# Aorto bronchial and esophagal fistula after TEVAR

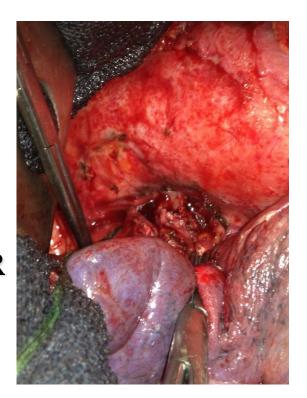
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## **Conflict of interest: none**

# **European Registry of Endovascular Aortic Repair Complications**

- 14 participating centers in Europe
- > 4500 patients
- Center with large experience in TEVAR



## Aorto-bronchial fistula after TEVAR

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- **■** Uncommon complication: 0.56% (26/4780)
- The median time interval between the initial TEVAR procedure and the development of ABPF: 310 days (IQR 28-1065)
- The median age was 70 years (IQR 60-77) / Male 58%
- Haemoptysis: 92%

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## Aorto-bronchial fistula

#### Diagnosis:

 $\Box$  CT scan

■ Periaortic hematoma 65 %

■ Periaortic air 39 %

■ Lung hemorrhage 31 %

□ Endoscopy

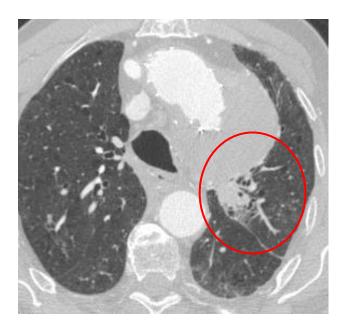
#### Underlying aortic pathology for TEVAR:

□ Degenerative aortic aneurysm 58 %

□ Aortic dissection 15 %

☐ Traumatic injury 15%





## **Aorto-bronchial**

#### Risk factors:

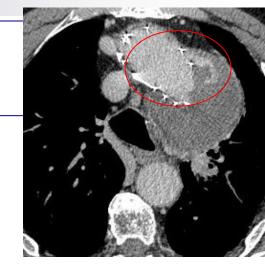
- ☐ Emergent TEVAR Mediastinal hematoma
- □ External compression of the bronchial tree
  - Endoleak type I or III
  - Large aneurysm

#### Treatment

□ Conservative management: 19 %

□ Redo TEVAR: 27 %

□ Surgical conversion: 54 %



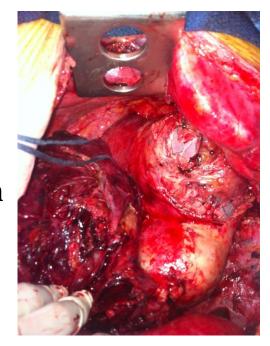
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## **Aorto-bronchial fistula: Radical**

- Left thoracotomy
- Left heart bypass
- Aortic resection
- Lung resection
- In situ reconstruction





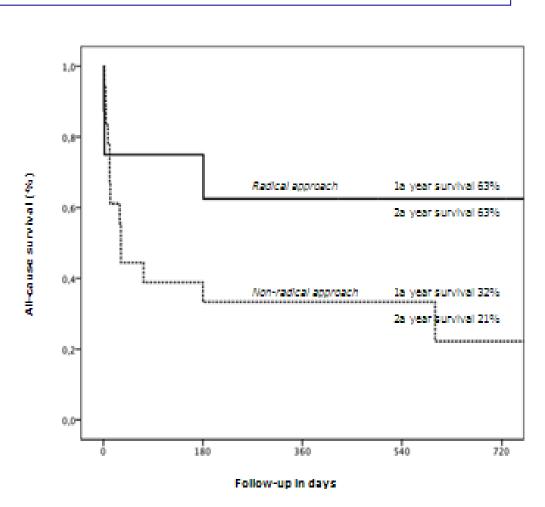


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## Aorto-bronchial fistula

■ Overall survival: 29%

Difference in survival regarding the treatment



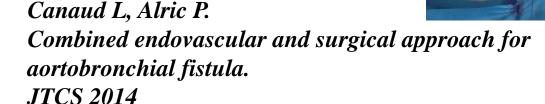
## **Aorto-bronchial fistula**

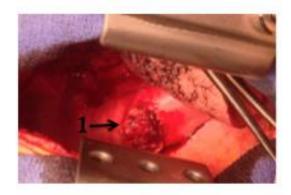
#### Combined approach:

- □ Debridement
- □ *Pulmonary resection*
- □ Coverage of the stent graft using muscle or pleural flaps
- □ +/- Redo TEVAR
- □ *Broad-spectrum antibiotherapy*

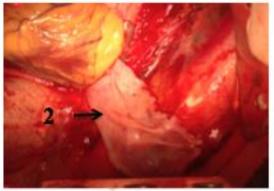


- ☐ All patients are alive
- □ 1 radical resection at 4 months

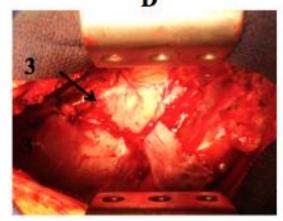




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■ Uncommon complication: 1% (36/2387)

- The median time interval between the initial TEVAR procedure and the development of ABPF: 90 days (IQR 30-150)
- The median age was 69 years (IQR 56-75) / Male 75%

#### Symptoms:

□ Fever 81%

☐ Hematemesis 53%

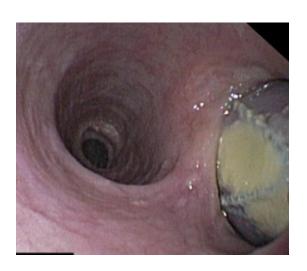
□ Shock 22%

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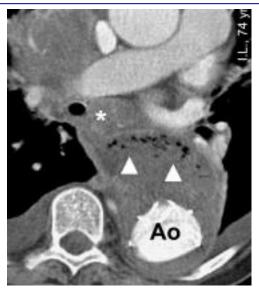
- Disagnosis:
  - $\Box$  CT scan
    - Masses between aorta and esophagus
    - Air entrapment within the thrombosed aneurysm/dissection
  - □ *Endoscopy*
- Underlying aortic pathology for TEVAR:
  - □ Atherosclerotic aneurysms 53%
  - ☐ Acute type B aortic dissections 14%
  - □ Penetrating atherosclerotic ulcers 14%





#### Risk factors:

- ☐ Emergent TEVAR Mediastinal hematoma
- ☐ External compression
  - Endoleak type I or III
  - Large aneurysm
- ☐ Length of aortic coverage



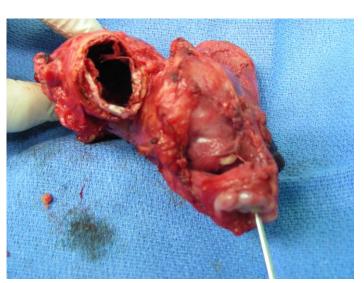
#### Treatment

□ Conservative management: 28 %

☐ Esophageal stenting: 17 %

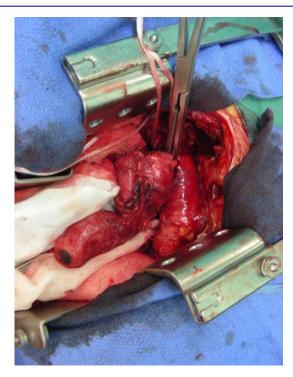
☐ Esophagectomy 19 %

□ Surgical conversion: 36 %

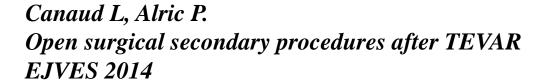


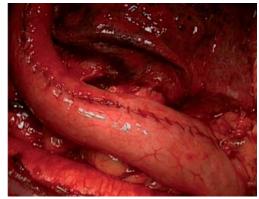
# Aorto-esophageal fistula: Radical

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■ Overall survival at 1 year: 28%

According to the surgical approach at 1 year:

□ Conservative management: 0 %

☐ Esophageal stenting: 17 %

☐ Esophagectomy 43 %

☐ Surgical conversion: 46 %

## **Conclusion**



- **■ Uncommon** < 2%
- Favoring factors
  - ☐ Emergent TEVAR Mediastinal hematoma ☐ Drainage?
  - ☐ External compression
    - Endoleak type I or III
    - Large aneurysm
- CT scan / Fibroscopy
- Treatment: overall survival < 30%
  - □ Conservative: *uniformly fatal*
  - □ Radical or combined approach leaving the SG in place: similar results