**The left anterior descending coronary artery is the best recipient
To the Editor:**

We refer to your cover photograph of the December 2002 issue, which shows a patent left internal thoracic artery to a very good quality left anterior descending coronary artery (LAD). The left internal thoracic artery is no doubt the best conduit there is. However, the LAD is also the best recipient of all. We submit a photograph (Figure 1) of a patent saphenous venous graft to the LAD. This operation was performed in Glasgow in 1982. Twenty years later the venous graft looks almost perfect, with excellent flow into the LAD. The patient also had saphenous venous grafts to

Figure 1. Patent saphenous venous graft to LAD 20 years after implantation.

the obtuse marginal and posterior descending arteries, both of which are now blocked. This angiogram was performed in December 2002, and the patient is on the waiting list for reoperative coronary artery bypass surgery. An excellent conduit, an excellent recipient, and a good technique all play a role in achieving an excellent long-term outcome.

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