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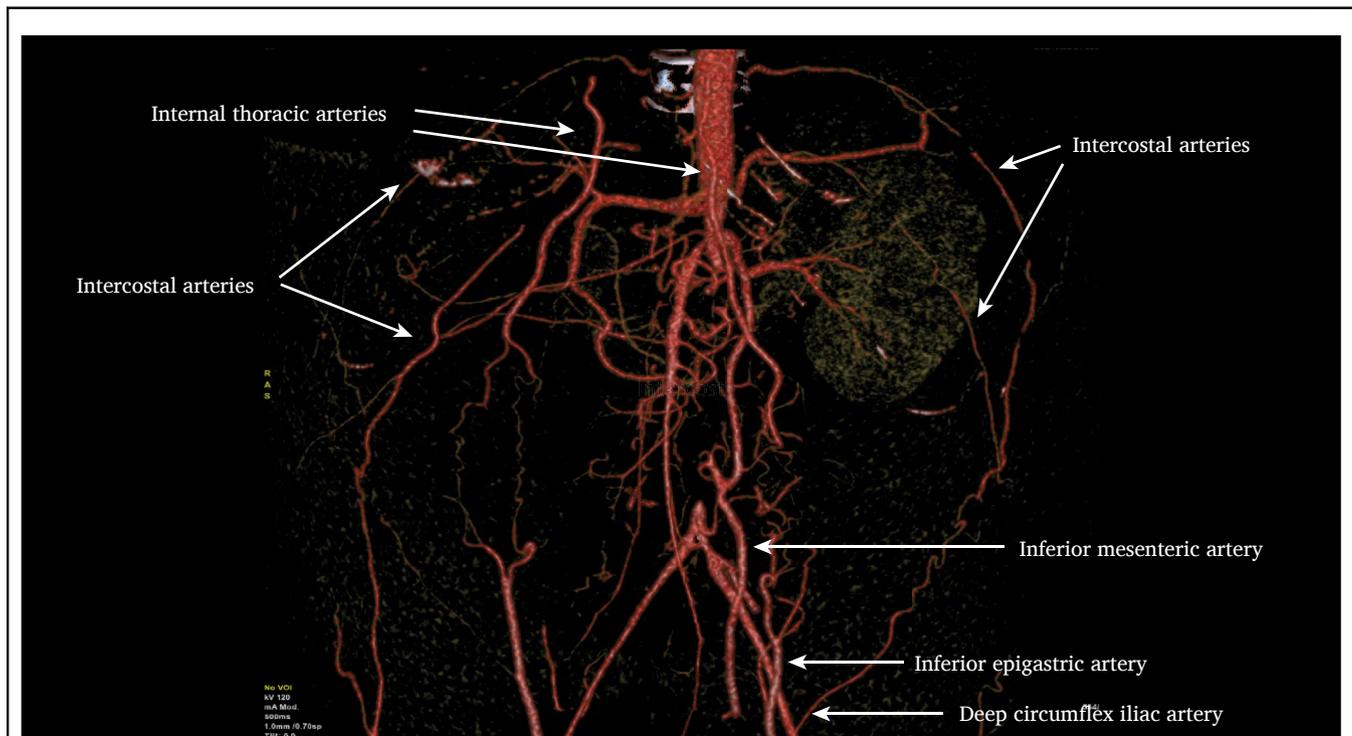
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Do Multiple Streams Do As Well As the Big River?

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A 16 year old girl presented with hypertension (150/90 mmHg). Magnetic resonance angiography revealed a stenosis of the visceral aorta and occlusion of the infrarenal aorta, with intercostal and internal thoracic arteries providing collateral pathways (arrowed). Middle aortic syndrome of congenital aetiology was diagnosed. The patient did not complain of any intermittent claudication; pedal pulses were present and left and right ankle brachial indices were 0.8. Hypertension was easily controlled with angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitor therapy. No surgical treatment was proposed, however, surgery might be required in the future for vascular decompensation or during pregnancy as indicated.

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