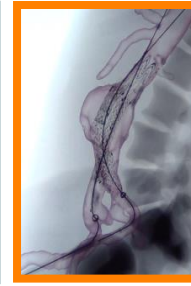
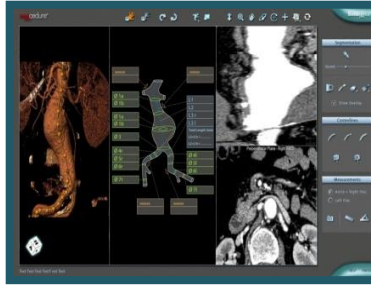


# *Should **WE** Simulate to Improve **OUR** Practice?*



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**X** Research contracts:

- Symbionix, Cleveland, Ohio, USA
- W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc., Flagstaff, USA
- Medtronic Academia, Tolochenaz, Swiss

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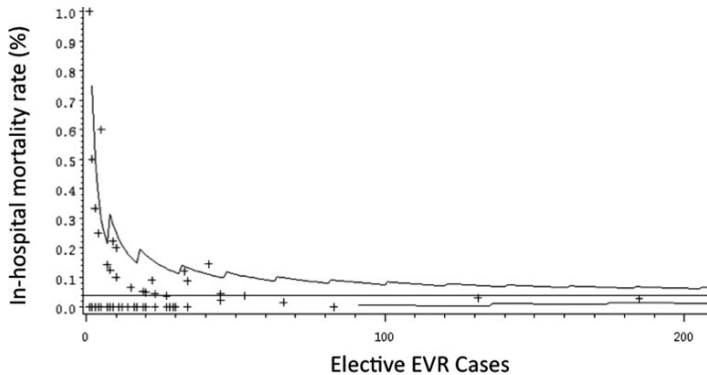
- Silk Road Medical, Sunnyvale, CA, USA
- Medtronic Academia, Tolochenaz, Swiss

Anatomic severity grading score predicts technical difficulty, early outcomes, and hospital resource utilization of endovascular aortic aneurysm repair  
*Ahanchi et al. J Vasc Surg 2011;54(5):1266-72.*

**Table IV. Statistically significant predictors of 30-day mortality after EVAR.**

<i>Risk factor</i>	<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Odds ratio and 95% CL</i>	<i>P value</i>
Renal failure w/ dialysis	1.95	7.06 [5.23-9.53]	<.0001
LE ischemia	1.27	3.55 [2.65-4.75]	<.0001
Age ≥ 85 years	1.13	3.10 [1.57-2.37]	<.0001
Liver disease	0.93	2.52 [1.54-4.12]	.0002
CHF	0.80	2.23 [1.89-2.64]	<.0001
Renal failure w/o dialysis	0.65	1.91 [1.45-2.51]	<.0001
Age 80-84 years	0.65	1.92 [1.56-2.36]	<.0001
Female	0.52	1.68 [1.42-1.99]	<.0001
Neurological	0.45	1.59 [1.29-1.94]	.0001
Chronic pulmonary	0.45	1.57 [1.35-1.83]	<.0001
Hospital annual vol <7	0.37	1.45 [1.18-1.80]	.0005
Age 75-79 years	0.34	1.40 [1.14-1.71]	0.001
Surgeon EVAR vol <3	0.26	1.30 [1.04-1.62]	.002

**Fig 3. The distribution of mortality rates for EVAR (n1645).**



**Effect of Endovascular Aneurysm Repair on the Volume–Outcome Relationship in Aneurysm Repair**

*Holt et al. Circ Cardiovasc Qual Outcomes 2009;2(6):624-32.*

**Advanced Endovascular Aortic Workshop 2016; CHRU Lille**

“ Do EVAR to decrease mortality

Standardise

EVAR = TEAM sport

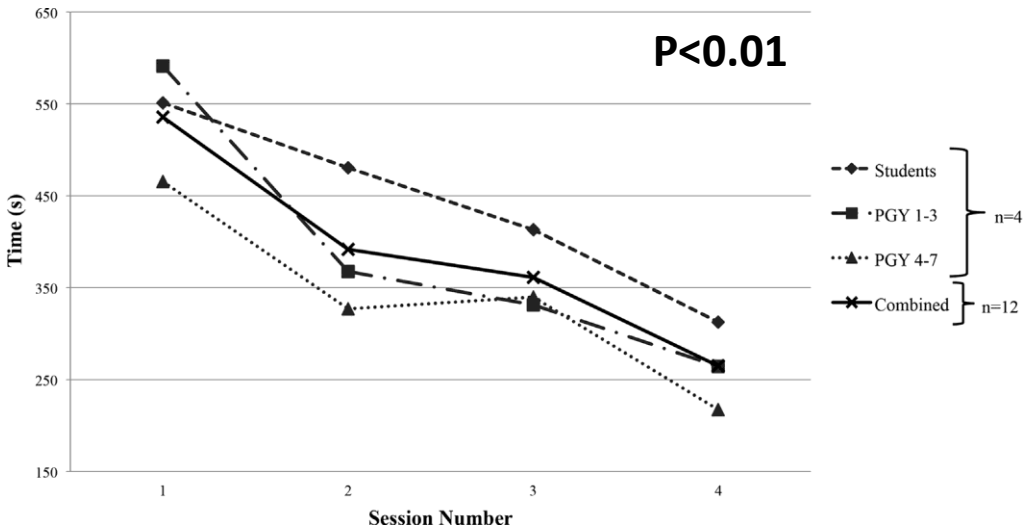
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# GENERIC SIMULATION

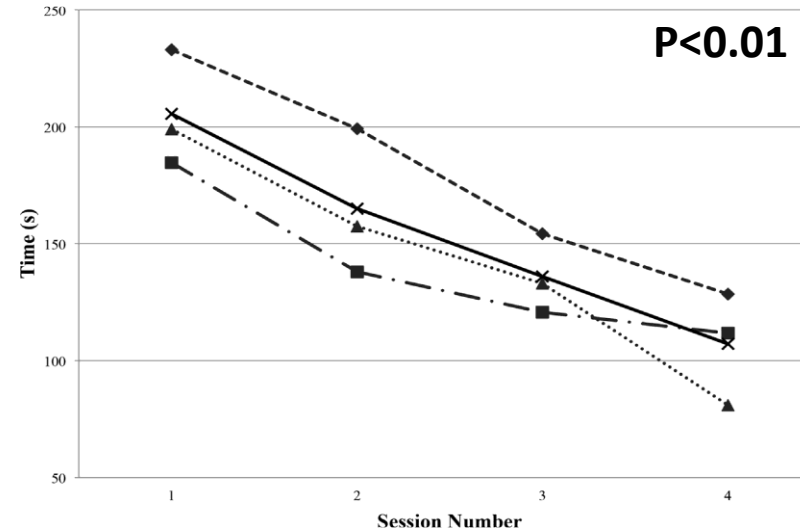
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DE Kendrick et al. J Surg Educ 2015; 72: 1158-64

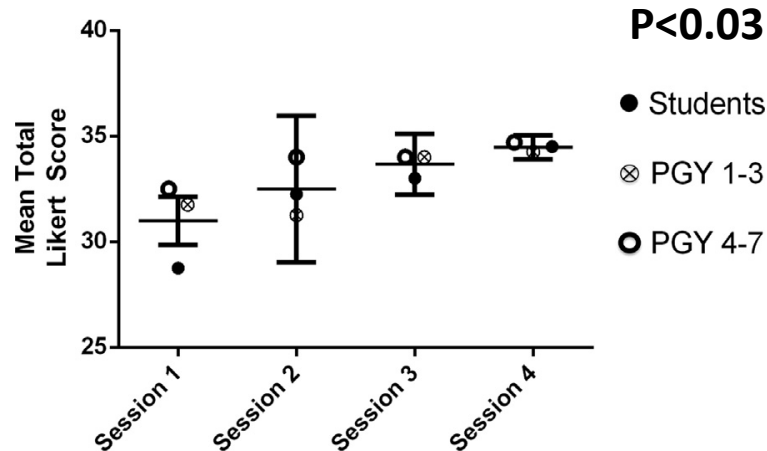
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Total fluoroscopy time (secs)

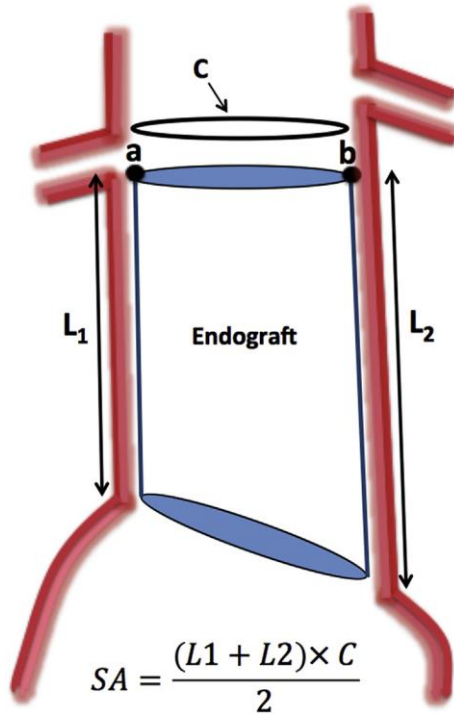


Overall mean performance score



# Endovascular aneurysm repair simulation can lead to decreased fluoroscopy time and accurately delineate the proximal seal zone

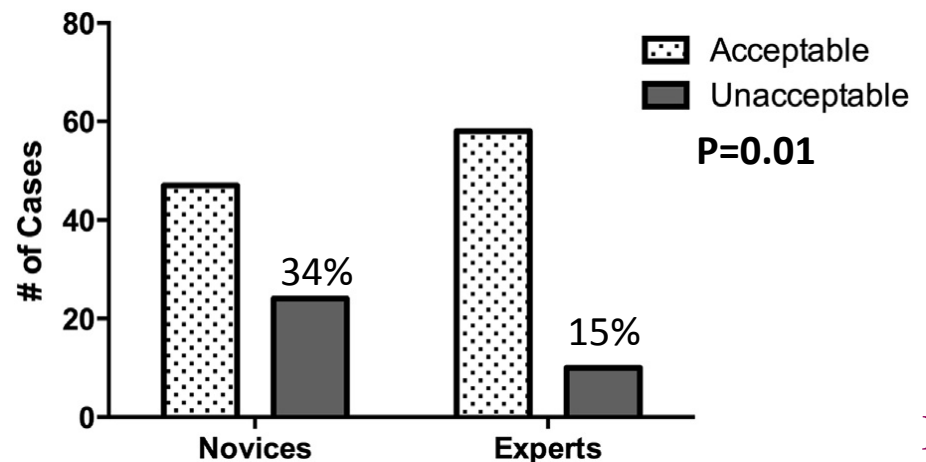
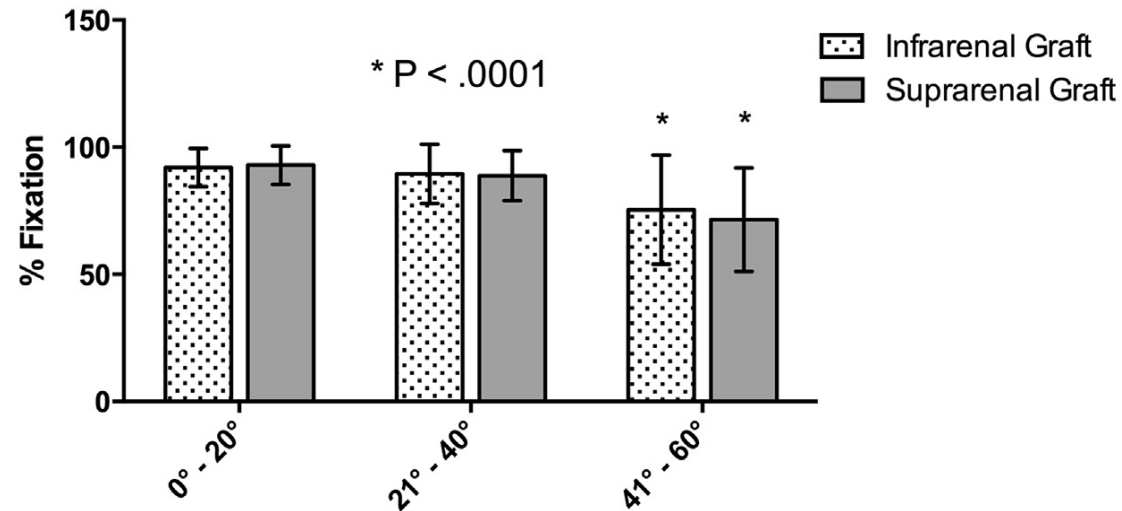
AH Kim et al. *J Vasc Surg* 2016 In Press



**Acceptable** (score 1 or 2)

- Partial renal artery coverage  $\leq 2$  mm OR
- $\leq 2$ -4 mm distal to the renal artery orifice

**Unacceptable** (score 3 or 4)



# PATIENT-SPECIFIC SIMULATION - REHEARSAL



**Desender L et al. Eur J Vasc Endovasc Surg 2013; 45(6): 639-47**  
**Live Cases EuroPCR 2004, ICCA 2009-2010, TCT 2012-2013, LINC 2014**

## - Procedure Rehearsal Studio (PRS)

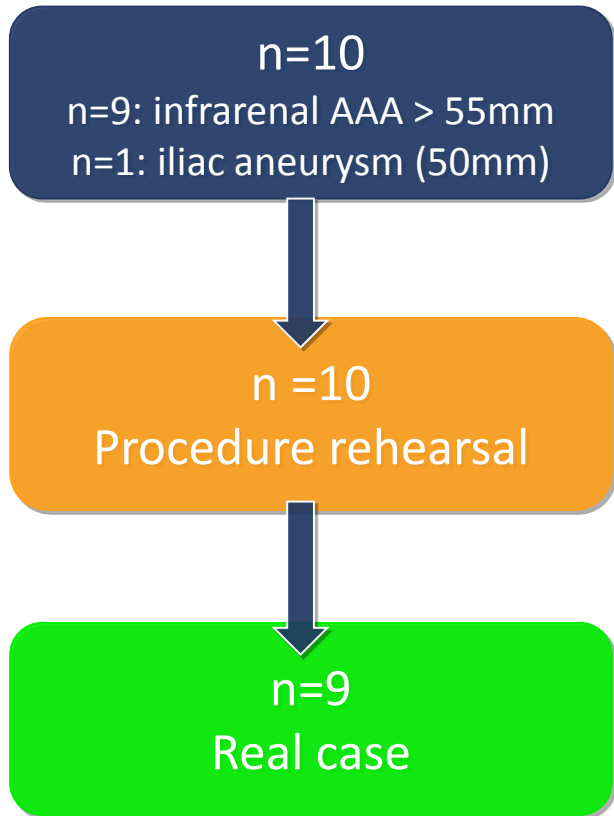
Simbionix, Cleveland, Ohio, USA

## - VIST Case-it

Mentice, Gothenburg, Sweden

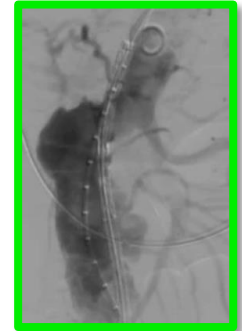


# Pilot study



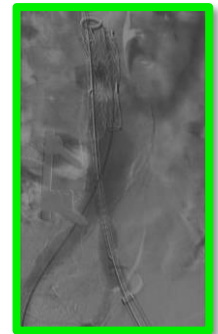
- Selection

- Case
- Device



- Planning -Technical

- C-arm angulation
- Sequence
- Pitfalls



- Human factor skills



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# RCT NCT 01632631

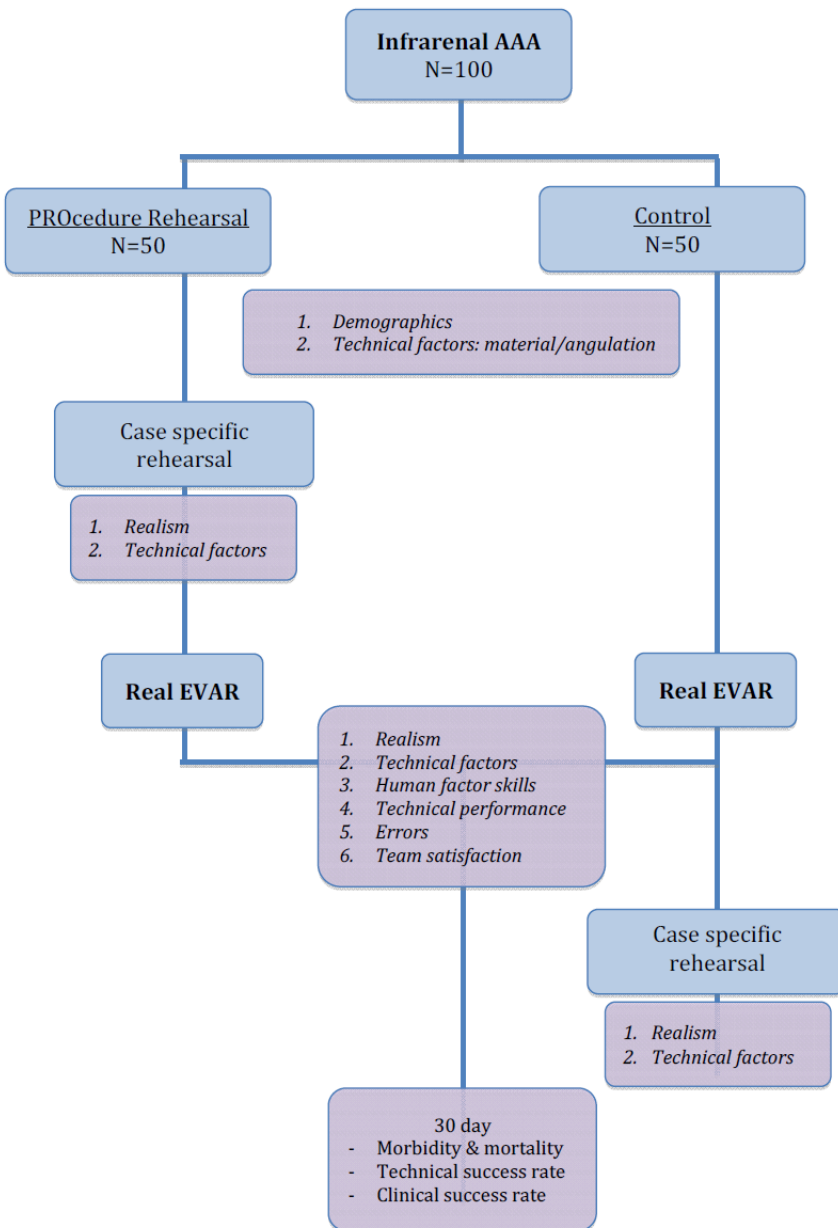
## – Primary objectives

- Technical parameters
- Number of errors (ICECAP)

*Desender L et al. Ann Surg 2016 In Press*

## – Secondary objectives

- Technical and non-technical performances
- Deviation of treatment plan
- Technical and initial clinical success





Whilst patient is prepared in Hybrid Angiosuite or OR



## Enrollment

September 2012 – June 2014  
Six Centres in Europe

Assessed for eligibility  
Creation of 3D model (n=100)

Excluded (n=0)

Randomized (n=100)

RANDOMISATION 1:1  
BY BLOCK PERMUTATIONS  
WITH BLOCK SIZE OF FOUR

## Allocation

Allocated to intervention group (n=50)  
(preoperative patient-specific rehearsal)  
♦ Received allocated intervention (n=50)

Allocated to control group (n=50)  
♦ Received allocated intervention (n=50)

## Follow-Up

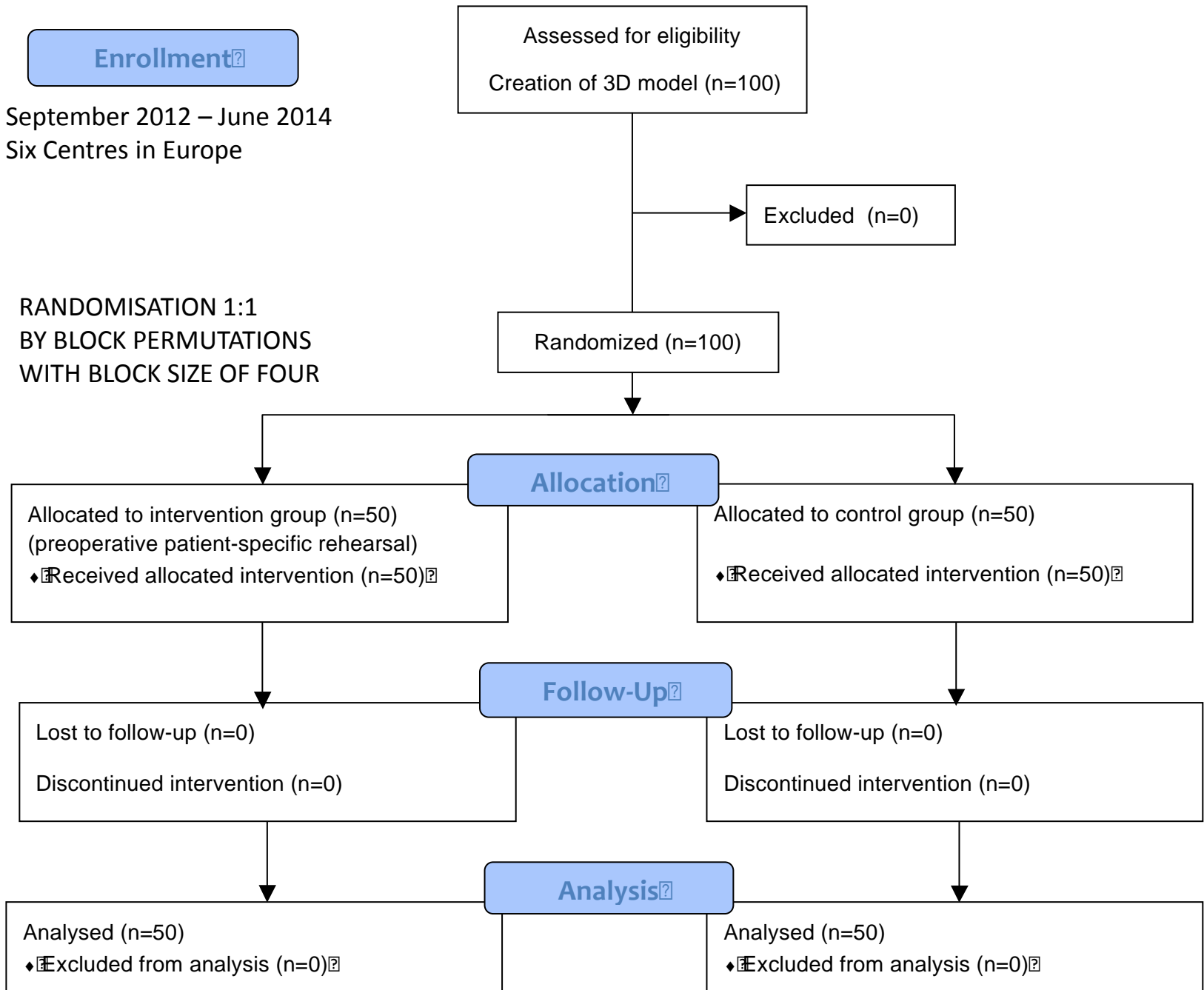
Lost to follow-up (n=0)  
Discontinued intervention (n=0)

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Discontinued intervention (n=0)

## Analysis

Analysed (n=50)  
♦ Excluded from analysis (n=0)

Analysed (n=50)  
♦ Excluded from analysis (n=0)



# Baseline characteristics - Patient

Variable	PRS n= 50	Control n= 50
Age (years)	72 (11)*	68 (20)*
Male sex	43 (86%)	47 (94%)
ASA classification		
II	22 (44%)	22 (44%)
III	28 (56%)	26 (52%)
IV	0	2 (4%)
Max aortic diameter (mm)	59 (14)*	57 (9)*
ASG score	27 (7)*	27 (7)*

Attribute	ASG
Aortic neck	
Length (L)	
Diameter (d)	
Angle	
Calcification/thrombus	
Aortic aneurysm	
Angulation and tortuosity	
Aortic tortuosity index (T)	
Aortic angle ( $\Phi$ )	
Thrombus	
Aortic branch vessels	
Pelvic perfusion	
Iliac artery	
Calcification	
Diameter/occlusive disease	
Angulation and tortuosity	
Iliac tortuosity index ( $\tau$ )	
Iliac angle ( $\phi$ )	
Iliac artery sealing zone	
Length (L)	
Diameter (d)	

\* Mean (SD)

ASG = Anatomic Severity Grading

Chaikof E. *et al. J Vasc Surg* 2002; 35(5): 1061-6

# Baseline characteristics – Technical/Team

- N= 27  ALGEMEEN ZIEKENHUIS SINT MAARTEN
- N= 5  catharina ziekenhuis
- N= 5  Imperial College London
- N= 7  St. Elisabeth Ziekenhuis
- N= 28  UniversitätsSpital Zürich
- N= 28  UZ  
Universitair Ziekenhuis Gent

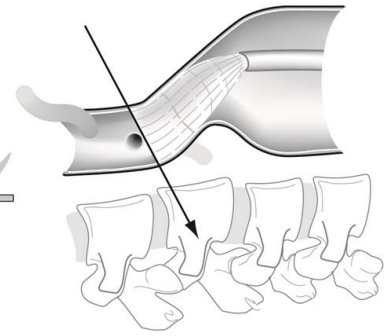
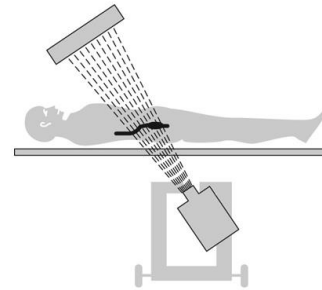
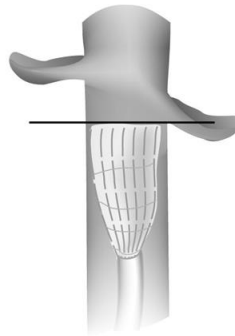
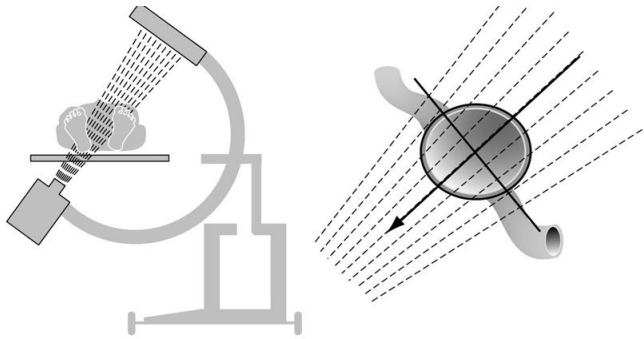
Variable	PRS n=50	Control n=50
Within IFU	35 (70%)	28 (56%)
Hybrid angiosuite	30 (60%)	28 (56%)
Academic Centre	29 (58%)	32 (64%)
Experienced team	32 (64%)	36 (72%)
Device type		
<i>Gore Excluder</i>	32 (64%)	29 (60%)
<i>Medtronic Endurant</i>	18 (36%)	21 (40%)

# PRIMARY: TECHNICAL PARAMETERS

Technical parameters	PRS Median	CONTROL Median	Difference PRS vs. Control 95% Confidence Interval	P value
Total endovascular procedure time (min)	52,1	54,6	-4.6% -19.6 to 13.2%	0.589
Fluoroscopy time (sec)	916	864	6.0% -18.1% to 37.3%	0.656
Contrast volume (ml)	81	93	-12.8% -25.3 to 1.7%	0.081
<i>Number of angiograms to deploy main body prox.</i>	2.2	2.8	-23.1% -35.8 to -7.8%	<b>0.005</b>
<i>Number of angiograms to deploy entire device</i>	4.3	5.4	-20.5% -32.0 to -7.1%	<b>0.004</b>
Total number of angiograms	6.5	7.5	-12.6% -24.1 to 0,7%	0.062
DAP (Gycm <sup>2</sup> )	103,951	112,943	-8.0% -36.8 to 34.1%	0.663

# Proximal landing zone

## Elimination of the parallax



CRAN 18°  
RAO 30°



# COMPLEXITY of Aneurysm repair

## Anatomic Severity Grading Score

Outcome variable (Log)	P
Total endovascular procedure time (min)	<b>0.0013</b>
Fluoroscopy time (min)	<b>0.0019</b>
Contrast volume (ml)	<b>0.0010</b>
Number of angiograms to deploy main body prox.	<b>0.0273</b>
Number of angiograms to deploy entire device	<b>0.0015</b>
Total number of angiograms	<b>0.0039</b>
DAP (Gycm <sup>2</sup> )	<b>0.0393</b>

Chaikof E. *et al. J Vasc Surg* 2002; 35(5): 1061-6

N= 100

Total ASG score  
**20**



Total ASG score  
**41**





# TEAM Experience

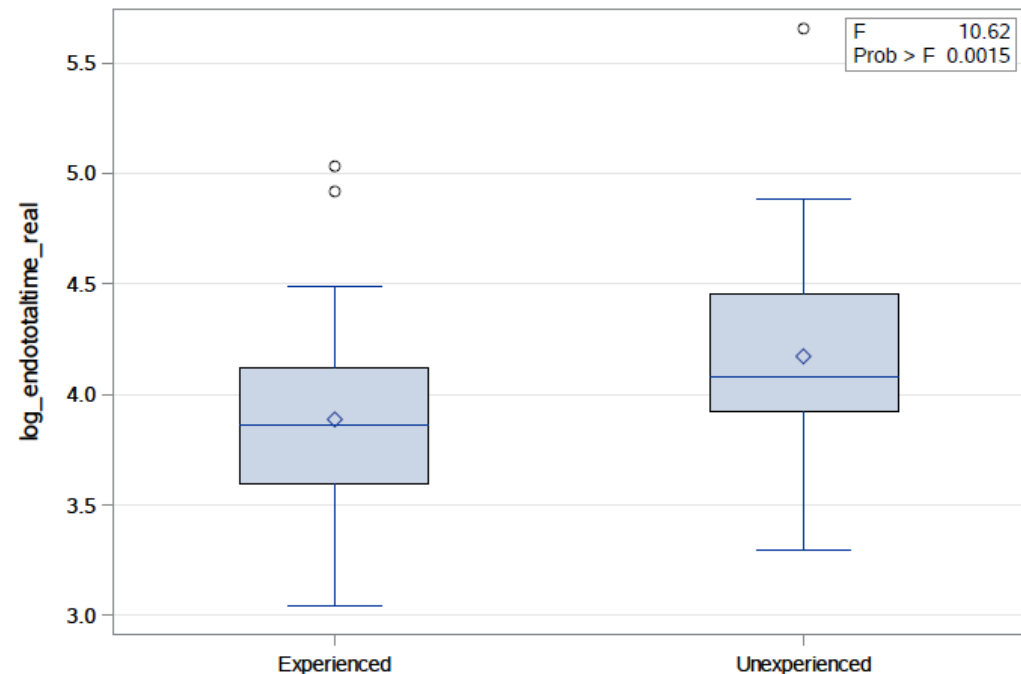
Team= Lead implanter + Assistant implanter + Scrub nurse

*Experienced Team member* > 50 EVAR

*Experienced Team* =  $\geq 2$  experienced team members

Outcome variable (Log)	P
<i>Total endovascular procedure time (min)</i>	<b>0.0015</b>
<i>Fluoroscopy time (min)</i>	<b>0.0132</b>
Contrast volume (ml)	0.8750
Number of angiograms to deploy main body prox.	0.4764
Number of angiograms to deploy entire device	0.8320
Total number of angiograms	0.9039
<b>DAP (Gycm<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>0.0120</b>

**N= 100**



# Technical operative metrics

Variable	PRS n=50	Control n=50	Difference PRS vs. Control	p-value*	p-value multivariate analysis #
Endovascular procedure time (min)	52.1	54.6	-4.6%	0.59	0.48
Fluoroscopy time (sec)	916	864	6.0%	0.66	0.66
Contrast medium use (ml)	81	93	-12.8%	0.08	0.10
<i>Number of angiograms till deployment of main body</i>	2.2	2.8	-23.1%	0.005	<b>0.007</b>
<i>Number of angiograms till deployment of all stentgrafts</i>	4.3	5.4	-20.5%	0.004	<b>0.005</b>
Total number of angiograms	6.5	7.5	-12.6%	0.06	0.07
Radiation dose (DAP) (Gy $\text{cm}^2$ )	103,951	112,943	-8.0%	0.66	0.57

\* Two-sample t-test

# Multiple linear regression with correction for aneurysm difficulty and team experience

# PRIMARY: ERRORS

Term	Definition
<b>Error</b>	Any event that prevented the operation progressing in an ideal manner (from knife-to-skin to final suture).
<b>Minor error</b>	Error that causes minimal or no disruption to the operation (<15 mins delay), does not cause harm directly
<b>Major error</b>	Error that causes major disruption to the operation (> 15 mins delay), causes harm directly, or has the potential to cause harm in the majority of circumstances.

*Reason J* Qual Health Care 1995; 4(2): 80-9

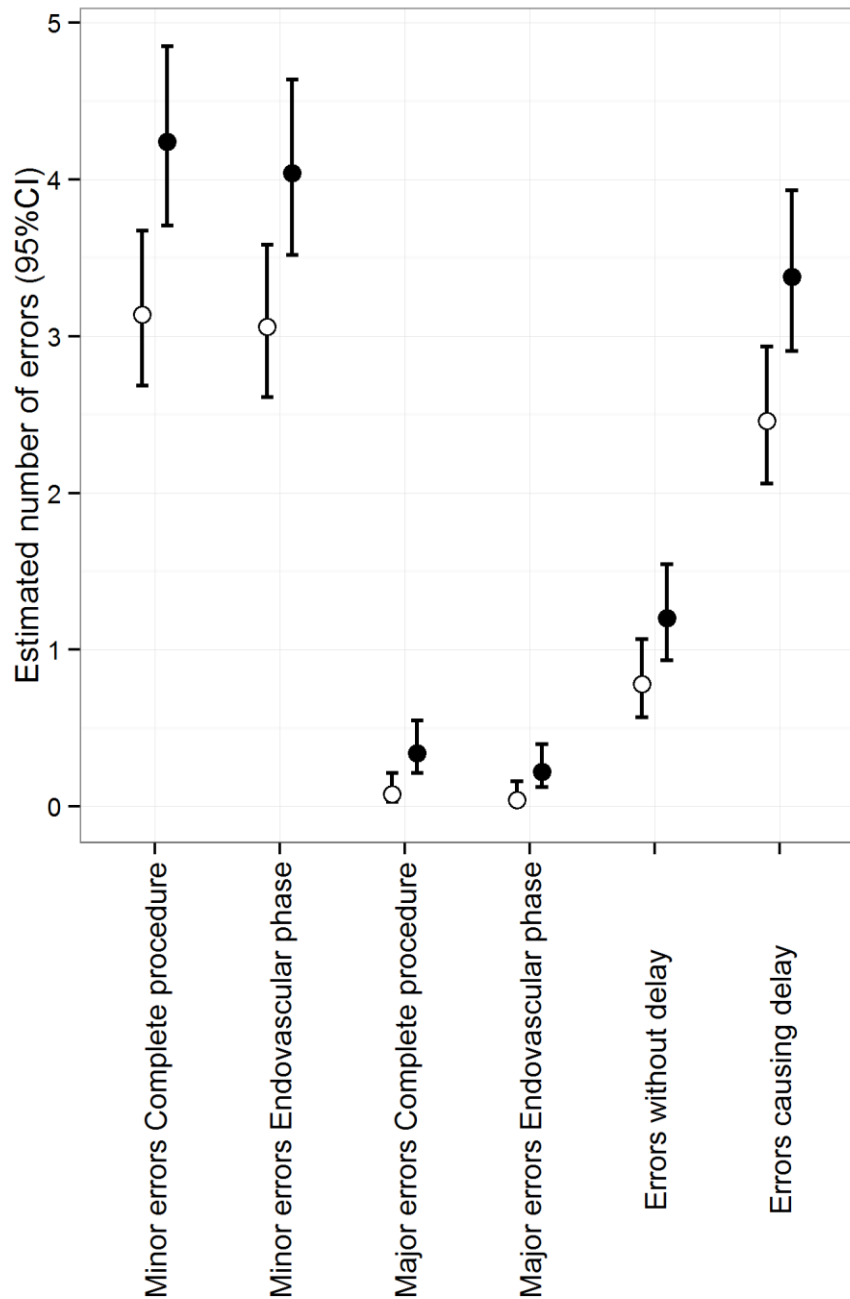
**ICECAP (Imperial College Error CAPture) Record for Vascular Surgery**

**OBSERVER**

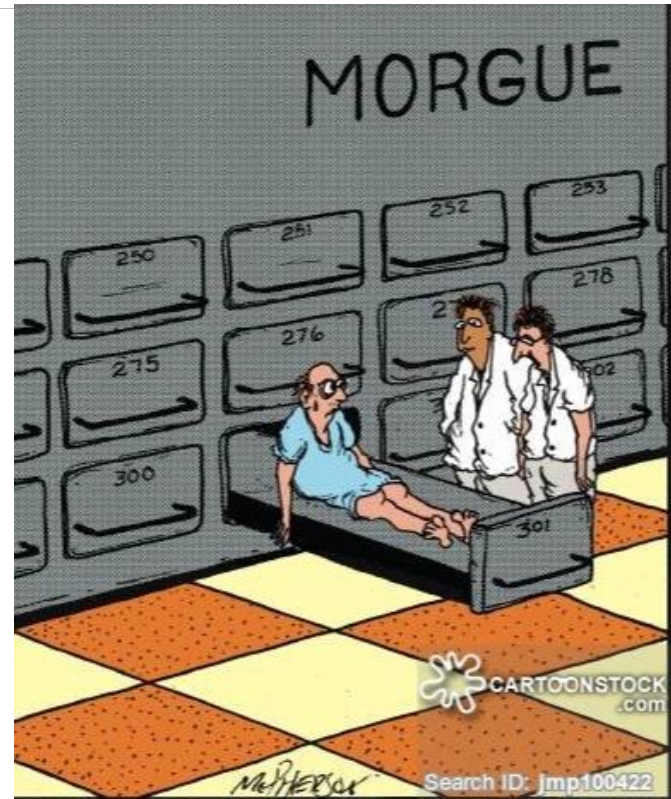
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Error Category	Equipment Radiological, Surgical, Anaesthetic, Drugs /Medication, Other	Communication	Procedure – Indep Pressures	Technical	Safety	Patient	Other	Details	Delay	Resol
	U -Unavailable F -Failure/Fault C -Configuration D -Desterilised	M -Misleading L -Lack of D -Discord H -Does not hear/ misheard	A -Absence D -Distraction E -External pressures	Psy –Psychomotor Unf –Unfamiliar with - Procedure - Equipment - Technique	C -Checks not done V -Violation	A -Anatomy P -Physiology C -Compliance		Provide further information including people, item involved and/or circumstance	(1-5)	(1-5)
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Mason S.L. et al EJVES 2013; 45(3): 248-54



- Errors noted by real-time observer
- Categorized by 2 independent blinded investigators using ICECAP
- 2/100: NO errors



“Anyway, to make a long story short, the medical examiner who performed your autopsy was fired.”

# Categories of Error

Variable	Number of errors (%) n= 390	Errors PRS	Errors Control	Difference PRS vs. control	95% confidence interval	p-value*
<b>Technical issues</b>	<b>122 (31%)</b>	0.78	1.64	-52.4%	-67.5 to -30.4%	<b>&lt; 0.001</b>
<b>Minor</b>	108/368 (29%)	0.70	1.46	-52.1%	-68.0% to -28.3%	<b>&lt; 0.001</b>
<b>Major</b>	14/22 (64%)	0.08	0.18	-55,6%	-86,4% to 44,3%	0.18
<b>PIP</b>	92 (23%)	0.86	0.98	-12.2%	-41.7 to 32.2%	0.53
<b>Equipment</b>	83 (21%)	0.84	0.84	0.0%	-34.8 to 53.4%	1.0
<b>Communication</b>	<b>76 (19%)</b>	0.60	0.92	-34.8%	-58.8 to 3.3%	0.07

\* Univariate Poisson Regression

## Organisation - System

### Individual Skills

- Knowledge
- Technical
- Human Factor

### Teamwork

(Leadership, Communication, Team Monitoring)

High-tech environment  
Hybrid angiosuite/ OR

Patient Risk  
Factors

Outcome

# SOP IN CRISIS SCENARIO: RAAA

- Patient
- Centre/Country

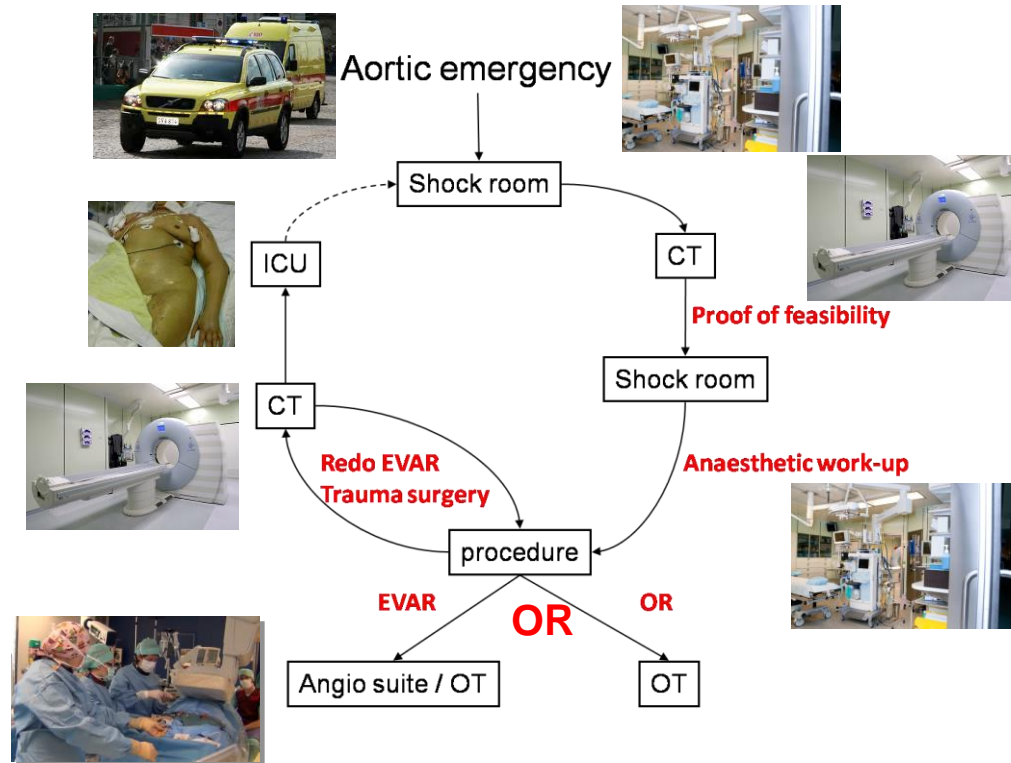
## • SOP

- Hemodynamics
- Imaging
- Logistics

- *Tool kit*

- **TRAINED TEAM**

- A&E
- Anesthetic care
- Ad Hoc
- “Business as usual”?
- Intra-aortic balloon
- ACS
- Debriefing
- Level III Intensive Care



Courtesy of **M. Lachat**, University Hospital Zurich

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*J Cardiovasc Surg (Torino) 2014; 55(2): 193-206*



# DEBRIEFING - CASE MULTIPLICATION - ERROR REDUCTION

Debriefing checklist	
Communication clear?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Roles and responsibilities understood?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Situation awareness maintained?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Workload distribution?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Did we ask or offer assistance?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Were errors made or avoided?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
What went well, what can improve?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



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*Cardiovasc Intervent Radiol 2014; 37(4): 920-7*

# Conclusion



## Simulation improves **TEAM Performance** in EVAR

- Patient specific rehearsal reduces
  - Number of angiograms to deploy device
  - Number of perioperative errors
  - Procedural delay

Independent of team experience or difficulty of aneurysm repair

- SOP implementation

Simulation **CAN** and **SHOULD** be part of (R)EVAR programs



# i-MEET

## NEXT GENERATION

Multidisciplinary European Endovascular Therapy

*JUNE 22-30 2016*

*Nice, France*