

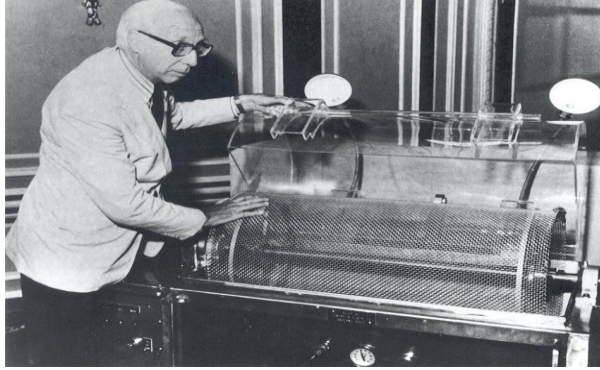
De dialysefistel: snel maken, snel staken?

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History of hemodialysis and vascular access



Kolff



1943

1966

1985

2020



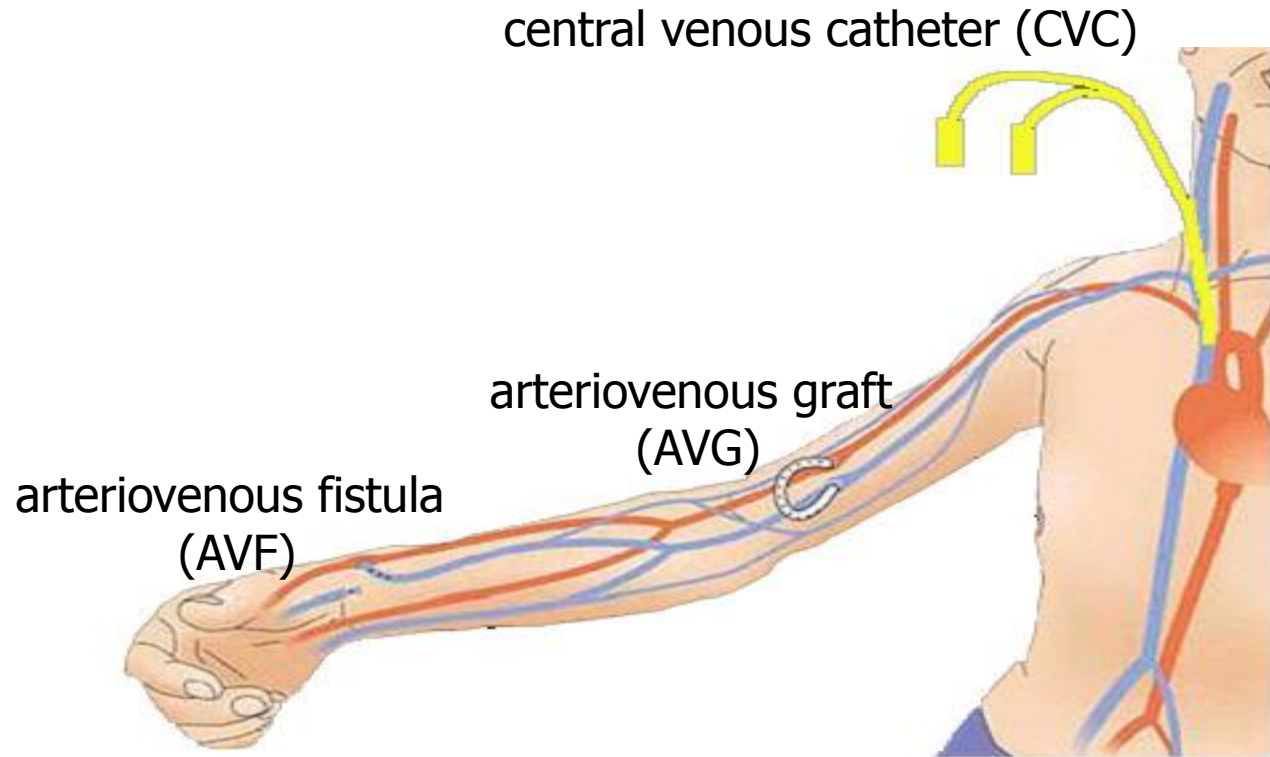
Brescia, Cimino, Appel

RCAVF: still the best option for most patients

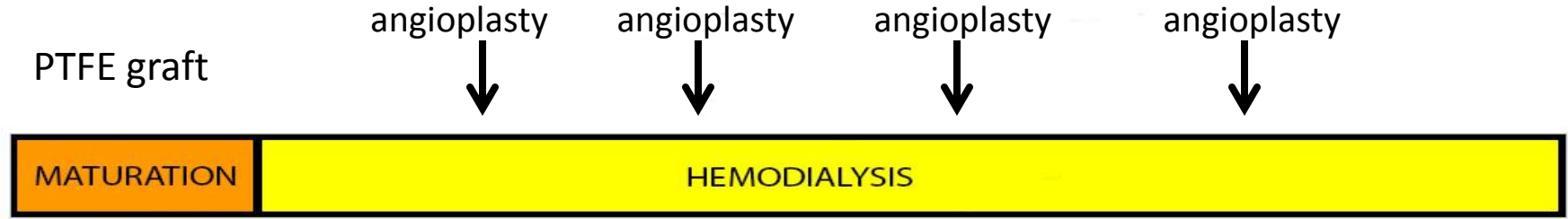


.....but with a high burden for patients !

Current options for vascular access



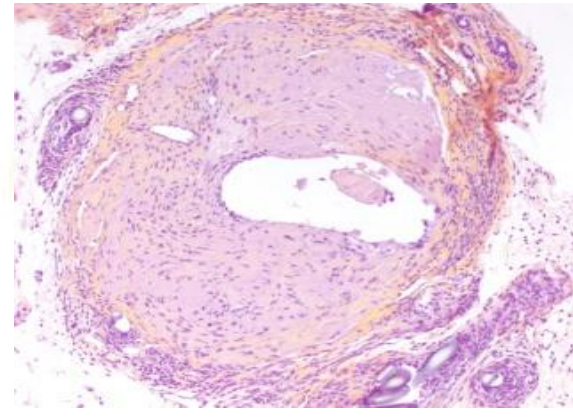
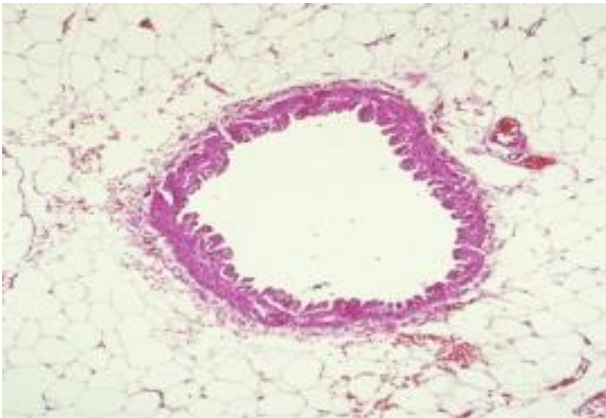
PTFE versus AVF interventions



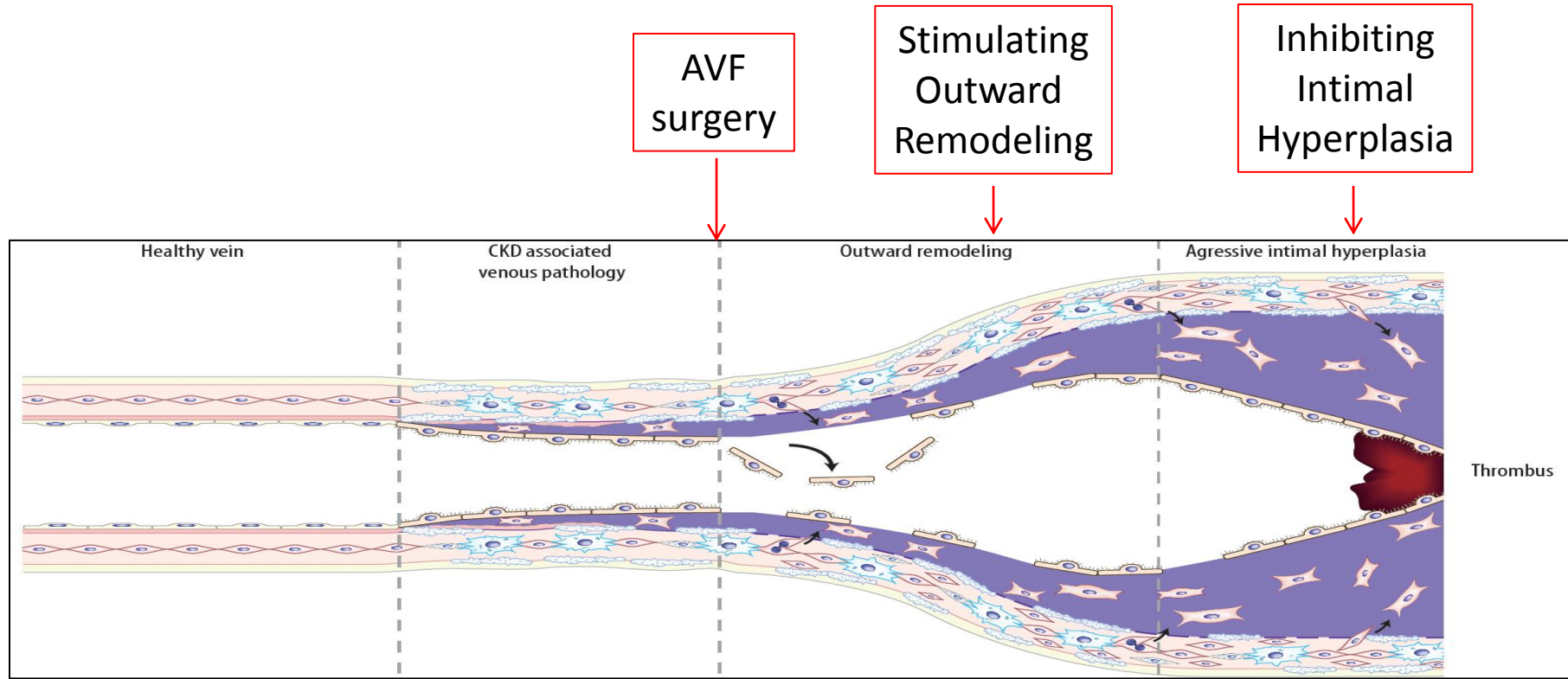
AV Fistula

30-50 % of AVF fail to mature !

Improving AV-access durability remains a battle against nature

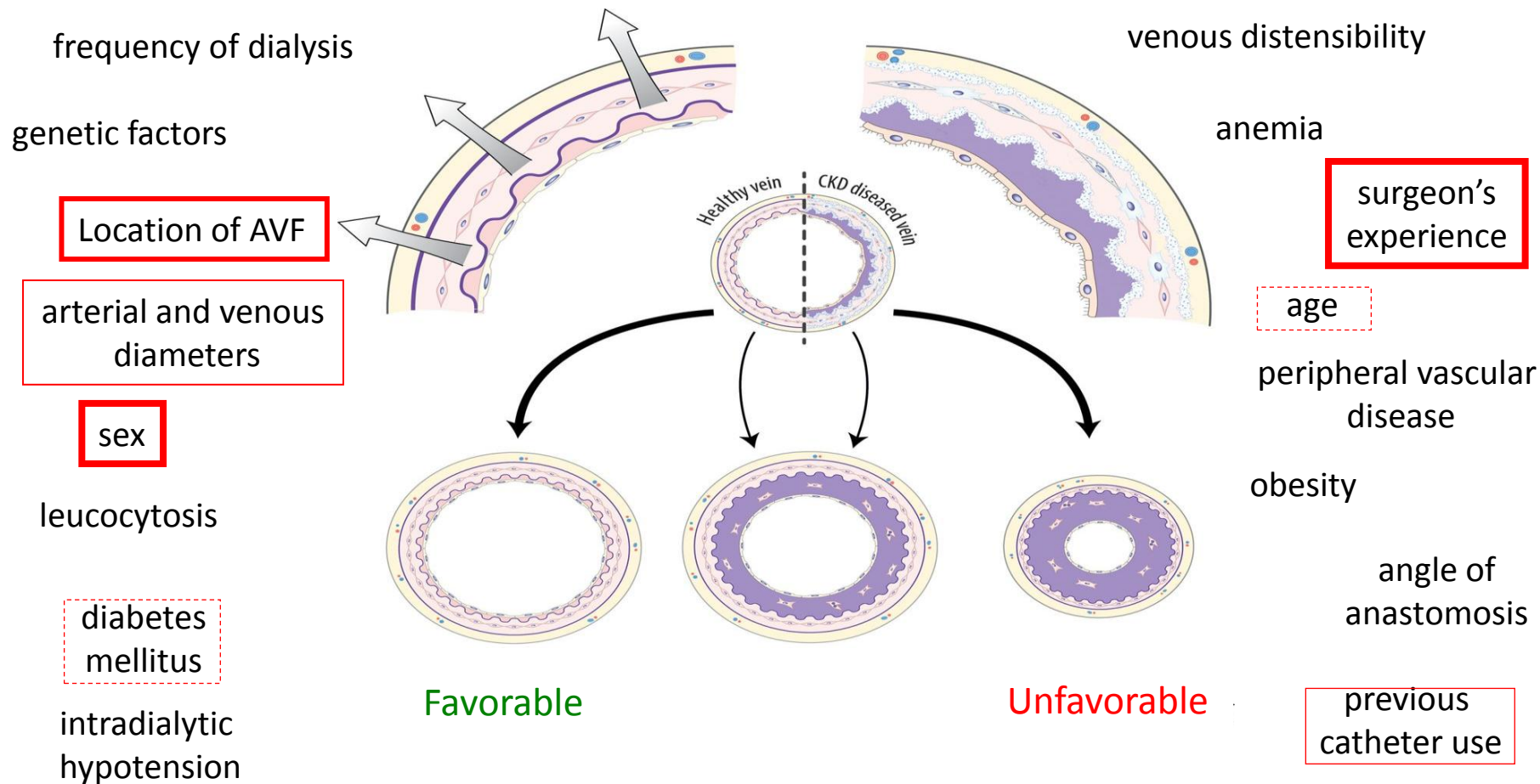


Vascular response upon AVF surgery



Journey of a cephalic vein in a hemodialysis patient

Determinants of AVF maturation



Non-maturation is an important limitation of AVFs

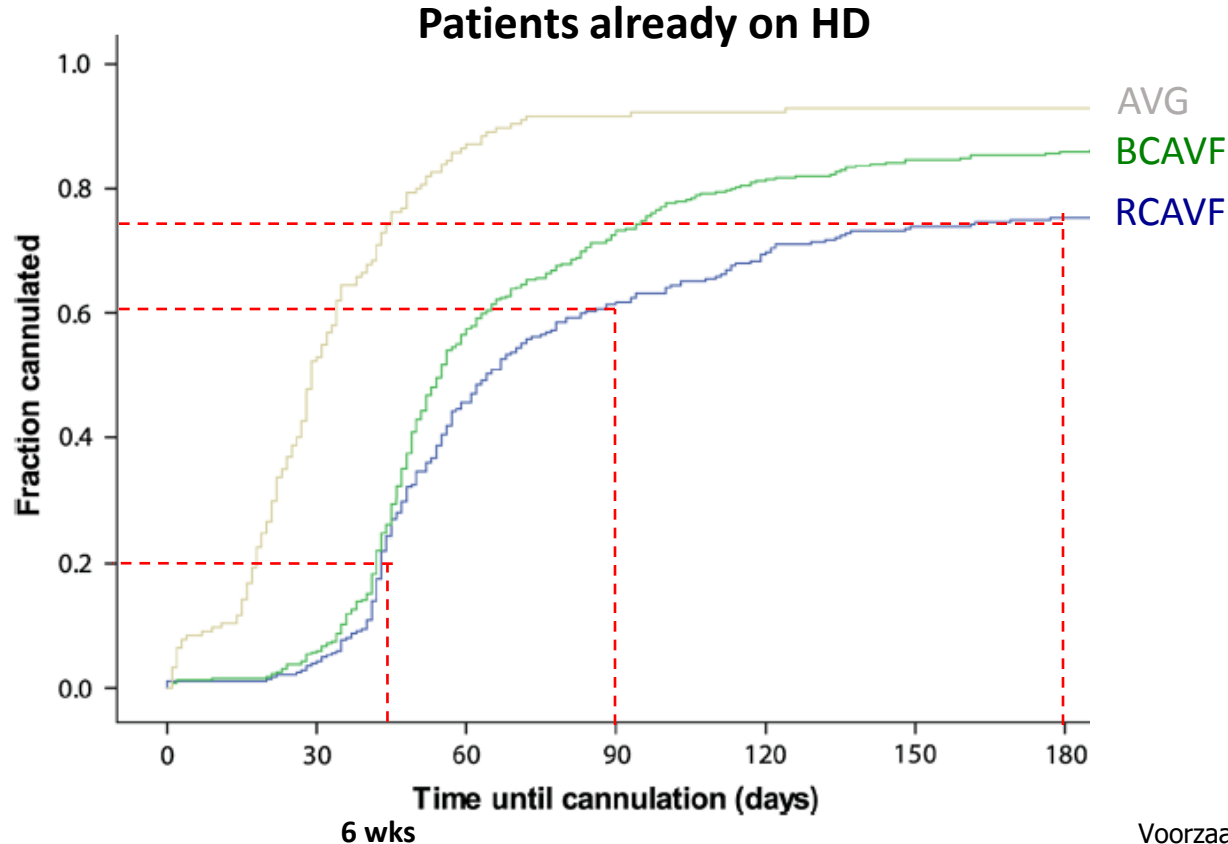
Retrospective, multicenter cohort study in the Netherlands (n = 1221)

Timing of VA surgery for VA configurations

VA configuration (n) n = 1605	On HD at time of VA creation				First access for patient
	Yes	No but started within 3 months	No start	after 3 months or never	
RCAVF (663)	44.8% (297)	16.6% (110)	38.6% (256)		89.9% (596)
BCAVF (547)	56.5% (309)	17.4% (95)	26.1% (143)		62.9% (344)
BBAVF (152)	76.3% (116)	8.6% (13)	15.1% (23)		46.1% (70)
AVG (243)	65.8% (160)	18.1% (44)	16.0% (39)		46.5% (113)

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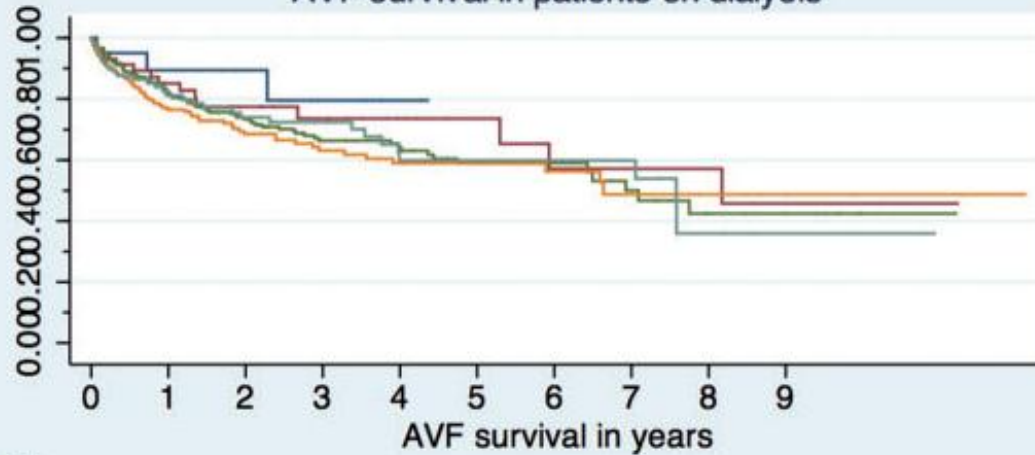
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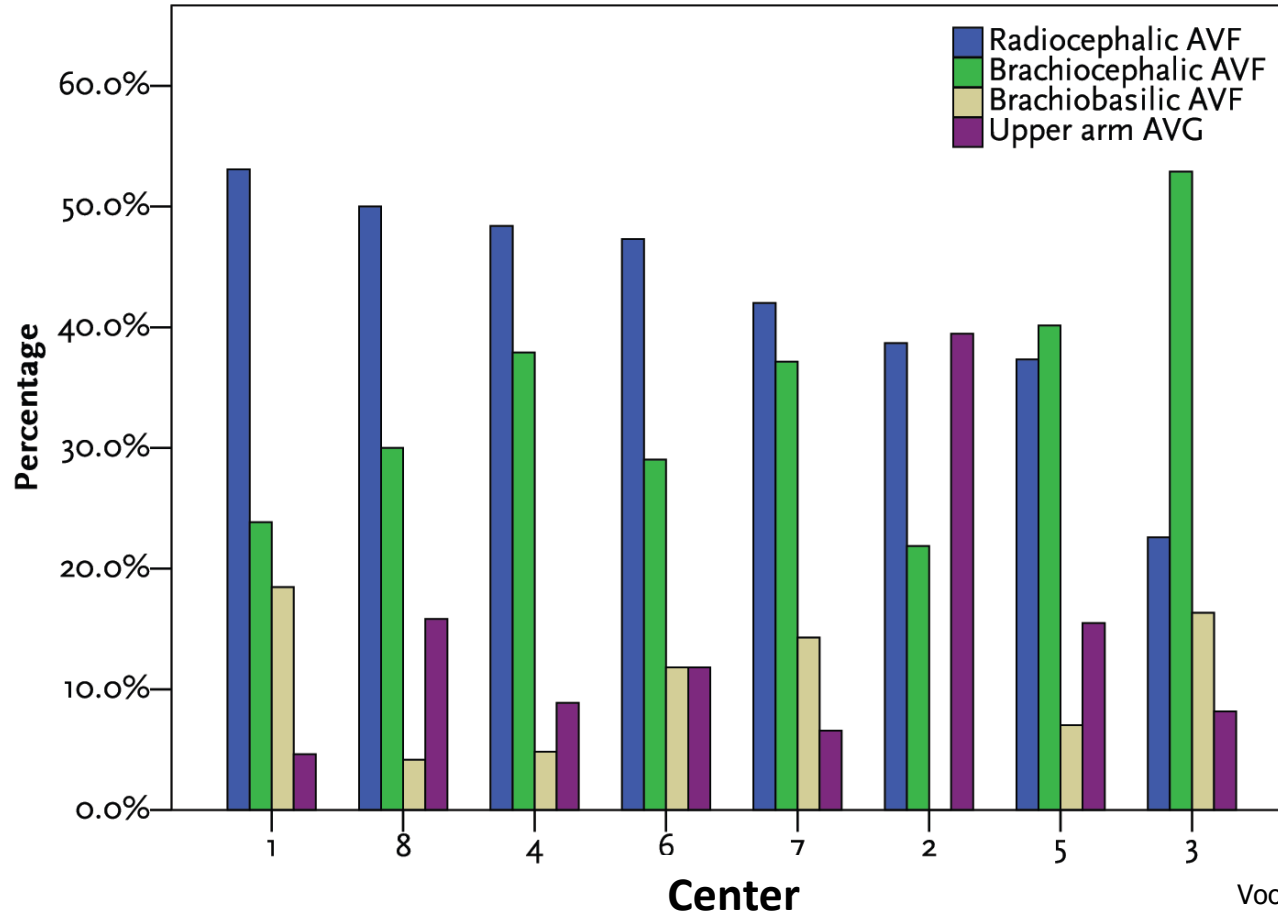
Early cannulation of AVF might be safe

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AVF survival in patients on dialysis



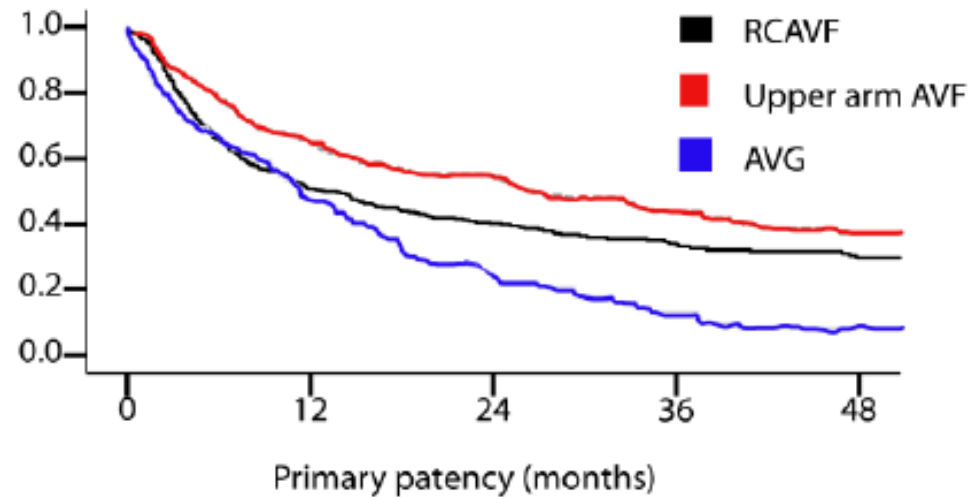
Large differences in VA configurations between centers



Center effect of AVF unassisted maturation

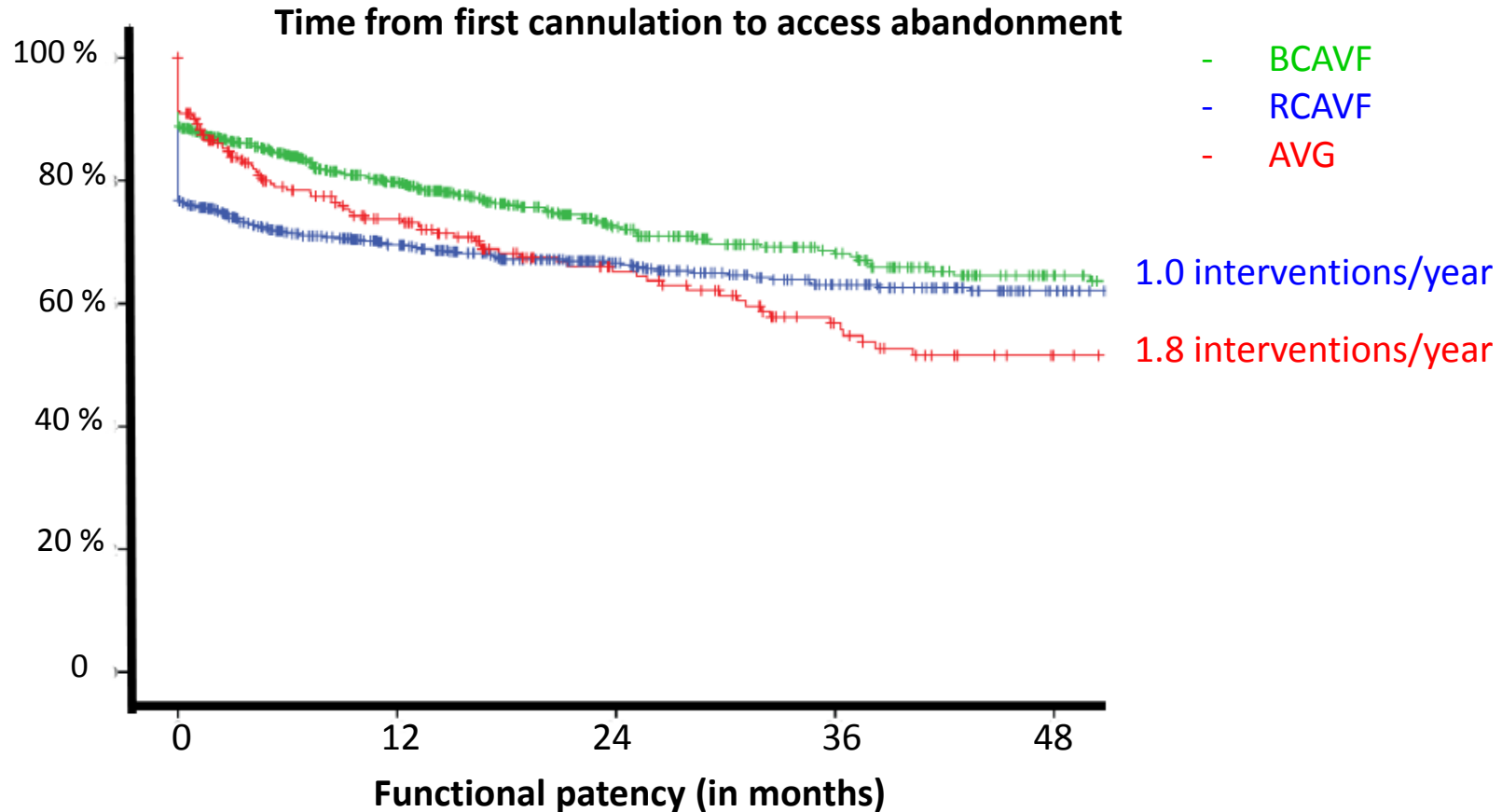
Hospital	RCAVF	BB/BCAVF	AVG
1	50%	61%	75%
2	60%	76%	97%
3	62%	80%	90%
4	69%	78%	89%
5	48%	33%	73%
6	70%	70%	100%
7	59%	77%	95%
8	67%	74%	88%

Primary patency of arteriovenous access conduits



Excluded non-matured access

Functional patency is comparable between AVF and AVG

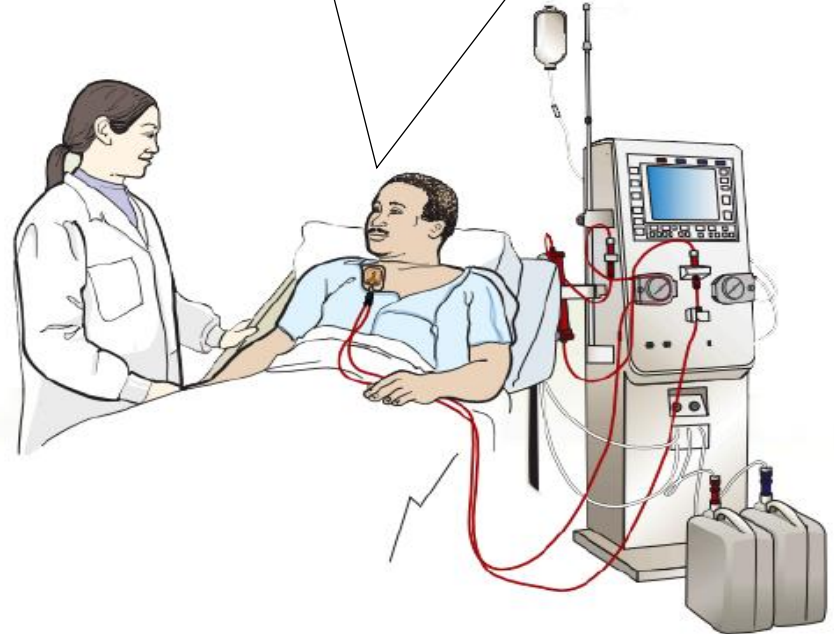


Sometimes different perspectives of doctors and patients

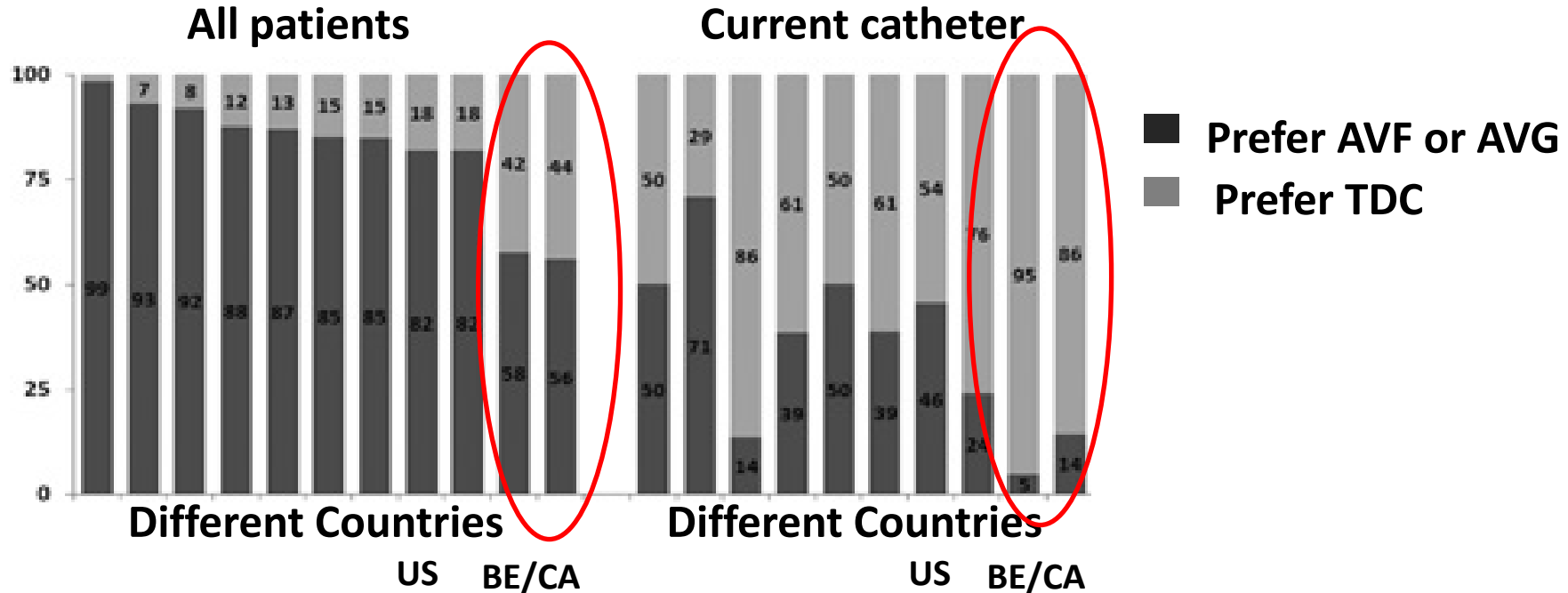
*According to our guidelines,
you need an AVF*



*I like my CVC,
experienced no infections,
How about maturation failure of AVFs?*

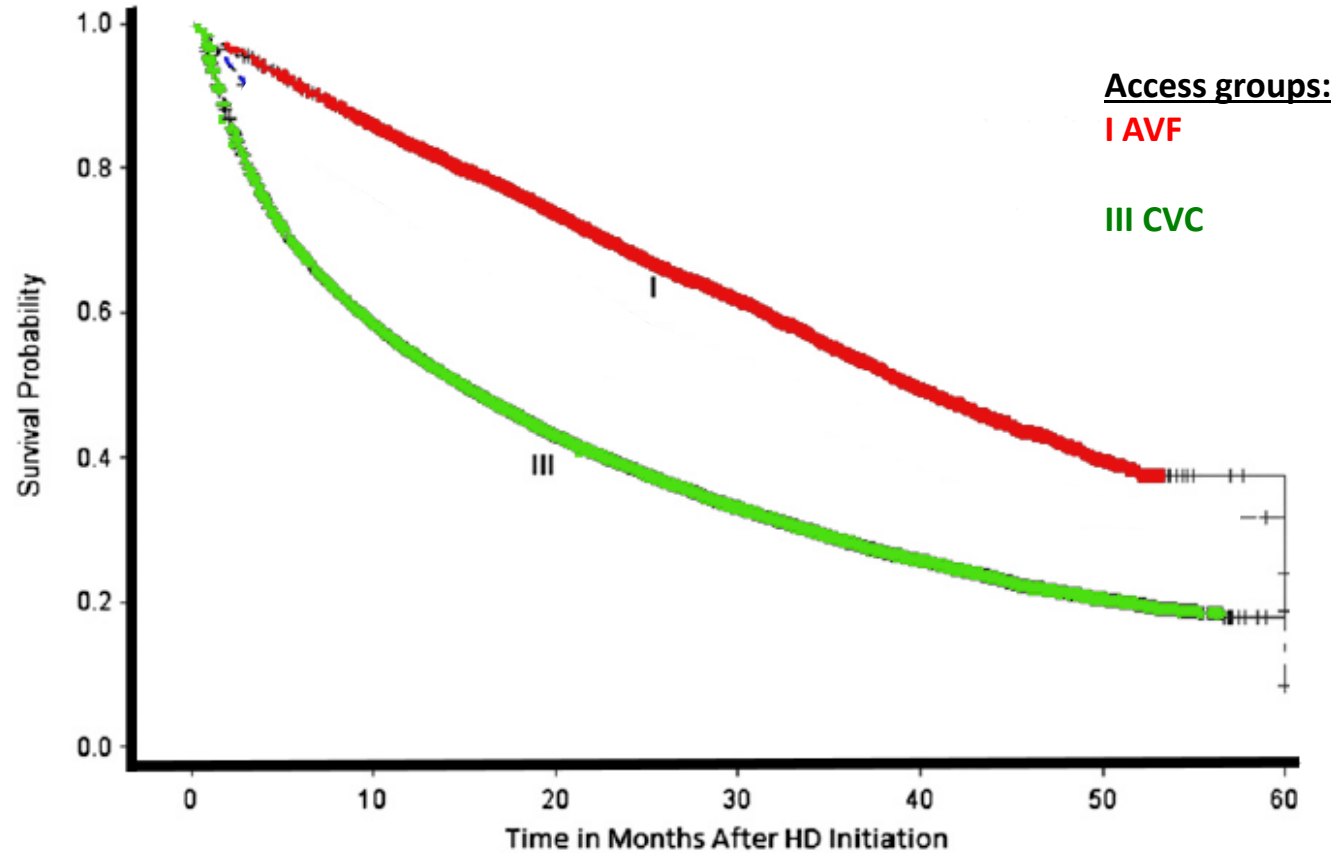


Patient preferences for vascular access



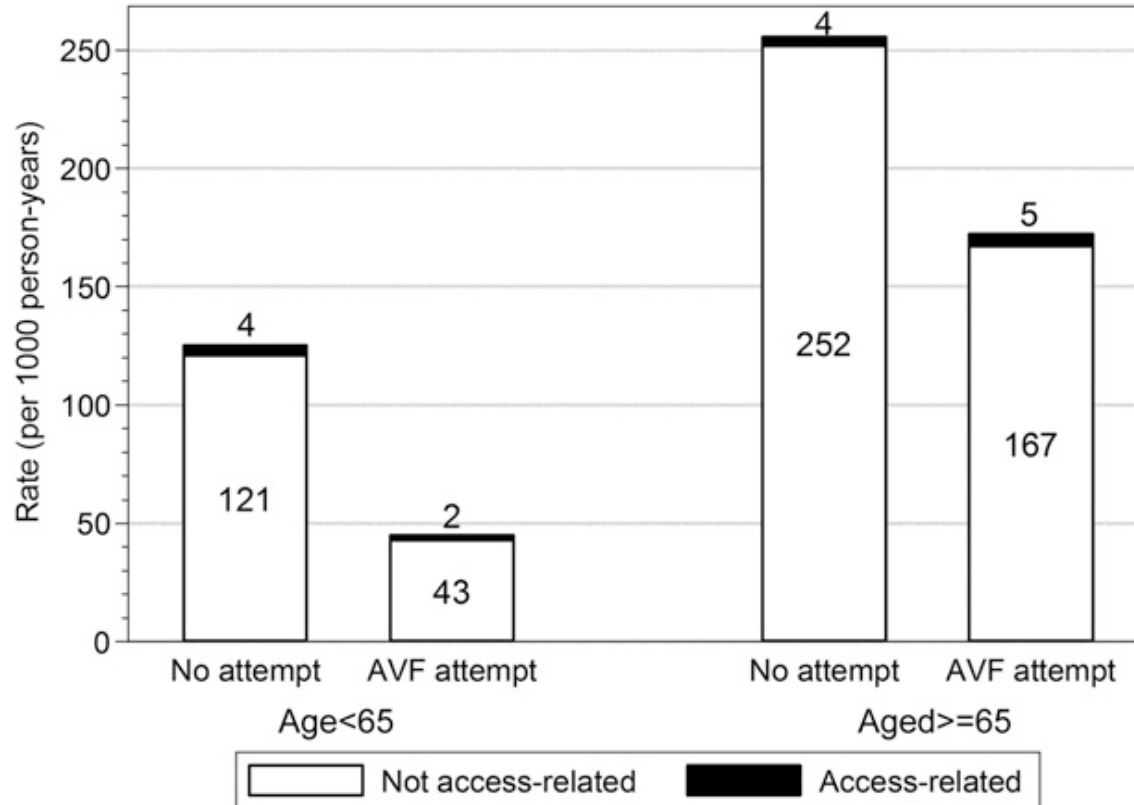
- Patient preferences for the type of vascular access varies across countries
 - Influenced by the history of current catheter use

Increased mortality of patients with CVC mainly relates to patient factors

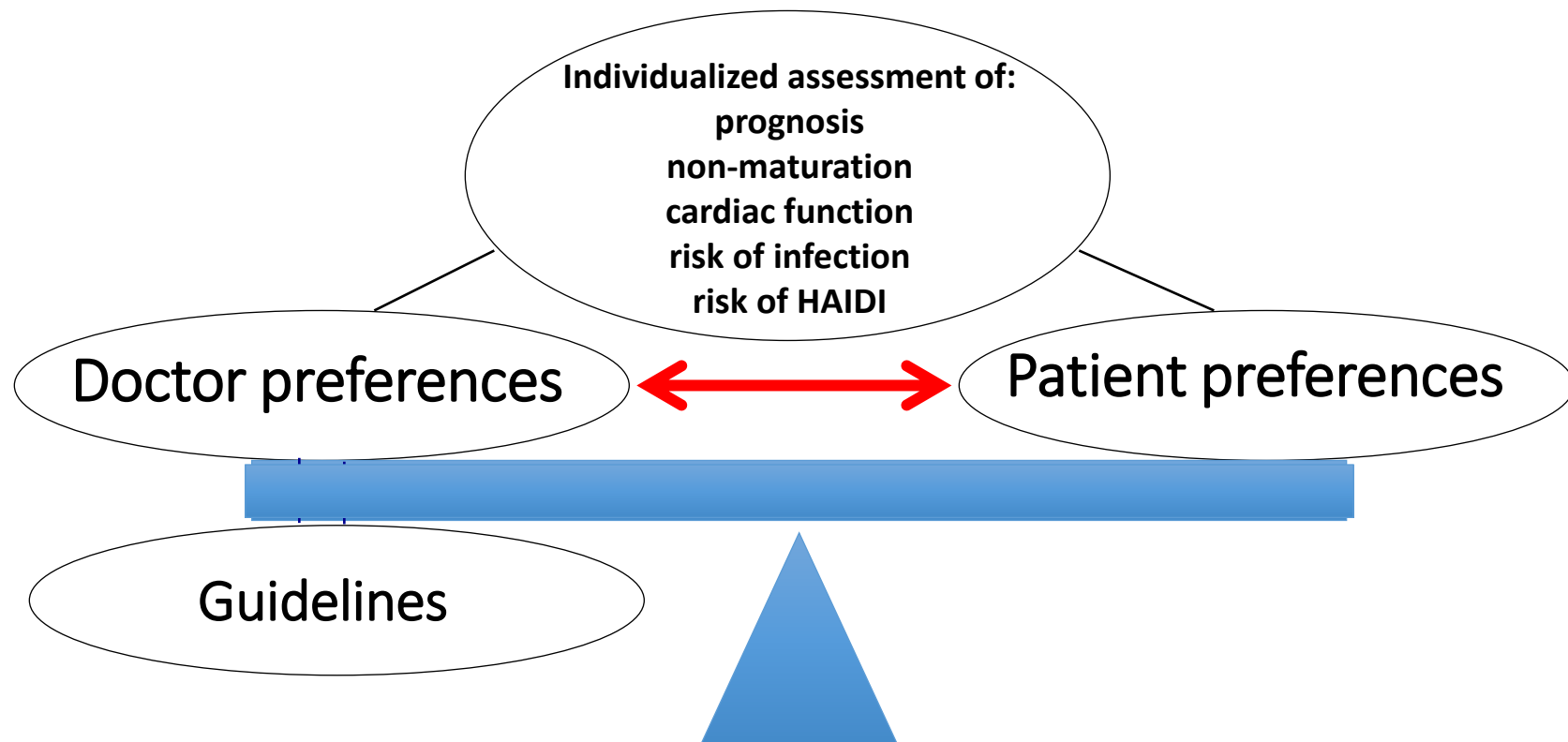


Vascular access-related mortality is low (2.3%)

Canadian retrospective cohort study of 3168 patients



Individualized shared decision about preferred vascular access



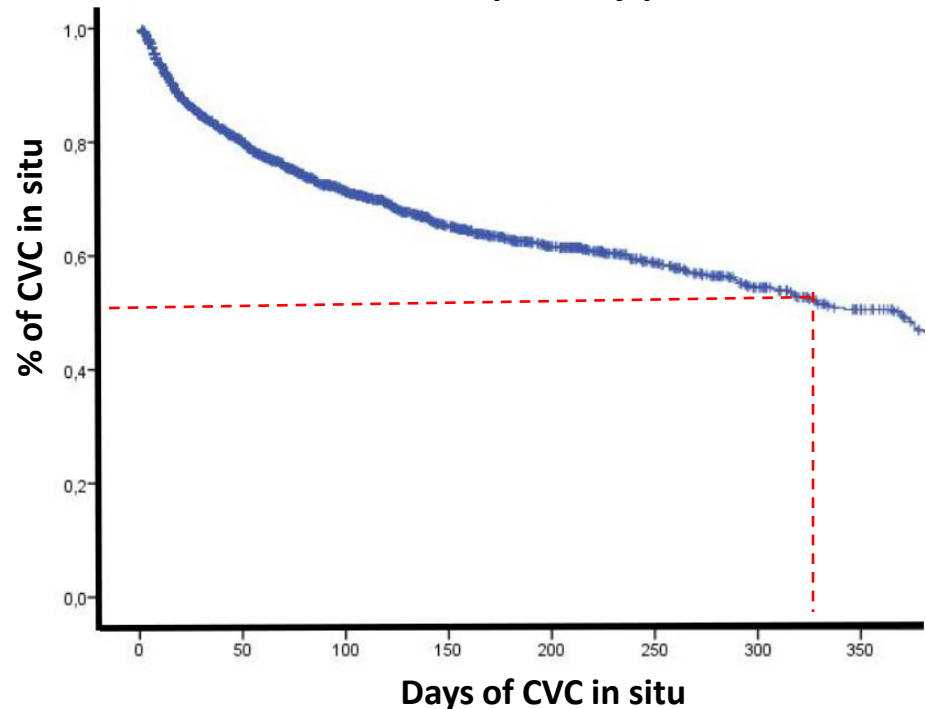
CVC functionality

Ducatho study (n= 1600 patients)

Retrospective, observational cohort study
12 HD centers in The Netherlands



Time to removal of CVC because of infection or patency problem

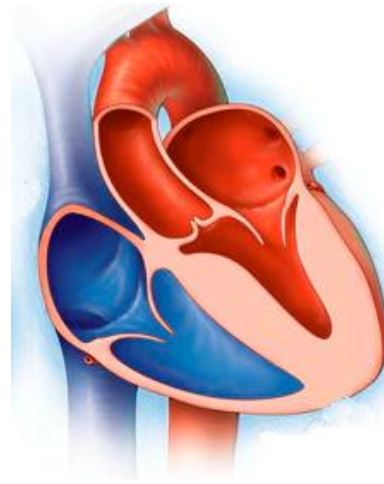


RCT on optimal vascular access in elderly with prognosis < 2 years

Population	Patients of ≥ 70 years or older who have a life expectancy of ≤ 2 years (i.e. $\leq 50\%$ chance of surviving 2 years) and who are expected to start hemodialysis within 3 months or who have started hemodialysis treatment with a central venous catheter in the past 3 months
Intervention	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Placement of an arteriovenous graft2. Placement of a permanent central venous catheter
Comparison	Creation of an autologous arteriovenous fistula (as suggested by current guidelines)
Outcome	<p>Primary outcome: The number of interventions required for each person-year of hemodialysis treatment</p> <p>Secondary outcomes: Patient-reported outcome measures (KDQOL-36 measured every 3 months and SF-VAQ measured every month in the first year of the study), access-related health care costs, access-related complications, days in hospital, and mortality</p>

....and what to do with the AVF after successful kidney transplantation ?

Do you know which of your transplant patients still have a functioning AVF ?



Risk of return to hemodialysis

LVH and associated morbidity

Case

Male, 42 years old.

IgA nephropathy

HD vintage 3 years

Living-related kidney transplantation 2 years ago

MM 0-1-0, no episodes of rejection

Creatinine clearance 60 ml/min, 0.2 g proteinuria

Brachiocephalic AVF 2200 ml/min

No cardiac symptoms

How do you approach the AVF?

- a) Leave as it is
- b) Banding
- c) Elective surgical ligation

What is in the guidelines about VA after kidney transplantation ?

K-DOQI guidelines on vascular access:

Nothing

K-DOQI guidelines on transplantation:

Nothing

European best practice guideline on vascular access:

Nothing

European Society for Vascular Surgery guidelines on vascular access:

Routine closure of a functioning vascular access after successful kidney transplantation is not recommended

Survey on vascular access management after kidney Tx

8 International Nephrology and Vascular Surgery Societies participated

40-year-old male

Good kidney transplant prognosis:

2 years after living donor kidney transplantation, no rejection, eGFR: 50 mL/min/1.73 m²

Cardiac status: **preserved left ventricular ejection fraction (50%)**

Current brachiocephalic AVF, left-sided, flow: **1000 mL/min**

Asymptomatic with regard to the AVF

Vein mapping right arm: suitable for both radiocephalic and brachiocephalic AVF creation

65-year old

LVEF 30%

2500 ml/ml

How do you approach the AVF?

Strong preference to maintain
the AVF

Tendency to maintain the AVF

Tendency to ligate the AVF

Strong preference for AVF
ligation

Survey on vascular access management after kidney Tx

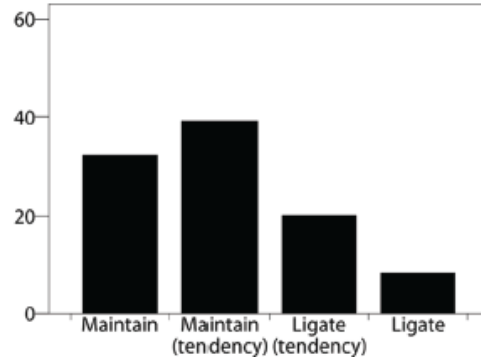
585 respondents

Specialty	Surgery	319 (54.5%)
	Nephrology	220 (37.6%)
	General nephrology	163 (27.9%)
	Interventional nephrology	57 (9.7%)
	Radiology	28 (4.8%)
	Other	18 (3.1%)
Affiliation	Academic hospital	326 (55.7%)
	Affiliated hospital	169 (28.9%)
	Other	90 (15.4%)
Years of experience		13 (7; 20)
VA treatment decisions in the past year		80 (27; 265)
Routine VA surveillance after kidney transplantation	Yes	169 (28.9%)
	No	384 (65.6%)
	Unknown	32 (5.5%)
Continent	Africa	7 (1.2%)
	Asia	49 (8.4%)
	Australia	28 (4.8%)
	Europe	372 (63.6%)
	North America	109 (18.6%)
	South America	20 (3.4%)

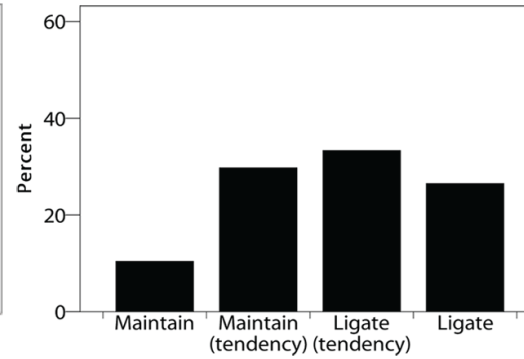
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No consensus on physicians' preferences

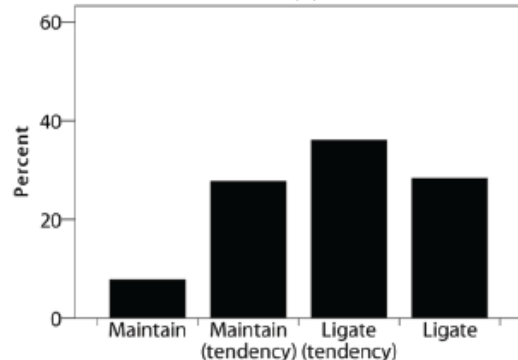
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LVEF 50%



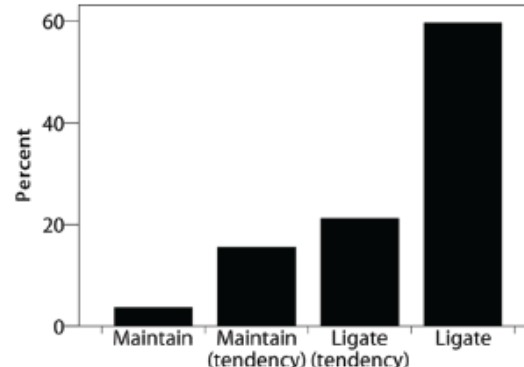
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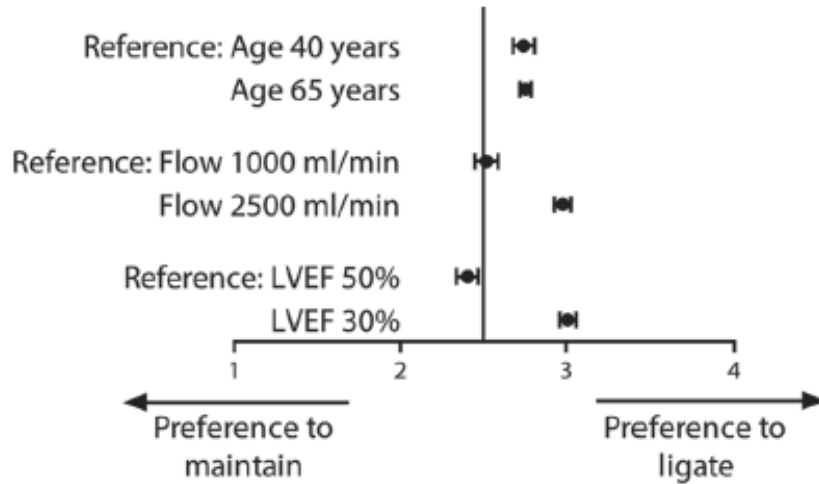


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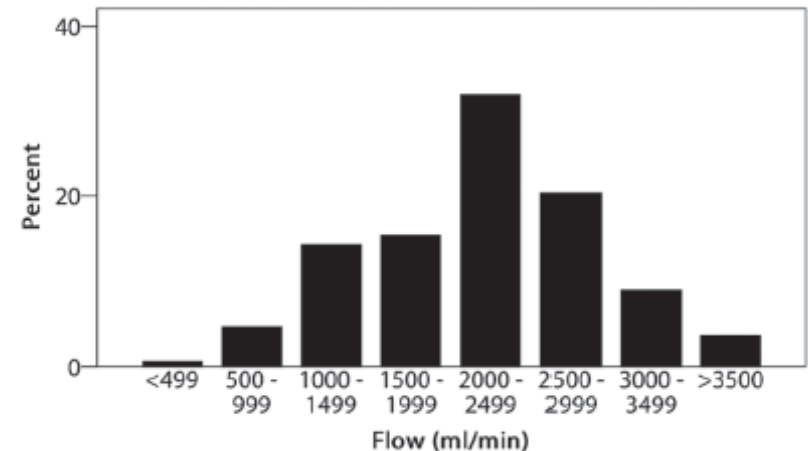
Survey on vascular access management after kidney Tx

Routine AVF surveillance after Tx was performed by 29% of physicians



Reference is:
40 years
flow of 1000 mL/min,
preserved LVEF of 50%

Mean cutt-off 2038 ml/min



Relevant questions on this issue

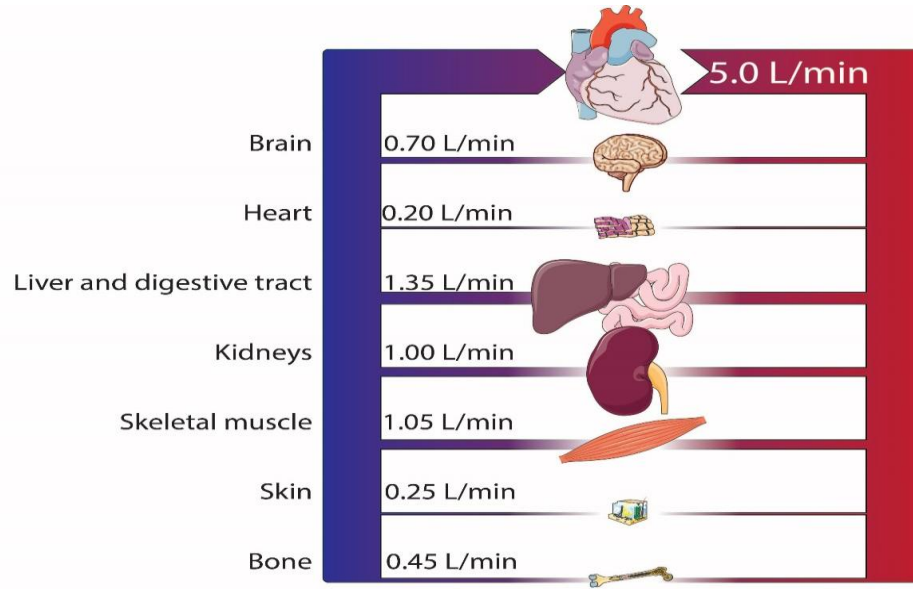
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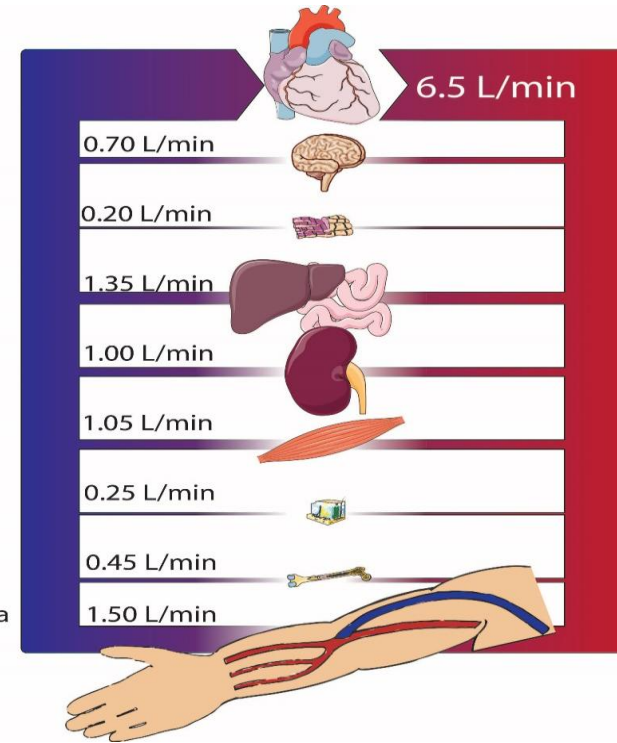
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What are the changes that the transplant recipient will return to hemodialysis?

Effect of AVF on cardiac output

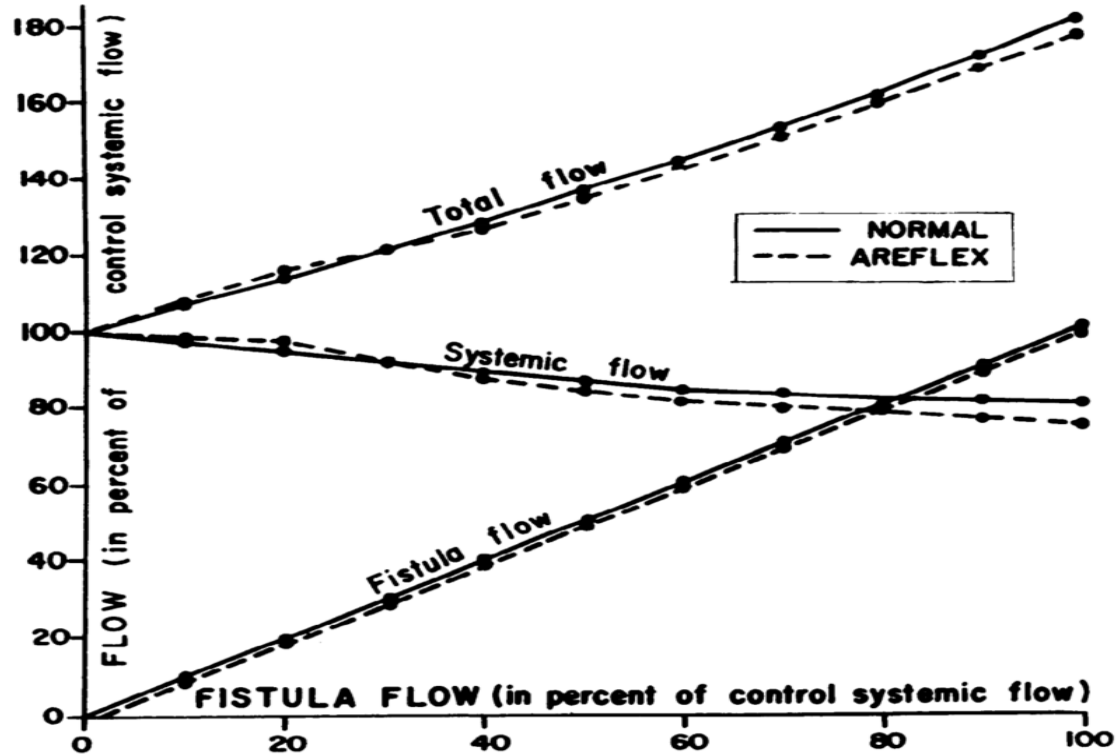


AV fistula

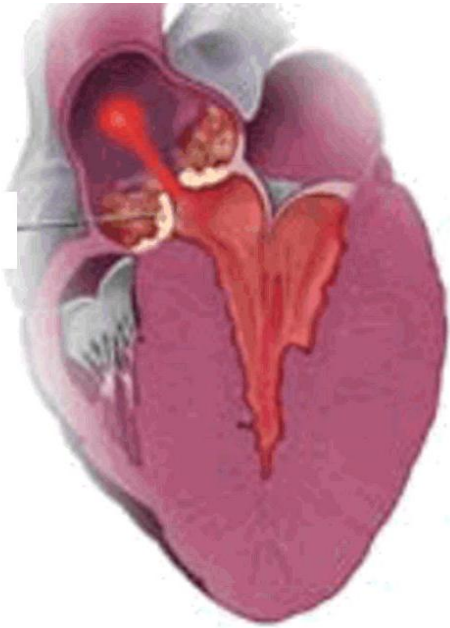


Acute cardiac adaptation

20 dogs with AVF



Cardiac effects of AVF in patients with ESRD



50 % has LVH

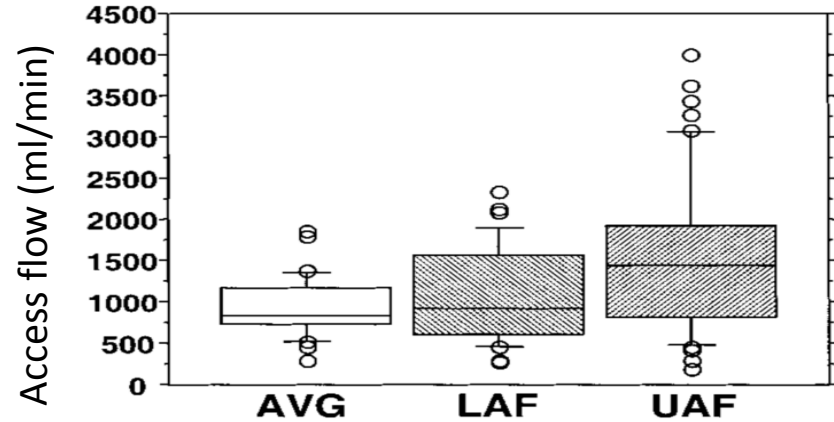
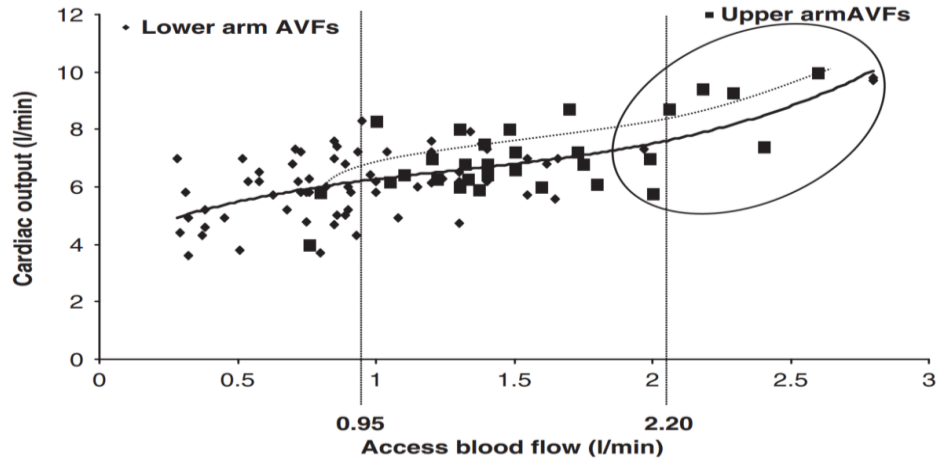


75 % has hypertension



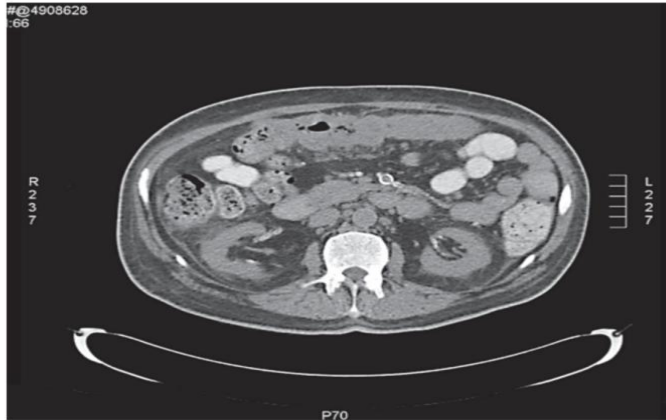
50 % has coronary artery disease

Access flow and cardiac output



Systemic effects of AVF

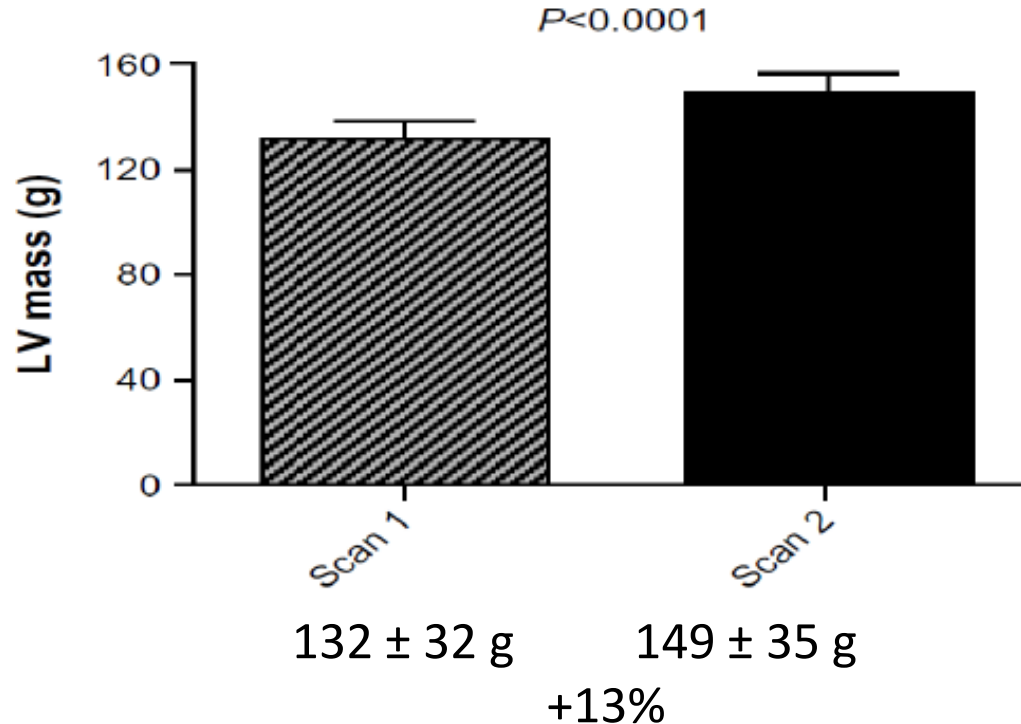
- “Global steal syndrome”
 - Reduced systemic blood flow
 - High of pseudo-normal cardiac output
- Often unrecognized: no wet symptoms
- Sometimes symptoms at contralateral arm
- Reversible after AVF ligation



Increased LV mass following AVF creation

MRI scan 1: pre-surgery; scan 2: + 6 months

Mean brachial artery flow: 1.158 ± 0.44 L/min



AVF is associated with LVH after kidney transplantation

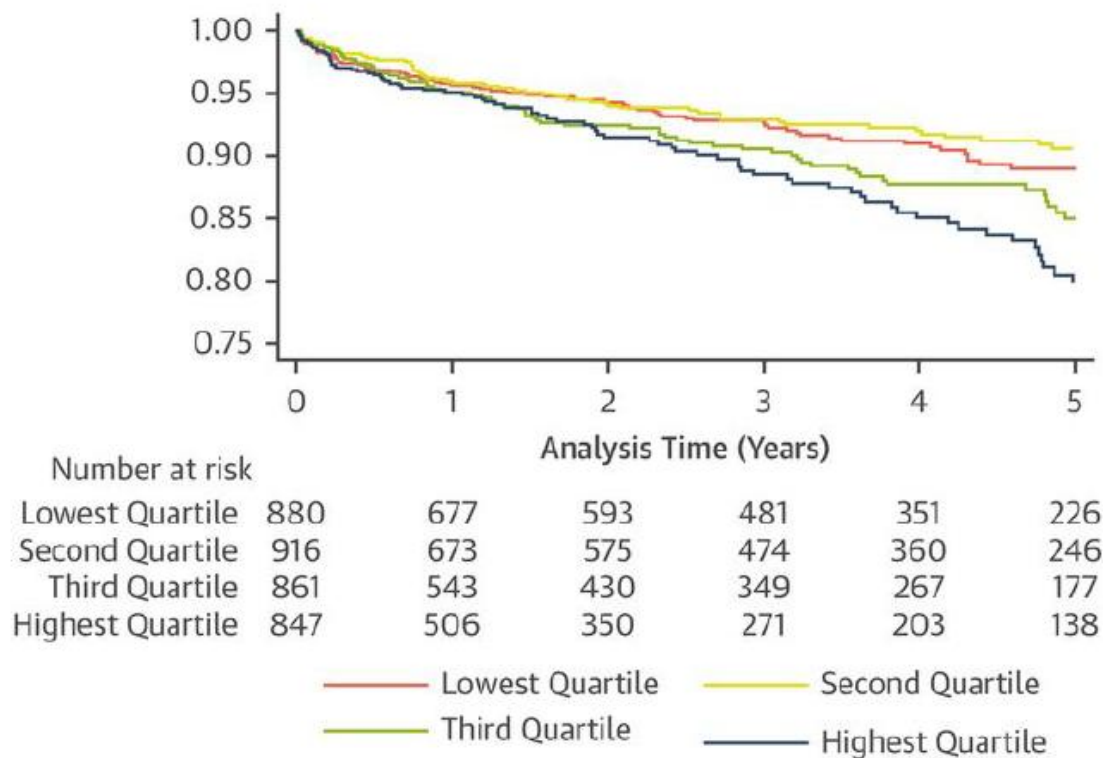
162 transplant recipients, 67 with functioning AVF

Independent variable	Prevalence of LVH (%)			
	LVH based on LVM indexed for BSA		LVH based on LVM indexed for height ^{2,7}	
	OR	P	OR	P
Age (per year)	1.04 (1.01–1.07)	0.009	1.05 (1.01–1.09)	0.02
Duration of pretransplant dialysis therapy (per year)	1.16 (0.98–1.39)	0.09	1.30 (1.00–1.69)	0.04
eGFR (per mL/min/1.73 m ²)	0.98 (0.96–1.00)	0.03	—	
BMI (per 1 kg/m ²)	—		1.22 (1.09–1.36)	<0.001
Patent vascular access	2.39 (1.19–4.76)	0.01	2.52 (0.99–6.47)	0.05

Data shown as means \pm 95% CI. LVH: left ventricular hypertrophy, LVM: left ventricular mass, BSA: body surface area, eGFR: estimated glomerular filtration rate, and BMI: body mass index.

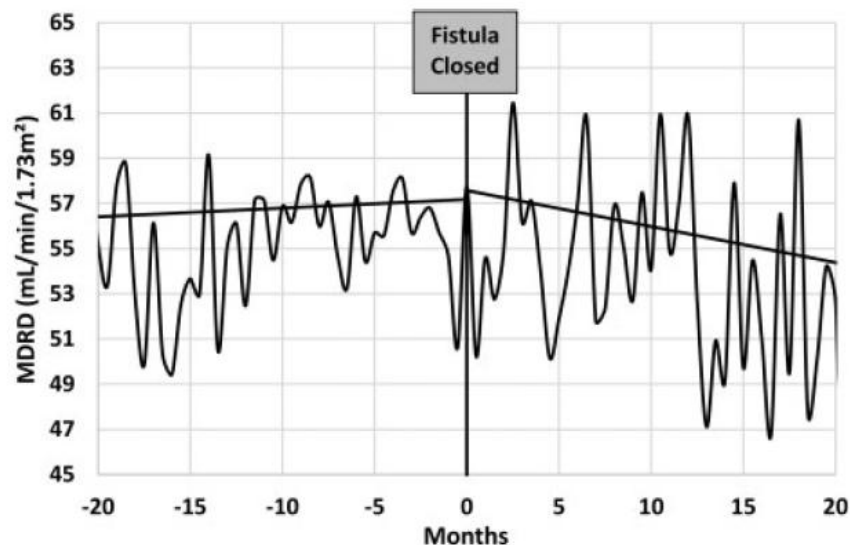


LV mass correlate with cardiovascular mortality



Conflicting data on effect of AVF ligation on renal allograft function

N = 200



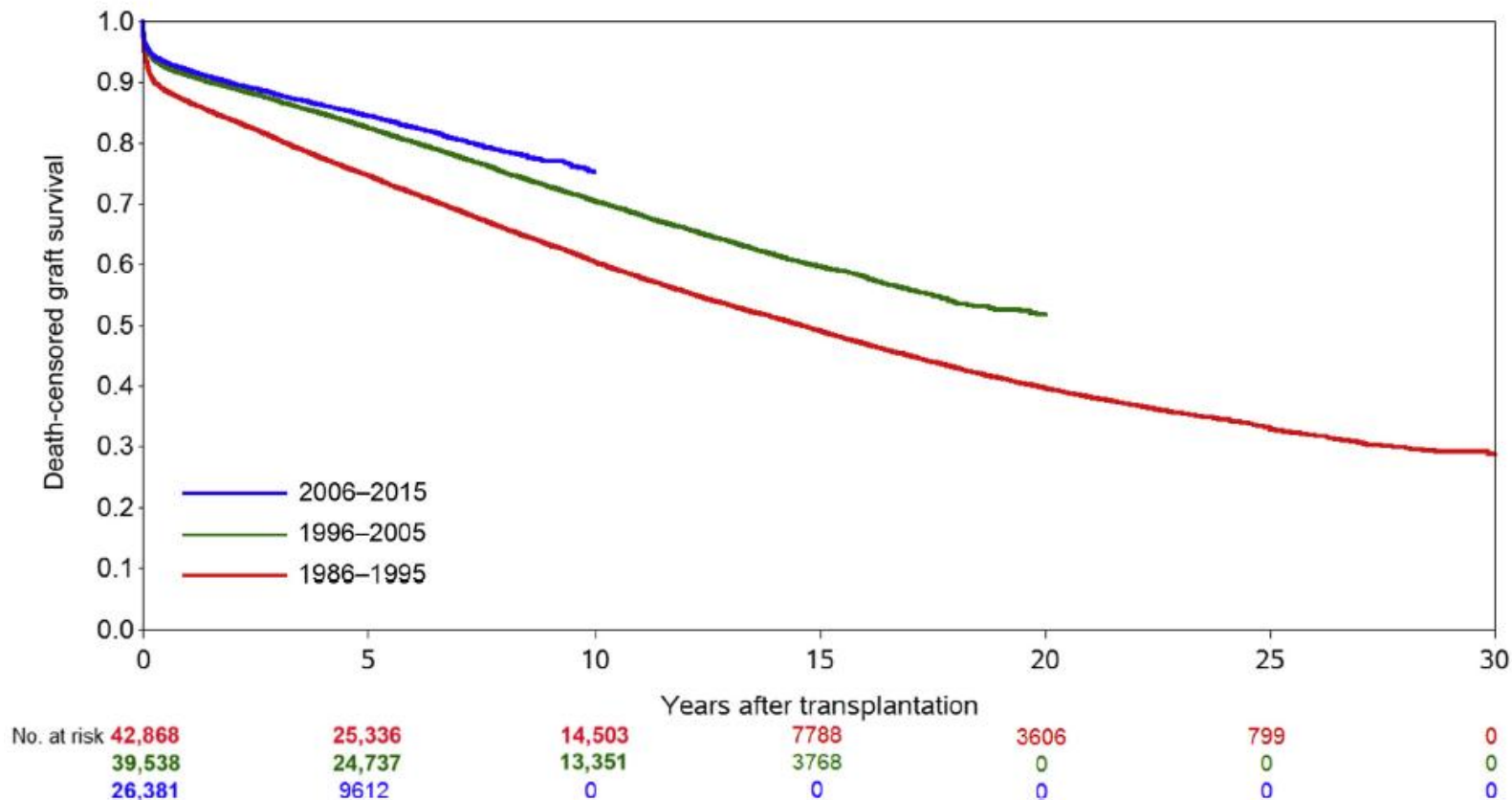
N = 300

Variable	Arteriovenous Fistula at 1 Year		P Value
	Functional (n = 239)	Nonfunctional (n = 72)	
Serum creatinine ($\mu\text{mol/L}$)	110 \pm 38	99 \pm 30	.046
eGFR (mL/min/1.73 m ²)	69 \pm 21	74 \pm 19	.047
eGFR <60 mL/min/1.73 m ² (%)	36.8	23.6	.038
5-year graft survival rate (%)	60.0	75.0	.045

Data are mean \pm SD or percentage.

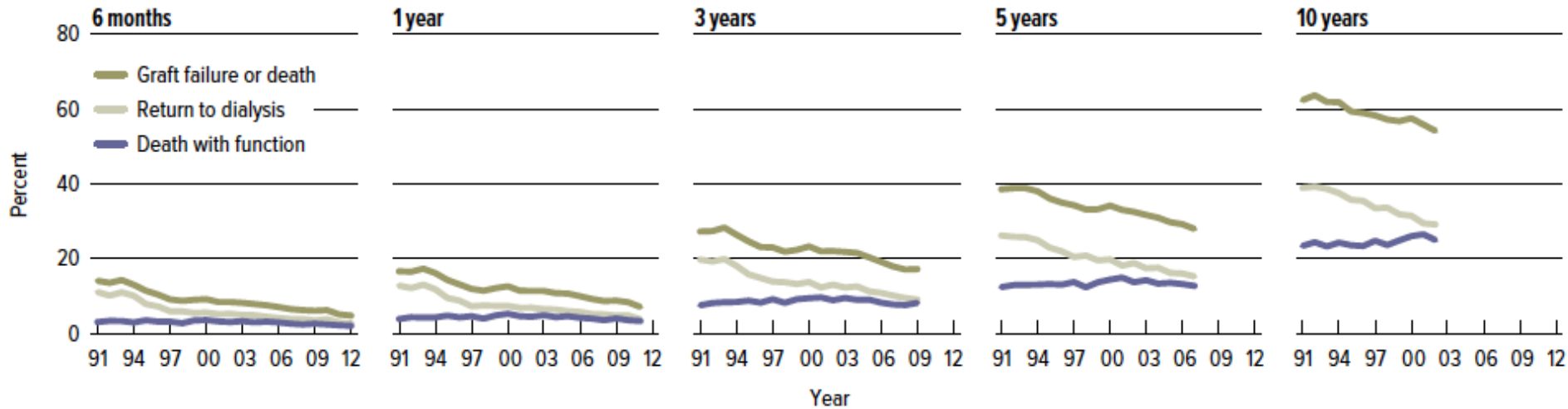
Renal allograft survival anno 2018

> 100.000 patients included



Transplant patients die more often with functioning allograft

Outcomes among adult transplant recipients: deceased donors

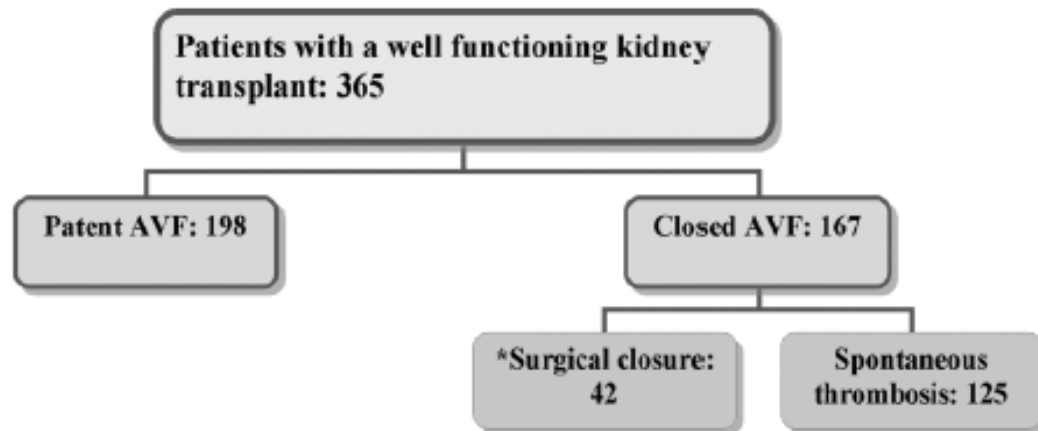


Change of still having a functional AVF at time of allograft failure

Long term fate of AVF after kidney transplantation

Retrospective study Italy 1994-2004

365 patients with well functioning kidney transplant and functioning AVF at time of transplant



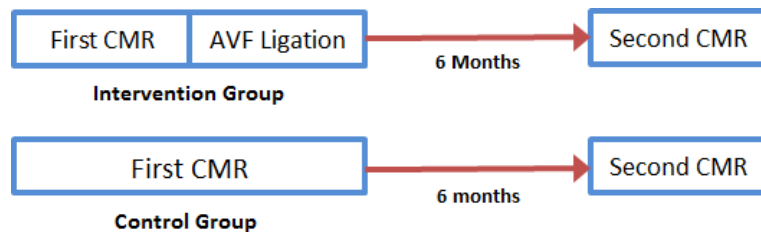
*Causes of surgical closure aneurysm in 26 patients (61%), ischemic syndrome in nine patients (22%), infections in two patients (4%), oedema in two patients (4%), and an aesthetic reason in three patients (9%).

RCT on AVF ligation after successful kidney transplantation

- **Study Design:** Open-label, multi-centre, investigator-initiated randomised controlled trial
- **Inclusion Criteria:** Adult (≥ 18 years) renal transplant recipients
 ≥ 12 months post successful transplant
 stable kidney function
 a persistent functioning AVF
 deemed at low risk of graft failure
- **Exclusion Criteria:** Contraindication to MRI scan;
 anticipated to require hemodialysis within 24 months.

RCT on AVF ligation after successful kidney transplantation

- **Procedure:**



63 participants.

- **Primary Outcome:**

Change in LV mass at 6 months (MRI)

- **Secondary Outcomes:**

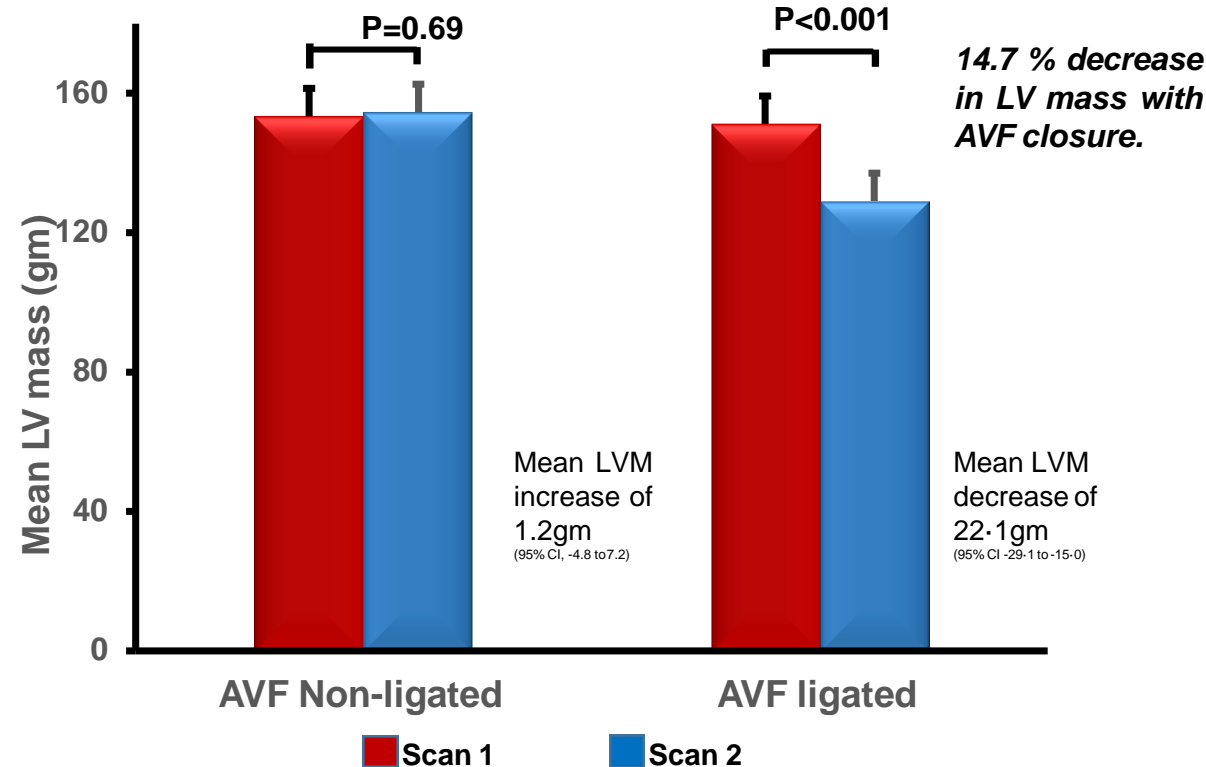
Changes in atrial and ventricular volumes
pulmonary artery velocity
change in NT-pro BNP level.

Baseline characteristics

Variable	All Participants	AVF ligation arm	Control arm	P value
N	63	32	31	
Age (years)	59.9 ± 10.6	59.3 ± 11.8	60.4 ± 9.5	0.70
Males {n , (%)}	42 (67)	20 (62.5)	22 (70.9)	0.25
AVF creation to first scan (months)	126.5 ± 92.4	113.3 ± 86.5	138.7 ± 99.4	0.32
→ Transplantation until first scan (months)	103.8 ± 86.0	92.3 ± 71.7	115.0 ± 97.9	0.34
Diabetes mellitus, n (%)	18 (28.5)	9 (28.1)	9 (29)	0.83
Hypertension, n (%)	48 (76.1)	25 (78.1)	23 (71.8)	0.25
Smoking, n (%)	16 (25.3)	7 (21.8)	9 (29)	0.32
Peripheral Vascular Disease, n (%)	4 (6.3)	2 (6.2)	2 (6.4)	0.83
Prior ischaemic heart disease, n (%)	6 (9.5)	4 (12.5)	2 (6.4)	0.36
Location of AVF, n (%)				
• Forearm AVF	30 (47.6)	14 (43.7)	16 (51.6)	0.59
• Upper arm AVF	33 (52.3)	18 (56.2)	15 (48.3)	

Data are mean ± SD

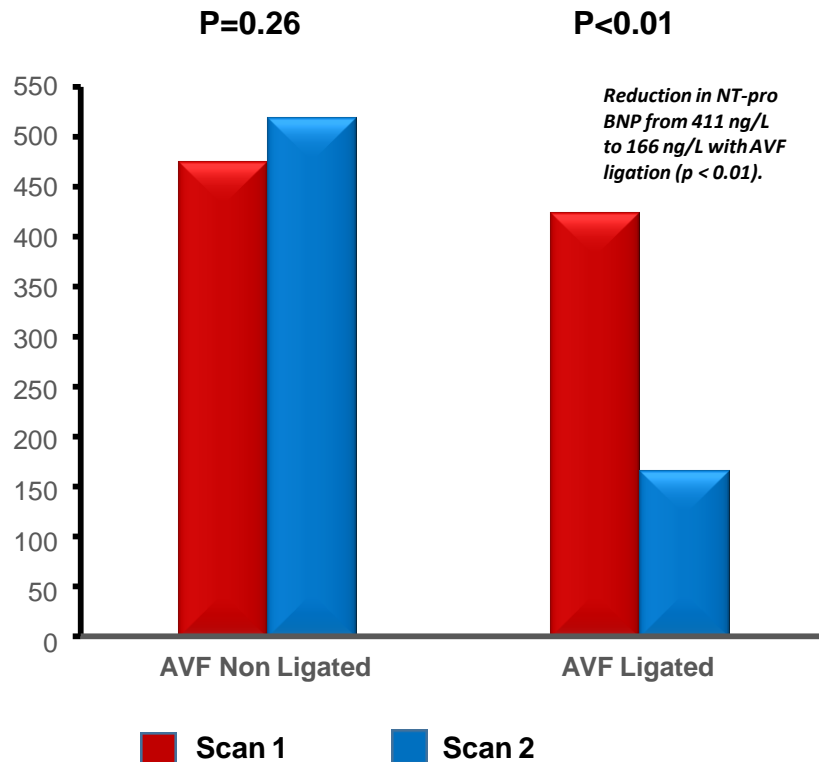
AVF ligation result in reduction in LV mass



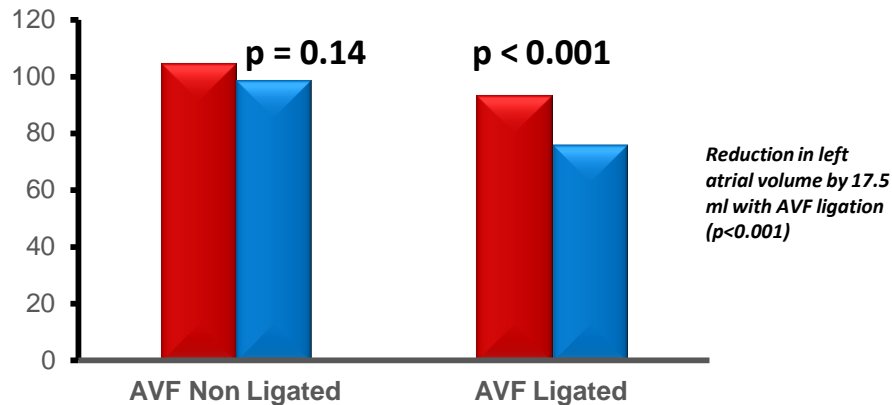
Indexed to BSA, the LV mass reduction was 11.8 gm/m² (95 % CI 15.2 to 7.8, p<0.001)

Secondary endpoints

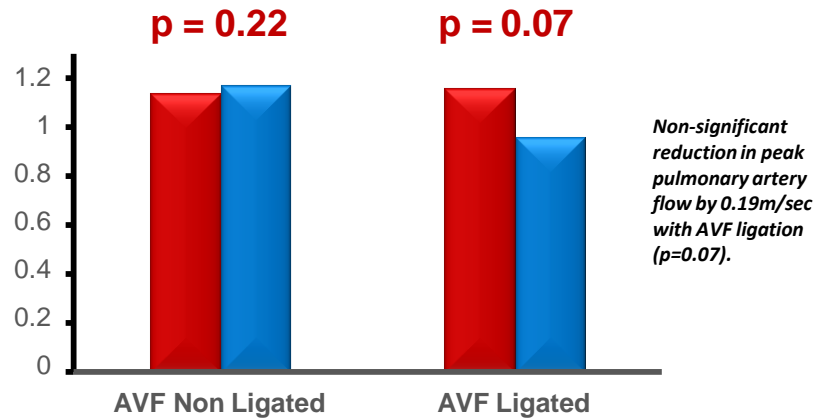
NT-pro BNP Level



Left Atrial Volume (ml)



Pulmonary Artery peak velocity (m/sec)



Relevant questions on this issue

What is the cardiovascular burden of an AVF for the patient ?

Higher cardiac output, left ventricular hypertrophy

Lower blood pressure, effect on eGFR unclear

Could ligation or banding restore or prevent further damage to the heart?

Cardiac parameters: yes. Cardiovascular events, mortality: unknown

What is the likelihood of spontaneous occlusion of the AVF after transplantation?

$\pm 50\%$

What are the changes that the transplant recipient will return to hemodialysis?

Differs between patient and donor characteristics

Median death censored graft survival > 10 years

Recipients getting older and die more often with functioning allograft

Conclusions

- Arteriovenous fistulas are non-physiological
- Forearm fistula first, but the most appropriate VA depends on the patient's prognosis, co-morbidities and preferences
- AVF ligation results in a significant reduction in LV mass in Tx recipients



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Pilot RCT on CVC versus AVF in elderly patients

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Protocol

BMJ Open ACCESS HD pilot: A randomised feasibility trial Comparing Catheters with fistulas in Elderly patients Starting haemodialysis

- multi-center, parallel-arm, and open label.
- feasibility and safety of randomizing elderly patients (> 65 years) with end-stage kidney failure starting hemodialysis with a tunneled/non-tunneled catheter to one of the following vascular access strategies:
 - (a) attempt at fistula creation (intervention),
 - (b) continued use of a catheter (comparator).
- Estimated Enrollment: 100 patients
- Study Started in May 2016

Disappointing results of systemic interventions to promote AVF maturation

Fish oil or aspirin

No reduction in AVF failure at 12 mnths

JAMA Internal Medicine | [Original Investigation](#) 2017

Effect of Fish Oil Supplementation and Aspirin Use on Arteriovenous Fistula Failure in Patients Requiring Hemodialysis A Randomized Clinical Trial

Ashley B. Irish, MD; Andrea K. Viecelli, MD; Carmel M. Hawley, MD, MMedSci; Lai-Seong Hooi, MD; Elaine M. Pascoe, MBIostat; Peta-Anne Paul-Brent, BSc; Sunil V. Badve, MD; Trevor A. Mori, PhD; Alan Cass, MD, PhD; Peter G. Kerr, MD, PhD; David Voss, MD; Loke-Meng Ong, MD; Kevan R. Polkinghorne, MD, PhD; for the Omega-3 Fatty Acids (Fish Oils) and Aspirin in Vascular Access Outcomes in Renal Disease (FAVOURED) Study Collaborative Group

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Clopidogrel

Reduced early thrombosis does not
increase in suitability for dialysis

Effect of Clopidogrel on Early Failure of Arteriovenous Fistulas for Hemodialysis: A Randomized Controlled Trial

Laura M. Dember; Gerald J. Beck; Michael Allon; et al.

JAMA. 2008;299(18):2164-2171 (doi:10.1001/jama.299.18.2164)

Colecalciferol

No improved AVF maturation at 6 mnths

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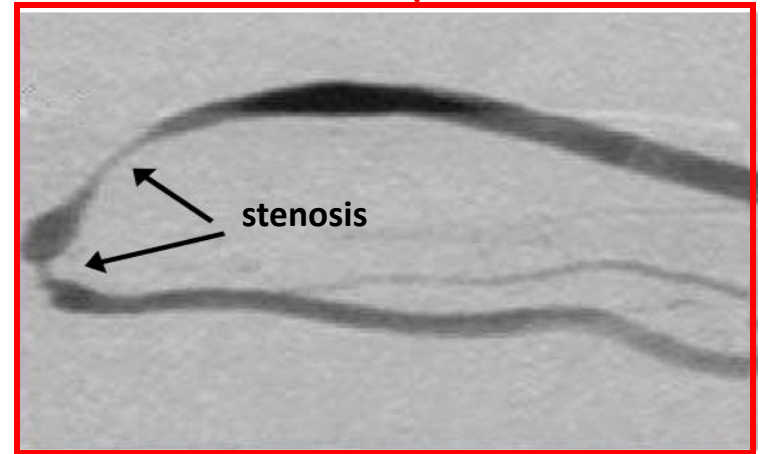
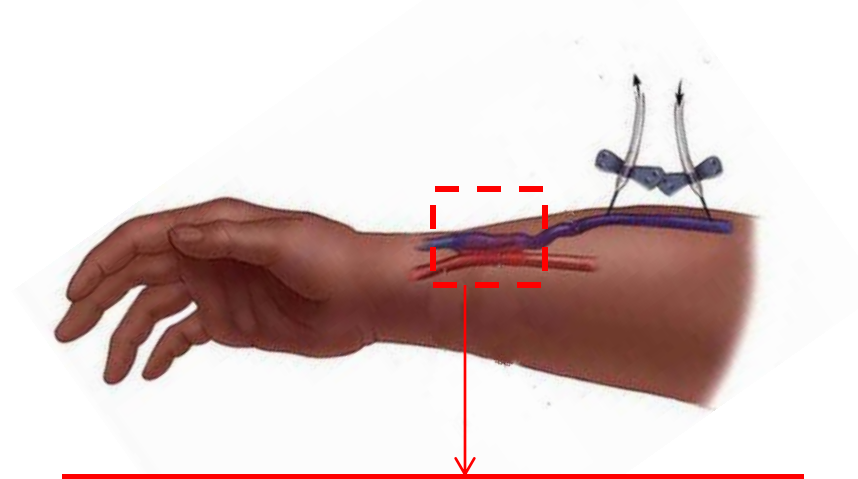
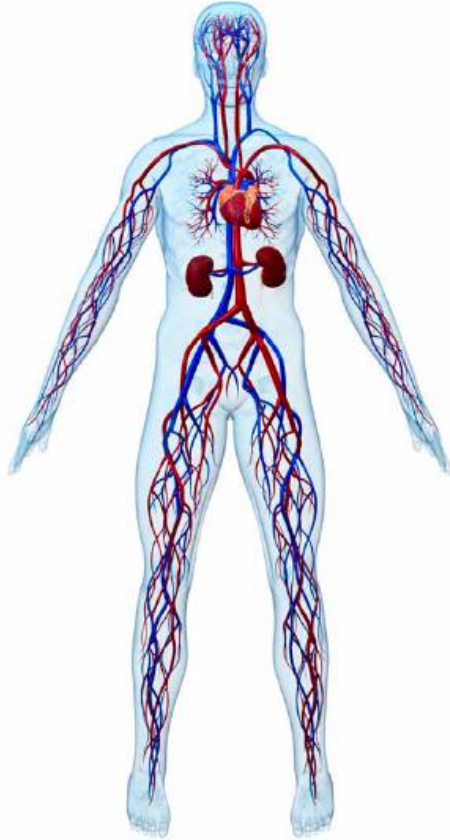
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Wrong target or insufficient local drug concentration?

Systemic versus local therapy to promote AVF maturation

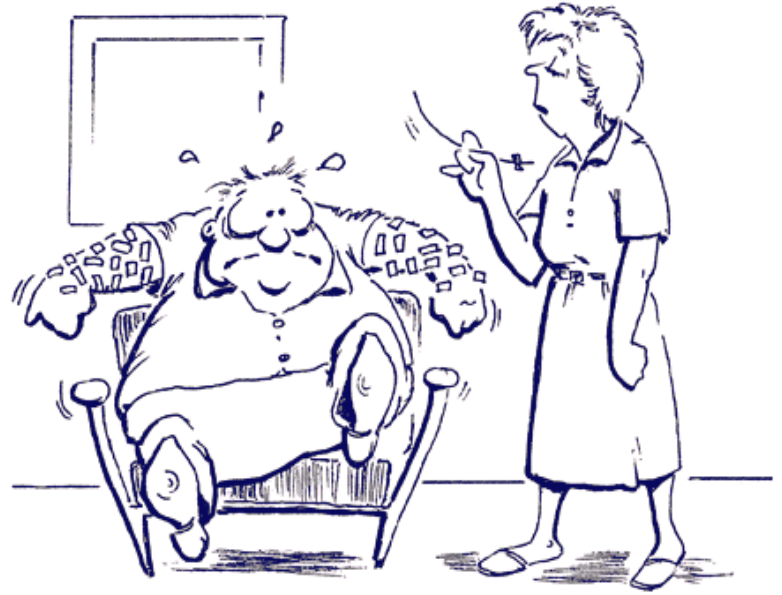


Clinical trials with (local) intervention to promote AVF maturation

Intervention to promote AVF maturation	Current status of clinical trial
Endothelial cell application	Trial stopped prematurely
NO availability (nitroglycerin)	Trial stopped prematurely
Recombinant elastase (PATENCY-2 trial)	Recruitment completed
Thrombin-receptor antagonist (Vorapaxar)	Recruitment completed
Liposomal prednisolone	Recruitment completed
VasQ external support device	Ongoing
Sirolimus eluting collagen implant	Ongoing
Adipose-derived mesenchymal stem cell application	Ongoing
Atorvastatin	Ongoing
Pre-operative forearm exercise	Ongoing

Patient-centered vascular access priorities

- Cannulation issues
- Pain
- Fewer procedures
- Wait times after pulling needles
- Physical disfigurement



Sounds like a preference for catheters or rapid and effective AVF maturation

Stimulation flow induced outward remodeling

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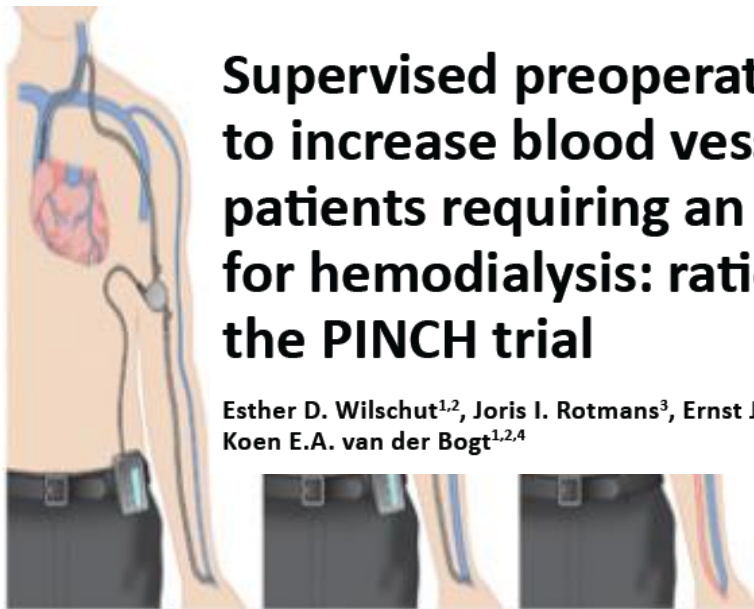
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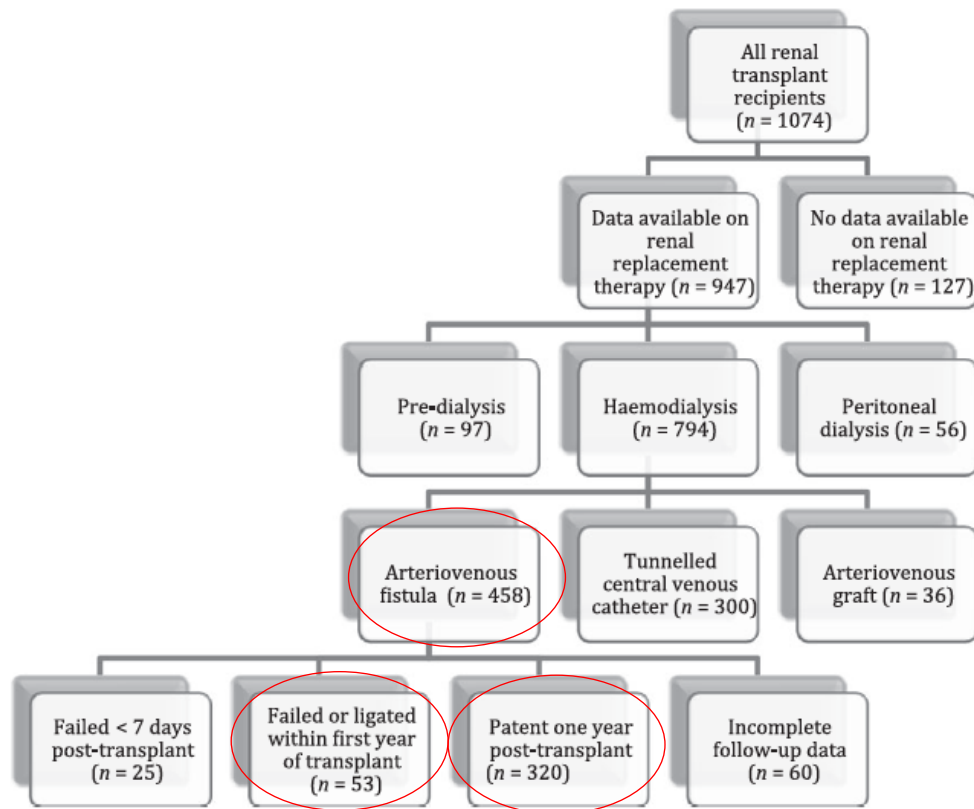
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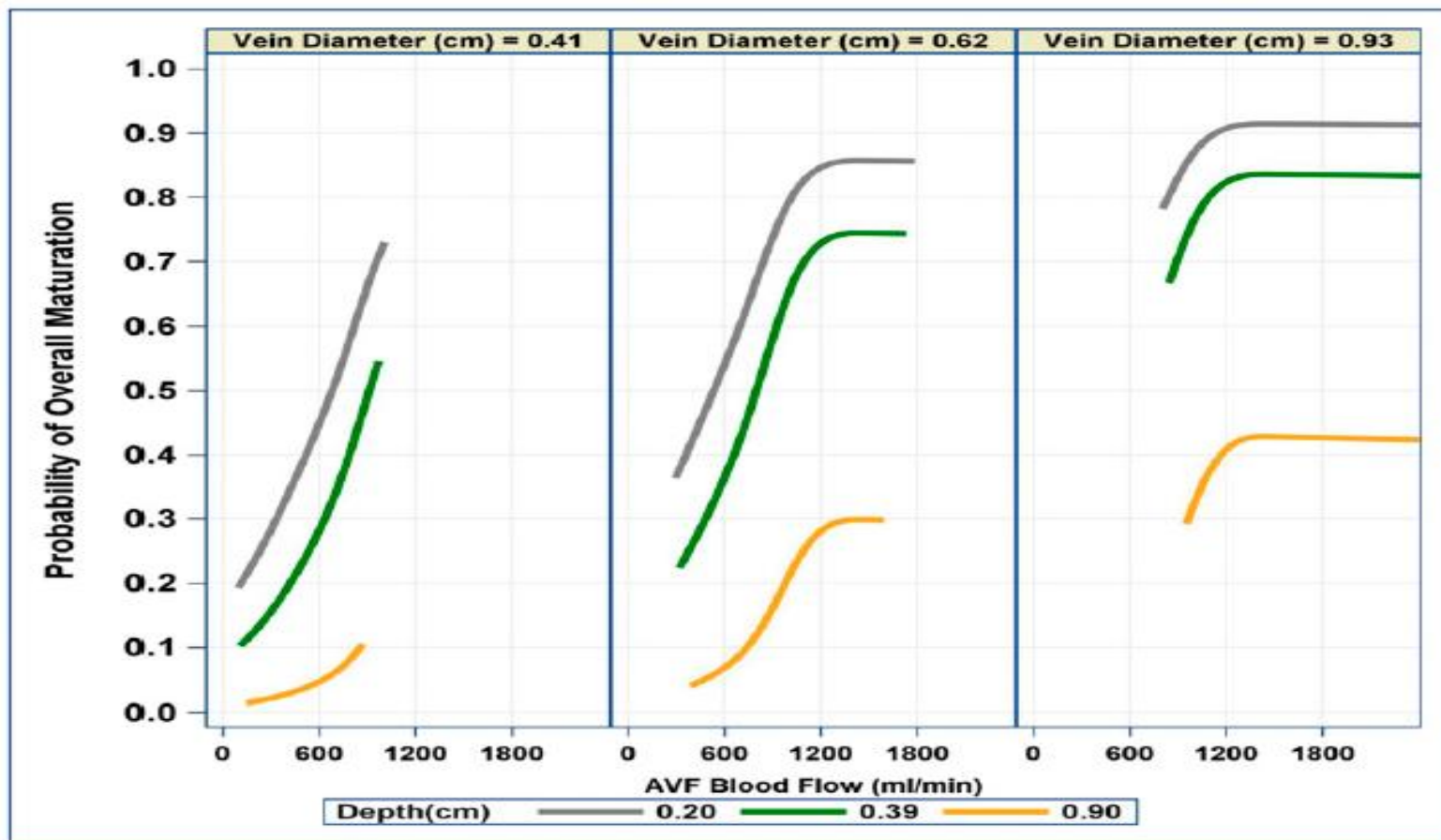


Change of still having a functional AVF at time of allograft failure?

Short term fate of AVF after kidney transplantation



Prediction of clinical AVF maturation



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