


The Open Treatment First for CLTI in the Era of BEST-CLI: It's Not Just for Patients with Good Veins

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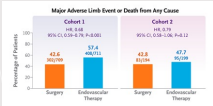
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RESEARCH SUMMARY

Surgery or Endovascular Therapy for Chronic Limb-Threatening Ischemia

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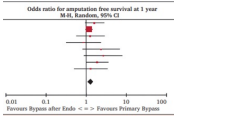
CONCLUSIONS
Among patients with CLTI who had a great saphenous vein adequate for surgical revascularization, clinical outcomes with an initial treatment of surgery were superior to those with endovascular therapy; however, in patients who required an alternative bypass conduit, outcomes were similar with the two procedures.



What Do I Do Now?

- Endo first for all pts
- Is there a role for open revasc
- Should it be used for salvage only
- What conduit to use

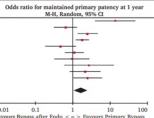
Why not endo first for every pt?



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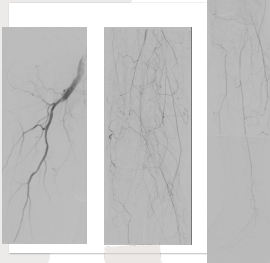
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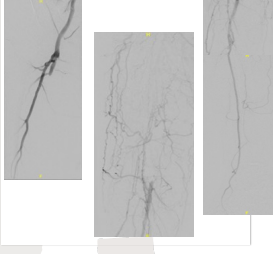
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- Disease involving femoral and behind the knee popliteal artery



Limb staging

Limb Severity (WIfI)

Table 3 Wound, ischemia, foot infection (WIfI) clinical stage associated with amputation risk and revascularization benefit

Stage	Major amputation risk at 1 year (estimated %)	Revascularization benefit
1	2-3	Very low
2	5-8	Low
3	25	Moderate
4	50	High



Anatomic staging (GLASS)

Stage	Estimated PVI outcomes		Anatomic pattern
	Technical failure	1 year LRP	
I	<10%	>70%	Short to intermedial-length PF disease and/or short length PF disease or no disease popliteal disease
II	<20%	50%-70%	Intermediate to long length PF disease may include proximal disease and/or short to intermedial-length PF disease
III	>20%	<50%	Extensive PF or PF occlusive disease or in combination with any disease in the other segment, proximal CTO



Alternative Conduits

- PTFE
- Alternative autologous conduits
small saphenous, arm veins
- Nonautologous biologic conduits
cryopreserved veins, arterial homografts

Alternative autologous and biologic conduits have worse outcomes than prosthetic grafts for infringuinal bypass in patients with chronic limb-threatening ischemia

Abstract
Objective: Single segment great saphenous vein (GSV) is the gold standard conduit for autologous and nonautologous biologic conduits in lower extremity bypass (LEB) in patients with chronic limb-threatening ischemia (CLTI). The aim of this study is to compare the outcomes of LEB with prosthetic grafts (PG) and autologous/biologic conduits (AC/BC) in patients with CLTI.
Methods: We performed a retrospective review of prospectively collected Vascular Quality Initiative data from 2010 to 2020. We compared the outcomes of LEB with PG, AC, and BC in patients with CLTI. The primary endpoint was the risk of major amputation (MA) and limb loss (LL) at 1 year. Secondary endpoints included the risk of minor amputation (MiA), mortality, and quality of life (QoL).
Results: In total, 10,115 patients were included in the study. The majority of patients (70%) were treated with PG, 20% with AC, and 10% with BC. At 1 year, the risk of MA was significantly higher in the AC and BC groups compared to the PG group (AC: 15.5% vs PG: 10.5%, p < 0.001; BC: 18.5% vs PG: 10.5%, p < 0.001). The risk of LL was also significantly higher in the AC and BC groups compared to the PG group (AC: 12.5% vs PG: 8.5%, p < 0.001; BC: 15.5% vs PG: 8.5%, p < 0.001).
Conclusion: The use of AC and BC for LEB in patients with CLTI is associated with a higher risk of MA and LL compared to PG. PG remains the preferred conduit for LEB in patients with CLTI.

Article Highlights

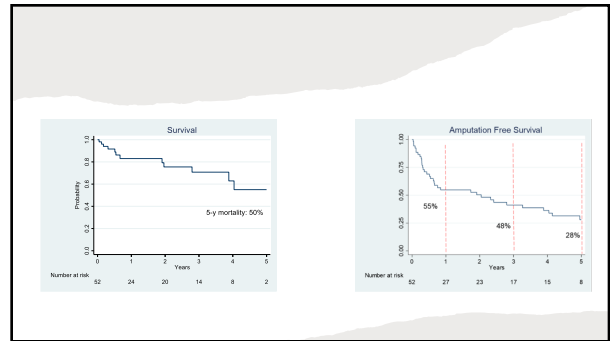
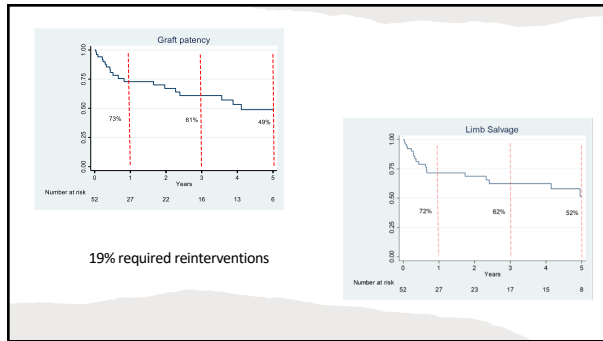
- Type of Research:** Retrospective review of prospectively collected Vascular Quality Initiative data
- Key Findings:** In a study of 22,615 lower extremity bypasses, the use of alternative autologous conduits or nonautologous biologic conduits were associated with increased risk of loss of primary patency (hazard ratio [HR], 1.41 and HR, 1.36, respectively) and increased major adverse limb events (MA, 1.33 and HR, 1.18, respectively) compared with prosthetic conduits.
- Take Home Message:** Alternative conduits in lower extremity bypass are associated with worse 1-year outcomes compared with prosthetic grafts.

Case series

- 52 PTFE bypasses to tibial targets (2015-2024)
- 67% male with average age 72±10yo
- 27% had prior open & 19% endo interventions
- Average follow-up: 41±34months (0-117)

Rutherford stage	
IV	17%
V	46%
VI	37%

WIfI stage		Glass Stage	
2	15%	2	13%
3	42%	3	87%
4	43%		



Conclusion

- There is still a role for open first approach to limb salvage even in absence of GSV
- Alternative conduits do not offer better outcomes as compared to prosthetic grafts
- Tibial bypass with PTFE is a palliative procedure that can avoid amputations in some patients

