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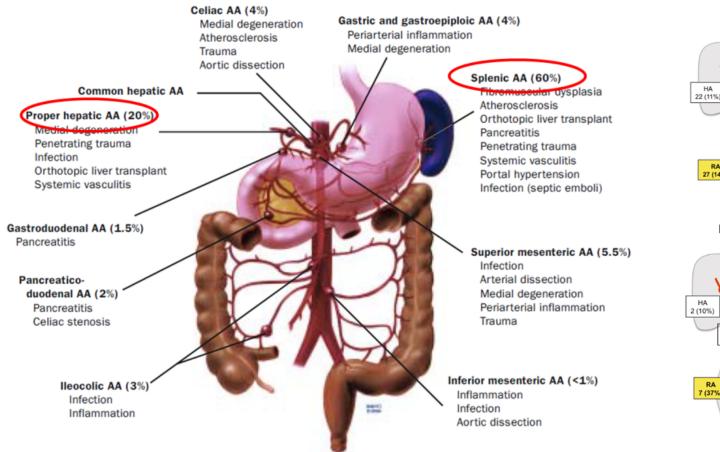
Can all visceral aneurysms be treated by embolization?

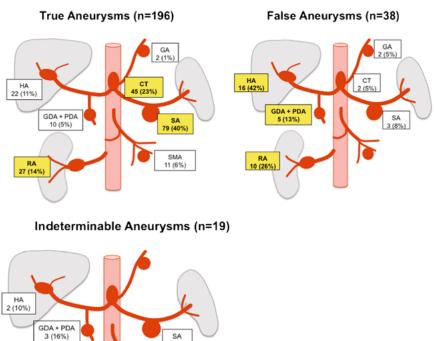
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Visceral artery aneurysms

- Incidence increasing due to extensive use of high resolution imaging thus reducing risk of rupture
- Most patients asymptomatic, therefore dilemma of timing of intervention
- Unpredictable natural course
- High mortality rate in case of rupture
- With advent of endovascular therapy that is characterized by low morbidity and mortality rate aggressive therapy is warranted

Distribution



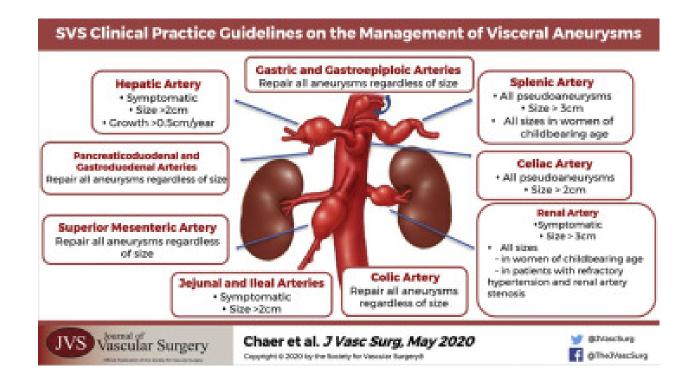


Tulsyan N et al , JVS 2007,45:276-283
Pitton MB et al , Eur Radiol 2015,25:2004-2014

Patient selection

- Size and diameter
- Anatomical location
- Collateral blood supply to distal vascular bed
- Co-morbidities
- Available expertise
- Support staff training
- Equipment availability

Guidelines for intervention



True aneurysms
Symptomatic
Women of childbearing age
Patients who may require a liver transplant
Nonatherosclerotic etiology (ie, connective tissue disease)
Interval growth > 0.5 cm/y
Multiple hepatic VAA
> 2 cm Hepatic, splenic, or celiac VAAs
Any size rare VAA (SMA and branches and IMA aneurysms)

Pseudoaneurysms All

Treatment options

- Surgical
 - Ligation
 - Bypass
 - Ex-vivo repair (kidney)
- Endovascular
 - Embolization (coils, stent-assisted coiling, balloon remodeling)
 - Covered stent
 - Flow diversion

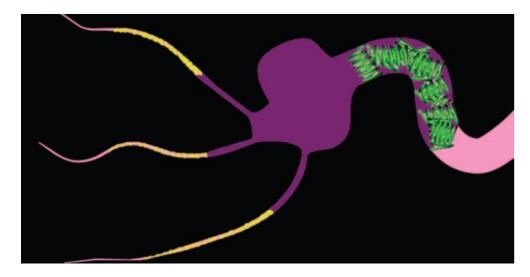
Contraindication embolization

 Absolute need to maintain patency (e.g. hepatic artery in hepatic failure and occluded portal vein)

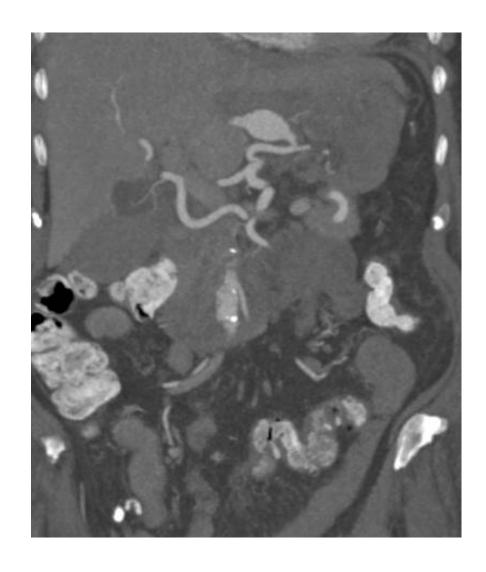
Sandwich/'trapping'

- Sandwich/'trapping' method
 - Coiling of both afferent and efferent vessel
 - Coiling of afferent artery, large particle embolization of efferent branches





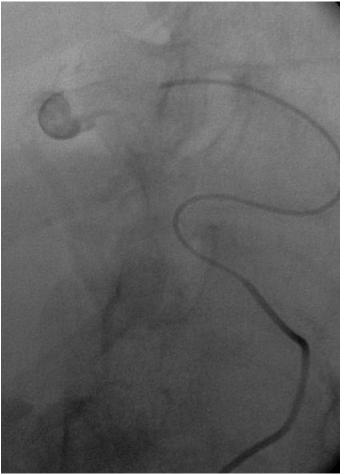
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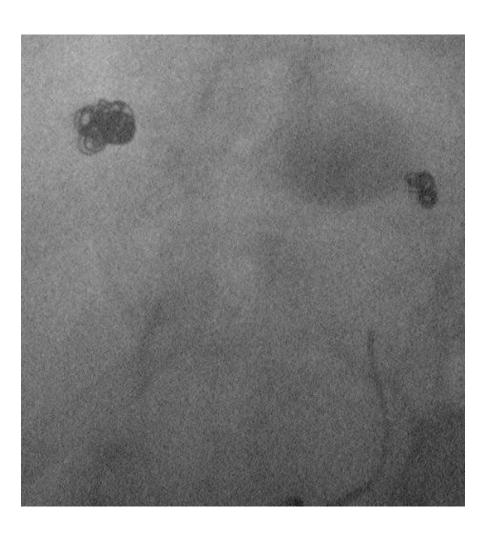




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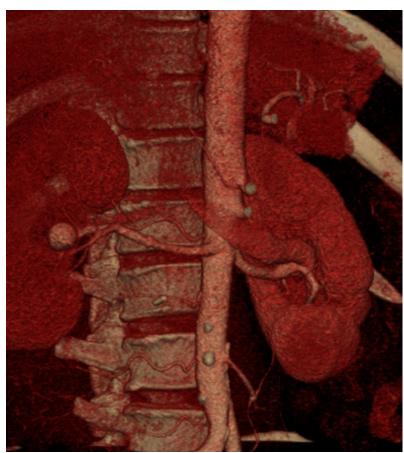
Packing method

- Coil embolization, with or without stent (saccular 'berry' aneurysms)
- Liquid embolic agents
- Balloon remodeling

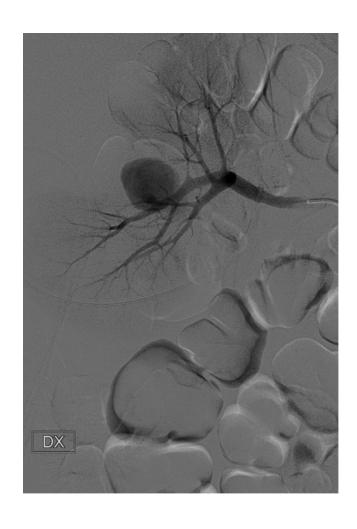
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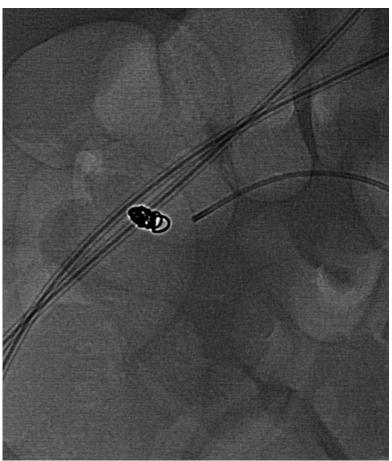
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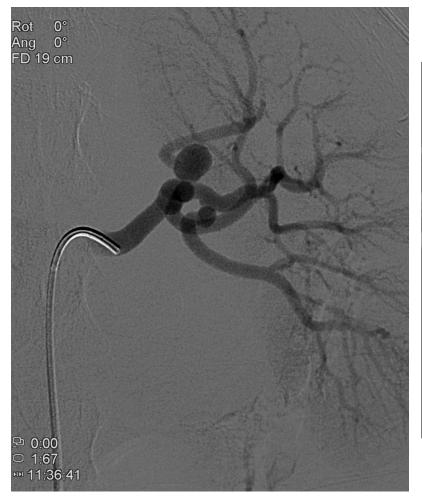
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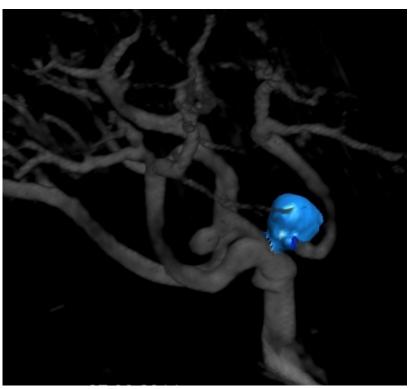


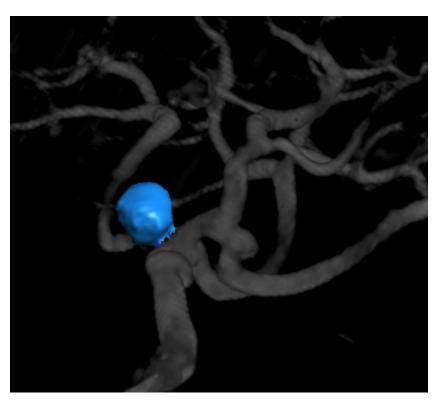


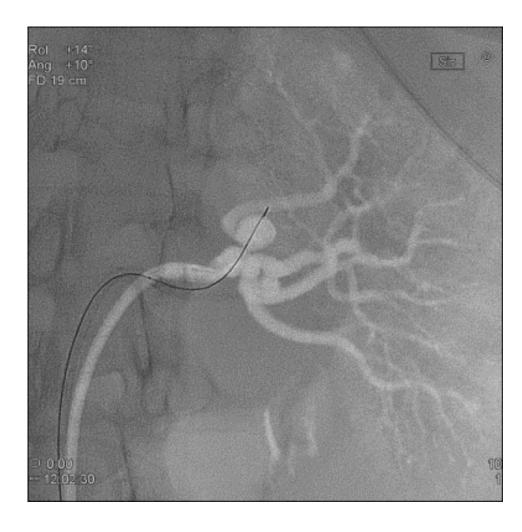


Packing-balloon remodeling

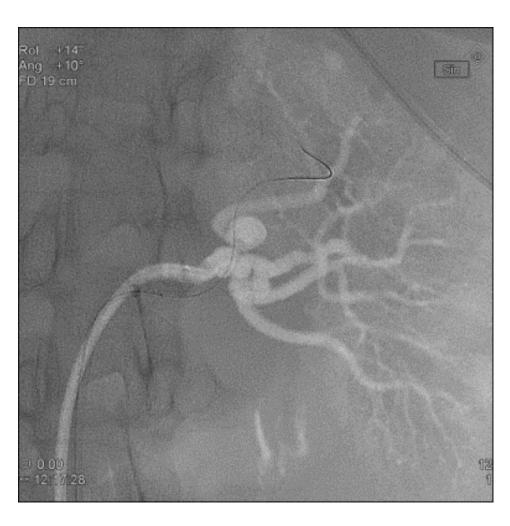




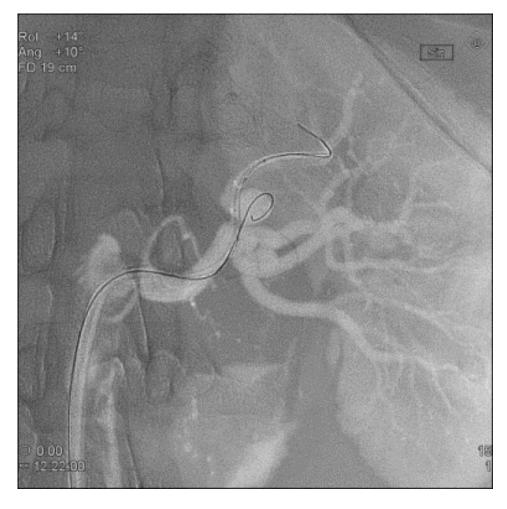




7F sheath; placement guidewire in main branch



Placement occlusion balloon in main branch



Placement 2nd microcatheter in aneurysm



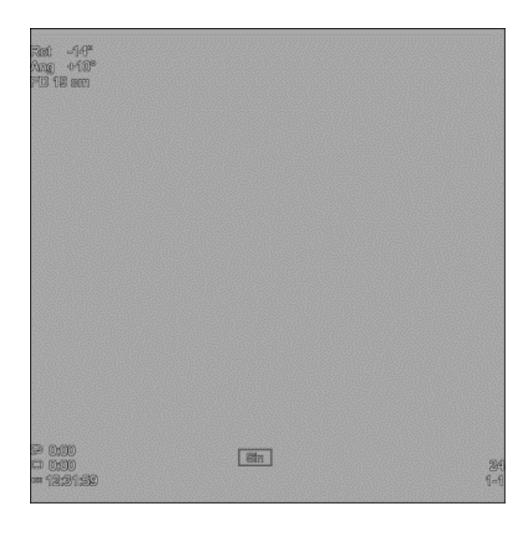
Placement 1st coil and inflation occlusion balloon



Rol -14° Ang +10°

Placement 1st coil

Balloon deflation; check stability/deformation

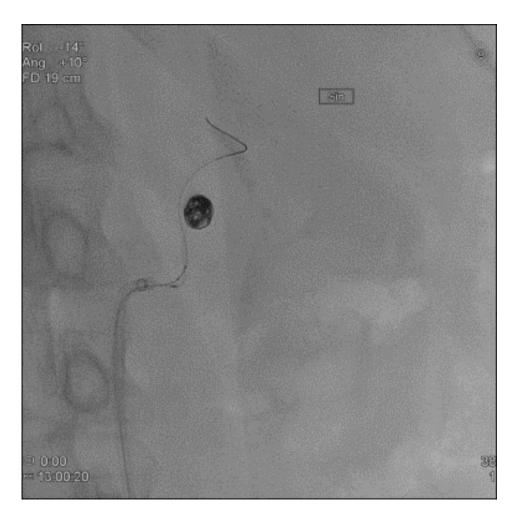




Control angiography

Balloon inflation





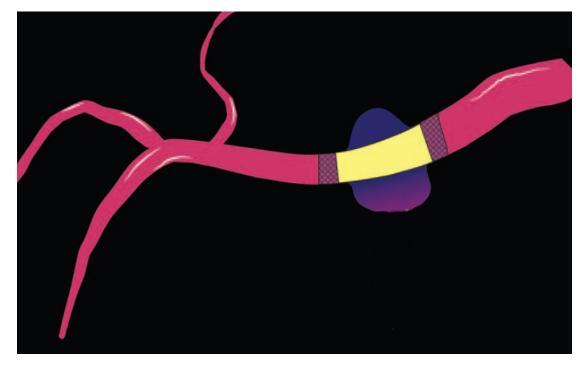
Placement 2nd coil

Removal balloon catheter



Control angiography

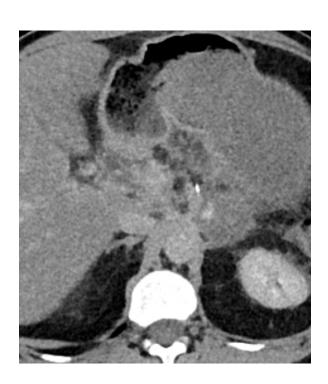
- Preservation of arterial perfusion
- Risk of thrombosis when used in small diameter arteries
- Rigid delivery systems



Nosher JL et al , Radiographics 2006,26:1687-1704



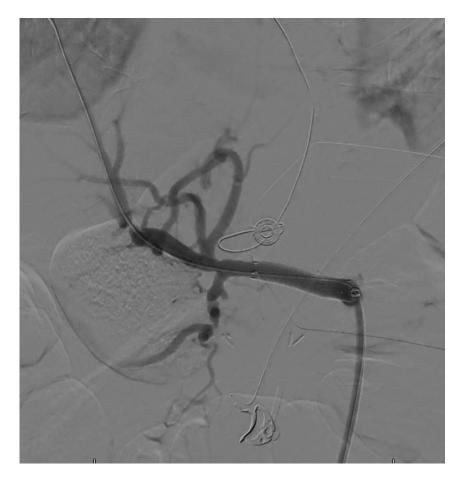




False aneurysm celiac trunk after Whipple

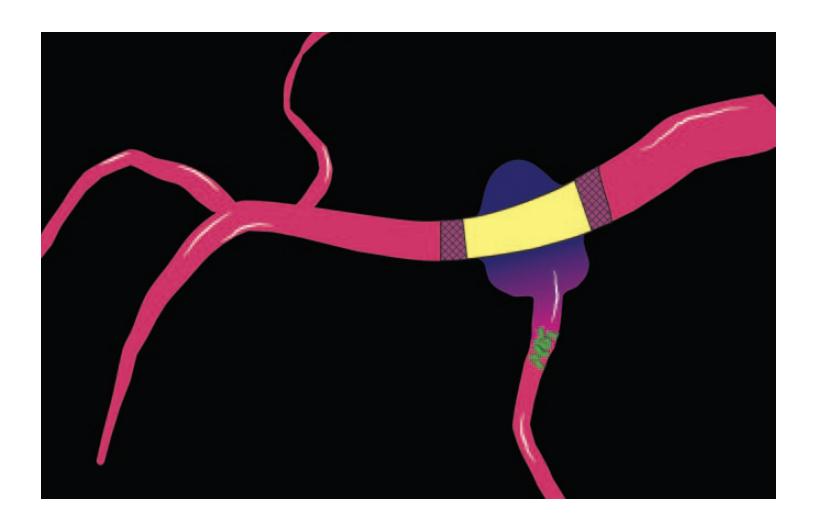




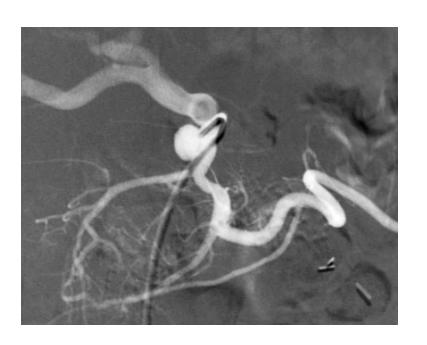


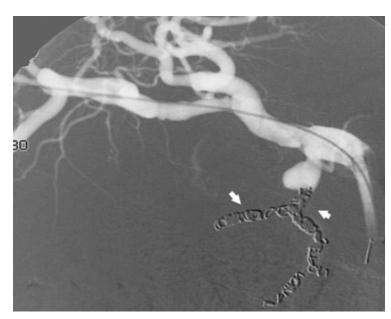


Covered stent and coils

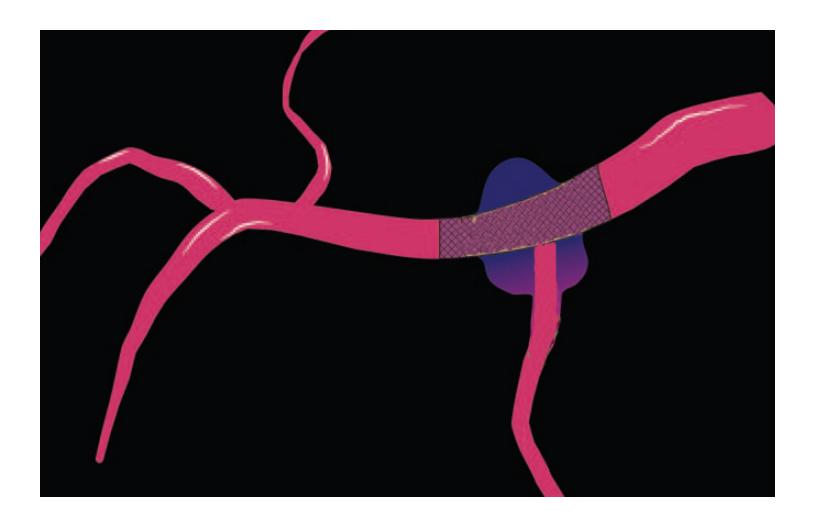


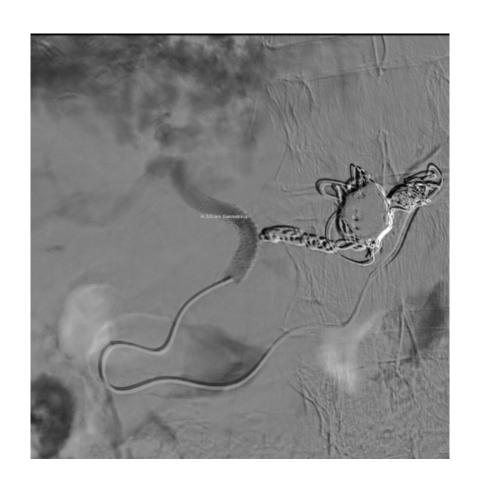
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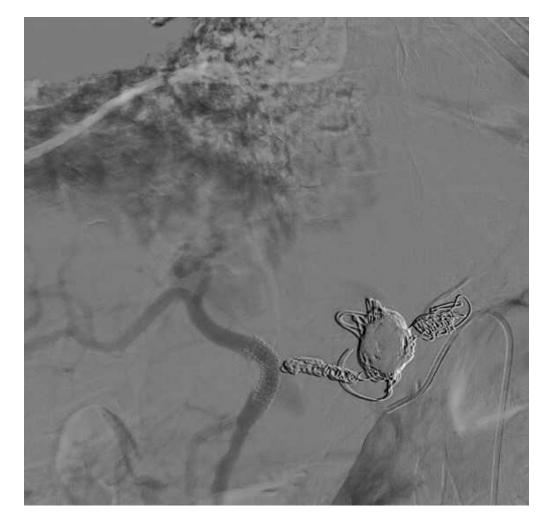


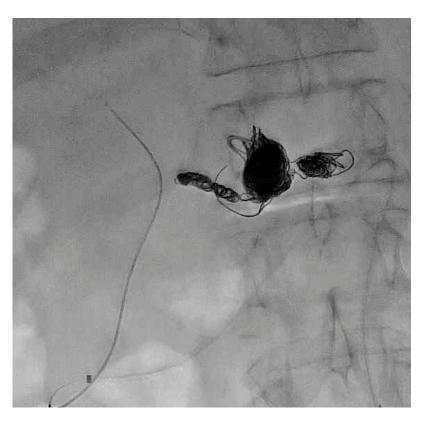






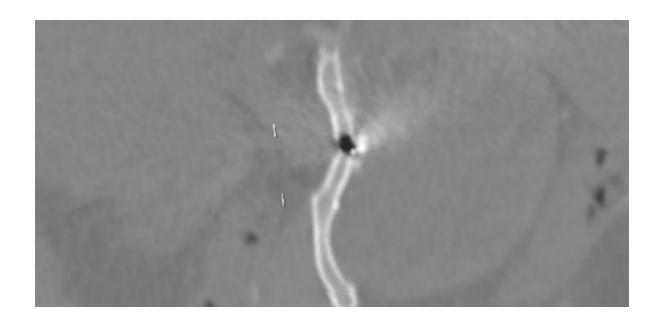












Conclusions

- Most visceral aneurysms can be treated with coils
- Use of covered stents limited by physical characteristics
- Role of flow diversion well-established
- Selection of patient and therapy is multi-factorial



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