



## Update On Atherectomy Devices: Do They Still Have A Role In 2024? Which One Or Ones Are Best? Has Their Benefit Been Proven?

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## Disclosures



Nothing to Disclose

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## Atherectomy





- Debulk
  - Excision, Drilling or “Sanding” luminal plaque
- Can increase luminal diameter
  - Compliance?
- “May” prepare the vessel wall for adjunctive treatment

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Rotational	Use front-cutting blades to debulk calcium. All devices allow thrombectomy except the RotaLink	Phoenix, Jetstream, RotaLink, Rotarex
Orbital	Use diamond-coated crown mounted eccentrically to debulk a larger diameter than the device	Diamondback 360
Laser	Use laser pulses to vaporize plaque. The Auryon uses an Nd:YAG laser. The Turbo-Elite, Turbo-Power, and DABRA use an excimer laser. The DABRA is not over-the-wire. The Turbo and Auryon lasers are indicated for in-stent restenosis	Turbo-Elite, Turbo-Power, Auryon, DABRA

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	Advantages	Challenges
<b>Directional Excisional</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Best luminal gain</li> <li>Excised tissue removed from the body</li> <li>OCT imaging reduces injury to healthy tissue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Distal embolization possible</li> <li>Difficult to address calcium</li> </ul>
<b>Orbital</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Targeted eccentric plaque removal</li> <li>Treats luminal calcium well</li> <li>Low profile</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited luminal gain</li> <li>Limited reduction of tissue other than calcium</li> <li>Distal embolization possible</li> </ul>
<b>Rotational</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Easy to use in long lesions</li> <li>Most have a negative aspiration</li> <li>Use in multiple vessel morphologies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited luminal gain</li> <li>Difficult to address calcium</li> <li>Distal embolization possible</li> <li>Cannot modify the depth of treatment</li> </ul>
<b>Laser</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low profile</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Limited luminal gain</li> <li>Limited efficacy against calcium</li> <li>Best used in true lumen</li> </ul>

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### Reporting and Data

Reporting standards of the Society for Vascular Surgery for endovascular treatment of chronic lower extremity peripheral artery disease: Executive summary

- Data on outcomes of Atherectomy has variety of outcome measures
  - Adds difficulty in interpretation
- TLR (Target Lesion Revascularization)
  - Driven by clinical, anatomic, and hemodynamic indications
  - Does not always contribute to the assessment of clinical failure
  - It should not be used as a primary end point**
- Patency
  - Duplex ultrasound should be considered the standard for patency

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### Atherectomy of Fem-Pop Lesions

Device	Study	Outcomes	Adverse Events
Orbital	CONFIRM	<b>Not Reported</b>	<1% perforation; 2% embolization
	OASIS (Diamondback)	FF TLR at 6 mo 94%	FF MAE at 6 mo 90%
	LIBERTY 360 (Diamondback)	FF TLR at 1 yr 75% to 84%	FF MAE at 1 yr 59% to 83%
Rotational	COMPLIANCE 360 (Dback)	FF TLR at 1 yr 81%	
	EASE (Phoenix)	FF TLR at 6 mo 88%	FF MAE at 6 mo 90%
	Phoenix Registry	FF TLR at 1 yr 83%	Not Reported
	Pathway PVD (JetStream)	FF TLR at 6 mo 85%	FF MAE at 6 mo 89%
	JET Registry (JetStream)	FF TLR at 1 yr 82%	FF MAE at 1 yr 97%
Directional Excisional	DEFINITIVE-AR (SilverHawk)	FF TLR at 1 yr 93%	FF MAE at 1 yr 89%
	VISION (Pantheris)	FF TLR at 6 mo 94%	FF MAE at 6 mo 92%
Laser	CELLO Registry (Excimer)	FF TLR at 1 yr 77%	FF MAE at 6 mo 100%
	EX-PAD-03 (Aurion)	FF TLR at 6 mo 97%	FF MAE at 6 mo 98%

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### Atherectomy Still a role in 2024? YES

- Vessel atherectomy may increase drug penetration of DCBs
- Atherectomy + Angioplasty Outperforms Angioplasty Alone
  - Higher FF TLR rates in combination with angioplasty
  - Directional atherectomy with antirestenotic therapy
  - Atherectomy with DCBs (DAART) demonstrated higher patency

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### Lower Extremity Revascularization Using Directional Atherectomy

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12-Month Prospective Results of the DEFINITIVE LE Study

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- Large multicenter studies conducted across Europe and the United States
  - SilverHawk directional atherectomy for PAD treatment
- 800 subjects with infrainguinal lesions up to 20 cm were enrolled
- Adjunctive therapy after DA treatment was performed in 35.3%; POBA primarily
- The primary patency over 12 months was 78% (95% confidence interval 74.0%-80.6%)**
- The rate of freedom from major unplanned amputation of the target limb:
  - 12 months in patients with CLI was 95%

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### Directional Atherectomy With Antirestenotic Therapy vs Drug-Coated Balloon Angioplasty Alone for Isolated Popliteal Artery Lesions

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Figure 1 Primary patency at 12 months for the drug-coated balloon (DCB) group (standard error \*10% at 13.1 months) vs the directional atherectomy with antirestenotic therapy (DAART) group (standard error >10% at 19.1 months). Hazard ratio: 2.64 (95% confidence interval 1.09 to 6.37, p=0.021).

- 72 patients were treated with either DCB angioplasty alone (n=31) or with DAART (n=41)
  - Directional atherectomy with antirestenotic therapy (DAART)
  - TurboHawk, SilverHawk, Pantheris Optical Coherence, HawkOne
- The 12-month primary patency rate was:
  - DAART vs. DCB (82% vs. 62%; p=0.021)
  - TLR did not differ

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### Different endovascular modalities of treatment for isolated atherosclerotic popliteal artery lesions (EMO-POP) registry

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Supplementary Fig 1 (online only). Adjusted Kaplan-Meier survival plot showing pairwise comparisons (log-rank test) of primary patency. COF: Chronic outward force; DAART: directional atherectomy with antirestenotic therapy; DCB: drug-coated balloons; PTA: plain balloon angioplasty.

- Multicenter; 15 hospitals in five countries
- 651 consecutive patients with isolated popliteal lesions using endovascular methods
- PTA appeared inferior in the pairwise comparisons to other treatments
  - P < .001 vs atherectomy
  - P = .002 vs DAART
  - P = .002 vs stenting
- Directional atherectomy with antirestenotic therapy (DAART)

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### Atherectomy Still a role in 2024? YES

- Suggested favorable Long-term Outcomes
  - Improved primary patency of target vessels
  - Majority of Data with Directional Atherectomy
  - Atherectomy with DCBs (DAART) demonstrated higher patency
- Durable Freedom from TLR and Amputation
  - FF TLR 3 yrs after the procedure up to 86%
  - FF Amputation at 2 yrs up to 97%

Favelli et al. Cardiovasc Interv Radiol 2014; Tzafiri et al. J Controlled Release 2012; Mozafari et al. ISCM 2012; Stavroulakis et al. J Endovasc Ther 2012; Kavala et al. Ann Vasc Surg 2012; Vasa 2012; Stavroulakis et al. J Endovasc Ther 2013; Cigge et al. Cath Cardiovasc Interv 2012; Regine et al. Radiol Med 2010; Stavroulakis et al. J Endovasc Ther 2012; Vasa 2012; Zeller et al. Vasc Interv Radiol 2010; Shammai et al. Vasc Health Risk Manag 2012.

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### Atherectomy of BTK Lesions

Device	Study	Outcomes	Adverse Events
Orbital	OASIS (Diamondback)	FF TLR at 6 mo 94%	FF MAE at 30 days 97%
Rotational	No published studies to date		
Directional	DEFINITIVE LE (SilverHawk)	Primary Patency at 1 yr 78%	FF MAE at 30 days 98%
Excisional	IMAGE BTK (Pantheris)	Primary Patency at 1 yr 92%	FF MAE at 30 days 100%
Laser	LACI (Excimer)	FF TLR at 6 mo 81%	FF MAE at 30 days 88%

Safian et al. Cath Cardiovasc Interv 2009; 73:406-412; Tummala et al. J Clin Med 2010; 9:3321; McKinsey et al. JACC Cardiovasc Interv 2014; 7:923-933; IMAGE BTK data on file at Avinger, Inc.; Laird et al. J Endovasc Ther 2006; 13:1-11.

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### IMAGE BTK Study at 6 months

- Single-arm, prospective, multicenter post-market study
  - Effectiveness of the Pantheris SV atherectomy catheter
  - 58 lesions were treated
  - Mean lesion length was 11.1 cm
- Technical success was 98%; Mean percent luminal stenosis was reduced to:
  - 21% after atherectomy (p<0.001)
  - 9% after adjunctive treatment (p<0.0001) as compared to baseline
- Freedom from TLR was 94% at 6 months for all subjects
- Significant improvement in both ABI and Rutherford Class
- Primary patency by duplex ultrasound 6 and 12 months: 96% and 92%

IMAGE BTK data on file at Avinger, Inc.

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### Trends in Utilization and Outcomes of Orbital, Laser, and Excisional Atherectomy for Lower Extremity Revascularization.

- Patients undergoing atherectomy in the 2010–2016
  - Vascular Quality Initiative Database
- Atherectomy use increased from 10.3% to 18.3% (n = 122,938)
  - Orbital atherectomy was most utilized (Increased from 59.4% to 63.2%)
  - No significant differences in 1-year outcomes between rotational, laser, and orbital atherectomy for isolated femoropopliteal disease.
- In isolated tibial disease treatment, excisional atherectomy was associated with:
  - Higher 1-year primary patency compared with orbital atherectomy
  - Decreased major ipsilateral amputation rates compared with laser atherectomy

Bai H, Fereydouni A, Zhang Y, et al. Trends in utilization and outcomes of orbital, laser, and excisional atherectomy for lower extremity revascularization. J Endovasc Ther 2022; 29:989-901.

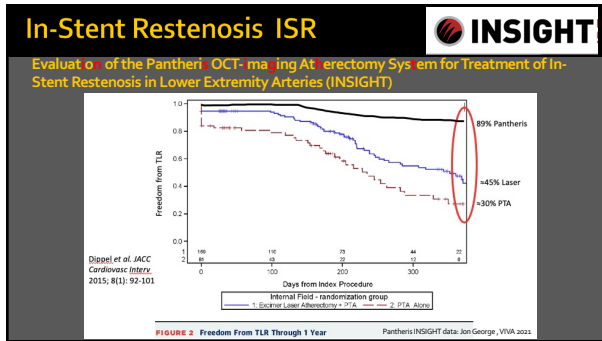
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### In-Stent Restenosis ISR

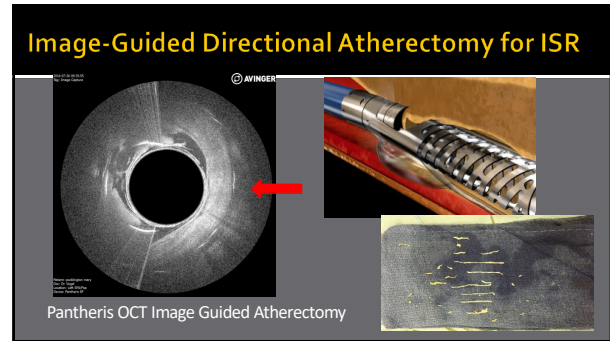
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Directional	INSIGHT (Pantheris)	FF TLR at 1 yr 89%	FF MAE at 1 yr 98%
	Individual (SilverHawk)	FF TLR at 1 yr 53%	Not Reported
Laser	EXCITE ISR (Excimer)	FF TLR at 1 yr 45%	FF MAE at 6 mo 79%
	Retrospective (Excimer)	FF TLR at 1 yr 72%	FF MAE at 1 yr 60%

Shammai et al. J Invasive Cardiol 2020; 32(8):289-294; Dippel et al. JACC Cardiovasc Interv 2015; 8:92-101; INSIGHT data on file at Avinger, Inc.; Zeller et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2006; 48:1573-1578.

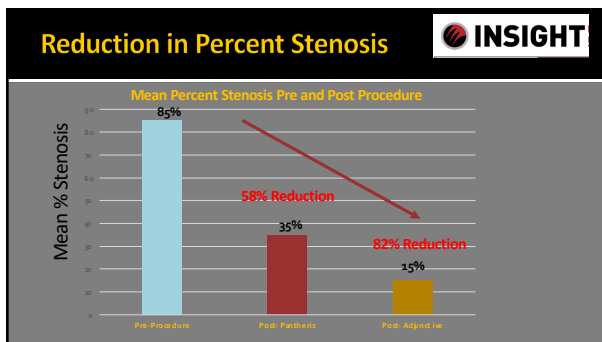
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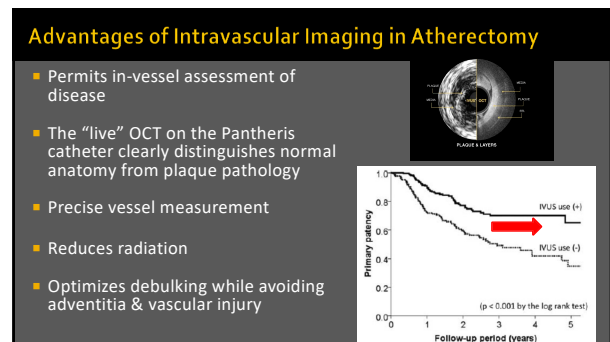
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- ### Conclusions for Atherectomy Devices
- The clinical benefits of Atherectomy
    - Increased luminal gain with low procedure complication rates
      - Directional
    - Associated with freedom from amputation and restenosis rates
  - When combined with adjunctive therapy, such as DCB, freedom from repeating revascularization procedures is increased substantially
    - Directional atherectomy with antirestenotic therapy (DAART)
    - Patency data
  - Directional atherectomy associated with greater patency
    - Tibial vessels

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- ### Conclusions for Atherectomy Devices
- Intravascular imaging improves success significantly
    - Particularly useful for in-stent restenosis
    - Visualization provides guidance to avoid stent struts
    - Distinguish normal anatomy from plaque pathology
      - Pantheris OCT Directional
  - Atherectomy continues to provide improved clinical benefits in the treatment of PAD
    - TLR data vs. Patency data
  - Further studies are needed on types of atherectomy & long-term efficacy
    - Improved Outcome measures for studies (Patency)

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