

#### Endoscopic Versus Open Saphenous Vein Harvesting During Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting Surgery

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### List of Abbreviations

Abb.	Full term
BMI	Body massindex
	Coronary artery bypassesgrafting
	Coronary arterydisease
	Complete blood count
	Cardiopulmonarybypass
Creat	
CT-ESVH	Closed tunnel—endoscopic saphenous vein harvesting
CVD	Conventional vein harvesting technique
	Diabetes mellitus
ECG	Electrocardiogram
<i>EF</i>	_
	Endoscopic veinharvesting
FDA	Federal association of food and drugs administration USA
GEA	Gastroepiploic artery
	Gastroepiploic artery
	Great saphenous vein
<i>ICU</i>	Intensive careunit
<i>IMA</i>	Internal mammaryartery
<i>ITA</i>	Internal thoracic artery
<i>LAD</i>	Left anterior descending coronaryartery
LCX/CX	Circumflex artery
<i>LIMA</i>	Left internal mammaryartery
<i>LM</i>	Left main
LOS	Length of stay
<i>LSV</i>	Long saphenousvein
<i>MI</i>	Myocardial infarction
<i>MIVHt</i>	Minimal invasive vein harvesting technique

### List of Abbreviations (cont...)

Abb.	Full term
MR	Iitral regurgitation
N.S	Von significant
<i>NAN</i>	No abnormality
<i>NIWHD N</i>	Non infected wound healing disturbance
OCSVH	Open conventional saphenous vein harvesting
OT-ESVH	Open tunnel—endoscopic saphenous vein
	harvesting
OVH	Open vein harvesting
<i>PCI F</i>	Percutaneous coronary intervention
<i>PDA F</i>	Posterior descending artery
<i>PTCA P</i>	Percutaneous transluminal coronary
	angioplasty
<i>PVD P</i>	Peripheral vascular disease
<i>RA R</i>	Radial artery
RCA	Right coronary artery
RCTs	Randomized clinical trials
<i>RIMA R</i>	Right internal mammaryartery
S S	Significant
<i>SBTS</i>	Standard bridging technique
SSV	Short Saphenous vein
<i>STEMIS</i>	ST segment elevation myocardial infarction
SVG	Saphenous vein graft
TR	ricuspid regurge
<i>VASV</i>	isual analogue scale
<i>WBCS V</i>	White blood cells

#### Introduction

Oronary artery disease (CAD) is the most common heart disease worldwide (Okrainec et al., 2004).

Coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) remains the gold standard in the treatment of multi-vessel coronary artery disease (CAD) (Wijns et al., 2010).

Despite increasing recognition of benefits of multiple arterial grafting, Long saphenous vein (LSV) remains a frequently chosen conduit for coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) (Raja et al., 2004; Raja et al., 2009; Dimitrova et al., 2012; Locker et al., 2012).

Traditionally, LSV is harvested using a lengthy incision in the lower limb termed open vein harvesting (OVH). During the last few decades. Minimally invasive techniques have dramatically changed clinical practice in cardiac surgery. Driven by the idea of providing less invasive techniques to improve outcome and patient satisfaction, a variety of new techniques have been suggested. At that time, the term minimally invasive summarized surgery through limited or alternative skin incisions or the use of endoscopic or videoscopic support, as well as to perform cardiac surgery procedures without cardiopulmonary bypass support (Kempfert et al., 2011). More recently, Endoscopic vein harvesting (EVH) has grown in popularity in an effort to reduce the pain and risk



of infection associated with the procedure (Kempfert et al., 2011; Raja et al., 2013).

In the mid-1990's, Surgeons began using endoscopic vein-graft harvesting techniques as an alternative to large, incision-based open vein-graft harvesting improve postoperative discomfort and incision-site complications (Williams et al., 2012).