

Alternative Vascular Access: Where and How to Open & Close

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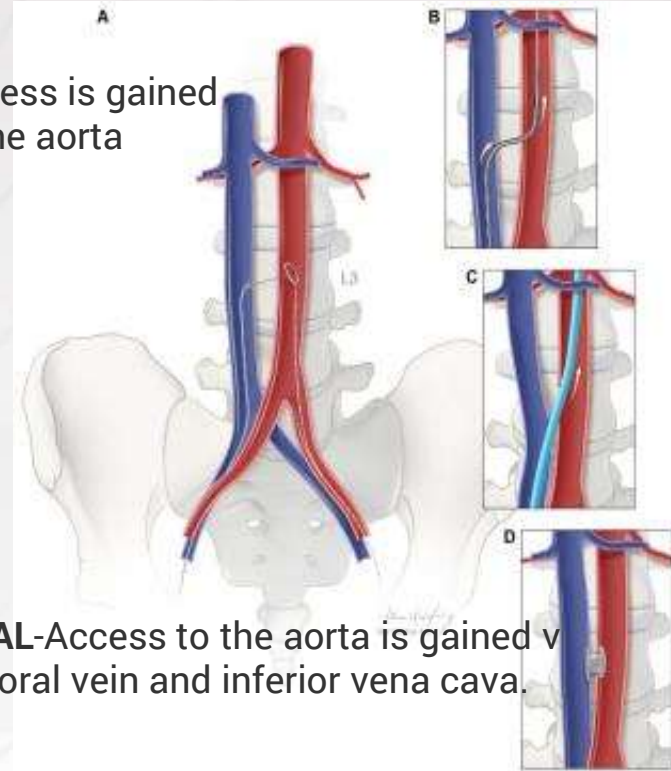
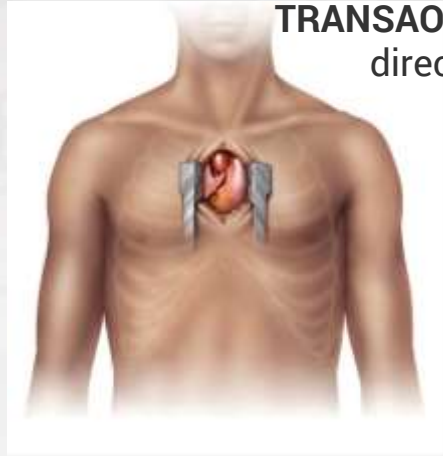
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Various Alternative Approaches to TF

TRANSAPICAL-Access is gained via left ventricular apex

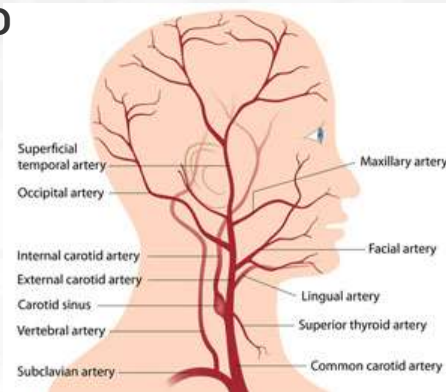


TRANSAORTIC-Access is gained directly into the aorta

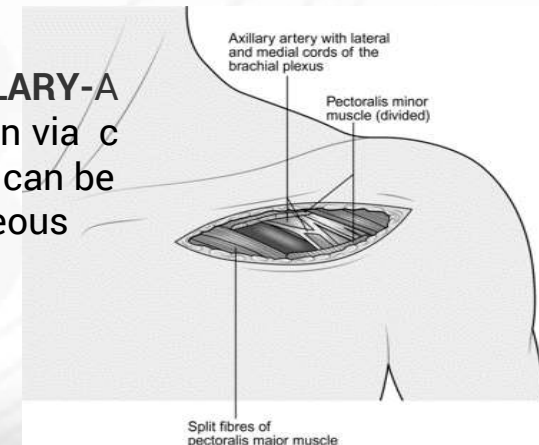


TRANSCAVAL-Access to the aorta is gained via the femoral vein and inferior vena cava.

TRANSCAROTID



TRANSAXILLARY-Access is often via cut-down but can be percutaneous



TRANSSUBCLAVIAN-Access is always via cut-down

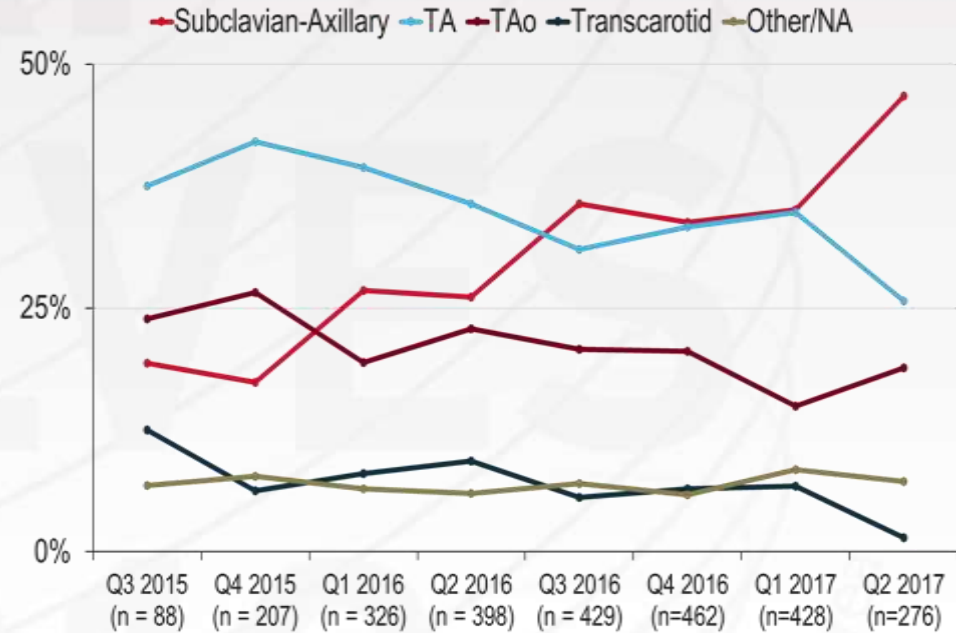


Current Utilization of Alternative Access

Based on TVT Registry, < 10% of TAVR patients are not suitable for TF approach

Currently the following alternative accesses are being used:

- Subclavian, Axillary, Transcaval, Transcarotid, TA, and TAO
- Transthoracic accesses (TA and TAO) are associated with sub-optimal outcomes compared to TF¹
- The subclavian and axillary are becoming more popular approaches
- Adoption of the transcaval approach (Other) is increasing while transcarotid is decreasing



Source: TVT Registry 10 Feb 2017 Data Extract

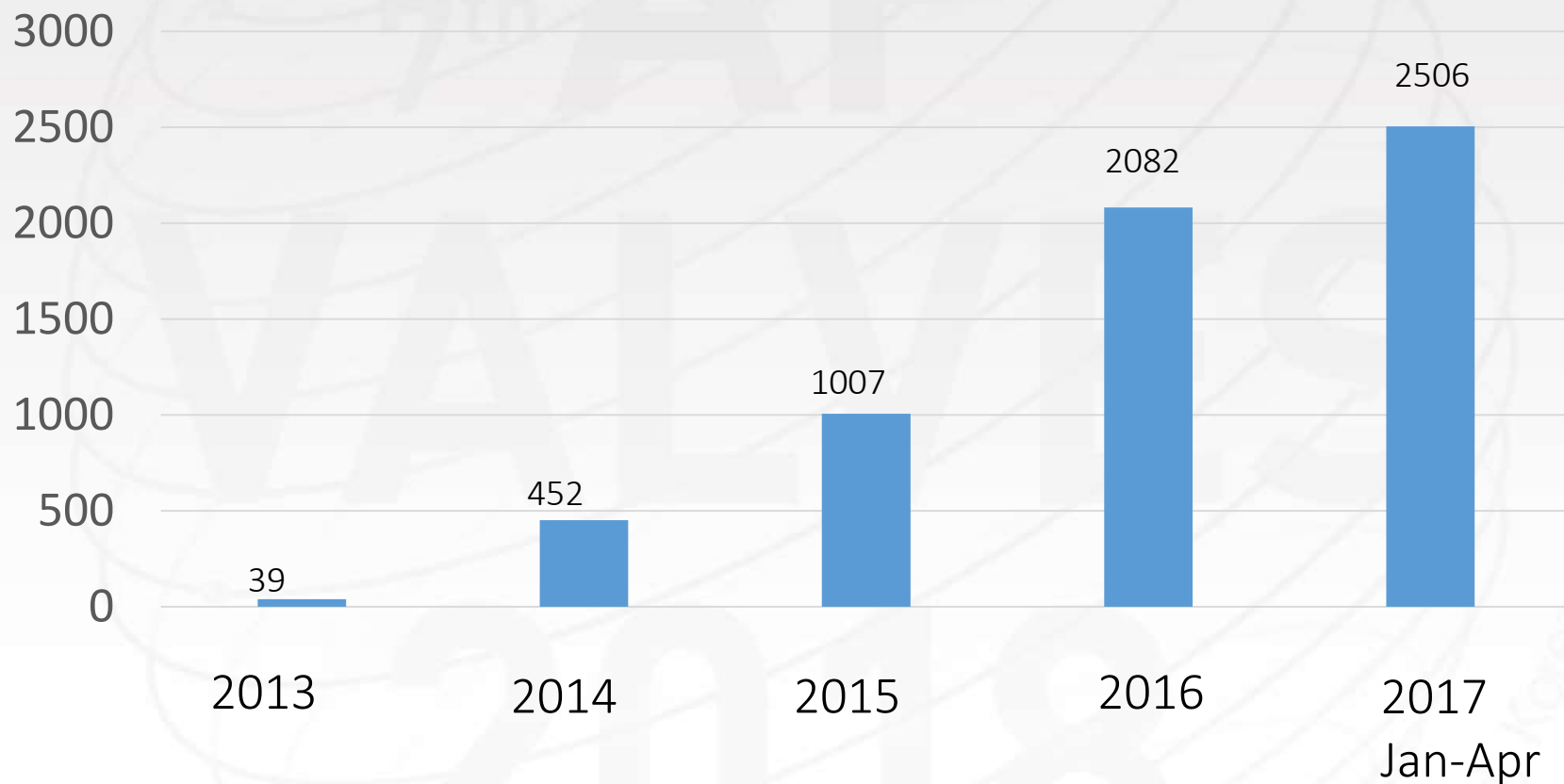
1. N Engl J Med 2016; 374:1609-1620

Optimized transCathEter vAlvular iNtervention (OCEAN) TAVI registry

- Ongoing multicenter prospective registry, currently involving 13 institutions in Japan



Number of enrolled patients

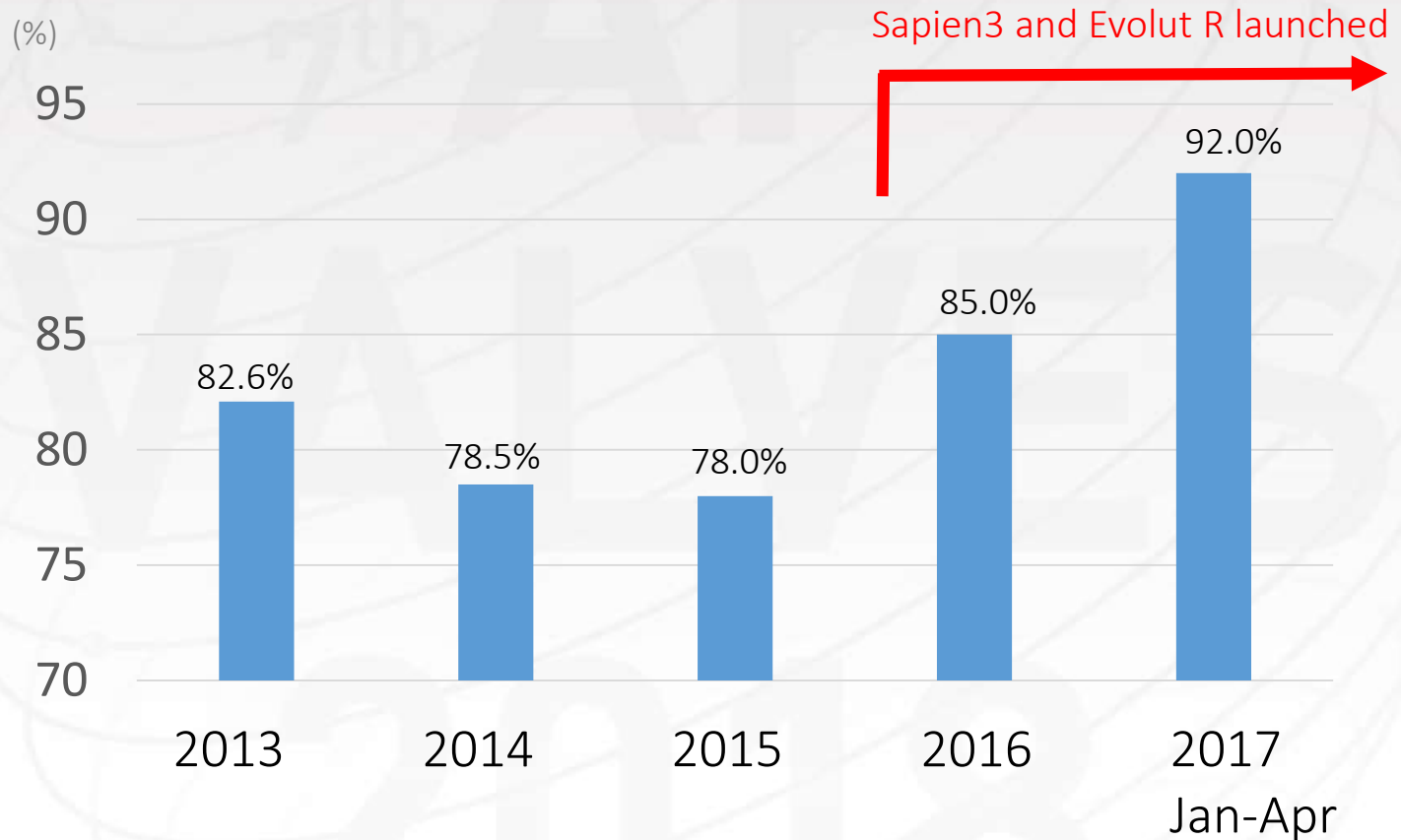


Procedural Details

Patients	n=2506
Approach	
Trans femoral	2094 (83.5)
Trans apical	350 (14.0)
Trans iliac	30 (1.2)
Direct aorta	14 (0.6)
Trans subclavian	18 (0.7)
Procedure time, min	81.2 \pm 44.8
General anesthesia	1933 (77.1)
Conscious sedation	573 (22.9)
Direct implantation	907 (36.2)
Post dilatation	551 (22.0)

Values are mean \pm SD or n (%)

Proportion of trans-femoral approach



Subject

Terms: Oct. 2013 to Apr. 2017

consecutive 2,506 patients
from OCEAN registry

TF

Transfemoral TAVI
N=2094

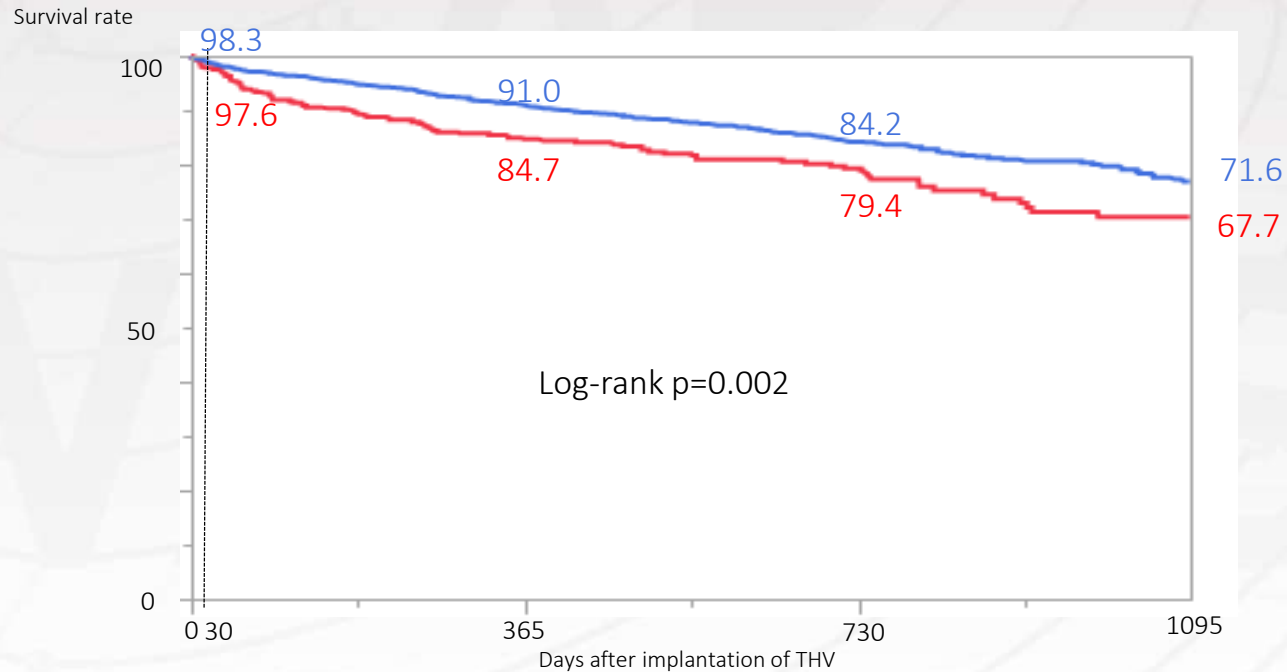
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Non transfemoral TAVI
N=412

Evaluation items

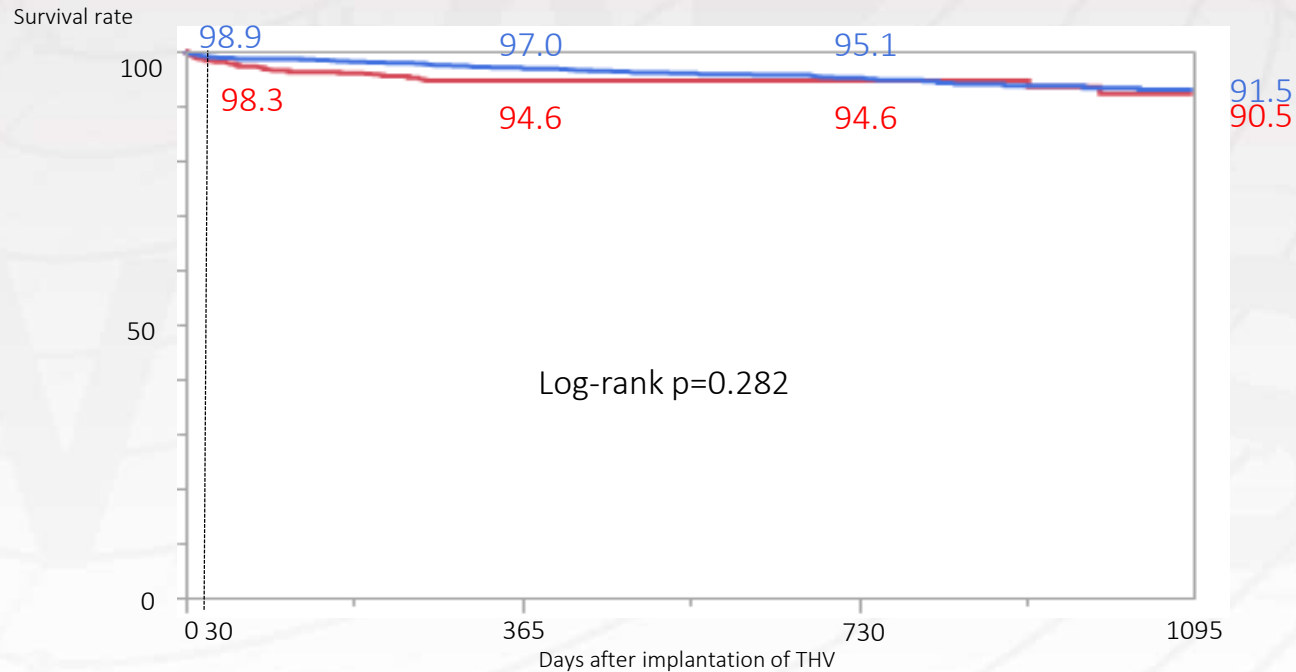
- ✓ Patient characteristics, clinical outcome
- ✓ All cause mortality and cardiac death at 3 year

Estimated 3y survival curve: TF vs. Non-TF



days	0	30	365	730	1095
Transfemoral					
N at risk	2094	2045	1573	641	199
Incidence (%)		98.3	91	84.2	71.6
Non transfemoral					
N at risk	410	401	306	184	53
Incidence (%)		97.6	84.7	79.4	67.7

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Incidence (%)		98.9	97.0	95.1	91.5
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N at risk	410	401	306	184	53
Incidence (%)		98.3	94.6	94.6	90.5

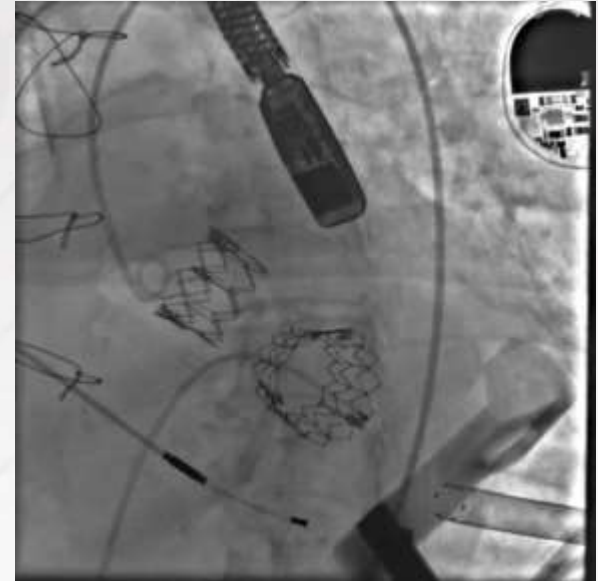
Transapical Access

✓ Was initially the only option for non-transfemoral TAVR

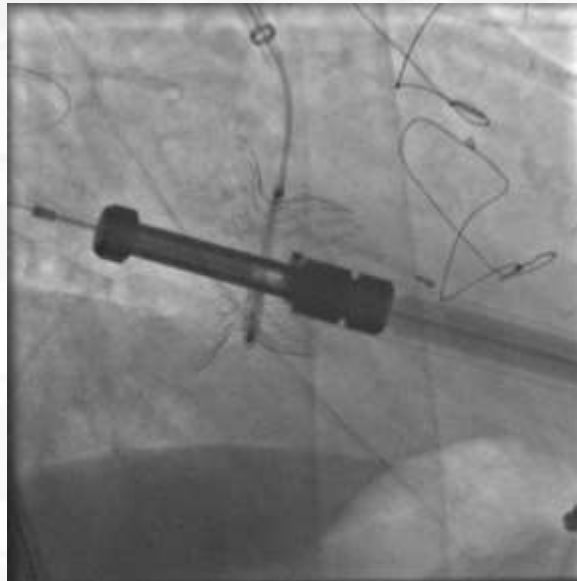
	PROS	CONS
TA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Antegrade access▪ More direct, shorter distance to native aortic valve▪ Standard surgical approach, surgeons familiar with technique▪ Enables easy access to mitral valve	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Need for post op pain management (access site)▪ Potential increased risk of atrial fibrillation and pleural effusion▪ Effect on respiratory dynamic in COPD▪ Suboptimal outcomes compared to other approaches▪ Require deep GA

Heart team should have a choice of TA approach

Simultaneous VinV for
Mitral and TAVR

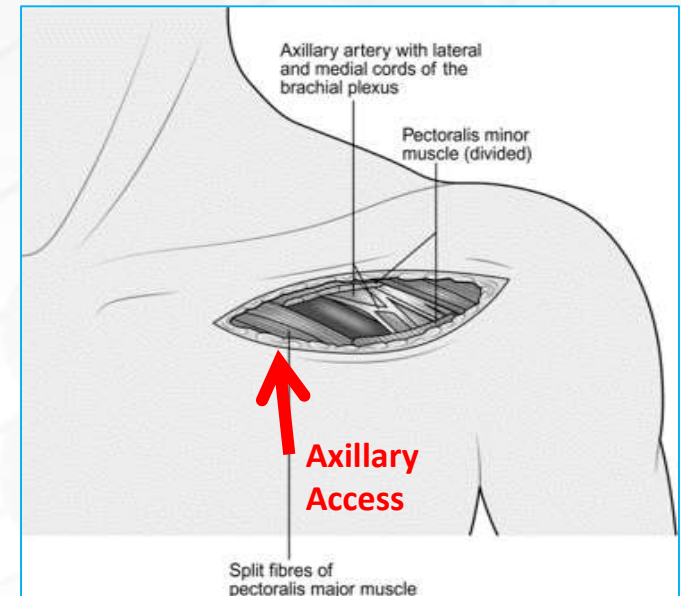
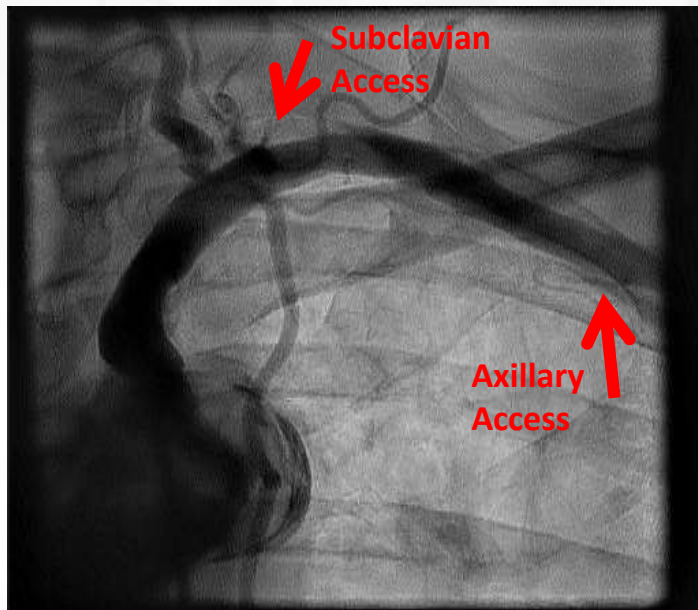


TMVR



Subclavian/Axillary Access

	PROS	CONS
Subclavian/Axillary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Approach well known by CV surgeons▪ Right or left side (left better)▪ Can be done percutaneously by an experienced operator▪ Sedation / local anesthesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Brachial plexus injury▪ Anatomy challenges - diameter / calcium / angle of vessel entering aorta▪ Potential to occlude flow to LIMA graft during procedure



【 76y.o. male】

<Problem List>

Severe AS

AAA (2014/7 : s/p EVAR)

Hx of SAH, left hemiparesis

<PE> HT 166cm, BW 58.8kg, BMI 21.1, BSA 1.61m²

EuroScore 6.02%

EuroScore II 1.8%, STS score 1.92%

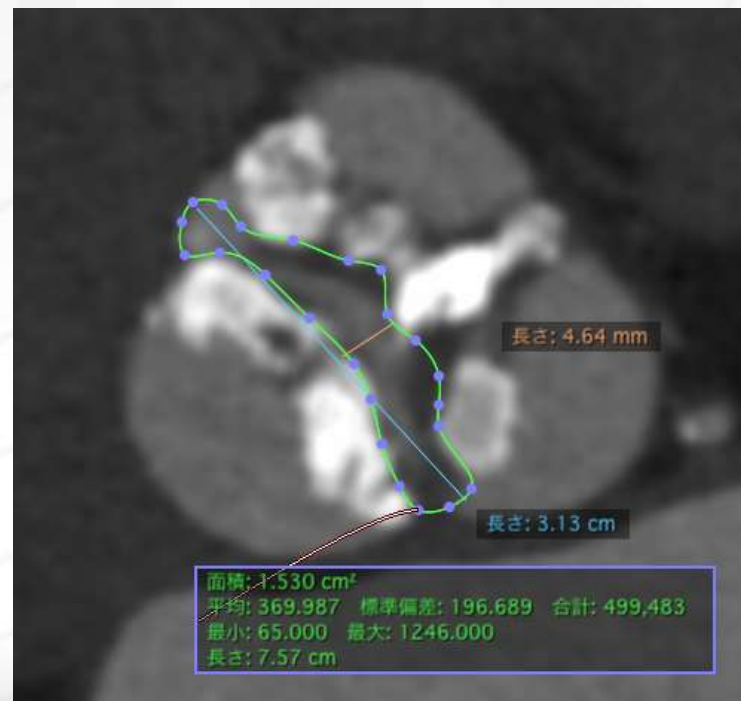
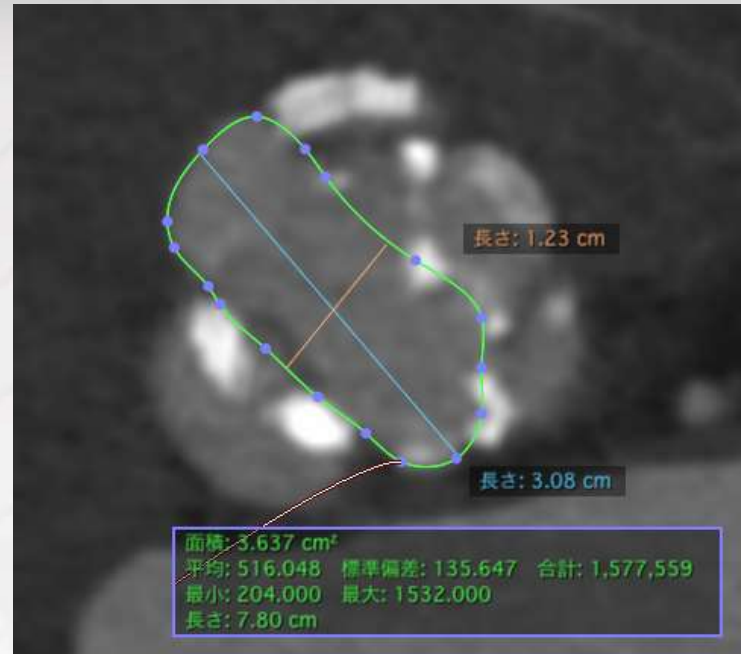
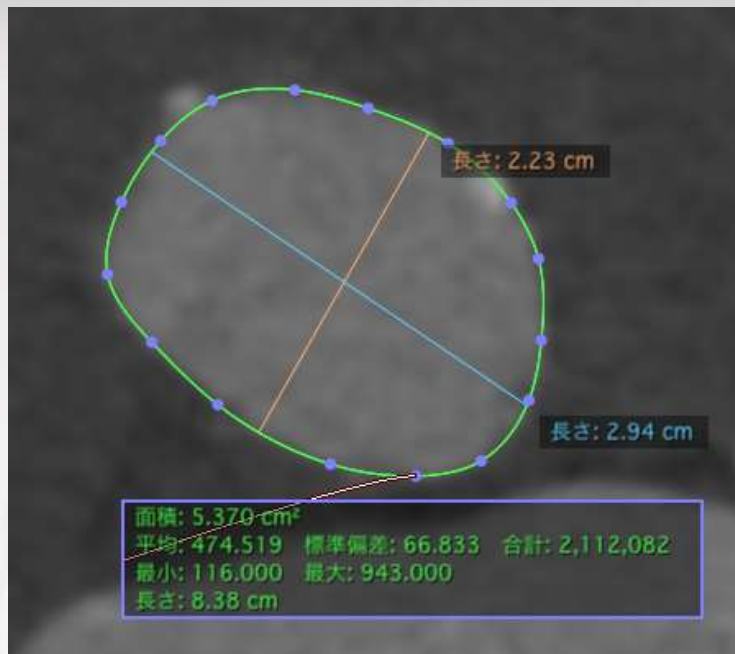
Clinical Frailty Scale 7

Cr 0.71 (eGFR 81), Hb 15.4, Plt 16.8, Alb 3.7, BNP 214.3

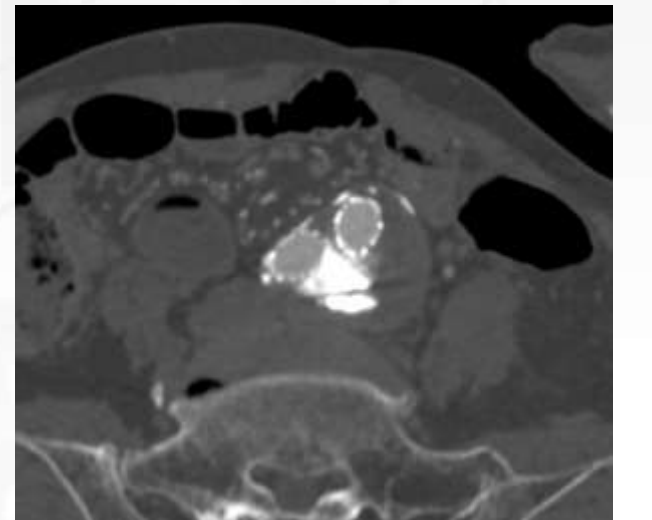
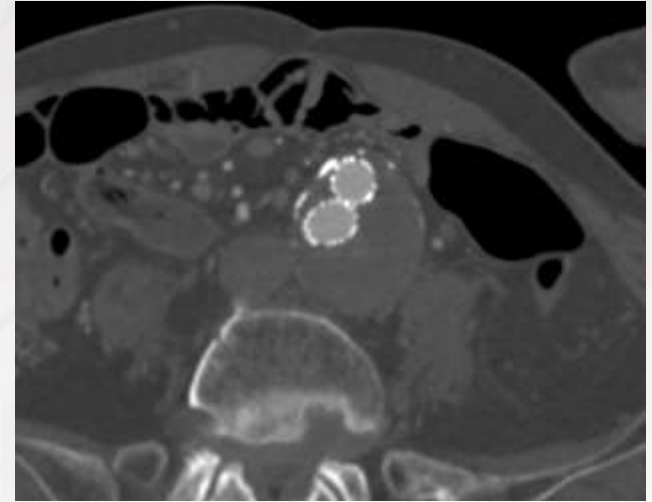
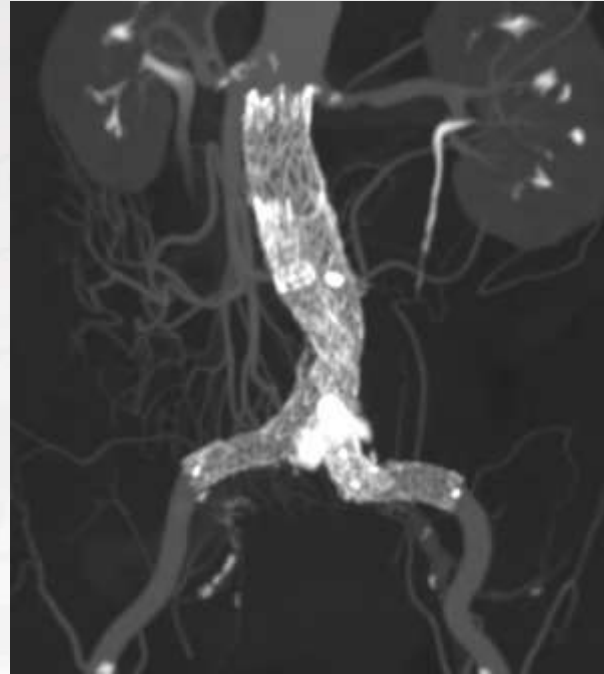
<ECG> SR, LVH

<Spirometry> FVC 2.14L (61.9%), FEV 1.72L(65.6%)



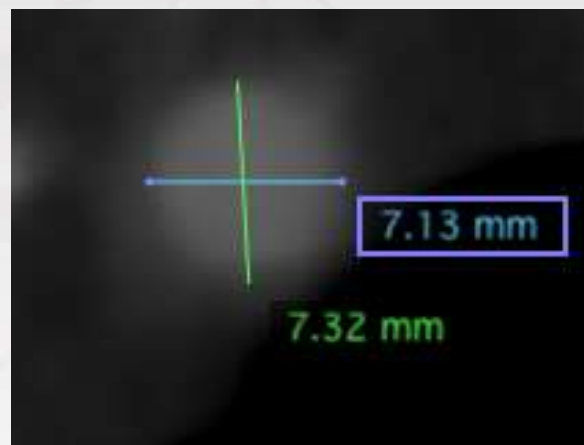
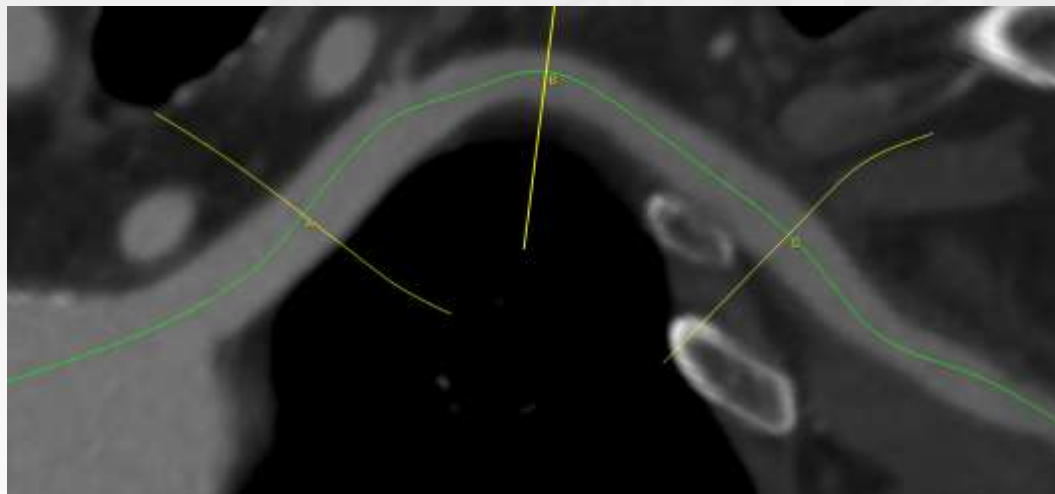


Aorta

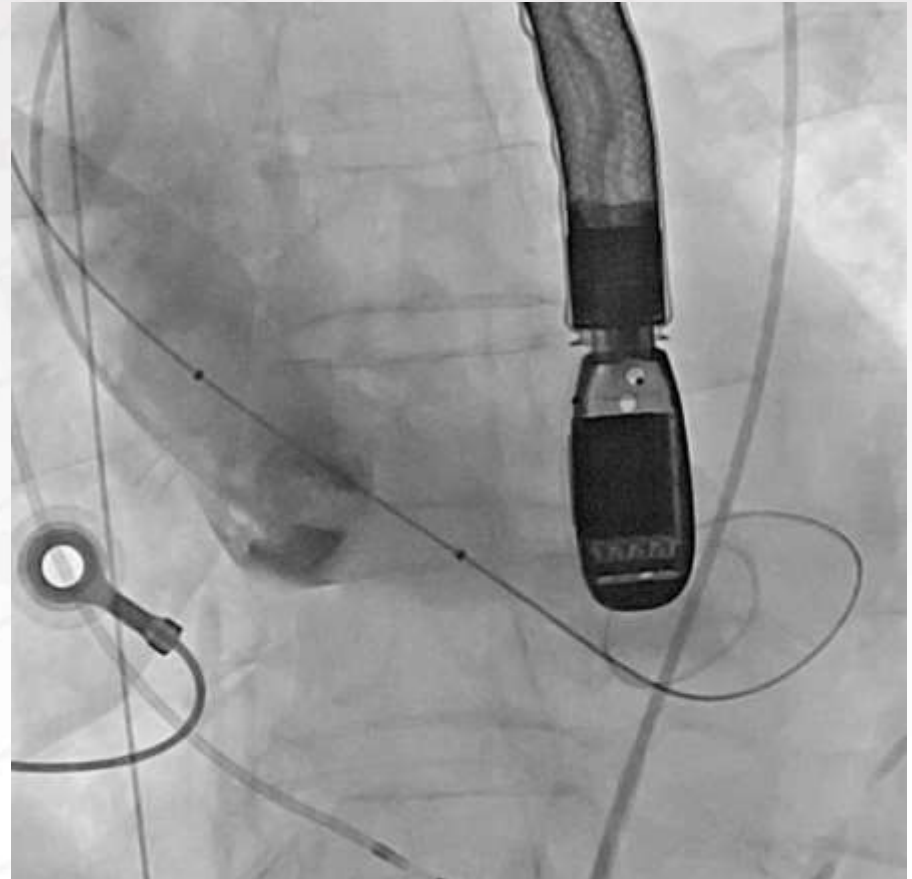
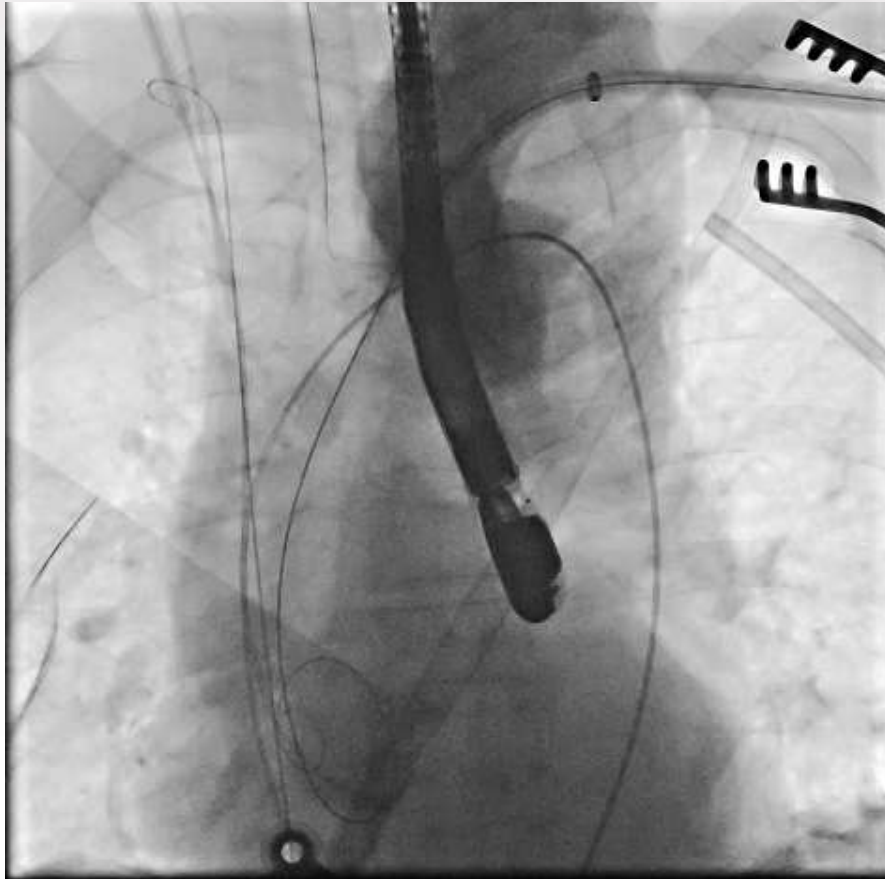


AAA s/p EVAR

Lt. Subclavian



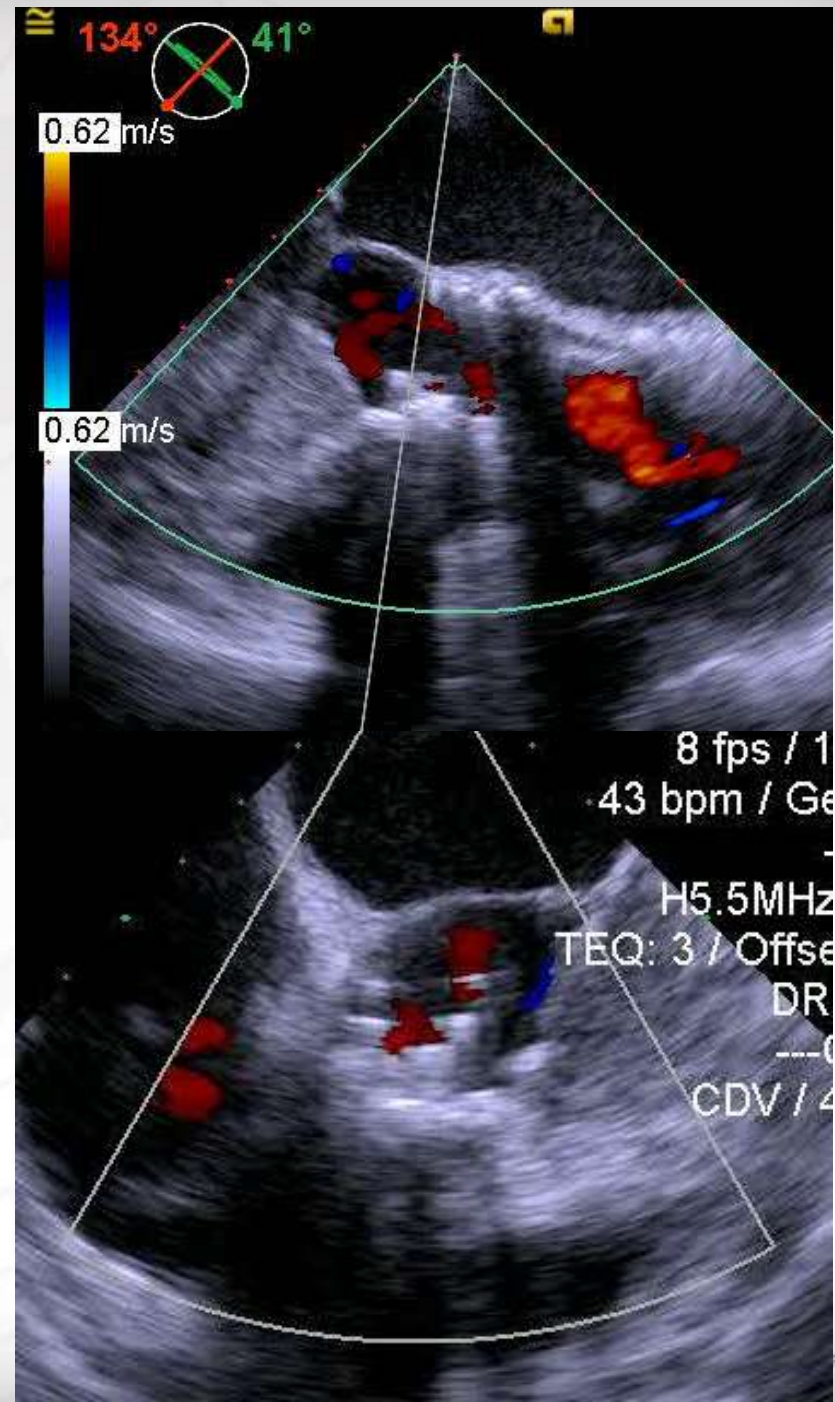
【Sheath insertion & Predilatation】



【Evolut R 29mm】



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Comparative Survival After Transapical, Direct Aortic, and Subclavian Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (Data from the UK TAVI Registry)



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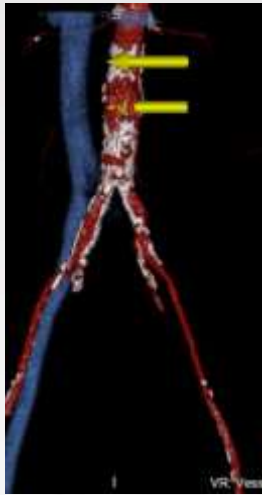
Table 2
Outcomes

Variable	Subclavian (n=188)	Transapical (n=761)	Direct aortic (n=185)	Femoral (n=2828)	p-value
In-hospital death	8 (4.3%)	72 (9.5%)	14 (7.6%)	105 (3.7%)	<0.0001
30-day mortality	5 (2.9%)	80 (11%)	15 (8.4%)	121(4.7%)	<0.0001
12-months mortality	33 (20%)	187 (27%)	42 (29%)	388 (18%)	<0.0001

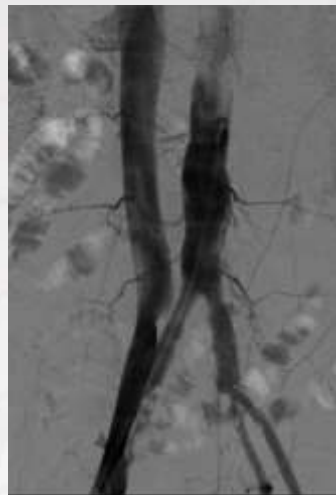
Table 3
Cox proportional hazard model

Variable	Hazard ratio	95% CI	p-value
Logistic EuroScore	1.02	1.01-1.02	<0.001
Year of implant 2012 vs. 2007	0.39	0.25-0.61	<0.001
Subclavian vs. femoral access	1.22	0.88-1.70	0.241
Trans-apical vs. femoral access	1.74	1.43-2.11	<0.001
Direct aortic vs. femoral access	1.55	1.13-2.14	0.007
CoreValve vs. Edwards	1.00	0.83-1.20	1.0
Atrial fibrillation vs. sinus rhythm	1.32	1.12-1.55	0.001
No/mild AR vs. moderate/severe AR	1.82	1.48-2.24	<0.001

Transcaval Aortic Access for TAVR



CT-based plan



Angiogram



Lateral "bullseye"



Electrified wire crossing into aortic snare



Introducer sheath from femoral vein into aorta



Closure



Evaluation

Conclusions

- ✓ Non-femoral access is needed in 10% of TAVR patients
- ✓ Patients requiring non-TF access are a higher risk cohort
- ✓ Subclavian/axillary access appears to have the best outcomes of established non-TF options
- ✓ Multiple novel and less invasive non-TF access options are emerging
- ✓ TAVR operators should aim to master several access options to provide the best treatment for the patient