# **HeRO**

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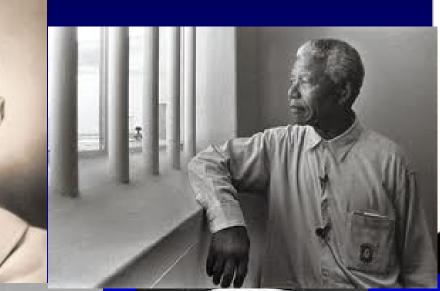
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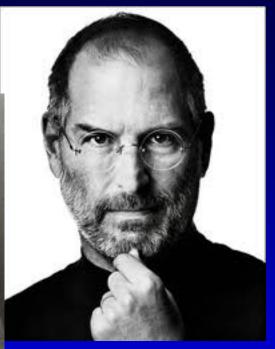
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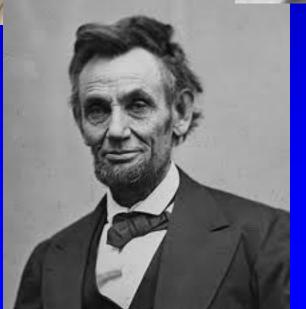
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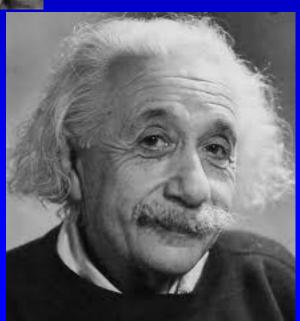
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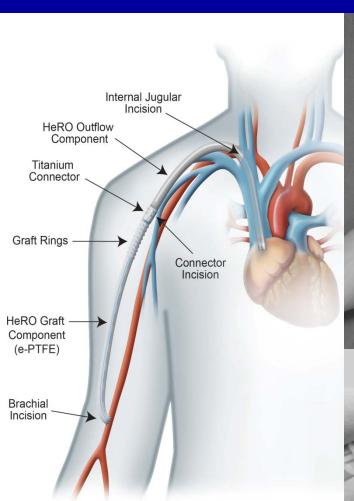


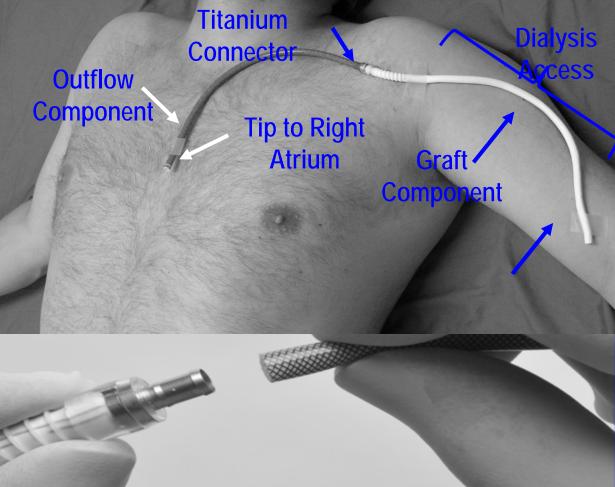






# Hemodialysis with Reliable Outflow (HeRO)









#### 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**

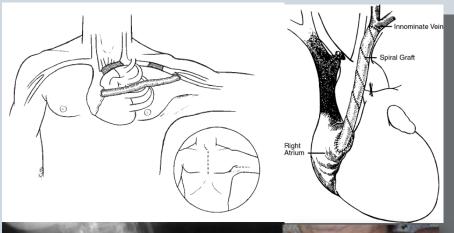
- Lower extremity AV access
  - increased risk of infection
  - greater risk for LE steal





### **Current Options**

#### Direct bypass to right atrium or CV reconstruction



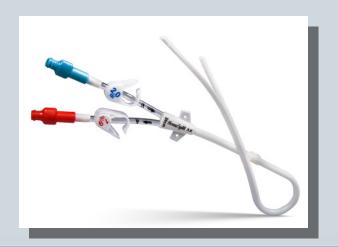


- Requires sternotomy or thoracotomy
- High morbidity
- Sternal wounds
- Graft infections
- Pleural or pericardial effusions

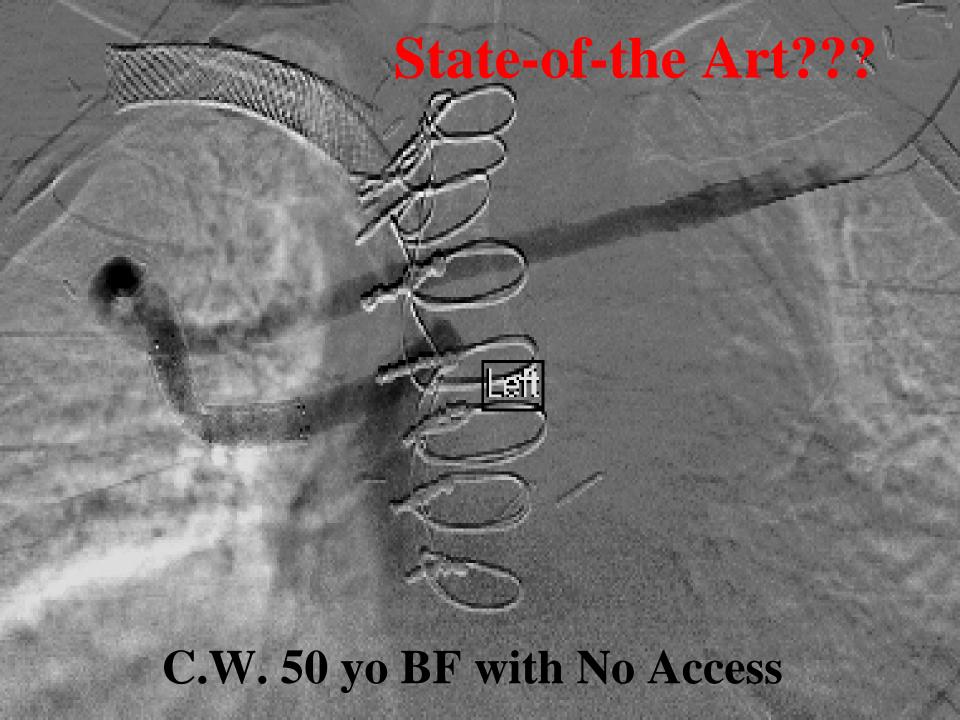


### **Current Options**

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











# Death via Catheter Sepsis!!

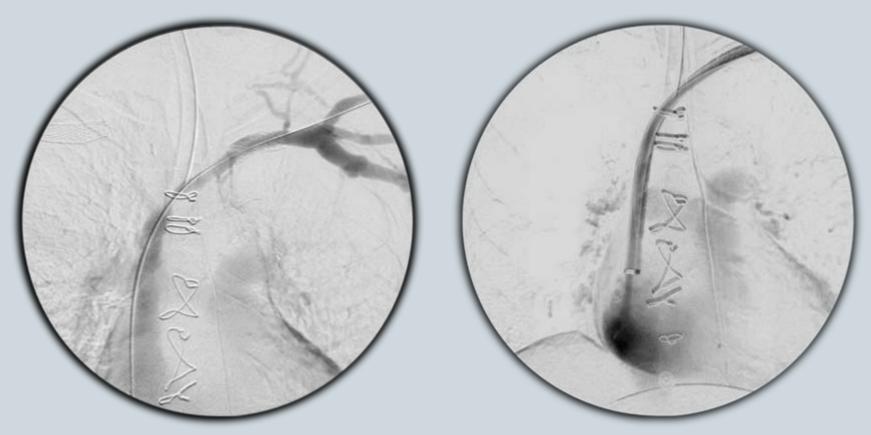
**Transhepatic Permcath** 

C.W. 50 yo BF with No Access



### **Proposed Solution**

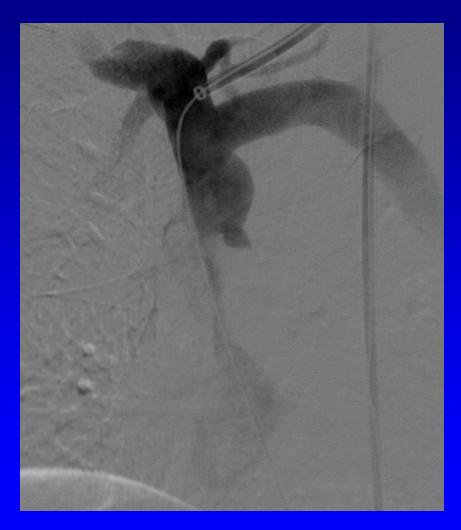
#### **Central Venous Recanalization**



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

# Occluded SVC with Access to the RA via the L Subclavian Vein

- 66 year old woman
   with multiple
   extremity access
   grafts currently
   dialyzed through a left
   internal jugular TDC
- History of prior SVC occlusion managed with angioplasty and stenting



# History Of Occluded SVC, but access to the SVC via the Subclavian



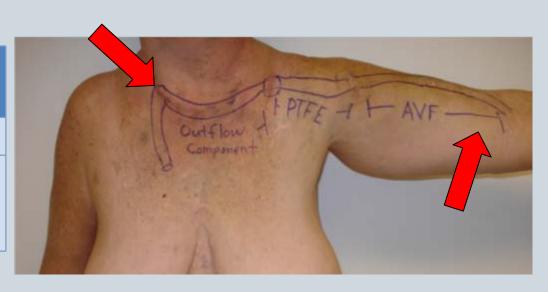




## **Implantation Specifics**

## HeRO Implant Side

HeRO Implant Side	% (n/N)
Right	58.5 (24/41)
Left	39.0 (16/41)
Right → Left	2.4 (1/41)

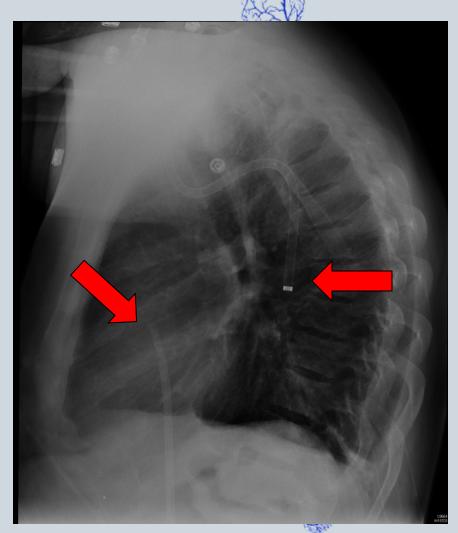






## **Implantations Specifics**

Outflow Vein		
Outflow	% (n/N)	
SVC	90.2 (37/41)	
Azygos	7.3 (3/41)	
IVC	2.4 (1/41)	





#### **Patency & Intervention Rates**

	Duke 6 months	Multi Center Trial 8.6 mo mean f/u <sup>1</sup>	AVG literature 6 months <sup>2</sup>	TDC literature 6 months
Patency Primary, % Secondary, %	68.3 a 87.8 b	38.9 72.2	58 76	50 <sup>5, 6</sup> 55 <sup>5, 6</sup>
Intervention Rates, per year	1.38	2.5	1.6-2.4 <sup>3,4</sup>	5.8 <sup>5, 6</sup>

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- a. (n/N) 19/28 patients
- b. (n/N) 32/36 patients

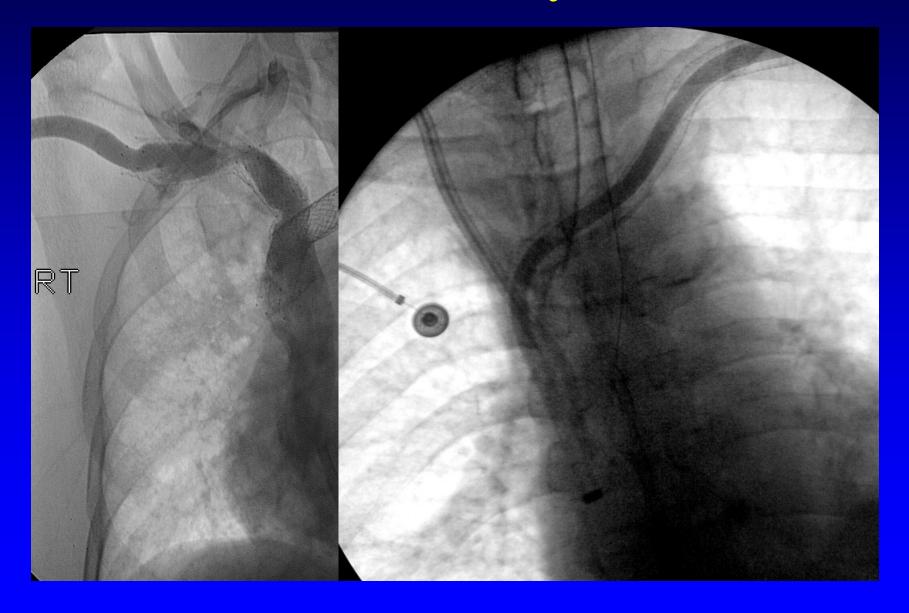


#### **Infection Rates**

HeRO Cohorts	No.	Total Days	Bacteremia events	Bacteremia rate/1000 days	(TDC) Control rate/1000 days <sup>1</sup>
Overall					
Duke	41	10,058	10	1.29	2.3
Multicenter <sup>1</sup>	36	9931	7	0.70	
<b>Bridging Period</b>					
Duke	39	2729	10	3.66	1.6-5.5
Multicenter <sup>1</sup>	32	1373	7	5.10	
Alone					
Duke	35	7120	3	0.42	2.3
Multicenter <sup>1</sup>	29	8525	0	0.00	

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# The HeRO Body Floss







## **Right BCV & SVC Occlusion**



**Collateral veins** 

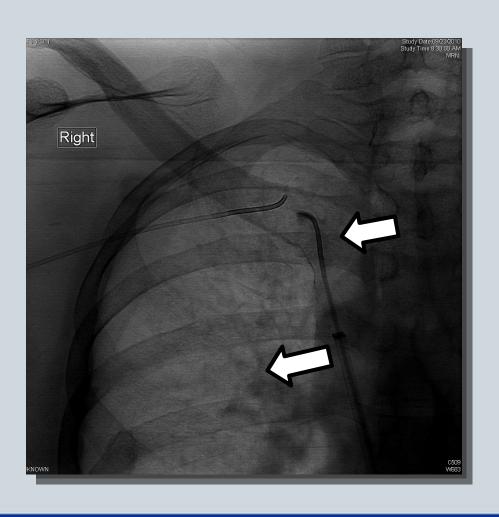


**Occluded Left BCV stent** 





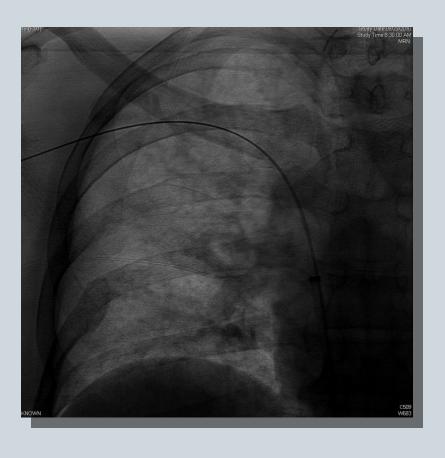
#### **Axillary and Femoral vein access**



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



#### **Crossed occlusion**



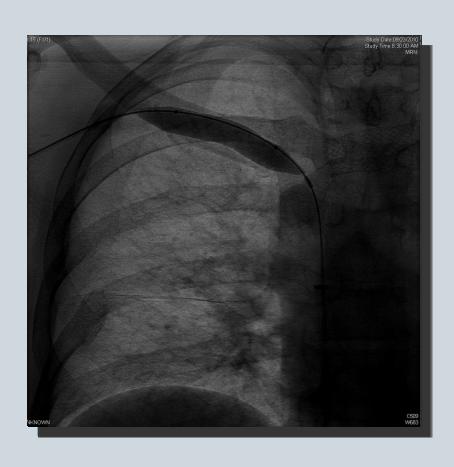
- Through and through venous access
- "body floss"
- "trackability"







## **Balloon Angioplasty**

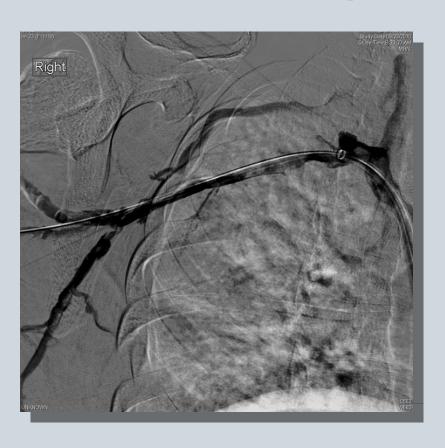


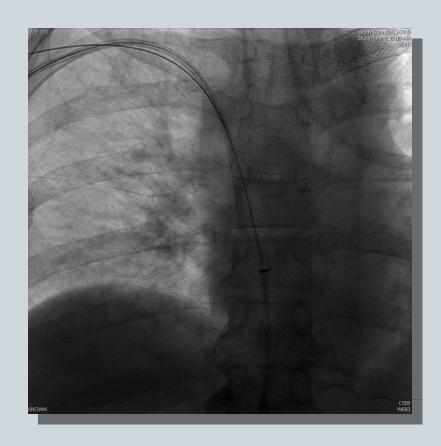
Dilate tract





# Low profile catheter implanted as place-holder









#### 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)





#### Results

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)		
Other	21 (3/14)		



#### 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