Fibromuscular dysplasia (FMD) needs to be revisited

FMD is not only this rare but curable cause of renal artery stenosis in young women.

Did you know that:

- FMD lesions may be found in up to 5% of apparently healthy adults.
- In current cohorts, the mean age at diagnosis is > 50 years, but FMD may also occur in children and elderly men.
- FMD is a systemic disease with frequent involvement of multiple vascular beds, including but not limited to renal and carotid arteries.
- FMD can be associated with spontaneous coronary artery dissection.
- FMD has a hereditary component and the first susceptibility genes are currently being identified.

We are developing a comprehensive research program focusing on epidemiology, clinical aspects, imaging, biomarkers and genetics of FMD.

If you follow a cohort of patients with FMD, and are willing to contribute to the European FMD registry and join a network of specialists interested by the clinical and basic aspects of the disease, please contact us (FMD-saintluc@uclouvain.be).

Thank you very much in advance.

Best regards,

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