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# Repeated Recurrent Restenosis in a Patient with Delayed Coronary Obstruction after TAVR

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and Boston Scientific cerebral protection device.**

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# Case Presentation (1)

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**04/2016: LCSJ, a 90 years old female  
presented with critical AS and progressive HF**

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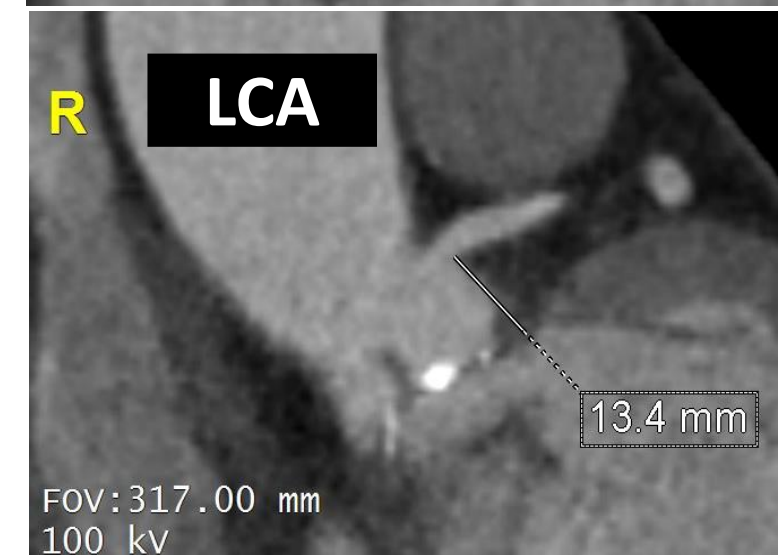
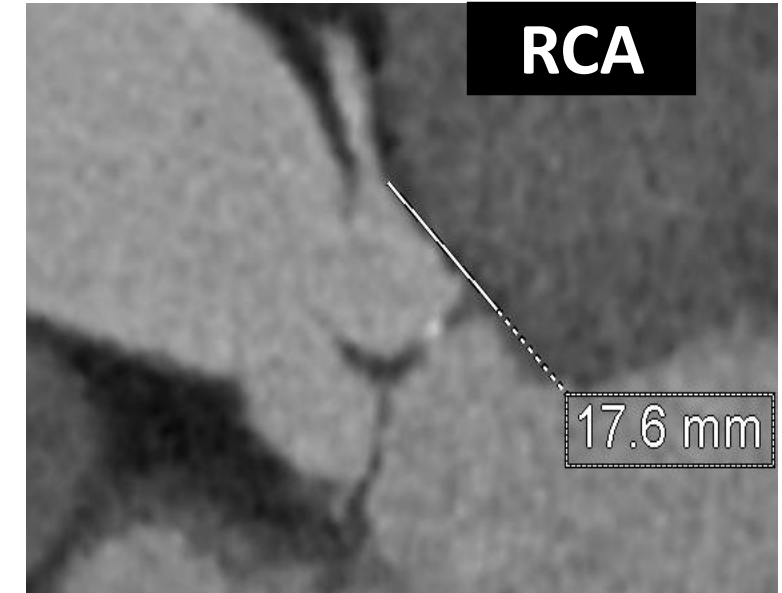
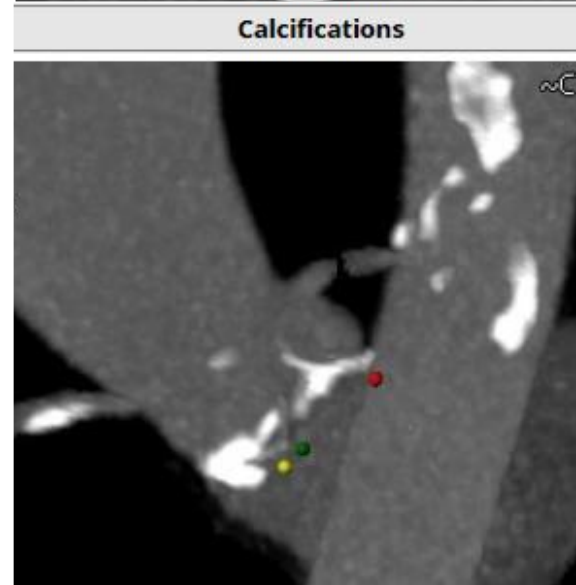
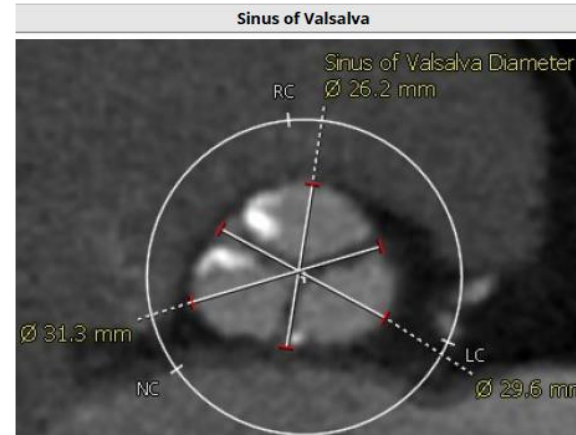
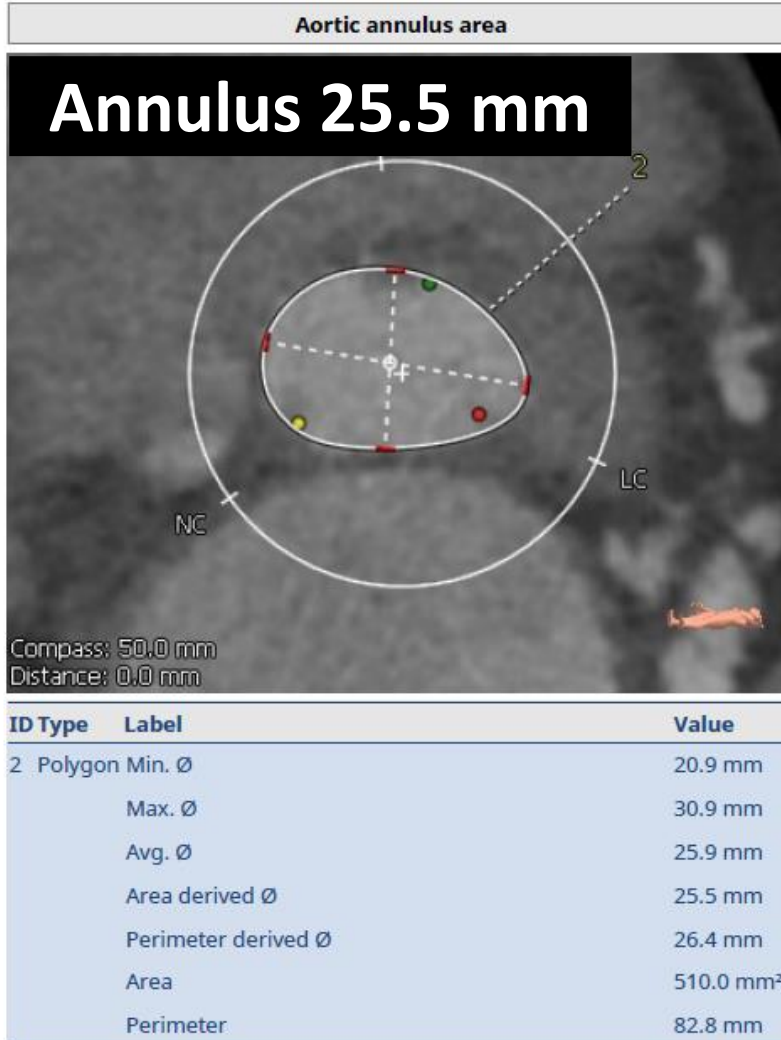
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especially for the beginners.....

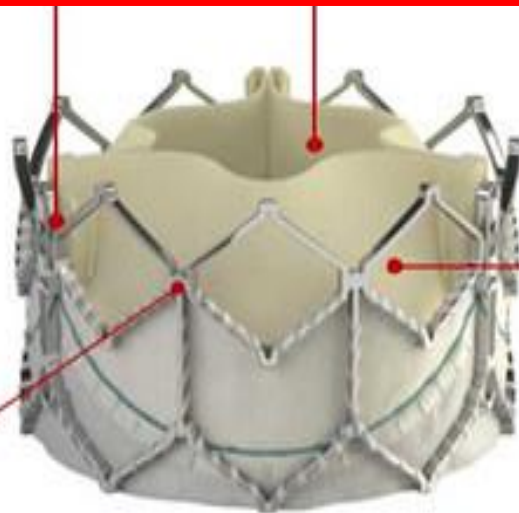
Edwards SAPIEN XT THV Builds upon Edwards  
Proven Balloon Expandable Platform

**More oversizing and post-dilatation needed!**

**Anchoring by  
radial force!**

**No sealing skirt!**

**High radial strength  
cobalt-chromium frame**  
designed to achieve full  
expansion for apposition at  
the annulus to minimize  
paravalvular leak

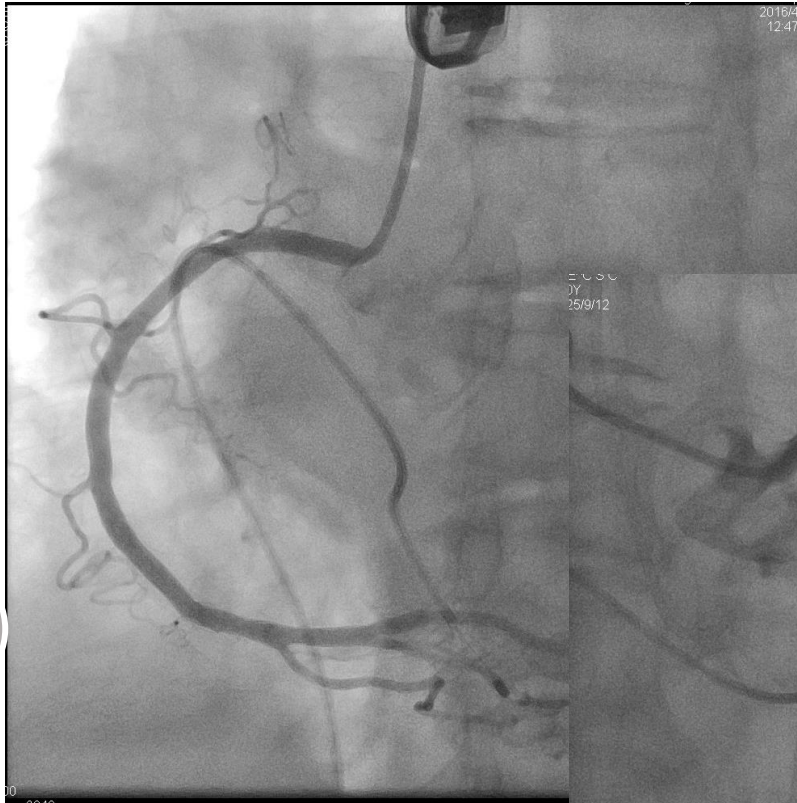


**Leaflets matched** for  
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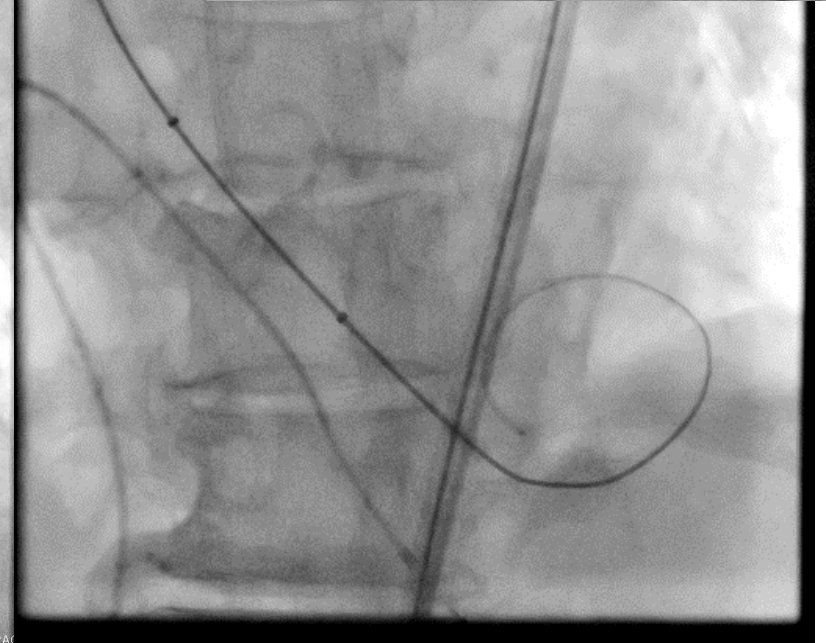
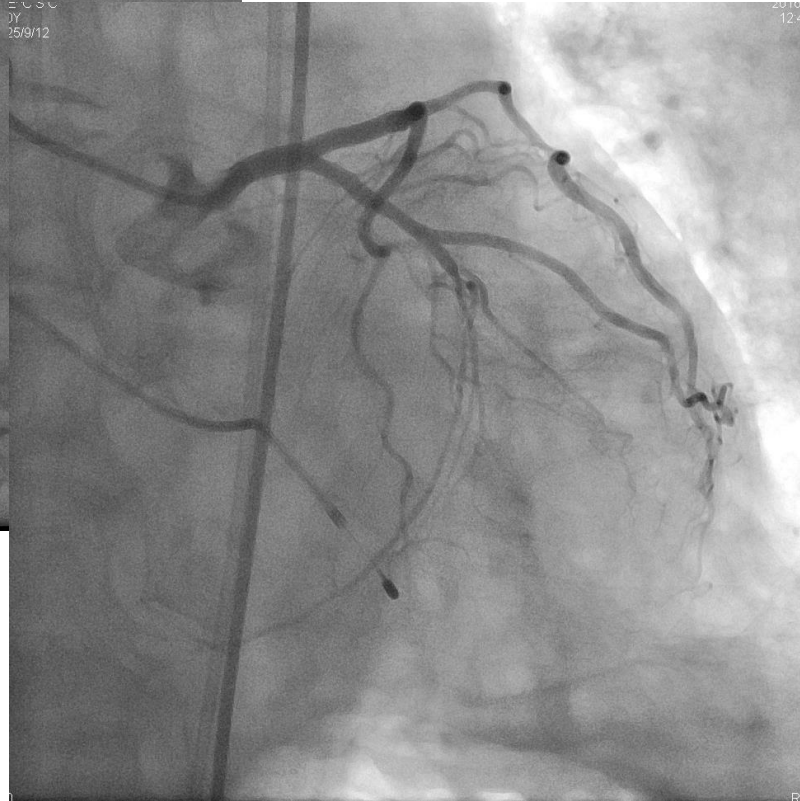
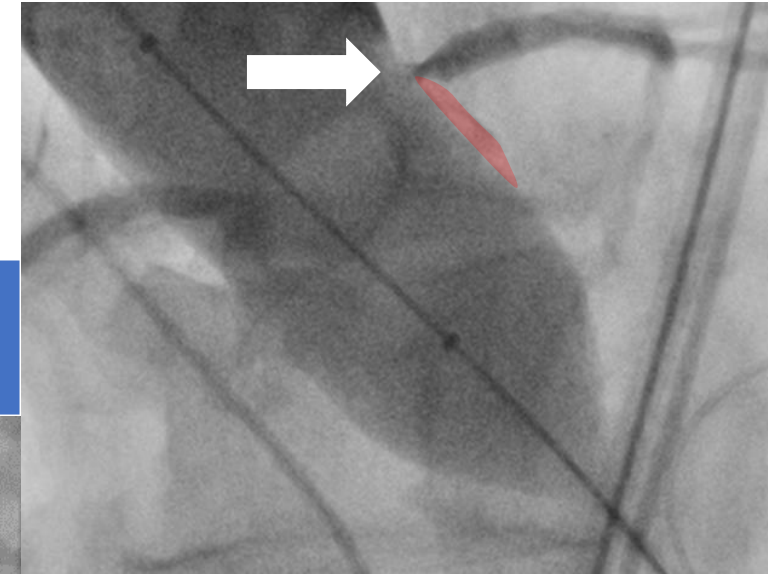
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04/19/2016: CAG

## Case Presentation (2)



25mm BAV showed impingement  
of leaflet into Lt coronary orifice



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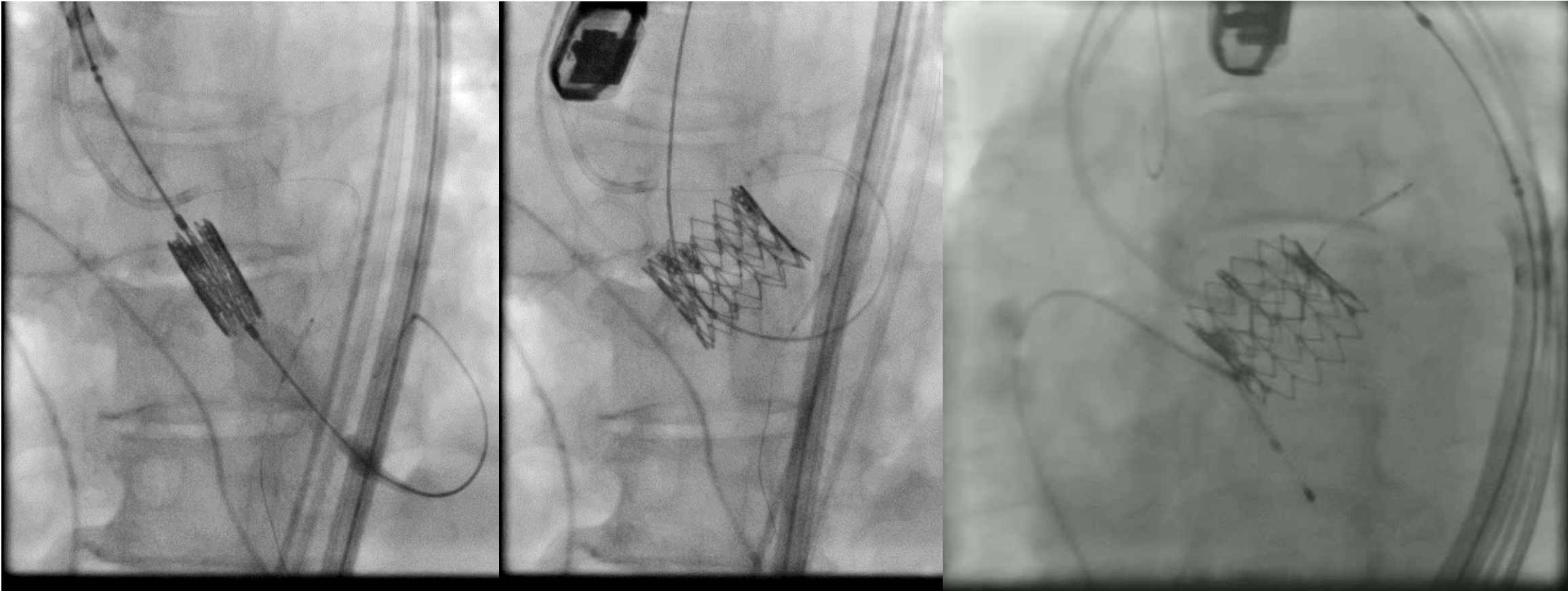
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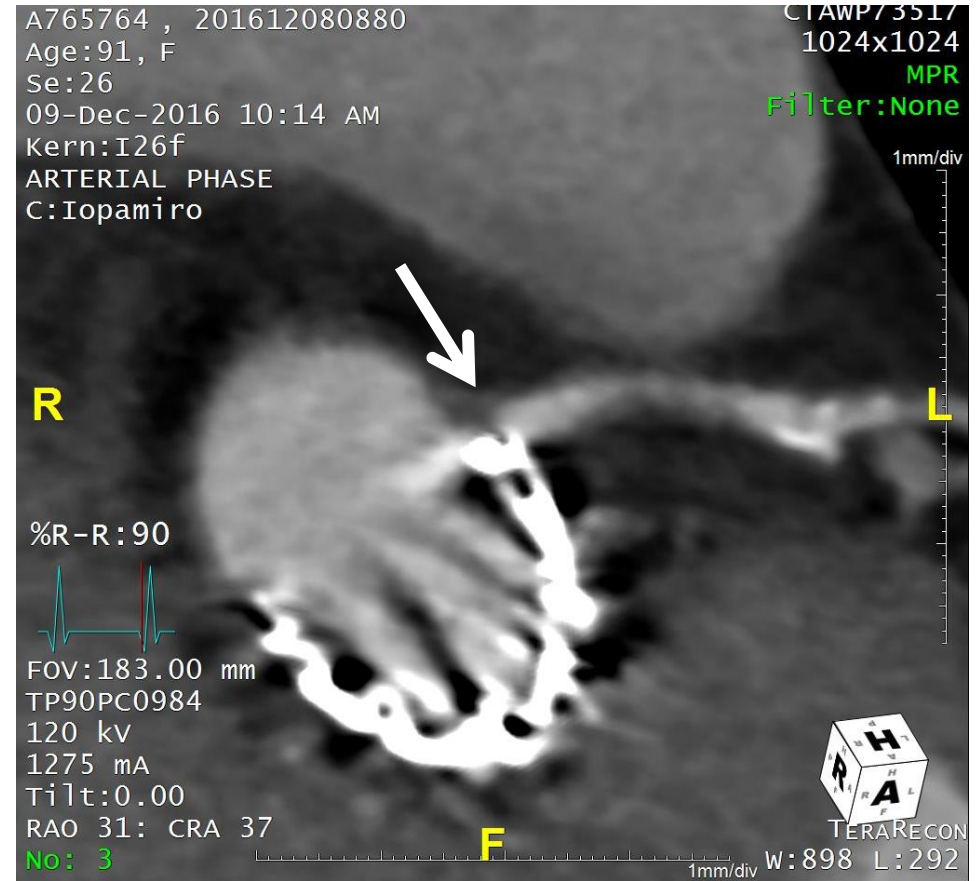
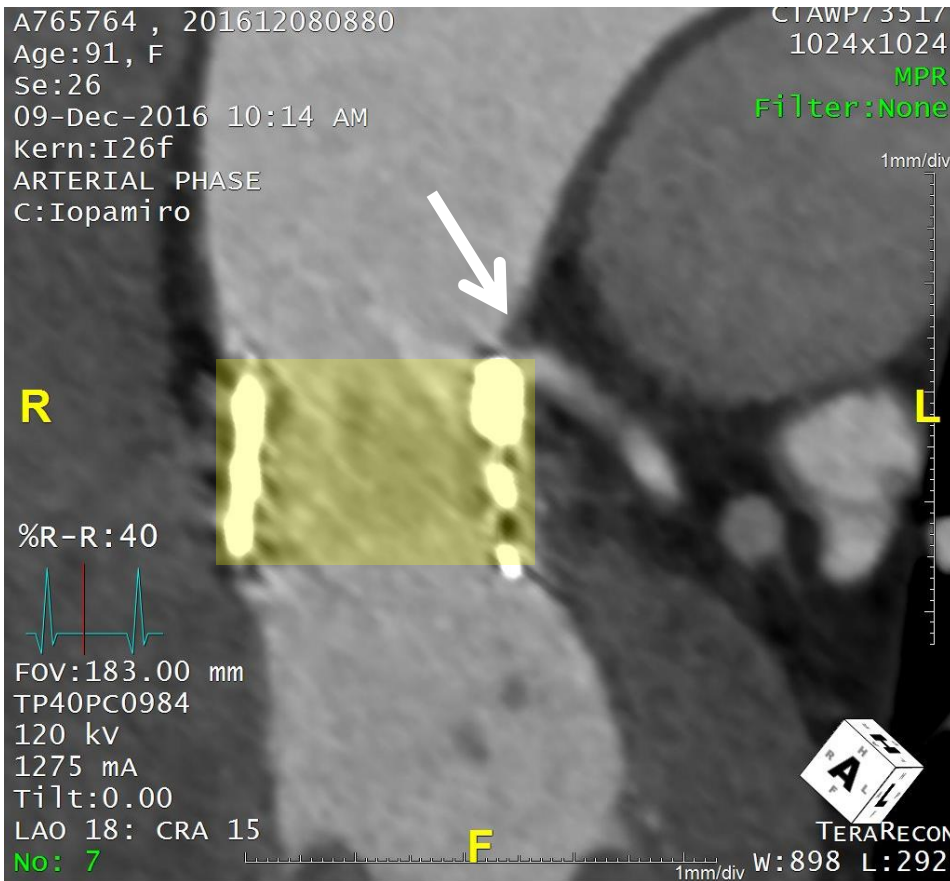
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**TAVR with a 29mm Sapien XT (underfill 2cc) with coronary protection  
→ mild AR and patent coronary artery after TAVR**



## Case Presentation (4)

**2016/12, the patient was asymptomatic, but a follow-up CT showed impingement of valve frame into the coronary artery and new tissue growth at the ostium of LM**



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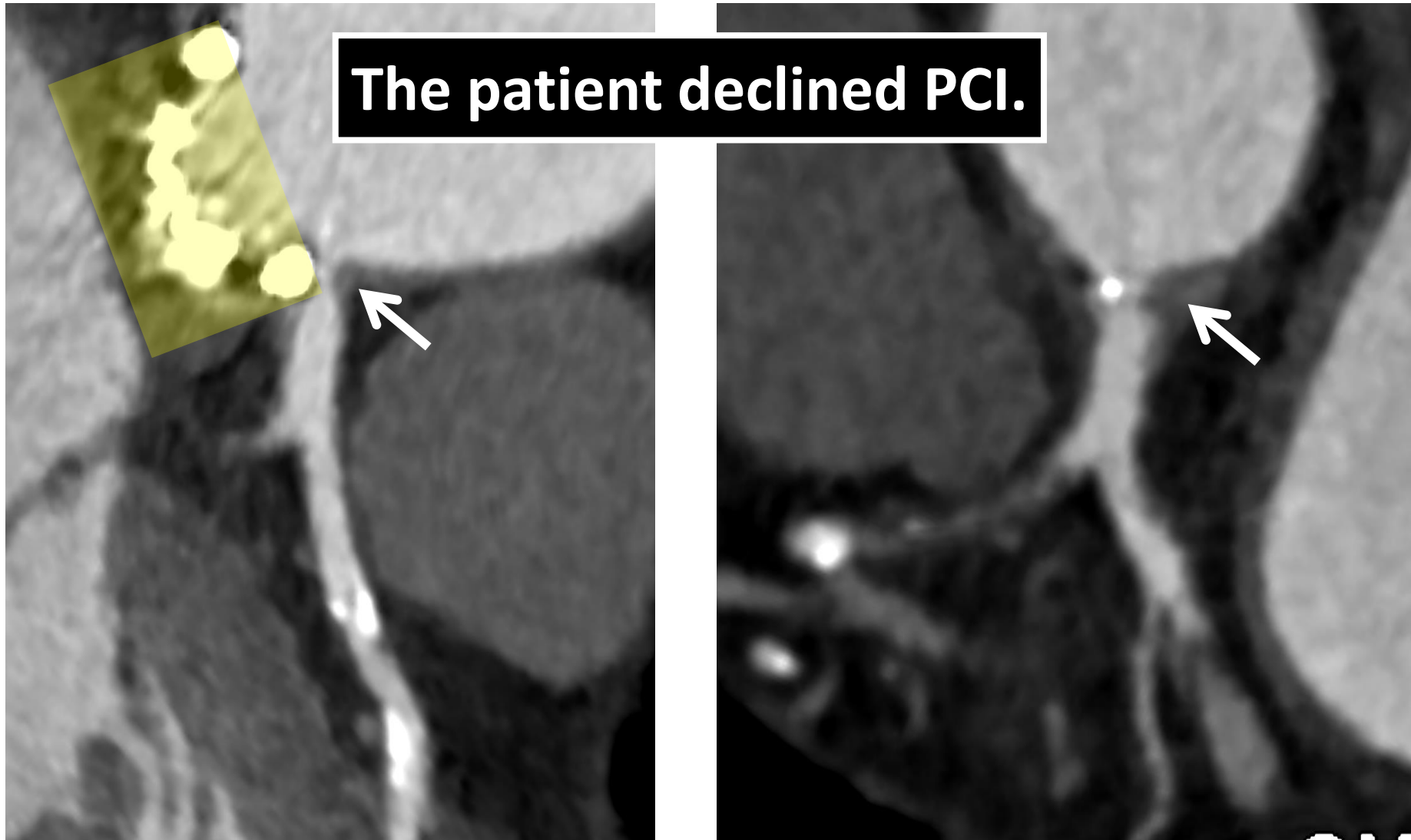
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## Case Presentation (5)



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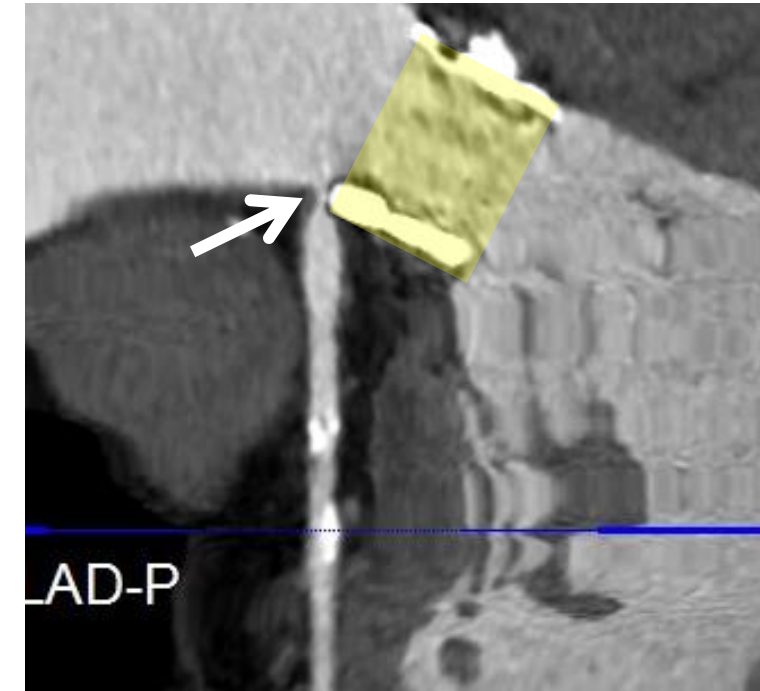
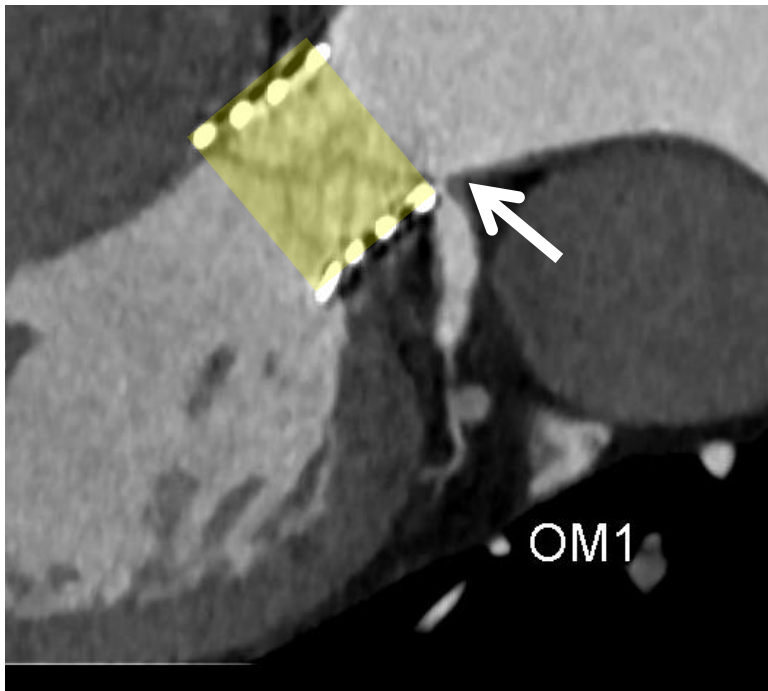
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## Case Presentation (6)

2018/05/17 (17 months later), the patient was admitted because of crescendo angina for one month and repeated CT showed severe stenosis of LM ostium.



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## Case Presentation (7)

**2018/05/17, CAG confirmed critical stenosis of LM ostium.**

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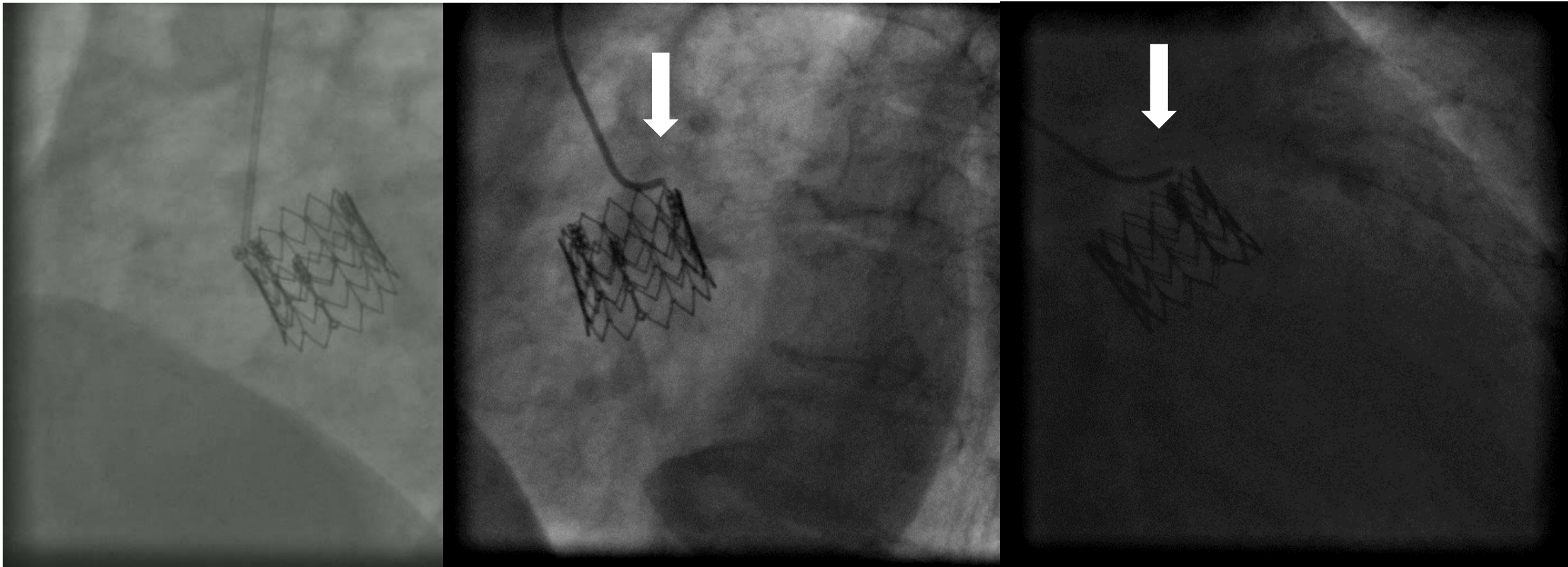
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## Case Presentation (8)

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Direct stenting for LM ostium with a 4.0x12mm DES and post-dil. with a 4.5mm NC balloon under IVUs guidance.

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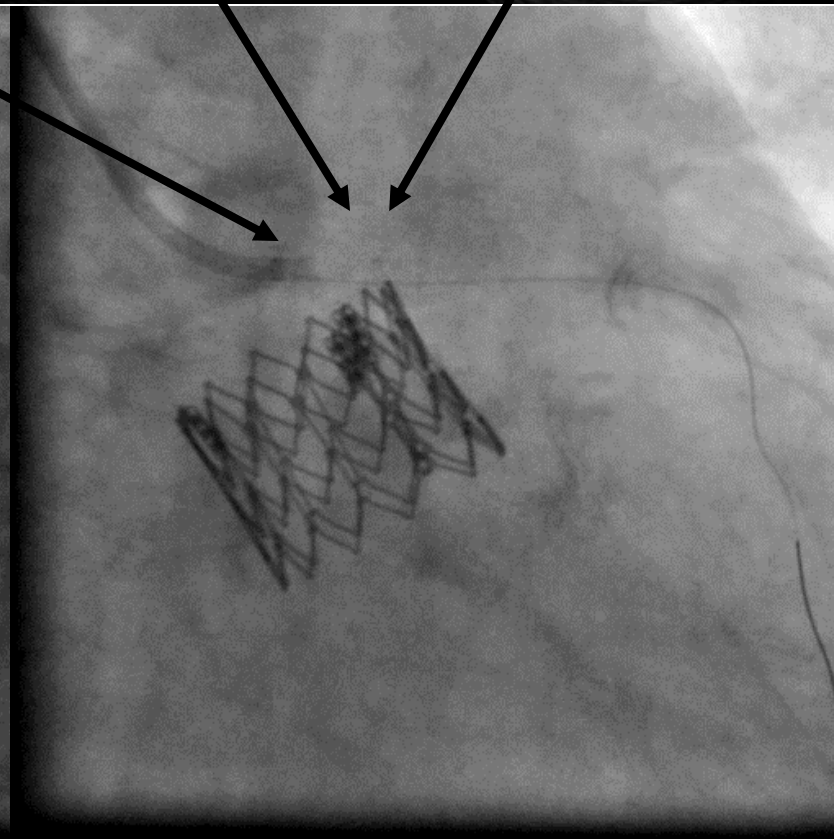
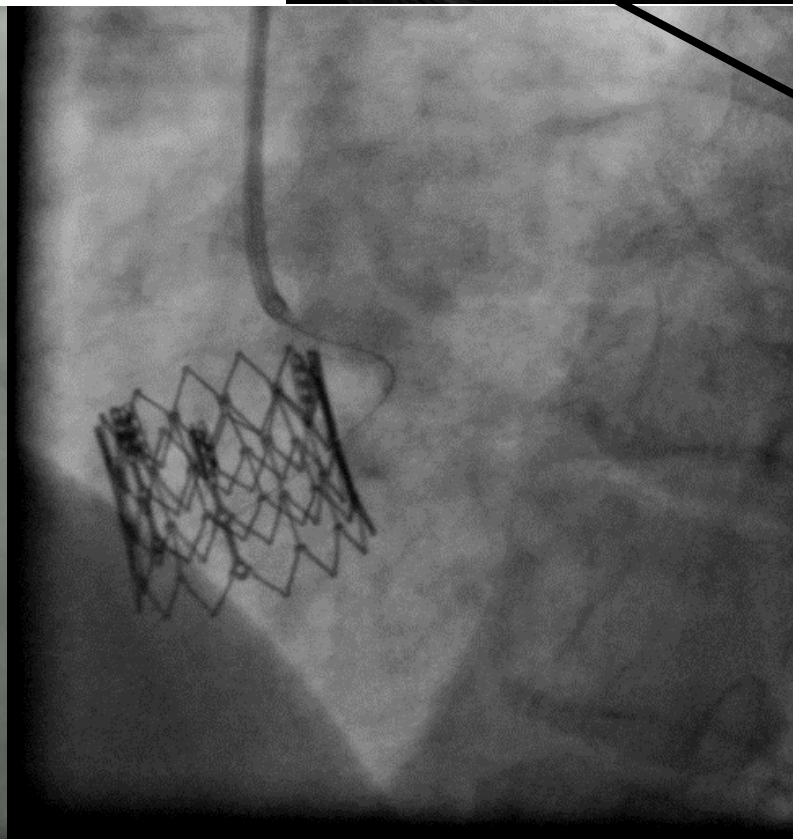
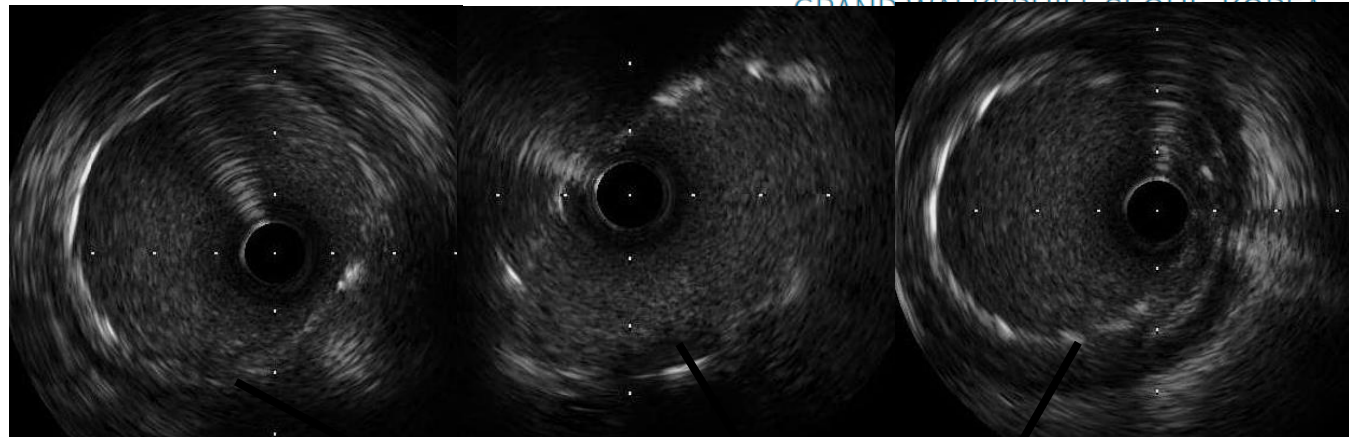
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# Case Presentation (9)

2019/12 (19 months later, First ISR of LM-ostium, presented with unstable angina  
Neo-intimal hyperplasia was noted by IVUS

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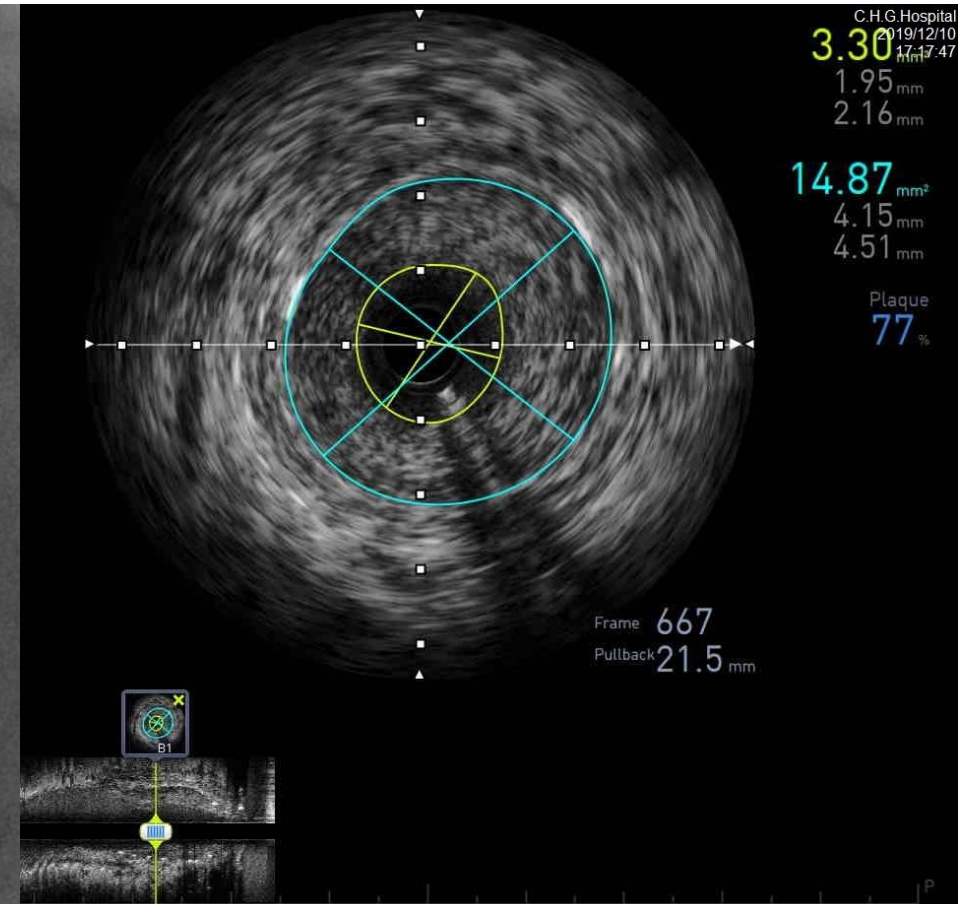
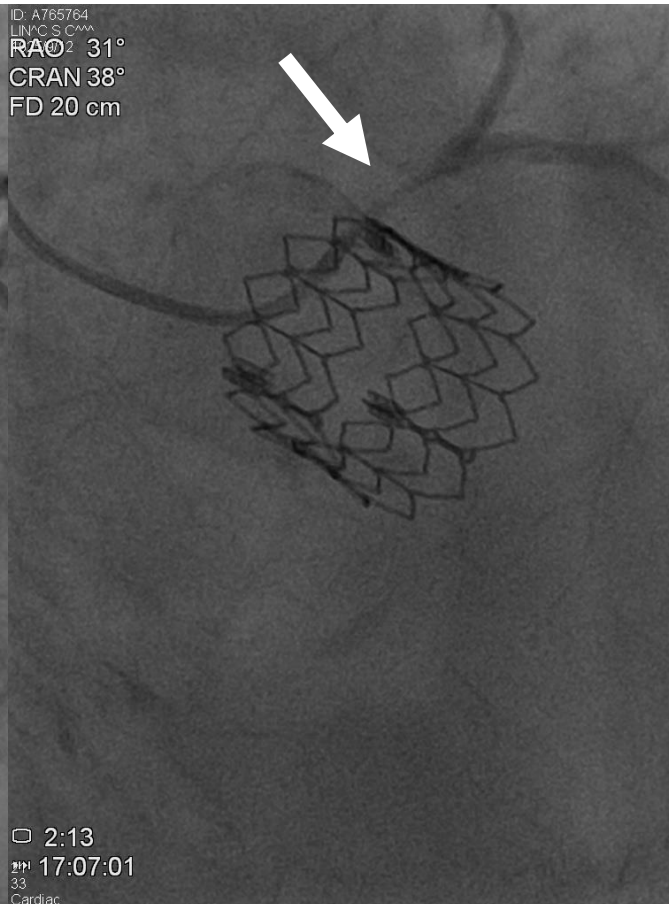
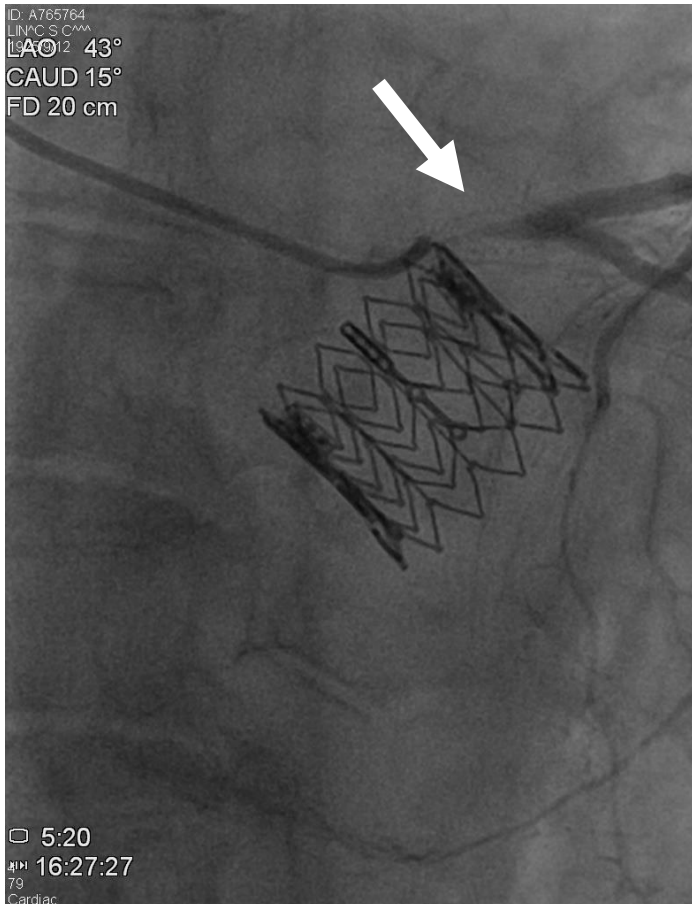
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## Case Presentation (10)

The ISR was treated with stent-in-stent with another DES, 2 layers of DES noted by IVUS.

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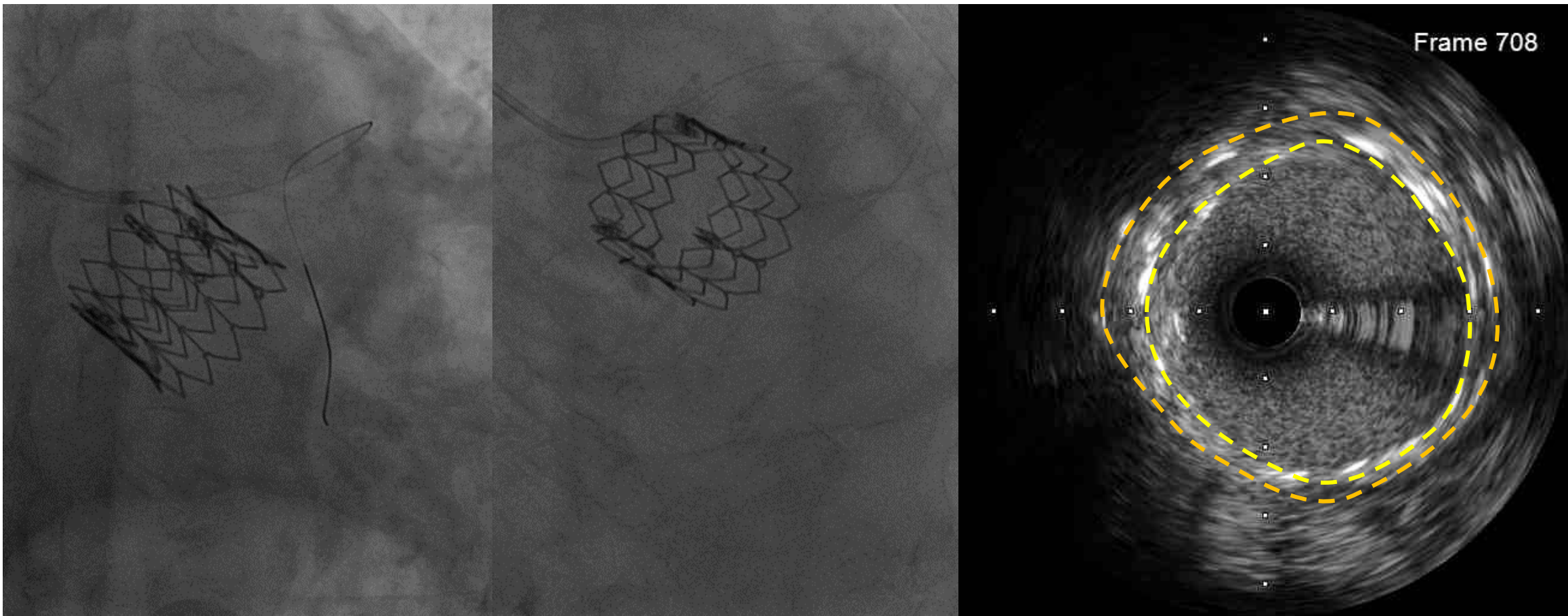
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## Case Presentation (11)

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**2020: PTCA for LAD and LCX bifurcation stenting (Culotte) at other Hospital for recurrent angina, but LM-ostium untouched!**



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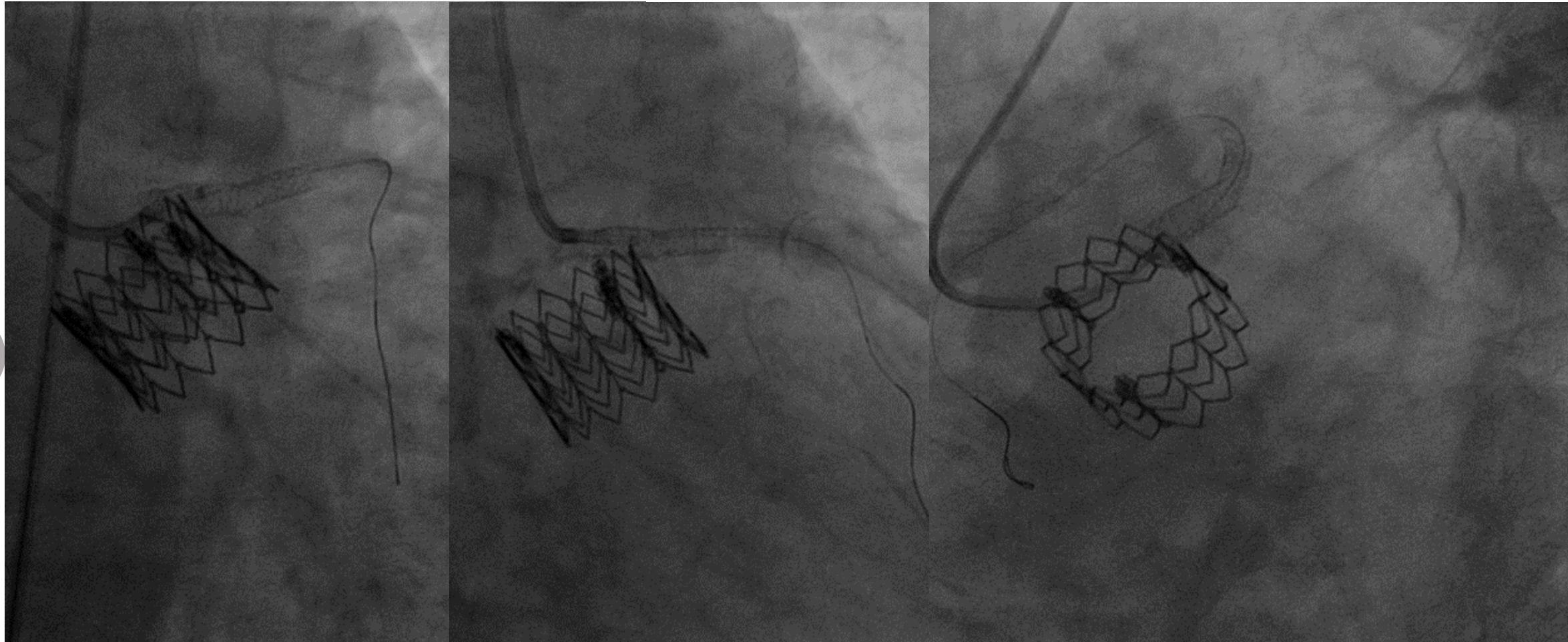
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## Case Presentation (12)

2021/08 (about 1 year later): ISR of LAD-P, treated with cutting balloon and DCB



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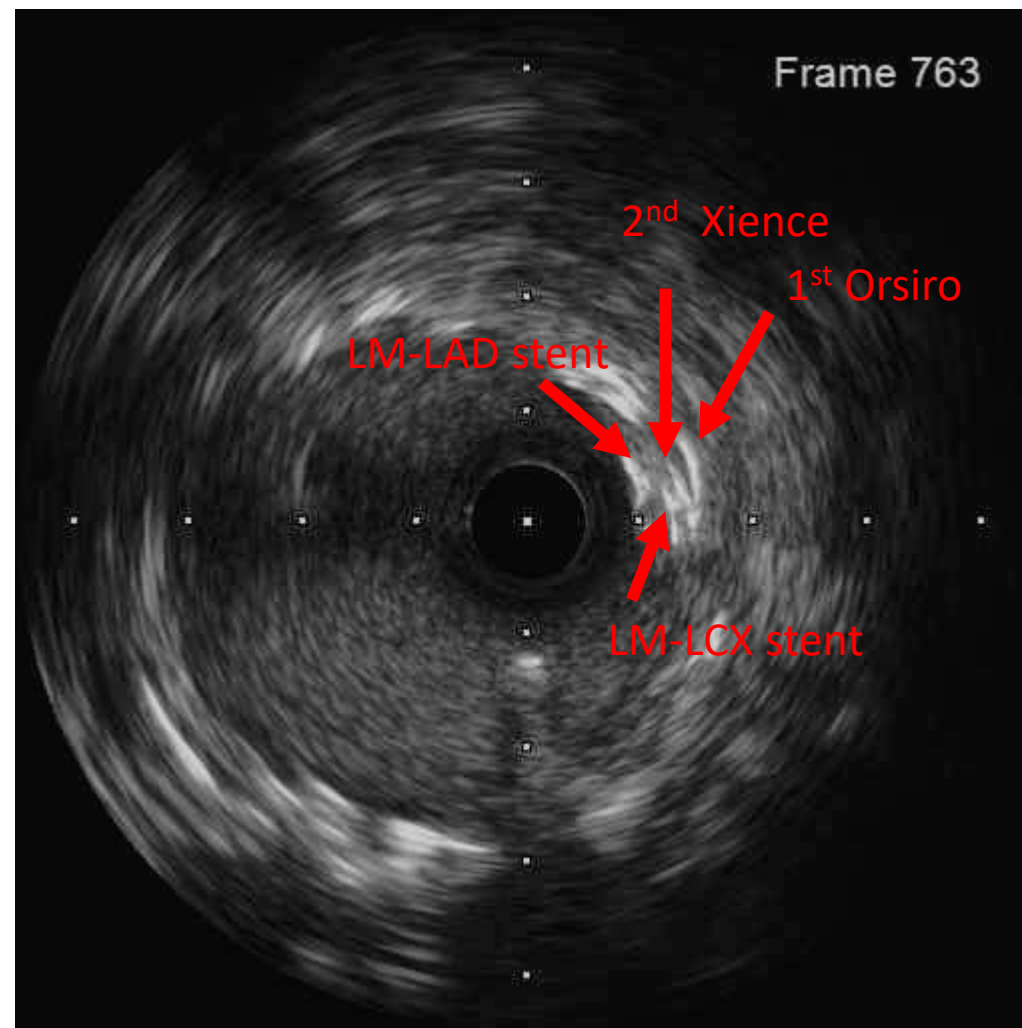
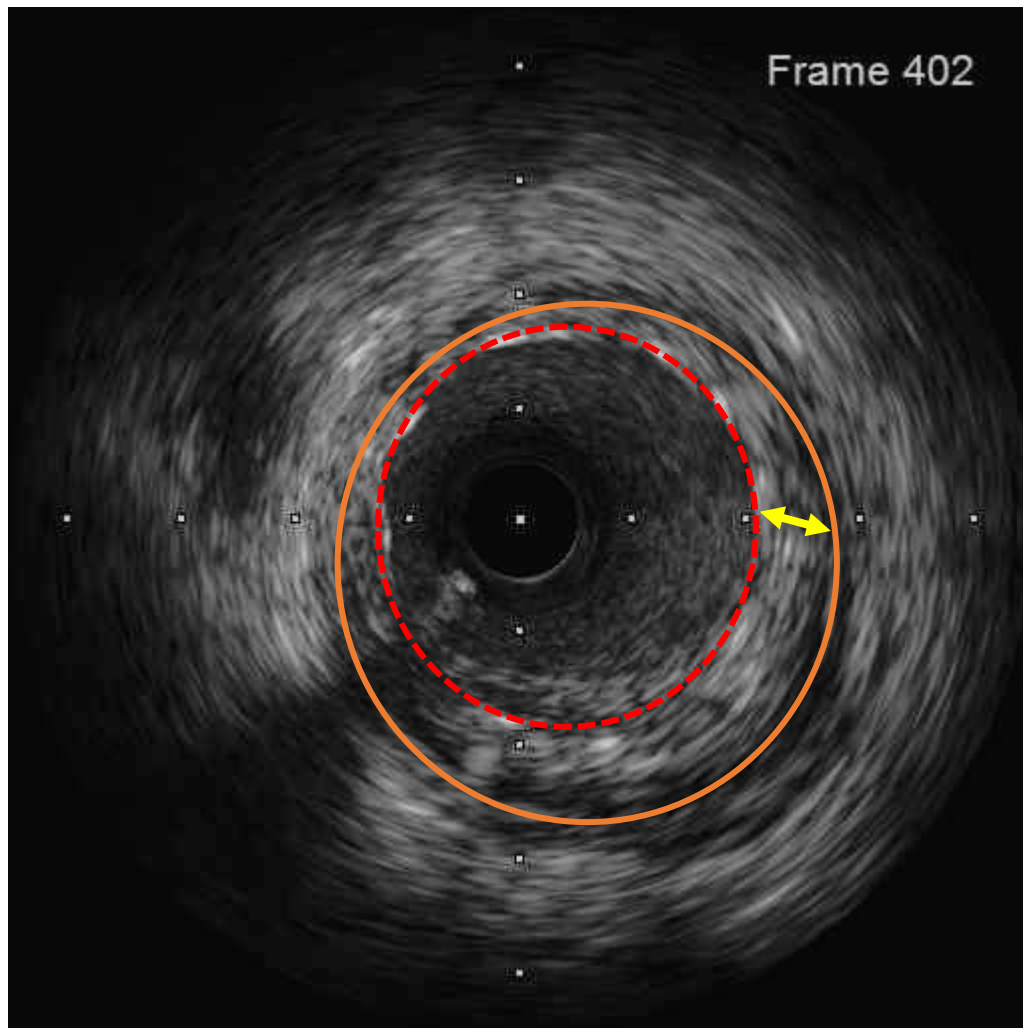
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## Case Presentation (13)

IVUS showed under-expansion of LAD-P stent and 4 layers of DES at LM-D.





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## Case Presentation (14)

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**2022/11 (15 months later): ISR of LM-D bifurcation, treated with cutting balloon and DCB.**

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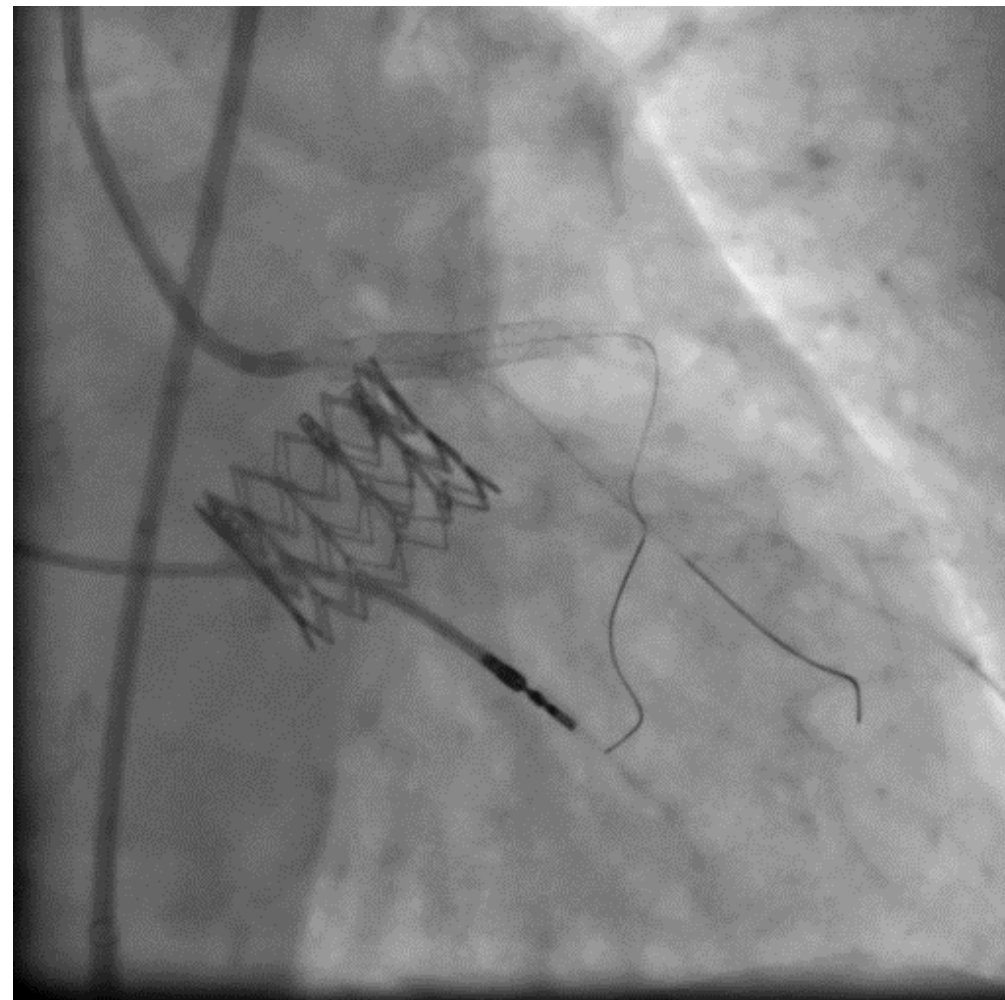
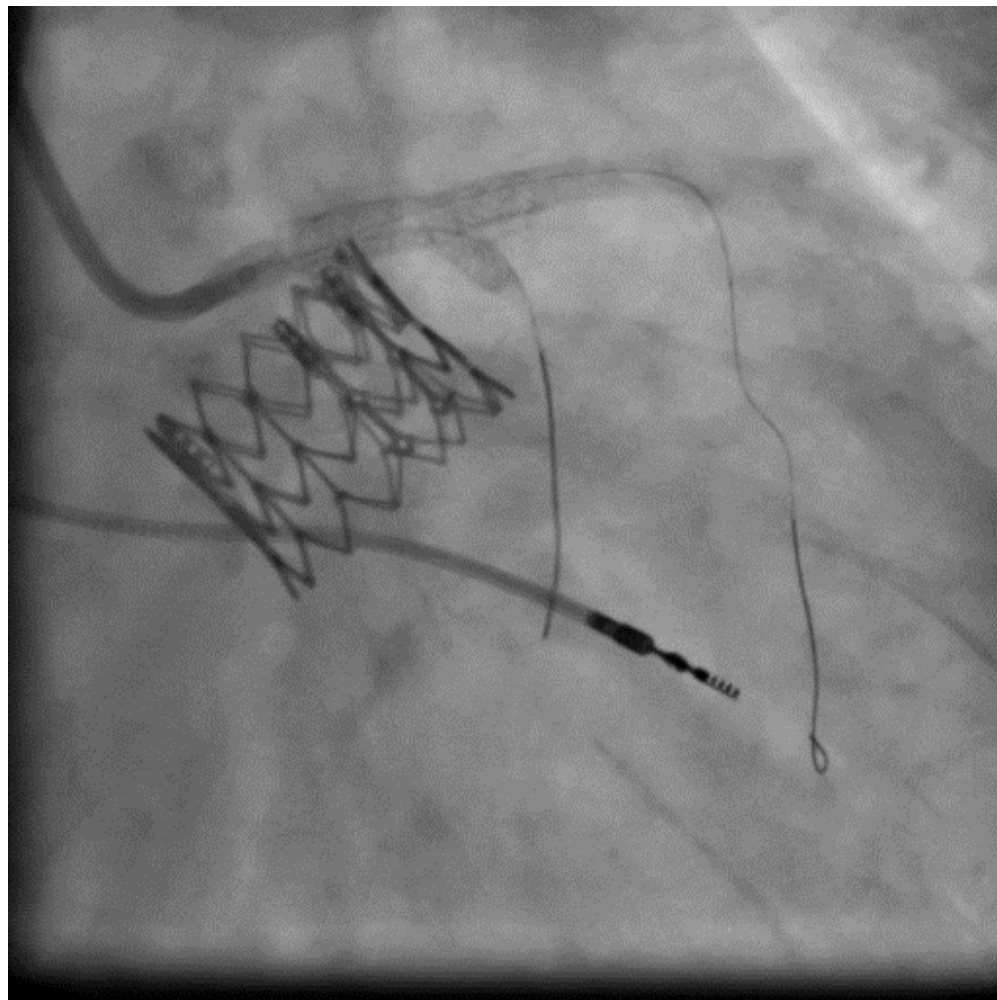
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## Case Presentation (15)

2023/05 (6 months later): ISR of LM-D, treated with DCB

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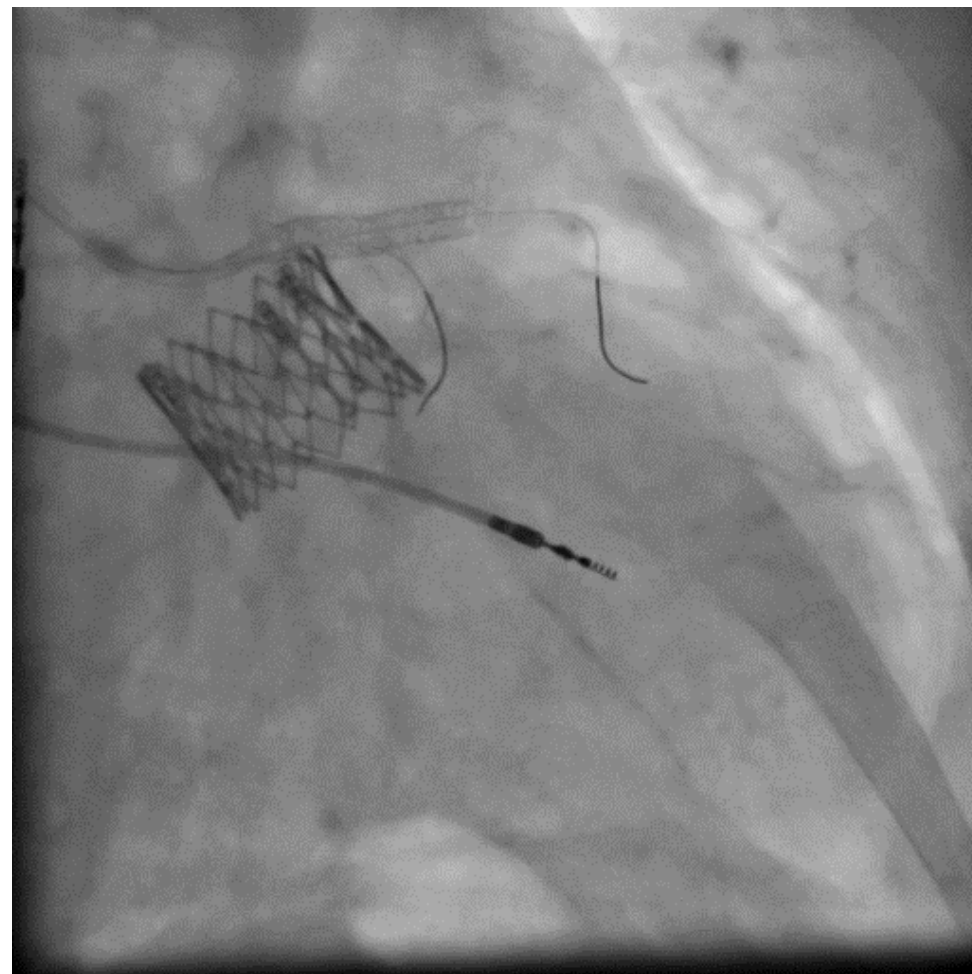
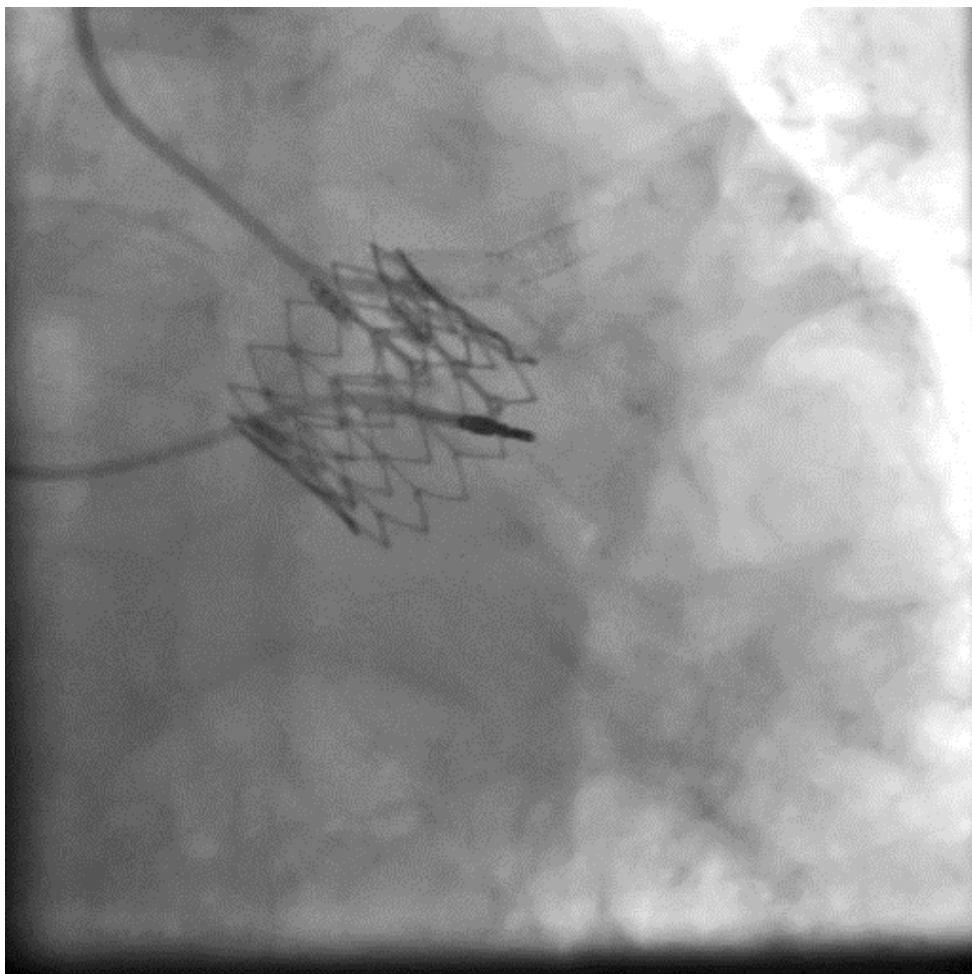
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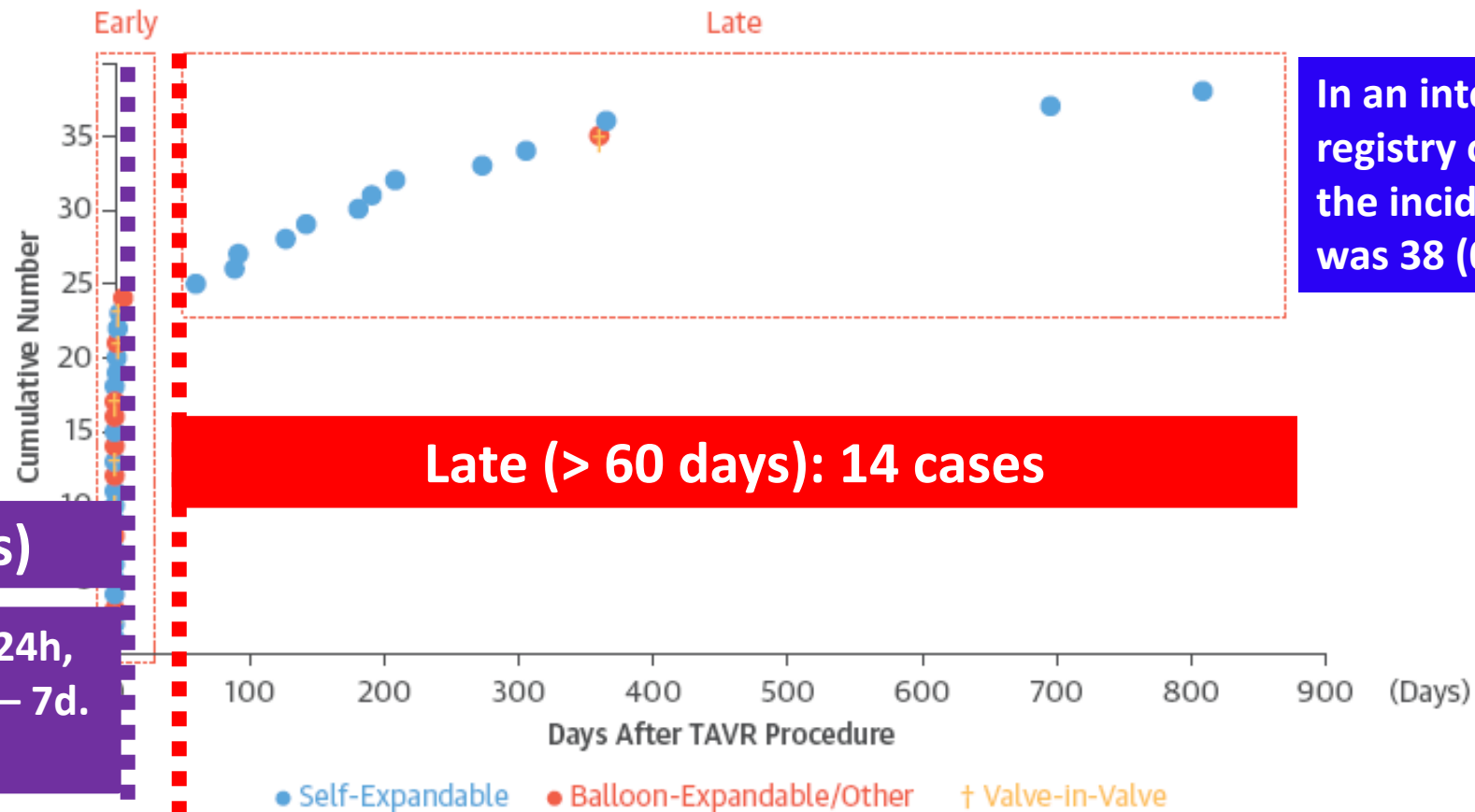
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## Delayed Coronary Obstruction After Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement

(J Am Coll Cardiol 2018;71:1513-24)

**FIGURE 2** Timing of Delayed Coronary Obstruction Events Following TAVR Procedure



In an international registry of 17,092 TAVRs, the incidence of DCO was 38 (0.22%).

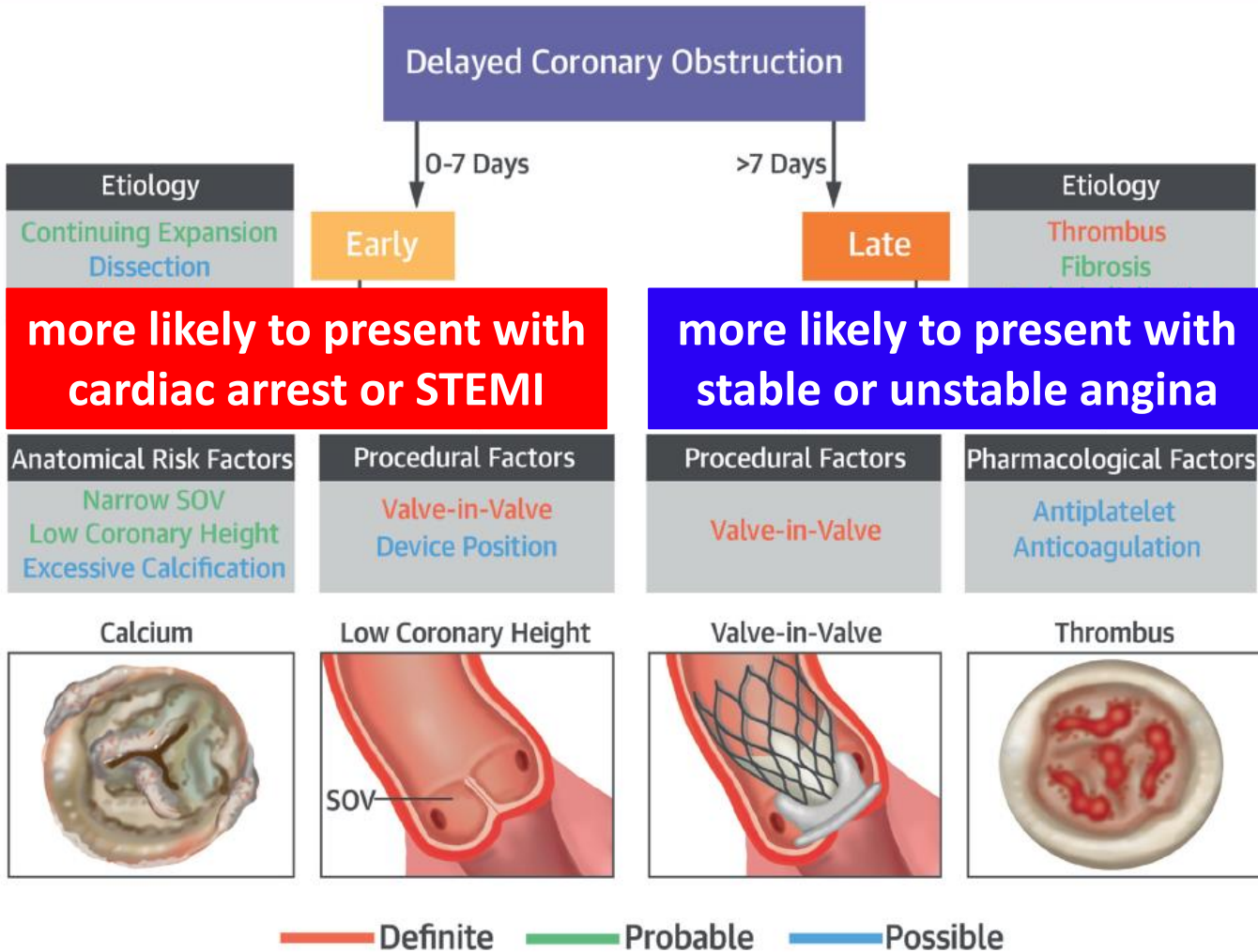
**Early (< 7 days)**

18 cases occurring < 24h,  
and 6 cases from 24h – 7d.  
9 in VIV TAVR.

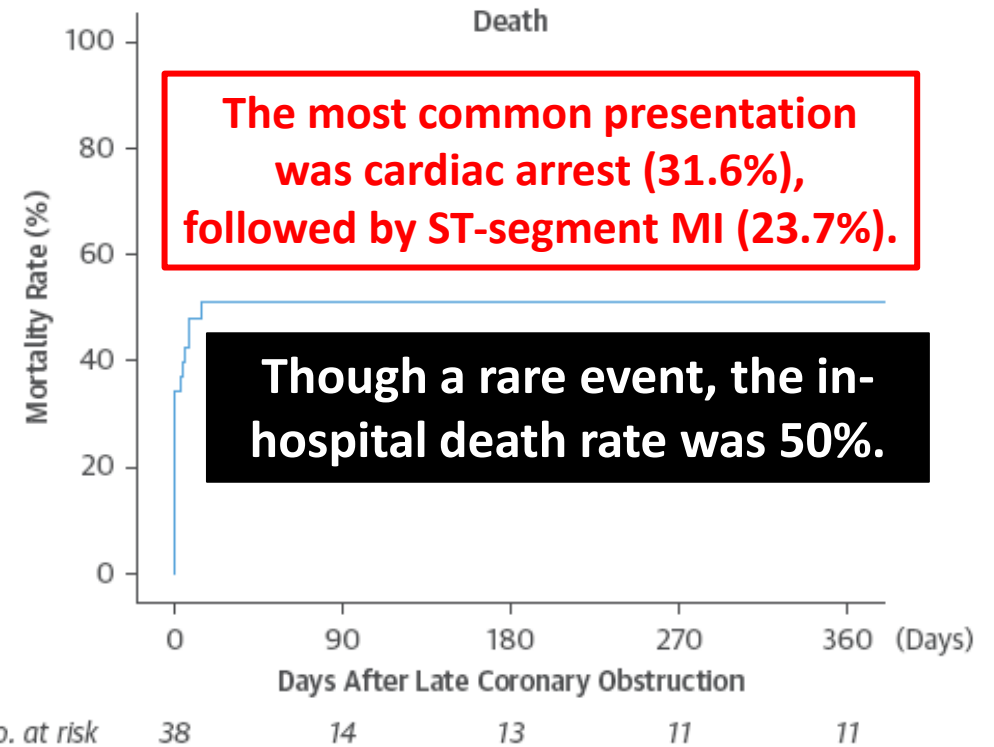
**Late (> 60 days): 14 cases**

# A rare but deadly complication of TAVR

**CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION** Etiology and Risk Factors for Delayed Coronary Obstruction



**FIGURE 3** Kaplan-Meier Curve of All-Cause Death After DCO



The in-hospital death rate was 50% (n = 19). The median follow-up of the survivors following delayed coronary obstruction (DCO) was 375 days (interquartile range: 35 to 1,026 days), and no case of stent thrombosis or death occurred in any patient who survived to hospital discharge. One patient underwent target-vessel revascularization during the follow-up period.

## Why is it important?

- ***It is less rare than we recognize!***
- The incidence of DCO may be higher than reported because **sudden cardiac death outside the hospital** may be the first manifestation and thus DCO may go undiagnosed **if no autopsy** is performed.
- As we move to lower-risk patients, there could be **a greater incidence** of delayed coronary obstruction occurring due to patients having **a longer life expectancy post-TAVR**.
- Patients may **be relatively protected** from the symptoms of coronary obstruction if they've had a **prior coronary artery bypass graft**.

## How to manage it?

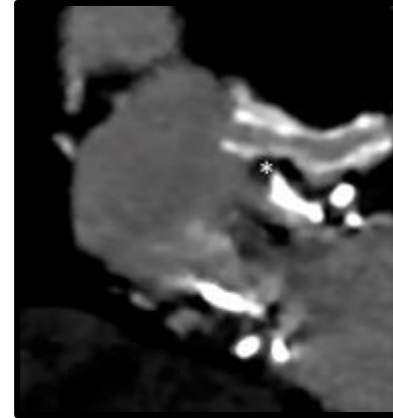
- **PCI with the use of 2 stents** with greater radial strength **overlapped at ostium** are possible solutions.

**TABLE 5** Delayed Coronary Obstruction Details

	Overall (N = 38)	Early (0-7 Days) (n = 24)	Late (>7 Days) (n = 14)
LM revascularization	35	21	14
PCI	26 (74.3)	17 (81.0)	9 (64.3)
Successful	21 (80.8)	14 (82.4)	7 (77.8)
Unsuccessful	5 (19.2)	3 (17.6)	2 (22.2)
CABG	6 (17.1) <sup>†</sup>	2 (9.5)	4 (28.6)
Not attempted	4 (11.4)	2 (9.5)	2 (14.3)
RCA revascularization	10	7	3
PCI	6 (60.0)	4 (57.1)	2 (66.7)
Successful	1 (16.7)	1 (25.0)	0 (0.0)
Unsuccessful	5 (83.3)	3 (75.0)	2 (100.0)
CABG	3 (30.0) <sup>‡</sup>	1 (14.3)	2 (66.7)
Not attempted	3 (30.0)	3 (42.9)	0 (0.0)
Outcome			
In-hospital death	19 (50.0)	15 (62.5) <sup>§</sup>	4 (28.6) <sup>§</sup>

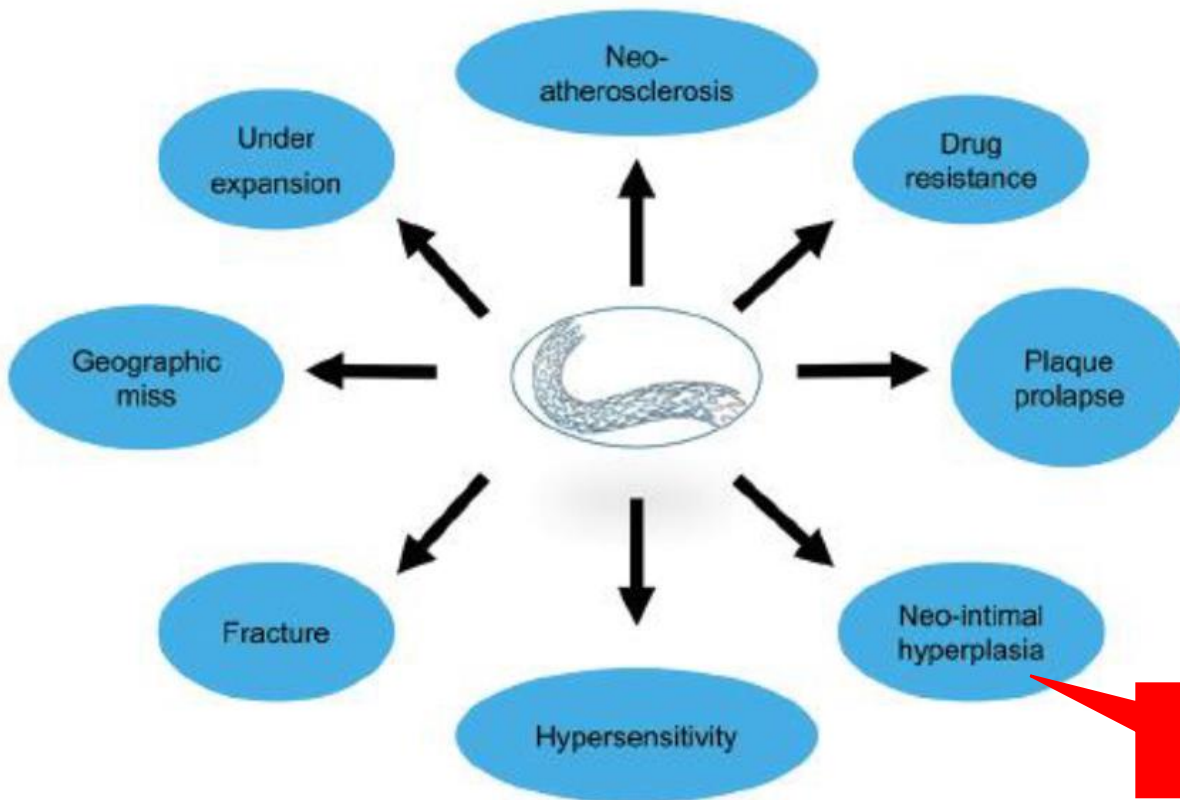
## How to prevent it?

- ***There is no easy preventive strategy.***
- **Anticoagulants** to prevent valve thrombosis, and at the same time those anticoagulants could conceivably protect against the sinus filling up with clot..., **speculative**.
- **Preventive placing a chimney stent** or using stents with greater radial strength are possible solutions.
- For **valve-in-valve procedures**, the novel **BASILICA technique**, which involves intentionally lacerating the aortic leaflet before TAVR, may be considered.

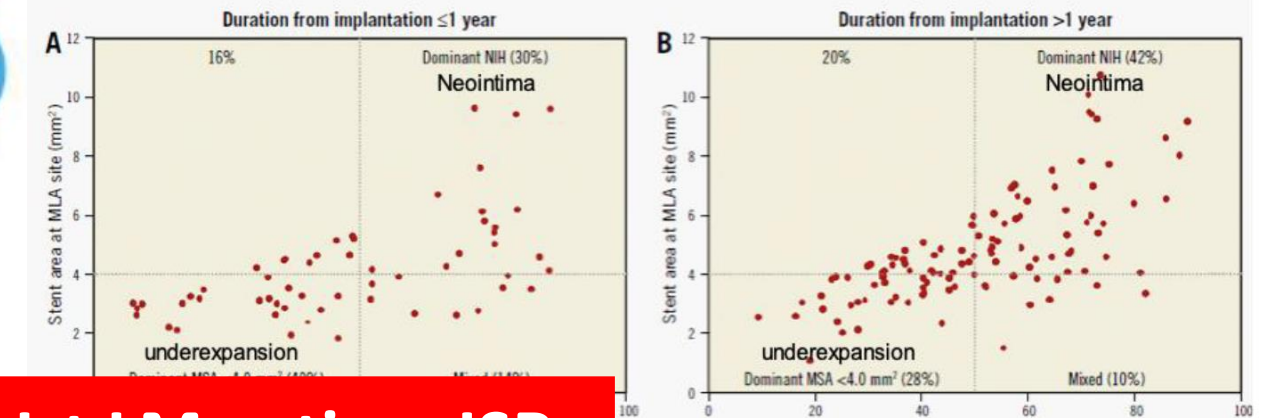


**Stent under-expansion is present in 75% of multilayer stent failures.**

**Technical & Biological Mechanisms of ISR**



Stent under-expansion was found to be the cause of ISR in up to 40% of patients.



Ist LM-ostium ISR



## What have we learned?



- Avoid too aggressive oversizing → When you finish a case and ***left with not much sinus of Valsalva***, you need to give some thought to this possibility.
- When someone TAVR patient gets sick or when you're told someone has died suddenly, this is something you need to think about.  
→ We need to ***have a lower threshold for imaging the coronary system post-TAVR!***

What have we learned?



- **If PCI is feasible, use of 2 stents** with greater radial strength **overlapped at ostium** are possible solutions. (?preventive stenting)
- **Avoid unnecessary LM-bifurcation multi-layer stenting if possible!**
- Optimize PCI results by **image guidance** is of paramount importance.

Thank you!

