

How close are we to routine X-ray free aortic procedures?

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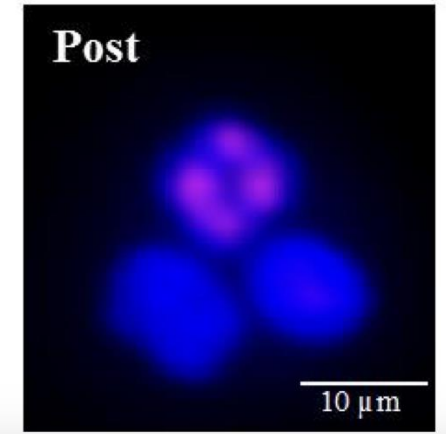
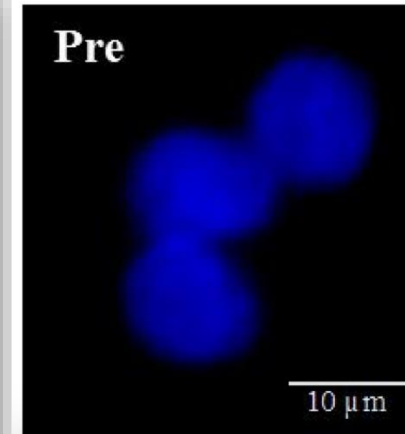
Why we need X-ray free aortic procedures: Operators

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Radiation-Induced DNA Damage in Operators Performing Endovascular Aortic Repair

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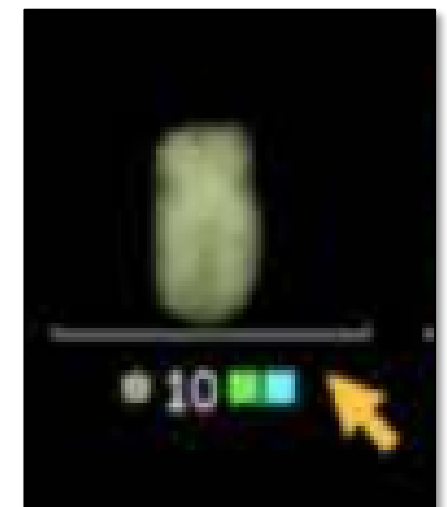
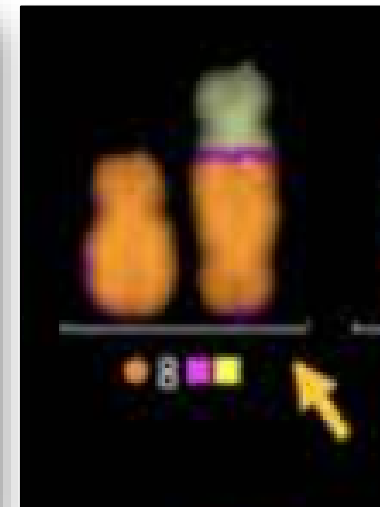


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Higher Incidence of Chromosomal Aberrations in Operators Performing a Large Volume of Endovascular Procedures

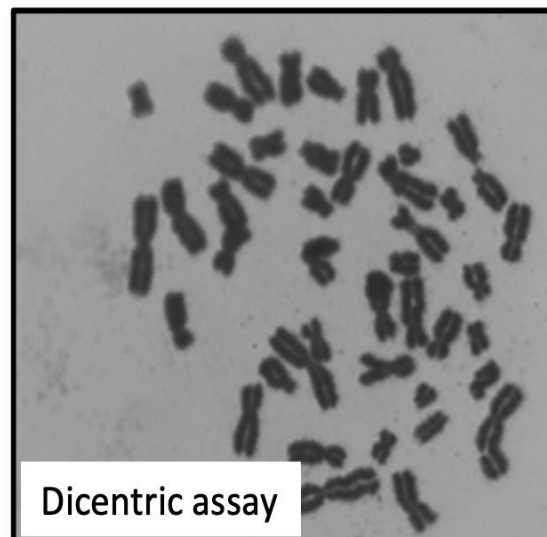
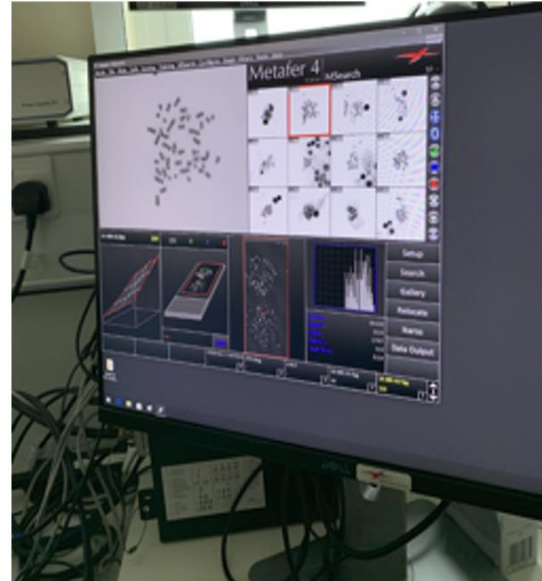
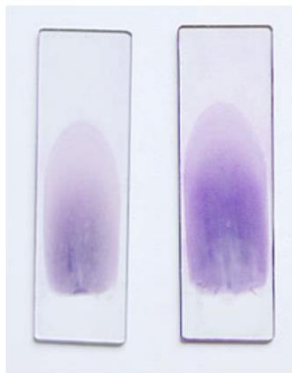
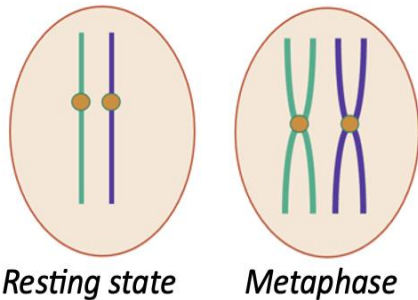
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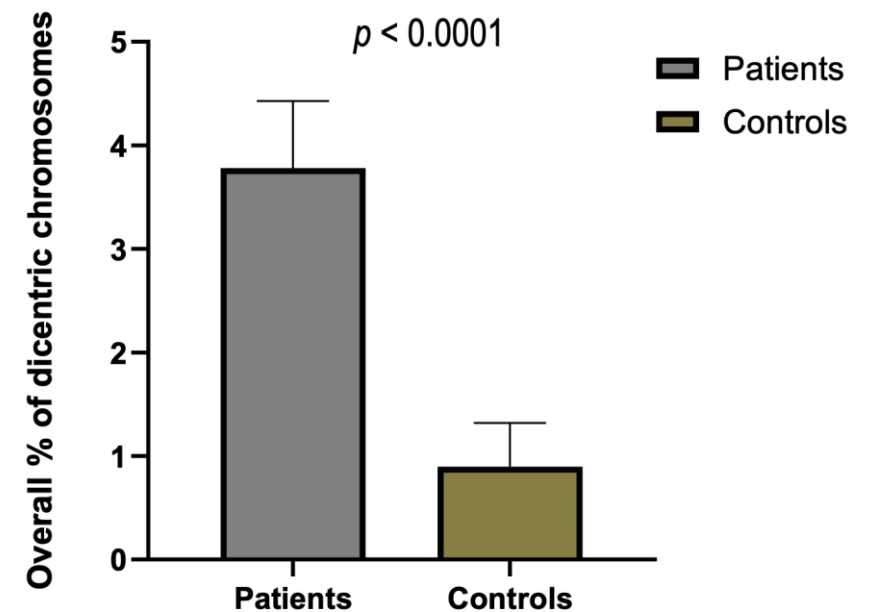
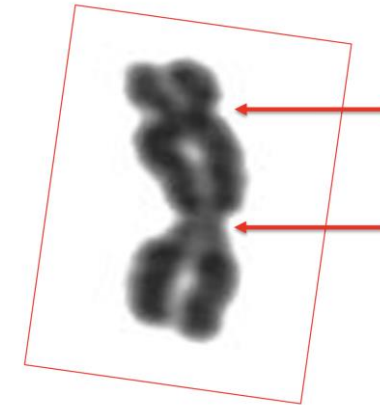
Why we need X-ray free aortic procedures: Patients

Lymphocytes isolated from peripheral blood

Stimulation of mitosis and
arrest at metaphase



DICENTRIC CHROMOSOME

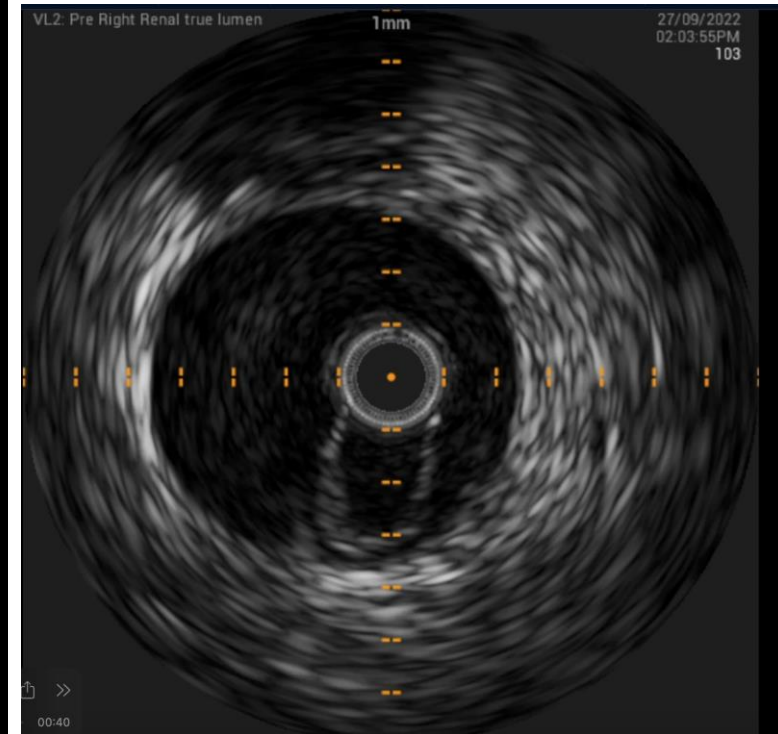
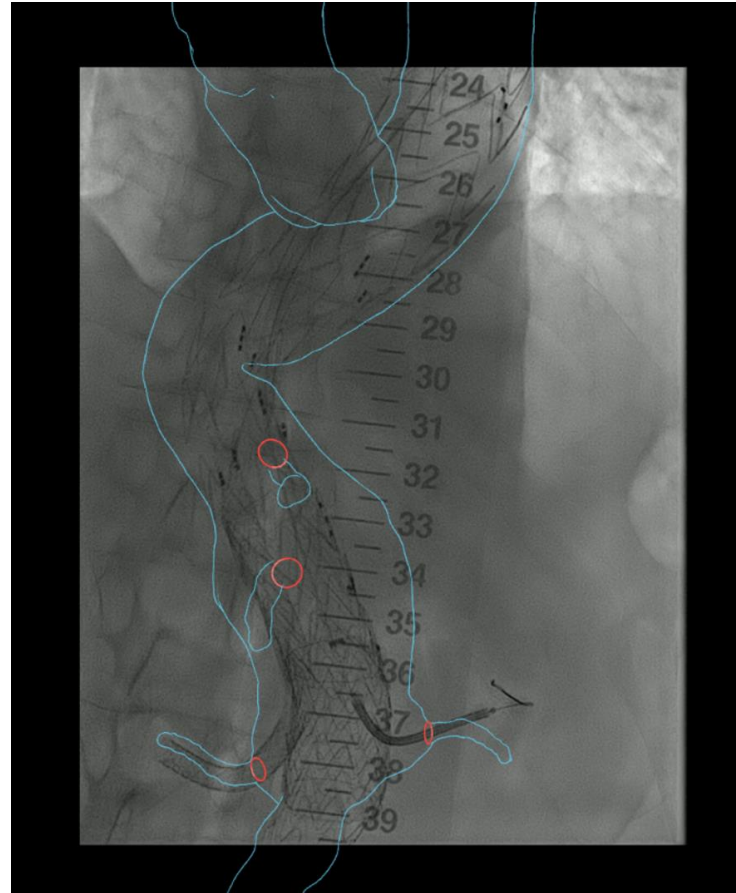


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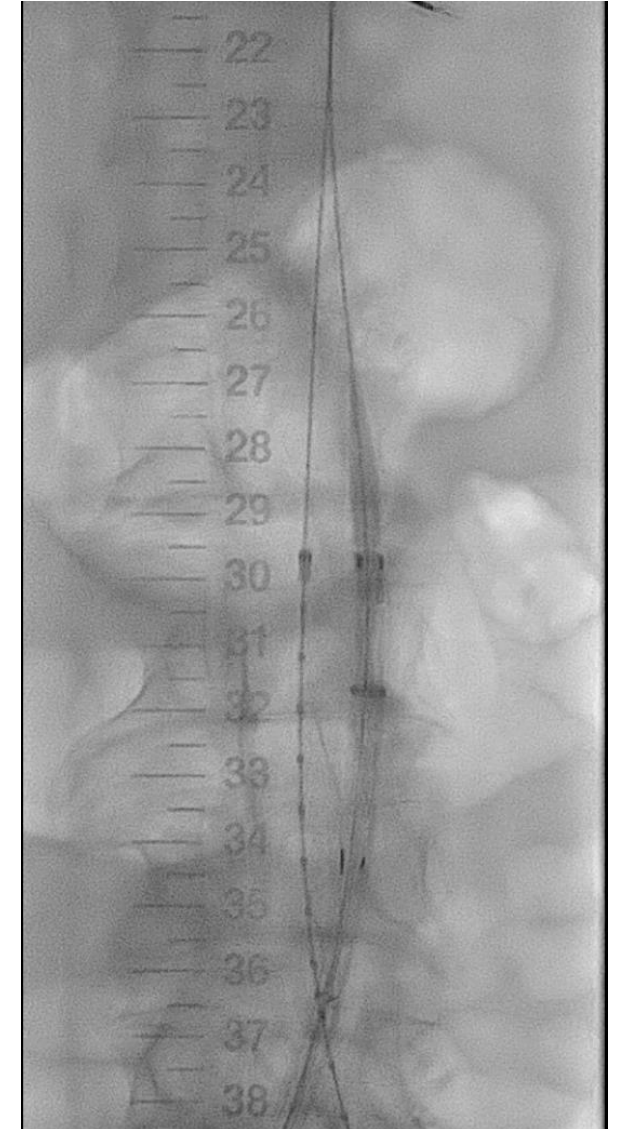
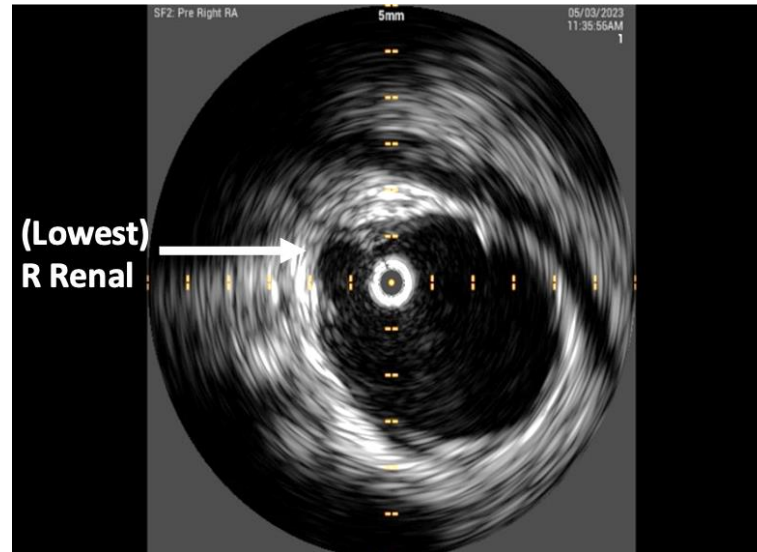
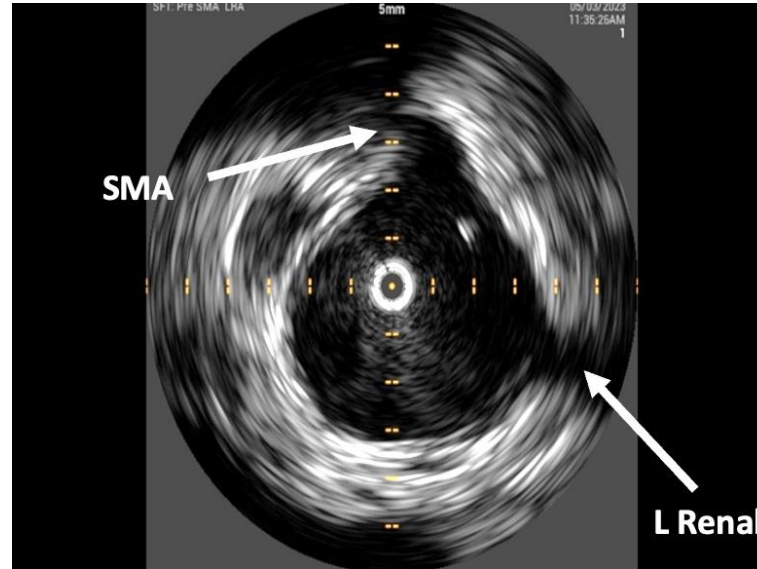
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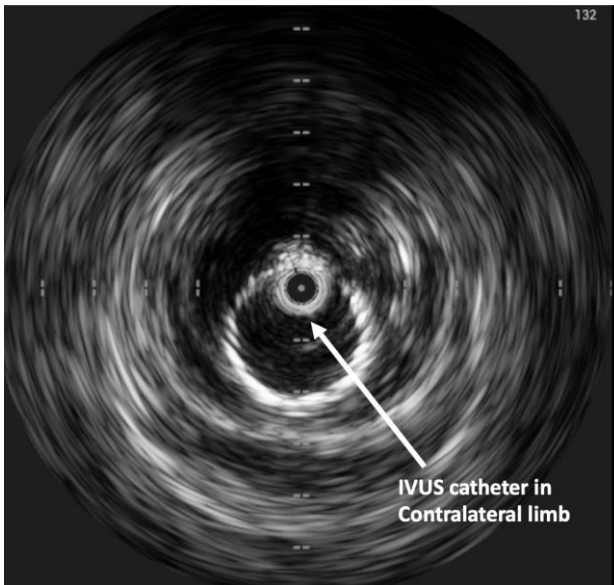
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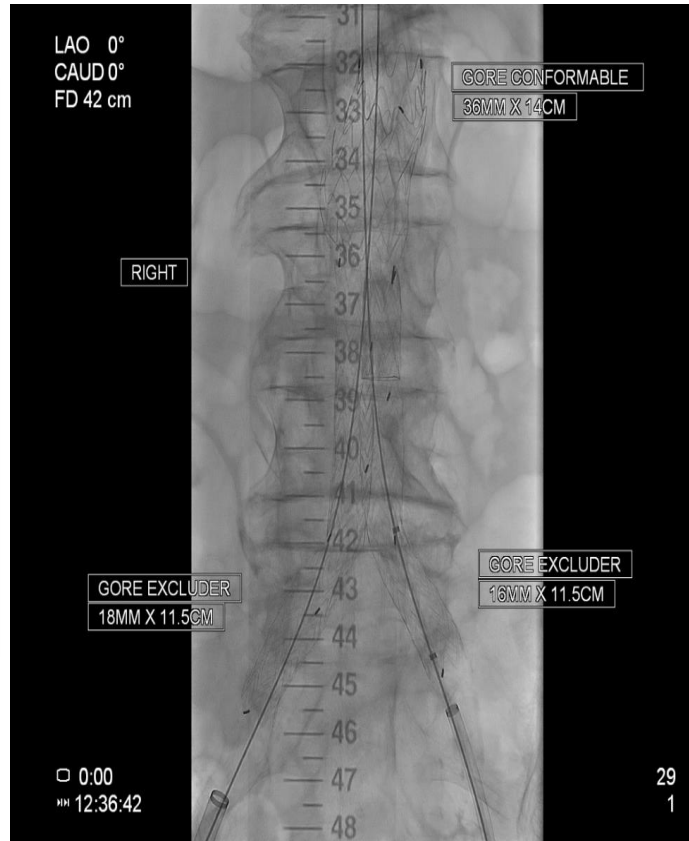
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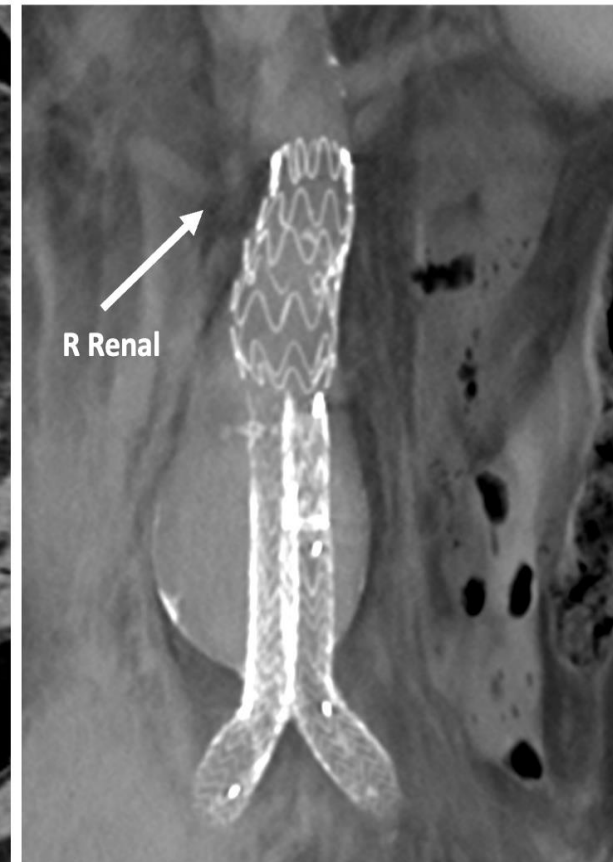
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IVUS confirmed limb cannulation



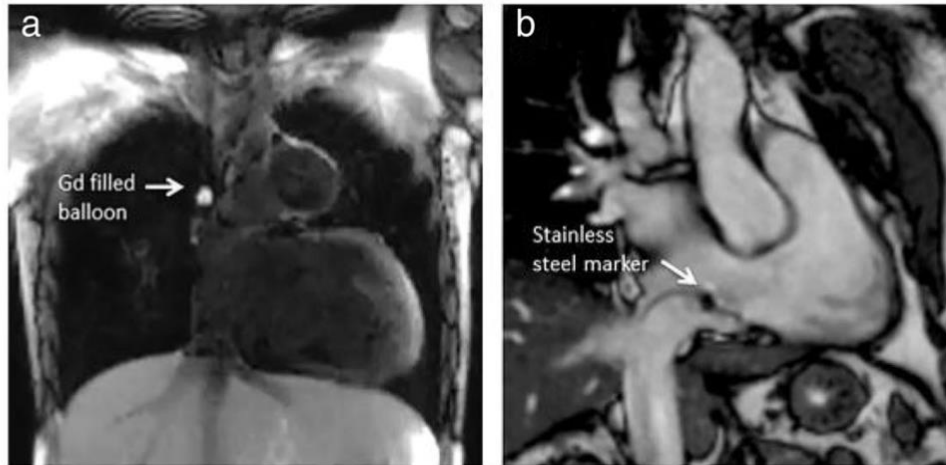
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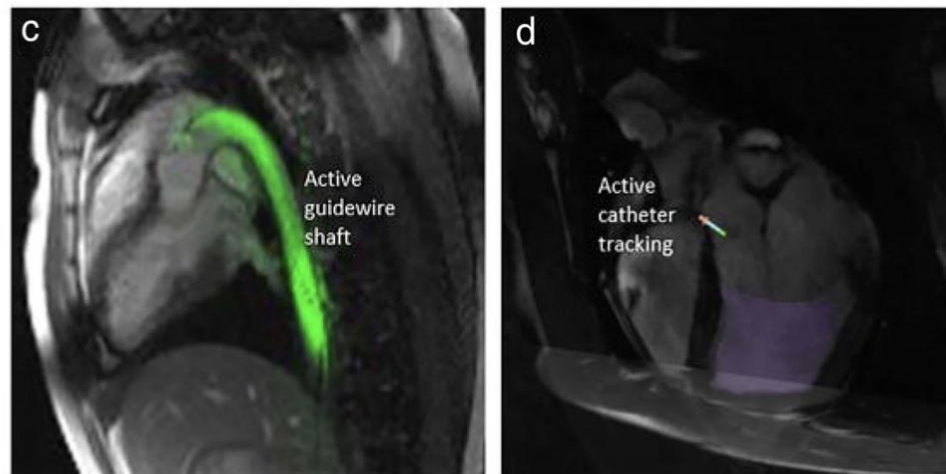
Post-implant CT

MRI guided endovascular arterial intervention

Passive
Visualization



Active
Visualization



- No x-ray/radiation exposure
- Intrinsic blood-tissue contrast
- 3D and functional imaging
- Limited applications currently

0.55T low field wide-bore MR

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First in the UK: new MRI scanner enables use outside of hospital setting, accelerating new research opportunities

King's College London leads research into breaking the barriers of conventional MRI with the installation of the UK's first MAGNETOM Free.Max.



(From left to right) Chris Kasap, MRI Application Specialist, Siemens Healthineers GB&I; Dr Sharon Giles, Director of Clinical and Research Imaging Operations at King's College London; Matt Gibson, Diagnostic Imaging Business Lead at Siemens Healthineers GB&I; Pip Bridgen, Advanced MRI Radiographer, King's College London; Mitch Harrold, Regional Sales Manager, Siemens Healthineers GB&I.

King's College London (King's) is driving efforts to make new MRI technology more accessible in community settings through virtually helium-free MRI research with the first MAGNETOM Free.Max in the UK from Siemens Healthineers. The reduced-helium MRI allows the King's team to evaluate this type of MRI for use outside of a traditional hospital setting, while also using a lower field strength, expanding the scope of research into cardiac, respiratory, and foetal brain development imaging that was previously not possible.

The delivery of the first MAGNETOM Free.Max at King's College London, alongside funding by Research England, breaks the barriers of conventional MRI, enabling research previously not possible for the department.

Unlike conventional MRI systems, the MAGNETOM Free.Max requires less than one litre of liquid helium for cooling, an increasingly scarce resource, eliminating the need for a quench pipe which is otherwise used to safely and quickly expel helium out of a scanner in case of an emergency. The virtually helium-free MRI scanner radically reduces infrastructure requirements, enabling it to be installed in community-based settings.

King's College London, one of the world leading universities in imaging sciences, has an existing relationship with Siemens Healthineers and has partnered with the Research and Development team to provide additional insight into research projects utilising other MRI systems including 1.5T, 3T and 7T MRI systems from Siemens Healthineers.

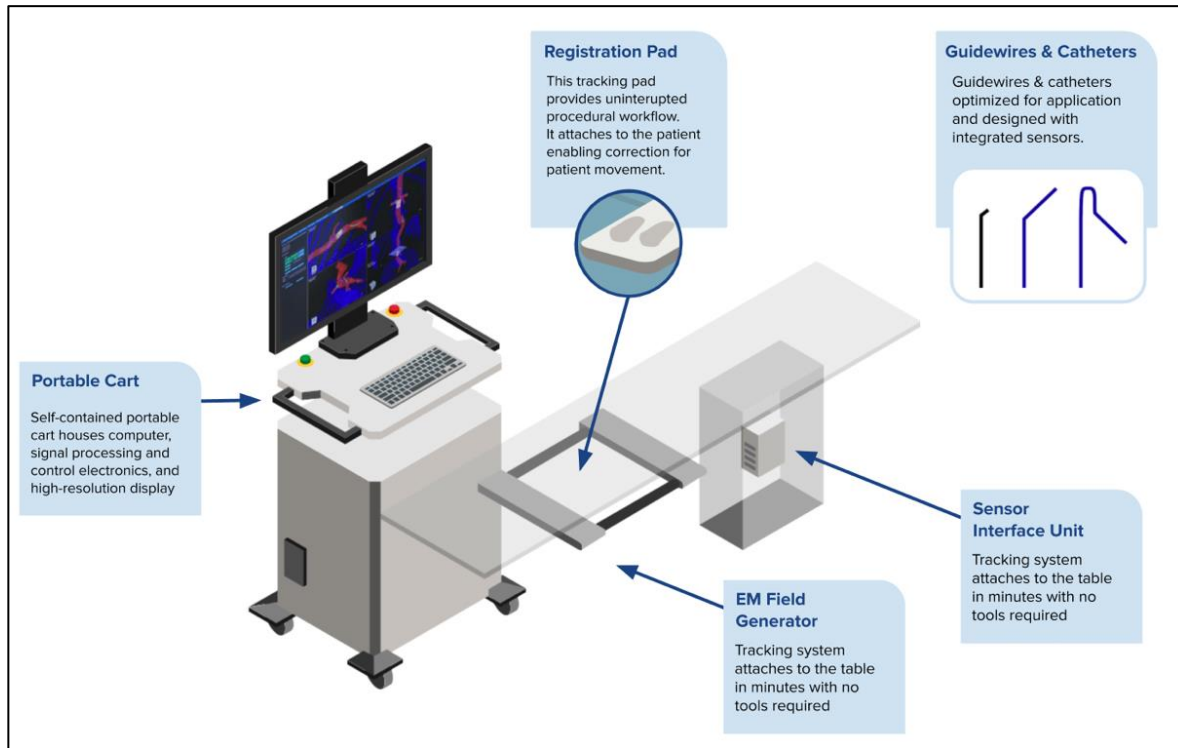
The addition of the 0.55T MAGNETOM Free.Max within the King's Advanced MRI Centre at St Thomas' Hospital (part of Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust) expands research capabilities and exploits currently existing high-tech facilities, such as a Radio Frequency Coil Lab.

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- Can be used with implanted devices
- No heavy shielding or helium
- Ease-of-use (AI-guided sequences)
- Wider bore

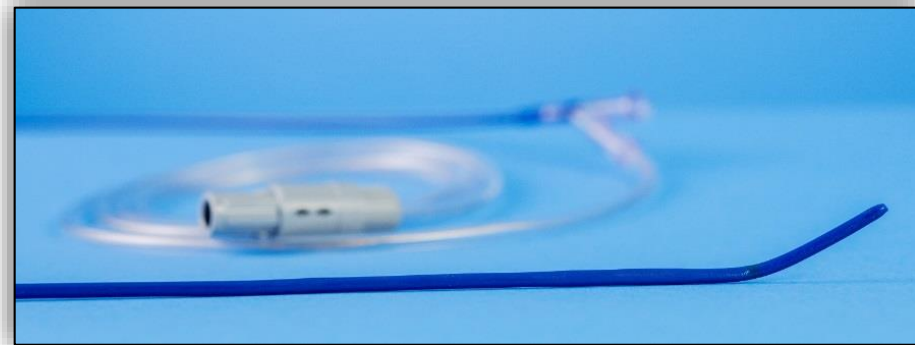
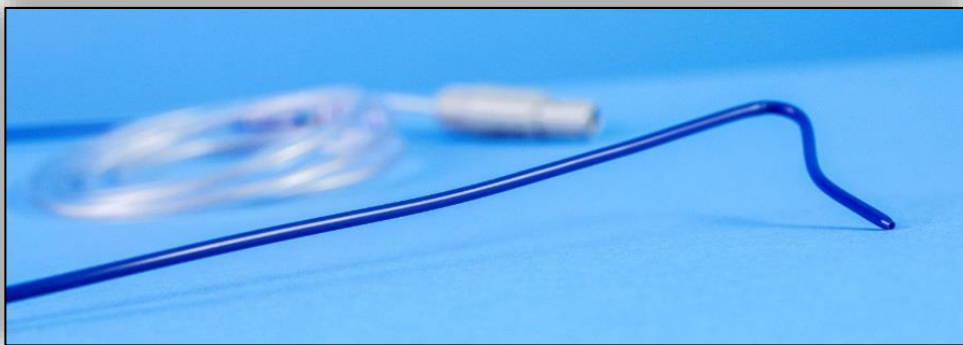
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Fiber Optic Realshape (FORS) Technology

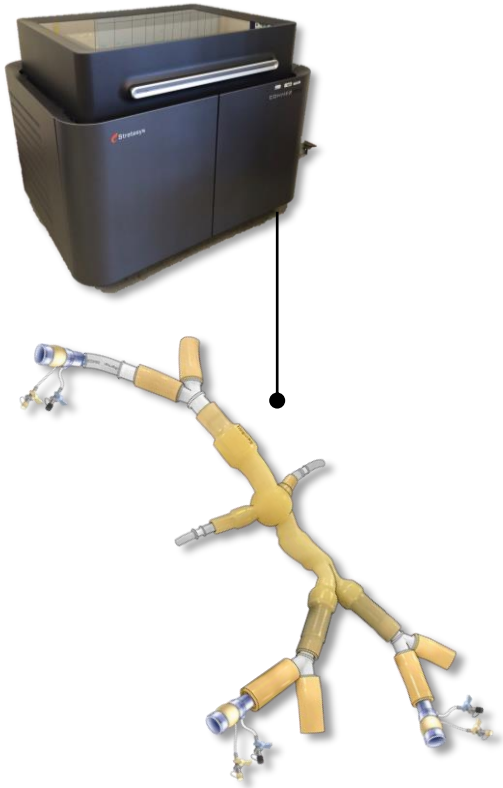


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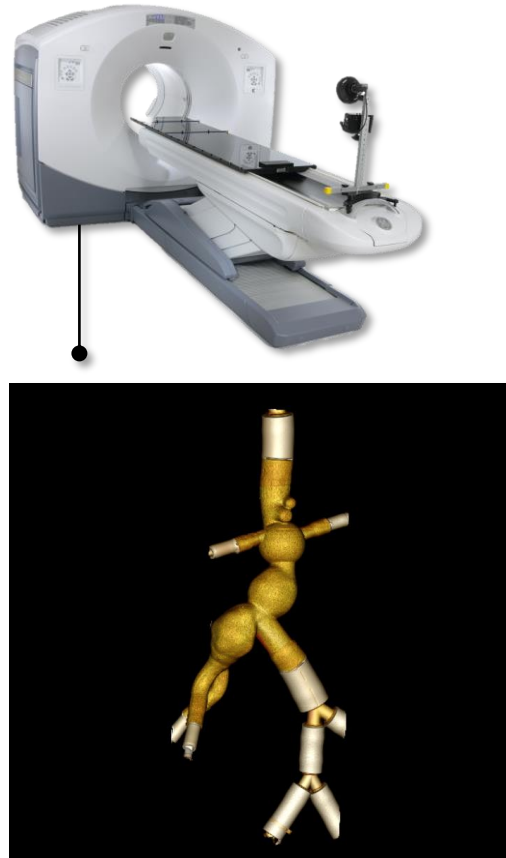


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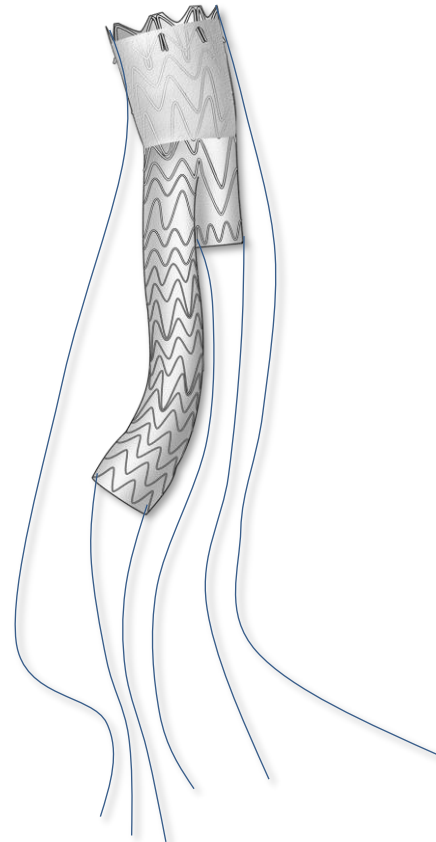
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Aortic Model



CTA of 3D
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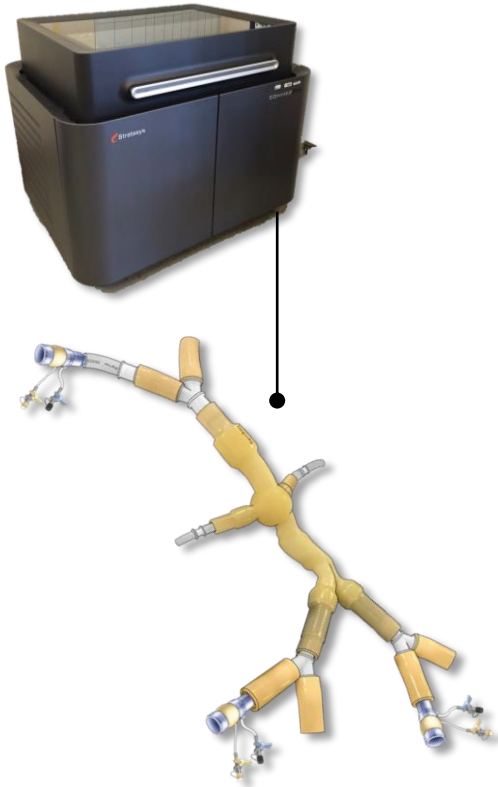


IOPS-Endograft
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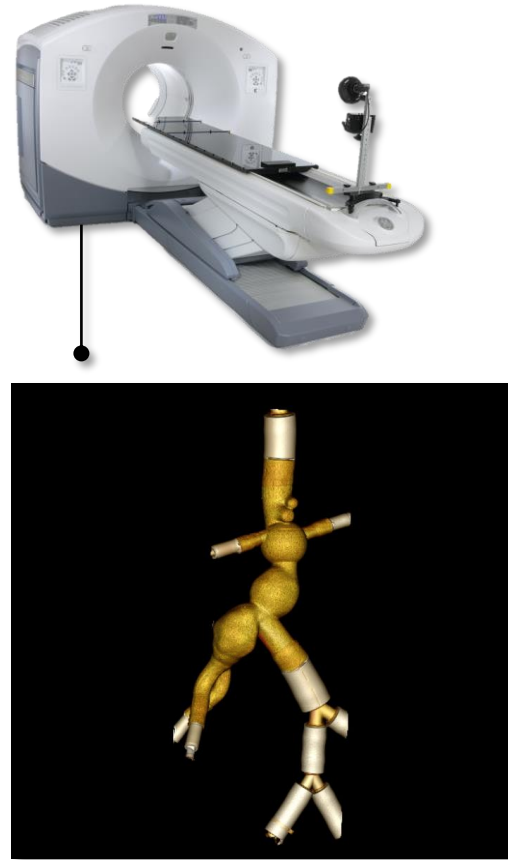


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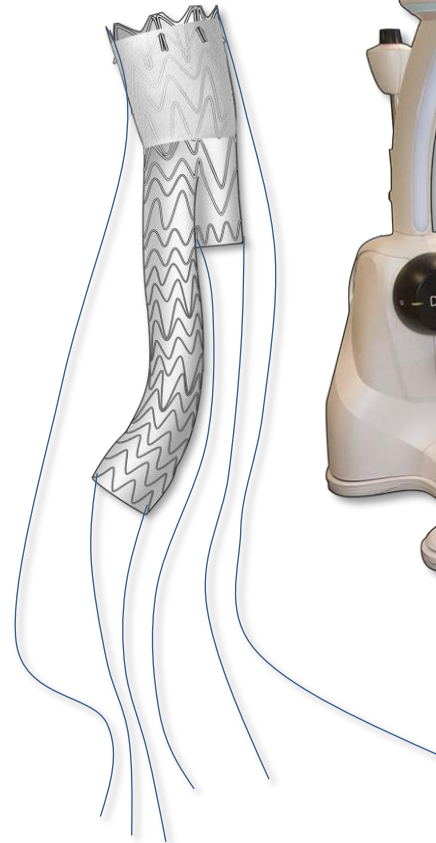
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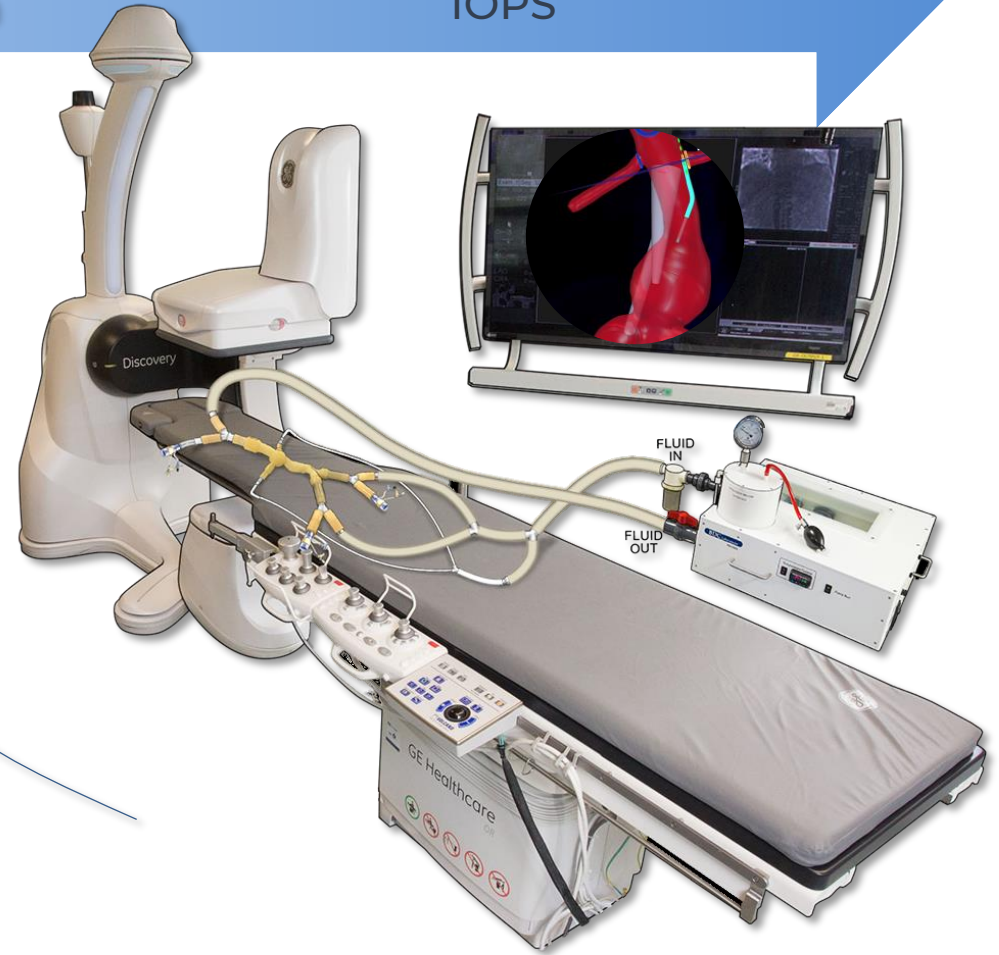
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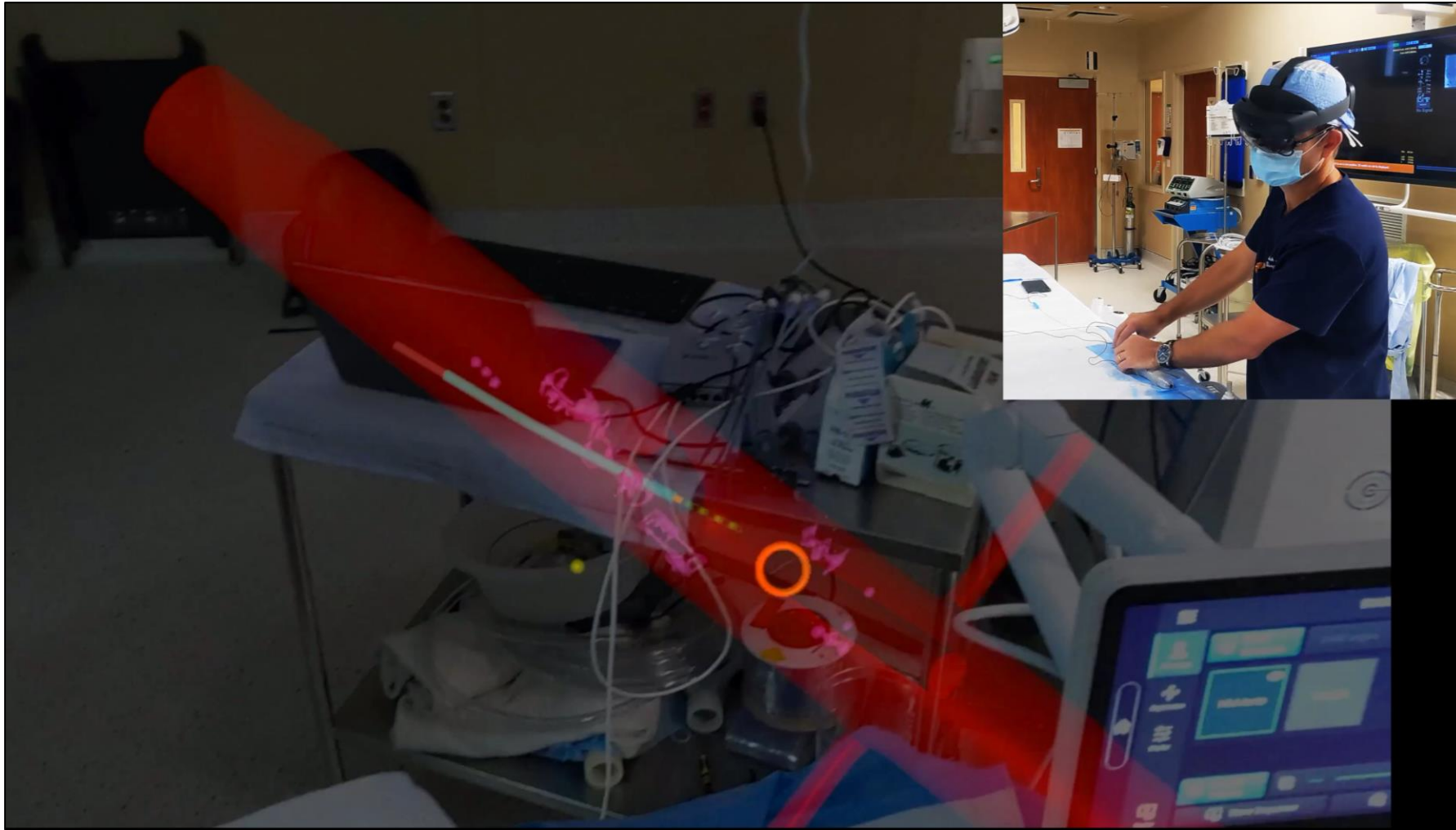


EVAR guided by
IOPS



Courtesy of Gustavo Oderich

Augmented reality navigation



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Fiber Optic Realshape (FORS) Technology

Wire/catheter visualized using light traveling through optical fibers

- Displays the full shape of devices in 3D
- In real-time and in colour
- Provides dual views on split-screen with independent views (Biplane)
- Radiation sparing



LumiGuide System

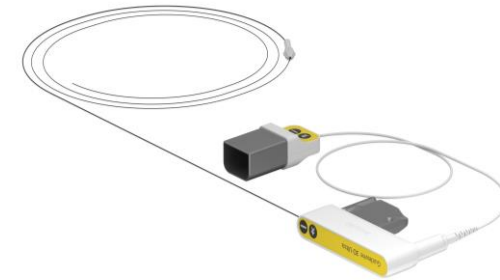


CR Workstation

Docking Base

Engine

Hardware



0.35" 120 cm guidewire



3D Hub



Docking Top

Disposables



Docking Top



3D Hub

3D Hub: Catheter agnostic guidance

Catheter Selection

Select connected Catheter from list

Type	[cm]	[F]
Vanschic 2	65 (+5)	5
Angled Glide	65	5
Berenstein	65	5
C1	65	5
C2	65	5
KMP	80	5
MIK	80	5
Omni flush	65	5
Rim	65	
SOS 2	80	
Vanschic 3	65	
Vanschic 4	65	

Register or Adjust Catheter

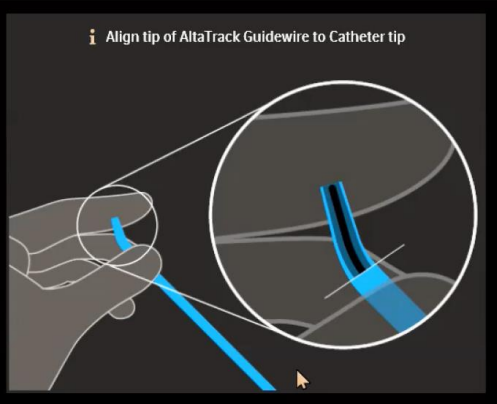
Current Catheter
Vector 4 65 cm (unregistered)

Catheter Selection

Catheter Length Registration

Tip-2-Tip Registration X-Ray Based Registration

Align tip of AltaTrack Guidewire to Catheter tip

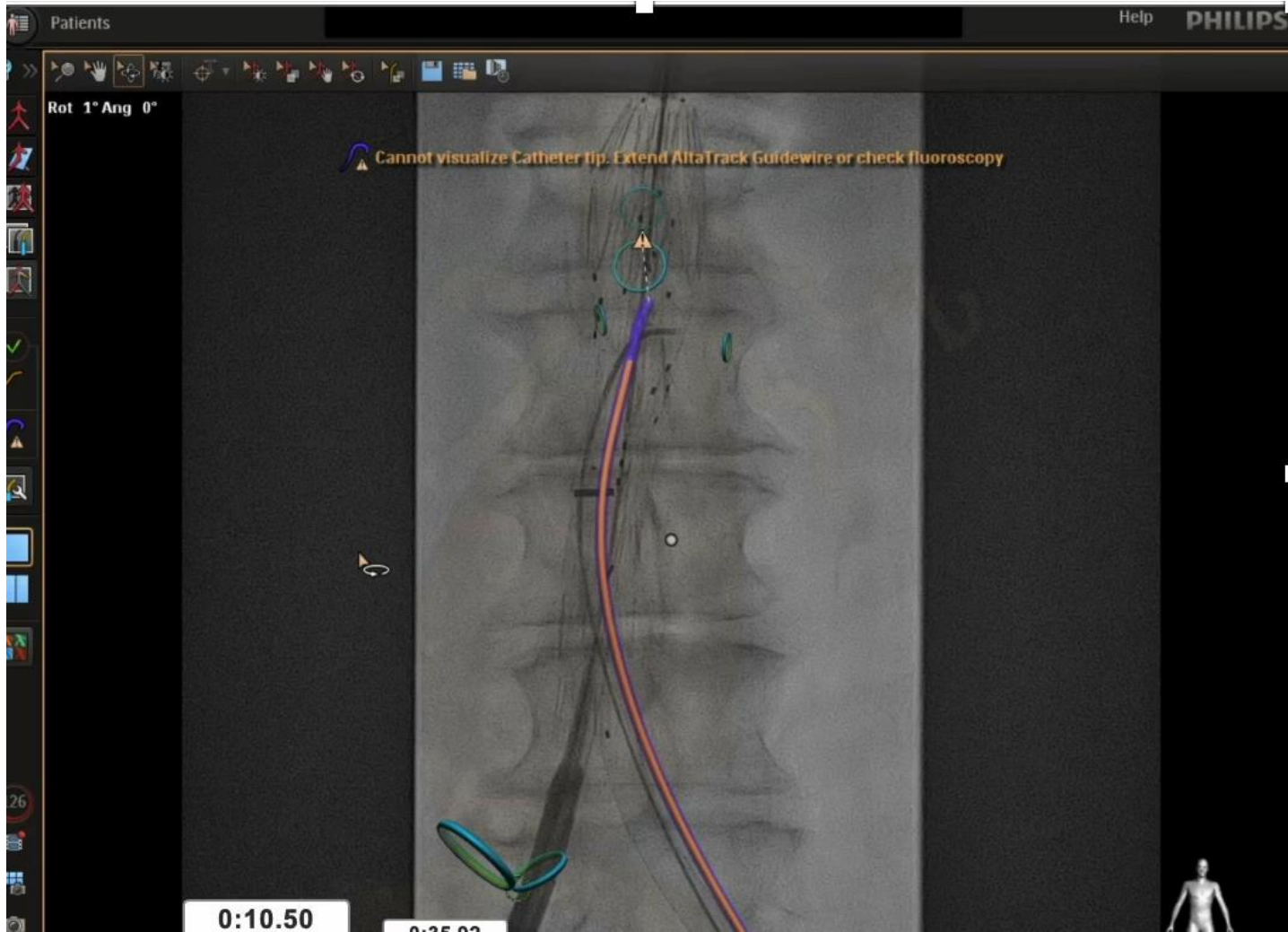
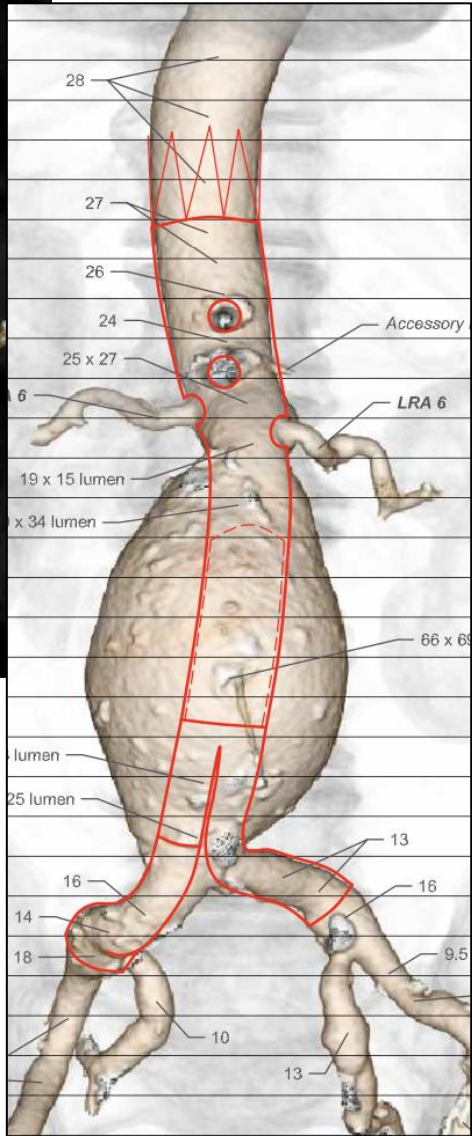


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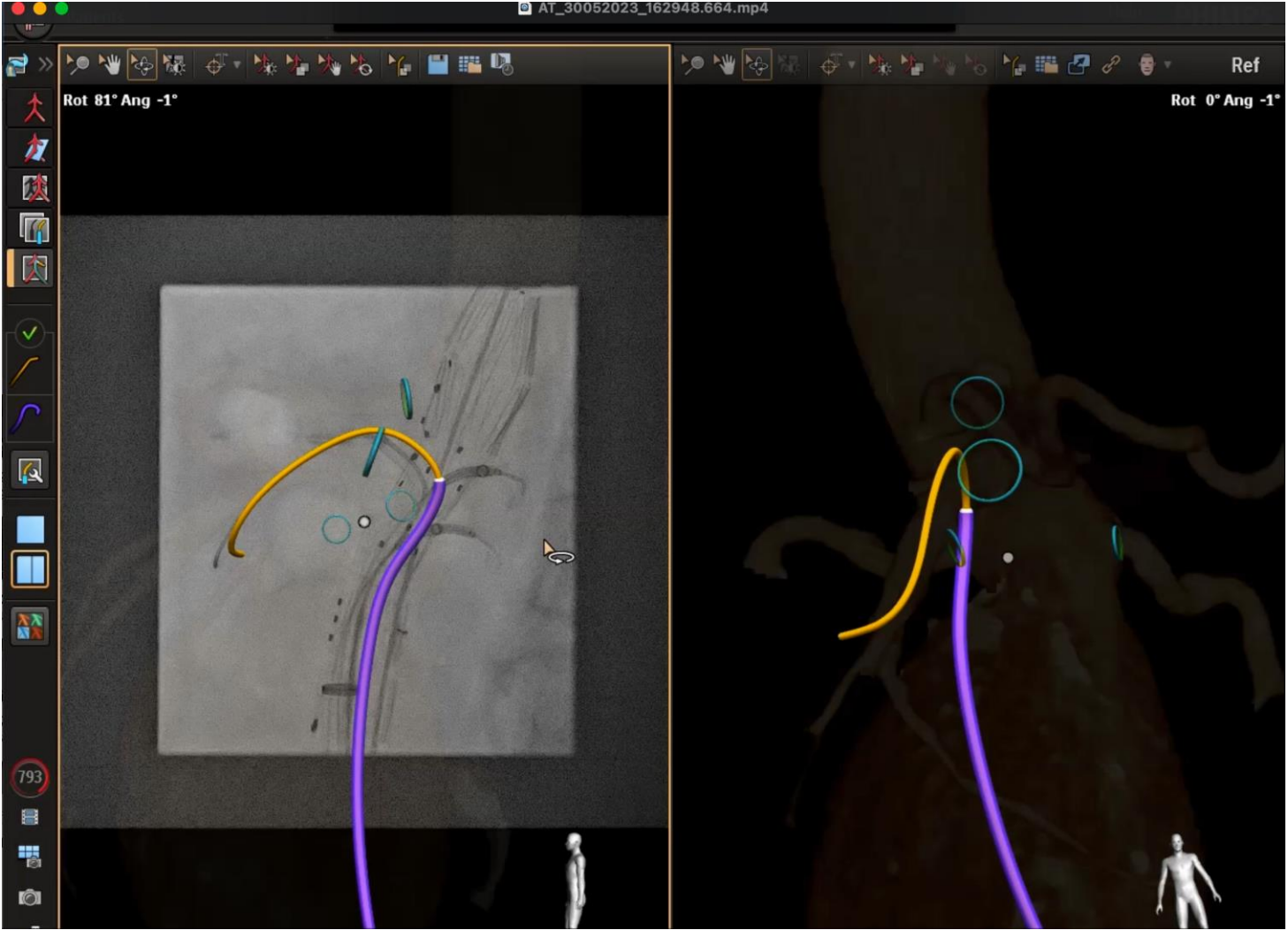
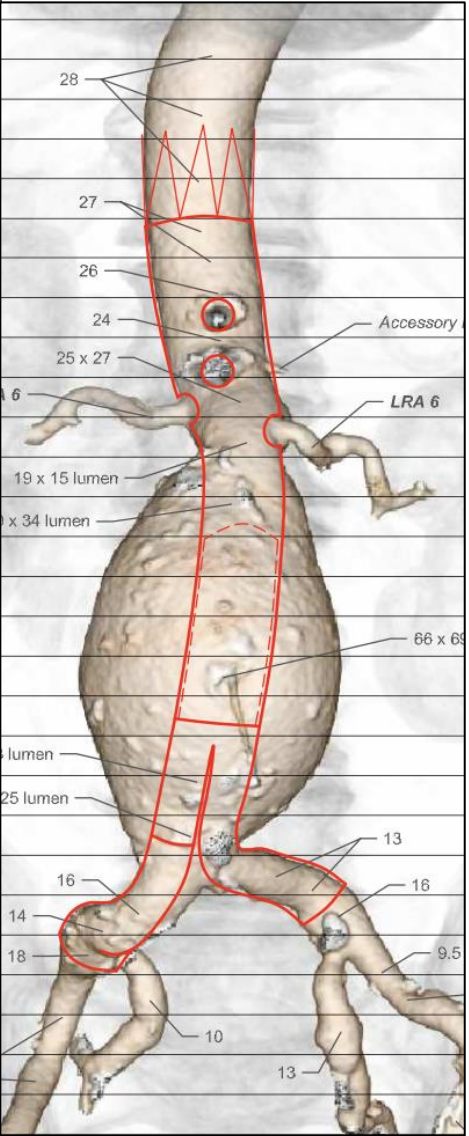
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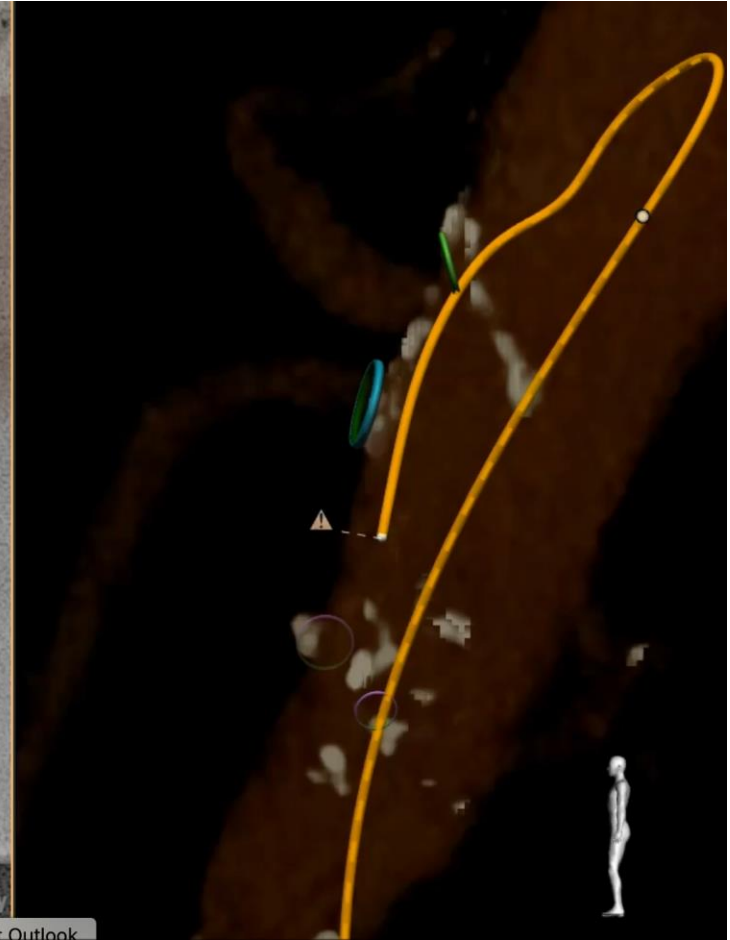
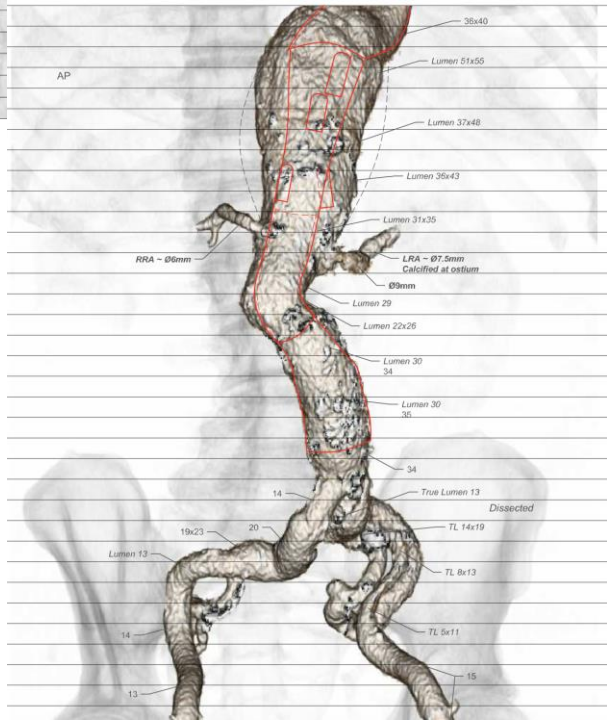
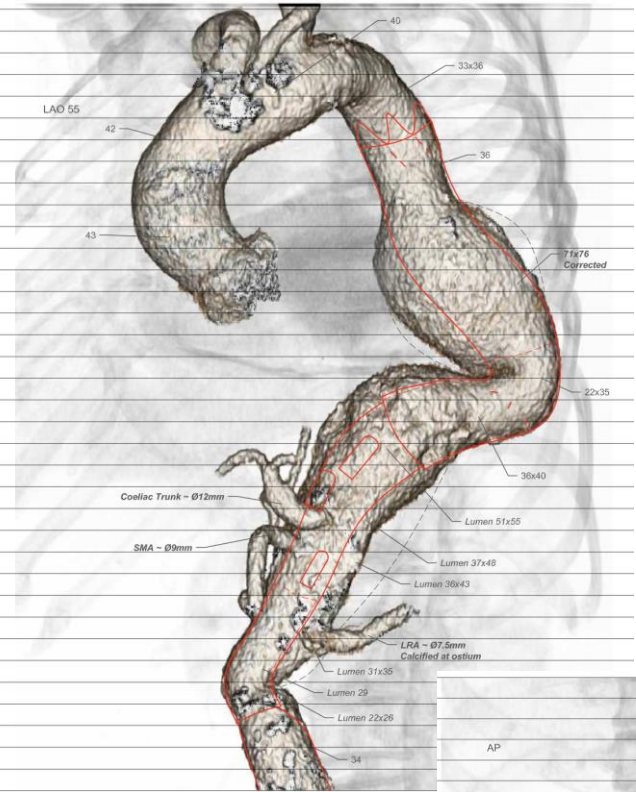
Left renal artery cannulation



Superior mesenteric artery cannulation



Retrograde branch cannulation



LumiGuide experience to date

FORS Investigators



- CE marked
- 900 procedures with FORS to date
- FORS Learn Registry study completed
- Prospective randomised study in planning
- Expanded release to additional centers
(Total 14 installs to date)

Second generation LumiGuide

- Auto AI registration: Faster + accurate
- Catheter agnostic (3dHub)
- Bend radius improvements
- Reduced error message and warnings
- Zoom in/out user customizable
- Reduced jitter
- Bug fixes + signal stability improvements

First in human

UMC-Utrecht, The Netherlands



Limited Edition

Europe & USA



Limited Market Release

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Initial single-center experience using Fiber Optic RealShape guidance in complex endovascular aortic repair

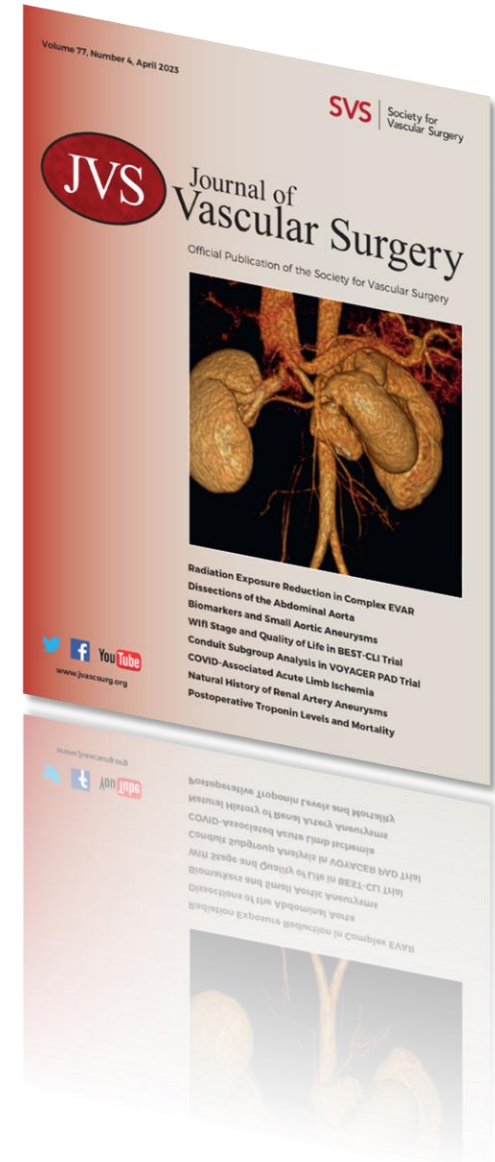
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FORS compared to fluoroscopy: Single-center historic cohort comparison

37% Fluoro time reduction

31% Fluoro dose reduction

56% DAP reduction



From the New England Society for Vascular Surgery

The effect of Fiber Optic RealShape technology on the reduction of radiation during complex endovascular surgery

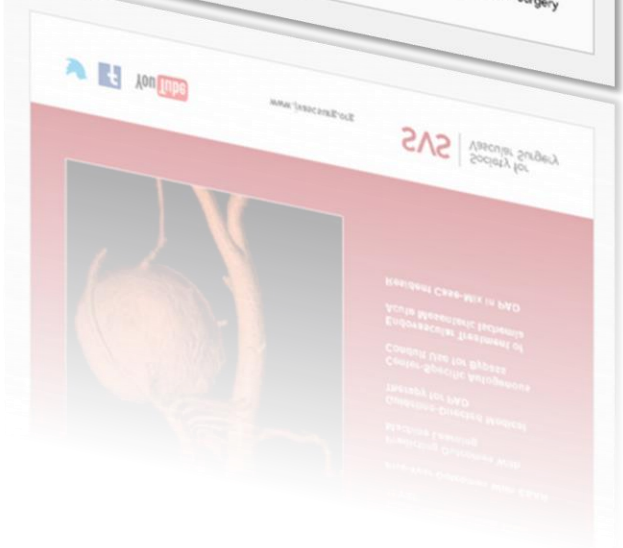
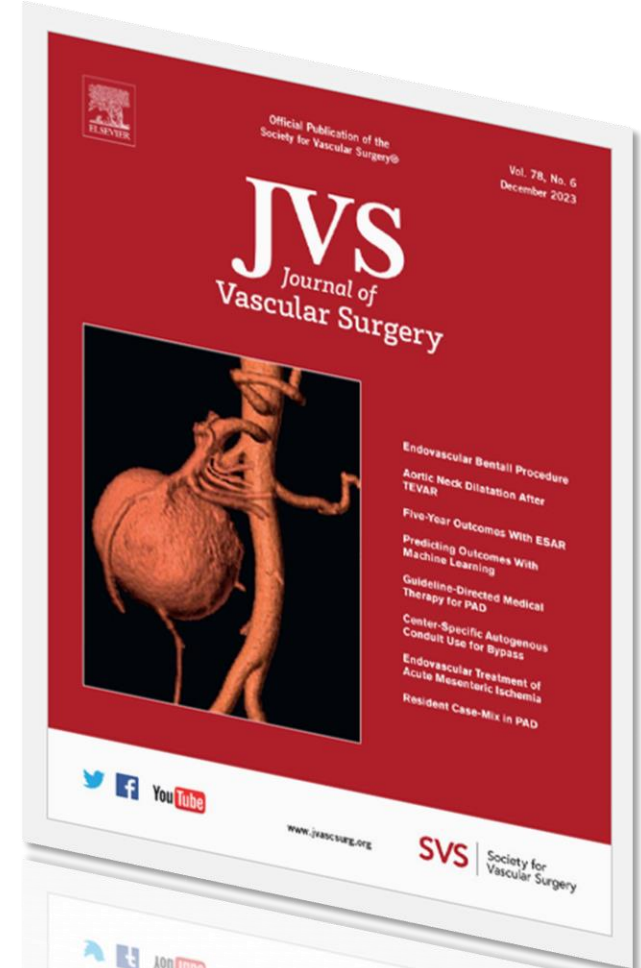
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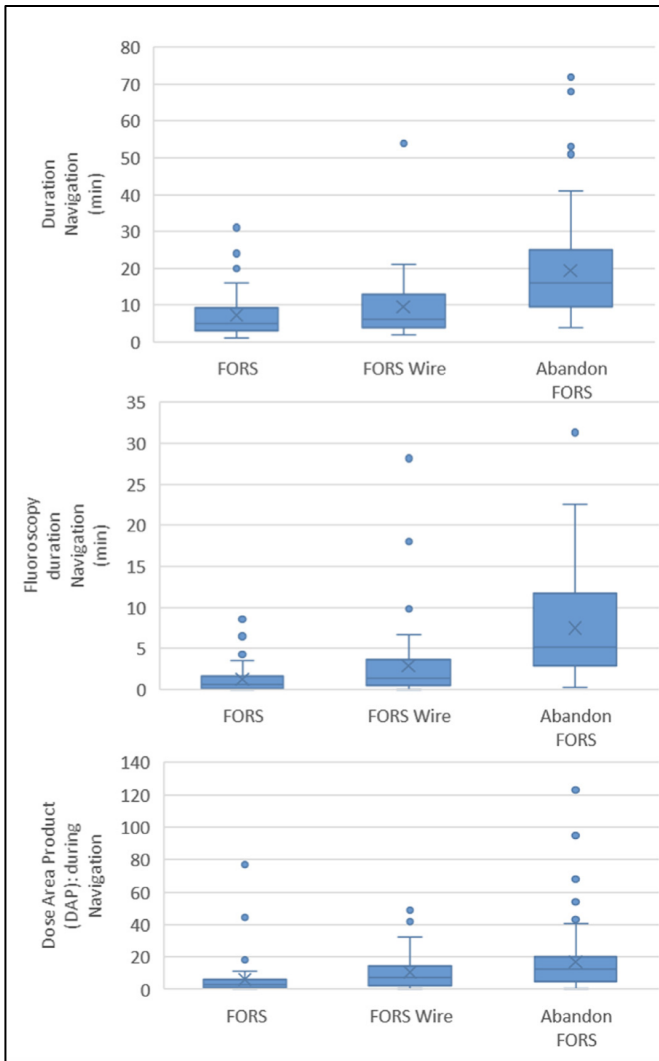
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45% Fluoro dose reduction

35% DAP reduction



Endovascular navigation with Fiber Optic RealShape



201 Navigation tasks

FORS Catheterisation: DAP 4.4cGy/cm² vs 12.5cGy/cm² (P<0.001)

60% success rate: vessel aneurysm, vessel stenosis, renal arteries

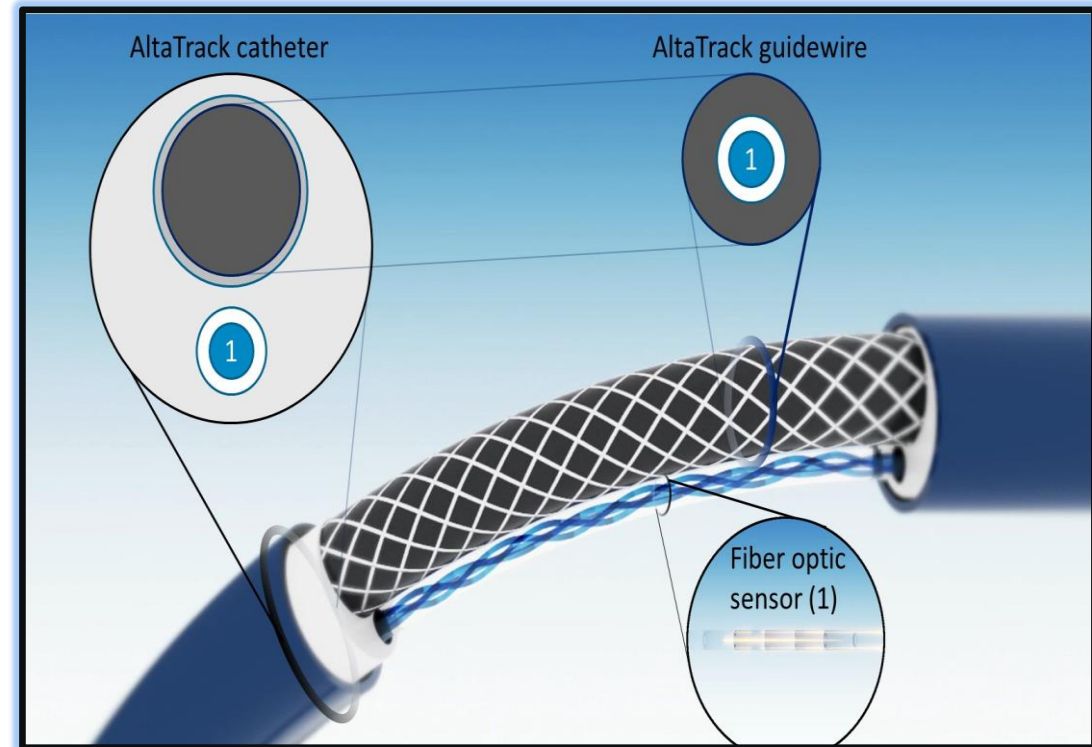
Opportunities for improvement

Wire length:

Catheter choice limited by 120cm wire
3D Hub takes up additional length

Wire iterations:

Additional profiles and lengths
Stiffness/Torqueability to be improved
Back loadable



X-ray free aortic procedures: Dream or reality?

- Recognition that X-ray exposure has biological consequences
- Paradigm shift in workflow
- Multimodal visualisation
- Apply to all X-ray requiring steps not just navigation
- Device/manufacturer agnostic Clinical trials
- Regulatory approval



Nicolas Cugnot (1770)
Steam engine
Maximum speed 2mph



Carl Benz Motorwagen (1886)
<1 horse power



Henry Ford Model T (1908)
15 horse power



Aston Martin DB12 (2024)
671 horse power

