Smoking: Surgeons debate performing lower-extremity bypass in patients who are active smokers. A study published in September's Journal of Vascular Surgery concludes that such patients have decreased longterm patency and overall survival, and that surgeons “should consider smoking an important risk factor.” See the article at vsweb.org/LEBSmoking; it is open-source through Oct. 31.

Cyanoacrylate Closure: September’s JVS: Venous and Lymphatic Disorders includes a study following up earlier occlusion rates after cyanoacrylate closure of the great saphenous veins following either CAC or radiofrequency ablation. The study concludes that both treatments resulted in significant quality-of-life improvements through 24 months. See vsweb.org/CAC.

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