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to discharge (withdrawal of care in two patients with basilar artery occlusion). Complications included one intracranial/extracranial non-flow limiting dissection and one sICH. Limitations included: Small sample size, retrospective review, variation in data collection due to differences in institutional records and short time to follow up.

Conclusion Initial experience with the new Stryker Neurovascular Vecta 071/074 aspiration catheters suggests that high TICI 2C/3 reperfusion rates can safely be obtained using direct aspiration in a majority of cases. Stent retrievers can be reserved for cases where grappling hook technique is necessary to deliver the aspiration catheter to the clot or for rescue thrombectomy.

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complications were observed. We encountered in our early learning stage a failed attempted placement of Celt in one venous and one arterial access each (0.98%) that remained asymptomatic. In one of these cases the Celt implant was accidentally deployed without properly attaching to the arterial wall. The device was dislodged into the popliteal artery without any flow restriction and the patient remained asymptomatic. Other adverse events were a complete and symptomatic occlusion of right external iliac, 1 patient presented with a delayed peripheral neuropathy. No early or delayed hematomas were observed whenever a proper device placement was achieved. On follow-up angiograms, several months following the placement, Celt implants were found in 18 cases adjacent to the arterial wall within the soft tissue. The extravascular migration remained asymptomatic and has previously been observed with other closure devices and may be related to arterial pulsation. 

Conclusion Based on our experience Celt is very easy to use and an exceptionally safe and effective percutaneous closure device.

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Background/Purpose The use of the radial artery to access the cervical and cerebral arteries is gaining popularity in the neuro-interventional field. This trans-radial approach (TRA) avoids the tortuosity that could be encountered in the aortic arch thereby shortening procedural times. This could be relevant in stroke endovascular thrombectomy procedures where time is critical. Large randomized controlled trials of coronary interventions have demonstrated that a TRA is associated with better outcomes and fewer access site complications than trans-femoral access (TFA). We conducted a systematic review to assess the safety and potential advantages of TRA for mechanical thrombectomy in adults with ischemic stroke.

Materials and methods We conducted a Medline search of the literature, including studies published in full in the English language with ≥5 adult patients with acute ischemic stroke reporting on the procedures, success, and complications of TRA (± TFA). Clinical and procedural variables were extracted and tabulated.

Results Sixty-eight studies were screened and five met our inclusion criteria. All studies were retrospective and conducted in the United States of America. A total of 73 patients with acute ischemic stroke underwent mechanical thrombectomy (median age 79 years, median initial NIHSS 18). In two studies, TFA was initially attempted but failed. Only one study included a TFA comparison group (n=33 patients). Mean access to reperfusion time was 76.3±36.0 minutes (median 61.1, range 35.8–132 minutes) in TRA vs. 54.0±29.0 minutes (median 54.0, range 46–62 minutes) in TFA. Successful reperfusion (Thrombolysis in Cerebral Infarction score [TICI] ≥2b) was reported in 89% of the patients. Failure to reach the target occlusion was reported in 9% of TRA cases.

Conclusion TRA shows promising efficacy and efficiency for endovascular thrombectomy. Some of the available literature mostly reflects TRA use as a rescue access after failure to obtain TFA resulting in delaying reperfusion. Whether the routine use of TRA will result in comparable reperfusion rates to TFA and faster time to reperfusion is to be shown. Future studies on the TRA in stroke need to separately report the results of learning-phase cases and rescue TRA access.

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