C4de-	Dogian	No of	Surgical	Other	Follow	Eradicatio	PROMS	Authors
Study	Design	cases	treatment	treatments	up	n	FROMS	conclusion
Achermann (2013)	Retrospectiv e case series	cases 16	treatment Debride and implant retention (n=6); Two stage revision — average 3 months between stages(n=7); Resection arthroplasty (n=1); Antibiotic	Median 92 days antibiotic therapy (choice not explained in study)	up 2.7 years	n 75% eradication (50% eradication following DAIR procedure and 83% eradication following	Not reported in study	conclusion Recommended for hip and knee PJI, we suggest treating shoulder PJI with a low-grade infection by microorganisms such as P. acnes with an exchange of the prosthesis.
			therapy alone			2-stage		Cohort studies are

			(n=2)			revision)		needed to verify
								our results.
Amaravathi (2012)	Retrospectiv e case series	44 patients (only 26	Group I: drainage procedure (n=10), Group II drainage and stage-one revision surgery (n=12), Group III	74% received IV antibiotics for 10 days and oral antibiotics for 3 months.	30 months	4 patients developed further fistula (not explained which	CMS: One-stage: 53. Two stage: 43. Other groups	There was no difference in the results of single- or
		followed -up)	partially or totally removed (n=4), Group IV Prosthesis removed and	2 patients did not have antibiotic therapy due to culture		groups patients were in). Good wound	results not	two-stage revision procedures.

(2005)	e case series	30	revision	in study	7.1 years	eradication	improved 4.4 to	implantation
Assenmacher	Retrospectiv	36	Two stage	Not detailed	4.1 years	85%	Pain score	Two-stage re-
						were)		
						problems		
						what		
						problems or		
			(n=2)			patients had		
			prosthesis alone			which		
			removal of			explained		
			Group VI	the study		(not		
			revision (n=12),	explained in		followed up		
			Two-stage	choice not		patients		
			(n=4), Group V	Antibiotic		77% of		
			spacer used	results.		healing in		

			2. Neers	eradicated PSI in
			rating:	85% of the
			Excellent =	shoulders. Pain
			28%;	relief and good
			Satisfactory =	arcs of motion
			33%;	were achieved in
			Unsatisfactory	many patients, but
			= 39%	there was an
				overall rate of
				unsatisfactory
				results
				approaching 40%

				Cefazolin 2g				
				TDS until				A one stage
				cultures				A one-stage
				available.				revision
				Switched to				arthroplasty
				culture				reduces the cost
				specific IV				and duration of
Beekman	Retrospectiv	11	One-stage	antibiotics	24	90.9%	CMS improved	treatment. It is
(2010)	e case series		revision	until	months	eradication	from 45 to 55	reliable in
				discharge at				eradicating
				which point				infection and good
				an oral				functional
				alternative				outcomes can be
				was started				achieved.
				until				

				inflammatory				
				markers				
				normalized				
				(median 3				
				months)				
							All of the	Resection
				Antibiotic			patients could	arthroplasty is a
							reach their	reasonable salvage
Duomon	Datus and ativ		Dagastian	regime	20	1000/	mouths, their	option for patients
Braman	Retrospectiv	7	Resection	decided by	20	100%	contralateral	who are not good
(2006)	e case series		arthroplasty	infectious	months	eradication	axilla, their	candidates for
				disease			back pocket,	prosthetic
				consultant			and their	reimplantation.
							perineum	This yields patients

								who can reliably perform basic activities of daily living
Buchalter (2017)	Retrospectiv e case series	19	2- stage revision. Debridement and cement spacer. Second stage planned when clinical, radiographic and inflammatory markers normal. Biopsies taken at	Minimum 6 weeks IV antibiotics after first stage.	63 months	79% eradication	ASES 69	The results of our case series and literature search suggest that 2-stage revisions are 74% to 82% effective at eradicating infection after PSIs

			second stage and					
			reimplantation					
			occurred if frozen					
			section analysis					
			normal (mean					
			time interval 40					
			months).					
			Gentamicin				VAS reduced	Treatment of
			impregnated	Cultura			from 8.4 to 0.5.	glenohumeral
	D 4		cement spacer. 12	Culture	20.5	No	UCLA score	sepsis with a
Coffey (2010)	Retrospectiv	16	patients opted to	specific	20.5	recurrence	increased from	commercially
	e case series		have second stage	antibiotics	months	of infection	7 to 26. SST	produced
			revision at mean	for 5.6 weeks			increased from	antibiotic-
			interval 11.2				1.2 to 6.6.	impregnated

			weeks				ASES increased	cement spacer
							from 16 to 74.	appears to be an
							CMS increased	effective treatment
							from 16 to 57	modality.
			Antibiotic therapy	Mean		Eradication:		In acute infection,
			only (n=5);	antibiotic		70% of		immediate revision
			Resection	therapy 3.9		resection		with excision of all
	D -44		arthroplasty	months. In		arthroplasty		infected tissue and
Casta (2004)	Retrospectiv	49	(n=10);	50% the	34	; 40% of	CMS (pre/post	exchange of the
Coste (2004)	e cohort	49	Debridement	antibiotic of	months	antibiotic	revision)	prosthesis with
	study		(n=8); Cement	choice bore		alone; 83%		appropriate
			spacer (n=3);	no		eradication		antibiotic therapy
			One-stage	relationship		in		gave the best
			revision (n=3);	to culture		debridemen		results

			Two-stage	results		t group;		
			revision (n=10).			100% in		
						One-stage;		
						60% in two-		
						stage		
						revision;		
						100% in		
						cement		
						spacer		
						group		
			Revision to	6 weeks of			One-stage:	There was no
Cuff (2008)	Retrospectiv	22	reverse shoulder	IV antibiotics	43	100%	ASES improved	statistically
Cuff (2008)	e case series	22	arthroplasty as:	in patients	months	eradication	36.0 to 62.6.	significant
			One stage (n=10)	with sinus or			Two-stage: 28.5	difference in any

			or 2-stage (n=12)	with positive			to 52.2	outcome between
				frozen				the single-stage
				sections. 2				and the two-stage
				weeks of IV				group.
				antibiotics in				
				patients with				
				positive				
				cultures but				
				negative				
				frozen				
				section				
Donnison	Patrognostiv		Irrigation and	Culture		30% failure	Objective	I&D allowed
Dennison (2017)	Retrospectiv	10	debridement with	specific IV	4.1 years	with I+D	functional	component
(2017)	e case series		component	antibiotics		requiring	scoring not	retention in 70% of

	retention for	for average	resection	reported	shoulders
	acute or delayed	5.2 weeks. 6	arthroplasty		presenting with an
	onset acute PJI	patients had			acute or delayed-
		chronic			onset acute
		suppression			haematogenous
		with oral			infection. Most
		antibiotics			patients were
					prescribed chronic
					antibiotic
					suppression, and
					reasonable motion
					was maintained

			Croun1:				P acnes can be a
			Group1:	Group 1:			true pathogen in
			Antibiotic spacer (n=5) – all	Average 0.8			the setting of
			patients	debridements			shoulder
			diagnosed with	post revision.			arthroplasty. All
			PJI prior to	6.3 weeks of			cultures from
Dodson	Retrospectiv		revision. 3	IV Penicillin		100%	potential surgical
	e case series	11		G or	4.0 years	eradication	site infections are
(2010)	e case series		patients opted to have 2 nd stage.	Clindamycin.		eradication	incubated for a
				Group 2:			minimum of 10
			1 stage revision	Oral			days. All patients
			(n=6) – diagnosed	ampicillin for			undergoing
			with PJI on	average 9			revision shoulder
			intraoperative	weeks.			arthroplasty are
			cultures				made aware that

						intraoperative culture results may alter planned treatment.
Foruria (2013)	Diagnostic	107	45 partial shoulder replacements and 62 total shoulder replacements undergoing revision for reasons other than infection	2.6 years		There was a 15% occurrence of UPC. 10% of patients with UPC developed true infection.

George (2016)	Systematic 36 review articles	8 articles relating to resection arthroplasty (n = 83), 6 on single-stage exchange (n = 75), 13 on two-stage exchange (n = 142); 8 on permanent spacer (n = 68).	47.62% of studies reported length of antibiotics and 46.15% reported time between stages of 2-stage revision	39.8 months	Resection arthroplasty = 86.7%; 1- stage revision = 94.75; Two- stage revision = 90.8%; Permanent spacer = 95.6%	CMS: Resection arthroplasty = 32.7; 1-stage revision = 51; Two-stage revision = 44; Permanent spacer = 31	This systematic review failed to demonstrate a clear difference in infection eradication and functional improvement between all four treatment modalities for established periprosthetic shoulder infection. The relatively low
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				number of patients
				and the
				methodological
				limitations of the
				studies available
				point out the need
				for well-designed
				multicentre trials
				to further assess
				the best treatment
				option of
				periprosthetic
				shoulder infection

Ghijselings (2013)	Retrospectiv e cohort study	17	Two stage revision (n=3); Resection arthroplasty with cement spacer (n=5); Resection arthroplasty (n=8); Poly exchange and debridements (n=1)	IV vancomycin and clindamycin for 6 weeks	4.7 years	94% eradication	Resection arthroplasty: CMS = 27.8; DASH 46.9; VAS 3.6; SST 2.4. Two stage revision: CMS = 22.7; DASH = 56.7; VAS = 5; SST = 1.3. Permanent cement spacer: CMS = 20.6; DASH = 71.0;	Worst functional results were seen with the implantation of a definitive cement spacer. Two-stage revision arthroplasty remains the golden standard in chronic infections, but is associated with a high complication rate
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							VAS = 6.0; SST =1.0	
Gorman (2006)	Retrospectiv e case series	14	Antibiotic- Impregnated Cement Spacer	6 weeks IV antibiotics	22 months	100% eradication	ASES score improved from18-72 (p<0.05) and VAS improve from 9 to 2 (p<0.05)	Aggressive treatment is necessary in the treatment of deep chronic infections of a shoulder arthroplasty. We recommend the use of a methylmethacrylat

								e-coated antibiotic
								prosthesis for the
								treatment of this
								condition
								Positive
								intraoperative
			Single store					culture result
			Single stage revision in			5.7%		during revision
Grosso 2012	Retrospectiv	17		24 hours	35.8		Penn score 50.6	shoulder
G10880 2012	e case series	1 /	•	postoperative	months	recurrence	Penn score 30.0	arthroplasty
			unexpected			of infection.		without other signs
			positive culture					of infection has a
								low risk for
								recurrence of

								clinical infection
Hattrup 2010	Retrospectiv e case series	17	Two-stage revision arthroplasty (1st stage debridement with antibiotic loaded cement spacer with reimplantation at second stage)	Initially cefazolin + vancomycin then changed depending on cultures	4.1 years	Infection eradicated in 18 patients (85.7%)	VAS 1.67	Two-stage shoulder reconstruction for infection is typically effective for curing the infection and improving pain and motion; however, function tends to remain limited.

Hsu (2016) Retrospectiv e case series Retrospectiv negative) Retrospectiv positive and 28 culture positive cultures for we propionibacteriu negative) m) culture propionibacteriu culture m) culture propionibacteriu culture m)	suspicion for infection = 3 weeks oral 47.8 months	No culture positive cases had recurrence of infection SST improved from 2.9 to 7.0	Clinical outcomes after single-stage revision for Propionibacterium culture-positive shoulders were at least as good as the outcomes in revision procedures for control shoulders. Two-stage revision procedures may not be necessary in the management of
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				ceftriaxone				these cases.
								Patients should be
								educated with
								regard to potential
								antibiotic side
								effects.
				Antibiotic				A one-stage
				length				exchange
			One stage	decided		No patients	CMC googe	procedure using
1 2005	Retrospectiv	1.6	One-stage	based on	5.0	had	CMS score	antibiotic-loaded
Ince 2005	e case series	16	revision	clinical	5.8 years	recurrence	33.6; UCLA	bone cement
			arthroplasty	findings and		of infection	score 18.3	eradicated
				CRP level.				infection in all our
				Mean of 5.8				patients and we

				days				suggest that such a
								procedure is at
								least as successful
								as either a
								resection
								arthroplasty or a
								two-stage
								exchange
			debridement	D1		Considered	CMS (pre-op:	Debridement
	Retrospectiv		(n=13 with poly exchange in 10	Dual- antibiotic		healed when	post op): Debridement=	should be proposed as a first-intention
Jacquot 2015	e cohort	32	and glenosphere	therapy for average 14.5	36	wound,	36:51(p=0.025);	treatment. Both the
	Study		in 4);1-stage	_		CRP and	Resection=	polyethylene liner
			(n=5);2-stage	weeks		radiography	24:25 (p=0.86);	and the

	revision (n=14);		findings	1 stage revision	glenosphere must
	Resection		were	=	be replaced in
	arthroplasty (n=6)		normal.	28:53(p=0.03);	these cases to
			81%	2 stage revision	improve infection
			patients had	= 39:44(p=0.42)	healing. RSA
			eradication		reimplantation
			of infection;		stands as the best
			100%		therapeutic
			eradication		procedure to
			with 2 stage		preserve shoulder
			revision;		function. One-
			64% with 1		stage revision
			stage		seems to give the
			revision;		best results, but the
			54% with		2-stage procedure

						debridemen		remains a good
						t; 67% with		option for difficult
						resection		cases. Implant
								removal should
								remain a salvage
								procedure
Jerosch (2003)	Retrospectiv e cohort study	12	Arthroscopic synovectomy (n=1); Open synovectomy (n=1); Two-stage revision – 4weeks to 6 months between stages	IV antibiotics for 4-6 weeks. Choice of antibiotic not explained	Range 6-30 months	100% eradication	CMS 48 points	Use of an antibiotic-loaded spacer allows successful treatment of infected shoulder re- placements.

Klatte (2013)	Retrospectiv e cohort	26	Single stage revision: Hemiarthroplasty (n=14); Bipolar hemiarthroplasty (n=5); Reverse (n=7)	Mean 10.6 days IV antibiotics	4.7 years	5.7% recurrence rate	CMS: Hemiarthroplast $y = 43.3;$ Bipolar hemiarthroplast $y = 56;$ Reverse $= 61$	Single-stage exchange is a successful and practical treatment for patients with periprosthetic infection of the shoulder.
Levy 2015	Retrospectiv e case series	9	Permanent functional antibiotic spacer	6 weeks culture specific antibiotics	25 months	No recurrent infections during	ASES score improved from 31.1 to 65.8 (p=0.031). VAS	A functional antibiotic spacer effectively manages the

			follow up.	reduced from	infected shoulder
				5.7 to 2.0	arthroplasty while
				(p=0.063)	achieving
					significant
					improvements in
					function and
					motion. Patient
					satisfaction was
					high, with a
					relatively low rate
					of conversion to
					second-stage
					revision.

								An early diagnosis
								and an immediate
								treatment can
							Constant:	prevent a persistent
			Preformed				increased from	infection and
			antibiotic-loaded	Average 3.6		100%	40.28 to 79.14;	severe soft-tissue
Magnan 2014	Retrospectiv	7	spacer. 5 patients	weeks of	40	eradication	ASES increased	damage. The use
Wagnan 2014	e case series	/	went onto second	targeted IV	months	at final	from 14.86 to	of a preformed
			stage	antibiotics.		follow up	21.14; SES	antibiotic spacer
			hemiarthroplasty				increased from	allows maintaining
							34.43 to 77.29	joint function at
								the intermediate
								stage in two-stage
								treatment.

	etrospectiv ease series	Antibiotic loaded cement spacer	Antibiotics as per infectious disease consultation but choice and time not reported in the study	48 months	100% Eradication	ASES = 57	Although cement spacers are typically used as part of a 2-stage revision procedure, the current findings suggest that cement spacers can be used effectively to eradicate infection and allow for acceptable functional recovery and range	
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								of motion in
								patients who have
								severe medical
								comorbidities and
								cannot tolerate
								additional surgery
			Debridement			Eradication	CMS:	Debridement
			(n=27); Resection			(%):	Debridement =	showed the highest
Manahaasiani		1.5	arthroplasty	Not	Domas	Debridemen	41; Resection =	PI rate (29.6%)
Marcheggiani	Systematic	15	(n=52);	Not	Range	t 71.4%;	29; Permanent	and should be not
Muccioli	review	included	Permanent spacer	explained in	32 – 99.6	Resection	spacer = 31;	recommended as a
(2017)		studies	(n=33); Two	review	months	arthroplasty	Two-stage	treatment method
			stage revision			88.5%;	revision = 42;	for patients with
			(n=98); One-stage			Permanent	One-stage	infected shoulder

	revision (n=77)		spacer	revision = 49	arthroplasty.
			93.9%; Two		Revision reported
			stage		better functional
			revision		outcomes
			85.7%;		compared to non-
			One-stage		revision
			revision		procedures. The
			96.1%		presence of a
					significantly lower
					PI rate with a
					comparably high
					mean CMS value
					suggests that one-
					stage (where
					technically

								applicable) could
								be superior to two-
								stage revisions.
			Antibiotics only			Eradication	Constant scores:	2-stage revision
			(n=8); Resection			rate:	I+D and	had the highest
			or arthrodesis			Antibiotic	retention =38.4;	mean infection
			(n=90); I+D and			only = 50% ;	Resection	clearance rate,
	Crystometic	30	implant retention	Not detailed	49	Resection	arthroplasty =	there was no
Nelson (2016)	Systematic	articles	(n=35); Antibiotic			or	33.5; One-stage	statistical
	review	articles	spacer (n=31);	in review	months	arthrodesis	revision =48.1;	difference in
			One-stage			=93.3%;	Two-stage	clearance rates
			revision (n=282);			I+D and	revision = 40.9;	between 1-stage
			Two stage			implant	Antibiotic	revision, 2-stage
			revision (n=97)			retention =	spacer = 32.7	revision, and

			68.6%;	resection
			Antibiotic	arthroplasty.
			spacer =	Finally, 1-stage
			90.3%;	revision produced
			One-stage	similar Constant-
			revision	Murley functional
			=90.1%;	scores compared
			Two-stage	with more
			revision =	aggressive
			93.8%	strategies

							CMS:2-stage	irrigation and
							revision = 52.2;	debridement and
							Debridement =	partial component
			Debridement and				47; Resection =	removal are only
			poly exchange			3 patients	16.8; Prolonged	successful in acute
			(n=7 – 4 acute	6-12 weeks		required	spacer 42.	infections. The
	Retrospectiv		infections and 3	of culture	73.7	further	UCLA:2-stage	relatively high
Ortmaier 2014	e cohort	20	subacute	specific	months	revisions	= 23.3;	patient satisfaction
	study		infections); Two-	antibiotics	monuis	following	Debridement =	can be explained
			stage revision	antibiotics		drainage	24.5; Resection	by the low pain
			(n=12); Resection			procedures.	= 15.3;	level once the
			arthroplasty (n=1)				Prolonged	patient is free from
							spacer = 14.	infection.
							SST:2-stage =	However,
							6.4;	functional results

						Debridement =	are poor in most
						7; Resection =	cases, which must
						3; Prolonged	be discussed with
						spacer = 4.	the patient in the
						VAS: 2-stage =	preoperative
						1.3;	setting.
						Debridement	
						=2.5; Resection	
						= 1.5;	
						Prolonged	
						spacer = 2	
	Datus an acti-		Two stage	Dual	050/	Visual analogue	antibiotic-loaded
Romano	Retrospectiv	20	arthroplasty	antibiotic	95%	pain score	cement spacer can
	e case series		(n=4); Permanent	therapy for	eradication	reduced from	be maintained for

			cement spacer	4-6 weeks			6.7 to 1.7.	long periods of
			(n=16)				Constant score	time in the
							53.	shoulder, with
								adequate clinical
								and radiographic
								follow up. In
								selected cases a
								reverse prosthesis
								may be safely
								performed
	Retrospectiv		Debridement	19 patients		Arthrodesis	CMS:	Our results favour
Romano 2012	omano 2012 e cohort	44	(n=5 (3 with	had <6	41.1	= 100%	Debridement =	a permanent spacer
Romano 2012		77	exchange of	weeks of	months	eradication;	43; Resection =	implant and two-
	study		mobile parts));	culture		Debridemen	32; Permanent	stage revision as

		Permanent spacer	specific	t and	spacer = 34;	the best treatment
		(n=15); Two	antibiotics;	implant	Two stage	to eradicate
	;	stage exchange	24 patients	retention	revision = 38	periprosthetic
	-1	(n=17);	had longer	80%		shoulder infection
		Arthrodesis	than 6 weeks	eradication;		and positively
		(n=1); Resection	antibiotics	Resection		influence
	;	arthroplasty (n=6)		arthroplasty		functional
				100%		outcome.
				eradication;		
				Permanent		
				spacer		
				93.3%		
				eradication		

Sabesan 2011	Retrospectiv e case series	17	1 st stage debridement and antibiotic loaded spacer and second stage reverse shoulder arthroplasty	6 weeks of IV antibiotics based on cultures	Minimu m 2 years but average not reported	One patient had recurrence of infection (6%)	Penn score improved from 24.9 to 66.4 following second stage (p=0.007)	Shoulder function and pain improved in patients treated with a second- stage reimplantation of a reverse prosthesis and the reinfection rate was low.
Seitz (2001)	Retrospectiv e case series	8	Two stage revision – 1st stage cement spacer followed by 3 months	Culture specific antibiotics for 3 months	4.8 years	100% eradication	University of Pennsylvania shoulder score 63.	In conjunction with ad- equate debridement and appropriate intravenous

antibiotics and 3		antibiotic therapy,
months off		this staged
antibiotics. If no		interposition
signs of		reconstruction can
recurrence then		provide reasonable
reimplantation)		(albeit limited)
		function with a
		resultant stable
		shoulder
		comparable with
		satisfactory results
		according to
		Neer's limited
		goals criteria

						Group 1: 6	C 1. (20/ -	Patients with a
		2512				of 21	Group 1:63% =	prosthesis in situ
		primary and 222	Group 1: Resection	IV		developed recurrence	no/slight pain, 9% = pain after	had better pain relief and shoulder
		revision.	arthroplasty	antibiotics		of infection.	strenuous	function than
		(19	(n=21); Group 2: Debridement and	average 31 days. 13 of		Group 2:	activity, 3 = moderate pain.	patients treated
	Retrospectiv	primary	prosthetic	31 cases had		50%	Group 2:Details	with resection
Sperling 2001	e cohort	shoulders	retention (n=6);	oral	6.5 years	developed	not reported in	arthroplasty.
	study	and 7	Group 3: single	antibiotics		further	the study	Delayed
		revision	stage revision	for an		infection	Group 3: Not	reimplantation
		shoulders	(n=2); Group 4:	average of 27		requiring	explained in the	may offer the best
		develope	Two stage	days.		resection	study	hope for pain
		d deep	revision (n=2)			arthroplasty	Group 4: 100%	relief, eradication
		PJI)				. Group 3:	=no/slight pain	of infection, and
						50%		maintenance of

						developed		shoulder function.
						reinfection		
						requiring		
						resection		
						arthroplasty		
						. Group 4:		
						No patients		
						developed		
						further		
						infection		
			All patients	Culture	Group	No patients	Group 1A:	Re-implantation
Stine 2010	Retrospectiv	30	treated with	specific	1A: 2.4	developed	DASH = 50,	after cement spacer
Stille 2010	e case series	30	debridement +	antibiotics	years;	recurrence	SST = 5; Group	and antibiotics is
			cement spacer.	for 6 weeks.	Group	at latest	1B: DASH =	both safe and

	Once CRP and	3 patients in	1B: 2.8	follow up.	41, SST = 6;	provides a
	ESR normal all	group 1	years,		Group 2: DASH	reasonable
	patients offered	elected to	Group 2:		= 58, SST = 5	functional
	reimplantation.	undergo	2.3 years			outcome. In
	Group 1: Elected	delayed				patients with low
	to keep cement	reimplantatio				functional
	spacer (n=18).	n (Group 1B)				demands and who
	Group 2: 8 had					may not tolerate
	second stage					further surgery
	revision					well, the spacer
						can be used as a
						definitive
						prosthesis resulting
						in adequate pain
						control and ability

								to perform
								activities of daily
								living.
								Our study suggests
							Pain score	that two-stage re- implantation for an
			Two stage	4-6 weeks of			improved from	infected shoulder
			revision (mean	culture			4.2 to 1.8 (out	replacement is
Strickland	Retrospectiv	19	time 11 weeks	specific	35	63%	of 5). Neer	associated with a
(2008)	e case series	19	between resection	antibiotics	months	eradication	rating: 2=	
			and	between			excellent; 4 =	high rate of
			reimplantation)	stages.			satisfactory; 13	unsatisfactory
							= unsatisfactory	results, marginal
								success at
								eradicating

Themistocleou s (2007)	Retrospectiv e case series	11	Antibiotic impregnated cement spacer	6 weeks culture specific IV antibiotics	22 months	100% eradication	QuickDASH 37.5	infection and a high complication rate Prolonged implantation of the spacer may be a useful alternative in selected patients with poor general condition
Twiss 2010	Retrospectiv e case series	30	Group1: intraoperatively fashioned articulating	Culture specific antibiotics for average	21.2 months	No patients experienced recurrence of infection	ASES increased from 17 to 73. Constant score increased from	An antibiotic- impregnated cement spacer appears to help

hemiarthroplasty	5.6 weeks.		16 to 57. SST	eradicate deep
(n=14), Group 2:	20 shoulders		increased from	infection of the
articulating	had 2nd		1.2 to 6.6; VAS	shoulder with
hemiarthroplasty	stage		pain score	preservation of the
with a	revision		reduced from	soft tissue
commercially	surgery		8.7 to 1.2.	envelope for
made gentamicin-			Scores not	revision surgery.
impregnated			broken down	
cement spacer			for patients	
(n=16)			between type of	
			spacer or	
			following	
			second stage	
			revision	

				Culture				Resection
				specific				arthroplasty can be
				antibiotics		2 patients in		offered to patients
				for minimum		no spacer	VAS decreased	with long-standing
			Group 1: No	of 4 weeks		group had	from 6.5 to 2.6	deep shoulder
			spacer (n=11);	and		residual low	(p=0.0001).	infection that was
	Retrospectiv		Group 2:	converted to	46.4	grade	CMS increased	unresponsive to
Verheist 2011	e cohort	21	Permanent	oral	months	infection vs	from 17.8 to	previous surgical
	study		cement Spacer	antibiotics		0 patients in	40.4 (p=0.003).	treatment. Control
			(n=10)	with		cement	Group 1 CMS =	of infection did not
			,	normalizatio		spacer	46.3; Group 2	differ significantly
				n of CRP to		group	CMS = 34.54	between the
				complete 3		(p=0.48)		groups. No
				months				improvement in
				antibiotics.				outcome was

								demonstrated with
								the use of cement
								spacers.
								Serial debridement
								with vacuum-
			Two stage	Culture			Constant score:	irrigation therapy
			revision (n=4);	specific			Exchange	is a new treatment
	Retrospectiv		Resection	antibiotics		100%	arthroplasty =	option in infected
Weber (2010)	e cohort	10	arthroplasty	until CRP	4.0 years	eradication	40.1; resection	shoulder
	study		(n=5); Serial	and WBC		eradication	arthroplasty =	arthroplasty,
			debridement	counts were			32.7; Irrigation	promising the best
			(n=1)	normal			= 90	results, however
								with a potential
								risk of persistent

				infection. In this
				study, with a
				limited number of
				patients, the two-
				stage exchange did
				not yield better
				results than the
				resection
				arthroplasty. Its
				value for elderly or
				chronically ill
				patients should
				nevertheless not be
				underestimated,
				because its pain

								relief results are
								comparable with
								those of the two-
								stage exchange
								while the
								procedure is faster
								and less exhausting
								for the patients.
Zavala 2012	Retrospectiv e case series	7 (outcome data only available for 4	Resection arthroplasty (n=1); Debridement and implant retention	All patients got 6 weeks antibiotics	43.5 months	4 patients had implant retention and 6 weeks antibiotics within 2	Retention group: ASES score 40.7, SF- 12:42.5; Resection patient: ASES	We recommend that patients should be managed with an initial irrigation and debridement, appropriate
		patients	(n=3)			weeks of	score 31.7, SF-	intravenous

			index	12: 13.2	antibiotics, and	
			procedure		component	
			(all		retention	
			successfully			
			treated) and			
			3 patients			
			had DAIR			
			after 2			
			months of			
			index - 1			
			successfully			
			treated, 2			
			needed			
			resection			
			arthroplasty			

Zhang (2015)	Retrospectiv e case series	18	Two stage revision (n=18)	6 weeks of culture specific antibiotics	24 months	Following debridemen t and 6 weeks of IV antibiotics 22% of patients had persistent infection requiring	Average ASES = 71	Despite prior staged treatment for deep postoperative shoulder infections, specimens obtained from open biopsy before replantation
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			further	detected a
			cycle of	persistent infection
			debridemen	rate of 22% in all
			t and	patients and 38%
			antibiotics.	in patients with P
			At final	acnes infection,
			follow up	which may
			100%	indicate a role for
			patients	this procedure in
			were	the prevention of
			infection	recurrent
			free.	infections.