# Single-Center Experience of 41 Consecutive HeRO Implants

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#### **Objectives**

- Review a single center's experience with a novel hybrid vascular access device
- Compare HeRO patency and intervention rates to Multicenter HeRO trial and current standard arteriovenous graft (AVG) and tunneled dialysis catheter (TDC) patency rates
- Compare HeRO infection rates to Multicenter HeRO trial and current standard AVG and TDC infection rates
- Assess for any relevant statistical correlation to patency and infection rates





#### **Background**

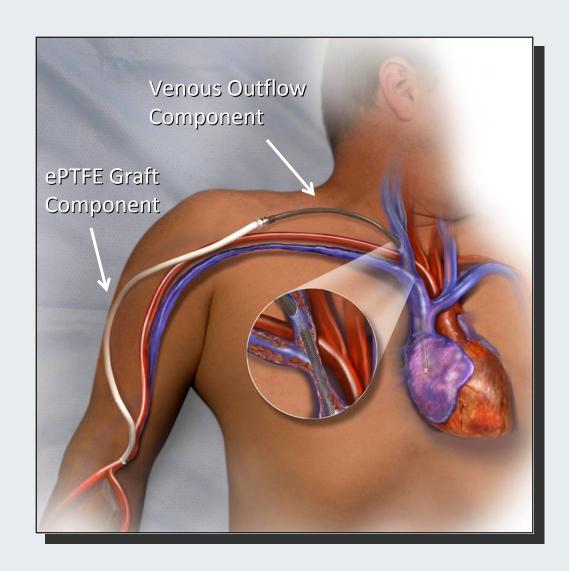
- 41 consecutive HeRO implants between February 2006 and January 2010
- 13 month hiatus between 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> implant
- Single surgeon
- All implants technically successful
- All patients were catheter dependent





#### **A Brief Review**

- ◆HeRO™ <u>He</u>modialysis <u>R</u>eliableOutflow
- 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







# **Demographics**

Metric	Duke	Multi Center Trial
Successful implants, % (n/N)	100 (41/41)	94.7 (36/38)
Male, % (n/N)	34.2 (14/41)	50.0 (19/38)
Age, mean (range)	56.0 (26-83)	62.7
Race, % (n/N)		
Black/African American	82.9 (34/41)	36.8 (14/38)
White/Caucasian	17.1 (7/41)	50.0 (19/38)
Hispanic	0.0	13.2 (5/38)
Native American	0.0	0.0
Asian	0.0	0.0





#### **Co-morbidities & Habits**

Co-morbidities & Habits	Duke	Multi Center Trial
Diabetes Mellitus, % (n/N)	51.2 (21/41)	68.4 (26/38)
Hypertension, % (n/N)	92.7 (38/41)	100.0 (38/38)
Peripheral Arterial Disease, % (n/N)	22.0 (9/41)	
Tobacco Use, % (n/N)	51.2 (21/41)	

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#### **Implantation Specifics**

# HeRO Implant Side

**HeRO Implant Side** 

% (n/N)

Right

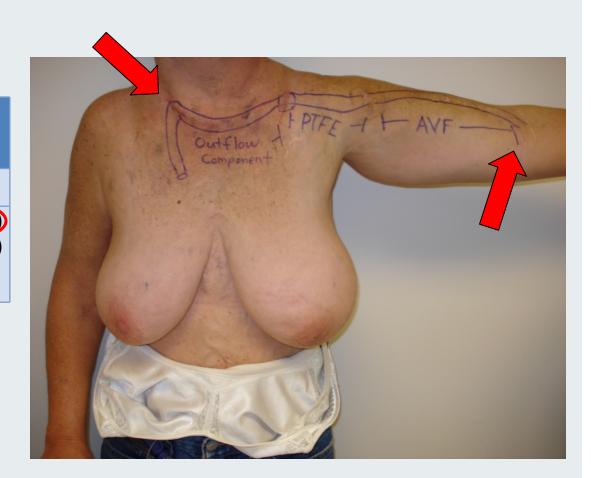
58.5 (24/41)

Left

39.0 (16/41)

Right → Left

2.4 (1/41)







#### **Implantation Specifics**

HeRO Inflow
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Inflow % (n/N)

**BRACH** 68.3 (28/41

AX 14.6 (6/41)

**BrachioBasilic Vein Cuff** 4.9 (2/41)

BrachioCephalic AVF 4.9 (2/41)

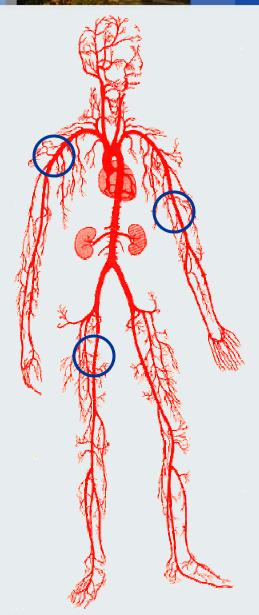
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**Basilic Vein Outflow from** 

forearm loop AVG

4.9 (2/41)

2.4 (1/41)

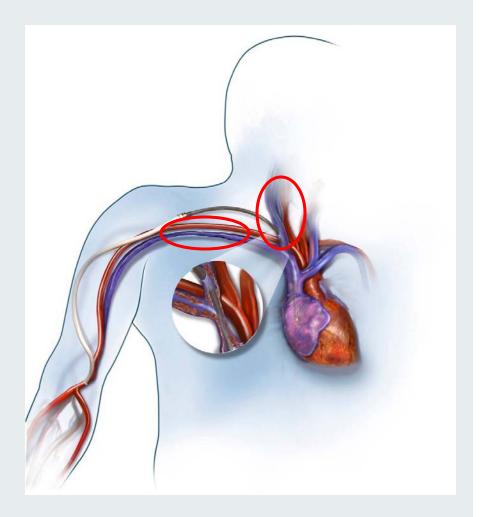






# **Implantation Specifics**

Insertion Vein	% (n/N)
Subclavian Vein	48.8 (20/41)
LSCV	34.2 (14/41)
RSCV	14.6 (6/41)
Internal Jugular Vein	36.6 (15/41)
RIJV	19.5 (8/41)
LIJV	17.1 (7/41)
Axillary Vein	4.9 (2/41)
Common Femoral Vein	4.9 (2/41)
External Jugular Vein	2.4 (1/41)







#### **Implantations Specifics**

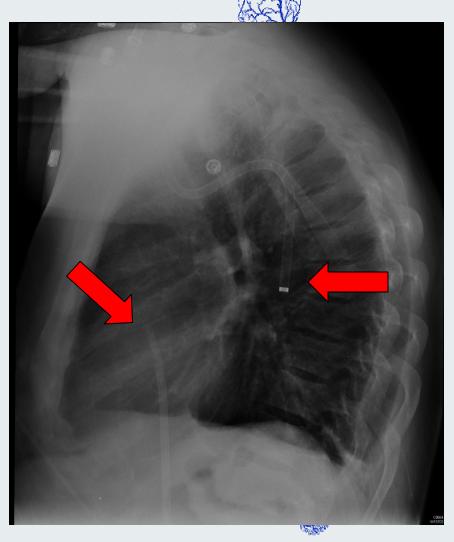


Outflow % (n/N)

 SVC
 90.2 (37/41)

 Azygos
 7.3 (3/41)

**IVC** 2.4 (1/41)

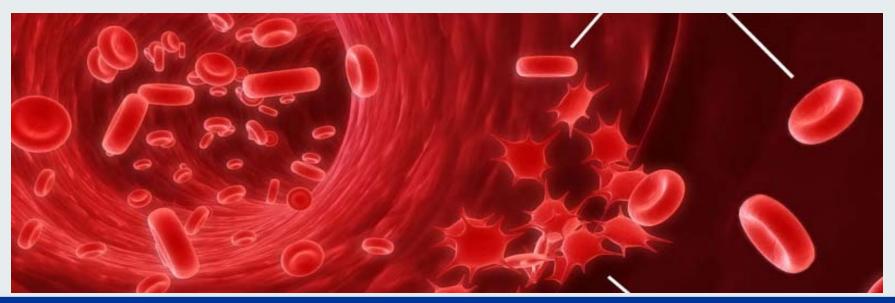






## **Antiplatelet / Anticoagulation Therapy**

Antiplatelet & Anticoagulation Therapy Post -op			
ASA, % (n/N)	53.7 (22/41)		
Plavix, % (n/N)	65.9 (27/41)		
Coumadin, % (n/N)	19.5 (8/41)		







#### **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 3,4	5.8 <sup>5, 6</sup>

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





Demographic	Primary Patency at 6 Months % (n/N)	Secondary Patency at 6 Months % (n/N)	Intervention Rate (per year)
Age:			
< 57 years	75.0% (15/20)	90.0% (18/20)	2.13
57+ years	61.9% (13/21)	85.7% (18/21)	0.65
Race:			
Black/African American	67.6% (23/34)	88.2% (30/34)	1.6
White/Caucasian	71.4% (5/7)	85.7% (6/7)	0.44
Gender:			
Female	70.4% (19/27)	88.9% (24/27)	1.39
Male	64.3% (9/14)	85.7% (12/14)	1.35





Co-morbidities & Habits	Primary Patency Secondary Patency at 6 Months at 6 Months % (n/N) % (n/N)		Intervention Rate (per year)
Diabetes:			
No	70.0% (14/20)	90.0% (18/20)	1.79
Yes	66.7% (14/21)	85.7% (18/21)	0.79
PAD:			
No	68.8% (22/32)	87.5% (28/32)	(1.55)
Yes	66.7% (6/9)	88.9% (8/9)	0.88
Hypertension:			
No	100.0% (3/3)	100.0% (3/3)	0.0
Yes	65.8% (25/38)	86.8% (33/38)	1.51
Tobacco Use:			
No	65.0% (13/20)	85.0% (17/20)	1.46
Yes	71.4% (15/21)	90.5% (19/21)	1.26





Anticoagulation & Antiplatelet Therapy	Primary Patency at 6 Months % (n/N)	Secondary Patency at 6 Months % (n/N)	Intervention Rate (per year)
ASA and/or Plavix:			
No	57.1% (4/7)	71.4% (5/7)	1.47
Yes	70.6% (24/34)	91.2% (31/34)	1.37
Coumadin:			
No	66.7% (22/33)	87.9% (29/33)	1.50
Yes	75.0% (6/8)	87.5% (7/8)	0.81





Arterial & Venous Considerations	Primary Patency at 6 Months % (n/N)	Secondary Patency at 6 Months % (n/N)	Intervention Rate (per year)	
Inflow Artery:				
Brachial	71.4% (20/28)	89.3% (25/28)	1.06	
Axillary	66.7% (4/6)	83.3% (5/6)	1.36	
Other	57.1% (4/7)	85.7% (6/7)	2.66	
CV Occlusion:				
No	72.0% (18/25)	92.0% (23/25)	1.08	
Yes	66.7% (8/12)	83.3% (10/12)	1.19	
CV Stenosis:				
No	70.6% (12/17)	82.4% (14/17)	1.05	
Yes	70.6% (12/17)	100.0% (17/17)	0.96	
Via PermCath:				
No	66.7% (14/21)	14.3% (3/21)	0.54	
Yes	73.7% (14/19)	5.3% (1/19)	2.21	

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#### **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	

<sup>1.</sup> Katzman HE, et al. Initial Experience and Outcome of a New Hemodialysis Access Device for Catheter-Dependent Patients. J Vasc Surg 2009;50:600-07.





#### **Conclusions**

- Excellent Device for access challenged patient
- Favorable characteristics for patency: nondiabetic, non-HTN, female, white/Caucasian, young, brachial anastomosis, and antiplatelet/anticoagulation
- Alternative applications (limb decompression, Lower extremity, outflow)
- Equivalent/Superior patency & infection rates (AVG)
- Superior patency & infection rates (TDC)





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