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Personal Reflection:

The 1st paper offered insight into the diagnosis, treatment and follow-up of superficial soft-tissue vascular anomalies using ultrasound. In my experience, these lesions rarely pass in front of the vascular sonographer, being picked up by head-neck, MSK and soft tissue specialists (sonographers or radiologists), the exceptions being those anomalies of interest to the vascular surgeons - commonly lower limb AVM and carotid body tumours.

Paper 2 gives a fascinating insight into covered stenting to arterialise the deep veins in order to treat chronic limb threatening ischaemia. I have been involved in work up of patients for surgical arterialisation, but the cases have been last-gasp attempts, typical in the aorto-iliac segments, with very high patient mortality, not allowing ultrasound follow-up of the results.