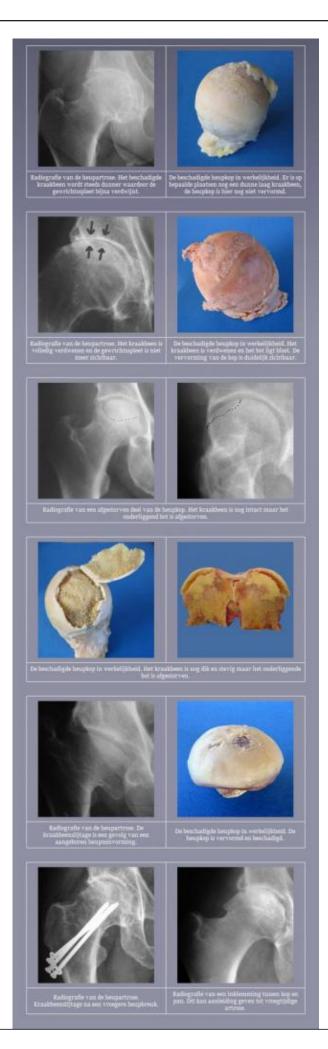
The affected hip joint



The wear process of the hip usually starts around the age of 60. Hip osteoarthritis gives rise to pain in the groin area, the thigh and even in the knee. When the process worsens, limping occurs and stiffening of the hip joint. Over time, the osteoarthritis patient can only move with great pain and with the help of a walking stick or crutches.

In addition to this group of elderly patients with osteoarthritis, there is a second group that has hip problems at a relatively young age. The first symptoms of pain manifest between 30 and 50 years, sometimes even earlier. Possible causes are rheumatism, congenital hip deformities, consequences of hip fractures, premature osteoarthritis due to constriction symptoms or the death of a part of the femoral head due to a circulatory disorder.