Surgical strategies for rheumatoid arthritis

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Surgical treatment could be considered as one of the most important advances in treating rheumatoid arthritis in the past 30 years. The sequence of surgical treatment for patients with multiple joint involvement, however, is still controversial. This report states the principles of planning surgical strategies in the light of two cases of polyarthritis. (Hong Kong j. orthop. surg. 2001;5(1):64-69)

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類風濕性關節炎的外科治療策略

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過去30年裡，手術可能是治療多類風濕性關節炎療法中重要的一項發展。然而對多處關節受影響的病者的手術處理次序，目前仍備受爭議。本文透過兩例多處關節炎病者說明計劃手術策略時的原則。