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Treatment of access-related ischemia

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Treatment of ARI





Maintenance of vascular access

⇒ Increase of distal arterial perfusion pressure

⇒ Sufficient access flow (for HD and patency)





Proximalization of the arterial inflow (PAI)

- Closure of distal AV anastomosis,
- Interposition of ePTFE graft or vein segment between matured fistula vein and artery at more proximal level.





Avoid high-flow PAI 5 mm ePTFE graft

4-7 mm ePTFE graft

GSV, basilic vein





PAI - How does it works?





Small AV anastomosis

Limitation of flow

- Use of narrow diameter / tapered grafts
 - No side-to-side anastomosis with vein

Low infection risk

Usually no graft puncture Graft works only as feeding vessel





Indication for PAI

• ARI

(normal or low access flow) AVF < 800 ml/min

AVG < 1400 ml/min

5 mm ePTFE graft

4-7 mm ePTFE graft

GSV, basilic vein

 Failed maturation of good fistula vein because of low arterial inflow







Patency (1°/2°) @ 12 months: 91% / 93%@ 36 months: 72 % / 81%

ARI symptom resolution	Improvement	Complete
@ 1 month	100%	84%
@ 12 months	100%	89%



DRIL vs. PAI



- No ligation of patent artery no potential harm of distal perfusion,
- Improved flow in low-flow AV accesses,
- Similar results for ARI,
- Easy to perform,
- No vein needed as arterial bypass (Never us PTFE for DRIL!).



Collateral

DRIL

PAI

Q4

AVF



Simulation of



P1, Q1

Upper arm outflow

P2, Q2

Adjustment of P1=100 mmHg and Q4

Simultaneous measurement of P1-P3 and Q1-Q4

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Conclusions

PAI is an effective and durable alternative to DRIL (without ligation of a patent artery), especially for low and normal flow AV access, with similar results regarding ischemia and patency of AV access.