

Neoatherosclerosis after stent implantation and Treatment

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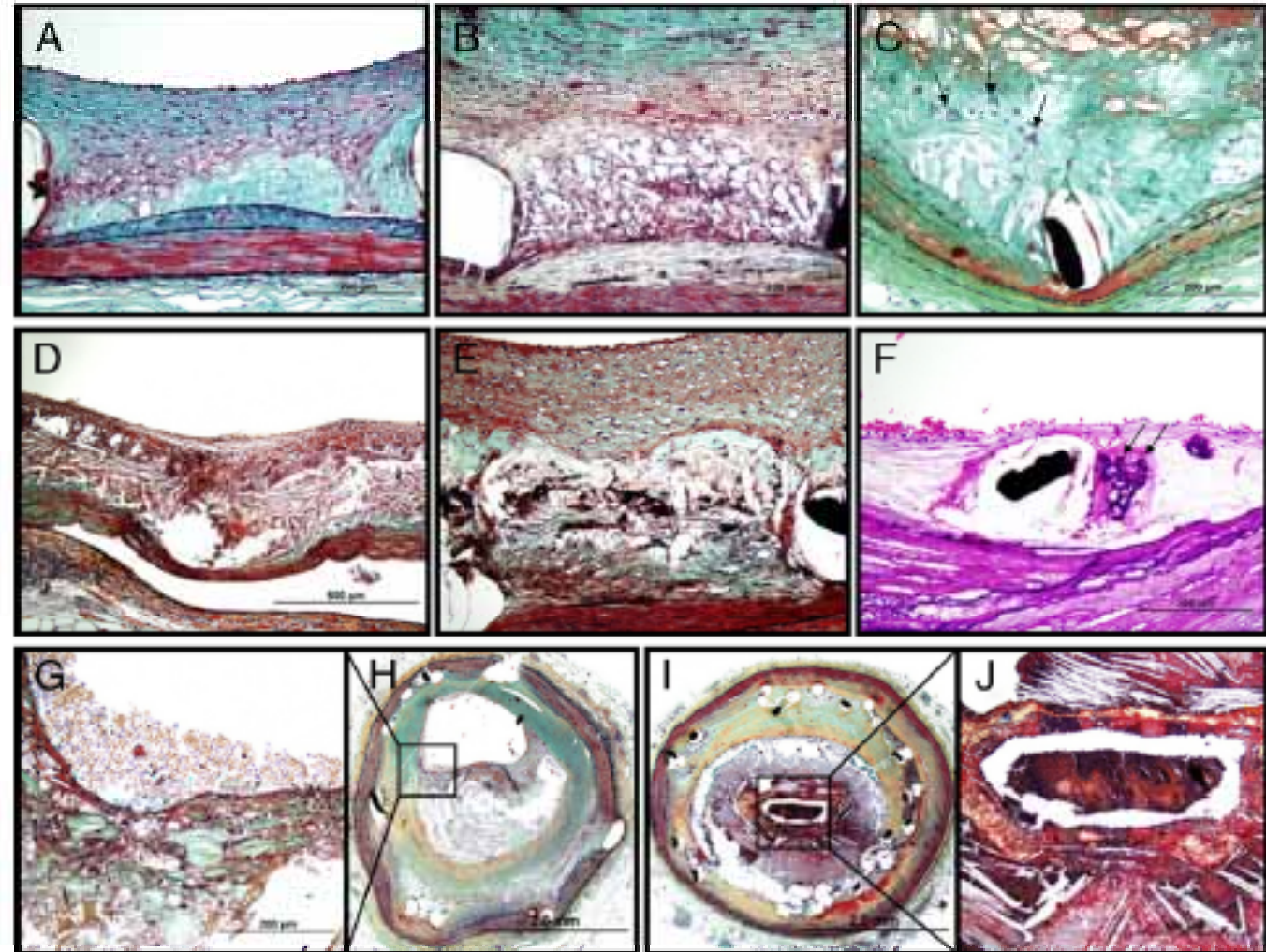


The Pathology of Neoatherosclerosis in Human Coronary Implants

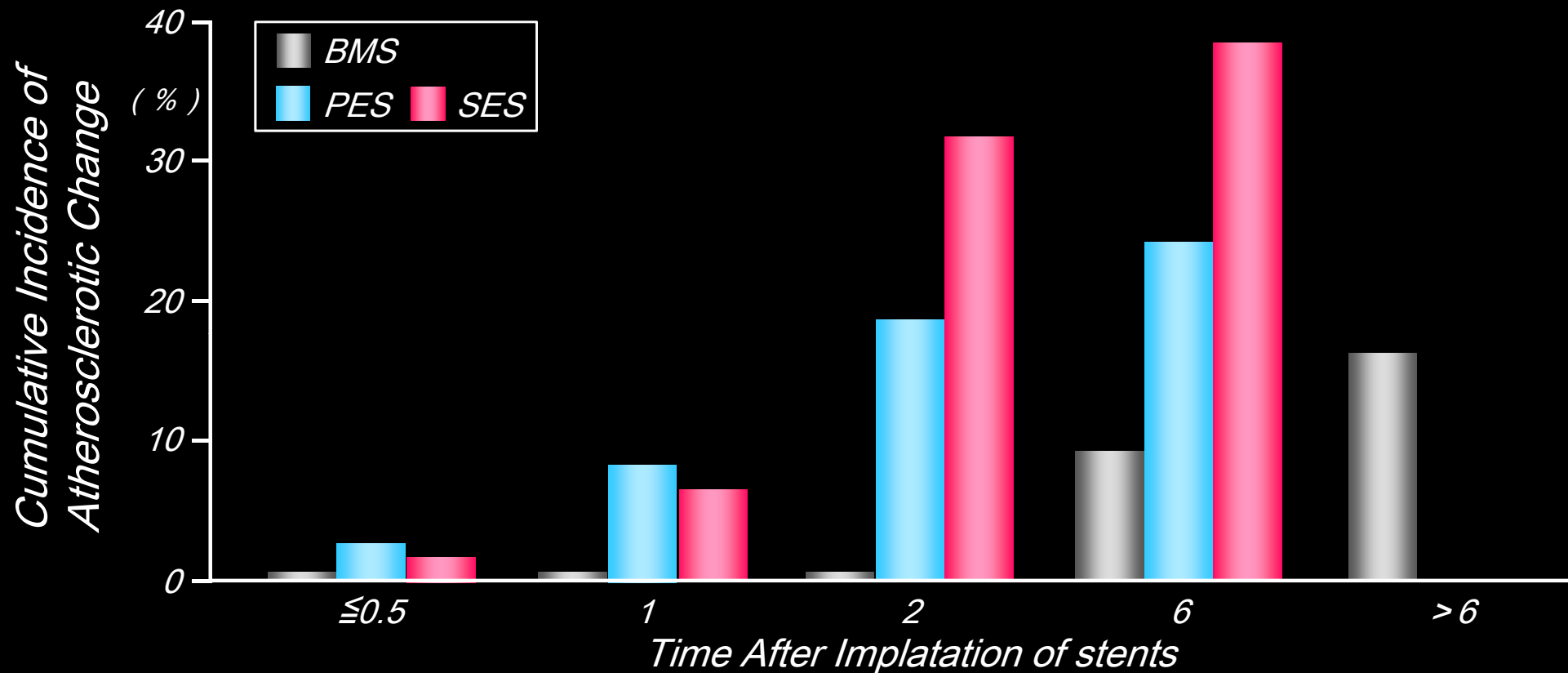
Bare-Metal and Drug-Eluting Stents

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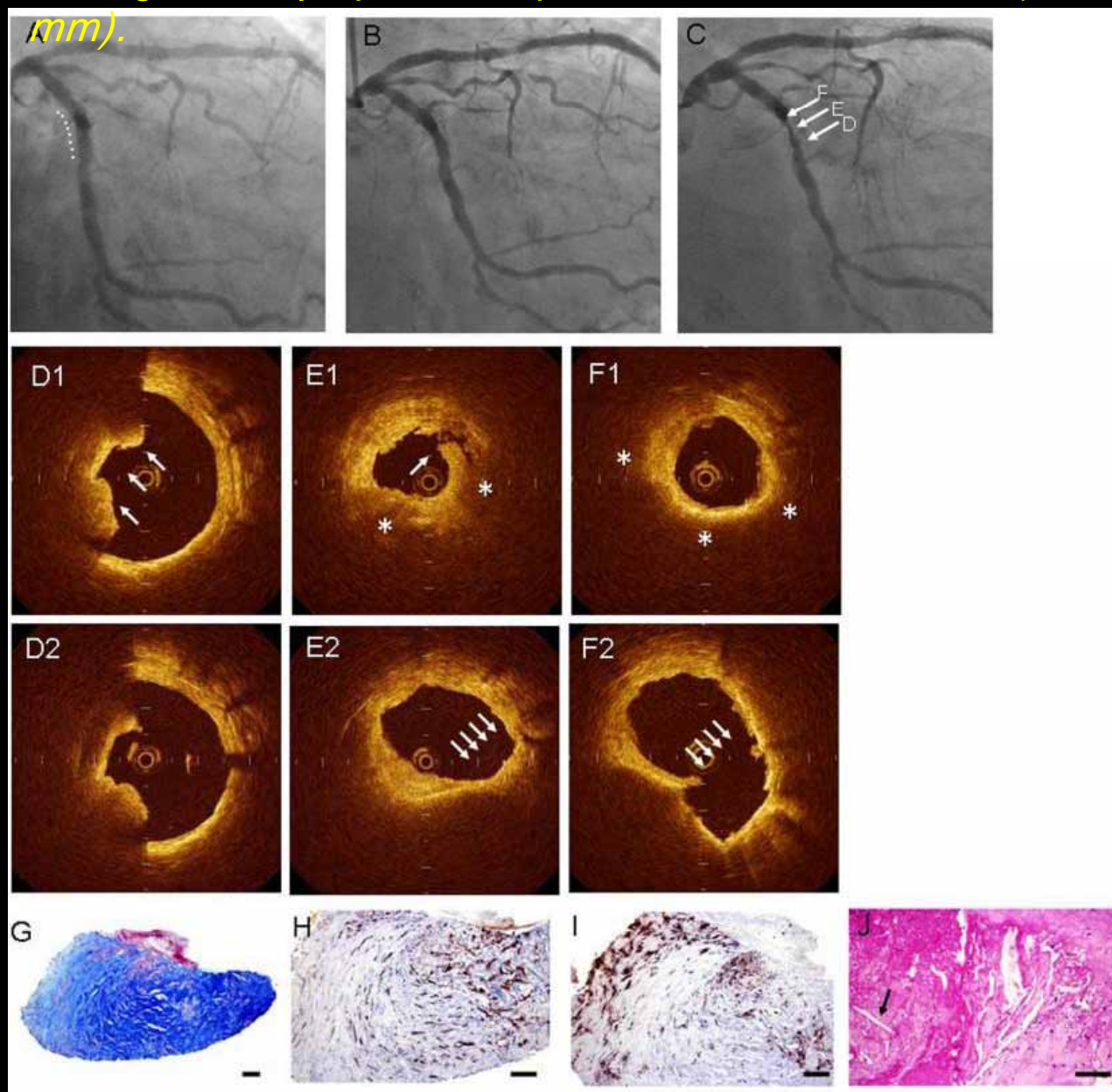
Neoatherosclerosis in BMS and DES



Neoatherosclerosis is a frequent finding after stent implantation, and occurs earlier in DES than in BMS.



Figure 2. A case of very late in-stent restenosis. Optical coherence tomography (OCT) images and histological findings in a symptomatic patient with a GFX stent (3.5x25



mm). Follow-up coronary angiography 9 months (A) and 8 years (B) after index percutaneous coronary intervention demonstrated no restenosis. The line indicates the implanted stent. Follow-up coronary angiography 10 years (C) after stent implantation. D through F, OCT images (D1, E1, and F1, cross-sectional images of site D, E, and F in C before directional coronary atherectomy; D2, E2, and F2, images after directional coronary atherectomy). OCT images at minimum lumen area site (E1) showed remarkable intimal growth inside the stent, which demonstrated a heterogeneous appearance (*) and irregular surface (white arrow) at the minimum lumen area site. At the proximal site, heterogeneous intima (*) also was observed (F1). Furthermore, intraluminal material suggesting thrombus (white arrows) was detected at the distal site (D1). Directional coronary atherectomy was performed, and restenotic tissue was retrieved from site E and F. Arrows in E2 and F2 indicate retrieval site. G through J, Histopathologic findings of the restenotic tissue from site E or F (G, azan magnification x20; H, smooth muscle actin magnification x30; I, CD68 magnification x30; J, hematoxylin-eosin, magnification x40) (bars=0.20 mm). Tissue was composed of collagen fiber in which cholesterol crystals (black arrow), foaming macrophages, and smooth muscle cells were observed consistent with the signal-poor area with diffuse border (lipid-laden intima) on the OCT image.



Imaging

Optical Coherence Tomographic Analysis of In-Stent Neoatherosclerosis After Drug-Eluting Stent Implantation

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DES 20 months after implantation had a higher incidence of TCFA-containing neointima (69% versus 33%, $P=0.012$).

Background—Drug-eluting stents (DES) are associated with late stent failure, possibly due to in-stent neoatherosclerosis. We compared the incidence of TCFA-containing neointima between patients with unstable versus stable angina 20 months after DES implantation.

Methods—We performed OCT analysis of 100 patients with unstable versus stable angina 20 months after DES implantation. The incidence of TCFA-containing neointima was 69% (69/100) versus 33% (33/100), $P=0.012$. Patients with unstable (versus stable) angina had an increasing number of unstable OCT findings including TCFA-containing neointima, neointima rupture, and thrombus ($P=0.027$). The rate of agreement between grayscale intravascular ultrasound and OCT for detecting intimal rupture was 50% and for detecting thrombus was 44%. The agreement between virtual histology intravascular ultrasound and OCT for identifying TCFA-containing neointima was 78%.

Conclusions—In-stent neoatherosclerosis may be an important mechanism of DES failure, especially late after implantation. (*Circulation*. 2011;123:2954-2963.)





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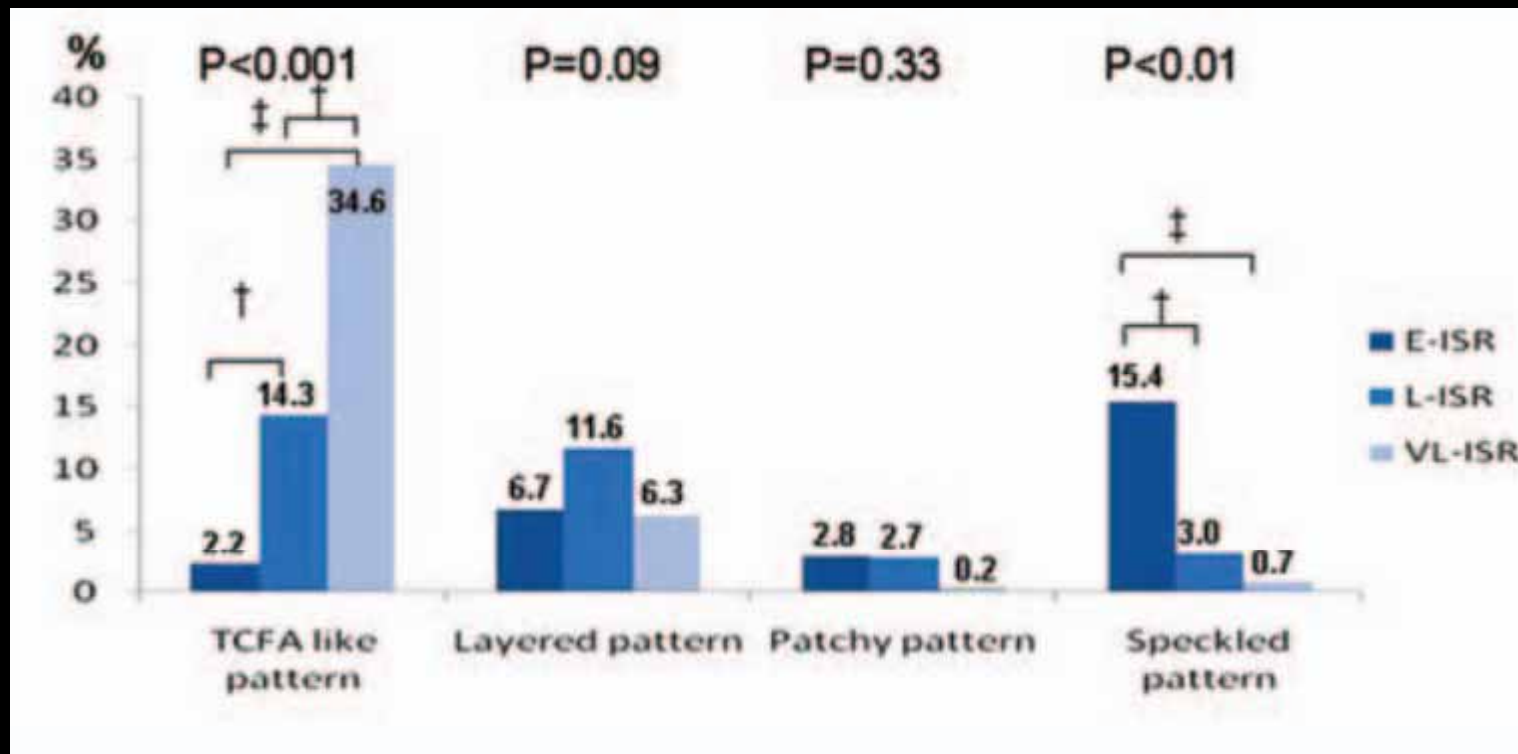
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Case 2

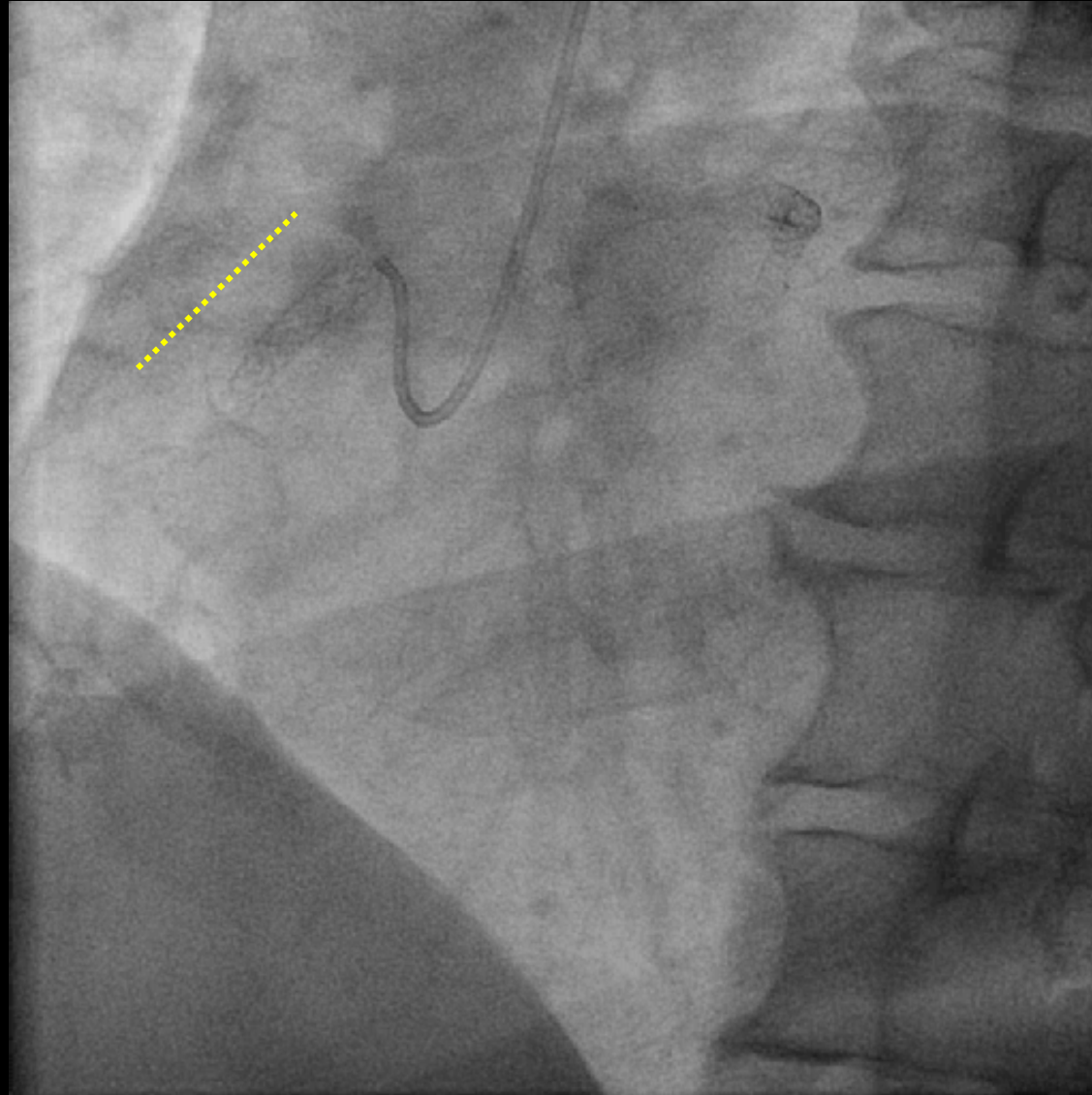
SES

Very late restenosis lesion



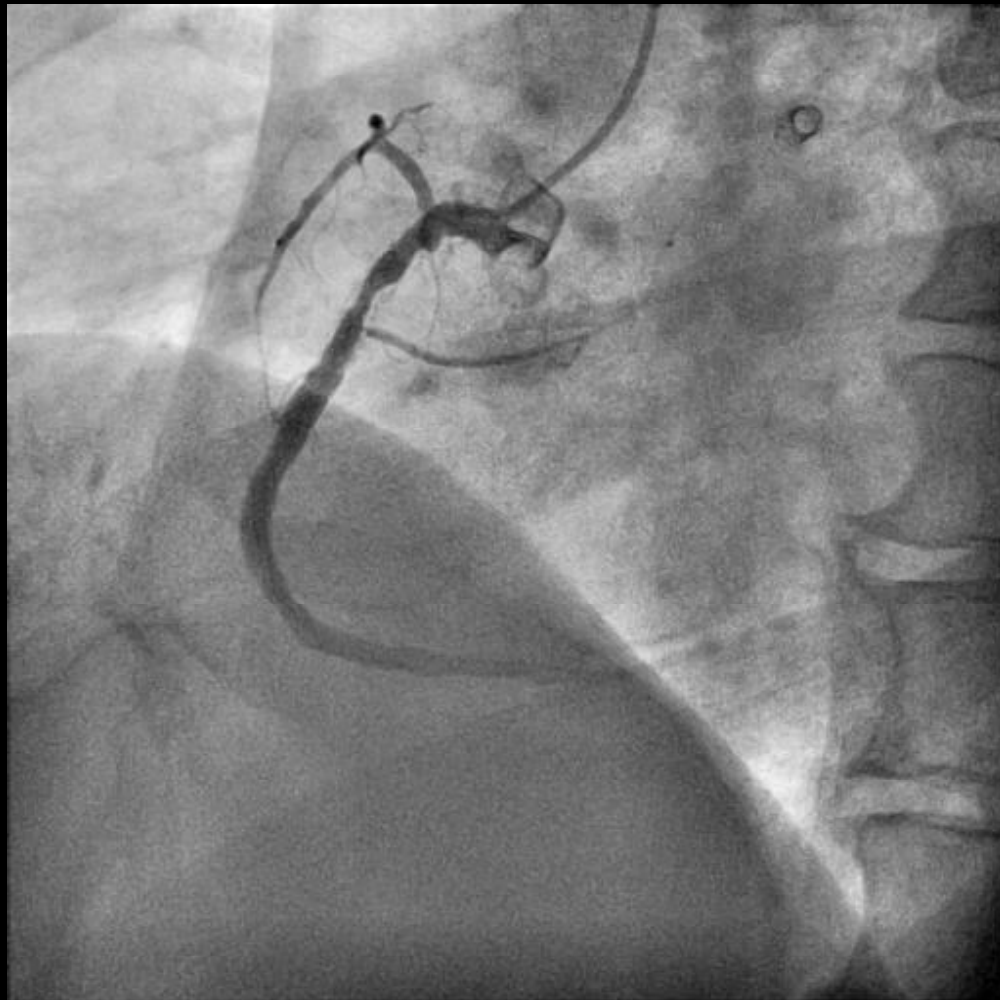
SES very late restenosis (6years)

Baseline CAG

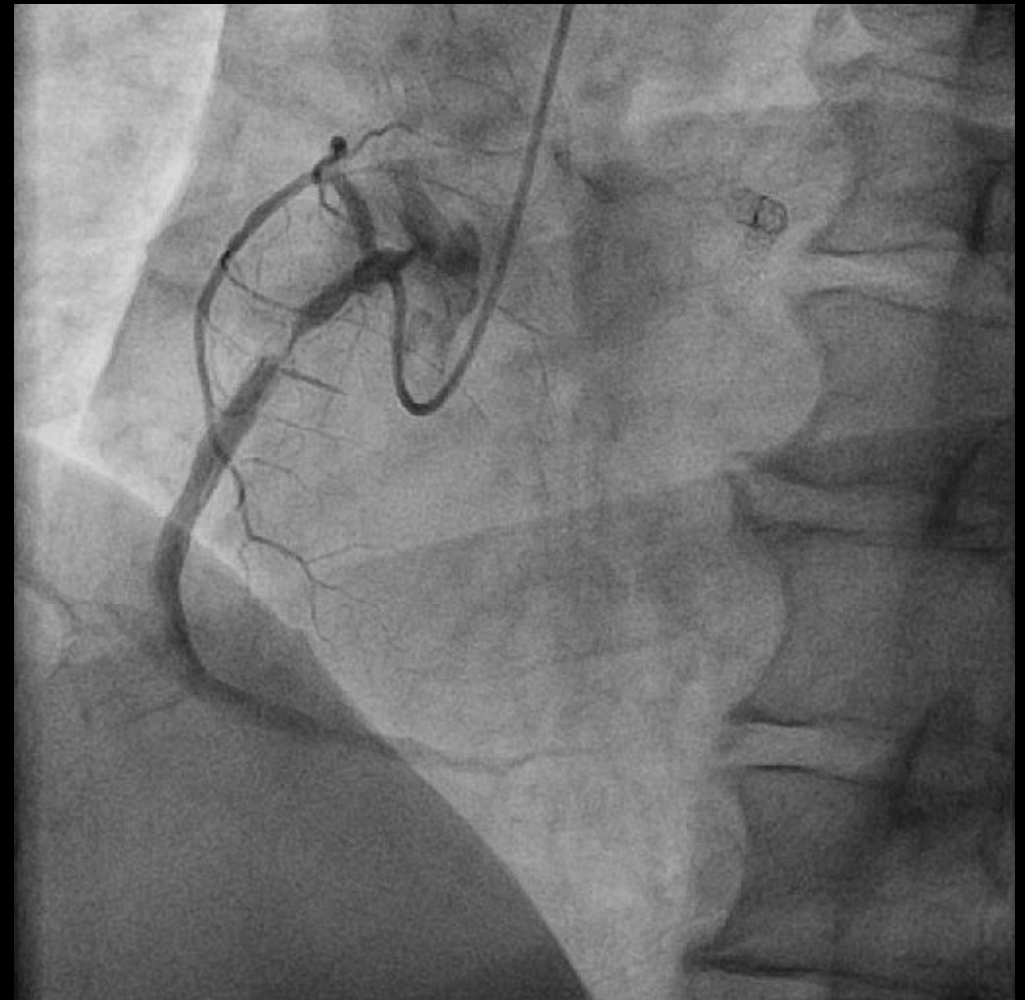


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At 5.3-year follow-up

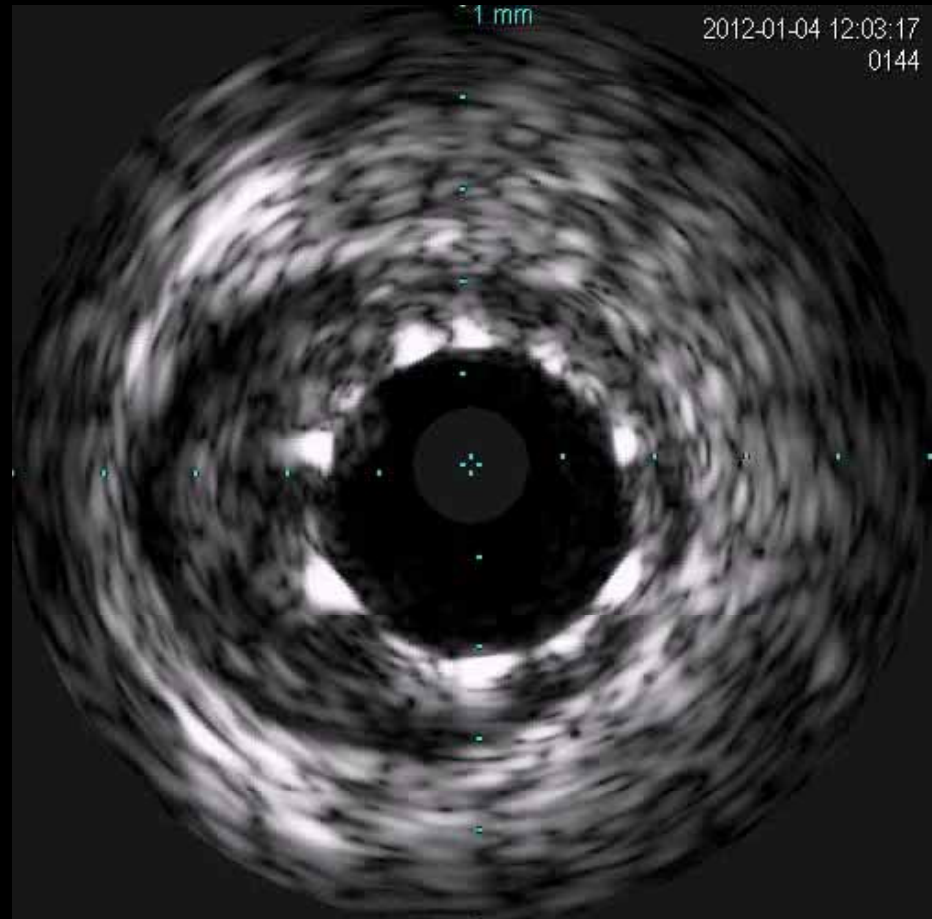


At 6-year follow-up



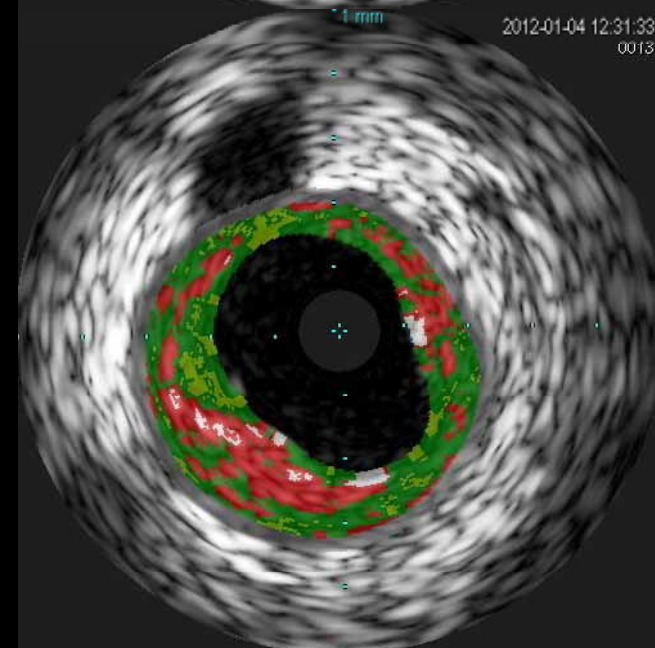
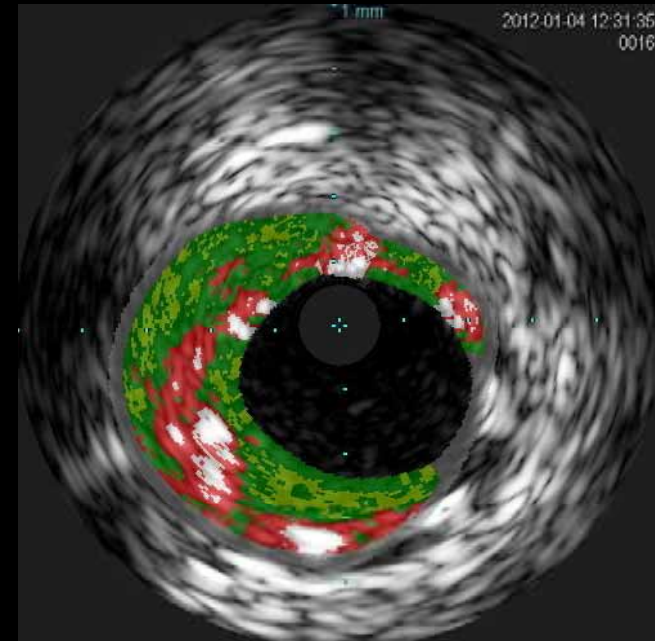
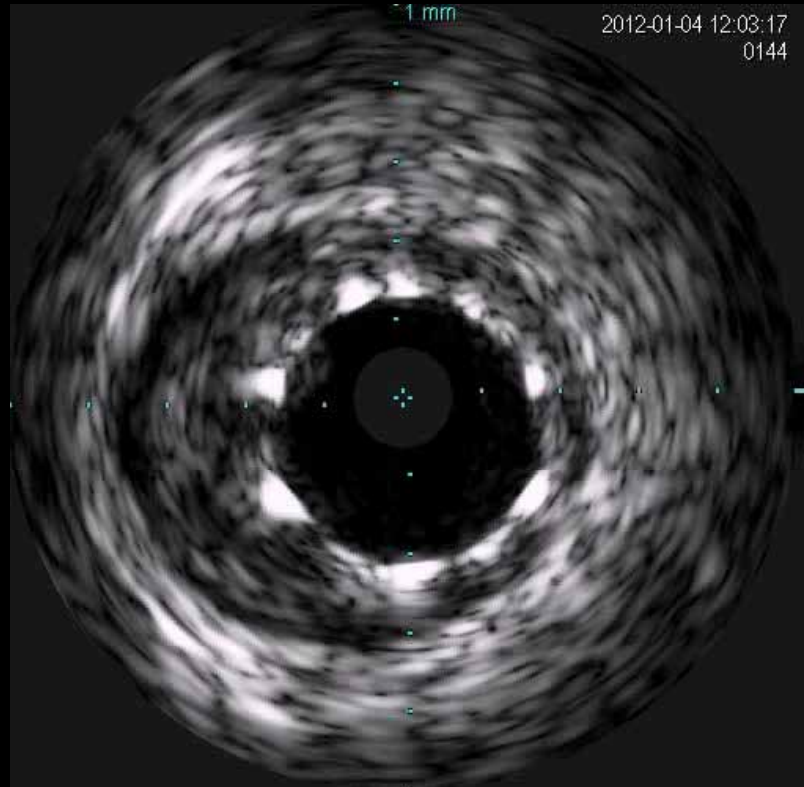
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Baseline IVUS at 6-year follow-up



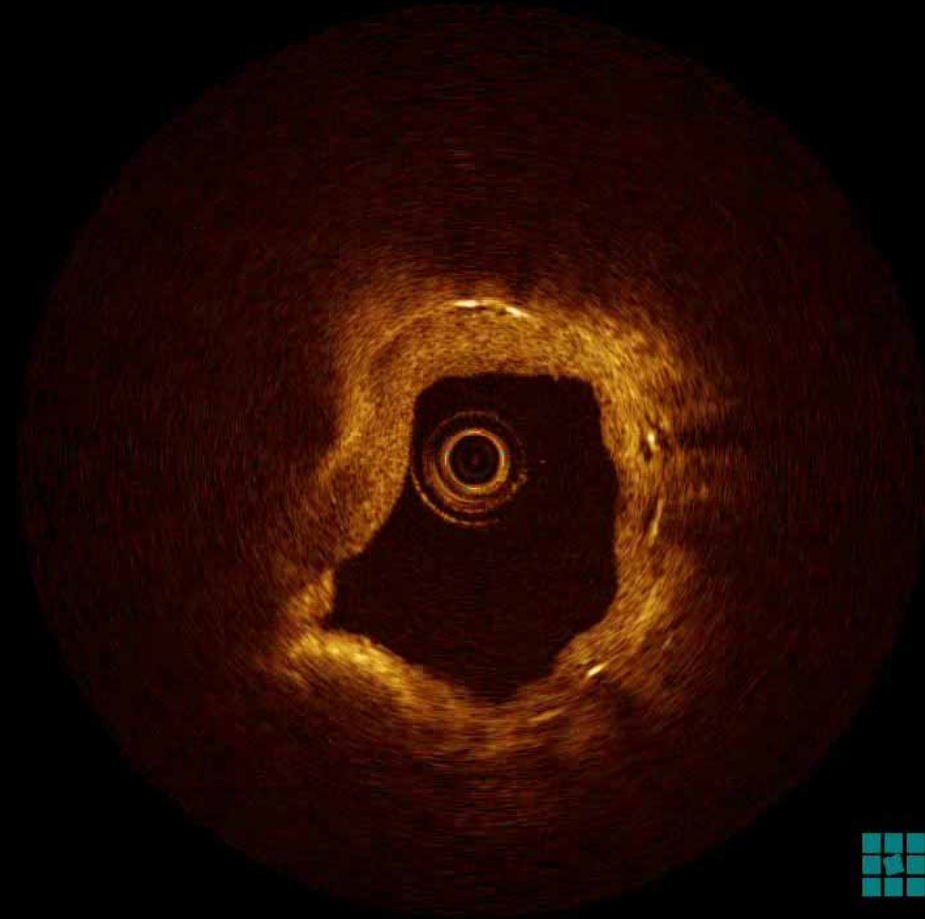
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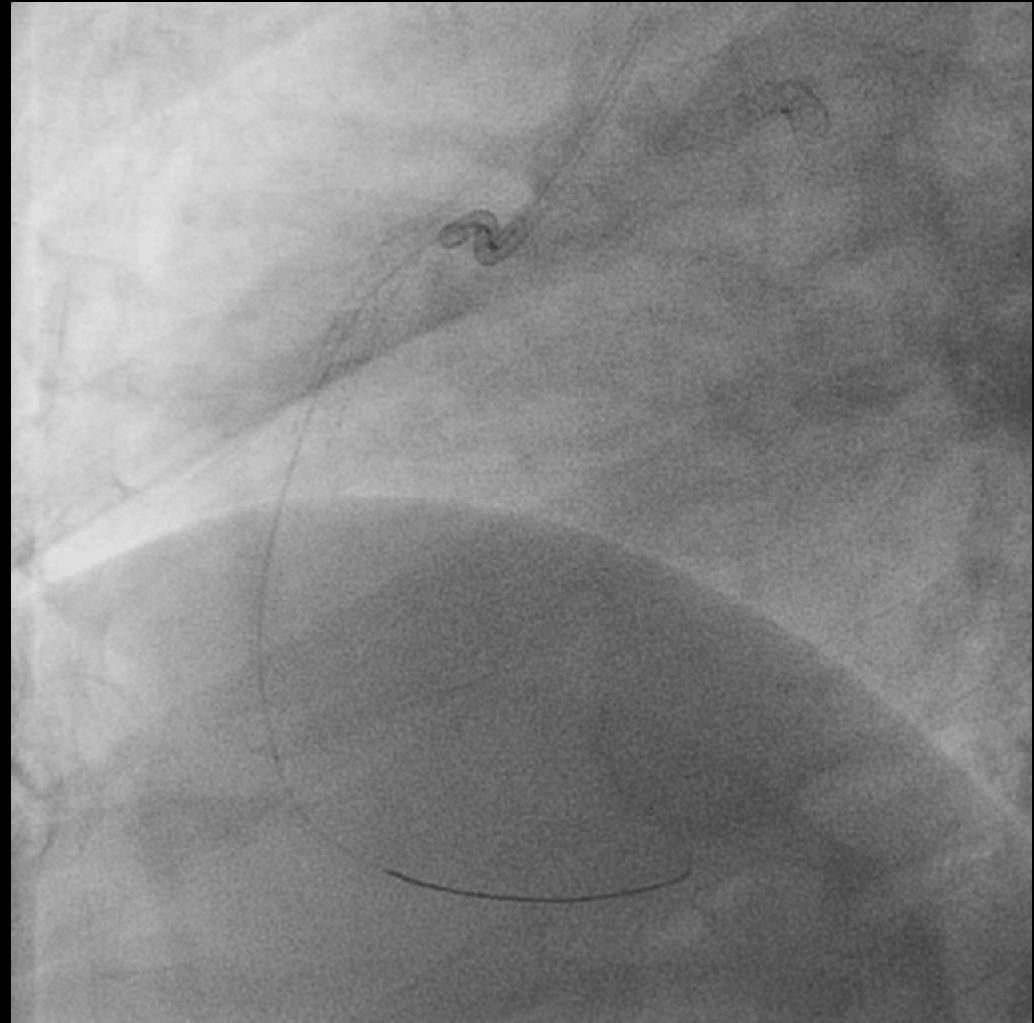
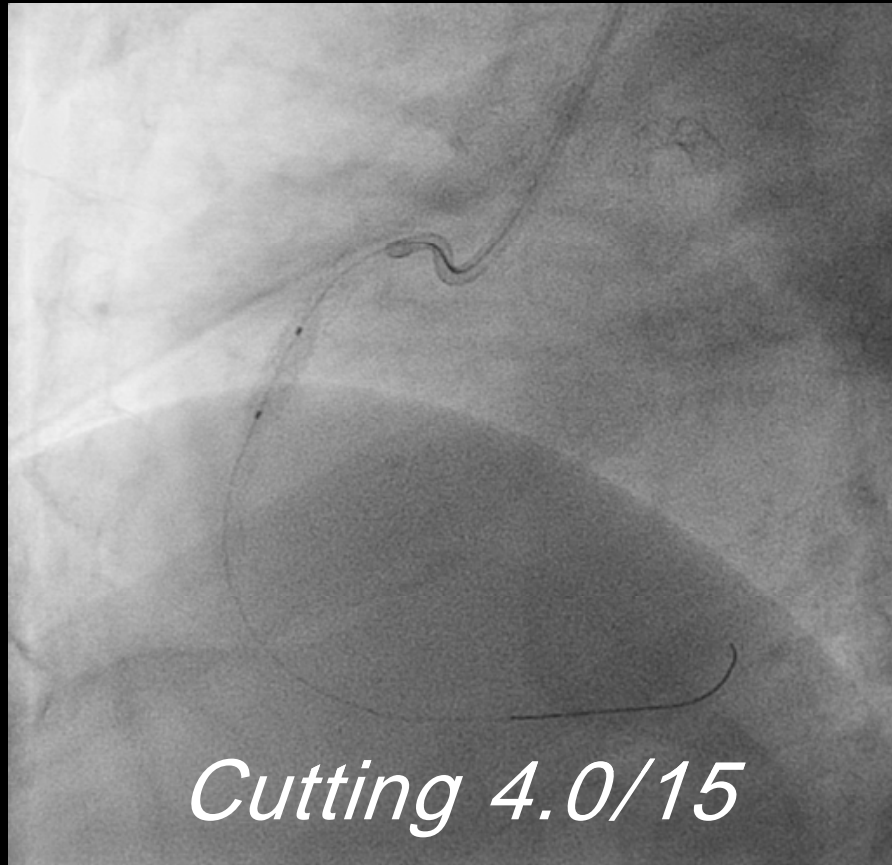
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Baseline OCT at 6-year follow-up



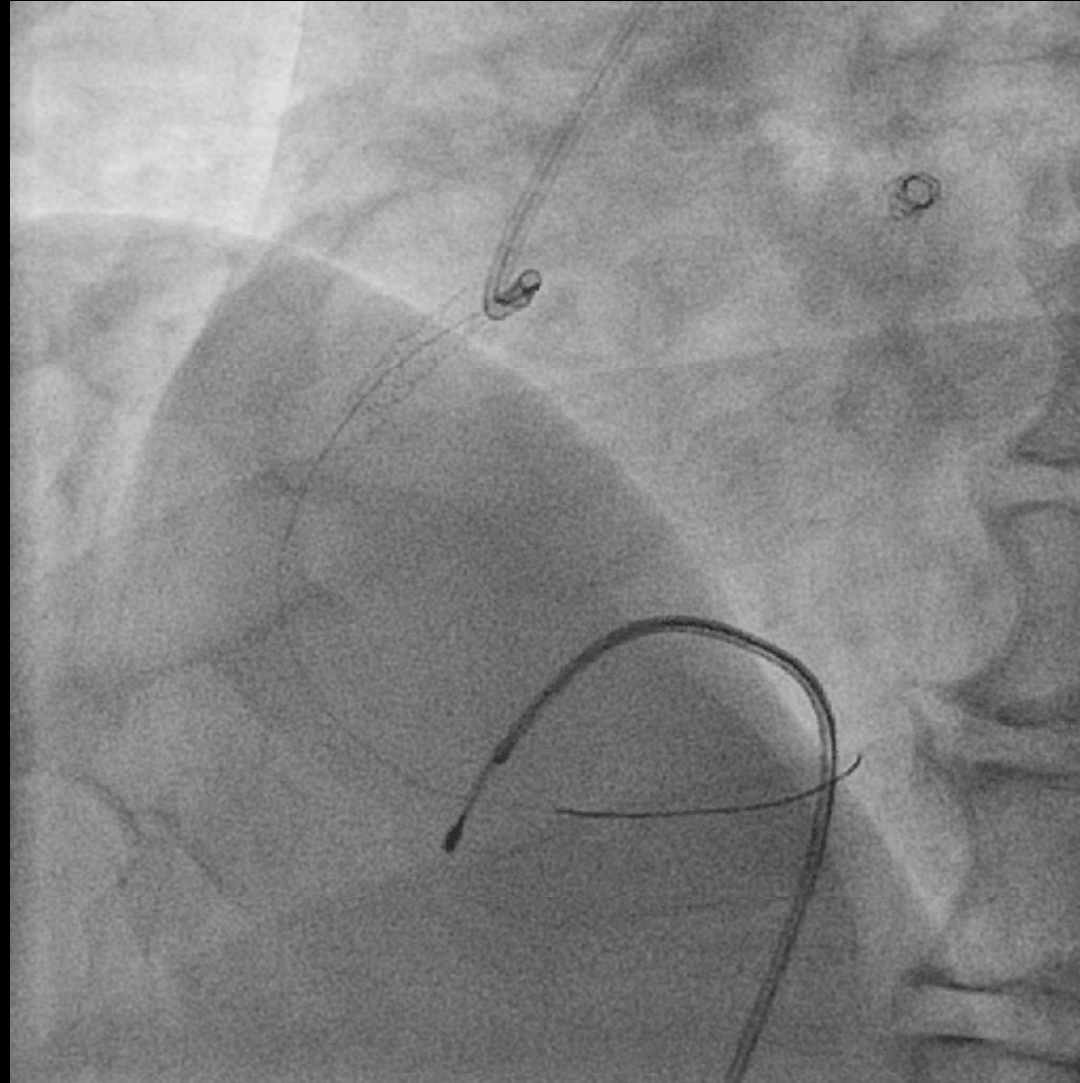
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PCI



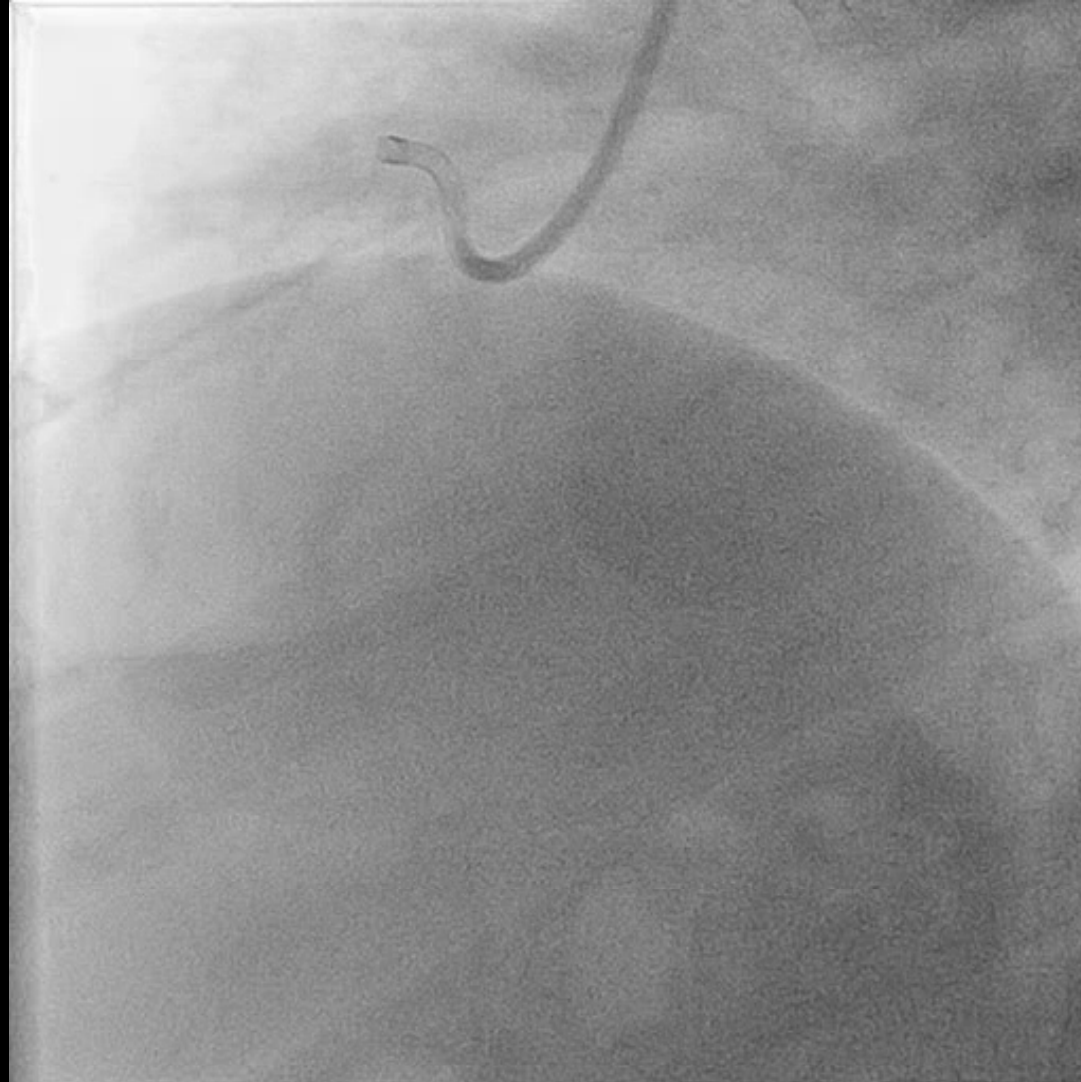
SES very late restenosis (6years)

Recovery from No reflow



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Final CAG



Take home message

Restenosis-lesions after stent implantation with neoatherosclerosis is not uniform but complex, which include various components.

Then, we should select suitable PCI strategy based on the lesion characteristics derived from imaging modalities including IVUS.

