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Reducing Surgical Stenosis



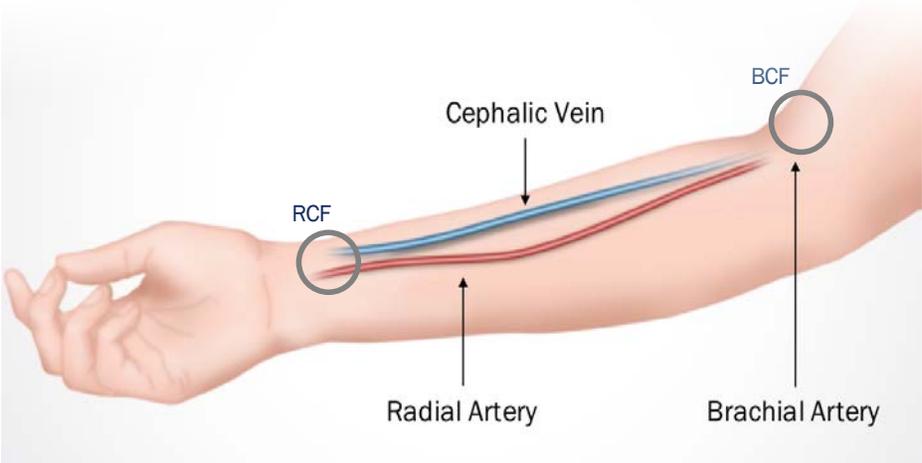
**Clinical stage private company that has developed a bioresorbable Sirolimus vascular wrap to reduce vascular surgery stenosis**

- **Sirogen™** initial indications AV fistulas and AV Grafts for hemodialysis patients. **Global TAM of \$4.5+ billion**
- Favorable regulatory pathway: **Fast Track Status** and **Orphan Drug** designation
- Compelling HECON study with estimated 3-year **cost savings of \$25K per patient**
- ACCESS 1 clinical trial missed the original endpoints. **ACCESS 2 trial designed to leverage positive findings from ACCESS 1 and has a high probability of success**
- **\$25M financing** to enroll ACCESS 2 trial, review AVF results, AVG IND approval, manufacturing process controls and 1-year stability testing

# Initial Indication - AV Fistulas (AVF)

*Preferred Vascular Access for Patients requiring Hemodialysis*

AVF are created by a **surgical or endovascular procedure to connect the vein and artery** near the wrist or elbow



Radio-cephalic (RCF) or Brachio-cephalic (BCF)

**~375,000**  
annual global  
procedures

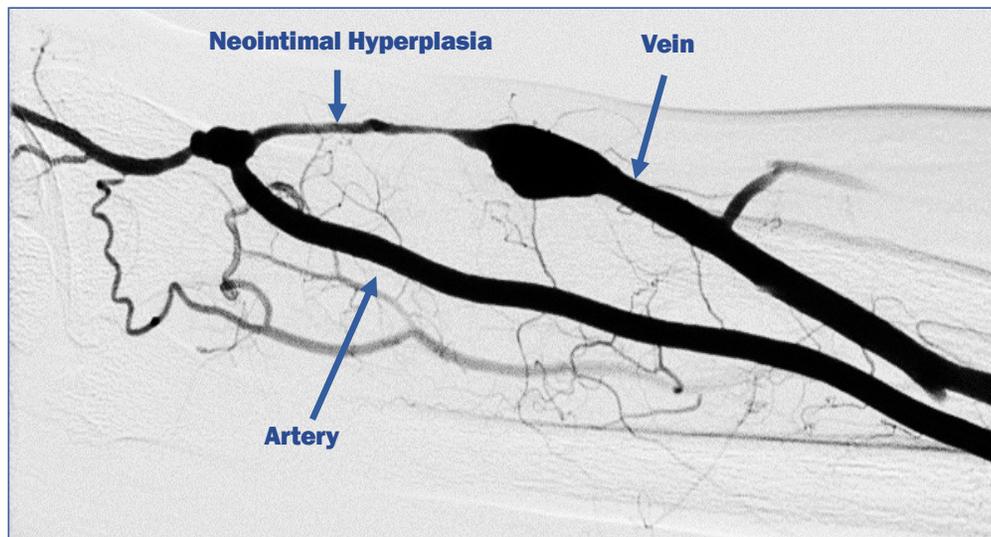


Most procedures  
**(85%) performed**  
as outpatient

Performed by  
**Surgeons and**  
**Interventionalists**

# Problem: AVFs Have High Failure Rates

AVF fail to “mature” and provide adequate blood flow for dialysis due to a narrowing in the vein (stenosis) resulting from neointimal hyperplasia



AVF maturation failures are common and unpredictable

In ESRD patients age  $\geq 65$ , only

**50–60%**

of AVF are suitable for hemodialysis at 1-year



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# Sirolimus is Clinically Proven to Reduce Stenosis

## Clinical Investigation and Reports

### Lack of Neointimal Proliferation After Implantation of Sirolimus-Coated Stents in Human Coronary Arteries A Quantitative Coronary Angiography and Three-Dimensional Intravascular Ultrasound Study

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**Background**—Restenosis remains an important limitation of interventional safety and efficacy of sirolimus (a cell-cycle inhibitor)-coated stents.

**Methods and Results**—Thirty patients with angina pectoris were implanted with sirolimus-coated stents (slow release [SR], n=15, and fast release [FR], n=15) and patients were discharged without clinical complications. In 3D volumetric intravascular ultrasound data (immediately after implantation and at 6-month follow-up) was obtained for all patients. There was minimal late loss in the SR group and 10.4±3.0% in the FR group, P=NS) by ultrasonography and 10.4±3.0% in the FR group, P=NS) by ultrasonography. No in-stent or edge restenosis (diameter stenosis ≥50%) was observed. Repeat revascularization, myocardial infarction, or death) had no effect on the primary end point.

**Conclusions**—The implantation of sirolimus-coated BX Velocity stents significantly reduces late loss and restenosis compared with bare metal stents. Additional placebo-controlled trials are required to confirm these findings (103:192-195.)

Key Words: stents ■ restenosis

Restenosis remains a vexing problem of percutaneous coronary intervention. The most promising approach to prevent restenosis has been the application of intracoronary radiation; however, some relevant side effects (edge restenosis and late thrombosis) have been reported.<sup>1,2</sup> Numerous pharmacological approaches to reduce restenosis have failed, possibly due to insufficient local drug concentrations.<sup>3</sup> Delivering medication directly to the site of vascular injury via polymer-coated stents is a rational approach to achieve adequate local drug delivery.<sup>4,5</sup>

Sirolimus (rapamycin), a natural macrocyclic lactone, is a potent immunosuppressive agent that was developed by Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories and approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the prophylaxis of renal transplant rejection in 1999.<sup>6</sup> Sirolimus binds to an intracellular receptor protein and elevates p27 levels, which leads to the inhibition

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### Sirolimus-Eluting Stents versus Standard Stents in Patients with Stenosis in a Native Coronary Artery

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#### ABSTRACT

#### BACKGROUND

Preliminary reports of studies involving simple coronary lesions indicate that a sirolimus-eluting stent significantly reduces the risk of restenosis after percutaneous coronary revascularization.

#### METHODS

We conducted a randomized, double-blind trial comparing a sirolimus-eluting stent with a standard stent in 1059 patients at 53 centers in the United States who had a newly diagnosed lesion in a native coronary artery. The coronary disease in these patients was complex because of the frequent presence of diabetes (in 26 percent of patients), the high percentage of patients with longer lesions (mean, 14.4 mm), and small vessels (mean, 2.80 mm). The primary end point was failure of the target vessel (a composite of death from cardiac causes, myocardial infarction, and repeated percutaneous or surgical revascularization of the target vessel) within 270 days.

#### RESULTS

The rate of failure of the target vessel was reduced from 21.0 percent with a standard stent to 8.6 percent with a sirolimus-eluting stent (P<0.001)—a reduction that was driven largely by a decrease in the frequency of the need for revascularization of the target lesion (16.6 percent in the standard-stent group vs. 4.1 percent in the sirolimus-stent group, P<0.001). The frequency of neointimal hyperplasia within the stent was also decreased in the group that received sirolimus-eluting stents, as assessed by both angiography and intravascular ultrasonography. Subgroup analyses revealed a reduction in the rates of angiographic restenosis and target-lesion revascularization in all subgroups examined.

#### CONCLUSIONS

In this randomized clinical trial involving patients with complex coronary lesions, the use of a sirolimus-eluting stent had a consistent treatment effect, reducing the rates of restenosis and associated clinical events in all subgroups analyzed.

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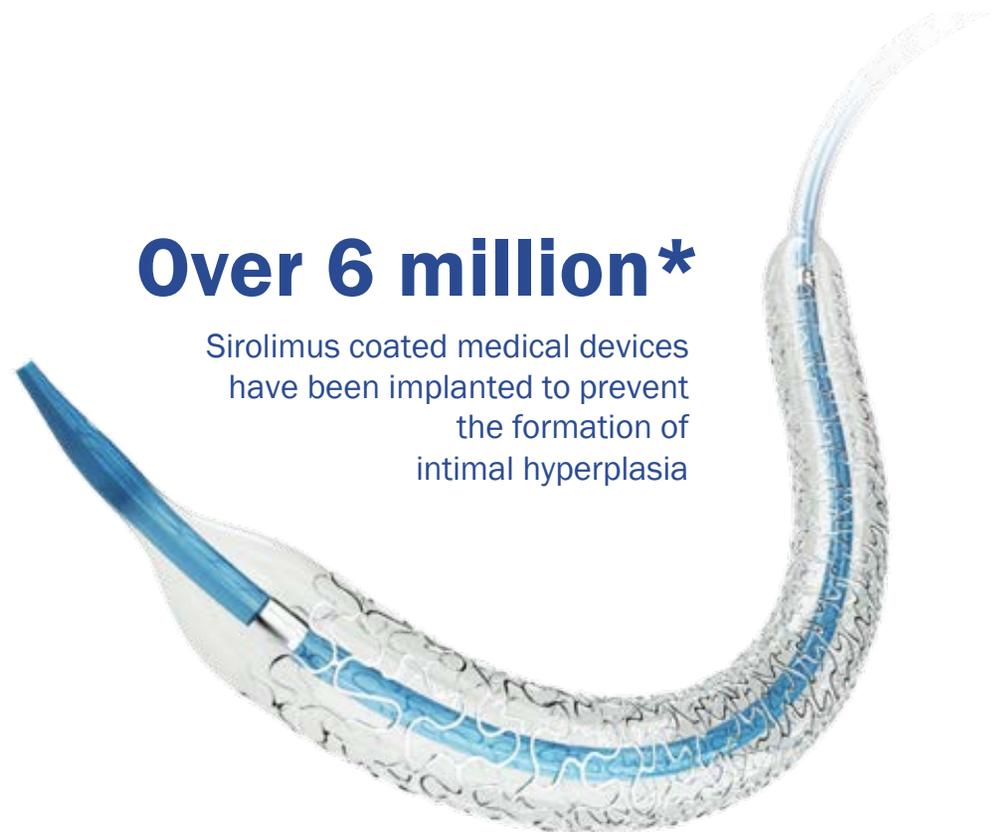
\*The SIRIUS investigators are listed in the Appendix.  
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# Over 6 million\*

Sirolimus coated medical devices have been implanted to prevent the formation of intimal hyperplasia



\*Estimates based on public information

# Intraoperative Drug Delivery

sirogen<sup>TM</sup>

Collagen matrix with Sirolimus designed to conform around vein and anastomosis

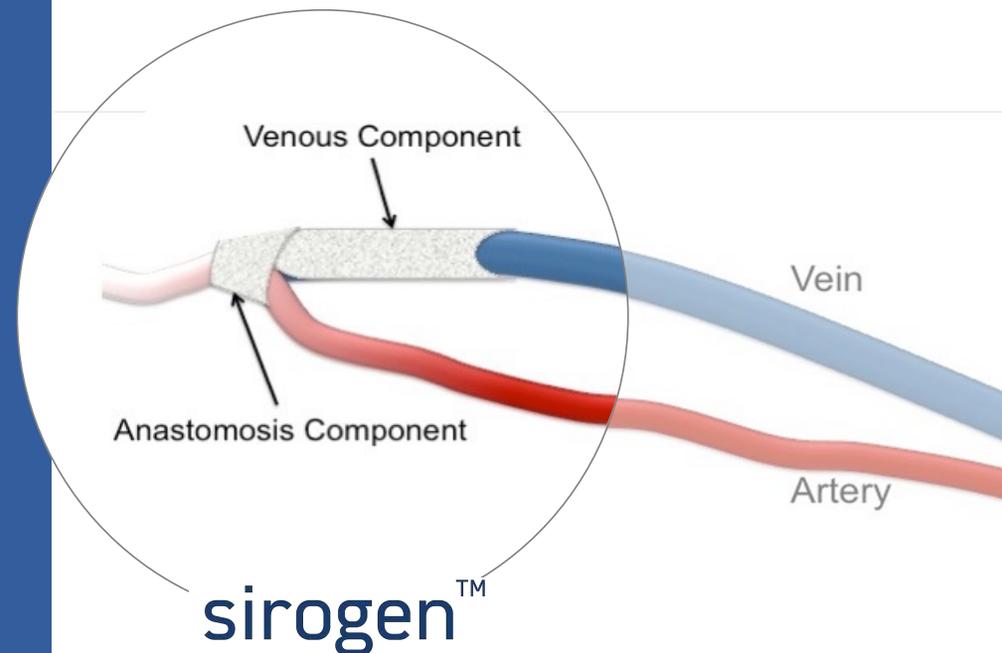
*Easily applied during surgical AVF creation*

Drug delivery starts after implantation and is active for at least **8 weeks**

Collagen is **bioresorbed after 12 weeks**

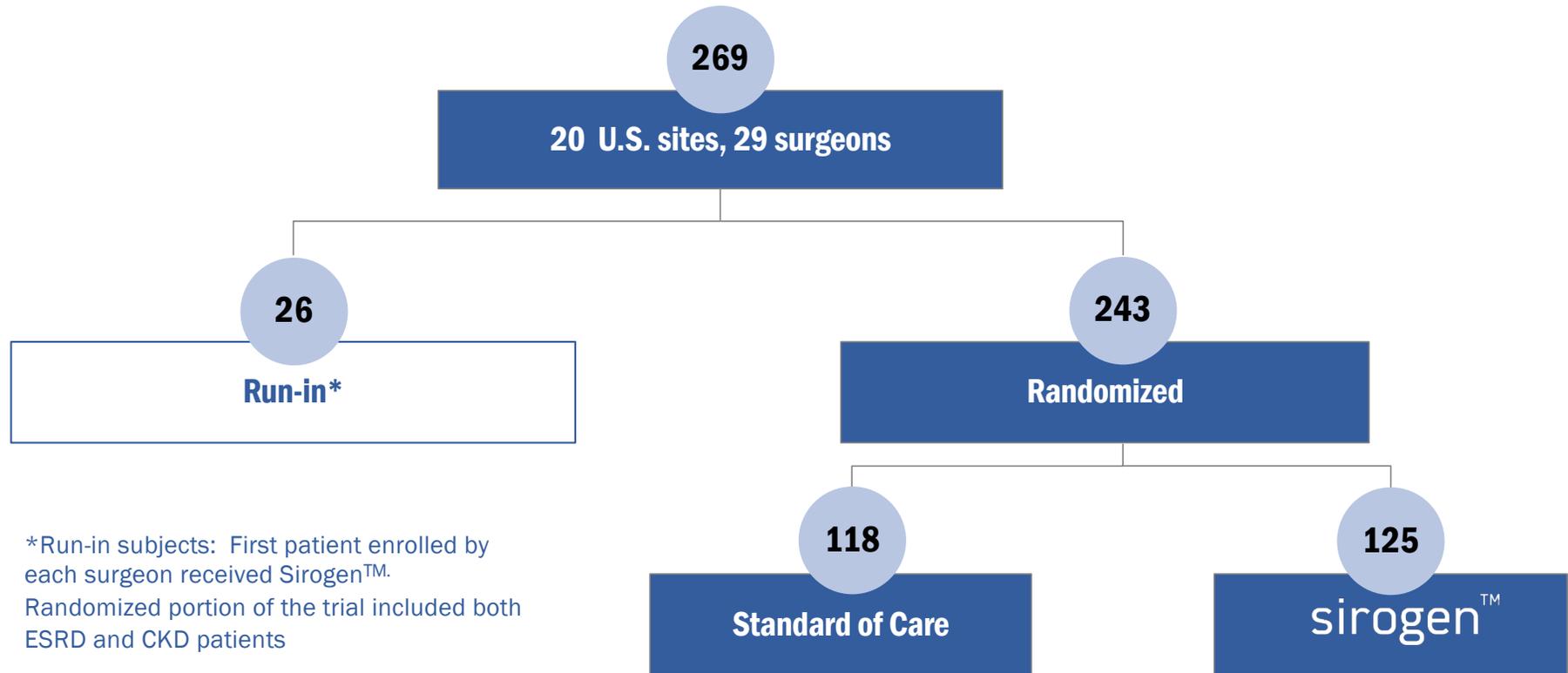
**No long-term implant** or adjunctive procedures required

**Patent protection through 2031 + 7 years of U.S. marketing exclusivity as an Orphan drug**



# ACCESS 1 Trial – Phase 3 Clinical Study

*Randomized, prospective, multi-center, single-blind*



\*Run-in subjects: First patient enrolled by each surgeon received Sirogen™. Randomized portion of the trial included both ESRD and CKD patients

# ACCESS 1 Trial – Prespecified Endpoints

*Excellent safety results – but no statistical difference between Sirogen and controls in the efficacy endpoints*

Endpoints		Sirogen	Controls	p
Primary P < 0.01	Fistula Suitability for Dialysis at 6 Months (FSD6)	63.2%	68.5%	0.2942
Secondary P < 0.05	Fistula Suitability for Dialysis at 12 Months (FSD12)	73.4%	71.8%	0.9224
	Fistula Maturation by Day 90	54.1%	59.5%	0.2116
	Secondary Patency (12 mo)	81.0%	81.9%	0.8072
	Re-intervention Rate (per patient)	1.0	1.0	0.3186

**Results led to a post-hoc evaluation of hazard ratios/risks: Age, Race and Gender**

# Age is an Important Risk Factor for Fistula Maturation



## Validated Risk Equation for Fistula Maturation

### Risk Equation Determining Unsuccessful Cannulation Events and Failure to Maturation in Arteriovenous Fistulas (REDUCE FTM I)

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*J Am Soc Nephrol* 17: 3204–3212, 2006. doi: 10.1681/ASN.2006030190

**Age ≥65y, Race, CAD, PAD**



## Predictors of AVF Maturation 39,820 Patients (USRDS Data)

### Arteriovenous Fistula Maturation in Prevalent Hemodialysis Patients in the United States: A National Study

Woodside KJ, Bell S, Mukhopadhyay P, Repeck KJ, Robinson IT,  
Pisoni RL and Saran R  
*University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Michigan*

*Am J Kidney Dis.* 2018 June ; 71(6): 793–801

**Age ≥65y, Gender, Race, Comorbidities,  
Geographic Location, Dialysis Vintage**

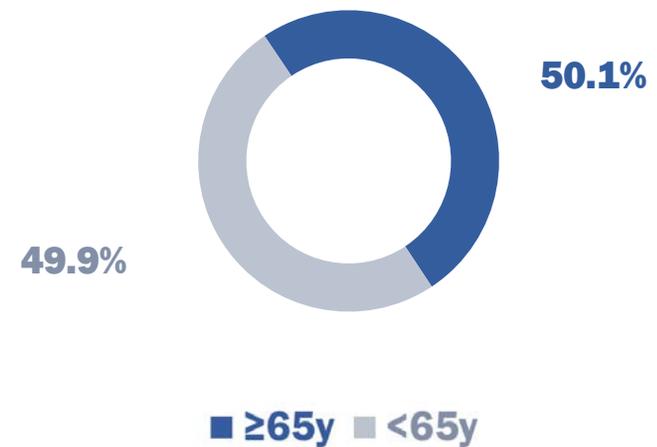
# The ACCESS 1 Trial

Control arm had a significantly higher proportion of younger (<65y) low-risk patients

## ESRD Patient Enrollment

Age	Patients	Sirogen (N=92)	Controls (N=82)
≥ 65y Higher Risk	58/174 (33%)	37 (40.2%)	21 (25.6%)
< 65y Lower Risk	116/174 (67%)	55 (59.8%)	61 (74.4%)

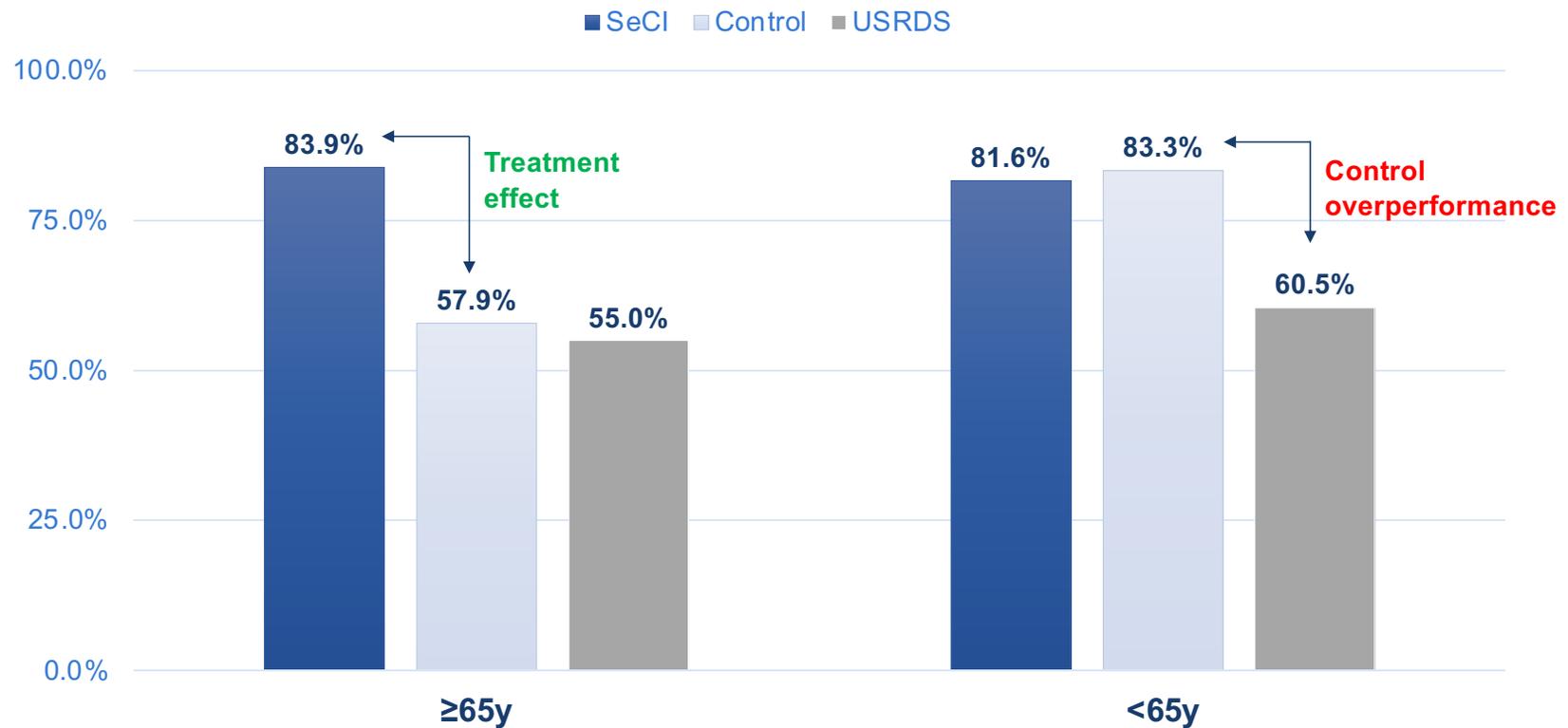
## United States - USRDS



Randomization Did Not Balance Risk as Expected

# ACCESS 1 Trial – ESRD Patients

FSD12 Outcomes evaluated by risk

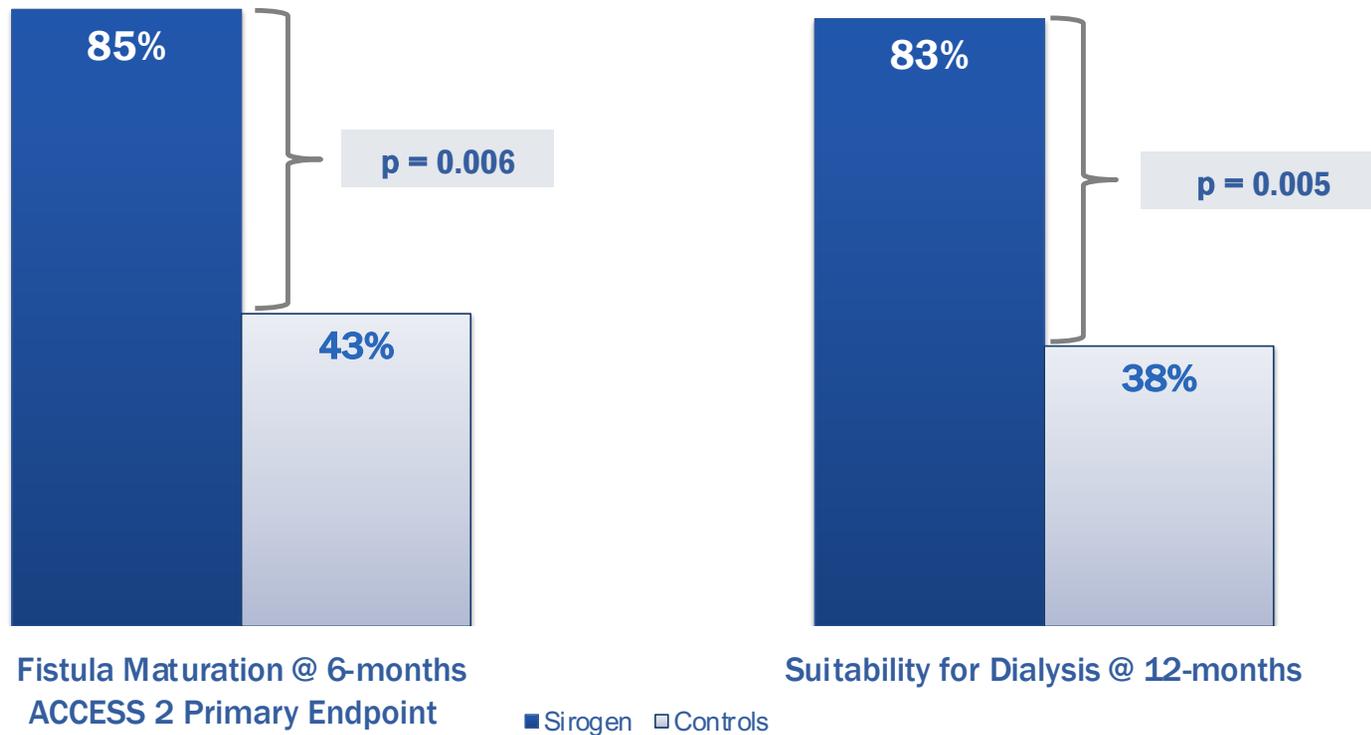


The positive treatment effect in the  $\geq 65y$  patients was masked by control overperformance in the low risk  $< 65y$  age group (67% of enrolled patients)

# AVF Clinical Outcomes from ACCESS 1

Phase 3 randomized multi-center clinical trial

Radiocephalic fistulas (RCF) in ESRD patients  $\geq 65y$



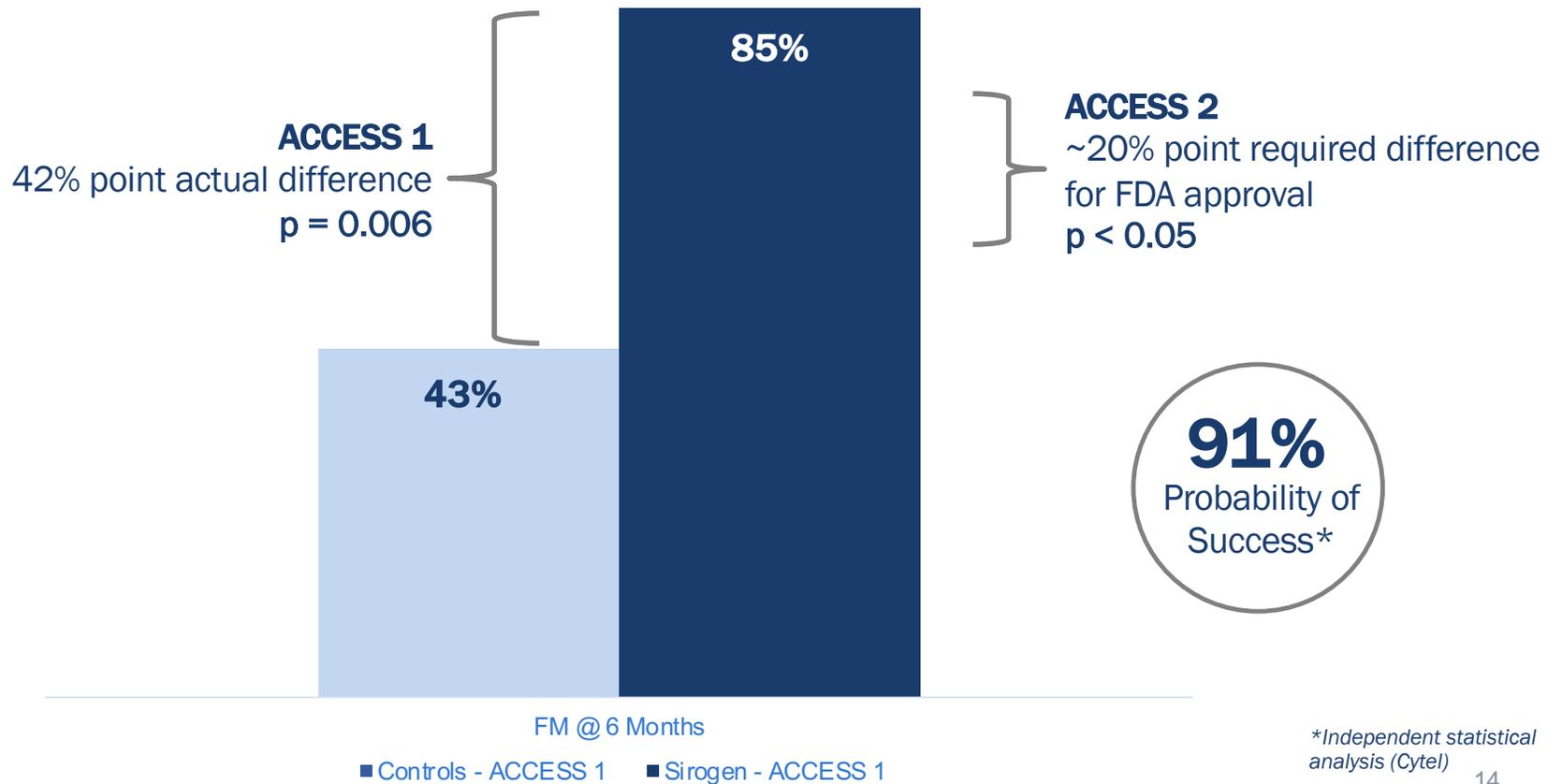
# Comparing ACCESS 1 and ACCESS 2

*Prospective, multicenter, randomized, controlled AV Fistula Trials*

	<b>ACCESS 1</b> (Protocol VT-304)	<b>ACCESS 2</b> (Protocol VT-305)
<b>Number of randomized patients</b>	243	120
<b>Patient Characteristics</b>	All ages, both genders	≥65y years, at least 30% females
<b>Fistula Location</b>	80% RCF, 20% BCF	Only RCF
<b>Primary Endpoint</b>	Fistula Suitability for Dialysis – 6 months	Fistula Maturation (FM) – 6 months
<b>p value</b>	≤ 0.01	≤ 0.05
<b>Secondary Endpoint</b>	FSD12 (12 months)	FSD12 (12 months)
	Secondary Patency (12 months)	Secondary Patency (12 months)
<b>Principal Investigators</b>	Nephrologists	Surgeons and Nephrologists

# ACCESS 2 - Results Required for FDA Approval

ACCESS 1 outcomes were 2X+ more than what is required for success in ACCESS 2



# Sirogen™ Regulatory Pathway

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## **ACCESS 2 randomized trial for AVF**

IND amendment Sept 2021 - plan to start enrollment in Q2 2022

## **AVF NDA filing expected in early 2024**

Estimated FDA approval in early 2025

## **ACCESS 3 randomized trial for AVG**

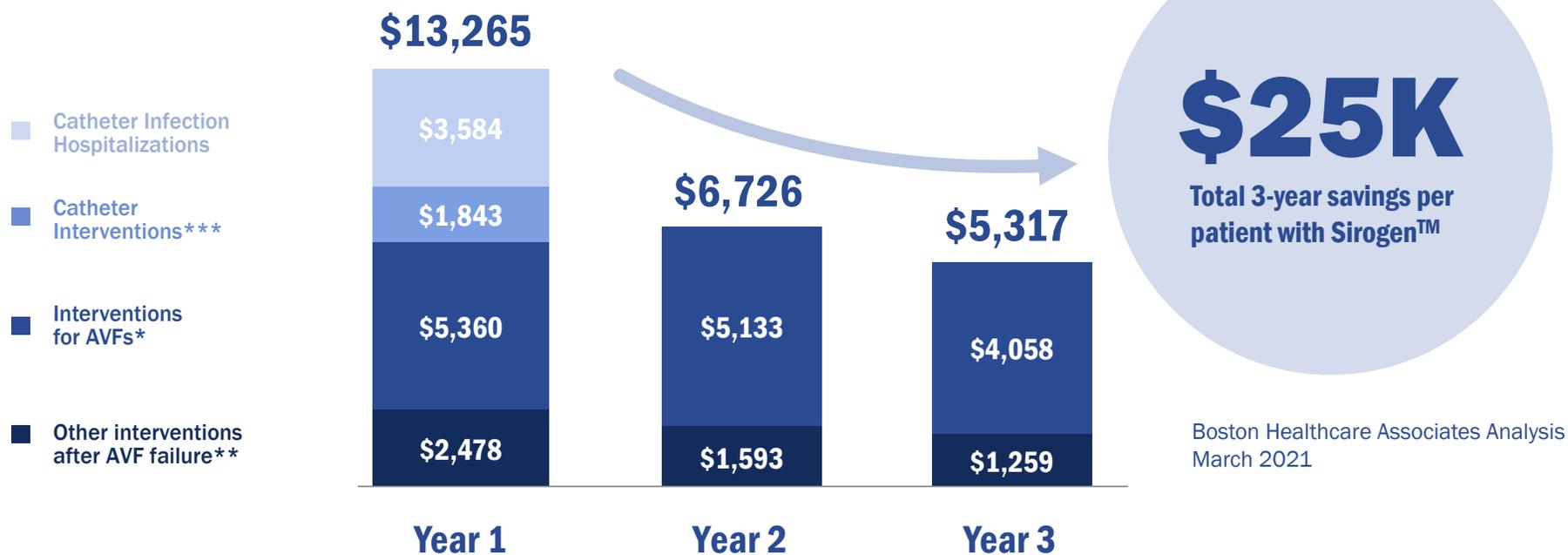
IND planned for 2023 – start enrollment in 2024

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**Fast Track Status and Orphan Drug** designation in the U.S. and E.U. 7/10 years marketing exclusivity

# Cost Savings Compared to Current AVF Standard of Care

Total savings per patient with Sirogen™ from ACCESS 1 compared to medicare costs for literature-based controls



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\*Interventions for AVFs include procedures performed before fistula needs to be replaced, such as: administration of antibiotics, thrombolytics, and angioplasty

\*\*Other interventions after AVF failure include receiving a new catheter, a new AVF, or a graft

\*\*\*Catheter interventions include incremental removals, replacements, repositioning and thrombolytics for patients not receiving Sirogen

# Sirogen™ Reimbursement

## Covered under the **Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS)**

- Manufacturer sets price
- Not included in “access bundle”
- Reimbursement at FDA approval (C9399)
- Apply for both C code and J code
- Pass-through status for ~3 years
- ASP + 6%

## **Post pass-through payment based upon clinical efficacy, adoption, cost savings and patient access**

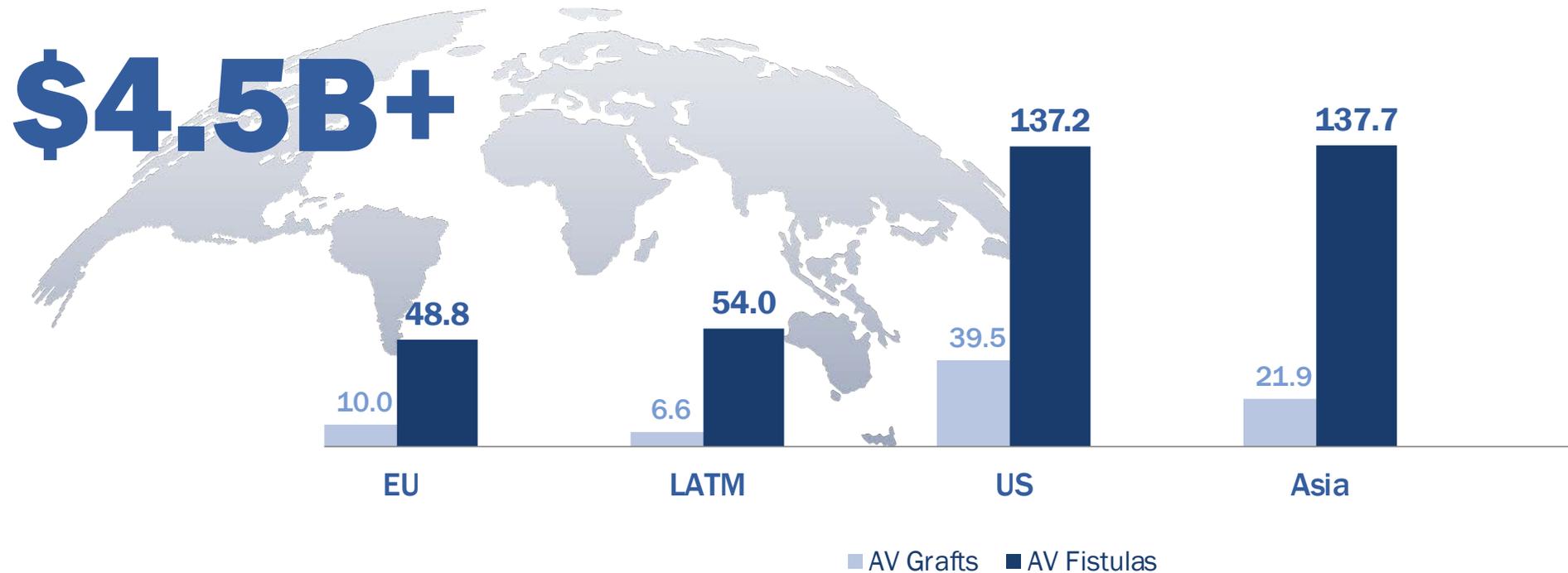
- Significant unmet need
- HECON demonstrates cost savings
- KDOQI Clinical Guidelines = AVF
- Apply for permanent HCPCS code
- Advocacy: DPC, AAKP, SVS, VASA, etc



**~ 85% of AVF surgeries performed in an out-patient setting**

# AV Access Total Available Market

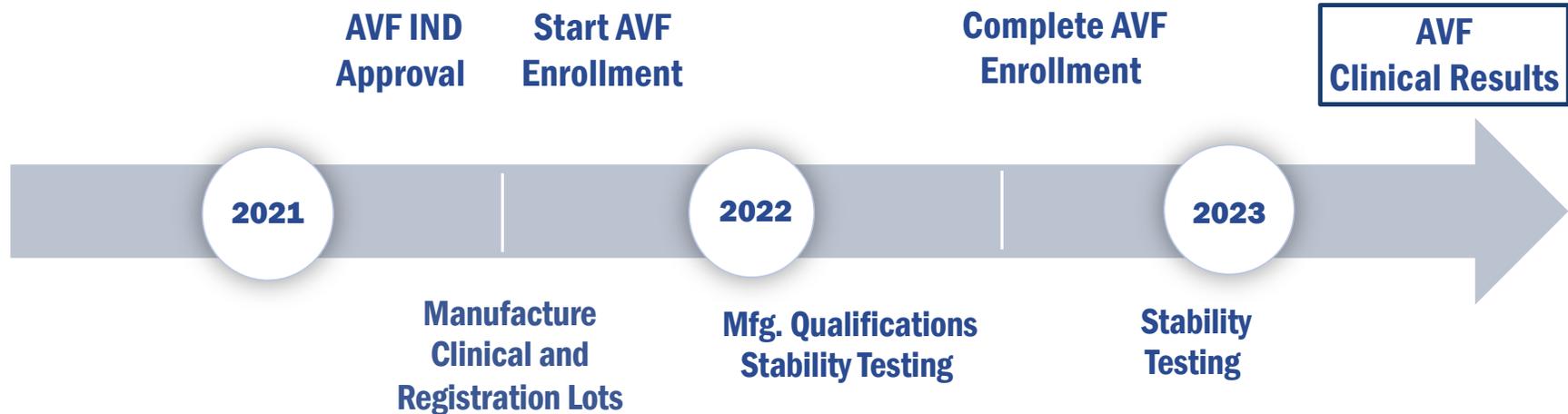
AVF and AVG Annual Procedures (000's)



Total AVF and AVG annual procedures = 377,700 and 78,000 respectively (455,700 total). Does not include Canada, Middle East, China or India. ASP is \$10,000 per procedure. Data from 2018 USRDS, ERA-EDTA Registry, JSDT Renal Data Registry, DOPPS and Meichelboeck, W (2017) Global Trends in ESRD

# Sirogen™ Clinical/Operations Timeline

Valuation catalyst with ACCESS 2 clinical results – estimated end of 2023



Estimated NDA filing in 2024 and anticipated FDA approval in early 2025

# Leadership Team



**John McDermott**  
Chief Executive Officer

30+ years of executive leadership in private and public vascular medical technology companies



**Sriram Iyer, MD, FACC, FSCAI**  
Founder,  
Chief Scientific Officer

Interventional cardiologist and vascular medicine specialist with over 30 years of patient care and clinical trial experience. Former Associate Chairman of the Department of Cardiology and the Director of Peripheral Vascular and Carotid Interventions at Lenox Hill Hospital NYC



**Paul Barkofsky**  
Vice President,  
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20-year career in the medical device, drug delivery, and specialty chemicals fields specializing in new product and process development



**Ronald Eggan, Jr.**  
Sr. Director,  
Manufacturing

25 years of leadership experience in medical device manufacturing and engineering operations. Black belt certified in process and lean manufacturing.



**Maureen Harrison**  
Vice President,  
Quality Assurance

30-year career in the life sciences industry with leadership roles in global pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical research companies.



**Priya Jambhekar**  
Regulatory Consultant

30 years of worldwide regulatory, quality and clinical experience. Multiple NDA submissions and approvals

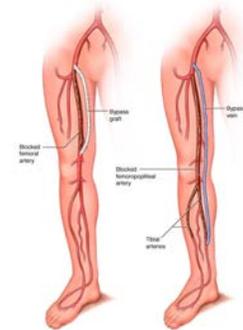


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# Sirogen™ - Future Potential Indications

## Peripheral Bypass

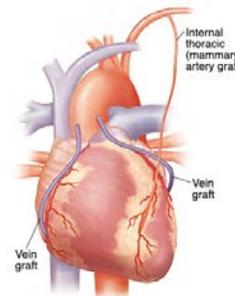


**200,000**  
**GLOBAL**  
Annual  
Procedures

**Phase 2**  
**Complete**  
Positive  
efficacy signal

**\$2B TAM**

## Coronary Bypass



**800,000**  
**GLOBAL**  
Annual  
Procedures

**\$8B TAM**

TAM = Total Addressable Market = Procedures X \$10,000 ASP  
Procedure estimates based upon MRG 2018 and company estimates

# Financing – Use of Proceeds

*Creating value by advancing clinical program and manufacturing*



## ✓ ACCESS 2 Clinical Program

- AVF IND amendment in 2021
- Complete AVF enrollment and primary endpoint clinical results in 2023
- AVG IND submission planned in 2023

## ✓ Manufacturing

- Clinical and stability builds in 2022
- 1-year stability testing in 2023
- Manufacturing Process Qualification in 2023

# Vascular Therapies – Summary

## \$4.5B AV Access Market Opportunity

- No therapeutic competition
- Patent protection + orphan drug exclusivity
- Attractive new growth market for vascular and renal companies
- Favorable health care economics

## Clear Pathway for Regulatory Approval

- Alignment with FDA
- ACCESS 2 clinical trial has a high probability of success

## Attractive Financial Profile

- Significant growth potential
- Expected high gross margins (~90%)
- Ability to leverage existing commercial infrastructure for vascular companies
- Opportunity to expand indications into PV and Cardiovascular





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