

# Paving and Cracking

## We still need this technique

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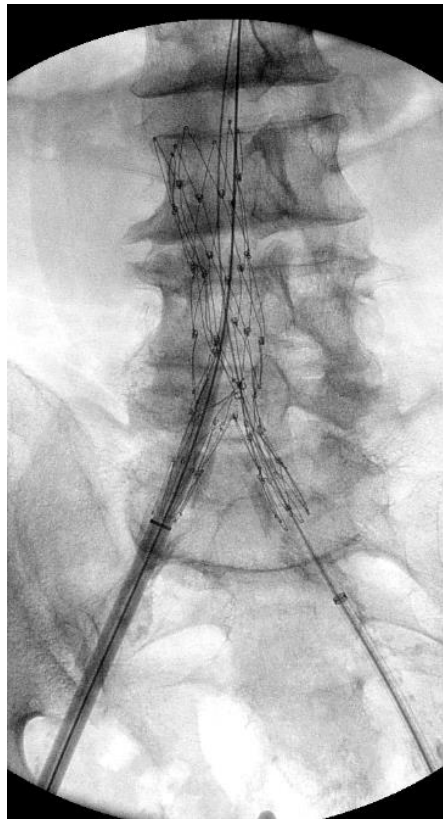
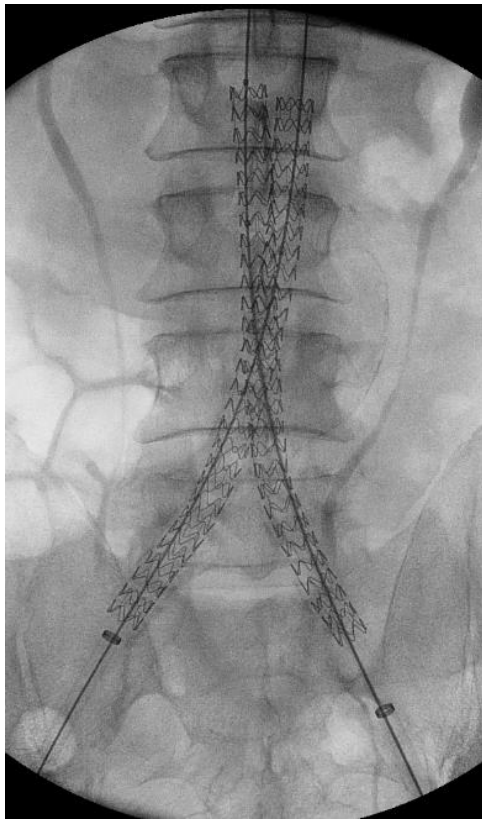


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# Aortic Stent Graft – Latest Generation

*Low profile / Tapered tips / Better trackability*



## **“Paving and Cracking”:** An Endovascular Technique to Facilitate the Introduction of Aortic Stent-Grafts Through Stenosed Iliac Arteries

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*J Endovasc Ther* 2007

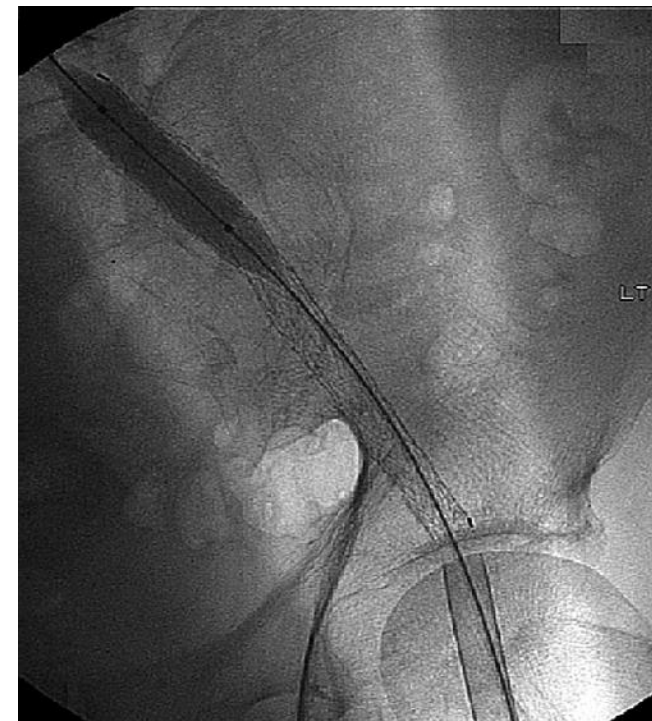
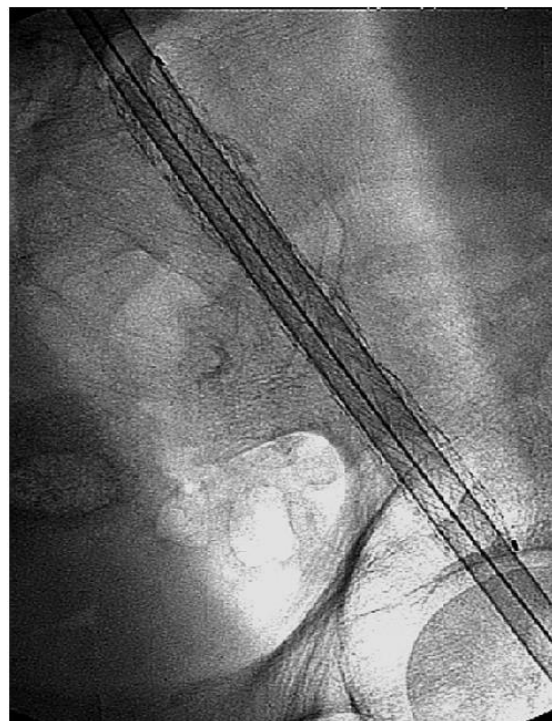
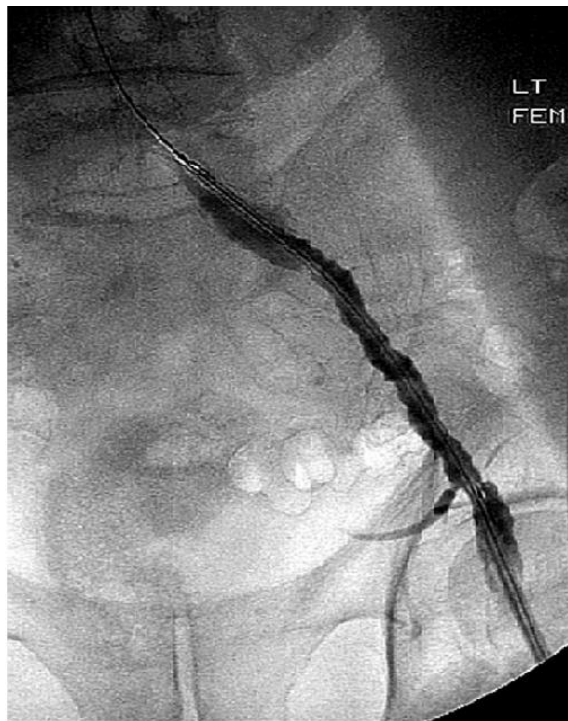


We have used “paving and cracking” successfully in patients with diffusely stenotic, calcified, and tortuous iliac arteries where other simple endovascular measures have failed. It has also proven useful in a case of iatrogenic rupture. Since we introduced this technique, we have not had to use hybrid techniques or open surgery during EVAR in patients with diseased iliac arteries. Further follow-up is required to assess the durability of this technique.

# Internal endoconduit: An innovative technique to address unfavorable iliac artery anatomy encountered during thoracic endovascular aortic repair

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*J Vasc Surg* 2008



# Why do we still need this « old » technique ?

## DEVICES ISSUES

Fenestrated and Branched Stent Graft

Thoracic Stent Graft

Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement

Large Abdominal Stent Graft

*Introducer diameters  $\geq 20\text{Fr}$*

*Outer diameter between **7,7** and **9 mm***



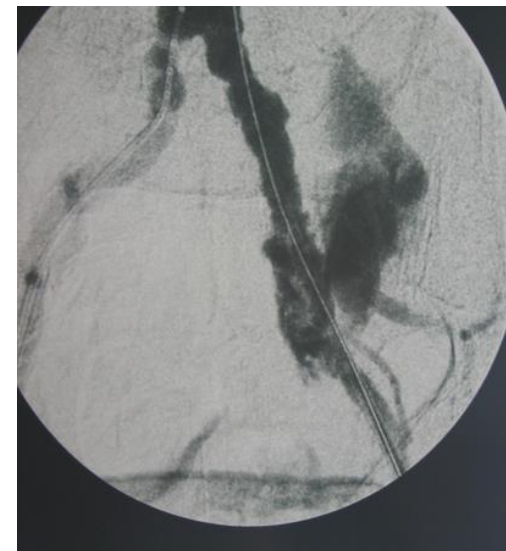
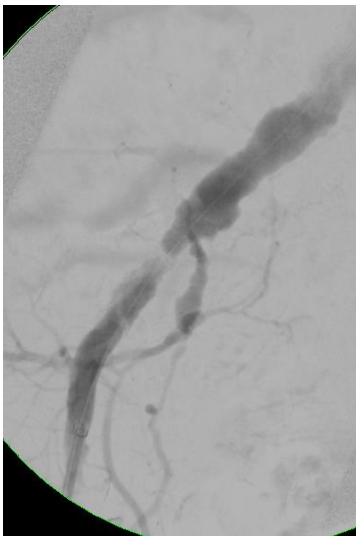
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## ANATOMICAL ISSUES

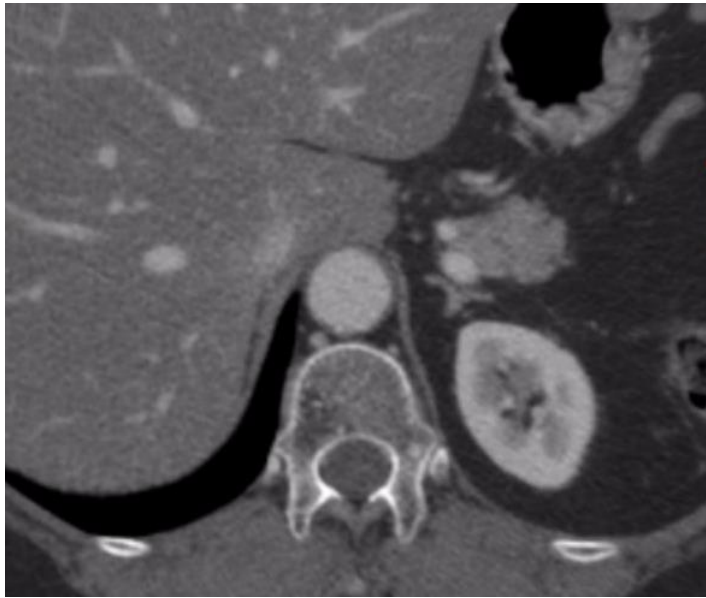
**Severe iliac disease:** Stenosis, calcification, tortuosity

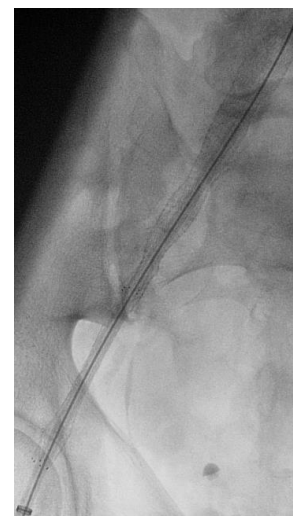
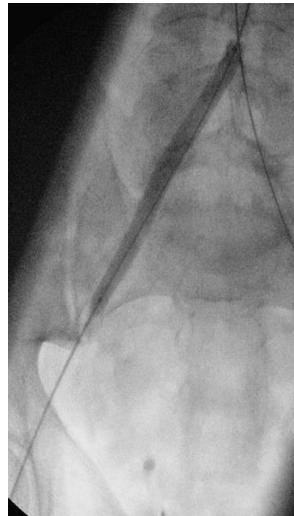
**High Risk Patients:** Women, Asians, Elderly

*No reliable indicators to predict the impossibility to introduce an aortic stentgraft delivery system*



# AAA with iliac occlusion





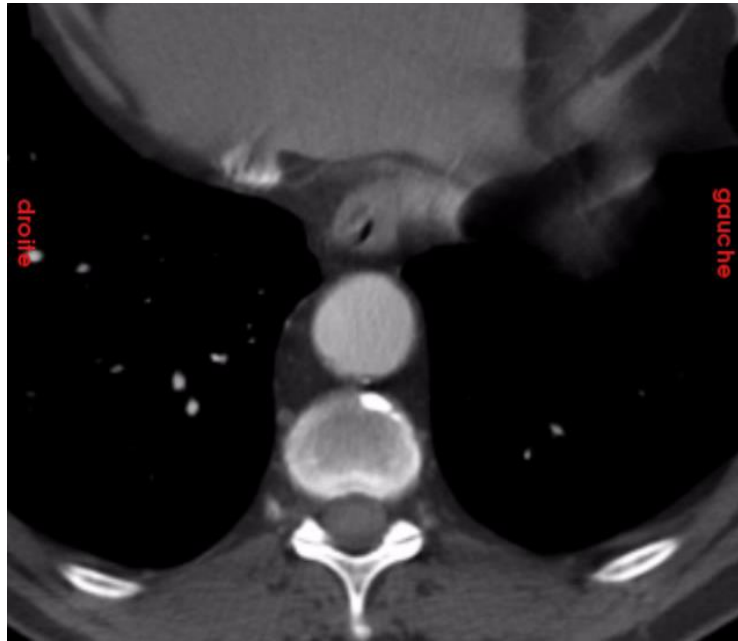
- Rare
- Technical aspects
  - Brachial access / Re-entry devices
  - Covered stents (iliac rupture)
- Reduce length of stay and complications rates
- Good midterm patency

*Vallabhaneni et al. JVS 2012*



# Branched and Fenestrated Stent Graft

Requires 2 large diameter introducer sheath ( $\geq 20$  Fr)

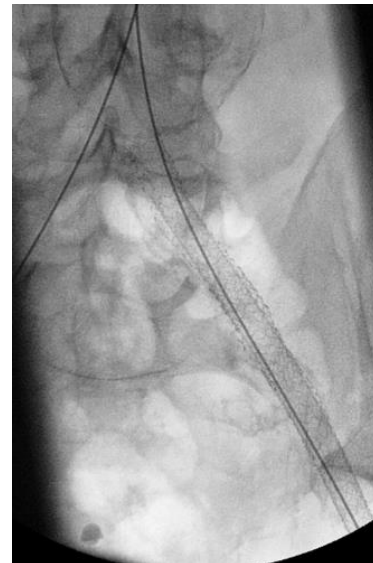
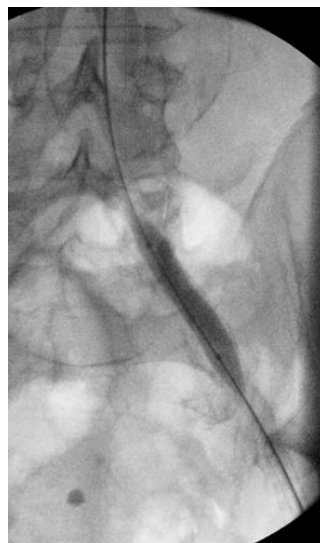
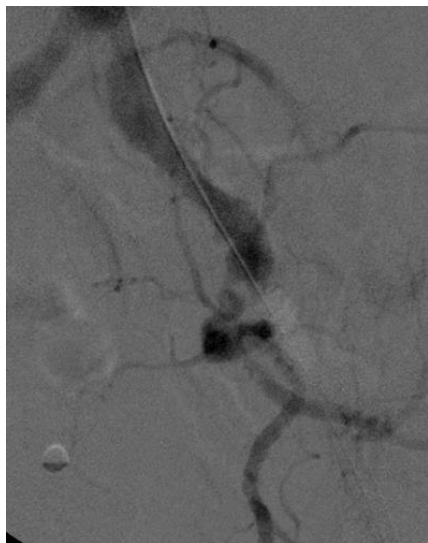
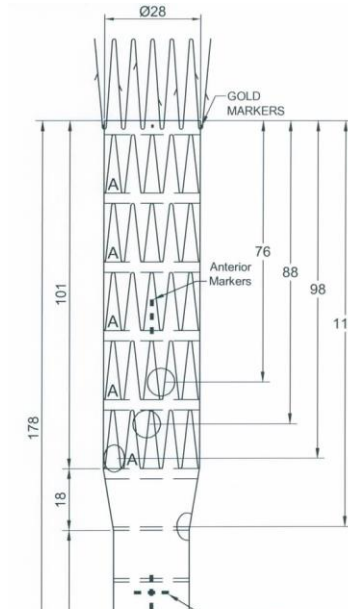


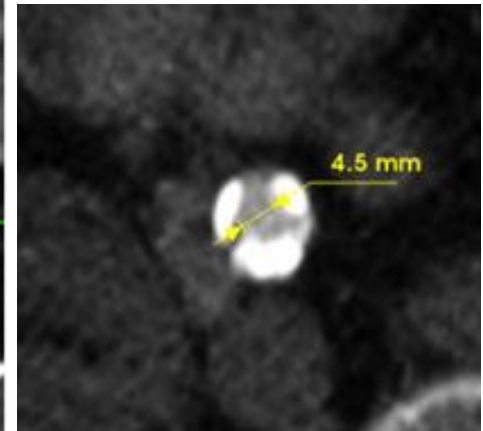
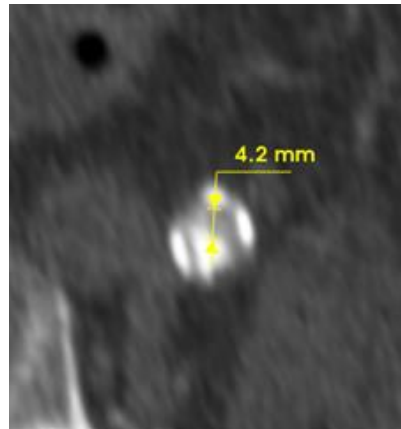
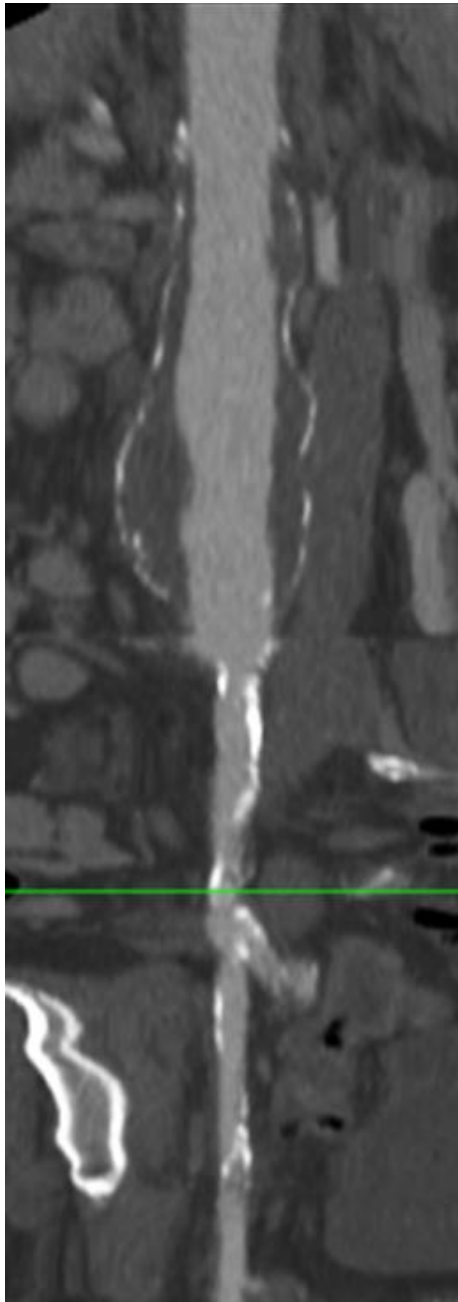
*Personal experience  
89 patients*



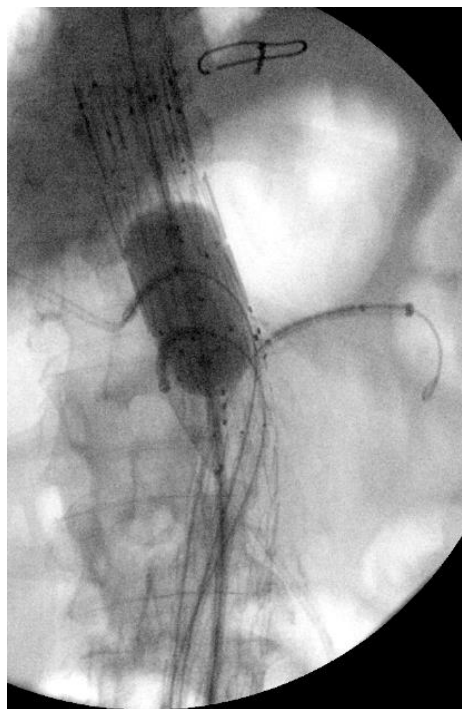
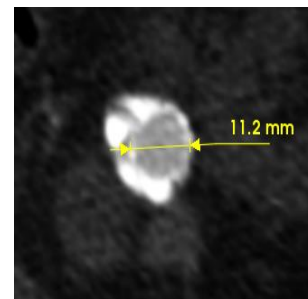
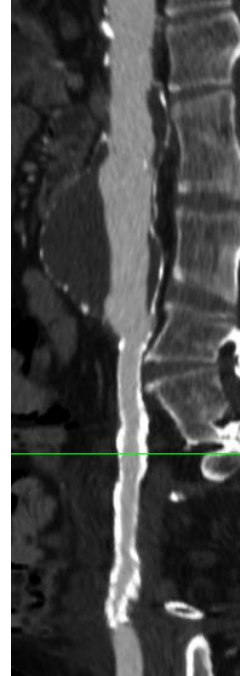
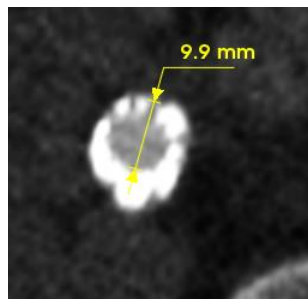
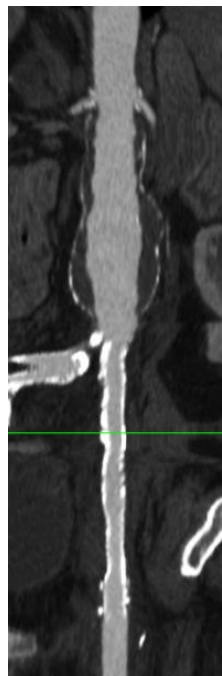
12 (13%) required adjunctive procedure to improve iliac access

# Juxta renal AAA with poor iliac access







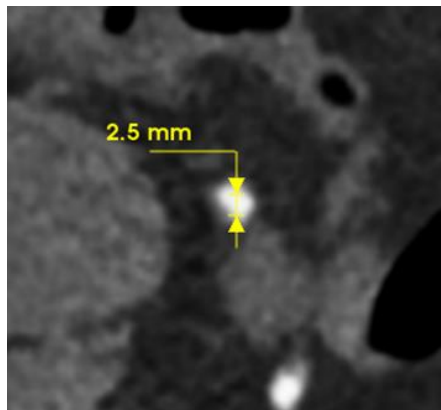
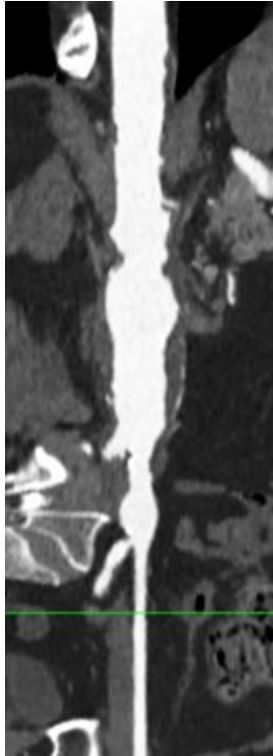


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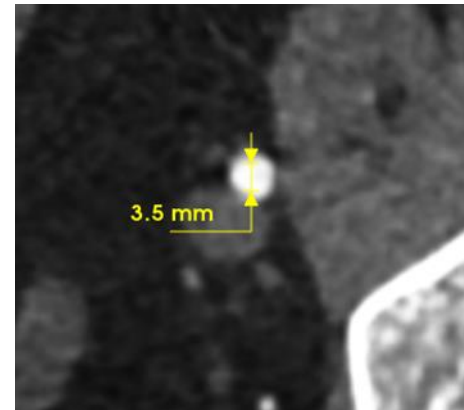
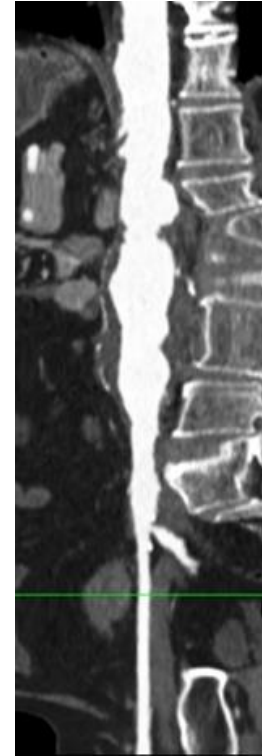


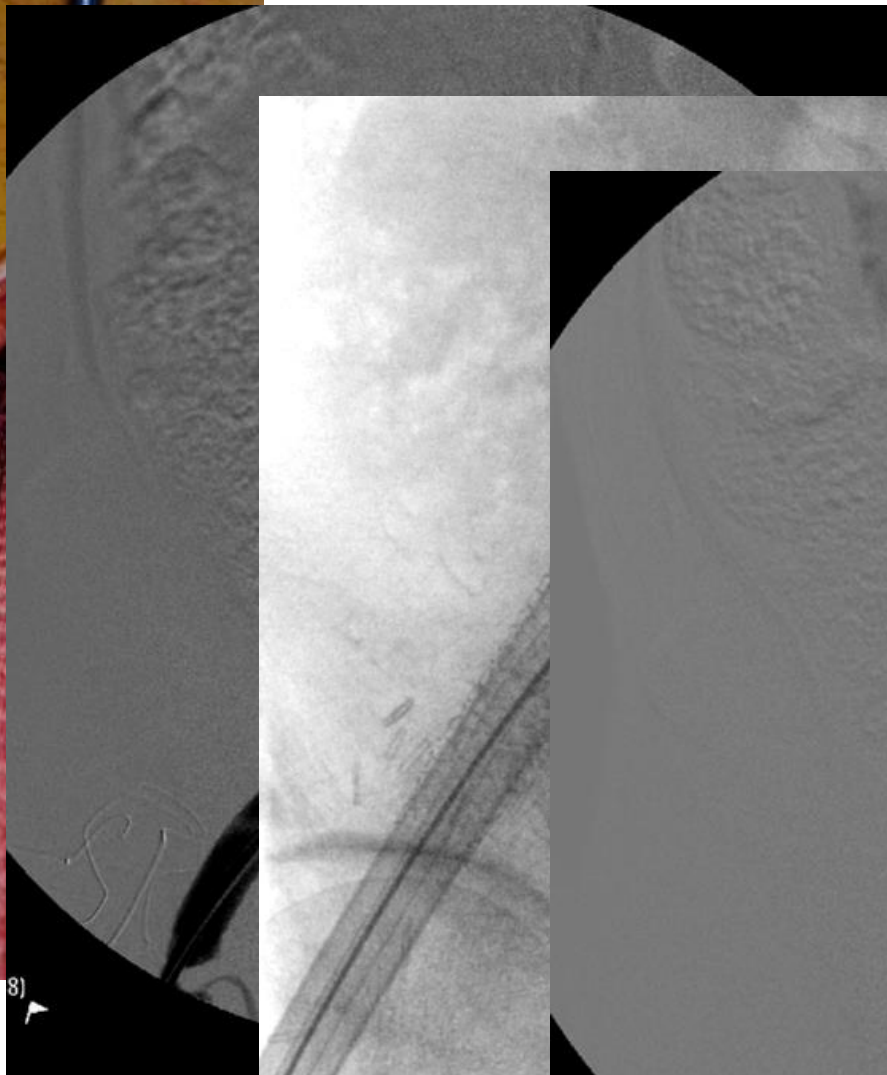
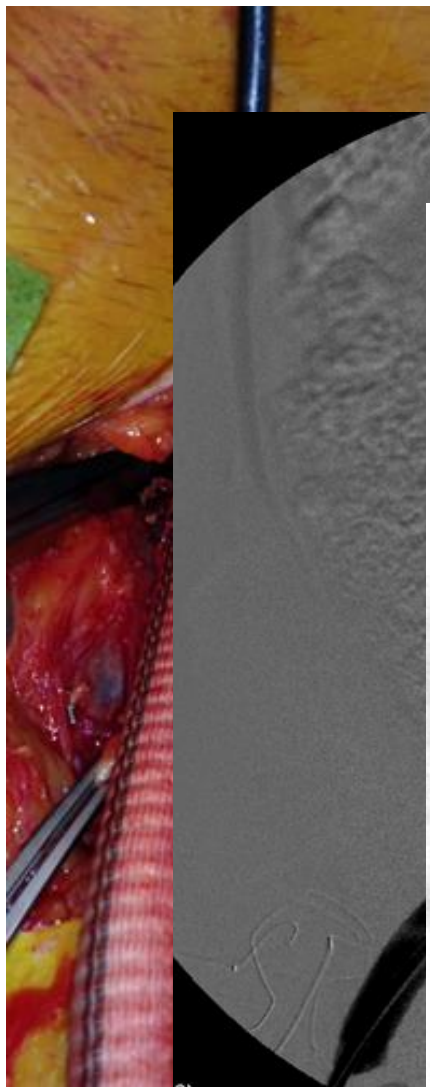


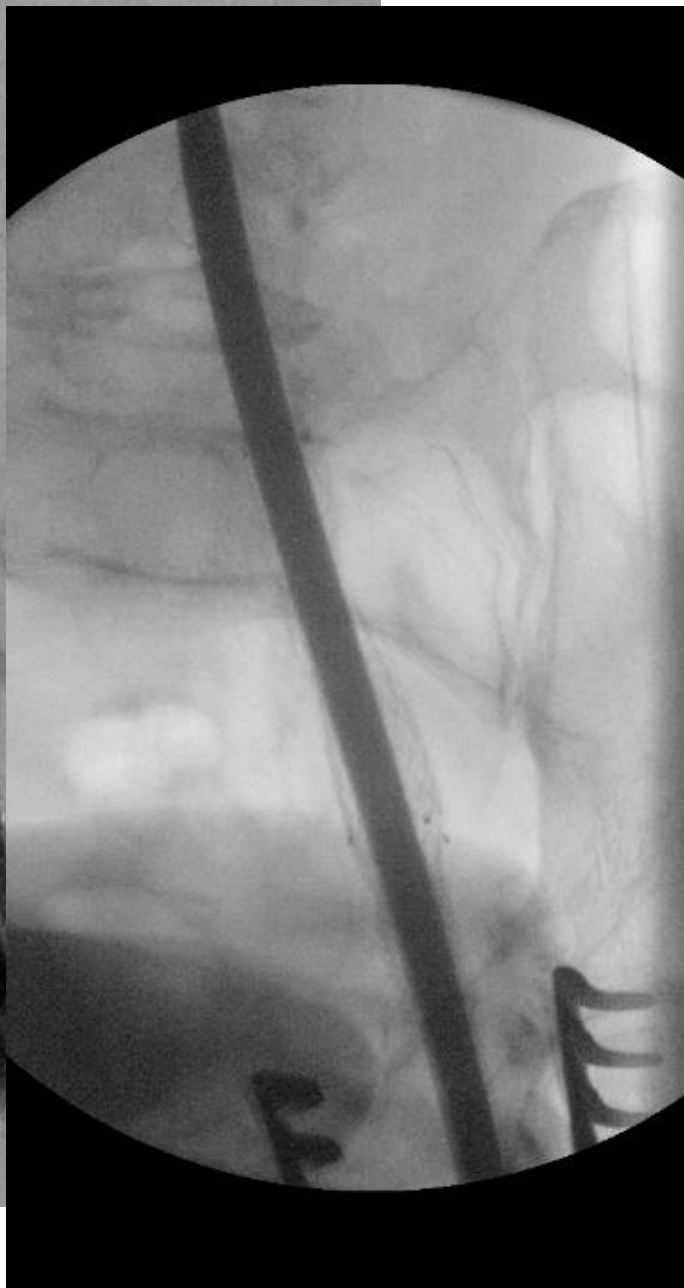
Right EIA

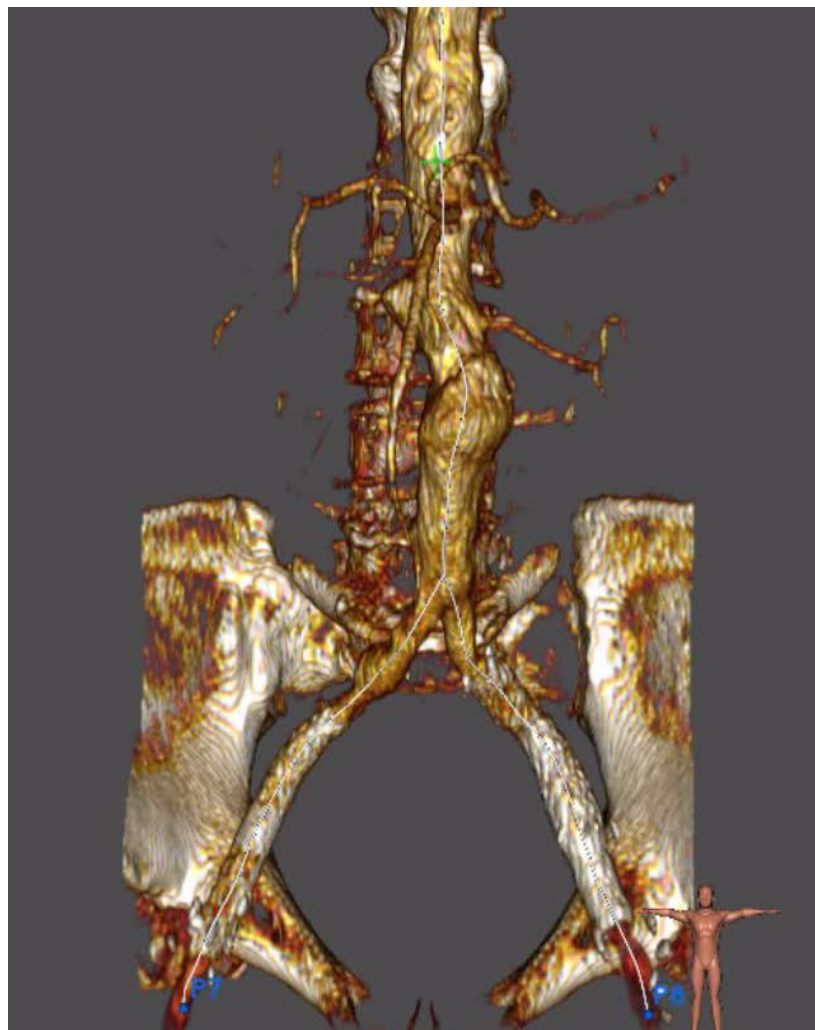
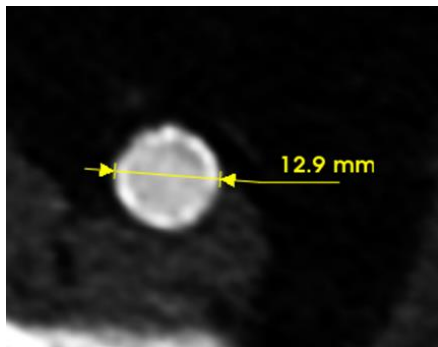
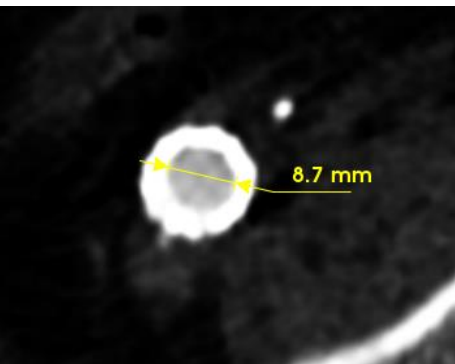
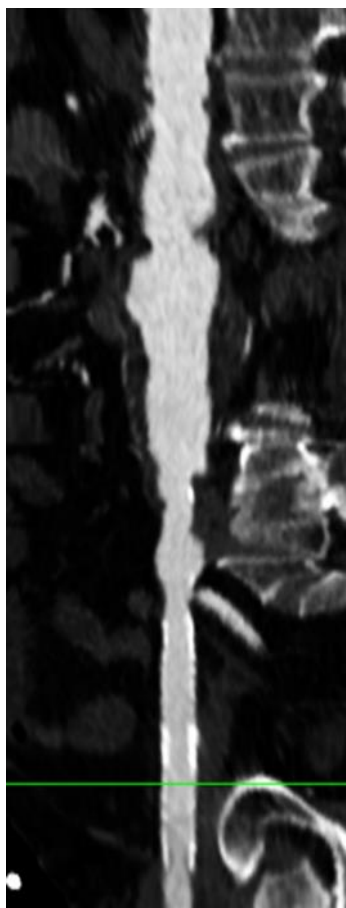
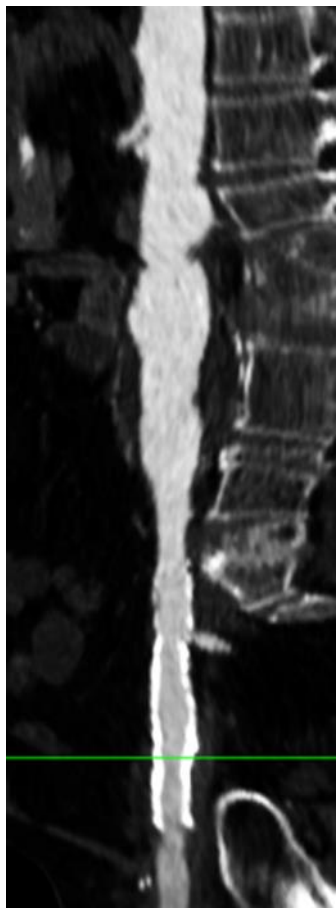


Left EIA













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# Lessons Learned

- **Thinking before cracking !**
  - High risk of rupture at the hypogastric origin
  - High risk of rupture at the common femoral artery
- **Preservation of hypogastric perfusion**
  - Large self-expandable stent may preserve perfusion and decrease the risk of rupture
- In case of iliofemoral lesion or CFA < 6mm : short direct fem-fem bypass



# Alternatives

- **AUI Stent Graft + cross over fem-fem bypass**

*Requires 1 iliac access*

*Decreases patency, risk of femfem graft infection*

- **Hybrid strategies:**

**Iliofem or aortofem bypass / Iliac conduits**

*Retroperitoneal incision,*

*higher complications rates and length of stay*

*Guido et al. JVS 2014  
Tsilimparis et al. EJVES 2013  
Lee et al. JVS 2003*

- **Chimney Techniques using Low Profile Stent Graft**

*Massmann et al. CIRSE 2014*

# Conclusions

- Preoperative planning +++
- In high risk patients
  - with severe iliac disease
  - with high risk of impossibility to introduce the delivery system

***PAVING-CRAKING IS STILL A USEFUL TECHNIQUE***