Hotly-contested meta-analysis suggests a higher risk of death or amputation at one year when paclitaxel-coated balloons are used in infrapopliteal arteries

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A new meta-analysis, just published in the Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology (JVR), suggests significantly reduced amputation-free survival at one year when paclitaxel-coated balloons are applied in arteries below the knee for critical limb-threatening ischemia (CLTI) treatment, but some experts advise cautious interpretation of the results and question whether these data will impact practice. The new systematic review and study-level meta-analysis of eight randomized controlled trials was conducted by Konstantinos Katsanos, MD, assistant professor in the School of Medicine, University of Patras, Patras, Greece, and colleagues.

Several physician thought-leaders believe that the conclusions are not yet definitive, with multiple peripheral vascular interventionists cautioning how these data should be interpreted. Most emphasized the challenge of teasing out scientifically meaningful information from a patient cohort that suffered...
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