Grip and Polymer Cable Fixation for Inter-Trochanteric Fracture

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A 77 year old female with end-stage osteoarthritis of her left hip fell and sustained a 3-part inter-trochanteric femur fracture (Figure 1). She underwent a primary cementless THA with ORIF utilizing a 2-hole locking trochanteric grip-plate, fixed with 3 uni-cortical locking screws and 4 polymer SuperCables (Figure 2). At ten months post-op (Figure 3), she was well-healed and was having soft tissue irritation over the hardware, secondary to her thin body habitus (BMI < 19). She underwent uneventful removal of the hardware (Figure 4), which relieved her symptoms.





Figure 1:
Pre-op AP
radiograph
showing end-stage
osteoarthritis of
the left hip with
a 3-part intertrochanteric femur
fracture.



Figure 2:
Post-op AP
radiograph
showing
cementless
THA and the
SuperCable 2-hole
trochanteric gripplate.





Figure 3:
Ten month post-op (a) AP and (b) lateral radiographs showing a well-healed greater trochanter.



Figure 4: AP radiograph following removal of the trochanteric grip-plate.

