

## In situ Fenestration - A Valuable Option -

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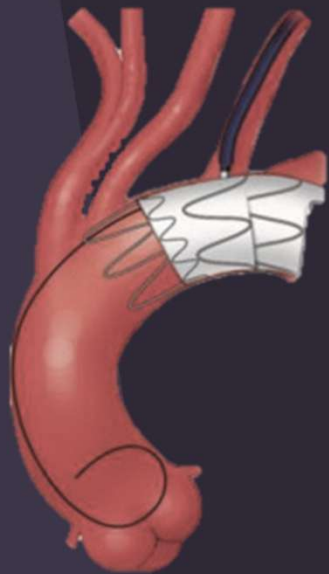


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- No disclosure
- Off-label technique use of a medical device
- Not an Expert
  - Humble experience
  - Option for very specific cases

## In Vitro



## Retrograde Fenestration of Endoluminal Grafts From Target Vessels: Feasibility, Technique, and Potential Usage

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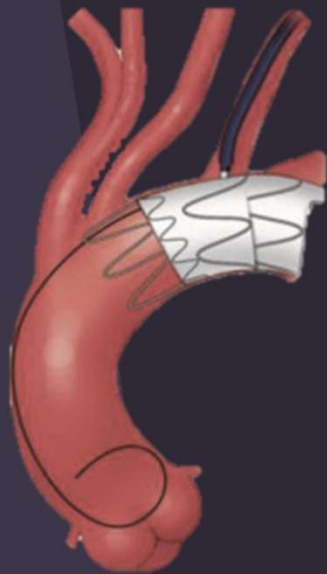
**Purpose:** To report initial experiments involving a new method for percutaneous intraprocedural stent-graft fenestration from the target vessel.

**Technique:** In bench and canine models, the fabric of an implanted Zenith endograft was punctured easily using the stiff end of a coronary 0.014-inch guidewire delivered through the target vessel (e.g., renal or iliac artery). A 20-G cutting needle was passed over the coronary wire to enlarge the puncture site, followed by a cutting balloon to create a fenestration that was of sufficient size to allow deployment of a stent.

**Conclusions:** In vivo endograft fenestration of a Zenith endograft is feasible. In addition to providing a percutaneous means of intentionally fenestrating a stent-graft from the artery to be perfused, the technique has potential application as a bailout maneuver after inadvertent side branch occlusion. Although the time to achieve successful fenestration in the experimental model was long, refinement may achieve performance times adequate to maintain viability of the end organ.

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## First Case



## ◆ CASE REPORT ◆

**In Situ Stent-Graft Fenestration to Preserve the Left Subclavian Artery**

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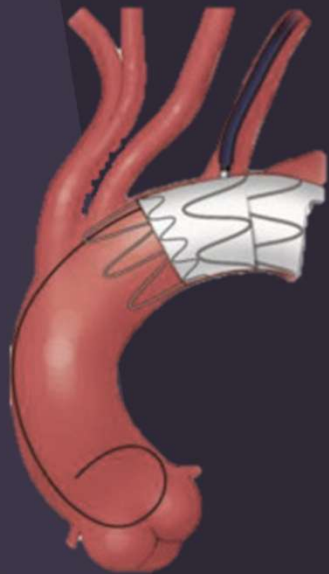
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**Purpose:** To report our first clinical application of a new technique for in situ fenestration of a thoracic stent-graft.

**Case Report:** After completing a series of in vitro and in vivo experiments, in situ stent-graft fenestration was employed during endograft repair of a saccular thoracic aortic aneurysm in a 77-year-old woman. Because the stent-graft would have covered the left subclavian artery ostium, a modified Zenith TX1 thoracic stent-graft was deployed then fenestrated transluminally using a guidewire followed by serial cutting balloons, which created a fenestration over the LSA sufficiently large to accommodate a Jomed covered stent on an 8-mm balloon. Completion angiography showed exclusion of the aneurysm and brisk flow into the LSA. Following the procedure, the arm pressures were nearly equal. The 6-month CT scan showed no endoleak and a patent subclavian artery stent.

**Conclusions:** In situ graft fenestration to preserve the left subclavian artery after deliberate coverage during endovascular repair of a thoracic aortic aneurysm appears feasible in this initial clinical application. There are uncertainties regarding the long-term stability of the fabric tears that are an inherent part of this technique.

*J Endovasc Ther 2004;11:170-174*

# Retrograde



## CLINICAL RESEARCH STUDIES

From the Southern Association for Vascular Surgery

In situ laser fenestration during emergent thoracic endovascular aortic repair is an effective method for left subclavian artery revascularization

Richard E. Redlinger Jr, MD, Sadaf S. Ahanchi, MD, and Jean M. Panneton, MD, Norfolk, Va

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Multicenter Analysis of Endovascular Aortic Arch In Situ Stent-Graft Fenestrations for Aortic Arch Pathologies

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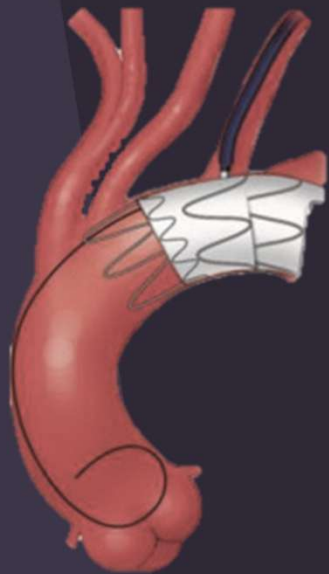
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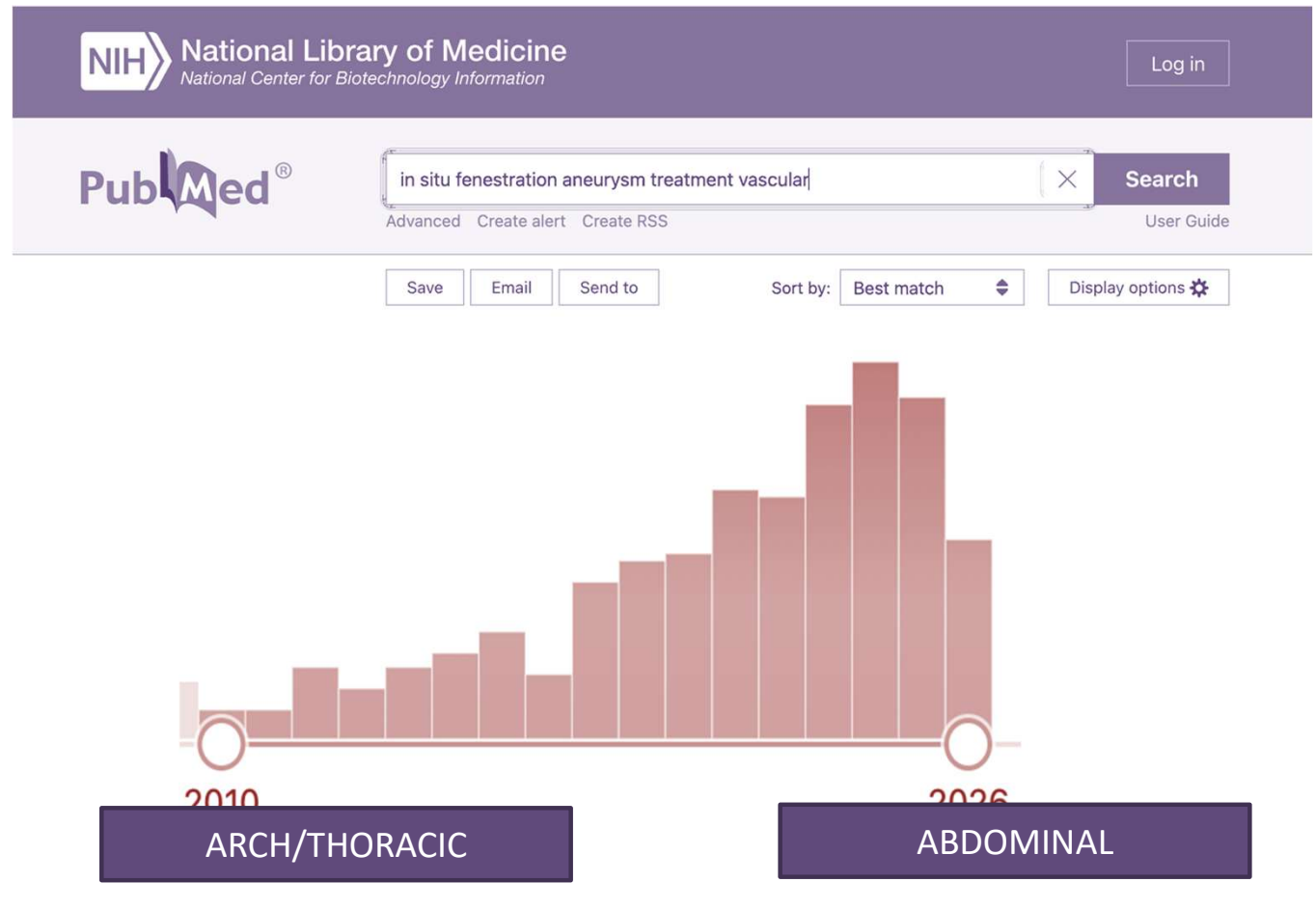
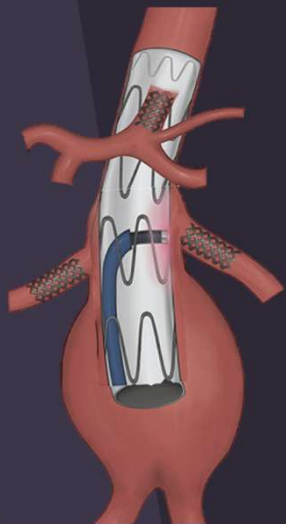
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- 8 studies between 2013 and 2021 (440 patients)
- **Technical success : 93.3%**
- **Primary branch patency was 96.6%.**
- Secondary patency rate was 97%.
- Endoleak occurred in 4.8%

**In situ laser fenestration is a feasible, safe, and effective approach**

# Antegrade



# CASE

# Clinical Presentation



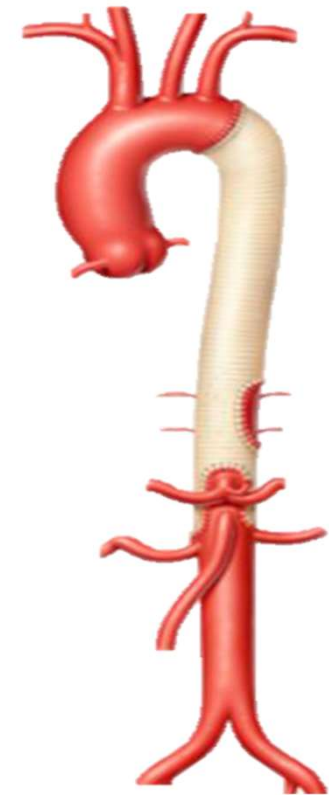
➤ **72 yo male**

➤ **PMH:**

- HTN – DLP
- CAD – NSTEMI 2009 – PTCA
- COPD – FEV1 39%

➤ **Aortic History**

- 2003- Ruptured thoracic aneurysm  
**Thoracic aortoaortic bypass**  
Reimplantation of the celiac trunk  
Reimplantation of intercostals



# Clinical Presentation



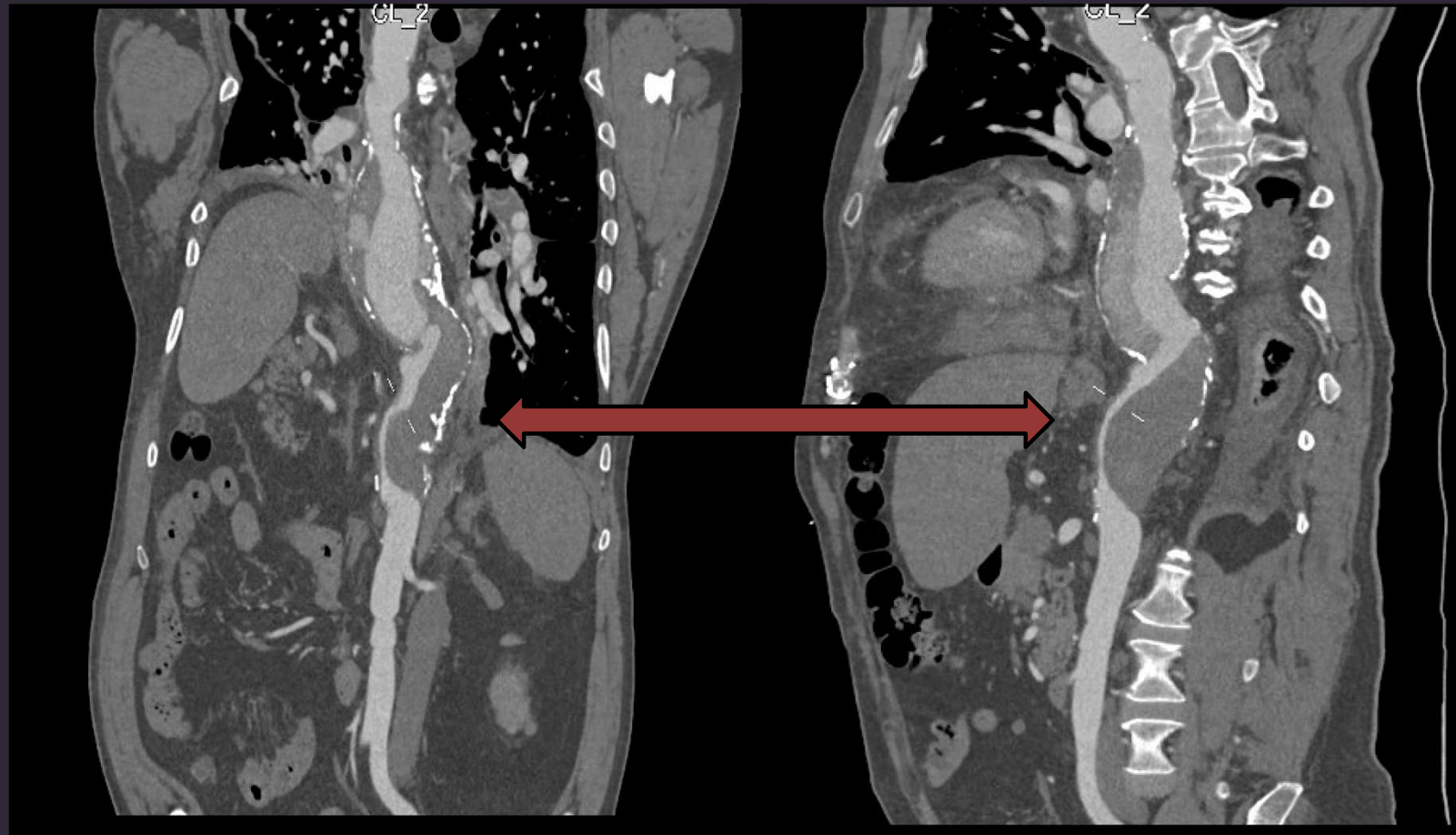
## ➤ Presentation

- **Hospitalized** in an outside hospital for 3 weeks
- Shortness of breath – Subacute pulmonary oedema
- Treated accordingly – diuretics
- **Clinical status**
  - Acute renal failure (creatinine 180  $\mu\text{mol/L}$ )  
vs
  - Fluid overload

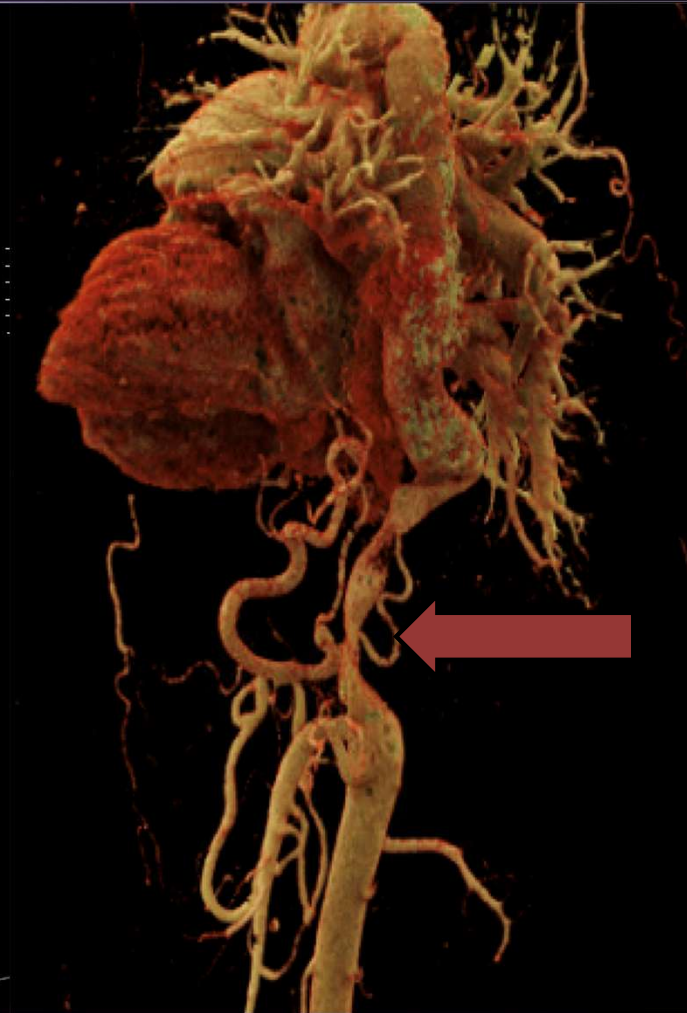
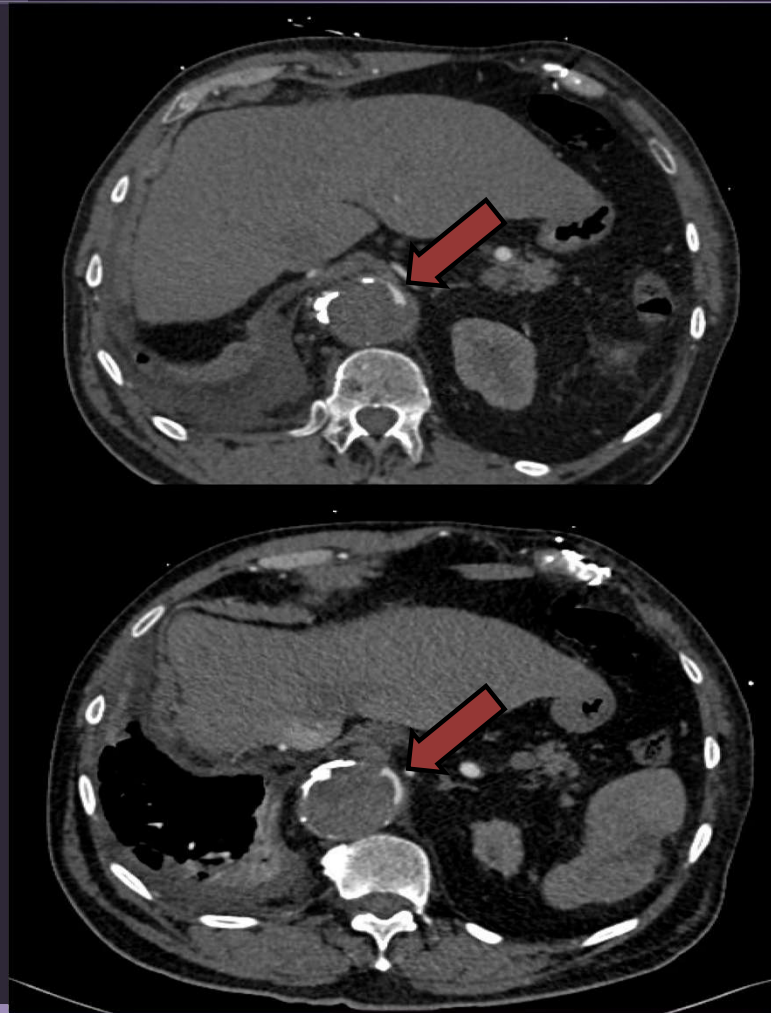
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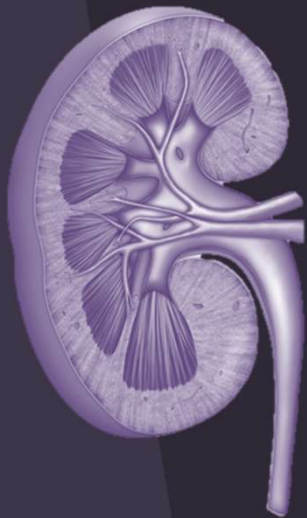


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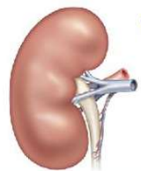
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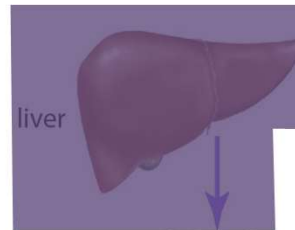


**Renin-angiotensin system**

Drop in blood pressure  
Drop in fluid volume

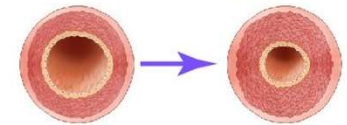


Renin release from kidney



liver

angiotensinogen



Angiotensin II also acts directly on blood vessels, stimulating vasoconstriction (narrowing).

Renin acts on angiotensinogen to form

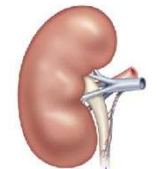
angiotensin I.



ACE (angiotensin-converting enzyme) release from lungs

ACE acts on angiotensin I to form

angiotensin II.



NaCl  
H<sub>2</sub>O

Angiotensin II acts on the adrenal gland to stimulate release of **aldosterone.**

Aldosterone acts on the kidneys to stimulate reabsorption of salt (NaCl) and water (H<sub>2</sub>O).

## Decision



### ➤ Taking into account:

- Comorbidities
- Physiological status
  - Acute Pulmonary oedema
  - Acute renal failure
- His will to treat any potential reversible cause

## Decision



### ➤ Options

#### ➤ **Open**

- Redo Thoracotomy...
- Axillobifemoral bypass graft

#### ➤ **Hybrid**

- Debranching and TEVAR

#### ➤ **Endovascular**

- Aortic angioplasty with stent (Palmaz)
- PMEG
- Chimney graft
- In situ fenestration

## Decision



### ➤ Options

#### ➤ Open

- Axillobifemoral bypass graft
- Axillobifemoral bypass graft

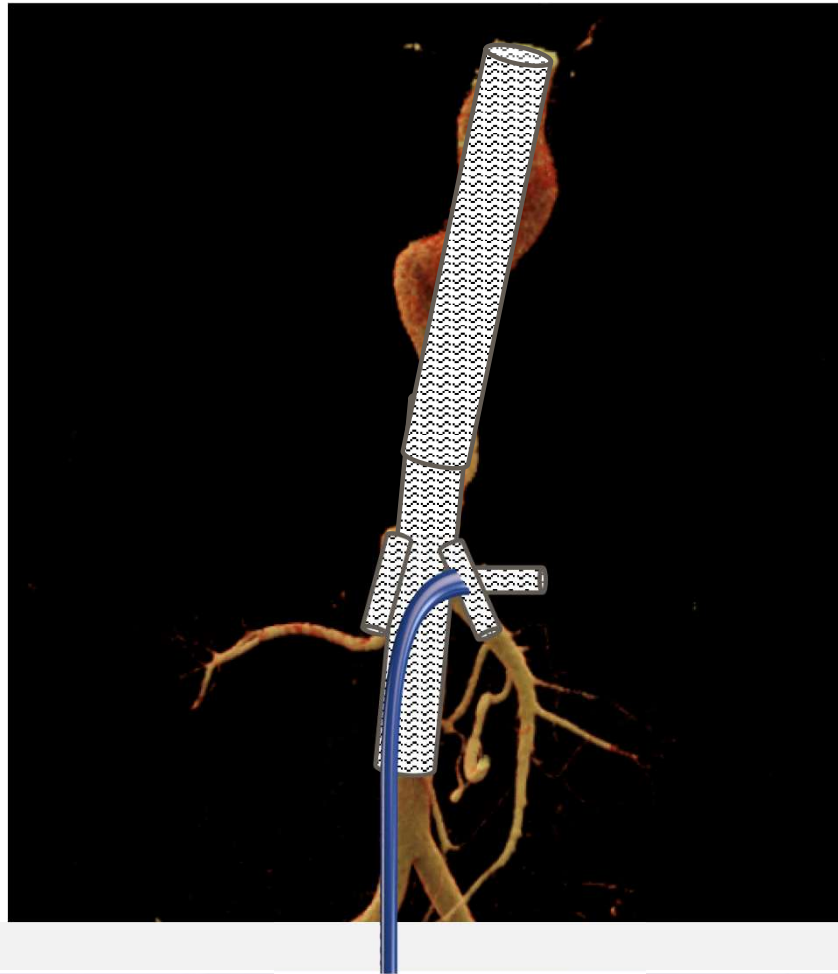
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# Decision



# TECHNIQUE

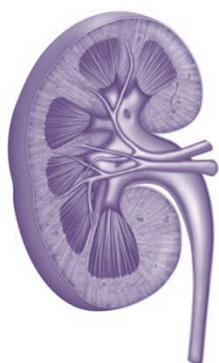
## General Considerations

- Access
- Heparine- ACT
- Stack your equipment
- Pre-stenting or not (which stent)
- Fenestration method/device
- Visceral Ischemic time



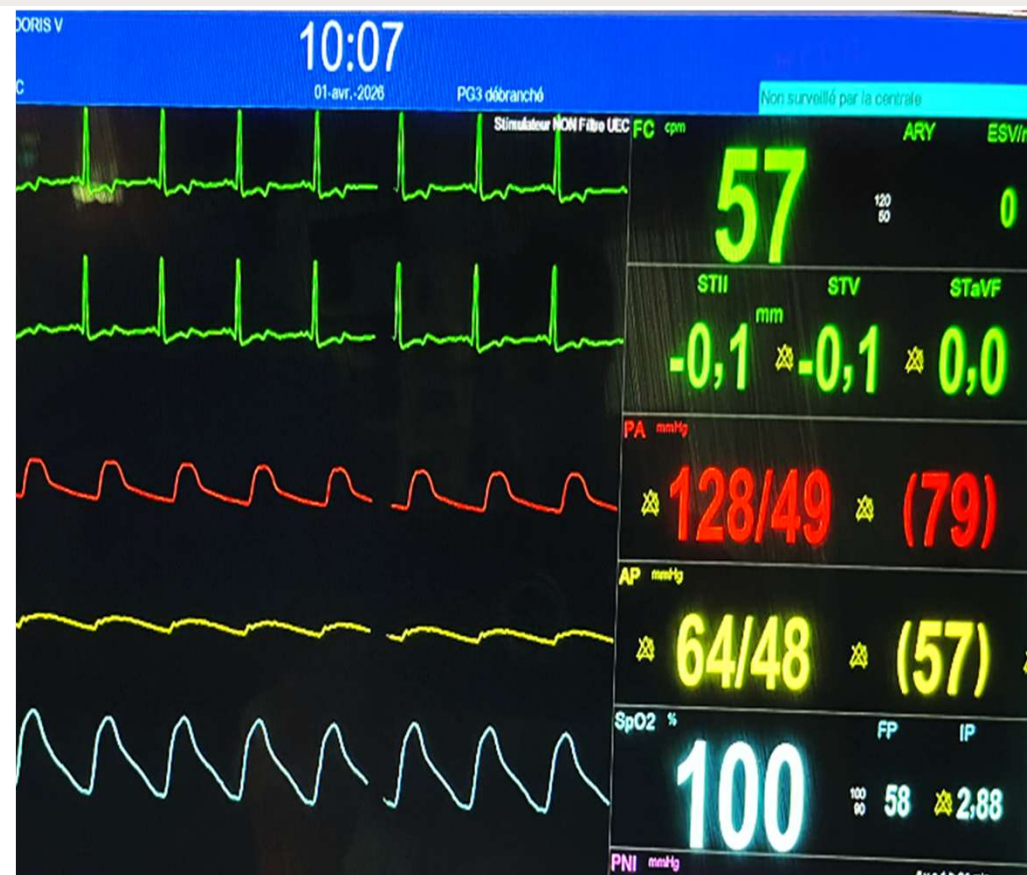
## Case

- Pressure gradient
  - More than 60mmHg



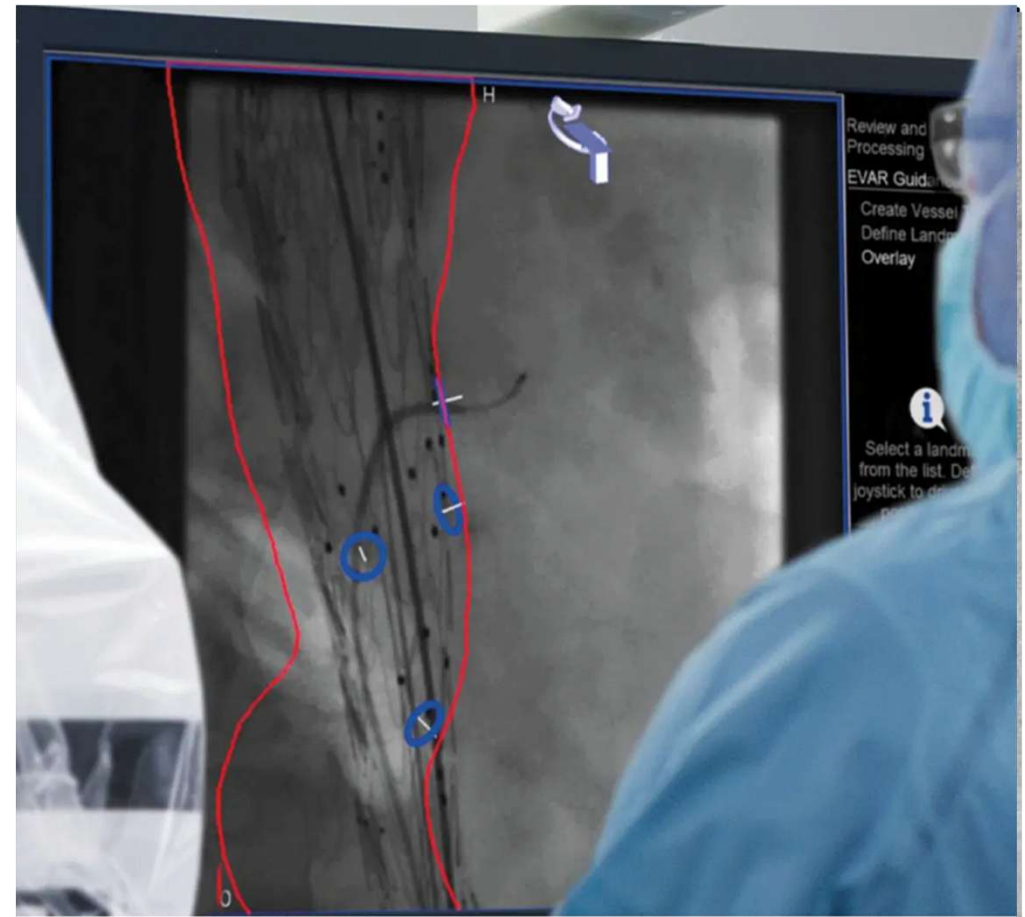
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## Case

- 3 vessels (SMA, 2 renals)
- « To stent or not to stent"... Vs Fusion
- To stent
  - Steerable sheet
  - Covered stent



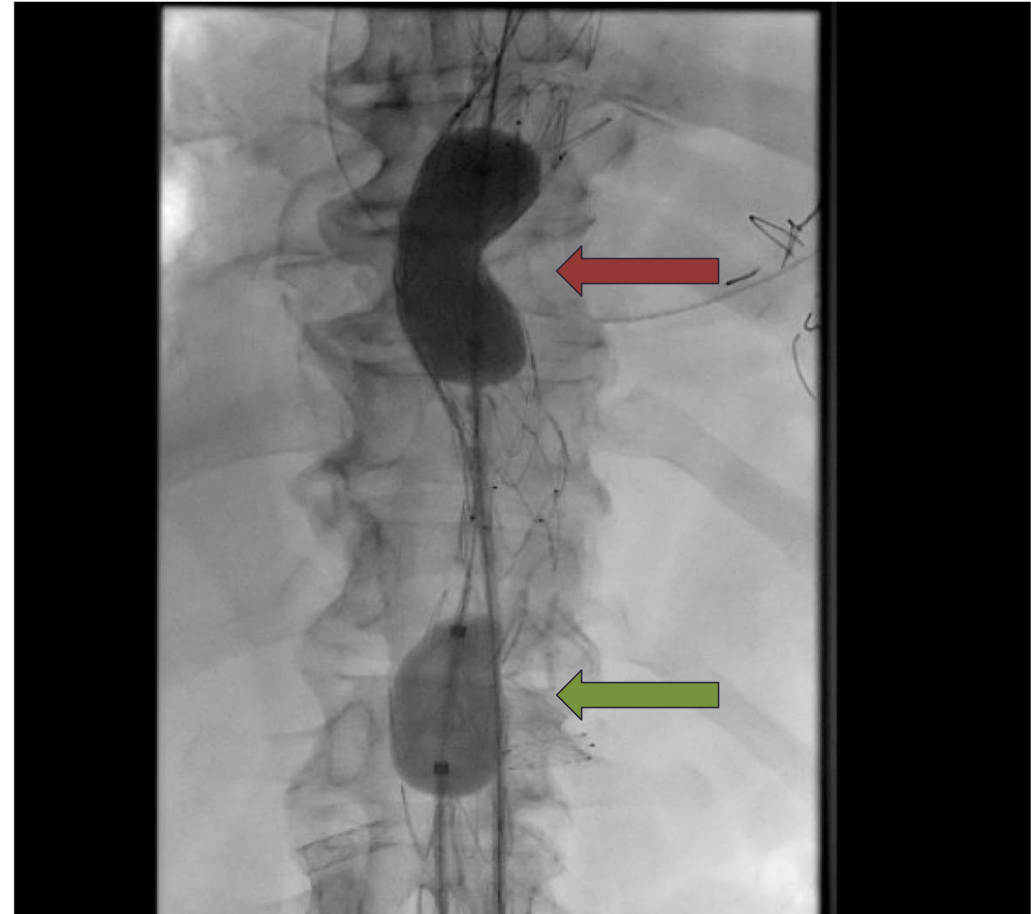


## Technical Pearl

- **Covered** vs bare-metal stent
- Deployment flush to the aortic wall
- Save the angle position
- Other options
  - Pre-cannulation with wire
    - Or sheath with cold perfusion
  - Fusion imaging

## Case

- TEVAR Deployment
  - From bottom to Top
    - ZTA-28-201
    - ZTA-32-201
- Inflated 2 compliant balloons to avoid embolisation



## Options

### MECHANICAL

- **Needle/Wire-Based Fenestration**
  - Sharp needle,
  - Rigid back-end of a 0.014-0.018" guidewire

### THERMAL

- **Laser-Assisted Fenestration**
  - Laser ablation catheter emitting energy
- **Radiofrequency (RF) :**
  - Specialized RF wire

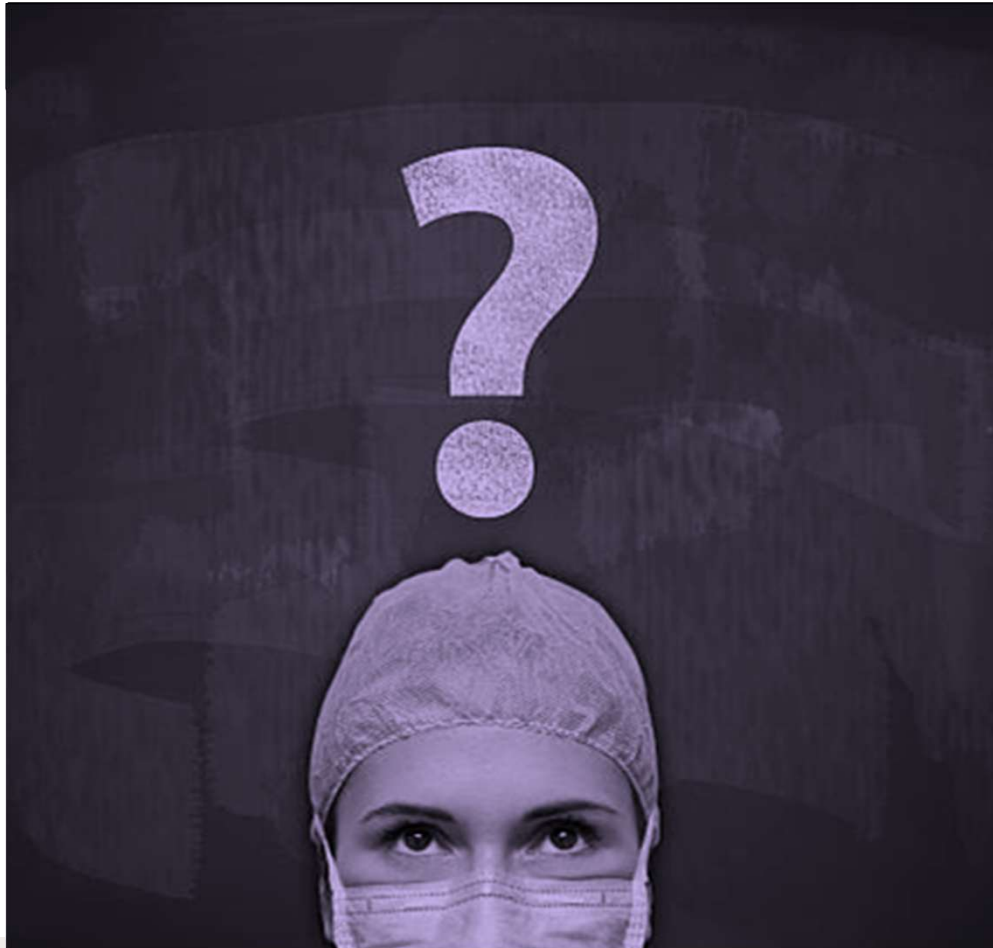
## Radiofrequency



## Laser



	Radiofrequency (RF) Fenestration	Laser In Situ Fenestration (ISLF)
Mechanism	<p><b>Electrical energy</b></p> <p>Dedicated RF via</p>	<p><b>UV Light energy</b></p> <p>Excimer or Diode lasers burn/vaporize a hole in fabric.</p>
Equipment	<p><b>Portable</b></p> <p>Delivered through standard 0.035" catheters,</p>	<p><b>Bulkier equipment</b></p> <p>Dedicated electrical outlets.</p>
Graft Material	<p>Works best on <b>polyester</b></p> <p>Generally <b>not compatible</b> with ePTFE grafts</p>	<p>Compatible with <b>most grafts</b></p>
Fenestration Quality	<p><b>Precise, controlled puncture</b></p>	<p><b>Clean circular fenestrations</b></p>
Tools	<p>RF probes or electrified guidewires</p>	<p>Fiber-optic probe</p>
Cost	<p><b>Typically between 3,000-3500 CAD ,</b></p> <p>Slightly less expensive</p>	<p><b>More expensive</b></p> <p>Due to the fiber cost and the investment for the system</p>

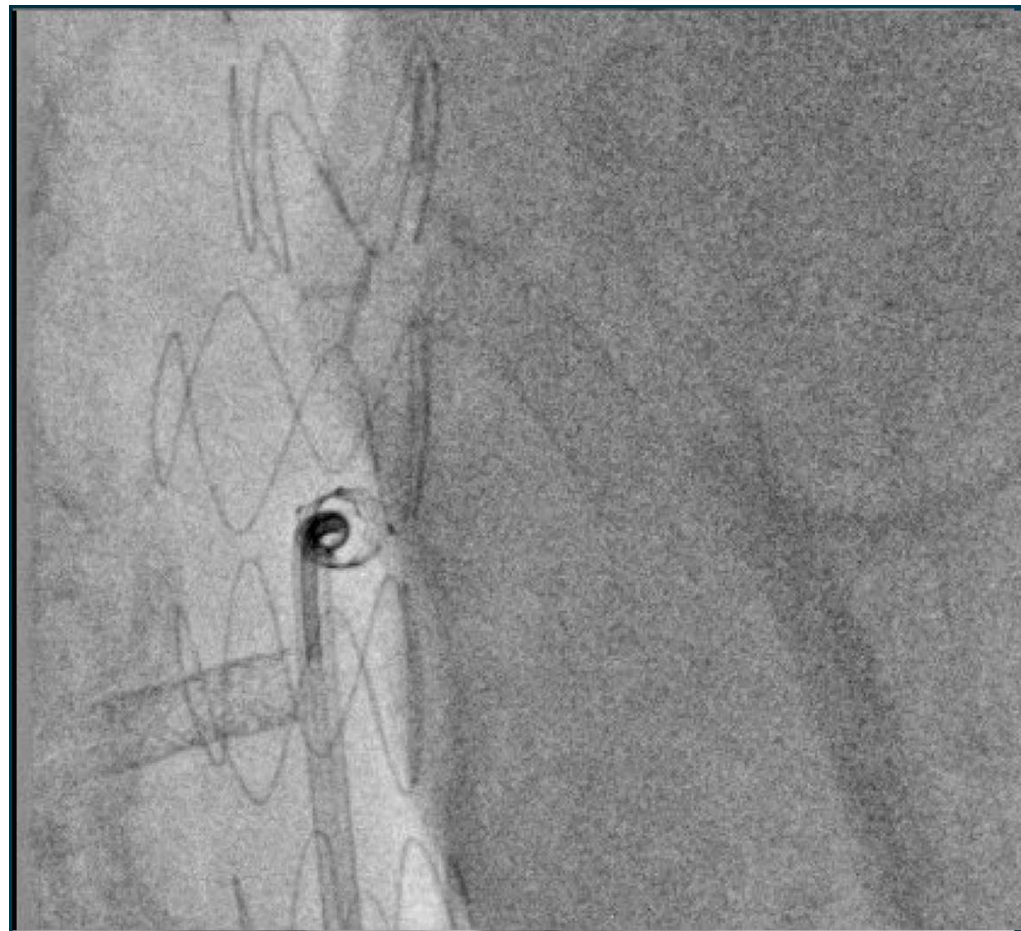


## Technical Pearl

- **Which vessel first**
  - Most do the SMA first
  - But
    - Renal ischemic time is less
  - ....

## Case

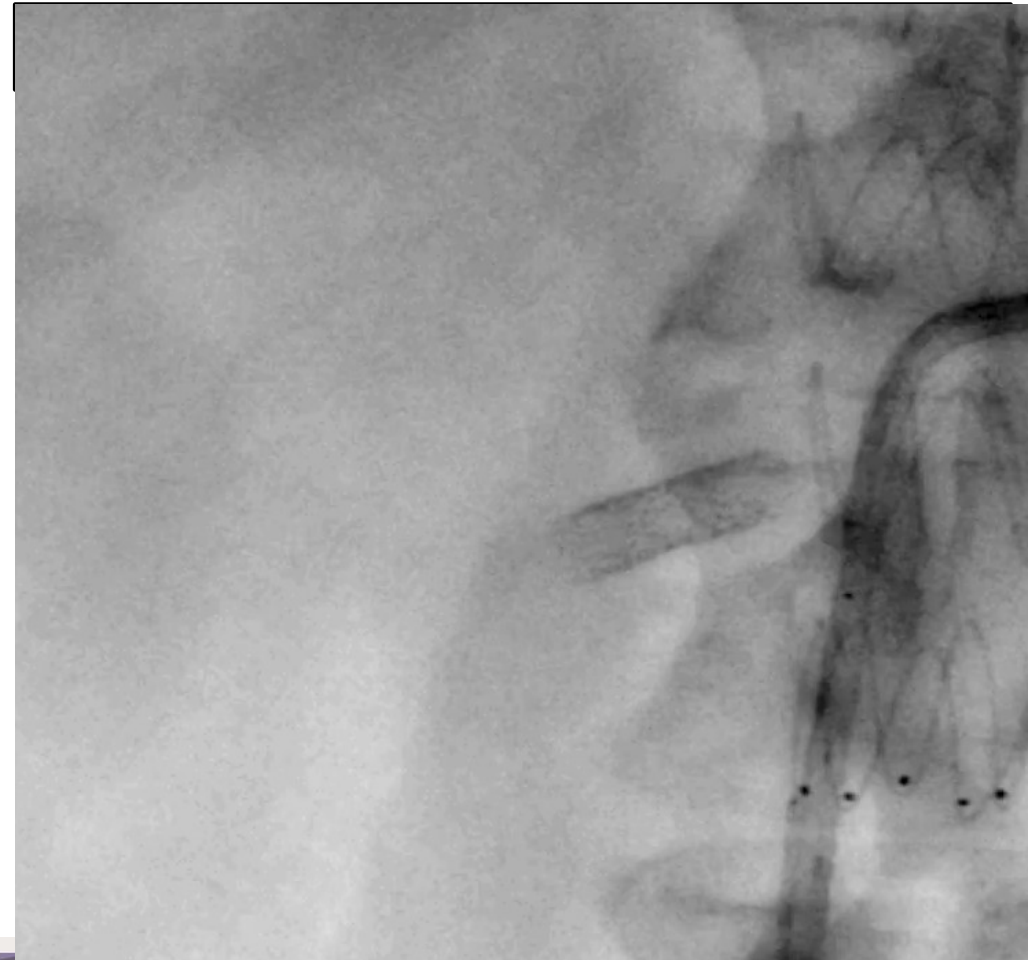
- **Radiofrequency**
- **Positioning**
  - Steerable sheet
  - Catheter and wire
  - 2 views (90 degree angle)



## Case

### ➤ Radiofrequency Fenestration

- Adequate positioning
- Good contact wire-fabric
- Fire...



## Options

### ➤ Fenestration

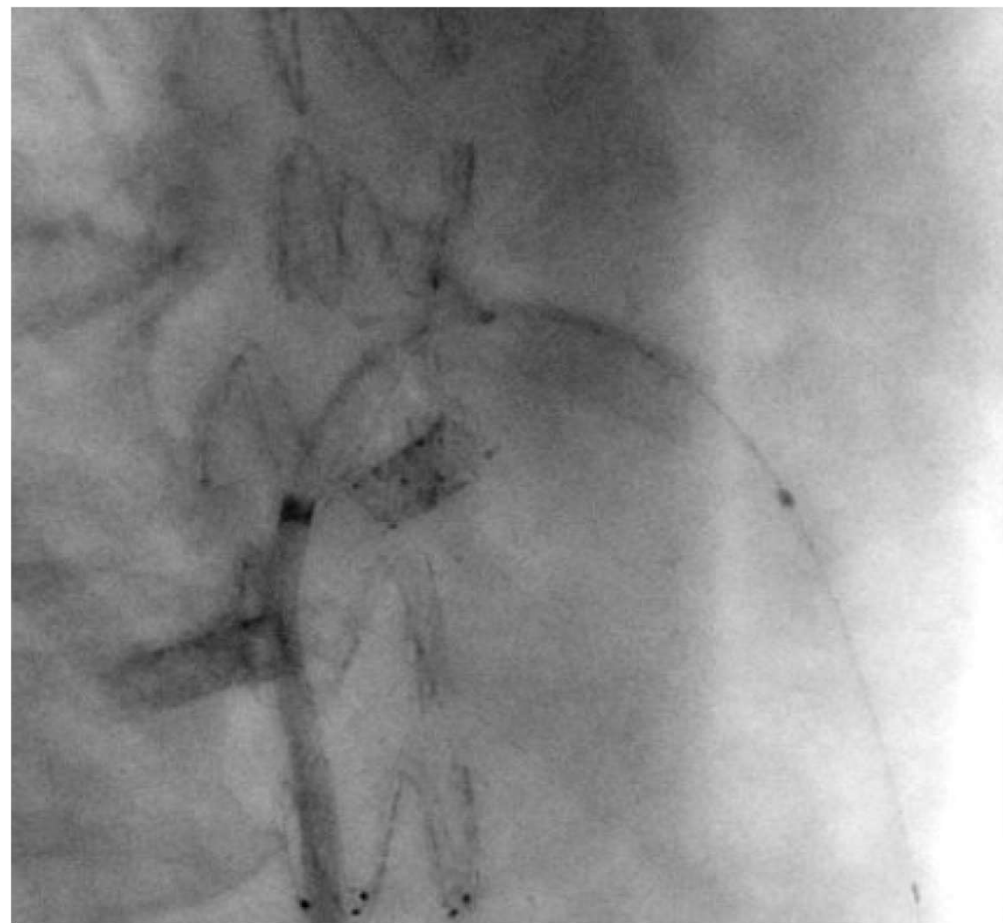
- Advance wire
- Usually catheter will no advance
- Use 3mm balloon
- Use balloon to exchange for stiffer wire
- Progressive dilatation
- Deployed stent as per fenestration technique
  - Maximum 8 mm



## Case

### ➤ Fenestration

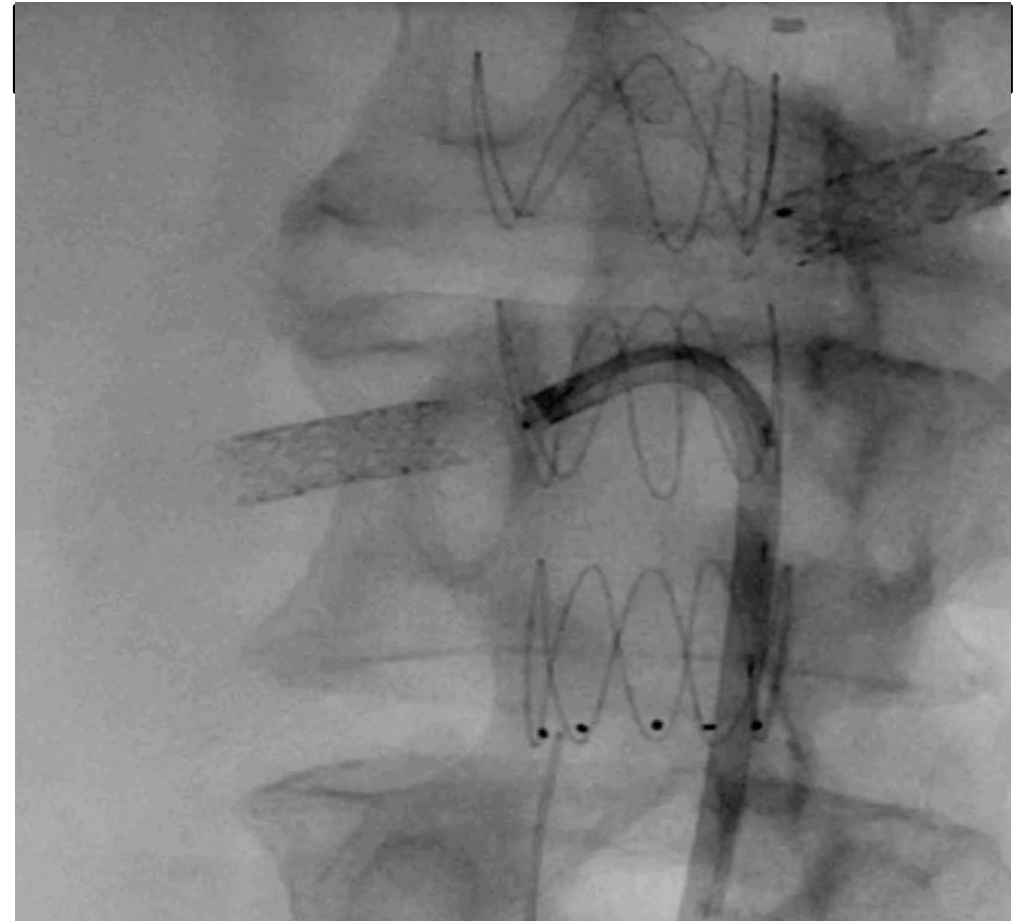
- **Time 0: deployment of TEVAR**
- Left renal – 18 minutes
- Right renal – 32 mins
- SMA – 47 mins



## Case

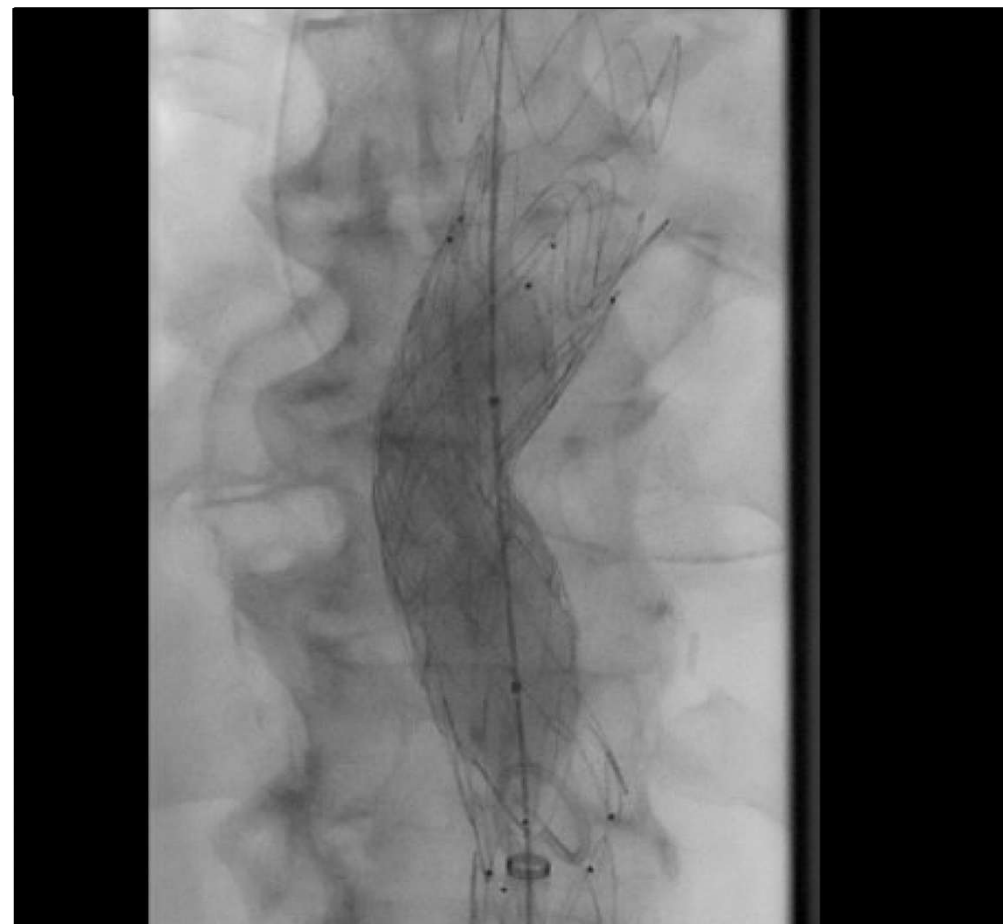
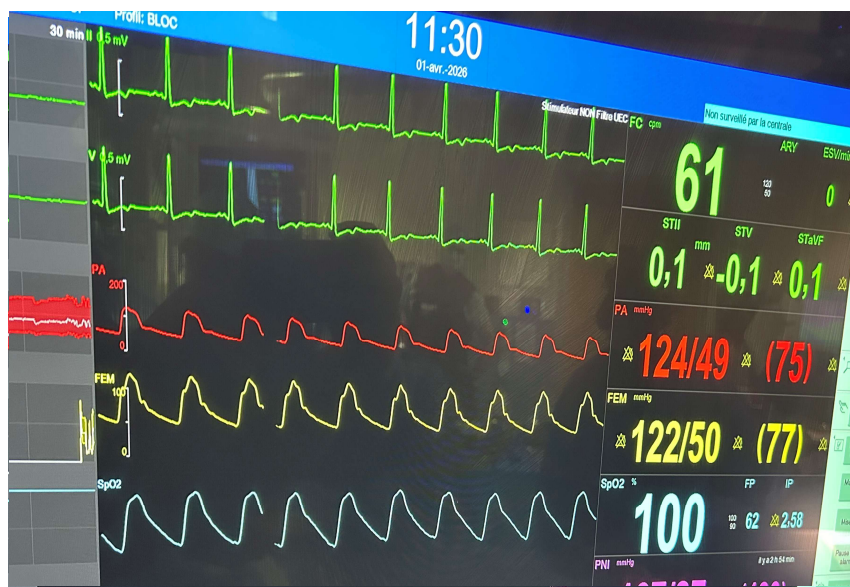
### ➤ Fenestration

- Left renal
- Right renal
- SMA



## Case

- Residual Gradient
  - 10-15mmhg



## Case

### ➤ Final Angiogram

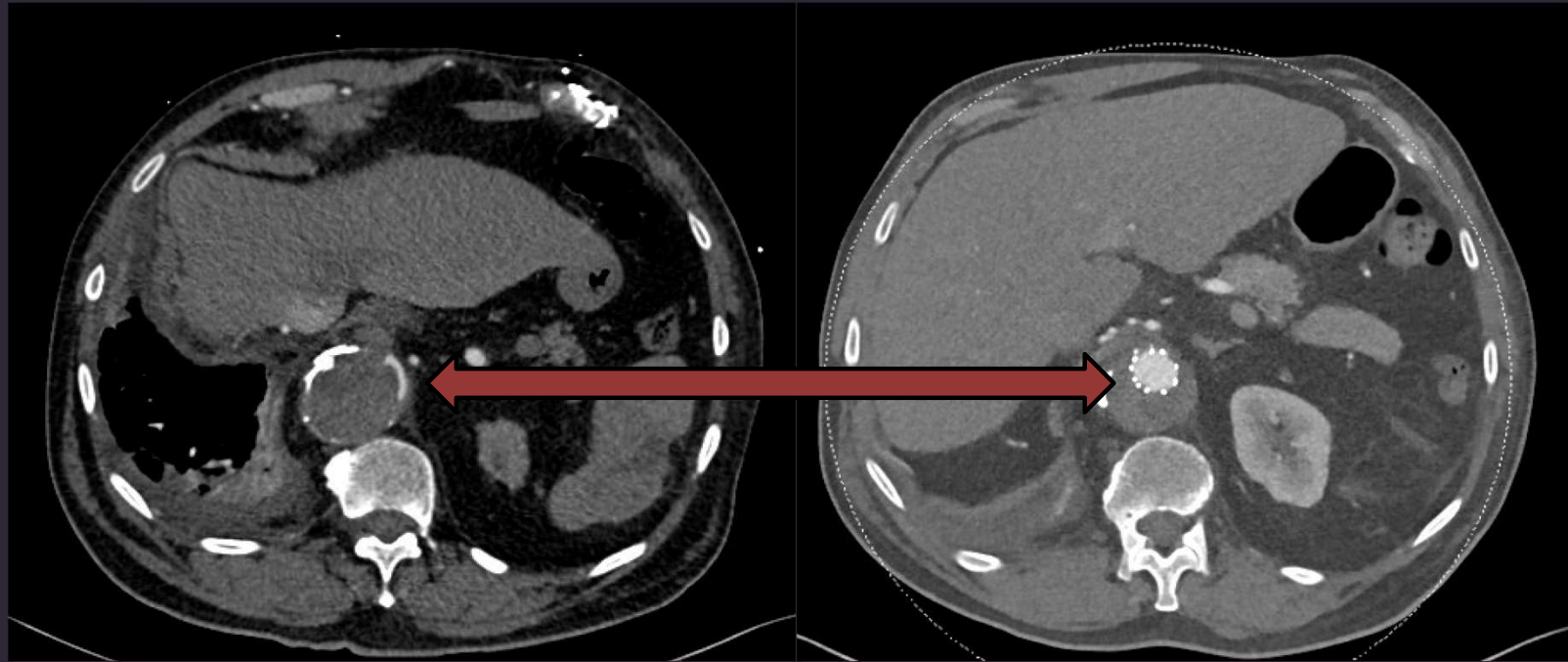
- 3 patent vessels
- Type 1 A endoleak
  - Added a proximal graft 32mm



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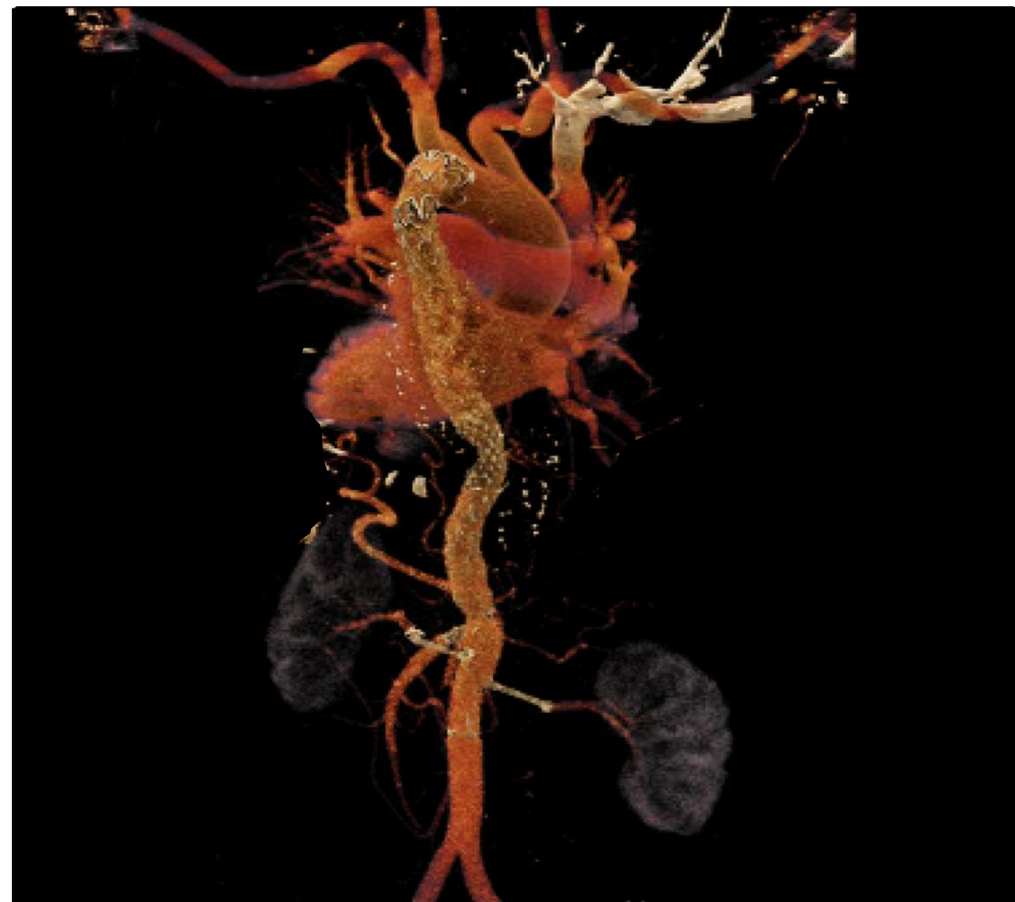


PRE-

POST

## POST-OP

- Diuresis 300cc/h for 12 hours
- Creatinine Level
  - 180 to 74  $\mu\text{mol/L}$  over 3 days
- Extubated on POD #1
  
- Discharged home POD #6



# LITERATURE

## Results



## Fenestrated endovascular aortic repair for complex abdominal aortic aneurysms using in situ laser fenestrations

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- **Over the past 10 years:** 6 series; 5 case reports
- Total of 132 patients (mostly men) and 322 target vessels
- Indications included
  - Symptomatic thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysms and AAAs,
  - Complex perivisceral AAAs, including reintervention after prior EVAR for type Ia endoleak.
- **Technical success:** 94% to 100%,
- **30-day reintervention rates:** 0% to 67% (most common indication Type Ic or type III endoleak)
- **30-day mortality rates** 0% to 12%

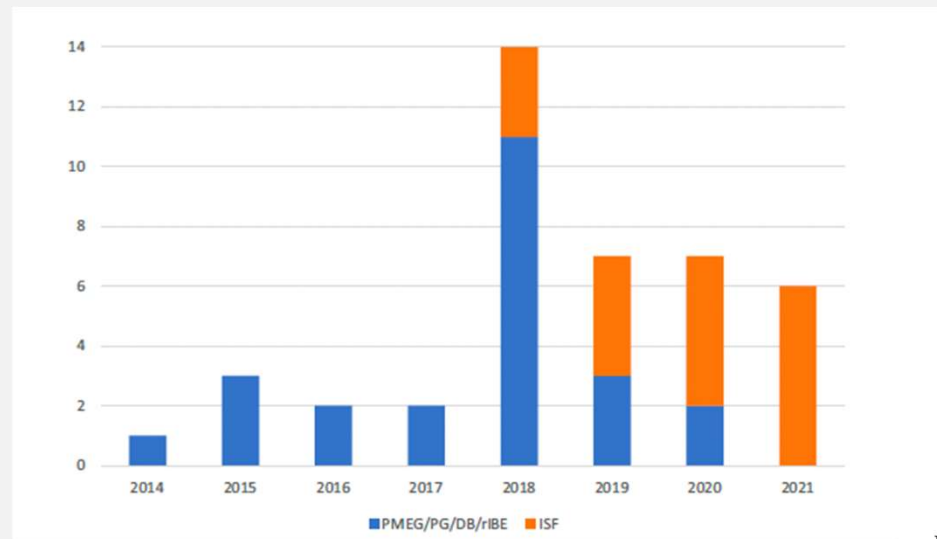
**In situ laser fenestration is a feasible option for urgent, complex repair, with early results comparable to physician-modified endografts when custom-made or off-the-shelf devices are unsuitable.**

# Comparison



## Comparative early results of in situ fenestrated endovascular aortic repair and other emergent complex endovascular aortic repair techniques for ruptured suprarenal and thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysms at a regional aortic center

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- Retrospective review from July 2014 to March 2021
- 42 patients underwent endovascular repair for ruptured SRAAAs and TAAAs
  - 18 of whom underwent ISF repair.
- **In-hospital mortality trended lower in the ISF group (11% vs 25%, P . .233),**
- **Major adverse events did not significantly differ** between the ISF and non-ISF ISF became the most commonly used technique later in the study period.

**Conclusion:** ISF was associated improve survival and has now become the dominant technique at our center.

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# Comparison



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## Experimental Analysis of In Situ Fenestration of Endovascular Stent-Grafts: Comparison between Needle and Laser Puncture

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- An in vitro study including polyester stent-grafts and ePTFE
- Fenestration by needle and laser followed by gradual dilation
- **Needle**
  - Slit-like with visible cut-off fibers in polyester
  - Circular with clear margins in ePTFE stent-grafts
- **Laser**
  - Squared or elliptical with ragged edges and burned fibers
  - Fabric debris and toxic particles were generated
- After gradual balloon dilation, the final holes showed no evident difference

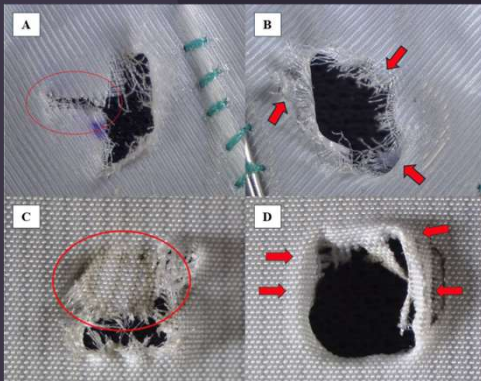
**Conclusions: The primary fenestrations were different between needle and laser puncture. The final fenestrations were similar after gradual balloon dilation.**

# Comparison



	Radiofrequency (RF) Fenestration	Laser Fenestration (ISLF)
Initial Hole Size	Smaller, usually creating <b>1 mm</b> size fenestrations.	Typically larger, creating <b>2–3 mm</b> openings.
Material Compatibility	Effective for <b>Polyester</b> <b>Does not work with ePTFE</b> stent grafts.	Works well on <b>Polyester</b> and <b>ePTFE</b> .
Flexibility	Also flexible and handles tortuosity better than mechanical needles.	Highly flexible probes, suitable for <b>distant or tortuous</b> anatomies.
Common Equipment	PowerWire radiofrequency guidewire or plasma electrode catheters.	308 nm Excimer Laser or Diode Laser.

Bioengineering



Experimental Investigation

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**In Situ Laser Fenestration Technique: Bench-Testing of Aortic Endograft to Guide Clinical Practice**

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**An Experimental Study of Laser *in situ* Fenestration of Current Aortic Endografts**

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**Optimal In Situ Fenestration Technique With Laser Perforation and Balloon Dilatation for Aortic Stent-Grafts**

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**Graft Durability and Fatigue after In Situ Fenestration of Endovascular Stent Grafts Using Radiofrequency Puncture and Balloon Dilatation**

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Main Text Article

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## 1. Endograft Textile Determines Fenestration Behavior

### Key engineering determinant

- Fabric density (saturation index) influences penetration resistance and deformation during fenestration.
- Higher-density fabrics require greater penetration energy and exhibit more fiber disruption during dilation.

### Fabrics

- PET (woven textile)
  - Advantages: higher tensile strength and predictable yarn architecture
  - Disadvantages: susceptible to fiber fraying and tear propagation
- ePTFE (microporous membrane)
  - Advantages: more homogeneous structure and less yarn-related tearing
  - Disadvantages: lower resistance to radial expansion potential creep deformation

### Conclusion

**Density of the graft fabric are primary determinants of how the material responds to fenestration, influencing both the energy required for perforation and the degree of structural damage.**

## 2. Fenestration Technique Alters Microstructure

### Mechanical puncture

- Fiber displacement - Partial preservation of yarn continuity
- Irregular fenestration geometry

### Laser fenestration

- Photothermal ablation - Fiber melting and rupture
- Precise circular fenestration edges

### Radiofrequency fenestration

- Resistive heating - Polymer softening
- Wider thermal injury zone compared with laser

### Conclusion

While **thermal techniques (laser and RF) allow precise and controlled perforation**, they introduce localized thermal damage to the polymer fibers, potentially affecting long-term structural integrity.

### 3. Balloon Dilatation Effects

Fenestration creation is only the first step.

Subsequent steps include:

- initial puncture (laser/RF/needle)
- balloon dilatation
- bridging stent deployment

Biomechanical effects:

- cutting balloons produce blade imprints and further fiber rupture.
- dilation generates plastic deformation of the textile network.
- large dilation diameters increase risk of uncontrolled tearing.

### Conclusion

**Cutting balloon should be avoided** and dilatation of no more than 8mm in diameter is suggested

#### 4. Mechanical Strength Is Significantly Reduced

Experimental tensile testing demonstrates:

- approximately 27–34% reduction in graft fabric tensile strength after fenestration.

Mechanism:

- disruption of the load-bearing fiber network
- development of stress concentration around the fenestration

Both mechanical and thermal fenestrations produce measurable weakening of the textile structure.

#### Conclusion

Fenestration introduces a localized structural defect that **significantly reduces the mechanical strength** of the graft fabric, primarily due to interruption of the load-bearing fiber architecture.

## 5. Fenestration Enlargement Under Cyclic Loading

Simulated physiologic fatigue testing demonstrates:

- progressive fenestration enlargement during pulsatile loading
- fiber rupture and yarn sliding
- gradual expansion of the fenestration perimeter.

Bench studies have reported fenestration area increases up to three- to five-fold depending on fabric density and dilation techniques.

Mechanism:

- cyclic radial forces
- stent–fabric interaction
- progressive micro-tearing of fibers.

### Conclusion

Under physiologic pulsatile loading, **fenestrations behave as fatigue-sensitive regions** of the graft, with **progressive enlargement** driven by cyclic mechanical stresses.

## 6. Seal and Leakage Depend on the Stent–Fabric Interface

Creation of a fenestration disrupts the hydraulic barrier of the graft membrane.

Seal integrity depends on:

- radial force of the bridging stent
- compression of graft fabric around the stent
- fenestration diameter after balloon dilation
- graft material properties.

Experimental observations suggest that thermal fenestration techniques may increase fabric permeability, particularly in multifilament PET grafts.

### Conclusion

After fenestration, **sealing of the branch vessel relies primarily on the mechanical interaction between the bridging stent and the graft fabric**, rather than the intrinsic sealing properties of the graft itself.

## 7. Importance of Reinforcement

Commercial fenestrated endografts incorporate:

- nitinol reinforcement rings
- sutured fenestration borders
- reinforced textile patches

Experimental studies demonstrate that reinforcement:

- improves resistance to fabric tearing
- increases pull-out strength of bridging stents
- enhances fatigue durability.

These features compensate for the structural weakening introduced by fenestrations.

### **Conclusion**

**Reinforced fenestrations restore mechanical stability at the branch interface, highlighting why manufacturer-designed fenestrated grafts remain biomechanically superior to in-situ or physician-modified fenestrations.**

### Key Engineering Risks of In-Situ Fenestration

- Stress concentration around fenestration
- Fatigue enlargement
- Polymer thermal degradation
- Yarn rupture and fraying
- Seal failure at stent interface
- Long-term fabric creep

These factors are why many authors emphasize that **in-situ fenestration remains biomechanically inferior to purpose-built reinforced fenestrations**

## ADVANTAGES

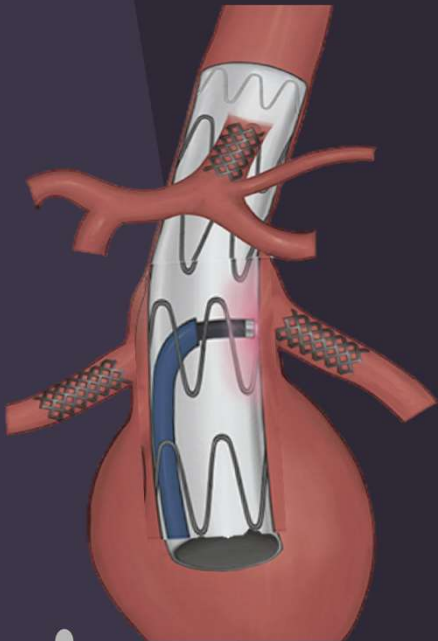
- Readily accessible for urgent cases
- No manufacturing delay
- Does not require precise alignment
- Good short-term results

## LIMITATIONS

- Visceral Ischemic time
- Requires specialised equipment
- Requires pre-placement of marker stent
- Long term results?
  - Material fatigue and enlargement

# Conclusion

- **Expands endovascular options**
  - In situ fenestration is a feasible technique for juxtarenal, pararenal, and thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysm repair, when standard devices are not suitable.
- **No clearly superior technique**
  - Thermal and mechanical techniques all achieve reliable fenestrations
  - Technique selection should depend on institutional expertise and available resources.
- **High technical success but limited durability data**
  - Published series report high technical success and good short-term outcomes
  - Robust long-term follow-up data remain limited.
- **Bioengineering concerns remain**
  - Fenestration alters graft fabric structure and mechanical integrity
  - The long-term impact on material requires further bioengineering investigation.
- **Current role in practice**
  - In situ fenestration should primarily be considered for urgent/emergent cases or as a bailout technique, while its broader indications continue to be defined.



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