



## Pre emptive treatment of Type II endoleaks

Coil embolisation is the most efficient way

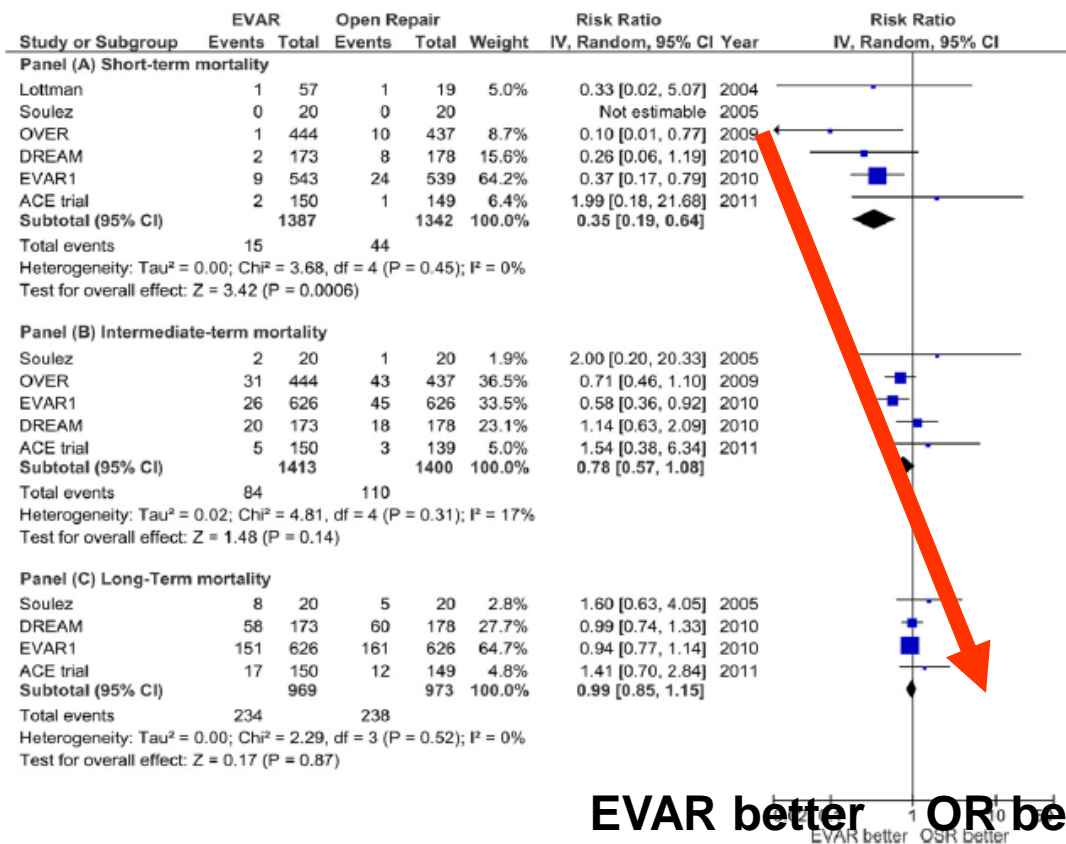
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# Background



30 days

2 years

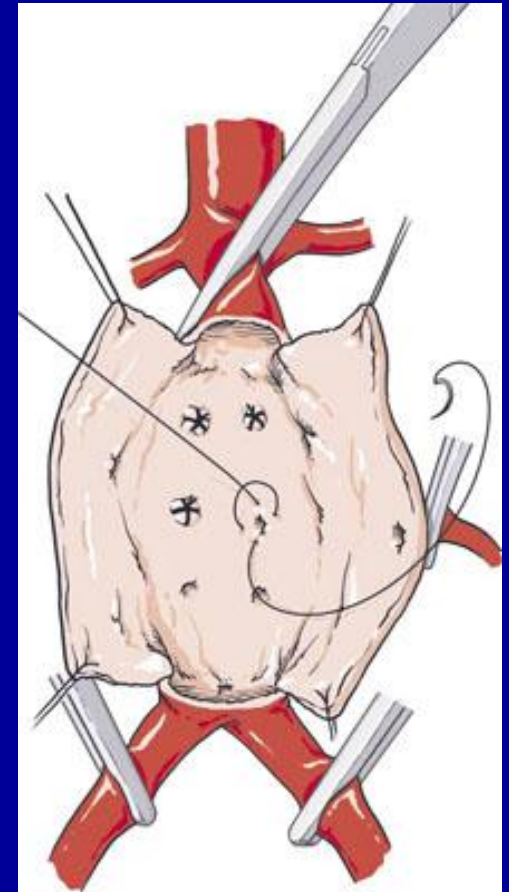
> 3 years

**Figure 2. All-Cause Mortality**

(A) Pooled mortality rates reported at 30-day post-procedure follow-up. (B) Cumulative outcomes reported at intermediate follow-up (up to 2 years after procedure). (C) Cumulative outcomes reported at follow-up of at least 3 years after procedure. CI = confidence interval(s); IV = intravenous; OSR = open surgical repair; other abbreviations as in Figure 1.

# Background

- Open repair (OR) is the reference treatment for AAA
- Two step procedure
  - aneurysm opening (lumbar arteries ligation)
  - aortic graft replacement
- Definitive treatment
- No need for a close follow-up



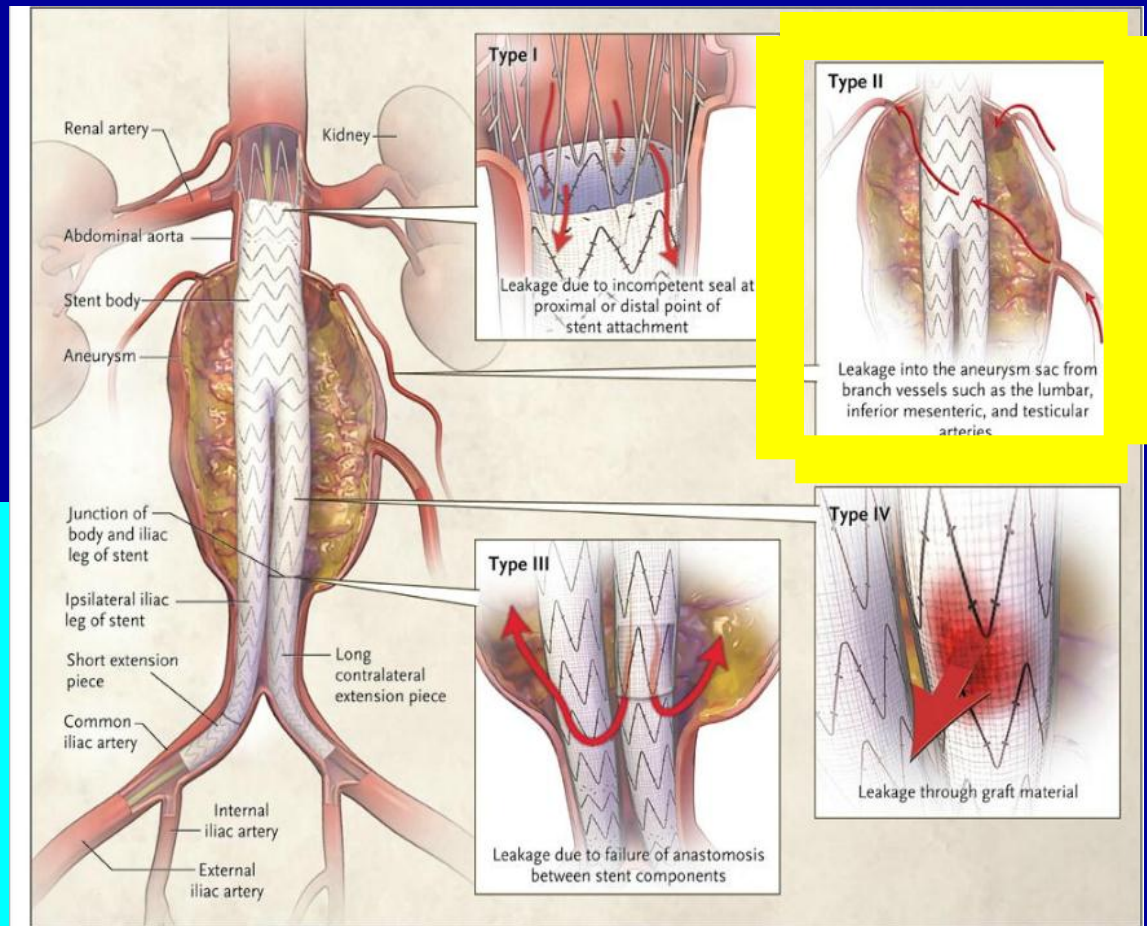
Aneurysm opening is the main difference between EVAR or OR

# Type II Endoleak

- Actual level: 8% to 28% at one year
- Eurostar register: 22.2% (1818 / 8165)
- Treatment recommended if aneurysm enlargement

- Solutions:

- Preoperative embolization
- Operative procedure
- Post-operative procedure



# Background

## Why should we prevent type II Endoleak?

### Vascular Medicine

#### Predictors of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Sac Enlargement After Endovascular Repair

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**Background**—The majority of infrarenal abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) repairs in the United States are performed with endovascular methods. Baseline aortoiliac arterial anatomic characteristics are fundamental criteria for appropriate patient selection for endovascular aortic repair (EVAR) and key determinants of long-term success. We evaluated compliance with anatomic guidelines for EVAR and the relationship between baseline aortoiliac arterial anatomy and post-EVAR AAA sac enlargement.

**Methods and Results**—Patients with pre-EVAR and at least 1 post-EVAR computed tomography scan were identified from the M2S, Inc. imaging database (1999 to 2008). Preoperative baseline aortoiliac anatomic characteristics were reviewed for each patient. Data relating to the specific AAA endovascular repair procedure were not available. Therefore, morphologic assessment was restricted to the most liberal of the most conservative published anatomic guidelines as stated in each manufacturer's instructions for use. The primary study outcome was post-EVAR AAA sac enlargement (>5-mm diameter increase). In 10 228 patients undergoing EVAR, 59% had a maximum AAA diameter below the 55-mm threshold at which intervention is recommended over surveillance. Only 42% of patients had anatomy that met the most conservative definition of device instructions for use; 69% met the most liberal definition of device instructions for use. The 5-year post-EVAR rate of AAA sac enlargement was 41%. Independent predictors of AAA sac enlargement included endoleak, age  $\geq$ 80 years, aortic neck diameter  $\geq$ 28 mm, aortic neck angle  $>$ 60°, and common iliac artery diameter  $>$ 20 mm.

**Conclusion**—In this multicenter observational study, compliance with EVAR device guidelines was low and post-EVAR aneurysm sac enlargement was high, raising concern for long-term risk of aneurysm rupture. (*Circulation*. 2011;123:2848-2855.)

**Key Words:** abdominal aortic aneurysm ■ endovascular procedures ■ graft

Schanzer Circulation 2011

Endoleak = Independent factor for aneurysm Enlargement

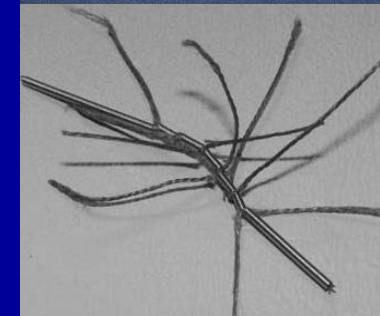


# How could we replace aneurysm opening and lumbar arteries ligation?

- Complete thrombosis of the aneurysm sac could replace the opening of the aneurysm
- Thrombosis should be definitive
- Material used could be:
  - Glue
  - Coils
  - Thrombogenic material
  - Thrombin
  - Gelatin Sponge
  - Polyurethane foam
  - Onyx (ethylene-vinyl alcohol copolymer)
  - Amplatzer
  - Plugs...



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# Long-term postplacement cost after endovascular aneurysm repair

- hospital cost associated with EVAR is approximately :  
\$20,000
- cumulative 5-year postplacement cost per patient was:  
\$11,351

The 5-year cost for  
patients with endoleak  
\$26,739

The 5-year cost for  
patients without endoleak  
\$5706



4.7-fold increase,  $P < .05$



# Preoperative embolization

## Clinical Studies

### Inferior Mesenteric Artery Embolization before Endovascular Repair of an Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm: Effect on Type II Endoleak and Aneurysm Shrinkage

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**PURPOSE:** To evaluate the value of preoperative embolization of the inferior mesenteric artery (IMA) before endovascular repair of an abdominal aortic aneurysm.

**MATERIALS AND METHODS:** From January 2000 to October 2006, 79 patients (mean age, 72.3 years; 69 men) scheduled for endovascular aneurysm repair (EVAR) were found to have a patent IMA at computed tomography. Coil embolization of the patent IMA was performed in 40 patients at Kuopio University Hospital, and their outcome was compared with that of 39 patients with a patent IMA who underwent EVAR at Oulu University Hospital without preoperative IMA embolization (control group). All patients were treated with a Zenith stent-graft. The mean follow-up time was 3.4 years  $\pm$  1.7 (median, 3.1 years; range, 0–7.6 years).

**RESULTS:** There were significantly fewer type II endoleaks in the IMA embolization group than in the control group (25% vs 59%, respectively;  $P = .002$ ). Preoperative IMA embolization did not correlate with aneurysm size change. The overall linearized aneurysm shrinkage rate per year was 1.4 mm per year  $\pm$  3.5 in the IMA embolization group and 1.7 mm per year  $\pm$  2.4 in the control group ( $P = .73$ ).

**CONCLUSIONS:** Preoperative coil embolization of the IMA reduced the frequency of type II endoleaks after EVAR, but the authors failed to show any influence on late postoperative aneurysm shrinkage.



No influence on late postoperative shrinkage

IMA

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2003;10:227-232

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## CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

### Preoperative Embolization of Collateral Side Branches: A Valid Means to Reduce Type II Endoleaks After Endovascular AAA Repair

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**Purpose:** To report the results of preprocedural embolization of collateral branches arising from abdominal aortic aneurysms (AAA) scheduled for endovascular repair.

**Methods:** Twenty-three consecutive AAA patients (all men; mean age 73 years, range 56–82) had coil embolization of patent lumbar and inferior mesenteric arteries (IMA) in a staged procedure prior to endovascular repair. Embolization with microcoils was attempted in 37 of the 52 identified lumbar arteries and 14 of 15 inferior mesenteric arteries. Follow-up included biplanar abdominal radiography, spiral computed tomography, and duplex ultrasonography at 1, 30, 90, and 180 days after the stent-graft procedure and at 6-month intervals thereafter.

**Results:** Successful embolization was obtained in 24 (65%) of lumbar arteries, while all 14 (100%) IMAs were occluded with coils. No complication was associated with embolotherapy. Over a mean 17-month follow-up of 22 patients (1 intraoperative death), there was only 1 (4.5%) type II endoleak from a patent lumbar artery, with no sac expansion after 2 years. There were 4 (18%) type I and 1 (4.5%) type II endoleaks.

**Conclusions:** The embolization of side branches arising from an infrarenal aortic aneurysm before endovascular repair is feasible, with a high success rate; this maneuver may play a relevant role in reducing the rate of type II endoleaks, improving long-term outcome.

**Key words:** abdominal aortic aneurysm, endovascular repair, stent-graft, complication, endoleak, lumbar artery, inferior mesenteric artery, coil embolization

- Safe procedure
- No sac extension
- Persistent endoleak in 4.5%

# Intraoperative embolization

## Thrombin

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◆ CLINICAL INVESTIGATION ◆

### Intraoperative Intrasac Thrombin Injection to Prevent Type II Endoleak After Endovascular Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair

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**Purpose:** To report a prospective, nonrandomized pilot study to determine whether fibrin glue aneurysm sac embolization at the time of endovascular aneurysm repair (EVAR) is a safe and effective procedure to primarily prevent type II endoleaks.

**Methods:** Between June 2003 and December 2005, 84 consecutive patients (79 men; mean age 73.8±7.8 years, range 64-86) with degenerative infrarenal abdominal aortic aneurysm underwent EVAR with bifurcated stent-grafts and fibrin glue injection into the aneurysm sac at the conclusion of the endovascular procedure. A total of 424 imaging studies and 346 visits were recorded during the study period and reviewed.

**Results:** Selective catheterization of the aneurysm sac and fibrin glue injection immediately after initial stent-graft deployment was successful in 83 (99%) of 84 cases; there was one failure to access the excluded aneurysm sac due to severe iliac artery calcification. The estimated primary and assisted clinical success rates at 2 years were 91.3% and 98.8%, respectively, but the major findings were the low rate of delayed type II endoleak (2.4%) and the statistically significant decrease in the maximum transverse aneurysm diameter (50.40±6.70 versus 42.03±6.50 mm,  $p=0.0001$ ) at follow-up. In addition, of 31 patients available for 24-month follow-up, 14 (45.2%) patients showed a reduction in maximum transverse aneurysm diameter by  $\geq 5$  mm; 16 (51.6%) patients had no significant changes, whereas only 1 patient showed a  $>5$ -mm enlargement.

**Conclusion:** This clot engineering approach to aneurysm sac embolization at the time of endografting appears to be safe and may spare the patient a repeated catheter-based intervention or surgical procedure.

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**Key words:** abdominal aortic aneurysm, endovascular repair, stent-graft, type II endoleak, fibrin glue, sac embolization

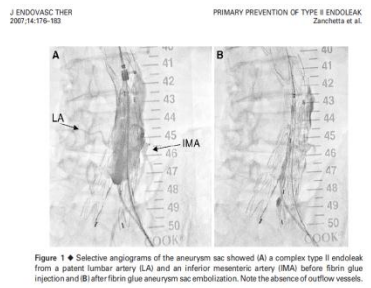


Figure 1 ◆ Selective angiograms of the aneurysm sac showed (A) a complex type II endoleak from a patent lumbar artery (LA) and an inferior mesenteric artery (IMA) before fibrin glue injection and (B) after fibrin glue aneurysm sac embolization. Note the absence of outflow vessels.

## Gelatin Sponge

Prevention of lumbar artery endoleaks following EVAR with the selective use of absorbable gelatin sponge.

S. R. Walker, J. Macierewicz, B. R. Hopkinson  
BJS 2002

- Decrease of type II endoleak to 2.4%
- No AAA size regression

Low cost  
No long term results

# Intraoperative intrasac Coil and Fibrin glue injection during EVAR

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## Intrasac fibrin glue injection after platinum coils placement: the efficacy of a simple intraoperative procedure in preventing type II endoleak after endovascular aneurysm repair<sup>☆</sup>

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### Abstract

**Objectives:** To verify in our experience if fibrin glue injection into the aneurysm sac, made at the end of endovascular aneurysm repair (EVAR), can reduce type II endoleak rates. **Methods:** Between January 2005 and February 2008, 38 patients underwent EVAR for an unruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm. The first 20 consecutive patients (Group A) had standard EVAR while the last 18 patients (Group B) had EVAR with fibrin glue injection into the sac, regardless of type II endoleak's presence. **Results:** There was no statistically significant difference between the two groups concerning the surgical time and the time of X-ray exposure ( $P=0.30$  and  $0.54$ , respectively). Type II endoleak rate was significantly higher in Group A compared to Group B (6 cases, 30% vs. 1 case, 5.5%, respectively,  $P=0.05$ ). Primary short-term clinical success was 95% and 100%, respectively. At 12 months, selective lumbar embolization was performed in two patients in Group A and in one patient in Group B. Patients in Group A had less computed tomography (CT) studies than patients in Group B (2.0 vs. 1.2, respectively,  $P=0.024$ ). **Conclusions:** Fibrin glue injection is a safe procedure and seems to reduce type II endoleak rates. Patients who received this procedure had fewer CT examinations, with reduced health-care costs.

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**Keywords:** Abdominal aortic aneurysm; Endovascular repair; Type II endoleak; Fibrin glue; Sac embolization

Safe and feasible procedure

Statistically significant decrease in type II endoleak rates.

Essential in preventing this complication at the end of EVAR.

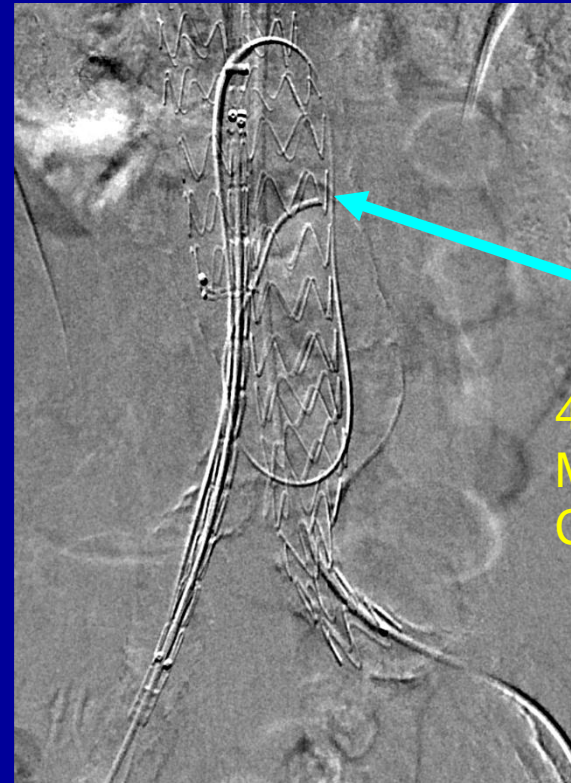
# Midterm outcomes after treatment of type II endoleaks associated with aneurysm sac expansion

- Independent predictors of type II endoleak:
  - mural thrombus ( $p < 0.001$ ),
  - patent lumbar arteries ( $p = 0.004$ ),
  - aneurysm length ( $p = 0.011$ )
  - iliac artery length ( $p = 0.004$ ).

• Gallagher KA *J Endovasc Ther.* 2012

# Marie Lannelongue's Procedure Intraoperative coils embolization during EVAR

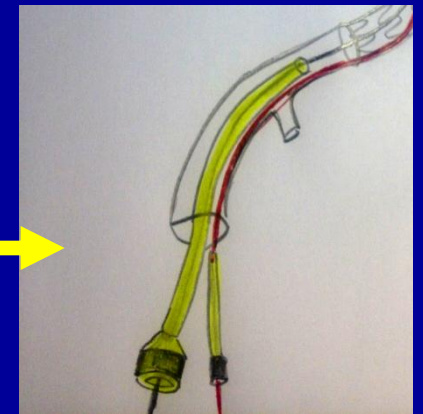
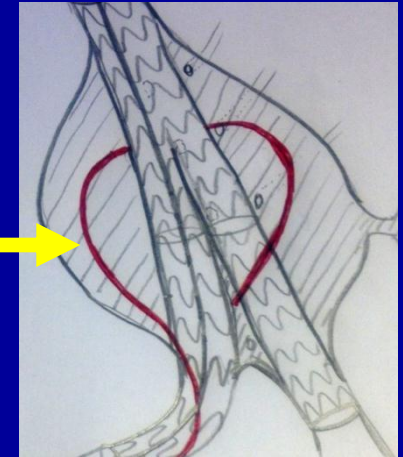
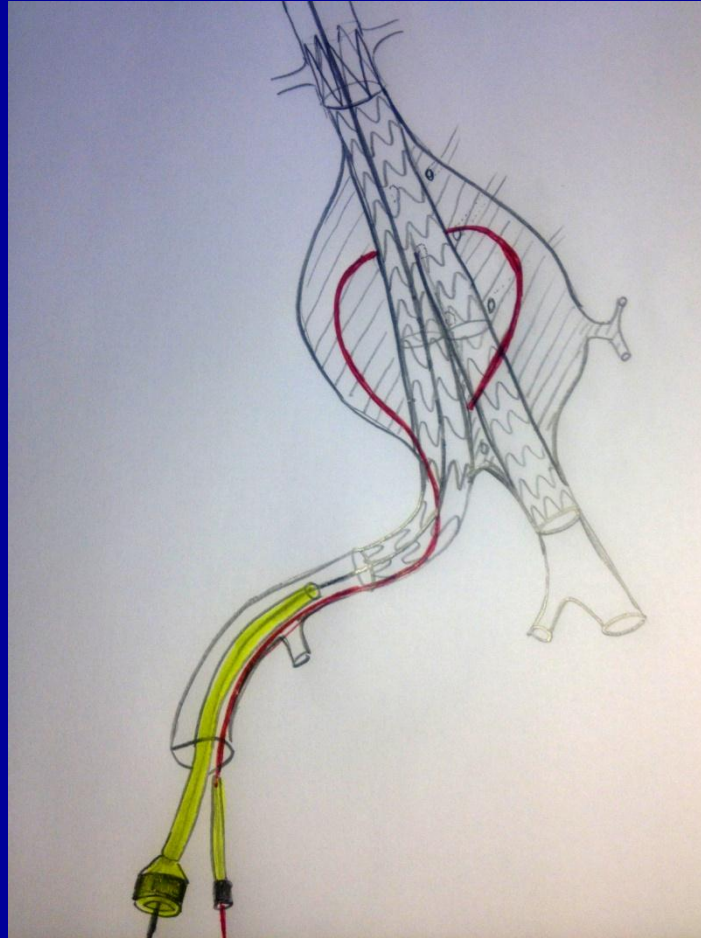
- Limited to Patients with risk for type II endoleak
- No circumferential thrombus
- IFU guidelines



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Microcatheter  
Coils embolization



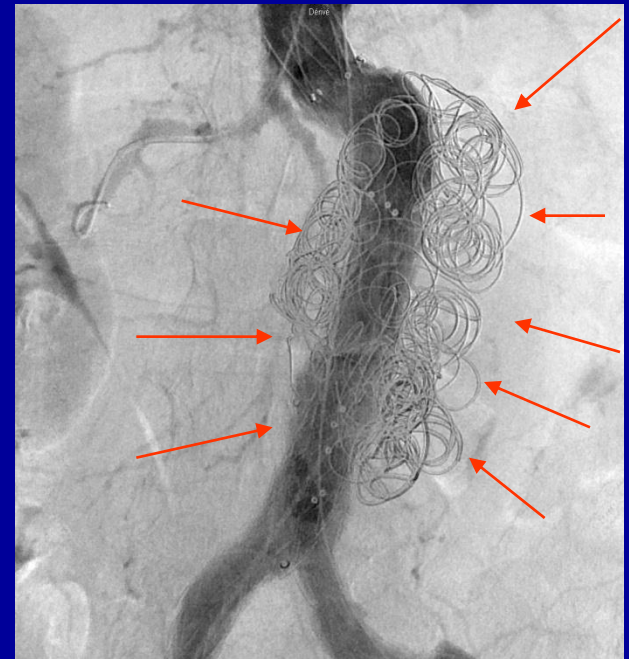
# COIL EMBOLIZATION / First step



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CONTROLATERAL ILIAC LEG DEPLOYMENT

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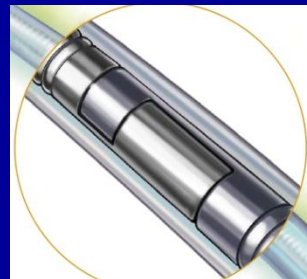
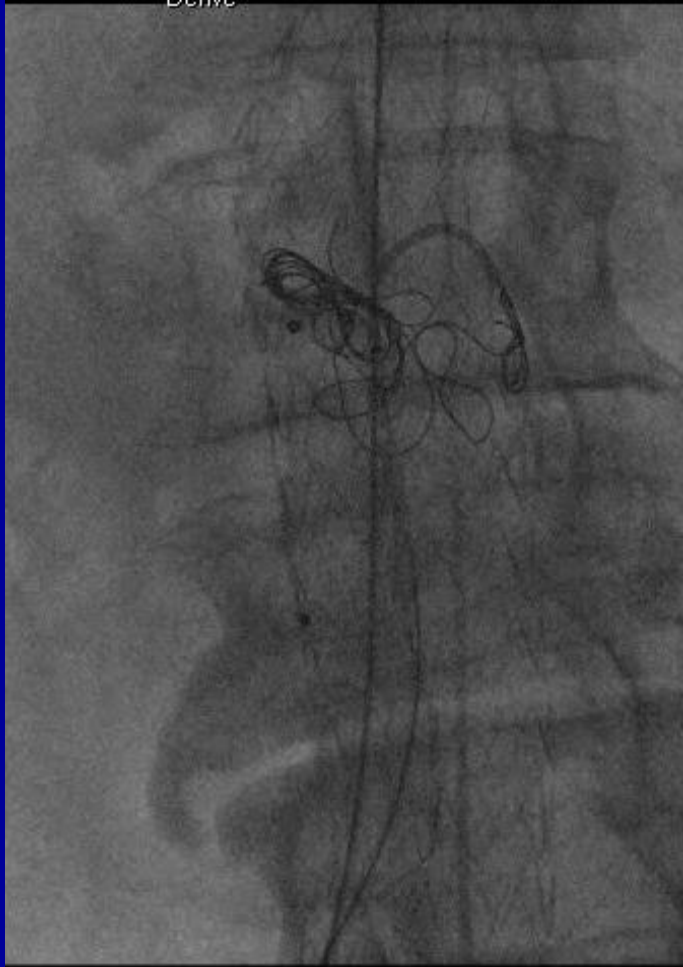
# COIL EMBOLIZATION / Second step



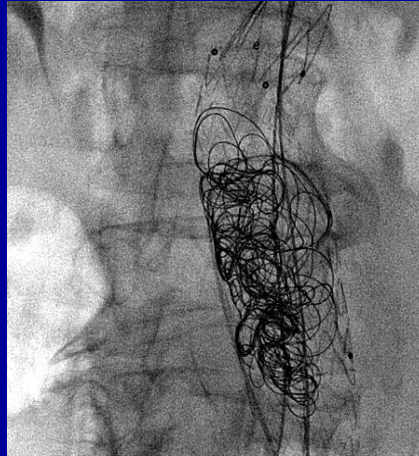
AFTER CONTROLATERAL ILIAC LEG DEPLOYMENT  
USING MICROCATHETER / 10 TO 18 COILS (30 cm length)



# Very safe procedure



# COIL EMBOLIZATION / Third step



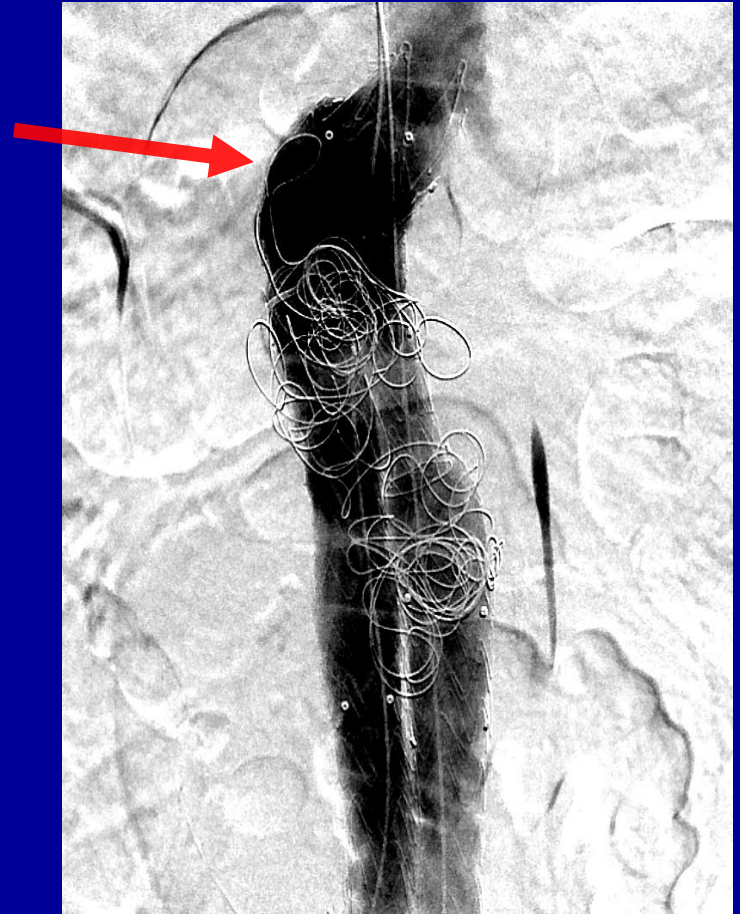
Ballooning, angiographic control and microcatheter withdrawal



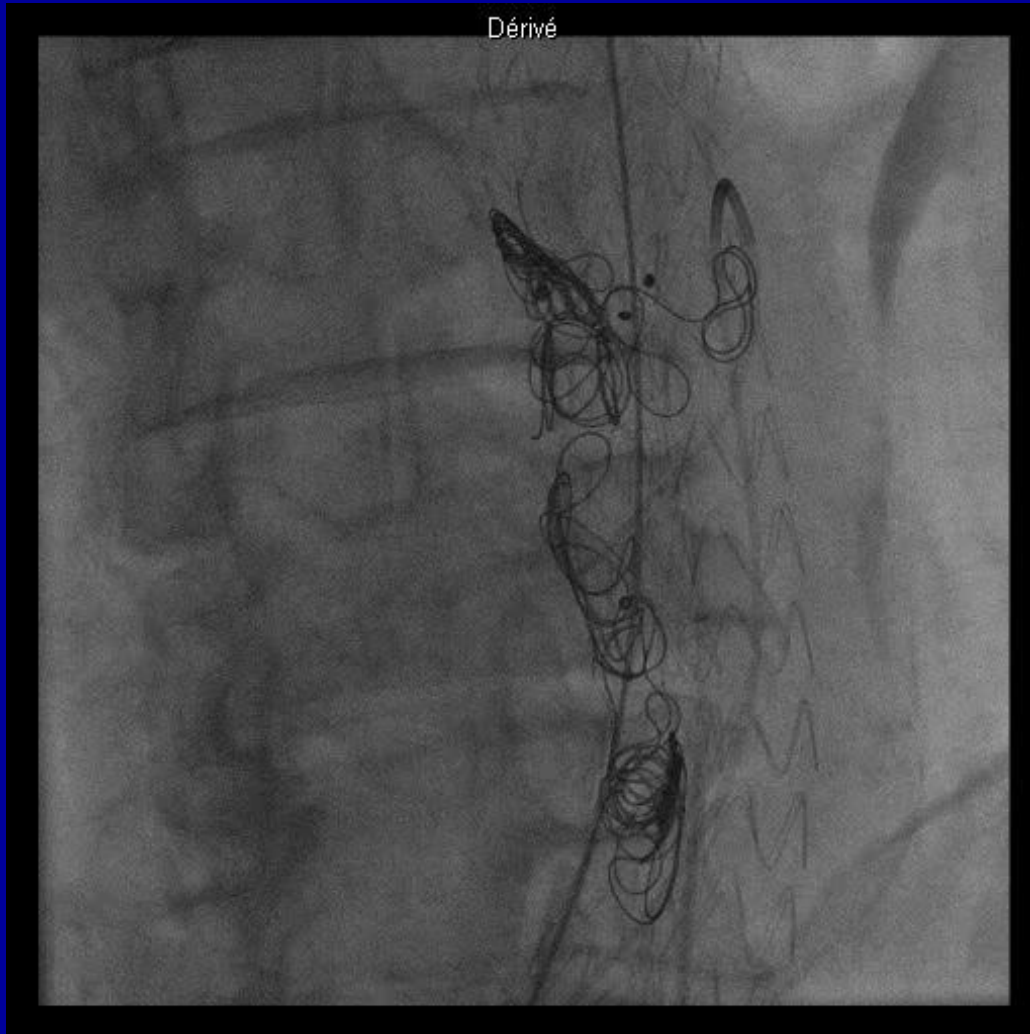
Coils just under **angulated neck**  
to avoid type I endoleak



Coils just under **short neck**  
to avoid type I endoleak



# Controlled release around the prosthesis



# Marie Lannelongue's Experience 10/2009 to 11/2012

119 EVAR

Patient at risk  
for Type II Endoleak (Ref)



66 Pts / 55%

Patient with low risk  
for Type II Endoleak

53 Pts / 45%

# Procedure / stentgraft 2009 - 2012

- Mean length of the aortic neck: 17 mm (range 9-35 mm).
- Mean maximal aneurysmal diameter: 56.8 mm (range 48.5-92mm)
- Procedure:
  - 65 aorto bi-iliac EVAR
  - 1 aorto uni-iliac EVAR with contralateral iliac occlusion
- Stentgraft:
  - Talent 6
  - Zenith 3
  - Gore 2
  - Vascutek 1
  - Endurant 54



# Results

## 66 Patients

- No complication related to coils embolization
- In hospital mortality 0%
- O type II Endoleak
- 7% of type I Endoleak
  - (3 proximal and 2 distal)
  - Treatment with proximal extension or CP stent for proximal leak in 2 cases during hospitalisation and 1 case at 3 months
  - Treatment with covered stent extension for distal leak In 2 cases at 6 months and 1 year



# Results

Statistical regression of aneurysm size at 6 months

1 Month

6 Months

Patient 1



Patient 2



# Artifacts from coiled aneurysms

6 months

A1000E

50.05 mm

18 months

A1000E

38.81 mm

These results should be weighted by the difficulty to detect small endoleaks

# Conclusion

We have optimal release control during the embolization procedure. Systematic coil embolization of the aneurysm sac during EVAR is technically feasible and clinically effective in preventing type II endoleak, with no complications.

Long term follow-up is required to confirm our results.

This technique reliably achieves complete thrombosis of the aneurysm sac, even in patients with numerous patent aortic side branches, drastically reducing the rate of all endoleaks.

We plan on conducting a prospective trial called SCOPE 1 where both group of patients with and without embolization could be compared head to head.

## TAKE HOME MESSAGE

This complementary procedure could be considered as the first step of an OR procedure.

It could be systematically performed to improve outcomes of EVAR for patient @ risk for T2 EL

ANSM (AFSSAPS) gives us the authorization for this practice in our future clinical investigation.