

# Outcomes of Cryopreserved Allografts for Limb Salvage in Chronic Limb Threatening Ischemia

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## Background

 Autologous saphenous vein preferred conduit for lower extremity revascularization, but unavailable in ~25% of cases

 Cryopreserved saphenous vein grafts thought to have poor primary patency, however role for limb salvage less explored

 Purpose of this study is to examine patency and amputationfree survival of cryopreserved saphenous vein bypass grafts for patients with chronic limb threatening ischemia



#### **Patient Characteristics**

Covariates	Value
Patients, n	23
Male Sex, n (%)	12 (52.2)
Mean Age	69.5
Comorbidities	
Hypertension, n (%)	23 (100)
CAD, n (%)	19 (82.6)
Diabetes, n (%)	15 (65.2)
Smoking History, n (%)	21 (91.3)



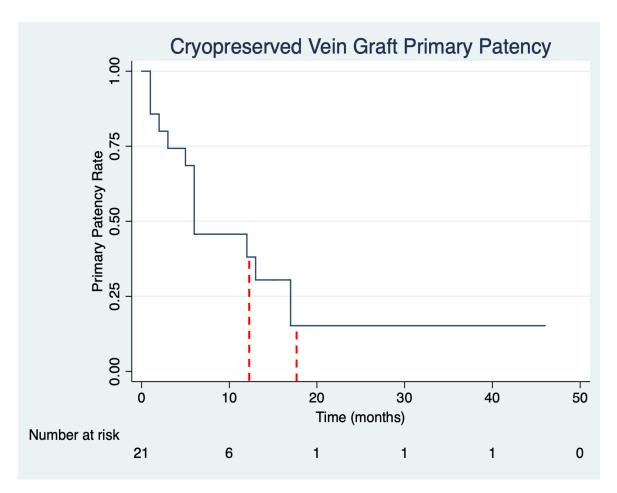


## **Technical Outcomes**

Perioperative Complications	Value	
30-day graft thrombosis, n (%)	4 (16)	
Major adverse cardiac event, n (%)	2 (8)	
Amputation, n (%) Infection/PSA, n (%) 30-day mortality, n (%)	1 (4) 0 (0) 0 (0)	



## **Primary Patency**







# Significance

- Lower extremity bypass grafts with cryopreserved vein conduit have limited primary patency, but considerable potential for limb salvage
- Use of cryopreserved conduit has high technical cost, often leading to negative total operating margins
- Surgeons should consider use of cryopreserved saphenous vein conduit for limb salvage in cases of chronic limb threatening ischemia without autologous vein option



### **Moderator Question**

"Do you have insights on impact of CLTI Rutherford Class on amputation-free survival following cryopreserved vein graft placement"

