

Profemur[®] X^m

Cemented Stem Force-closed fixation Design



Surface

Highly polished, forged CoCr stem reduces friction at the cement-implant interface, reducing the potential for wear

Rounded Edges

Promotes radial compressive loading

Sizes

Available in sizes 0-4

Dual Taper Geometry

Promotes cement engagement and provides rotational stability

Distal Centralizers

With or without wings

Allow distal stem engagement within the cement mantle



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Design Features



Taper-Slip

Stem acts as an extruder of cement into and onto the endosteal bone surface.¹
Stem distally moves within the cement mantle, without disruption of the cement-bone interface^{2,4}.
Accommodates cement creep and stress relaxation in the cement mantle.⁶



Dual Taper geometry

Promotes cement engagement and provides rotational stability.
"Force Closed Fixation": Transmission of load from the stem's proximal part onto the femur⁵.



Highly polished, forged CoCr surface

Complements the taper engagement by reducing abrasion at the stem/cement interface.³



Rounded Edges

Promotes radial compressive loading.



2 types of hollow-pocket centralizers – with/without wings

Allow distal stem engagement within the cement mantle and to prevent end-bearing.



Modular Neck Technology

Avoids compromising in stem positioning within the cement mantle⁹.

History

In 1969, Ling and Lee introduced the collarless polished double tapered Exeter stem. The original polished Exeter stem was the first of what is now known as a force-closed design and has performed well over the long-term^{1,7}.

The results were excellent, although there was subsidence at the cement-stem interface. However, it was later recognized that a relatively small amount of subsidence of 1 mm or 2 mm was not detrimental to long-term fixation⁶.

Cemented femoral implants have been developed to function either as loaded-tapers (force-closed fixation) or composite-beams (shape closed fixation). Although in vivo both concepts of stem fixation proved to be effective, they cannot work together. It is important to understand on which principle a particular stem relies⁸.

The Profemur[®] X^m, launched in 2006, also a forced-closed type of stem, was based on the Exeter Philosophy and has been developed in cooperation with the Oxford study group. This stem transmits stress to the surrounding cement mantle and bone in a similar manner to the Exeter stem⁹. The Profemur[®] X^m could be expected to have a similar clinical performance to the Exeter, while providing the additional advantage of modularity⁹.

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