

# Ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm

## Fix it rapidly by open repair: it is the safest way

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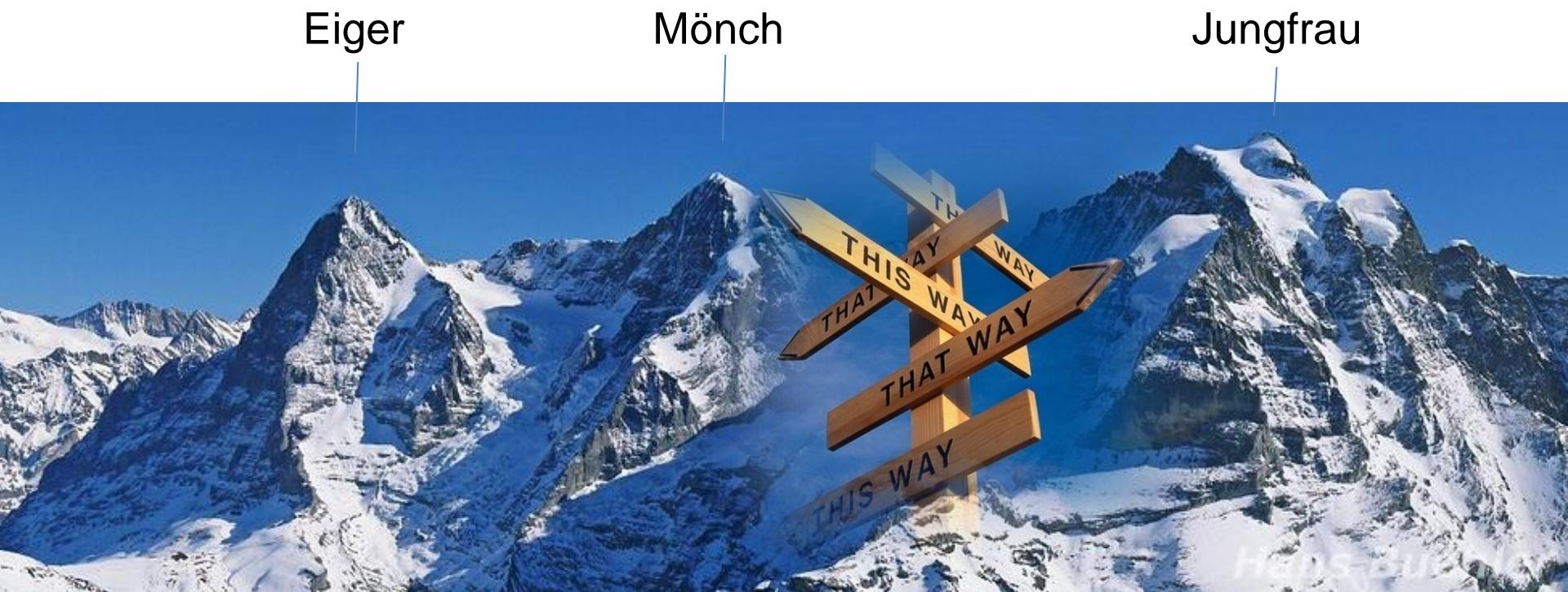
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# Which is the safest way?



# Predictors of risk ?

## ➤ Patient related

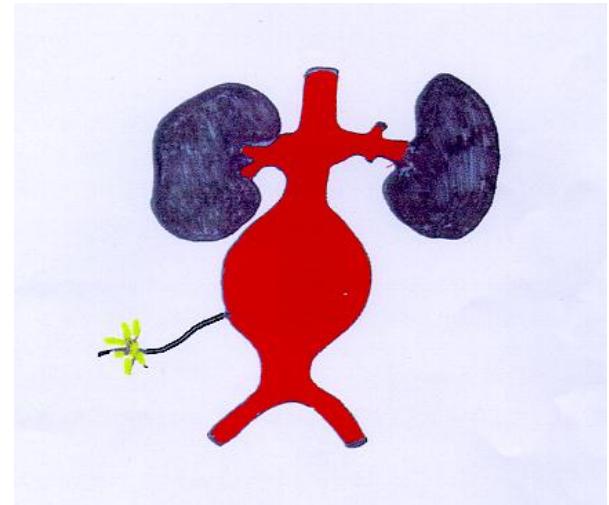
- Free rupture → STABILITY
- Shock → STABILITY
- Renal function
- Age

## ➤ Surgeon related

- Surgeon volume
- Treatment modality (OAR or EVAR)

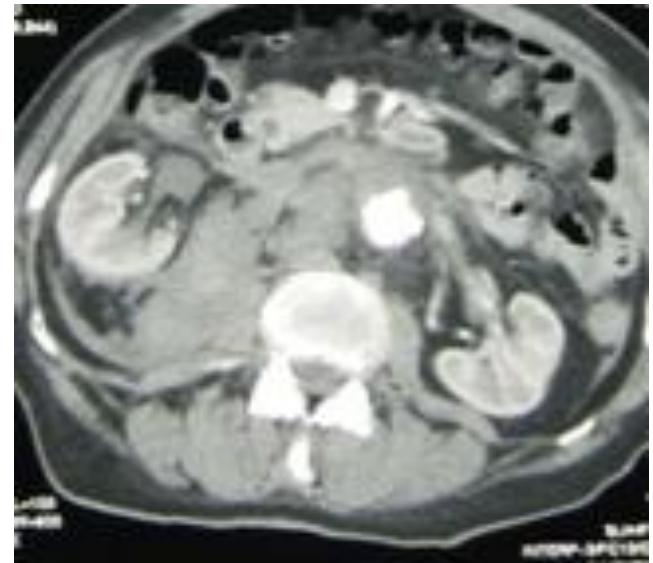
## ➤ Perioperative management

- fluid and blood products → STABILITY
- Blood pressure → STABILITY
- Hospital volume
- Delay



# Symptoms at rupture

- **Syncope, presyncope**
- **Back pain → flank, buttocks, groin**
- malaise, nausea, vomiting



## Etiology of syncope

Retroperitoneal process

**parasympathetic activity**

**vasodilation, bradycardia**



**HYPOTENSION**

**NOT primary blood loss !**

# Dangerous reflex

## Accept Hypotension

- Slows bleeding
- local clot formation
- Local retroperitoneal tamponade (contained rupture)

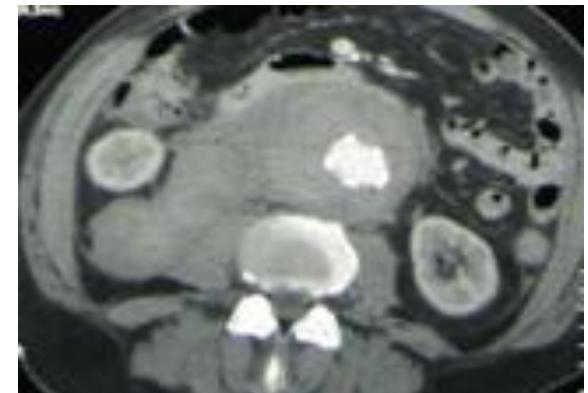
Crawford S JVS 1991

## Large volumes

- increased blood pressure
- Clot dislodgement
- Vicious circle: Increased bleeding
- Hemodilution / coagulopathy
- Hypothermia
- Acidosis
- Third space

Cotton BA et al. Shock 2006

Rhee P et al. J Trauma 2003



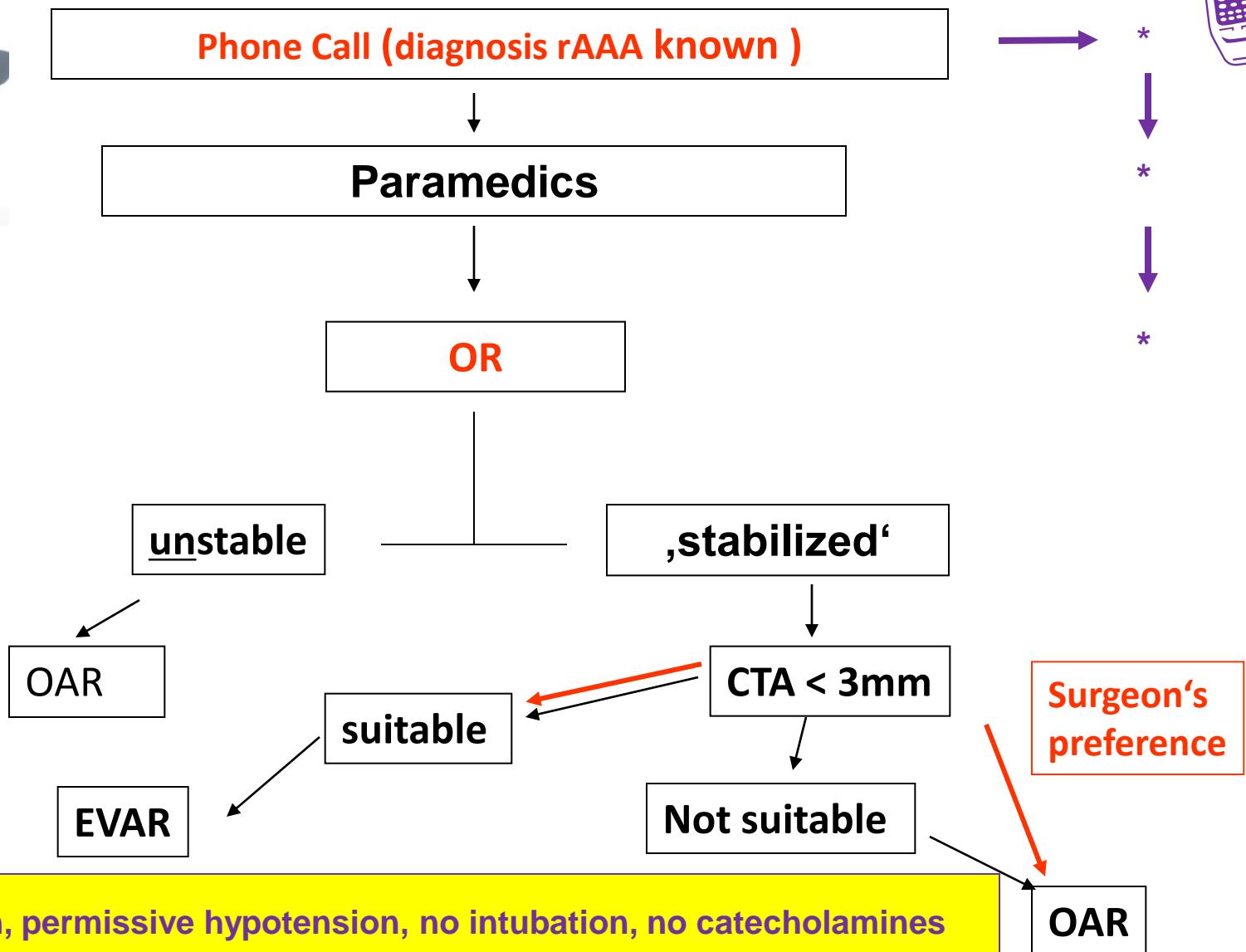
**What is more important:  
Fluids                  or                  pressure ?**



# Damage control strategies

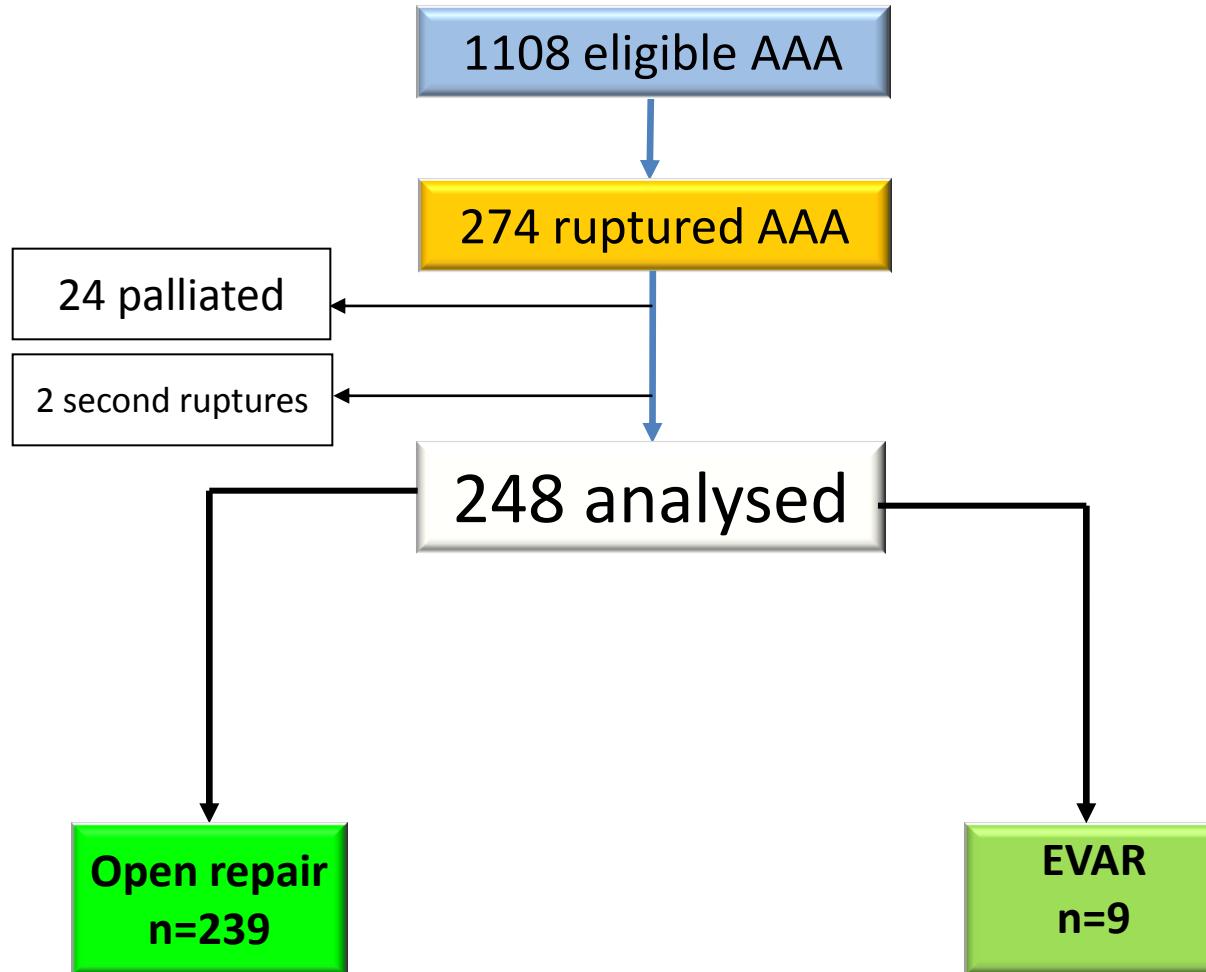
- Early damage-control surgery
  - Control of bleeding with early, aggressive, temporary techniques not meant to be the definitive therapy
- Early damage-control resuscitation
  - TOLERATE OR INSTITUTE relative hypotension
  - Institute hemostatic resuscitation strategies
    - Reduce risk of dilutional coagulopathy
    - Reduced crystalloid fluid administration (500 ml)
    - Aggressive blood component transfusion
      - 1 PRBC : 1 FFP, Platelets
    - (Consider recombinant coagulant therapy (rFVIIa, PCC))

# Treatment algorithm in Berne



# Patient cohort Berne (2001 – 2010)

Opfermann P. et al. EJVES 2011



# Posthoc analysis of prospective cohort: 248 consecutive patients with rAAA

male	90%
age, mean $\pm$ SD (y)	74 $\pm$ 9
median diameter (mm)	80
rupture site, % (aortic/CIA/HA)	91 / 7 / 2
duration of stay, median (d)	13

# OAR in rAAA (2001-2010)\*

	Acute Rupture	30-d-Mortality
N	<b>248</b>	<b>38 (15.3%)</b>
>80 y		27%*
<80y		12%
Hemodynamically stable	40%	8%
Unstable / shock	60%	22%
Suprarenal clamping	13%	16%

\* Opfermann P. et al. EJVES 2011

## Repair of Ruptured Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm in Octogenarians

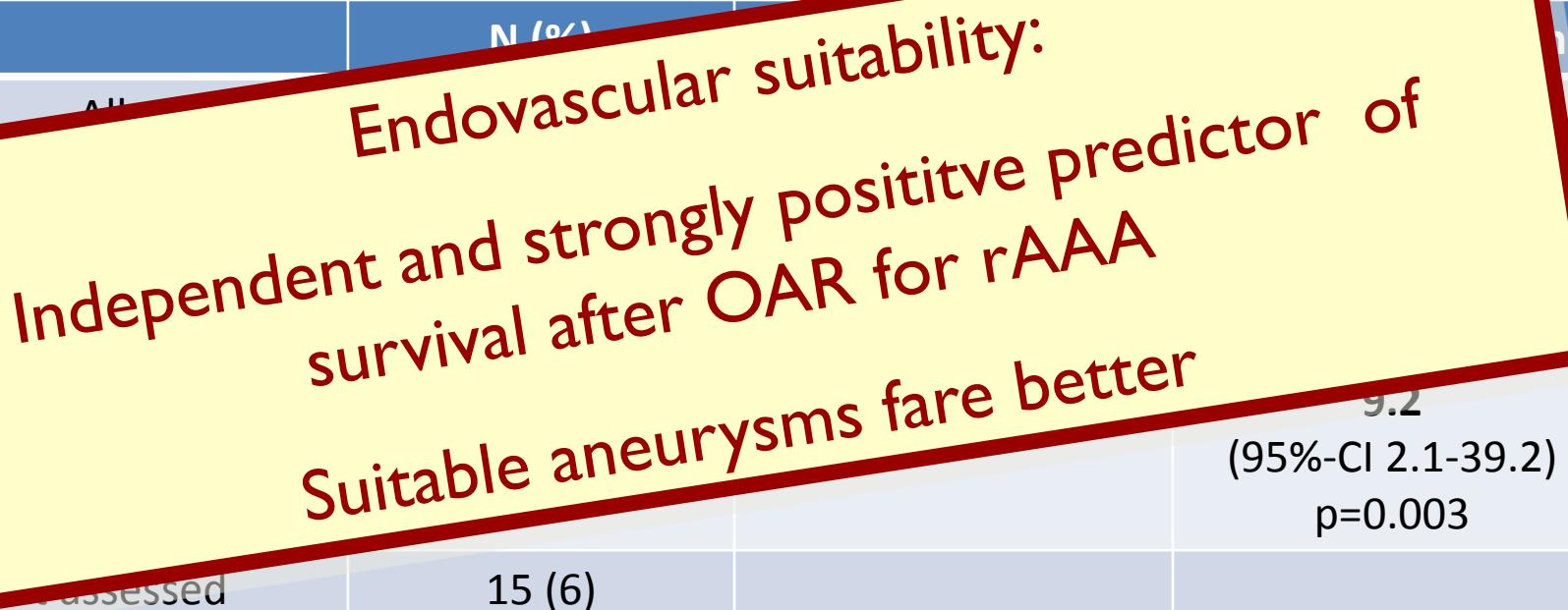
P Opfermann, R von Allmen, N Diehm, MK Widmer, J Schmidli, F Dick

	N (%)	
All		
Mortality after OAR for rAAA:		
NOT independent related to advanced age		
Mainly driven by cardiac disease and manifest hypovolemic shock		
	5.1	(95%-CI 1.1-23.4)
		p=0.037

## Endovascular suitability and outcome after open surgery for ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysm.

F Dick, N Diehm, P Opfermann, R von Allmen, H Tevaeearai, J Schmidli

2 blinded investigators:



## Delayed volume resuscitation during initial management of rAAA

F Dick, G Erdoes, P Opfermann, B Eberle, J Schmidli, RS von Allmen

	N (%)	30-d-Mortality	OAR (n)
All	248 (100)	30.3%	(95%-CI 24.0-36.6) p=0.026
Total volume			
Literature			

Mortality in rAAA:  
Volume resuscitation should be delayed until surgical control is achieved

# Conclusions

- Mortality of OAR can be as low as in EVAR (15%-20%)
- Patient management is more important than 'modality' of repair
- Predictive factors of mortality
  - Cardiac disease, hypovolemic shock (not age)
- Predictors of complications:
  - EVAR: 20-30% abdominal compartment syndrome
  - Open repair: 5-10% abdominal compartment syndrome
- Open repair is safe !
- Open repair is the gold standard !
- Open repair can yield better results based on better preadmission care
- EVAR should not be a religion