CENTRAL VENOUS RECANALIZATION AND SUBSEQUENT IMPLANTATION OF THE HeRO® DEVICE IN CATHETER DEPENDENT PATIENTS

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The Problem: Central venous occlusion



- Recurrent central venous instrumentation
- Central venous catheters
- Balloon Angioplasty
- Central venous stents
- Shear stresses
- HD associated Inflammation
- Aggressive venous intimal hyperplasia



Current Options

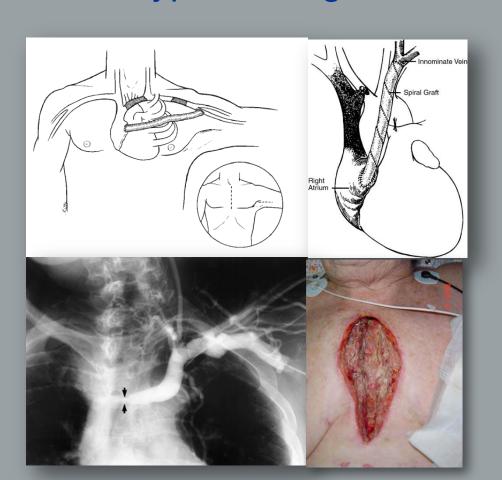
- Lower extremity AV access
 - increased risk of infection
 - greater risk for LE steal





Current Options

Direct bypass to right atrium or CV reconstruction

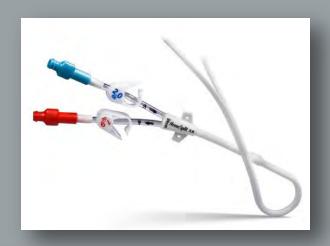


- Requires sternotomy or thoracotomy
- High morbidity
- Sternal wounds
- Graft infections
- Pleural or pericardial effusions



Current Options

- "Destination" Dialysis Catheter
 - Increased infection risk
 - poorer dialysis adequacy
 - greater number of interventions
 - highest cost to healthcare system

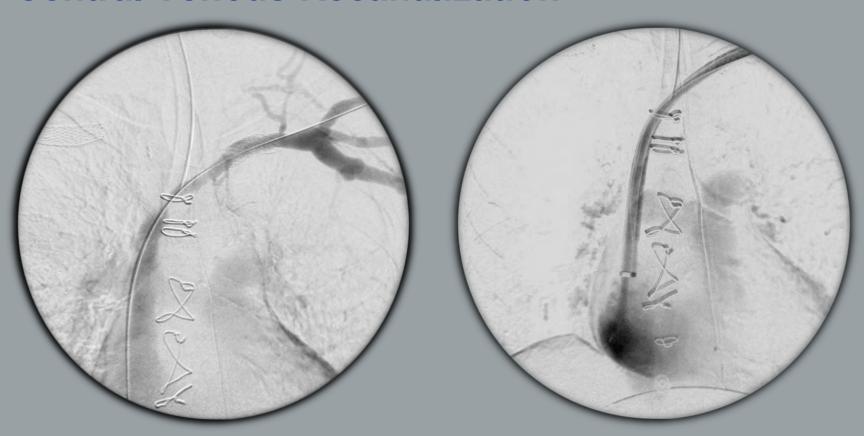






Proposed Solution

Central Venous Recanalization



With <u>He</u>modialysis <u>R</u>eliable <u>O</u>utflow as adjunct



Recanalization Procedure

- Upper and lower extremity venous access
- Multi-projection imaging
- Low profile catheters
- Sharp recanalization
- Through-and-through guidewire access
- Balloon angioplasty
- Access place-holder







Right BCV & SVC Occlusion



Collateral veins

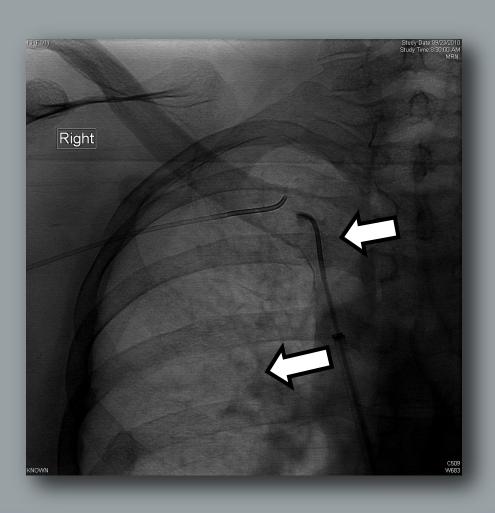


Occluded Left BCV stent





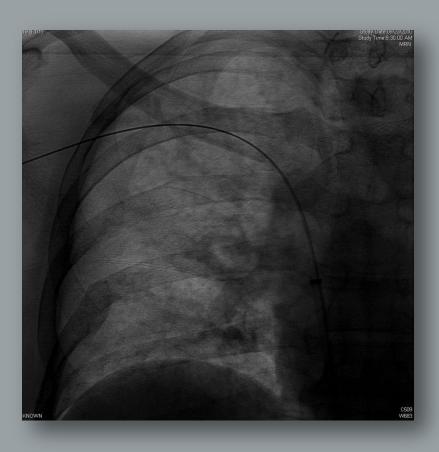
Axillary and Femoral vein access



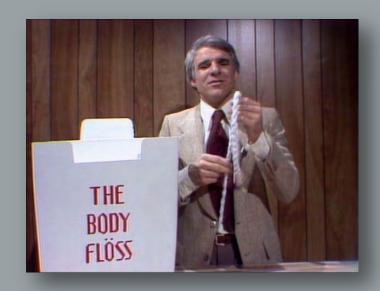
- Low profile directional catheters
- Long rigid sheath
- TIPS needle



Crossed occlusion



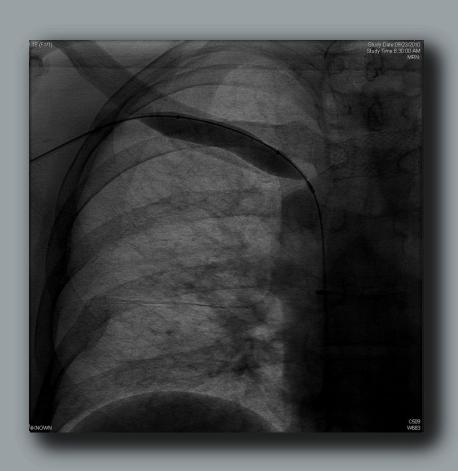
- Through and through venous access
- "body floss"
- "trackability"







Balloon Angioplasty

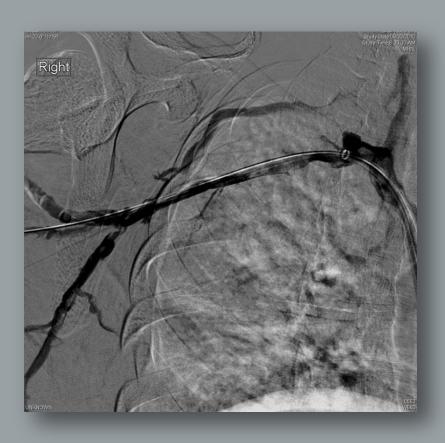


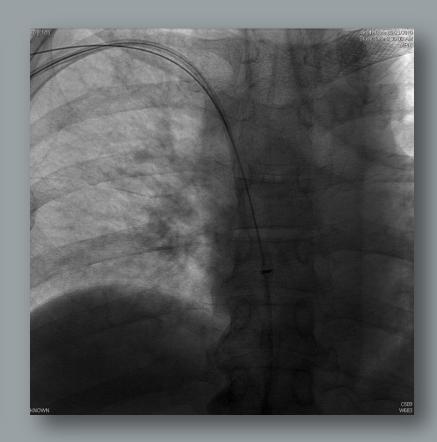
Dilate tract





Low profile catheter implanted as place-holder

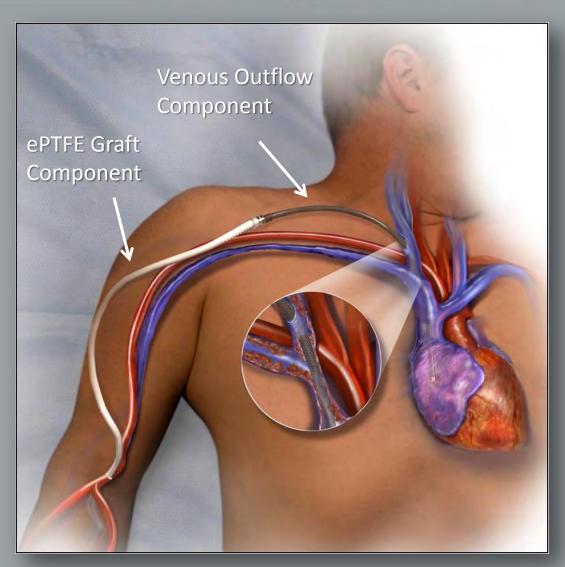






A Brief Review

- HeRO™ <u>He</u>modialysis <u>R</u>eliable
 Outflow
- Hybrid vascular access device "graft-cath"
- •2 primary components: ePTFE graft with Titanium connector 6mm ID, and radiopaque silicone outflow component with braided nitinol reinforcement 5mm ID
- Common access veins include: Subclavian and Internal Jugular
- End stage access device
- Indicated for catheter dependent patients with central venous stenosis and/or occlusion







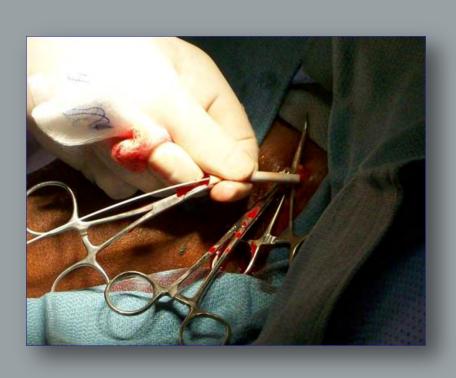
Cut down on catheter for access

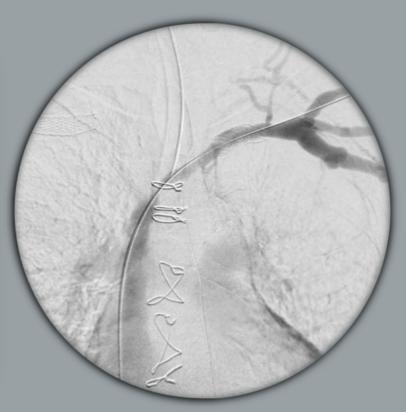






Wire access to IVC









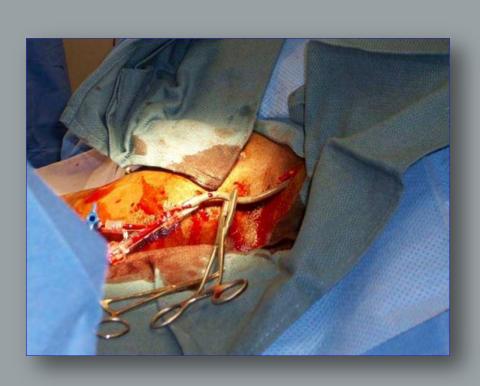
Peel-away sheath







Outflow component



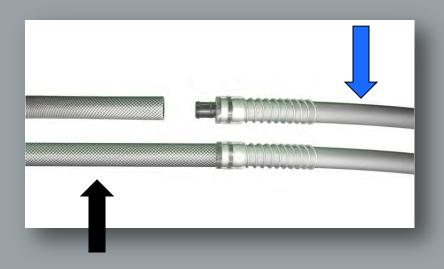




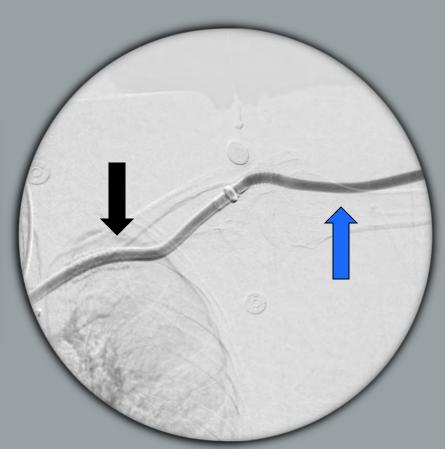


Connect Outflow component to PTFE





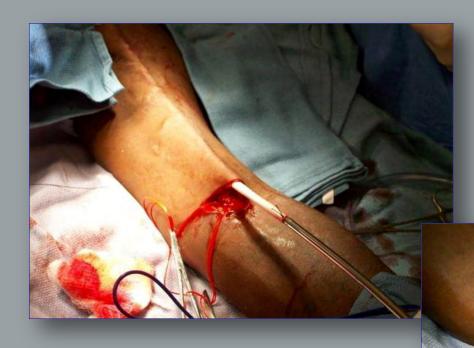
Silicone outflow component







Tunnel graft and obtain inflow





Patients and Methods

- Single center retrospective review
- 18 ESRD patients
- All with total central venous occlusion
- All dialysis catheter dependent (femoral or trans-hepatic)





Results

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Age, mean (range)

50.1 (25-74)

Male, % (n/N)

46 (8/18)

Race, % (n/N)

Black/African American White/Caucasian

78 (14/18) 22 (4/18)

BMI, mean (range)

32.6(16-48.2)





Results

CVR Specifics	
Successful CVR, % (n/N)	83.3 (15/18)
Thru & Thru access, % (n/N)	67 (10/15)
Catheter placed, % (n/N)	87 (13/15)
CVR to HeRO (days), mean (range)	32.5 (0-148)





21 (3/14)

Results

Other

HeRO Implant Specifics	
Successful implants, % (n/N)	93.3% (14/15)
Side of body, % (n/N)	
Right	64 (9/14)
Insertion vein, % (n/N)	
Subclavian	36 (5/14)
Internal Jug	29 (4/14)
External Jug	14 (2/14)





Patency Rates

Patency	6	12
	months	months
Primary, % (n/N)	57% (4/7)	50% (2/4)
Secondary, % (n/N)	100% (7/7)	100% (4/4)



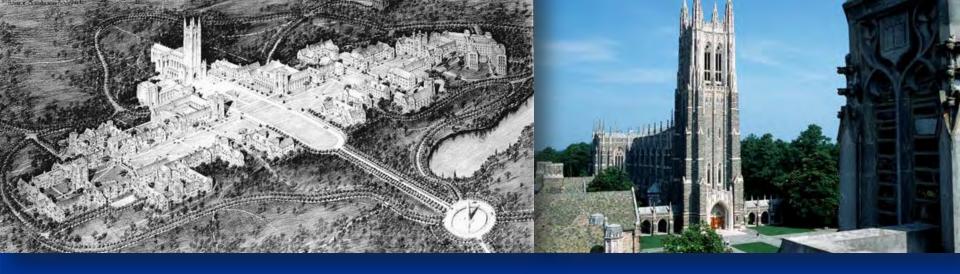
Results

- Intervention
 - Overall 71% FFI
- Infection
 - 1 HeRO related infection
 - required interposition replacement of ePTFE
- Death
 - 3 deaths (21%)
 - All unrelated to recanalization or HeRO implant



Conclusions

- Central venous recanalization is feasible
- HeRO device allows for durable access
- Maintain upper body access
- Patency & intervention is acceptable
- Reduced cost to healthcare system
- Reduced morbidity and mortality



Thank You



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