two threaded Steinmann pins through the angled holes in the cutting block and into the bone.

Loosen the thumbscrew on the resection block and the thumbscrew on the reamer shaft. Raise the resection guide until it clears the cutting block then turn it clockwise and remove it from the reamer. Using the ratcheting T-handle, remove the reamer (Figure 8).

Place a saw blade through the cutting slot in the guide. The saw blade should be moving when it comes in contact with the bone. Using several passes, resect the humeral head. Remove the threaded Steinmann pins and the cutting block.

Humeral Reaming

If the extramedullary resection guide was used in Step 2, proceed by reaming the humeral canal. Using the 6mm reamer, sequentially ream in 1mm increments until good cortical contact is achieved (Figure 9).

Humeral Broaching

Select a broach that is at least 2mm smaller than the last reamer used. A collar and a fin may be attached to the broach if desired.

Collar Attachment

Place the appropriate size collar over the broach taper at a 90 degree angle. Turn the collar until it is fully seated and in the proper position (Figure 10).

Fin Attachment

Place the modular fin, with teeth facing down, into the slot on the back of the broach. Insert the set screw from the side and tighten with an Allen wrench (Figure 11). If a permanent assembly is desired, apply a medical grade adhesive to the set screw threads. Use caution when broaching with a broach fin so the fin does not interfere with the biceps tendon.

Attach the broach to the broach handle and insert the version control rod into the same position used during resection (Figure 12). Flex the forearm to 90 degrees and externally rotate the arm to be parallel with the version control rod. Sequentially broach in 1 mm increments until good cortical contact is made in the humeral shaft. When using a broach collar, the collar should be seated on the bone resection surface. When a collar is not utilized, insert the broach to the depth where the flat, angled top of the broach is at the level of the resected bone surface. Remove the broach handle, leaving the last broach in place to use as a trial. If a modular fin is not utilized, use the lateral slot on the humeral broach as a guide for the fin broach.

Humeral Head Selection

Select the appropriate size of head trial based on the size of the resected humeral head. Place the desired head trial type (standard, offset, or Extended Articular Surface) on the broach to recreate the humeral anatomy. If a glenoid component will be used, remove the trial head for improved exposure. The broach can be left in place to protect the humerus.





Glenoid Preparation

Expose the glenoid surface by inserting the appropriate glenoid retractors (Figure 13). Remove the remaining articular cartilage and labrum with sharp dissection, curette, or high speed burr. It is important to preserve the subcondral bone when removing the articular cartilage.

Attach the threaded handle to the drill guide/sizer according to whether a left or right shoulder is being prepared. Place the drill guide/sizer on the glenoid with the wide side placed inferiorly and determine the appropriate size of glenoid implant needed (small, medium, or large). Use the center hole in the drill guide/sizer to drill a 4mm hole in the center of the glenoid (Figure 14).

Attach the appropriate size glenoid reamer (small, medium, or large) to either the straight or angled reamer shaft. Ensure the center peg on the glenoid reamer fits into the center hole on the glenoid prior to reaming. Use the reamer to reshape the glenoid, creating a concentric surface to the glenoid component. Remove as little bone as possible while maintaining or creating neutral glenoid version (Figure 15).

If the porous, screw-fixed component will be used, ream the glenoid with the reamer that has a central cone in the place of the central peg.





Keeled Glenoid

Attach the threaded handle to the keeled glenoid drill guide according to whether a left or right shoulder is being prepared. Place the drill guide, with the wide side inferior, against the glenoid, ensuring the central peg is in the 4mm center hole on the glenoid. The two spikes on the guide will ensure stability when the guide is placed against the bone.

Using the 4mm drill bit, drill holes angling toward the center of the guide in each of the two slots (Figure 16). Remove the guide and connect the angled holes with a high speed burr. Use the glenoid broach to create the keel slot (Figure 17). Insert the keeled glenoid trial. Reassemble the humeral head trial on the humeral broach/trial and evaluate ROM. Adjustments may be made to the humeral head height or glenoid thickness to properly tension the joint.

Pegged Glenoid

Attach the threaded handle to the three peg glenoid drill guide according to whether a left or right shoulder is being prepared. Place the drill guide, with the wide side inferior, against the glenoid, ensuring the central peg is in the 4mm center hole on the glenoid. The two spikes on the guide will ensure stability when the guide is placed against the bone.

Insert the $\frac{1}{4}$ " drill bit into the flexible drill shaft and drill three peg holes, beginning with the inferior-posterior hole. The hole depth is correct when the collar on the flexible drill shaft meets the drill guide. Place an anti-rotation pin in each of the first two holes after they are drilled (Figure 18).

Remove the guide and pins. Insert the three peg glenoid trial. Reassemble the humeral head trial on the humeral broach/trial and evaluate ROM. Adjustments may be made to humeral head height to properly tension the joint.

Porous Glenoid

After reaming with the porous glenoid reamer (with cone), place the appropriate porous glenoid trial into the bone. Reassemble the humeral head trial on the broach/trial and evaluate ROM. Adjustments may be made to humeral head height or glenoid thickness to properly tension the joint.











Glenoid Fixation

Cement Fixation

Use a high-speed irrigation lavage system prior to cementing the selected glenoid component to cleanse the cortical cancellous surface. Introduce the component into bone cement with digital pressure to ensure proper component fixation. The glenoid impactor may be used to seat the component (Figure 19). Carefully remove all excess cement, particularly posterior to the component where visualization may be impaired.

Screw Fixation (Modular Porous Glenoid Only)

Attach the porous glenoid tray to the porous tray impactor. Once the component is aligned, impact it into place. Drill the superior and inferior screw holes using the 2.8mm quick connect drill bit, the flexible drill shaft, and the 2.8mm drill guide. Using the appropriate low profile 5mm titanium screws, fix the glenoid tray into the glenoid cavity (Figure 20). Insert the polyethylene glenoid liner into the tray using direct impaction.

Humeral Stem Insertion

Press Fit Technique

Attach the broach/trial handle to the broach and remove it from the humeral canal. Assemble the humeral stem onto the stem inserter by threading the thumbscrew on the inserter into the alignment pin hole on the stem. Do not overtighten. Place the version control rod into the desired version hole and align it with the forearm flexed at 90 degrees. Insert the stem into the humeral canal, impacting if necessary (Figure 21). Release and remove the inserter.

Cemented Technique

Attach the broach/trial handle to the broach and remove it from the humeral canal. Select a humeral stem 2mm smaller than the final broach/trial used. Assemble the humeral stem onto the inserter by threading the thumbscrew on the inserter into the alignment pin hole on the stem. Do not overtighten. Place the version control rod into the desired version hole on the inserter. Use a pulsating lavage/suction unit to thoroughly clean the humeral canal. Dry the canal with absorbent gauze and inject doughy cement in a retrograde manner, completely filling the humeral canal. Progressively introduce the implant into the canal, keeping the alignment rod in line with the forearm, until the desired position is attained. Remove all excess cement.

Humeral Head Insertion

Thoroughly clean and dry the reverse Morse taper. Place the appropriate size/style humeral head onto the humeral stem. Use the humeral head impactor to impact the head onto the stem (Figure 22).

When using the offset humeral head an alignment pin option is available. The pin, packaged with the implant, is inserted into the threaded hole below the taper on the stem. The offset trial and head can then be placed in one of eight preset positions. Alternatively, the pin can be discarded and the humeral head implant placed in any position.



POSTOPERATIVE CARE

At the time of the subscapularis tendon repair the surgeon should evaluate the limits of external rotation. Knowing this, he/she can better decide on the amount of external rotation to allow during the rehabilitation period.

The patient is immobilized in a sling and swathe for 24 hours. Active motion of the hand and elbow are encouraged early on. Gentle passive range of motion is begun on day two, postoperatively, depending on the fixation of the tuberosities. Generally active assisted elevation can be initiated three to four days after surgery.



Standard Humeral Heads	
Part No. Size	
113760	40x15mm
113762	40x20mm
113757	40x22mm
113763	44x15mm
113764	44x17mm
113766	44x22mm
113768	44x27mm
113769	48x19mm
113770	48x24mm
113771	48x27mm
113772	54x22mm
113775	54x24mm
113774	54x27mm

Humeral Stem Prosthesis		
Part No.	Diameter	
11-113702	6x70mm	
11-113700	6x115mm	
11-113703	7x115mm	
11-113704	8x115mm	
11-113705	9x115mm	
11-113706	10x115mm	
11-113707	11x115mm	
11-113708	12x115mm	
11-113709	13x115mm	
11-113710	14x115mm	
11-113711	15x115mm	
11-113800	7x190mm	
11-113802	9x190mm	
11-113804	11x190mm	
11-113806	13x190mm	

Offset Humeral Heads	
Part No. Size	
113921	44x17mm
113922	44x22mm
113923	44x27mm
113924	48x19mm
113925	48x24mm
113926	48x27mm
113927	54x22mm
113928	54x24mm
113929	54x27mm

Extended Articular Surface Heads	
Part No. Outer Diamet	
113880	40x15mm
113882	40x20mm
113884	44x17mm
113886	44x22mm
113888	44x27mm
113890	48x19mm
113892	48x24mm
113894	54x22mm
113896	54x24mm

All-Poly Keeled Glenoid Component	
Part No.	Size
113849	Small, 4mm
113850	Small, 7mm
113851	Medium, 4mm
113852	Medium, 7mm
113853	Large, 4mm
113854	Large, 7mm

All-Poly Pegged Glenoid Component	
Part No.	Size
113870	Small, 4mm
113872	Medium, 4mm
113874	Large, 4mm

Centering Sleeves		
Part No. Diameter		
113789	6mm	
113790	7mm	
113791	8mm	
113792	9mm	
113793	10mm	
113794	11 m m	
113795	12mm	
113796	13mm	

5mm Titanium Glenoid Screws		
Part No.	Length	
113843	15mm	
113844	20mm	
113845	25mm	
113846	30mm	
113847	35mm	
113848	40mm	

Modular Glenoid Component – Tray		
Part No.	Size	
113930	Small	
113933	Medium	
113936	Large	

Modular Glenoid Component – Poly Liner		
Part No. Size		
113931	Small, 4mm	
113932	Small, 6mm	
113934	Medium, 4mm	
113935	Medium, 6mm	
113937	Large, 4mm	
113938	Large, 6mm	

Humeral Resection and Reamer Instrumentation – Case #1

Humeral Broach/Trials, Insertion and Extraction Instrumentation – Case #2





Humeral Head Trials – Case #3

Head Trial		
406528	40x22	
406530	40x15	
406532	40x20	
406533	44x15	
406534	44x17	
406536	44x22	
406538	44x27	
406529	48x19	
406540	48x24	
406531	48x27	
406537	54x22	
406535	54x24	
406539	54x27	

406680	40x15	\bigcap
406682	40x20	
406684	44x17	
406686	44x22	
406688	44x27	
406690	48x19	
406692	48x24	
406694	54x22	
406696	54x24	
Humeral H	ead Remover	
404515		, F

Offset Head Trial

406721	44x17	
406722	44x22	((0)
406723	44x27	C
406724	48x19	
406725	48x24	
406726	48x27	
406727	54x22	
406728	54x24	
406729	54x27	

3.0mm Hex	Driver

406698

Offset Head Trial Alignment Pin (sterile) 406718

Offset Head Broach Collar

406767

Humeral Head Impactor

406514

Head Sizing Template

406496



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Instrumentation Cases/ Trays

595164	
Humeral Resection Ream	er Tray
595168	
Humeral Broach Case #2	2
595165	
Humeral Broach Tray	
595169	
Humeral Head Trials Cas	e #3
595166	
Humeral Head Trials Tray	y
595170	
Glenoid Instrumentation/ Case #4	/Trials
595167	
Glenoid Instrumentation/ Tray	/Trials Top
595171	

Glenoid Porous Glenoid Bottom Tray 595172

X-Ray Templates

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ORDERING INFORMATION – INSTRUMENTATION

All-Poly Glenoid Instrumentation – Case #4a

Modular Glenoid Guide Handle	Keeled Gle	enoid Drill Gui	de	Glenoid Pushe	r
406849 Glenoid Sizer/Center Hole Guide	406837 406838 406839	Small Medium Large		406639	
406831 Small				Ring Retractor	Bent
406832 Medium	Keeled Gle	enoid Trial, 4m	m	004500950	
406833 Large	406574	Small	R	994500650	M
	406575	Medium			
Flexible Shaft	406576	Large			
424400				Ring Retractor	, Large Fukuda
	Keeled Gle	enoid Trial, 7m	m	406699	
Universal Drill Shaft	406577	Small			
	406578	Medium			
	406579	Large	41		
Glenoid Center Hole Drill Bit					
	Glenoid Ke	eel Broach			
400388	406587				
Glenoid Reamer Shaft, Straight	Pegged Gl	enoid Drill Gu	ide		
402648	406843	Small			
	406844	Medium			
Glenoid Reamer Shaft, Angled	406845	Large	G		
406521					
	Pegged Gl	enoid Trial, 4n	nm		
Glenoid Peamer Shaft T-Handle	406597	Small			
Angled	406599	Medium	B		
406596	406601	Large	لالم		
	Pegged Gl	enoid Drill Bit			
U	406630				
Glenoid Reamer Wrench					
406525	Pegged Gl Alignment	enoid Drill Gu Pin	ide		
All Poly Glenoid Reamer	406631				
406632 Small 406633 Medium	Pegged Gl Alignment	enoid Drill Gu Pin (with groov	i de e)		
406634 Large	406638				



Modular Glenoid Instrumentation – Case #4b

Porous Glenoid Reamer

406584	Small	λ
406586	Medium	
406589	Large	J.

Porous Glenoid Trial, 4mm

406640	Small	
406642	Medium	
406644	Large	0

Porous Glenoid Trial, 6mm

406641	Small	
406643	Medium	
406645	Large	0

Drill Guide, 2.8mm

424412

Screw Forceps



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Universal Screw Driver

424423

Glenoid Drill Bit (sterile)

406618			
Porous Glenoid Tray Impactor			
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25-424507	2 8x40mm		
25-424506	2.8x30mm	-	
25-424505	2.8x20mm	F	

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