Techniques and Complications of EndoVascular Aortic Repair

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- Indication
 - Aortic aneurysm
 - Aortic dissection
 - (Complicated vs. uncomplicated)
 - Traumatic aortic injury

- Contraindication
 - Hypersensitivity in stent-graft
 - Condition that threatens to infect the graft



TEVAR in aortic aneurysm



TEVAR in aortic dissection





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TEVAR in traumatic aortic injury

Planning

- Condition of access vessel
 - Iliofemoral artery & abd aorta
 - Tortousity & stenosis
- Proximal and distal landing zone
 - Angle & length
- Size of stent-graft
 - >10-15% than native aorta
 - Tapered vs straight
 - Etiology
 - aneurysm, dissection, shock

Approach

- Percutaneous
 - Preclosing with Perclose devices
 - Learning curve, costs....

- Exposure
 - Small incision
 - Purse-string suture (Prolene 5-0, x2)

Initial aortography

- ・ Angle 을 맞추는 것이 가장 중요!!
 - LAO vs RAO
 - cranial vs caudal

Stent-graft deployment

• Alignment of radiopaque markers!!

Stent-graft deployment

- Prevent migration of stent-graft!!
 - Fixation of left hand
 - Lower blood pressure
 - Rapid ventricular pacing

Hybrid TEVAR – proximal landing zone

- *Zone 0:* ascending aorta and proximal arch to innominate artery
- *Zone 1:* segment between innominate artery and left common carotid artery
- *Zone 2:* segment between left common carotid and left subclavian arteries
- *Zone 3:* segment beyond left subclavian along curved portion of distal arch
- *Zone 4:* straight portion of descending thoracic aorta starting at level of the 4th thoracic vertebra

Zone 2 TEVAR

• LCCA-LSCA bypass or LSCA transposition

• Proximal LSCA ligation vs plugging vs coiling

Consideration for zone 2 TEVAR

- LSCA bypass or not..??
 - Indication of LSCA revascularization
 - LIMA bypass
 - left vertebral dominance
 - isolated left brain hemisphere
 - left upper extremity dialysis access
 - Younger or left-handed patients
- LCCA-LSCA bypass
 - Supraclavicular incision

Zone 1 TEVAR

- Carotid-carotid bypass
 - Retropharyngeal route
 - Subcutaneous route
- IA-LCCA-LSCA bypass
 - Upper partial sternotomy

Zone 0 TEVAR

EVAR

Indication of EVAR

- Symptomatic or ruptured AAA
- Diameter > 50mm
- Rapid growing
- Saccular aneurysm
- Iliac aneurysm

Patient selection for EVAR

- Proximal landing zone
 - Diameter / Length
 - Shape (conical)
- Distal landing zone
 - Diameter / CIA length
- Angulation
 - Proximal neck / Iliac
- Ilio-femoral condition (for access)

Initial aortography (1)

- Renal arteries
 - Usually between L1 & L2
 - Should check the lowest renal artery
 - Should not be confused celiac trunk

(common hepatic a & splenic a)

Procedure

Case

Internal iliac artery embolization

Coiling vs plugging

- Buttock or thigh claudication
- Sexual dysfunction (impotence)
- Bowel ischemia
- Spinal cord ischemia

Avoid bilateral IIA embolization..!

Endoleak

| Туре | Definition |
|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Type I | Persistent filling of the aneurysm sac due to incomplete seal or ineffective seal at the proxi- mal (type IA) or distal (type IB) end of the stent graft |
| Type II | Persistent filling of the aneurysm sac due to retrograde branch flow from collateral vessels |
| Type III | Blood flow into the aneurysm sac due to inad- equate or ineffective sealing of overlapping graft joints or rupture of the graft fabric |
| Type IV | Blood flow into the aneurysm sac due to the porosity of the graft fabric, causing blood to pass through from the graft and into the aneurysm sac |
| Type V | Aneurysm sac expansion without clear evi- dence of endoleak origin |

Complications (1)

- Device related
 - Graft migration, kinking, endoleak
- Procedure related
 - Dissection, malpositioning,
 - Thromboembolism, ischemic colitis, paraplegia
 - Groin hematoma, wound infection
- Systemic complications
 - Contrast induced nephropathy (CIN)
 - Post-implantation syndrome (PIS)

What approach..?

- (T)EVAR
 - Minimal incision
 - No aortic cross clamping
 - No extracorporeal circulation
 - Lower operative mortality rate
 - Lower morbidity rate
 - Lower hospital stay
 - Good choice for patients with important comobidities
 - .. But not for everyone..
 - .. Long term results..??

- Open surgery
 - No suitable proximal and distal landing zones
 - No suitable stent-grafts
 - Lack of vascular access
 - Connective tissue disorders

Thank you for your attention~!

