

# Symptoms of PAD

## and Interventional Approach

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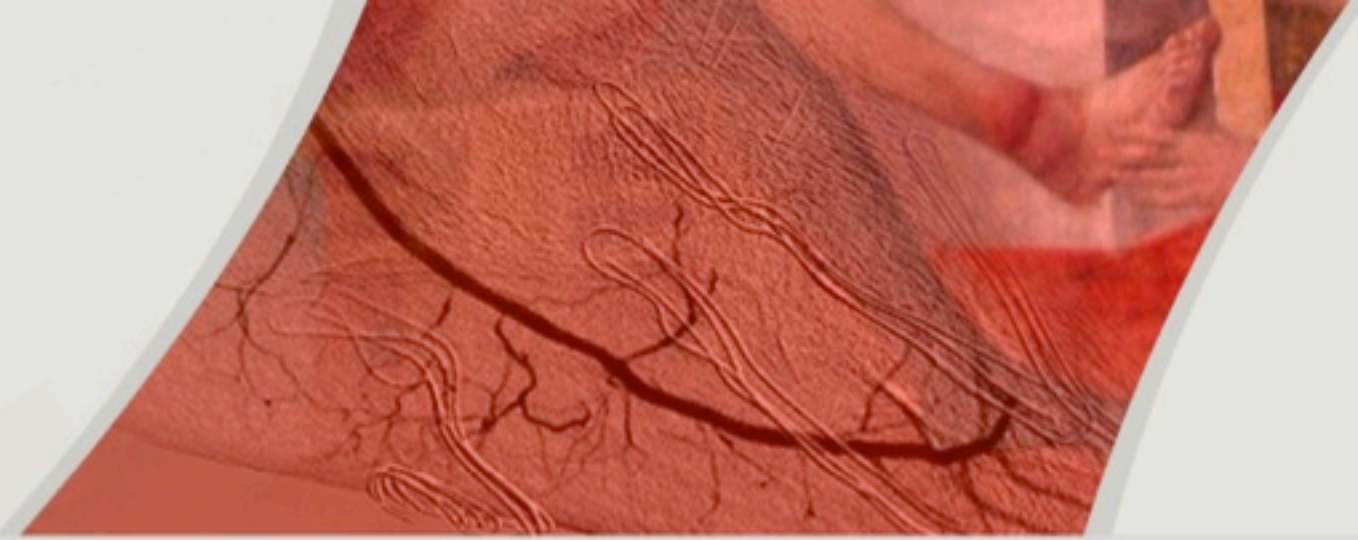
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Fontaine's & Rutherford's classifications

- Claudication
- CLI
- DM & non-DM manifestations of PAD

Interventional Approach In IC and CLI

- When to treat
  - Where to treat
  - Targets for revascularization



# Symptoms of PAD



Inter-Society Consensus  
for the Management of PAD

## Inter-Society Consensus for the Management of Peripheral Arterial Disease (TASC II)

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claudication

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tissue loss

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# Claudication

## Claudication needs:

1. PAD
2. Ability to walk

- Desire to walk
- Good brain
- Good heart
- Good lungs
- Good legs

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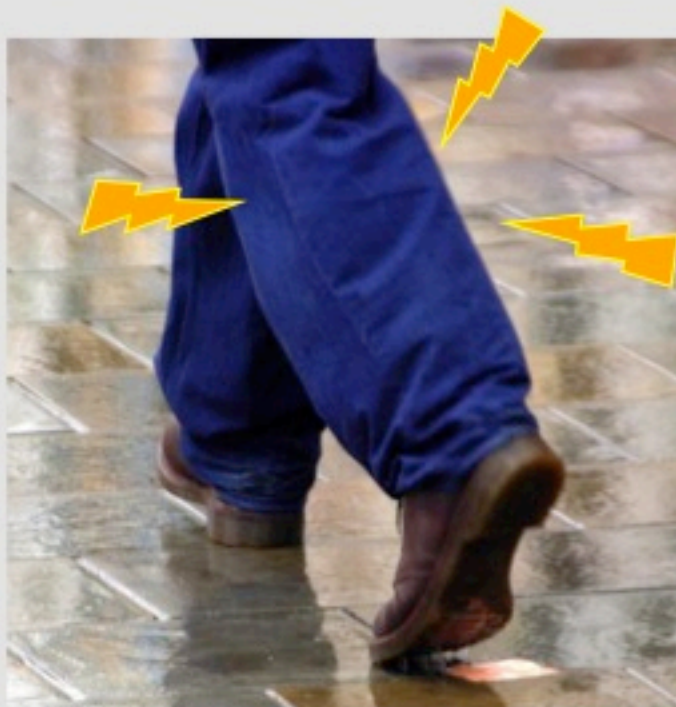
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# Claudication

- The patient:  
wants to walk longer distances



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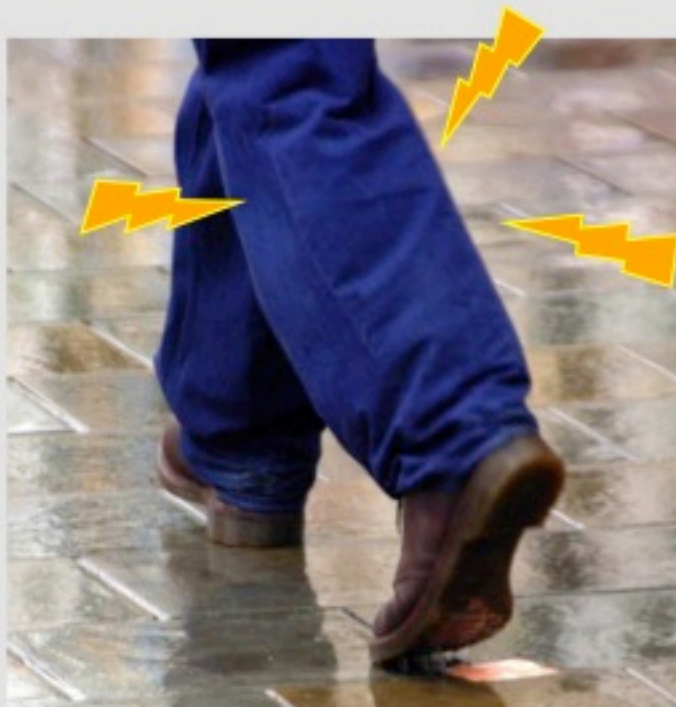
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# Claudication

Claudication fate?



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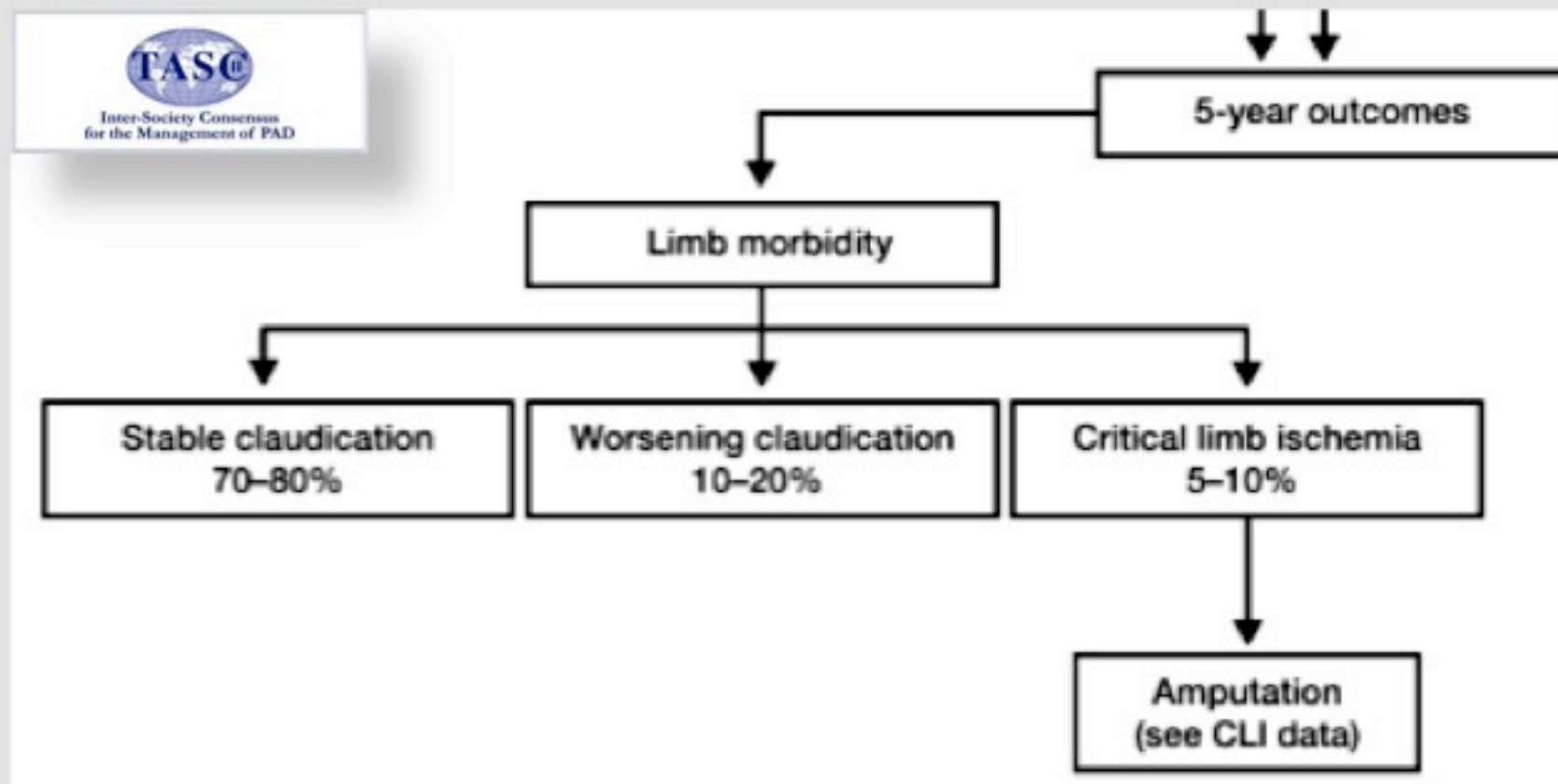
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# Claudication

## 1. “Limb” point of view

IC is a “benign” disorder, with a very low rate of evolution in CLI (<10% at 5 yrs)



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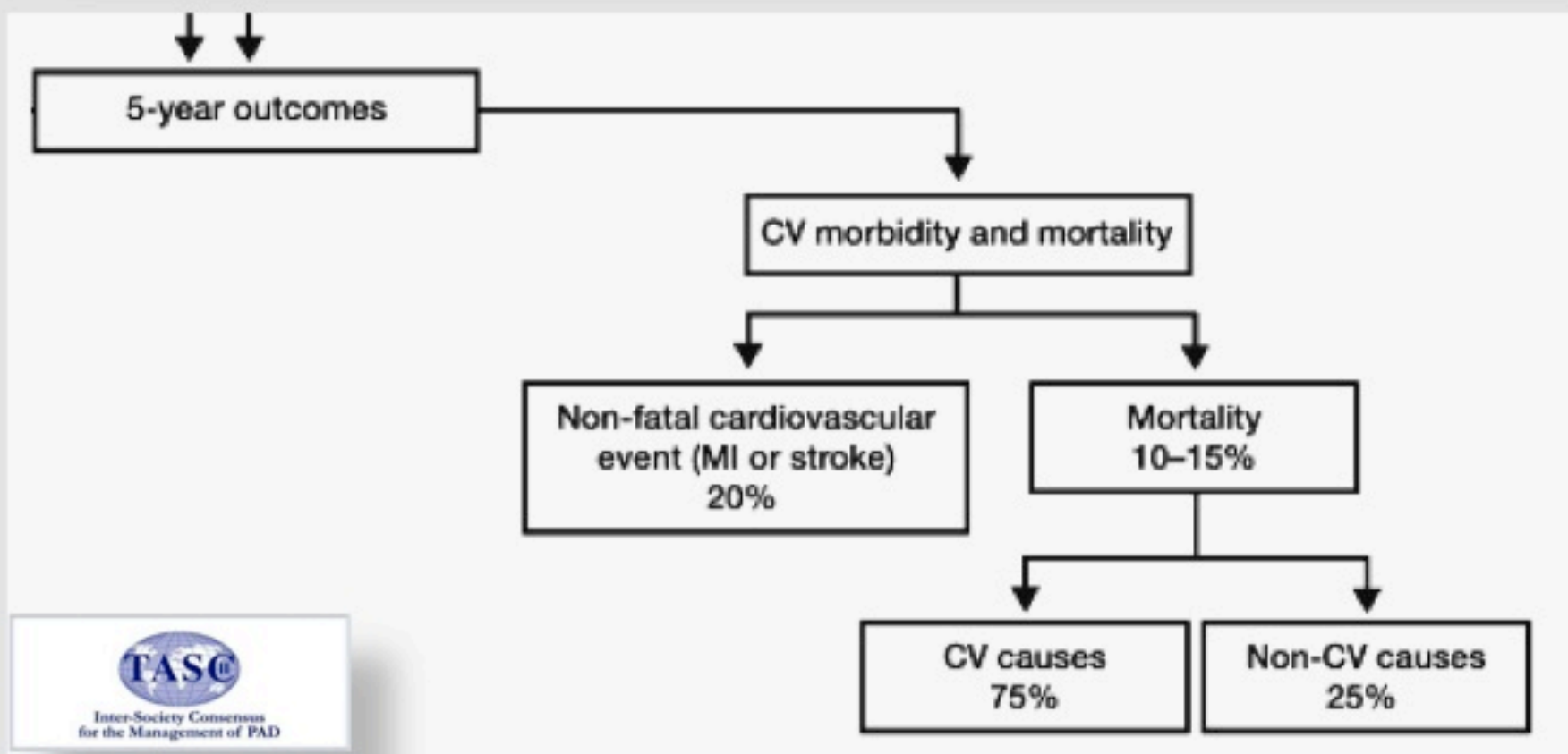
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# Claudication

## 2. Cardiovascular point of view

IC is a strong marker of future cardiovascular events



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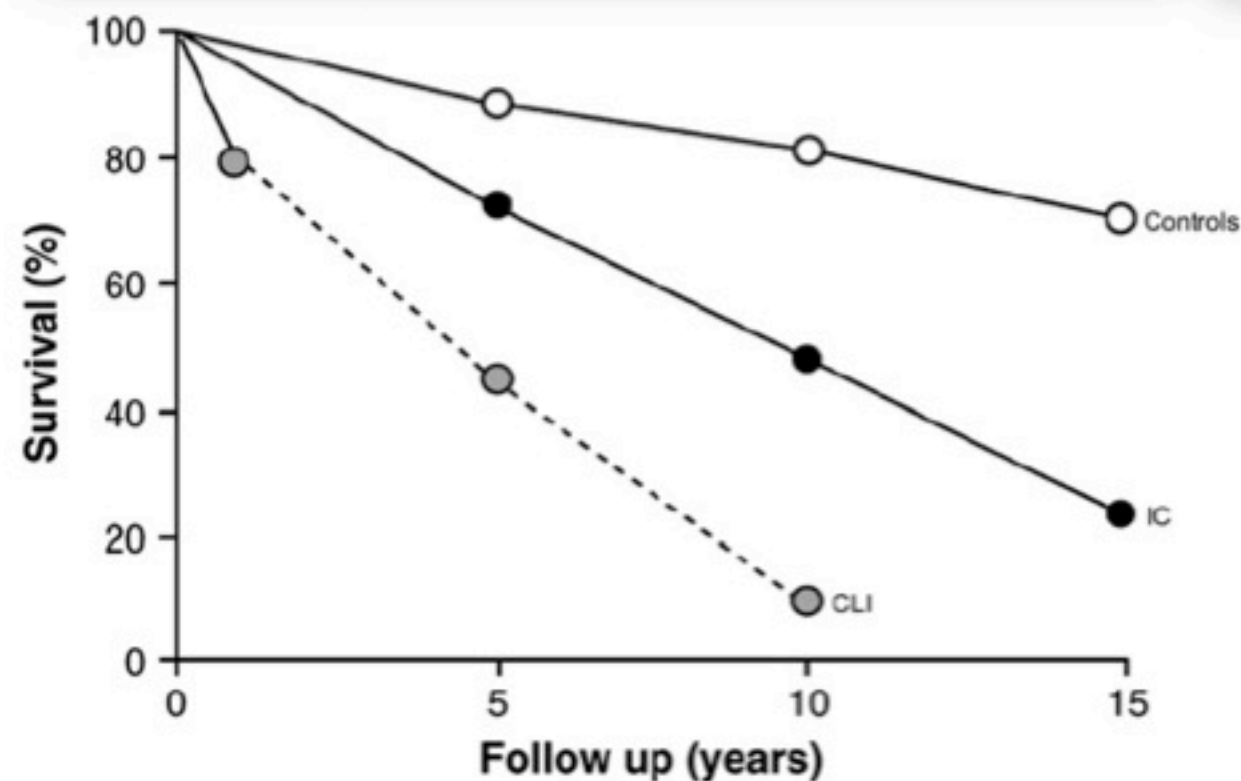
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# Claudication

## 2. CV point of view

IC is a strong marker of future cardiovascular events

### Mortality of Patients with PAD



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# Claudication

- **Claudication**
  - Functional disease
- **Sufferers**
  - Relatively young
  - Few comorbidities
  - Relatively long life expectancy
  - Relatively high QoL expectations



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# Critical Limb Ischemia

- The CLI Patient
  - «I'm desperate!»
  - «Save my leg!»



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tissue loss



# Critical Limb Ischemia

CLI outcome?



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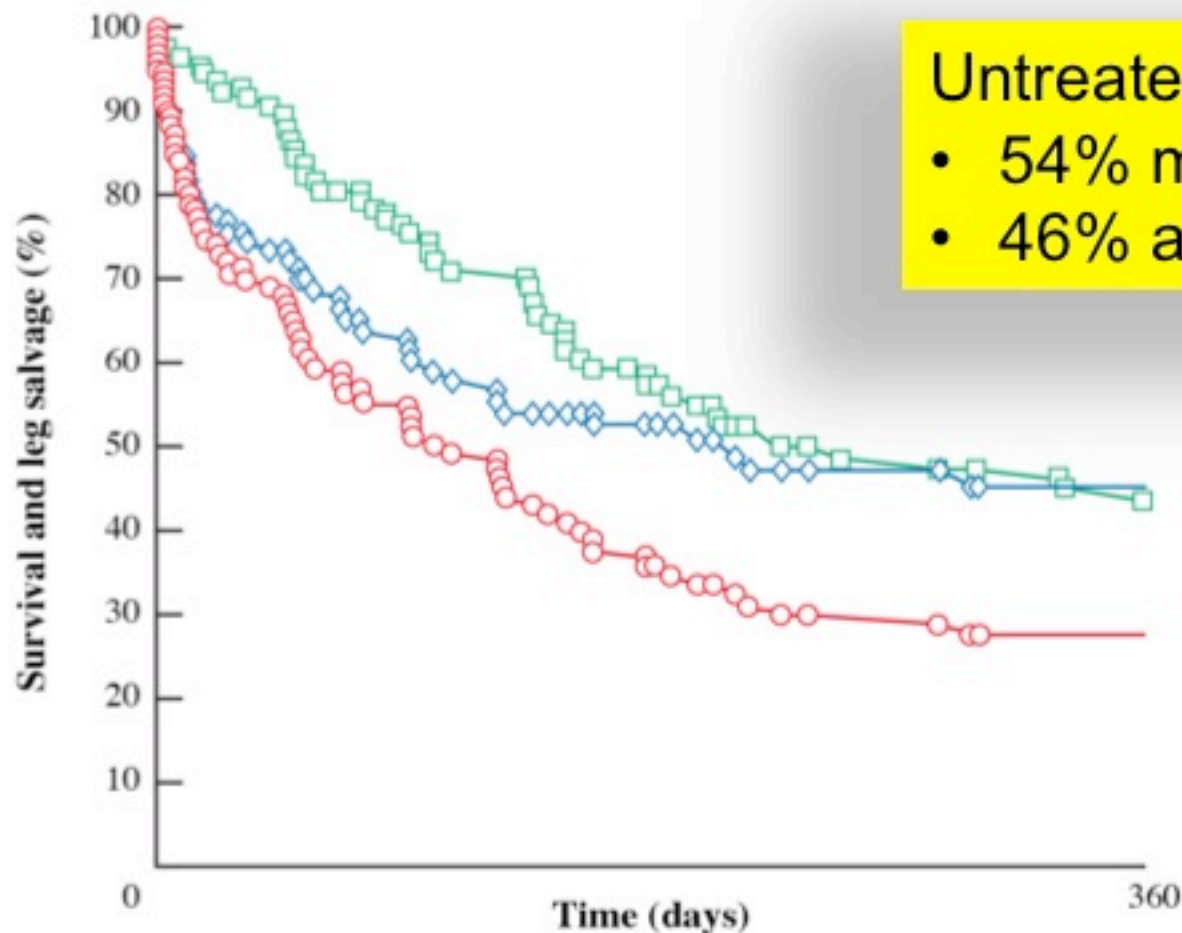
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# Critical Limb Ischemia

## Outcome of Unreconstructed Chronic Critical Leg Ischaemia

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*Division of Vascular Surgery, Fourth Department of Surgery, Helsinki University, Helsinki, Finland*



Untreated CLI: 1-yr follow-up

- 54% mortality,
- 46% amputation

*Patientwise survival and leg salvage in patients with unreconstructed chronic critical leg ischaemia.*

—■— survival  
—◆— leg salvage  
—○— survival and leg salvage

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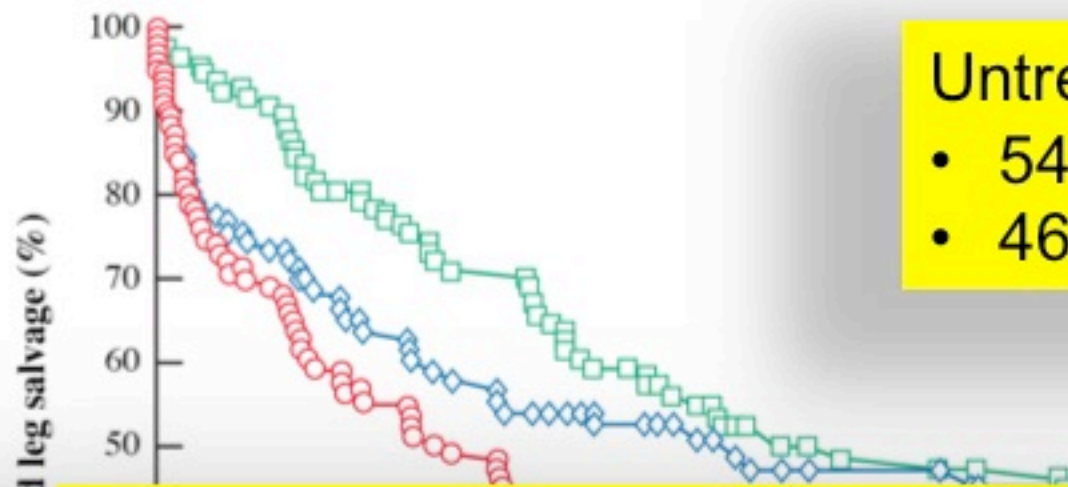
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*... unreconstructed CLI seemed to predict a very poor outcome in terms of survival and limb salvage.*

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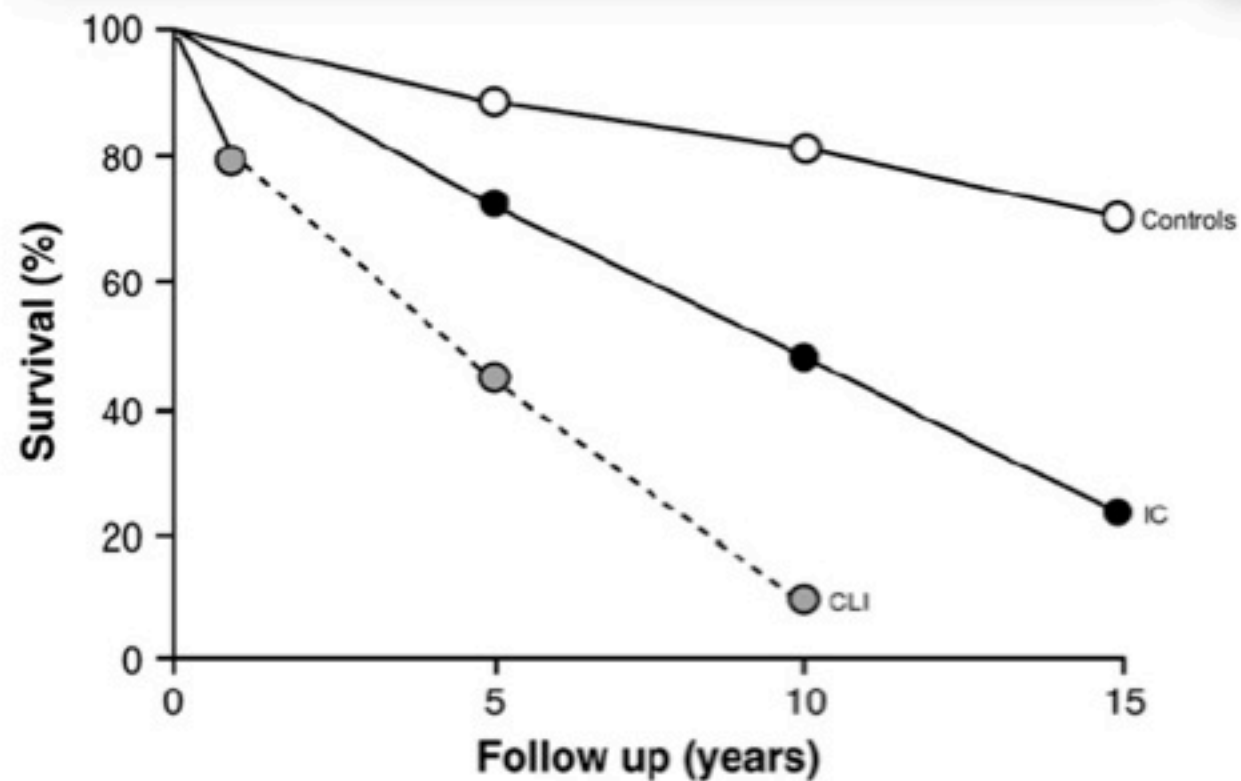
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# Critical Limb Ischemia

CLI outcome?

Mortality of Patients with PAD



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# Critical Limb Ischemia

“... their prognosis is in many ways similar to that of some malignant forms of **cancer**.”

TASC 2000, (S171)

“The best end point for life-table outcomes might be the retention of a salvaged and usable limb at death...”

C.W. Bakal et al., “Infrapopliteal Percutaneous Transluminal Angioplasty: What We Know”.  
Radiology 1996; 200: 36-43



asymptomatic

claudication

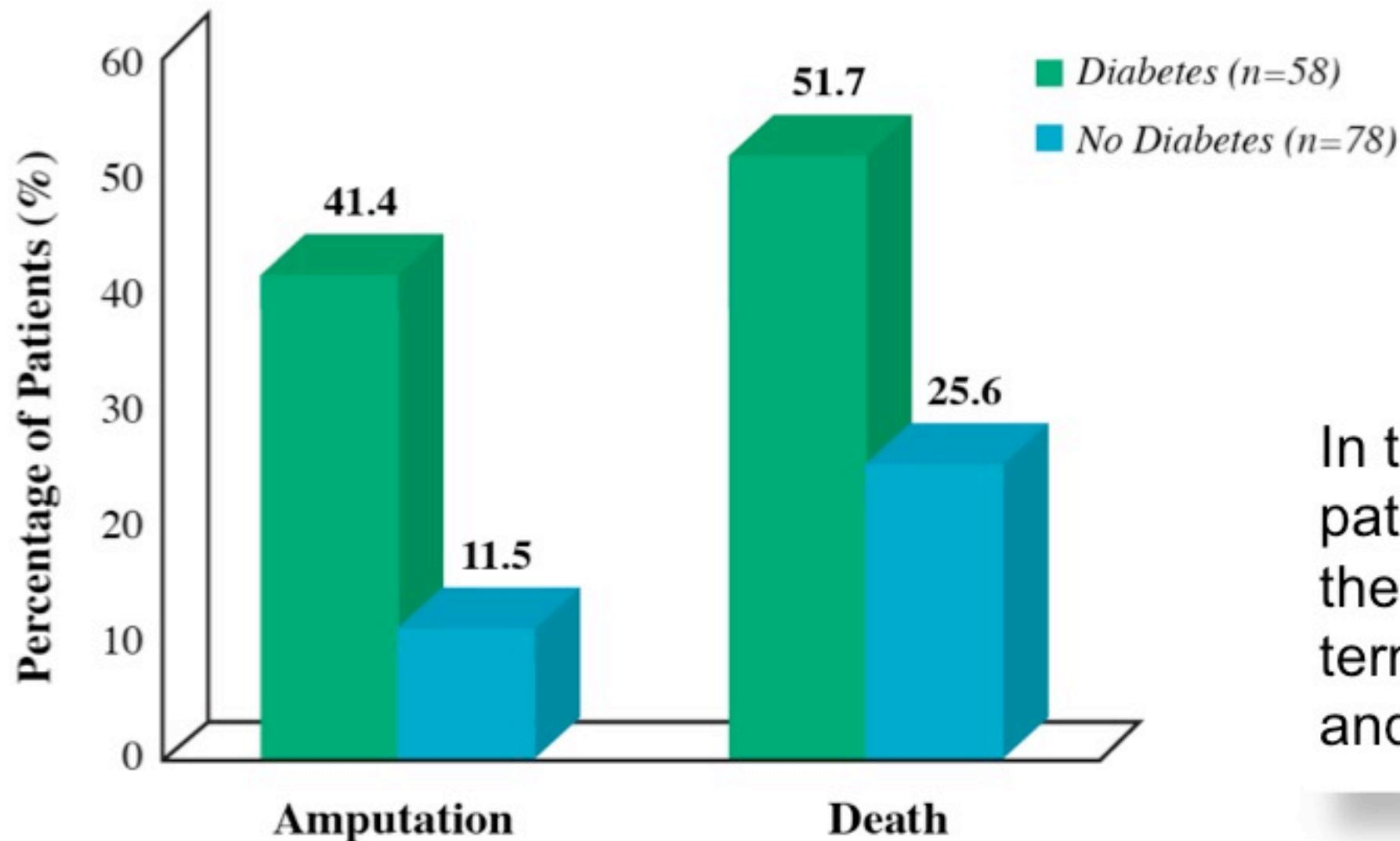
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# Critical Limb Ischemia

## CLI outcome?

### Outcome of PAD Patients With/Without Diabetes



In the population of CLI patients diabetics have the worst prognosis in terms of amputation and death!



Change our mind !!!

Female, 65 yy:  
breast nodule



Patient/Family/MD

Death atmosphere !!!

Change our mind !!!

“... diabetes is a state of *premature cardiovascular death* which is associated with chronic hyperglycaemia ...”

Fisher M, et al. Practical Diabetes Int 2001;18:183

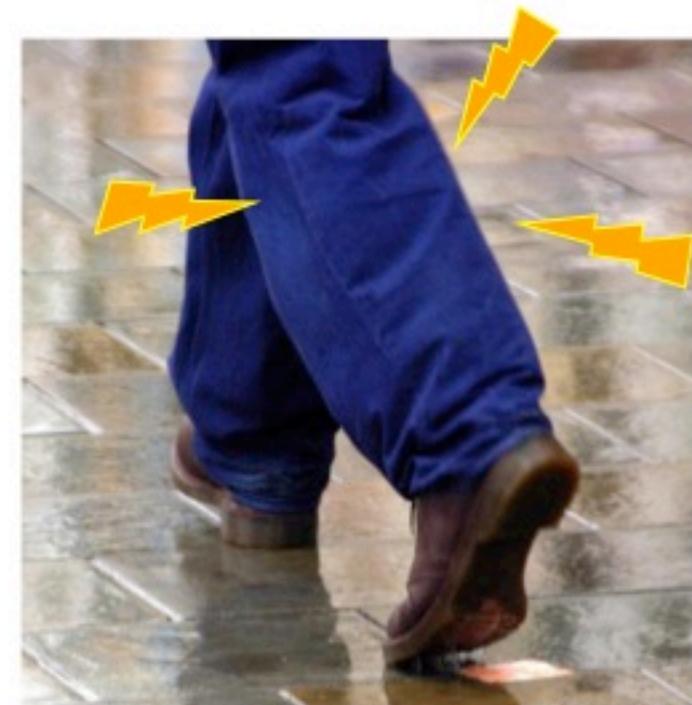


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- **CLI**
  - Limb/life threatening disease
- **CLI Patients**
  - Frequently old
  - Frequently with diabetes and other comorbidities
  - Natural course of CLI will either kill or cut off a leg in 50% of them within the first year



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## Interventional approaches in IC and CLI

- **When to treat**
- **Where to treat**
- **Targets for revascularization**

# Interventional approach

1. When to treat it?

CLI



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Claudication



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Time is tissue!!!**

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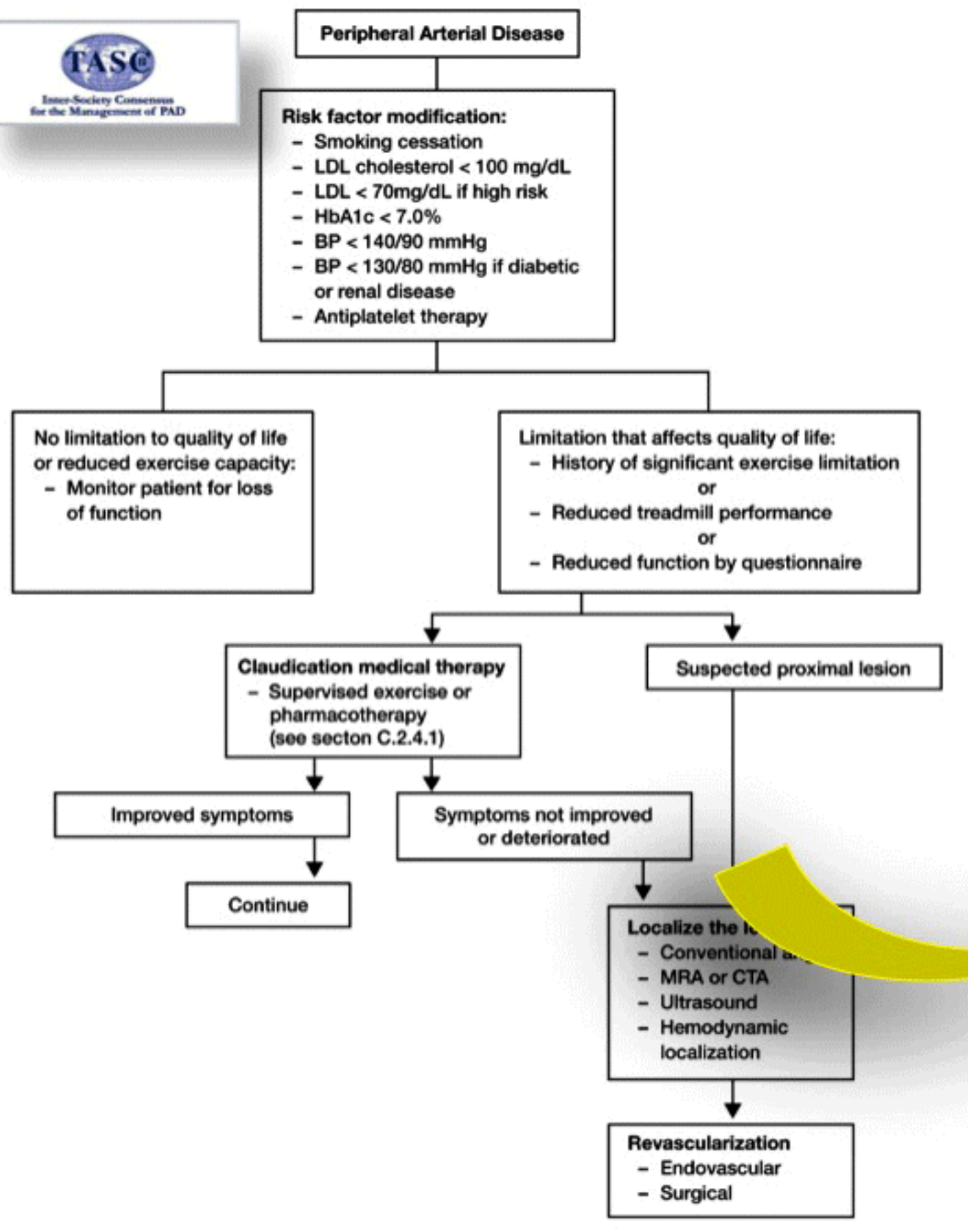


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# Interventional approach

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Claudication



**Think before treating a  
claudication! Always  
consider SVE &  
pharmacotherapy**





## Interventional approaches in IC and CLI

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# Interventional approach

2. Where to treat it?

CLI



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Claudication







1°

### INFECTION TREATMENT

- ULCER DEBRIDEMENT & URGENT SURGERY (GANGRENE/ABSCESS/ PHLEGMON)
- IDENTIFICATION OF BACTERIAL STRAINS → APPROPRIATE ANTIMICROBIAL TREATMENT
- METABOLIC & CARDIOLOGIC TREATMENT
- PRE-MEDICATIONS

2°

### REVASCULARIZATION

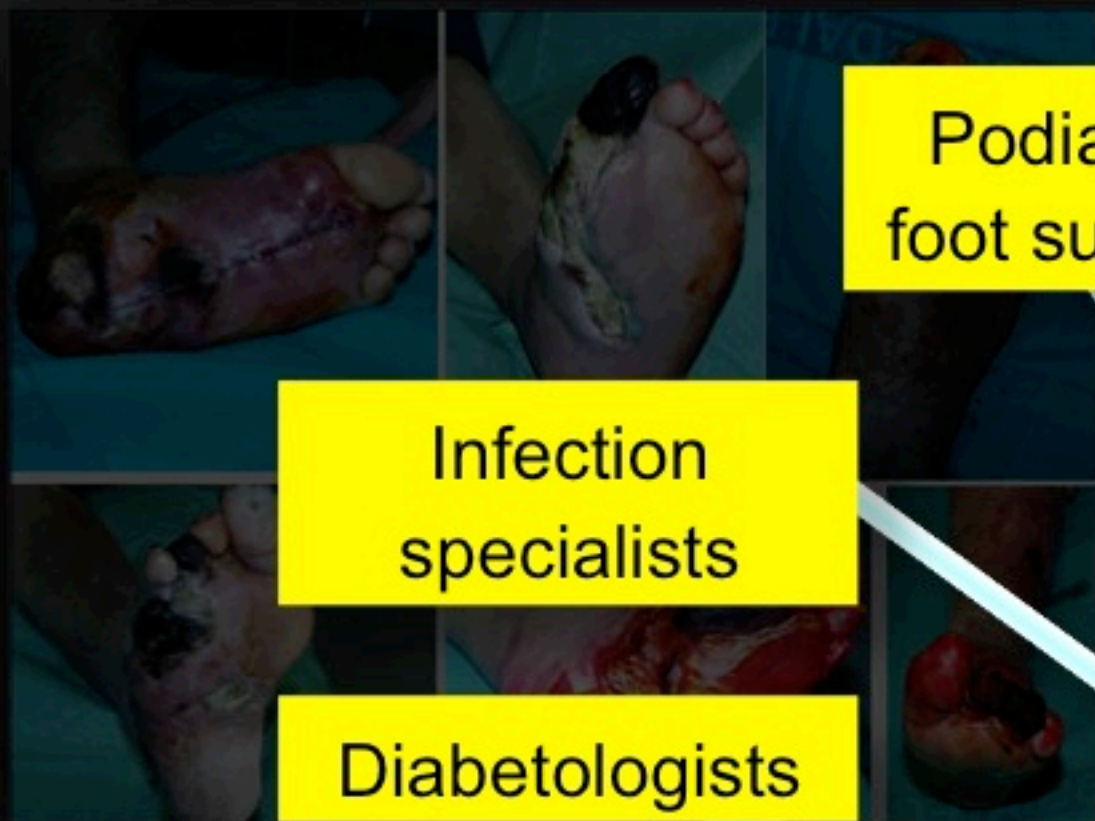
PTA/Bypass are not the first line therapy in Texas D wounds (infection+ischemia)

3°

### FINAL TREATMENT

- MEDICAL
- SURGICAL
- ORTHOPEDIC
- PROSTHESIS
- REHABILITATION





Podiatrists/  
foot surgeons

Infection  
specialists

Diabetologists

Orthopaedists

Plastic  
surgeons

1°

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Nephrologists/Dialysis

Cardiologists

Vascular surgeon

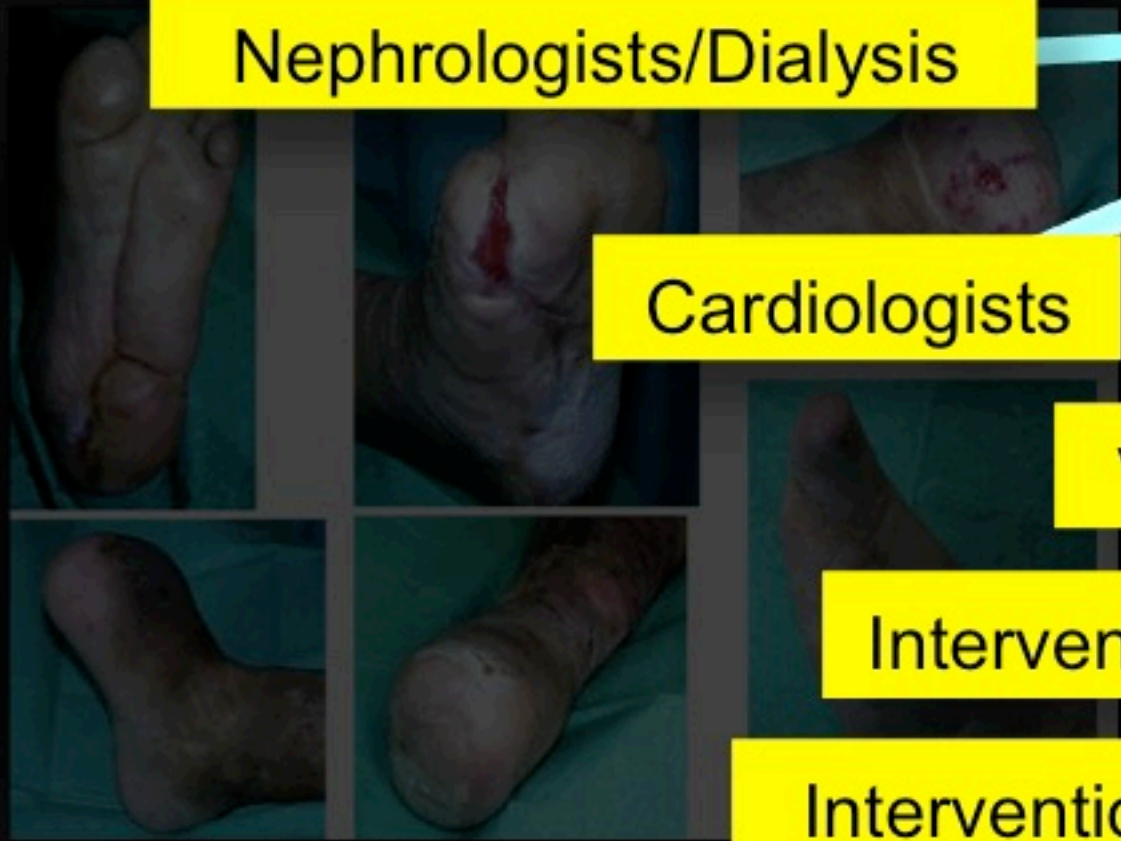
Interventional radiologists

Interventional cardiologists

Prosthesis

Physiotherapists

Palliative care  
specialists





# Interventional approach

2. Where to treat it?

CLI



**Multidisciplinary team**

Toe team & Flow team

*Revascularization is only one ring of the chain: extra-vascular care is a key determinant of hard clinical outcomes*



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### Claudication

#### Single specialist

- *Vascular surgeon*
- *Interventional cardiologist*
- *Interventional radiologist*

*Revascularization alone is sufficient*



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# Interventional approach

## 3. Targets for revascularization

CLI



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Claudication





# Revascularization strategies in CLI

## 1. Complete revascularization

- 1 BTK vessel better than 0
- 2 to 3 BTK vessels better than 1
- Tibials better than peroneal

DIABETICMedicine

DOI: 10.1111/j.1464-5491.2007.02167.x

**When is a technically successful peripheral angioplasty effective in preventing above-the-ankle amputation in diabetic patients with critical limb ischaemia?**

Cardiovasc Intervent Radiol (2010) 33:720–725  
DOI 10.1007/s00270-010-9881-3

CLINICAL INVESTIGATION

**PTA of Infrapopliteal Arteries: Long-term Clinical Follow-up and Analysis of Factors Influencing Clinical Outcome**

Jan H. Peregrin · Boris Kožnar · Josef Kováč ·  
Jarmila Laštovičková · Jiří Novotný ·  
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## 2. Wound related artery PTA

**Patients treated with angiosome-targeted revascularization had significantly better wound healing and limb preservation**

### Revascularization of a Specific Angiosome for Limb Salvage: Does the Target Artery Matter?

*Richard F. Neville,<sup>1</sup> Christopher E. Attinger,<sup>2</sup> Erwin J. Michael Thomassen,<sup>2</sup> and Anton N. Sidawy,<sup>3</sup> Washing*

A reliable approach to diabetic neuroischemic foot wounds: below-the-knee angiosome-oriented angioplasty.

Alexandrescu V, Vincent G, Azdad K, Huber R, Ngongang G, Filimon A

### Importance of the Angiosome Concept for Endovascular Therapy in Patients with Critical Limb Ischemia

Osamu Iida,<sup>1</sup> MD, Shinsuke Nanto,<sup>2\*</sup> MD, PhD, Masaaki Uematsu,<sup>1</sup> MD, PhD, Kuniyasu Ikeoka,<sup>1</sup> MD, Shin Okamoto,<sup>1</sup> MD, Tomoharu Dohi,<sup>1</sup> MD, Masashi Fujita,<sup>1</sup> MD, PhD, Hiroto Terashi,<sup>3</sup> MD, PhD, and Seiki Nagata,<sup>1</sup> MD, PhD



# Interventional approach

## 3. Targets for revascularization

CLI



Claudication

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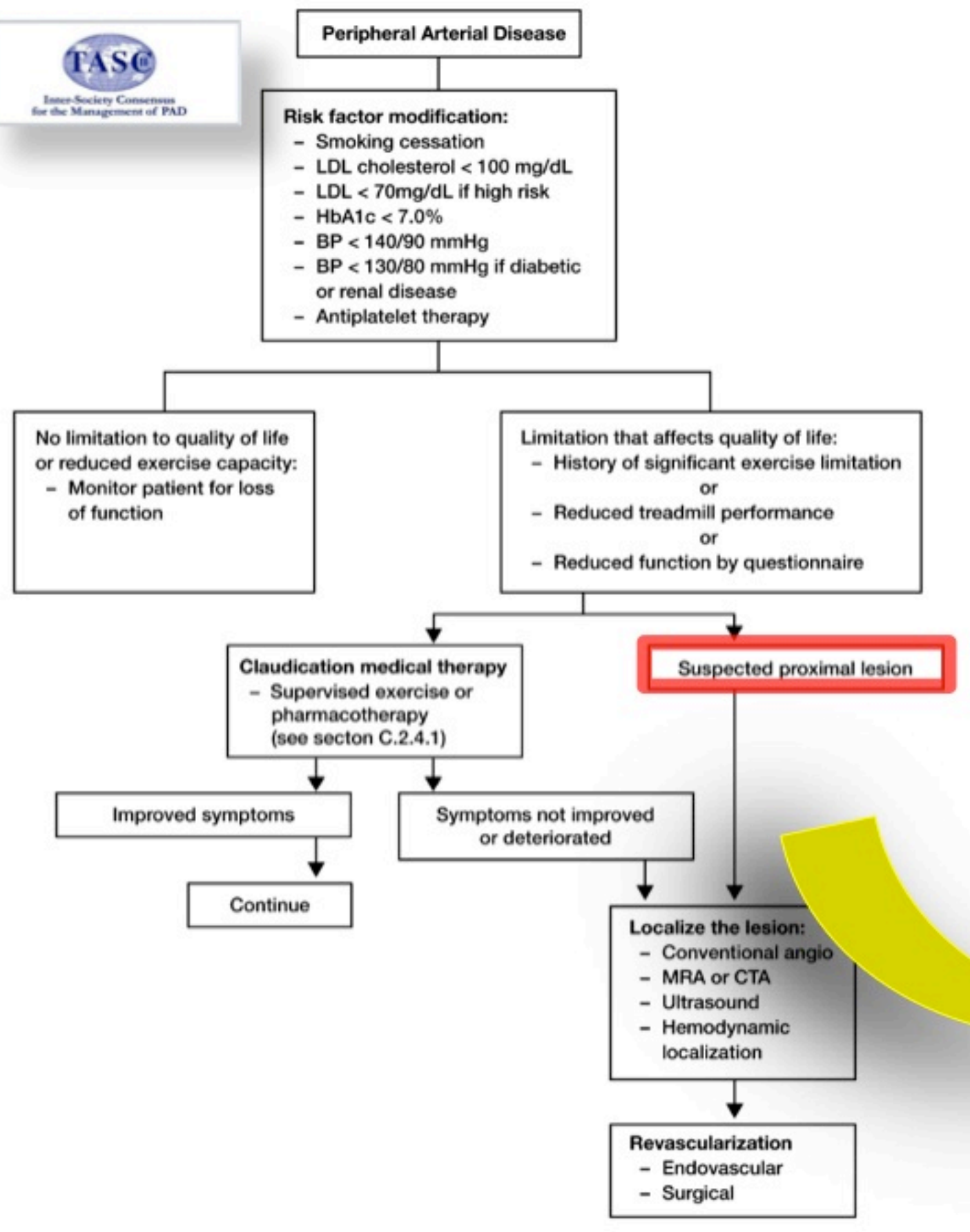


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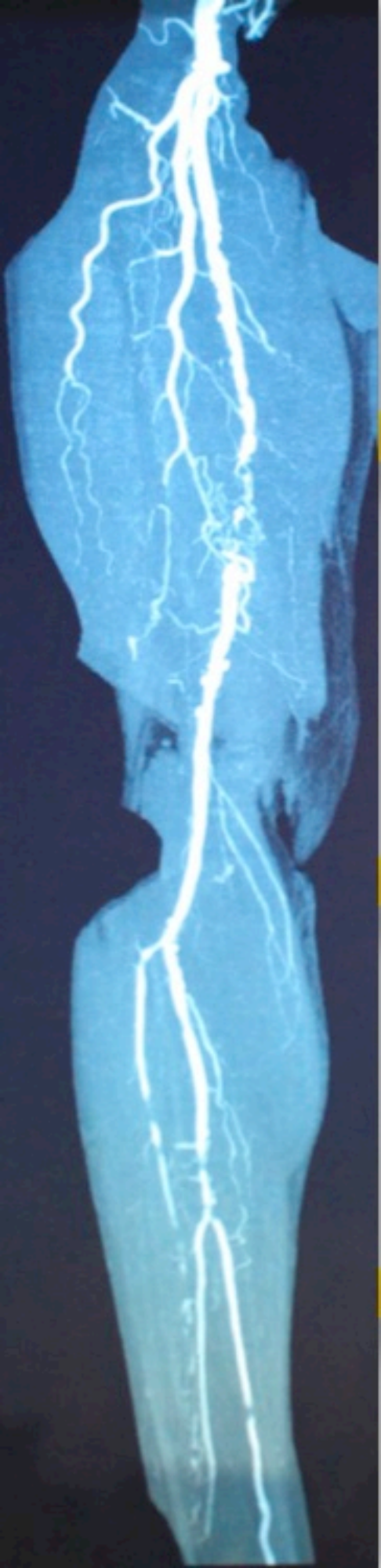


### “Focal” revascularization

- Be aware of long-term disease progression
- Concentrate on ATK vessels & short lesions
- Preserve future options: avoid stenting if possible







# SYMPTOMS

## Asymptomatic

Subclinical critical ischemia

DM → neuropathy

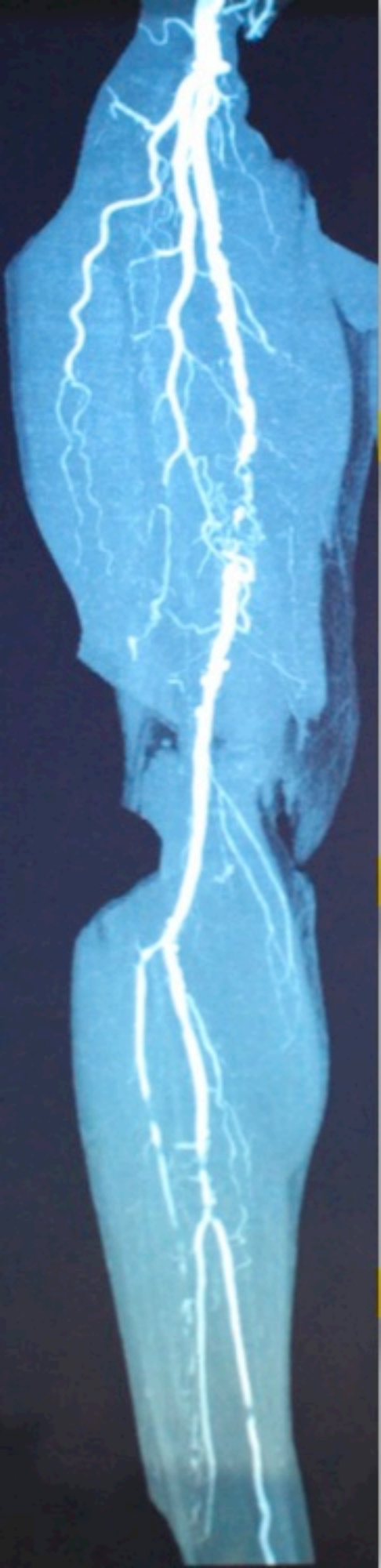
## Claudication and/ or rest pain

No neuropathy/No ulcer

## CLI with tissue loss

The same angiographic pattern can be associated with different clinical symptoms depending on the history of the patient:

- Age?
- Obesity?
- CAD?
- DM?
- Sedentary lifestyle ?
- Neuropathy ?
- Bone deformity?
- Arthritis?
- Infection?
- Collateral vessels?



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## TREATMENT

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We have no data  
regarding the  
prophylactic treatment  
of asymptomatic  
patients





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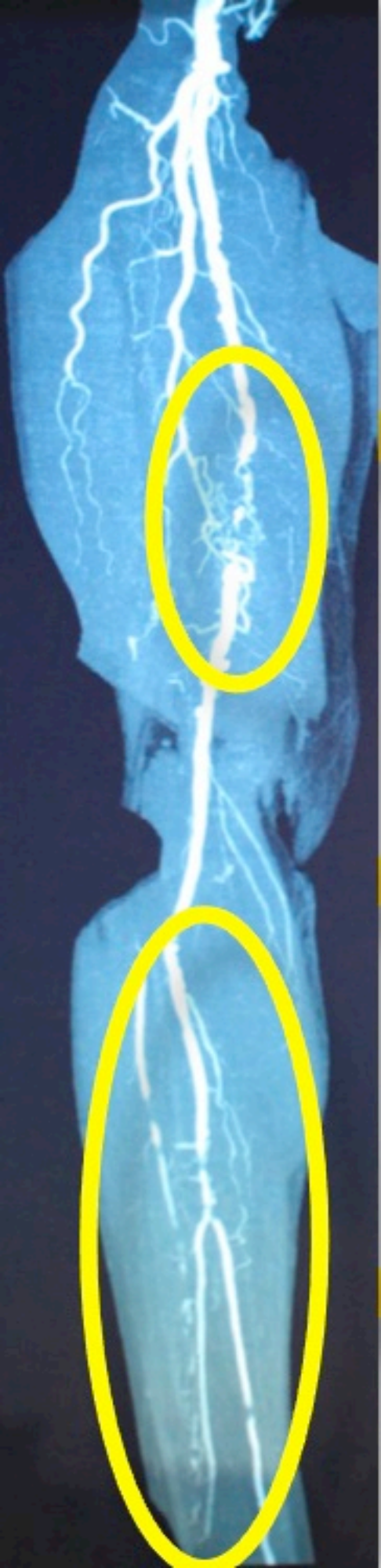
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## TREATMENT

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“FOCAL”  
REVASC.





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“COMPLETE”  
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## SYMPTOMS

## TREATMENT

Asymptomatic

Treat the patient  
(= the crucial presenting symptom)  
and not the ANGIO

or rest pain

No neuropathy/No ulcer

REVASC.

CLI with tissue  
loss

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