

The 20th Seminar of Angioplasty
of Chronic Total
Occlusions

CTO Club

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Recent developments of devices and technical approaches such as the retrograde approach and antegrade dissection re-entry (ADR) have led to a greatly improved success rate for recanalization of chronic total occlusion (CTO). Also, a new algorithm for crossing CTO has been proposed from the Asia Pacific CTO club. The algorithm can help to choose the appropriate strategic approach to CTO PCI and lead to success for recanalization of CTO even in non-expert CTO operators. However, when a difficult case (J-CTO score ≥ 2) is suggested for non-expert CTO operators, it is best to either perform the case with a proctor or refer the case to an expert CTO operator because more depth insight and theoretical procedure are required for success in CTO PCI.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the CTO Club. The CTO Club has provided the best knowledge and procedure for complex CTO lesions via live demonstrations by Japanese CTO expert operators for 20 years. In recent years, CTO-PCI procedures have been proactively performed worldwide. Joint sessions have been also held with CTO clubs from other countries. The Chinese language live course was extremely popular last year, hence, this live course will be held this year too.

The procedure and methodology of CTO PCI are becoming a mature stage, and the success rate for recanalization of CTO is now beyond 90% according to data from the Japanese Expert Registry. However, there are still some issues that need to technically overcome complex CTO lesions, such as heavily calcified lesions, tortuous lesions and long lesions. The CTO Club will continue to confront and overcome these issues with experts from all over the world for further development. We are looking forward to seeing you at the 20th CTO Club in 2019.

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