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**Personal Reflection:**

Fistula assessments is not a service regularly carried out by the center I work in or where I trained. As such it is something I have little experience in scanning. I therefore found this paper useful for refreshing my knowledge of the criteria for AVF assessment using US and identifying discrepancies between research trials to the date of the review. I hope to use this knowledge to improve my input to ongoing research trials of AVF's within the department and help guide my training when scanning them with colleagues in the department.

The paper on stenting for vTOS was interesting as although I perform assessments for TOS we don't see a lot of stented patients and TOS assessments are largely arterial focused with no maneuvers included in the venous assessment. It would be interesting to know the protocol used for assessing venous stenosis as this is not universal. Although the numbers were small it appeared there was improvement in patients symptoms following stenting. Although I do not feel this paper is likely to change my practice at this point it does highlight a new emerging treatment that we may be asked to assess more. And demonstrates the need for research into ultrasounds protocols. It is therefore something I will discuss with my colleagues as we occasionally get asked to do positional maneuvers with veins but do not have a protocol so might be something we should research as a team.