

# Open Thoracoabdominal Repair in Connective Tissue Disease Patient

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# Marfan Syndrome

## *FBN1* Mutations



### Skeletal

Pectus deformities

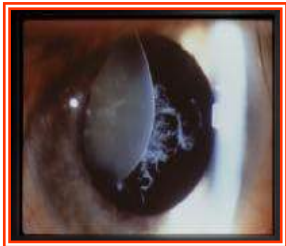
Reduced U/L segment

Wrist and thumb sign

Scoliosis

### Ocular

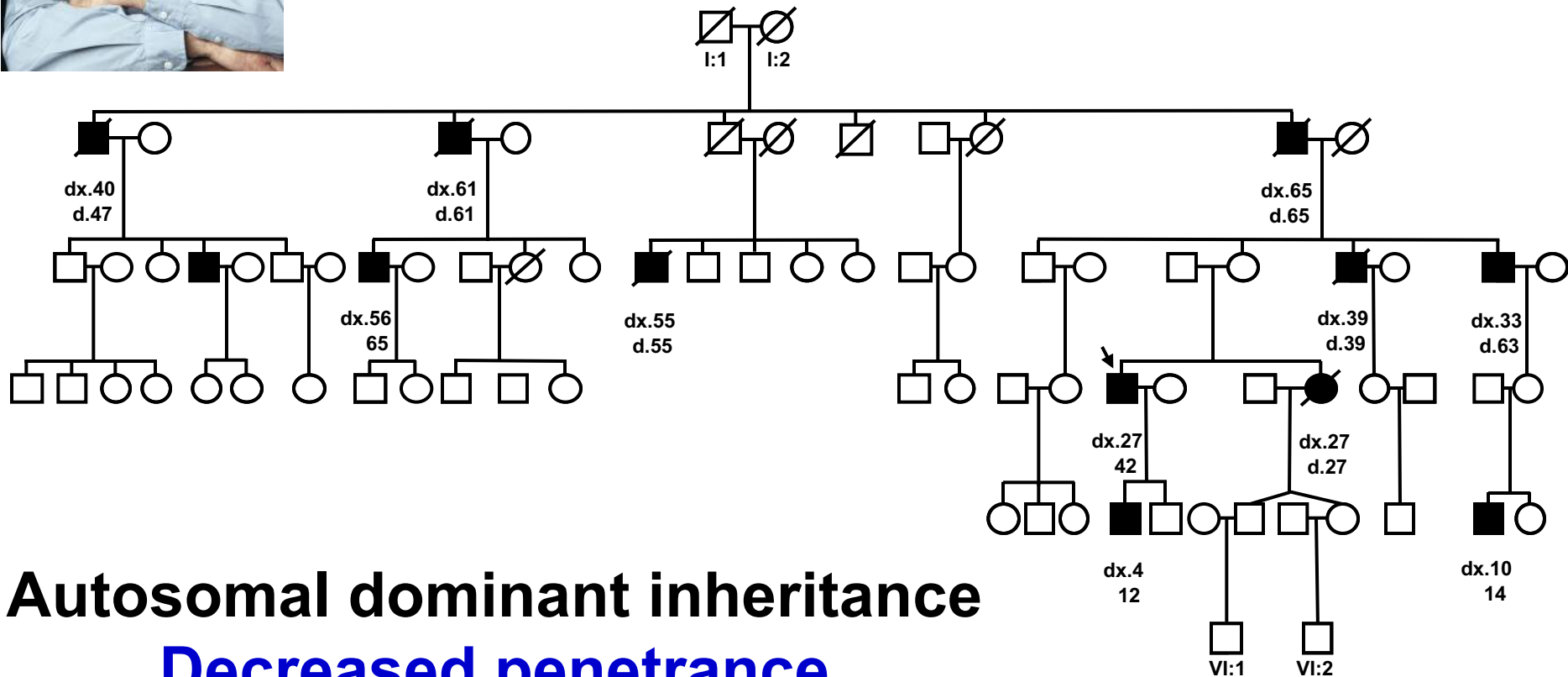
Ectopia Lentis





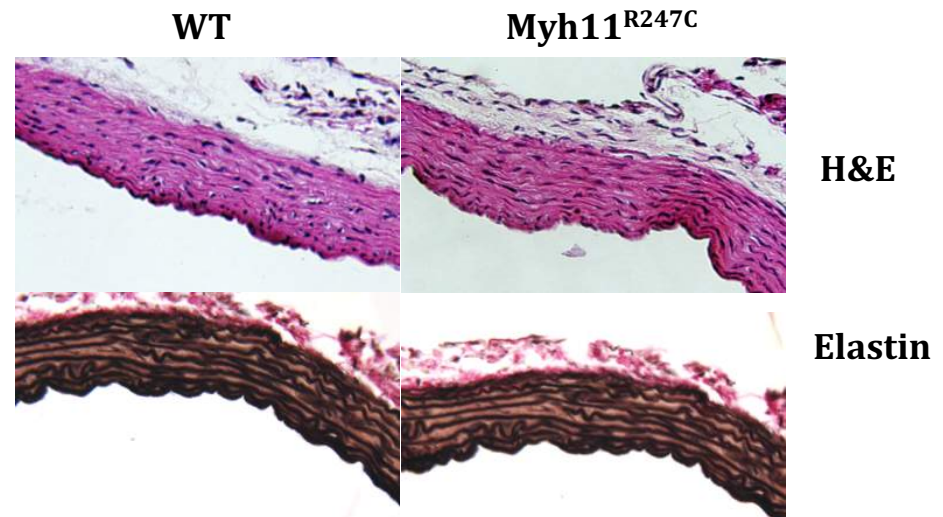
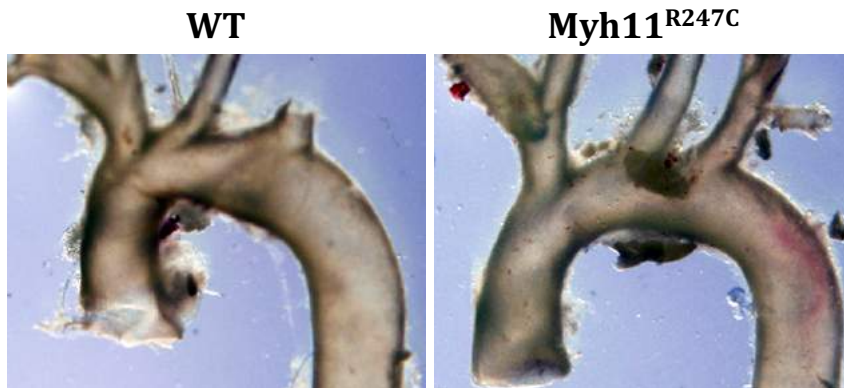
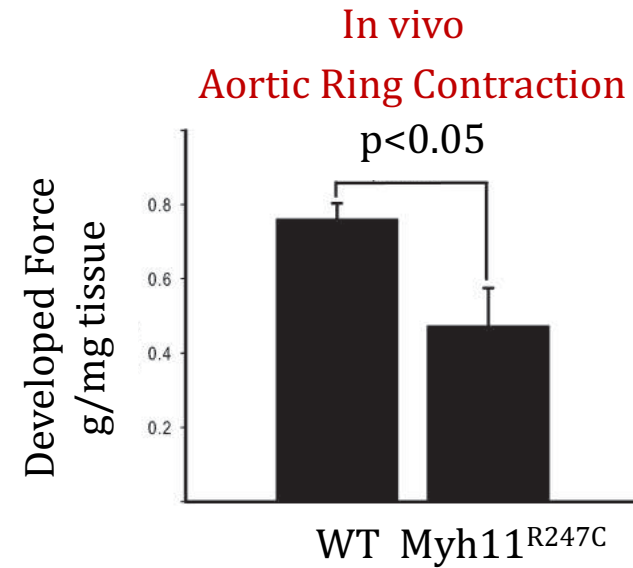
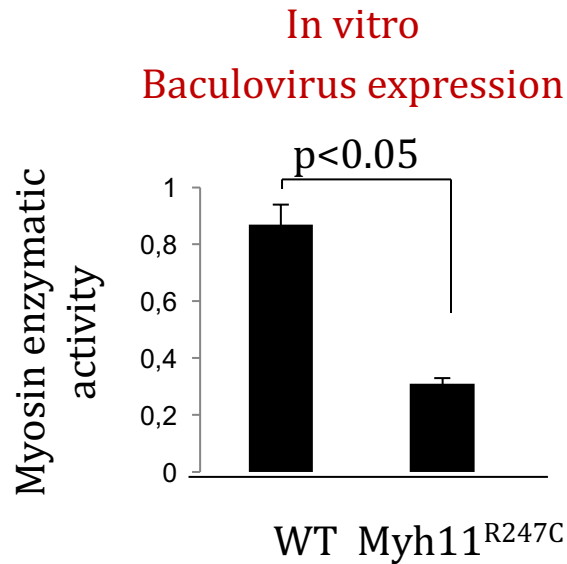
# Thoracic Aortic Aneurysms and Dissections

20% of patients with TAAD have a first-degree relative with TAAD



**Autosomal dominant inheritance**  
**Decreased penetrance**  
**Variable expression**

# R247C Variant Alters Myosin Function but Does Not Cause Aortic Disease



# ***ACTA2* Mutations**

**Responsible for 10 - 14%  
familial TAAD**

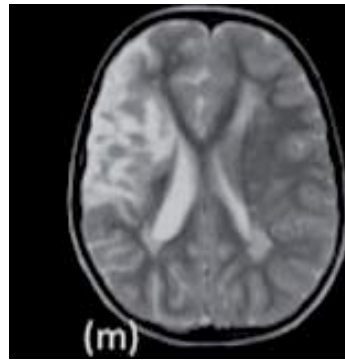
**No Marfan-like syndromic  
features**

**PDA and other vascular  
diseases**

**Type A and B aortic  
dissections**



# ***ACTA2* Mutations: Early Onset Coronary Artery Disease and Moyamoya Disease**



# ***TGFBR2* and *TGFBR1* mutations:**

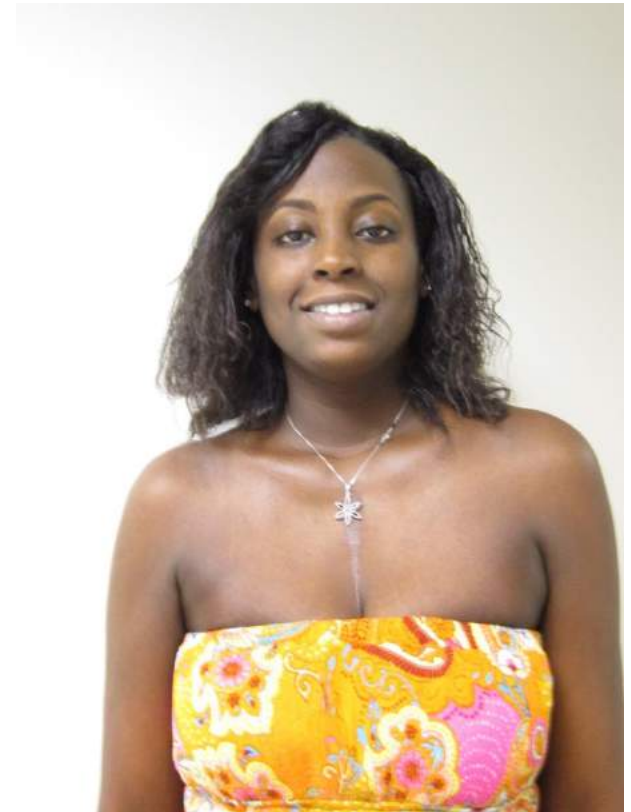
## **Variable spectrum of disease**



**Loeys-Dietz Syndrome**



**Marfan Syndrome**  
“Marfan syndrome type 2”



**Familial TAAD**  
No syndromic features

# GenTAC



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## National Registry of Genetically Triggered Thoracic Aortic Aneurysms and Cardiovascular Conditions (GenTAC)

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The GenTAC Registry was established in 2006 to collect information from eligible patients with genetic conditions that predispose them for thoracic aortic aneurysms to assist physicians and researchers in understanding the link between genes, aortic aneurysms, and heart disease. The Registry includes de-identified medical data, clinical images, and biological samples of about 3,700 patients and is available for research at no cost to qualified investigators worldwide. The GenTAC Registry concluded in 2016. Several new registries formed to continue longitudinal data collection on GenTAC cohort and to enroll additional patients. Information about these registries is available [here](#).

If you wish to use GenTAC data, images or biological samples, apply here via the [BioLINCC](#).

**Scientists are learning more every day about how genes play a role in our health.**

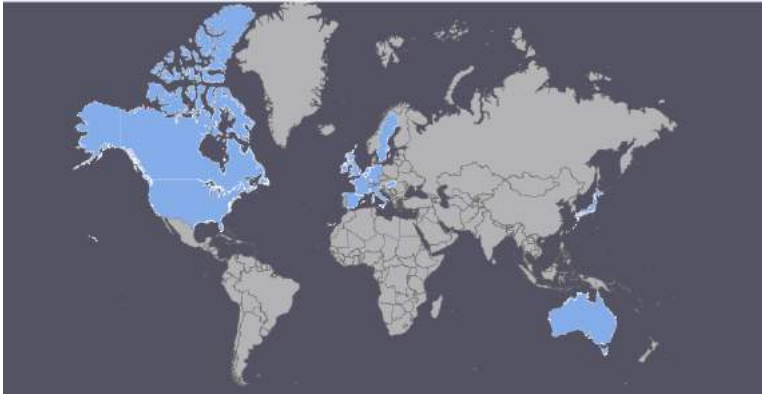
Our genetic makeup, or DNA, can influence whether we have a higher or lower risk of certain conditions, such as heart and cardiovascular disease.

View GenTAC [podcasts](#) that highlight genetics, imaging and surgery options for thoracic aortic disease, and research done using GenTAC data, biospecimens or images.

# Montalcino Aortic Consortium (MAC)



# MAC Sites and Investigators



## Inclusion criteria:

Any patient or family member with a pathogenic or non-benign variant in the known HTAD genes

## MAC Houston Administrative Center

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# MAC Aims: Evidence-based Diagnosis and Management of HTAD

- Establish a large **cohort** of patients with **mutations in the HTAD genes** and collect patient data
- Define the natural and clinical history of HTAD
- Characterize the **disease risk** associated with the HTAD **genes** and **mutations**
- Identify factors that **modify** risk
- Make the **MAC resource** available to investigators for further research and drug and device trials
- Address classification of disease genes

# HTAD Cases in MAC

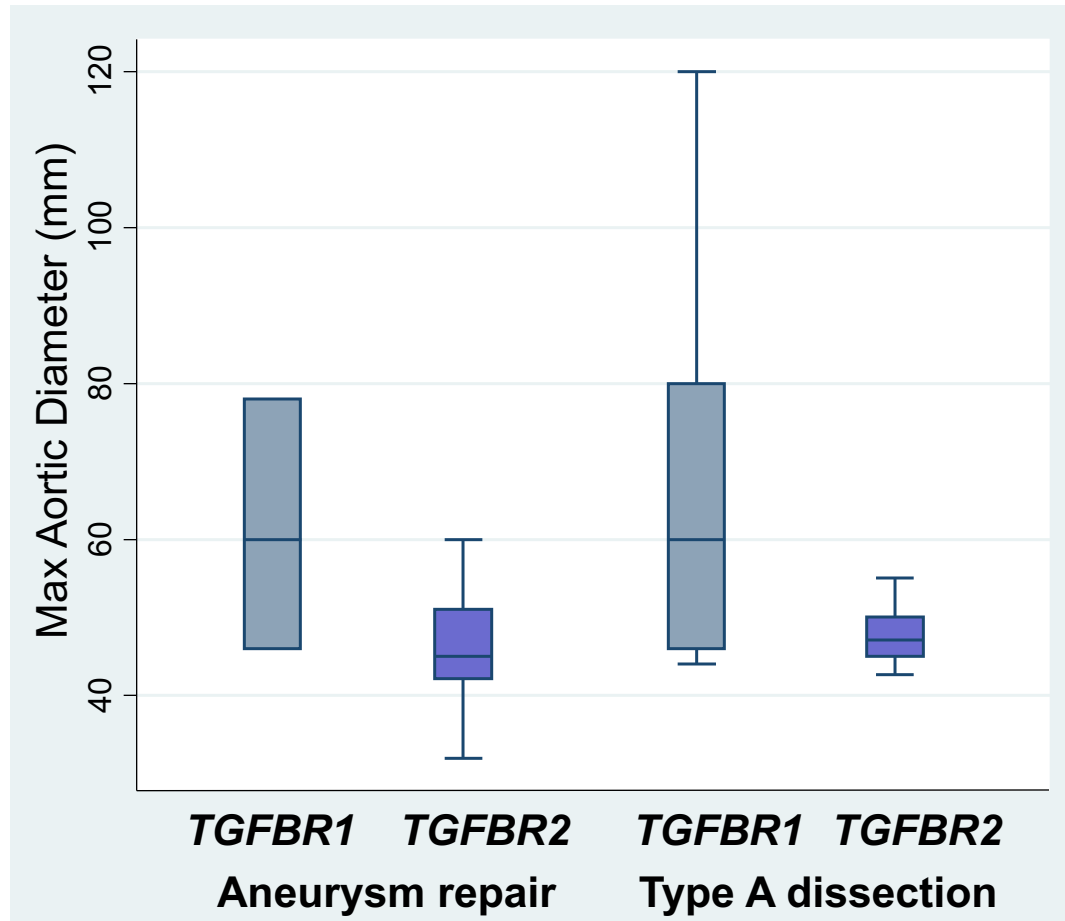
## N = 987

Gene	Frequency
<i>ACTA2</i>	319 (32%)
<i>PRKG1</i>	37 (4%)
<i>SMAD3</i>	190 (19%)
<i>TGFBR1</i>	176 (18%)
<i>TGFBR2</i>	265 (27%)

# Systemic features associated with *TGFBR1* and *TGFBR2* mutations

	<b>TGFBR1</b>	<b>TGFBR2</b>	<b>p</b>
<b>Marfan systemic score mean (SD)</b>	3.98 (3.44)	4.12 (2.94)	0.7
<b>Systemic score <math>\geq 7</math></b>	28/128 (21.9%)	34/183 (18.6%)	0.6
<b>Hypertelorism</b>	36/138 (26%)	62/199 (31%)	0.3
<b>Broad or bifid uvula</b>	36/139 (26%)	72/219 (33%)	0.2
<b>Arched palate</b>	48/136 (35%)	109/229 (48%)	0.02
<b>Craniosynostosis</b>	11/118 (9%)	20/190 (11%)	0.8
<b>Translucent skin</b>	63/144 (43%)	78/227 (34%)	0.08
<b>Wide scars</b>	33/142 (23%)	62/218 (28%)	0.3
<b>Head and neck arterial tortuosity</b>	53/104 (51%)	72/133 (54%)	0.8
<b>Cardiac defect (BAV, VSD, PDA)</b>	13/154 (8.4%)	52/238 (21.8%)	<0.001
<b>Mitral valve prolapse</b>	36/156 (23%)	65/244 (27%)	0.5

# Aortic Root Diameter at Surgery or Dissection (UTH data)



# Does the Type of Aortic Event Differ Between Genes?

			FBN1	TGFBFR1 <sup>6</sup>	TGFBFR2	ACTA2 <sup>7</sup>	SMAD3
No. of individuals			243	176	265	277	190
Mean age (SD)			30 (16)			38 (20)	41 (17)
Aortic event			30%	40%	45%	48%	37%
	Aortic dissection		42%	50%	47%	88%	74%
		Type A <sup>‡</sup>	74%	89%	71%	61%	71%
		Mean Age	39 ± 9		34 ± 17	36 ± 12	44 ± 16
		Type B	26%	11%	29%	24%	12%
		Mean Age	44 ± 10		38 ± 14	29 ± 12	53 yrs ± 15
	Aneurysm repair		58%	50%	53%	12%	26%
		Mean Age	39 ± 13	33 ± 16	26 ± 16	33 ± 18	46 ± 17
Cumulative risk of aortic event			74% at 60 yrs	100% at 80 yrs	100% at 90 yrs	76% at 85 yrs	86% at 81 yrs

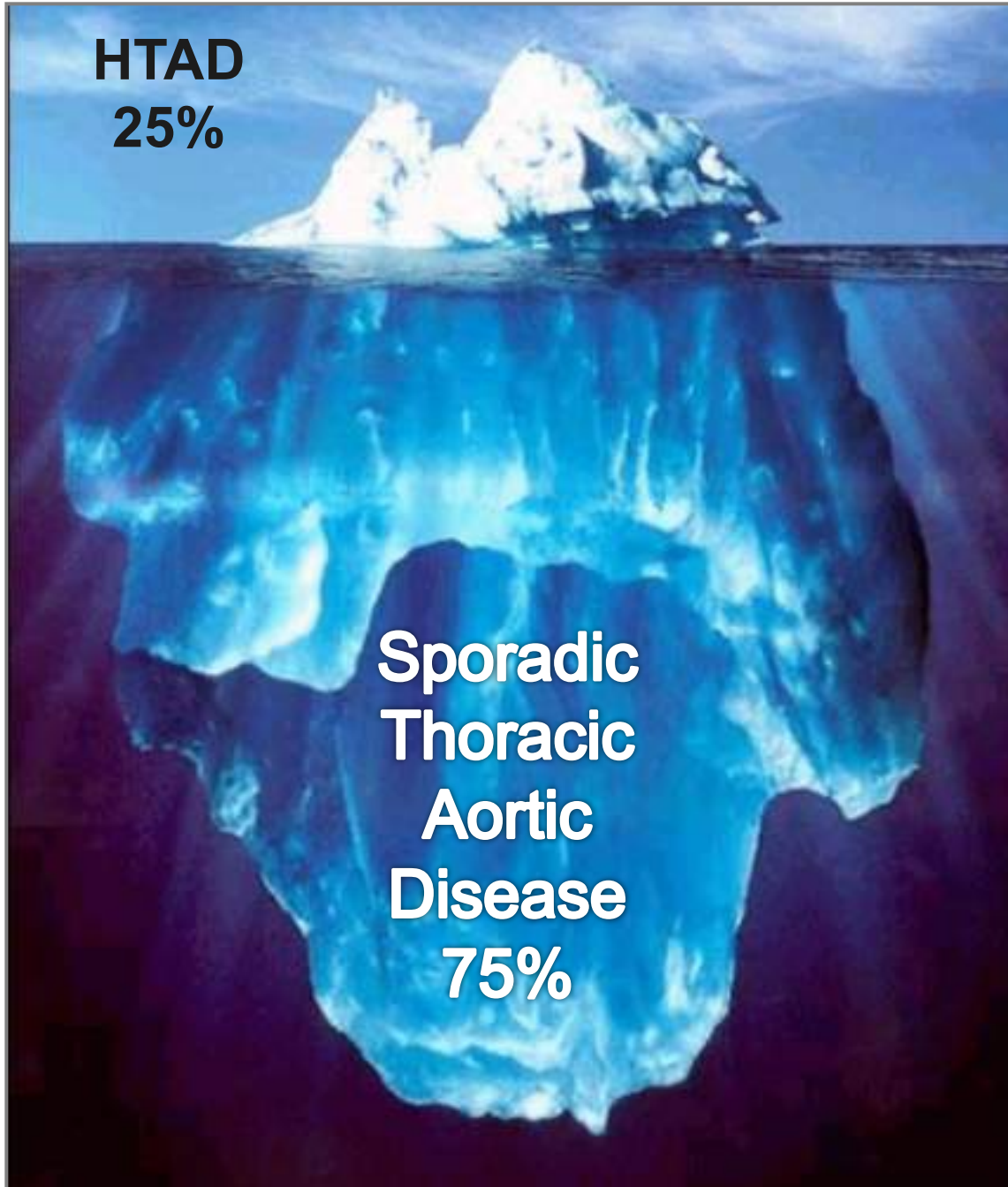
**Connective Tissue Disorder**

**Genetically Triggered Aneurysm  
(GenTac)**

# **Heritable Thoracic Aortic Disease (HTAD)**

**HTAD**  
**25%**

**Sporadic  
Thoracic  
Aortic  
Disease  
75%**



# TGF-β Pathway Gene

**4.0-4.5**

*TGFBR1* (L)  
*TGFBR2* (L)  
*SMAD3* (L)

## ECM Genes

**≤ 5.0 cm**

*FBN1* (MFS)  
*COL3A1* (EDS)

**4.5-5.0 cm**

*ACTA2*  
*MYH11*  
*MYLK*  
*PRKG1*

**4.5-5.0 cm**  
*TGFB2* (LDS 4)

**SMC Contractile Unit Genes**

**TGF-β Pathway Genes**

**5.0-5.5 cm (Standard)**

ECM Genes

SMC Genes

*BGN*

*FLNA*

42

*FOXE3*

41

*MAT2A*

42

TGF-β Pathway Genes

*P2*

*SKI*

1

*SLC2A10*

*N1*

*SMAD2*

2

*SMAD4*

1

*TGFB3*

25

Other Genes

*NOTCH1*

3.5  
 Asce

5.5 cm

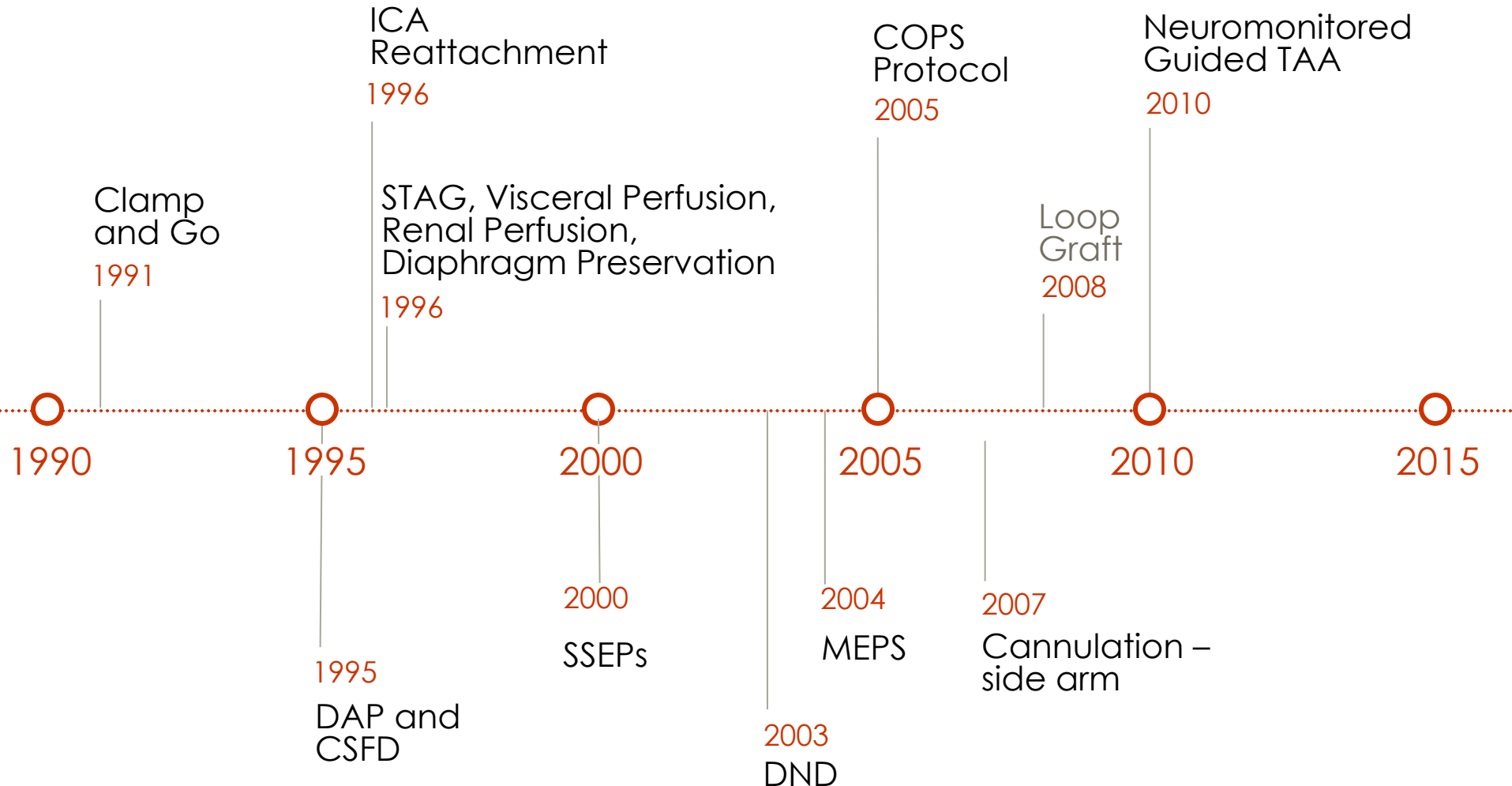
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Differences in outcomes when  
repairing TAAA in HTAD?

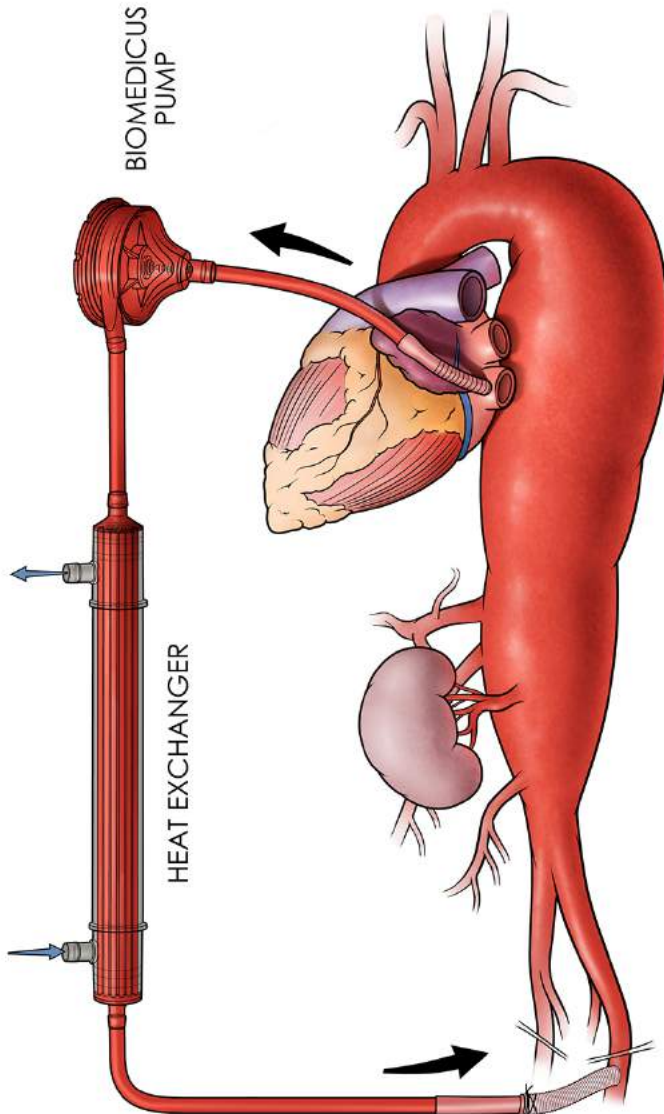
# Marfan TAAA open surgical repair

Author	N	Dissection (acute)	Resp failure	Persistent SCI	Bleeding reop	In- hospital mortality	8-yr survival	8-yr Freedom From reop
Omura 2012 Japan	20	100% (0%)	5%	0%	5%	0%	91%	86%
Coselli 2016 USA	127	100% (9%)	38%	2%	8%	4%	75%	86%
Mommertz 2008 Netherlands	22	100% (0%)	9%	0%	5%	0%	100%	100%
UTH 2014 USA	78	100%	9%	4%	4%	5%	86%	88%

# TAAA Modifications

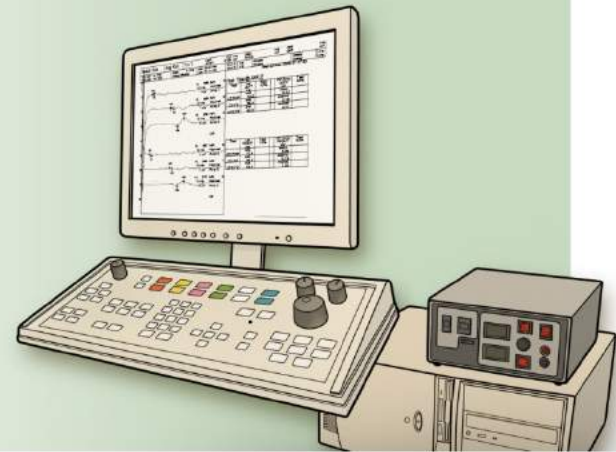
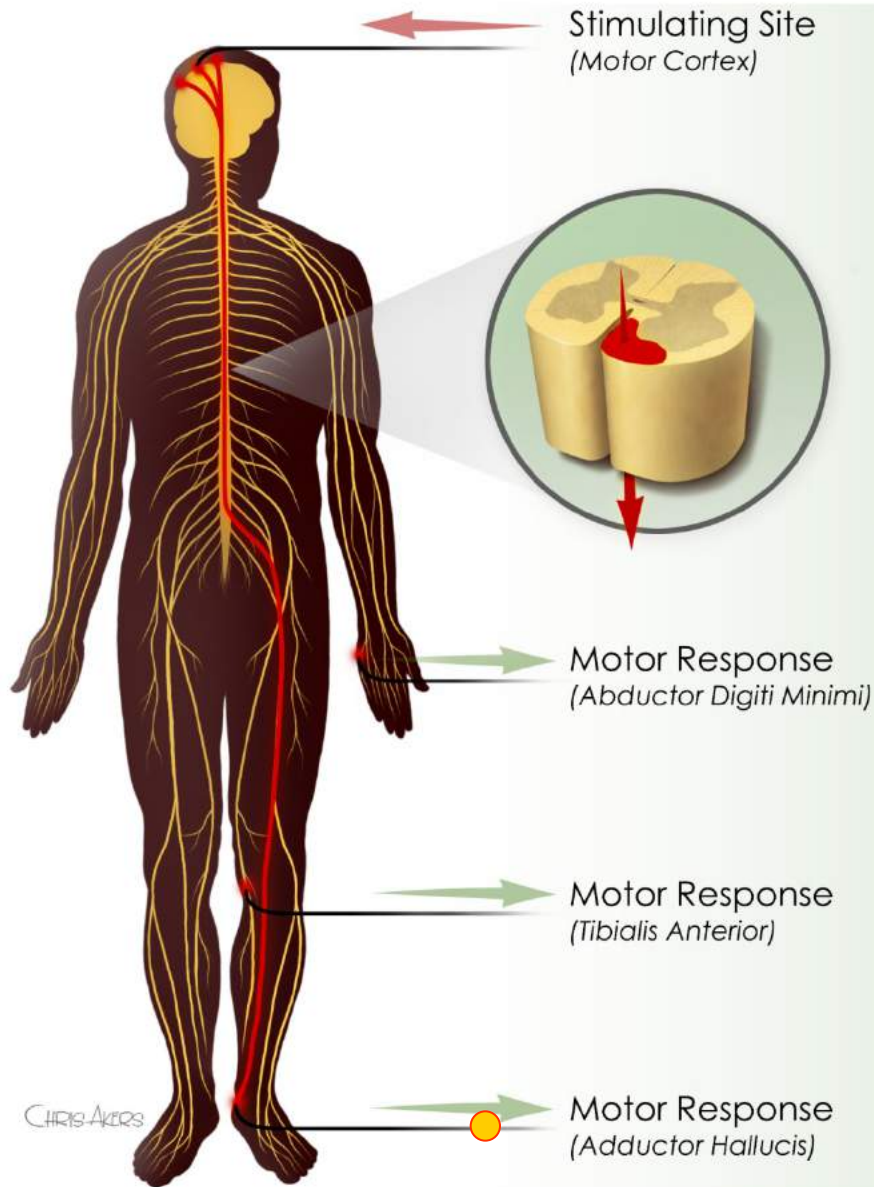


# Approach

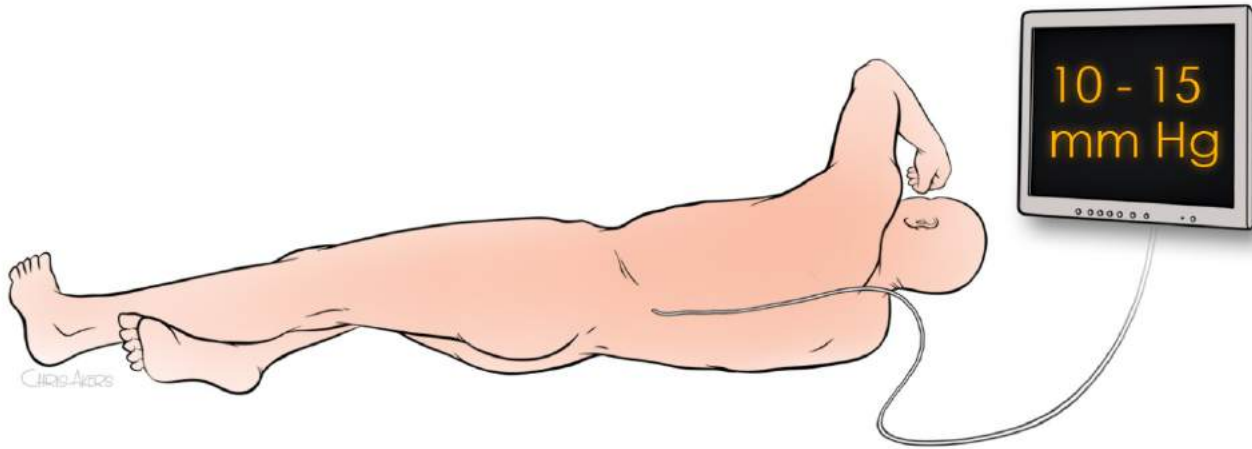


- CSFD
- DAP
- Moderate Hypothermia
- Sequential Clamp
- Reattach patent ICA 8-12

# Motor



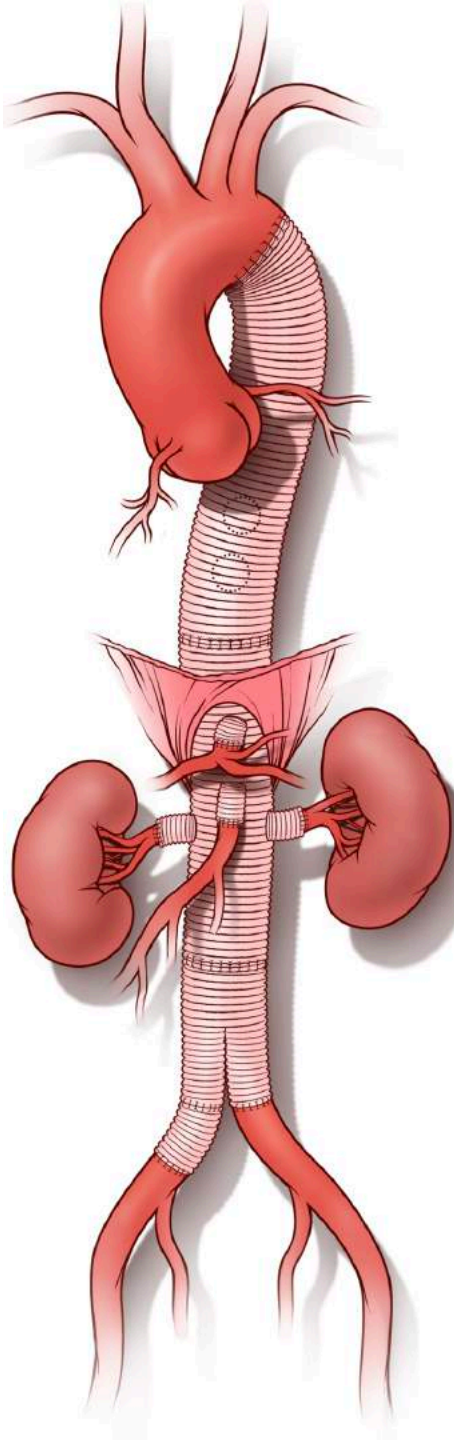
# Paraplegia Prevention: OR



- Maintain CSF pressure <10 mmHg:
  - Intermittent manual gravity drainage
- Monitor SSEPs and MEPs
- Systolic BP >130 mmHg
- Maintain Spinal Cord Perfusion Pressure >120 mmHg

# Conduct

- Proximal Anastomosis
- ICA reattachment
- Visceral/Renal
- Distal Anastomosis



Curved  
Ex: 9444  
Se: 3 +c  
Left Extremity Angle: -63.0

S

Ex: Feb 17 2014

DFOV 26.0 cm  
STND

A

P

350/2

kv 120  
mA Mod.  
Rot 0.50s/HE+ 17.5mm/rot  
1.2mm 1.75:1/1.2sp 0.8/MTP

# Redo Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair: A Single-Center Experience Over 25 Years



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**Background.** Aortic disease is a lifelong, progressive illness that may require repeated intervention over time. We reviewed our 25-year experience with open redo thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysm (TAAA) and descending thoracic aortic aneurysm (DTAA) repair. Our objectives were to determine patient outcomes after redo repair of DTAA/TAAA and compare them with nonredo repair. We also attempted to identify the risk factors for poor outcome.

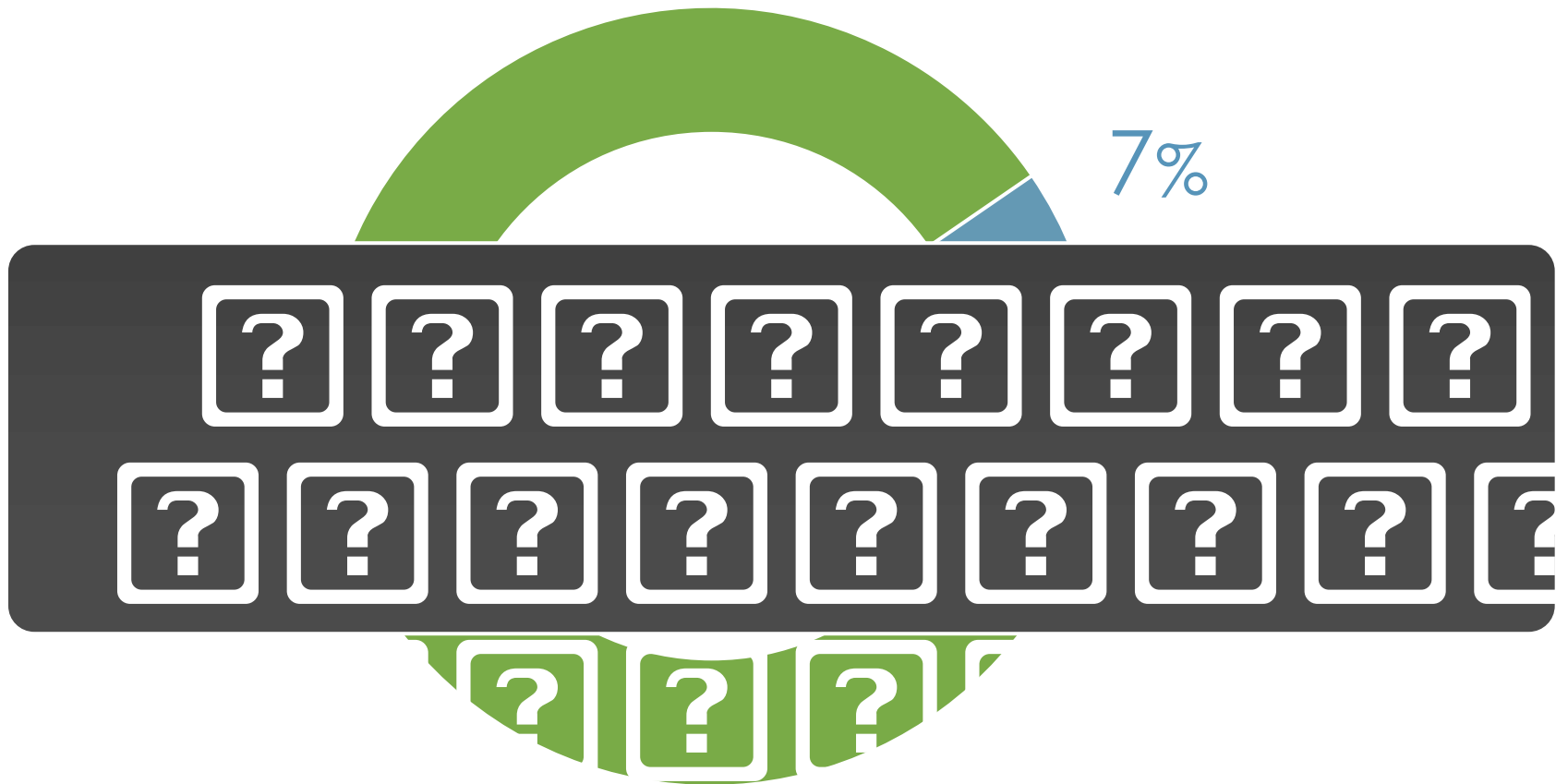
**Methods.** We reviewed all open redo TAAA and DTAA repairs between 1991 and 2014. Patient characteristics, preoperative, intraoperative variables, and postoperative outcomes were gathered. Data were analyzed by contingency table and by multiple logistic regression.

**Results.** We performed 1,900 open DTAA/TAAA repairs, with 266 (14%) being redos. Redos were associated with younger age ( $62 \pm 16.4$  years vs  $64.5 \pm 13.4$  years,  $p < 0.02$ ). Reasons for redo DTAA/TAAA were extension of the disease (86.8%), intercostal patch expansion (6.8%), visceral patch expansion (10.9%), infection (4.5%), anastomotic pseudoaneurysm (8.3%), and previous endovascular aortic repair complications

(6.4%). Extent IV TAAA was predominantly involved in redos (42.8% redo vs 14.6% nonredo,  $p < 0.0001$ ). The early mortality rate was significantly higher in redo (61 of 266 [23%]). Long-term survival was significantly lower among redo compared with nonredo DTAA/TAAAs. A multivariable analysis using the significant risk factors for early death from the risk factors on univariate analysis found four preoperative variables were significant (age  $>70$  years, glomerular filtration rate  $<48$  mL/min per  $1.73\text{m}^2$ , extent III TAAA, and emergency presentation) for predicting early death. In the presence of all four risk factors in a redo patient, a maximal risk of 82% for early death was predicted.

**Conclusions.** The need for a redo operation in DTAA/TAAA repair is common and most often presents as an extension of the disease into an adjacent segment. A hybrid or completely endovascular treatment should be considered in high-risk patients.

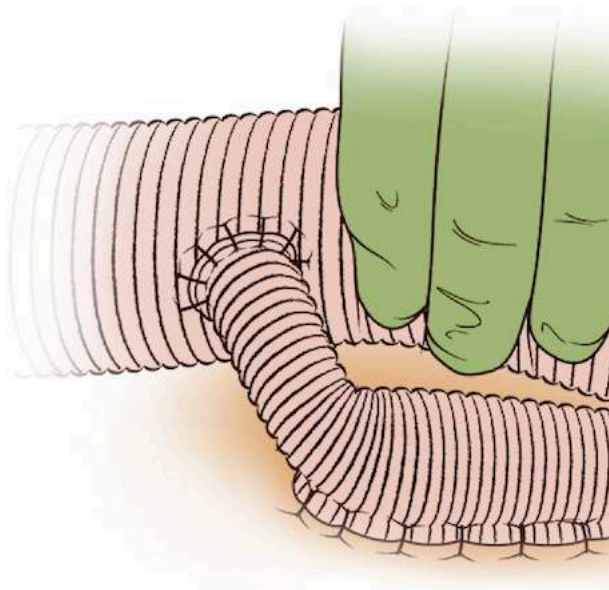
# Causes for Reoperation



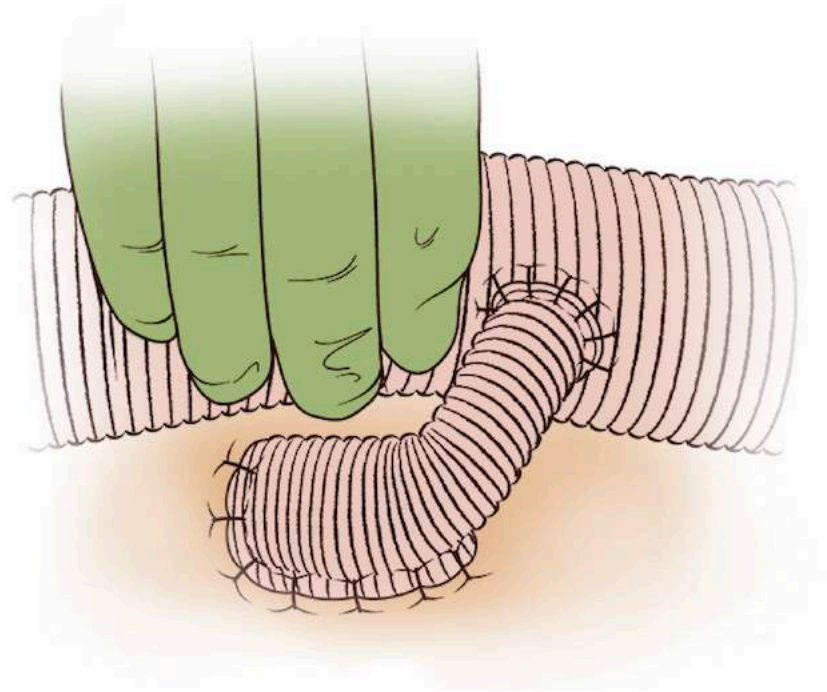
- Infective Pseudoaneurysm
- Pseudoaneurysm
- TEVAR Complication

- Aneurysmal Progression
- Intercostal Patch Enlargement
- Visceral Patch Enlargement

Intercostal Reattachment  
a Loop Graft



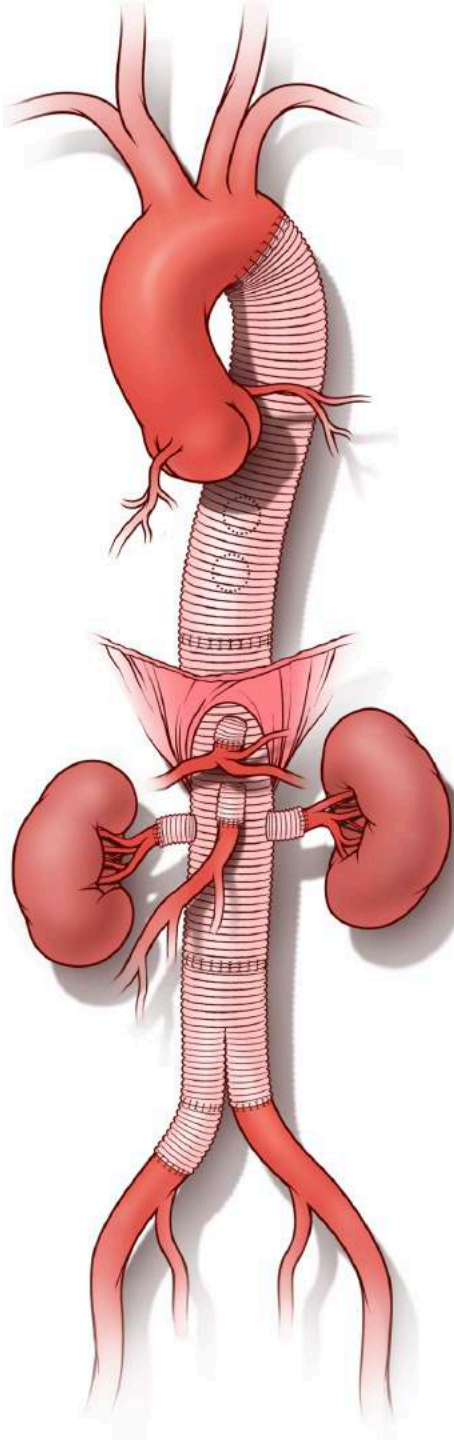
Intercostal Reattachment with  
an End Graft



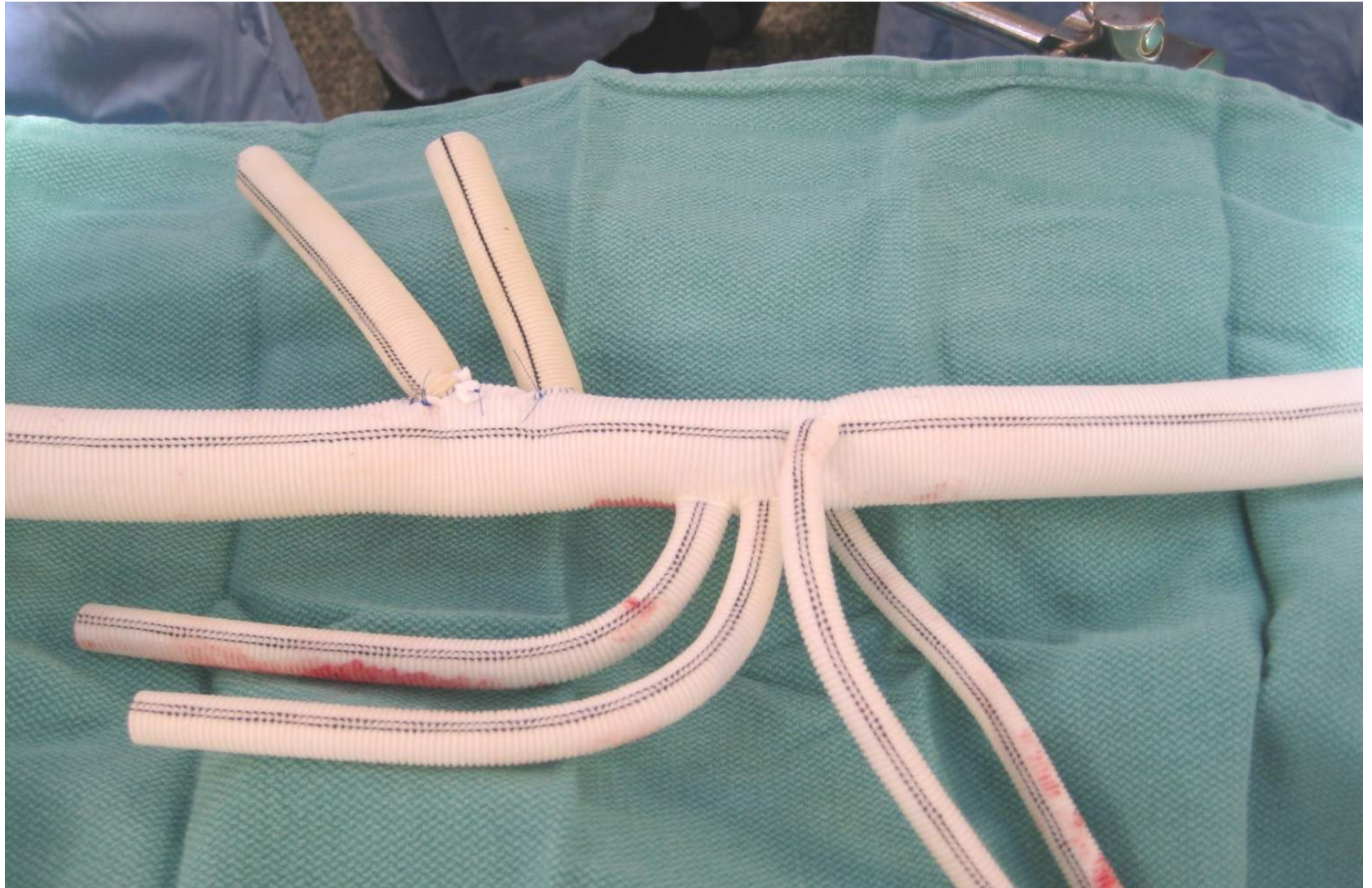


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- Proximal Anastomosis
- Distal Anastomosis
- Visceral/Renal
- ICA reimplant



# STAG Graft





# Operative Outcomes Using a Side-branched Thoracoabdominal Aortic Graft (STAG) for Thoracoabdominal Aortic Repair

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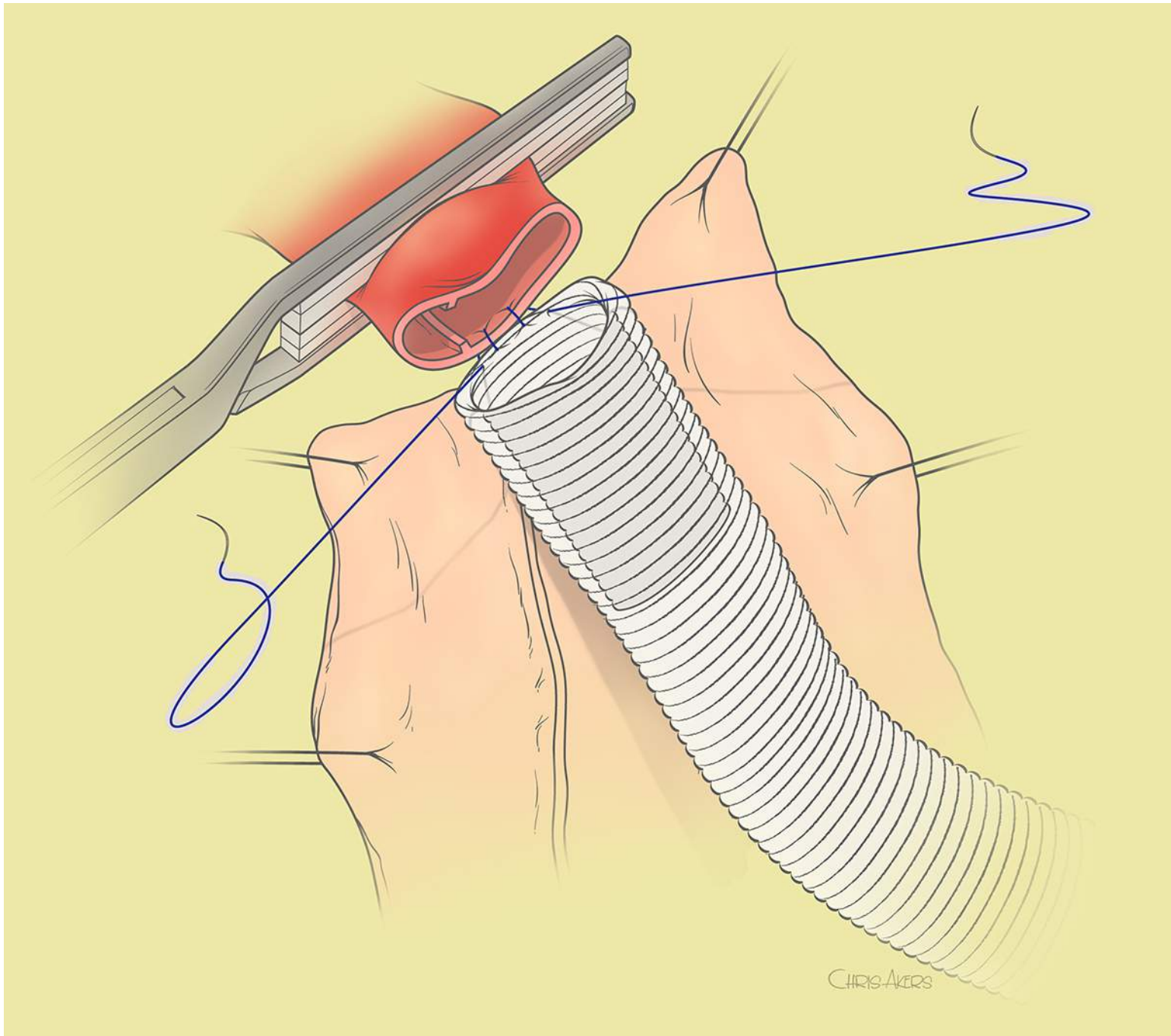
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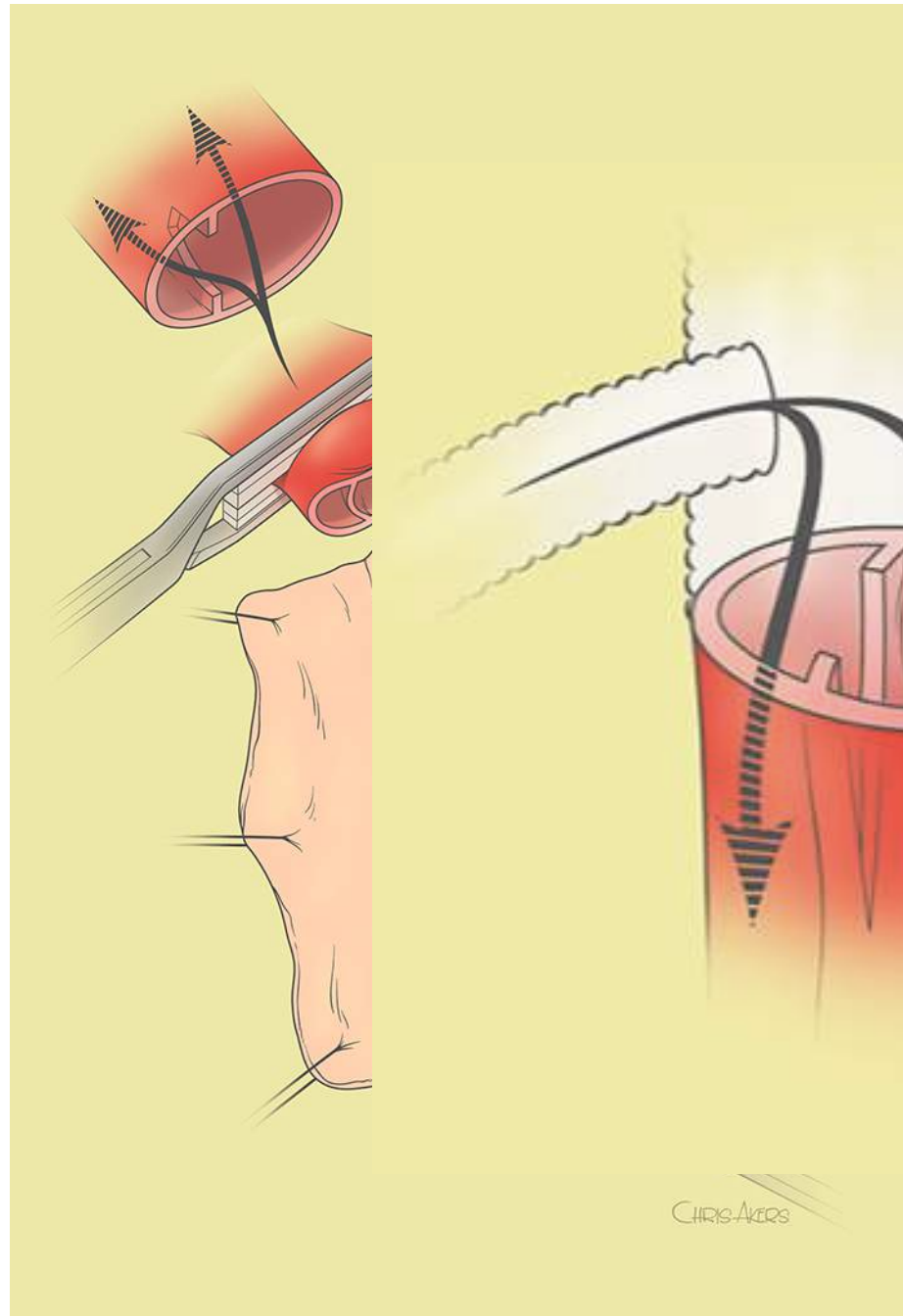
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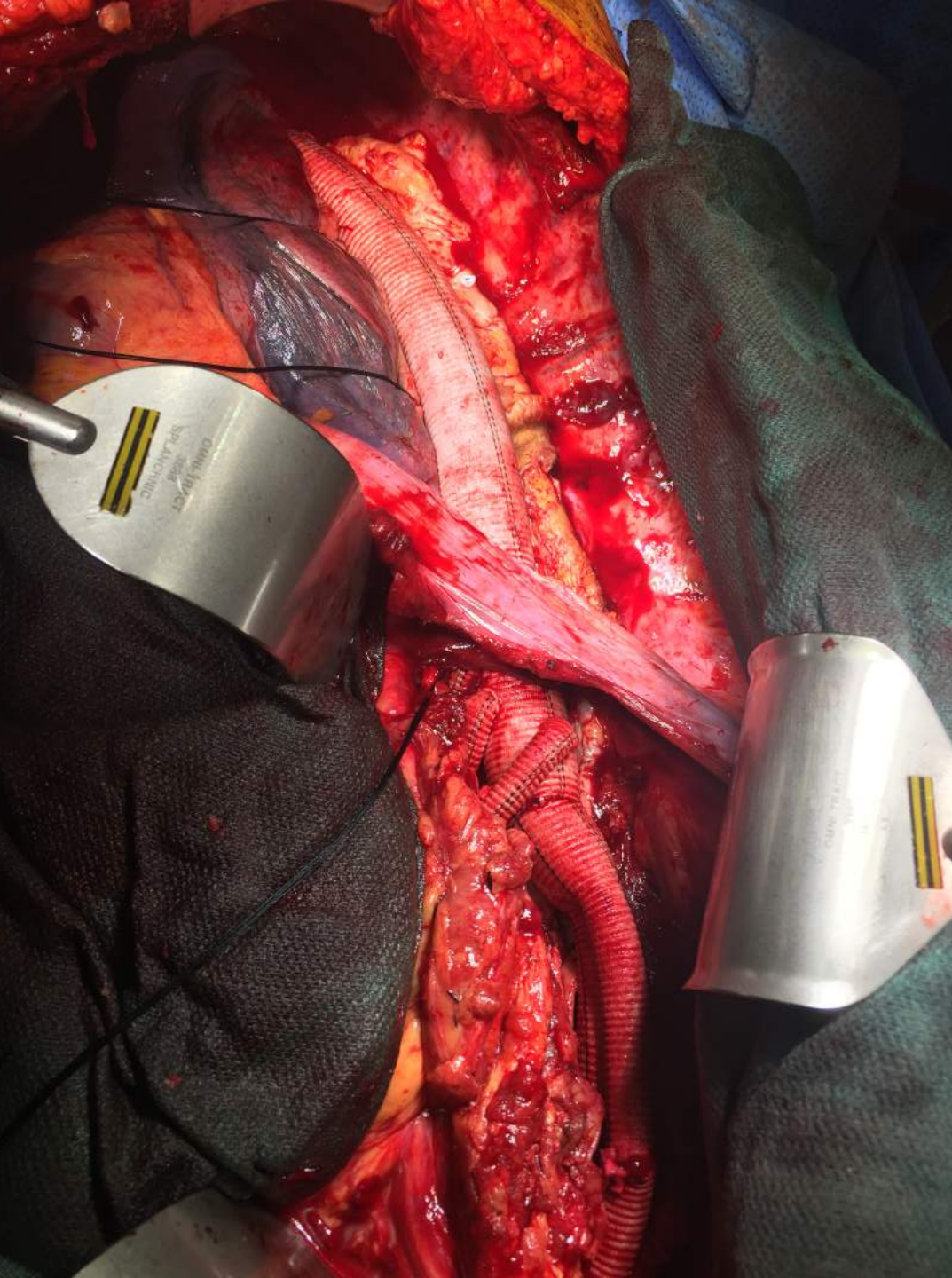
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# When to Use the STAG

- **TAAA Extent II, III, IV with:**
- **HTAD (Heritable Thoracic Aortic Disease)**
- **Young patients (Age < 70 years)**
- **Displaced Visceral & Renal Vessels  
(>3 cm displacement)**

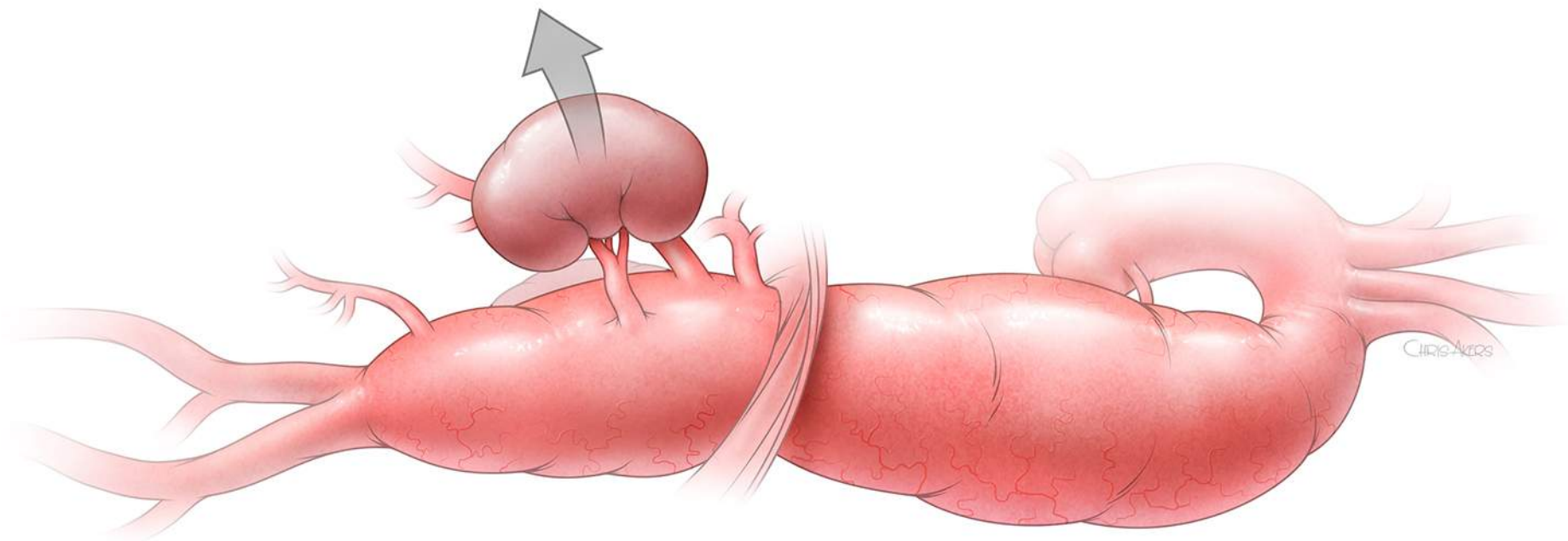


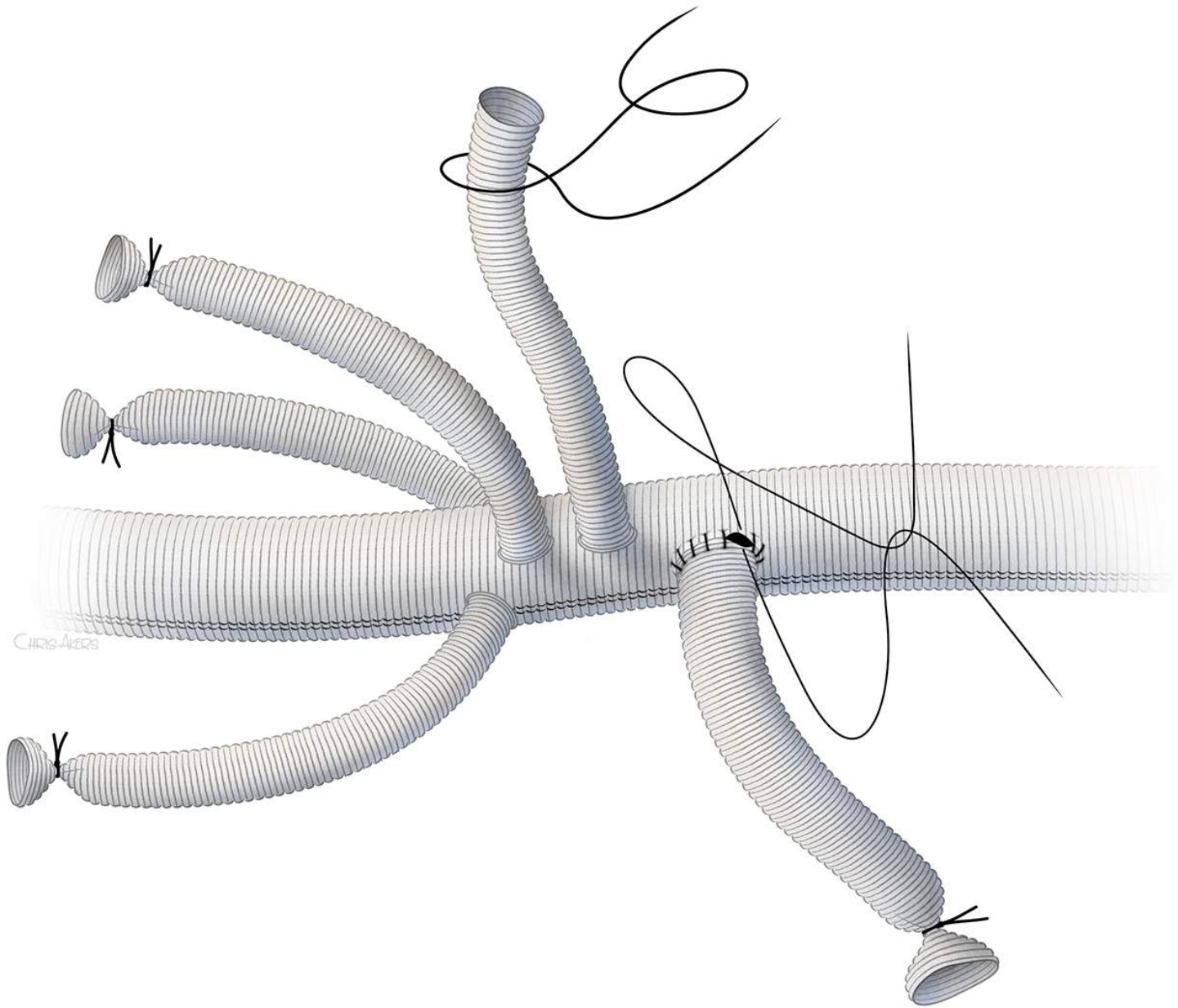


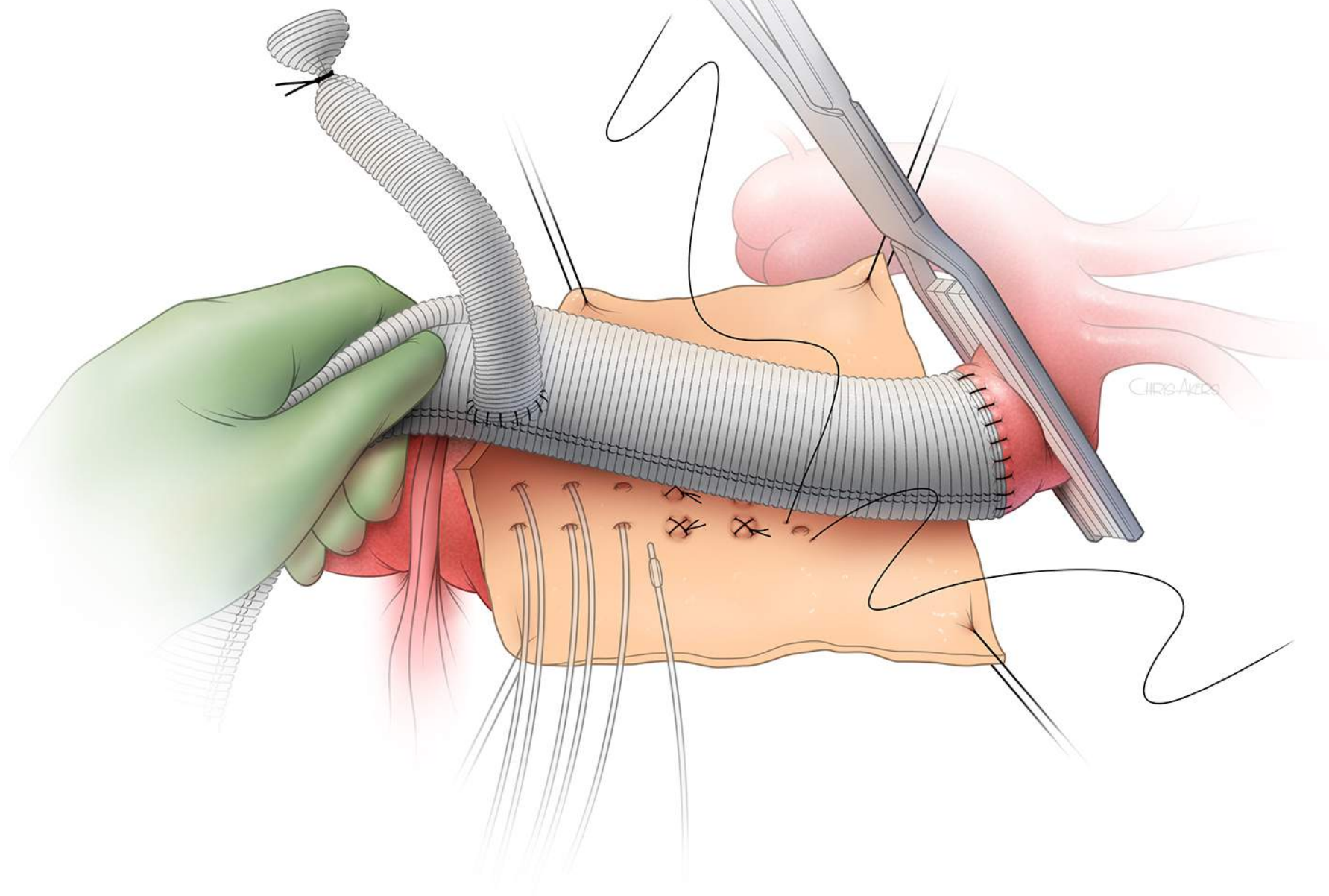


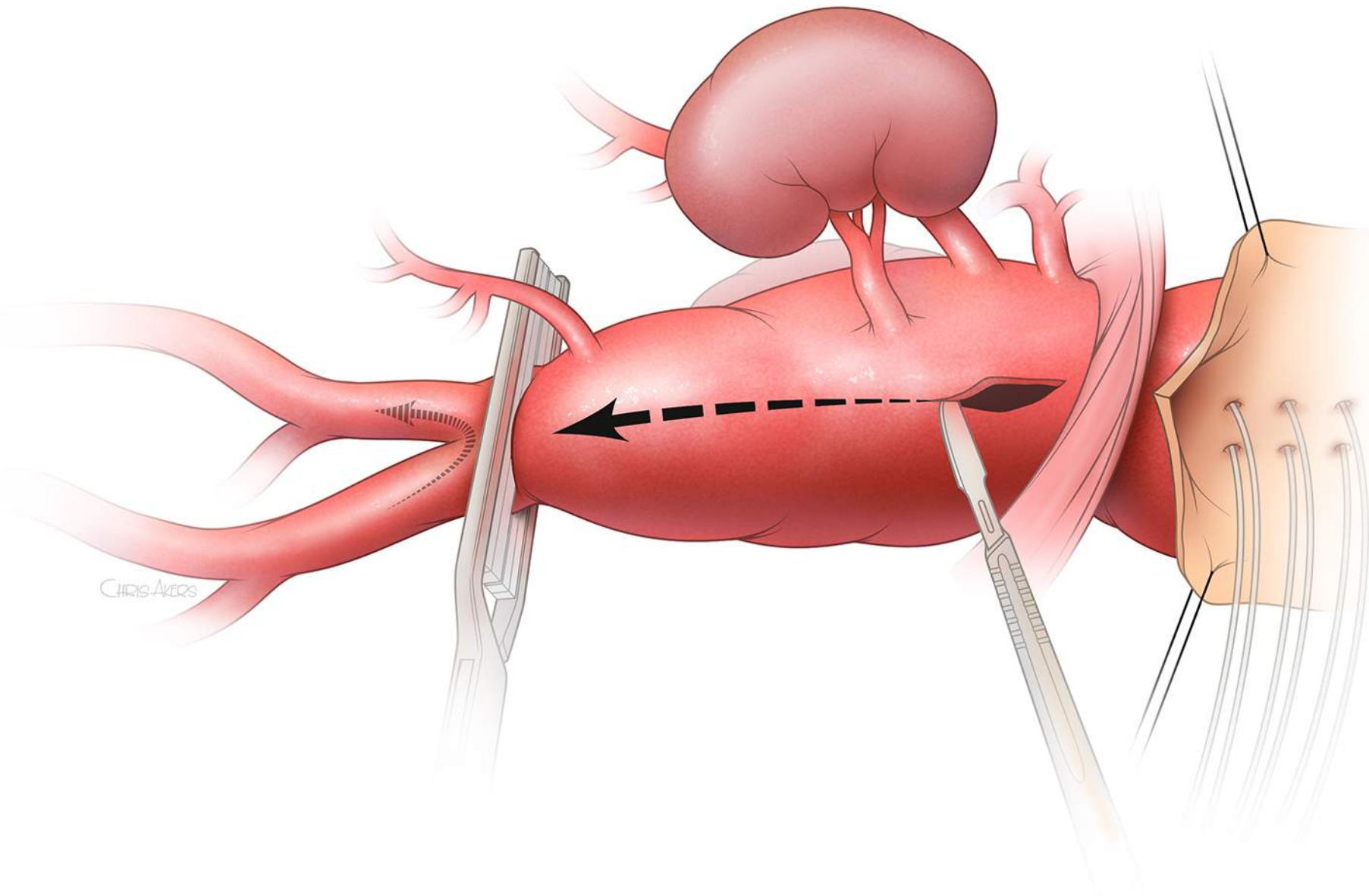
## Prophylactic Repair

- Age
- Comorbidities
- Added Risks
- Risk of Reoperation
- TEVAR

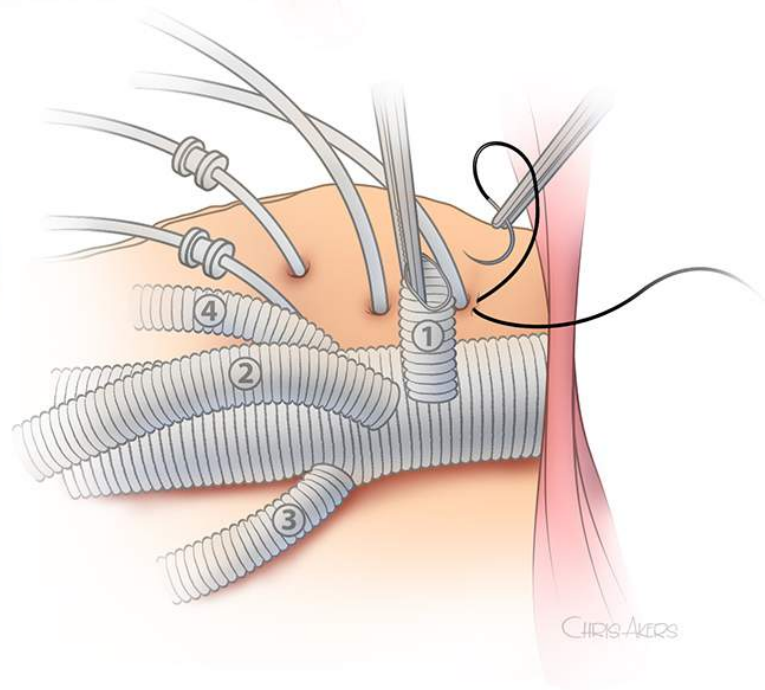
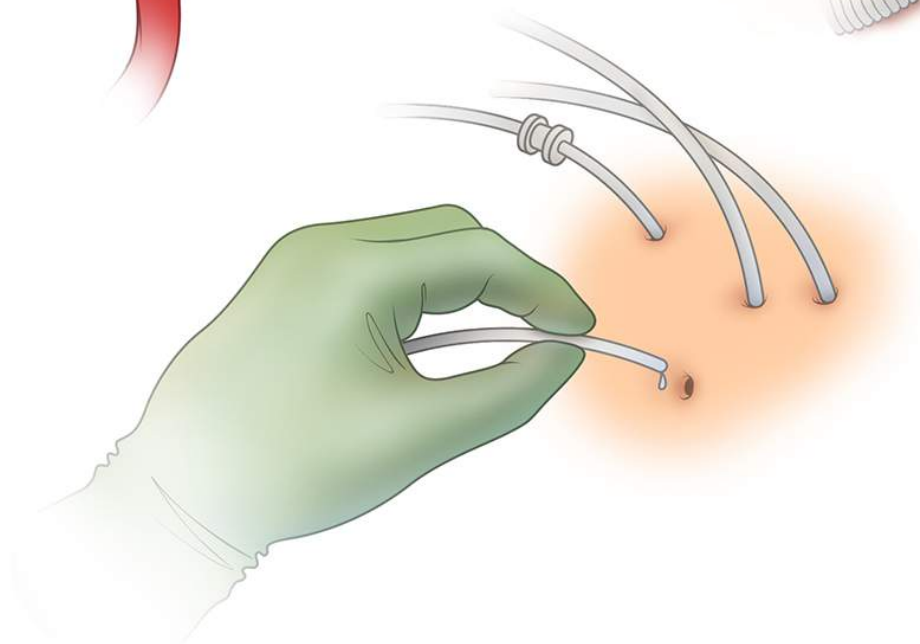
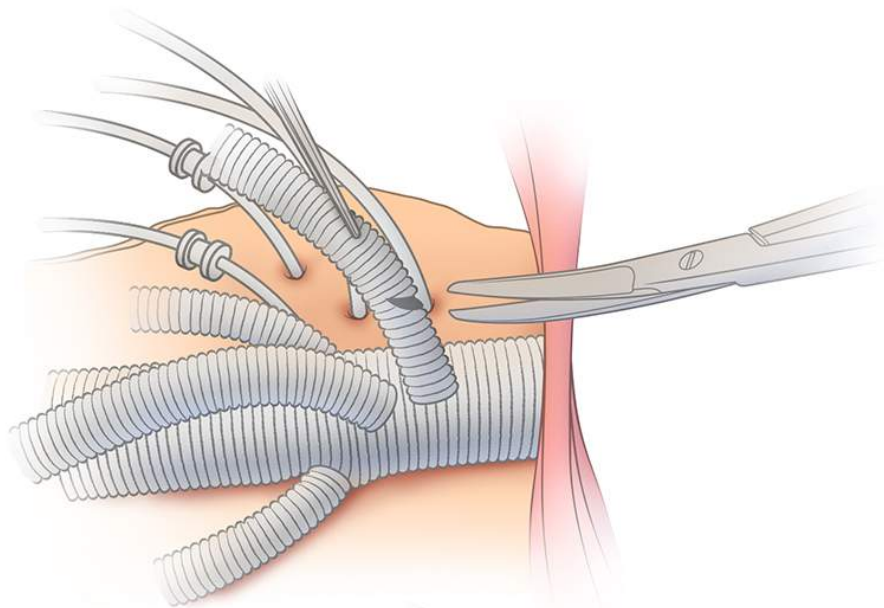
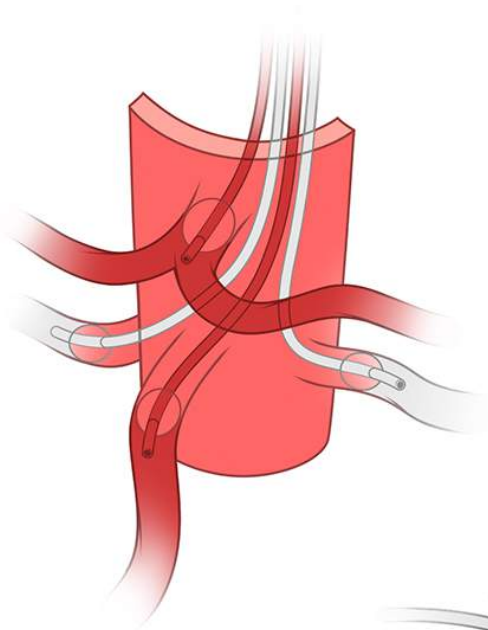


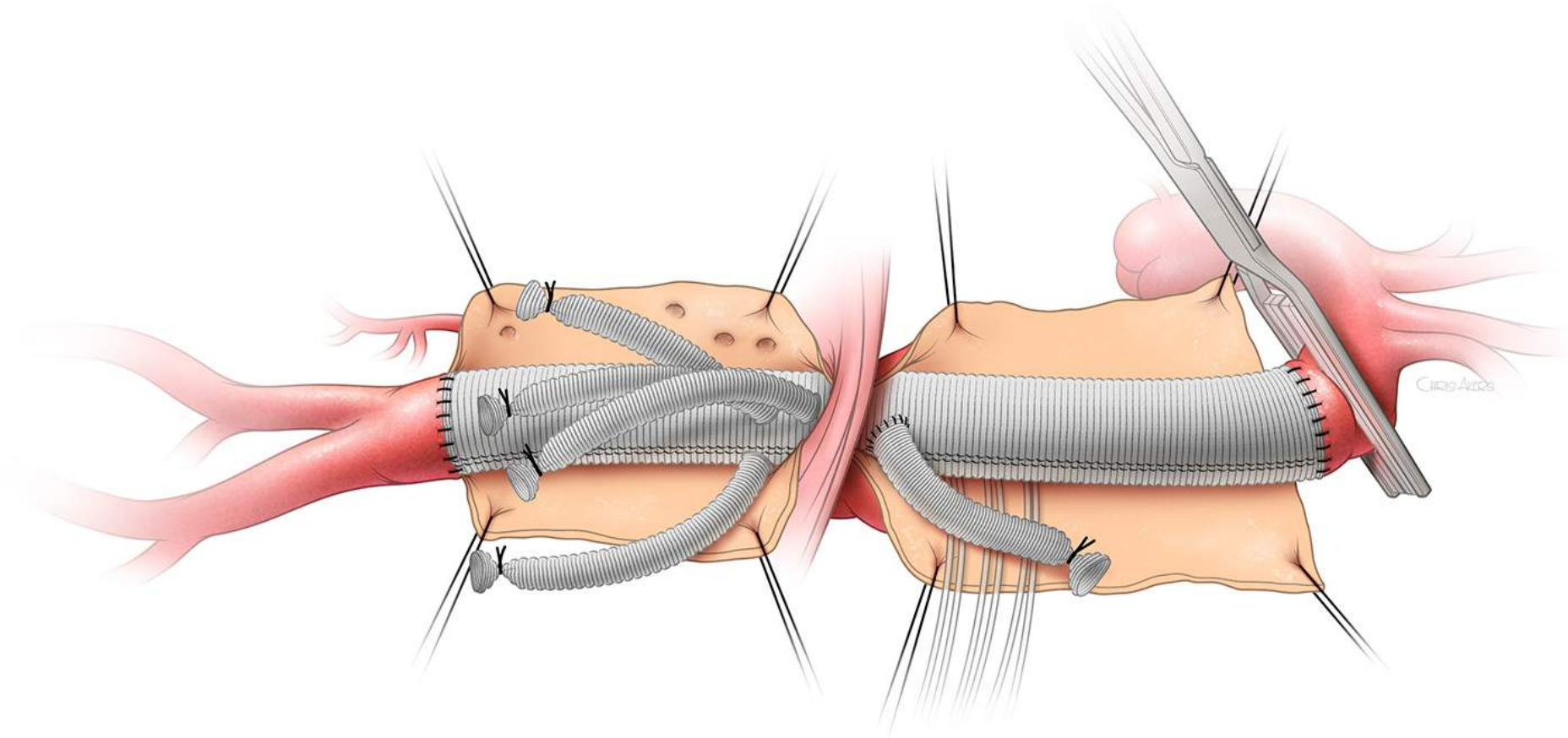


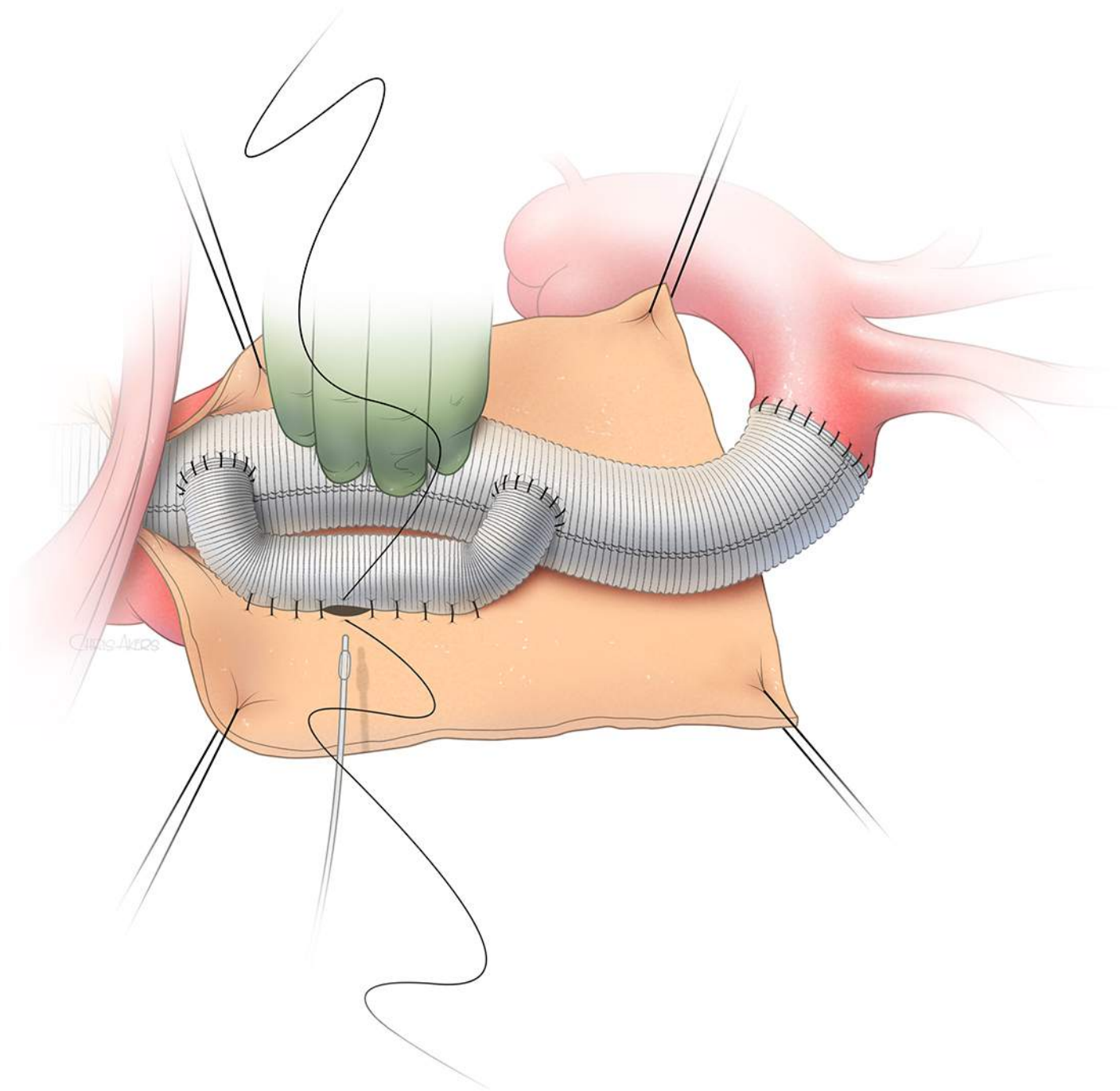




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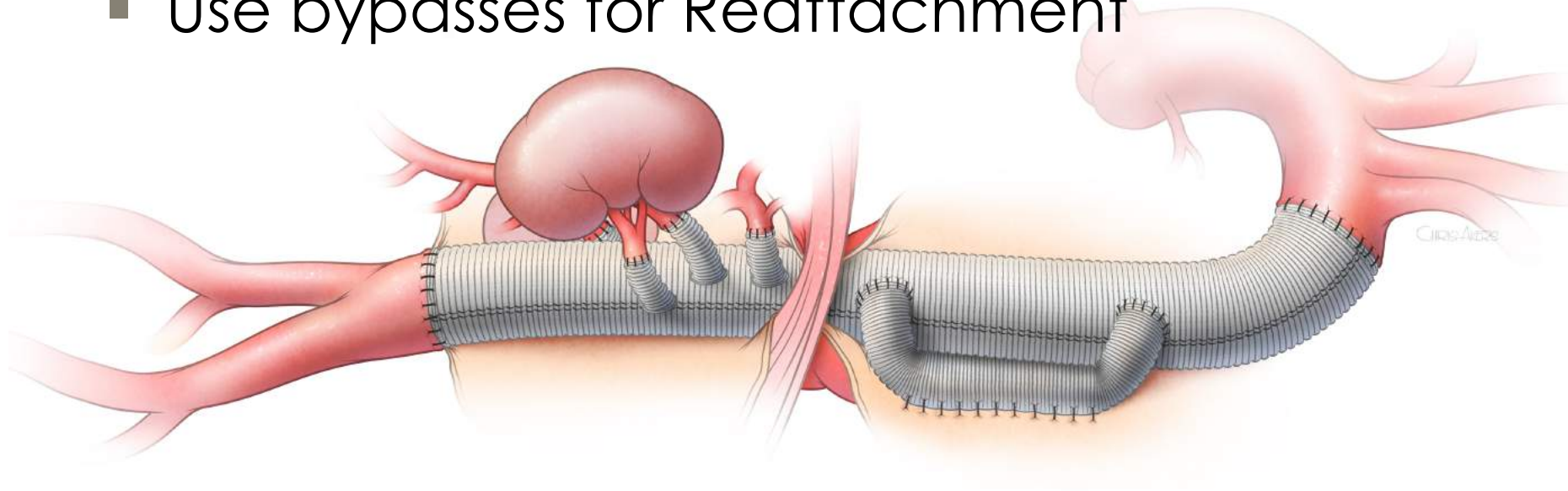






# HTAD in TAAA

- Use bypasses for Reattachment



- Reversed Elephant trunk
- Frequently have chronic dissection
- Prophylactic repair

# Conclusion

- Heritable Thoracic Aortic Disease: genetic specific management
- Open TAAA has good results in HTAD
- Technical considerations
- Although “we don’t own the patient”, we should own the disease.



Thank You