

**KEY TAKEAWAYS:**

- HeRO Graft saves payers money compared to catheters

- Outcomes of interest were infection, thrombosis, and ischemic events

## Independent Researchers Publish Cost Analysis Demonstrating Benefits of HeRO Graft Compared to Catheters!

Dageforde et al. have reported that the HeRO Graft is the least costly method of dialysis compared to tunneled dialysis catheter (TDC). The HeRO Graft provides a 23% average savings per year compared with catheters.<sup>1</sup>

This data is the first study to compare the costs of HeRO Graft patients compared to TDC patients and thigh graft patients based on post-procedure outcomes over a one year period. They designed a decision analysis model which accounted for literature-based probabilities of complications and the associated costs.

These independent investigators first presented their findings at the Academic Surgical Conference in Las Vegas, NV on February 16, 2012.

**KEY POINTS:**

Average one (1) year cost:

- HeRO Graft: \$6,521
- Tunneled Dialysis Catheter: \$8,477

The primary costs were attributed to infection in TDCs.

<sup>1</sup>Dageforde LA, Bream PR, Moore DE. *Hemodialysis Reliable Outflow (HeRO) device, in end-stage dialysis access: A decision analysis model.* Journal of Surgical Research (2012), doi:10.1016/j.jss.2012.04.041