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**Prosthetic valve malfunction a case based approach
to effective treatment**

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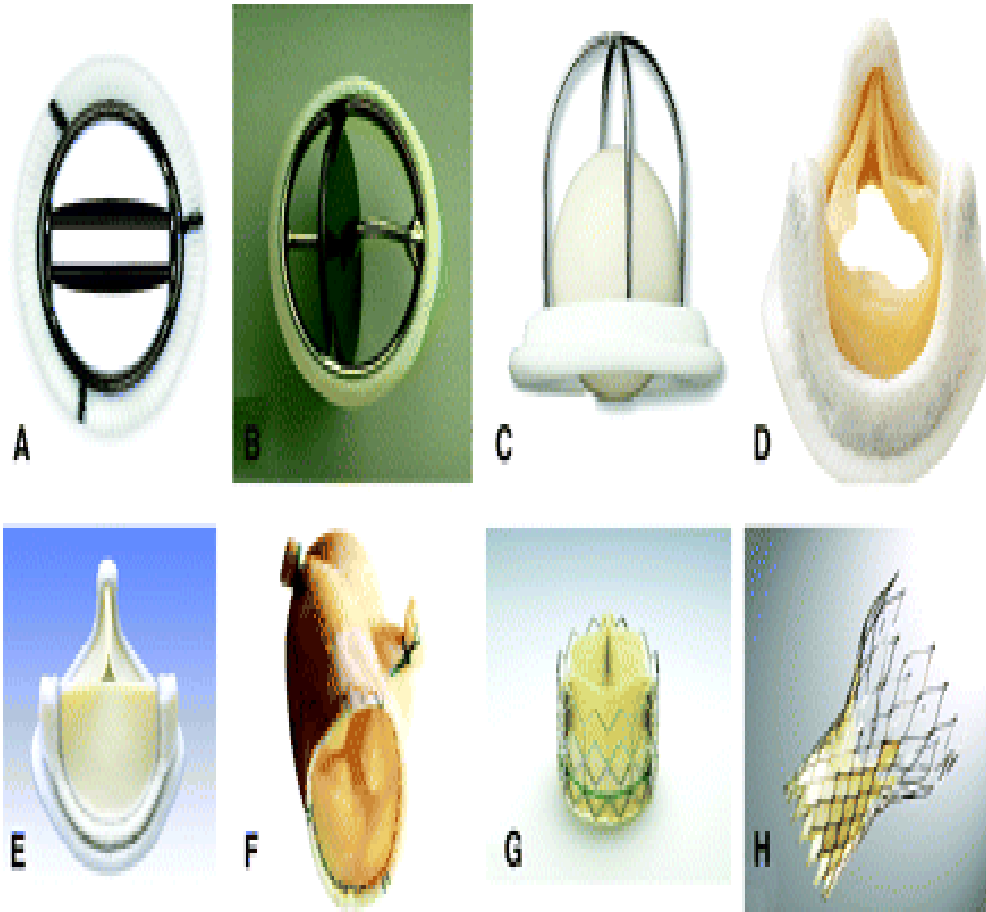
- first prosthetic ball valve implanted (by Charles Hufnagel) (1952)
- development of circulatory support heart bypass machinery (1953)

- first valve implanted in anatomic position - Starr-Edwards (1960)
- homograft valve in aortic position (Gunning & Duran) (1962)
- stent-mounted porcine valve (Gunning & Duran) (1964)
- tilting disk valve – Bjork-Shiley (1967)
- glutaraldehyde fixation introduced (Carpentier) (1968)
- first valve with pyrolytic carbon implanted (1969)
- first pericardial valve (Ionescu) (1971)
- cryo-preservation introduced (1975)
- mechanical bileaflet valve – St Jude Medical (1978)

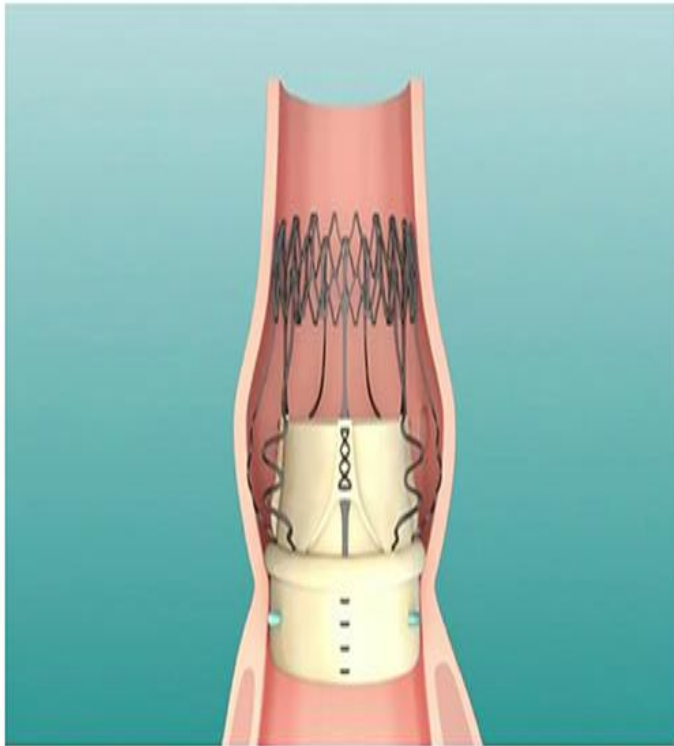
optimisation of designs, materials and surgical techniques







Perceval suture less valve



Edwards Intuity Elite Valve suture less





Future of prosthetic valve

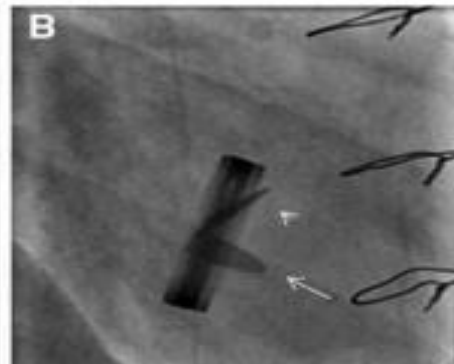
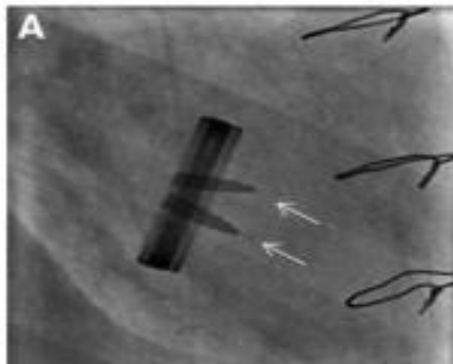
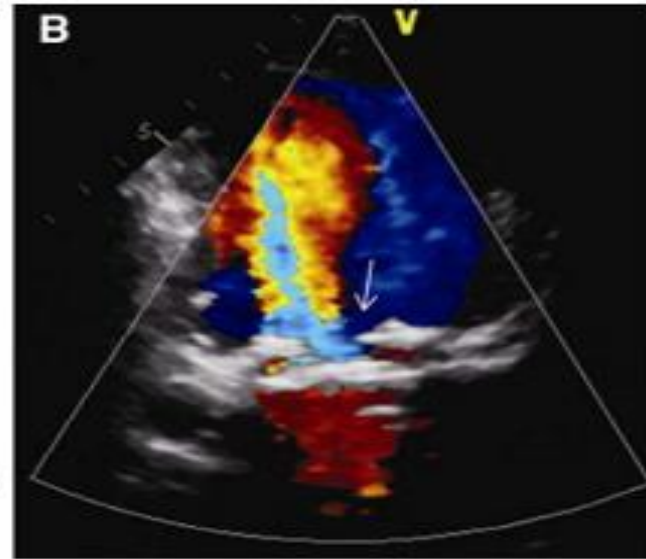
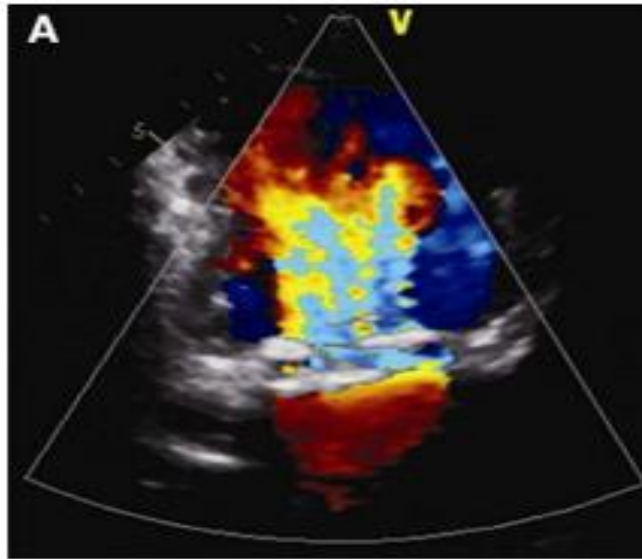
- Biocompatibility
- Durability
- thrombogenicity

PROSTHETIC ECHO REPORT

- Type of prosthetic valve
- Size of prosthetic valve specially bioprosthetic valve
- Date of surgery
- Heart rate and BP
- HB of patient
- Serial echo/HREAT TEAM

Intermittent Malfunction of a Prosthetic Valve





- In operating room
- After operation in follow up
- Management is similar to prosthetic valve dysfunction



- This is a rare case of a non-fully plicated native leaflet having marginal contact with the occluders causing intermittent obstruction.
- Sub-valvular apparatus preservation with posterior leaflet and chordal attachments preservation during mitral valve replacement is a well-established surgical technique presented more than 40 years ago and maintains left ventricular function resulting in survival improvement.
- **Transoesophageal echocardiography is crucial for imaging of prosthetic valves in mitral position.**
- **Dynamic imaging is the key.**



What are possible aetiologies of intermittent proshetic valve dysfunction?

1. Thrombus
2. Pannus
3. Vegetation
4. Subvalvular tissue protrusion
5. All of the above

Highlights

- This study aimed to describe the clinical features and etiologic causes of patients with intermittent mechanical valve dysfunction.
- Intermittent malfunction is a rare but potentially severe complication of the prosthetic heart valve.
- It requires elaborative examination in symptomatic patients, and **transesophageal echocardiography is crucial for differential diagnosis.**
- **The frequency of entrapment and the degree of regurgitation** or stenosis play a fundamental role in making treatment decisions.

- A 45 years old man with hx of AVR (SJ#25) and DOE FCII-III
- PROSTHETIC AV MG=12 PG mmHG =20 AT =80ms
- DVI=0.30 EF=10-15%
- ECHO 6 months before: MG=5mmhg PG=9 mmhg
- INR=1.5

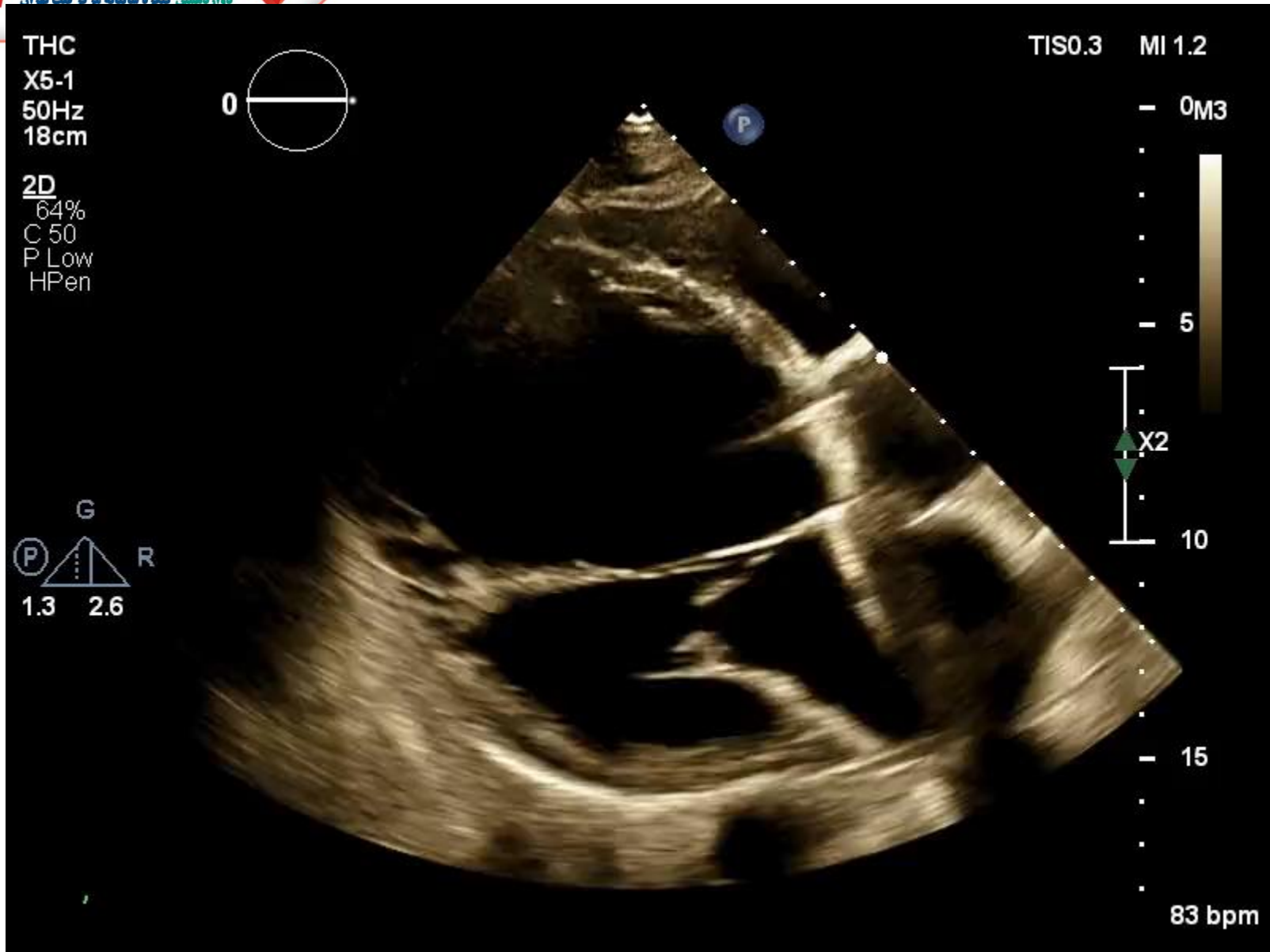


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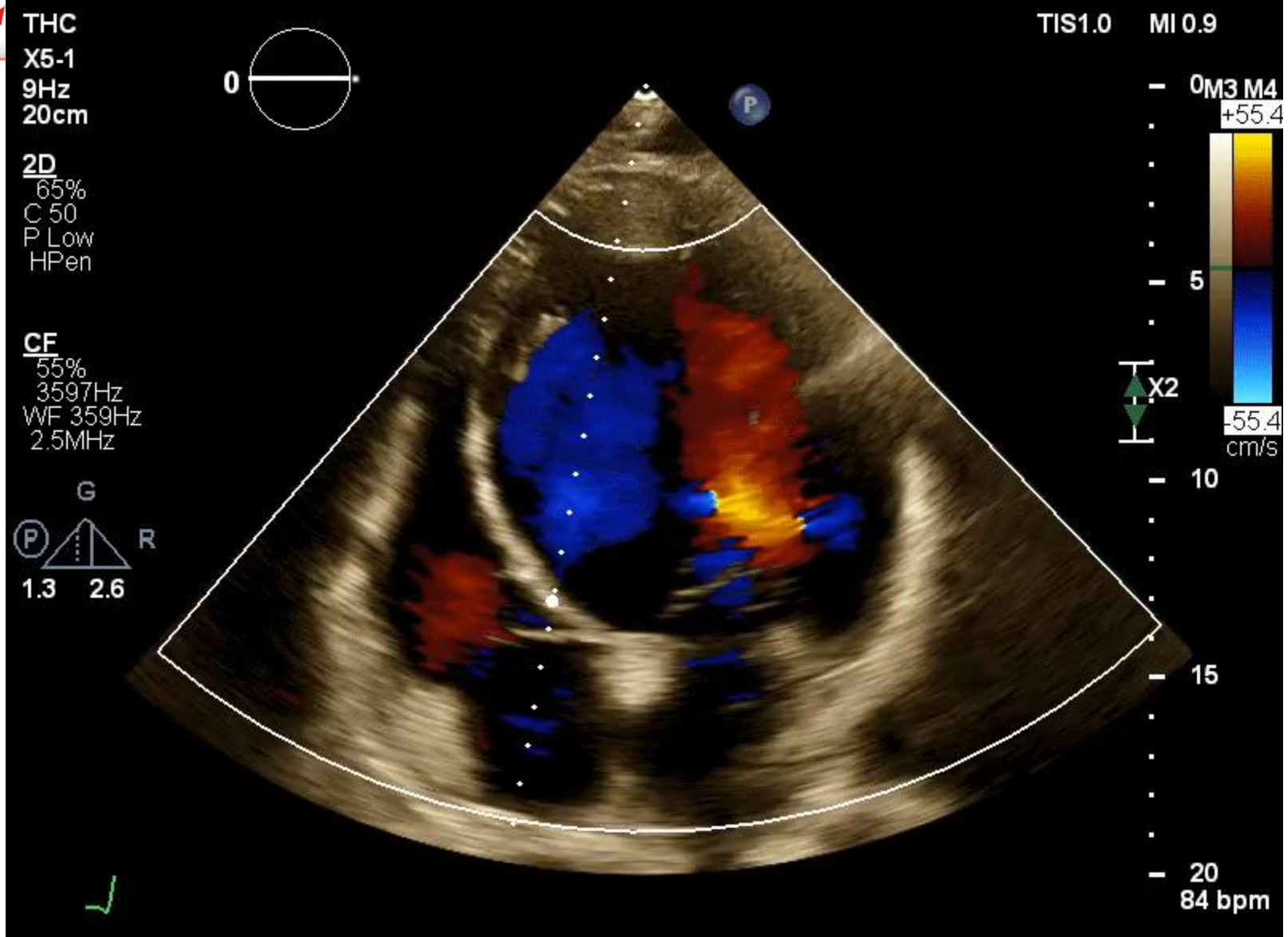
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P Low
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TIS0.3 MI 1.2



83 bpm



Heart center Hospital

SE: 1

IM: 1 of 1

THC
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21Hz
20cm



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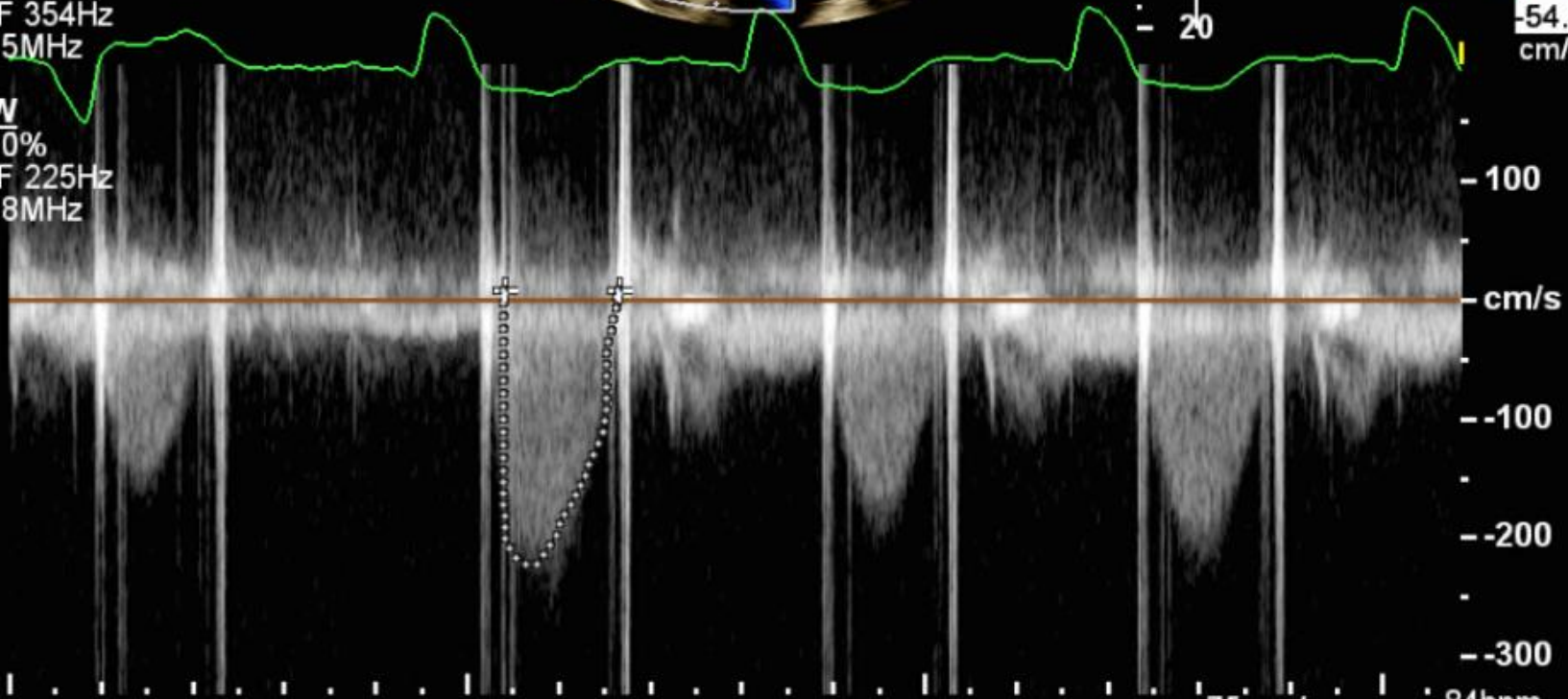
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Max PG 20 mmHg
Mean PG 12 mmHg
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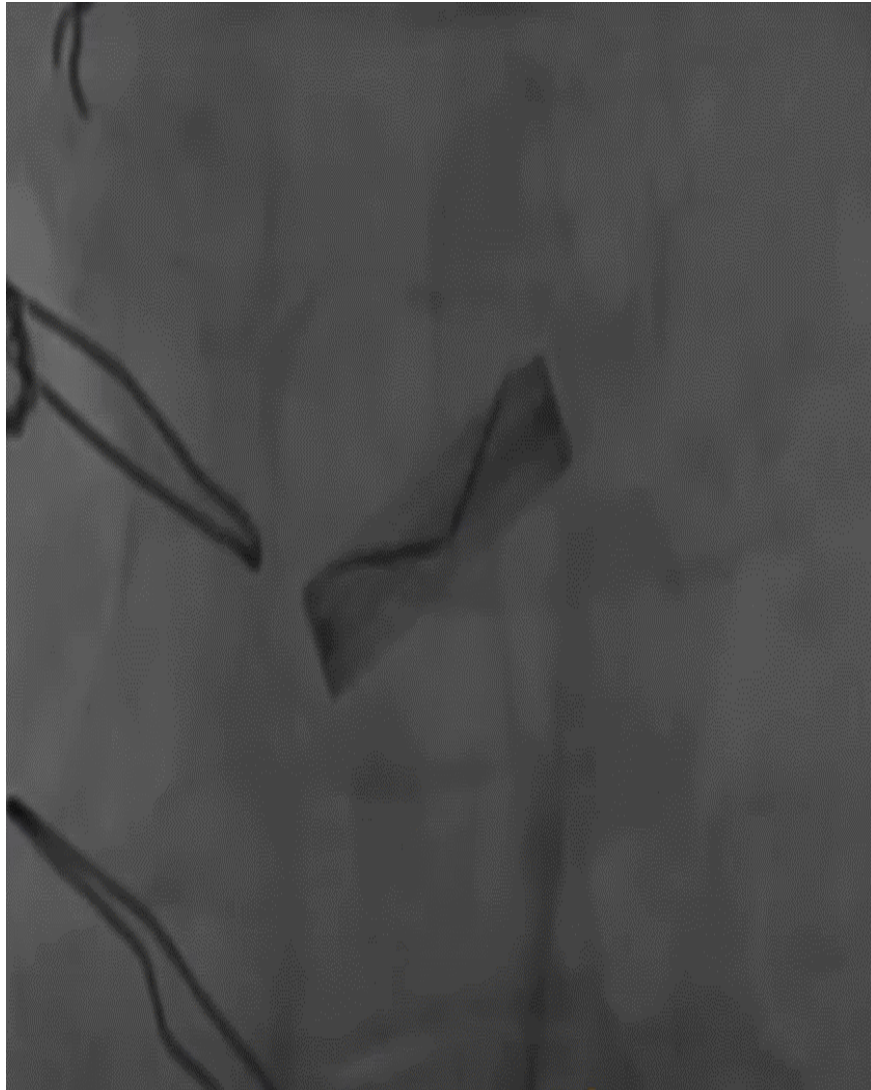
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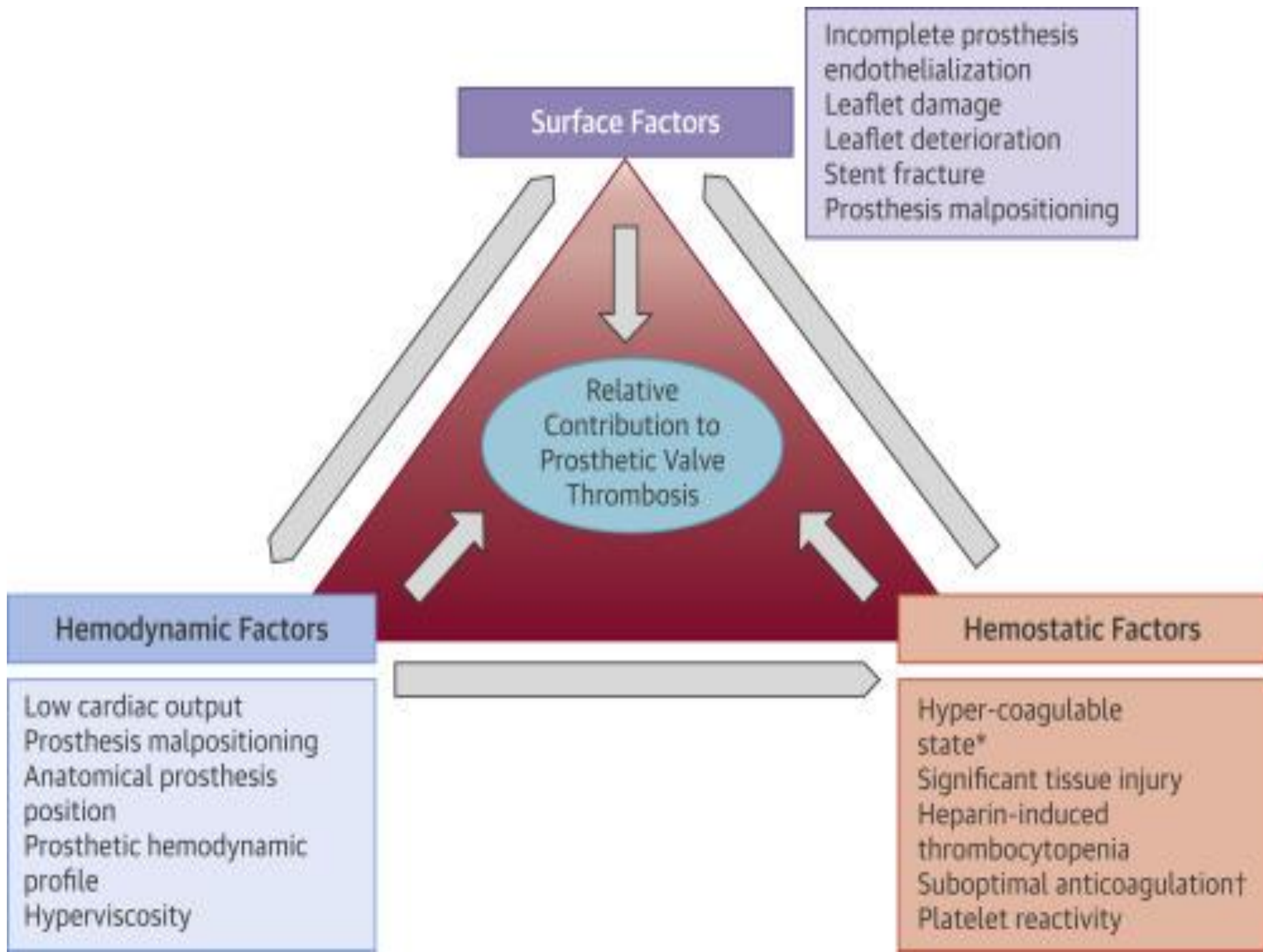


Zoom: 1.05
WW:255 WL:127

75mm/s

84bpm







PROSTHETIC LOW FLOW LOW GRADIENT MALFUNCTION(?)

- A60 YEARS OLDMAN WITH HX OF AVR(SJ#23)
- FOLLOW UP ECHO AFTER 1 YEARS

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S5-1
18Hz
15cm

2D
72%
C 50
P Low
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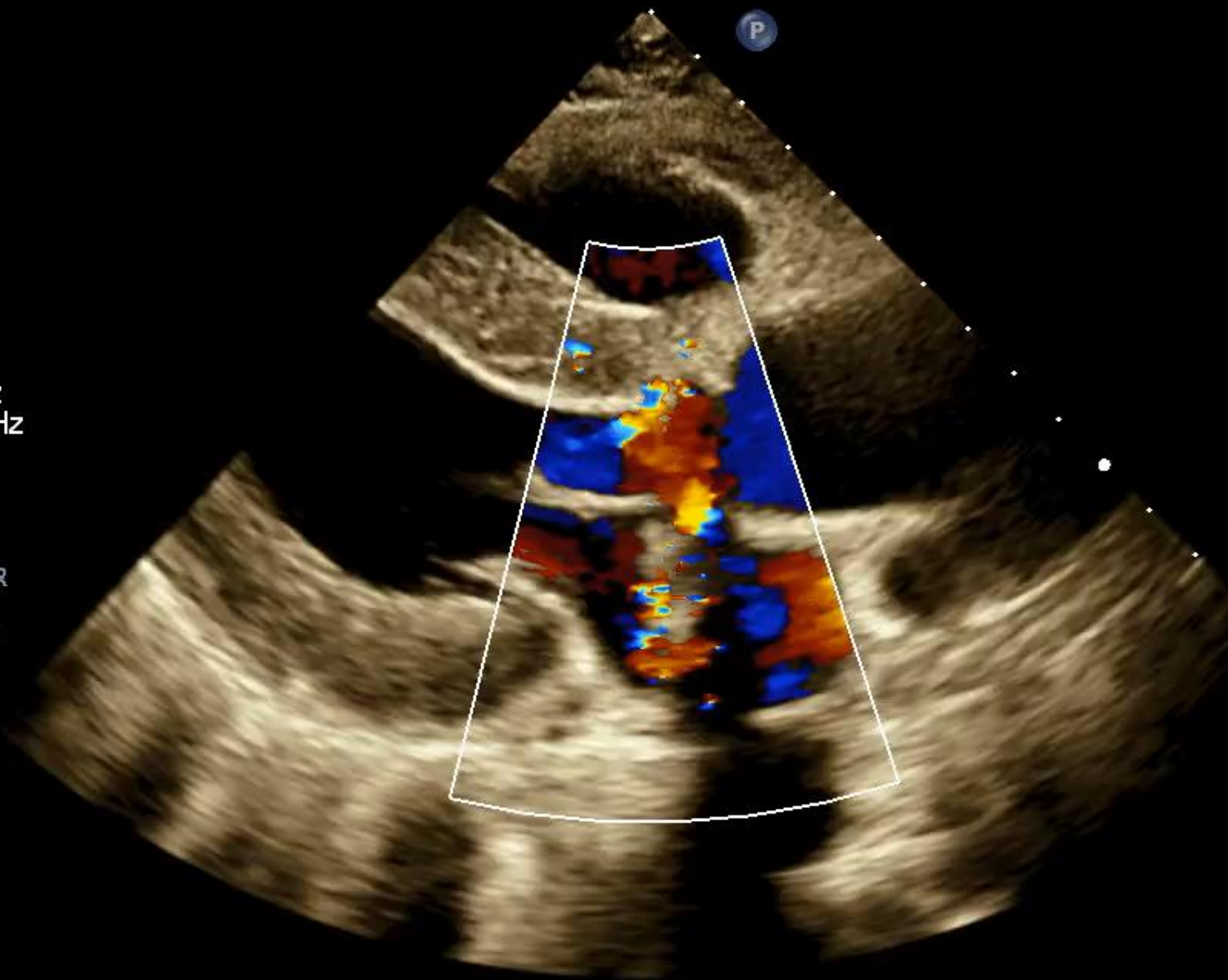
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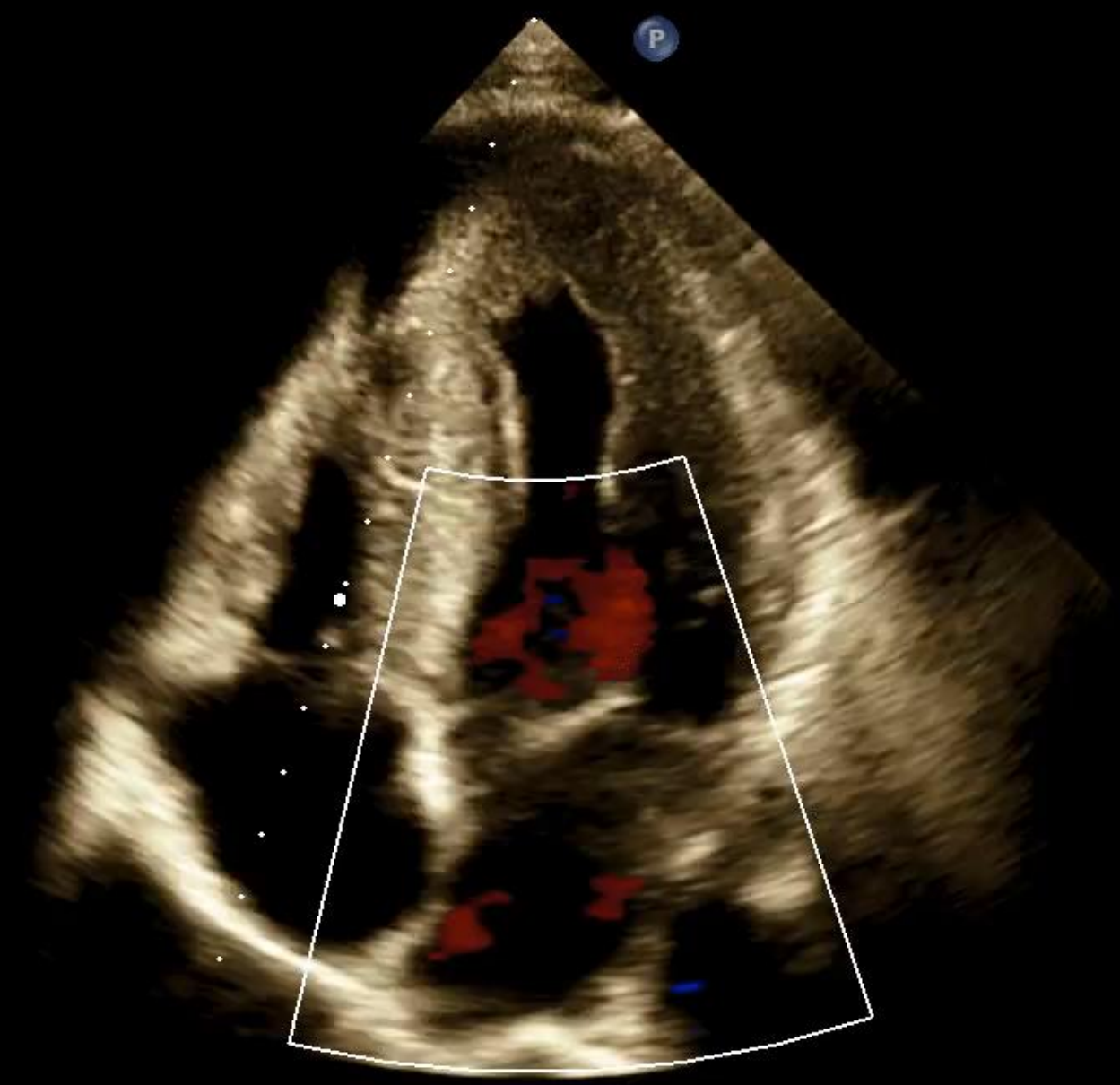
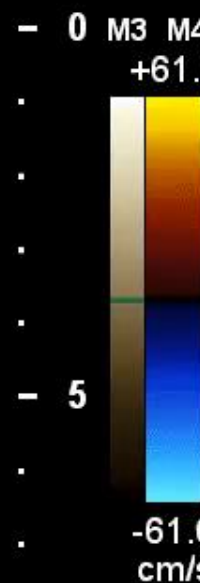
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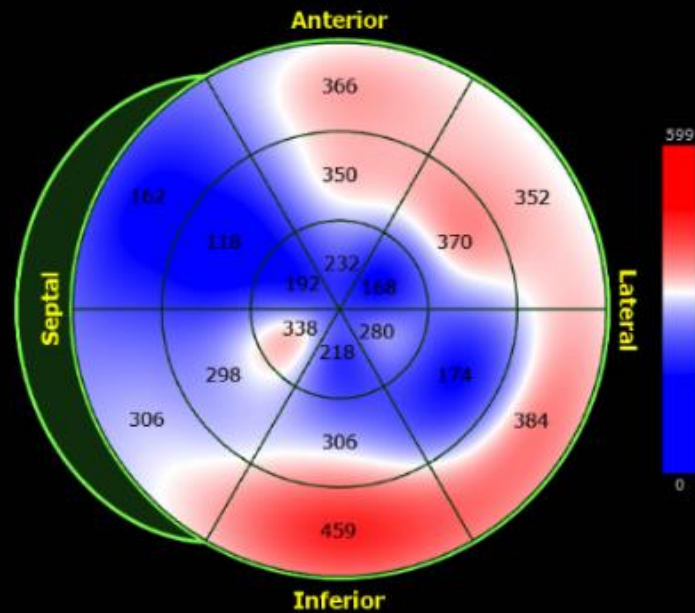
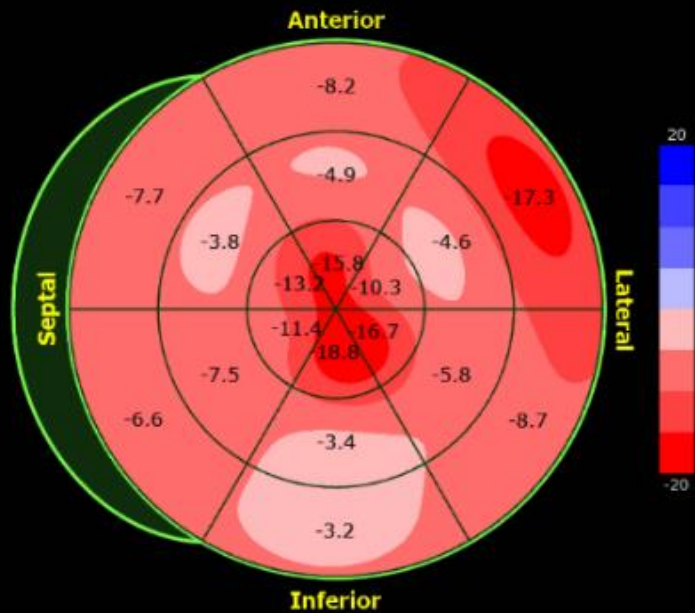


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Peak-Systolic
Longitudinal Strain [%]

Time to Peak
Longitudinal Strain [ms]



recently reported occult cardiac ATTR in **16%** of patients post-TAVR. We investigated the coexistence of cardiac ATTR in patients with severe AS before undergoing TAVR.

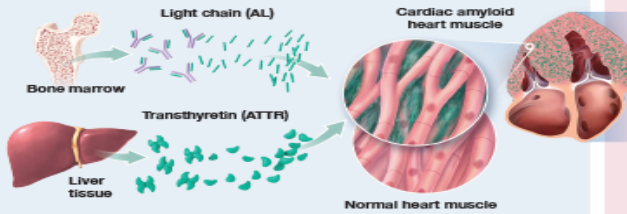
30% in low flow low gradient AS

No regression of LVH after 1 years



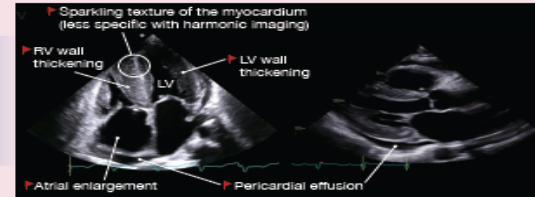
What is Cardiac Amyloidosis (CA)?

A form of restrictive infiltrative cardiomyopathy due to deposition of amyloid fibrils in the myocardium.
 There are 2 common types. Similar echo features are seen in both types of CA.



Echo Red Flags

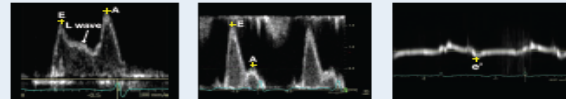
Apical 4 chamber view (left) and parasternal long axis view (right) displaying the typical features of CA.



- Reduced mitral TDI velocities
- Reduced GLS with apical sparing
- Low flow low gradient AS
- Diastolic dysfunction (≥ grade 2)

Doppler Echocardiography in CA

Progressive diastolic dysfunction is a feature of CA. This may only be mildly abnormal in early stages of the disease.



Pulsed wave Doppler of the mitral inflow:

This ranges from a low E/A ratio (<0.8) suggesting restrictive hemodynamics. Abnormal relaxation pattern is less common in CA but may be present in early stage. Note L wave is a clue to elevated filling pressure.

Tissue Doppler:

- Strongly suggestive:**
- Mitral annular TDI < 5 cm/sec
 - Small A wave in sinus rhythm

Not suggestive:

- Septal or lateral tissue Doppler e' > 10 cm/s

**Rule of 5
(5-5-5)**

All e', a', e' velocities < 5 cm/s

This is a clue to the diagnosis of CA.

Clinical Red Flags

- Heart failure
- Nephrotic syndrome
- Peripheral or autonomic neuropathy
- Weight loss
- Bilateral carpal tunnel
- Spinal stenosis
- Periorbital purpura

Strain Analysis in CA

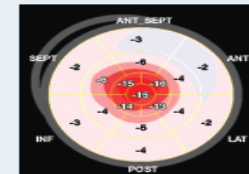
Myocardial deformation ("strain") measured by 2-dimensional speckle tracking imaging is very useful in CA. Longitudinal strain is the measure of the longitudinal contractile function of the heart.

When to do strain:

- If feasible anytime there is increased LV wall thickness, especially in:
- Over 65 year olds
 - Heart failure
 - No history of poorly controlled HTN

Global longitudinal strain (GLS):

Normal values of GLS vary between vendors; normal is usually considered to be more negative than -20% with an SD of ± 2% (lower limit of normal -16% to -18%, depending on vendor). Values nearing 0% suggest more dysfunction and either advanced disease or disease progression.



Strain pattern:

In cardiac amyloidosis the segmental strain curves representing the apical segments will have a further deflection away from the 0 line than the curves representing the basal segments. When plotted on a bullseye, this will generate a characteristic "apical sparing" pattern visually.

Strain ratios:

Longitudinal strain ratios that have been described, with the diagnostic cutoffs used in the original publications; proposed ratios incorporating LV GLS for diagnosis of CA.

Key Points

- Echo may be the first clue to the diagnosis of amyloidosis.
- Classic: thickened myocardium, diastolic dysfunction, and abnormal strain (apical sparing)
- Atypical or subtle findings may be seen in early disease
- Consider strain imaging whenever amyloid suspected
- Echo alone is not diagnostic of CA, nor can it differentiate between AL and ATTR.





Clinical Features

Extra-cardiac

- Age \geq 65
- Black race
- Family history
- Dysautonomia
- Sensorimotor polyneuropathy
- Lumbar spinal stenosis
- Trigger finger
- Bilateral carpal tunnel syndrome
- Atraumatic biceps tendon rupture
- Skin bruising
- Periorbital purpura
- Vitreous opacity, pupillary changes
- Macroglossia
- Proteinuria / Frothy urine

Cardiac

- Hypotension
- Natural cure of hypertension
- Symptoms of heart failure: shortness of breath, edema, dizziness, syncope

Imaging Techniques and Features

Electrocardiogram

- Pseudoinfarct pattern
- Low Voltage-Mass ratio
- Atrioventricular conduction abnormalities

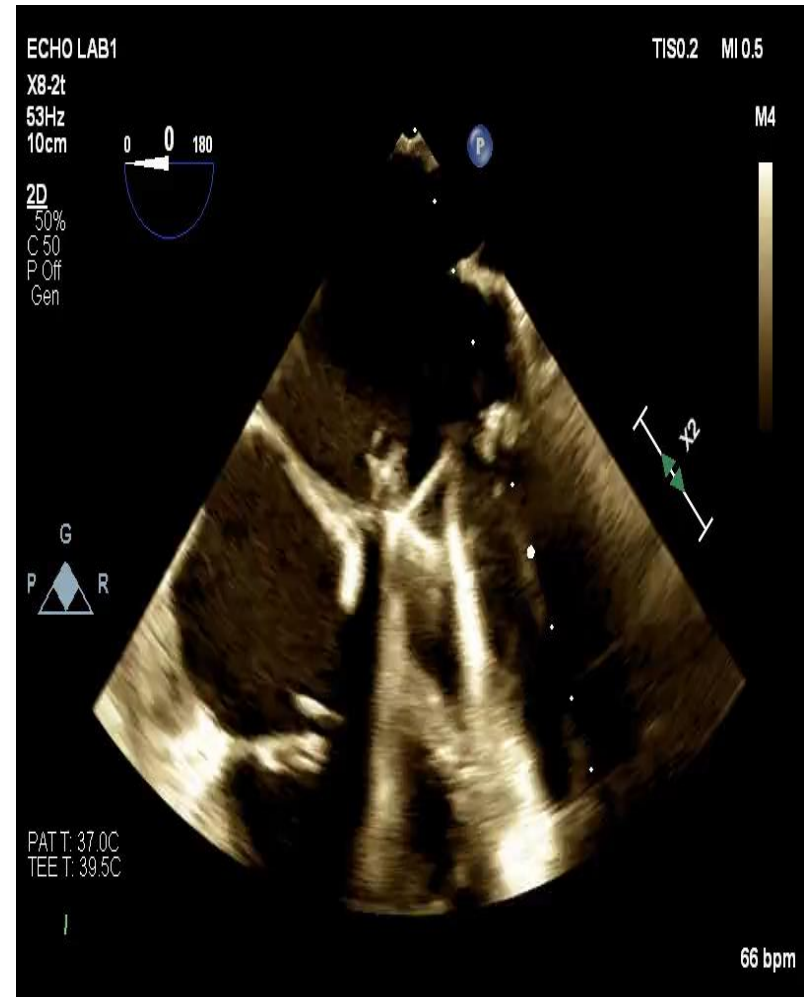
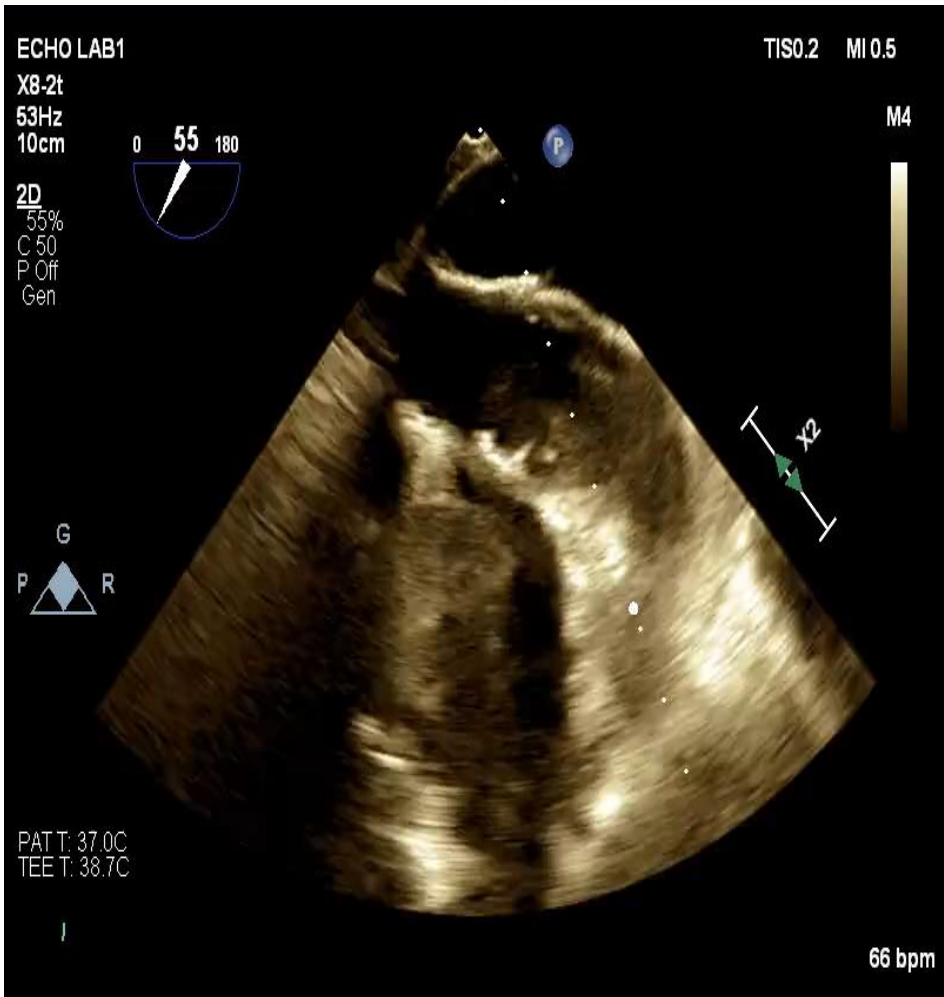
Echocardiogram

- Granular sparkling of myocardium
- Pericardial effusion
- Low-flow low-gradient phenotype
- Mitral annular S' < 6 cm/s
- Reduced longitudinal strain with apical sparing
- Atrial electromechanical dissociation

Cardiac Magnetic Resonance

- Diffuse subendocardial or transmural LGE
- Elevated native T1 values
- Extracellular volume expansion
- Abnormal gadolinium kinetics

- A 63 years old man with hx of MVR(SJ#27)



- Prosthetic valve malfunction is emergent condition such as acute MI, dissection , acute PTE
- Step 1:diagnosis
- Step2: pannus or thrombus
- Steps3:fibrinolytic or surgery(heart team thinking)

Obstruction of Mechanical Prosthetic Heart Valves

Imaging modalities

The Dilemmas

**Pannus or
Thrombus?**

**Lytics or
Surgery**

TTE



TEE



CF

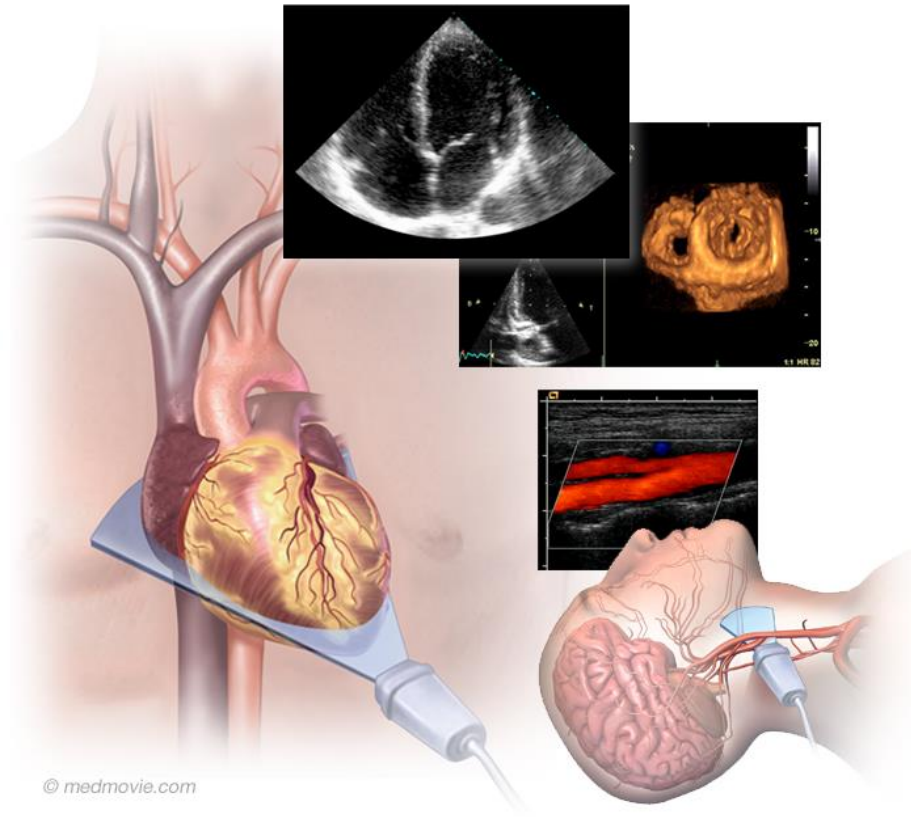


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diagnosis

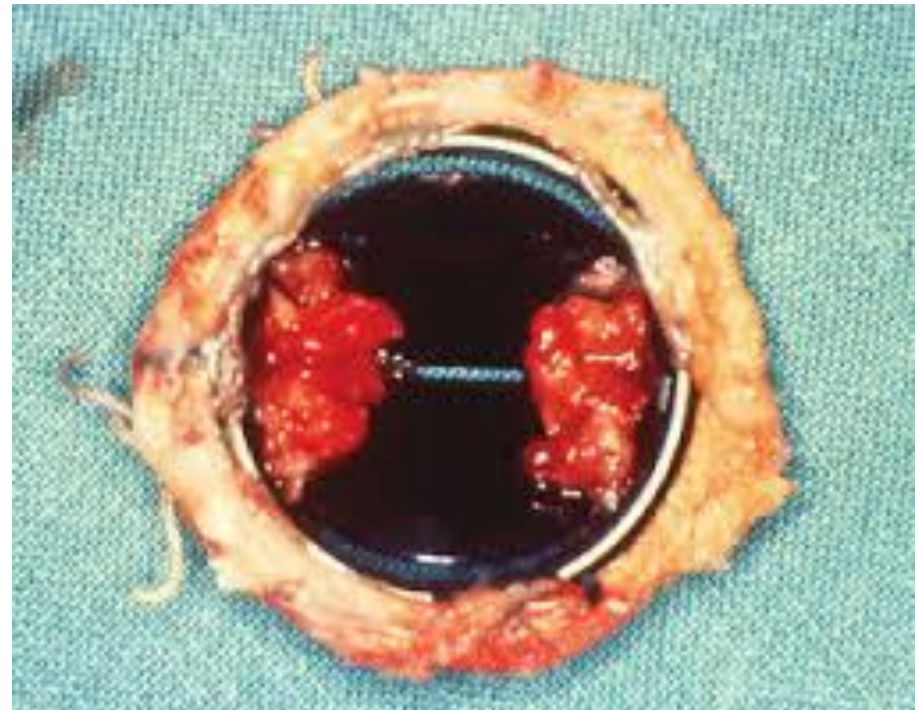
- Echocardiography (TTE & 3DTEE)
- Cinefluoroscopy
- CT challenging cases





Physiopathology of obstruction of prosthetic heart valves

- Thrombus Formation
- Pannus Ingrowth
- A Combination of Both
- Infective Endocarditis



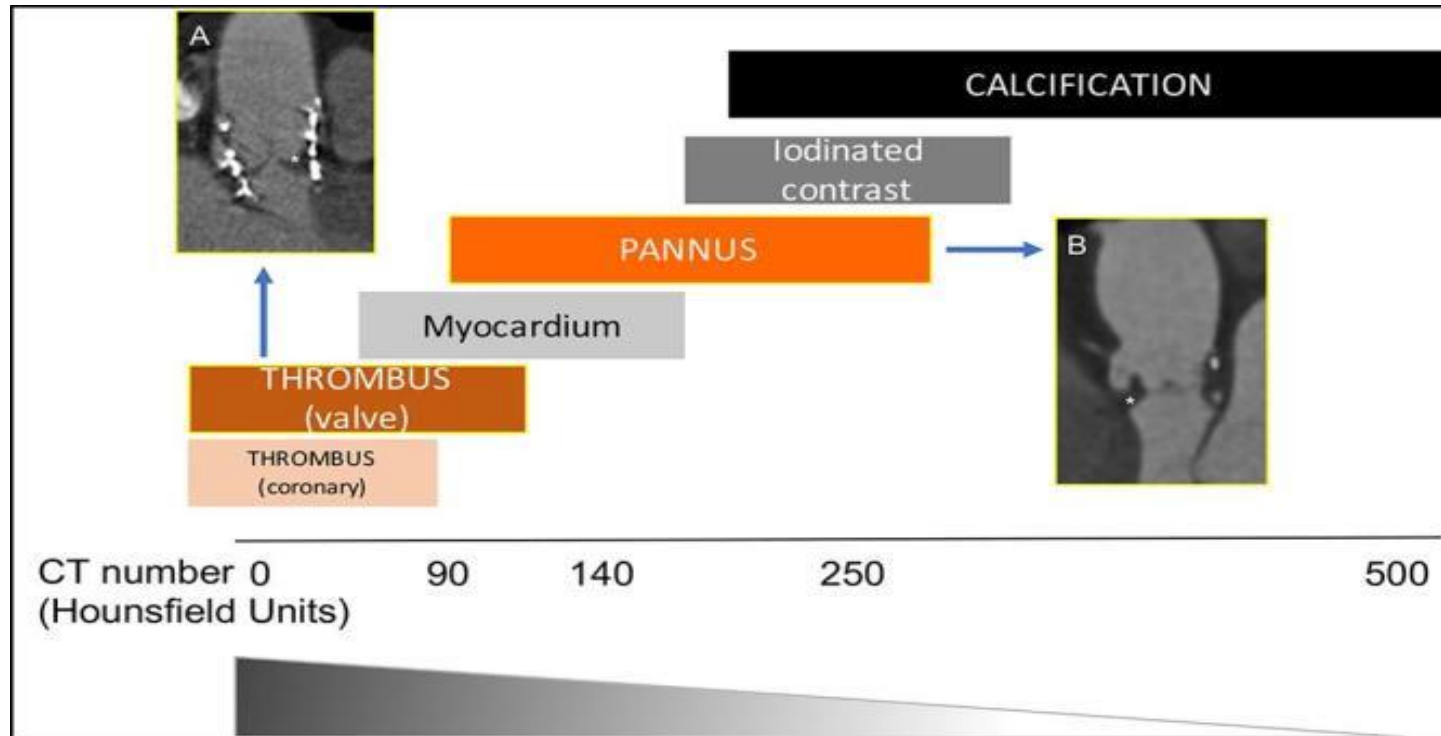
distinction between thrombus and pannus

Thrombosis:

- history of inadequate anticoagulation
- acute onset of valve dysfunction
- Large, mobile, less echodense mass in echocardiography

Pannus:

- Small, fixed, highly echogenic mass
- Common in aortic position
- Gradual onset of symptoms
- Serial echo (previous echo)



The etiology of valve dysfunction can be discerned by using attenuation values to help differentiate thrombus from pannus. A cutoff point of ≥ 145 HU more likely represents pannus, with values below this more likely representing thrombus.



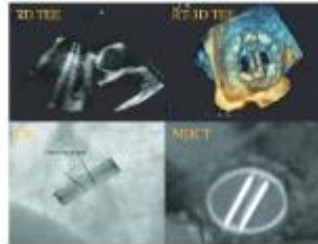
CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION Schematic Representation of the Study Design and Outcomes

Diagnosed by the multimodality imaging (trans-thoracic echocardiography, transthoracic echocardiography (TTE), multidetector computed tomography (MDCT), and cinefluoroscopy (CF))

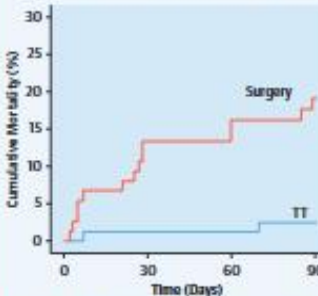
The heart team reviewed treatment options (surgery or thrombolytic therapy (TT)) and a shared decision making was made with the patient



Endpoints of the study:
 Primary endpoint: 3-month mortality
 Secondary endpoint: all major complications that occurred within 3 months after TT or surgery



Multimodality imaging for the diagnosis of prosthetic valve thrombosis



Kaplan-Meier analysis indicates the 3-month cumulative mortality curves in the surgery and TT groups

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The diagnosis of prosthetic valve thrombosis was confirmed by multimodality imaging in patients with prosthetic heart valves. Among these patients, those who were suitable for both TT and surgery were included in the study and followed up for 3 months. AI = 2-dimensional; 3D = real time 3-dimensional.

thrombectomy. The outcomes of each treatment strategy for PVT have been evaluated by several meta-analysis and systematic reviews. Previously, Karthikeyan et al¹ evaluated 690 episodes and 7 PVT studies and reported the mortality rates of surgery and TT as 13.5% and 9%, respectively. Moreover, they recommended urgent surgical intervention to be preferred to TT in experienced centers.² Besides, in a

meta-analysis authored by Castillo et al,³ which evaluated 27 studies with 1,107 patients treated by TT and 26 studies with 1,132 patients operated for PVT, the mortality rate in the TT and surgery groups were 6.6% and 16.1%, respectively. The present study has a relatively high mortality rate among surgically treated patients compared with the published literature. However, the current literature may not reflect

Thrombolysis or Surgery in Patients With Obstructive Mechanical Valve Thrombosis

The Multicenter HATTUSHA Study

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ABSTRACT

BACKGROUND Prosthetic valve thrombosis (PVT) is one of the life-threatening complications of prosthetic heart valve replacement. Due to the lack of randomized controlled trials, the optimal treatment of PVT remains controversial between thrombolytic therapy (TT) and surgery.

OBJECTIVES This study aimed to prospectively evaluate the outcomes of TT and surgery as the first-line treatment strategy in patients with obstructive PVT.

METHODS A total of 158 obstructive PVT patients (women: 103 [65.2%], median age 49 years [IQR: 39-60 years]) were enrolled in this multicenter observational prospective study. TT was performed using slow (6 hours) and/or ultrablow (25 hours) infusion of low-dose tissue plasminogen activator (t-PA) (25 mg) mostly in repeated sessions. The primary endpoint of the study was 3-month mortality following TT or surgery.

RESULTS The initial management strategy was TT in 83 (52.5%) patients and surgery in 75 (47.5%) cases. The success rate of TT was 90.4% with a median t-PA dose of 59 mg (IQR: 37.5-100 mg). The incidences of outcomes in surgery and TT groups were as follows: minor complications (29 [38.7%] and 7 [9.4%], respectively), major complications (11 [41.3%] and 5 [6%], respectively), and the 3-month mortality rate (14 [38.7%] and 2 [2.4%], respectively).

CONCLUSIONS Low-dose and slow/ultrablow infusion of t-PA were associated with low complications and mortality and high success rates and should be considered as a viable treatment in patients with obstructive PVT. (J Am Coll Cardiol 2022;79:977-989) © 2022 by the American College of Cardiology Foundation.

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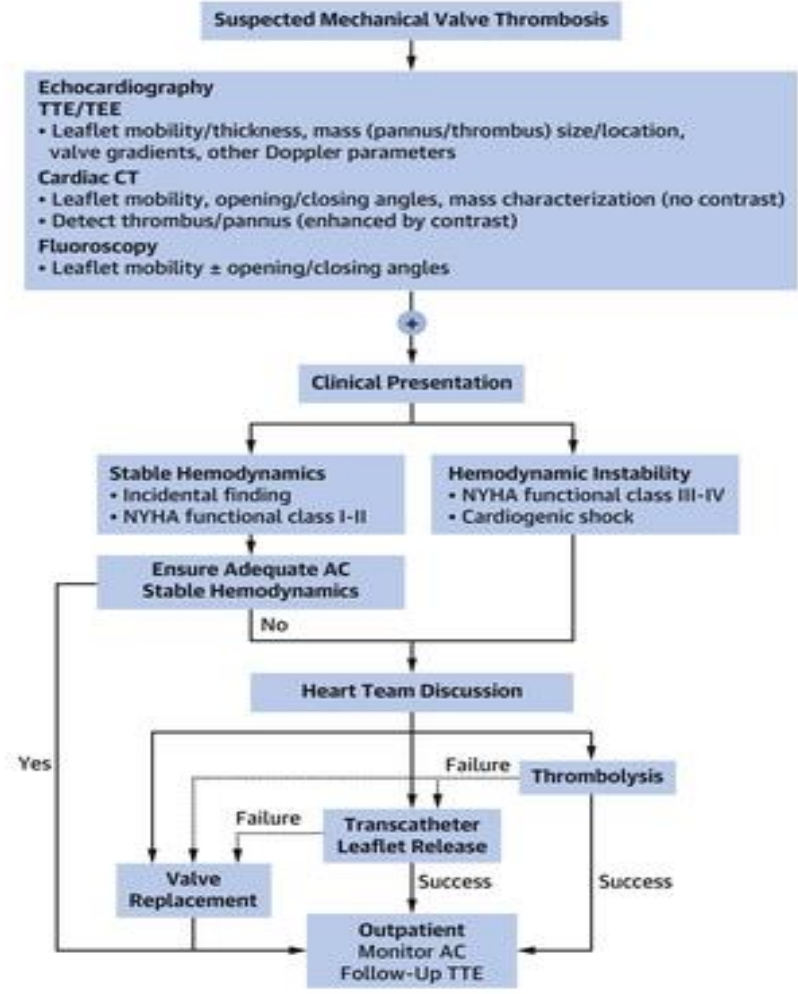
HEAT TEAM THINKING

- RATE OF SUCCESS OF FIBRINOLYTIC
- RATE OF MAJOR BLEEDING
- RISK OF REDO SURGERY

Favor Surgery	Favor Fibrinolytic
Readily available surgical expertise	No surgical expertise available
Low surgical risk	High surgical risk
Contraindication to fibrinolysis	No contraindication to fibrinolysis
Recurrent valve thrombosis	First-time episode of valve thrombosis
NYHA class IV	NYHA class I–III
Large clot (>0.8 cm ²)	Small clot (≤0.8 cm ²)
Left atrial thrombus	No left atrial thrombus
Concomitant CAD in need of revascularization	No or mild CAD
Other valve disease	No other valve disease
Possible pannus	Thrombus visualized



CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Algorithm for the Evaluation and Management of Mechanical Valve Thrombosis



Soria Jiménez CE, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2023;81(21):2115-2127.

- 2014- 2020-2024 AHA
- 2017- 2021 ESC
- FIBRINOLYTIC PREFER TO SURGERY
- HEART TEAM decision making
- FCIII-IV – CARDIOGENIC SHOCK (SURGERY)

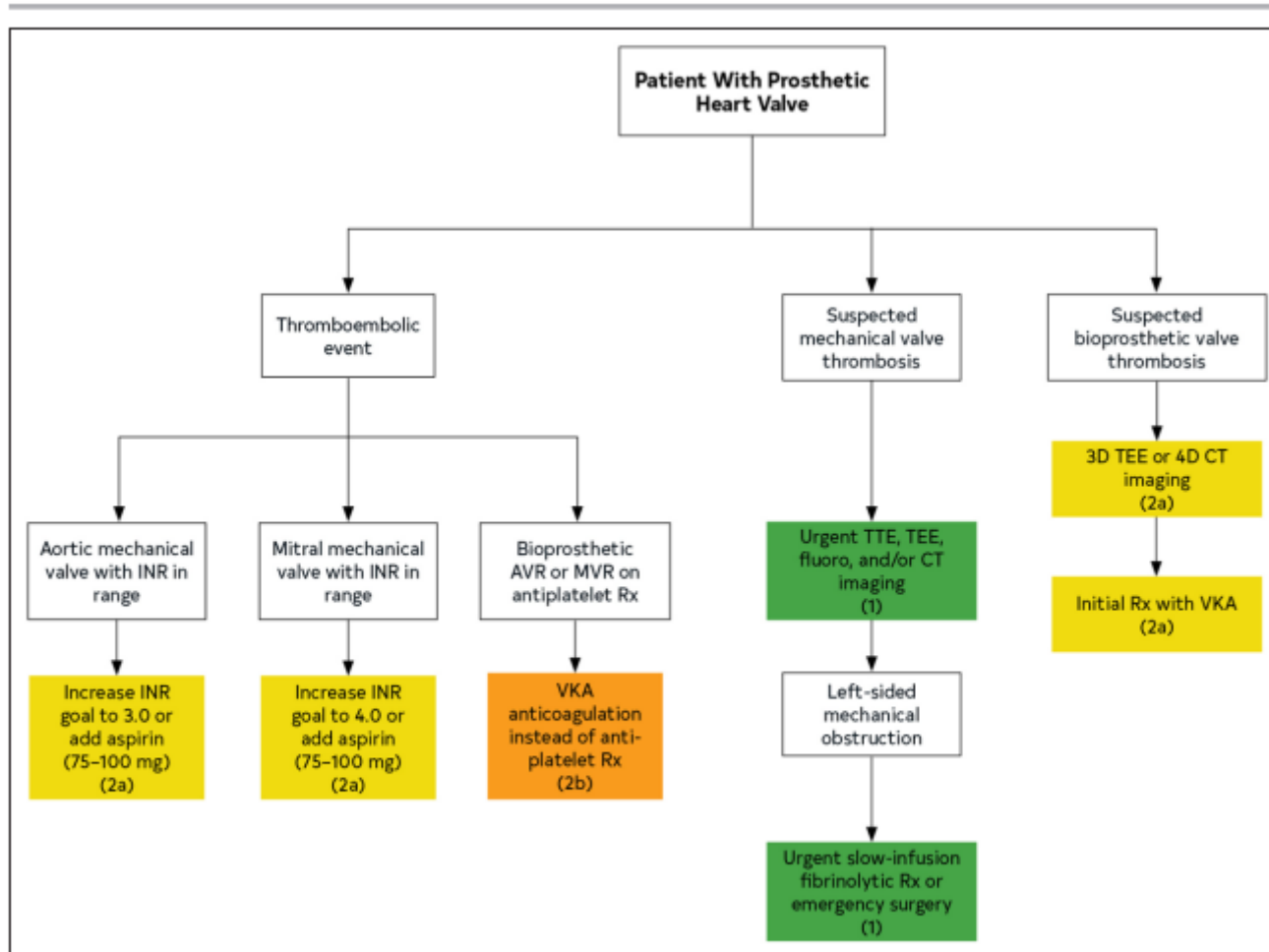
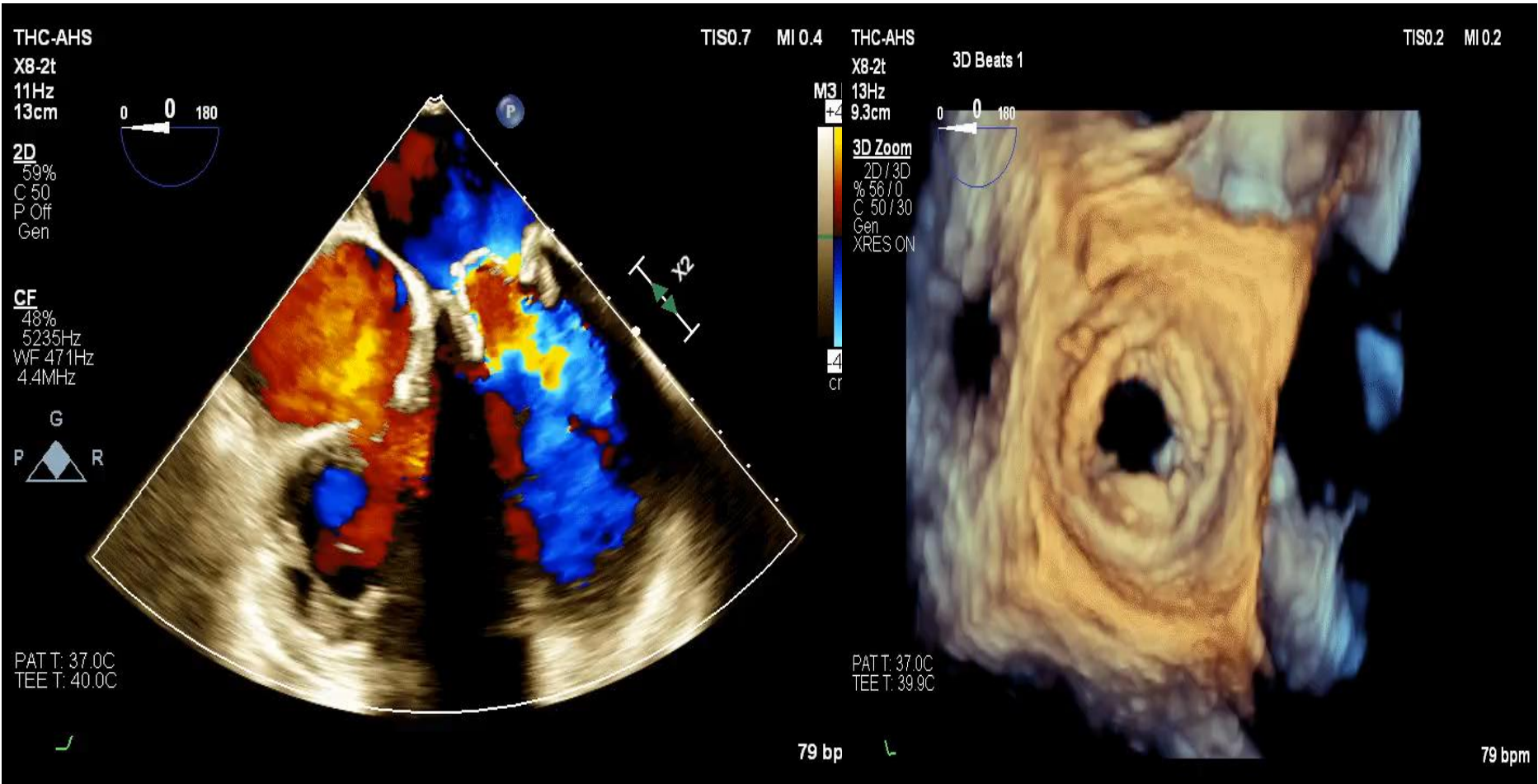


Figure 13. Management of embolic events and valve thrombosis.

Colors correspond to Table 2. 3D indicates 3-dimensional; 4D, 4-dimensional; AVR, aortic valve replacement; CT, computed tomography; INR, international normalized ratio; MVR, mitral valve replacement; Rx, medication; TEE, transesophageal echocardiography; TTE, transthoracic echocardiography; and VKA, vitamin K

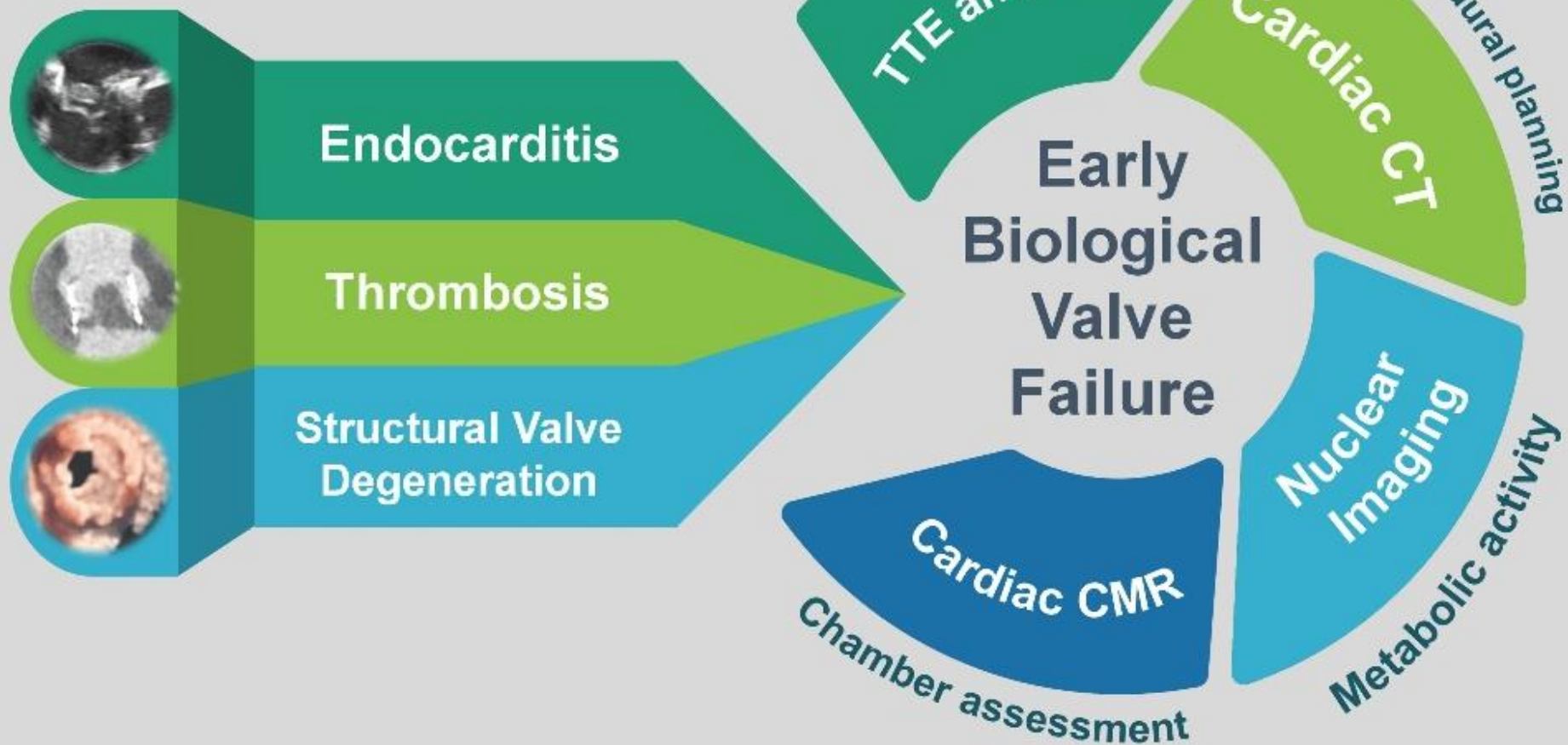
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Determinants of BV failure

Multimodality approach



PREMATURE OR EARLY BIO FAILURE

- ENDOCARDITIS
- THROMBOSIS
- PATIENT PROSTESIS MISMATCH (EARLY DEGENERATION)
- FLAIL BIO DUE TO IATROGENIC TRUMA or STRUCTURAL PROBLEM



- HEART TEAM ;
- R/O ENDOCARDITIS
- VALVE IN VALVE
- REDO SURGERY

- A 64 years old woman AVR (hancockII#27) 8 years ago
WITH HX OF DYSPNEA FC |||-|V and significant increased
gradient

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IM: 1 of 1

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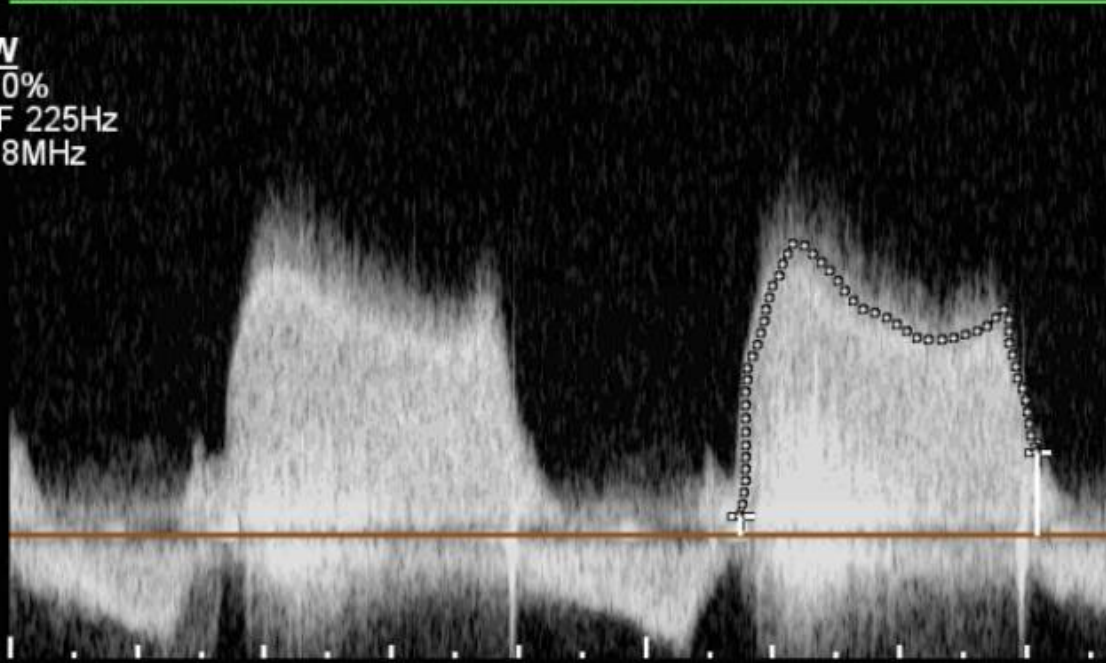


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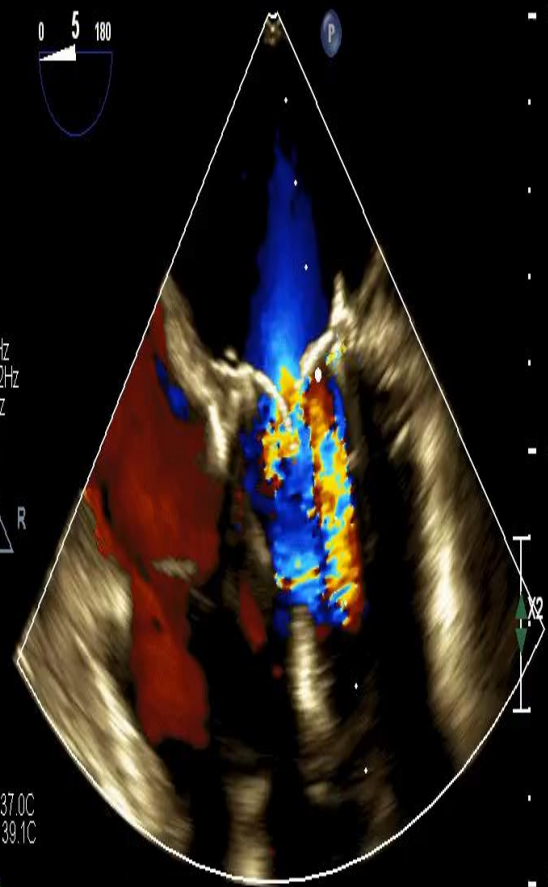
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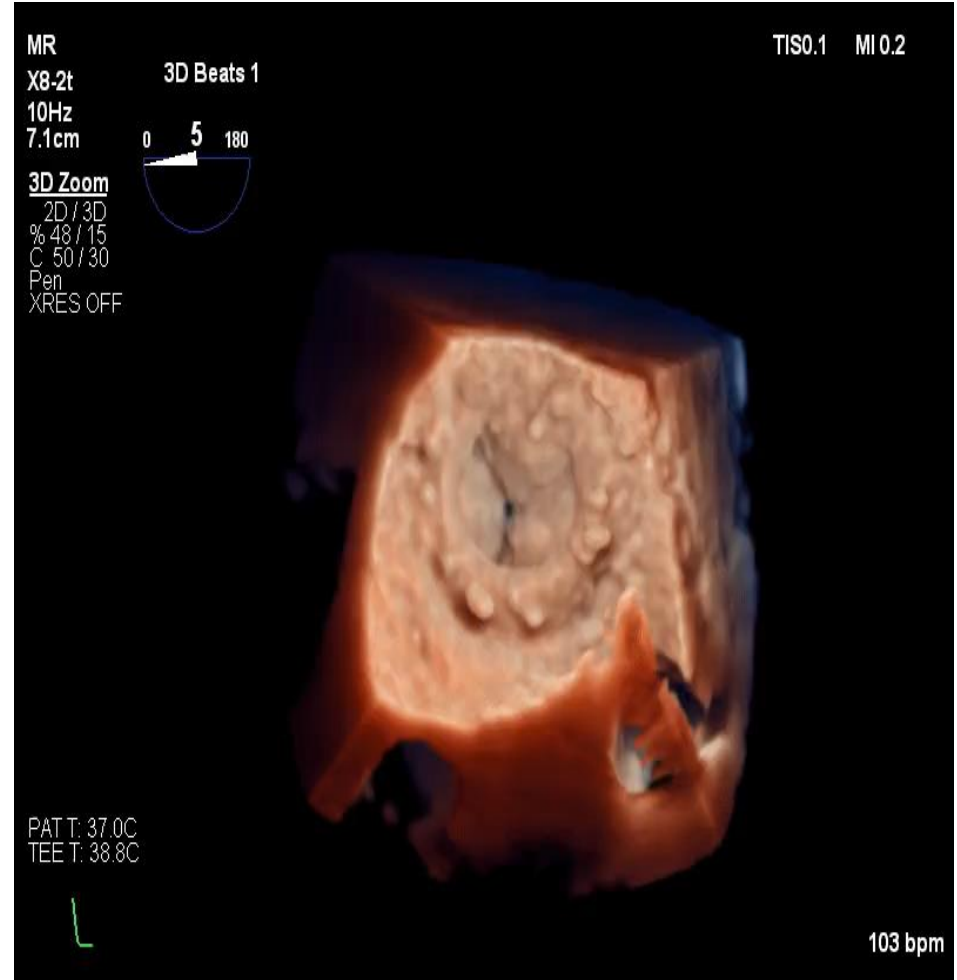
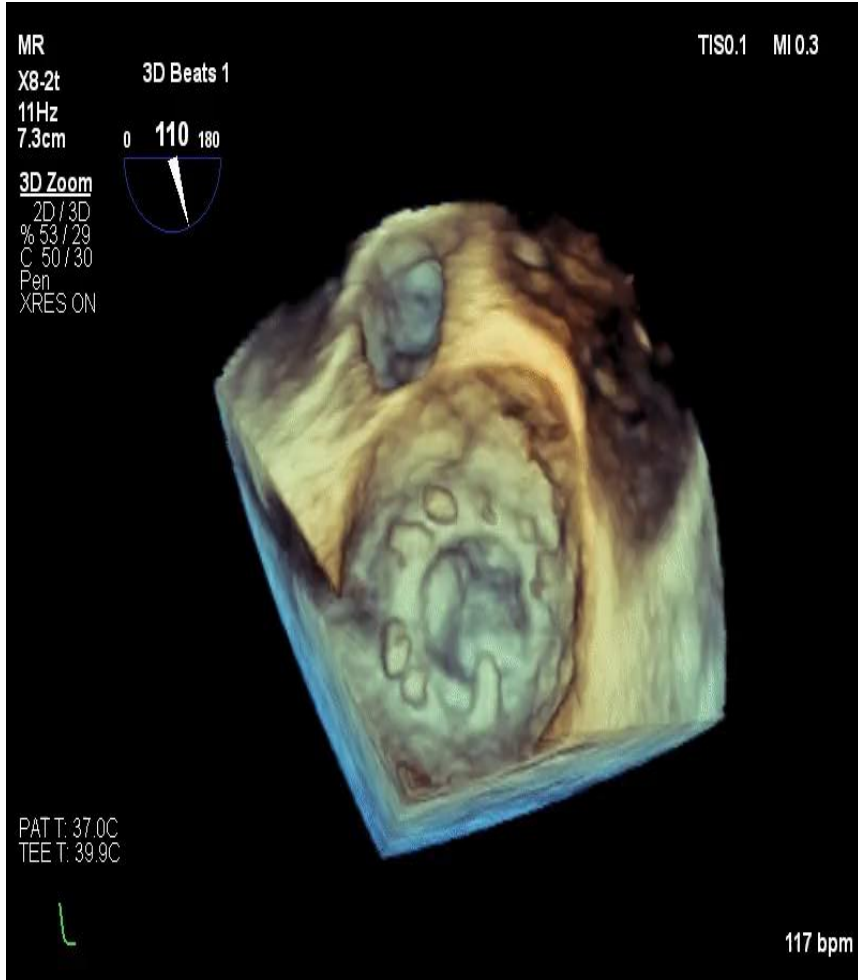
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PAT T: 37.0C
TEE T: 39.1C

Zoom: 1.05
WW:255 WL:127

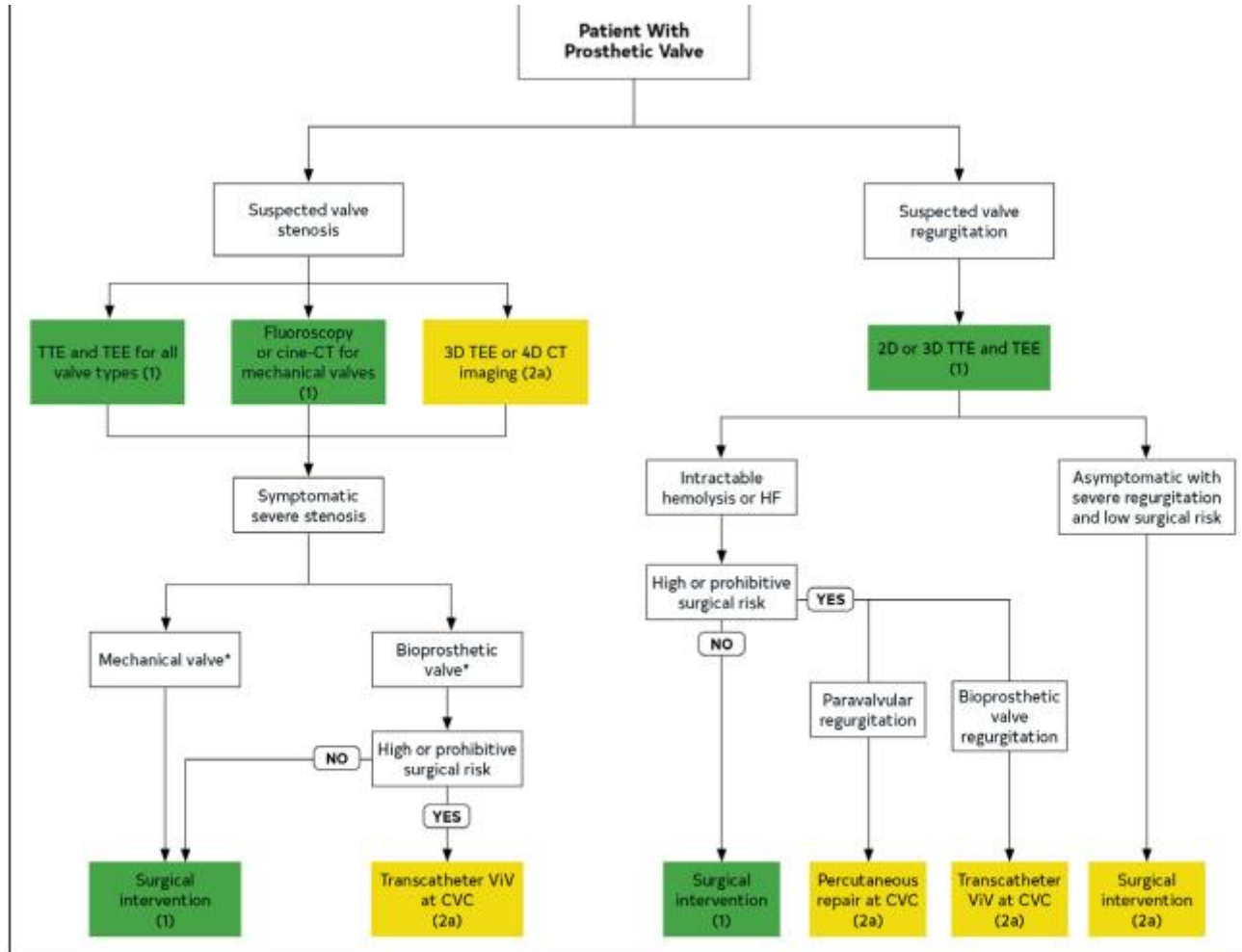
100mm/s
-1.0 bpm



SVD Definition

SVD Stage 0	• No significant change from immediate post implantation*
SVD Stage 1	• Morphological leaflet abnormality without significant hemodynamic changes†
SVD Stage 2S	• Moderate stenosis‡
SVD Stage 2R	• Moderate regurgitation§
SVD Stage 2RS	• Moderate stenosis and moderate regurgitation
SVD Stage 3	• Severe stenosis and/or severe regurgitation

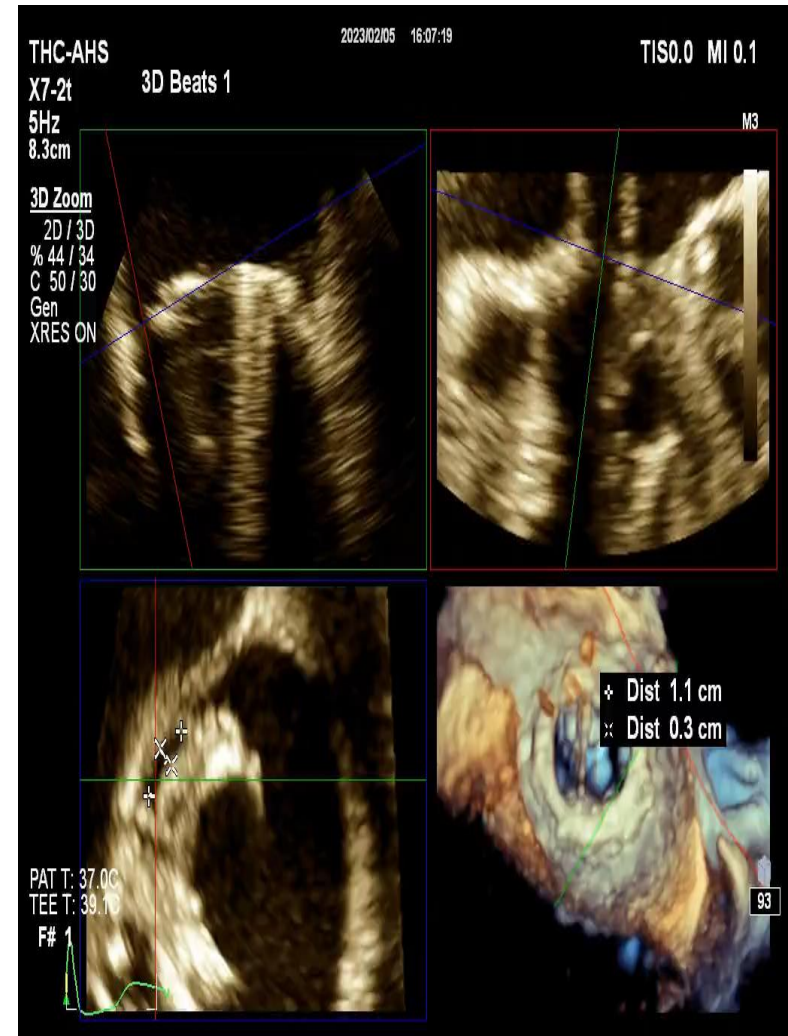
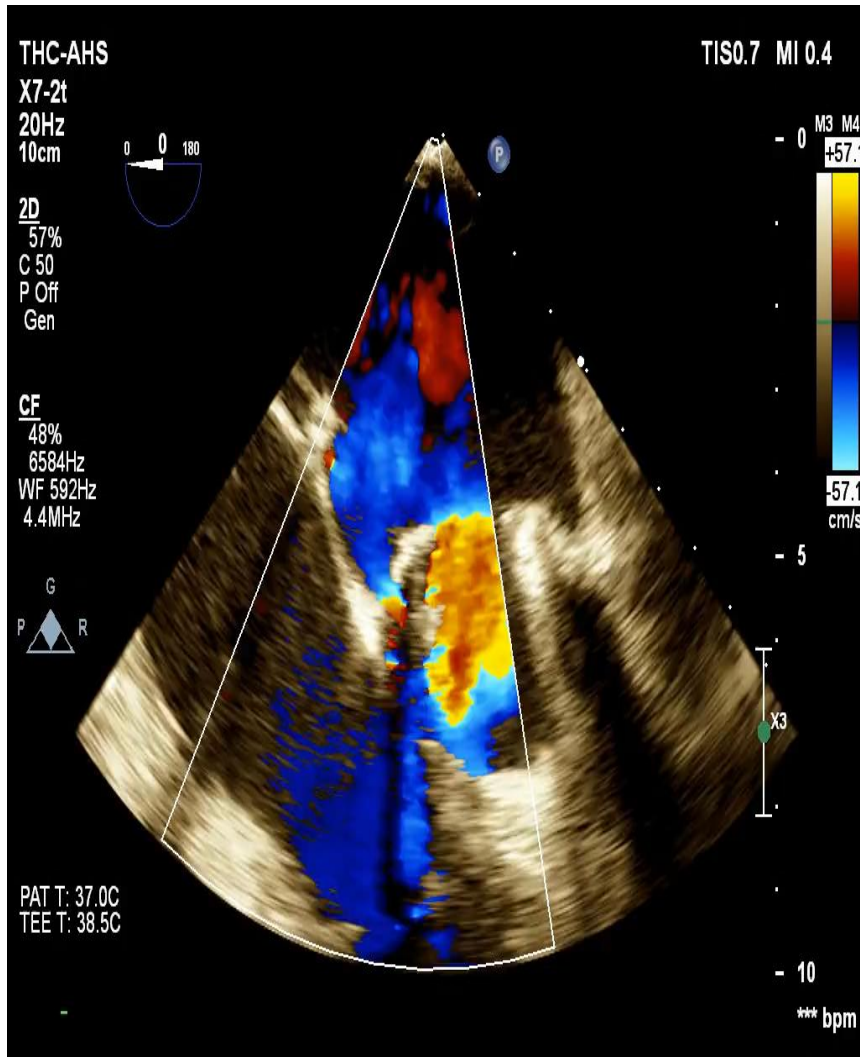
- Valve in valve
- Redo surgery
- R/o bioprosthetic valve thrombosis(early degeneration) and IE
- Multimodality imaging (CT)



AND GUIDELINES

Figure 14. Management of prosthetic valve stenosis and regurgitation.
 Colors correspond to Table 2. 3D indicates 3-dimensional; 4D, 4-dimensional; CT, computed tomography; CVC, Comprehensive Valve Center; HF, heart failure; TEE, transesophageal echocardiography; TTE, transthoracic echocardiography/echocardiogram; and VIV, valve-in-valve.
 *See Figure 13 if valve thrombosis is suspected.

- A72 years old woman with hx of redo MVR and DOE FCIII-IV and high Euroscore, multiple comorbidities





TIB0.0 MI 0.1

THC-AHS

X7-2t

3D Beats 1

5Hz
7.3cm



3D Zoom

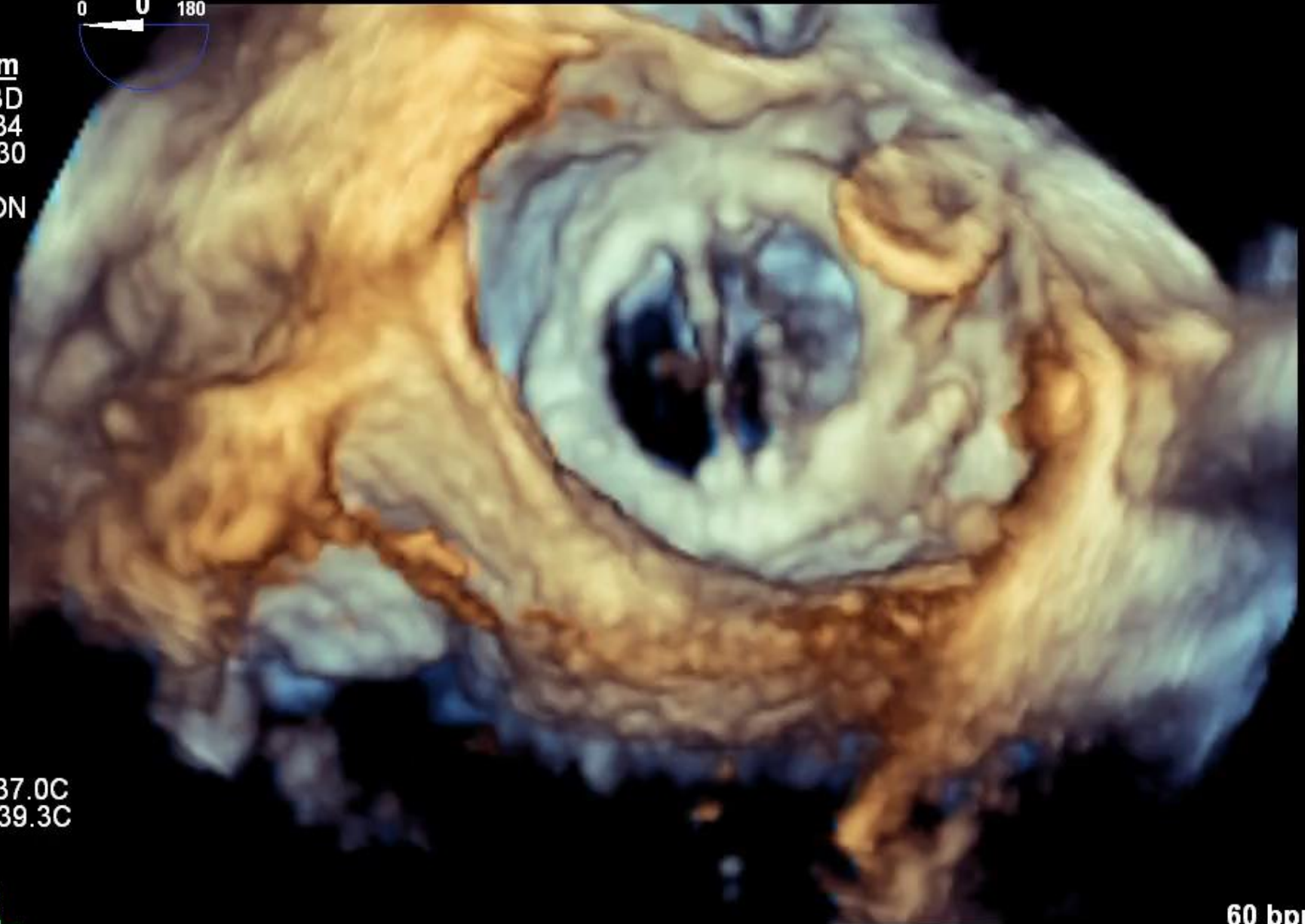
2D / 3D

% 48 / 34

C 50 / 30

Gen

XRES ON



PAT T: 37.0C
TEE T: 39.3C

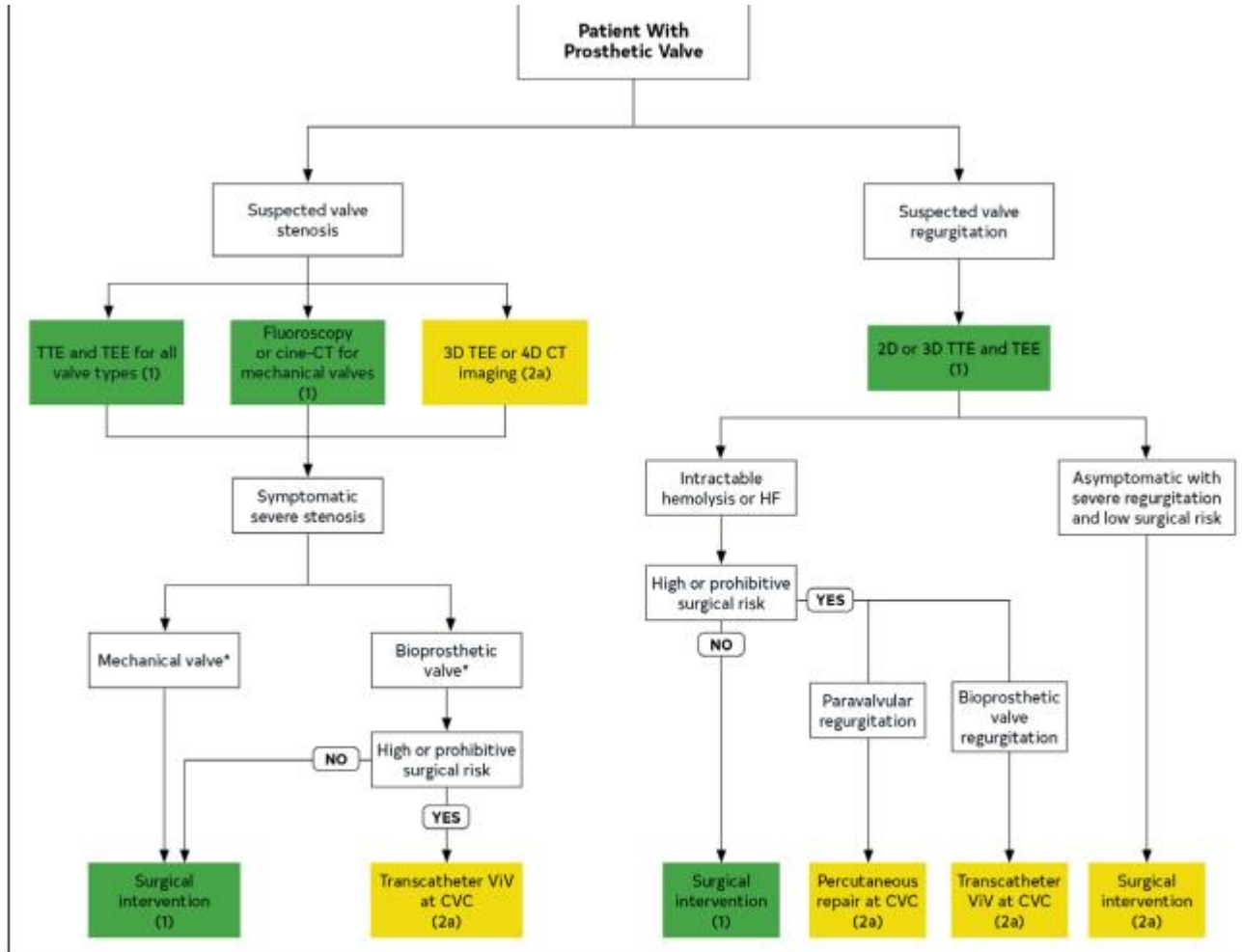


60 bpm

PARAVALVULAR LEAKAGE

- R/O ENDOCARDITIS
- SYMPTOM PRESENTATION: CHF / HEMOLYSIS

- R/O ENDOCARDIRIS(NEW PVL)
- HEART TEAM: PVL DEVICE CLOSURE



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- A 55 years old man MVR+AVR bio with hx of thrombocytopenia and weakness and fever



THC ECHOLAB

TIS0.6 MI 1.3

S5-1
45Hz
18cm

2D
75%
C 50
P Low
HGen

P R
1.8 3.6



*** bpm
3/16/2019 4:08 PM
JPEG

THC ECHOLAB

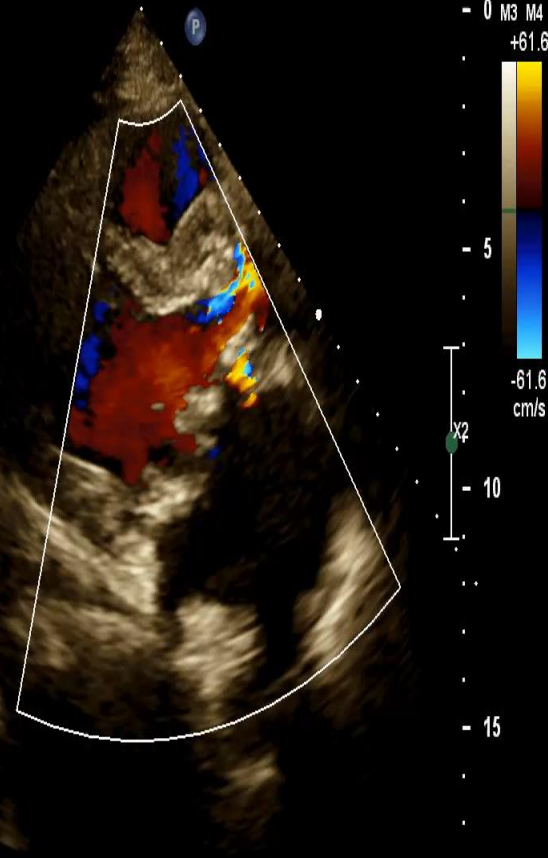
TIS1.2 MI 1.2

S5-1
12Hz
18cm

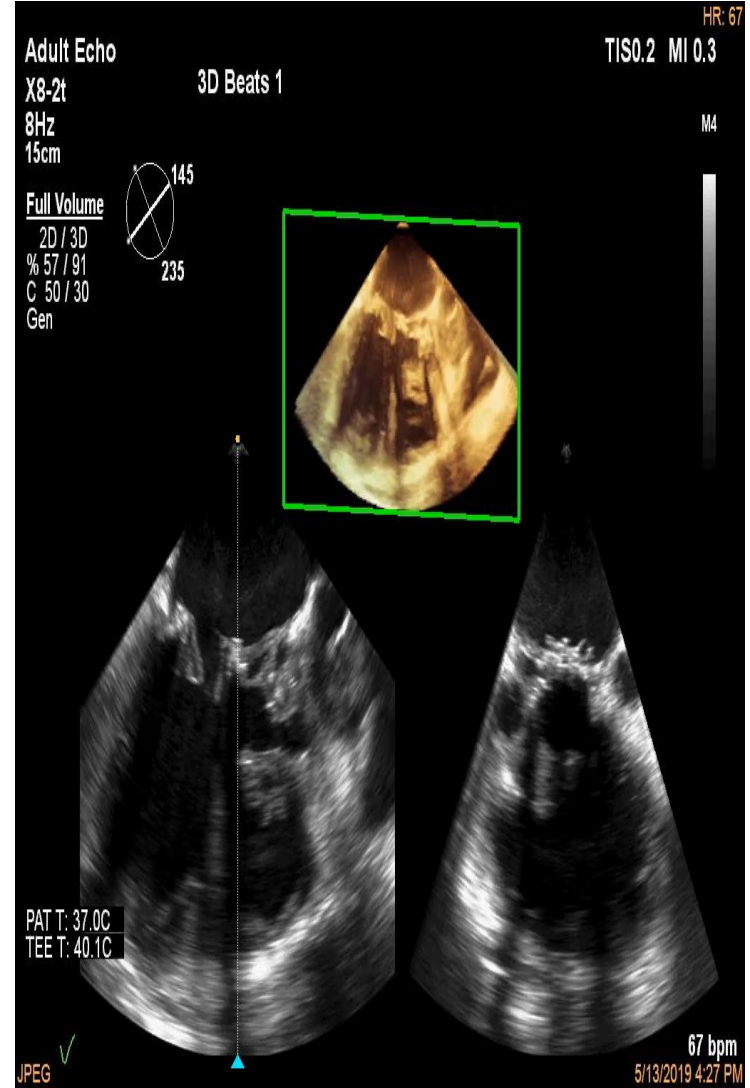
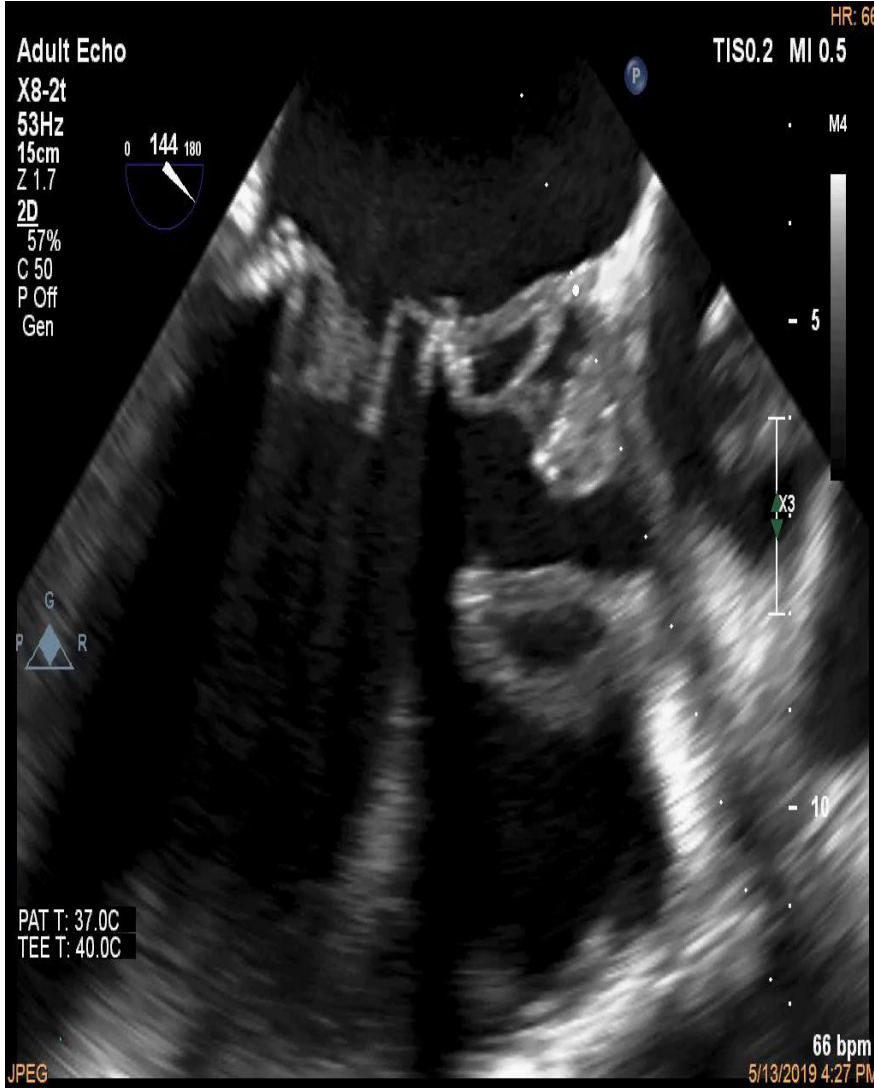
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75%
C 50
P Low
HGen

CF
70%
4000Hz
WF 399Hz
2.5MHz

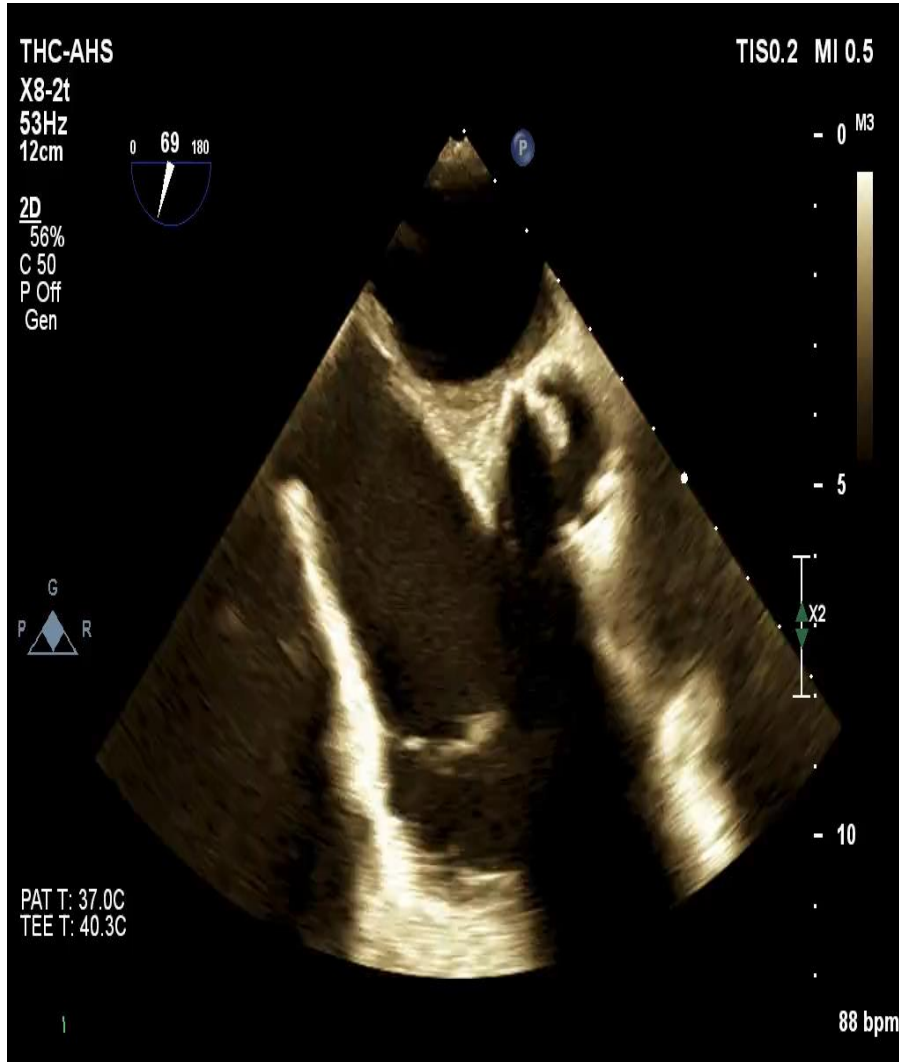
P R
1.8 3.6



*** bpm
3/16/2019 4:08 PM
JPEG



- A78 years old man with hx of redo AVR 5 years ago
- Brain tumor, COPD ,CRF , high EUROSCORE +STS score
- Surgery refused





THC-AHS

X8-2t

32Hz

12cm

xPlane

56%

56%

50dB

P Off

Gen

XRES 2



PAT T: 37.0C

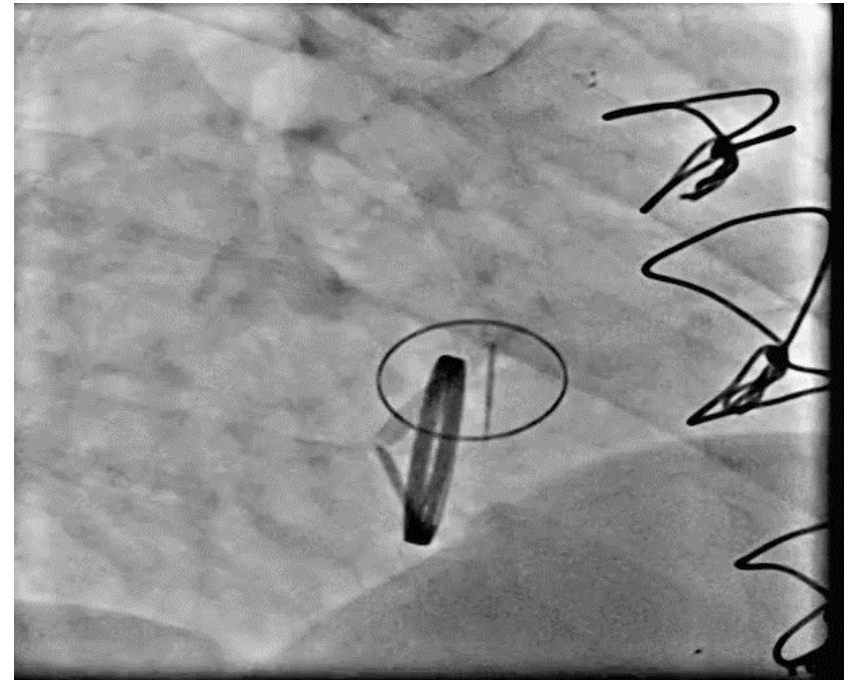
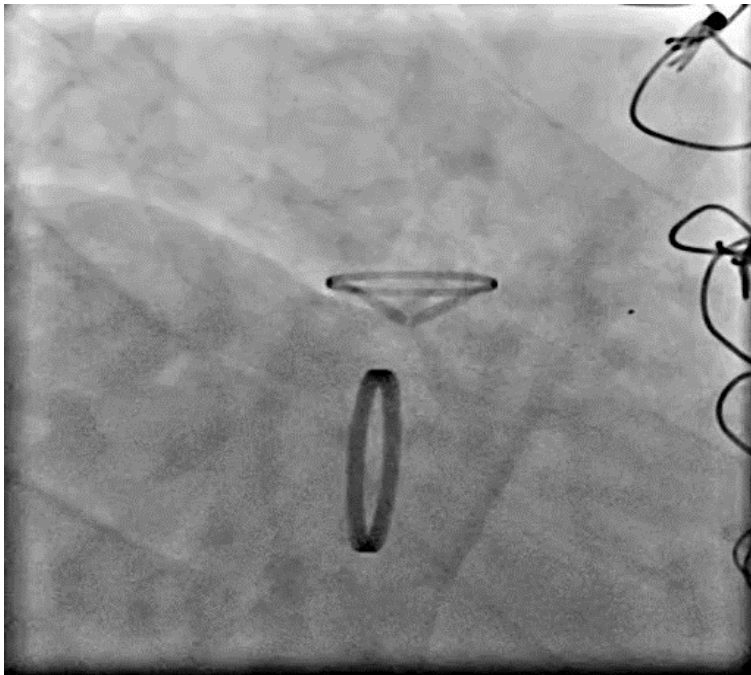
TEE T: 40.3C

TIS0.2 MI 0.5

M3



83 bpm



- Heart team
- Fibrinolytic contraindication
- Surgery refused
- What do you do?

- No option
- Cardiogenic shock bridge to surgery
- Mechanical thrombectomy(bail out)
- thromboaspiration

Case Report

Case report: Percutaneous Intervention for a Mechanical Prosthetic Valve Thrombosis as a Bailout procedure

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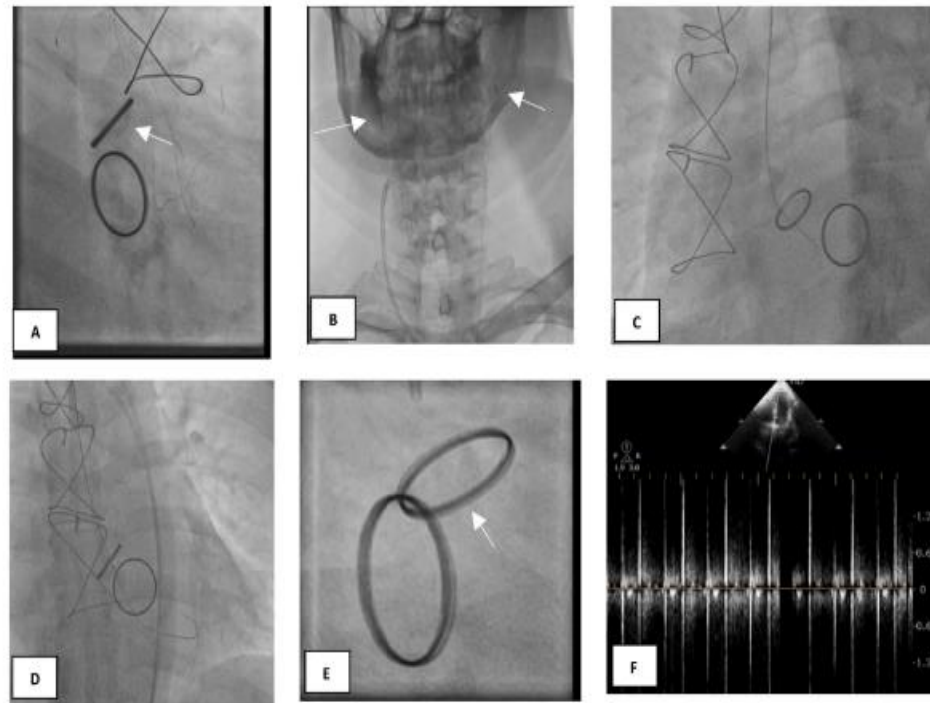
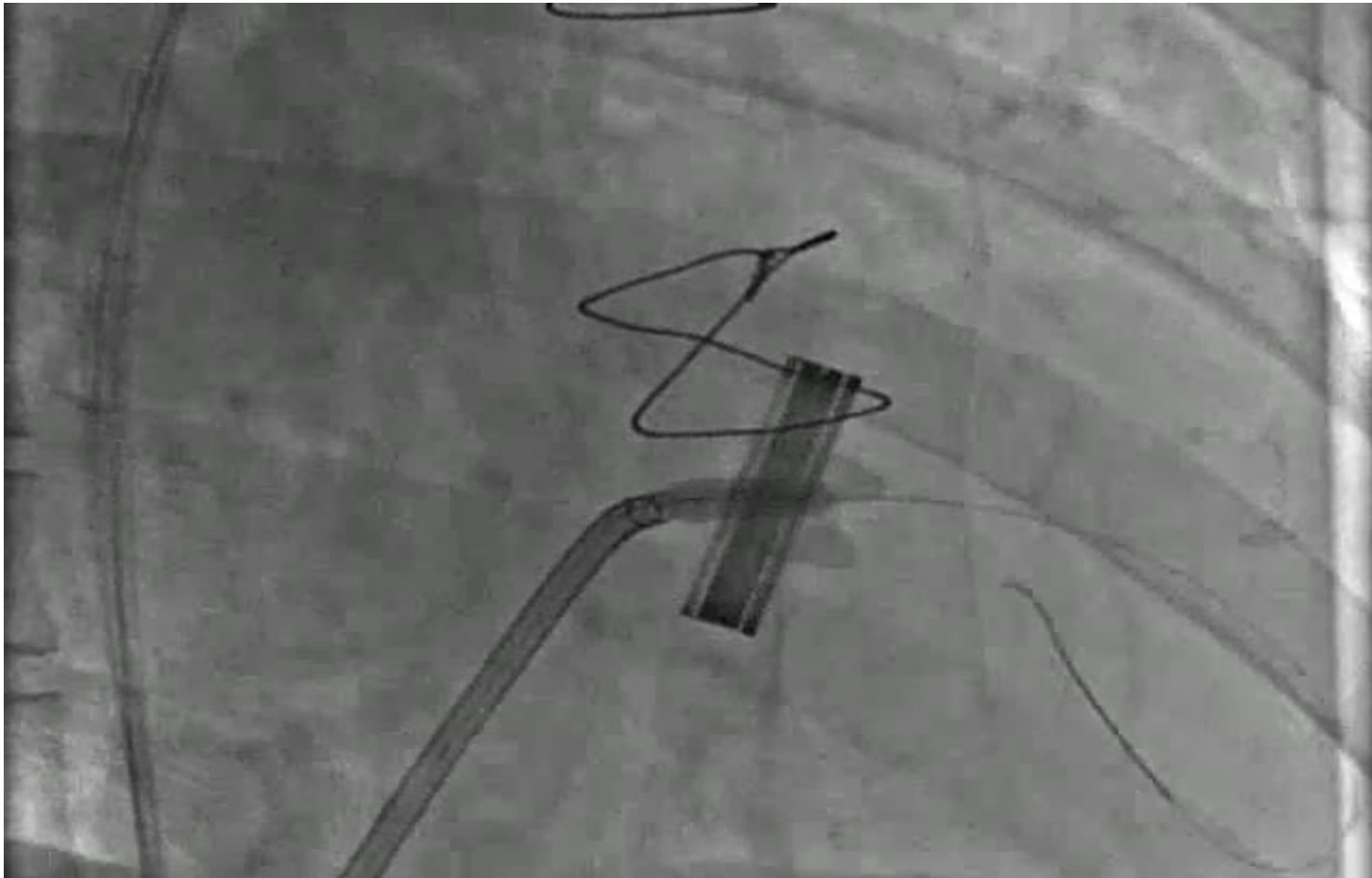
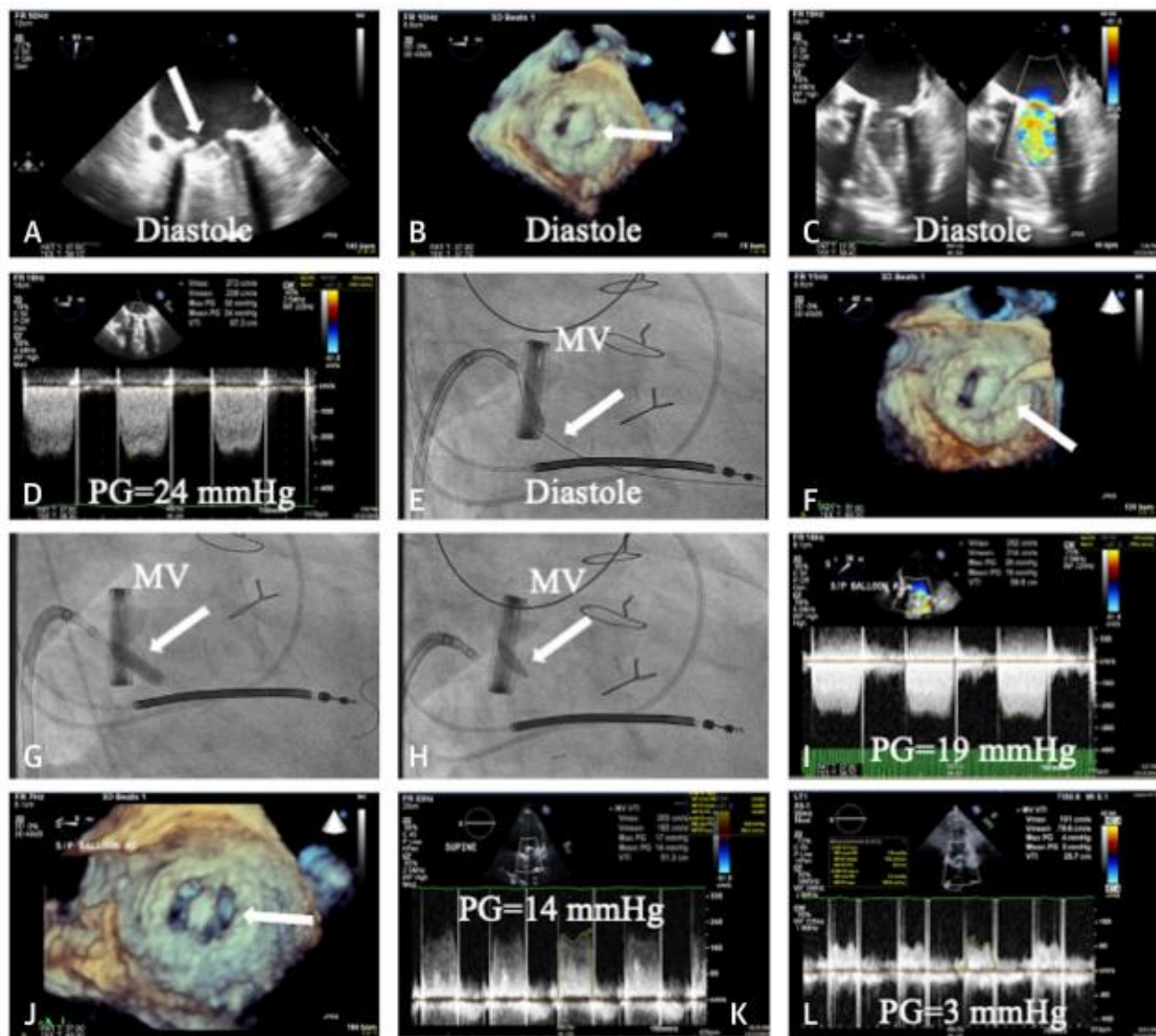


Fig. 1. Panel A-showing aortic and mitral prosthetic valves; Bileaflet Aortic valve is seen stuck in systole. Panel B- 6 mm Emboshield distal embolic protection device placed in bilateral internal carotid arteries. Panel C- 0.025"Terumo crossing the valve. Panel D- Dottering with 6 × 18 mm Tyshak Balloon. Panel E- opened position of leaflets in systole. Panel F- Gradients reduced on transthoracic echocardiogram.



release of a stuck mechanical mitral valve leaflet by serial balloon dilatations from 1-mm to 5-mm coronary balloons.





A woman with a 29-mm Carbomedics mitral mechanical prosthesis (Corcym) presented in cardiogenic shock. Three-dimensional transesophageal echocardiogram revealed a restricted leaflet (A, B) (arrows indicate leaflet), turbulent flows (C), elevated pressure gradient (PG) (D), and maximum transvalvular velocity of 2.7 m/s. Given her prohibitive surgical risk and supratherapeutic international normalized ratio, transcatheter leaflet release was attempted. Using fluoroscopy, the valve was crossed with a 0.014-inch guidewire via transseptal approach (E, F) (arrows indicate catheter crossing valve). Progressively larger noncompliant coronary balloons were inflated (G) (arrow indicates inflated balloon), which released the leaflet (H) (arrow indicates mobile leaflet), decreased the mitral PG (I), and mobilized the restricted leaflet (J). Mitral PG (K, L) improved before discharge. MV = mitral valve.



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Thromboaspiration of a left-sided bioprosthetic valve thrombosis by a mini-access: the Lausanne novel procedure

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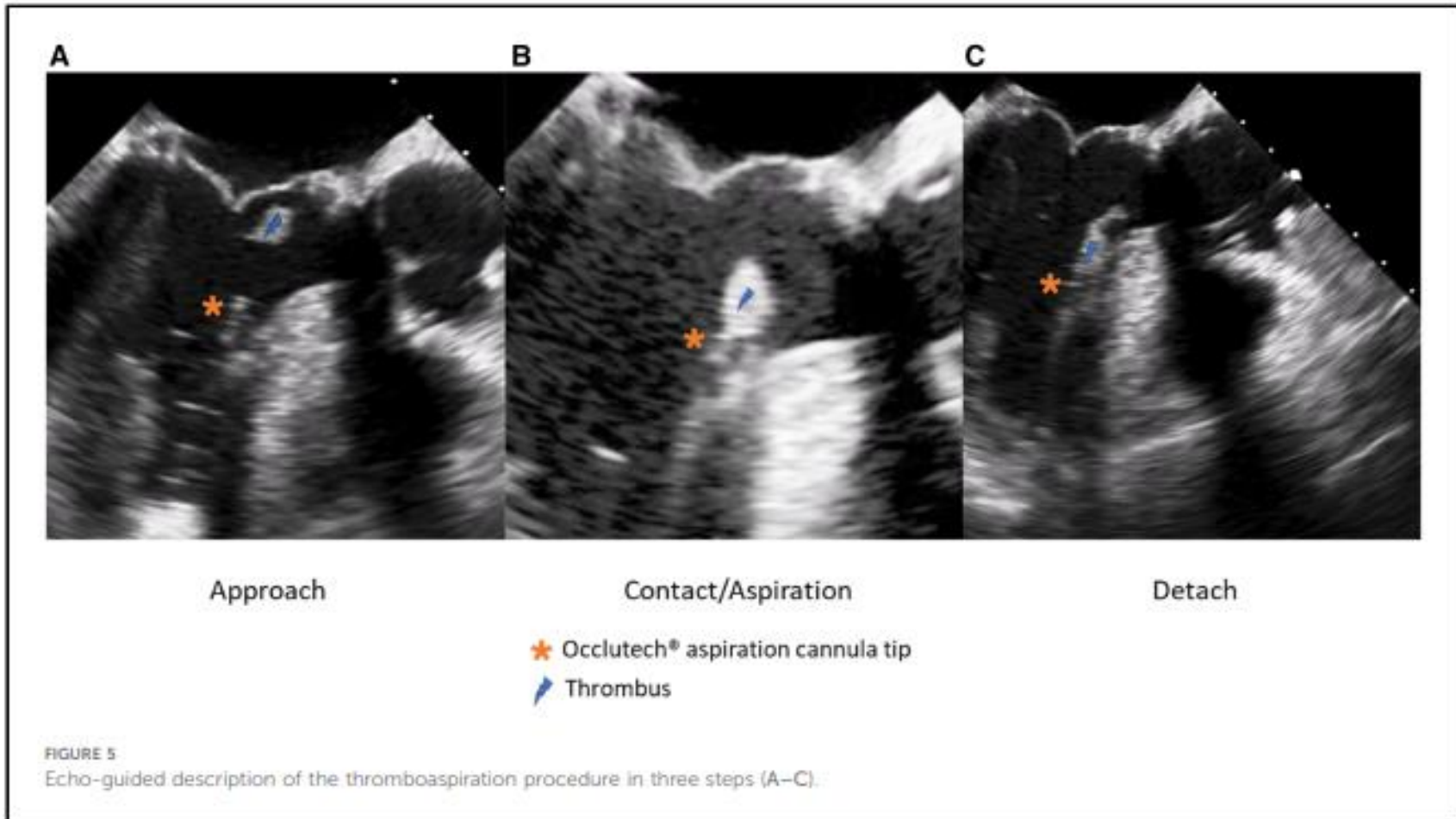
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Left-sided bioprosthesis valve thrombosis (LSBVT) is a challenging complication necessitating invasive interventions. In this study, we introduce a novel, minimally invasive approach. We used a cerebral embolic protection system and an Occlutech cannula connected to an extracorporeal circuit, providing safer thrombus aspiration compared to the AngioVac system. This technique offers a promising alternative for high-risk patients with LSBVT.

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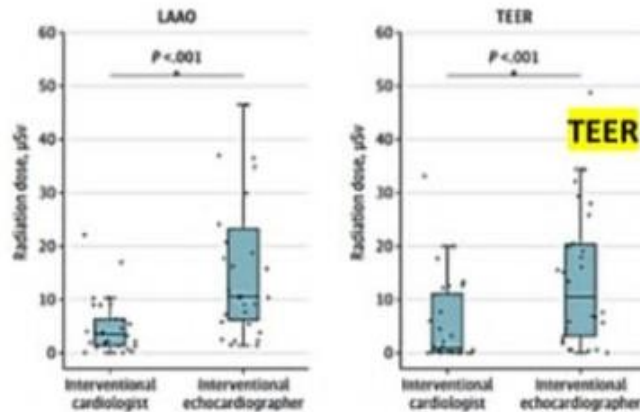
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During TEER, interventional echocardiographers received a median personal dose equivalent of **10.5 μ Sv** (IQR, 3.1-20.5 μ Sv).

This radiation dose was **11.7-fold** higher than the median dose received by interventional cardiologists (**0.9 μ Sv**; IQR, 0.1-**12.2 μ Sv**; $P < .001$)

Personal dose equivalent per case during LAAO and TEER



Interventional cardiologists, interventional cardiologist and interventional echocardiographer during percutaneous left atrial appendage occlusion (LAAO) (n = 30) and percutaneous transcatheter edge-to-edge mitral valve repair (TEER) (n = 30) are shown.



