

# TAVR for Aortic Insufficiency

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# Background

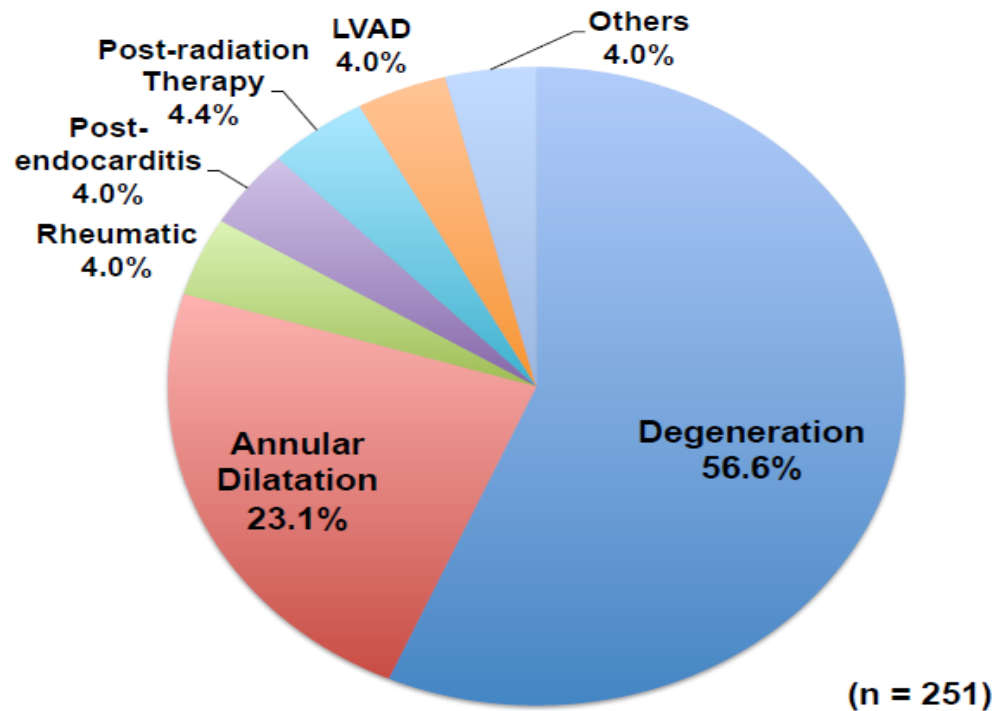
The continued growth of TAVR has been accompanied by an increase in off-label utilization, including the treatment of aortic insufficiency (AI)

Self-expanding TAVR valves appear to be more ideally suited to treat AI given the need to often aggressively oversize the valve; nonetheless continue valve mobilization (TEVM) is still occurring specially in large annuli.

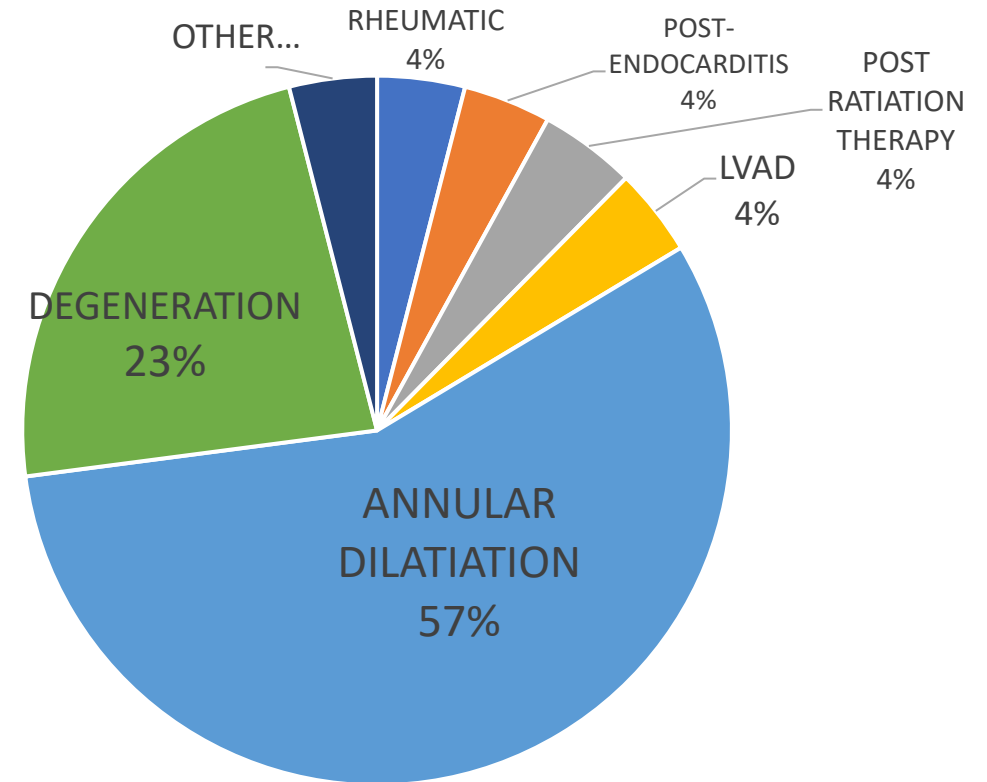
This conference is dedicated to detect the anatomic and functional restraints of TAVR for high risk AR and the introduction of new Balloon Expandable device, that's seems to perform well in extreme large annuli.

# Etiology of Aortic Regurgitation

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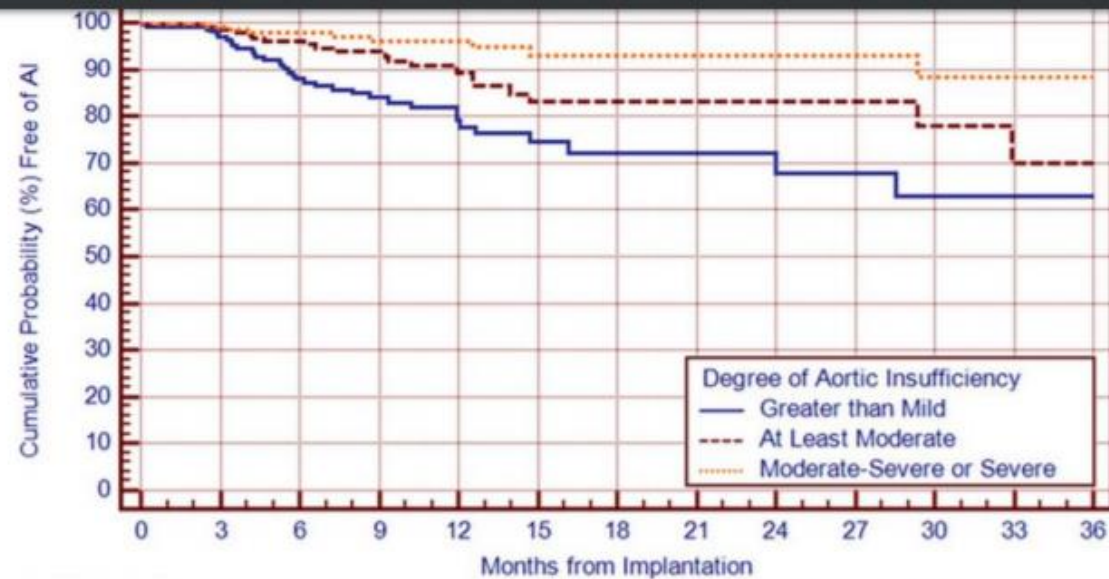
Our Etiology of aortic Regurgitation



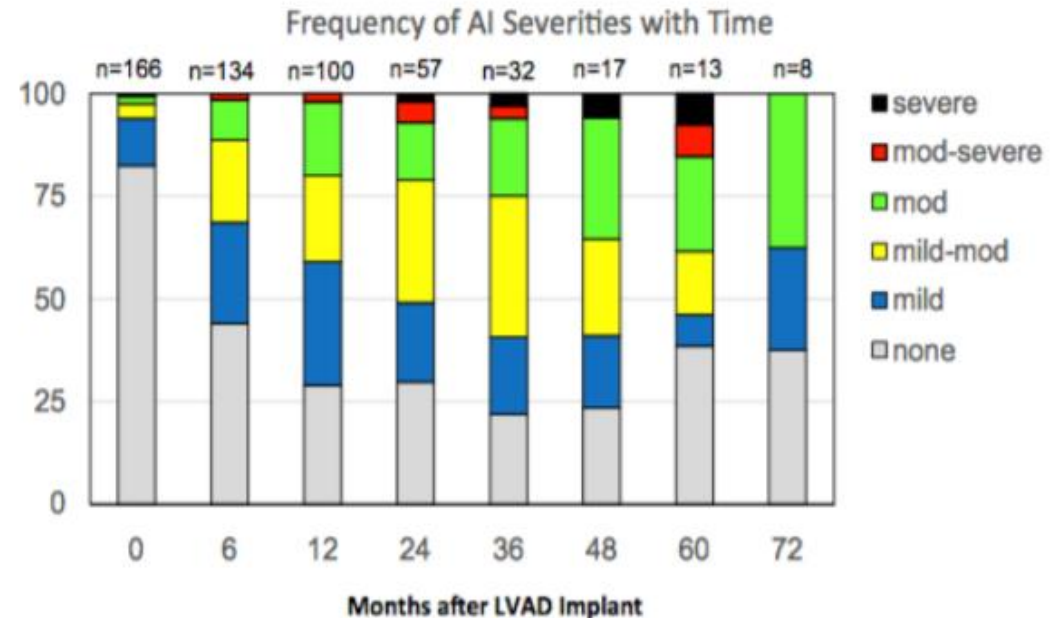
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# Background

- 1 in 4 patients will develop **de novo** at least mild to moderate AI within 1 year after LVAD
- AI in CF-LVAD patients tends to be progressive

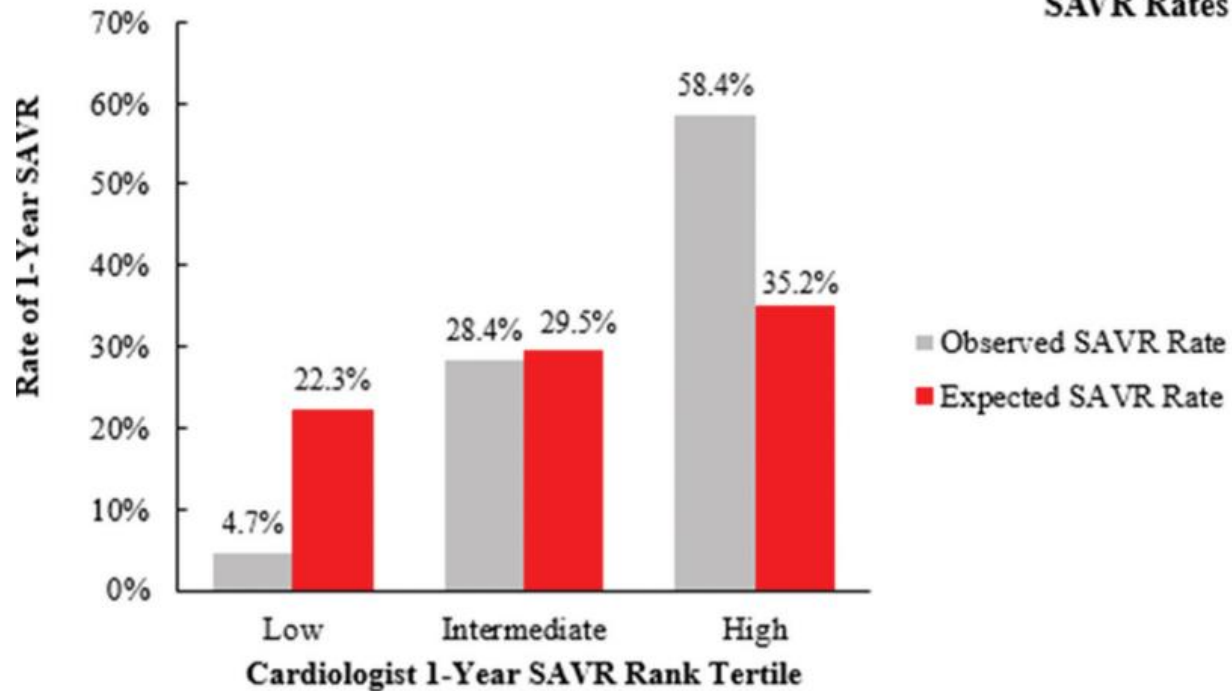


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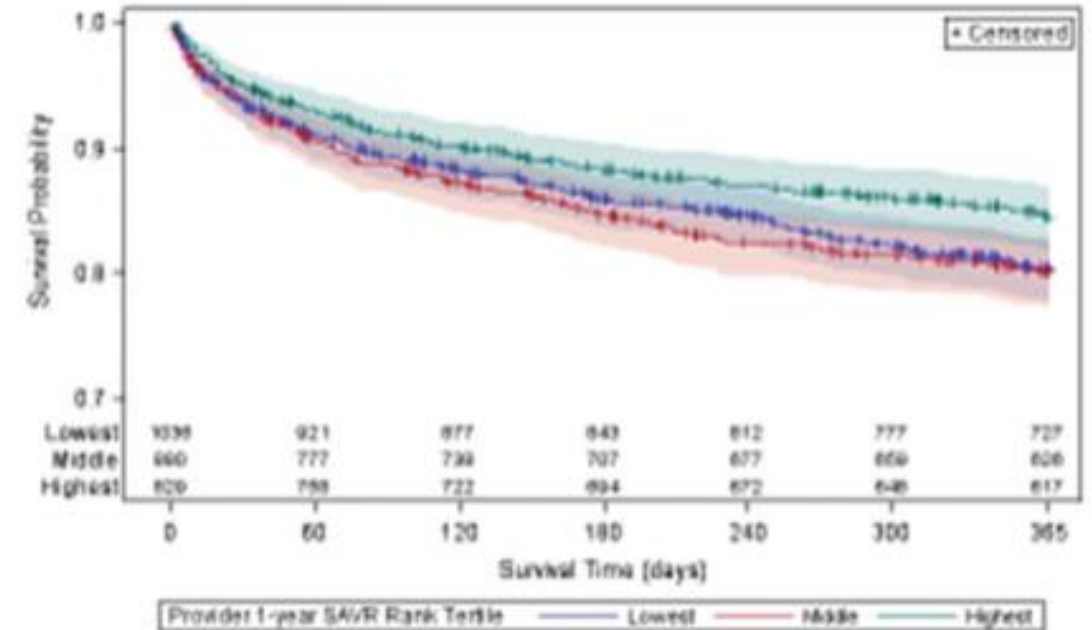


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# AVR for AR: The Importance of Timely Referrals



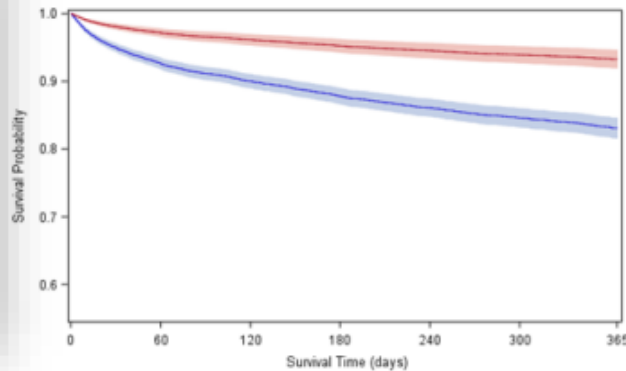
**Unadjusted Survival Rate**



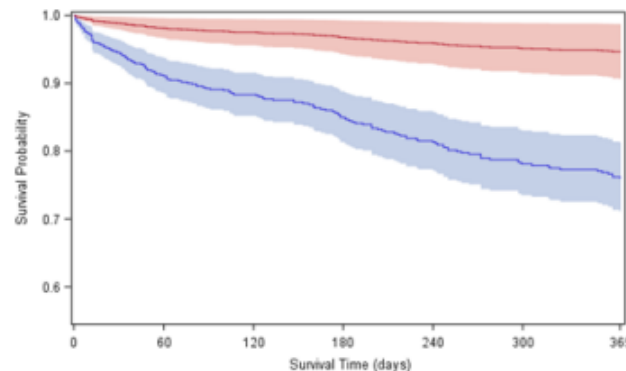


# SAVR EN BENEFITS IN PATIENTS WITH ssAR

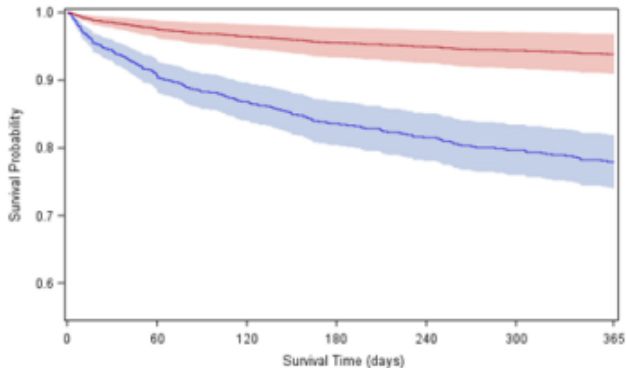
All Patients



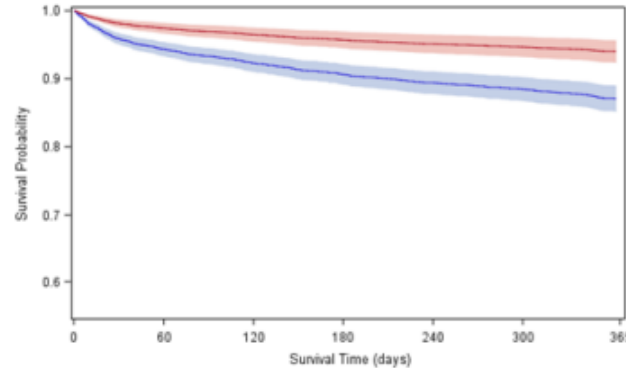
LVEF < 35%



LVEF 35-50%



LVEF > 50%

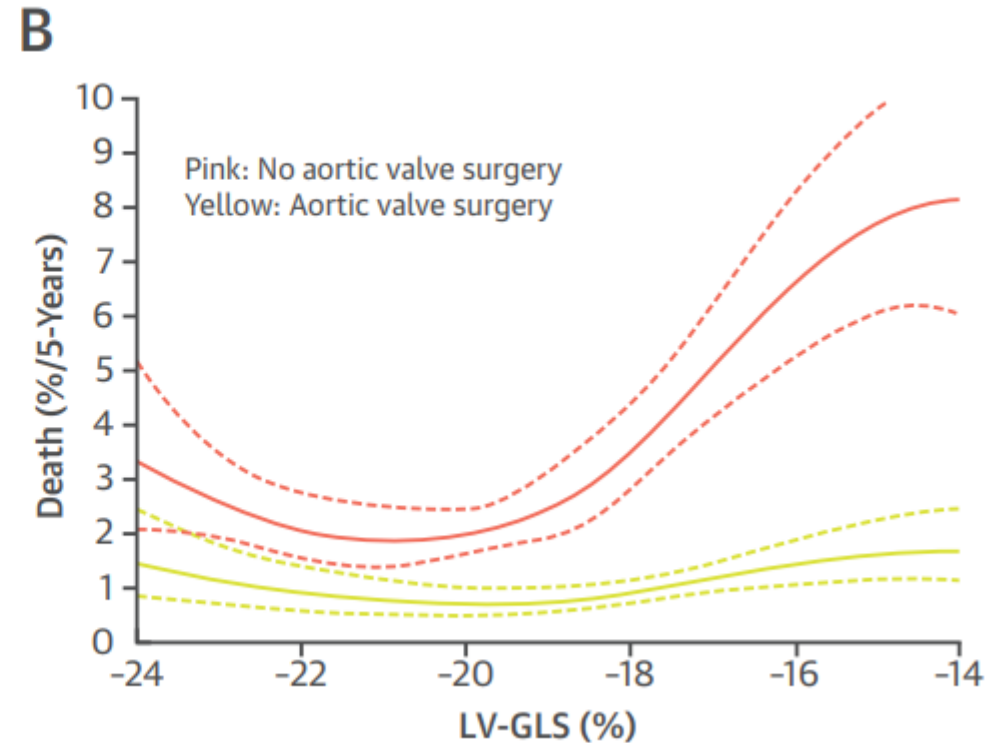
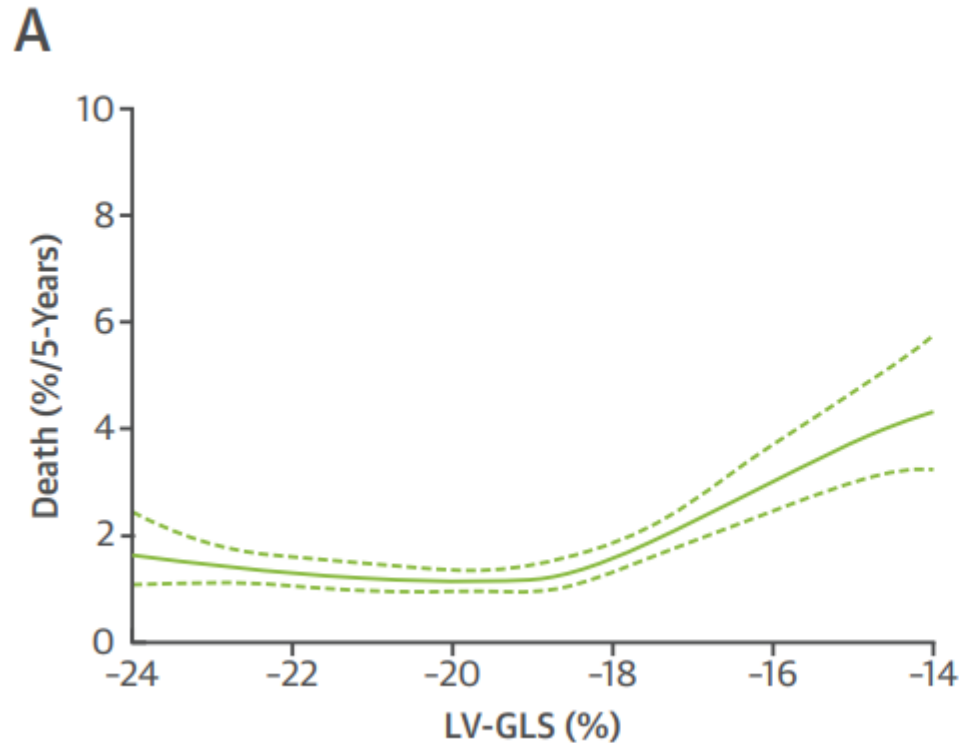


*US EHR database identified 4,608 patients with severe symptomatic AR between 2008-2016:*

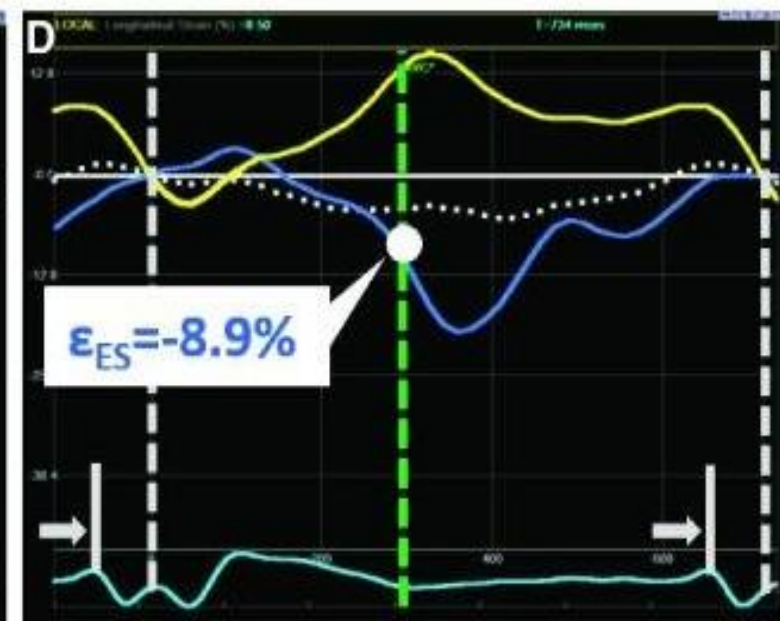
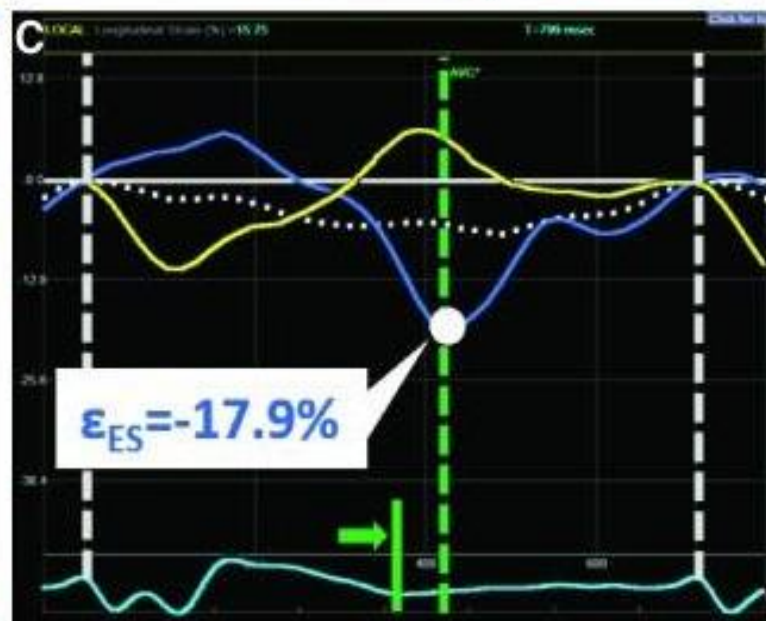
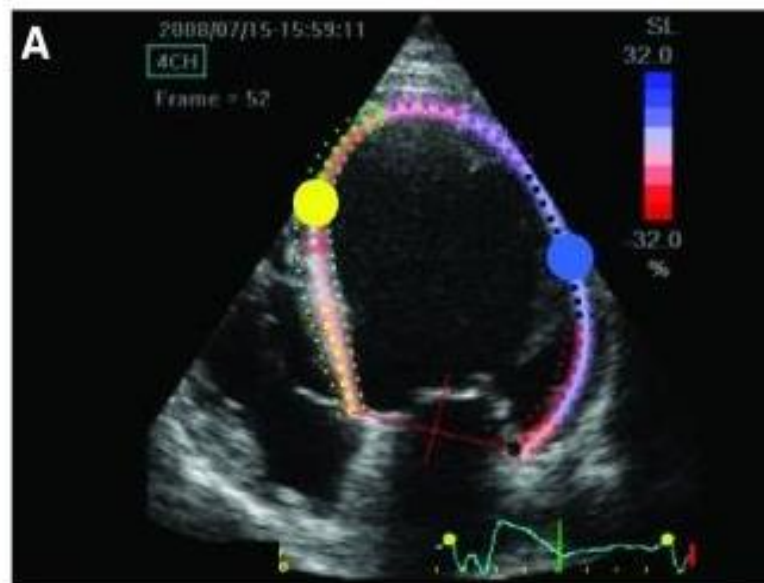
- *9% mortality at 1-year in patients receiving SAVR*
- *24% mortality at 1-year in patients left untreated*
- *2.7-fold increased risk of mortality in patients who failed to undergo surgery. ( $p < 0.0001$ )*

Importantly, only 25.7% of symptomatic, severe AR patients received SAVR within 1 year of diagnosis

# Risk of Death, Based on LV-GLS in the Study Population as a Whole and in the Study Population Separated on the Basis of Undergoing Aortic Valve Surgery Versus Not

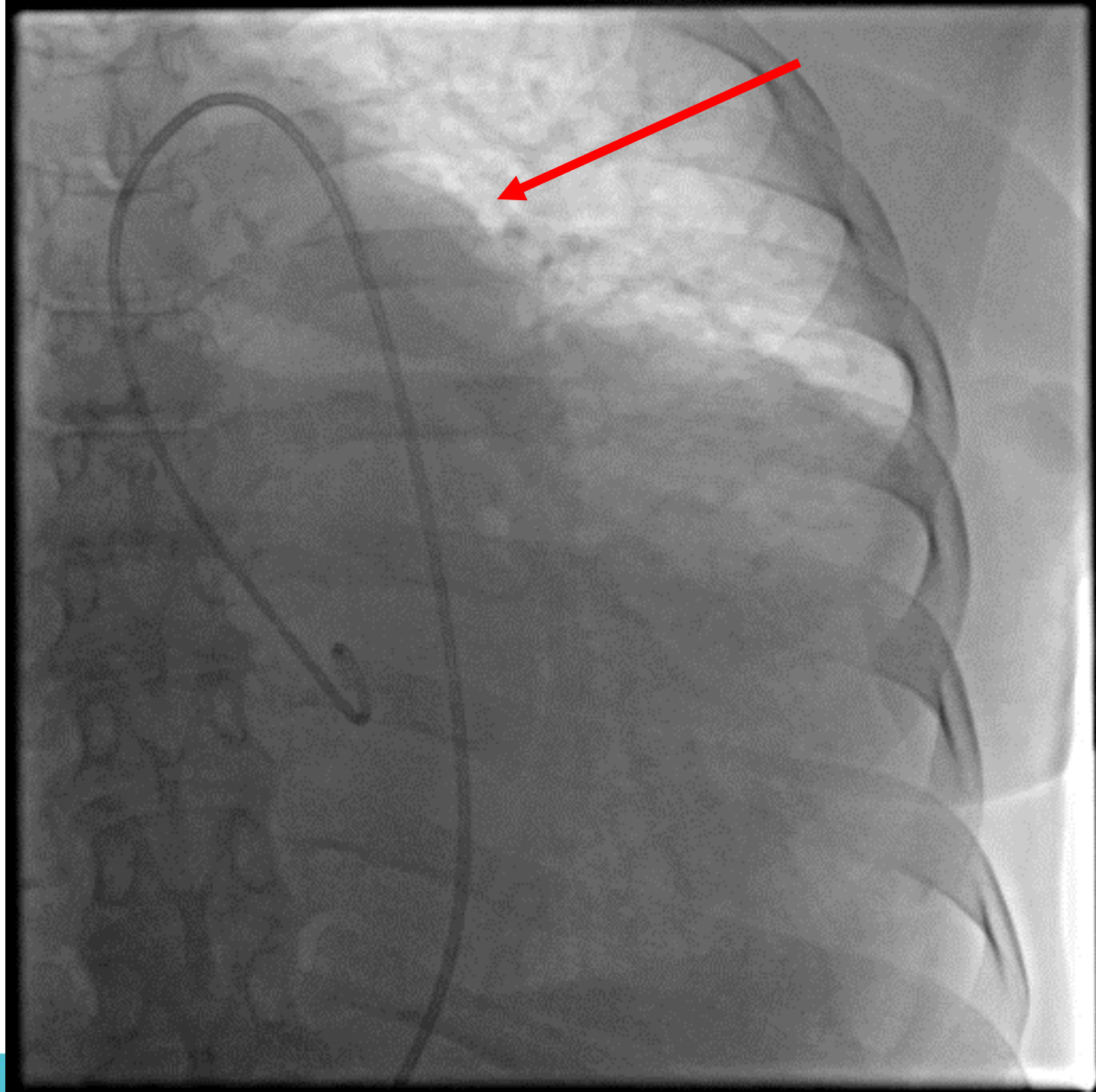


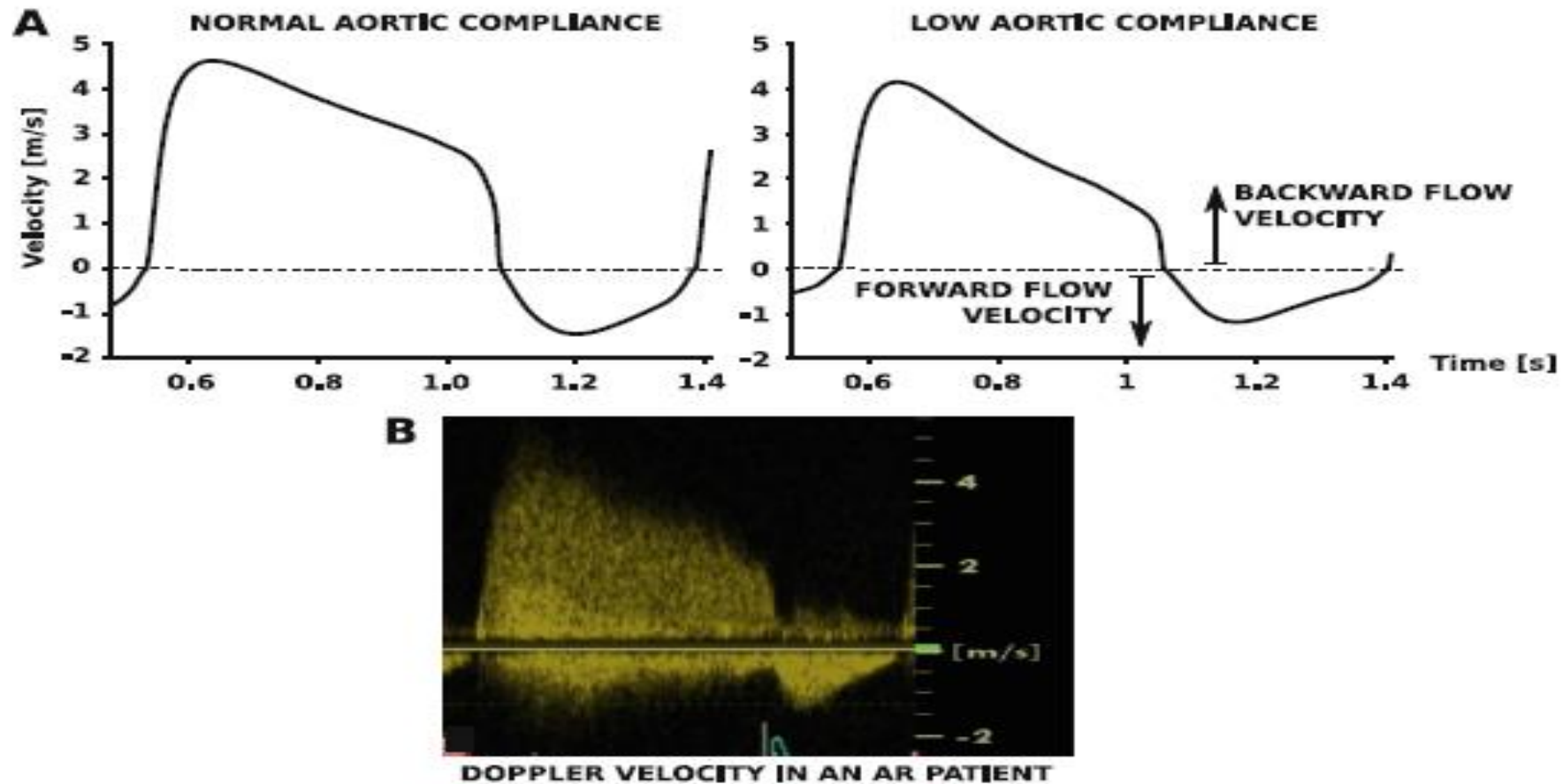
## VENTRICULAR STRAIN



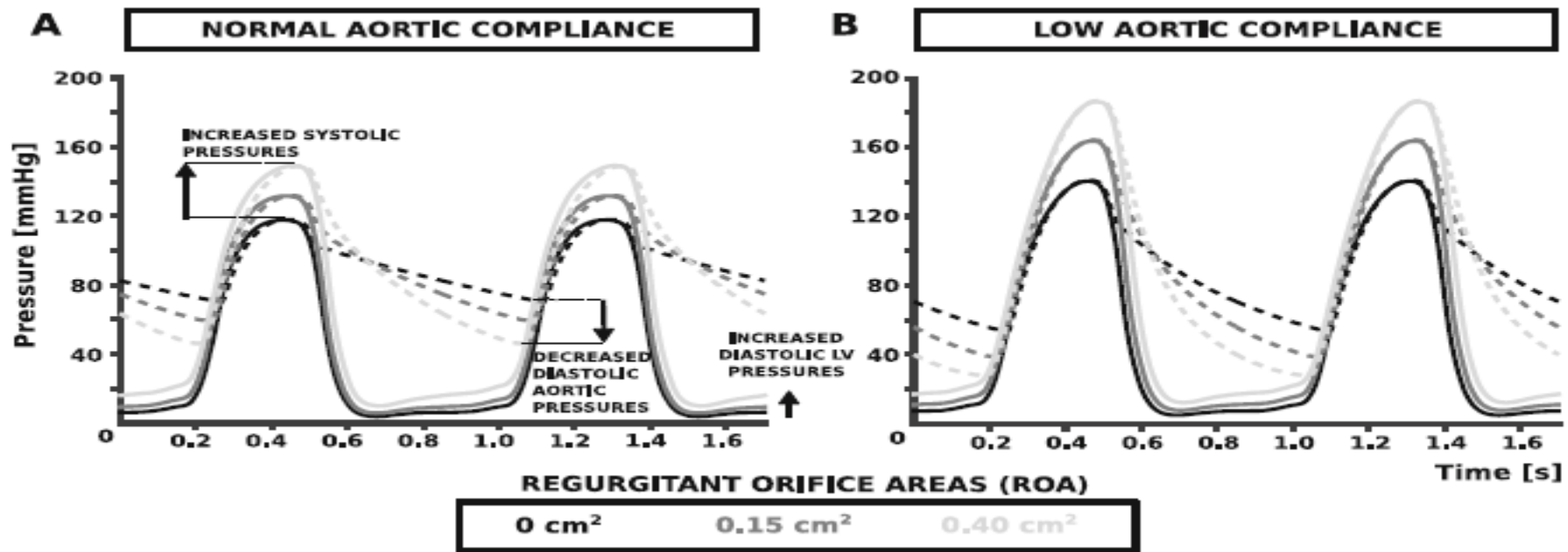


# Loss of Aortic Compliance





**Fig. 6.** Simulated and measured blood flow velocities. A: Simulated blood flow velocities at ROA of 0.15 cm<sup>2</sup> with normal (left) and low (right) aortic compliance; B: CW Doppler velocity in a 78-year-old patient with AR. Positive axis correspond to backward blood flow velocity.



**Fig. 4.** Effect of AR and aortic compliance on pressure. Aortic pressures (dashed line) and left ventricular pressures (solid line) for normal (A) and low (B) aortic compliance displayed for each AR degree: ROA of 0 cm<sup>2</sup> (black), 0.15 cm<sup>2</sup> (gray) and 0.40 cm<sup>2</sup> (light gray) (Color figure online).

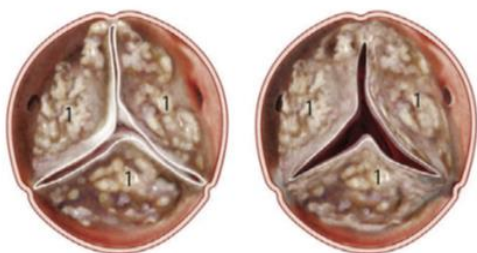


# A

## Morphological Features of Aortic Valve Stenosis or Regurgitation

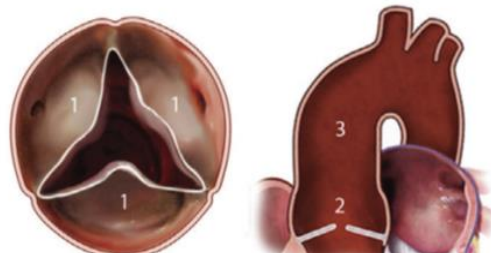
### Calcific Aortic Valve Stenosis

1- Nodular calcific deposits on aortic side



### Aortic Valve Regurgitation

- 1- Minimal or absent cusp calcification
- 2- Dilated aortic root
- 3- Frequent coexistence of dilated ascending aorta



## Technical Challenges of TAVR in Aortic Valve Regurgitation

Suboptimal Fluoroscopic Visualization of the Native Valve










Insufficient Anchoring and Sealing of the Transcatheter Device

Risk of Misplacement and Migration of the Device

Risk of Residual Valvular Regurgitation

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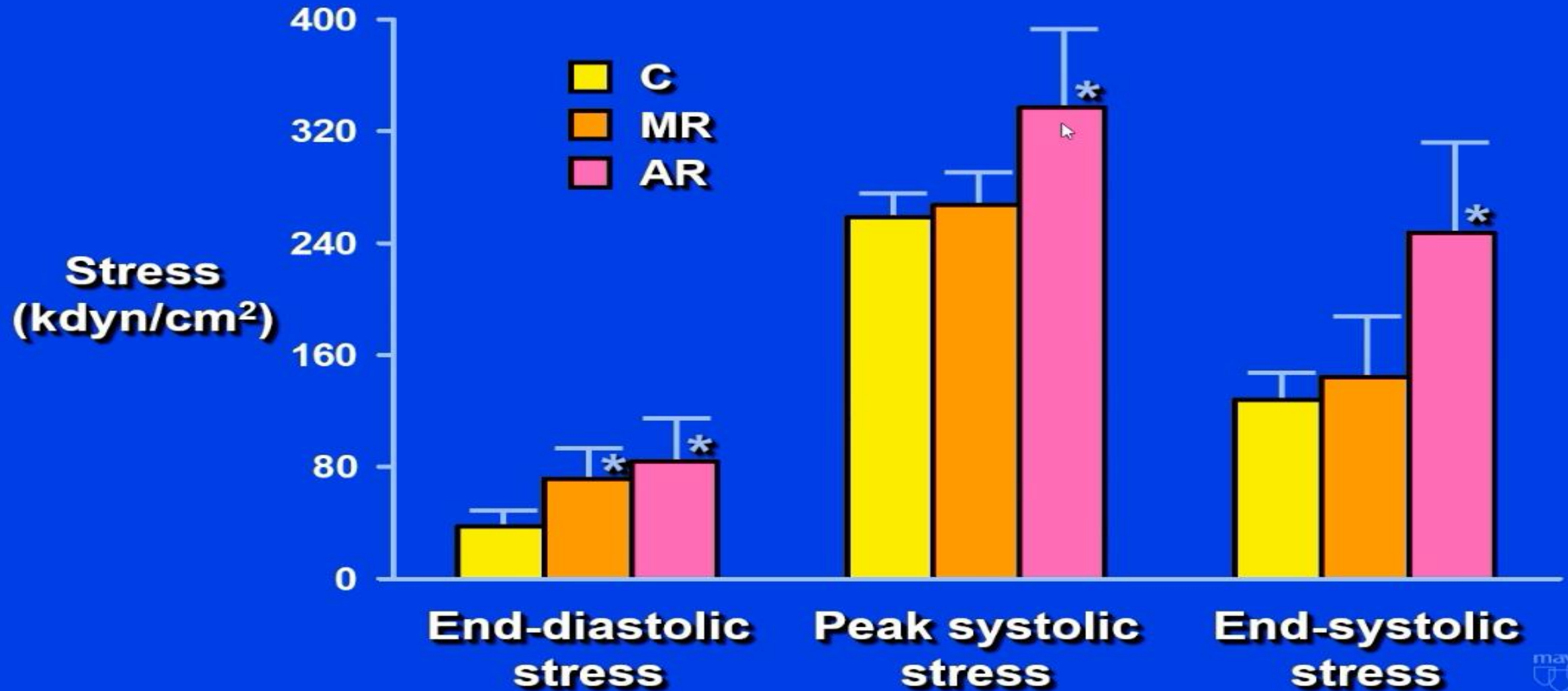
B	Device	Design; Delivery Access	Features
	ACURATE (Symetis)	Self-expandable nitinol stent; Transapical Transfemoral	Self-positioning at supra-annular level; fixed in a waistlike manner, thereby covering the aortic annulus (hourglass design); tactile feedback reducing the risk of malpositioning; possibility of partial reshaping
	JenaValve* (JenaValve Technology)	Self-expandable nitinol stent; Transapical	Feeler-guiding positioning and clip fixation mechanism of the native aortic valve leaflet; retrievable and repositionable
	CoreValve Revalving System (Medtronic)	Self-expandable nitinol frame; Transfemoral	The lower portion of the prosthesis has high radial force to expand and exclude the native leaflets and to avoid recoil; the middle portion is constrained to avoid the coronary arteries and the upper portion is flared to center and fix the stent frame firmly in the ascending aorta and to provide longitudinal stability and coaxial positioning
	Direct Flow (Direct Flow Medical)	Non-metallic framework and two inflatable rings; Transfemoral	Peculiar anchoring mechanisms (inflatable rings) not requiring calcium for sealing; repositionability and retrievability; functional during positioning (ensures hemodynamic stability); fully retrievable
	Engager** (Medtronic)	Self-expandable nitinol stent; Transapical	Trapping of valve leaflets in order to stabilize the system and to avoid coronary ostia occlusion
	Helio dock** (Edwards Lifesciences)	Self-expandable nitinol stent; Transfemoral	The dock is fixed inside the aortic root and assists in annular fixation of a standard balloon-expandable SAPIEN XT transcatheter heart valve by incorporating and entrapping the native cusps
	CoreValve Evolute R** (Medtronic)	Self-expandable; Transfemoral	Recapturability and repositionability; supra-annular position
	J-Valve (JieCheng Medical Technology)	Self-expandable nitinol stent; Transapical	Featured by three U-shape anatomically oriented devices-graspers-which facilitate 'self-positioning' during implantation and provide extra-radial fixation by embracing the native valve leaflets (clip mechanism). The two stages releasing design facilitates accurate position
	Lotus** (Boston Scientific)	Nitinol frame with an Adaptive Seal™ Technology; Transfemoral	Mechanically deployed with possibility to retrieve and reposition; early functional during deployment

## Edwards Sapiens 3:

- Balloon Expandable
- External Adaptive Seal

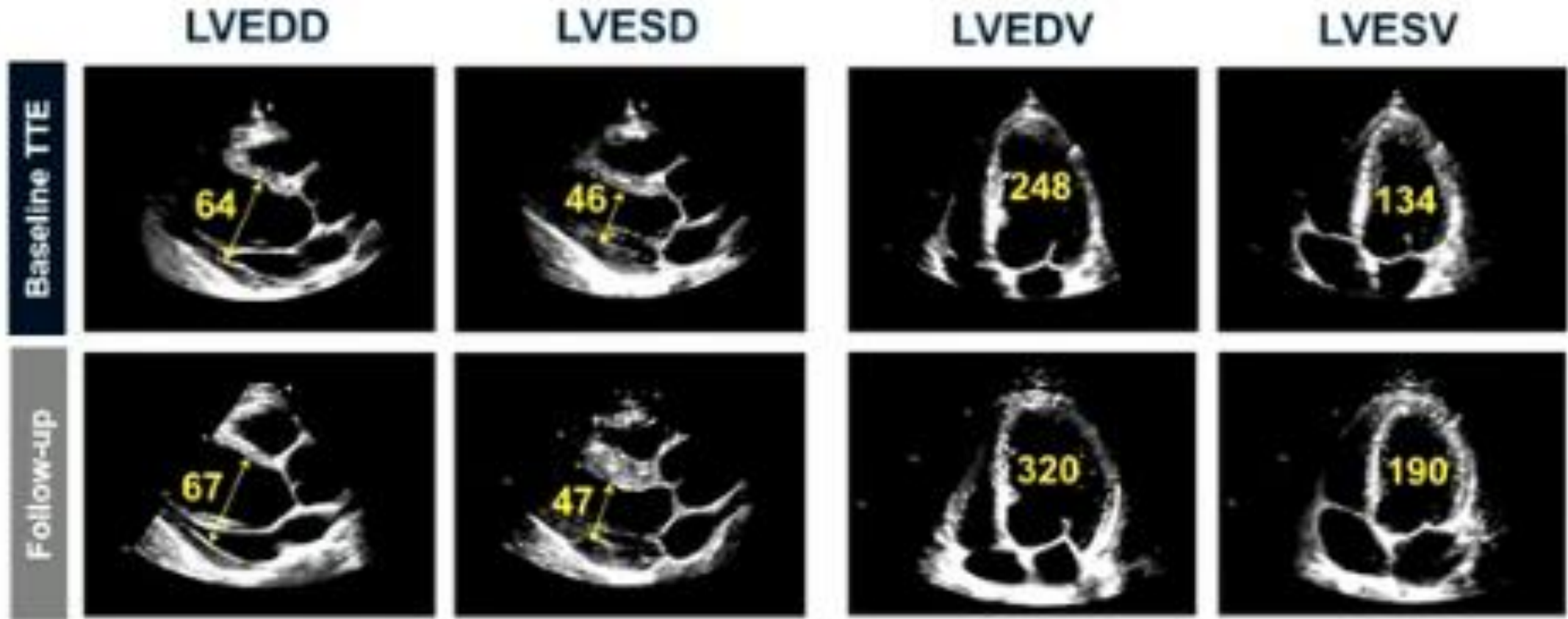
# Valve Regurgitations

## Differences in Loading Conditions

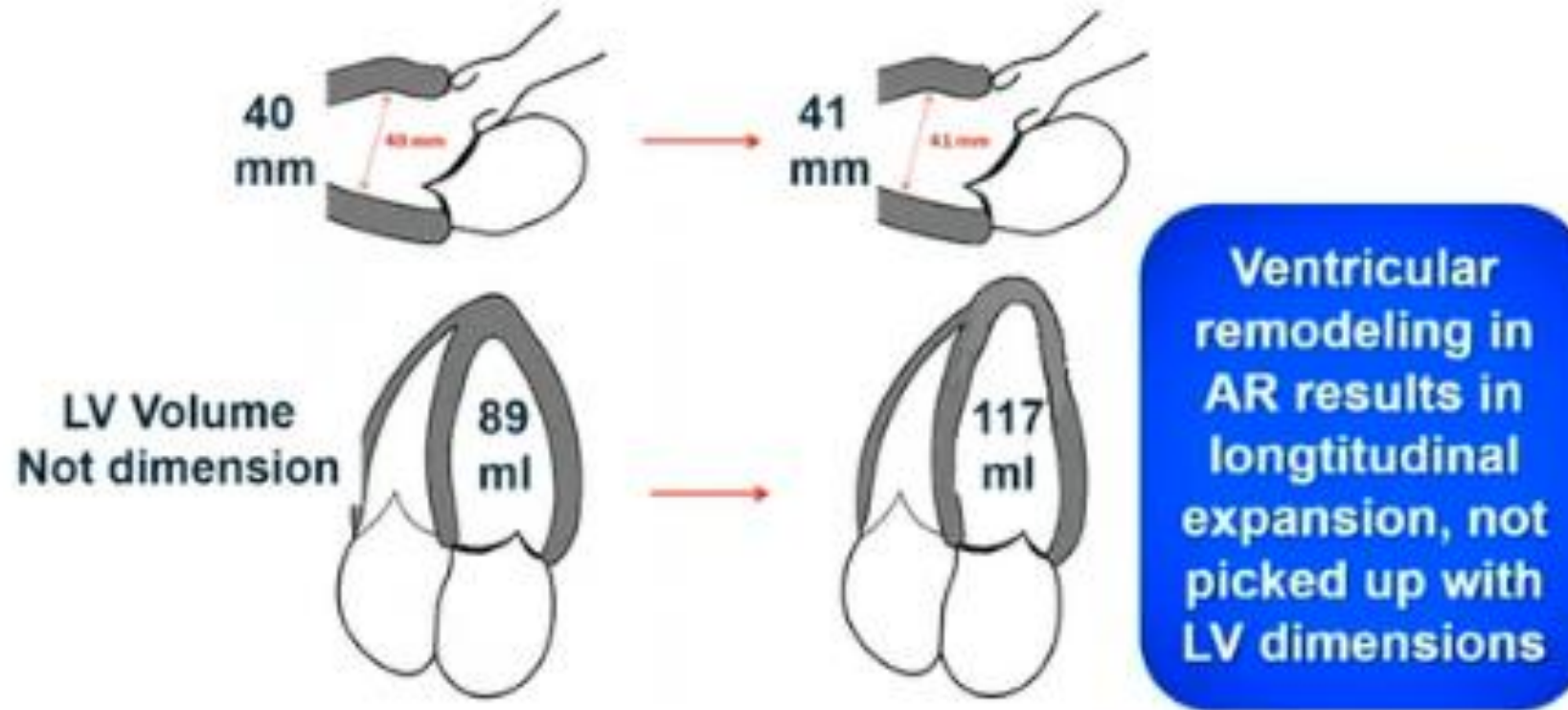


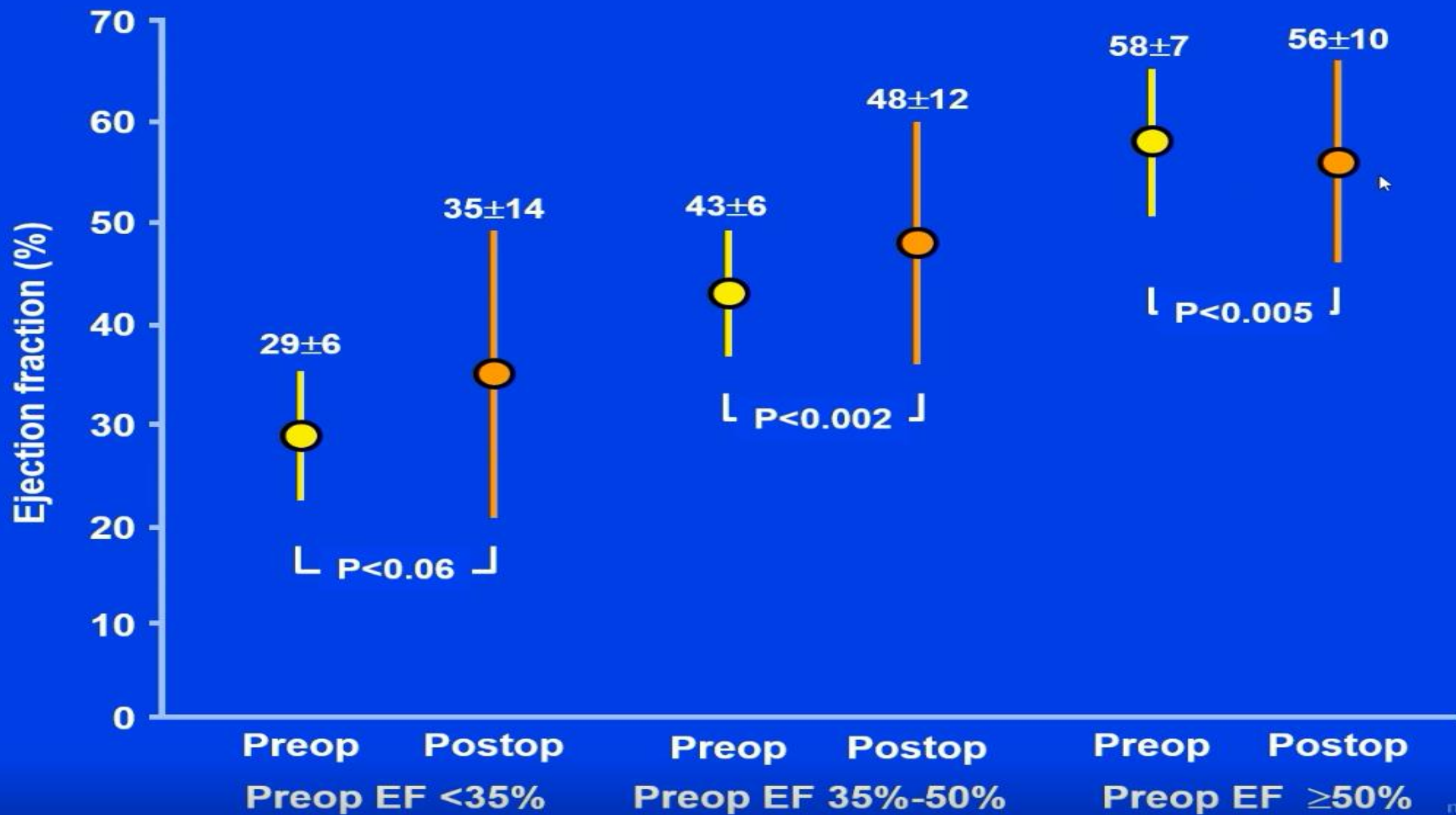


# Linear vs Volumetric Assessment of LV size



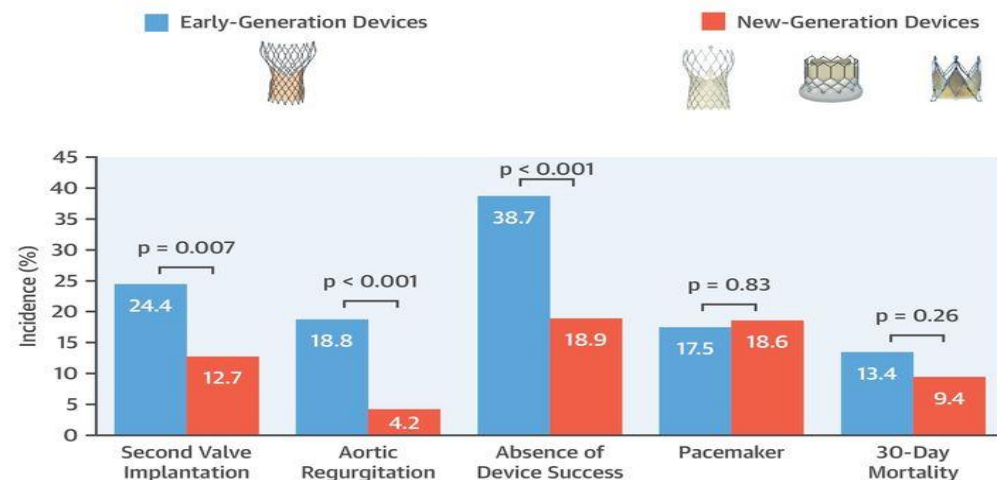
# Pattern of Ventricular Remodeling in Aortic Regurgitation



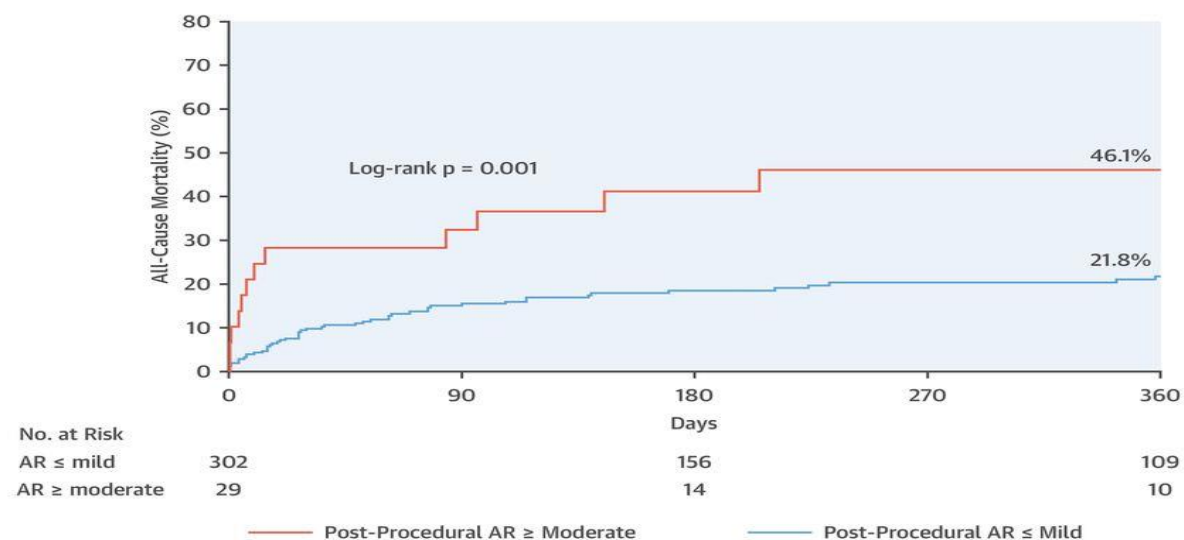


## CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: TAVR for Pure Native Aortic Valve Regurgitation

### Outcomes According to Devices



### Mortality and Post-Procedural Aortic Regurgitation



Yoon, S.-H. et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2017;70(22):2752-63.

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## Mortality and Post-Procedural Aortic Regurgitation

# All cause mortality predictors

**TABLE 4 Predictors of All-Cause Mortality**

	Univariable Model		Multivariable Model	
	HR (95% CI)	p Value	HR (95% CI)	p Value
Age, yrs	1.00 (0.98-1.02)	0.98		
Female	1.05 (0.65-1.72)	0.84		
NYHA functional class IV at baseline	1.33 (0.79-2.26)	0.29		
STS score	1.03 (1.01-1.06)	0.019	1.03 (1.00-1.06)	0.037
Creatinine, mg/dl	1.00 (0.80-1.25)	0.99		
Peripheral vascular disease	1.42 (0.81-2.50)	0.23		
Chronic pulmonary disease	1.34 (0.80-2.25)	0.26		
Prior cerebrovascular accident	0.78 (0.31-1.94)	0.59		
Prior coronary artery bypass graft surgery	1.41 (0.84-2.37)	0.19		
LVEF $\leq$ 45%	1.89 (1.15-3.10)	0.012	1.78 (1.07-2.94)	0.026
Mitral regurgitation $\geq$ moderate at baseline	1.99 (1.22-3.25)	0.006	2.11 (1.29-3.45)	0.003
Pulmonary hypertension	1.41 (0.83-2.40)	0.20		
Transfemoral access	0.81 (0.48-1.34)	0.41		
New-generation devices	0.69 (0.42-1.12)	0.13		
Need for second valve implantation	1.69 (0.93-2.96)	0.087		
Post-procedural aortic regurgitation $\geq$ moderate	2.72 (1.45-5.10)	0.002	2.85 (1.52-5.35)	0.001
Late experience	0.83 (0.50-1.36)	0.46		

CI = confidence interval; HR = hazard ratio; other abbreviations as in Table 1.

**STS Score**

**LVEF < 45%**  
**Mitral Regurgitation > Moderate at baseline**

**POST-PROCEDURAL AORTIC  
REGURGITATION > MODERATE**





# **Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement Using The CoreValve Prosthesis for the Treatment of Severe Aortic Regurgitation: A Single Center Learning Curve Over 10 years**

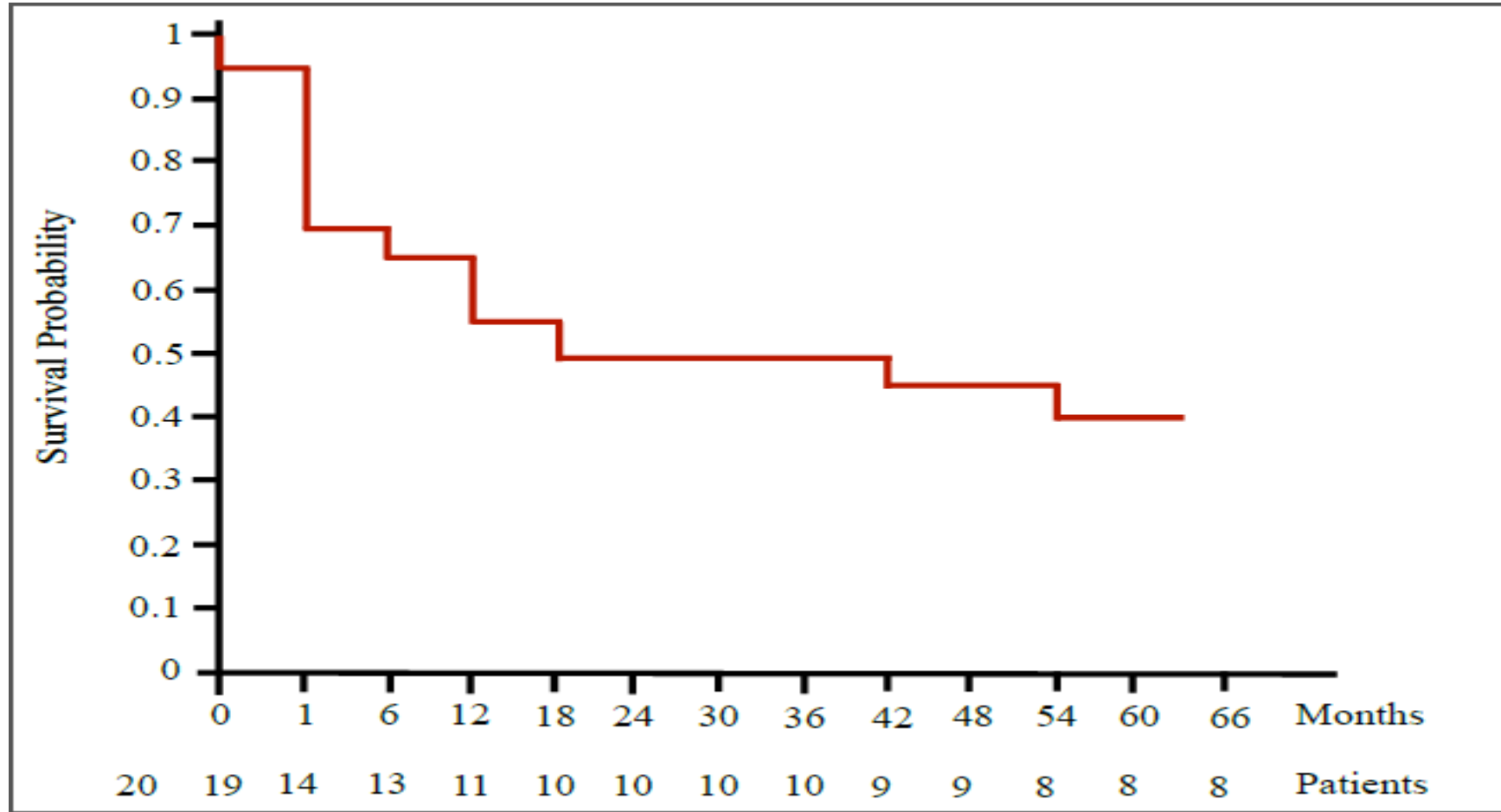
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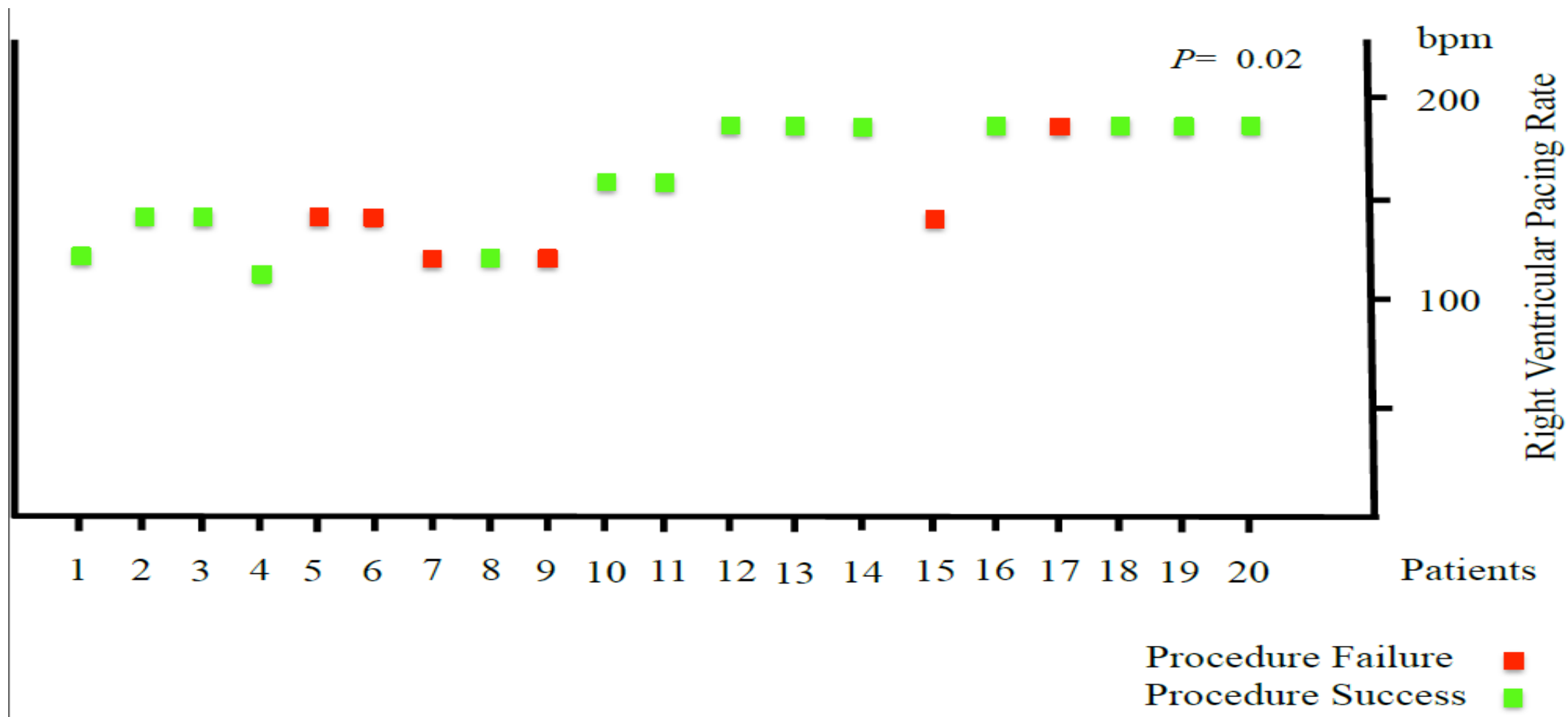
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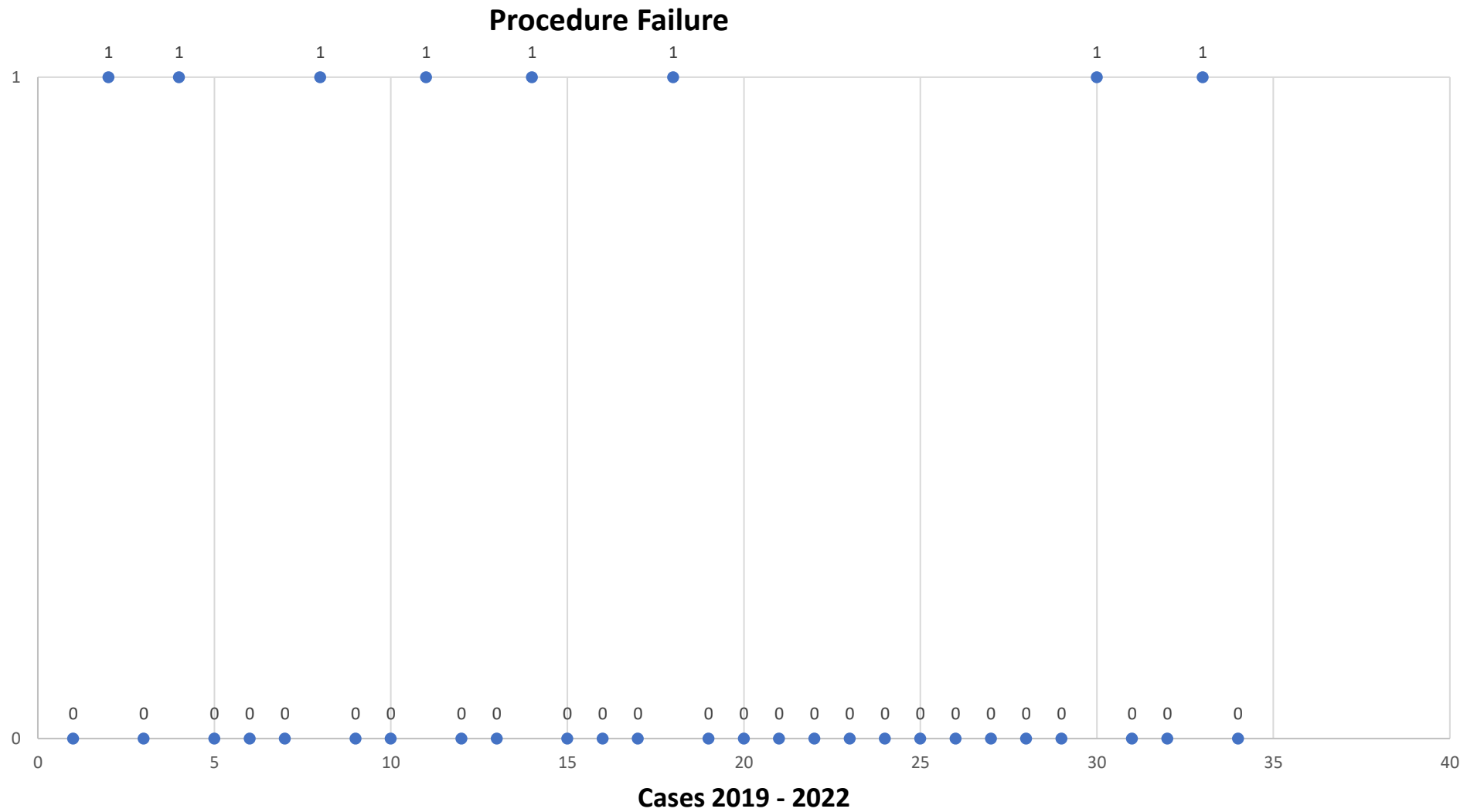
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2019

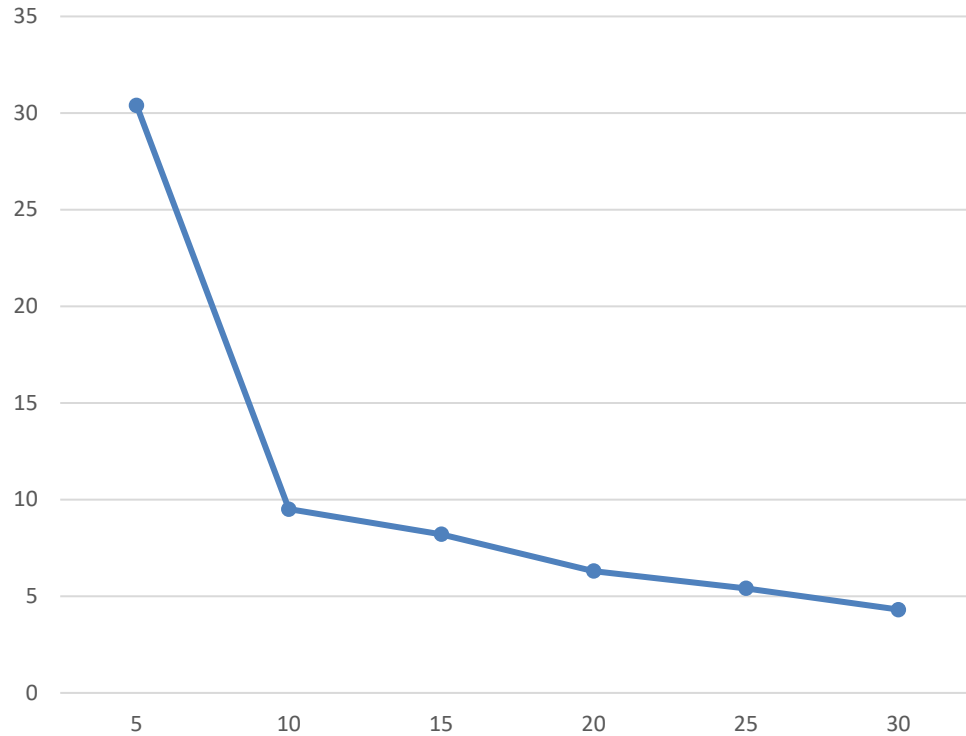






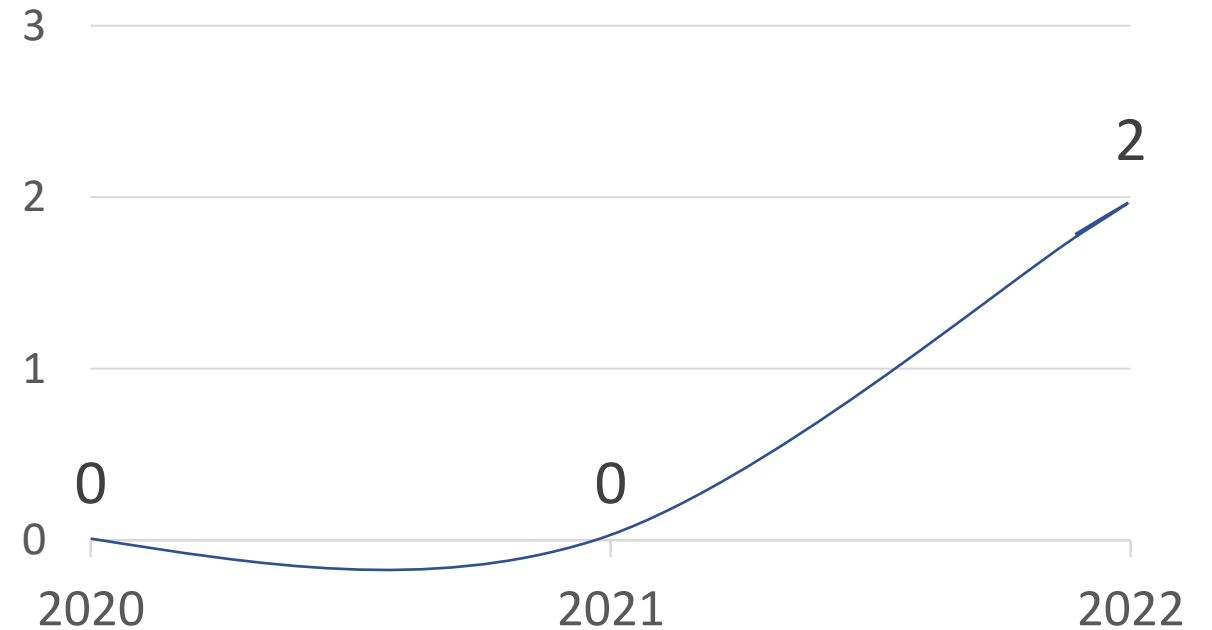
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## Mortality



# 2020 - 2022

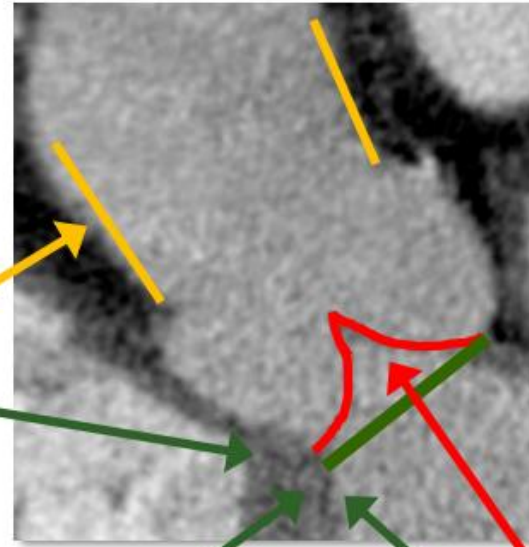
## Mortality per year AI



YEAR	CASES AI
2019	10
2020	5
2021	14
2022	15



## Annulus + Aorta



## Annulus only



## Leaflets + Annulus

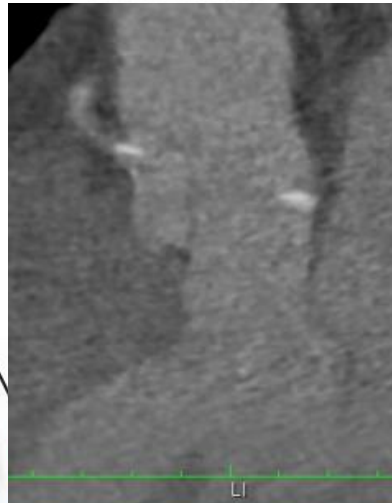


# Anatomic reference: LVOT

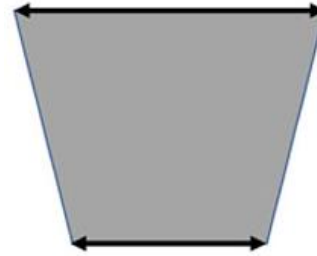


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Sizing based on  
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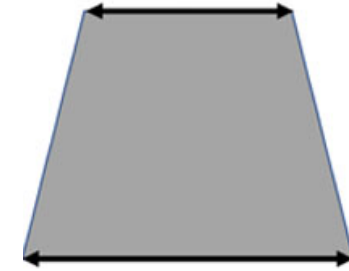
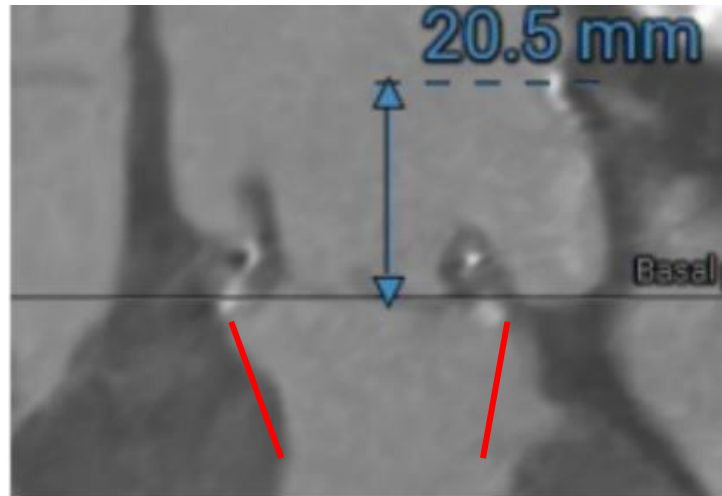


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**Flare**

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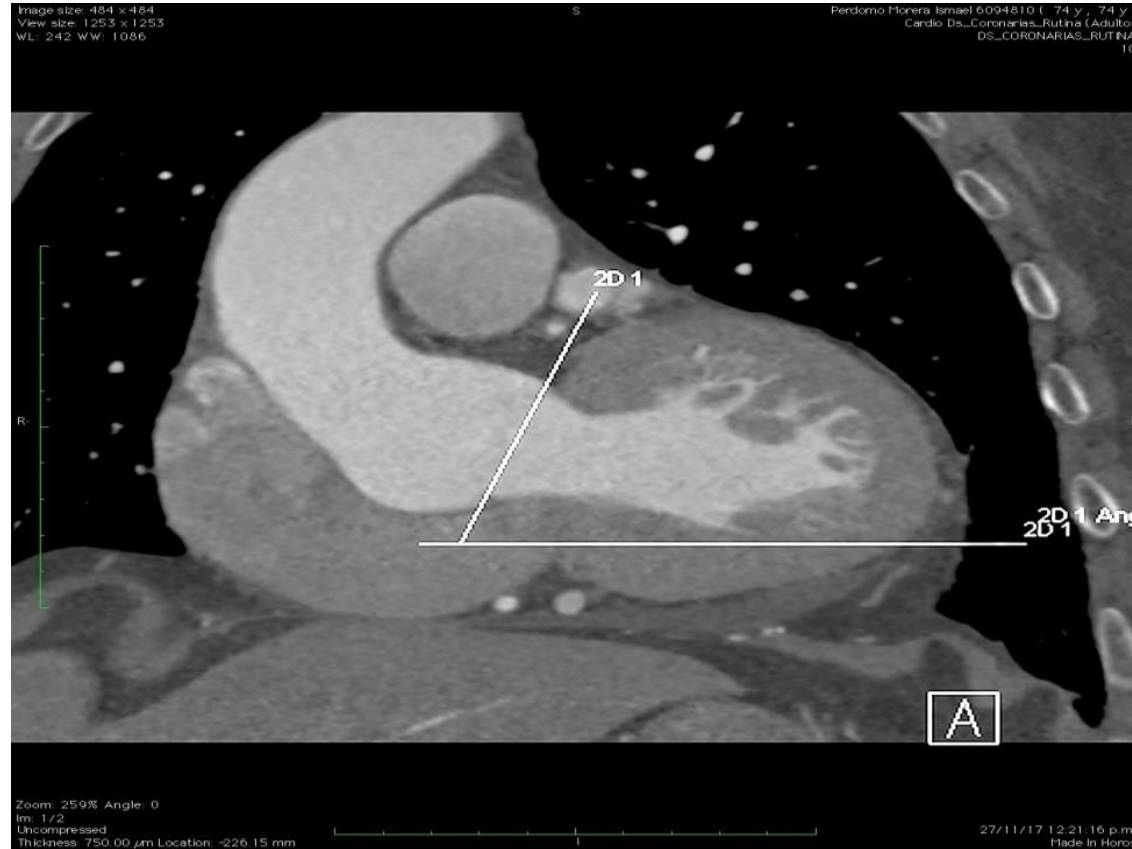


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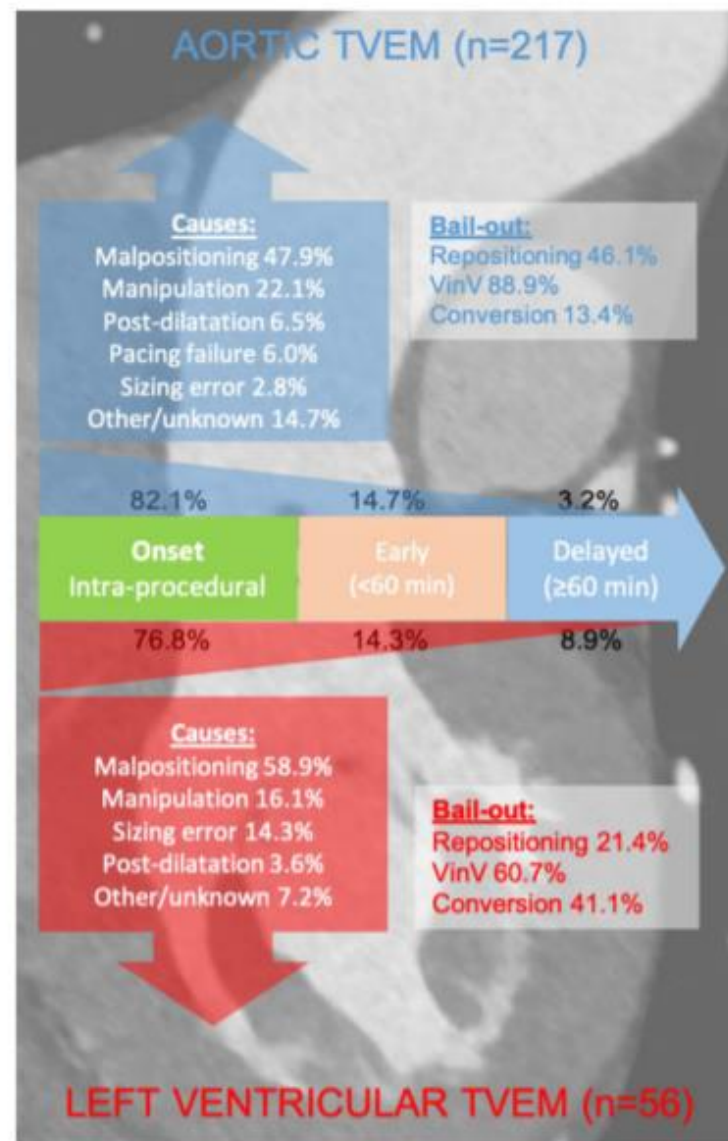
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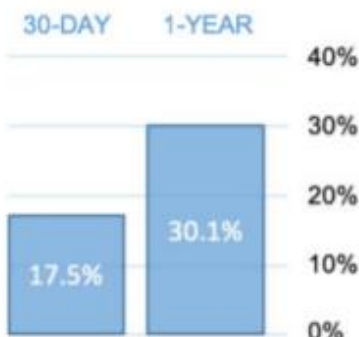
# Anatomic reference: Aortic position



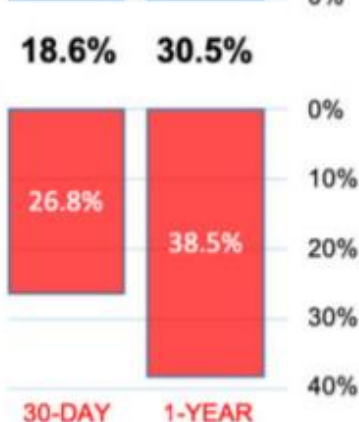
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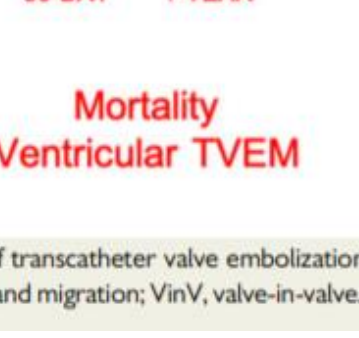
**Mortality**  
**Aortic TVEM**



**Mortality**  
**All TVEM**



**Mortality**  
**Ventricular TVEM**



**Take home figure** Overview of the main causes, onset, bail-out strategies, and outcome of transcatheter valve embolization and migration stratified according to aortic and ventricular embolization. TVEM, transcatheter valve embolization and migration; VinV, valve-in-valve.

# PHASES FOR DEVICE RELEASE





# First Phase: Absence of Displacement, Peacemaker not needed (stable system).



**First Phase: Should start peacemaker at 130 to 150 bpm.**

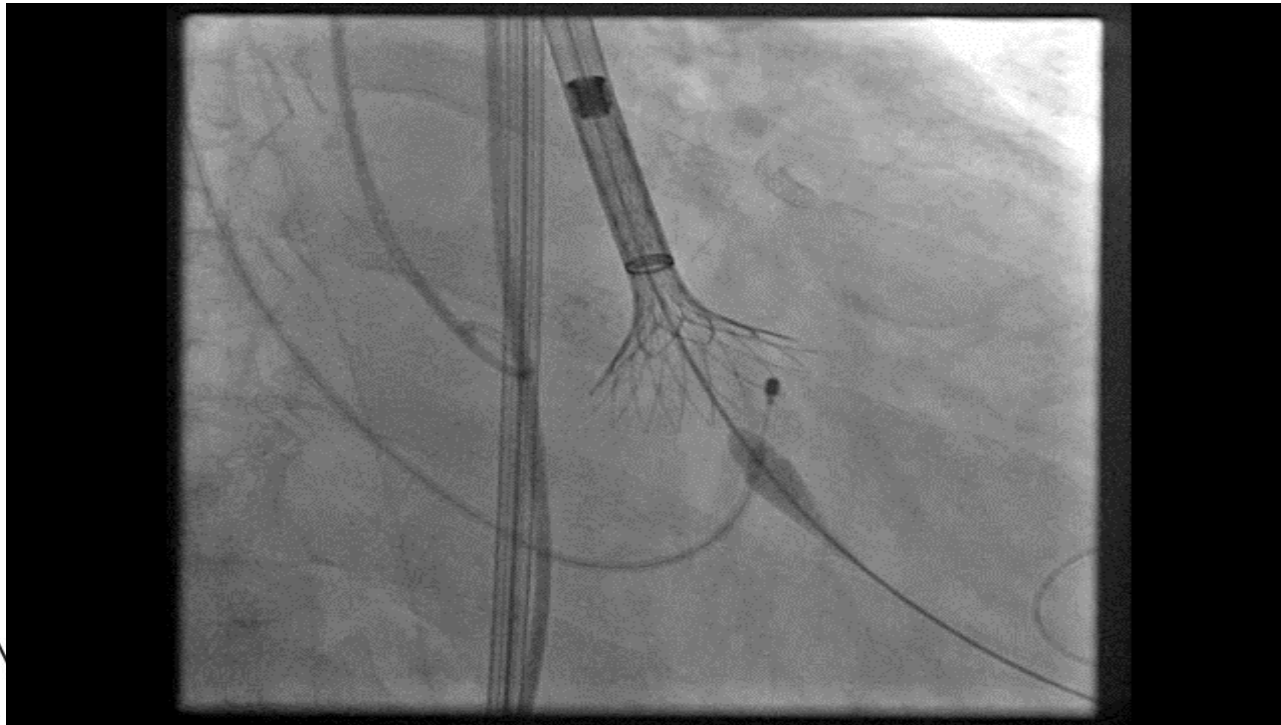
**No PPM**



**PPM 130**



**Second phase: Even with PPM 150 BPM the system hasn't achieved annular contact with the annular system, you can tell by the movement. Displacement should be avoided and Increase pacing at 170-180 BPM.**

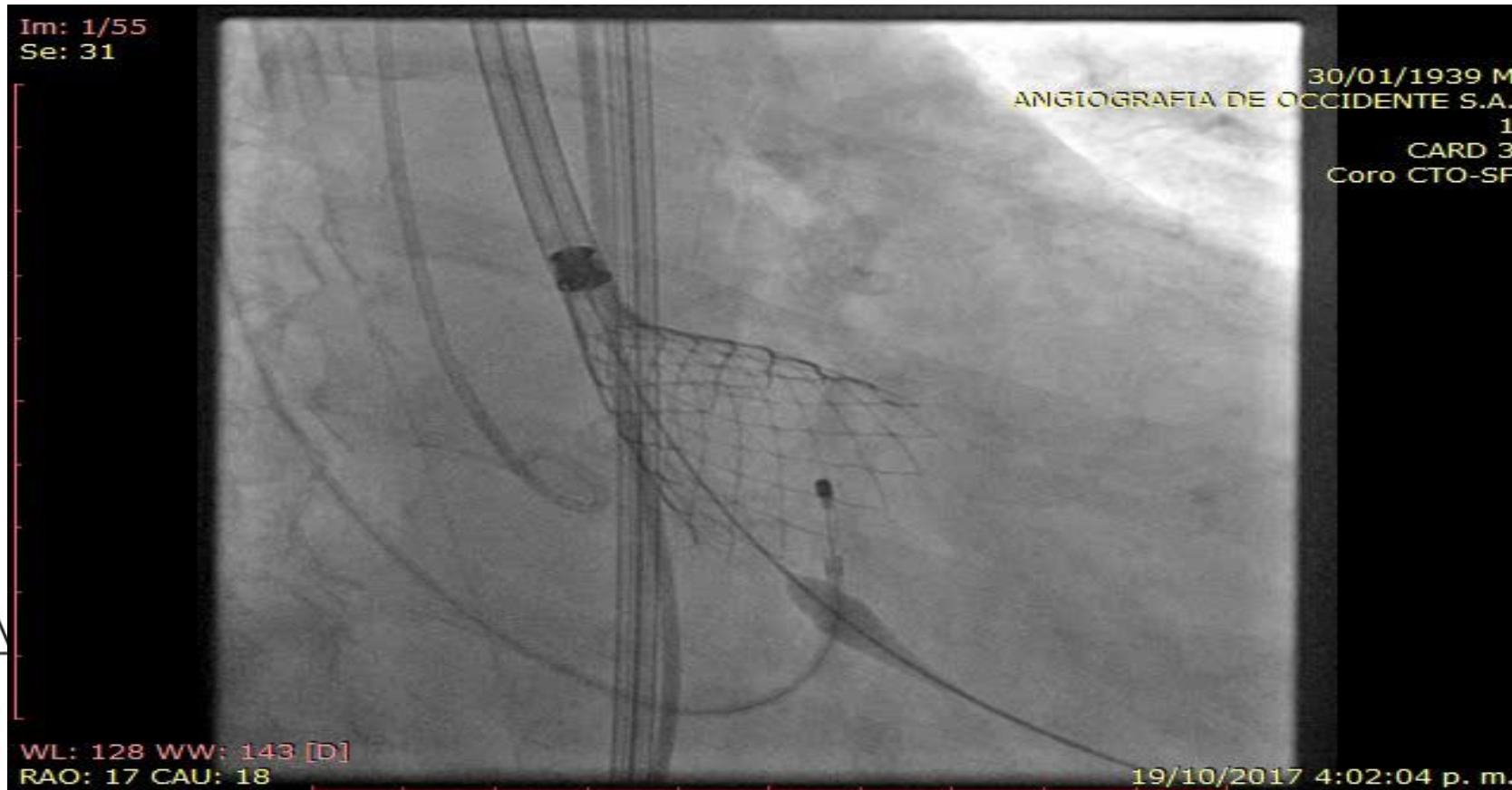


**BPM 150**

**Critical moment  
to release the  
device**

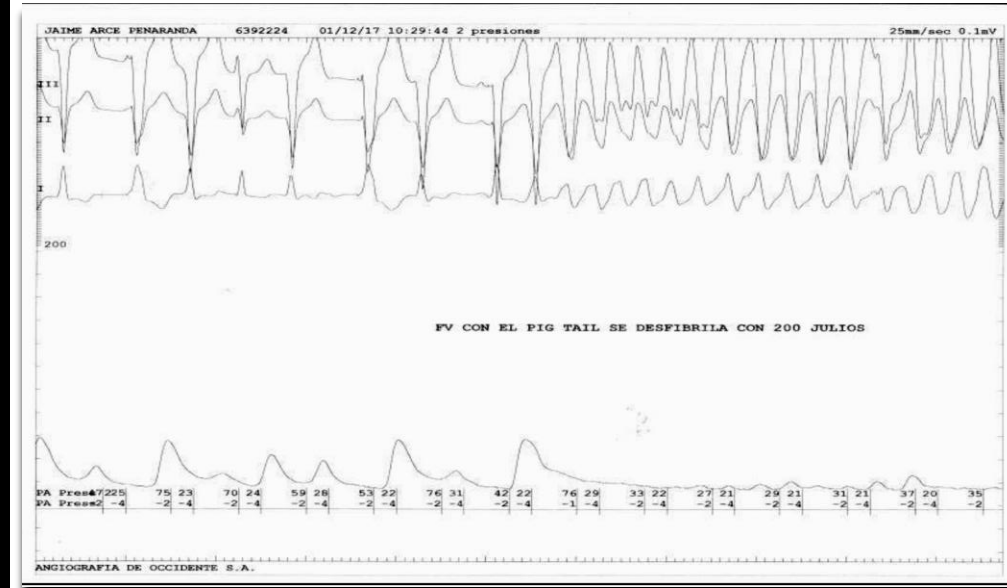
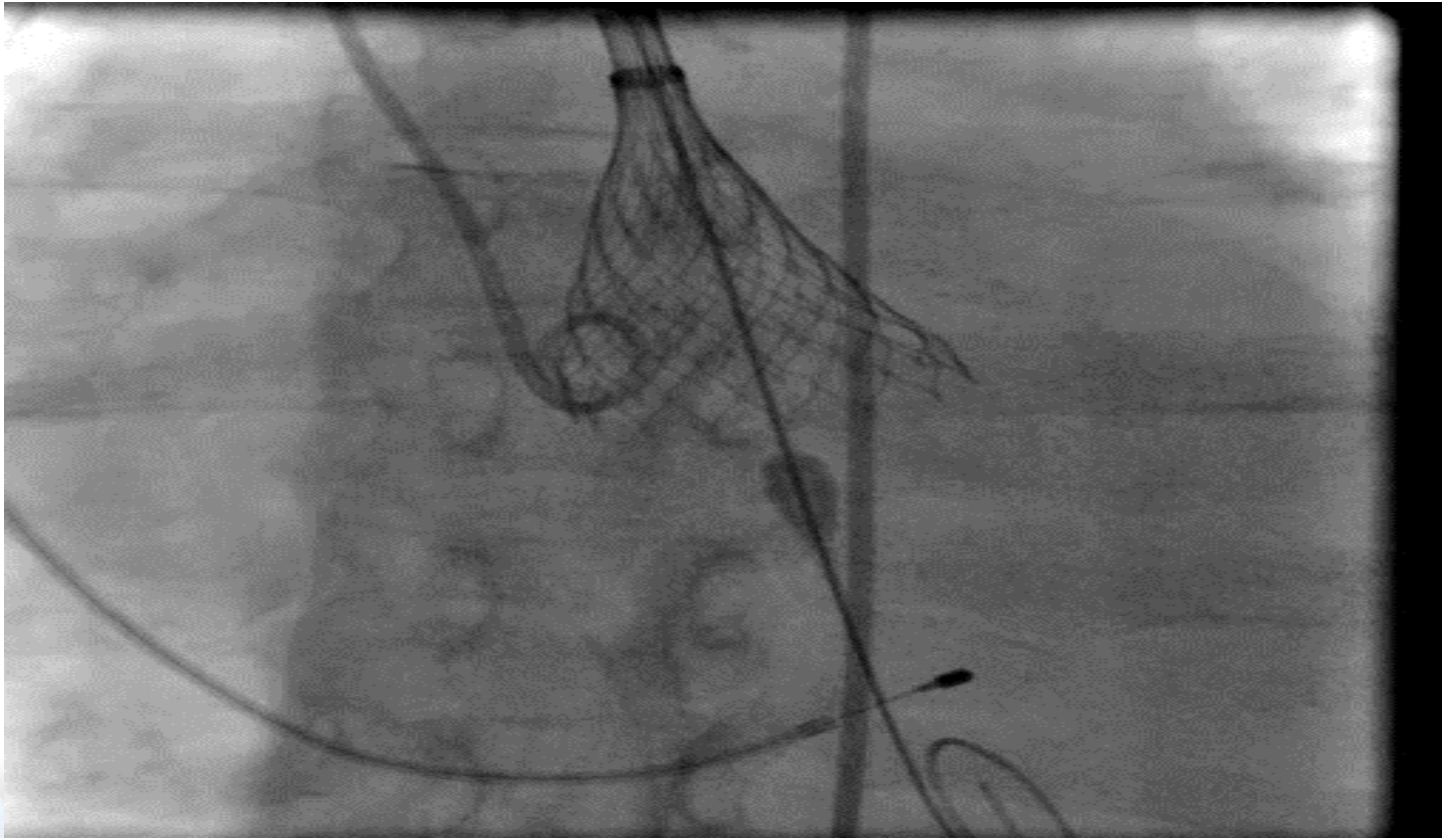
## Third Phase: SPIN OFF Movement.

At no-Recapture point the valve is still out of adequate contact, and is still bound to migrate unless we increase the pulse rate. (BPM 160-180)



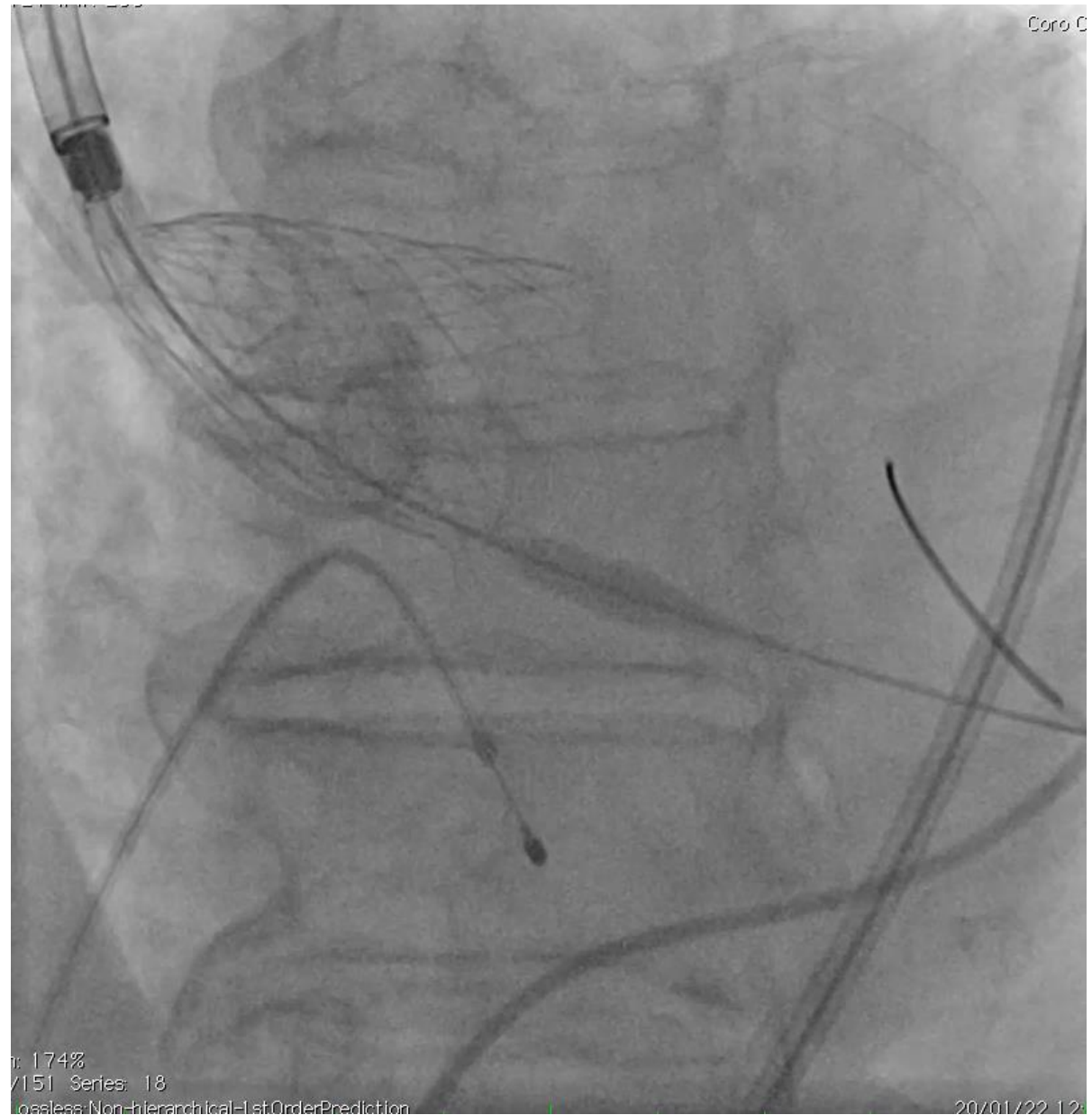


# Fourth phase: No movement, achieved at rates between 180 - 200 BPM.



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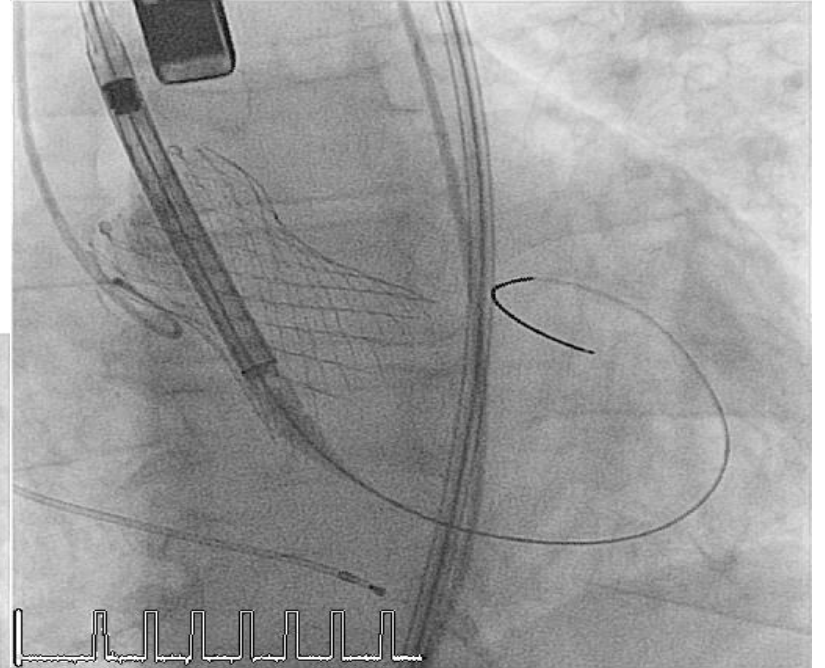
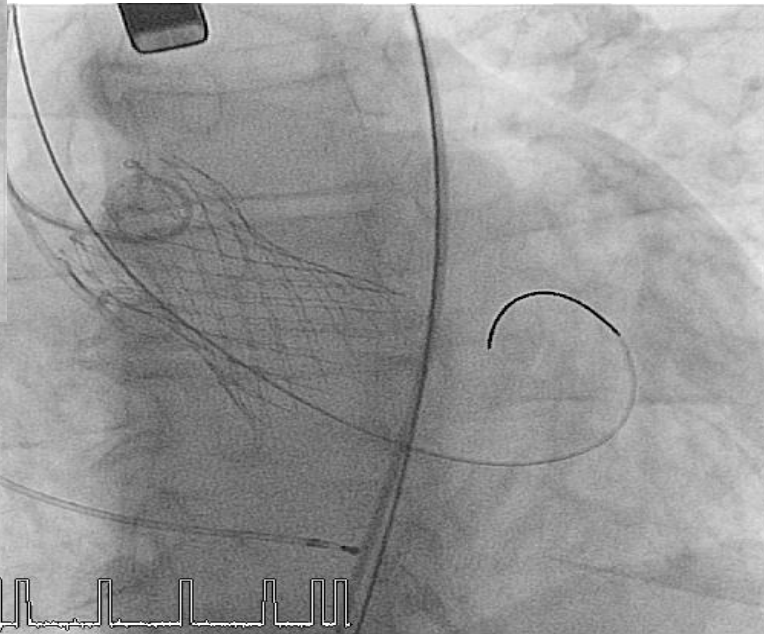
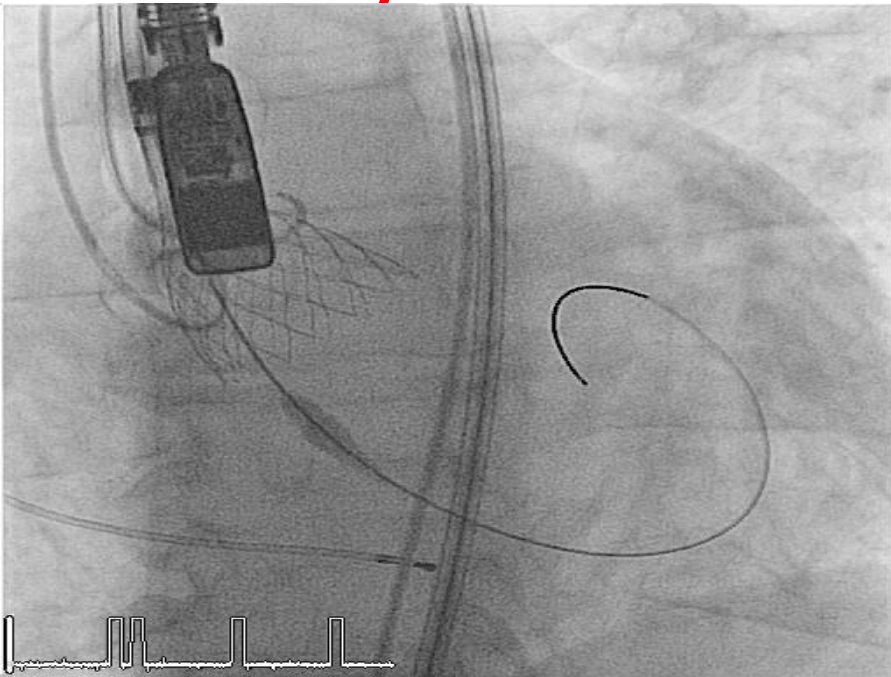
# FIFTH PHASE





# Ventricular Migration of Prosthesis

**This phase should always be done under pacing and fluoroscopy visualization, and slowly decrease rate without stopping abruptly to avoid this:**



# Case of Migration

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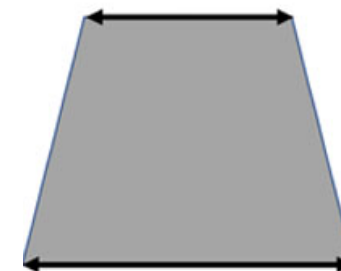
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Aortic Regurgitation

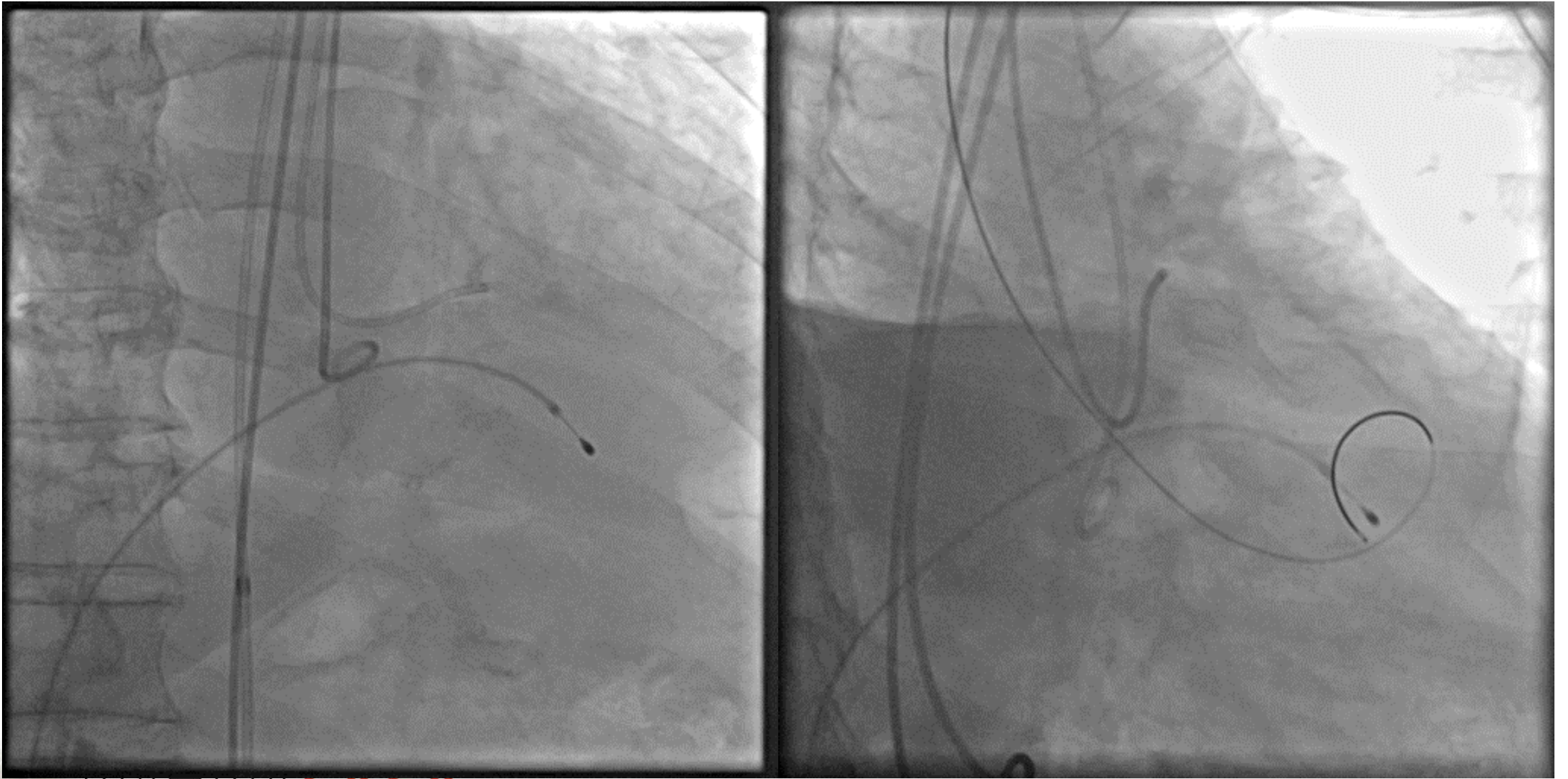
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**Taper**

Sizing based on  
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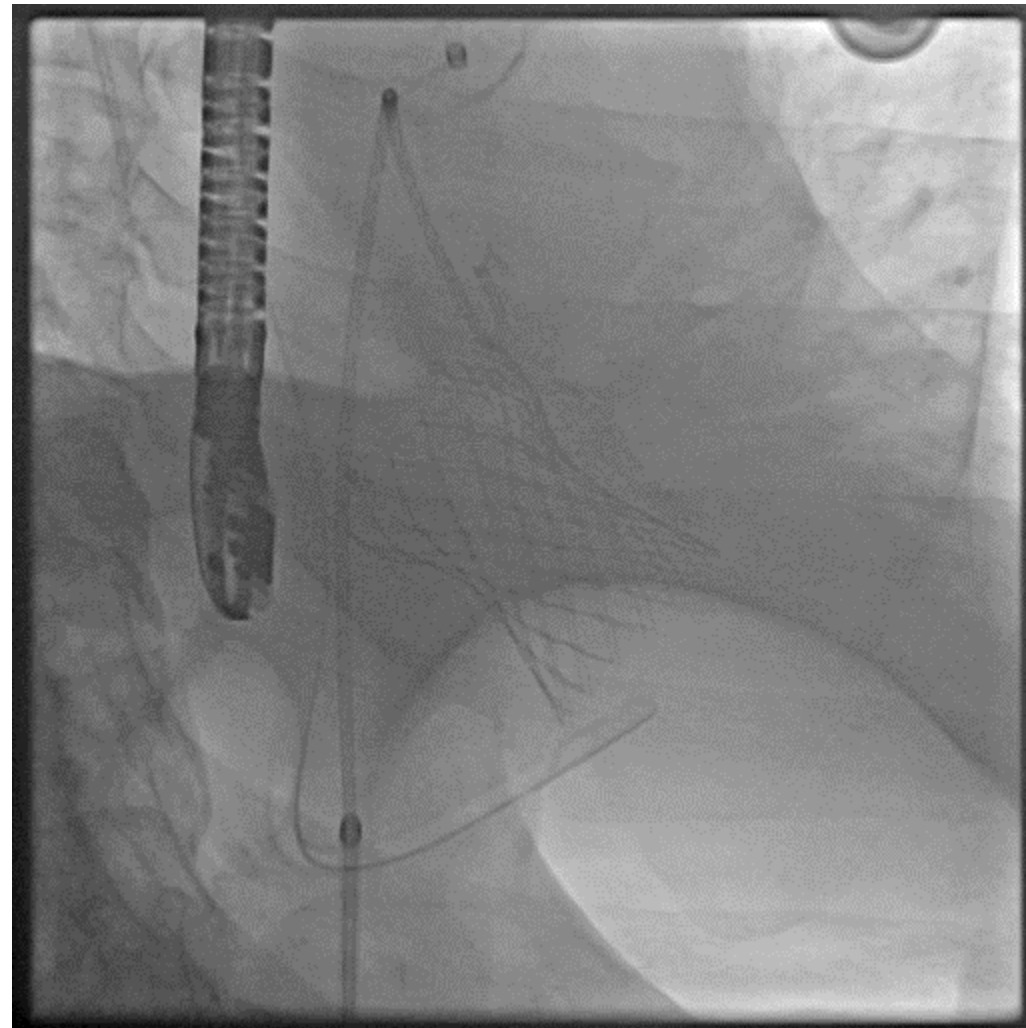
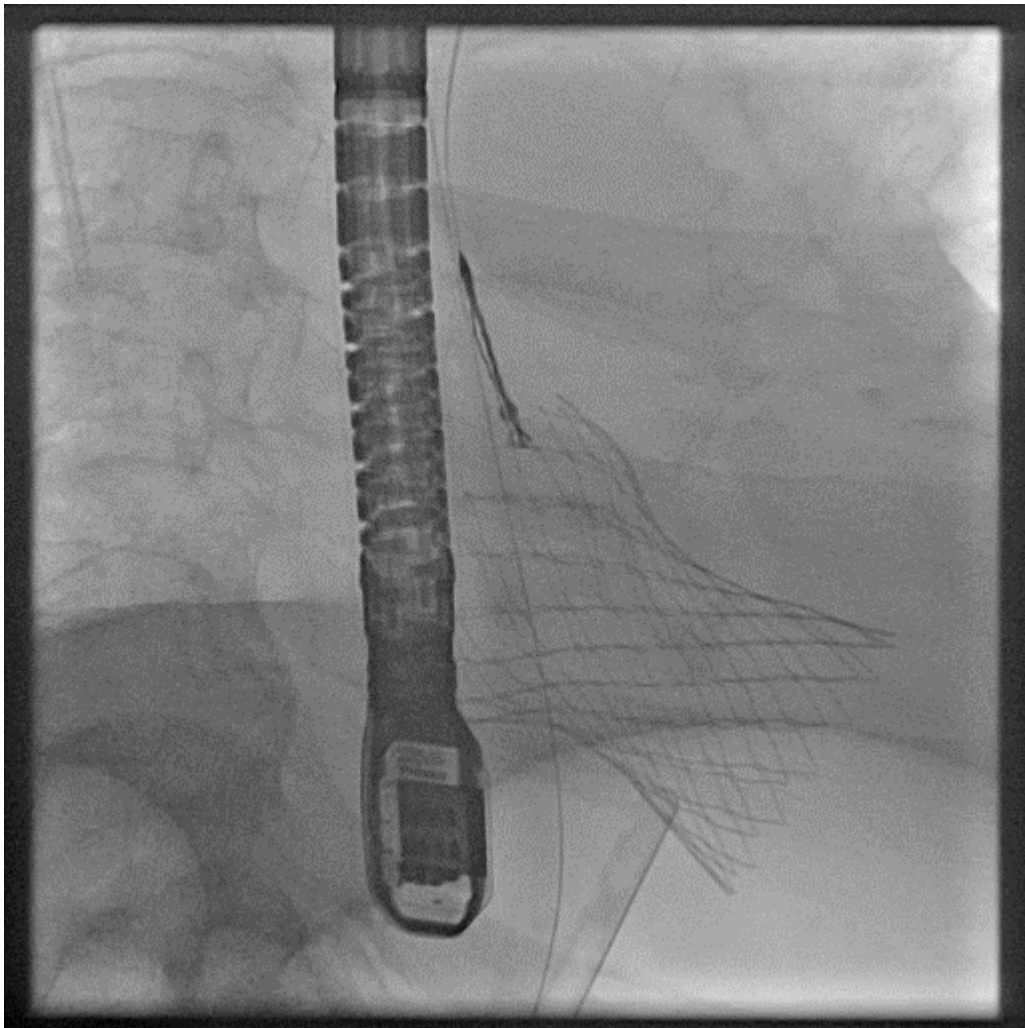




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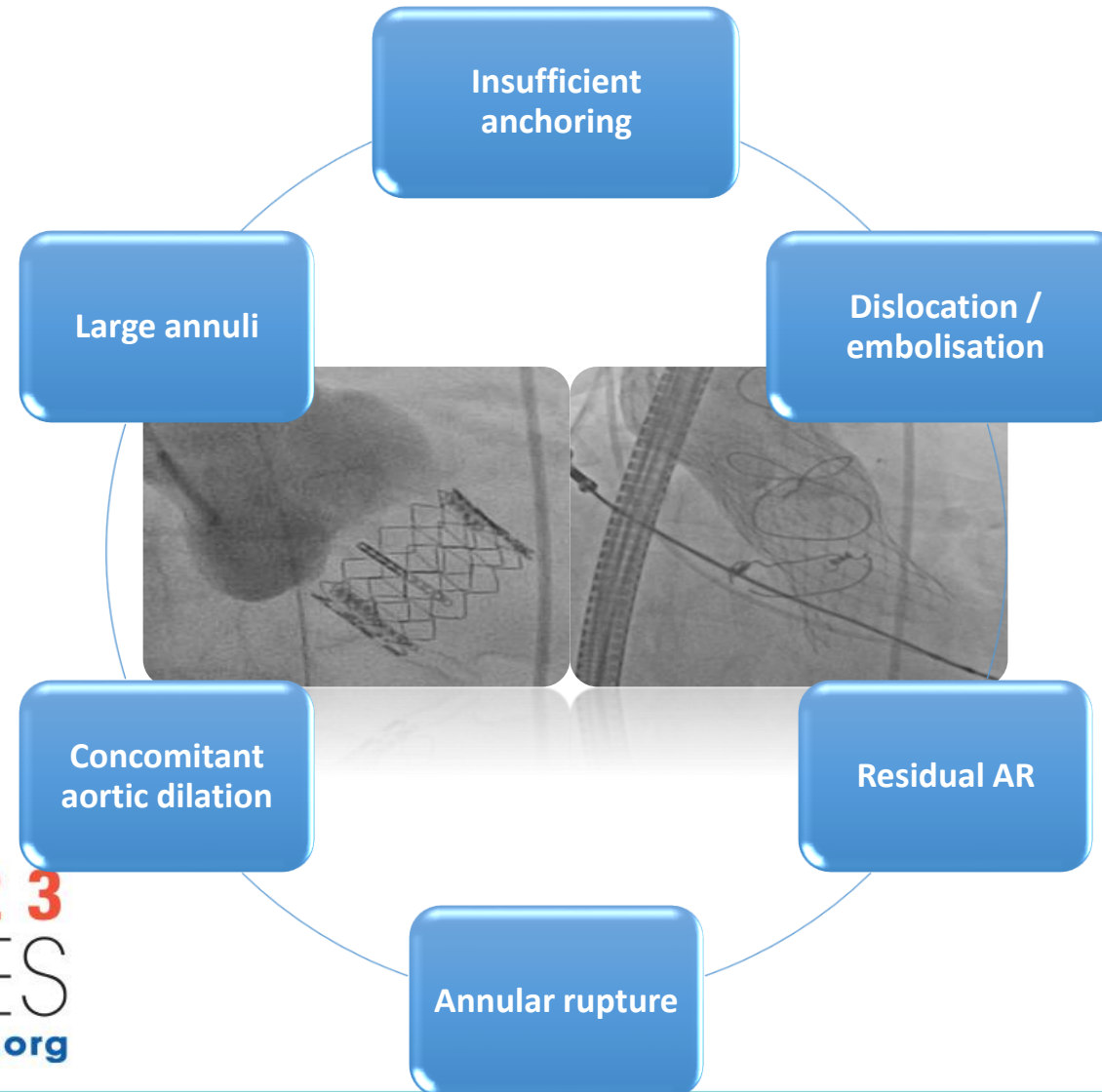








# Challenges in treatment of non-calcified



# JenaValve Trilogy Key Dimensions



# Clinical Outcomes - Presented At ACC /21

30-Day Clinical Endpoints	
All-cause mortality	2.9% (2)
Cardiovascular mortality	1.4% (1)
Stroke	2.9% (2)
Disabling stroke	0.0%
Nondisabling stroke	2.9% (2)
Vascular access site complications	
Major	5.7% (4)
Minor	2.9% (2)
Bleeding complications	
Life threatening	4.3% (3)
Major	2.9% (2)
Minor	5.7% (4)
Acute kidney injury (stage 3)	0.0%
Permanent pacemaker implantation	22.9% (16)

# Clinical Case N°1

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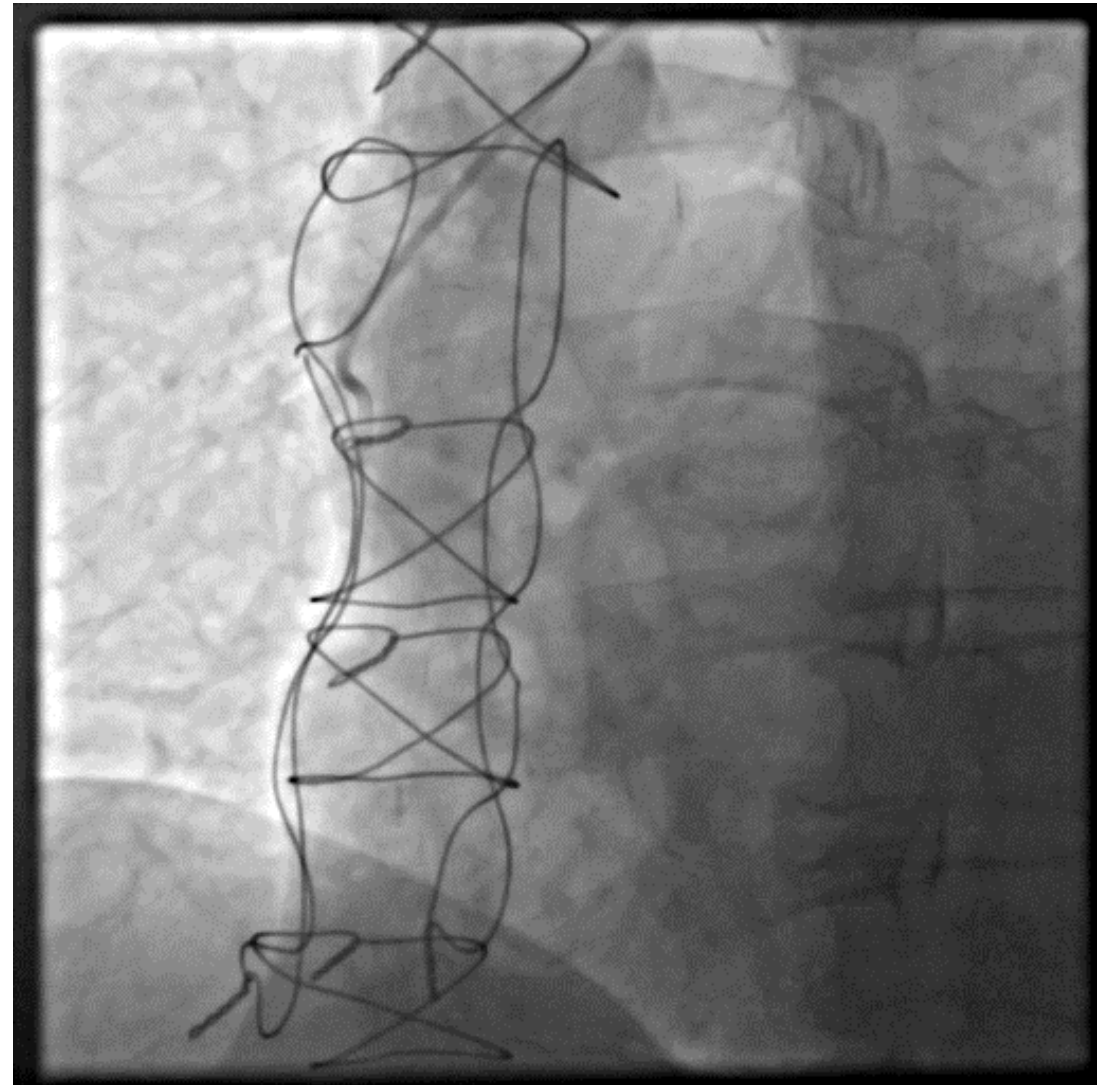
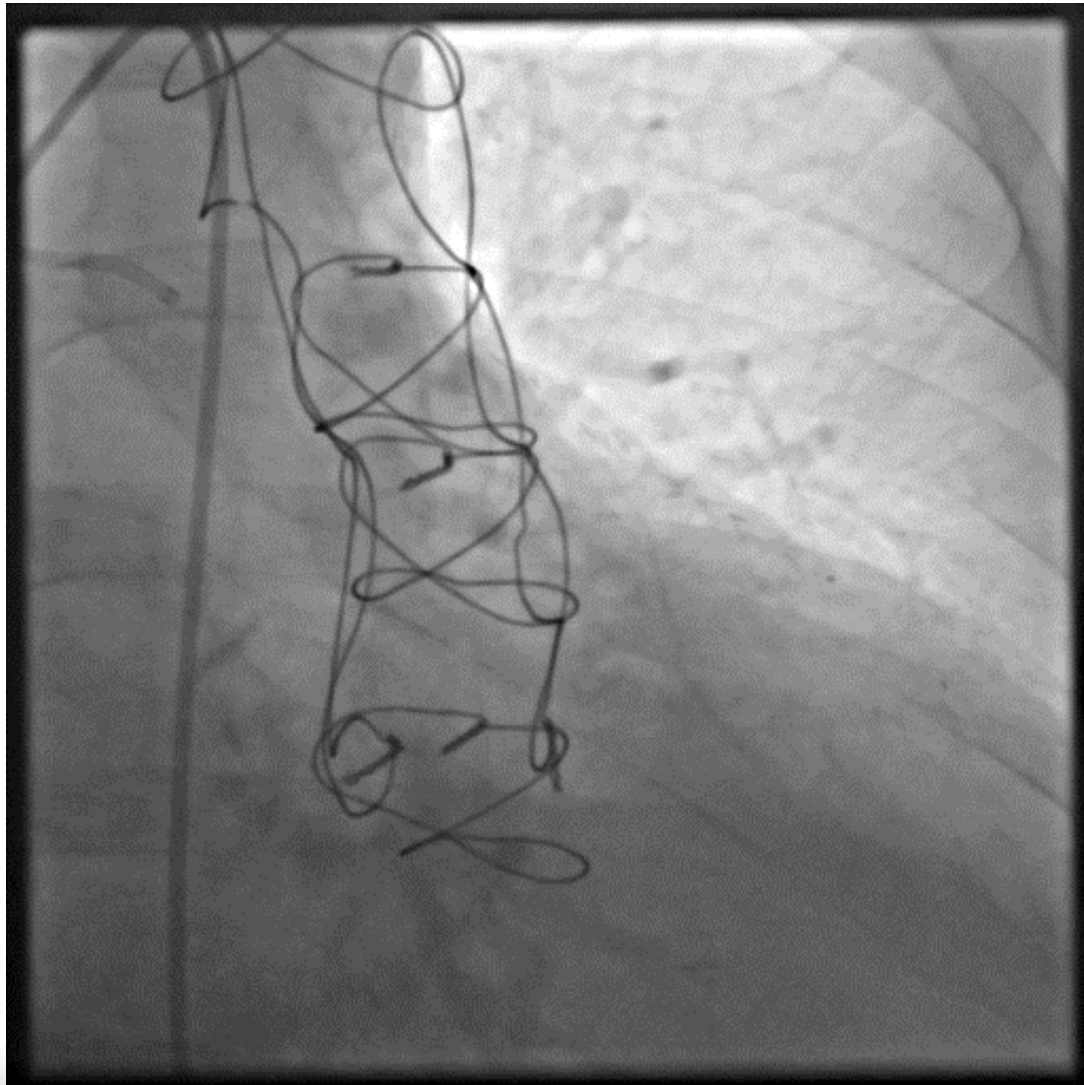
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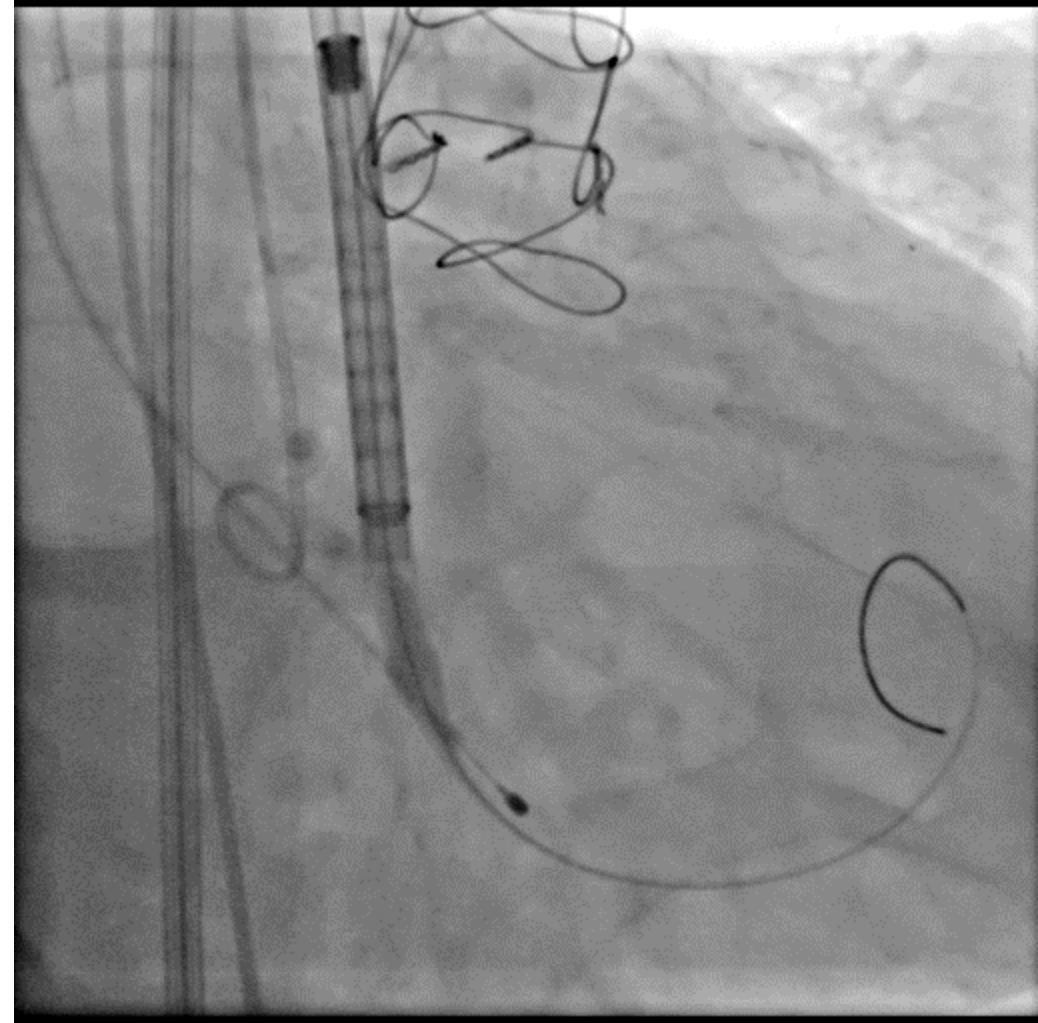




## PHASE 1 NPPM

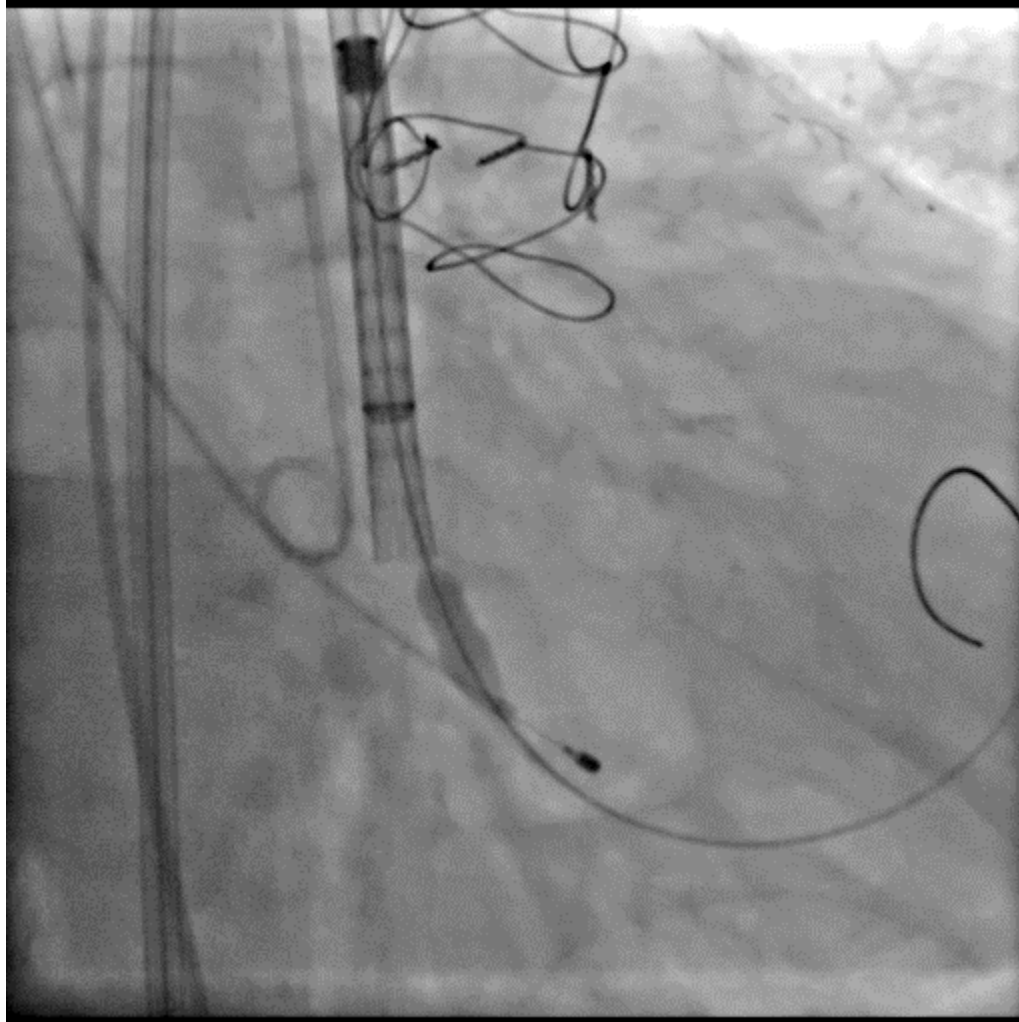


## PHASE 1 PPM 140

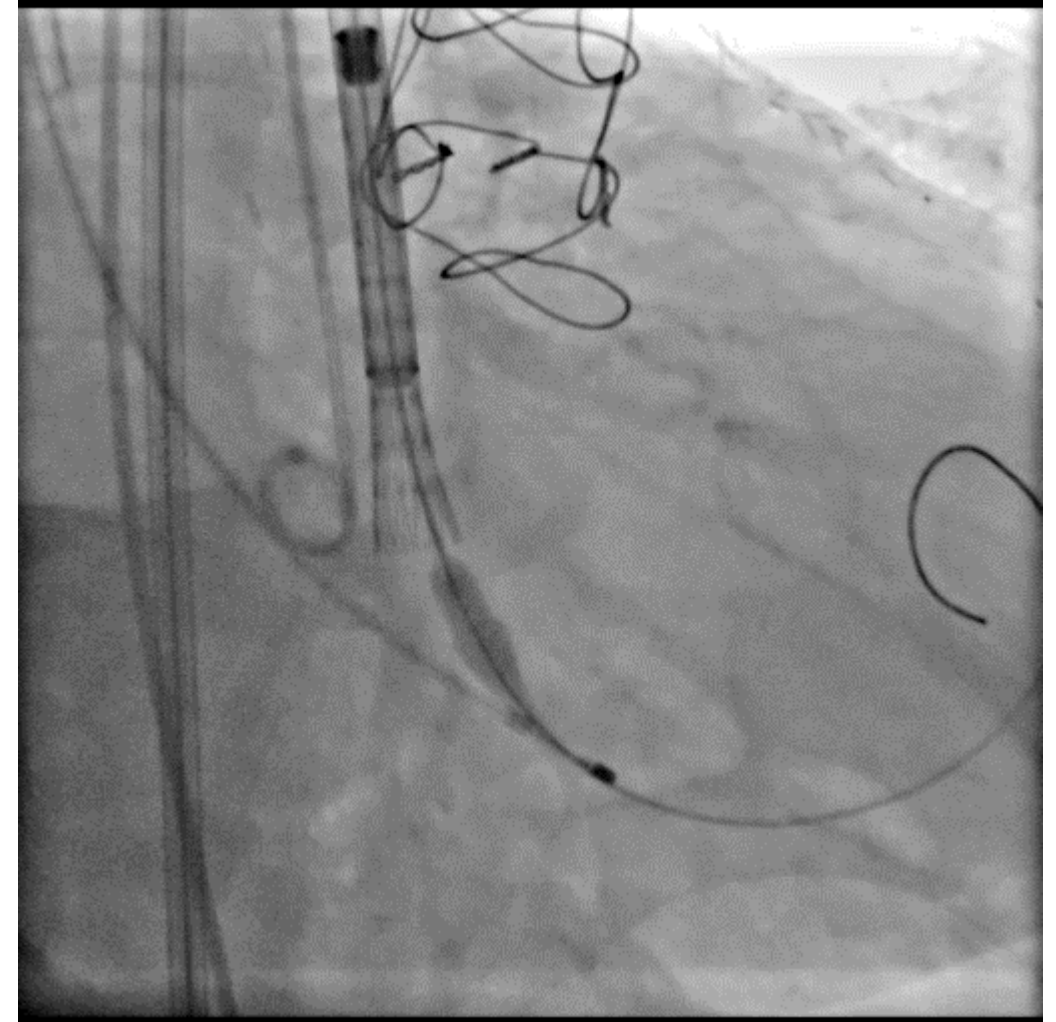




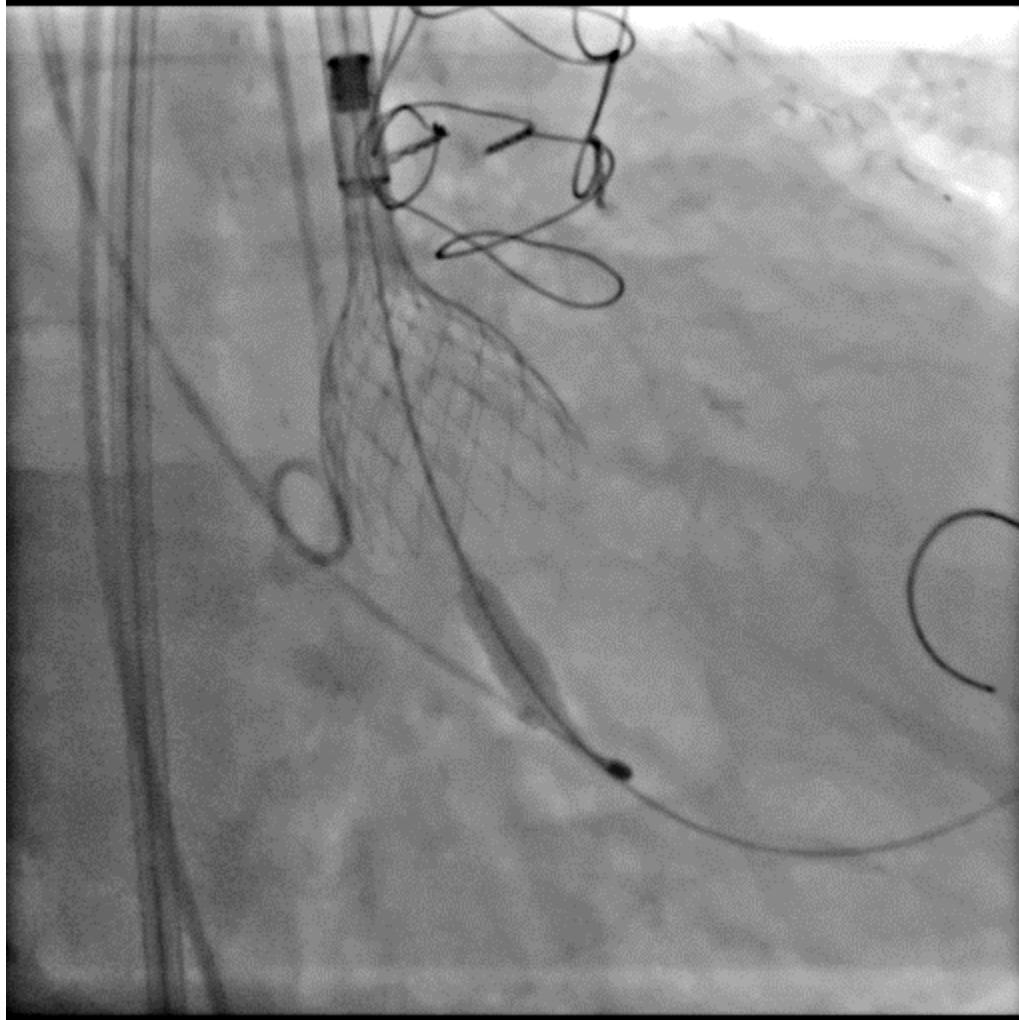
## PHASE 2 NPPM 160



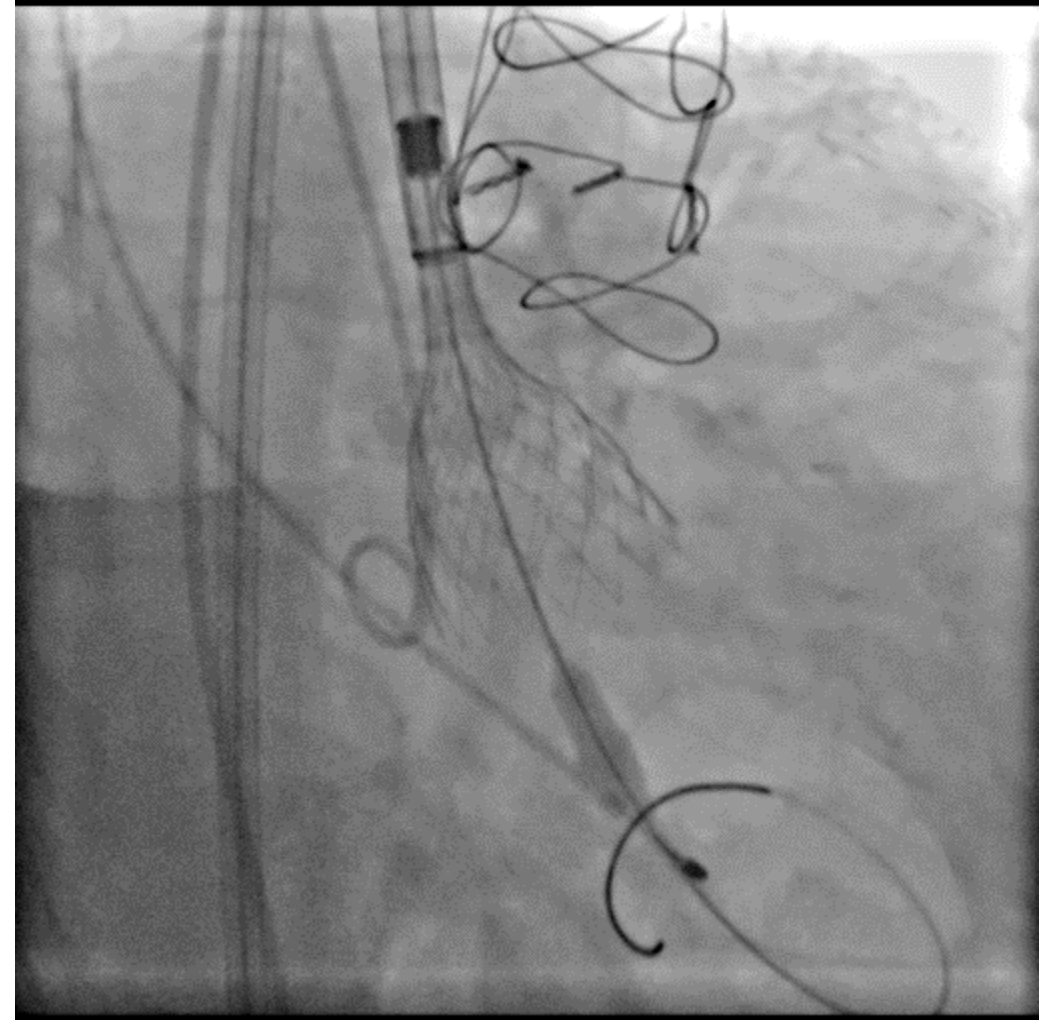
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## PHASE 4 NPPM 140

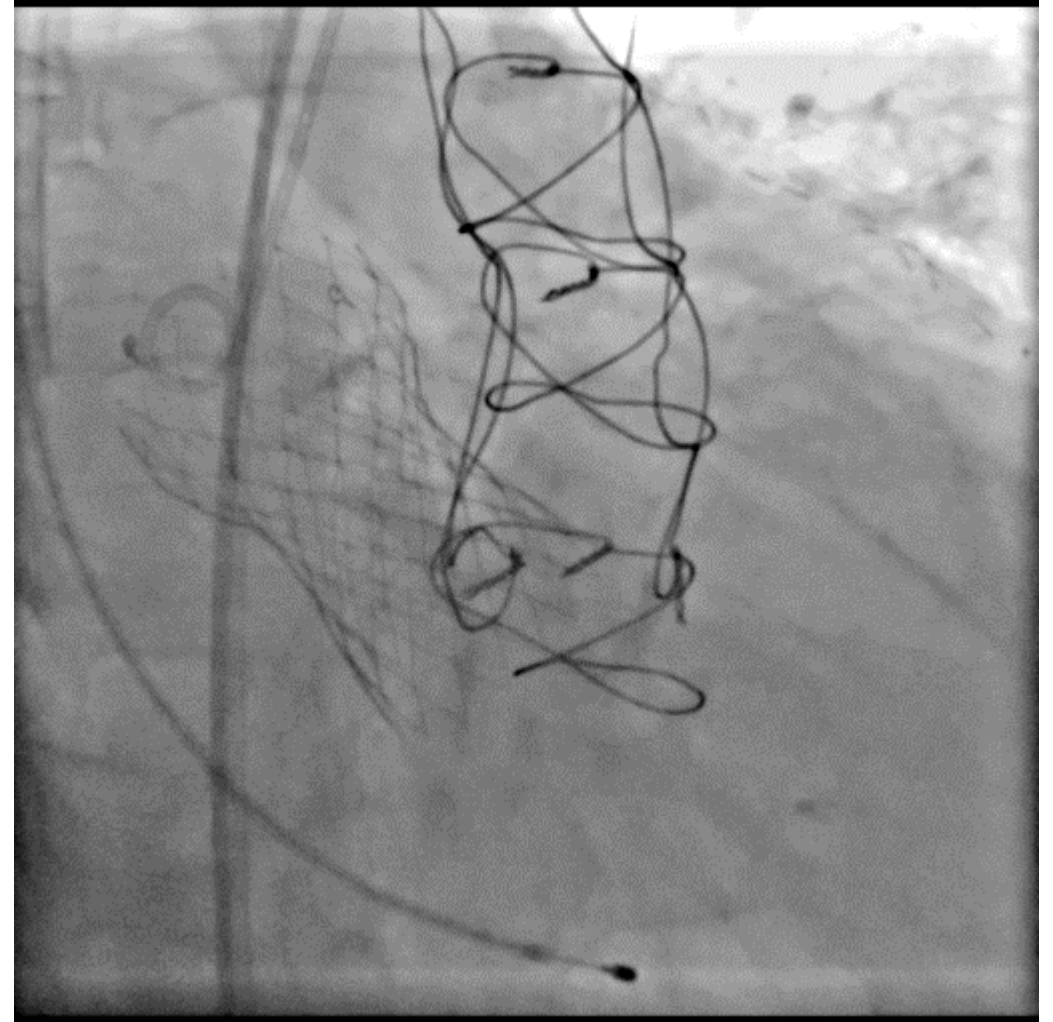
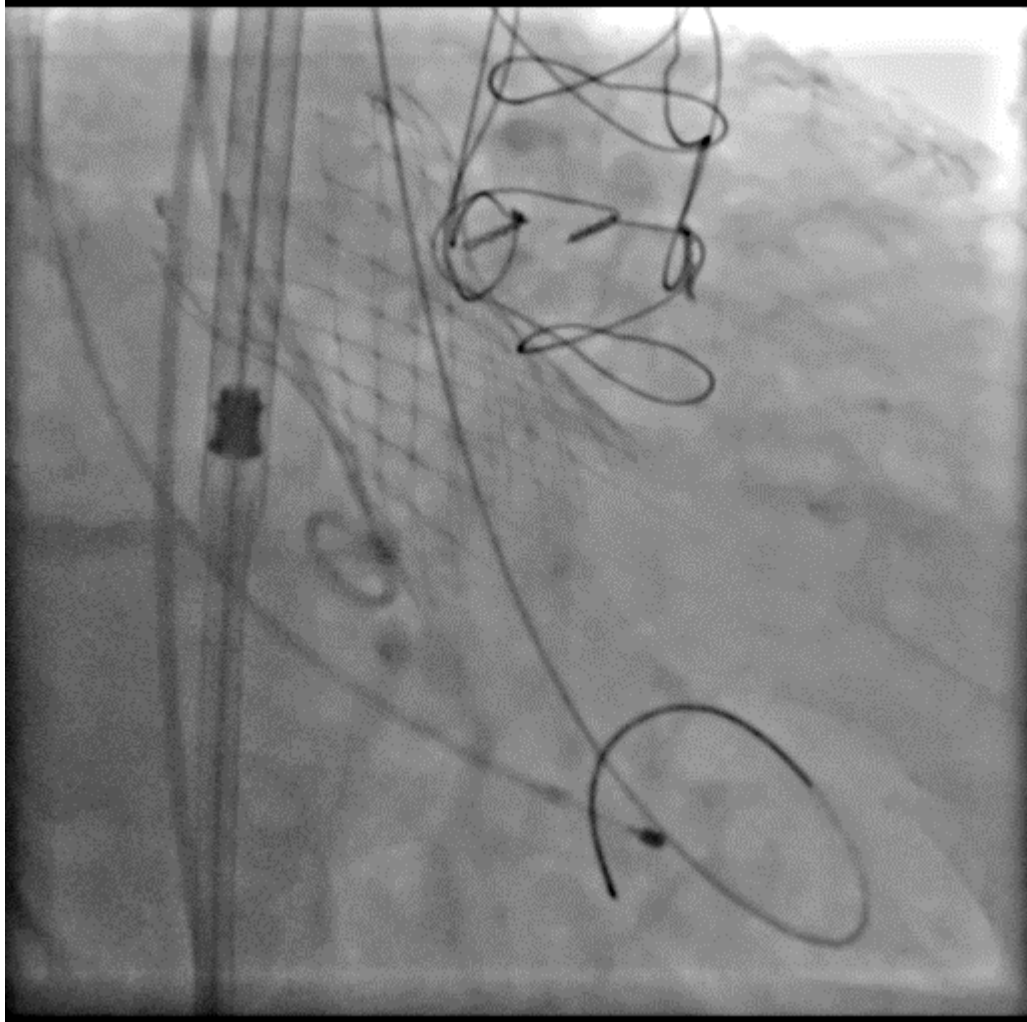


## PHASE 5 NPPM 160





# Final Result



# Case N. 2

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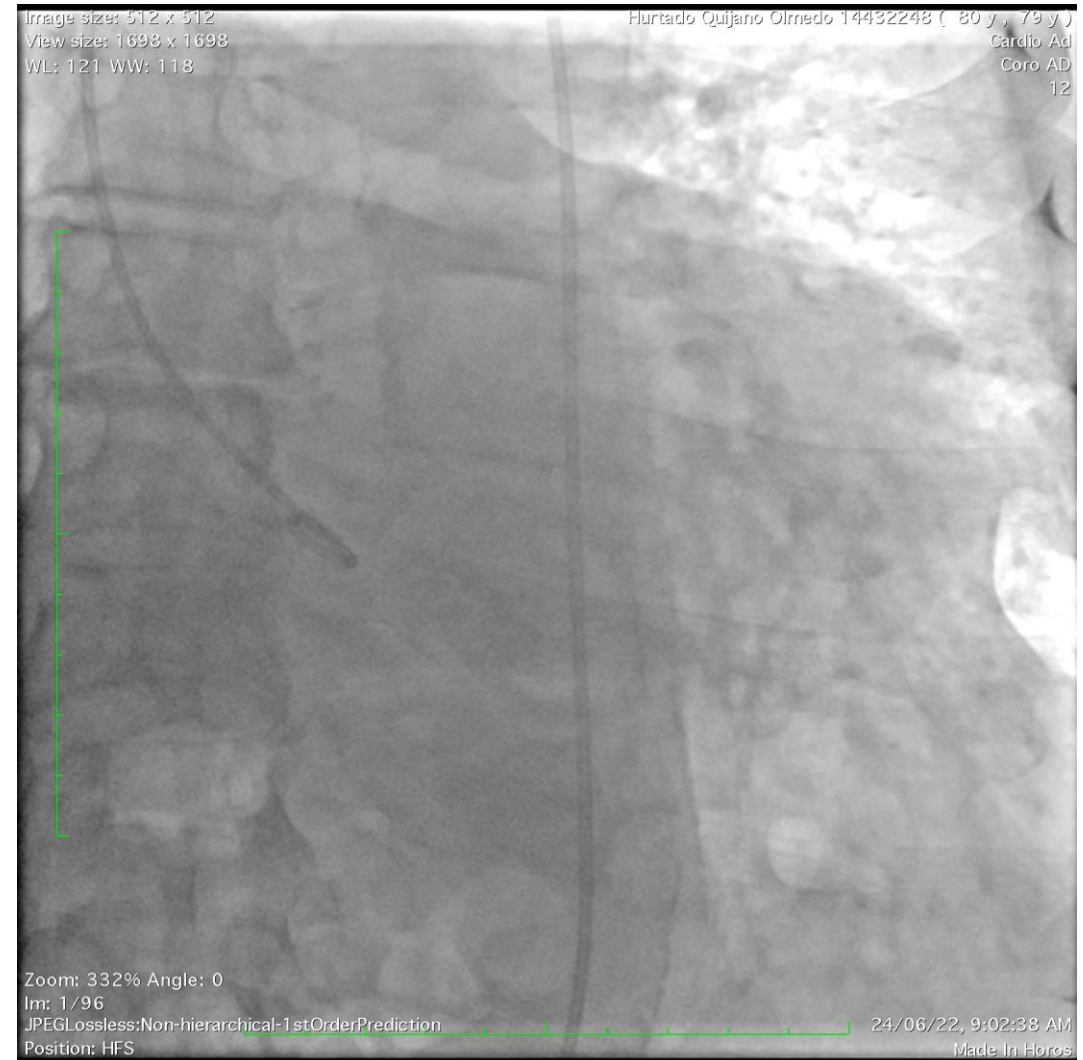
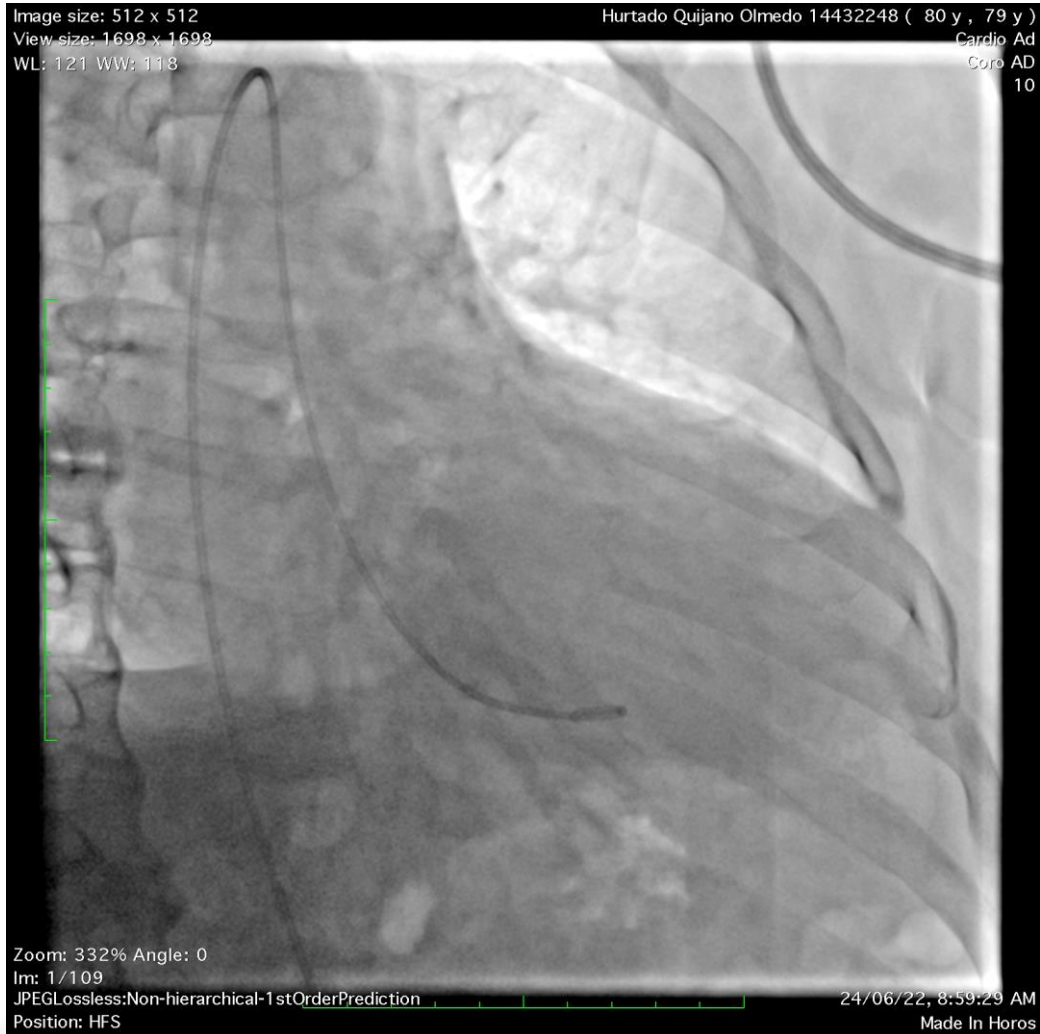
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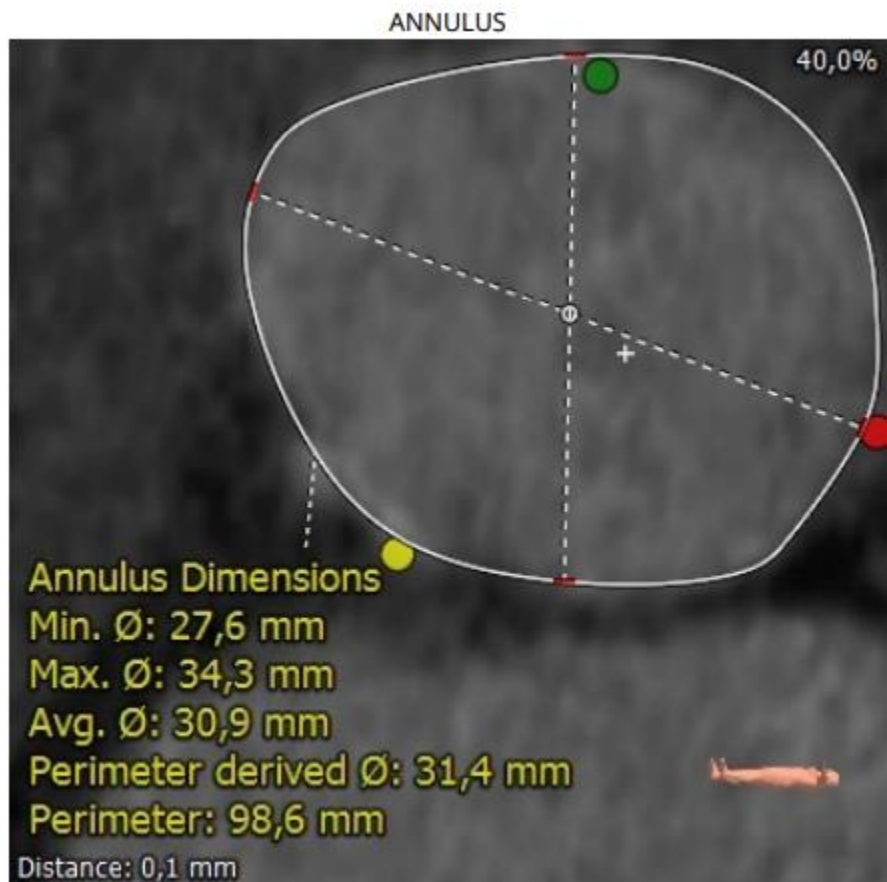
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FE 45%

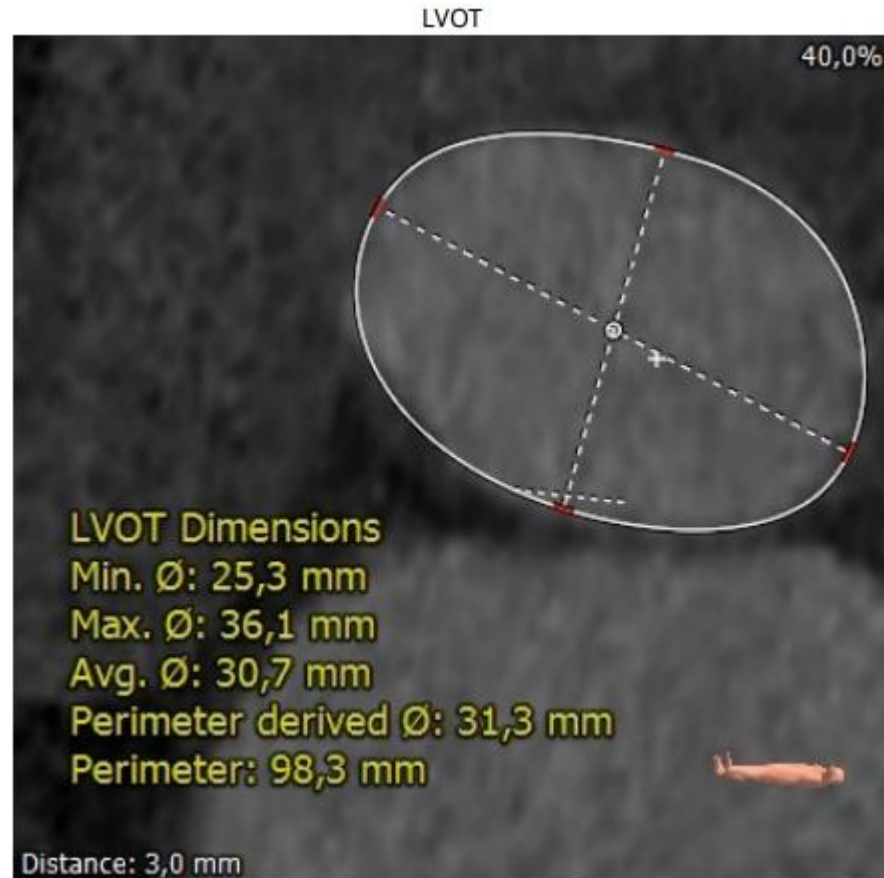
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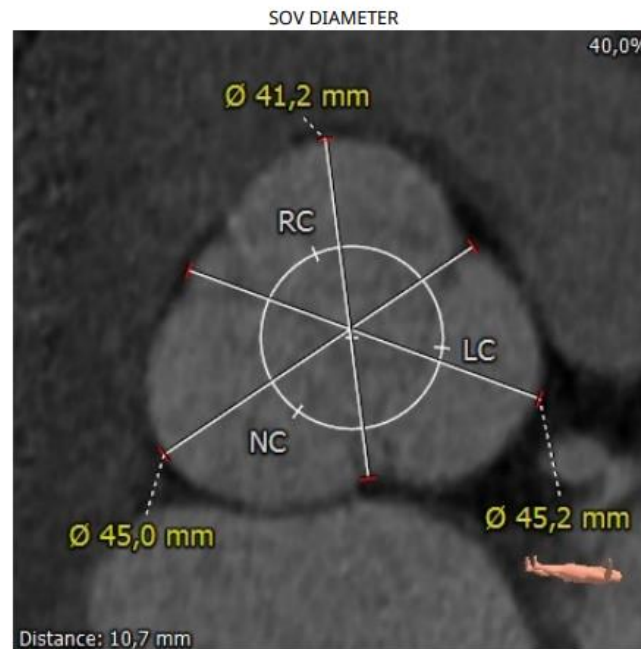
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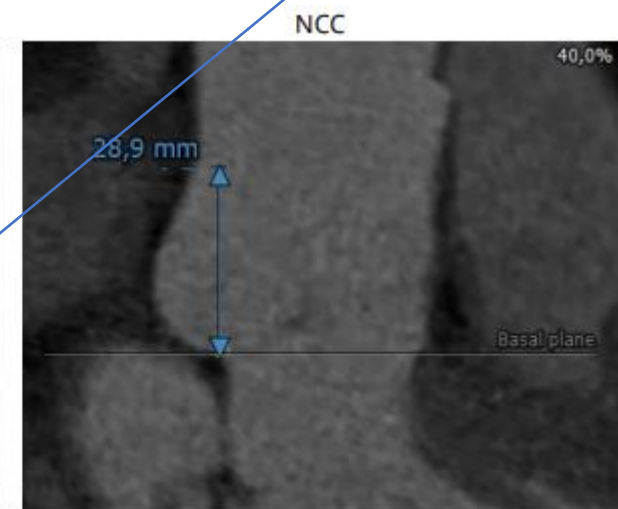
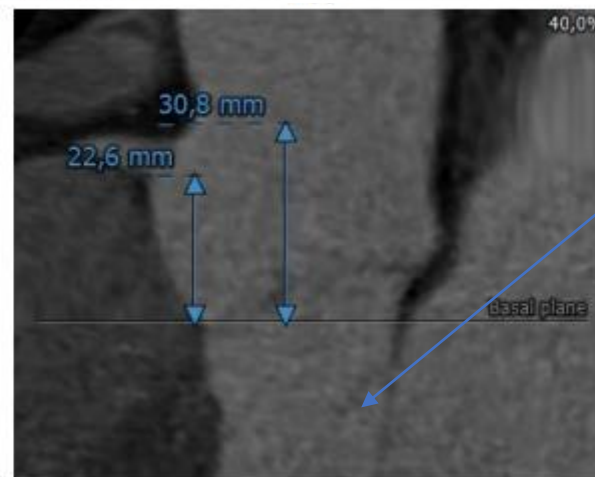
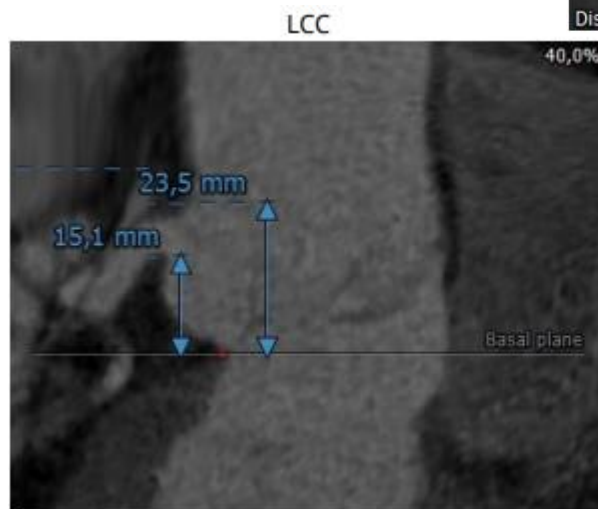
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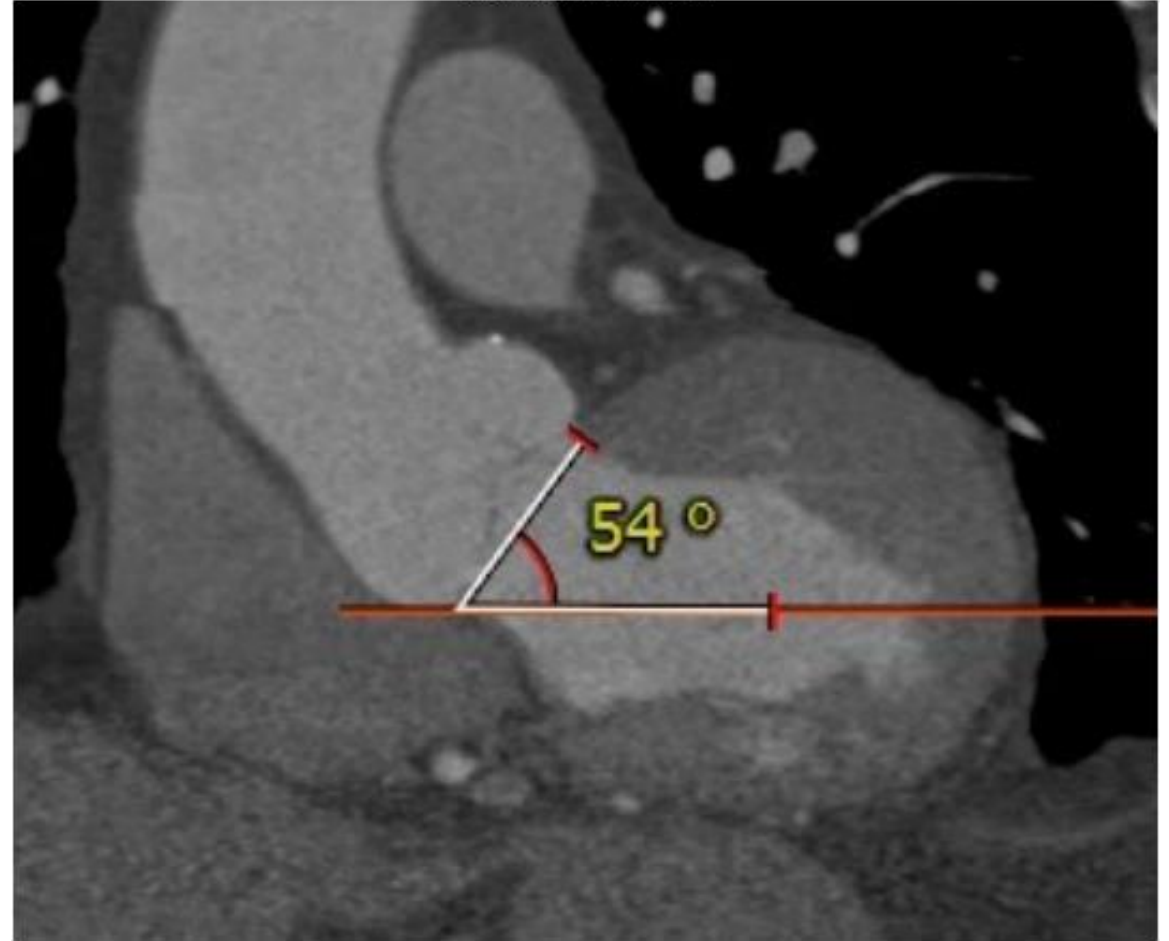


## TUBULAR SHAPE LVOT



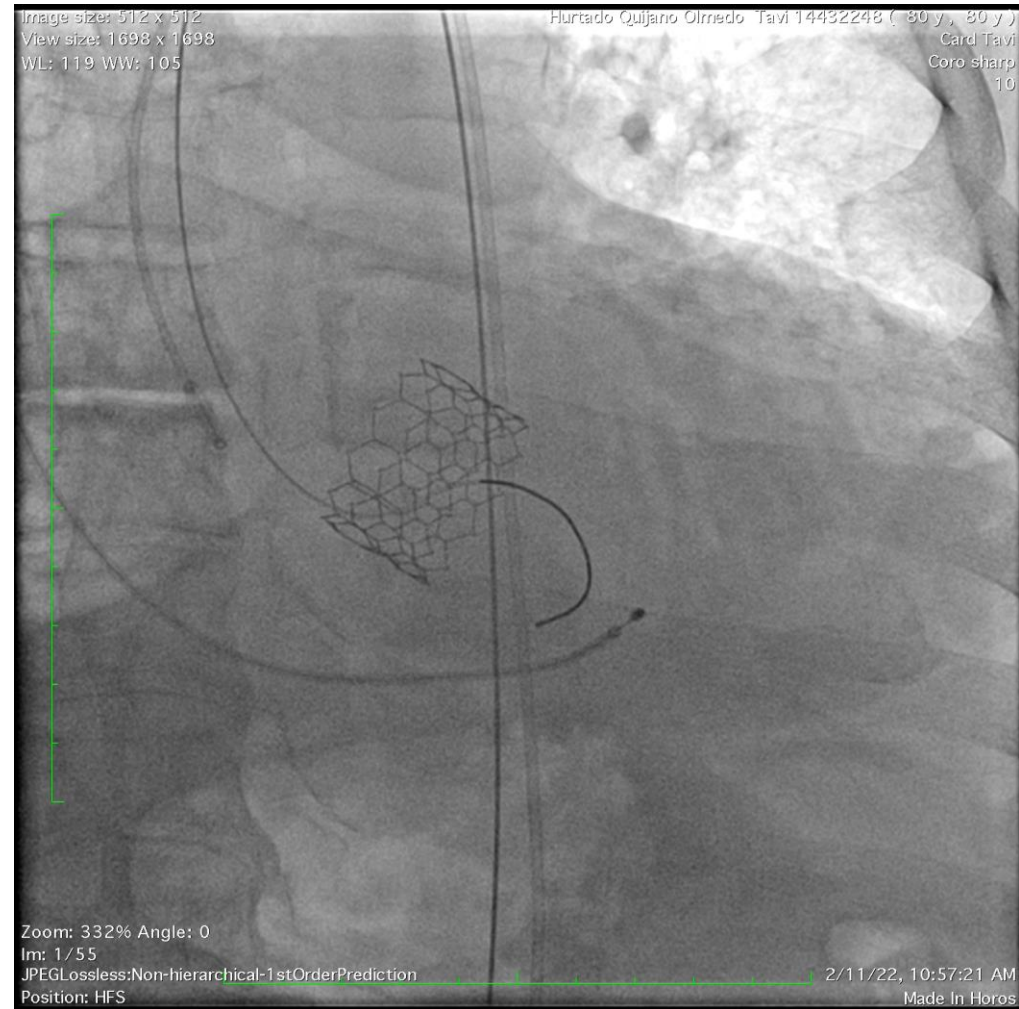
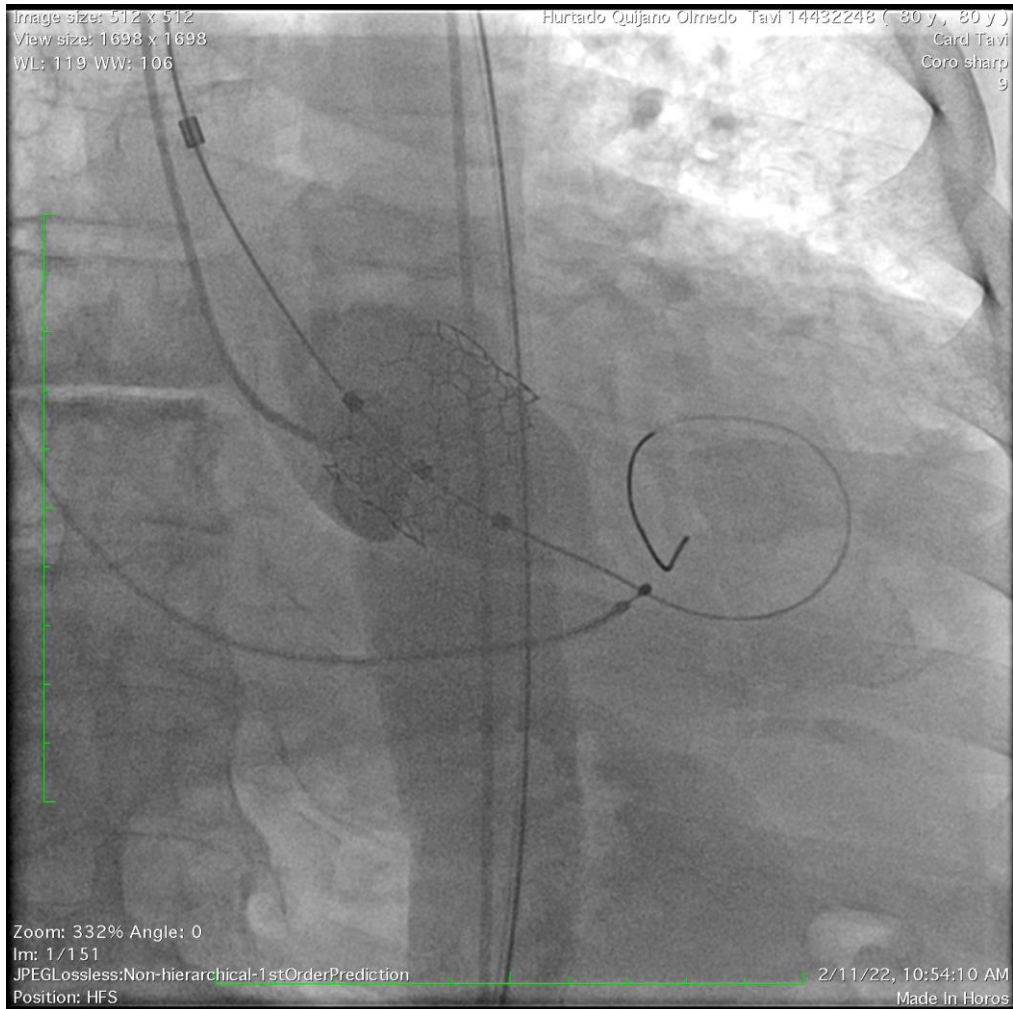
# Aortic position Angle

Annular Angulation

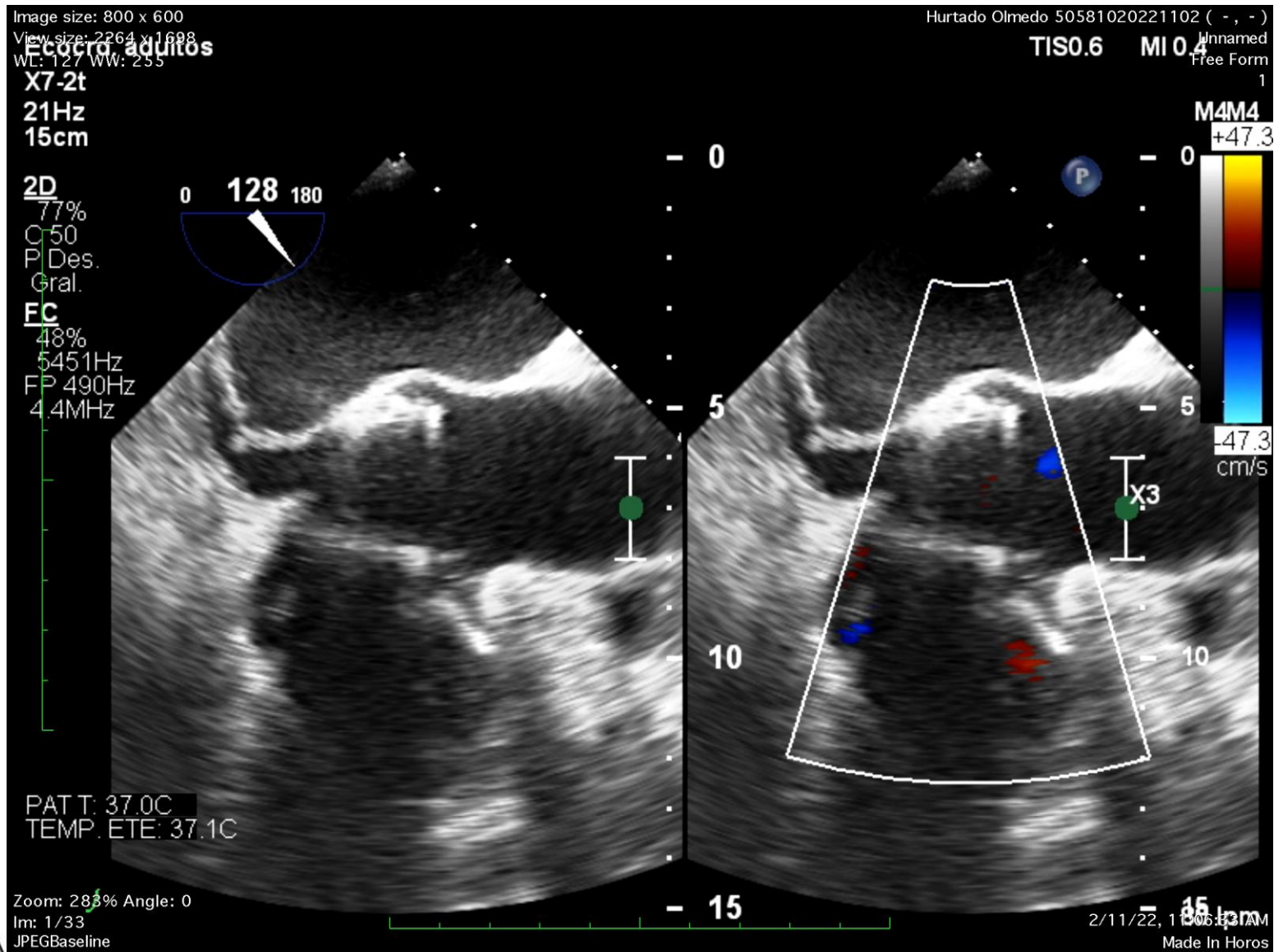












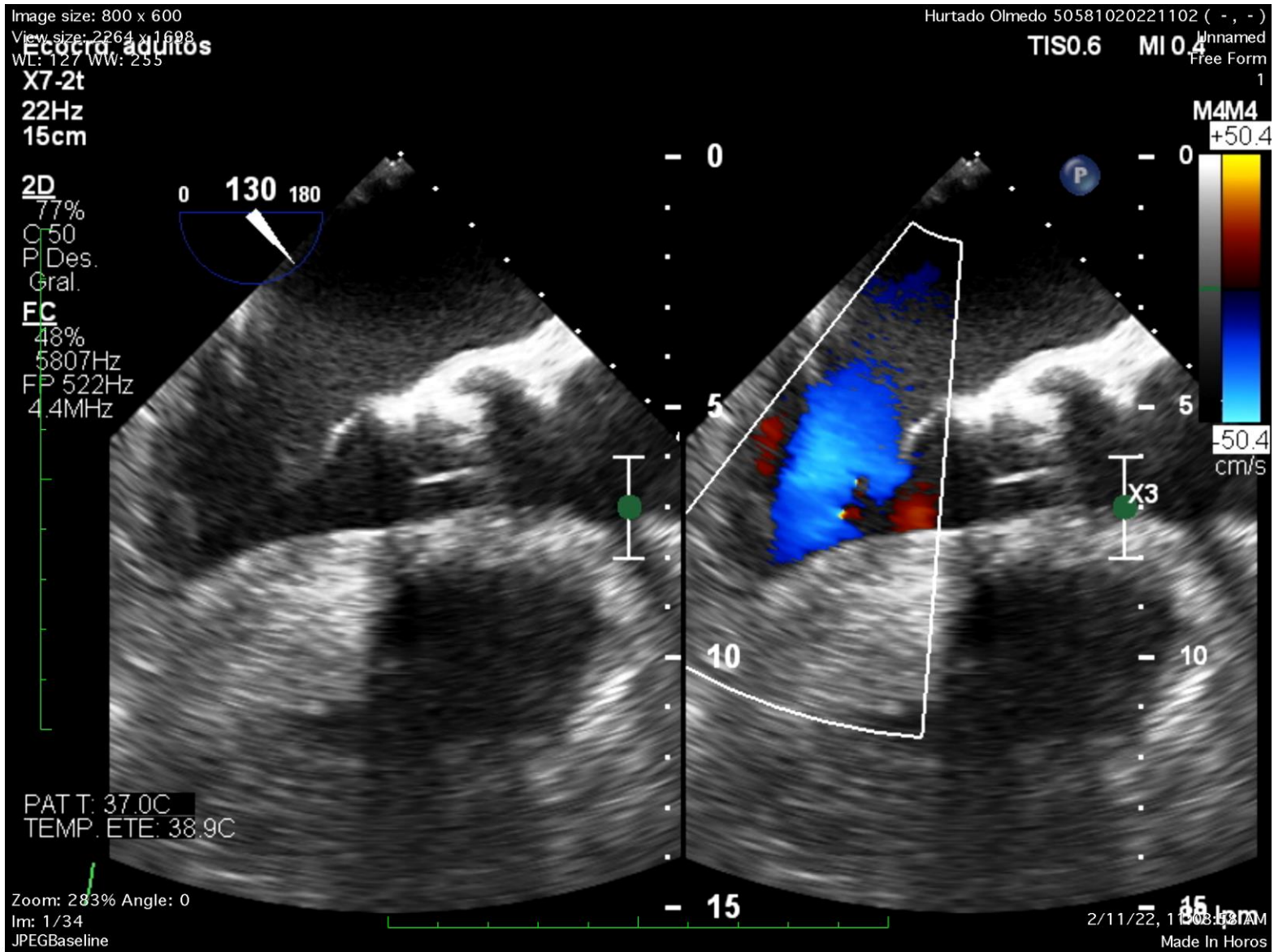


Image size: 800 x 600  
View size: 2264 x 1698  
WL: 127 WW: 255  
**Eccopro adultos**  
**X7-2t**  
**22Hz**  
**15cm**

Hurtado Olmedo 50581020221102 ( -, - )  
**TIS0.6 MI 0.4**  
Unnamed  
Free Form  
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**2D**  
77%  
C50  
P Des.  
Gral.

**FC**  
48%  
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FP 538Hz  
4.4MHz

0 130 180

**M4M4**

+51.9



PAT T: 37.0C  
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# Clinical Case

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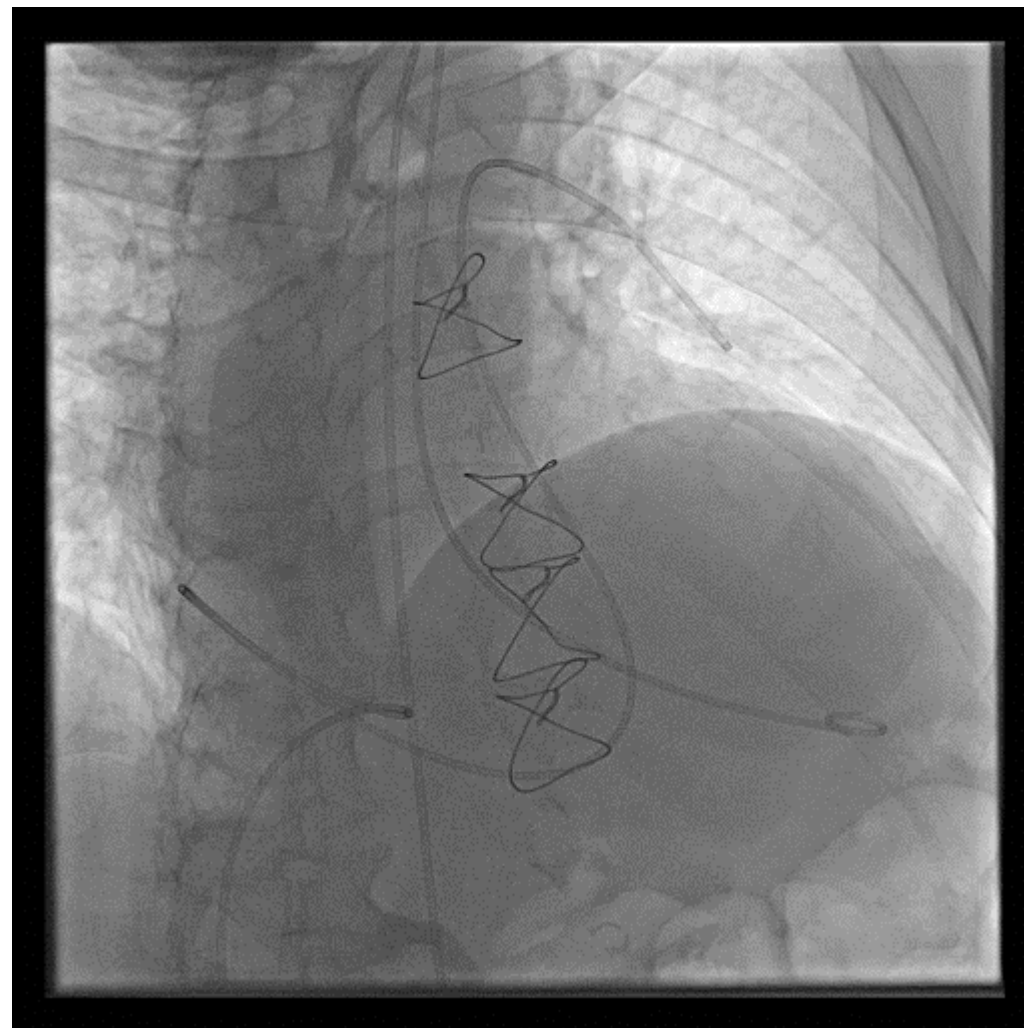
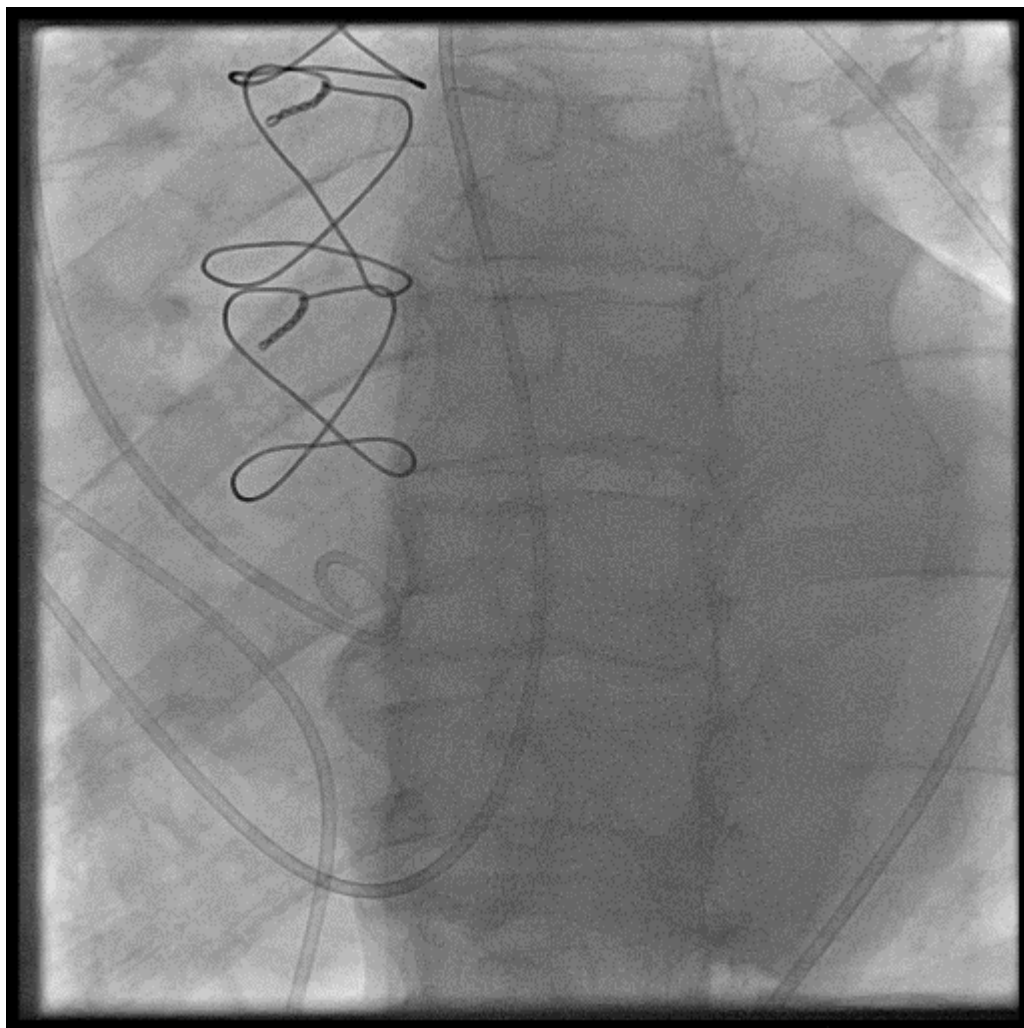
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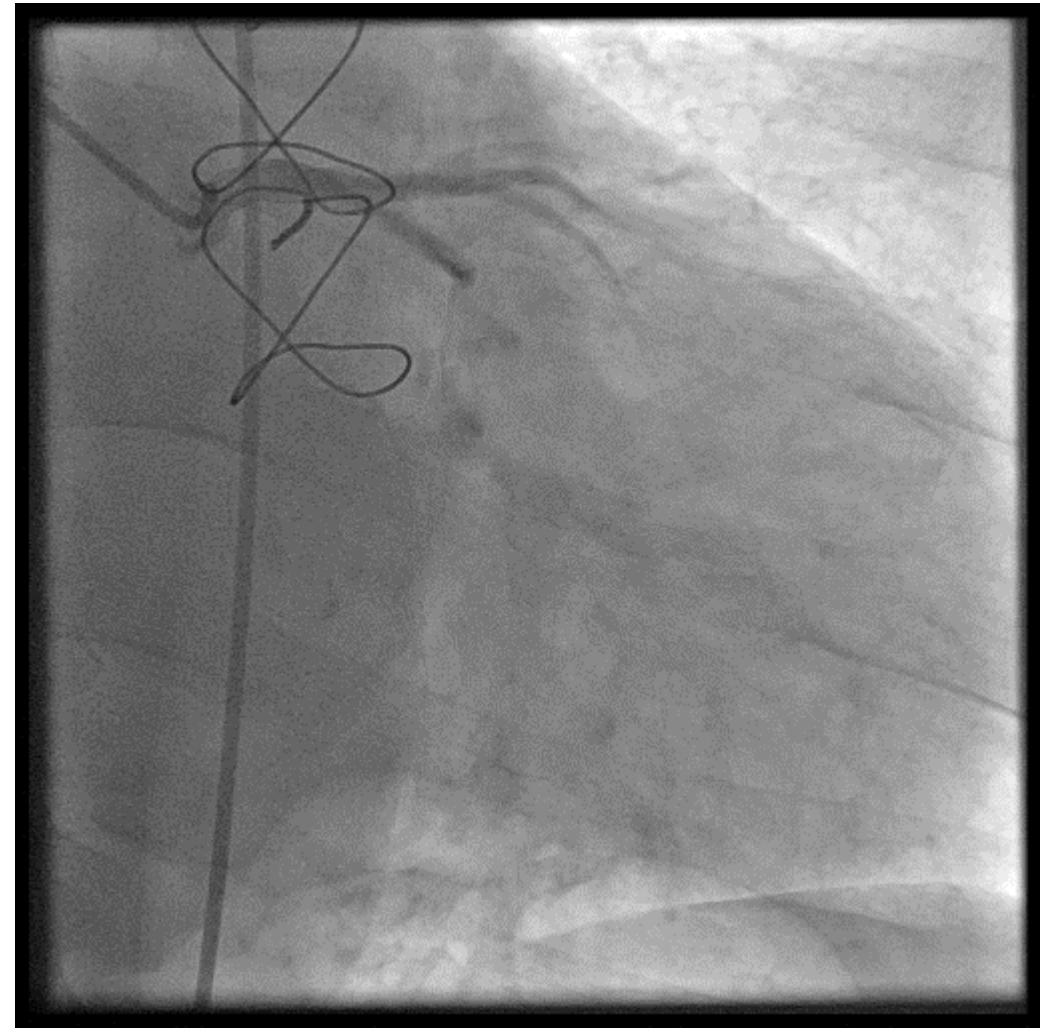
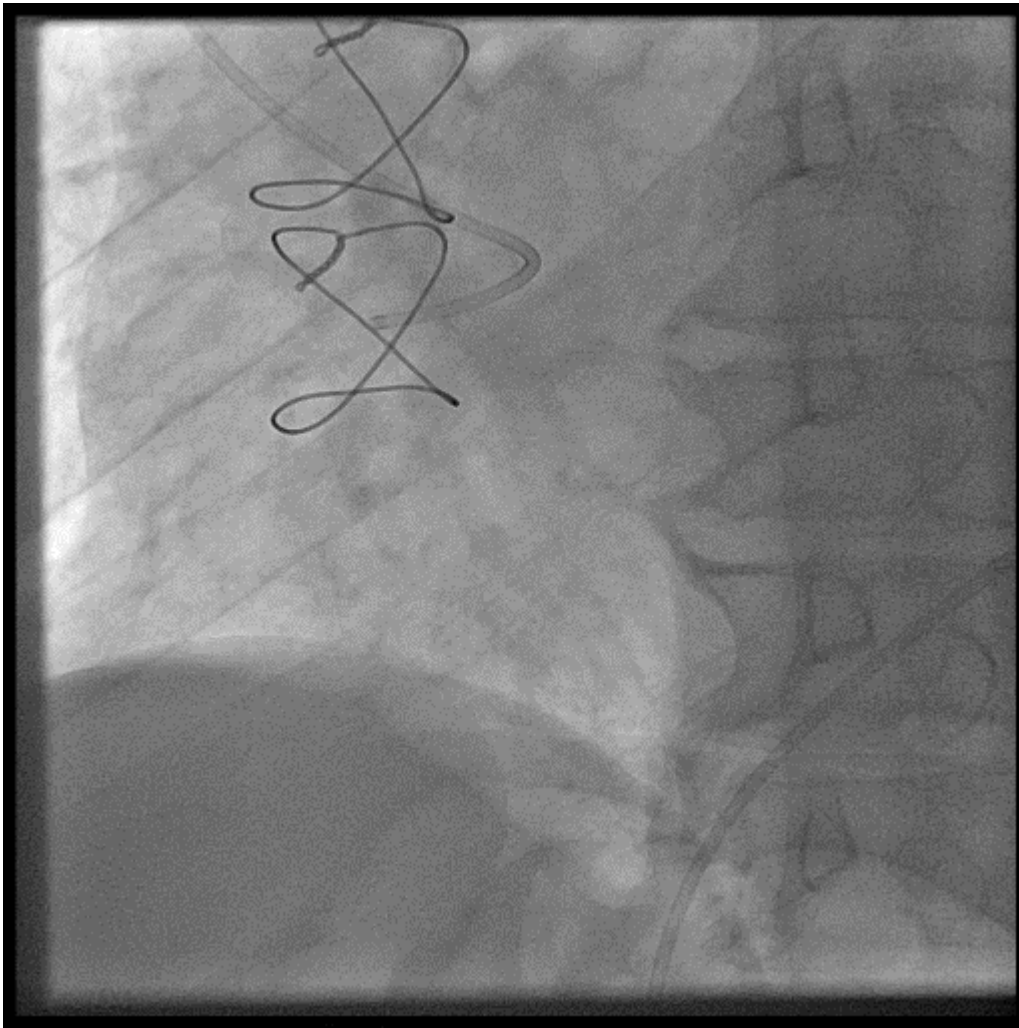
HTN

ATRIAL FIBRILATION

MITRAL VALVE REPLACEMENT

FE 31%



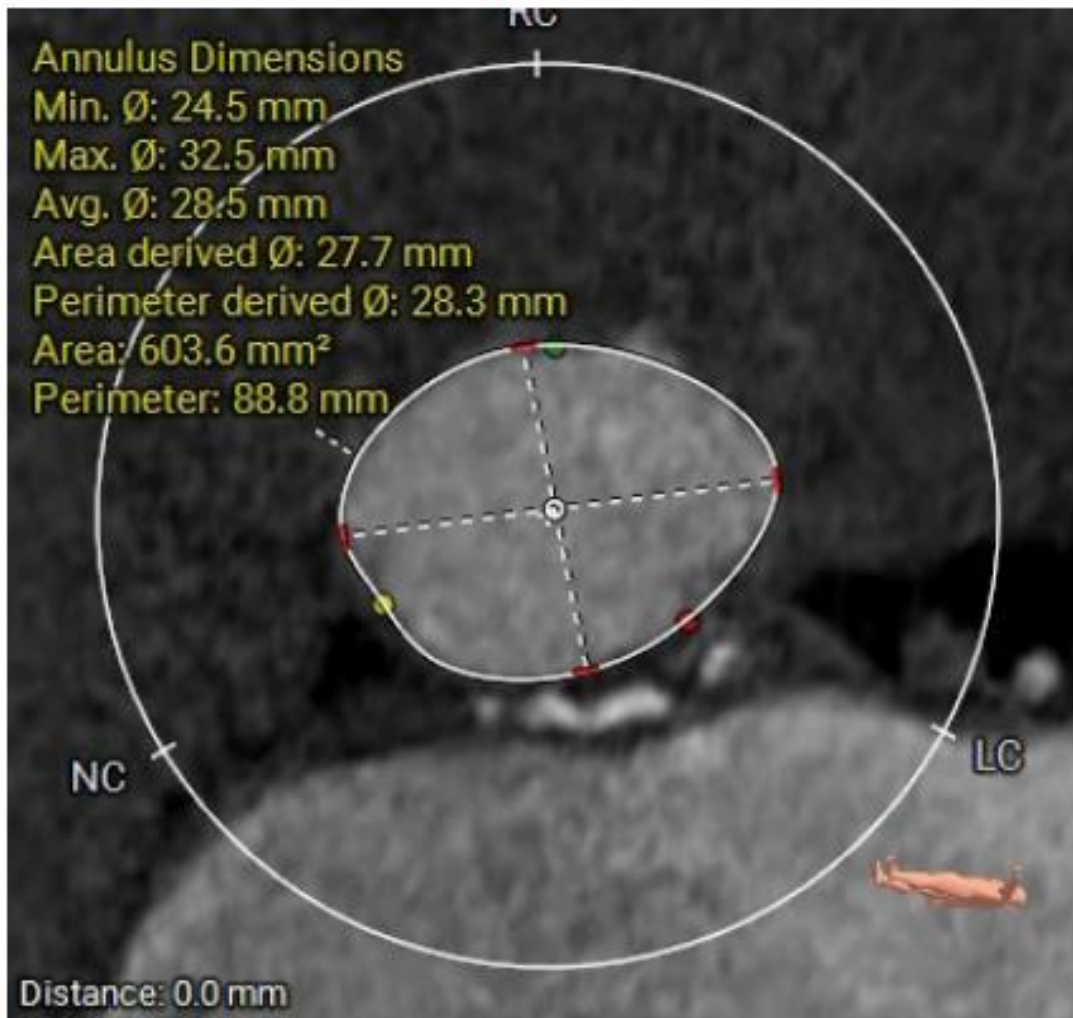




## Annulus

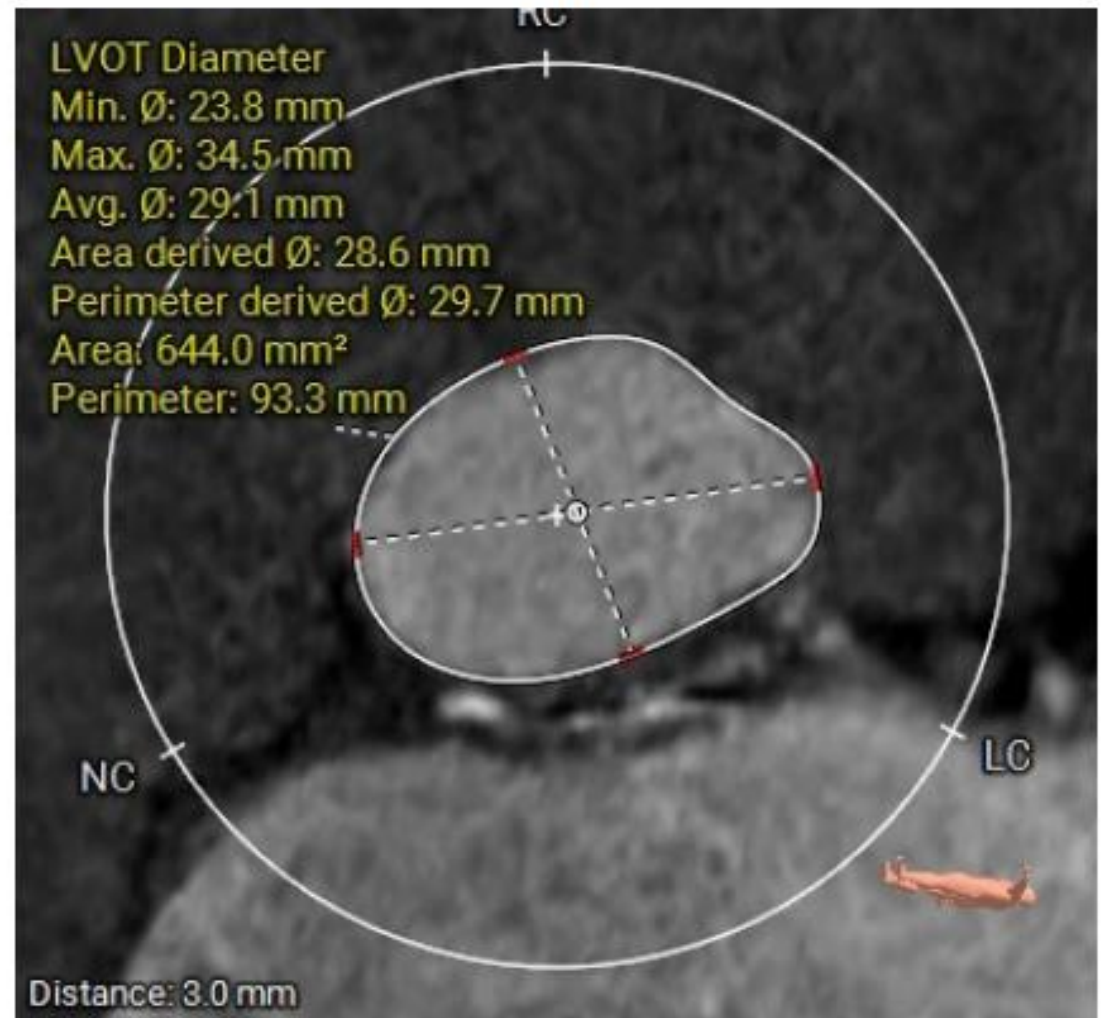
### Annulus Dimensions

Min. Ø: 24.5 mm  
Max. Ø: 32.5 mm  
Avg. Ø: 28.5 mm  
Area derived Ø: 27.7 mm  
Perimeter derived Ø: 28.3 mm  
Area: 603.6 mm<sup>2</sup>  
Perimeter: 88.8 mm



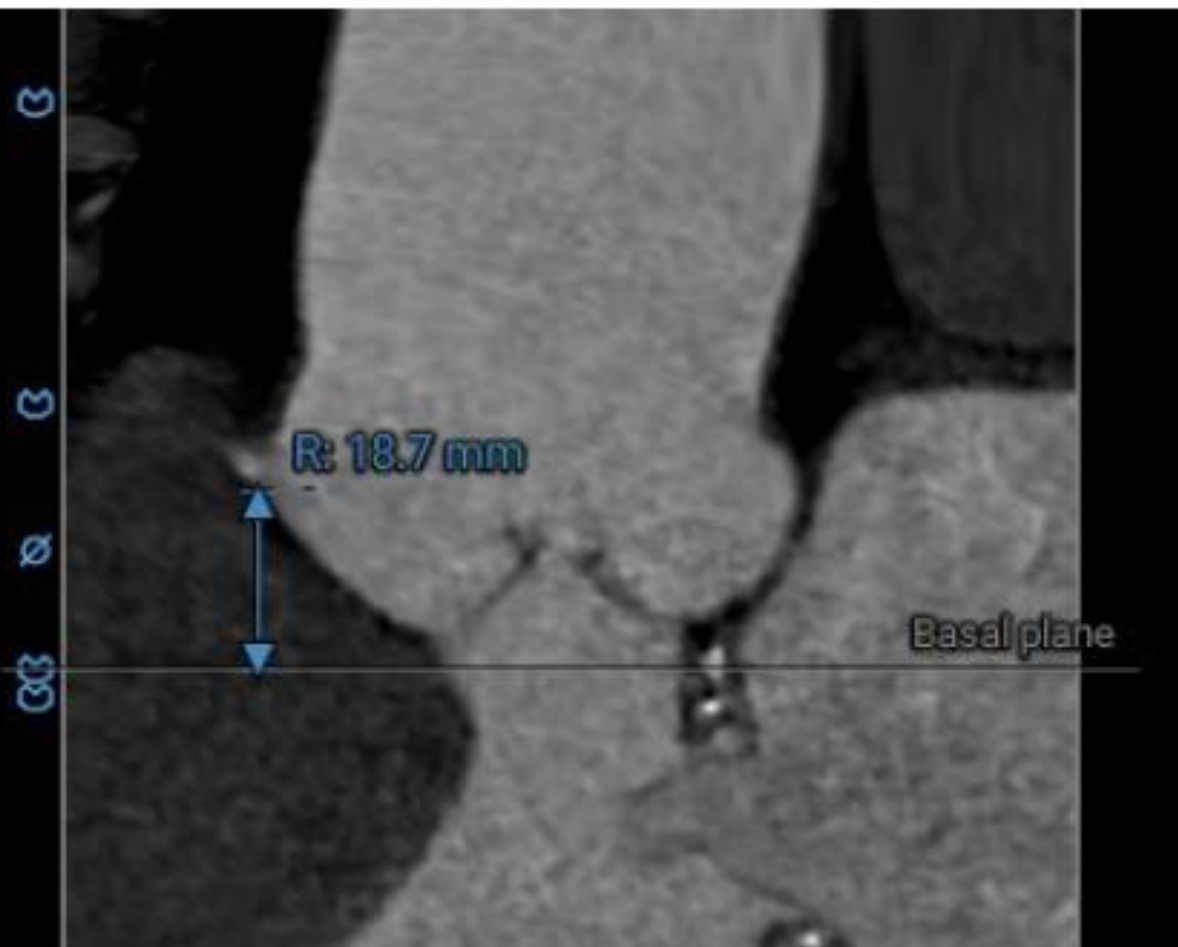
## LVOT

LVOT Diameter  
Min. Ø: 23.8 mm  
Max. Ø: 34.5 mm  
Avg. Ø: 29.1 mm  
Area derived Ø: 28.6 mm  
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Area: 644.0 mm<sup>2</sup>  
Perimeter: 93.3 mm

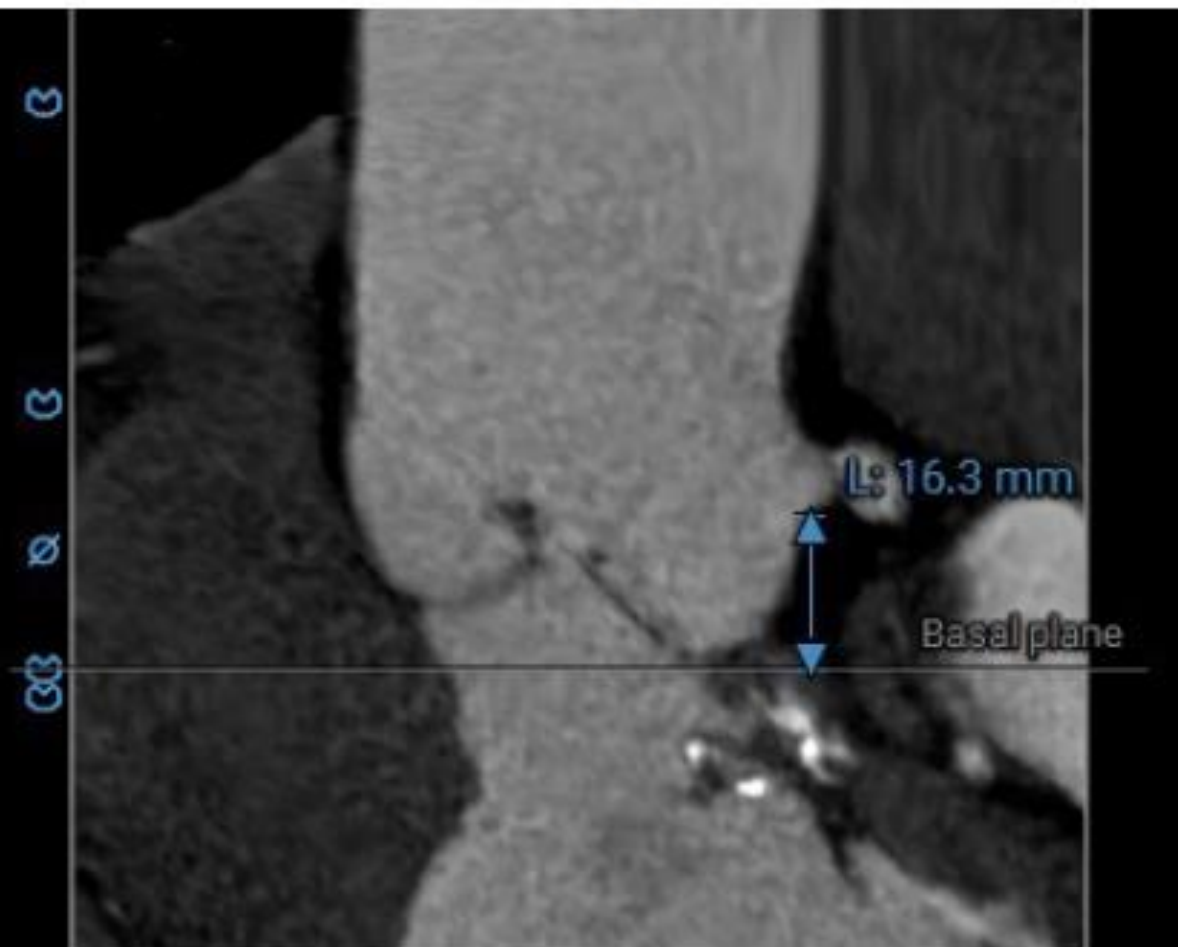


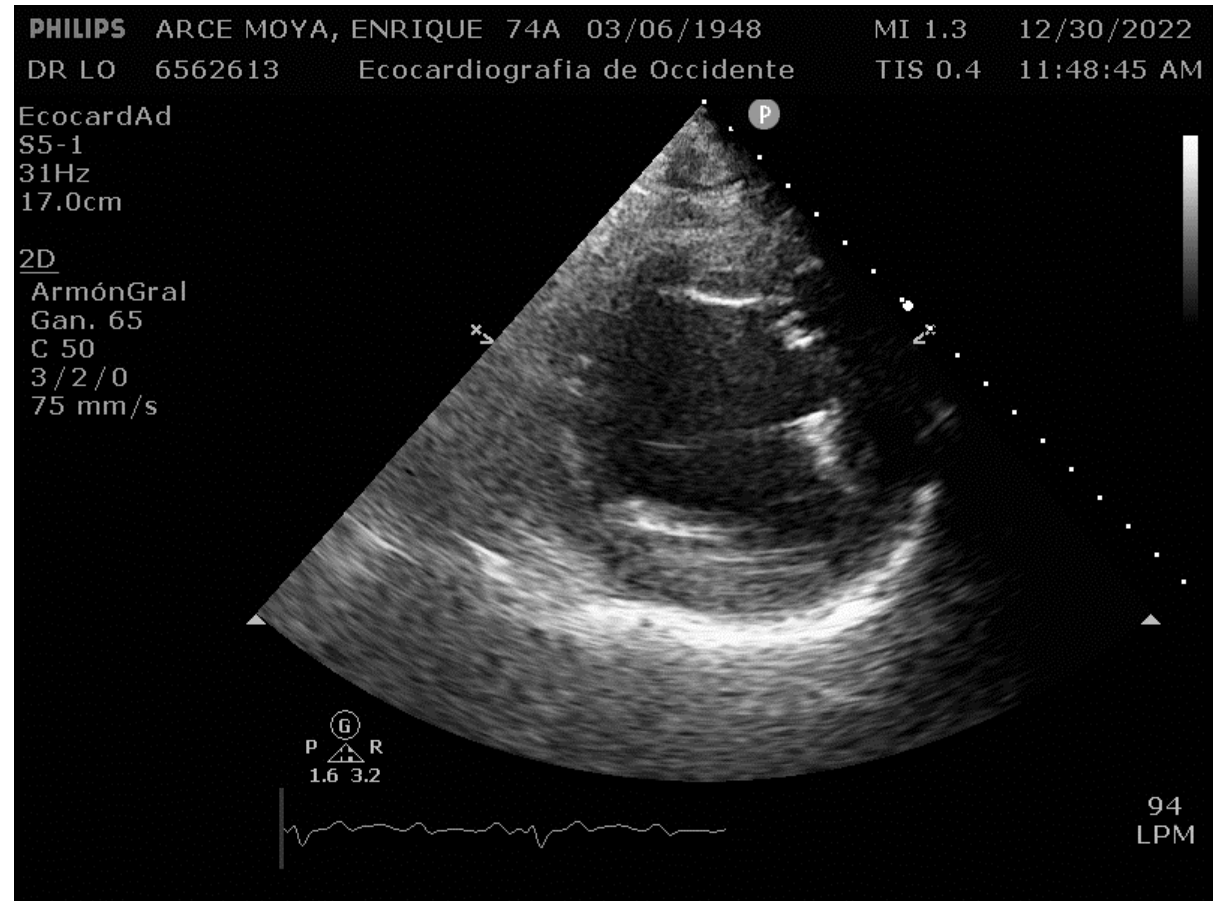
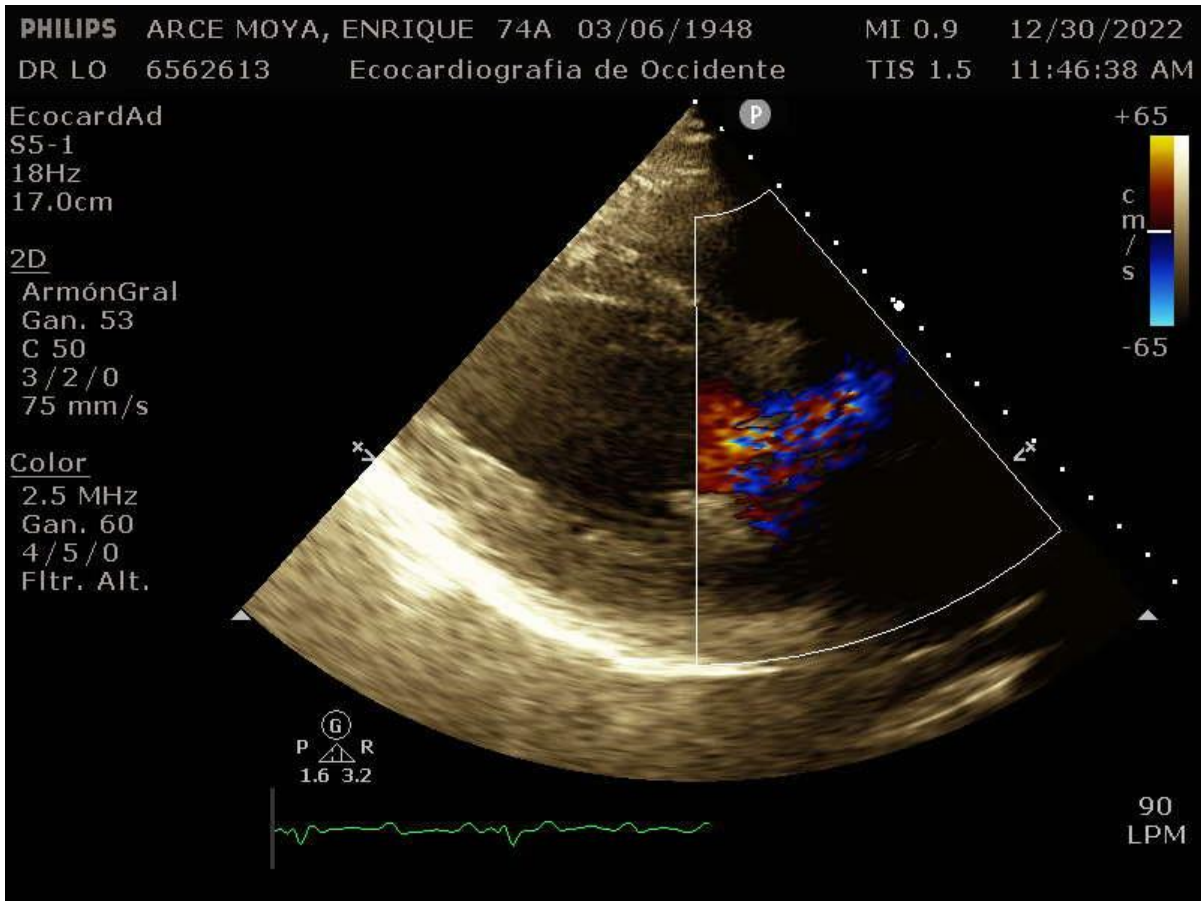


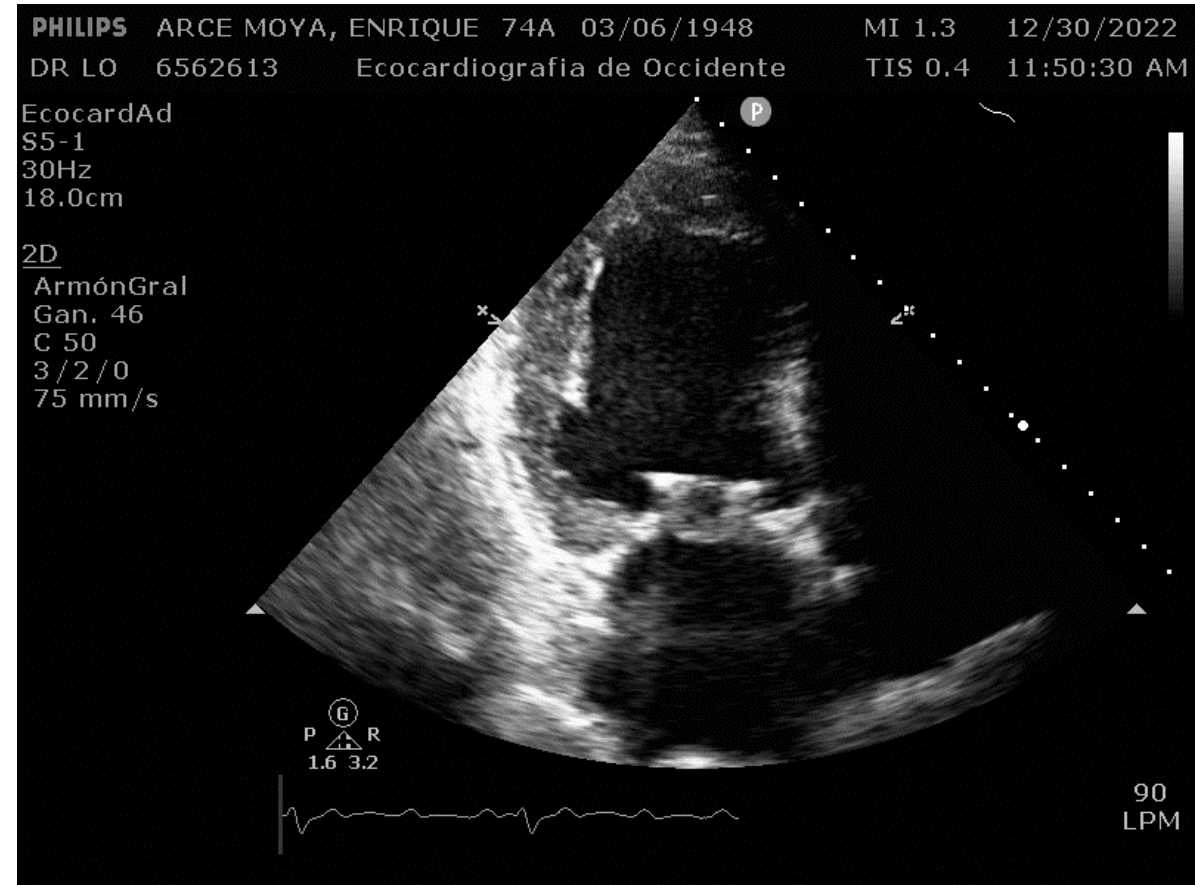
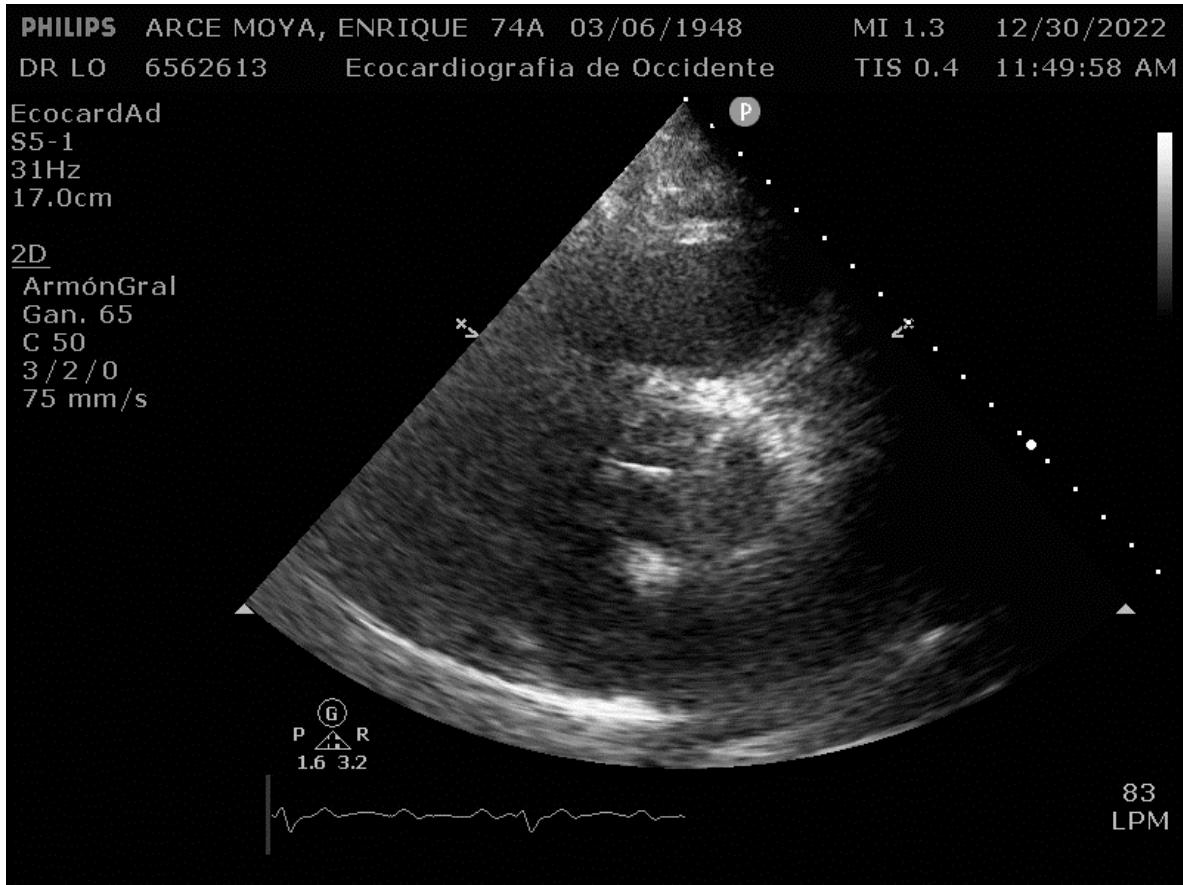
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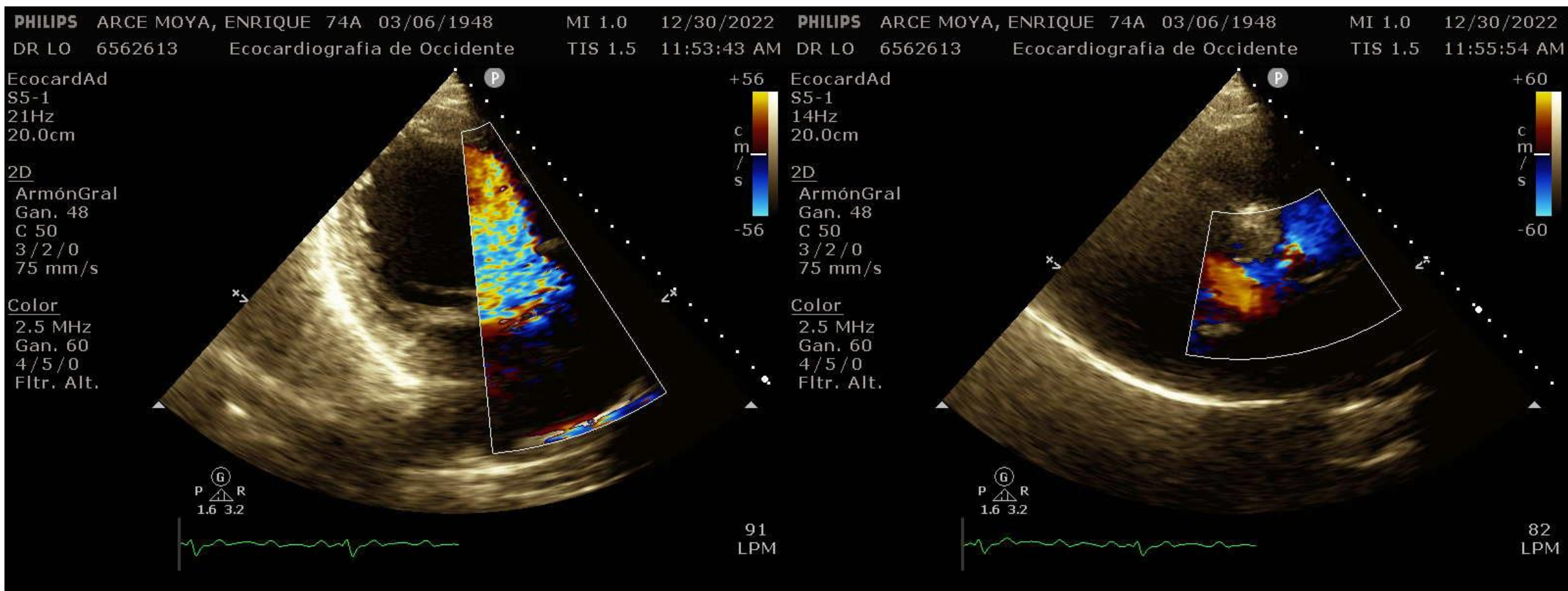
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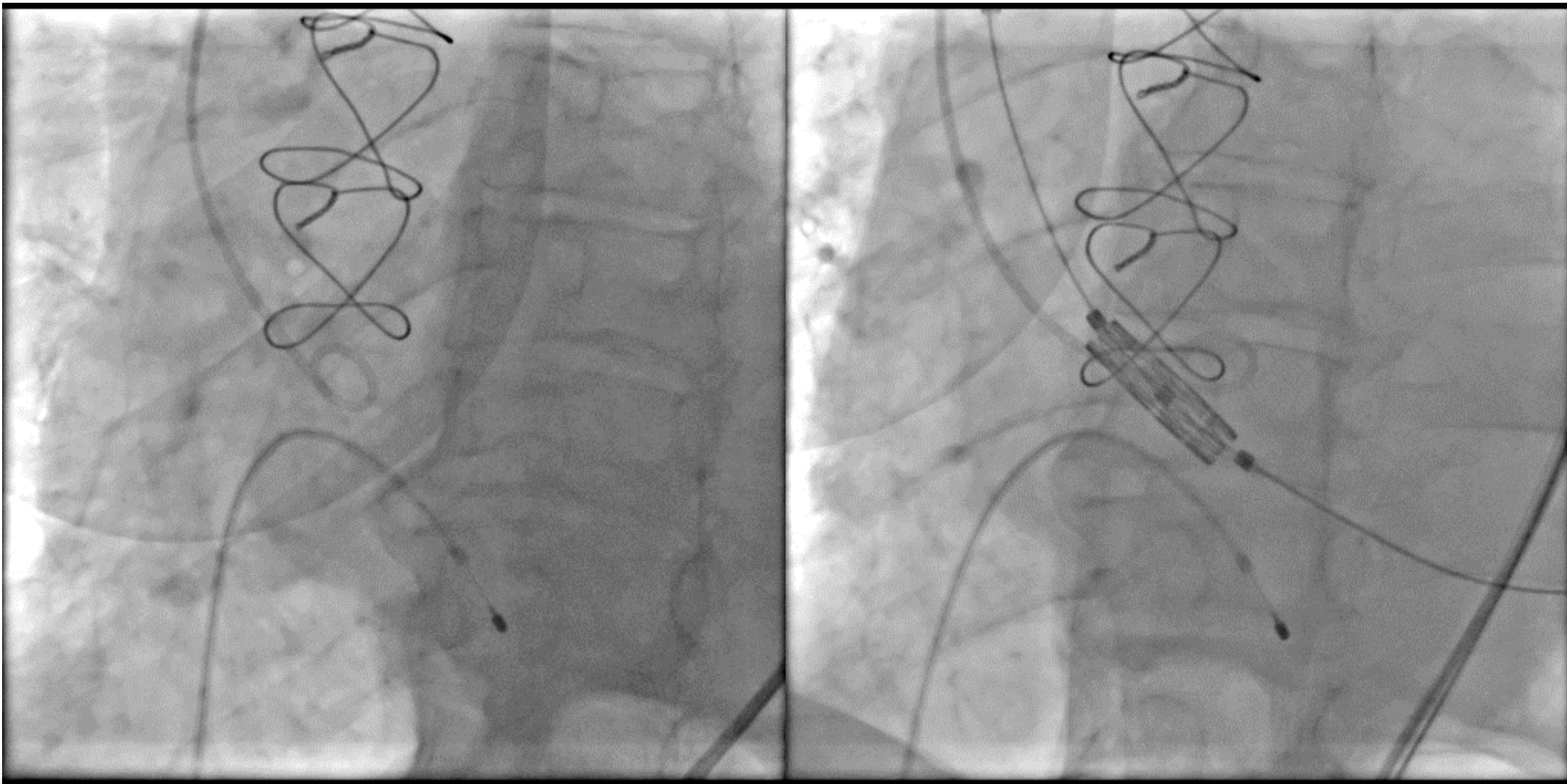


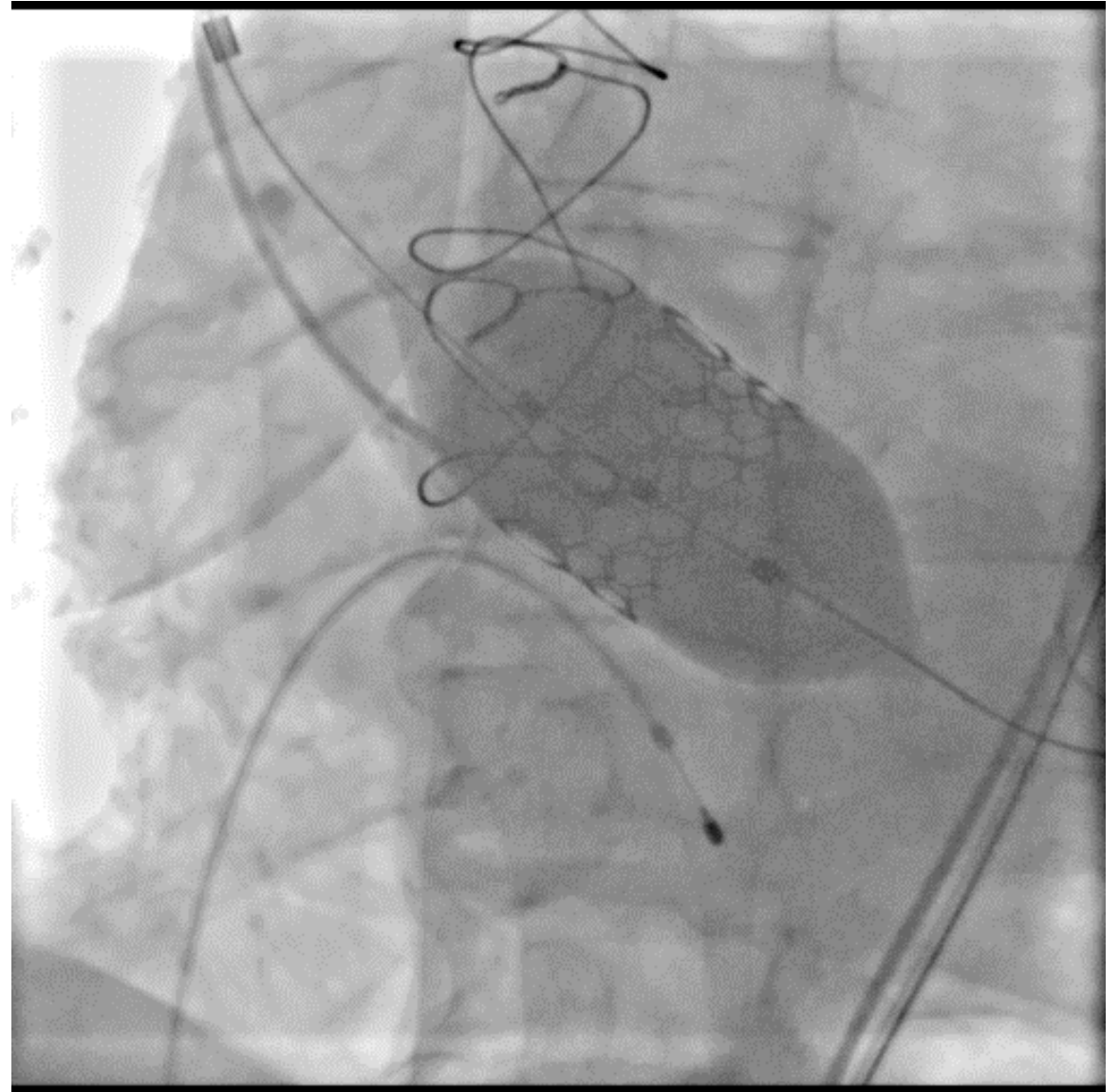
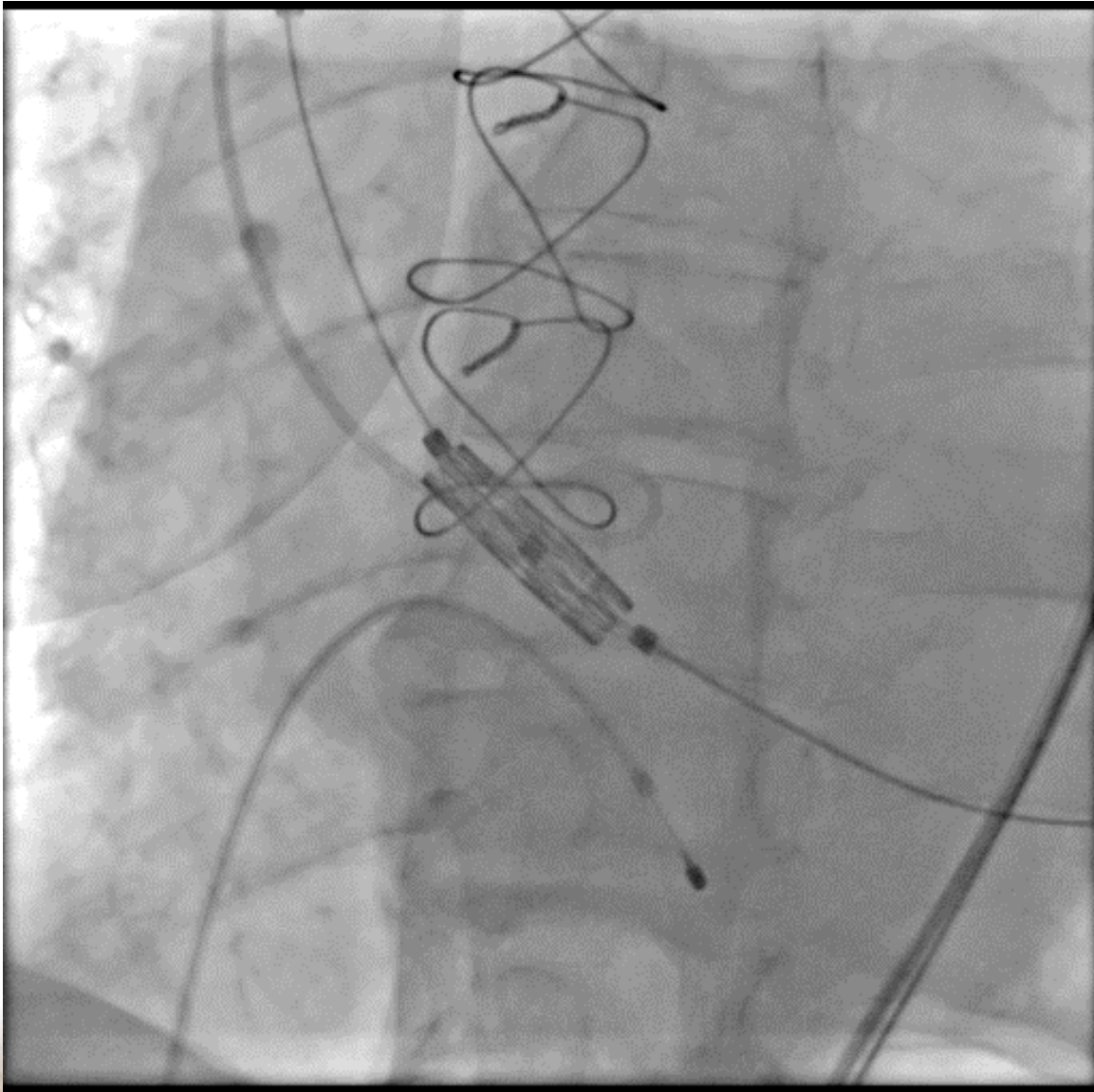






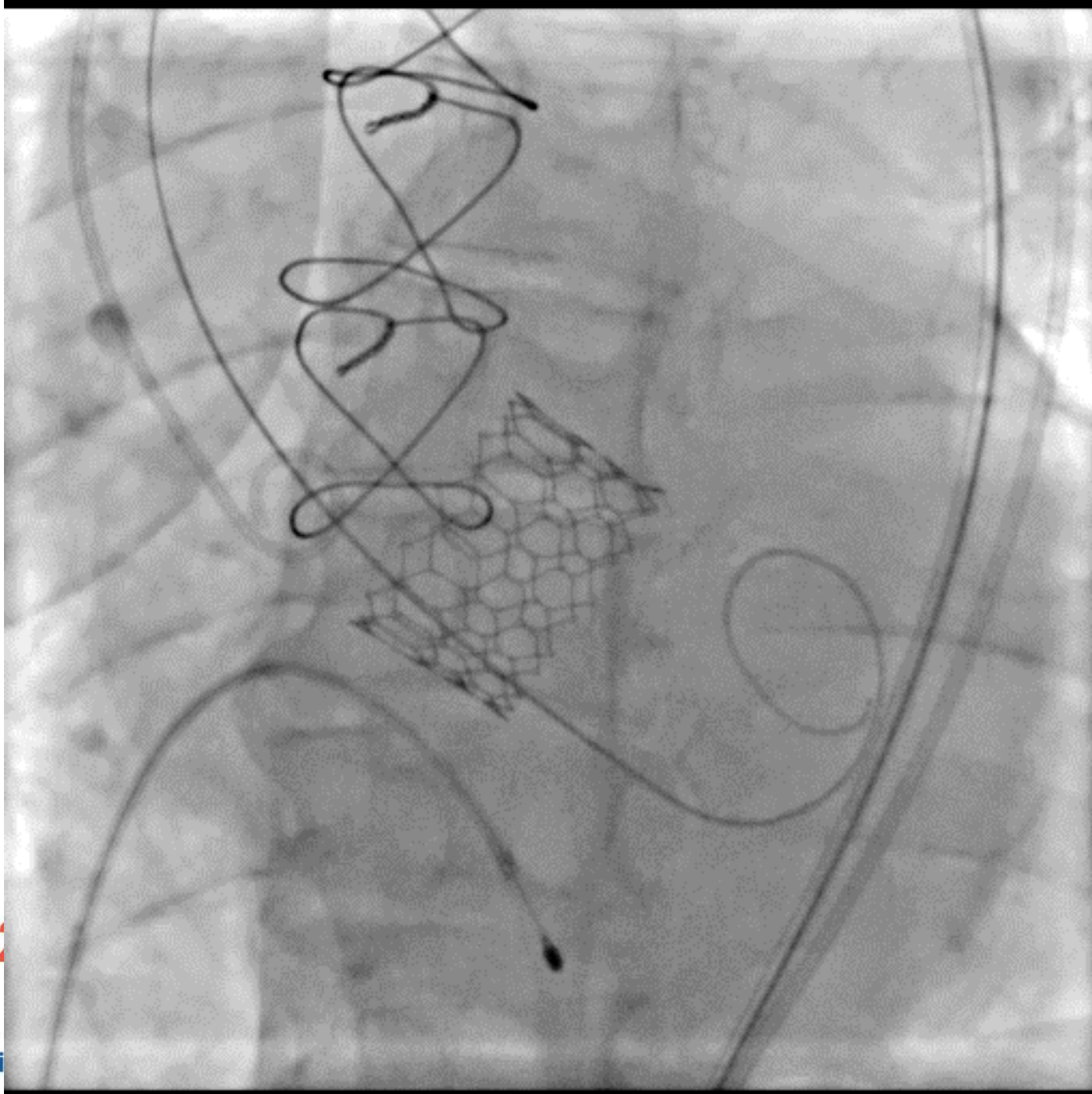






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# KEY POINTS

- Once at the No-Recapture point (pre-release) and recovery of **PA** continue drive with pacemaker. (DO NOT SUSPEND ABRUPTLY THE DRIVE WITH PACEMAKERS IN THE FINAL PHASE OF LIBERATION).
- Gradual decrease of heart rate under fluoroscopy visualization.
- Rapid reduction or suspension of the drive with pacemaker implies risk of dislocation of the device due to increased preload.



## **CONCLUSIONS:**

**In the general cohort, the TAVR for NAVR is associated with high rates of complications during the procedure.**

**However, new generation devices (NGD) were associated with better procedure results:**

- Lower rate of second valve implant**
- Aortic insufficiency less to moderate post-procedure**

## CONCLUSIONS:

- **Post-procedure aortic insufficiency greater than moderate was associated with increased mortality from all causes, late mortality and re-hospitalizations.**
- **The accumulated experience and the technology of the device have allowed to increase the OFF LABEL use of the TAVR for the aortic valve disease.**

# PURE study (Percutaneous Udated management of pure aortic Regurgitation with Myval device)

## Why this study?

Transcatheter aortic valve implantation (TAVI) to treat patients with severe symptomatic aortic stenosis (AS) is a well-established procedure. However, the anatomic and structural alterations of the valve in pure aortic regurgitation (P-AR) are distinct to those in degenerative AS. The feasibility of TAVI in a non-calcified P-AR using non-dedicated devices approved only for AS is considered an off-label procedure but has shown promising results in published case series. Novel balloon-expandable valves (BEV) offer the attractive option of extra-large sizes that might be of particular interest in this setting. According to the current European and American guidelines, surgical intervention is indicated when significant AR is accompanied by symptoms, decreased left ventricular (LV) systolic function, or severe LV dilatation, with TAVI being considered as a bail-out option for high-risk or inoperable patients. Since TAVI is a challenging intervention in these cases due to the anatomic complexity (aortic annulus dimensions, aortic root dilation, and the lack of sufficient annular calcification) it is indicated only for carefully selected patients as an off-label indication due to its multiple challenges with unpredictable immediate and long-term results. The aim of this study is to evaluate the safety and feasibility of TAVI in P-AR with a novel BEV device with available extra-large sizes.

