

# Cause et management des anévrisme de l'aorte abdominal (AAA).



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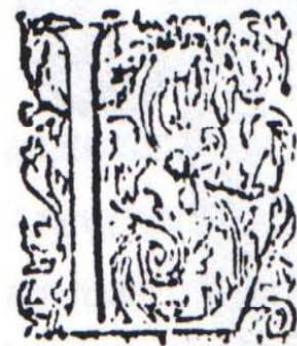
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# Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm

- 13<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the U.S.
- Most common in men >65 years
- AAA causes 1.3% of all deaths among men aged 65–85 years in developed countries
- Most abdominal aneurysms are asymptomatic until rupture

## Définition de l' AAA



Ua tumeur nommee Aneurisme se prend ordinairement pour la dilatation de l'Artere, ce qui se doit entendre pour les petits Aneurismes, estant impossible que l'Artere se puisse tellement dilater & eslargir és grands Aneurismes qui se rencontrent fouuent: Ainfi nous dirons suyuant l'opinion des anciens, l'Aneurisme estre faict, quand le sang & esprits sortent des Arteres, par ce que les orifices sont ouuerts, ce qui se nomme Anastomose, ou quand la tunique de l'Artere est diuisee & rompue, soit de playe, ou d'autre cause.

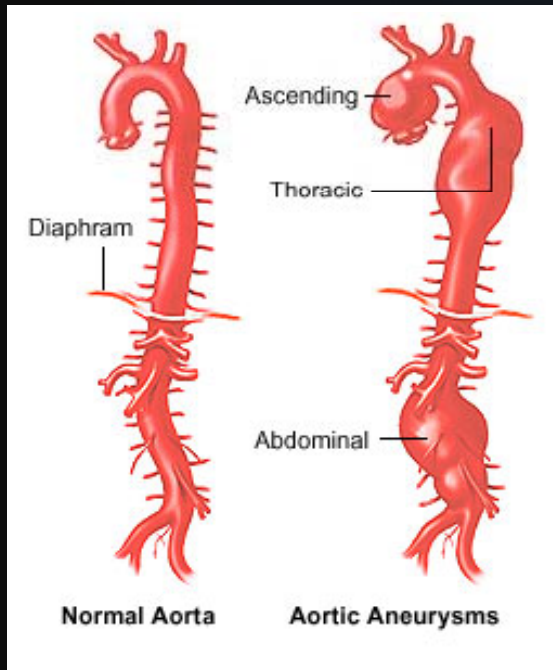
*Guillemeau,*

1632

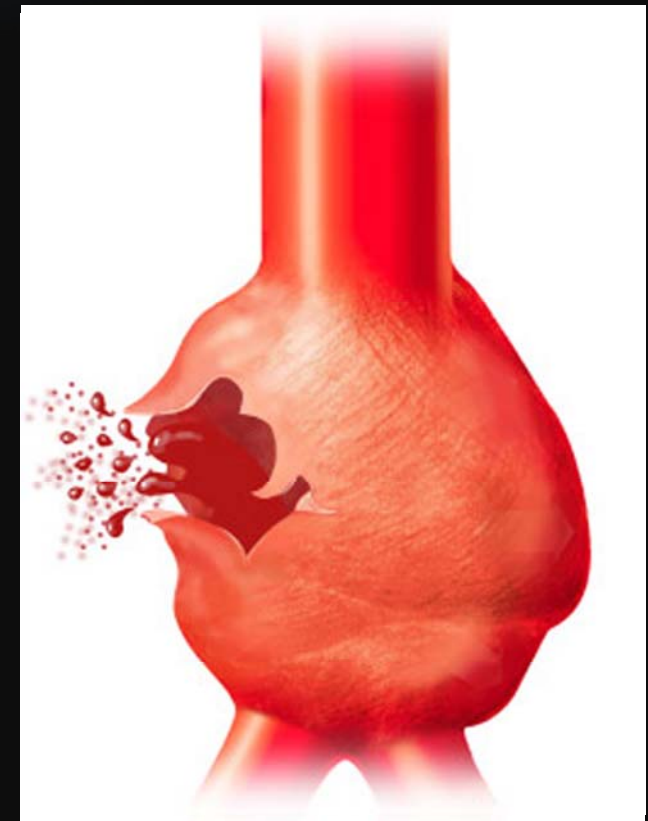
diamètre aortique infrarénal  $\geq 30$  mm

# Définition de l' AAA

La dilatation irreversible d'un segment d'une artère



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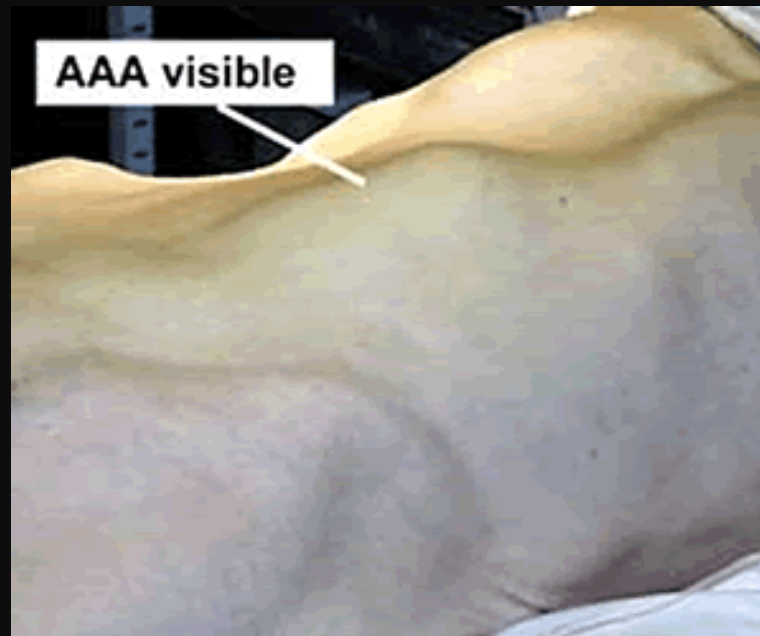




# Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm

## Diagnosis

- Usually asymptomatic
- Diagnosed incidentally during clinical exam



# Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Diagnosis

- Ultrasonography is the simplest and cheapest diagnostic procedure



*Sakalihasan N, et al. Lancet. 2005;365:1577-1589*

# Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm

## Diagnosis

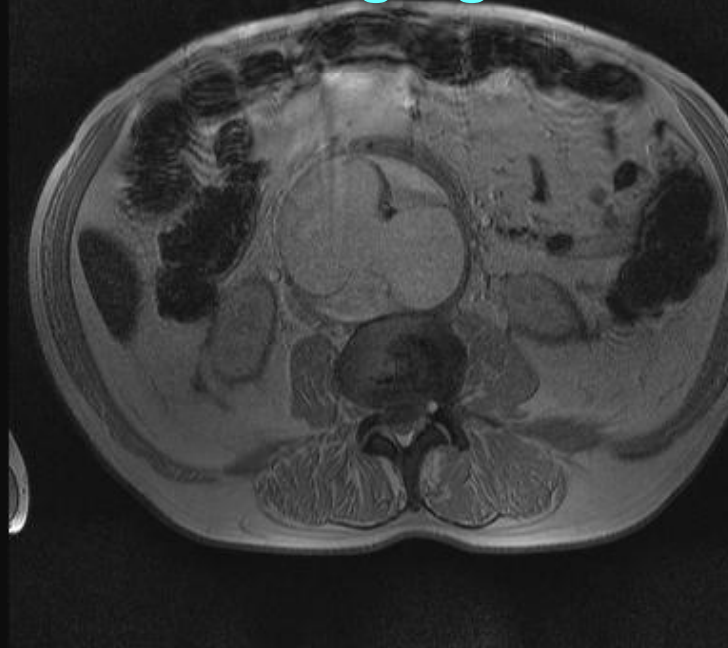
- CT scans helpful to determine surgical treatment - endovascular or open surgery



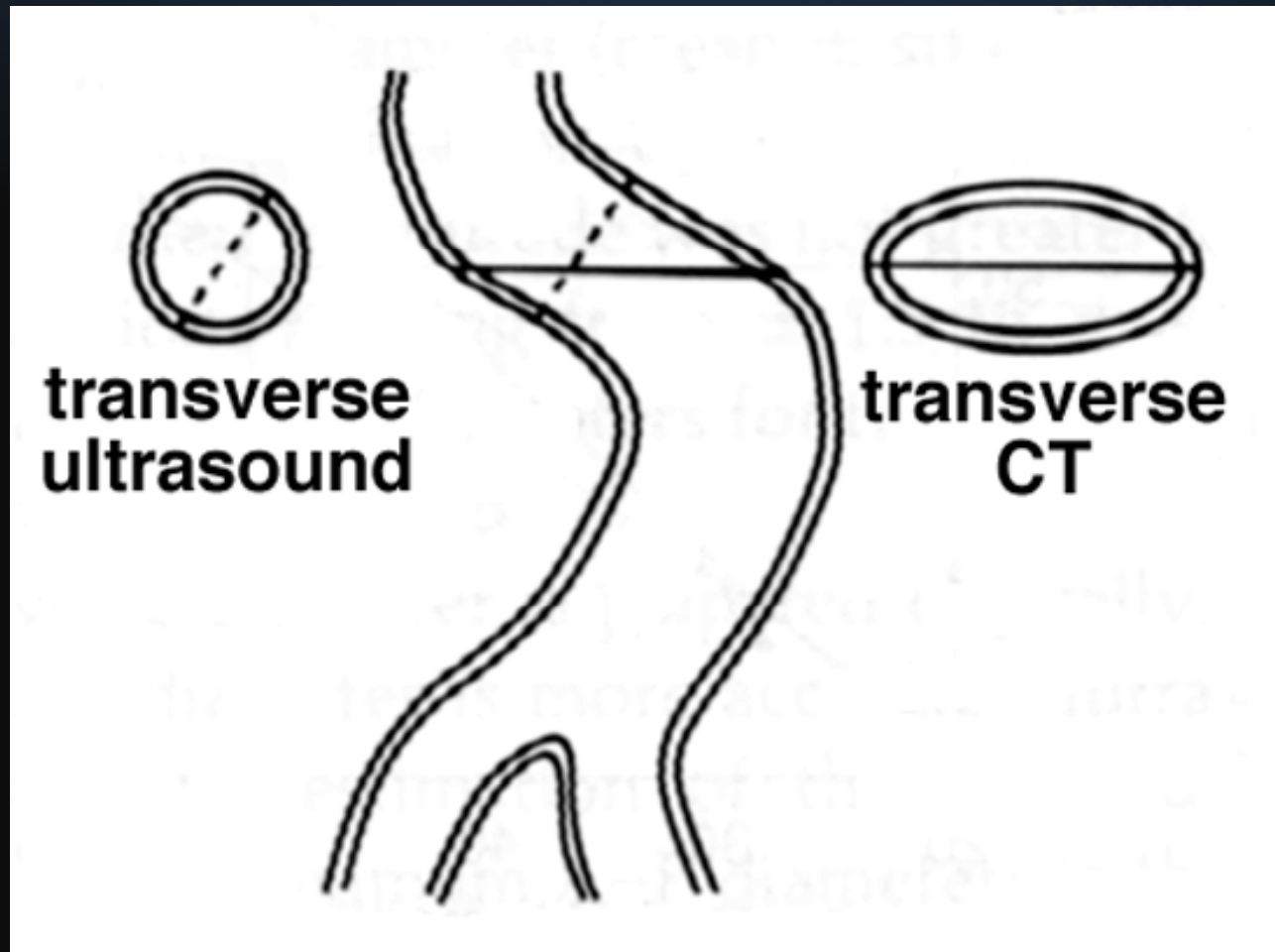
# Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Diagnosis

- Magnetic Resonance Imaging

**Anatomical and functional  
imaging**



*Nchimi A,..... Sakalihasan N, Radiology, 2010*

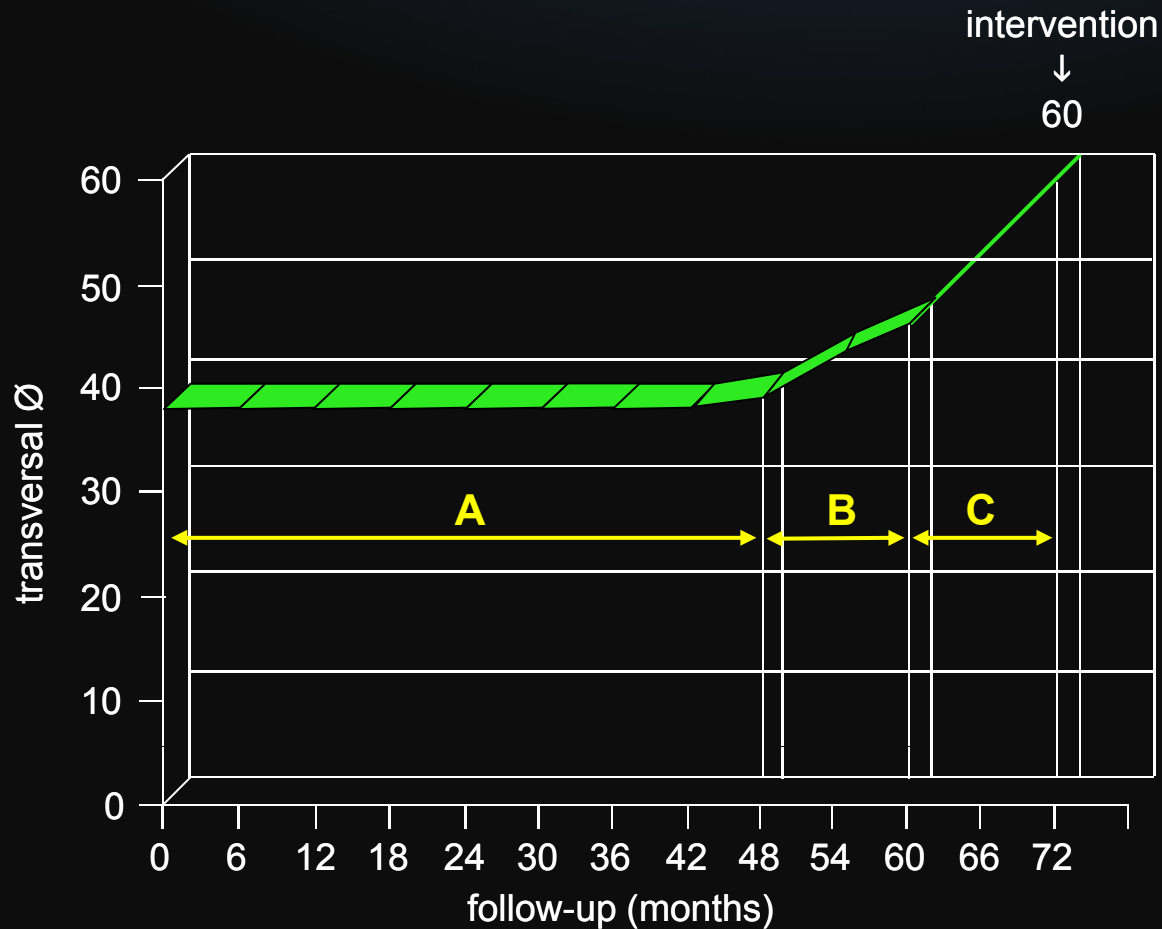


The versatility of ultrasound.

from M Ellis et al : "The limitations of ultrasound in surveillance of small abdominal aortic aneurysms" ; edited by RM Greenhalgh & JA Mannick  
"The cause and management of aneurysms".

D.C. Fem. 74 years

INITIAL Ø : 38 mm - FINAL Ø : 60 mm



### 3 PHASES TYPES :

**A. Stable Phase**  
(5 à 10 years)  
Ø : 30 → 40

**B. Critical Moment**  
(1 year)  
Ø : 40 → 45

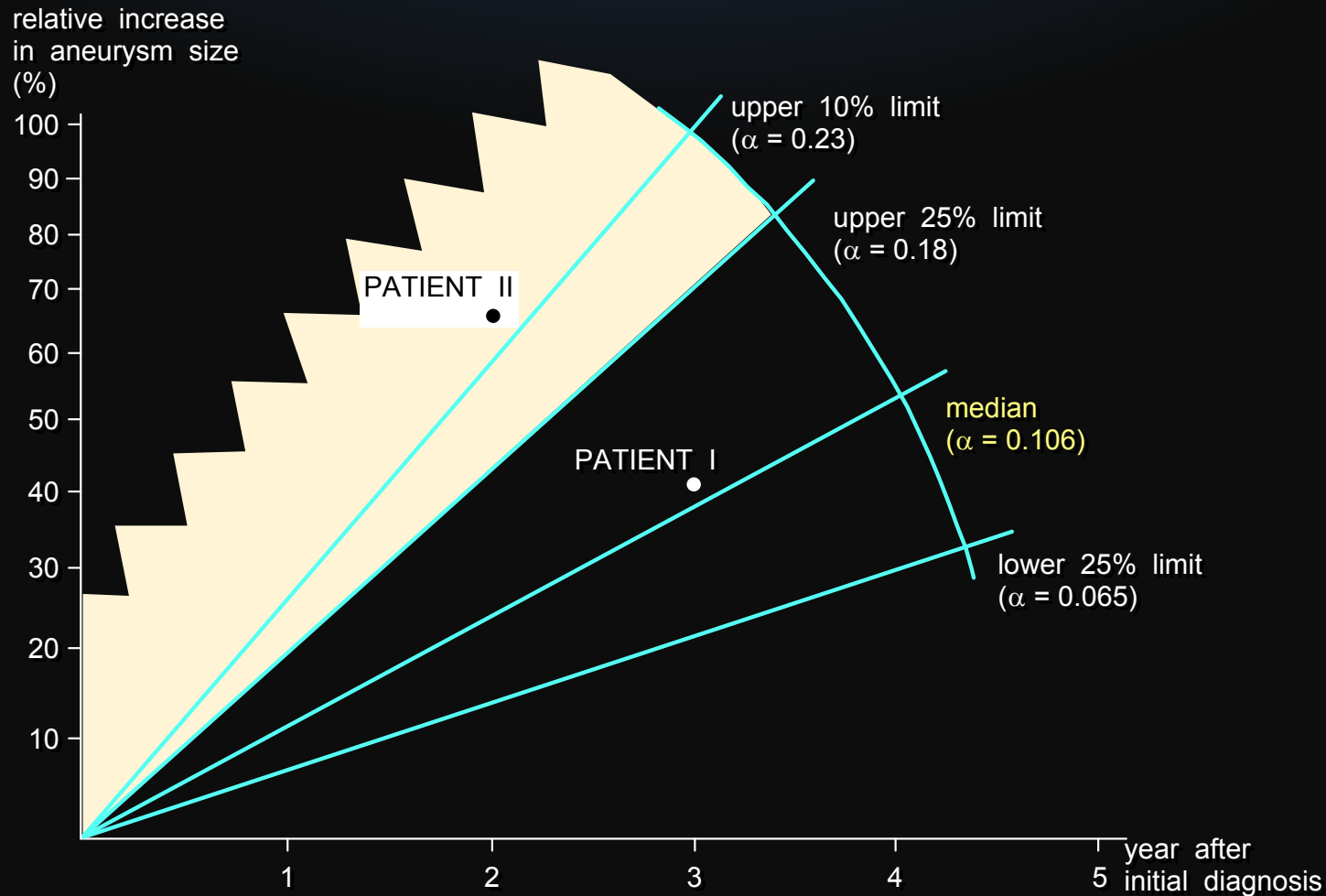
**C. Acceleration Phase**  
?  
Ø : 45 → +

Determination of the expansion rate and incidence of rupture of abdominal aortic aneurysms.

R Limet, N Sakalihasan, A Albert, *J Vasc Surg* 1991 ; 14 : 540-548



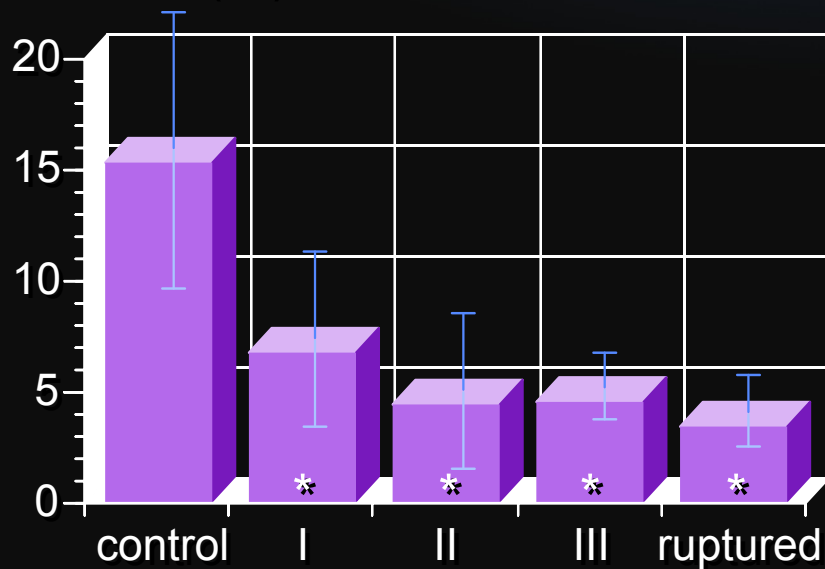
## The risk of rupture is not exclusively determined by the size of the AAA but also by its growth rate



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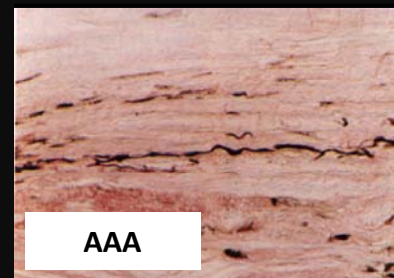
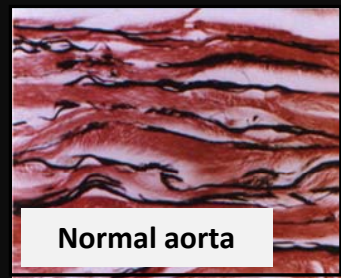
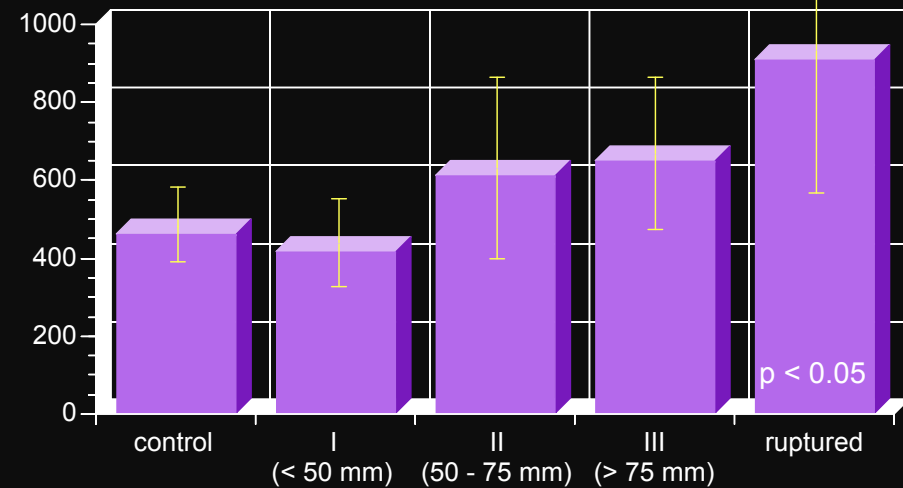
# MODIFICATIONS OF THE EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX OF ANEURYSMAL ABDOMINAL AORTAS AS A FUNCTION OF THEIR SIZE

Elastin (%)



Collagen

Extractable collagen  
(ng/mg dry weight)

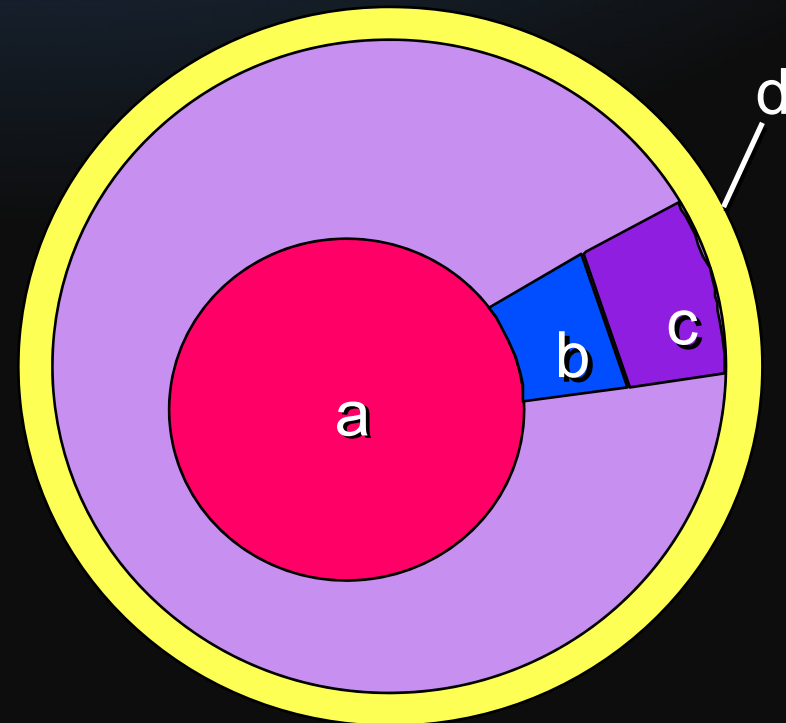
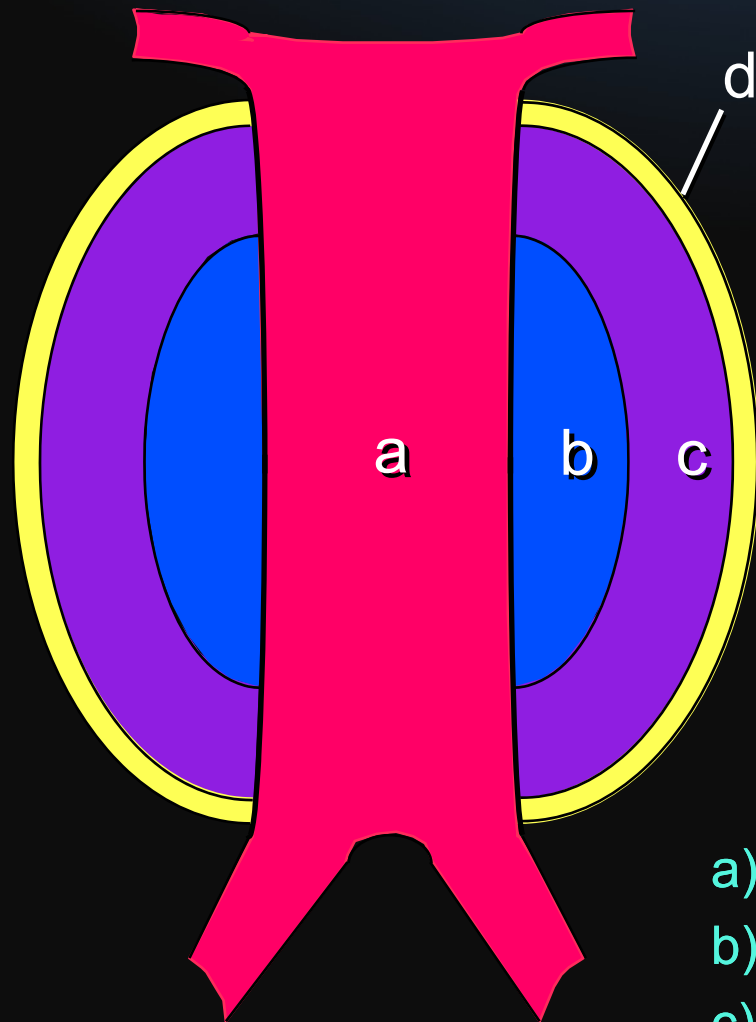


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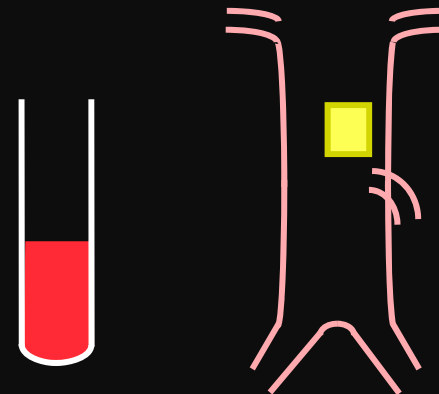
# Quel est le rôle des métallo-protéases dans le mécanisme de ces modifications ?



## SOURCE OF THE POTENTIAL COLLAGENASES



- a) Serum
- b) Luminal thrombus
- c) Parietal thrombus
- d) Aortic wall



## Activité des gélatinases dans l'aorte normale et anévrysmale évaluée par "soluble assay"

	sérum		échantillons tissulaires			
	contrôle	AAA	AAA			normal
			thrombus		paroi aortique	paroi aortique
	n = 6	n = 10	luminal n = 10	pariétal n = 10	n = 10	n = 6
72 kDa	1.6 ± 0.4	1.6 ± 0.3	8.0 ± 6.7	3.2 ± 1.7	3.6 ± 1.1	3.6 ± 0.3
72 kDa Act.	0	0	0	1.2 ± 1.0	1.9 ± 0.7	0.7 ± 0.2
92kDa	1.3 ± 0.4	1.1 ± 0.3	39.9 ± 6.7	8.0 ± 2.1	4.5 ± 1.2	1.6 ± 0.4
92kDa Act.	0	0.1 ± 0.2	0	0.8 ± 0.9	1.2 ± 0.9*	0

Les résultats sont exprimés par unités  $\mu$ l de sérum ou par mg de tissu frais.

Une unité correspond à l'activité de l'enzyme qui dégrade 1 $\mu$ g de gélatine en 16H à 37° C.

\* p < 0.05

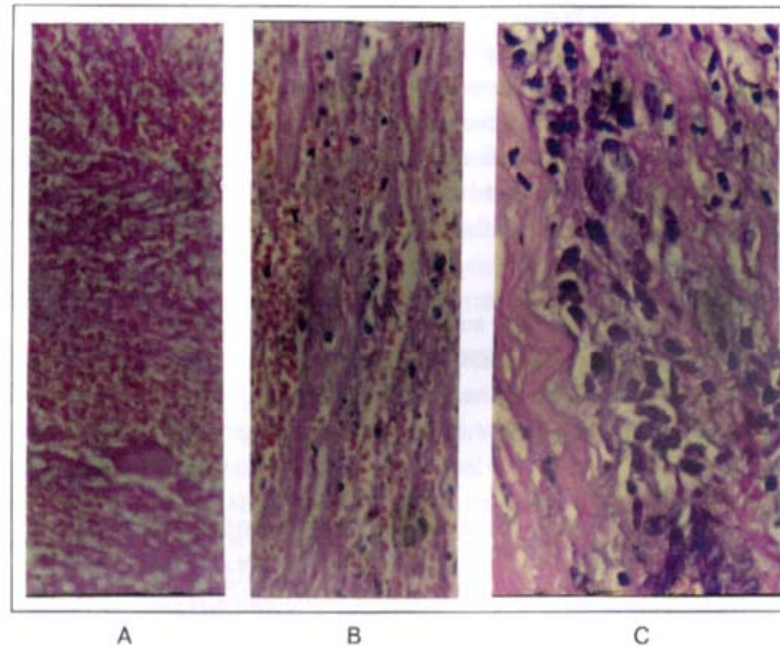


Figure V-2. Hematoxylin and eosin stained sections of internal thrombus (A), adherent thrombus (B) and aortic wall (C). The thrombi consisted essentially of a fibrinous material infiltrated by degenerated red cells and rare leucocytes (A and B). The aortic wall specimen showed a medial and intimal fibrosis associated with a mononuclear cell infiltrate predominating in the adventita and media (C).

Table V-V. Relationship between inflammatory cell infiltrate and activation of 72 kDa gelatinase.

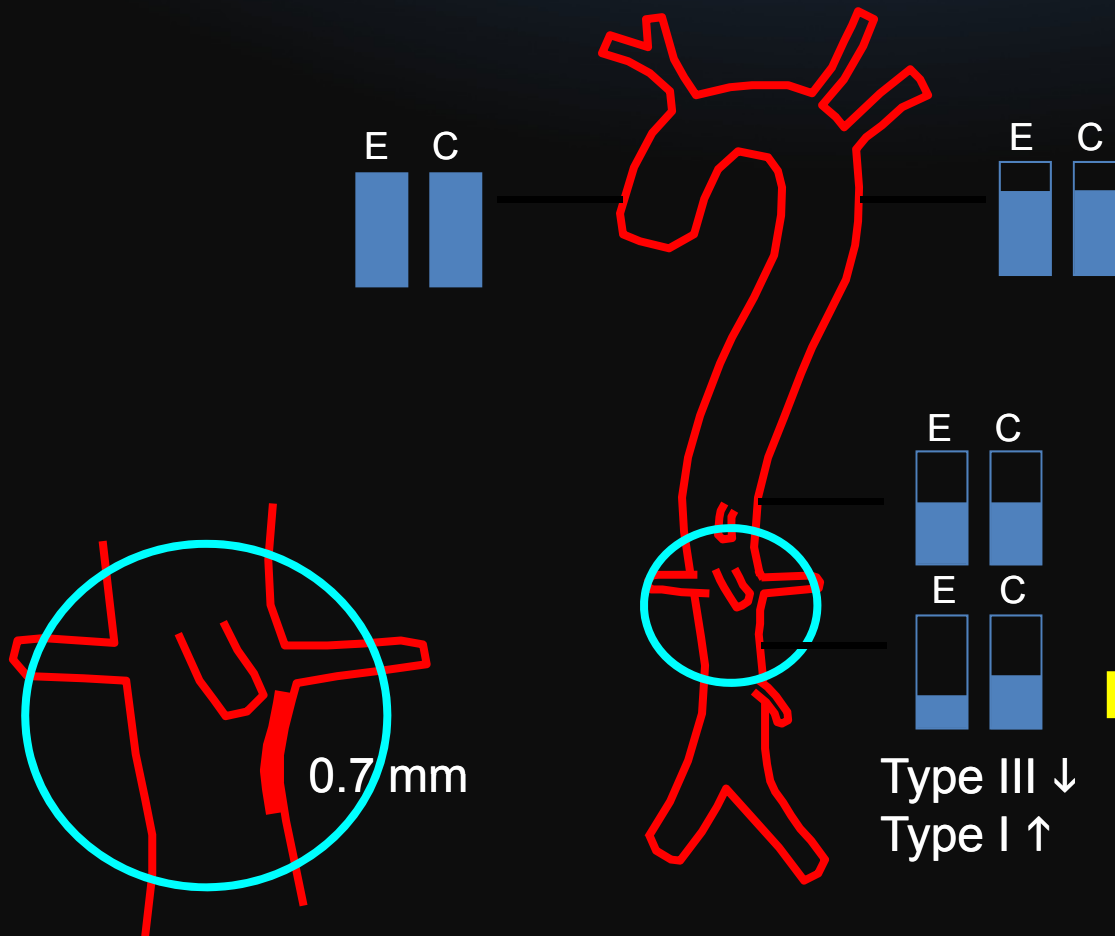
Score	n	72 kDa active form (cpm/mg)	
		Mean	Min - Max
3	2	264	135 - 393
5	5	404	175 - 785
6	2	657	334 - 981

Positive linear correlation between the inflammatory cell infiltrate and the individual values of 72 kDa gelatinase active forms.  
( $y = 117 + 129x - r = 0.46$ ).

**"Involvement of MMP2 and MMP9 in the developement of abdominal aortic aneurysms".**  
N SAKALIHASAN, P DELVENNE, B NUSGENS, R LIMET, CH LAPIERE.  
Cell Biol Intern, 1995, 19 : 250-251



# AAA

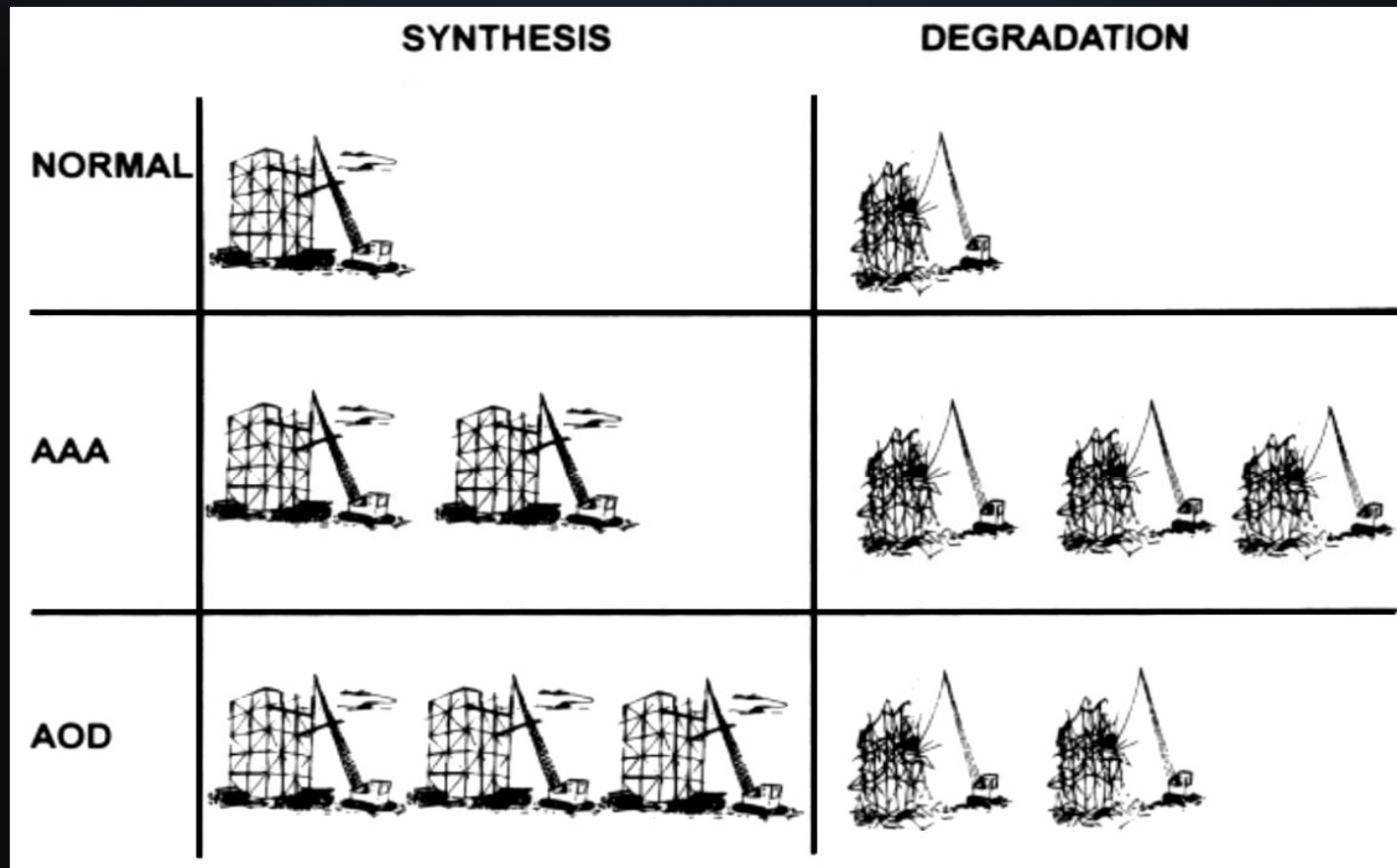


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Type I ↑

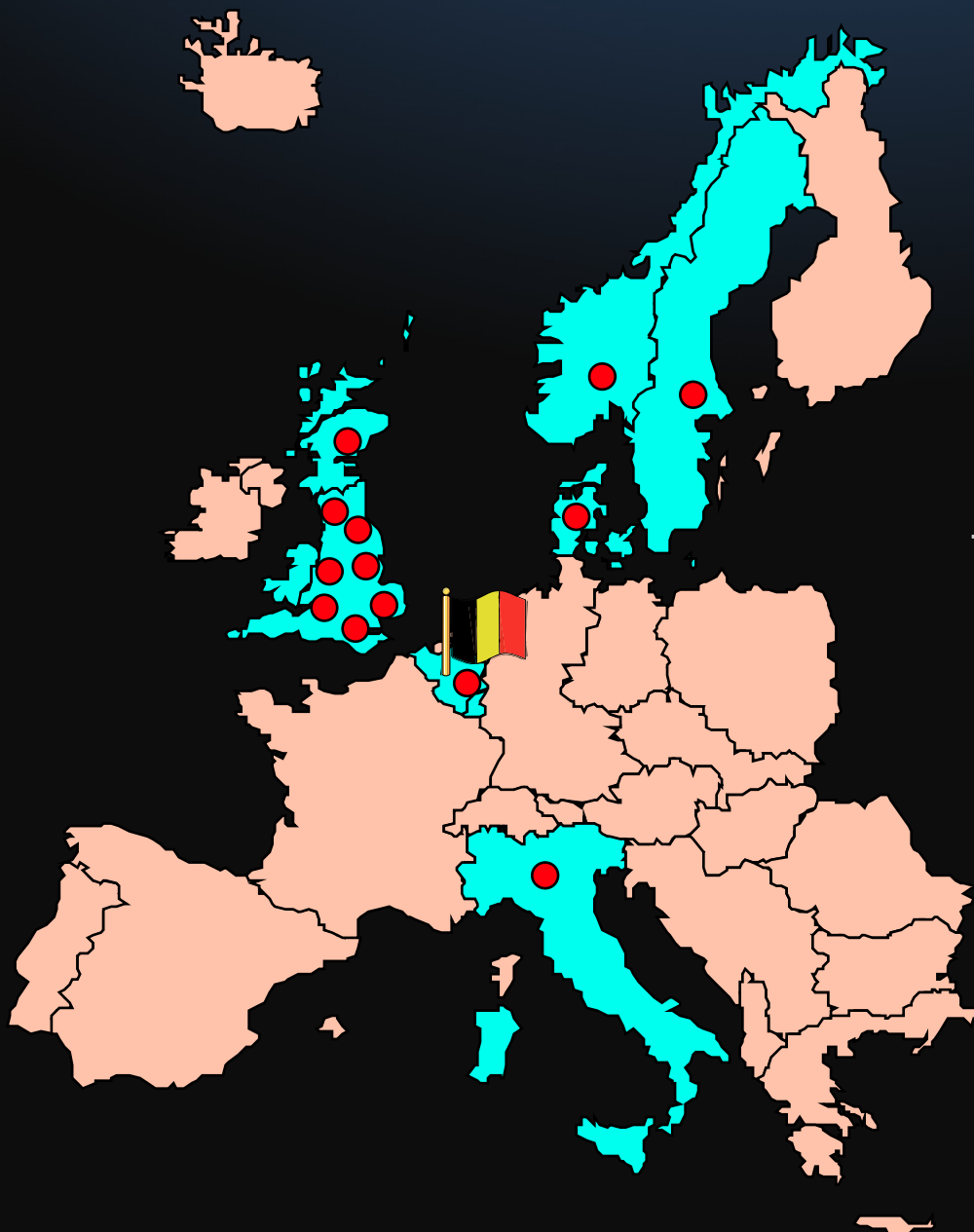
Bernoulli's phenomenon  
Laplace law

weakening of wall  
↓  
↑ tangential tension  
↓  
AAA development

in mammalian : 40 layers  
human aorta : 29 layers



The dynamics of the aortic wall matrix. Synthesis and degradation are balanced in the normal aorta. Metabolic activity increases in the diseased aorta, favoring either protein accumulation (AOD) or matrix degeneration (AAA).

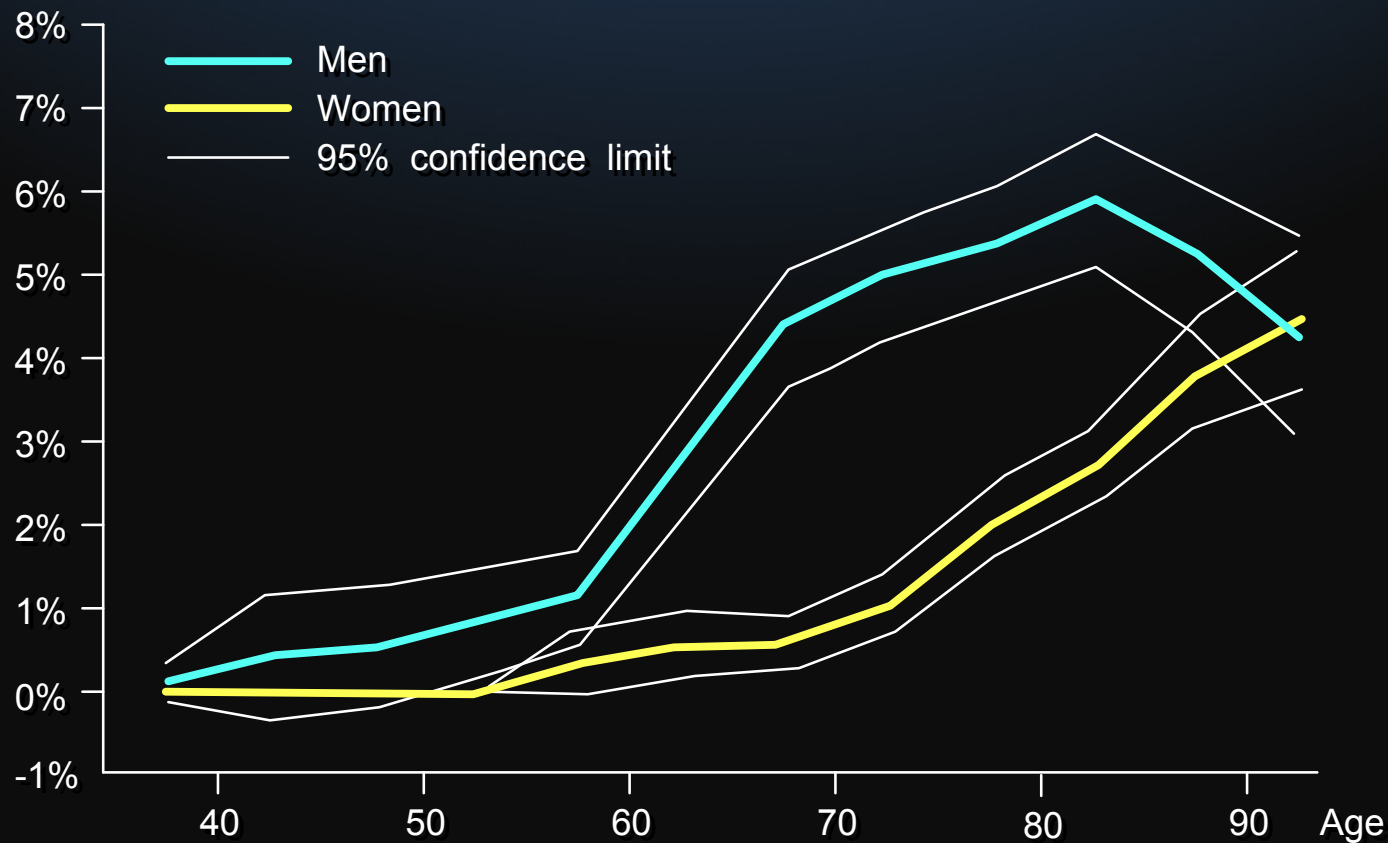


frequency of AAA in population-  
based screening studies  
ranging 2.4%  $\rightarrow$  3.9%  
(AAA  $\geq 30$  mm  $\varnothing$ )

# Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm – Epidemiology

- Incidence has increased in the past two decades
  - Smoking
  - Aging population
  - Introduction of screening programs
  - Improved diagnostic tools
- Prevalence in men > women
  - Men between 1.3%–8.9%
  - Women between 1.0%–2.2%

Lederle FA, et al. *Arch Intern Med.* 2000;160:1425-1430; Lindholt JS, et al. *Euro J Vasc Endovasc Surg.* 2000;20:369-373;  
Lederle FA, et al. *J Vasc Surg.* 2001;34:122-126; Singh K, et al. *Am J Epidemiol.* 2001;154:236-244;  
Vardulaki KA, et al. *Br J Surg.* 2000;87:195-200; Sakalihasan N, et al. *Lancet.* 2005;365:1577-1589.



Autopsy-based age specific rate (95% confidence limit)  
of abdominal aortic aneurysms in Malmö, Sweden.

from D Berqvist et al : "Associated atherosclerotic manifestations"; edited by  
RM Greenhalgh & JA Mannick "The cause and management of aneurysms".

# Factors promoting the aortic rupture

## gender

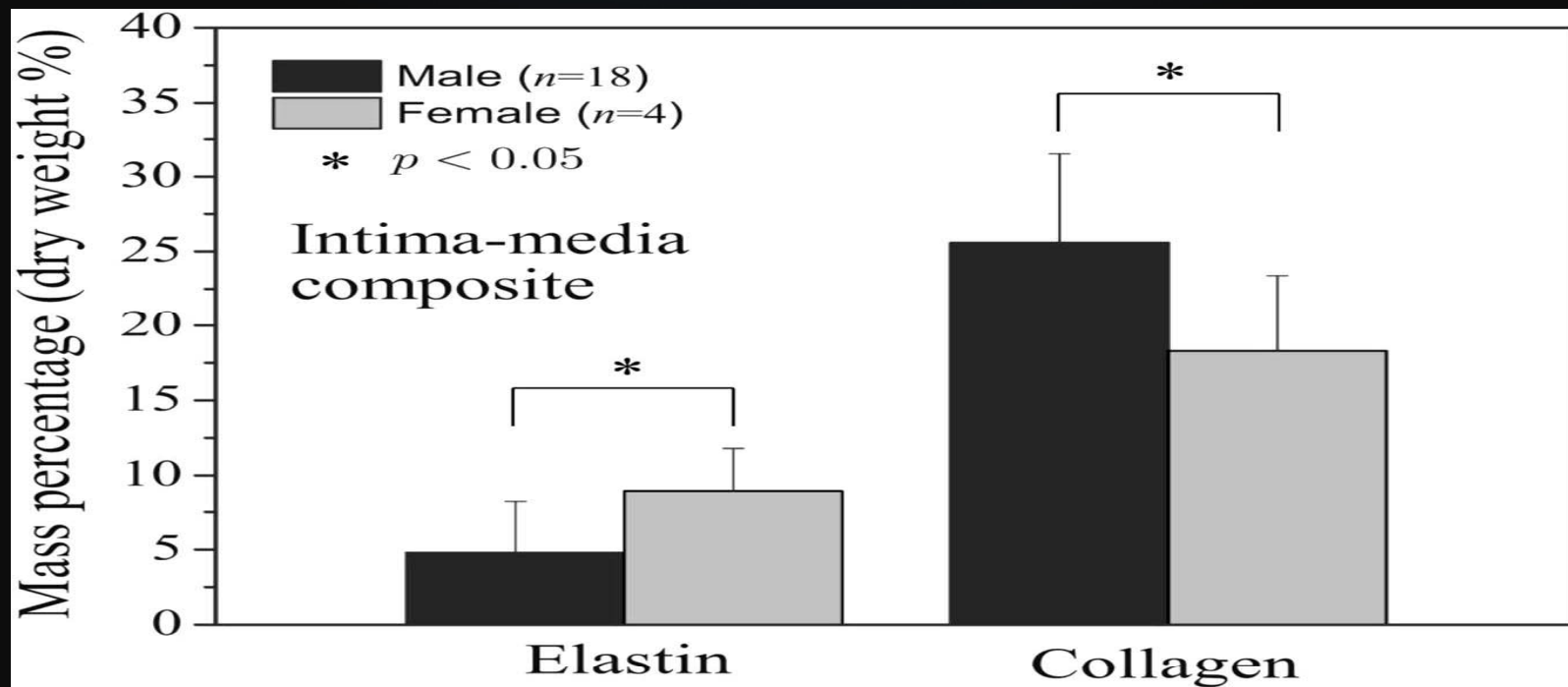


Figure 6 Mass fractions of elastin and collagen within the thrombus-covered intima-media composite for male and female patients. Significant differences are noted for the dry weight percentages of both elastin and collagen between male and female.

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**Gender Differences in Biomechanical Properties, Thrombus Age, Mass Fraction and Clinical Factors of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms**



## PREVALENCE and RISK FACTORS OF AAA (POPULATION BASED STUDY in LIEGE)

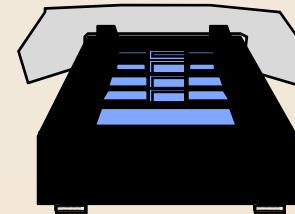
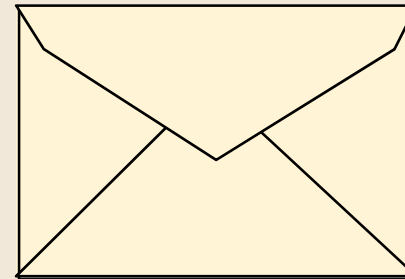
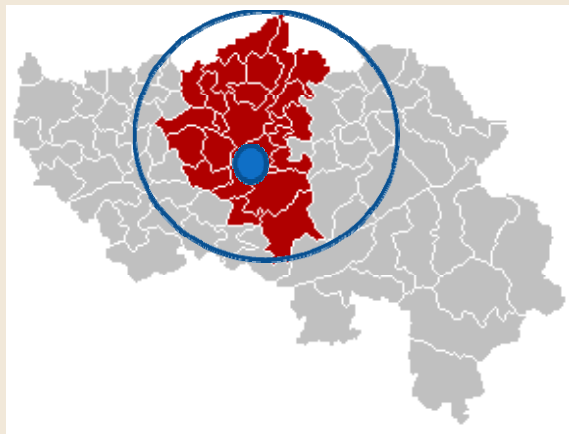
âge	n	%
65	18	3,9
75	10	3,8

	sans AAA		avec AAA		p
	n	%	n	%	
dyslipidemia	172	24,92	13	35,13	NS
diabetes	78	11,30	7	18,91	NS
<b>hypertension</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>27,24</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>45,94</b>	<b>&lt; 0,05</b>
<b>smoking</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>21,73</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>35,13</b>	<b>&lt; 0,06</b>

## Extending abdominal aortic aneurysm detection to older age groups (65-85 years): preliminary results from the Liège screening program.

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## Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm: Screening

Release Date: June 2014

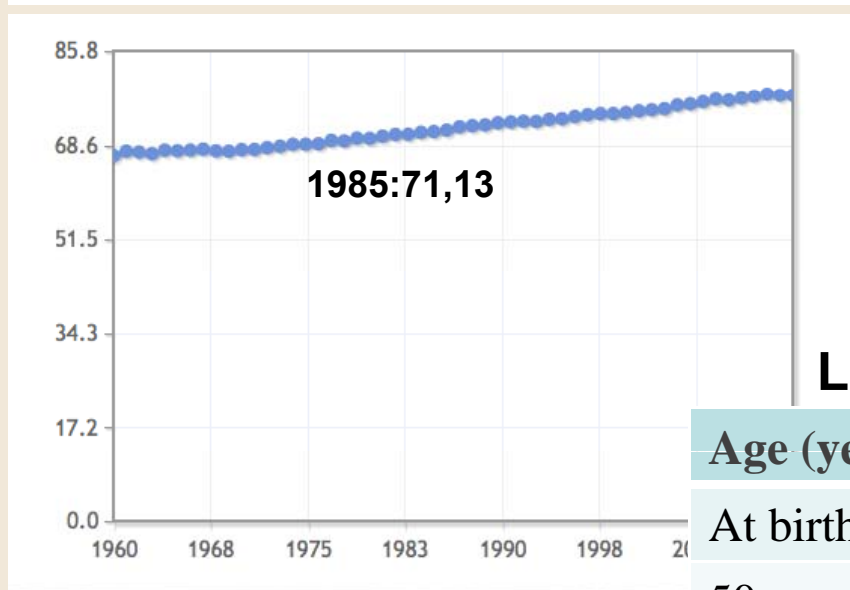
### Recommendation Summary

Population	Recommendation	Grade (With Threshold)
Men Ages 65 to 75 Years who Have Ever Smoked	The USPSTF recommends one-time screening for abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) with ultrasonography in men ages 65 to 75 years who have ever smoked.	<b>B</b>
Men Ages 65 to 75 Years who Have Never Smoked	The USPSTF recommends that clinicians selectively offer screening for AAA in men ages 65 to 75 years who have never smoked rather than routinely screening all men in this group.	<b>C</b>
Women Ages 65 to 75 Years who Have Ever Smoked	The USPSTF concludes that the current evidence is insufficient to assess the balance of benefits and harms of screening for AAA in women ages 65 to 75 years who have ever smoked.	<b>I</b>
Women Who Have Never Smoked	The USPSTF recommends against routine screening for AAA in women who have never smoked.	<b>D</b>

**Current guidelines on AAA screening propose either 1-time screening in men at the age of 65 or 1-time screening in men ever smokers aged 65 to 75.**

## Belgium - Life expectancy at birth

### Life expectancy at birth, male (years)



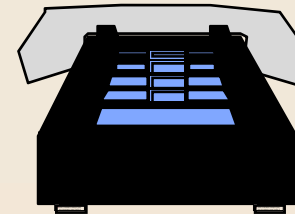
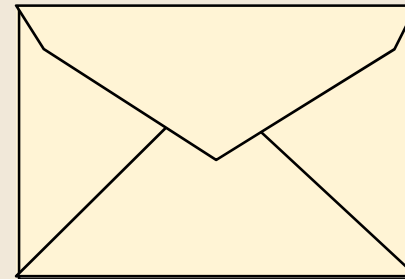
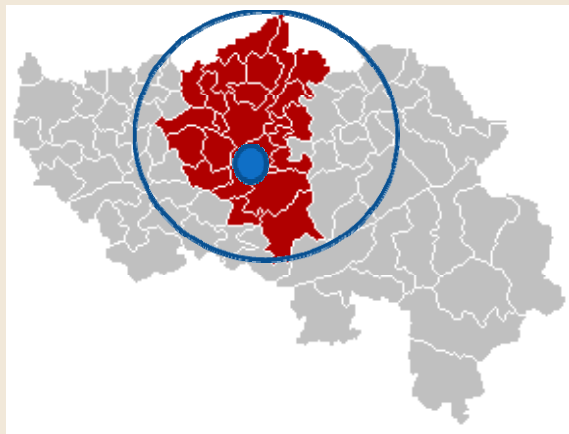
### Life expectancy in Belgium, 2013

Age (years)	Men	Women	Total
At birth	77,93	82,91	80,46
50	29,99	34,27	32,20
65	17,61	21,07	19,46
70	14,01	16,97	15,64
75	10,72	13,08	12,08
80	7,79	9,51	8,84

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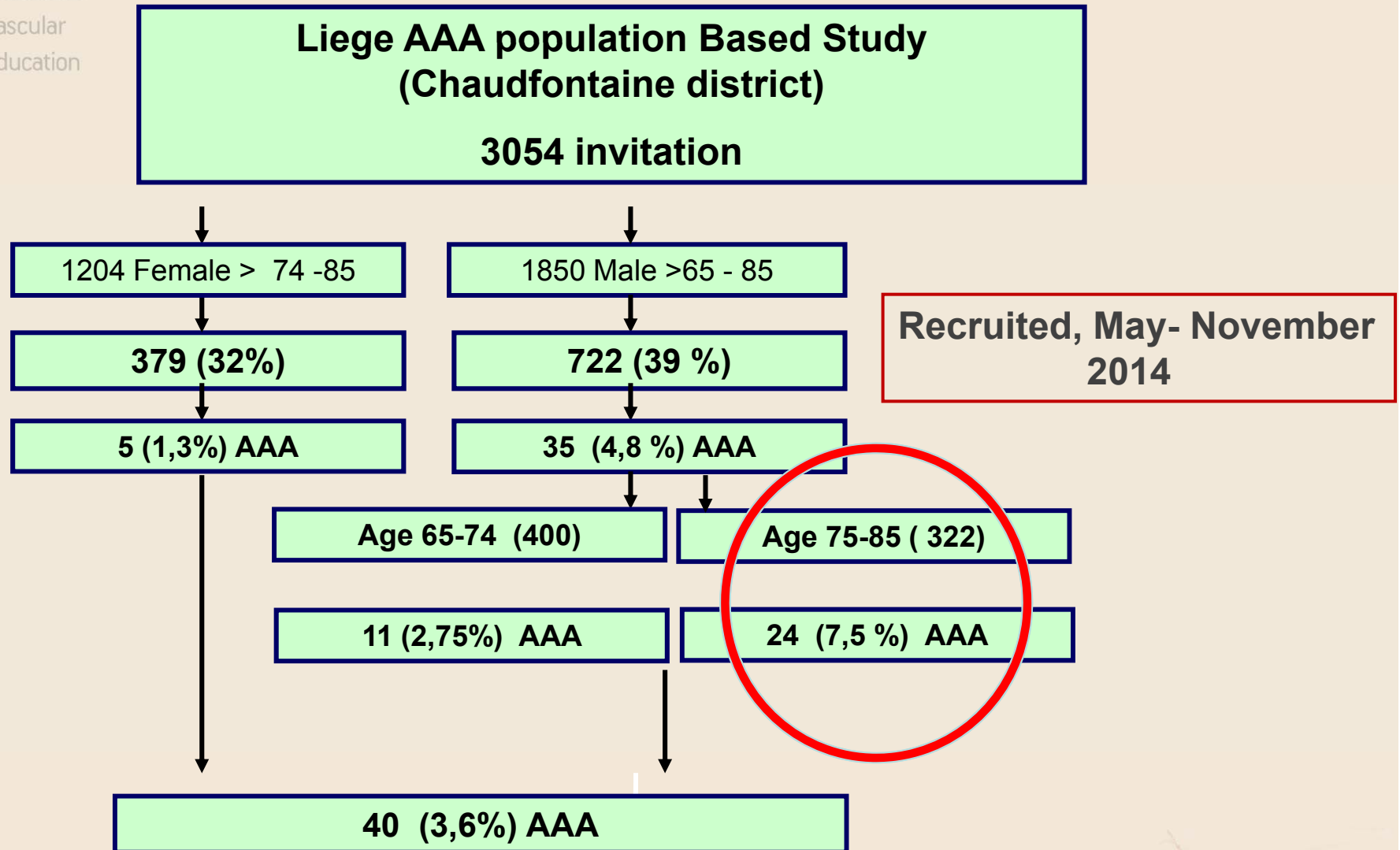
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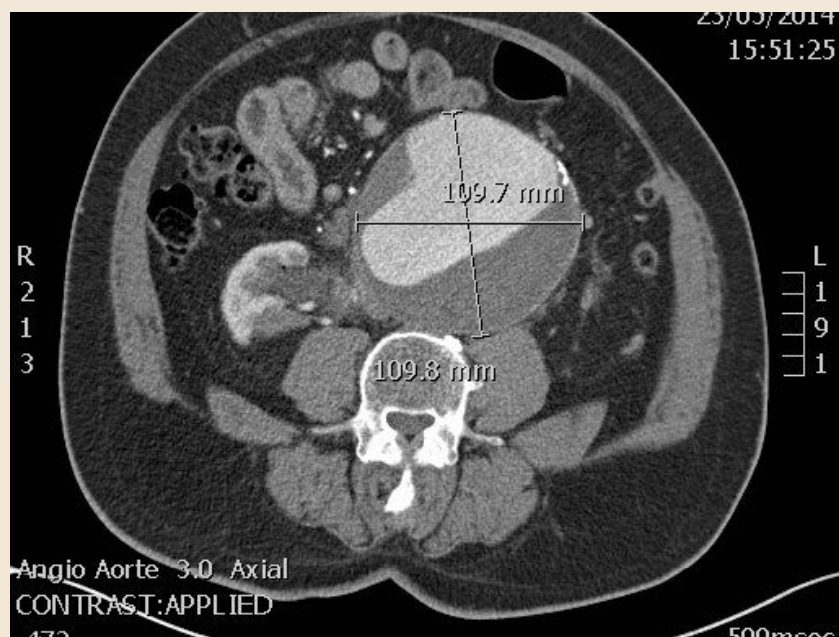
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**!!! 12 deaths. ( 1 AAA related )**





# Prevalence of AAA in Belgium

Prevalence programme	65-74	75-84	65-84
Belgium (10.839.905)*	430.178	284.590	714.768
Prevalence %	2,8 %	7,5 %	
Total New AAA	12.044	21.344	33.388

\* Inhabitants in Belgium for the year 2010



## Prevalence of AAA in men reported screening studies in the population with hypertension, coronary artery disease and peripheral vascular disease

<i>Year</i>	<i>Author (ref)</i>	<i>Selection basis (patients)</i>	<i>Sex &amp; age group</i>		<i>Aneurysm definition</i>	<i>Prevalence of AAA (%)</i>
1984	Twoomey [199]	hypertension	M	> 50 y	≥ 30 mm	M = 7%
1985	Lindholm [121]	hypertension	M + F	> 50 y	infrarenal Ao > suprarenal Ao	M + F = 0.4%
1987	Allen [2]	hypertension	M + F	65 - 85 y	5 mm > suprarenal Ao	M = 7.4% / F = 2.8%
1986	Thurmond [193]	general cardiologist	M + F	mean = 67.5 y	≥ 40 mm	M + F = 5%
1991	Nevelstein [139]	CAD	M + F	34 - 79 y	≥ 40 mm	M + F = 6%
1991	Piotrowski [153]	cardiac transplantation (IHD)	M	mean = 58 y	> 25 mm	M + F = 10.5%
1980	Shapira [178]	PVD	M + F	31 - 83 y	≥ 30 mm - 5 mm > suprarenal Ao	M + F = 5.9%
1983	Cabellon [33]	PVD	M + F	43 - 79 y	not reffered	M + F = 10%
1988	Bengtsson [12]	carotid surgery	M + F	41 - 88 y	localized dilatation	M = 12% / F = 9%
1988	Allardice [1]	PVD	M + F	74 - 90 y	localized dilatation	M = 14% / F = 4%
1989	Bengtsson [11]	claudication	M + F	43 - 82 y	localized dilatation	M = 16.3% / F = 2.8%
1991	Galland [81]	PVD	M + F	38 - 95 y	≥ 35 mm IRD > SRD	M + F = 14%
1994	Sakalihasan	PVD + CAD	M + F	55 - 75 y	≥ 30 mm 2 times suprarenal Ao Ø	M = 8.9% / F = 3.2%

PVD : Peripheral Vascular Disease ; CAD : Coronary Artery Disease ; IHD : Ischemic Heart Disease.



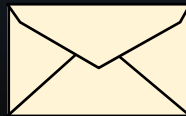
## PREVALENCE OF AAA TO CORONARY OR PERIPHERAL DISEASES IN PATIENTS $\geq 60$ YEARS

	coronary artery			peripheral vascular		
	n	AAA	%	n	AAA	%
male	40	6	15.0	25	1	4.0
female	17	1	5.9	7	0	0.0
total	57	7	12.3	32	1	3.1

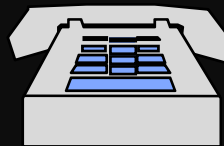
Prevalence of AAA according to the coronary profile and age in male patients

Coronary profile	Overall AAA, % (n)	< 65 years AAA, % (n/N)	≥ 65 years AAA, % (n/N)
normal	2.5% (4/158)	1% ( 1/105)	5.7% (3/53)
1-vessel disease	4.3% (11/255)	2.9% (4/139)	6.0%(7/116)
2-vessel disease	5.7% (13/175)	3.5% (3/85)	7.8% (7/90)
3-vessel disease	14.4% (16/111)	11.4% (5/44)	16.4% (11/67)

520 patients  
opérés



324 réponses



confirmation

276 cas **sans**  
histoire familiale

264 M      (276 AAA)      12 F

sex ratio = 22:1

39 cas **avec**  
histoire familiale

76 M      (81 AAA)      5 F

sex ratio = 15:1

# Aneurysms of the abdominal aorta: familial and genetic aspects in three hundred thirteen pedigrees

A. Verloes, N. Sakalihasan, L. Koulischer, and R. Limet, *Liège, Belgium*

**Purpose:** Familial clustering of abdominal aortic aneurysm was first noticed in 1977.

**Methods:** Through questionnaire and phone inquiry, familial data on 324 probands with abdominal aortic aneurysms allowed the establishment of 313 multigenerational pedigrees including 39 with multiple affected patients.

**Results:** There were 276 sporadic cases (264 men, 12 women); 81 cases belonged to multiplex pedigrees (76 men; 5 women). We compared familial and sporadic male cases; the ages at diagnosis were  $64.1 \pm 7.9$  years and  $66.0 \pm 7.3$  years ( $p < 0.05$ ), respectively, the ages at rupture were  $65.4 \pm 6.6$  years and  $75.2 \pm 8.6$  years ( $p < 0.001$ ), and the rupture rate was 32.4% and 8.7% ( $p < 0.001$ ). Survival curves were computed. Relative risk for male siblings of a male patient was 18. We performed a segregation analysis with the mixed model, the most likely explanation for occurrence of abdominal aortic aneurysm in our families was a single gene effect showing dominant inheritance. The frequency of the morbid allele was 1:250, and its age-related penetrance was not higher than 0.4.

**Conclusion:** This analysis indicates the preeminence of genetic factors on multifactorial/environmental effects of the pathogenesis of abdominal aortic aneurysm. (J VASC SURG 1995;21:646-55.)



# Familial Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm

Summary on studies investigating the role of family history of AAA using an interview method

Study	Country	Patients (n) <sup>a</sup>		Familial prevalence (%)
		Studied	Positive history	
Norrgård et al. 1984 <sup>7</sup>	Sweden	87	16	18
Johansen and Koepsell 1986 <sup>19</sup>	USA	250	48	19
Powell and Greenhalgh 1987 <sup>29</sup>	UK	56	20	36
Johnston and Scobie 1988 <sup>20</sup>	Canada	666	41	6.1
Cole et al. 1989 <sup>30</sup>	Canada	305	34	11
Darling et al. 1989 <sup>31</sup>	USA	542	82	15
Majumder et al. 1991 <sup>32</sup>	USA	91	13	14
Verloes et al. 1995 <sup>27</sup>	Belgium	313	39	13
Lederle et al. 1997 <sup>21</sup>	USA	985	91	9.2
Lawrence et al. 1998 <sup>33</sup>	USA	86	19	22
Salkowski et al. 1999 <sup>34</sup>	USA	72	19	26
Rossaak et al. 2001 <sup>35</sup>	New Zealand	248	48	19
Sakalihasan et al. 2013 (present study)	Belgium	618	62	10
Combined		4,312	532	12

AAA, abdominal aortic aneurysm.

<sup>a</sup>Family history information was collected by interviewing the patients with AAA or sending a family history questionnaire via mail. Information was updated from our previously published table.<sup>36</sup>

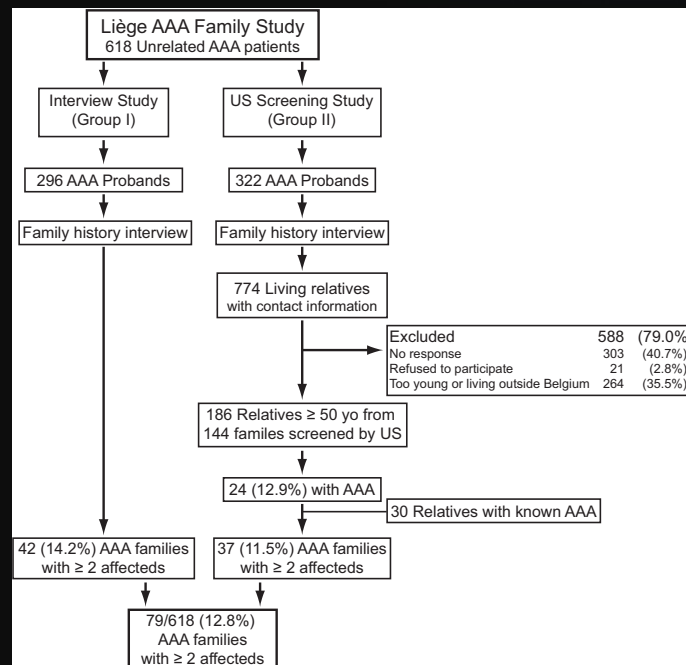
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## CALCULATION OF RELATIVE RISK OF AAA AMONG BROTHERS

	mean
relative risk	17.9
(95% confidence interval)	(12.8 - 22.9)

**Family Members of Patients with Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms are at Increased Risk for Aneurysms: Analysis of 618 Probands and their Families from the Liège AAA Family Study**

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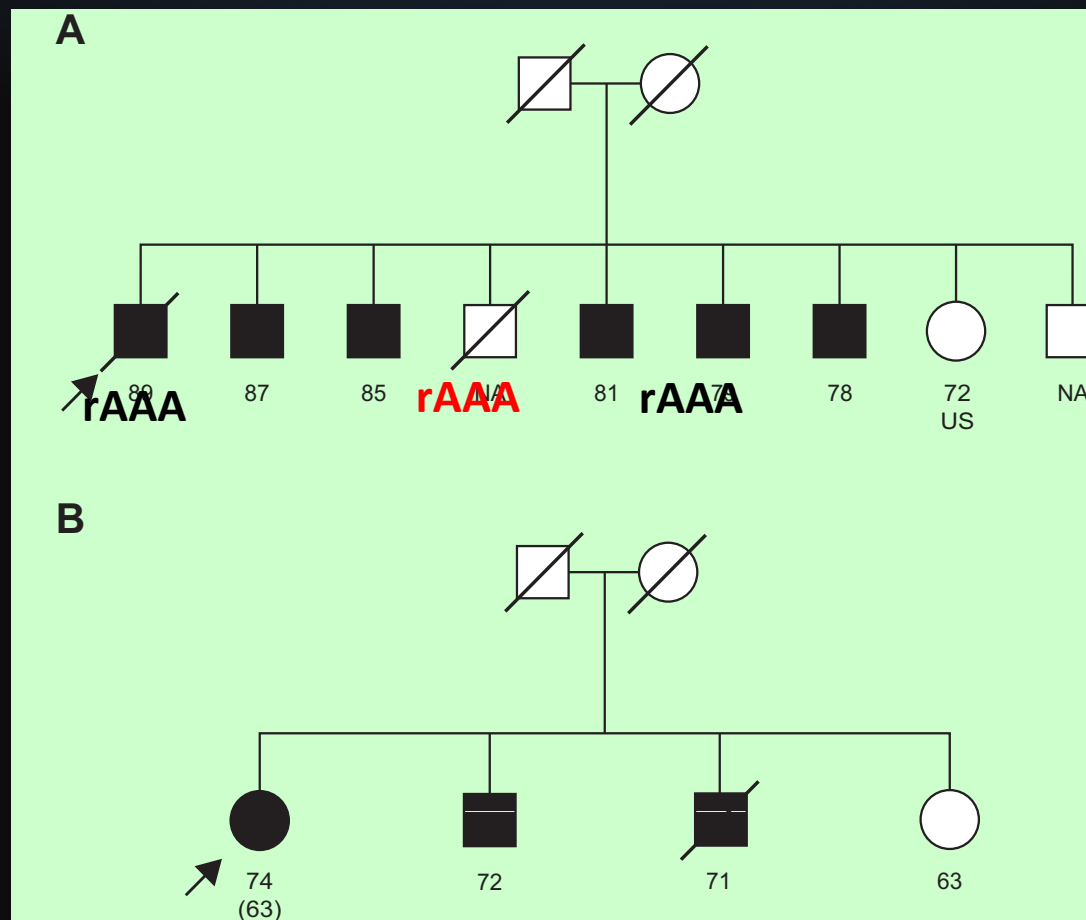


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## Factors promoting the aortic rupture gender and familial cases

Authors	Country	Brothers	Sisters	Total
Bengtsson et al.1989	Sweden	30%	5%	15 %
Webster et al. 1991	USA	25%	7%	8,9%
Adamson et al 1992	UK	25%	11%	15%
Bengtsson et al 1992	Sweden			15%
Van der Graaf et al.1998	Holland	12%		12%
Rossaak et al. 2001	N. Zeland			8,2%
Ogata et al. 2005	Canada	11%	2,7%	5,4%
Sakalihasan et al. 2014	Belgium	24 %	3,2 %	9,5 %

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ANEURYSM OF THE ABDOMINAL AORTA.

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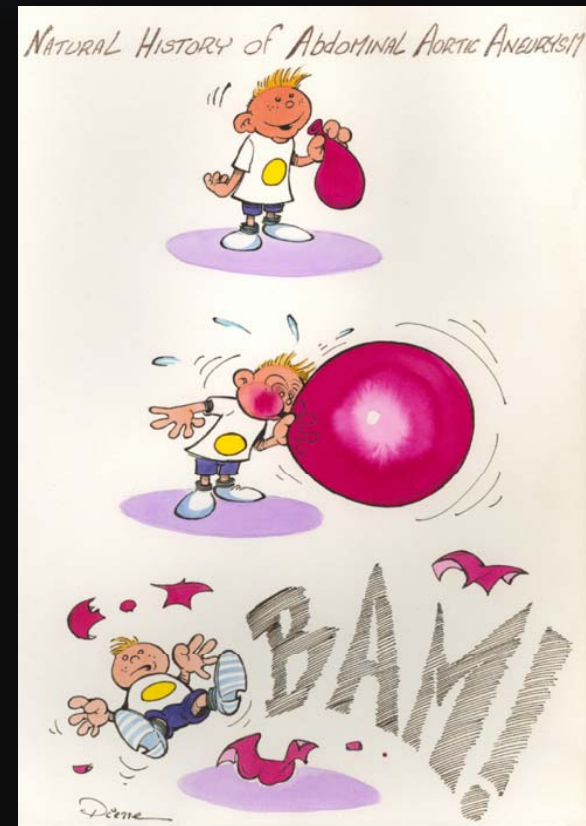
**There is no disease more conducive to clinical humility than aneurysm of the aorta.**

**« Il n'y a pas de maladie plus favorable à l'humilité clinique que l'anévrisme de l'aorte. »**



# Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Rupture

- Mortality rate for patients with ruptured AAA is 65%–85%
- Approximately half of deaths attributed to rupture occur before the patient reaches the surgical room



# Factors promoting the aortic rupture

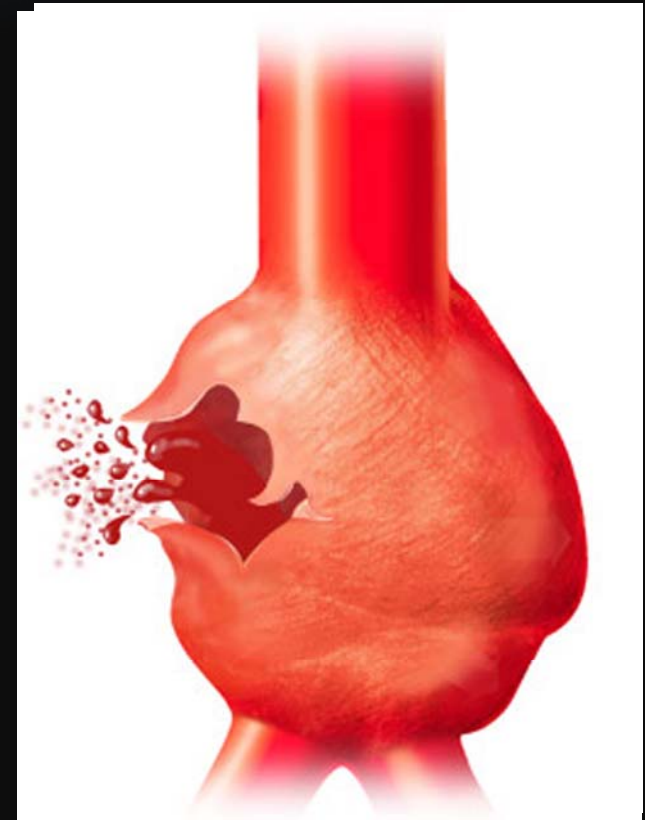
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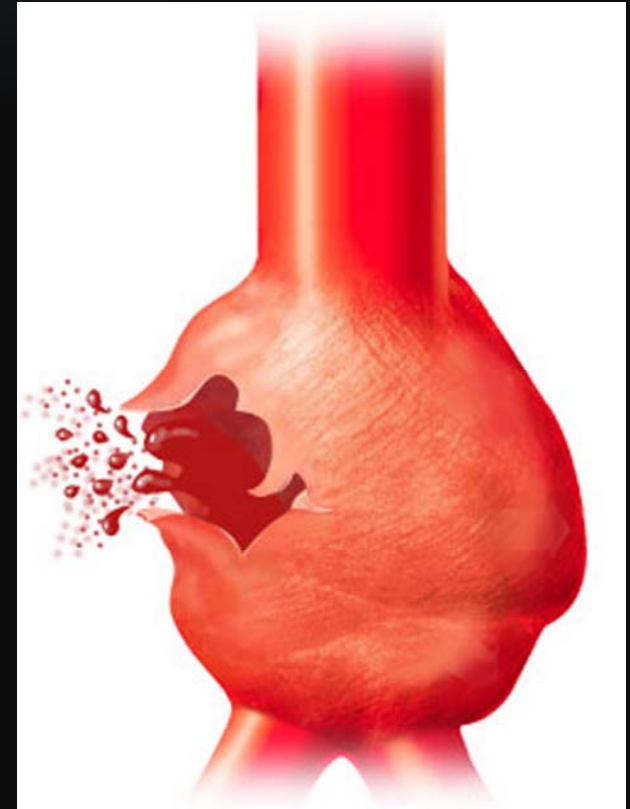
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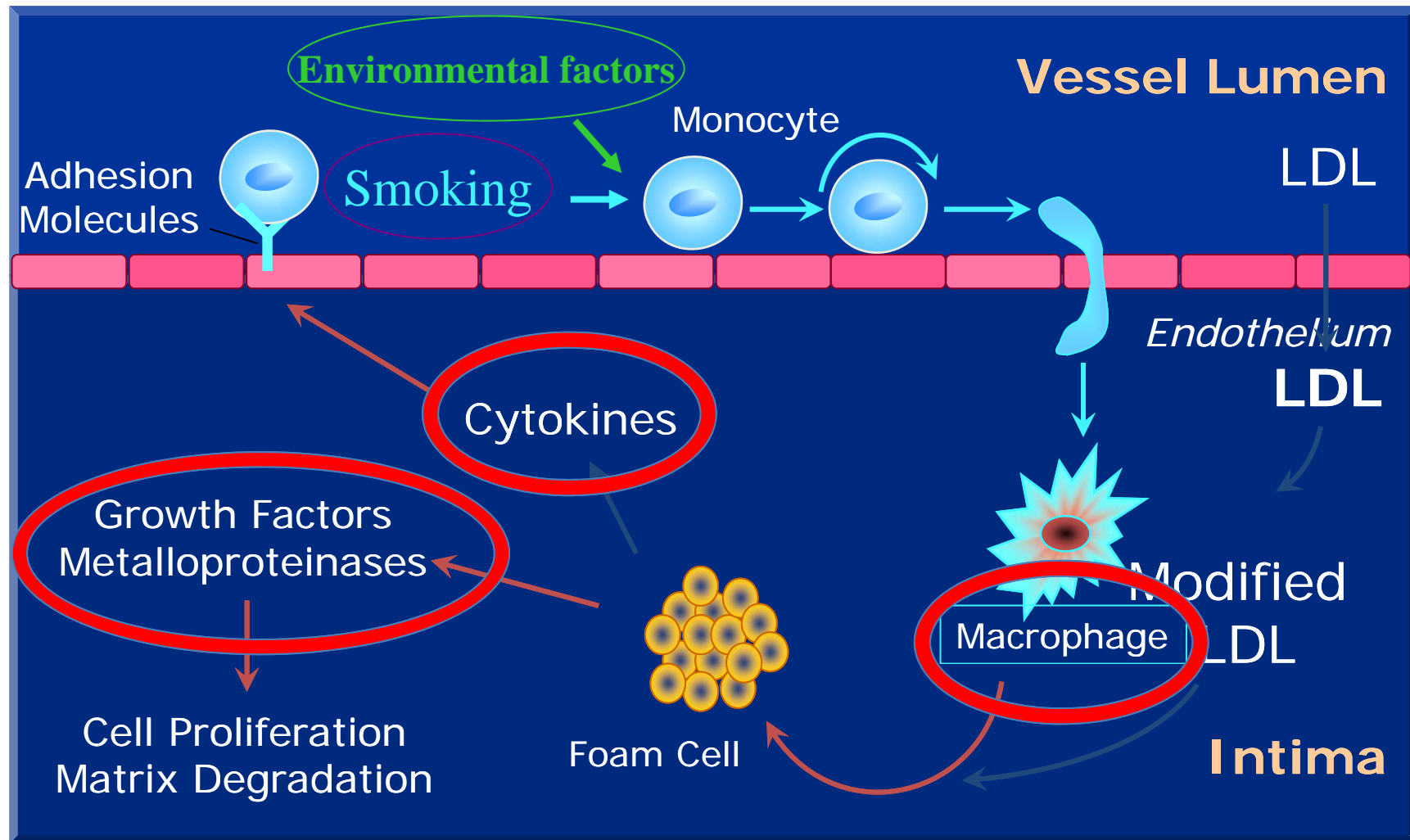
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# Vascular wall injury and Inflammatory Processes



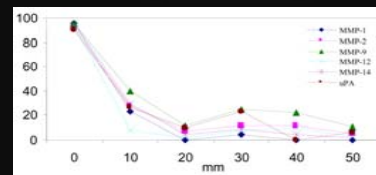
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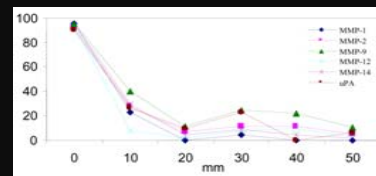
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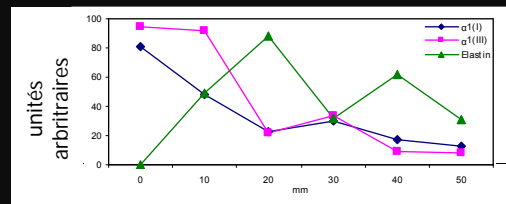
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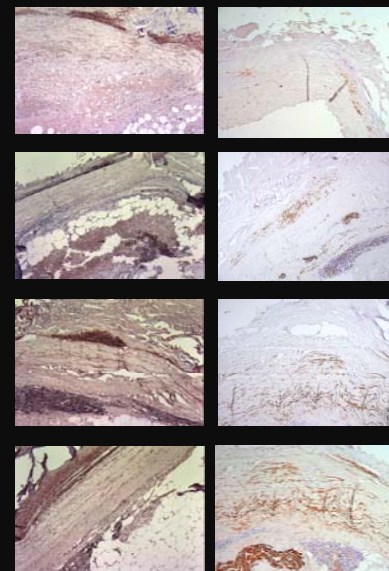


INHIBITORS



EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX PROTEINS

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The rupture of an AAA occurs at a hot spot characterized by an altered expression of a panel of connective tissues genes.

# Factors promoting the aortic rupture

## Inflammation and MMPs

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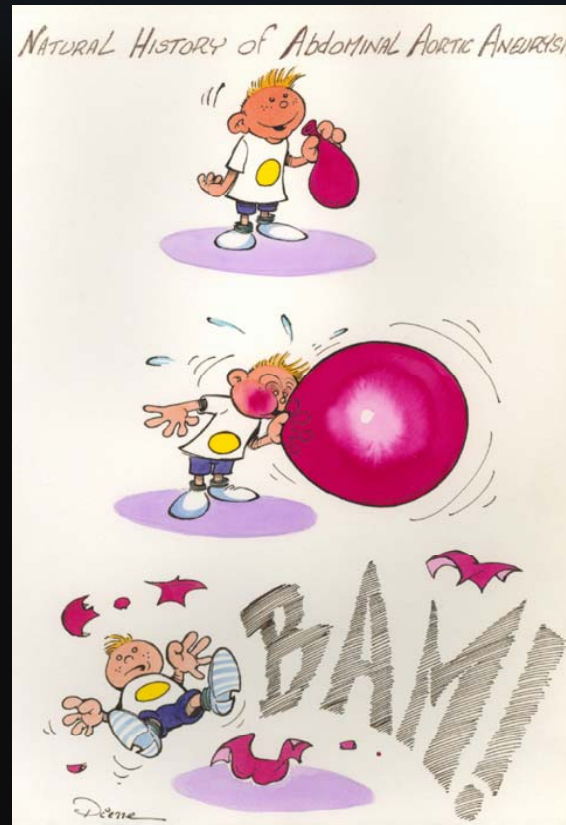
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**Preliminary events leading to rupture are undoubtedly linked with an increased metabolism of the wall cells.**

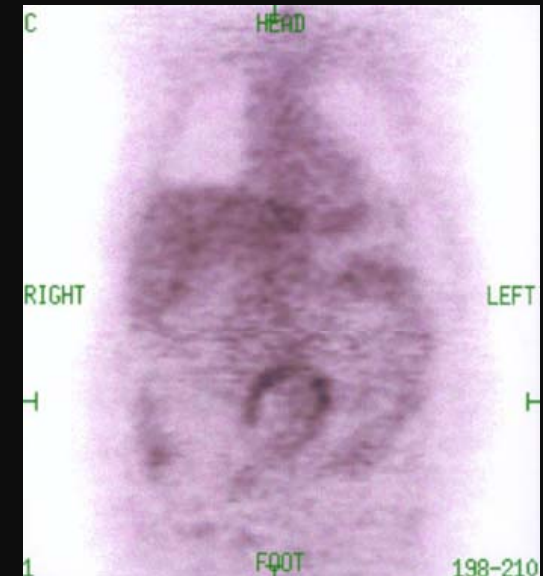
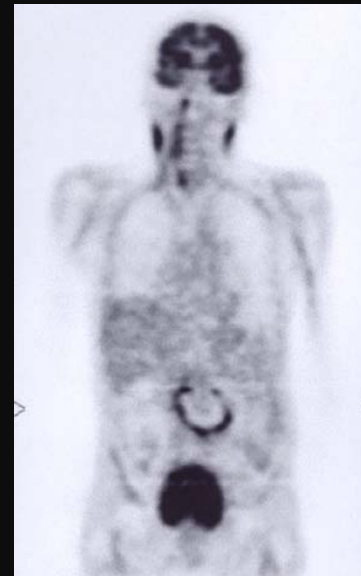
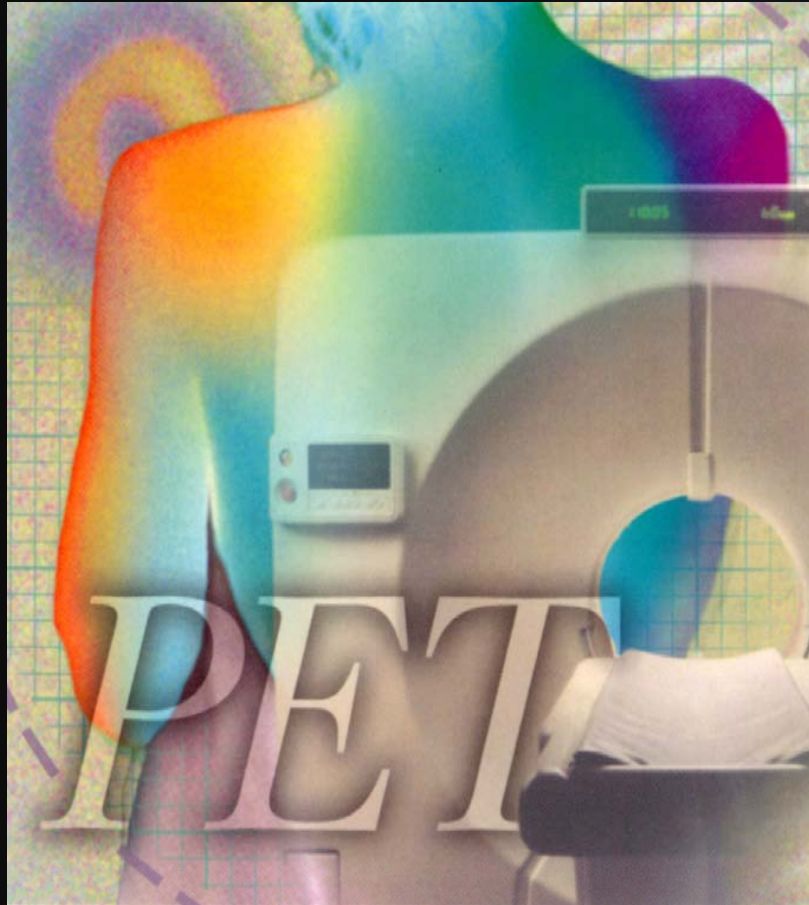


Question :

**Is the metabolic increase of an expanding AAA and/or threatening rupture identifiable by the PET-scan?**



# Positron Emission Tomography (PET) with 18-Fluorodeoxyglucose (FDG)



## ***PET-CT & 18F-FDG*** ***(fluoro-deoxy-glucose)***

**Analogue of glucose labeled with the isotope fluorine visible with the PET-scan :**

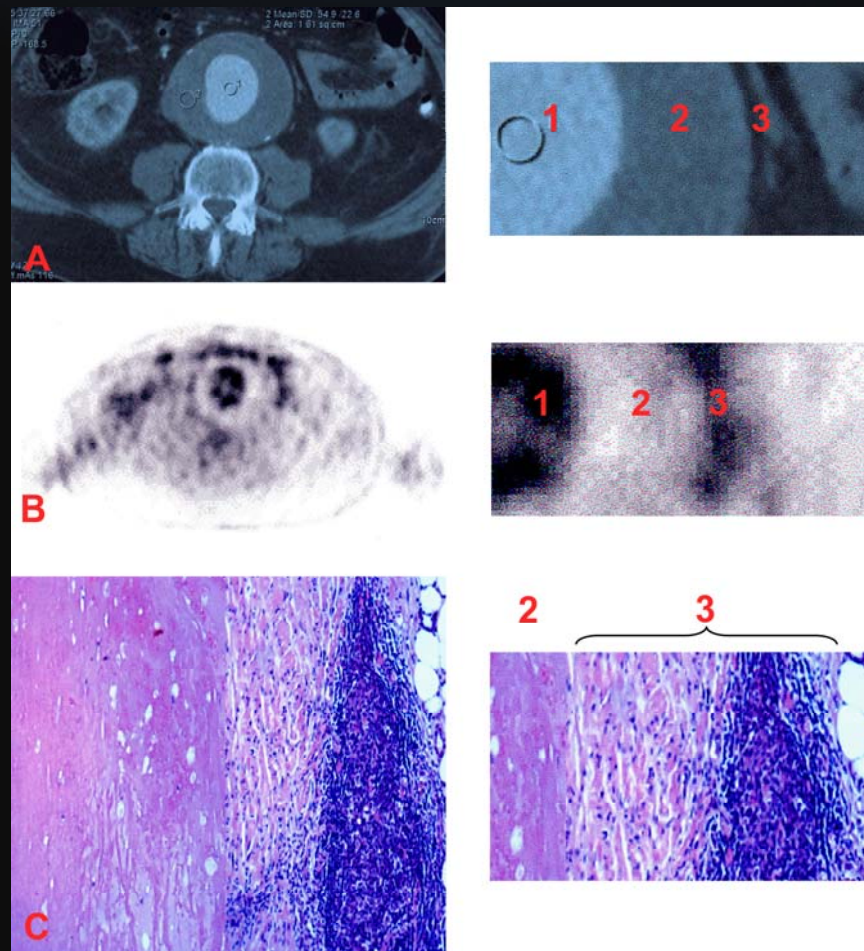
- 1) allows the evaluation of the regional glucose metabolism**
- 2) shows the presence of an inflammatory reaction at the level of atherosclerotic tissue infiltrated by the macrophages**

## Patient Characteristics With Positive FDG Uptake

n <sup>o</sup>	patients		last Ø during PET-Scan	delay between diagnosis and surgery	remarks
	sex	age			
1	M	79	70	96 months	Rapid expansion
2	M	82	60	6 months	Rapid expansion
3	M	73	64	6 months	Leaking AAA
4	M	77	70	24 months	Ruptured AAA
5	M	70	77	36 months	Painfull IAAA
6	M	60	76	< 2 months	Painful IAAA
7	F	64	71	< 1 month	Painful AAA
8	M	74	70	< 1 month	Painful AAA
9	M	69	70	2 days	Painful AAA
10	M	84	50	unoperated	Painful&Lung CA

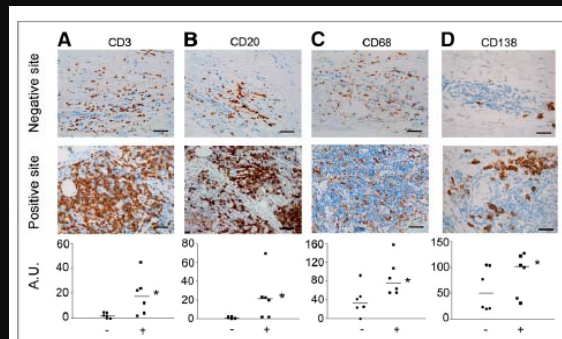
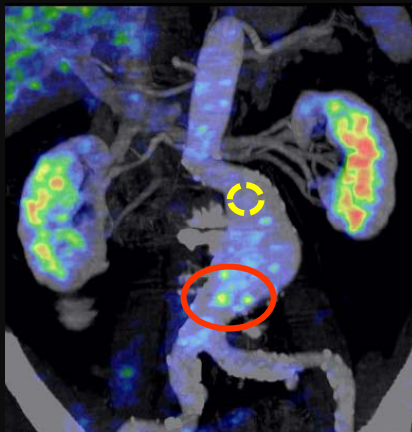
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# Functional imaging and inflammatory cells



## **$^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG Uptake Assessed by PET/CT in Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms Is Associated with Cellular and Molecular Alterations Prefacing Wall Deterioration and Rupture**

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**FIGURE 4.** Immunolabeling of T lymphocytes (CD3, A), B lymphocytes (CD20, B), macrophages (CD68, C), and plasmacytes (CD138, D) in negative and positive sites of  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG uptake from same patient. Semiquantifications were performed in 6 pairs of samples.  $^*P < 0.05$ , Wilcoxon signed-rank test. Bar = 50  $\mu\text{m}$ .

**Modulated Genes at Positive Site Relative to Negative Site of PET+ Patients**

Media		Adventitia	
Gene	Fold change	Gene	Fold change
ELN	0.3*	EMMPRIN	0.7*
TIMP2	0.7*	VEGF	0.7*
EMMPRIN	0.8*	TIMP2	0.9*
TGF $\beta$	0.8*	MMP14	1.6*
TIMP1	1.8*	TSP1	1.9*
MMP1	1.8*	uPA	2.2*
MMP12	1.8*	COL1A1	5.5*
COL1A1	2.2*	MMP13	9.1 <sup>†</sup>
MMP13	3.9*	MMP1	12.9

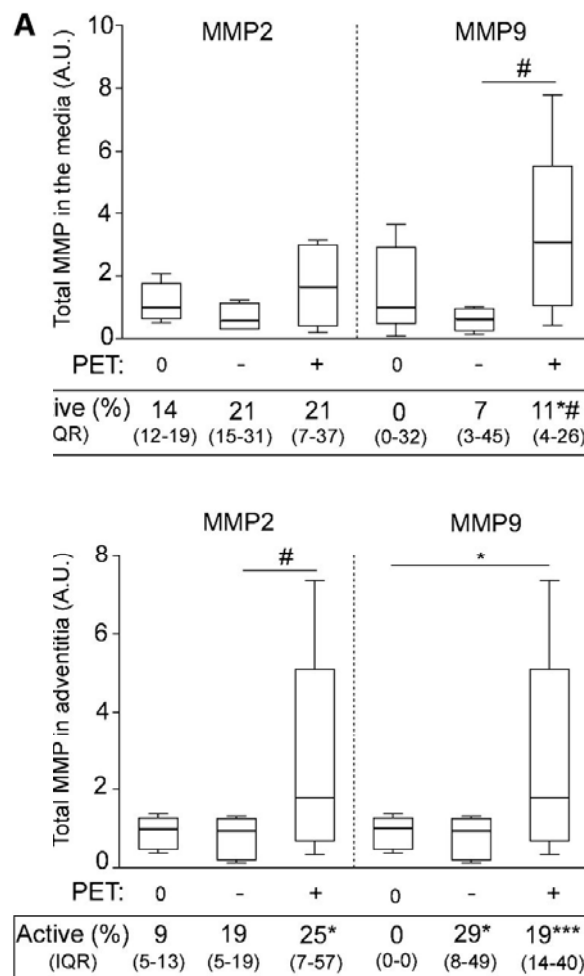
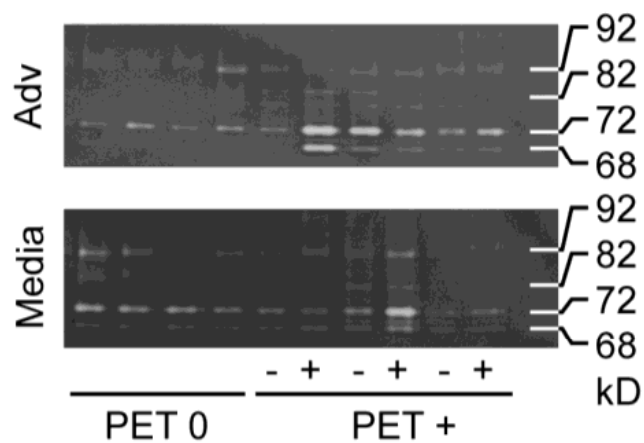
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<sup>†</sup>MMP13 was not detected in negative sites of PET+ adventitia; median value in positive site was calculated using lowest value as 1.

Results are expressed as median of fold changes relative to values measured in negative site of PET+ samples.

**Conclusion:** High  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG Uptake in aneurysmal wall is associated with cellular and molecular alterations and rupture.

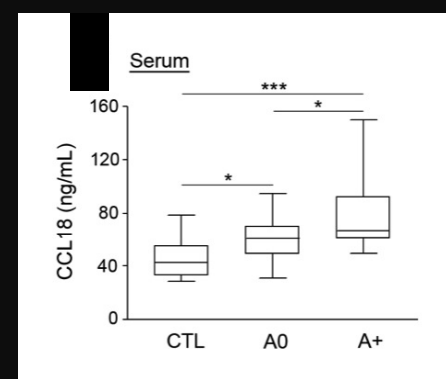
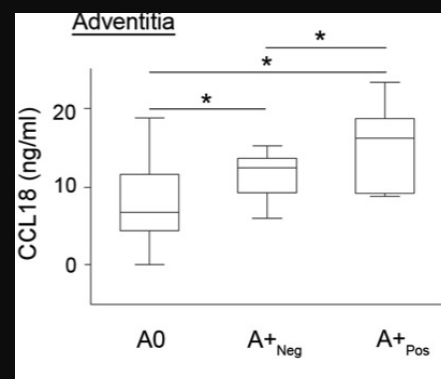
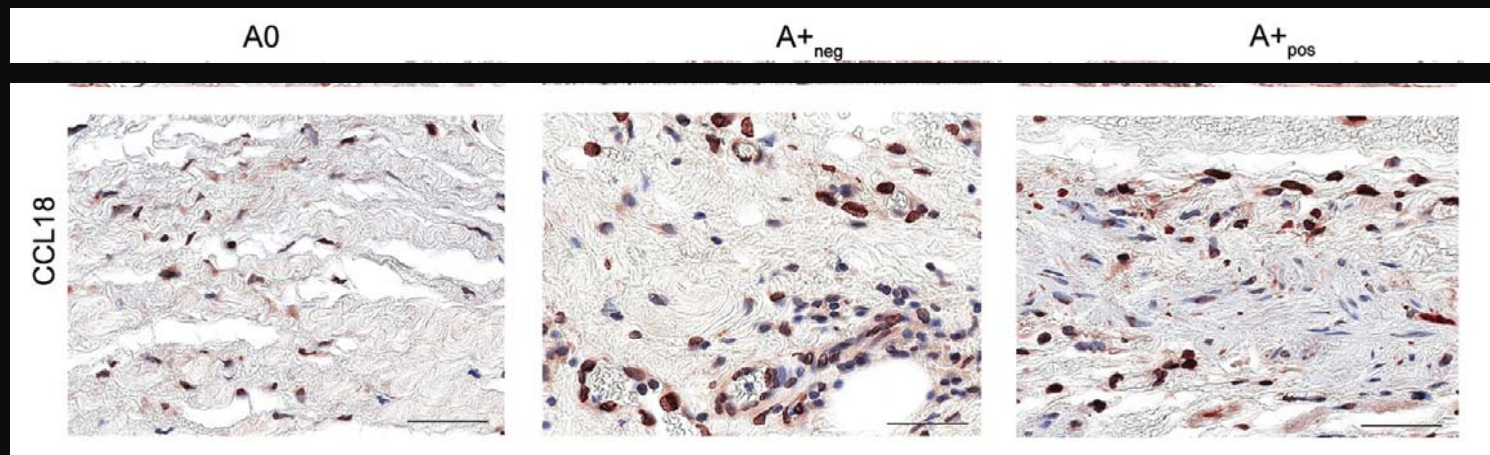




ADVENTITIA			
	PET 0	- site	+ site
MMP1	1	3 <sup>§</sup>	8*
MMP2	1		
MMP3	1	3	
MMP9	1		
MMP12	nd	nd	nd
MMP13	nd	1	8*#
MMP14	1		2***#
MMP15	1		
TIMP1	1		
TIMP2	1		
RECK	1		
PAI1	1	2	2*
TIMP3	1		
uPA	1	2	2.6*#
EMMPRI			
N	1		0.8#
COL1A1	1		5***#
ELN	1		
MCP1	1		
IL1α	1		0.8#
IL6	1	4	2
IL8	1	4	
COX2	1		
TNFα	1	0.6*	0.5*
TGFα	1	0.8*	0.7*
HIF1α	1	2	2*
CD31	1		0.7*
VEGF	1		0.6*#
TSP1	1		
αSMA	1		

# Gene Expression Study in Positron Emission Tomography-Positive Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms Identifies CCL18 as a Potential Biomarker for Rupture Risk

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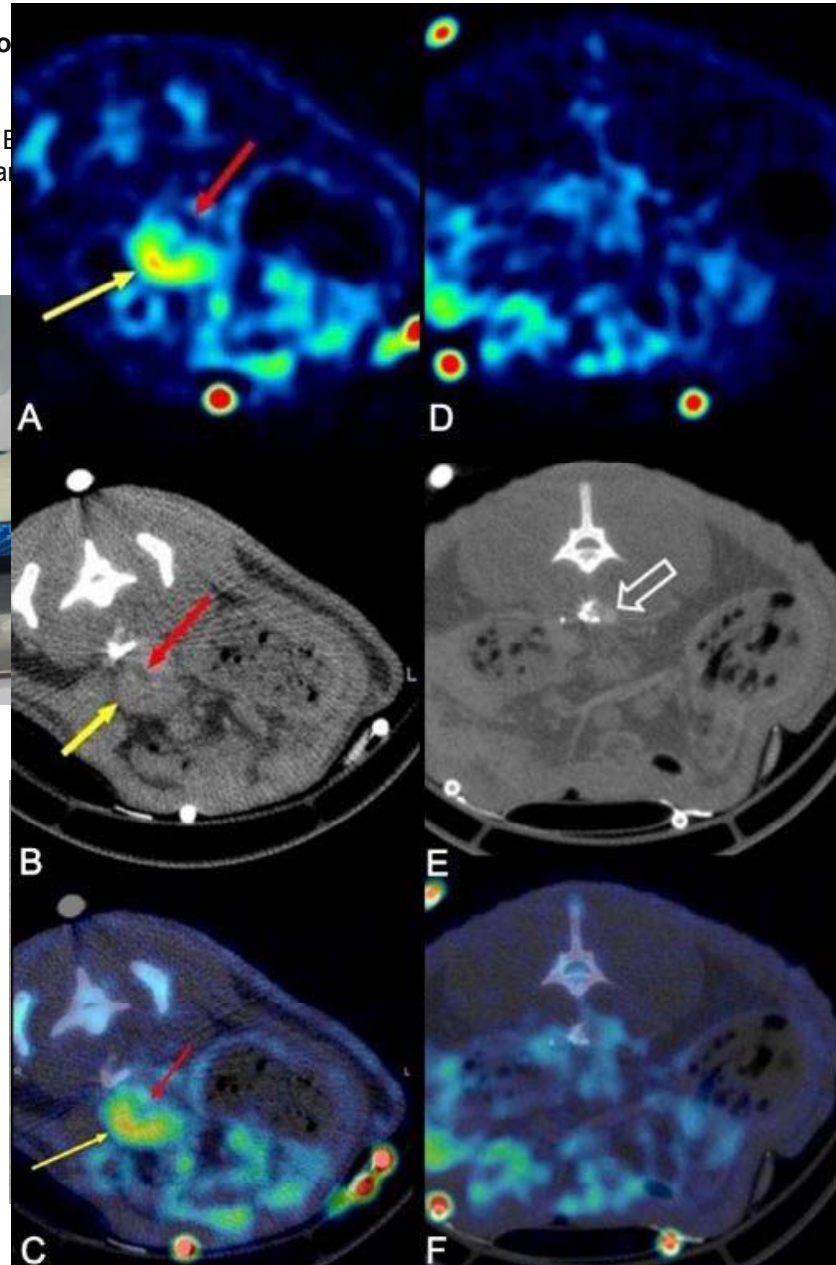
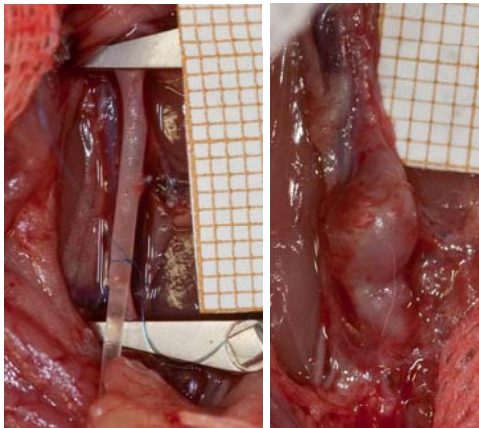
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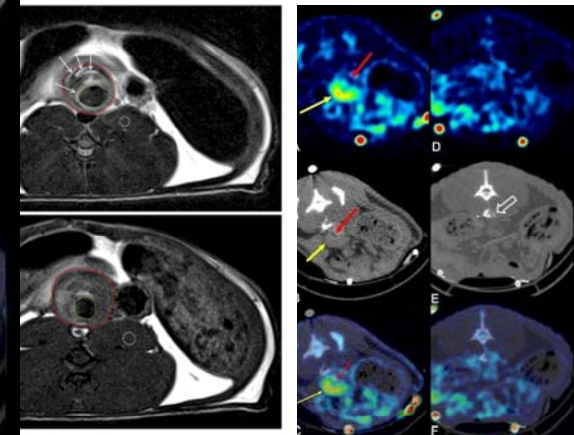
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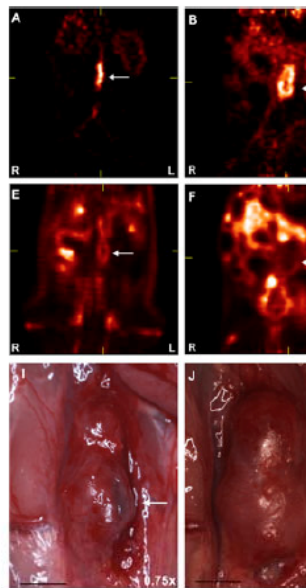
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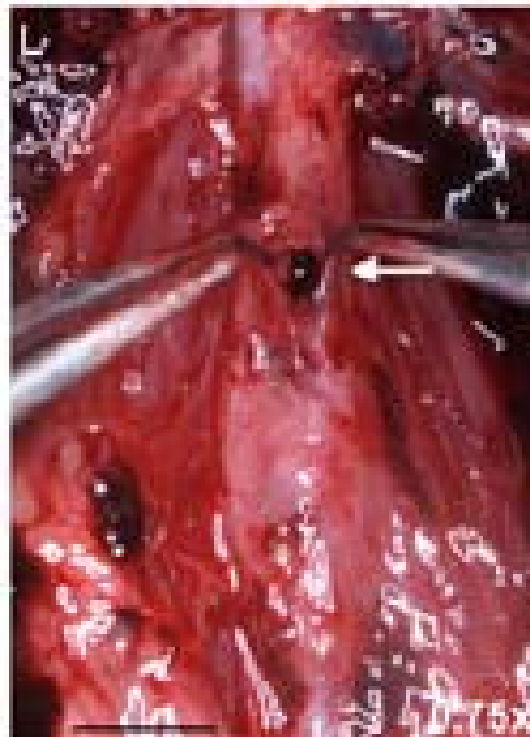
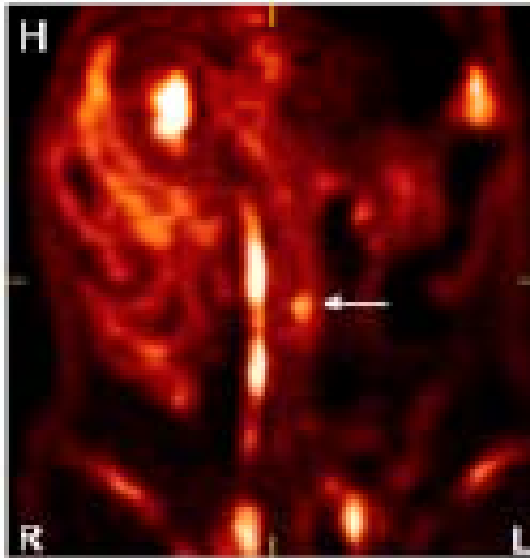
## Increased $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG Uptake in the Rat Abdomen

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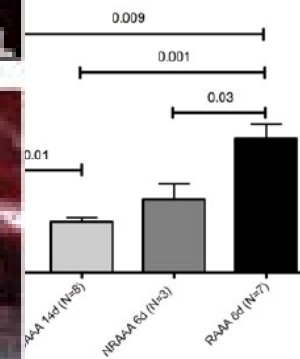
**FIGURE 1.** Micro-PET SUV<sub>max</sub> map of the rat abdomen at the site of ultimate AAA rupture. Early phase represents the first 15 minutes of a 90-minute micro-PET scan. (A–D) Coronal cuts for early phase images: (A) CAAA 14d, (B) CAAA 14d, (C) CAAA 14d, and (D) RAAA 6d. (E–H) Coronal cuts for late phase images: (E) CAAA 14d, (F) CAAA 14d, (G) CAAA 14d, and (H) RAAA 6d. (I–L) Harvest photographs for the 14d CAAA, 6d NRAAA, and 6d RAAA. Arrows identify the left kidney. (M) Bar graph showing SUV<sub>max</sub> values for left anterolateral AAA wall.



## Uptake in a Novel RAAA Model

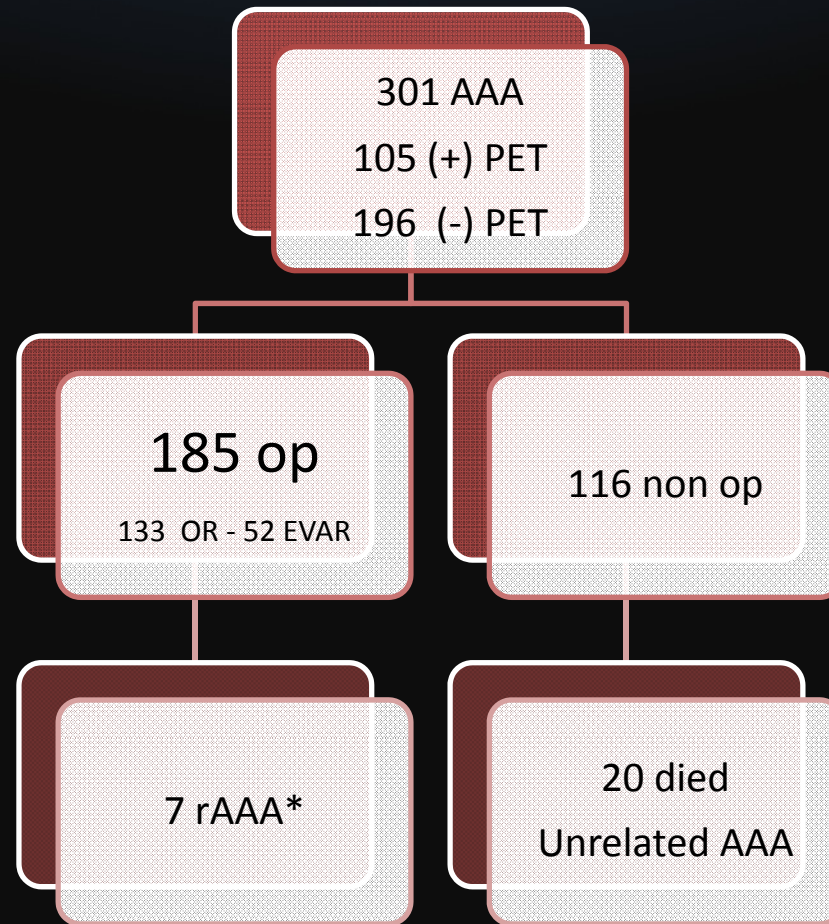
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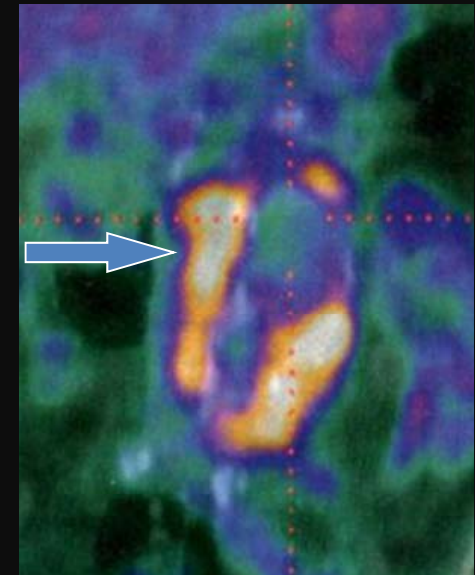
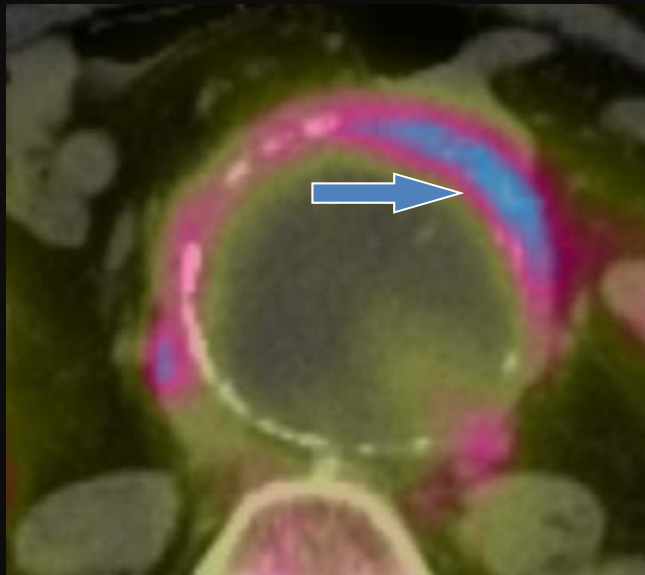
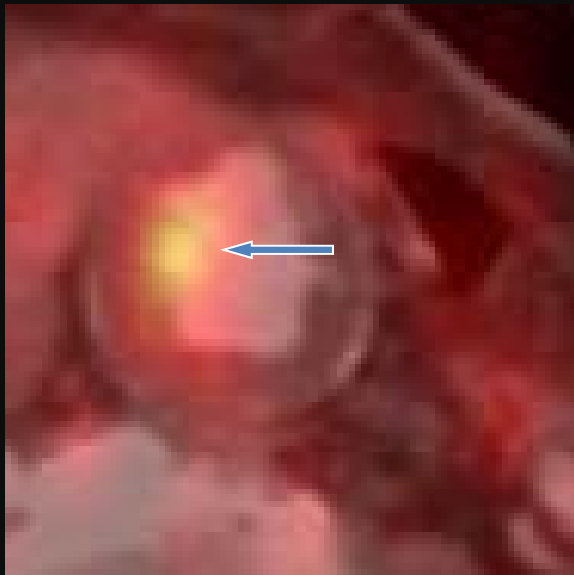
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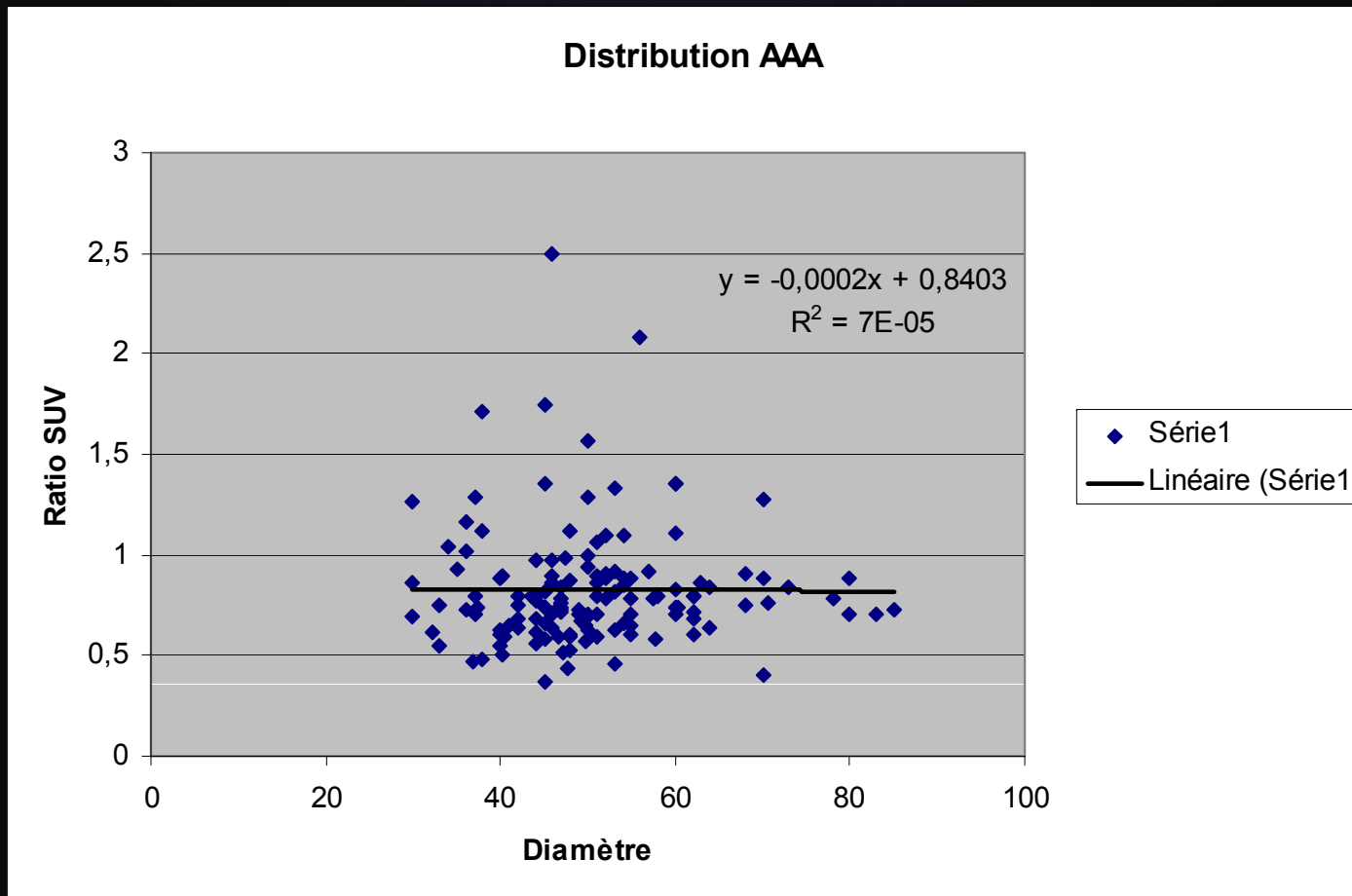
Initial Diameter at PET-CT	FDG Uptake ( + )	FDG Uptake ( - )	Non - Operated	Ruptured
< 55 mm (n:201)	66	135	99	3
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Total	105	196	110	7



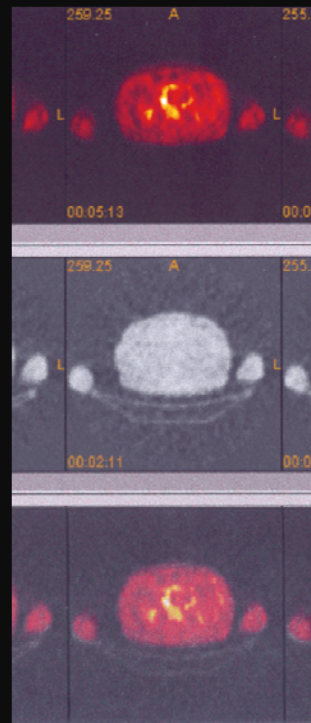
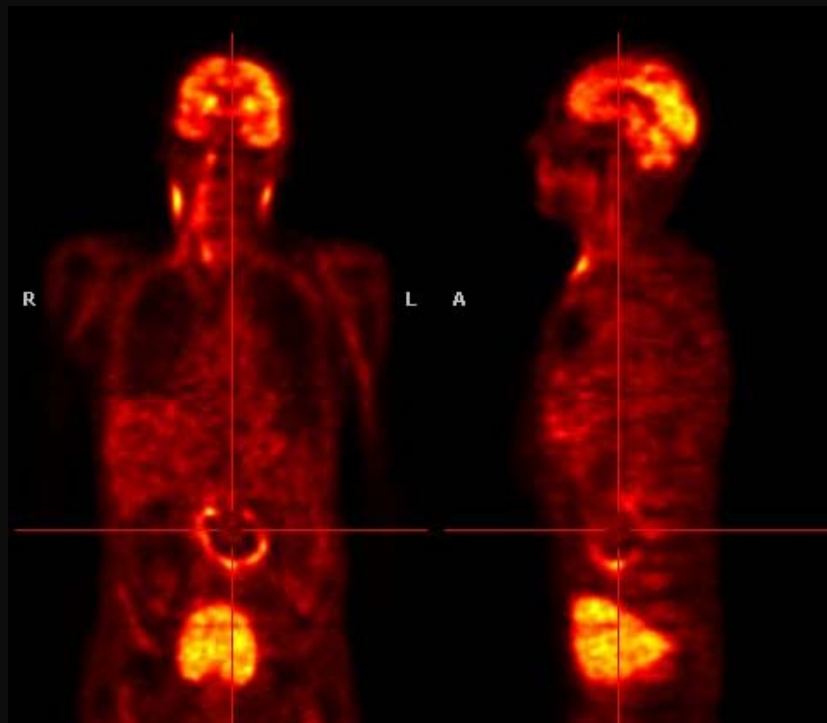
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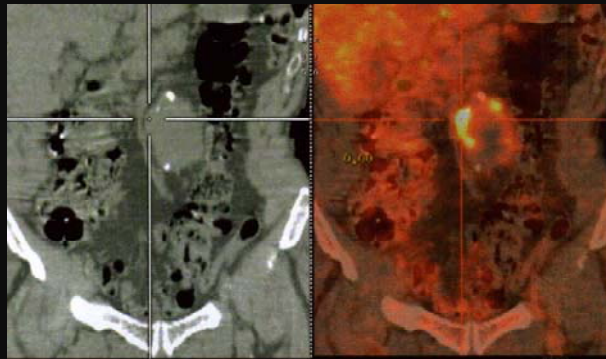
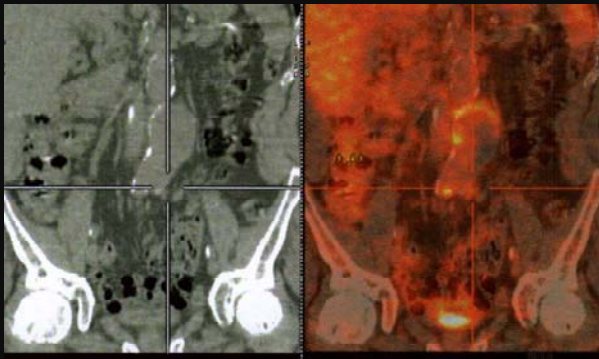
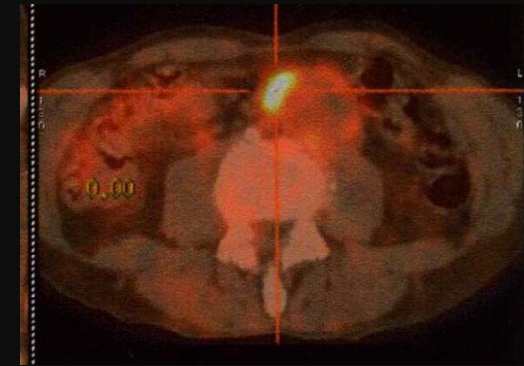
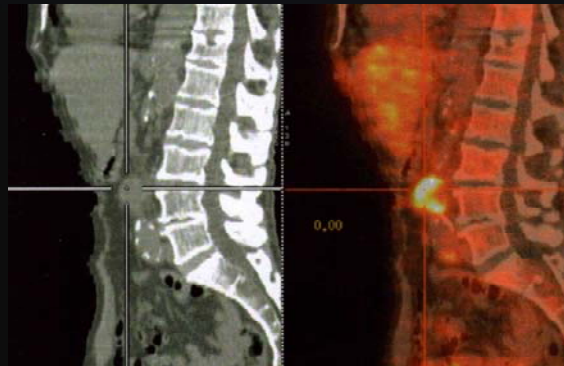
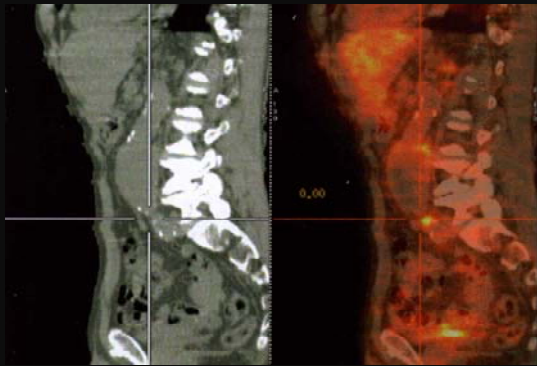
# Distribution of FDG uptake according to initial Ø (preliminary reports)



## Site of abdominal aortic aneurysm rupture and High $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG uptake

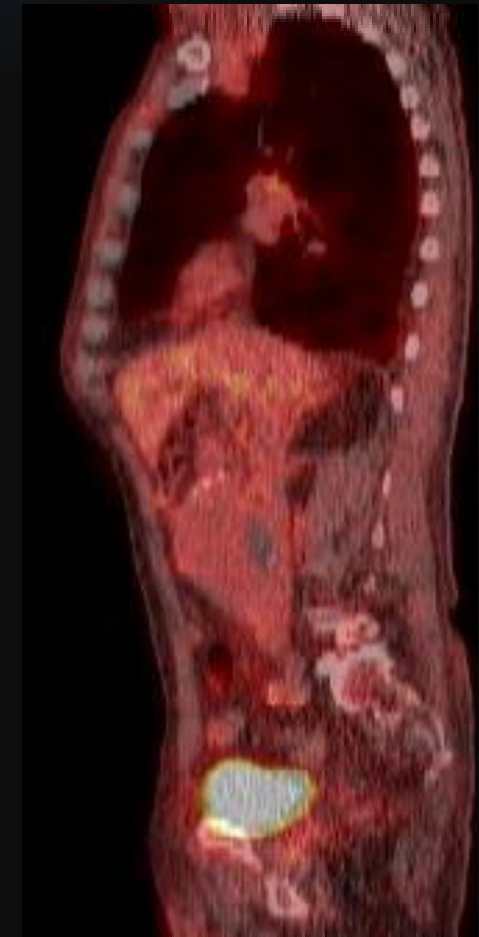
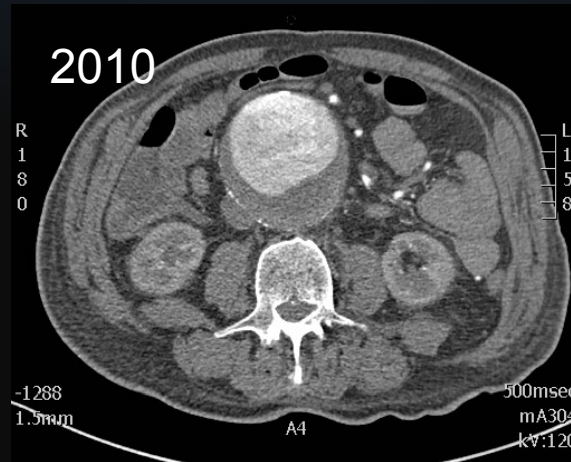


# Rapid Growth and High FDG Uptake with symptomatic small AAA



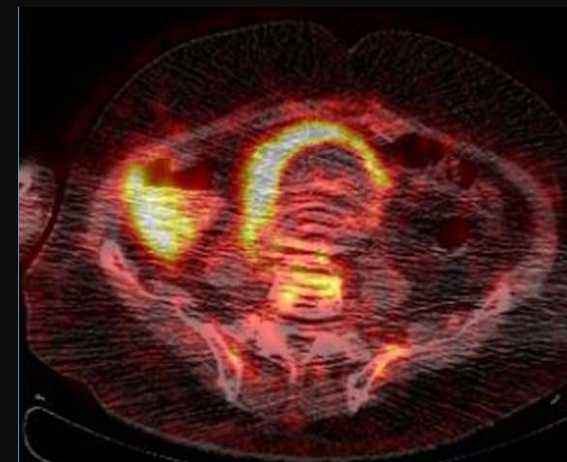
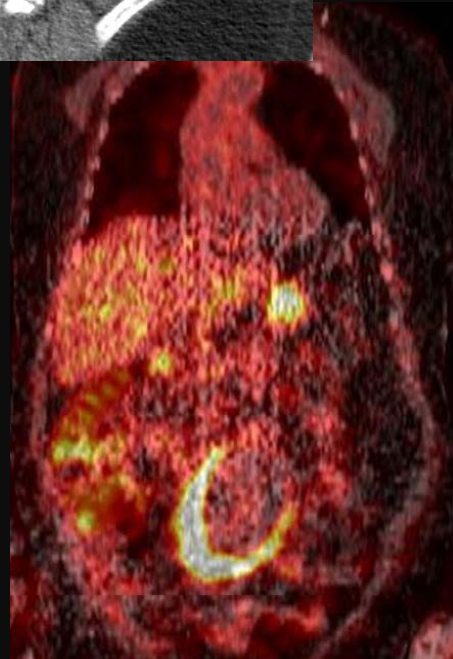
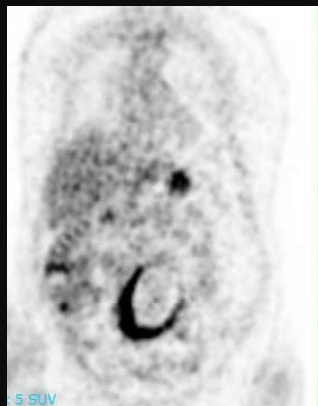


# Outcome of the patient with large AAA ( - ) FDG uptake



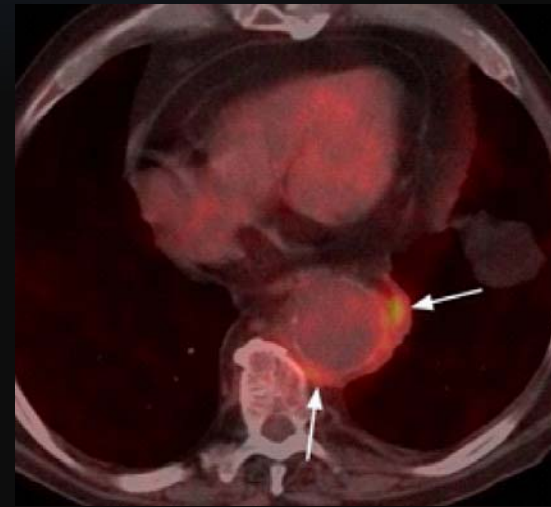
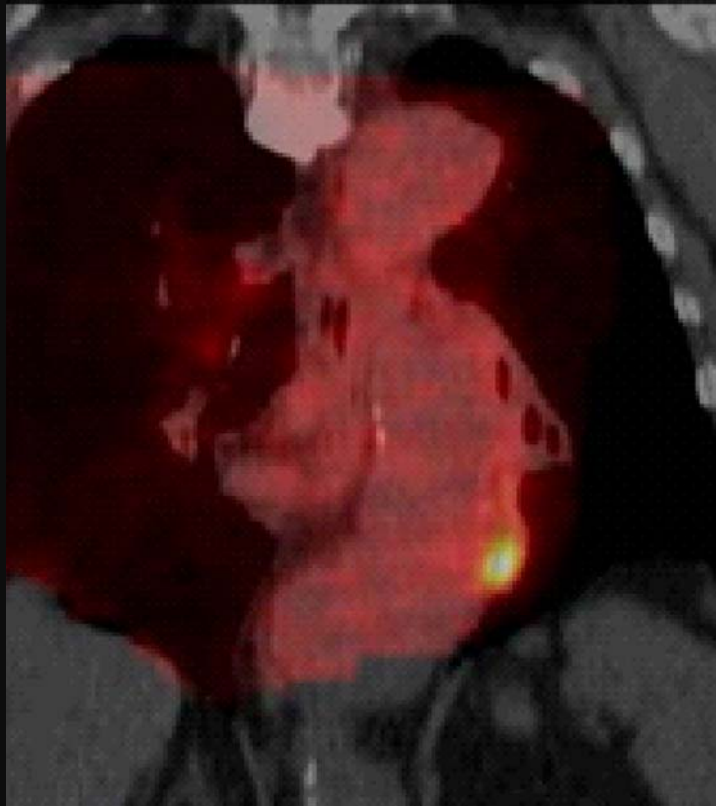
Male, 74 years old

# Outcome of the patient with symptomatic AAA With ( + ) FDG uptake



Male, 83 years

## Site of abdominal aortic aneurysm rupture and High 18F-FDG uptake

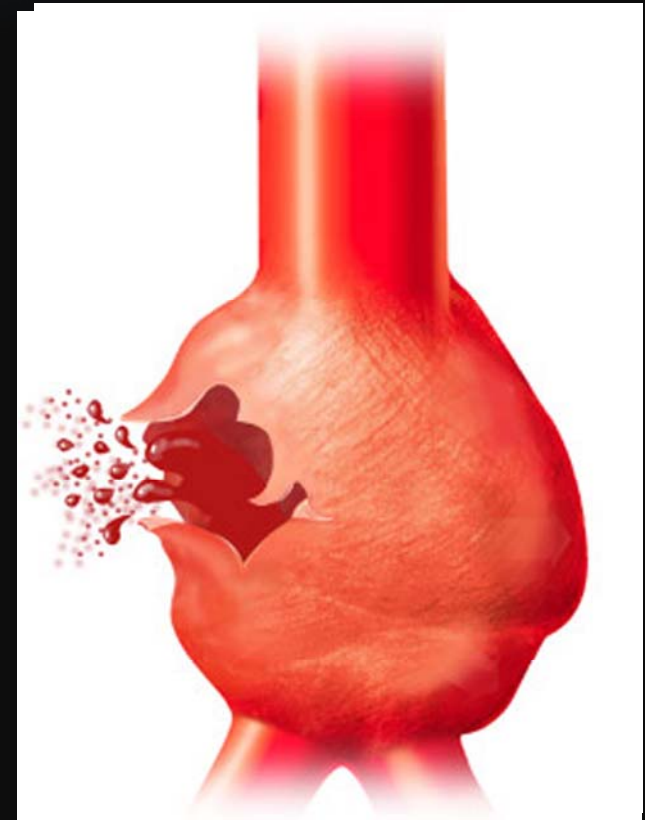


# Factors promoting the aortic rupture

Aneurysm rupture occurs when the mechanical stress acting on the wall exceeds the strength of the wall

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# Aneurysms of the abdominal aorta: familial and genetic aspects in three hundred thirteen pedigrees

A. Verloes, N. Sakalihasan, L. Koulischer, and R. Limet, *Liège, Belgium*

**Purpose:** Familial clustering of abdominal aortic aneurysm was first noticed in 1977.

**Methods:** Through questionnaire and phone inquiry, familial data on 324 probands with abdominal aortic aneurysms allowed the establishment of 313 multigenerational pedigrees including 39 with multiple affected patients.

**Results:** There were 276 sporadic cases (264 men, 12 women); 81 cases belonged to multiplex pedigrees (76 men; 5 women). We compared familial and sporadic male cases; the ages at diagnosis were  $64.1 \pm 7.9$  years and  $66.0 \pm 7.3$  years ( $p < 0.05$ ), respectively, the ages at rupture were  $65.4 \pm 6.6$  years and  $75.2 \pm 8.6$  years ( $p < 0.001$ ), and the rupture rate was 32.4% and 8.7% ( $p < 0.001$ ). Survival curves were computed. Relative risk for male siblings of a male patient was 18. We performed a segregation analysis with the mixed model, the most likely explanation for occurrence of abdominal aortic aneurysm in our families was a single gene effect showing dominant inheritance. The frequency of the morbid allele was 1:250, and its age-related penetrance was not higher than 0.4.

**Conclusion:** This analysis indicates the preeminence of genetic factors on multifactorial/environmental effects of the pathogenesis of abdominal aortic aneurysm. (J VASC SURG 1995;21:646-55.)

# Descriptive statistics of 315 nuclear families with respect to their family history, sex, and position

	n	AAA	Mean age of patients with AAA $\pm$ SD (yr)	Mean age of unaffected patients $\pm$ SD (yr)	Rupture (%)	Age at rupture $\pm$ SD (yr)
Total	1597	357	66.4 $\pm$ 7.8	68.1 $\pm$ 13.4	52 (14.6)	-
Familial subgroup						
Fathers	39	8	73.3 $\pm$ 7.6	71.6 $\pm$ 14.0	3 (60.0)	70.8 $\pm$ 8.0
Mothers	39	5	73.0 $\pm$ 7.7	71.4 $\pm$ 12.7	22 (32.4) †	65.4 $\pm$ 6.6 ‡
Brothers	104	68	<b>64.1 <math>\pm</math> 7.9*</b>	64.8 $\pm$ 11.5	-	-
Sisters	44	0	-	66.4 $\pm$ 10.6	-	-
Sporadic subgroup						
Fathers	276	0	-	69.9 $\pm$ 14.2	-	-
Mothers	276	0	-	74.4 $\pm$ 12.7	-	-
Brothers	546	264	<b>66.0 <math>\pm</math> 7.3*</b>	63.8 $\pm$ 11.5	23 (8.7) †	75.2 $\pm$ 8.6 ‡
Sisters	273	12	68.0 $\pm$ 12.5	66.4 $\pm$ 12.2	0 (0.0)	-

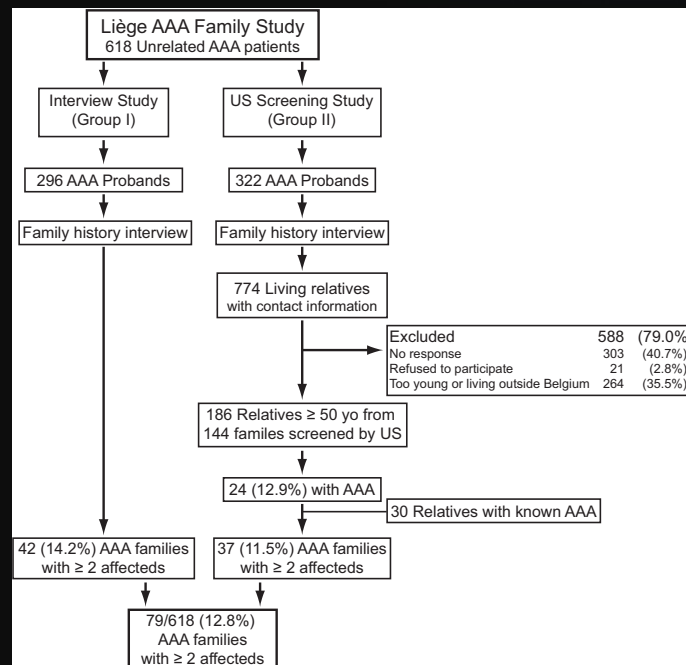
\*  $p < 0.013$

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‡  $p < 0.001$  Age statistics are given based on censoring age or age at death for the unaffected subjects and age at diagnosis for patients with AAA.

**Family Members of Patients with Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms are at Increased Risk for Aneurysms: Analysis of 618 Probands and their Families from the Liège AAA Family Study**

Natzi Sakalihasan, Jean-Olivier Defraigne, Marie-Ange Kerstenne, Jean-Paul Cheramy-Bien, Diane T. Smelser, Gerard Tromp, Helena Kuivaniemi



*Sakalihasan N et al; Annals of Vascular Surgery (2014), doi: 10.1016/j.avsg.2013.11.005.*

## Factors promoting the aortic rupture (Single center (CHU) experiences)

	total	familial	sporadic	
<b>incidence of rupture</b> (313 probands,1995)	<b>14,6%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>8.7%</b>	<b>p &lt; 0.0001*</b>
<b>incidence of rupture</b> ( 618 probands,2014)	<b>5,9%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>p &lt; 0.0001**</b>

\* Verloes P, Sakalihasan N, Koulischer L, Limet R. *J Vasc Surg* 1995

\*\* Sakalihasan N et al; *Annals of Vascular Surgery* (2014), doi: 10.1016/j.avsg.2013.11.005.



# Incidence of rupture in Familial and Non-Familial AAA Groups

Group	n Probands	n AAA	N rupture ( %)
FAAA Group	79	188	15 (8%) *
Sporadic Group	539	539	13 (2,4%)
Total	618	727	28 (5,9%)

\* P <0.0001

## Multifactorial Relationship Between $^{18}\text{F}$ -Fluoro-Deoxy-Glucose Positron Emission Tomography Signaling and Biomechanical Properties in Unruptured Aortic Aneurysms

Alain Nchimi, Jean-Paul Cheramy-Bien, T. Christian Gasser, Gauthier Namur, Pierre Gomez, Laurence Seidel, Adelin Albert, Jean-Olivier Defraigne, Nicos Labropoulos and Natzi Sakalihasan

**Background**—The relationship between biomechanical properties and biological activities in aortic aneurysms was investigated with finite element simulations and  $^{18}\text{F}$ -fluoro-deoxy-glucose ( $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG) positron emission tomography.

**Methods and Results**—The study included 53 patients (45 men) with aortic aneurysms, 47 infrarenal (abdominal aortic) and 6 thoracic (thoracic aortic), who had  $\geq 1$   $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG positron emission tomography/computed tomography. During a 30-month period, more clinical events occurred in patients with increased  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG uptake on their last examination than in those without (5 of 18 [28%] versus 2 of 35 [6%];  $P=0.03$ ). Wall stress and stress/strength index computed by finite element simulations and  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG uptake were evaluated in a total of 68 examinations. Twenty-five (38%) examinations demonstrated  $\geq 1$  aneurysm wall area of increased  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG uptake. The mean number of these areas per examination was 1.6 (18 of 11) in thoracic aortic aneurysms versus 0.25 (14 of 57) in abdominal aortic aneurysms, whereas the mean number of increased uptake areas colocalizing with highest wall stress and stress/strength index areas was 0.55 (6 of 11) and 0.02 (1 of 57), respectively. Quantitatively,  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG positron emission tomographic uptake correlated positively with both wall stress and stress/strength index ( $P<0.05$ ).  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG uptake was particularly high in subjects with personal history of angina pectoris and familial aneurysm.

**Conclusions**—Increased  $^{18}\text{F}$ -FDG positron emission tomographic uptake in aortic aneurysms is strongly related to aneurysm location, wall stress as derived by finite element simulations, and patient risk factors such as acquired and inherited susceptibilities. (*Circ Cardiovasc Imaging*. 2014;7:82-91.)

# Factors promoting the aortic rupture

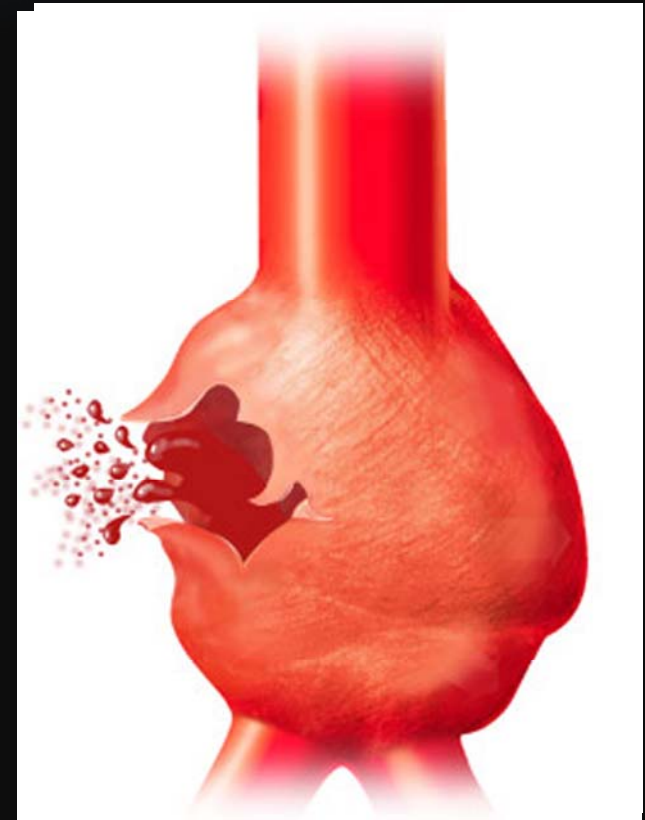
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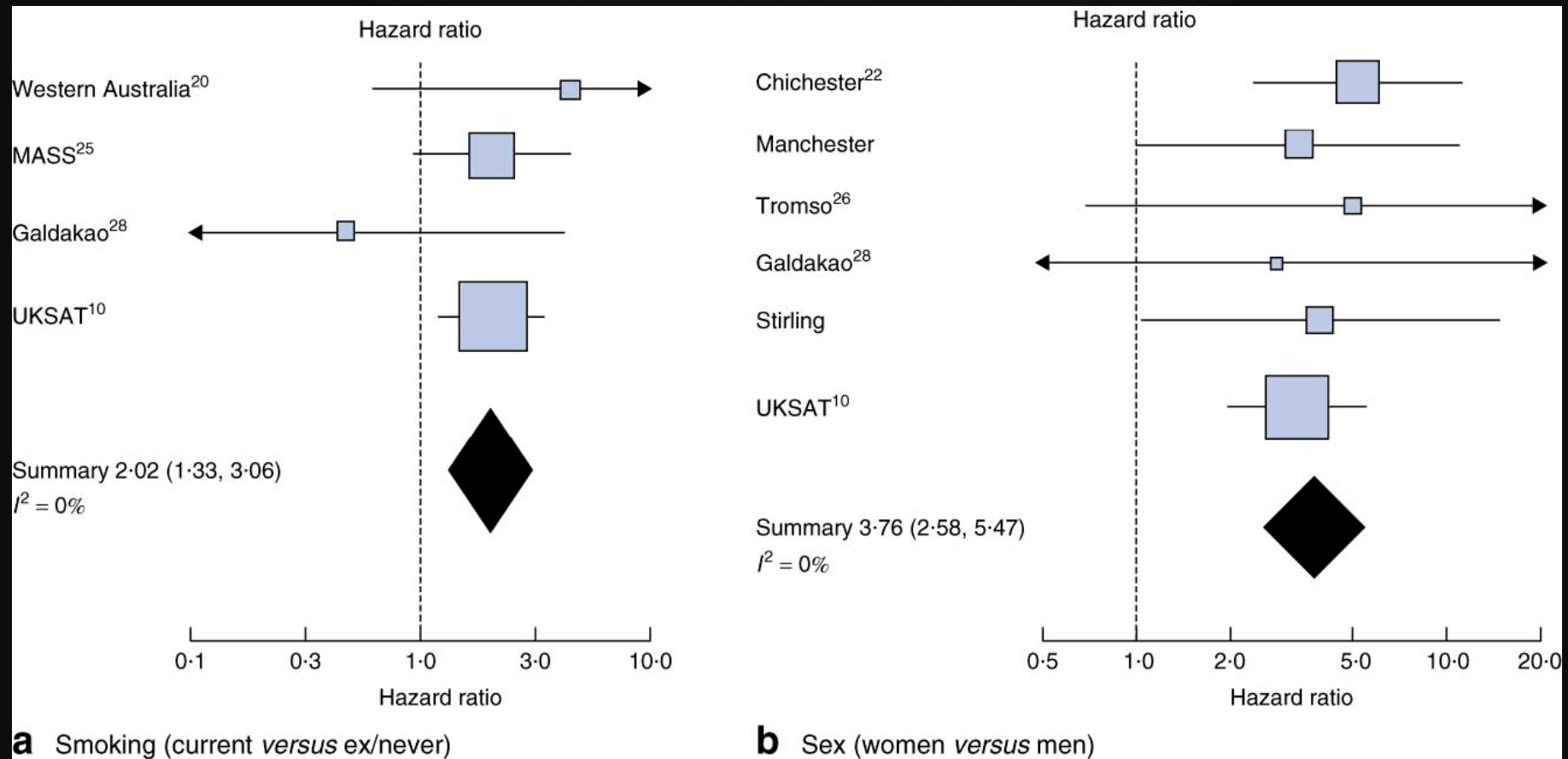
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# Factors promoting the aortic rupture

## gender & smoking

Meta-analysis of individual patient data to examine factors affecting growth and rupture of small abdominal aortic aneurysms



# Factors promoting the aortic rupture

## gender

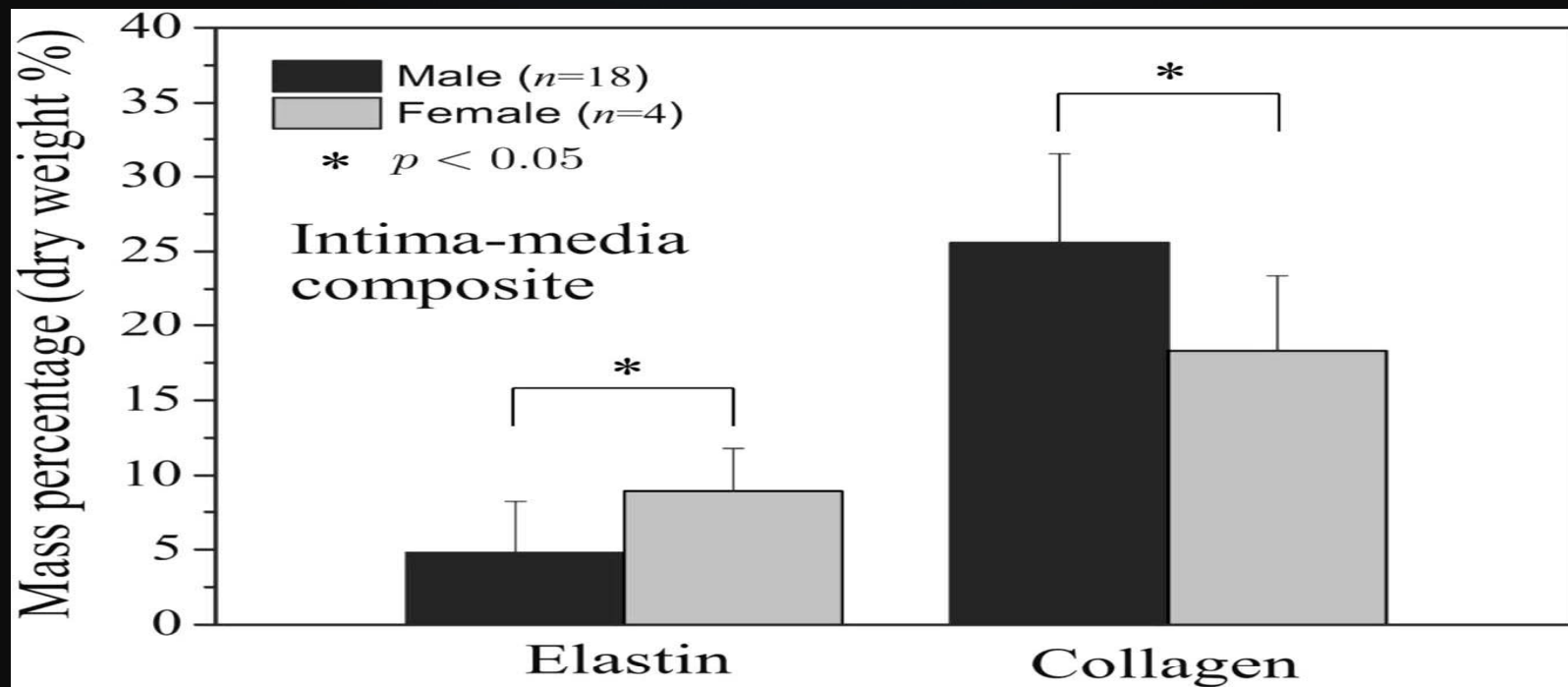


Figure 6 Mass fractions of elastin and collagen within the thrombus-covered intima-media composite for male and female patients. Significant differences are noted for the dry weight percentages of both elastin and collagen between male and female.

J. Tong , A.J. Schriefl , T. Cohnert , G.A. Holzapfel

**Gender Differences in Biomechanical Properties, Thrombus Age, Mass Fraction and Clinical Factors of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms**

# Factors promoting the aortic rupture gender

## The risk of rupture in untreated aneurysms: The impact of size, gender, and expansion rate

Peter M. Brown, MD, David T. Zelt, MD, and Boris Sobolev, PhD, Kingston, Ontario, Canada

**Objective:** The purpose of this study was to establish the risk of rupture as related to size of abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA), gender, and expansion of the aneurysm.

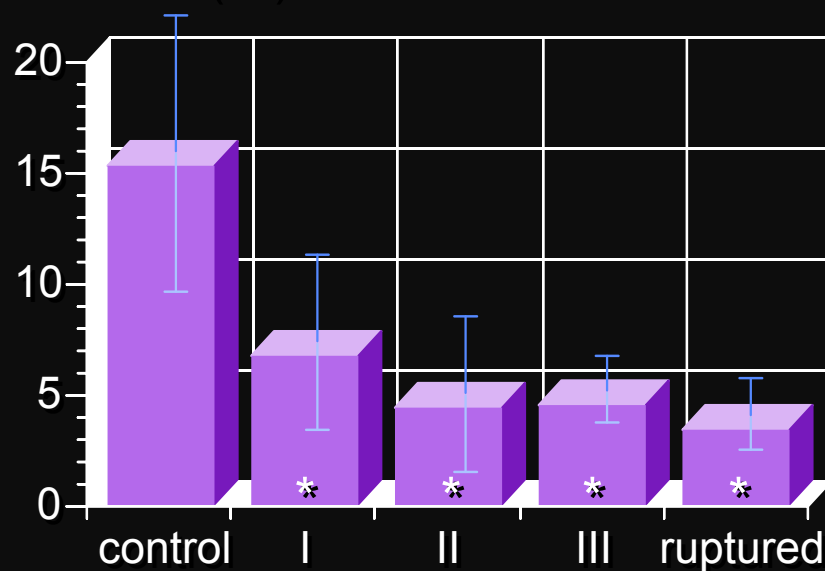
**Methods:** Between 1976 and 2001, 476 patients with conditions considered unfit for surgery with AAA 5.0 cm or more were followed with computed tomographic scans every 6 months until rupture, surgery, death, or deletion from follow-up. Surgery was performed for rupture (n = 22), improved medical condition (n = 37), increase in size (n = 95), symptoms (n = 17), and other reasons (n = 24).

**Results:** Fifty ruptures occurred during the follow-up period. The average risk of rupture (and standard error) in male patients with 5.0-cm to 5.9-cm AAA was 1.0% (0.01%) per year, in female patients with 5.0-cm to 5.9-cm AAA was 3.9% (0.15%) per year, in male patients with 6.0-cm or greater AAA was 14.1% (0.18%) per year, and in female patients with 6.0-cm or greater AAA was 22.3% (0.95%) per year.

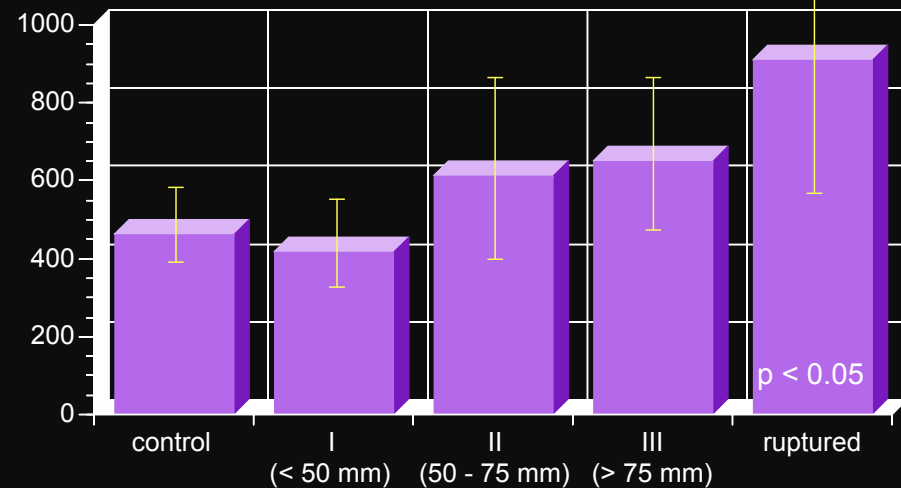
**Conclusion:** **The risk of rupture in male patients with AAA 5.0 to 5.9 cm is low. The four-time higher risk of rupture in female patients with AAA 5.0 to 5.9 cm suggests a lower threshold for surgery be considered in fit women.** The data regarding risk of rupture in patients with AAA 6.0 cm or more may allow more appropriate decision analysis for surgery in patients with unfit conditions with large AAA. (J Vasc Surg 2003;37:280-4.)

## MODIFICATIONS OF THE EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX OF ANEURYSMAL ABDOMINAL AORTAS AS A FUNCTION OF THEIR SIZE

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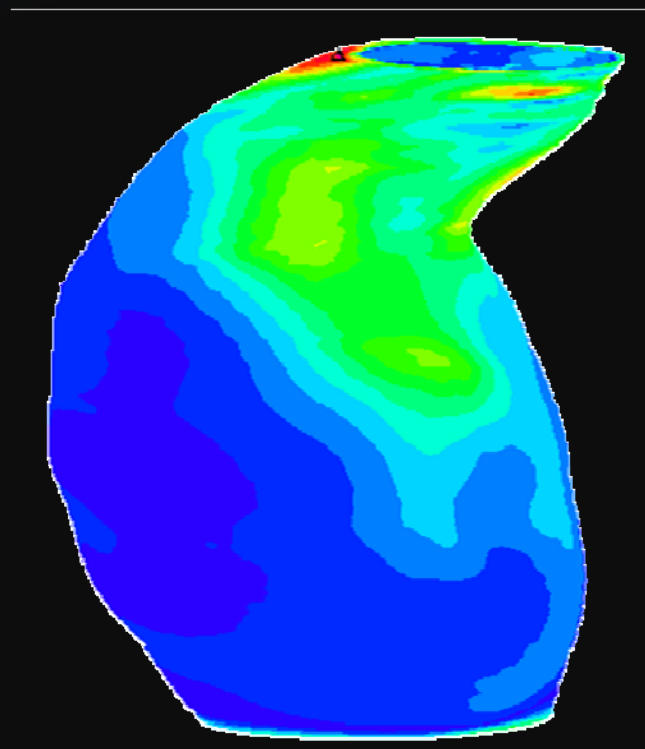
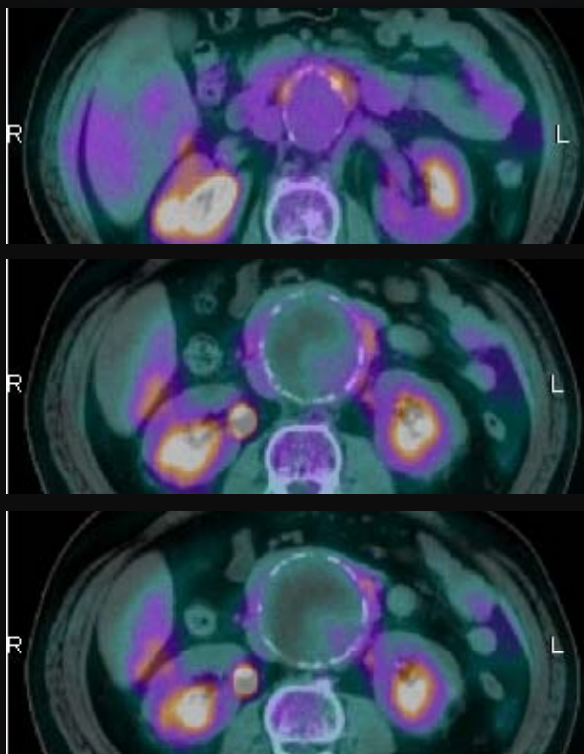
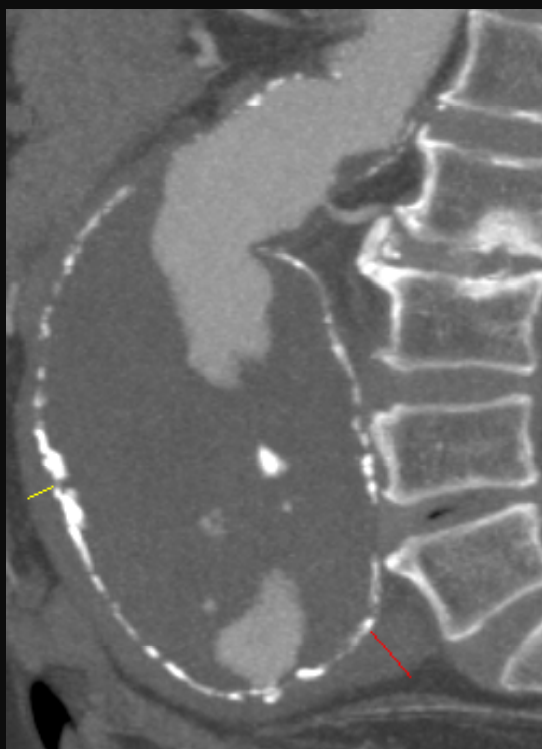
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# RUPTURE INDICATOR STUDY

(CHU Liège & Imperial College London)



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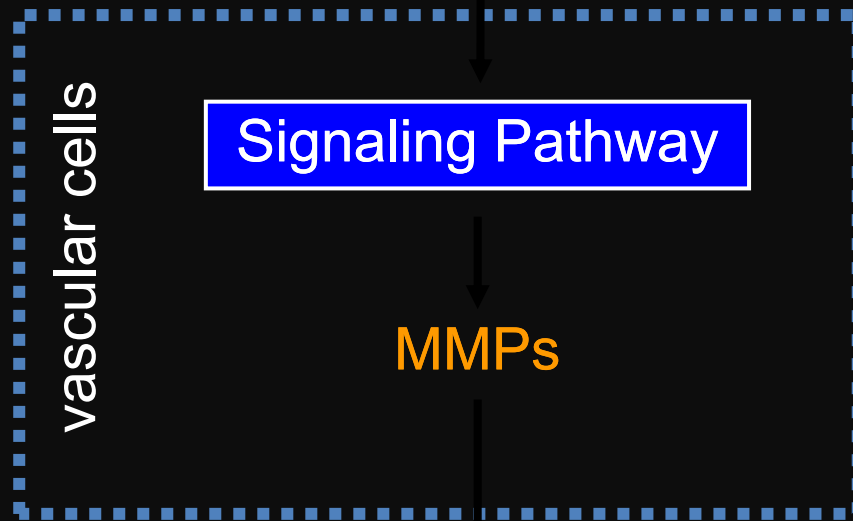
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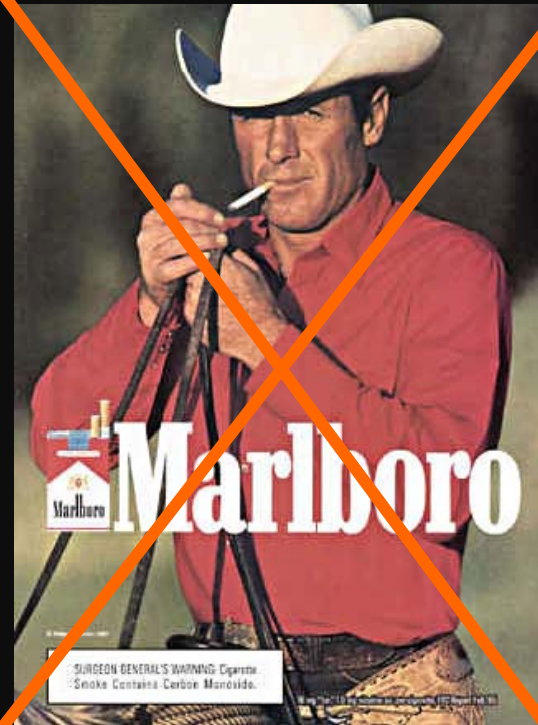


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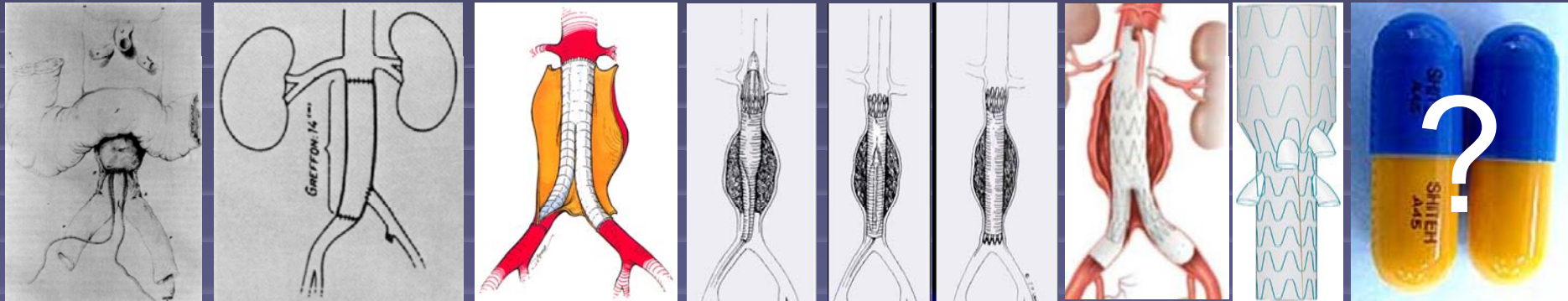
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Progression of AAA



# Past and future of Endovascular aneurysm repair & (the role of PET/CT)



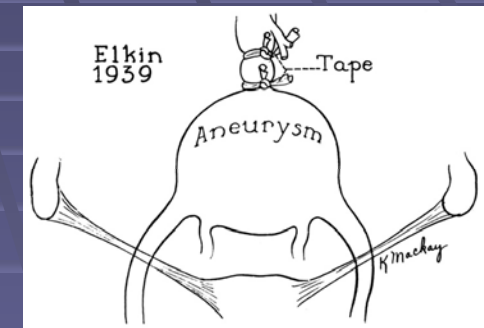
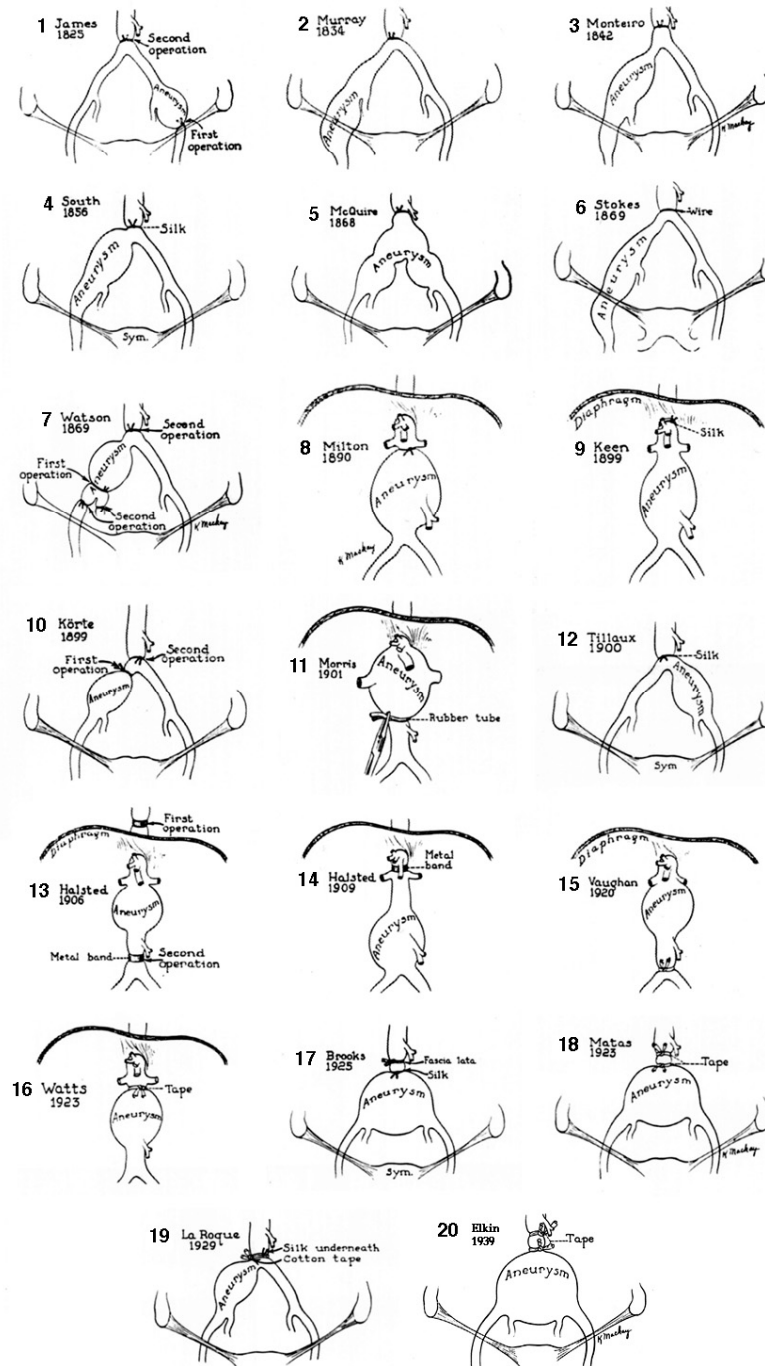
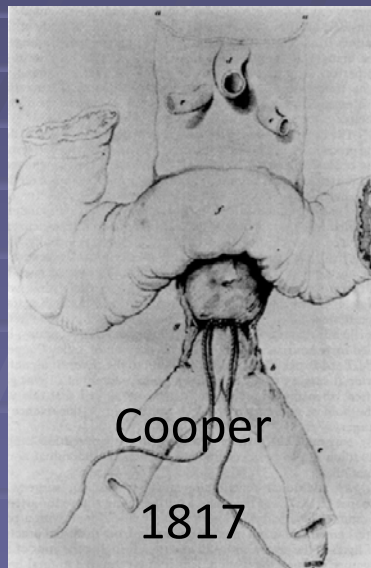
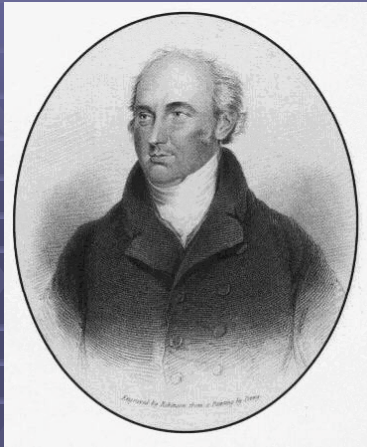
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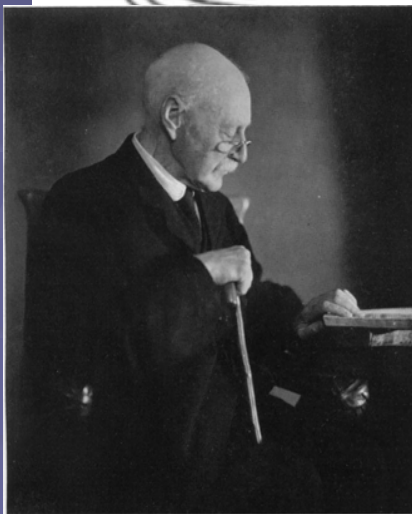
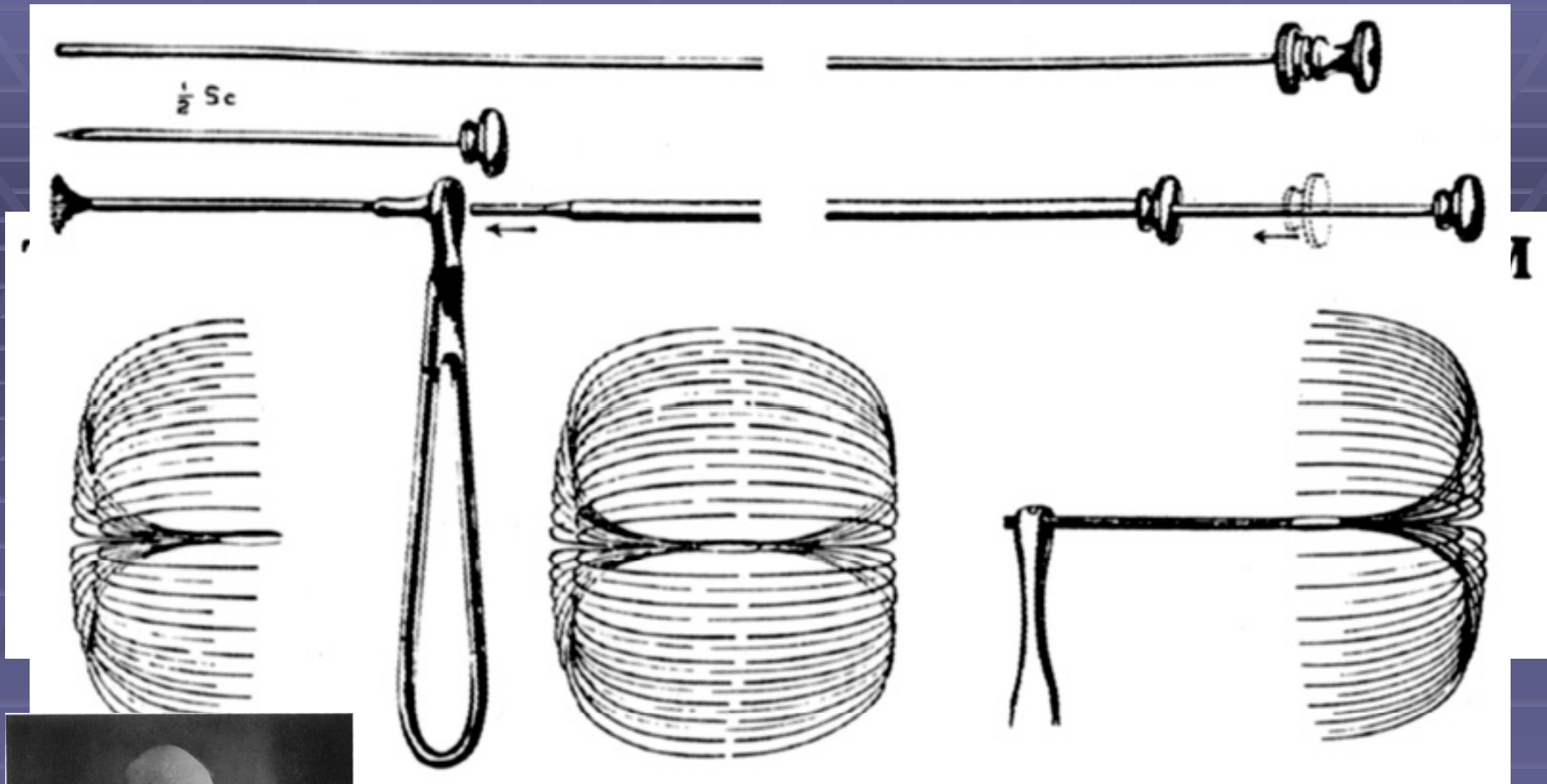
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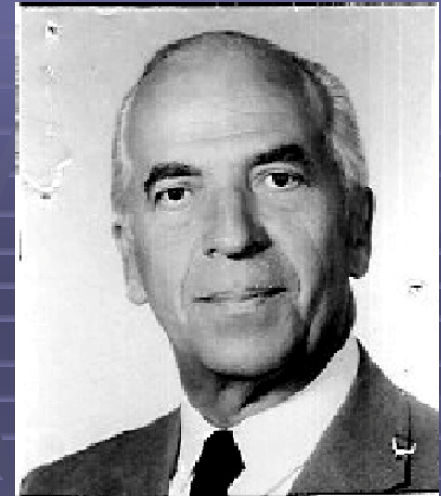
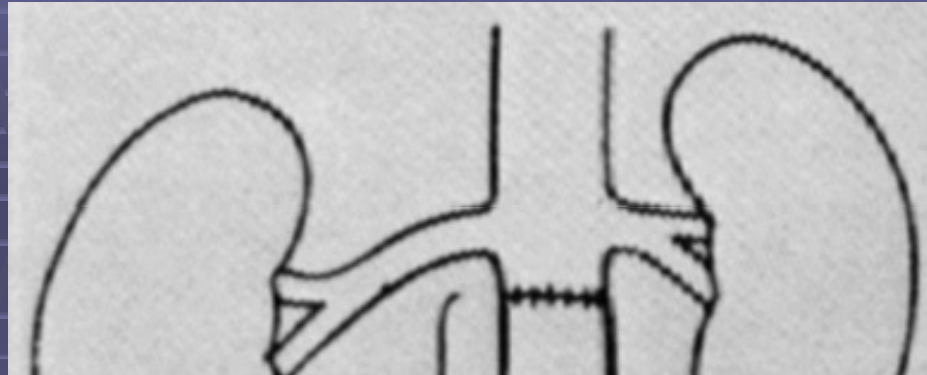
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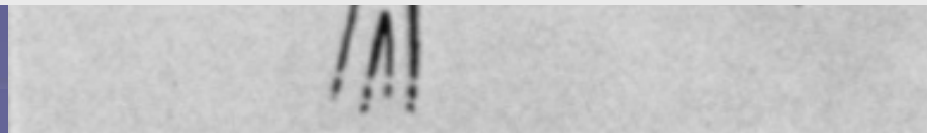
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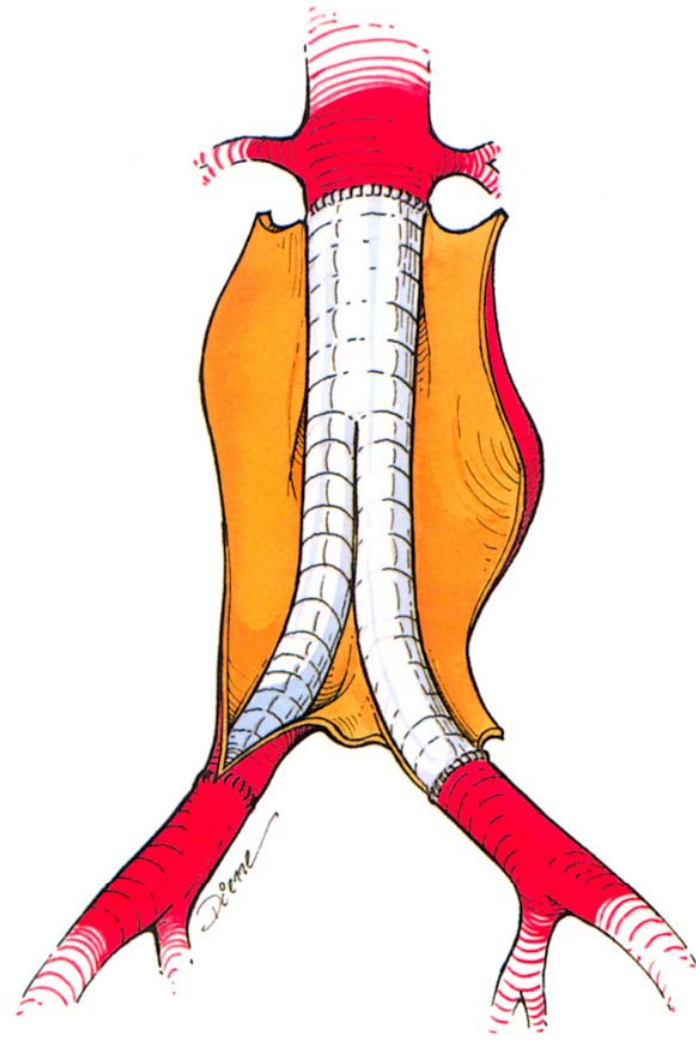
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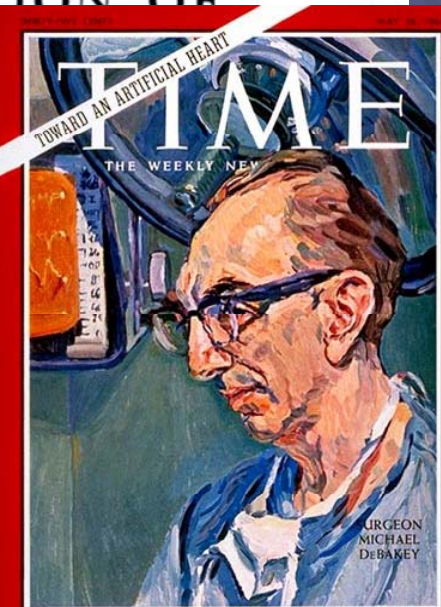
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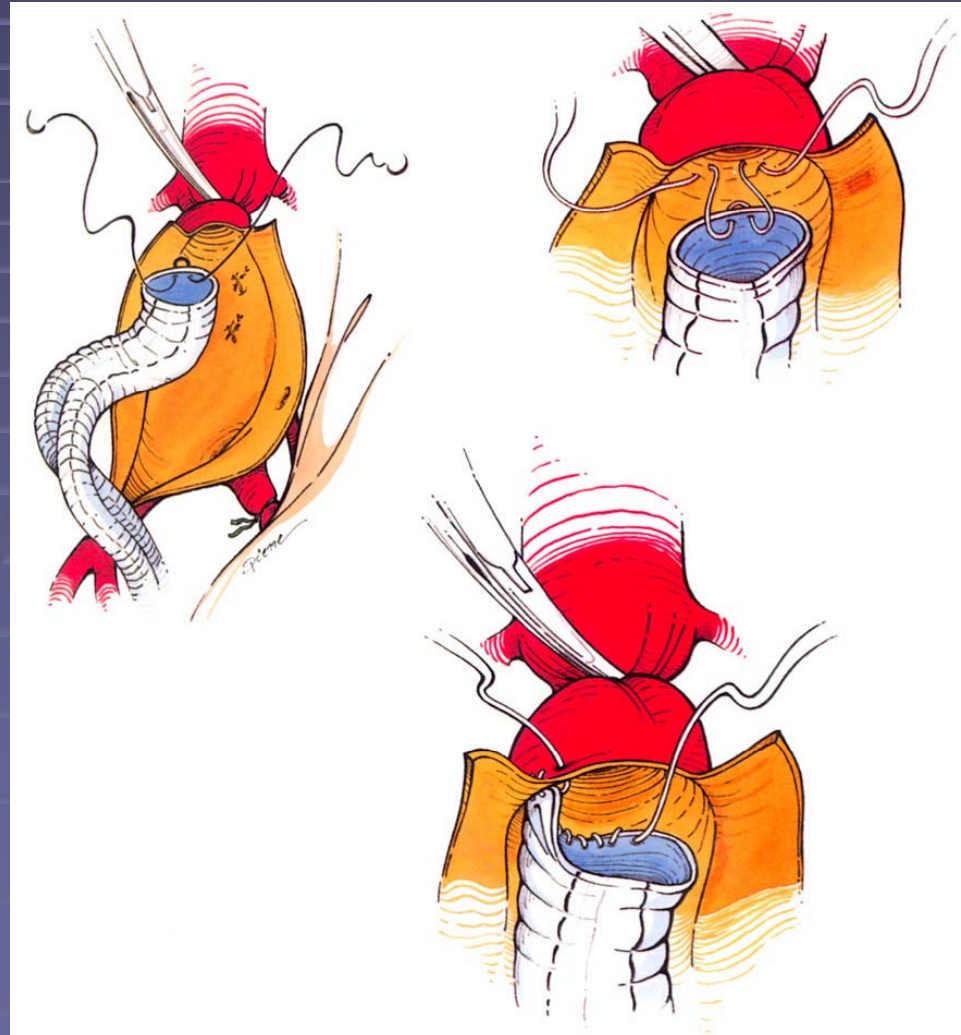
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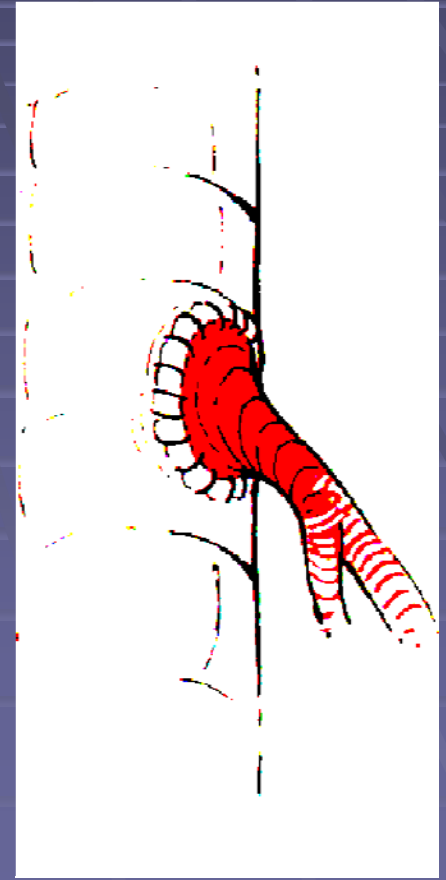
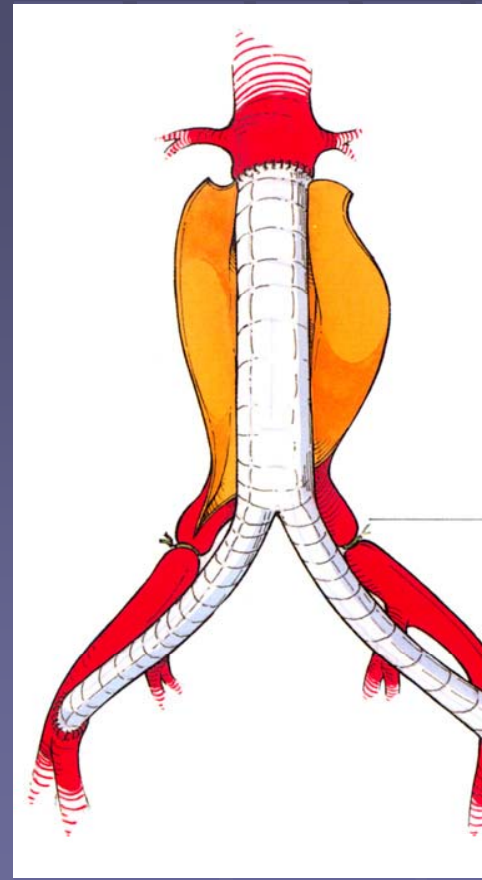
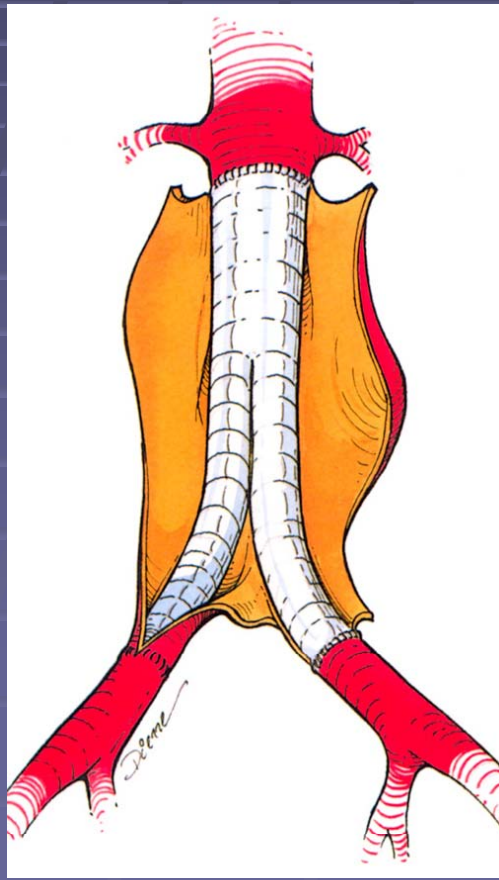
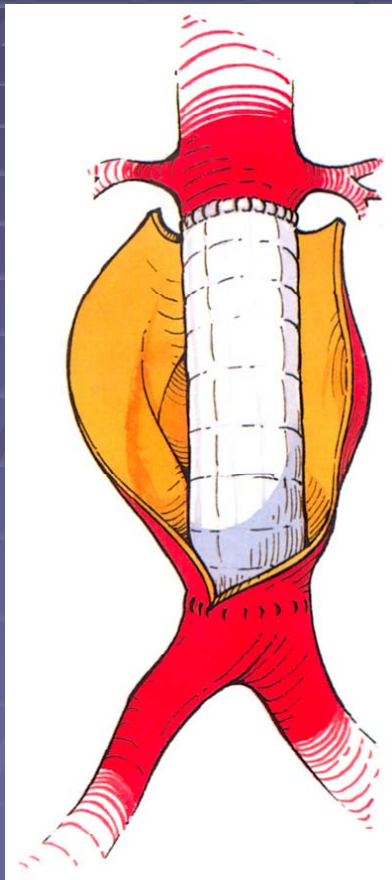
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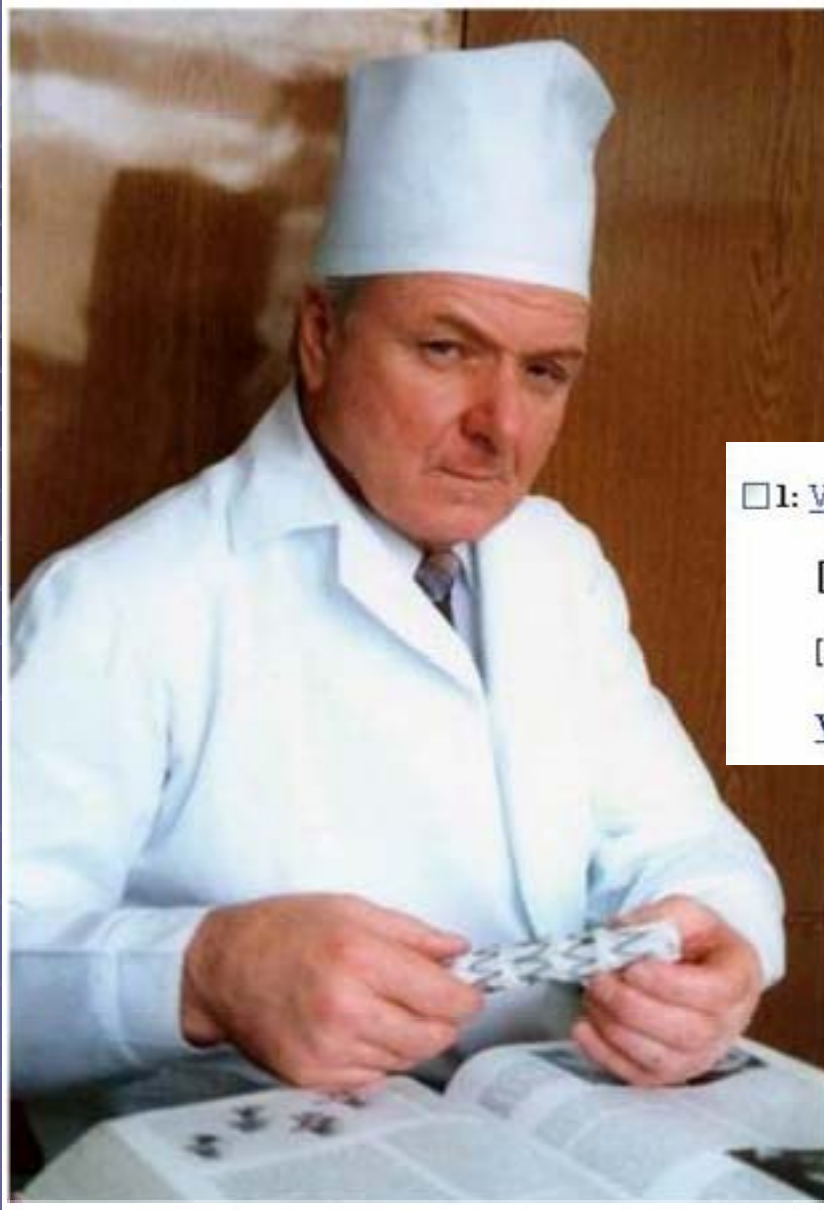
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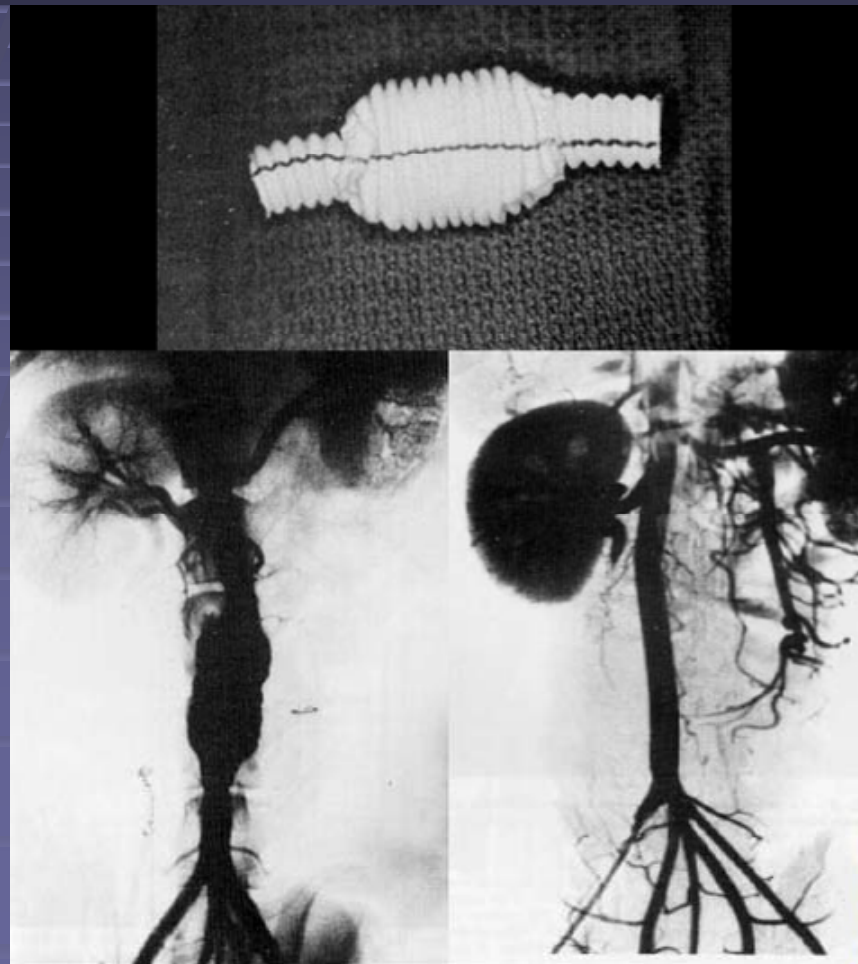
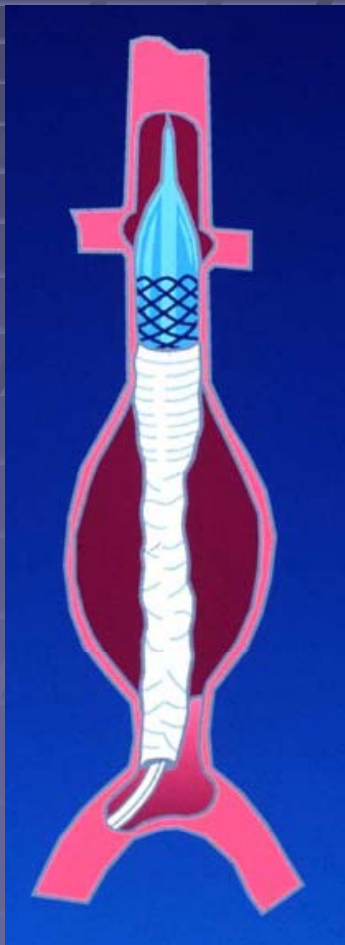
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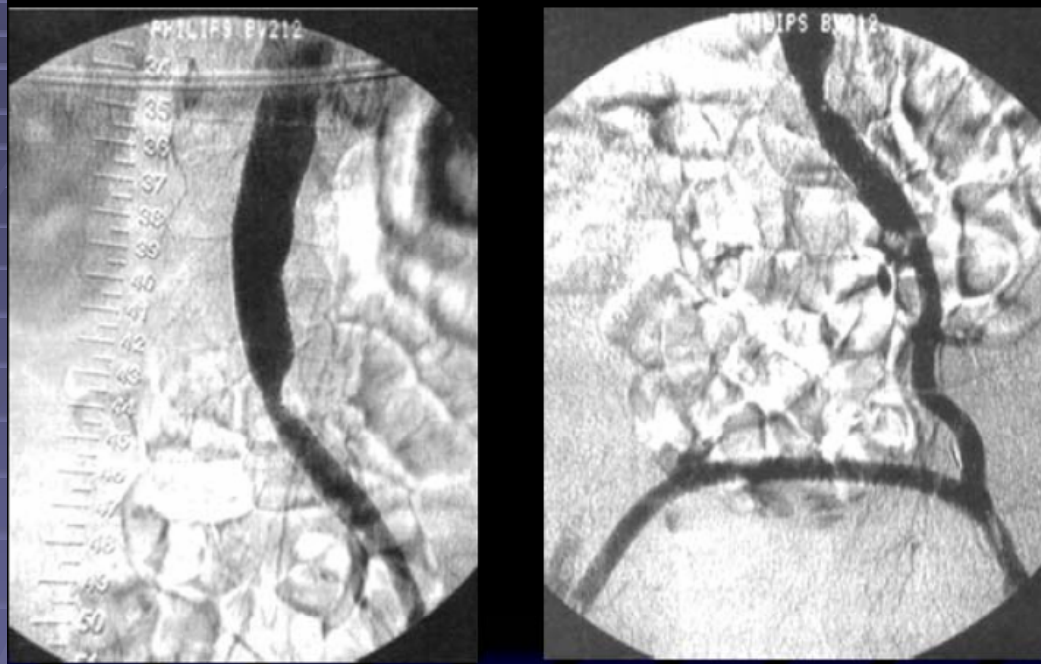
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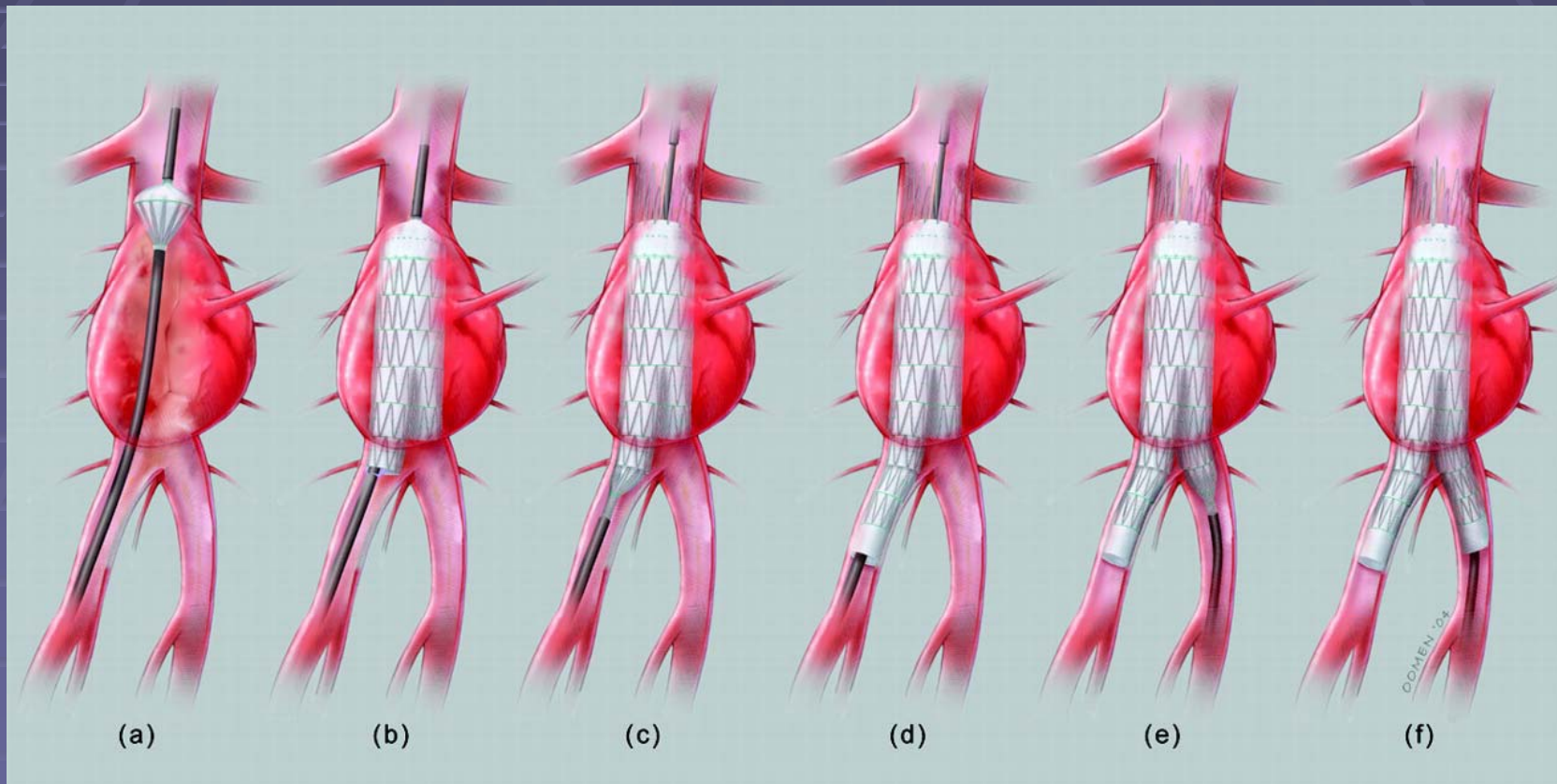


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# EVAR of AAA



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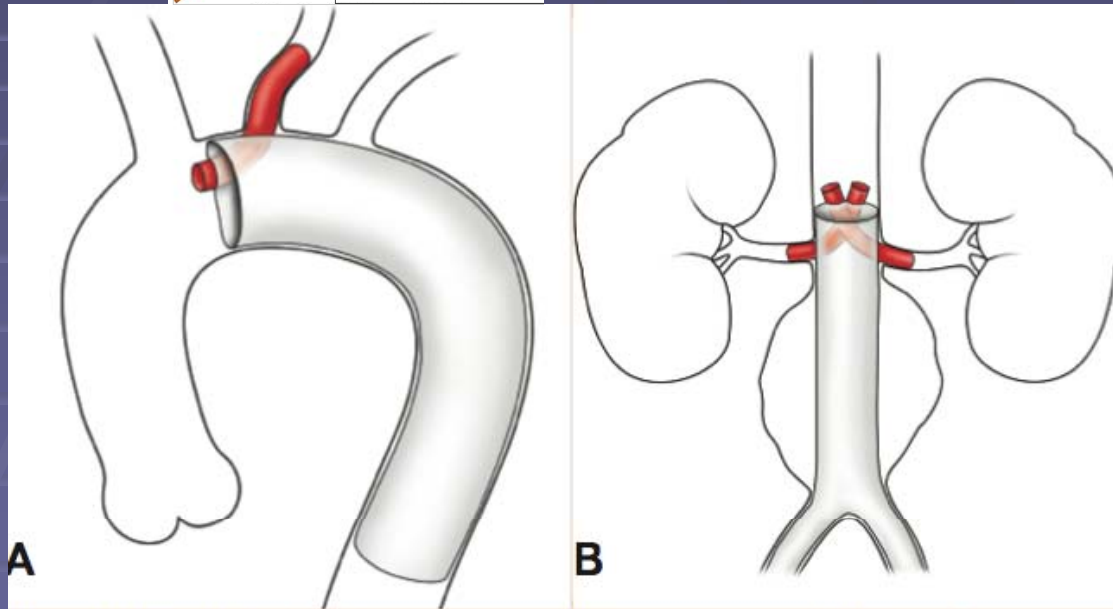
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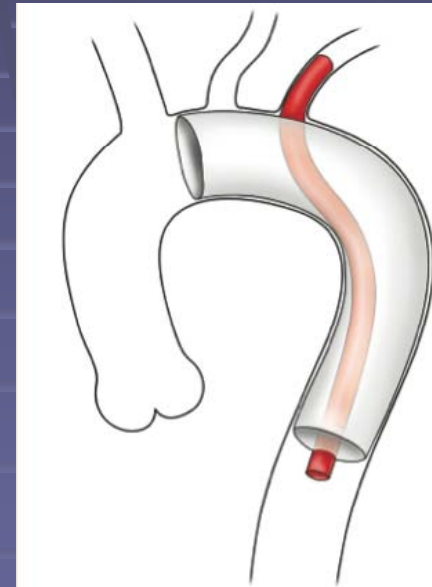
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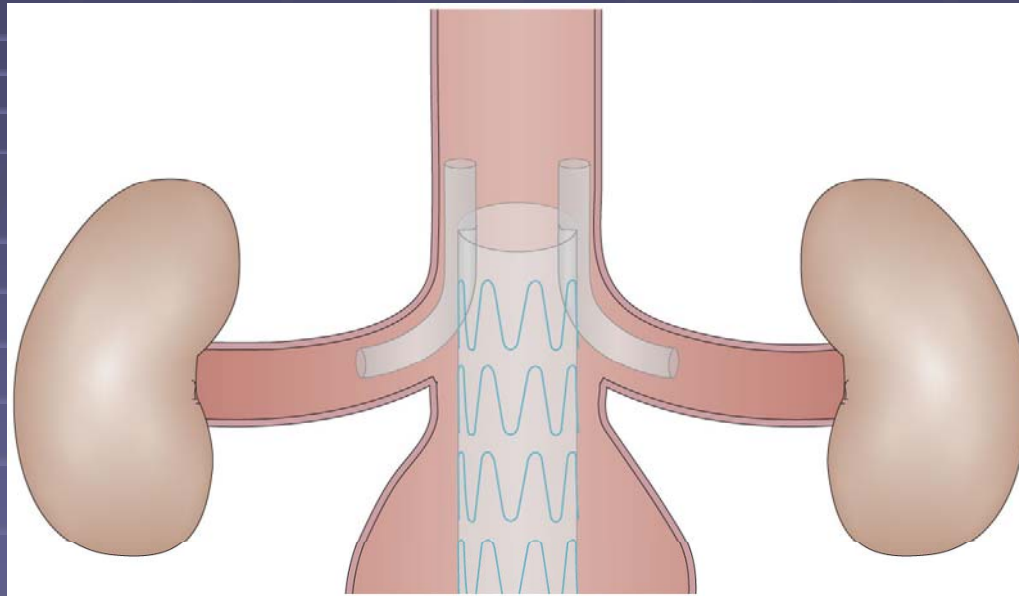


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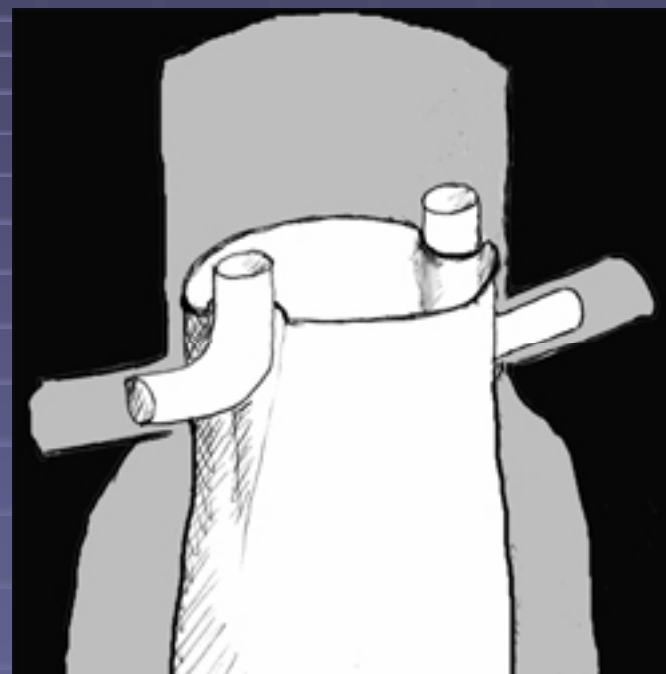


**Figure 2.** Long periscope graft for the left subclavian artery.

## A chimney graft



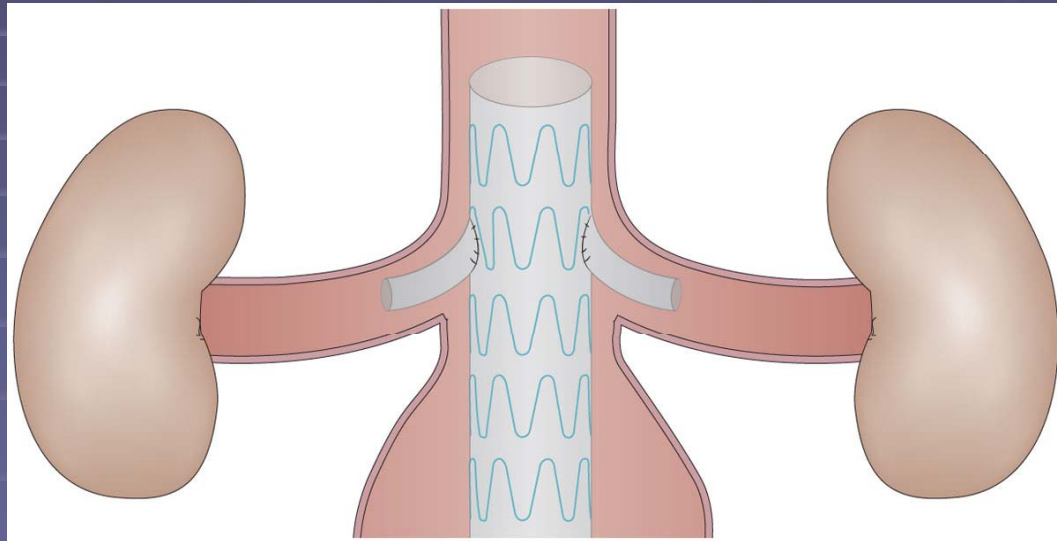
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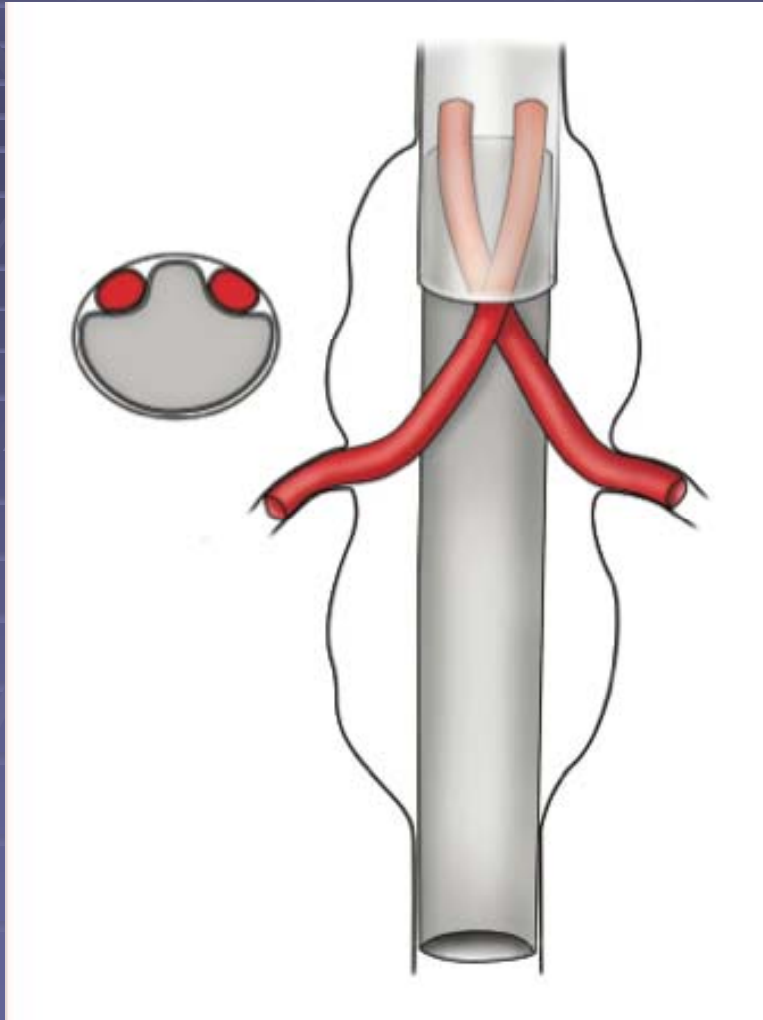


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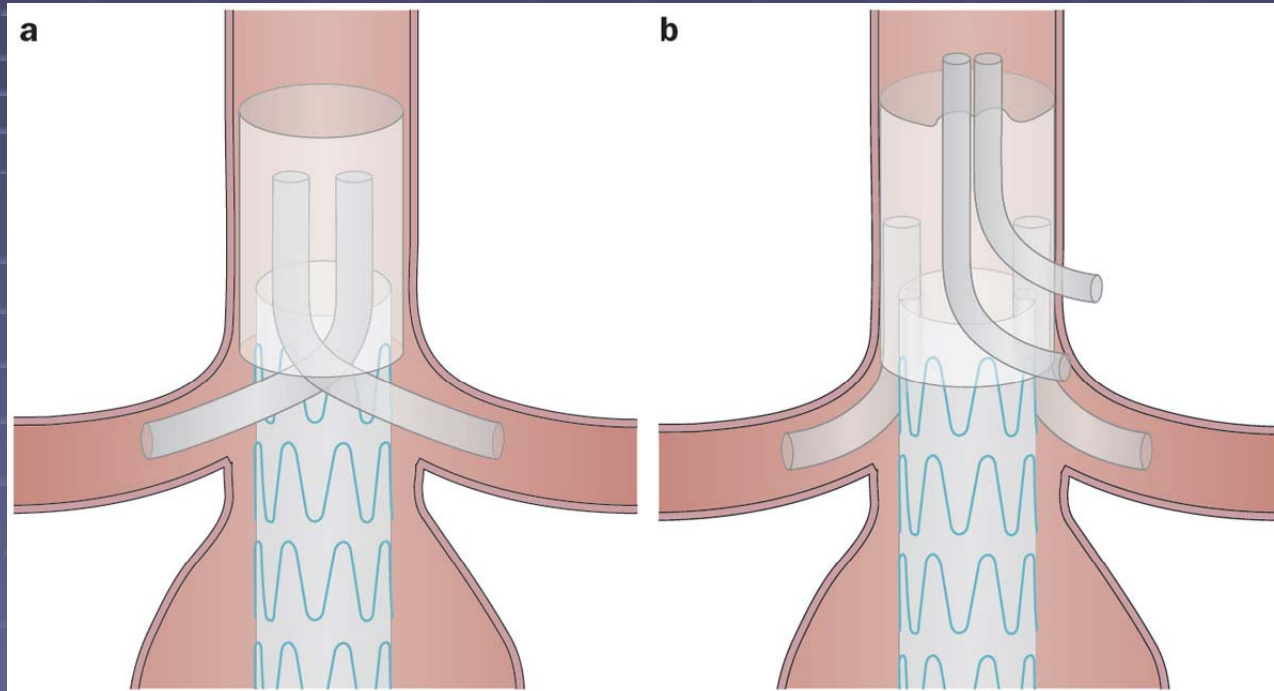


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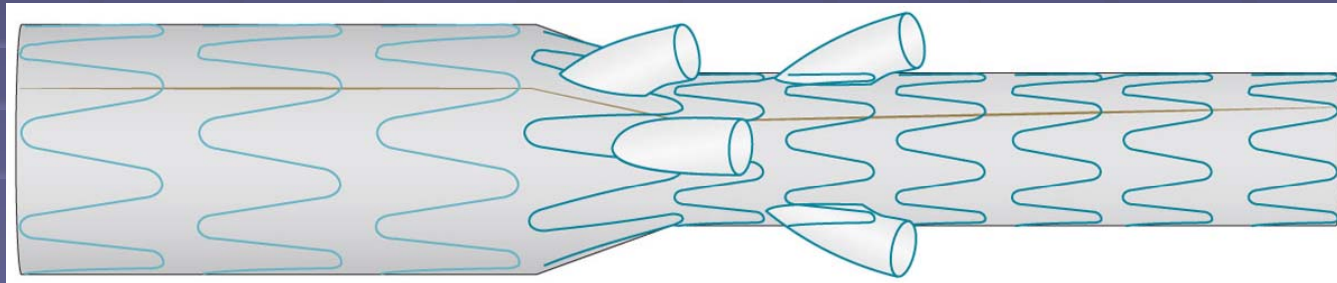
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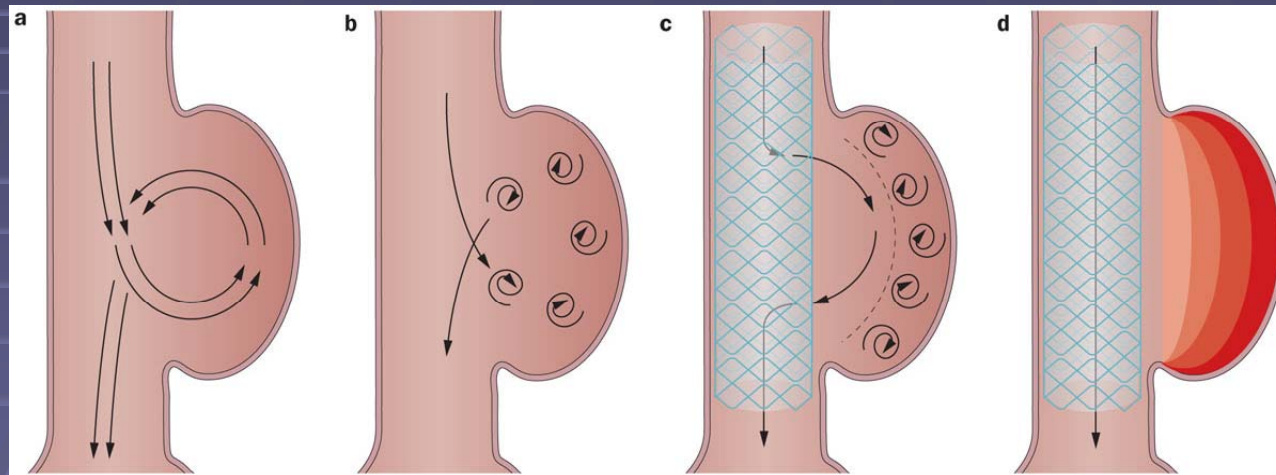


## An off-the-shelf branched stent graft



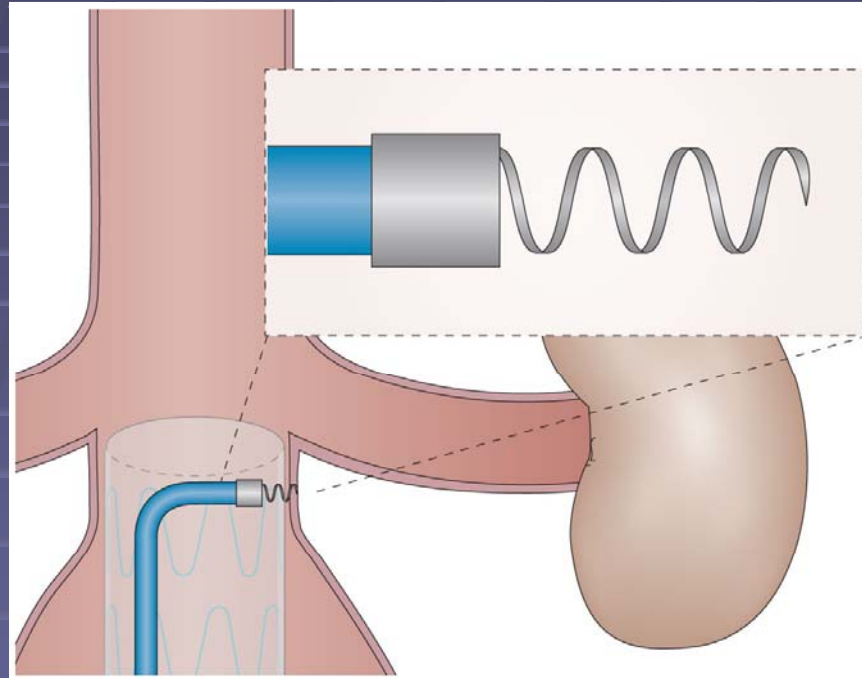
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## The multilayer stent graft



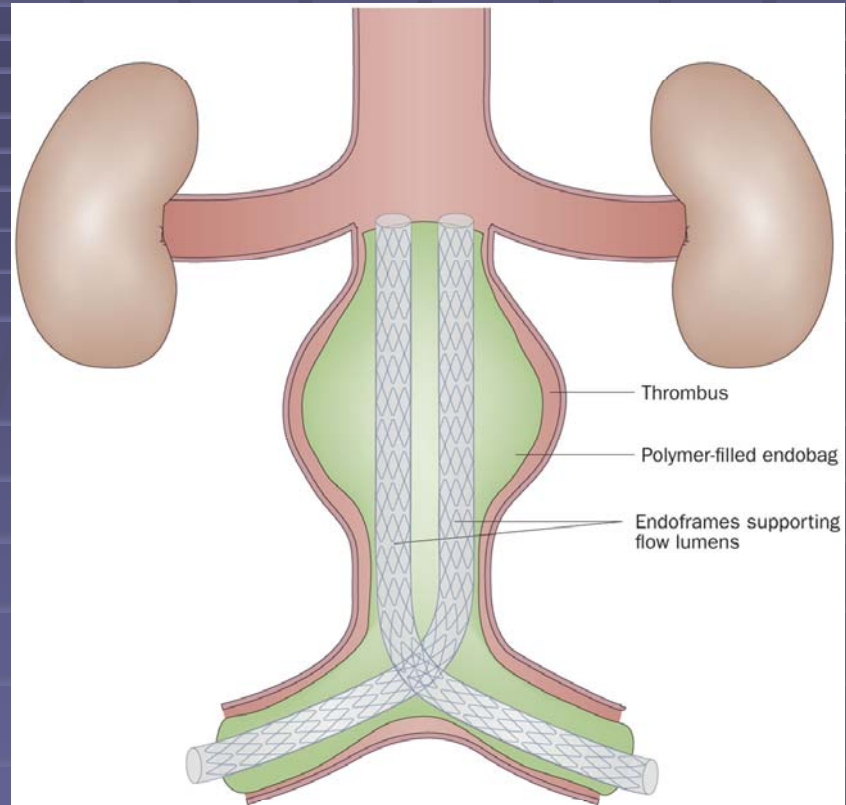
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The endoanchor system, which can be used for transmural fixation of an aortic stent graft to the aortic wall at its landing zones



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The sac-anchoring system, consisting of two femorally inserted stent grafts with polymer-filled endobags on the outside of the stent



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# First Indications

- High Risk Patients: ASA III, IV
- Hostile Abdomen



# **EVAR for ruptured AAA**

Emergency endovascular repair of leaking aortic aneurysm

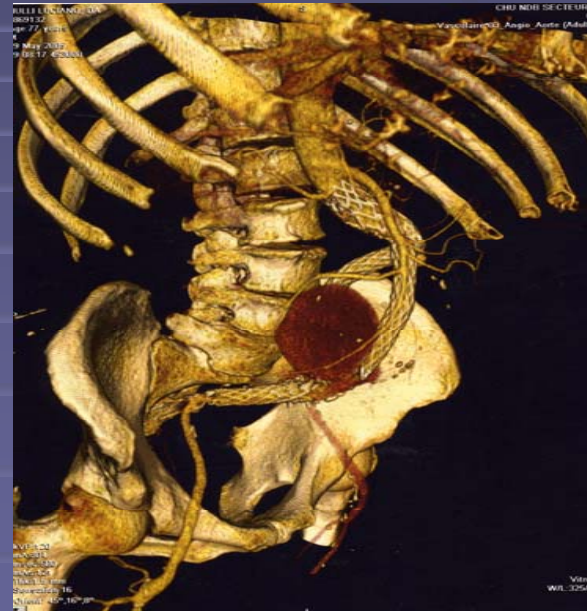
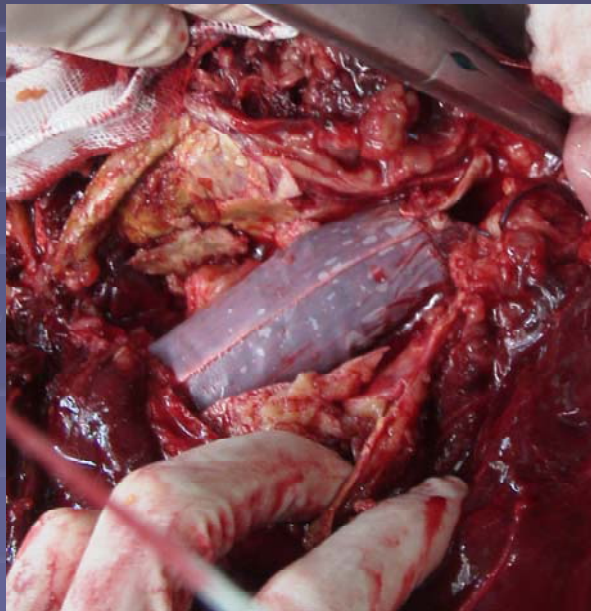
***S.W. Yusuf et al; Lancet 1994;344:1645***

Endovascular graft repair of ruptured aortoiliac aneurysms.

***Ohki, FJ Veith et al; J Am Coll Surg 1999;189:102***

# Outcome of AAA after EVAR

Despite decreasing parietal pressure, rupture occurs in some AAA after EVAR. Which one?



Potential issues of endovascular aneurysm repair

*Sakalihasan N, Limet R, Defawe O. Abdominal aortic aneurysms, Lancet 2005*

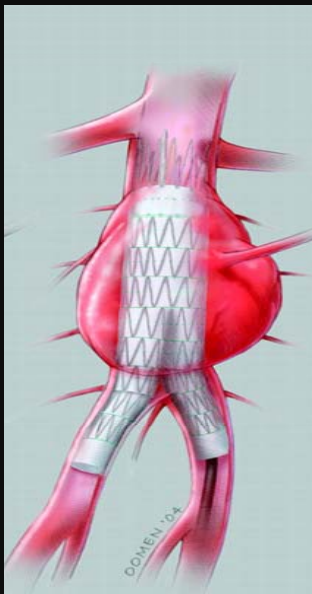
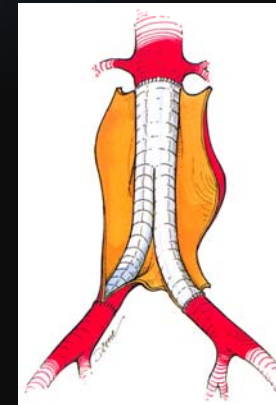
# CURRENT TREATMENT OF AAA

1) Open Surgery ; Since 1952  
Dubost ; Schaffer

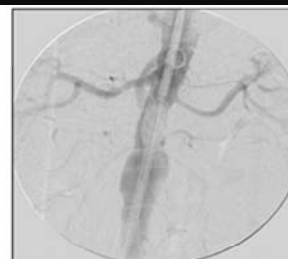
Goal : To prevention of AAA rupture

2) Endovascular repair ; since 1991  
Volodov & Parodi

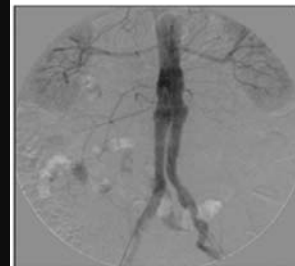
Goal : To prevention of rupture by regression of AAA



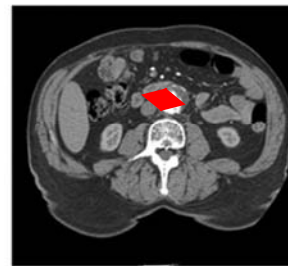
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# EVAR & AAA

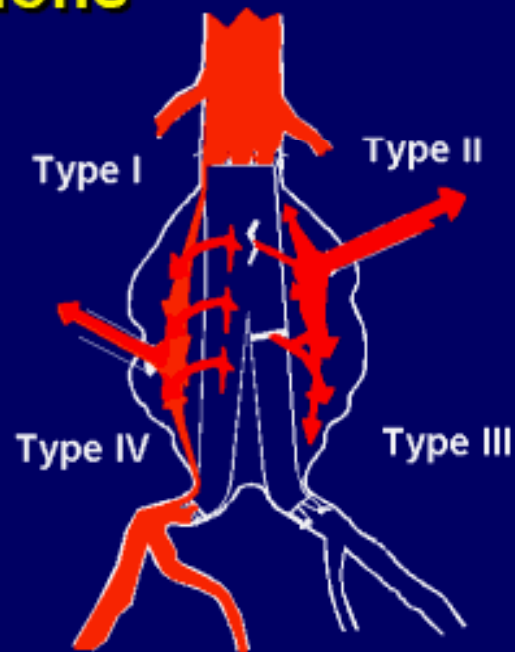
## Perigraft Flow/Endoleak: Definitions\*

Type I  
Attachment Leak

Type II  
Branch Flow

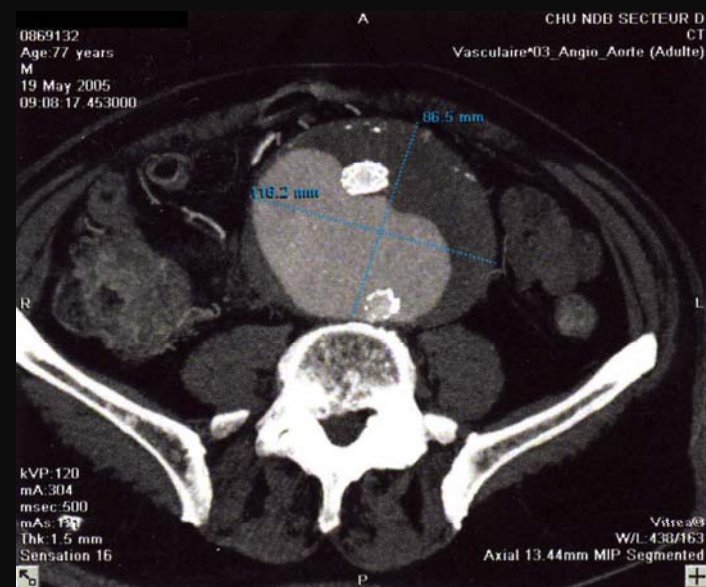
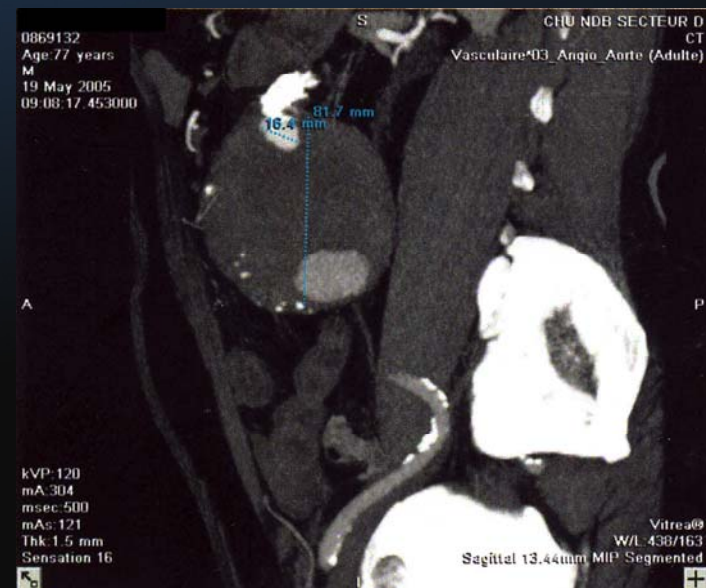
Type III  
Defect in graft or  
Modular disconnection

Type IV  
Fabric porosity



\* White et.al., Endoleak Classification,  
Journal of Endovascular Surgery, 1998;5:305-309







# Surgical Treatment of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm

Is endovascular repair preferable to open repair?

## Open Surgical Treatment

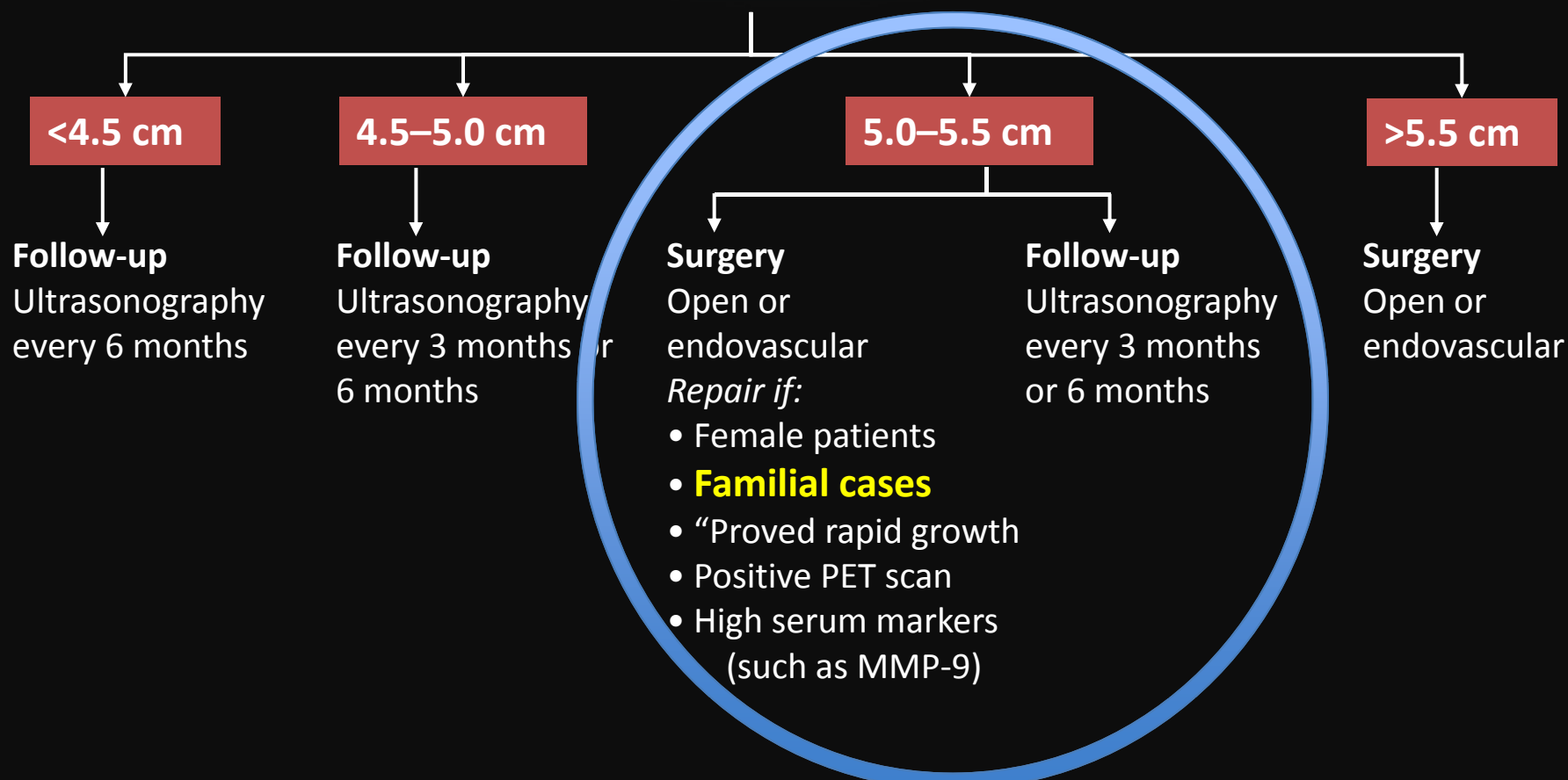
- Advantages
  - Used for >50 yrs
  - Rate of failure ~0.3%
- Disadvantages
  - High rate of complications
  - Long recovery

## vs Endovascular Repair

- Advantages
  - Reduced rates of operative morbidity and mortality
  - Shorter initial hospital stay
  - Shorter recovery time
- Disadvantages
  - Rupture of AAA
  - Late complications?
  - Cost

# Proposed Management of an Asymptomatic Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm

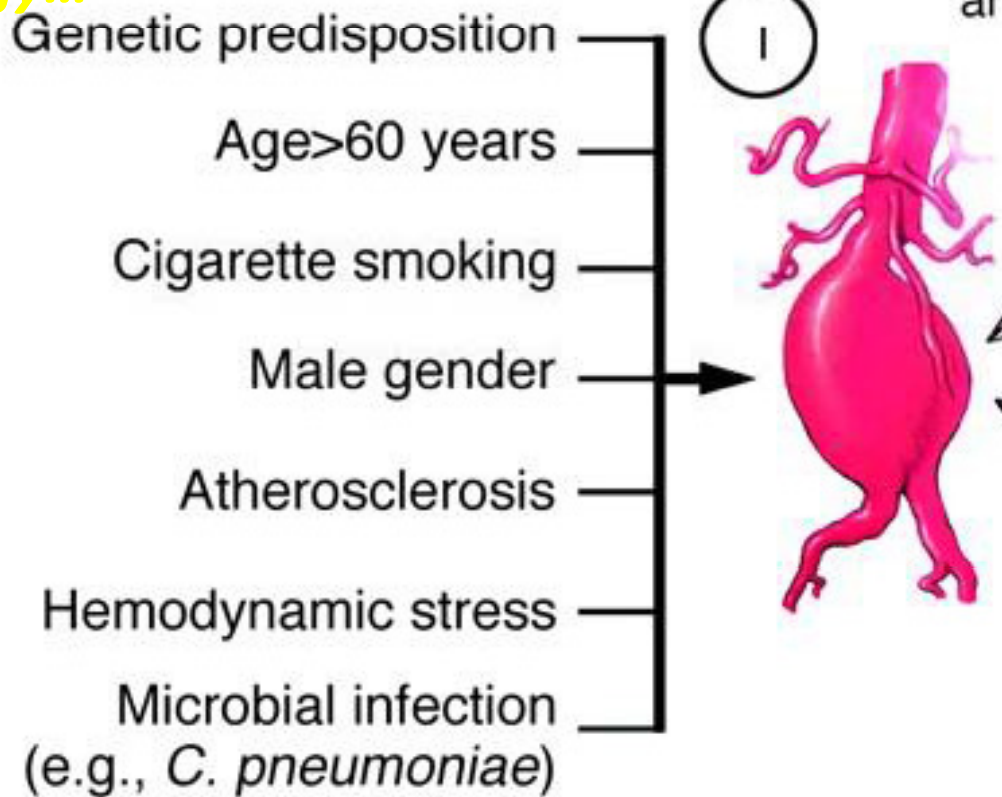
## Asymptomatic Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm



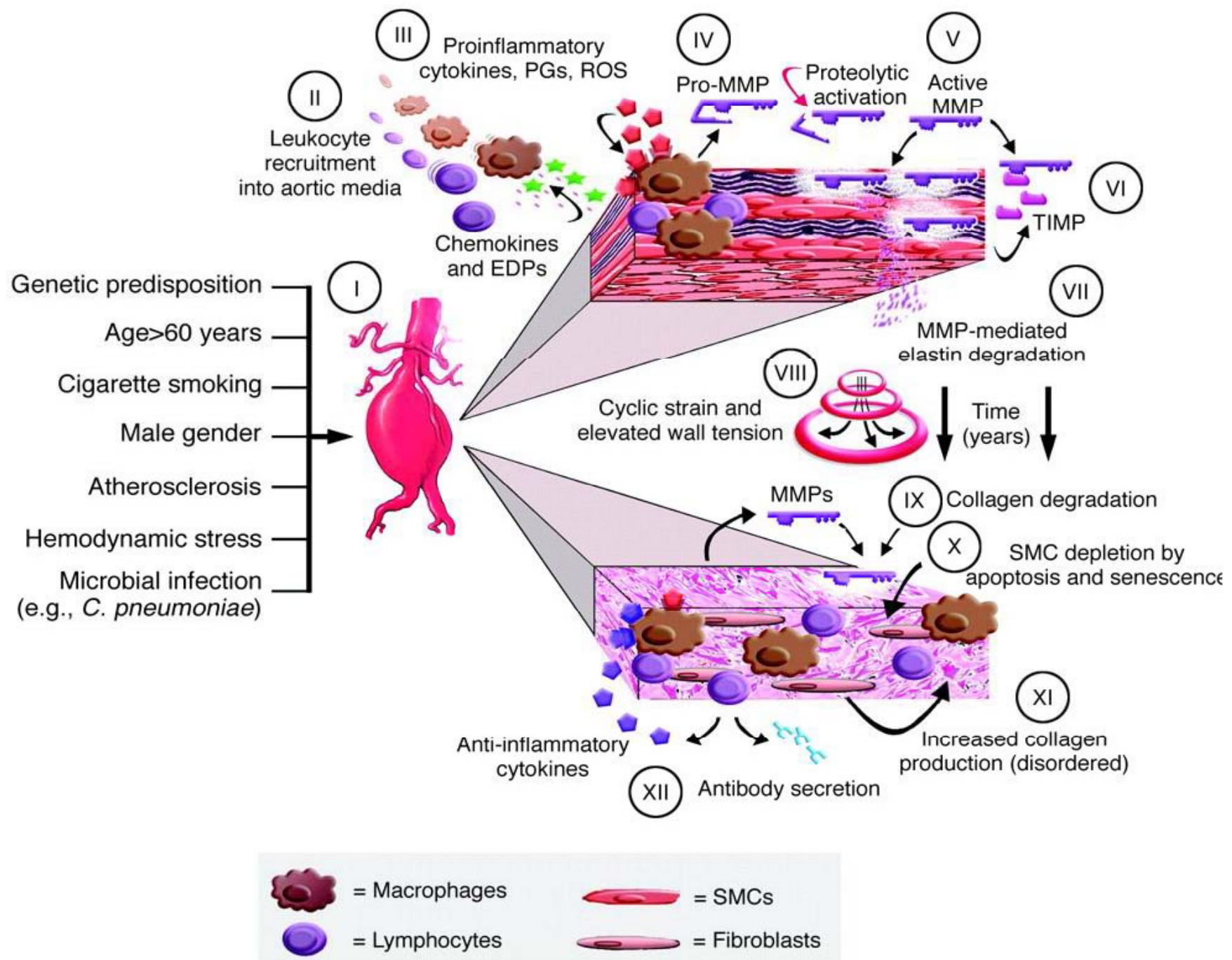
# What are we knowing about abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) ?

*Known part of AAA*

***We are at the end of the beginning in understanding AAA physio-  
pathology...***

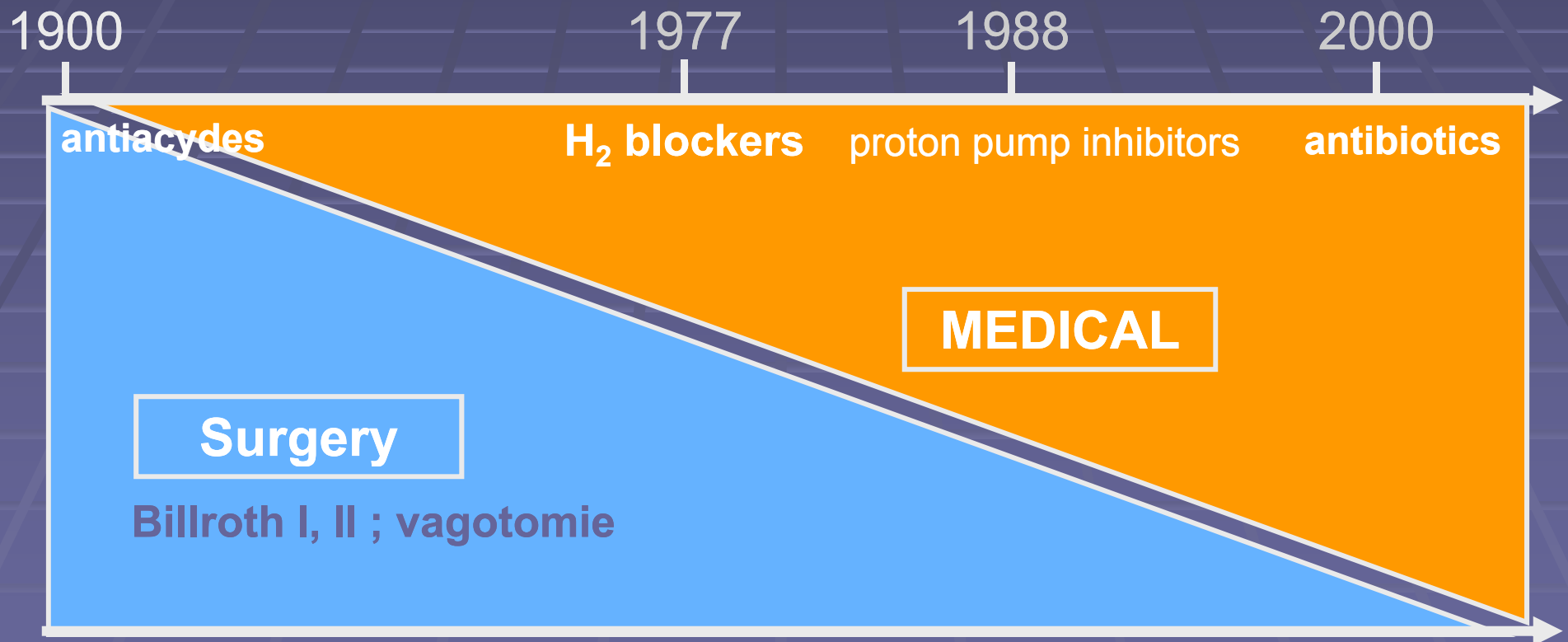


*Unknown part of AAA*



# Treatment of Gastric Ulcus

## Paradigm for treatment of AAA ?



## Programme de dépistage régional

0 %

Rupture de l' Aneurysme de l' Aorte Abdominale





Conclusion:

**AAA est un tueur caché et silencieux**



*félicitations et je vous souhaite la  
bienvenue parmi nous.*

