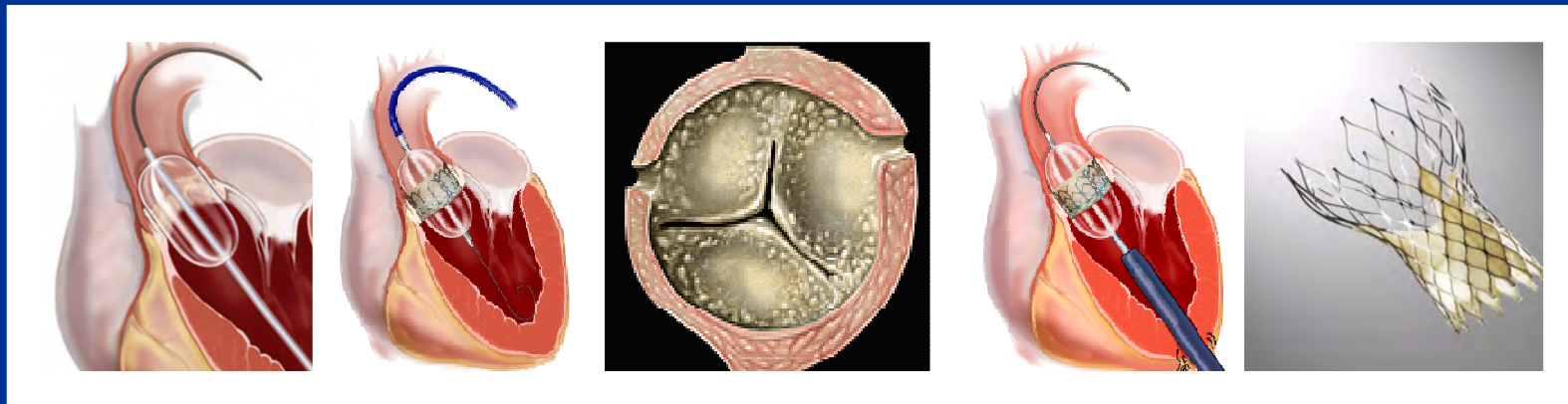


Transcatheter Aortic-Valve Procedures



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Annual publications of Transcatheter AV procedures

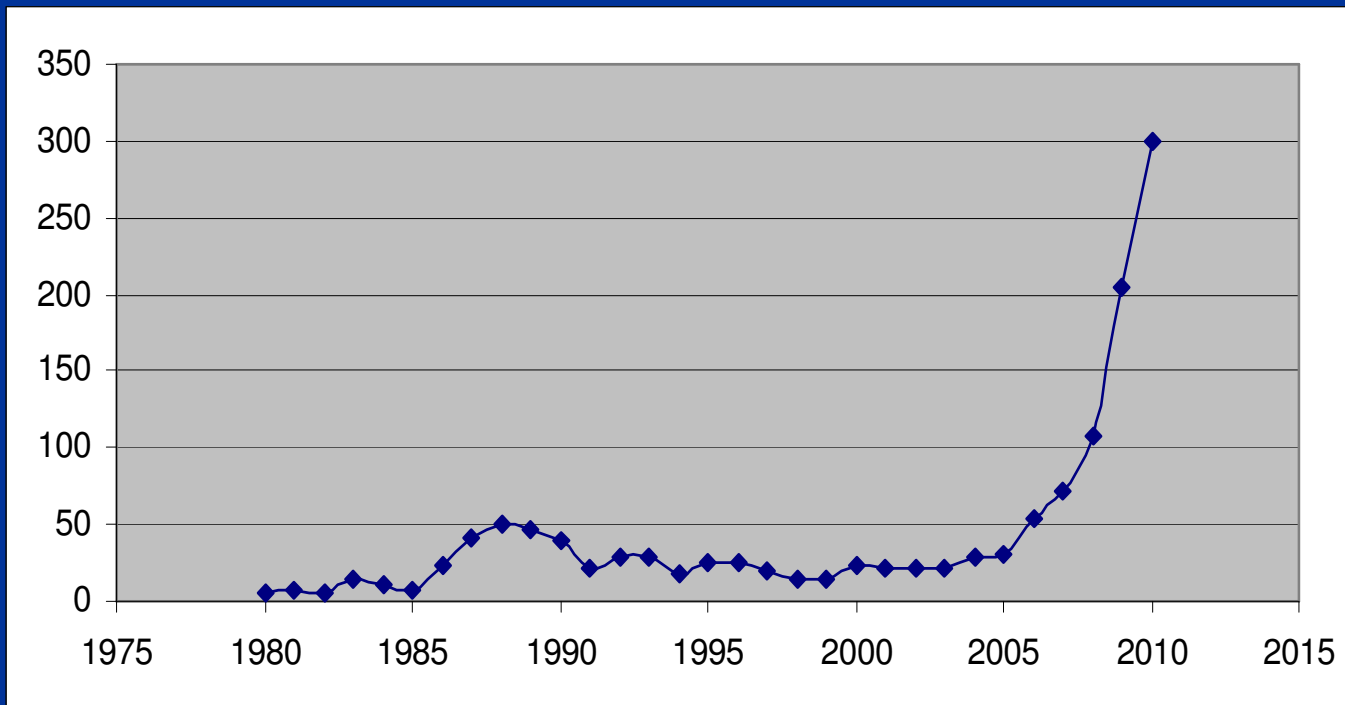
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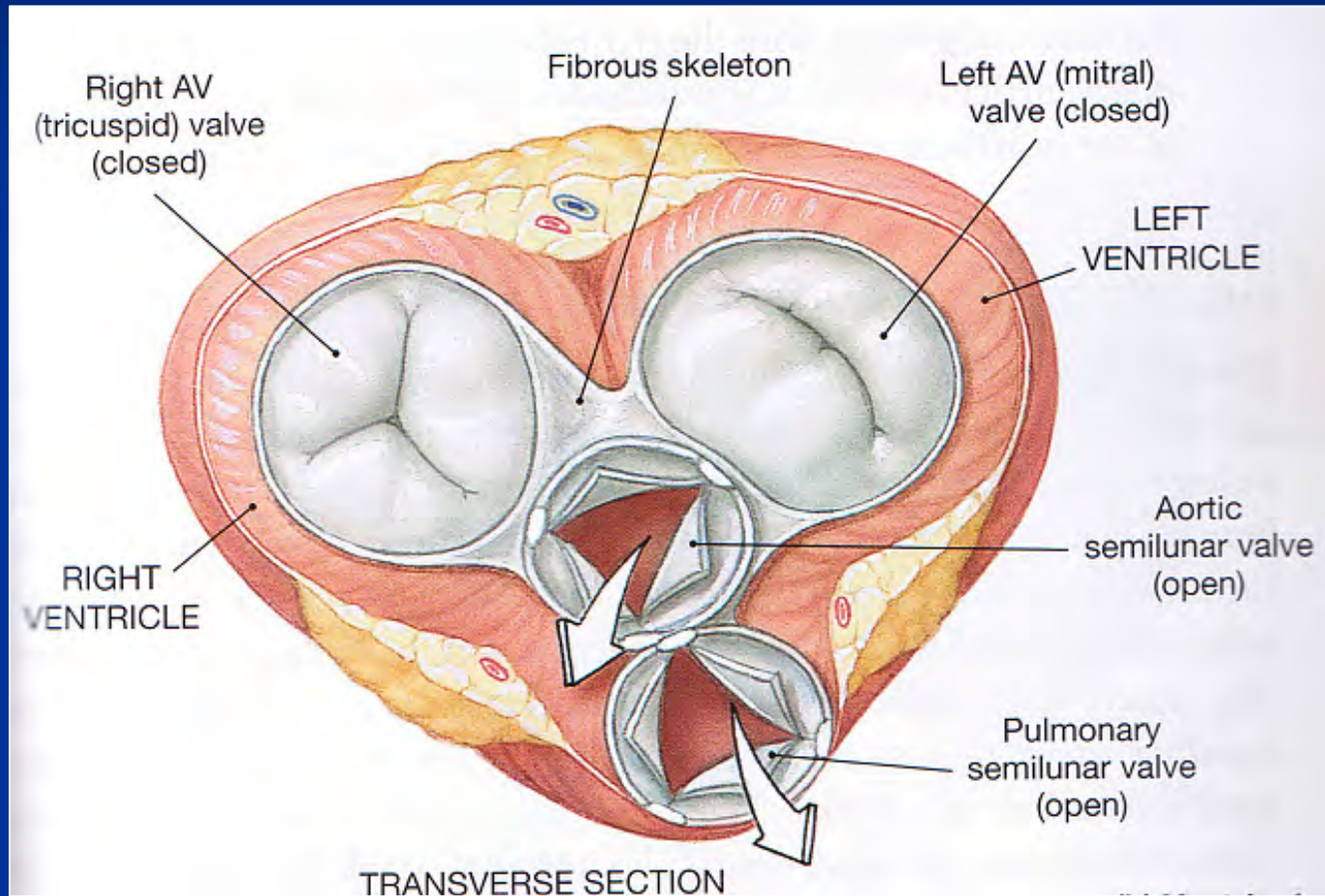
- Aortic Stenosis
- Aortic valve replacement
- Transcatheter AV implantation (TAVI)
- Screening patients for TAVI
- The Israeli TAVI experience
- Rabin Medical Center TAVI experience

Aortic-Valve stenosis

Anatomy

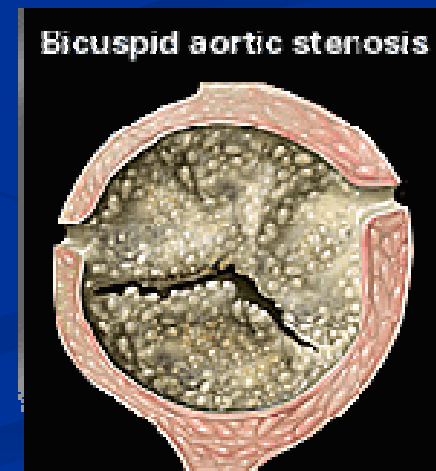
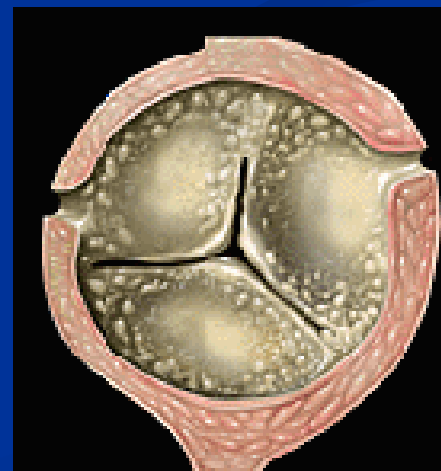
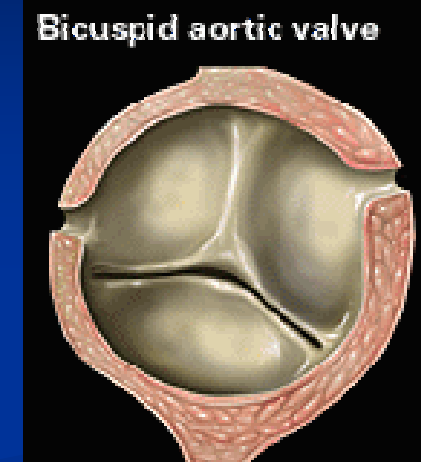
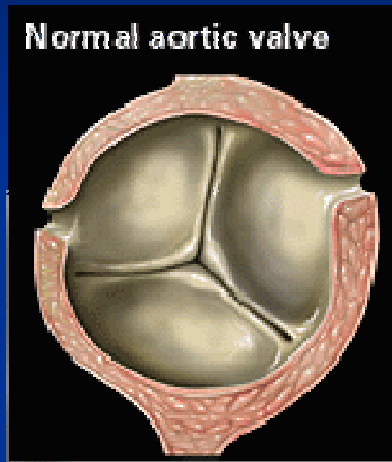
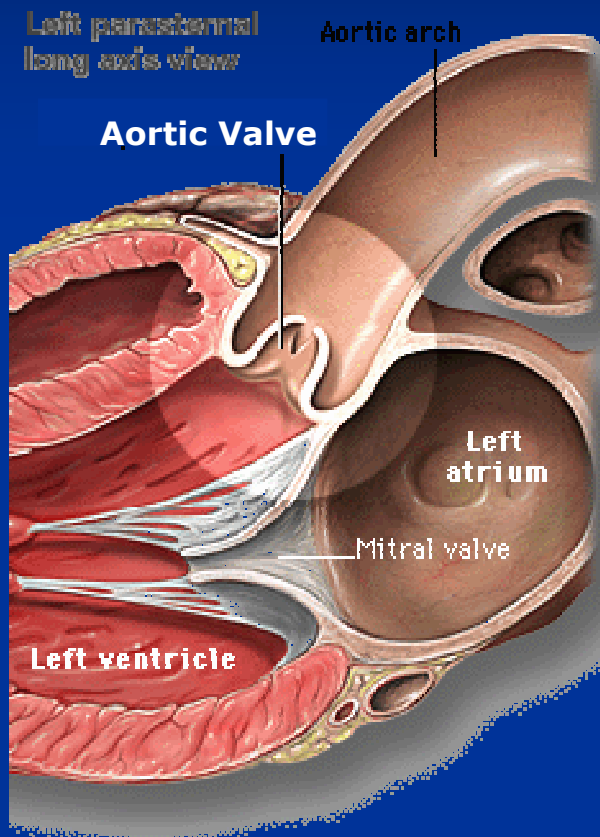


Anatomy

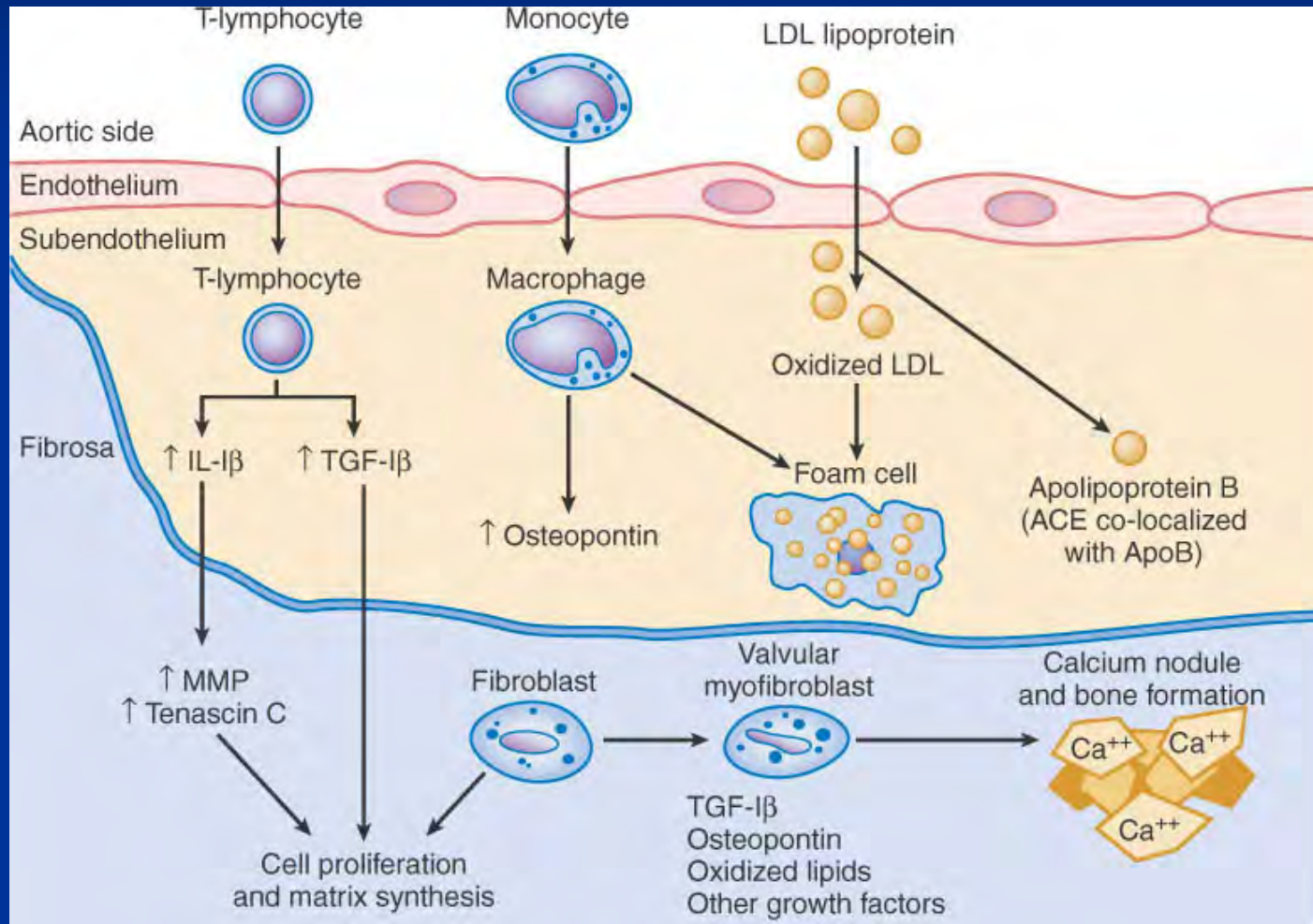


Anatomy of the Aortic Valvar Complex and Its Implications for Transcatheter Implantation of the Aortic Valve.
Piazza N et al. *Circ Cardiovasc Intervent* 2008;1;74-81

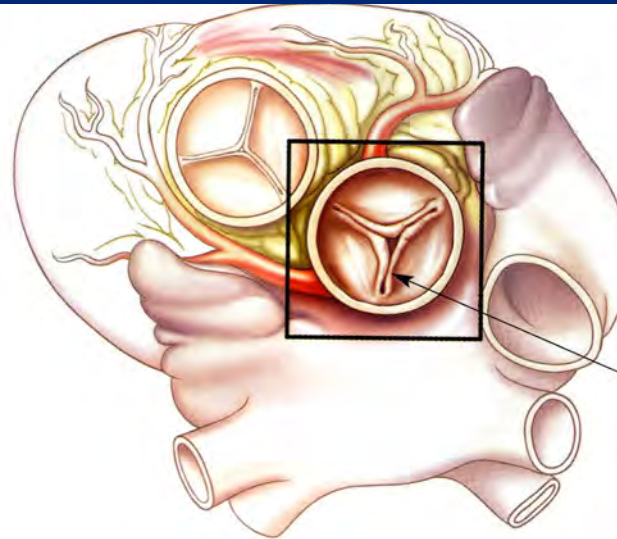
Aortic Stenosis Pathology



Potential pathway depicting calcific aortic valve disease



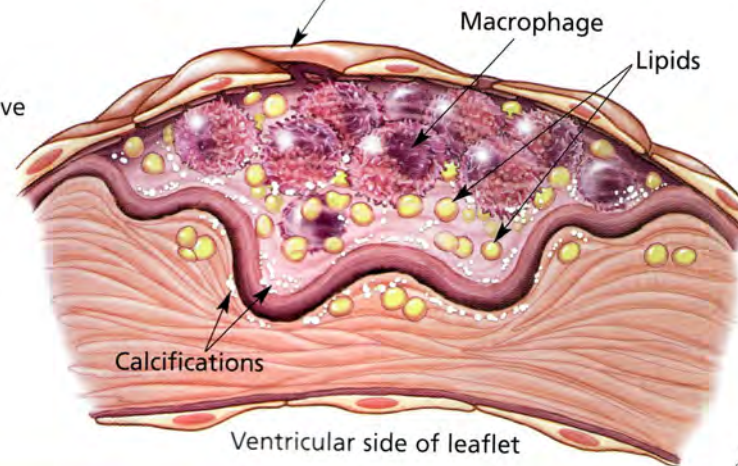
Aortic Stenosis Pathology



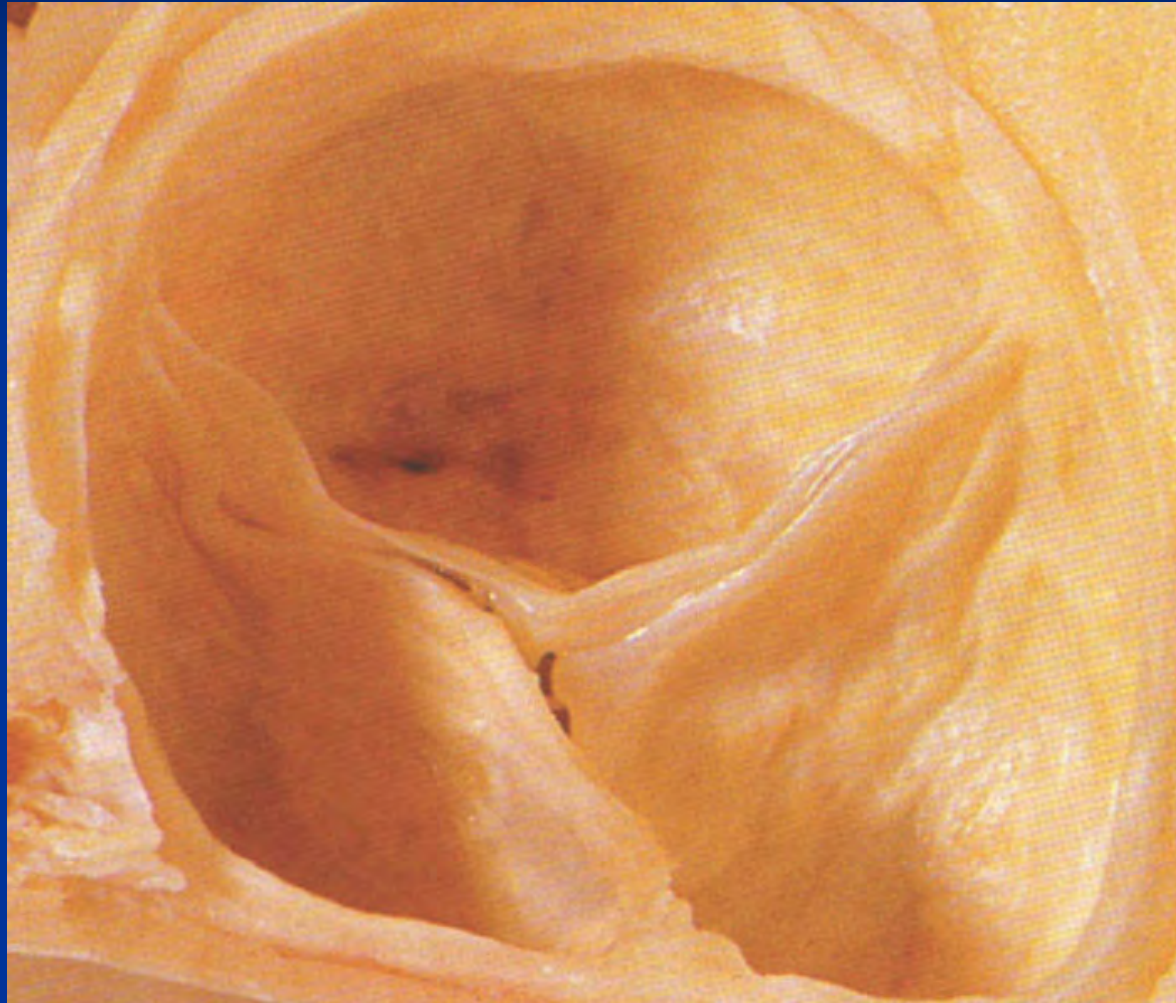
On gross inspection, the diseased aortic valve has areas of irregular thickening and calcification on the aortic side.

Microscopically, the diseased aortic valve leaflets reveal disruption of the endothelium on the aortic side.

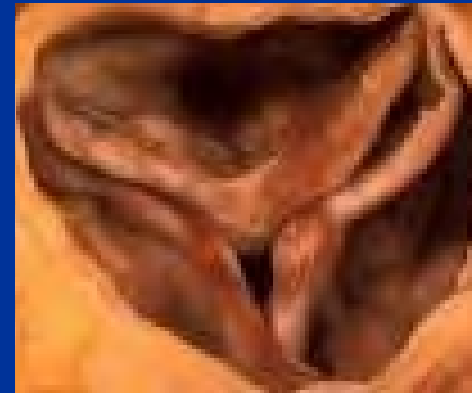
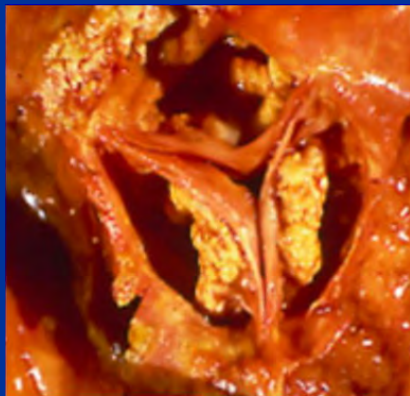
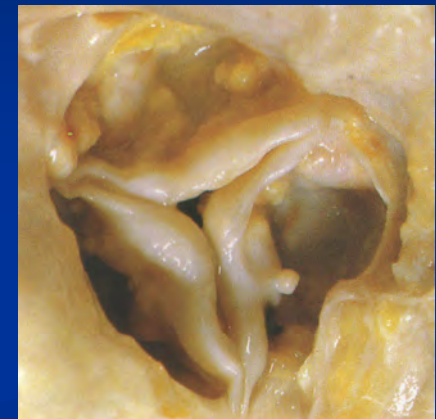
At all stages of the disease, aortic valve lesions show a disrupted basement membrane with subendothelial accumulation of intracellular and extracellular lipids and lipoproteins, and also a chronic inflammatory infiltrate made up of foam cells, non-foam cell macrophages, and T lymphocytes.

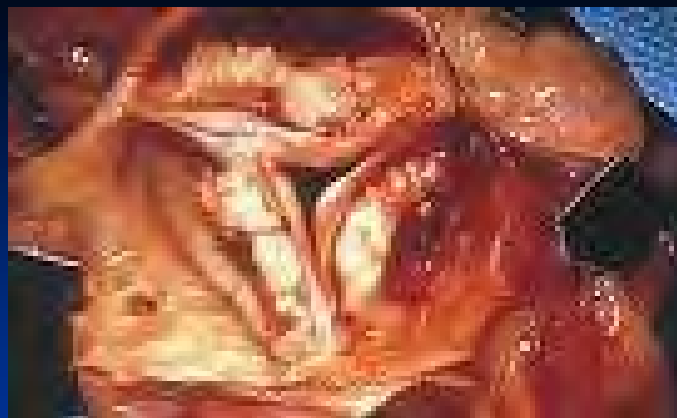


Normal Aortic Valve



Aortic Stenosis Pathology

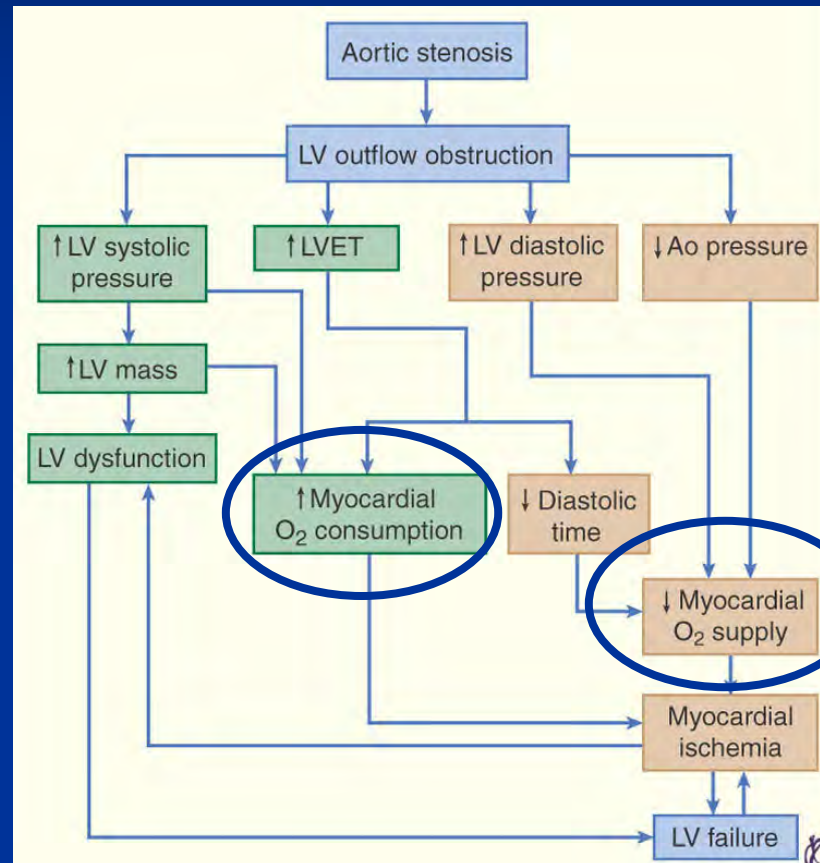




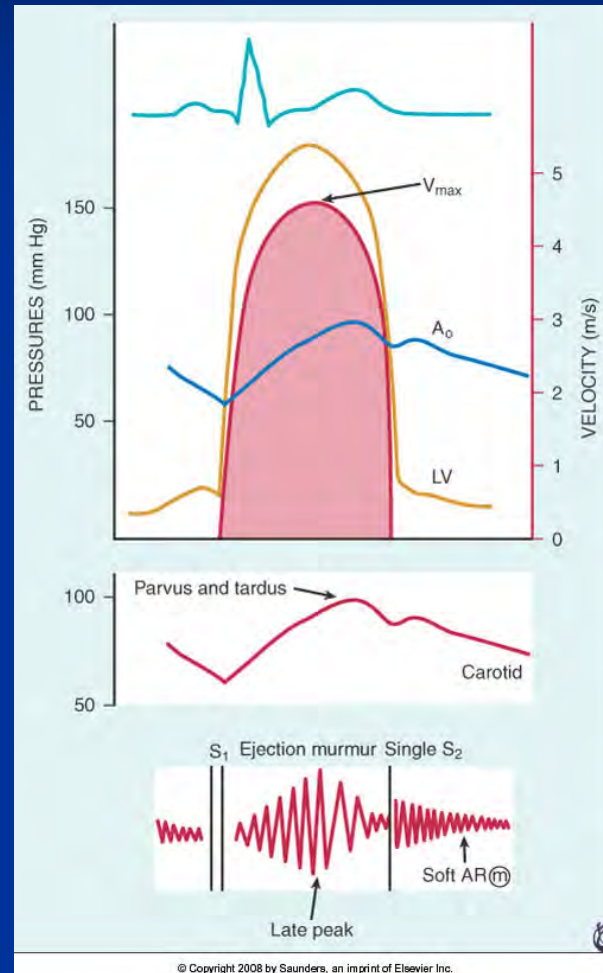
“ When it is considered how narrow the opening is....it is difficult to conceive how such an organic derangement can continue for years...if such an obstacle to the circulation were suddenly introduced into a healthy subject, death would immediately follow...but as these obstacles are slowly formed, the circulation is gradually impeded and nature seems to be habituated to such a perversion of her laws...”

J. N. Corvisart 1803
French Cardiologist to Napoleon
A pioneer of cardiac auscultation

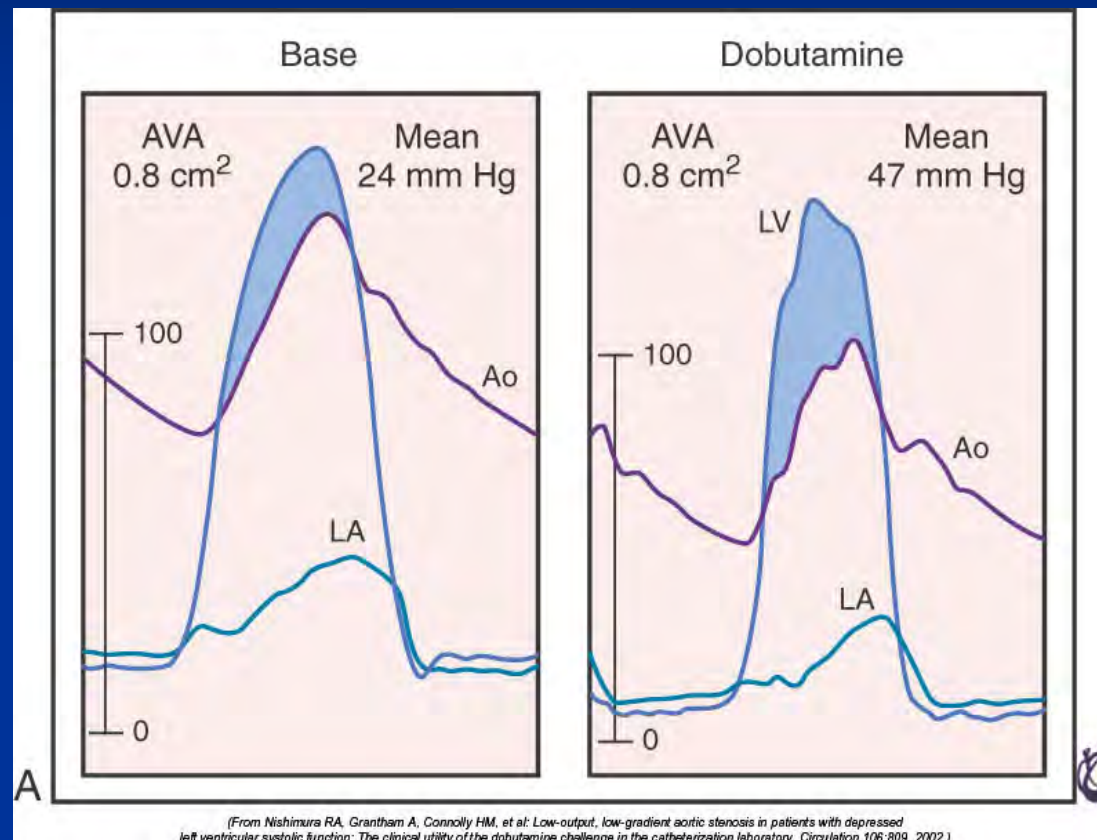
Pathophysiology of aortic stenosis



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Definition of Severe Aortic-Stenosis

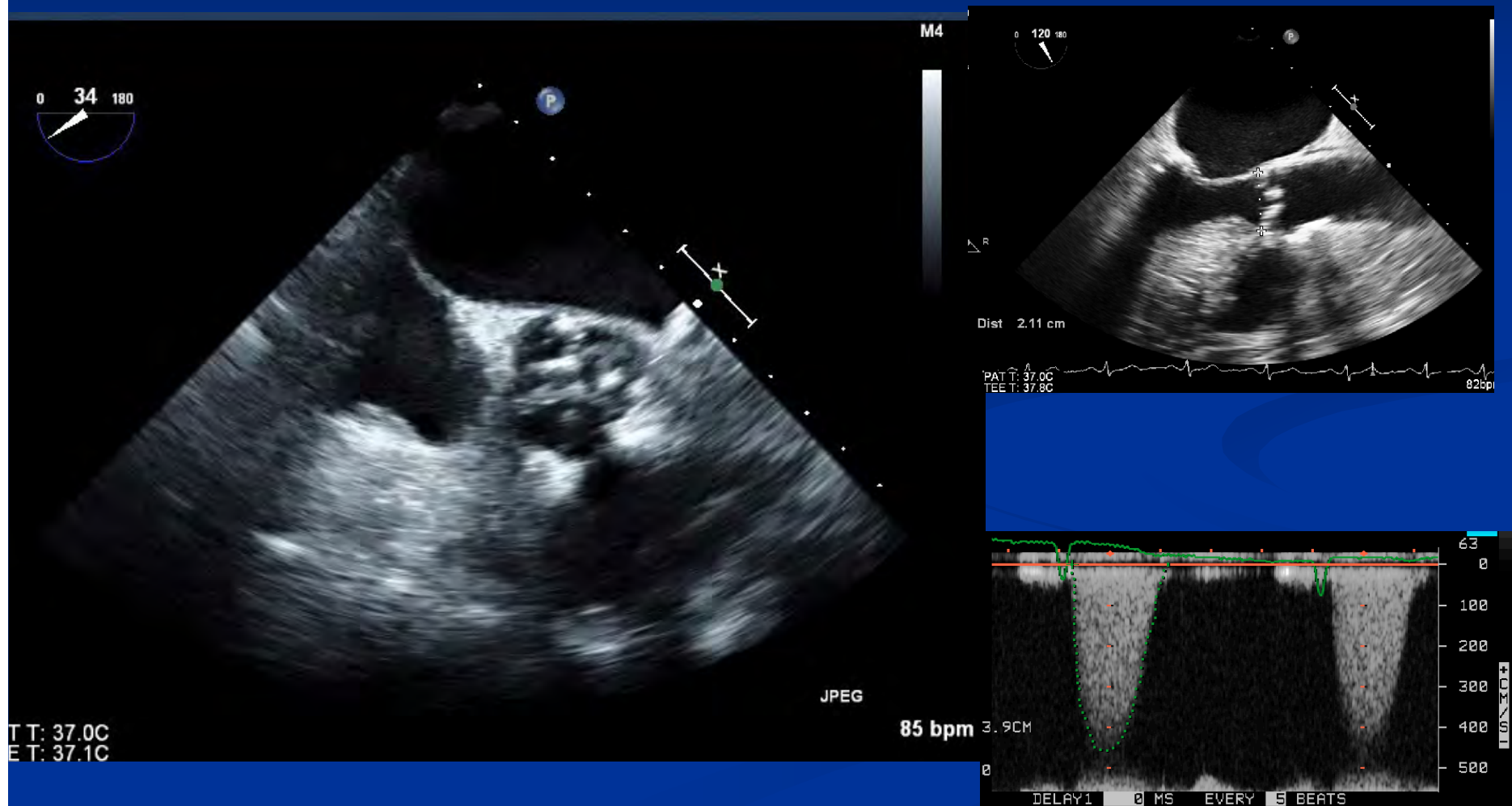
- Valve area $< 1.0 \text{ cm}^2$ (Normal-2-3 cm^2)
- Valve area index $< 0.6 \text{ cm}^2/\text{m}^2$

- Jet velocity $> 4.0 \text{ m/sec}$
- Mean valve gradient $> 40 \text{ mmHg}$

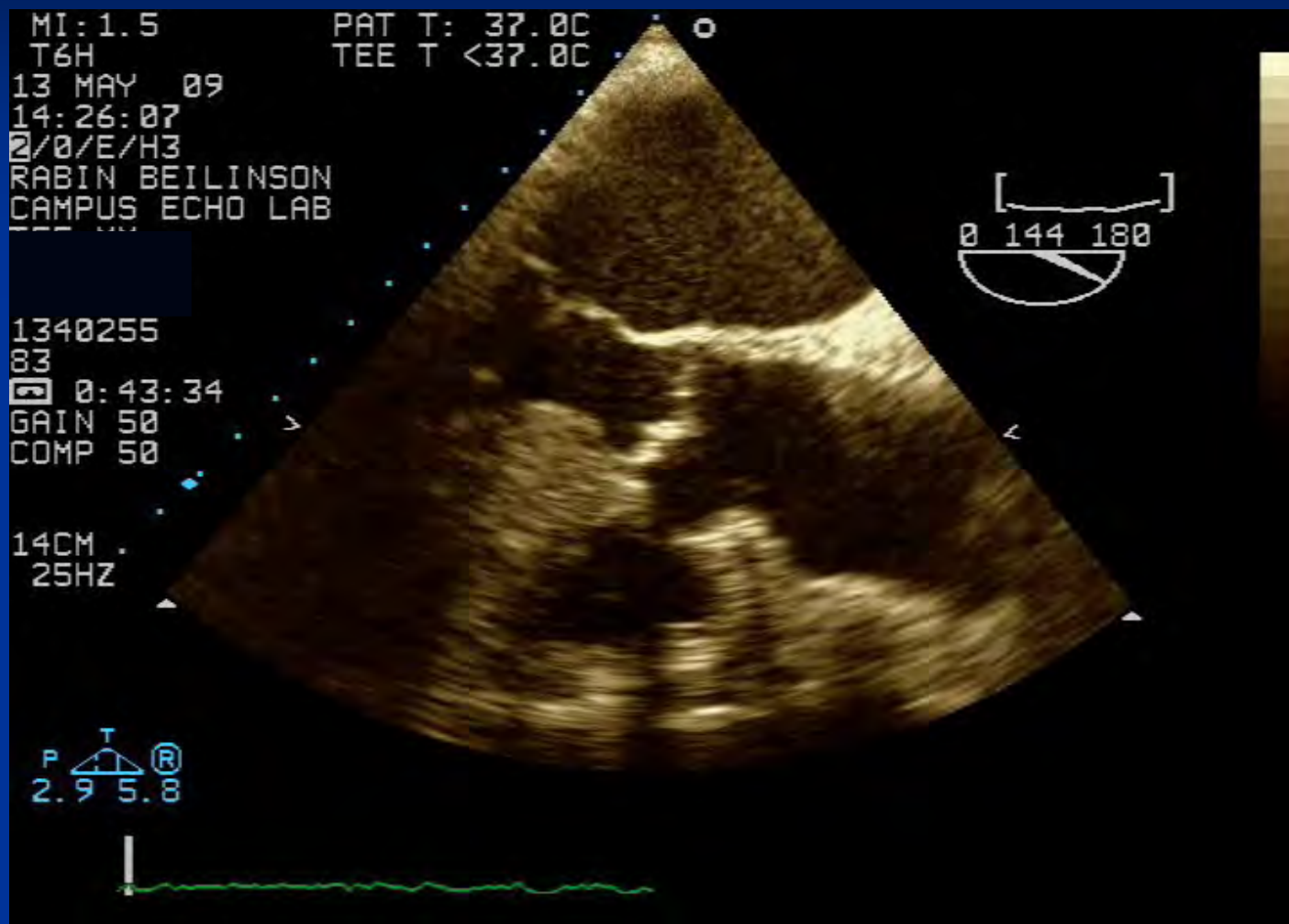
Prevalence of significant Aortic-Valve Disease

- **AS is the most frequent significant heart valve disease in Western countries.**
- Significant AS in ~2% of US population >65 years.
Freeman et al. Circulation. 2005;111(24):3316-26.
- Bicuspid AV- 0.5-2% of the population (men>women)
Basso et al. Am J Cardiol. 2004;93(5):661-3.
- 68% of all heart valve operations!
- In Israel: until recently ~1,000 AVR per year.

Echocardiography



Echocardiography



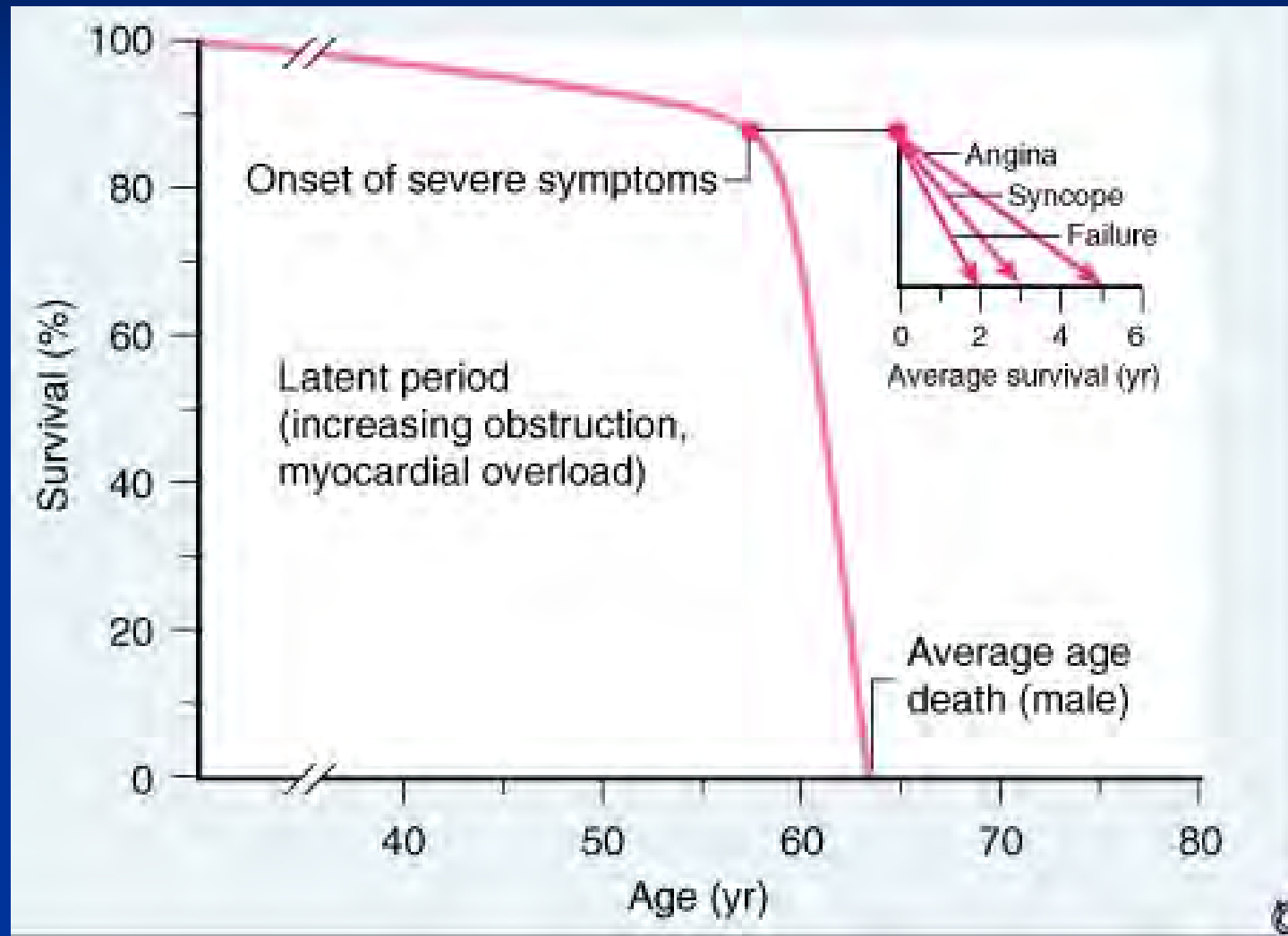
normal AV-echo.flv

Aortic Stenosis: Clinical Manifestation

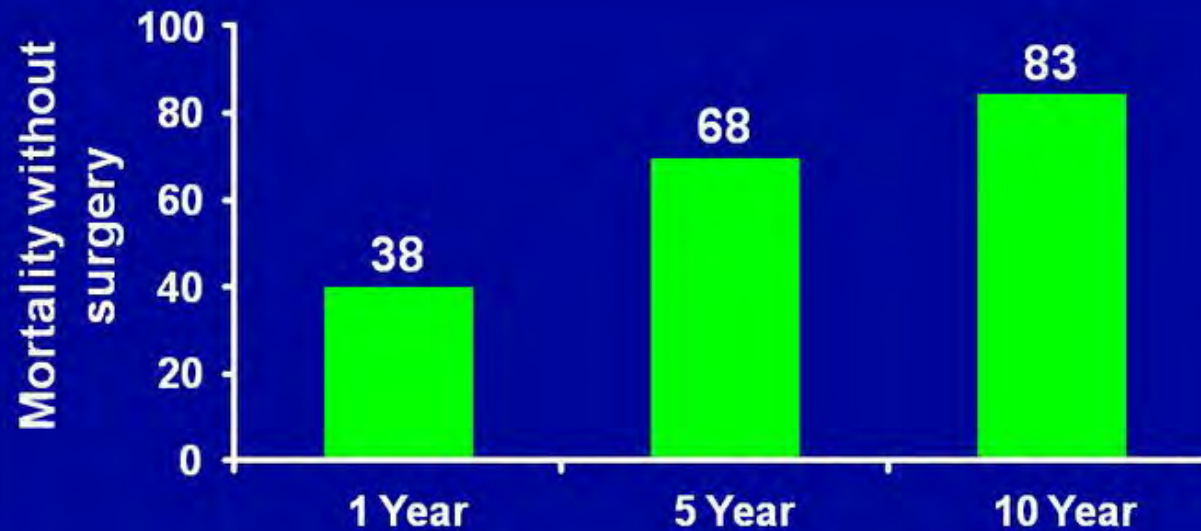
- **Asymptomatic**

- **Effort dyspnea**
- **Angina**
- **Weakness**
- **Pulmonary edema**
- **Syncope**
- **Sudden cardiac death**

Natural History of Patients with Aortic-Stenosis



Natural History of Patients with Aortic-Stenosis

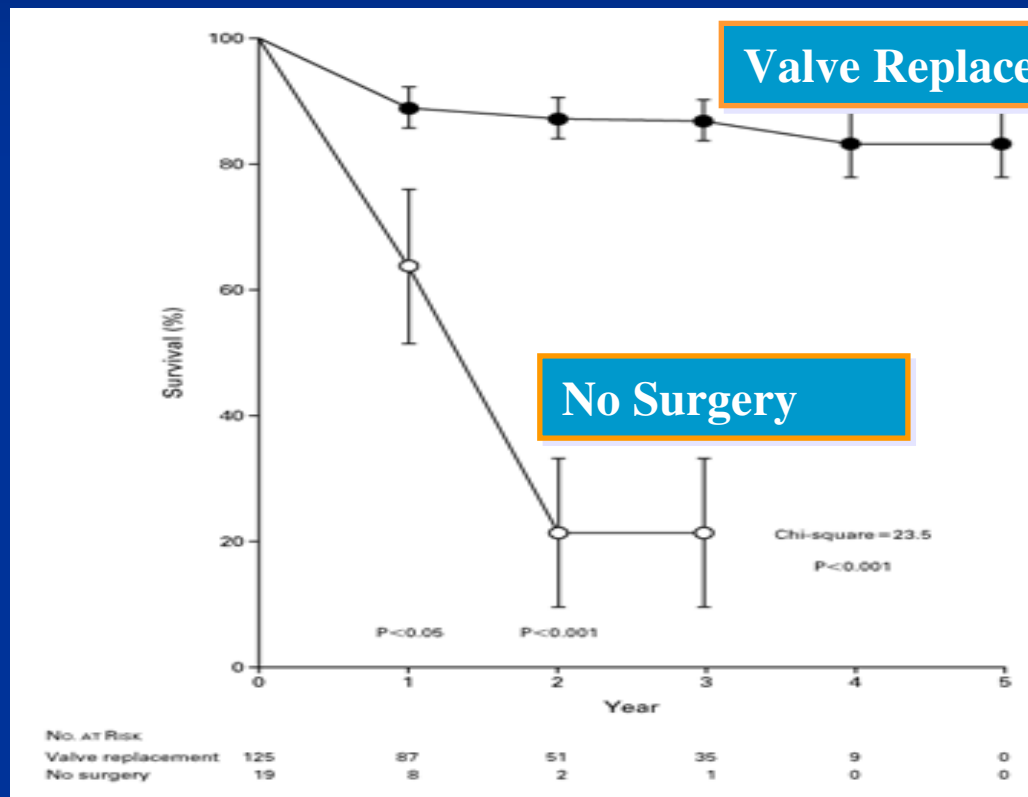


THE PROGNOSIS OF AORTIC STENOSIS HAS CHANGED LITTLE SINCE THE CLASSIC REPORT OF ROSS AND BRAUNWALD IN THE 60'S

Varadarajan P. Eur. J Cardiothorac Surg 2006; 30:722-7

Surgical Aortic-Valve Replacement

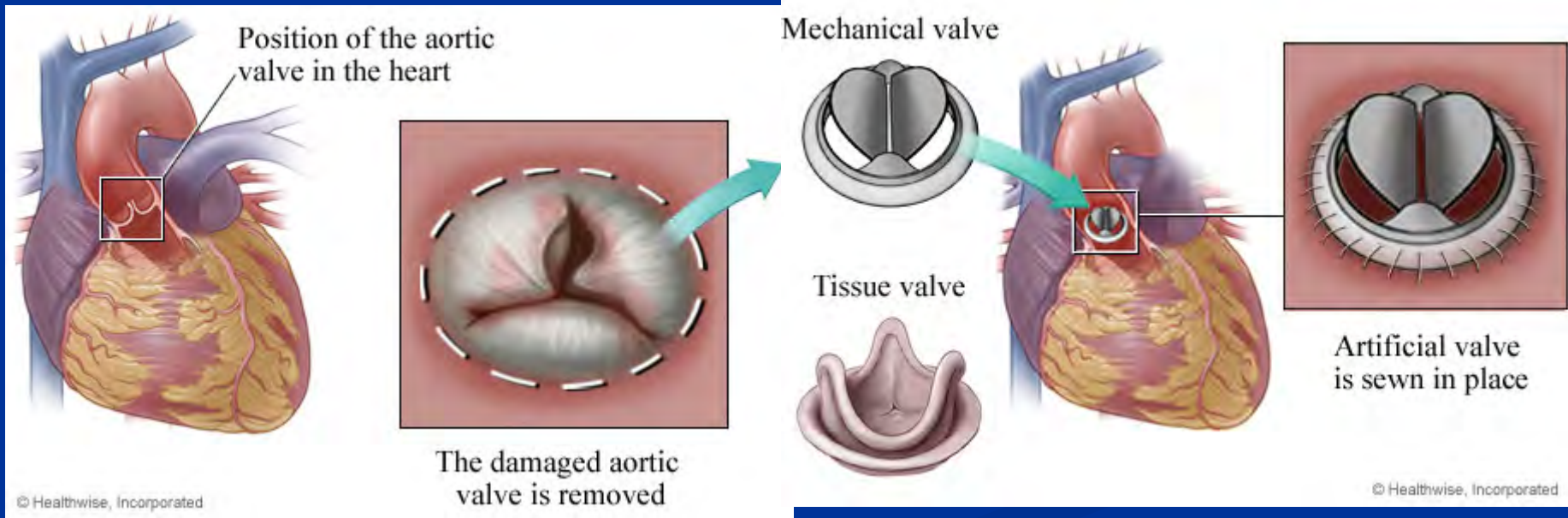
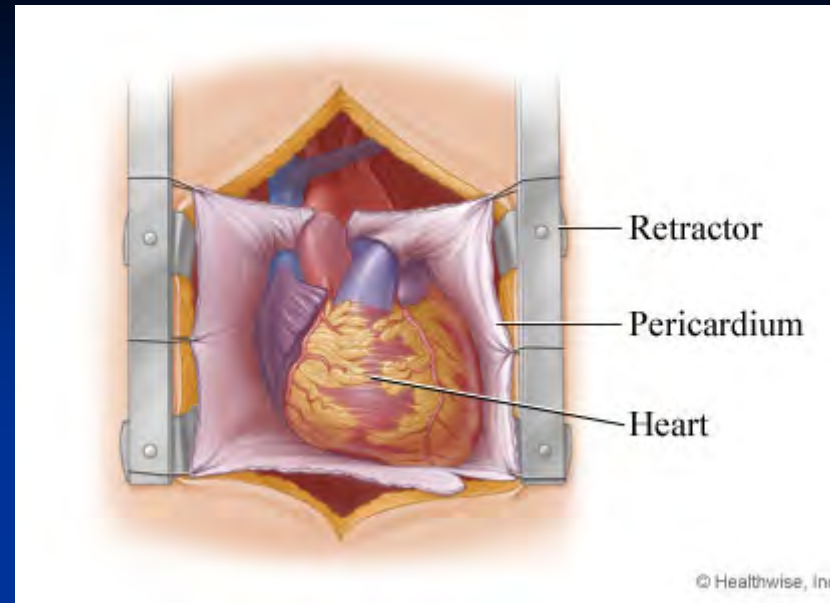
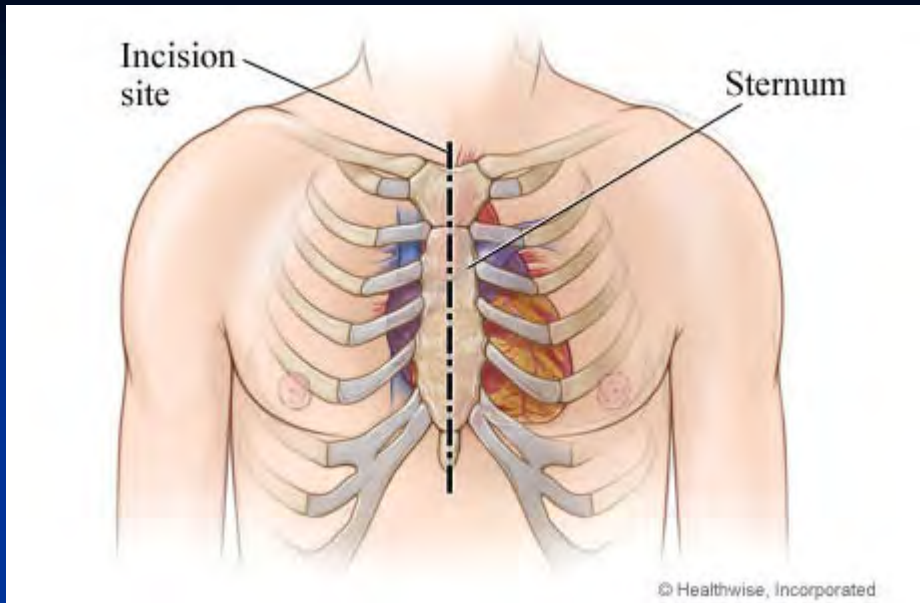
AVR should be performed in symptomatic severe AS patients



Carabello et al. NEJM 2002;346 (9)

Surgical Aortic Valve Replacement

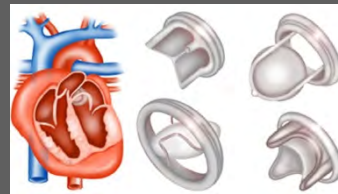
- Surgical AVR is the standard treatment for adults with symptomatic severe AS!
- Perioperative mortality rates are based on large databases: 2-3% in young pts with elective cases.
- Patient's lifespan returns to near that of general population.



Surgical Aortic Valve Replacement

AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT TECHNOLOGY

Valve Design



Implantation Technology



Mechanical



Bi-leaflet



Ball and cage



Single disk

Tissue



Stentless porcine



Stented Porcine

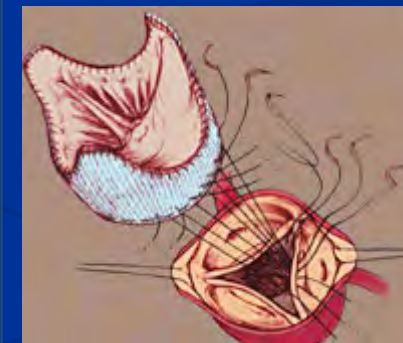


Stented bovine pericardial



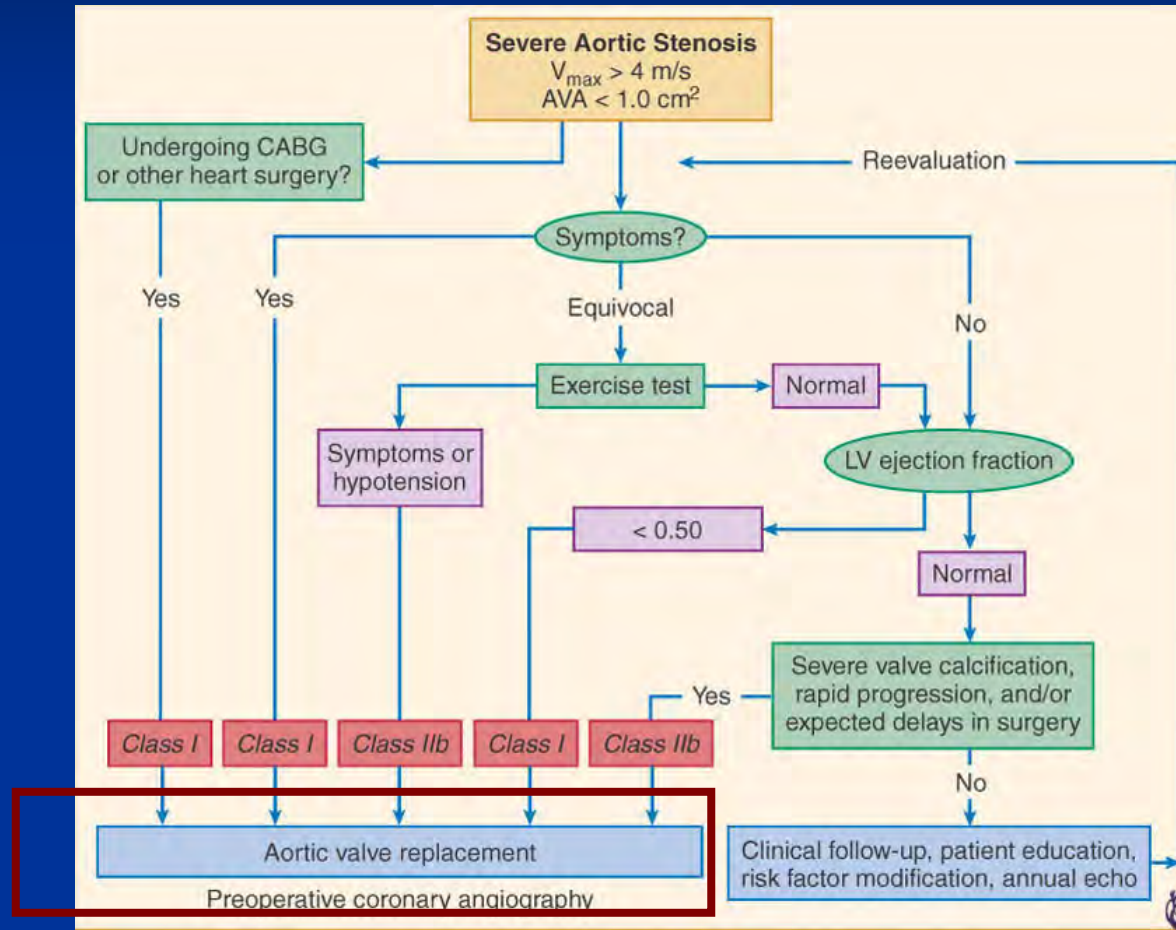
Cadaver (homograft)

Surgical



Repair

Management strategy for patients with severe aortic stenosis.



ACC/AHA 2006 guidelines

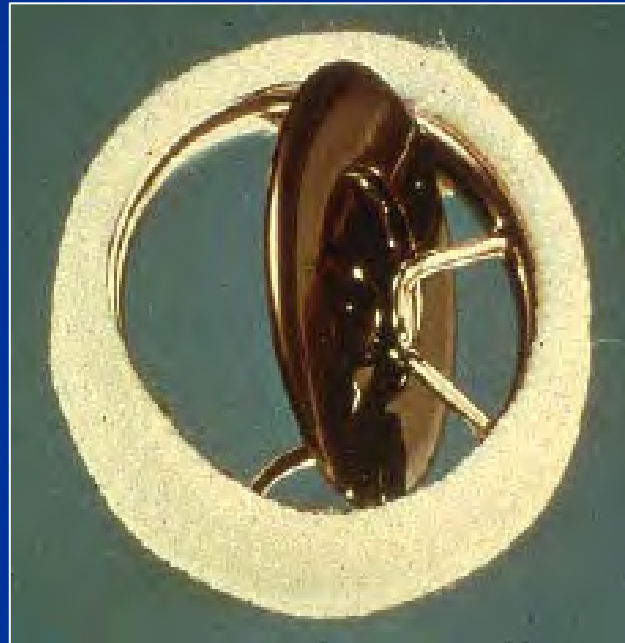
Mechanical valves

Caged Ball



Starr-Edwards
Albert Starr 1960

Tilting Disk



Bjork-Shiley
V. Bjork 1969

Bi-Leaflet



St Jude
D. Nicoloff 1977

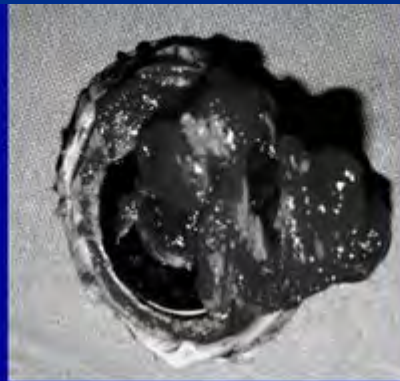
Multiple generations and brands of each design type

Mechanical valves



Panus

Obstruction



Thrombosis

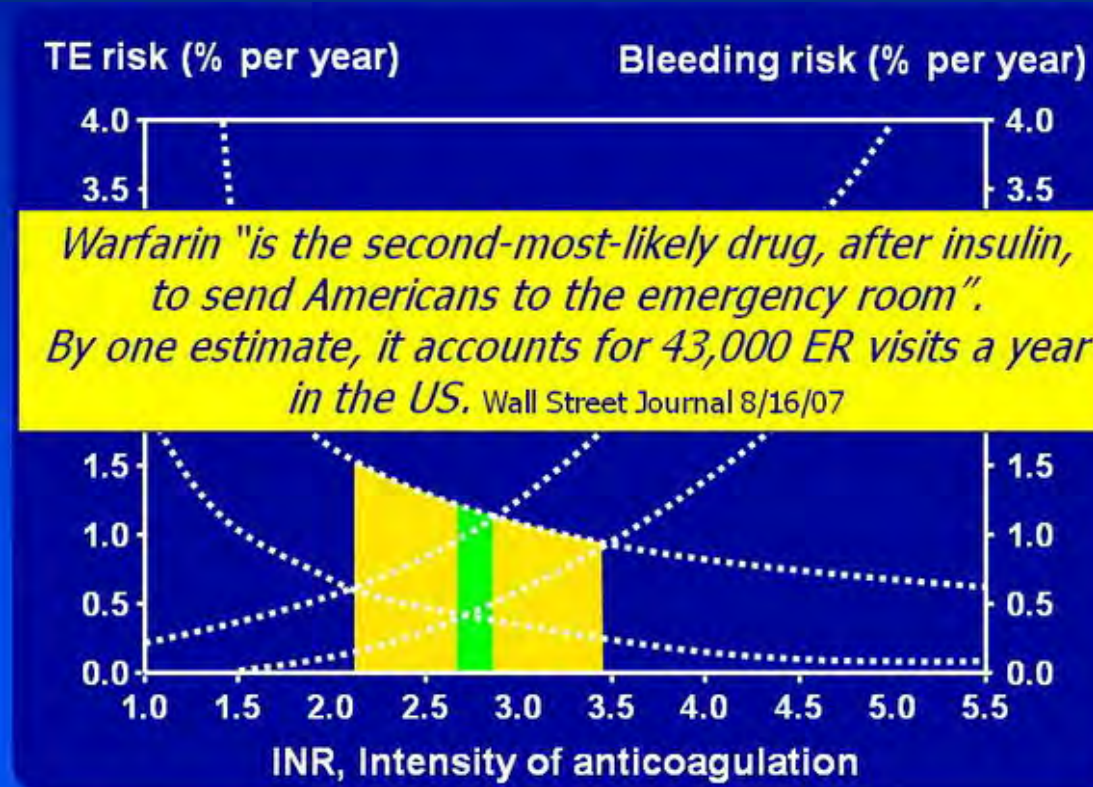
**Thrombo-
Embolism**



Wearing

Malfunction

Mechanical valves: the need for anticoagulation

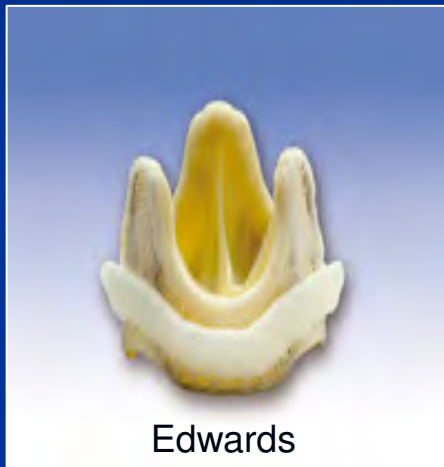


INR was only introduced in the 80's

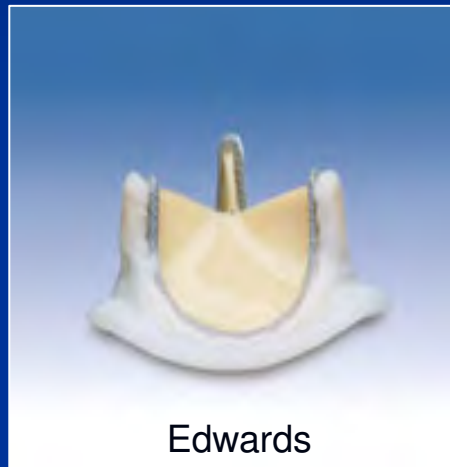
Horstkotte D. JTCVS. 1994;107:1136-45

Tissue Valves

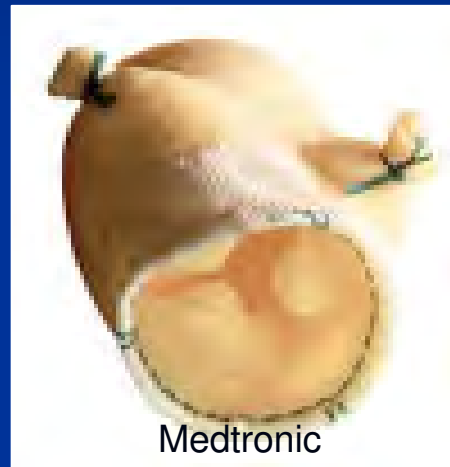
Porcine Heterograft



Pericardial Xenograft



Stentless Heterograft



Homograft

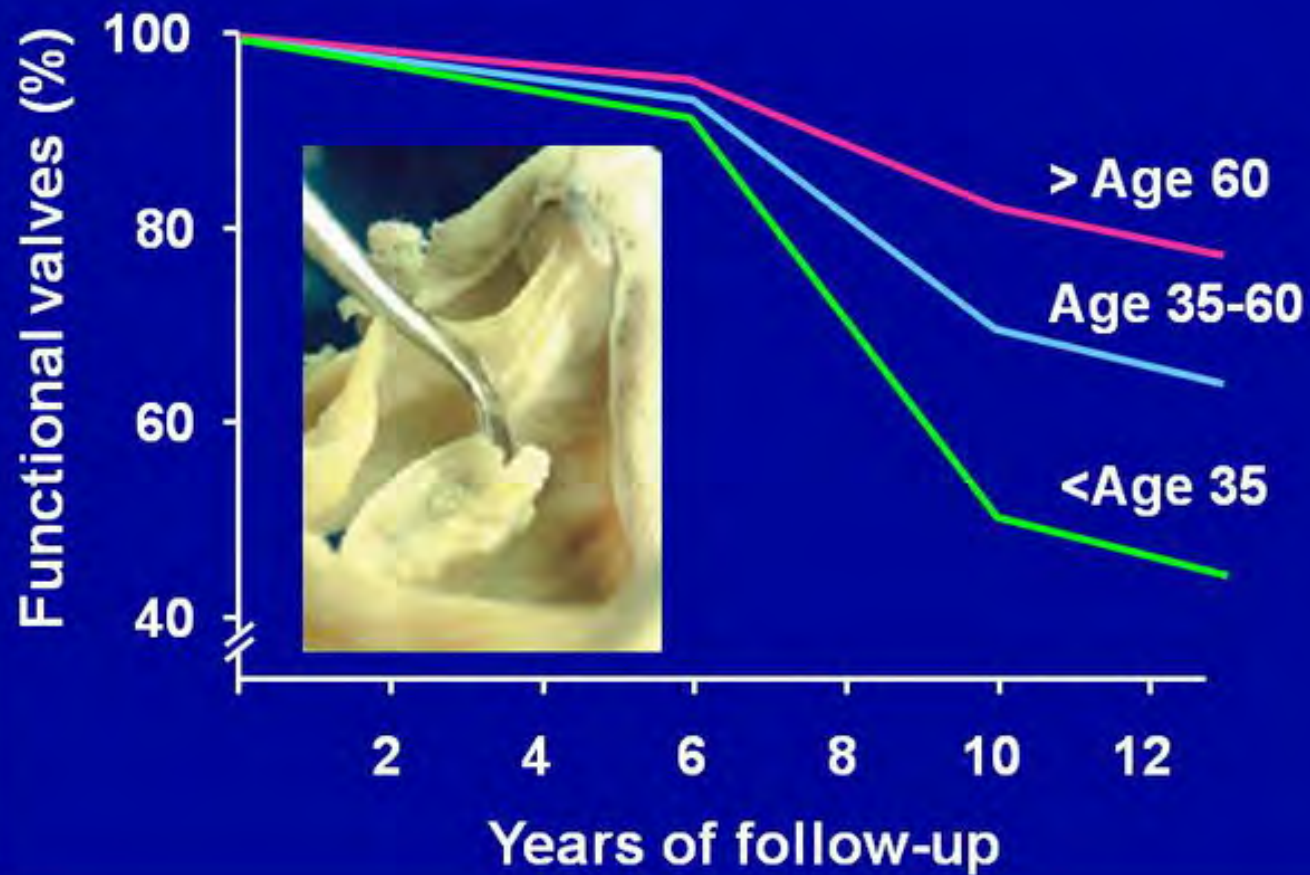


Multiple generations and brands of each design type

Tissue Valves

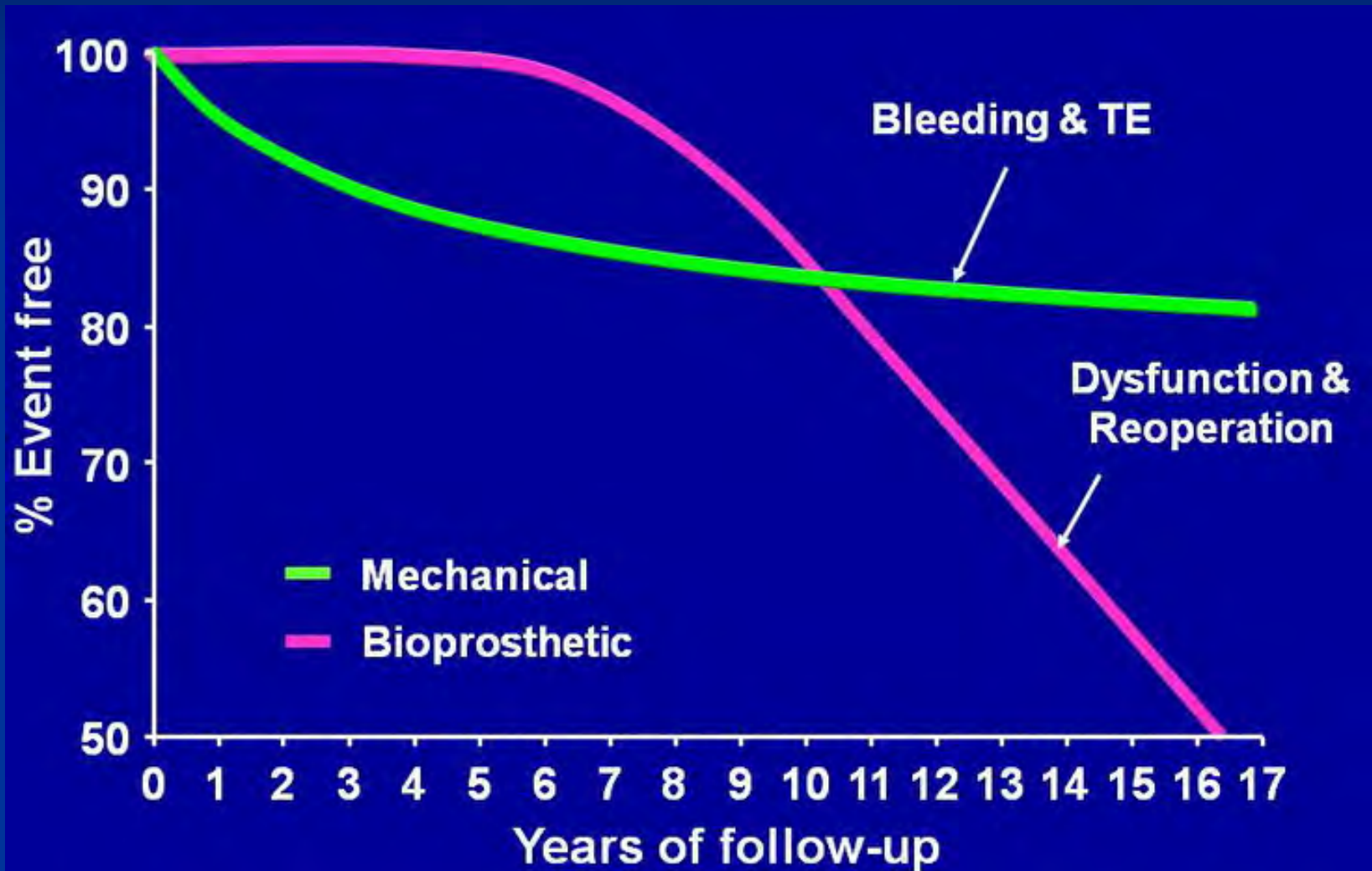
- **Early 60's**: limited success with allograft and autograft replacements (D. Ross)
- **1968**: A. Carpentier showed that glutaraldehyde preservation improved stability of porcine tissue & prevented valve degeneration
- **1970's**: development of 1st Bioprosthesis namely the Carpentier porcine valve with elgiloy stent
- **1980's**: development of Perimount bovine pericardial valve and Stentless tissue valve (T. David)
- **1990's**: anti-calcification treatment

Tissue Valves



Carpertier A. Nature Medicine 2007;13:10

Bioprosthesis valves vs. Mechanical valves

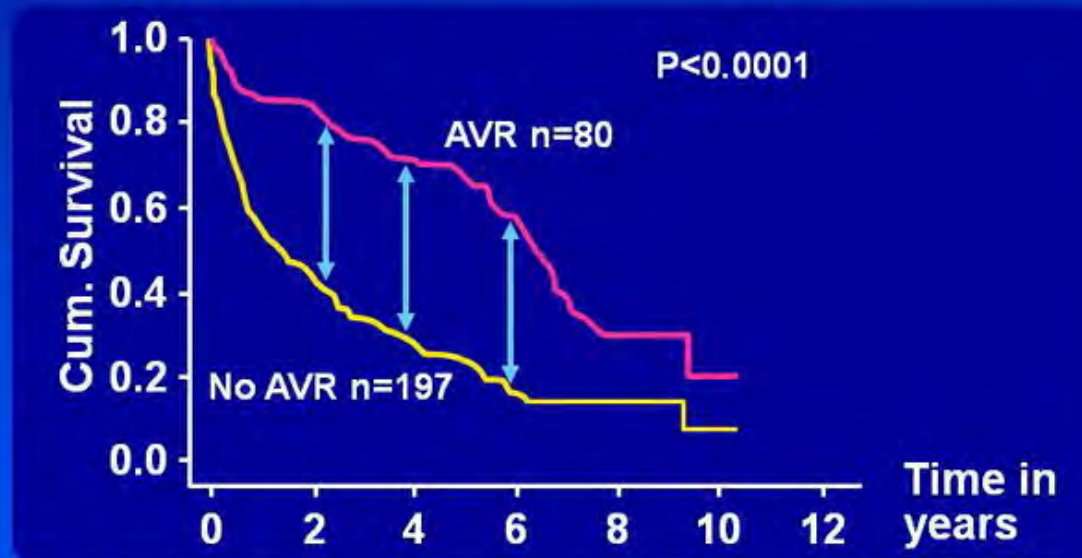


Risk factors for Impaired Prognosis after AVR

- Advanced age (> 80 yrs)
- Impaired LV function
- Prior heart surgery
- Renal insufficiency
- Previous stroke
- Lung disease
- Emergency operation

Survival of Octogenarians after surgical AVR

740 Octogenarians, 277 (37%) had Aortic Stenosis, 89 (29%) were operated

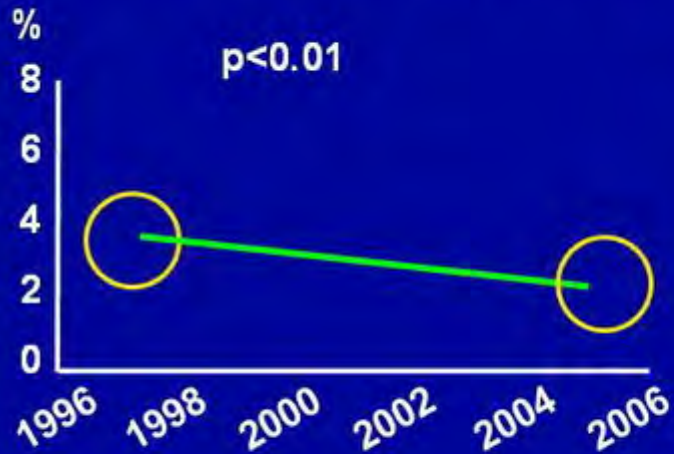


Patients suitable for SAVR had a significant survival benefit at 2-, 4- and 6-years follow-up . . . this was true even after a propensity score matched analysis

Varadarajan P. Eur J Cardiothorac Surg 2006;30:722-3

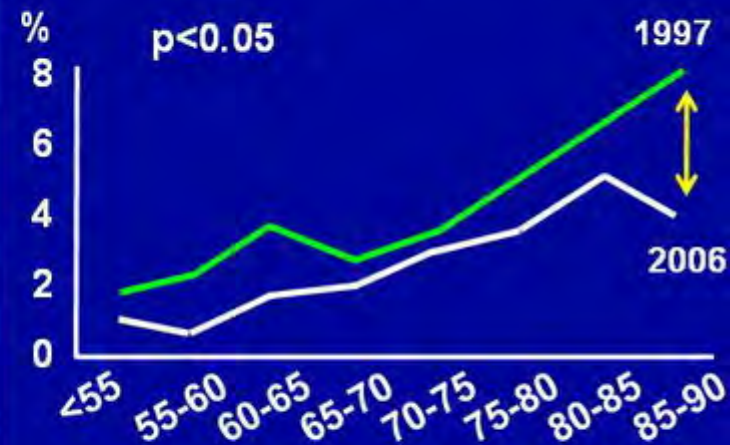
Outcome of 108,687 patients after isolated AVR

Risk-adjusted in-hospital mortality



From 1997 till 2006, in-hospital mortality has fallen significantly from 3.5 to 2.3%

Mortality in-hospital vs Age



The most significant reduction in mortality was observed in the elderly

Change in population undergoing isolated AVR

Relative changes in frequency of baseline characteristics of 108,687 patients selected for sAVR between 1997 & 2006

Age \geq 70 years	+ 10 %	< 0.001
Renal failure	+ 36 %	< 0.001
BMI \geq 30kg/m ²	+ 38 %	< 0.001
Cerebrovascular disease	+ 64 %	< 0.001
Any diabetes	+ 65 %	< 0.001
COPD	+ 218 %	< 0.001
Bioprosthesis	+ 80 %	< 0.001

Brown, STS Database. J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg 2009;137:82-90



A prospective survey of patients with valvular heart disease in Europe: The Euro Heart Survey on Valvular Heart Disease

Bernard Jung^{a*}, Gabriel Baron^b, Eric G. Butchart^c, François Delahaye^d, Christa Gohlke-Bärwolf^e, Olaf W. Levang^f, Pilar Tornos^g, Jean-Louis Vanoverschelde^h, Frank Vermeerⁱ, Eric Boersma^j, Philippe Ravaud^b, Alec Vahanian^a

Aims To identify the characteristics, treatment, and outcomes of contemporary patients with valvular heart disease (VHD) in Europe, and to examine adherence to guidelines.

Methods and results The Euro Heart Survey on VHD was conducted from April to July 2001 in 92 centres from 25 countries; it included prospectively 5001 adults with moderate to severe native VHD, infective endocarditis, or previous valve intervention. VHD was native in 71.9% of patients and 28.1% had had a previous intervention. Mean age was 64±14 years. Degenerative aetiologies were the most frequent in aortic VHD and mitral regurgitation while most cases of mitral stenosis were of rheumatic origin.

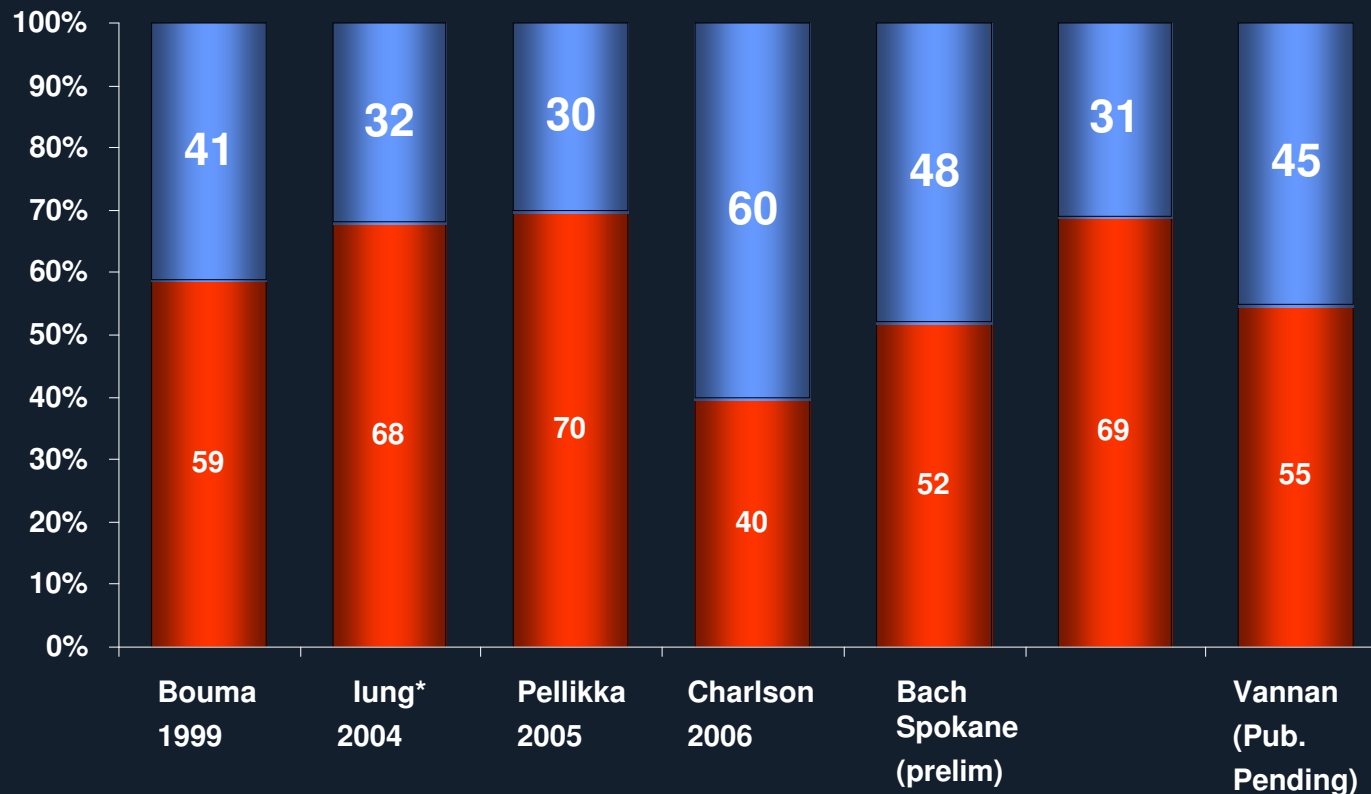
Coronary angiography was used in 85.2% of patients before intervention. Of the 1269 patients who underwent intervention, prosthetic replacement was performed in 99.0% of aortic VHD, percutaneous dilatation in 33.9% of mitral stenosis, and valve repair in 46.5% of mitral regurgitation; 31.7% of patients had ≥1 associated procedure. Of patients with severe, symptomatic, single VHD, 31.8% did not undergo intervention, most frequently because of comorbidities. In asymptomatic patients, accordance with guidelines ranged between 66.0 and 76.5%. Operative mortality was <5% for single VHD. **Conclusions** This survey provides unique contemporary data on characteristics and management of patients with VHD. Adherence to guidelines is globally satisfying as regards investigations and interventions.

~30-40% of Patients with Severe Symptomatic AS are “Untreated”!

Severe Symptomatic Aortic Stenosis

Percent of Cardiology Patients Treated

■ AVR
■ No AVR



Under-treatment especially prevalent among patients managed by *Primary Care* physicians

1. Bouma B J et al. To operate or not on elderly patients with aortic stenosis: the decision and its consequences. *Heart* 1999;82:143-148
2. lung B et al. A prospective survey of patients with valvular heart disease in Europe: The Euro Heart Survey on Valvular Heart Disease. *European Heart Journal* 2003;24:1231-1243 (*includes both Aortic Stenosis and Mitral Regurgitation patients)
3. Pellikka, Sarano et al. Outcome of 622 Adults with Asymptomatic, Hemodynamically Significant Aortic Stenosis During Prolonged Follow-Up. *Circulation* 2005
4. Charlson E et al. Decision-making and outcomes in severe symptomatic aortic stenosis. *J Heart Valve Dis* 2006;15:312-321

Introduction to Transcatheter Aortic-Valve Implantation

Balloon Aortic Valvuloplasty

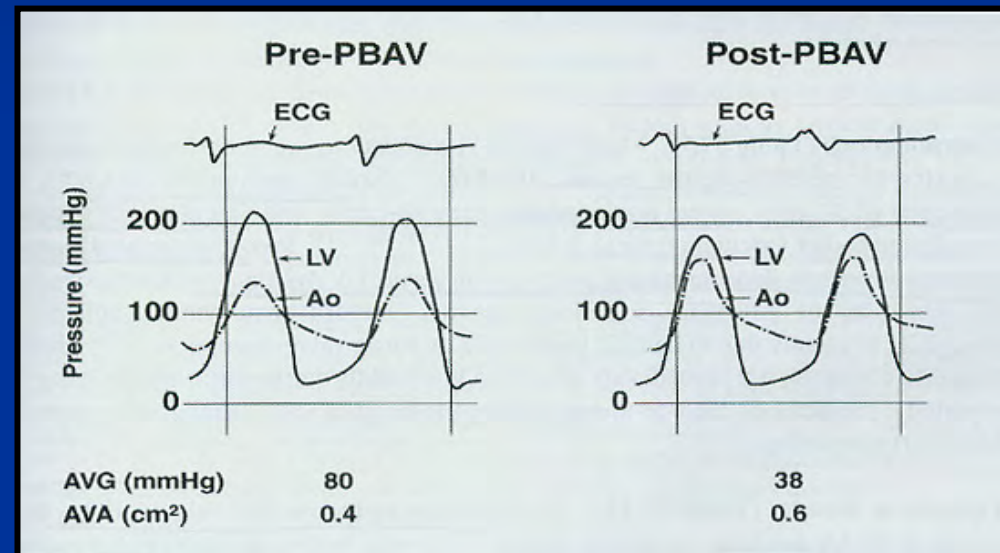
- Rapid ventricular pacing.
- First preformed in children with congenital AS.
- 1st adult palliative case in 1985.

Cribier A. et al. Lancet 1986;63-7.



Balloon Aortic Valvuloplasty

- Results in 50-70% decrease in gradients and a 40-60% increase in AVA .

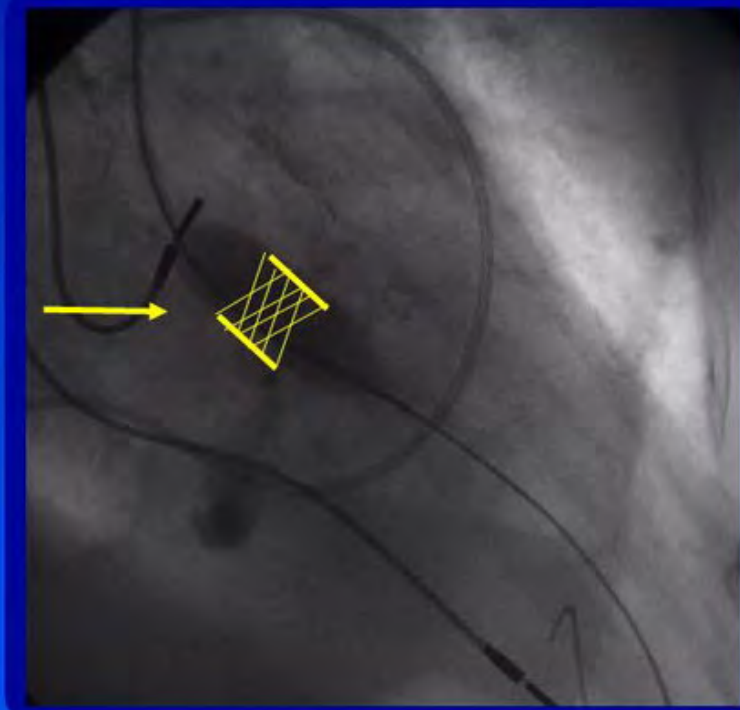


- **Problems**

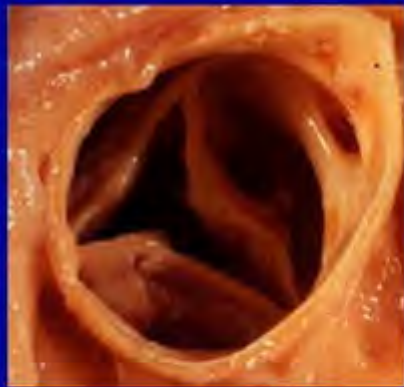
- Complications (vascular,...)
- Sub-optimal results
- Early restenosis ~50%



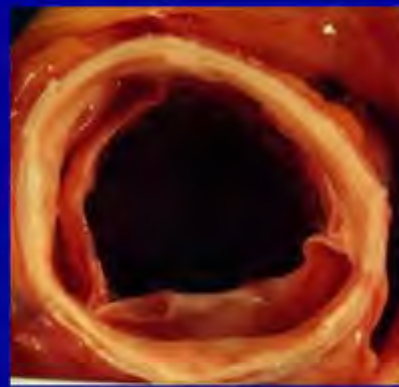
To avoid restenosis: Why not place a stent within the valve?



1993-1994: Post-Mortem implantations of AV stent

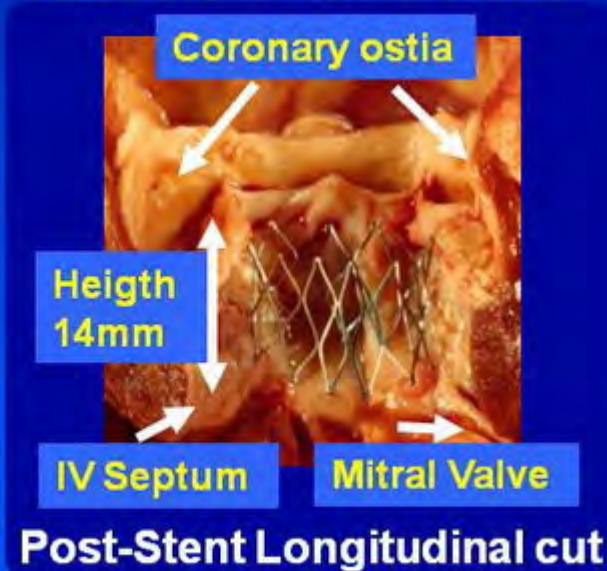


Post-BAV:
23mm balloon



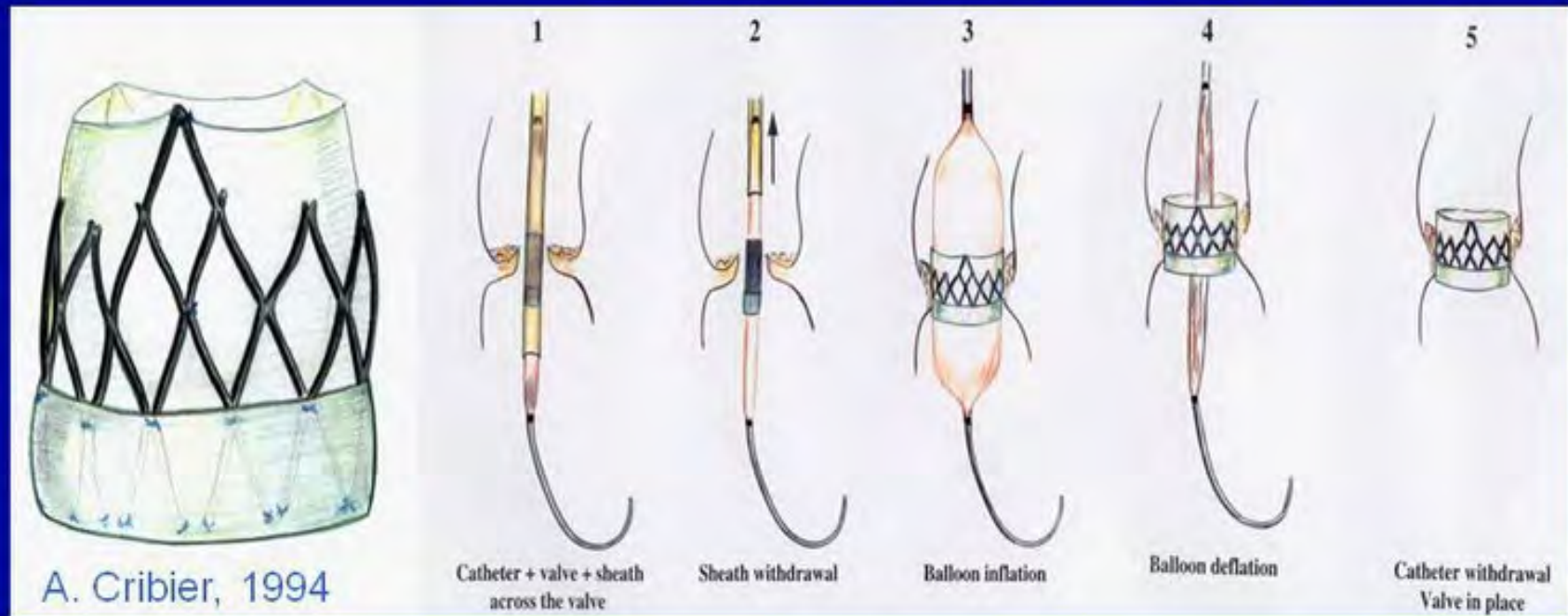
Post-Stent
23mm Palmaz Stent

Stent respects
adjoining structures



More than 2kg of traction force required to dislodge the stent

1st original drawings: The concept of stented valve



1994-1999: Trying to convince investors to create a biomedical company

Negative comments and skepticism of experts, surgeons but also cardiologists

“Totally unrealistic, major technical issues”

“Definitely impossible to stent a calcific aortic valve”

“Occlusion of coronary arteries in 100% of cases”

“Would never be approved by FDA”

“Surgery covers 100% of the need. No indication”

“Most stupid project ever heard ...”

1999: Percutaneous Valve Technologies (PVT) was eventually created



Founders
of PVT

Device System and Engineers

Delivery catheter system

Valve housing, shaft, working handle, recapture, reposition, retrieve, profile, ergonomics



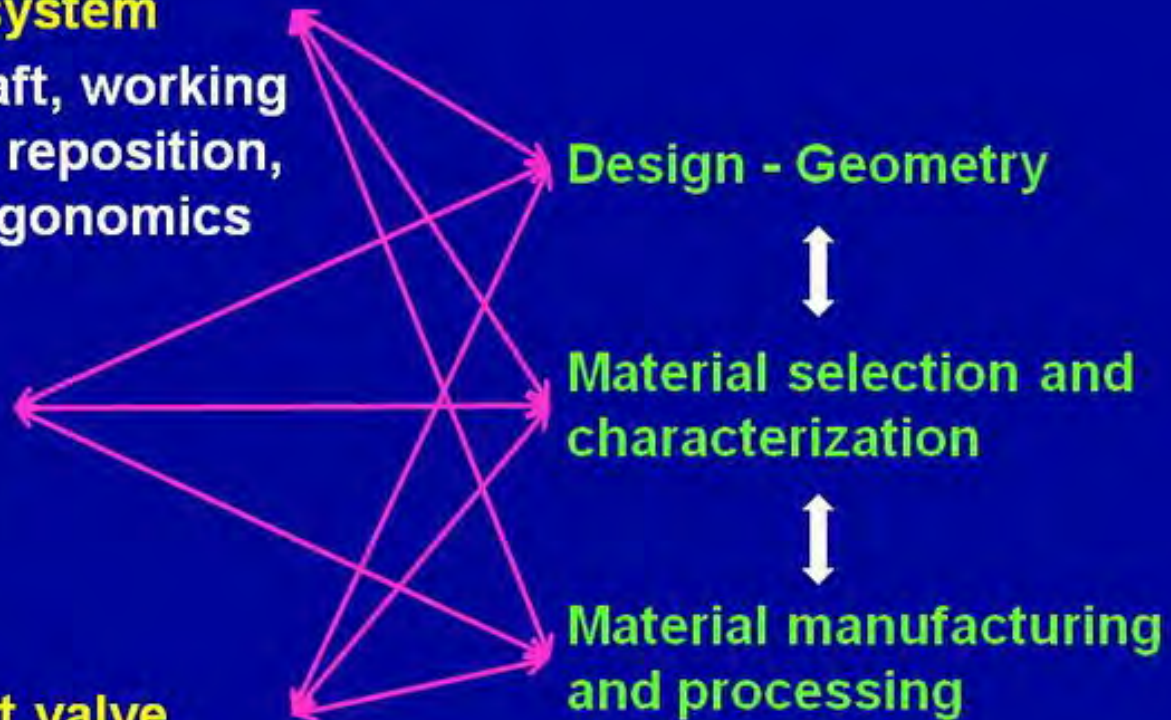
Loading system

Atraumatic, user-friendly



Bioprosthesis heart valve

Support structure, leaflets, sealing skirt, attachment posts, anchoring/function, sutures



1st prototypes of stented valves

Polyuréthane
valve



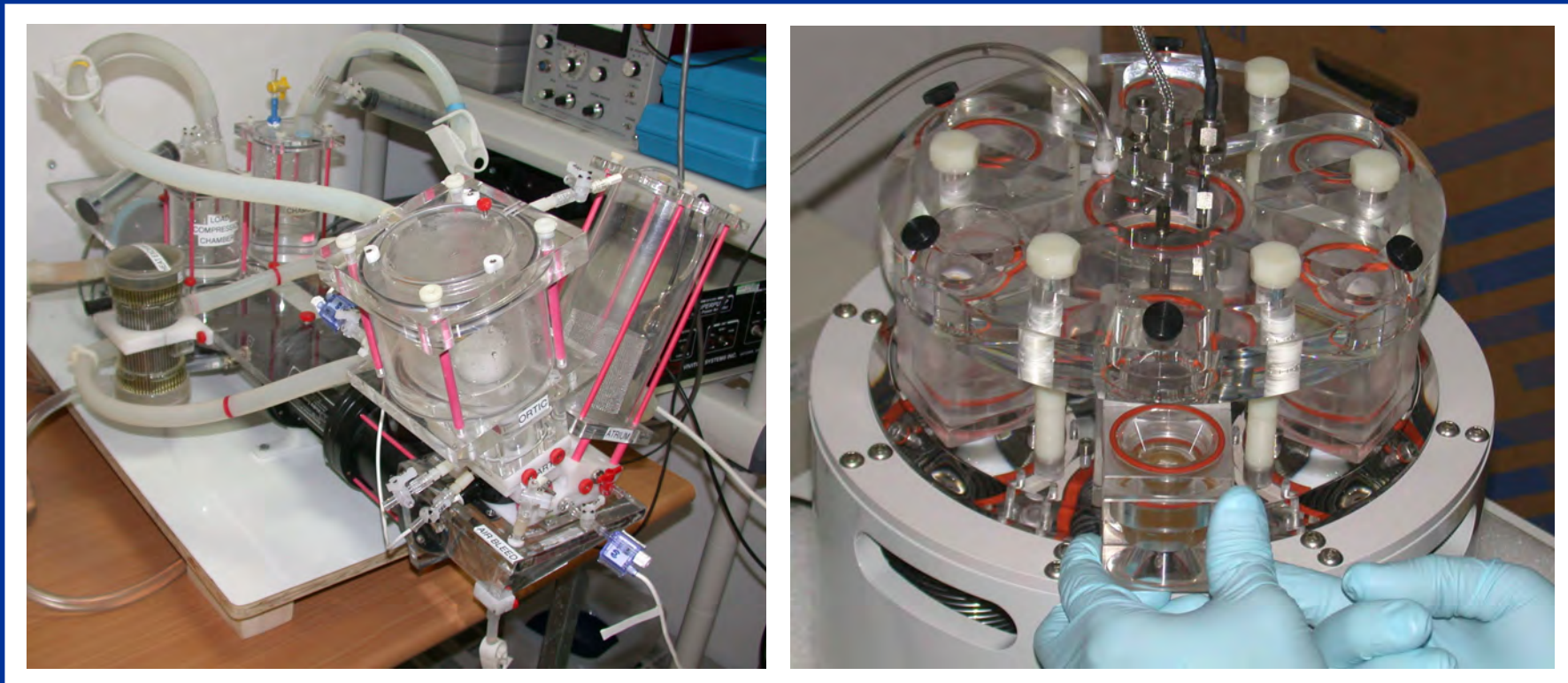
Bovine
pericardium
Stainless
steel stent



23mm max diameter

Cribier-Edwards Aortic Bioprosthesis *Accelerated Wear Tests*

> 600 M cycles (15 yrs equivalent)



Cribier-Edwards Aortic Bioprosthesis

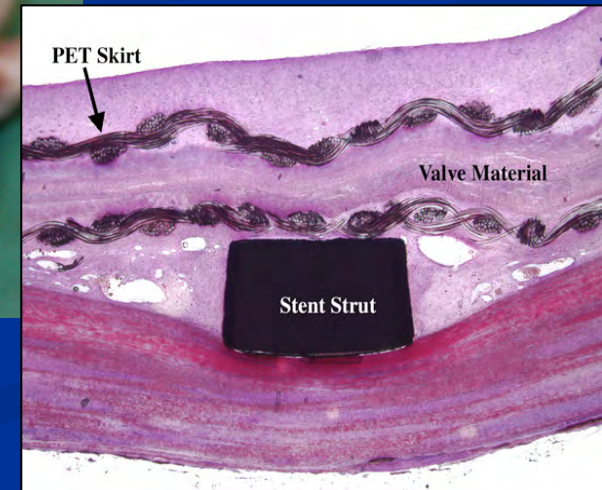
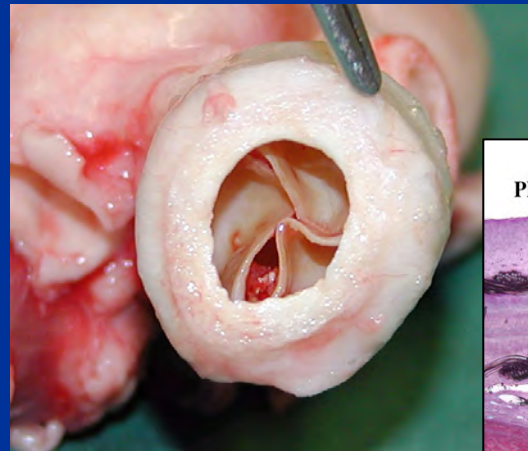
Animal Tests



More than 100 implantations
in normal sheep (CERA,
Paris and Biomatec, Lyon)

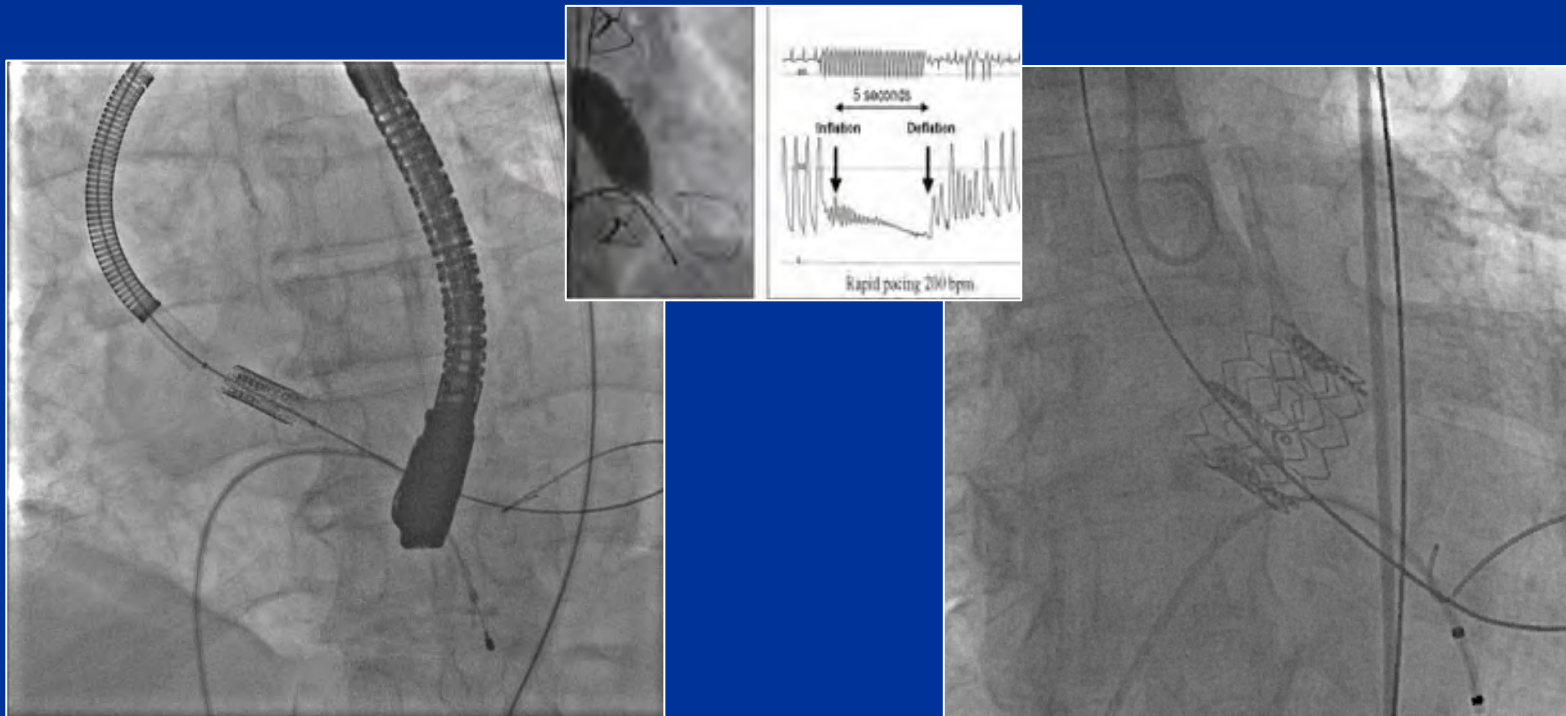
PHV IMPLANTATIONS

- Native aortic valve ■
- Native pulmonary valve ■
- Descending aorta ■



Implantation technique

Balloon valvuloplasty and valve implantation during rapid ventricular pacing ($\sim 180/\text{min}$)



April 16th, 2002.

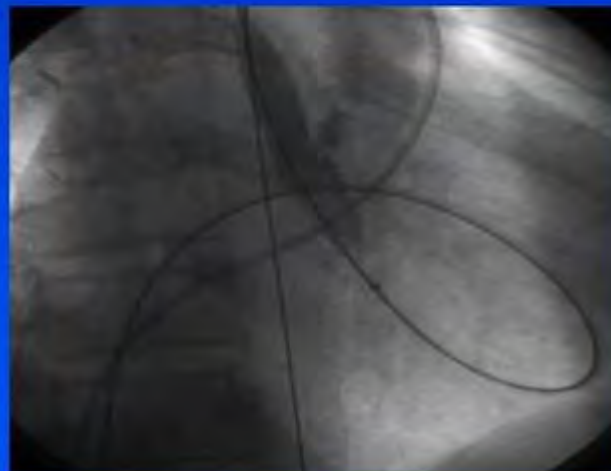
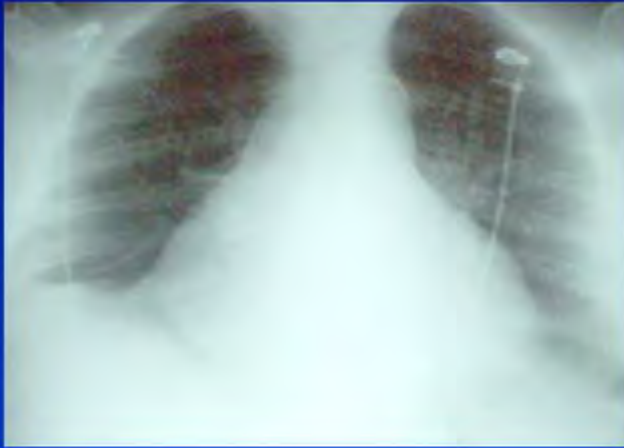
First in Man TAVI, Rouen, France

57 year-old man

- **Severe calcific Aortic Stenosis in cardiogenic shock**
- **Valve replacement declined by three surgical teams due to hemodynamic instability and comorbidities**
- **Severe peripheral arterial disease with subacute ischemia of the right leg (occluded aorto- bifemoral bypass)**
- **Silicosis and lung cancer (lobectomy in 1999)**
- **Balloon aortic valvuloplasty proposed as a last possible option**

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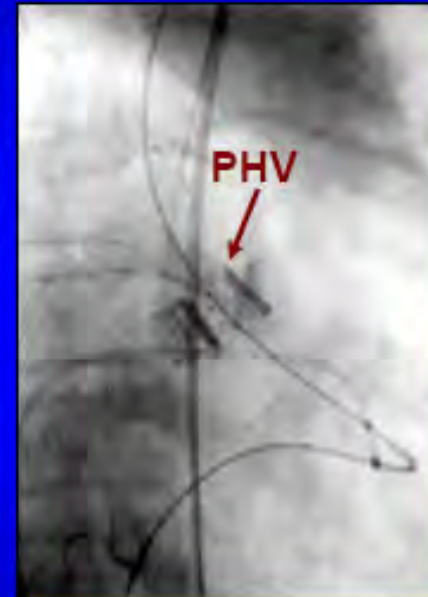


LVEF = 14%

April 16th, 2002.
First in Man TAVI, Rouen, France



Percutaneous Aortic Valve Replacement



Cribier et al. *Circulation* 2002;106:3006-3008



Day 8 post-implantation

Cribier-Edwards Aortic Bioprosthesis

Animal Tests : The initial phase

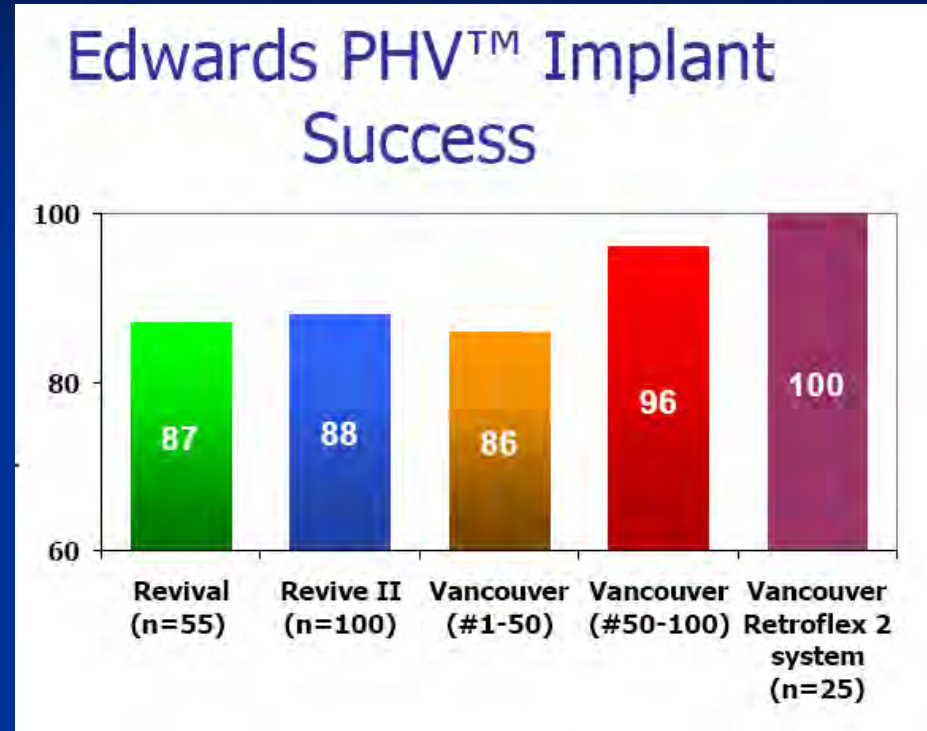
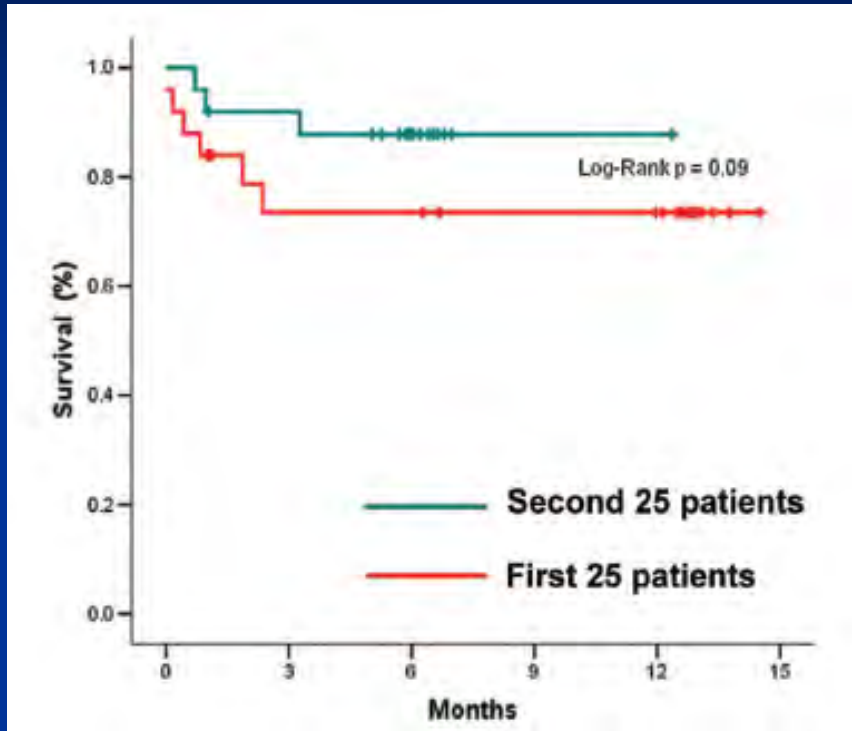
- Poorly defined patients characterization
 - Desperate cases (including those beyond cure)
- Poorly defined procedural specifications
- Prototype equipment
- Procedural learning curve
 - pioneering experiences

Yrs: 2002-2005



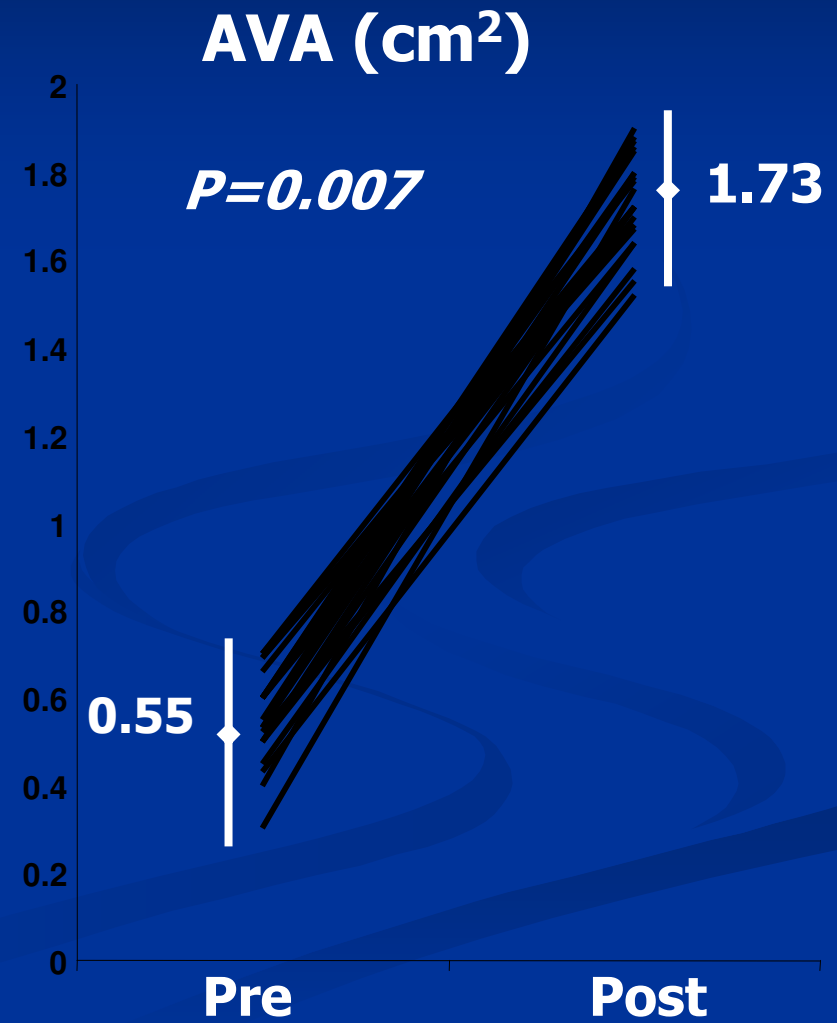
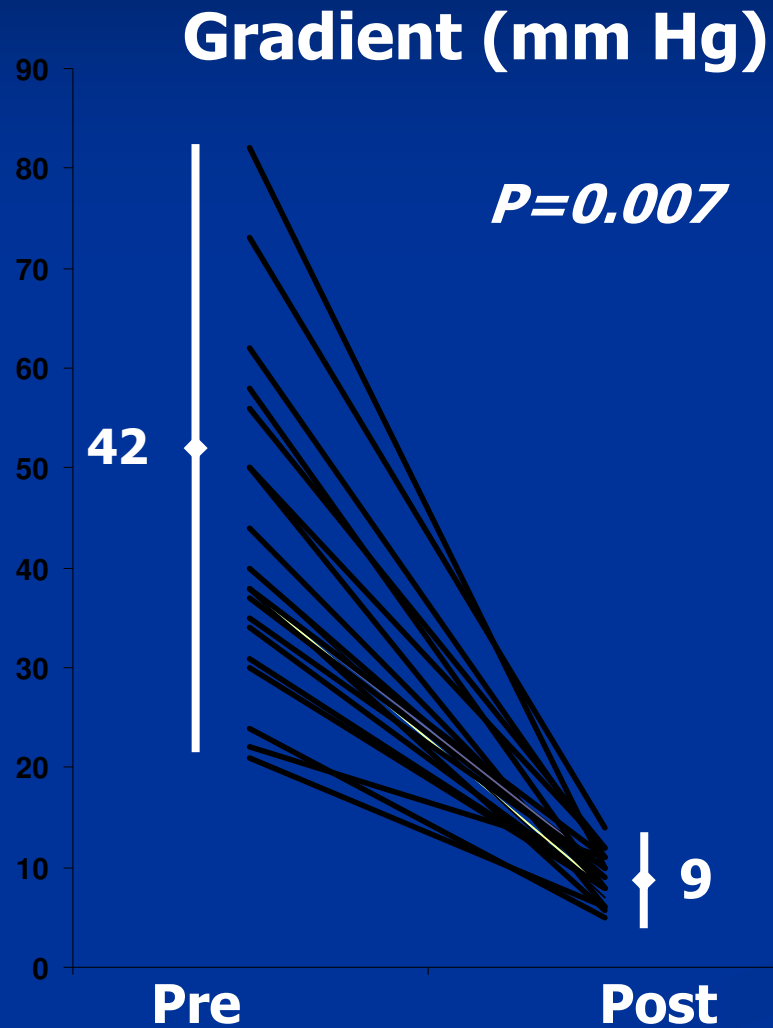
- ↑ procedural complications
- ↑ peri-procedural and short-term mortality
- Questionable procedural role & medical benefits

Learning Curve



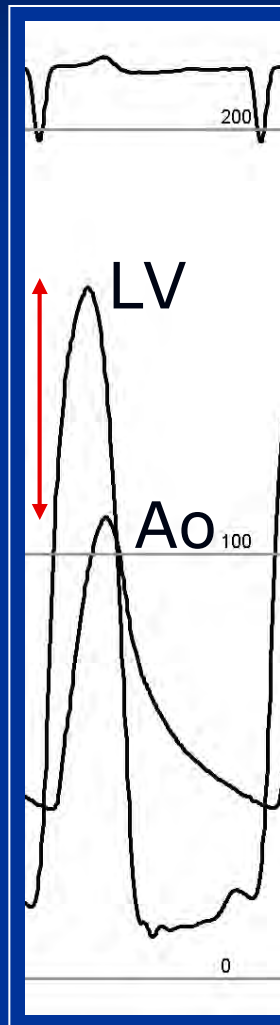
- Improved Results- mostly related to improved **patient selection!**
- The importance of meticulous screening process.

Hemodynamic Effect



Hemodynamic Effect

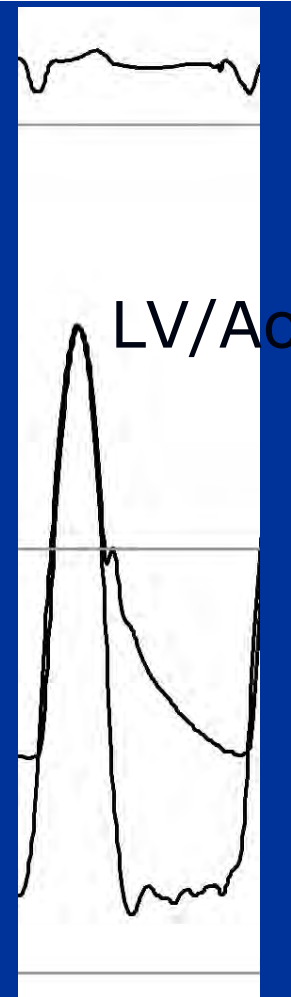
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55mmHg
AVA=0.6 cm²



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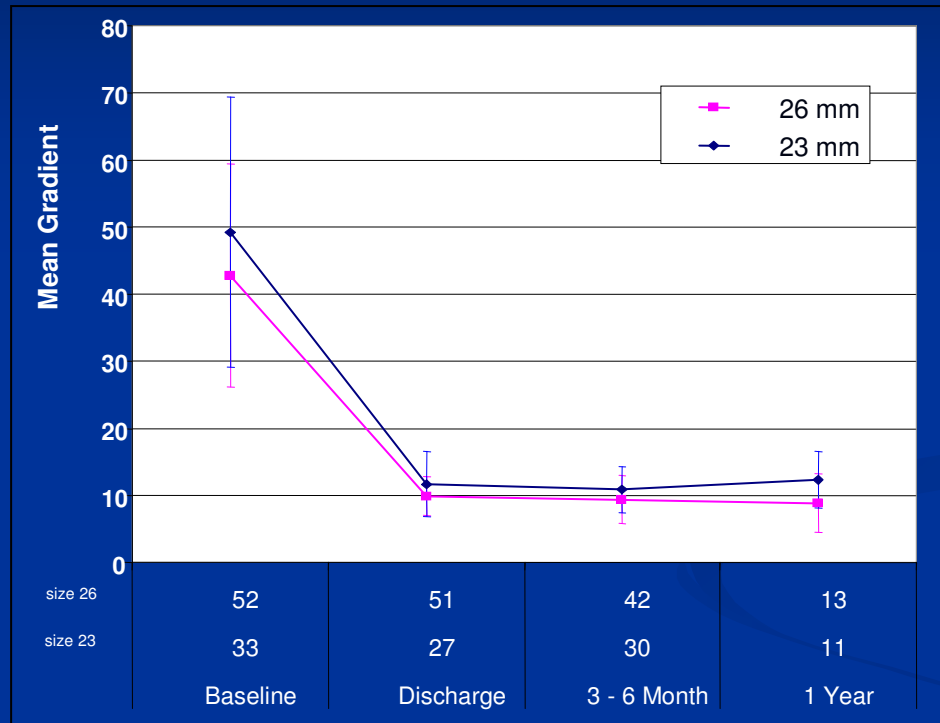


Gradient
0mmHg
AVA=1.7 cm²



Post PAVI

Hemodynamic Effect



45 → 10 → 10 mmHg

REVIVE II + REVIVAL II + CSA (n=193)

Edwards TAVI bioprosthesis

2002 FIM

THV



Bovine pericardium
Stainless steel frame
23mm
Preclin. & FIM

24F

2003

THV



Equine pericardium
Stainless steel frame
23mm
2003-2006

22F

2005

Cribier-Edwards



New transapical approach



2010

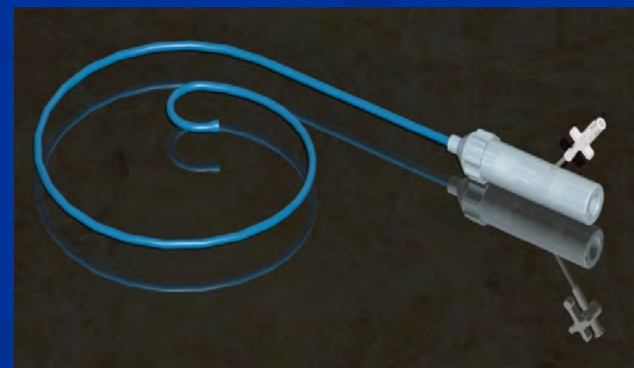
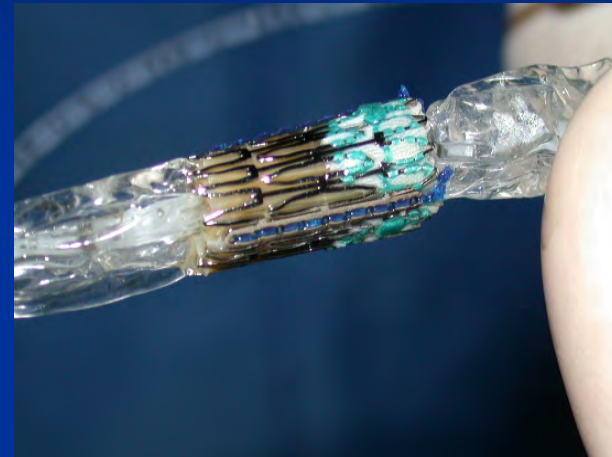
Edwards Sapien XT



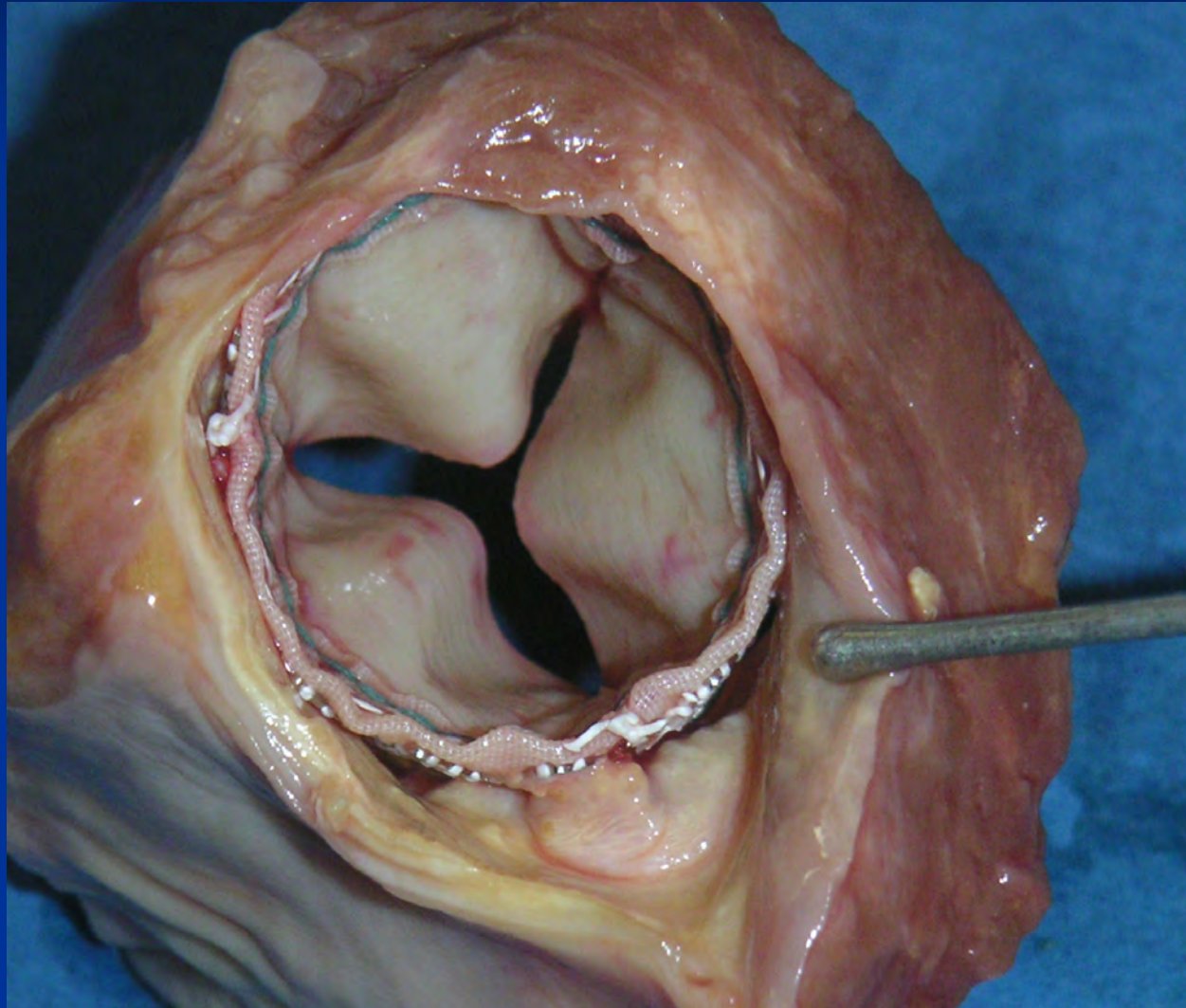
Bovine pericardium
Cobalt Chrome frame
23 and 26mm
Next: 20-29mm

18F 19F

Cribier-Edwards/Sapien™ Aortic Bioprosthesis



Cribier-Edwards/Sapien™ Aortic Bioprosthesis



Cribier-Edwards/Sapien™ Aortic Bioprosthesis



First generation - polyurethane



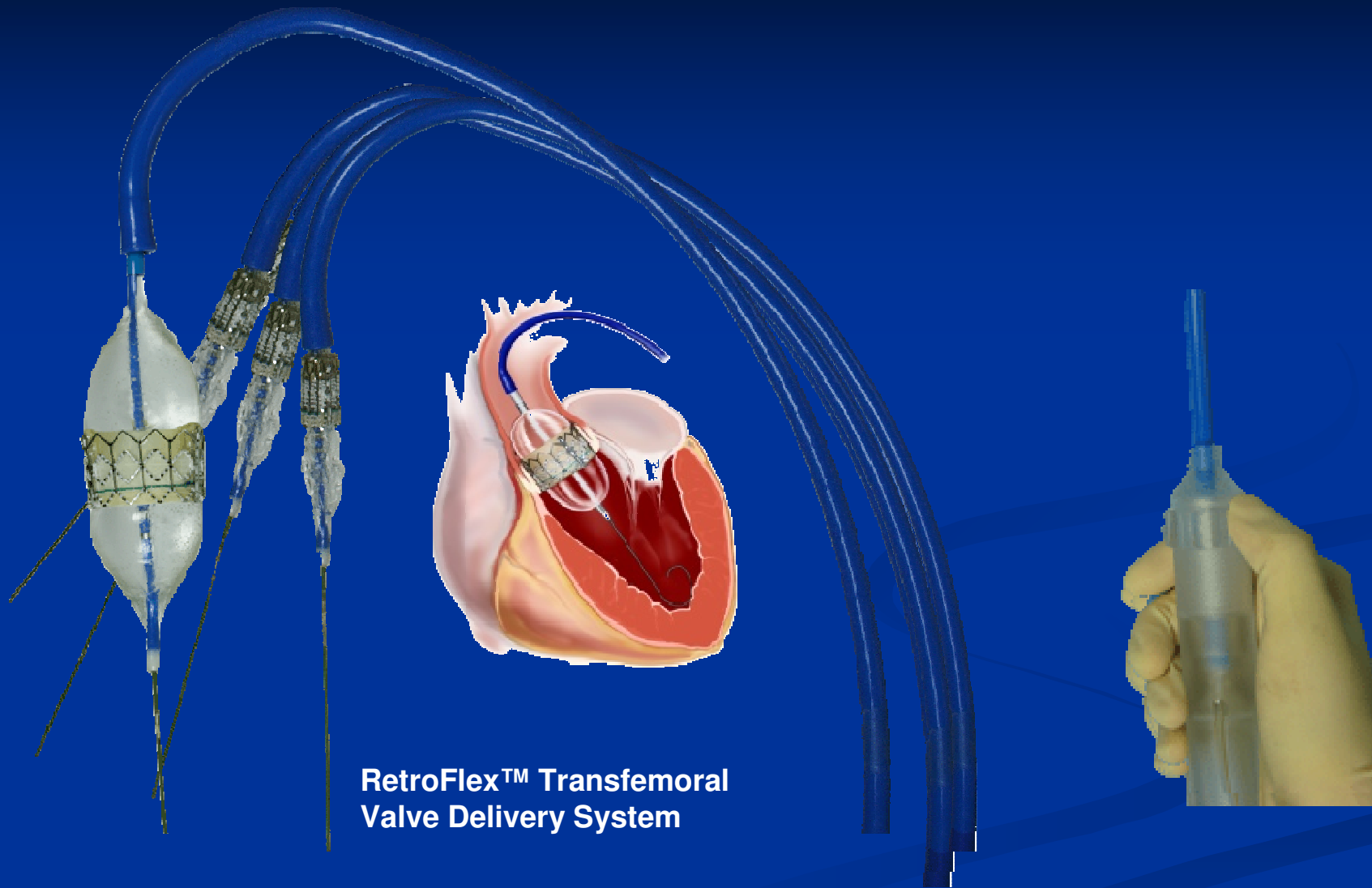
Trileaflet bioprosthesis

- Highly resistant stent cage
- Equine → Bovine pericardium
- Optimal hemodynamics
- > 5 years durability (bench testing)
- Two sizes
 - 23/26 mm diameter
 - (29 mm planned)
- AVA=1.7-1.9 cm²



Cribier-Edwards/Sapien™ Aortic Bioprosthesis (NJ-CA-Israel)

Cribier-Edwards/Sapien™ Aortic Bioprosthesis

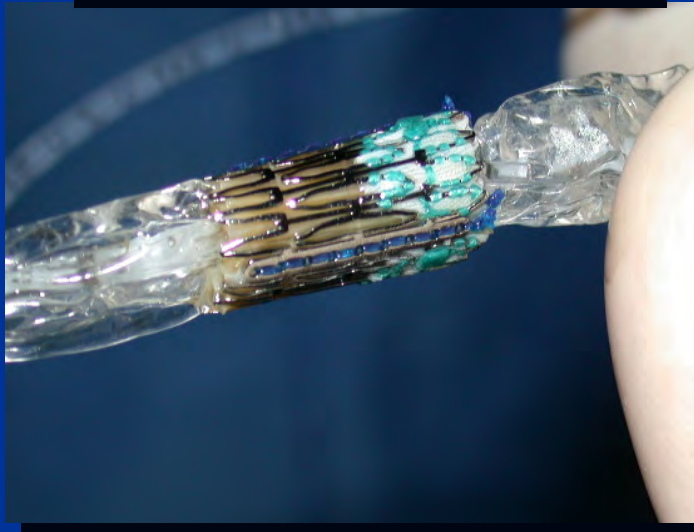
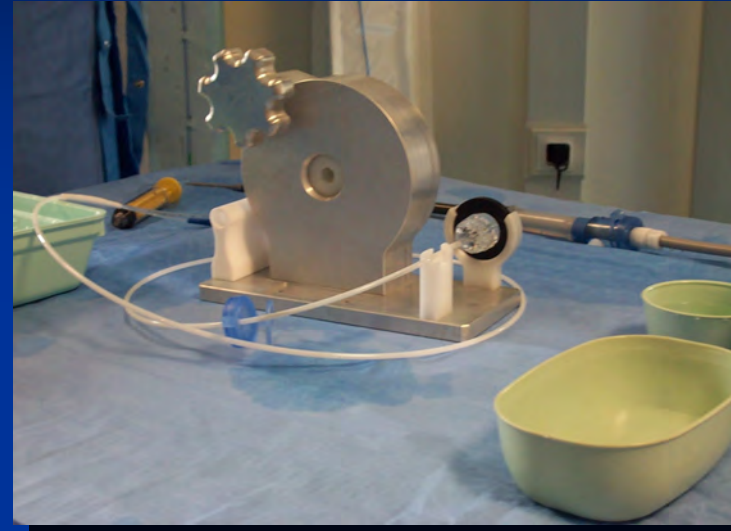


RetroFlex™ Transfemoral
Valve Delivery System

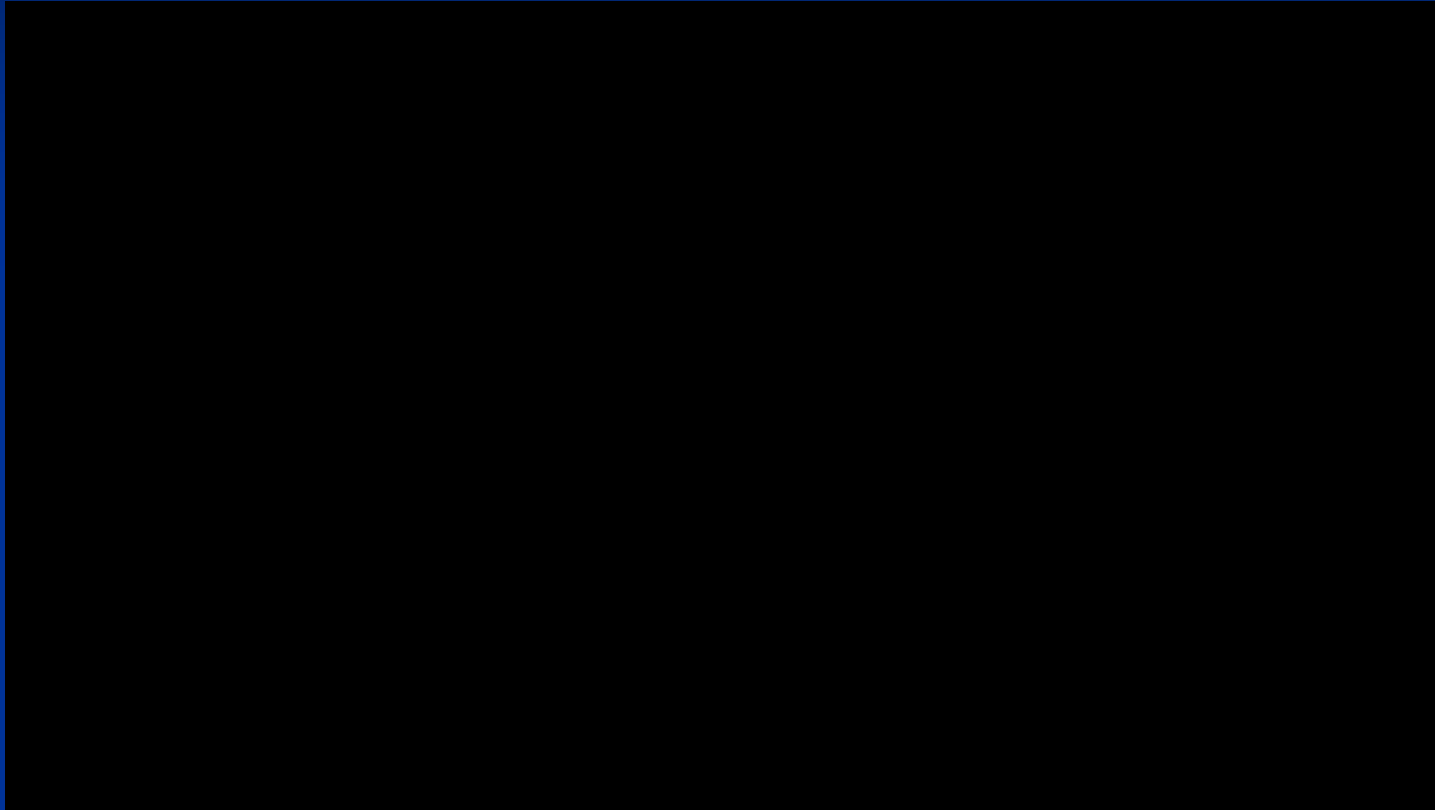
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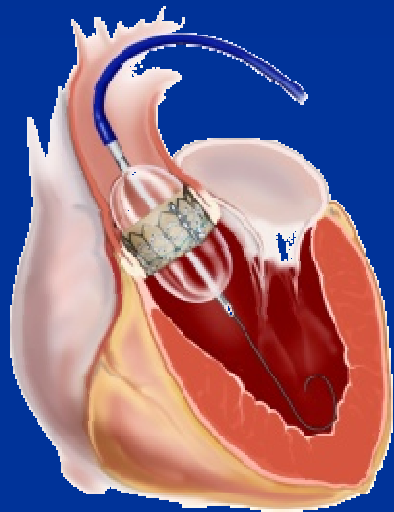


Transfemoral Edwards implantation



Cribier-Edwards/Sapien™ Aortic Bioprosthesis

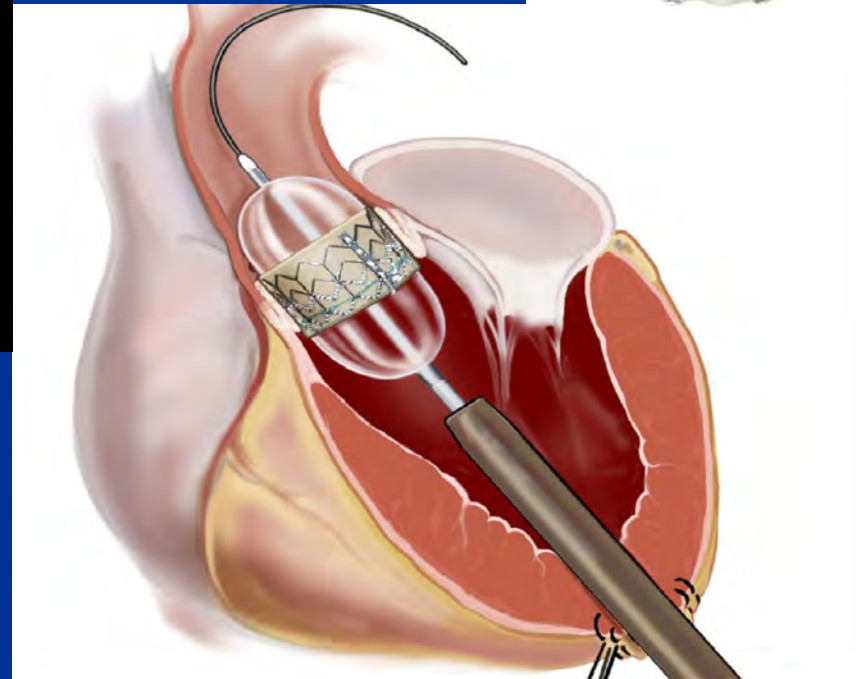
1 valve, 2 methods



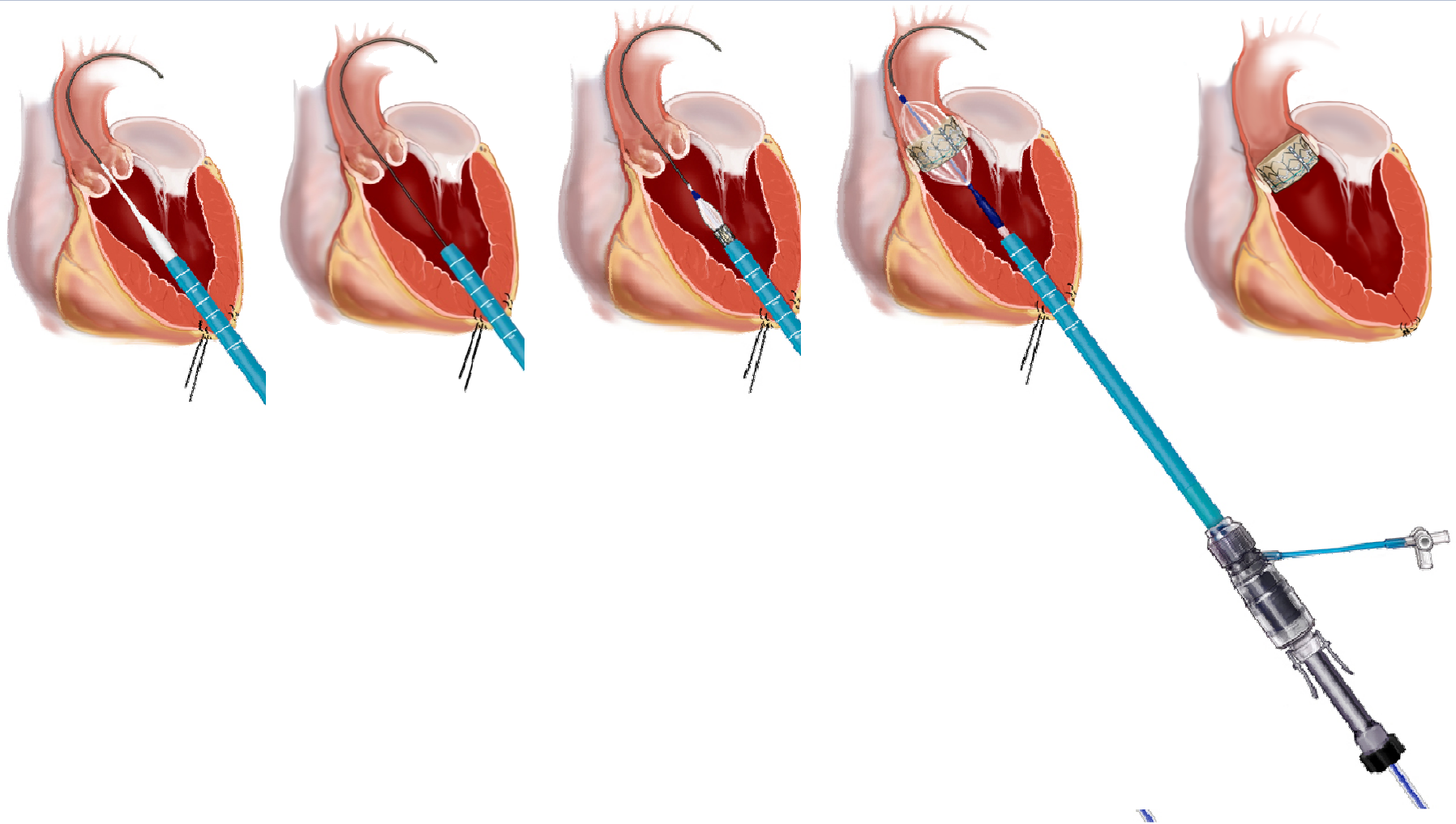
Transfemoral
approach using the
RetroFlex™ Delivery System
24 French Sheath Delivery System

Transapical
approach using the
Ascendra™ Delivery System

Trans-Apical Aortic Valve Implant



Transapical Procedural Steps Using The Ascendra™ Delivery System



Transapical Edwards implantation

The Edwards SAPIEN
Transcatheter Heart Valve

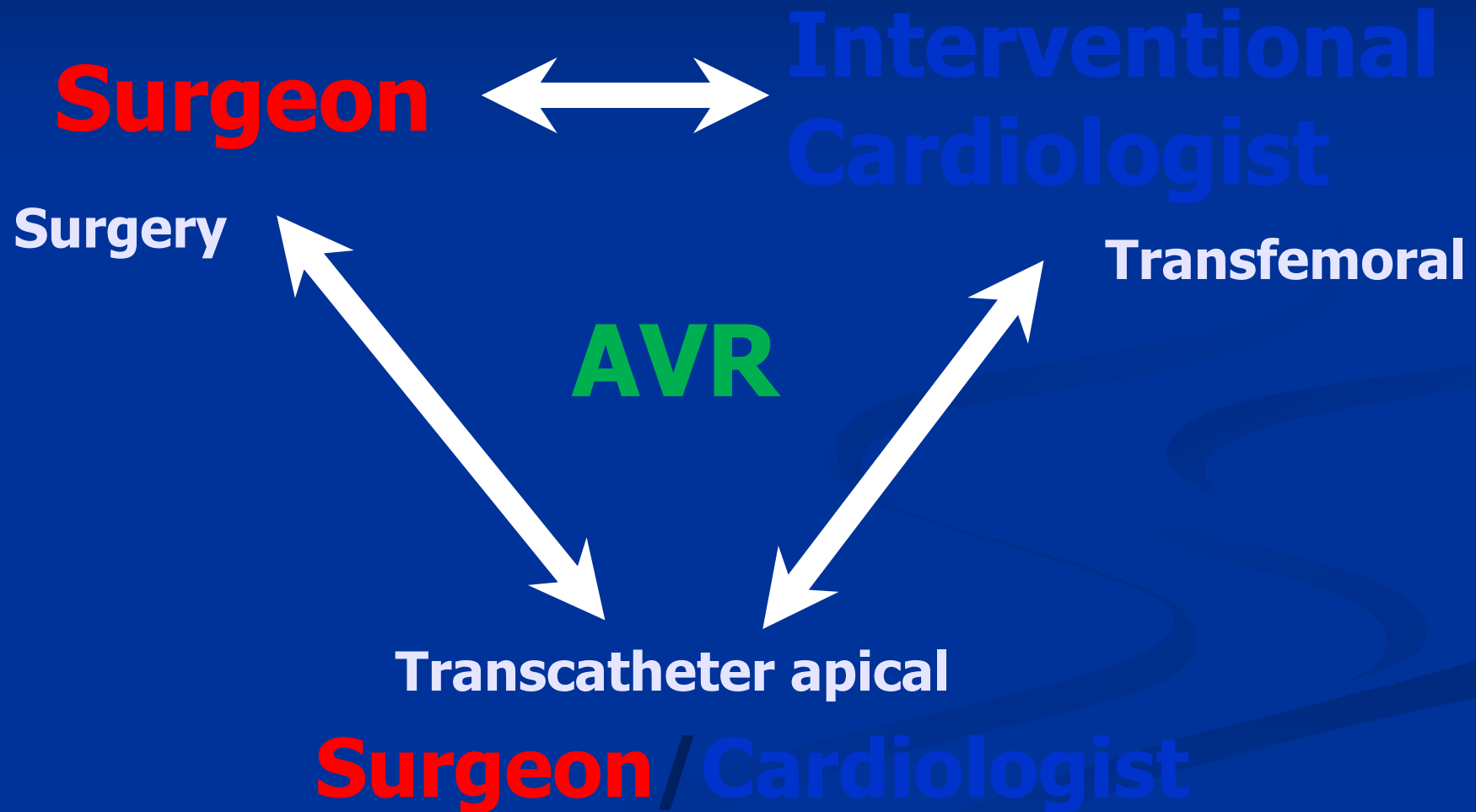
Transapical Procedure Using the
Ascendra Delivery System



Team Approach

- interventional cardiologists
- cardiac surgeons
- echocardiographers
- vascular surgeons
- radiologist
- anesthesiologists
- ICU physicians
- electrophysiology specialists
- dedicated nursing staff
- industry specialists

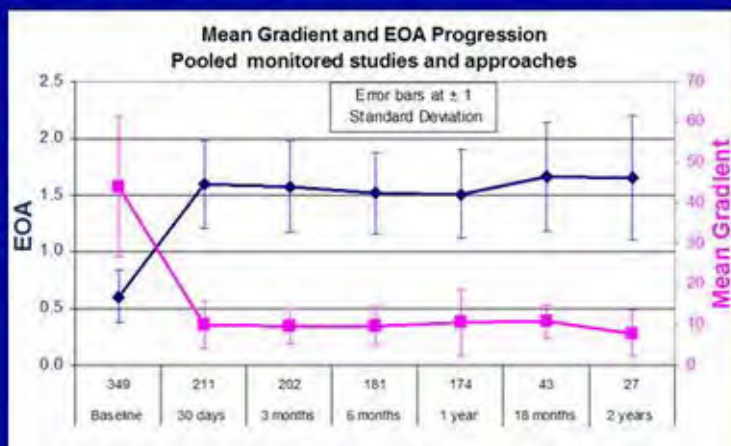
The Bipolar or **Triangular** Approach



SOURCE: EuroPCR 2009
 Webb: Circulation 2009
 France: AHA 2009

	PARTNER N=130	SOURCE N=1038	Webb et al N=168	FRANCE N=166
Stroke	3.0%	2.5%	4.2%	3.6%
Pacemaker	3.0%	7.0%	5.4%	5.4%
Vascular Complications (major)	10.0%	7.0%	6.6%	6.0%

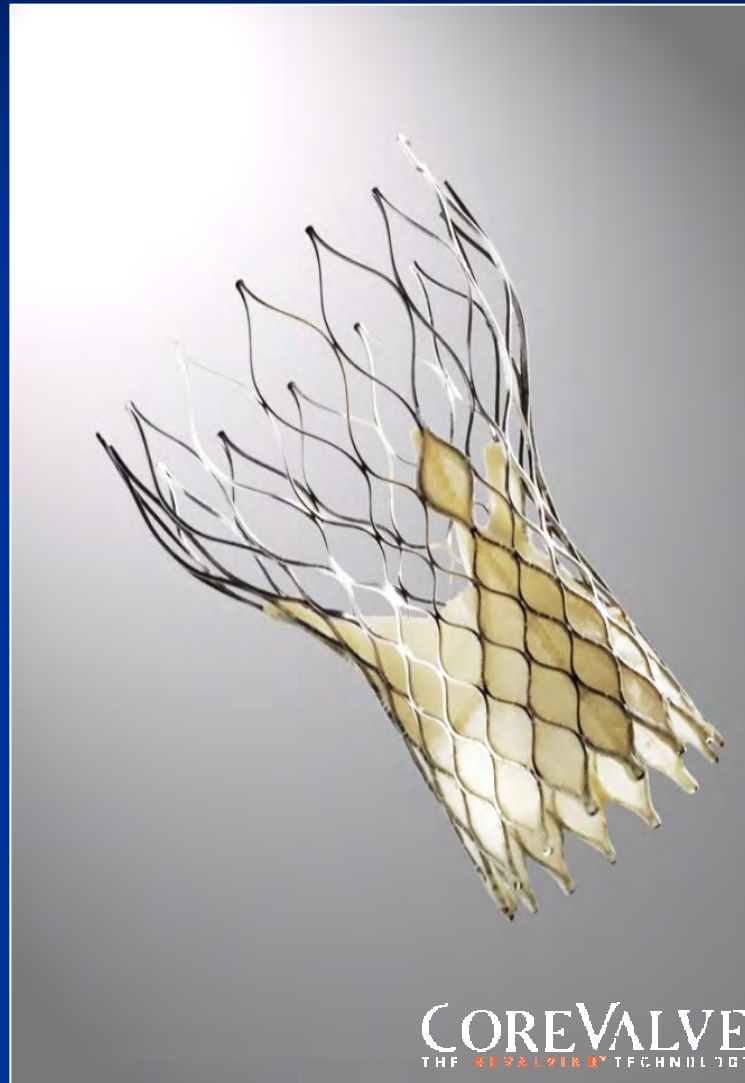
Pooled monitored studies



30-day mortality: 6-10%



The CoreValve Self-Expandable System



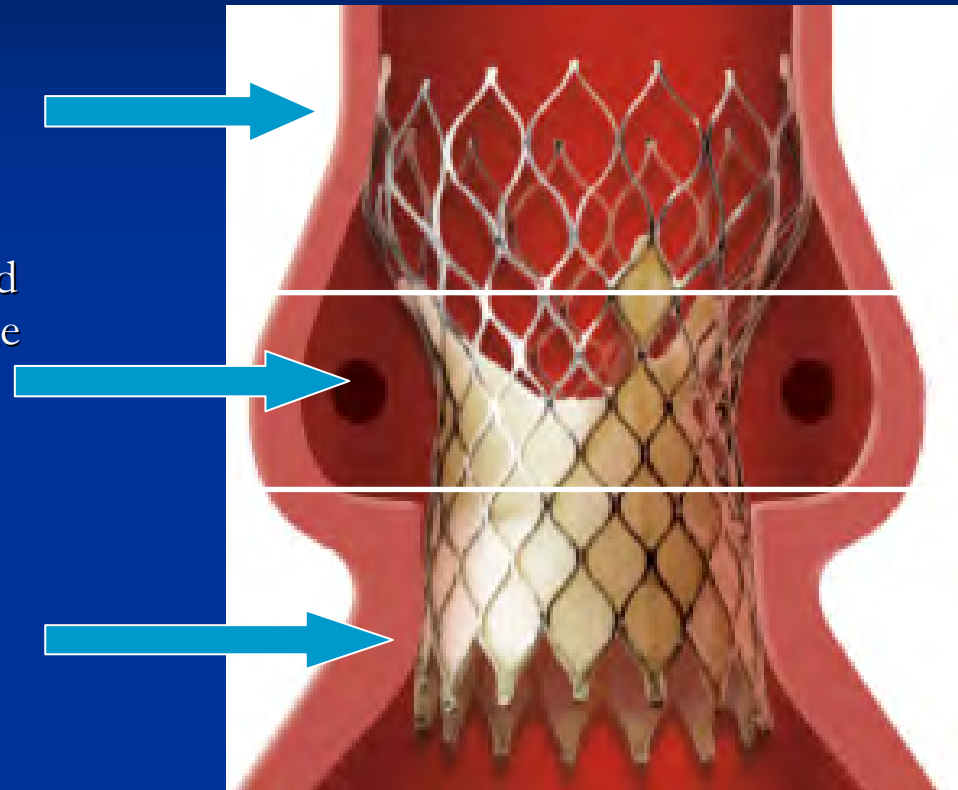
The CoreValve Self-Expandable System

- Specifically designed for transcatheter delivery
- Single layer porcine pericardium
- Tri-leaflet configuration
- Tissue valve sutured to frame
- Two sizes accommodate 90% of pts



The CoreValve Self-Expandable System

- **HIGHER PART** : fixation/axes the system
- **MIDDLE PART** : constrained to avoid coronaries / carries the valve in its lower portion
- **LOWER PART**: High radial force pushes aside the calcified leaflets -avoids recoil / para-valvular leaks (covered sleeve/skirt)



- A porcine pericardial tissue valve
- Fixed to a nitinol stent frame in a surgical manner with PTFE sutures

CoreValve Technology Progress

Generation 1
25F
Transcatheter

2004

Generation 2
21F
Transcatheter

2005

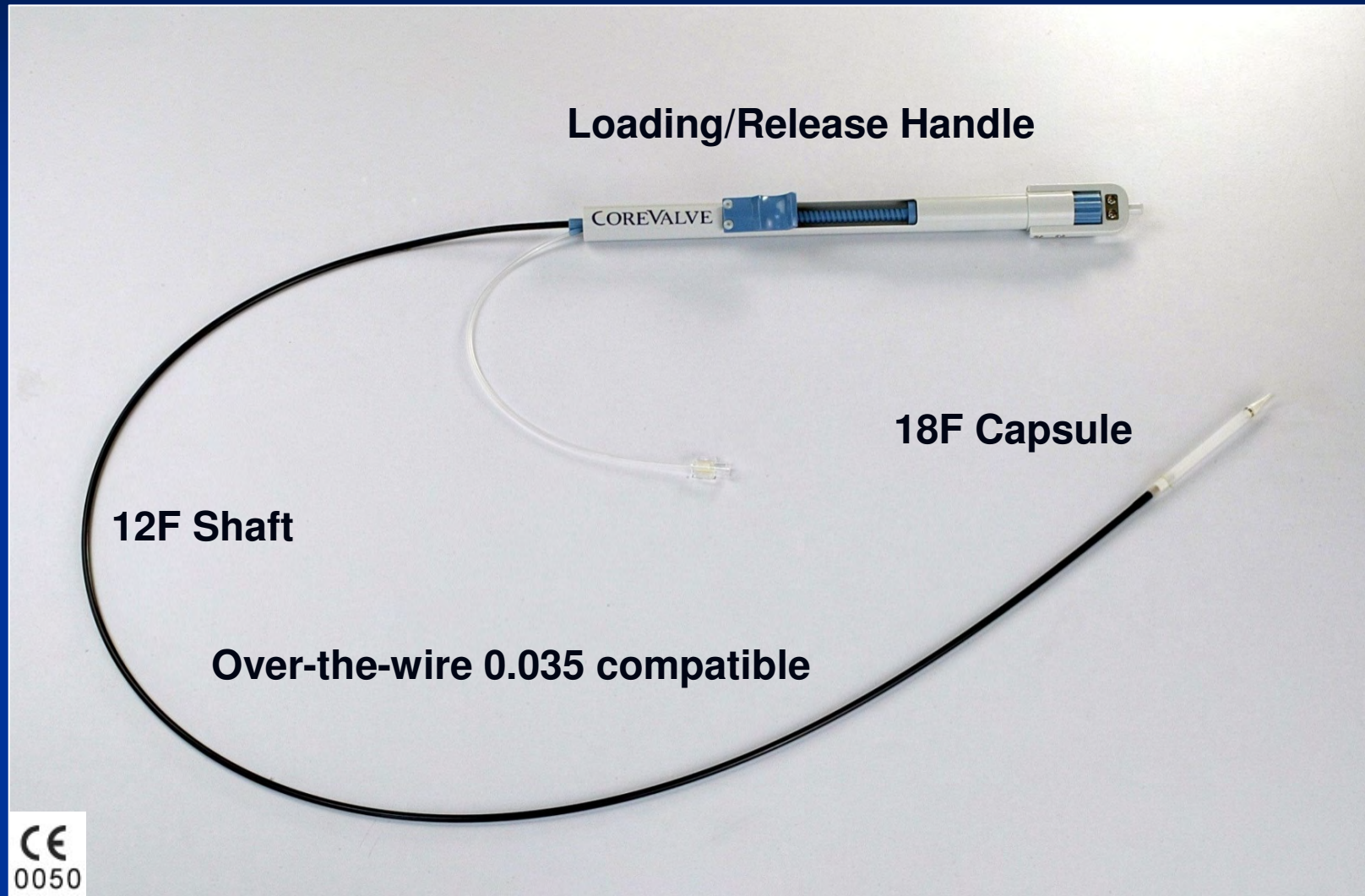
Generation 3
18F
Percutaneous

2006

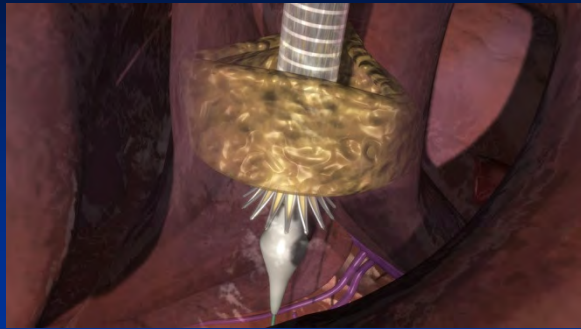
CE
0050

2007

18F Delivery Catheter System



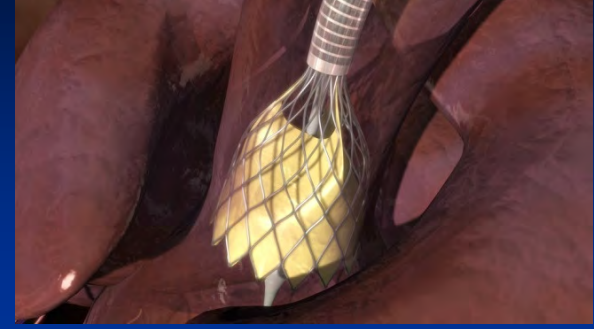
Deployment of the CoreValve System



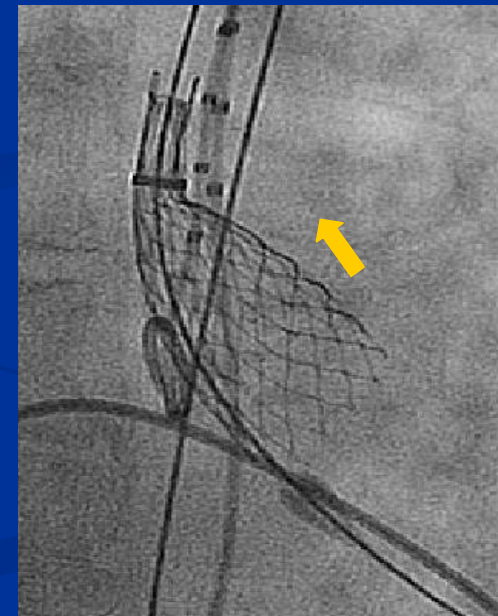
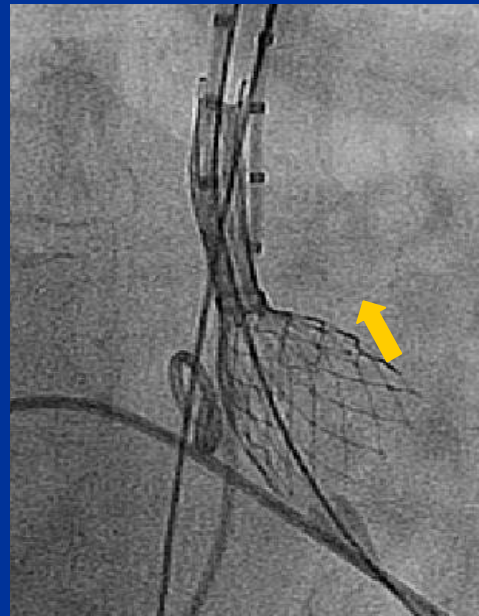
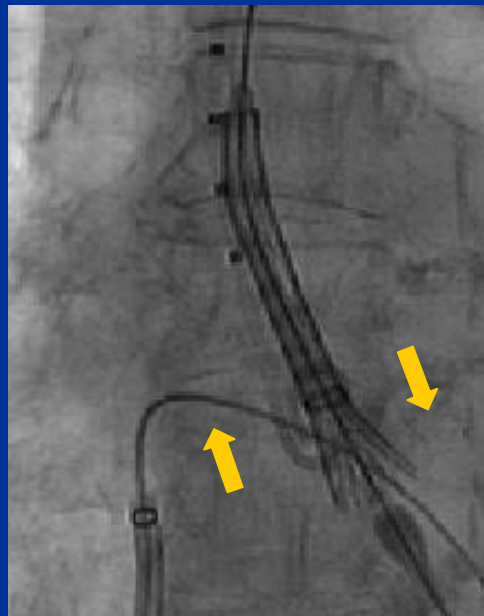
Before annular contact ↑ ↓



After annular contact ↑

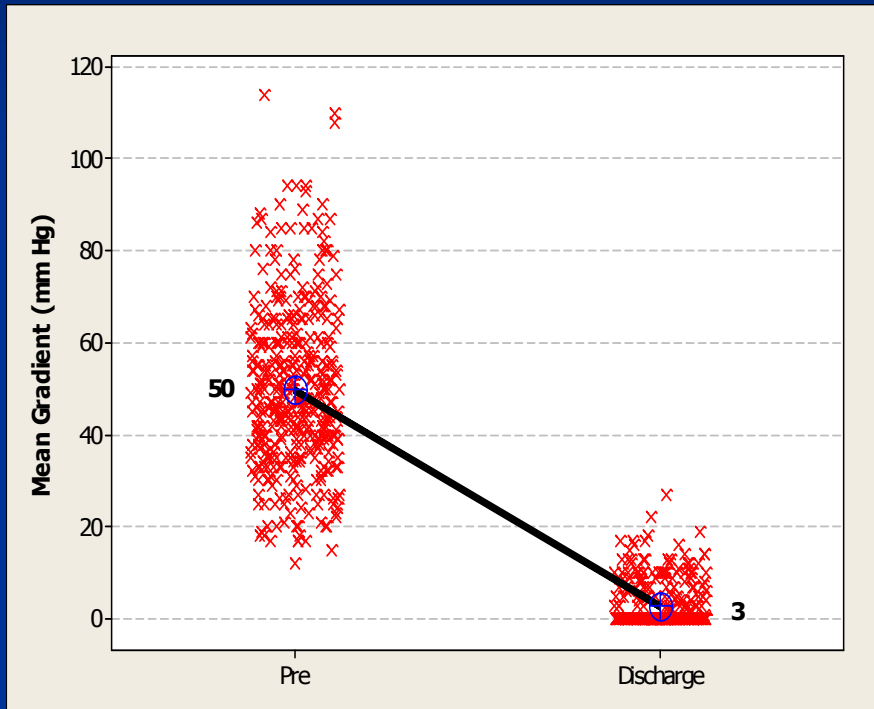


Before device release ↑

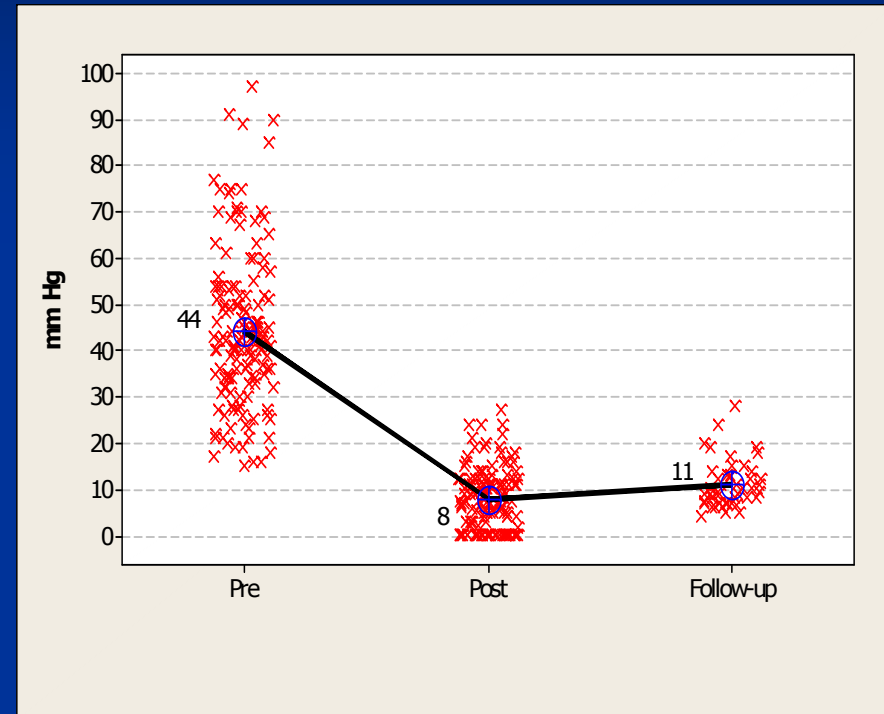


Self expandable deployment mechanism
Allows valve repositioning before final valve release

CoreValve Hemodynamic Effect



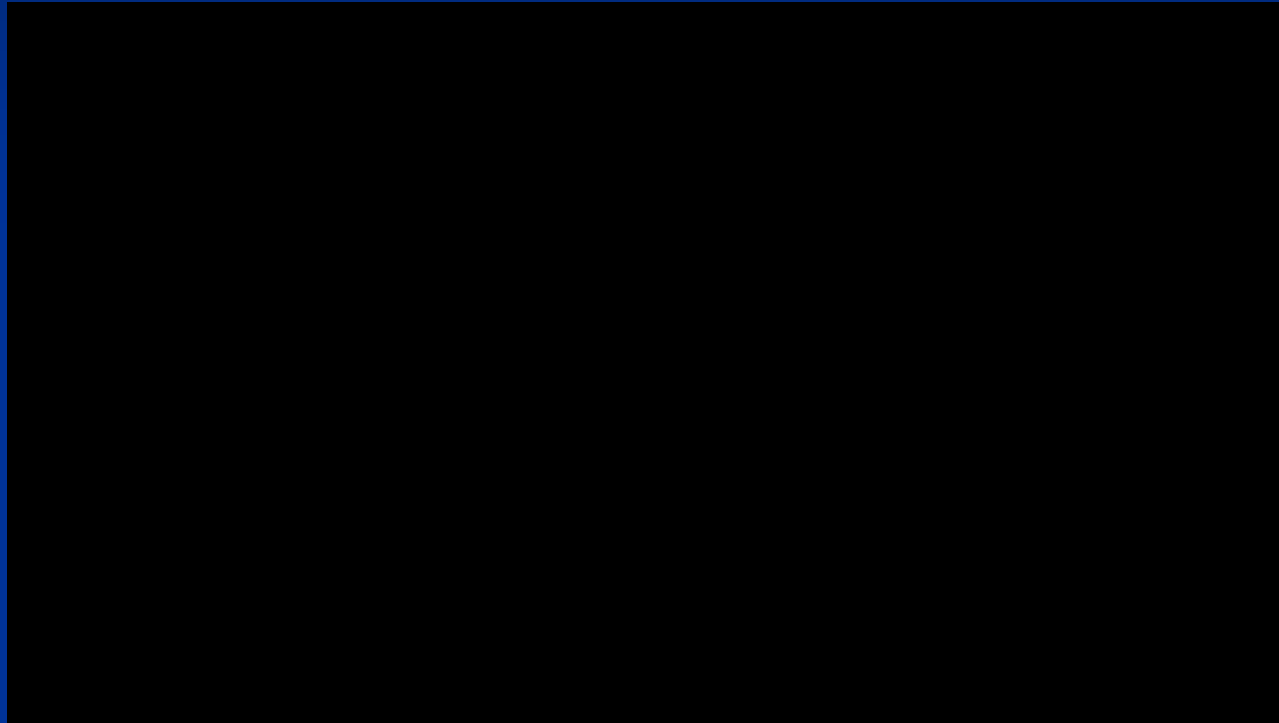
50 → 3 mmHg
(catheterization)



44 → 8 → 11 mmHg

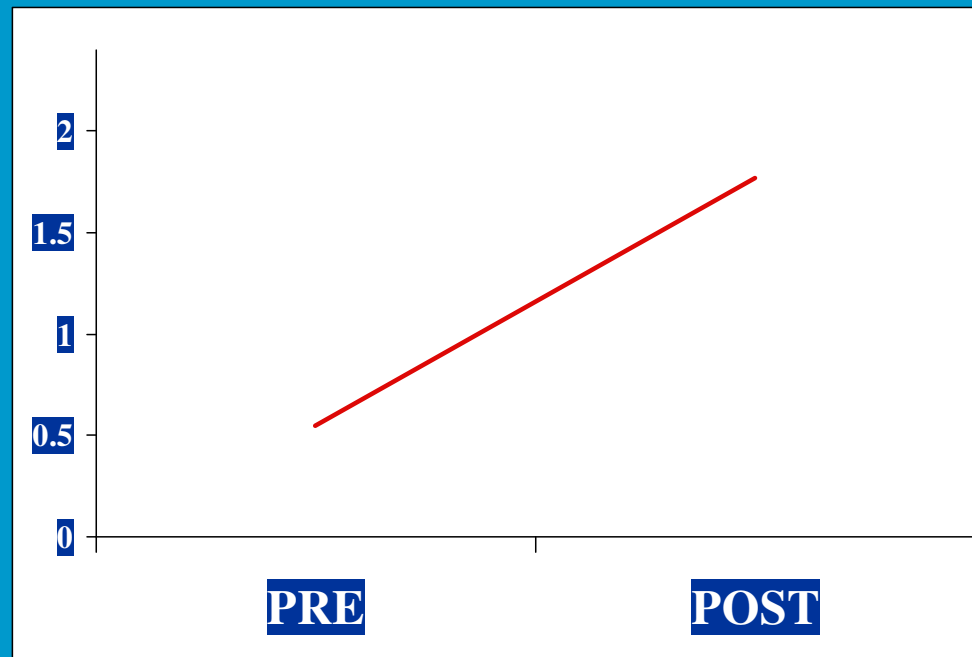
CoreValve Safety Studies (n=175)

Transfemoral CoreValve implantation

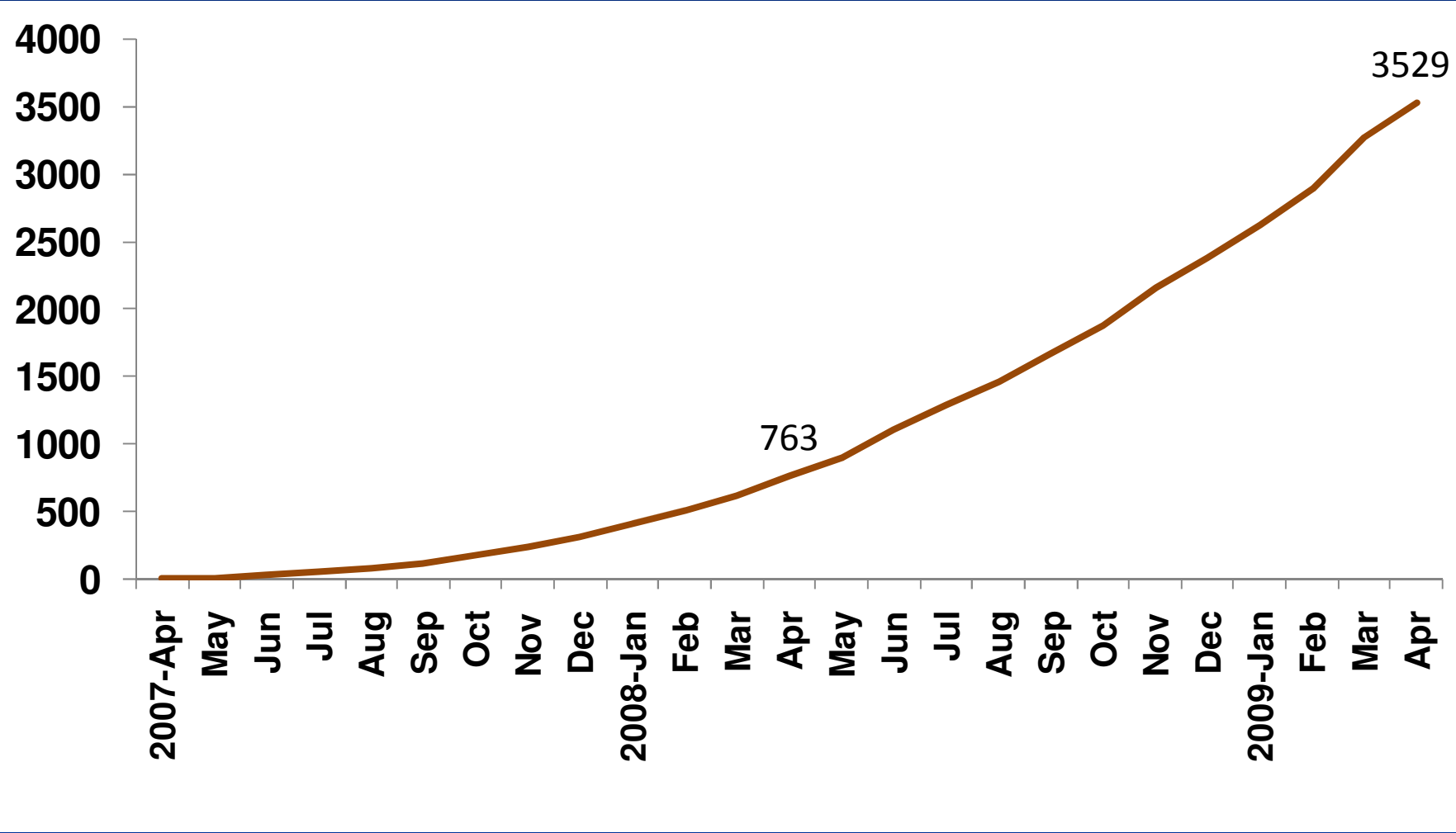


CoreValve Hemodynamic Effect

ASA (cm²)
1.77 ±0.40 [1.1-2.6]



Global CoreValve procedures performed



TAVI—The Technology Today

	Frame + Tissue	Size	Annulus	Delivery (internal)	Femoral Artery
Edward SAPIENT™	Stainles steal, Bovine pericaridum	23 x 14.5 mm	18-22 mm	22F	≥8 mm
		26 x 16 mm	21-25 mm	24F	≥ 9 mm

*18 French system was already introduced

	Frame + Tissue	Size	Annulus	Delivery (internal)	Femoral artery
CoreValve Revalving™	Nitinol, Porcine pericardium	26 x 53 mm	20-23 mm	18 F	≥ 6 mm
		29 x 55 mm	23-27 mm		

TAVI: Contemporary European data

Source Registry 18-F Expanded Registry

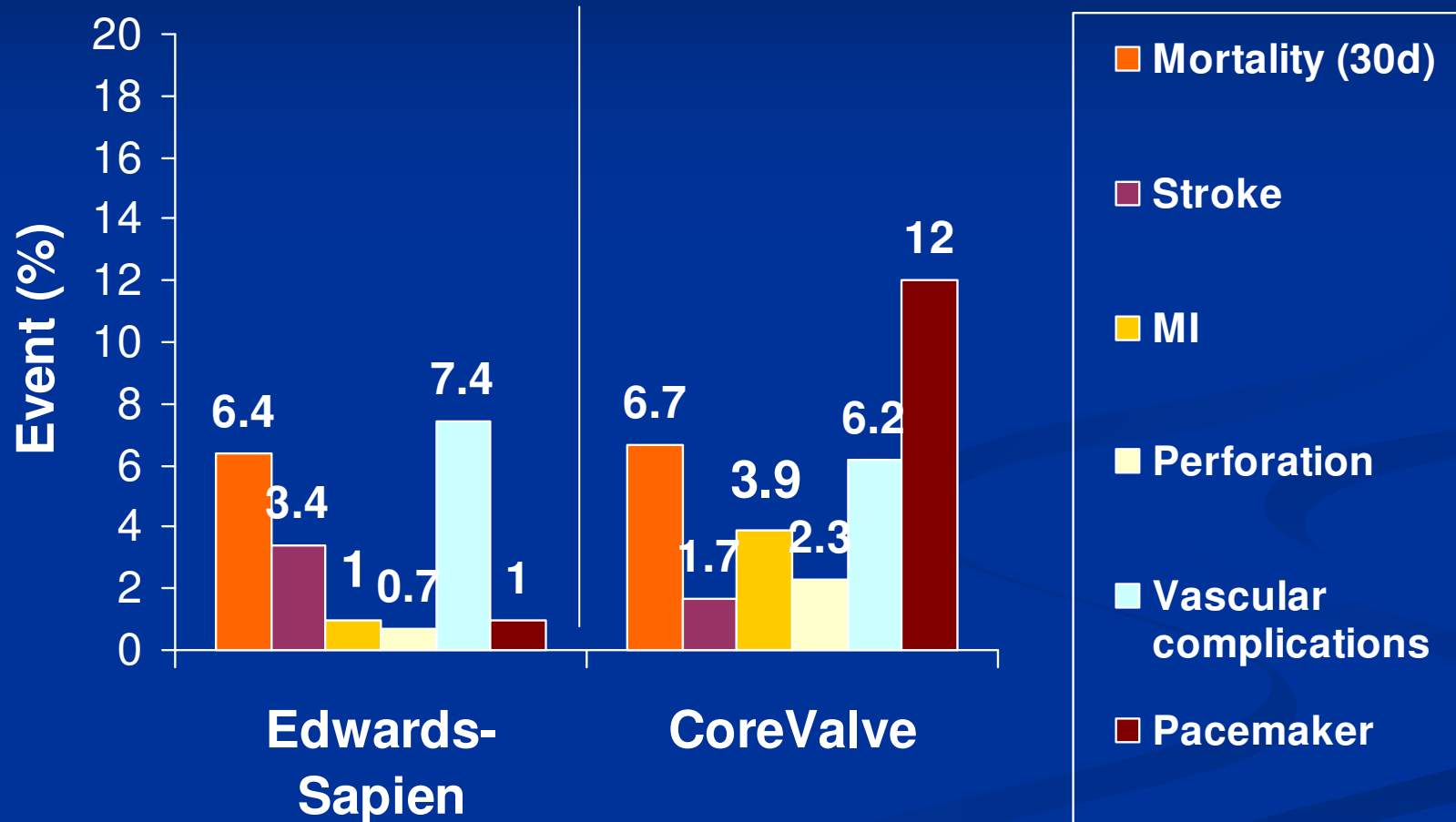
System	Edwards-Sapien (n=505)	CoreValve (n=1243)
Age (yrs)	81.8	81.0
Logistic EuroScore (%)	26.4	22.9
NYHC III/IV	9.27	8.4
AVA (before cm ²)	0.59	0.64
AVA (after cm ²)	1.7	1.5
Mean gradient (before mm Hg)	53.5	49.6
Mean gradient (after mm Hg)	4	9.1

TAVI: Contemporary European data

Source Registry 18-F Expanded Regis

System	Edwards-Sapien (N=505)	CoreValve (1243)
Procedural success (%)	95	98
30-d mortality (%)	6.4	6.7
Stroke (%)	3.4	1.7
Myocardial infarction (%)	1.0	3.9
Perforation-tamponade (%)	0.7	2.3
Vascular complications (%)	7.4	6.2
Need for pacemaker (immediate→30 days %)	1.5%	22%

TAVI: Contemporary European data



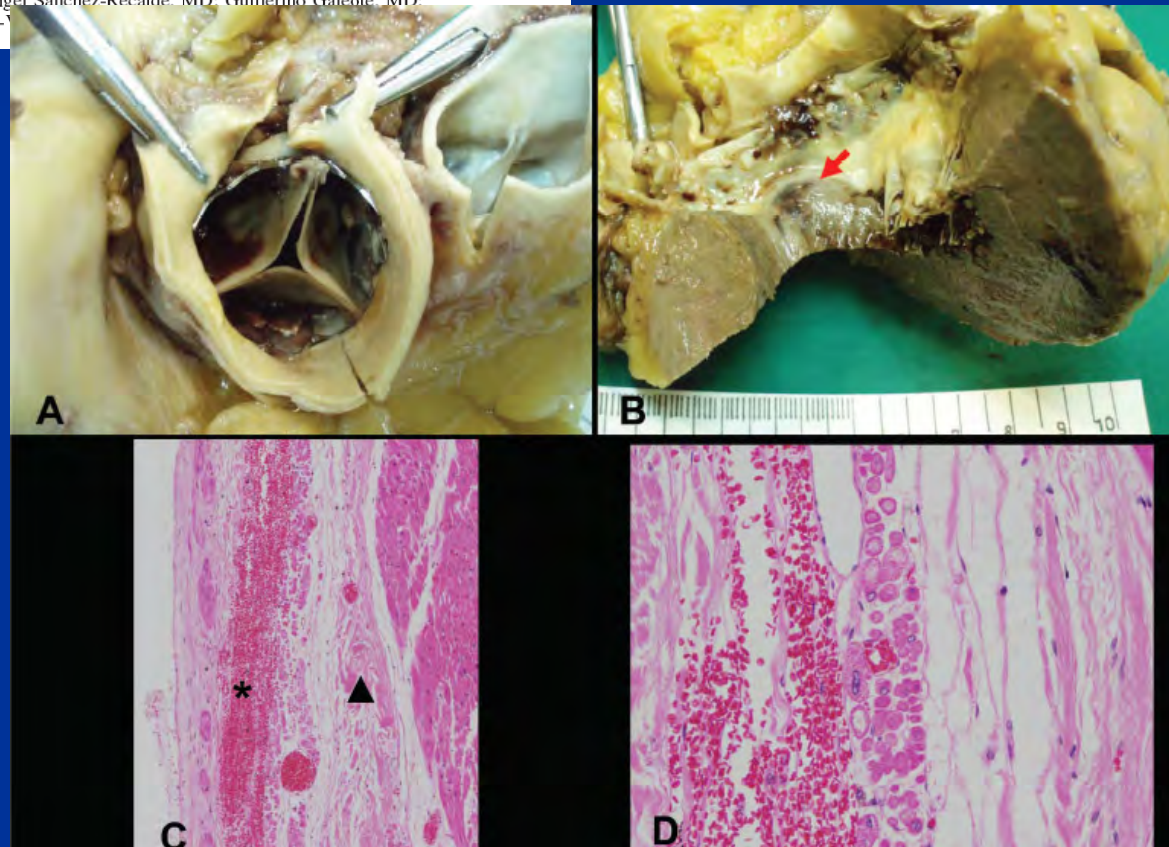
Conduction disturbances after TAVI

Cause of Complete Atrioventricular Block After Percutaneous Aortic Valve Implantation

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Stroke after TAVI

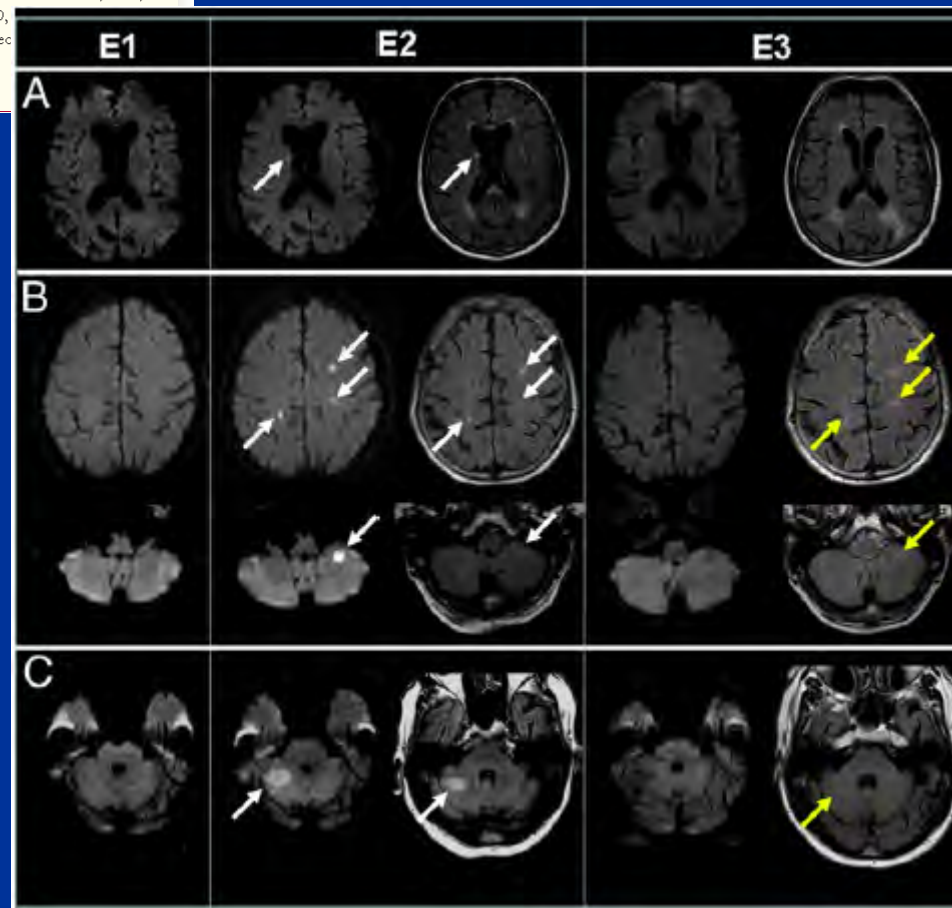
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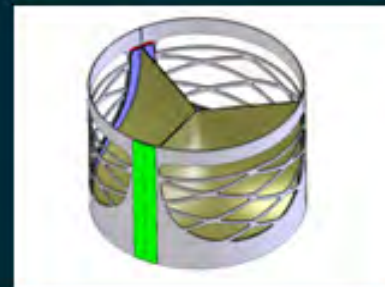
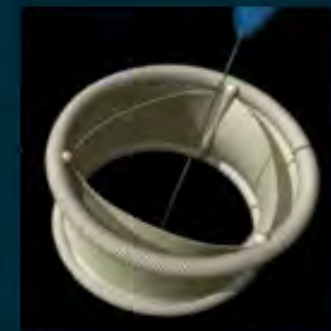
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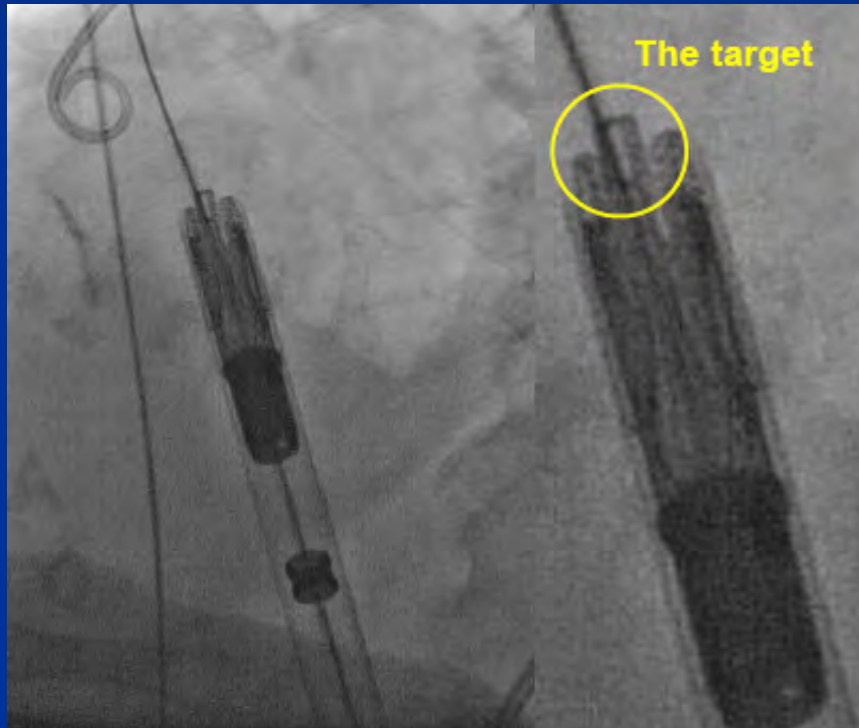
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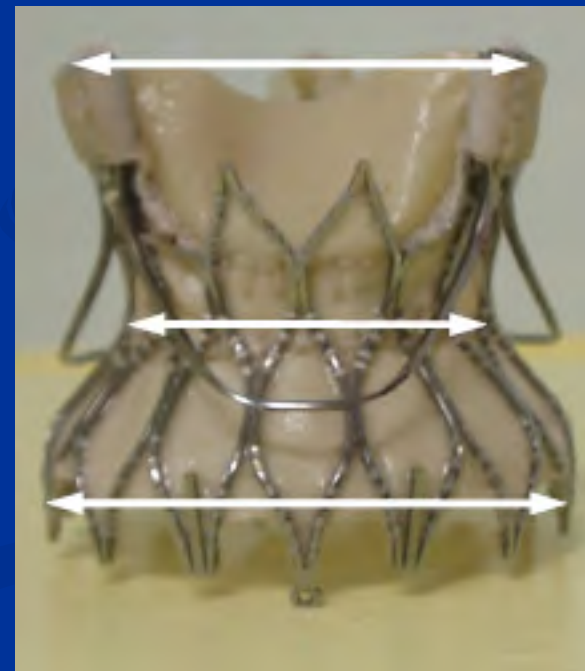




Ehud Schwammenthal, MD, TCT2008



Self-expandable transcatheter valve to optimize placement and physiology





Vantor near \$320 million acquisition by Medtronic

Investors in the medical device start-up can see a return of over 12 times their original investment.

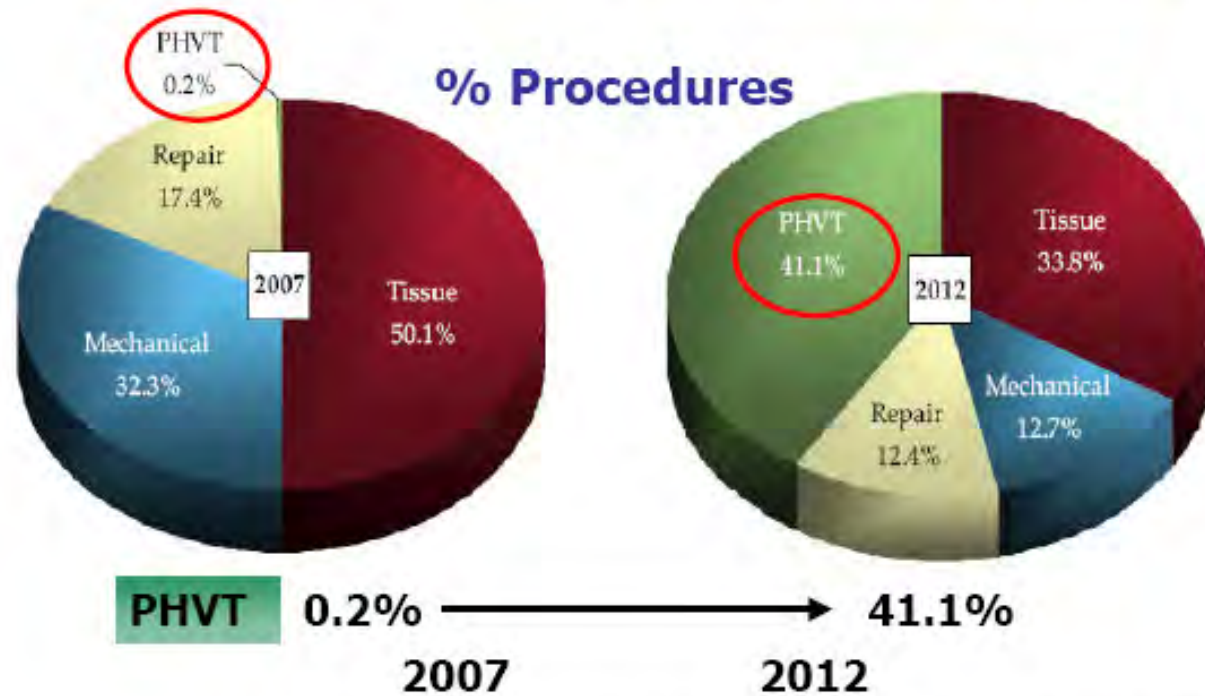
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Sources inform "Globes" that medical device start-up Vantor Technologies Ltd. is in advanced negotiations to be acquired by Medtronic (NYSE: MDT) for about \$300 million.

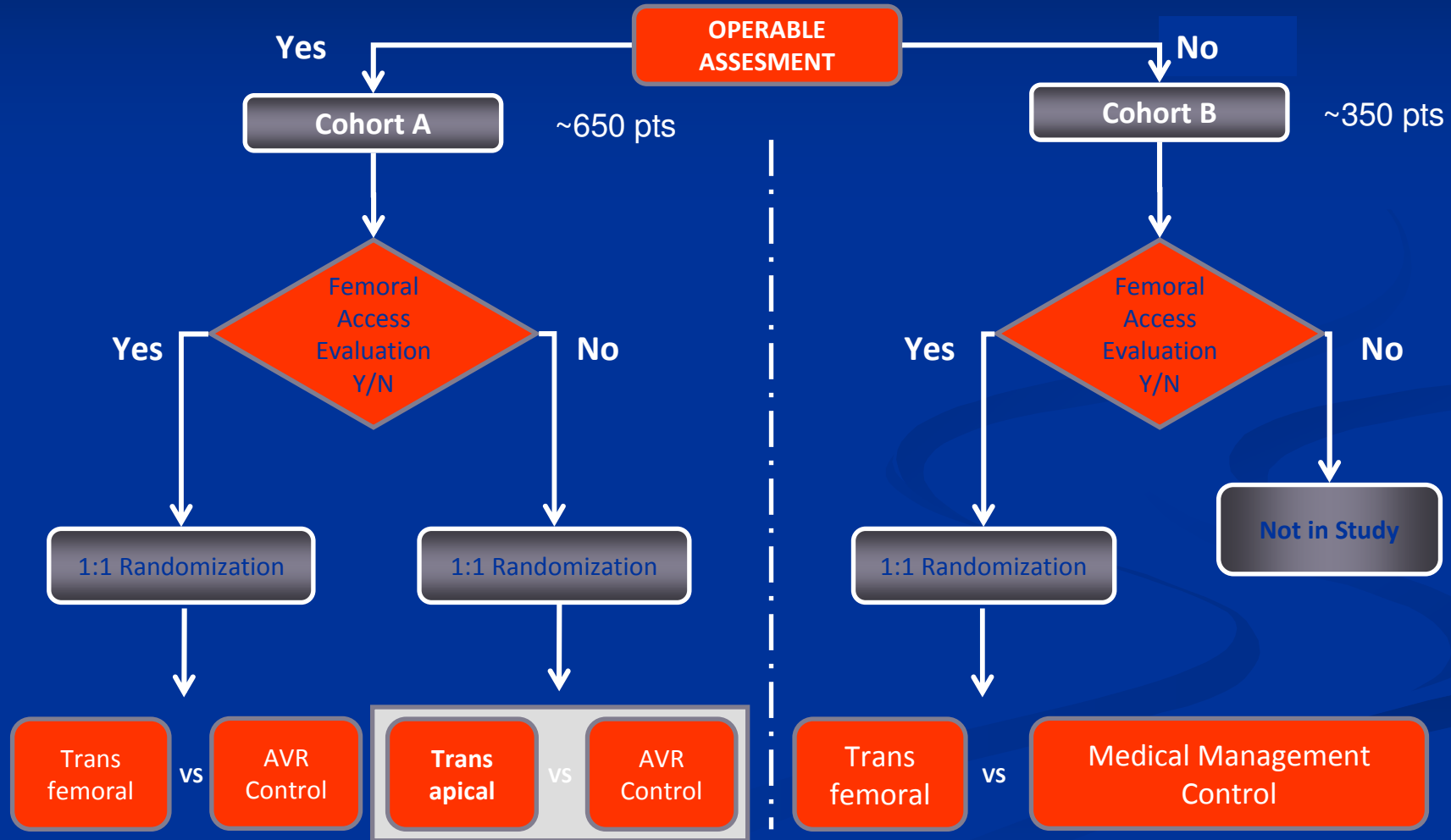
Vantor and existing investors [Pitango Venture Capital](#), Medica, and co-founder Dr. Shimon Eckhouse all denied that the firm was in talks to be sold. Medtronic did not respond.

Heart Valve Market Forecast



Source: Millennium Research Group 2008

Partner US Pivotal Trial



Screening patients for TAVI

Screening patients for TAVI

- Does the patient have **severe** AS?
- Is it **symptomatic** AS?
- Is he “**high risk**” for conventional surgery?

Who are the “High Surgical Risk” Aortic-Stenosis Patients?

- Octogenarians with multiple co-morbidities (LV dysf., previous cardiac surgery, ...).
- Impaired rehabilitation capacity.
- High “frailty” index.
- Neurocognitive dysfunction .
- Porcelain aorta.
- Cirrhosis with portal hypertension .
- End-stage Lung disease.
- Chest wall deformities (severe).
- Radiation chest wall / heart disease .

- STS Predicted Risk >10%,
- Logistic EuroSCORE > 20%

EuroSCORE evaluation

Patient-related factors			Cardiac-related factors		
Age (years)	82	0	Unstable angina ⁶	No	0
Gender	Female	.3304052	LV function	Good	0
Chronic pulmonary disease ¹	No	0	Recent MI ⁷	No	0
Extracardiac arteriopathy ²	No	0	Pulmonary hypertension ⁸	No	0
Neurological dysfunction ³	No	0	Operation-related factors		
Previous Cardiac Surgery	Yes	1.002625	Emergency ⁹	No	0
Creatinine > 200 µmol/ L	No	0	Other than isolated CABG	Yes	.5420364
Active endocarditis ⁴	No	0	Surgery on thoracic aorta	No	0
Critical preoperative state ⁵	No	0	Post infarct septal rupture	No	0

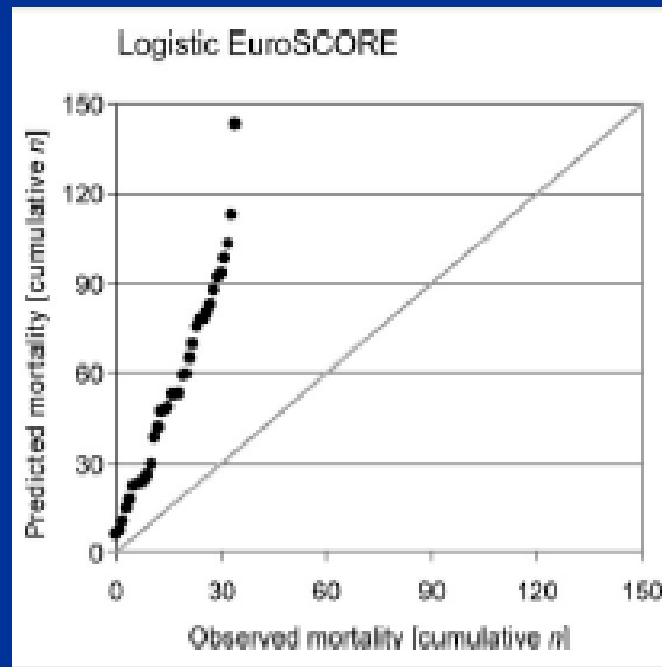
Logistic **EuroSCORE** 21.16 %

Note: Logistic is now default calculator

Calculate Clear

Overestimation of aortic valve replacement risk by EuroSCORE: implications for percutaneous valve replacement

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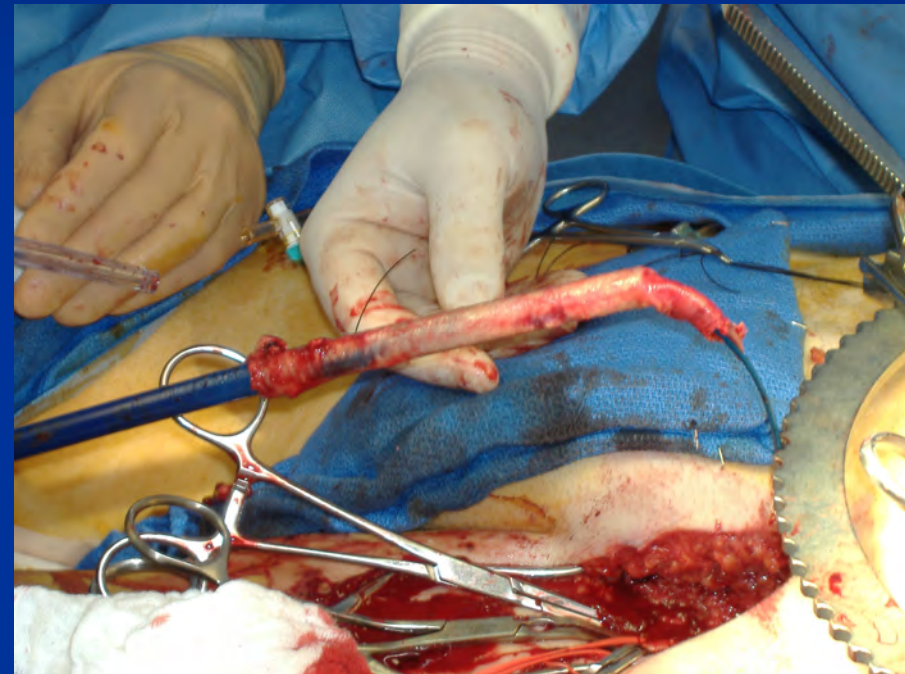


Difficult to quantify frailty?



- Both are 90 y/o and have EuroScore of 12%.
- One passes the “eyeball test”; one doesn’t.

A need for thorough screening process



“artery on a stick”

Iliac rupture

Medtronic CoreValve Patient Evaluation Criteria



Elements Below Reflect Indications For Use According To The CE Mark

Diagnostic Findings	Non-Invasive		Angiography				Selection Criteria	
	Echo	CT/MRI	LV	Ao Root	CAG	Vascular	Recommended	Not Recommended
Atrial or Ventricular Thrombus	X						Not Present	Present
Sub Aortic Stenosis	X	X	X				Not Present	Present
LV Ejection Fraction	X		X				≥ 20%	< 20% Without Contractile Reserve
Mitral Regurgitation	X						≤ Grade 2	> Grade 2 Organic Reason
Vascular Access Diameter		X				X	≥ 6mm Diameter	< 6mm Diameter
Aortic and Vascular Disease		X				X	None to Moderate	Severe Vascular Disease

Indications For 26 mm CoreValve Device

Annulus Diameter	X	X					20-23 mm	< 20 mm or >23 mm
Ascending Aorta Diameter		X		X			≤ 40 mm	> 40 mm

Indications For 29 mm CoreValve Device

Annulus Diameter	X	X					24-27 mm	< 24 mm or >27 mm
Ascending Aorta Diameter		X		X			≤ 43 mm	> 43 mm

General Medical Guidance For Use Of CoreValve*

Diagnostic Findings	Non-Invasive		Angiography				Selection Criteria	
	Echo	CT/MRI	LV	Ao Root	CAG	Vascular	Recommended	Moderate-High Risk
LV Hypertrophy	X	X					Normal to Moderate 0.6 - 1.6 cm	Severe ≥ 1.7 cm
Coronary Artery Disease		X			X		None, Mid or Distal >70%	Proximal Lesions > 70%
Aortic Arch Angulation		X				X	Large Radial Turn	Sharp Turn
Aortic Root Angulation		X				X	< 30 Degrees	30 - 45 Degrees
Aortic and Vascular Disease		X				X	No or Light Vascular Disease	Moderate Vascular Disease
Vascular Access Diameter		X				X	> 6 mm	Calcified and Tortuous < 7mm

Anatomic Considerations For 26 mm CoreValve Device

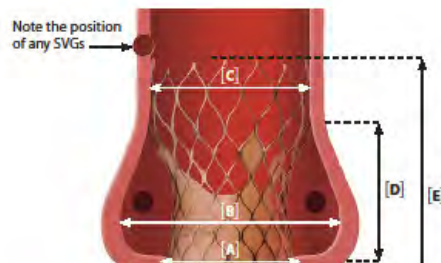
Sinus of Valsalva Width	X	X		X			≥ 27 mm	< 27 mm
Sinus of Valsalva Height	X	X		X			≥ 15 mm	< 15 mm

Anatomic Considerations For 29 mm CoreValve Device

Sinus of Valsalva Width	X	X		X			≥ 29 mm	< 29 mm
Sinus of Valsalva Height	X	X		X			≥ 15 mm	< 15 mm

* General medical guidance reflects the experience to date with the product, but final judgment remains with the implanting physician(s).

Consult with a certified proctor to determine if your patient is Moderate-High Risk.

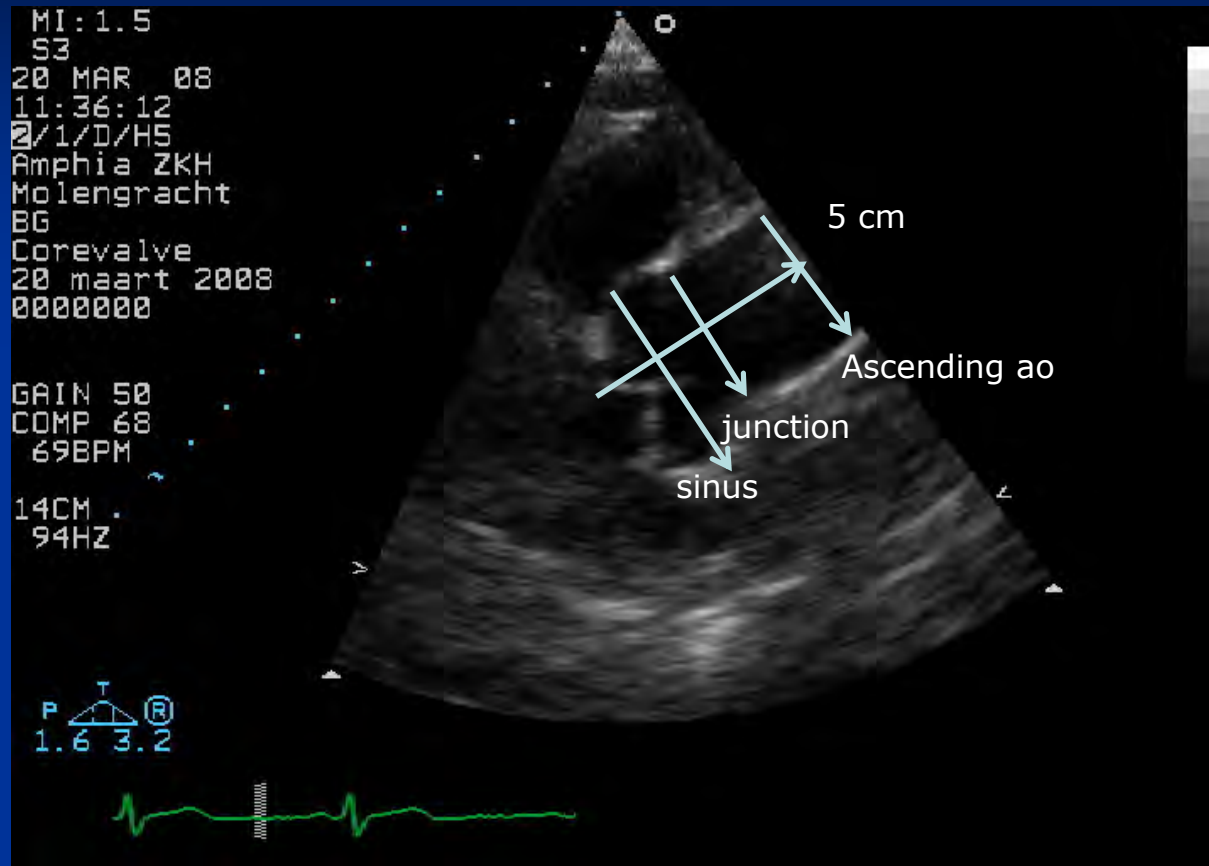


- [A] Annulus Diameter
- [B] Sinus of Valsalva Width
- [C] Ascending Aorta Diameter
- [D] Sinus of Valsalva Height
- [E] Frame Height (≈ 5 cm)

illustration not to scale.

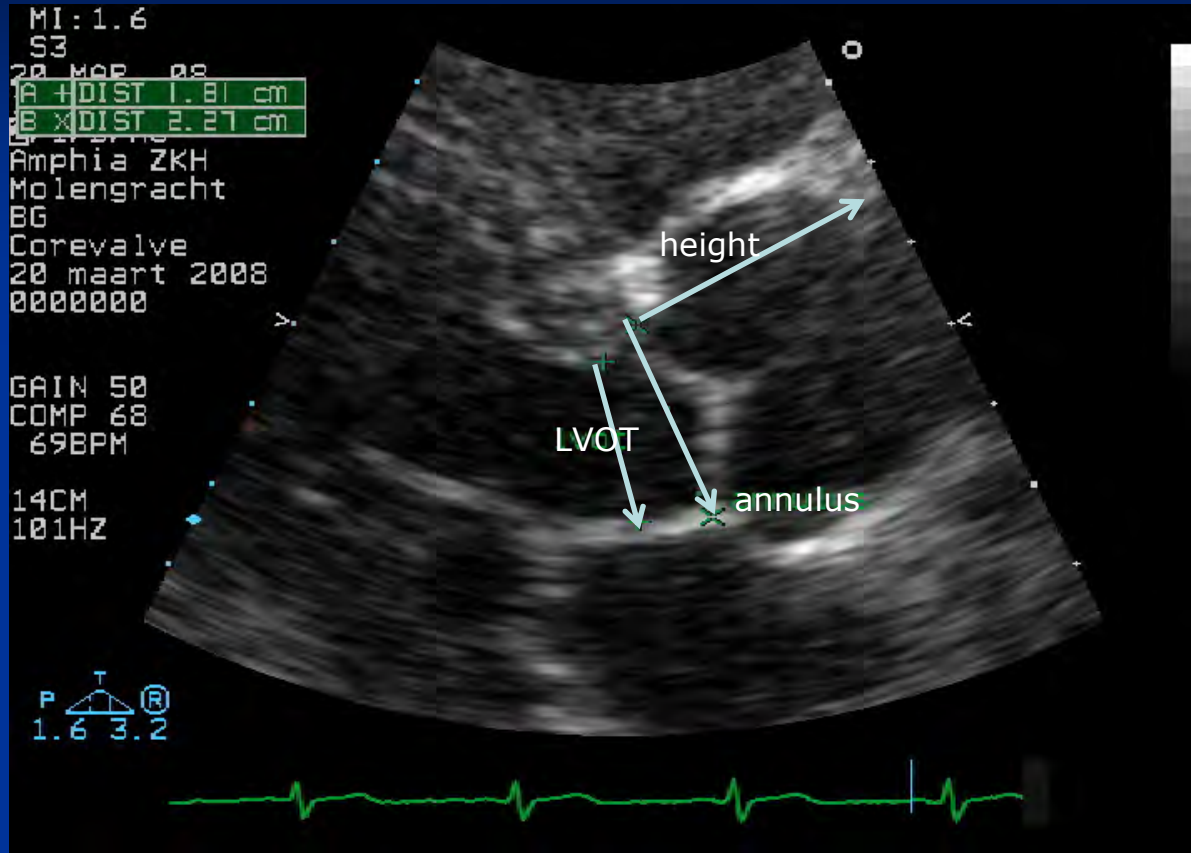


Echo: Parasternal Long Axis



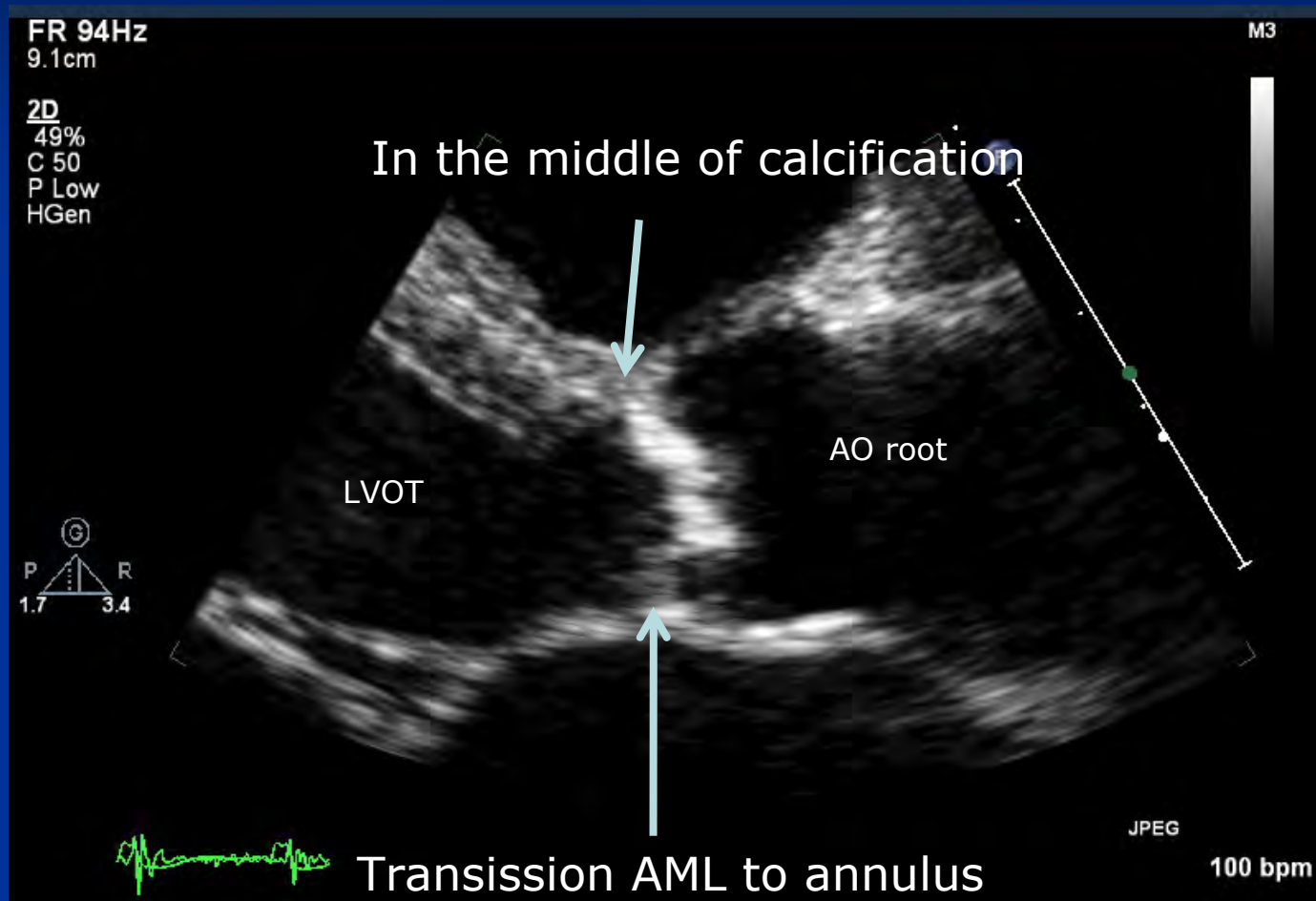
Aorta root measurements

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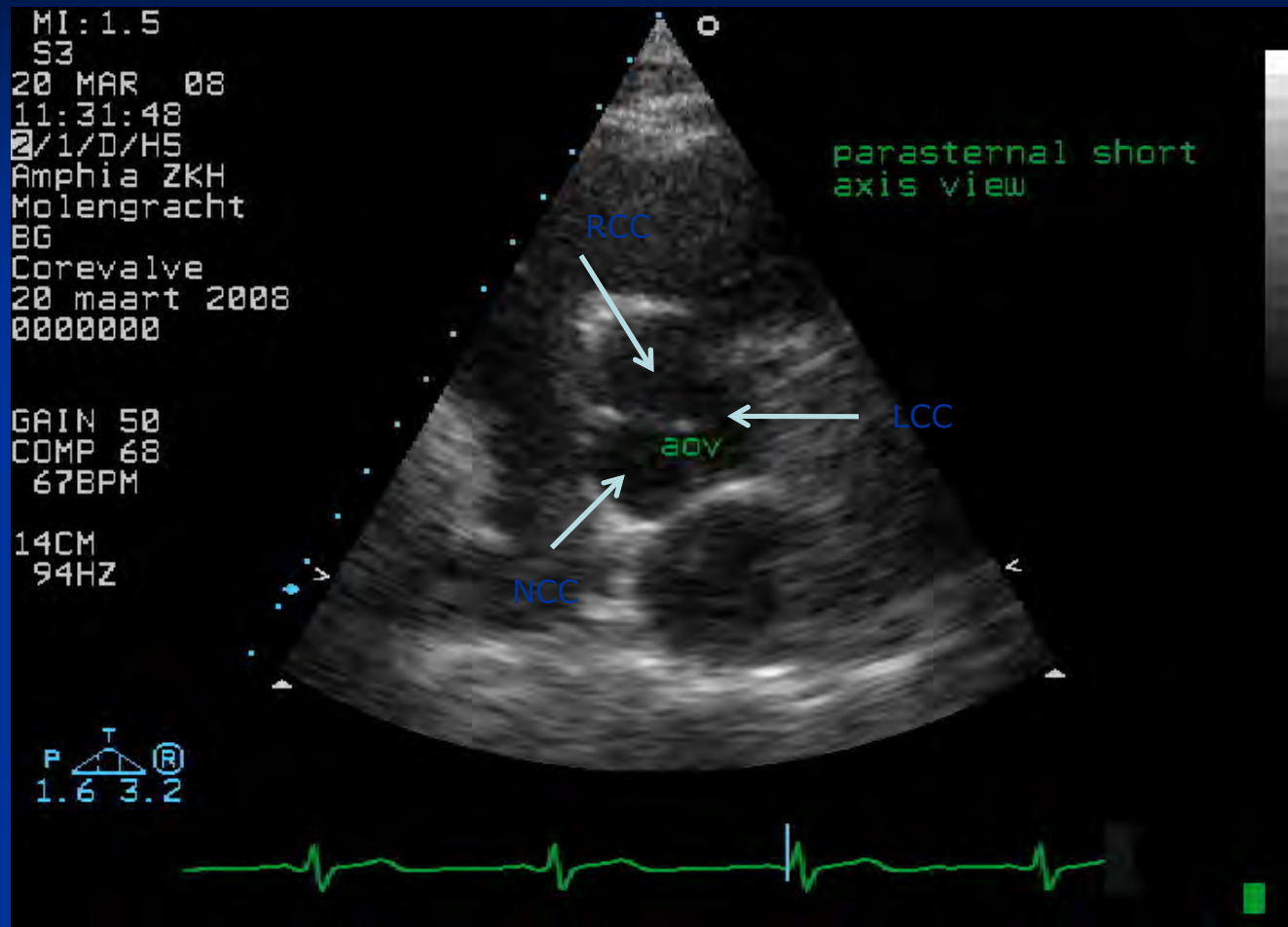


Annulus – LVOT measurement

Echo-annulus measurements

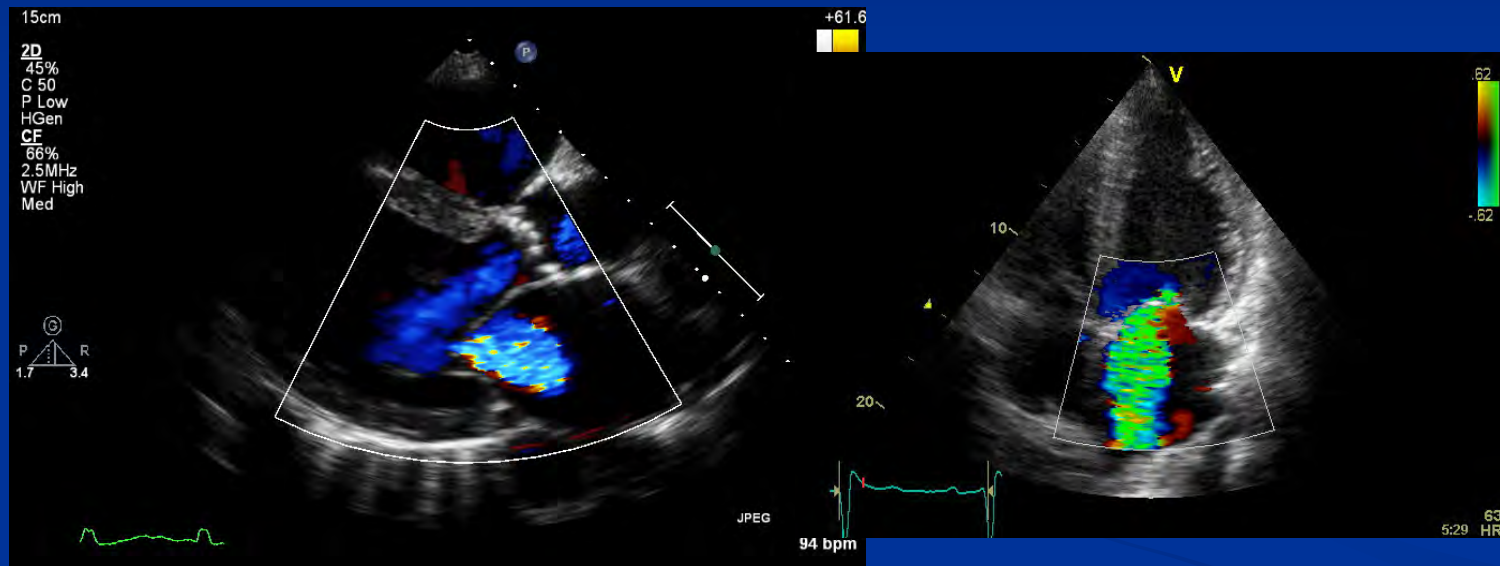


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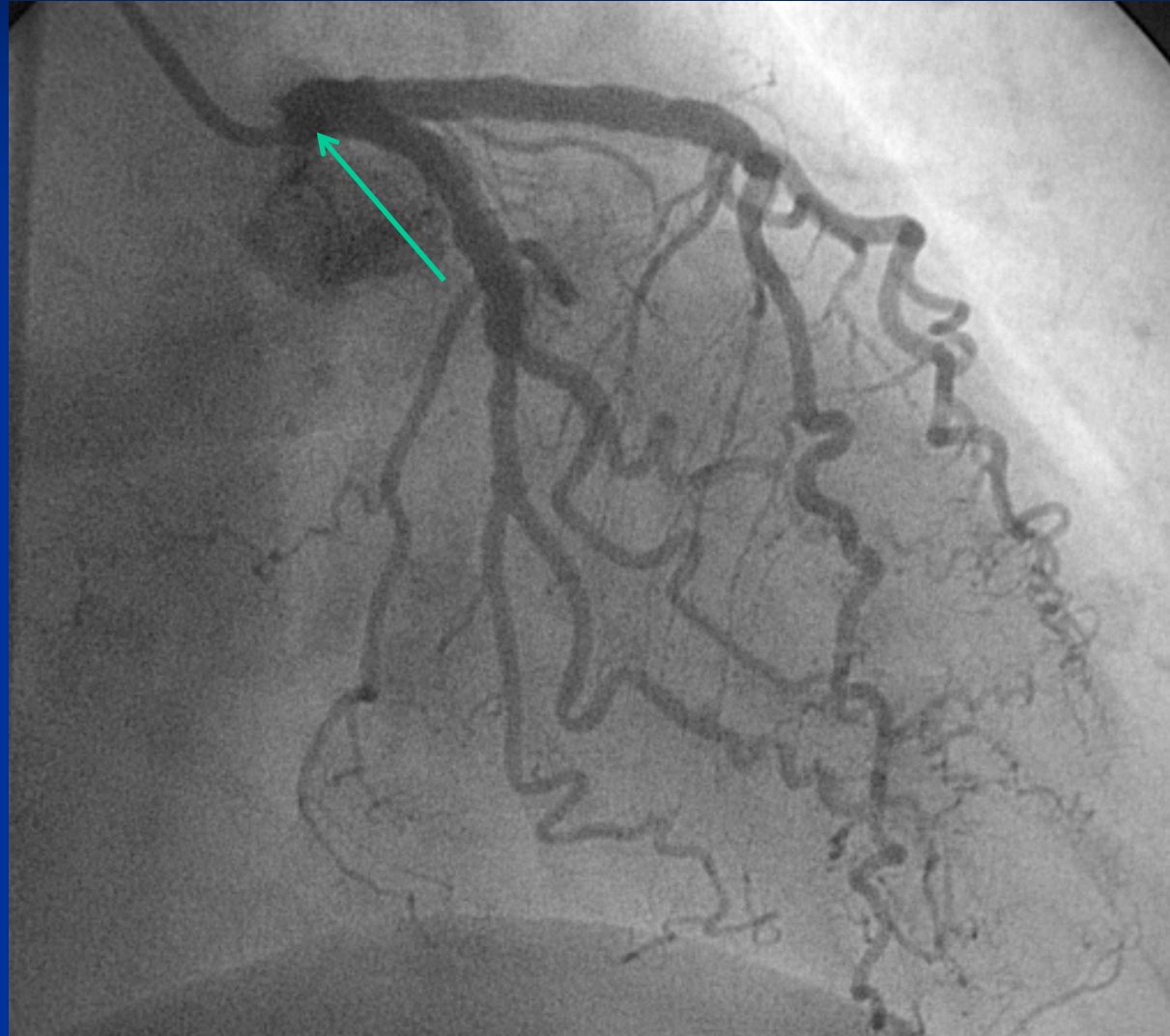
Tricuspid aortic-valve

Parasternal Long Axis View

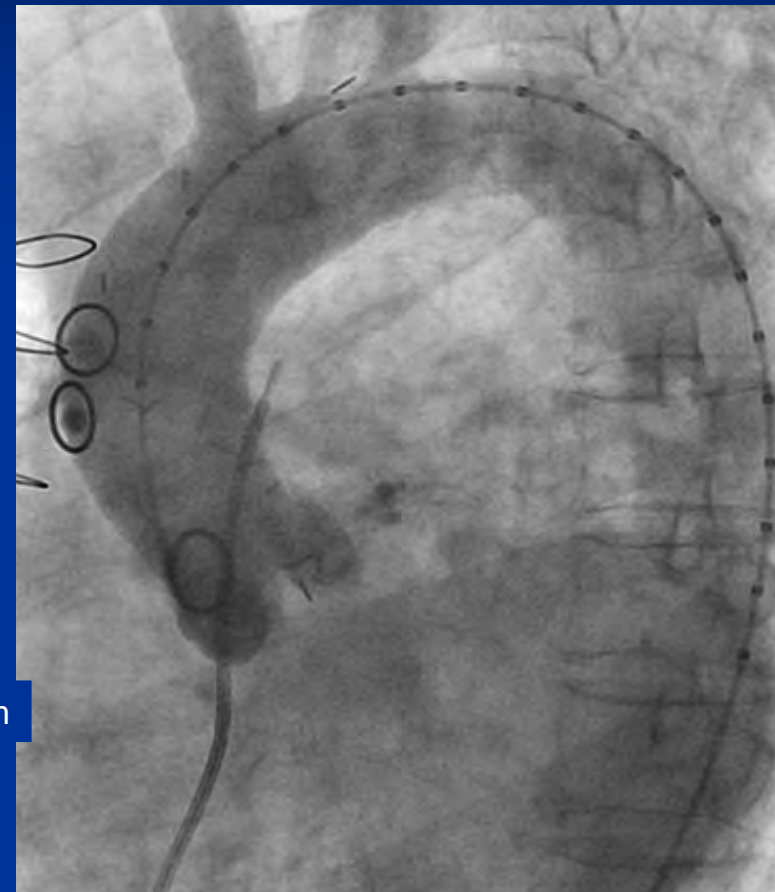
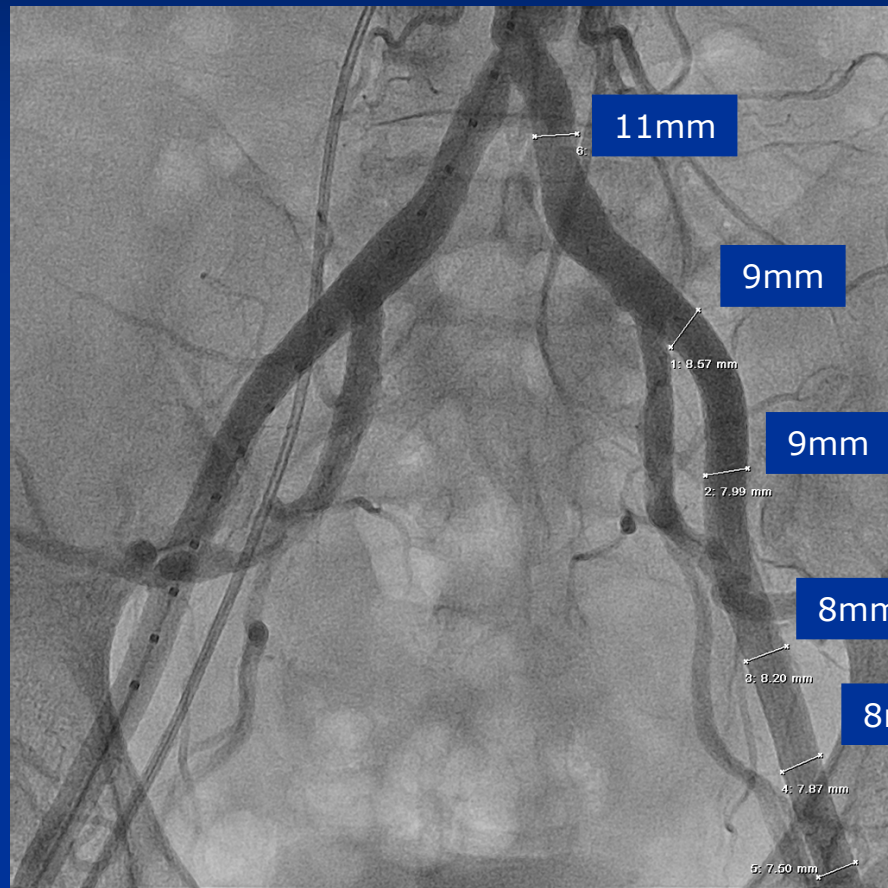


mitral regurgitation

Coronary & bypass vessels angio



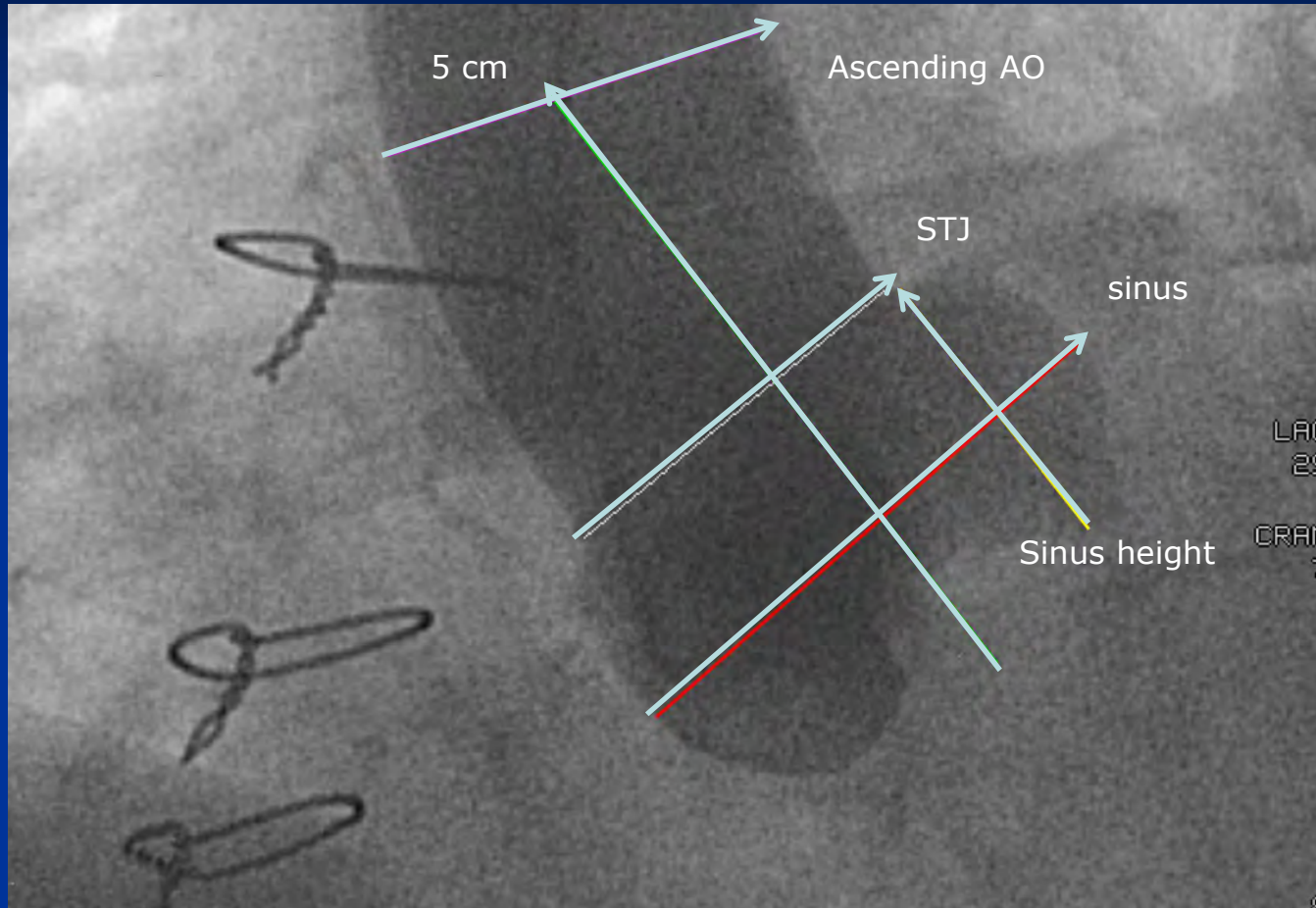
Aorta and Peripheral Angiography



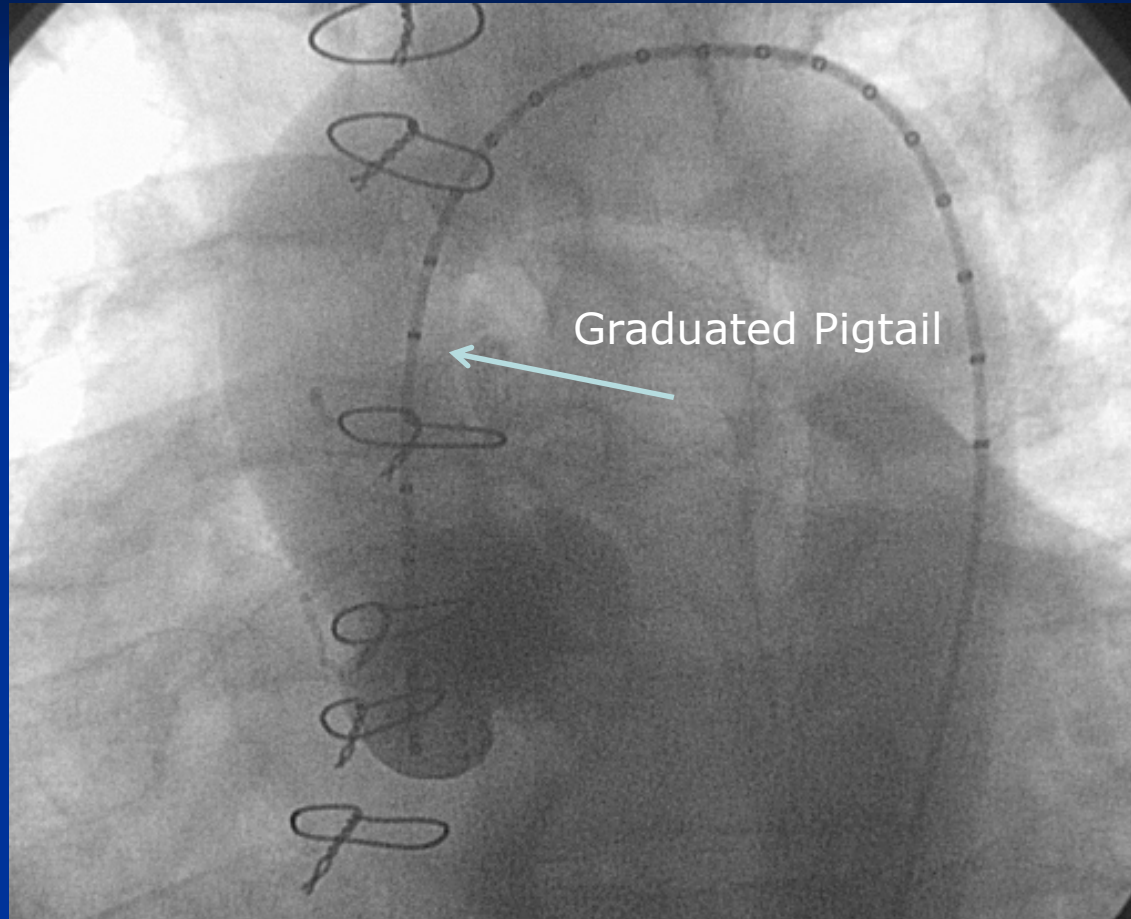
- Iliacs > 8mm bilaterally

- Annular and arch examined

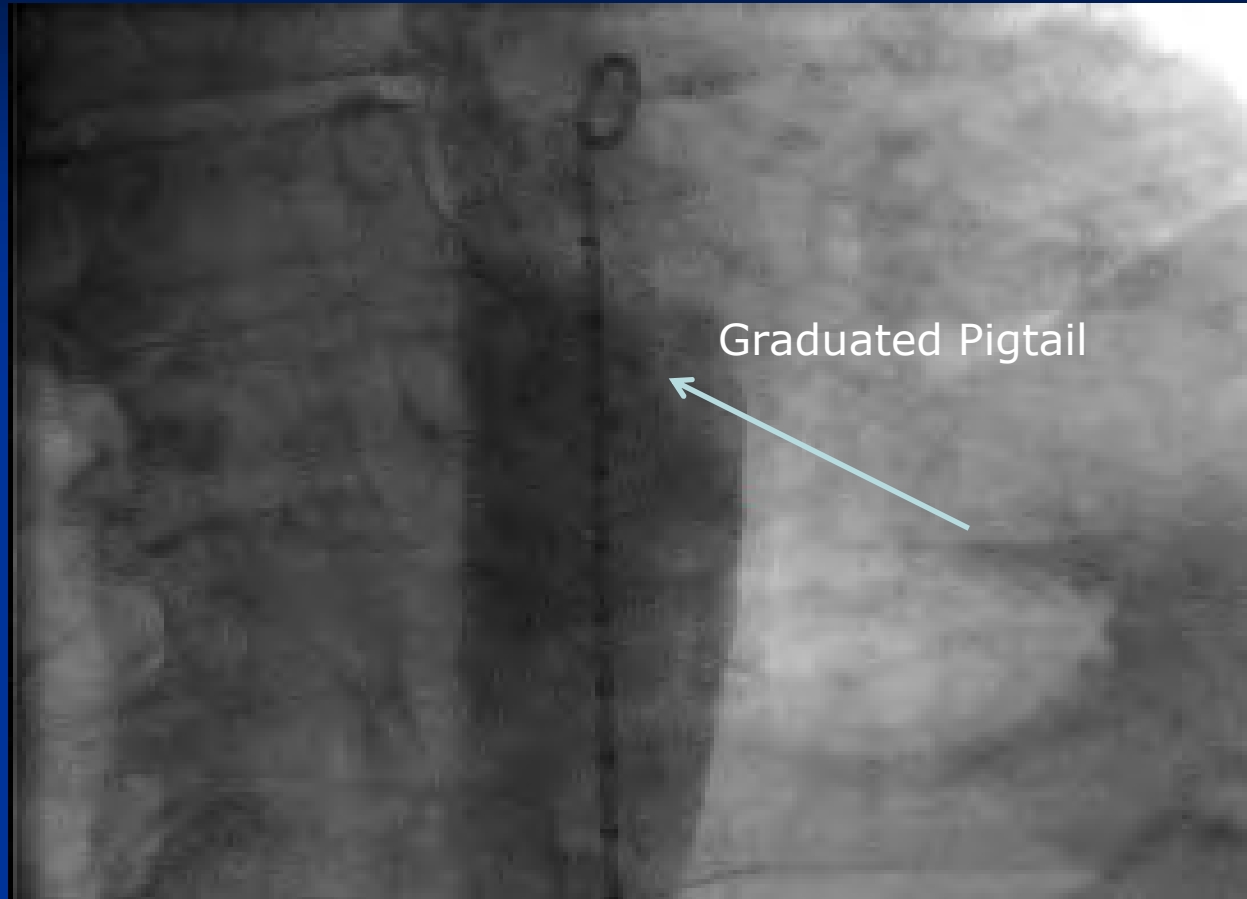
Angio: Aortic Root



Angio: Aortic Arch



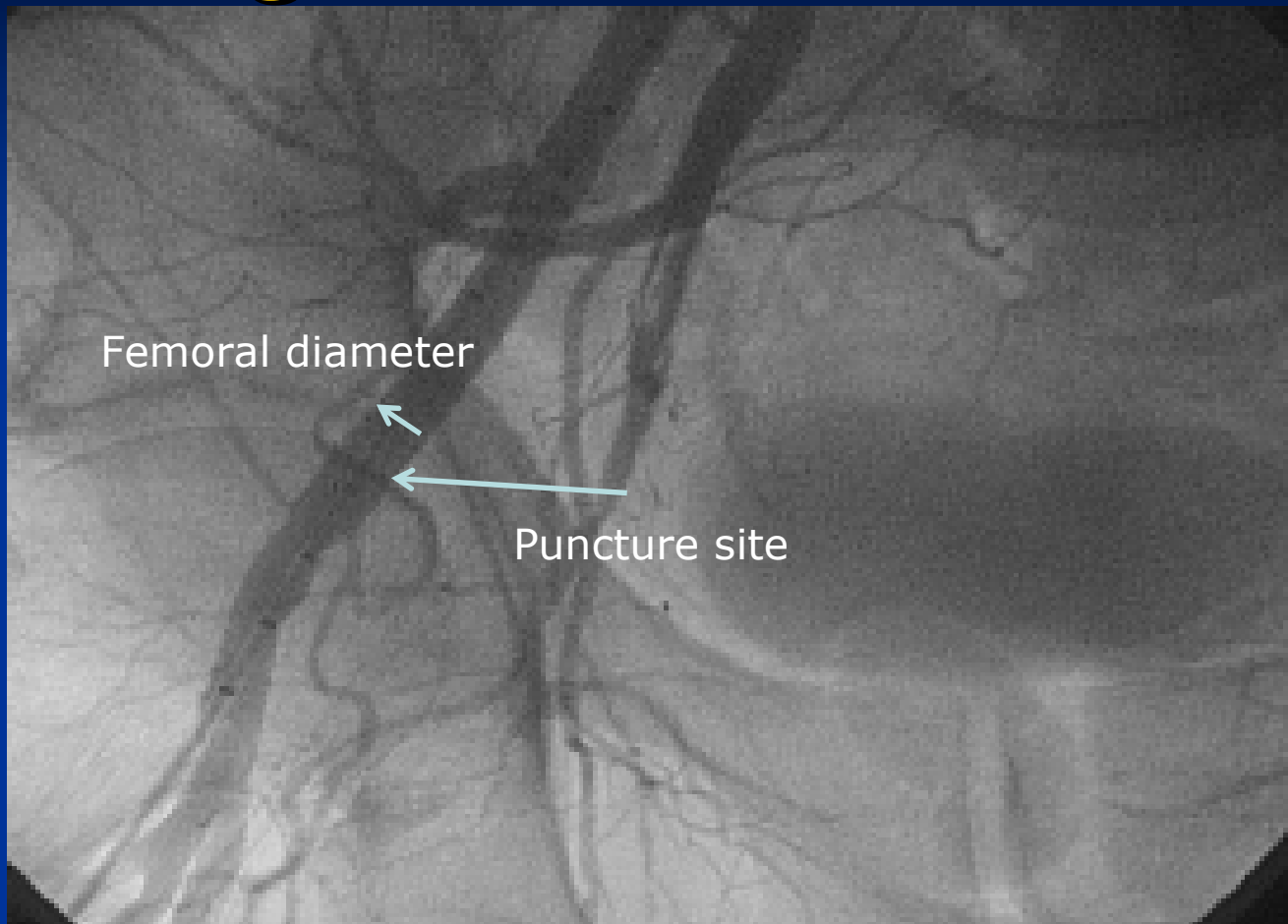
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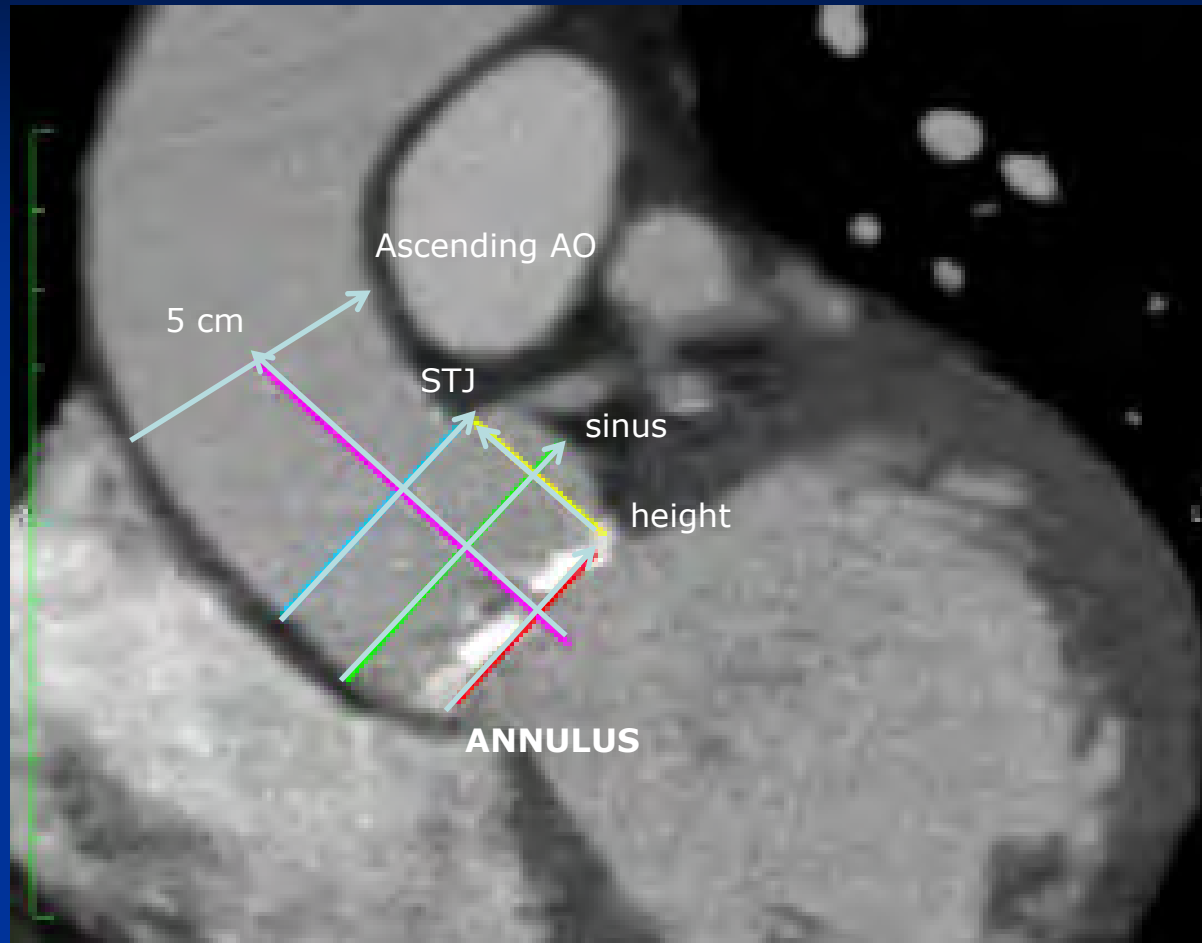
Angio: iliacs bifurcation



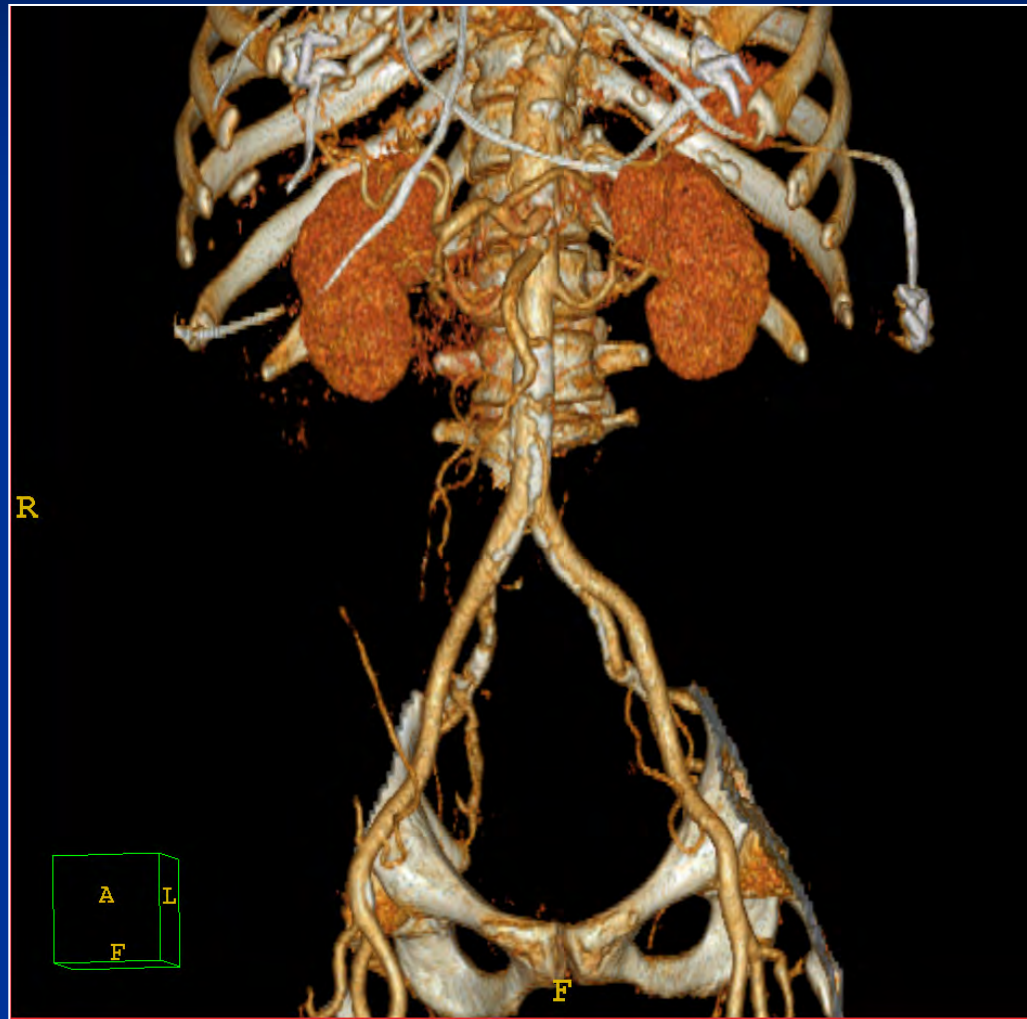
Angio: femoral arteries



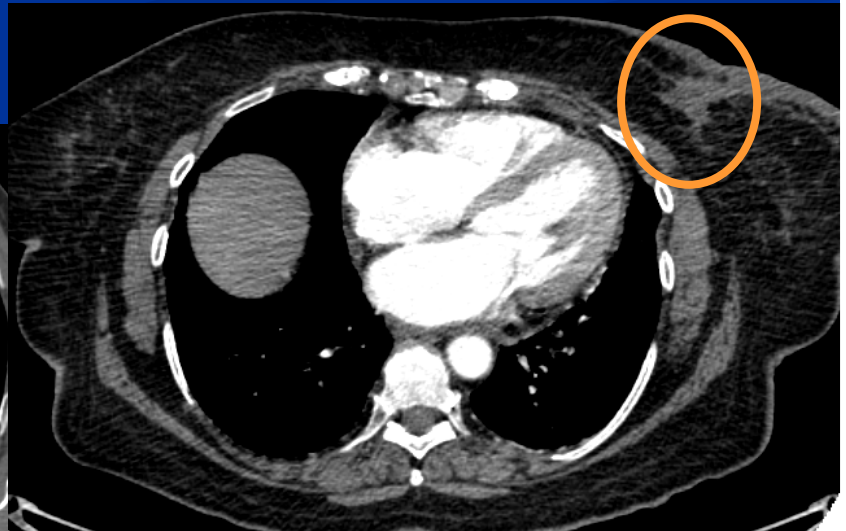
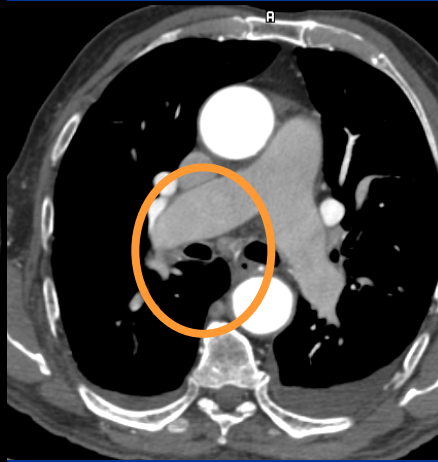
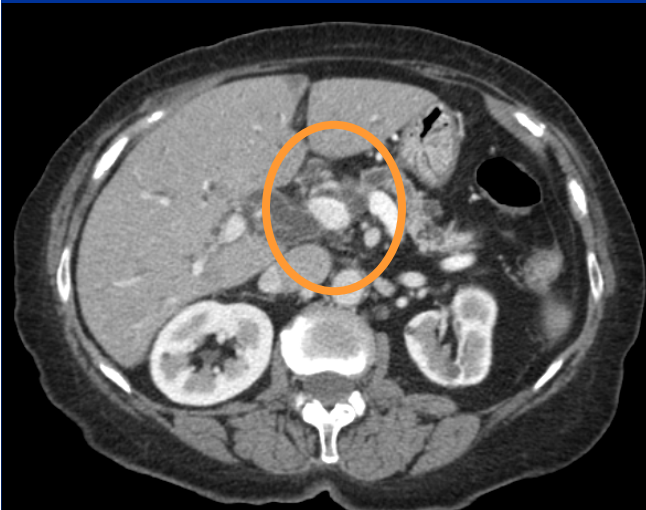
CT angio: aortic root



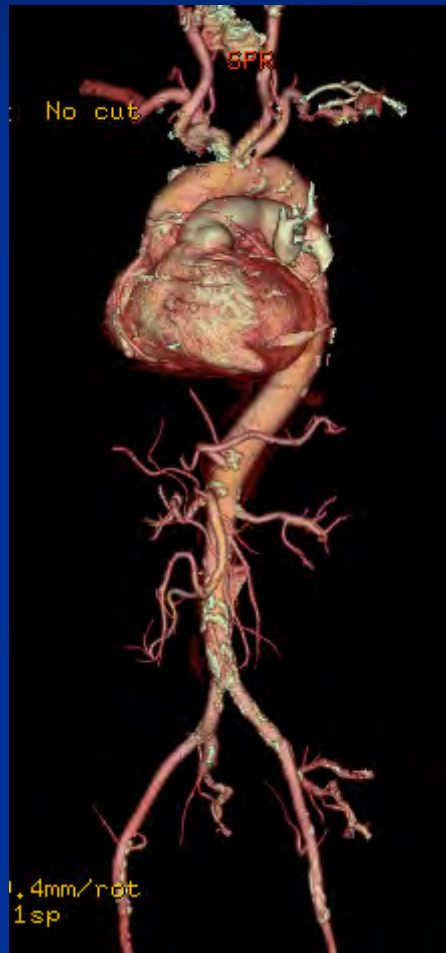
CT angio



Extracardiac findings per CT



CT angio

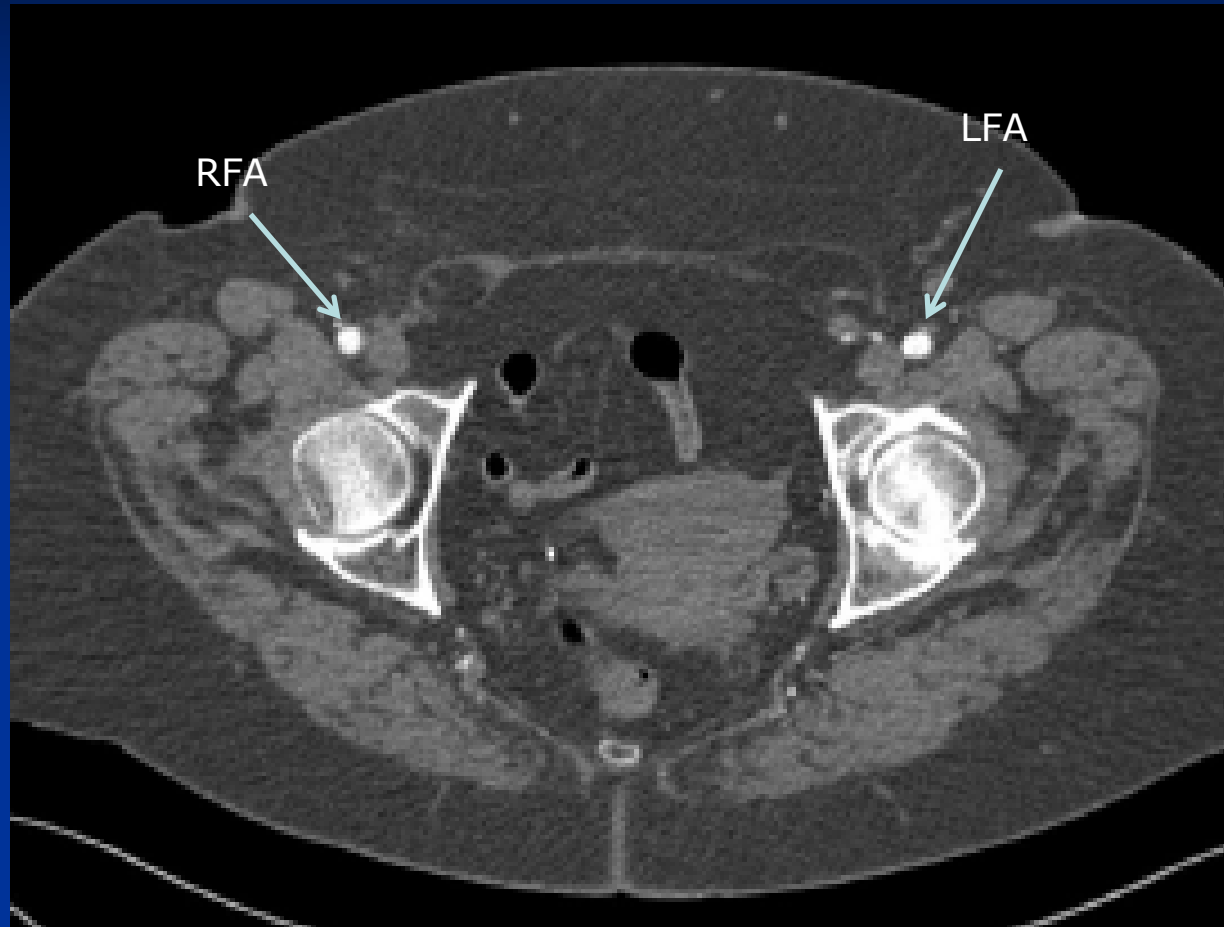


Peripheral arteries are large enough:
Rt & Lt common iliac ~ 1.0cm.

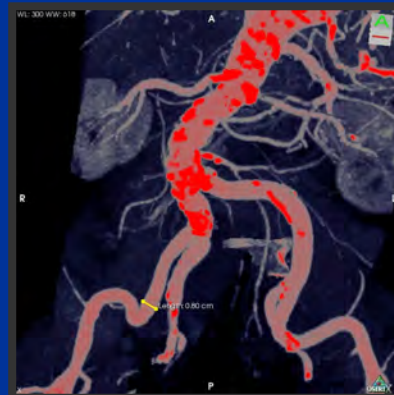
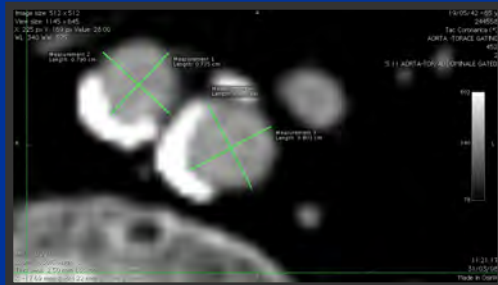
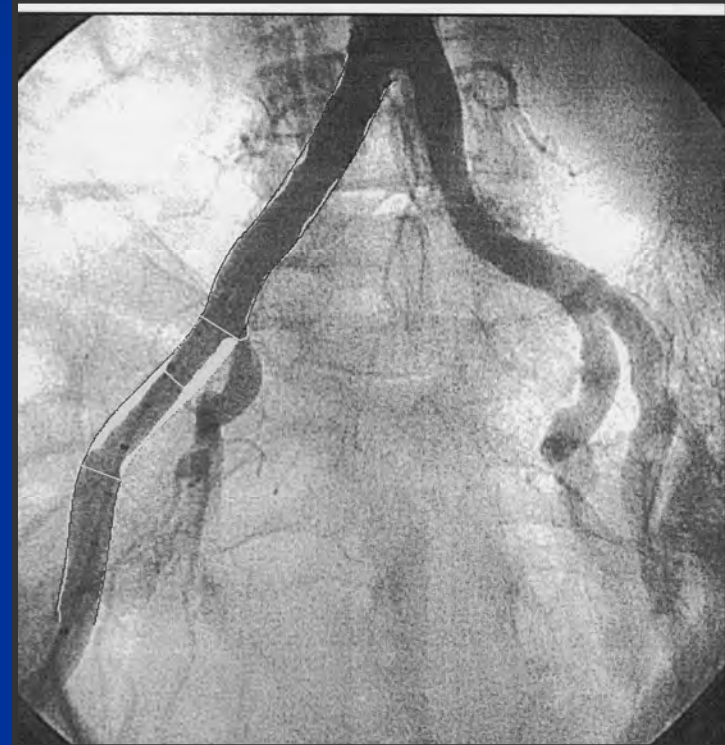
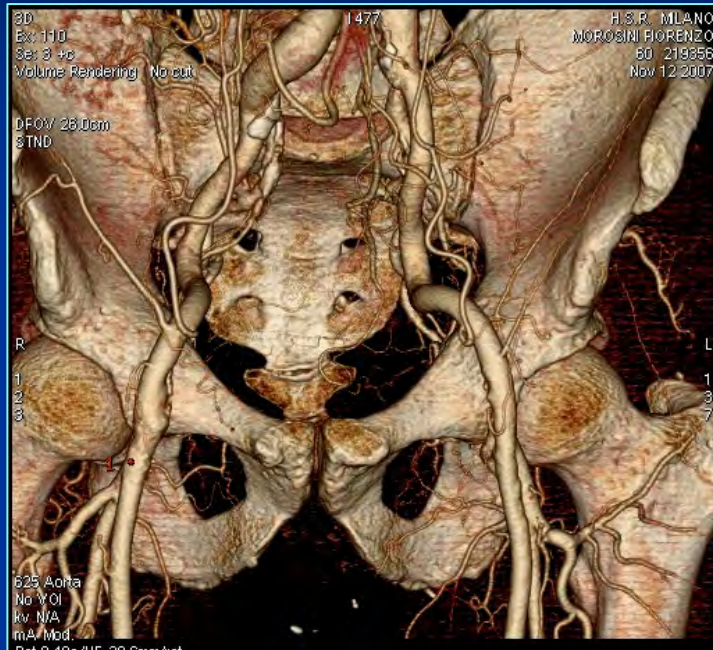
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CT- evaluation of calcification

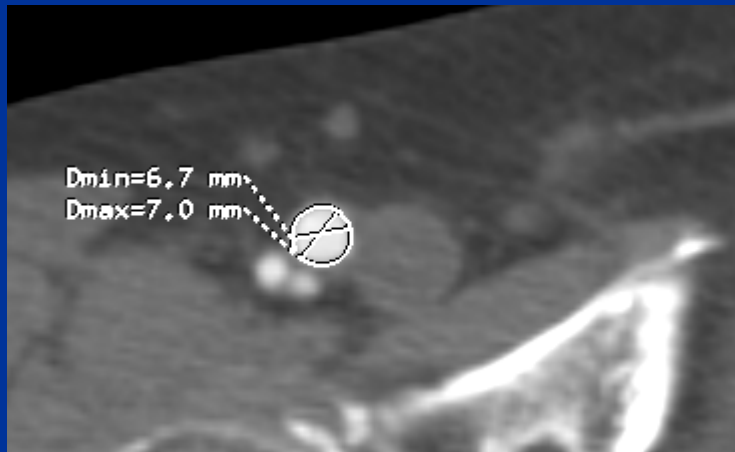


Calcifications are clearly visible

Rejection d/t Narrow Peripheral Vessels



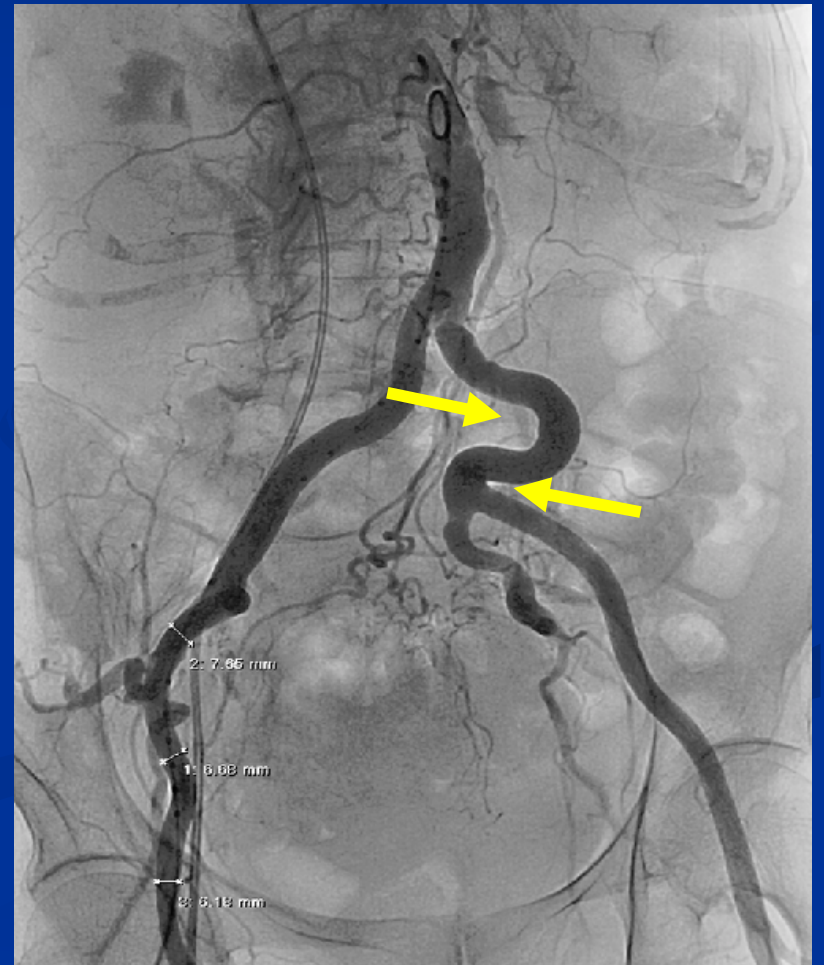
Rt ext iliac



Lt ext iliac

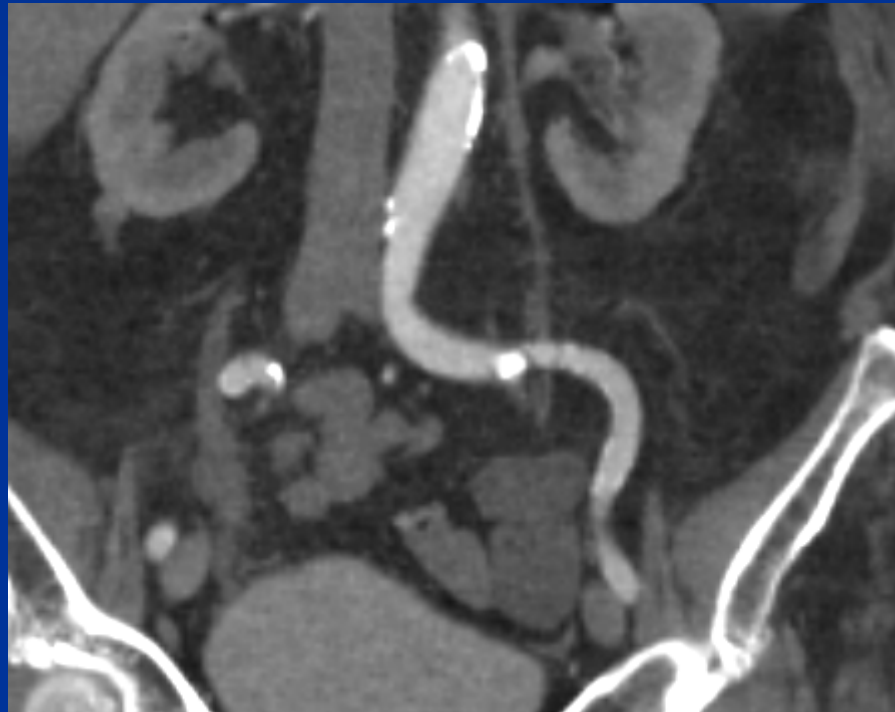


Rejection d/t Severe Peripheral Vessel Tortuosity

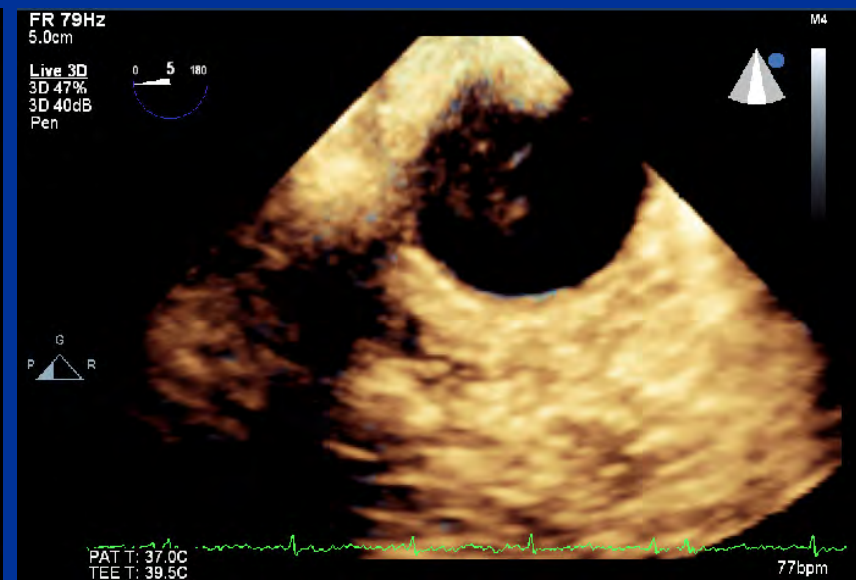
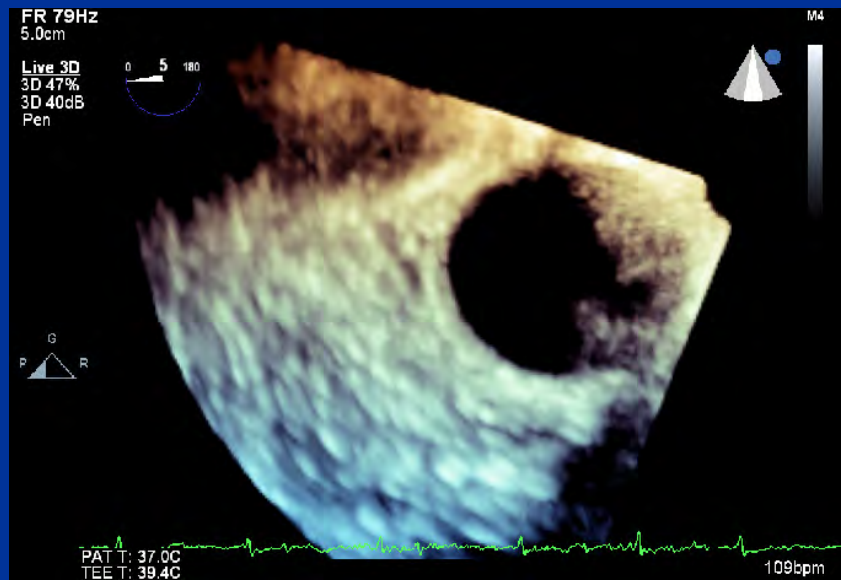


Rejection d/t Severe Peripheral Vessel Tortuosity

**Tortuosity & Calcification
Worst!**



Protruding Aortic Atheroma

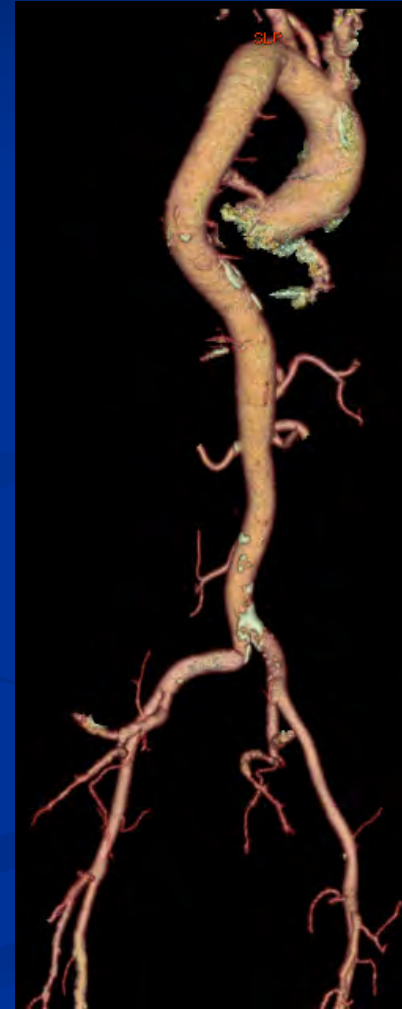
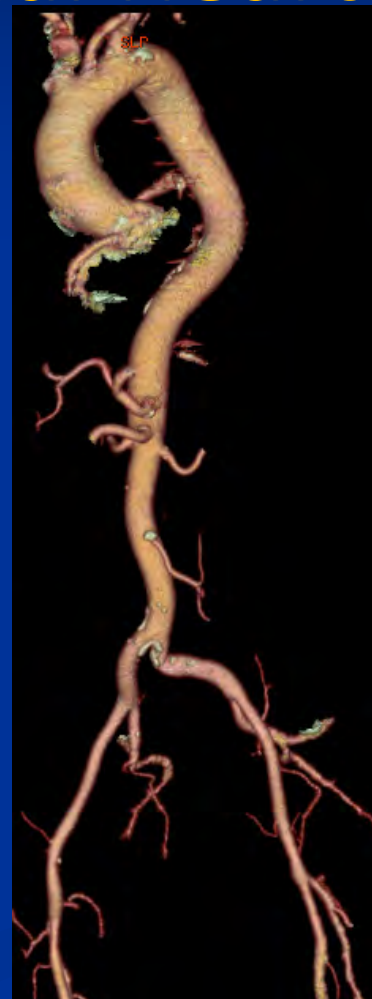
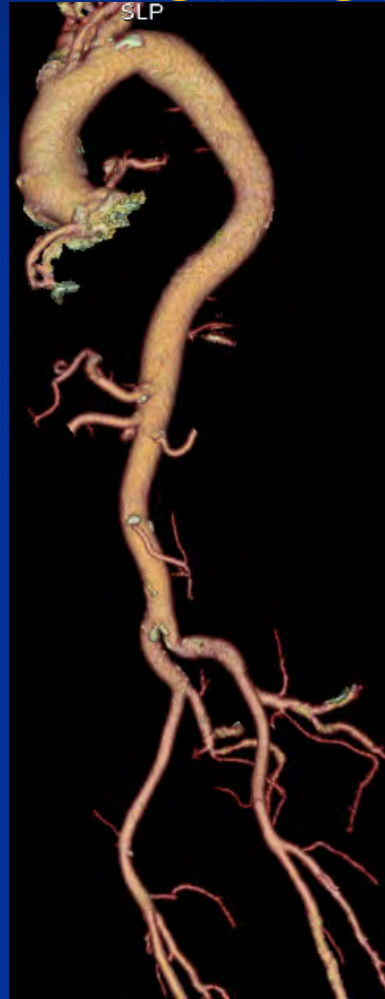
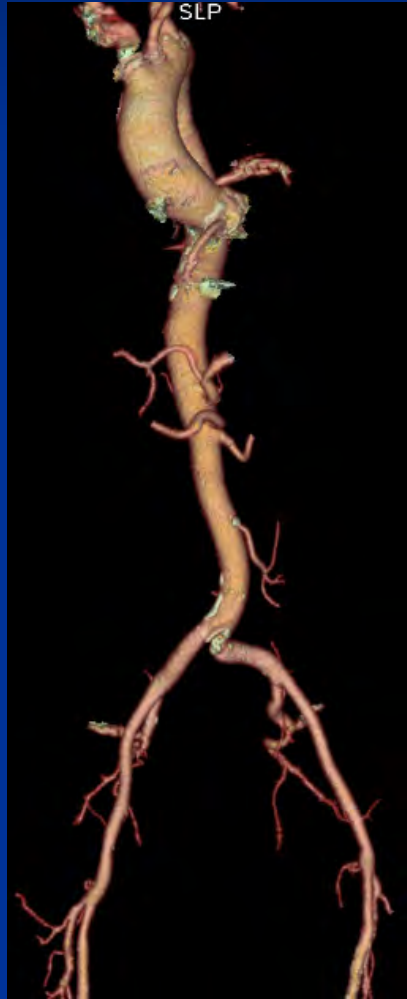


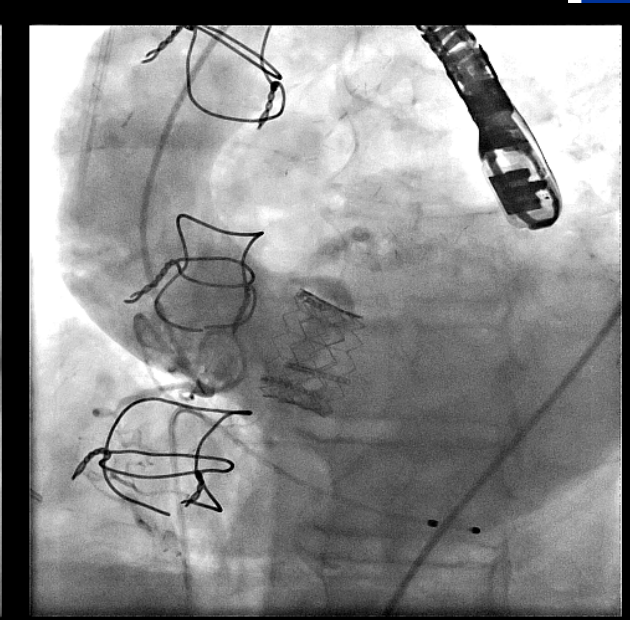
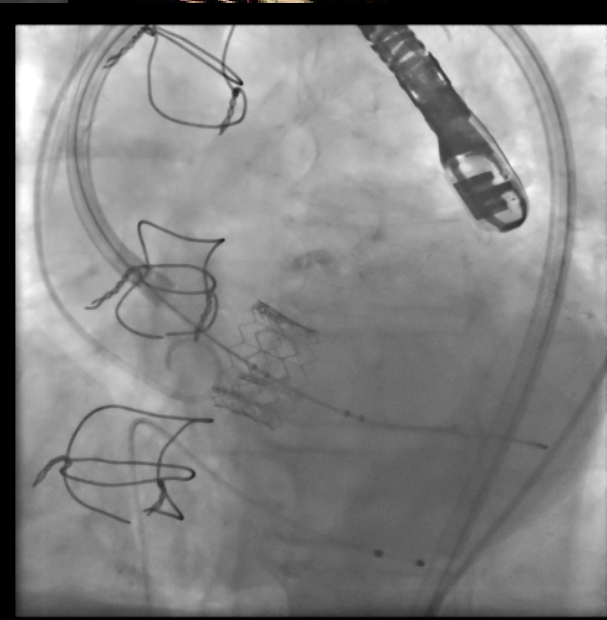
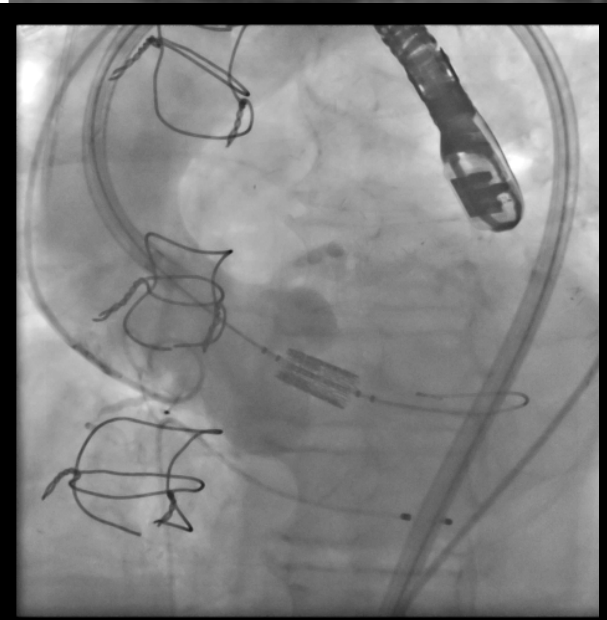
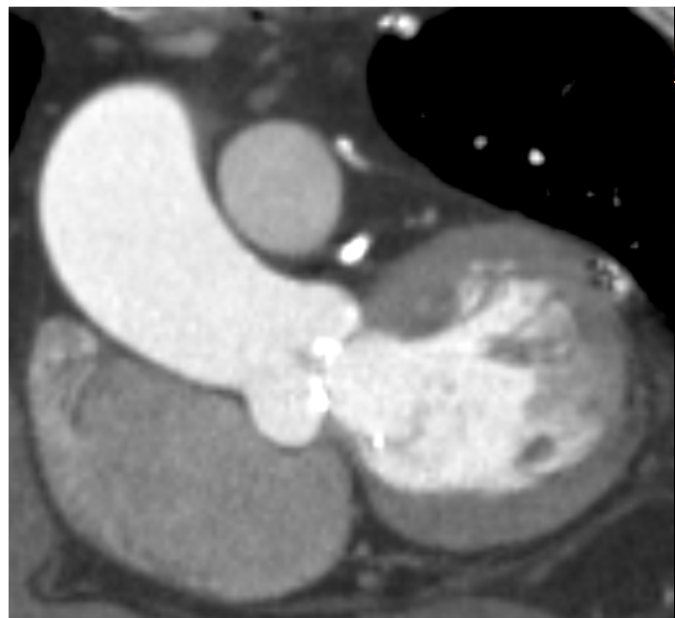
High angulation between Aorta & Aortic-Valve “Horizontal Heart”



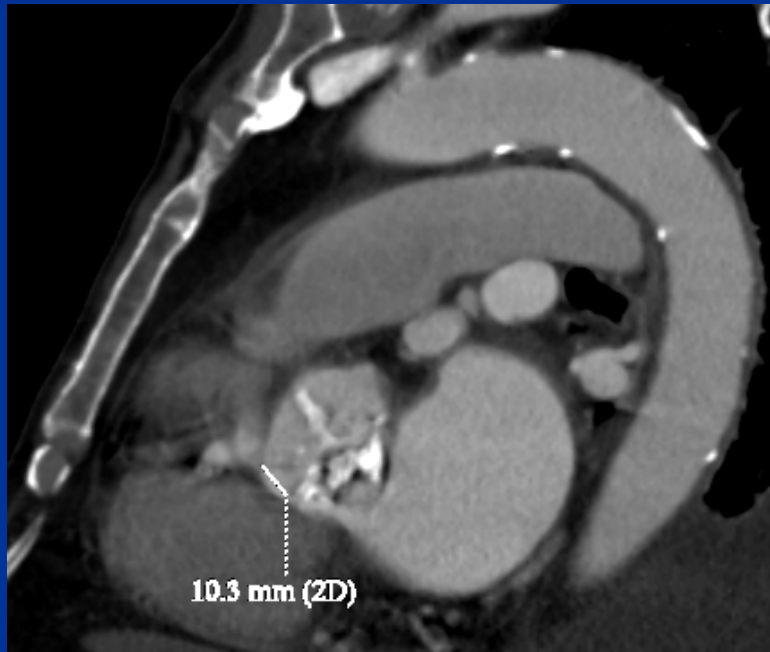
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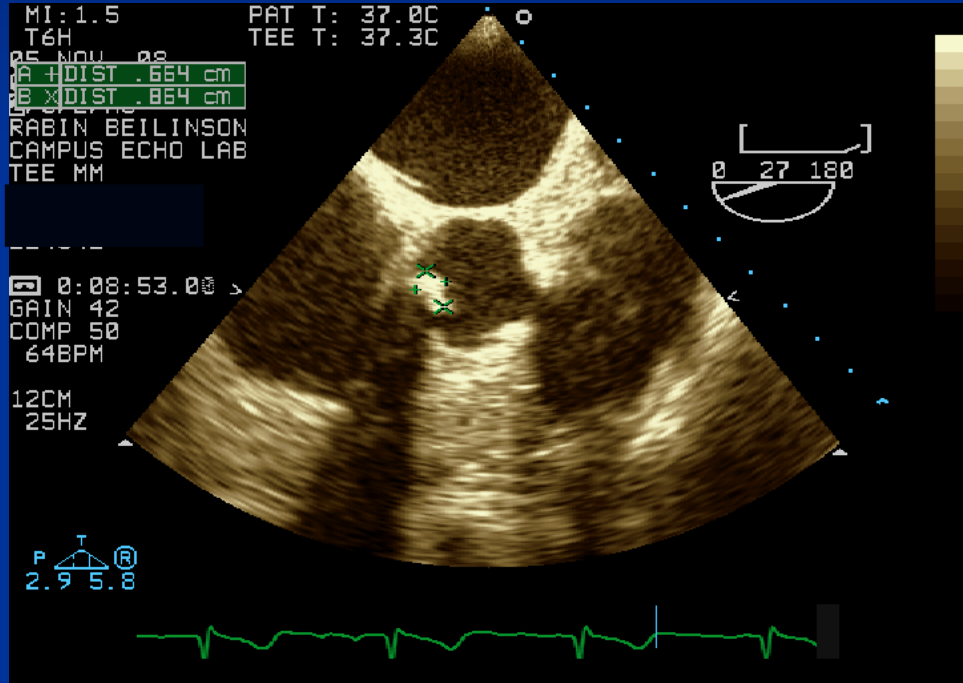
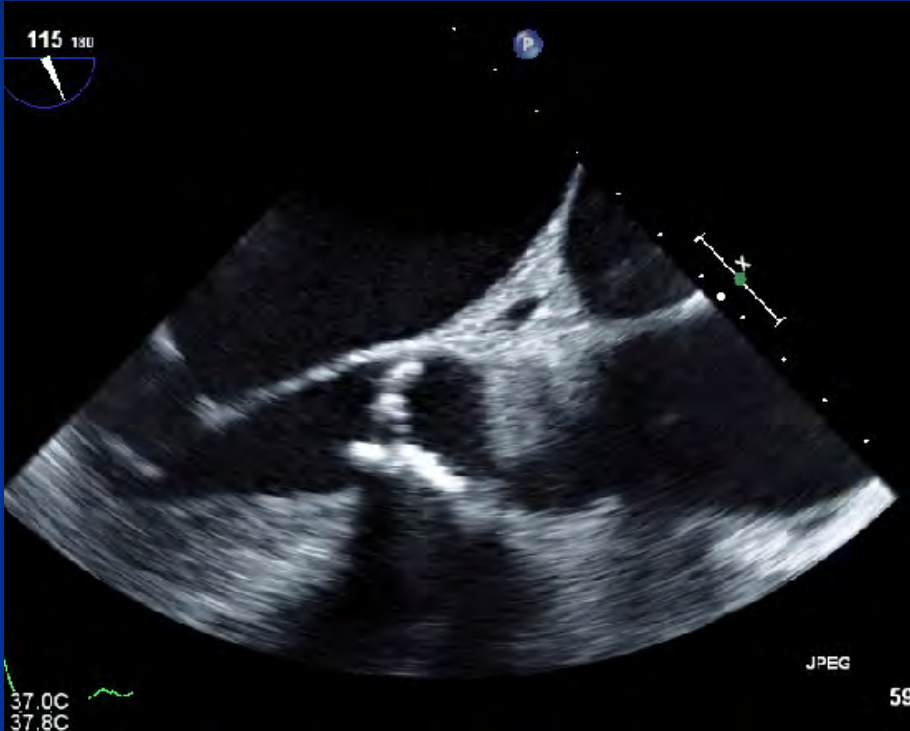
Evaluating the distance between Aortic-Valve and Coronary Ostia



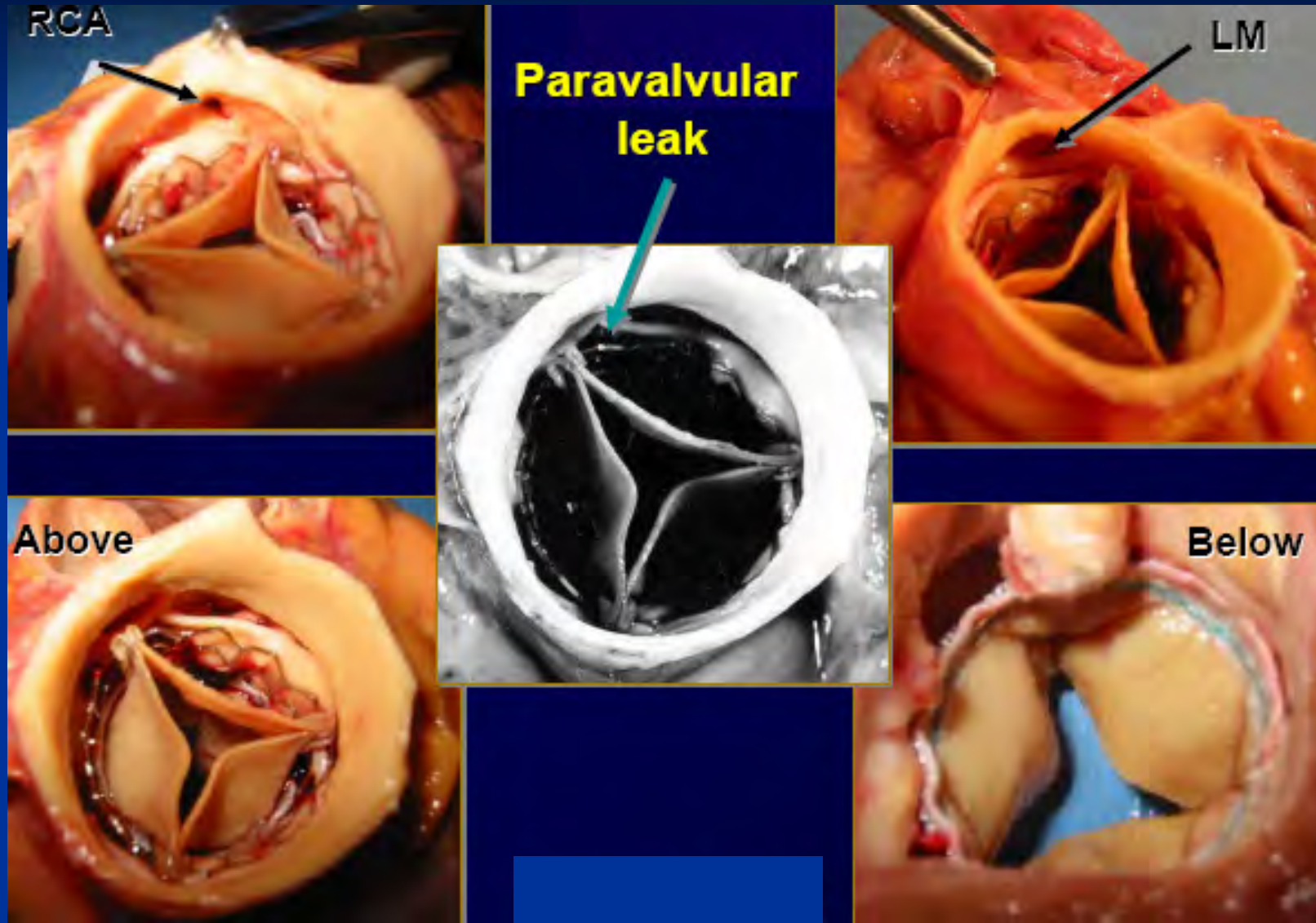
Blocking The Coronary Ostia



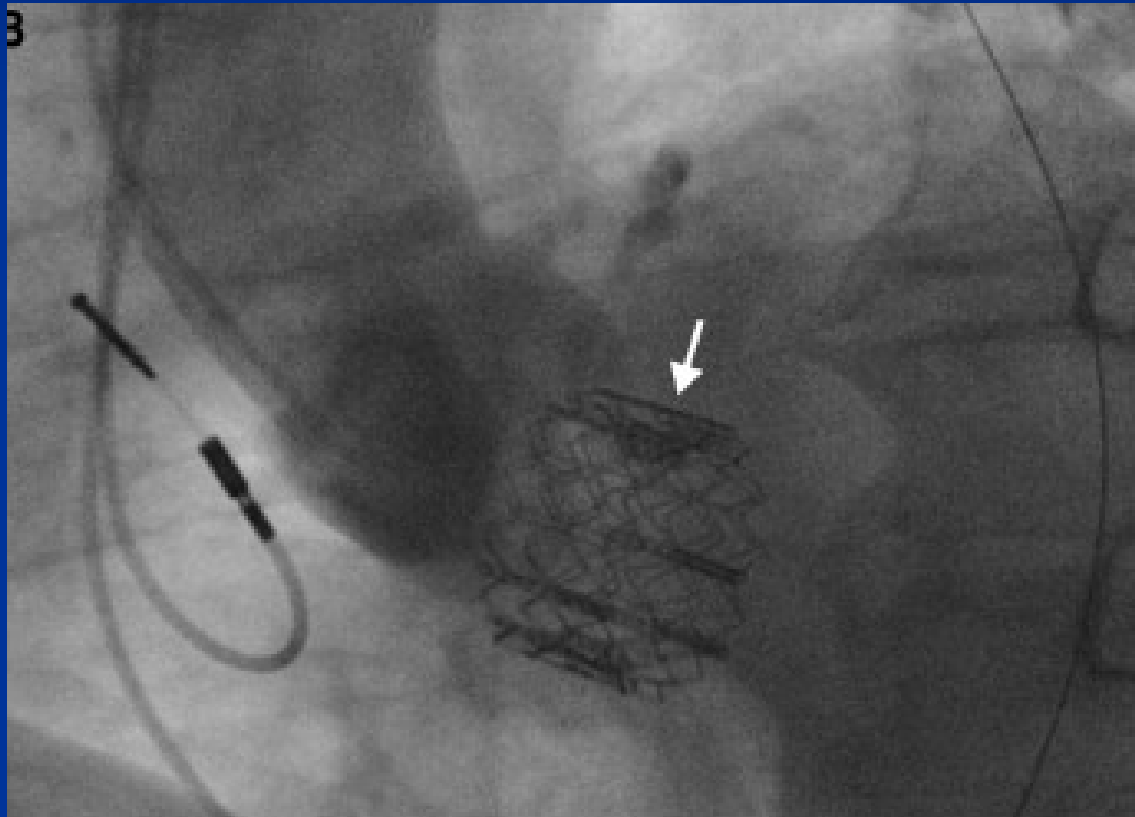
Rejection d/t Calcified Tissue near Coronary Ostia



Paravalvular Leak



Failed Implantation

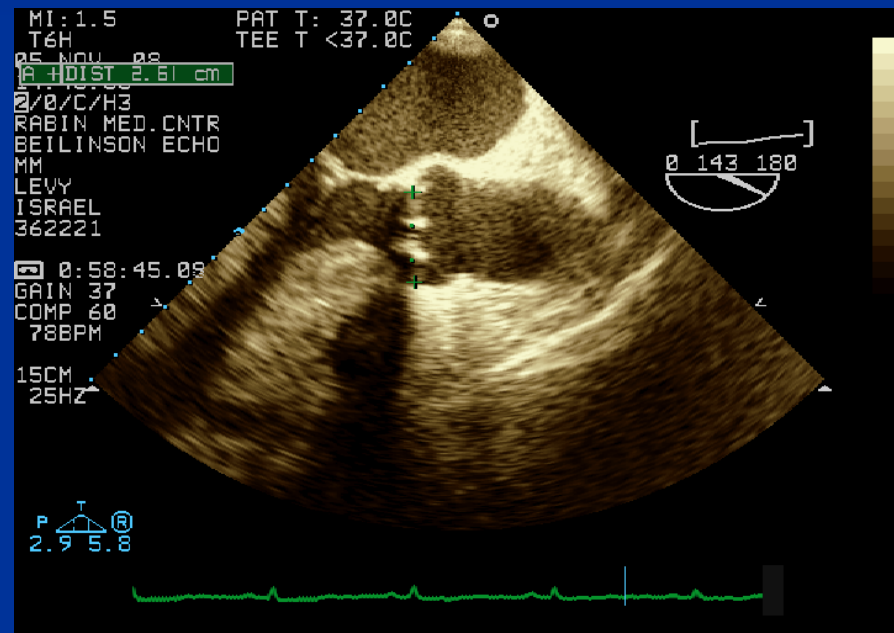
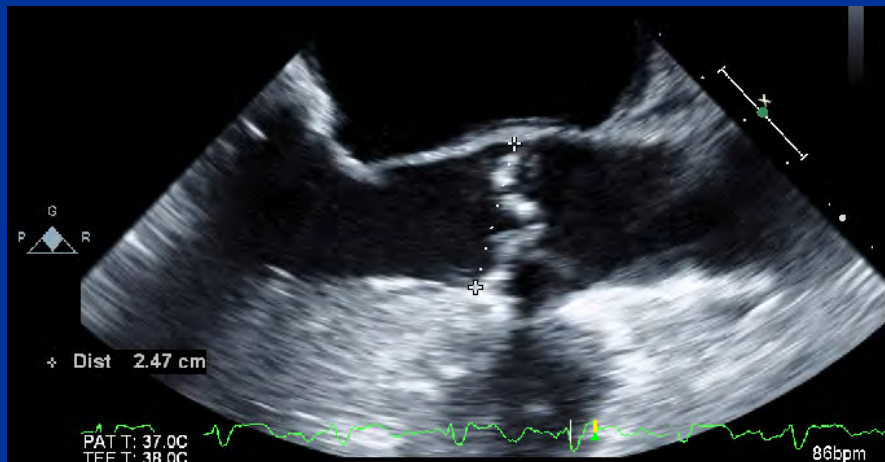


Failed Implantation



Rejection d/t Inadequate Annulus size

- Edwards: 18-25mm
- CoreValve: 20-27mm



Bicuspid Aortic-Valve



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Valved Stents in Aortic Stenosis

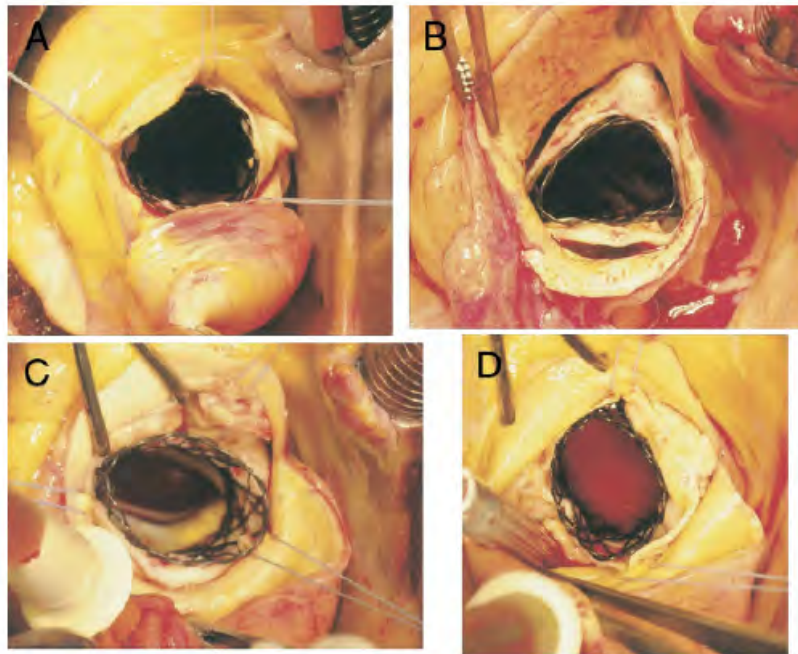


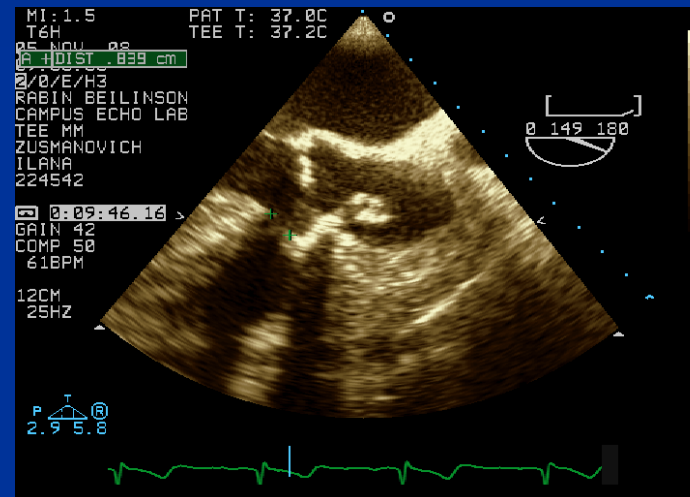
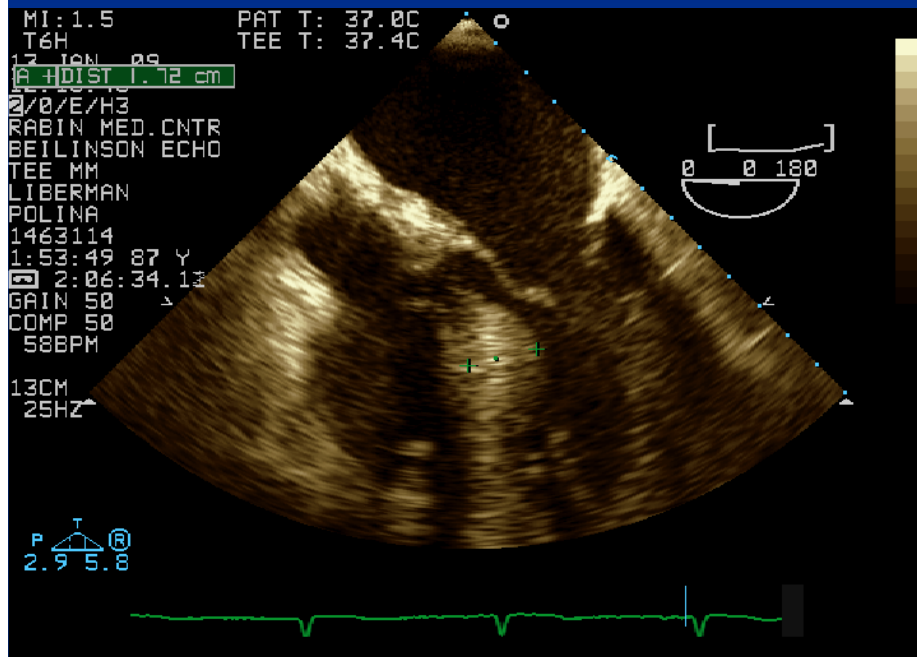
Figure 1 Different Shapes of Stent Deployment Encountered

Circular (A), triangular (B), and elliptic (C and D). Note the round calcifications crossing the stent frame.

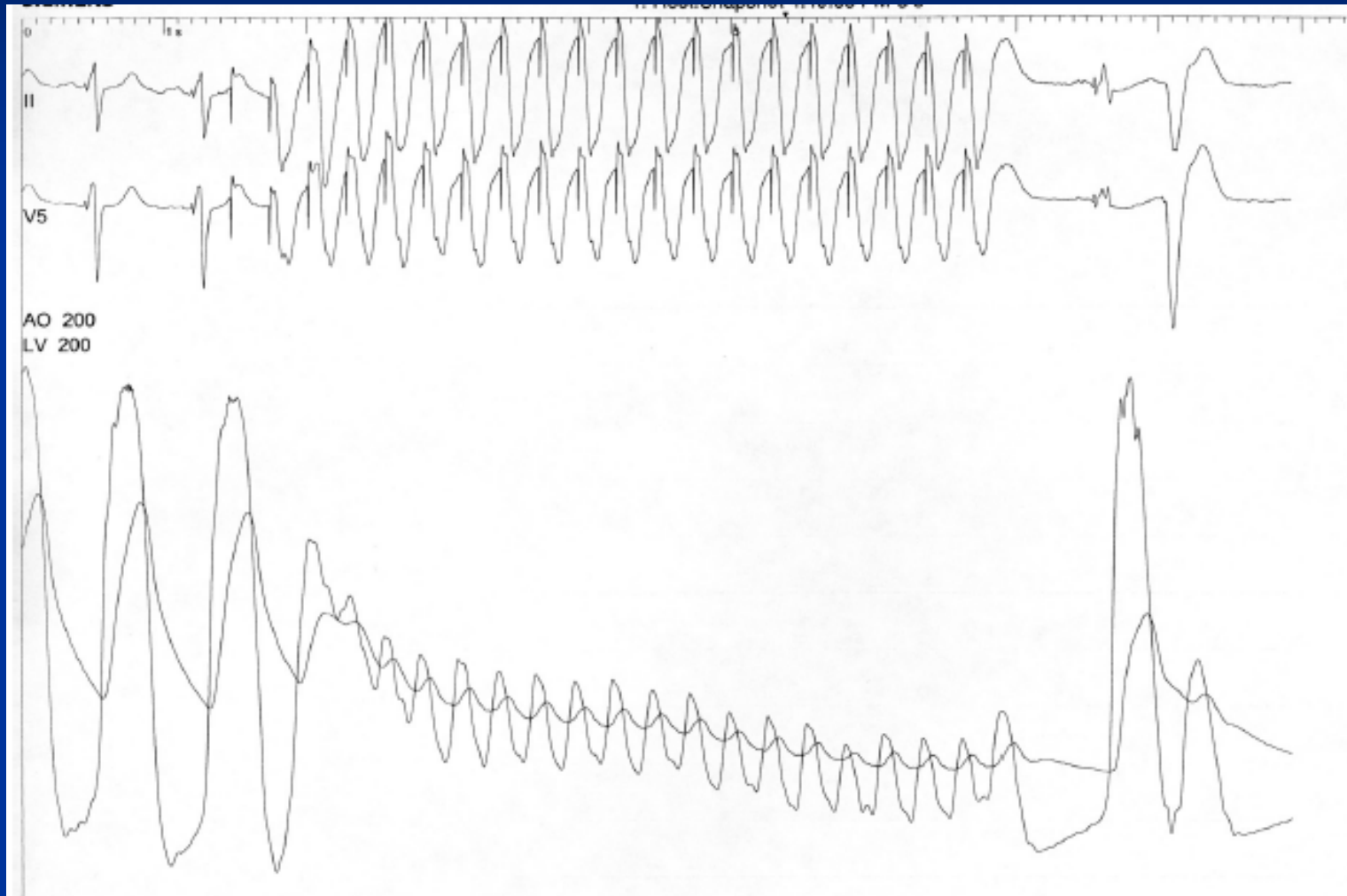
Table 3 Stent Shape After Deployment According to Aortic Valve Pathology

Stent Shape	Tricuspidy (n = 19)	Bicuspidy (n = 14)
Circular, n (%)	13 (68)	2 (14)
Elliptic, n (%)	2 (11)	11 (79)
Triangular, n (%)	4 (21)	1 (7)

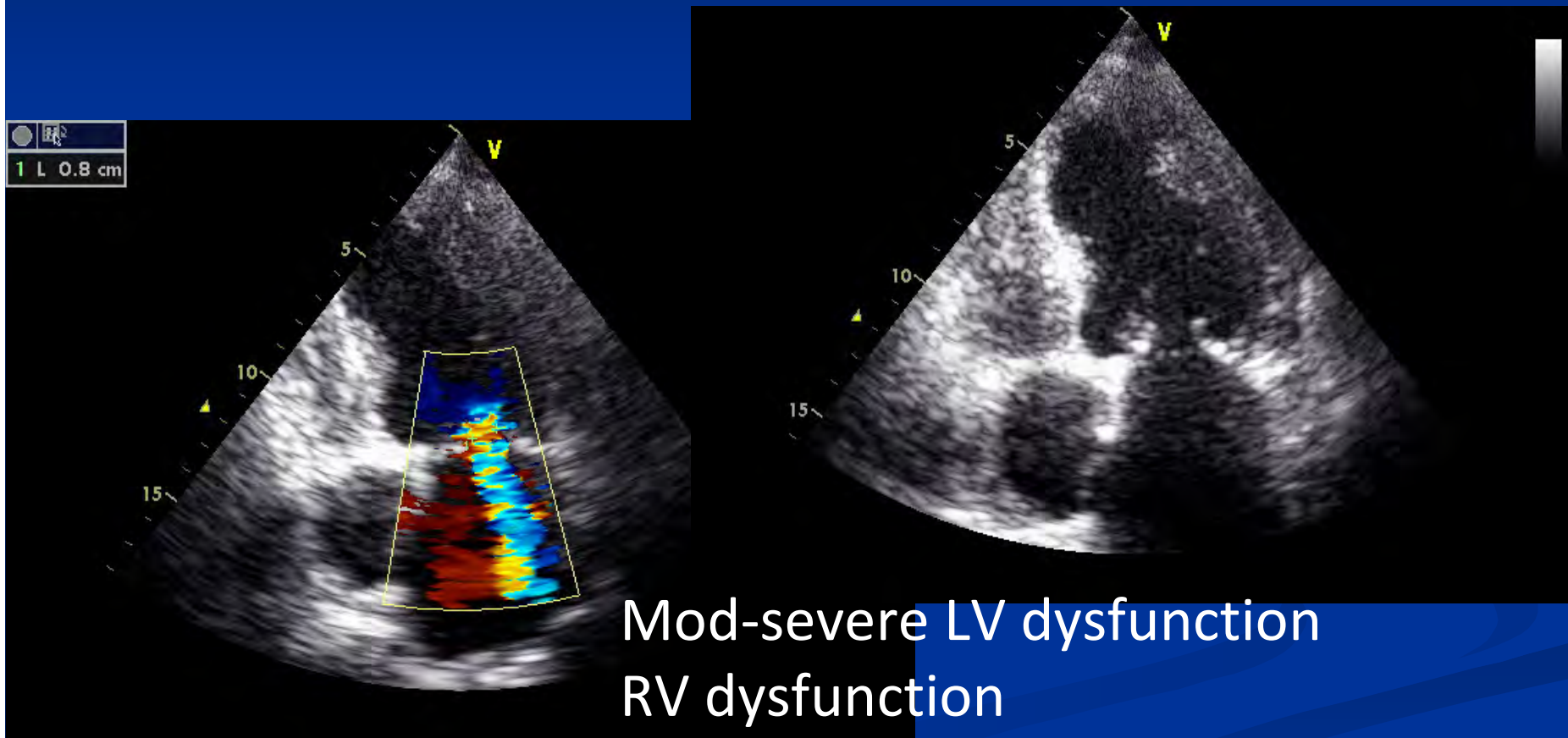
Basal Septum Hypertrophy



Rapid Pacing During Implantation

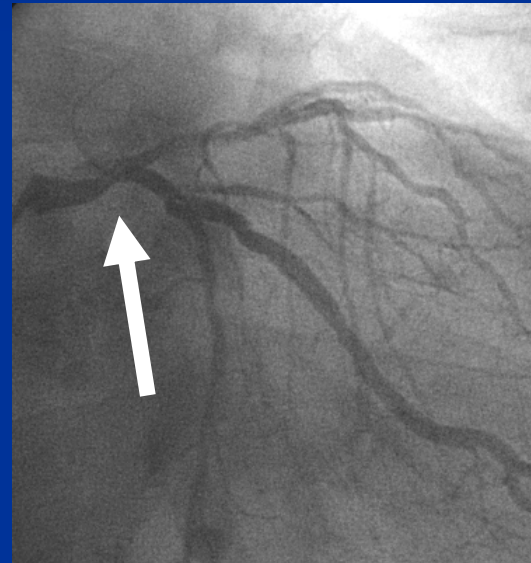


Is it safe to perform the rapid pacing
in this patient?



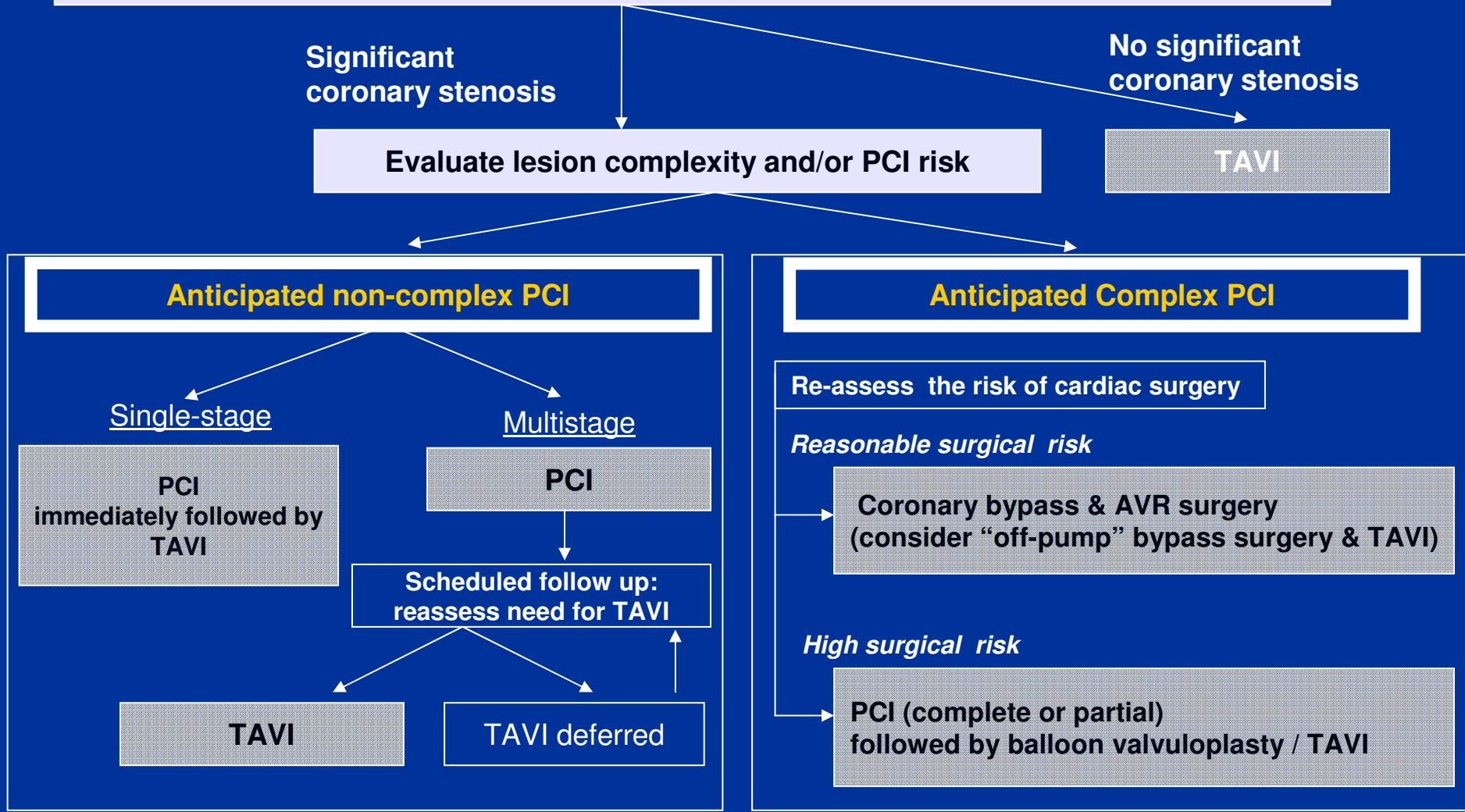
Mod-severe LV dysfunction
RV dysfunction
Mod-Severe MR
Severe Pulmonary HTN

**Is it safe to perform the rapid pacing
in this patient?**



**Three-Vessel Disease
Left Main Disease**

Suggested PCI Strategy in TAVI Candidates



TAVI experience in Israel



PAVI was included in the "health basket" in January 2010

Sapien PAVI: Israeli data

	Patients data (N=41) Procedures (N=42)*
Age (yrs)	82.6±5.3 (65-91)
Age >80 yrs (%)	76
Men/women (%)	40/60
Logistic EuroScore (%)	23.1±13.9
NYHC III/IV (%)	93
Diabetes mellitus (%)	37
Post sternotomy	37
Renal insufficiency (creat.≥1.4 mg%)	40
Pulmonary disease (%)	22

Sapien PAVI: Israeli data

	Patients data (N=41) Procedures (N=42)*
23 mm valve utilized	20
26 mm valve utilized	21
AVA (before cm ²)	0.57±0.13
AVA (after cm ²)	1.67±0.25
Peak/Mean gradient (before mm Hg)	89/52
Peak/Mean gradient (after mm Hg)	17/9

*in one case the procedure was converted from TF->TA

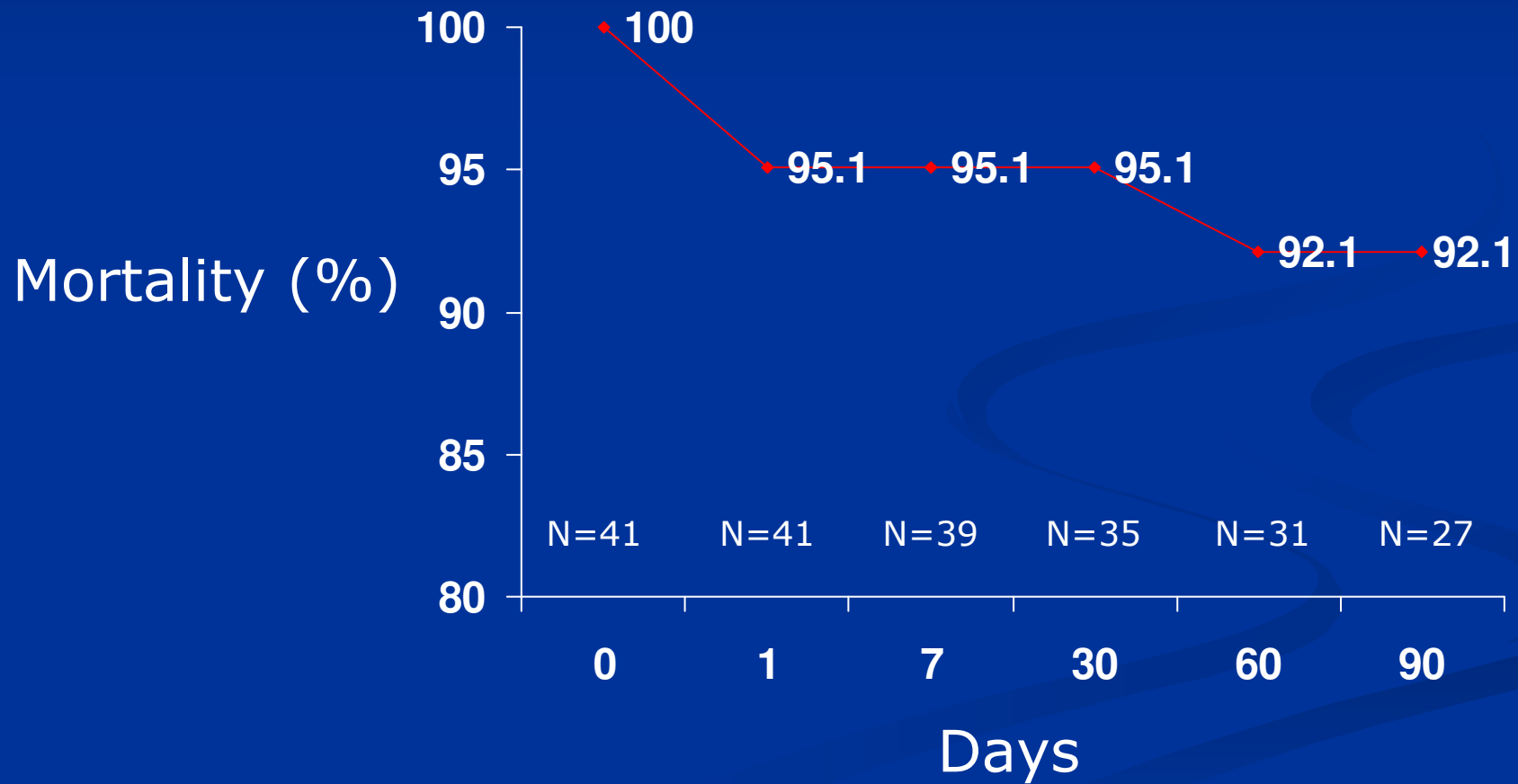
Sapien PAVI: Israeli data

System	Patients data (N=41) Procedures (N=42)*
Overall procedural success (%)	92.8% (39/42)
Trans-femoral procedural success (%)*	95.4% (21/22)
Trans-apical procedural success (%)**	85.0 (17/20)
Overall in-hosp. patients mortality (%)	4.9 (2/41)
Trans-femoral patients mortality (%)	0 (0/21)
Trans-apical patients mortality (%)	10.0 (2/20)
35 day patient survival (%)	92.1 (35/38)

*TF-in one case the procedure was converted from TF->TA

**TA-in two cases in-lab fatal complications occurred and one additional case was converted into surgical AVR

Sapien PAVI: Israeli survival



Mortality cases specified

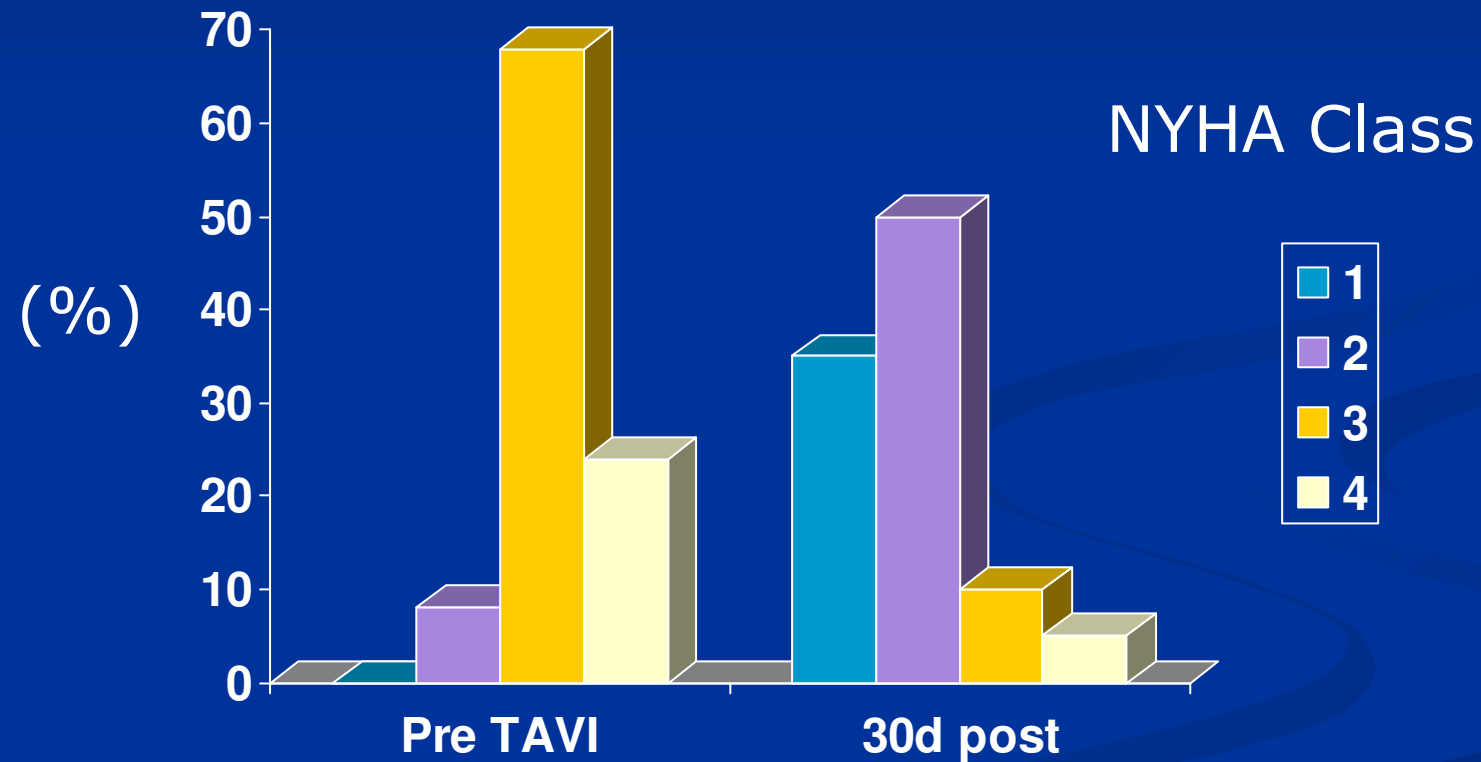
- Case #1: Trans-apical, stiff wire related perforation, in-lab tamponade and death
- Case #2: Suspected annular rupture and severe AI, in-lab shock and death
- Case #3: Trans-femoral, in-lab vascular complication, vascular surgical repair, prolonged hospitalization, stroke and death @day 32 post TAVI.

Sapien PAVI: Israeli complications

	Patients data (N=41) Procedures (N=42)*
Stroke (%)	4.9 (2/41)
-Major stroke (%)	2.4 (1/41)
-Minor stroke (%)	2.4 (1/41)
Myocardial infarction (%)	0 (0/41)
Perforation-tamponade (%)	4.9 (2/41)
-including PM related tamponade	2.4 (1/41)
Major vascular complications (%)	4.9 (2/41)
Valve migration (%)	2.4 (1/41)
Need for permanent pacemaker (%)	2.4 (1/41)

*median hospital stay=7 days (mean 13.7 days)

NYHA Class Response to TAVI



The Israeli CoreValve Registry

	N = 123
Age (years)	82.4 ± 5.9
Logistic EuroSCORE (%)	23.6 ± 13.1
Female	61%
NYHA	I-II: 3.2% III-IV: 96.8%
Aortic Valve Area (cm ²)	0.6 ± 0.1
Peak gradient (mm Hg)	81.3 ± 21.0
Mean gradient (mm Hg)	50.0 ± 12.9
P2P gradient (mm Hg)	70.5 ± 21.3
LVEF (%)	55.5 ± 9.2

The Israeli CoreValve Registry (n=123)

Death	4.4% (5)* (1 < 24h)
Aortic Dissection	0
Cardiac Tamponade	4.1% (5)
Cardiac Perforation	0.8% (1)
Access Site Complication	12.0% (15)
Major Bleeding	6.3% (5)
Conversion to Surgery	0
Myocardial Infarction	0
Major Arrhythmia	0.8% (1)
Aortic Regurg. 2/≥3	5%(4)/1.6% (2)
Pacemaker	30% (38)
Renal Failure	2.4% (3)
Stroke	1.6% (2) *
TIA	0.8% (1)

* hemorrhagic day 12

TAVI experience in Rabin Medical Center



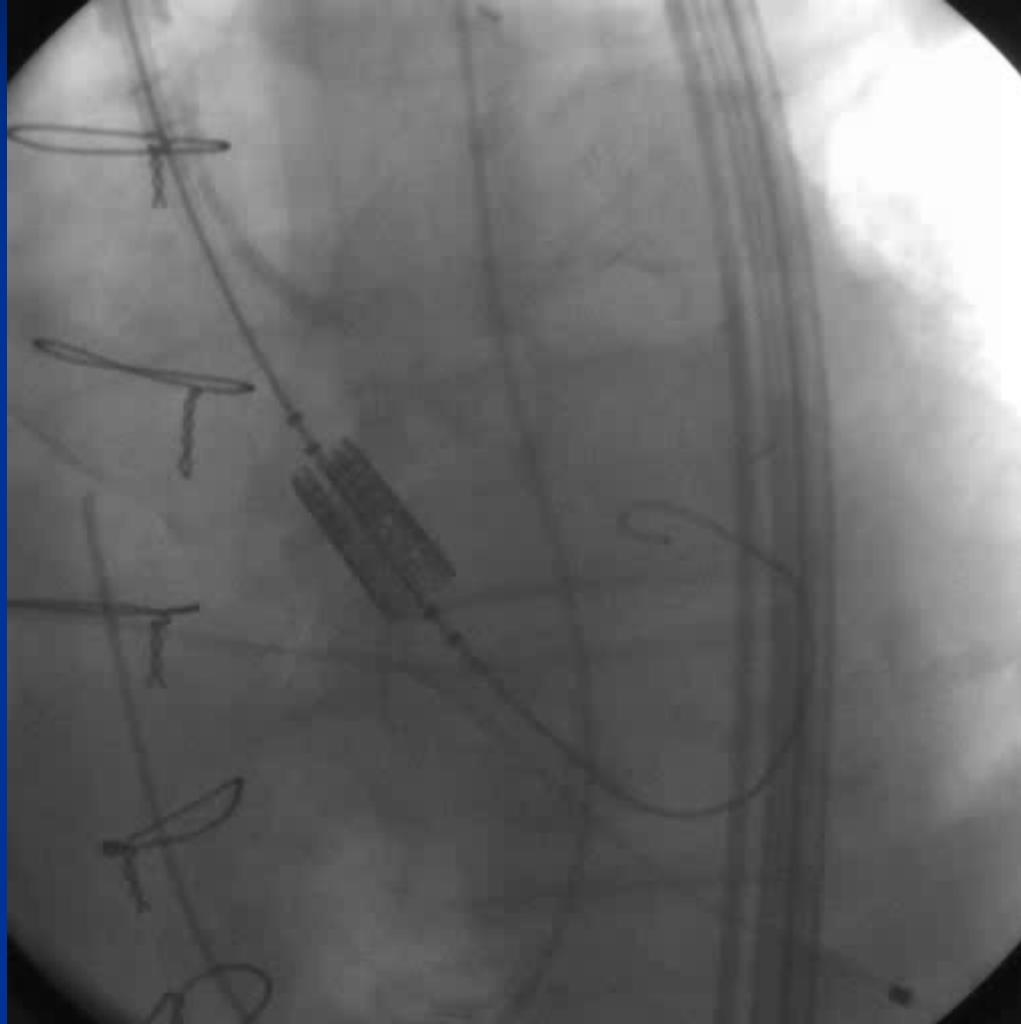
The 1st patient 5/11/2008

- 87 year-old male
- Severe symptomatic AS –Functional Class III
- Very high risk d/t
 - previous cardiac surgery
 - porcelain aorta
 - pulmonary disease
- Calculated Euroscore- 20% predicted mortality.

The Moment of Truth...



Transfemoral Edwards 11/2008



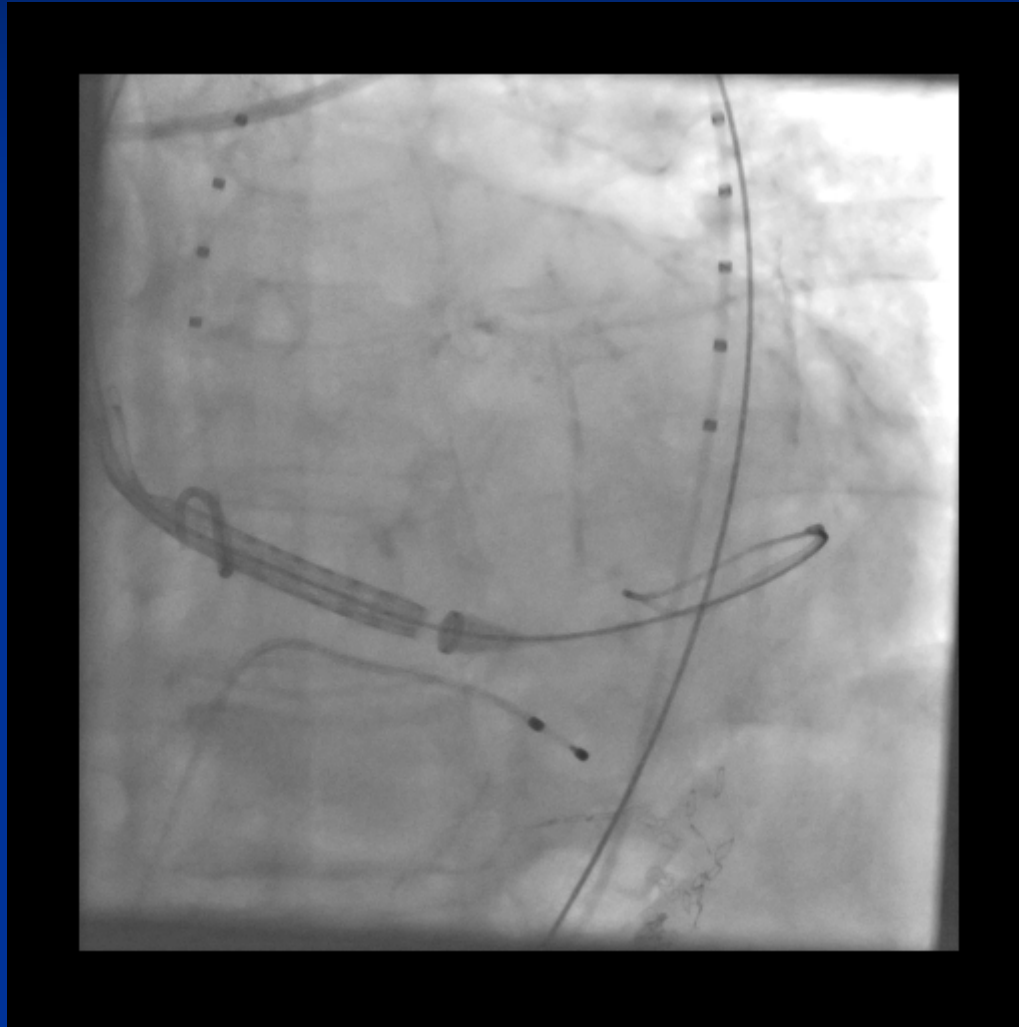
Our first patient; 4 months after the procedure



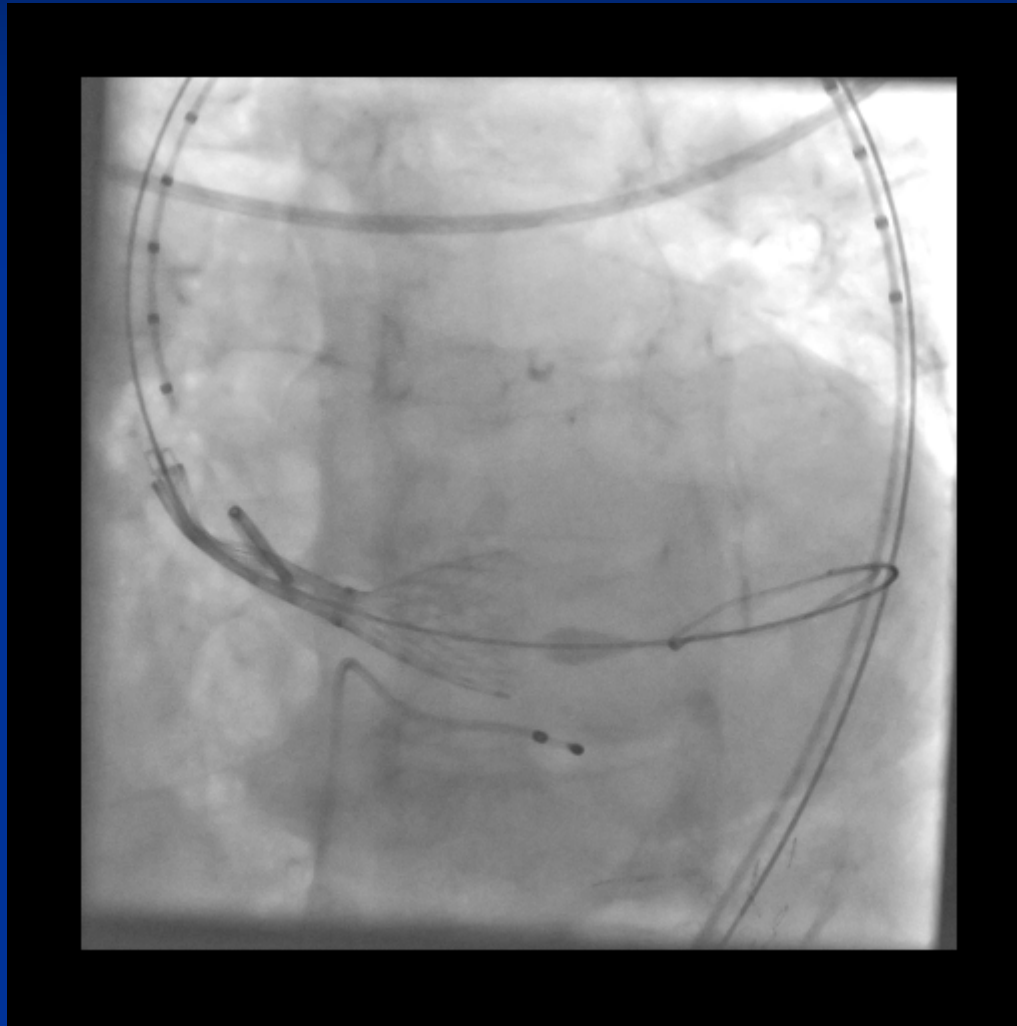
Transfemoral CoreValve 9/2009

- A 76-year-old woman
- Obesity.
- Chronic hemodialysis tx.
- Deteriorating functional capacity.

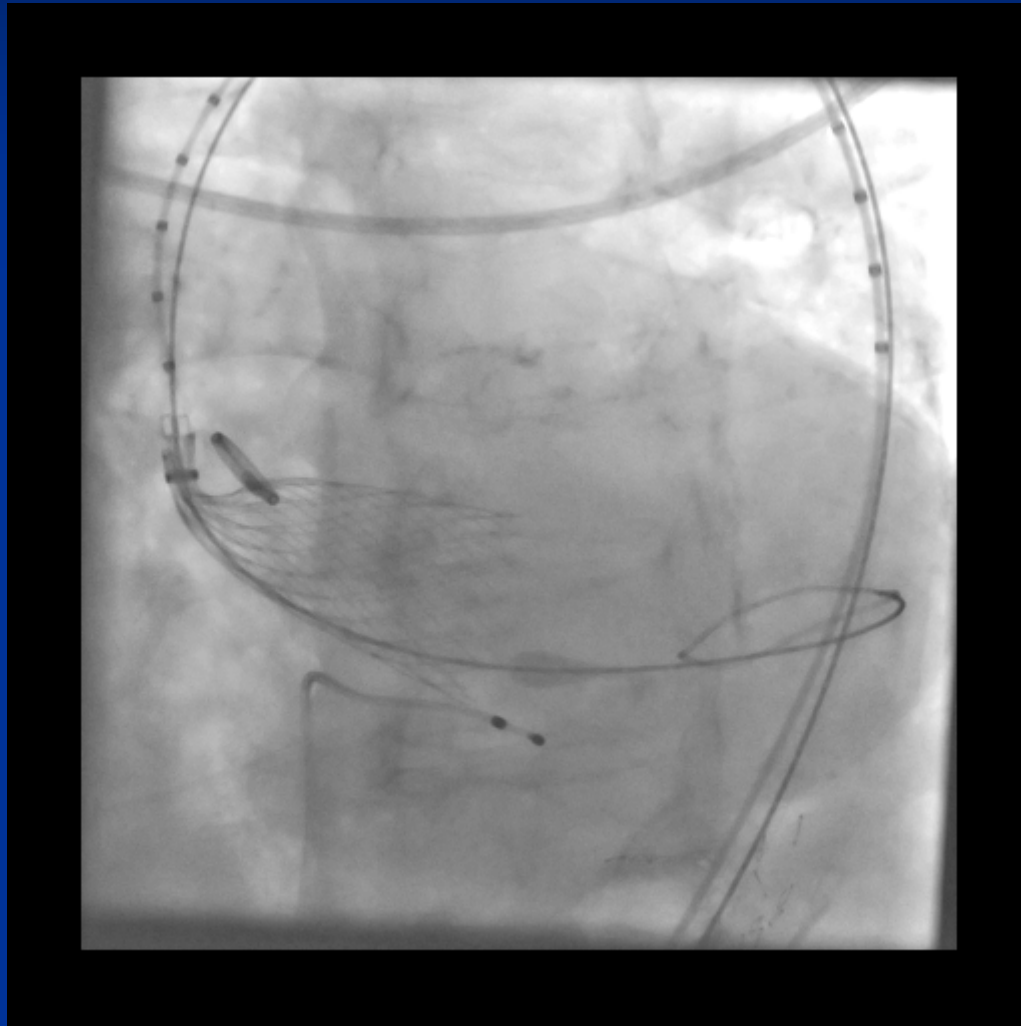
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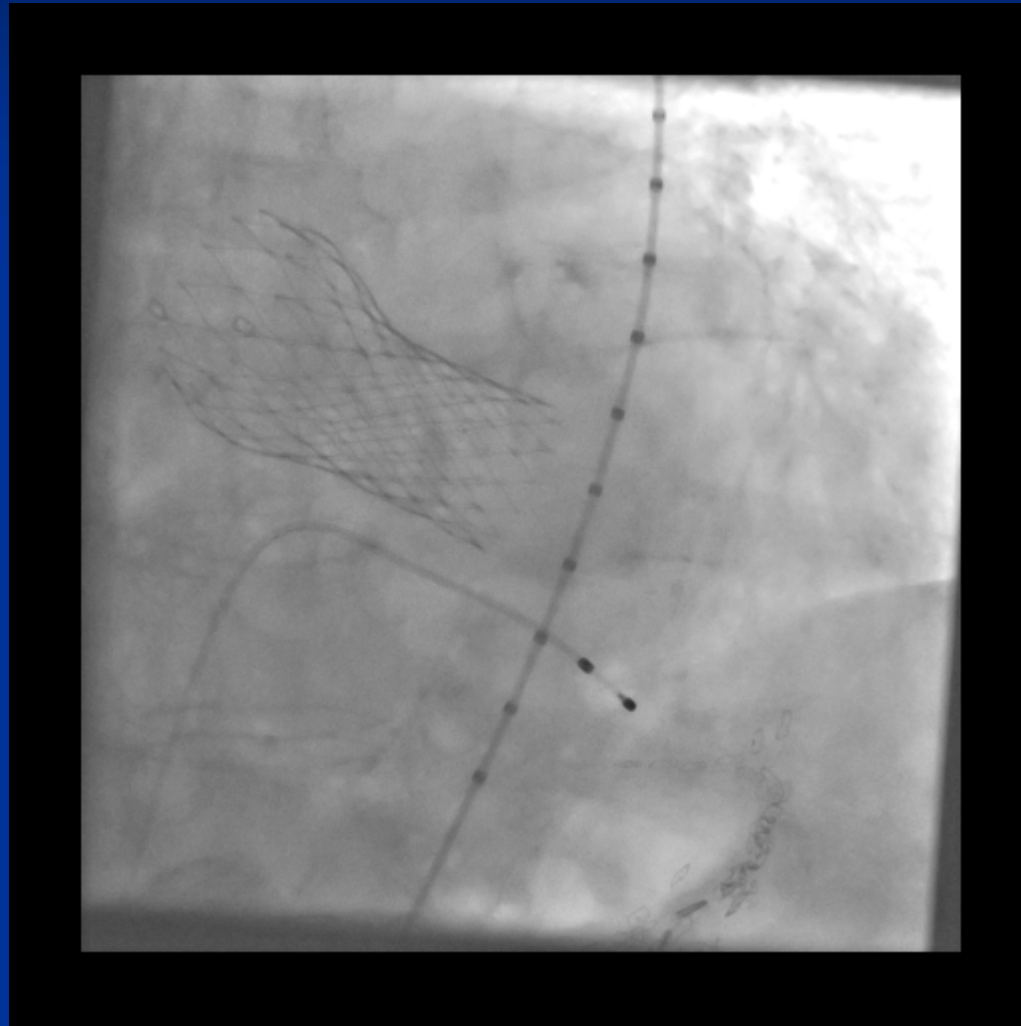
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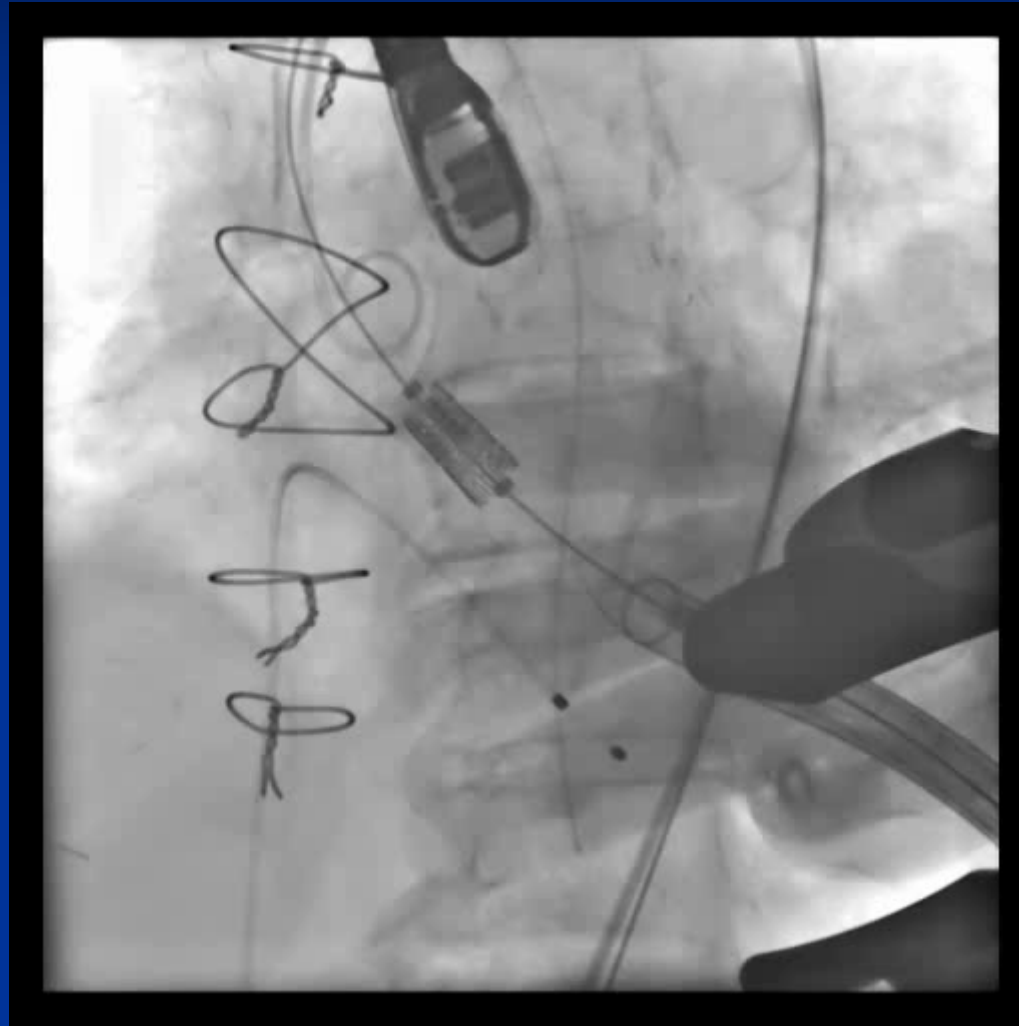
Transapical Edwards 12/2009

- 89 year old woman
- Many comorbidities:
 - Ischemic heart disease, s/p CABG
 - Bilateral carotid stenosis
 - Peripheral vascular disease
- Logistic EuroSCORE 45.2%

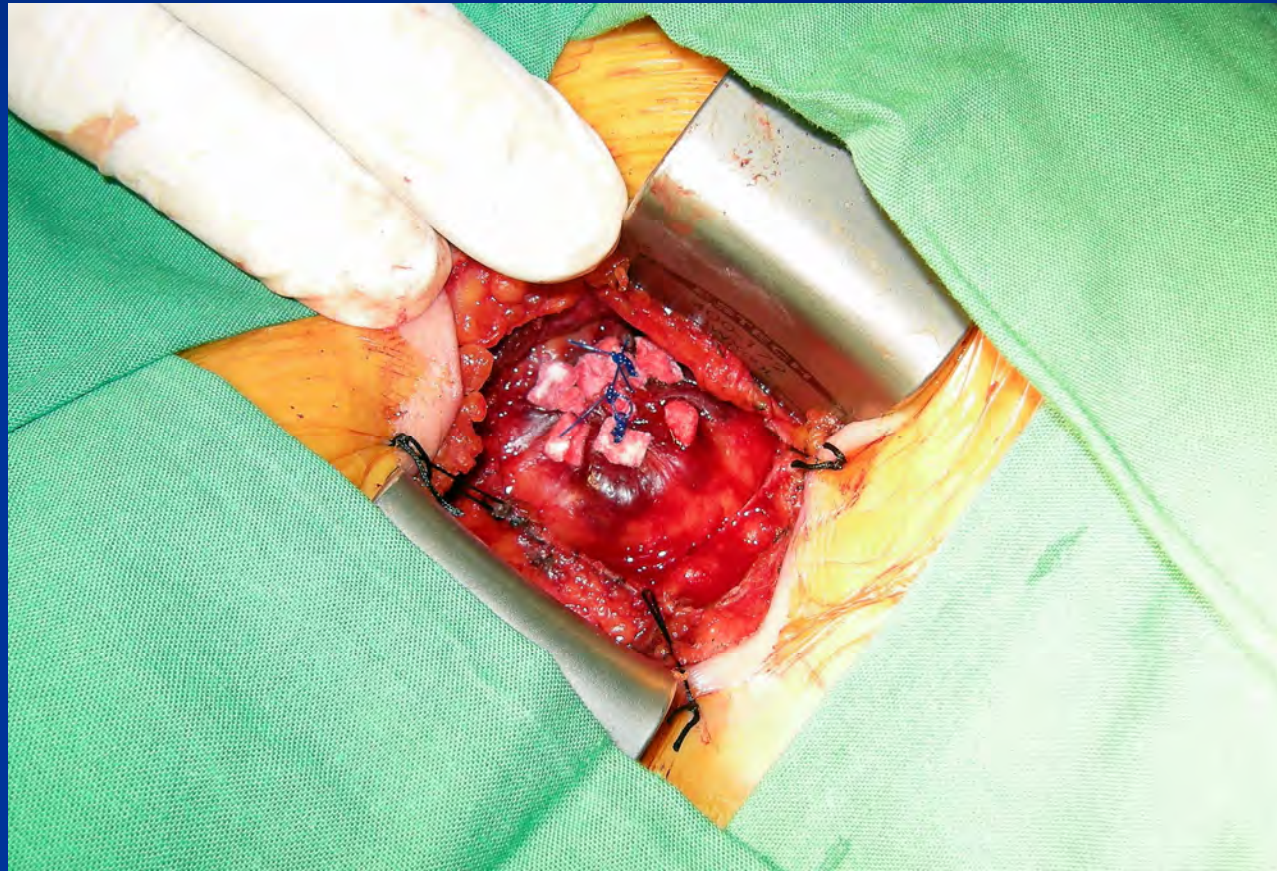
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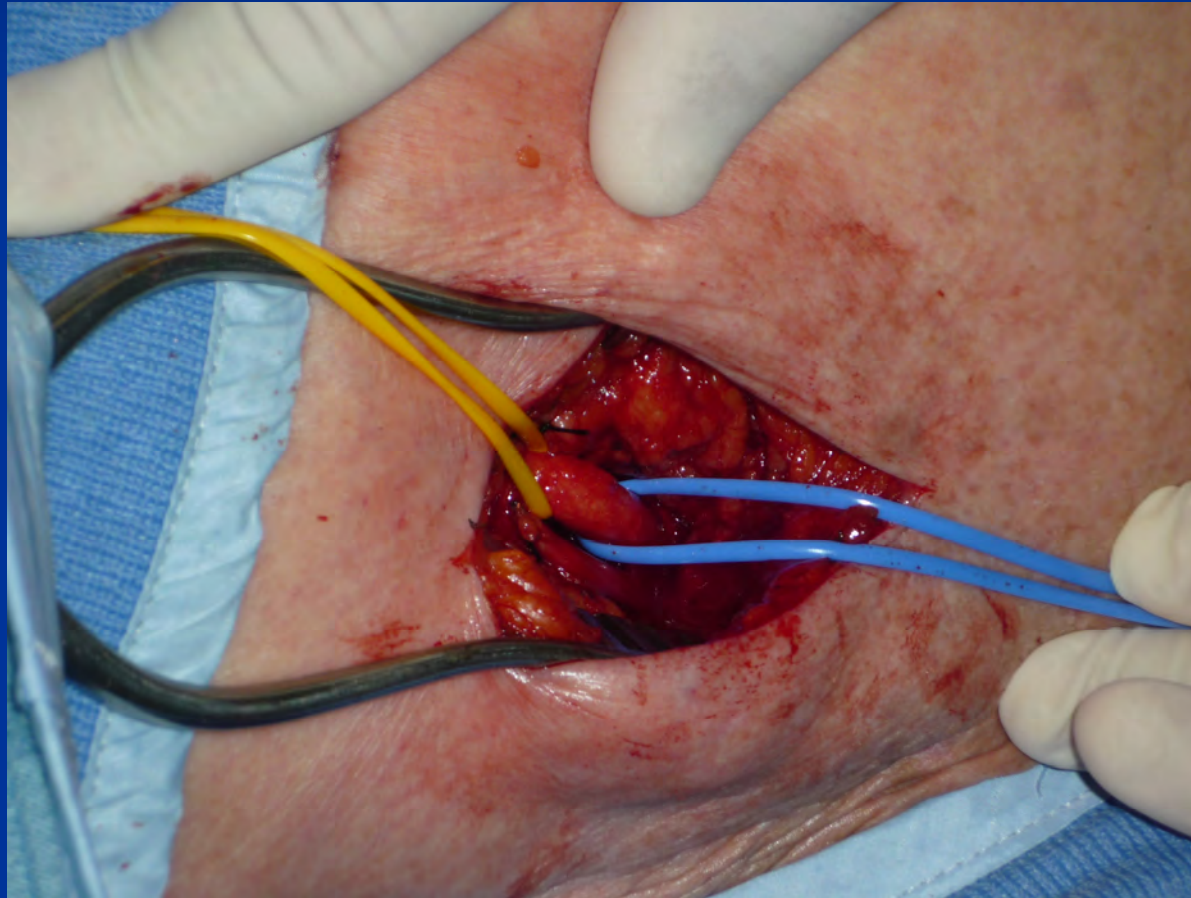
Transapical Edwards 12/2009



Transaxillary CoreValve 3/2010

- 90 year-old woman
- Severe LV dysfunction
- Critical state
- Log EuroSCORE 47.5%

Transaxillary CoreValve 3/2010



Transaxillary CoreValve 3/2010



“Valve in Valve” 5/2010

first in Israel

- 81 year-old man
- s/p biologic AVR- Toronto stentless valve 29mm
- Severe aortic stenosis of the prosthetic valve

“Valve in Valve” 5/2010

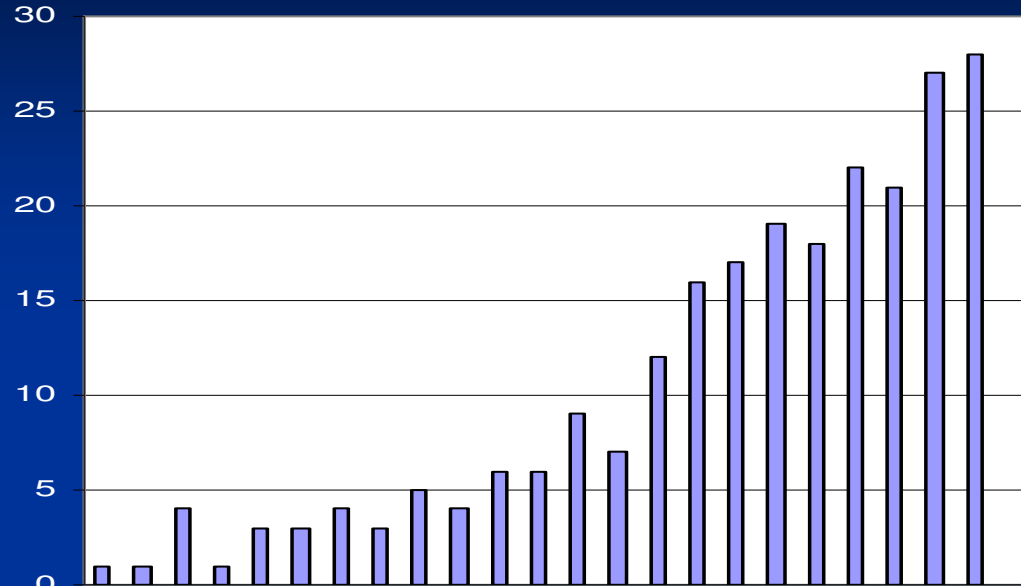
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No Balloon Valvuloplasty
Transaxillary CoreValve implantation

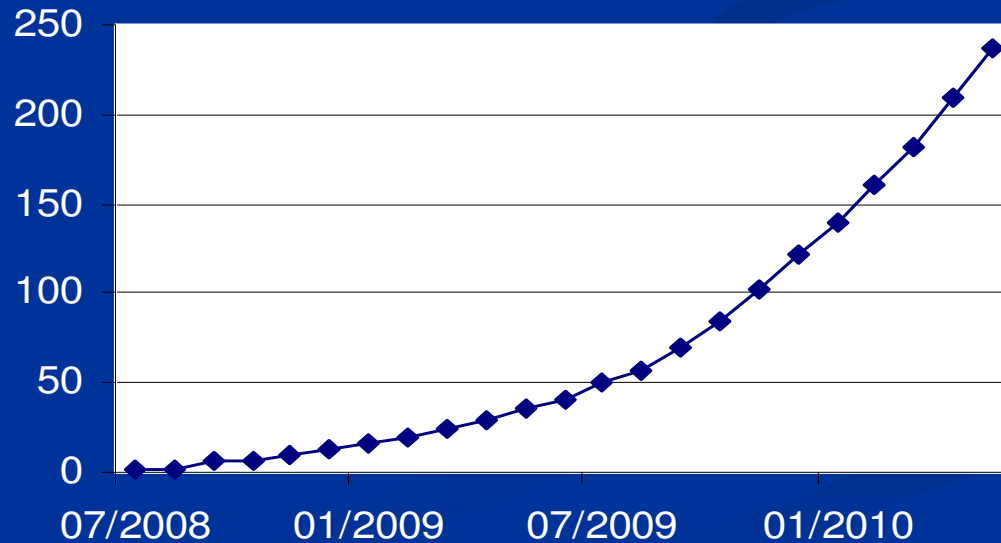


Screening Recruitment Rate

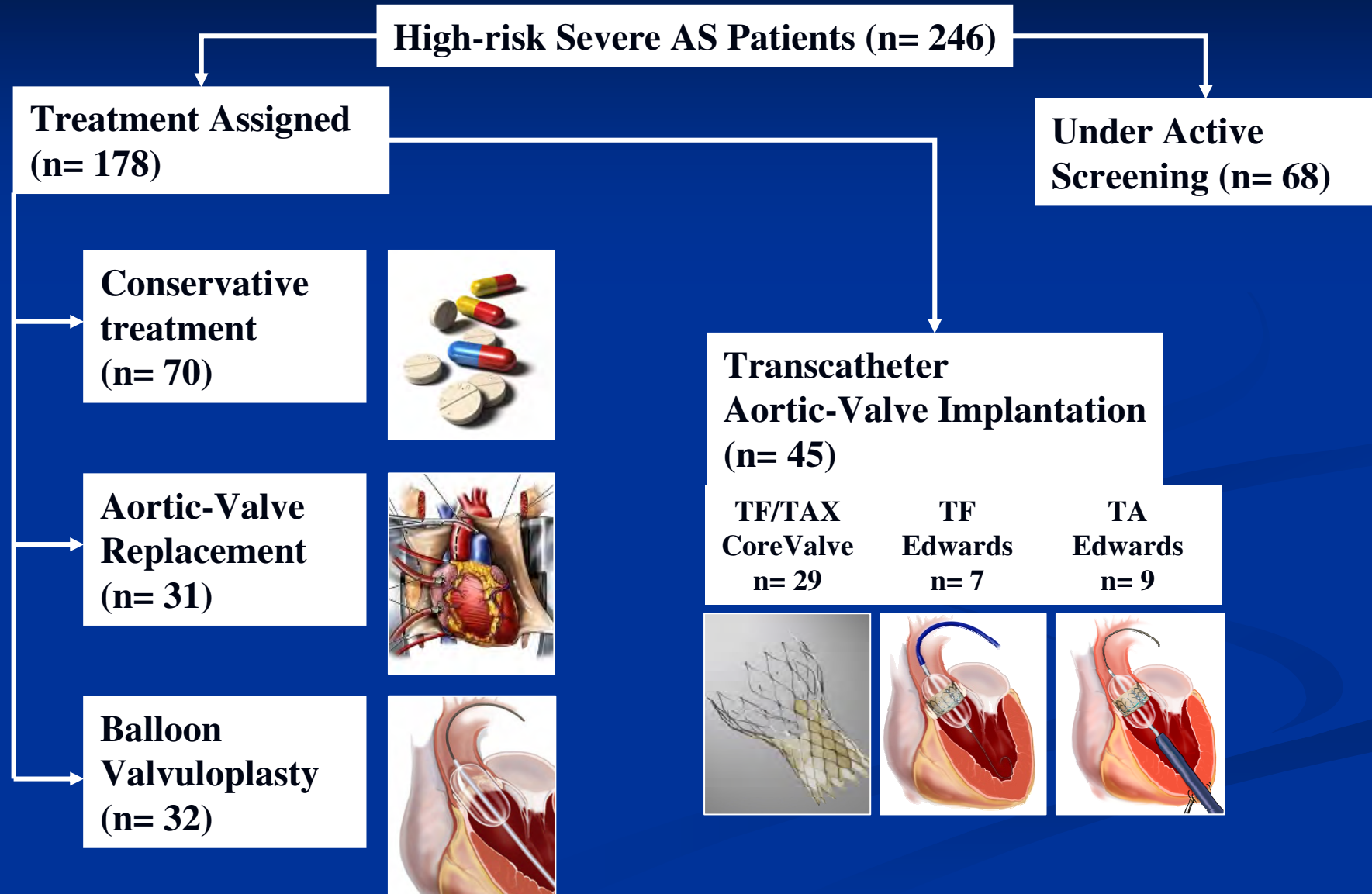
New patients
per month



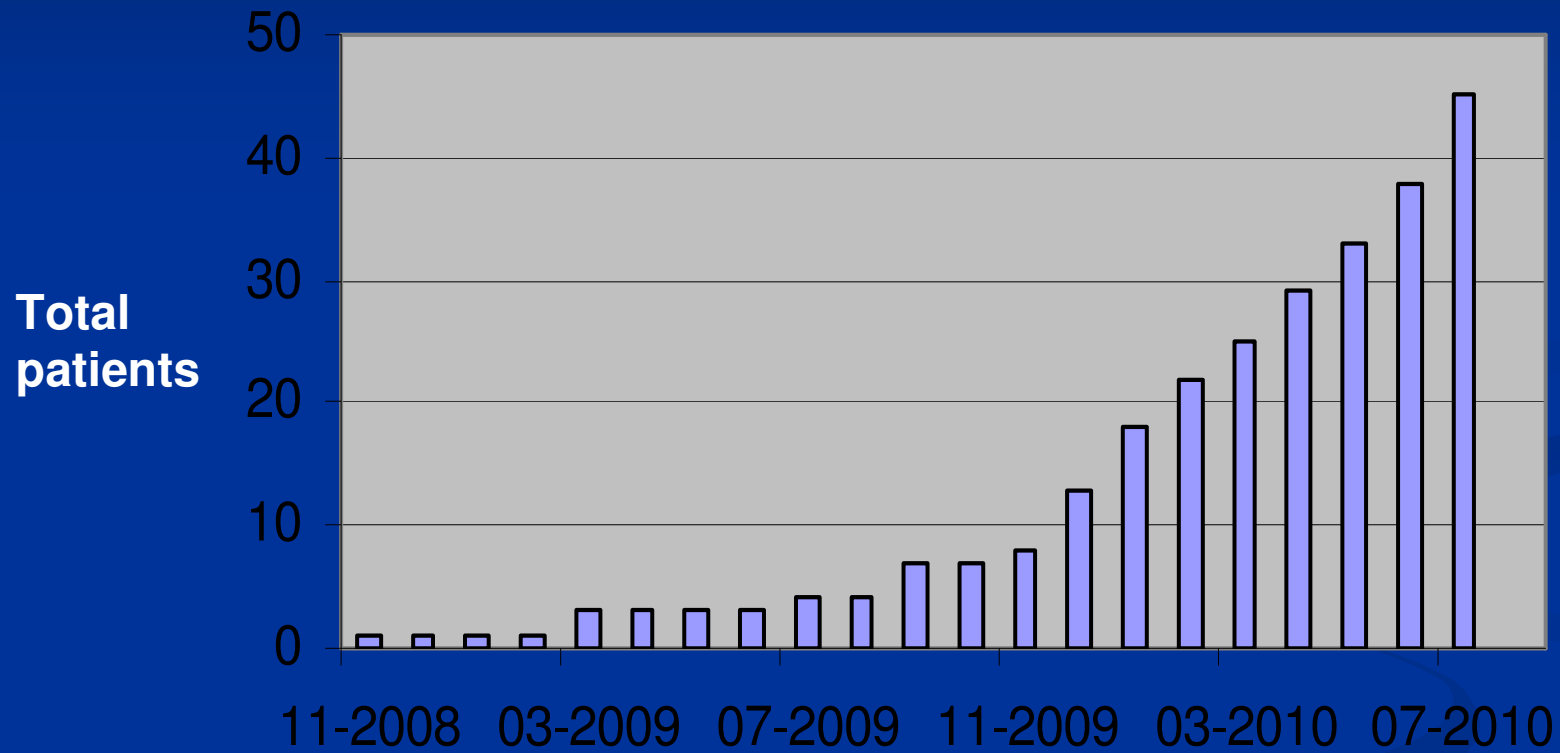
Cumulative
of patients



Treatment assignment

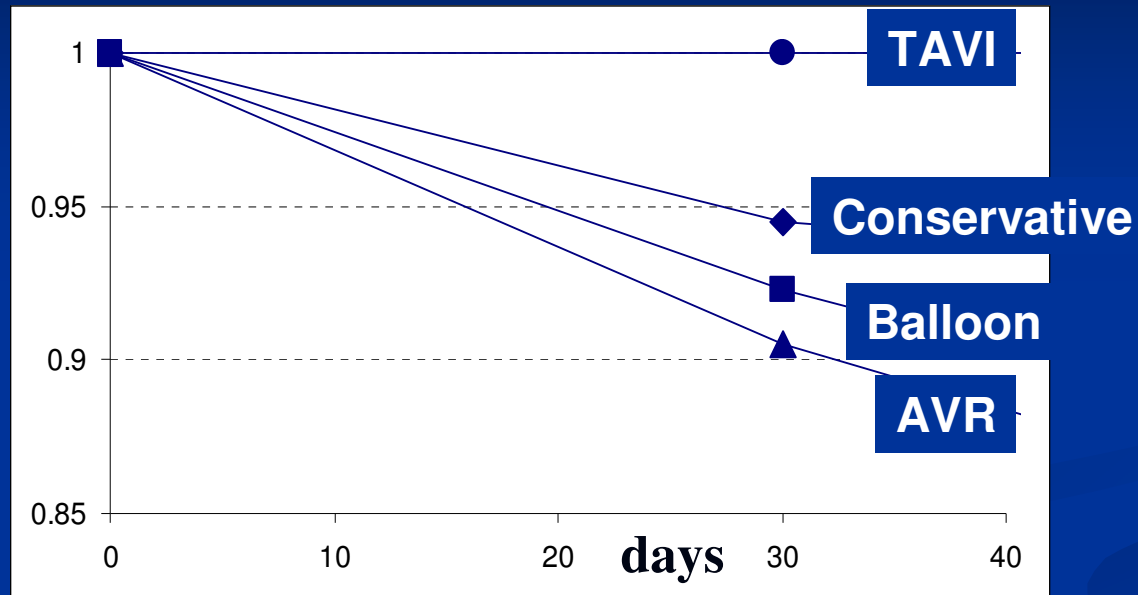


Cumulative TAVI Procedures



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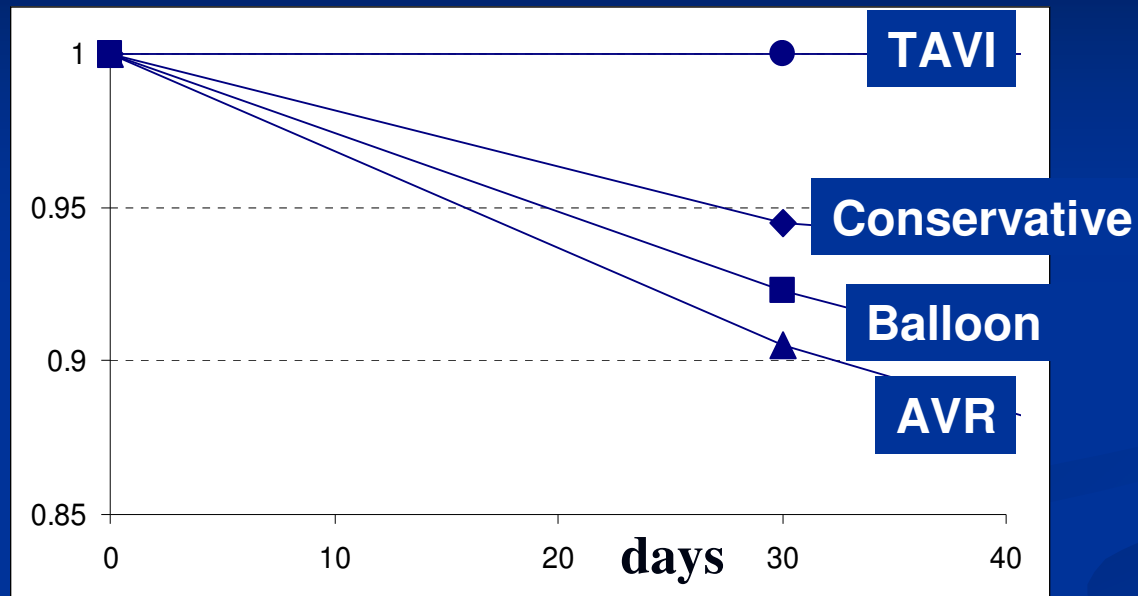
% survival



# at risk	0 days	30 days
TAVI	29	25
Conservative	61	55
Balloon	29	26
AVR	23	21

Survival Analysis- 30 days

% survival



Deaths 30 days:

Conservative tx: sepsis, unknown, pulmonary edema & multiorgan failure.

Balloon: pulmonary edema, sepsis.

AVR: tamponade?, unknown.

Clinical Profile

Variable	TAVI (n=45)
Age (years)	82.1±6.4
Male	33% (12)
STS score	7.4±5.8
Logistic EuroSCORE	22.8±10.4
New York Heart Association Class III / IV	100% (36)

Clinical Profile

Variable	TAVI (n=45)
Diabetes mellitus	25% (9)
Hypertension	92% (33)
Hyperlipidemia	89% (32)
Coronary artery disease	62% (22)
Smoker	11% (4)
COPD	17% (6)
Renal failure	44% (16)
Prior CVA/TIA	17% (6)
Arrhythmia	33% (12)
PVD	31% (11)
Prior CABG	39% (14)
Prior PCI	53% (19)

Echocardiographic Data

Variable	TAVI (n=45)
Ejection fraction (%)	44.7±14
Pulmonary artery systolic pressure (mmHg)	38.3±13.8
Aortic valve area (cm²)	0.55±0.11
Maximum velocity across aortic valve (m/sec)	4.1±0.8
Mean gradients across aortic valve (mmHg)	45.5±23.4
Peak gradients across aortic valve (mmHg)	71.7±34.2

Change in AV Gradients

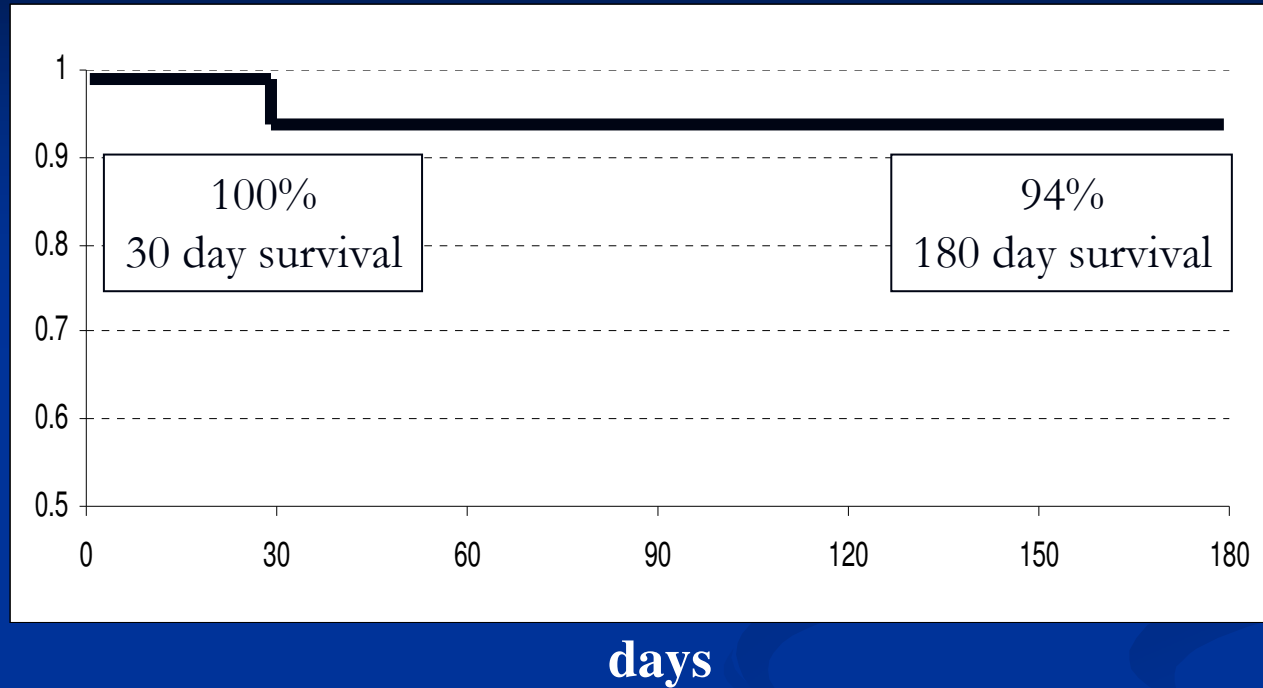
Variable	TAVI (n=45)
Before treatment	
Mean gradients across aortic valve (mmHg)	45.5±23.4
Peak gradients across aortic valve (mmHg)	71.7±34.2
After treatment	
Mean gradients across aortic valve (mmHg)	7.8±2.3
Peak gradients across aortic valve (mmHg)	15.6±5.5

Early Complications after TAVI- 30 days (n=45)

Death	0%
Vascular-minor	13.3% (6)
Vascular-major / Tamponade	2.2% (1)
Valve misplacement	0%
Perm Pacemaker implantation	15.6% (24% in CoreValve / 0% in Edwards)
VT / VF	2.2% (1) (8 days post procedure)
Blood transfusion	40% (18)
MI	0%
CHF	6.7% (3)
Acute Renal Failure	2.2% (1)
Significant AR (≥ 2)	2.2% (1)
CVA	4.4% (2)
Pulmonary Embolism	2.2% (1)
Surgical wound infection	2.2% (1)
Length of hospital stay	mean 6 days

TAVI- Survival Analysis

% survival



# at risk	0 days	30 days	180 days	360 days
TAVI	45	38	18	4

* one patient died at day 35 from sepsis. No signs of endocarditis including on TEE evaluation.

SUMMARY

- Treatment options for symptomatic aortic-stenosis patient:
 - Medical tx only.
 - Surgical AVR- the “treatment of choice”
 - AV balloon valvuloplasty- as a “bridge” to AVR / TAVI.
 - TAVI (transfemoral / transaxillary / transapical)

SUMMARY

- TAVI is an emerging technique with a rapid increase in world-wide experience, approaching 20,000 cases.
- Current indications include only high-risk severe symptomatic aortic stenosis patients.
- Patient selection is critical.
- Preliminary studies show that TAVI is both feasible and effective in the short and medium term.

Thank You !

