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Titles

I. Overview

- Atherosclerosis
- Trend of Endovascular treatment
- Technical Issue
- Endovascular Tool introduction
- Endo vs Open Surgical Repair (OSR)

• II. Pathophysiology

- Section 1: What is Peripheral Artery Diesease (PAD)
- Section 2: Diagnosing PAD
- Section 3: Aggressive risk management of PAD

• III. Treatment

- Acute Limb ischemia
- Chronic Limb ischemia

IV. Future & Conclusion

New devices & New Concepts

I. Overview

Lower Extremity Disease

Iliac artery disease

SFA ds – long occlusion, femoropopliteal disease

Below the Knee

Renal, Carotid, Subclavian Artery Stenosis

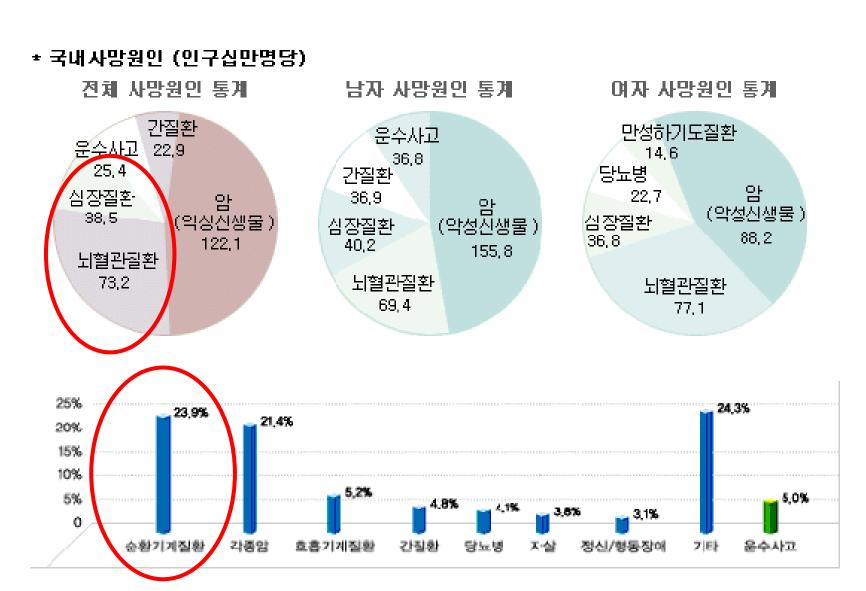
Venous disease – SVC, DVT, Vein occlusion

Aorta Disease – Aortic dissection, aneurysm, AAA

Adult congenital and structural heart disease (TAVI, ASD closure, percutaneous MVP)

1. Atherosclerosis

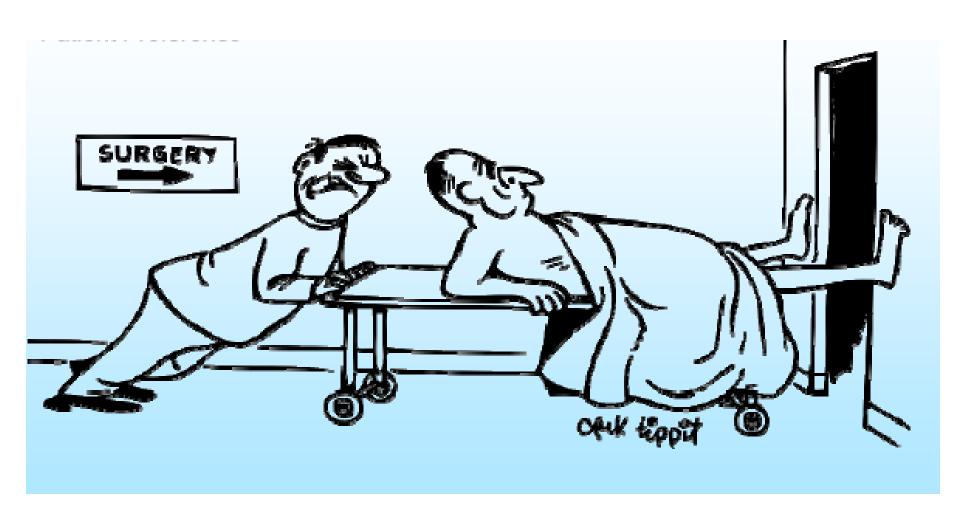
Cause of Moratlity in Korea



2. Trend of Endovascular Treatment

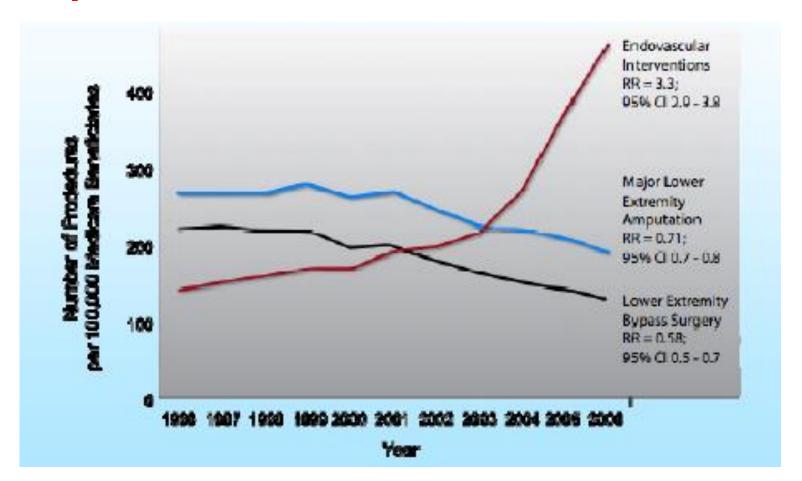


Patient Preference

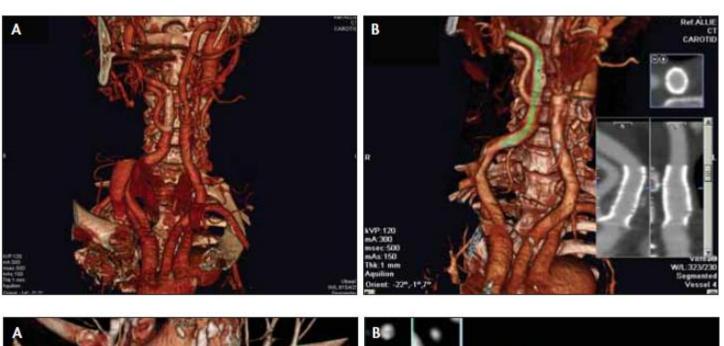


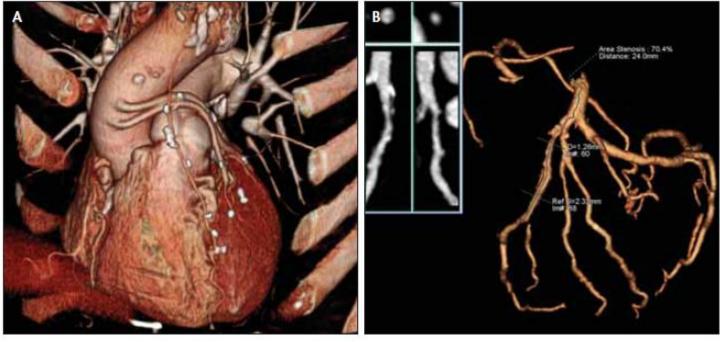
Trend in Lower Extremity Revascularization in USA

: Exponential Rise in Endovascular Intervention



3. Technical Issue





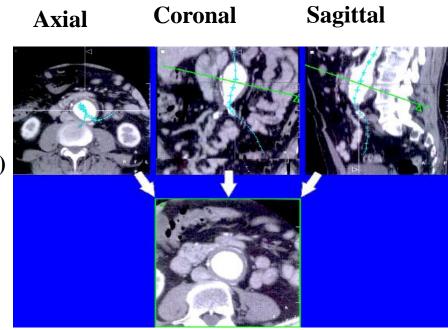
3D WorkStation: Detailed Case Planning





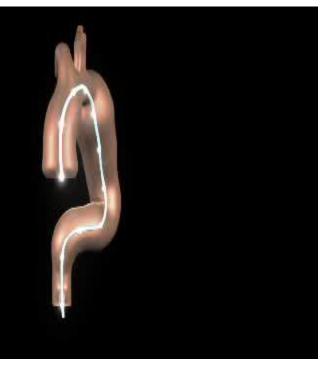
Central Lumen Line (CLL) reformatting

- MPR loaded into workstation (Philips Easy Vision)
- Manually placed markers (in 3 dimensions) to determine the central lumen line
 (= proposed axis of how the prosthesis will eventually be placed)
- <u>Curved linear reformat is</u> calibrated:
 - CLL continuously in centre of projection
 - cross-sections perpendicular to the axis of the CLL



Central Lumen Line (CLL) Flow Analysis





4. Endovascular Tool Introduction

5. Endo vs OSR?









CLI is not a single group of patients











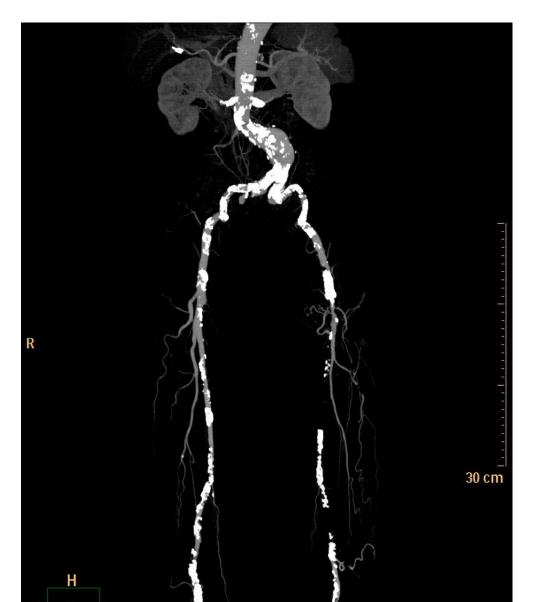
Bypass vs Angioplasty

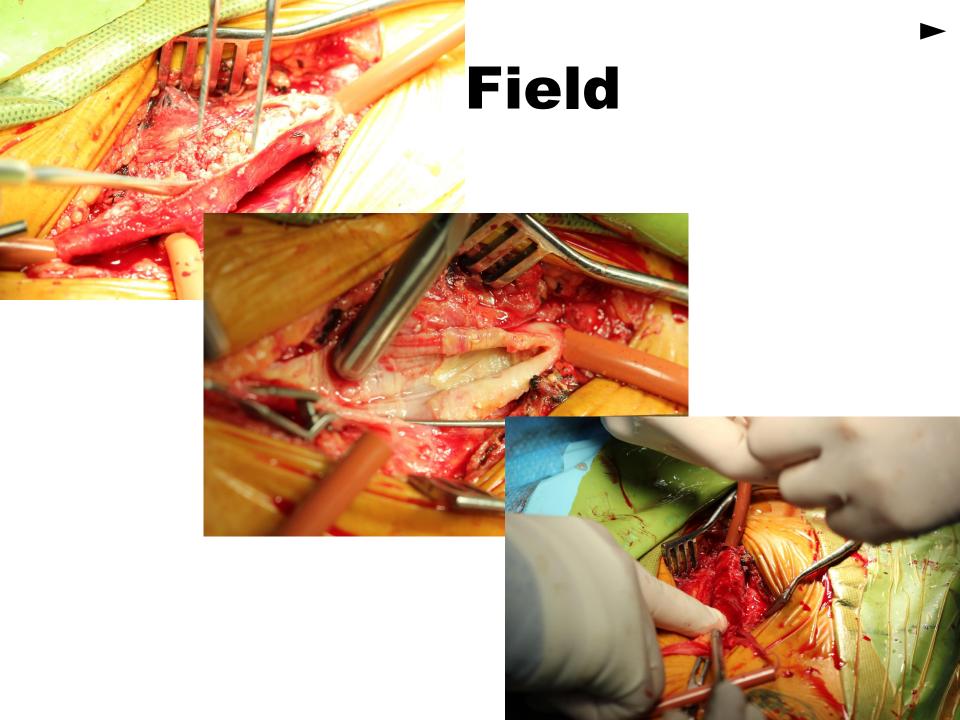
	Bypass Surgery	Balloon Angioplasty
Pros	Superior long-term anatomic patency and clinical durability	Low morbidity and mortality and requirement for
		urgent surgical intervention
		Low cost
		Quick to perform
		Shorter hospital stay
		Can be repeated
		Failed angioplasty has been said not to jeopardize subsequent surgery
		Preserves collaterals so that even if the angioplasty site occludes symptoms may not return and tissue loss may remain healed
Cons	Significant morbidity and mortality Significant resource utilization (theater time and	Limited anatomic and hemodynamic patency and clinical durability
	personnel, prolonged hospital stay)	Only a minority of patients may be suitable, especially with the transluminal technique
	Graft surveillance, often leading to repeated prophylactic	
	reintervention, required to optimize patency	The technique, particularly using the sub-intimal
	Vein as a conduit often unavailable, inadequate in length or poor quality	approach, is technically demanding and satisfactory results may not be widely achievable
	Use of prosthetic material associated with poorer patency and risk of graft infection	

When should open surgery be the initial option for CLI?

- 5 conditions for "open first" approach agreed by 'endo first' vascular surgeons
 - Common femoral artery pathology
 - Arterial occlusion by extrinsic compression pathology
 - Extensive foot gangrene / sepsis
 - Young patients and those requiring dependent-free soft tissue reconstructions where durability is paramount
 - Infrageniculate politeal and proximal tibial occlusion with single, distal tibial target vessel

Common Femoral Artery





extrinsic compression

- Bony <u>exostosis</u>
- Popliteal entrapment, adventitial cystic dis



II. Pathophysiology

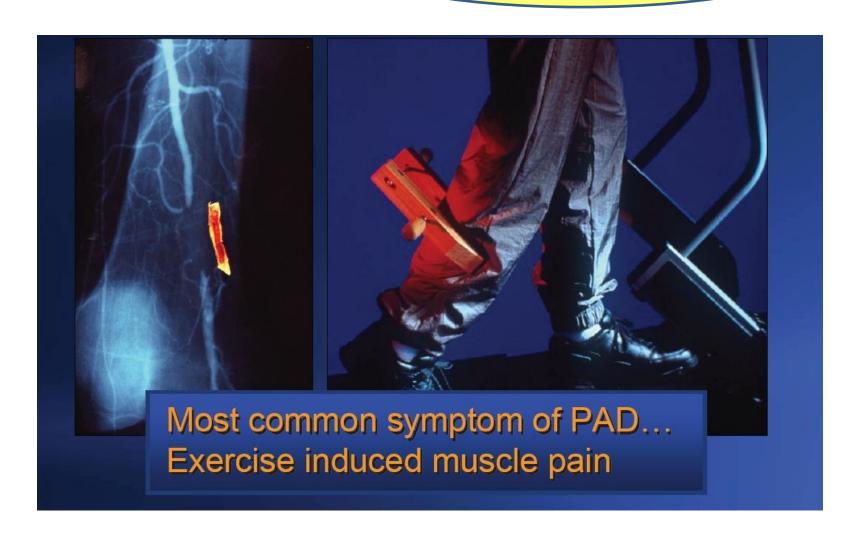
PAD: A Call to Action

- **Section 1** What is peripheral arterial disease (PAD) and why is it so dangerous?
- Section 2 Diagnosing PAD in the primary care setting
- Section 3 The importance of aggressive risk management of PAD

Section 1:

What is peripheral arterial disease
 (PAD) and why is it so dangerous?

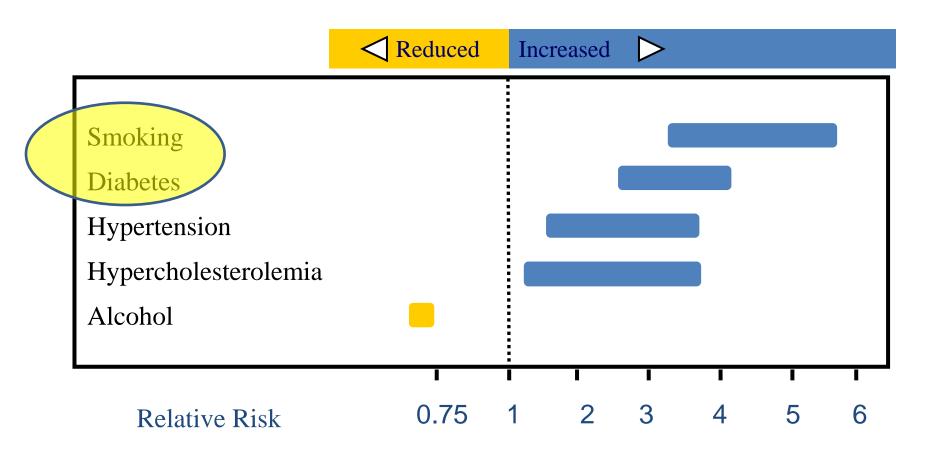
Man with calf cramping



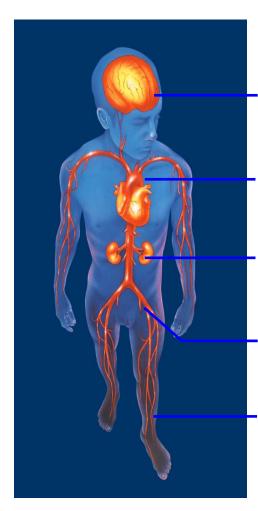
What is PAD?

- PAD is an atherothrombotic disorder affecting the peripheral arteries and it is associated with a high risk of MI, stroke and vascular death¹
- The major risk factors for PAD are:2
 - smoking
 - diabetes
 - age >55 years (men) or >65 years (women)
 - hyperlipidemia
 - hypertension
 - history of cardiovascular disease

Risk Factors for PAD



Major manifestations of atherothrombosis



Cerebrovascular disease

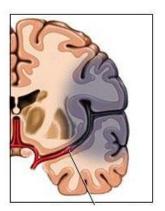
Coronary artery disease

Renal artery stenosis

Visceral arterial disease



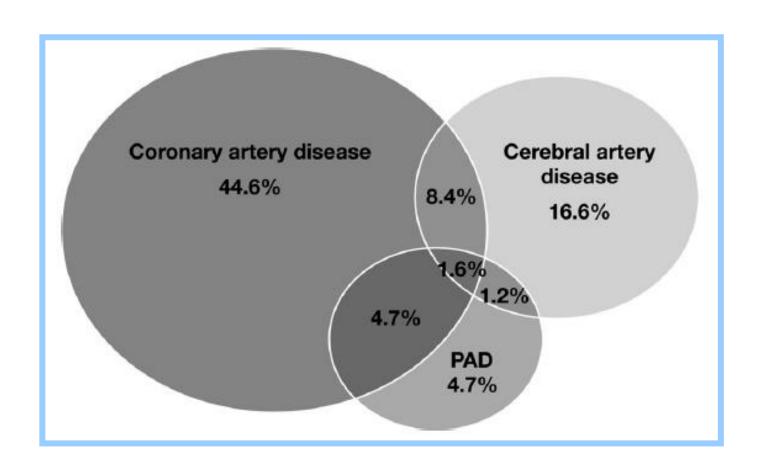
- Intermittent claudication
- Critical limb ischemia



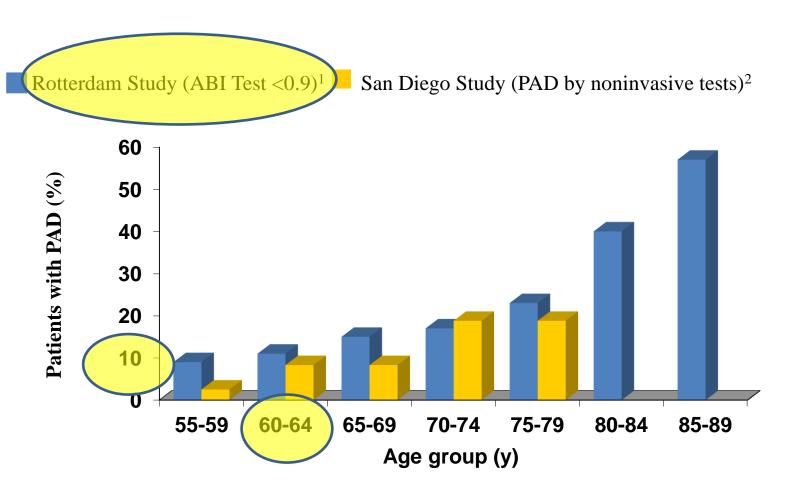




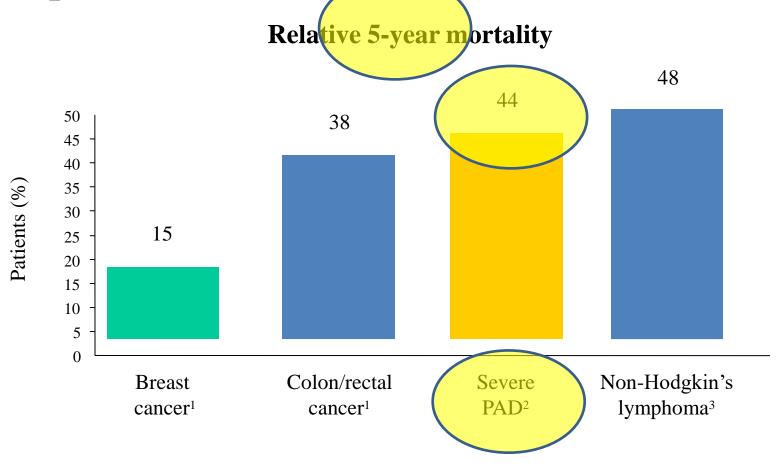
Systemic Atherosclerosis



Prevalence of PAD increases with age



Mortality is very high in patients with severe PAD

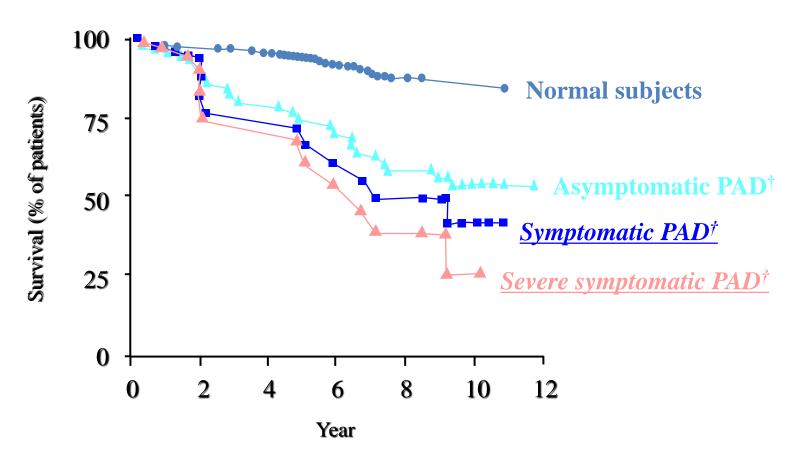


^{1.} Criqui MH. Vasc Med 2001; 6 (suppl 1): 3-7.

^{2.} McKenna M et al. Atherosclerosis 1991; 87: 119-28.

^{3.} Ries LAG et al. (eds). SEER Cancer Statistics Review, 1973–1997. US: National Cancer Institute; 2000.

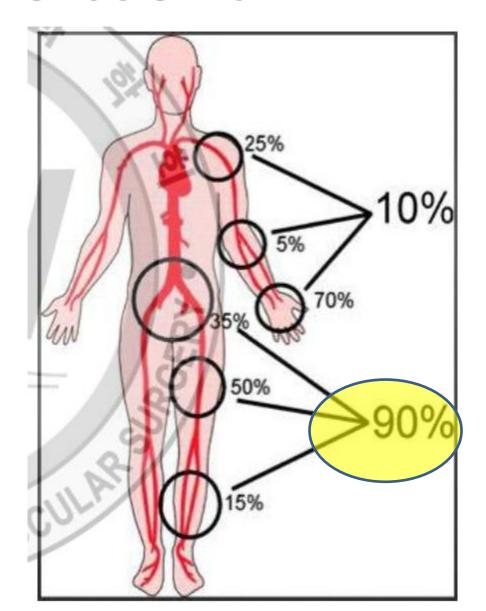
Risk of death is increased in patients with both symptomatic and asymptomatic PAD



^{*}Kaplan-Meier survival curves based on mortality from all causes.

[†]Large-vessel PAD.

Sites for PAD



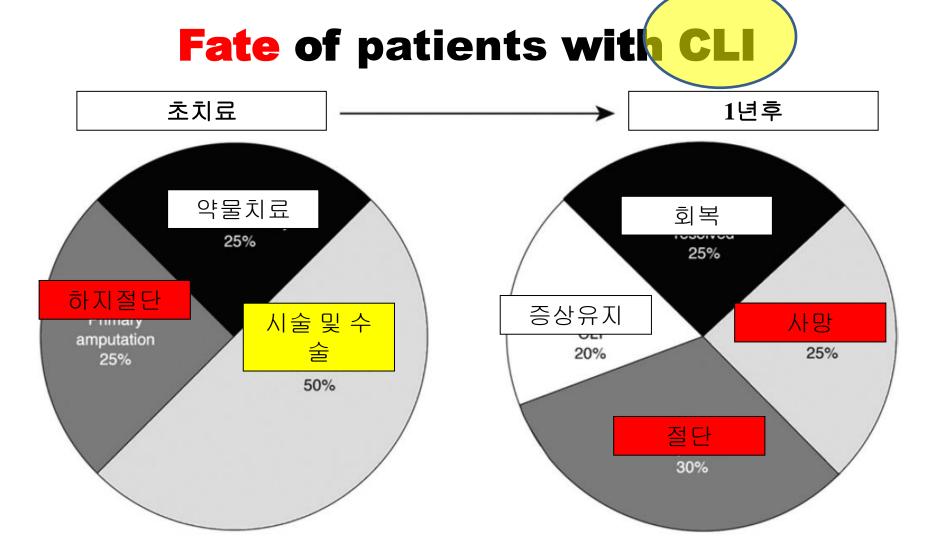
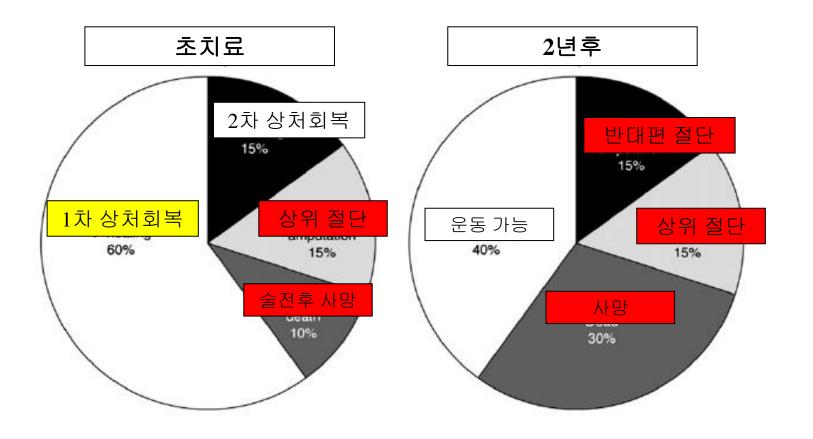


Fig. A5. Fate of the patients presenting with chronic critical leg ischemia. CLI – critical limb ischemia.

Fate of patients with CLI





- The diffuse nature and high association of PVD with <u>other</u> medical conditions (ie, diabetes, renal disease, coronary disease, wound care) demand a multidisciplinary approach toward patient care at a PVD center of excellence.
- Every patient with PVD needs a multidisciplinary work-up and needs treatment.
- This treatment may be as simple <u>as risk factor modification</u> and <u>follow-up, medications</u>, or <u>complex treatments</u> <u>requiring interventional or surgical treatment.</u>

Multidisciplinary Team

- A true PVD center of exellence cannot exist without close cooperation and input from a true multidisciplinary "team" approach,
 - surgeon,
 - cardiologist,
 - peripheral interventionalists,
 - podiatrists, and
 - specialists in vascular medicine, diabetes, nephrology, neurology, wound care, and vascular imaging,
 - along with well-trained registered nurses, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants.

Section 2:

Diagnosing PAD in the primary care setting

PAD can be silent or cause symptoms ranging from exertional pain to critical limb ischemia

Typical	Atypical
Intermittent claudication: pain, ache, cramp, numbness, muscle fatigue in calves, thighs or buttocks; exacerb ated by exercise and relieved by rest	Decreased walking ability: (speed o r distance) for reasons other than c lassical symptoms of intermittent c laudication
Critical limb ischemia: rest pain, ulc ers, gangrene	Pain in other areas: e.g. general aching

Differentiating True Claudication from **Pseudoclaudication**

	Intermittent Claudication	Pseudoclaudication
Charcter of discomfort	Cramping, tigahtness, tiredness	Same or tingling, weakness, clumsiness
Location of discomfort	Buttock, hip, thigh, calf, foot	Same
Exercise induced	Yes	Yes or No
Distance to claudication	Same each time	Variable
Occurs with standing	No	Yes
Relief	Stop walking	Often muse sit or change body positions

Guidance for PAD diagnosis

• **STEP 1**

- Assess patient for risk factors
 - smoking
 - diabetes
 - age: men >55 years and women >65 years
 - hypertension
 - hyperlipidemia
 - history of cardiovascular disease
- Assess patient for leg symptoms
 - intermittent claudication
 - critical limb ischemia
- Tools: PAD checklist, Rose questionnaire, Edinburgh questionnaire

STEP 2

- If suspicion of PAD, perform an ABI to confirm diagnosis
- Tool Doppler, CT, DITI

How is Ankle-Brachial Index (ABI) measured?

ABI = Ankle systolic pressure

Brachial systolic pressure

- Measure ankle and brachial systolic pressures with Doppler^{1,2}
- Use highest arm and each ankle pressures^{1,2}

ABI Interpretation ³		
> 0.90	Normal	
0.41 - 0.90	Mild-to-moderate peripheral arterial disease	
0.00 - 0.40	Severe peripheral arterial disease	

^{1.} TASC Working Group. Int Angiol 2000; 19 (suppl): 5-34.

^{2.} Vascular Disease Foundation, 2003. Available at:http://www.vdf.org/ABI.htm.

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ABI Calculation

Physical Examination

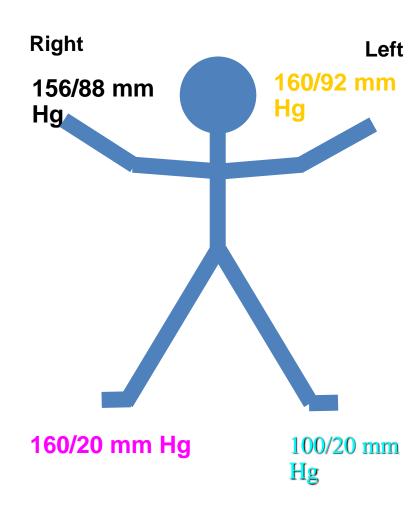
- Brachial blood pressure
 Right: 156/88 mm Hg
 - Left: 160/92 mm Hg
- ABI performed in office
 - Take the higher of the two arm pressures
 - Right:

$$160/160 = 1.00$$

– Left:

$$100/160 = 0.63$$

Diagnosis: moderate PAD in left leg



ABI Calculation



Physical Examination

- Brachial blood pressure
 Right: 150/88 mm Hg

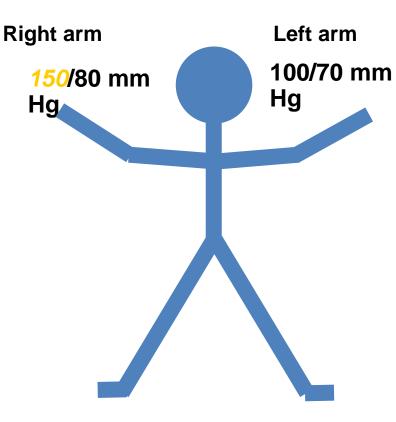
 - Left: 100/70 mm Hg
- ABI performed in office
 - Take the higher of the two arm pressures
 - Right:

50/150 = 0.33

– Left:

100/150 = 0.66

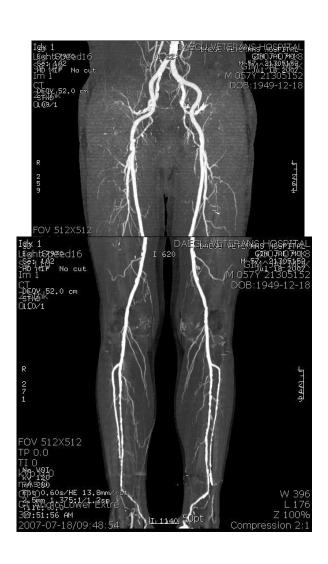
Diagnosis: severe PAD in left leg



50/20 mm Hg Right ankle

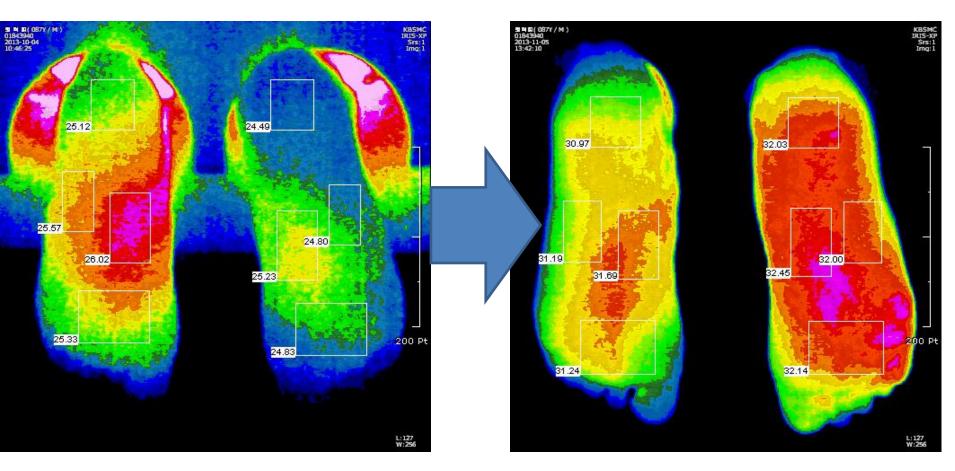
100/80 mm Hg Left ankle

CT angiography

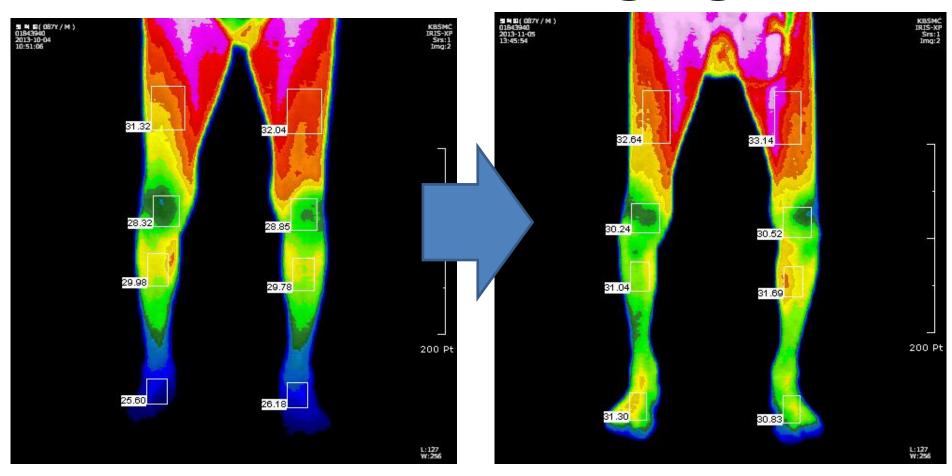




DITI: Digital Infrared Thermal Imaging



DITI: Digital Infrared Thermal Imaging



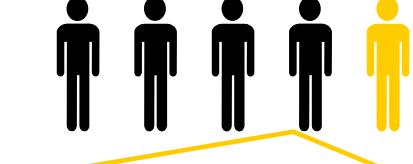
Section 3:

• The importance of aggressive risk management of PAD

10 patients with PAD has symptoms of intermittent claudication



1 in 5 people over 65 has PAD[†]





Only 1 in 10 of these patients has classical symptoms of intermittent claudication (IC)



† ABI<0.9

The American Diabetes Association recommends screening for PAD in patients with diabetes

A screening ABI should be performed in patients with diabetes

Those >50 years of age

- If normal, an <u>exercise</u> <u>test</u> should be carried out
- The ABI test should be repeated every 5 years

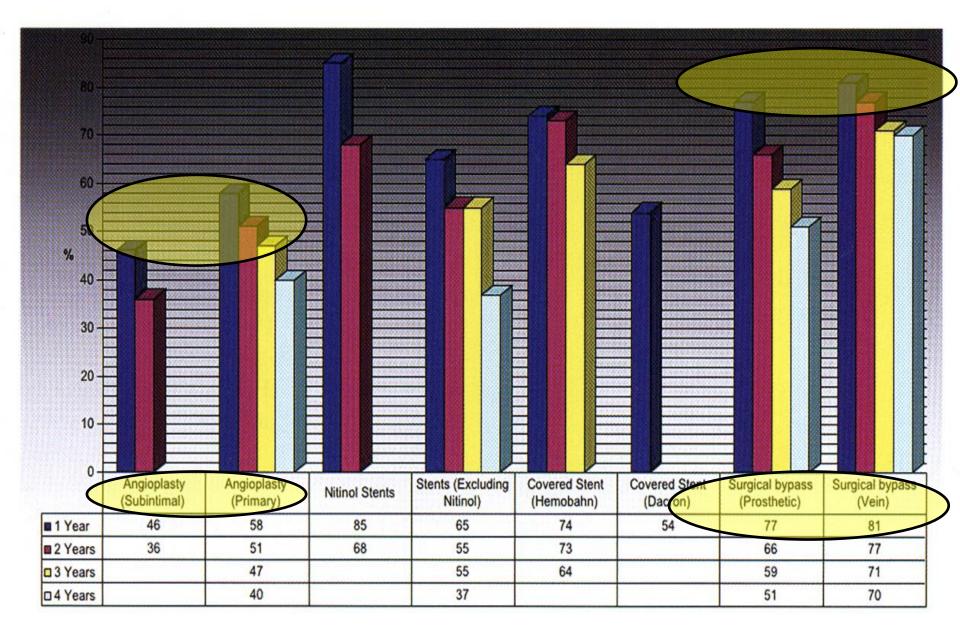
Those <50 years of age who have other risk factors associated with PAD

Smoking

Hypertension
Hyperlipidemia
Duration of diabetes

• Foot care is also important in diabetic patients as PAD is a major contributor to diabetic foot problems²

III. Treatment



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Lower Extremity Endovascular Interventions

Bates and AbuRahma

Endo. & OSR & Hybrid

By courtesy of Dr. Park (Kae Hyun)



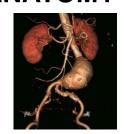
sick Endo hybrid/ integrated approach healthy open repair



easy difficult

ANATOMY







Schema

- Acute limb ischemia: Acute arterial occlusion
 - -Acute embolism
 - -Acute thrombosis

• Chronic limb ischemia: Chronic arterial occlusion

II-1. Acute Limb Ischemia



Definition

• Sudden occlusion of an artery is commonly due to either **emboli** or **trauma** & it may also happen when **thrombosis** occur *on plaque pre-existing atheroma*.

Cause - Emboli

Origin of Acute Arterial Embolism:

Cardiac

Af 50%

MI 25%

Valve and Others 5%

Non-Cardiac 10%

Aneurysm 6%

Prox. Artery 3%

Paradoxical 1%

Unknown 10%

Occlusion Site - Emboli

Sites of occlusion embloi to the lower limb:

Abdominal	bifurcation	10-15%
	OII WI CHUICII	

Iliac artery branch 15%

Femoral artery branch

Popliteal artery 10%

Upper extremity 10%

Cerebral artery 10-15%

Mesenteric & Intraabdominal 5%

Cause - Trauma

• It is important to determine a history of arterial trauma, arterial catheterization, intra-arterial drug induced injection, aortic dissection, limb fractures.

Cause - Thromosis

• Thrombosis usually occur on a pre-existing atherosclerotic lesion.

- Occasionally thrombosis occur on relatively normal artery in patients with hypercoagulabale states
 - ex: Pt with malignancy, polycythemia or pt taking high doses of oestrogen.

Clinical Features

• The 5 (6) P's

– Pain.

- Pallor.

- Pulselessness.

- Paraesthesia.

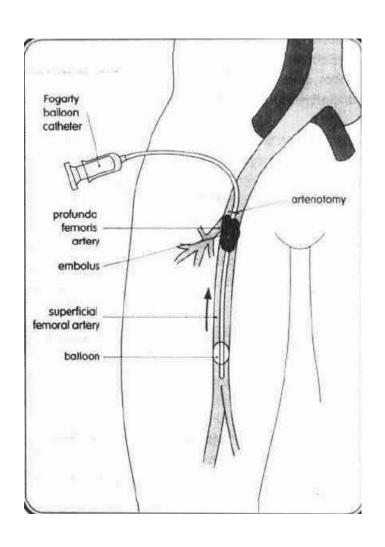
- Paralysis.

- Perishing cold.

Embolism vs Thrombosis

	Acute arterial embolism	Acute arterial thrombosis	
Cause	AF, MI, MS etc	Atherosclerotic lesion	
Sx.	More sudden	Pre-existing claudication	
Angio.	1. Clear cut off lesion	1. Irregular	
	2. No or minimal collateral	2. Well developed collateral	
	3. No or minimal arterial calcification	3. Arterial calcification	
	4. Normal opposite leg artery	4. Diseased opposite leg artery	
Tx.	Embolectomy + Anticoagulation	Thrombolytic therapy + Bypass op (or endovascular intervention)	
Prognosis			
ampu.	Lower	Higher (x 2)	
mortality	Higher	Lower	

Embolectomy



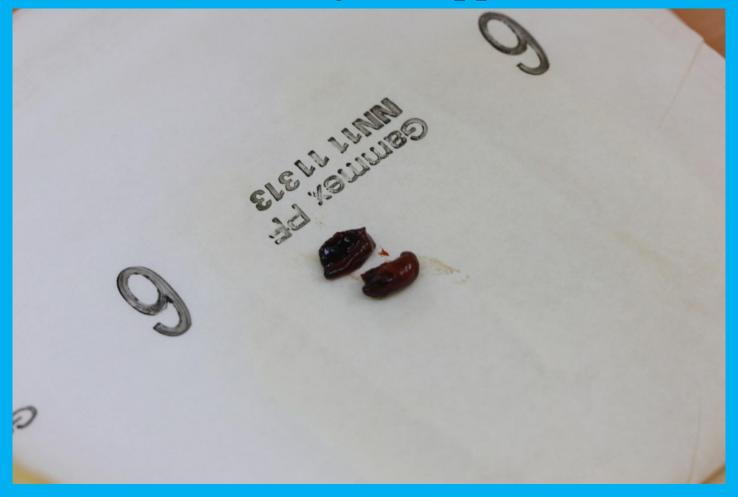


Fogarty's balloon catheter



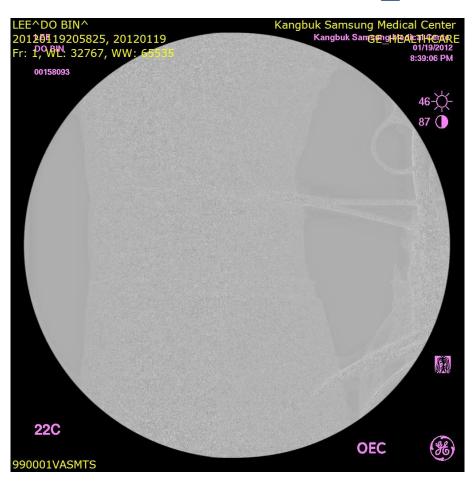
Case Presentation

• Embolectomy: antegrade approach at Rt CFA



Completion Angio







II-2. Chronic Limb Ischemia



Definition

- It is the decrease in arterial blood supply to the tissues due to partial occlusion of arteries.
- Stenosis or occlusion produces symptoms & signs that are related to the organ supplies by the artery.
- The severity of symptoms is related to <u>the size of</u> <u>the vessel occluded</u> & <u>alternative routes</u> (collaterals) available for blood flow.

Causes

Atherosclerosis (ASO)

• Burger's disease

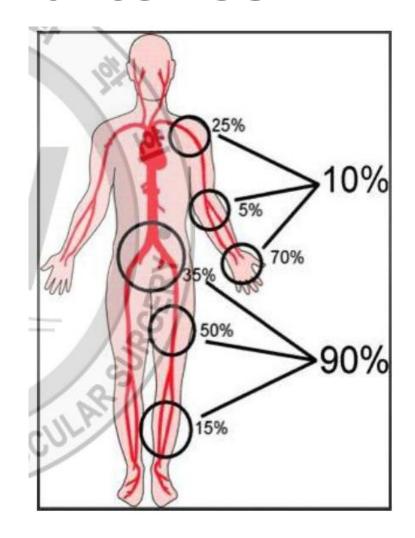
• Raynaud's disease

Others

Common sites of plaque formation in arteries

• Branch points.

• Tethered sites like in superficial femoral artery in Hunter's canal in the leg.



Clinical Manifestation

Non- Critical Limb Ischemia

Cricial Limb Ischemia (CLI)

Non- Critical Limb Ischemia

• Intermittent claudication:

- ABI: 0.5-0.9
- Cludication distance
- Calf is the most common

Critical Limb Ischemia

Rest Pain

- Worst at night,lying, relieved by putting the leg in dependent site
- Coldness
- Numbness
- Parasthesia
- Color change
- Differentiated from night cramps
- Ulcer
- Gangrene

Definitions of Critical Limb Ischemia

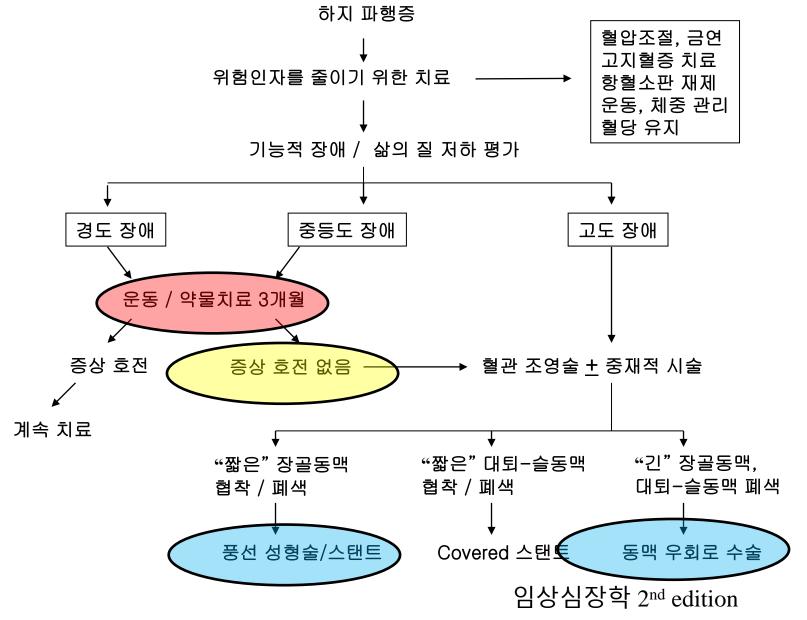
(TASC II Inter-Society Consensus)

Classification of PAD

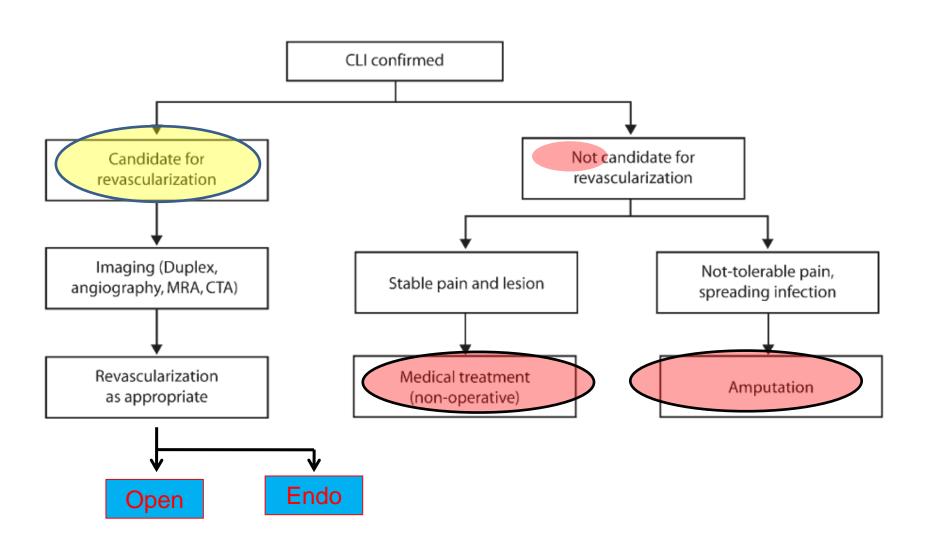
Fontaine		Rutherford	
Stage	Clinical	Category	Clinical
	Asymptomatic	0	Asymptomatic
lla	Mild claudication	1	Mild claudication
IIb	Moderate to severe claudication	2	Moderate claudication
		3	Severe claudication
III	Ischemic rest pain	4	Ischemic rest pain
IV	Ulceration or gangrene	5	Minor tissue loss
		6	Major tissue loss

^{*} CLI should only be used in the presence of symptoms for more than 2 weeks.

Algorithm for Non-CLI (claudication)



What is the Optimal Treatment for CLI?



Amputation as a primary therapy

- How to interpretate the preexisting data
 - Physician-oriented view of success
 - ; Graft patency, limb salvage, and survival
 - Patient-oriented outcomes
 - ; Quality of life

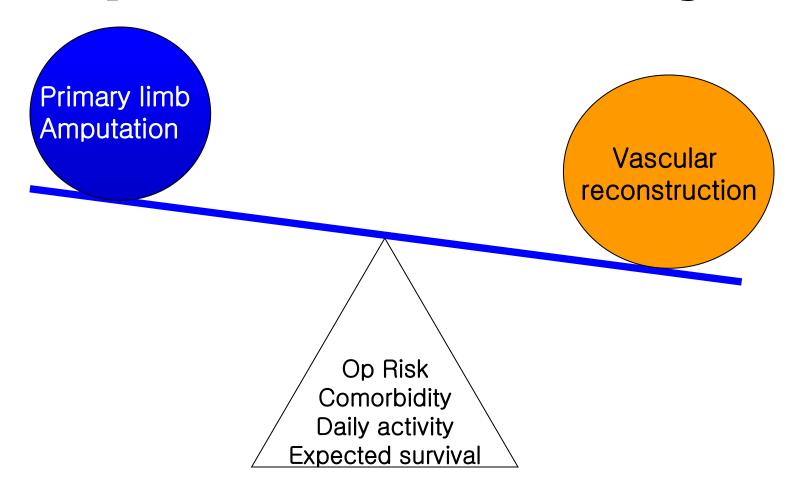
Ischemia-reperfusion syndrome

- might jeopardize patient survival
- → Limb amputation may actually improve QOL in select patient population

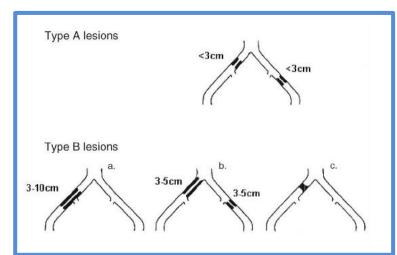
Revascularization in CLI

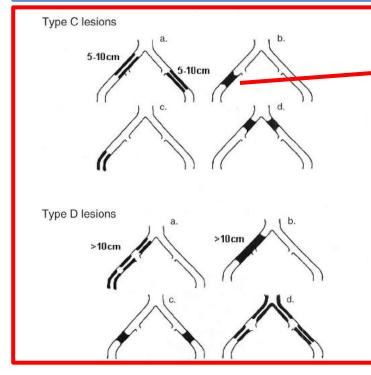
- Methods
 - Open first
 - Endo first
 - Hybrid
- How to select optimal treatment?
 - Hospital resources
 - Operator's preference (VS vs IR)
 - Evidence-based practice, Treatment guideline

Preop. Risk-Benefit Analysis



TASC 2000 and TASC II 2007





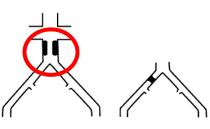
Type A lesions

- Unilateral or bilateral stenoses of CIA
- Unilateral or bilateral single short (≤3 cm) stenosis of EIA



Type B lesions:

- Short (≤3cm) stenosis of infrarenal aorta
- Unilateral CIA occlusion
- Single or multiple stenosis totaling 3–10 cm i volving the EIA not extending into the CFA
- Unilateral EIA occlusion not involving the origins of internal iliac or CFA





Type C lesions

- Bilateral CIA occlusions
- Bilateral EIA stenoses 3–10 cm long not extending into the CFA
- · Unilateral EIA stenosis extending into the CFA
- Unilateral EIA occlusion that involves the origins of internal iliac and/or CFA
- Heavily calcified unilateral EIA occlusion with or without involvement of origins of internal iliac and/or CFA

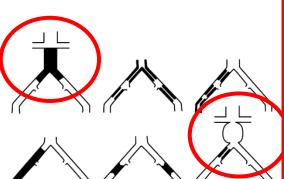




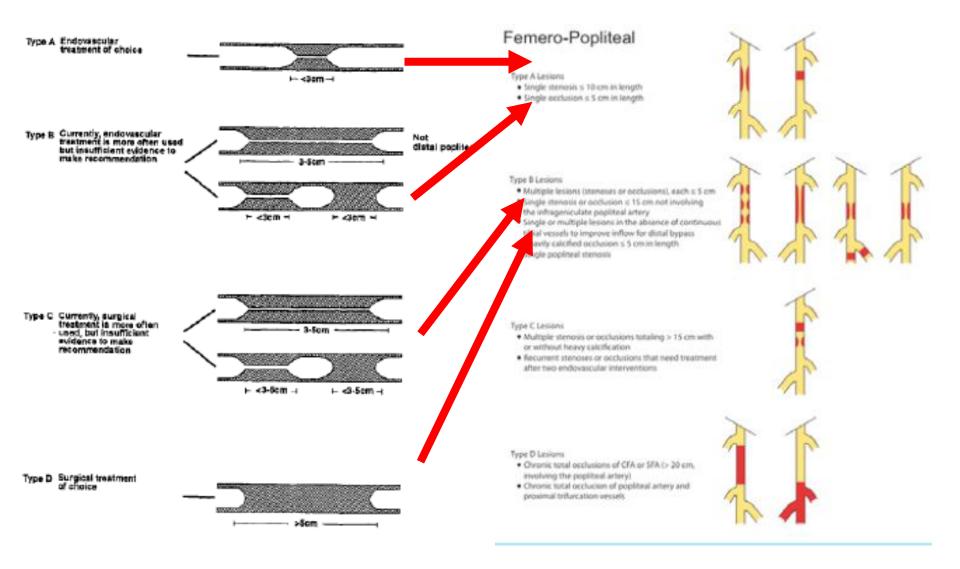


Type D lesions

- · Infra-renal aortoiliac occlusion
- Diffuse disease involving the aorta and both iliac arterie requiring treatment
- Diffuse multiple stenoses involving the unilateral CIA, EIA, and CFA
- · Unilateral occlusions of both CIA and EIA
- · Bilateral occlusions of EIA
- Iliac stenoses in patients with AAA requiring treatment and not amenable to endograft placement or other lesions requiring open aortic or iliac surgery



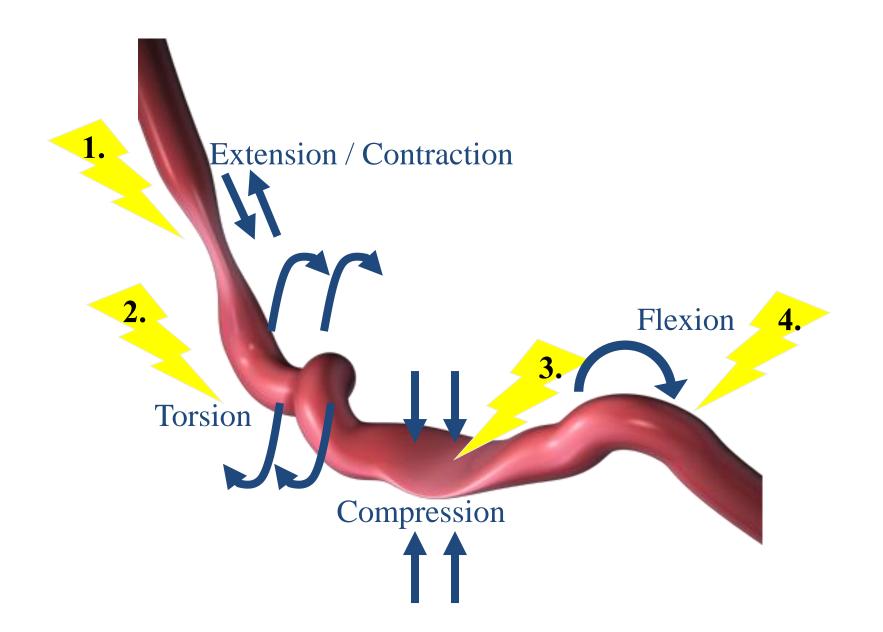
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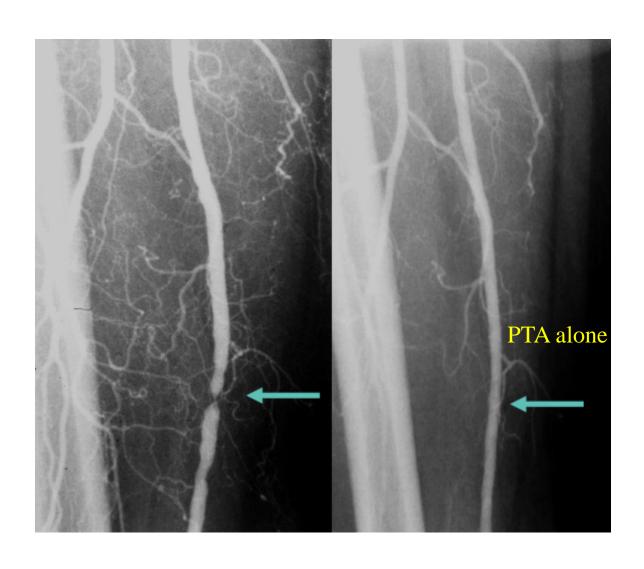
Treating more complex lesions

TASC 1 (2000)		TASC II (2007)
Stenosis <3cm	A	Stenosis ≤10cm Occlusion ≤5cm
Stenosis 3-5cm Occlusion <3cm	В	Stenosis/occlusion ≤15cm Calcified occlusion ≤5cm Single popliteal stenosis Multiple lesions, each ≤5cm
Stenosis/occlusion >5cm Multiple stenosis/occlusions 3-5cm	C	Stenosis/occlusion >15cm Recurrent restenosis
Occlusion >5cm	D	Occlusion >20cm involving Pop Popliteal occlusion

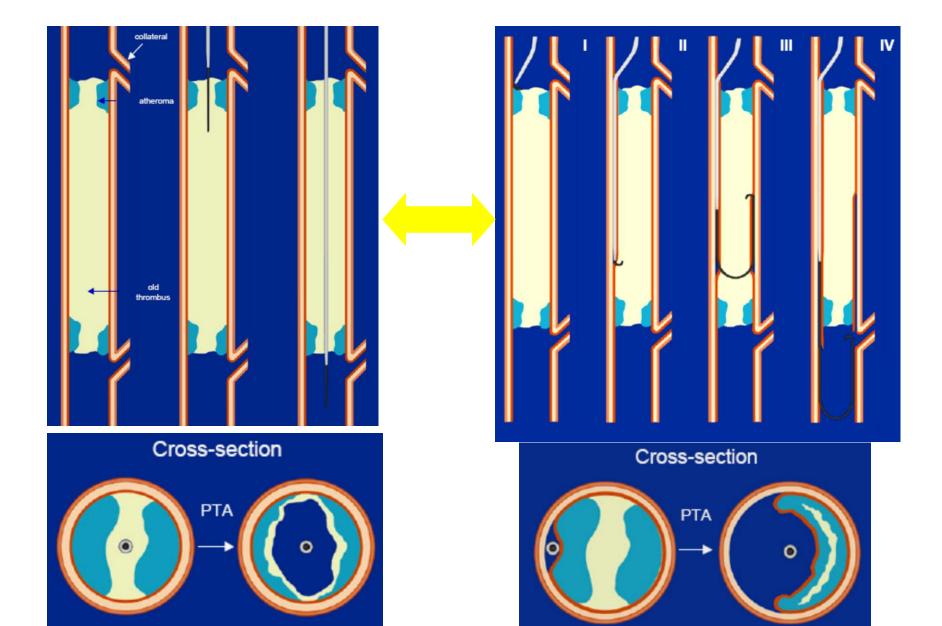
Forces Exerted On Stents In SFA



The Ideal SFA Lesion is Rare



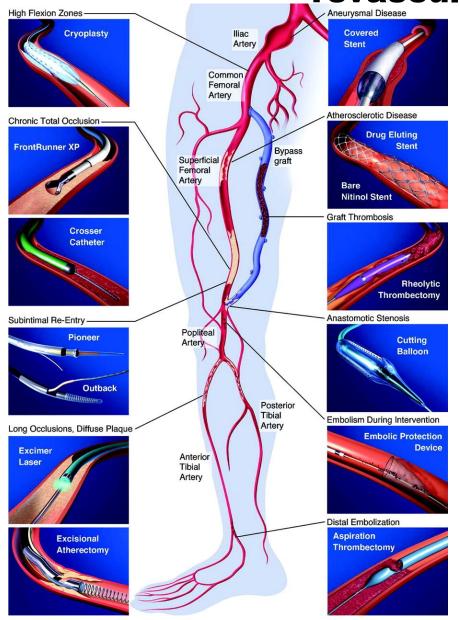
Intraluminal vs. Sub-intimal



Standard SFA Subintimal Technique



New technologies for lower extremity revascularization

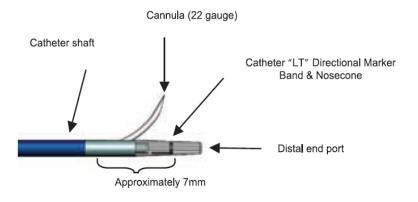


- Drugs
- Subintimal Angioplasty
- Bare Stents
- Covered stents
- Drug eluting Stents
- Drug eluting balloon
- Bioabsorbable Stents
- Brachytherapy
- Cryoplasty
- Cutting balloon
- Photodynamic therapy
- Debulking -artherectomy

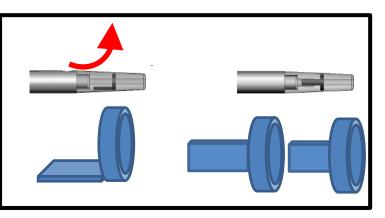
To solve passage or reentry problems

- 1. Reentry catheter
- 2. Retrograde approach
- 3. Bypass surgery

Distal Housing & Nosecone Assembly - Detail A











BTK / Infrapopliteal arteries

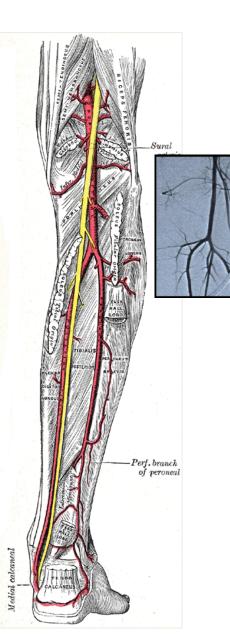
Popliteal, and Trifurcation (tibial & peroneal): 2-4mm

Main issues



- DM Occlusive Disease is more common in BTK
- Occlusion more common than stenoses: 2/3
- Critical Limb Ischemia > claudication
- Multilevel obstruction
- Need distal bypass surgery/major amputation
- Poor prognosis
- Low flow arteries
- Long segment disease: 50% >10cm

- Few randomized study
- Not good long term results
- No especially designed stent
 - 95% PTA,
 - 35% Stent,
 - 30% thrombolysis
- Savy balloon, long balloon





특징	신경병성 족부 궤양	허혈성-신경병성 족부궤양 (neuro-ischemic ulcer)
	(neuropathic ulcer)	(field o iselienile dieer)
통증	없음	있음
동맥 맥박	정상	소실
궤양의 모양	"Punched-out lesion"	불규칙한 변연
궤양의 위치	발바닥 혹은 발의 가장자리	주로 발가락
피부 경결	있다	없다 혹은 흔치 않다
감각 소실	있다	다양함
혈류	증가	감소
발등의 정맥	확장	수축
발의 체온	따듯하다	차다
족부 변형	있다	없다
발의 피부 색깔	붉다	창백 혹은 청색증





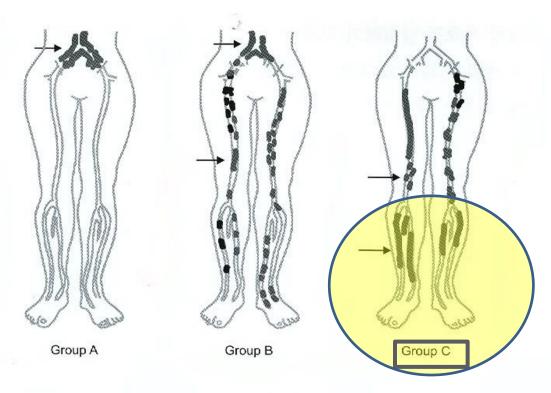
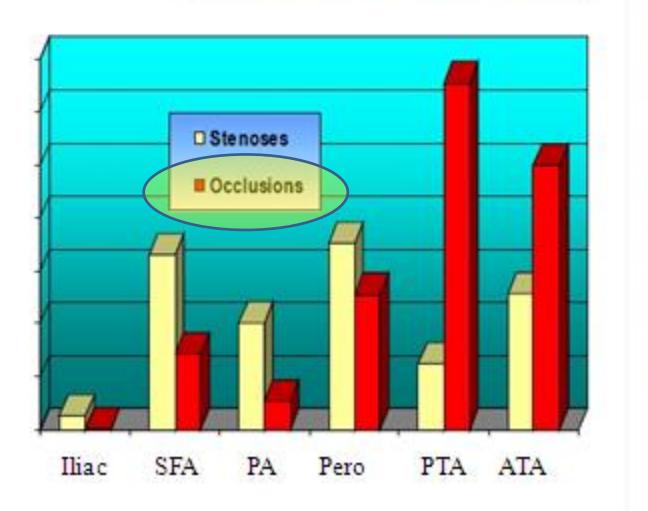


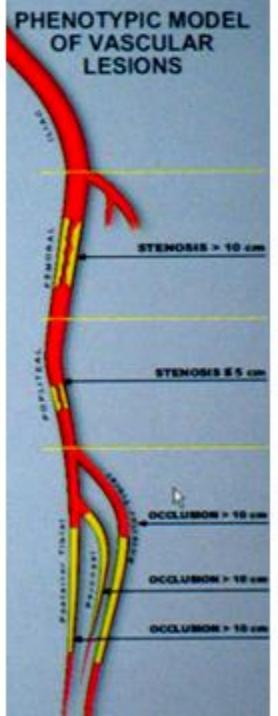
그림 2-2, 동맥경화증의 해부학적 위치, Group A: 대동맥 병변, Group B: 복합 병변, Group C: 하지 동맥 병변.

TYPE AND DISTRIBUTION OF 2,893 LESIONS in 417
Consecutive Diabetics with CLI and Ischemic Foot Ulcer:

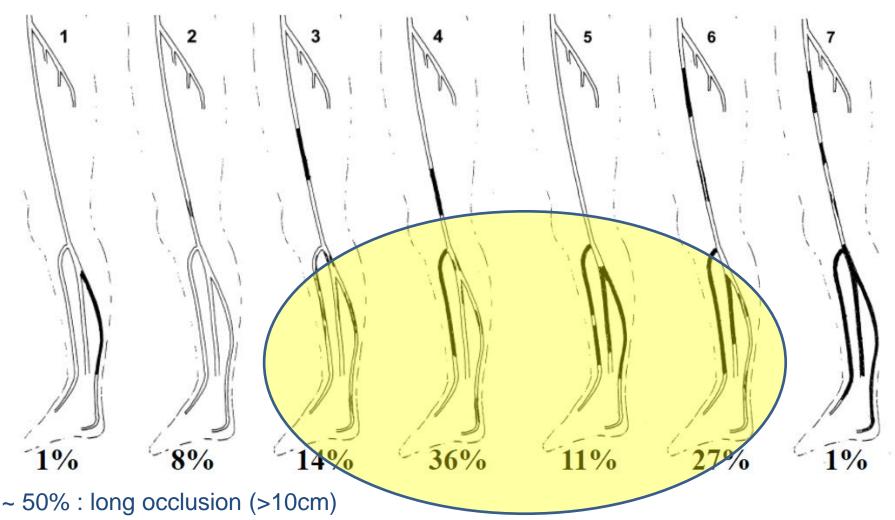
occlusions more common than stenoses!

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CLI: disease pattern



~ 30%: three-vessel occlusive lesions

~ 50%: at least one patent distal foot vessel

Why PTA for Complex BTK lesions?

- Angiosome -



ATA







CFA Angioplasty



Exposure of Popliteal Artery

FP bypass

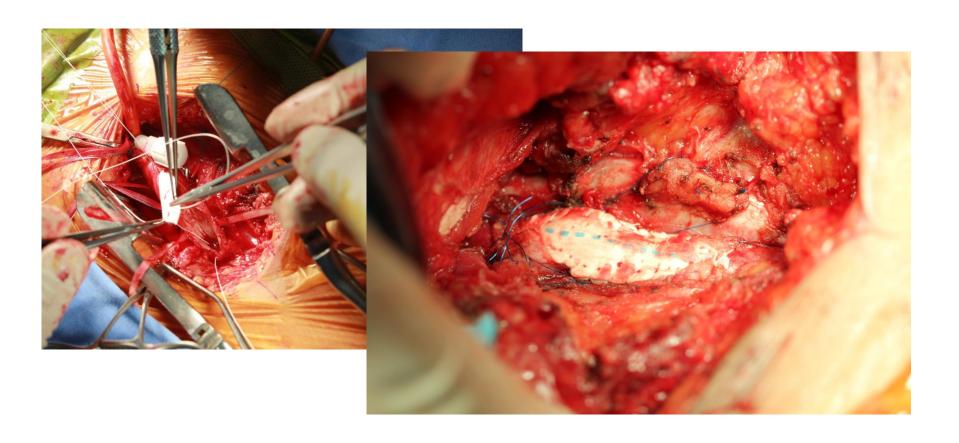


Retrograde approach



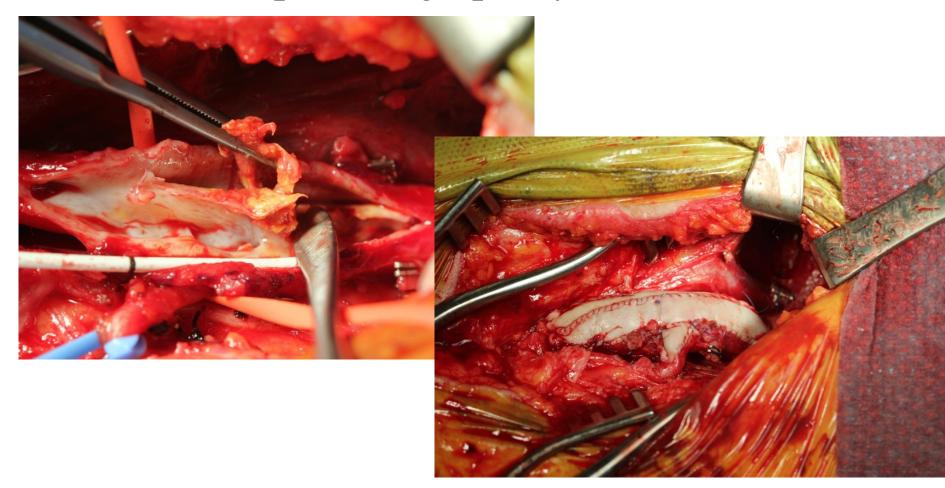
Angioplasty

• Graft angioplasty



Angioplasty

Pericardial patch angioplasty



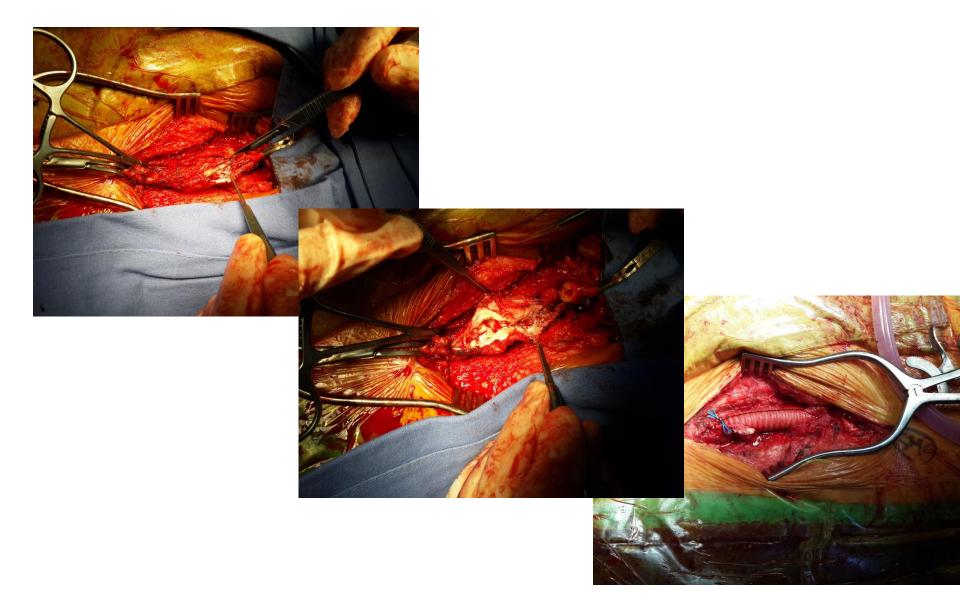
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Vein patch angioplasty

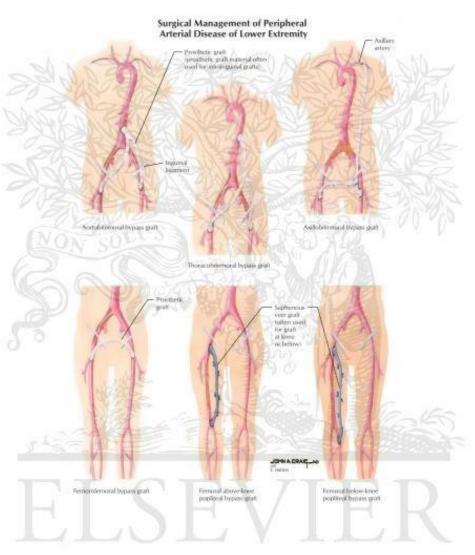


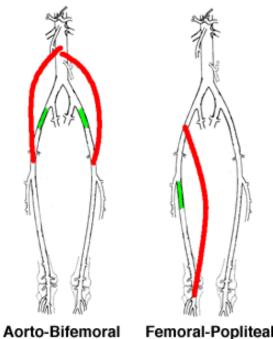


Graft Interposition



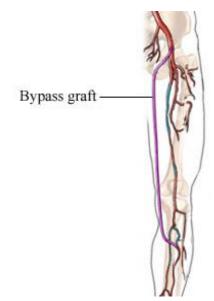
Bypass





Bypass





Bypass with Vein Graft

- Reversed vein
- In situ vein
- Non-reversed translocated vein
- Spliced vein





Bypass with Vein Graft

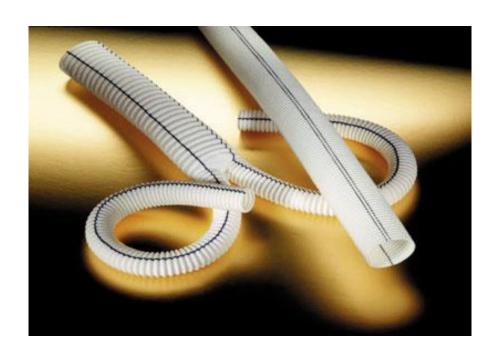
Inframalleolar bypass





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Graft



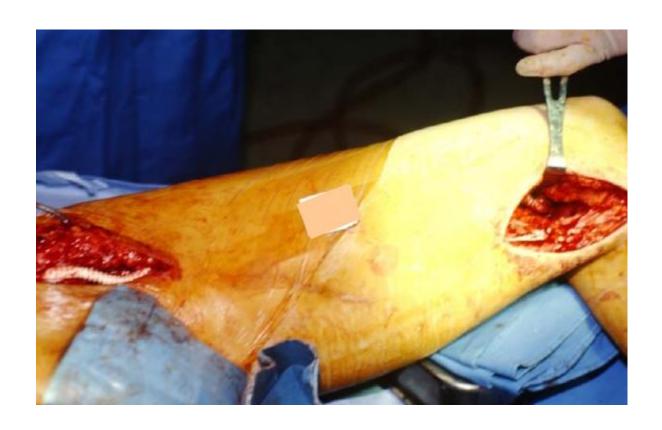
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Goretex® graft

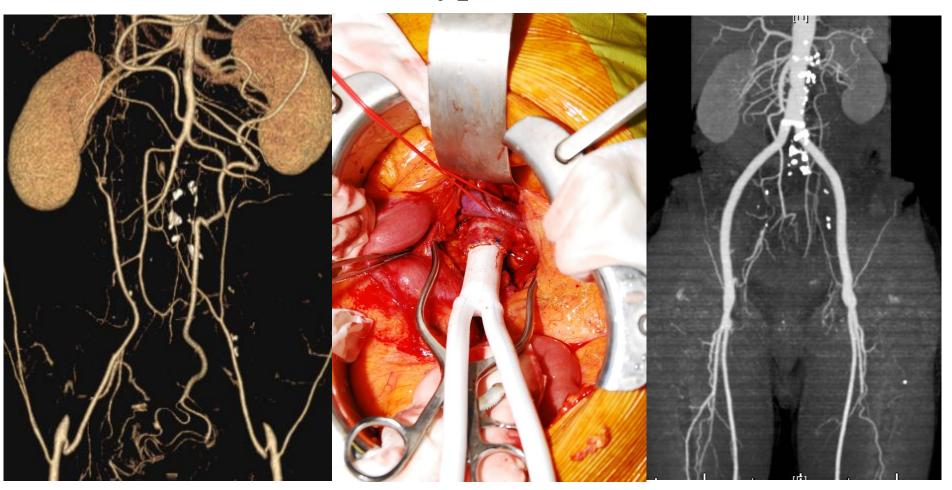
Bypass with Artificial Graft

Femoropopliteal bypass



Bypass with Artificial Graft

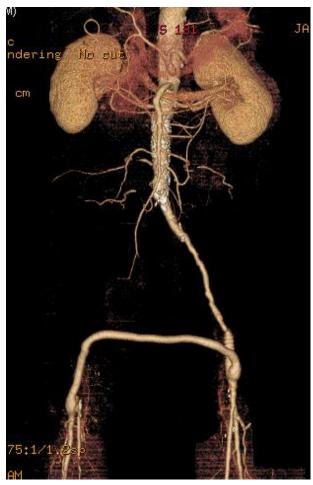
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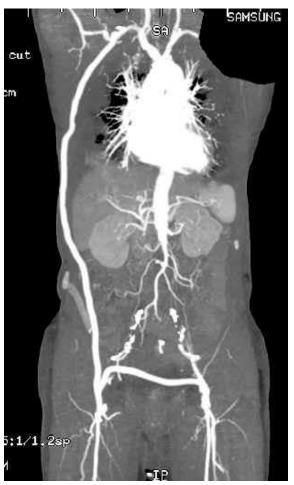
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Bypass with Artificial Graft

Extra-anatomical bypass



Fem-fem crossover bypass

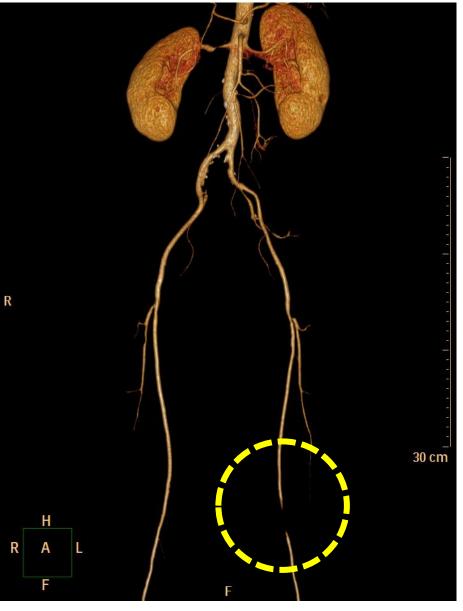


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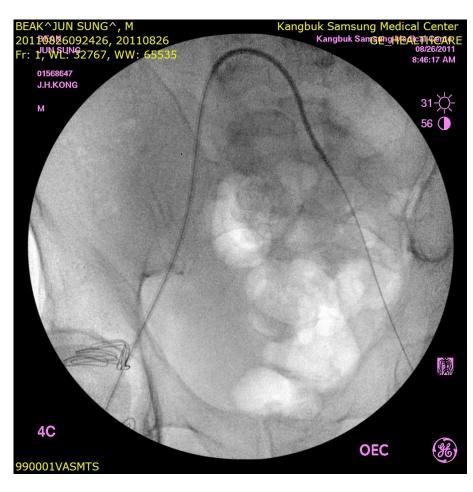
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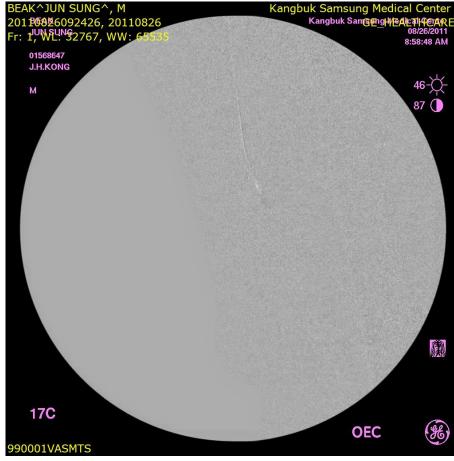
• Lt SFA Focal CTO: subintimal dissection



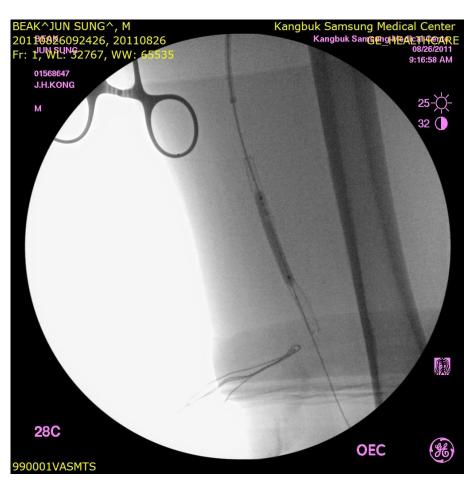


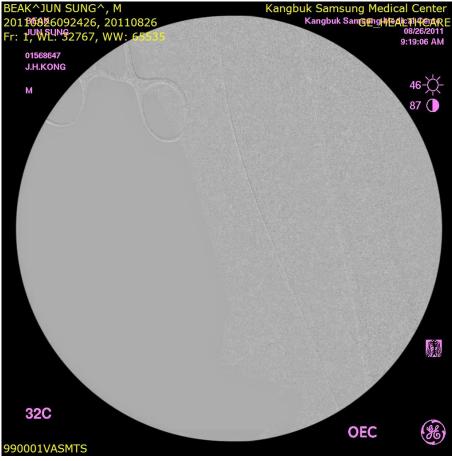
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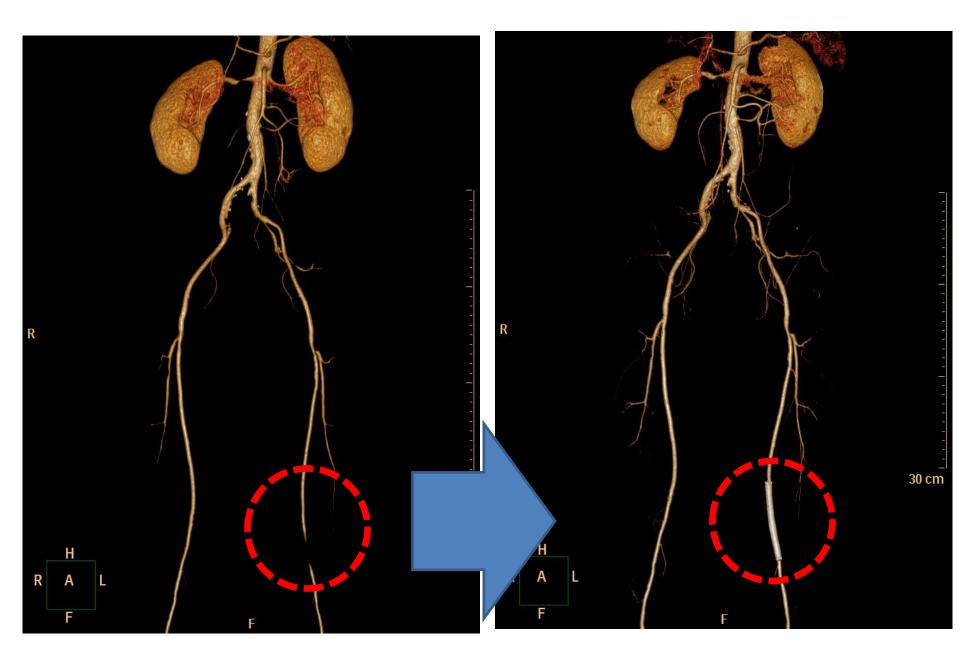




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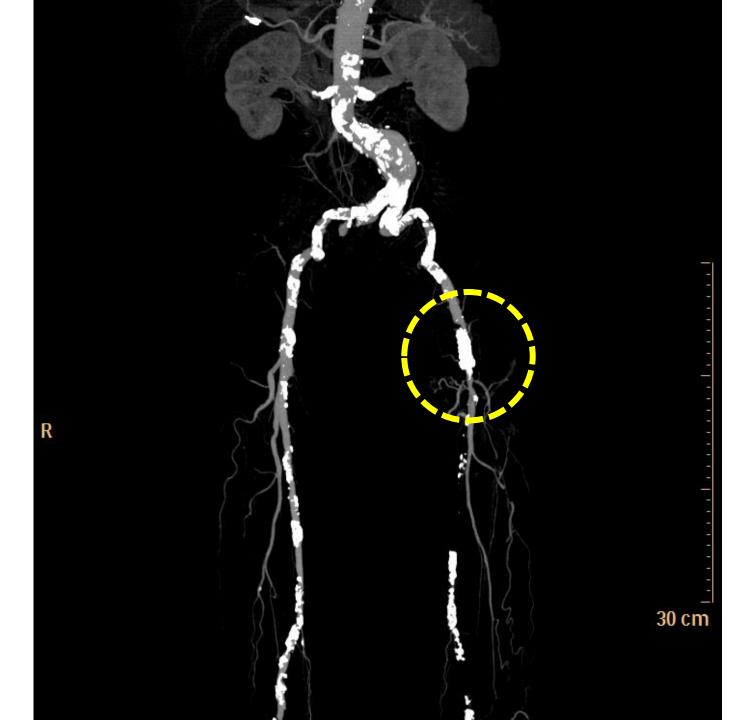
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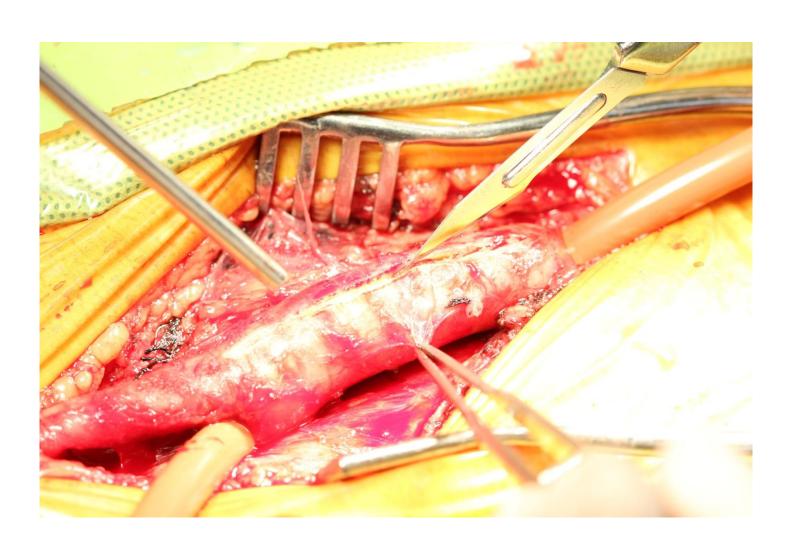
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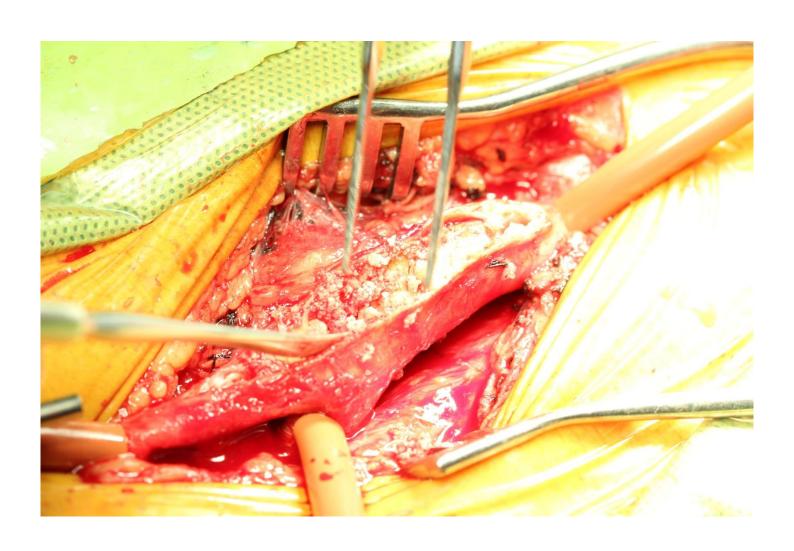
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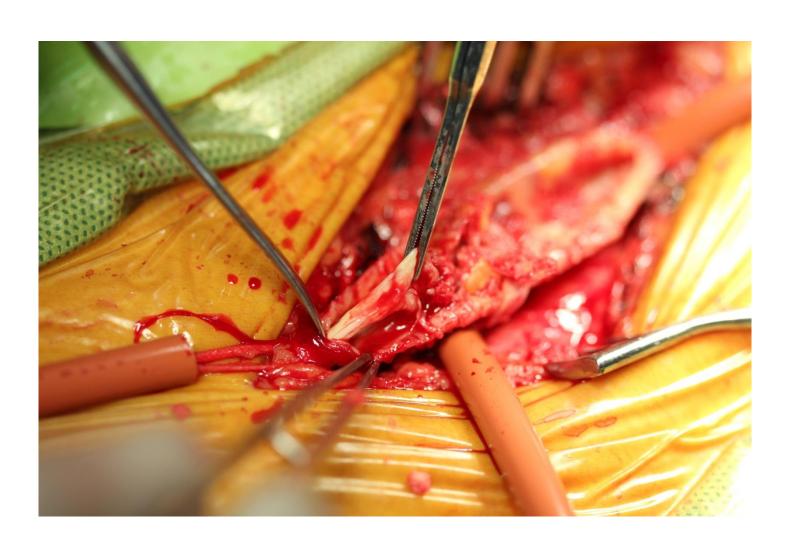
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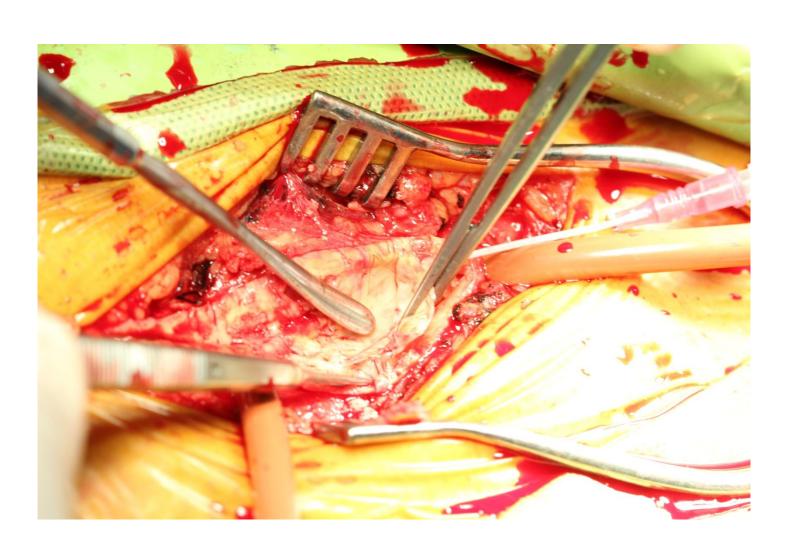


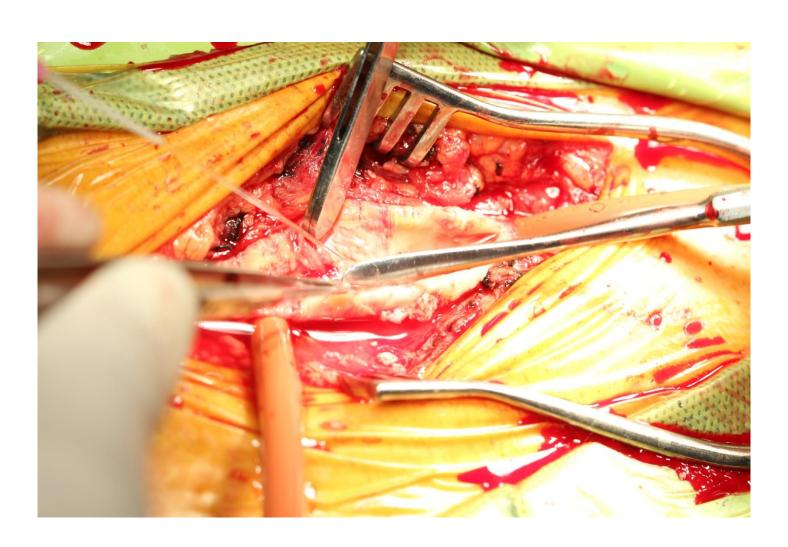


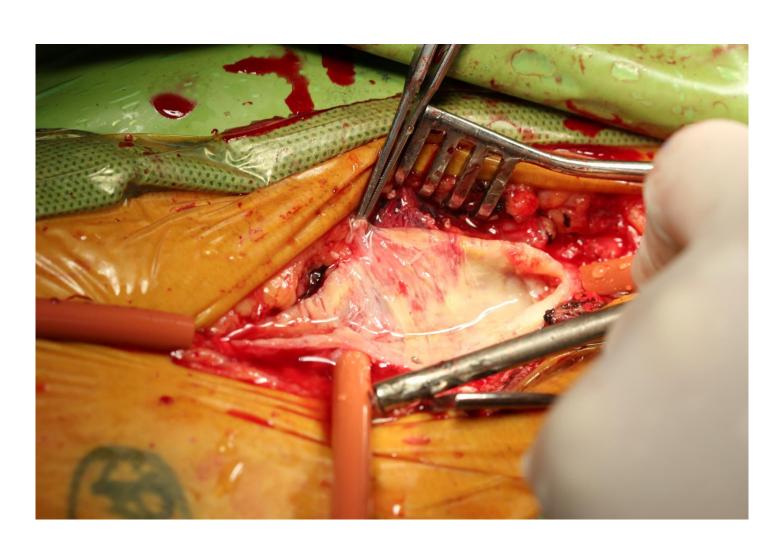


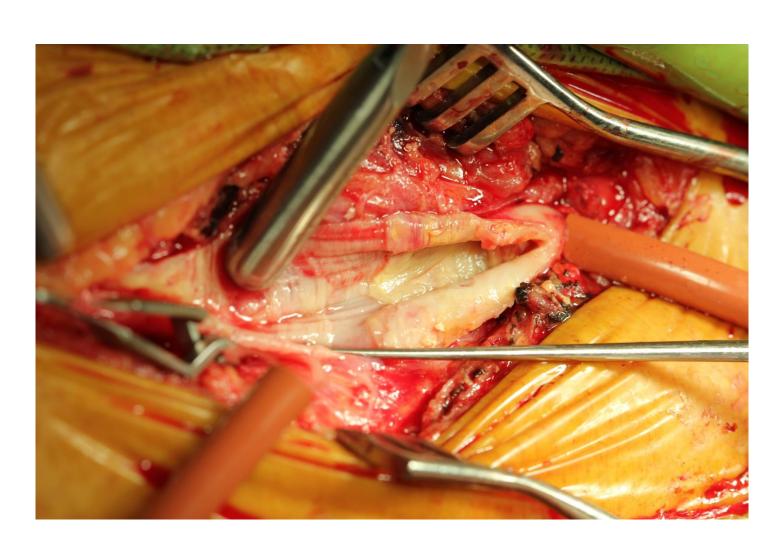


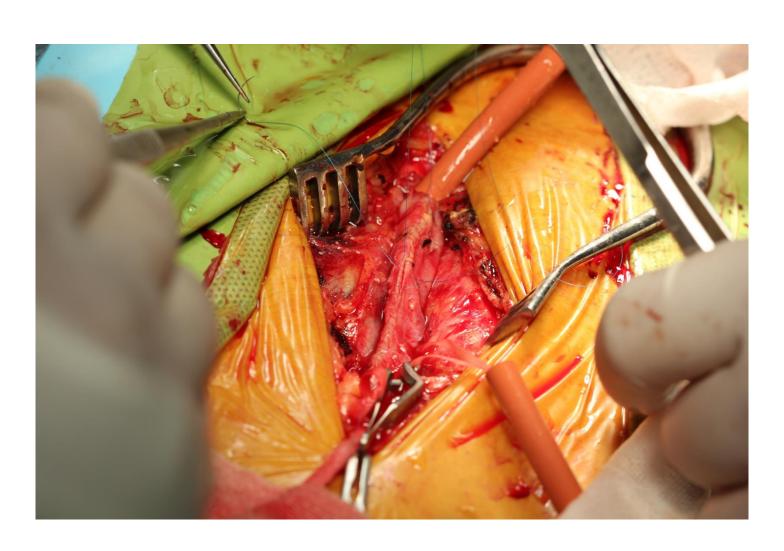


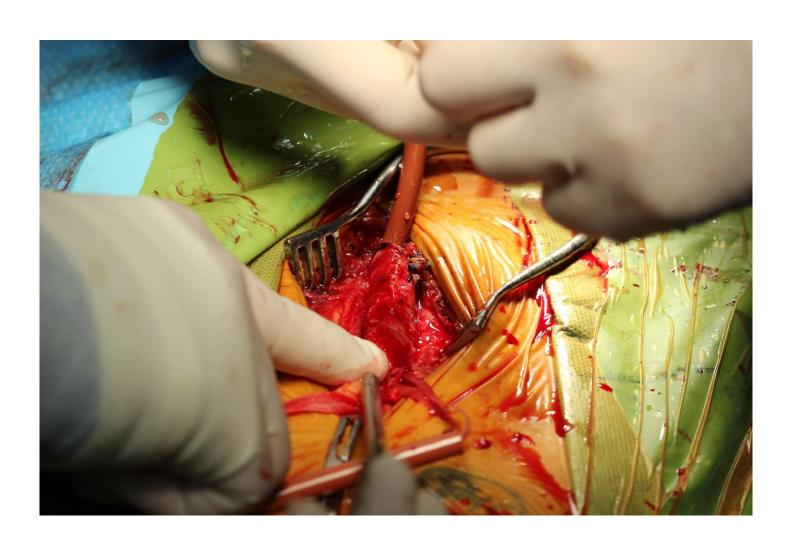




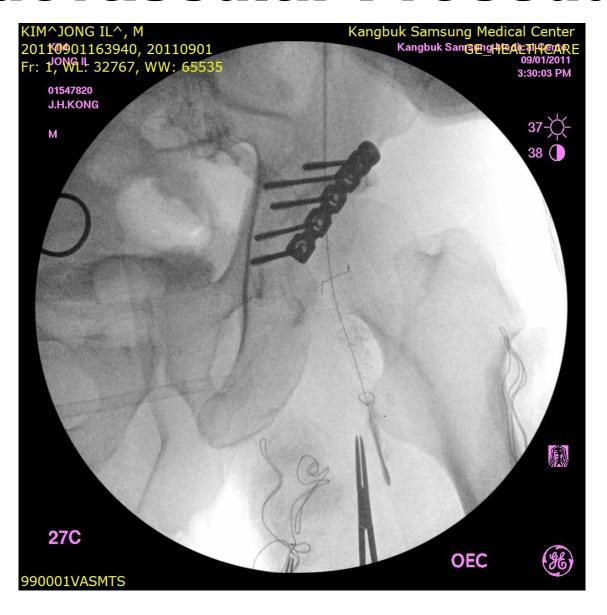




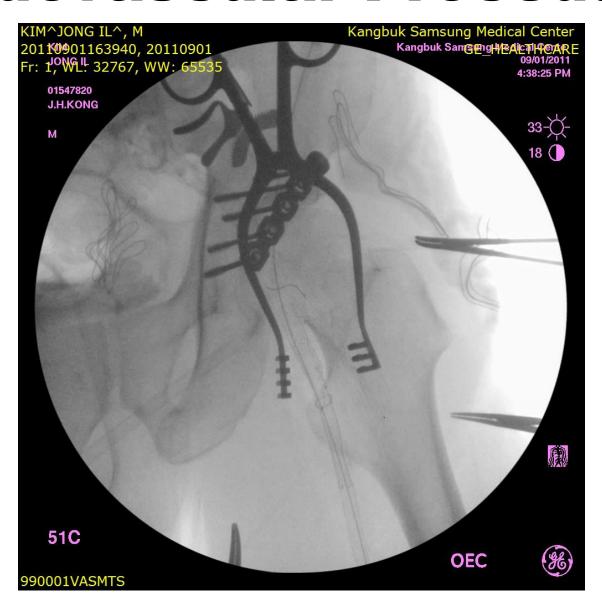




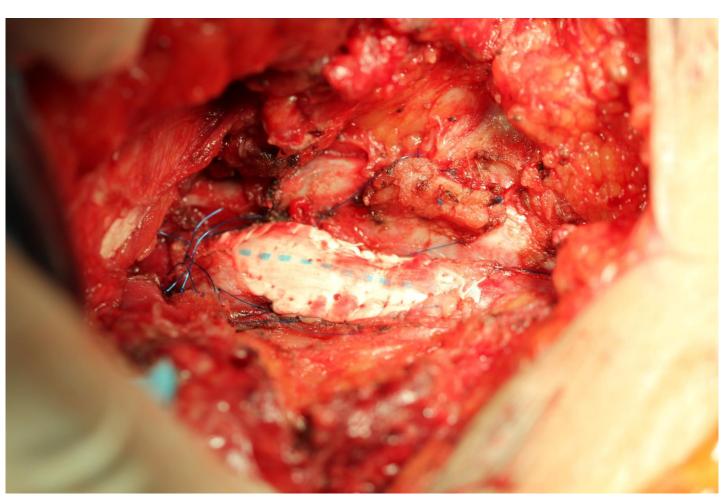
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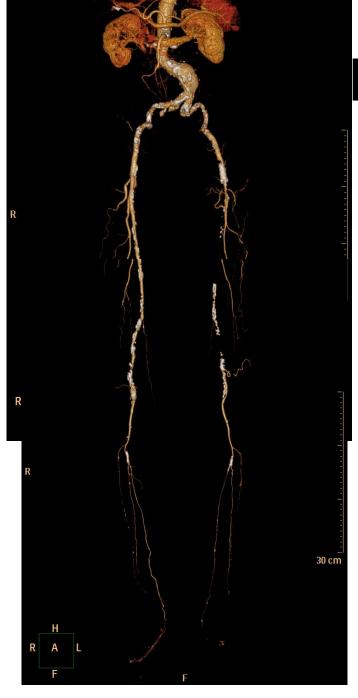


Endovascular Procedure



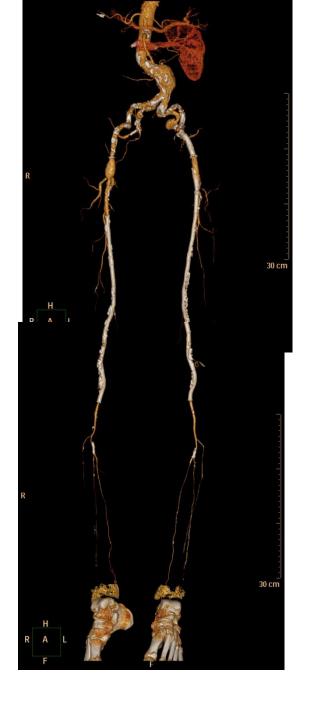
Op. Field at 2nd Op. (Right Side)





Postop.





IV. Future & Conclusion

- New Devices & New Concepts
- Nano Technologies

Translational Technologies in EVAR:Multimodality



Figure 1. Multimodality interventional translational suite: electromagnetic (EM) tracking, ultrasound, fluoroscopy, and computed tomography (CT) imaging during a preclinical nonsurvival procedure examining the accuracy of navigational paradigms using smart interventional devices enabled with the medical equivalent of GPS.

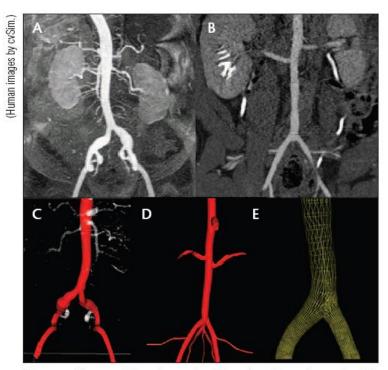


Figure 2. Human CT angiography (A), swine CT angiography (B), and 3D volume rendering of human (C) and swine (D) abdominal aortoiliac region. A simulation tool (cvSim, Cardiovascular Simulation, Inc., Stanford, CA) was used to generate 3D images (C,D) and computational grid for swine (E) that allows for flow and force evaluations.

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Translational Technologies in EVAR:Multimodality

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Figure 6. The Sensei control workstation (Hansen Medical, Mountain View, CA) allows the physician to control catheter positioning and provides force feedback (A). The mechanically positioned robotic drives the Artisan control catheter for manipulations within the vasculature (B).



Figure 1. The Sensei robotic system Hansen Medical, Mountain View, CA) workstation is shown outside the angiography suite during cannulation of the short contralateral limb of an infrarenal Endurant stent graft (Medtronic, Inc., Minneapolis, MN).

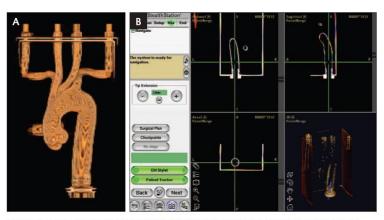


Figure 2. A pulsatile silicon arch model representing an angulated type III aortic arch (A).

The Stealth electromagnetic navigation system (Medtronic, Inc.) combines cross-sectional

Inetic tracking of microposition sensors located at the tip of an e operator can use the cross-sectional images to navigate through this pulsatile silicon model successfully and accurately with minisel wall and without fluoroscopic guidance.

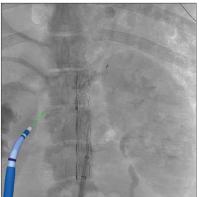


Figure 3. Successful antegrade in situ fenestration of an aortic stent graft (16-mm iliac extension covered stent; Endurant, Medtronic, Inc.) with subsequent stenting of the left renal artery in a porcine model. The robotic catheter can be seen in position, adjacent to the orifice of the left renal artery.

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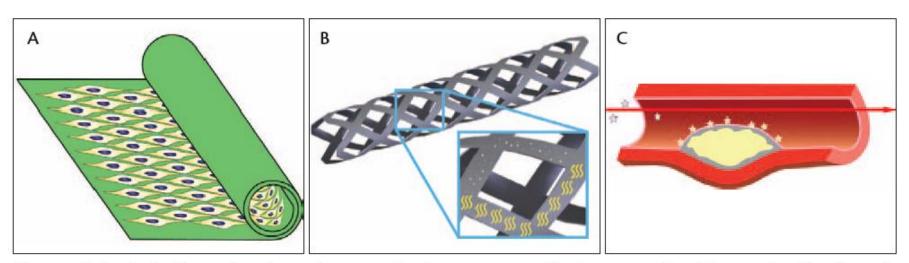


Figure 1. Technological innovations leveraging nanotechnology are expected in three categories with examples of anticipated or current technologies in engineered tissues assembling cells and proteins into physiologically correct microstructures (A). Hybrid stents combining nanotopography or functionalized surfaces to promote integration with native tissues and augmented for improved material properties (B). Medical tools that use nanostructures or devices for improved imaging and ablation of diseased tissues (C).

Human Technology => Human Philosophy

- Certainly, our patients have benefited greatly from new technologies, devices, and cardiovascular treatment strategies, and these are integral to improving outcomes, but they do not ensure a successful cardiovascular center of excellence.
- The creation of a true multidisciplinary team approach is at the very core of the center of excellence concept.
- Perhaps when creating any center of excellence, the first technology to get right is the "human philosophy."