"Imaging – the key success in challenging pedal cases"



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- 1. Anatomical variability
- 2. Pathology of foot arteries
- 3. Value of angiosomes
- 4. DPA-entrapment



Ankle distribution patterns	%
Balanced	94.8
Anterior dominant PER	2.4
Posterior dominant PER	1.9
Single PER	0.9



balanced

ant dominant PER

post dominant PER

single PER

Foot distribution patterns	%
Balanced	79.1
Dominant DPA	0.4
Dominant LPA	13.2
Tarsal loop	7.2
Absence of the pedal-plantar loop	0.2



Absence of the pedal-plantar loop



balanced

dominant DPA

dominant LPA





Every patient is different: Follow patient's anatomy and not book pictures



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Key point in BTA-PTA! Look at the outflow!

Foot arteries are the border between two different worlds, two different diseases in terms of biology and clinical evolution: BAD & SAD

BAD = Big Artery Disease SAD = Small Artery Disease



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> 50% 2-3 BTA vessel disease

25% arch disease = SAD



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- **3) Occlusion (or severe disease)**: extreme poverty of arch, metatarsal, digital and calcanear arteries



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Our data suggest that FAD, and particularly SAD, could play a crucial role in CLI and should be considered as a crucial target (or limit) for revascularization strategy.

It is remarkable to note that the most common test worldwide applied in detection of PAD, the ABI, is unable to reveal FAD, and that CT & MR-angiography are rarely extended and reliable in detecting FAD.

Based on this study, we should consider inappropriate to perform a proper clinical assessment and revascularization strategy in CLI patients without a complete angiographic evaluation of FAD & particularly SAD.



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Angiosome-targeted Lower Limb Revascularization for Ischemic Foot Wounds: Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Direct Versus Indirect Angiosomal Revascularisation of Infrapopliteal Arteries

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3 meta-analysis on the angiosome concept demonstrating that direct revascularization according to the angiosome concept seems to be better than indirect rev. in terms of wound healing and limb salvage

BAD without SAD

Collateral vessels are generally spared → good foot distribution system





SAD with/without BAD

Collateral vessels are generally involved → failure of the foot distribution system



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- 1. DPA-E is an anatomical condition that can affect the true DPA or the tarsal artery
- 2. DPA-E must be considered when there is a focal stenosis at the passage ATA-DPA
- 3. In the majority of the cases the dynamic obstruction is in corrispondence of the distal astragalus



We started an analysis on DPA-E prevalence in the healthy population, however we are far from standardizing the measurement method







Many patients, especially bedridden & neuropathic pts, assume a plantar flexed foot position as the resting position while lying on the bed

In these pts we cannot exclude that DPA-E could play a role in developing or maintaining CLI

In the last 6 yy I made ≈ 4000 angio on CLI pts and I found 15 DPA-E cases → 0.4%





DPA-E patient 6















In DPA-E patients, heel protectors can save heel and patency



