Endovascular Repair of The Aortic Arch

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The Arch: A Challenging Endovascular Environment

- Wide
- Curved
- Branches to the brain
- Close to the aortic valve
- Far from the femoral arteries
- Constantly moving

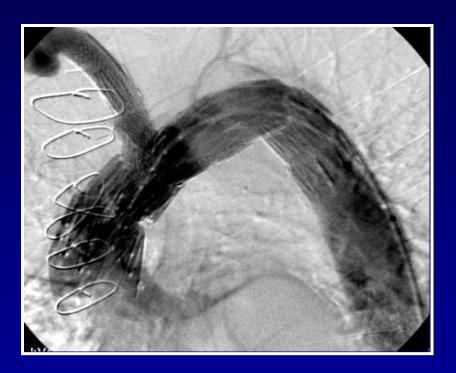
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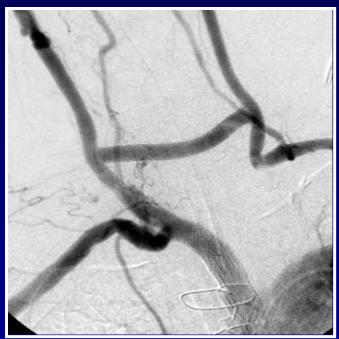
• Downstream access to branch arteries



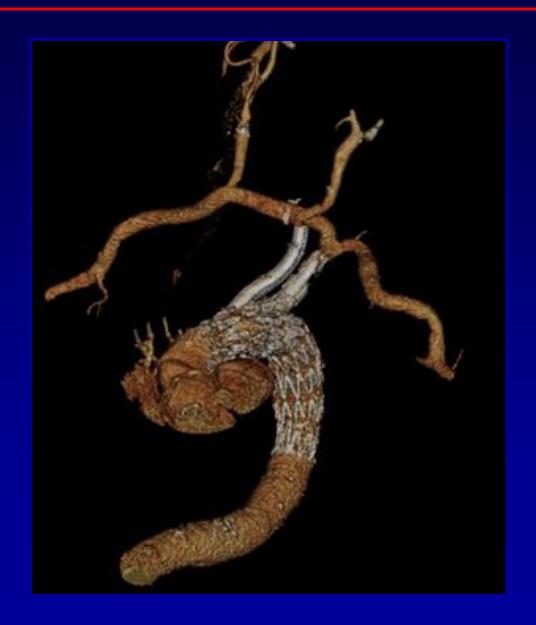








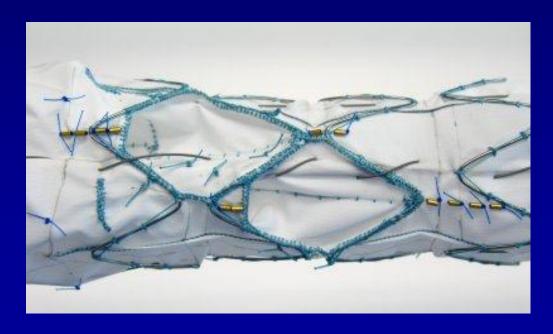




Problems With Trans-Cervical Delivery

- Relative sizes of aorta (delivery system) and right carotid artery
- Competition for space
- No runway
- Occlusion of flow to the brain

















Technique: Device Insertion

- Stiff guidewire
 - Lunderquist double curve
- Through-wire
 - Trans-septal
 - Trans-apical

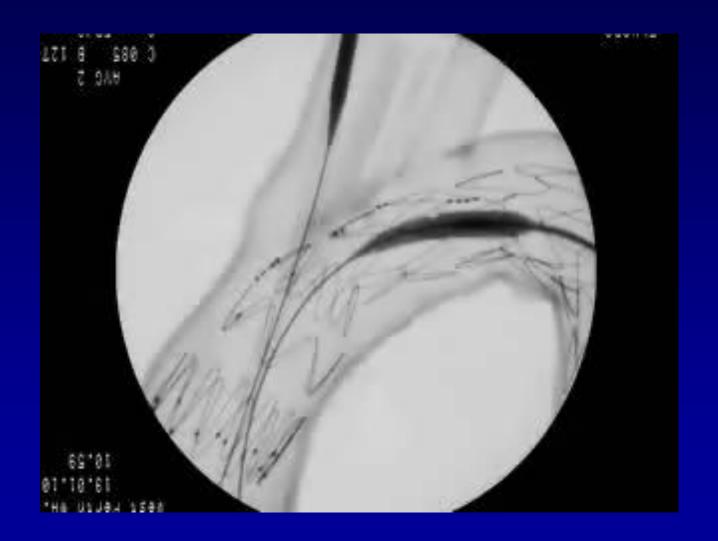




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Technique: Device Orientation

- Intrinsic curve of delivery system
- Notch on tip
- In and out



Technique: Position

- Markers
- Angiography
- Indwelling catheters



Technique: Deployment

- Cardiac standstill
 - Adenosine
 - Rapid pacing
 - Balloon occlusion of venous return

Technique: Cerebral Protection

- Carotid pulse
- Radial pulse
- Angiography via scheath
- Traction on distal stent graft
- Balloon-driven displacement of the stent graft

Technique: Branch Insertion

- Innominate
 - Iliac limb (12-14 French)
- Left carotid
 - Fluency
- Subclavian
 - Watch for LIMA and vert





Mortality in Elective Cases

First 10 40%

Second 10 10%

Third 10 0%