

# Hemostasis Methods Used In Cardiac Patients Post Percutaneous Coronary Intervention

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## Purpose

- To identify which hemostasis method is preferred for use during percutaneous coronary intervention to reduce risks for vascular complications
- To identify if arterial closure devices are superior to manual compression in reducing complications

## PICOT Question

In cardiac patients post femoral sheath removal, how does manual compression compared to an assisted closure device affect the risk for vascular complications over a 24-hour period?

## Summary of Problem

- Complications such as hematoma, bleeding, infection, hypotension, pseudoaneurysm, lead to patient injury
- Manual compression requires intense physical exertion for 15-20 minutes
- Increased hospital length of stay and costs, morbidity and mortality (Merriweather & Sulzbach-Hoke, 2012)
- 25% of total costs were associated with PCI complications (Jacobson, Long, McMurtry, Naessens, & Rihal, 2007)

## Search Strategy

**Databases:** CINAHL and PubMed  
**Search Terms:** vascular closure devices, manual compression, femoral artery, sheath removal and arterial closure device  
**Inclusion Criteria:** Published in English, within the last 10 years, human subjects, clinical trials, systematic reviews, full text  
**Exclusion Criteria:** Not published in English, younger than 18 years old, animals  
**Results:** 10 results yielding 6 RCTs, 1 Meta-Analysis, 1 Comparative (Cohort) Study, 1 Descriptive Correlational Study, 1 Retrospective (Case Control) Review

## Table of Evidence

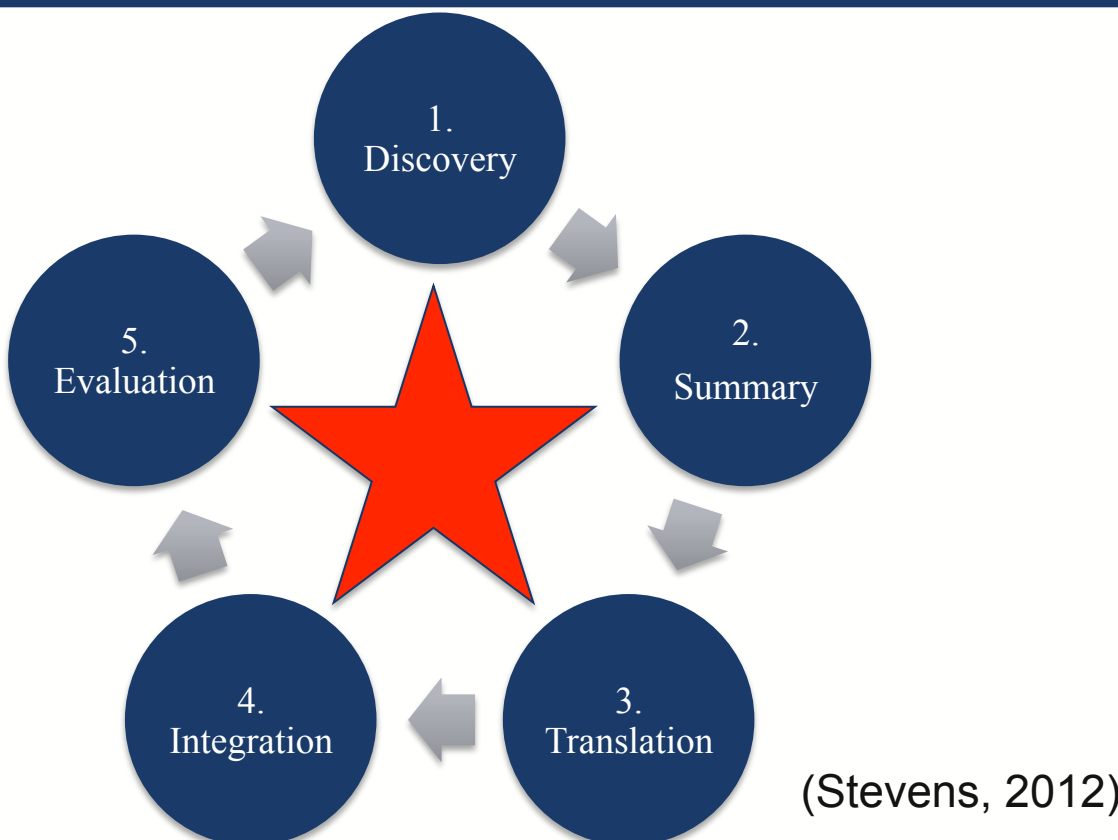
Citation	Summary	Melnik & Fineout-Overholt's Hierarchy of Evidence
Allen et al. (2011)	Comparison (Cohort) Study. ACDs after PCI had lower incidence of major bleeding compared to MC	Level III
Behan et al. (2007)	RCT. AS has shorter time to mobilization, less bruising, and no increased risk for vascular complications	Level II
Dueling et all. (2008)	RCT. ACDs are superior to MC in terms of patient comfort, ambulation, and risk for vascular complication	Level II
Goswami et al. (2015)	RCT. BW in adjunct with MC has lower rates of complications and can significantly reduce TTH and TTA	Level II
Hamner et al. (2006)	Descriptive Correlational Study. Previous use of ACD is strongest predictor of vascular complications	Level V
Holm et al. (2014)	RCT. FS ACD is associated with significantly fewer hematomas compared to MC	Level II
Martin et al. (2008)	RCT. AS is associated with shorter TTA and TTH compared to MC. Major vascular complications were NS among the methods.	Level II
Schulz-Schupke et al. (2014)	RCT. ACDs are non-inferior to MC in terms of vascular access-site complications	Level II
Smilowitz et al. (2012)	Retrospective Review (Case Control Study). No consensus that ACDs safety is superior to MC	Level V
Jiang et al. (2015)	Meta-Analysis. Newer ACDs show improvement in device design, safety and show significantly decreased rates of vascular adverse events	Level I

**Legend:** ACD-Arterial Closure Device, AS-Angioseal, BW-Boomerang Wire, FS-Femoseal, MC-Manual Compression, NS-NonSignificant, PCI-Percutaneous Coronary Intervention, RCT-Randomized Control Trial, TTA-Time to Ambulation, TTH-Time to Hemostasis

### Melnik & Fineout-Overholt's Hierarchy of Evidence

**Level I:** Systematic Reviews & Meta-Analysis  
**Level II:** RCTs  
**Level III:** Controlled Cohort Studies  
**Level IV:** Uncontrolled Cohort Studies  
**Level V:** Case Studies and Case Series, Qualitative & Descriptive Studies, EBP Implementation & QI Projects  
**Level VI:** Expert Opinion

## EBP Model - ACE Star



## Lewin's Change Theory

### Unfreeze

- Ready for change**
- Meet with stakeholders and facilitators to establish means for change by reviewing current percutaneous coronary intervention protocols
- Identify percentage of complications associated with manual compression

### Change

- Execute change**
- Luncheon with vascular device representatives
- Physicians choose device
- Hospital provides continuing education, certifications and training
- Screen patients and provide information
- 6 month pilot study

### Refreeze

- Making change permanent**
- Evaluate and follow-up based on "green" checklist completed by nursing staff
- Continue certifications by surgeons who perform femoral access procedures

(Morrison, 2015)

## Recommendation for Practice Change

- Consistent findings from quality evidence were associated with reduced risks and vascular complications with the use of arterial closure devices versus manual compression
- Evidence supports "strong" recommendation for change (Guyatt et al., 2008)
- Utilize vascular devices during all diagnostic and elective percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI)

## Components of Change

### Stakeholders

- Cardiac patients undergoing PCI, RNs, NPs, Cardiovascular Surgeons, Interventional Cardiologists, Vascular Surgeons

### Facilitators

- Physician Champion (educated and experienced in the devices)
- Nurse Champion (who works along with physician to implement the change)
- Cardiac Units Nurse Managers and Charge RNs
- Nurse Educator
- Cardiology Nurse Practitioners

### Barriers

- Physicians preference and experience using devices
- Nursing staff perspectives
- Contraindications to using the vascular device
- Hospital cost

## EBP Evaluation

### Formative

- Track each patient's recovery and/or complications using a designated "green" checklist weekly

### Summative

- # of days in hospital
- # of complications over a 6 month period determined at follow up appointment with Cardiologist
- # of patients with vascular device satisfied with their recovery based on Care Card scores
  - Rated 1-5 (1 unsatisfied, 5 satisfied)

## Practice Implications

- Decrease post PCI complications
- Decrease hospital length of stay
- Decrease hospital cost
- Decrease staffing for nurses
- Decrease time to ambulation

## References

Refer to handout



# Post Percutaneous Coronary Intervention Checklist

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Hemostasis Method:				Anticoagulation:		
Time to Hemostasis:				Time to Ambulation:		
	6 hours	12 hours	24 hours	30 hours	36 hours	If yes, please make comment.
Bleeding, oozing at site						
Retroperitoneal Hematoma						
Pseudoaneurysm						
Infection						
Time of Discharge						