



Multicenter Study Of Physician Modified Endografts (PMEGs) For TAAA And Complex AAA Repairs: What Does It Show About Their Advantages And Limitations

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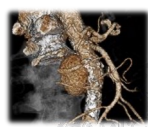

Reasons for using PMEGs in complex AAAs and TAAAs

No wide availability of Custom-made or off-the-shelf devices




High cost of CMDs / off-the-shelf devices

Use in urgent cases

Minimize waiting time and logistics



PMEG Valiant Medtronic

PMEG CMD fen Cook





Background


International Multicenter Study on the use of Physician-Modified Endografts for Thoraco-abdominal and Complex Abdominal Aneurysm Repair

- Main aim was to analyze the outcomes of PMEGs in the elective and urgent treatment of Complex AAAs and TAAAs
- 1274 patients collected
- 19 centers agreed to participate


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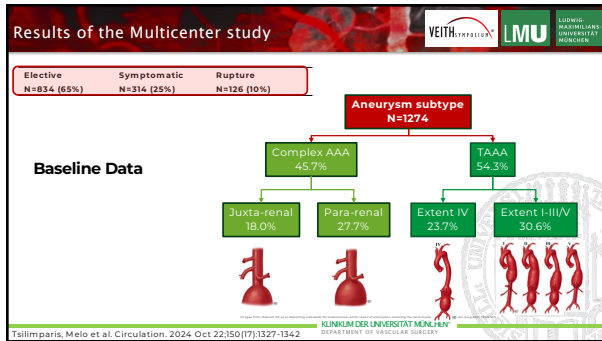
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Results of the Multicenter study

Variable	N	Total	Elective N=834	Symptomatic N=314	Rupture N=126
Type of repair	104				
• Endovascular		934 (83.3)	567 (60.4)	267 (85.4)	110 (81.7)
• Open		40 (14.0)	26 (3.7)	1 (0.3)	3 (2.3)
• Hybrid		50 (18.4)	11 (1.3)	5 (1.6)	7 (5.4)
Three or more TV included	1222	1049 (86.8)	690 (85.3)	275 (88.4)	94 (76.4)
Four or more TV included	1222	756 (62.1)	352 (42.4)	200 (63.7)	64 (52.0)
Used low profile graft for main modification	1220	389 (32.2)	302 (36.4)	73 (23.9)	18 (14.6)
Used straight graft for main modification	1063	1007 (94.3)	625 (75.0)	276 (88.1)	99 (80.5)
Included a distal component	106	630 (59.4)	583 (69.9)	47 (15.0)	33 (26.2)
• Straight		11 (10.5)	7 (0.8)	3 (10.4)	6 (5.7)
• Bifurcated		55 (51.5)	35 (42.3)	14 (47.7)	27 (22.9)
Removed bars from distal bifurcated distal tail component	473	93 (9.7)	53 (23.9)	32 (6.3)	8 (6.4)
Included preloaded catheter or wires	785	146 (18.9)	99 (21.4)	30 (13.4)	16 (12.7)

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Planning for arc distance 809					
• Used formula with inner vessel diameter and clock positions		688 (77.3)	473 (89.4)	151 (59.4)	64 (58.7)
• Directly measured on CTA		101 (11.3)	1 (0.1)	78 (31.7)	19 (17.4)
• Used only clock positions		62 (6.9)	6 (2.4)	6 (2.4)	19 (17.4)
• Used 3d model		41 (4.6)	16 (3.0)	18 (7.1)	7 (6.4)
Diameter reducing ties 680					
• Not used		176 (25.9)	78 (7.6)	107 (45.1)	41 (33.9)
• Single		248 (36.5)	180 (49.0)	45 (19.0)	23 (30.3)
• Double		256 (37.6)	159 (43.2)	85 (35.9)	17 (15.6)
Type of reducing ties used 601					
• Used wire from delivery system		335 (55.7)	206 (60.8)	97 (46.6)	32 (59.3)
• Used separate wire		14 (2.3)	7 (2.1)	6 (2.9)	1 (1.9)
• No wire, direct suture and later blow-out with balloon dilation		252 (41.9)	126 (37.2)	105 (50.5)	21 (38.9)
Which device used for graft holes 678					
• Ophthalmic cautery		606 (89.4)	357 (95.9)	185 (82.2)	64 (83.1)
• Scalpel		35 (5.2)	8 (2.1)	16 (7.1)	11 (14.3)
• Other		37 (5.5)	11 (2.9)	24 (10.7)	2 (2.6)
Soaked graft in antibiotic 686		178 (25.9)	23 (6.0)	109 (48.4)	46 (56.8)

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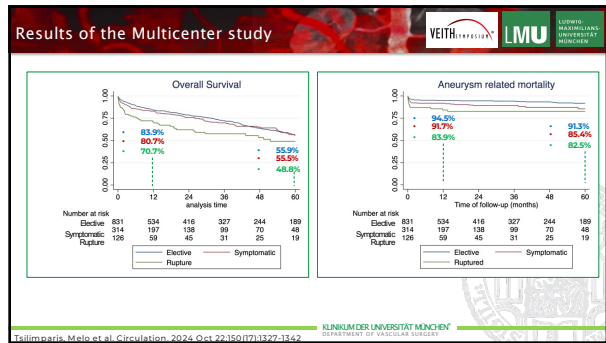
Type of device used (main modified device)	N	Total	Elective N=834	Symptomatic N=314	Rupture N=126
COOK TriX Stentless (20X2)	1065	413 (38.8)	204 (24.5)	151 (48.7)	64 (51.3)
COOK TriX aneurysm (27E2)		114 (14.2)	114 (17.3)	31 (10.4)	6 (5.6)
COOK Zenith Alpha thoracic		360 (33.8)	280 (42.4)	65 (21.8)	15 (14.0)
COOK Zenith Flex abdominal		35 (3.3)	16 (2.4)	11 (3.7)	8 (7.5)
COOK Zenith Alpha abdominal		15 (1.4)	12 (1.8)	3 (1.0)	0
COOK Renu		6 (0.6)	5 (0.8)	0	1 (0.9)
COOK Zen		4 (0.4)	3 (0.4)	1 (0.3)	0
COOK DM		2 (0.2)	1 (0.1)	0	1 (0.9)
COOK Tri-Branch		1 (0.1)	0	1 (0.3)	0
COOK ESE		1 (0.1)	0	1 (0.3)	0
COOK AUI		1 (0.1)	1 (0.1)	0	0
Medtronic Valiant		58 (5.5)	15 (2.3)	33 (11.1)	10 (9.3)
Medtronic Neuron		3 (0.3)	2 (0.3)	0	1 (0.9)
Medtronic Endurant II		12 (1.1)	4 (0.6)	7 (2.3)	1 (0.9)
Other					
• Gore CX		1 (0.1)	1 (0.1)	0	0
• Endologix AX		1 (0.1)	1 (0.1)	0	0
• Terumo Relay		1 (0.1)	1 (0.1)	0	0

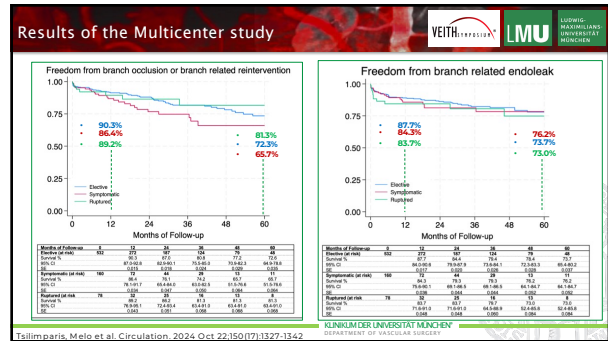
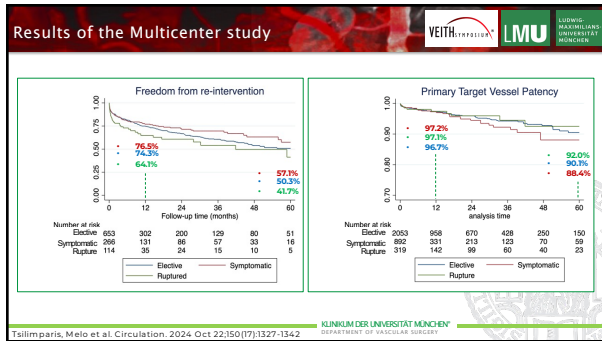
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Technical Success	1175	1104 (94.0)	703 (94.0)	284 (93.4)	117 (95.1)
30-day mortality	1274	74 (5.8)	34 (4.1)	24 (7.6)	16 (12.7)
Major adverse events at 30-days	1100	277 (25.2)	157 (23.1)	83 (27.8)	37 (30.3)
• Early reintervention (30-day)		144 (13.8)	85 (12.9)	34 (12.7)	25 (20.7)
• Aortic/branch related		105 (10.1)	62 (9.4)	24 (9.0)	19 (16.5)
• Non-aortic/branch related		39 (3.7)	23 (2.5)	10 (3.7)	6 (5.2)
Spinal cord ischemia (any grade)	1274	83 (6.5)	52 (6.2)	19 (6.0)	12 (9.5)
• Grade 1		27 (2.1)	11 (1.3)	9 (2.9)	7 (5.6)
• Grade 2		26 (2.0)	20 (2.4)	6 (1.9)	0
• Grade 3		30 (2.3)	21 (2.5)	4 (1.3)	5 (4.0)
Acute kidney injury (any)	1151	134 (11.6)	74 (10.3)	47 (15.9)	12 (9.6)
• Increase in creat x2 (no dialysis)		89 (7.7)	58 (8.0)	24 (8.0)	7 (5.6)
• Temporary dialysis		22 (1.9)	9 (1.2)	11 (3.6)	2 (1.6)
• Permanent dialysis		23 (2.0)	7 (1.0)	13 (4.3)	3 (2.4)
Bowel ischemia	1223	71 (5.8)	45 (5.7)	16 (5.1)	10 (8.1)
Access related complications	1274	131 (10.3)	93 (11.1)	22 (7.0)	16 (12.7)

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Predictors of Technical Success

Predictors of technical success	Number of cases reported	Univariable analysis (OR, 95%CI, p-value)	Multivariable analysis (n=1079) (OR, 95%CI, p-value)
Design type including branches	1124	0.45 (0.25-0.76), p=0.003	0.48 (0.27-0.87), p=0.016
Including an additional target artery (accessory renal/additional visceral artery)	1124	0.42 (0.17-1.03), p=0.058	0.35 (0.14-0.88), p=0.027
Previous aortic repair (open and/or endovascular)	1175	0.46 (0.26-0.75), p=0.002	0.44 (0.26-0.75), p=0.002
Thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysm (versus complex abdominal aortic aneurysm)	1106	0.91 (0.55-1.49), p=0.70	1.18 (0.69-2.00), p=0.54
eQFR (every 10 unit increase)	1148	1.15 (1.04-1.27), p=0.008	1.17 (1.05-1.30), p=0.005
Three or more TV included	1123	0.55 (0.23-1.28), p=0.17	0.43 (0.16-1.13), p=0.09
Clinical presentation (versus elective repair)	1175	0.91 (0.53-1.57), p=0.73	0.82 (0.46-1.48), p=0.50
- Symptomatic Aneurysm		1.25 (0.52-3.00), p=0.62	1.34 (0.51-3.53), p=0.55
- Ruptured Aneurysm			

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Predictors of 30-day mortality

Predictors of 30-day mortality	Number of cases reported	Univariable analysis (OR, 95%CI, p-value)	Multivariable analysis (n=800) (OR, 95%CI, p-value)
Age (for every 10 year increase)	1274	1.35 (1.16-2.07), p=0.003	1.20 (1.12-2.36), p=0.011
CAD	1274	1.79 (1.09-2.78), p=0.024	1.75 (0.93-3.29), p=0.08
CHF	1274	2.14 (1.25-3.68), p=0.005	1.69 (0.85-3.36), p=0.13
Tobacco use	1266	0.56 (0.35-0.91), p=0.020	0.41 (0.22-0.76), p=0.005
Peripheral arterial disease	1150	2.11 (1.24-3.57), p=0.005	2.06 (1.07-3.97), p=0.031
ASA score >3	1052	4.36 (0.59-31.93), p=0.15	4.22 (0.55-31.9), p=0.16
Aortic diameter (for every 10mm increase)	1235	1.18 (1.04-1.34), p=0.009	1.09 (0.93-1.28), p=0.26
Clinical presentation (compared to elective cases): - Symptomatic - Ruptured	1274	1.05 (1.13-3.34), p=0.015 3.41 (1.28-9.40), p=0.010	2.01 (0.98-3.36), p=0.06 2.74 (1.28-5.92), p=0.011
Thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysm (versus complex abdominal aortic aneurysm)	1205	2.10 (1.28-3.53), p=0.005	1.85 (1.00-3.43), p=0.050
Three or more TV included	1222	0.52 (0.29-0.91), p=0.023	0.37 (0.19-0.73), p=0.004
Technical success of procedure	1175	0.23 (0.12-0.44), p=0.001	0.30 (0.13-0.69), p=0.005
Total operation time (for every 10min increase)	1184	1.01 (1.01-1.05), p=0.001	1.05 (1.00-1.05), p=0.022

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Conclusions

- PMEGs seem to be a **safe** and **effective** treatment option for **elective, symptomatic** and **ruptured** complex aortic aneurysms in **experienced** centers.
- More complex designs such as inclusion of directional branches or extra target vessels increases risk of technical failure and adverse events
- Outcome research of different techniques will provide opportunity for standardisation
- A PMEG modification kit would be a great add-on

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