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Interest of upper approach



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Evident anatomical justification for a upper approach





angulation of target



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Upper approach validation

Visceral arteries endovascular procedures
SMA RA

 Endovascular aortic techniques: snorkel chimney





Upper approach validation

Procedural efficiency may be optimized by considering renal artery angulation as one of several objective variables used in the selection of an appropriate endovascular strategy.

The fenestrated approach is more efficient with less downward angulation to the renal arteries, while the snorkel/chimney strategy is facilitated by more downward renal artery angulation.

Impact of Renal Artery Angulation on Procedure Efficiency During Fenestrated and Snorkel/Chimney Endovascular Aneurysm Repair JEVT 2015, Vol. 22(4) 594–602 Ullery B et al





Impact on target vessels angulation according with a high or low approach



Upper approach / Sn-EVAR

- leads to less angulation
- causes significantly greater angle change at the stent end

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Ullery B. and all



Upper approach critics

• Stroke rates 3% to 10%

This high rate is likely due to multiple vessels often requiring concomitant stenting or repeated and multiple access sites used from both upper extremities

Upper extremity access for fenestrated endovascular aortic aneurysm repair is not associated with increased morbidity

Knowles et al. J Vas Surg 2015; 61:80-7

Local access complications

Vascular complications and access crossover in 10,676 trans- radial percutaneous coronary procedures

Burzotta F et al. Am Heart J 2012;163: 230-8.

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Technical aspects

Courtesy Eric Allaire Nicolas Frish Claude Mialhe

Brachial access 14 F

Axillary access 20 F



Technical aspects











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Upper and femoral approach for the renal arteries









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Stenting and flairing iof the vessels in the axis



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Final control













• Interest of the upper approach for challanging cases



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Case : 5 fenestrations 3 renal arteries



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Angulated neck











Obliquity of target arteries











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Caudal angulation and stenosis of the renal arteries



Transbrachial branch cannulation during Zenith fenestrated endovascular aortic aneurysm repair using a robotically guided body-floss technique J Vasc Surg Cases 2016;2:68-72. Han S et al

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Double renal arteries









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Femoral approach for 2 fenestrestions





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Interest of combinated approach





Conclusion

- Upper extremity access is also frequently required for FEVAR because of the caudal orientation of the visceral vessels.
- Upper and the femoral approach must be usefully combined for difficult cases





The news shows us that we must have all the arms to exist

