

# Update in Endovascular TAAA Procedures

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# Treatment Options For TAAA

- Open surgery
- Hybrid
- CHAMPS
- Fenestrated/branched procedures



# Open vs Endo

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## Contemporary Analysis of Descending Thoracic and Thoracoabdominal Aneurysm Repair: A Comparison of Endovascular and Open Techniques

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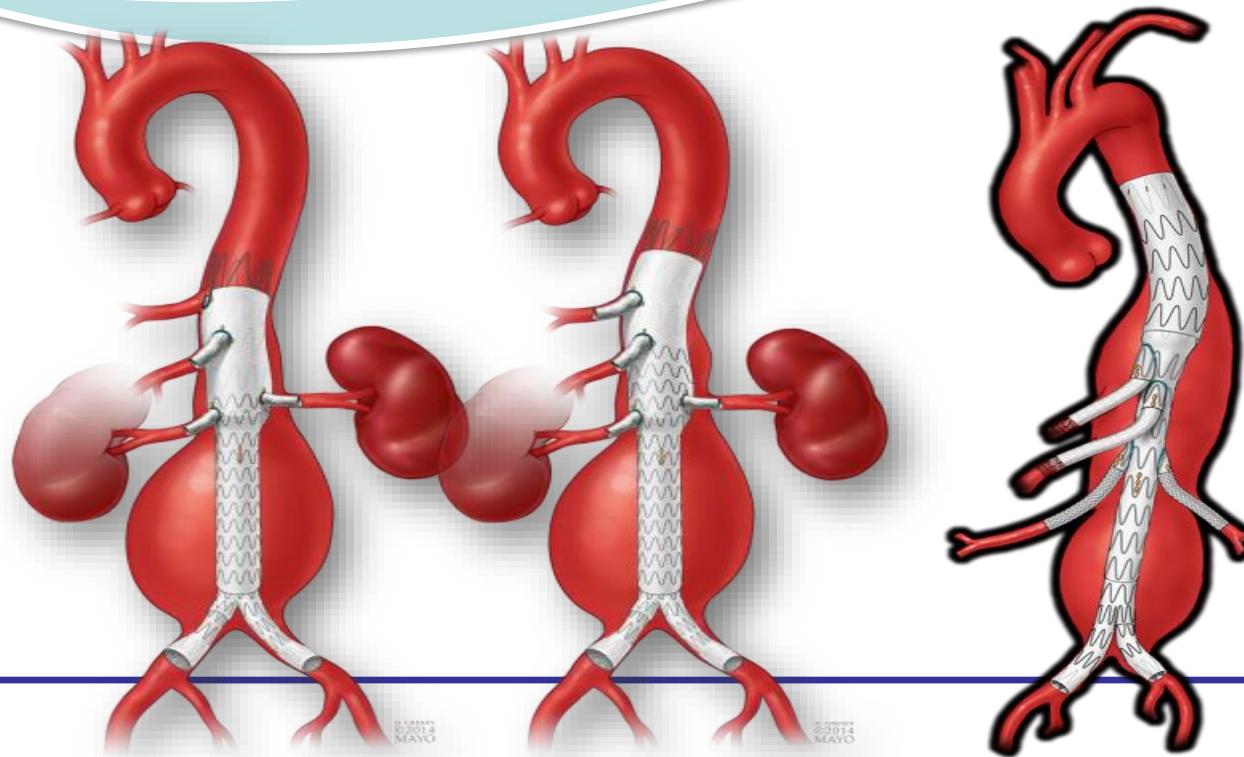
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**Table 3. Patient Characteristics for Open and Endovascular Repair Techniques**

Patient Characteristics	SR (n = 372)	ER (n = 352)	P
Age, mean±SD	62.7±13	71.3±12	<0.001
Male gender, %	64	65	0.6
Black, %	10	7	0.1
Smoking, %	54	62	0.03
Diabetes mellitus, %	5	11	0.003
Cardiac			
History of CAD, %	33	50	<0.001
EF, mean±SD*	54.4±8.8	52.5±11.8	0.02
EF <0.30, %	3	6	0.03
Pulmonary			
History of COPD, %	17	30	<0.001
FEV1*	2.2±0.8	1.7±0.8	<0.001
FEV1 <1 L, %*	3	20	<0.001
FEF 25% to 75%*	1.7±0.9	0.9±0.7	<0.001
FEF 25% to 75% <30% of expected, %*	32	52	0.001
History of cancer, %	9	13	0.09
BMI, mean±SD*	27.5±10.2	26.8±5.1	0.4
Renal			
GFR, mean±SD†	77.7±30	66.1±28.5	<0.001
<40, %	9	17	0.001
<60, %	28	40	0.001
Aortic diameter, cm, mean±SD	6.2±1.3	6.3±1.3	0.9
Extent of aneurysm repair, %			
0	36	46	<0.0001
I	14	23	
II	16	5	
III	17	6	
IV	17	20	
Chronic dissections, %	30	13	<0.001
History of surgery for proximal aorta, %	31	18	<0.001
History of surgery for distal aorta, %	16	28	<0.001

	Repair	n	Mortality at 30 days			Mortality at 1 year			SCI	
			n	%*	Rate**	n	%*	Rate**	n	%
0	ER	163	8	5	0.62	20	12	0.14	1	1
	SR	136	8	4	0.73	15	11	0.13	1	1
I	ER	82	6	7	0.94	15	19†	0.25	8	10
	SR	51	1	2	0.24	2	4	0.04	7	14
II	ER	16	1	6	0.80	5	36	0.45	3	19
	SR	59	10	17	2.36	13	22	0.30	13	22
III	ER	22	2	9	1.16	7	34	0.52	1	5
	SR	62	8	12	1.68	13	21	0.27	6	10
IV	ER	69	3	4	0.55	8	12	0.18	2	3
	SR	64	4	6	0.80	16	22	0.30	1	2
All	ER	352	20	6	0.72	55	16	0.21	15	4
	SR	372	31	7	1.07	59	15	0.19	28	8

# INCREASED COMPLEXITY



# ENDOVASCULAR REPAIR: ISSUES?

- Challenging procedures
- Radiation exposure
- Durability
- Availability
- Learning curve / Volume
- Unsuitable anatomies

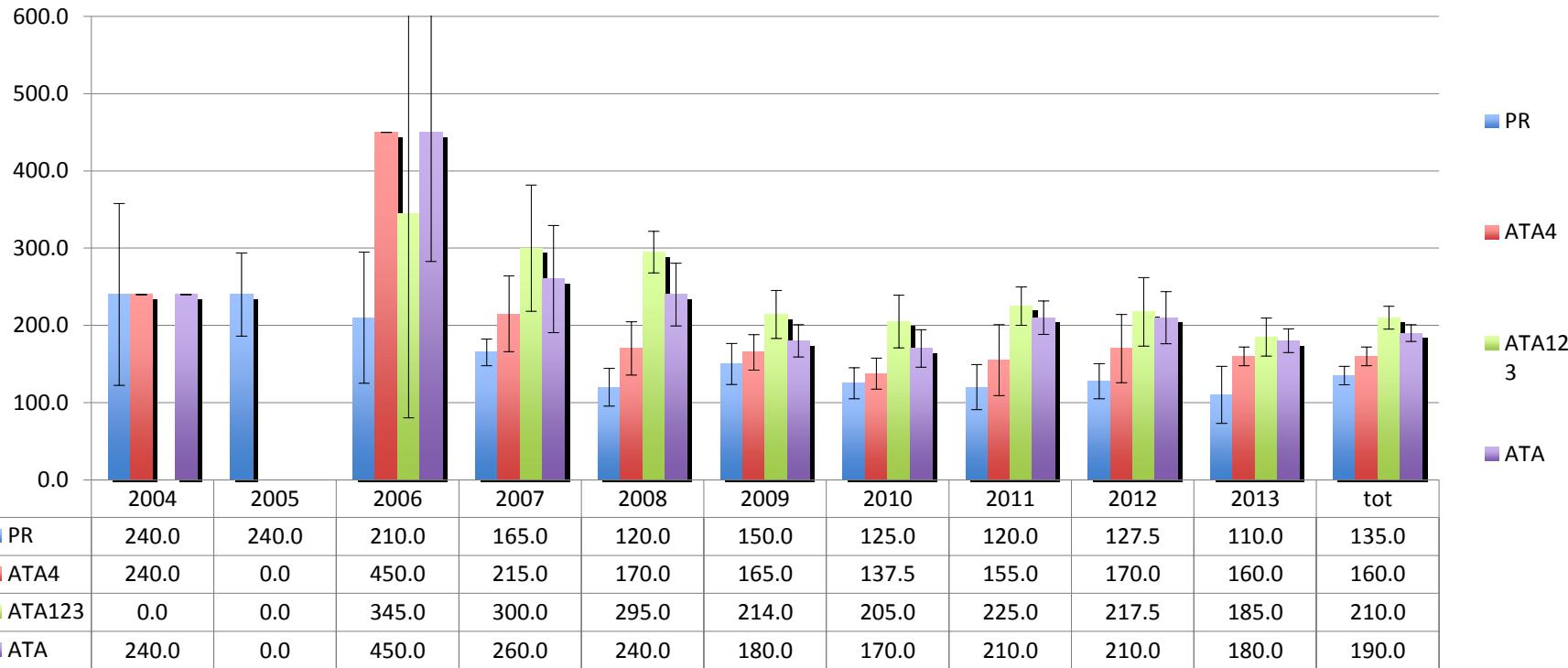


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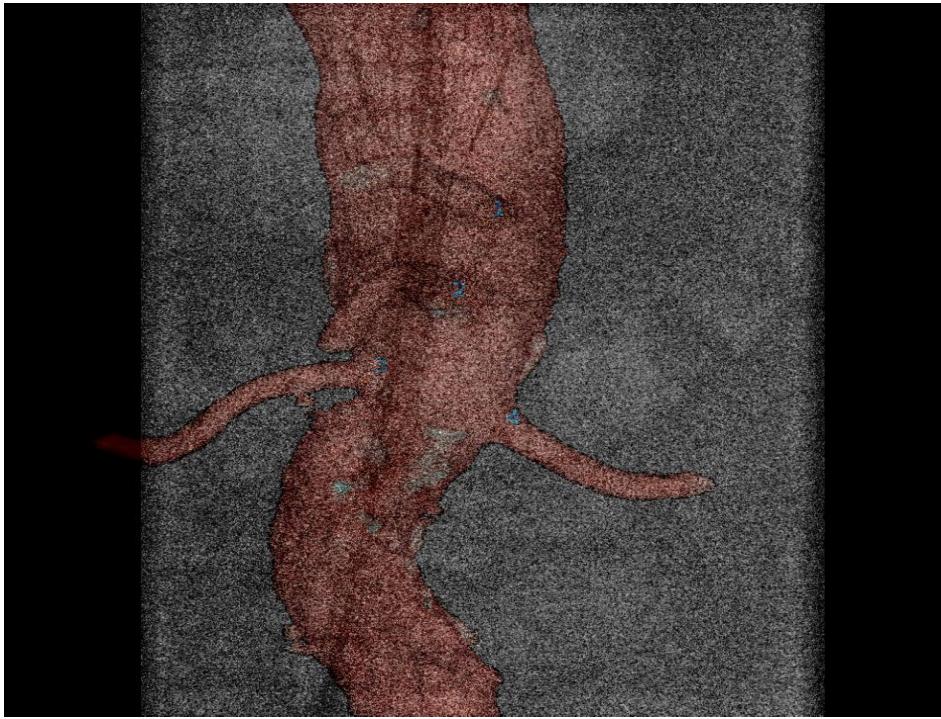




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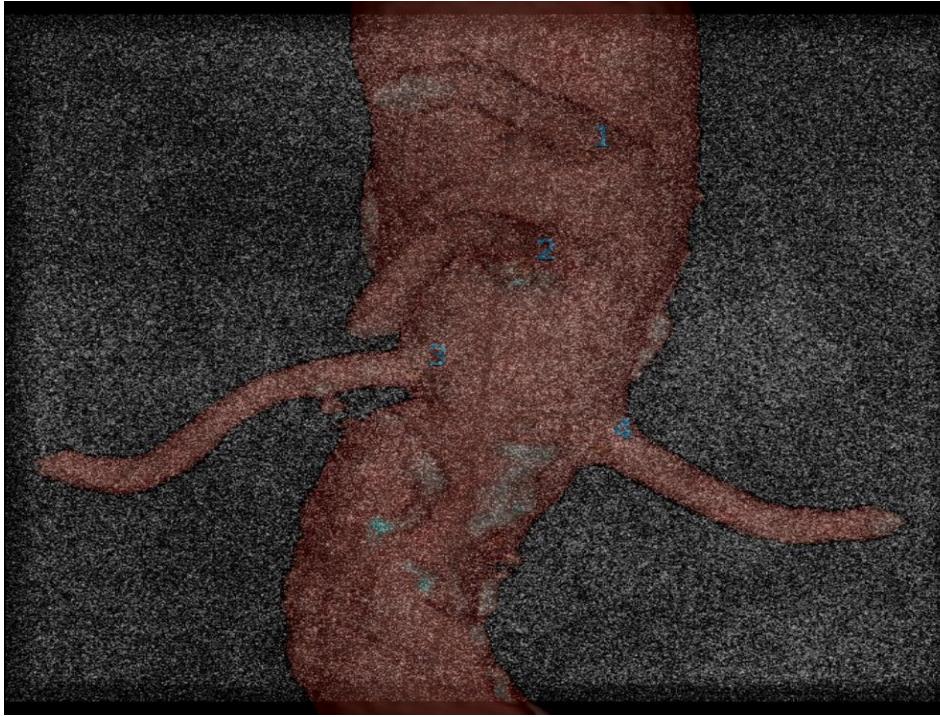


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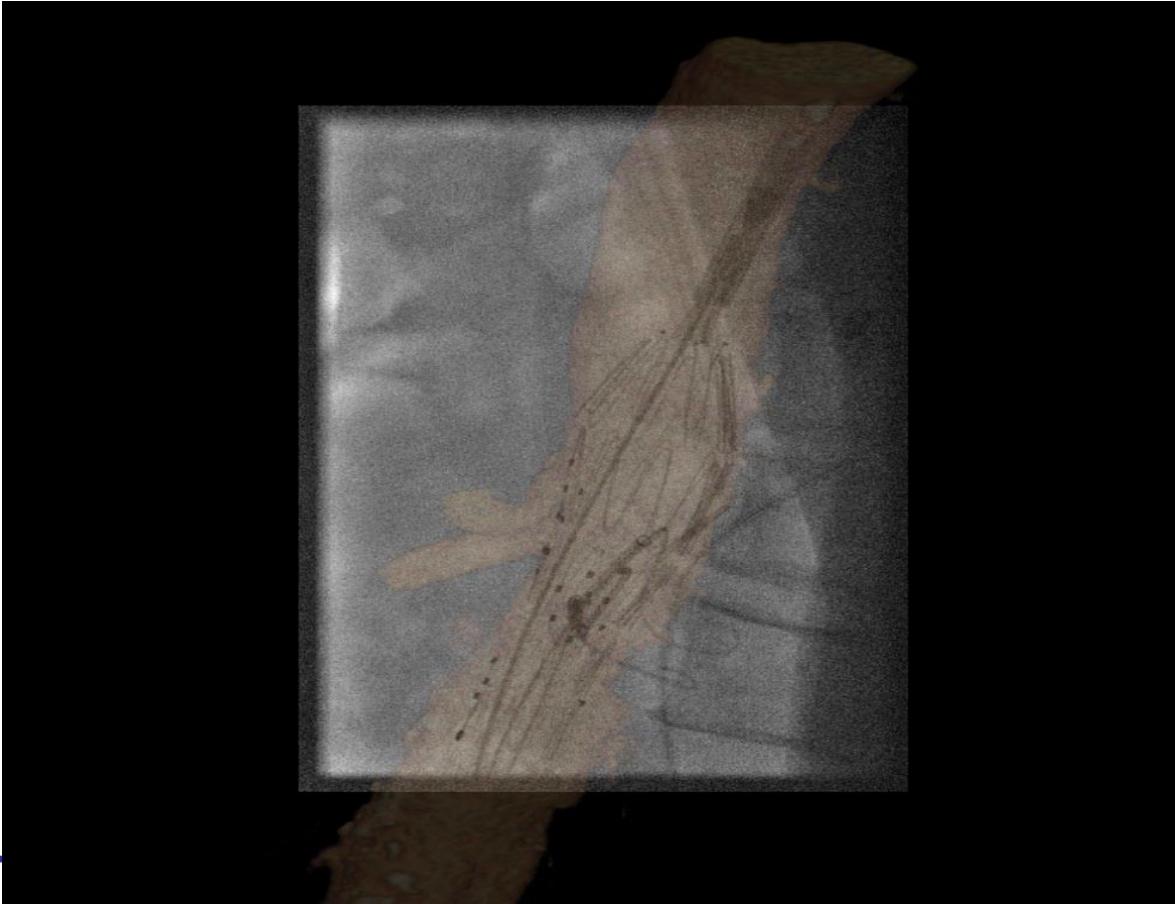


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## ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS

Low Profile Endograft Body and Stent-Split Elms:

Aberrant versus the Transperitoneal Approach to the Abdominal Aorta: A Systematic Review

Renovated Stent-Grafts for Salvage

EVAR Deployment Outside the IFU

Centrifuge, Is It Accurate?

Beta-Blocker after Vascular Surgery: A Nationwide Prospective Study

## Impact of Hybrid Rooms with Image Fusion on Radiation Exposure during Endovascular Aortic Repair

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### WHAT THIS PAPER ADDS

Experience has shown that the routine use of fusion during endovascular aneurysm repair has significantly reduced the exposure of patients and operators to X-rays and contrast volume injection during complex repairs, without jeopardising the overall procedure workflow.

**Objective:** To evaluate exposure to radiation during endovascular aneurysm repair (EVAR) performed with intraoperative guidance by preoperative computed tomographic angiogram fusion.

**Methods:** All consecutive patients who underwent standard bifurcated (BIF) or thoracic (THO), and complex fenestrated (FBN) or branched (BR) EVAR were prospectively enrolled. Indirect dose-area product (DAP), fluoroscopy time (FT), and contrast medium volume were recorded. These data were compared with a previously published prospective EVAR cohort of 301 patients and to other literature. Direct DAP and peak skin dose were measured with radiochromic films. Results are expressed as median (interquartile range).

**Results:** From December 2012 to July 2013, 102 patients underwent standard (56.8%) or complex (43.2%) EVAR. The indirect DAP ( $\text{Gy} \cdot \text{cm}^2$ ) was as follows: BIF 12.2 (8.7–19.9); THO 26.0 (11.9–34.9); FBN 43.7 (24.7–57.5); and BR 47.4 (37.2–108.2). The FT (min) was as follows: BIF 10.6 (9.1–14.7); THO 8.9 (6.0–10.5); FBN 30.7 (20.2–40.5); and BR 39.5 (34.8–51.6). The contrast medium volume (ml) was as follows: BIF 59.0 (50.0–75.0); THO 80.0 (50.0–100.0); FBN 105.0 (70.0–136.0); and BR 120.0 (100.0–170.0). When compared with a previous cohort, there was a significant reduction in DAP during BIF, FBN, and BR procedures, and a significant reduction of iodinated contrast volume during FBN and BR procedures. There was also a significant reduction in DAP during BIF procedures when compared with the literature ( $p < .01$ ). DAP measurement on radiochromic films was strongly correlated with indirect DAP values ( $r^2 = .93$ ).

**Conclusion:** The exposure of patients and operators to radiation is significantly reduced by routine use of image fusion during standard and complex EVAR.

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### INTRODUCTION

The evolution of device technology has allowed physicians to perform more and more complex minimally invasive aortic endovascular repairs. Imaging systems have also evolved to facilitate these challenging procedures. For example, fixed-room flat panel detectors have demonstrated strong imaging superiority over standard fluoroscopic two-dimensional (2D) fluoroscopy imaging systems (mobile C-arms), which are limited by overheating and image degradation, particularly when performing complex endovascular aneurysm repair (EVAR).<sup>1</sup> Hybrid rooms, combining an optimal open surgical environment and

advanced imaging capabilities are currently replacing mobile C-arms in the operating room.

The latest hybrid rooms have advanced imaging applications, such as contrast-enhanced cone beam computed tomography (CBCT; three-dimensional [3D] images acquired through a C-arm rotation around the patient), and preoperative computed tomography angiography (CTA) image fusion with live fluoroscopy to provide a "3D roadmap". The latter facilitates endovascular navigation and increases the accuracy of endograft implantation.<sup>2,3</sup> Despite the current widespread use of these new imaging applications, little has been published on their impact on exposure to ionizing radiation.<sup>4–6</sup>

Published evidence suggests that repeated injections of contrast medium contribute to the development of lifelong nephropathy. The effects of radiation are cumulative and put patients at deterministic risk of radiation injuries after exposure.<sup>7,8</sup> Also, clinical staff regularly exposed to radiation during everyday fluoroscopy-directed procedures are

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# Literature overview

## Where do we stand?

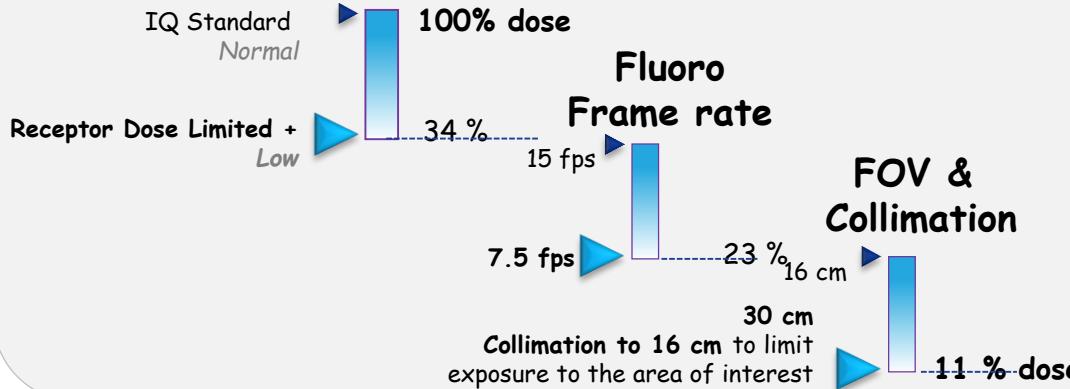
Median DAP ( $\text{Gy} \cdot \text{cm}^2$ ) values reported in the Literature for complex EVAR procedures



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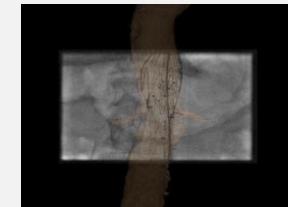
## Imaging parameters

Auto kV, mA settings (Acq. protocol)  
& Normal/Low dose setting (table side control)



## Imaging modes

- Use of CTA Fusion
  - No need of intra-op. 3D
  - Center anatomy and optimize C-arm angulation without x-ray as 3D fusion mask follows the table and gantry movements
- Minimization of DSA runs



# ISSUES?

- Challenging procedures
- Radiation exposure
- Durability
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# Durability of branches in branched and fenestrated endografts

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**Objective:** Branched and fenestrated repair has been shown to be effective for treatment of complex aortic aneurysms. However, the long-term durability of branches is not well reported.

**Methods:** Prospective data collected for all patients enrolled in a physician-sponsored investigational device exemption trial for branched and fenestrated endografts were analyzed. Retrospective review of imaging studies and electronic records was used to supplement the dataset. Incidences of branch stent secondary intervention, stent fracture, migration, branch-related rupture, and death were calculated. A time-to-event analysis was performed for secondary intervention for any branch. Univariable and multivariable analyses were performed to identify related variables. Branch instability, a composite outcome of any branch event, was reported as a function of exponential decay to capture the loss of freedom from complications over time.

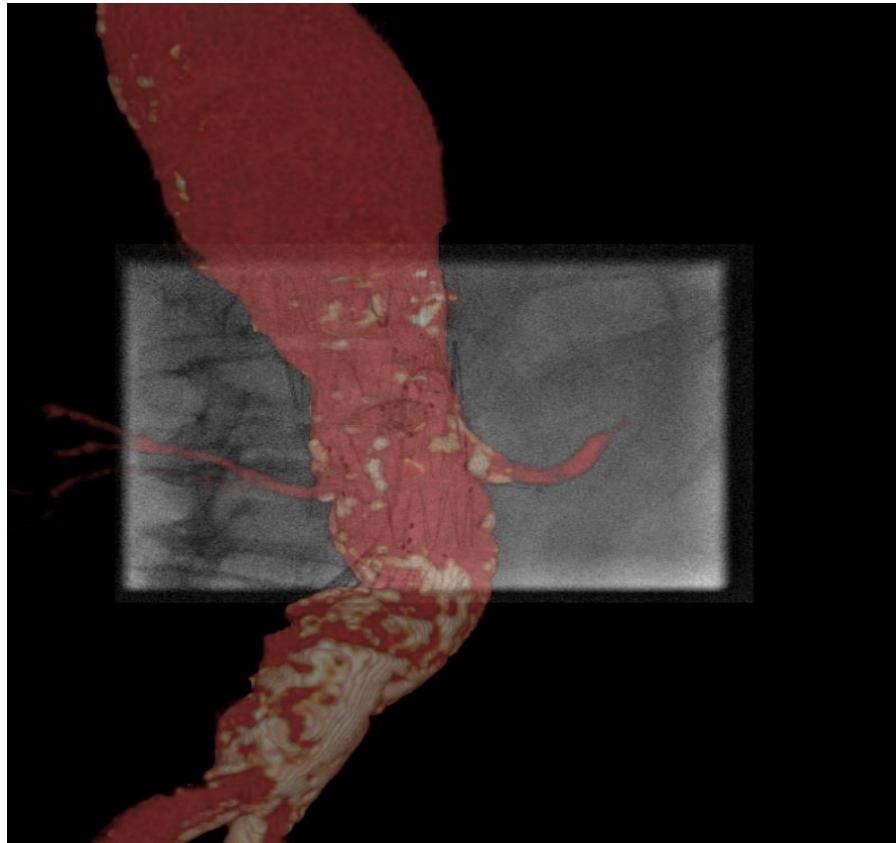
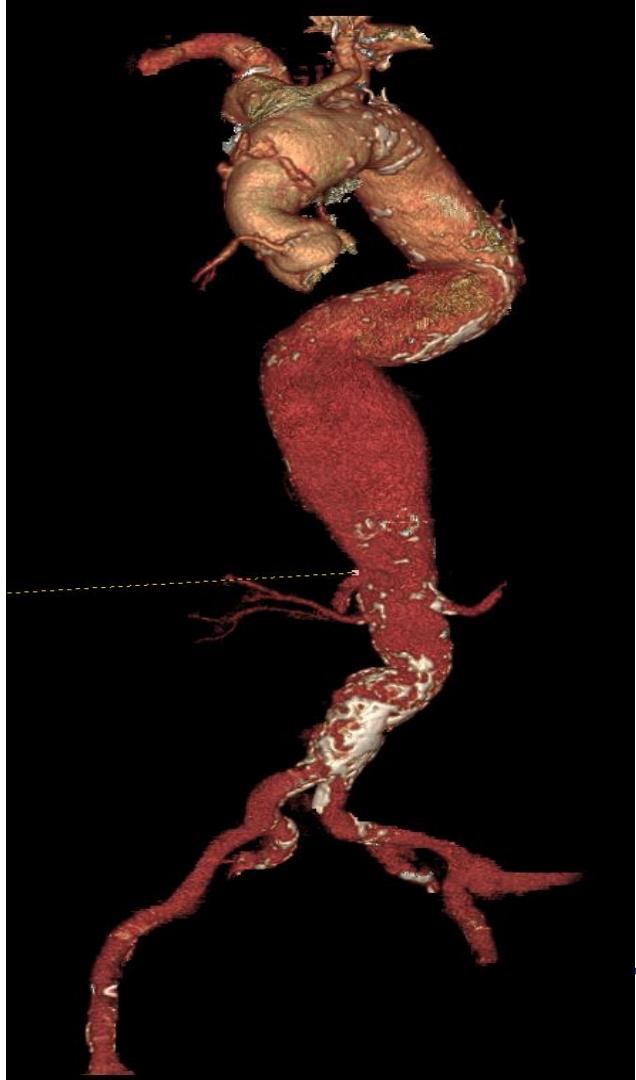
**Results:** Between the years 2001 and 2010, 650 patients underwent endovascular aortic repair with branched or fenestrated devices. Over 9 years of follow-up (mean [standard deviation], 3 [2.3] years), secondary procedures were performed for 0.6% of celiac, 4% of superior mesenteric artery (SMA), 6% of right renal artery, and 5% of left renal artery stents. Mean time to reintervention was 237 (354) days. The 30-day, 1-year, and 5-year freedom from branch intervention was 98% (95% confidence interval [CI], 96%-99%), 94% (95% CI, 92%-96%), and 84% (95% CI, 78%-90%), respectively. Death from branch stent complications occurred in three patients, two related to SMA thrombosis and one due to an unstented SMA scallop. Multivariable analysis revealed no factors as independent predictors of need for branch reintervention.

**Conclusions:** Branches, after branched or fenestrated aortic repair, appear to be durable and are rarely the cause of patient death. The absence of long-term data on branch patency in open repair precludes comparison, yet the lower morbidity and mortality risk coupled with longer-term durability data will further alter the balance of repair options. (*J Vasc Surg* 2013;57:926-33.)

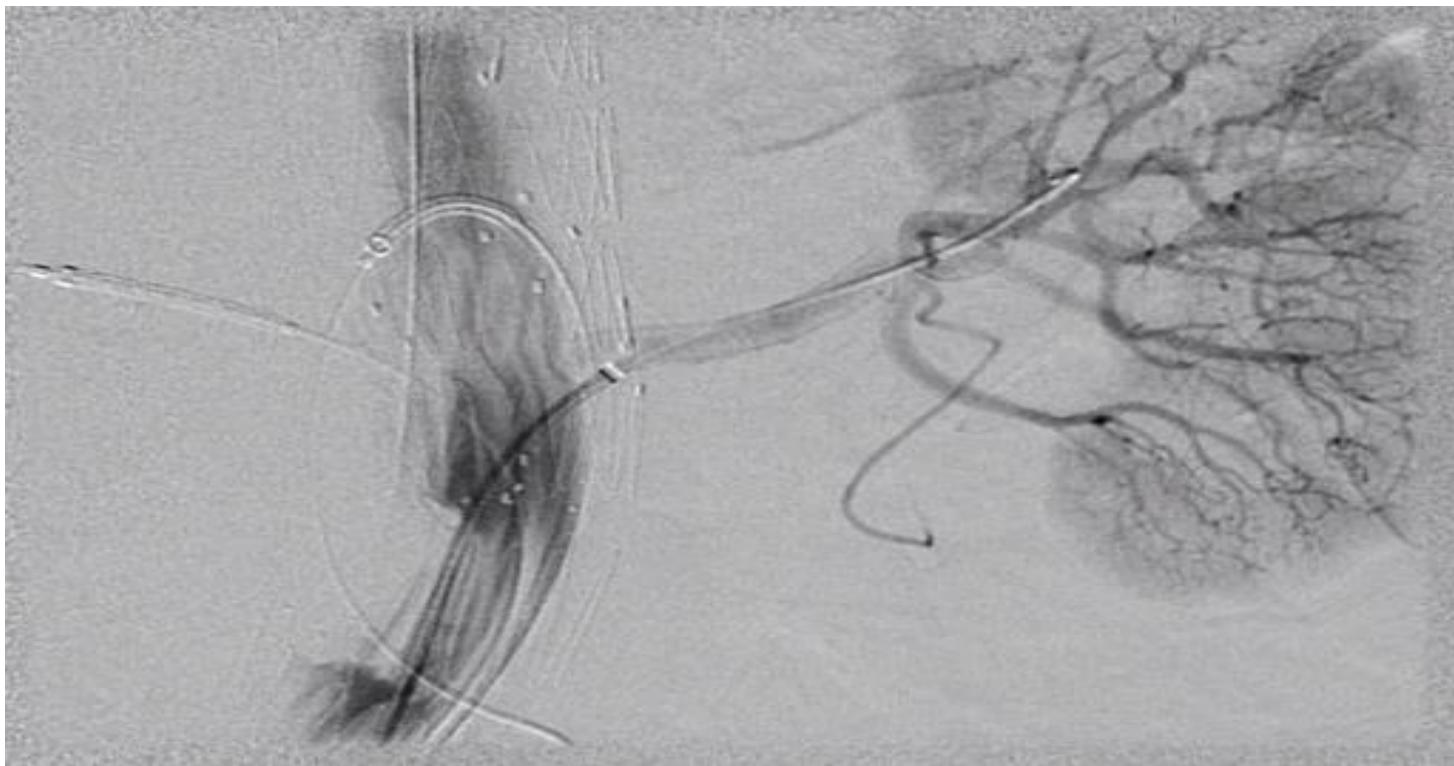


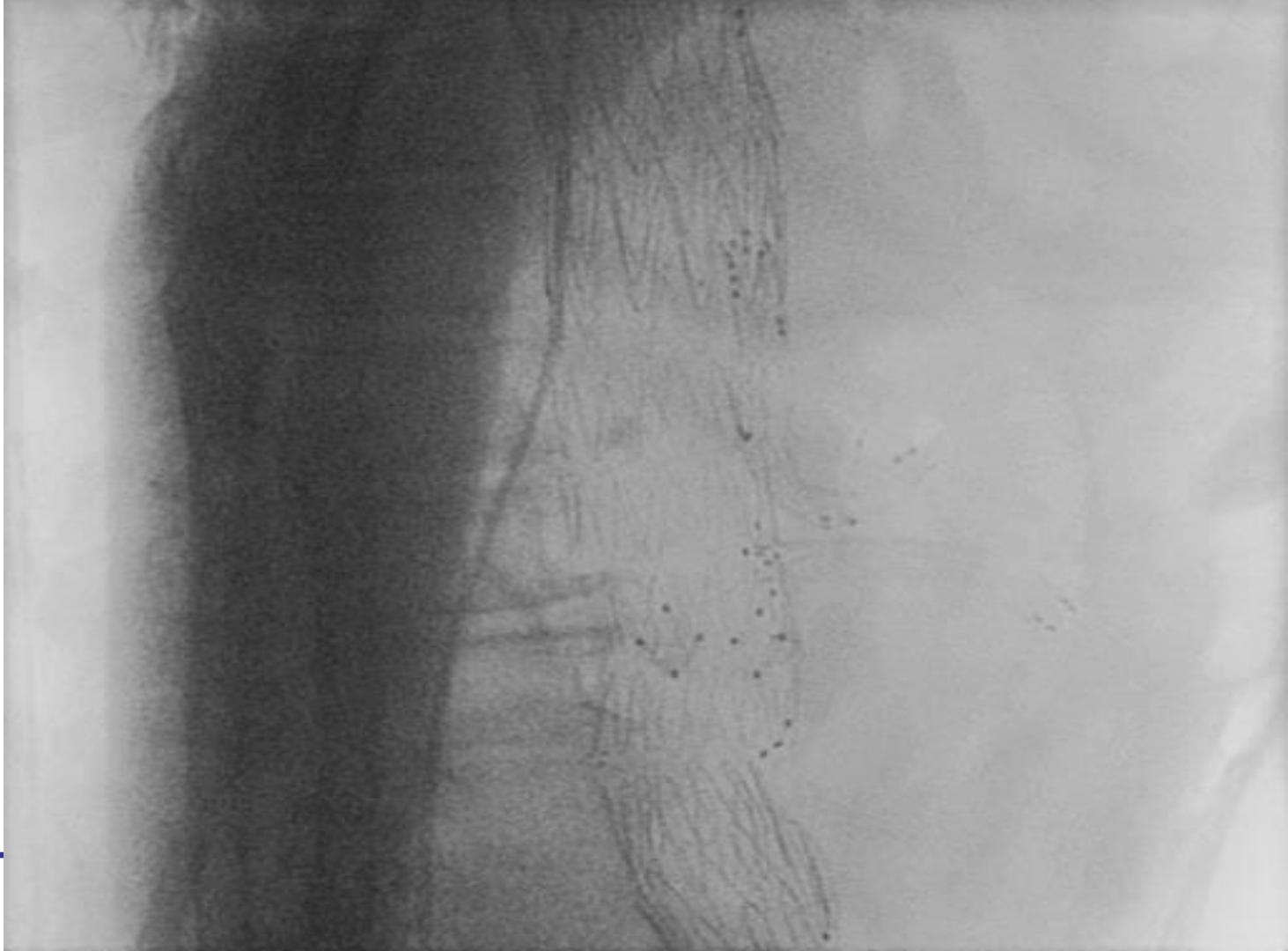


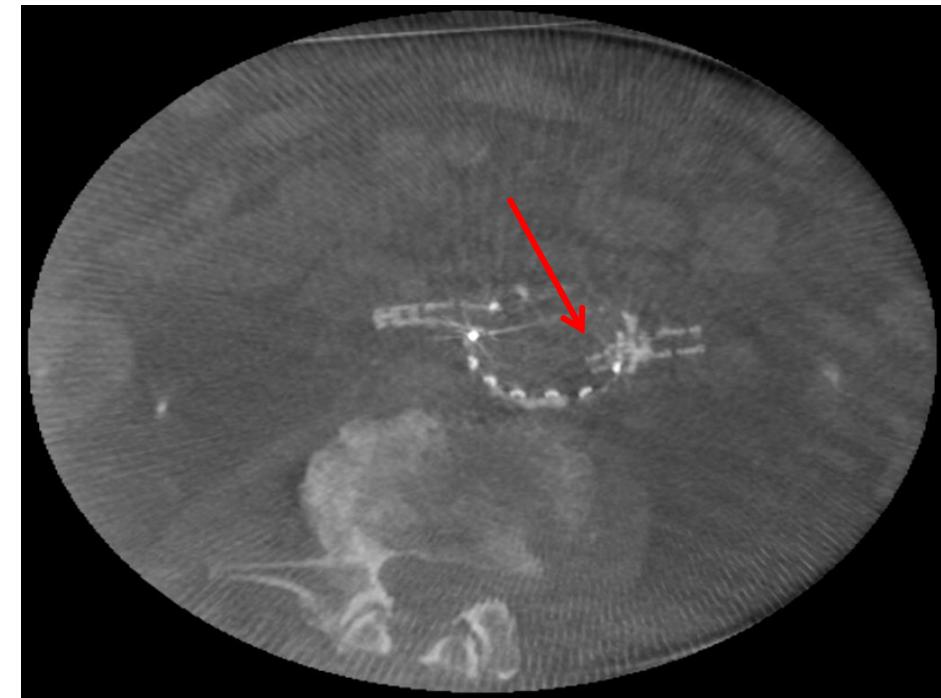
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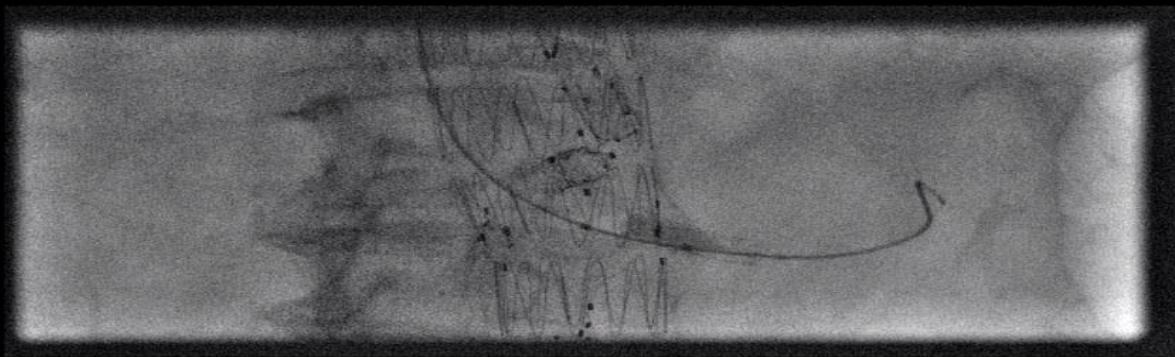
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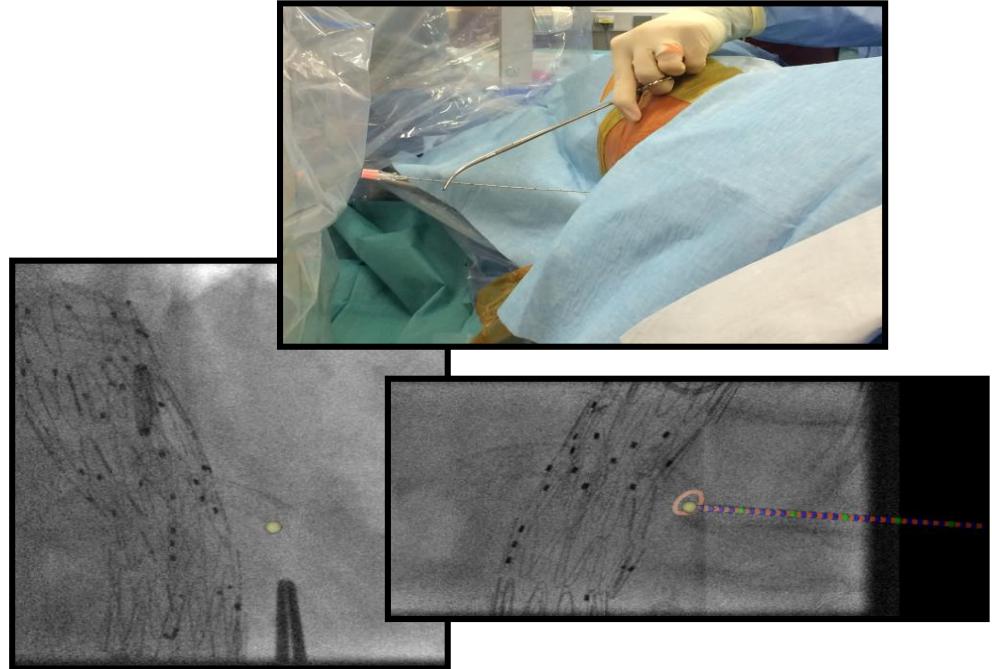
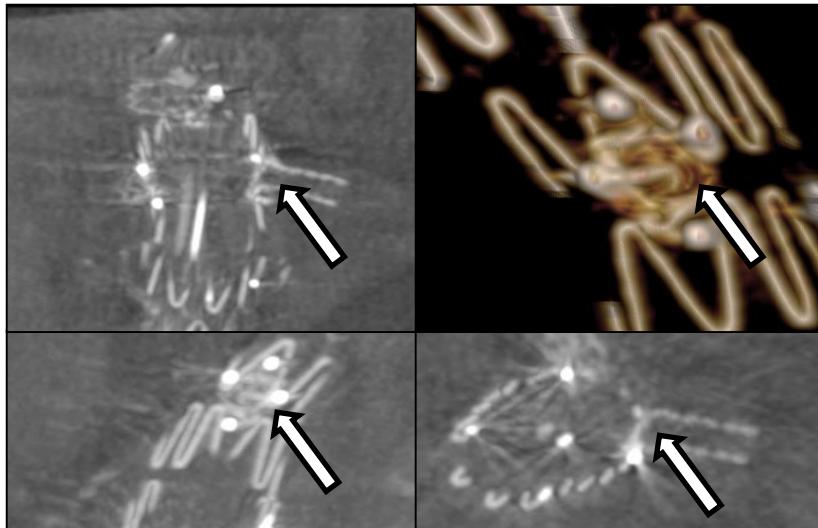




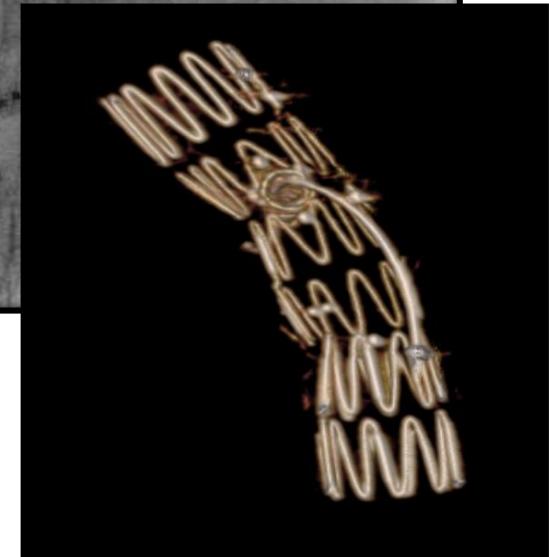
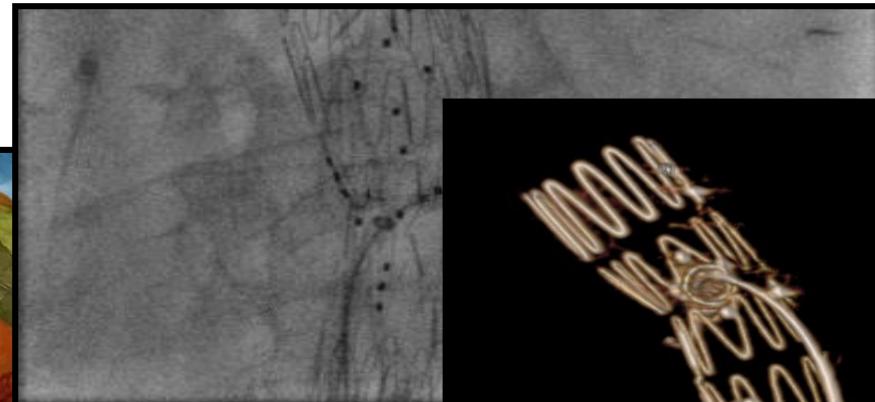
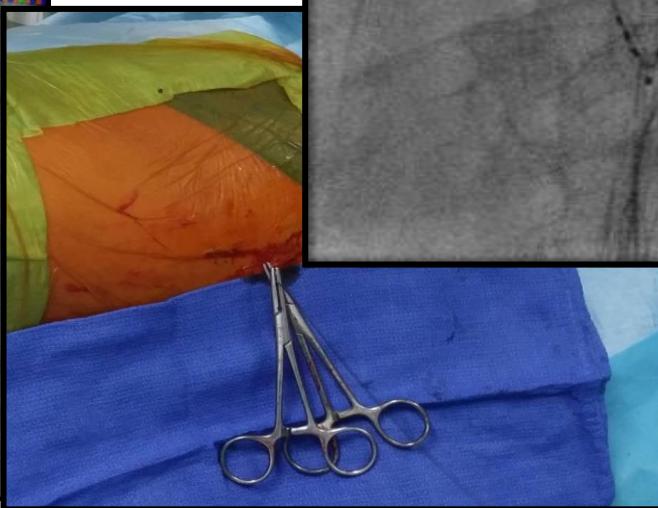
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# TrackVision Needle Guidance



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## Benefits of Completion 3D Angiography Associated with Contrast Enhanced Ultrasound to Assess Technical Success after EVAR

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### WHAT THIS PAPER ADDS

Use of a contrast enhanced CBCT based strategy to assess technical success after EVAR is feasible, and allows reduction of total in hospital radiation exposure and contrast medium volume injected.

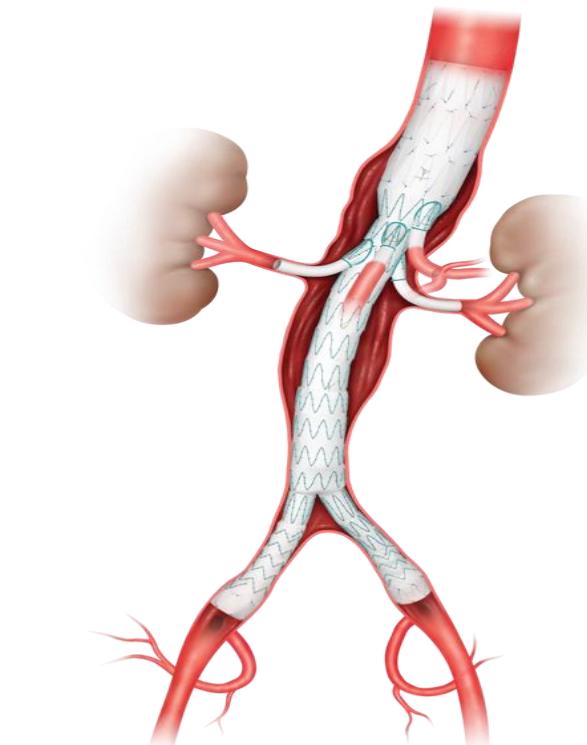


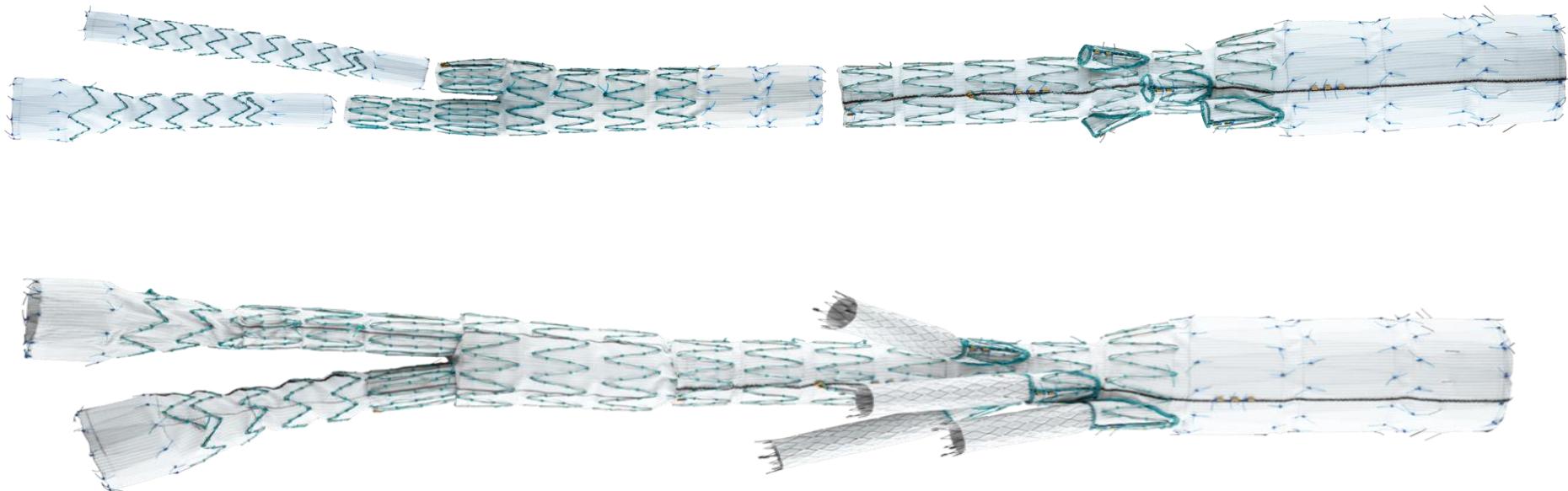
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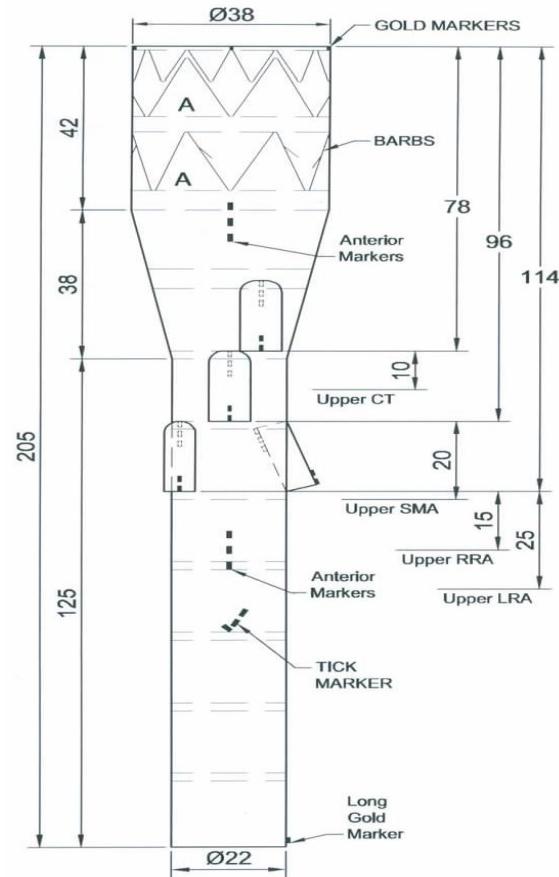
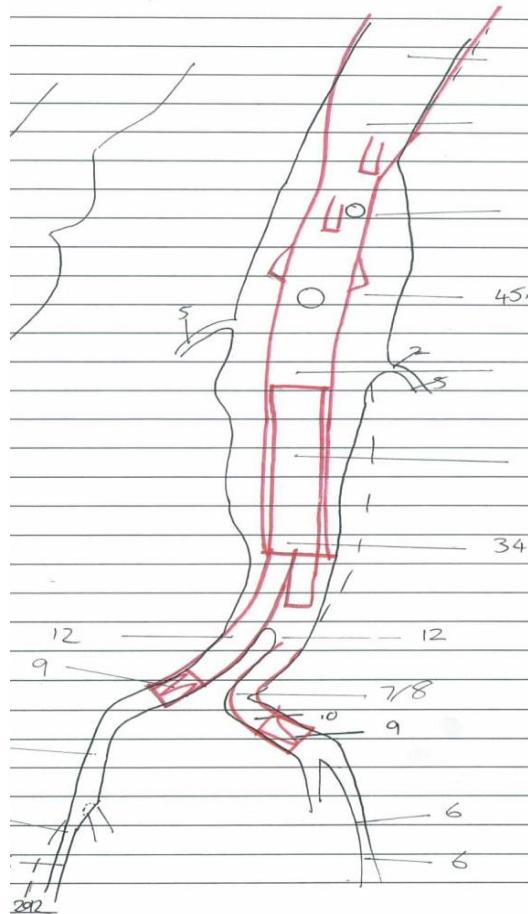
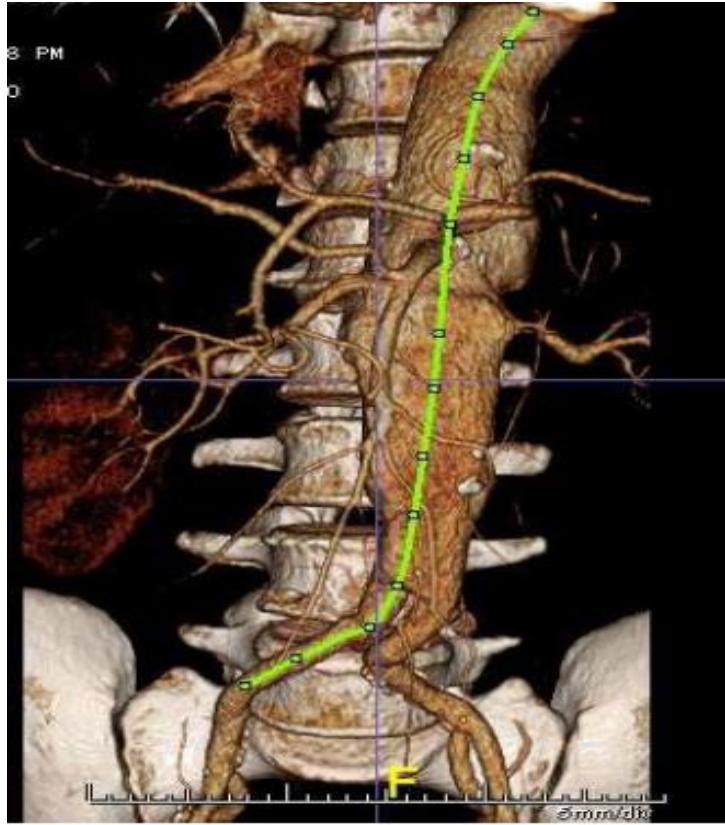
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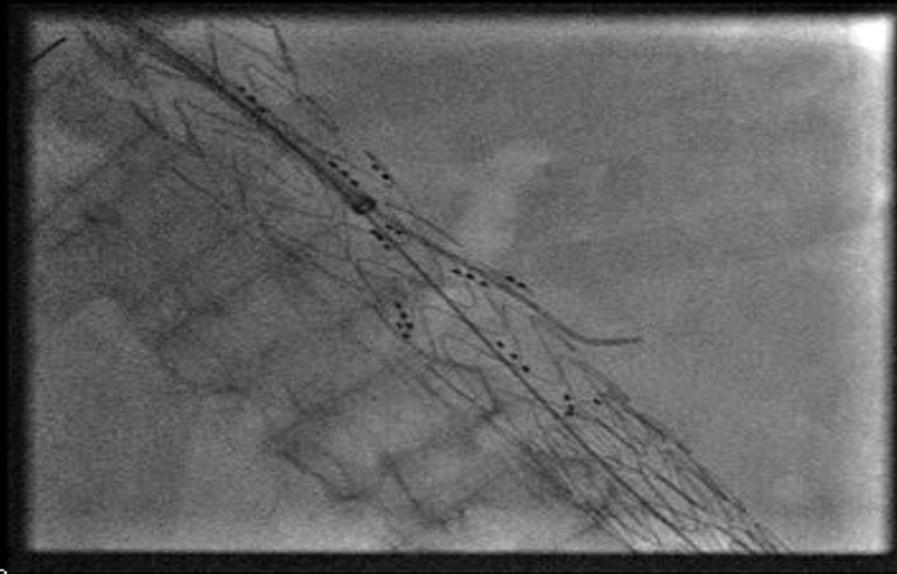
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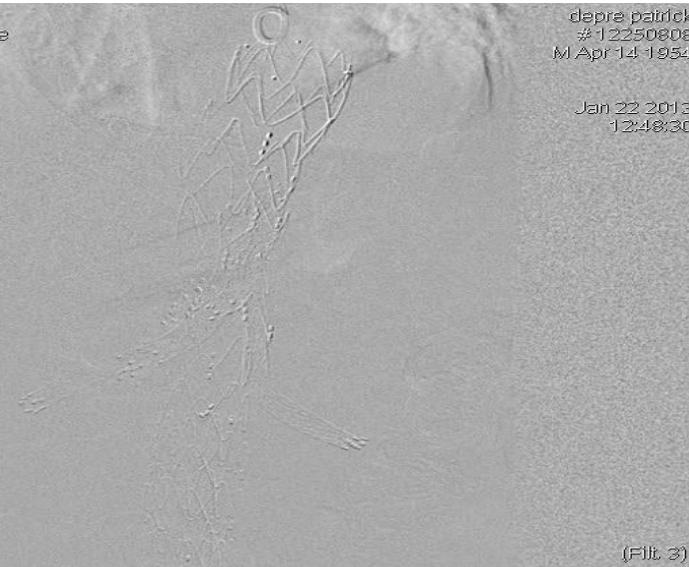
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# Off the Shelf for Everyone?

- Match long term results of CMD's
- Not adapted to all anatomies
- Restricted to emergencies

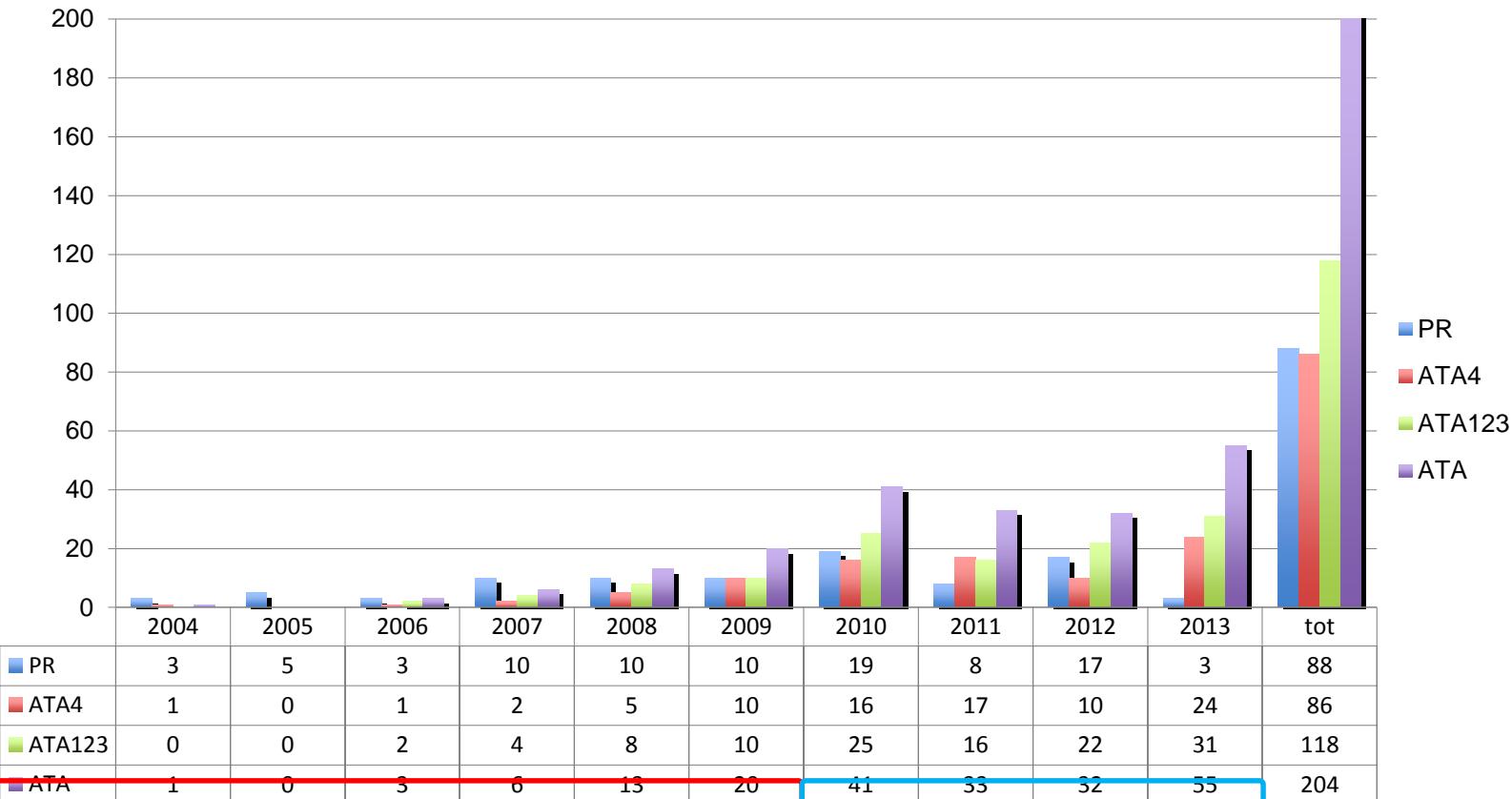


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# TAAA cases/year



## Editor's Choice — The Impact of Early Pelvic and Lower Limb Reperfusion and Attentive Peri-operative Management on the Incidence of Spinal Cord Ischemia During Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysm Endovascular Repair

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### WHAT THIS PAPER ADDS

This paper reports the impact of an optimized spinal cord protection strategy on spinal cord ischemia rates after endovascular thoracoabdominal aneurysm repair performed in a high volume center.



# RESULTS

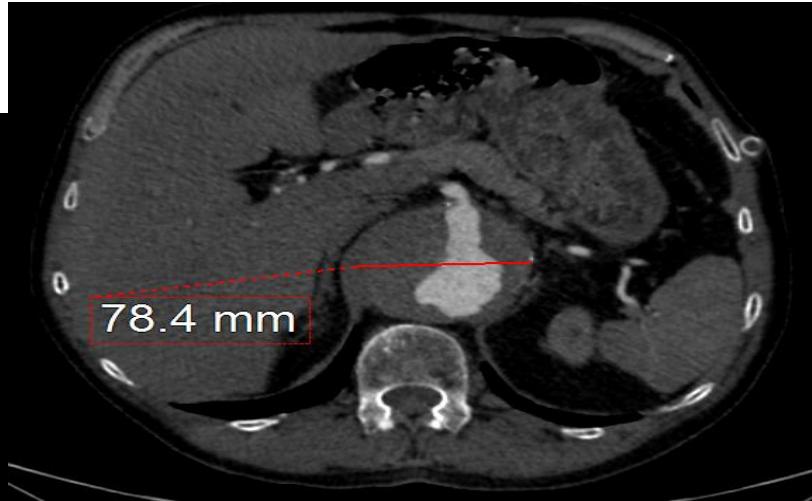
- In-hospital mortality: 11.6 % in group 1 vs 5.6 % in group 2 (RR = 0.481 [0.17-1.36]; p = 0.09)
- Spinal Cord Ischemia: 14% vs 1.2% (RR = 1.148 [1.016-1.296]; p < 0.001)

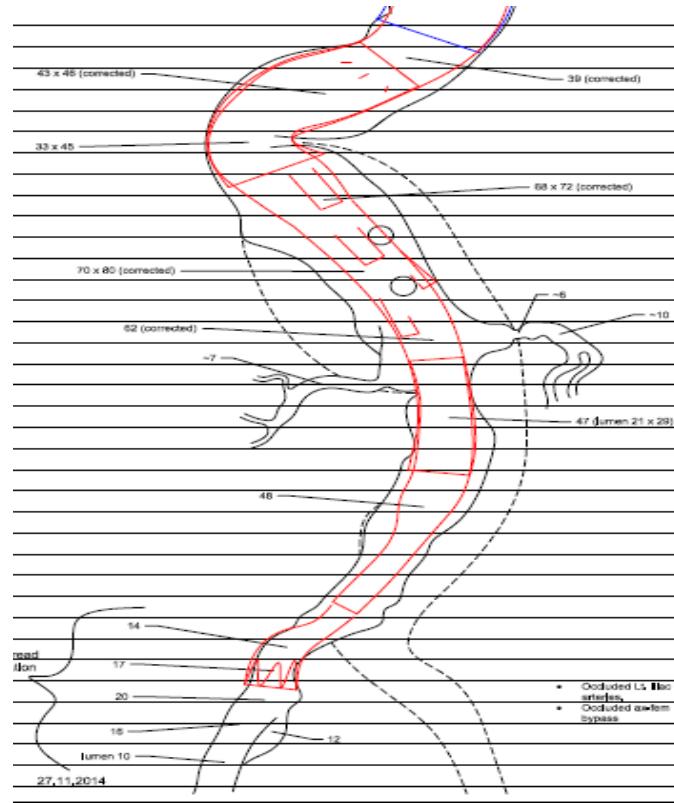
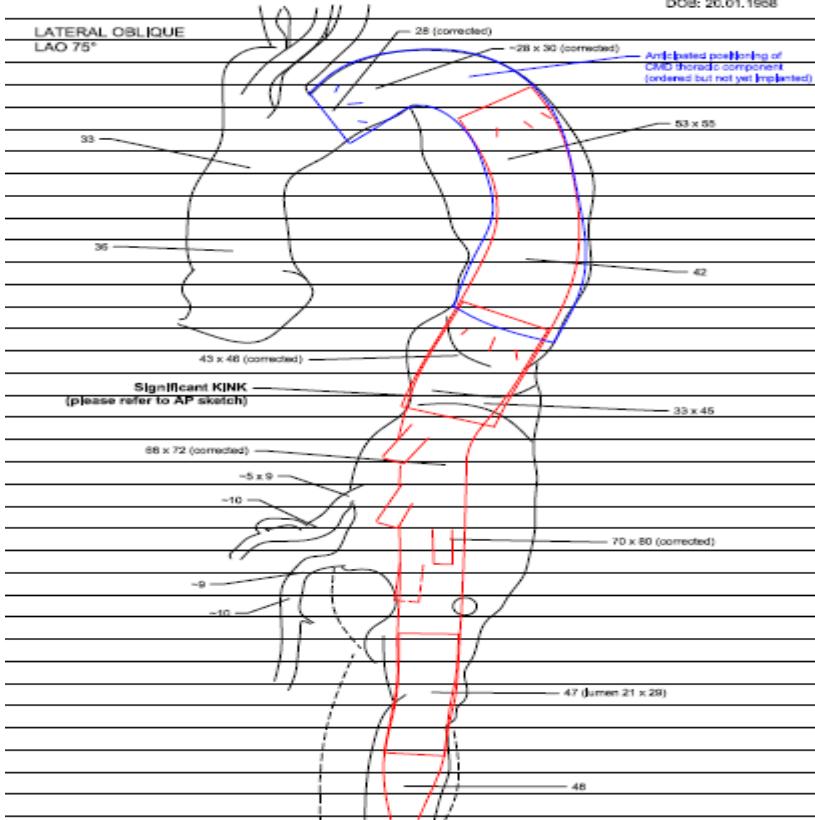


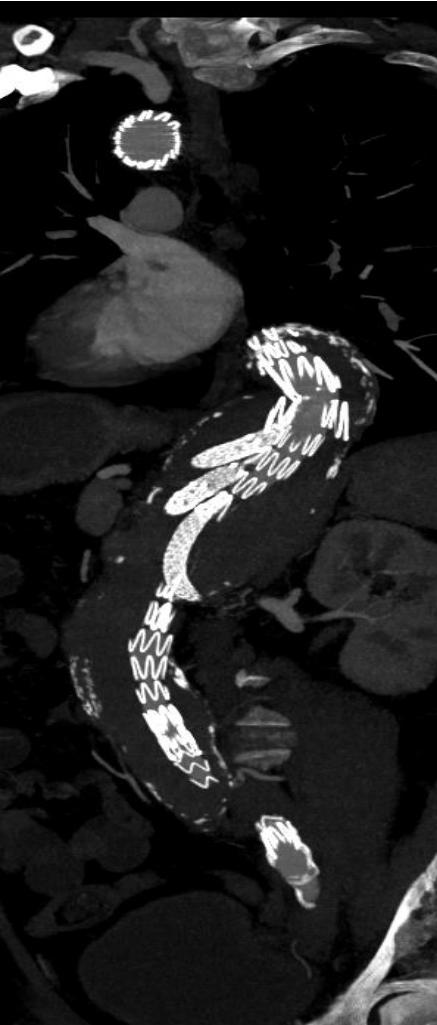
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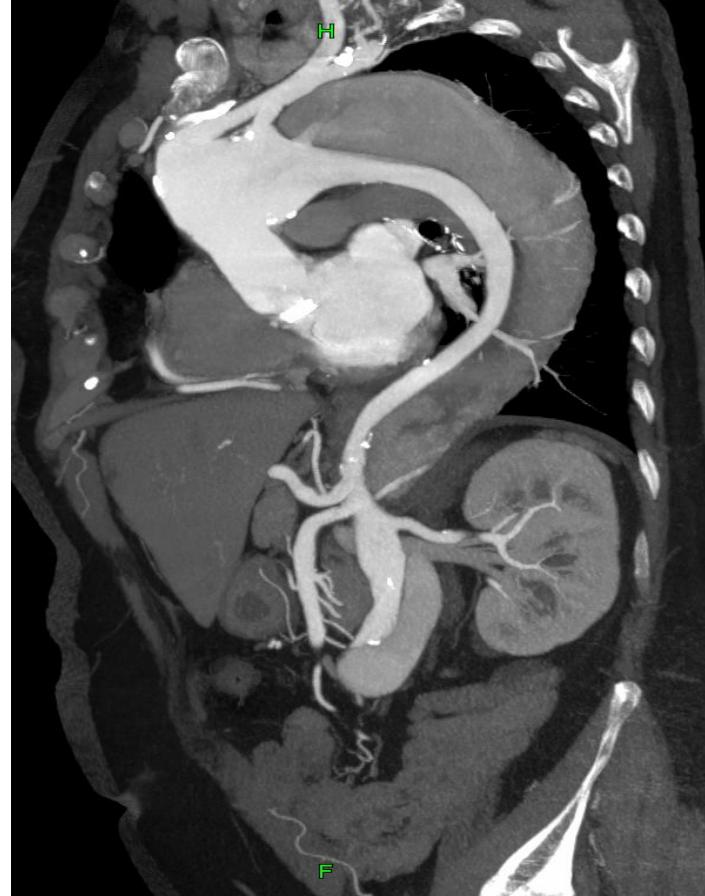


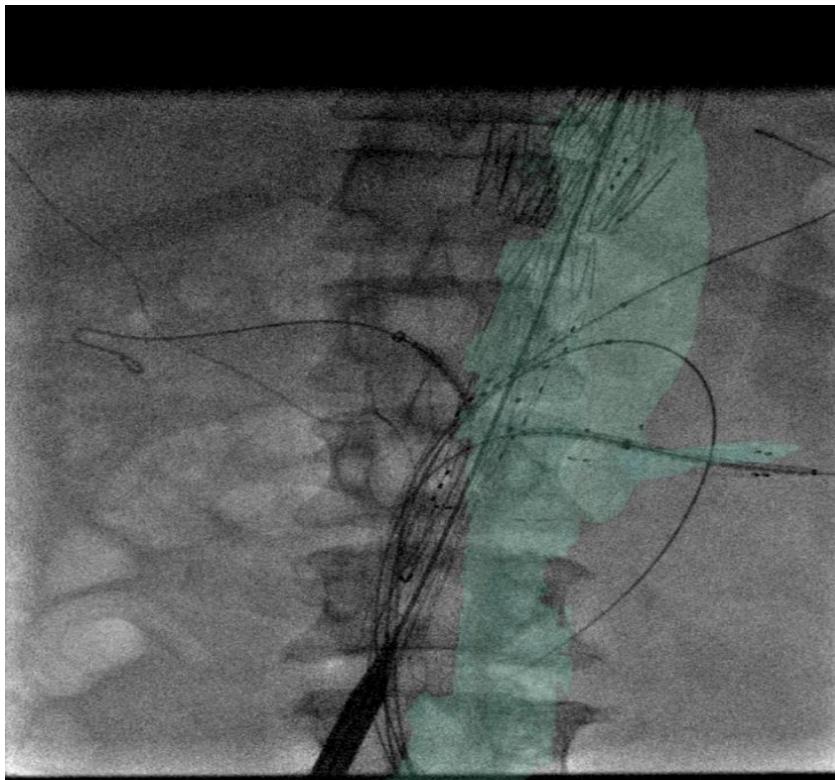
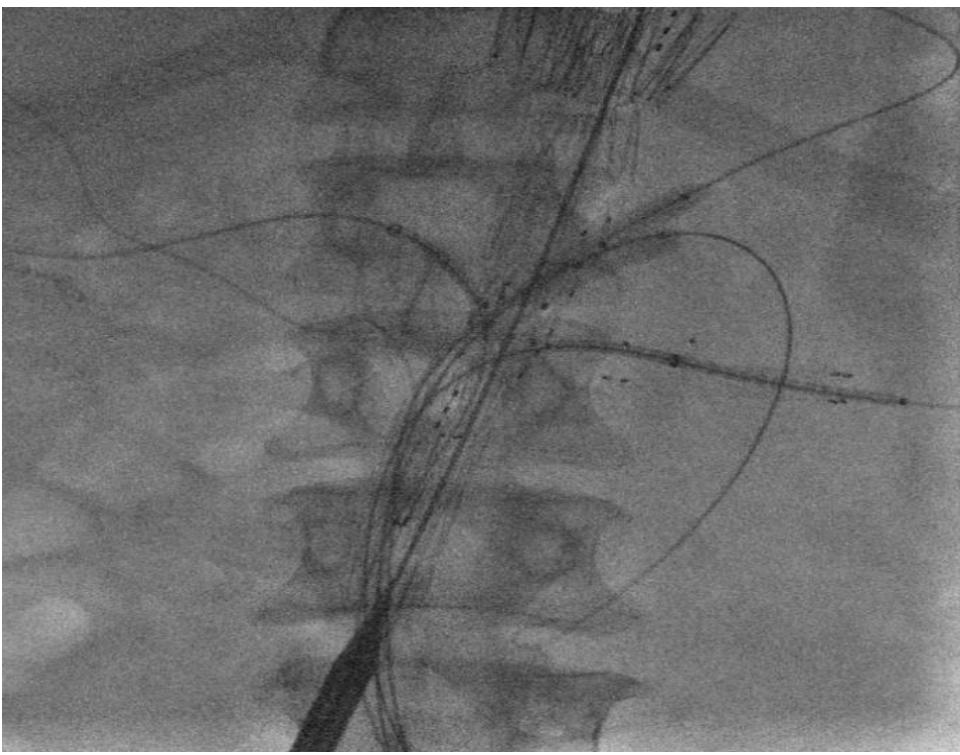


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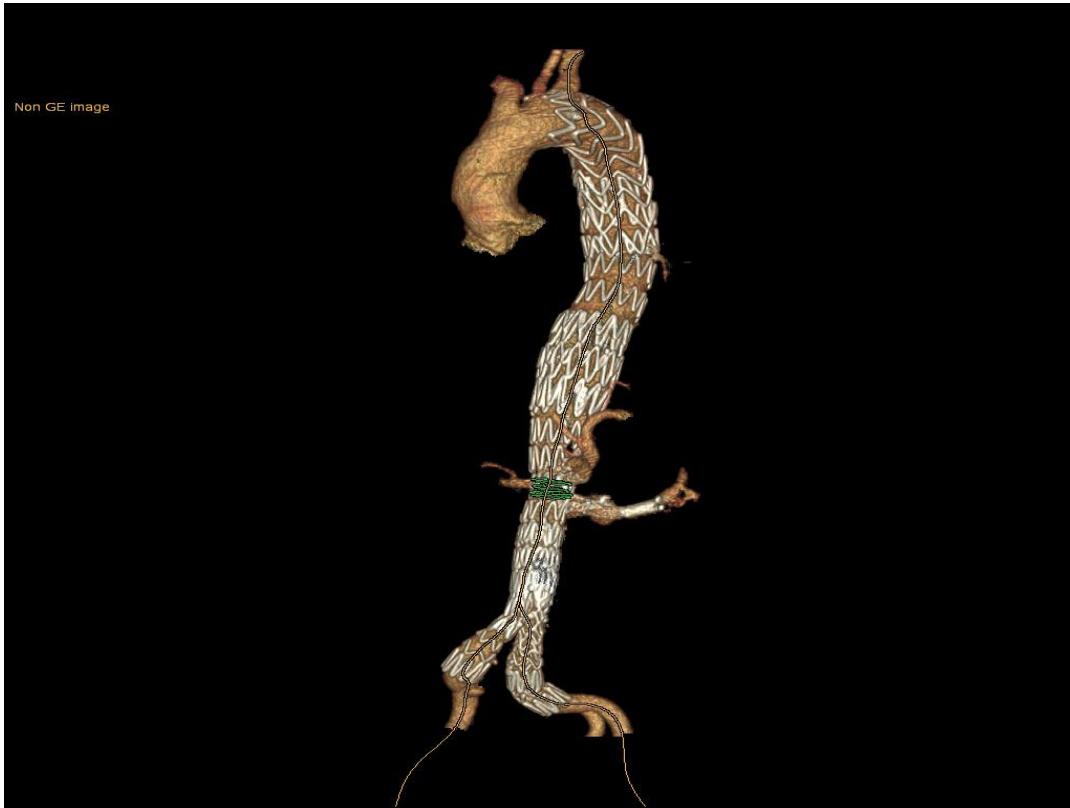
# Challenging Anatomies

- Proximal and Distal Sealing
- Narrow true lumen
- Target vessels perfused by false lumen
- Limited experience

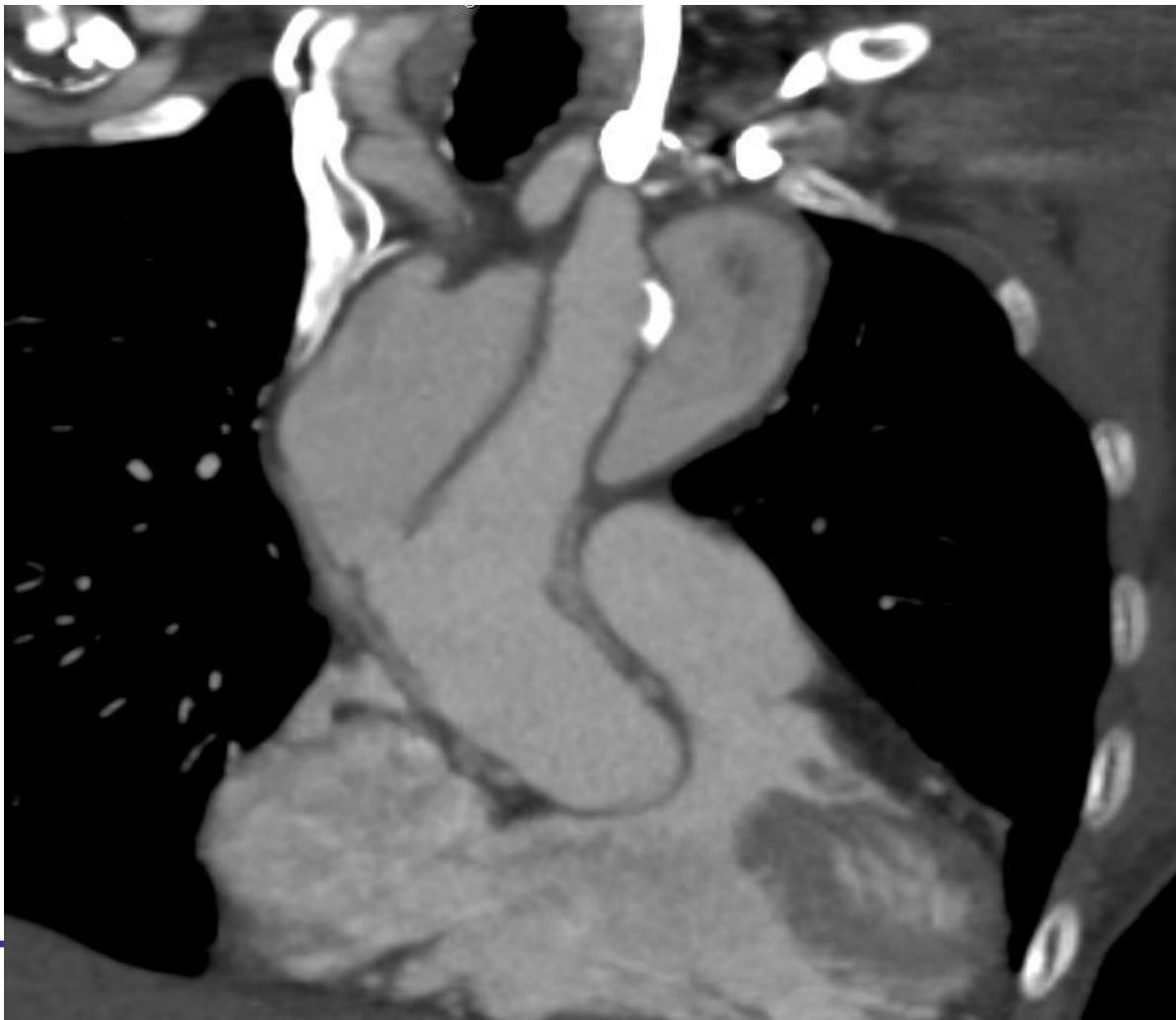


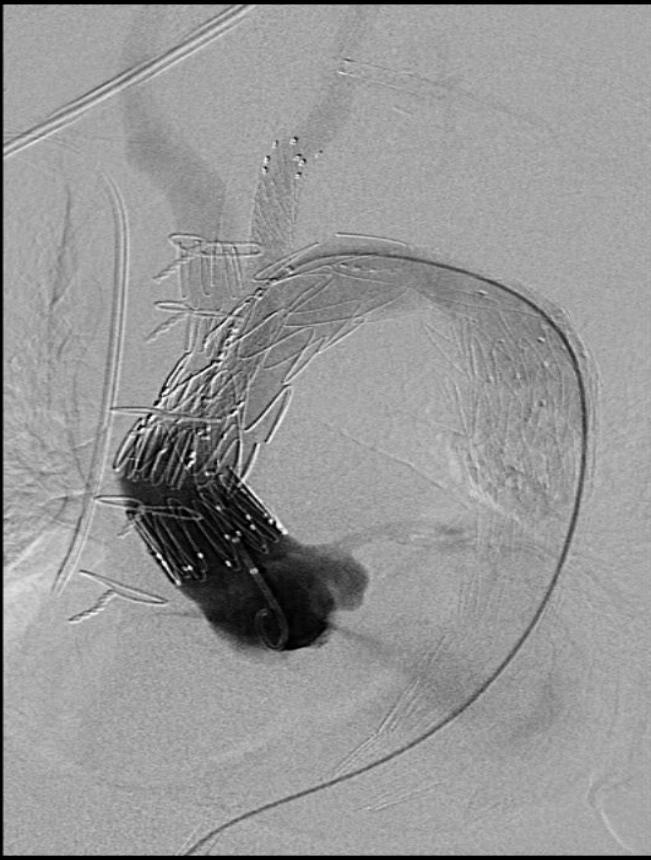


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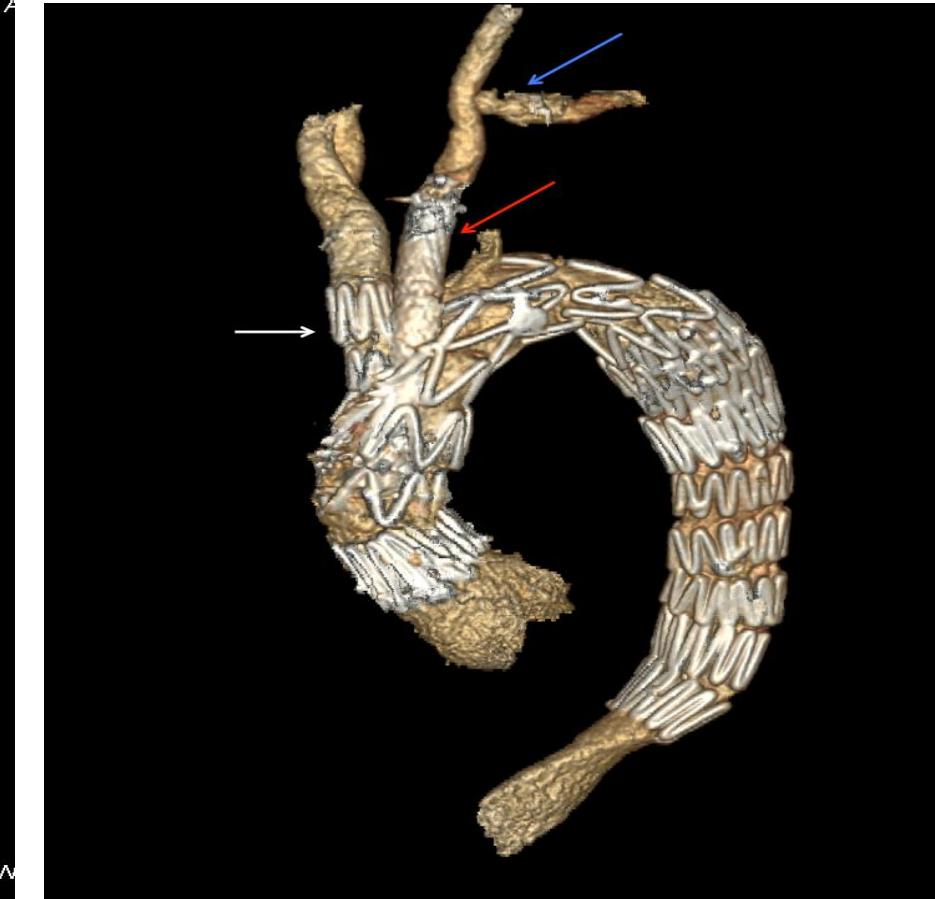


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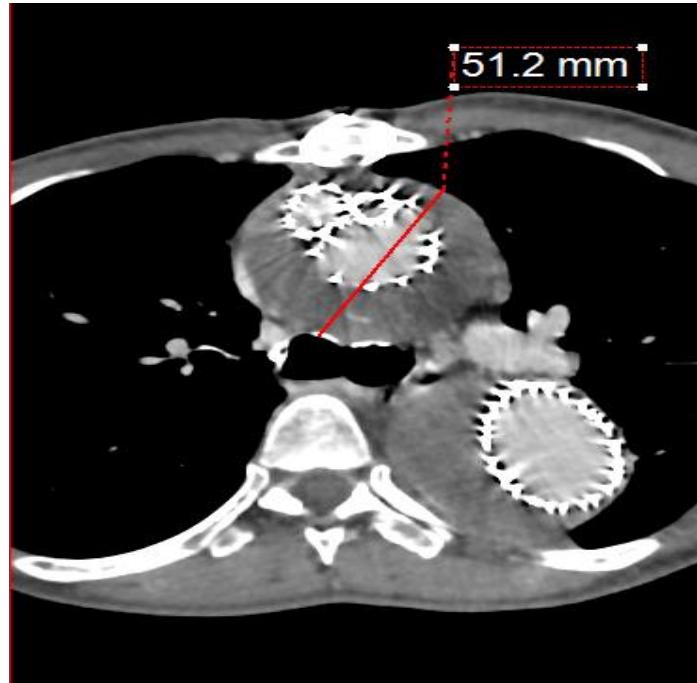
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# CONCLUSIONS

- Match mid term outcomes of OS
- Lesser surgical insult
- High volume centers performing both techniques

