FLOW DIVERTORS IN POSTERIOR CIRCULATION: OUR EXPERIENCE

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882 aneurysms treated w different Flow Diversion techniques

Homemade FD (68 aneurysms)

- Telescopic stenting (stent in stent) -54 aneurysms
- Y stent flow diversion in bifurcations - 14 aneurysms

Dedicated FD (814 aneurysms)

- PIPELINE:685 aneurysms (591 pts)
- FRED:83 aneurysms (78 pts)
- SILK: 42 aneurysms (39 pts)
- P64: 4 aneurysms (4 pts)

2007 – 2016 FD experience:

- 712 pts, 814 aneurysms (84% PIPELINE, 10% FRED, 6% SILK AND P64)
- 74 giant, 221 large and 519 small aneurysms (36% large-giant, 64% small)
- Mean FD number = 1.19
- 741 aneurysm in ant circ (91%),
 73 aneurysms in post circulation (9%)

- 12 basilar artery trunk aneurysms (4 small, 3 large, 2 giant, 3 fusiform aneurysms)
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- 29 VA aneurysms (17 intradural, 12 extradural), 40% of PC FD experience
- 2 VB arteriosclerotic aneurysms with clotted mass

Treatment of intracranial aneurysms using the pipeline flow-diverter embolization device: long-term follow-up results.

Saatci I, Yavuz K, Ozer C, Geyik S, Cekirge HS.AJNR 2012 Sep;33(8):1436-46.

(DATA OF 251 ANEURYSMS TILL SEPTEMBER 2011) (7.6% was in post circulation)

Clinical results of 712 pts 814 aneurysms

• Mortality: 12 pts (1.8%)

ischemic event in 2 pts, spontaneous · par hematoma in other 3, early post tx SAH in 4, after tx of giant VB arterioscle aneurysms in 2 pts and in 1.

pt after tx of H&H gr 4 SAH

Permanent morbidity at discharge: 14 pts (2%) 2 due to bleeding , 10 due to ischemic event

• Spontaneous parench hematoma 5 pts·

Post op early transient neurologic morbidity developed in 13 pts (1.8%)

Spontaneous frontal hematoma related to medication Mass effect worsening in 4 pts ;

(vision abnormality in 2/3 pts improved but still have deficit which they had initially; in one permanent); 1/1 brainstem symptoms cleared in 4 weeks

Mild ataxia after tx of basilar trunk aneurysm due to small cerebellar ischemic event resolved in 24 hours

Mild ischemic events completely resolved within 24-48 hours in 7 pts

- All 13 left hospital w mRS scale of 0-1
- Late Neurologic adverse events:

SAH: 1 pt (in the 4th mo): no clinical sequela; retreated. Parenchymal hematoma: 5 pts

Although post circ aneurysms were only 9% of all FD cases, 31% of all morbi-mortality was due to post circulation aneurysm's tx...

up to 5 years 96.2%

Clinical results of 73 post circ aneurysms in 68 pts with FDs

Mortality: 6 pts (8.7%)

- ischemic event in 2 pts after tx of mid and upper basilar aneurysms,
- spontaneous par hematoma in 1 pt,
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 Permanent morbidity at discharge: 2 pts (2.9%)
- due to ischemic event in both due to brain stem ischemic lesions after midbasilar and upper basilar trunk aneurysm tx. One showed full recovery, the other was mRS 2 at 1 year FU.

Out of 62 pts available for FU

- 15 pts had 6 month , 31 pts had 1-2 years , 14 pts had 3-5 years FU..
- Complete occlusion rate at 6 month 87% , 91% at 1-2 years and 97% at 3-5 years with retx in 2 pts.
- in the rest of 4% stable class 5 flow remodelling

Our sample size is pretty similar to Intrepid and our results shows similarity in regards to posterior circulation aneurysms with higher complication rate (11,6% morbi-mortality). However, our complication rate is lower than Intrepid since either we have more VA aneurysms with less VB arteriosclerotic aneurysms or are more carefull about antiaggregation testing with high rescheduling rates w Plavix especially since 2005 for any stenting procedures. Additionaly, we quitted using Klopidogrel since Jan 2013..

Neurological morbidity and mortality rate was 8.4% (67/793), *highest in the posterior circulation group (16.4%, 9/55)* and lowest in the ICA <10mm group (4.8%, 14/294) (p=0.01).

Ischemic stroke rates were 4.7% (37/793), *highest in posterior circulation patients* (7.3%, 4/55) and lowest in the ICA<10mm group (2.7%, 8/294) (P=0.16).

•Neurological mortality was 3.8% (30/793), *highest in the posterior circulation group (10.9%, 6/55)* and lowest in the anterior ICA<10mm group (1.4%, 4/294) (P<0.01).

Results from the <u>International Retrospective</u> Study of <u>Pipeline Embolization Device</u> (IntrePED): A Real World Experience

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1 year control

•One of the most important part of the revolutionary changes in aneurysm tx created by FDs has been making the treatment possible for aneurysms with an important vessel coming off the sac..which used to be the major limitation for endovascular treatment.. We described a new aneurysm occlusion process called "FLOW REMODELLING".

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90

2-year-CTA

•When a Pipeline placed at the neck of the aneurysm with an important vessel coming off the aneurysm sac, according to the flow demand of that vessel, aneurysm sac shows "FLOW REMODELLING". usually completed with excellent reconstruction w full vessel patency...

6 months control

2-year-CTA

PICA

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<u>Cekirge HS</u>, <u>Saatci I,</u> A New Aneurysm Occlusion Classification after the Impact of Flow

Modification. <u>AJNR Am J Neuroradiol.</u> 2015 Aug 27. [Epub ahead of print]

Class 1: Complete occlusion of the aneurysm sac. When there is a branch integrated with the aneurysm sac, ie, coming off the aneurysm, at any point of the sac, further analysis is carried out with subgroups

- **1A:** Complete occlusion with the full patency of the integrated branch
- **1B:** Complete occlusion with the branch reduced in caliber
- **1C:** Complete occlusion with no antegrade filling of the branch
- Class 2: Neck filling
- **Class 3:** Incomplete occlusion with aneurysm filling

Class 4: Aneurysm filling. This class is reserved for an immediate postoperative result based on end-of-treatment DSA; after extraand/or intrasaccular flow modification treatment

- 4A: With contrast stagnation
- **4B:** Without contrast stagnation

Class 5: Stable remodeling with flow modification. Filling in the neck region, which stays unchanged or reduced; to be included in this group, there have to be at least 2 consecutive control angiographies. Exceptionally, 1 control angiography could be sufficient for definition of class 5, only in selected cases of contrast filling the branch coming off the sac, with an appearance of a different vessel course than the original, eg, tortuous or dilated, given that it is in continuation with the parent artery with no sac filling





70 yo female presented w SAH, underwent surgery w failed clipping– wrapped. Referred 2 weeks after the bleed

Flow remodelling of aneurysms is strongly effected by the flow demand of that particular vessel coming off the sac... If there is a flow demand, vessel keeps its patency while aneurysm is closed..



Remodelling may end w hypoplasia of the particular vessel coming off the sac







If the Flow demand of particular vessel is not strong or exist, the remodelling process ends with progressive asymptomatic occlusion of that vessel coming off the aneurysm sac...But, it sometimes takes longer than expected needing retx...



Retreatment with second pipeline





Flow remodelling process is not always completed with perfect reconstruction but remodelling of the aneurysm sac may end up with stable remnant that become continuation of the vessel with flow demand...





6 months cont









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POST FD PLACEMENT

Spin: -90 Tilt: -0





1. YEAR CONTROL, CLASS 1A OCC





1 YEAR CONTROL STABLE FLOW REMODELLING





ERTEBRAL ARTER



CLASS 5 OCCLUSION

6 months control CTA

















6 month control



18th month control



Sears control





















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1 year control



DUE TO FLOW DEMAND OF BASILAR TRUNK, WHILE ANEURYSM WAS BEING CLOSED WONE ARM OF FENESTRATION, THE OTHER ARM OF FENESTRATION THAT FD PLACED, REMODELLED FORWARD IN ACTUAL BASILAR TRUNK SIZE...













2 years control

























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2 months control





72 year old male admitted w severe lethargy/aspiration pnomonia









month later he got worsened and passed away w progresssive ischemic event..

All of mortalities and morbidities but one developed after tx of mid-distal basilar trunk aneuryms and VB arteriosclerotic aneurysms..

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54 aneurysms treated w telescopic stenting between 2005-2016, 37/54 in post circulation (68,5%) and 26/54, 48% for basilar artery aneurysms...

- 54 pts 38 male, 16 female
- 26 basilar, 5 vertebral, 11 ICA (cervical-extraintradural) and ICA-antch, 4 M1/MCA, 6 VA-PICA, 1 A1 aneurysm
- 17 giant (10/17 PT), 24 large (2/22 PT), and 13 small aneurysms
- 24 saccular, 30 fusiform
- Telescopic placement of BES (2 stents) in 3, Leo in 23 (2 stents in 21 and 3 stents in 2), Wingspan in 3 (2 stents) and enterprise and/or Solitaire in 21 pts (3 stents in 19 and 2 stents in 2), LVIS stent in 1 pt, telescopic wallstent or protege in 3 pts

- All pts kept on clopidogrel or Ticlopidine 6 months and resistance to antiaggregation was diligently doublechecked.
- 25/ 54 pts presented w mass effect.
- 9/ 54 pts presented w SAH. Only 1 of 9 was treated in acute phase.
- In 20 pts, incidental, headache, neuroradiological mass effect

HOWEVER, TELESCOPED STENTS, HAVING ONLY 10% OF FLOW DIVERTOR'S MESH DENSITY, MODIFY THE FLOW WITH VESSEL WALL PULSATILITY AND GEOMETRY CHANGES


Parent artery geometry and pulsatility change....



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Doing flow modification without too much mesh density could be very good advantage in particular locations....













 The flow modification causing remodelling of the aneurysm sac should not always end with perfect reconstruction..The target of the treatment here is to reduce mass effect

PRE TREATMENT MR

POST TREATMENT 9 months control MR revealing shrunken aneurysm w resolved edema













Post op 7th day, severe headache



Post op 10 th day, she had a severe SAH and then died...



WE CONSIDER THAT TELESCOPIC STENTING IS A VERY SERIOUS TX ALTERNATIVE IN MID/UPPER BASILAR TRUNK ANEURYSMS TO GET AWAY FROM ISCHEMIC EVENTS OR EVEN FOR EALY SAH....





Clinical results of 54 aneurysms treated w telescopic stenting

• 16.6% Morbi-Mortality

- In 8 pts Mortality (all but one were giant fusiform VB aneurysms), developed not during the post op period, in 5 at the first 4 weeks, in other two at the first 12 weeks.
- In 1 pt procedural neurologic morbidity due to technical complication resulted in mRS 1 (SAH due to distal stent wire perforation).
- No perforating artery injury in post circ aneurysms.
- No immediate post op mortality due to procedure
- No early or late SAH

- In 42/52 aneurysms/pts, complete aneurysm occlusion w complete PA reconstruction (76%)
- In 8 aneurysms/pts, partial aneurysm occlusion w incomplete PA reconstruction.
- In 1 aneurysm (giant petrocav ICA) tx w LEO-SOLITARIE ,no change was seen..had to be coiled
- In 1 aneurysm (midbaz) tx w telesc LEO stents, asymptomatic PAO developed

55 yo male with severe headache and diplopia/R 6th nerve palsy and slight paresis













PRE TX

1 YEAR CONTROL







1 year control



Homemade Flow diversion for specific settings using stents (Y stent flow diversion)



A novel "Y" stent flow diversion technique for the endovascular treatment of bifurcation aneurysms without endosaccular coiling. Cekirge HS, Yavuz K, Geyik S, Saatci I. AJNR Am J Neuroradiol 201 Aug;32(7):1262-8 SHRINKED / REMODELLED ANEURYSM W Y STENT FLOW DIVERSION







BEFORE TX 🥬



* AT 6 MONTHS





Post op DYNA CTA

1 yearcontrol

POSTO







1 month CTA

44 yo female with severe headache and lethargy

6 weeks later, she had full recovery and is intact neurologically





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3 years control

















Than coiling



2 years cont





PARENT ARTERY OCCLUSION



































18th month control



3 year control





5 year control MR



5 year control MRA


















Endovasc tx of aneurysms with focusing only parent artery without dealing w aneurysm sac using stentgrafts was the starting point of a new avenue in cerebral aneurysm tx called "flow modification/diversion"



Saatci I, Cekirge HS et al. Treatment of carotid artery aneurysms with a covered stent:Clinical and follow-up results. AJNR 2004; November/December 25: 1742-9

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1 year control



Changing the parent artery w a graft could not be applied all aneurysm location due to side branches/perforators. So, The concept of treating the cerebral aneurysm without touching the aneurysm sac but reconstructing the parent artery which aneurysm originates has been matter of the technology. Instead of endografts excluding the aneurysm, flow modifiers modifiying the flow from in and out of aneurysm sac has been started to be used...

In Conclusion

 Flow Divertors have definitely created a big impact in the endovasc tx of post circulation aneurysms. However, especially in mid and upper basilar artery, Homemade flow diversion should be still considered as a very good tx alternative creating a flow modification with other parameters than metallic mesh density offering a different flow diversion/modification mechanism that is equally effective in closing/reconstructing with much lower ischemic event risk due to perforators, except the giant fusiform atherosclerotic aneurysms involving very long VB artery segment which has not much treatment alternatives **now**...





PRE TX

1 YEAR CONTROL







1 year control







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6 months control

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6 months control



















Pre tx



6 months cont

Pre tx

1 year cont





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