



**REBOA is Associated
with Death and Chi Chi**

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Location

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The Argument

- No good data support benefit
- Most data increased death, morbidity
- Papers written solely on complications
- Use not increasing
- Technology not ready yet
 - Maybe someday

Joint statement from the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACS COT) and the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) regarding the clinical use of Resuscitative Endovascular Balloon Occlusion of the Aorta (REBOA)

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GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

- ▶ No current, high-grade evidence clearly demonstrates REBOA improves outcomes or survival compared to standard treatment of severe hemorrhage.⁵⁻¹⁰

Brenner M et al. *TSACO* 2018;3:1 – 3.



QUALITY ASSURANCE, MAINTENANCE OF COMPETENCE, PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT AND PATIENT SAFETY

- ▶ REBOA will be uncommon in most settings. As such and given that the benefits of REBOA are as yet unproven, patient safety and performance improvement are critically necessary components of a REBOA program.
- ▶ After initial training, there should be an ongoing competency program, either through simulation or cadaver labs, attendance at a BEST Course® or Workshop, or completion of the ASSET™ Course ‘Introduction to REBOA Module’.
- ▶ There should also be a strong quality management program at each institution evaluating (1) each placement for appropriateness and complications to maximize patient safety and (2) availability and timeliness of definitive surgical or angioembolic control of bleeding following REBOA.

Research

JAMA Surgery | **Original Investigation**

Nationwide Analysis of Resuscitative Endovascular Balloon Occlusion of the Aorta in Civilian Trauma

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IMPORTANCE The need for improved methods of hemorrhage control and resuscitation has resulted in a reappraisal of resuscitative endovascular balloon occlusion of the aorta (REBOA). However, there is a paucity of data regarding the use of REBOA on a multi-institutional level in the United States.

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Methods

- TQIP 2015 – 2016
- Placed within 1 hour of admission
- Transfers excluded
- REBOA patients matched 1:2 to no REBOA patients
- Propensity score matching

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Demographics of Groups

Variables	Patients, No. (%)		P Value
	No-REBOA Group (n = 280)	REBOA Group (n = 140)	
Age, mean (SD), y	43 (19)	44 (20)	.88
Male sex	203 (72.5)	104 (74.3)	.76
White race	180 (64.3)	89 (63.6)	.37
Vital signs in the ED			
SBP, mean (SD), mm Hg	106.5 (28.7)	108.8 (32.7)	.65
HR, mean (SD), bpm	104 (27)	102 (30)	.74
GCS score, median (IQR)	13 (3-15)	14 (3-15)	.88
Injury parameters			
Blunt MOI	257 (91.8)	129 (92.1)	.87
ISS, median (IQR)	28 (17-35)	29 (18-38)	.91
h-AIS score, median (IQR)	0 (0-3)	0 (0-3)	.98
Pelvic fractures, total			
With intact posterior arch	45 (16.1)	25 (17.9)	.65
Incompletely disrupted posterior arch	68 (24.3)	33 (23.6)	
Completely disrupted posterior arch	31 (11.1)	16 (11.4)	

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Outcomes

Variable	Patients, No. (%)		P Value
	No-REBOA Group (n = 280)	REBOA Group (n = 140)	
Complications			
Acute kidney injury	9 (3.2)	15 (10.7)	.02
Amputation of lower limb	2 (0.7)	5 (3.6)	.04
Deep venous thrombosis	14 (5.0)	6 (4.3)	.42
Pulmonary embolism	5 (1.8)	2 (1.4)	.28
Stroke	3 (1.1)	2 (1.4)	.37
Myocardial infarction	1 (0.4)	0	.51
Extremity compartment syndrome	2 (0.7)	1 (0.7)	.39
Overall mortality	53 (18.9)	50 (35.7)	.01
Mortality in the ED	5 (1.8)	4 (2.9)	.35
24-h Mortality	33 (11.8)	37 (26.4)	.01
In-hospital mortality after 24 h	15 (5.4)	9 (6.4)	.21

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Research

JAMA Surgery | **Original Investigation**

Association Between Hemorrhage Control Interventions and Mortality in US Trauma Patients With Hemodynamically Unstable Pelvic Fractures

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IMPORTANCE Management of hemodynamically unstable pelvic fractures remains a challenge. Hemostatic interventions are used alone or in combination. There is a paucity of data on the association between the pattern of hemorrhage control interventions and outcomes after a severe pelvic fracture.

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Methods

- 2017 TQIP
- Pelvic fracture and $\geq 4u$ PRBCs in 1st 4 hours
- Received PP, AE, or REBOA
- Backward stepwise regression analysis

Baseline Characteristics

Characteristic	No. (%)			
	Overall (N = 1396)	Pelvic AE (n = 774)	Preperitoneal PP (n = 659)	REBOA (n = 126)
Emergency department vital signs, mean (SD)				
SBP, mm Hg	101 (35)	102 (34)	101 (37)	101 (35)
Lowest SBP, mm Hg	71 (25)	71 (23)	71 (27)	65 (27)
HR /min	107 (31)	107 (301)	107 (32)	107 (33)
RR /min	21 (8)	21 (8)	21 (8)	21 (9)

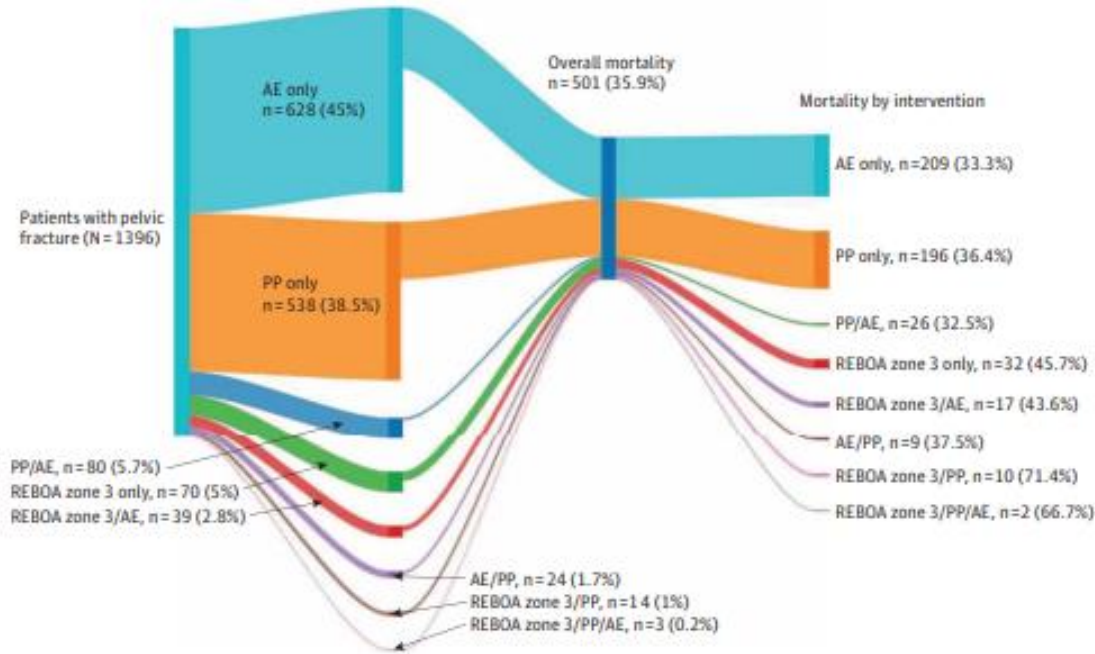
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Mortality by 1st Intervention

Outcome measure	No. (%)				P value
	Overall (n = 1236)	Pelvic AE (n = 652)	Preperitoneal PP (n = 618)	REBOA (n = 126)	
Mortality					
24-Hour	217 (15.5)	78 (12.0)	104 (16.8)	35 (27.8)	<.001 ^a
ED	10 (0.7)	4 (0.6)	1 (0.2)	5 (4.0)	<.001 ^a
In-hospital	501 (35.9)	218 (33.4)	222 (35.9)	61 (48.4)	.006 ^a

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Mortality by Intervention











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Research Article

Hemostatic Interventions and All-Cause Mortality in Hemodynamically Unstable Pelvic Fractures: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis

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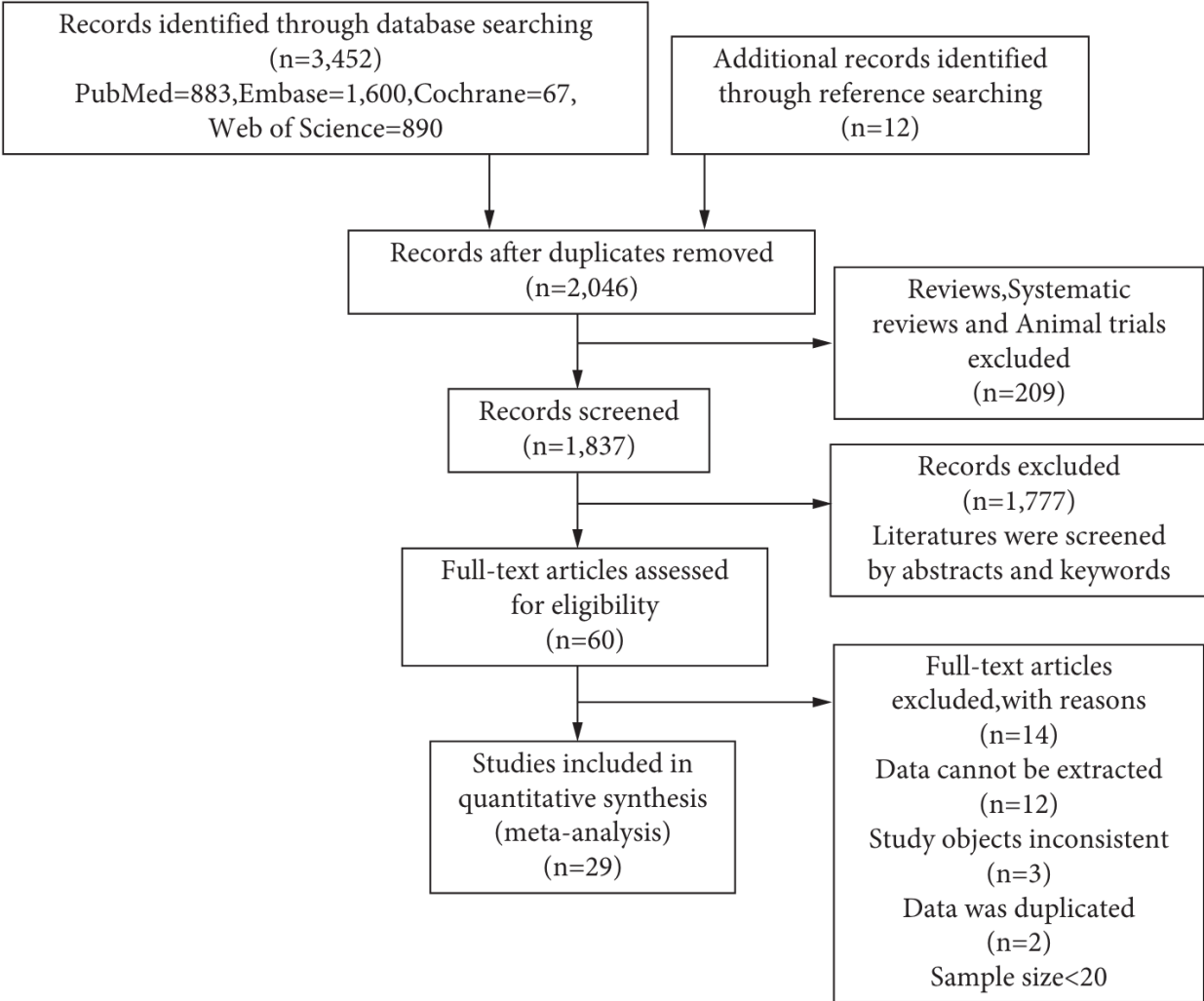
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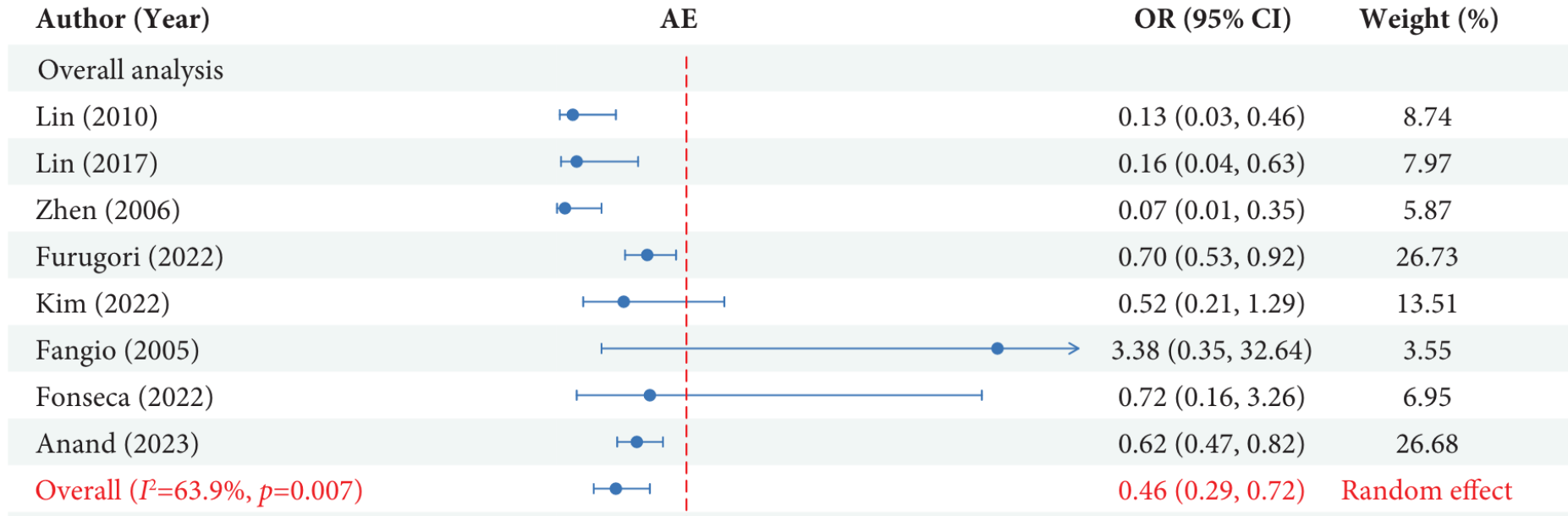
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Screening
Eligibility
Included



OR Death AE

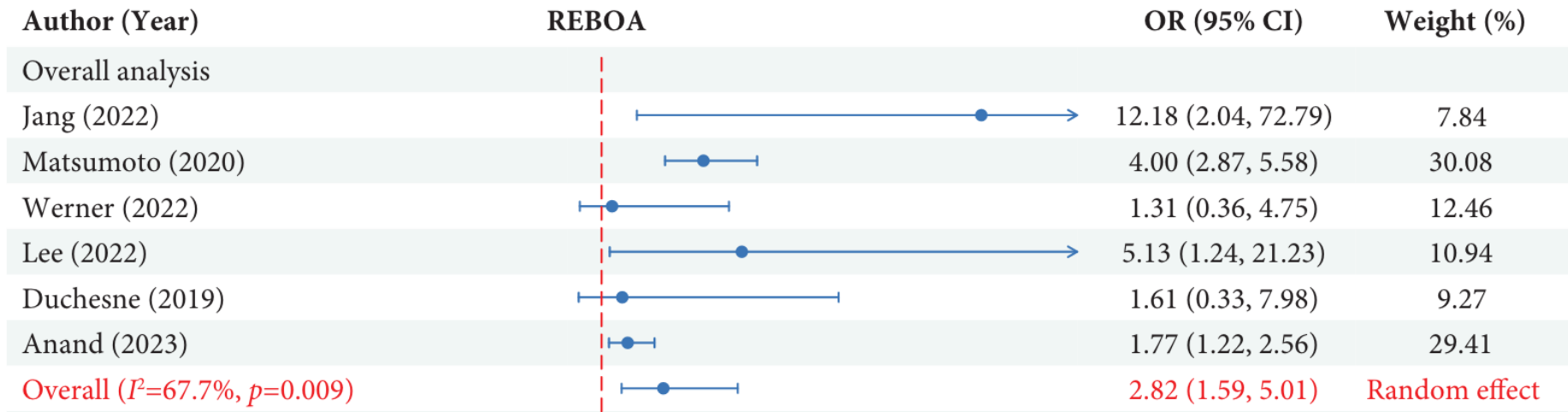
n = 4607



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OR Death REBOA

n = 5165



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The pitfalls of resuscitative endovascular balloon occlusion of the aorta: Risk factors and mitigation strategies

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REVIEW

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The complications associated with Resuscitative Endovascular Balloon Occlusion of the Aorta (REBOA)



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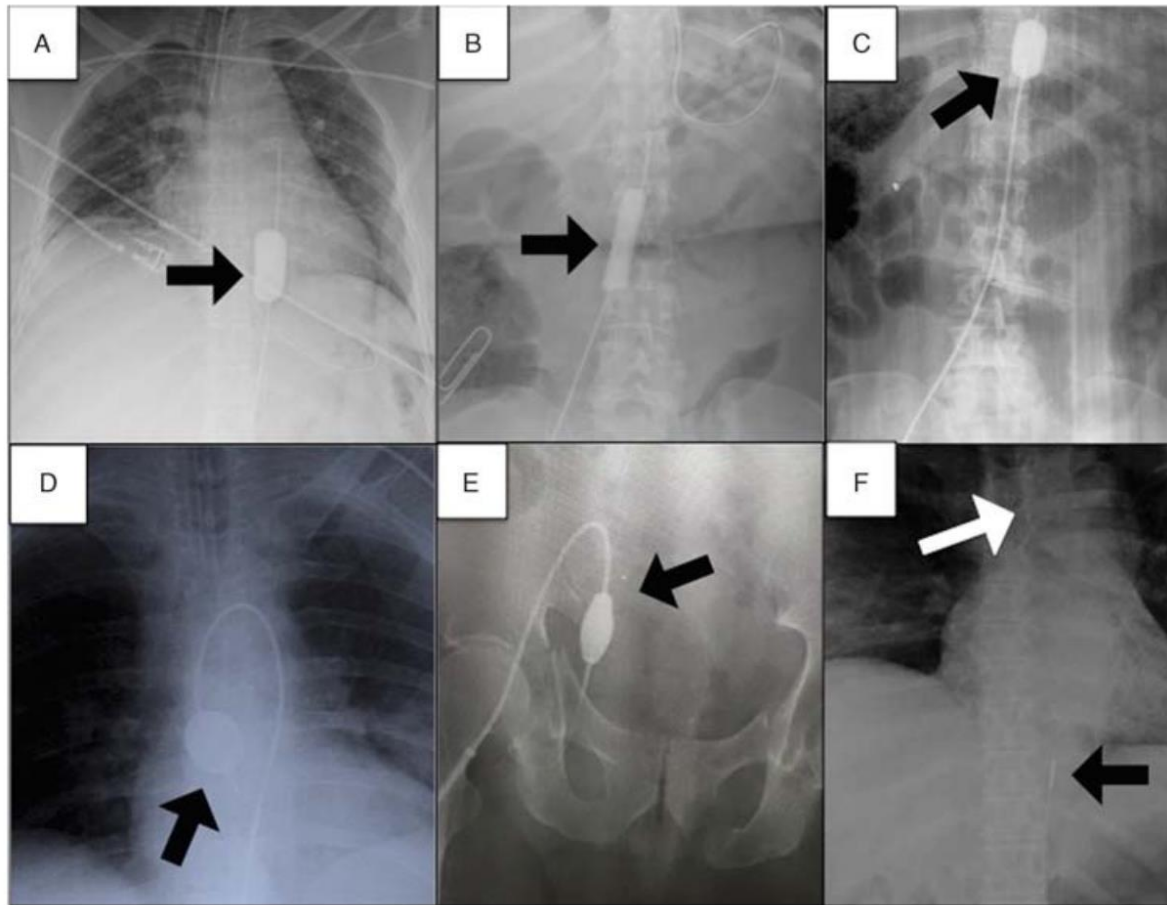


Figure 2. Malposition of REBOA balloons. (A) Appropriate position within Zone 1 of the aorta. (B) Appropriate position within Zone 3 of the aorta. (C) Inadvertent position within Zone 2 of the aorta. (D) Inadvertent position within Zone 0 of the aorta. (E) Inadvertent position within the ipsilateral internal iliac artery. (F) Exacerbation of proximal aortic hemorrhage (white arrow, note widened mediastinum) following inflation of a distally located balloon (now deflated). Black arrows denote balloons.

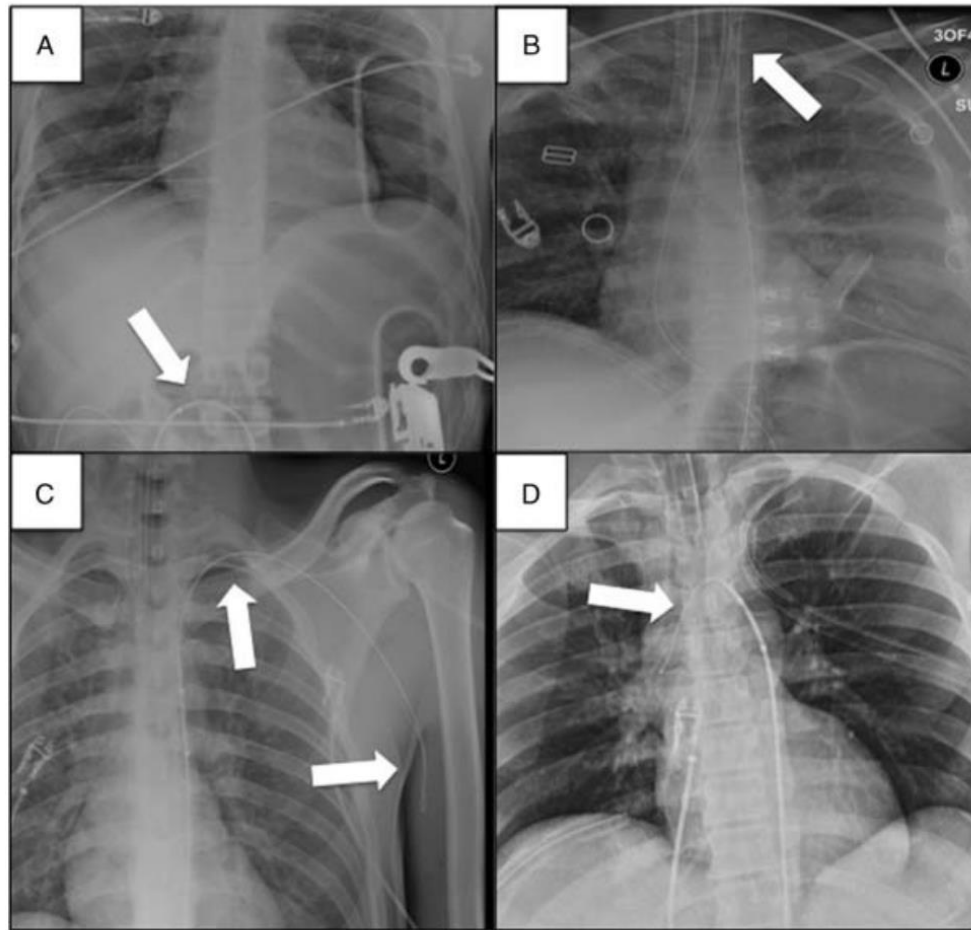


Figure 3. X-ray depictions of wire malposition. (A) Exit of the wire through an injury in the aorta. (B) Inadvertent advancement of the wire into the left carotid artery. (C) Inadvertent advancement of the wire into the left subclavian, axillary, and brachial artery. (D) Inadvertent advancement of the wire into the aortic arch. White arrows denote wire.

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Abstract

Non-compressible torso hemorrhage (NCTH) remains a significant cause of morbidity and mortality in the field of trauma and emergency medicine. In recent times, there has been a resurgence in the adoption of Resuscitative Endovascular Balloon Occlusion of the Aorta (REBOA) for patients who present with NCTH. Like all medical procedures, there are benefits and risks associated with the REBOA technique. However, in the case of REBOA, these complications are not unanimously agreed upon with varying viewpoints and studies. This article aims to review the current knowledge surrounding the complications of the REBOA technique at each step of its application.

Keywords: Complications, Radiology, Interventional, Multiple trauma, Abdomen, Shock, Hemorrhagic, REBOA



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Original Research Article

An assessment of nationwide trends in emergency department (ED) resuscitative endovascular balloon occlusion of the aorta (REBOA) use – A trauma quality improvement program registry analysis



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REBOA Utilization

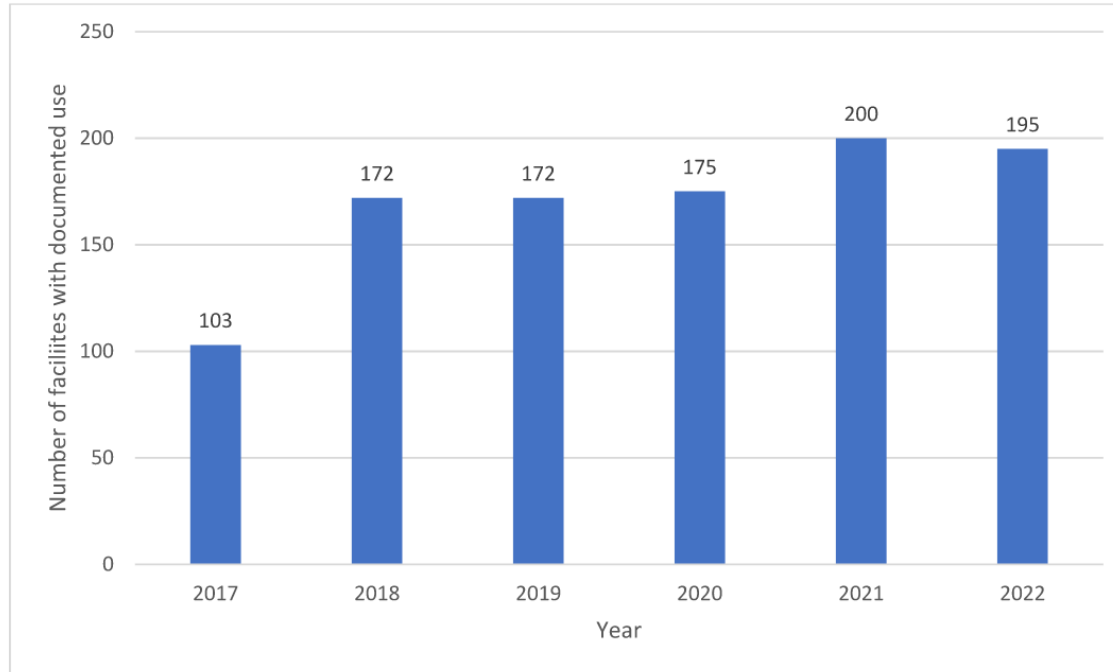


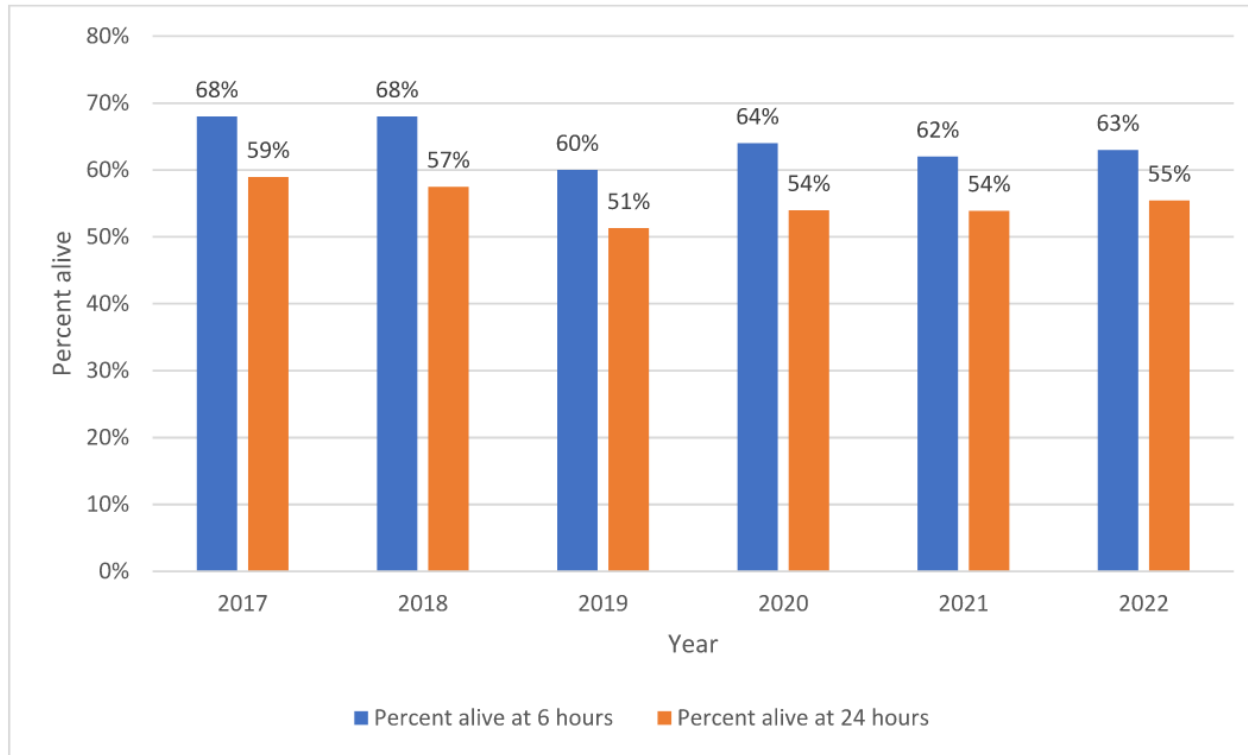
Fig. 1. Number of facilities with reported ED REBOA use.

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REBOA Outcome



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The UK resuscitative endovascular balloon occlusion of the aorta in trauma patients with life-threatening torso haemorrhage: the (UK-REBOA) multicentre RCT

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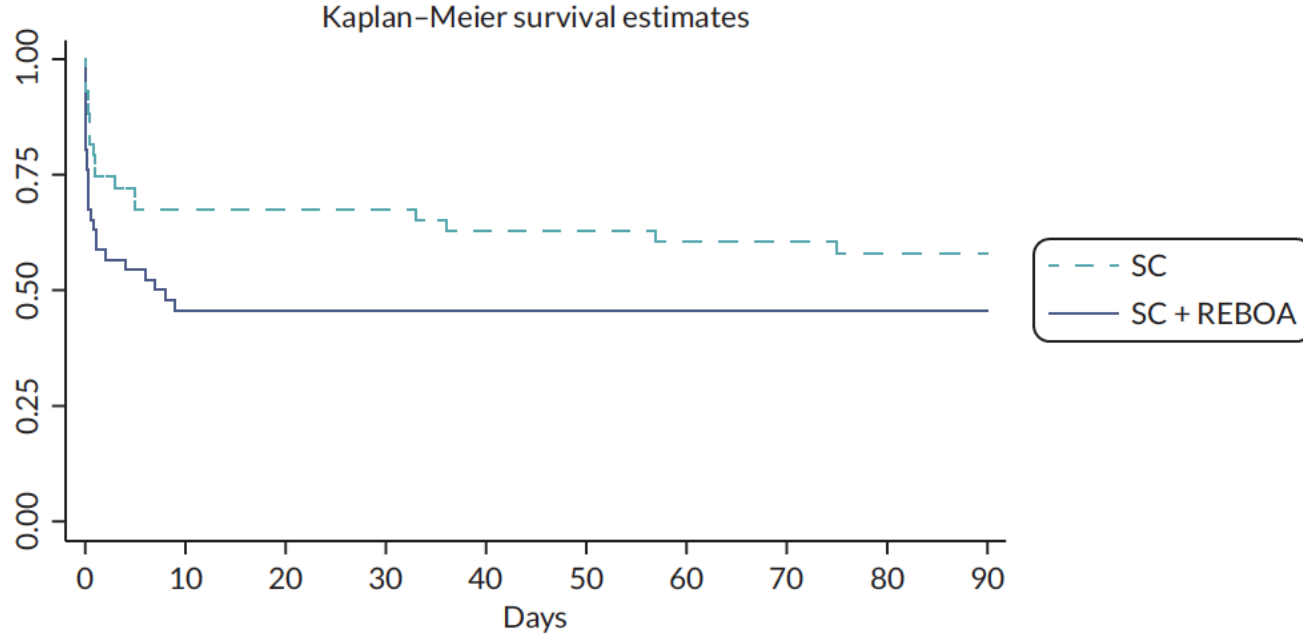
Methods

- Pragmatic, randomized
- Exsanguinating torso trauma
- Standard of care vs SC + REBOA
- Multicenter
- Primary outcome 90 - day mortality
- Bayesian statistics

Patients

	SC + REBOA N = 46	SC N = 44
Demographics		
Median age (Q1–Q3), years	46 (33–62)	39 (30–56)
Male sex, n (%)	28 (61)	34 (77)
Comorbidity		
Median Charlson Comorbidity Index (Q1–Q3); n	0 (0–1); 33	0 (0–1); 40
Mechanism of injury		
Blunt, n (%)	44 (96)	43 (98)
Penetrating, n (%)	2 (4)	1 (2)
Injury severity		
Median ISS (Q1–Q3)	41 (29–50)	41 (29–50)

Survival



Number at risk

SC	43	29	29	29	27	27	26	26	25	25
SC + REBOA	46	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21

A PROMPT Update on Partial REBOA: Initial Clinical Data and Overview of the DoD-Funded Partial REBOA Outcomes Multicenter Prospective (PROMPT) Study

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Conclusions - REBOA

- High complication rates
- High morbidity
- Other options - better outcomes
- Clearly not ready for prime time
- Future unclear