Atherosclerosis in the peripheral arteries is different from atherosclerosis in the coronary arteries: therapeutic implications

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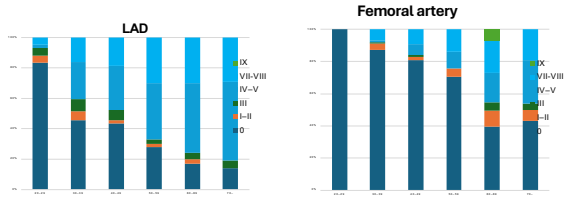
Comparison of coronary & femoral arteries by age

Atherosclerosis develops more slowly but with greater variety of lesions in femorals



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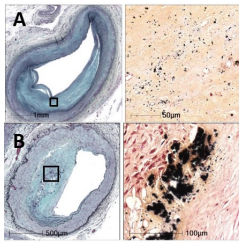

microcalcifications

sheet calcification

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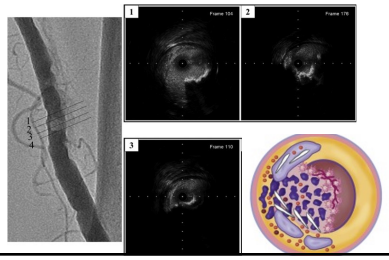
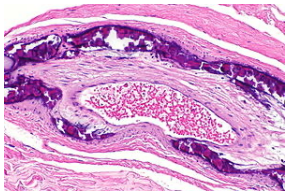
Calcified nodules in the superficial femoral artery
IVUS images – the nidus for thrombosis



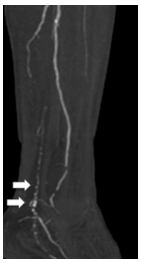
How common are calicified nodules in diseased arteries?

60% femoral arteries
10% coronary ateries

Monkeberg's sclerosis – medial calcification



Lesser medial calcification below the knee



Hallmark lesion in peripheral arterial disease

Therapeutic implications of increased calcification in peripheral atherosclerosis

Chelation therapy did not work
but
is this a scientific basis for lithotripsy?