

# **A clinical test for early diagnosis of abdominal aortic aneurysm**

Stanford inventors have developed an early-stage screening method to diagnose abdominal aortic aneurysms (AAA). AAA is a common cardiovascular disease with high prevalence in European men 65 years and above. Even though there is a mortality rate of 90%, the current method of diagnosis is often by accidental ultrasound, and usually at very late stages.

Despite a strong genetic component, understanding of AAA is still limited, so there is no effective screening test for AAA in early stages. This invention, as a product from our scientific research, aims to fill this gap and provide an effective solution for early AAA diagnosis and screening.

## **Stage of Development:**

- Proof-of-concept
- Using a novel quantitative machine-learning model, this method achieved an average AUC=0.7 in blind tests using mutation information from specific genome regions alone. When combined with other measurements such as physiology and lifestyle that was increased to AUC=0.8.

## **Applications**

- Clinical Screening for AAA

## **Advantages**

- Genetic-based screening for AAA, allowing for earlier diagnosis.
- Enables effective healthcare practices; targeted approach can pinpoint vulnerable groups of people rather than broad screens

## **Publications**

- Li J, Pan C, Zhang S, Spin JM, Deng A, Leung LLK, Dalman RL, Tsao PS, Snyder M. [Decoding the Genomics of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm](#). Cell. 2018 Sep 6;174(6):1361-1372.e10.

## **Patents**

- Published Application: [WO2019139950](#)
- Published Application: [20210158894](#)

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