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CURRENT TRENDS IN THE VASCULAR MANAGEMENT OF CRITICAL LIMB ISCHEMIA

Critical limb ischemia comprised of rest pain and tissue loss is a well-known public health issue. The incidence is higher in smokers, diabetics and the elderly. Although there is no clear consensus or randomized trials that support minimal invasive intervention over open surgery, there has been a general trend toward an endovascular first philosophy. The aim of this presentation is to describe current vascular management and supportive data for the treatment of patients with critical limb threatening ischemia. The multiple and various endovascular techniques and approaches will be described as well as case presentations.

Biography

Thomas Bernik is Chief of Vascular Surgery at Englewood Hospital and Medical Center in Englewood New Jersey. Bernik specializes in complex open surgery, minimally invasive surgery for aortic aneurysms, carotid disease, peripheral vascular disease and complex venous thrombosis. Most recently Bernik served as Associate Professor of Surgery and Chief of Vascular Surgery at Mount Sinai, Beth Israel, New York. Bernik received his medical degree from George Washington University School of medicine and completed his vascular fellowship at North Shore University as well as Strong Memorial Hospital.

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