

Title:	MEV ANALYSIS AND VENOUS SURGICAL SIMULATION
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Abstract: (Your abstract <u>must</u> use Normal style and <u>must</u> fit in this space)	<p>The Haemodynamic Venous Map (MEV) allows a thorough assessment of the anatomy and of the function of veins, giving a global anatomical and functional picture of the venous system of the lower limbs, which is essential to the successive cartographic analysis (MEV Analysis).</p> <p>MEV Analysis is a further step, which outlines generally unused elements of the MEV, such as Paths, Shunts and P-Shunts. A computer representation of the Cartography is mandatory. [MEV-c drawn using the VNet Program (1991-2005, © Aquarius s.r.l.)]</p> <p>I/O Paths are pathways which go from the input to the output of the venous system.</p> <p>Venous-Venous Shunts are cyclic pathways. Adopting the R1-R4 terminology, it is possible to assign a role to each branch of the shunt, so coming to the rigorous Graph Classification, which includes only as a particular case the Teupitz Classification. For any further development of the automatic analysis, it's fundamental to introduce the Canonical Form of the shunt.</p> <p>P-Shunts and P-Shunts Sets are structures which allow the global study of the shunt function in the venous circulation of the lower limb.</p> <p>The Cycle Index (CY) measures the net redundancy, the number of the independent cycles in the ideal no-valve net and the maximal number of admissible cuts in the surgical therapy.</p> <p>Cutting a branch in the net produces haemodynamic effects, which generally are constituted by thrombosis extension, flow inversion, CY and pressure gradient variations.</p> <p>MEV Analysis is essential to face the further chapter of the Surgical Strategy Planning (SSP), which is performed by the VNet Surgical Simulator.</p>