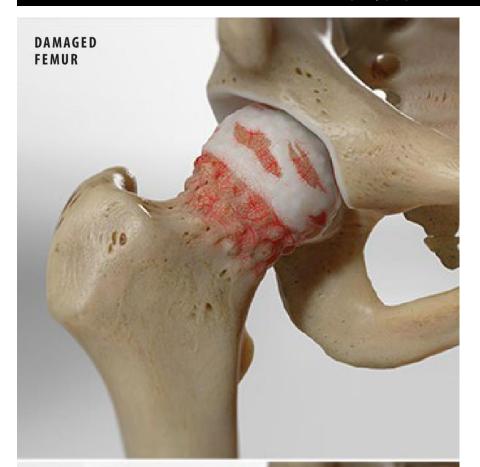






## **Hemiarthroplasty (Unipolar Prosthesis)**





#### Overview

This surgery treats a damaged or diseased hip. It replaces the head of your femur with an implant. Your natural hip socket is not changed.

### Preparation

To begin, you're put to sleep. The surgeon makes an incision to reach your hip joint. Then, the femur is separated from the socket.

# Femur implant

The surgeon removes the head of the femur. The end of the femur is hollowed out. A long, narrow implant called a "stem" is placed into the femur. The top of the stem is fitted with a ball. The ball is placed into your socket, and the joint is tested. Finally, your incision is closed and bandaged.

## End of procedure

After the surgery, you are watched in a recovery room as you wake up. Your surgeon will tell you when you can go home. Follow your surgeon's advice for a safe recovery.