New Strategy for SVG Stenting

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Which lesions embolize?

1. Cannot predict which lesion will embolize.

- 2. Cannot predict how severe the embolization will be.
- 3. Significant embolization occurs in 5-20% of SVG's.

IVUS Predictors of No Reflow in SVG's.

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No-reflowNormal reflow

Distal Protection Devices do not eliminate distal embolization.



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Strategies to Prevent Distal Embolization.

- The safest is to use Protection Devices.
- Direct stenting.
- Low stent deployment pressure.
- 3-10 days of Low Molecular Weight Heparin, ASA and Plavix (Toulouse Strategy).
- Small stent in large veins.











SVG to LAD with Soft Plaque



SVG to LAD.

Reference Vessel



Soft Plaque



3.5mm drug eluting stent and Percusurge distal protection





Final Result



No material retrieved in aspirated blood













10 y.o. SVG to Diagonal



ACS with +Troponins.

After 3 days of Lovenox, 2B3A and Plavix



Troponins remained positive all three days

Three long 3 mm stents







Uniform 3x3 mm stent lumen. No plaque prolapse. All plaque material behind struts



Before PCI





No embolization, no troponin rise. Discharged on triple antiplatelet agents: ASA, Plavix, and Cilostazol

Use Stent with area adequate for distal vessel perfusion, often much smaller than the SVG Diameter.

Large Stent in Large Vein



Tissue Prolapse and embolization

Small Stent in Large Vein



No tissue prolapse or embolization



Aggressive Treatment of SVG

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226 patients with IVUS guided PCI of SVG

176 pts. stent area < than Reference Vessel Diameter and 50 pts. stent > than RVD.



DES for SVG. 6 months outcome.

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Conclusion

- The strategy of a small diameter stent to treat a large vein graft:
 - is a simple procedure.
 - appears safe and effective.
 - has minimal or no distal embolization.
 - has no increased TLR.
- A randomized trial is needed for to prove the above concepts.