

LATERALIZED PISTON SYNDROME

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DEFINITION





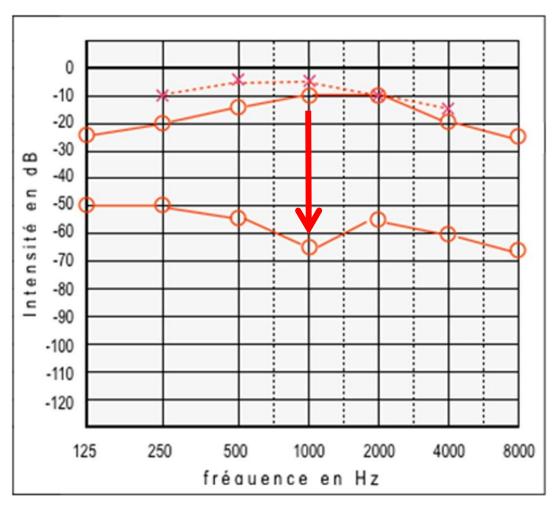
 Lateral displacement of the piston, with partial erosion of the incus and closing of the stapedotomy hole

CLINICAL SYMPTOMS

- Delayed post operative conductive hearing loss
- Hearing fluctuation improved after Valsalva
- Otoscopy: prosthesis loop against the tympanic membrane



PURE TONE AUDIOGRAM



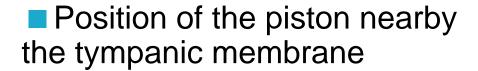
Postoperative audiogram

Secondary conductive hearing loss

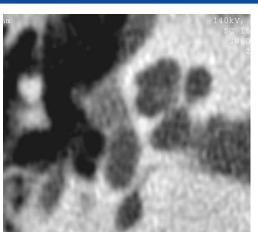
Mean Air Conductive: 60 dB

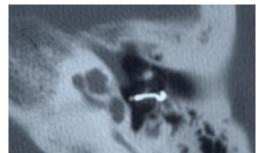
RADIOLOGICAL FINDINGS

Positive focus in 94%



Piston out of the stapedotomy hole







SURGICAL FINDINGS

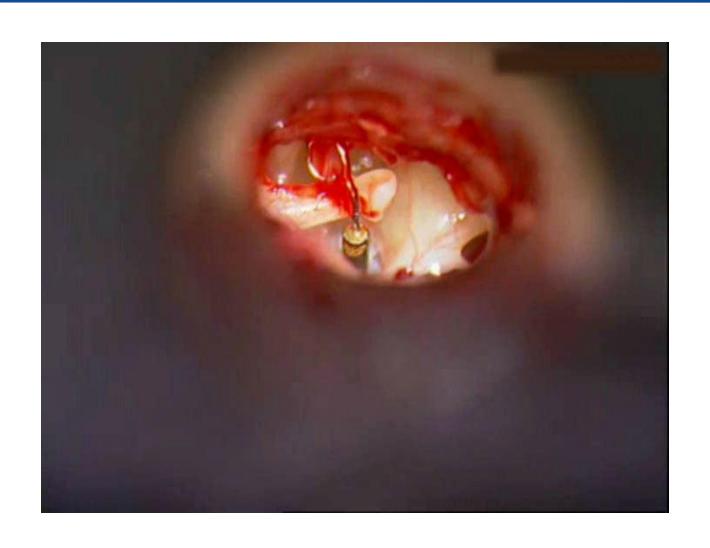
 Lateral displacement of the piston in the axis of the stapes. No or partial erosion of the incus

Closing of the stapedotomy hole



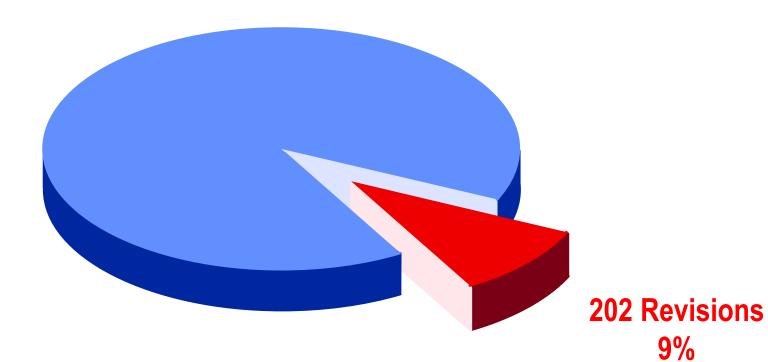


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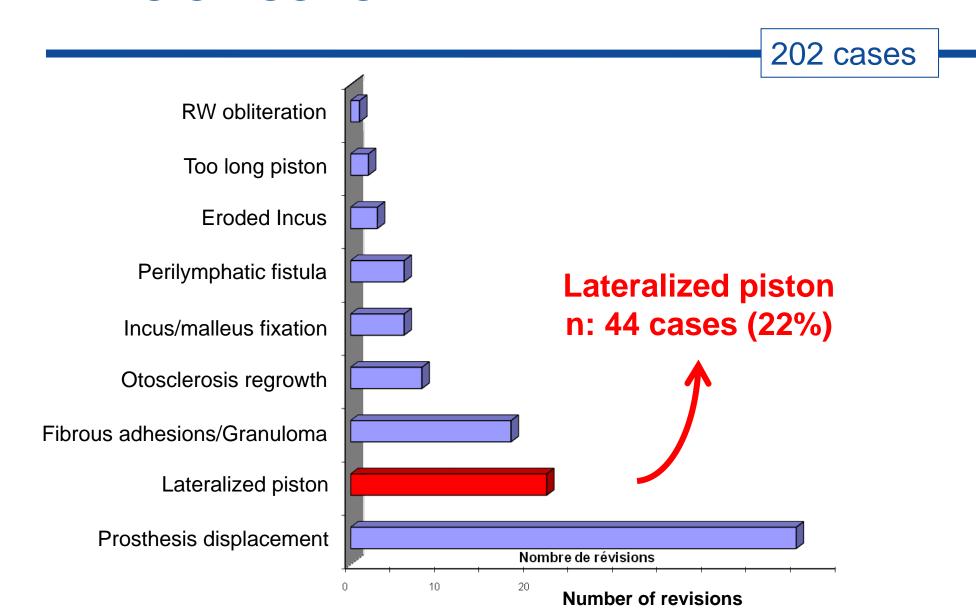


POPULATION

2180 surgeries 1993 - 2013

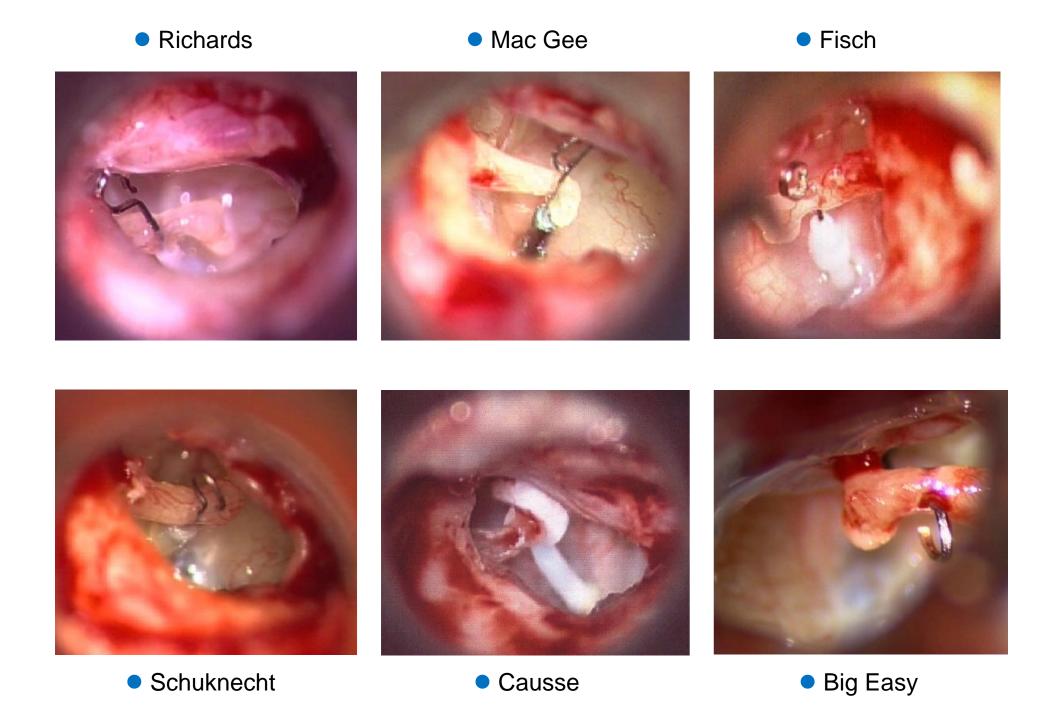


REVISION SURGERY



SURGERY

- Mean interval between first surgery and revision: 12 years
- Surgical technique
 - Under local anesthesia
 - Laser stapedotomy
 - Piston (84%) vs TORP (16%)
 - Use of cement in 20 cases
 - Length of the piston + 0.5 mm



OVERALL RESULTS

Rinne	Patients N	%
≤ 10 dB	19	41%
≤ 20 dB	40	87%
No improvement	5	9%
Decrease in hearing	2	4%

RESULTS – TYPE OF PISTON



	Conventional piston	Curved piston	TORP
N	31	9	6
Rinne ≤ 10 dB	48%	55%	0
Rinne ≤ 20 dB	93%	85%	50%

NS

Significant p < 0.05

RESULTS CEMENT VS NO CEMENT

Rinne	Rinne ≤ 10 dB	Rinne ≤ 20 dB
With cement (N 20)	40%	90%
Without cement (N 26)	46.2%	84.6%
« p » value	p = NS	p = NS

PHYSIOPATHOLOGY

Too short piston and excessive air pressure changes in the middle ear

(Farrior.B;AnnOtolRhinolLaryngol 1981: 90;636-9)

2 Excessive inner ear pressure changes (Farrior.B;AnnOtolRhinolLaryngol 1981: 90;636-9)

None radiological abnormalies of the inner ear

3 Eversion of the lining membrane of the vestibule (Shea.JJ;Laryngoscope 1974: 84(7);1122-34)

CONCLUSION

- Lateralized piston syndrome is not rare 22%
- Early detection may avoid incus necrosis
- The cause may be a large compliance of the tympanic membrane with a short piston
- The surgical technique consists of a prosthesis on the long process of the incus with or without cement
- The overall results: 87% of patients within 20dB









Thank you for your attention