# How Can Simple CTO Become Complicated?

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### Overview

- Complications are not uncommon in CTOs
- Occurs often from trivial slip leading to cascade of events spiraling down towards disaster
- No room for bravado, no place for slapdash, attention to detail is everything

#### Case

- 42 yrs old gentleman with effort angina class II of 6 month duration.
- Smoker and hypertensive
- No H/O of dyslipidemia
- Echo: No RWMA with LVEF of 65%

# LAD CTO with Grade 2 CC



# Fielder XTR with 2.5x12 mm Balloon



# 3.0x24 mm DES after Wire Exchange



# Post Stent Dye Held up With Flap in Prox LAD & LM



# Dissection of LM, LAD & Ramus



# 4x23 mm DES in LM Overlapping the LAD Stent



# **Post LM Stenting**



#### LM Stent Opened Towards Ramus & 3x38 mm DES Distaly



#### **3x23 mm DES in Proximal Ramus** with Slight Protrusion into LM



## **Post Stenting Ramus**







## LM Ostium: Leak



# 4x15 mm DES at Ostioproximal LM



## **Final Result**



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## **Aorto-coronary Dissection**

- Incidence: 0.7%
- RCA>LCA
- Mechanism: Dye injection into wedged catheter

Shearing forces during systole & diastole

• Causes: Guide cath trauma, small RCA, extensive athersclerosis, old age, HTN, recent MI

#### Classification

Type 1 : Limited to ipsilateral coronary cusp Type 2 : Cusps & prox ascending Ao (40mm) Type 3 : Cusps to aortic arch (> 40 mm )

# Management of Type 1 & 2 Dissection

- Minimize contrast injection
- Stent intracoronary entry point dissection
  - : Conventional stent
  - : Covered stent
- Assess progression : TEE, MSCT

### **Type 3 Dissection**

Surgical Intervention

## **Take Home Message**

- Aortic dissection is a rare and challenging complication
- Attention to prevention, recognition, & treatment of these complications is critical to performance of safe PCI.
- Prevention is first priority as it better to stay out rather than to get out of it.

