

# VH-IVUS and OCT Evidences of In-Stent Neointimal Hyperplasia **A Mechanism of Stent Failure**

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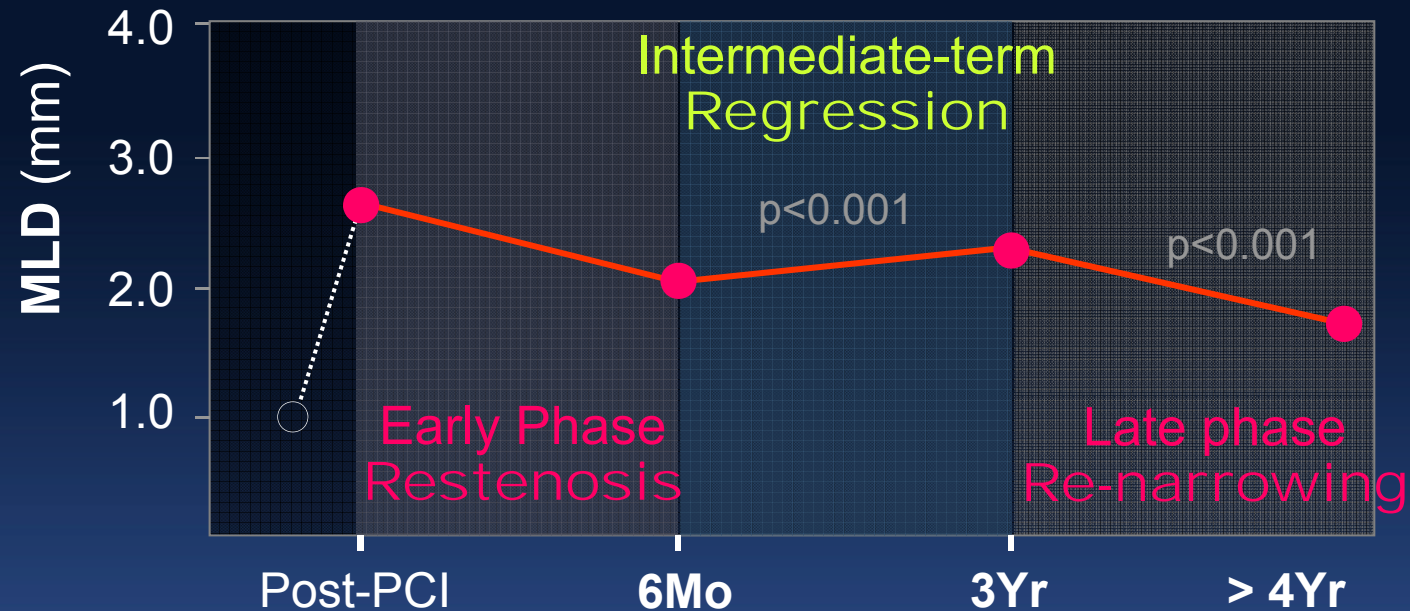
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# Evidences of Neointimal Hyperplasia *As a Mechanism of* Late In-stent Restenosis

# Tri-phasic Luminal Response of BMS Extended Follow-up Study



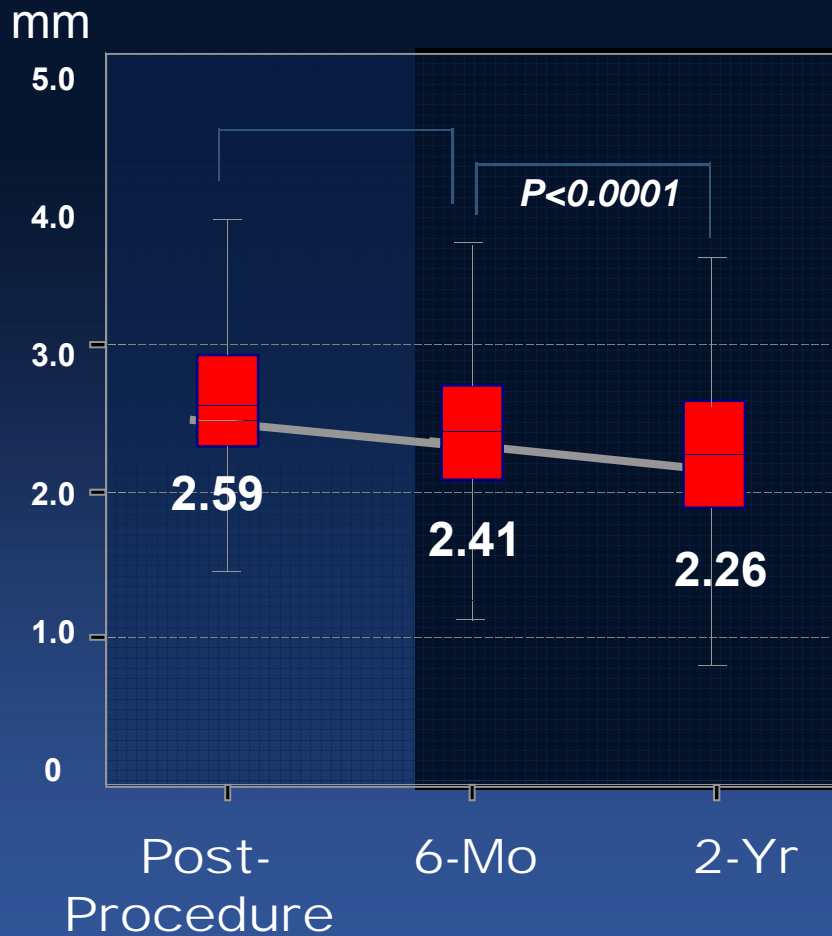
late phase re-narrowing likely related to  
neoatherosclerosis beyond 3 years

*Kimura et al. N Engl J Med 1996;334:561-6*

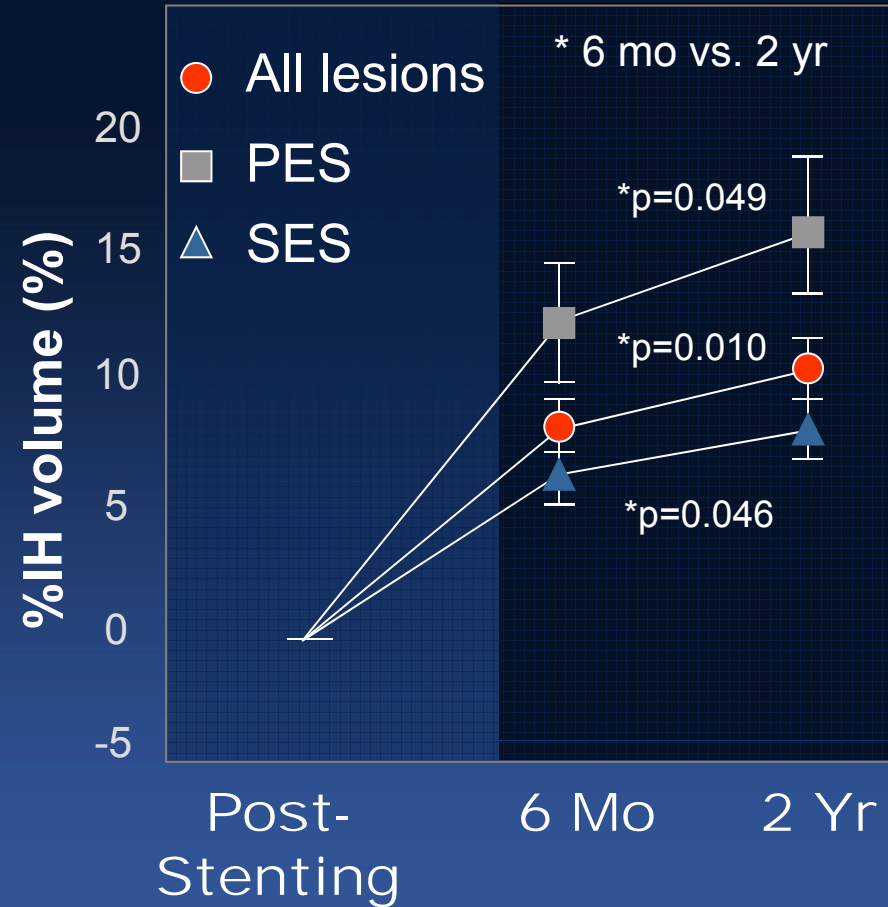
*Kimura et al. Circulation 2002;105:2986-91*

# "Late Catch-up" in DES

## Serial F/U of MLD



## Serial F/U %IH Volume

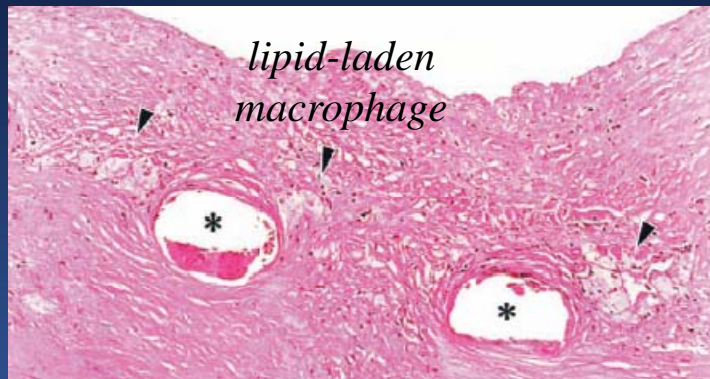


Park et al. *Int J Cardiol.* 2010 Sep in press

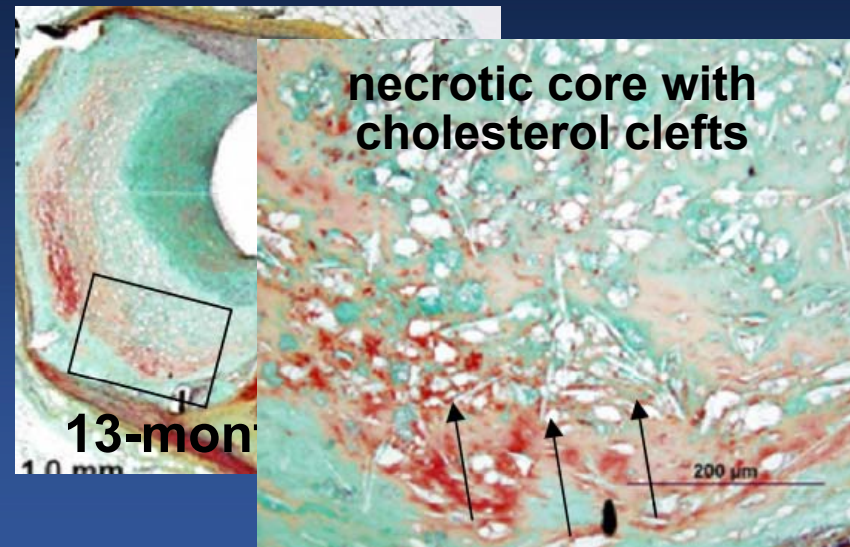
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# Pathologic Definition of "Neoatherosclerosis"

Peri-strut **foamy macrophage clusters** with or without calcification, fibroatheroma, and ruptures with thrombosis in neointima, but no communication with underlying native atheroma



5-year f/u Palmaz–Schatz



*Hasegawa et al. Catheter and Cardiovascular Interventions 2006;68:554–8*

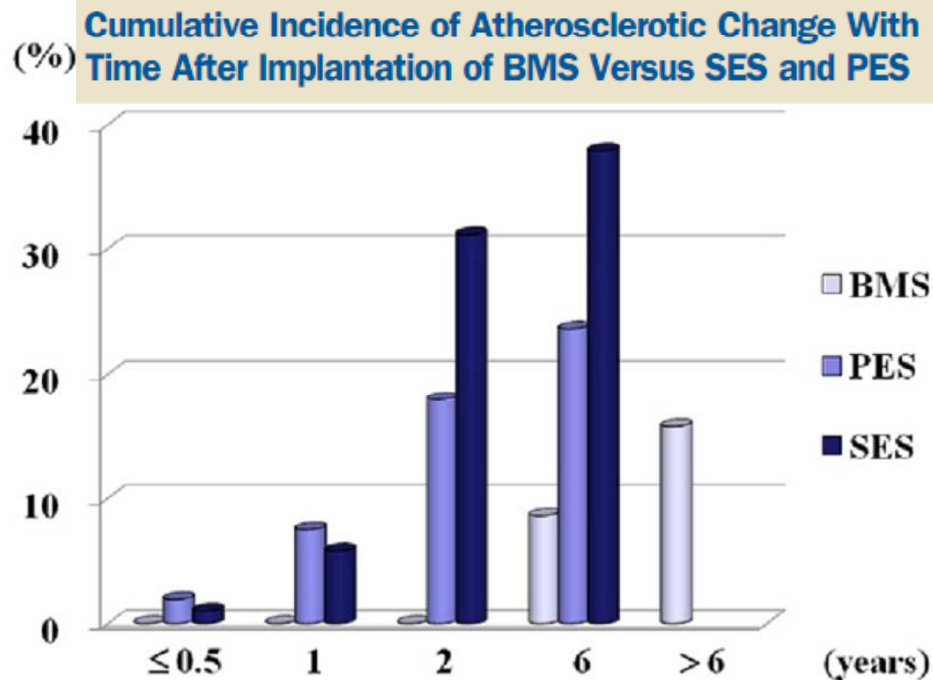
*Inoue et al. Cardiovascular Pathology 2004;14:109–15*

**EXPEDITED PUBLICATIONS**

# The Pathology of Neoatherosclerosis in Human Coronary Implants

Bare-Metal and Drug-Eluting Stents

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	<b>DES</b>	<b>BMS</b>
<b>Incidence</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Median F/U time point</b>	<b>14 Mo</b>	<b>72 Mo</b>

Neoatherosclerosis **in DES** is more frequent and occurs earlier

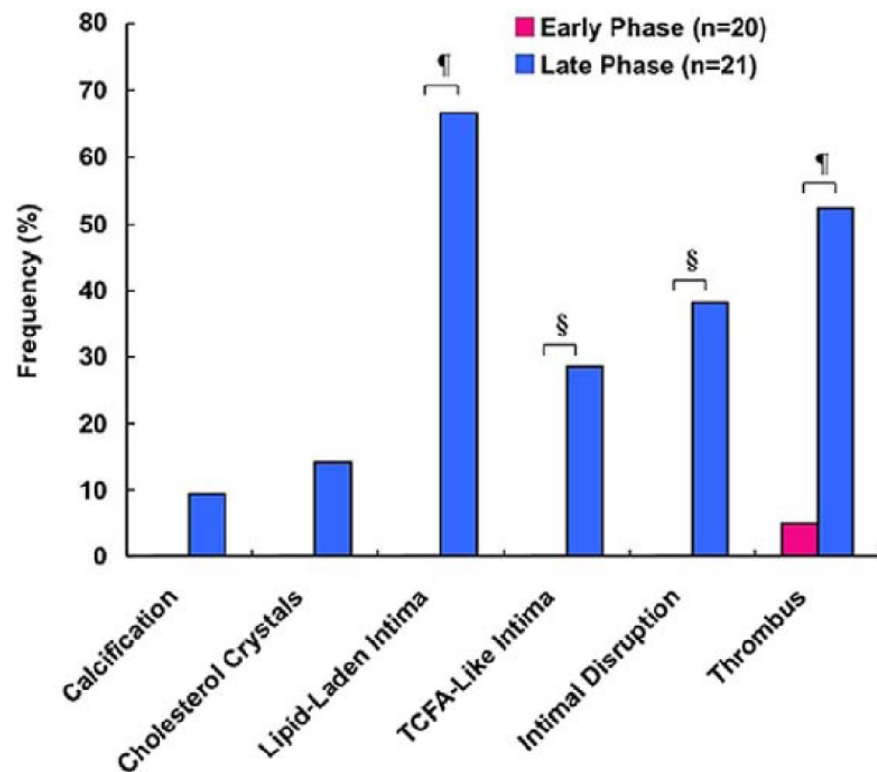
*Nakazawa et al. JACC 2011;57:1314–22*

CLINICAL RESEARCH

Interventional Cardiology

## Appearance of Lipid-Laden Intima and Neovascularization After Implantation of Bare-Metal Stents

Extended Late-Phase Observation  
by Intracoronary Optical Coherence Tomography



- Neointima transforms into lipid-laden atherosclerotic tissue in late phase after BMS
- Lipid-laden intima frequently has intimal disruption, thrombi and neovascularization

Takano et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2009;55:26-32

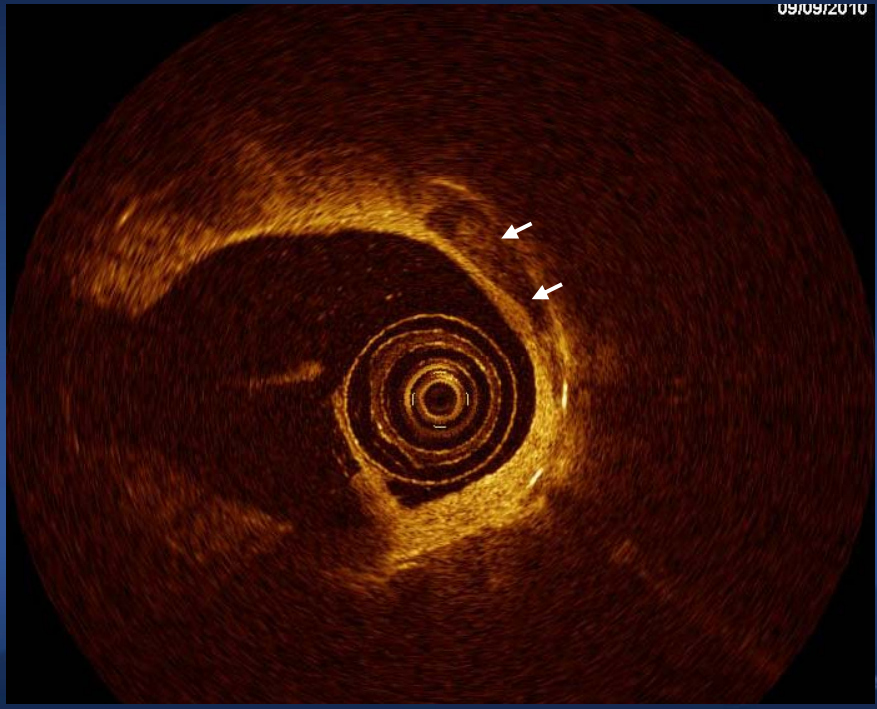
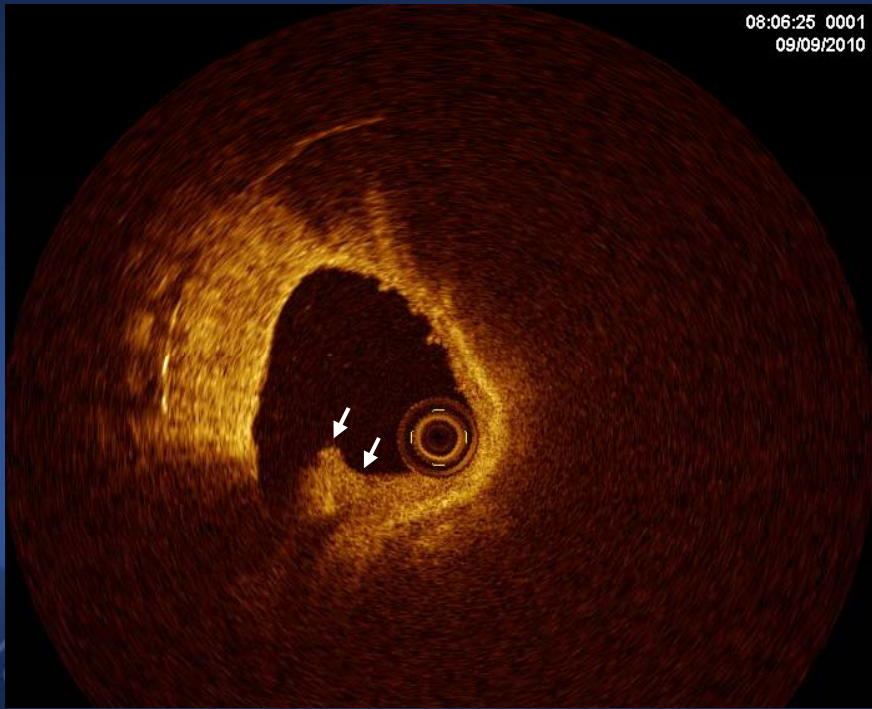
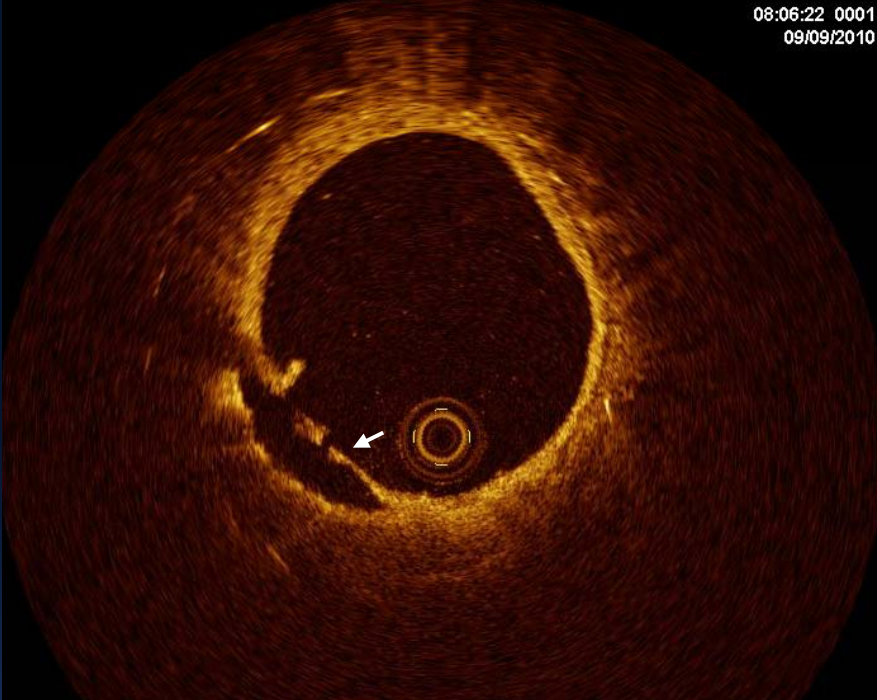
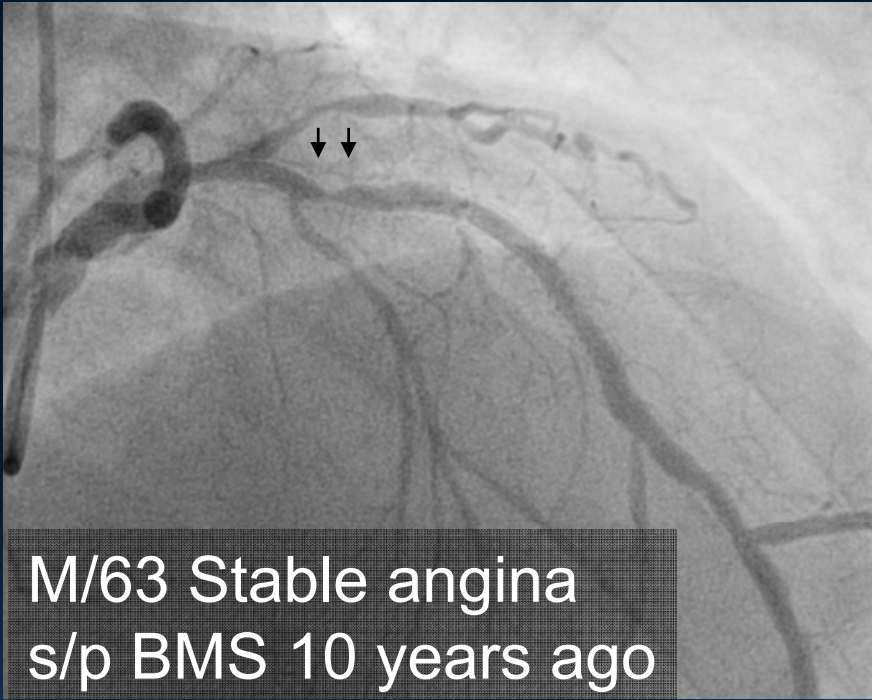


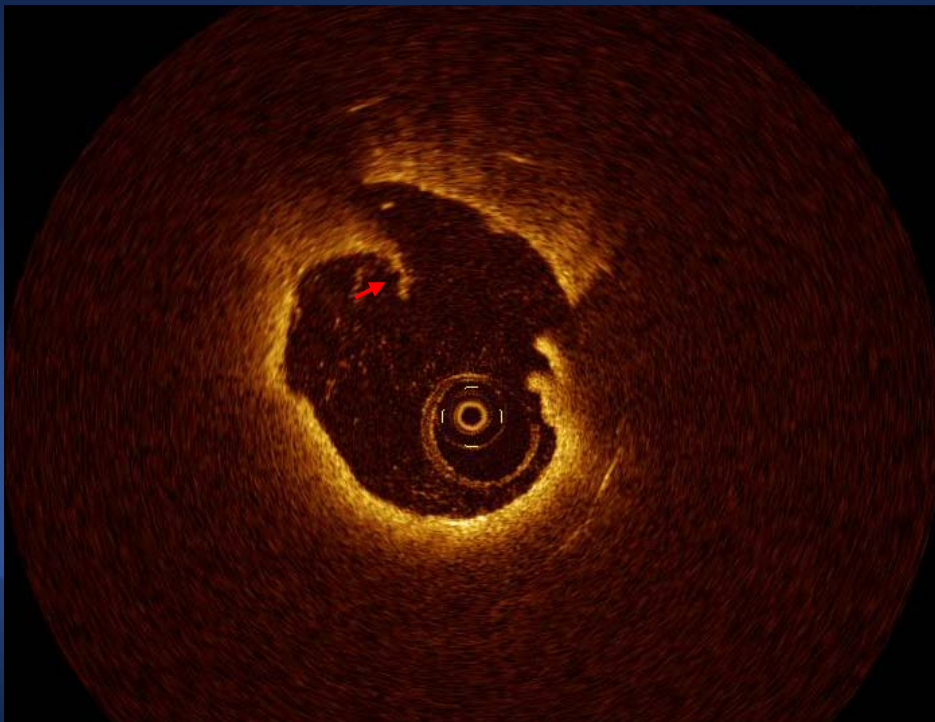
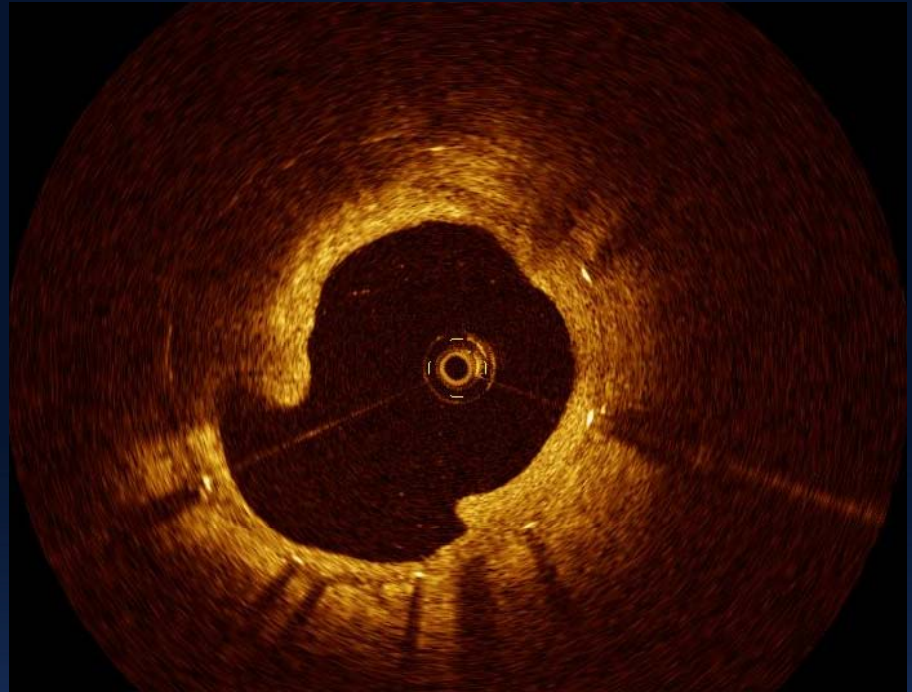
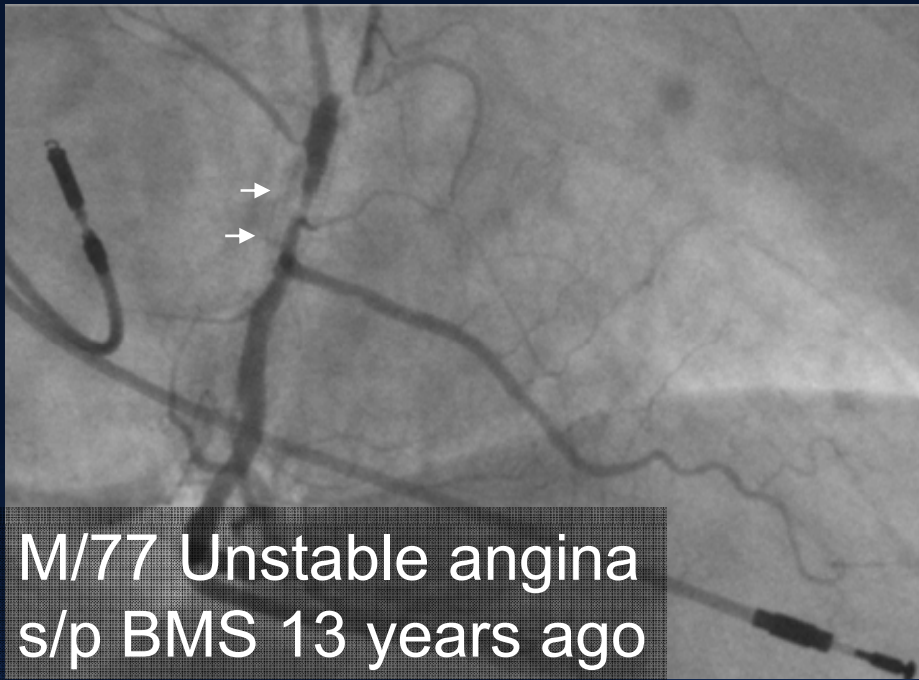
# Early vs. Very late BMS-ISR

	<b>Very late ISR</b>	<b>Early ISR</b>
F/U duration	> 5 years	< 1year
MLA, mm <sup>2</sup>	3.8±1.3	4.7±2.4
%IH area	58.6±10.3	55.6±13.4
Disrupted intima with cavity	<b>18.6%</b>	0%
Intraluminal material		
With shadowing	<b>16.2%</b>	0%
Without shadowing	<b>4.7%</b>	2.6%

Progression of atherosclerotic process within neointima may be associated with very late BMS-ISR

*Habara et al. Circ Cardiovasc Interv 2011;4:232-8*



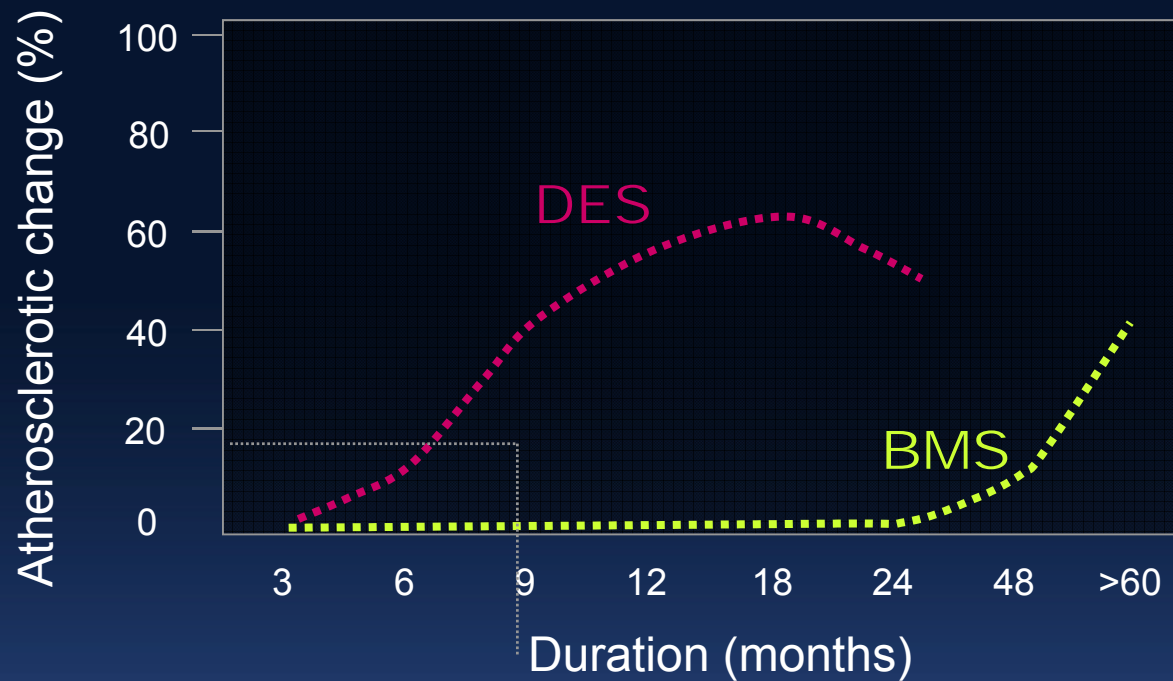


# OCT Findings of BMS-ISR at 10-Year F/U

IH is a general mechanism of 22 very late BMS-ISR requiring clinically-driven TLR (Median F/U time 10.7 years)

Lipidic neointima	100%
Calcium-containing	32%
Thickness of fibrous cap	50 $\mu$ m (IQR 50–60 $\mu$ m)
TCFA-containing neointima	68%
TCFA at MLA site	55%
Intimal disruption	86%
Neointimal rupture with cavity	59%
Thrombi	77%
Red thrombi	75% in UA vs. 30% in SA
All 3 findings (TCFA, intimal rupture and thrombi)	50%

# Different Timing of Neoatherosclerosis

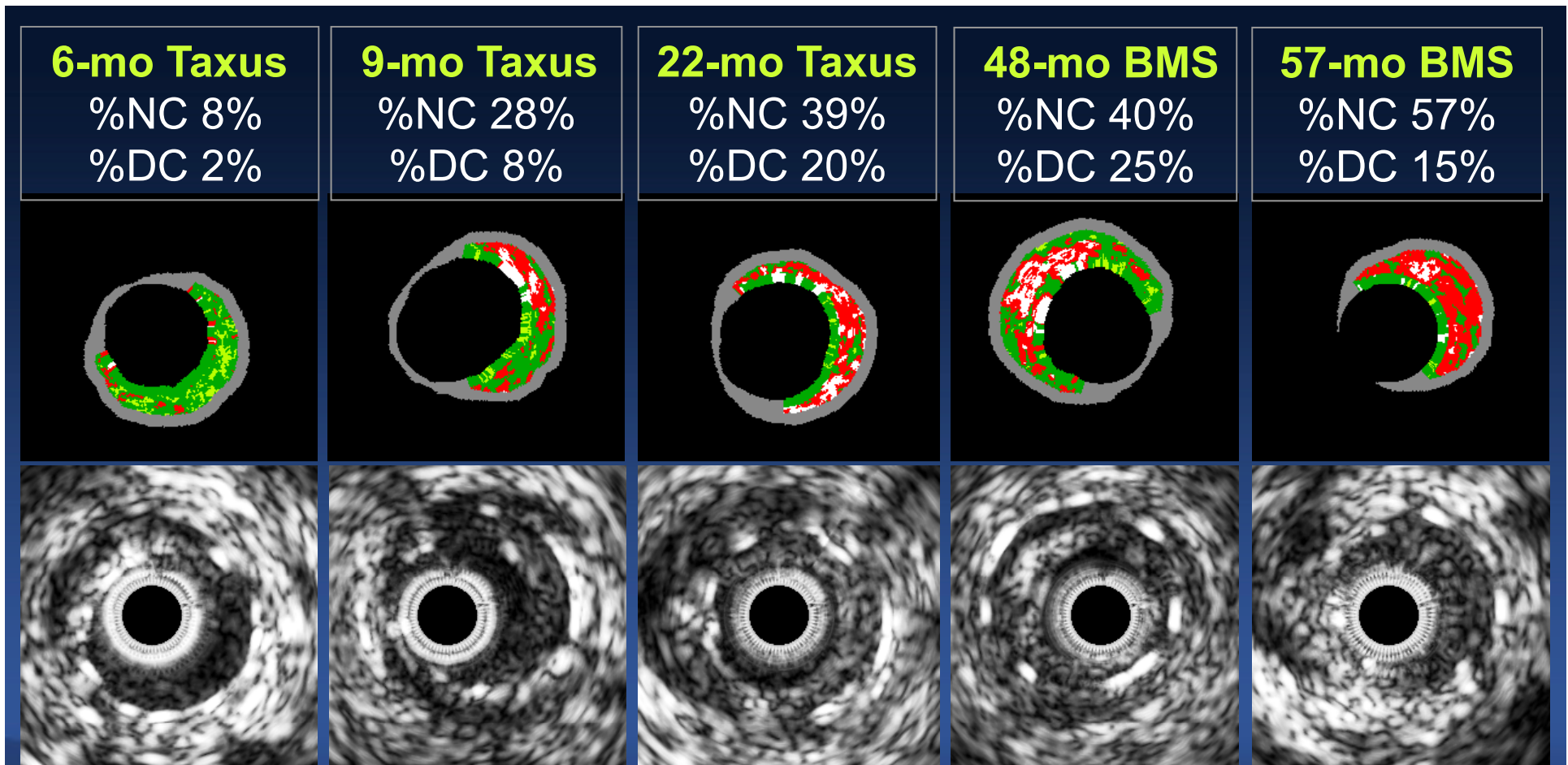


	<2 years		2-6 years	
	DES	BMS	DES	BMS
<b>Neoatherosclerosis</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Foamy mØ clusters</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Fibroatheroma (NC)</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>15%</b>

Nakazawa et al. JACC Cardiovasc Imaging 2009;2:625-8

# Tissue Characterization of In-Stent Neointima Using Intravascular Ultrasound Radiofrequency Data Analysis

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At the Maximal %IH Site

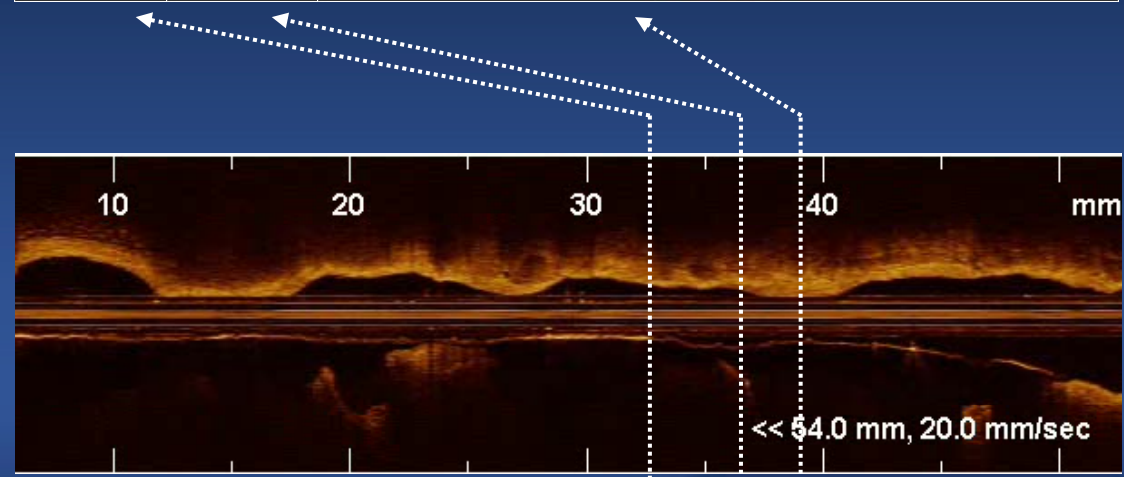
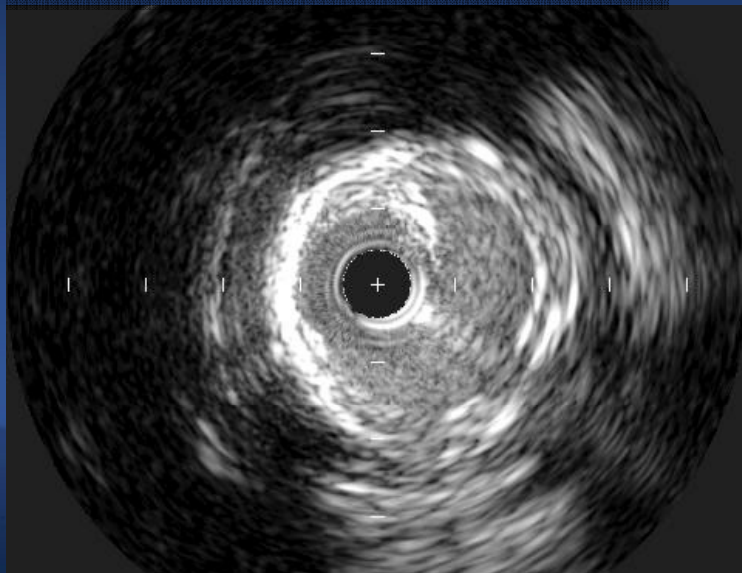
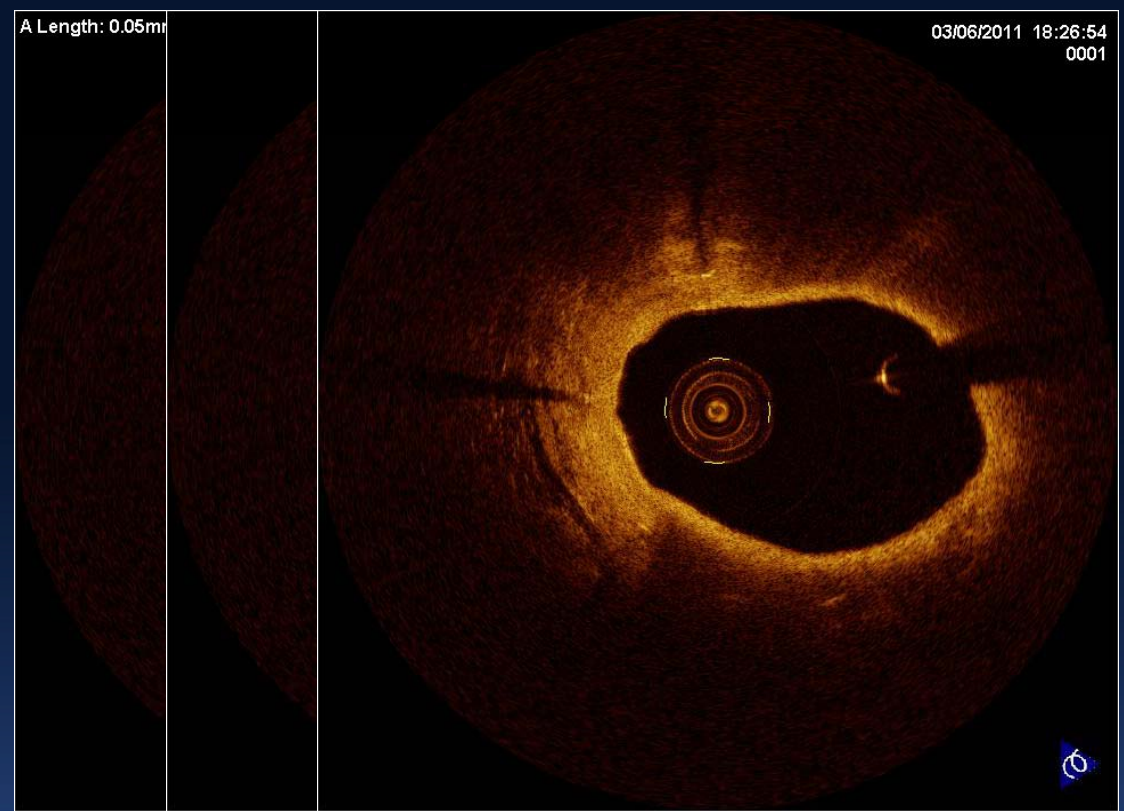
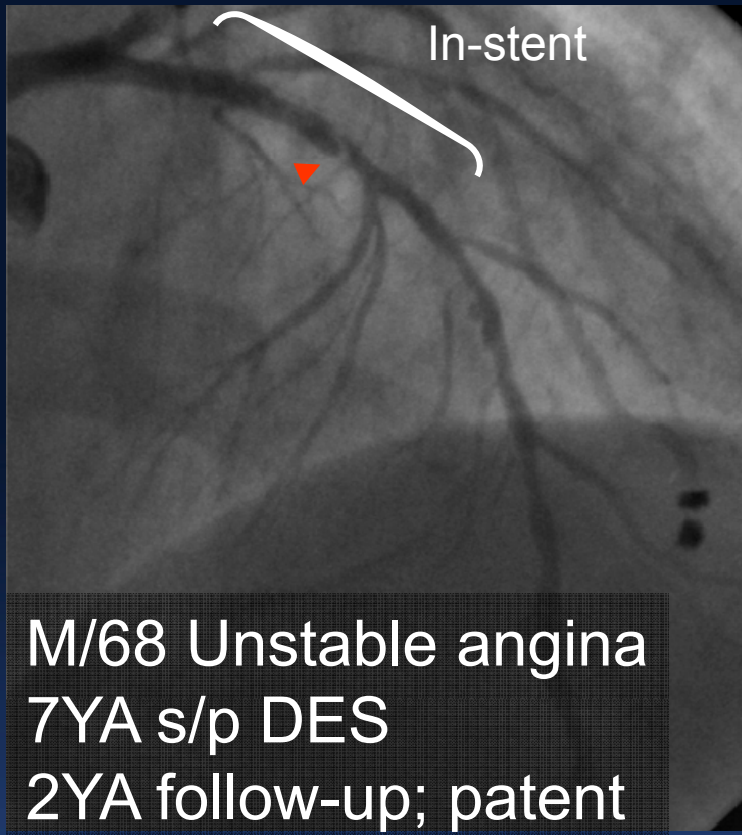
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# Neointimal Composition at Various FU Time 117 ISR Lesions (BMS and DES) with %IH>50%



Neoatherosclerosis degeneration increases intimal vulnerability with extended follow-up period

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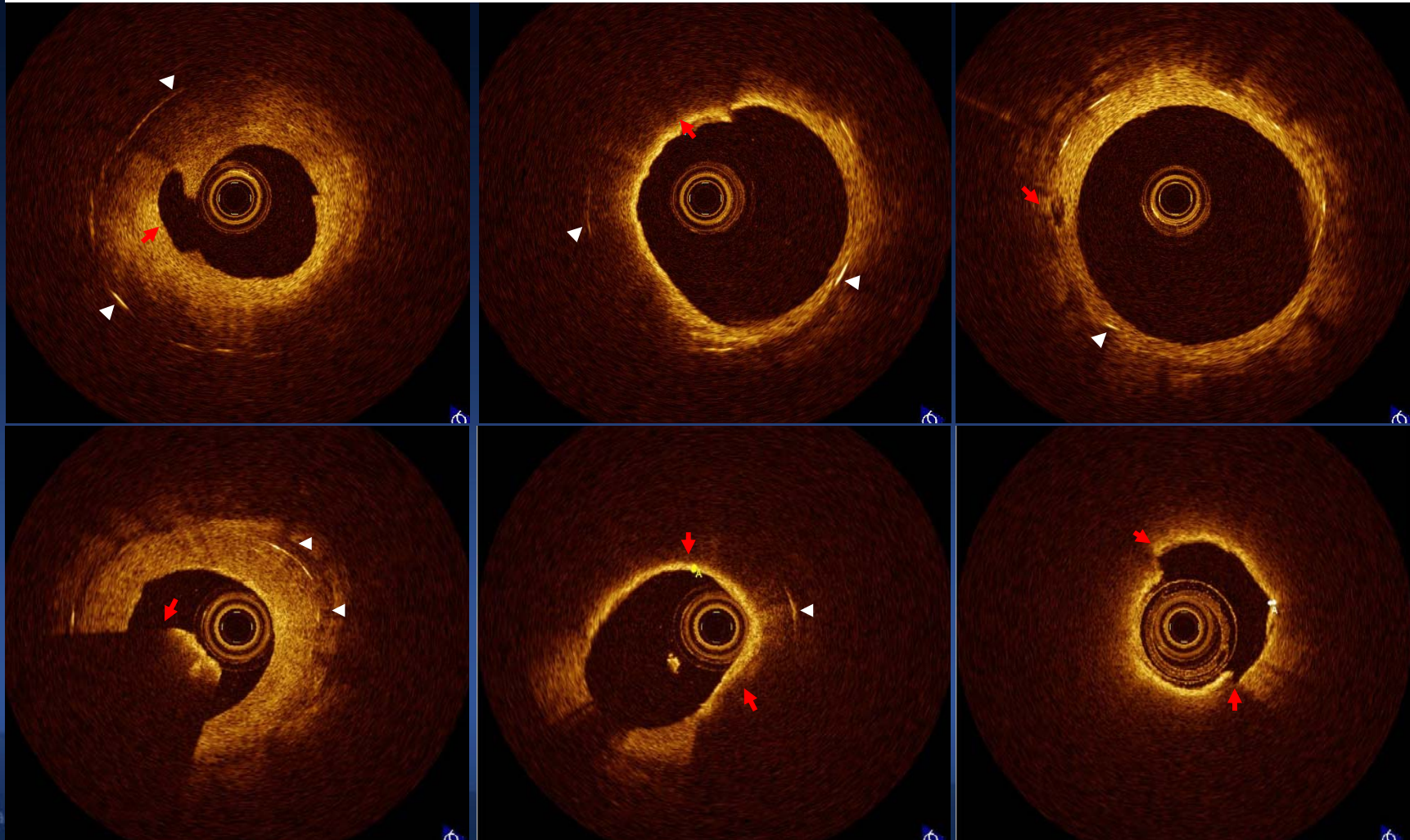




# Optical Coherence Tomographic Analysis of In-Stent Neointimal Hyperplasia After Drug-Eluting Stent Implantation

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# In-Stent Neointimal Hyperplasia

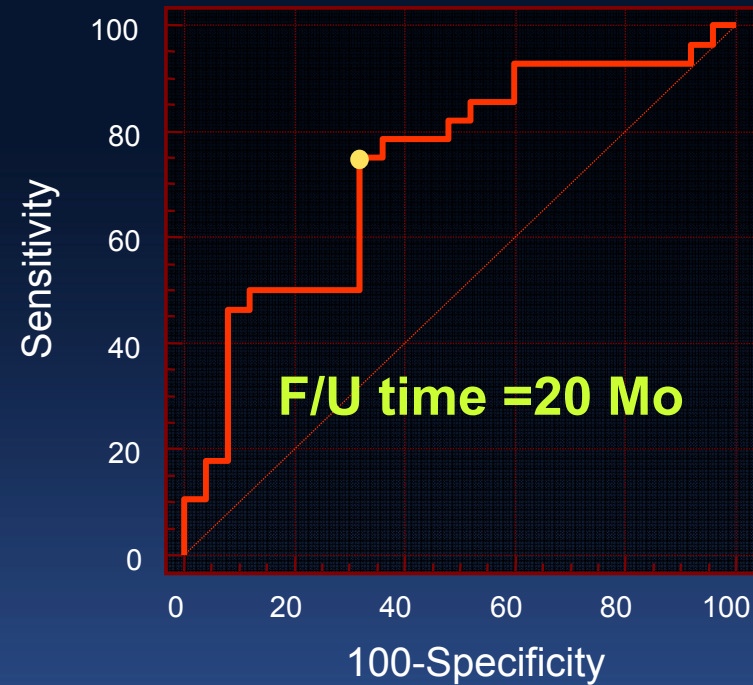
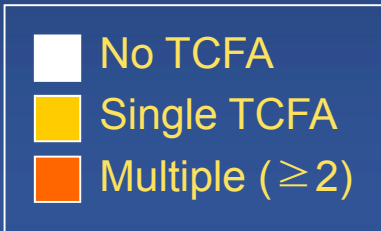
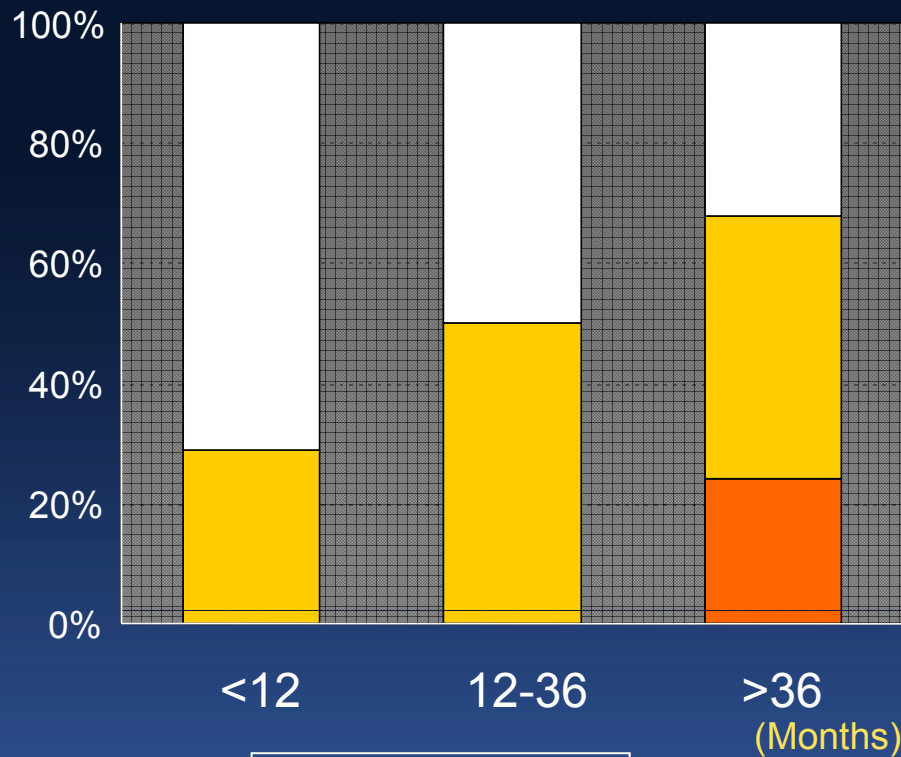
## OCT Analysis in 50 DES-ISR Lesions with %IH>50%

	Total N=50	Stable N=30	Unstable N=20	P
Follow-up (months)	32 (9-52)	14 (8-51)	41 (16-56)	0.178
Lipid neointima	45 (90%)	25 (83%)	20 (100%)	0.067
Fibrous cap thickness, $\mu\text{m}$	60 (50-162)	100 (60-205)	55 (42-105)	<b>0.006</b>
Incidence of thrombi	29 (58%)	13 (43%)	16 (80%)	<b>0.010</b>
Incidence of red thrombi	7 (14%)	1 (3%)	6 (30%)	<b>0.012</b>
Incidence of rupture	29 (58%)	14 (47%)	15 (75%)	<b>0.044</b>
Incidence of TCFA	26 (52%)	11 (37%)	15 (75%)	<b>0.008</b>
Neovascularization	30 (60%)	15 (50%)	15 (75%)	0.069

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# DES Follow-up >20 Months

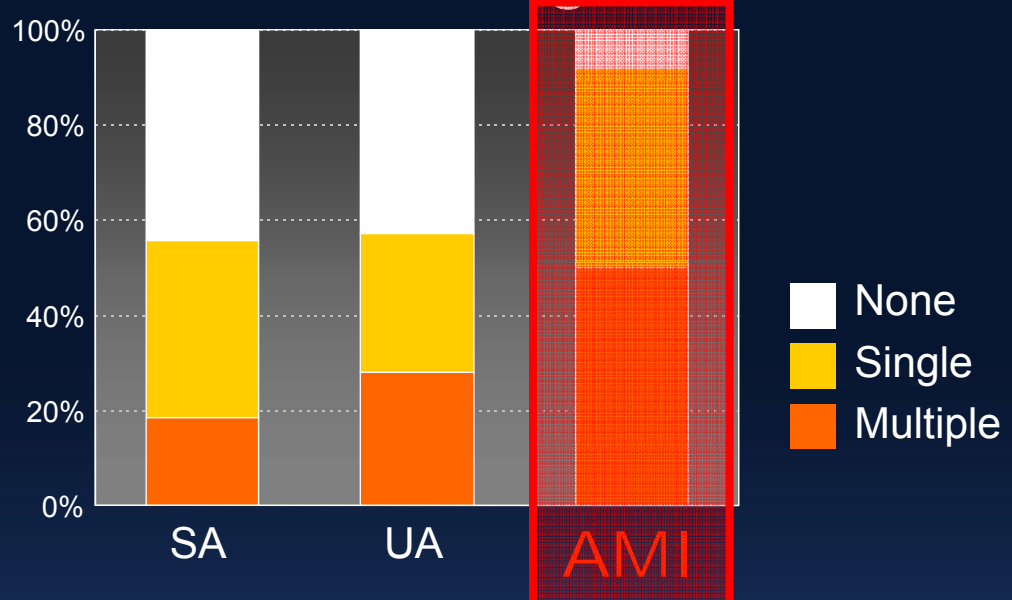
## Best Cut-Off to Predict **TCFA-Containing Neointima**



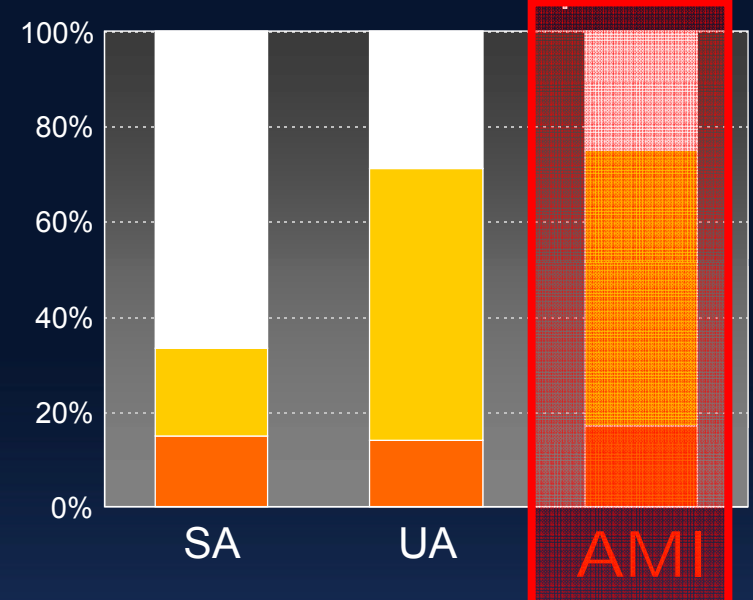
AUC=0.73  
Sensitivity 75%  
Specificity 68%

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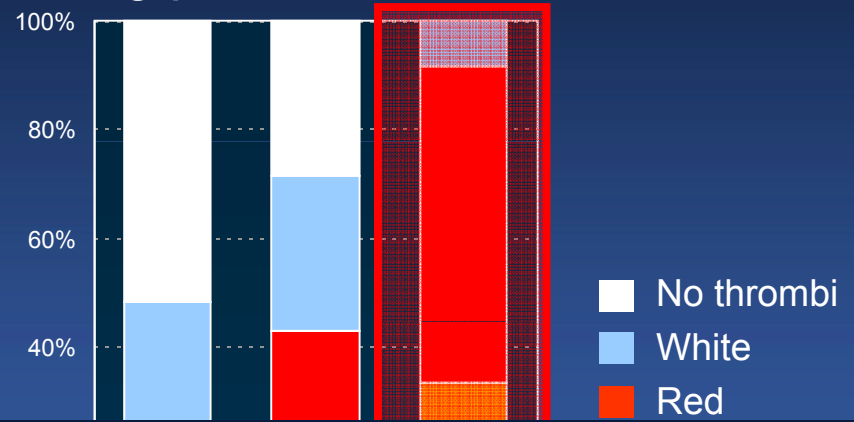
# TCFA-Containing Intima



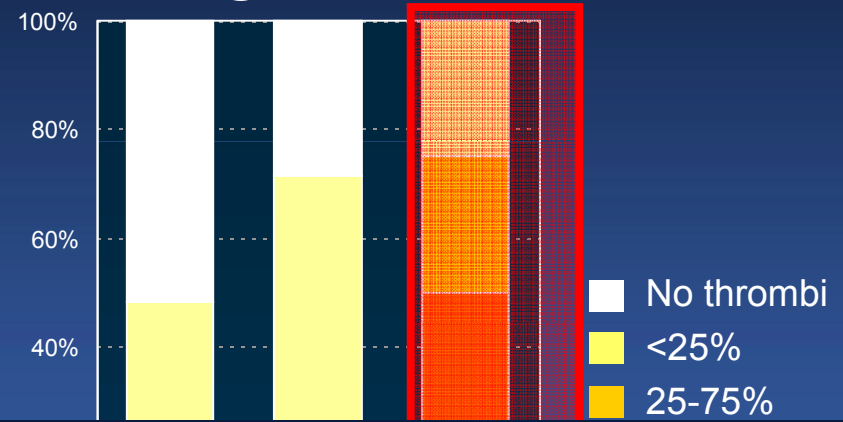
# Neointimal Rupture



# Type of Thrombi



# Longitudinal Extent



Various size and extent of thrombi, the degree of flow-limiting obstruction and acuteness may determine the diversity

# Comparison between OCT vs. VH-IVUS

## To identify TCFA-containing neointima

- 78% agreement between VH-IVUS and OCT
- Using OCT as a gold standard, VH had a sensitivity 60%, specificity 94%, PPV 90% and NPV 73%
- The lesions with VH-TCFA containing neointima showed much thinner fibrous cap than the lesions without VH-TCFA (OCT-measured thickness 50 $\mu$ m vs. 120 $\mu$ m)

	OCT-defined TCFA		p
	(+)	(-)	
%NC at the MLA	<b>25.2%</b> [8.6–30.0%]	<b>4.7%</b> [1.3–11.4%]	<0.001
Maximal %NC	<b>33.2%</b> [27.5–42.5%]	<b>12.8%</b> [6.0–24.2%]	<0.001
%DC	<b>5.5%</b> [2.4–8.5%]	<b>0.6%</b> [0.0–1.7%]	<0.001

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# Evidences of Neointimal Hyperplasia *As a Mechanism of* Very Late Stent thrombosis

# Cumulative Incidence of DES Thrombosis

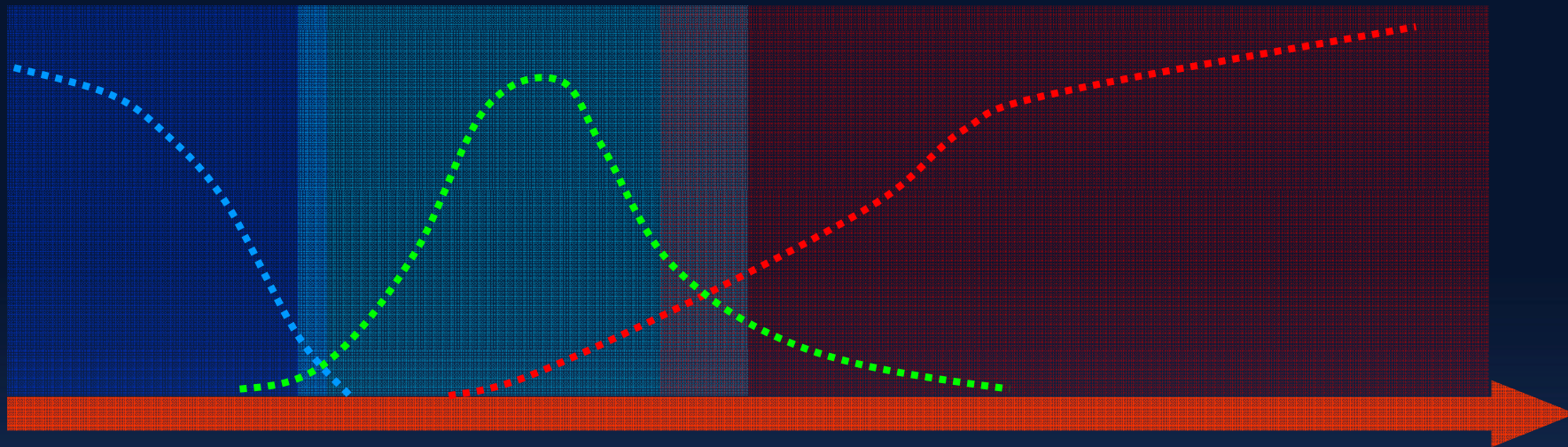


Cumulative incidence **1.2%** **1.7%** **2.3%** **2.9%**

Although the majority of DES showed good stent coverage with neointima beyond 1 year, a steady increase in late stent thrombosis (0.6% per year) have demonstrated thereafter

*Daemen et al. Lancet 2007;369:667—78*

# Timing and Mechanism of DES Thrombosis



Early (<30d)	Late (1-12 Mo)	Very late (>12 Mo)
Procedural	Delayed healing	Abnormal vascular response
Underexpansion Edge dissection Residual plq rupture Medial fracture	Uncovered struts Fibrin deposition	Hypersensitivity Extensive fibrin deposition Late malapposition? "Neoatherosclerosis"

*Nakazawa et al. J Cardiol 2011;58:84-91*

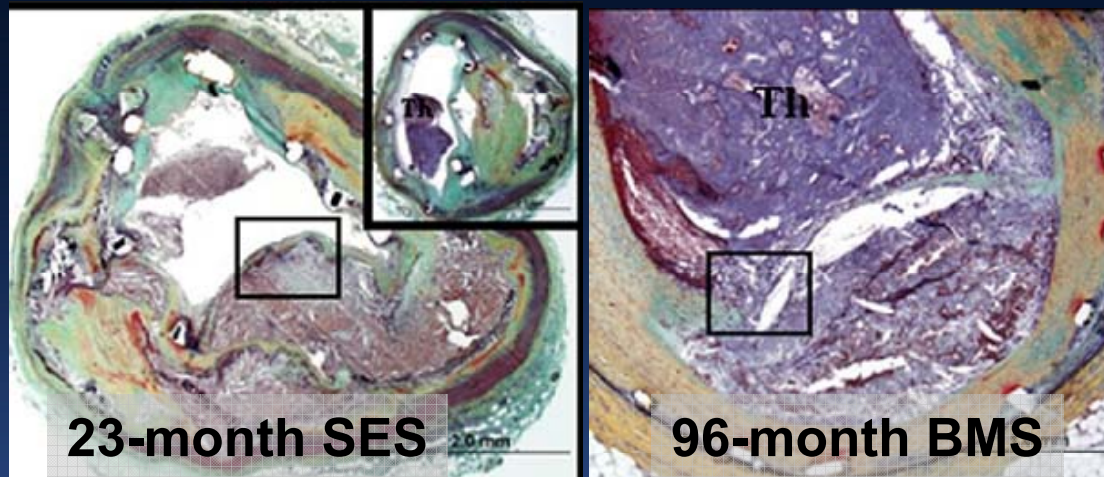


# More Advanced Neoatherosclerosis

## TCFA-Containing Neointima

### Intimal rupture

### Thrombosis



*“Unstable Neointima”*

**>5 years in BMS**

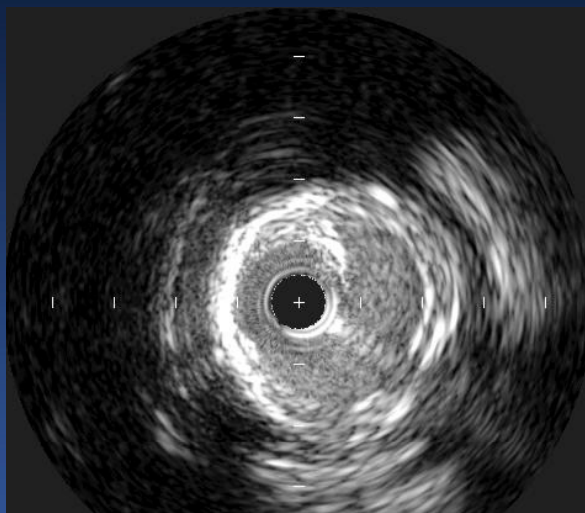
**≤2 years in DES**

Although uncovered struts as a marker of incomplete endothelialization remains the primary cause of DES-VLST, neoatherosclerosis is added as another factor

*Nakazawa et al. JACC 2011;57:1314-22*

## Intravascular Ultrasound Findings in Patients With Very Late Stent Thrombosis After Either Drug-Eluting or Bare-Metal Stent Implantation

30 AMI with VLST (Mean F/U **33 Mo** in DES, **108 Mo** in BMS)

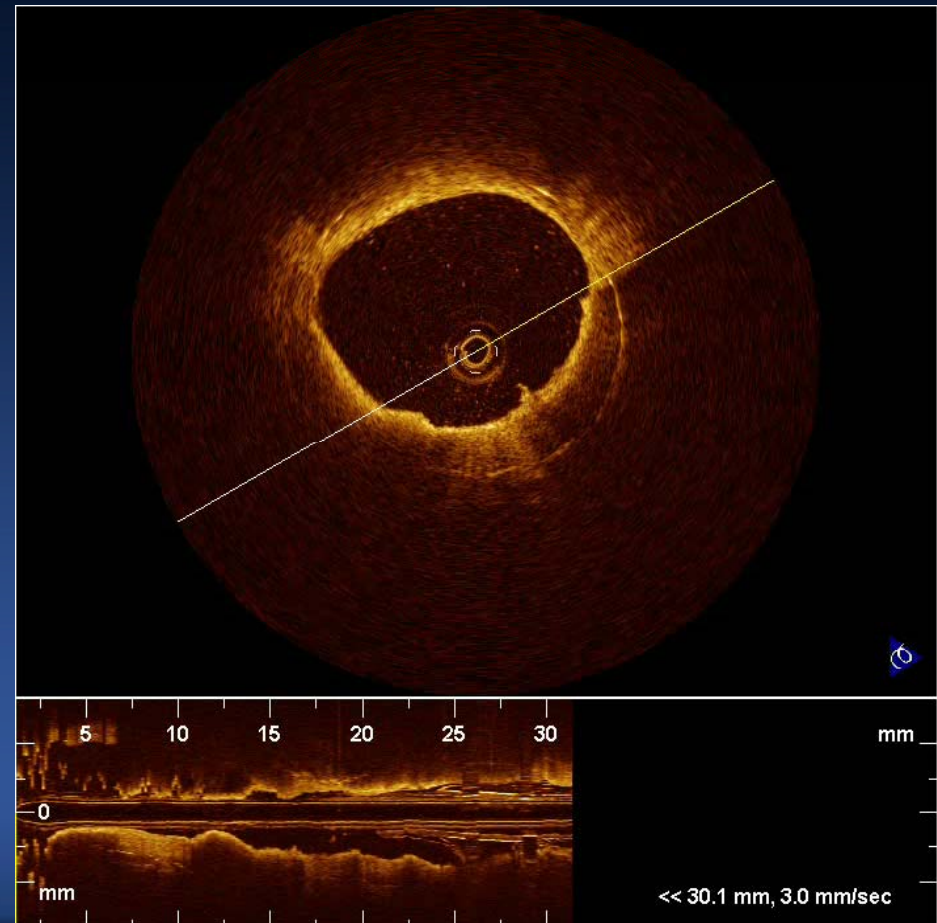
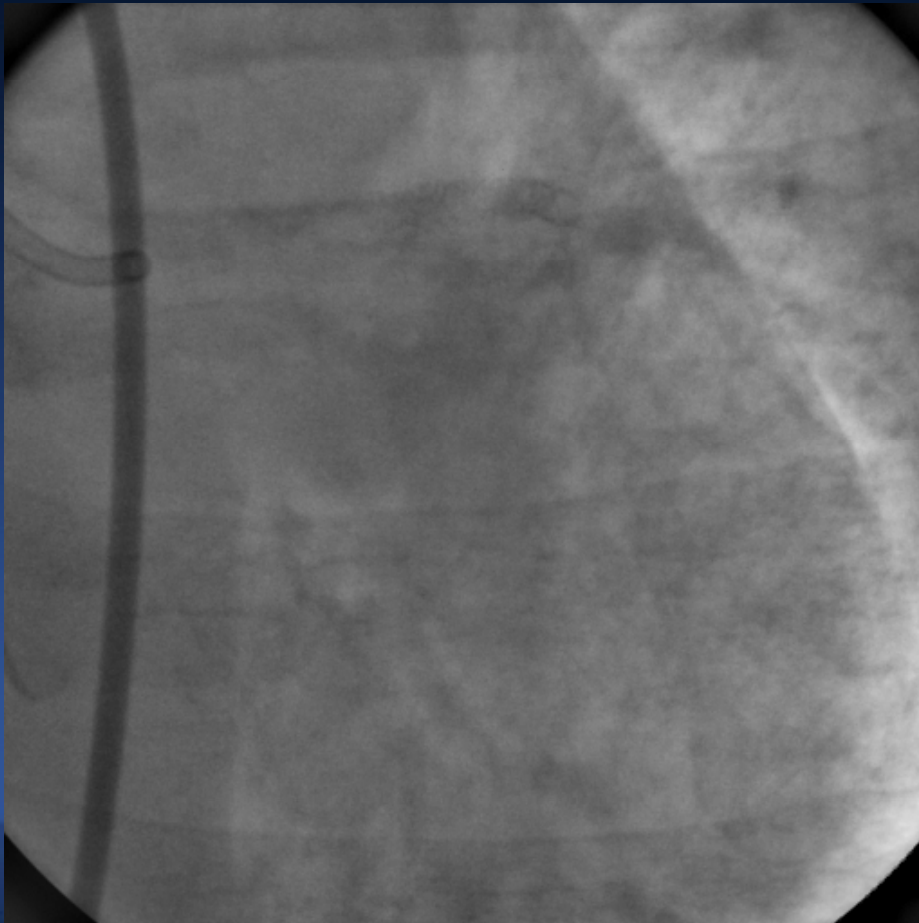


	DES (n=23)	BMS (n=7)
Mean EEM CSA, mm <sup>2</sup>	19.5±6.0	18.3±4.1
Mean Lumen CSA, mm <sup>2</sup>	4.2±1.4	4.7±4.6
Mean Neointima, mm <sup>2</sup>	3.0±1.1	5.0±1.7*
Minimal stent CSA, mm <sup>2</sup>	6.1±1.5	7.4±3.7
<b>Neointima rupture</b>	<b>10 (44%)</b>	<b>7 (100%)*</b>

Neoatheroclerosis may contribute to the development of VLST as a common mechanism in BMS and DES

# 71 Year-Old Female

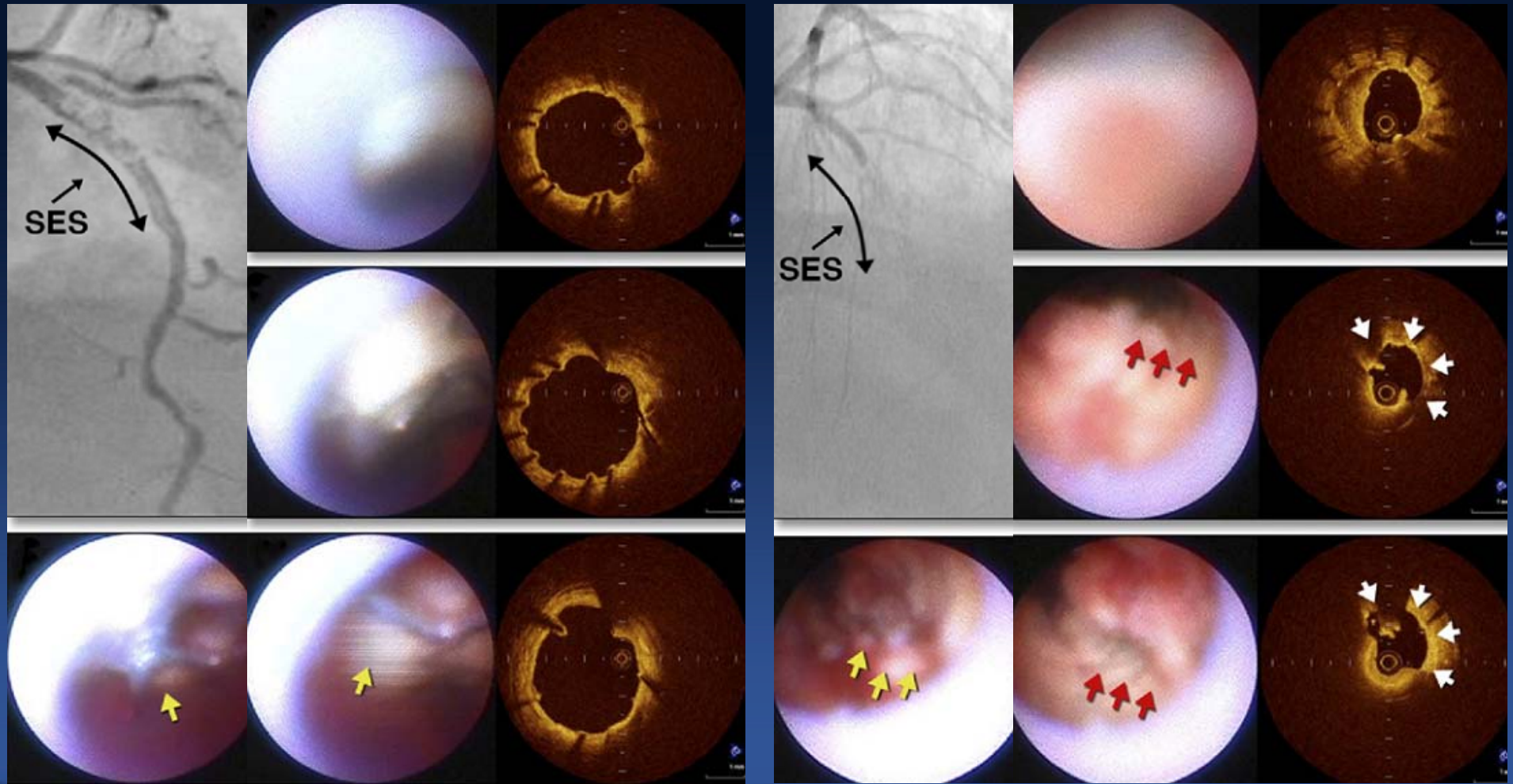
- 8YA s/p BMS at mLAD
- 7YA diffuse ISR → triple anti-platelet
- Resting chest pain → New ST depression, V4-6



# Different Mechanisms of DES-VLST

## VLST of 34-month SES

## VLST 54-month SES

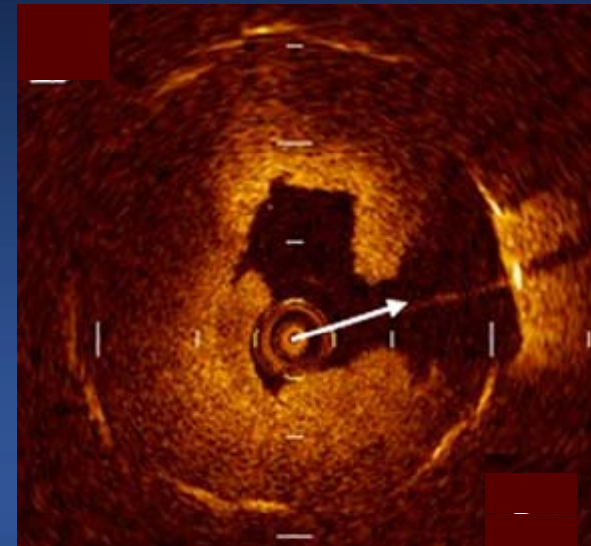
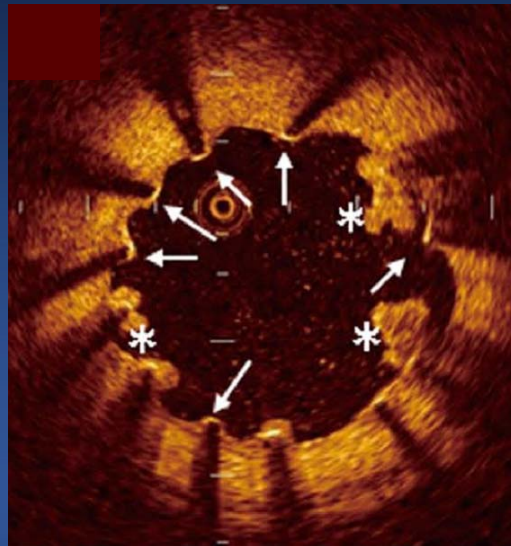


*Ikenaga et al. JACC Cardiovasc Imaging 2011;4:1217-9*

# In Vivo OCT of DES-VLST

**Table 3.** Details of VLST Cases

Patient no.	Age (years)/ Gender	Duration (days)	Lesion location	Stent type (mm)	Procedure before OCT	Uncovered strut proportion		Malapposed strut proportion		Lipid-laden-like neointima with disruption
						Strut (%)	Frame (%)	Strut (%)	Frame (%)	
1	61/M	829	LAD, Seg 7	SES, 2.5x33	Thrombectomy + POBA	20.8	64.5	23.5	58.1	(-)
2	81/F	949	RCA, Seg 3	SES, 2.5x28	Thrombectomy + POBA	46.3	93.8	9.3	31.3	(-)
3	67/F	987	LCX, Seg 13	SES, 2.5x28	Thrombectomy	2.2	10.0	0	0	(+)
4	59/M	1,093	RCA, Seg 3	PES, 3.0x12	None	52.3	100	5.4	33.3	(-)
5	60/M	1,497	LCX, Seg 13	SES, 2.5x28	None	48.5	100	5.4	32.0	(-)
6	70/M	1,340	LAD, Seg 7	SES, 2.5x18	Thrombectomy	4.9	15.8	0	0	(+)



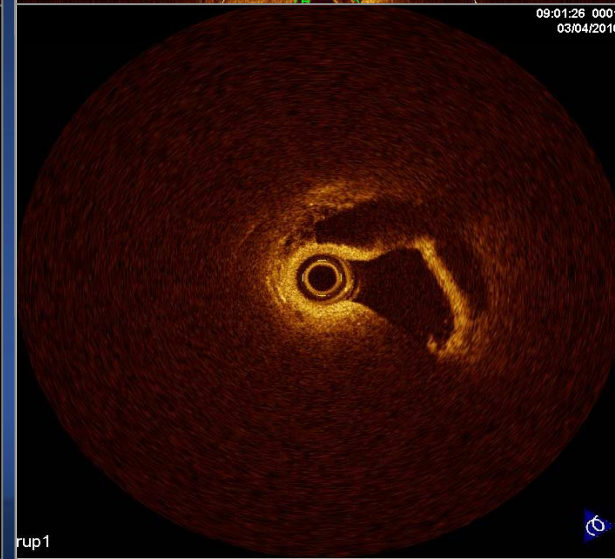
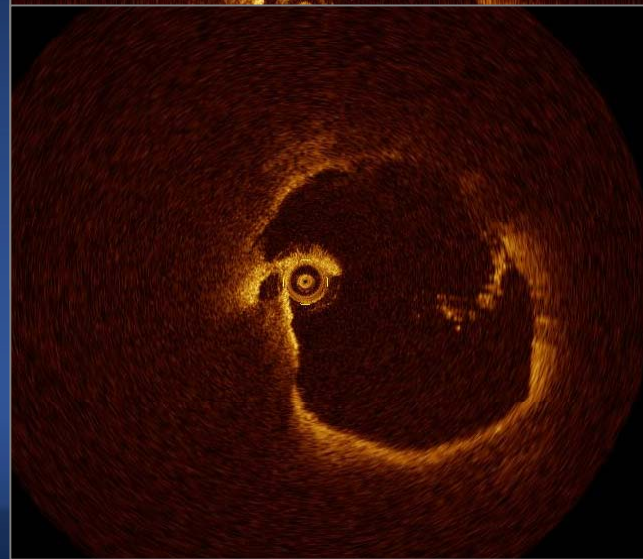
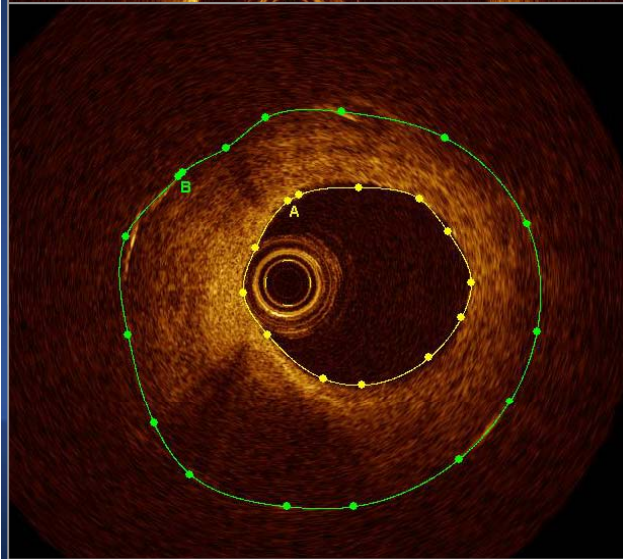
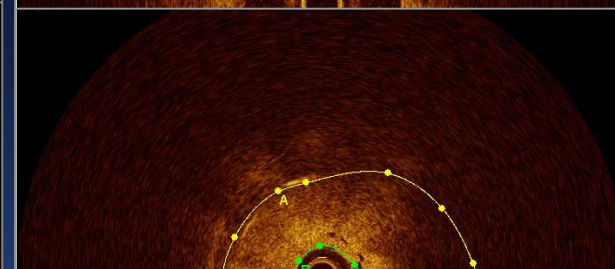
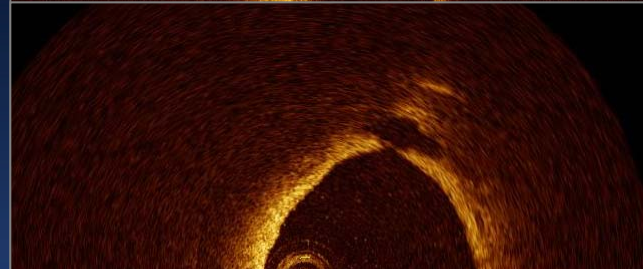
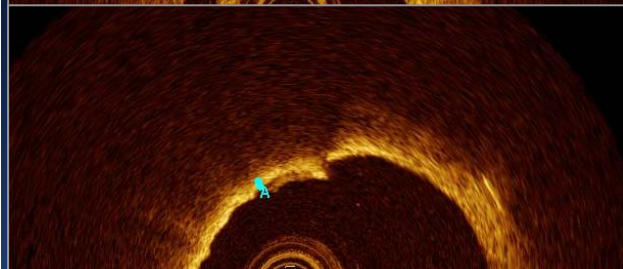
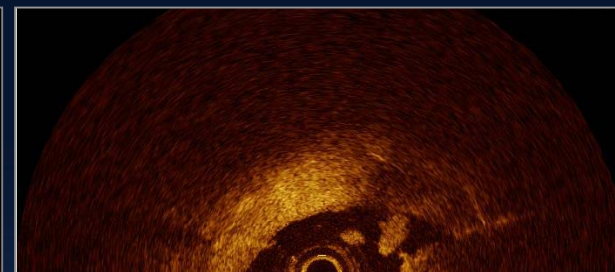
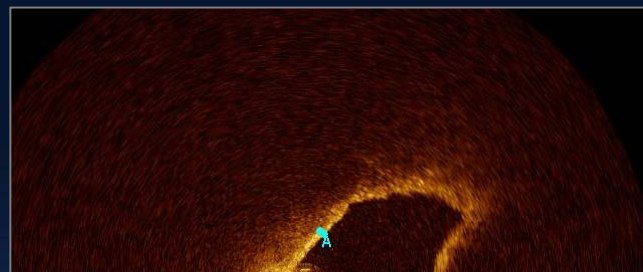
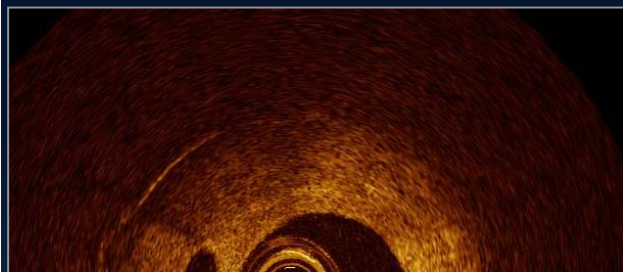
*Miyazaki et al. Circulation J 2011 (in press)*

# Diverse Clinical Features of Neointermediosclerosis

71/M, **Stable Angina**  
5YA DES at RCA

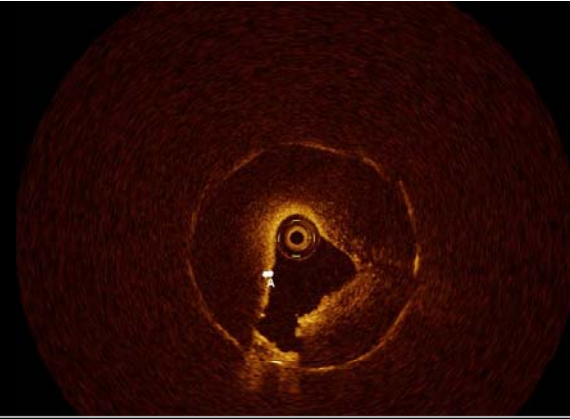
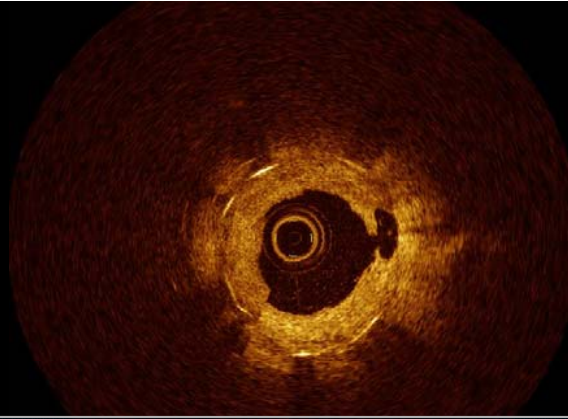
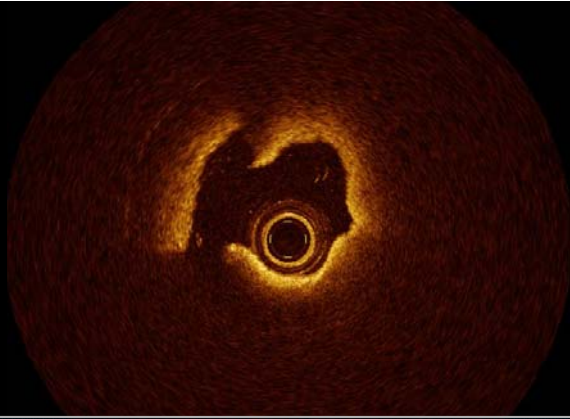
37/M, **Unstable Angina**  
8YA BMS at LAD

60/M, **NSTEMI**  
7YA DES at RCA



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## SUMMARY

In-stent neoatherosclerosis may be an important substrate for both in-stent restenosis and very late stent thrombosis especially in the extended phase

