#### CO<sub>2</sub> Digital Subtraction Angiography for Diagnosis and Intervention: Indications & Contraindications

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# WHAT CAN WE DO WITH CO2?

#### **IMAGINATION!**

#### Disclosures

Consultant: AngioAdvancements LLC

Intravascular CO<sub>2</sub> is not FDA approved









# **CO<sub>2</sub> UNIQUE PROPERTIES**

- Invisible
- Buoyant
- Low viscosity
- Compressible



# CO<sub>2</sub> ADVANTAGES

- Non-allergic
- Non-nephrotoxic (unlimited volumes)
- Rapidly absorbed (20-30X O<sub>2</sub>)
- Low viscosity (1/400 iodinated contrast)
  - Easier to use with microcatheters
  - Can inject in-between catheter and wire
  - Better visualization of collaterals
  - Detection of bleeding, AVF
  - Portal vein visualization
- Central reflux
  - Ability to identify vessel/pathology central to catheter tip
- Cost (100cc = .03)

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# CO<sub>2</sub> DISADVANTAGES

- Requires unique delivery system
- Invisible concern for undetected contamination
- Cerebral vessels should be avoided
- Bowel gas can interfere with abdominal images
- Potentially more labor intensive



# CO<sub>2</sub> CONCERNS

- Contamination
- Excessive volumes
- Intracerebral exposure
- Compressive delivery
- COPD
- Pulmonary HTN



# PREVENT CONTAMINATION

- 1. Use a disposable source of
  - medical grade CO<sub>2</sub>
- 2. Use a closed delivery system
- 3. Eliminate stopcocks
- 4. Glue connections
- 5. Flush system





#### Avoid excessive volumes

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#### **EXCESSIVE VOLUME**

• One large bolus

• Multiple small boluses without time for CO<sub>2</sub> to absorb



THE HEMODYNAMIC AND VENTILATORY RESPONSES TO INTRACAVAL ADMINISTRATION OF ASCENDING DOSES OF GASEOUS CARBON DIOXIDE: EXPERIMENTAL STUDY IN 20 SWINE – Kyung Cho



 $CO_2$ : .2 – 6.4 cc/kg

Position in supine, LLK, RLD

Monitori	ng:	
HR	RR	BP
PA	SaO2	pCo2
pO2	PH	HCO2

### **CONCLUSIONS:**

- Higher volumes showed changes in various parameters
- CO<sub>2</sub> in doses of .2 -1.6 cc/kg (112 cc in 70 kg) showed no cardiopulmonary effects
- Intravenous diagnostic CO<sub>2</sub> DSA may increase PA pressure so use cautiously in known pulmonary hypertension



# CO<sub>2</sub> IS COMPRESSIBLE

• Inaccurate volumes

• Explosive delivery



#### PREVENT EXPLOSIVE DELIVERY

- Use a non-compressed closed system
- Purge to atmosphere
- Purge catheter before definitive injection





• CO<sub>2</sub> endogenous production 250 cc/min

• No problem unless in respiratory failure

• Precaution: decrease volume and increase interval between delivery



#### **PULMONARY HTN**

• Avoid high volume venous procedures

• Potential PFO



### CONTRAINDICATIONS

- Supra-diaphragmatic arterial injections (intracranial CO<sub>2</sub>)
- Known right to left shunts



# CO<sub>2</sub> CONTRAST

 $CO_2$  can be used as a contrast agent in any tubular structure.

All venous structures

All arteries except above the diaphragm



#### INDICATIONS

- Iodinated contrast allergy
- Renal insufficiency
- High volume contrast procedures
- Detection of AVF/arterial bleeding
- Intervention: arterial and venous



### NON-NEPHROTOXIC



## CO<sub>2</sub> IS THE ONLY NON-NEPRHOTOXIC CONTRAST AGENT!





#### HOSPITAL ACQUIRED CIN

Risk of death

(34%) 6 x **†** 

Hospitalization

2 x 1

1 and 2 year mortality 2 x t

Increase comorbid complications

McCullough P. Contrast Induced Acute Kidney Injury. J. Am.Coll. Cardiol 2008; 51:1419-1428



#### HOSPITAL ACQUIRED CIN

7500 Patients

In hospital mortality (22% vs 1.4%)

1 and 5 year mortality 4 x

Rihal et al.



#### CIN

- Patient population is aging
- Diabetes is increasing
- Vascular interventional procedures are increasing
- CLI & CTO 40% have renal insufficiency
- Creatinine clearance subnormal in > 80% of PAOD
- Serum Cr is inaccurate in 30% 40-49 yo and 90% > 70 yo
- 30% of Cr Clearance abnormal for > 70 yo
- CIN correlates with 30 day and 1 year mortality and is the strongest one year predictor of death



#### BOTTOM LINE!!!

#### **REDUCE OR PREVENT CIN**

#### LIMIT THE VOLUME OF CONTRAST



# WHAT GOOD IS IT IF YOU HELP THEM WALK AND NOW THEY HAVE TO WALK TO DIALYSIS!!!!!





#### • Eliminates CIN

• Permits procedures previously precluded in patients with renal insufficiency!!!



### DELIVERY



# **EVOLUTION OF CO<sub>2</sub> INJECTOR**

- 1971 Hand Syringe
- 1972 Standard Angio Injector
- 1973 CO<sub>2</sub> Cylinder (animals only)







### **EVOLUTION OF CO<sub>2</sub> INJECTOR**

#### CO<sub>2</sub> Power-Assisted Hand-Held Syringe: Better Visualization During Diagnostic and Interventional Angiography

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Recent technology has produced high-flow and large-lumen catheters as well as other angiographic accessories to enhance the visualization of the coronary arteries during diagnostic and percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA) procedures. In spite of these technological advances, there are still many cases in which the quality of the coronary angiography could be significantly improved. This paper reports on a clinical evaluation of a hand-held power syringe. The syringe offers the ability to power inject contrast safely and effectively during routine angiograms as well as through guiding catheters with the balloon catheter present during PTCA. At the same time, control of the injection is equal to that associated with manual syringes.

Key words: power injectors, coronary arteries, balloon catheter

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#### **Technical Note**

#### A Simple Gas Injector for Carbon Dioxide Angiography

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# CO<sub>2</sub> JECT



- Commercial model
- Monitors
- Contrast injection
- Automatic flush
- Closed system
- Mass flow indicator

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• Outside US



#### The CO<sub>2</sub> Angiography

#### What is Angiodroid?

Is the only Device on the Market

100% DIGITAL



**100% AUTOMATIC** 



100% SAFE



100% USER FRIENDLY

#### Plastic Bag Delivery System Hawkins, Caridi, and Kerns. AJR 165: 1995:1487-1489

#### Plastic Bag Delivery System for Hand Injection of Carbon Dioxide

Irvin F. Hawkins, Jr.<sup>1</sup>, James G. Caridi, Scott R. Kerns

Digital subtraction angiography with carbon dioxide as a contrast agent provides images useful in making a diagnosis and occasionally gives information not obtainable with use of iodinated contrast material. However, delivery of the gas is difficult because carbon dioxide is compressible and invisible [1, 2]. Over the past 10 years, we have developed a reliable, user-friendly, computer-controlled injector, which is not yet approved by the Food and Drug Administration. We describe a hand-delivery system designed on the basis of principles learned from the development of the computer-controlled injector system.

#### **Materials and Methods**

The system has two major components (Fig. 1): a plastic bag (AngioFill Bag Collection System; AngioDynamics, Queensbury, NY) that is used as a reservoir for the carbon dioxide and a closed fluid (or gas) delivery system (AngioFlush II, AngioDynamics) consisting of multiple check valves, stopcocks, and a connecting tube. The reservoir is a 1500-ml plastic bag with a 100-cm connecting tube. In order to remove residual air from the connecting tubing and the bag, a special female-to-female adaptor is connected to the oneway stopcock. After air is removed from the bag, the stopcock is



**AngioFill Bag Collection System and Angioflush 11. AngioDynamics** 



#### FLACCID CO2 RECEPTACLE




## MERIT MEDICAL CUSTOM WASTE BAG AND CONTRAST DELIVERY SET



### WASTE BAG AND CONTRAST DELIVERY SET













## **OPTIMED CO<sub>2</sub> ANGIOSET**



## CO2MMANDER AND ANGIASYST











### ANGIASSIST:







# **CLINICAL APPLICATIONS**

- Arterial diagnosis
- Arterial intervention
- Detection of bleeding and or fistulas
- Interventional oncology
- Venous diagnosis and intervention
- Dialysis
- Portal venography and intervention
- TIPS











# CO<sub>2</sub> IS BOUYANT





# VASCULAR STRUCTURES LESS THAN 10 MM HAVE 1/1 CORRELATION WITH LIQUID CONTRAST







#### Contrast

**CO**<sub>2</sub>







# RUNOFF

## 3 FRENCH CATHETER















# **CO<sub>2</sub> DSA - EFFICACY**

128 CO2 studies - 115 patients
88 patients = high risk
70 renal failure

18 a lergy

#### Surgical correlation 92% CO<sub>2</sub> Alone 100% with little contrast

Seeger et alAnn Surg. 1993 Jun; 217(6): 688–698







## TIPS FOR IMPROVING (RUNOFF) IMAGING

- Reduce motion
- Faster exposure (6 frames/sec)
- Elevate the extremity or area of interest
- Stacking software
- Endhole catheter
- Increase CO<sub>2</sub> volume
- (super) Selective injections
- Vasodilator (NTG 100 mcg)



#### ELEVATE THE AREA OF INTEREST



## **STACKING SOFTWARE**











## No nitro

#### S/P 100 MCG NTG IA

## **BOWEL GAS**?



**GLUCAGON 1 mg IV** 

## "THE PADDLE"




### **DISPLACE GAS WITH COMPRESSION**





### **DELIVERY CATHETER**





### CO<sub>2</sub> DISPERSION PATTERNS FORM THE DIFFERENT CATHETERS



### **DETECTION OF BLEEDING**

- 1.  $CO_2$  low viscosity
- 2.  $CO_2$  exits the vessel and expands
- 3. Little or no capillary phase to obscure  $CO_2$
- 4.  $CO_2$  is not diluted by blood

Hashimoto et al, Sem Interven Rad 1997; 14:163-173 Hawkins et al, Sem Interven Rad 1997; 14:175-180





































### **ARTERIAL INTERVENTION**

- Reflux can opacify the entire vessel including ostium for more precise stent placement
- Can inject between guide cath and catheter or wire and catheter to check placement without compromising position for PTA and stenting
- Microcatheter injections for easy opacification
- Can perform repeated injections without the fear of renal failure























# CO<sub>2</sub> IN CLIAND CTO





## CO<sub>2</sub> IN CLI AND CTO

- Single center, Prospective.
- 36 patients with DM, CLI (Rutherford V, VI) & CKD ≥ 3.
- PVA and PVI guided by ACDA. No image degradation.
- TcPO2 improved from 11.8 to 58.4 mmHg (P<0.0001).</p>
- Clinical improvement in 100% of patients.
- No changes were seen in CrCl & no CO<sub>2</sub> complication.
- ACDA is safe and efficient to guide PVI in pts with DM, CLI and CKD ≥ 3.

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Journal Endovascular Therapy 2016; 23(1):40-48.

Thanks to L.M. Palena, Policlinico Albano Terme, Italy





### CO<sub>2</sub> IN CLI AND CTO

- Size of vessels is ideal
- Little soft tissue interference
- CO<sub>2</sub> can be used to roadmap and game plan and if necessary filled in with dilute contrast
- Small catheters (< 2 Fr) can be used with ease because of low viscosity
- Reflux allows opacification of central and peripheral structures with one injection
- Can be used with small amounts of dilute contrast if necessary



### **EVAR FACTS**

- Predisposition for renal dysfunction > open
- Renal impairment independent predictor of mortality
- Occurs in pts with & without renal insufficiency
- ARF = 7 25% with & 2.5% without
- Associated mortality is 30 50%

Greenberg RK et al. J Vasc Surg 2004 Chao A et al. J Vasc Surg 2007 Sailer A et al. Eur Radiol. 2016







Ν	Author	Year	Journal	Title
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### **PRE-OP EVAR**

- No fruit and vegetables 4 days prior to EVAR
- Simeticarbon intake the day before and the same morning of the EVAR
- Use of angiobelt or paddle to move possible bowel gas and reduce peristalsis
- Glucagon 1 mg IV



#### **INTERVENTIONAL ONCOLOGY**

- Comorbid conditions predisposing to CIN
  - Renal insufficiency, Diabetes, Hepatic insufficiency
- Peri –procedural medications can predispose to renal failure
  NSAIDS
- Post embolization syndrome can deplete intravascular volume
- Many embolization procedures require high volume contrast
- Tumor lysis symdrome can induce renal failure
- Rare non-target embolization of kidneys







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#### **VENOUS DX & TREATMENT**

- Slow gentle injection of 15-30 cc
- CO<sub>2</sub> is not diluted by blood and can opacify central veins more readily from

a peripheral approach

- Venous PTA and stent placement
- IVC filter placement
- Ultra fine needle splenoportography
- Portal vein access



CO<sub>2</sub> BILATERAL UPPER EXTREMITY VENOGRAM FROM HAND ACCESS















#### **Upper-Extremity Venography:** CO<sub>2</sub> versus lodinated Contrast Material<sup>1</sup>

n Heye, MD rt Maleux, MD J. Marchal, MD, PhD	Purpose:	To determine prospectively the diagnostic performance of $CO_2$ venography, by using conventional venography with iodinated contrast material as the reference standard, for the preoperative evaluation of upper-limb and central veins before creation of fistulas for hemodialysis access.
Results:	For CO <sub>2</sub> venography, global interobserver agreement was good, with a $\kappa$ value of 0.90 (range, 0.71–1.00; 95% confi- dence interval: 0.84, 0.95). A $\kappa$ value of 0.96 (range, 0.86–1.00; 95% confidence interval: 0.93, 0.99) was cal- culated for global interobserver agreement for conven- tional venography. The sensitivity, specificity, and accu- racy of CO <sub>2</sub> venography for all vein segments were 97%, 85%, and 95%, respectively.	
Conclusion:	CO <sub>2</sub> venography had a s of 85% in the assessment patency and stenosis, with as the reference standar	ensitivity of 97% and a specificity nt of upper-limb and central vein ith conventional venography used d.











#### **CARDIAC RESYNCHRONIZATION TREATMENT**



Contrast-induced acute kidney injury in patients undergoing cardiac resynchronization therapy—incidence and prognostic importance. Sub-analysis of data from randomized TRUST CRT trial

Jacek Kowalczyk · Radosław Lenarczyk · Oskar Kowalski · Tomasz Podolecki · Pawel Francuz · Patrycja Pruszkowska-Skrzep · Mariola Szulik · Michal Mazurek · Ewa Jedrzejczyk-Patej · Beata Sredniawa · Zbigniew Kalarus · for the Triple-Site Versus Standard Cardiac Resynchronization Trial (TRUST CRT) Investigators

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- 98 patients/30 months f/u
- CIN 10.2%
- GFR< 60, CIN double those > 60
- Mortality CIN 50%, no CIN 17%
- CIN = number one risk factor for death





### **CO<sub>2</sub> IVC FILTER PLACEMENT**

















# CO2 15CC HAND





#### MAY THURNER







#### **DIALYSIS ACCESS**



#### **RENAL FAILURE PATIENT ON DIALYSIS**

- Advantage of maintaining some renal function
- Patients are much easier to manage
- Tolerate a missed dialysis much better
- Fluid and potassium management is much easier in this group of patients
- A one point drop in GFR = increase in mortality of 12%



# DIALYSIS IS TOO LATE TO NEGATE THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF CONTRAST ON THE KIDNEYS!!



#### **CAVEATS IN DIALYSIS ACCESS**

- The mission is to visualize the access without refluxing CO<sub>2</sub> into the cerebral vessels!!!!
- Has reportedly led to seizures and short term semi consciousness



#### DIALYSIS ACCESS GUIDELINES

- View central venous outflow first
- Don't explosively deliver in venous limb especially if thrombus present, avoids reflux in to artery
- Can inflate occlusion balloon to see venous outflow and prevent arterial reflux
- Don't purposely reflux into arterial limb to see anastomosis
- Place microcatheter in arterial limb to deliver small, gentle injection
- Place patient in Trendelenburg to limit central arterial reflux
- Or use small amount of dilute contrast <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> to see arterial anastomosis



# **CO<sub>2</sub> FISTULAGRAM**









### FOGARTY BALLOON





### CO<sub>2</sub> GUIDED SPLENOPORTAL VEIN INTERVENTION

- Portal vein embolization
- Portal vein thrombosis
- Portal vein stricture
- TIPS








## **CO<sub>2</sub> PORTOGRAM**









## CO<sub>2</sub> GUIDED TIPS

- Hepatic vein evaluation
- Intraparenchymal portal venogram
- Entry site verification
- Portal venogram
- Post procedure portogram





### **DIRECT INTRAPARENCHYMAL CO<sub>2</sub>**







## **SPLENIC INTERVENTION**





## **PRE-OP LIVER TX**





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# First experimental study of carbon dioxide digital subtraction lymphangiography

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DOI: 10.1007/BF01002046

### **Original Report**

Noboru Tanigawa<sup>1</sup> Atsushi Komemushi Shuji Kariya Hiroyuki Kojima Satoshi Sawada

### Intraosseous Venography with Carbon Dioxide Contrast Agent in Percutaneous Vertebroplasty

**OBJECTIVE.** Our objectives were to ascertain whether  $CO_2$  can be used as a contrast agent in venography during percutaneous vertebroplasty and to evaluate whether it might be capable of replacing nonionic iodinated contrast agents.

**CONCLUSION.** Intraosseous venography with  $CO_2$  contrast agent was slightly inferior to iodine venography in terms of its ability to visualize the vertebral bodies and perivertebral veins, but it remains a useful technique because no interference with optimal visualization of bone cement occurs during the cement injection when  $CO_2$  remains within the fracture cleft.



ercutaneous vertebroplasty has an excellent pain-relieving effect on compression fracture due to various causes [1–7] and has therefore

attracted much attention as a new therapeutic technique for this condition. It is a relatively simple technique that involves advancing a that  $CO_2$  can also be used in patients with iodine hypersensitivity.

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Case Reports

## Splanchnic neurolysis using carbon dioxide as the contrast agent

Kazuhiko Hirata M.D., Kazuo Higa M.D., Shinjiro Shono M.D., Kazunori Hirota M.D., Tetsuya Shinokuma M.D.

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Abstract

Background and Objective: lodinated contrast agents are

#### Carbon Dioxide-Contrasted Computed Tomography Angiography: High Pitch Protocols and Adapted Injection Parameters Improve Imaging Quality

Kohlendioxid-kontrastierte computertomografische Angiografie: Protokolle mi hohem Pitch und angepassten Injektionsparametern verbessern die Bildqualitä

320-row multidetector CT angiography for hepatocellular carcinoma using CO2 gas instead of iodinated contrast agents: Experiment and preliminary clinical study

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ARTERIAL INTERVENTIONS

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High-Pitch Carbon Dioxide Contrasted CT Angiography: Pilot Study

Tobias Penzkofer · Karin Slebocki · Jochen Grommes · Philipp Bruners · Peter Isfort · Thomas Schmitz-Rode · Stephan Langer · Christiane K. Kuhl · Andreas H. Mahnken

#### Carbon Dioxide Contrast Enhancement for C-Arm CT Utility for Treatment Planning during Hepatic Embolization Procedures

Adrian A. Wong, MD, Resmi A. Charalel, MD, John D. Louie, MD, and Daniel Y. Sze, MD, PhD eck for updates

Technical Note



### Carbon Dioxide Flushing Technique to Prevent Cerebral Arterial Air Embolism and Stroke During TEVAR

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### CARBON DIOXIDE DIGITAL SUBTRACTION ANGIOGRAPHY

- CO<sub>2</sub> angiography is safe when used appropriately
- The new delivery system is user friendly
- CO<sub>2</sub> has unique properties as a contrast agent
- These properties make it a useful tool in both diagnosis and intervention alone or in combo with liquid contrast



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION

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