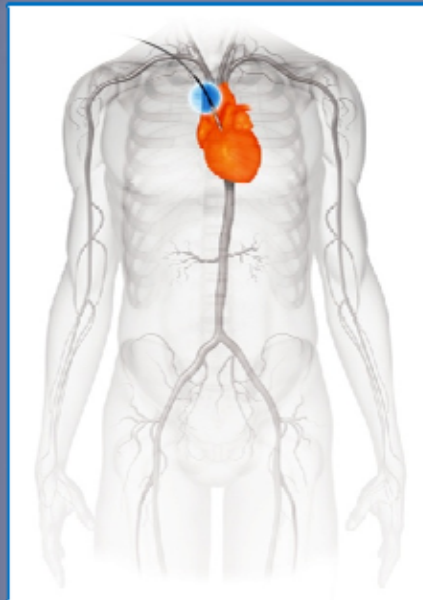


# The Medtronic Core Valve System Direct Aortic Approach



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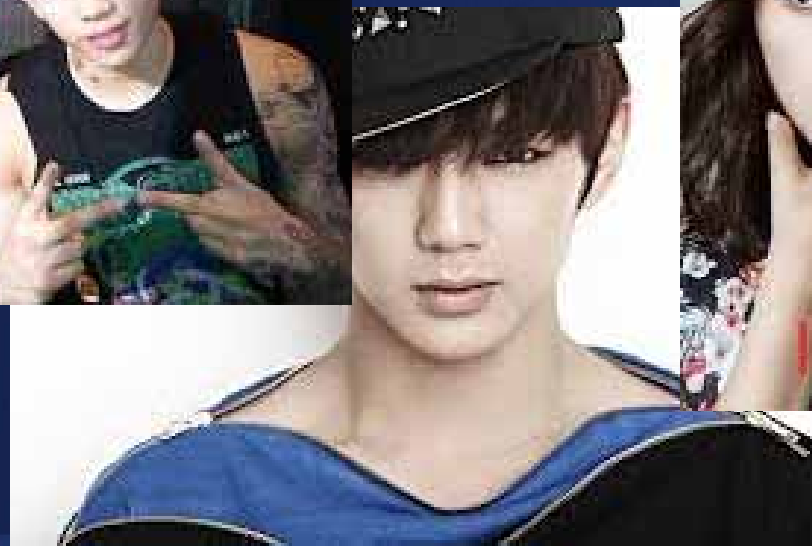
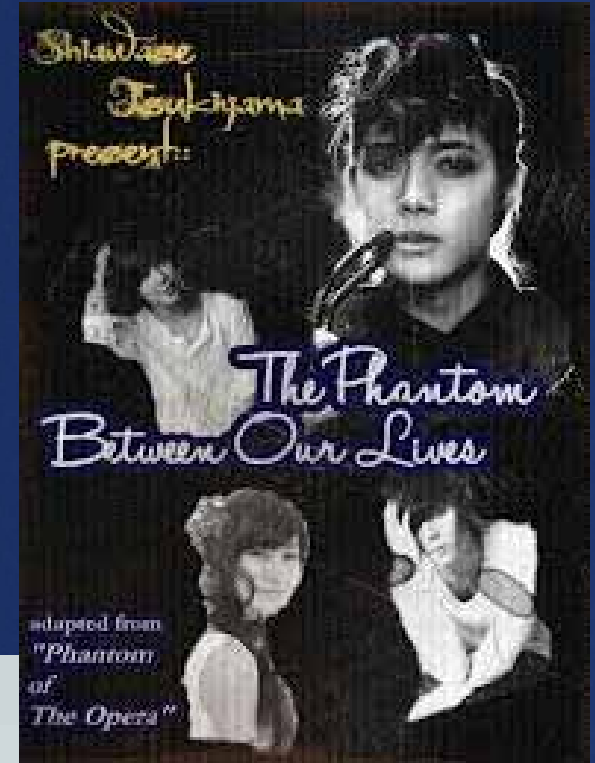
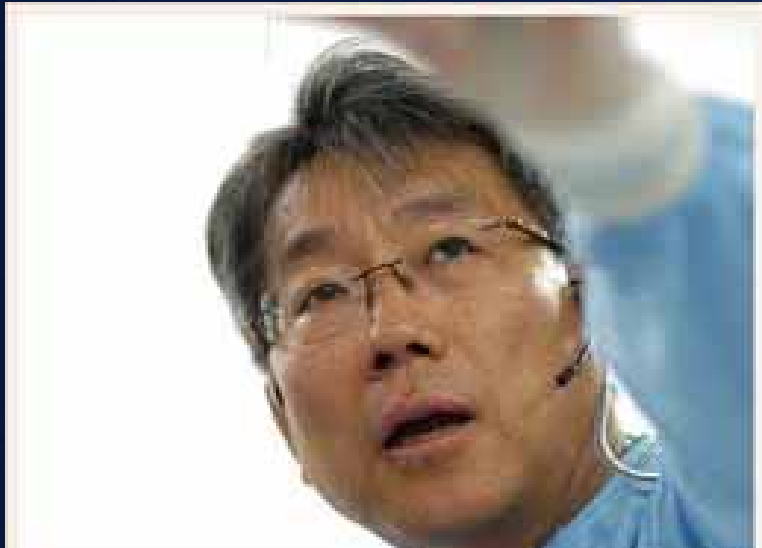


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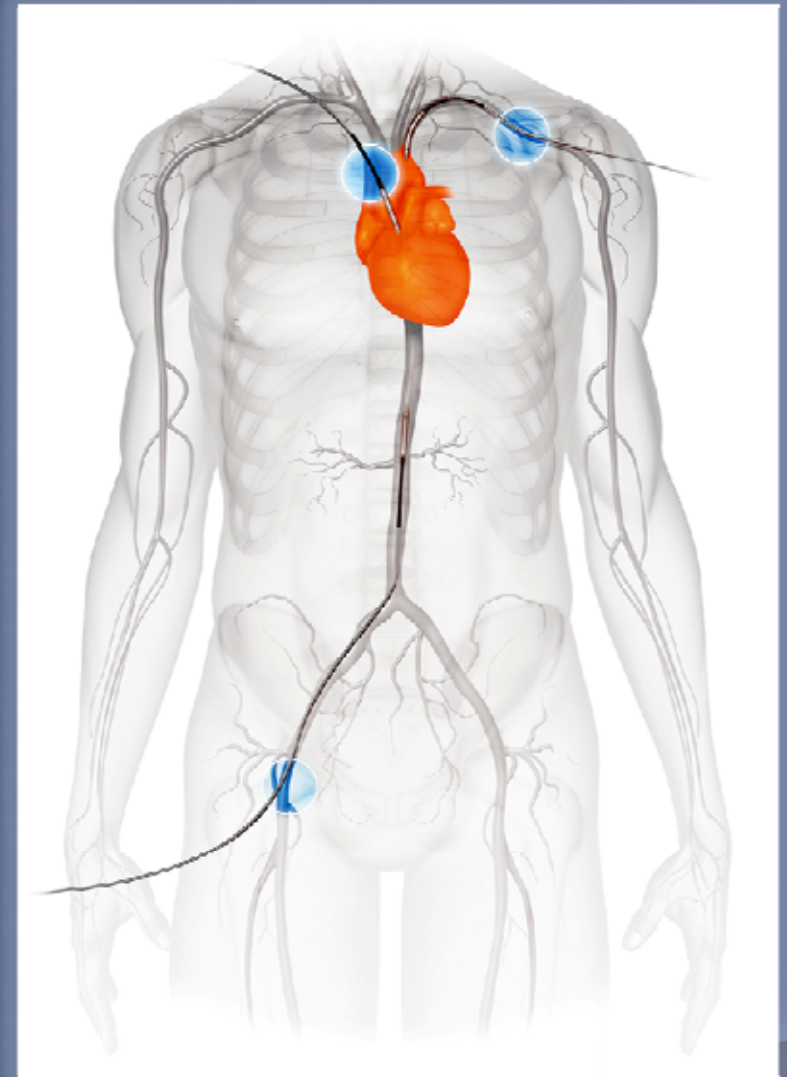
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# TAVI Access Routes

## Medtronic CoreValve System

- The Medtronic CoreValve System is approved for three transarterial access options
  - Transfemoral
  - Subclavian
  - Direct Aortic
- All sizes and access routes use an 18FR catheter delivery system

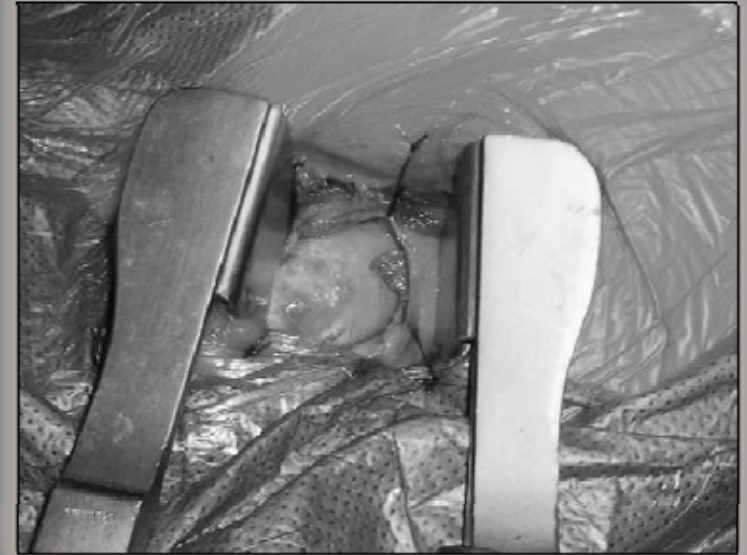


# Direct Aortic TAVI

## A familiar approach to treat more patients

Direct Aortic implantation expands patient access to TAVI

- Familiar access through a mini-sternotomy or mini-thoracotomy
- Pericardial dissection and direct heart muscle manipulation are not required

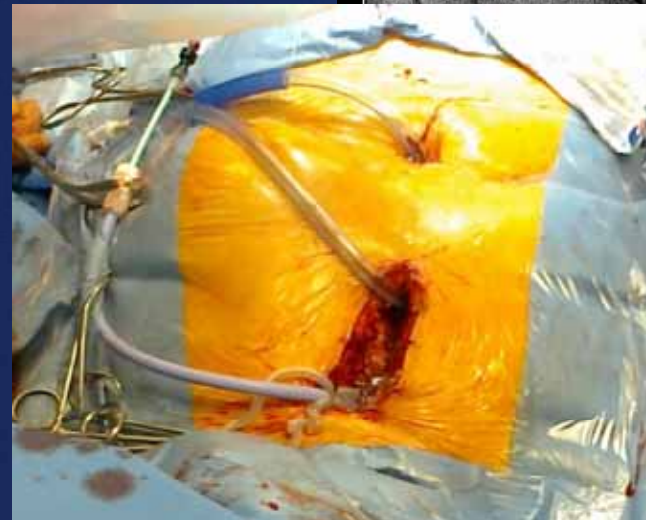
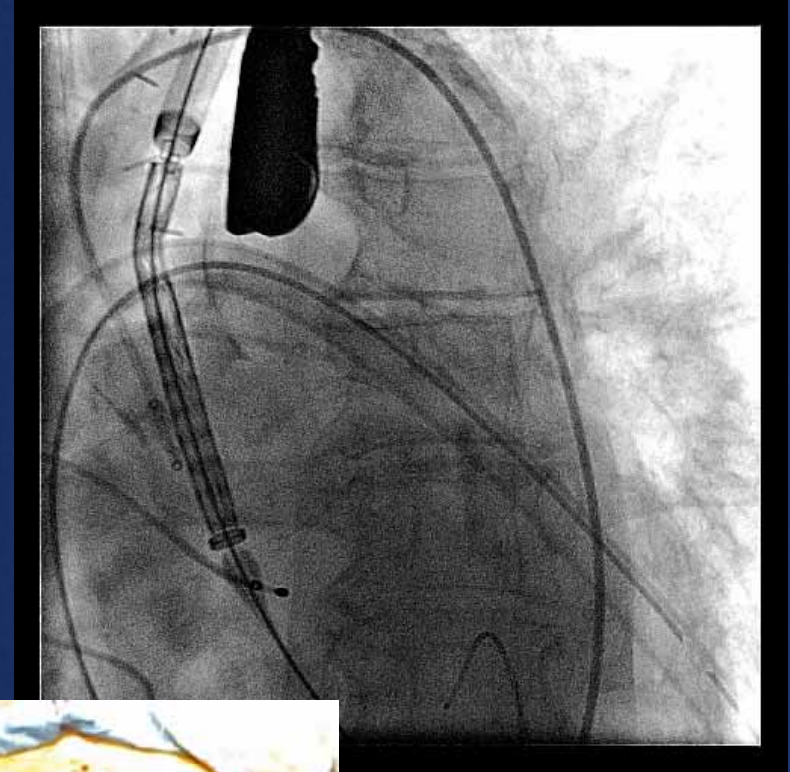


Bruschi G, et al. Direct Aortic Access Through Right Minithoracotomy for Implantation of Self-Expanding Aortic Bioprosthesis Valves <sup>1</sup>

“The direct aortic approach technique provides a direct access to the aortic annulus, allowing an easier manipulation and delivery of the device.”

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# Alternative Access Trans-Aortic Approach

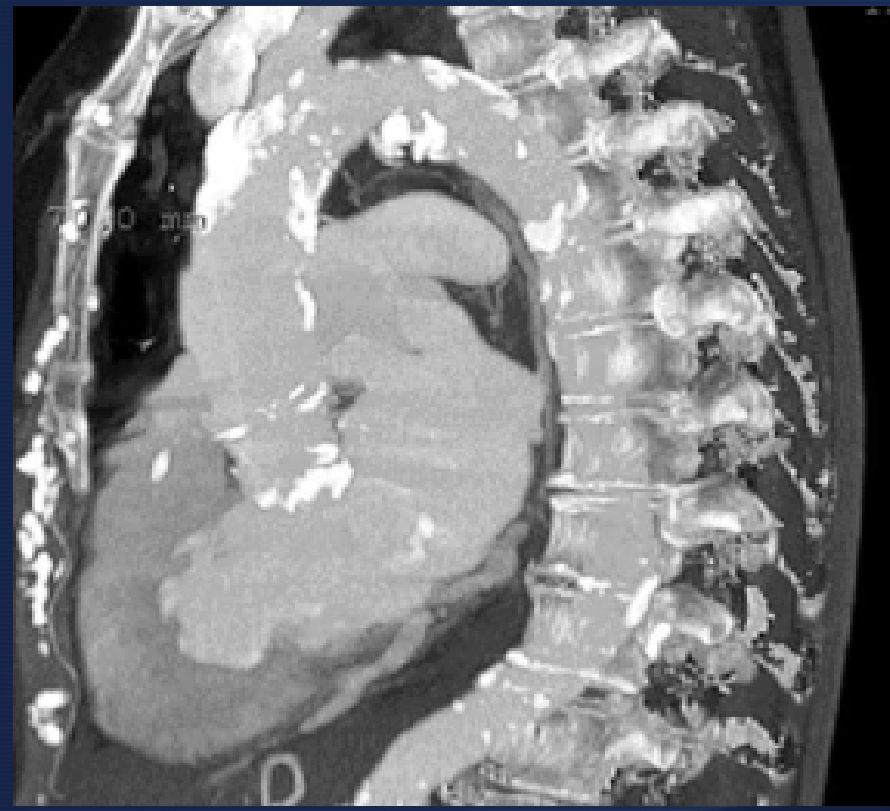
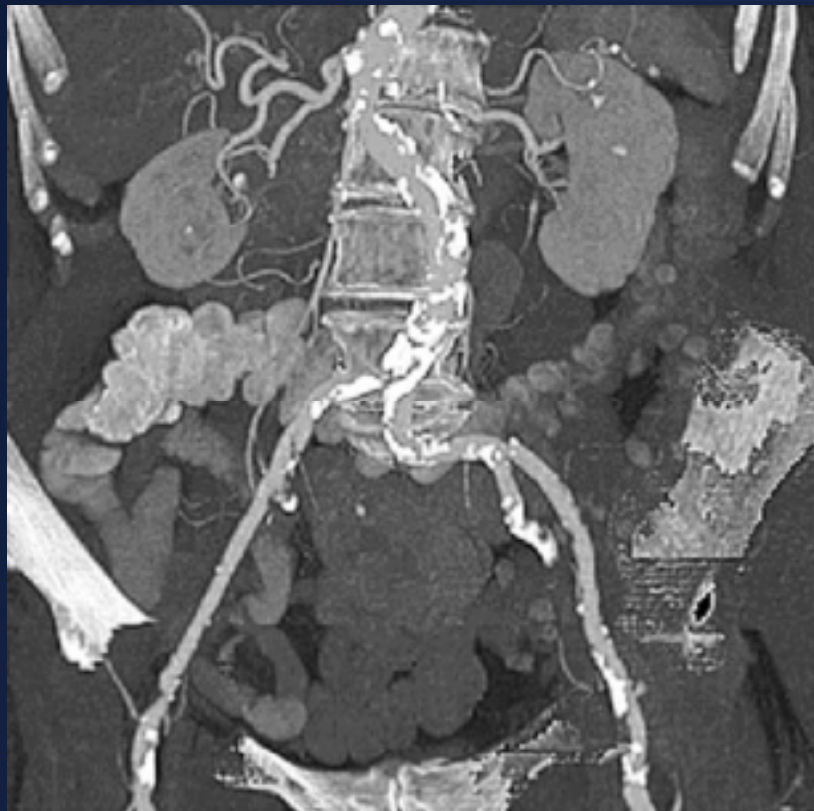




# Alternative Access: Direct Aortic

## Transaortic Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation: A Novel Approach for the Truly “No-Access Option” Patients

George Latsios,\* MD, Ulrich Gerckens, MD, and Eberhard Grube, MD



**Direct Aortic Operative Technique  
Medtronic CoreValve® System**

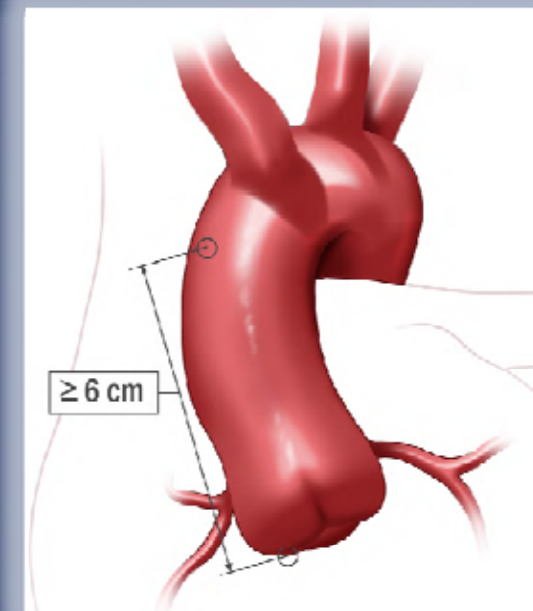
# Pre-operative Planning

A pre-operative CT scan is essential to guide in the selection of the:

- Thoracic Access Location
  - Delivery trajectory should optimize coaxial alignment with native valve and avoid critical vessels
- Aortic Access Site
  - Site should be free of calcification and greater than 6 cm from the basal plane to facilitate valve deployment



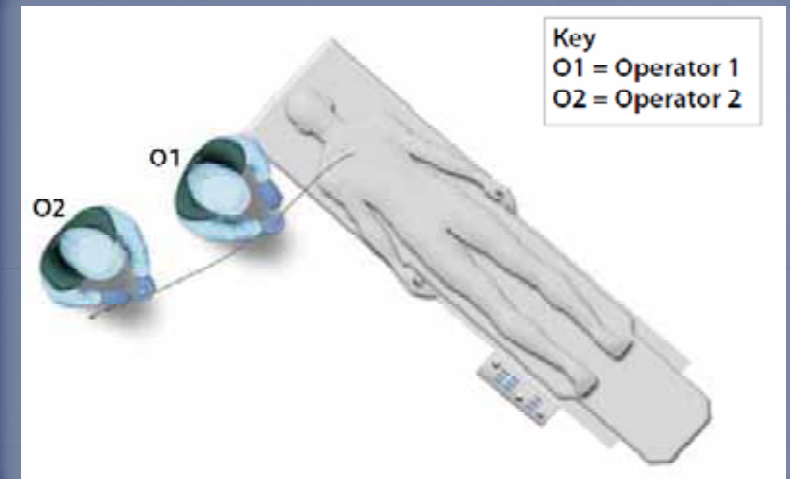
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CoreValve® Size	26 mm	29 mm	31 mm
Valve Height	55 mm	53 mm	52 mm

# Room Setup

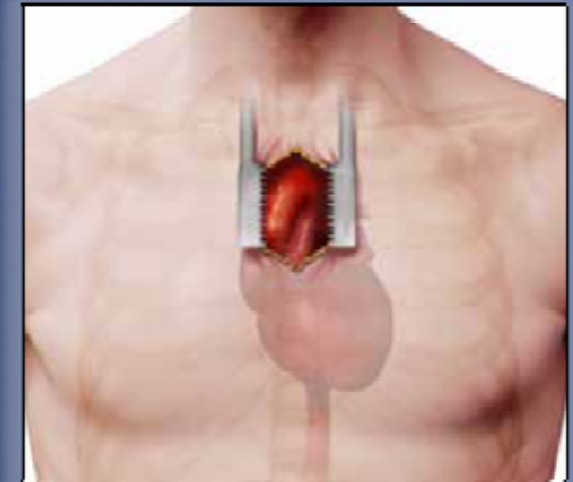
- The direct aortic procedure must be performed in a hybrid room that supports both interventional and surgical procedures (e.g. Hybrid OR)
- The operative team should evaluate the following prior to the procedure:
  - Location of the imaging screens, image intensifier, and other equipment
  - Operator positions to ensure control of the access site and delivery catheter
  - Consider use of third operator on patient's left side to maintain dedicated control of introducer sheath throughout procedure in order to avoid access site complications.



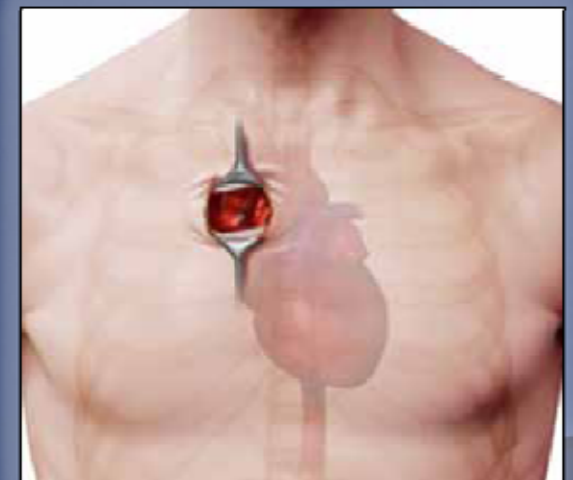
# Surgical Approaches

- Access aorta through an upper partial mini-sternotomy or right anterior mini-thoracotomy
- Access route selection based on:
  - Anatomy
    - Distance between access site and basal plane
    - Aortic root angulation
    - Location of access site relative to surrounding anatomical structures (e.g. LIMA or RIMA graft)
  - Clinical preference
    - Familiarity with approach

Mini-Sternotomy



Mini-Thoracotomy



# Mini-sternotomy

Direct Aortic Access  
Mini Sternotomy Approach

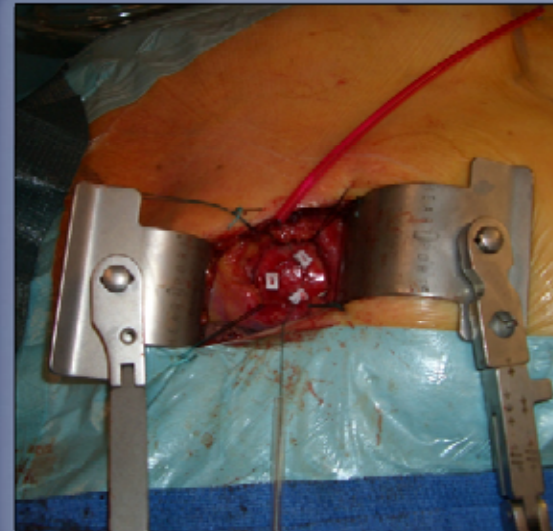
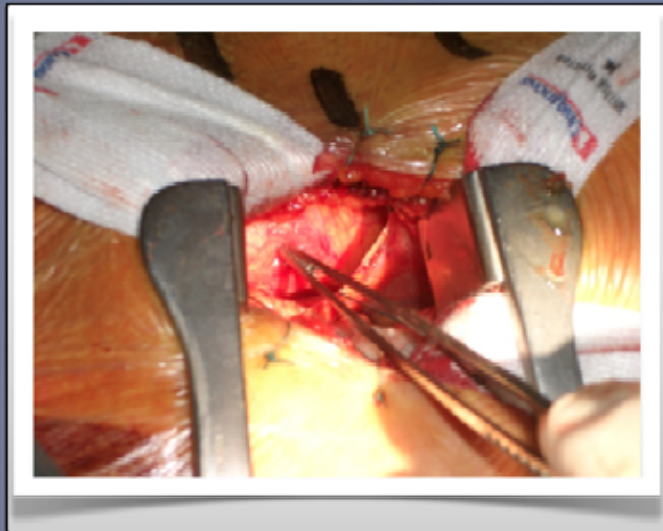
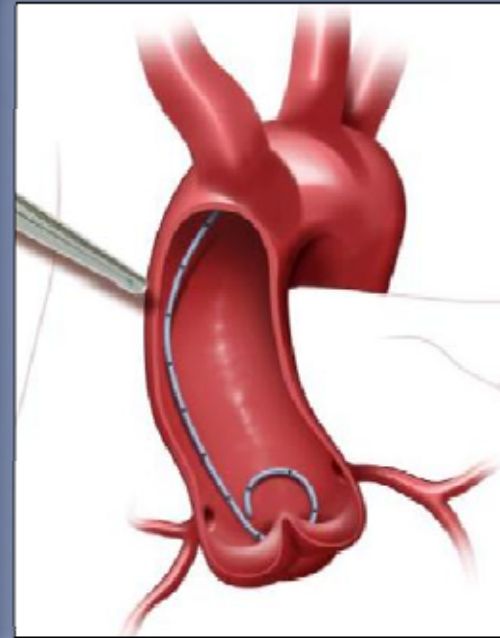
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# Aortic Access

- Perform aortography with forceps placed directly on the intended access site and use graduated pigtail to confirm  $\geq 6$  cm distance from the basal plane
- Place two standard double purse-string sutures and gain arterial access via the Seldinger technique or direct cannulation via scalpel puncture.



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# Aortic Access

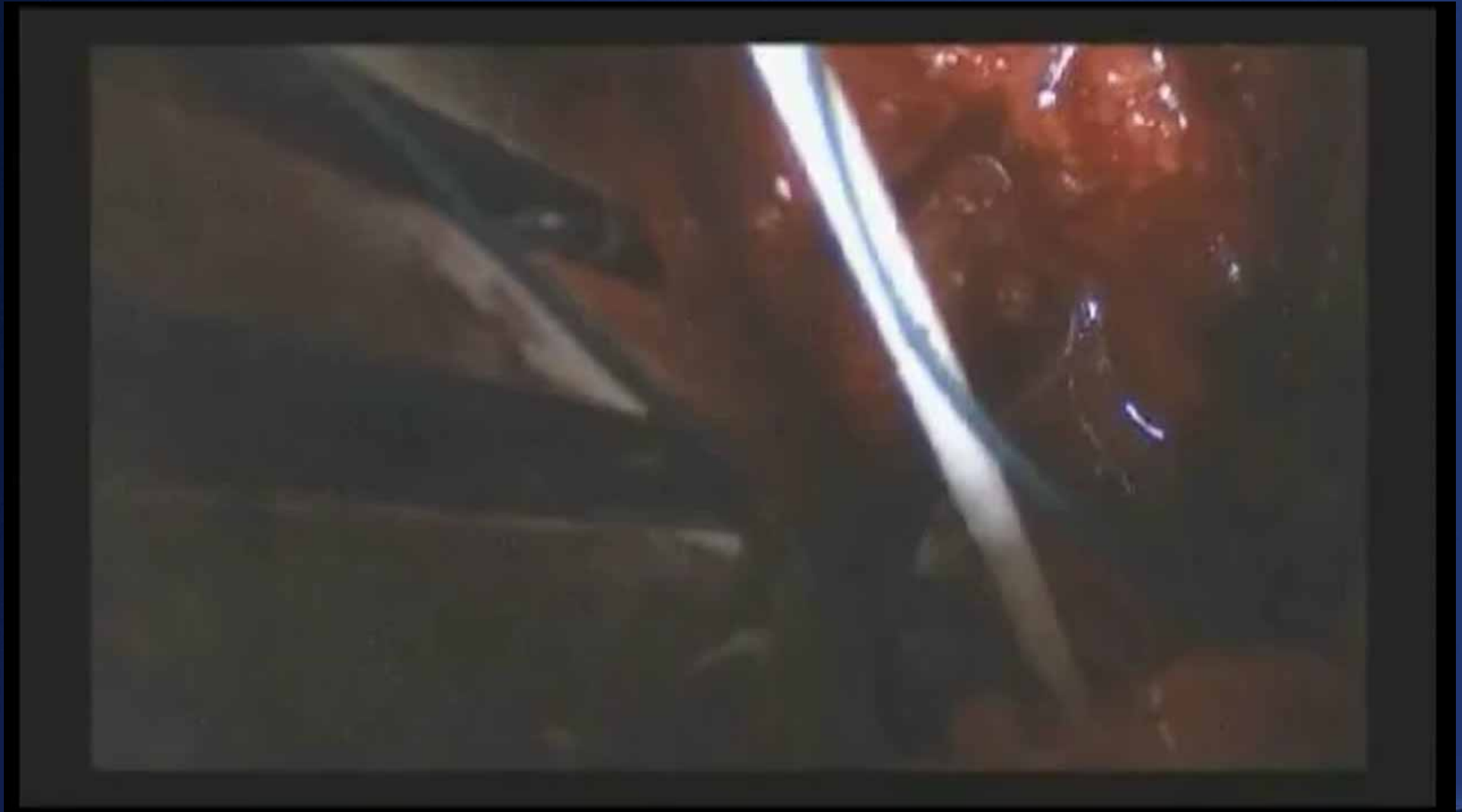


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# Guidewire Insertion

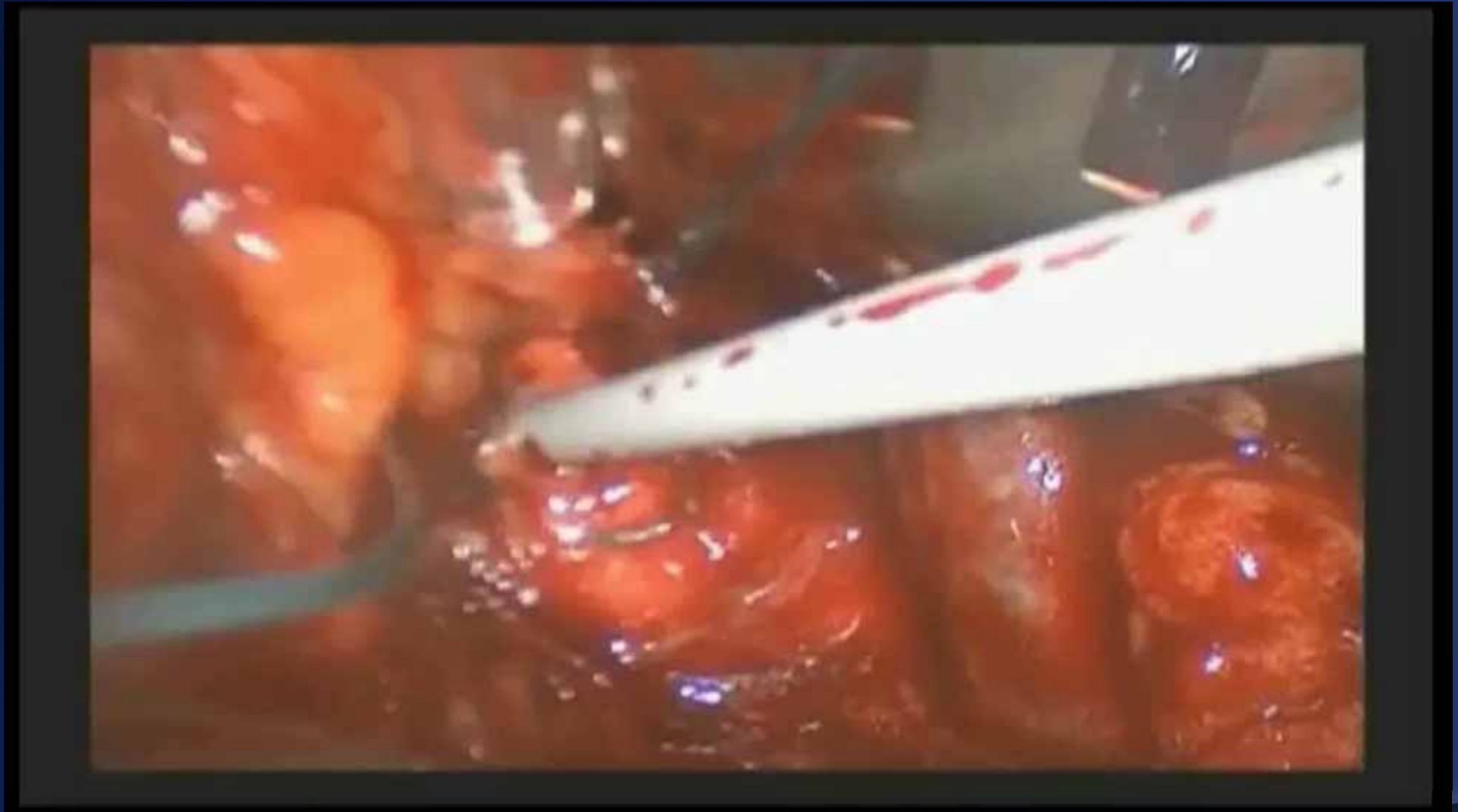
- Follow standard CoreValve guidewire-catheter exchange sequence to cross the native valve and place the super stiff guidewire



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# Introducer Access & Positioning

- Insert 18-Fr introducer over a super stiff guidewire approximately 2 cm into the aortic lumen



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# Controlling the Introducer

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- It is critical to maintain the recommended introducer position throughout the procedure to avoid “pop-out” or interaction with the aortic root anatomy
- Position control may be accomplished by:
  - Securing introducer with sutures
  - Tunneling the introducer through a skin incision
  - A dedicated hand or operator to manually hold introducer in place.



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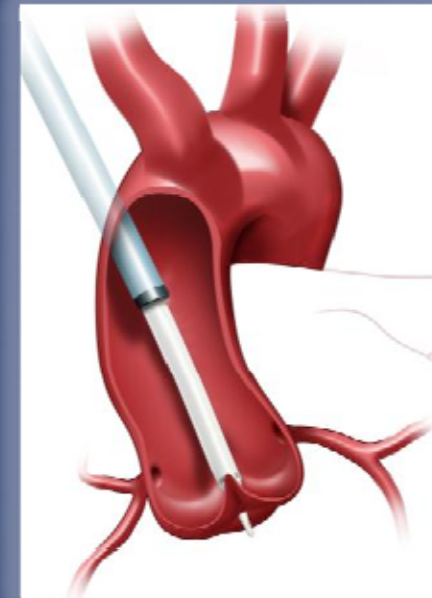
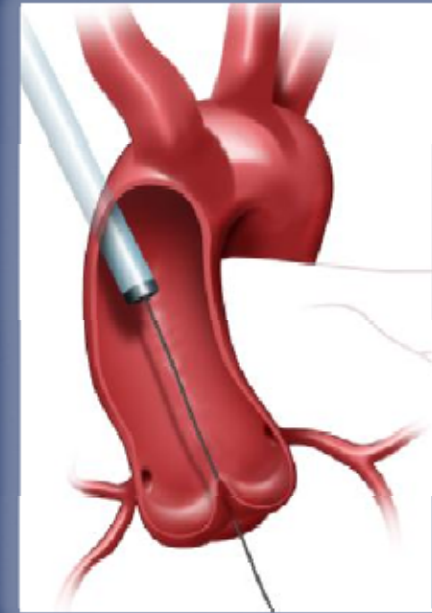
# BAV & Valve Deployment



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# Valve Deployment

- Perform a standard balloon valvuloplasty
- The Direct Aortic procedure provides direct delivery catheter system response due to the short & straight approach to the native aortic valve
- CoreValve Direct Aortic implantation utilizes the same proven retrograde delivery system with an atraumatic, tapered tip to cross the native valve
- Full valve function and partial repositionability prior to final release provides time for evaluation and adjustment



# Delivery System Retrieval

- Capture tip of the delivery system in the sheath prior to withdrawal



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# Post Deployment Evaluation

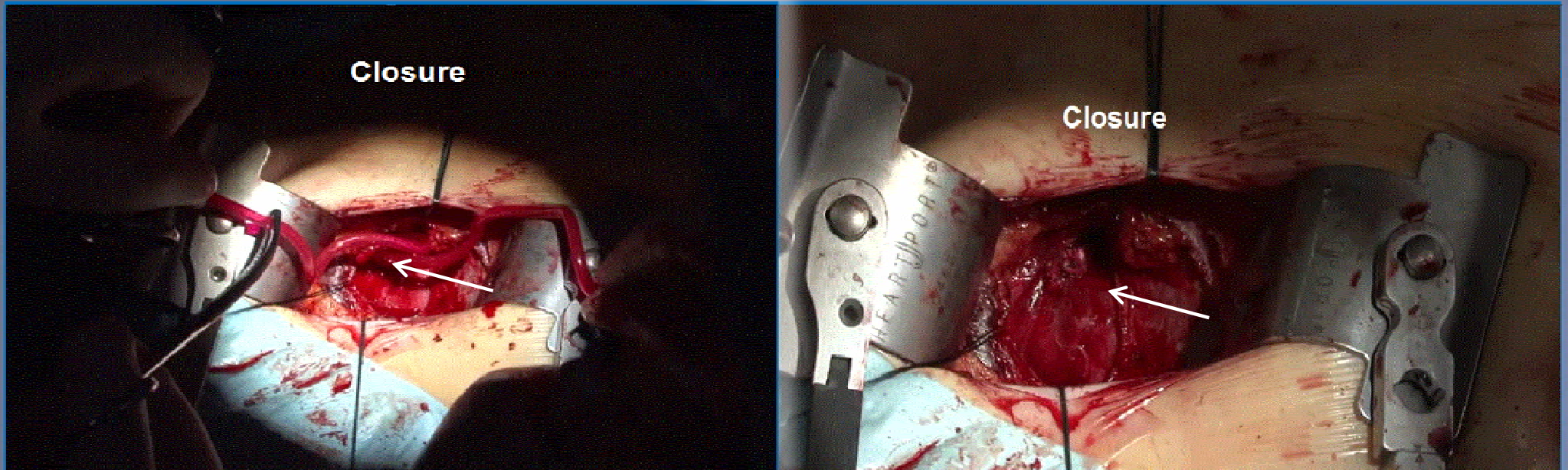
- Advance pig-tail catheter into LV to measure the transvalvular gradient
- Utilize angiography and echo to assess implantation depth



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# Closure

- Carefully manage purse-string sutures to maintain effective hemostasis during introducer removal
- Consider fast pacing (120-140 bpm) or pharmacologic agent to reduce systolic blood pressure below 100 mm Hg



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**Medtronic CoreValve<sup>®</sup> System**  
**Direct Aortic Approach**  
**Summary of CoreValve Clinical Experience**

# Access Approach

## Direct Aortic

Mini-thoracotomy  
N=122



56.7%

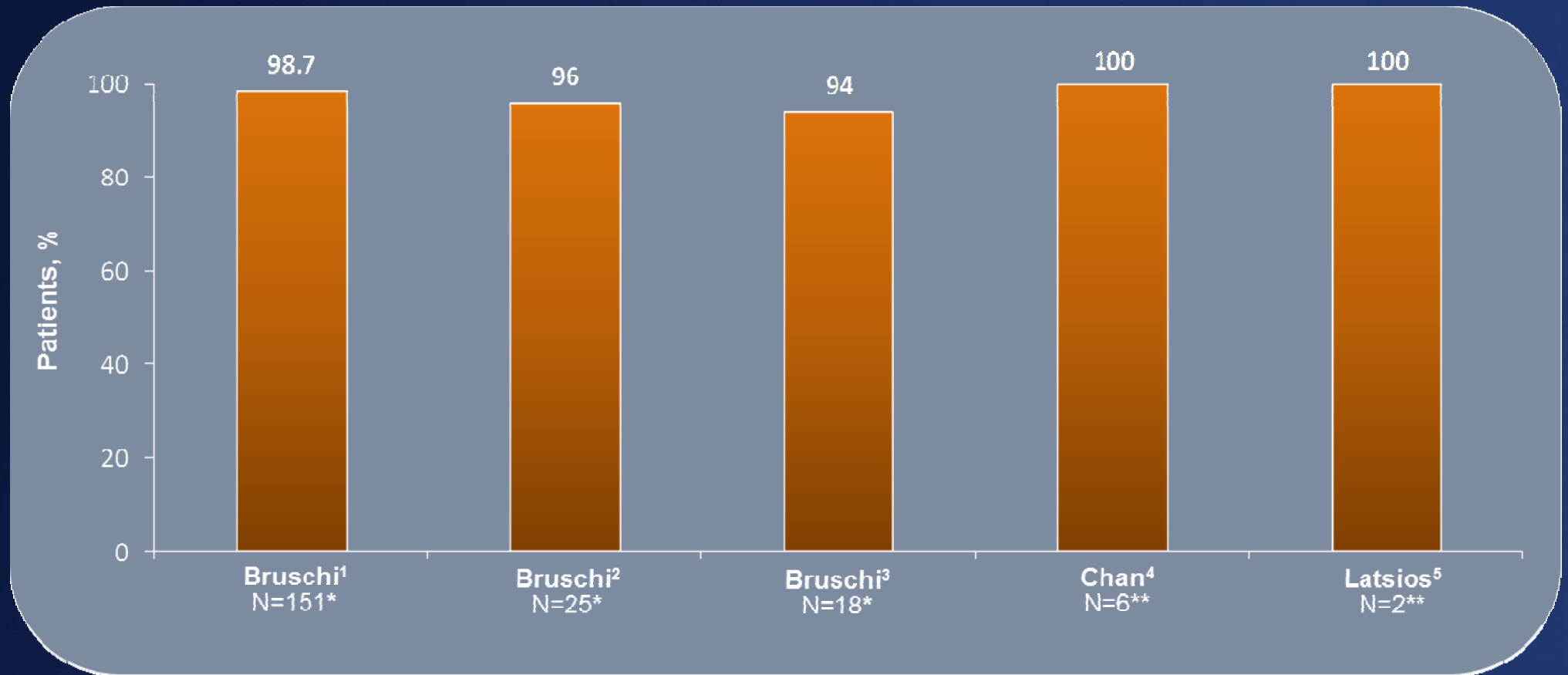
Mini-sternotomy  
N=93



43.3%

N=215

# Procedural Success Direct Aortic



\* Procedural Success defined as adequate placement and normal performance of bioprosthesis, and survival of implantation

\*\* Procedural Success defined as technical success of the procedure

Initial Experiences (one case) reported 100% procedural success for their one patient:  
Cockburn, van der Lienden, Danenberg, and Bauernschmitt

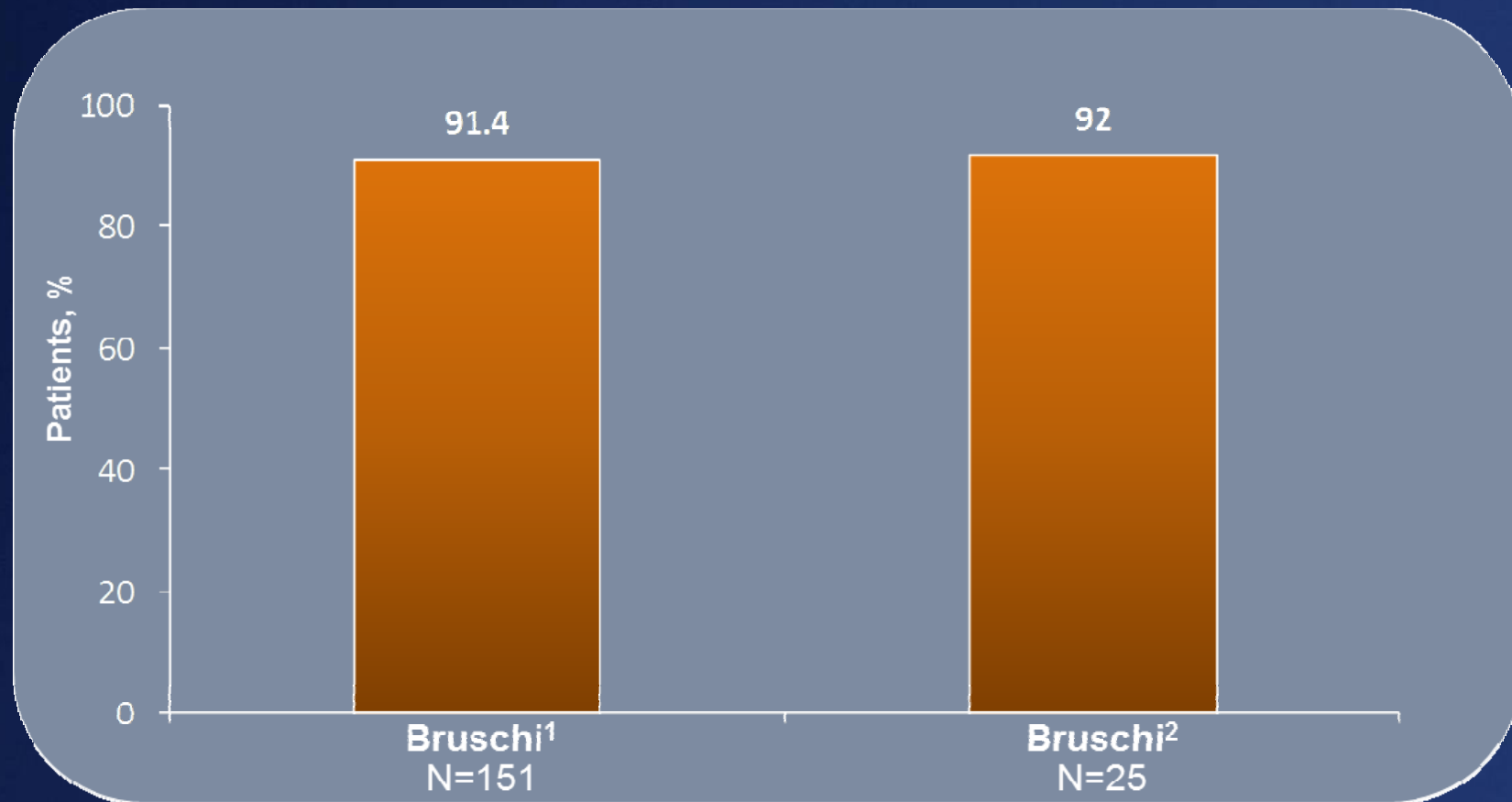
# Procedural Results

## Direct Aortic

	Bruschi <sup>1</sup> N=151	Bruschi <sup>2</sup> N=25	Bruschi <sup>3</sup> N=18	Chan <sup>4</sup> N=6	Latsios <sup>5</sup> N=2	Cockburn <sup>6</sup> N=1	van der Lienden <sup>7</sup> N=1	Danen-berg <sup>8</sup> N=1	Bauern-schmitt <sup>9</sup> N=1
Stroke, %	3.3	0	0	NR	0	NR	NR	NR	NR
Pacemaker Implantation %	13.9	16	16	NR	50	0	0	0	NR
Vascular Complications %	3.3	0	NR	0	0	0	0	0	NR
Second CoreValve Implanted, %	1	NR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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# 30-day Survival Direct Aortic



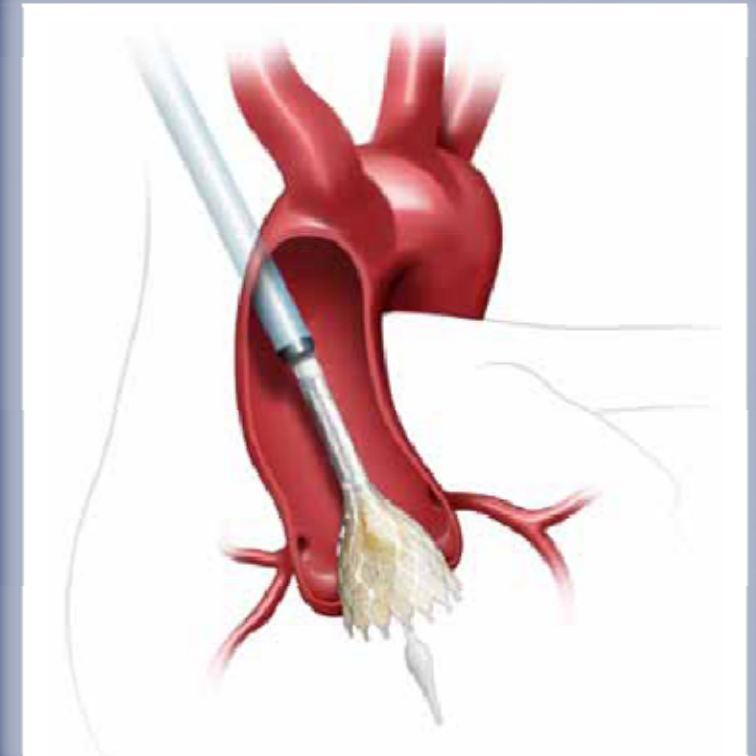
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**Bruschi<sup>1</sup> and Bruschi<sup>2</sup> are the only published literature reporting 30-day Survival data to date.**

# Direct Aortic TAVI: Summary

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- Direct Aortic is a familiar approach providing more patients access to transcatheter aortic valve implantation
- No direct heart muscle manipulation required
- CoreValve uses a proven retrograde delivery system with consistent valve loading process for direct aortic procedures



Thank you very much!

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