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# Traitement endo-veineux des saphènes incontinentes : Actualités

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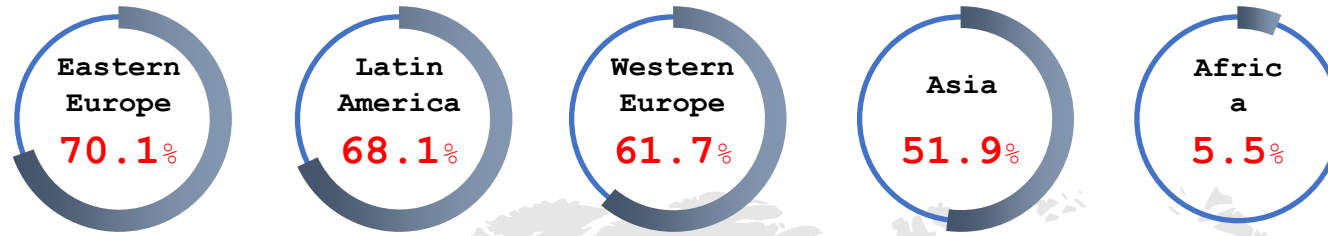
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# Epidemiology

## Global prevalence & clinical stages of CVD



clinical stage (C)	Global Prevalence (%)				
	Eastern Europe	Latin America	Western Europe	Asia	Africa
C0s	31.9%	31.9%	38.4%	48.7%	NA
C1	19.0%	25.2%	21.4%	18.4%	NA
C2	21.3%	19.2%	15.4%	13.7%	NA
C3	17.5%	13.4%	15.8%	13.6%	NA
C4	9.5%	9.3%	7.4%	5.0%	NA
C5	2.1%	2.5%	1.2%	0.6%	NA
C6	0.8%	1.5%	0.4%	0.7%	NA

**51.8** Average age

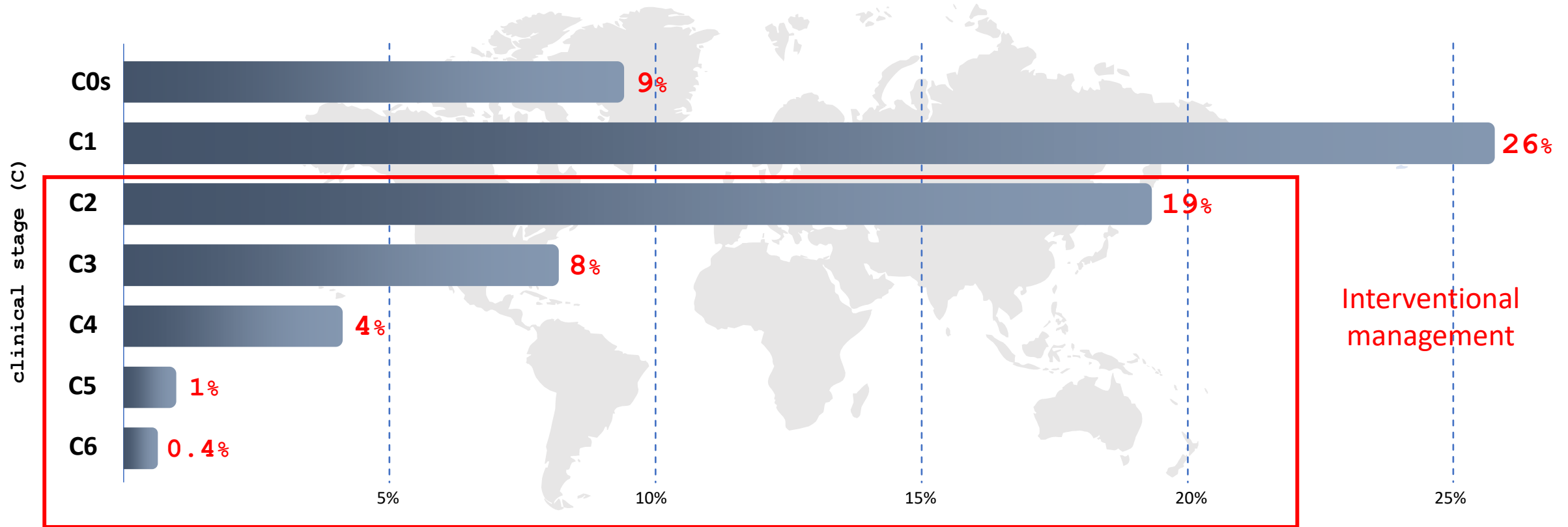
**70.7%** Female predominance

# Epidemiology

## Global prevalence & clinical stages of CVD



Pooled prevalence for each clinical stage



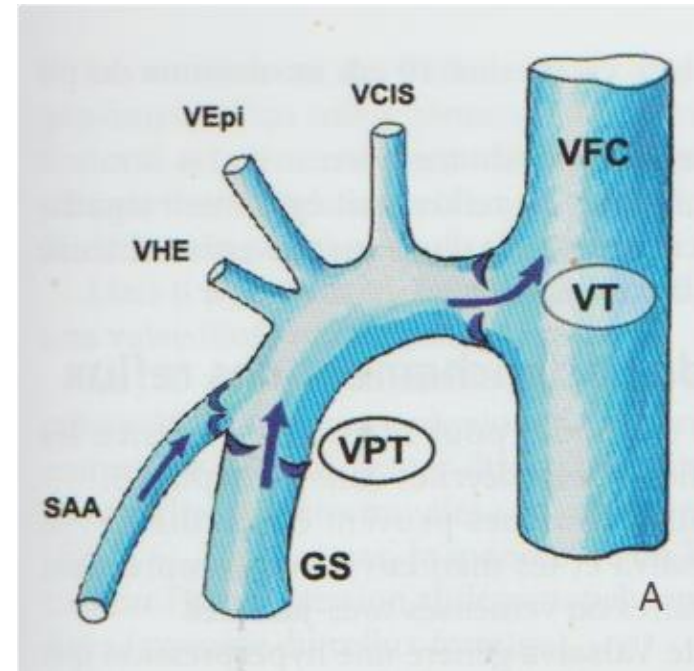
# *Introduction*

- **Varicose veins = 10 – 40% of Western populations**
- **20– 35% of the population in France.**
  
- **Saphenous veins involved in 30 – 50% of cases.**
  
- **25% trophic disorders (GSV).**
  
- **Conservative and/or radical treatment → Removal of varicose veins (saphenous vein)**
  
- **Crossectomy– Stripping (CS) / High Ligation + Stripping (HLS): Reference surgical TRT.**

# Updates

**Surgical excision of the SFJ questioned → Minimally invasive surgery = Stripping with respect to the junction (ligation at the level of the preterminal valve)**

- Between these 2 valves we define the intervalvular segment, which is a true hemodynamic airlock.
- Drains anti-gravity flows at the time of muscle systole, which go from bottom to top (GSV trunk & AAST).
- Drains gravitational flows during muscle diastole (from top to bottom), the 2 abdominal afferents and 1 genital afference.



# Updates

Therapeutic alternatives by endovenous techniques → saphenous vein occlusion.

**Ultrasound Guid Foam Sclerotherapy (UGFS)**

Glue = Medical Glue (Cyanoacrylate)

Chemical

Thermal ablation of the saphenous veins by radio frequency (RF) or laser (EVLA).

Steam

Microwave

Thermal

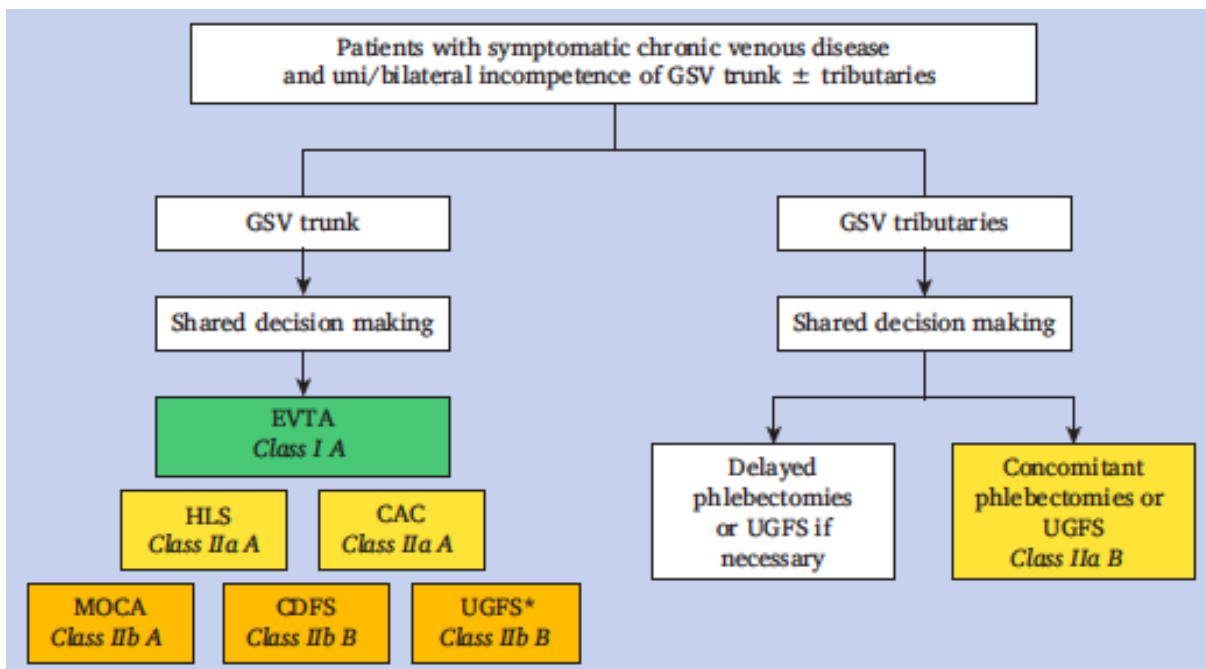
Procédures  
échoguidées

MOCA

LAFOS

Combined techniques (EVTT/  
Mechanical + foam)

# Méthodes de traitement des varices



- **Thermiques – Tumescents**

- LEV & RF
- Vapeur
- Micro-ondes

- **Non thermiques +/- tumescents:**

- Chirurgie

- **Non thermiques - non tumescents:**

- Echosclérose mousse
- MOCA
- Cyanoacrylate



# Updates

## Illustrative summary of techniques available for treating saphenous trunk incompetence

Technique	Published follow up	Reflux abolition	Quality of life improvement	Tumescence needed	Risk of nerve injury below mid-calf*
EVTA	≥ 5 y	+++	+++	Yes	Yes
HLS	≥ 5 y	+++	+++	Yes <sup>†</sup>	Yes
CAC	3–5 y	+++	+++	No	No
UGFS	≥ 5 y	+ / +++ <sup>‡</sup>	++ / +++ <sup>‡</sup>	No	No
CDFS	1 y	++	++	Yes/no	No
MOCA	3 y	++	+++	No	No

EVTA = endovenous thermal ablation; HLS = high ligation and stripping; CAC = cyanoacrylate adhesive closure; UGFS = ultrasound guided foam sclerotherapy; CDFS = catheter directed foam sclerotherapy; MOCA = mechanochemical ablation. +++ = very good effect; ++ = good effect; + = some effect (see details in [subsection 4.1 – 4.3](#)).

\* For other complications: see details in [subsections 4.1 – 4.3](#).

<sup>†</sup> Or alternative anaesthesia technique.

<sup>‡</sup> Truncal diameter < 6 mm.



# Ablation thermique

# *EndoVenous Thermal Ablation: EVLA – RF*

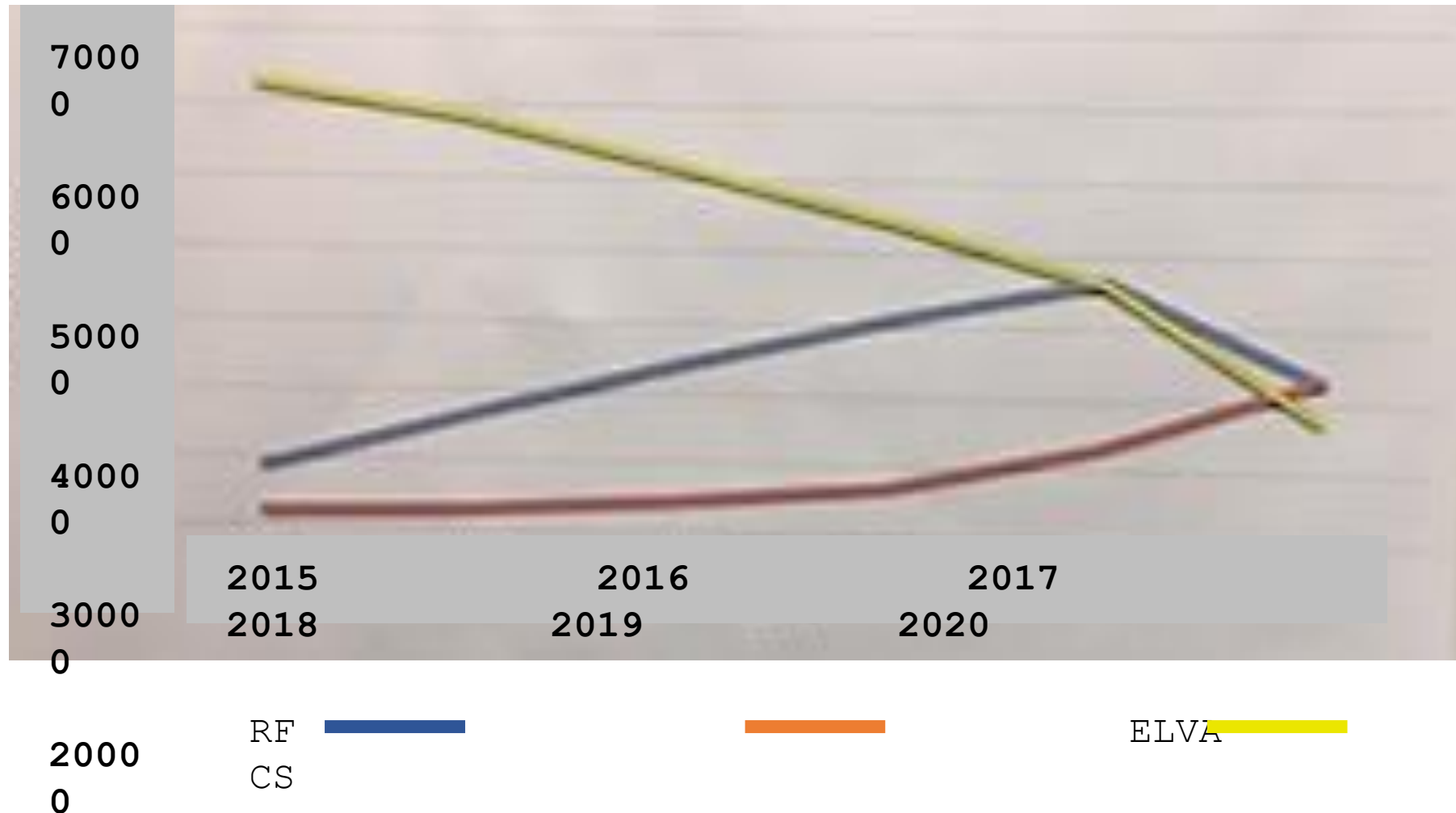
**1st intention trt since 2018 .**

**Thermal ablation of GVS supplants surgery.**

## **Benefits / Surgery**

- **Dedicated room outside the operating room**
- **No anesthesia, No premedication**
- **Fewer Ilary effects**
- **Immediate release**
- **No W Stop**
- **Identical Qol (even if different anatomical result)**
- **Equivalence of recidivism**

# Evolution of varicose vein surgery in France between 2015 and 2020



# Indications according to the $\emptyset$ of the incontinence saphenous vein

UGFS optimale  $\leq 6\text{mm}$



$\leq 5\text{mm}$

5 à 10 mm

10 à Xmm



**Foam**

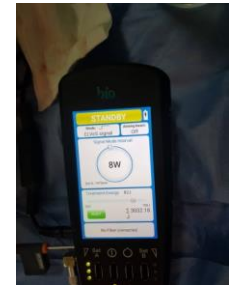
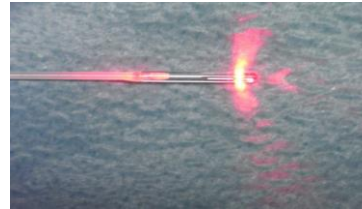
**Foam or EVTA**

**EVTA**

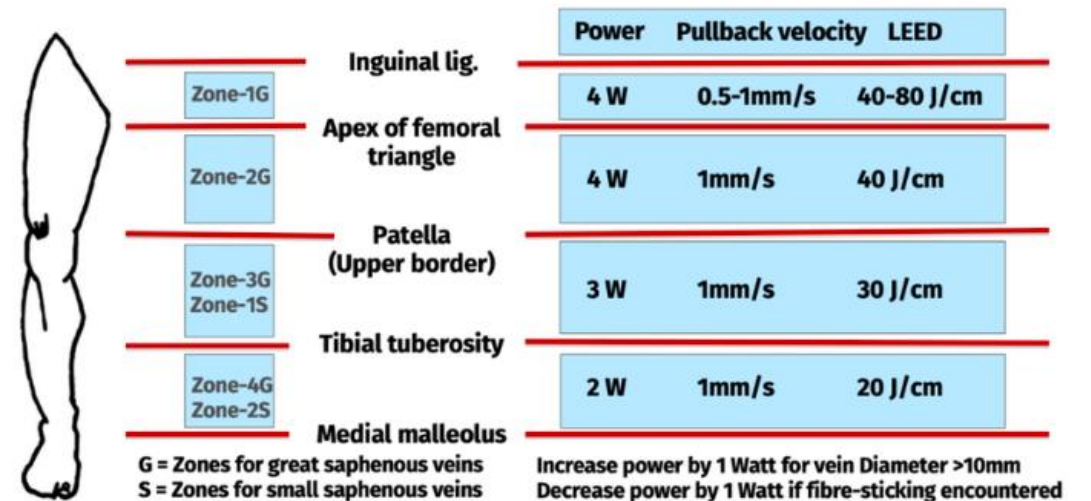
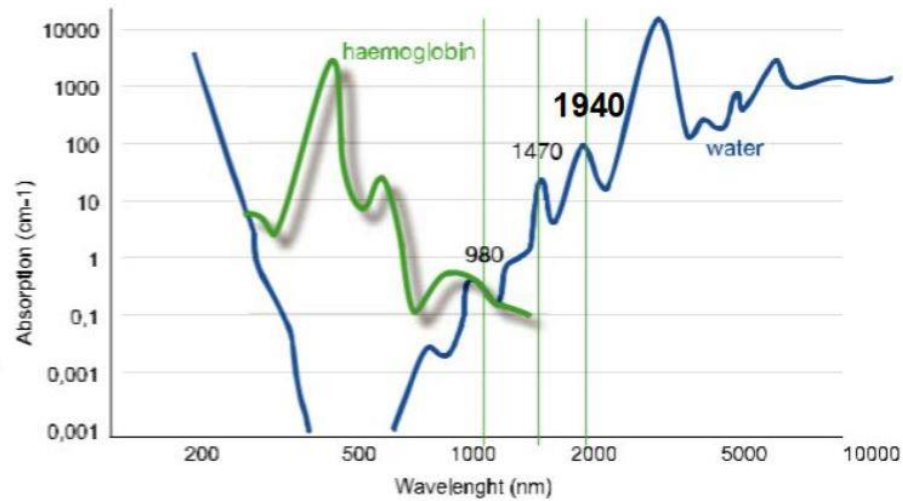
# EndoVenous Laser Ablation (EVLA)

**Thermal Energy Applicator = Occlusion at  $> 60\text{J/cm}$**

- Radial or double radial fibers
- Wavelength = **1470 nm**
- Configurable energy:  $7\text{ W} < \text{Power} < 10\text{ W}$  .  $\text{Energy} > 60\text{J/cm}$
- Continuous shrinkage per cm
- Small diameter and flexible
- No thermal inertia = ON/OFF effect
- Direct destruction of the venous wall: charring of the tunics, collagen synthesis by fibroblasts and then fibrous retraction

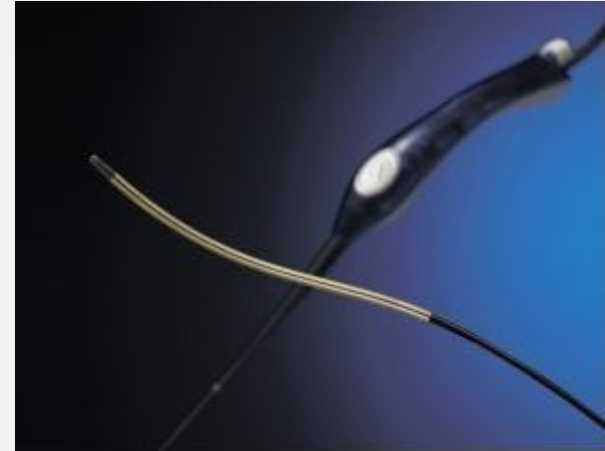


# Laser endoveineux: 1940 nm



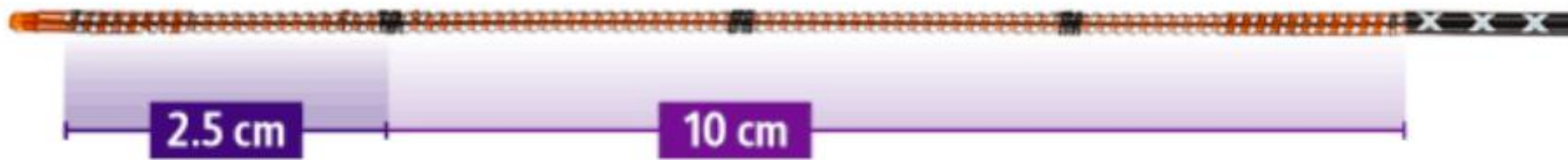
# Radio-Fréquence (RF)

- Closure Fast : Extrémité de sonde de 7 et 3cm
- Retrait de segment en segment
- Cycles de 20s
- Sonde peu souple
- Inertie thermique = Risque de brûlure ++ (PVS)
- Destruction immédiat intima puis épaissement media et adventice , nécrose des FML , rétraction la parois d'où occlusion , transformation fibreuse en 6 mois



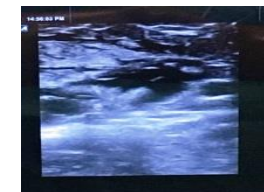
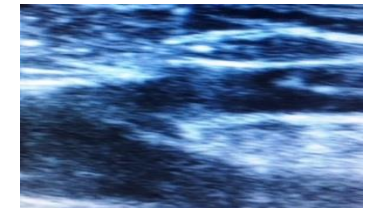


# Radiofréquence: Venclose



# Procedure EVTA – SFMV – SFP

- **Ultrasound-guided percutaneous puncture of the vein with a straight needle**
- **Installation of a metal guide**
- **Installation of an introducer thanks to the metal guide**
- **Inserting the Thermal Applicator through the Introducer**
- **Positioning the tip of the Thermal Applicator**
- **Tumescence and Anesthesia**
- **Energy Application**
- **Ultrasound Efficacy Verification**



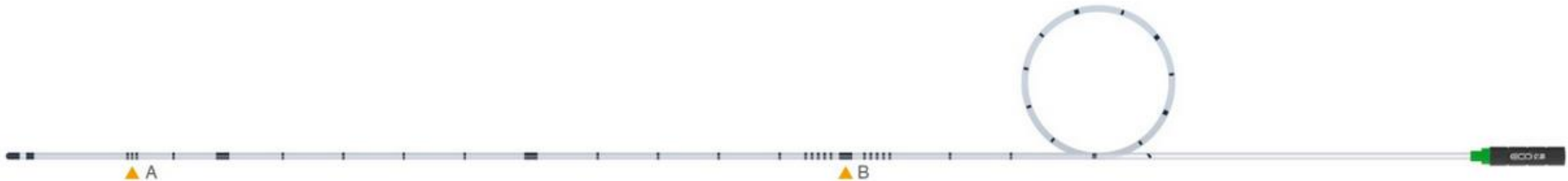
**Ultrasound-guided procedure = Safety**

# ECO Microwaves

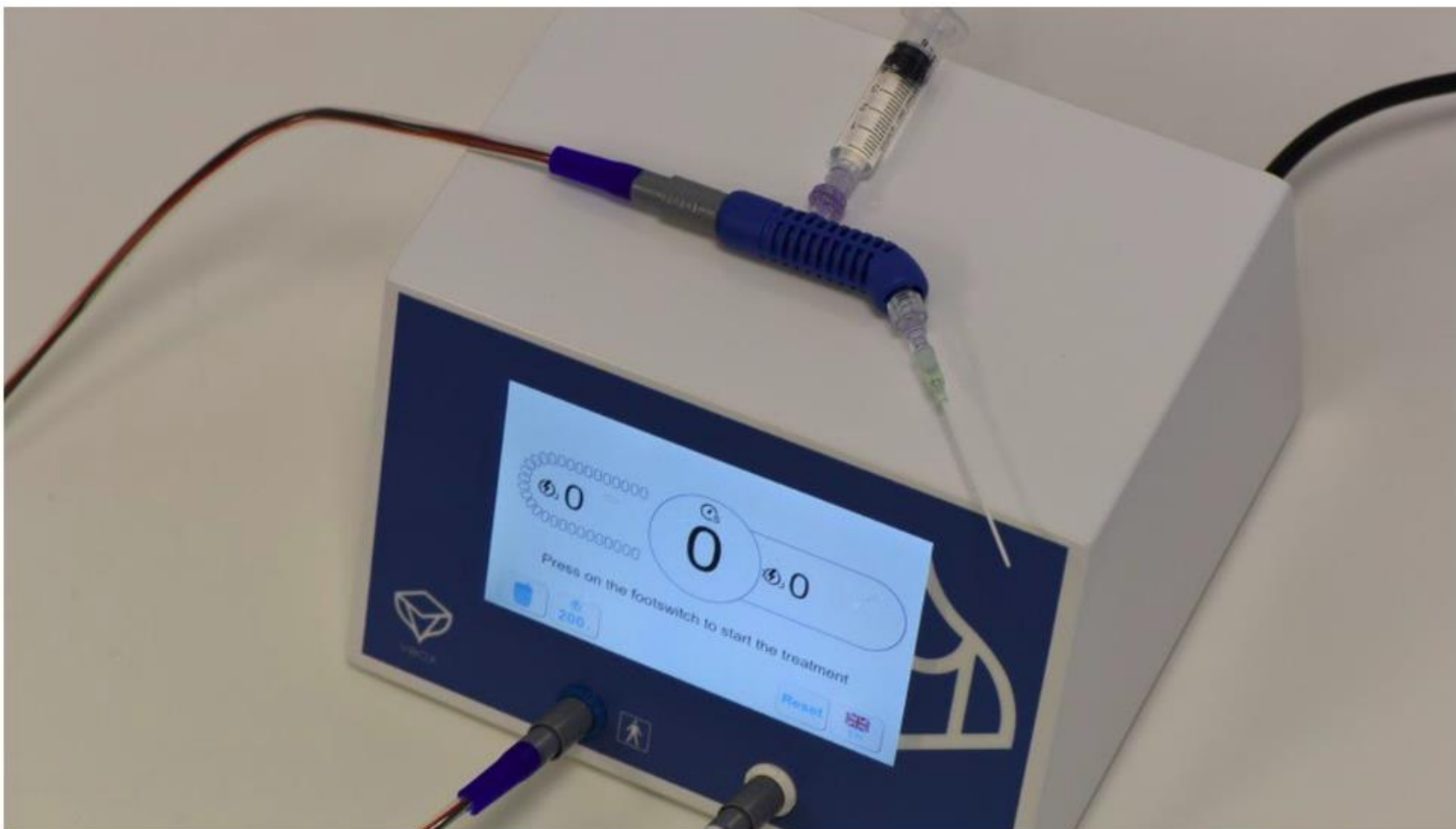
ECO 亿高



- Cathéter 6 Fr
- Action d'échauffement des molécules d'eau des cellules de la paroi veineuse
- Pas d'exsanguination
- 85°



# Vapeur: Miravas



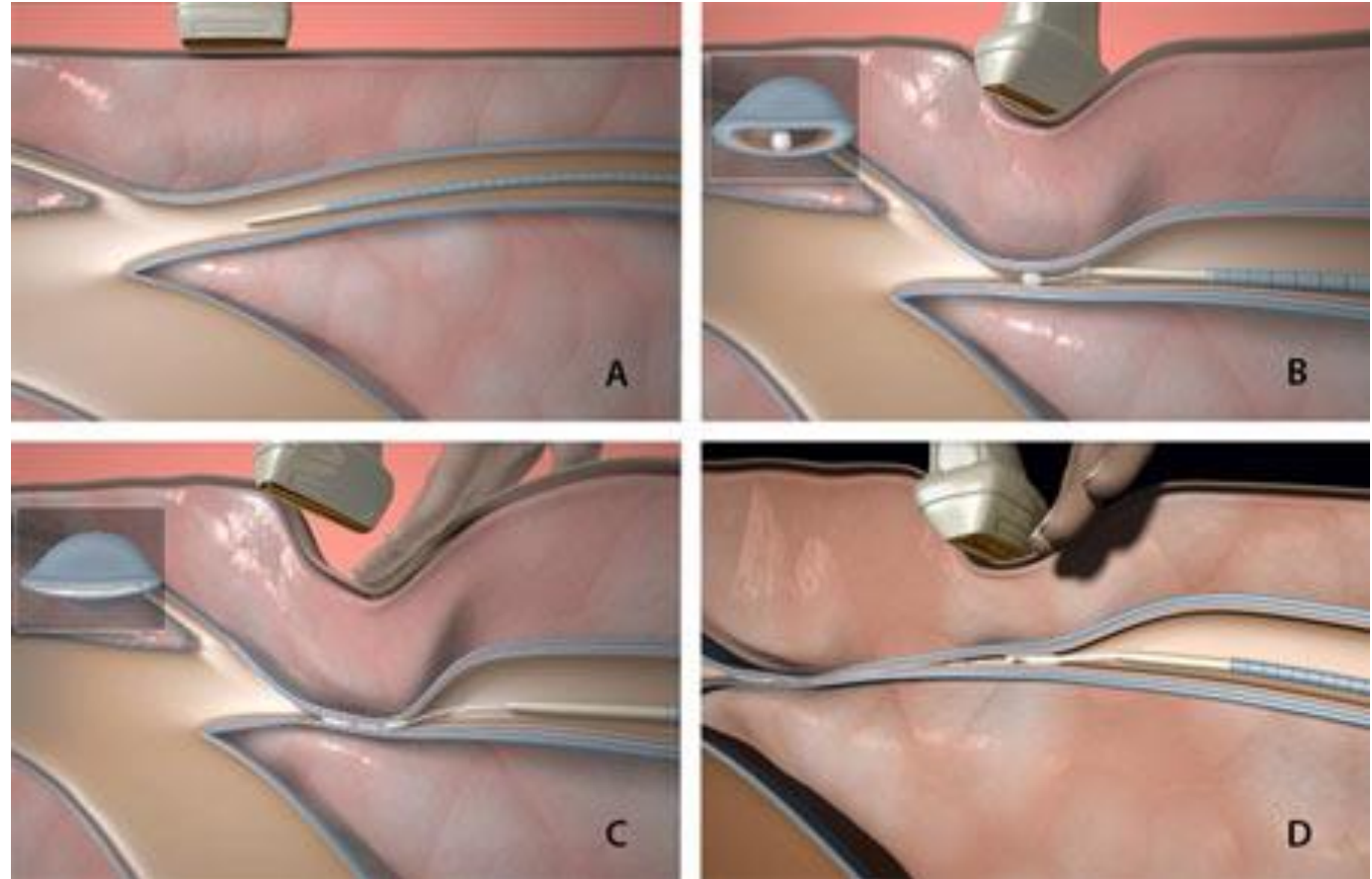
# Ablation chimique : Cyanoacrylate

Medtronic 

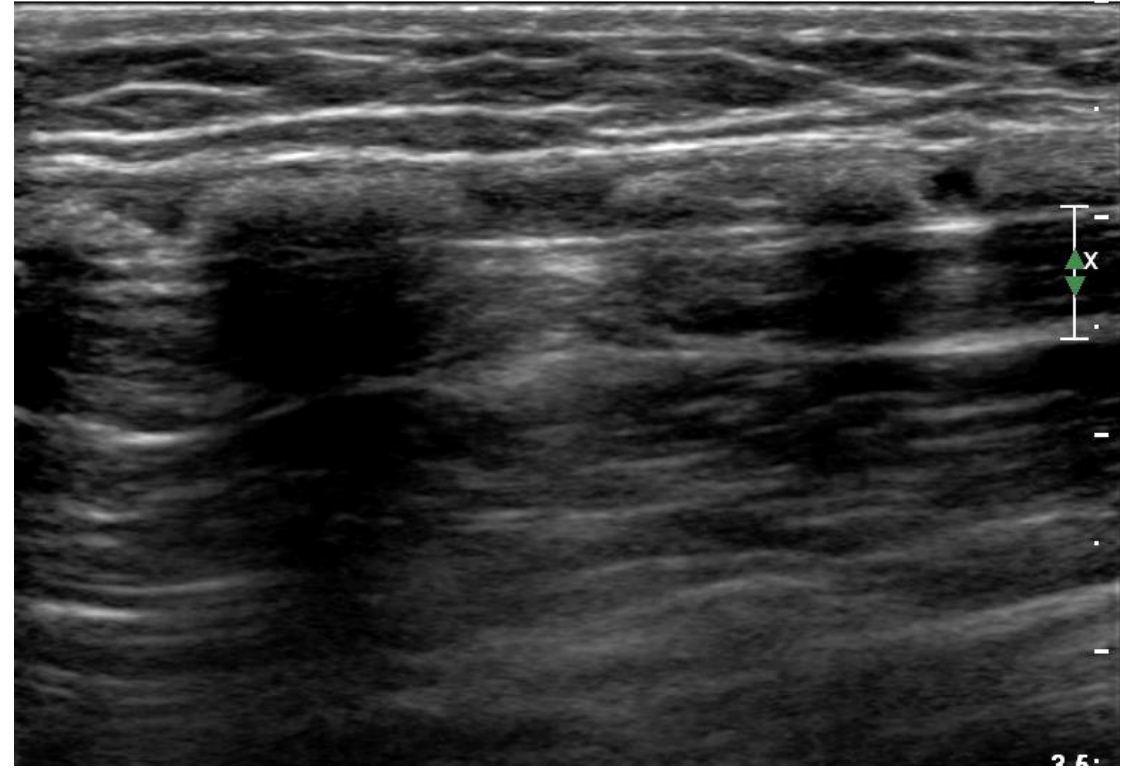
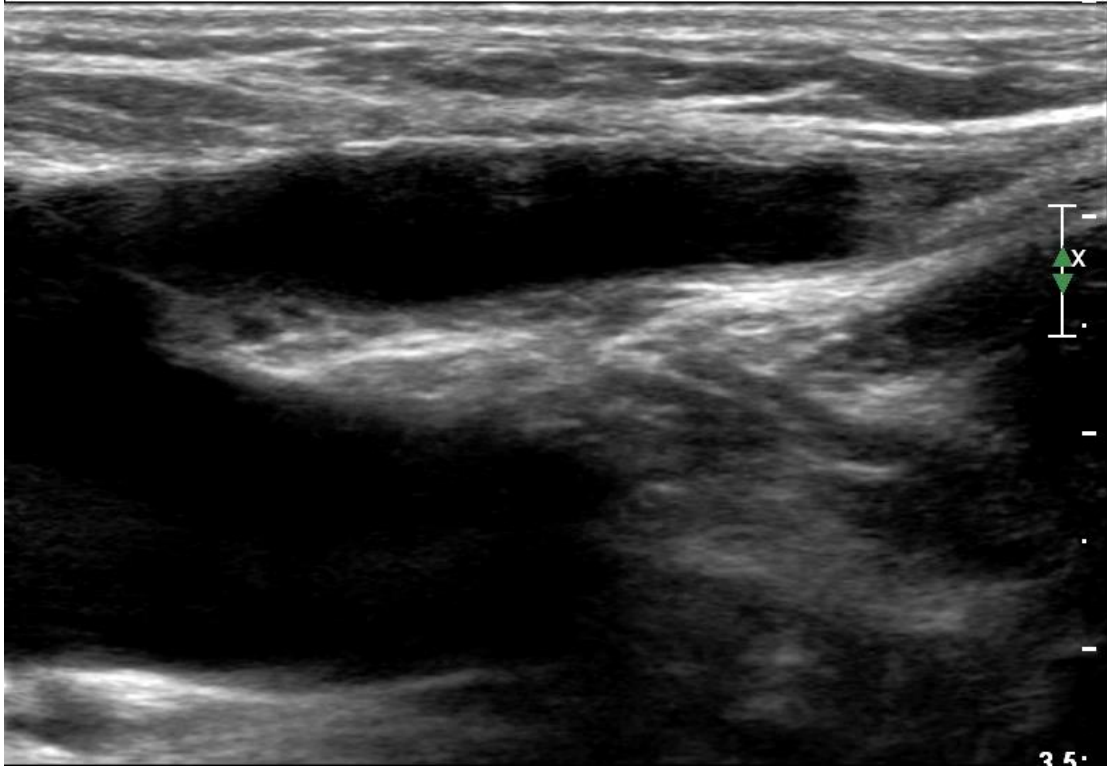




- Venous occlusion with glue, same effectiveness as EVTA
- No limitation related to the diameter of the vein.
- It induces an instantaneous occlusion of the vein by polymerizing when it comes into contact with the blood, forming a mold made of blood and adhesive.

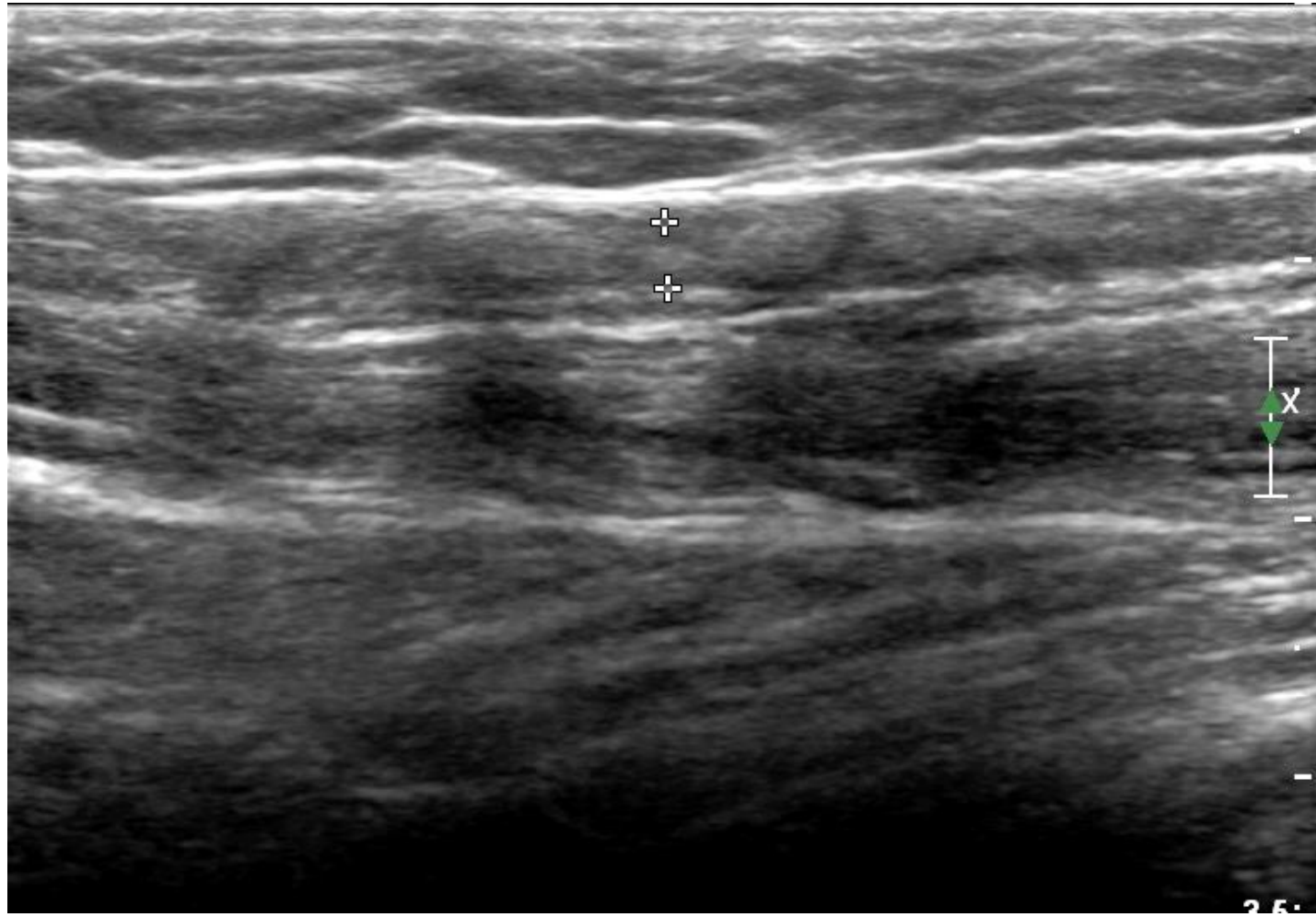


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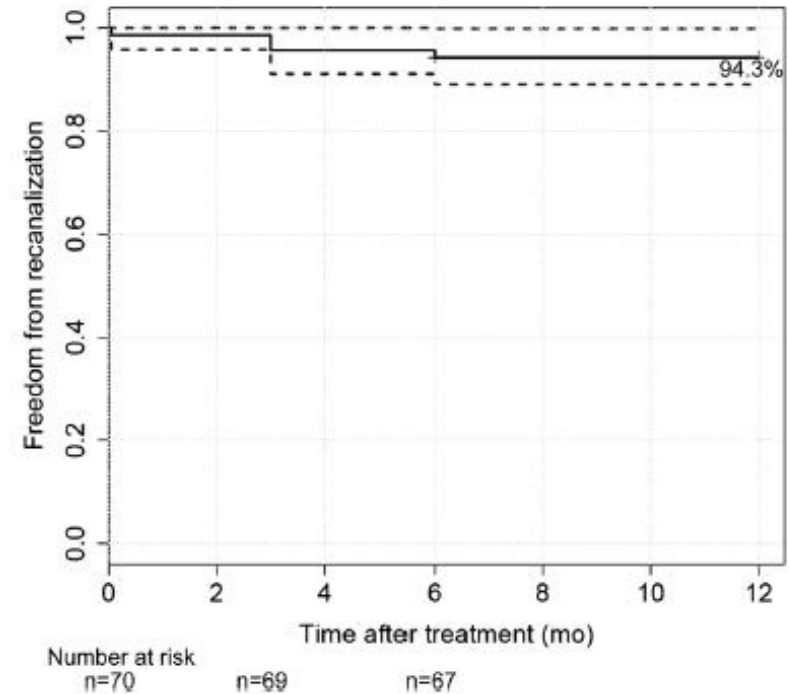


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# Etude Européenne

- 7 centres
- 70 VGS chez 70 patients
- Suivi 1 an
  - 5 recanalisations partielles
  - Extension thrombotique JSF: 1.4%
  - Réaction inflammatoire: 11.4%
  - Douleurs: 8.6%



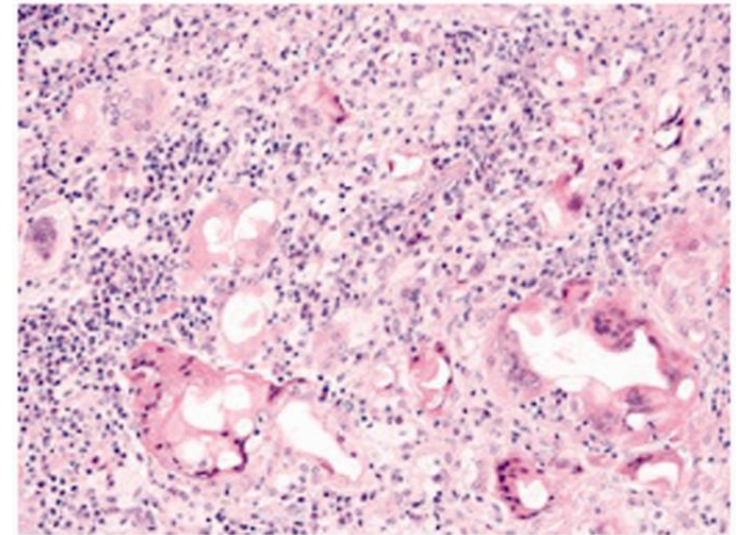
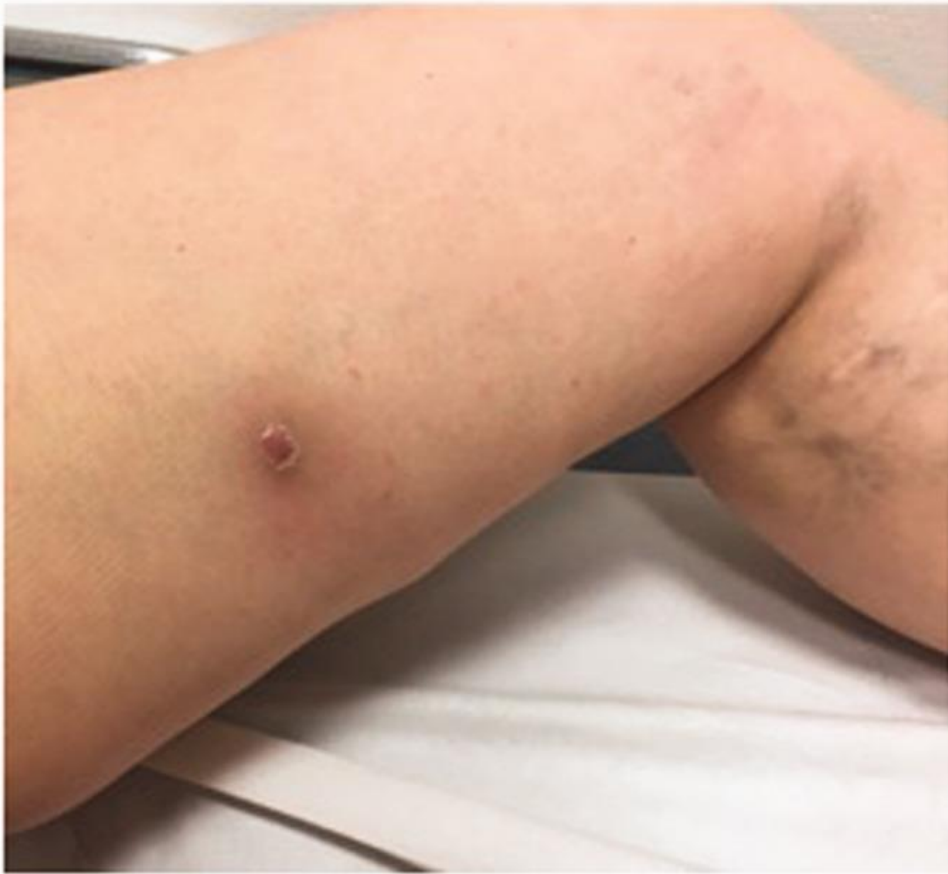
**Fig 1.** Survival free from recanalization of the target vein.

# CA versus RF

- Etude de non infériorité
- 222 VGS:
  - CA= 108,
  - RF=114
- Suivi 3 mois
- Diamètre 3 - 12 mm

**Table VI. Adverse events**

	<i>VenaSeal, No. (%)</i>	<i>RFA, No. (%)</i>	<i>P value<sup>a</sup></i>
No. of adverse events per subject			
0	74 (69)	85 (75)	.37
1	28 (26)	22 (19)	
2	6 (6)	6 (5)	
3	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	
4	0 (0.0)	1 (1)	
Event severity			
Mild	26 (24)	30 (26)	.35 <sup>c</sup>
Moderate	12 (11)	7 (6)	
Severe	2 (2)	1 (1)	
Procedure-related adverse events <sup>b</sup>	27 (25)	31 (27)	.76
Device-related adverse events <sup>b</sup>	13 (12)	7 (6)	.16
Reported adverse events			
Phlebitis, any zone	22 (20)	16 (14)	.36
Phlebitis in treatment zone	11 (10)	10 (9)	.82
Phlebitis not in treatment zone	8 (7)	4 (4)	.24
Phlebitis in both treatment zone and nontreatment zone	1 (1)	1 (1)	1.0
Paresthesia in treatment zone	3 (3)	3 (3)	1.0
Stocking irritation	2 (2)	3 (3)	1.0
Access site infection	1 (1)	1 (1)	1.0
Superficial thrombophlebitis	4 (4)	3 (3)	.72
Access site burn	0 (0)	1 (1)	1.0
Paresthesia not in treatment zone	0 (0)	1 (1)	1.0
Other adverse events <sup>d</sup>	10 (9)	11 (10)	1.0



Langridge B. Cyanoacrylate glue embolization for varicose veins – A new complication. Phlebology 2020

**Cyanoacrylate Butyl**  
**Our Trial Sept 2023 – May 2024**

# Glue procedure

- ✓ Ultrasound-guided percutaneous puncture of the vein with a straight needle
- ✓ Setting up a metal guide
- ✓ Setting up an introducer thanks to the metal guide
- ✓ Insertion of the catheter via the introducer
- ✓ **Positioning of the tip of the catheter 3cm from the junction**
- ✓ *No tumescence anesthesia*
- ✓ **Compress the junction to block venous flow avoiding cranial extension of polymerization**
- ✓ **Injection of the glue by removing the catheter**
- ✓ **Maintain a compression of the saphenous vein for 1 minute**
- ✓ **Ultrasound Verification of Effectiveness**



# 51 Incompetent saphenous

- 46 Adult patients
- 18 GSV– 28 SSV– 5 AASV
- Sex Ratio = 0.77 ( 20 M – 26 W)
- Ø of saphenous veins: 4 – 9 mm
- Glue Quantity : < 1ml - SSV, < 2ml GSV
- Technical constraints: Fast curing: Catheter capping: GSV++
- Inflammatory reactions: 5 cases: Superficial saphenous → Topical corticosteroids +/- oral
- Occlusion in 49/50 cases at 9 months follow-up
- Easier to do in case of SSV



# Avantages glue / EVTA

- **No tumescence**
- **No risk of nerve damage**
- **No risk of thermal damage**
- **No ecchymosis and no haematoma**
- **No hyperpigmentation**
- **No EHIT**
- **Shorter procedure time**
- **Rare allergic reactions**

# Cyanoacrylate?

## Plutôt OUI

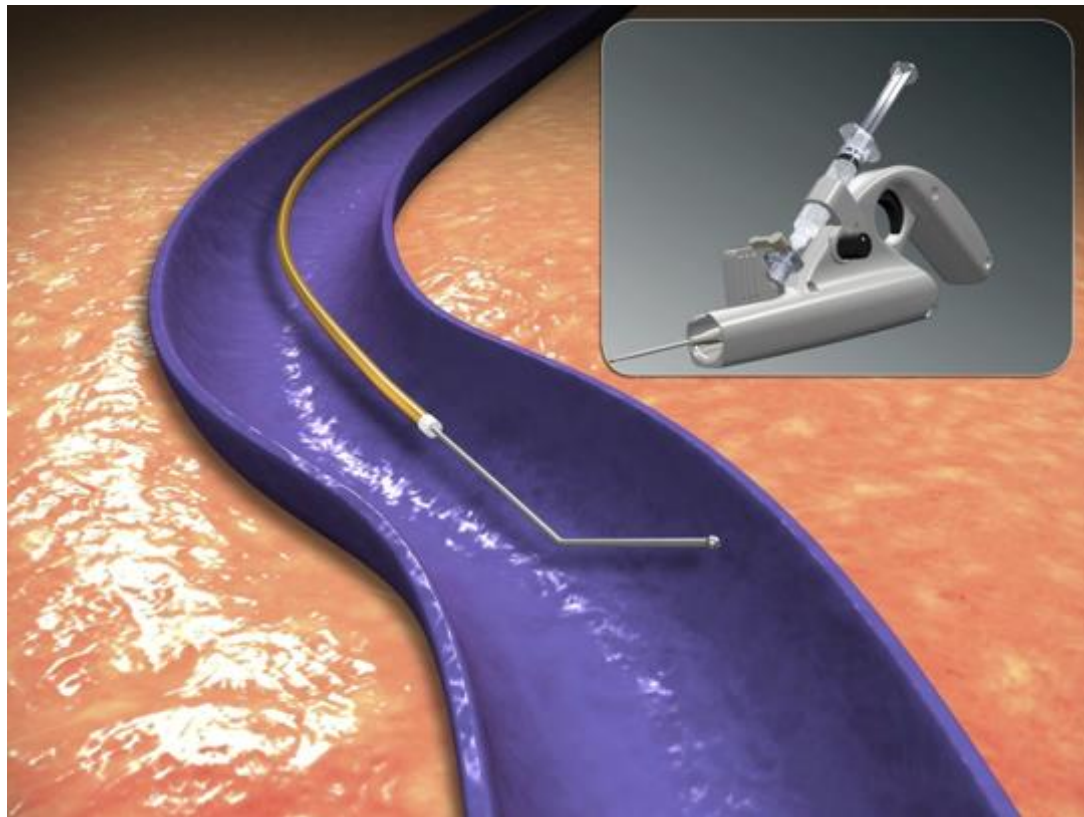
- Patients âgés
- Obèses
- Allergie lidocaïne
- Phobie des aiguilles
- *Risque neurologique*

## Plutôt NON

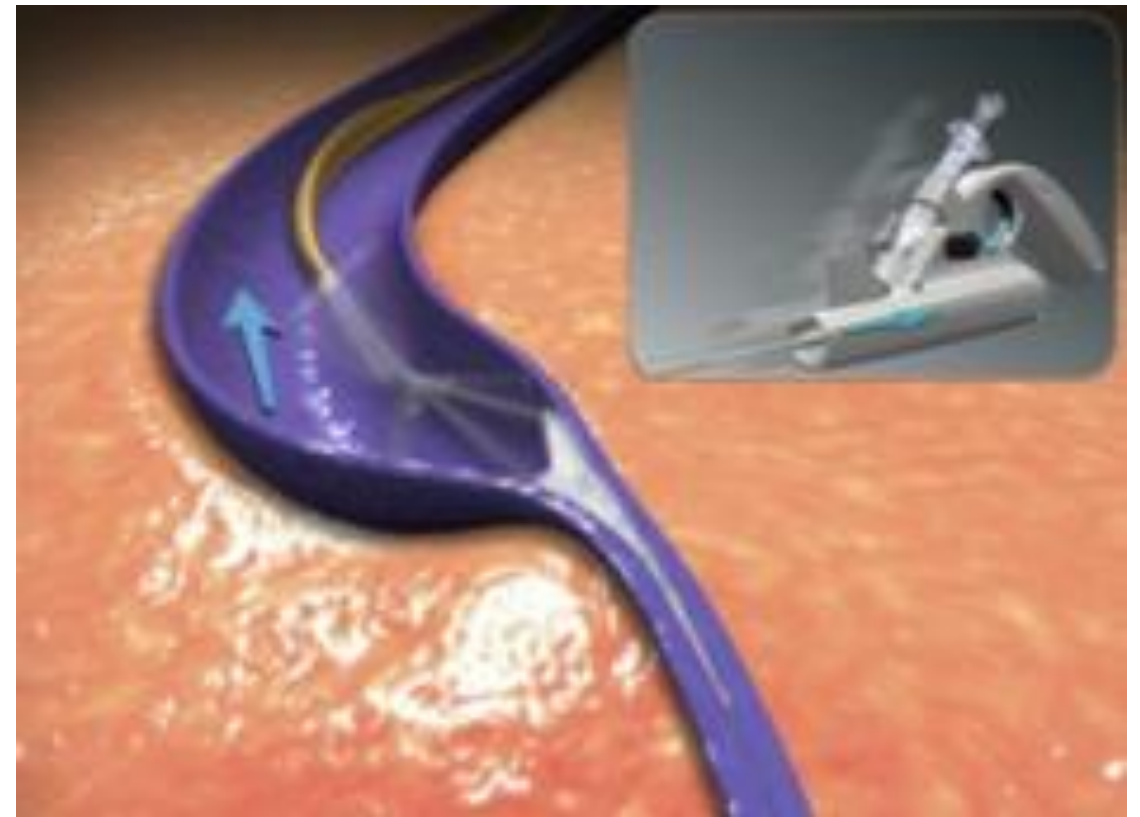
- Sujets jeunes
- Terrain allergique
- Dysimmunité

# MOCA

Mecanochemical ablation



# Clarivein



# Méthodologie

- Intro 4F
- 0.5 cm sous l'abouchement de la v épigastrique
- Rotation seule pendant 3-10 sec
- Retrait à 6-7 cm/sec
- + infusion de sclérosant
- Polidocanol 2% ou tétradécyl sulfate 1%
- Veines < 12 mm

# MOCA?

## Plutôt OUI

- PVS
- GVS jambière

## Plutôt NON

- Grosses veines ( > 6mm)
- Limitations d'utilisation des agents sclérosants
  - Allergies
  - FOP symptomatique
  - ...

# MOCA

## Mecanochemical ablation

# Phlebogriffe

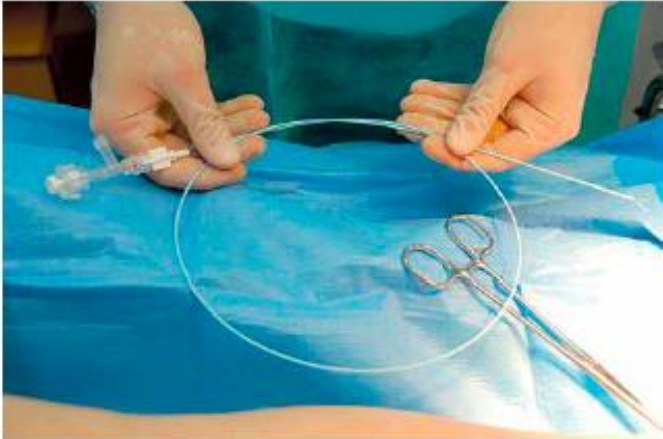


Fig. 1. Phlebogriffe

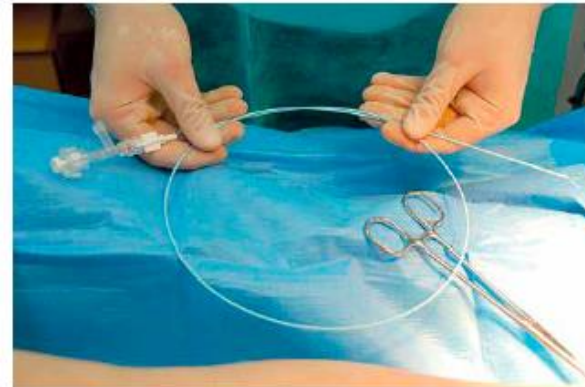


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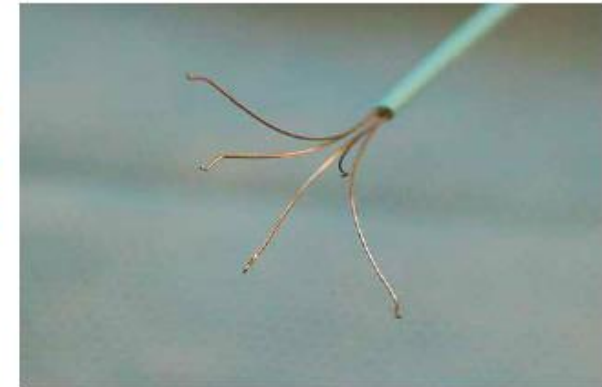


Fig. 2. Phlebogriffe – sharply terminated metal claws

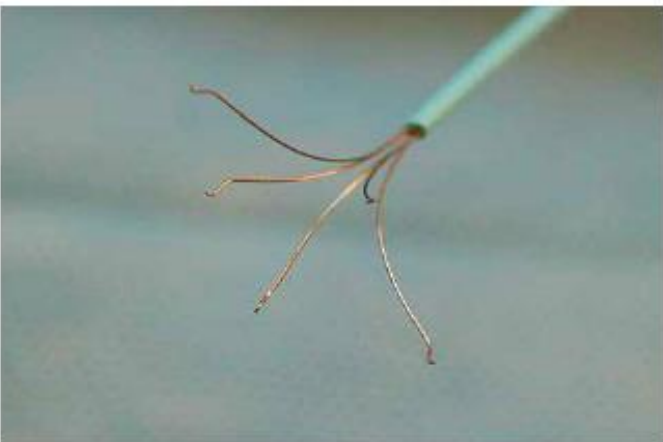


Fig. 2. Phlebogriffe – sharply terminated metal claws



Fig. 3. Prototype of intravenous catheter in the lumen of a removed great saphenous vein. Visible damaged vein wall, macroscopic view

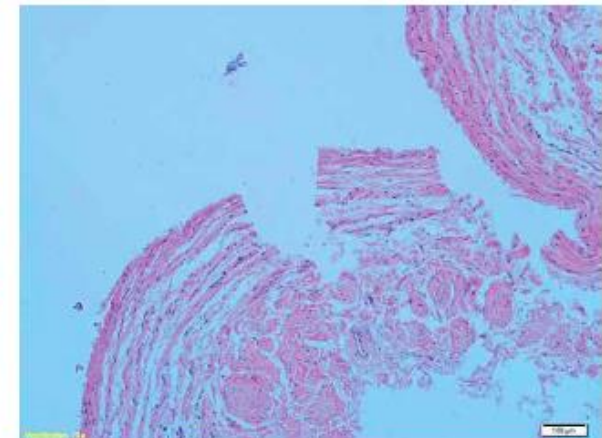


Fig. 4. Microscopic image of damaged internal wall of the great saphenous vein

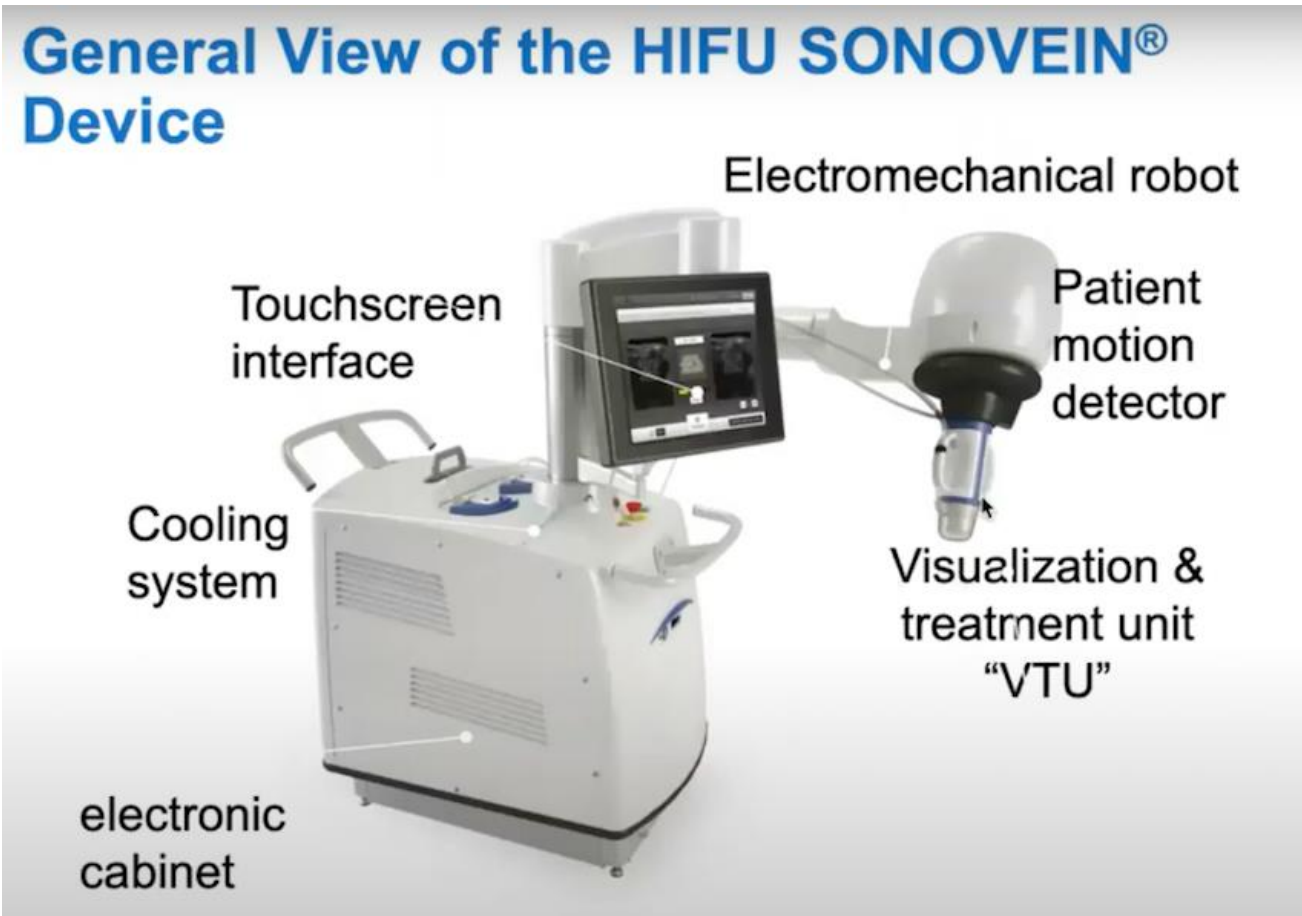
# High Intensity Focused Ultrasound = HIFU

## Ultrasons focalisés de haute Intensité

- 20 ans : Trt des cancers de la prostate , Fibromes utérins , Nodules thyroïdiens bénins.
- Procédure d'ablation thermique assez longue pour une GVS souvent associée à une tumescence.
- Recul de 3-4 ans
- Avenir : Préservation des troncs saphènes: Valvuloplasties ou Manchonnage = CHIVA ou ASVAL transcutanés.



# HIFU = Ablation thermique Transcutanée



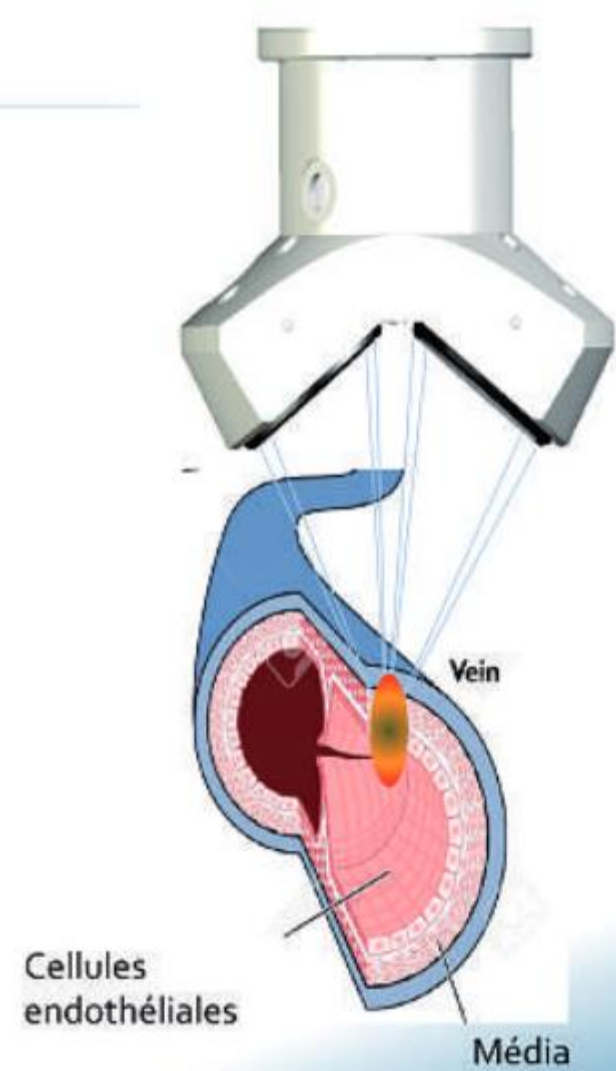
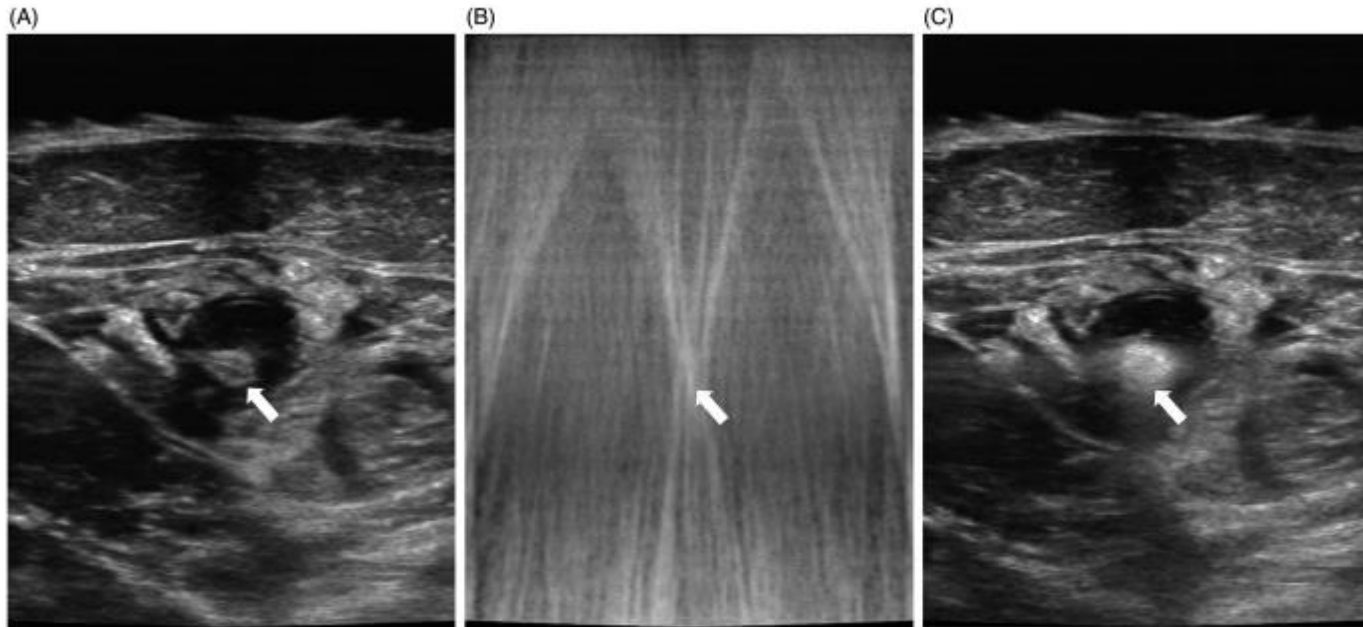
Sondes de puissance 0,5-4 Mhz



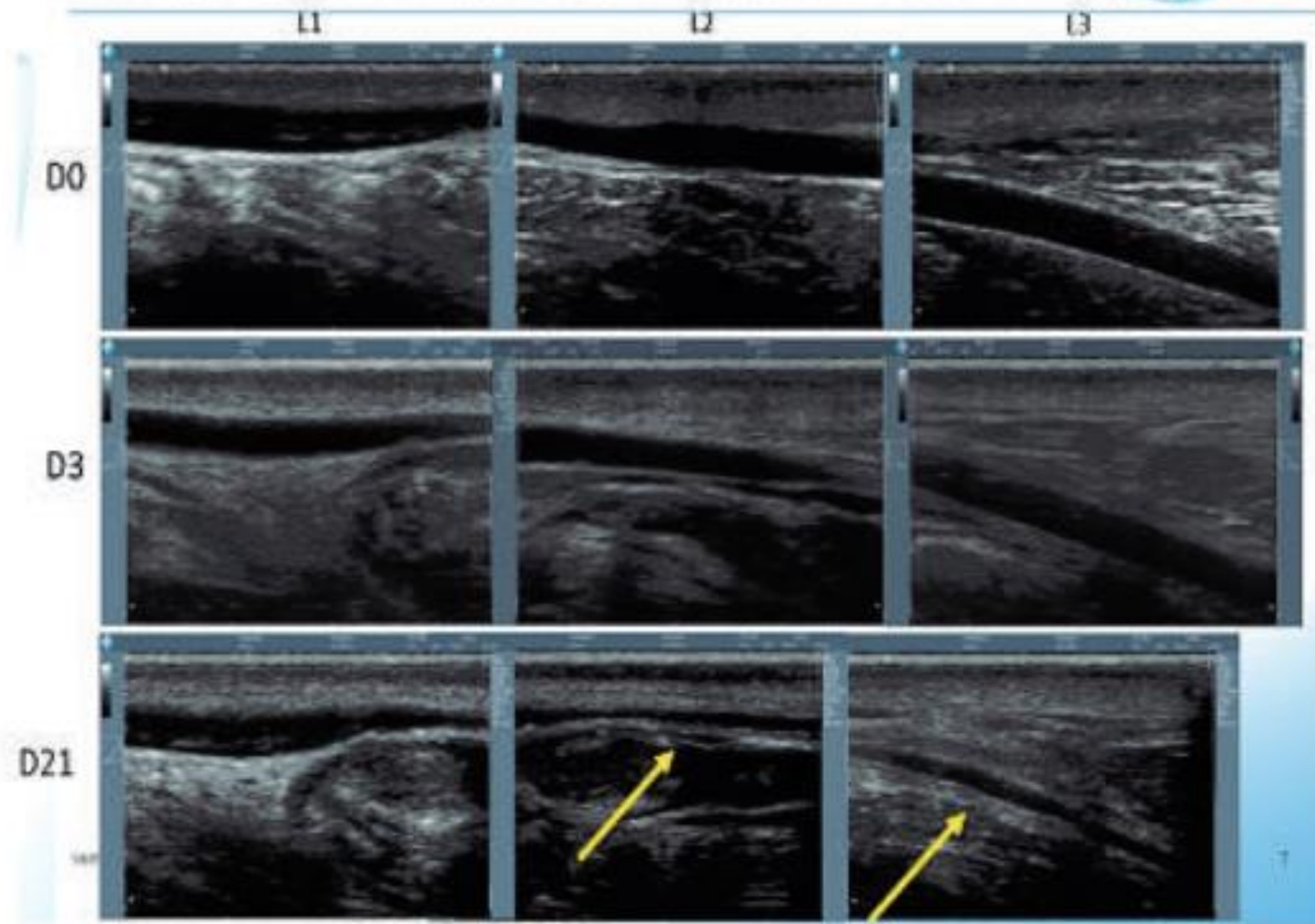
Liquide réfrigérant

Sonde d'imagerie 10Mhz

# Sonovein



D8091\_SH3\_R: Thermal 4s → Significant lumen reduction



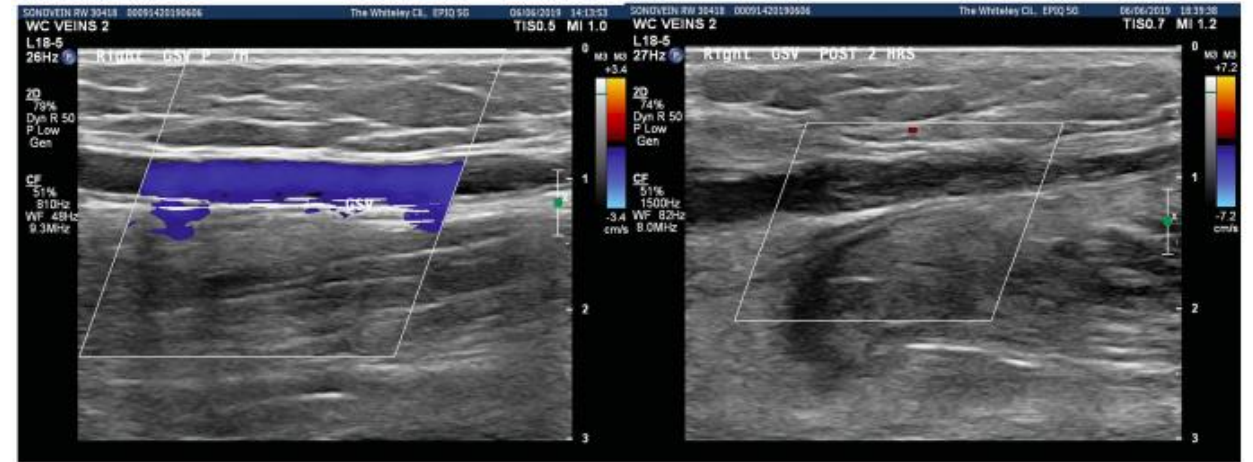
*Remodelage pariétal sur une veine saphène de brebis (« Veinsound »).*



# Sonovein

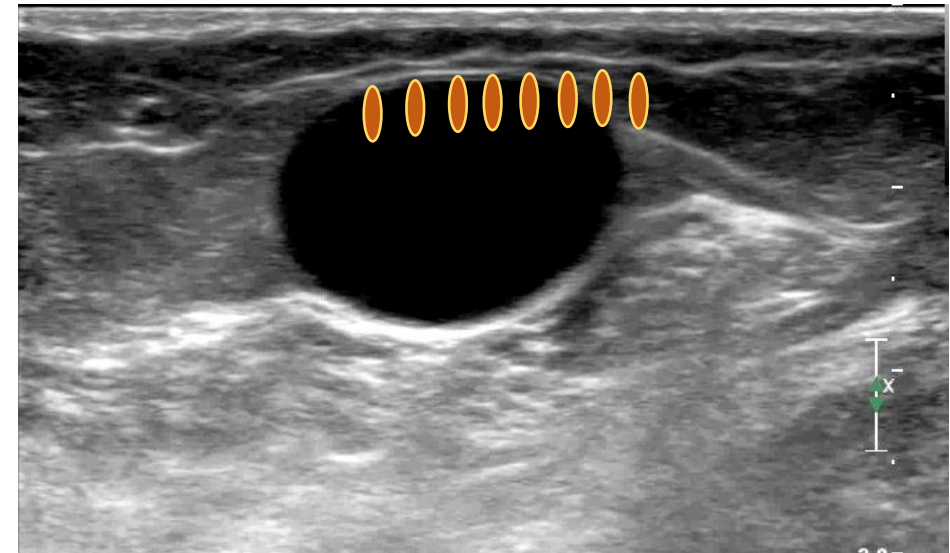
- Avantages

- Transcutané
- « En cabinet »



- Inconvénients

- Coût du matériel
- Durée du traitement
- Douleur: tumescence?
- Localisation veine 9-20 mm
- Efficacité?



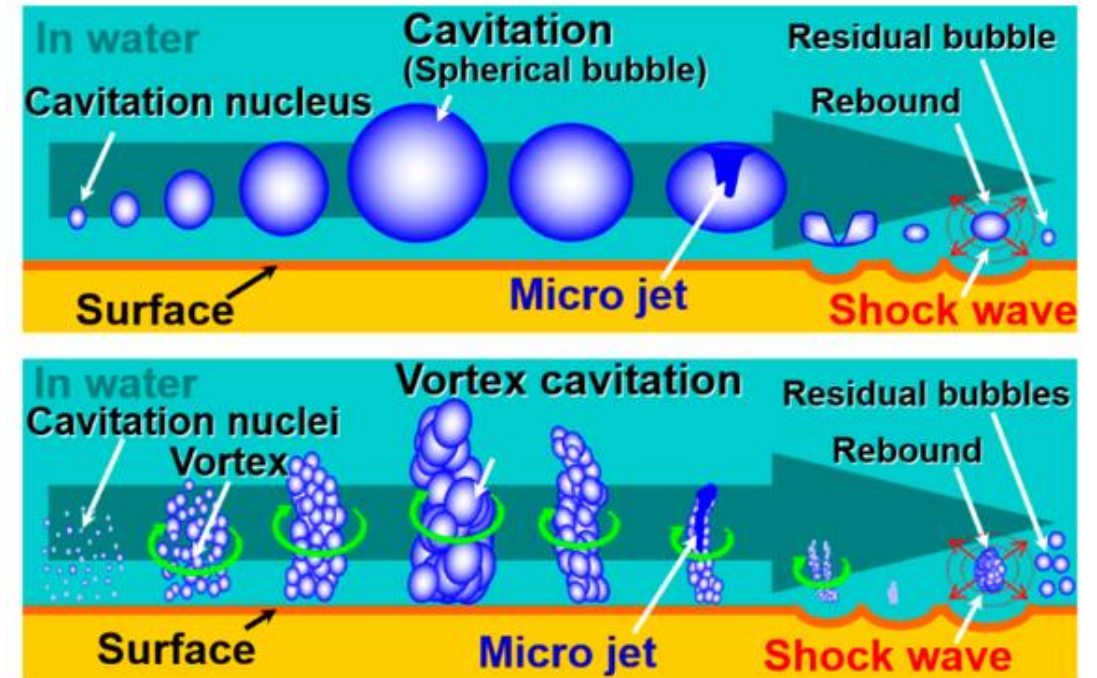
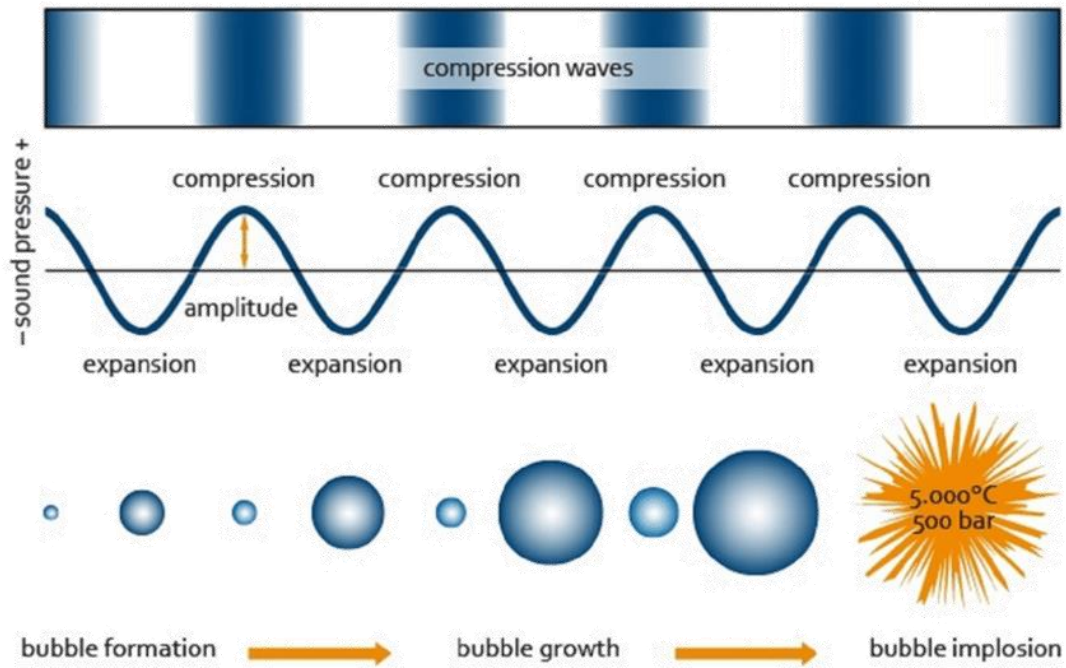
# Sonovein-S

## Final Thoughts: HIFU totally non-invasive Only TNT

1. Need to identify the right patient:
  - vein size – maybe less than 10mm
  - vein depth with compression – 10-20mm
  - some discomfort during tx (1 didn't tolerate)
2. Learning curve – 15 pts.
3. Treatment time - 60-75 minutes for 10-15 cm
4. GSV, SSV, neovasc, perforators, ASV



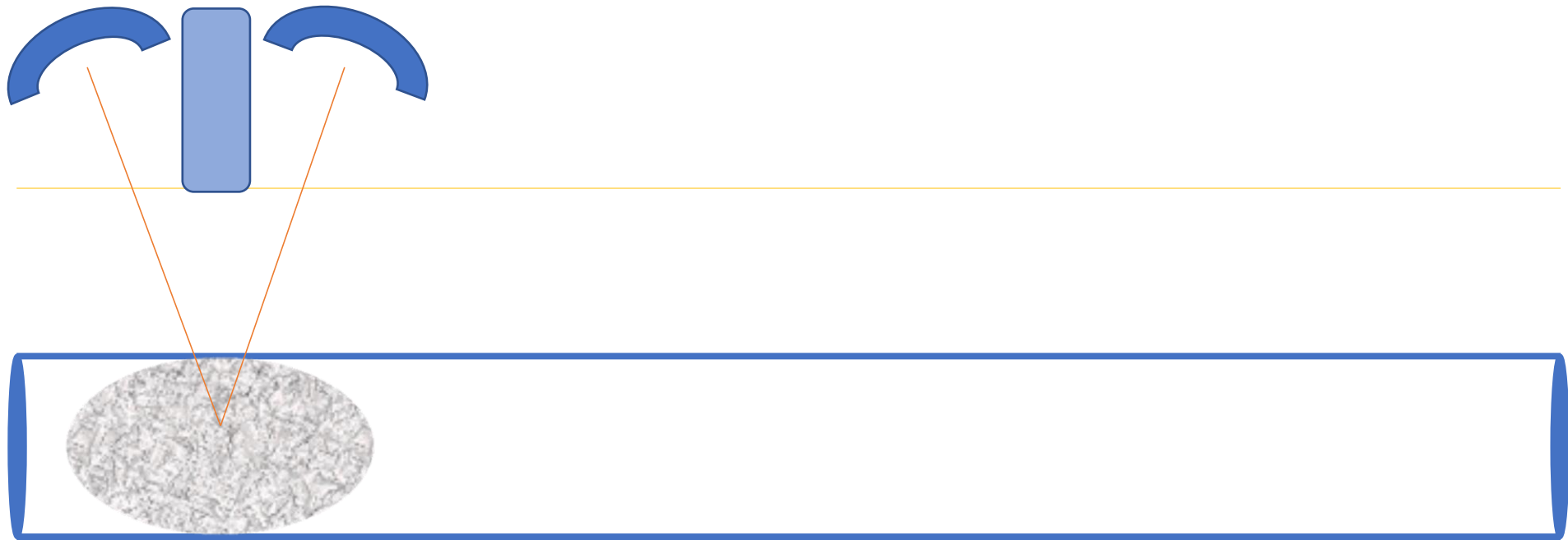
# HIFU Cavitation





# Cavitation Principe thérapeutique

- Erosion pariétale circonférentielle

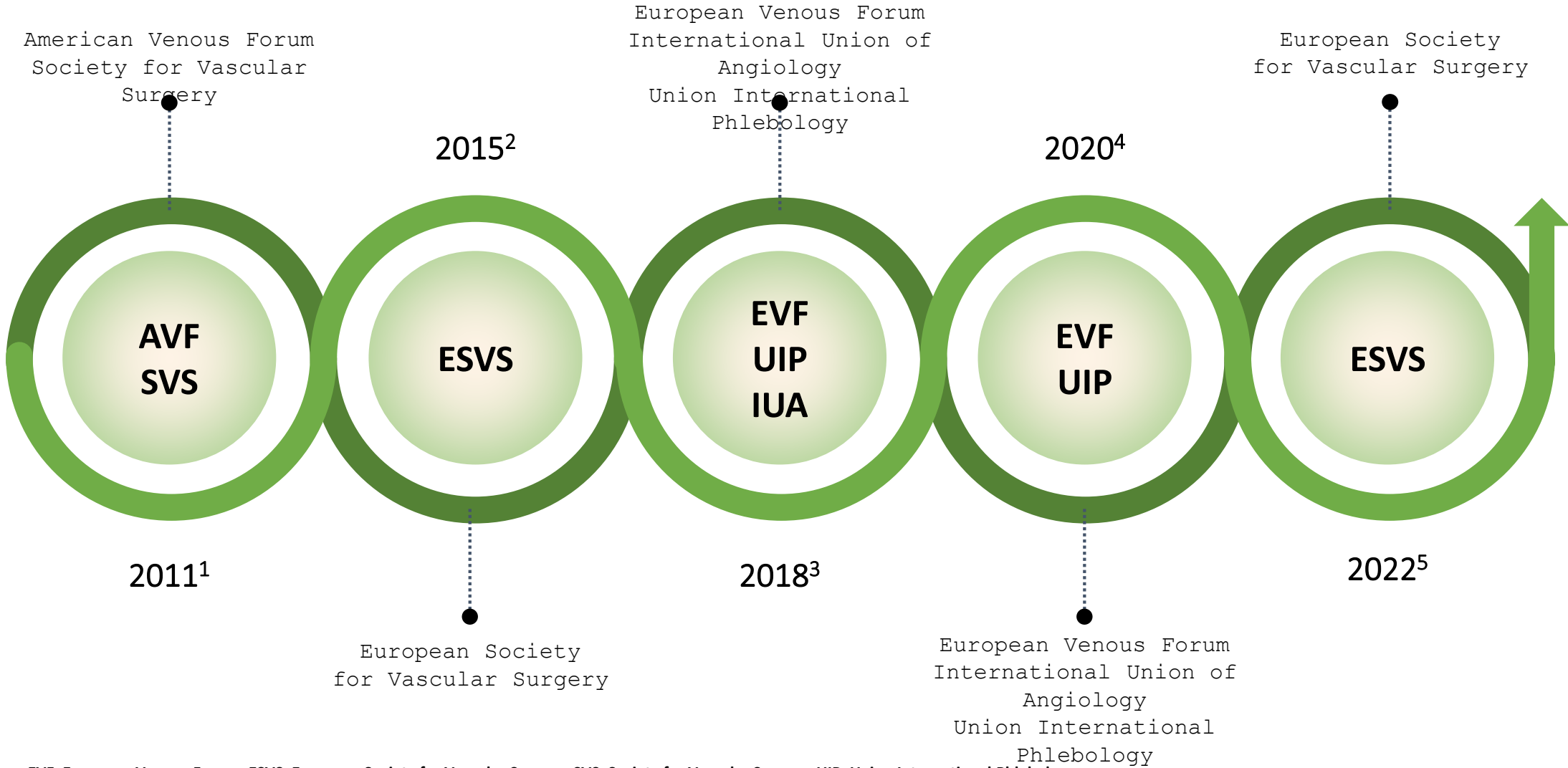


# Cavitation Avantages

- Procédure transcutanée
  - Pas de tumescence
- Pas de risque de brûlure cutanée
- Procédure rapide
- Facile à répéter
- Application thérapeutique précise
- Permet de traiter des veines
  - Superficielles
  - Sinueuses
  - Perforantes

	ESM	Ablation thermique	Glue MOCA	HIFU thermique	HIFU cavitation
Hors salle dédiée	✓	non	non	±	✓
Pas de cathétérisme	✓	non	non	✓	✓
Pas d'injection IV	non	✓	non	✓	✓
Pas de tumescence	✓	non	✓	±	✓
Rapidité	✓✓	✓	✓	non	✓
Répétabilité	✓	±	±	±	✓
Précision ttt	non	✓	✓	✓	✓
Efficacité	✓	✓✓	✓✓	✓	?
Coût	€	€€	€€€	€€€	€

# Recent guidelines in phlebology



EVF, European Venous Forum; ESVS, European Society for Vascular Surgery; SVS, Society for Vascular Surgery; UIP, Union International Phlebology.  
Adapted from: 1. Glociczki P, et al. J Vasc Surg 2011; 53:2S-48S; 2. Wittens C, et al. Eur J Vasc Endovasc Surg 2015; 49:678-737; 3. Nicolaides A, et al. Int Angiol 2018; 37:181-254; 4. Nicolaides A, et al. Int Angiol 2020; 39:175-240; 5. De Maeseneer MG, et al. Eur J Vasc Endovasc Surg 2022; 63:184-267.

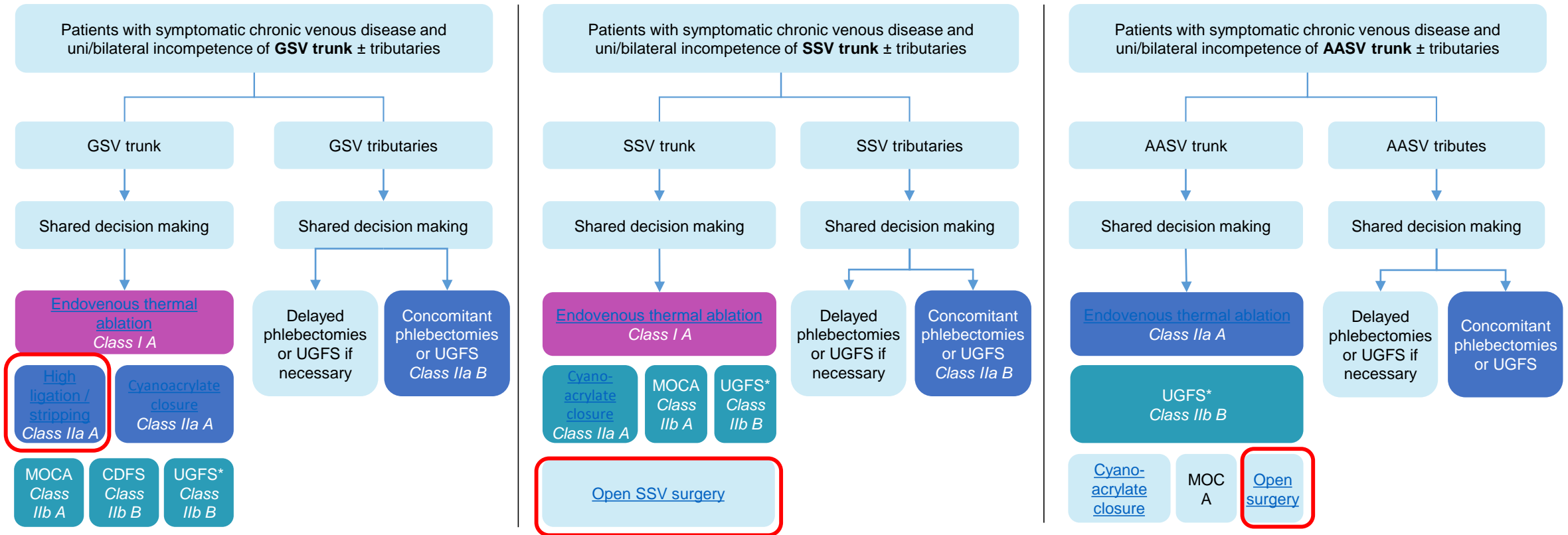
# Interventional management

## Superficial incompetence

	ESVS 2022 European Society for Vascular Surgery 2022	American Venous Forum Society for Vascular Surgery (SVS) 2020
1 For patients with <b>great saphenous vein incompetence</b> requiring treatment, <b>endovenous thermal ablation</b> is recommended as first choice treatment, in preference to high ligation/stripping and ultrasound guided foam sclerotherapy	● Class I Level A	● Appropriate
2 For patients with <b>great saphenous vein incompetence</b> requiring treatment, <b>high ligation /stripping</b> should be considered, <b>if endovenous thermal ablation options are not available</b>	● Class I Level A	● Appropriate
3 For patients with <b>small saphenous vein incompetence</b> requiring treatment, <b>endovenous thermal ablation</b> is recommended in preference to surgery or foam sclerotherapy	● Class I Level A	● Appropriate
4 For patients with incompetence of the <b>anterior accessory saphenous vein</b> requiring <b>treatment</b> , <b>endovenous thermal ablation</b> should be considered	● Class IIa Level C	● Appropriate
5 For patients with an incompetent saphenous trunk treated with endovenous thermal or non-thermal ablation, <b>concomitant tributary treatment</b> should be considered	● Class IIa Level B	● Concomitant or staged procedure <b>Appropriate</b> ● Referral to another health care provider <b>May be appropriate</b>
6 For patients with CVD requiring <b>treatment of varicose tributaries</b> , <b>ambulatory phlebectomy</b> , <b>ultrasound guided foam sclerotherapy</b> or a combination of both are recommended	● Class I Level B	● Appropriate
7 For patients presenting with reticular veins and/or telangiectasias, <b>significant associated incompetent veins should be treated first</b> , before considering treatment of smaller veins	● Class I Level C	● Appropriate

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## Superficial venous incompetence



Alternative preservational strategies have not been included. \*UGFS only if GSV (or SSV or AASV respectively) diameter is <6 mm.

AASV, anterior accessory saphenous vein; CDFS, catheter-directed foam sclerotherapy; CHIVA, ambulatory conservative haemodynamic treatment of venous incompetence in outpatients; GSV, great saphenous vein; HLS, high ligation/stripping; MOCA, mechanochemical ablation; SSV, small saphenous vein; UGFS, ultrasound guided foam sclerotherapy.

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