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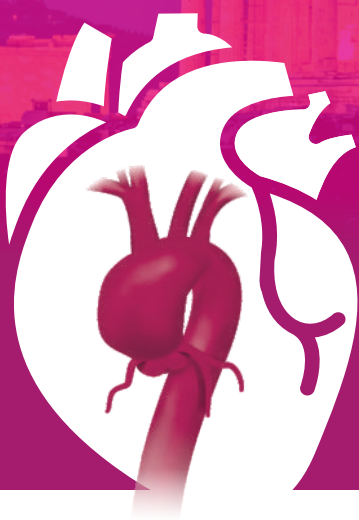


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# 4th Athens CardioVascular Symposium



**28 & 29 November 2025**  
**Divani Caravel Hotel**  
**ATHENS, GREECE**

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## Welcome Message

Dear Colleagues,

We are delighted to welcome you to the **"4th Athens Cardiovascular Symposium 2025"**. This year's edition will take place on **November 28 & 29, 2025 at Divani Caravel Hotel in Athens.**

This year's symposium features all the latest developments of modern cardiovascular medicine and surgery. The program is designed to bring together stakeholders such as cardiologists, cardiothoracic surgeons and vascular surgeons in a forum of discussions addressing all aspects for the management of cardiovascular disease from the aortic valve to the aortic bifurcation.

With the participation of many leading international and Greek experts already confirmed, the scientific program will offer an overview of the latest clinically relevant research in the field, including state-of-the art Plenary Sessions, outstanding Keynote Lectures, interactive Patient Cases offering a high-level continuing and up-to-date education, aiming to inspire new ideas and collaborations, and to celebrate the sharing of expertise.

Join us in Athens on **November 28 & 29, 2025**. Building on the legacy of previous Athens Cardiovascular Symposia, we invite you to get updated to get update in controversies and innovations, embrace new ideas, meet old and new friends and return inspired to your daily practice!

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FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2025

**08.50-11.00 Oral Presentations on Cardiothoracic Surgery**  
Moderators: **D. Dougenis, A. Giannopoulos, I. Touboulis**  
5' presentation, 2' discussion

**OP01 | SUBAORTIC VALVE STENOSIS, PRESENTING THREE CLINICAL CASES - CARDIAC SURGERY APPROACH**

**A. Koutela, T. Milas, K. Manios, T. Kontou, N. Baikoussis**  
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**OP02 | SAPHENOUS VEIN "Y" GRAFT IN TRIPLE CABG**

**A. Koutela, T. Milas, K. Manios, N. Baikoussis**  
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**OP03 | INTRACARDIAC CEMENT EMBOLISM: A RARE CARDIAC SURGERY CASE**

**A. Koutela, T. Milas, K. Manios, T. Kontou, N. Baikoussis**  
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**OP04 | GIANT AORTIC ROOT: SURGICAL TIPS AND TRICKS**

**T. Milas, K. Manios, E. Sigala, N. Baikoussis**  
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**OP05 | SURGICAL TREATMENT OF PEDIATRIC TAKAYASU'S ARTERITIS: LONG-TERM OUTCOMES AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES**

**M. M. Antonaraki<sup>1</sup>, N. Karountzos<sup>2</sup>, A. Tsatsaragkou<sup>3</sup>**

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**OP06 | RENAL ARTERIOVENOUS FISTULA AS A PSEUDOCOMPRESSIVE CAUSE OF RIGHT HEART FAILURE**

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**OP07 | GEOMETRIC ANNULOPLASTY WITH THE HAART 200 RING IN COMPLEX BICUSPID AORTIC VALVE REPAIR: A CASE OF SUCCESSFUL REPAIR IN A YOUNG ADULT WITH SEVERE REGURGITATION AND ASCENDING AORTOPATHY**

**A. C. Vakouftsi, G. Pilichos, N. Kogerakis<sup>2</sup>, K. Stefatou<sup>1</sup>, S. Fragkoulis<sup>1</sup>, D. Avgerinos<sup>1</sup>, G. Stauridis<sup>1</sup>**

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**OP08 | PROXIMAL SAPHENOUS VEIN GRAFT ANEURYSMS AFTER CORONARY ARTERY BY PASS GRAFTING: A CASE REPORT**

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## OP09 | MANAGEMENT OF INTRAOPERATIVE TYPE B AORTIC DISSECTION FOLLOWING ASCENDING AORTA REPLACEMENT: A CASE REPORT

**E. Kefalidi<sup>1</sup>, V. Kollias<sup>2</sup>, C. Verikokos<sup>3</sup>, K. Antonopoulos<sup>3</sup>, A. Terzoglou<sup>3</sup>, V. Galarioti<sup>4</sup>, D. Angouras<sup>2</sup>**

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## OP10 | EXPERIENCE OF ASCENDING AORTA AND AORTIC ROOT SURGERY WITH MINIMAL INVASIVE 'J' MINI STERNOTOMY

**E. Liaretidou<sup>1</sup>, S. Katsaridis<sup>1</sup>, G.s Samanidis<sup>1</sup>, D. Mparouta<sup>2</sup>, E. Kefalidi<sup>1</sup>, A. Falara<sup>3</sup>, F. Theofilopoulos<sup>3</sup>, K. Perreas<sup>1</sup>**

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## OP11 | REGENERATIVE EFFECT OF STEM CELLS TRANSPLANTATION IN EXPERIMENTAL MODEL OF MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION

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## OP12 | COMBINED OFF-PUMP CABG AND ESOPHAGECTOMY: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND PATIENT-LEVEL META-ANALYSIS

**K. S. Mylonas, MD, PhD, FAHA<sup>1</sup>, T. Karagkounis, MD<sup>2</sup>, K. Stéfátou, MD<sup>1</sup>, I. Zoupas, MD<sup>3</sup>, D. Schizas, MD, PhD<sup>4</sup>, D. V. Avgerinos, MD, PhD, FACS, FACC<sup>1</sup>, G. T. Stavridis, MD, FETCS<sup>1</sup>**

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## OP13 | YACIOUB VALVE-SPARING ROOT REPLACEMENT AND ANNULOPLASTY: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND PATIENT-LEVEL META-ANALYSIS

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**OP14 | FIVE-YEAR SURVIVAL AFTER TRANSCATHETER VERSUS SURGICAL AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT IN SEVERE AORTIC STENOSIS:**

**A PROPENSITY SCORE-MATCHED ANALYSIS OF OPTIMAL TREATMENT SELECTION**

**G. Samanidis<sup>1</sup>, A. Roussakis<sup>1</sup>, E. Kefalidi<sup>1</sup>, S. Katsaridis<sup>1</sup>, E. Liaretidou<sup>1</sup>, A. Falara<sup>2</sup>, I. G. Koziakas<sup>2</sup>, I. Nenekidis<sup>1</sup>, I. Kosmas<sup>3</sup>, E. Leondiadis<sup>3</sup>, V. Voudris<sup>3</sup>, I. Iakovou<sup>3</sup>, K. Perreas<sup>1</sup>**

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**OP15 | EXPERIENCE WITH TOTAL ENDOSCOPIC AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT IN 30 PATIENTS WITH SEVERE AORTIC STENOSIS**

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**OP16 | BAIL OUT AFTER ACUTE TYPE A AORTIC DISSECTION REPAIR; TO ECMO OR NOT TO ECMO**

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**OP17 | MANAGEMENT OF THE CONGENITAL SINUS OF VALSALVA ANEURYSMS RUPTURE: 115'HOSPITAL EXPERIENCE, HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM**

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**OP18 | SEVERE ASCENDING AORTIC ANEURYSM IN A PRESCHOOL AGE CHILD**

**M. Kontou<sup>1</sup>, F. P. Rorris<sup>2</sup>, M. Kanakis<sup>2</sup>, D. Bobos<sup>2</sup>, M. Kostolny<sup>3</sup>**

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**OP36 | ARCH-FIRST TECHNIQUE IN EXTENSIVE THORACIC AORTA REPLACEMENT: A CASE SERIES**

**E. Dylja<sup>1</sup>, V. Karageorgos<sup>2</sup>, M. M. Chamogeorgakis<sup>1</sup>, K. Ieromonachos<sup>1</sup>, A. Koliopoulou<sup>1</sup>, P. Latsonas<sup>1</sup>, A. Katsargyris<sup>3</sup>, C. Klonaris<sup>3</sup>, T. Chamogeorgakis<sup>1</sup>**

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**11.00-13.00 Aortic Valve: SAVR, TAVI, and Beyond – Innovation, Evidence, and Controversy**  
Moderators: **K. Toutouzas, D. Alexopoulos, G. Stavridis**

**Debate 1** - Aortic Valve Replacement for Aortic Stenosis in Low-Risk Younger Patients: TAVI or SAVR?

11.00-11.02 Audience Voting

11.02-11.10 Pro: TAVI is the New Standard in Low-Risk Patients  
**K. Toutouzas**

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11.10-11.18 Con: SAVR Offers Durability and Predictability in the Long Run  
**D. Angouras**

11.18-11.28 *Discussion / Q&A*

11.28-11.30 *Audience Voting*

## **Focus Session – Solving the Challenge of the Small Aortic Annulus: Surgical and Transcatheter Strategies**

11.30-11.38 TAVI in Small Annulus: Risks and Benefits  
**G. Latsios**

11.38-11.46 Sutureless and Rapid Deployment Valves in SAVR:  
Expanding Surgical Options  
**I. Samiotis**

11.46-11.54 Annular Enlargement Techniques in SAVR: Manouguian,  
Nicks, and Beyond  
**S. Fragoulis**

11.54-12.00 *Discussion / Q&A*

## **Debate 2 - Expanding the Indications of TAVI: A Step Too Far?**


12.00-12.02 *Audience Voting*

12.02-12.10 Pro: TAVI is Ready for Bicuspid Valves, Aortic Insufficiency,  
and More - Time to Expand  
**A. Synetos**

12.10- 12.18 Con: SAVR Remains the Gold Standard – Off-Label TAVI  
Needs Justification  
**G. Pattakos**

12.18-12.28 *Discussion / Q&A*

12.28-12.30 *Audience Voting*

12.30-12.40 Innovation Spotlight – The Role of Artificial Intelligence  
in Aortic Valve Therapy  
 **P. Punjabi, UK**  
*Questions (3')*

**12.40-13.10 Sponsored Session**

**13.10-14.00 Break**

**14.00-16.00 Aortic Root and Ascending Aorta: Evolving Frontiers in  
Surgical Strategy and Decision-Making**  
Moderators: **D. Iliopoulos, D. Avgerinos, P. Dedeilias**

14.00-14.15 Opening Lecture - 2024 STS-EACTS Consensus on Aortic Root  
and Ascending Aorta: Practical Implications for Surgeons  
**P. Dedeilias**  
*Questions (5')*

14.15-14.30 **Focused Lecture** - The Fragile Aorta: Current Surgical Strategy in Syndromic and Non-Syndromic Genetic Aortopathies

**J. Elefteriades, USA**

Questions (5')

**Debate 3** - Valve-Sparing Root Replacement vs. Bentall Procedure: Which is Better for the Young Adult?

14.30-14.32 Audience Voting

14.32-14.40 Pro: The David Procedure: Preserve the Valve, Preserve the Patient

**D. Iliopoulos**

14.40-14.48 Con: The Bentall Procedure: Durable, Predictable, and Widely used

 **C. Perreas**

14.48-14.58 Discussion / Q&A

14.58-15.00 Audience Voting

15.00-15.25 **Expert Commentary** - Less Is More? - Minimally Invasive Aortic Root and Ascending ± Arch Surgery: Feasible, Reproducible, Worthwhile?

 **K. Plestis, USA**

Questions (5')

15.25-15.35 From Arch to Valve: How Far Can Endovascular Techniques Go?

 **S. Abisi, UK**

Questions (3')

15.35-15.45 Stress, Strain, and Structure: Biomechanical Insights into Aortic Aneurysm Behavior

**C. Manopoulos**

Questions (3')

15.45-15.55 Advanced Imaging and Surgical Planning: CT Morphology, 4D Flow MRI, and AI Integration

 **S. Haulon, France**

Questions (3')

15.55-16.00 Discussion / Q&A

## 16.00-17.10 Aortic Arch Moderators: **D. Angouras, D. Avgerinos**

16.00-16.10 Left subclavian artery preservation with endovascular techniques

 **G. Pratesi, Italy**

*Questions (3')*

16.10-16.20 Should FET be the first option for distal arch pathologies with >40mm ascending aorta

 **G. Murana, Italy**

*Questions (3')*

16.20-16.30 Primary Aortic Coarctation: When open and when Endo?

**T. Kratimenos**

*Questions (3')*

16.30-16.40 Antegrade vs. retrograde branches for Triple Arch Repair: Pros and Cons

 **N. Tsilimparis, Germany**

*Questions (3')*

16.40-16.50 Is there a role for antegrade TEVAR in 2025?

 **K. Tsagakis, Germany**

*Questions (3')*

16.50-17.00 Hemiarch vs. Frozen Elephant Trunk in Greece. How to decide in the elective setting?

**I. Kokotsakis**

*Questions (3')*

17.00-17.10 What are the new options for the aortic arch coming from the East?

 **C. Shu, China**

*Questions (3')*

## 17.10-17.40 Coffee Break

## 17.40-19.20 Descending aorta Moderators: **D. Iliopoulos, T. Kratimenos, J. Elefteriades (USA)**

17.40-17.50 Imaging for Thoracic Aortic Dissections and Other Acute Aortic Syndromes

 **T. Vrachliotis**

*Questions (3')*

17.50-18.00 Technical tips and short-term complications of endovascular treatment of aortic transection

**T. Kratimenos**

*Questions (3')*



- 18.00-18.10 Morphologic and Haemodynamic Changes in the Thoracic Aorta after Thoracic Endografting  
**D. Pavlopoulos**  
Questions (3')

**Debate 4** - What is the treatment of choice for the majority of patients with thoracoabdominal aneurysms

- 18.10-18.12 Audience Voting

- 18.12-18.20 Open surgery still remains the gold standard for the management of the majority of fit patients with thoracoabdominal aneurysms

 **K.A. Plestis, USA**


- 18.20-18.28 Endovascular Surgery is the new gold standard for the management of the majority of fit patients with thoracoabdominal aneurysms  
**A. Karelis, Sweden**

- 18.28-18.38** Discussion / Q&A


- 18.38-18.40 Audience Voting

- 18.40-18.50 Strategy for successful endovascular management of thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysms  
**A. Giannoukas**  
Questions (3')

- 18.50-19.00 Aortic coarctation in the adult: Is endovascular treatment a viable option?  
**M. Kanakis**  
Questions (3')

- 19.00-19.10 The role of intraoperative neurophysiology in the reduction of spinal cord ischaemia in patients with open thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysm repair  
 **K. Papadopoulos**  
Questions (3')

- 19.10-19.20 Genetics of thoracic and thoracoabdominal dissections and aneurysms  
**N. Sakalihasan, Belgium**  
Questions (3')

- 19.20-19.30 Anaesthetic considerations in open and endovascular thoracoabdominal aortic aneurysm repair  
 **H. Elsayed-Awad, USA**

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19.30-19.40 **Special lecture:** Artificial intelligence is a useful and promising tool for the management of vascular disease

 **A.Svetlikov, Russia**

**19.40-20.10 Opening Ceremony**

Welcome messages

**19.50-20.10 Opening Lecture**

Genetics and the Microbiome in Cardiovascular Disease:  
From Risk Stratification to Precision Medicine

**A. Eliopoulos**

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**08.50-11.00 Oral Presentations on Vascular Surgery**

Moderators: **A. Lazaris, K. Antonopoulos, A. Chronopoulos**

*5' presentation, 2' discussion*

**OP19| COMPLETE ENDOVASCULAR REPAIR OF A RIGHT-SIDED AORTIC ARCH WITH DIVERTICULUM OF KOMMERELL AND THORACOABDOMINAL ANEURYSM**

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**OP20 | CAROTID ARTERY STENTING COMPLICATED BY DISTAL FILTER OCCLUSION: A CASE REPORT**

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**OP21 | ENDOVASCULAR REPAIR OF INADVERTENT RENAL ARTERY COVERAGE DURING EVAR USING A FEMORAL STEERABLE SHEATH AND BILATERAL CHIMNEY STENTING: A TECHNICAL RESCUE CASE**

**A. Karamitsou, V. Katsikas, S. Mylonas, A. Christou, V. Papavaslopoulos, D. Mproutas, S. Dendias, A. Kalamaras, P. Chatzigakis<sup>1</sup>, G. Kopadis**

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**OP22| ENDOVASCULAR REPAIR OF INFRARENAL ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM IN A HIGH-RISK PATIENT WITH SEVERE COPD USING SPINAL ANESTHESIA AND ANKURA™ STENT-GRAFT**

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**OP23| A NOVEL HEMODYNAMIC INSTABILITY INDEX (E) BASED ON VELOCITY VARIANCE AND SHEAR STRESS GRADIENT: A THEORETICAL AND PILOT COMPUTATIONAL STUDY**

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**OP24 | IMAGING AND ENDOVASCULAR MANAGEMENT OF TRAUMATIC THORACIC AORTIC INJURY: A CASE-BASED REVIEW**

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**OP25| MANAGEMENT OF THE LEFT SUBCLAVIAN ARTERY DURING ZONE II THORACIC ENDOVASCULAR ANEURYSM REPAIR: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND NETWORK META-ANALYSIS**

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## OP26| DELAYED RECOGNITION AND MANAGEMENT OF RENAL ISCHEMIA AFTER STANDARD OR COMPLEX ENDOVASCULAR ANEURYSM REPAIR: A CASE SERIES AND SYSTEMATIC LITERATURE REVIEW

**A. Vassiliou<sup>1</sup>, G. Fanariotis<sup>2</sup>, K. Karathanou<sup>2</sup>, M. Peroulis<sup>2</sup>, V. Alexiou<sup>2</sup>**

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## OP27| ENDOVASCULAR REPAIR OF PARARENAL AND THORACOABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSMS WITH FENESTRATED AND BRANCHED ENDOGRAFTS. A SINGLE CENTER EXPERIENCE

**A. Skotsimara, N. Hasemaki, I. Avgerinos, M. Tsotsios, T. Mansolas, K. Tzanis, E. Mila, A. Katsargyris, Chris Klonaris**

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## OP28 | POSSIBILITIES AND PROSPECTS OF USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE METHODS FOR VISUALIZATION OF ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSMS

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## OP29| TRANSFEMORAL PLACEMENT OF AN ILIAC BRANCH ENDOGRAFT AFTER PREVIOUS AORTIC ENDOGRAFTING WITH AN AFX2 (ENDOLOGIX) DEVICE

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## OP30| STUDY OF THE SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE GORE EXCLUDER CONFORMABLE ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM ENDOGRAFT IN THE TREATMENT OF ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSMS

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## OP31 | TYPE II EXTRACRANIAL INTERNAL CAROTID ARTERY ANEURYSM TREATED WITH OPEN RESECTION AND BASILIC VEIN GRAFT INTERPOSITION

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## OP32| ENDOLEAK MANAGEMENT FOR EXPANDING ANEURYSM SAC FOLLOWING COMPLEX ENDOVASCULAR AORTIC REPAIR FOR FAILED-EVAR

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**OP33| FENESTRATED AND BRANCHED ENDOVASCULAR VERSUS OPEN REPAIR FOR COMPLEX ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSMS: A META-ANALYSIS OF 11,298 PATIENTS FROM PROPENSITY-MATCHED AND NON-MATCHED STUDIES**

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**OP37 | SURGICAL ODYSSEY IN RELAPSING GROIN GRAFT INFECTION: FROM FEMORAL CROSSOVER TO INTRA-ABDOMINAL AXILLO-FEMORAL BYPASS**

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**11.00-13.00 Aortic Dissection - Acute and Chronic: Strategy and Innovation**

Moderators: **D. Angouras, E. Brountzos, F. Sigala**

**Debate 5** - Surgical Strategy in Acute Type A Aortic Dissection: Limited vs. Extended Repair

11.00-11.02 Audience Voting

11.02-11.10 Pro: Hemiarch is Enough: Minimize Risk, Save the Patient

 **P. Antonitsis**

11.10-11.18 Con: Go Further: Arch and Beyond (FET) to Prevent Future Reinterventions

**M. Sabetai, UK**

**11.18-11.28 Discussion / Q&A**

11.28-11.30 Audience Voting

11.30-11.40 **Featured Lecture** - Malperfusion in Acute Type A Dissection: Prioritize the Branch or the Ascending Aorta?

**K. Spiliotopoulos**

Questions (3')

Management of visceral, cerebral, and coronary malperfusion;  
timing of central repair vs. endovascular adjuncts


11.40-11.50 **Clinical Update** - Non-A/Non-B Dissections:  
How Should We Treat Arch Entry Tears?

**D. Karangelis**

Questions (3')

**Focus Topic:** Distal Aorta After Type A Dissection - TEVAR  
Strategy, Timing, and Evidence

11.50-12.00 **Featured Presentation** - Strategic TEVAR Following Type A  
Repair: Who Benefits, When to Act, and How to Do It

 **N. Tsilimparis, Germany**

Questions (3')

12.00-12.10 **Short Communication** - Preemptive TEVAR After Type A  
(DeBakey I) Aortic Dissection Repair: The ERADICARE Trial  
on Aortic Remodeling and Mid-Term Outcomes

**N. Schizas**

12.10-12.20 **Expert Update** - False Lumen Management in Type B Aortic  
Dissection: Techniques, Evidence, and Evolving Strategies

**T. Kratimenos**

Questions (3')

12.20-12.30 The STABILISE Technique: Does It Promote Aortic  
Remodeling in Acute and Subacute Type B Dissection?

**G. Melissano (Italy)**

Questions (3')

12.30-13.00 *Discussion / Q&A*

13.00-14.20 **Symposium organized by the Christos Liapis Complex  
Aortic Aneurysm Unit, Attikon University Hospital, Athens**  
Moderators: **I. Kakisis, C. Bakogiannis, K. Filis**

13.00-13.10 Why EVAR fails? Can we prevent failure?

**K. Moulakakis**

Questions (3')

13.10-13.20 Rupture after previous endovascular abdominal aortic  
aneurysm repair: which factors influence perioperative  
mortality?

**C. Karkos**

Questions (3')

13.20-13.30 Open conversion after failed EVAR is increasing and associated with better survival and reintervention compared to F/B FEVAR

**G. Geroulakos**

Questions (3')

13.30-13.40 Abdominal Compartment Syndrome after AAA Surgery: Risk Factors and Outcome

**A. Papageorgiou**

Questions (3')

13.40-13.50 Is renal perfusion protective in open complex AAA repair?

**G. Sfyroeras**

Questions (3')

13.50-14.00 Diagnosis and risk factor profile of postoperative acute mesenteric ischaemia in patients with complex AAA. Can we reduce this complication?

 **J.P. Becquemin, France**

Questions (3')

14.00-14.10 Longterm complications after F/BEVAR, lessons learned from 20 years of F/BEVAR

**A. Karkamanis**

Questions (3')

14.10-14.20 Hybrid Pelvic Revascularization n Complex Aortoiliac Aneurysm Repair

**V. Tzilalis**

Questions (3')

**14.20-15.00 Break**

**15.00-15.25 Presentation of the New Book: Mastering Endovascular techniques. Tips and tricks in Endovascular Surgery.**

**Publisher: Springer 2024**

Moderators: **P. Chatzigakis, G. Geroulakos,**

**A. Panagiotopoulos**

 **J.P. Becquemin**, the Editor- **Ch. Liapis**, Chapter Author-  
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**15.25-15.35 Special Lecture**

Moderators: **P. Chatzigakis, G. Geroulakos**

Chatting with the guidelines

**V. Alexiou**

## 15.35-16.55 Aortic Graft Infections: From Pathogenesis to Prevention and Reintervention

Moderators: **A. Lazaris, G. Geroulakos**

15.35-15.45 Microbiology of Aortic Graft Infections: What Are We Dealing With Today?

**G. Poulakou**

*Questions (3')*

15.45-15.55 PET/CT and Other Imaging Tools for Diagnosing Graft Infections: Strengths and Pitfalls

**Ch. Ioannou**

*Questions (3')*

15.55-16.05 In Situ vs. Extra-anatomic Reconstruction: Tailoring the Approach to the Patient

 **A. Saratzis, UK**

*Questions (3')*

16.05-16.15 Cryopreserved Allografts: When and Why Should They Be Preferred?

 **C. Zeebregts, Netherlands**

*Questions (3')*

16.15-16.25 Can infected grafts sometimes be preserved?  
The case of conservative treatment

**K. Moulakakis**

*Questions (3')*

16.25-16.35 Complex Aorto-Enteric Fistulas: Principles of Radical Debridement and GI Reconstruction

**J. Hatzaras**

*Questions (3')*

16.35-16.45 The Role of Long-Term Antibiotic Therapy: Is It Ever Enough?

**E. Gianitsioti**

*Questions (3')*

16.45-16.55 Multidisciplinary Team Approach: Coordinating Vascular, Infectious Disease, and GI Surgeons

**P. Patapis**

*Questions (3')*

**16.55-17.30 Awards / Closing Session**



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## 12.40-13.10 Sponsored Session

12.40-12.55 Re-shaping the Arch: Technical Insights and  
Procedural Strategies With the LifeTech  
ConCaved System  
**T. Kratimenos**

12.55-13.10 Initial experience with the G-Branch TAAA  
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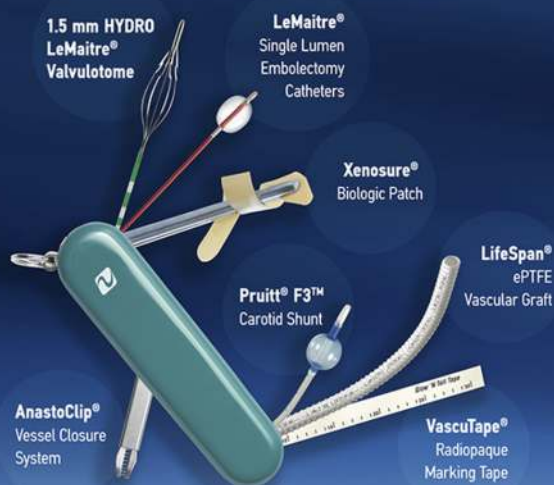
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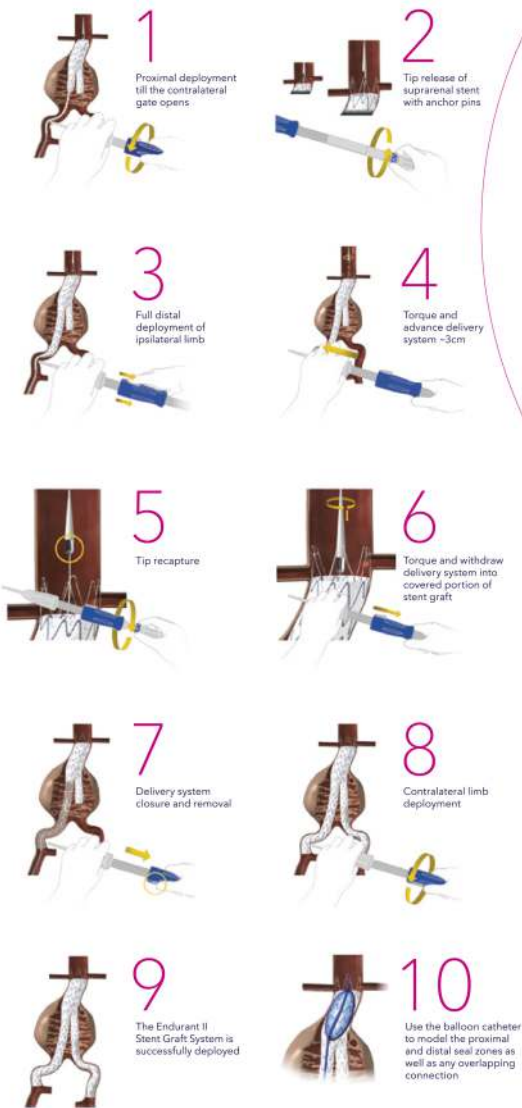
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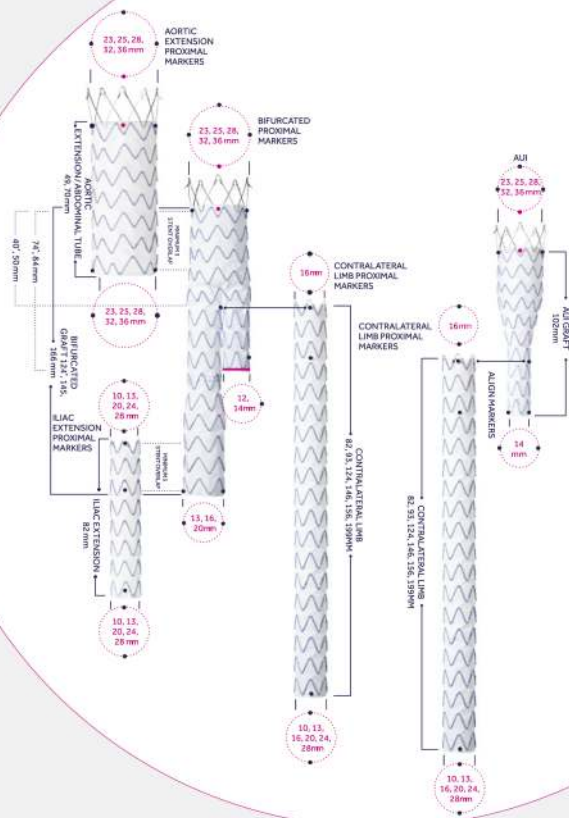
## Stent Graft System

### Deployment guide

- Stent Graft Preparation Steps:
1. Inspect graft under fluoroscopy to visualise radiopaque markers on the stent graft
  2. Flush rear guidewire lumen via the luer connector
  3. Activate hydrophilic coating



### Component placement guide



#### Distinct radiopaque markers

- Radiopaque markers
- e-shaped proximal markers
- Internal ring marker—only seen under fluoroscopy

\* Measurements for 134mm length bifurcated stent graft.

### Sizing guidelines

#### Bifurcations, Aortic extensions, Abdominal tubes and AUI

Native Vessel (mm)	Recommended Endurant II - Diameter (mm)
19-20	23
21-22	25
23-25	28
26-28	32
29-32	36

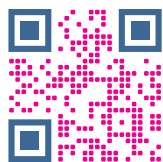
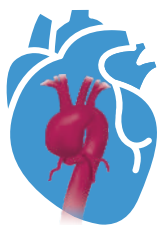
#### Iliac extensions

Native Vessel (mm)	Recommended Endurant II - Diameter (mm)
8-9	10
10-11	13
15-18	20
19-22	24
23-25	28

#### Contralateral iliac limbs

Native Vessel (mm)	Recommended Stent Graft - Diameter (mm)
8-9	10
10-11	13
12-14	16
15-18	20
19-22	24
23-25	28

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