

# The versatility of directional atherectomy to address challenges of multi-level disease in CLTI

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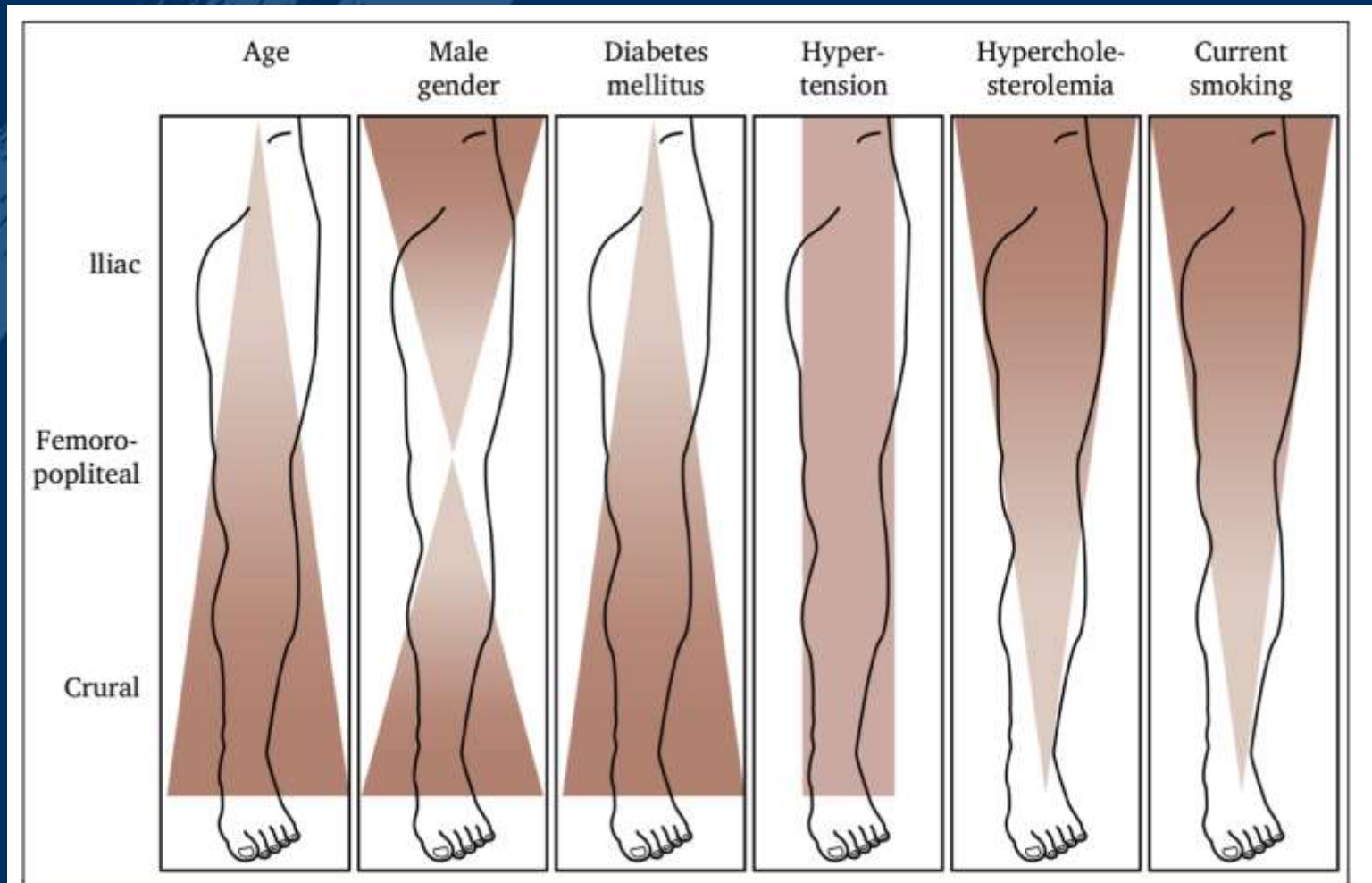
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# The CLTI pattern



# The Hawk Devices



Maximize lumen gain  
**H1-M (3-7 mm)**

**H1-S (2-4 mm)**

Create a channel

|                       | H1-M    | H1-S    |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|
| Sheath Compatibility  | 6F      | 6F      |
| Vessel Diameter (mm)  | 3.0-7.0 | 2.0-4.0 |
| Crossing Profile (mm) | 2.2     | 2.2     |
| Working Length (cm)   | 135     | 151     |
| Effective Length (cm) | 129     | 145     |
| Tip Length (cm)       | 5.9     | 5.9     |
| Max Cut Length (mm)   | 40      | 40      |
| Packing Device        | Yes     | Yes     |



| 6F Device*        | Cutter Height       | Cut Depth                        |
|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>HawkOne 6F</b> | 0.009"<br>(0.23 mm) | 0.36 mm (H1-M)<br>0.34 mm (H1-S) |

|                |                     |         |
|----------------|---------------------|---------|
| TurboHawk SX-C | 0.009"<br>(0.23 mm) | 0.37 mm |
|----------------|---------------------|---------|

| 7F Device*        | Cutter Height       | Cut Depth |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| <b>HawkOne 7F</b> | 0.011"<br>(0.28 mm) | 0.45 mm   |

|              |                     |         |
|--------------|---------------------|---------|
| TurboHawk 7F | 0.012"<br>(0.30 mm) | 0.47 mm |
|--------------|---------------------|---------|

# DEFINITIVE LE trial: CLTI Cohort

## Lower Extremity Revascularization Using Directional Atherectomy

### 12-Month Prospective Results of the DEFINITIVE LE Study

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#### ABSTRACT

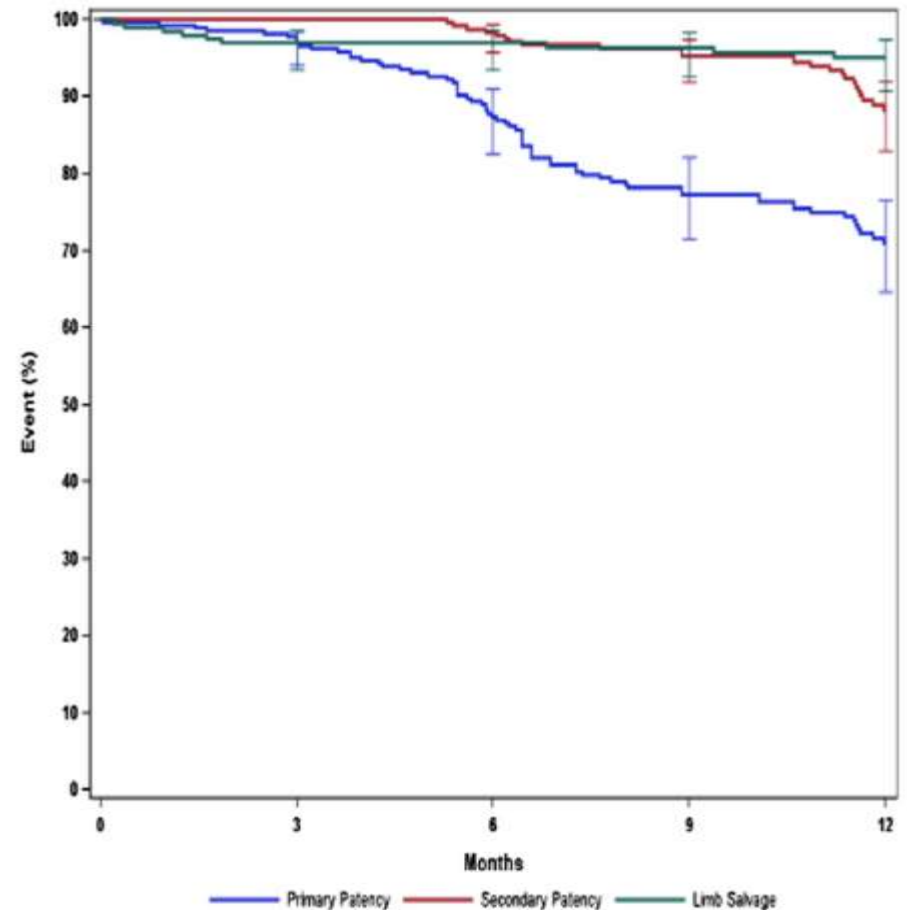
**OBJECTIVES** The aim of this study was to assess the safety and effectiveness of directional atherectomy (DA) for endovascular treatment of peripheral arterial disease (PAD) in infrainguinal arteries in patients with claudication or critical limb ischemia.

**BACKGROUND** To date, no prospective, multicenter, independently adjudicated study has evaluated the effectiveness and durability of DA in the treatment of PAD. Previous DA studies have not been prospectively powered to evaluate any differences in outcomes in patients with and without diabetes.

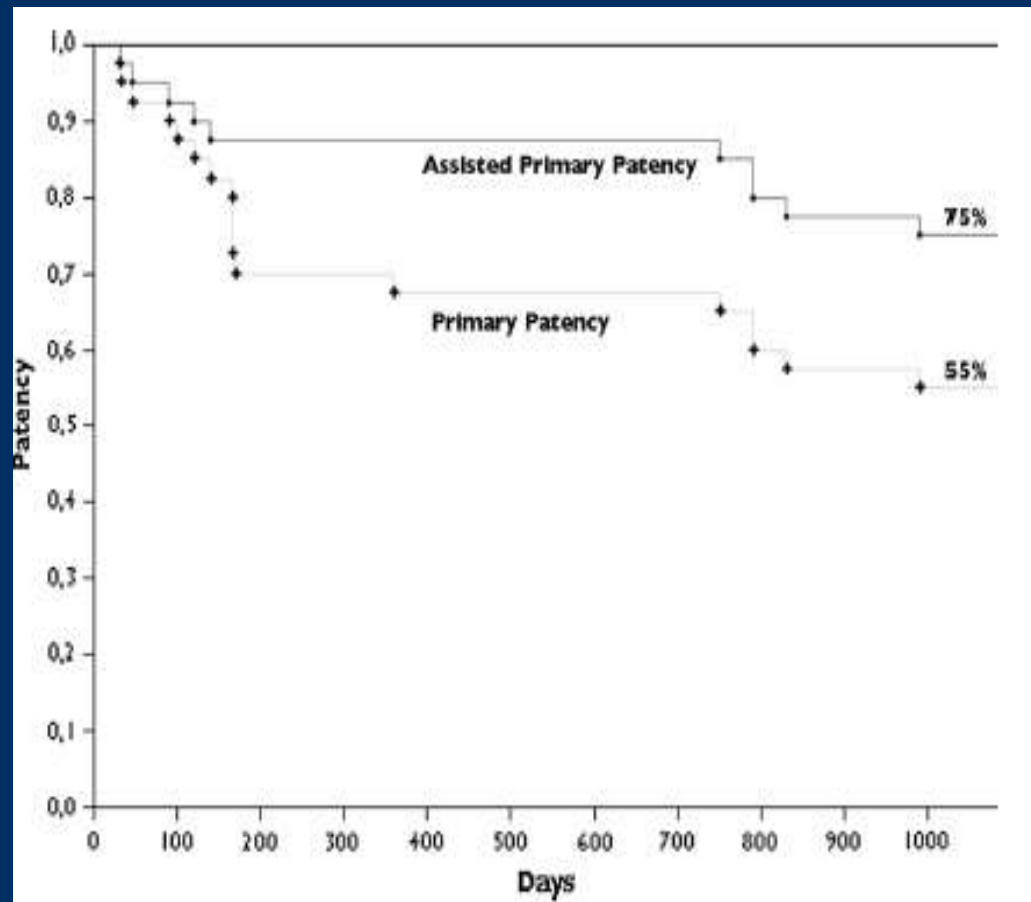
**METHODS** DEFINITIVE LE (Determination of Effectiveness of the SilverHawk<sup>®</sup> Peripheral Plaque Excision System [SilverHawk Device] for the Treatment of Infrainguinal Vessels / Lower Extremities) prospectively enrolled subjects at 47 multinational centers with an infrainguinal lesion length up to 20 cm. Primary endpoints were defined as primary patency at 12 months for claudicants and freedom from major unplanned amputation for critical limb ischemia (CLI) subjects. A pre-specified statistical hypothesis evaluated noninferiority of primary patency in diabetic versus nondiabetic claudicants. Independent angiographic and sonographic core laboratories assessed outcomes, and events were adjudicated by a clinical events committee.

**RESULTS** A total of 800 subjects were enrolled. The 12-month primary patency was 78% (95% confidence interval: 74.0% to 80.6%) in claudicants, with a 77% rate in the diabetic subgroup versus 78% in the nondiabetic subgroup (noninferior;  $p < 0.001$ ). The rate of freedom from major unplanned amputation of the target limb at 12 months in CLI subjects was 95% (95% confidence interval: 90.7% to 97.4%). Periprocedural adverse events included embolization (3.8%), perforation (5.3%), and abrupt closure (2.0%). The bail-out stent rate was 3.2%.

**CONCLUSIONS** The DEFINITIVE LE study demonstrated that DA is a safe and effective treatment modality at 12 months for a diverse patient population with either claudication or CLI. Furthermore, DA was shown to be noninferior for treating PAD in patients with diabetes compared with those without diabetes. (Study of SilverHawk/TurboHawk in Lower Extremity Vessels [DEFINITIVE LE]; NCT00883246). (J Am Coll Cardiol Intv 2014;7:923-33) © 2014 by the American College of Cardiology Foundation.



# Directional atherectomy as stand alone therapy

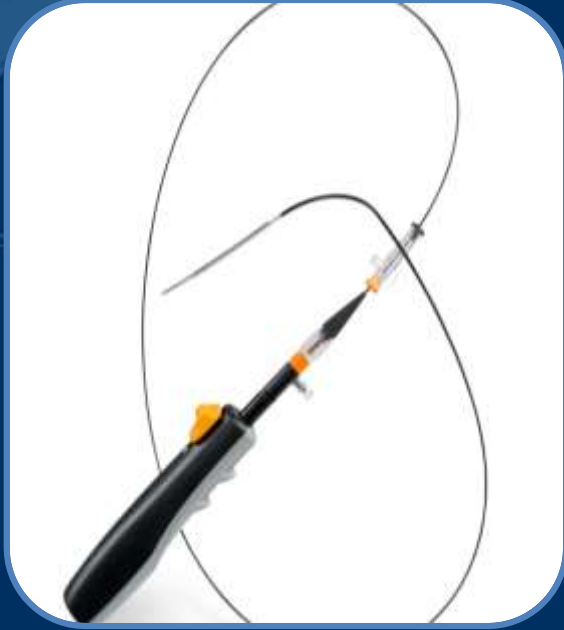




# Directional Atherectomy + Anti-Restenotic Therapy

## The DAART Concept

DA: Vessel Preparation



Anti-restenotic treatment



# Directional Atherectomy +DCB (DAART)

## Baseline Lesion Characteristics

Per Core Lab

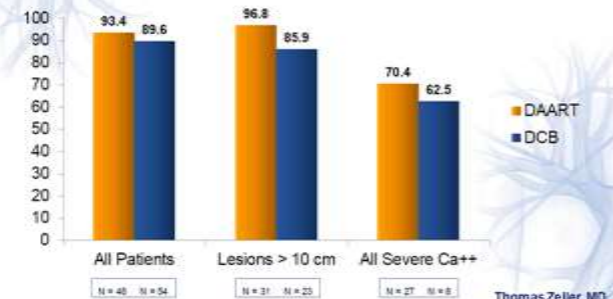
| Baseline Characteristics       | DAART (N= 48) | DCB (N = 54) | p-Value* | DAART Severe Ca++ Arm (N=19) |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------|------------------------------|
| Lesion Length (cm)             | 11.2          | 9.7          | 0.05     | 11.9                         |
| Diameter Stenosis              | 82%           | 85%          | 0.35     | 88%                          |
| Reference vessel diameter (mm) | 4.9           | 4.9          | 0.48     | 5.1                          |
| Minimum lumen diameter (mm)    | 1.0           | 0.8          | 0.34     | 0.7                          |
| Calcification                  | 70.8%         | 74.1%        | 0.82     | 94.7%                        |
| Severe calcification           | 25.0%         | 18.5%        | 0.48     | 89.5%                        |

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\* p-value for DAART and DCB groups

## Key Study Outcome at 12 Months DUS Patency - Potential Advantage Emerging in Long and Severely Calcified Lesions

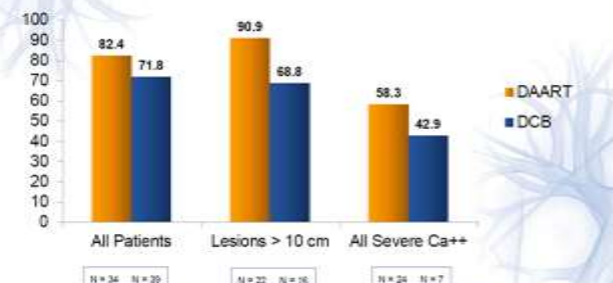


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Per Core Lab Assessment. All Severe Ca++ group includes all patients treated with DAART therapy including randomized and non-randomized patients with severe calcium.



## Key Study Outcome at 12 Months Angiographic Patency shows similar pattern



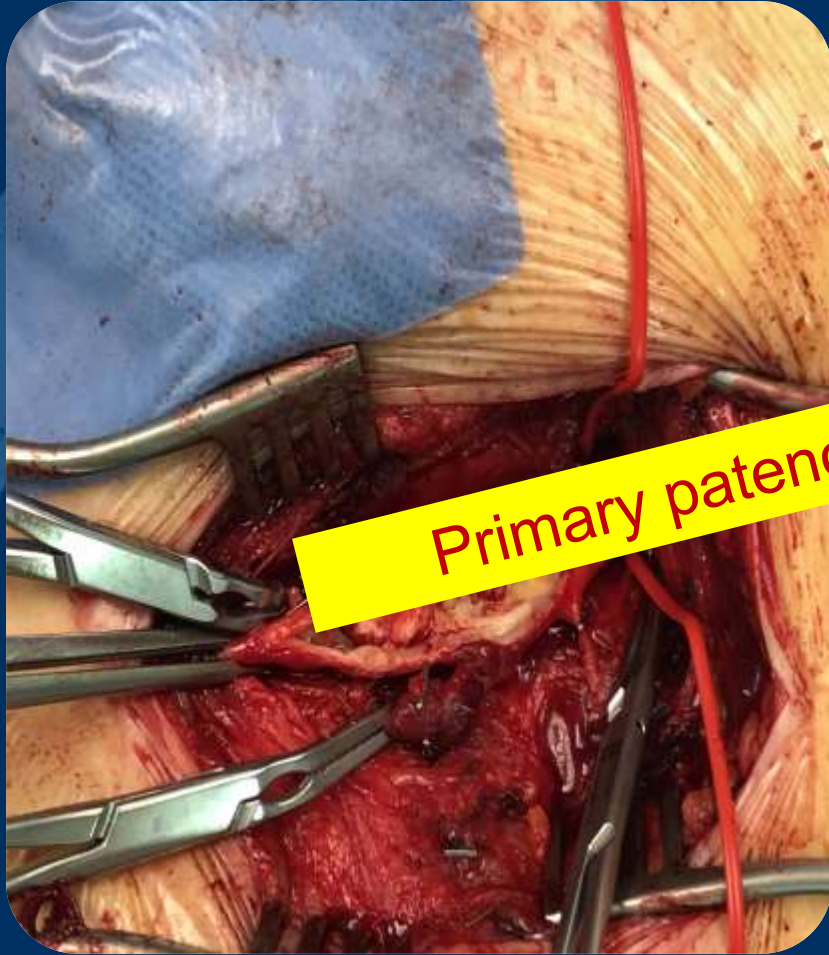
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Results for all patients who returned for angiographic follow-up

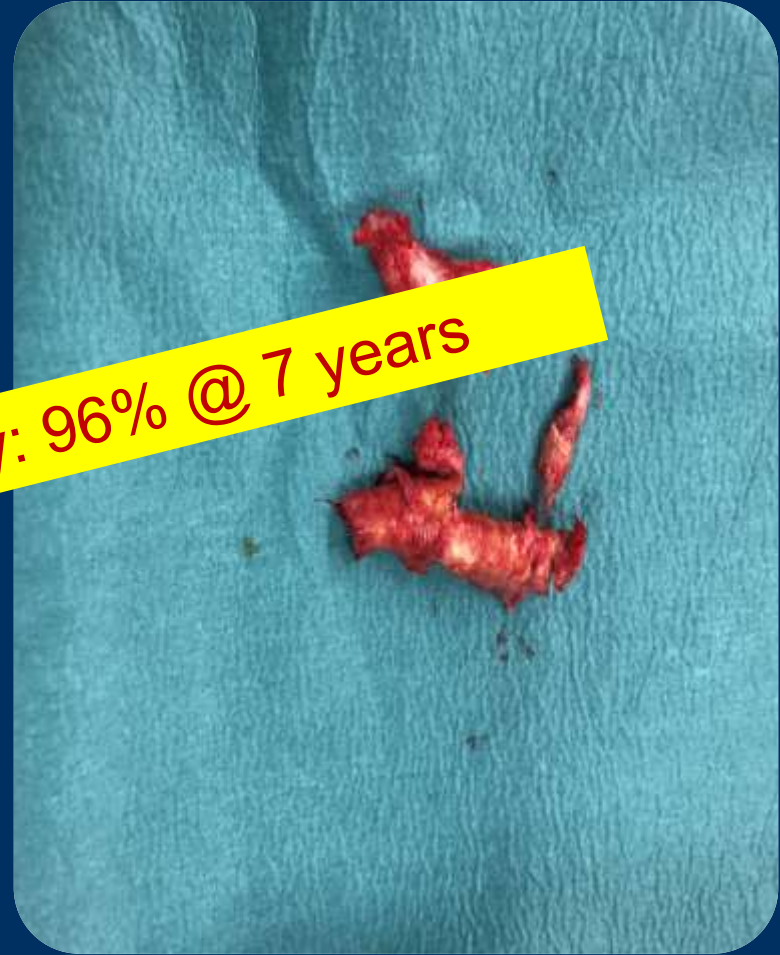




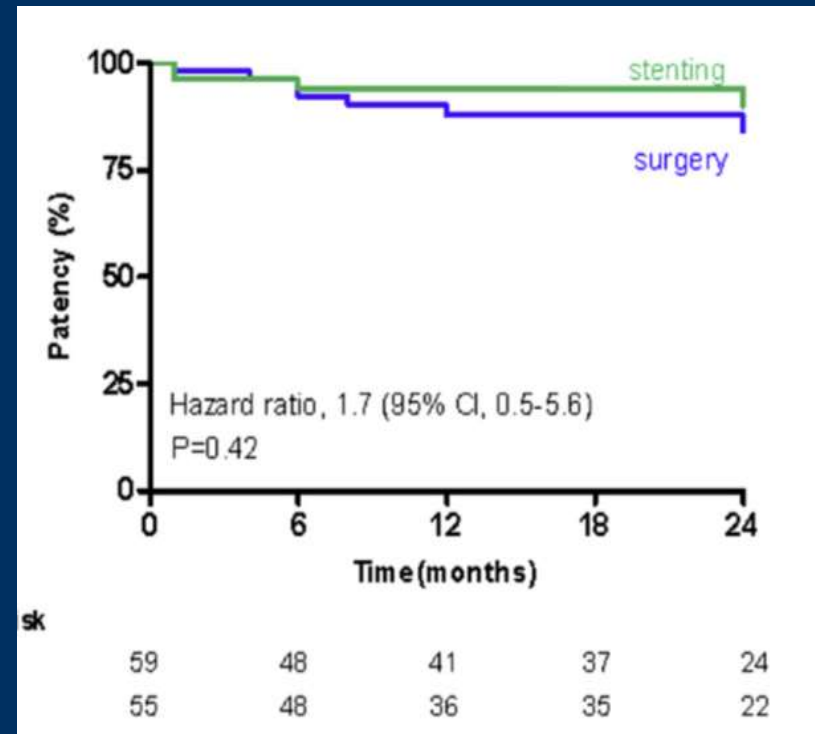
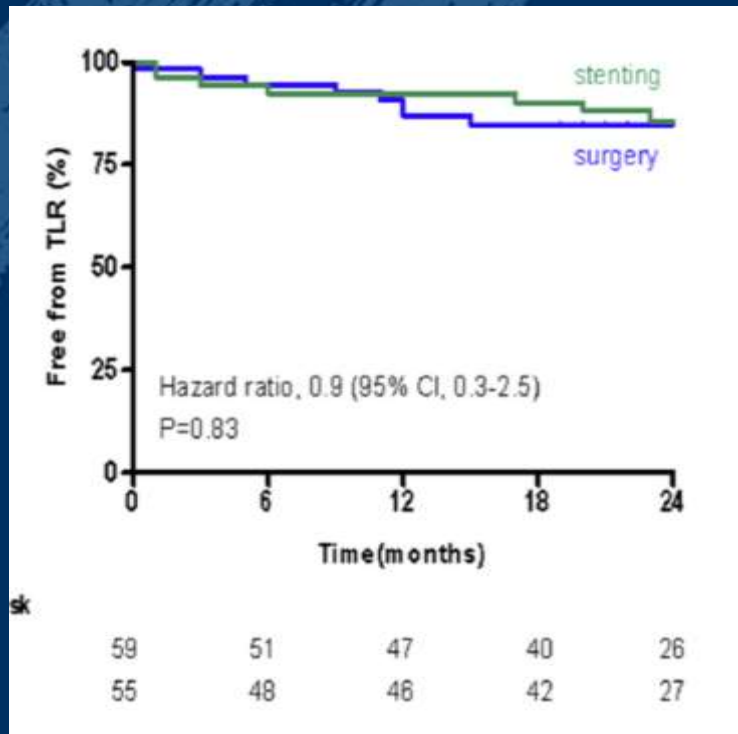
# CFA disease



Primary patency: 96% @ 7 years



# CFA Stent therapy vs Surgery: Tecco trial



# CLTI Guidelines

## CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE DOCUMENT

### Global vascular guidelines on the management of chronic limb-threatening ischemia



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#### ABSTRACT

Chronic limb-threatening ischemia (CLTI) is associated with mortality, amputation, and impaired quality of life. These Global Vascular Guidelines (GVG) are focused on definition, evaluation, and management of CLTI with the goals of improving evidence-based care and highlighting critical research needs. The term CLTI is preferred over critical limb ischemia, as the latter implies threshold values of impaired perfusion rather than a continuum. CLTI is a clinical syndrome defined by the presence of peripheral artery disease (PAD) in combination with rest pain, gangrene, or a lower limb ulceration >2 weeks duration. Venous, traumatic, embolic, and nonatherosclerotic etiologies are excluded. All patients with suspected CLTI should be referred urgently to a vascular specialist. Accurately staging the severity of limb threat is fundamental, and the Society for Vascular Surgery Threatened Limb Classification system, based on grading of Wounds, Ischemia, and foot Infection (WIFI) is endorsed. Objective hemodynamic testing, including toe pressures as the preferred measure, is required to assess CLTI. Evidence-based revascularization (EBR) hinges on three independent axes: Patient risk, Limb severity, and ANatomic complexity (PLAN). Average-risk and high-risk patients are defined by estimated procedural and 2-year all-cause mortality. The GVG proposes a new Global Anatomic Staging System (GLASS) which involves defining a preferred target artery path (TAP) and then estimating limb-based patency (LBP), resulting in three stages of complexity for intervention. The optimal revascularization strategy is also influenced by the availability of autogenous vein for open bypass surgery. Recommendations for EBR are based on best available data, pending level 1 evidence from ongoing trials. Ven bypass may be preferred for average-risk patients with advanced limb threat and high complexity disease, while those with less complex anatomy, intermediate severity limb threat, or high patient risk may be favored for endovascular intervention. All patients with CLTI should be afforded best medical therapy including the use of anti-thrombotic, lipid-lowering, antihypertensive, and glycemic control agents, as well as counseling on smoking cessation, diet, exercise and preventive foot care. Following EBR, long-term limb surveillance is advised. The effectiveness of nonrevascularization therapies (eg, topical stimulation, pneumatic compression, prostanooids, and hyperbaric oxygen) has not been established. Regenerative medicine approaches (eg, cell, gene therapies) for CLTI should be restricted to rigorously conducted randomized clinical trials. The GVG promotes standardization of study designs and end points for clinical trials in CLTI. The importance of multidisciplinary teams and centers of excellence for amputation prevention is stressed as a key health system initiative. (J Vasc Surg 2019;69:35-125.)

**Keywords:** Chronic limb-threatening ischemia; Critical limb ischemia; Peripheral artery disease; Diabetes; Foot ulcer; Endovascular intervention; Bypass surgery; Practice guideline; Evidence-based medicine

**6.29** Consider endovascular treatment of significant CFA disease in selected patients who are deemed to be at high surgical risk or to have a hostile groin.

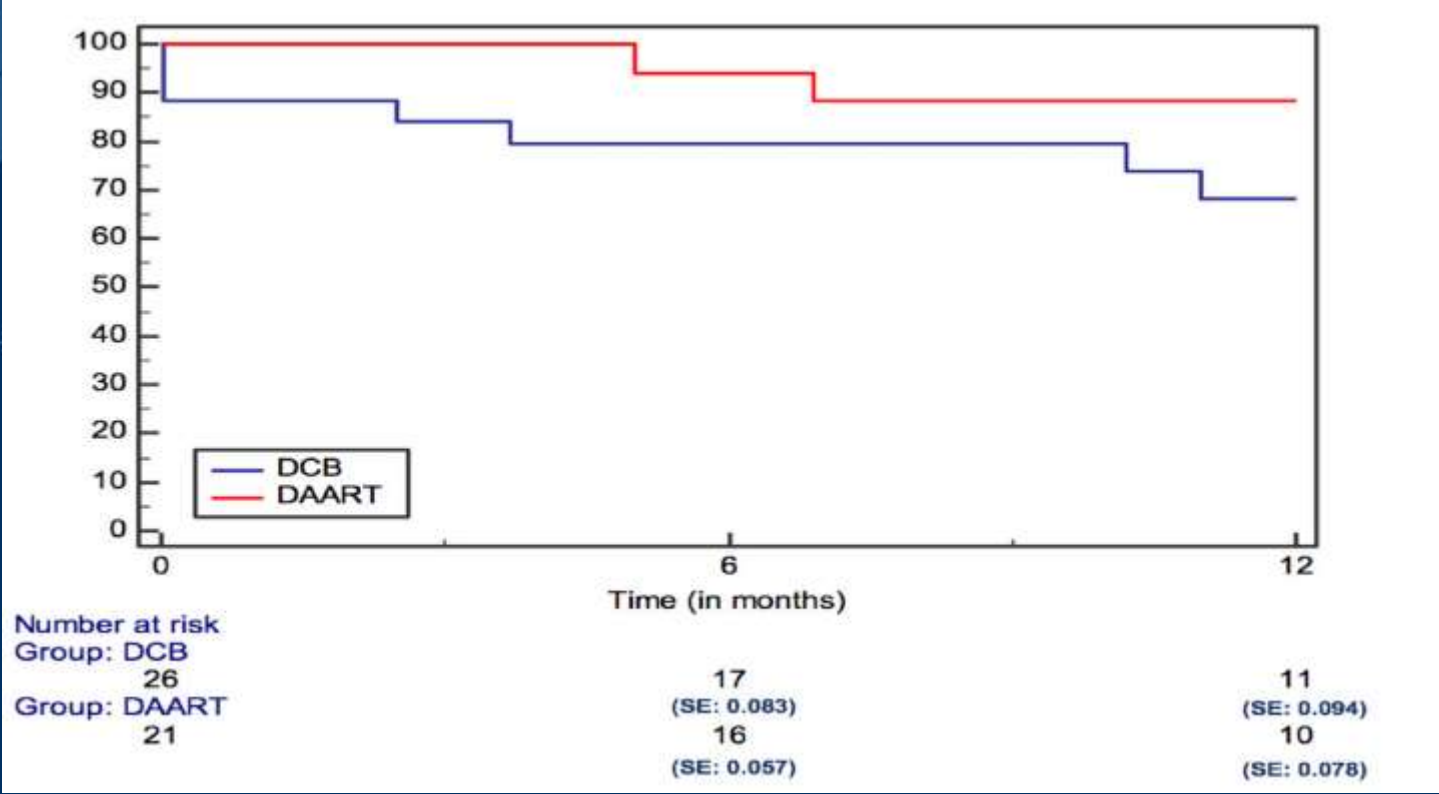
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**6.30** Avoid stents in the CFA and do not place stents across the origin of a patent deep femoral artery.

| Grade                   | Level of evidence | Key references |
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| Good practice statement |                   | -              |

# DAART for CFA

68% vs 88%, (HR): 0.64; 95 CI: 0.22 to 2.81, P= .40

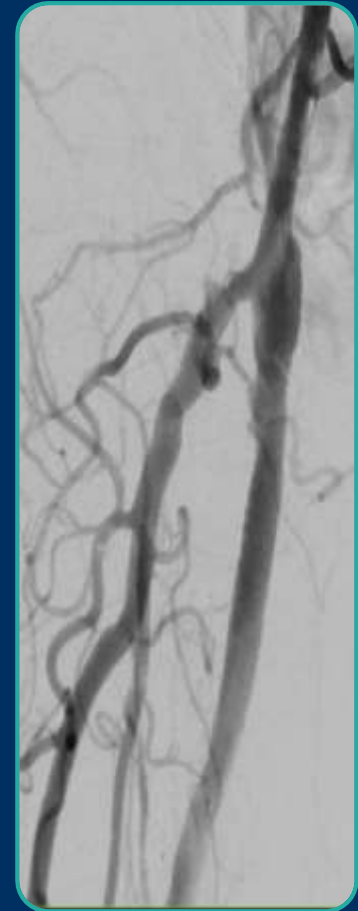




# DAART for CFA Restenosis after Surgery

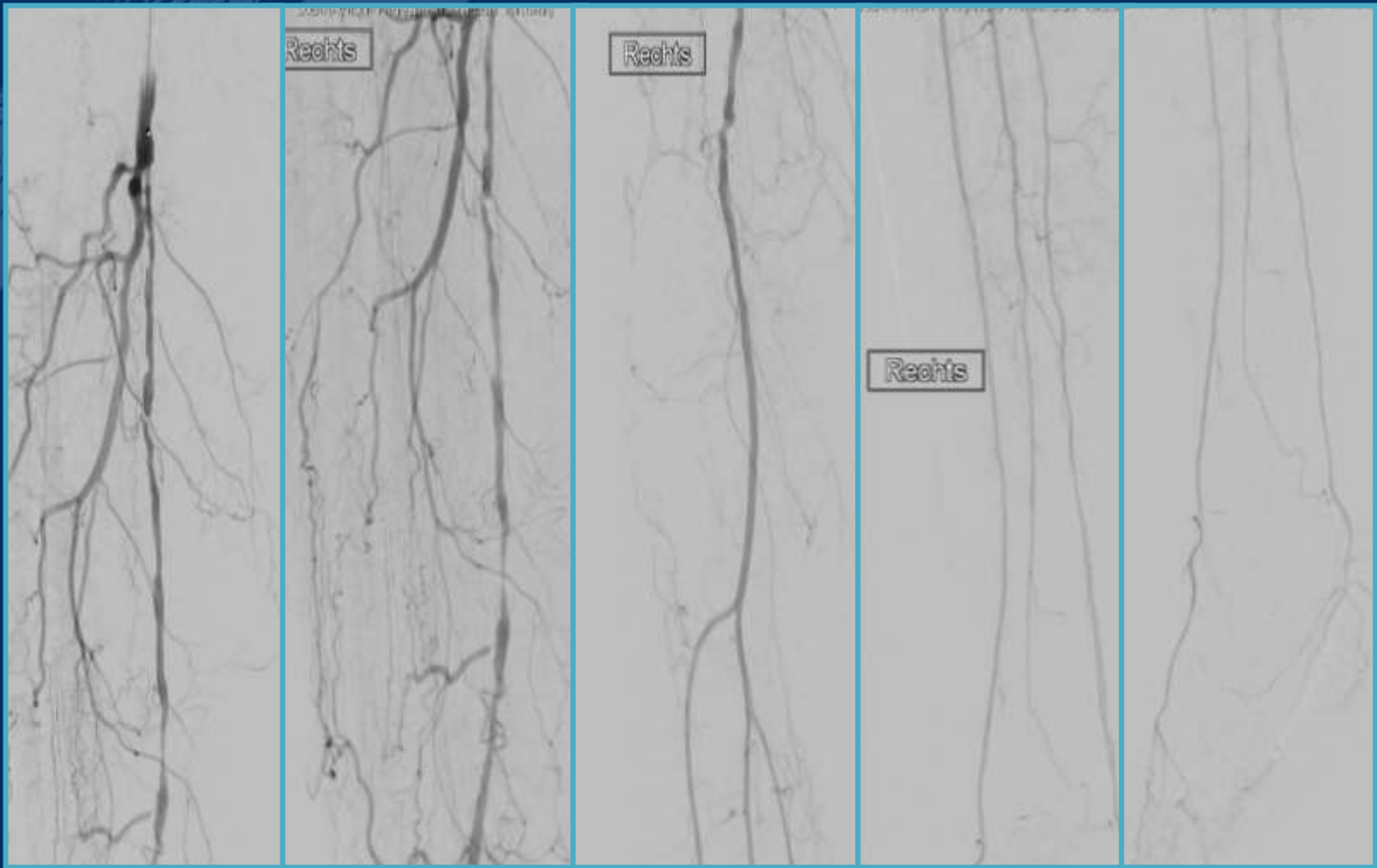


# DAART for Bypass anastomosis stenosis





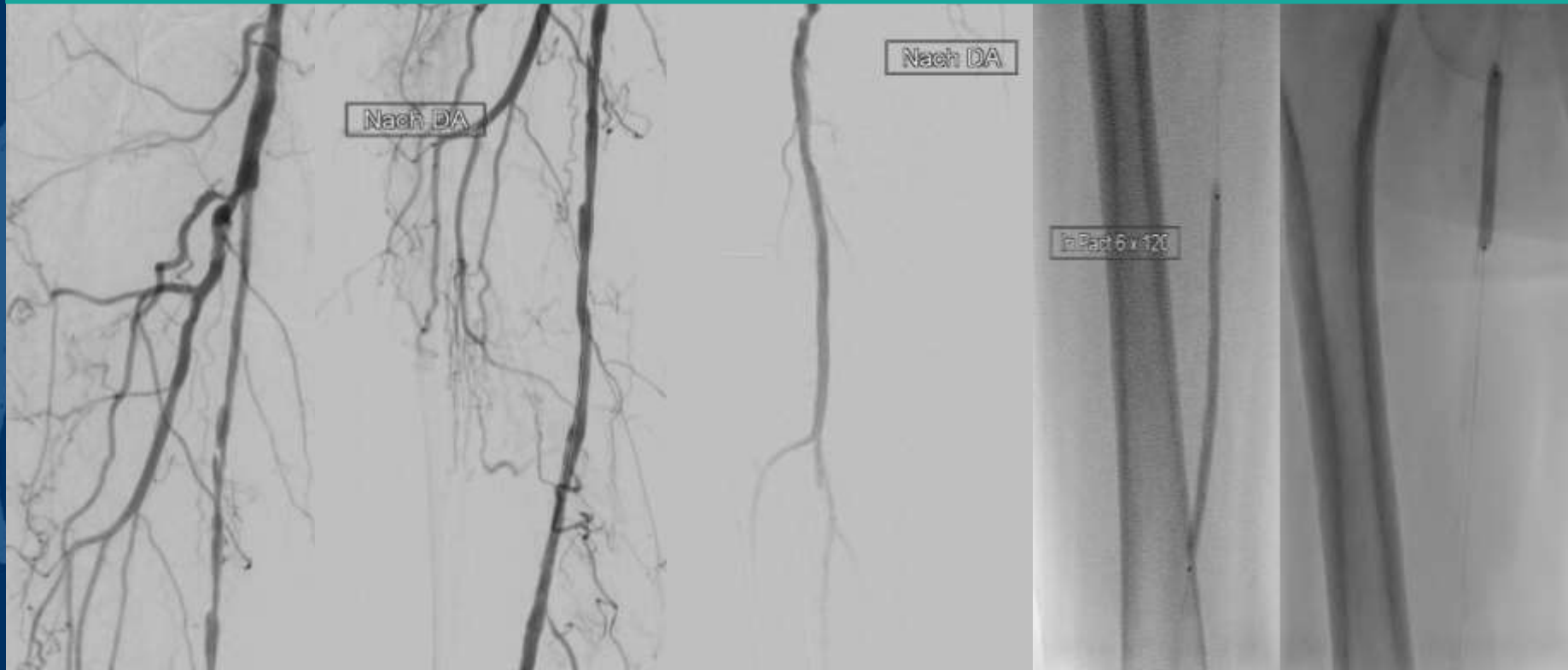
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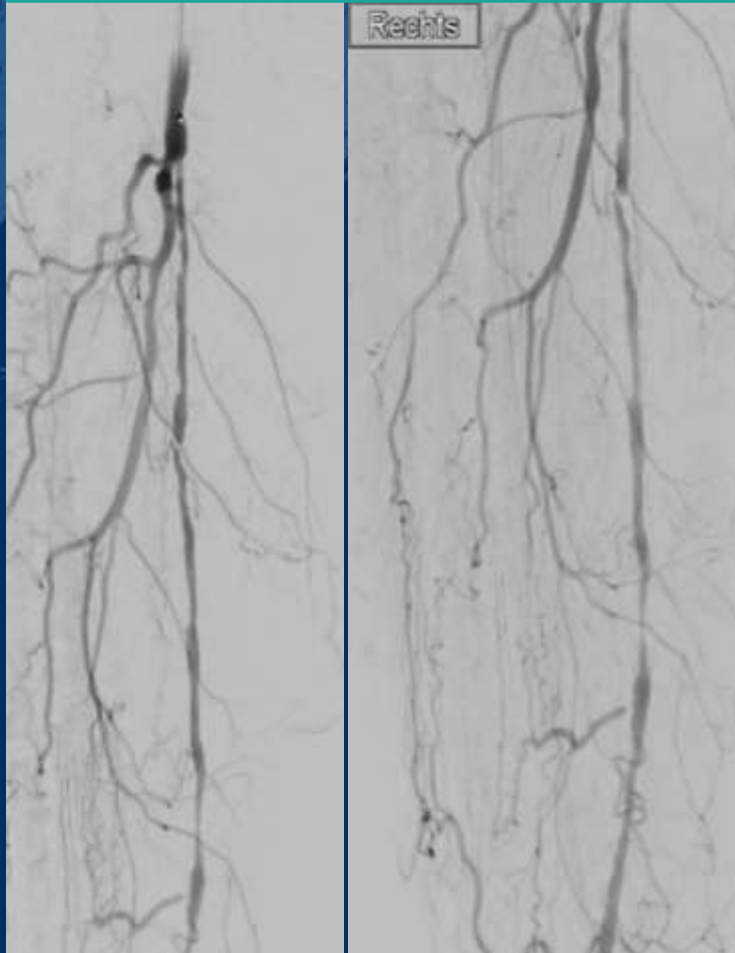
After Directional Atherectomy

DCB Angioplasty

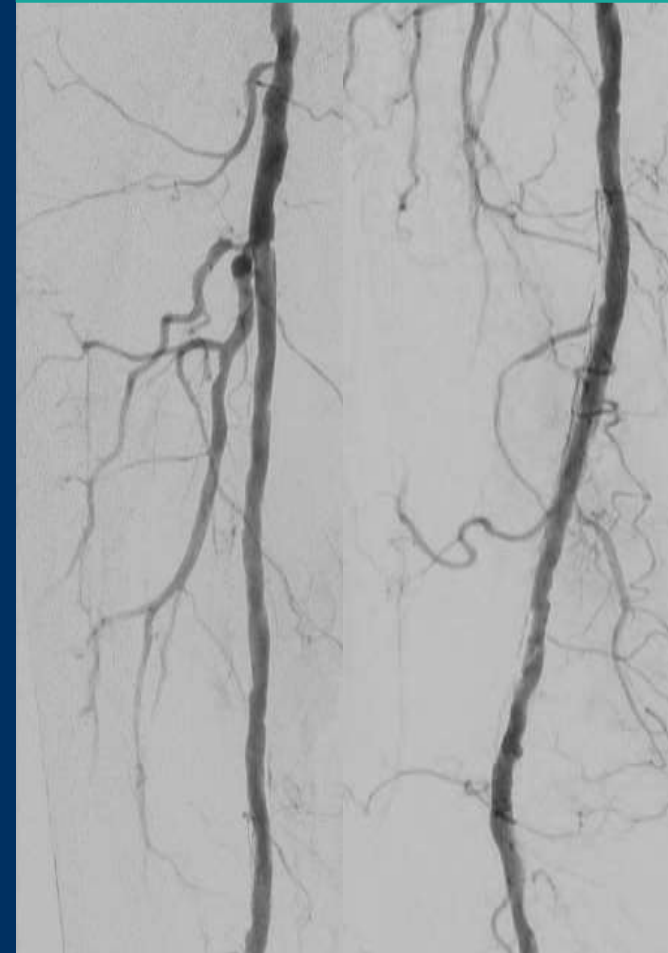


# DAART long SFA lesion

Baseline



Final Result



# The pitfalls of stent therapy for popliteal disease

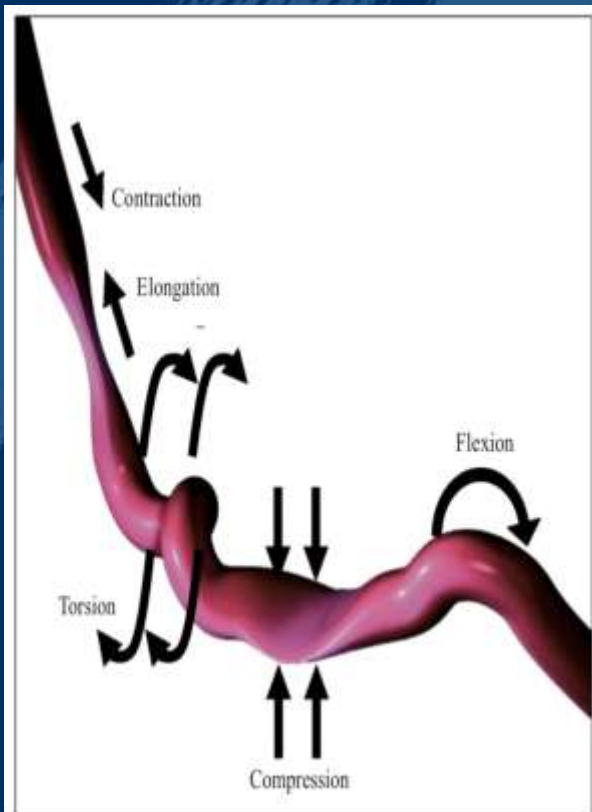
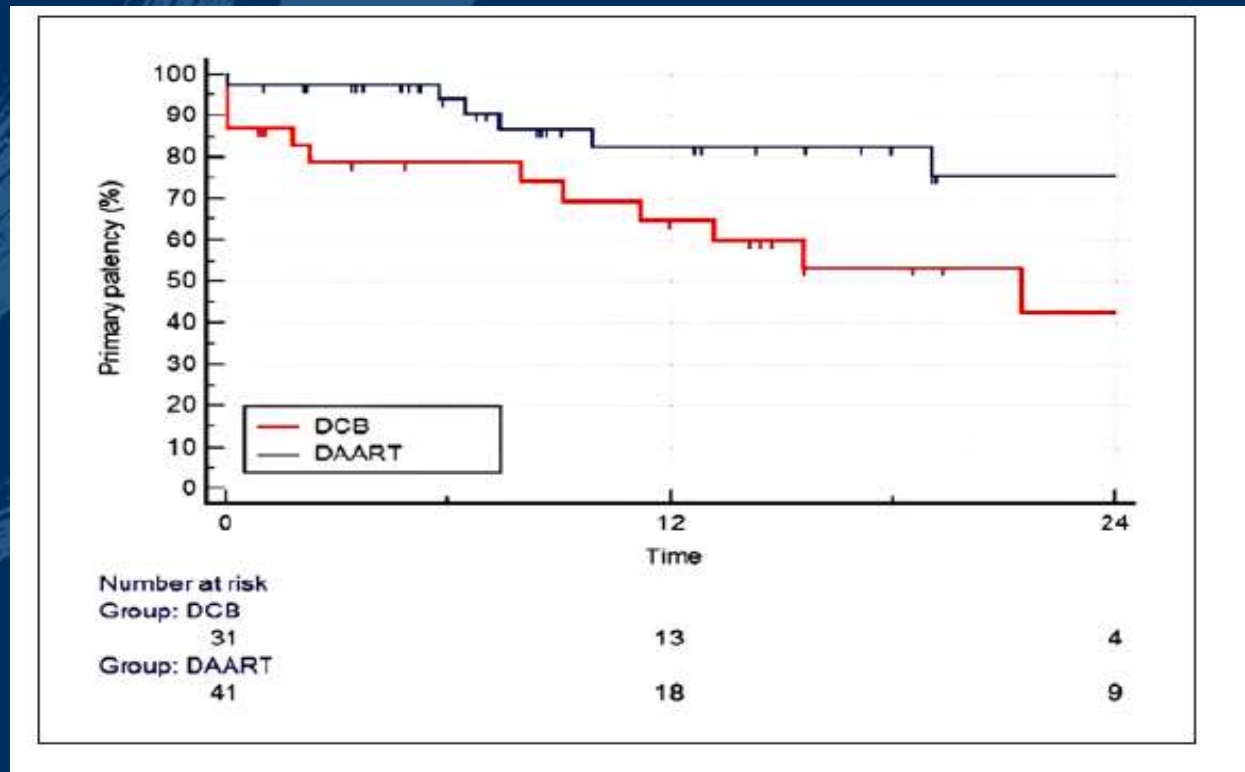


Figure 1.—The lower extremities vessels are subject to a variety of forces as a result of external mechanical demands.



# DAART for popliteal disease



|                  | DCB | DAART | P Wert       |
|------------------|-----|-------|--------------|
| Primary patency  | 65% | 82%   | <b>0.021</b> |
| Freedom from TLR | 82% | 94%   | 0.7          |

# DAART for BTK Disease: The ADCAT Trial

- 80 subjects
- 1:1 Randomization (DCB vs DAART)
- BTK long de-novo lesions ( $\geq 6\text{cm}$ )
- Repeat angiography at 3 months
- Primary endpoint: in-Segment Binary Restenosis
- Follow-up visits scheduled at 3, 6, 12 months



# Conclusions

- CLTI multivessel disease pattern
- DA can effectively remove calcium and minimize the risk for dissections and bailout stenting
- No clear long-term benefit
- DA valuable vessel prep tool for
  - CFA disease
  - Popliteal disease
  - Long/Calcified lesions
- Waiting for BTK data

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Thank you!



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