


# AVeVA Study 24-Month Update Covered Stent Treatment of Venous Anastomotic Stenosis in AV Grafts



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# Disclosure

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I have the following potential conflicts of interest to report:

- Consulting
- Employment in industry
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- Other(s)
- I do not have any potential conflict of interest

# Objective

To assess the Covera™ Vascular Covered Stent for the treatment of stenotic lesions at the graft-vein anastomosis of AV grafts

- **Design:** Prospective, Multicenter, Non-Randomized, Single-Arm
  - 110 patients
  - 14 Study Sites in the United States
- **Follow-up:**
  - 24-month data presented today

# AVeVA Lead Investigators & 14 Study Centers

## Study Sites



Investigator	Site Name	State
Umar Waheed	Southwest Vascular Center	AZ
George Lipkowitz	Renal Transplant Associates of New England	MA
Jeffery Hoggard	Capital Nephrology Associates	NC
Naveen Atray	Capital Nephrology Access Center	CA
Mahmood Razavi	Vascular and Interventional Specialists	CA
Gary Saito	AZ Kidney Disease & Hypertension Center	AZ
Saravanan Balamuthusamy	Tarrant Vascular Access Center	TX
Clifford Sales	The Cardiovascular Care Group	NJ
Erin Moore	River City Clinical Research	FL
Tim Rogers	Dialysis Vascular Access Center	FL
Pablo Pergola	Clinical Advancement Center	TX
Jeffrey Packer	AZ Kidney Disease & Hypertension Center	AZ
Jonah Licht	Providence Interventional Associates	RI
Angelo Makris	Chicago Access Care	IL

# AVeVA Study Criteria

## Key Inclusion Criteria

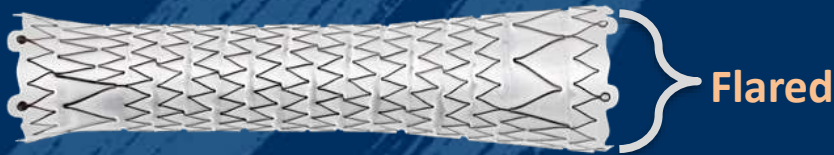
- Synthetic upper extremity AV access graft implanted for  $\geq 30$  days
- At least one successful dialysis session
- Stenosis  $\geq 50\%$  (by visual estimate) at the graft-vein anastomosis with clinical graft dysfunction
- Target lesion(s)  $\leq 9$  cm in length
- Reference vessel diameter: 5.0 - 9.0mm

## Key Exclusion Criteria

- Placement in an existing stent or stent graft, or across the elbow joint or in the central veins

# Study Device: COVERA™ Vascular Covered Stent

## Covered-Stent Configurations:



- ePTFE encapsulated nitinol stent
- Diameters: 6-10 mm
- Lengths: 40, 60, 80, and 100 mm (30 mm straight only)



## Thumbwheel Delivery System:

- Sheath compatibility: 8-9 F
- Working length: 80 & 120 cm
- 0.035" over-the-wire system with atraumatic tip

U.S. Indication (FDA Approved): for use in hemodialysis patients to treat stenoses in the venous outflow of an arterio-venous (AV) fistula and at the venous anastomosis of an ePTFE or other synthetic AV graft.

EU Indication: for the treatment of stenoses in the upper extremity venous outflow of patients dialyzing with an arterio-venous (AV) access graft or fistula.

# Patient Demographics and Risk Factors

	All-Treated Covered Stent Group
Number of Patients (ITT), N	110
Mean Age, years $\pm$ SD	64.3 $\pm$ 14.0
Male/Female, %/%	45.5/54.5
Mean BMI, kg/m <sup>2</sup> $\pm$ SD	28.7 $\pm$ 6.6
Mean Time on Dialysis, months $\pm$ SD	19.7 $\pm$ 20.0
Clinical Indicators of Access Dysfunction, % (n)*	
Pulsatility	57.3 (63)
Decreased Access Blood Flow	23.6 (26)
Elevated Venous Pressure	23.6 (26)
Prolonged Bleeding	20.9 (23)
Diminished or Abnormal Thrill	18.2 (20)
Risk Factor, % (n)	
Hypertension	98.2 (108)
Smoker (Current & Former)	8.2%/30.9%
Diabetes (Type 2)	61.8 (68)
Dyslipidemia	56.4 (62)

\* Some patients had multiple clinical indicators of access dysfunction

# Circuit/Lesion Characteristics & Procedural Details

	Covered Stent Group
Lesion Type (Restenotic), % (n)	71.8 (79)
Outflow Vein, % (n)	
Axillary	49.1 (54)
Basilic	40.0 (44)
Brachial	9.1 (10)
Mean Lesion Length, mm $\pm$ SD	24.1 $\pm$ 15.3
Mean Baseline Target Lesion Stenosis, % $\pm$ SD	71.5 $\pm$ 14.8
Thrombosis at Baseline, % (n)	25.5 (28)
Outflow Vein Diameter, mm $\pm$ SD	8.5 $\pm$ 2.0
Graft Diameter, mm $\pm$ SD	6.8 $\pm$ 0.7
Procedure	
Flared/Straight Stent Graft Configuration, %/%	83.6/16.4
Final Residual Stenosis (post covered stent & post-dilation), % $\pm$ SD	0.9 $\pm$ 2.8
Peri-procedural Complications, % (n)	7.3 (8)
Acute Technical Success <sup>1</sup> /Procedural Success <sup>2</sup> , %/%	100/100

<sup>1</sup>Successful deployment to the intended location

<sup>2</sup>Anatomic success (residual stenosis  $\leq$  30%) and resolution of the pre-procedure clinical indicators of stenosis



# Primary Endpoint Analyses

## Safety (30 Days): Freedom from a Primary Safety Event

Primary Safety Endpoint (Proportional Analysis)	ITT Group (N= 110)	[90% CI] p-value
Freedom from a Primary Safety Event, (n/N)	96.4% (106/110)	[91.9, 98.7] p=0.002

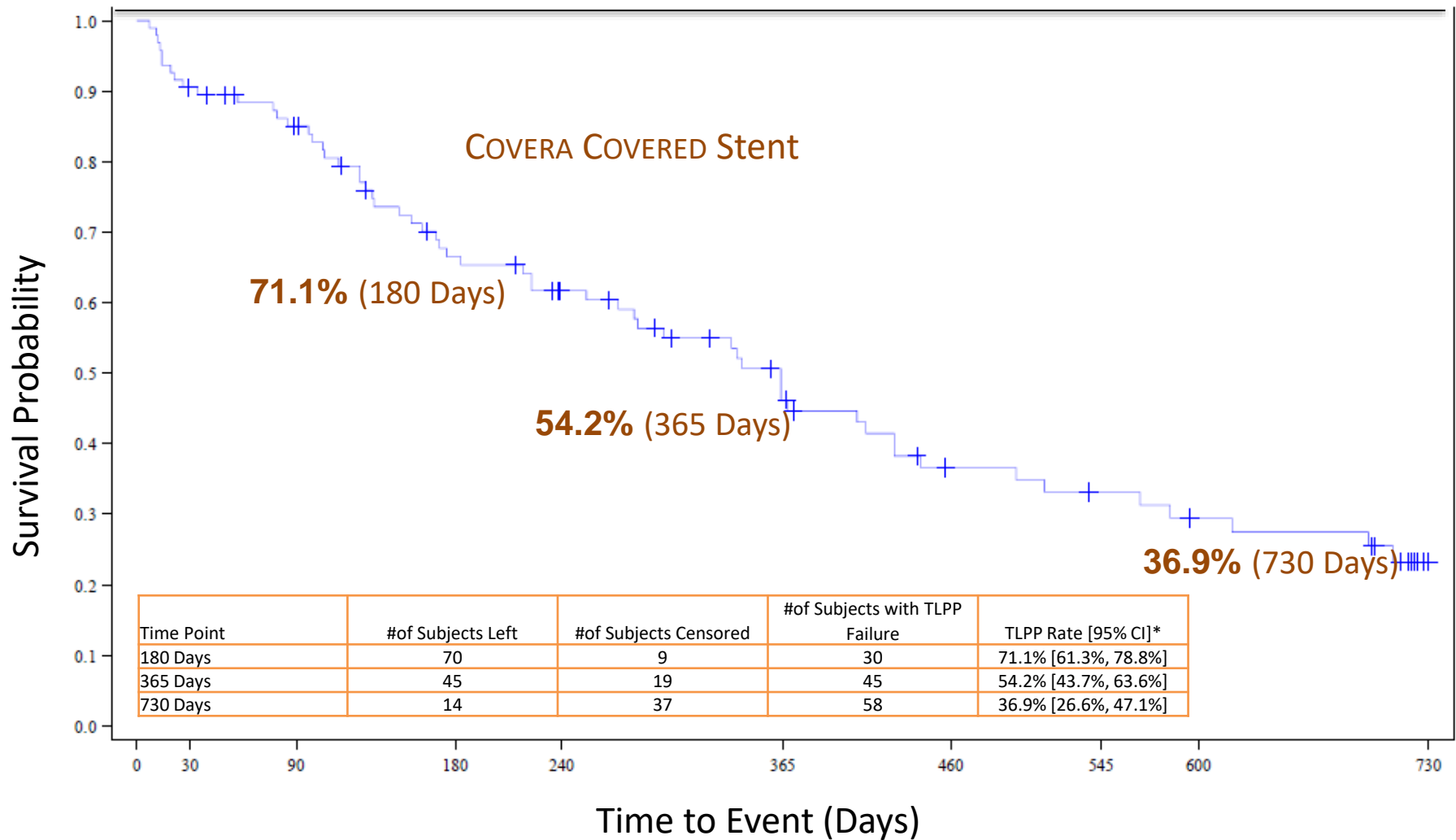
✓ Greater than the PG of 88% (p-value = 0.002)

## Efficacy (6 Months): Target Lesion Primary Patency (TLPP)

Primary Efficacy Endpoint (Proportional Analysis)	Group	[90% CI] p-value
Target Lesion Primary Patency, (n/N)	70.3% (71/101)	[61.9, 77.7] P<0.0001

✓ Greater than the PG of 40% (p-value <0.0001)

# Freedom from Loss of TLPP



\*The rates are estimated using the Kaplan-Meier method, and the 95% confidence intervals are estimated using Greenwood's formula

# Secondary Outcomes Through 24 Months

Outcomes	6 Months	12 Months	24 Months
Access Circuit Primary Patency <sup>+</sup> (Kaplan-Meier Survival Estimate)	40.4% [30.9%, 49.8%] <sup>^</sup>	16.7% [9.8%, 25.1%]	7.8% [3.1%, 15.3%]
Secondary Patency	92.1%	85.4%	73.6%

Follow-up at 24 Months: 68.2% (75/110 patients)  
24.5% died during the study

<sup>+</sup> Survival estimate based on the Kaplan-Meier analysis

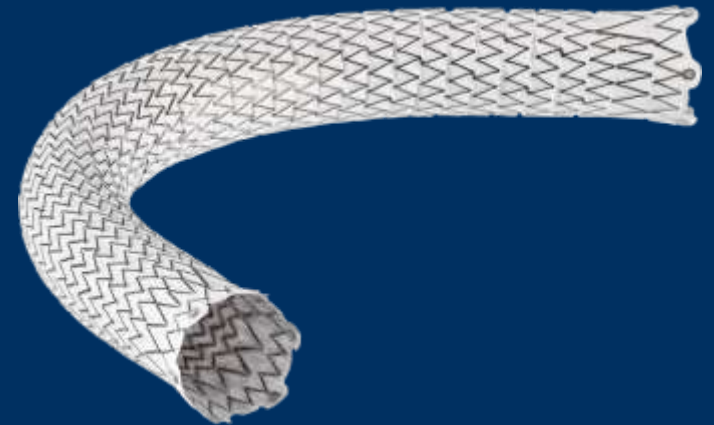
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# AVeVA Summary

**This first-in-man study of the Covera™ vascular covered stent compared outcomes to predicted goals from prior similar studies.**

**Results met or exceeded predicted safety and efficacy goals at 6 months.**

**At 24 months, target lesion patency was 37% and assisted circuit patency 74%.**



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