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Cancer incidence after lower extremity bypass surgery in patients with CLTI

*How affect cancer outcome?*  
*Why the relationship with cancer exists?*

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Cancer Incidence after Vascular Procedures

Long-term outcome and cancer incidence after abdominal aortic aneurysm repair

Stegerhuber A, Böckler D, Grundmann et al. Langenbecks Arch Surg 2022

Abstract: Long-term outcome after elective endovascular (EVAR) vs. open repair (OR) in patients with abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) is not clear. We compared long-term outcome and cancer incidence in 1000 patients treated with EVAR or OR. The primary endpoint was overall survival. Secondary endpoints were cancer incidence, quality of life, and patient-reported outcomes. Results: The overall survival was significantly higher in the EVAR group (p < 0.001). Cancer incidence was significantly higher in the OR group (p < 0.001). Conclusion: EVAR is associated with a significantly higher overall survival and a significantly lower cancer incidence compared to OR. Keywords: Abdominal aortic aneurysm, Endovascular repair, Open repair, Cancer incidence, Long-term survival.

Long-term outcome and cancer incidence after lower extremity bypass surgery in patients with critical limb threatening ischemia

Preussner M, Böckler D, Dittmar B, et al. VASA 2023

Abstract: The influence of cancer development on long-term outcome after lower extremity bypass surgery in patients with critical limb threatening ischemia is not investigated. Methods: Patient survival and cancer incidence were assessed for 2100 patients with peripheral artery disease (PAD) stage IIIb to IVa, 2075 and stage IVa to V (CLTI). CLTI registered with the ICD-10 health insurance company in Germany, who were treated with lower extremity bypass surgery (LEBS). Results: The overall survival was significantly higher in the LEBS group (p < 0.001). Cancer incidence was significantly higher in the CLTI group (p < 0.001). Conclusion: LEBS is associated with a significantly higher overall survival and a significantly lower cancer incidence compared to CLTI. Keywords: Lower extremity bypass surgery, Critical limb threatening ischemia, Cancer incidence.

> 27 % develop cancer after AAA treatment  
> Cancer worsened longterm outcome after EVAR & OR

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10 Year Mortality in Patients with PAOD

Ten Year Mortality in Different Peripheral Arterial Disease Stages: A Population Based Observational Study on Outcome<sup>1</sup>

EJVES 2018;55:529-36

10 yr. mortality in CLTI pat. 75%  
# 1: myocardial infarction 28%  
# 2: stroke 26%  
# 3: cancer 15%

Survival probability %

no data on cancer incidence after treatment

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Background on CLTI

- Treatment endpoint in the Tx of CLTI is amputation free survival<sup>1</sup>
- Leading cause of mortality in pat. with CLTI is cardiovascular death<sup>2</sup>
- Population based studies report cancer incidence of 16%<sup>3</sup>
- PAOD patients are more frequently smokers > potentially higher risk for cancer
- Cancer incidence after revascularization is unknown

<sup>1</sup>Conte M et al, ESVX Guidelines, EJVES 2019, <sup>2</sup>Step PG, JAMA 2007 <sup>3</sup>Sartipy F, EJVES 2018

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Purpose of the study

to analyze

- > incidence of cancer development after lower extremity bypass surgery
- > impact of cancer on longterm outcome of cancer development

in cancer-free patients with CLTI (Rutherford Class 3-5)

living in Germany

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### Material & Methods

- Retrospective secondary analysis based on anonymized data from the largest health-insurance company in Germany (AOK, market share 37%) .
- 21.082 patients** with CLTI underwent infrainguinal bypass surgery
- Enrollment between January 2010 and December 2015
- All patients were initially **cancer – free**
- Endpoints: malignancy incidence after BP surgery and survival
- Comparison between Rutherford Category 4 and Category 5 & 6

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### Limitations of this study

- National study (Germany) - not transferrable to other countries
- Results not necessarily representative for entire Germany
  - because data reflect patient characteristics of one health insurance company (social structure)
- Completeness of data sets depends on coding quality
- Causes of death, amputation rates and cancer stages could not be determined
- No data on endovascular preprocedures available

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### Patient Demographics

Patient characteristics and comorbidities	Rutherford 4, n=5631	Rutherford 5&6, n=15.451	p-value
Men, n (%)	3606 (64%)	9780 (63.3%)	0.324
Women, n (%)	2025 (36%)	5671 (36.7%)	0.324
Age mean, MW	67.9	67.9	<0.001
Age women, M	67.9	67.9	<0.001
CHD, n (%)	0.216	0.058	0.058
Myocardial inf.	0.058	0.357	0.357
Cerebral infarct	0.255	0.199	0.199
Intracerebral ha	0.199	0.006	0.006
TIA, n (%)	0.006	<0.001	<0.001
Arterial hypertension	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Dyslipoproteins	<0.001	0.733	0.733
Diabetes mellitus	0.733	<0.001	<0.001
COPD, n (%)	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Left heart failure	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Chronic kidney	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Perioperative outc	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Length of hosp	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001
Perioperative m	<0.001	<0.001	<0.001

**Rutherford 4 patients vs. 5&6 were:**

- ✓ Older
- ✓ more diabetic (39 % vs. 23%)
- ✓ more heart and renal insufficiency (20% vs. 12%)
- ✓ higher perioperative mortality (10.1 % vs. 4.4%)

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### Cancer Incidence

Patients	Rutherford 4, (n=5631)	Rutherford 5 & 6 (n=15,451)	p-value
Cancer incidence	25.7%	25.5%	0.421
Cancer incidence in patients < 70 years	22.9%	24.2%	0.405
Cancer incidence in patients > 70 years	26.9%	26.3%	0.902
Cancer incidence in men	30.2%	30.3%	0.799
Cancer incidence in women	16.9%	15.9%	0.311
Abdominal cancer incidence	11.1%	11.6%	0.531
Abdominal cancer incidence in patients < 70 years old	9.1%	9.6%	0.897
Abdominal cancer incidence in patients > 70 years old	13.2%	13%	0.850
Abdominal cancer incidence in men	14.6%	14.5%	0.712
Abdominal cancer incidence in women	4.5%	5.9%	0.051

*PAD* peripheral artery disease

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### Most commonly cancers found in CLTI Patients

Cancer (ranked)	Male	Female	p-value
Lung	9 %	3.9 %	< 0.001
Skin	4.2 %	1.8 %	< 0.001
Breast	0.1 %	3.6 %	< 0.001
Prostate	3.8 %	-	
Colon	3.8 %	1.8%	< 0.001
Renal and Bladder	3.5 %	0.9 %	< 0.001

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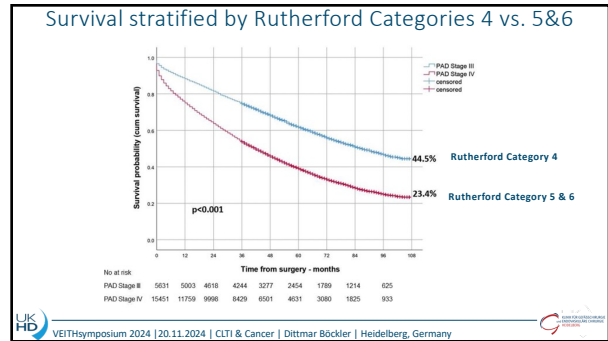
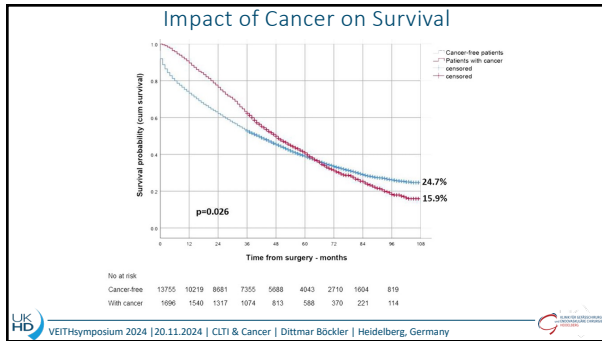
### Risk Factors for Cancer

Hazard ratio (HR) and proportional hazard model (multivariate analysis)

Covariates	HR 1.399	95% CI	p-value
Men (vs. women)	1.885	1.714-2.073	< 0.001
Age > 70 yrs	1.399	1.285-1.522	< 0.001
Rutherford (...IV)	1.035	0.951-1.127	0.422
Diabetes mellitus	0.861	0.786-0.943	0.001
COPD	1.397	1.236-1.578	< 0.001

HR Hazard Ratio, CI confidence interval, COPD chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

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- ### Summary of Results
- 26 % developed cancer after a FU period of 9 years
  - Significant higher incidence in male (30 %) compared to female ( 16 %)
  - Rutherford 4: No difference between cancer & cancer-free survival @ 32 mths.
  - Better survival of Rutherford 4 compared to Rutherford 5&6 (45 % vs 23.4%)
  - Cancer-free Rutherford 4 pat. showed better survival than with cancer (47 vs.30%)
  - Rutherford 5&6 showed no difference in survival between cancer and cancer
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- ### Conclusions
- Cancer incidence after BP Surgery for CLTI is 26%
  - Gender matters: men have higher cancer incidence than women
  - Most common is lung cancer – potential relationship to smoking
  - Cancer affects longterm outcome with significant lower survival rate in Rutherford 5 & 6 patients
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