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Paper: Winter 2022/23 CPD questions

Personal Reflection:

Description of the Learning

The learning resource encompassed two papers, one examining stenoses within arteriovenous fistulas or grafts and the second examining the use of stents for venous thoracic outlet syndrome.

Evaluation

The papers were useful and insightful. The first paper by Malik et al pointed out that there are few papers which have examined grading of AVF stenoses in a scientifically robust way. The conclusion that intervention should be reserved for only symptomatic stenoses feels rather counter-intuitive as AVFs are so vital for the patients in question. However, this is the reason that practise should be based on evidence.

The second paper discusses stent treatment for venous thoracic outlet syndrome. As this is a rare condition, it is not often seen in the vascular lab and staff probably have limited awareness of the treatment of it. The paper is useful to educate the vascular team more about this rare condition.