

# Bridging from off- to on-label



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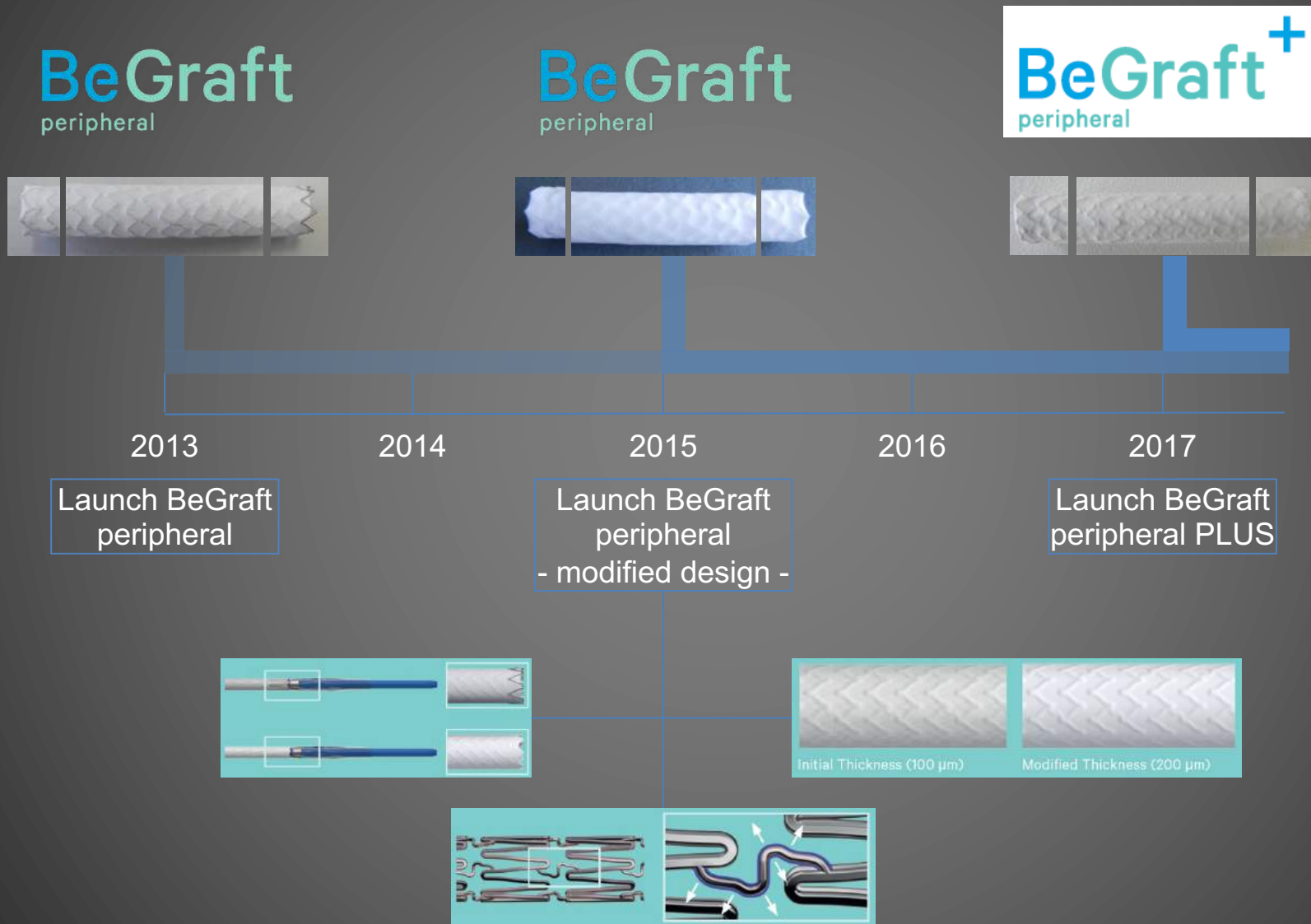
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# Lay-Out

- Why Bentley
- Why BeGraft and BeGraft PLUS?
  
- Approval Study in Germany

# Timelines BeGraft Peripheral



# BeGraft PLUS



## „Sandwich design“



# Why Bentley?

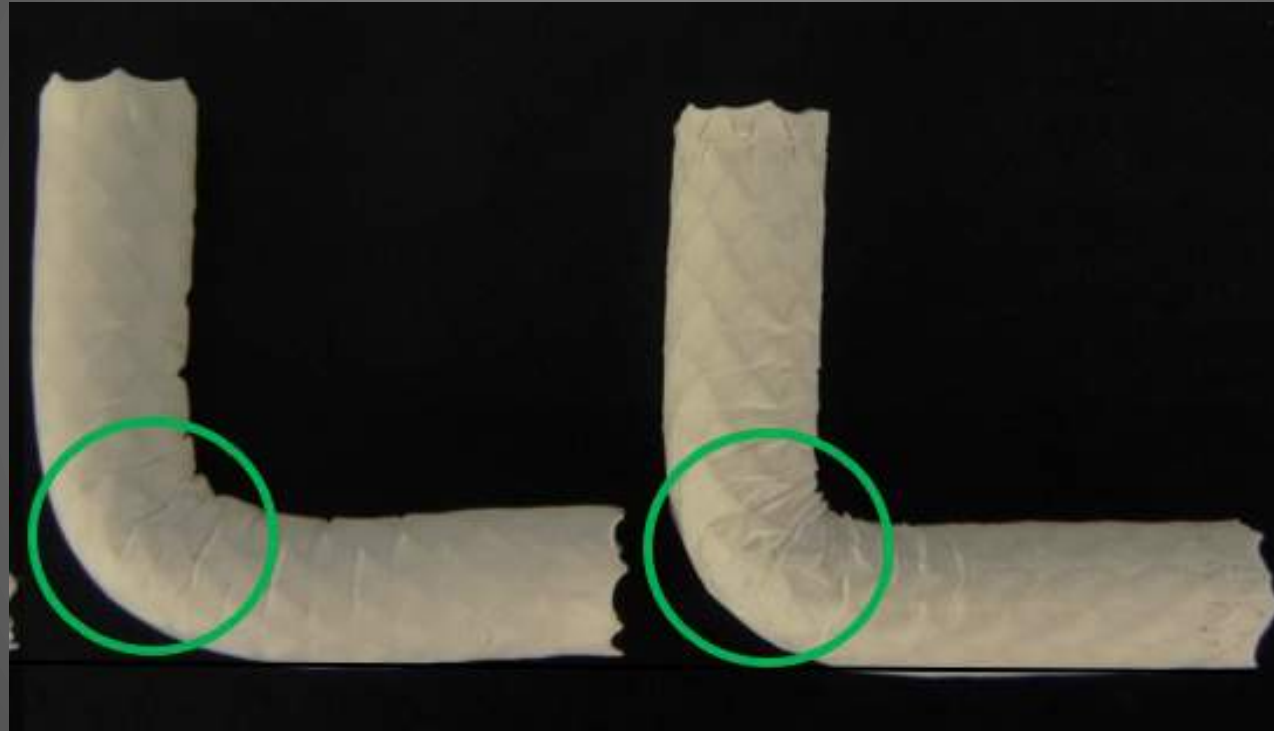
- Clear interest in development of dedicated covered stents for Fenestrations and Branches
- Factory in Germany
- Reliable Logistics

# Lay-Out

## Why BeGraft and BeGraft PLUS?

- First Impression (tactile)
- Testing by the Company
- First Clinical Experience
- Logistics

# Performance: Kink Resistance

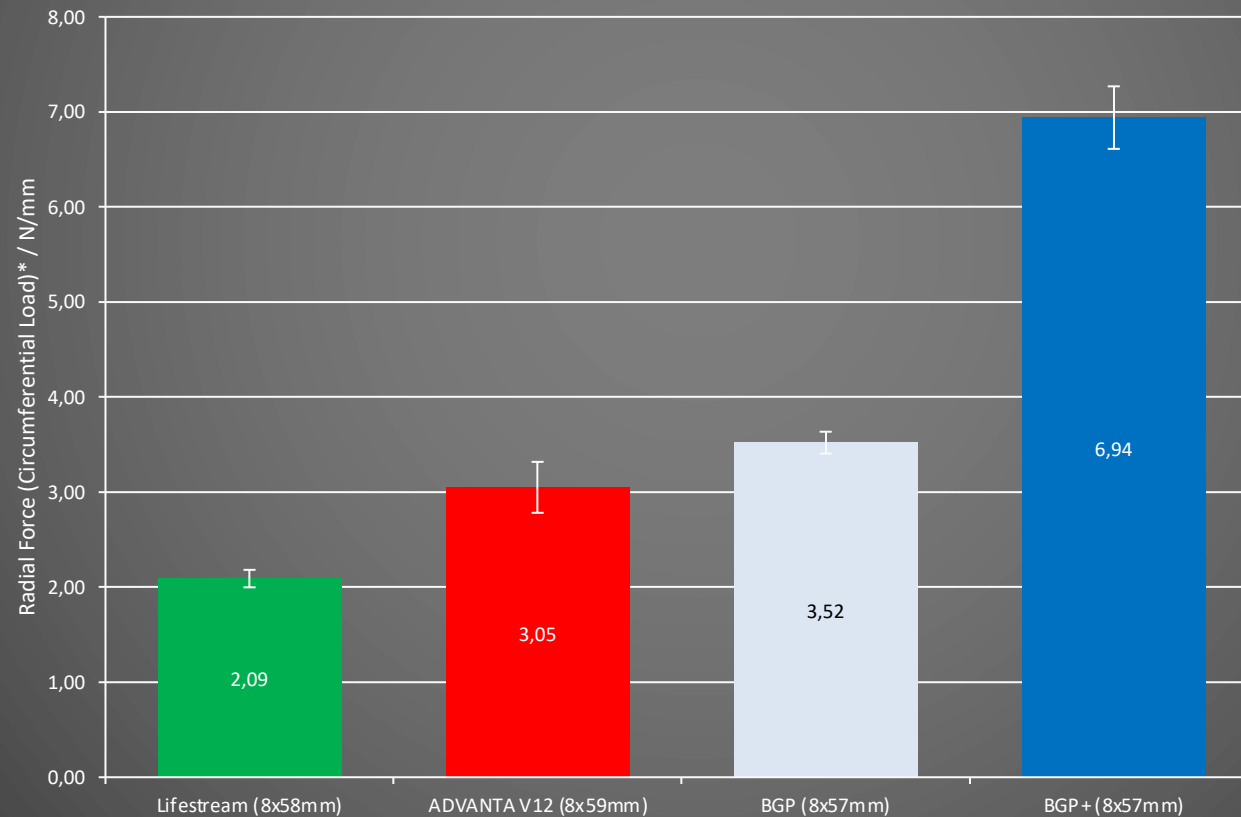


**BeGraft  
(8x57mm)**

**BeGraft PLUS  
(8x57mm)**



# Performance: Radial Force (Circumferential Load)



# First Experience

- BeGraft in Fenestrations
  - Visibility and Handling ++
  - Available in all diameters and lengths
    - Lengths: 22/23, 27/28, 37, 57
  - 6F compatible
- BeGraft+ in Branches
  - High radial force, kink-resistant and flexible
  - Visibility and handling ++
  - 7F compatible

# Nürnberg Experience with Be-Graft (initially mainly length 27-28mm)

- Patients: N=232 (BeGraft: N=524)
  - All fenestrations
- Outcome
  - Technical issues: N=6
    - N=5: Stent migration due to reinsertion sheath
    - N=1: Too short in Fenestration SMA (need to add a 8x27 into a 7x37)
  - Occlusions: N=2 (0.5%)
  - Endoleaks: N=1

# Nürnberg Experience with BeGraft<sup>+</sup>

(initially tested in „difficult anatomy“)

- Patients: N=132 (BeGraft<sup>+</sup>: N=275)
  - Branches in TAAA patients: N=230
  - IBD branches: N=45
- Related Complications and Outcome
  - Disconnection due to advancement of sheath: N=1
  - Occlusion: N=3 (1.4%) (due to Transition Problem, N=2)
  - Difficult insertion in steerable sheath: N=5

# Problem

- All Bridging Stentgrafts in FEVAR/BEVAR are OFF-LABEL

# Study

- Purpose: provide an on-label indication for use of the BeGraft in Fenestrations
- Physician-Initiated Trial Investigating the BeGraft Stent Graft System as bridging stent in FEVAR for complex aortic aneurysms

# Trial Design

- Prospective, single arm, multi-center, clinical study
- 9 Clinical Centres in Germany  
Nürnberg (Verhoeven) / Münster (Austermann) / Munich (Tsilimparis) /  
Regensburg (Pfister) / Aachen (Kotelis) / Stuttgart (Geisbüsch) /  
Gießen (Kalder) / Freiburg (Czerny) / Hamburg (Kölbel)
- 100 Patients (expected: about 250 BeGrafts)

# Objective

- To evaluate the **safety** and **performance** of the **BeGraft** balloon expandable covered stent Graft System (Bentley Innomed, Hechingen, Germany) implanted as bridging stent in **FEVAR** (fenestrated endovascular aortic repair) for complex aortic aneurysms



# Primary Endpoints

- Efficacy endpoint
  - a. Technical success, defined as successful introduction and deployment of the BeGraft
  - b. Bridging stent patency at 12 months, defined as absence of restenosis ( $\geq 50\%$  stenosis) or sole target vessel occlusion based on CT Angio at 12 months
- Safety endpoint
  - Absence of procedure related complications and bridging stent related endoleaks at 12 months.

# Secondary Endpoints

1. Bridging stent patency post-op and at 6-months
2. Freedom from bridging stent related endoleaks post-op and at 6 months
3. Freedom from bridging stent related secondary intervention
4. Freedom from type I & III endoleaks post procedure and at 6 and 12 months
5. 30-day mortality
6. Freedom from stent graft migration, freedom of fracture or dislocation of bridging stent.
7. Freedom from AAA diameter increase at 6 and 12 months as compared to post-op implantation
8. Freedom from aneurysm related secondary endovascular procedures
9. Freedom from conversion to open surgical repair post procedure and at 6 and 12 months
10. Freedom from aneurysm related mortality post procedure and at 6 and 12 months
11. Freedom from aneurysm rupture within 12 months post-implantation
12. Freedom from any major adverse events post procedural and at 6 and 12 months
13. Health Related Quality of Life scores at 12 months post implantation

# Conclusions

- Bentley is the first Medical Company to support a physician-initiated trial to finally achieve on-label indication for a covered stent in FEVAR
- Studies:
  - Begraft Study in FEVAR: inclusion almost complete
    - First report on 1-month outcome expected soon
  - *BeGraft PLUS Study in BEVAR is also running!*