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Paper: Autumn 2022 CPD Questions

Personal Reflection:

I found the CPD questions difficult to answer correctly.

While the mean resting ABPI and ABPI recovery statistically improved post surgery, the results within participants were variable

As far as I could pick out, the paper only mentioned mean exercise ABPI ('Surgical treatment resulted in a significant increase in the mean exercise ABI') and not mean resting ABPI. Therefore a false opening statement should result in an overall false answer. Was this a typo or am I just getting old?

Otherwise, interesting papers. The bicycle exercise ABI recovery time (BART or BEART?) points to an interesting feature of exercise ABPI in general, that of the recovery time. Is the idea of a short recovery time = focal iliac stenosis true and, if so, how would that play out in the study looking at EIA disease/vasospasm? The afterword points to the utility of rapid post exercise duplex scanning in these cases. Can the 'gold standard CT' replicate this even in theory?

False positives in popliteal artery entrapment? Who would have thought it?