

## Endovascular AVF for dialysis access shows high patency rate

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12, 18, and 24 months, the cumulative patency rate was 97.1, 93.9, 93.9, and 92.7 percent, respectively. A postprocedure patient evaluation indicated a high level of satisfaction.

"The dramatic difference in durability between the endovascular fistulas and the surgically created ones is striking," Beathard said in a statement. "The ability to quickly and easily create a fistula that will last a long time, without surgical trauma or the need for additional procedures, could represent a significant advance in dialysis patient care."

One author disclosed financial ties to Avenu Medical, which manufactures the <u>vascular access</u> system.

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(HealthDay)—A proximal radial artery endovascular arteriovenous fistula to allow vascular access in patients who require hemodialysis remains highly functional at two years, according to a study recently published online in the *Journal of Vascular Access*.

Gerald A. Beathard, M.D., Ph.D., from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, and colleagues reported the two-year cumulative patency rate for a multicenter cohort of 105 endovascular arteriovenous <u>fistula</u> cases. Data were extracted from electronic health records.

The researchers found that a physiologically mature arteriovenous fistula (blood flow ?500 mL/minute and a target vein internal diameter ?4 mm) was obtained in 98 percent of cases. In 95 percent of cases, a clinically functional arteriovenous fistula (supporting two-needle dialysis according to the patient's dialysis prescription) was achieved. In eight cases, there was access failure during the study period. At six,

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