Novel Uses of Selective Superficial Venous Arterialization to Achieve Limb Salvage

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- Tissue loss (Rutherford 6/ W3) incompatible with wound closure/salvage
- Tibial and pedal calcification that precludes inframalleolar bypass and limits small vessel perfusion
- Pedal MAC scores independently predict poor outcomes*

• How can we bridge these gaps?

- Liu et al, J Vasc Surg 2022

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Deep Vein Arterialization (TADV)

- Renders pedal perfusion less dependent upon nutrient flow through heavily calcified macro- and micro-vsessels
- Arteriovenous crossover accomplished in proximal calf where calcium burden is often less severe
- <u>Case prep</u>: vein mapping to visualize posterior tibial and lateral plantar vein diameters (tourniquet) and anatomic suitability

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- "Off the shelf" DVA
- 18 months, arterialized waveform
 Durable healing of proximal (near cuboidal) open TMA
- Early venous congestion & pain
- Occasional limb loss due to late infection of granulating wound
- Can we do better?





Microvascular Foot Arterialization with Flow-Through Free Flaps

- Facilitates aggressive debridement of all nonviable tissue with immediate coverage/closure
- Selective distal venous arterialization (DFA) bridges arterial flow to the forefoot
- Flaps "cannibalize" flow over time and will usually remain viable even if primary pedicle fails after 6 months

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Microvascular DFA - Summary

Indications:

- Pulsatile donor artery at ankle level
- Terminal small vessel arteriosclerosis of foot (SAD)
- Tissue loss limited to digits, plantar forefoot and midfoot
- Intact medial marginal vein (MMV) and dorsal venous arch

Benefits:

- Extends indications for soft tissue reconstruction
- Provides *durable* salvage by creating new arterial network
- (1st case is now 5 yrs post op)
- Increases outflow bed for bypass or revasc

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Every Limb Preservation Team Needs A Dedicated Microvascular Surgeon

- Arterial revascularization targets specific new goals: flap inflow as well as generic pedal inflow
- Coverage options are almost inconceivable
- Immediate restaging from W3 -> W0 wound grade

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