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NEXT GENERATION

Multidisciplinary European Endovascular Therapy

Ruptured Aortic Aneurysm

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Disclosures of interest

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- Speaker name: Anna Prent
- I have the following potential conflicts of interest to report:
 - Consulting
 - Employment in industry
 - Shareholder in a healthcare company
 - Owner of a healthcare company
 - Other(s)
- X I do not have any potential conflict of interest

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- Centralised Vascular Service



Case 1

- Call from Barts Hospital at 21pm
- ♀ DOB: 16-07-1940, 78 years
- MH: hypercholesteremia, ex-smoker, hypertension
- Functionally independent
- Known thoraco-abdominal AAA



Presentation 20-08-2018

- Severe abdominal pain
- Tachycardia, BP 80 systolic
- GCS 14/15 slightly confused
- Bloods: Hb 90, egfr 78 ml/min, normal lactate

→ CTA

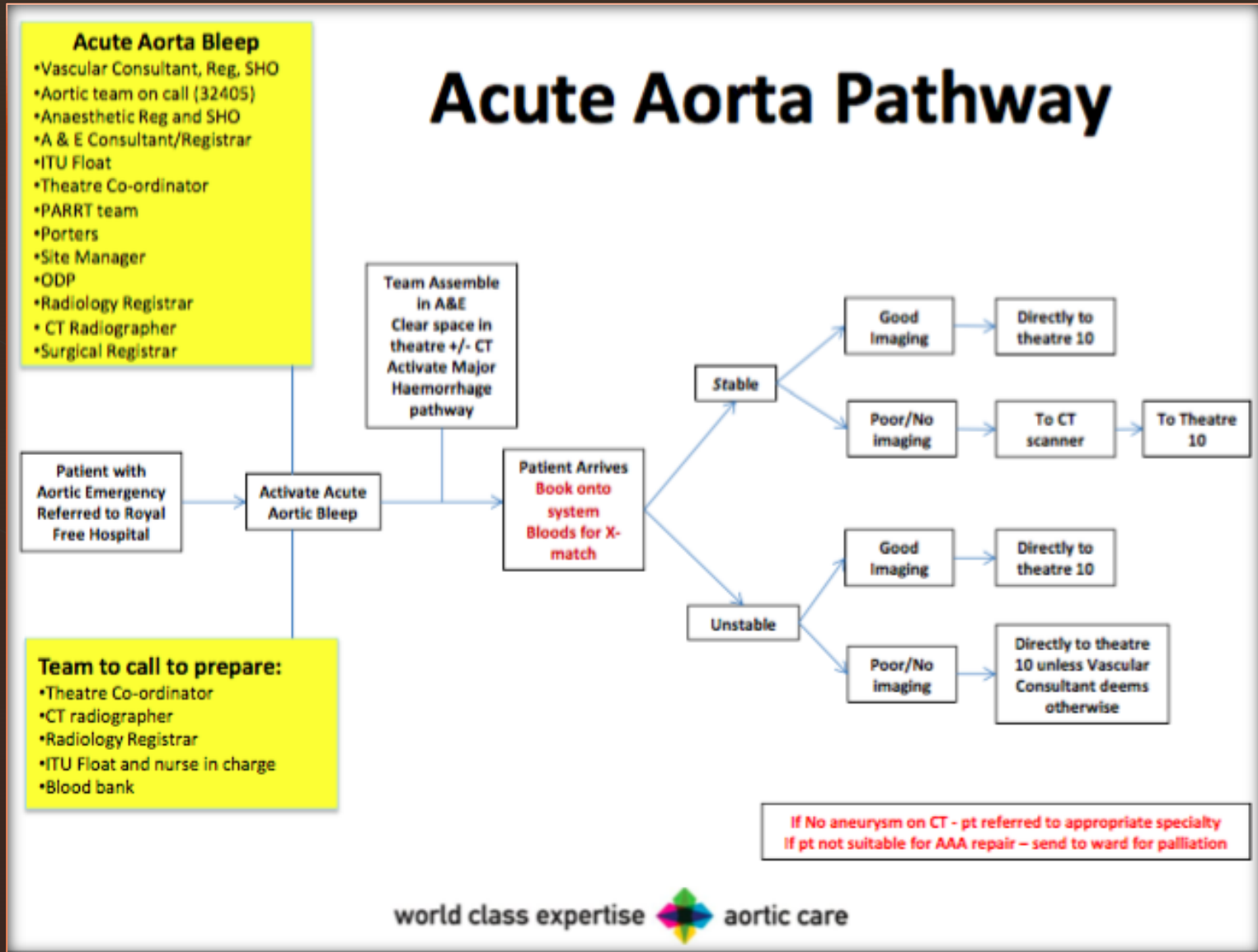
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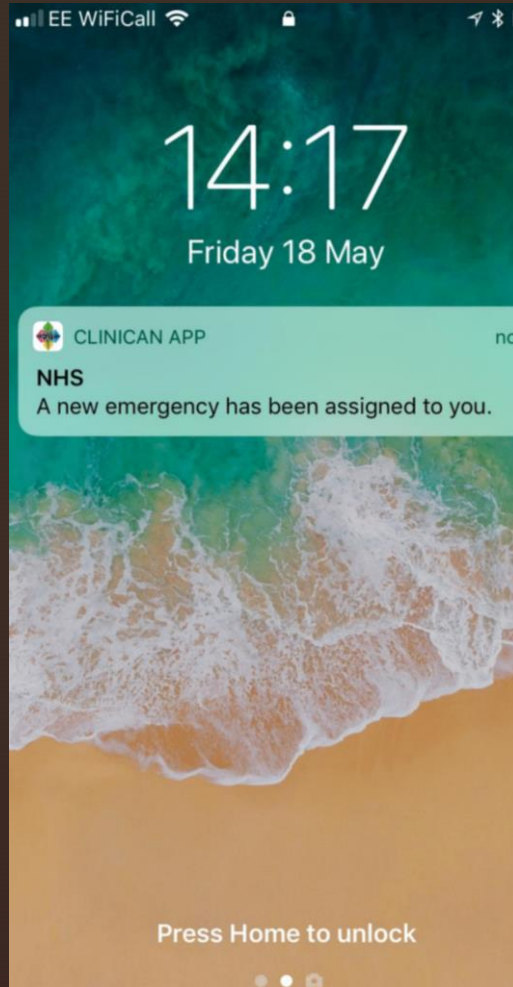
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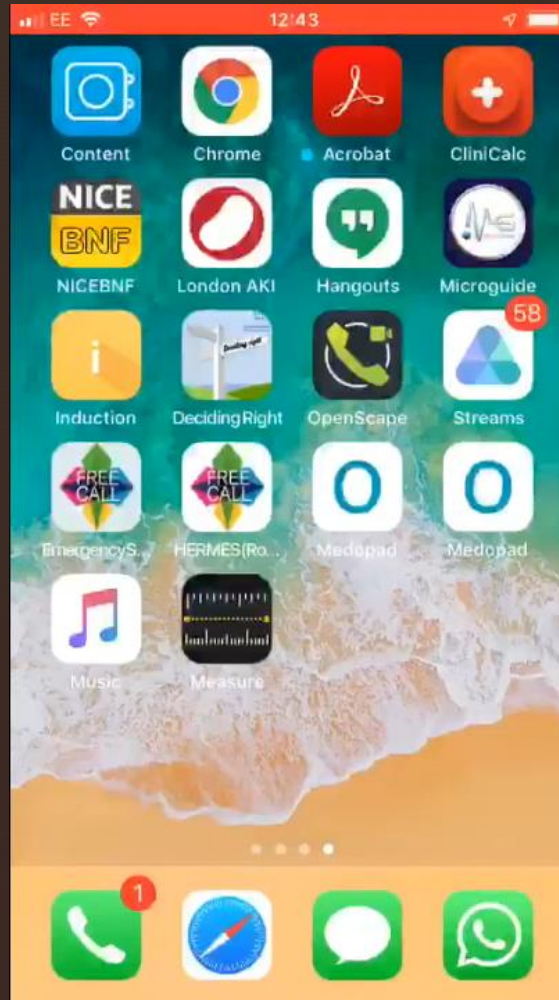


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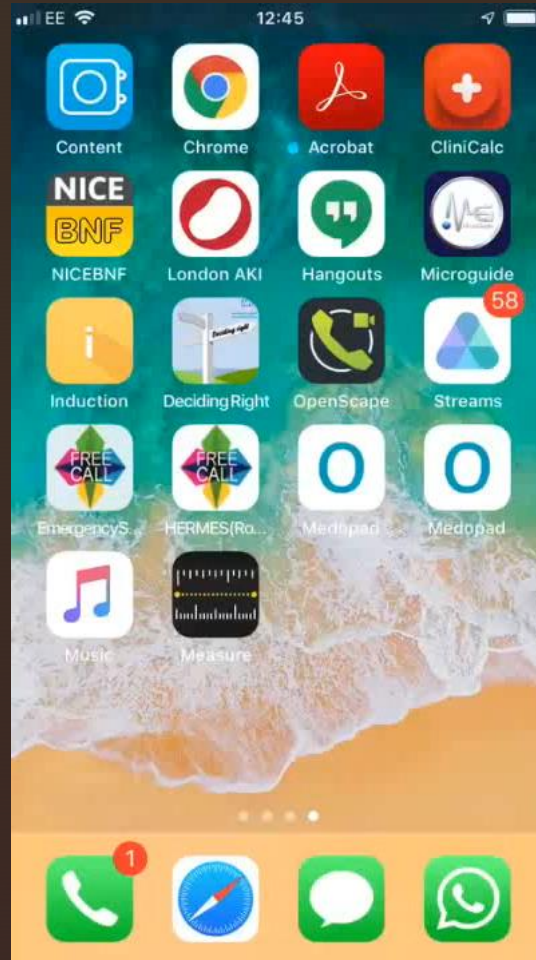
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 - **M**anagement for
 - **E**mergency
 - **S**urgery
- Connects referrers and Royal Free, as well as members of RF, in an encrypted fashion
 - Currently build for 2 different use cases
 - Aortic Rupture
 - Hand Trauma

How does it work referrals?



- Referring physicians download app and use NHS email address to log on
- During the 'trial period' no outside hospitals will have the app (need proof of safety first)

How does it work?

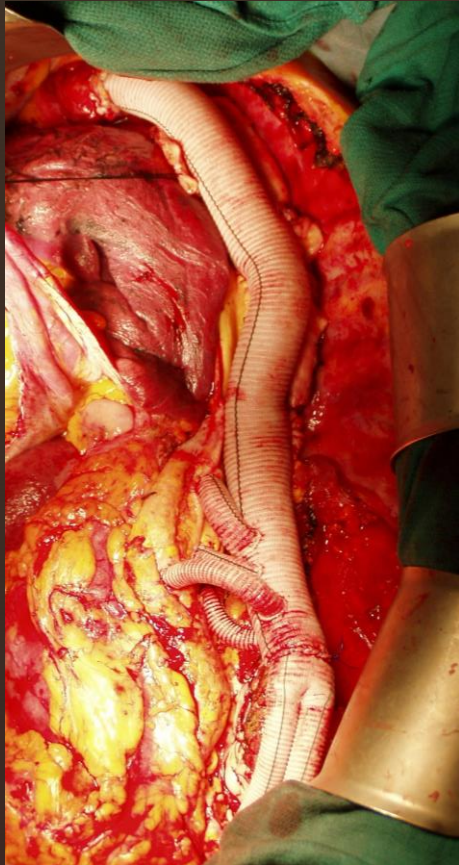


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Treatment options



Treatment options

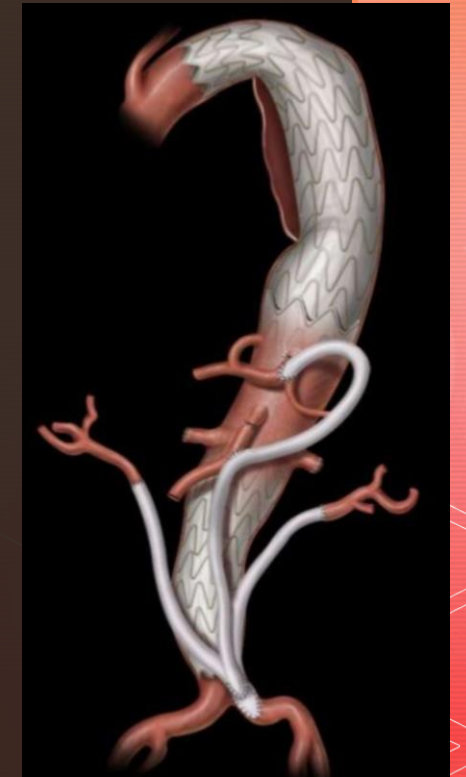


Nothing

Debranching
Hybrid

Open repair

Endovascular
repair



Open elective

Patency of renal and visceral vessels after open thoracoabdominal aortic replacement

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Objective: In thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysms (TAAAs), a paradigm shift is observed from open surgery toward endovascular aortic repair using fenestrated and branched endografts. Whereas outcome after open replacement of mortality and paraplegia has been evaluated extensively, no studies exist addressing long-term patency of visceral vessels. To enable comparison of target vessel patency between open and endovascular treatment, we analyzed a series of open TAAA replacements.

Methods: Our vascular surgery database was screened for patients who received open TAAA replacement between 1990 and 2010. We analyzed 3309 patients who underwent open TAAA replacement and had follow-up computed tomography (CT) scans to evaluate vessel patency.

Results: In our series, 3309 patients with thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysms were revascularized by either open or endovascular means. The patients were stratified by either open or endovascular treatment and the procedure, fenestrated or branched endograft. The respective patency rates for the celiac trunk, superior mesenteric artery, and left and right renal artery were 100%, 97.5%, 92.3%, and 90.3% at 5 years.

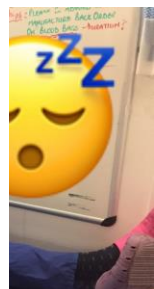
Conclusions: In our series of open thoracoabdominal aortic replacement, excellent patency rates for revascularized renal and visceral vessels were observed during long-term follow-up. We were able to provide a reference value of long-term target vessel patency that can and should be taken into account to judge the efficacy of endovascular repair in TAAA. (J Vasc Surg 2015;62:594-9.)

Outcomes of 3309 thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysm repairs

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23 %
30 d Mortality

Is this real life outcome in most other centers?



Literature: open ruptured TAAA

- In hospital mortality 17-43%
- SCI 14-27%
- Renal impairment 18-36%
- Cardiac compl 9%
- Pulmonary compl 35-45%
- Selection bias
- Small case series
 - 19-51

"Open" repair of ruptured thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysm (experience of 51 cases)

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Kardiochirurgia i Torakochirurgia Polska 2015; 12 (2): 119-125

LeMaire et al, J Vasc Surg 2002
Mastroroberto et al, Cardio-vasc Surg 1999
Zanetti et al, Kardiochir Torakochir Pol 2015

Literature: endo ruptured TAAA

- In hospital mortality 25-40%
- SCI 10-40%
- Renal failure 8-10%
- Cardiac compl 8%
- Pulmonary compl 25%
- Endoleak 17%
- Re-intervention 33%
- Small case series
- Definitions
- Different techniques
 - Chimneys
 - Sandwich
 - T-branch

Verhoeven et al, J vasc Endovasc Surg 2015
Mascoli et al, Eur J Vasc Endovsc Surg 2018
Gallitto et al, Ann Vasc Surg 2019

Literature: open vs endo ruptured TAAAs

- ACS-NSQIP
- 2006-2015, Retrospective
- 206 ruptured TAAA
 - 144 OSR
 - 62 Endo
- 53% male
- OSR operative time longer
- Mortality similar
- Endo lower morbidity

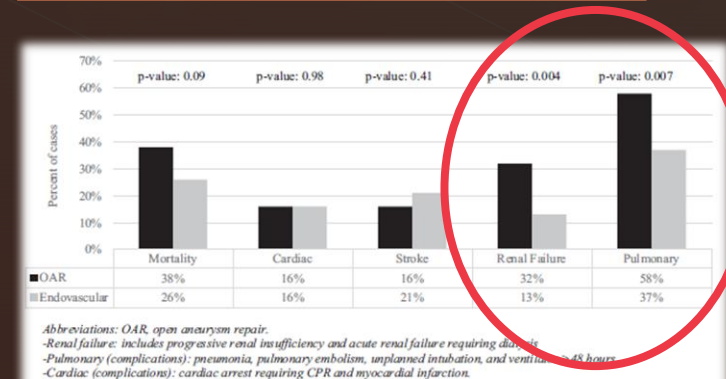
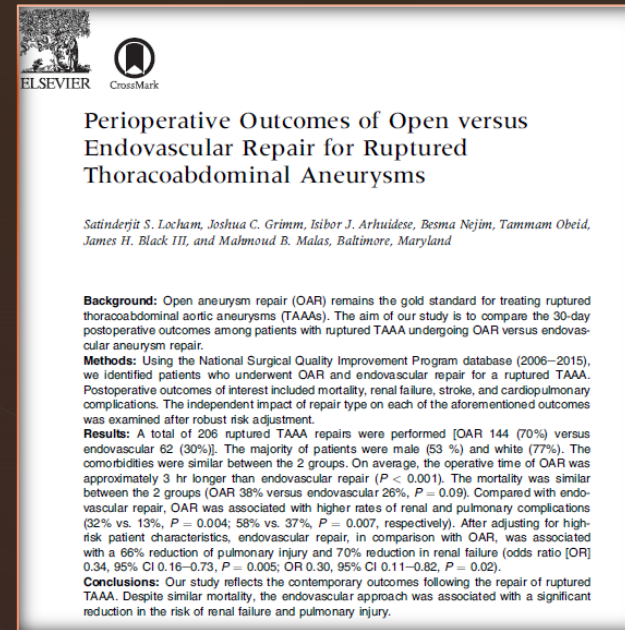


Fig. 3. Perioperative outcomes: OAR versus endovascular repair in ruptured TAAA.

Guidelines abdominal AAA

Eur J Vasc Endovasc Surg (2018) ■, 1–97

European Society for Vascular Surgery (ESVS) 2019 Clinical Practice Guidelines on the Management of Abdominal Aorto-iliac Artery Aneurysms

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Anders Wanhainen et al.

Recommendation 74	Class	Level	References
In patients with ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm and suitable anatomy, endovascular repair is recommended as a first option.	I	B	[288,289,669]

The screenshot shows the vascularnews website. The main headline is "European vascular community continues to dispute draft NICE AAA guidelines amidst publication delays" dated 10th February 2019. To the right, there is an advertisement for the Advanta V12 Balloon Expandable Covered Stent, highlighting its reliability and long history. Below the headline, there is a video thumbnail showing a man speaking at a podium.

EVAR did not lose out all round, as the NICE draft guideline does allow for the consideration of EVAR for the repair of ruptured aneurysms, at least of the infrarenal kind. The guideline suggests that either EVAR or open surgical repair should be considered for repair of a ruptured infrarenal AAA. They advise that EVAR provides more benefit than open surgical repair for most people, especially for women and for men over the age of 70 years, and open surgical repair is likely to provide a better balance of benefits and harms in men under the age of 70 years.

ESVS Guidelines thoraco-abd AAA

Editor's Choice — Management of Descending Thoracic Aorta Diseases

Clinical Practice Guidelines of the European Society for Vascular Surgery (ESVS)

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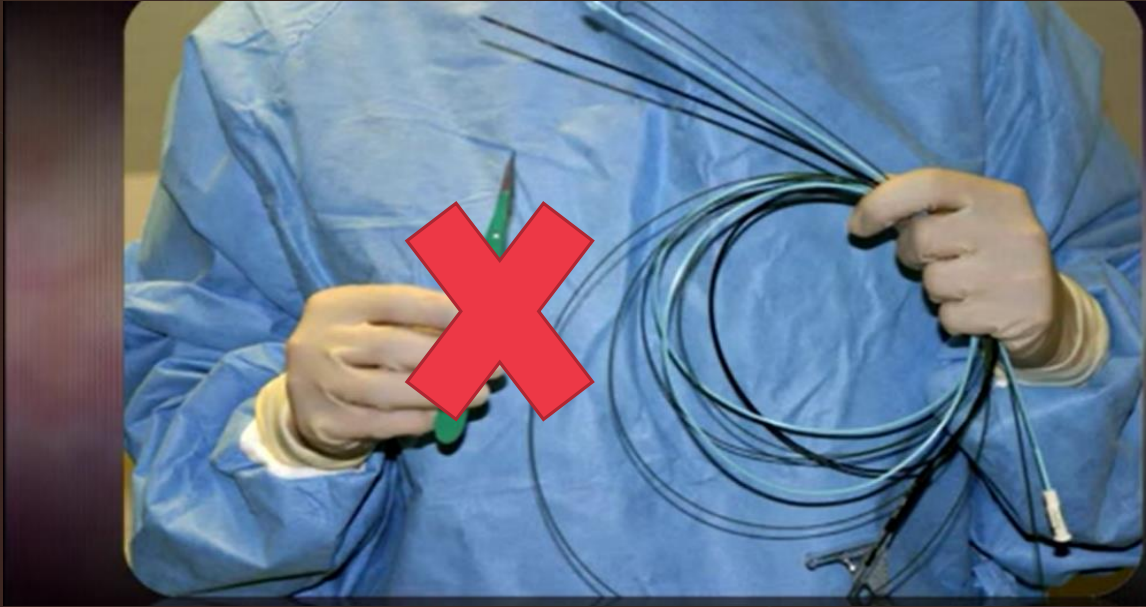
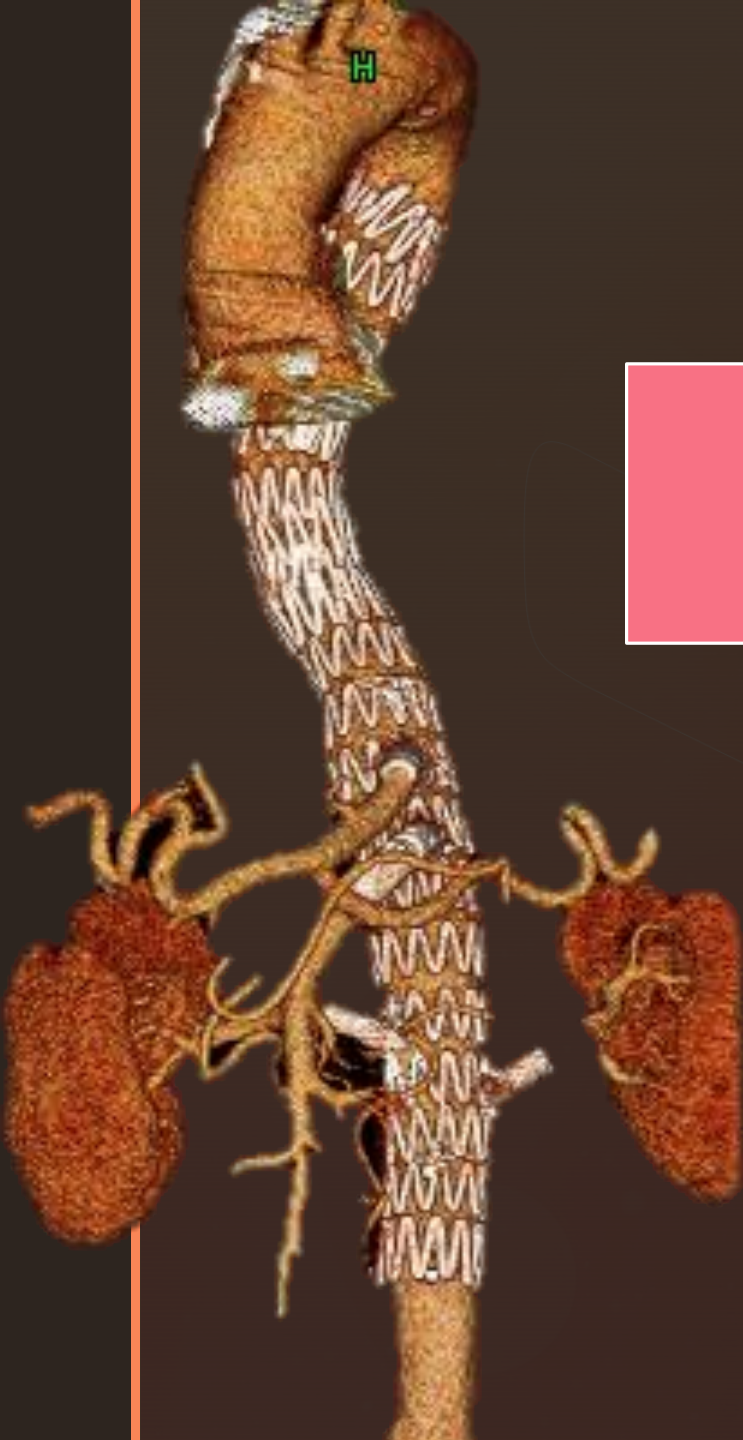
Keywords: Clinical practice, Descending thoracic aorta, Descending thoracic aortic management, Guideline, Recommendations, Thoracic aorta abnormalities, Thoracic aorta diseases, Thoracic aorta disorders, Thoraco-abdominal aorta

Recommendation 23	Class	Level of evidence	References
In patients with ruptured descending thoracic aortic aneurysm, endovascular repair should be the first treatment option when the anatomy is appropriate	I	B	127
Recommendation 24			
In emergency ruptured descending thoracic aortic aneurysm in patients with a patent left mammary to coronary bypass or with a dominant or single left vertebral artery, left subclavian artery revascularisation should be performed prior to left subclavian artery coverage	I	C	49

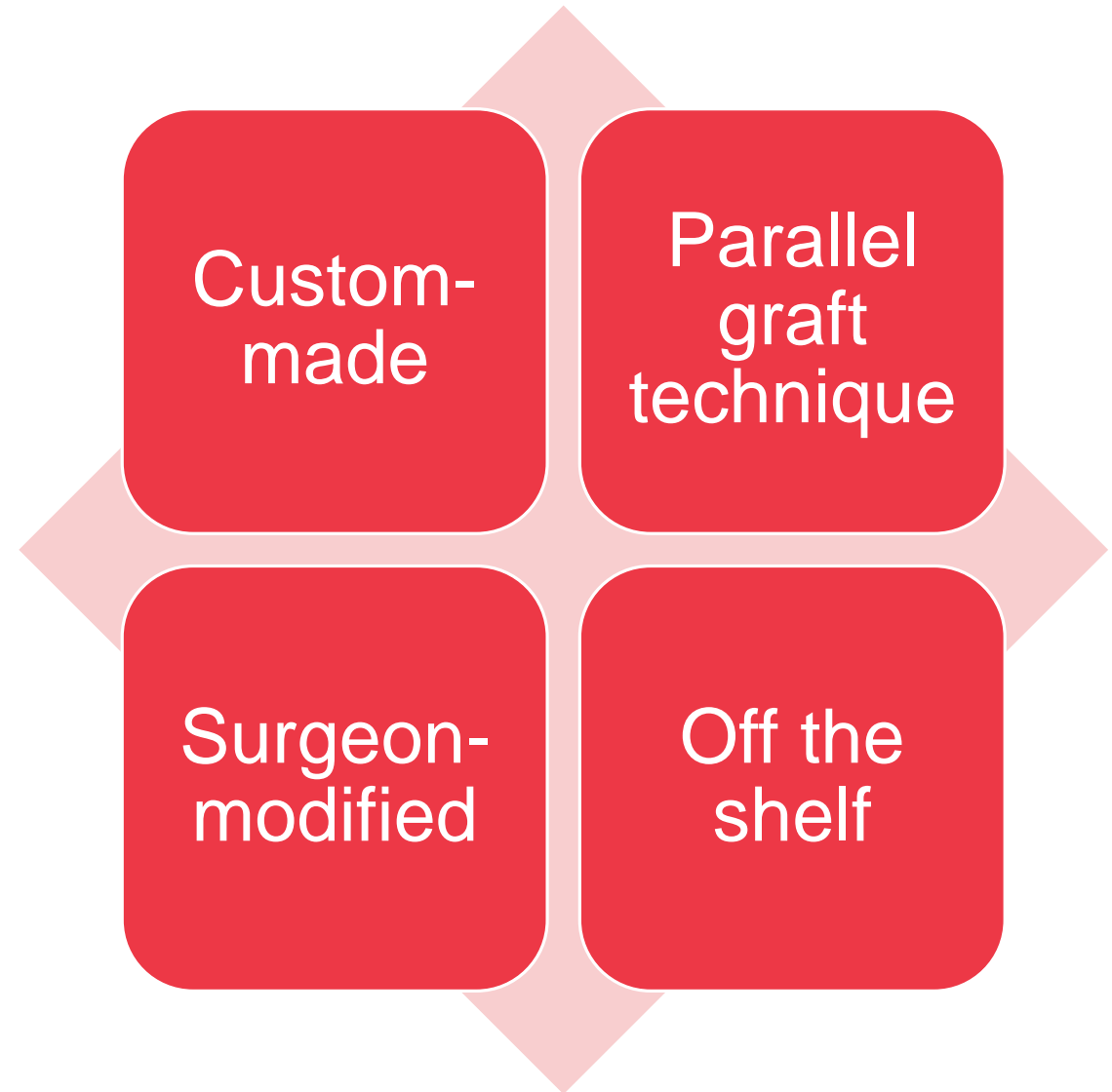
Recommendation 47	Class	Level	References
Open or endovascular repair should be considered for patients at low to moderate surgical risk, with an atherosclerotic or degenerative thoraco-abdominal aortic aneurysm of 60 mm or larger diameter, rapid aneurysm enlargement (>10 mm/year), or aneurysm related symptoms	IIa	C	223

- NO MENTION ON TREATMENT RUPTURED TAAA!

The Endovascular Era



Endo treatment options?




Custom made?

Feasibility of custom made fenestrated devices designed for other patients with ruptured TAAA and JRAAA

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Introduction :

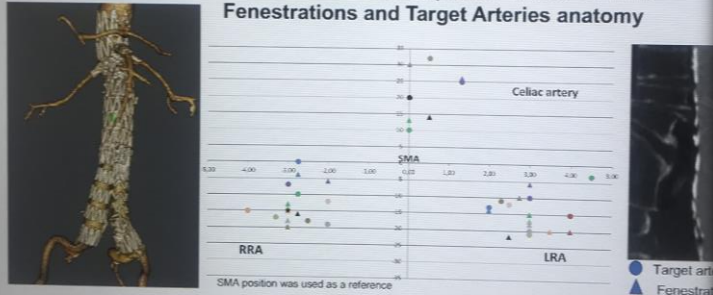
Ruptured TAAA or JRAAA is a challenge for patients and surgeons. Although FEVAR has good results for elective cases, its feasibility in an emergency setting is limited by manufacturing and delivering delays. The aim of this study was to assess the feasibility of using custom-made fenestrated devices designed for other patients to treat urgent TAAA and JRAAA in an emergency setting.

Methods :

From 2006 to 2017, pre and post-operative data from patients with ruptured or symptomatic TAAA or JRAAA treated with fenestrated devices custom-made for other patients in two high-volume aortic centers were reviewed retrospectively. Data was collected and imaging reviewed to determine the major adverse events and outcomes for patients undergoing these procedures.

Results

In-stock FEVAR for Ruptured TAAA / JRAAA Fenestrations and Target Arteries anatomy



Nine patients were included (5 women, mean age 78y +/-4) with a median follow up of 6 months (1-72). All patients underwent fenestrated EVAR for ruptured TAAA or JRAAA (type 3 TAAA: n=4, JRAAA: n=4). Anatomical compatibility with a locally available FEVAR was assessed pre operatively by the senior surgeon. Three in-hospital deaths were recorded: one patient died intra operatively, and two patients died from a late multi organ failure at 1 month and 3 months.

- **Technical success : 87%** (27/31 aortic branches catheterization through fenestrations)
- **Secondary interventions : 2/9** (1 retrograde SMA embolectomy after 7 days and a 1 re-stenting after 3 months).

Conclusion : In our centres, perioperative outcomes of in stock FEVAR in emergency cases are encouraging, achieving good target vessel patency with acceptable mortality. Longer follow-up is required to assess the durability of this endovascular option.

- NO time in rupture
- But sometimes stents from another patient
- 9 cases
- Technical success 87%
- 3 in hospital deaths



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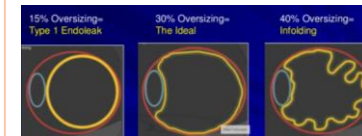
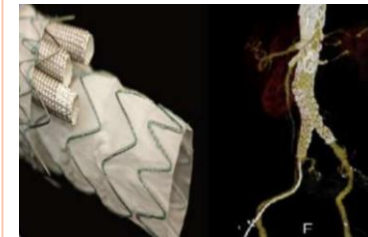


- CHImney CHIMney
- Periscope Peri

NON BELIEVERS !!



Pecora	
Kolven	
Bin Jabr	
Lobato	
Schwierz	
TOTAL	> 10%



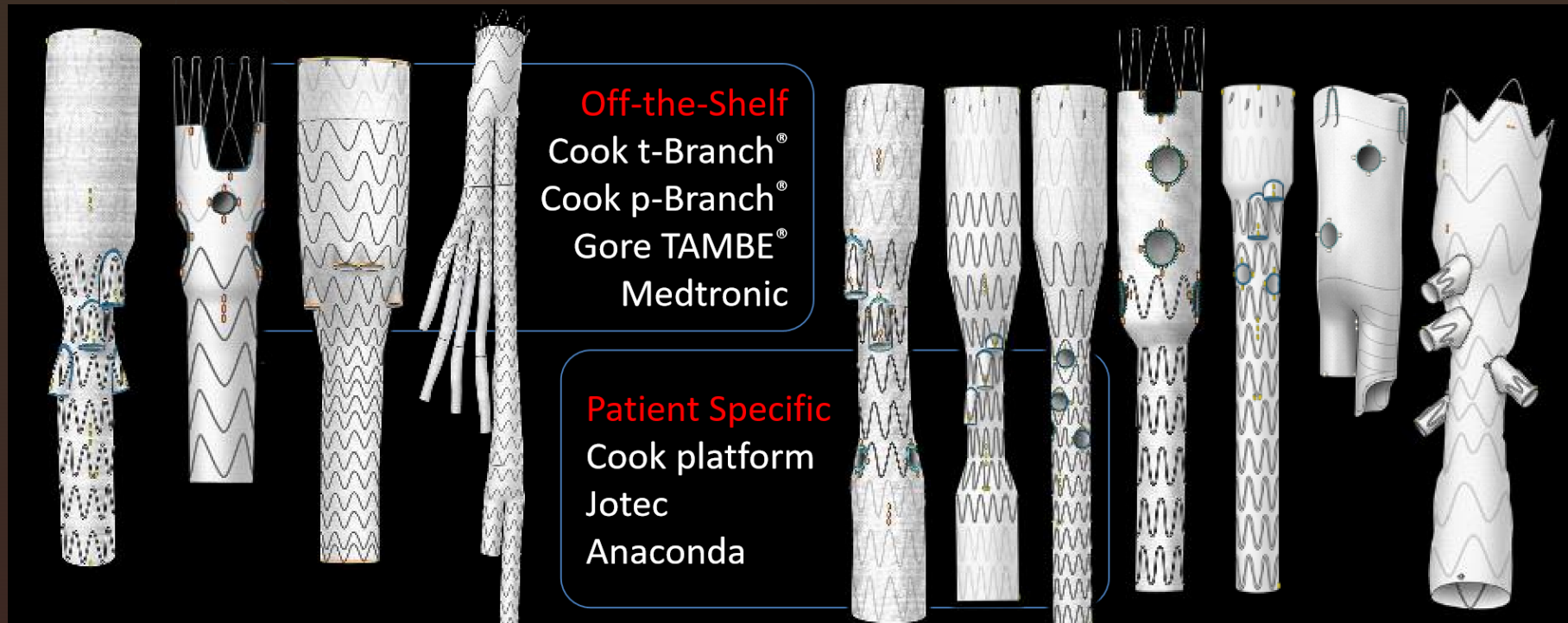
Lindblad et al, J Vasc Endovasc Surg 2015
 Bin Jabr et al, J vasc Surg 2015
 Donas et al, Ann Surg 2015

Surgeon Modified for Acute TAAA



	n	Acute TAAA	Technique	TV	SCI	RRT	30-day mortality
Ricotta	12	8	SMFEVAR	35	-	-	8 %
Scali	37	24	SMFEVAR	105	14 %	14 %	19 %
Dias	72	21	Fen/Br	276	31%	-	29% acute
		51 elective					7% elective
Anderson	14	3	SMFEVAR	-	7 %	14 %	0 %
Bisdas	46	8	Fen/Br	-	11%	-	4%
Shanzer	49	21	Fen/Br/SM	142	-	4 %	4 %
Cochennec	11	5	SMFEVAR	41	9 %	-	9 %
Sweet	24	3	SMFEVAR	88	13 %	0 %	4 %
Verhoeven	166	15	Fen/Br	600	9 %	-	8 %
TOTAL		108					20% acute

Off the shelf



Mid-term Outcomes of Endovascular Repair of Ruptured Thoraco-abdominal Aortic Aneurysms with Off the Shelf Branched Stent Grfts

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WHAT THIS PAPER ADDS

This paper demonstrates the feasibility and acceptable outcomes of branched EVAR (b-EVAR) of ruptured thoraco-abdominal aneurysms (rTAAAs) with off the shelf (OTS) devices. It also shows the need to use very liberal anatomical suitability criteria for this OTS device in rTAAAs that frequently have to be combined with adjunctive procedures. Moreover, less than optimal results are accepted to limit the magnitude of the procedure, but the consequences for the long-term remain uncertain. Finally, this paper suggests that emergency b-EVAR might be suitable only for clinically stable rTAAAs owing to the time consuming and technical complexity of the procedures, which poses demands on the available expertise.

Objective: To assess the mid-term outcomes and feasibility of branched endovascular repair (b-EVAR) of ruptured thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysms (rTAAAs).

Methods: All patients undergoing b-EVAR of rTAAAs between 2011 and 2016 were included. Pre-, intra and postoperative imaging was reviewed to assess technical success, outcomes, and feasibility of b-EVAR in the emergent setting.

Results: Eleven emergency b-EVAR of rTAAAs (10 aneurysms and 1 chronic dissection) were performed using off-the-shelf (OTS) branched stentgrfts. Only 18% of patients complied to the anatomical instruction-for-use of the OTS device; a small aortic lumen and occluded target vessels were the main violations. Median operative time was 430 (IQR 395-629) minutes. Technical failure was 36% including one intraoperative death, one target vessel catheterization failure, one type Ia and one type III endoleak. Thirty-day mortality was 27%. Only early re-intervention was for the type Ia endoleak. Spinal cord ischemia occurred in 4 patients (30%), of which 2 recovered completely. Median clinical follow-up was 15 (IQR 7-39) months respectively. The median clinical follow-up index (FU) was 0.65 (0.32–0.95). Overall survival was 75 ± 21.7% at 18 months. Four branch occlusions occurred; one renal stent occlusion led to permanent hemodialysis. Branch patency was 87.5 ± 8.3% and 72.2 ± 12% at 1 and 2 years, respectively. One stent

Conclusion: Emergency b-EVAR of rTAAAs with OTS device and adjunctive procedures, it can be offered to most but complex procedures are not suitable for unstable patient. emergency setting and reinterventions may be needed in the elective setting. These results need to be confirmed in a larger study.
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Keywords: Ruptured thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysms, branched stent graft, Anatomical suitability

Endovascular Repair of Acute Thoraco-abdominal Aortic Aneurysms

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WHAT THIS PAPER ADDS

This paper represents the largest single centre series of total endovascular repair of acute thoraco-abdominal aortic aneurysm (TAAA). Three different endovascular techniques were used based on individual patient aortic morphology and achieved acceptable early and medium-term outcomes. This study is the first to assess the suitability of the off the shelf t-Branch device in the non-elective setting and, despite considering it as the first line option, only one third of patients were suitable.

Objectives: The outcome of endovascular repair (EVAR) for acute thoraco-abdominal aortic aneurysm (TAAA) is reported and the applicability of the t-Branch off the shelf (OTS) device is determined.

Methods: Interrogation of a prospectively maintained database identified all patients who underwent EVAR for acute TAAA between September 2012 (when the first non-elective t-Branch case was performed) and November 2015. Early and medium-term outcomes were analysed. Survival and re-intervention-free survival were calculated by Kaplan–Meier analysis.

Results: A total of 39 patients (27 men; mean ± SD age, 72 ± 8 years) were treated for acute symptomatic (n = 29) or ruptured (n = 10) TAAA (20 anatomical extent I–III, 19 extent IV). Fourteen patients had mycotic aneurysms. The mean aneurysm diameter was 80 ± 20 mm. The mean ± SD follow-up was 12.2 ± 12.2 months. Surgeon modified fenestrated EVAR was used in 24 patients, chimney/periscope EVAR in 13 (33%) patients. Aortic coverage was greater than 40 mm above the coeliac axis in all patients. Target vessels (TVs) were preserved (mean 3.3 per patient) and two occluded within 30 days was 26%. Four (10%) patients developed spinal cord ischaemia (SCI); two with paraplegia and two with paraparesis recovered completely with blood pressure manipulation and drainage. Estimated overall survival (±SD) at 12 and 24 months was 71.8 ± 7.2% and 53.3 ± 10.1%, respectively. Estimated freedom from re-intervention at 12 and 24 months was 93 ± 4.8% and 85.3 ± 10.1%, respectively. Technical success was 92%. Early and mid-term results of these patients were suitable for the t-Branch device. The majority of acute TAAA required to treat the majority of acute TAAA

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CLINICAL RESEARCH STUDIES

From the Society for Vascular Surgery

Standard “off-the-shelf” multibranch thoracoabdominal endograft in urgent and elective patients with single and staged procedures in a multicenter experience

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ABSTRACT

Objective: The objective of this study was to assess immediate and midterm outcomes for urgent/emergent and elective patients with thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysms (TAAAs) treated with the first commercially available “off-the-shelf” multibranch endograft for endovascular aneurysm repair, with a single-step or a staged surgical approach.

Methods: A multicenter, nonrandomized, retrospective study was conducted of TAAA patients grouped by urgent/emergent and elective treatment with multibranch endograft for endovascular aneurysm repair at 13 Italian centers from November 2012 to August 2016. Urgent/emergent repair was classified as rupture in 16%, impending rupture in 9%, pain in 53%, or a maximum TAAA diameter ≥80 mm in 22%. Study end points were technical success, mortality, spinal cord ischemia, target visceral vessel (TVV) patency, and procedure-related reinterventions at 30 days and at follow-up.

Results: Seventy-three patients (274 TVVs) were enrolled. Treatment was performed in elective (n = 4) [56%] or urgent/emergent (n = 32 [44%]) settings, according to a single-step (n = 30 [41%]) or staged (n = 43 [59%]) approach. Technical success was 92%. Mortality within 30 days was 4% (n = 3 urgent/emergent patients) due to myocardial infarction. Spinal cord ischemia was recorded in two patients (3% elective group). The primary patency of TVVs was 99% (three renal branch occlusions). Procedure-related reinterventions were required in five cases (7%). At least one adverse event from any cause ≤30 days was registered in 42% (n = 31). At a median follow-up of 18 months (range, 1–43 months), eight (11%) deaths (elective vs urgent/emergent, 2% vs 22%; P = .018), three (1%) cases of branch occlusion or stenosis, and five (7%) reinterventions were recorded. A survival of 88% (standard error [SE], 4%), 86% (SE, 4%), and 82% (SE, 5%) was evidenced at 12, 24, and 36 months, respectively. Urgent/emergent repair and female gender were identified as independent risk factors for all-cause mortality (P < .001 and P = .015, respectively), and the staged approach was identified as protective (P = .026). Freedom from reintervention was 86% (SE, 4%) and 83% (SE, 5%) at 12 and 24 months.

Conclusions: The first off-the-shelf multibranch endograft seems safe in both urgent/emergent and elective settings. The staged surgical approach appears to positively influence overall survival. This unique device and its operators will usher in a new treatment paradigm for TAAA repair. (J Vasc Surg 2018;67:1005-16.)

COOK Zenith t-branch

Off-the-shelf multibranch endograft for urgent endovascular repair of thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysms



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ABSTRACT

Objective: The aim of this paper was to report early and midterm results of endovascular repair of urgent thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysms (TAAAs) by the off-the-shelf multibranch Zenith t-Branch endograft (Cook Medical, Bloomington, Ind).

Methods: Between January 2014 and April 2016, all patients with urgent TAAAs (asymptomatic with diameter >8 cm, symptomatic, or ruptured TAAAs) and aortic anatomic feasibility underwent endovascular repair by t-Branch and were prospectively enrolled. Clinical, morphologic, intraoperative, and postoperative data were recorded. Follow-up was performed by duplex ultrasound, contrast-enhanced duplex ultrasound, and computed tomography angiography. Early end points were technical success (absence of type I or type III endoleak, loss of target visceral vessels [TVVs], conversion to open repair, or 24-hour mortality), spinal cord ischemia, and 30-day mortality. Follow-up end points were survival, TVV patency, type I or type III endoleaks, and freedom from reintervention.

Results: Seventeen patients (male, 71%; age, 73 ± 6 years; American Society of Anesthesiologists class 3/4, 60%/40%) affected by type II (47%), III (29%), and IV (24%) TAAAs were enrolled. The indications for t-Branch were as follows: contained TAAA rupture, four (24%); symptomatic TAAA (pain or peripheral embolism), four (24%); and TAAA diameter ≥8 cm, nine (52%). The mean TAAA diameter was 80 ± 19 mm, with 63 TVVs. Fifteen patients (87%) needed adjunctive intraoperative procedures: 14 proximal thoracic endografts (thoracic endovascular aortic repair), 1 left carotid-subclavian bypass, 2 endovascular hypogastric branches, and 2 surgical iliac conduits. In four cases (24%), a significant malorientation (≥60 degrees) of the main body occurred during t-Branch deployment. Technical success was achieved in 14 cases (82%), with technical failures consisting of the loss of three renal arteries (TVV patency, 95%). Spinal cord ischemia occurred in one case (6%) with temporary paraparesis. The 30-day mortality was 6% (one patient with ruptured type II TAAA died on postoperative day 7 of respiratory failure). Renal function worsening occurred in four patients (25%), with one case requiring permanent hemodialysis. The mean follow-up was 11 ± 9 months. Survival at 1 month, 6 months, and 12 months was 94%, 82%, 82%, respectively. No TAAA-related mortality and TVV occlusion occurred in the follow-up. One type III endoleak was detected at 3 months and successfully treated. Freedom from reintervention at 1 month, 6 months, and 12 months was 88%, 82%, and 82%, respectively.

Conclusions: The off-the-shelf multibranch endograft is a safe and effective therapeutic option for urgent total endovascular TAAA repair for which a custom-made endograft is not obtainable in due time. However, the complex anatomy of these aneurysms needs a number of adjunctive and complex intraoperative procedures to achieve a durable repair. (J Vasc Surg 2017;66:696-704.)

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What to do and when to do it!

- Urgency



How much time do I have before death in ruptures?

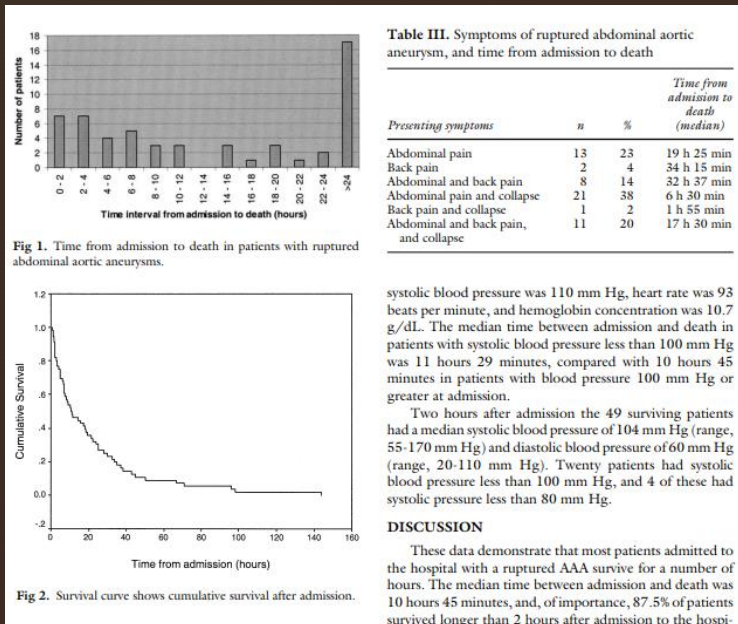


Fig 1. Time from admission to death in patients with ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysms.

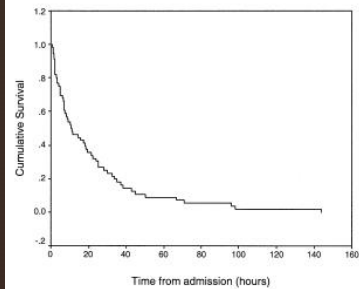


Fig 2. Survival curve shows cumulative survival after admission.

Median interval between symptom onset and presentation was 2h 30m

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Table III. Symptoms of ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm, and time from admission to death

Presenting symptoms	n	%	Time from admission to death (median)
Abdominal pain	13	23	19 h 25 min
Back pain	2	4	34 h 15 min
Abdominal and back pain	8	14	32 h 37 min
Abdominal pain and collapse	21	38	6 h 30 min
Back pain and collapse	1	2	1 h 55 min
Abdominal and back pain, and collapse	11	20	17 h 30 min

Median interval between admission and death was 10h 45m

What to do and when to do it!

- Anatomy
- “Fitness” for surgery
- Expertise
- Infrastructure
- Device availability
- Patient preference



We have a plan!



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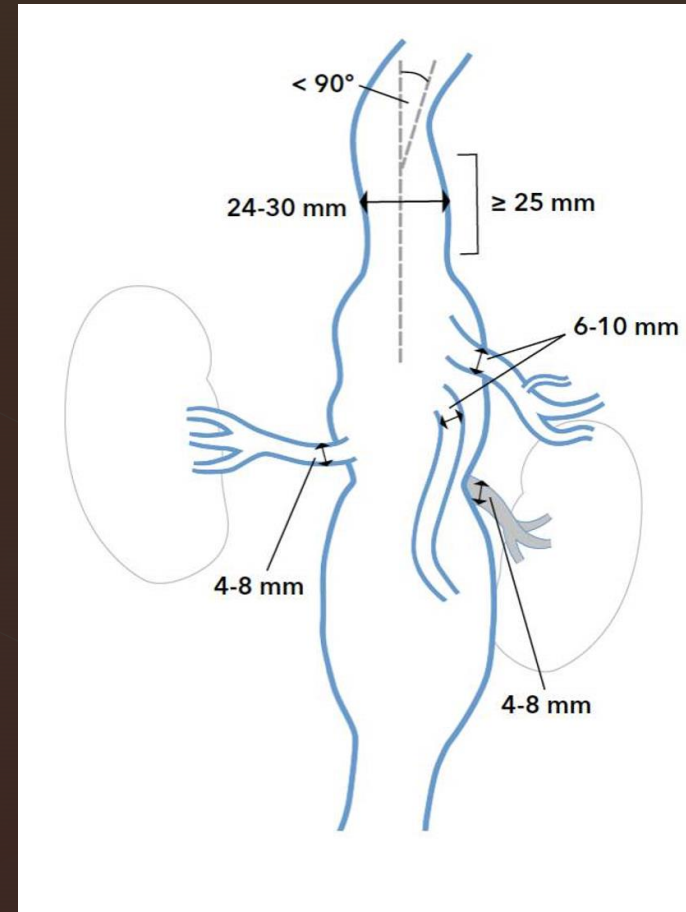
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The procedure



Requirement for T-branch Usage

- Diameter at visceral arteries
- Angle of visceral arteries
- Number of target vessels
- Angle of thoracic aorta
- Length of infrarenal aorta
- Sufficient iliac vessels



Physician's pocket reference guide

Indications for use

Component ordering information

Introduction system information

Graft specifications

Accessory products

Zenith
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The Zenith t-Branch Thoracoabdominal Endovascular Graft is indicated for the endovascular treatment of high risk patients with thoracoabdominal aneurysms who are not amenable to open surgical repair. The patient must have morphology suitable for endovascular repair, including:

- Adequate iliofemoral access compatible with an 8.5 O.D. (22 Fr) deliver system.
- Non-aneurysmal thoracic aorta fixation segment proximal to the aneurysm.
- With an angle of less than 90 degrees relative to the long axis of the aneurysm.
- With a length of at least 25 mm, (50 mm of wall contact is preferred).
- With a diameter measured outer wall to outer wall of no greater than 30 mm and no less than 24 mm.
- Alternatively, the Zenith t-Branch graft may be attached to a pre-existing endovascular graft such as the Zenith TX2 Thoracic TAA Endovascular Graft.
- Visceral vessel anatomy compatible with Zenith t-Branch, specifically:
 - Four indispensable arteries from the abdominal viscera
 - All target arteries to be accessible from an antegrade approach
 - Celiac and superior mesenteric artery (SMA) to be 6 mm to 10 mm in diameter
 - Renal arteries to be 4 mm to 6 mm in diameter
 - The distance between each cuff and the corresponding arterial orifice is less than 50 mm
 - The line between the cuff and the arterial orifice as projected onto the vessel wall deviates by no more than 45 degrees from the long axis of the aorta.

Indications for use

Length
Nonaneurysmal thoracic aorta fixation segment proximal to the aneurysm ≥ 25 mm (50 mm of wall contact is preferred)

Aortic fixation site diameter
24-30 mm (measured outer wall to outer wall)

Angulation/Curvature
• An angle < 90 degrees relative to the long axis of the aneurysm

3D Planning

COOK Zenith[®] t-Branch
TRIFURCATED BRACHIOVASCULAR GRAFT

Physician Name: _____
Physician E-mail: _____
Date of Procedure: ASAP
PO Number: _____

PLEASE CONTACT COOK MEDICAL CUSTOMER SERVICE TO PLACE AN ORDER.

Pieces required:
TBRANCH - 34 - 18 - 202
UNIBODY - 22 -
ZSLE - - - ZT
ZSLE - - - ZT

Additional components required:
① **ZTEG - 2PT - 42 - 32 - 105 - PF**
② **ZTA - DE - 20 - 104**

Step 1
Mark the position of the SMA in the center of the grid.

Step 2
Mark the position of the coeliac and renal arteries on the grid.

Step 3
Mark the proximal position of the aortic bifurcation on the grid.

Step 4
Move the outer plastic stent sheet into the proximal t-Branch position. Check reference to the position of the lowest renal artery when you mark the stent sheet.

Step 5
Align the top of the Unibody Distal Body. The contralateral limb should be no more than 15 mm above the aortic bifurcation.

Step 7
Select the Spinal ZT[™] (if applicable):
Unibody ZSLE - - - ZT
Unibody ZSLE - - - ZT

Select any additional components required.

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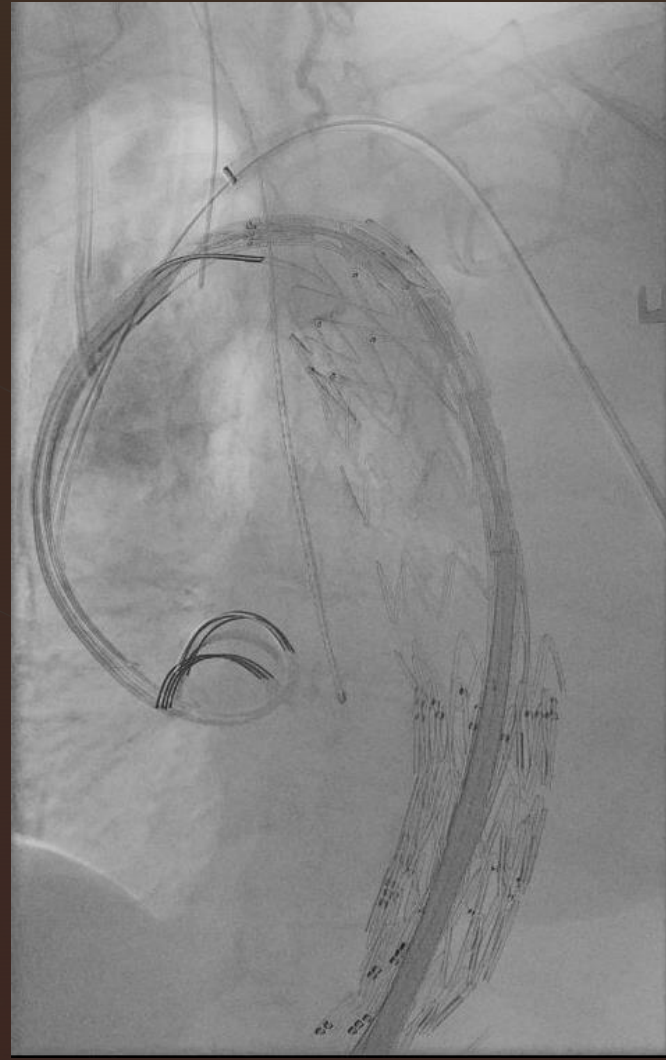
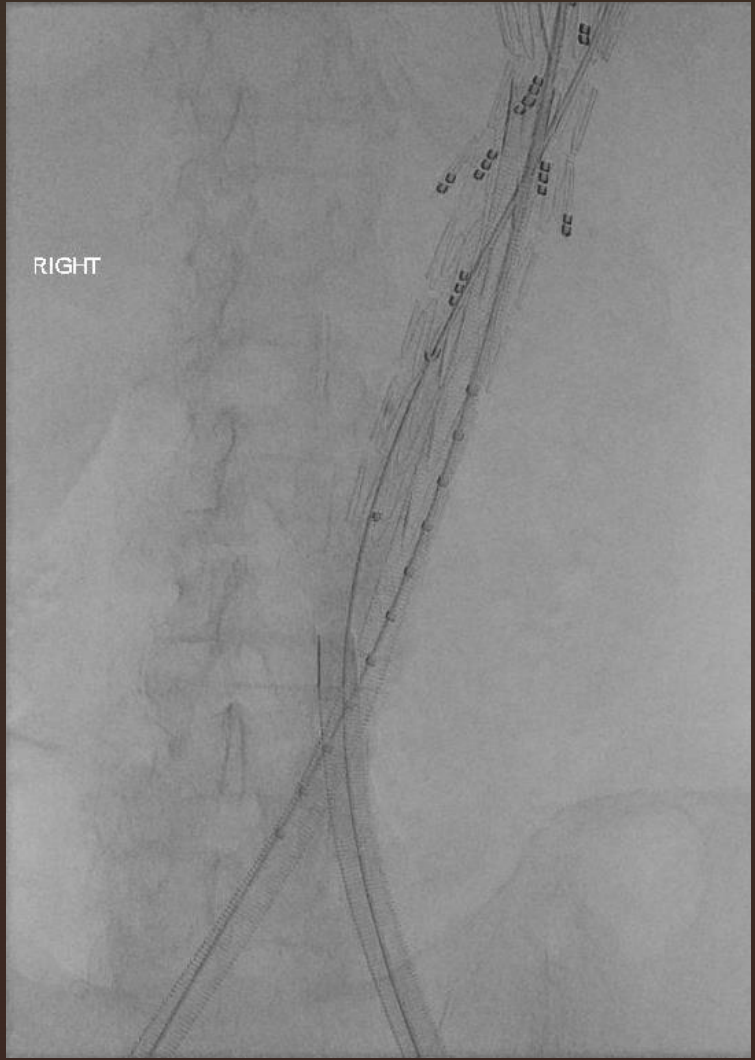
Consent

- In hospital mortality ~ 50%
- Major complications
 - Stroke
 - Paraplegia
 - Renal impairment
 - MI
 - Respiratory complications

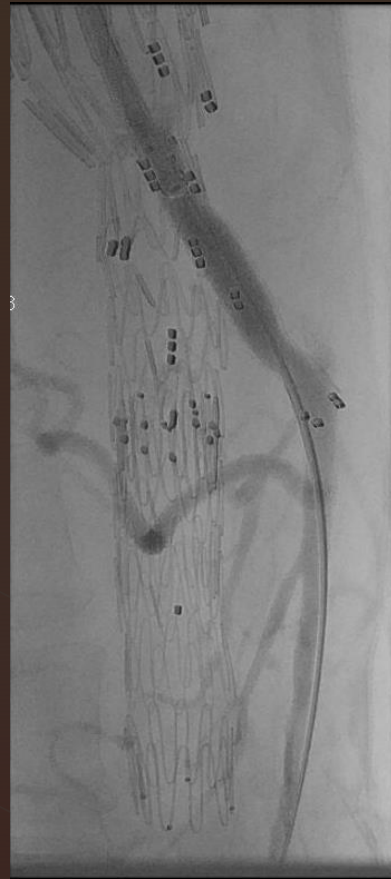
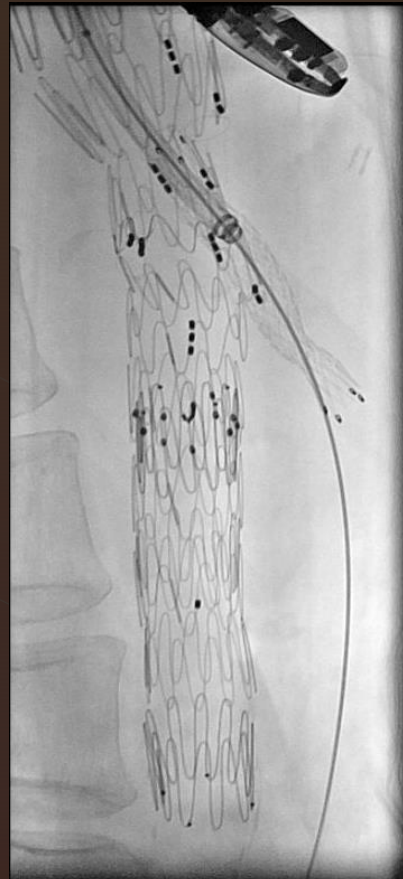
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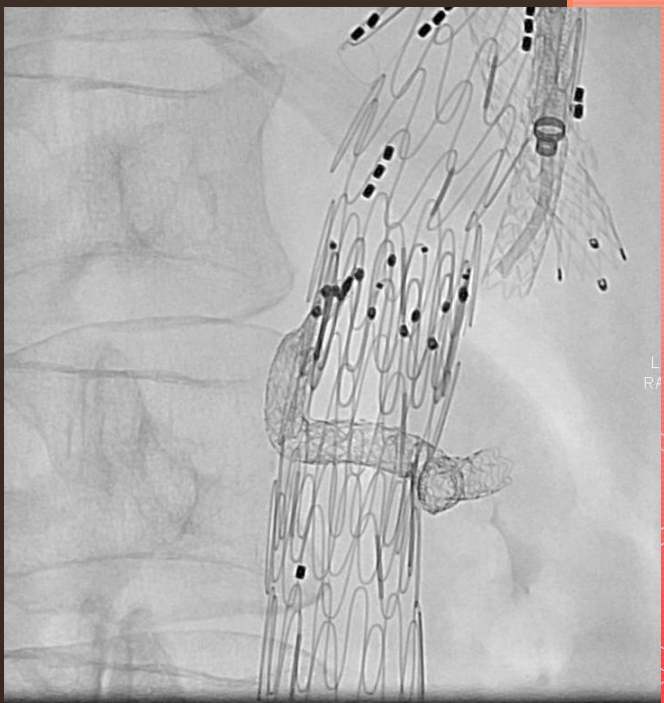
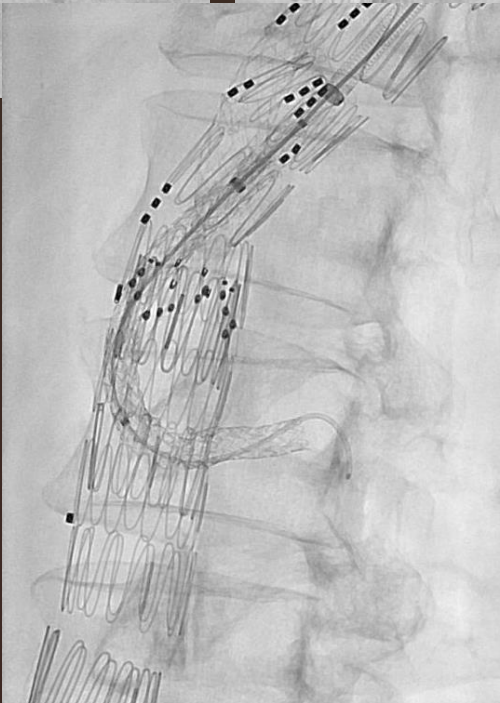
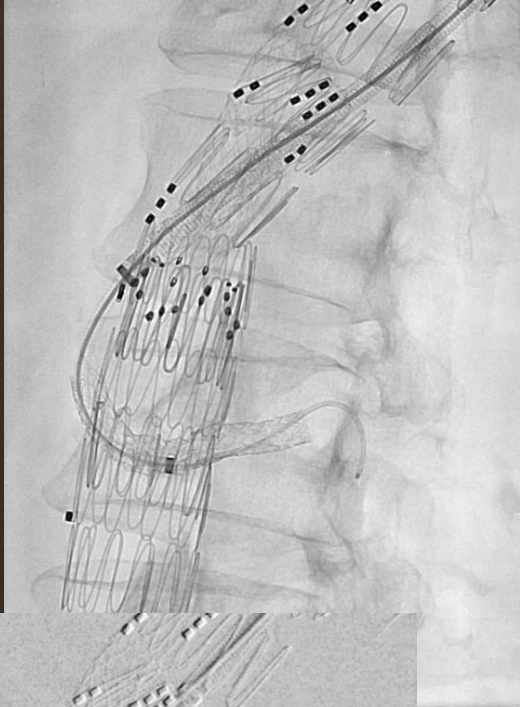
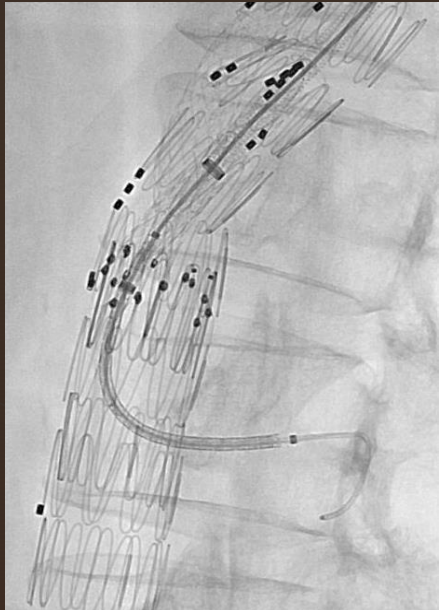
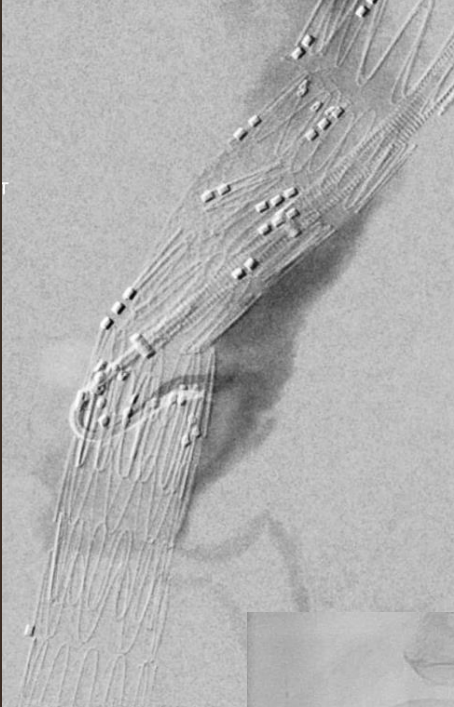
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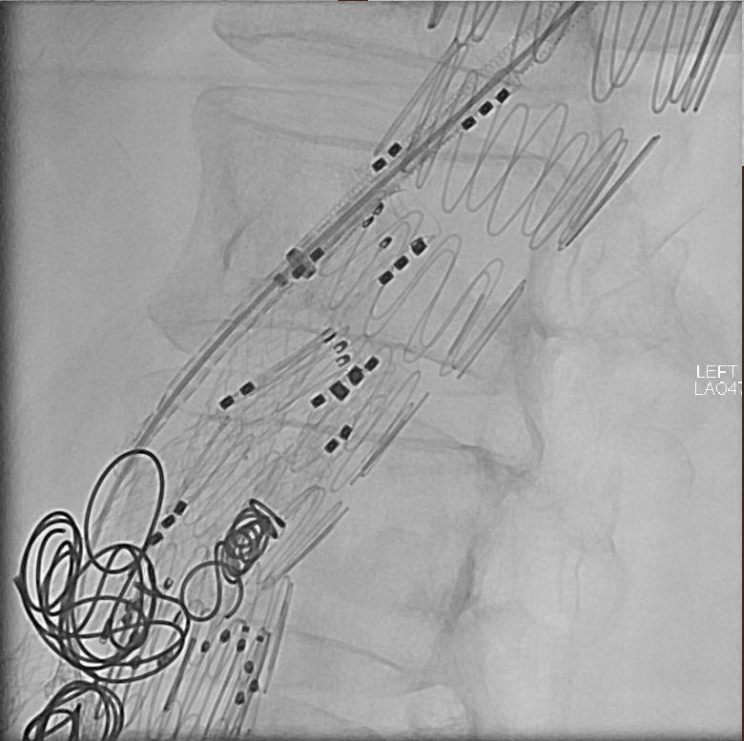
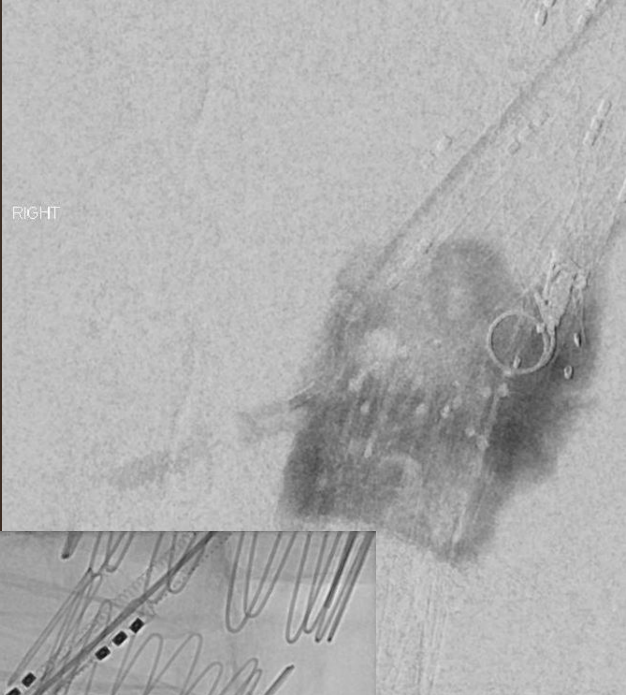
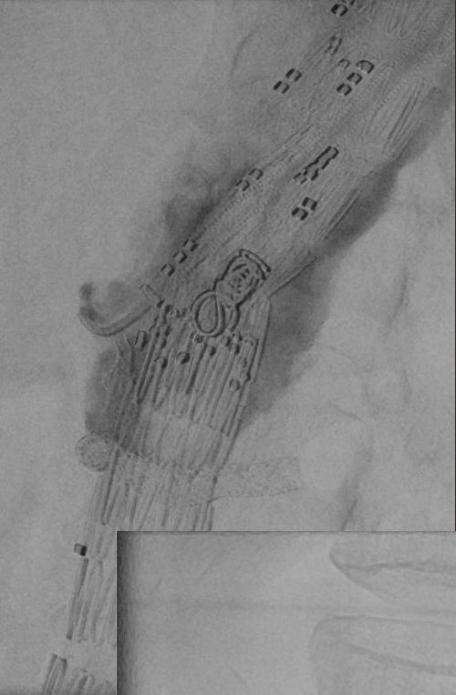
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Left Renal



Right Renal Coeliac



Final Result



Post-op ITU

Post-op protocol

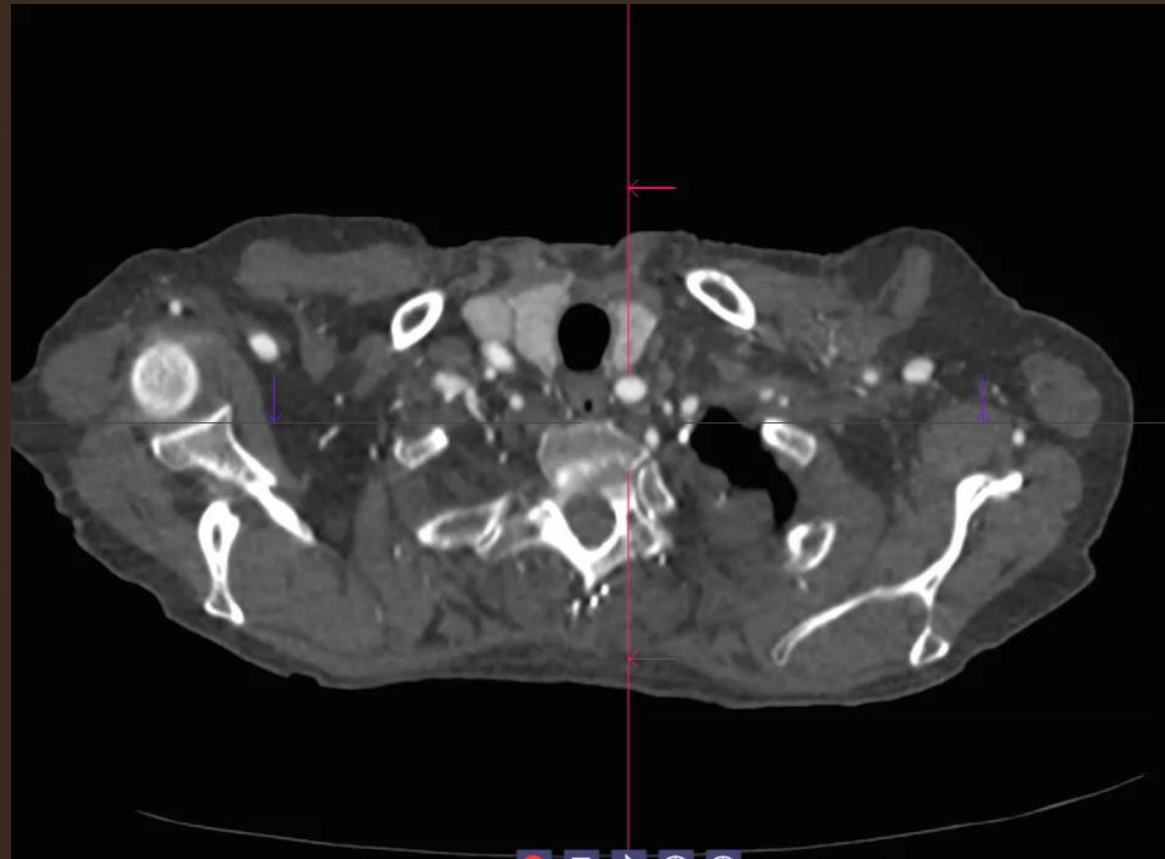
- Renal protocol
- MAP 80-100
- Hb >80
- 1 neurovasc obs
- 1 bloodgas
- 4 coagulation screen

Post-op complications

- Day 1 Left tension haemothorax → chest drain
- Day 2 Still intubated but signs of paraplegia
- Day 3 HAP → IV coamox → taz and gent
- Day 4 AKI and by day 4 CVVHF

4 month follow up in clinic

- Walks in
- Of dialysis
- Follow up CT



Quesitons

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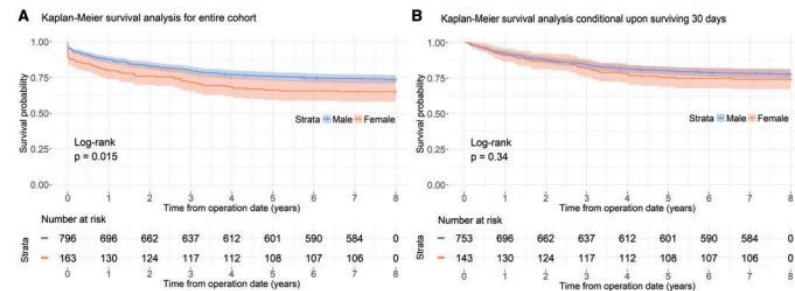
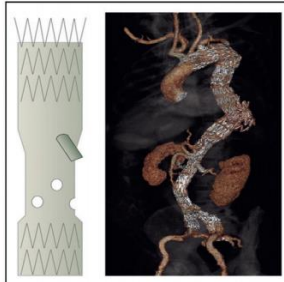
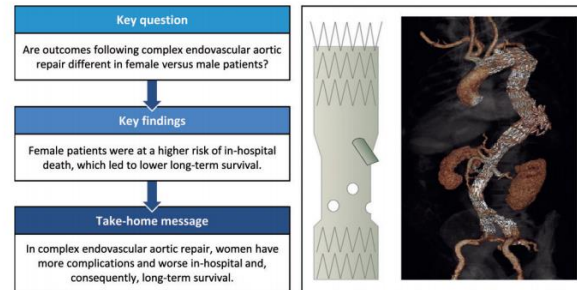


Figure 2: (A) Kaplan-Meier survival curves of 163 female and 796 male patients undergoing fenestrated or branched endovascular repair of intact thoraco-abdominal or abdominal aortic aneurysms or dissections. P-value was calculated using the log-rank test. (B) Kaplan-Meier survival curves of 143 female and 753 male patients undergoing fenestrated or branched endovascular repair of intact thoraco-abdominal or abdominal aortic aneurysms or dissections. P-value was calculated using the log-rank test.

Table 4: Cox regression results for long-term survival for fenestrated or branched aortic repair by different risk factors

Variables	Fenestrated or branched endovascular aortic repair		
	Hazard ratio	95% CI	P-value
Older age of the patients (increase by 1 year)	1.040	1.023–1.058	<0.001
Female gender (vs male)	1.506	1.123–2.109	0.006
Van Walraven comorbidity score (increase by one point)	1.045	1.030–1.061	<0.001

Significant P-values are marked in bold.

Literature: woman and ruptured AAA

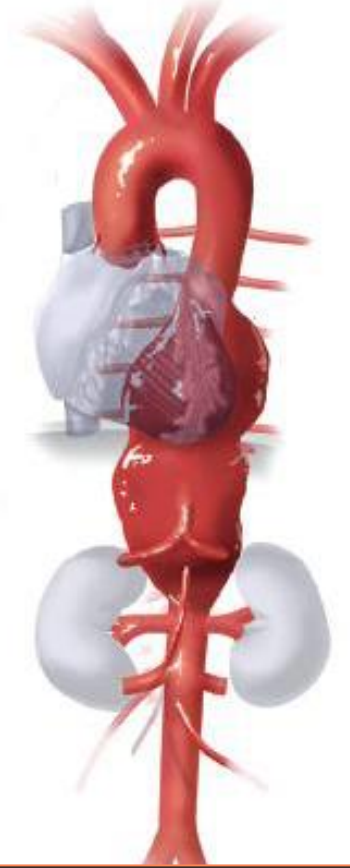
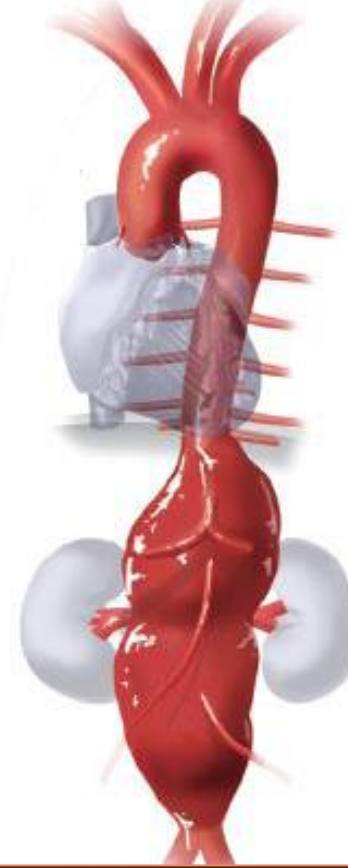
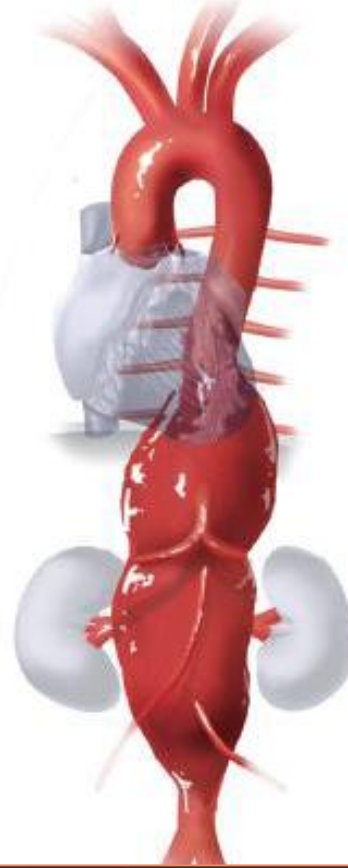
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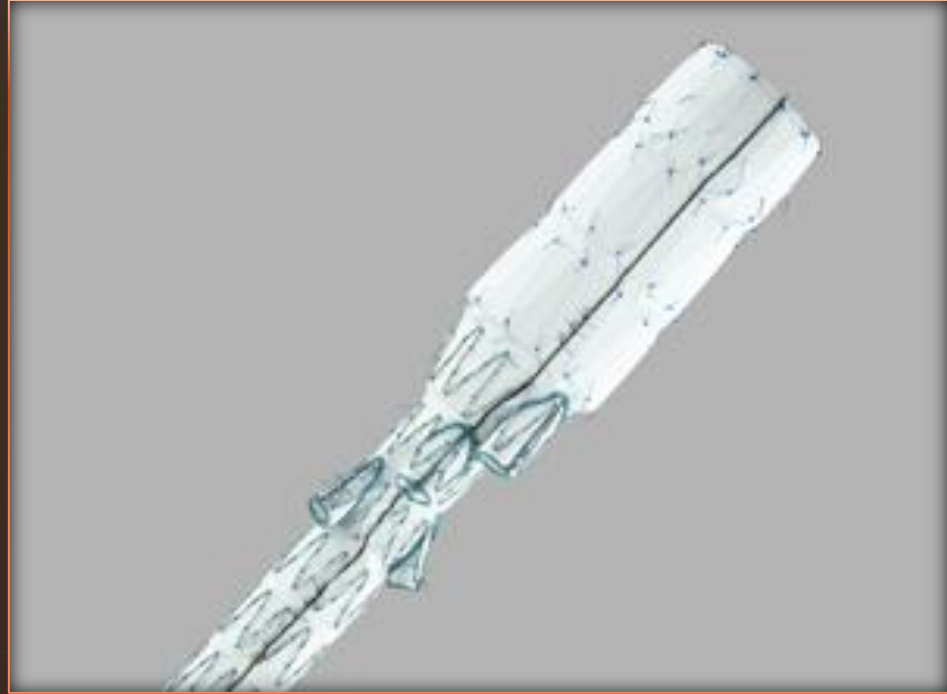
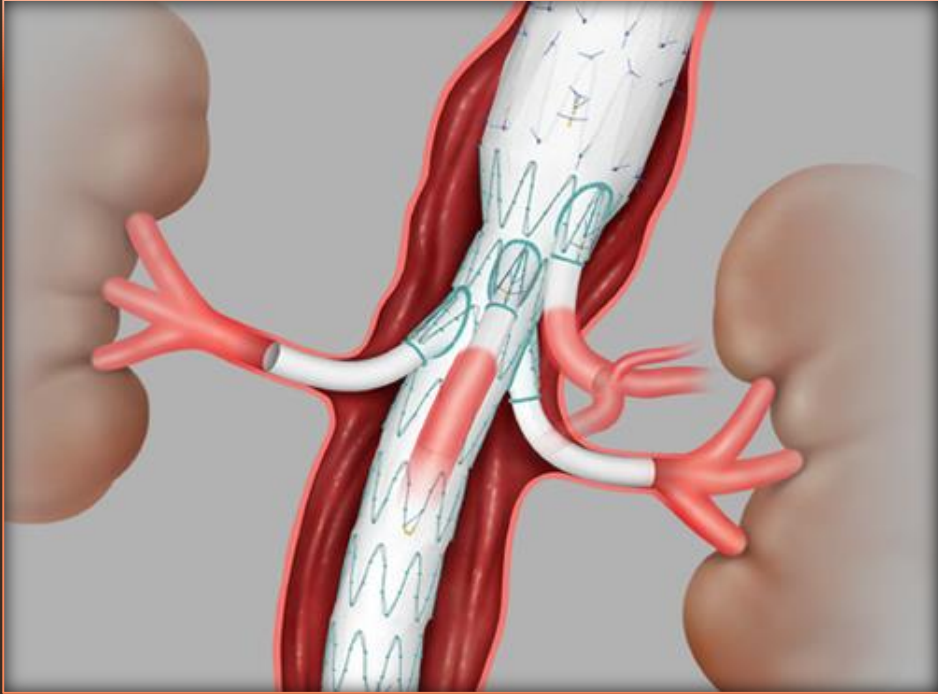
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T-branch Procedure