

**DIFERENCIAS EN EL ACCESO
VASCULAR SEGÚN GÉNERO DE LOS
PACIENTES INCIDENTES EN
HEMODIÁLISIS DE CATALUNYA**

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GENDER DIFFERENCES IN VASCULAR ACCESS FOR INCIDENT HAEMODIALYSIS PATIENTS. A REGISTRY-BASED STUDY.

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INTRODUCTION: Gender disparities in some aspects of vascular access (VA) for haemodialysis (HD) have been reported

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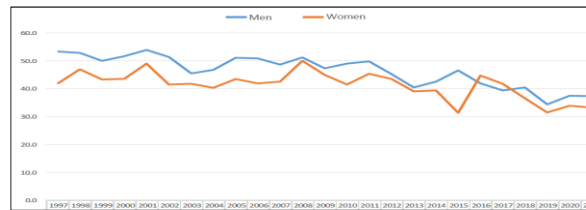
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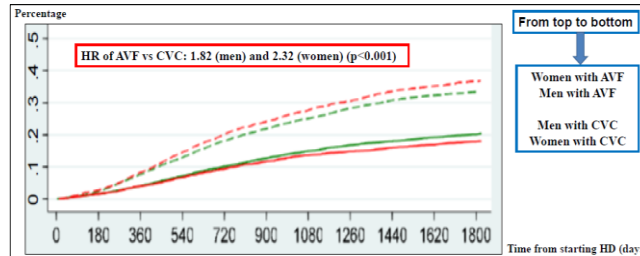
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	Odds Ratio	p	IC 95%
Age group (years)			
18-44	1 (reference)		
45-64	1.31	<0.001	1.15 1.49
65-74	1.37	<0.001	1.21 1.57
≥75	1.38	<0.001	1.21 1.58
Body mass index (kg/m ²)			
<18.5	1 (reference)		
18.5-25	1.35	0.005	1.09 1.65
26-30	1.58	<0.001	1.29 1.95
>30	1.61	<0.001	1.30 1.99
Primary kidney disease			
Glomerular disease	1 (reference)		
Unknown	0.92	0.141	0.82 1.03
Interstitial disease	1.06	0.382	0.93 1.22
Polycystic kidney disease	2.03	<0.001	1.73 2.38
Vascular disease	1.09	0.165	0.96 1.23
Diabetic nephropathy	0.91	0.095	0.81 1.02
Others	0.69	<0.001	0.59 0.81
Gender			
Female	1 (reference)		
Male	1.32	<0.001	1.23 1.41
Functional status			
Special care or hospitalization	1 (reference)		
Normal physical activity	2.45	<0.001	2.15 2.78
Almost normal physical activity	2.27	<0.001	1.99 2.57
Limited physical activity	1.70	<0.001	1.51 1.93
Cardiovascular disease			
Yes	1 (reference)		
No	1.23	<0.001	1.14 1.32
ESKD presentation			
Acute	1 (reference)		
Acute-on-chronic	5.05	<0.001	4.18 6.11
Steady progression	23.30	<0.001	19.37 28.03
Constant	0.014	<0.001	0.010 0.019

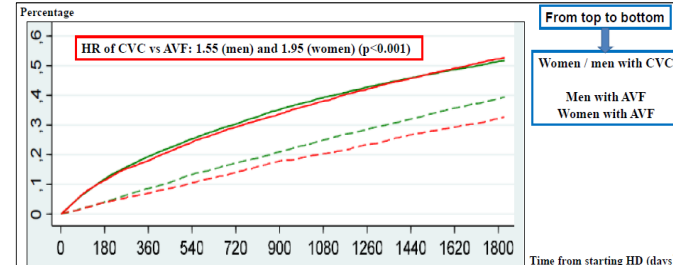
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RESULTS I. COMPARATIVE CHARACTERISTICS BETWEEN MALE (N=14,921) AND FEMALE (N=8038)

	Men	Women	Total	p	% miss info
	n	n	n		
Global	14,921	8,038	22,959	100.0	-
Mean age, years (SD)	66.2 (14.3)	67.2 (14.4)	66.6 (14.3)	<0.001	0%
Age group (years)					
18-44	1527	90	1617	<0.001	0%
45-64	4241	286	4527		
65-74	4931	292	5223		
≥75	4922	332	5254		
Primary kidney disease					
Unknown	3677	25.7	1998	25.5	5675
Glomerular disease	1809	12.6	760	9.7	2569
Interstitial disease	1132	7.9	794	10.1	1926
Polycystic kidney disease	762	5.3	650	8.3	1412
Vascular	2532	17.7	963	12.3	3495
Diabetic nephropathy	3309	23.1	1821	23.3	5130
Others	1110	7.8	843	10.8	1953
ESKD presentation					
Acute	1446	10.6	777	10.4	2223
Acute-on-chronic	4440	32.5	2314	31.0	6754
Steady progression	7782	56.9	4386	58.7	12,368
Predialysis nephrology care (years)					
<1	4397	35.4	2284	34.2	6681
1-2	2891	22.8	1522	22.8	4353
3-4	1899	15.3	1034	15.5	2933
≥5	3300	26.6	1840	27.5	5140
Previous median time of follow-up (years)	2.5 (0.5-5.7)	2.6 (0.7-6)	2.5 (0.6-5.8)	0.025	
Functional status					
Normal physical activity	5803	40.2	2610	33.2	8413
Almost normal physical activity	3526	24.4	1896	24.1	5422
Limited physical activity	3752	26.0	2281	29.0	6033
Special care or hospitalization	1374	9.5	1071	13.6	2445
Coronary artery disease	3750	25.5	1253	15.7	5003
Heart failure	4669	31.7	2363	29.6	7032
Cardiac conduction disorders	2773	18.9	1388	17.5	4161
Cerebrovascular disease	2296	14.9	869	10.9	3065
Peripheral vascular disease	3899	26.5	1187	14.9	5086
Hypertension	11,876	80.9	6337	79.6	18,213
At least one cardiovascular comorbidity	8546	58.3	3817	48.0	12,363
Body mass index (kg/m ²)					
<18.5	341	2.4	327	4.2	668
18.5-25	6330	43.9	3041	38.9	9371
26-30	5422	37.6	2451	31.3	7873
>30	2312	16.1	2007	25.7	4319
Median body mass index (kg/m ²)	25.4 (22.9-28.2)	25.9 (22.6-30.3)	25.5 (22.8-28.9)	<0.001	

CONCLUSIONS: 1) Although AVF was the main type of VA used for starting HD in both sexes, the percentage of AVF was significantly lower in women at the expense of AVG and tunnelled catheter. 2) Male gender was an independent factor associated with a 32% greater probability of starting HD by AVF than female. 3) Women initiating HD by AVF were more likely to receive a KG over time than men with an AVF. 4) Men and women shared the same probability to die over time after starting HD with a catheter. 5) Men starting HD by AVF were more likely to die over time than women with an AVF. 6) Regardless of gender, initiating HD by catheter was associated with a lower probability of receiving a KG and a higher probability of dying over time compared to AVF.

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Informe anual 2014
ESTADÍSTICA RENAL 2014
Statistical report 2014



RESULTS I

Male (n=14,921) and female (n=8038) characteristics were different regarding:

- Mean age (years): 66.2±14.2 vs 67.2±14.4
- Vascular disease as primary kidney disease (%): 17.7 vs 12.3
- Normal functional status (%): 40.2 vs 33.2
- Cardiovascular disease (%): 58.3 vs 48
- Obesity rate (body mass index BMI>30 kg/m²): 16.1% vs 25.7%

(for all comparisons, p<0.001)

		Men		Women		Total		p	% miss.inf.
		n	%	n	%	n	%		
Global		14,821	64.8	8038	35.2	22,859	100.0	-	
Mean age, years (SD)		66.2 (14.2)		67.2 (14.4)		66.6 (14.3)		<0.001	0%
Age group (years)	18-44	1327	9.0	705	8.8	2032	8.9	<0.001	0%
	45-64	4241	28.6	2070	25.8	6311	27.6		
	65-74	4331	29.2	2228	27.7	6559	28.7		
	≥75	4922	33.2	3035	37.8	7957	34.8		
Primary kidney disease	Unknown	3677	25.7	1998	25.5	5675	25.6	<0.001	3%
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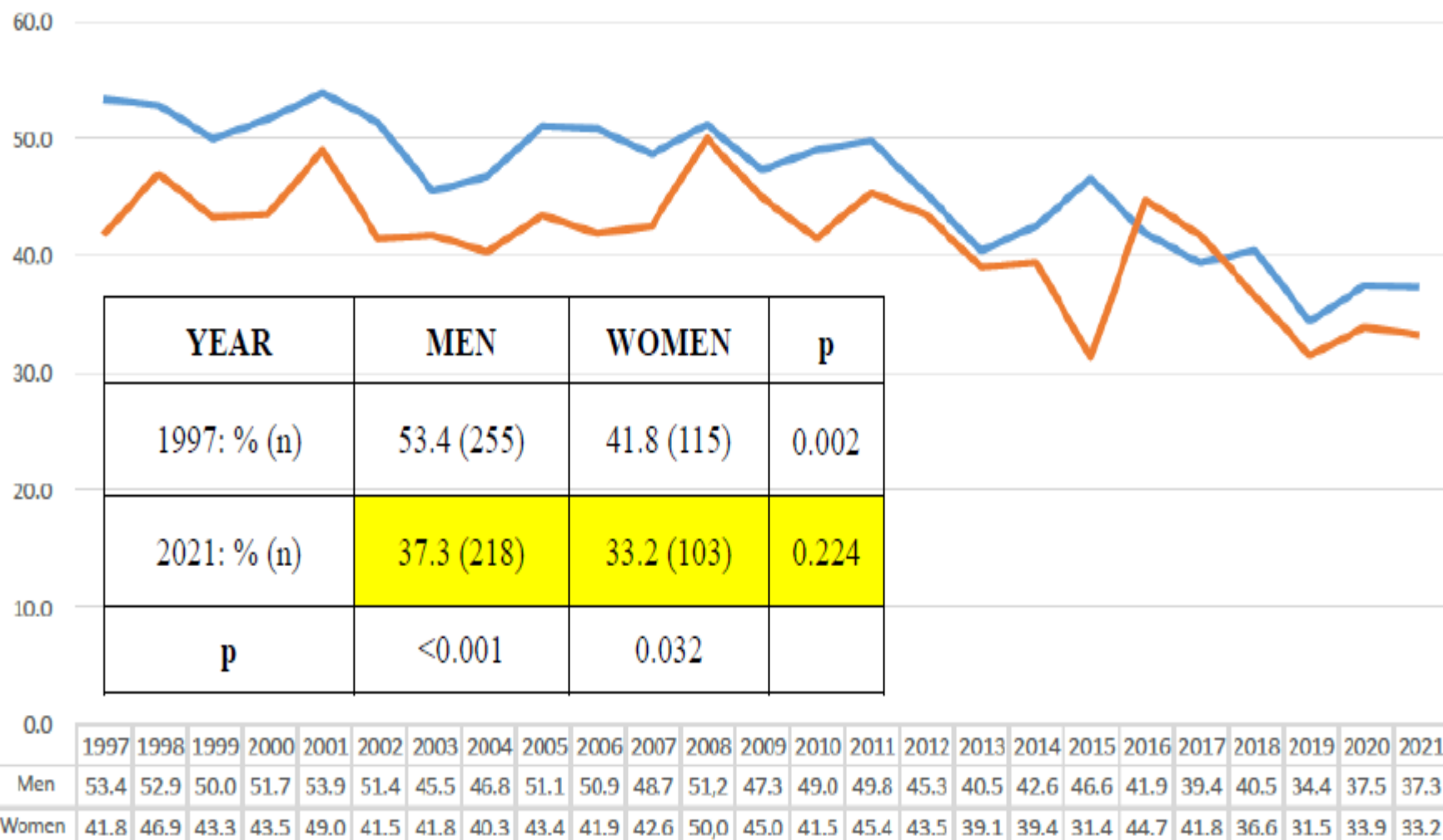
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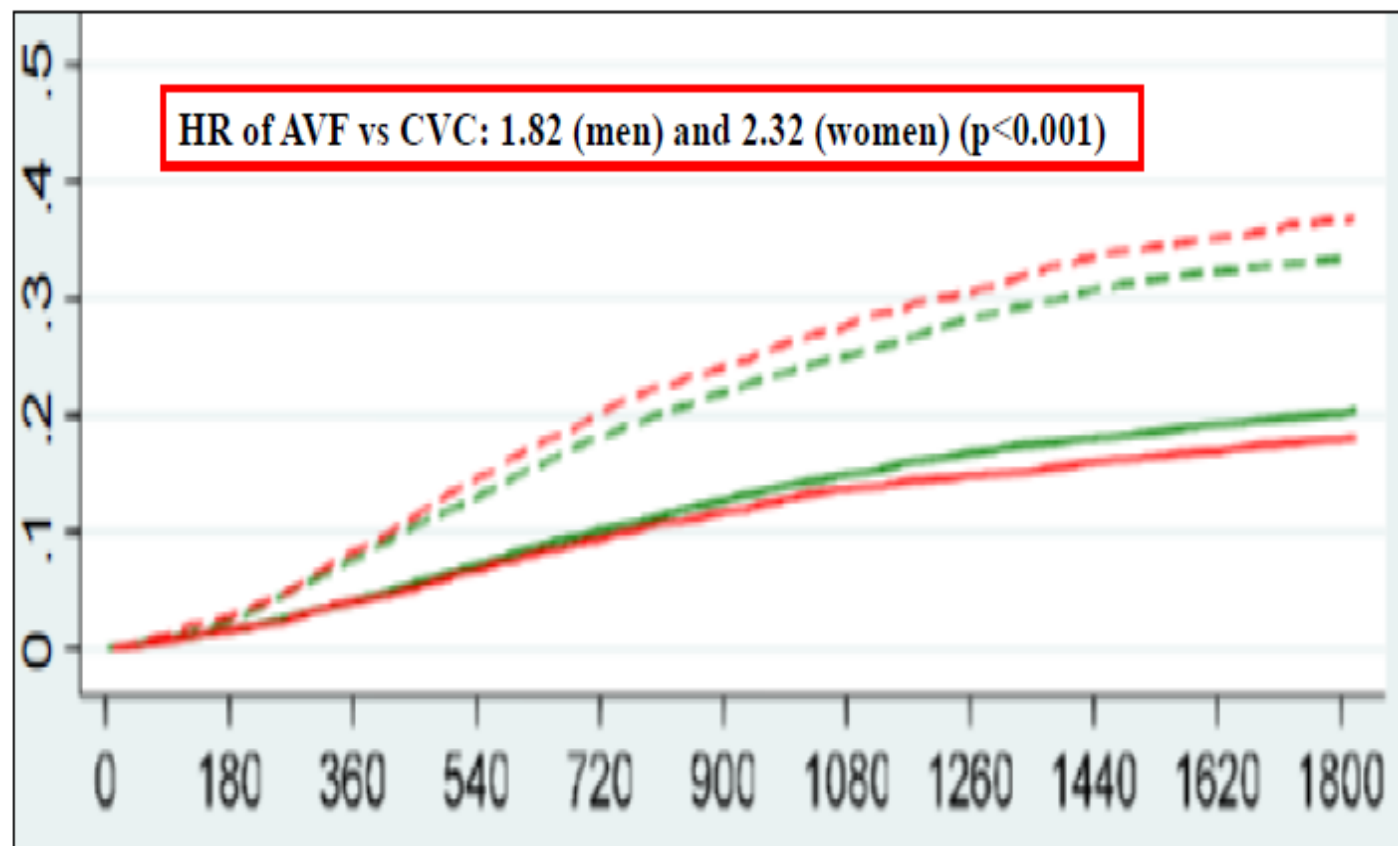
PROBABILITY OF
STARTING HD
BY AVF
(multivariate
logistic regression
analysis)

RESULTS V



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Percentage



From top to bottom

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Men with AVF

Men with CVC
Women with CVC

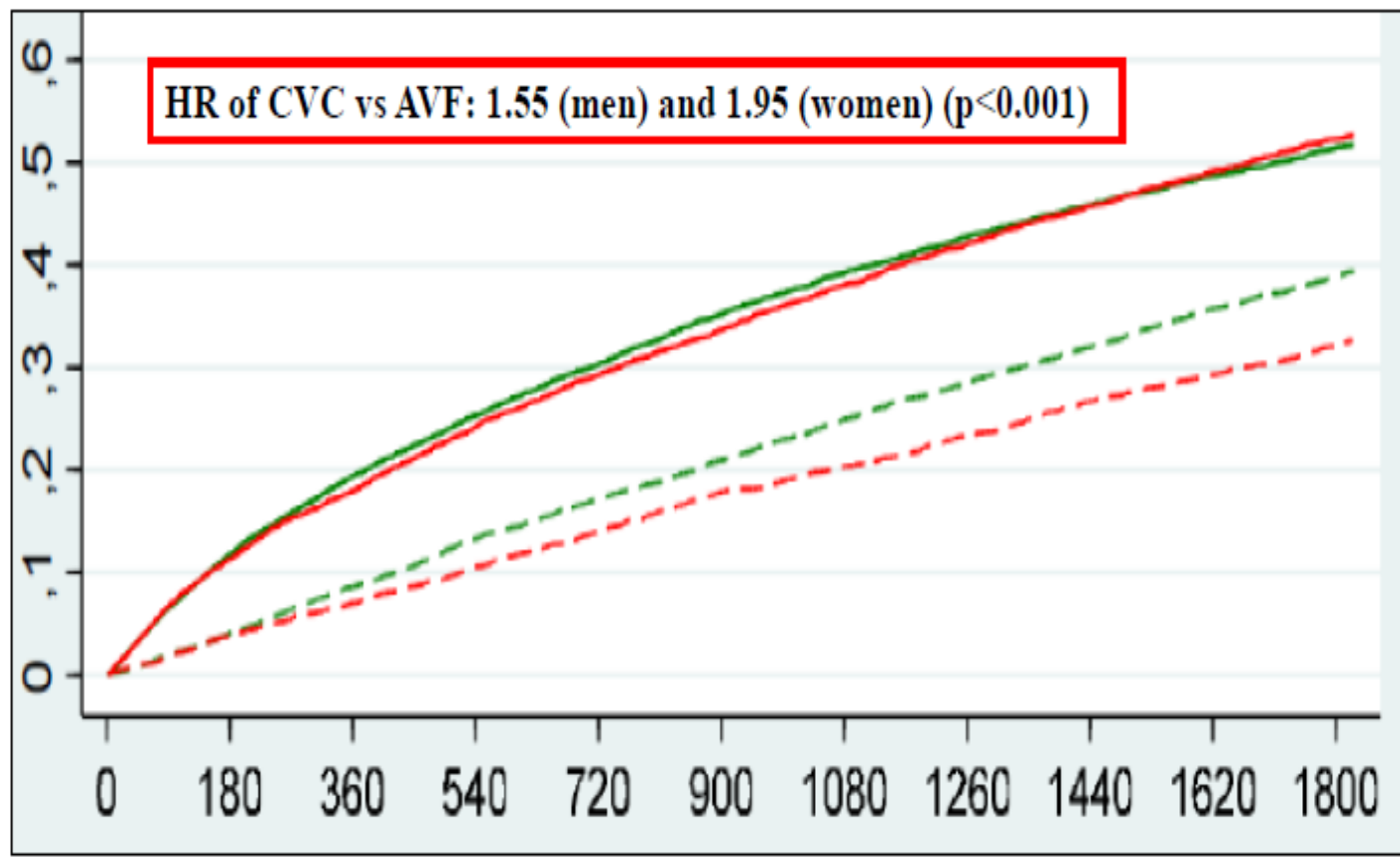
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Percentage



From top to bottom

Women / men with CVC

Men with AVF
Women with AVF

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DISCUSSION



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Original Article

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Is there sex disparity in vascular access at dialysis initiation in France? A mediation analysis using data from the Renal Epidemiology and Information Network registry

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N= 16 032 patients

Sex ratio (male to female): 10 405:5627

Multivariable analysis: women were associated with a greater risk of starting dialysis with a catheter {odds ratio [OR], **1.32** [95% CI: 1.23–1.42]}

CONCLUSION

Women were associated with a higher risk of starting dialysis through an HD catheter

Original Article

Use of vascular access for haemodialysis in Europe: a report from the ERA-EDTA Registry

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Table 3. Crude and adjusted^a ORs with 95% CI for the likelihood to start HD using an AVF in the incident cohort (*n* = 13 044)

	Crude OR (95% CI)	Adjusted OR ^a (95% CI)
Age at start HD (years)		
20–44	1.0	1.0
45–59	1.13 (1.00–1.30)	1.20 (1.05–1.37)*
60–69	1.01 (0.86–1.14)	1.08 (0.95–1.22)
70–79	0.86 (0.76–0.97)*	0.93 (0.82–1.05)
≥ 80	0.66 (0.58–0.76)*	0.77 (0.67–0.90)*
Sex		
Male	1.0	1.0
Female	0.85 (0.79–0.91)*	0.84 (0.78–0.90)*
Diabetes mellitus		
No diabetic nephropathy	1.0	1.0
Diabetic nephropathy	1.03 (0.94–1.12)	0.99 (0.91–1.08)

^aMultivariate model: age, sex, presence of diabetes mellitus as primary renal disease, year of start HD and country.

**P* < 0.05.

Table 4. Logistic model: predictors of AVF use among incident ESRD patients in networks 5, 6, 8, 11, and 13^b

Patient characteristic	Adjusted OR of AVF use	95% CI	p value
Race			
Black	1.00	0.92–1.09	0.9455
White ^a	1	–	
Gender			
Female	0.64	0.59–0.69	<0.0001
Male ^a	1	–	
Age			
18–29	0.61	0.47–0.80	0.0004
30–39	0.80	0.67–0.96	0.0155
40–49	0.89	0.78–1.01	0.0761
50–59	1.01	0.90–1.13	0.8693
60–69 ^a	1	–	–
70–79	0.93	0.84–1.04	0.2018
80+	0.83	0.72–0.95	0.0068

Racial and Gender Differences in Arteriovenous Fistula Use among Incident Hemodialysis Patients

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N= 28,712 US patients

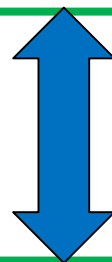
13,303 were females (46.3%) and
15,409 were males (53.3%)

Women were 36 % less likely than men to
use an AVF at HD initiation

Venous Access: Women Are Equal

Nina Caplin, MD, Martin Sedlacek, MD, Victoria Teodorescu, MD, Abigail Falk, MD, and
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Disparities in Fistula Maturation Persist Despite Preoperative Vascular Mapping

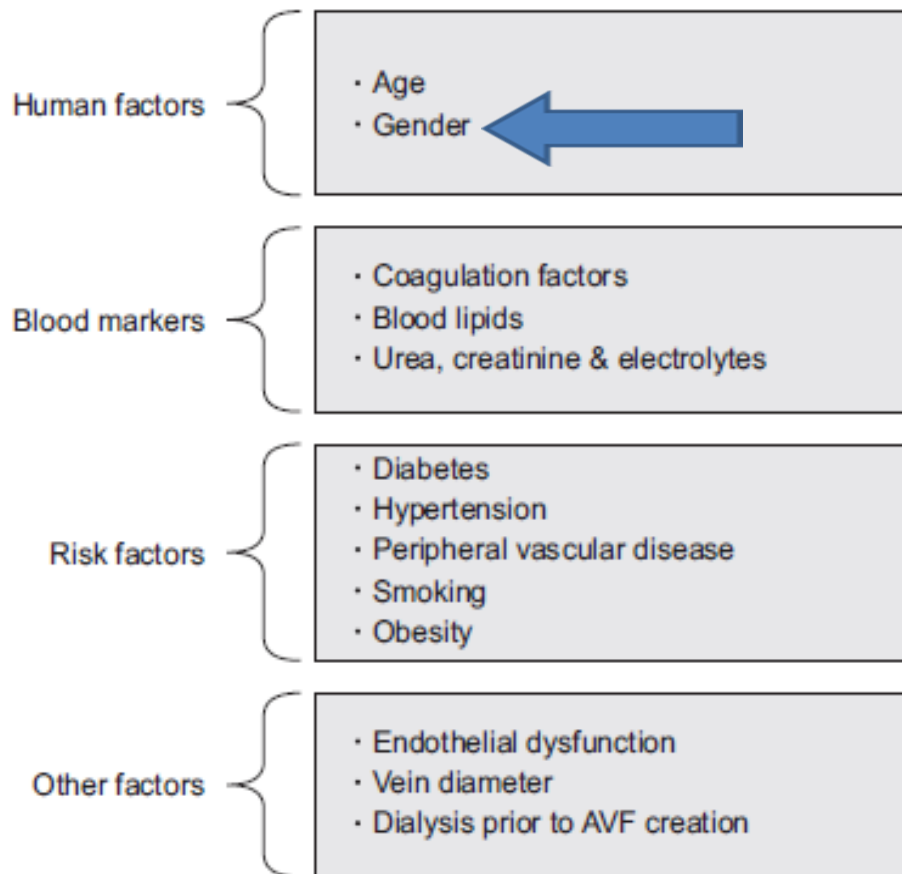
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Maturation of arteriovenous fistula: Analysis of key factors

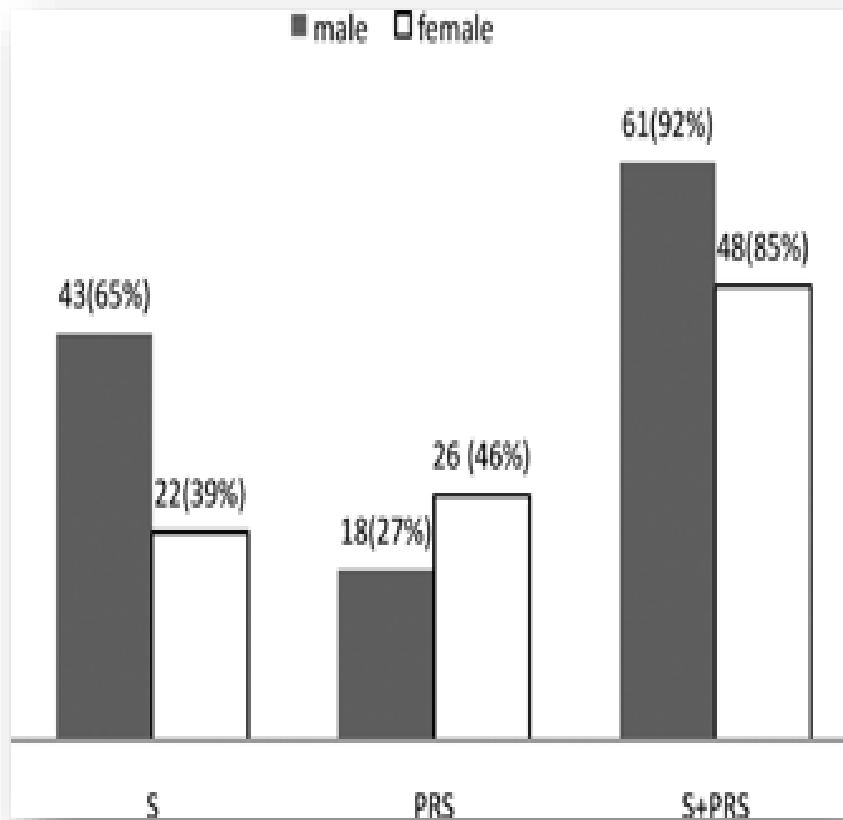
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**Factors affecting
the maturation of
arteriovenous fistula (AVF)**

Morphologic and functional vessels characteristics assessed by ultrasonography for prediction of radiocephalic fistula maturation

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Arteriovenous fistula outcome during the following period of maturation. S = success maturation after 4 weeks; PRS = prolonged success maturation after 8 weeks.

■ The exact cause for the lower AVF maturation rate in women (even when routine preoperative vascular mapping is used) is still not fully clarified:

vessel diameter ?

venous compliance ?

■ Women need more time for successful AVF maturation

WOMEN NEED MORE TIME FOR SUCCESSFUL ARTERIOVENOUS FISTULA MATURATION



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Conclusion

...therefore, they should be
considered for RCAVF placement
earlier than men.

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**IX JORNADA SOBRE EL ACCESO VASCULAR
PARA HEMODIÁLISIS EN EL VALLÈS ORIENTAL**

**I REUNIÓ ANUAL GRUP TREBALL ACCÉS VASCULAR
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