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# A brief History of AAA Repair &Surgery

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#### **Development of ligation method**

#### Ligation Method

Early Ligation(2<sup>nd</sup> Century AD)

#### Modern Ligation 1923 Matas

# Early Ligation Antyllus\*

in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Century AD Antyllus performed the first recorded surgical intervention for the treatment of AAA>>> proximal und distal ligation of the aorta with central incision of aneurysmal sac to remove the thrombotic material.

\* Stehbens WE. History of Aneurysms. Med Hist 1958;2(4):274–80.

# **Modern ligation method**

- In 1817, Cooper ligated the aortic bifurcation in a ruptured iliac aneurysm, the patient died four hours later<sup>1\*</sup>.
- In 1923, Matas performed the first successful complete ligation of aorta with cotton tapes for aneurysm. Matas S Patient survived for 17 months and died later of tuberculosis<sup>2\*</sup>.

<sup>1\*</sup>Steven G. Friedman, History of vascular surgery, second edition, chapter 7,
P74
2\* Steven G. Friedman, History of vascular surgery, second edition, chapter MASCUPEDIA
P77

Matas's contribution to AAA surgery

#### endoaneurysmorrhaphy\*

technique was developed by him, which involved ligation the aneurysmal sac upon itself to restore normal luminal flow.

<sup>1\*</sup>Steven G. Friedman, History of vascular surgery, second edition, chapter 10, Rudolph Matas, P115

#### Wrapping and promoting thrombosis

AAA wrapping with Cellophane: to induce fibrosis und eliminateal aneurysm growth, it was investigated by Pears in 1940, and Harrison in

19431\*.

Promoting thrombosis: by introducing foreign material into the aneurismal lumen to promote thrombosis, in 1831, Velpeau tried with sewing needles, later Moore-Corradi method was performed by passing electric current through a wire inside the aneurysmal lumen, both attempts were unsuccessful<sup>2\*</sup>.

<sup>1\*</sup>Harrison PW, Chandy J. A subclavian aneurysm cured by cellophane fibrosis. Ann Surg. 1943;118:478.

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<sup>2\*</sup>Siddique K, Alvernia J, Frazer K, Lanzino G, Treatment of aneurysms with wires and electricity: a historical overview. J Neurosurg. 2003;99:1102–7.

## Albert Einstein and AAA

- In 1943, Albert Einstein was operated by Nissen.
- Using the wrapping method with cellophane

The aneurysm finally ruptured in 1955\*

<sup>\*</sup>Cohen JR, Graver LM. The ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm of Albert Einstein. Surg Gynecol Obstet. 1990;170:455-8

#### Anastomosis method

- In 1944 Crafoord: he resected of Coarctation of aortic lesion and reanastomosed the aorta by end-to-end anastomosis using the triangulation technique of Carrel with restoration of arterial continuity<sup>1\*</sup>.
- In 1947, Shumacker performed the same procedures to attempt the first successful thoracic aneurysm, he resected a 4 cm thoracic aortic aneurysm secondary to Coarctation and reanstomosed the aorta<sup>2\*</sup>.

1\*Steven G. Friedman, History of vascular surgery, second edition, chapter 7, p79 <sup>2\* 1\*</sup>Steven G. Friedman, History of vascular surgery, second edition, chapter 7, p80 pEDIA



#### Homografts.

**Carrel** (1880–1963) played an important role in the development of arterial grafting, thanks to his contributions with experiments transplantating human and canine vessel leading Jacques Qudot to make the first replacement of thrombosed aorta with an arterial homograft in 1950<sup>1\*</sup>.

<sup>1\*</sup>Steven G. Friedman, History of vascular surgery, second edition, chapter 21, p198

#### Homografts

The Landmark first AAA resection with restoration of arterial continuity can be credited to Charles Dubost 1951, when he replaced an aneurysmatic aorta in a 51 years old man with an aorta of a young girl harvested three weeks previously\*.

<sup>1\*</sup>Steven G. Friedman, History of vascular surgery, second edition, chapter 20, p194

# the golden age of AAA repair

- The golden age of AAA repair can be credited undoubtley to Cooley and DeBakey.
- In 1952, both of them repaired a large thoracoabdominal aneuryma using a homograft, later they successfully used homografts to replace the ascending aorta 1956, and the aortic arch 1957\*.
- They also developed an astounding number of aortic surgical techniques.
- DeBeakey classified aortic dissection into different types depending on their site.

<sup>\*</sup>D.Cooley MD, A brief history of aortic aneurysm surgery. Aorta 2013;1(1):1-3.

# Crawford

In 1973, Crawford simplified Debakey and Cooley's technique by making sequential clamping of aorta allowing reperfusion of the organs.\*

Green Sy, LeMaire SA, Coselli JS. History of aortic surgery in Houston. In: Chiesa R, Melissano G, Coselli JS et al. Aortic surgery and anaesthesia "How to do it" 3rd Ed. Milan: Editrice San Raffaele. 2008;39-73

# Synthetic grafts

In 1952 Voorhees used the first synthetic graft (Vinyon-N) into ruptured AAA, the patient died shortly afterwards from myocardial infarction. In 1954, Voorhess had successfully implanted 17 AAAs with similar grafts\*.

\*Blakemore AH, Voorhees AB Jr. The use of tubes constructed from vinyon "N" cloth in bridging arterial defects – experimental and clinical. Ann Surg. 1954;140:324.

# Endovascular-gratfs (EVAR)

- The first successful EVAR operation was completed by Parodi in Argentina 1990.
- In 1999, the FDA approved the first two AAA stent grafts for widespread use.\*

\*Criado FJ. EVAR at 20: The unfolding of a revolutionary new technique that changed everything. J Endovasc Ther. 2010;17:789-96.

#### **Other Methods**

- In 1996, Chen reported the results of laparoscopically assisted abdominal aortic aneurysm repair in 10 patients.<sup>1\*</sup>
- Recently, Matsumoto described the use of minilaparotmoy to repair AAA.<sup>2\*</sup>

<sup>1\*</sup>Steven G. Friedman, History of vascular surgery, second edition, chapter 7, p85 2\*Steven G. Friedman, History of vascular surgery, second edition, chapter 7, p85

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