Severe Calcification & CAD How to overcome?

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My strategy of TAVI on severely calcified AV

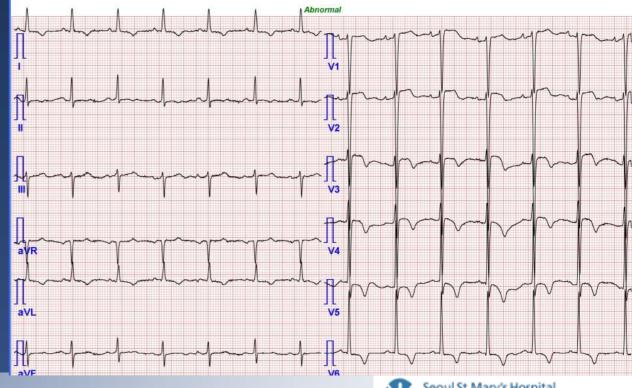
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80 year-old female

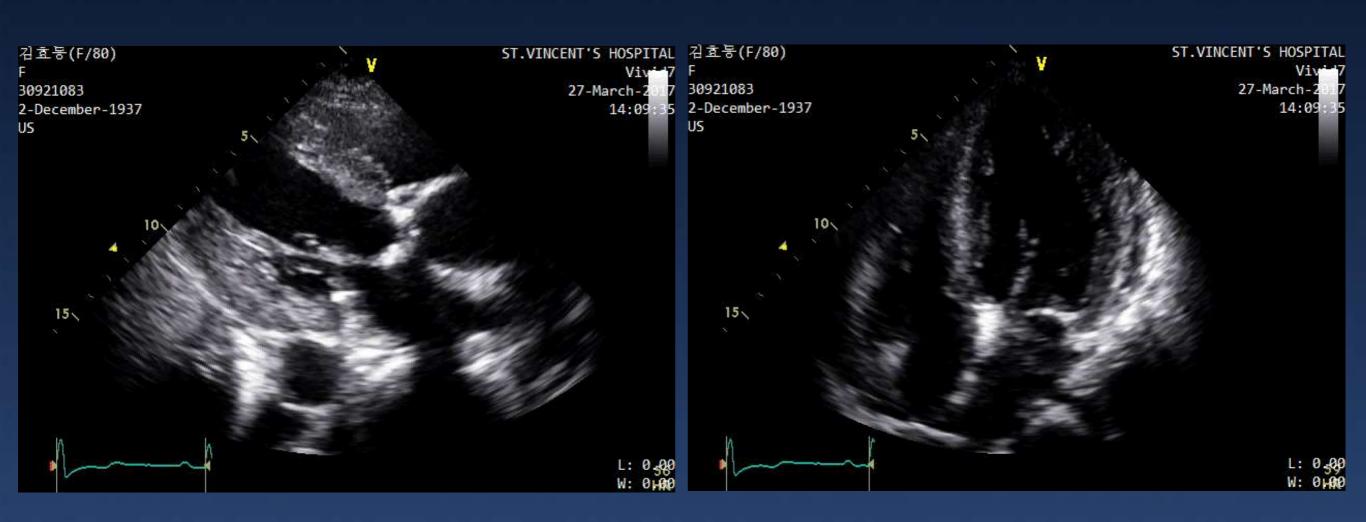
- Presented to NYHA III SOB since 20 days ago & orthopnea last night
- Transferred to another
 affiliated hospital with
 dobutamine for emergent
 TAVI





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80 year old female: Echo

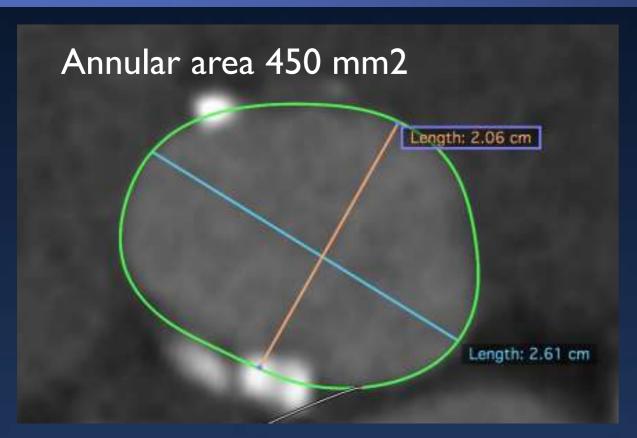


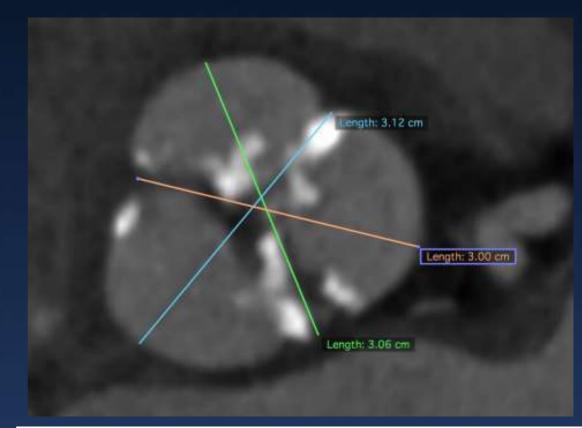
LVEF 39%, AoV Vmax 5.1 m/s AoV meanPG 68.1 mmHg AVA 0.6/0.4 cm2 by 2D/CE

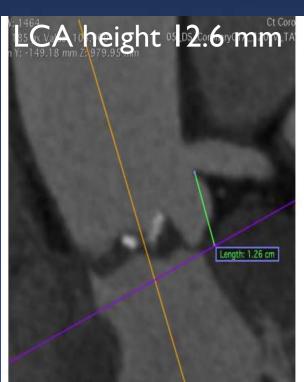


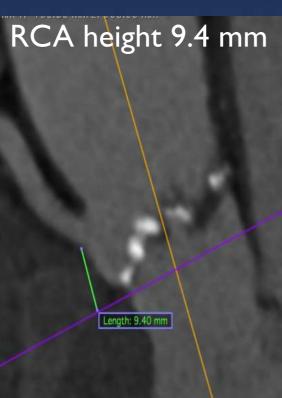


CCTA analysis





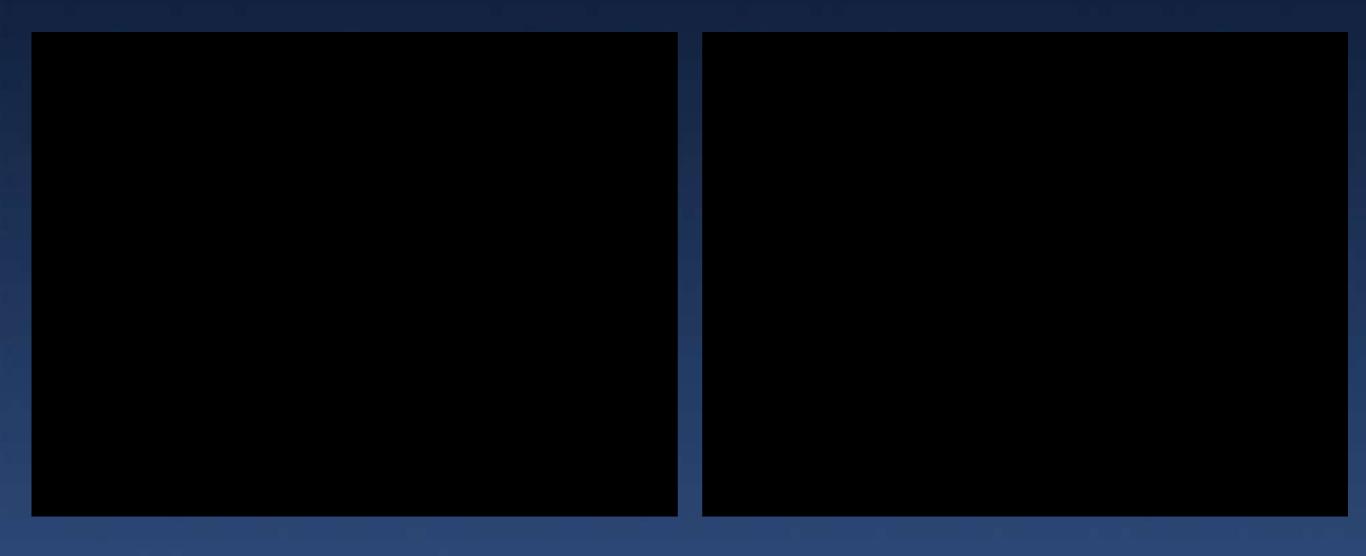




SAPIEN 3 Valve Diameter: 26mm 3D Area - derived Diameter (mm) 3D Annular Area (mm²) % Annular Area Over (+) or 29.8 26.6 25.1 23.6 28.1 18.0 16.3 14.8 12.0 8.1 Under (-) Nominal by 3D CT 6 Annular Area Over (+) or Under (-) Nominal by 26mm 5.9 3.8 1.8 -0.2 -2.1 3.9 -4.9 -5.6 -7.3 -8.9 298 273 248 22.5 20.2 18.9 18.0 16.9 13.9 11.9 10.0 8.2 8.4 6.5 4.7 3.0 1.4 8.2 1.7 3.1 4.6 6.0 5.9 7.3 8.6 9.9

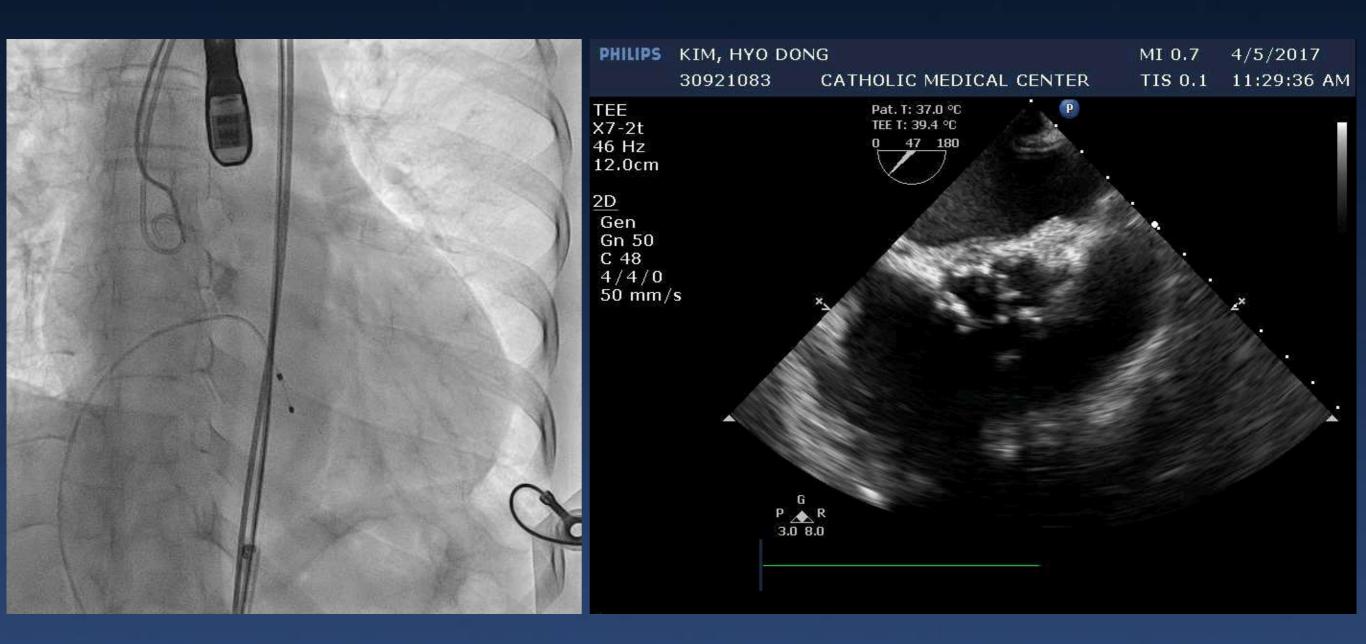


Aortic leaflet calcification





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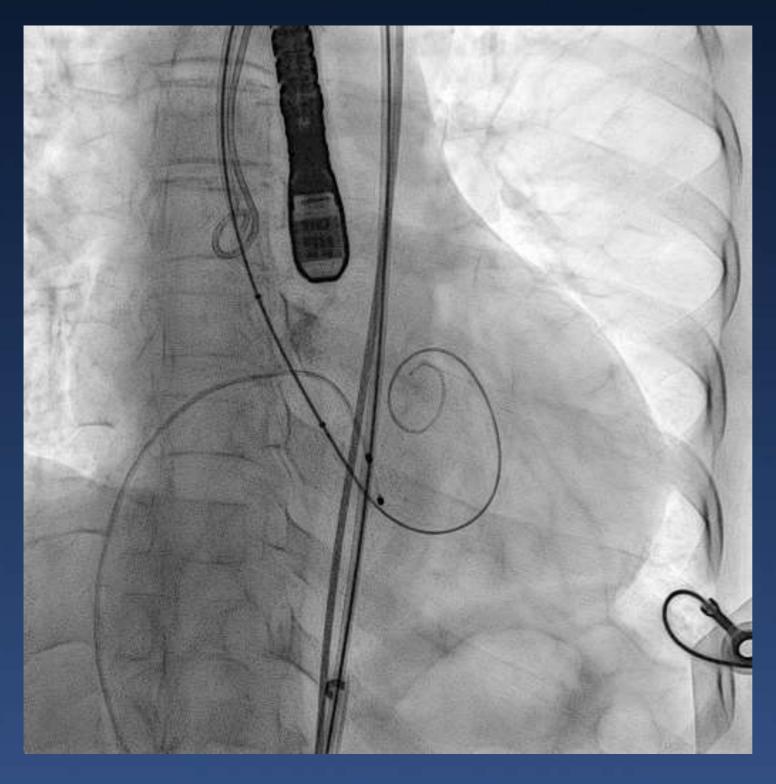


Are you going to perform pre-ballooning before valve implantation or not?





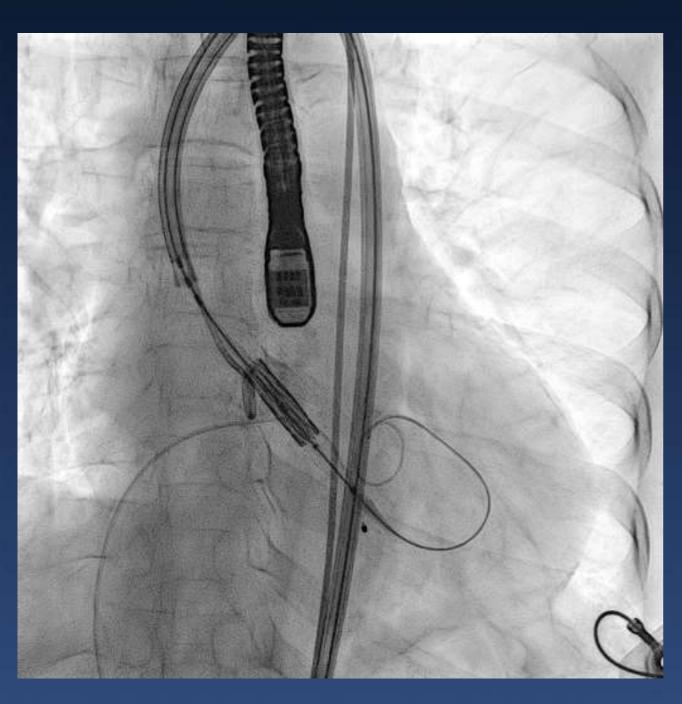
I prefer preballooning in patients with severely calcified AV

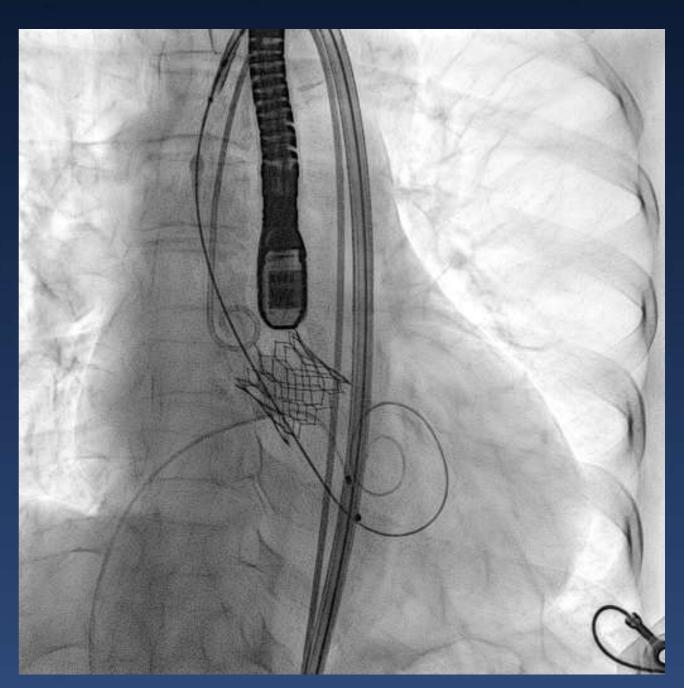


What criteria do you consider when you select balloon size?



TAVI & post-TAVI aortogram



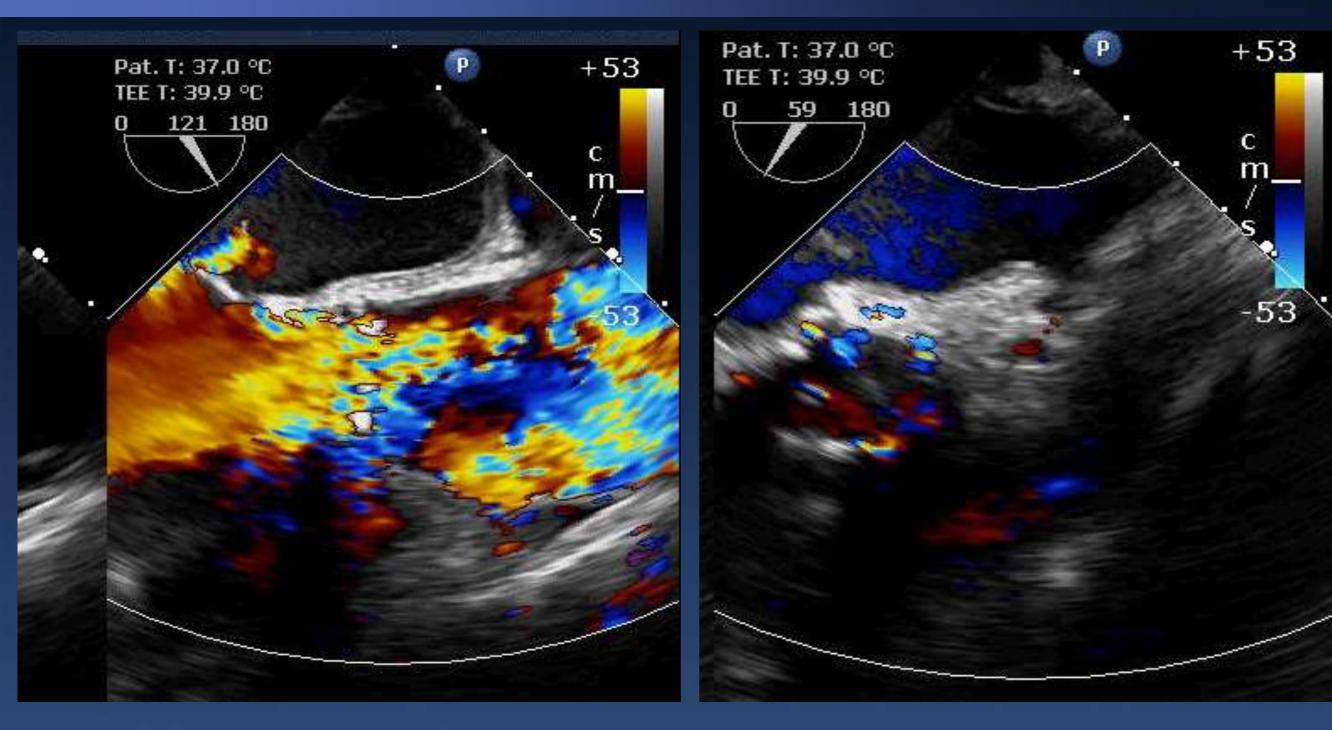


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Post-TAVI TEE



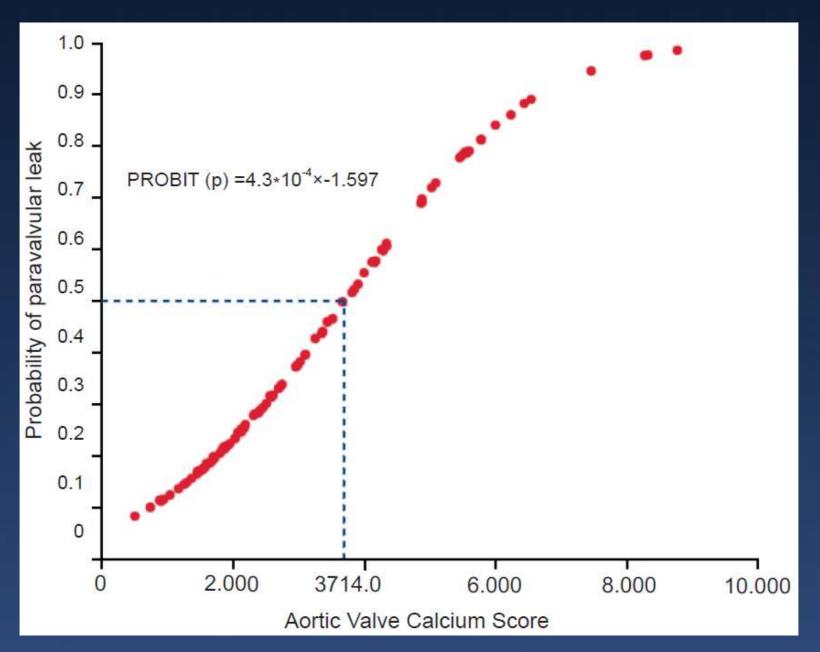
Are you going to perform hemodynamic assessment first or directly post-ballooning?





Impact of calcification in TAVI

Is incidence of PVL high in patients with high AV calcification?

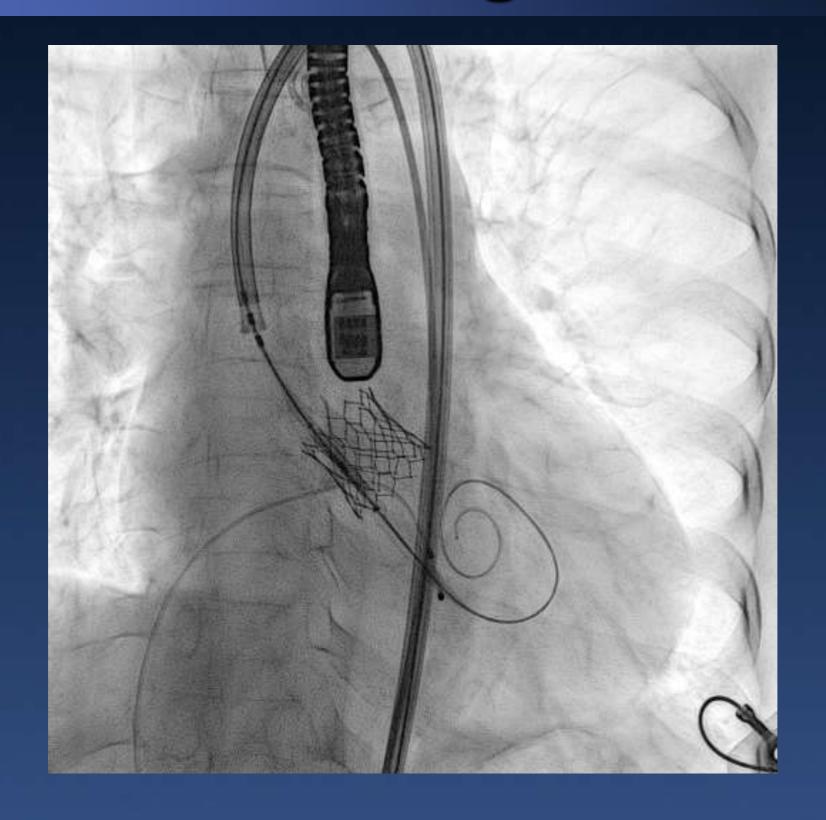


PVL depends on the degree of AV calcification.

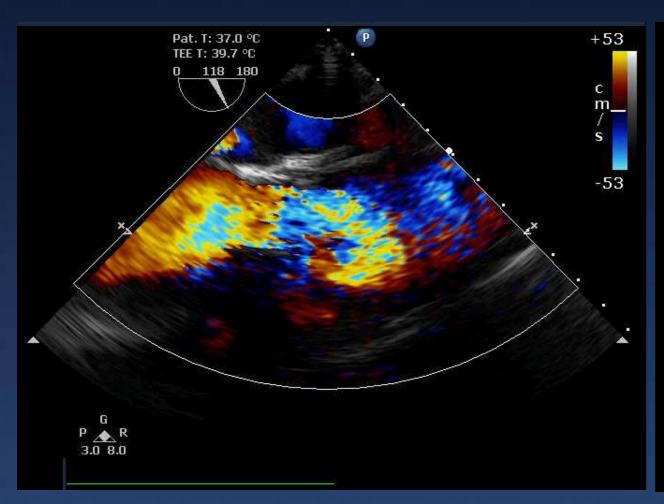


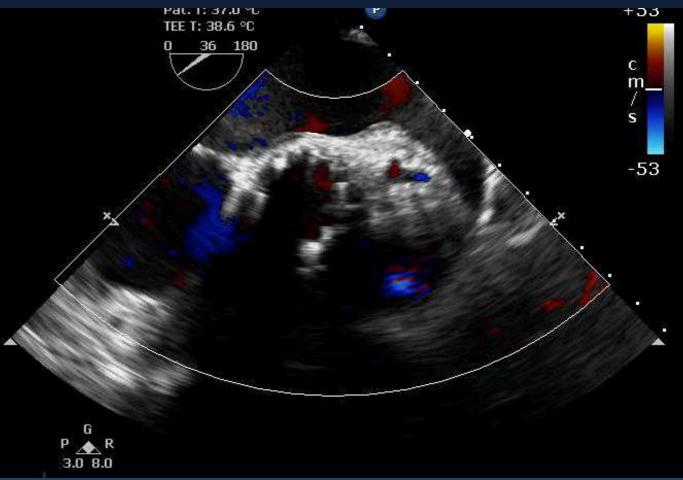


Post-TAVI ballooning



Post-TAVI & ballooning TEE





Take home message

- The need for preballooning in patients with heavily calcified aortic stenosis
 - to identify the movement of calcium chunk, especially in patients with short coronary height from the annulus
 - to open the tightly stenosed valve opening to make the entrance of valve across annulus
 - by opening the tightly stenosed valve to some degree, the tension on the stenotic leaflet may be reduced at the time of Sapien3 implantation, which may decrease the chance of annular rupture



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Annular rupture is very very rare in the era of Sapien3, dare to perform post-TAVI ballooning without hesitation in this kind of case



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