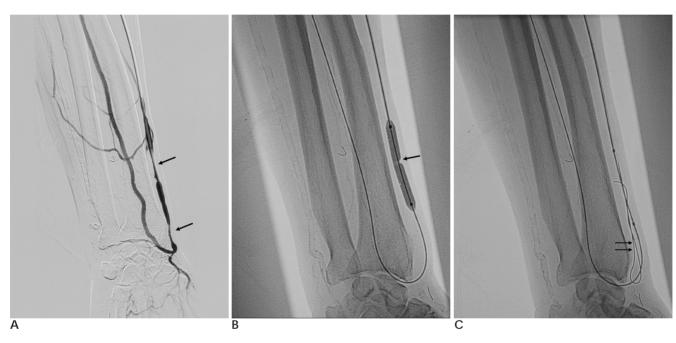
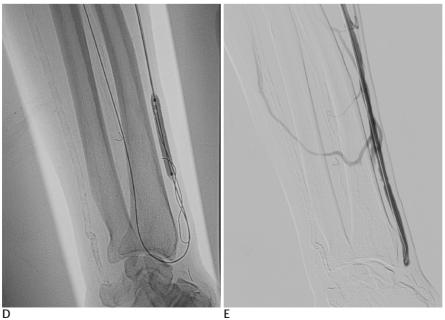
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**Fig. 1.** Left forearm hemodialysis fistula dysfunction in 59 years old patient.

- **A.** Angiogram before PTA shows multifocal stenoses (arrows) in venous limb of native AVF.
- **B.** Balloon indentation by a rigid stricture (arrow) was not resolved by repeated PTA beyond the rated burst presure (20 atm).
- **C.** Additional 0.016 inch microguide wire (double arrows) was inserted to the parallel to the balloon catheter across the rigid stricture of venous limb.
- **D.** Balloon indentation was resolved by the parallel balloon angioplasty technique within the rate of burst pressure.
- **E.** Postprocedural angiogram shows no residual stenosis or flow disturbance.

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- Fig. 2. Left radiocephalic fistula dysfunction in 31 years old patient.
- **A.** Angiogram shows focal stenosis (arrow) at venous limb of AVF.
- **B.** PTA with 5mm balloon catheter was performed but the waist (arrow) was not disappeared.
- C. Microguide wire (blank arrow heads) was passed across the lesion but the balloon indentation (arrow head) was not lost, in spite of repeated balloon dilatation.
- **D.** Final angiogram shows minimal residual stenosis but the flow was markedly improved.



Table 1. Summaries of Patients and Results of Parallel Wire Balloon Angioplasty Technique

No	Age/Sex	Type of Access	Lesion Site Severity	Technical / Clinical Success
1	M/59	Radio-cephalic fistula	Venous limb Stenosis	Yes / Yes
2	F/62	Radio-cephalic fistula	Venous limb Occlusion	Yes / Yes
3	F/61	Radio-cephalic fistula	Venous limb Occlusion	Yes / Yes
4	M/67	Radio-cephalic fistula	Venous limb Stenosis	Yes / Yes
5	F/75	Brachio-axilary graft	Axillary vein Occlusion	Yes / Yes
6	F/31	Radio-cephalic fistula	Venous limb Stenosis	No / Yes

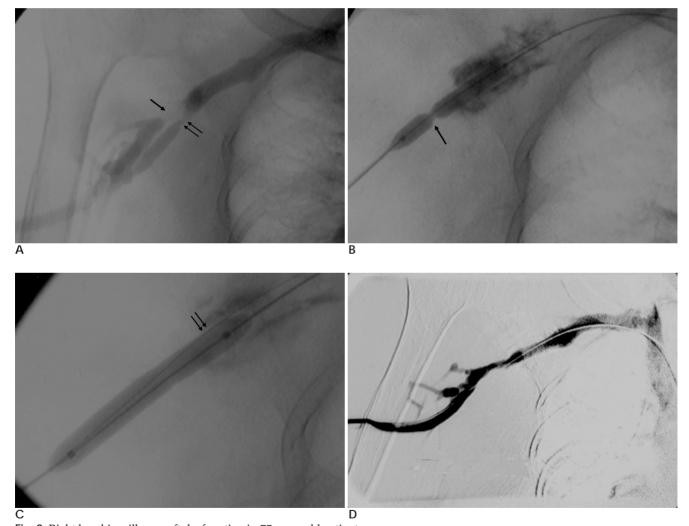


Fig. 3. Right brachioaxillary graft dysfunction in 75 years old patient.

- A. Angiogram shows focal occlusion (arrow) and stenosis (double arrows) at distal portion of venous anastomosis.
- B. PTA with 7 mm balloon catheter was performed, but balloon indentation (arrow) was not resolved.
- $\textbf{C.} \ Additional \ 0.016 \ inch \ microguide \ wire \ (double \ arrows) \ was \ inserted \ and \ PTA \ was \ performed. \ Balloon \ indentation \ was \ lost.$
- D. Final angiogram shows mild residual stenosis but the rapid flow is reestablished.

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## Parallel Wire Balloon Angioplsty for Undilatable Venous Stenosis in Hemodialysis Fistula<sup>1</sup>

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**Purpose:** The purpose of this study was to assess the value of the parallel wire balloon angioplasty technique for treating dysfunctional hemdialysis fistula with rigid stenosis, and this type of lesion was resistant to conventional angioplasty.

**Materials and Methods:** Between March 2002 and August 2003, we included 6 patients (mean age: 59, males: 2, females: 4) who were treated via parallel the wire balloon angioplasty technique and their hemodialysis fistula has stenoses that were resistant to conventional angioplasty. We performed conventional angioplasty in all patients, but we failed to achieve sufficient dilatation. In the cases of highly resistant stenosis, an additional 0.016 inch wire was inserted into the 7 F vascular sheath. During angioplasty, a 0.016 inch guide wire was inserted between the balloon and the stenosis and then it was pushed to and fro until the balloon indentation disappeared. After the procedure, we performed angiography to identify the residual stenosis and the procedure-related complications.

**Results:** The undilatable stenoses in 5 patients were successfully resolved without complications via the parallel wire angioplasty technique. In one patient, indentation of balloon was not resolved, but the residual stenosis was both minimal and hemodynamically insignificant.

**Conclusion:** The parallel wire angioplasty technique seems to be a feasible and cost-effective method for treating a dysfunctional hemodialysis fistula with undilatable and rigid stenosis.

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