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## Das Akute AortenSyndrom

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## Einleitung

**HORACIC AORTIC ANEURYSM**  
Das **AAS** ist der moderne Oberbegriff für akute Erkrankungen der Aortenwand und umfasst die **Dissektion**, **intramurale Einblutung**, **Ulcusbildung** und **Traumatisierung**.

**NEURYSM AORTIC DISSECTION**  
Nach klinischen Erhebungen liegt die Inzidenz bei 3 – 5/100.000 pro Jahr. Die wahre Inzidenz ist allerdings höher, da Fehldiagnosen, Codierfehler und Todesfälle vor Hospitalisierung nicht berücksichtigt werden.

**NEURYSM REPAIR/HORACIC**  
Häufig entsteht ein AAS, **ohne** vorangehende **aneurysmatische** Degeneration.

Die Pathophysiologie ist komplex – zum Entstehen der Erkrankung tragen unter anderem langjährige Mikrotraumatisierungen der Media-Schicht (z.B. durch inflammatorische Prozesse) und eventuell genetische Dispositionen bei.

**NEURYSM AORTIC DISSECTION**

## Risikofaktoren für akute Aortensyndrome

lange bestehender Hypertonus: Rauchen, Dyslipoproteinämie, Cocain/Crack

Bindegewebserkrankungen: erbliche Fibrillopathien wie annuloaortische Ektasie, Marfan-Syndrom oder Ehlers-Danlos-Syndrom (Typ 4)

erbliche Vaskulopathien: Aortenisthmusstenose, bikuspide Aortenklappe

entzündliche Gefäßerkrankungen:

- Riesenzellarteritis
- Takayasu-Arteritis
- Heberden-Arthritits
- systemischer Lupus erythematoses
- Morbus Behcet
- Syphilis
- mykotische Arthritits
- Morbus Ormond (retropertitoneale Fibrose)

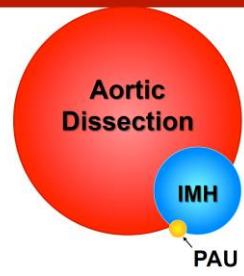
Dezelerationstrauma (Autounfall, Sturz aus der Höhe)

iatrogen:

- Instrumente/Kathetereingriffe
- Aortenklappen-/Aortenoperation: Clamping, Aortotomie, Graft-Anastomose, Patch-Aortoplasty, Aortenwandfragilität

Rehders TC et al. Kardiologie update 2006;75:63-70

## Häufigkeitsverteilung



## Klassische Aortendissektion

## IntraMurales Hämatom

## Penetrierendes Atherosklerotisches Ulkus

### Vorläufer der Aortendissektion

**Intramurales Hämatom**

In-Hospital Mortalität in Abhängigkeit vom betroffenen Aortensegment  
Evangelista A et al. Circulation 2005;111:163-70

**Penetrierendes atherosklerotisches Ulkus**

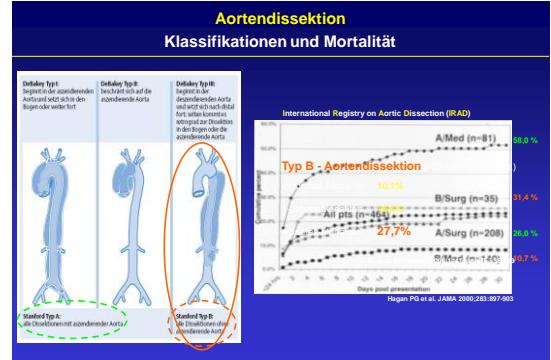
**Lokalisation:** ubiquär in thorakaler Aorta  
**Ausdehnung:** sehr variabel (fokal bis langstreckig)  
**Krankheitsverlauf:** alles möglich (Spannungshypertonie und transmurale Ruptur)

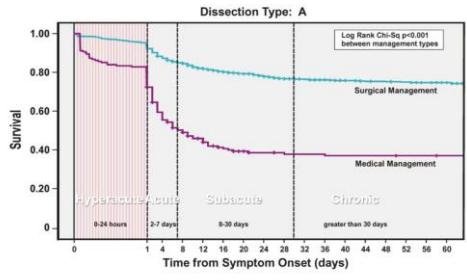
**Prädisposition für Progression:**  $\geq 50\%$  IMH,  $\geq 20\%$  PAU,  $\geq 10\%$  Ulcus-Thick > 10mm  
**Therapie bei Dissektion (Typ A):** IMH eher direktive Aorten-Op bei PAU eher konservativ zunächst, wall-and-watch-Strategie

Borg JK et al. Circulation 2009;120:2046-52

meist thorakale Aorta descendens (Bogen/Ascendens aber möglich) ganz umschrieben (nur mm) bis wenige cm  
Neigung zu Endothelabrisen und transmuraler Ruptur  
Länge der Dissektionswand >20cm, PAU-Thick >10mm bei Pseudoaneurysma / lymphovaskulärer PAU → bevorzugt endovaskuläre Therapie\*

\*Botta L et al. Ann Thorac Surg 2008;85:967-92



**Prognose der Typ A -Aortendissektion****Akutes Aortensyndrom: Fulminante Komplikationen**

- Cerebrale / spinale Ischämie: Insult, Paraplegie
- Kardial: ACS, aMI  
Aorteninsuffizienz, Perikardtamponade
- Aortenruptur
- Viszeralischämie / Nierenversagen
- Extremitäten - Malperfusion

**Demographie und Vorgeschichte bei Dissektion**

Variable	All (n=3037)	Type A (n=1924)	Type B (n=1113)	p-value
Age (yrs)	61.9	61.3	63.0	0.003
Male	67.1%	67.2%	67.1%	NS
HTN	75.2%	72.0%	80.7%	<0.001
Marfan	4.3%	4.5%	3.8%	NS
Prior Heart Surgery	<b>16.9%</b>	<b>15.3%</b>	<b>19.8%</b>	<b>0.002</b>
Iatrogenic	3.3%	3.8%	2.6%	0.09

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**Klinische Präsentation bei Aortendissektion**

Table 4 Main clinical presentations and complications of patients with acute aortic dissection

	Type A	Type B
Chest pain		
Back pain	40%	70%
Abrupt onset of pain	85%	85%
Migrating pain	<15%	20%
Aortic regurgitation	N/A	
Cardiac tamponade	>20%	
Myocardial ischemia or infarction	10-15%	10%
Heart failure	<10%	<5%
Pneumothorax	13%	20%
Syncope	<15%	<5%
Major neurological deficit (coma/stroke)	<10%	<5%
Spinal cord injury	<1%	NR
Mesenteric ischemia	<5%	NR
Acute renal failure	>20%	10%
Lower limb ischemia	<10%	<10%

NR = not reported; NA = not applicable. Percentages are approximated.



ESC Guidelines on the diagnosis and treatment of aortic diseases. Eur Heart J 2014;35:2873-2926

**Laborchemie bei Verdacht auf AAS**

Table 5 Laboratory tests required for patients with acute aortic dissection

Laboratory tests	To detect signs of:
Red blood cell count	Blood loss, bleeding, anaemia
White blood cell count	Infection, inflammation (SIRS)
C-reactive protein	Inflammatory response
Procalcitonin	Differential diagnosis between SIRS and sepsis
Creatine kinase	Reperfusion injury, rhabdomyolysis
Troponin I or T	Myocardial damage, myocardial infarction
D-dimers	Aortic dissection, pulmonary embolism, disseminated intravascular coagulation
Creatinine	Renal failure (existing or developing)
Aspartate transaminase/alanine aminotransferase	Liver ischaemia, liver disease
Lactate	Bowel ischaemia, metabolic disorder
Glucose	Diabetes mellitus
Blood gases	Metabolic disorder, oxygenation

SIRS = systemic inflammatory response syndrome.

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**Bildgebende Diagnostik bei Verdacht auf AAS**

Comparison of methods for imaging the aorta

	TTE	TOR	CT	MRI	Angiotomography
State of care	+++	++	+++	++	++
Diagnostic sensitivity	+	++	+++	+++	++
Biochemical/biochemical test*	++	++	+++	+++	++
Serum creatinine	++	+	+++	+++	++
Blood glucose measurement	+	++	+++	+++	++
Creatinine kinase	0	0	+++	+++	++
Urtropion	0	0	+++	+++	++
Aspartate transaminase	0	0	+++	+++	++
Alanine aminotransferase	0	0	+++	+++	++
Lactate	0	0	+++	+++	++
Glucose	0	0	+++	+++	++
Blood gases	0	0	+++	+++	++

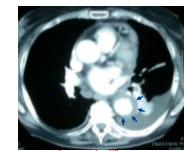
CT = computed tomography; MRI = magnetic resonance imaging; TEE = transesophageal echocardiography.

\*Requires a pretest report and a negative point test. The number of signs indicates the combined potential value.

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Intramurales Hämatom

Table 9 Diagnostic value of different imaging modalities in acute aortic syndromes

	TTE	TOR	CT	MRI
Assisting to diagnosis	++	++	+++	+++
Assessing aortic dilation	+	++	+++	+++
Assessing aortic dissection	+	++	+++	+++
Site	++	+++	+++	+++
Localisation	++	+++	+++	+++
Visualisation	+	++	+++	+++
Assessing ventricular function	+	++	+++	+++
Assessing ventricular dilation	+	++	+++	+++
Assessing ventricular wall thickness	+	++	+++	+++

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\*Assists to diagnosis, assessing aortic dilation, assessing aortic dissection, localising, visualising.

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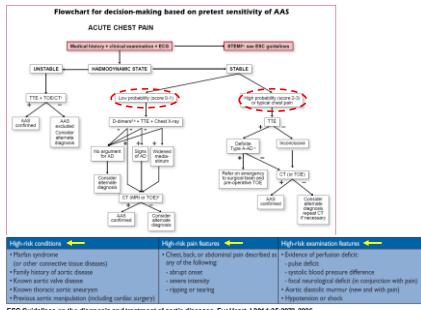
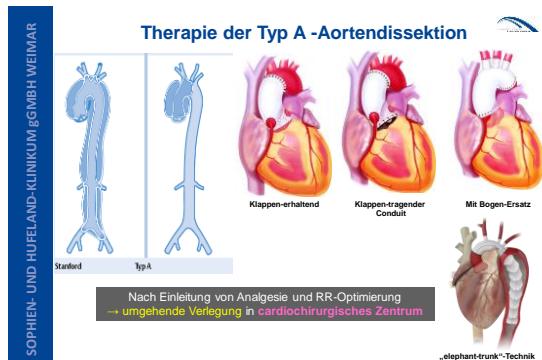
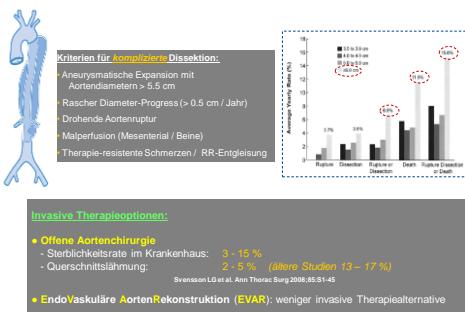
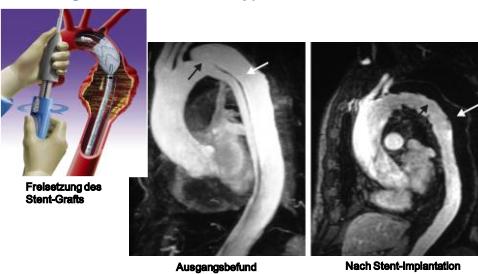
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**Diagnostisches Vorgehen bei Verdacht auf AAS****Therapie der Typ A -Aortendissektion****Typ B - Aortendissektion****Technisches Prinzip der Thorakalen EndoVaskulären AortenRekonstruktion (TEVAR)****Erfolgreiche TEVAR bei Typ B -Aortendissektion****„Take-home“ Messages**

**„Take-home“ Messages II**

**TORACIC AORTIC ANEURYSM**  
Die Prognose des **AAS** wird schlechter, je **proximaler** die Aorta ein entsprechendes pathoanatomisches Substrat aufweist.  
Hieraus ergibt sich, dass tendenziell ein **IMH der ascendierenden Aorta** eine ähnlich ungünstige Prognose wie eine **Typ A -Dissektion** hat, während ein **IMH der descendierenden Aorta** eine Prognose wie eine **Typ B -Dissektion** aufweist.

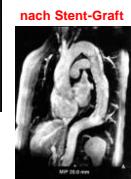
Bei allen Patienten, die ein AAS überstanden haben, ist eine **konsequente Nachsorge** notwendig, da insuffiziente Blutdruck-Einstellung und Expansion der Aortendiameter relativ häufig vorkommen und in aller Regel **asymptomatisch** verlaufen.

- serielle Untersuchungen mit RR-Monitoring und Bildgebungen der Aorta (z.B. MRA)
- da sonst Gefahr für **weitere aortale Komplikationen !!**

**Σ Erhöhung der Sensibilität für Akutes AortenSyndrom****NEURYSM AORTIC DISSECTION****Sekundäre Komplikation bei IMH**

Dezember 2000

März 2001

**Progrediente Dissektion in Aorta descendens**

nach Stent-Graft

**Steps towards INSTEAD**

**NONSURGICAL RECONSTRUCTION OF THORACIC AORTIC DISSECTION BY STENT-GRAFT PLACEMENT**  
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**ENDOVASCULAR STENT-GRAFT PLACEMENT FOR THE TREATMENT OF ACUTE AORTIC DISSECTION**  
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Long-term outcome remains sobering because of aneurysmal expansion of the false lumen & late complications  
↓  
**TEVAR as „first-line“ – therapy already in uncomplicated cases ?**

**INSTEAD: Trial design****INVESTIGATION OF STENT GRAFTS IN PATIENTS WITH TYPE B AORTIC DISSECTION: DESIGN OF THE INSTEAD TRIAL—a prospective, multicenter, European randomized trial**

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- **Background:** Persistent false-lumen perfusion = risk factor for adverse outcome  
Complete false-lumen thrombosis is associated with improved outcome
- **Hypothesis:** Nonsurgical TEVAR might improve prognosis for pat. with uncomplicated type B-AD
- **Patients:** Chronic type B-dissection (2 weeks - 1 year)
- **Randomization:** Optimal Medical Treatment vs. OMT + Stent-Graft (only Talent)
- **Aim:** Evaluation of 1- and 2-year outcome (F-U: Baseline, 3 months, 1 year, 2 years)
- 02/2002: Start → 05/2005: Enrollment completed (140 patients in Germany, France, Italy & Austria)

Nienaber CA et al. Am Heart J 2005;149:592-9

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**INSTEAD: European Multicenter-Study**

- Initially 7 centers
  - Rostock
  - Essen
  - Toulouse
  - Bologna
  - Berlin
  - Hannover
  - Lille
- 5 additional centers for accelerated enrollment
  - Leipzig
  - Bordeaux
  - Wien
  - Ludwigshafen
  - Bari

**05/2005: Enrollment completed (136 patients)**

**INSTEAD: Patient selection****Further Inclusion Criteria**

- Total aortic diameter ≤ 6.0 cm
- Aortic kinking < 75 °
- No contraindication for general anesthesia
- Written informed consent form
- Availability for follow-up visits

**Exclusion Criteria**

- Complete thrombosis of false lumen
- Need for oral anticoagulation
- Thrombocytopenia (< 50.000/ $\mu$ l)
- Age < 18 a, Pregnancy
- Participation in other trials
- Creatinine > 2.5 mg/dl
- Ongoing infection
- Cancer with life-expectancy < 2 a

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**Top Panel (Without Landmark Analysis):**

- Y-axis: Cumulative probability of death.
- X-axis: Months from randomization (0, 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72).
- Legend: HR=0.42 (0.48 - 0.37), p<0.005.
- Text: p(Log-Rank)=0.0055.

**Bottom Panel (With Landmark Analysis at 2 years):**

- Y-axis: Cumulative probability of death.
- X-axis: Months from randomization (0, 12, 24, 36, 48, 60, 72).
- Legend: HR=0.26 (0.13 - 0.58), p<0.005.
- Text: At 5 years
- Text: with landmark analysis at 2 years breakpoint

**At 5 years the aorta-specific mortality was:**

- 6.9 ± 3.0% with TEVAR vs.**
- 19.3 ± 4.8% with OMT alone ( $P=0.045$ )**

**Circ Cardiovasc Interv 2013;6:407-16**

**INSTEAD-XL: Landmark analysis**

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Combined end point of disease progression (aorta-specific death, crossover/conversion and secondary procedures) and aorta-specific events

At 5 years of follow-up:  
Cumulative freedom from this cluster end point was  $53.9 \pm 6.1\%$  with OMT alone vs.  $73.0 \pm 5.3\%$  with TEVAR

Landmark analysis (**top left**) revealed for TEVAR and OMT similar pattern of freedom from progression **until 2 years**  
but  
diverging survival estimates **after 2 years**  
with plateauing course after TEVAR vs.  
ongoing events with OMT alone  
(attributed to crossover/conversion and aorta-specific death)

Time (months)	OMT alone (%)	OMT+TEVAR (%)
0	100	100
12	~95	~90
24	~90	~80
36	~85	~75
48	~80	~70
72	~75	~65

**INSTEAD-XL: Causes of death since randomization**

Time	Cause	
	Deaths	Deaths (%)
0-12 mo	#01 (ABR-73) MPS #02 (ABR-244) R	#01 (ABR-73) type A #02 (ABR-244) R  #03 (ABR-100) SD #04 (ABR-53) R #05 (ABR-17) R #06 (ABR-20) R #07 (ABR-20) R #08 (ABR-429) cancer
12-24 mo	#09 (ABR-722) cancer	
24-36 mo	#10 (ABR-1000) type A #11 (ABR-1000) SD	
36-48 mo	#12 (ABR-1119) R #13 (ABR-1119) R #14 (ABR-1345) SD	
48-60 mo	#15 (ABR-1346) R #16 (ABR-1629) SD #17 (ABR-1629) R	
60-72 mo	#18 (ABR-2019) R	

Numbers in parentheses are all or 80% deaths from each cause. Deaths due to other causes are not included. AB, acute bacterial infection; MPS, methicillin resistant S. aureus; R, not acute related death; SD, systemic medical treatment; PR, pneumonia; R, acute respiratory; SD, sudden death (death within 1 hour); type A, type B, type C, type D, type E, type F, type G, type H, type I, type J, type K, type L, type M, type N, type O, type P, type Q, type R, type S, type T, type U, type V, type W, type X, type Y, type Z, acute bacterial disease.

**INSTEAD-XL:**  
Aortic morphology at 5 years

	OMT	OMT+TEVAR	P value
FL thrombosis	11/50 (22.0%)	48/51 (96.6%)	<0.0001
Partial FL/no FL thrombosis	39/50 (78.0%)	5/53 (9.4%)	<0.0001
Remodeling of thoracic aorta <sup>a</sup>	5/50 (10.0%)	42/53 (78.2%)	<0.0001
Critical expansion of thoracic aortat	33/50 (66.0%)	11/53 (20.8%)	<0.0001

FL indicates false lumen; OMT, optimal medical treatment; and TEVAR, thoracic endovascular aortic repair.

<sup>a</sup>Based on aortic morphology as assessed vs baseline.

<sup>t</sup>Occurring within long-term follow-up.

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- In this study of survivors of **uncomplicated** type B aortic dissection, TEVAR in addition to optimal medical treatment is associated with improved 5-year aorta-specific survival and delayed disease progression.
- Long-term results of INSTEAD-XL challenge the current consensus on treatment of uncomplicated type B aortic dissection, for example, default medical management with focus on blood pressure and surveillance.
- Although preemptive TEVAR was associated with an excess early mortality (attributable to perioperative hazards), the procedure turned beneficial at 5 years of follow-up with a NNT of 13. Thus, INSTEAD-XL corroborates recent observational evidence, suggesting long-term beneficial results of TEVAR in subacute and chronic dissection.

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INSTEAD-XL: Conclusions II

- With safer procedures attributable to improved operator skills and better technology,  
TEVAR may emerge as first-line therapy of type B dissection
  - the attempt to heal and remodel dissected aorta  
may replace the current complication-specific strategy
- Moreover, INSTEAD-XL suggests medical management and surveillance  
were associated with failure to prevent late complications, such as expansion, rupture, and  
late crossover/conversion to emergent TEVAR, conveying a higher aorta-specific mortality.

**S**In stable (uncomplicated) type B aortic dissection with suitable anatomy,  
preemptive TEVAR should be considered to improve late outcome.