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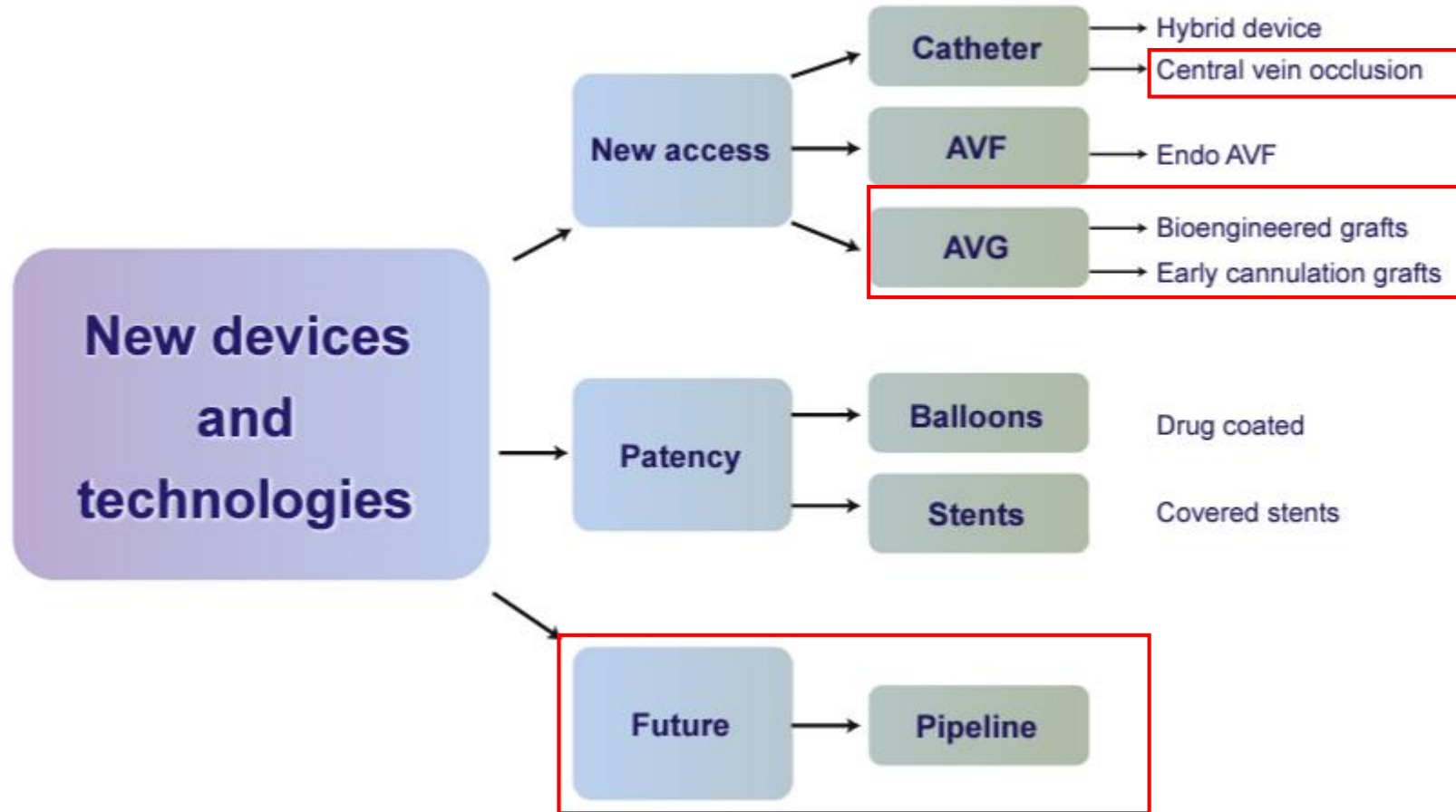
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# New Devices and New Technologies

## New Devices and Technologies for Hemodialysis Vascular Access: A Review

Tushar J. Vachharajani, Jonathan J. Taliercio, and Evamaria Anvari



# New Access (Central vein occlusion)

From the Southern Association for Vascular Surgery

## The inside-out technique for tunneled dialysis catheter placement with central venous occlusion

Brian M. Freeman, MD, Joseph S. Tingen, MD, David L. Cull, MD, and Christopher G. Carsten III, MD, Greenville, SC



Fig 1. Superior venacavogram before intervention.



Fig 2. Contrast injection via SL1 catheter.

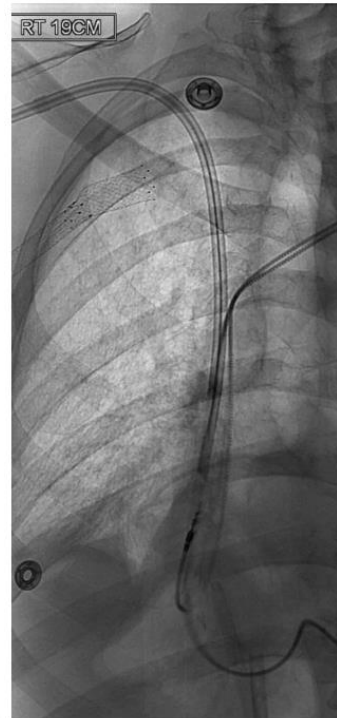


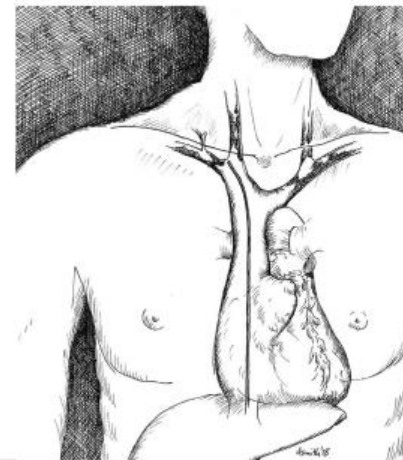
Fig 3. Tunneled catheter in place.

Table I. Patient characteristics (N = 8)

Characteristic	
Age, years, mean $\pm$ SD	59.8 $\pm$ 14.8
Male sex, No. (%)	3 (37.5)
No. of previous access	11.5 (6-36)
Time on dialysis, months	116 (60-231)
SD, Standard deviation.	

Table II. Results

Results	
Technical success, No. (%)	8 (100.0)
Mean patency, days (range)	137 (8-467)
Procedural complications, No. (%)	0 (0.0)
Mean contrast volume, mL	40.9 (20-100)
Mean fluoroscopy time, minutes	15.1 (5.8-56.1)



Supplementary Fig 1. SL1 sheath in position before puncturing the vein with a 0.014 wire base.

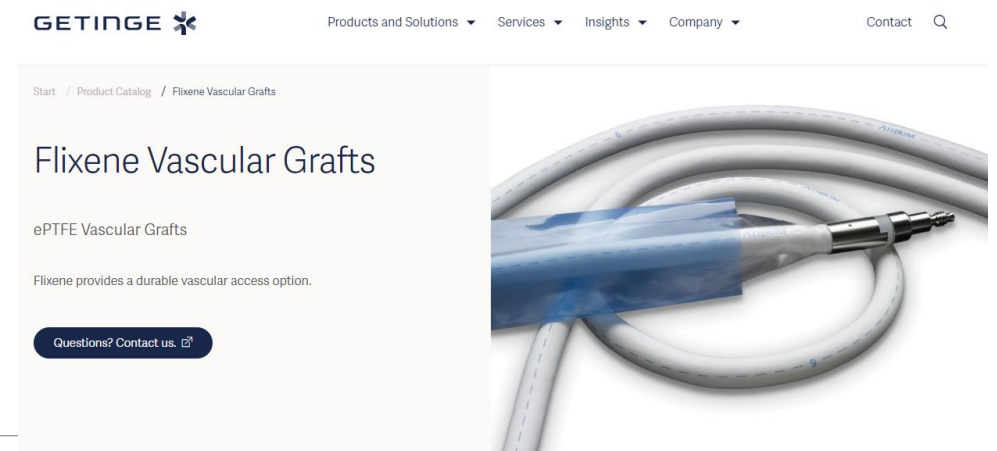
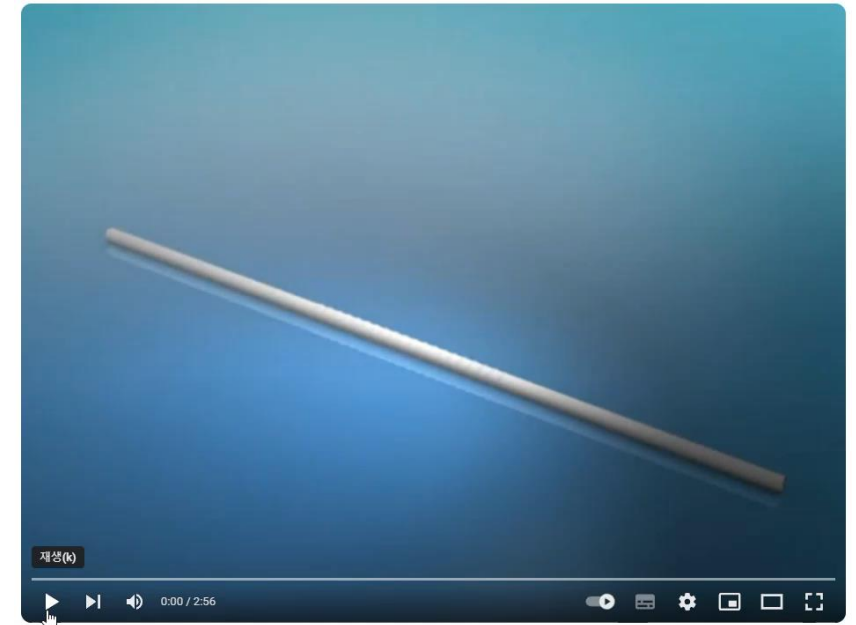


Supplementary Fig 2. A 0.014 wire exiting the vein and tenting the skin before skin incision and wire retrieval.

# New Access (Early Cannulation Grafts)



- Flixene [Getinge]
  - AVflo [Nicast]
  - Rapidax [Terumo Aortic]
  - Vectra [Becton, Dickinson and Co.]
  - Acuseal [W.L. Gore]
- Early cannulation grafts have a trilayer design incorporating an elastomeric “self-sealing” membrane that allows cannulation as early as 48-72 hours after the implantation.



# New Access (Bioengineered grafts)

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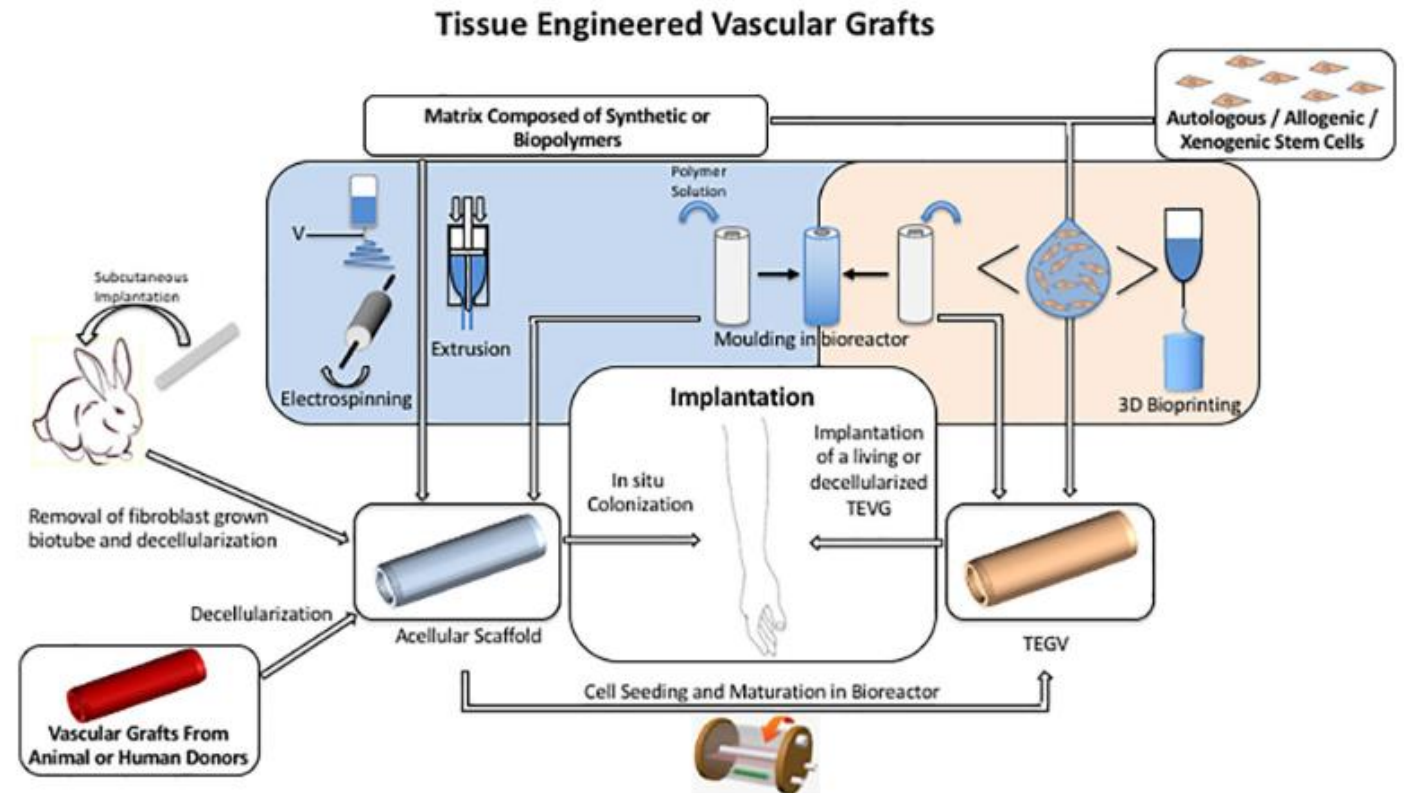
Review - Apheresis, dialysis and liver support



## Arteriovenous access in hemodialysis: A multidisciplinary perspective for future solutions

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- expanded polytetrafluoroethylene (ePTFE)





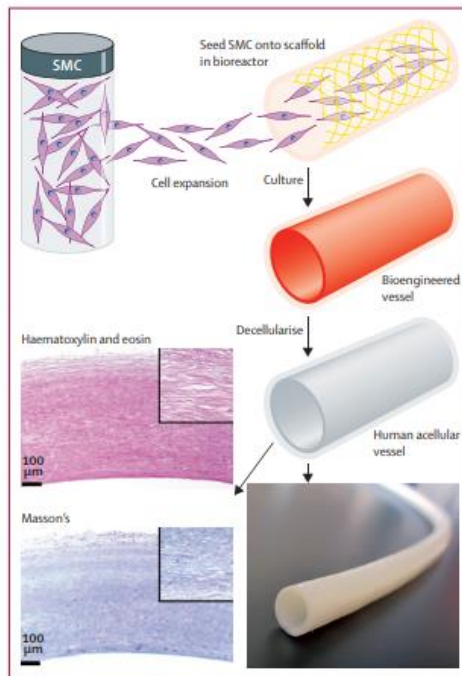
# New Access (Bioengineered grafts)



## Bioengineered human acellular vessels for dialysis access in patients with end-stage renal disease: two phase 2 single-arm trials

Jeffrey H Lawson, Marc H Glickman, Marek Ilzecki, Tomasz Jakimowicz, Andrzej Jaroszynski, Eric K Peden, Alison J Pilgrim, Heather L Prichard, Malgorzata Guzewicz, Stanislaw Przywara, Jacek Szmidt, Jakub Turek, Wojciech Witkiewicz, Norbert Zapotoczny, Tomasz Zubilewicz, Laura E Niklason

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	Polish cohort (n=40)	US cohort (n=20)
Mean age (years; SD)	59 (10)	61 (8)
Mean duration of follow-up (months; SD)	18.5 (6.4)	10.0 (7.0)
≥6 months	39 (98%)	14 (70%)
≥12 months	36 (90%)	11 (55%)
≥18 months	23 (58%)	4 (20%)
≥24 months	9 (23%)	0
Men	22 (55%)	7 (35%)
Race		
White	40 (100%)	6 (30%)
African American	0	13 (65%)
Other	0	1 (5%)
Comorbidities		
Hypertension	34 (85%)	20 (100%)
Diabetes	15 (38%)	11 (55%)
Cardiovascular disease	13 (33%)	13 (65%)
Cerebrovascular disease	2 (5%)	8 (40%)
Peripheral arterial disease	5 (13%)	7 (35%)
Venous thromboembolic disease	3 (8%)	2 (10%)
Aspirin use	39 (98%)	17 (85%)
Mean number of previous dialysis accesses (SD)	3.6 (2.1)	3.6 (2.2)

Data are n (%) unless stated otherwise.

**Table 1: Baseline characteristics**

	Polish cohort (n=40)	US cohort (n=20)
Adverse events	232	178
Serious adverse events	91	64
Deaths	1	3
Withdrawals	1	2
Transplantations	1	0
Delayed haemostasis after dialysis	3	8
Pseudoaneurysms	10 (in seven patients)	4 (in three patients)
Aneurysm	0	0
Steal syndrome requiring intervention	1	1
Human acellular vessel abandonment	6	4
Patency (%; 95% CI)		
Primary		
6 months	70% (53–82)	46% (23–67)
12 months	33% (20–49)	13% (2–34)
Primary assisted patency		
6 months	78% (61–88)	61% (35–79)
12 months	41% (26–56)	31% (10–55)
Secondary patency		
6 months	100% (100–100)	89% (64–97)
12 months	95% (81–99)	76% (48–90)
Interventions		
Total procedures	125	30
Thrombectomy	98	18
Angioplasty	36	19
Revision	14	2
Removal or ligation	0	2
Interventions per patient-year	1.95	1.67
Infections		
Haematoma or ePTFE infection	1	1
Human acellular vessel infection	0	1
Mean flow rate (mL per min; SD)		
Day 1	1544 (890)	705 (493)
Week 12	1825 (1161)	1439 (861)
Week 26	1627 (1077)	1387 (754)
Month 9	1615 (978)	2030 (331)
Month 12	1478 (950)	–
Mean diameter (mm; SD)		
Day 15	5.83 (0.36)	6.49 (0.68)
Week 12	5.84 (0.48)	6.82 (0.84)
Week 26	5.90 (0.62)	7.99 (1.52)
Month 9	6.10 (0.80)	8.63 (1.71)
Month 12	6.41 (1.00)	–

Data are n, or n (%) unless stated otherwise. ePTFE=expanded polytetrafluoroethylene.

**Table 2: Clinical results**

63%  
28%  
73%  
38%  
97%  
89%

# Fist Assist



The FACT Trial: Use of an Intermittent Pneumatic Compression Device to Promote Pre-Surgery Vein Dilation in Patients with Chronic Renal Failure to Decrease Catheter Complications and Increase AVF Placement

## INTRODUCTION

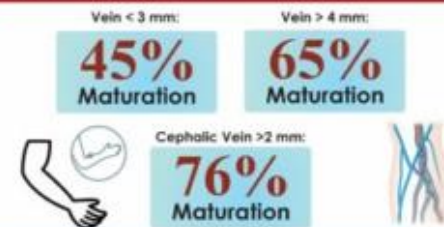
AVF: Poor Results and High Costs



Small Veins: Poor AVF outcomes



Maturation Delays



Increased Catheters: Complications



## METHODS

Multicenter, Single-blinded Control Trial

Study procedures	Visit 1	Visit 2	Visit 3 (1 month)	Visit 4 (3 months)	Surgery	1 month post check	3 month post check	6 month post check
Medical history/ exam	X				X	X		
Informed consent	X							
Demographics	X							
Baseline measurements	X	X		X				
Device education								
Device compliance			X					
Adverse events						X	X	X
Secondary endpoints								

4 Hours Daily FOR 90 DAYS



Use intermittent focal pneumatic device to enlarge arm veins



Cephalic vein measurements at baseline and after 90 days



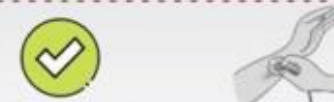
Endpoints: Arm vein dilation and percentage of veins over 2.5 mm with other secondary effective AVF endpoints

2.5 mm/m



## CONCLUSIONS

AVF Has Best Patency



AVF: less thrombosis, infection, stenosis, readmissions



Vein diameter helps AVF placement and maturation



Pneumatic compression: focal vein compression



FACT: Presurgery Vein dilation trial for AVF success

2.5 mm/m

FACT Investigators:  
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FACT is supported by a grant from Fist Assist Devices, LLC from Silicon Valley, CA USA

# Fist Assist



Study Design and Patient Cohort

## FACT: Fist Assist Clinical Trial

### FACT

@ University of Chicago

@Greenwood, MS

@Bangalore, India

### FDA Clinical Data Trial –

Approved April 2019-July 2021

50 patients, powered study, NSR  
study Vein dilation, safety,  
compliance, efficacy – Stage 4  
ESRD

### Primary Endpoint:

Difference in vein diameter before  
and after Fist Assist® use. Vein  
dilation in forearm, upper arm and  
perforator after 3 months

### Secondary Endpoints:

- i.  $\geq 2.0$  or  $\geq 2.5$  mm
- ii.  $\geq 3.5$  mm
- iii. % of successful AVF and % of  
catheters placed



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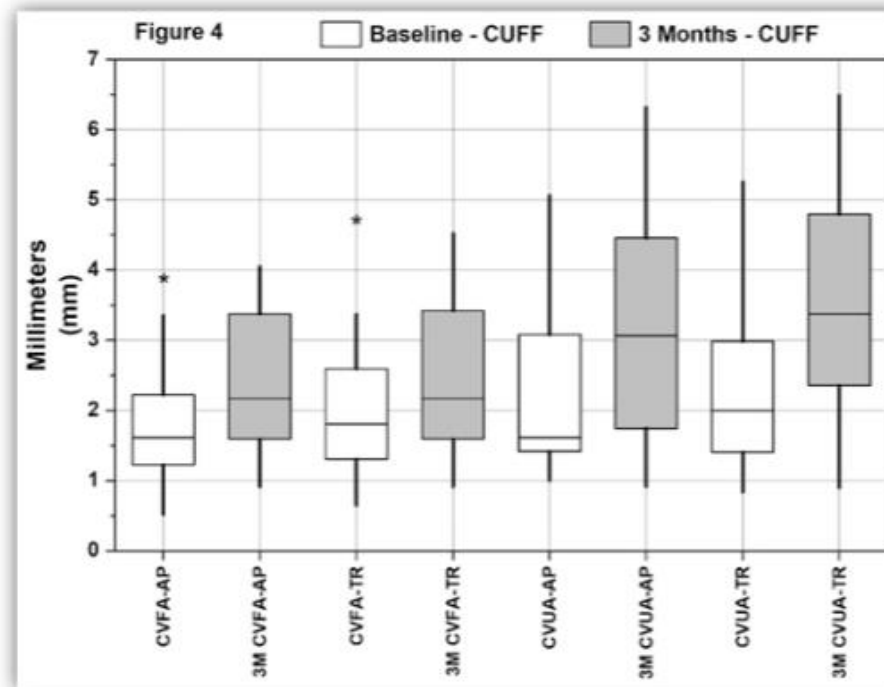
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## FACT Results on Cephalic Vein



# Fist Assist

## R | Key Findings

### Fist Assist and endoAVF Placement

	Pre-Fist Assist Difference / % cent	Post Fist Assist Measurement	Range
Upper Arm- AP	2.2 mm	3.3 mm	1.1 mm / 50%
Upper Arm - TR	2.2 mm	3.5 mm	1.2 mm / 52%
Forearm - AP	1.8 mm	2.4 mm	0.6 mm / 33%
Forearm - TR	2 mm	2.5 mm	0.5 mm / 25%
Perforator - AP	2.7 mm	3.3 mm	0.6 mm / 26%
Perforator - TR	2.7 mm	3.3 mm	0.6 mm / 22%

- After Fist Assist, surgical fistula placement thresholds were reached of **2.5 mm** for forearm and **3.5 mm** for upper arm
- **46%** of AP veins initially <2mm dilated to >2mm - *meeting the requirement in IFU for endoAVF*
- **90%** of perforator veins reached 3.0 mm or greater with a cuff: Endo AVF

## Renal DMC (Dilation, Maturation, Cannulation)



✓ Engage, Educate, Enable, and Empower the Vein, the Fistula and the Patient

# Fist Assist

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## Systematic review and meta-analysis of preoperative interventions to support the maturation of arteriovenous fistulae in patients with advanced kidney disease

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## Systematic review and meta-analysis of pre-operative interventions to support the maturation of arteriovenous fistulae in patients with advanced kidney disease

### Background

We aim to systematically review the evidence on safety and efficacy of various pre-operative interventions that have been tried to improve AVF maturation.

### Methods



**5 databases:**  
RCTs, non RCTs, case control  
and single arm cohort studies



**Pre-operative interventions:**  
Exercise, drug, devices



**Outcomes:**  
AVF maturation, primary  
failure, change in vessel calibre

### Results



**Hand exercise**  
• 3 RCT, 3 non RCT  
• 4 suitable for meta-analysis

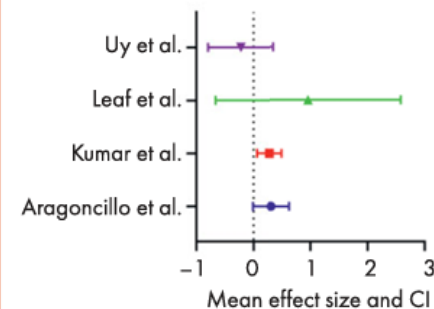


**Colecalciferol**  
• 1 RCT



**Fist assist device**  
• 1 non RCT

### Meta-analysis of hand exercise



Overall effect of pre-op hand exercise  
on cephalic vein calibre: 0.24 mm  
(CI 0.03–0.45 mm),  $P = 0.02$

### Conclusion

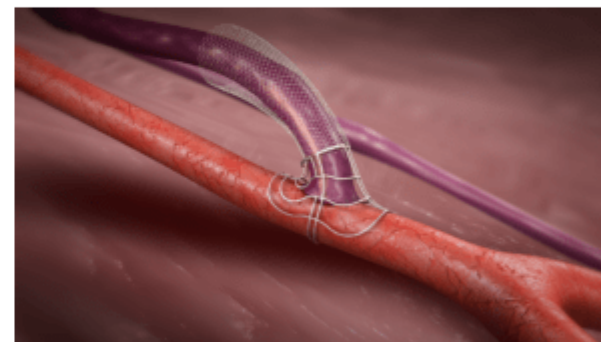
Hand exercise is effective in improving cephalic vein calibre. Well designed trials with hard outcomes and low risk of bias need to be conducted to assess efficacy of pre-op interventions on arteriovenous fistula maturation.



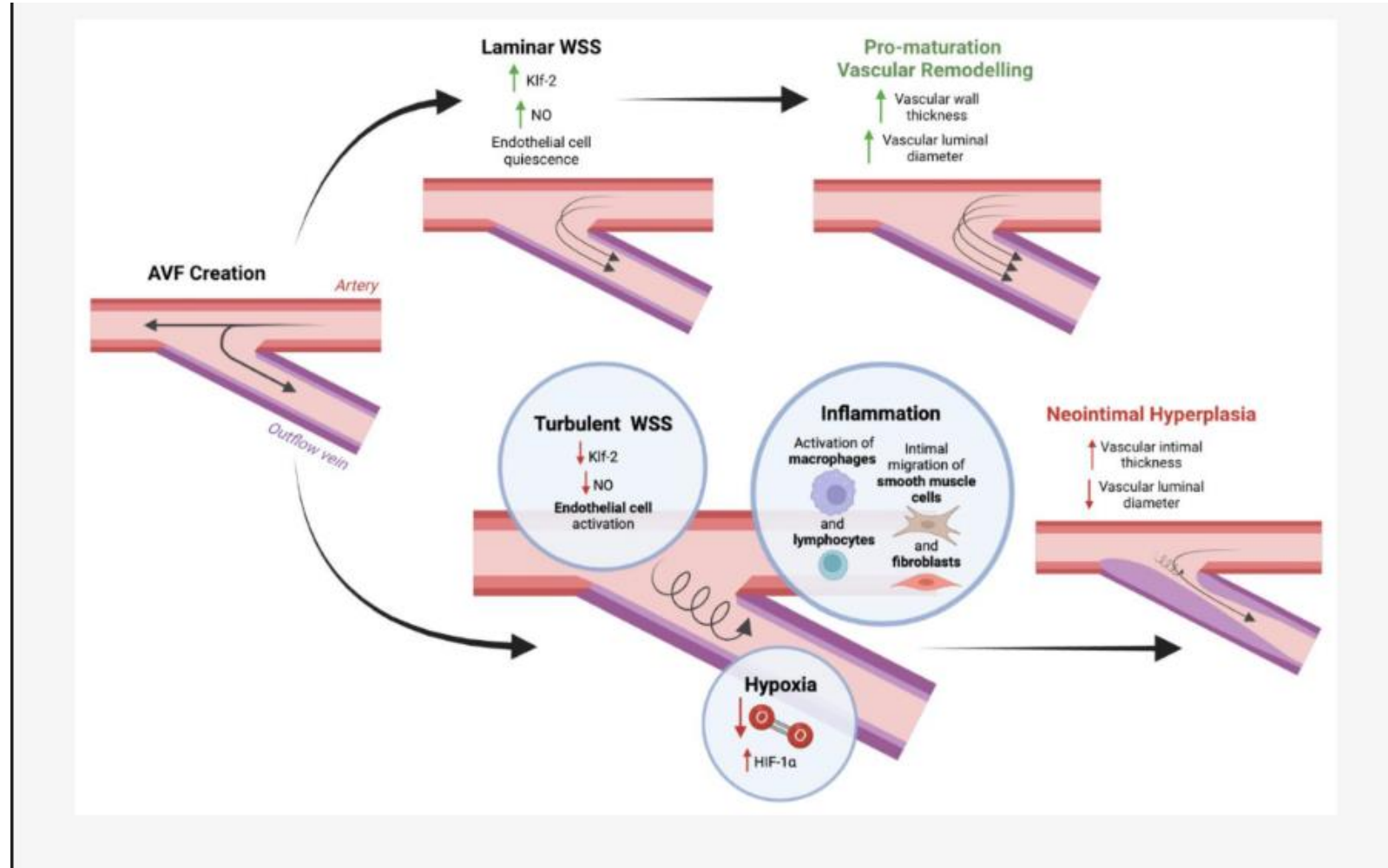
## VasQ AVF creation device receives FDA clearance

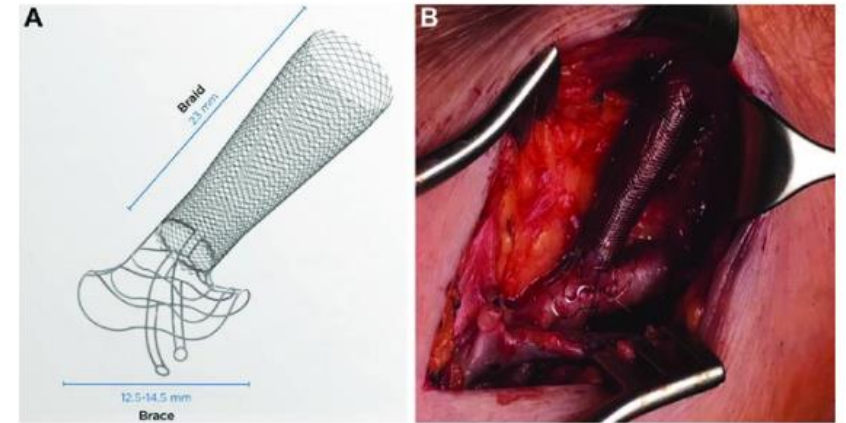
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Laminate Medical Technologies has announced their flagship device, the VasQ external vascular support, has been cleared by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for use to create arteriovenous fistulas (AVFs) for dialysis access. The device, designated by the FDA as a breakthrough technology, was cleared based on a *de novo* review of the 144 patient VasQ U.S. pivotal study, as well as a track record of safety and effectiveness of use in multiple studies from outside the U.S.



*VasQ external vascular support*



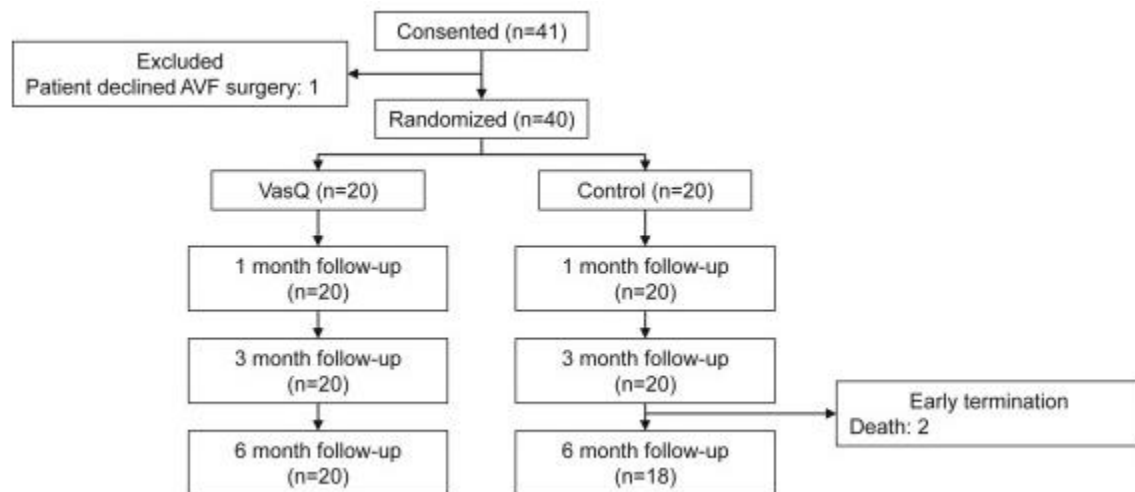


## FULL TEXT ARTICLE

# An Implanted Blood Vessel Support Device for Arteriovenous Fistulas: A Randomized Controlled Trial

Nikolaos Karydis, Paul Bevis, Timothy Beckitt, Daniel Silverberg, Moshe Halak and Francis Calder

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Outcome/Characteristic	Treatment	Control	P
Assisted maturation <sup>a</sup>			
1 mo	85% (17/20)	85% (17/20)	0.9
3 mo	85% (17/20)	80% (16/20)	0.9
Unassisted maturation <sup>a</sup>			
1 mo	80% (16/20)	80% (16/20)	0.9
3 mo	80% (16/20)	80% (16/20)	0.9
Functional patency <sup>b</sup>			
3 mo	90% (9/10)	45% (5/11)	0.06
6 mo	100% (14/14)	56% (5/9)	0.01
Cephalic vein volume flow, mL/min			
1 mo	1,259.06 ± 398.6	1,208.35 ± 543.2	0.8
3 mo	1,500.71 ± 518.9	1,113.5 ± 661.6	0.06
6 mo	1,393.7 ± 673.6	1,046.88 ± 625.5	0.1
Cephalic vein diameter, mm			
1 mo	6.94 ± 1.4	6.65 ± 1.3	0.5
3 mo	8.27 ± 1.3	6.69 ± 1.8	0.03
6 mo	9.6 ± 2.5	7.56 ± 2.7	0.03
AVF patency			
Primary patency at 6 mo	80% (16/20)	66% (12/18)	0.5
Secondary patency at 6 mo	85% (17/20)	77% (14/18)	0.6



## Arteriovenous fistula creation using the Optiflow™ vascular anastomotic connector: the OPEN (Optiflow PatEncy and Maturation) study

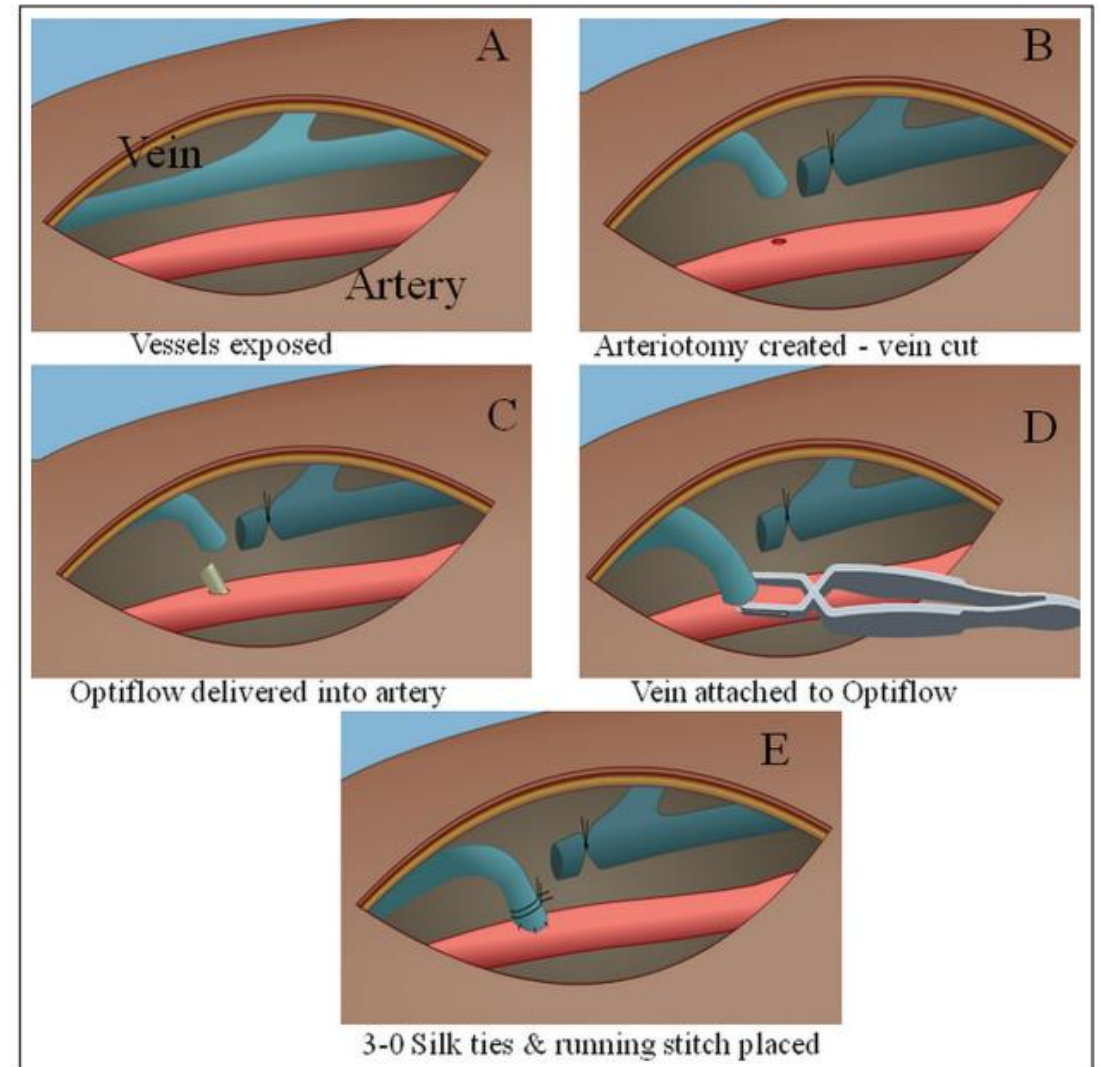
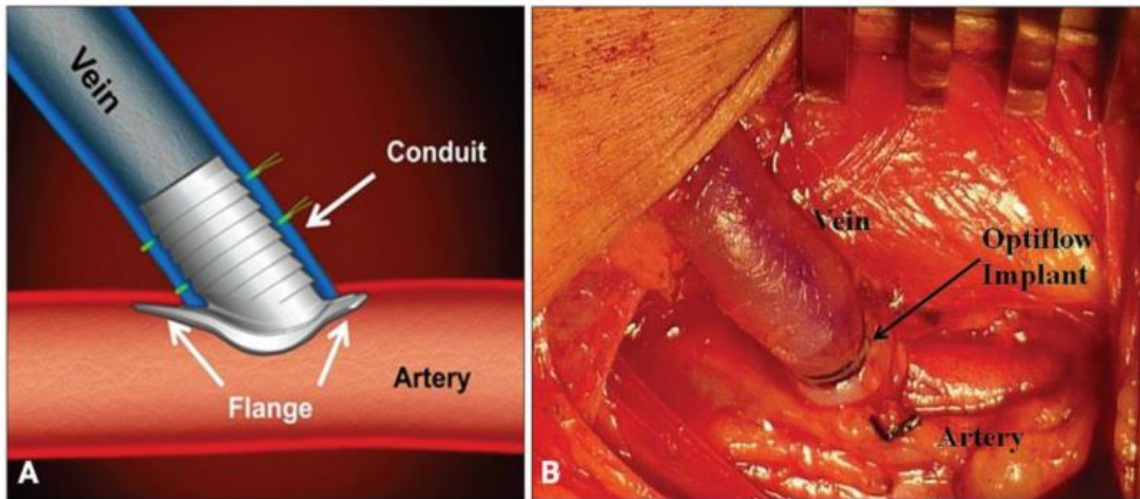
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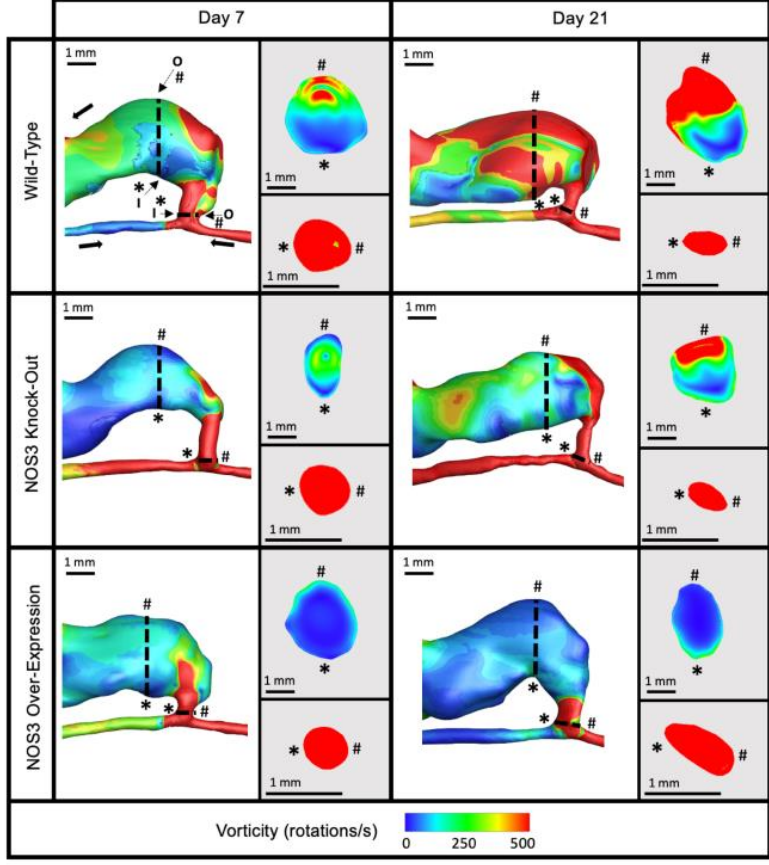
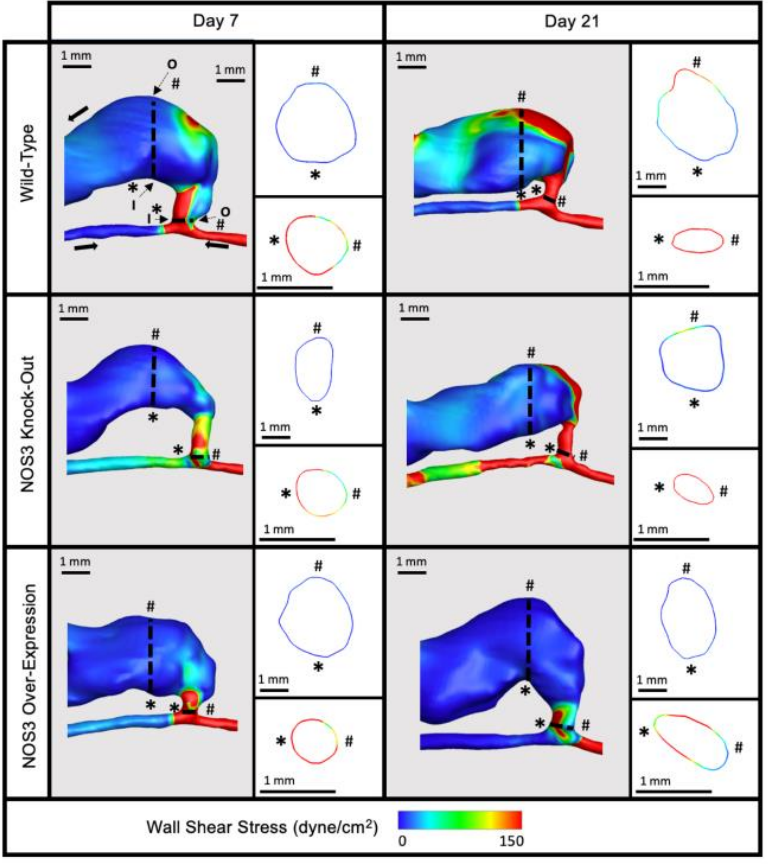
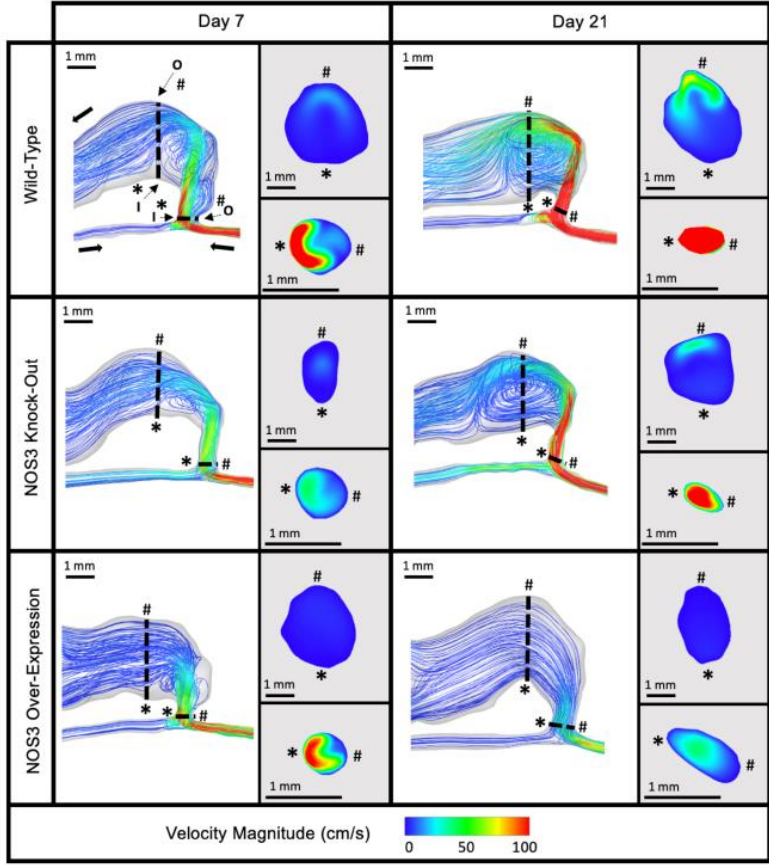
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## Effects of endothelial nitric oxide synthase on mouse arteriovenous fistula hemodynamics

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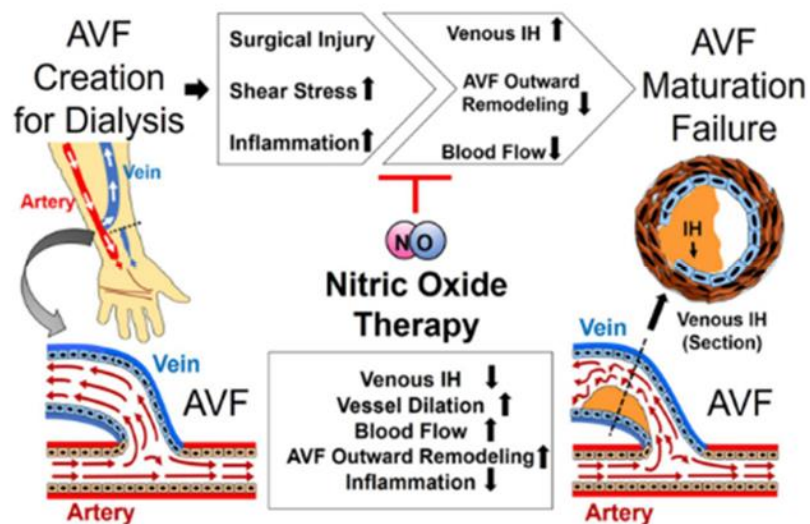
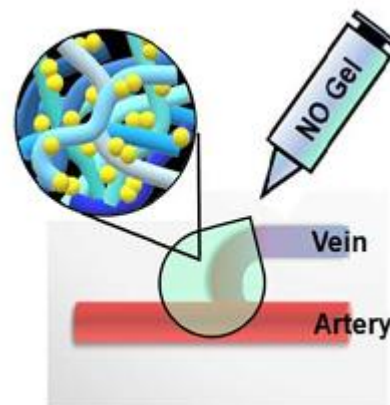


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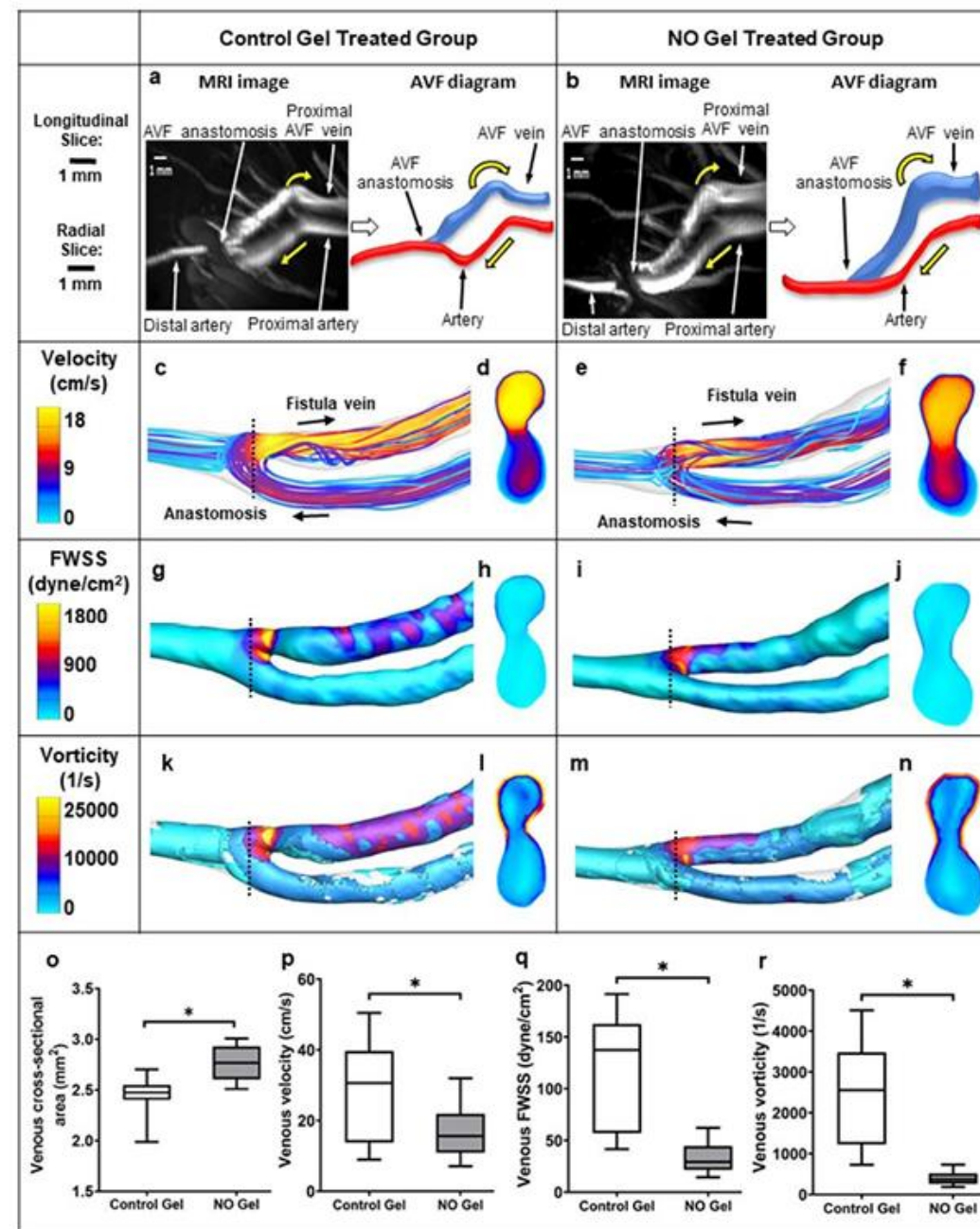


## Nitric oxide releasing nanomatrix gel treatment inhibits venous intimal hyperplasia and improves vascular remodeling in a rodent arteriovenous fistula

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**Fig. 1. AVF maturation failure and NO therapy.** Progress of AVF maturation failure after AVF creation and potential application of NO therapy to improve AVF maturation process for hemodialysis. IH: Intimal hyperplasia.



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