# How to improve AVF patency

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#### NCD in Thailand (diabetes 8.9%-prediabetes?), obesity, fast food

• Nutrition ไทย หวาน เค็มจัด

 Renal failure- scarce renal transplanatation end up with AVF and PD

• Surgeon for access surgery - the bottle neck

How to achieve good patency in vascular access according to "phases of renal access creation"

1. Pre access

2. Access creation

3. Maturation

4. Late patency

# Pre access

- Preserve renal function- NSAID
- Education-nutrition
- Vein preservation-dominant arm
- Arm exercise
- Early Referral
- Wait time-express way in virgin neck

# Access creation

### 10-15% FAILURES

- Duplex Ultrasound: vein assessment (esp. obesity), central vein stenosis artery calcification
- Technique-microsurgical technique, Loupe
- Training shortening learning curve
- •Challenging groups-refer to experts

# Maturation

## 20-25% Fail to mature (FTM)

- Atherosclerotic artery- poor inflow (ultrasound can detect)
- •Stenosis: juxta-anastomotic stenosis, central vein stenosis: balloon assist maturation in the first 4 weeks

# Late patency

- Dedicated team/centre
- Self care
- Cannulation practice: perfect
  Monitoring and Surveillance
  Managing v. aneurysms, central v stenosis
  Medications



# Late failure in the mature AVF

 In the setting of uremia and other systemic abnormalities, compounded with local injury as well as repeated needle puncture, even the mature AVF is predisposed to eventual failure. Neointimal hyperplasia worsens with time, typically leading to stenosis of the AVF venous limb.

**1 Systemic abnormalities:** ESRD patients have systemic abnormalities, such as uremia, systemic inflammation, endothelial dysfunction, lipid abnormalities, hyperparathyroidism, hyperphosphatemia and hypercalcemia. These abnormalities may predispose the vessel wall to inward remodeling and stenoses after AVF creation.

2. **Pre-existent vascular pathology:** The systemic abnormalities in ESRD patients induce accelerated atherosclerosis, vessel thickening, vascular calcification and stiffness

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#### REVIEW

#### Medical Adjuvant Treatment to Improve the Patency of Arteriovenous Fistulae and Grafts: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

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•The Cochrane Peripheral Vascular Diseases Group searched the for all randomised controlled trials (RCTs) investigating the effect of active drug versus placebo on patency. The primary outcome was fistula or graft patency rate.

#### Table 1. Type of AVF or graft used per study.

Adjuvant treatment	Type of AVF or graft	Study (first author
Aspirin	AVFs	Andrassy <sup>13</sup>
	AV shunt formation between the radial artery	Harter <sup>19</sup>
	and the cephalic vein with a Teflon adapter and	
	straight silastic arteriovenous-shunt material	
Dipyridamole	Prosthetic arteriovenous expanded PTFE grafts	Sreedhara <sup>23</sup>
Dipyridamole + aspirin	Prosthetic arteriovenous expanded PTFE grafts	Sreedhara <sup>23</sup>
Ticlopidine	AVFs	Fiskerstrand <sup>16</sup>
		Grontoft <sup>17</sup>
	Majority had native, distal arm AVFs with 16	Grontoft <sup>18,a</sup>
	artificial grafts, 9 with free vein grafts	
Warfarin	PTFE grafts	Crowther <sup>14</sup>
Fish oil	Synthetic AV grafts	Lok <sup>8</sup>
	PTFE grafts	Schmitz <sup>9</sup>
Clopidogrel	AVFs	Dember <sup>6</sup>
		Ghorbani <sup>7</sup>
Sulphinpyrazone	Mixture of AVFs, bovine grafts and 1 shunt	Michie <sup>21,b</sup>
PRT-201	AV grafts	Dwivedi <sup>15</sup>
	AVFs	Hye <sup>20</sup>
		Peden <sup>22</sup>



Figure 3. Forest plot of the meta-analysis of aspirin trials.



Figure 4. Forest plot of the meta-analysis of ticlopidine trials.



Figure 5. Forest plot of the meta-analysis of fish oil trials.



# Role of Cilostazol in Vascular Access Surgery

# Novel therapies to reduce neointimal hyperplasia

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Agent	Potential therapeutic benefit(s)	Clinical outcomes reported
Cilostazol	Anti-platelet effect	Improved patency of angioplasty in haemodialysis patients with 100 mg Cilostazol.
	Inhibition of VSMC proliferation Inhibition of neointimal hyperplasia	Reduced restenosis following coronary angioplasty.
Statins	Anti-platelet effect Inhibition of VSMC proliferation	Improved AVF patency in retrospective analysis (71.5 versus 39.1%). Improved infrainguinal bypass graft patency in 2× retrospective analyses.
	Enhanced endothelial function	
Allogenic endothelial cell implants	Enhanced endothelial function	Safety of technique demonstrated. No clinical outcomes as yet.
NO	Enhance endothelial function	Minimal benefit on restenosis following coronary angioplasty, with high incidence side effects.
MAP kinase inhibitors	AP kinase inhibitors Inhibit VSMC proliferation Experimental models only.	

Table 5. Novel therapies to reduce neointimal hyperplasia

#### Reducing neointimal hyperplasia via VSMC inhibition and restoration of endothelial integrity

Jackson AJ., et al. Nephro Dial Transplant 2012:27 (5):20

## What about the roles of Cilostazol ??



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**Animal Data** 

## Effects on Neointimal Formation Rat Carotid Artery



Lee IK et al. Hypertension. 2005 Apr;45(4):552-6

#### Cilostazol May Improve Maturation Rates and Durability of Vascular Access for Hemodialysis

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#### Abstract

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## Cilostazol Improves Maturation Rates and Durability of Vascular Accesss for Hemodialysis

#### Case-controlled study

Cilostazol can improve maturation rates and durability of vascular access for hemodialysis

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## Cilostazol Improves Maturation Rates and Durability of Vascular Access for Hemodialysis

	Cilostazol (n=33)	Control (n=116)	Univariate analysis	Multivariate analysis
Fistula matured	88%	66%	OR=3.8, 95% CI:	OR=4.4, 95% CI:
			1.3-11.6, P=0.016	1.2-16.9, P=0.03
Time to the first complication (days)	345.6±441	198.3±185	P=0.025	OR=9.3, 95% CI:
				2.3-38.5
Time to failure (days)	903.7±543.6	381.6±317.2	P=0.001	OR=4.0, 95% CI:
				1.3-12.1

#### Russell T., et al. Journal of Vascular Surgery;2016:6

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## Thank you for your attention

