

# Why PAD Remains Underdiagnosed, Undertreated, Screening, Diagnosis and Management

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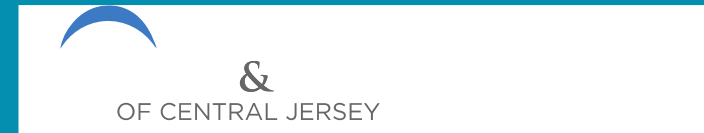
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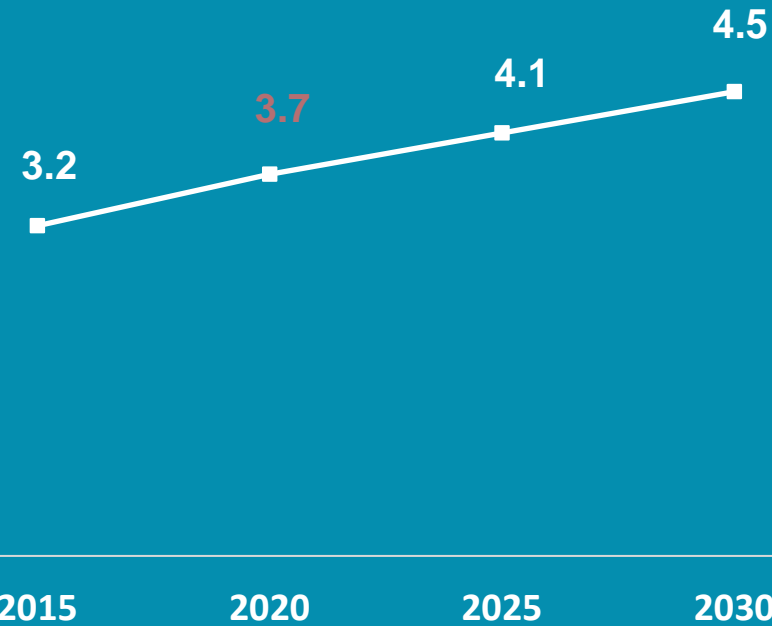


# Disclosures

- CSI
- Boston Scientific
- Shockwave Medical
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- Philips Medical
- Terumo Medical
- Cordis

# U.S. CLI PREVALENCE 2015-2030

(Millions)



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Source: Yost ML. CLI US epidemiology supplement 2016. THE SAGE GROUP.

# CLI ANNUAL ECONOMIC COST

Cost of Inpatient CLI Interventional Treatments: \$4.2 Billion<sup>1</sup>

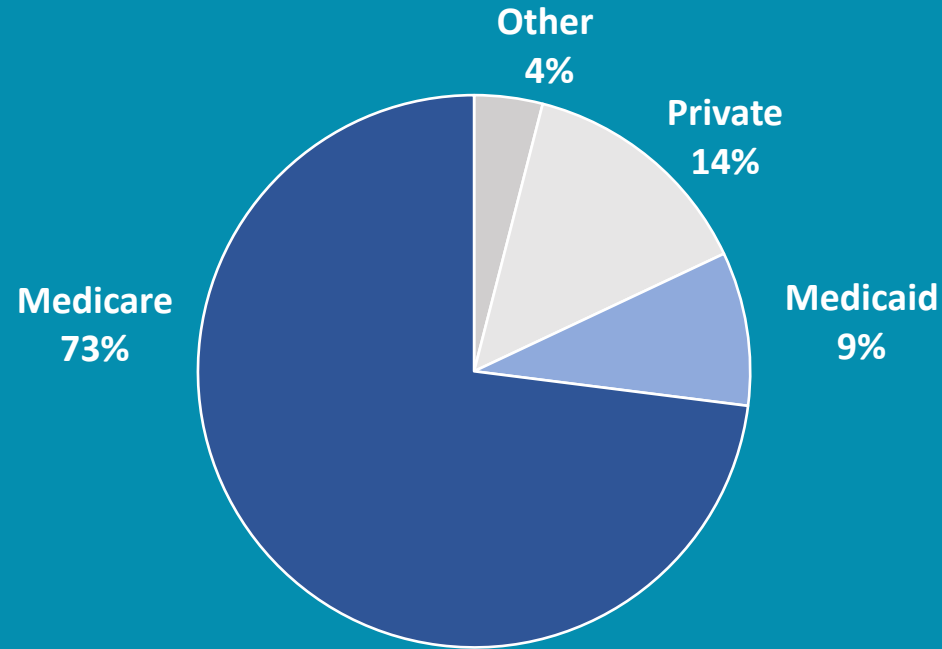
Cost of Incident CLI in Medicare: \$12 Billion<sup>2</sup>

All-Cause Costs of Prevalent CLI: \$220-\$300 Billion<sup>3</sup>



Source: Kofe D, et al. Circulation. 2017;136(2):167-176. Mustapha JA. J Am Heart Assoc. 2018;7e009724. Yost ML. The cost of critical limb ischemia. THE SAGE GROUP. 2019.

# WHO PAYS THE CLI BILL?



Source: AHRQ. Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project. HCUP Query. ICD-10 diagnosis codes primary CLI: 170.22, 170.24, 170.26. Available at: <https://www.ahrq.gov/research/data/hcup/index.html>. Accessed May 12, 2019.

# CLI PATIENTS GETTING SICKER— HIGH NON-CLI ADMISSIONS ADD TO COSTS

SICKER CLI PATIENTS: INCREASING PREVALENCE OF HYPERTENSION, OBESITY, CKD AND DIABETES PLUS PATIENTS W/PRIOR AMPUTATION (2003-2011)

ONLY 54% ADMISSIONS DUE TO PRIMARY CLI—REST DUE TO DM, SEPTICEMIA, POST PROCEDURE COMPLICATIONS, CARDIOVASCULAR, ETC.



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Source: Agarwal S. J Am Coll Cardiol 2016;67:1901-13.

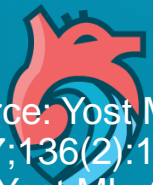
# DIABETES SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACTS CRITICAL LIMB ISCHEMIA

- ❖ DM: More Severe Ischemia
- ❖ DM: More Likely to Present w/ Ulcers and Gangrene
- ❖ CLI Develops Suddenly in DM
- ❖ DM: More Amputations and Higher Risk (28X)
- ❖ Risk of Amputation ↑ w/ Severity of DM (Hba1c)
- ❖ DM: Increases CLI Costs



# CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE (CKD) INCREASES RISK OF AMPUTATION & MORTALITY

- ❖ 33%-44% of CLI Patients Have CKD
- ❖ 9%-12% Have Most Severe Form, ESRD
- ❖ Prevalence of CKD Increases with Severity of Ischemia
  - ❖ R4 16%, R6 42%
- ❖ CLI Patients w/ CKD Have Higher Risk of Mortality and Amputation



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Source: Yost ML. The most of critical limb ischemia. THE SAGE GROUP. 2019, Kolte D, et al. Circulation.

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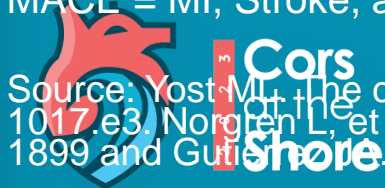
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# CLI PATIENTS HAVE POLYVASCULAR DISEASE

- ❖ 60%-80% CLI Patients Have Coronary or Cerebrovascular Disease
- ❖ Cardiovascular Hospitalizations, Revascularizations, and Deaths Add to CLI Costs
- ❖ MACE Increases with the Number of Vascular Beds Involved
- ❖ MACE Increases per Patient cost by \$45,527

MACE = MI, Stroke, and CV Death



Source: Yost MI. The cost of critical limb ischemia. THE SAGE GROUP. 2019. Sigvant B, et al. J Vasc Surg. 2016;64(4):1009-1017.e3. Norgren L, et al. Eur J Vasc Endovasc Surg. 2018;55(1):109-117, Berger A, et al. Am J Cardiol. 2019;123(12):1893-1899 and Gulic A. JAMA Netw Open. 2018 Nov 2;1(7):e185239.

# CV RISK FACTORS UNDERTREATED IN CLI PATIENTS

**RISK FACTORS UNDERTREATED EVEN COMPARED WITH IC PATIENTS!**

CV RISK FACTOR MODIFICATION THERAPIES UNDERUTILIZED

Statins prescribed in 50%-62%,  
Antiplatelets in 60%-90%  
Anti-hypertensives in only 53%-71%

GLUCOSE INADEQUATELY CONTROLLED IN 63%-92%

SMOKING PERSISTS IN 27%-52% OF CLI PATIENTS



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Source: Armstrong EJ. J Am Heart Assoc 2014;3:e000697, Howard DPJ. Circulation 2015; 132: 1805-15, Chung J. J Vasc Surg 2013; 58:972-80 and Arya S. J Vasc Surg 2018 Jan;67(1):217-228.e1.

# POOR GLUCOSE MANAGEMENT IN DIABETIC CLI PATIENTS—INCREASES MORBIDITY & COSTS

Elevated Glucose (Hba1c) Increases the Risk of

Amputation

Reamputation

Revascularization

Risk of Amputation & Reamputation Increases In Dose-Response Manner as Glucose Levels Rise Above Normal (Hba1c  $\geq$  6%)



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Source: Arya S. J Vasc Surg. 2018 Jan;67(1):217-228.e1 and Yost ML. The cost of critical limb ischemia. THE SAGE GROUP 2019.

# INADEQUATE MEDICAL MANAGEMENT INCREASES MAJOR ADVERSE EVENTS & DEATH

RESULT: MAJOR ADVERSE CARDIAC (MACE) AND LEG EVENTS  
(MALE) AND HIGHER COSTS

SUBOPTIMAL MEDICAL MANAGEMENT INCREASES RISK OF  
AMPUTATION AND/OR DEATH 8.5X

OPTIMAL CV RISK MANAGEMENT COULD SAVE >\$14 BILLION



Source: Armstrong et al. Am Heart Assoc 2014;3:e000697, Howard DPJ. Circulation 2015; 132: 1805-15, Chung J. J Vasc Surg 2013; 58:972-80 and Yost PAD real cost THE SAGE GROUP 2011.

# PHARMACEUTICAL THERAPIES THAT REDUCE THE RISK OF AMPUTATION

Statins (EUCLID Trial)

Xa Inhibitor Rivaroxaban + Aspirin

Reduced Total Amputations by 58% (COMPASS Trial)

Reduced Amputations After Revascularization (VOYAGER Trial)

PCSK9 Inhibitor Evolocumab + Statins

Reduced MA (FOURIER Trial)



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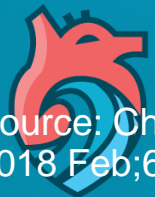
# NEW PHARMACEUTICAL THERAPIES THAT REDUCE MA RISK UNDERUTILIZED

Data on Percent of PAD Patients Prescribed 2 New Therapies in PAD/CLI Unavailable  
(Xa Inhibitor Rivaroxaban & PCSK9 Inhibitor Evolocumab)

Statins, Particularly High-Intensity Statins, are Underutilized in PAD/CLI  
Patients

Women & AA Even Less Likely to Be Treated with Statins-Especially  
High- Intensity

Since Classic CV Risk Factor Reduction Therapies are Underutilized, Highly  
Likely the New Protective Therapies are Underutilized

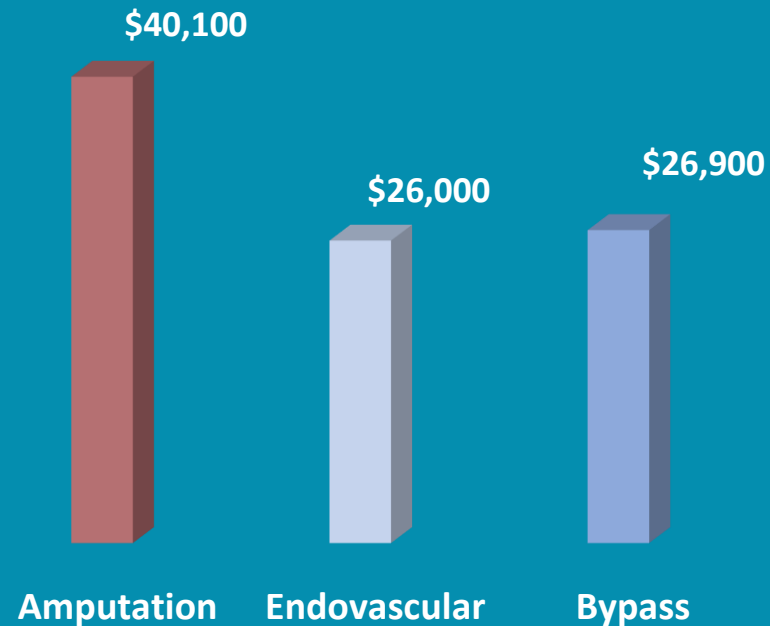


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Source: Chung J. J Vasc Surg 2013; 58: 972-80, Arya S. Circulation. 2018 April 03; 137(14): 1435–1446, Soden PA. J Vasc Surg. 2018 Feb;67(2):e3, Pabon M. Circulation Research. 2022;130:496–511 and Yost ML. Opinion.

# AMPUTATION COSTS MORE THAN REVASCULARIZATION

Per Patient Total Cost\* of MA, Endovascular & Bypass



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\*Total cost = procedure cost + morbidity, mortality, & revisions

Source: Yost ML. Cost-benefit analysis of critical limb ischemia in the era of the Affordable Care Act. Endovasc Today. 2014 May. Yost ML. The cost of critical limb ischemia. THE SAGE GROUP. 2019.

# AMPUTATION ANNUAL ECONOMIC COST\*

\$33 Billion in Direct Medical Costs (MA & Minor)  
(Inpatient & Outpatient)

\$11 Billion Lifetime Costs (MA)  
(Medical, Non-Medical & Unreimbursed Patient  
Costs)

**\$44 Billion Total Costs**



Source: Yost ML. The cost of critical limb ischemia. THE SAGE GROUP 2019.

# CLI TREATMENT A "PATHWAY TO AMPUTATION"

Major Amputation Frequently the First and Only Therapy for CLI

Diagnostic Testing Underutilized

No Angiogram in 61%-84% Prior to Major Amputation (MA)

Revascularization Underutilized

No Revascularization in 51%-71% Prior to MA

Low Referrals to Vascular Specialists\* Prior to Amputation

Only 31% Medicare Patients Referred to Vascular Specialist Prior to Major or Minor Amputation

\*Vascular Specialists = Cardiologist, Interventional Radiologist or Vascular Surgeon

Source: Allie D. Eurointervention, 2005;1:60-69, Goodney PP. Circ Cardiovasc Qual Outcomes. 2012;5:94-102, Vemulapalli S. Circ Cardiovasc Qual Outcomes. 2014 Jan;7(1):142-50 and Mustapha JA. J Am Heart Assoc. 2018 Aug 21;7(16):e009724.



# FACTORS THAT REDUCE THE RISK OF AMPUTATION & MORTALITY

An Angiogram Reduces the Odds of Major Amputation by 90%

Evaluation by Vascular Specialist\* Increases the Odds of Diagnostic Testing

Revascularization Significantly Reduces the Risk of MA or Death Versus No Revascularization

Unrevascularized CLI Patients  $\approx$  2x-3x More Likely to Die or Undergo MA

Treatment at Centers with High Revascularization Volumes Significantly Increases Odds of Revascularization & Reduces Odds of MA

\*Vascular Specialist = Cardiologist, Interventional Radiologist or Vascular Surgeon

Source: Henry AT. J Vasc Surg. 2011 Feb;53(2):330-9, Vemulapalli S. Circ Cardiovasc Qual Outcomes. 2014 Jan;7(1):142-50, Armstrong EJ. J Vasc Med Biol. 2017 Nov; 20(11):1148-1154, Chung J. J Vasc Surg. 2013 Oct;58(4):972-80, Goodney PP. Circ Cardiovasc Qual Outcomes. 2012;5:94-102 and Medhekar AN. J Vasc Surg. 2017 Aug;66(2):476-487.



# LACK OF KNOWLEDGE & AWARENESS DELAYS REFERRALS TO SPECIALISTS

Survey of Internists, Nephrologists & Endocrinologists:

74% Use Watchful Waiting as 'Treatment' for PAD

63% Do Not Consider Chronic Non-Healing Wounds a Reason  
for Specialist Referral



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\* Specialist = Cardiologist, Interventional Radiologist or Vascular Surgeon

Source: Chopra P. Vasc Dis Mgmt. 2017;14:E137-42.

# NON-SPECIALIST PHYSICIANS AND TRAINEES LACK AWARENESS

Systematic Literature Review Found Lack of Knowledge & Understanding of PAD Among

Non-specialist Healthcare Professionals

Medical Students and Doctor Trainees-

Knowledge Modest to Poor

Low Awareness of ABI & Few Able to Perform ABI

Medical Student Survey Found Low Awareness of Vascular Surgery Specialty--Procedures Performed and Types of Disease Treated



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Source: Bridgwood BM. Vasc Med 2020, Vol. 25(3) 263–273, Farber A. J Vasc Surg 2010;51:771-5.

# PUBLIC LACK OF KNOWLEDGE & AWARENESS

- ❖ 2006 National Survey Only 26% Familiar w/PAD
  - ❖ Low Knowledge of Risk Factors, Leg Symptoms and Possibility of Amputation
  
- ❖ 2018 AHA Survey: < 50% Familiar with PAD, Its Leg Symptoms & Risk of Amputation
  - ❖ Blacks and Hispanics Lowest PAD Awareness and Greatest Knowledge Gaps. **Only 6% Aware of Symptoms & Risk of Amputation!**

Source: Hirsch AT, Circulation. 2007; 116:2086–2094 and AHA PAD roundtable report. 2019. Available at: <https://www.heart.org/-/media/files/health-topics/peripheral-artery-disease/pad-roundtable-report--final.pdf?la=en>.



# AMPUTATIONS INCREASED BY DELAYED REFERRALS

Delayed Diagnosis & Treatment Increases MA Risk

CLI Versus No CLI Increases MA Risk 3.5X

In Patients with ABI < 0.80, MA Risk Increases by 1.4X for Every 0.10 Decrease in ABI

Delayed Diagnosis & Treatment Increases Minor Amputation Risk

CLI Versus No CLI Increases Minor Amp Risk 2.8X

Data from the EUCLID Trial



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Source: Long CA. Circ Cardiovasc Qual Outcomes. 2020 Jul;13(7):e006399 and Govsyeyev N. J Vasc Surg. 2022 Feb;75(2):660-670.e3.

# AMPUTATION LOTTERY

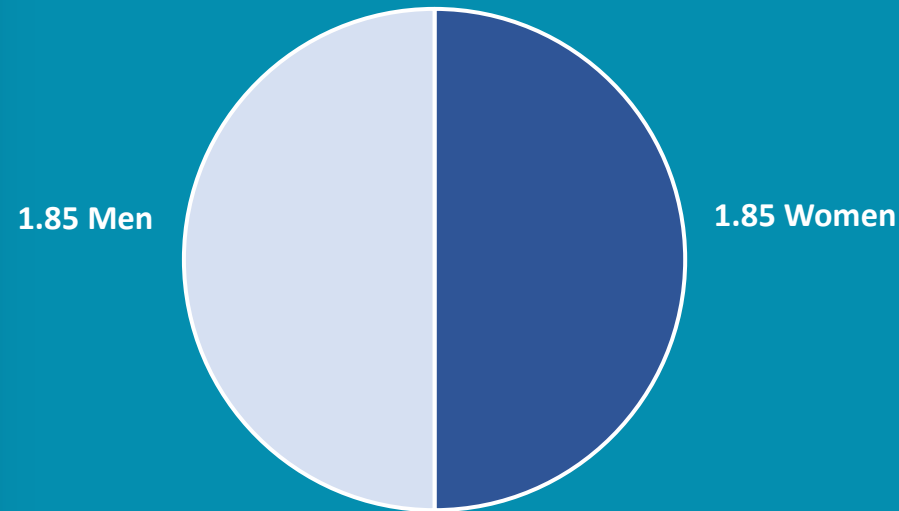
- ❖ Probability of Major Amputation Depends on Who You Are and Where You Live
- ❖ Amputation Varies by Race, Sex, Age, Socioeconomic Status, Hospital Volume, Geographic Location
- ❖ Medicare & Medicaid-More Likely Than Private, **Medicaid Most Likely!**



Source: Henry AT et al. J Vasc Surg 2011; 53(2): 330-9el , Baser. Vasc Dis Mgmt 2013; 10: E25-36, Goodney. Cardiovasc Qual Outcomes 2013; 5:94-102, Jones. J Am Coll Cardiol 2012; 59(13s1):E1670, Margolis, DJ. Diabetes Care. 2011; 34(11):2363-7 and Eslami. J Vasc Surg 2007; 45: 55-9.

# WOMEN AND CRITICAL LIMB ISCHEMIA

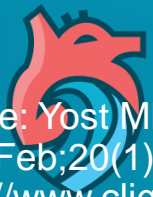
2020 CRITICAL LIMB ISCHEMIA 3.7 MILL



More Women than Men Present with CLI Initially

Reflects Higher Prevalence of AS/AT, Underdiagnosis & Lower Rates of Intervention at Earlier Stages

Female Gender Significantly Increases Odds of AKA



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# CONCLUSIONS

- ❖ MULTIPLE FACTORS CONTRIBUTE TO HIGH CLI COSTS AND AMPUTATIONS
- ❖ DELAYED DIAGNOSIS & TREATMENT
- ❖ UNDERUTILIZATION OF DIAGNOSTIC TESTING PRIOR TO AMPUTATION
- ❖ UNDERUTILIZATION OF REVASCULARIZATION PRIOR TO AMPUTATION
- ❖ LOW REFERRALS TO VASCULAR SPECIALISTS (IC, VS & IR)

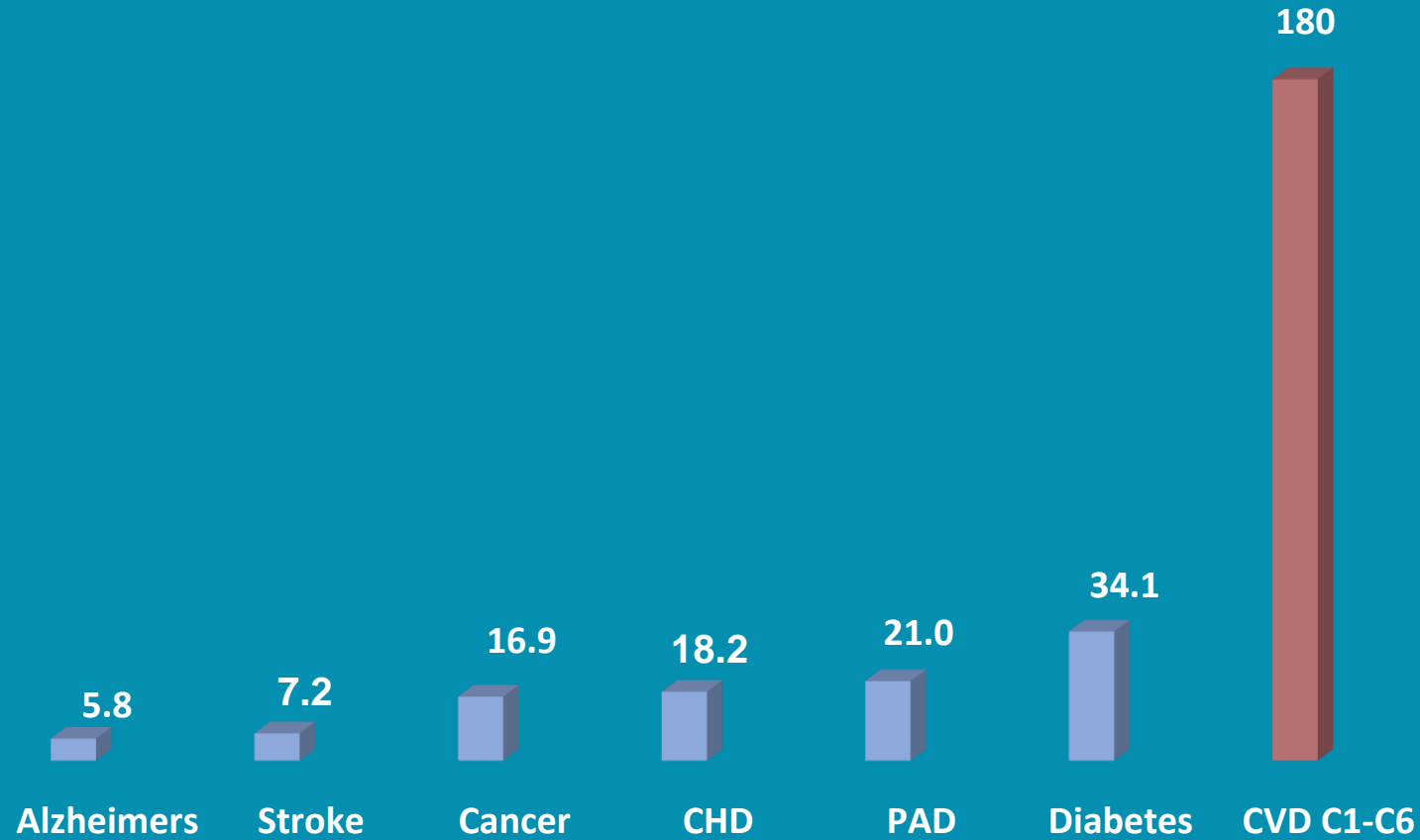


# CONCLUSIONS/SOLUTIONS

- ❖ WE NEED TO SCREEN HIGH-RISK POPULATIONS TO IDENTIFY PAD/CLI AT EARLIER STAGES
- ❖ Early Referral to CLI specialists

# 2020 U.S. PREVALENCE OF SELECTED CHRONIC DISEASES

(Millions)



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Source: Alzheimer's Association 2020, ACS Cancer facts and figures 2020, Virani SS. Circulation 2020;141:e139–e596, CDC National Diabetes Statistics report 2020, Yost ML. Vasc Dis Mgmt 2023 and Yost ML Chronic Venous Disease THE SAGE GROUP 2016.

# VARICOSE VEINS (VV) C2

U.S. PREVALENCE 59 Million (≈70% Women)

SYMPTOMS: HEAVINESS, TIREDNESS, TENDERNESS, ITCHING, ACHING, PAIN AND SWELLING, BUT MAY BE ASYMPTOMATIC

NOT “JUST A COSMETIC PROBLEM” A MANIFESTATION OF CVI (C3-C6)

VV PROGRESS TO MORE SEVERE DISEASE (C3-C6) INCLUDING ULCERS

AT 2%-4% ANNUAL RATE (LOW RISK PTS)

5%-8% RATE (HIGH RISK PTS)



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# VARICOSE VEINS AND DVT

VV INCREASE THE RISK OF DVT  
BY 5X-7X IN 2 STUDIES

VV INCREASE THE RISK OF ULCERS IN PTS PATIENTS  
BY 3.2X (RIETE Registry)



Source: Chang SL. JAMA 2018;319(8):807-17, Müller-Bühl U. Vasa. 2012;41:360–365 and Galanaud JP. Thromb Haemost 2016 Feb;118(2):320-328..

# VENOUS ULCERS

ANNUAL INCIDENCE

1-2+ MILLION

Rate 0.4%-1.7% in Population Ages 18+

INCIDENCE INCREASES W/ AGE

Rate 1.2%-2.2% Age  $\geq$  65

Vs 0.5% Age 18-64



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Source: Fowkes FGR. Angiology 2001;52(Suppl 1):S5-S15, Rice JB. J Med Econ 2014; 17(5):347-56, Margolis DJ. J AM Acad Dermatol 2002;46(3):311-6 and Yost ML, Chronic venous disease (CVD). THE SAGE GROUP; 2016.

# VENOUS ULCERS - POOR HEALING RATES

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35%-50% UNHEALED

2 YEARS

20% UNHEALED



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Source: Hankin CS. *J Geriatr Care Pharm* 2012;18(5):375-84 and Ma H. *J Vasc Surg* 2014;2:355-61.

# VENOUS ULCERS—HIGHLY RECURRENT

## RISK FACTORS FOR RECURRENCE

### 1-YEAR RECURRENCE

20%-40%

Type of Therapy— Compression Alone w/o Surgical Correction of Venous Insufficiency

Longer Ulcer Healing Time

### 5-YEAR RECURRENCE

50%

Location of Reflux—DVI\* Present Increases Risk 2.4X

Presence of PAD or RA\*\*



\*DVI = Deep Venous Insufficiency

\*\*PAD = Peripheral Artery Disease, RA =Rheumatoid Arthritis

Yost ML. Chronic venous disease (CVD). Beaufort, SC. THE SAGE GROUP; 2016

# VENOUS ULCERS REDUCE QUALITY OF LIFE

- ❖ Ulcer Treatment Burdensome & Time Consuming
- ❖ Chronic Pain: Sleep Loss
- ❖ Reduced Mobility 81%-93%: Problems Daily Living, Self Care, Inability to Work & Inability to Exercise
- ❖ Odor, Swelling, Discharge
- ❖ Negative Emotional Impact: Fear, Depression, Social Isolation
- ❖ Physical Impairment Ranked Similar to CHF and Chronic Lung Disease



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Source: Phillips T. J Am Acad Dermatol 1994;31(1):49-53, Sen CK. Wound Repair Regen 2009;17(6):763-71, Heber OR. Health Qual Life Outcomes 2007;5:44, Maddox D. Nursing Stand 2012;26(38): 42-49 and Carradice D. Br J Surg. 2011Aug;98(8):1089-98.