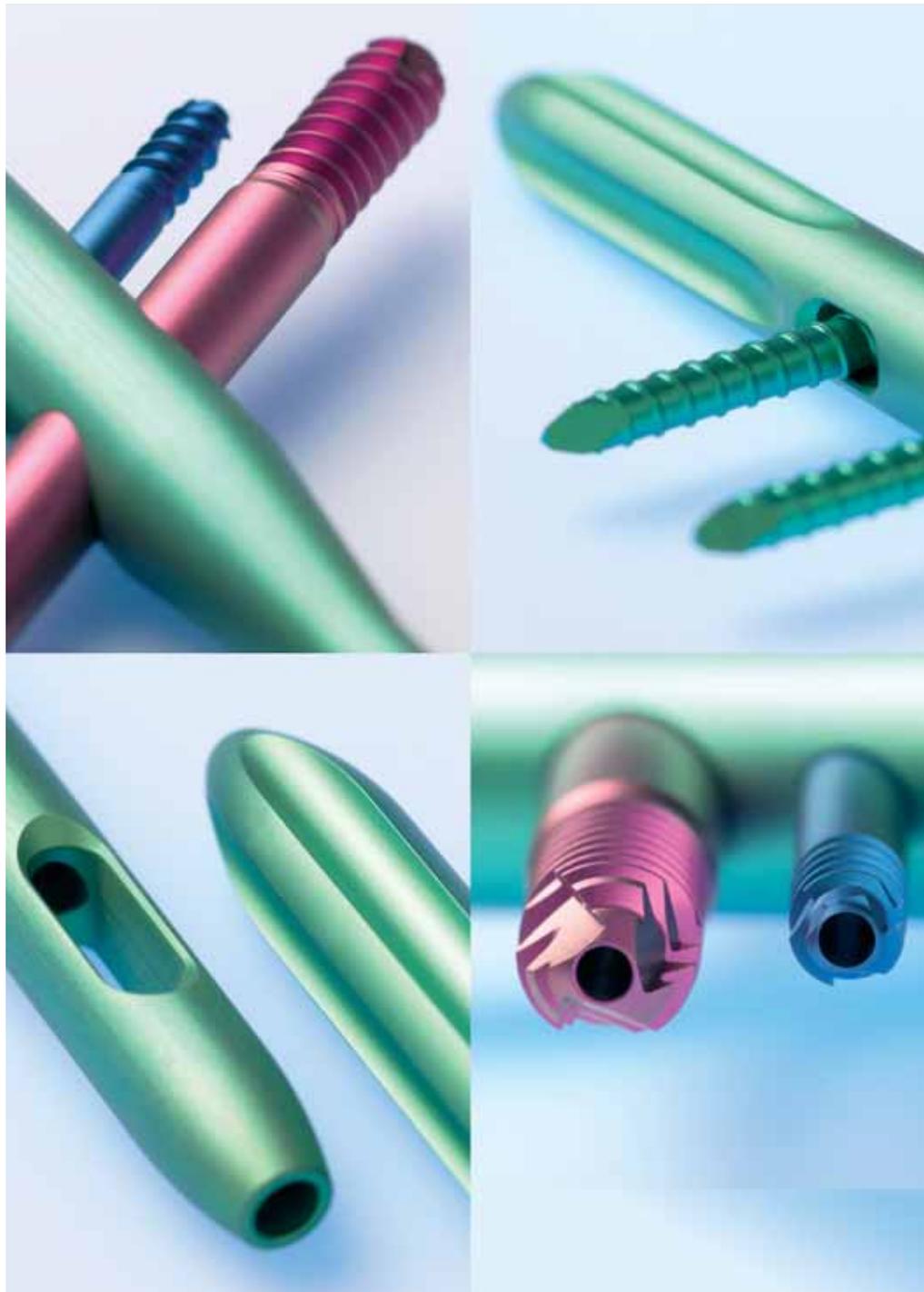


PFN – Proximal Femoral Nail

Standard PFN and long PFN

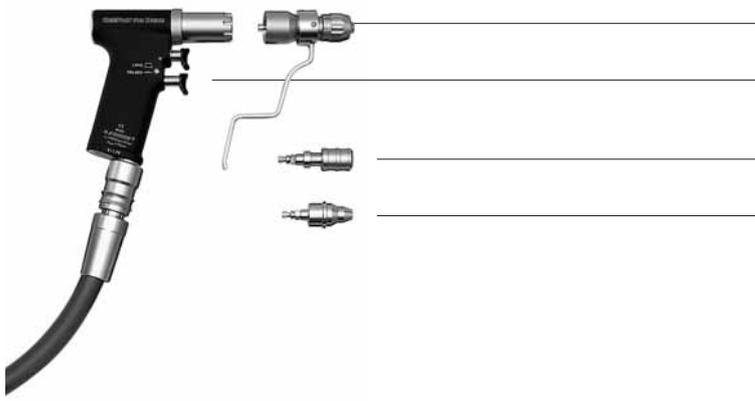
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	357.001	Protection Sleeve 20.0/17.0
	357.002	Drill Sleeve 17.0/2.8
	357.003	Trocar, 2.8mm dia.
	357.039	Guide Wire, 2.8mm dia., length 350mm
	357.005	Drill Bit, 17.0mm dia., cannulated
	393.100	Universal Chuck with T-Handle
	357.023	Socket, hexagonal, with T-Handle
	357.021	Connecting Scre, for no. 357.012
	357.013	Threaded Plug for no. 357.012
	357.011	Protection Pad for no. 357.012
	357.012	Insertion Handle for PFN
	357.01x	Aiming Arm for PFN (e.g. 130°)
	234/434.xxxNG	6.5mm Hip Pins
	273/473.xxx	11.0mm Femoral Neck Screws
	357.036NG	Protection Sleeve 8.0/6.5, blue
	357.037NG	Drill Sleeve 6.5/2.8, blue
	357.038NG	Trocar, 2.8mm dia., blue
	273/473.150	End Caps for PFN
	357.031	Protection Sleeve 14.0/11.0, pink
	357.032	Drill Sleeve 11.0/2.8, pink
	357.033	Trocar, 2.8mm dia., pink
	273/473.1xx	Proximal Femoral Nails (e.g. 130°)
	.xxx	Long Proximal Femoral Nails
	259/459.xxx	4.9mm Locking Bolts, self-tapping
	357.039	Guide Wire, 2.8mm dia., length 350mm
	357.042	Direct Measuring Device for 2.8mm Guide Wires, length 350mm
	357.047	Drill Bit, 6.5mm dia., cannulated
	357.055	Screwdriver, hexagonal, cannulated, for PFN
	357.044	Reamer 11.0mm dia., complete, for Femoral Neck Screw (consisting of 357.045/357.046)
	357.053	Wrench for PFN Femoral Neck Screw, complete (consisting of 357.051/357.054)
	357.061	Protection Sleeve 11.0/8.0, green
	357.063	Drill Sleeve 8.0/4.0, green
	357.065	Trocar 4.0mm dia., green
	357.068	Drill Bit, 4.0mm dia.
	314.260	Screwdriver, hexagonal, large



- 511.790 Quick Coupling for Kirschner Wires
- 511.701 COMPACT AIR DRIVE II
- 511.760 Quick Coupling for DHS/DCS® Triple Reamer
- 511.750 Quick Coupling



- 357.590 Measuring Device



- 357.008 Reverse Awl for PFN



- 351.050 Tissue Protector



- 399.505 Hammer with synthetic inserts



- 311.720 Tap, cannulated, for 6.5mm Hip Pin



- 357.048 Wrench, complete, for PFN Femoral Neck Screw, with Compression Device (consisting of 357.050/357.051/357.052)*



- 357.791 Depth Gauge for Locking Bolts



- 319.460 Stylet, 2.8mm dia.



- 319.240 Cleaning Brush, 2.9mm dia.



- 357.009 Cleaning Stylet, 2.8mm dia., length 450mm



- 357.071 Guide Rod
- 357.026 Slotted Hammer 400g, detachable



- 321.170 Pin Wrench 4.5mm



- 357.073 Extraction Holding Sleeve for Hip Pin

*Alternative to no. 357.053

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Warning

This description is not sufficient for immediate application of the instrumentation. Instruction by a surgeon experienced in handling this instrumentation is highly recommended.

Indications/Contraindications

Standard PFN

Indications

- Pertrochanteric fractures
- Intertrochanteric fractures
- High subtrochanteric fractures

Contraindications

- Low subtrochanteric fractures
- Femoral shaft fractures
- Isolated or combined medial femoral neck fractures

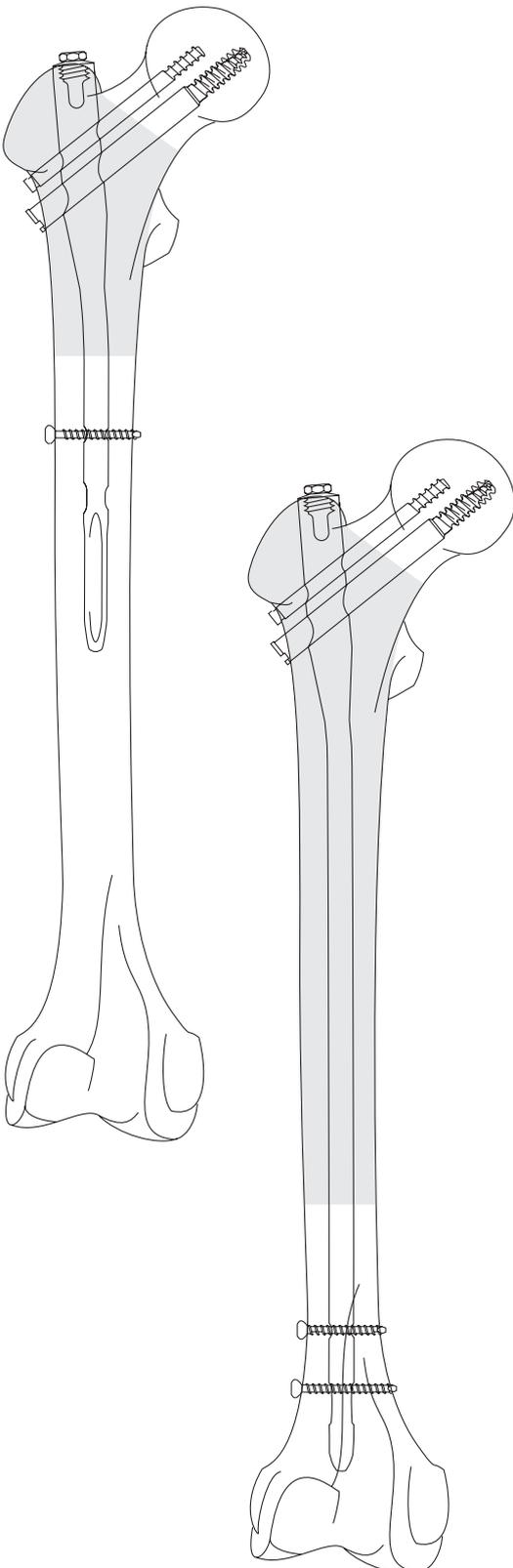
Long PFN

Indications

- Low and extended subtrochanteric fractures
- Ipsilateral trochanteric fractures
- Combination of fractures (trochanteric area/shaft)
- Pathological fractures

Contraindications

- Isolated or combined medial femoral neck fractures



Range of indications

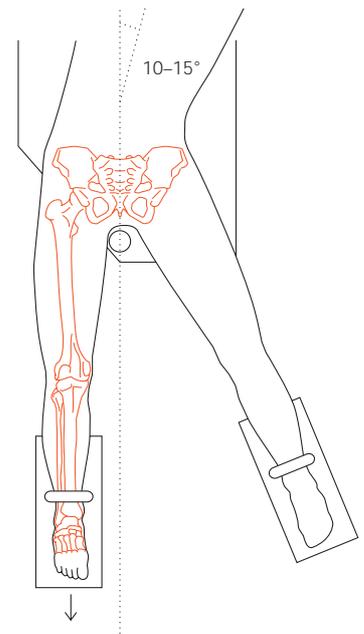
Implants for Standard PFN



- End Cap
- Proximal diameter 17.0mm
- Self-tapping 6.5mm Hip Pin
- Lengths 55–100mm (<5mm>)
- For true rotational stability
- Featuring insertion safety stop
- CCD angle 125°/130°/135°
- Self-tapping 11.0mm Femoral Neck Screw
- Lengths 80–120mm (<5mm>)
- Featuring insertion safety stop
- Anatomical 6° ML angle
- Distal diameters of 10, 11, and 12mm enable unreamed insertion
- 4.9mm Locking Bolt
- Lengths 26–52mm (<2mm>)
- A choice of static or dynamic interlocking (dynamization: 5mm)
- Flexible distal nail end (length: 58mm) minimizes stress concentration
- The PFN is available in titanium alloy (Ti-6Al-7Nb) and stainless steel
- Total length: 240mm

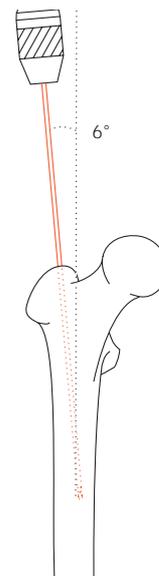
Preparation

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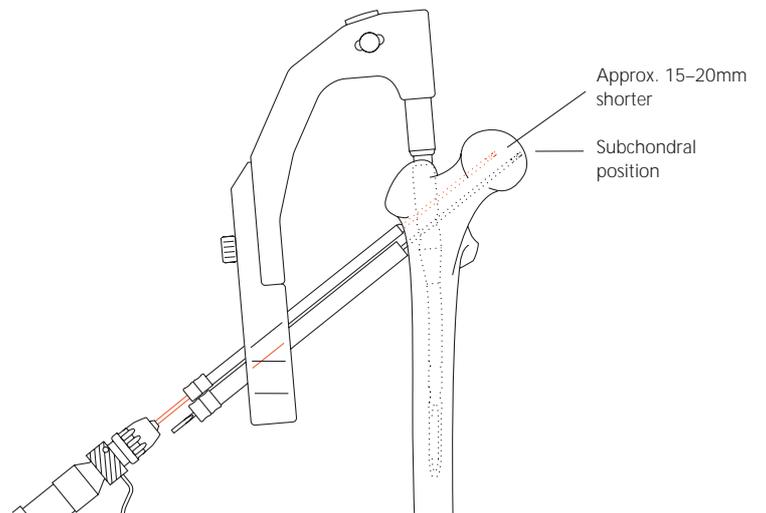
Insertion of Proximal Femoral Nail

A Insertion of guide wire for femur opening

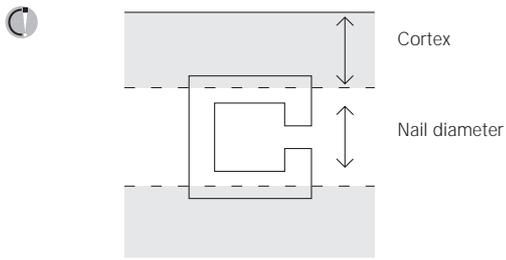


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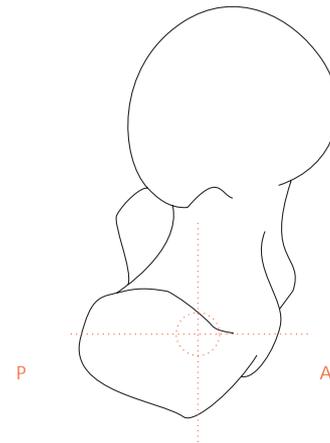
A Insertion of guide wires for femoral neck screw and hip pin



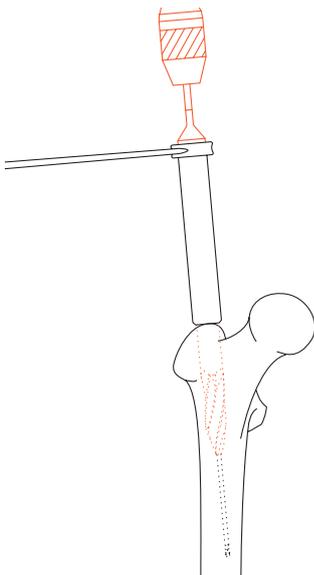
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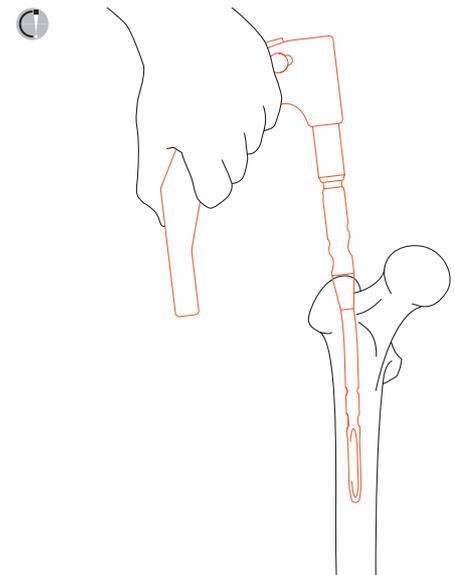
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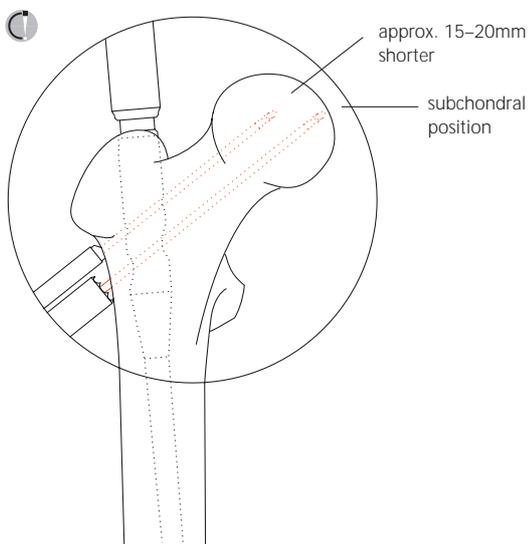
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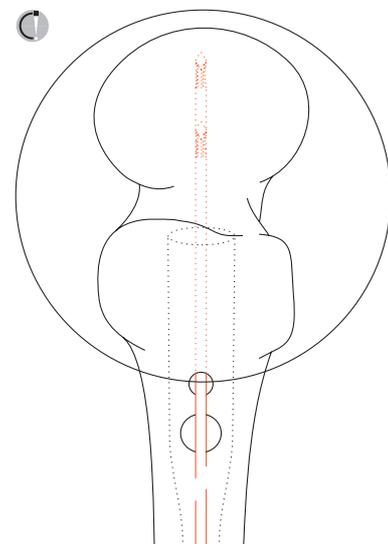
C Insertion of Proximal Femoral Nail



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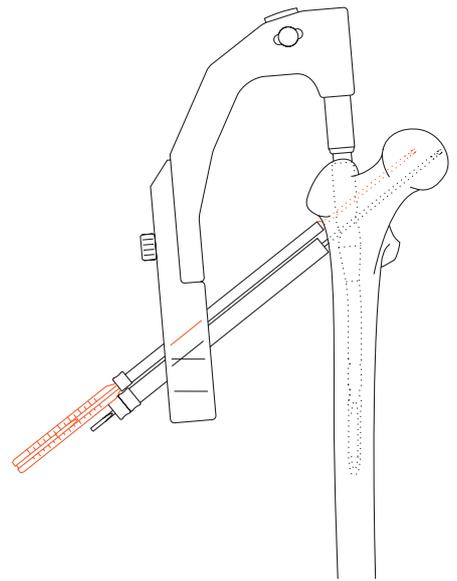
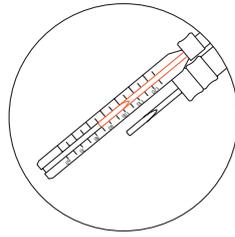


C Image intensifier control (laterally)



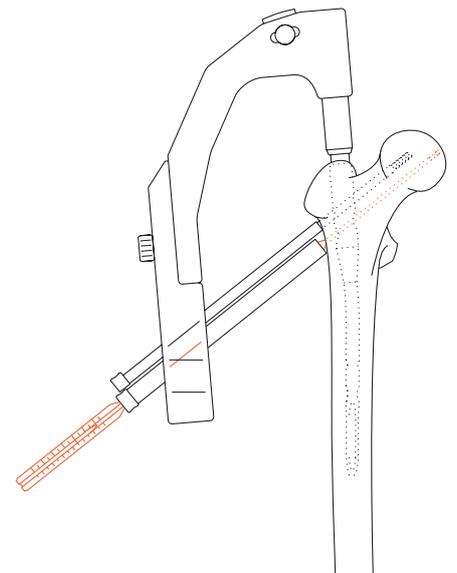
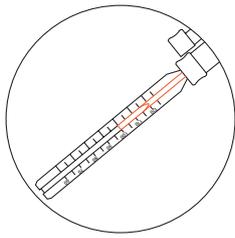
Insertion of hip pin

A Measure length of hip pin



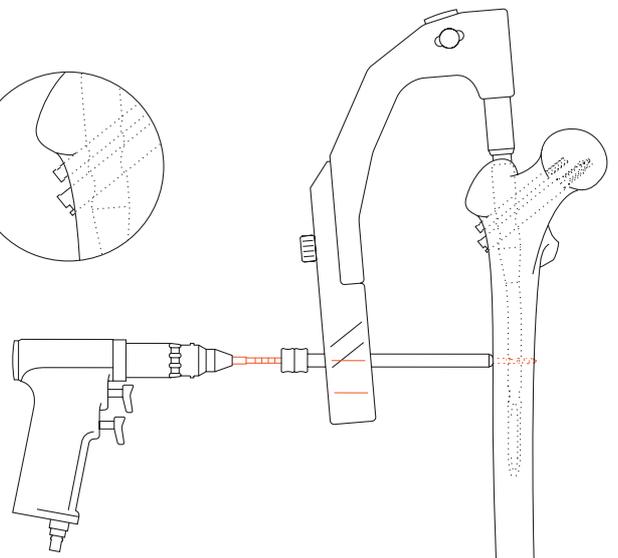
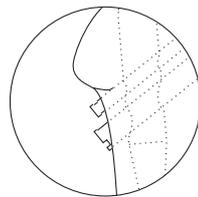
Insertion of femoral neck screw

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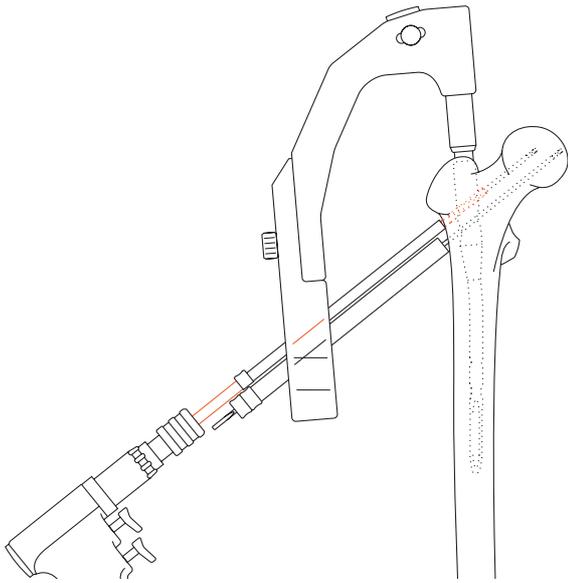


Insertion of Locking Bolt and End Cap

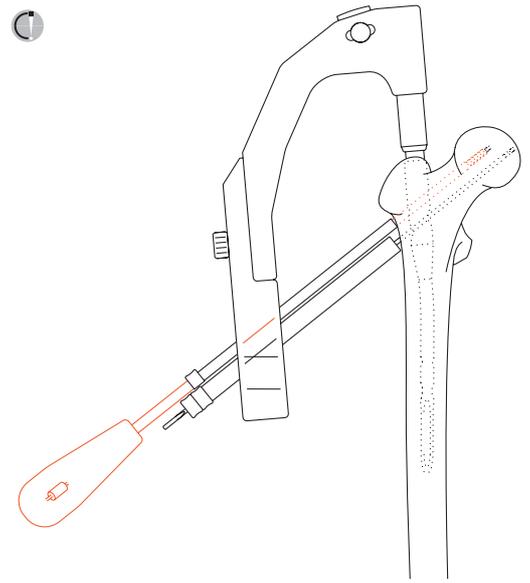
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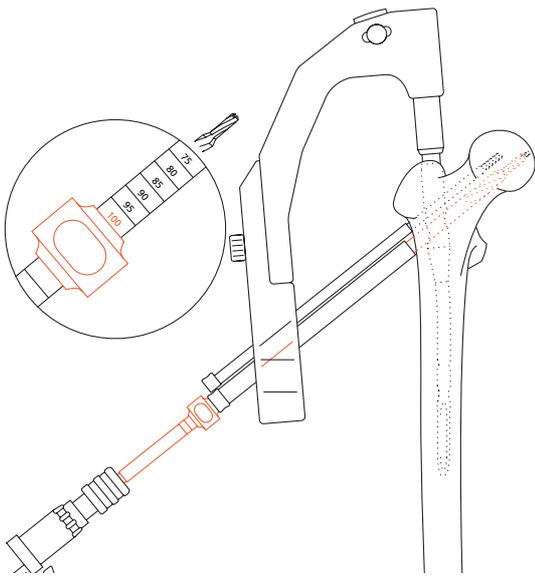
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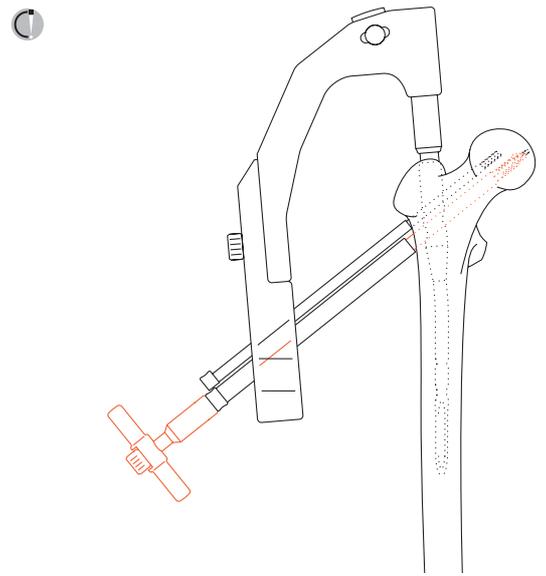
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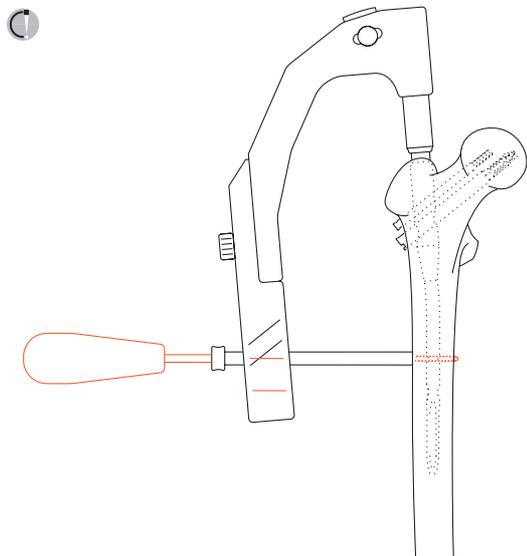
B Drill hole for femoral neck screw



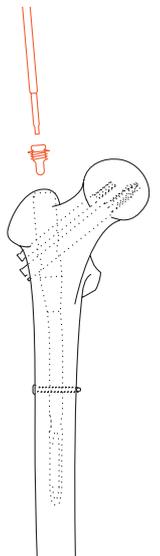
C Insertion of femoral neck screw



B Insertion of Locking Bolt



C Insertion of End Cap



Preparation

Patient positioning

Position patient supine on an extension table or a radiolucent operating table. Position the C-arm of the image intensifier in such a way that it can visualize the proximal femur exactly in the lateral and AP planes. For unimpeded access to the medullary cavity, abduct the upper part of the body by about 10–15° to the contralateral side (or adduct the affected leg by 10–15°).

Determine CCD angle

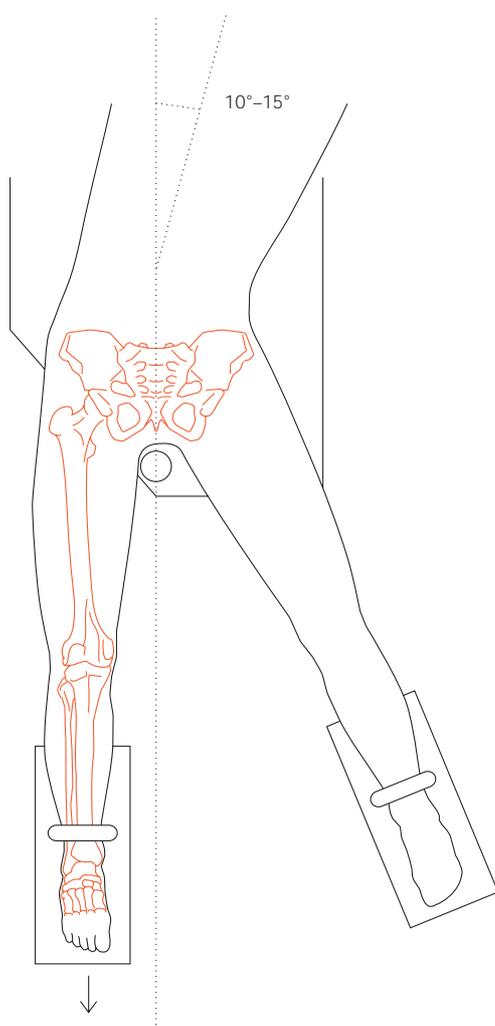
Take an AP X-ray of the unaffected side preoperatively. Determine the CCD angle using a goniometer or the preoperative planning template (no. 036.588).

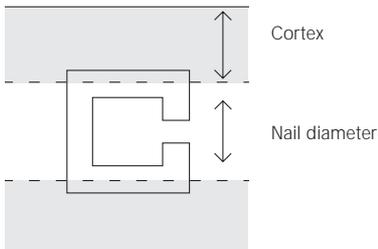
Standard PFN is available in 125°/130°/135°.

Reduce fracture

If possible, carry out closed reduction of the fracture under image intensifier control.

Exact reduction and secure fixation of the patient to the operating table are essential for easy handling and a good surgical result.





Determine nail diameter

Determine the distal nail diameter by placing the AO/ASIF planning template (no. 036.588) over the isthmus on an AP X-ray.

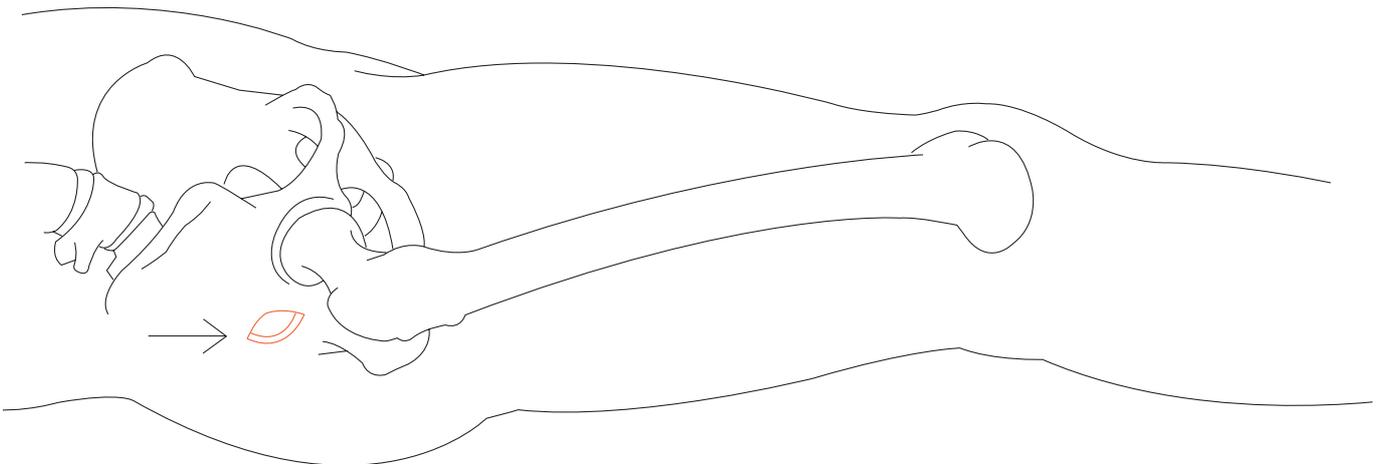
Alternative:

Under image intensifier control, place the Measuring Device (357.590) on the femur and position the square marking over the isthmus. If the transition to the cortex is still visible to the left and right of the marking, the corresponding nail diameter may be used.

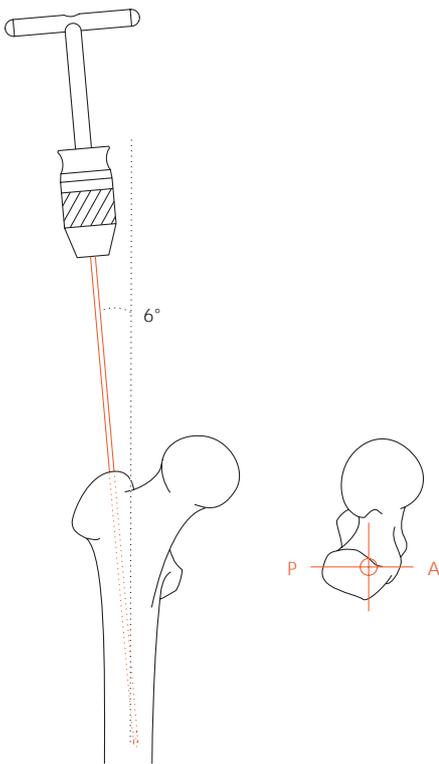
Approach

Palpate the greater trochanter.

Make a 5cm incision approximately 5 to 8cm proximal from the tip of the greater trochanter. Make a parallel incision in the fasciae of the gluteus medius and split the gluteus medius in line with the fibres.



Surgical Technique for Standard PFN



1. Determine nail insertion point and insert Guide Wire

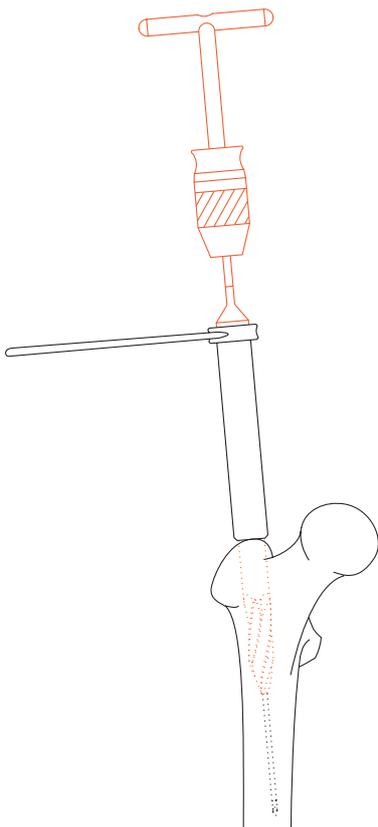
In the AP view, the nail insertion point is normally found on the tip or slightly lateral to the tip of the greater trochanter in the curved extension of the medullary cavity.

The mediolateral angle of the implant amounts to 6°. This means that the 2.8mm Guide Wire (357.039) must be inserted laterally at an angle of 6° to the shaft. The guide wire can be inserted either manually with the Universal Chuck with T-Handle (393.100) or with the COMPACT™ AIR DRIVE II (511.701) and the quick coupling for Kirschner wires (511.790).

- In lateral view, place the guide wire in the centre of the medullary cavity to a depth of about 15cm.
Percutaneous technique: Insert guide wire through the Protection Sleeve 20.0/17.0 (357.001) and the Drill Sleeve 17.0/2.8 (357.002). Then remove the drill sleeve 17.0/2.8.

Note:

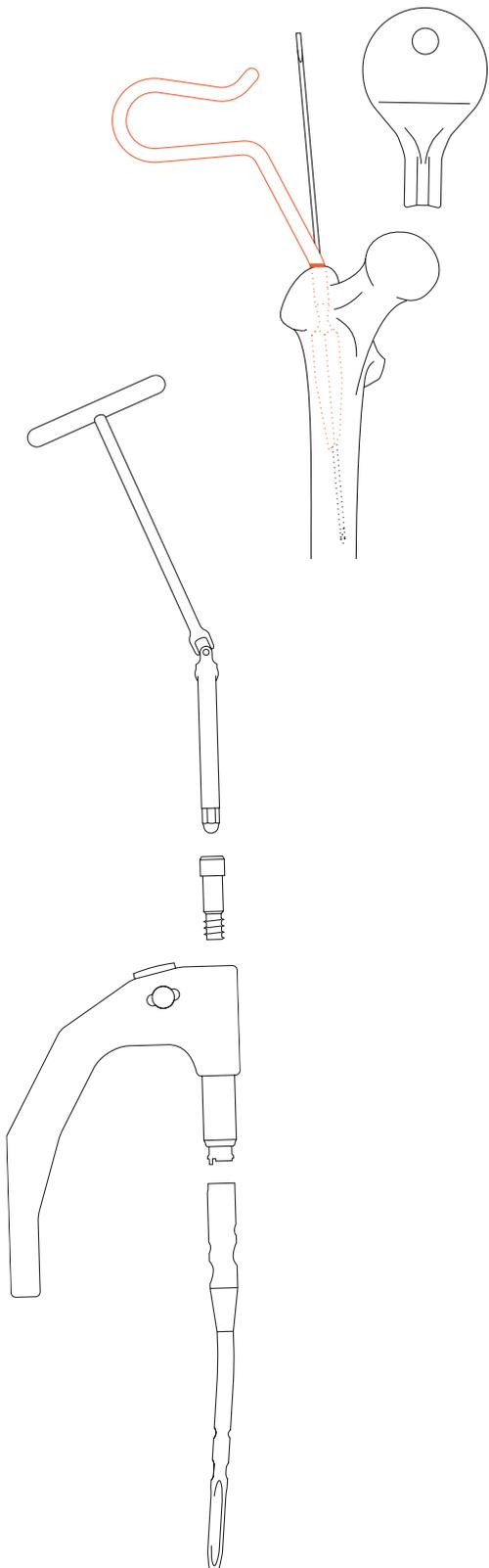
To ensure correct position of guide wire, position a nail ventrally on the femur and check radiographically.



2. Opening of the femur

Guide the cannulated 17.0mm Drill Bit (357.005) over the guide wire through the protection sleeve 20.0/17.0 and ream manually with the Universal Chuck with T-Handle (393.100) as far as the stop on the protection sleeve.

Remove protection sleeve and guide wire. Dispose of the guide wires, do not reuse them.



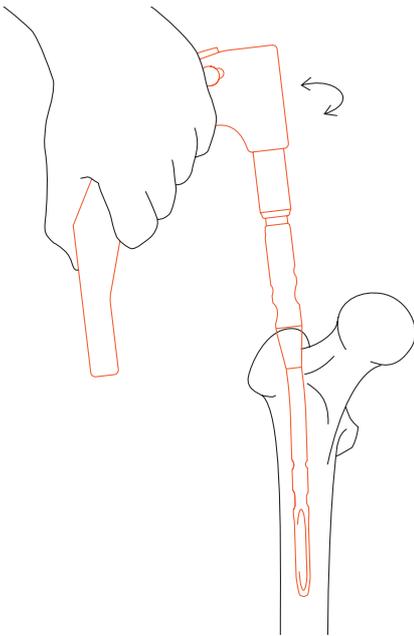
Option: opening with Reverse Awl

Open the femur or enlarge the entry point with the Reverse Awl (357.008). Use the Tissue Protector (351.050) to spare soft tissues. Drive the awl over the guide wire into the femur until the marking on the awl shaft is level with the trochanter tip.

3. Assemble instruments

Guide the Connecting Screw (357.021) through the Insertion Handle (357.012) and secure the nail tightly to the insertion handle using the Hexagonal Socket (357.023). The nail diameter has already been determined during preparations for surgery.

Ensure that the connection is tight to avoid deviations when inserting the screws through the aiming arm. Do not attach the aiming arm yet.



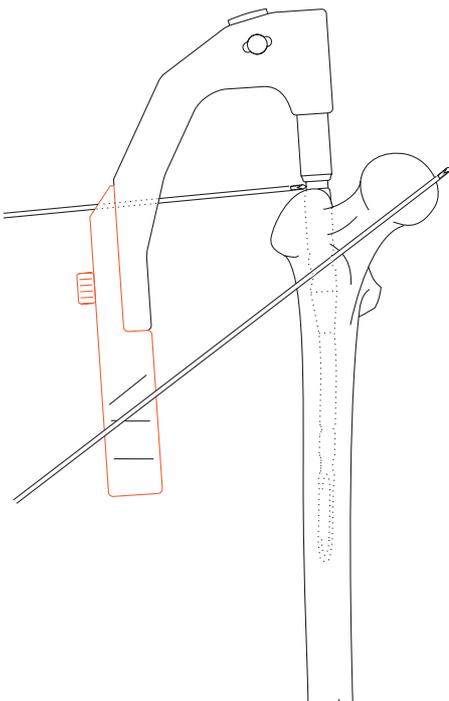
4. Insertion of Standard PFN

Carefully insert the nail manually as far as possible into the femoral opening. Slight twisting hand movements help insertion. If the nail cannot be inserted, select a smaller size nail diameter.

Insertion can be supported by light blows with the synthetic Hammer (399.505) on the mounted protection shield of the insertion handle.

Caution:

Avoid unnecessary use of force and only hit the protection plate. In smaller medullary canals, ream the distal part to at least 10mm. It is important that the nail is always tightly connected to the insertion handle.



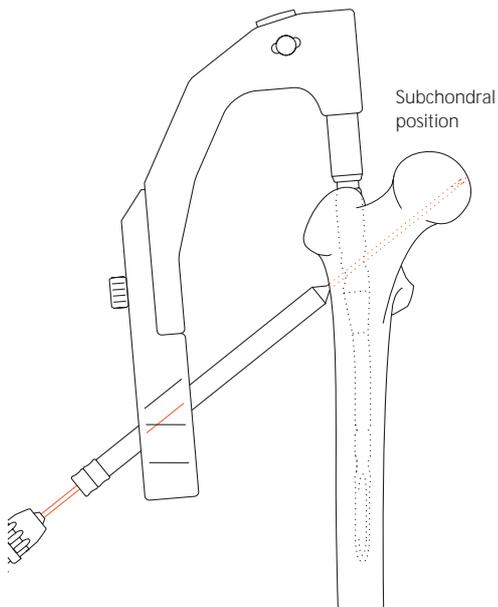
5. Insertion of femoral neck screw and hip pin

Insert these screws using the colour-coded drill sleeve systems consisting of protection sleeve, drill sleeve and trocar.

Tightly secure the appropriate Aiming Arm (357.015/125°, 357.016/130°, 357.017/135°) to the insertion handle.

Note:

The position of the nail can be verified by placing a guide wire on the surface of the insertion handle. The position of the end of the nail can be checked by inserting a wire through the insertion handle. To ensure the correct anteversion of the implant, an additional guide wire can be inserted ventral to the femoral neck into the femoral head.



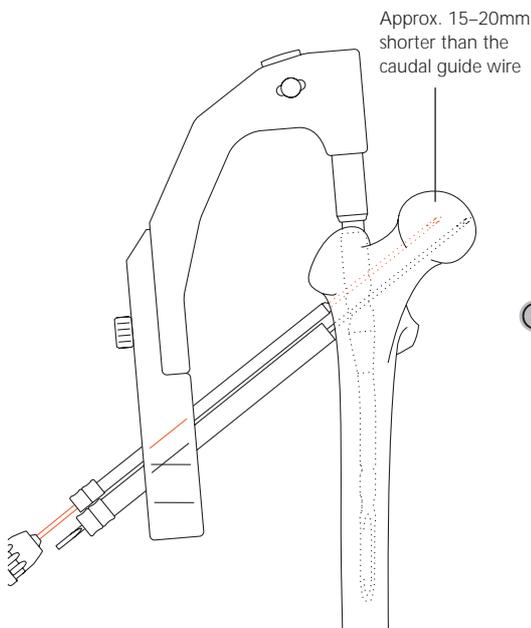
6. Insertion of guide wire for femoral neck screw

Make a stab incision and insert the pink Drill Sleeve System (357.031/357.032/357.033) through the aiming arm to the bone. Mark the femur and remove the trocar.

Insert a **new** 2.8mm Guide Wire (357.039) through the drill sleeve, check direction and position under image intensifier in AP and lateral views. Choose a position in the caudal area of the femoral head so that both proximal screws can be inserted. Insert the guide wire 5mm deeper into the femoral head than the planned femoral head screw. The final position of the guide wire should be in the lower half of the femoral neck. In lateral view, the wire should be positioned in the centre of the femoral neck.

Note:

If the nail has to be repositioned, remove guide wire, protection sleeve and drill sleeve. The nail can now be repositioned by rotation, deeper insertion or partial retraction. Then reinsert the drill sleeve system and guide wire.



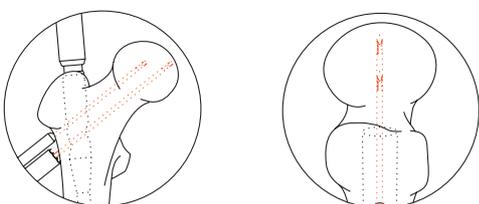
7. Insertion of guide wire for hip pin

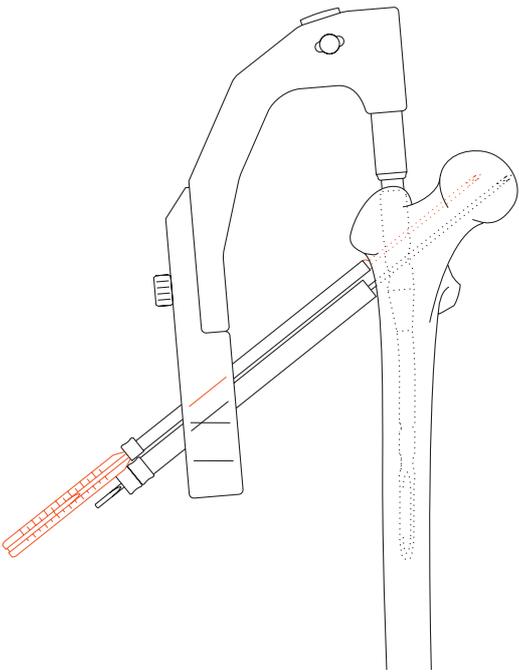
Insert the blue Drill Sleeve System (357.036 NG/357.037 NG/357.038 NG) through the blue drill hole on the aiming arm to the bone.

Then remove the trocar and insert a second, **new** 2.8mm guide wire through the drill sleeve into the bone. The tip of the guide wire should be positioned at least 20mm medial of the fracture line and 5mm deeper than the planned hip pin, but approximately 15–20mm less deep than the planned femoral neck screw.

Note:

The use of a hip pin is essential to avoid rotation. As only the femoral neck screw has a load-bearing function, the hip pin should always be 15–20mm shorter than the femoral neck screw (as shown in the drawing).

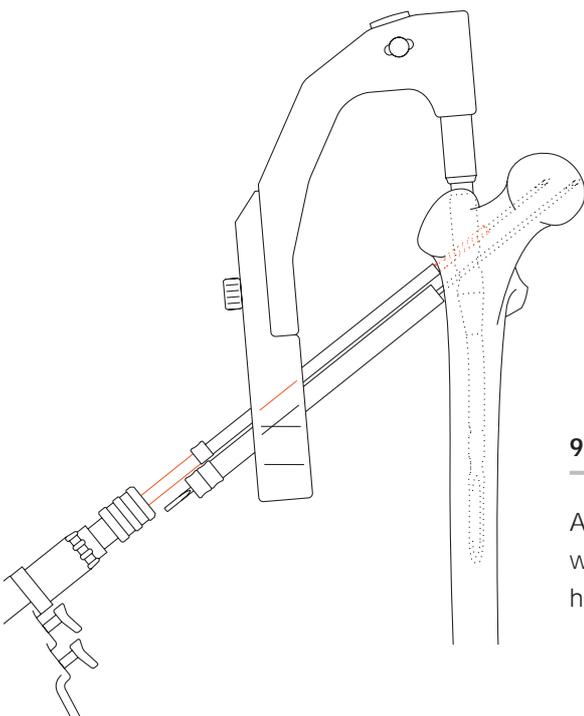
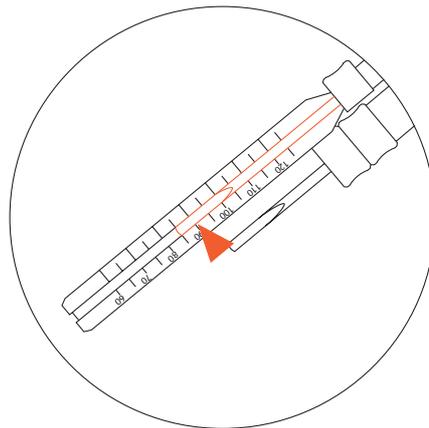




8. Measure length of hip pin

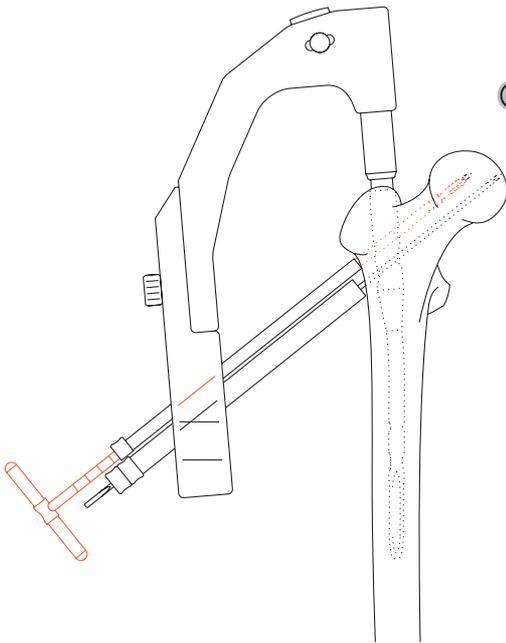
It is recommended to start with the insertion of the hip pin to prevent possible rotation of the medial fragment when inserting the femoral neck screw.

Remove the drill sleeve 6.5/2.8. Guide the Direct Measuring Device (357.042) through the protection sleeve 8.0/6.5 to the bone and determine the length of the required hip pin. The length of this pin is indicated on the measuring device and calculated to end 5mm before the tip of the guide wire.



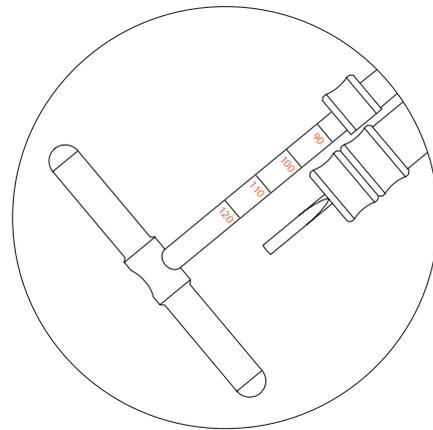
9. Drill hole for hip pin

Advance the cannulated 6.5mm Drill Bit (357.047) over the 2.8mm guide wire. Drill to the stop (maximum drilling depth: 45mm). As the tip of the hip pin is self-tapping, usually no further drilling and tapping is needed.



10. Procedure in hard bone

- In hard or young bone, further drilling and tapping with the cannulated 6.5mm Tap (311.720) is recommended up to the length of the hip pin previously measured.

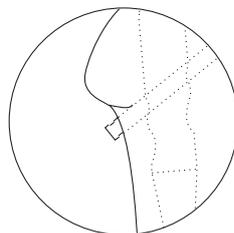
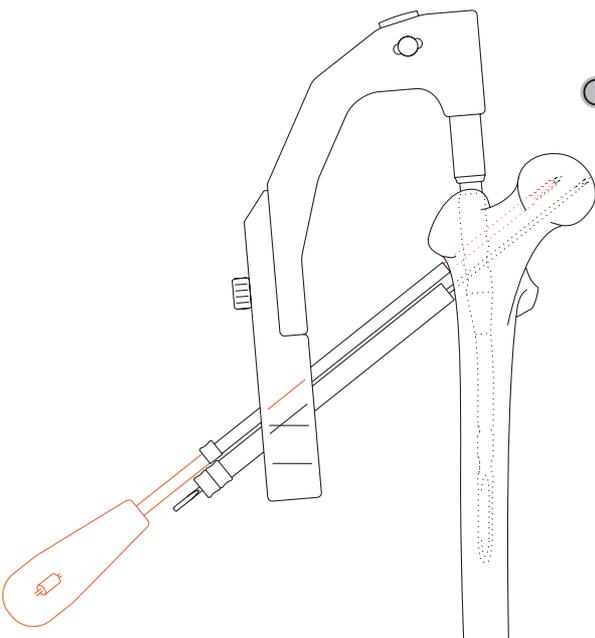


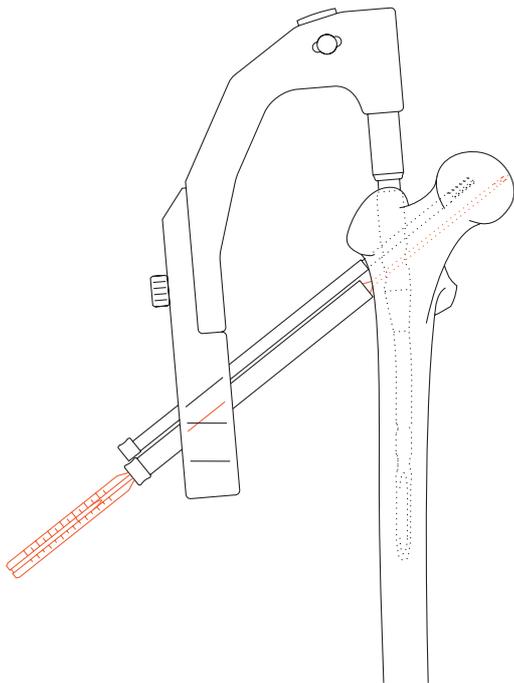
11. Insertion of hip pin

- Use the cannulated Hexagonal Screwdriver (357.055) to insert the selected hip pin over the guide wire to the stop. Remove and discard the 2.8mm guide wire of the hip pin.

Caution:

Do not insert the hip pin with undue force. Ensure that the lateral end of the hip pin clearly protrudes from the lateral cortex. Check under image intensification that hip pin is not inserted too far.

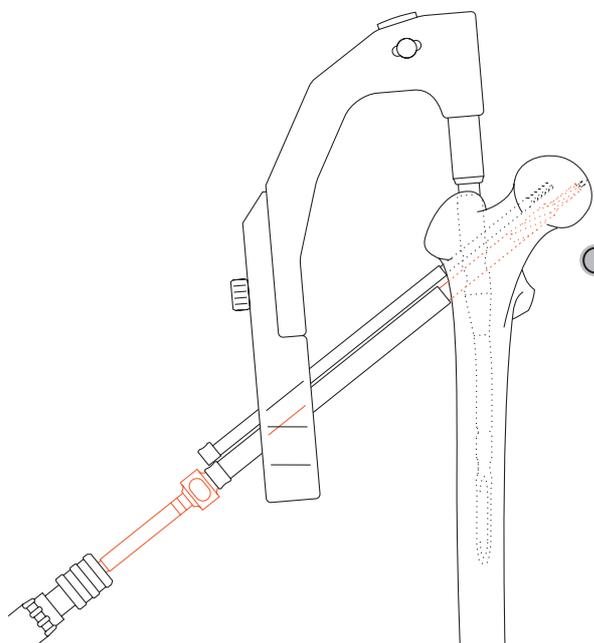
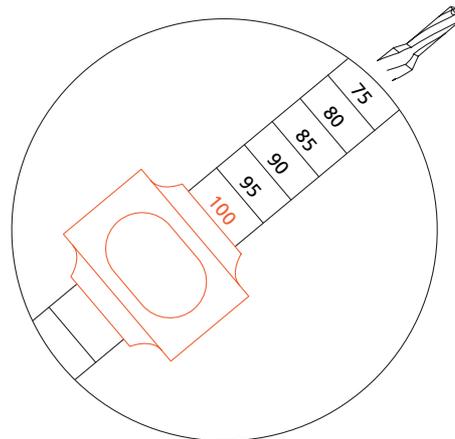




12. Measure length of femoral neck screw

Remove the pink Drill Sleeve 11.0/2.8 (357.032). Guide the Direct Measuring Device (357.042) over the second 2.8mm guide wire through the pink protection sleeve 14.0/11.0 until it touches bone, and determine the length of the required femoral neck screw. The correct screw length is indicated on the measuring device and calculated to end approx. 5mm before the tip of the guide wire.

Now set the measured length on the 11.0mm Reamer (357.045) by securing the Fixation Sleeve (357.046) in the appropriate position. The correct length is indicated on the side of the fixation sleeve facing the reamer tip.



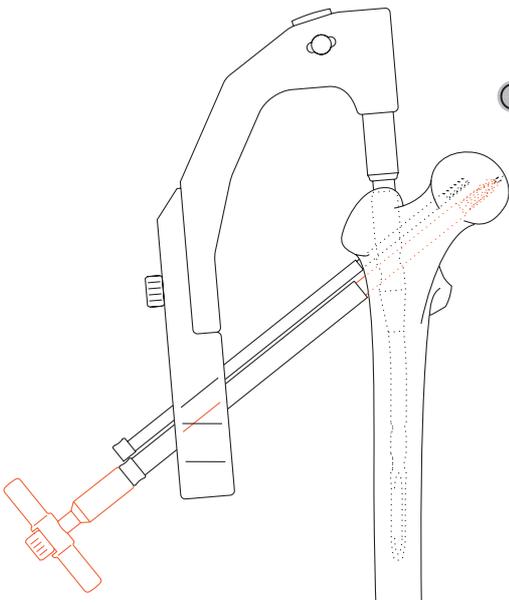
13. Drill hole for femoral neck screw

Advance the 11.0mm reamer over the 2.8mm guide wire. Drill to the stop. The fixation sleeve prevents further drilling.

Tapping is not required due to the self-tapping tip of the femoral neck screw.

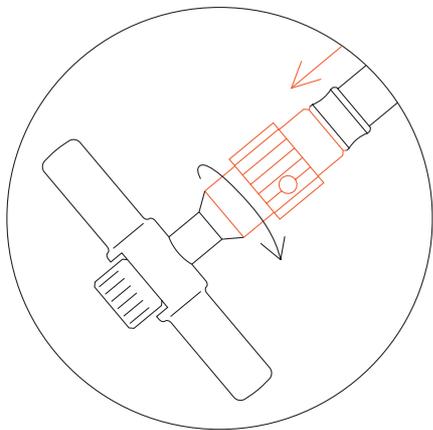
Note:

If the guide wire has been bent slightly during insertion, the reamer can be guided over it using careful forward and backward movements. If the guide wire has been bent to a greater extent, it should be reinserted or replaced by a new one. However, in some cases it is possible to cautiously complete reaming without a guide wire.



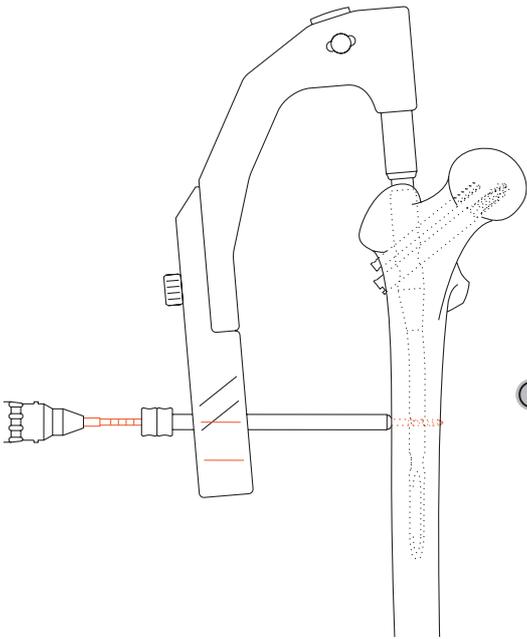
14. Insertion of femoral neck screw

- Assemble the Wrench for Femoral Neck Screw (357.053 consisting of: 357.054/357.051) and secure it tightly to the selected femoral neck screw. Insert the femoral neck screw over the 2.8mm guide wire to the stop. Remove the wrench for the femoral neck screw, if necessary using the Hexagonal Socket (357.023). Remove and discard the 2.8mm guide wire of the femoral neck screw. Finally, remove both protection sleeves from the aiming arm. Check under image intensification that the femoral neck screw protrudes slightly over the lateral cortex.



Option: Wrench for femoral neck screws with compression device

- Assemble the Wrench for Femoral Neck Screw (357.048 consisting of: 357.050/357.051/357.052) and secure it tightly to the selected femoral neck screw. The Compression Nut (357.052) must be completely unscrewed in the lateral direction. Insert the femoral neck screw over the 2.8mm guide wire to the stop. If required, use the Compression Nut (357.052) to compress the fracture with the femoral neck screw. This should be performed with great care to prevent the screw from tearing out. Do not compress in osteoporotic bone.



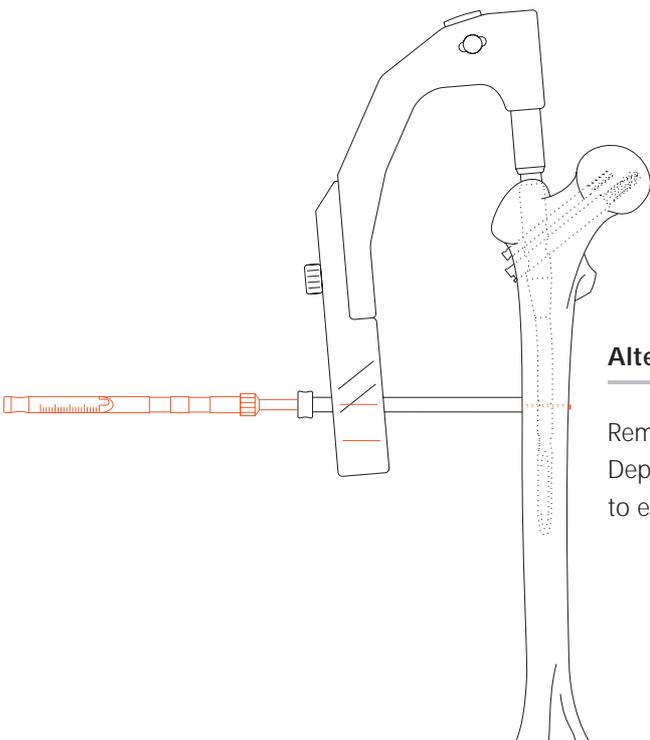
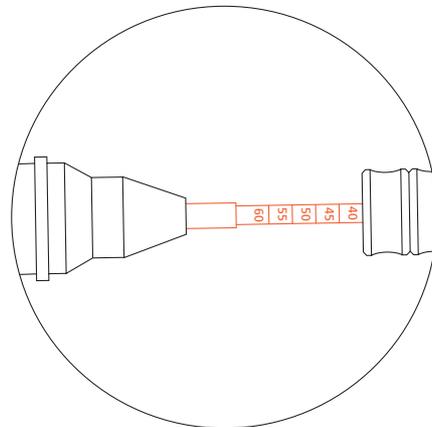
15. Drill hole for distal locking

Distal locking is usually performed with a single locking bolt. For static interlocking Use the cranial locking hole only for static interlocking, and the caudal locking hole for dynamic interlocking. Subtrochanteric fractures may be double-locked. Postoperative removal of the static locking bolt allows secondary dynamization.

Make a stab incision and insert the green Drill Sleeve System (357.061/357.063/357.065) through the locking hole selected in the aiming arm to the bone.

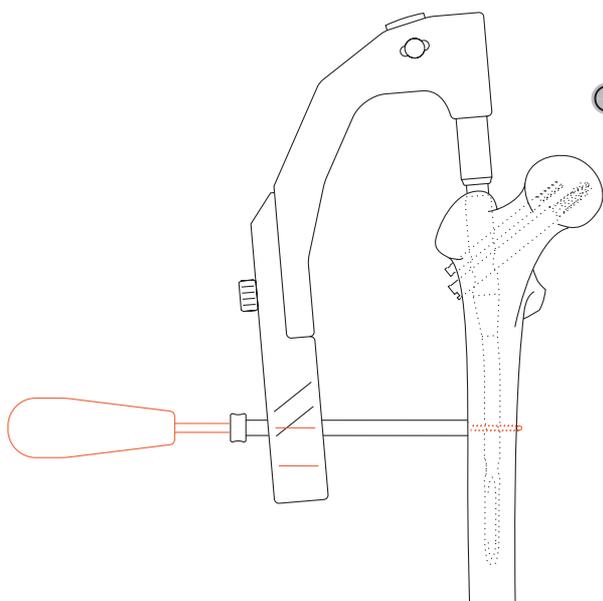
- Remove the green 4.0mm Trocar (357.065) and drill through both cortices using the 4.0mm Drill Bit (357.068).

Read off the length of the required locking bolt directly from the drill marking. Ensure that the drill sleeve 8.0/4.0 has good bone contact.



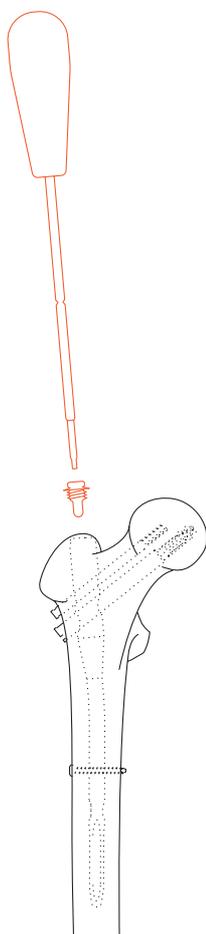
Alternative length measuring

Remove the drill sleeve 8.0/4.0 and determine the bolt length with the Depth Gauge for Locking Bolts (357.791). Add 2 to 4mm to the reading to ensure that the thread engages the far cortex.



16. Insertion of locking bolt

- Insert the locking bolt through the protection sleeve using the large Hexagonal Screwdriver (314.260). Remove the protection sleeve and the aiming arm. Then remove the insertion handle using the Hexagonal Socket (357.023).



17. Insertion of End Cap

- Align the end cap with the nail axis using the hexagonal screwdriver in order to prevent tilting. Screw the end cap completely onto the nail until its collar touches the proximal end of the nail.
- In order to avoid losing the end cap and to facilitate insertion, the end

Implants for long PFN



- End Cap
- Proximal diameter 17.0mm
- Self-tapping 6.5mm Hip Pin
- Lengths 55–100mm (<5mm>)
- For true rotational stability
- Featuring insertion safety stop
- Self-tapping 11.0mm Femoral Neck Screw
- Lengths 80–120mm (<5mm>)
- Featuring insertion safety stop
- CCD angle 125°, 130°
- Anatomical 10° anteversion
- Two different anatomically adapted nail designs for left or right leg
- Anatomical 6° ML angle
- Anatomical 1.5m radius (antecurvature)
- Distal diameters of 10.0mm
- Cannulated nail
- Total length: 340, 380, and 420mm
- Distal 4.9mm Locking Bolt
- Lengths 26–100mm (<2mm> from 26 to 60mm, <4mm> from 60 to 80mm, <5mm> from 80 to 100mm)
- A choice of static or dynamic interlocking (dynamization: 10mm)

The long PFN is available in titanium alloy (Ti-6Al-7Nb) and stainless steel. Grooves in stainless steel nails ensure flexibility of the long PFN similar to a 12mm Solid Femoral Nail (UFN) in titanium alloy (with grooves).

Preparation

Detailed surgical technique

This surgical technique is based on the PFN standard surgical technique. In order to follow the correct procedure, please refer to the respective steps in the standard technique. This part only shows the steps regarding insertion and distal interlocking of the long PFN which differ from the standard technique.

Usually, the 130° nail is suitable for most indications. In some cases, however, the use of a 125° nail may be indicated.

Patient positioning

Please refer to the PFN standard surgical technique.

Determine CCD angle

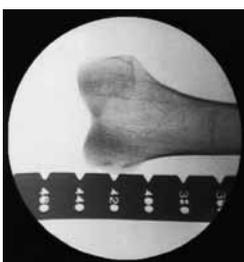
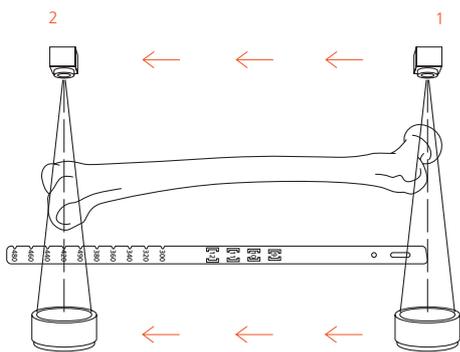
- Please refer to the PFN standard surgical technique.

Reduce fracture

- Please refer to the PFN standard surgical technique. However, the special conditions of the very different fracture types have to be considered.

Determine nail length

- Position the image intensifier for an AP view of the proximal femur (1). Use long forceps to hold the Measuring Device (357.590) alongside the lateral aspect of the thigh parallel to and at the same level as the femur. Adjust the C-arm so the beam is centred between the femur and measuring device; this will reduce magnification errors. Adjust the device until the top is level with the tip of the greater trochanter. Mark the skin at the top of the measuring device.
- Move the image intensifier to the distal femur (2), place the proximal end of the measuring device at the skin mark, and take an AP image of the distal femur. Verify fracture reduction. Read nail length directly from the measuring device image, selecting the measurement that is at or just proximal to the physal scar, or at the chosen insertion depth. Consider the nail range of 340, 380, and 420mm.

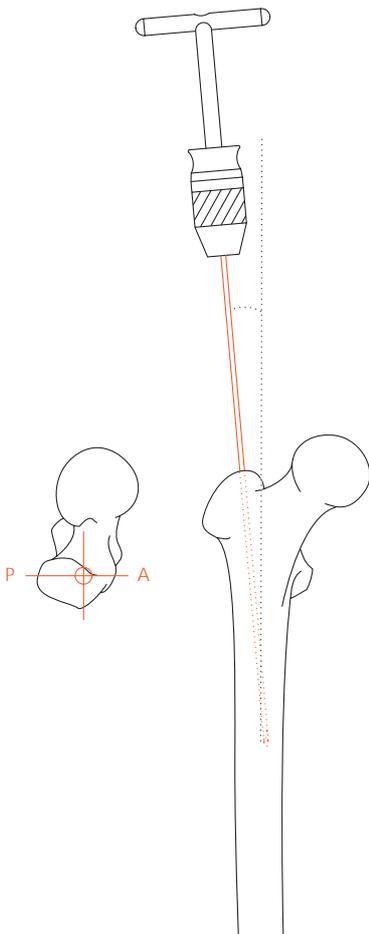


2. Read nail length



1. Position the measuring device

Surgical Technique for long PFN



Approach

Please refer to the PFN standard surgical technique.

1. Determine nail insertion point and insert guide wire

- In the AP view, the nail insertion point is normally found on the tip or slightly lateral to the tip of the greater trochanter in the curved extension of the medullary cavity.
The mediolateral angle of the implant amounts to 6° . This means that the 2.8mm Guide Wire (357.039) must be inserted laterally at an angle of 6° to the shaft. The guide wire can be inserted either manually with the Universal Chuck with T-Handle (393.100) or with the COMPACT™ AIR DRIVE II (511.701) and with the Quick Coupling for Kirschner wires (511.790).
- In the lateral view, place the guide wire in the centre of the medullary cavity.

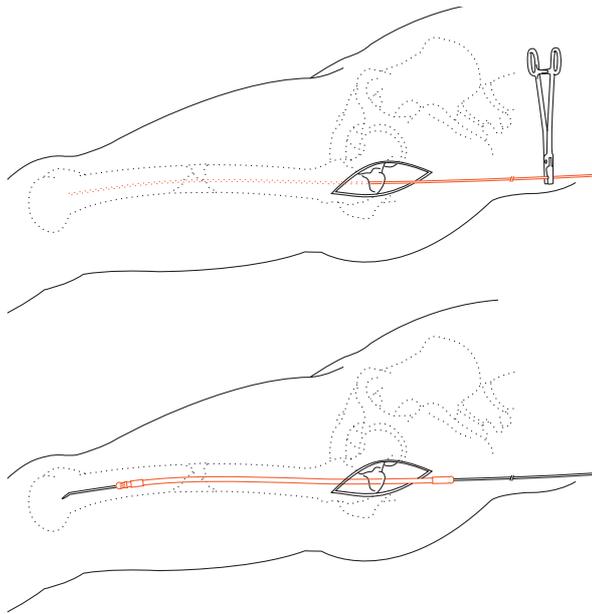
2. Open femur

Guide the cannulated 17.0mm Drill Bit (357.005) through the Protection Sleeve 20.0/17.0 (357.001) over the guide wire, and ream manually with the Universal Chuck with T-Handle (393.100) as far as the stop on the protection sleeve (see standard PFN, page 12).

Remove protection sleeve and guide wire. Do not reuse the guide wire.

Optional opening with the reverse awl: see PFN standard surgical technique, page 13).

Directives for medullary reaming (optional technique)*



Reduction

Insert the reduction system, consisting of a T-handle (351.150), a flexible Shaft (352.040), a Reaming Rod (352.035) and a Reduction Head (352.050 or 352.055) into the medullary canal, and reduce the fragments under image-intensifier control.

After reduction, remove the reduction system, and leave the reaming rod in the medullary cavity.

Medullary reaming

Important:

The reaming rod is already in the medullary canal, if the reduction has been achieved by means of the reduction system.

For initial reaming, the flexible shaft is usually equipped with the 8.5mm Reamer Head (352.085).

Use the highest speed and slight but uniform force to advance the reamer head in the medullary canal. Move the flexible shaft forwards and backwards to remove the bone chips from the reamer head. This prevents jamming of the reamer head in the medullary canal.

Use sideways cutting reamer heads for the subsequent reaming steps.

Ream to the desired diameting in 0.5mm increments.

Important:

Remove the reaming rod before locking the intramedullary nail.

* For further details, see the SynReam surgical technique (0336.162)

4. Assemble instruments

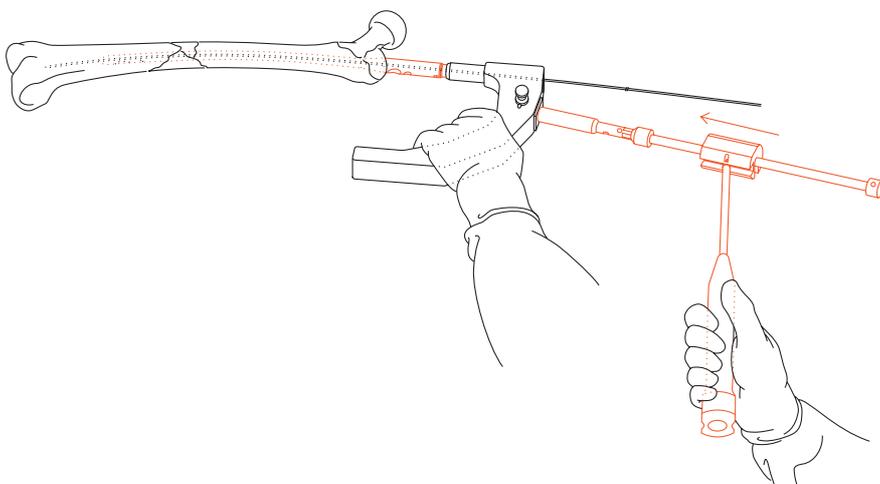
Please refer to the PFN standard surgical technique.

Note:

Choose the appropriate nail for the left or right leg.

5. Insert long Proximal Femoral Nail

- ❶ If no reaming has been performed, the guide rod may help nail insertion, but is usually not necessary.
Carefully insert the nail manually (be it over the guide rod or not) as far as possible into the femoral opening. Slight twisting hand movements help insertion. If necessary, insertion can be supported by light hammering blows. Therefore, insert the Threaded Plug (357.013) into the insertion handle. Then fix the Guide Rod (357.071), which is also used for nail extraction, through the protection plate firmly to the plug. Make sure the connection is very firm. Then use the Slotted Hammer (357.026) to support the insertion carefully. Remove the guide rod.



Alternative

- ❶ Insertion can be supported by light hammer blows with the synthetic Hammer (399.505) directly on the protection plate mounted on the insertion handle (357.012).

Caution:

Avoid unnecessary use of force and only hit the hammer guide or the protection plate. Do not hit the most proximal end of the guide rod. If too much force is needed for insertion, the nail should be removed and the femoral shaft should be reamed again. It is important that the nail is always tightly connected to the insertion handle. This has to be checked especially after hammering.

6. Insertion of hip pin and femoral neck screw

- ⓘ Please refer to the PFN standard surgical technique and choose the 125° or 130° Aiming Arm (357.015 or 357.016) for the corresponding CCD-angle of the chosen nail.

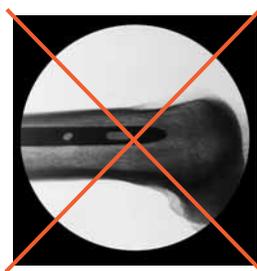
7. Distal locking

- ⓘ Distal locking is usually performed with two locking bolts. For static interlocking position the caudal bolt at the proximal end of the locking slot, for dynamic interlocking position it at the distal end of the locking slot. If immediate dynamization is required, only use the caudal locking slot. For secondary dynamization insert both locking bolts and remove the static bolt at a later date.

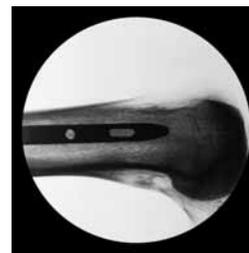
Reconfirm reduction/alignment of the distal fragment.

Then use the Radiolucent Drive Mark II:

Align the image intensifier with the cranial hole in the nail until a perfect circle is visible in the centre of the screen. Determine the incision point on the skin and make a stab incision.



Oblique (incorrect)



Round (correct)

- Under image intensification, insert the tip of the 4.0mm Drill Bit (511.417) into the incision and place the bit oblique to the X-ray beam until the tip is centred in the locking hole.

Tilt the drive until the drill bit is in line with the beam and appears as a radio-opaque solid circle in the centre of the outer ring. The drill bit will nearly fill in the locking hole image. Hold the drill in this position and drill through both cortices.

Measure the needed locking bolt length using the Depth Gauge (357.791), adding 2–4mm to the reading to ensure thread engagement in the far cortex.

Insert the bolt using the large Hexagonal Screwdriver (314.260).

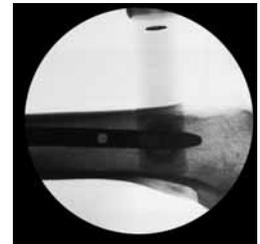
Repeat the procedure for the second distal locking bolt. For static interlocking place the caudal locking bolt at the proximal end of the locking slot, for dynamic interlocking at the distal end to allow dynamization.



Determine incision point



Centre drill bit in locking hole



Align drill bit

Note:

If the Radiolucent Drive Mark II is not available, perform distal interlocking in standard freehand technique using the 4.0mm Drill Bit (357.068).

8. Insert End Cap

- Please refer to the PFN standard surgical technique.

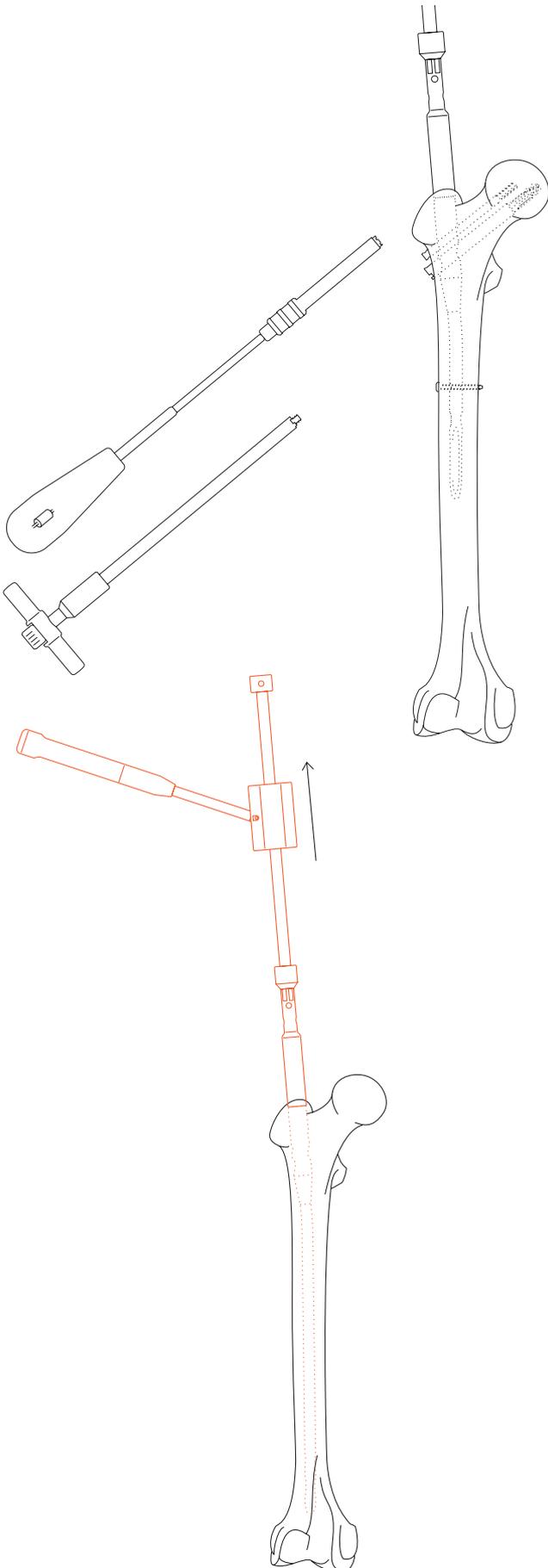
Implant Removal

1. Remove femoral neck screw and hip pin

Having made an incision through the old scar, the screws can be localized using palpation or the image intensifier. In some cases, the instruments have a better grip on the screws if a 2.8mm Guide Wire (357.039) is inserted. First remove the end cap and insert the Guide Rod (357.071) into the proximal nail end. Only then may the femoral neck screw, the hip pin and the locking bolt be removed by using the insertion instruments. To extract the hip pin, the Extraction Holding Sleeve for Hip Pin (357.073) is required additionally.

Note:

If the soft tissue situation is difficult, the guide rod for nail extraction can be mounted after removal of all but one locking bolt in order to prevent nail rotation in the medullary cavity. Remove the last locking bolt.



2. Extract nail

To remove the nail, mount the Slotted Hammer (357.026) onto the guide rod. Ensure that the guide rod is firmly seated in the nail; the 4.5mm Pin Wrench (321.170) may be used for this purpose. Now extract the nail with slight hammer blows.

Cleaning

Intra-operative and postoperative cleaning

The cannulations of the instruments must be cleaned intraoperatively using the 2.8mm Stylet for cannulated instruments (319.460) or the long 2.8mm Cleaning Stylet (357.009, length 450mm).

Clean the instruments postoperatively with the 2.8mm Stylet (319.460) and the 2.9mm Cleaning Brush for cannulated instruments (319.240).

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