

# 'New president known...

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 be reviewed, it's one of the ways that the different political parties will feel comfortable with the system. That for sure will be done," he added.

Asked about the "wire burning" incident involving a Smartmatic machine during the demonstration before the Comelec's Special Bids and Awards Committee (SBAC), Flores gave assurances that this would not happen again.

The bidder showed the committee that their machines could operate on battery power for 12 hours straight.

"We indeed made a mistake during the testing by bringing the wrong cable to be connected to the battery... However, it was not a short circuit of the battery, it was not a short circuit of the machines. Our commitment is that during (election day), we'll use the best quality cable connection," he said.

Flores added their PCOS machines would not require "human intervention" and that they are "flexible" for all the requirements of the Comelec.

"The technology is here to adapt to what Comelec and

the law mandate. It is very important that the technology is flexible and we'll listen to all the opinions. The Comelec will make the decision on how the procedure will be followed," he maintained.

Meanwhile, Sen. Richard Gordon, proponent of the election modernization in the country and principal author of RA 9369 or the amended Automated Elections System Law, lauded the Comelec for successfully going through and concluding the bidding process for the automated election project.

Gordon said the Comelec showed its sincerity in ensuring automation of next year's elections when it issued the resolution awarding the automation project to the winning bidder.

"The Comelec should be commended for going through the process of choosing the company that will provide the technology for our automated polls. This will take the nation a step closer to attaining every Filipino's dream of participating in a clean, honest and credible election in their lifetime," he said. *(Inquirer.net)*

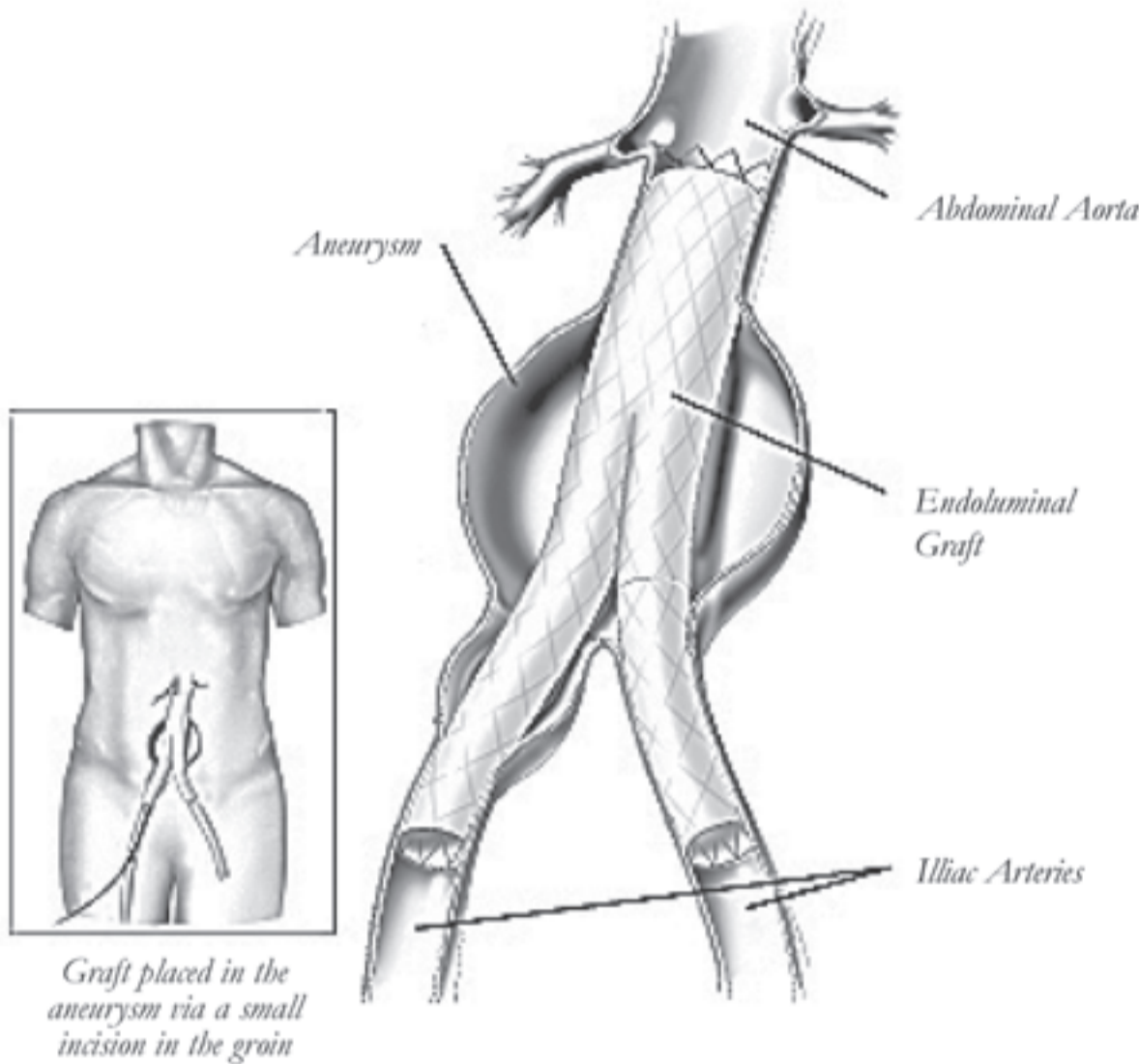


FOR WHOM FREEDOM FLIES. A boy stops to look at a billboard-sized flag at the Luneta Grandstand in Manila for Friday's celebration of Philippine Independence Day.

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