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## What is best Solution for ISR after SFA stenting: Redo PTA (POBA), Drugcoated balloons (DEB) or Stent-Grafts ?

2 year results of the RELINE trial comparing  
Viabahn stent-grafts to POBA

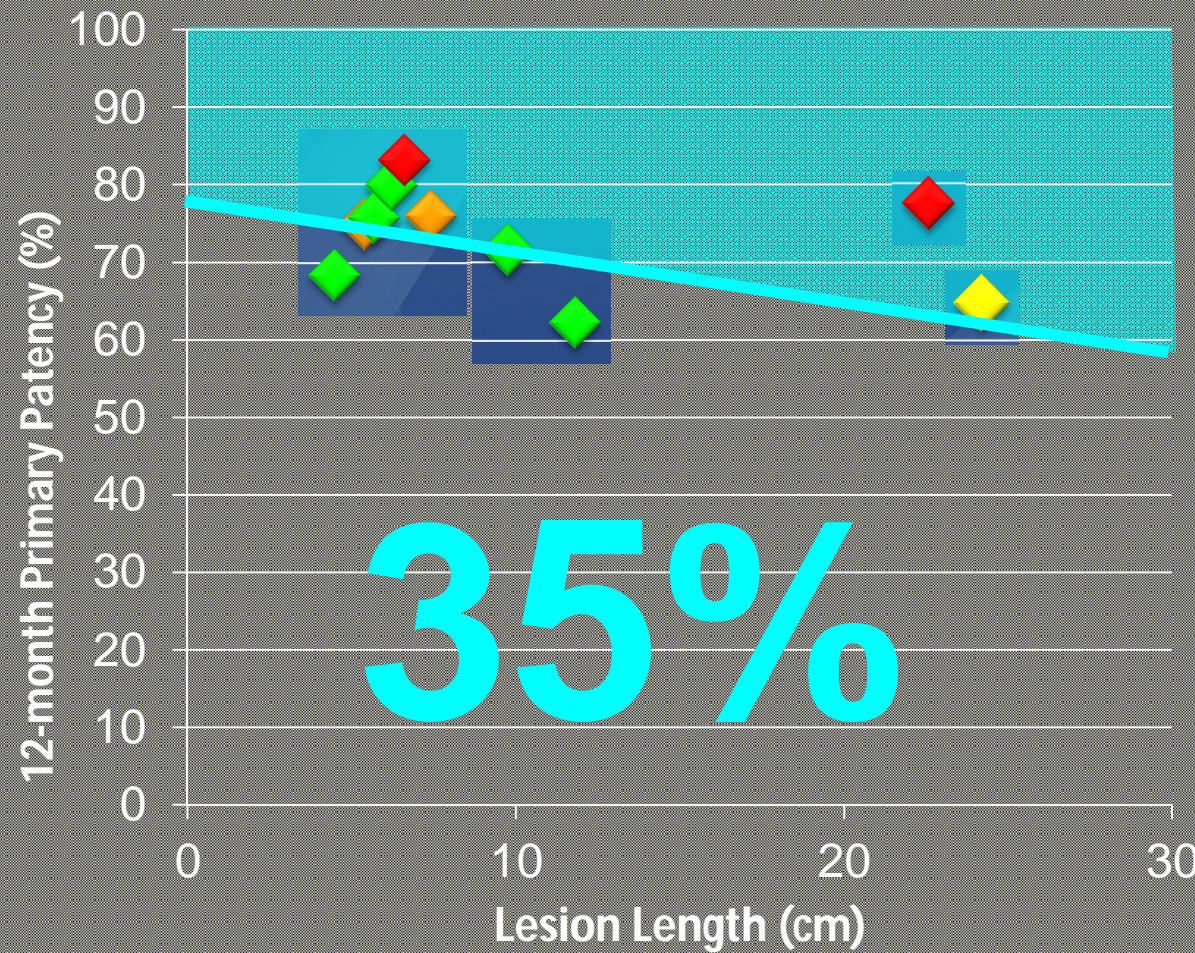
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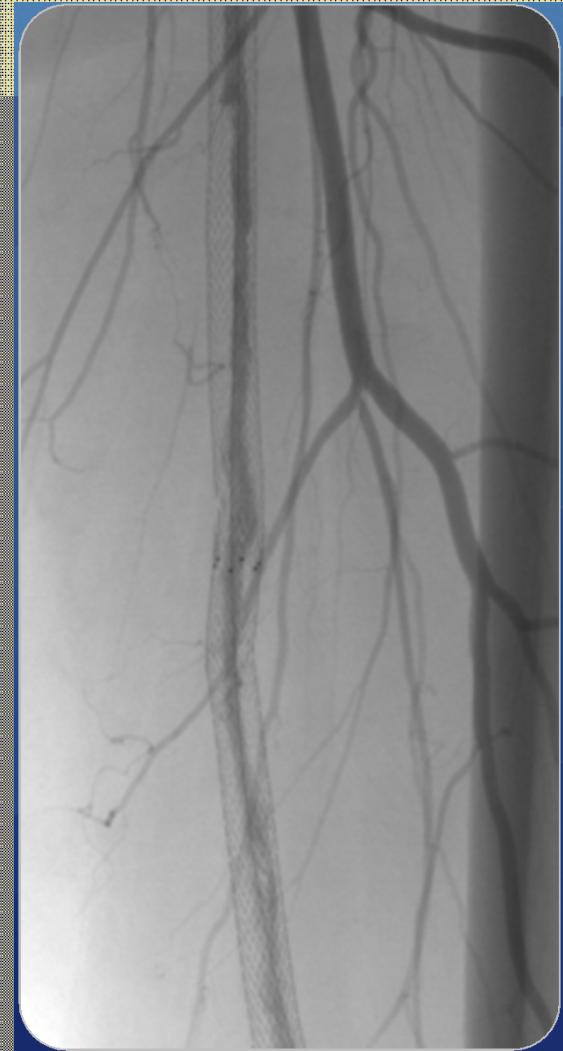
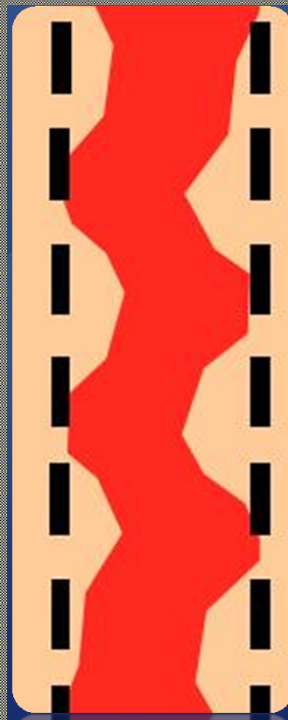
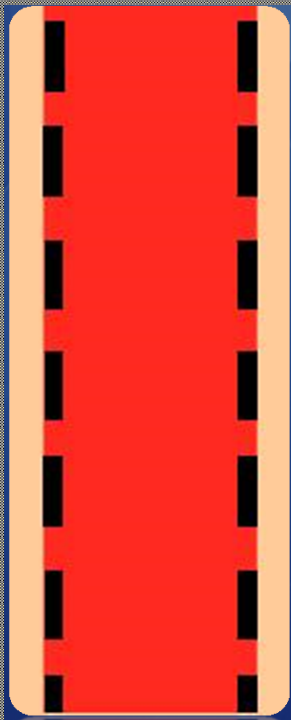
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# Results with modern angioplasty/stent technology in the SFA



# Neointimal Hyperplasia

- Achilles' heel of SFA stenting



# Mid term failure in the SFA

Interaction

## Lesion factors

- Lesion length
- Vessel diameter
- Lesion location
- Occlusion vs stenosis

Vessel treatment

Endoluminal trauma

Inflammatory response

Neo-intimal proliferation

Tissue ingrowth

ISR

## Patient factors

- ESRD
- Diabetics
- Sex

## Mid term failure in the SFA

Interaction

### Chemical block

Inhibiting smooth muscle cell migration and proliferation

**DEB**

**DES**

### Mechanical block

Creating physical barrier & Remove the stimulus for ISR from the equation

**Covered stents**

What is  
the best current  
treatment for  
in-stent re-stenosis?

# Results in the literature on ISR

	Primary Patency	Period
<b>Balloons</b>		
Cryoballoon	0%	12 months
PTA	27%	6 months
Cutting Balloon	35%	6 months
<b>Atherectomy</b>		
Mechanical (Rotarex)	26%	13 months
Mechanical (SilverHawk)	50%	18 months
Laser	No data – registry in progress	
<b>BMS</b>		
	No data	
<b>DCB</b>		
	No data - studies in progress	
<b>DES (Zilver PTX)</b>	<b>76% Freedom from TLR</b>	<b>12 months</b>

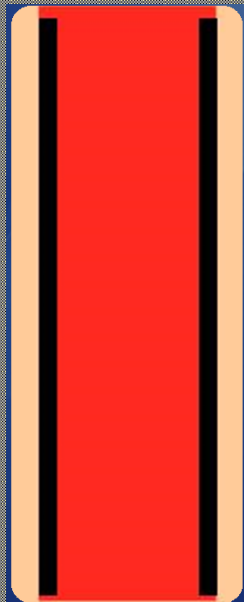


**What about  
stent-grafts  
for in-stent  
restenosis ?**



# Stent-Grafts to Prevent Neointimal Hyperplasia ...?

Mechanical  
Barrier



New generation Gore  
Viabahn endoprosthesis



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# Endoprosthesis for ISR

## Literature results

	N° of patients	Average lesion length	Primary patency
Kazemi TCT 2006	17	15 cm	65% @12M
Ansel EVT 2007	27	26 cm	52% @18M
Soukas 2011	27	24.5 cm	85.1% @12M
Monahan JVS 2011	24	N/A	62% @12M

-> non-randomized, single center data

# The **RELINE** Trial

*Prospective, randomized, multicenter trial*



\* After Protocol Deviations were excluded

# The **RELINE** Trial: Endpoints

- **Primary patency at 12 months**
  - no evidence of restenosis or occlusion within the originally treated lesion based on color-flow duplex ultrasound (CFDU) measuring a peak systolic velocity ratio  $\leq 2.5$  and without target lesion revascularization (TLR) within 12 months
- **Primary Patency at 24 months**
  - No evidence of restenosis/occlusion within the treated lesion based on CFDU (peak systolic velocity ratio  $\leq 2.5$ ) & without TLR within 24 months

# The **RELINE** Trial: Key inclusion criteria

- **Rutherford classification from 2 to 5**
- Ankle-brachial index  $\leq 0.8$
- Restenotic or reoccluded lesion located **in a stent (implanted > 30 days)** in the **superficial femoral artery**
- Total target lesion length **between 4 and 27 cm** (comprising in-stent restenosis and adjacent stenotic disease)

# The **RELINE** Trial:

## Patient demographics

Characteristic	VIABAHN ISR N=39	PTA N=44	p-value
<b>General</b>			
Male (%)	29 (74.4%)	32 (72.7%)	0.853
Female (%)	10 (25.6%)	12 (27.3%)	
Age (min – max; ±SD)	67.69 (49 – 86; 9.77)	68.98 (48 – 86; 9.71)	0.791
<b>Rutherford categorization</b>			
Claudication (R 2-3) (%)	34 (87.2%)	36 (81.8%)	0.508
Critical Limb Ischemia (R 4-5) (%)	5 (12.8%)	8 (18.2%)	
Rutherford 2 (%)	12 (30.8%)	5 (11.4%)	0.065
Rutherford 3 (%)	22 (56.4%)	30 (68.2%)	
Rutherford 4 (%)	4 (10.3%)	3 (6.8%)	
Rutherford 5 (%)	1 (2.6%)	6 (13.6%)	



# The RELINE Trial:

## Patient demographics

Characteristic		VIABAHN ISR N=39	PTA N=44	p-value
<b>Medical history</b>				
<b>Nicotine abuse</b>	Never	13 (33.3%)	12 (27.3%)	0.569
	Current	16 (41.0%)	16 (36.4%)	
	Previous	10 (25.6%)	16 (36.4%)	
<b>Hypertension</b>	No	12 (30.8%)	16 (36.4%)	0.865
	Yes, medically treated	26 (66.7%)	27 (61.4%)	
	Yes, not medically treated	1 (2.6%)	1 (2.3%)	
<b>Diabetes Mellitus</b>	No	26 (66.7%)	28 (63.6%)	0.951
	Yes, insulin dependent	6 (15.4%)	7 (15.9%)	
	Yes, non-insulin dependent	7 (17.9%)	9 (20.5%)	
<b>Renal insufficiency</b>	No	37 (94.9%)	41 (93.2%)	0.889
	Yes	2 (5.1%)	3 (6.8%)	
<b>Hypercholesterolemia</b>	No	22 (56.4%)	15 (34.1%)	0.069
	Yes	17 (43.6%)	29 (65.9%)	
<b>Obesity</b>	No	28 (71.8%)	33 (75.0%)	0.935
	Yes	11 (28.2%)	11 (25.0%)	

# The **RELINE** Trial: Lesion characteristics

## PTA (N=44)

Avg lesion length	<b>190</b> (30-270)*
stenosis (pre)	75.0 %
chronic occlusion	25.0 %
acute occlusion	0.0 %
Calcified lesion	25.0 %**



**9 bail-out procedures  
after failed PTA**

\* Missing data of 3 patients  
\*\* Missing data of 1 patient

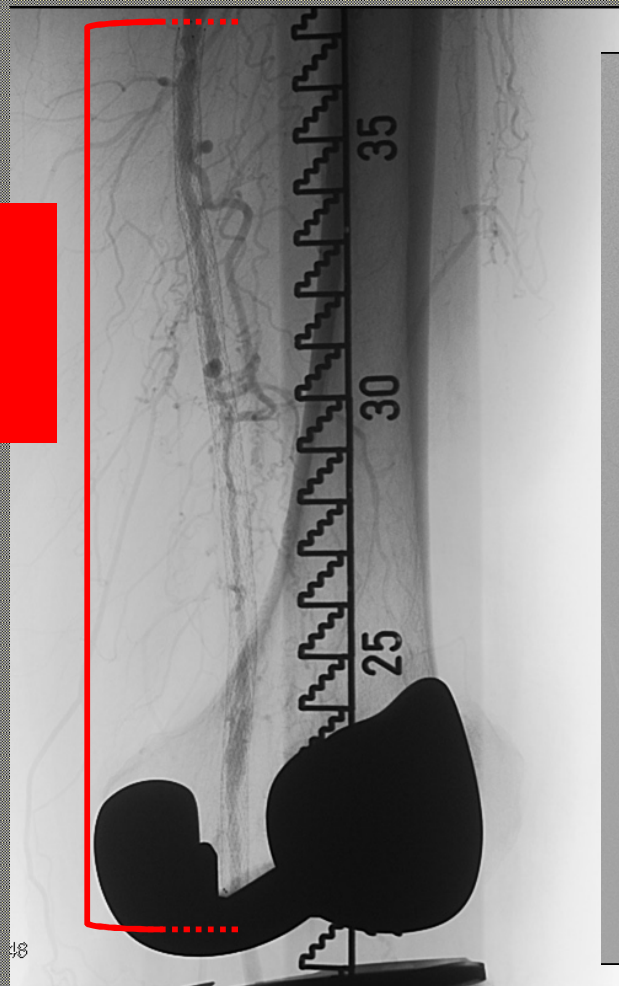
## Viabahn (N=39)

Avg lesion length	<b>173</b> (30-330)
stenosis (pre)	76.9 %
chronic occlusion	20.5 %
acute occlusion	2.6 %
Calcified lesion	33.3%

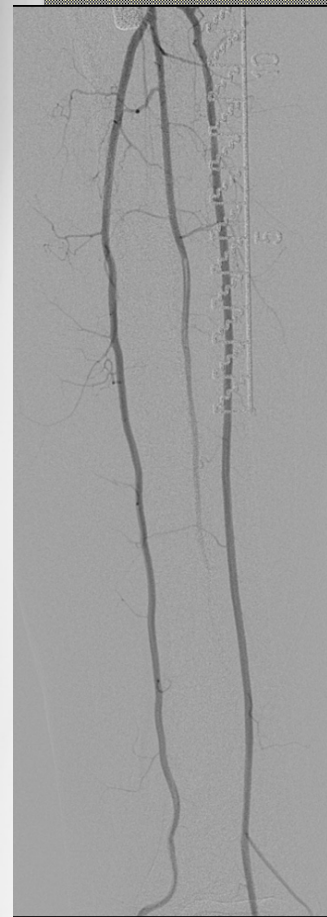


# Viabahn: pre-op

90%  
in-stent  
restenosis  
of 180mm



outflow



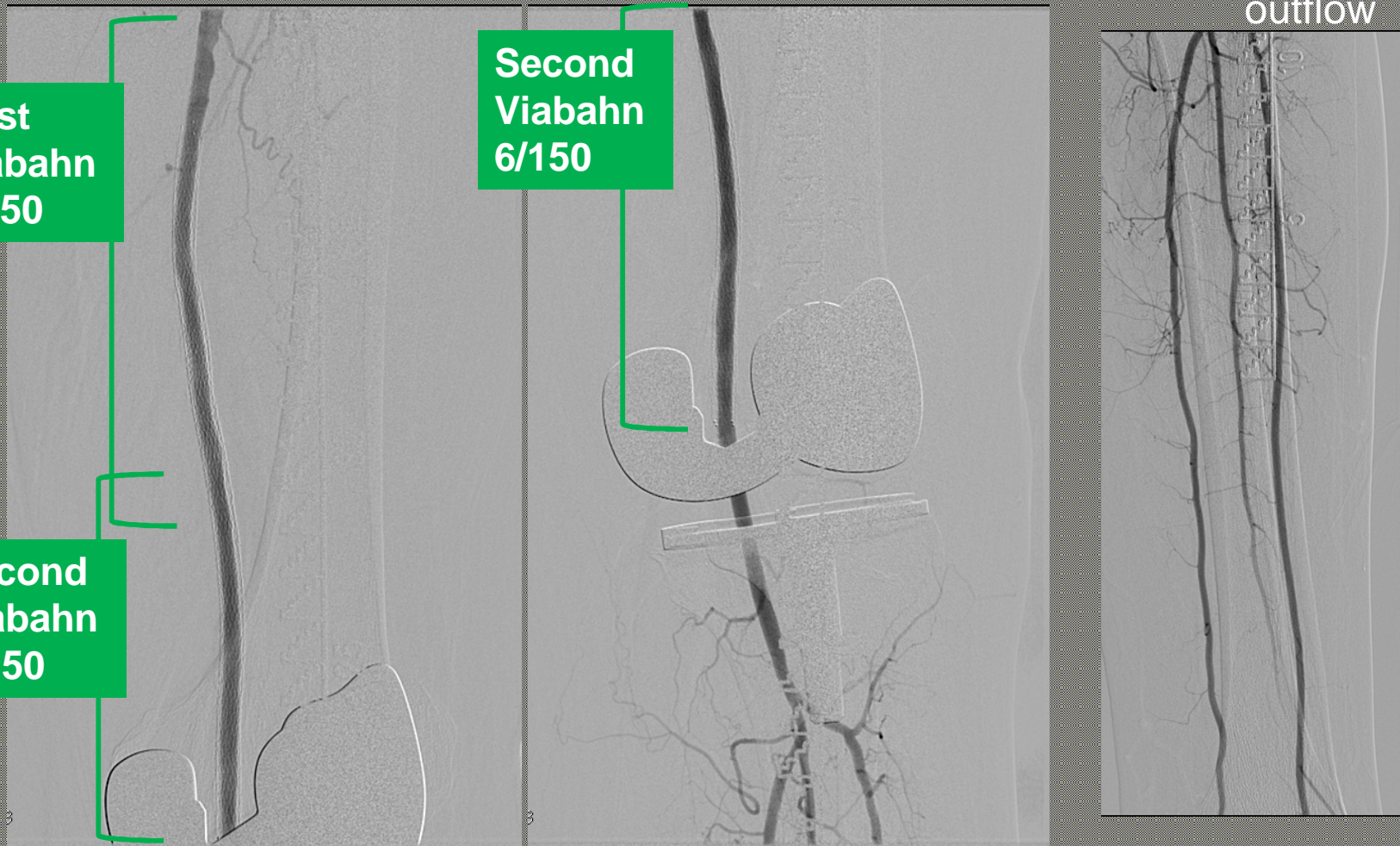
# Viabahn: post-op

First  
Viabahn  
6/150

Second  
Viabahn  
6/150

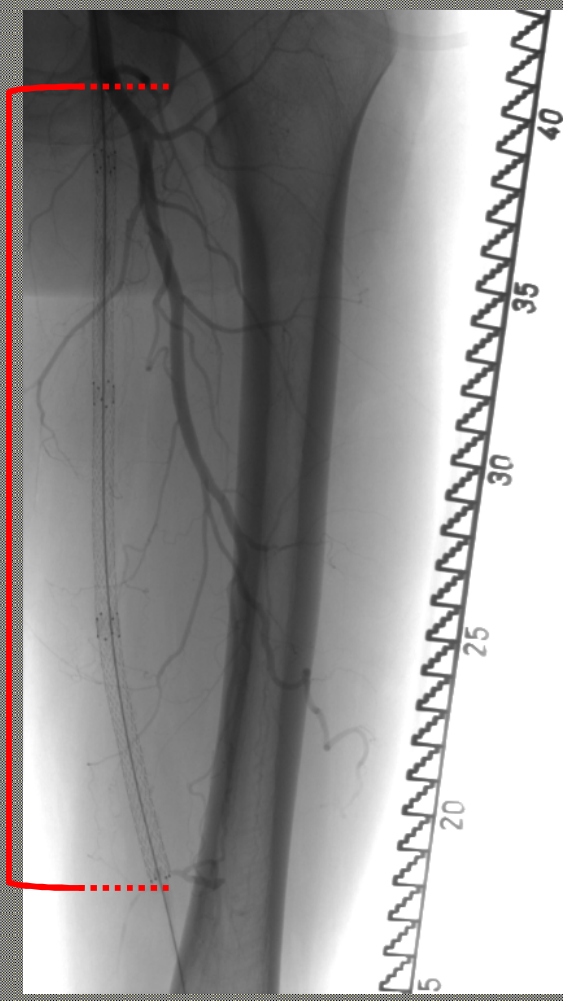
Second  
Viabahn  
6/150

outflow



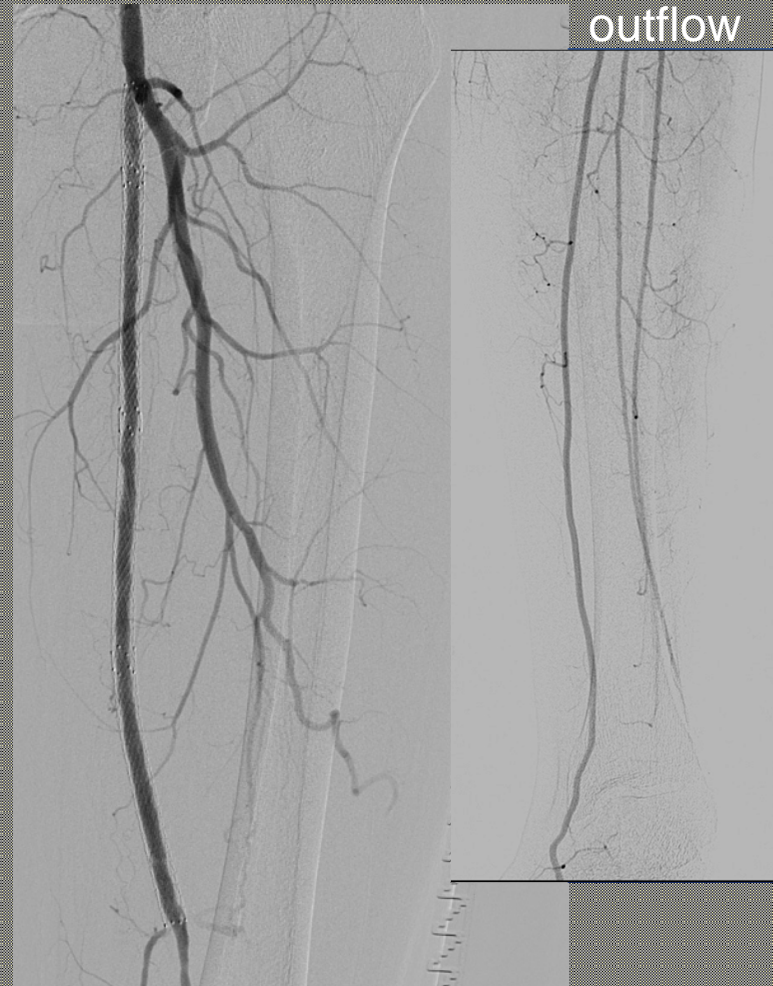
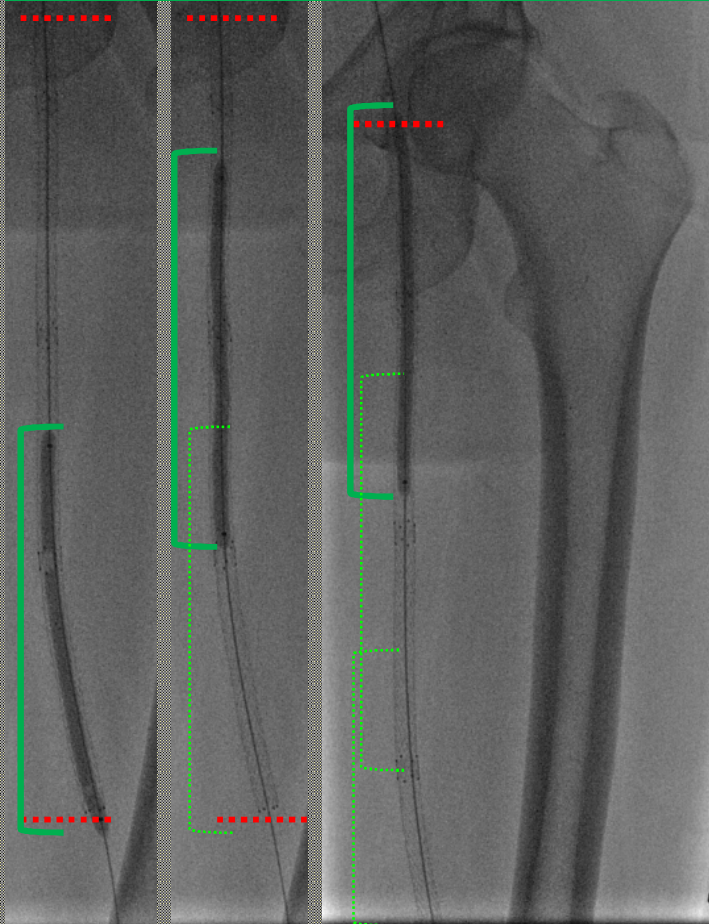
# PTA: pre-op

**100%  
in-stent  
restenosis  
of 220mm**



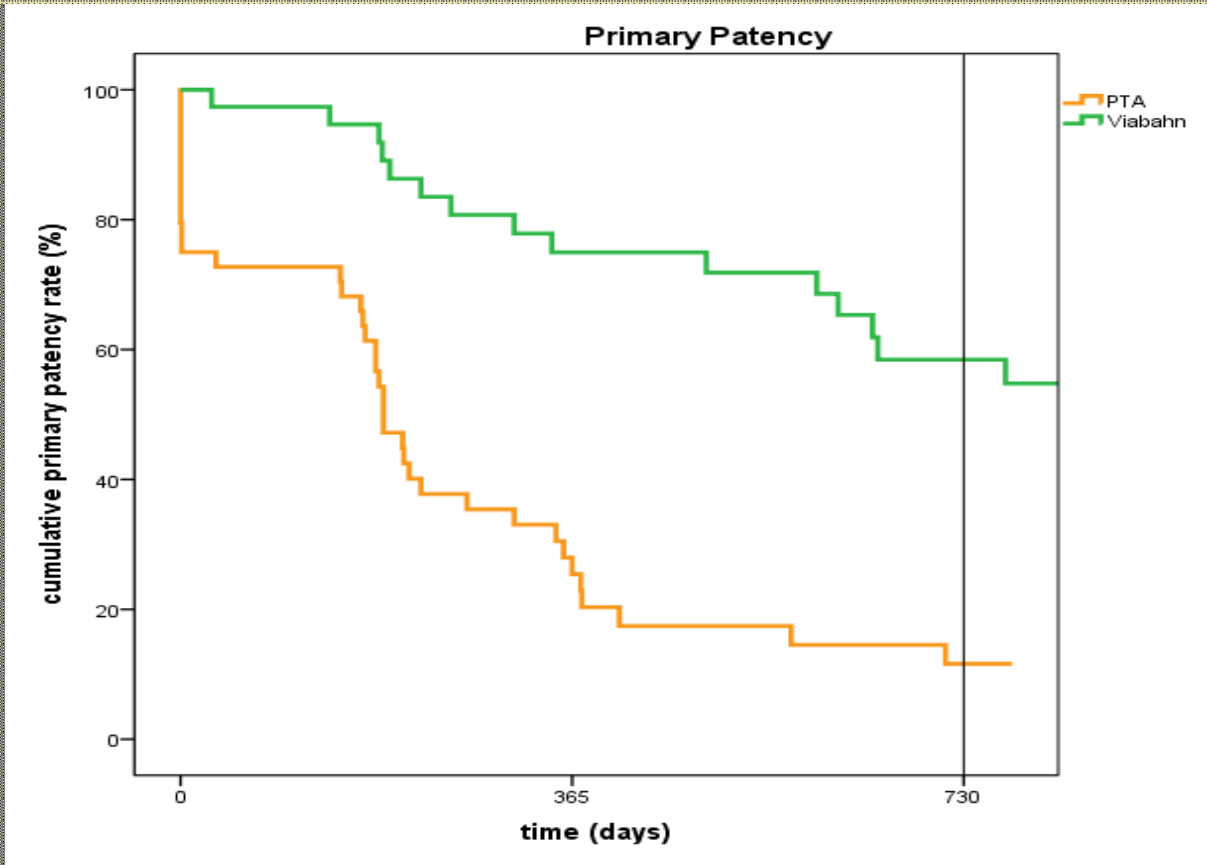
# PTA: dilation & post-op

3 inflations with a 5.0/102 FoxCross balloon



# The RELINE trial:

## 24M Primary Patency: VIABAHN vs. PTA



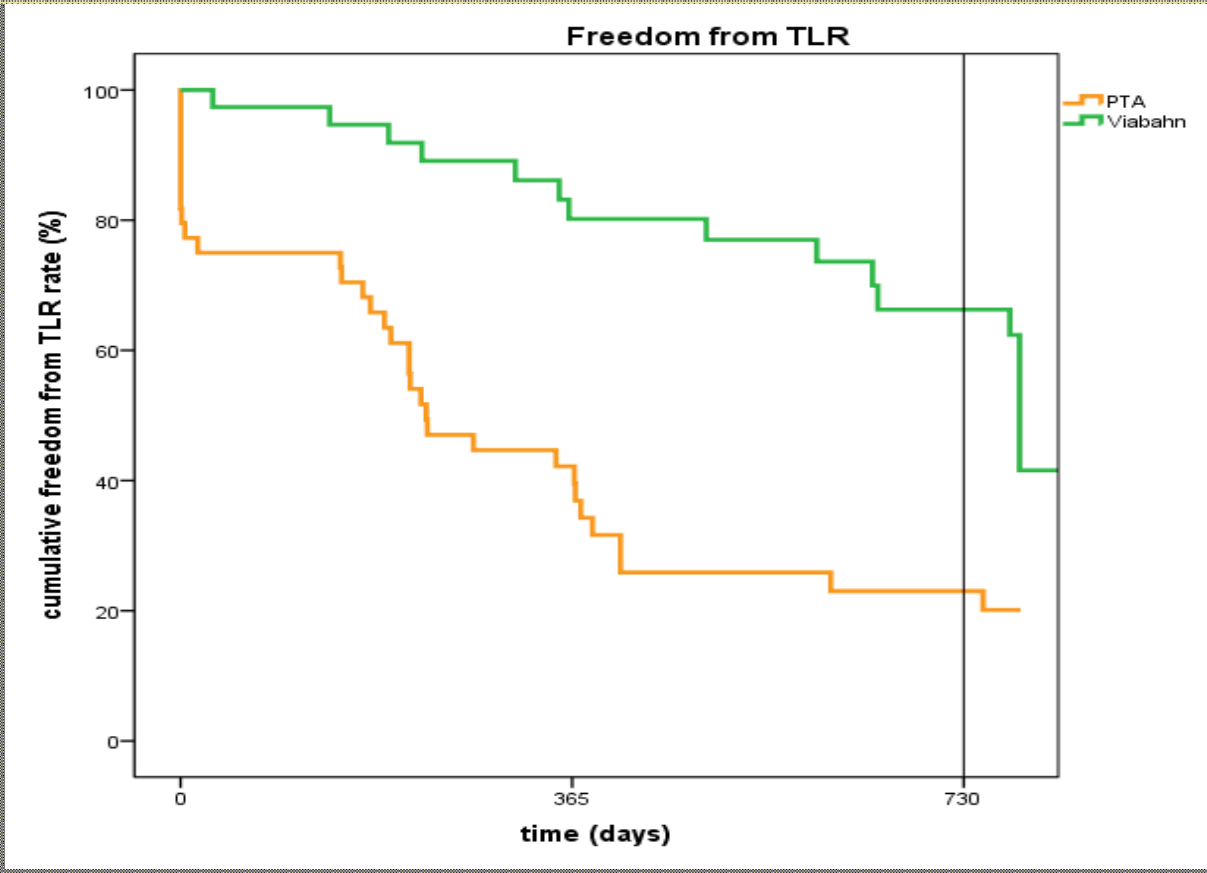
**58.4 %**

**11.6 %**

**p<0.001**

Number at risk	baseline	1MFU	6MFU	12MFU	24MFU
<b>PTA</b>	44	33	26	11	4
<b>Viabahn</b>	39	37	35	26	16

# The RELINE trial: 24M Freedom from TLR: VIABAHN vs. PTA



66.3 %

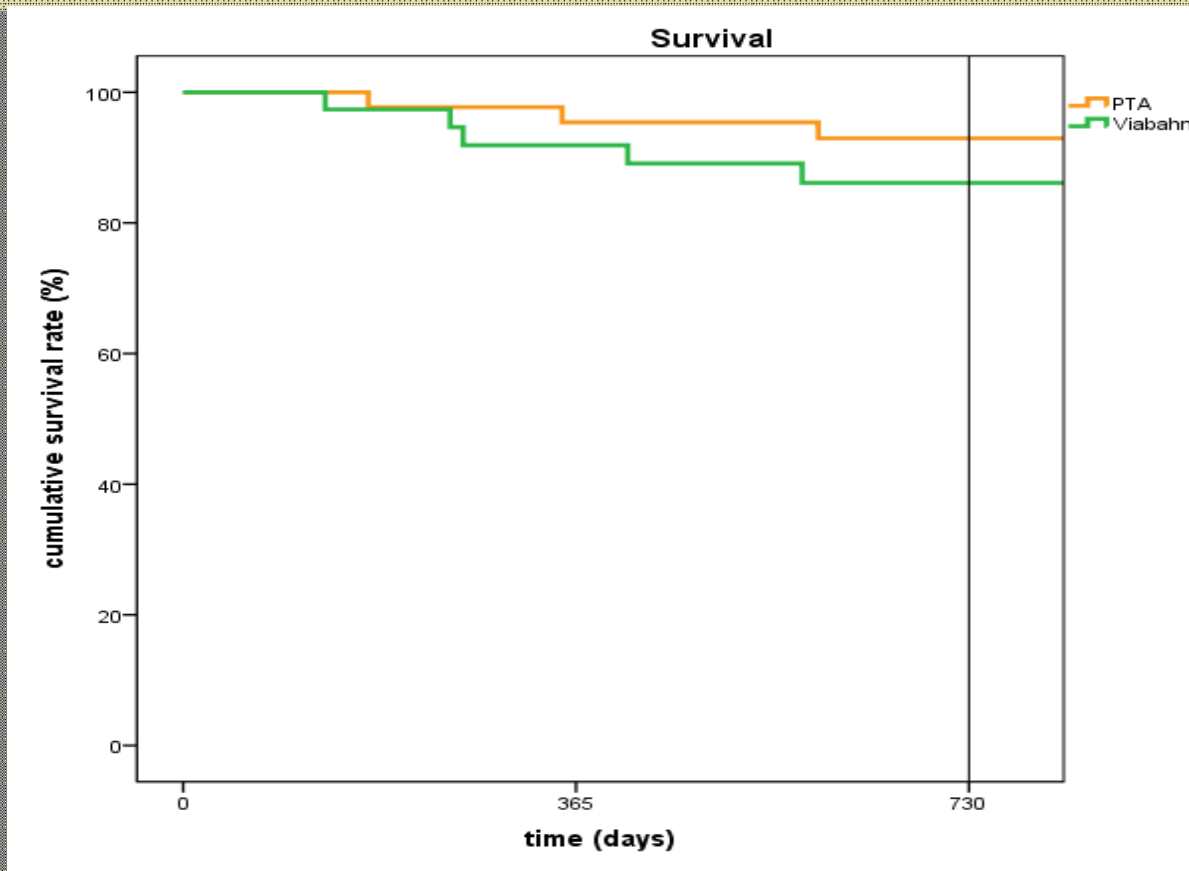
23.0 %

$p < 0.001$

Number at risk	baseline	1MFU	6MFU	12MFU	24MFU
PTA	44	33	28	16	8
Viabahn	39	38	35	27	17



# The RELINE trial: 24M Survival: VIABAHN vs. PTA



93.0 %

86.1 %

p=0.316

Number at risk	baseline	1MFU	6MFU	12MFU	24MFU
<b>PTA</b>	44	44	43	41	36
<b>Viabahn</b>	39	38	37	33	25

# CONCLUSION

- **ISR** is the Achilles heel of the current SFA treatment.
- There is some evidence that **chemical solutions** are valuable in the battle against ISR.
- The **RELINE results prove that a mechanical barrier** (like the Viabahn stentgraft) against tissue ingrowth is also a promising tool for treatment of in-stent restenosis.