

Peripheral Artery Disease (PAD) Newsletter

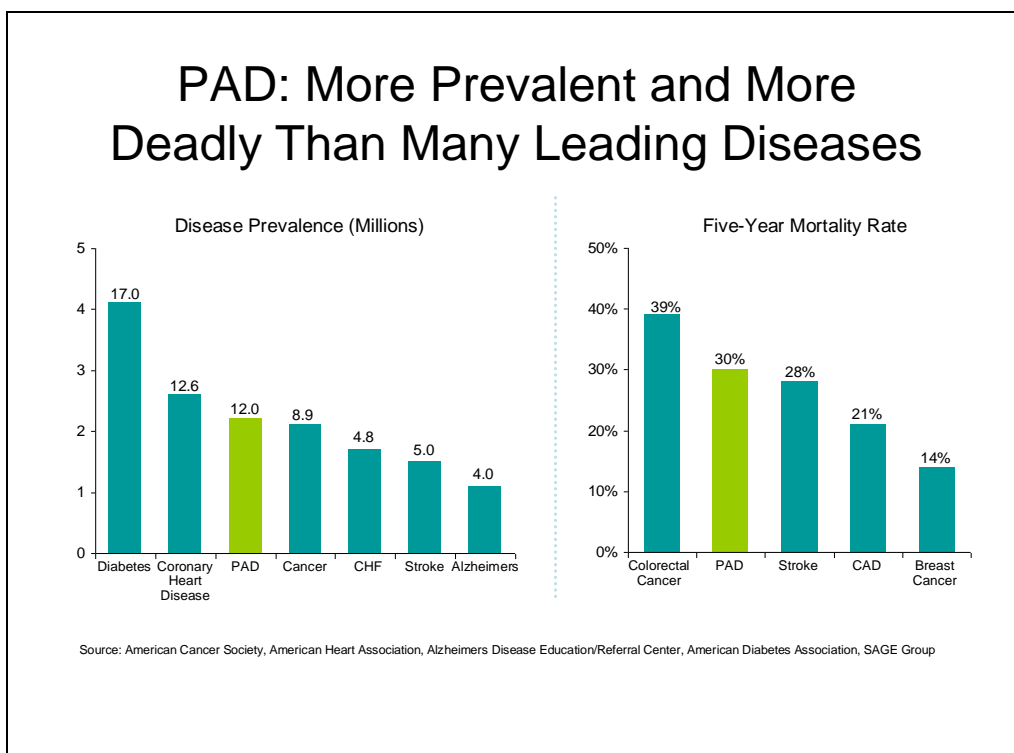
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The PAD Epidemic

- ***PAD affects 12-20% of Americans age 65 and older¹***
- ***12 million people in the US have PAD¹***
- ***Risk of PAD is **threefold** higher in **diabetics** over the age of 50²***
- ***Five-Year Mortality for PAD is higher than Stroke, Heart Disease and Breast Cancer***



We Can Make a Difference in the Treatment of PAD!

- ***Make early detection a priority through vigorous screening and diagnostic testing.***
- ***Improved PAD management with early detection will result in improved quality of life for your patients including fewer amputations as well as decreased rates of heart attack and stroke.***

Metrolina Vascular Laboratory

Metrolina Vascular Laboratory is a comprehensive peripheral vascular laboratory that provides a complete line of high quality arterial and venous imaging utilizing state of the art vascular testing equipment. **We are passionate about partnering with physicians in our community to raise awareness of PAD.**

If you have patients with suspected PAD, we would be happy to evaluate them with our comprehensive testing. Diagnostic evaluation will be performed in our vascular laboratory staffed by certified vascular technologists. Generally, these tests include non-invasive exams such as an ankle-brachial index (ABI) or ultrasound Doppler tests. Results will be quickly communicated so that you and your patient can discuss the results and possible treatment options.

Metrolina Surgical Specialists

If your patient is a candidate for revascularization, Metrolina Surgical Specialists performs most vascular treatments using newer, **minimally invasive** procedures such as Angioplasty, Stents, and Atherectomy. The new procedures mean no incisions, less pain, faster recovery and shorter hospital stays.



*Pre-Atherectomy
of Superficial
Femoral Artery –
95% occluded*



*Post-Atherectomy
of Superficial
Femoral Artery**

** Performed at Presbyterian Hospital by Obinna Eruchalu, MD*

1Becker, GJ, et al. The Importance of Increasing Public and Physician Awareness of Peripheral Arterial Disease. J Vasc interv Radiol 2002; 13[1];7-11.

2“Peripheral Arterial Disease in People with Diabetes”, American Diabetes Association Consensus Statement, Diabetes Care, Volume 26, Number 12, December 2003, 3333-3341.