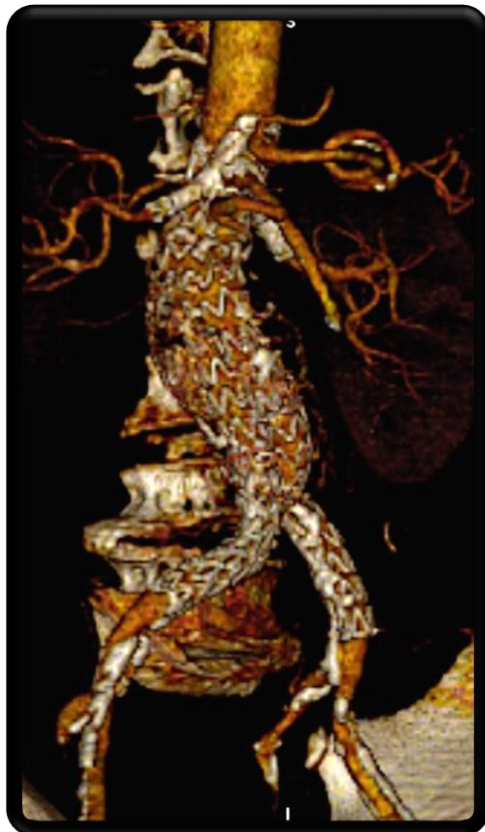




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CG-EVAR tips & tricks

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Patient selection is key

Patient at High-risk for OSR :

- ASA \geq 2
- Hostile abdomen
- COPD
- BMI > 25
- Cardiac insufficiency

F-EVAR is the first choice

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- Safe
- Effective
- Good long-term results

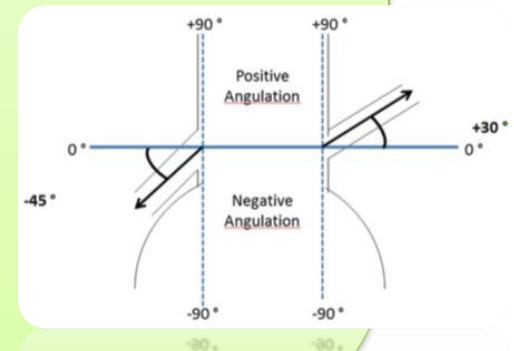
BUT some requirements need to be met...

- **Favorable anatomy** limited to EC/FDA approvals and manufacturer's IFUs :
 - Neck angulation <45°
 - Iliofemoral accesses compatible with 14-22F
 - Nb of fenestrations : 3 max (no more than 2 types)
 - Fenestration locations:
 - distance between fenestrations >5mm/2hrs of clock position
 - distance from graft's proximal edge \geq 10-15mm
- **Manufacturing delays : 6-12 weeks**

Indications for CG-EVAR :

- **Life threatening aneurysms :**
 - Ruptured with **hemodynamically stable patient**
 - Symptomatic
 - Rapidly expanding
 - Diameter ≥ 70 mm*

- **Anatomical contraindications to F-EVAR including:**
 - History of prior aortic surgery with anastomotic pseudo-aneurysm
 - Type Ia EL after standard EVAR
 - Angulated neck
 - Hostile iliac access (diameter ≤ 7 mm)
 - Tortuous anatomies
 - Downward angulation of target vessels $\leq -30^\circ$



CG-EVAR advantages

- **Device adaptability**
- **Off-the-shelf availability for emergencies**
- **Possible use of low profile devices in hostile iliac access**
- **Low cost**
- **Reduced contrast volume**
- **Short procedure time**

CG-EVAR limits

- **Off-label** : inform patient and family, legal risk
- **Preferably ≤ 2 chimneys** to limit the risks of type Ia EL*
- **Absence of severe aortic arch angulation**
- **Long-term results awaited:** patency of target vessels? Type I EL through the gutters? **

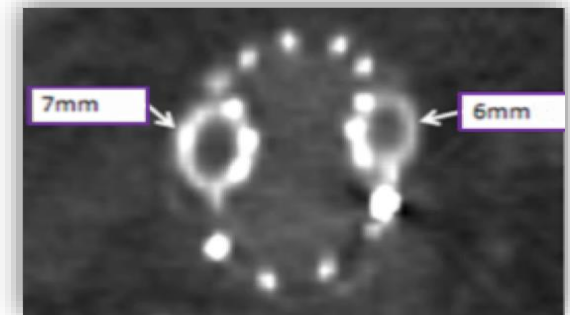
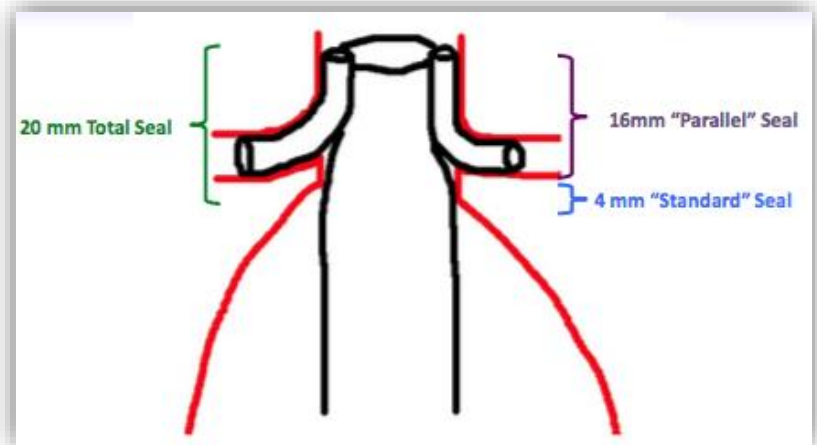
* Bruen et al. JVS 2011

** Katsargyris et al. J Endovasc Ther 2013

Quality imaging

Minimal neck requirements

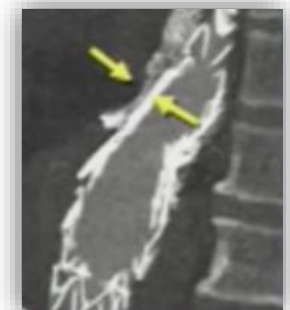
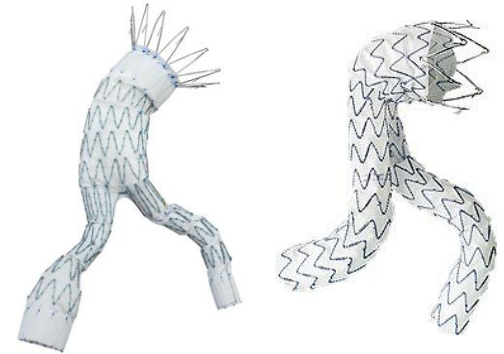
- Pre-operative CTA mandatory
- Sizing is essential :
 - CG : 1mm oversizing
- Aorta :
 - Mean Aortic Diameter + $\frac{1}{2}$ (CG diameters)
= 25% oversizing
- Landing zone ≥ 20 mm



$$26 + \frac{1}{2} (6+7) = 32$$

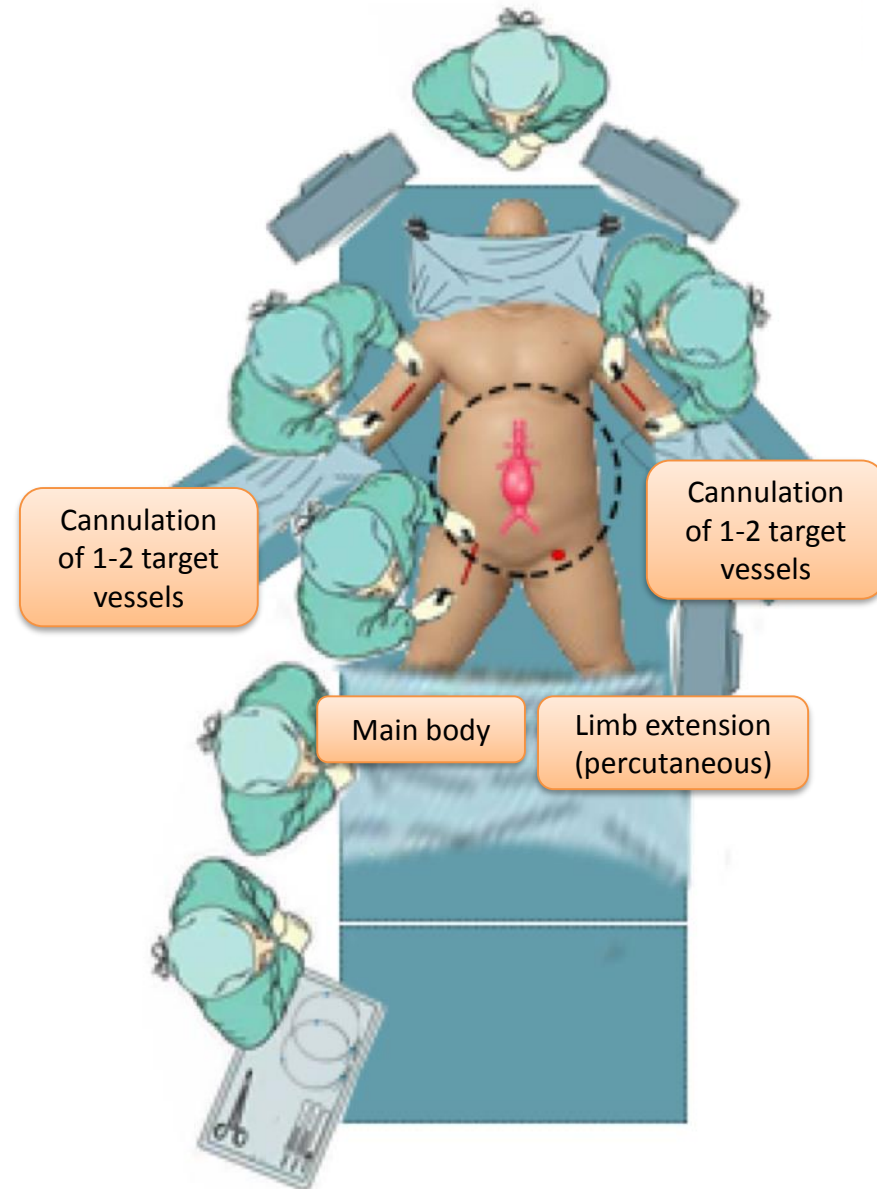
Endograft Selection in our center

- Aortic grafts with suprarenal fixation
 - Zenith[®] (Cook)
 - Endurant[®] (Medtronic) for tortuous anatomies
 - CGs = flexibility & length matter
 - Covered SESs :
 - Fluency[®] (Bard)
 - Viabhan[®] (Gore)
 - Bare SESs for “open” chimneys
 - Reinforced by bare SESs of same diameter and length
 - Neck diameter $\geq 16\text{mm}$
 - Not too much radial force with aortic graft
- OR RISK OF STENT COMPRESSION**



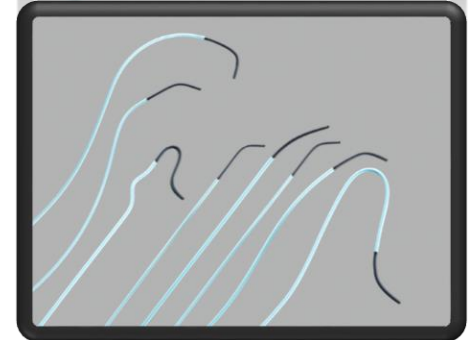
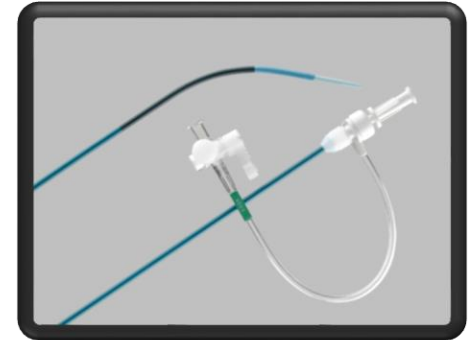
Installation

- General anaesthesia
- Systemic heparinization:
0.5mg/kg
- Multiple team
- Humeral access :
 - surgical approach
 - left+++
 - right if > 2 target vessels
- Femoral access :
 - 1 surgical/1 percutaneous
 - Or 2 percutaneous



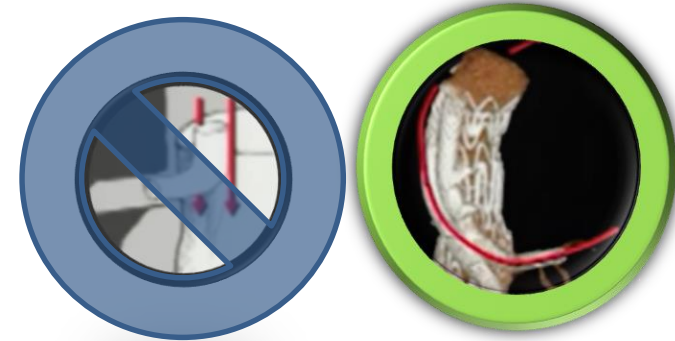
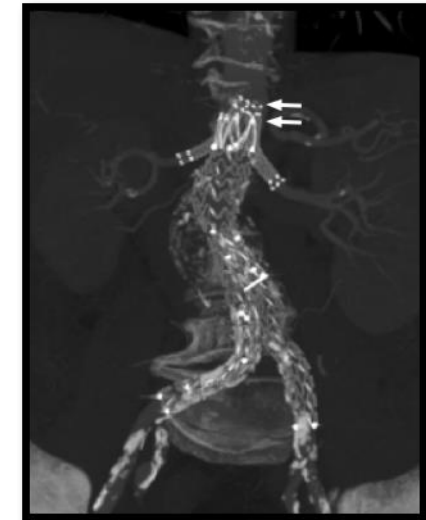
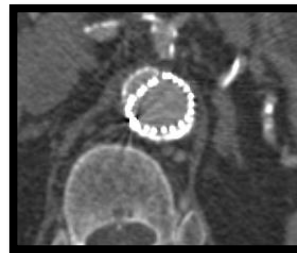
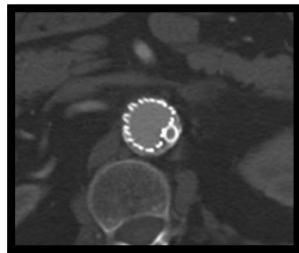
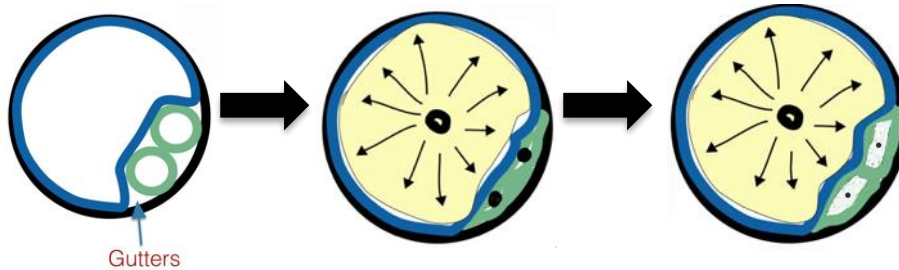
Sequence of deployment

- Long sheaths positioned in the proximal abdominal aorta
- Cannulation of target vessels from brachial access with hydrophilic guidewire and guiding catheters
 - If necessary check position of CT/SMA in lateral view
- Guidewire changed for Rosen® (Cook) to provide support
- CGs are positioned but not delivered
- Aortic endograft is :
 - Positioned
 - Adjusted for parallax
 - And partially deployed (closed proximal stent)
- CGs are :
 - Deployed
 - Reinforced by a second SES
- Aortic graft is :
 - Entirely deployed
 - Dilated with latex balloon catheter
- Distal implantation similar to standard EVAR



Minimize gutter leaks

- Landing zone $\geq 20\text{mm}$
- Spiralling chimney $\geq 10\text{mm}$ over proximal end of aortic graft
- No kissing balloon technique since we only use SESs :



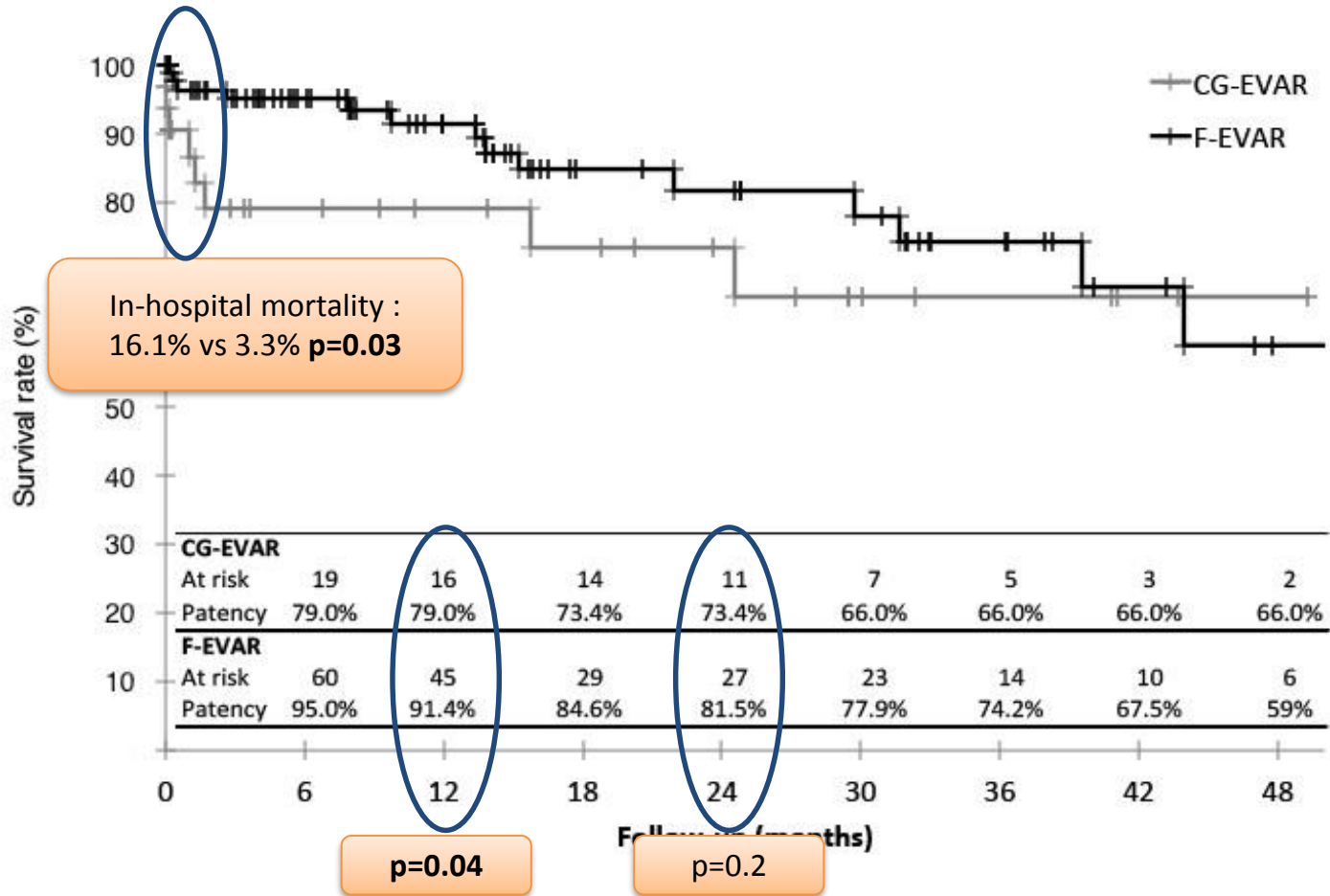
- Peroperative control angiography:
 - If early type Ia EL \rightarrow new balloon inflation

Results of CG-EVAR vs F-EVAR in our center

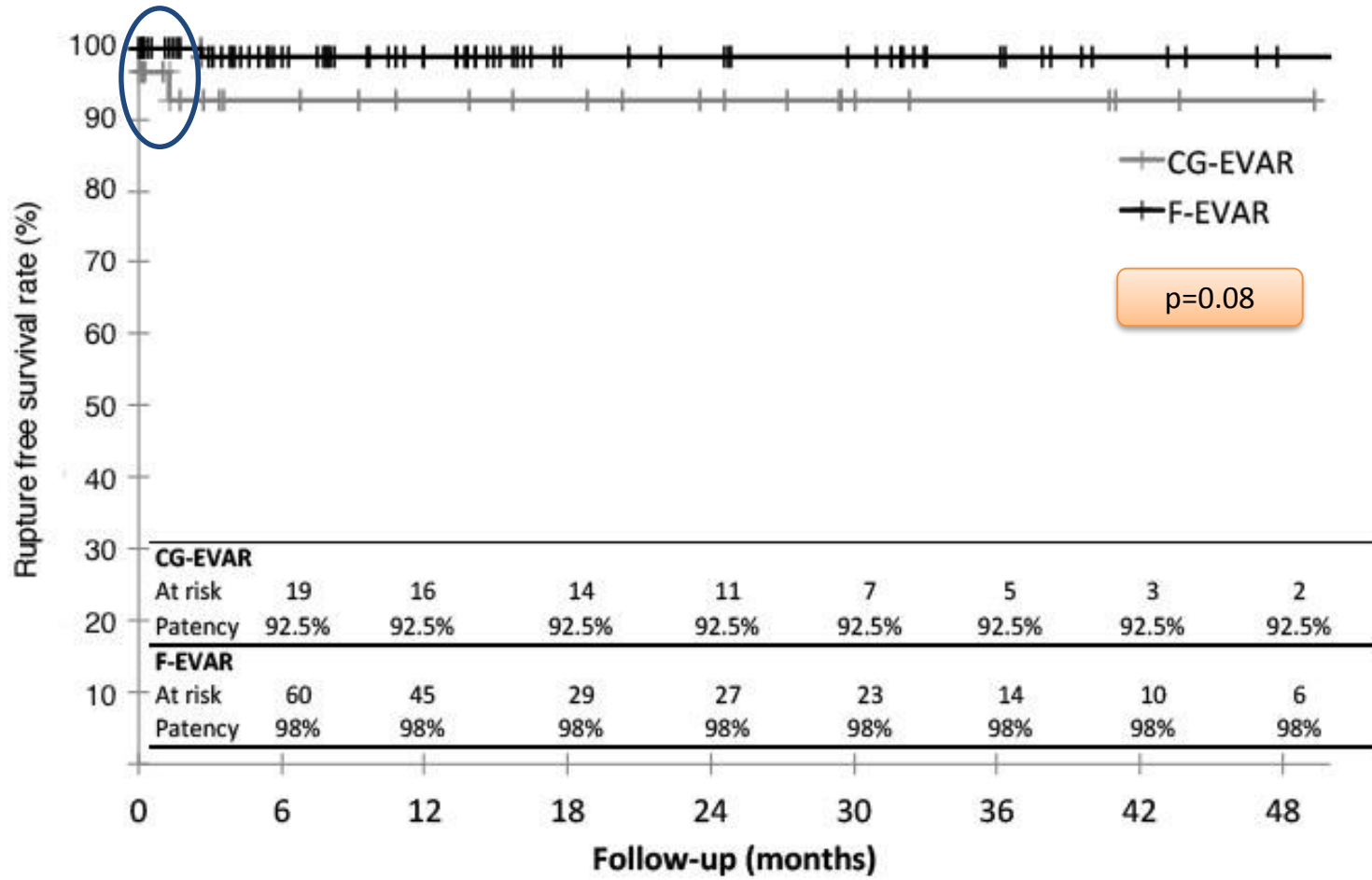
- 122 high risk-patients from January 2010-2015 :
 - CG-EVAR : 42 target vessels
 - F-EVAR : 271 target vessels

<i>Variables</i>	CG-EVAR N = 32	F-EVAR N = 90	<i>p</i>
Men	27 (84.4)	88 (97.8)	0.005
Age (years)	75.3 ± 6.5	71.33 ± 8.20	0.015
CHD	12 (37.5)	33 (36.7)	0.94
Hypertension	25 (78.1)	72 (80.0)	0.82
Dyslipidemia	22 (68.8)	55 (61.1)	0.45
Diabetes	3 (9.4)	11 (12.2)	0.67
BMI ≥ 30	4 (12.5)	30 (33.3)	0.025
CVD	2 (6.3)	9 (10.0)	0.53
PAD	2 (6.3)	8 (8.9)	0.65
Chronic kidney disease	8 (25.0)	11 (12.2)	0.089
Hemodialysis	1 (3.1)	1 (1.1)	0.45
Prior aortic surgery	5 (15.6)	3 (3.3)	0.017
Current smoking	9 (28.1)	22 (24.4)	0.68
COPD	11 (34.4)	24 (26.7)	0.41
ASA	-	-	0.28
1	0 (0.0)	5 (5.5)	-
2	14 (43.7)	38 (42.2)	-
3	14 (43.7)	45 (50.0)	-
4	4 (12.5)	2 (2.2)	-
Emergency	4 (12.5)	0 (0.0)	0.001

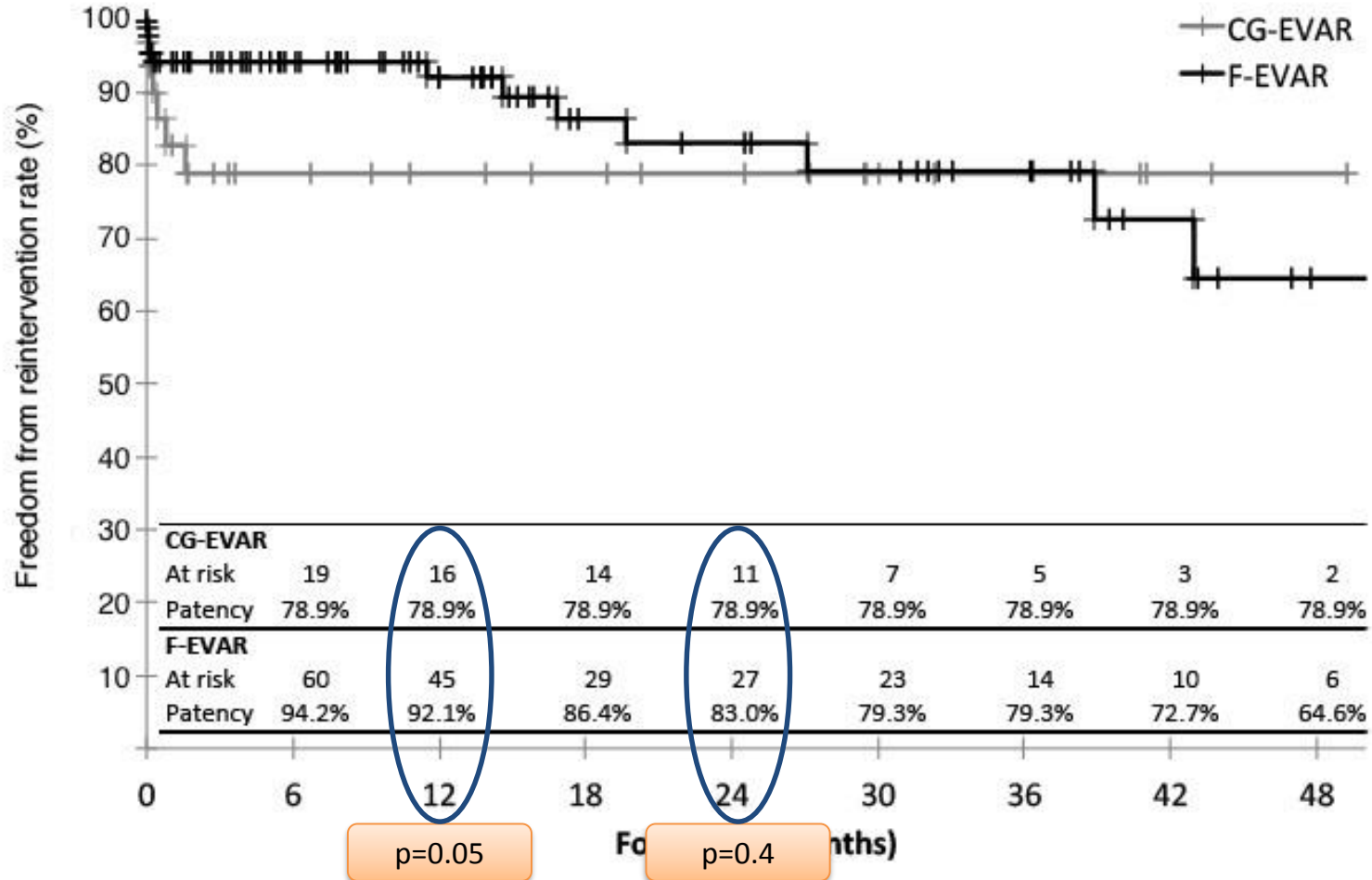
Survival rate (k-m)



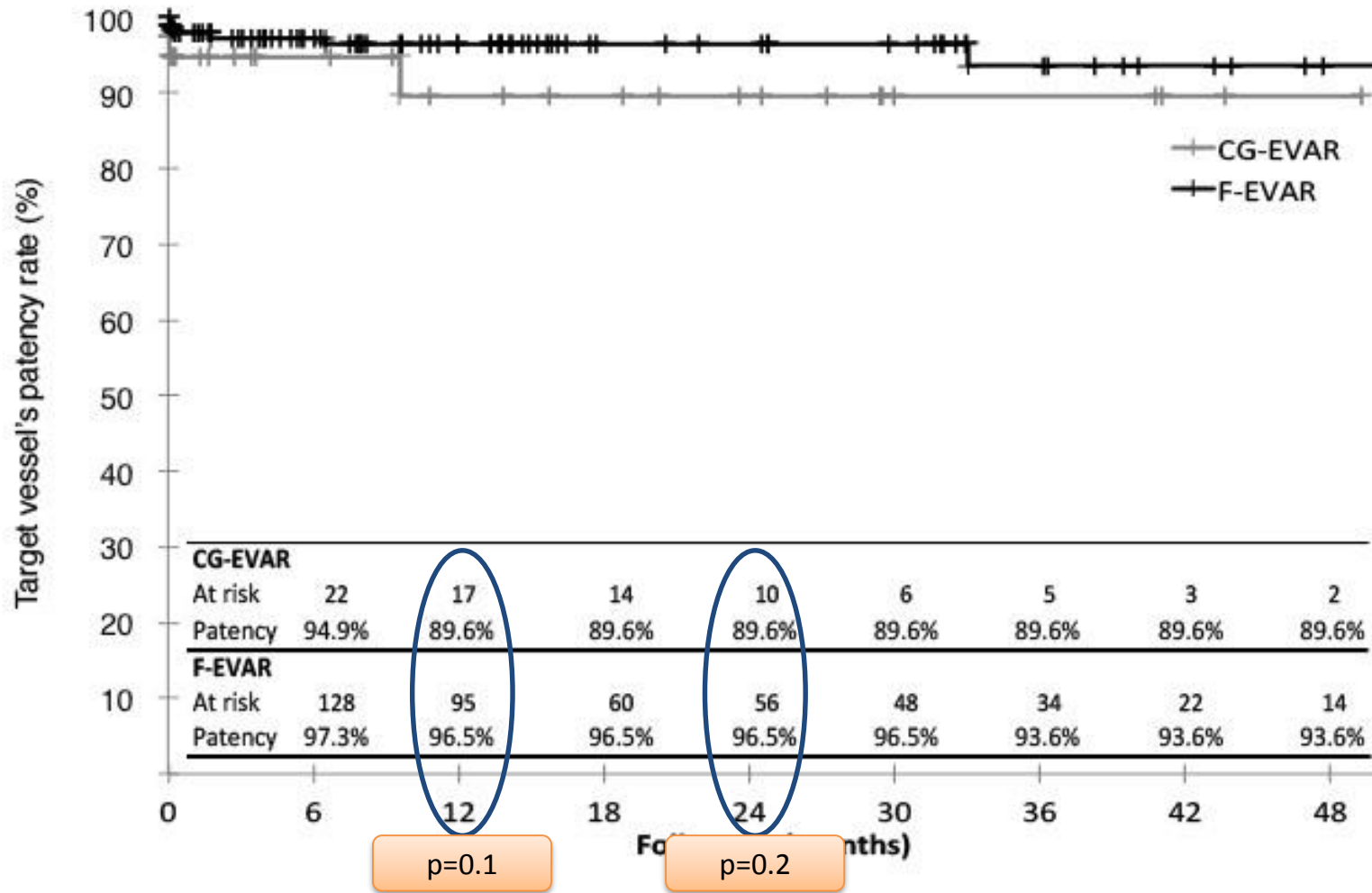
Freedom from rupture (K-IV)



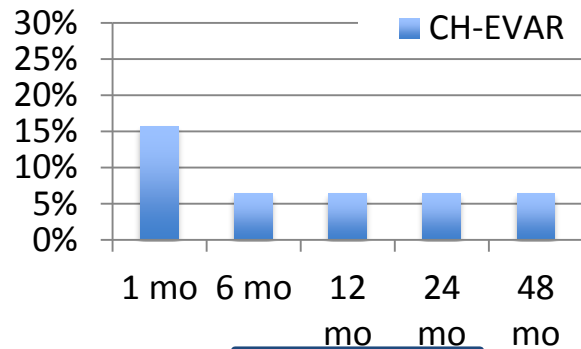
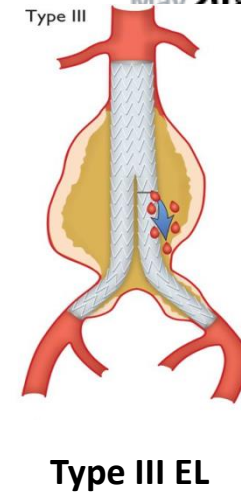
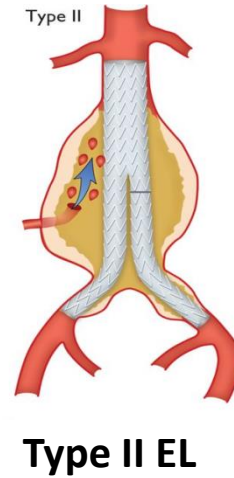
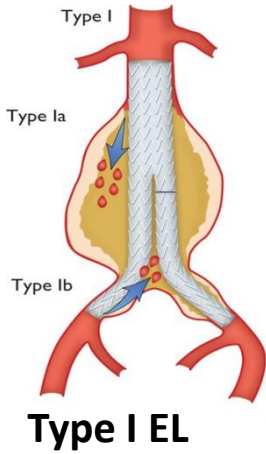
Freedom from reintervention (k-m)



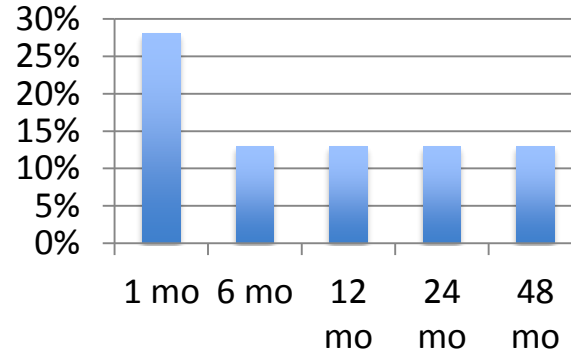
Stented target vessels' patency (k-m)



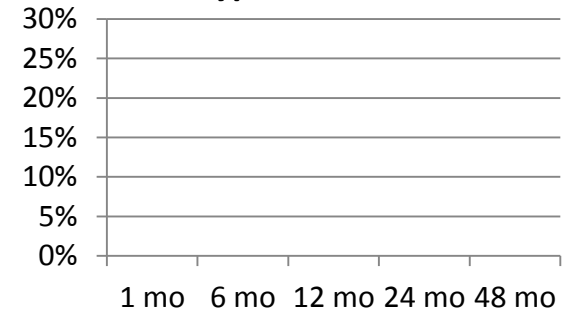
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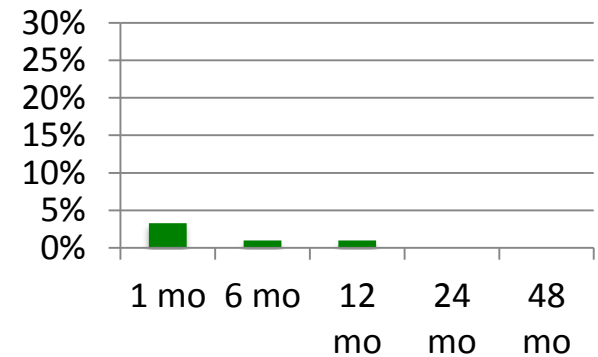
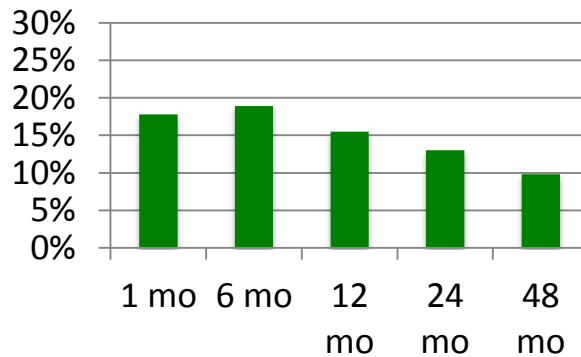
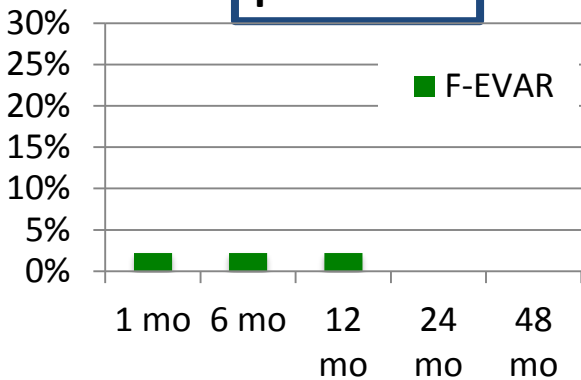
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p = 1

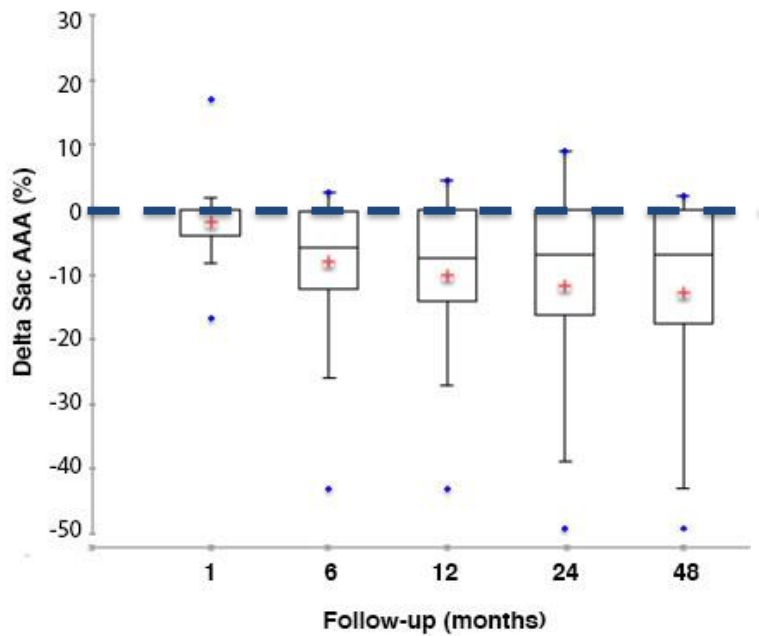


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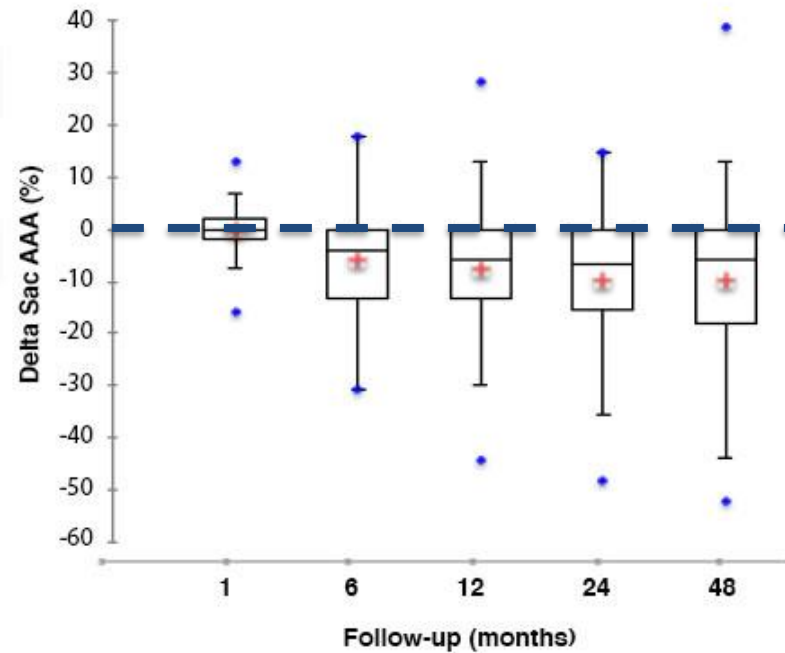


Aneurysm sac evolution

CG-EVAR



F-EVAR



- 1 mo vs. 48 mo : $p = 0.002$
- ↘ in : 83.3%

$p < 0.0001$
 76.9% ($p = 0.6$)

Take home message

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- Patient selection is key :
 - Life threatening aneurysms
 - Anatomical contraindications for F-EVAR
- Sizing is essential :
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 - Mean Aortic Diameter + $\frac{1}{2}$ (CG diameters) = 25% oversizing
 - Landing zone \geq 20mm
- Installation is important:
 - Multi-team work
 - Left brachial access
- Good results in a high volume center:
 - Higher perioperative mortality/Lower 12-month survival
 - BUT elderly patients/symptomatic aneurysms \rightarrow NS difference at 24 months
 - NS difference in target vessel's patency
 - More type I ELs without associated aneurysm sac increase
- CG-EVAR / F-EVAR = complementary strategies
- Both should remain in the armamentarium of physicians treating complex aortic aneurysms

Take home message

- Hence with expertise,
 - Enjoy the CHRIMPS,
 - Enjoy the Chimney,
 - And
 - **ENJOY THE PRAWNS !!!!**



- Thank you