# Catheters and fistulas for chronic HD

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#### **Outline**



 central venous lines (CVLs) vs arteriovenous fistulae (AVFs) vs arteriovenous grafts (AVGs)
 Pros and cons

## **Principle:**

Vascular access preservation

### Guidelines for pediatric vascular access

Nephrol Dial Transplant (2019) 1–20 doi: 10.1093/ndt/gfz011

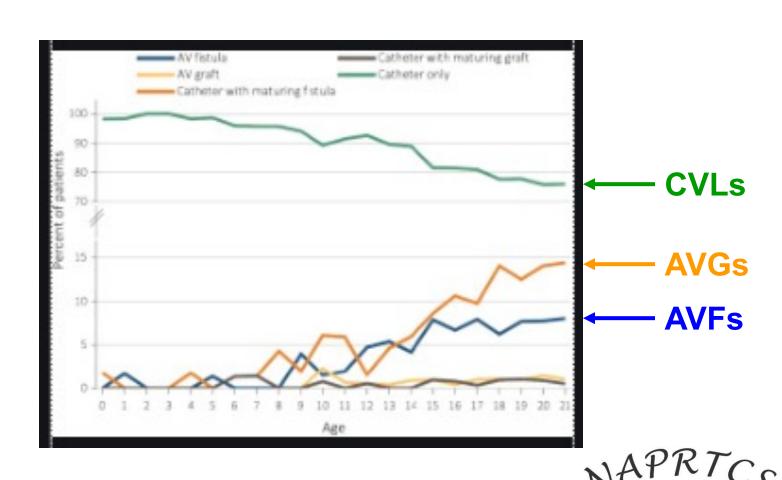


Vascular access in children requiring maintenance haemodialysis: a consensus document by the European Society for Paediatric Nephrology Dialysis Working Group

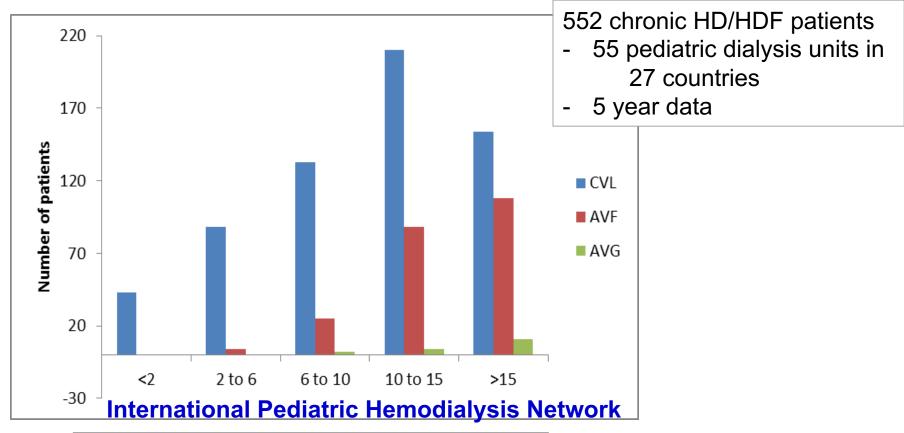
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## International Pediatric Fistula First initiative – a call to action

**AJKD 2008** 



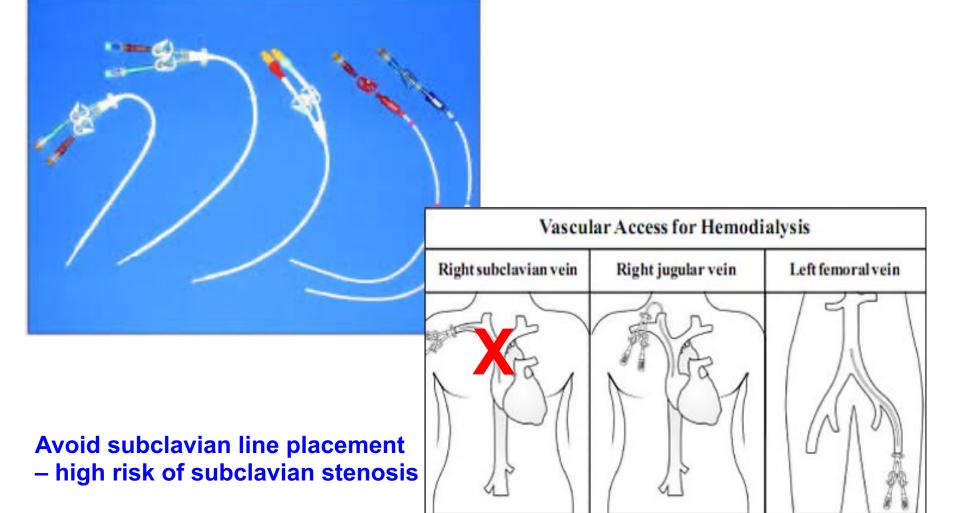
## HD access types in the EU



In Europe
~ 60% CVCs
~ 38% AVFs
< 2% AVGs

Borzych-Duzalka et al; AJKD 2019

## Central venous lines (CVLs)



#### **CVLs – the risks**

#### Increased risk with CVL of:

- Infection
- Poor dialysis adequacy
- Hospitalisations
- Thrombosis
- Death



Type of vascular access and survival among incident hemodialysis patients: the Choices for Healthy Outcomes in Caring for ESRD (CHOICE) Study. J Am Soc Nephrol 2005; 16:1449-1455

# Clinical Course Associated with Vascular Access Type in a National Cohort of Adolescents Who Receive Hemodialysis: Findings from the Clinical Performance Measures and US Renal Data System Projects Clin J Am Soc Nephrol 1: 987-992, 2006.

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	Total Population		Stratified Population
Characteristic	(n = 418)	Catheter $(n = 175)$	Permanent Access $(n = 243)$
Mean age (yr [SD])	15.6 (1.6)	15.4 (1.6)	15.7 (1.5)

Table 3. RR (catheter versus permanent access) of dialysis outcomes in adolescent patients who received hemodialysis<sup>a</sup>

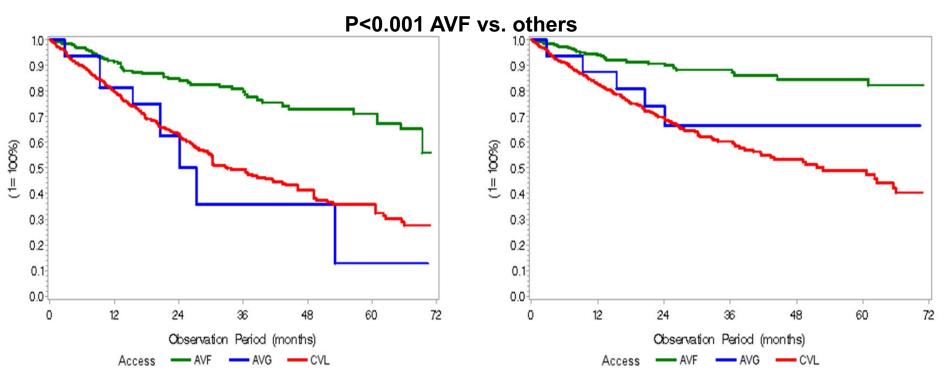
Parameter	Hospitalization, All-Cause		Hospitalization, Infection-Related		Access Complication	
	RRb	95% CI	RR	95% CI	RR	95% CI
Vascular catheter <i>versus</i> permanent access	1.84 <sup>d</sup>	1.38 to 2.44	4.74 <sup>d</sup>	2.02 to 11.14	2.72 <sup>d</sup>	2.00 to 3.69

## **Access patency rates**

**International Pediatric Hemodialysis Network (n = 870)** 

#### **Primary patency**

#### **Secondary patency**



Event free survival probability until first intervention or surgical revision

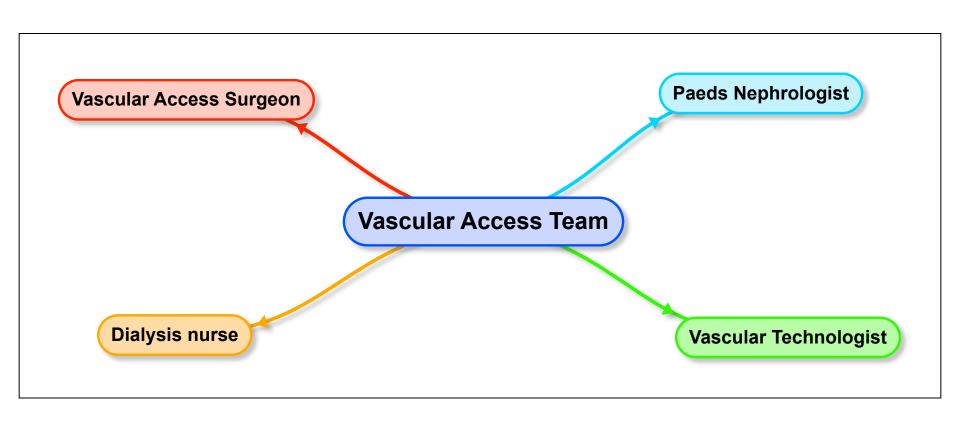
Event free survival probability until access exchange (to CVL, AVF or AVG)

## **Central Veins**



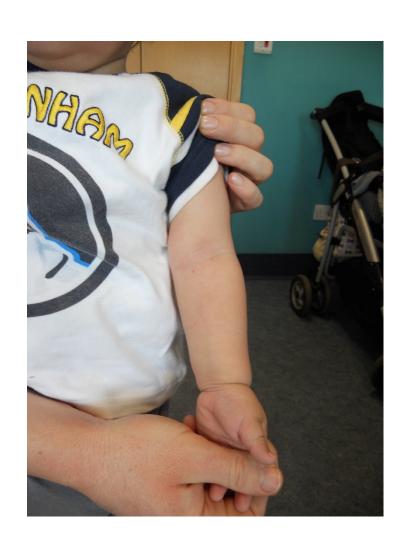


## 'One – Stop' Vascular Access Clinic



## Vascular Access Strategy

- See the patient early
- Vein preservation
- Non-dominant before dominant
- Distal before proximal
- Native before Graft
- Avoid CVLs

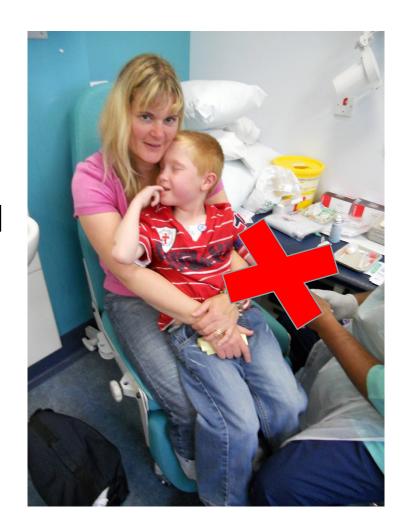


## See the patient early

- eGFR < 30ml/min</li>
  - No age / weight limit

#### Aim:

- Discuss dialysis types and access options
- Vein preservation
- Psychological preparation



## Venous Assessment - clinical

#### Peripheral veins

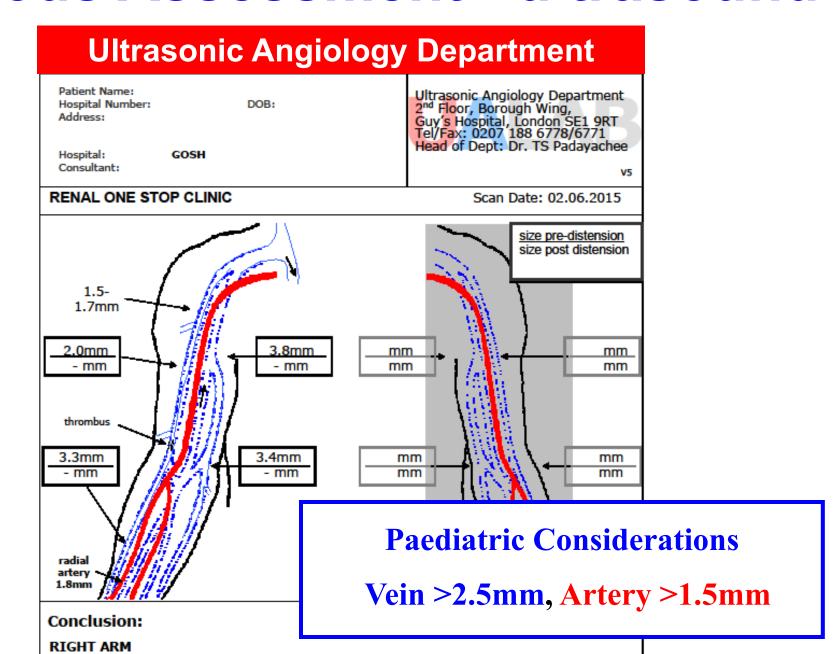
- Size
- Dilation
- Continuity
- Length
- Straightness
- Depth

Assess with / without tourniquet

Central veins

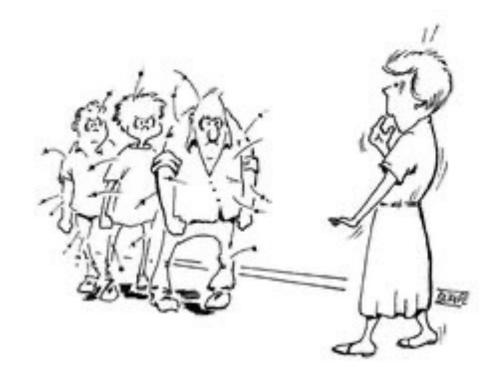


## Venous Assessment - ultrasound



## Looking after your AVF - Cannulation Technique

- Preservation of function
- Patient/Parental Confidence
- Prevention:
  - Aneurysm
  - Infiltration "Blow"
  - Stenosis
  - Haemorrhage
  - Thrombosis
  - Reduced Infection



## **Ladder Technique**

#### o Technique:

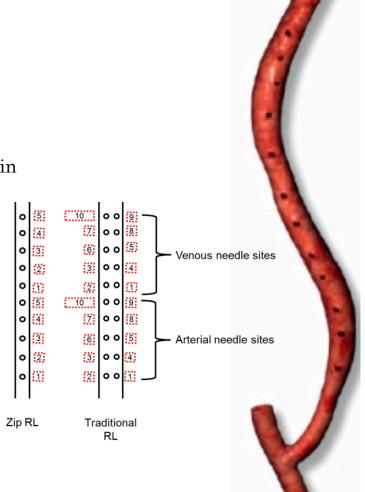
- Over at least 8cm segment
- Each site 0.5-1cm above previous
- Sharp needles
- Zip / Central
- Traditional / Side to side
- Move up the vein
- Once reach the top, move to the bottom again

#### o Benefits:

- Decreased risk of aneurysm formation
- Less risk of stenosis
- Lower infection risk

#### Disadvantage

- Harder needle insertion
- Increased risk of infiltration
- Requires patient and staff confidence
- Still requires planning



## **Buttonhole**

#### • Technique:

- Same hole in the skin, same place in the vein
- Picking scabs
- Start with sharp needles
- Same person needling to establish a track
- Blunt needles once track has been established
- $\bullet$  3 4 buttonholes

#### • Benefits:

- Less pain with needle insertion
- Reduced bleeding time post needle removal
- Less missed cannulations
- Reduced infiltrations
- Decreased risk of aneurysm formation
- Promotes self cannulation

#### Disadvantage

- Scab picking!
- Increased infection risk
- Easy to mistake for area puncture



## **Area Puncture**

#### • Technique:

- Single cannulation site in one small area
- Both cannulation sites on the same segment but do not meet
- Sharp needles

#### O Benefits:

- Patient choice needle phobia
- Small AVF space
- Reduced infiltrations

#### Disadvantage

- Aneurysms
- Bleeding
- Stenosis
- Increased risk of life-threatening nacmorrnage
- Body image

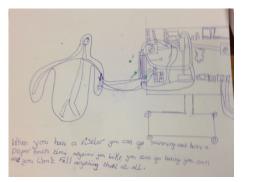


## **Psychological Preparation**

- Play therapy
- Coping techniques
- Time
- Adhering to coping strategies/routine
- Experience cannulation technique
- Trust













#### First cannulation

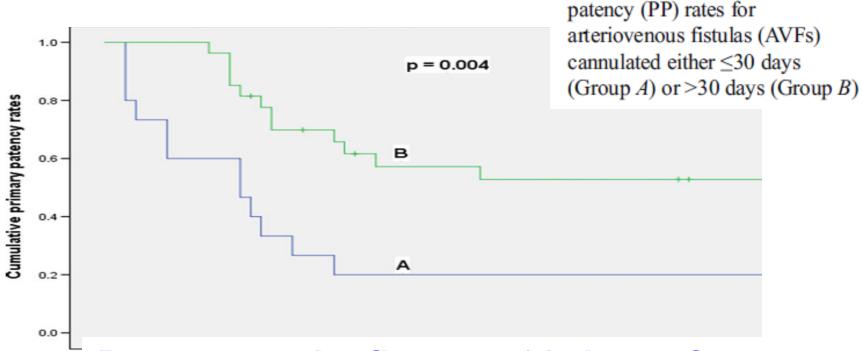
Fig. 2 Comparison of primary

Pediatr Nephrol DOI 10.1007/s00467-016-3382-9

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

#### Timing of first arteriovenous fistula cannulation in children on hemodialysis

Veronika Almási-Sperling <sup>1</sup> · Matthias Galiano <sup>2</sup> · Werner Lang <sup>1</sup> · Ulrich Rother <sup>1</sup> · Published online: 25 April 2016 — nne Regus <sup>1</sup>



Do not use the fistula ≤ 30 days after it's creation; wait until 45 days

## Looking after your AVF - Surveillance

- Adequacy of dialysis
- Blood flow rate
- Clinical problems
- Diagnostic imaging /
   Dialysis parameters
- Examination

## Suggest 3-6 monthly surveillance

- ESPN guidelines; 2019
- ERBP guidelines; 2019

## Surveillance – risk parameters

 25% decrease in baseline volume flow

- Reduced blood flow:
- <400ml/min AVF
- <600ml/min AVG

#### **Causes of AVF loss**

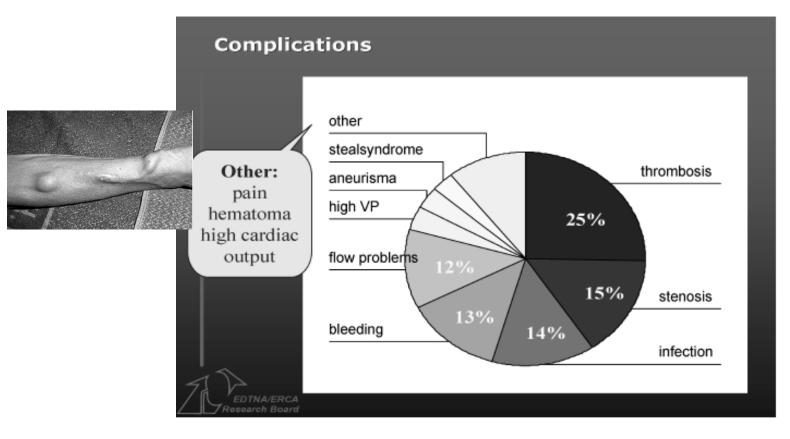
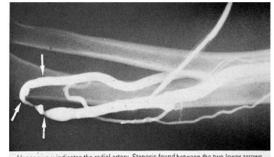
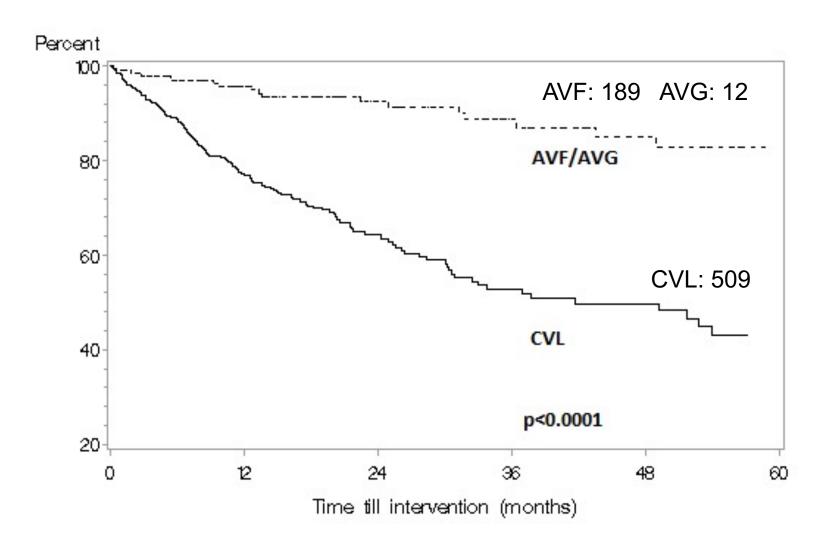


Figure 3: Overview of VA complications in a European population

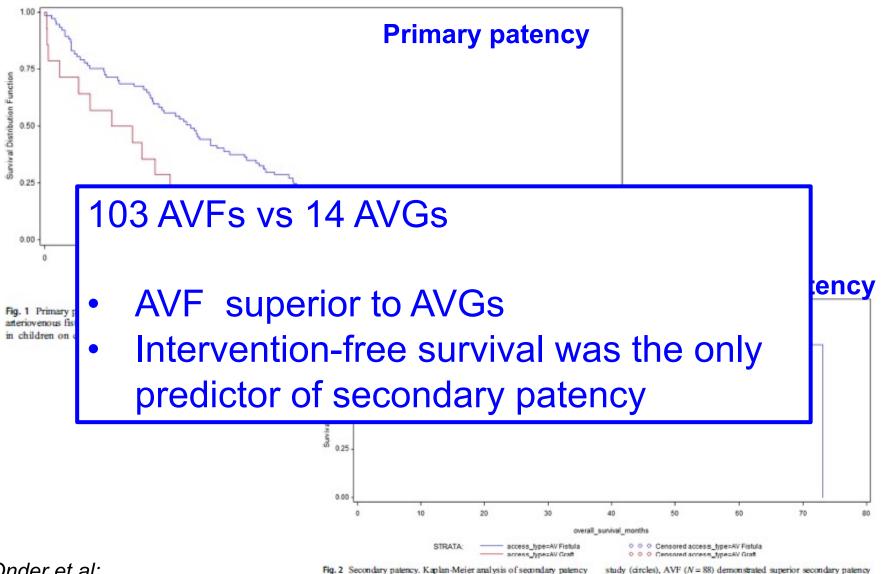


Upper arrow indicates the radial artery. Stenosis found between the two lower arrows.

## Access survival – IPHN data



## Predictors of patency for AVF and AVG

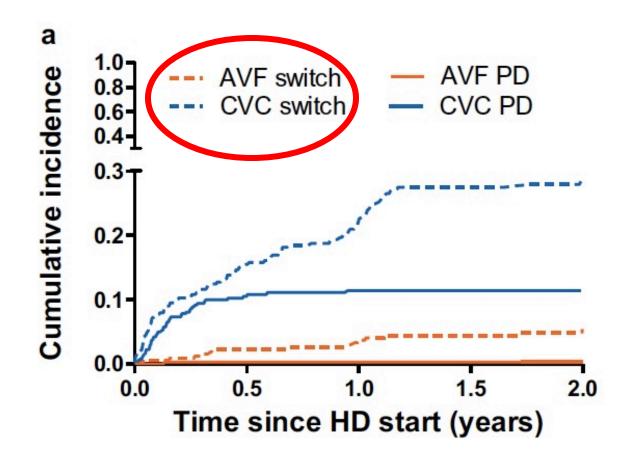


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Fig. 2 Secondary patency. Kaplan-Meier analysis of secondary patency for arteriovenous fishalae (AVF) (blue) and arteriovenous graft (AVG) (red) in children on chronic hemodialysis. When censored for those permanent vascular access (PVA) that were functional at the end of

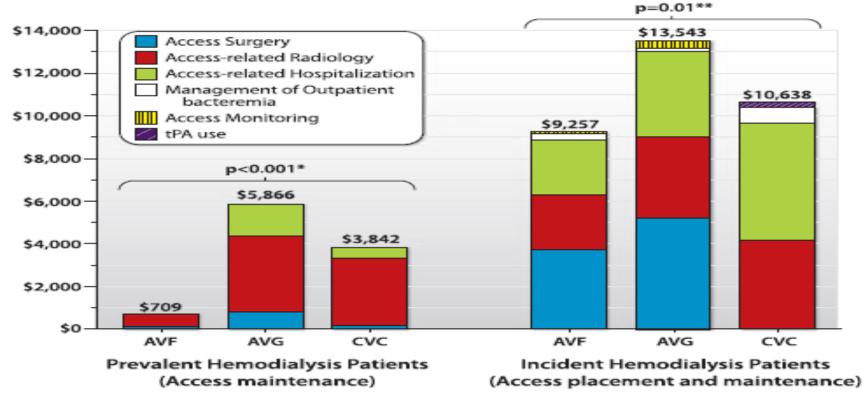
study (circles), AVF (N = 88) demonstrated superior secondary patency rates than AVG (N = 13) (p = 0.0227, Wilcoxon rank test). Secondary patency outcome is defined in months

## Vascular access changes



Patients who started with an AVF were 91% less likely to switch to a second VA as compared to those who started with a CVC (adjusted hazard ratio (aHR), 0.09; 95% CI, 0.05–0.16)





A costs reported in 2009 Canadian do ars (1 CAD = 0.82 USD)

Abbreviations: tPA=tissue Plasminogen Activator, AVF=Arteriovenous Fistula, AVG=Arteriovenous graft, CVC=Central Venous Catheter

Comparison of costs using Kruskal-Wallis test

\*\* Comparison of log transformed costs using one-way ANOVA.



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What's Next After *Fistula First*: Is an Arteriovenous Graft or Central Venous Catheter Preferable When an Arteriovenous Fistula Is Not Possible?

Seminars in Dialysis—Vol 22, No 5 2009 pp. 539–544

#### Pros and cons for vascular access types

#### **AVFs**

#### **Pros**

- Allows for high blood flow rates
   => efficient dialysis delivery
- Superior access patency rates
- Best long-term survival
- Lowest hospitalization rates
- Higher Hb, lower EPO requirement
- Patients can bathe and swim without restrictions

#### Cons

- Not possible in small(er) children
- Needs time to mature
- Needling pain
- cosmetic features
- (high output cardiac failure)
- (steal syndrome)

#### **CVLs**

#### **Pros**

- Immediate access
- Needle-free dialysis

#### Cons

- High infection rate
- Inadequate blood flow (malposition, fibrin sheath formation)
- Restriction of the child's activities (swimming)
- Higher hospitalisation rates
- More likely to require access revision
- Central venous thrombosis or stenosis

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## Thank you!

