Case Report



Pedal Loop Revascularization Using the Sublime[™] RX PTA Dilatation Catheters via a Radial Approach

PATIENT PRESENTATION / BASELINE

A man in his early 70s with a past medical history of coronary artery disease, peripheral artery disease, and hypertension presented to the clinic with gangrenous changes to the fifth digit (Rutherford category 5; Figure 1). The patient had previous right femoral endarterectomies leading to dense scar tissue at the prior access sites.



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Figure 1: Gangrenous changes to the fifth digit

DIAGNOSTIC FINDINGS

A diagnostic angiogram was taken of the right lower extremity, which revealed occlusion in the proximal anterior tibial (AT) artery and the dorsalis pedis (DP) artery (Figure 2).



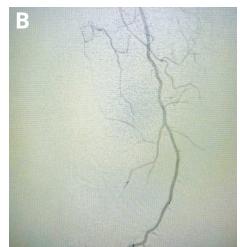


Figure 2: Angiogram revealed occlusion in the proximal AT artery (A) and DP artery (B)

TREATMENT

The left common femoral artery was accessible, but the tortuous iliac anatomy indicated that a contralateral approach would be challenging. Given that past contralateral attempts had failed, radial access was chosen to revascularize the pedal loop by crossing the occluded AT artery into the dorsal-plantar loop. The 2.0 mm Sublime[™] Radial Access .014 RX PTA Dilatation Catheter was advanced to the AT artery and inflated. The balloon was then advanced to the dorsal-plantar loop and inflated to revascularize (Figure 3).



Figure 3: The 2.0 mm Sublime[™] Radial Access .014 RX PTA Dilatation Catheter



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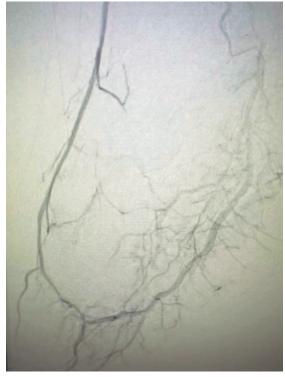


Figure 4: Completion arteriogram demonstrating restored flow through the anterior tibilar artery and the pedal arch

POST PROCEDURE OUTCOME

Balloon angioplasty was performed and flow was restored to the AT artery and the pedal arch (Figure 4).

CONCLUSION

The Sublime[™] Radial Access .014 RX PTA Dilatation Catheter allowed for treatment of a patient with extensive scar tissue at the femoral access site. A radial approach was used to provide a safer option for balloon angioplasty, restoring flow to the pedal loop in a patient where femoral access was not an option.



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