



Degenerative joint disease
in older dogs

Shallow hip joint with
subluxated femoral head
in younger dogs

Hip Dysplasia

Diagnostic Plan

History
Physical examination
Palpation of the hips
X-rays of the hips

Therapeutic Plan

Enforced rest
Mild analgesics
Anti-inflammatory drugs
Surgery

Dietary Plan

Postsurgically, a diet adequate for
tissue repair
If obesity is a complicating factor,
restrict caloric intake so the
patient reaches and maintains an
ideal body weight