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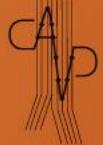


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How to Categorize the Infrarenal  
Neck Properly?

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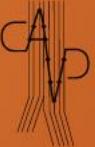
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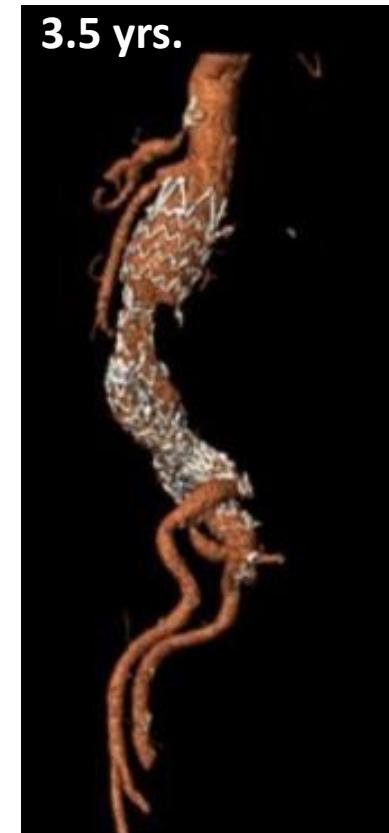
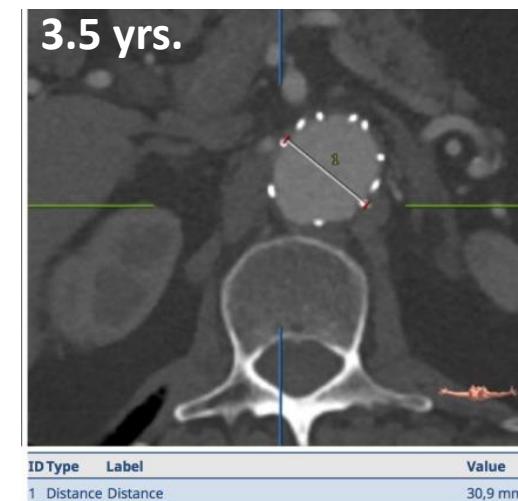
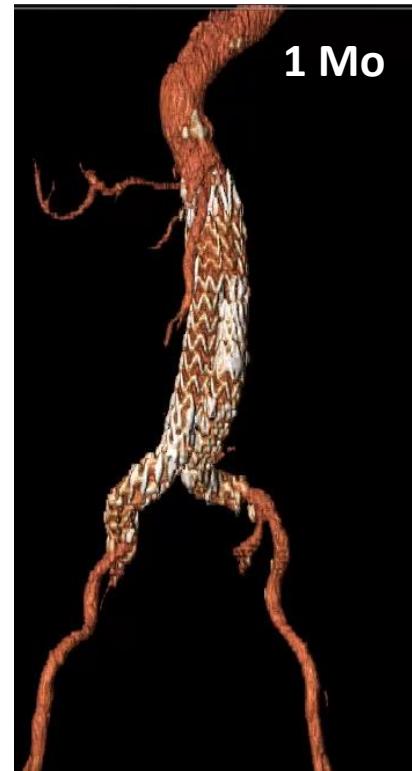
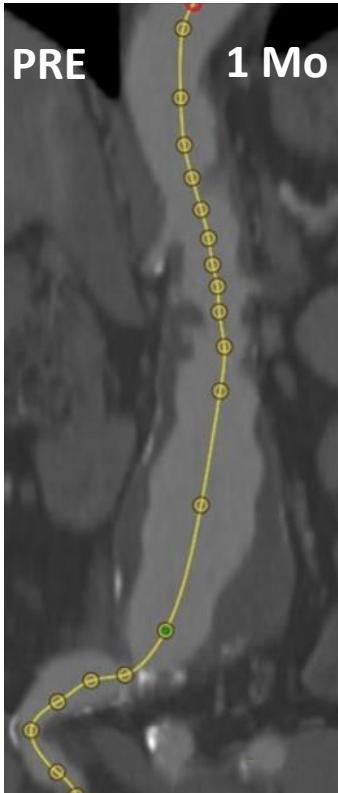
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# *Goal of EVAR: Prevent Aneurysm Rupture*

Proximal Sealing and Fixation



## *Definition*

- *Infrarenal neck* = « segment of the aorta from the most caudal main renal artery to the onset of the aneurysm »
- *Categorize* = « to put people or things into groups with **same features** »
- *Properly*= « in a manner suitable for the occasion or purpose »

# *Standardized Assessment of Proximal Aortic Neck*

## Accurate Measurement

- Dedicated workstations
- Central lumen line
- REAL Neck
- By Implanter
- Planning
  - Oversizing
  - C-arm angulation

### The Benefits of EVAR Planning Using a 3D Workstation CME

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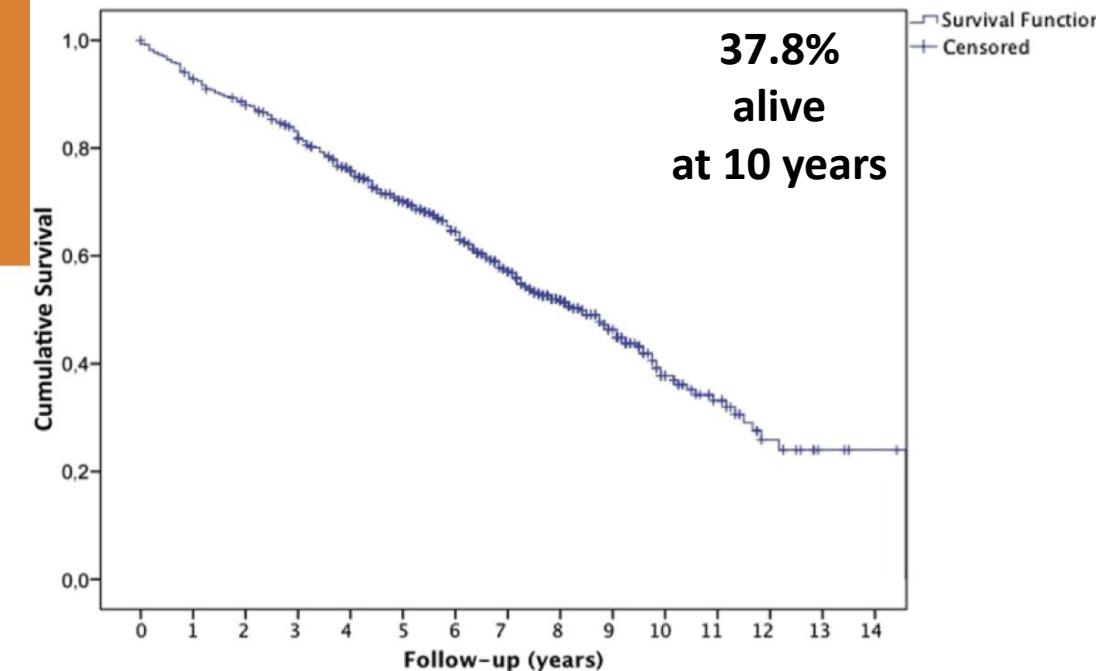


**IFU**

## Proximal Neck

- Length
- Angulation
- Composition *calcification, trombus*
- Shape
- Diameter

400 million cycles



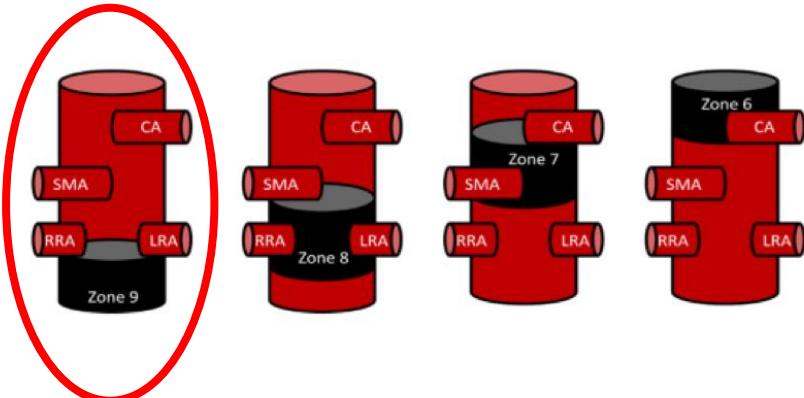
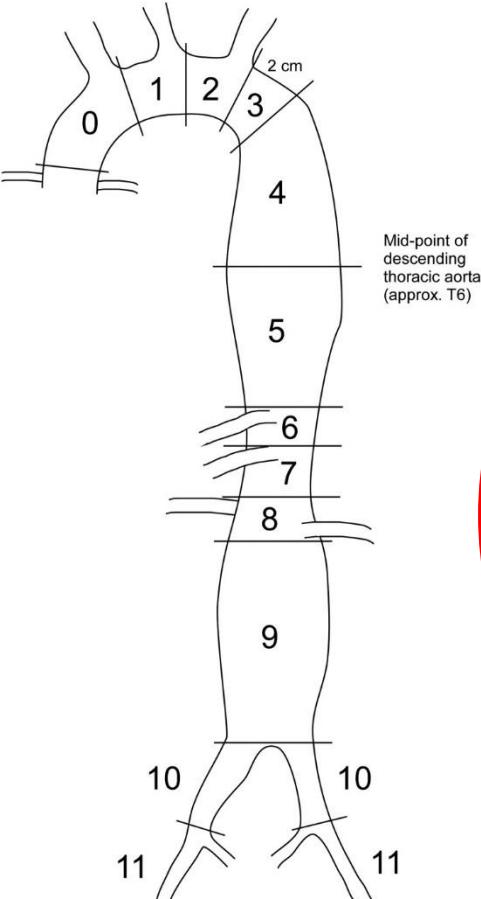
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| Years                    | 0   | 1    | 2   | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | 7    | 8    | 9    | 10   | 11   | 12   | 13 | 14 |
|--------------------------|-----|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|----|----|
| N at risk                | 610 | 599  | 535 | 493  | 436  | 371  | 307  | 241  | 161  | 96   | 50   | 30   | 14   | 4  | 2  |
| Survival. % <sup>a</sup> | 100 | 92.8 | 88  | 81.8 | 75.7 | 70.1 | 64.4 | 57.0 | 51.9 | 46.4 | 37.8 | 33.2 | 25.8 | 24 | 24 |



# ESVS guidelines

Eur J Vasc Endovasc Surg 2011; 41: S1-58



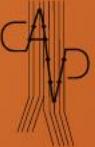
# SVS guidelines

J Vasc Surg 2018; 67(1): 2-77

- Neck diameter  $>17 \text{ mm}$ ,  $< 32 \text{ mm}$
- Angle between the suprarenal aorta and the juxtarenal aorta  $<60^\circ$
- Angle between the juxtarenal aorta and the long axis of the aneurysm sac  $<60^\circ - 90^\circ$
- Neck length  $>10 \text{ mm}$ ;
- Neck thrombus covering  $<50\%$  of the proximal neck circumference
- Neck dilated  $<3 \text{ mm}$  within 10 mm of the most caudal renal artery
- Focal neck enlargement  $<3 \text{ mm}$  within 15 mm from the most caudal renal artery
- Neck calcification  $<50\%$  of the proximal neck circumference

## Device specific IFU

- Infrarenal fixation: diameter  $<32 \text{ mm}$ , length  $>15 \text{ mm}$ ,  $<60^\circ$  angulation
- Suprarenal fixation ... when the morphologic features of the proximal neck are unfavorable...



- Chaikof *J Vasc Surg* 2002; 35(5): 1061-6

| Infrarenal Neck | Absent = 0 | Mild= 1  | Moderate = 2 | Severe = 3    |
|-----------------|------------|----------|--------------|---------------|
| Length (mm)     | >25        | 15-25    | 10-15        | <10           |
| Diameter (mm)   | <24        | 24-26    | 26-28        | <b>&gt;28</b> |
| Angulation °    | >150°      | 135-150° | 120-135°     | <120°         |
| Composition     | <25%       | 25-50%   | >50%         | -             |

Based on " best current opinion" ...

Hostile Neck?

- Schanzer *Circulation* 2011; 123(24): 2848-55

| Conserv IFU  | Liberal IFU    | Outside liberal IFU   |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| >15<br>57.8% | 10-15<br>17.8% | <10<br>24.4%          |
| <28<br>91.4% | 28-32<br>6.6%  | <b>&gt;32</b><br>2.2% |
| <45<br>72.7% | 45-60<br>19.6% | >60<br>7.7%           |

Hostile Neck?

Multicentre observational study ...

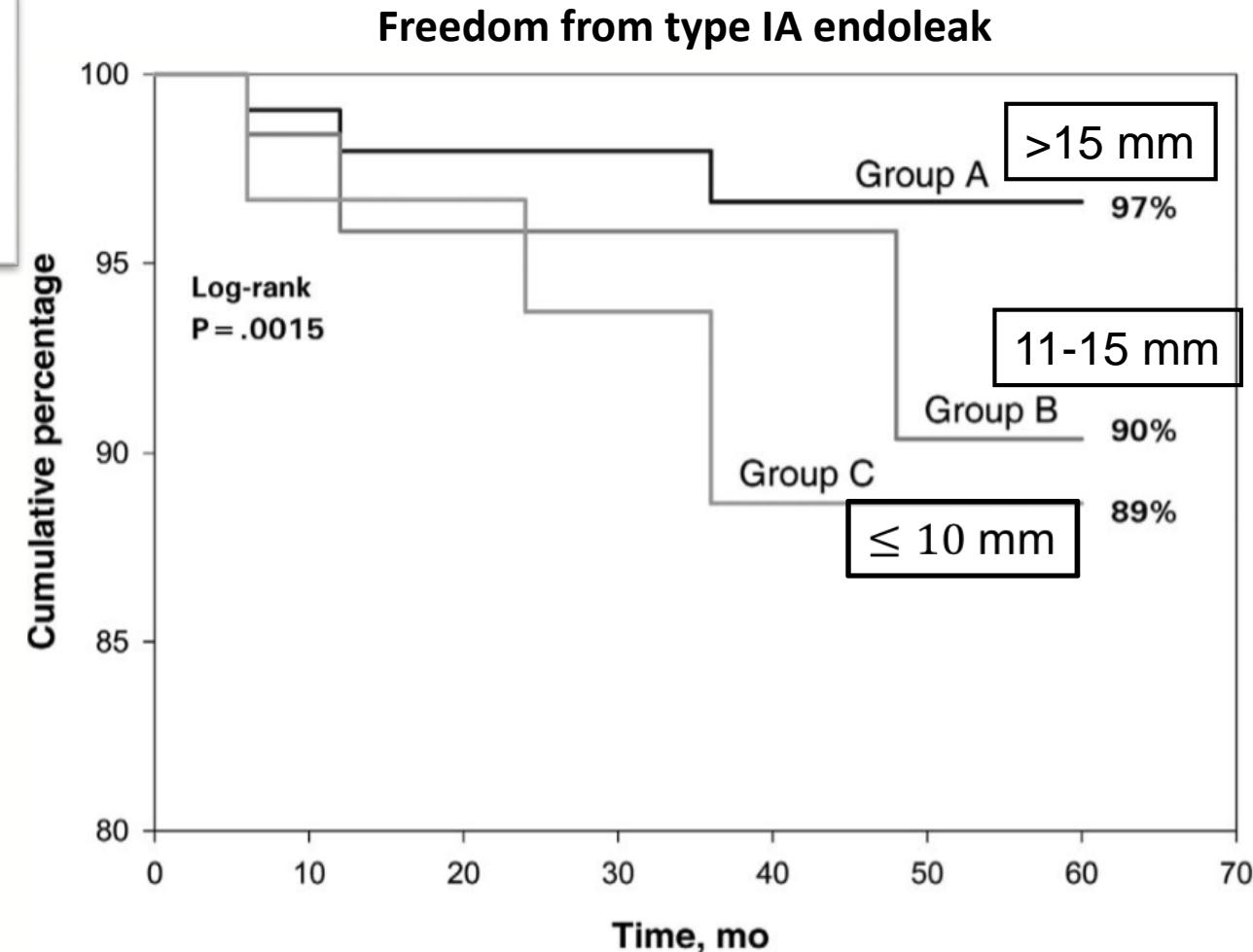
# I. Neck length >15 ,10-15 or 4-10???

## Influence of Infrarenal Neck Length on Outcome of Endovascular Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair

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JEVT 2006; 13: 640-8

- N= 3499
- Suprarenal fixation: Talent or Zenith





Results of standard suprarenal fixation endografts for abdominal aortic aneurysms with neck length  $\leq 10$  mm in high-risk patients unfit for open repair and fenestrated endograft

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J Vasc Surg 2016; 64: 563-70

60 patients - ASA III-IV

70% 5 yrs. survival

- Neck length: mean 8.4 mm SD 1.6
- Neck diameter: mean 23.5 mm SD 3

*Univariate Cox analysis*

*Multivariate Cox analysis*

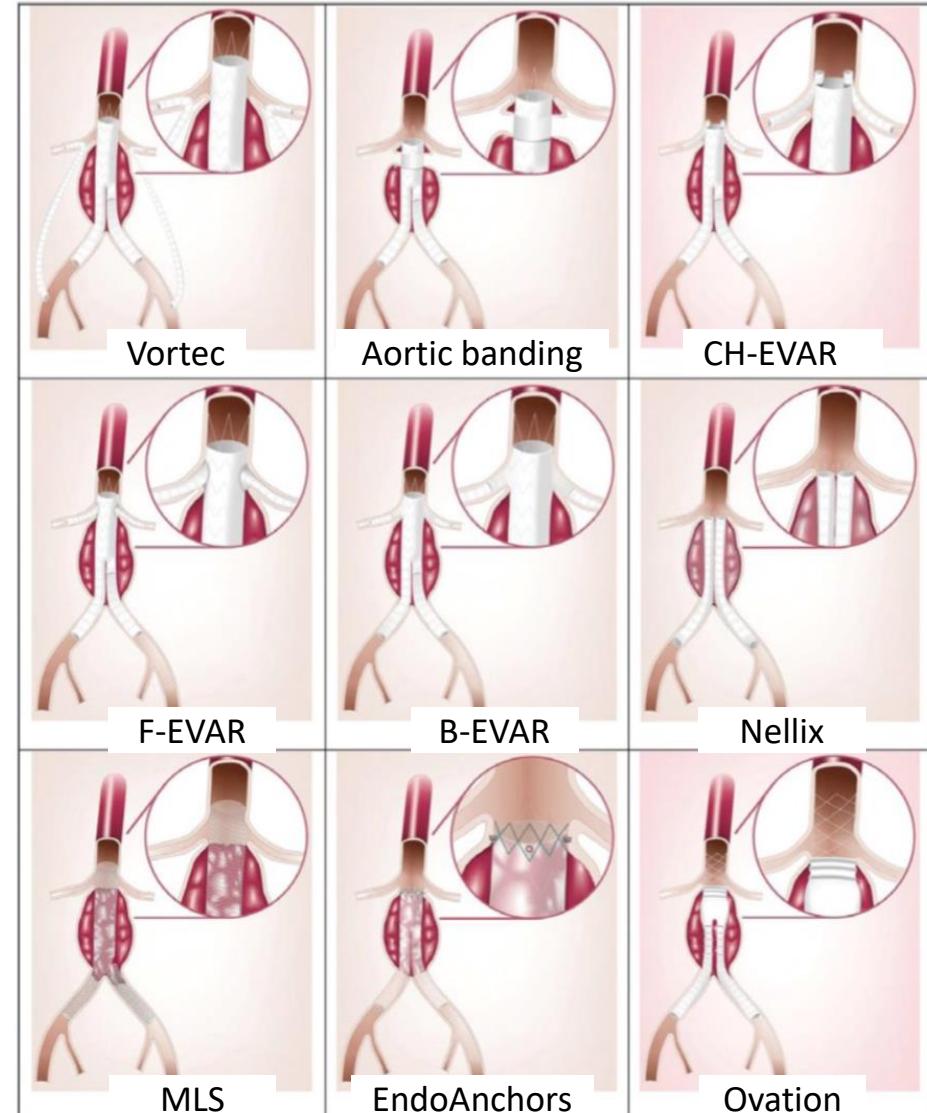
|                                  | HR              | 95% CI    | P                | HR   | 95% CI    | P   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|------------------|------|-----------|-----|
| Proximal type I endoleak         |                 |           |                  |      |           |     |
| Neck length $<7$ mm <sup>a</sup> | 2.82            | 0.25-31.4 | .40              | —    | —         | —   |
| $\alpha \geq 60$ degrees         | 25.8            | 2.20-302  | .01              | 25.8 | 2.20-302  | .01 |
| $\beta \geq 60$ degrees          | NE <sup>b</sup> | —         | .01 <sup>d</sup> | —    | —         | —   |
| Severe NC                        | 2.42            | 0.22-26.7 | .47              | —    | —         | —   |
| Severe NT                        | 6.00            | 0.54-66.4 | .14              | —    | —         | —   |
| Oversize $<15\%$                 | NE <sup>c</sup> | —         | .33 <sup>d</sup> | —    | —         | —   |
| Reinterventions                  |                 |           |                  |      |           |     |
| Neck length $<7$ mm <sup>a</sup> | 5.56            | 1.21-25.6 | .03              | 6.78 | 1.41-32.6 | .02 |
| $\alpha \geq 60$ degrees         | 11.7            | 1.58-86.4 | .03              | 15.5 | 1.90-127  | .01 |
| $\beta \geq 60$ degrees          | 1.70            | 0.42-6.96 | .46              | —    | —         | —   |
| Severe NC                        | 0.99            | 0.12-8.39 | .99              | —    | —         | —   |
| Severe NT                        | 1.37            | 0.26-7.11 | .71              | —    | —         | —   |
| Oversize $<15\%$                 | NE <sup>c</sup> | —         | .11 <sup>d</sup> | —    | —         | —   |



## ≥4 <10 mm infrarenal neck...

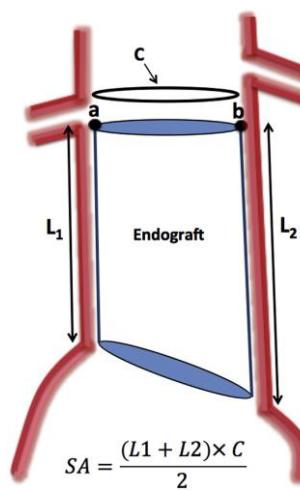
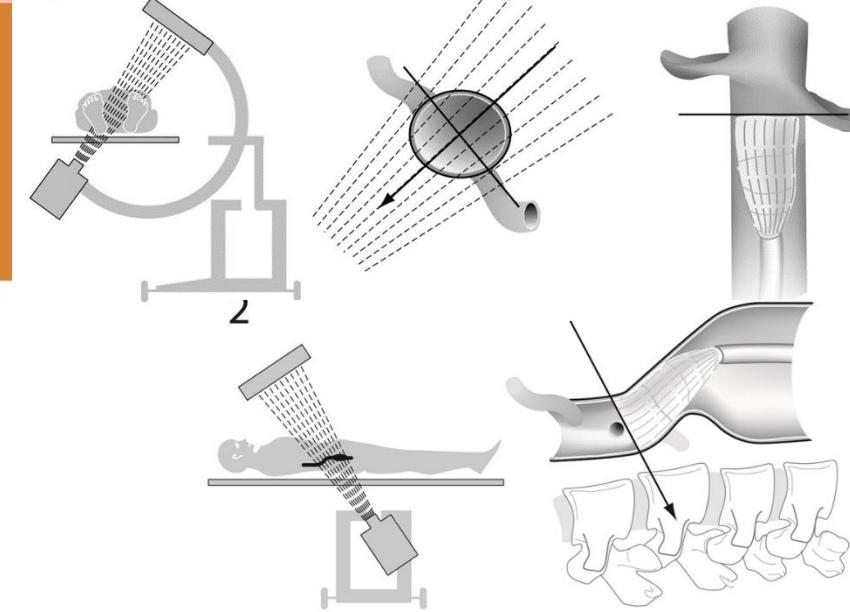


- Need for OR or advanced endovascular techniques
- Strict surveillance
- Disease progression...
- Time will tell!!!



# Keep in mind!!!

- Sealing zone is shorter than neck length
- Technical Accuracy:
  - Adequate imaging for precise placement
  - Fabric is classically placed 2-3mm below lowest renal artery
  - Angulated necks: get rid of parallax to avoid loss of sealing zone
  - Planning and Rehearsal



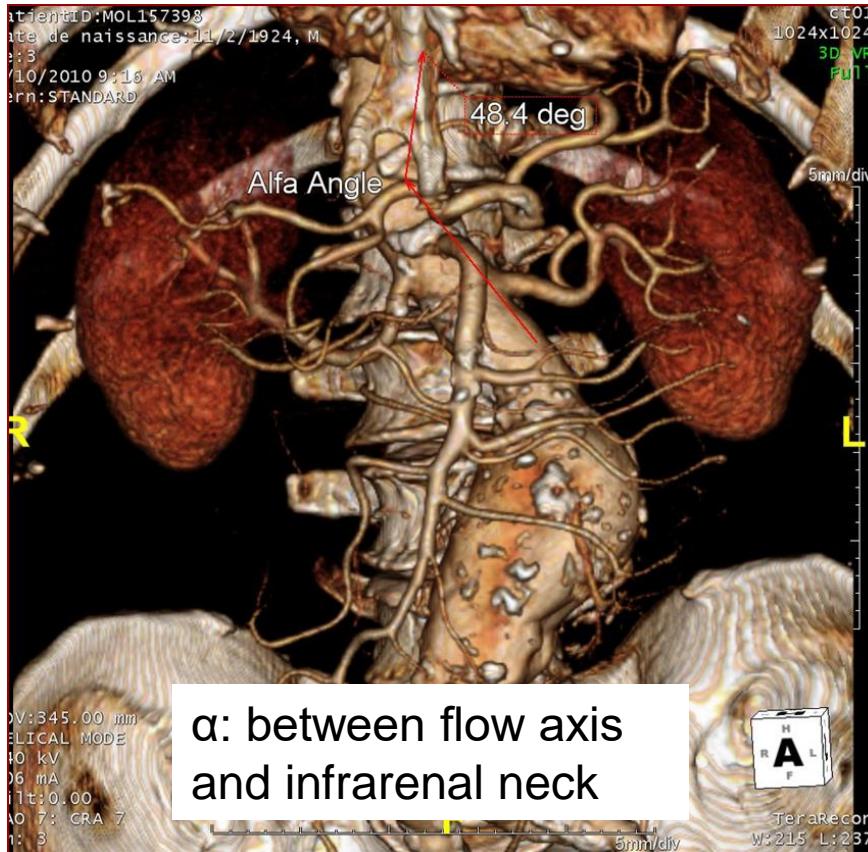
**Acceptable** (score 1 or 2)

- Partial renal artery coverage  $\leq 2$  mm OR
- $\leq 2-4$  mm distal to the renal artery orifice

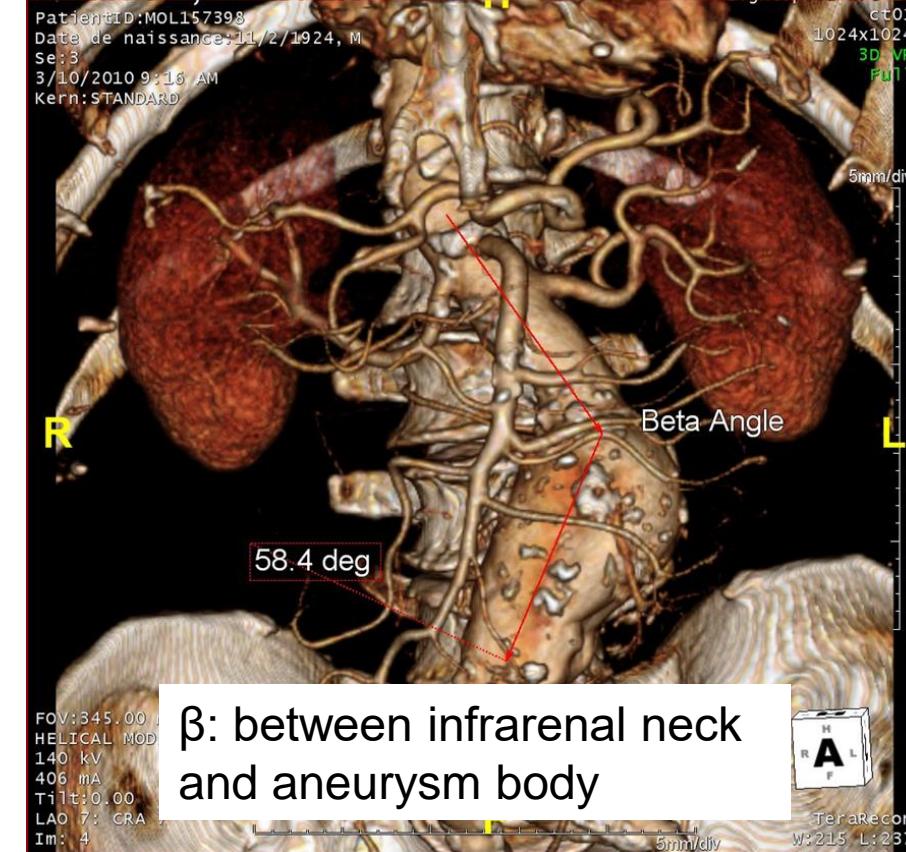
**Unacceptable** (score 3 or 4)



## II. Neck angulation $\alpha<45^\circ$ , $\beta<60^\circ$



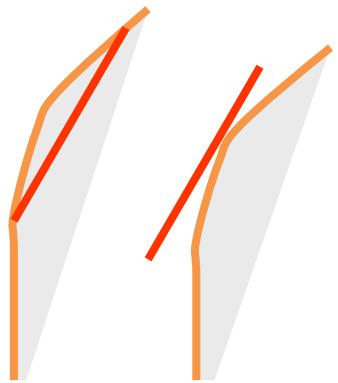
$\alpha$ : between flow axis  
and infrarenal neck



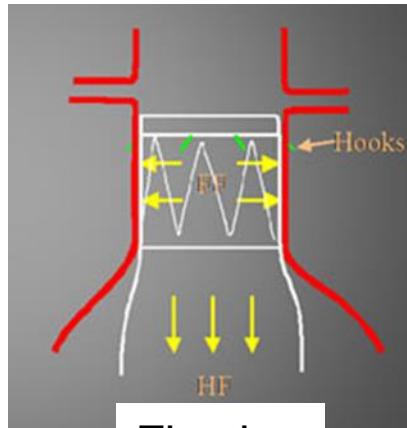
$\beta$ : between infrarenal neck  
and aneurysm body



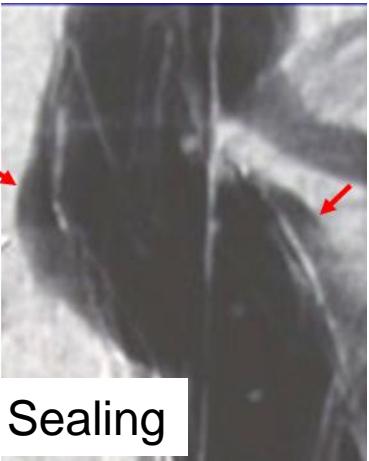
# Angulation <60°



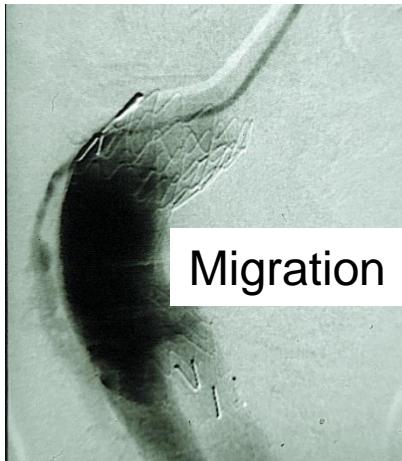
Apposition



Fixation



Sealing



Migration

## Predictors of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Sac Enlargement After Endovascular Repair

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10228 patients post-EVAR

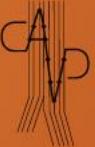
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| <45                  | Reference                              |         |
| 45–60                | 1.04 (0.90–1.21)                       | 0.58    |
| >60                  | 1.96 (1.63–2.37)                       | <0.0001 |



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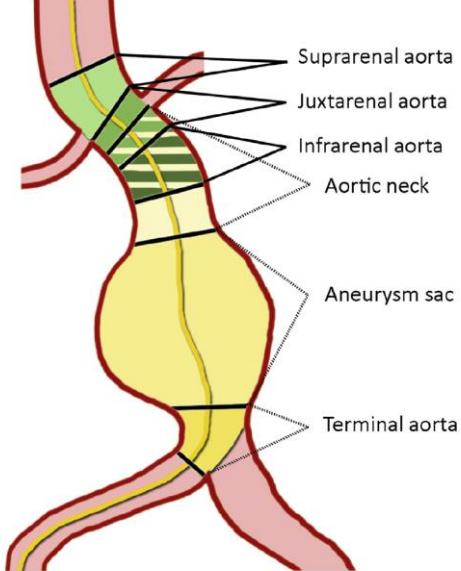
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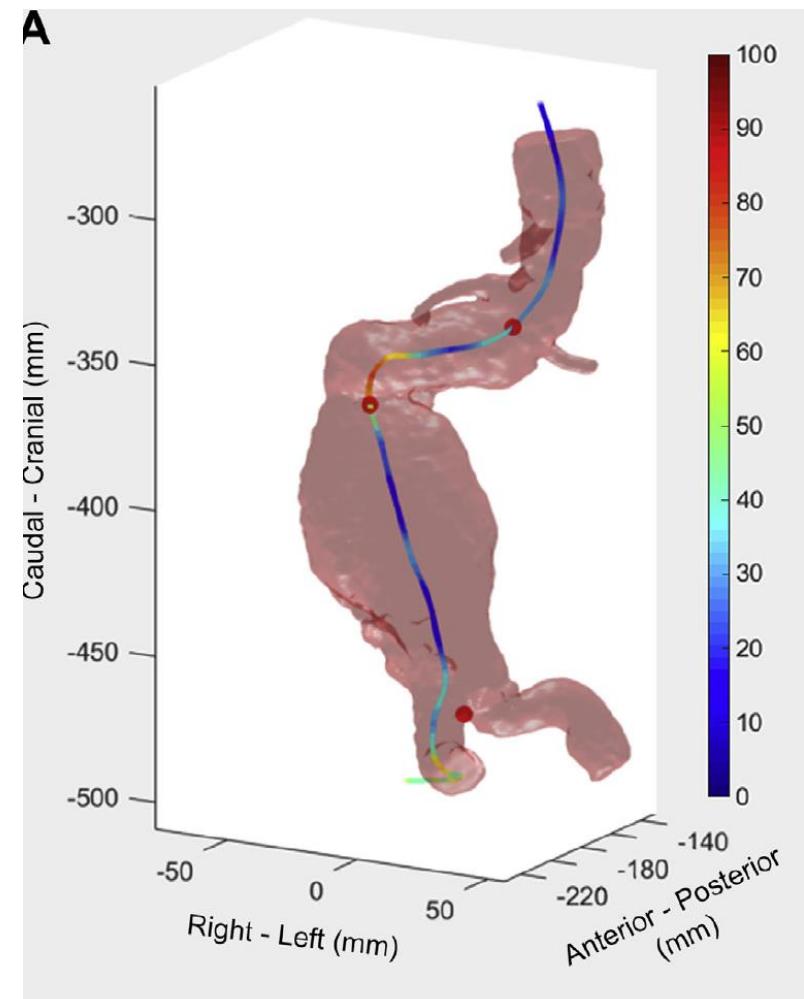
## Aortic curvature as a predictor of intraoperative type Ia endoleak + Late type IA endoleak and Migration

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Conn; and Birmingham, Ala

| Variable <sup>a</sup>               | Controls<br>(n = 79) | Endoleak<br>(n = 64) | P<br>value         |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Diameter at lowest renal artery, mm | 25.6 (5.4)           | 26.3 (4.8)           | .233               |
| Neck length, mm                     | 23.2 (18.2)          | 26.3 (4.8)           | .014 <sup>b</sup>  |
| Maximum aneurysm sac diameter, mm   | 54.3 (17.0)          | 55.7 (9.6)           | .611               |
| Angulation, °                       |                      |                      |                    |
| Suprarenal                          | 14.0 (14.0)          | 15.0 (12.0)          | .277               |
| Infrarenal                          | 25.0 (21.0)          | 26.0 (23.0)          | .824               |
| Infrarenal to bifurcation           | 35.0 (20.0)          | 35.5 (20.8)          | .873               |
| Neck variables                      |                      |                      |                    |
| Tortuosity index, –                 | 1.05 (0.06)          | 1.05 (0.06)          | .710               |
| Thrombus thickness, mm              | 0.0 (0.0)            | 0.0 (0.0)            | .153               |
| Thrombus circumference, °           | 0.0 (0.0)            | 0.0 (0.0)            | .346               |
| Calcification thickness, mm         | 0.0 (2.0)            | 1.6 (2.4)            | .044 <sup>b</sup>  |
| Calcification circumference, °      | 0.0 (35.0)           | 14.9 (48.7)          | .029 <sup>b</sup>  |
| Maximum curvature, m <sup>-1</sup>  |                      |                      |                    |
| Aortic neck                         | 31.7 (18.2)          | 34.1 (18.1)          | .037 <sup>b</sup>  |
| Suprarenal                          | 18.9 (12.1)          | 27.0 (17.3)          | .018 <sup>b</sup>  |
| Juxtarenal                          | 26.3 (18.2)          | 34.2 (22.3)          | .002 <sup>b</sup>  |
| Infrarenal                          | 35.0 (20.6)          | 35.8 (25.9)          | .042 <sup>b</sup>  |
| Aneurysm sac                        | 41.5 (19.4)          | 49.3 (27.5)          | .001 <sup>b</sup>  |
| Terminal aorta                      | 33.3 (27.7)          | 49.4 (34.9)          | <.001 <sup>b</sup> |
| Average curvature, m <sup>-1</sup>  |                      |                      |                    |
| Aortic neck                         | 24.2 (16.6)          | 27.3 (15.8)          | .017 <sup>b</sup>  |
| Suprarenal                          | 15.1 (8.8)           | 18.4 (13.7)          | .115               |
| Juxtarenal                          | 20.7 (14.4)          | 25.9 (16.8)          | .001 <sup>b</sup>  |
| Infrarenal                          | 27.6 (15.8)          | 27.4 (20.1)          | .028 <sup>b</sup>  |
| Aneurysm sac                        | 21.6 (10.1)          | 26.2 (11.4)          | <.001 <sup>b</sup> |
| Terminal aorta                      | 22.5 (19.2)          | 35.3 (21.9)          | <.001 <sup>b</sup> |
| Outside IFU, %                      | 36.7                 | 54.7                 | .032 <sup>b</sup>  |
| Type stent graft,                   |                      |                      |                    |



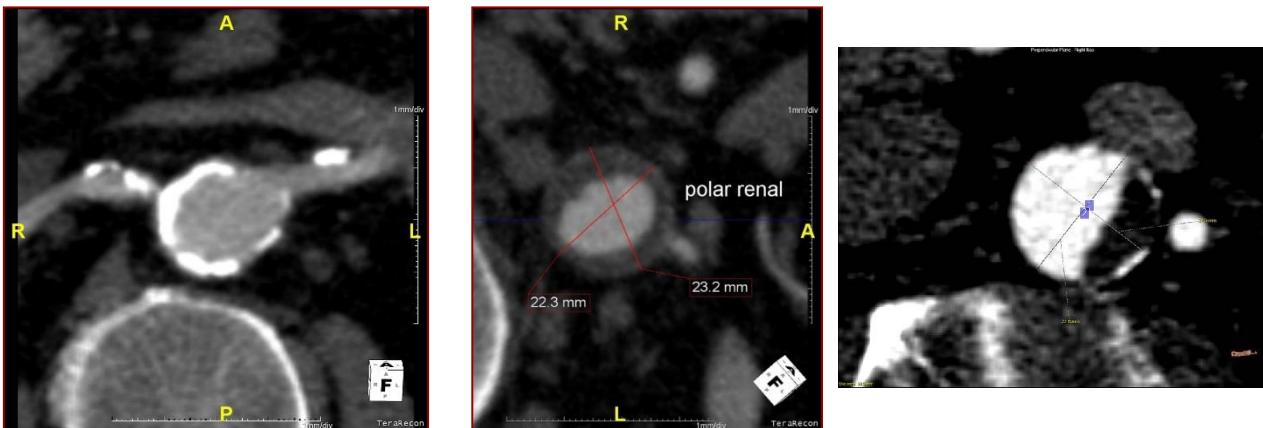
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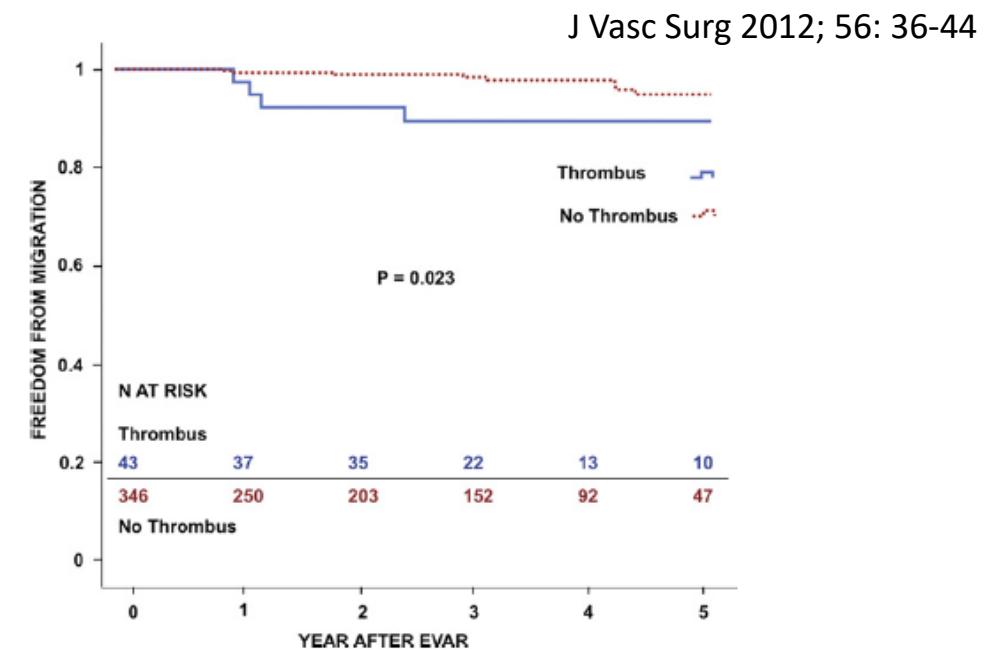
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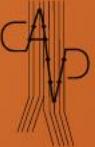
- Inhibits fixation?
- Promotes migration?
- Definition?: Threshold **>2 (3) mm**  
thick – circumference **>25% (50%) in**  
*at least 3 consecutive slices*



The influence of neck thrombus on clinical outcome and aneurysm morphology after endovascular aneurysm repair

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## IV. Neck Shape: Conical necks

- Definition ? Gradual neck dilatation >2 (3) mm first 10 mm
- Negatively influences fixation and sealing -> migration

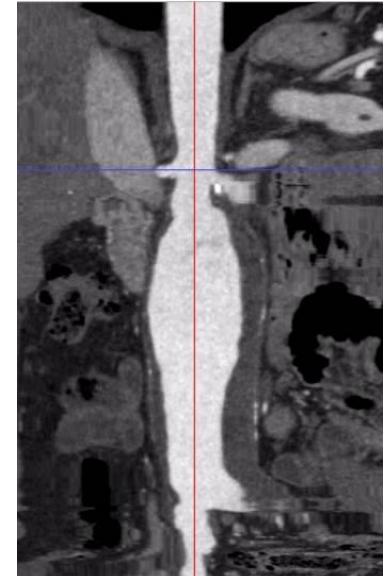
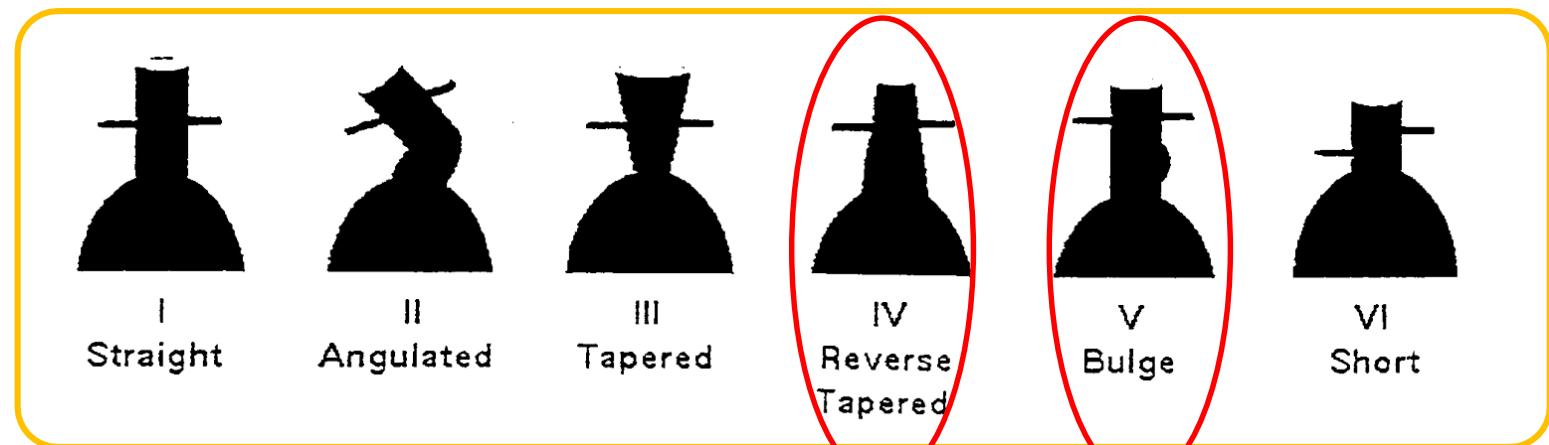


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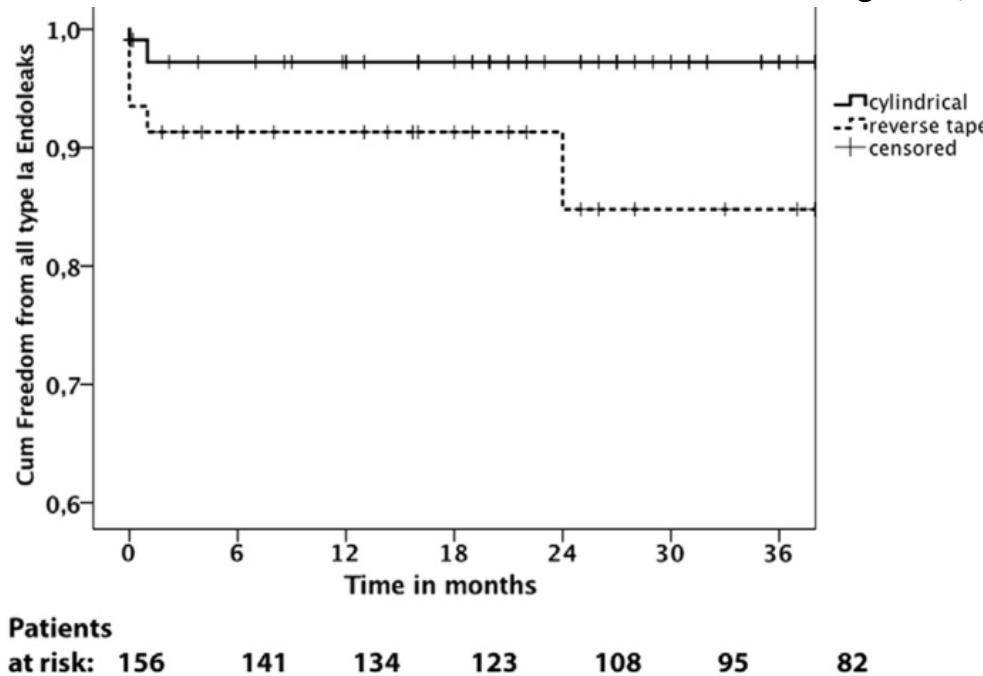




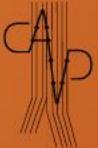
## Conical neck is strongly associated with proximal failure in standard endovascular aneurysm repair

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- N= 156 EVAR neck <15 mm
- Endurant
- Mean FU 41 Months
- Primary outcome: Type IA endoleak 5.8%
  - Intraop - 4 ( 2 cuff, 1 palmaz, 1 coiling)
  - 1 month: 3 (2 cuff)
  - 2 years: 2 (2 palmaz)
- Multiple regression and cox regression:  
***conical neck (>2 mm) (P<0.012)***



# V. Neck Diameter – Large >32 or >28 mm?

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| Diameter at lowest renal artery<br><28 mm   | Reference                                 |         |
| Diameter at lowest renal artery<br>28–32 mm | 1.80 (1.44–2.23)                          | <0.0001 |
| Diameter at lowest renal artery<br>>32 mm   | 2.07 (1.46–2.92)                          | <0.0001 |



2013



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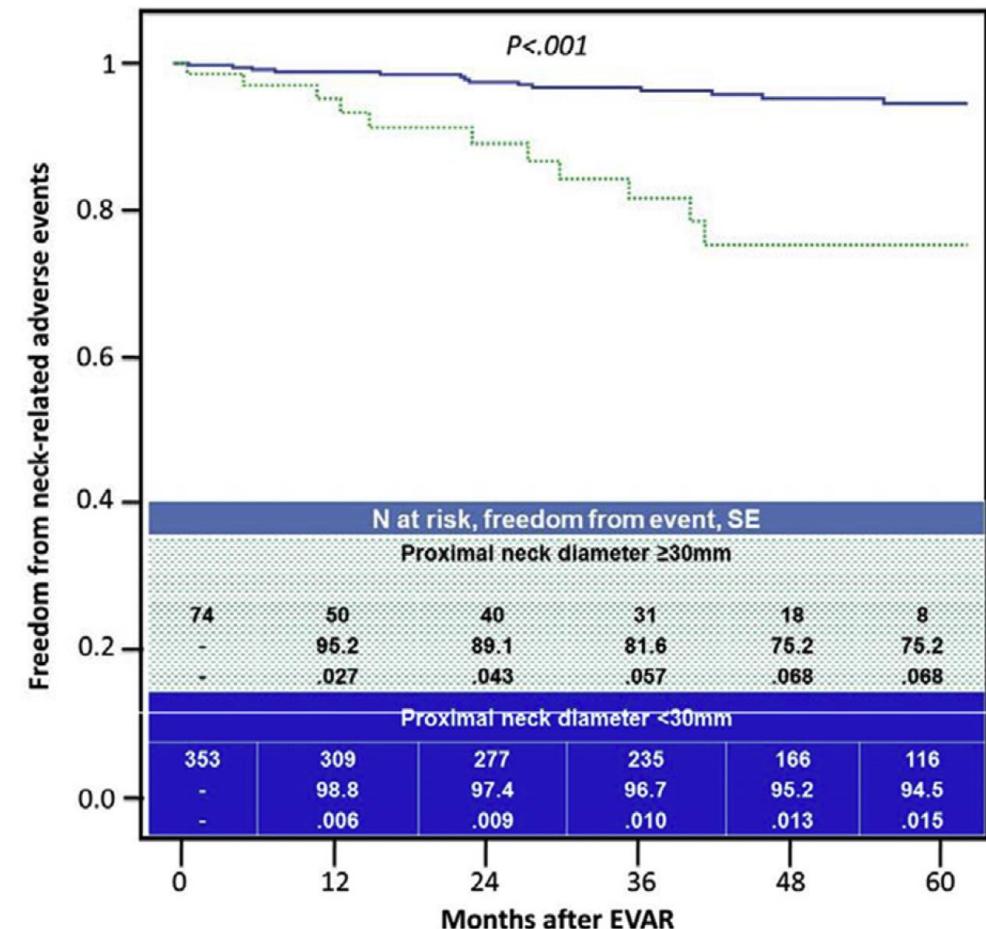


## Standard endovascular aneurysm repair in patients with wide infrarenal aneurysm necks is associated with increased risk of adverse events

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- 427 patients – N=74 neck  $\geq 30\text{ mm}$
- Neck-related AE at 4 yrs.: 25% vs. 5%
- Type 1a endoleak: 9.5% vs. 2.8%
- Neck-related secondary interventions: 9.5 vs 3.7%





## Late graft explants in endovascular aneurysm repair

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**Objective:** With more than a decade of use of endovascular aneurysm repair (EVAR), we expect to see a rise in the number of failing endografts. We review a single-center experience with EVAR explants to identify patterns of presentation and understand operative outcomes that may alter clinical management.

**Methods:** A retrospective analysis of EVARs requiring late explants, >1 month after implant, was performed. Patient demographics, type of graft, duration of implant, reason for removal, operative technique, length of stay, complications, and in-hospital and late mortality were reviewed.

**Results:** During 1999 to 2012, 100 patients (91% men) required EVAR explant, of which 61 were placed at another institution. The average age was 75 years (range, 50-93 years). The median length of time since implantation was 41 months (range, 1-144 months). Explanted grafts included 25 AneuRx (Medtronic, Minneapolis, Minn), 25 Excluder (W. L. Gore & Associates, Flagstaff, Ariz), 17 Zenith (Cook Medical, Bloomington, Ind), 15 Talent (Medtronic), 10 Ancure (Guidant, Indianapolis, Ind), 4 Powerlink (Endologix, Irvine, Calif), 1 Endurant (Medtronic), 1 Quantum LP (Cordis, Miami Lakes, Fla), 1 Aorta Uni Iliac Rupture Graft (Cook Medical, Bloomington, Ind), and 1 homemade tube graft. Overall 30-day mortality was 17%, with an elective case mortality of 9.9%, nonelective case mortality of 37%, and 56% mortality for ruptures. Endoleak was the most common indication for explant, with one or more endoleaks present in 82% (type I, 40%; II, 30%; III, 22%; endotension, 6%; multiple, 16%). Other reasons for explant included infection (13%), acute thrombosis (4%), and claudication (1%). In the first 12 months, 23 patients required explants, with type I endoleak (48%) and infection (35%) the most frequent indication. Conversely, 22 patients required explants after 5 years, with type I (36%) and type III (32%) endoleak responsible for most indications.

**Conclusions:** The rate of EVAR late explants has increased during the past decade at our institution. Survival is higher when the explant is done electively compared with emergent repair. Difficulty in obtaining a seal at the initial EVAR often leads to failure  $\leq$  1 year, whereas progression of aneurysmal disease is the primary reason for failure  $>$  5 years. (J Vasc Surg 2014;59:886-93.)

**82% of patients had one or more endoleak**  
**Type 1 (40),** Type 2 (30), Type 3 (22), Type 5 (6)

30 Day mortality – 17%

|                     | 1 year<br>N (%) | 1-5 years<br>N (%) | >5 years<br>N (%) |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Type I endoleak     | 11 (38)         | 19 (35)            | 8 (36)            |
| Initial seal        | 7               | 5                  | 1                 |
| Migration           | 3               | 4                  | 1                 |
| Disease progression | 1               | 10                 | 6                 |



Meta-analysis

## A Systematic Review of Proximal Neck Dilatation After Endovascular Repair for Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm

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- 1991 – Sept 2015
- N= 26 studies
- N= 9721 pts., 71.8 yrs.
- AND vs. no AND: 26% vs. 2% clinical events

## Neck Dilatation

- Definition AND >2, >2.5, >3 mm increase
- Measurement – 1, 2, 3, 4 points
- Time intervals? T<sub>0</sub> – T<sub>1</sub> vs. T<sub>FU</sub>
- FU 15 Mo – 9 Yrs.
- **24.6% AND**
- **Predisposing factors?**



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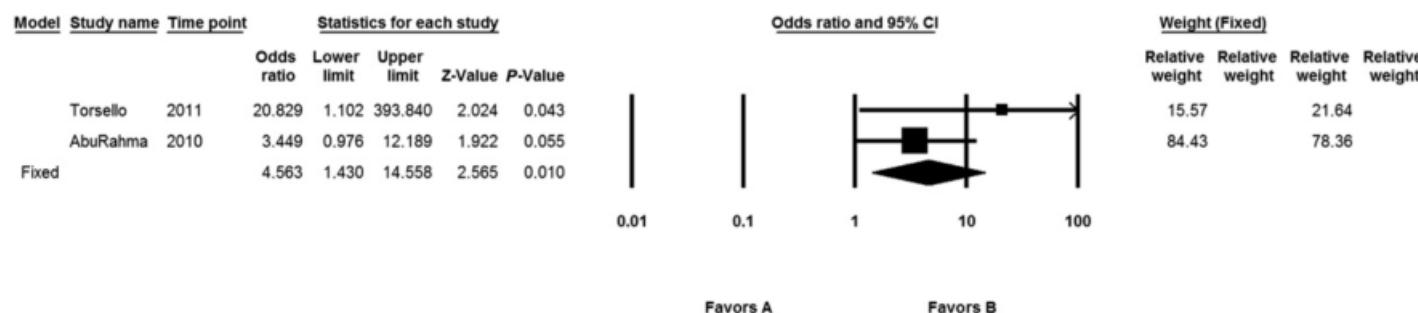
A meta-analysis of outcomes of endovascular abdominal aortic aneurysm repair in patients with hostile and friendly neck anatomy

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Type IA endoleak at 1 yr:  
4.5 times higher



Aneurysm-related mortality at 1 yr:  
9 times higher

## Endovascular Aortic Aneurysm Repair in Patients with Hostile Neck Anatomy

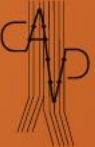
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16 studies

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|                               | Favorable/<br>Hostile<br>Neck | Criteria for Hostile Neck Anatomy |                 |               |          |                  |   | Other |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|----------|------------------|---|-------|
|                               |                               | Length,<br>mm                     | Diameter,<br>mm | Angulation, ° | Thrombus | Taper            |   |       |
| Greenberg 2000 <sup>26</sup>  | 42/13                         | <10                               | N/A             | N/A           | N/A      | N/A              | N/A   | N/A   |
| Sternbergh 2002 <sup>24</sup> | 71/10                         | N/A                               | N/A             | >60           | N/A      | N/A              | N/A   | N/A   |
| Dillavou 2003 <sup>30</sup>   | 115/91                        | <10                               | N/A             | >60           | >50%     | >2-mm<br>reverse | Focal bulge in neck<br>>3 mm  |       |
| Greenberg 2003 <sup>29</sup>  | 352/141                       | <15                               | >28             | >60           | N/A      | N/A              | Aortoiliac tortuosity<br>(≥2 90° angulations),<br>iliac diameter <8<br>mm, inability to<br>preserve IIA |       |
| Fairman 2004 <sup>27</sup>    | 71/166                        | <15                               | >28             | >45           | >50%     | N/A              | N/A   | N/A   |
| Fulton 2006 <sup>12</sup>     | 59/25                         | <15                               | >25             | >45           | N/A      | N/A              | N/A   | N/A   |
| Choke 2006 <sup>31</sup>      | 87/60                         | <10                               | >28             | >60           | >50%     | N/A              | N/A   | N/A   |
| Leurs 2006 <sup>21</sup>      | 2822/G2:<br>485, G3: 192      | G2: 11–15;<br>G3: ≤10             | N/A             | N/A           | N/A      | N/A              | N/A   | N/A   |
| Hobo 2007 <sup>9</sup>        | 4031/1152                     | N/A                               | N/A             | >60           | N/A      | N/A              | N/A   | N/A   |
| Abbruzzese 2008 <sup>7</sup>  | 343/222                       | DS                                | DS              | DS            | DS       | DS               | DS  | N/A   |
| AbuRahma 2009 <sup>8</sup>    | 195/G2: 24,<br>G3: 17         | G2: 10–15;<br>G3: <10             | N/A             | N/A           | N/A      | N/A              | N/A   | N/A   |
| Georgiadis 2011 <sup>25</sup> | 43/34                         | <12                               | N/A             | >60           | N/A      | N/A              | Iliac axis >60°   |       |
| Hoshina 2011 <sup>28</sup>    | 80/49                         | <15                               | N/A             | >60           | N/A      | N/A              | N/A   | N/A   |
| Torsello 2011 <sup>33</sup>   | 121/56                        | <10                               | N/A             | >60           | N/A      | N/A              | N/A   | N/A   |
| AbuRahma 2011 <sup>34</sup>   | 89/149                        | <10                               | >28             | >60           | >50%     | Reverse          | >50% calcified neck   |       |
| Stather 2012 <sup>6</sup>     | 353/199                       | <15                               | >28             | >60           | >50%     | Reverse          | N/A   |       |



## Hostile Neck =

Length <15 mm, Angulation>60° and Diameter >28 mm

| Outcome                                 | N        | Hostile Neck       | Favorable Neck     | Odds Ratio                | P               |
|---|----------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 30d Mortality                           | 5        | 771 (1.4%)         | 1224 (1.5%)        | 0.86 (0.38, 1.95)         | 0.72            |
| Late aneurysm related mortality         | 2        | 421 (6.7%)         | 696 (0.9%)         | 8.82 (0.05, 1,428)        | 0.40            |
| <b><i>Primary Technical Success</i></b> | <b>2</b> | <b>259 (93.8%)</b> | <b>440 (97.5%)</b> | <b>0.41</b> (0.18, 0.93)  | <b>0.03</b>     |
| <b><i>Intraoperative adjuncts</i></b>   | <b>2</b> | <b>209 (21.1%)</b> | <b>176 (9.7%)</b>  | <b>2.43</b> ( 1.31; 4.54) | <b>&lt;0.01</b> |
| Sac Expansion                           | 3        | 408 (8.1%)         | 529 (10.2%)        | 0.86 (0.53, 1,39)         | 0.55            |
| 30d Migration                           | 2        | 421 (2.1%)         | 696 (2.3%)         | 0.95 (0.42, 2.19)         | 0.91            |
| <b><i>Aortic rupture</i></b>            | <b>2</b> | <b>421 (2.6%)</b>  | <b>696 (0.9%)</b>  | <b>3.16</b> (1.16, 8.63)  | <b>0.02</b>     |
| Secondary intervention                  | 5        | 771 (11.9%)        | 1224 (9.8%)        | 1.16 (0.83, 1.62)         | 0.39            |
| Early Type I                            | 3        | 149 (12.1%)        | 529 (0.9%)         | 2.28 (0.76, 6.82)         | 0.14            |
| <b><i>Late Type I</i></b>               | <b>3</b> | <b>408 (9.6%)</b>  | <b>529 (4.9%)</b>  | <b>1.92</b> (1.14, 3.23)  | <b>0.01</b>     |



# **Aortic Neck Anatomic Features and Predictors of Outcomes in Endovascular Repair of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms Following vs Not Following Instructions for Use**

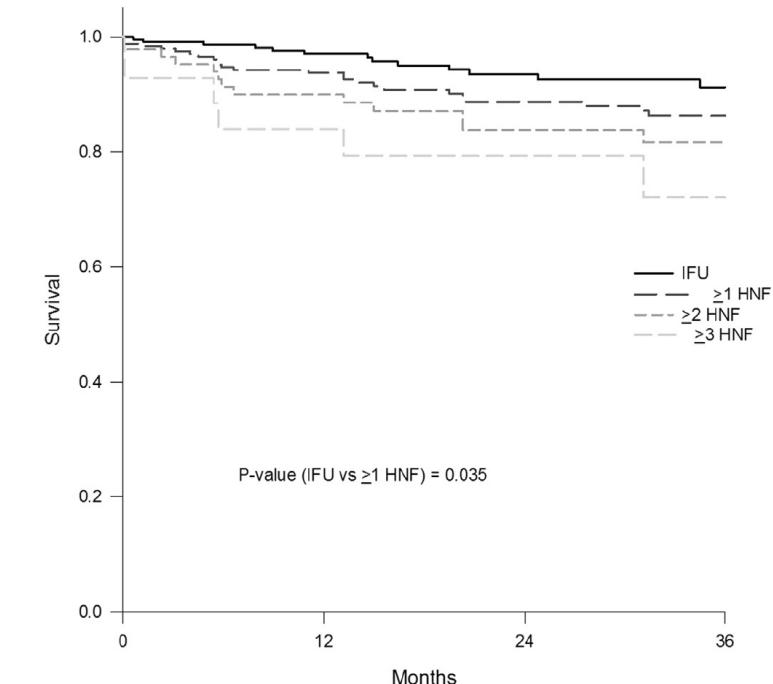
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|                      | Outside IFU<br>N = 275/526 |    |
|----------------------|----------------------------|----|
|                      | N                          | %  |
| Neck angle >60°      | 49                         | 18 |
| Neck length < 10 mm  | 35                         | 13 |
| Neck diameter >31 mm | 16                         | 6  |
| Neck Calcium ≥ 50%   | 51                         | 19 |
| Neck Trombus ≥ 50%   | 135                        | 49 |
| Reverse taper        | 133                        | 48 |

| Endoleak/intervention       | IFU<br>(n = 251) |          | Outside IFU<br>(n = 275) |          | <b>p Value</b> |
|-----------------------------|------------------|----------|--------------------------|----------|----------------|
|                             | <b>n</b>         | <b>%</b> | <b>n</b>                 | <b>%</b> |                |
| Early type I                | 18               | 7        | 50                       | 18       | 0.0002         |
| All early endoleak and type |                  |          |                          |          |                |
| 0                           | 177              | 71       | 176                      | 64       |                |
| 1                           | 18               | 7        | 50                       | 18       |                |
| 2                           | 52               | 21       | 47                       | 17       |                |
| 4                           | 4                | 2        | 2                        | 0.7      |                |
| Aortic proximal cuff        | 13               | 5        | 43                       | 16       | 0.0001         |
| Proximal aortic stent       | 12               | 5        | 20                       | 7        | 0.2324         |
| All early intervention      | 25               | 10       | 66                       | 24       | < 0.0001       |
| Late type I endoleak        | 5                | 2        | 14                       | 6        | 0.0477         |
| All late endoleak and type  |                  |          |                          |          |                |
| 0                           | 191              | 80       | 212                      | 83       |                |
| 1                           | 5                | 2        | 14                       | 6        |                |
| 2                           | 44               | 18       | 27                       | 11       |                |
| 3                           | 0                | –        | 1                        | 0.4      |                |
| Late intervention           | 9                | 4        | 14                       | 6        | 0.3529         |
| Sac expansion               | 17               | 7        | 14                       | 6        | 0.4716         |



| IFU |      |      | 1+ HNF |      |      | 2+ HNF |      |      | 3+ HNF |      |      |
|-----|------|------|--------|------|------|--------|------|------|--------|------|------|
| N   | %    | SE   | N      | %    | SE   | N      | %    | SE   | N      | %    | SE   |
| 174 | 97   | 1.2  | 171    | 93.7 | 1.63 | 65     | 90   | 3.37 | 18     | 84   | 7.4  |
| 104 | 93.5 | 1.93 | 118    | 88.8 | 2.3  | 45     | 83.8 | 4.33 | 13     | 79.3 | 8.33 |
| 62  | 89.8 | 2.86 | 91     | 86.3 | 2.65 | 32     | 81.7 | 4.72 | 7      | 72.1 | 10.2 |

# Conclusions

- Categorization infrarenal aortic neck already EXISTS!!!
  - *Standardized* definitions, measurement and reporting outcomes
  - Add aortic curvature?
- ***High Quality*** and ***Validated Large*** Registries !!!
- Individual decision making – focus on a landing zone within “normal” morphological aorta = “THE” treatment goal!!!!