

- Peripheral artery diseases

Artery bypasses are recommended to patients who are diagnosed with *chronic peripheral obliterative arteriopathy*, which is characterised by the obstruction of arteries at various levels and causes “leg pain” (*intermittent claudication*).

Patients need to undergo a complex exploratory procedure before surgery, i.e. arteriography that involves arterial “mapping” to identify the affected area. The surgery consists of performing a bypass with the help of a vein (the internal saphenous vein) or of a synthetic prosthesis that leads the blood from above the obstruction to the area under the obstruction. The surgical intervention can be performed at various levels, depending on the obstructed area.

Note that in our clinic we operate on selected patients with supra-inguinal obstruction and who do not display peripheral necrosis or trophic disorders (“injuries”).