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Personal Reflection:

Both articles are of direct benefit to current ultrasound practice. The use of AccMax as an alternative to ABPI in diabetic patients (and as an adjunct to duplex ultrasound) has the potential to greatly enhance the diagnosis of PAD. In our current practice, ABPIs are performed in clinic by support workers and, on review, the ABPI value is often quoted within normal ranges even though the audible analysis of the waveform indicates the ABPI value is artificially elevated, leading to a false perception of normality by the clinician (quantity drawing the attention as the expense of quality).

We are in the process of setting up a GCA service (much delayed by staff shortages) and the second article highlights the underlying pathological processes, the clinical presentations and the value of ultrasound in diagnosis (and avoidance of unnecessary biopsy).