

# How to select guide-wires for challenging CTO crossing?

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# Guide Wire Usage

Guide wire are used to

**Reach** treatment area

**Access** lesion

**Cross** lesions

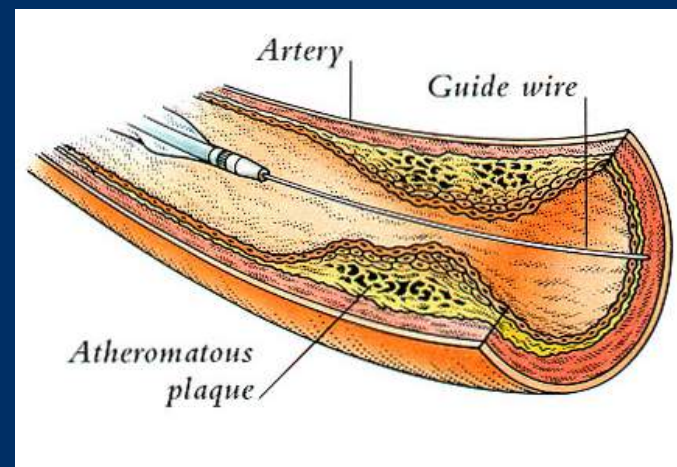
**Deliver** and provide support for devices

If you can't:

**Access** the lesion

**Cross** the lesion

**Deliver** devices to and across the lesion



***You can't treat the patient!***



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# History

**1977:** Grüntzig performed 1st coronary angioplasty using a guidewire – balloon unit

**1982:** Simpson reported 1st independently movable flexible tipped guidewire

**Guidewire technology** has since advanced with a wide selection for different lesions and vessel anatomies

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 Drawings

# Benefits of Understanding Guide Wire Design

There are many different guide wires available for use

Appropriate guide wire selection can make it easier to overcome difficult clinical scenarios



***Remember: User experience and familiarity with the guide wire also plays an important role in clinical success!***

# Questions to Consider

For a select clinical situation...

What guide wire characteristics would be most useful?

Why are those characteristics useful?

What guide wire design features would help provide those characteristics?





# Link between Design Features and Performance Characteristics

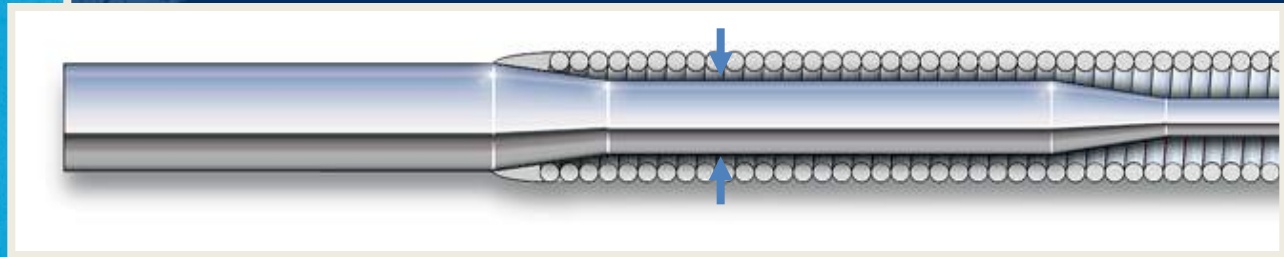
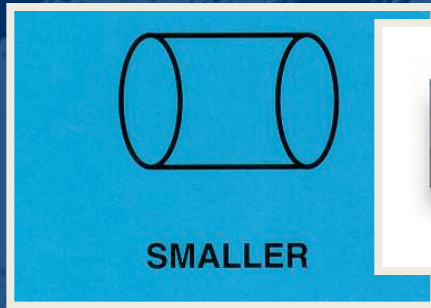
PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS	DESIGN FEATURES (“BUILDING BLOCKS”)					
	CORE MATERIAL	CORE DIAMETER	CORE TAPER	TIP DESIGN	COVERS & COILS	COATINGS
Flexibility	X	X				
Support	X	X				
Pushability	X	X		X		
Trackability	X	X		X	COILS	X
Steering / Torque Response	X	X			COVERS	X

***Guidewire Components*** lead to ***Technical Characteristics*** that affect ***Performance Properties***

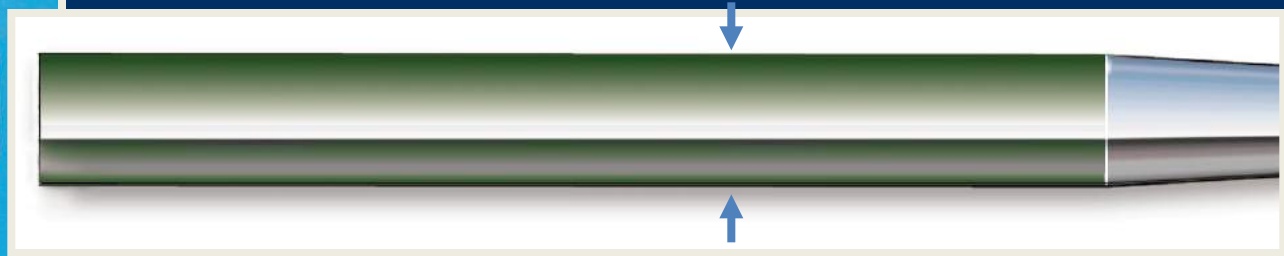
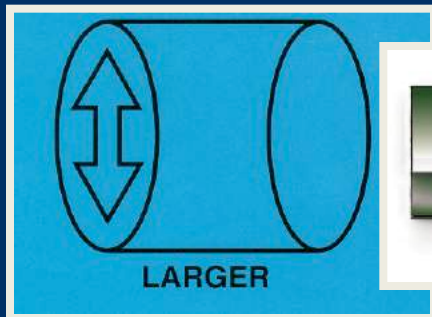
Tip Shapeability / Reshapeability	X			X		
Tip Visibility					X	
Tactile Feedback				X	X	X

# Core Diameter

- Diameter affects flexibility, support and torque



Smaller Diameter = More Flexibility



Larger Diameter = More Support & Torque

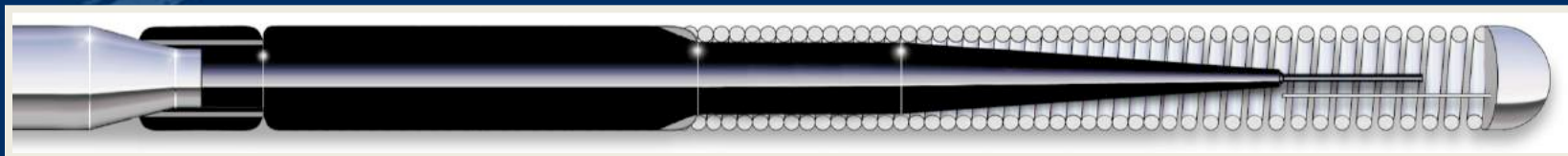


# Core Material

- Affects flexibility, support, steering and tracking



Stainless Steel



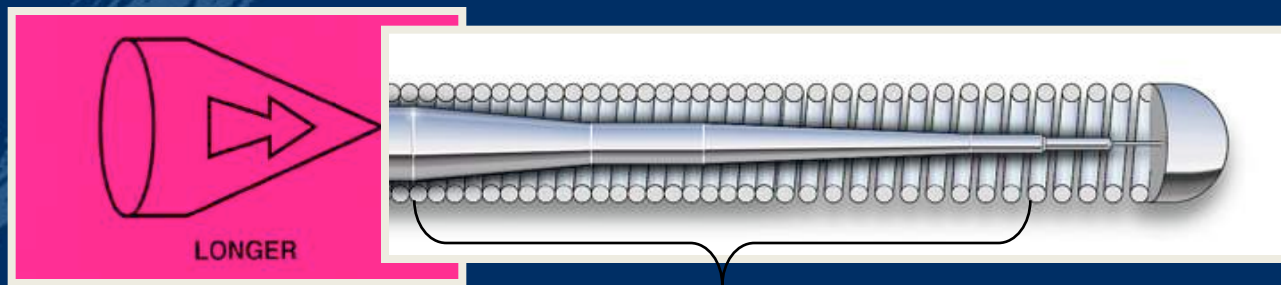
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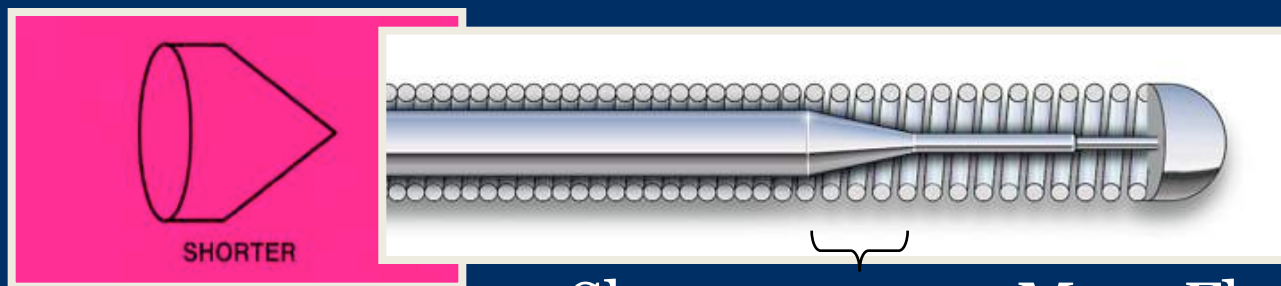
High Tensile Strength Stainless Steel

# Core Taper / Grind

- Tracking  
Ability of wire body to follow tip around bends
- Degree of support



Longer taper = More Support



Shorter taper = More Flexibility



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## Coatings

- Polymer or plastic
- Provide lubricity
- Smooth tracking through tortuosity
- Radiopacity for visualization
- Can be put over coils



Polymer Cover

## Covers

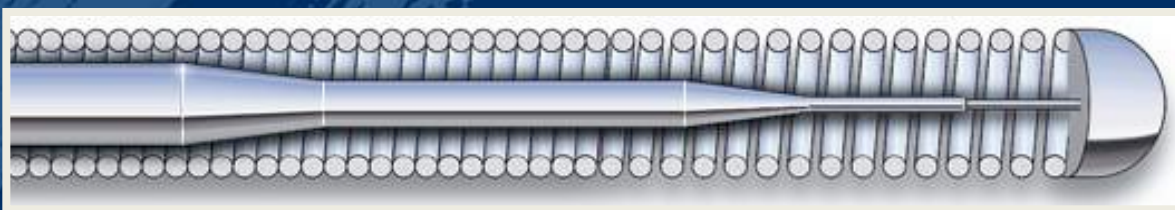
- Affect lubricity and tracking
- Facilitate smooth movement
- Different lengths and location in body of wire
- Types:



Glidewire<sup>®</sup> Polymer Tip

# Tip Style

Affects steering  
Design options



## Core-to-tip

Precise steering and tip control  
Stiffer to assist with resistant lesions

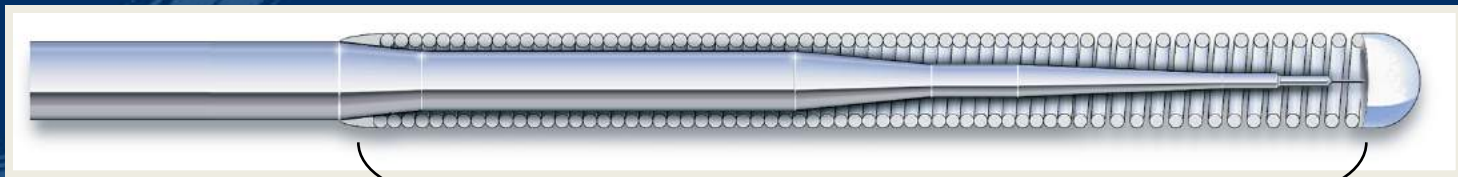


## Shaping Ribbon

Flexible  
Softer tip, gentle  
Allows shape retention

# Coils

Affect support, steering, tracking and visibility  
Impact dimension of wire  
Affect tactile feedback



Outer Coils



Tip Coils Only

**S**ounds like a lot of wires, but easiest way to think about them is to break them into (1) **CATEGORIES** and (2) **PLATFORMS**

(1) Main Categories

**Workhorse**

- Access wire
- “Go-to” wires
- Soft tip atraumatic wires

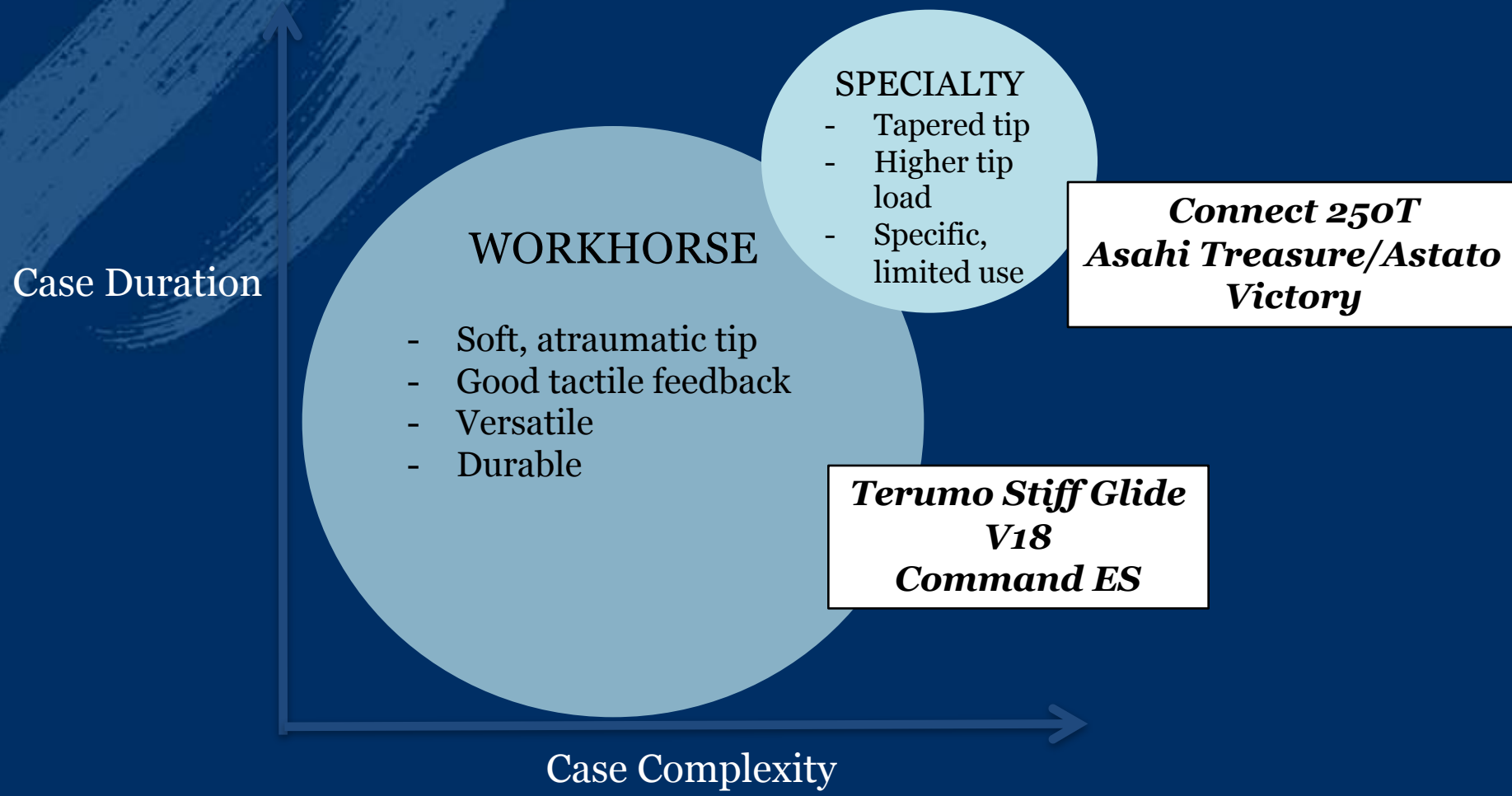
**Specialty**

- CTO wires
- Device delivery wires

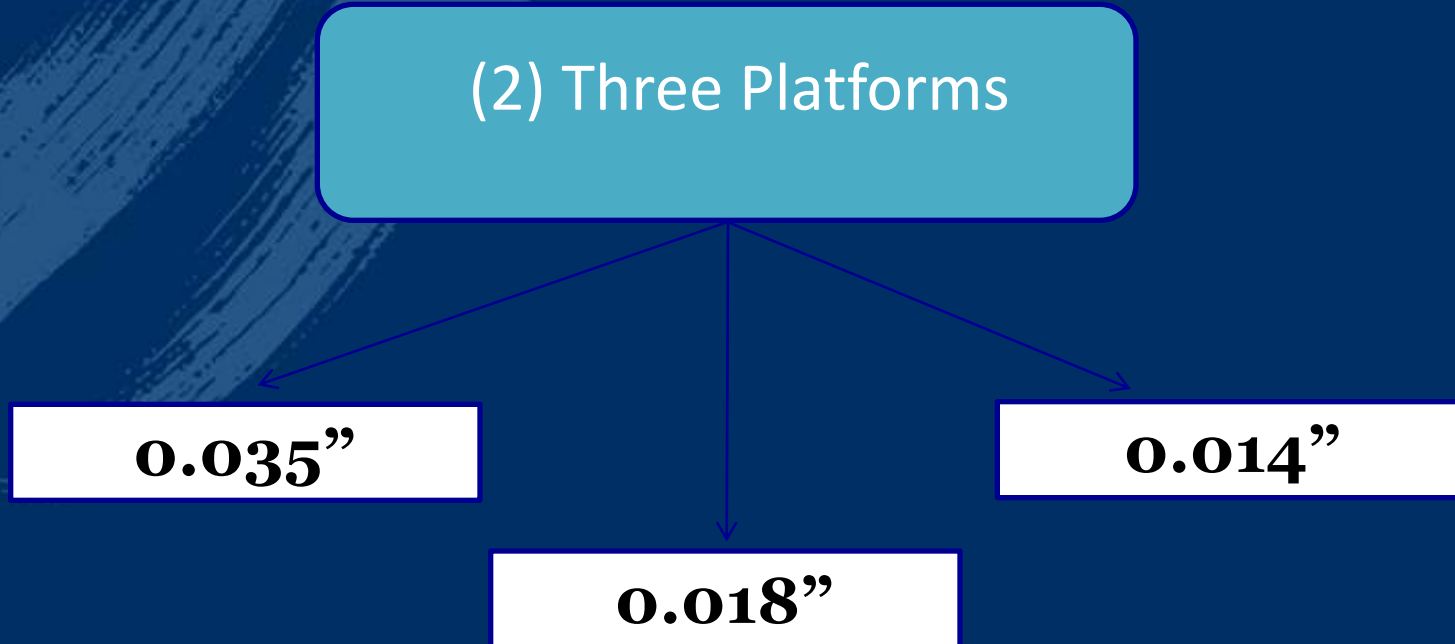


# Guidewire Selection Strategy :

*Dependent on procedural steps and complexity*



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*Personal preference vs. different wire for different purposes?*





# Platform Usage by Anatomy

## ILIAC

### 0.035" PLATFORM

- Designed to provide highest support and stability
- Compatible with iliac treatment platforms

## SFA

### 0.035" PLATFORM

- Designed to provide highest support & stability
- Compatible with most SFA balloons/stents

### 0.018" PLATFORM

- Less traumatic
- Well suited to distal SFA/popliteal
- More steerable and flexible
- Supports lower profile devices
- Supports Supera

### 0.014" PLATFORM

- Least support
- May be useful in some situations e.g., re-entry

## BTK

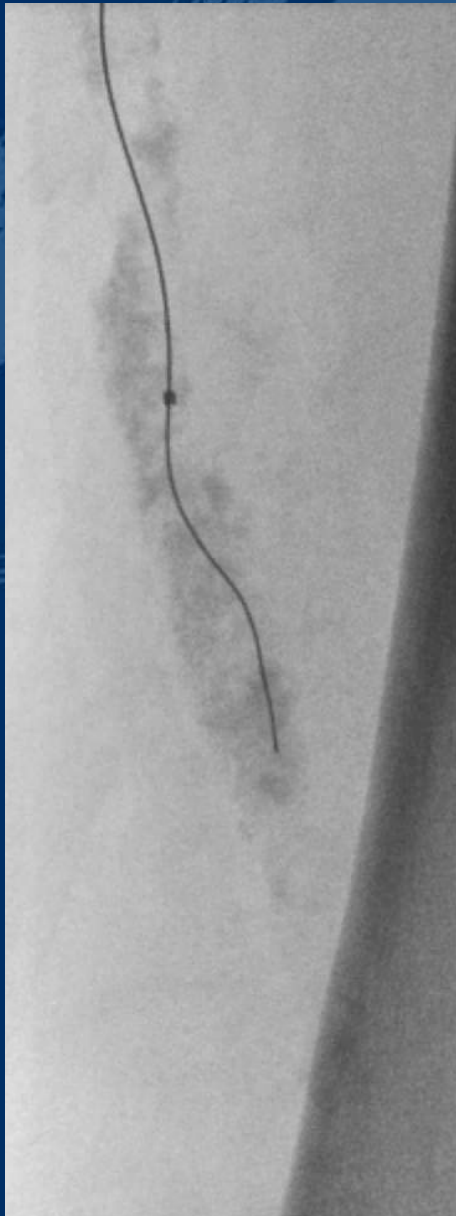
### 0.014" PLATFORM

- Most suitable for small vessels
- Compatible with lowest profile balloons

### 0.018" PLATFORM

- Specific feature needed, i.e., high support, good device crossing

## Example of a Case-Based Wire Selection Strategy



Intraluminal GW-Passage  
to avoid problems with reentering

Start with 0.018" work-horse GW  
(V18, Command 18)  
for intraluminal passage

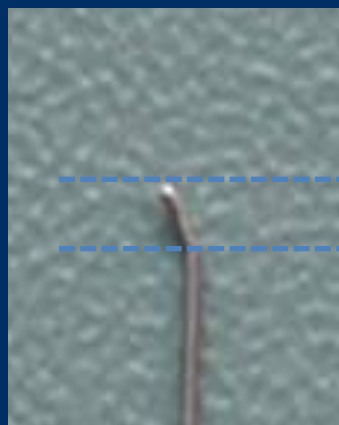
More drilling than  
pushing the GW



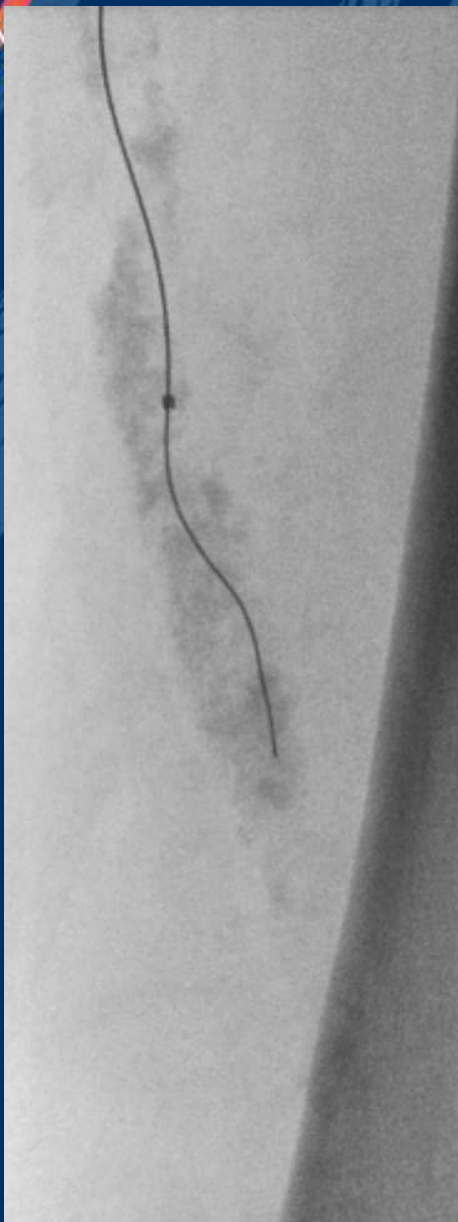
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In case of failure of the work horse GW:  
CTO-Guidewires are used  
(high tip load/penetration power)

Tip-bending:



~ 1mm



However,  
after successfully  
passing the GW through  
calcified fempop  
occlusions,

other problems  
may be encountered  
with intraluminal GW-passage



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Impossible to follow  
with a balloon or  
support-catheter

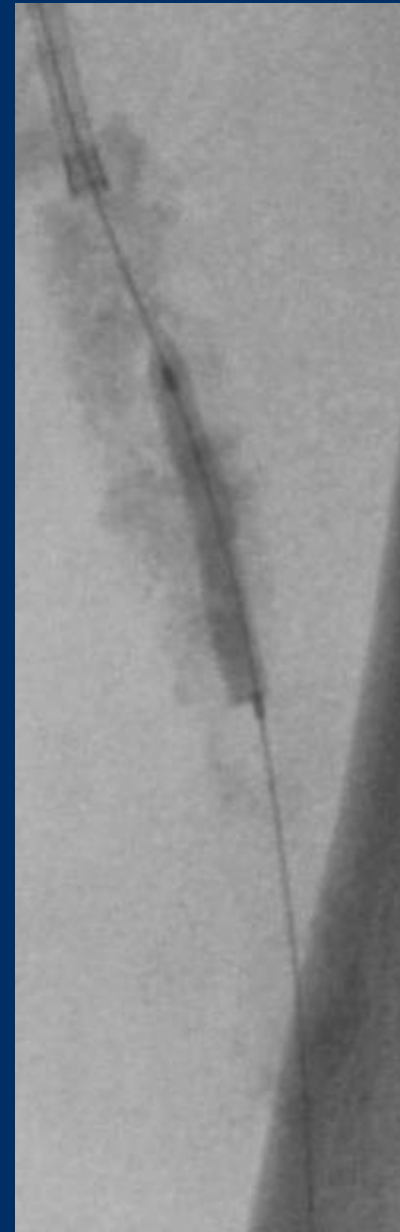
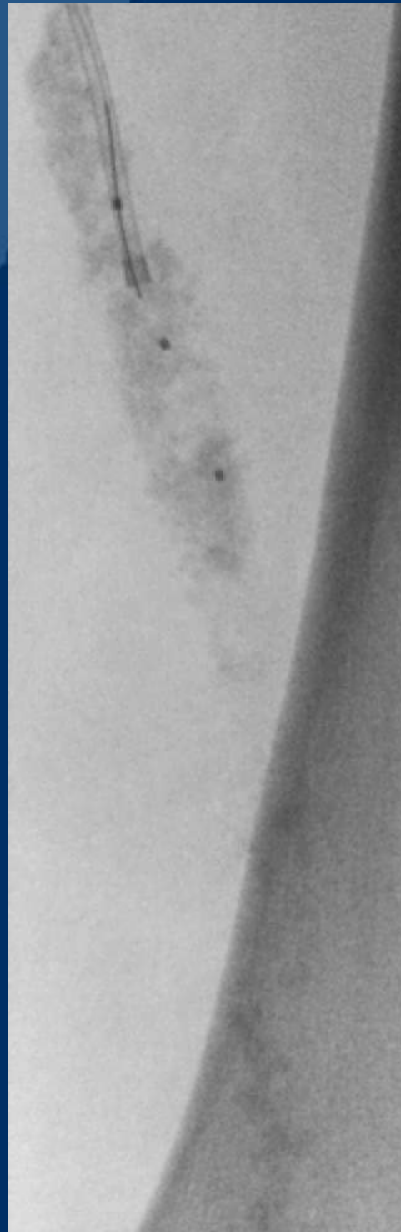




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Exchange to a  
0.014" GW  
(through channel  
created by the  
0.018" GW)

for Ultra-low profile  
predilatation balloons



Followed by scoring balloon

Semi-compliant balloon with two external wires delivers focused force along the length of the balloon

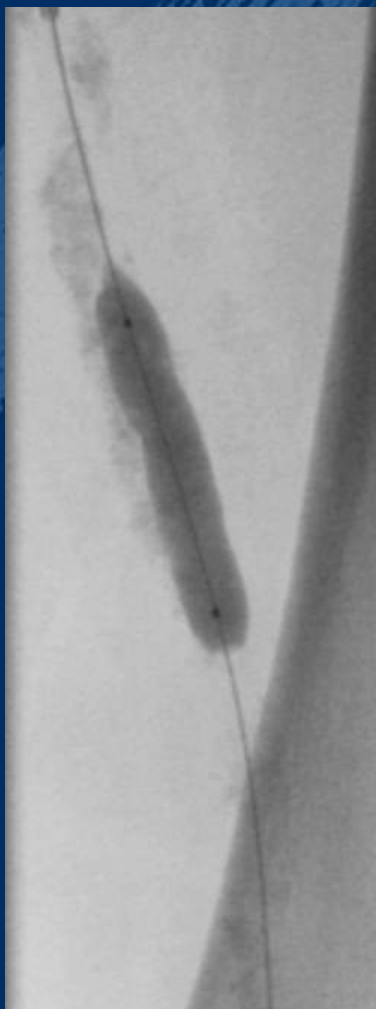
Vessel preparation for further treatment





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# Intraluminal Recanalisation of Calcified = Complex Fempop-CTOs



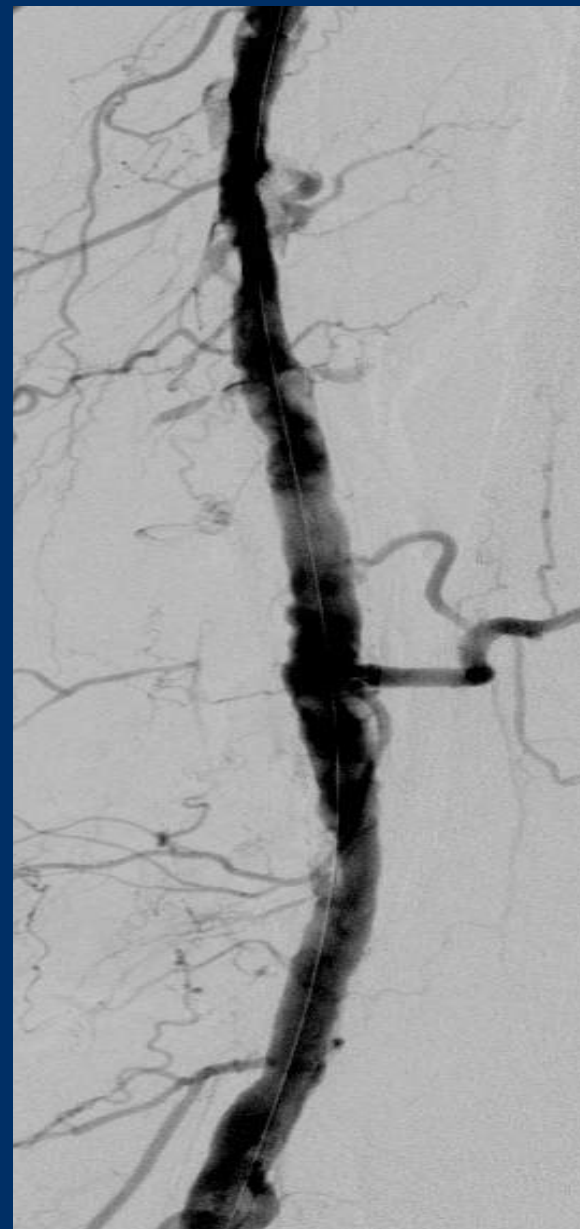
After pre-dilatation and  
vessel preparation ...

Ultra non-compliant high  
pressure PTA balloon

DCB

Supera

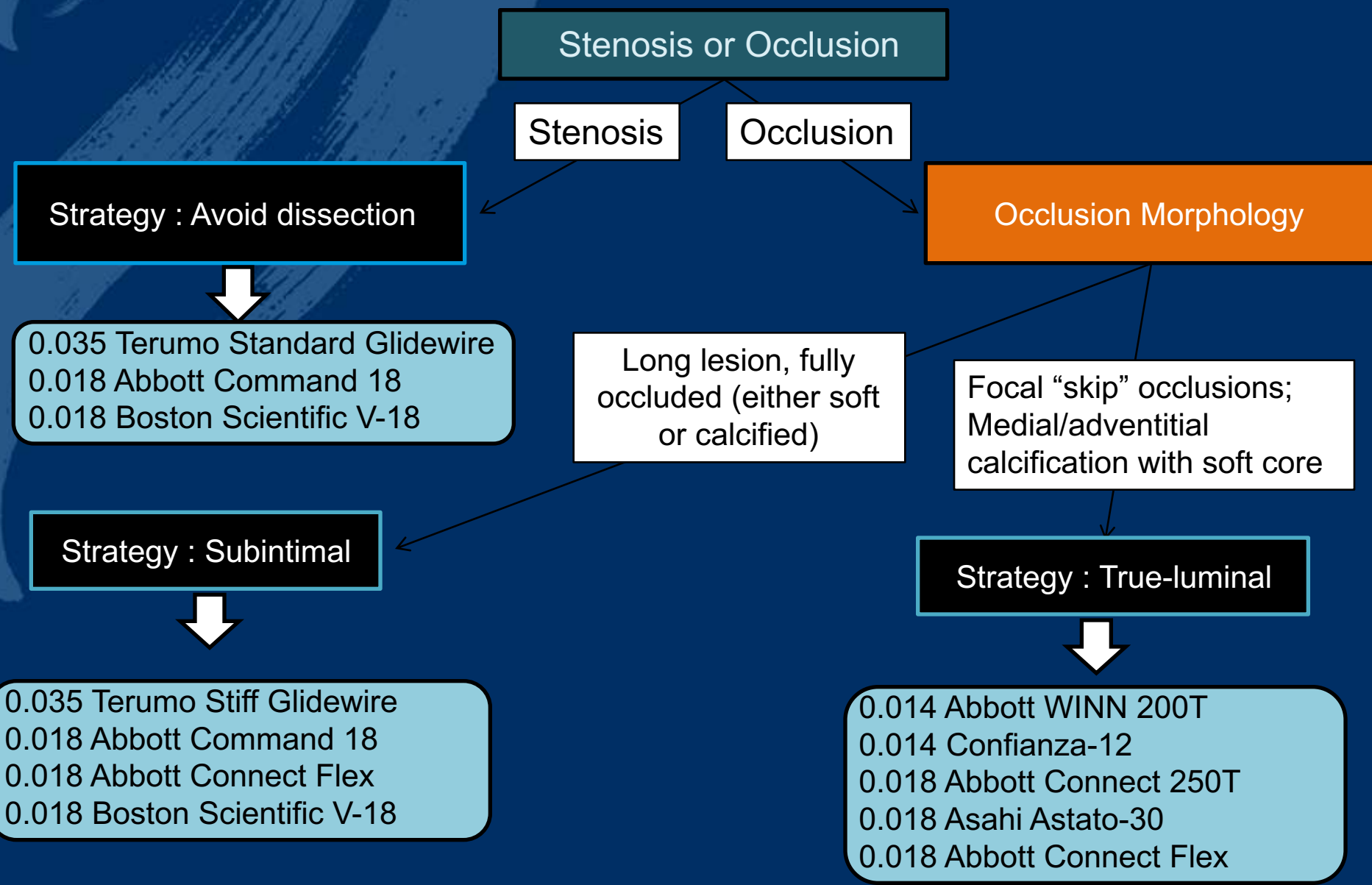
... on 0.018" GW platform







# Case/Lesion-Based Wire Selection Strategy Fem-Pop





# Case-Based Wire Selection Strategy: 0.018 Guidewire Platform

Low profile tip + high gram tip load = increased penetration power and increased ability to exploit microchannels present in most CTOs

Wire	Make	Core	Tip Load	Support	Penetration
Victory <sup>®</sup>	Boston	Stainless	12, 18, 30gm	++	++/+++
HT Connect <sup>®</sup>	Abbott	Stainless	4gm	++	++
HT Connect <sup>®</sup> Flex	Abbott	Stainless	12gm	+	+
HT Connect <sup>®</sup> 250T	Abbott	Stainless	30gm	+++	+++
Astato <sup>®</sup> 30	Asahi	Stainless	30gm	+++	+++
Treasure <sup>®</sup> 12	Asahi	Stainless	12gm	++	++

Larger number of “specialty wires” in the 0.018” platform

## Summary & Conclusions

- Guide wire selection depends on lesion, location, and strategy
- An increasing array of available wires has increased our ability to cross lesions and delivery therapy
- Understanding wire construction leads to an increased understanding of a specific wire's performance properties, and helps us choose the proper wire for the specific goal.



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