

Dear Friends

As you know, we have been working for many years for the recognition of the CHIVA method by the scientific community.

To be recognized, must demonstrate by randomized studies, than the proposed method, the CHIVA method is better than the reference method, the Stripping. This first step is already done.

Today has been proposed to the Cochrane Library- recognized internationally scientific organization, non-profit and non-conflict of interest to evaluate the CHIVA method using a meta-analysis. The meta-analysis has been done and is under corrections before to be published. We are heartened that the results are in favor of CHIVA method. Recently and pending the publication of the Meta-analysis it has been published the Meta-analysis Protocol (<http://www.thecochranelibrary.com/>- type "CHIVA" in the "search link ", see the adjoin attachment).

The last published Guide Lines (J Vasc Surg 2011; 53:2 S-48S) gives evidence **Grade 1B** to the destructive methods and **Grade 2B** to CHIVA method. According to that the reviewers has been written, we think they have not done a proper review of published randomized studies of CHIVA method.

The meta-analysis to be published by the Cochrane Library will be the key in the future Guide Lines to the correct position of the CHIVA method in this Guide Lines. The opinion and commentary made by the reviewers based on the results of their work is to consider evidence **Grade 1A** for the CHIVA method.

The work of the authors obviously has a cost (6000 eu.). We take this good news to give you thanks for your contributions.



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