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Dialysis Access Options

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ANNA Keystone Chapter

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- Dialysis Access Overview
- Order of Preference for Dialysis Access
- Types of Dialysis Access

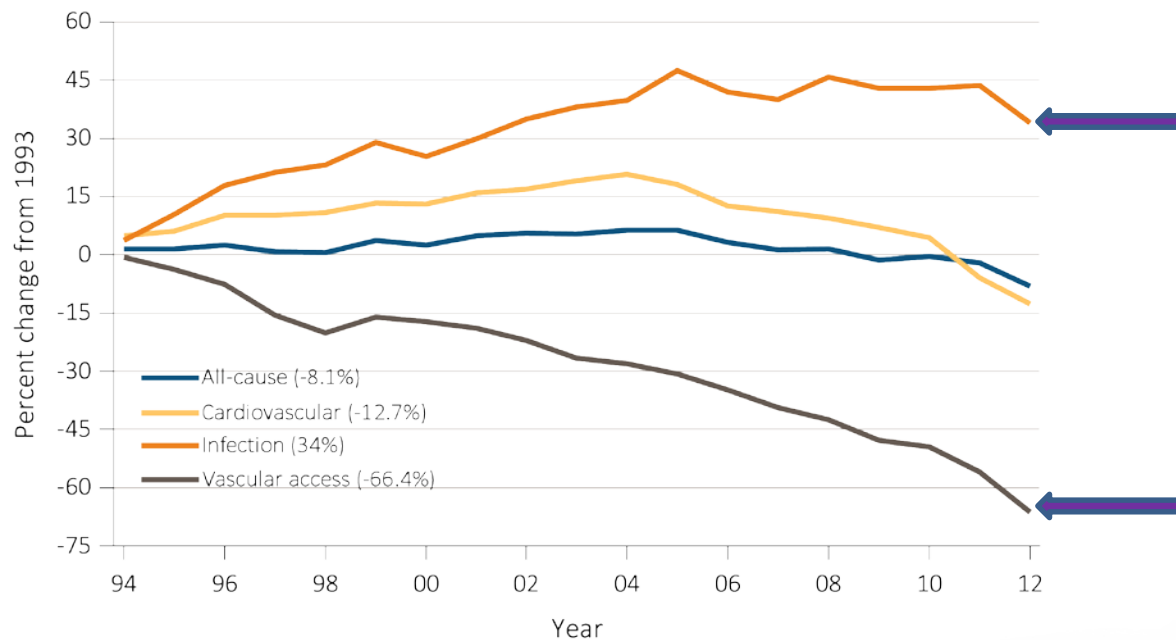
- Participants will be able to identify the types of access for dialysis
- Participants will be able to understand the differences in each access type
- Participants will be able to manage the care and cannulation of each vascular access type
- Participants will be able to identify potential candidates for peritoneal dialysis



- Nearly 400,000 individuals in the United States rely on a vascular access to receive hemodialysis treatment¹
- Vascular access is a leading cause for hospitalization and morbidity in patients with CKD stage 5¹



Trends in adjusted all-cause, cause specific hospitalization rates, hemodialysis



- Data Source: Reference tables: G.3 and special analyses, USRDS ESRD Database. Period prevalent ESRD patients; adjusted for age, sex, race, & primary diagnosis; ref: ESRD patients, 2010. Percent changes from 1993 for the year 2012 are shown in parentheses. Abbreviations: ESRD, end-stage renal disease.

Treatment Guidelines Review



Hemodialysis (KDOQI)

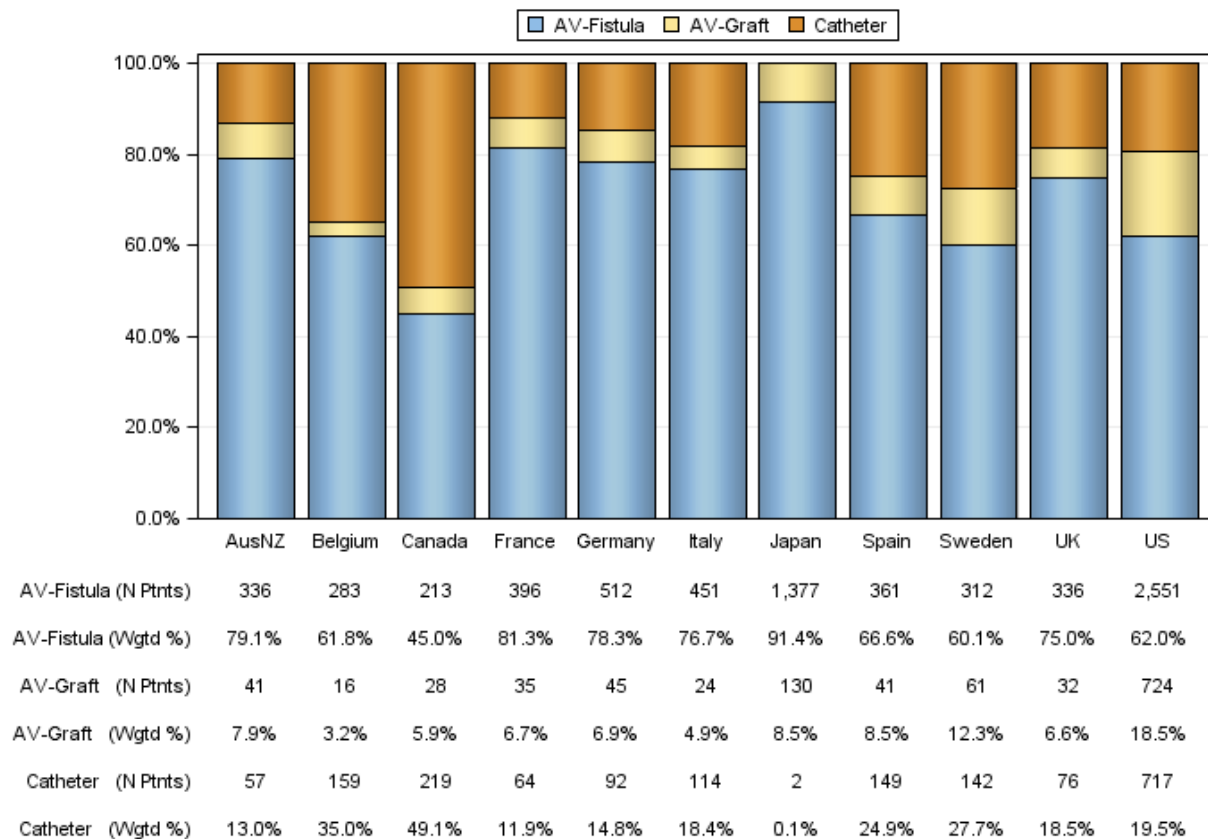
1. Primary autologous arteriovenous fistula (AVF)
2. Arteriovenous graft (AVG)
3. Hemodialysis catheter (HDC)



- Functional AVF placement rate of $> 65\%$ of patients¹
- Cuffed catheter for permanent dialysis access in $< 10\%$ of patients¹
- Current AVF placement rate is $60.6\%^2$
- Use of CVC is $20\%^2$
- Usage of CVC ≥ 90 days is $7.3\%^2$



International VA Data – DOPPS 4

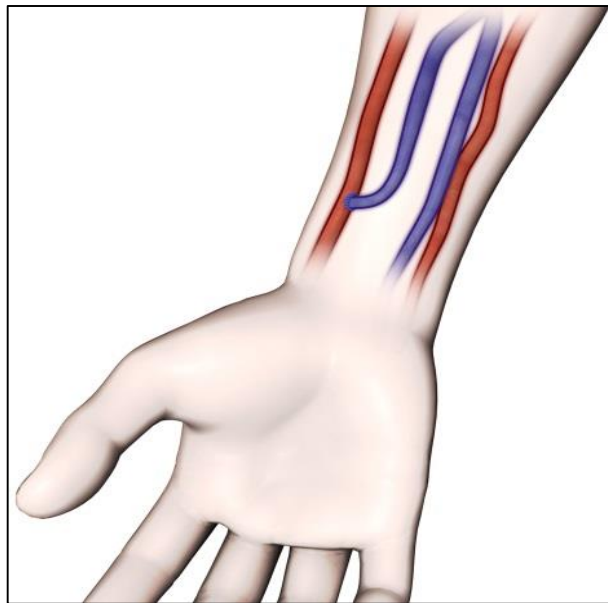




- Arteriovenous Fistula (AVF)
- Arteriovenous Graft (AVG)
- Hemodialysis Catheter (HDC)
- Peritoneal Dialysis Catheter



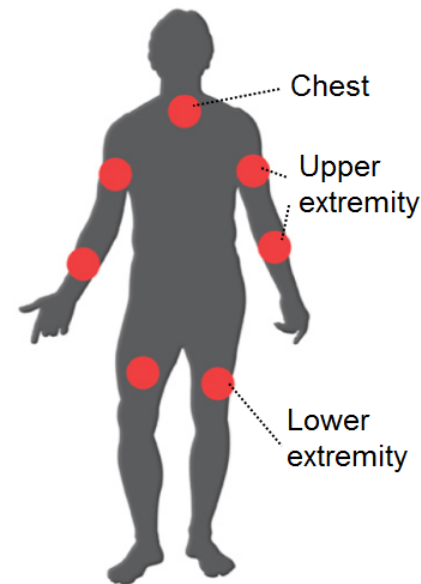
- The joining of an autologous artery and a vein for use as a hemodialysis site





Types / Locations of AVF

- Order of preference for placement of fistulae¹
 1. Wrist (radiocephalic)
 2. Elbow (brachiocephalic)
 3. Transposed brachial basilic vein fistula
- Alternative locations include¹:
 - Thigh
 - Chest



“Location of graft placement is determined by each patient’s unique anatomical restrictions, the surgeons’ skill, and anticipated duration of dialysis.”¹

¹NKF KDOQI 2006 Guidelines for Vascular Access, Section 1, Guideline 2.

*Image shown is not meant to be inclusive of all possible locations



- 1 to 4 months before cannulation is possible for dialysis¹
- Rule of 6's (KDOQI):
 - Flow > 600 mL/min
 - Diameter ≥ 6mm
 - No more than 6mm deep
 - Evaluated for nonmaturation if after 6 weeks from creation it does not meet the aforementioned criteria

¹NKF KDOQI 2006 Update to Guidelines for Vascular Access, Section 1, Guideline 8.



Cannulation of AVFs - Assessment

Examine AVF or AVG Prior to HD Treatment	
LOOK FOR:	Signs of infection
	Steal syndrome
	Stenosis
	Cannulation site problems
LISTEN FOR:	Bruit
	Outflow vein
	Direction of blood flow
FEEL FOR:	Skin temperature
	Thrill
	Stenosis
	Vein diameter
	Cannulation sites
	Steal syndrome



- Best long term results such as:
 - Patency
 - Low stenosis rate
 - Low infection rate
 - Low morbidity
- If done pre-ESRD, no other temporary access is needed for immediate use



- At least 1-4 months to mature/heal¹
 - Most patients need immediate access
- 38% of patients are not able to have an autogenous AVF²
- Infection:
 - 1% - 4%³
- Persistent swelling of the hand or arm, inadequate flow, venous stenosis, aneurysm formation, ischemia in access arm, thrombosis

¹NKF KDOQI 2000 Guidelines, Section 1, Guidelines 3, 8, and 9. Online edition, downloaded 05/05/2011.

²Scott E, et al. Conduits for hemodialysis access. J Sem Vasc Surg 2007; 158-63.

³Lew, ASAIO 2000;46:S6-S12, and Albers, Advances in Renal Replacement Therapy 1996;3:208-17

- Synthetic Graft
- Cryopreserved Human Allograft
- Xenograft
- HeRO[®] Graft



Types of Arterial Venous Grafts

SYNTHETIC MATERIAL

W.L. Gore (www.gore.com)



GORE® INTERING® Vascular Graft

Designed to reduce kinking and compression of graft material





GORE® PROPATEN® Vascular Graft

Incorporates the anticoagulant properties of heparin at the luminal surface of the graft to reduce thrombosis and improve patency





GORE-TEX® Stretch Vascular Graft

Requires no pre-clotting prior to placement, and resists dilation and spread of infection





GORE® ACUSEAL Vascular Graft

- Cannulation capable within 24°
- Designed to hinder suture line and cannulation needle bleeding



GORE® Hybrid Vascular Graft

- Uses a sutureless outflow anastomosis
- Designed to reduce neointimal hyperplasia and improve outflow hemodynamics



Types of Arterial Venous Grafts

BIOLOGIC MATERIAL

CryoLife www.cryolife.com

CryoArtery® Femoral Artery

Designed for patients with:

- Infected synthetic AV grafts
- Autologous AVF is not possible
- Limited number of AV access sites
- Risk of an AV access infection



CryoVein® Femoral Vein

Designed for patients with:

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CryoVein® Saphenous Vein

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CryoArtery® Aortoiliac Artery

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LeMaitre Vascular www.lemaitre.com

ProCol® Vascular Bioprosthesis

The ProCol Biologic Vascular Graft (Bovine Mesenteric Vein) is intended for the creation of a bridge graft for vascular access subsequent to at least one previously failed prosthetic access graft



Artegraft www.artegraft.com

Bovine Carotid Artery Graft™

The Bovine Carotid Artery Graft™

- Natural collagen vascular graft
- Designed to enhance long term patency
- Another option when a native AVF is not a viable choice





Types of Arterial Venous Grafts



SYNTHETIC MATERIAL

Bard (www.bardpv.com)



VENAFLO® II Vascular Graft
Hemodynamic cuff designed to improve patency and reduce neointimal hyperplasia



IMPRA® Vascular Graft
Designed for fewer interventions and promotion of better tissue incorporation





CARBOFLO® Vascular Graft
Designed to reduce early graft failure due to thrombosis



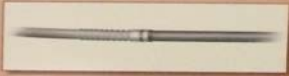
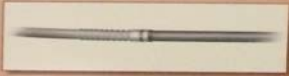
Vascular Flow Technologies (www.vascular-flow.com)

SPIRAL FLOW™ AV Graft
Designed to induce Spiral Laminar Flow™, restore normal blood flow and reduce neointimal hyperplasia



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HeRO® Graft
Designed for access site preservation to salvage either a failing AVF or AVG due to central vein stenosis and reduce CVC dependency





- Forearm loop graft
- Upper-arm graft
- Lower-extremity graft*
- Chest wall or “necklace” prosthetic graft*

*All upper-arm sites should be exhausted

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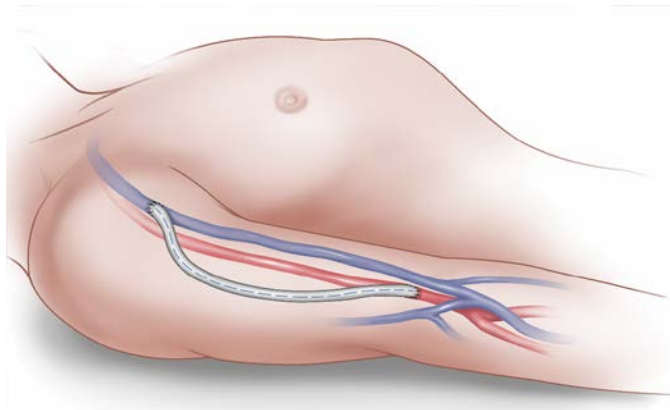
- Extremity edema
- Graft rupture
- Stenosis
- Thrombosis
- Pseudoaneurysm
- Infection



- An autologous fistula does not mature
- Rationale:
 - “The sum of the available data, until recently, supported PTFE over other biological and other synthetic materials, based on:
 - Lower risk for disintegration with infection
 - Longer patency
 - Better availability
 - Improved surgical handling.”¹

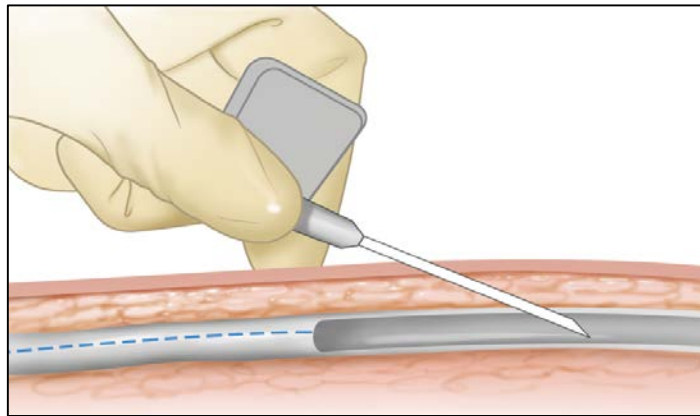


- Different Materials
 - PTFE, ePTFE, Polyurethane, Carbon impregnated PTFE
- Early Cannulation
- Hybrid graft





- At least 2 weeks after placement
- Not until swelling has subsided
- Rotation of cannulation sites





Cannulation of Early Access AVGs

Graft	Time to Cannulation
Vectra [®] Vascular Access Graft	24 hours ¹
FLIXENE [®] Vascular Graft	72 hours ²
GORE [®] ACUSEAL Vascular Graft	24 hours ³

¹Vectra Vascular Access Graft Instructions for Use, document number: 14160.Q. 11/2002.

²Flixene Product Brochure, Atrium Medical, document number: 0321A. 07/2010.

³GORE ACUSEAL Vascular Graft Instructions for Use, March 2011, downloaded from www.goremedical.com on 06/17/2013.



Clinical Data for Synthetic AVGs



AVG Literature ¹	
Bacteremia Rates (Infections/1,000 days)	0.11
Adequacy of Dialysis (mean Kt/V) ^β	1.37 - 1.62
Cumulative Patency at 1 Year	65%
Intervention Rate (per year)	1.6 - 2.4

^βNote: Every 0.1 decrease in Kt/V increases the mortality rate by 7%³ and is significantly (P<0.05) associated with 11% more hospitalizations, 12% more hospital days, and a \$940 increase in Medicare inpatient expenditures.⁴

¹Katzman et al., J Vasc Surg 2009; IFU: Comparisons to catheters and AVGs are from literature review on file.



- 2nd choice of vascular access^{1,2}
- Time to maturation for cannulation: 2 weeks²
- Cost effective
- No upfront hospital investment
- Off-the-shelf ready

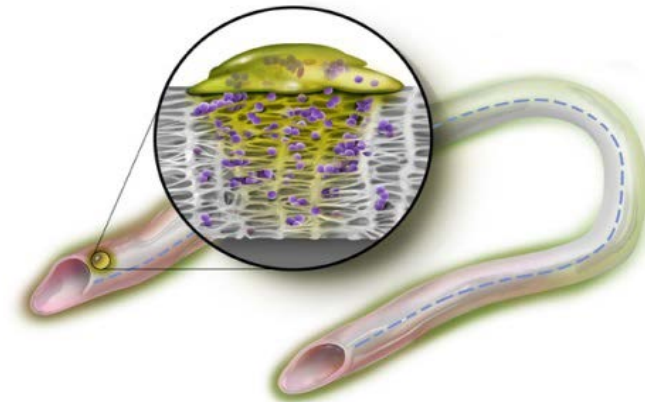
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²Cronerwett and Johnson, Rutherford's Vascular Surgery, Elsevier, 2011, online edition.



Disadvantages of Synthetic AVGs

- Prone to infection: up to 35%¹
- High re-infections for “Jump Grafts”
 - 6% to 10%^{2,3}
- Needle hole bleeding
- Stiff: not compliant, not pulsatile
- Venous outflow track stenosis⁴



¹Akoh J. J Vas Access 2009; 10:137-47.

²Schwab et al. Ann Vasc Surg 2000; 14:63-6.

³Raju et al, Ann Surg 1987;206:666-73

⁴Matsuura J. Contemp Dial & Neph; 1999:30-2.



Cryopreserved Human Allografts



- Infected synthetic AVGs
 - Up to 35% get infected¹
- AVF is not possible
 - Lack of suitable native vein
 - Failed AVF
 - 38% of autologous sites fail to mature²
- At risk of infection
- Limited number of sites



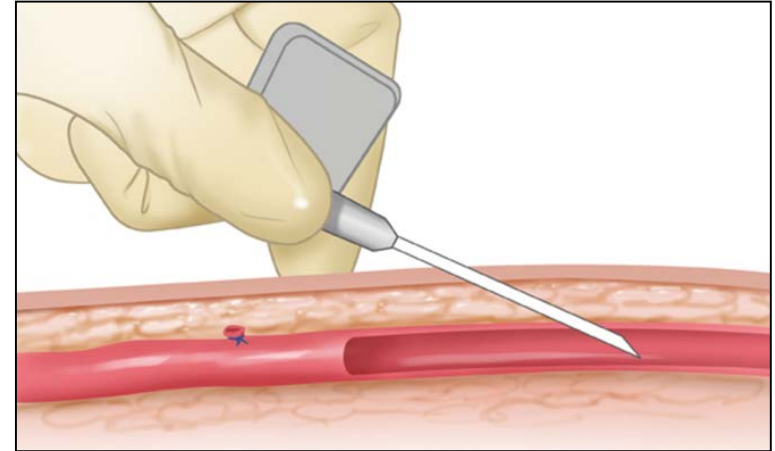
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Cannulation of Cryopreserved Human Allografts

- Access is possible 10 to 14 days after implantation^{1,2}
- Hybrid cannulation techniques
- Buttonhole technique



¹Matsuura J, et al. Ann Vasc Surg 2000;12:50-5.

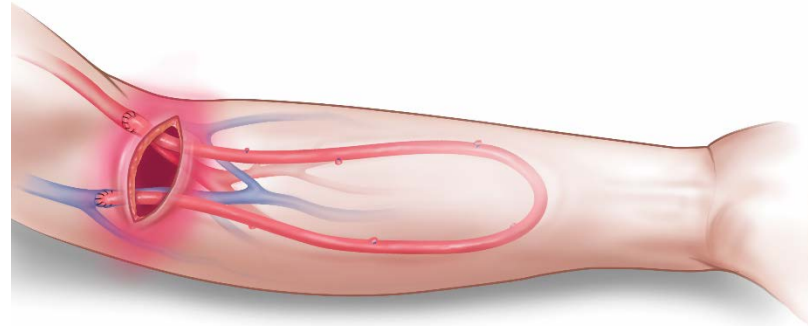
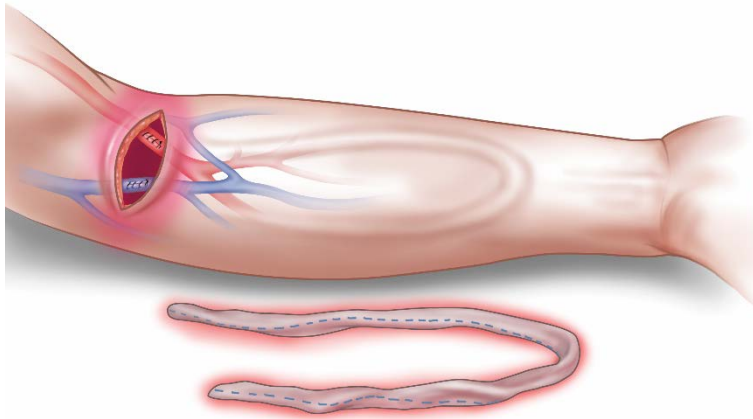
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³NKF KDOQI 2006 Guidelines, CPG 3.4. Online edition, downloaded on 05/10/2011.

⁴Gallachio MH et al. Gallachio MH et al. Successful utilization of cryopreserved human femoral vein or bovine carotid artery in establishment of buttonholes for hemodialysis. Presented at the VASA Meeting, May 2012, Orlando, FL.



- KDOQI: *“Management of an AVG infection is a balance between achieving resolution of the infection while preserving the vascular access.”¹*





Disadvantages of Cryopreserved Human Allografts

- Sensitization
- Pseudoaneurysm & aneurysm formation
 - Matsuura¹: 2% (3/43)
 - Matsuura²: 0% (0/44)
 - Lin³: 4% (2/45)
 - Bolton⁴: 40% (8/20)
 - Takamoto⁵: 0%
 - Baraldi⁶: 0%

¹Matsuura J, et al. Cardiovasc Surg 2002. 10;6:561-65.

²Matsuura J, et al. Ann Vasc Surg 2000;12:50-5.

³Lin P, et al. Am J Surg 2002;184:31-6.

⁴Bolton et al. J Vasc Surg 2002;36:464-8.

⁵Takamoto S, et al. Trans Proceed 1998;30:3917-19.

⁶Baraldi A, et al. Trans Am Soc Artif Intern Organs 1989:196-9.



Xenograft



Types of Xenografts

- Bovine carotid artery
- Bovine mesenteric vein



- At least two weeks¹
- The physician will determine when the bioprosthesis may be accessed

¹Procol IFU, <http://www.hancockjaffe.com/PDF/ProCol%20Instructions%20for%20Use.pdf#zoom=100>, 03/2010.



- Cannulation: indicated 10 days after implant¹
- No hospital upfront investment
- 5 minute prep time¹
- Shelf life: 3 years¹
- No special storage¹
- Sterile¹
- Biologic tissue¹



- Primary infections (9% to 20%)¹
- Pseudoaneurysms (1% to 8%)^{2,3}
- True aneurysms (1% to 7%)¹
- KDOQI: “higher complication rates than PTFE”⁴
- No data for treating infected fields
- Irradiated
- Gluteraldehyde fixed

¹Scott et al. Semin Vasc Surg 2007; 20:158-63.

²Haimov M et al. Ann Surg. 1974 Sep;180(3):291-5.

³Farber A. Rutherford's Vascular Surgery 7th Ed. Biological Grafts. Online edition downloaded on 06/29/2010.

⁴NKF KDOQI 2006 Guidelines, CPG 2.1, 4,G. Online edition downloaded on 5/6/2011.

⁵Gouk et al. J Biomed Mater Res Part B: App Biomater 84B:205-217, 2008.

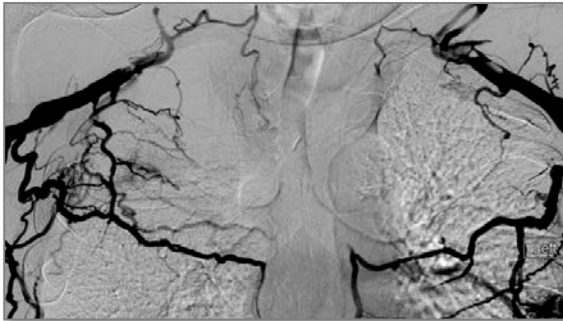
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When to Consider HeRO Graft

HeRO (Hemodialysis Reliable Outflow) Graft is the **ONLY** fully subcutaneous AV access solution clinically proven to maintain long-term access for hemodialysis patients with **central venous stenosis**.



Above: Venogram of bilateral central venous stenosis



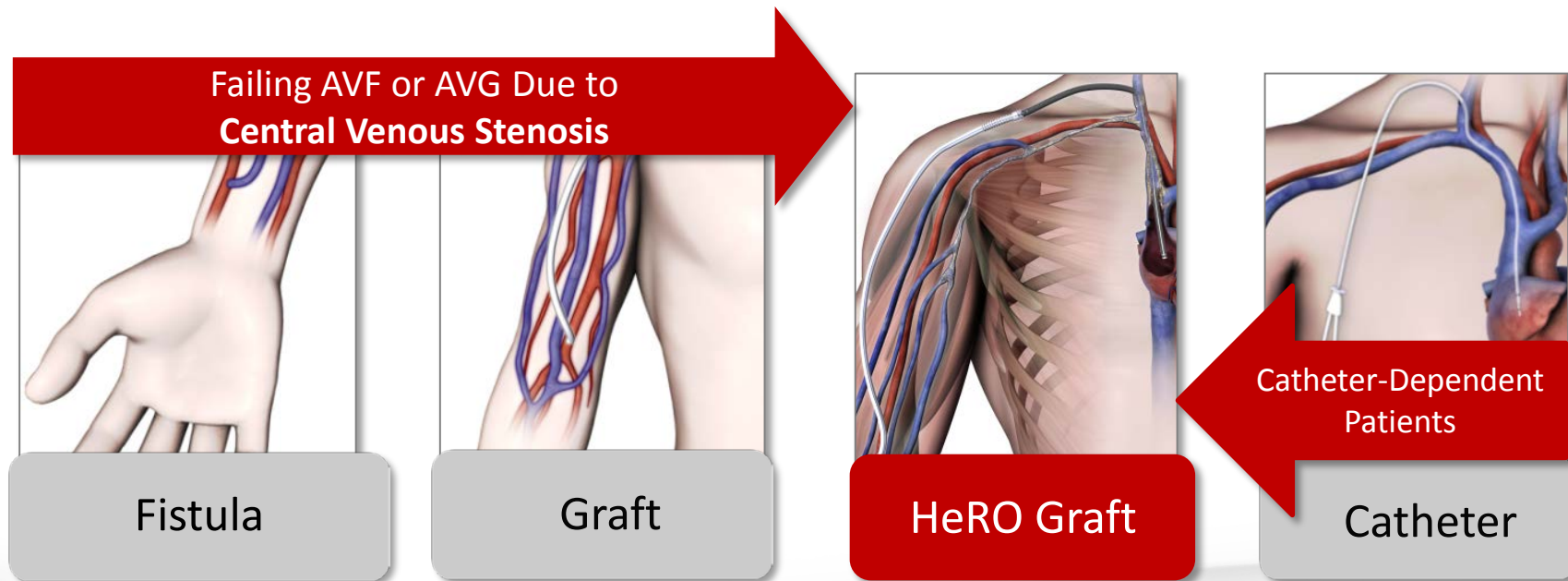
Above: Patient with distended central veins due to stenosis/occlusion



When to Consider HeRO Graft

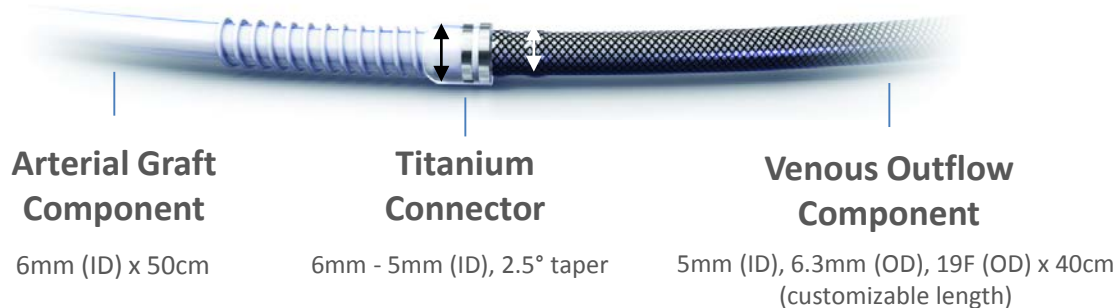
HeRO Graft Candidates

- Failing fistulas or grafts due to central venous stenosis
- Catheter-dependent or approaching catheter-dependency





Product Overview



ePTFE Graft

- Beading (3-4cm) for kink resistance
- Orientation line on graft to guide placement during tunneling
- Titanium Connector

Silicone-Coated Nitinol Component

- No venous anastomosis
- Reinforced 48 braid nitinol: kink and crush resistant
- Removable and replaceable
- Radiopaque band (at distal tip)



Adapter



Support Seal

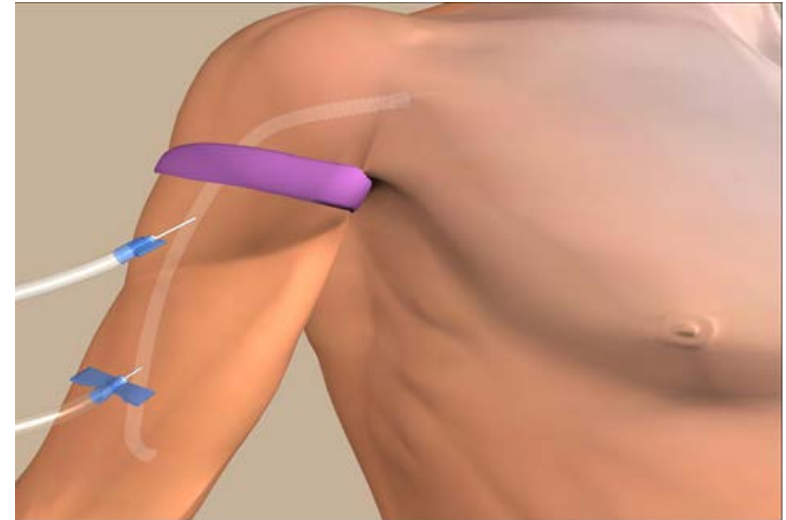
More Graft Options**

* See Instructions for Use (IFU) for more details.

**Graft is not included with the Adapter. See Instructions for Use (IFU) for more details on the grafts permitted for use with the HeRO Graft Adapter.



- Conventional synthetic AVG cannulation
- 3 Incision Sites
- NEVER cannulate the Venous Outflow Component
- 3" from Titanium Connector incision site
- Avoid fistula clamps





- **Fewer Infections:**
 - 69% reduced infection rate compared with catheters¹
- **Superior Dialysis Adequacy:**
 - 1.7 Kt/V, a 16% to 32% improvement compared with catheters¹
- **High Patency Rates:**
 - Up to 87% cumulative patency at 2 years^{1,2}
- **Cost Savings:**
 - A 23% average savings per year compared with catheters³

¹Katzman et al., J Vasc Surg 2009; IFU: Comparisons to catheters and AVGs are from literature review on file.

²Gage et al., EJVES 2012.

³Dageforde et al., JSR 2012.



- **23% average savings** per year with the HeRO Graft compared with catheters¹
- **Reduces catheter-related infections and hospital admissions** projected at \$23k to \$56k per stay^{2,3}
- **Lowers interventions** and associated costs by more than 50% compared to catheters^{4,5}

¹Dageforde et al., JSR 2012.

²Ramanathan et al., Infect Control Hosp Epidemiol 2007.

³O'Grady et al., The Centers for Disease Control 2002.

⁴Katzman et al., J Vasc Surg 2009; IFU: Comparisons to catheters and AVGs are from literature review on file.

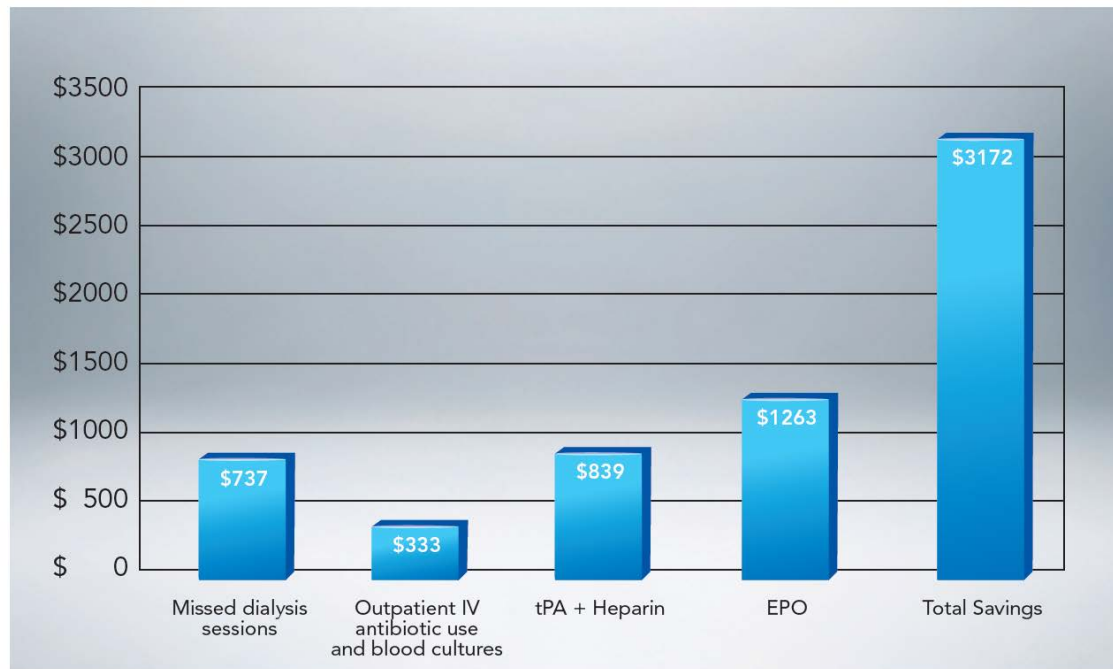
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HeRO Graft Cost Benefits: Dialysis Center



Impact of HeRO Graft in the Era of Dialysis Provider Bundling



Cost savings of over \$3,100 (per patient/year) to the dialysis center when converting catheter-dependent patients to the HeRO Graft¹

1) Yost and Dinwiddie, American Society of Nephrology (ASN), Nov 2010.



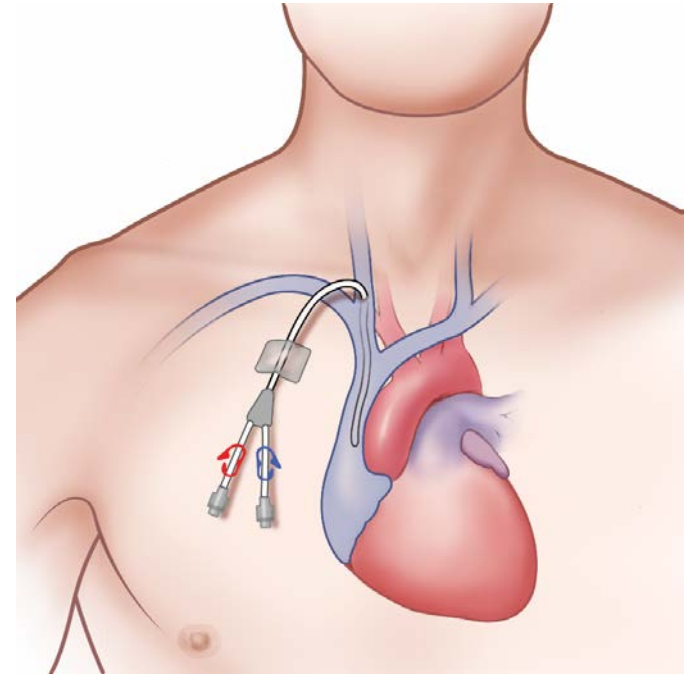
- Thrombosis¹
- Graft kinking
 - If Titanium Connector is NOT implanted in an appropriate anatomical region.
- Infection
 - If the patient is NOT prophylactically treated in the peri-operative period with antibiotics based upon the patient's bacteremia history.¹

Hemodialysis Catheter (HDC)



Hemodialysis Catheter (HDC)

- What:
 - A HDC is a double-lumen flexible tube which is connected to the dialysis machine.
- When:
 - Need for immediate dialysis with no time for access maturation (of fistula or graft).





- Preferred: Right internal jugular vein
- Other options:
 - Right external jugular vein
 - Left internal and external jugular veins
 - Subclavian veins
 - Only when no other upper-extremity or chest wall options are available
 - Femoral veins
 - Translumbar and transhepatic access to the IVC

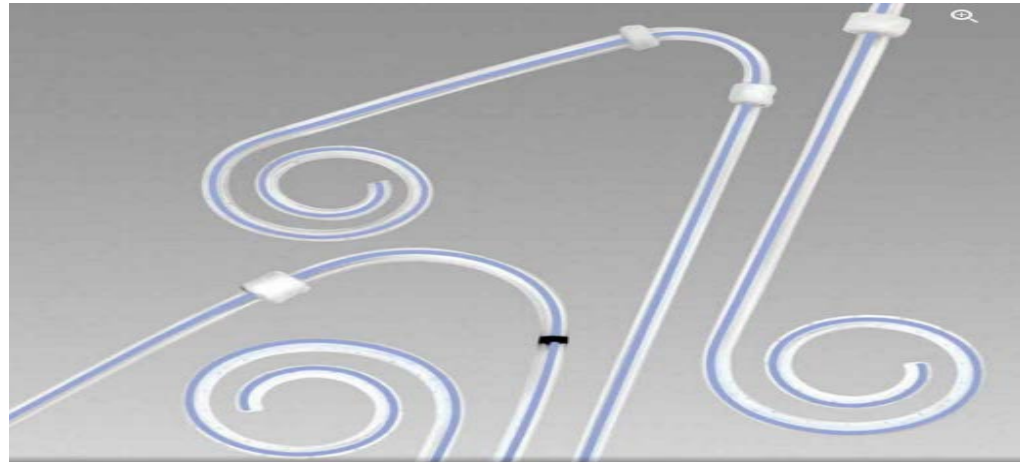


- Universal applicability
- Ability to be placed in multiple sites
- Avoidance of repeated skin punctures



- Infection: 20%, 2.3 infections per 1,000 patient days
- Failure to attain and maintain extracorporeal blood flow of 300 mL/min
- More than half have to be removed due to infection, malfunction
- Contributes to central venous stenosis/occlusion
- Discomfort of external device
- Lower blood-flow rates
 - Leading to longer dialysis times or less effective dialysis

Peritoneal Dialysis (PD)





What is PD?

- Approximately 7% of dialysis patients use PD
 - ~27,733 patients
- Uses patient's peritoneum and peritoneal catheter to pull waste and extra fluid from patient's blood into the peritoneal cavity
 - Fluid drained and replaced with fresh fluid
- Continuous or manual exchanges



- Peritoneal access is for:
 - Patients who cannot tolerate hemodialysis (HD) due to:
 - Ischemic heart disease
 - Extensive vascular disease
 - Vascular access is problematic
 - Majority of young children
 - Patients who prefer home dialysis, but have no assistant for HD, or whose assistant cannot be trained for home HD.



- Good solution if the patient can't tolerate the rapid changes of fluid balance associated with hemodialysis – PD produces fewer swings in symptoms due to its continuous nature
- Minimizes the disruption of daily activities
- Allows patient to have more mobility



- Infection
- Weight Gain
- Weakening of the abdominal muscles – hernia
- Not everyone is a candidate for PD
 - Contraindications
- Daily exchanges necessary



In Summary