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**Endovascular Repair Of Aortic Coarctation: Balloon Angioplasty vs. Bare Stents vs. Covered Stents And When Is Open Repair Necessary**

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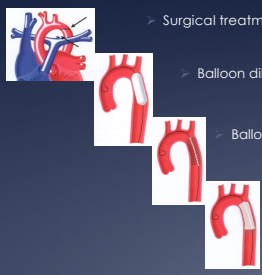
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**Background**

- Surgical treatment since 1944
- Balloon dilatation since 1982
- Balloon-expandable stents since 1991
- Covered stents since 1999

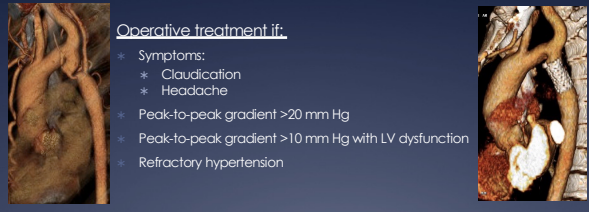






**Indication For Repair**


Operative treatment if:

- \* Symptoms:
  - \* Claudication
  - \* Headache
- \* Peak-to-peak gradient >20 mm Hg
- \* Peak-to-peak gradient >10 mm Hg with LV dysfunction
- \* Refractory hypertension




Isselbacher, et al. 2022; Circulation 146:334-482.




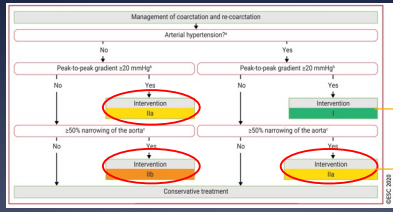

**ESVS Guidelines 2017: Endo First**

Recommendation	Class	Level of evidence	References
<b>Recommendation 61</b> Open or endovascular repair should be performed in patients with coarctation of the thoracic aorta and clinical manifestations resulting from left ventricular dysfunction, severe hypertension or lower limb ischaemia	I	C	265
<b>Recommendation 62</b> Patients with coarctation of the thoracic aorta without clinical symptoms, but with a significant aortic gradient at rest (>20 mm Hg) and/or proximal systemic hypertension (>140/90 mm Hg), should be considered for open or endovascular repair.	IIa	C	265
<b>Recommendation 63</b> For adult patients with aortic coarctation, centralisation of treatment to expert centres may be considered	IIb	C	266-268
<b>Recommendation 64</b> In anatomically suitable patients with native thoracic aortic coarctation, endovascular repair should be considered as an alternative to open repair	IIa	C	266,267

Riambau et al. 2017; Eur J Vasc Endovasc Surg 53:4-52




**ESC Guidelines 2020**



Baumgartner et al. 2021; Eur Heart J 42:563-645

### ACC/AHA Guidelines 2022

Class	LOE	RECOMMENDATIONS
1	B-NL	1. In patients with CoA, including those who have undergone surgical or endovascular intervention, an MRI or CT is recommended for initial, surveillance, and follow-up aortic imaging. <sup>1,2</sup>
1	C-EO	2. In patients with CoA, BPs should be measured in both arms and one of the lower extremities.
1	B-NL	3. In patients with significant native or recurrent CoA (Table 37) and hypertension, <b>endovascular stenting or open surgical repair of the coarctation is recommended.</b> <sup>3,4,5</sup>
1	C-EO	4. In patients with CoA, guideline-directed medical therapy is recommended for the treatment of hypertension. <sup>6</sup>
2b	B-NL	5. In adult patients with CoA, screening for intracranial aneurysms by MRI or CT may be reasonable. <sup>1,4-10</sup>

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### Surgery vs. Angioplasty vs. Stent

The Results of Catheter-Based Therapy Compared With Surgical Repair of Adult Aortic Coarctation

John Alfred Caro, MD  
Chicago, Illinois

**Stent placement versus surgery for coarctation of the thoracic aorta**

Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, Review - Intervention

Radovic et al. 2019; Cochrane Database Syst Rev

Unavailable adequate comparative data

Laryssa Maria Siqueira Pádua, Lucas Cezar Garcia, Claudio Jose Rubira, Paulo Eduardo de Oliveira Carvalho

Analysis rate:  
Endovascular: 15% (8-22)  
Surgical: 2% (0-9)

Complications:  
Endovascular: ?  
Surgical: 11% (0-25%)

Caro 2006; J Am Coll Cardiol 47: 1101-7

### Late Outcomes of Ascending-to-Descending Bypass for Aortic Coarctation

Patients undergoing ascending-to-descending aortic bypass between 1985-2012

20-year survival of 85%, equivalent to age and sex matched population

*Bypass performed for native or recurrent coarctation, hypoplasia of the arch, or patients with coarctation that required additional cardiac procedures*

- No deaths related to bypass
- All grafts patent at follow up
- Improved hypertension
- No complications at future cardiac operations

Ascending-to-Descending Aortic bypass is safe and durable.

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Curran et al. 2024

### RCT: Stent vs. Covered Stent for CoA

Comparison Between Covered and Bare Cheatham-Platinum Stents for Endovascular Treatment of Patients With Native Post-Ductal Aortic Coarctation

Immediate and Intermediate-Term Results

Rahvar, Sahabi, MD; Posen Jamali, MD; Abbas Yaghoobi, MD; Mirza Vahidzadeh, MD; Taha Hafeez-oglu, MD; Ross Khan, MD; Babak Kazemi, MD; Samad Ghaffari, MD; Mohammad Reza Abolmohabbadi Baghi, MD; Babak Malekzadeh, MD

- RCT, n=120; 23.6y; 79 male
- Severe native coarctation
- Bare CP vs. Covered CP-stent
- FU 31.1±19.2 months
- Procedural success 100% both groups
- Re-coarctation only in bare CP group: 6.7% vs. 0%, p=NS

Normotension status:  
Bare CP: from 15% to 73.3%  
Covered CP: from 16.7% to 78.3%

Sahrabi et al. 2014; JACC Cardiovasc Interv 7:416-23

### Metanalysis Of Stenting for CoA

A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis on Stenting for Aortic Coarctation Management in Adults

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- 27 studies, n=705; 34.1y; 64% male
- Technical success: 97%
- 30d mortality: 1%
- Stroke: 1%

FU 29months:

- Mortality: 2%
- Restenosis: 2.5%
- Reinterventions: 8%
- Conversion to OR: 2.9%

Table 2. Pre-operative Characteristics of the Aorta and Stent Type Distribution Among Patients.

Pre-operative characteristics	Value
Type of stent	
Sx vs Bx stents	
Sx stents	183 (25.6%, 183/715)
Bx stents	489 (68.4%, 489/715)
Unidentified	43 (6.0%, 43/715)
Covered vs bare metal	
Covered	240 (33.6%, 240/715)
Bare metal	432 (60.4%, 432/715)
Unidentified	43 (6.0%, 43/715)

Nana et al. 2023; J Endovasc Ther epub

### Available Covered Stents

	BeGraft	GETINGE Advanta V12LD	NutMED CCP Stent
Catheter System	0.035" OTW (Over-the-wire)	0.035" OTW	0.035" OTW with BB (= balloon-in-balloon)
Usable Catheter Lengths	75cm & 120 cm	80cm & 120cm	110cm
Nominal Pressure (NP)	Ø 12-14 mm: 7 bar Ø 16-18 mm: 8 bar Ø 20-22 mm: 4 bar Ø 24 mm: 5 bar	n/A	n/A
Rated Burst Pressure (RBP)	Ø 12-14 mm: 10 bar Ø 16 mm: 9 bar Ø 18 mm: 8 bar Ø 20-24 mm: 6 bar	n/A	Ø 12 mm: 7 bar Ø 14 mm: 6 bar Ø 16 mm: 5 bar Ø 18-20 mm: 4 bar Ø 20-24 mm: 3 bar
Max. Post-Dilation	Ø 12-14 mm → 20mm Ø 16-18 mm → 24mm Ø 20-24 mm → 30mm	Ø 12mm → 16mm	Not indicated
Regulatory Status	CE	NOT AVAILABLE	CE + FDA

Case: Double Rail Technique in Coarctation

44y, Male, Persistent Sec. HT

Endovascular repair 12.03.2024

- \* Aortic Board evaluation
- \* Stenting with Advanta V12 12/61mm
- \* Post-dilatation at 16mm
- \* Invasive pressure gradient 0mmHg

Discharge 17.03.2024

- \* Blood pressure decreased
- \* Not normotensive
- \* Three antihypertensive meds
- \* ABPI (R) 0.8 (L) 0.8
- \* CTA 16.03.2024
- \* Appropriate stent position

Re-evaluation 11.06.2024

- \* Persisting hypertension
- \* Worsening of renal function
- \* Echocardiography: dilated cardiomyopathy
- \* Stable ABPI 0.8 bilaterally
- \* New CTA 11.06.2024

CTA 11.06.2024

- \* Migration
- \* Local dissection
- \* Re-coarctation

### On-table aortic stent modification

- \* Be-Graft aortic 18x48mm
- \* Puncture 2cm below the proximal end
- \* Stent loaded two separate balloons
- \* Balloons: 18x60mm and 6x20mm

### Reintervention 12.06.2024

- \* Access
- \* LCFA-cut-down and dissection of the LCFA, 8Fr Sheath
- \* Percutaneous Left brachial puncture, 5Fr Sheath
- \* Angiography
- \* Invasive pressure gradient 50mmHg

### Dual rail (modified TAP) technique

- \* Dual wire
- \* T&T wire from the left brachial to the LCFA
- \* Lunderquist wire from the LCFA
- \* to the ascending aorta
- \* Exchange 8Fr sheath to 18F

### Protected Introduction

- \* Introduction in 18F 60cm Check-Flo
- \* Rotational orientation

### Deployment

### T-stenting

- \* Dilatation of the side balloon
- \* Post-dilatation of aortic stent to 22mm
- \* Kissing balloon
- \* Advanta 10x38 for LSA, dil 14mm

