US IDE Consortium: The Best Data on F/BEVAR?



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 - Research grants
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 - Consult



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Developing a complex endovascular fenestrated and branched aortic program

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In 2008, the top priority in our division's 5-year strategic plan was "to become an internationally recognized center of excellence for the endovascular treatment of complex aortic pathology extending from the aortic valve to the external iliac artery." Five components were identified as "most critical" to achieve this strategic priority: (1) training at centers of excellence in complex endovascular repair; (2) industry partnership to improve access to developing technologies; (3) a fully integrated team approach with one leader involved in all steps of all cases; (4) prospective data collection; and (5) development and implementation of a physician-sponsored investigational device exemption for juxtarenal, pararenal, and thoracoabdominal aneurysms. We have now performed 49 repairs (16 commercially manufactured devices, 33 physician-modified devices) for 3 common iliac, 20 juxtarenal, 9 pararenal, and 17 thoracoabdominal aneurysms, using 142 fenestrations, branches, and scallops. All patients had complete 30-day follow-up for calculation of 30-day events. Kaplan-Meier analysis was used to calculate 1-year events. In 5 years, we developed a successful complex endovascular aortic program that uses fenestrated/branched repair techniques. A focused team strategic planning approach to program development is an effective way for vascular surgery divisions to gain experience and expertise with new complex technologies while ensuring acceptable patient outcomes. (J Vasc Surg 2015; 1-6.)







DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration 10903 New Hampshire Avenue Document Control Center – WO66-G609 Silver Spring, MD 20993-0002

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE:

To evaluate custom made devices and physician-modified FDA-approved devices for the treatment of patients with complex abdominal, thoracoabdominal, and arch aneurysms.

External CRO, CEC, Imaging Lab.



October 10, 2013



2021

n = 421

2008

Uniquely positioned regionally and nationally for the breadth of aortic pathology that we can now treat with minimally invasive endovascular grafts.





Current State: Iterative Single Center Reports

Preoperative functional status undergoing fenestrated/brancl

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Effect of thoracoabdomi patients undergoing fen repair

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Evolution of fenestrated/branched endovascular aortic aneurysm repair complexity and outcomes at an organized center for the treatment of complex aortic disease

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ABSTRACT

Background: tients at high r have required year survival in patients unde

Methods: The board-approve were reviewe comorbidities status was de facility), parti in activities (P < .2), a Cox mortality.

"These findings may be limited due to the potential for a type 1 error secondary to limited statistical power....

Results: For th

modeling, the only independent preoperative pred (totally dependent; hazard ratio [HR], 5.4; 95% confider CI, 2.4-8.7; P < .0000019). A history of an implanted P = .0495). Factors such as age, congestive heart failure disease, aneurysm extent, and previous aortic surgery (n = 176; 69%), partially dependent (n = 69; 27%), and respectively.

Conclusions: For patients undergoing F/BEVAR, decrea 2-year mortality, with totally dependent patients expe pendently significant, perhaps reflecting the high p participating in an IDE trial. For the independent patien survival after infrarenal EVAR. Therefore, for independe BEVAR to low-risk patients. (J Vasc Surg 2021;74:383-9!

extensive TAAAs (71%). Most repairs two groups, no perioperative difference target artery occlusion, access site complic paraparesis was greater in the extensive T/ (tho ralysis was equivalent (2.3% vs 0.5%; P = .20 vessels Kaplan-Meier analysis, no differences in sur 3 years (P > .05 for all). Freedom from type significantly worse in the extensive TAAA extensive TAAA was not associated with 1-y

Conclusions: Unlike open TAAA repair, the differences in perioperative paraparesis, bran of aortic coverage and number of target art BEVAR should expect comparable outcome

39%; mid experie survival (P = .19) or .01) and from type I or endoleaks in the recent period

arly experience, n = 84, mid experience, n = 84, recent experience,

an follow-up time for the entire cohort was 589 days (interquartile range, 149-813 days). analysis, survival was 88%, freedom from type I or III endoleak was 91%, and target When stratified by time period, significant differences included aneurysm extent arly experience, 40% mid experience, and 64% recent experience; P < .001) and target case, 31% early experience, 39% mid experience, and 67% recent experience; P < ace, but a trend toward improvement in composite 30-day events (early experience, ent experience, 27%; P = .05). On Kaplan-Meier analysis, there was no difference in ry patency (P = .6). There were differences in freedom from reintervention (P <oleak (P = .02), with more reinterventions in the early experience, and more

Conclusions: Despite increasing repair complexity, there has been no significant change in perioperative complications, overall survival, or target artery patency, with favorable outcomes overall. Type I or III endoleaks remain a significant limitation, with increased incidence as the number of branch arteries incorporated into the repairs has increased. (J Vasc Surg 2021;73:1148-55.)

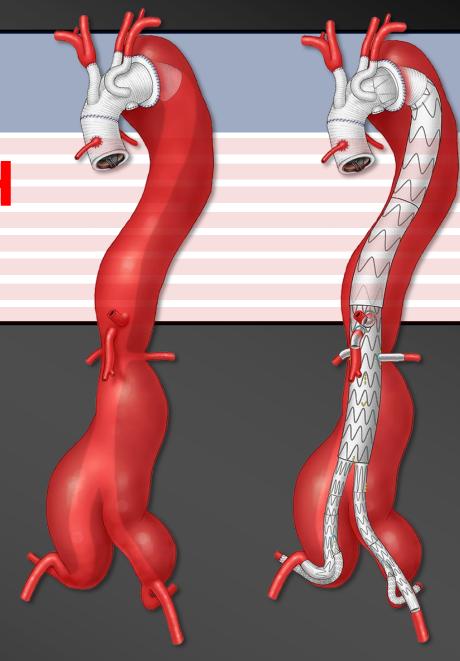
cular aneurysm repair (F/BEVAR) volume has increased rapidly, with favorevaluated changes over time in F/BEVAR complexity and associated outease program.

II F/BEVAR (definition: requiring ≥1 fenestration/branch), procedures peroved registry and/or physician-sponsored investigational device exemption 2/2019). Patients were stratified by surgery date into thirds: early experience, atient and operative characteristics, aneurysm morphology, device types, al, freedom from type I or III endoleak, target artery patency, freedom from

d custom-made devices, 11 (4.4%) company-manufactured off-the-shelf devices, were used to treat 5 (2.0%) common iliac, 97 (39%) juxtarenal, dominal, and 2 (0.8%) arch aneurysms. All patients had follow-up for

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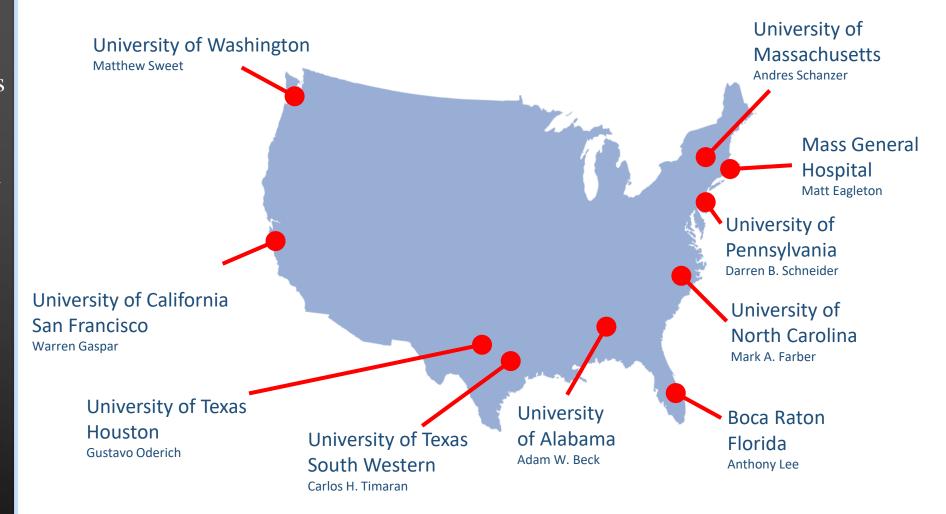




• 10 US sites

- Prospective, physiciansponsored studies
- Independent monitoring, FDA audited
- Similar device design with selective use of fenestrations and branches

United States F/BEVAR Aortic Research Consortium (ARC)

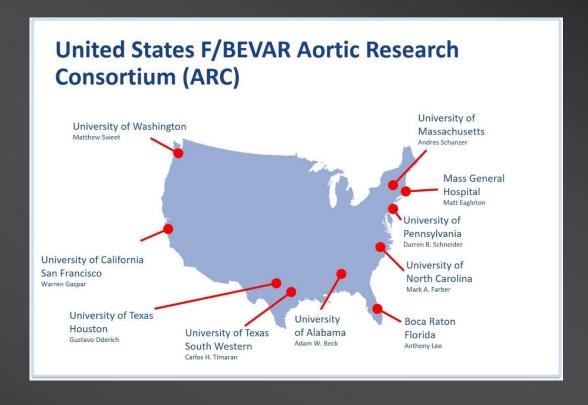




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Subject: Re: Syntactx Database in a Box

Dear Team,

It was great to meet up and discuss ways in which to move forward with an effort to facilitate multicenter research and merged data analyses. If we are able to pull this off and figure out a way to aggregate our data in a relatively seamless way, I believe we have the potential to make a much more significant impact than multiple iterative single center reports. I would like to commit to trying to make this happen. As a starting point, I've created a shared dropbox folder:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/zjaxewgntnyvcu5/AAAumCYqlmTolAOpKV3mfjjEa?dl=0[dropbox.com]

Potential next steps:

- 1. I added all of my CRF forms to this folder. It would be great if others could do this as well.
- 2. Gustavo, can you ask your research fellow to look through the two analyses that were submitted for VAM and create a list of all variables that were used for this analysis. This might be a good starting point to assign consistent variable names across all of our datasets. We can then take that list and split it up among us to suggest clear definitions for each variable. We can then discuss the definitions we come up with in order to arrive at a list of common variables called by the same name with the same definitions.
- 3. I will look through everyone's CRF forms and try to augment the list of common variables with ones that we may all want to collect but were not used in the first two initial analyses. We can then discuss them and if everyone agrees, go through the same process of creating common variable names with standard definitions.
- 4. Stephan Haulon has offered to share the Loreta database and data dictionary with me and this may also be a helpful starting point for us. If their variable definitions are clear, we don't need to reinvent the wheel.
- 5. In order to keep this moving and not have it get lost in all of our busy lives, I recommend we have a monthly conference call to monitor progress. Do others agree? If so, in order to accommodate both east and west coast, what about the first Monday of the month from 9 pm to 10 pm. I can set up a webex and recurring invitation if people feel this is worth the time.

Let me know what you think? Worthwhile, not worthwhile, I'm in, no thanks, etc....

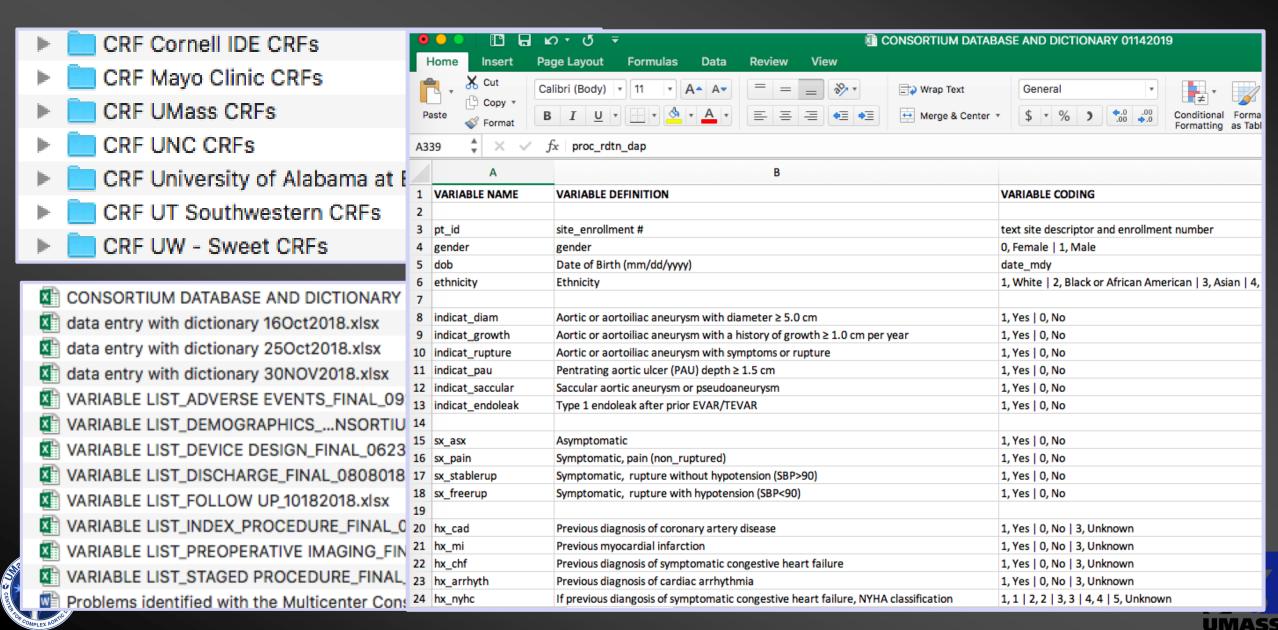
Thanks, Andy

Andres Schanzer, MD, FACS





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Reply Reply All Sorward

Thu 12/6/2018 1:34 PM

Gacchina Johnson, Carmen < Carmen. Gacchina@fda.l

RE: MULTICENTER CONSORTIUM OF PS-IDE FENESTRATED/BRANCHED

To ○ Schanzer, Andres; ○ oderich.gustavo@mayo.edu

Cc ○ Pullin, Brian; ○ Zinkus, Rose Marie; ○ Merkle, Valerie

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Subject: RE: MULTICENTER CONSORTIUM OF PS-IDE FENESTRATED/BRANCHED STUDIES

Carmen,

I'm happy to clarify the scope. Gustavo and I have been working with 8 PS-IDE fenestrated/branched primary investigators (Schanzer, Oderich, Sweet, Eagleton, Beck, Farber, Schneider, Timaran) on standardizing definitions and ensuring a common set of data variables across all of our trials. The goal is to facilitate merged analyses with greater power and improved generalizability across sites. This process has led us to the obvious conclusion that it would be great if all of our sites were able to use a central EDC platform where we would still own all of our individual data but where we could perform merged, blinded, consortium analyses with greater efficiency and accuracy. We believe this will bring the PS-IDE effort to the next level and allow for higher impact contributions to field and more rigorous evaluation of these technologies.

We were hoping to update you on this process with the goal of getting your thoughts from the FDA perspective on three primary issues: 1) Assuming all database compliance issues are met, does utilization of a common EDC platform raise any concerns with the FDA, 2) If we were able to implement this, would the FDA be open to receiving standardized annual reports that would be generated for each site and look the same, 3) Would leveraging industry relationships to help fund a central EDC platform be acceptable.

Thank you,

Andy

Dorothy Abel

- **Brian Pullin**
- Valerie Merkle
- Pablo Morales
- Carmen Gacchina





United States Aortic Research Consortium (ARC) 2.0







MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Scope

- A. It is the desire of the parties that this Memorandum should not and therefore does not establish nor create any form or manner of a formal agreement, but rather is an understanding between the parties to work together in a manner that promotes collaboration and alliance in support of an effective and efficient partnership and leadership meant to maintain, safeguard, and sustain optimal managerial, financial, and administrative commitment to matters related to the design and implementation of ARC.
- B. This Memorandum encompasses discussions between Physician Members, including each party's employees, directors, affiliates, contractors, subcontractors, and agents, related to ARC.
- C. This Memorandum does not include any party's discussions or projects involving Investigational Devices and PS-IDEs unrelated to ARC.

II. Framework and Principles of ARC

A. Compliance.

- The parties will collaborate under this Memorandum in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
- ii. The parties expressly agree that nothing in this Memorandum requires or will be construed to require Physician Members to use, order, purchase or recommend the use of Cook or Cook affiliate's products or services.

B. Participation.

- Only clinical investigation sites located in the United States conducting PS-IDEs involving Cook Medical's Investigational Devices will be invited to become an ARC Member Site upon ARC majority vote approval.
- The parties understand that Cook retains the exclusive right to approve use of its Investigational Devices in PS-IDEs independent of ARC.
- iii. Physician Members and Cook will notify all participating ARC members if approached by non-ARC members seeking access to any data or information in the ARC database.

C. Data Coordinating Center (DCC).

- i. The parties will collaborate to identify and select a qualified data coordinating center to process ARC clinical data based on agreed upon criteria, including but not limited to audit results, user requirements, functionality, cost, projected timelines, experience, and resourcing.
- Cook reserves the right to decline executing an agreement with and paying a DCC that Cook does not believe capable of providing the required services.
- The DCC will prepare data tables and figures for each Physician Member for inclusion in regulatory submissions as required by each individual PS-IDE.

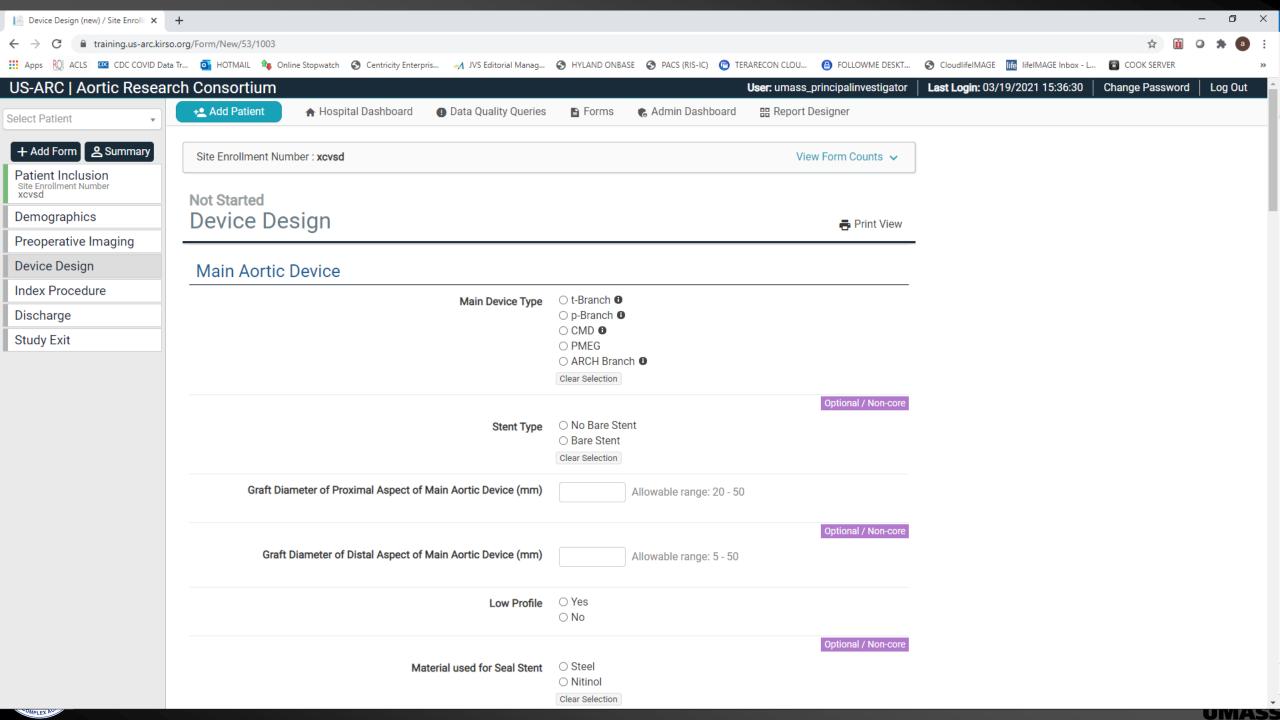
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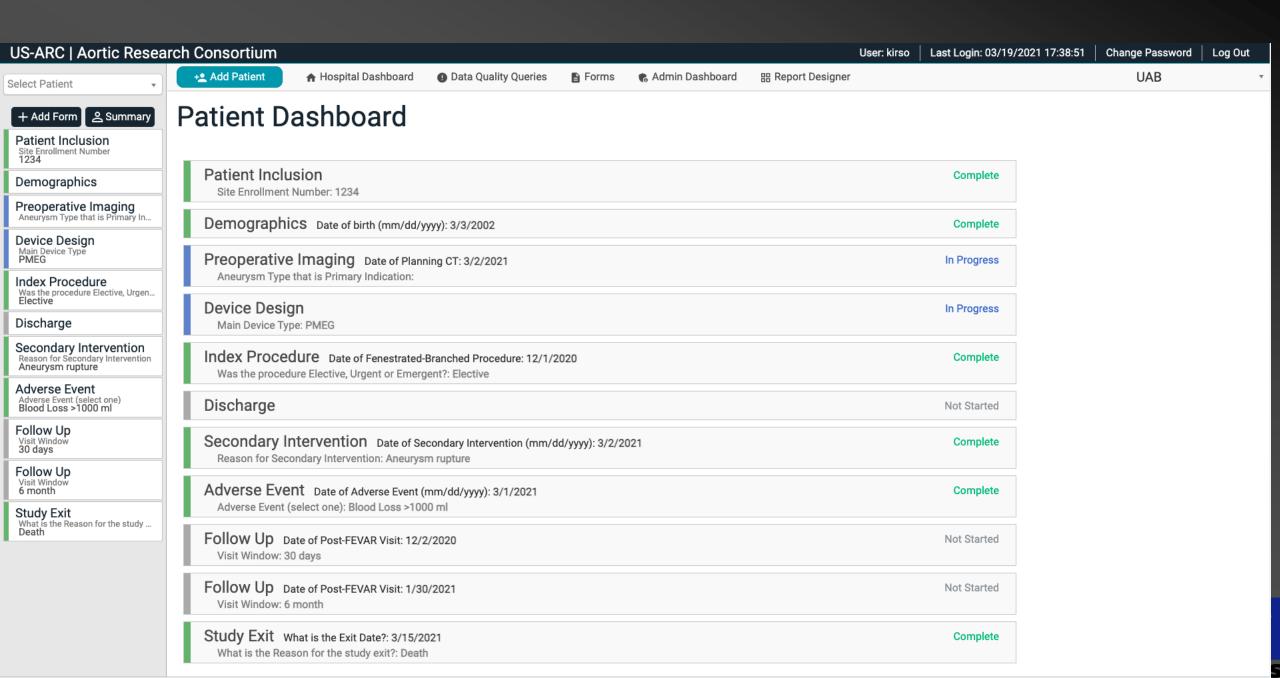
i. Clinical data entered into the ARC database will include all PS-IDE patients treated with Cook Medical's Investigational Devices. Urgent, emergent, and compassionate use cases will also be entered if permitted by Physician Member's site-specific Institutional Review Board.

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Bylaws

- I. Name: The organization shall be called the "US Aortic Research Consortium" ("ARC").
- II. Purpose: ARC is a research partnership between selected US physicians conducting Physician-Sponsored Investigational Device Exemptions ("PS-IDEs") and Cook Research Incorporated and its affiliate medical device companies. ARC is dedicated to the advancement of the science and treatment of patients with aortic pathology using minimally invasive endovascular technologies. The purposes of ARC are:
 - a) To establish and maintain a multicenter prospective database including clinical data from all consecutive patients treated by Physician Members and their relative site investigators conducting an FDA-approved PS-IDE evaluating outcomes of fenestrated and branched endografts. The database will also include retrospective clinical data from PS-IDE patients. ARC will agree on a set of datapoints that will be uniformly collected in the database by all PS-IDE sites ("Core ARC Data").
 - b) To use the database to encourage and stimulate basic and clinical research in the field of minimally invasive endovascular aortic surgery and to promote new therapeutic strategies.
 - c) To use the database to fulfill regulatory needs, inform device design and development, develop and conduct physician training, and other related uses as identified.
- III. Participation: There shall be three classes of participation: Voting Physician Member, Non-voting Physician Member, and Industry Member (collectively, "ARC Members"). Voting Physician Member and Non-voting Physician Member are collectively referred herein as "Physician Members." For the avoidance of doubt, the term "Physician Members" as used in the Memorandum of Understanding effective January 27, 2020, excludes Non-voting Physician Members. Each Physician Member, or its designated surrogate, must participate in at least fifty percent (50%) of ARC calls and meetings over a rolling six-month period. If not, the Medical Director may call for a vote on whether to exclude Physician Member from ARC.
 - a) Voting Physician Member: Only PS-IDE sponsor-investigators with clinical investigation sites located in the United States will be invited to become a Voting Physician Member. The sponsor-investigator of each PS-IDE will designate one (1) Voting Physician Member to participate in ARC. Each Voting Physician Member is allowed one (1) vote for ARC decisions, including those concerning research proposals and publications described in Section IX(b) below, membership, ARC Data, and operations. Voting Physician Members are invited to attend ARC calls and meetings.

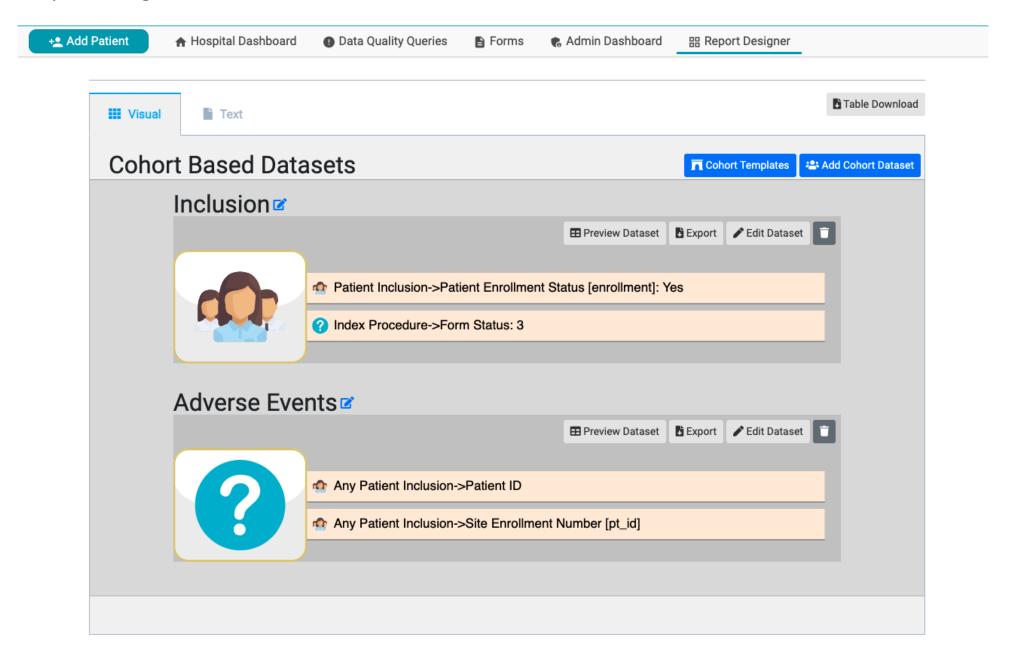


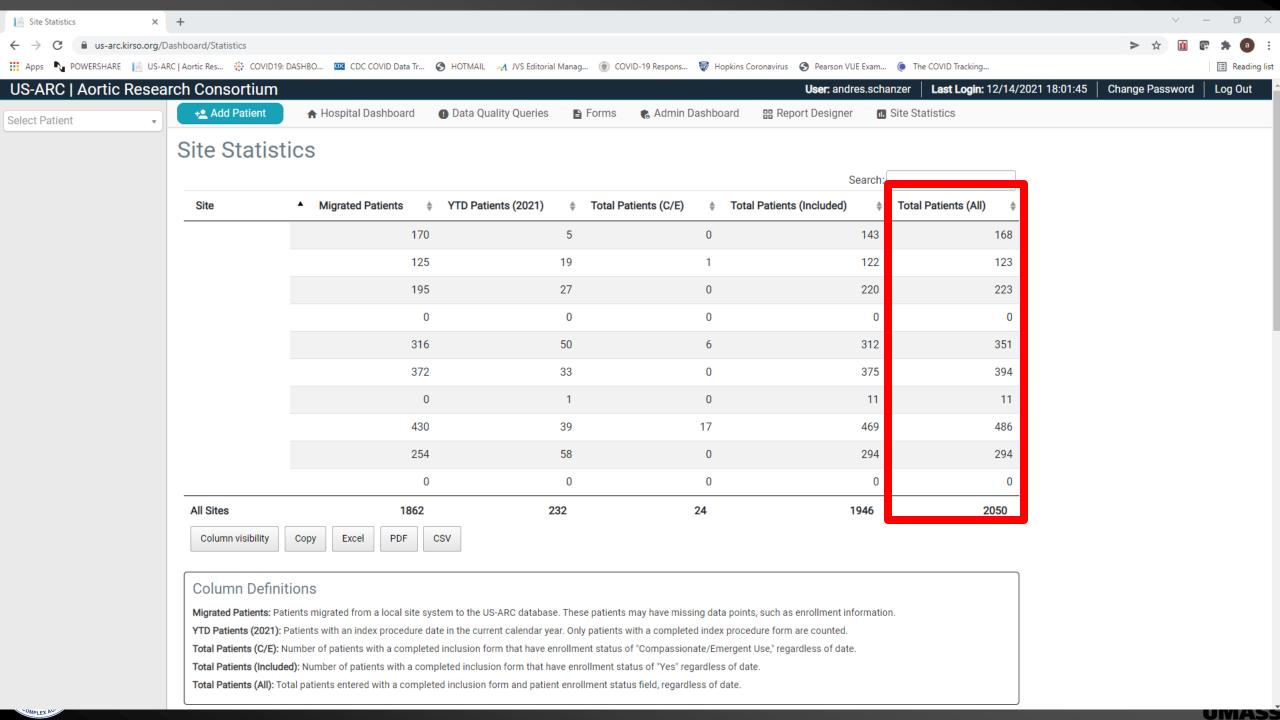


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Secondary Interventions After Fenestrated/Branched Aortic Aneurysm Repair are Common and Non-detrimental to Long-term n=1681Survival

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Outcomes of endovascular repair of post-dissection and degenerative thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysms using fenestrated-branched stent-grafts

Emanuel R. Tenorio, Gustavo S. Oderich, Mark A. Farber, Darren B. Schneider, Carlos H. Timaran, Andres Schanzer, Adam W. Beck and Matthew P. Sweet

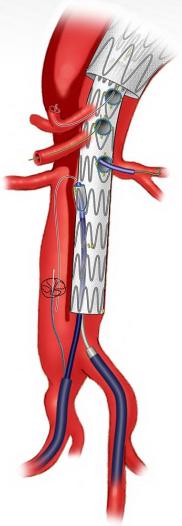
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2018 VASCULAR ANNUAL MEETING

- F-BEVAR was safe and effective with nearly similar outcomes in patients with post-dissection and degenerative TAAAs;
- Patients with post-dissection had more type II endoleak during follow-up;
- Larger clinical experience and longer follow up is needed to better evaluate differences in mortality, spinal cord injury, target vessel instability and secondary interventions.





Expanded Use of Preloaded Branched and Fenestrated Endografts for Endovascular Repair of Complex Aortic Aneurysms in the US IDE Experience

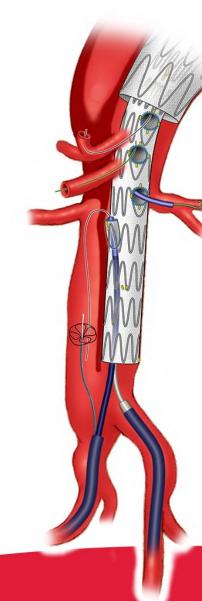
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Conclusions

• The expanded use of preloaded catheters and wires of fenestrations and directional branches for target artery incorporation is associated with even higher technical success and lower early mortality.





2018 VASCULAR



Target Artery Outcomes After Branched and Fenestrated Endovascular Repair of Pararenal and Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysms in the US IDE Experience

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Conclusions

- Selective use of fenestrations and directional branches for visceral artery incorporation is durable
- Risk of target artery instability is higher for renal versus mesenteric arteries
- Greater TAAA extent is associated with increased target artery instability
- Future efforts should focus on improving renal artery patency and reducing reinterventions





FENESTRATED-BRANCHED ENDOVASCULAR AORTIC REPAIR (F-BEVAR) IS A SAFE AND EFFECTIVE OPTION FOR OCTOGENARIANS IN TREATING COMPLEX AORTIC ANEURYSM (CAA) COMPARED TO NON-OCTOGENARIANS

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Conclusions:

- F-BEVAR was safe and effective with nearly identical early outcomes in octogenarians.
- Mid-term freedom from branch instability and secondary intervention were also similar between groups.



Results of Fenestrated and Branched Endovascular Aortic Aneurysm Repair After Failed Infrarenal Endovascular Aortic Aneurysm Repair

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In Summary

F/BEVAR was safe and effective in patients with prior failed EVAR, with nearly identical outcomes as compared to patients without prior EVAR.

Differences in procedural metrics indicate higher level of technical challenge when performing F/BEVAR in patients with prior failed EVAR.

F/BEVAR, at high volume centers, is a viable option for the treatment of EVAR failure that compares favorably to historical reports of open conversion.









Sex-related Outcomes after Fenestrated-Branched Endovascular Aneurysm Repair for Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysms

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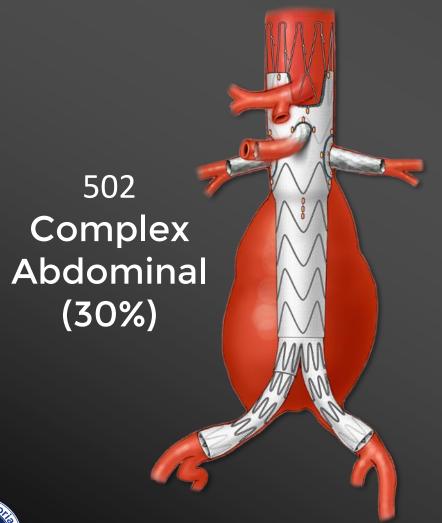


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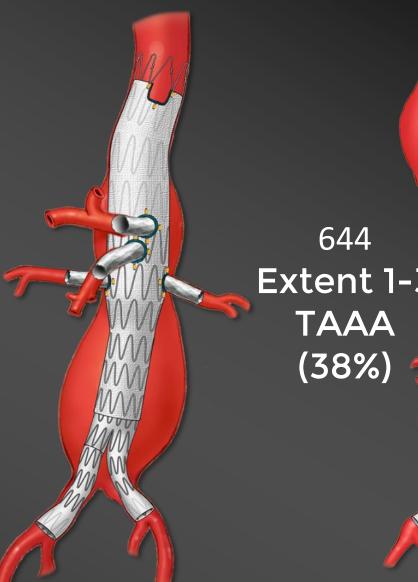


- Women experienced higher rates of:
 - Technical failure (for extensive aneurysms)
 - Non-home discharge
 - Postoperative sac expansion
- Further efforts needed to improve outcome parity
- Further efforts needed to understand why women remain disproportionately less likely to undergo operation

n=1681 patients



535 Extent 4 **TAAA** (32%)







30-day or in-hospital mortality

| Classification | n | 30-day mortality n (%) |
|----------------------|------|---------------------------|
| Complex abdominal | 502 | 10 (2) |
| Extent IV TAAA | 535 | 13 (2) |
| Extent I to III TAAA | 644 | 24 (4) |
| Total | 1681 | 47 (3) |





A Quarter Century of Organ Protection in Open Thoracoabdominal Repair

Anthony L. Estrera, MD, Harleen K. Sandhu, MD, MPH, Kristofer M. Charlton-Ouw, MD, Rana O. Afifi, MD, Ali Azizzadeh, MD, Charles C. Miller III, PhD, and Hazim J. Safi, MD

Ann Surg. 2015.

Dr. Safi- 1896 patients 30 Day Mortality 16%

Outcomes of 3309 thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysm repairs

Joseph S. Coselli, MD, a,d,e Scott A. LeMaire, MD, a,b,c,d,e Ourania Preventza, MD, a,d,e Kim I. de la Cruz, MD, a,d,e Denton A. Cooley, MD, Matt D. Price, MS, a,d Alan P. Stolz, MEd, a,d Susan Y. Green, MPH, a,d Courtney N. Arredondo, MSPH, and Todd K. Rosengart, MD, Thorac Cardiovasc Surg. 2016.

Durability of open surgical repair of type I-III thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysm



Christopher A. Latz, MD, a Richard P. Cambria, MD, Virendra I. Patel, MD, MPH, Jahan Mohebali, MD, Emel A. Ergul, MS, R. Todd Lancaster, MD, MPH, Mark F. Conrad, MD, MMSc, and W. Darrin Clouse, MD, Boston and Brighton, Mass; and New York, NY

Dr. Coselli – 3,309 patients 30 Day Mortality 7%

Dr. Cambria – 516 patients 30 Day Mortality 8%



J Vasc Surg. 2019.

United States Aortic Research Consortium

- Deliverables
 - Largest dataset of F/BEVAR in the world
 - A core group of investigators committed to improving patient care and pushing the envelope on endovascular therapies from the aortic valve to the common femoral artery
 - High quality adjudicated data that is harmonized across sites
 - Data that can be leveraged to inform successful trial design
 - Data that can be leveraged with the FDA to shorten approval cycles
 - Data that is valued by the SVS and the ESVS
 - Engine for exchange of ideas and promotion of these technologies,
 ideally within the US and across the globe





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- Deliverables
 - Infrastructure and more agile regulatory pathway for testing emerging technologies to obtain preliminary data
 - Example: a purpose-built bridging stent graft
 - Marked acceleration of development, testing, and approval of new devices
 - Investigators engaging FDA, not just industry
 - The FDA has been engaged at the highest levels and is in full support of this effort
 - Generalizable data
 - Departure from single center reports
 - Standardization of best practices
 - Decrease number of device types/configurations
 - Build consensus around a suite of products, not an unlimited number of products





Spinal cord protection practices used during endovascular repair of complex aortic aneurysms by the U.S. Aortic Research Consortium

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ABSTRACT

Background: Spinal cord ischemia/infarction (SCI) is a devastating complication of thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysm repair that can result in permanent paresis or paralysis. The reported incidence of SCI after aortic interventions has ranged from 2% to 10%. Methods to prevent SCI are a topic of ongoing research, and many current practices have been based on expert opinion.

Methods: In an effort to better delineate the best practice models for SCI prevention during endovascular thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysm repair, a 65-question survey was completed by the eight principal investigators of the U.S. Aortic Research Consortium to capture data related to current practices and management strategies related to the prevention and treatment of SCI. Specific categories of interest included considerations for the "high-risk" classification of SCI, current perioperative prevention practices, indications for and management of spinal drains, and SCI rescue maneuvers.

Results: The most common practices routinely included blood pressure elevation (7 of 8; 87.5%), with most having a mean arterial pressure goal of not less than 90 mm Hg in the perioperative period (5 of 7; 71%), a hemoglobin goal intraand postoperatively of not less than 10 mg/dL (6 of 8; 75%), and the use of prophylactic spinal drains in high-risk patients (6 of 8; 75%). Significant variation was found among the group for the timing of the resumption of antihypertensive medications, duration of hemoglobin goals after the procedure, and management of spinal drains. Many methods described in reported studies were not routinely used by most of the group, including a perioperative steroid bolus (1 of 8; 12.5%), mannitol (2 of 8; 25%), and naloxone infusion (1 of 8; 12.5%). Rescue maneuvers included placement of a cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) drain if not already present (8 of 8; 100%), decreasing the target CSF drain pop-off pressure (6 of 8; 75%), increasing the CSF drainage volume (5 of 8; 62.5%), increasing the mean arterial pressure goal (8 of 8; 100%), increasing the hemoglobin goal (8 of 8; 100%), and imaging the spine using computed tomography or magnetic resonance imaging (7 of 8; 87.5).

Conclusions: In general, consistent broad practices were used by most of the consortium; however, the details of specific parameters (ie, spinal drain management, therapy duration, and timing of resumption of antihypertensive medication) varied among the group. The U.S. Aortic Research Consortium group used the results of the survey for discussion and agreed on standardized SCI prevention recommendations in accordance with the group's collective expert opinion and experience. Variations in current practice were also identified to act as a foundation for future study, the most notable of which was the comparative effectiveness of therapeutic vs prophylactic use of CSF drains in the prevention of SCI. (J Vasc Surg 2020; 1-8.)





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- Deliverables
 - Mitigate risk of CMD to commercialization as preliminary testing and market analysis will already have been completed
 - Infrastructure to conduct randomized trials

More patients getting better care, by more providers, using F/BEVAR devices.





