

The role of open surgery as both an adjunct and bailout for failed F/BEVAR procedures for complex AAAs: How to choose between endo and open repairs as the primary procedure

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Recommendation 120 **Change!**
 For patients with a complex abdominal aortic aneurysm and standard surgical risk, open or endovascular repair should be considered based on patient fitness, anatomy, and patient preference.

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II	B	Patel et al. (2022), Antoniou et al. (2021), Patel et al. (2021), Douvan et al. (2019)	

Recommendation 121 **Change!**
 For patients with a complex abdominal aortic aneurysm and high surgical risk, endovascular repair with fenestrated and branched technologies should be considered as first line therapy.

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Clinical

- ❖ Preserved cardiac, pulmonary and renal function
- ❖ Age > 80
- ❖ Severe COPD
- ❖ Congestive heart failure
- ❖ Stage IV or V Kidney disease
- ❖ Connective tissue disorders

Anatomical

- ❖ Pararenal
- ❖ Type IV TAAAs
- ❖ Good access and targets
- ❖ Types I-III TAAAs
- ❖ Dissections
- ❖ 'Shaggy' aortas
- ❖ Poor spine collaterals
- ❖ Prior endo repair
- ❖ Target artery disease
- ❖ Difficult access

Low risk → High risk

Extent of coverage and complexity

Branches **Fenestrations**

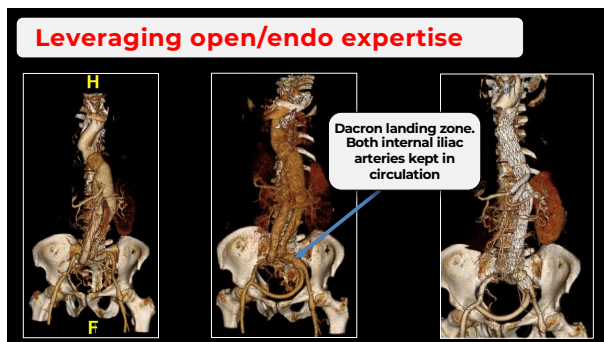
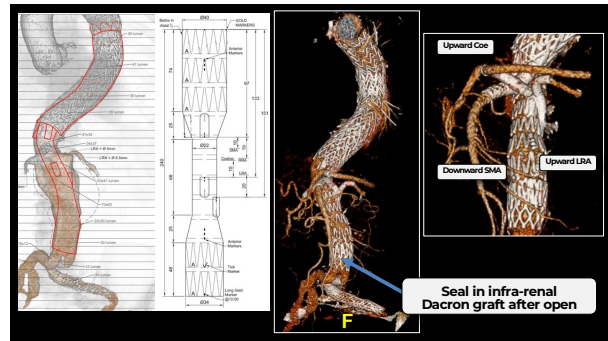
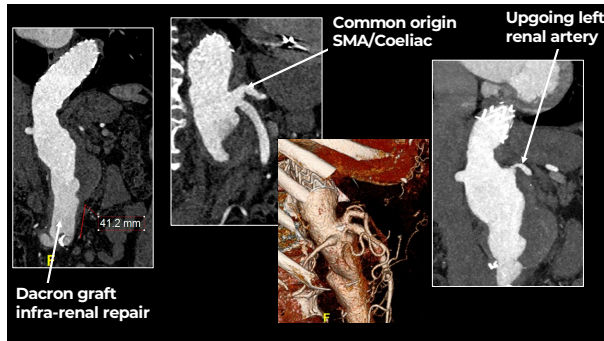
Open repair:
 Inter-renal clamp

Leveraging adjunctive open surgery

- Landing zone preparation
- Iliofemoral access
- Target vessel preservation
- Intra-operative bailout
- Sac management

Physiological reserve

Institutional expertise



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 (8% open conversions)

Procedure	No. (%)	Marfan syndrome (n = 42)	Loeys-Dietz syndrome (n = 17)	Vascular Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (n = 12)
Prior open repair	136 (80)	10 (24)	10 (59)	16 (133)
Technical success	133 (98)	10 (24)	10 (59)	13 (107)
Re-intervention	71 (53)	5 (12)	5 (29)	11 (90)
Open conversions	8 (6)	0	0	8 (67)
Debranching	44 (33)	2 (5)	2 (12)	21 (173)
Staged repair	24 (18)	4 (10)	1 (6)	9 (73)

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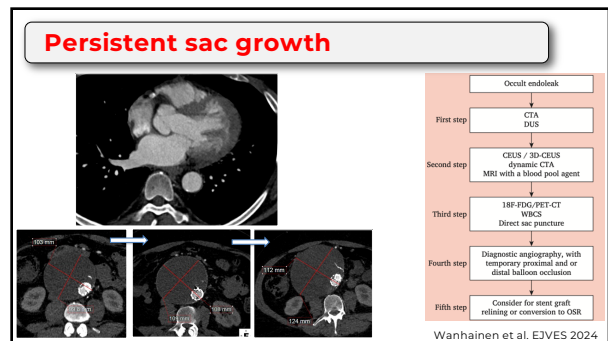
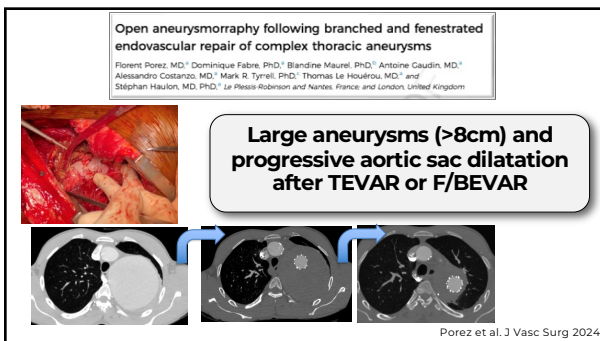
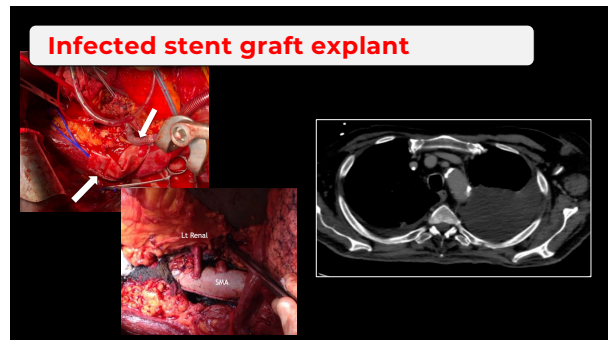
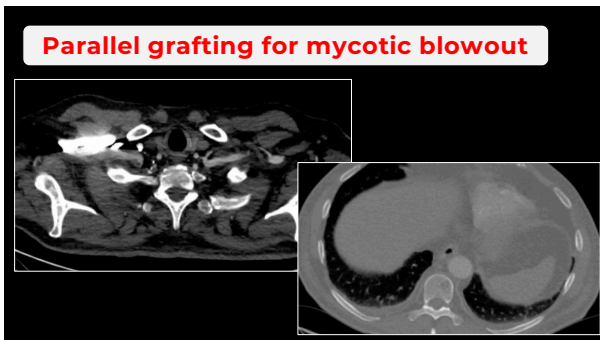
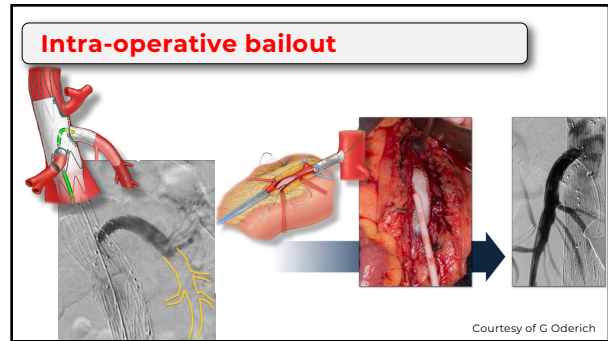
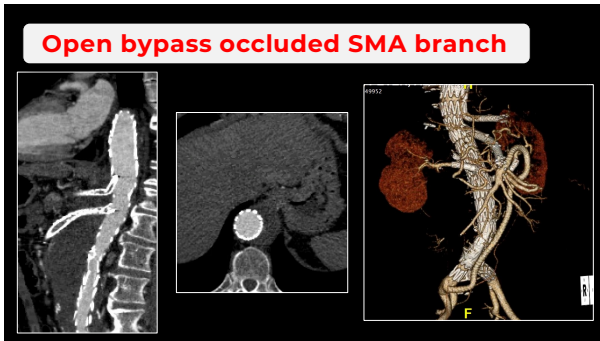
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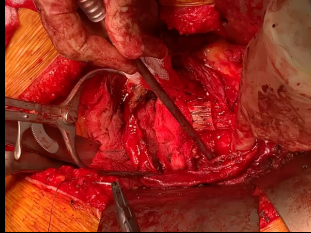
Hybrid repair, by means of visceral and renal artery re-routing (bypassing) combined with endovascular exclusion of the aneurysm, is not recommended as the first line treatment for complex abdominal aortic aneurysm.

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III	C	Moulakakis et al. (2012), ¹⁰¹¹ Tahomba et al. (2012), ¹⁰¹⁴ Rosser et al. (2014) ¹⁰¹⁵	Low

Hybrid repair not recommended
 Iliac to visceral artery bypass as bailout



Sac exploration



Summary and conclusions

- Unbiased approach to both endovascular and open options
- Multi-disciplinary teams
- Open surgery remains an important adjunct
- Toward a precision medicine approach:
Anatomy, physiology, longevity