Editorial comments

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In the last years, several studies with various endovascular techniques including mechanical thrombectomy and novel approach of temporary stent systems such as SOLITAIRE stent have been conducted. The uniform messages of those non-randomized cohort studies are as follows.

1. Recanalization rate is highest compared to historical controls.
2. The earlier the better, the outcome is better with early vessel recanalization.
3. No randomized trials with concurrent controls have been completed so far. Therefore, endovascular approaches may be considered in selected patients as part of a well-defined institutional protocol.
4. Until the ongoing RCT (IMS III) results are published, it is recommended that the data of all the treated patients should be included in a multicenter registry.

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