

Remote endarterectomy: A surgical `leave nothing behind approach``



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Case Presentation

• Male, 72 yrs. old

• Comorbidity: Coronary heart disease, Type II diabetes

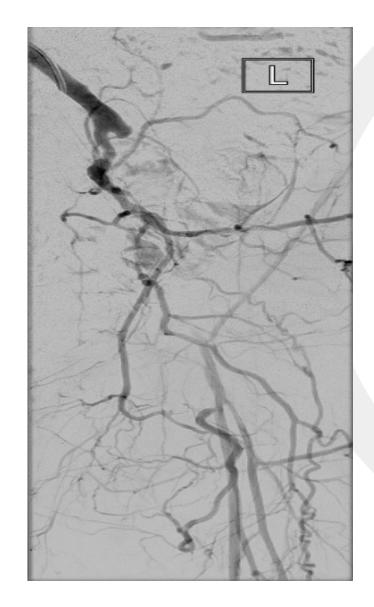
Severe Claudication of the left limb (RB Class 3)

Occlusion of external iliac artery



Diagnostic Angiogram







How would you treat this lesion?

- Iliofemoral Bypass
- Femorofemoral Bypass
- Primary stent deployment
- Primary stent-graft deployment
- Primary leave ``nothing-behind-approach``



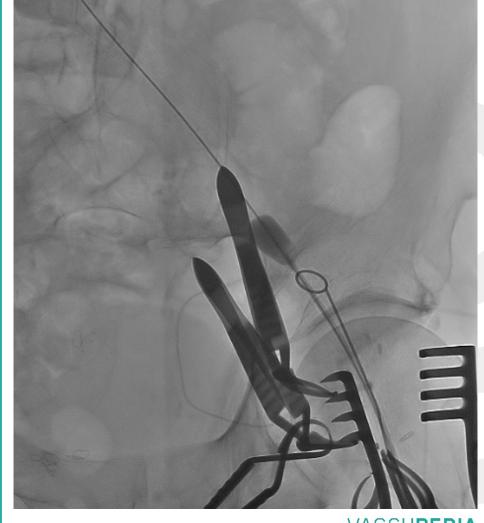
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- Surgical exposure of the left common femoral
- Longitudinal arteriotomy and debulking of the femoral plaque
- 3. Crossing of the iliac lesion with a 0.035 guidewire

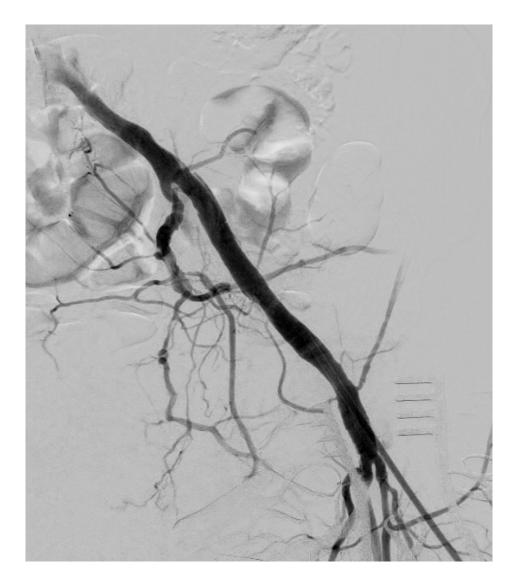


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- 4. Advancing a guidewire-guided Fogarty catheter in the iliac bifurcation
- 5. Remote endarterectomy of the external iliac artery
- 6. Parallel pull back of the Fogarty/endarterectomy catheters



Remote Endarterectomy: Final Result





Questions to the Vascupedians

- Do you perform remote endarterectomy at your institution?
- Would you preferentially perform an iliofemoral or femorofemoral bypass?
- Do you consider lesions extending up to-/below the inguinal ligament contraindication for endovascular treatment?
- Which would be your medical treatment in this case: Single antiplatelet therapy, dual antiplatelet therapy, anticoagulation?