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Is Image Fusion Advanced Guidance For Complex and Simple Aortic Procedures Really Worthwhile And Cost Effective: Why Is It A Question And Do We Need A Trial?

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Why is it a question?

Image fusion advanced guidance

Speech
The NHS is broken: Health and Social Care Secretary statement

Statement from Wes Streeting, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, setting out his mission for saving the NHS.

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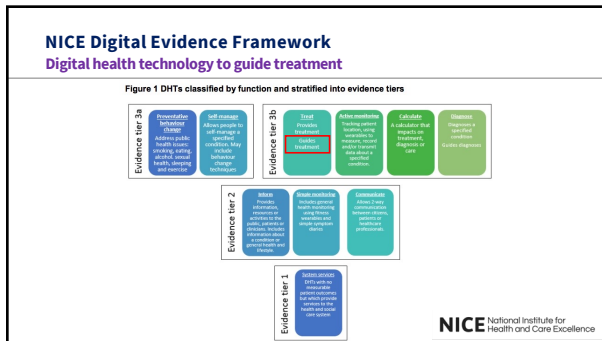
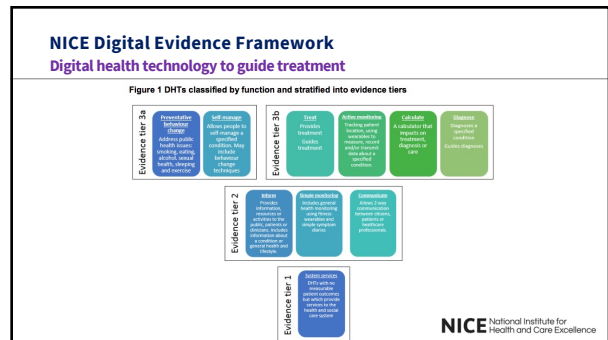
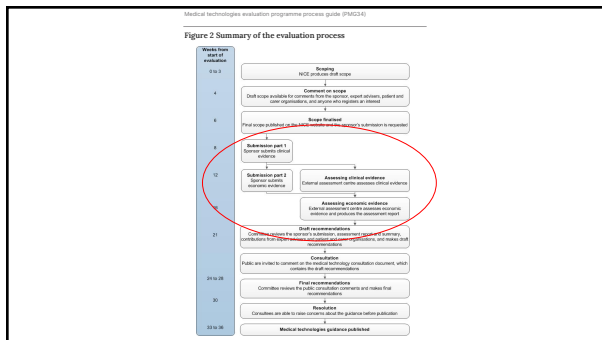
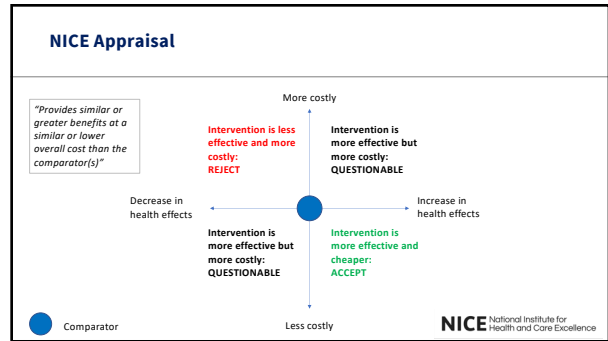
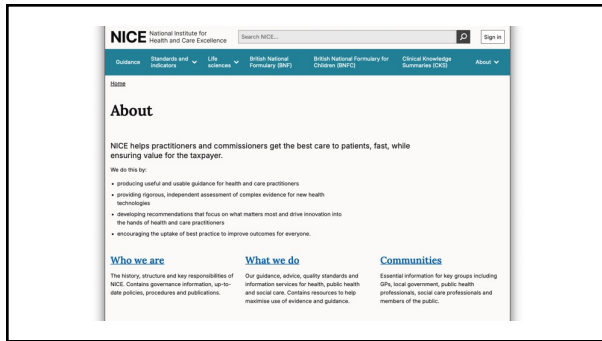
Insufficient funding

Staff shortages

Evolving healthcare needs

Waiting lists

Limit the ability of the NHS to invest in new technologies and infrastructure improvements



NICE Digital Evidence Framework

High quality RCT

Table 6 Evidence for effectiveness standards for tier 3b DHTs

Evidence category	Minimum evidence standard	Best practice standard
Demonstrating effectiveness	High quality intervention study (experimental or quasi-experimental design) showing improvements in relevant outcomes, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> diagnostic accuracy patient-reported outcomes (preferably using validated tools) including symptom severity or quality of life other clinical measures of disease severity or disability healthy behaviours physiological measures user satisfaction and engagement. Generic outcome measures may also be useful when reported alongside condition-specific outcomes. The comparator should be a care option that is reflective of the current care pathway, such as a commonly used active intervention.	High quality randomised controlled study or studies done in a setting relevant to the UK health and social care system, comparing the DHT with a relevant comparator and demonstrating consistent benefit including in clinical outcomes in the target population, using validated condition-specific outcome measures. Alternatively, a well-conducted meta-analysis of randomised controlled studies if there are enough available studies on the DHT.

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Why do we need a trial?

Impact of Hybrid Rooms with Image Fusion on Radiation Exposure during Endovascular Aortic Repair

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WHAT THIS PAPER ADDS
 Experience has shown that the routine use of fusion during endovascular aneurysm repair has significantly reduced the exposure of patients and operators to X-rays and contrast volume injection during complex repairs, without jeopardising the overall procedure workflow.

Objectives: To evaluate exposure to radiation during endovascular aneurysm repair (EVAR) performed with intraoperative guidance by prospective computed tomographic angiogram fusion.

Methods: All consecutive patients who underwent standard bifurcated (BF) or thoracic (THO), and complex fenestrated (FFN) or branched (BR) EVAR were prospectively enrolled. Indirect dose-area product (DAP), fluoroscopy time (FT), and contrast medium volume were recorded. These data were compared with a previously published prospective EVAR cohort of 302 patients and to other literature. Direct DAP and peak skin dose were measured with radiochromic film. Results are expressed as median (interquartile range).

Results: From December 2012 to July 2013, 102 patients underwent standard (56 BR) or complex (46 THO) EVAR. The indirect DAP (mSv²) was as follows: BF 12.2 (8.7–15.5); THO 26.0 (11.3–34.8); FFN 45.7 (24.7–57.2) and BR 47.4 (37.2–108.2). The FT (min) was as follows: BF 50.6 (31–14.7); THO 8.9 (6.0–10.5); FFN 30.7 (20.2–40.5); and BR 30.5 (24.8–54.6). The contrast medium volume (ml) was as follows: BF 193.0 (50.0–71.0); THO 80.0 (50.0–100.0); FFN 105.0 (70.0–134.0); and BR 120.0 (100.0–170.0). When compared with a prior cohort, there was a significant reduction in DAP during BF, FFN, and BR procedures, and a significant reduction of iodinated contrast volume during FFN and BR procedures. There was also a significant reduction in DAP during BF procedures when compared with the literature ($p < .01$). DAP measurement on radiochromic film was strongly correlated with indirect DAP values ($r = .83$).

Conclusions: The exposure of patients and operators to radiation is significantly reduced by routine use of image fusion during standard and complex EVAR.

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Research Award

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Randomised controlled trial investigating the role of a cloud-based, artificial intelligent image fusion system to guide endovascular aortic repair

Award ID: NIHR201004

Plain English Summary:
 An aortic aneurysm is an abnormal swelling of the main artery of the body, the aorta. When the aneurysm reaches a certain size it can burst like a balloon. To prevent this a device called a stent-graft, which is a metal frame (stent) coated with a special fabric (graft) is introduced in a key-hole procedure called endovascular aortic surgery. Approximately 5,000 patients have...

Abstract:
 Research question Can a novel type of medical device comprised of real-time cloud computing, AI and computer vision, improve the clinical and cost-effectiveness of X-ray guided surgery? Background X-ray fluoroscopy-guided surgery is a large and growing segment of the minimally-invasive surgery market, but is limited by 2D imaging that visualises soft tissues poorly.

Chief Investigator(s):
 Dr Rachel Clough, Mr Tom Carroll

Co-Investigator(s):
 Dr Yanzhong Wang, Miss Caroline Murphy, Ms Joanna Kelly, Professor Janet L. Peacock, Professor John Dearfield

Award: £1,815,927.00

Contracting Organisation: King's College London

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Study design

Prospective, multi-centre, two-armed, randomised controlled trial

Multi-centre, 2-armed, RCT

Patients listed for endovascular repair of AAA/TAA

10 recruiting sites
 Evidence-based site selection
 Duration 3 years

Screening
 • Baseline CT imaging
 • Clinical assessment

Consent

1:1 Randomisation
 • Blinded

Conventional surgery
 Standard fluoroscopy
 • CT imaging
 • IQ-SD questionnaire

3D image-guided surgery
 Cyber fusion imaging
 • CT imaging
 • Dispatient review
 • IQ-SD questionnaire

8-12 week follow up
 • CT imaging
 • Dispatient review
 • IQ-SD questionnaire

1 year follow up
 • CT imaging
 • Dispatient review
 • IQ-SD questionnaire

Power calculation, 90% power, 2-sided 5% difference

Procedure duration (min:SD)

• 2D fluoroscopy	132.1 (69.2)	12.5 min
• Cyber	109.6 (34.2)	

End-points
 1st: procedure time
 2nd: radiation & contrast exposure, QoL, sustainability, LOS, technical success

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ARIA Trial sites

10 sites across England

United Kingdom

Manchester
Leeds
Derby
Liverpool
Bristol
Imperial
GSST
Frimley
Southampton
Brighton

1. Registration Form.docx
2. Eligibility.docx
3. Medical History.docx
4. Baseline Demographics.docx
5. Randomisation Form.docx
6. Status Form.docx
7. EQ-SD-Pre.docx
8. Intra-operative Data.docx
9. Consumable Use Log.docx
10. Post-Operative Hospital Stay.docx
11. ITU/ICU Admissions Log.docx
12. CT image data - technical success.docx
13. Re-Hospitalisation Log.docx
14. Re-intervention Log.docx
15. Concomitant Medications Log.docx
16. Adverse Events Log.docx
17. Withdrawal Form.docx
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ARIA Trial progress

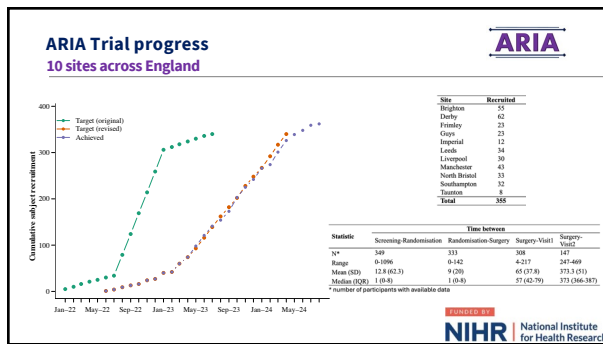
10 sites across England

Cumulative subject recruitment

Jan-22, Mar-22, May-22, Jul-22, Sep-22, Nov-22, Jan-23, Mar-23, May-23, Jul-23, Sep-23, Nov-23, Jan-24, Mar-24, May-24

Legend:
 - Target (original)
 - Target (revised)
 - Actual

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Conclusion

- Image fusion advanced guidance has widespread uptake but it is expensive and further data is needed to inform purchasing decisions
- In the UK, to support adoption of this technology a RCT is required
- The ARIA trial has completed recruitment and will be reporting early clinical and technical outcomes shortly

