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1 | INTRODUCTION

Endovascular aneurysm repair (EVAR) is a commonly used mini-invasive technique that has gained increasing popularity over the last 10 years. It relies on the exclusion of the aneurysm sac by means of the femoral introduction of one or more stent grafts and their deployment inside the aneurysm. During the procedure, several tools of varying stiffness are introduced to enable the delivery of the stent graft to its deployment site: first, highly flexible guidewires and catheters that adapt to the arterial lumen and then very stiff guidewires whose purpose is to facilitate the passage of and provide support for the stent graft introducer, in particular by straightening the often tortuous iliac arteries. During this process, the vascular structure undergoes major deformations.¹ Usually, these have no consequence on the smooth progress of the procedure. However, in some instances, particularly when the patient presents an unfavorable anatomical profile (major tortuousness or angulation, deep calcification, and long length of the common and external iliac arteries),

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