**THE 2016 BEST TOOL FOR PERIPHERAL VASCULAR INTERVENTION**

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1. From balloons to stents to bypass surgery, the number of tools and differing approaches to PAD intervention are truly a myriad of philosophies, devices, and varying costs.
2. The road to FDA approval, the burden of proof of effectiveness and safety, is relatively easy in this field compared to other arenas with the standard being balloon angioplasty, a generally accepted inferior treatment for most patients.
3. There is a dearth of multicenter prospective trials for emerging or even current “established” interventions.
4. Many if not most physicians do not have an idea of the cost effectiveness of the various interventions.
5. Many health care centers similarly do not have a handle or even an influence on the tools used.
6. Not knowing which device, tool, method, or therapy is best for SFA, iliac or below the knee interventions and which, if any, are simply too inferior to ever use, is still unknown.
7. This lack of data suggests the latter are still being used, possibly more often than we would like to know.
8. The best tool for peripheral vascular interventions is……….