


## WHY IS A DISTAL AUI THE PREFERRED APPROACH FOR ZFEN / FEVAR TREATMENT OF FAILED EVAR DEVICES : WHEN AND HOW TO DO IT AND OUTCOMES

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### DISCLOSURES

- Cook Medical  
paid consultant for physician / surgeon trainings
- Discussion of endovascular device usage outside of IFU

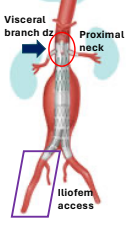
### PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AUI circa 2019

- 114 patients, 99 male / 15 female
- Mean age 72 years ± 8 yrs SD
- Deemed anatomically unfit for bifurcated EVAR + physiologically unfit for Open by surgeon discretion
- Goal of operation : AUI device for aortoiliac aneurysm exclusion, cross femoral bypass for BLE revasc, at least one hypogastric revasc
- 108 elective + 6 urgent / emergent aortoiliac aneurysms
- Higher % pararenal more recent

Indication for AUI	
<b>Primary Intervention</b>	<b>77 (68%)</b>
Narrowed Terminal Aorta	7 (6%)
Diffuse Iliofemoral PAD	51 (45%)
Bilateral Iliac Aneurysm	19 (17%)
<b>Secondary Intervention</b>	<b>37 (32%)</b>
Proximal Fixation Loss	25 (22%)
Distal Fixation Loss	12 (11%)
<b>Infraarenal</b>	<b>59 (52%)</b>
<b>Pararenal</b>	<b>55 (48%)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>114</b>

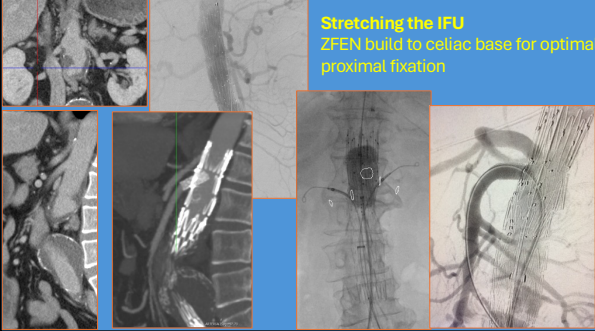
### PERSONAL EXPERIENCE ZFEN FEVAR : OUTSIDE THE IFU

- 112 patients (19 female, 17%), age 50-86 yo, 2013 – 2024
- 61 (54%) high medical risk, 55 (49%) CKD, RAS or single renal
- 12 (11%) anatomy within IFU
- 100 (89%) outside the IFU



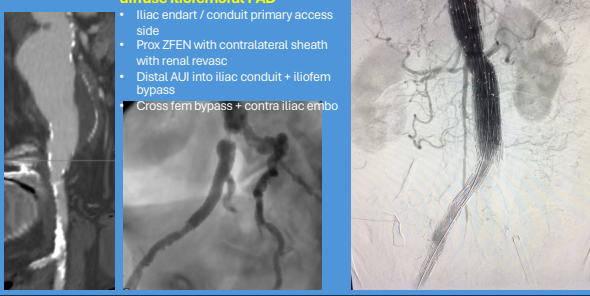
- **'Hostile neck' / SR extent proximal seal zone** 59 (53%)
- **Redo / prior EVAR** 17 (15%)
- **CIA aneurysms** 11 (10%)
- **Iliofemoral dz (PAD, calcification, tortuosity)**
- **Open / endo reconstruction iliofem** 60 (54%)
- **Open iliac conduits** 17 (15%)
- **Distal AUI / fem-fem / contralat iliac plug** 26 (23%)

### Stretching the IFU ZFEN build to celiac base for optimal proximal fixation



### FEVAR with distal AUI for severe diffuse iliofemoral PAD

- Iliac endart / conduit primary access side
- Prox ZFEN with contralateral sheath with renal revasc
- Distal AUI into iliac conduit + iliofem bypass
- Cross fem bypass + contra iliac embo



### ANATOMIC LIMITATIONS OF COOK ZFEN FEVAR proximal device

- 36 mm max diam prox cuff
- Standard 24 mm distal diam
- Minimum lengths 94 mm (up to 32 mm) and 107 mm (34, 36 mm)
- Max 3 fenestration options

**PROXIMAL AORTIC CUFF OPTIONS FOR FAILED PROX FIXATION OF EVAR DEVICES: ZFEN, TAMBE AND parallel endografts / CHIMPS?**

**IFU anatomy**

**General Rule**

- 1 Stenting
- 2 Small Fenestrations

### 7.7 cm JR AAA post EVAR + R CIA aneurysm + iliofem PAD / single IIA

- 32-94 prox ZFEN
- CA chimney, SMA large fen, B renal iCasts
- Standard distal bifurcated ZFEN to L
- L - R cross fem bypass
- Retro R EIA to IIA Viabahn

### 7 cm recurrent pararenal AAA post EVAR

- 32 - 124 prox ZFEN
- SMA large fen, B renal iCasts
- Standard distal bifurcated ZFEN (if iliofem bypass not adequate B iliofem)
- R CFA endarterectomy

### 6.2 cm recurrent type 4 TAAA post EVAR + 3.5 cm L CIA aneurysm + L CFA aneurysm

- PMEG 32-28 x 178 Cook Alpha + prox Alpha cuff 36 x 113
- 4 visceral vessel bridging stents
- Distal iliofem PAD (if iliofem bypass not adequate to R + R axed limb)
- L limb embo plug, R to L cross fem bypass
- L retro EIA to IIA Viabahn

### 10 cm JR AAA, loss prox fixation post EVAR + recalcitrant T2L

- PMEG Alpha 34 - 113
- 4 visceral vessel bridging stents
- distal bare aortic cuff 96 x 86 (adequate R CIA fixation)

