



“Best Imaging” for Complex ASDs



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Ideal imaging tool for catheter intervention

- ✓ **Accurate visualization**
 - defect size, location, number, rims, adjacent structures
- ✓ **Provides adequate guidance of the procedure**
 - wire/sheath position, balloon sizing, device deployment
- ✓ **Post-procedure assessment**
- ✓ **Operator-controllable, operator friendly**
- ✓ **Does not require**
 - general anesthesia
 - additional vascular access
 - additional personnel, equipment, time
- ✓ **Not expensive, safe, comfortable**
- ✓ **Universal applicability**

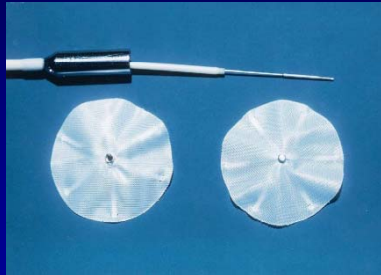


Imaging modalities for ASD closure

- ✓ **Fluoroscopy**
- ✓ **TEE**
- ✓ **ICE**
- ✓ **TTE**
- ✓ ***Role of pre-procedural CT or MRI?***



Even in the era without echo



1974~76
5 patients
Surgery 1974;75:383
JAMA 1976;235:2506

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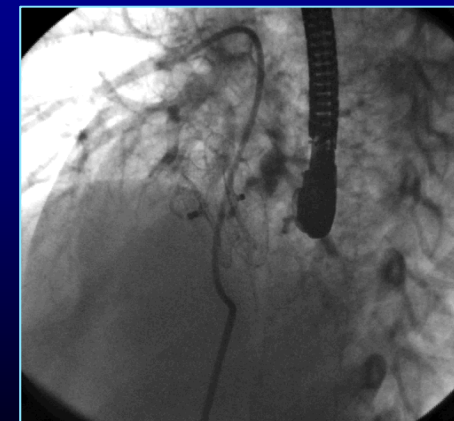
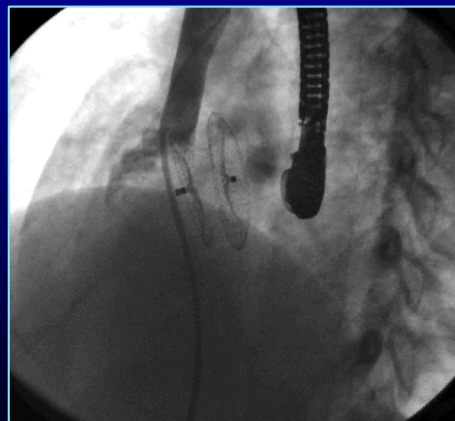
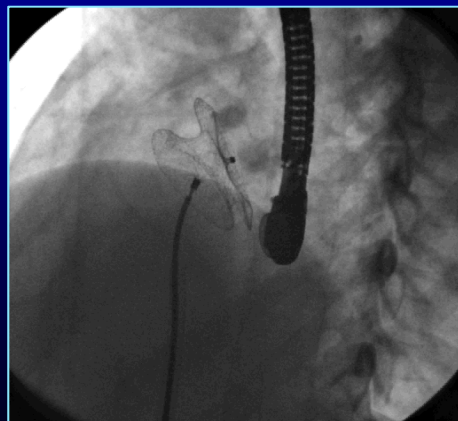
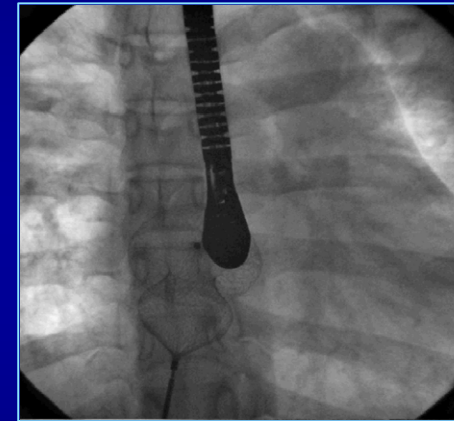
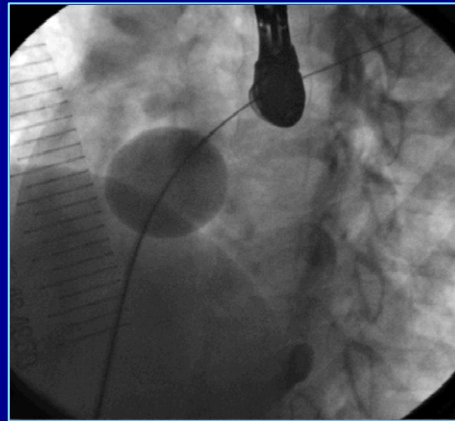
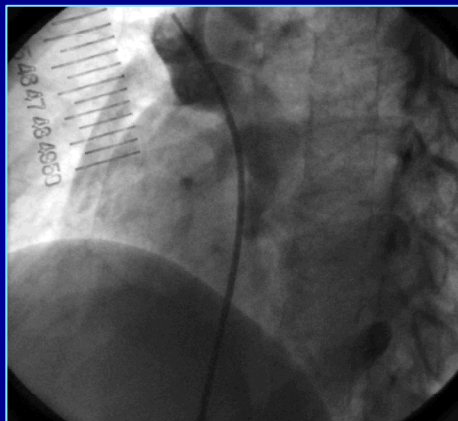
With Dr. Terry D. King, the pioneer..
PICS & AICS 2010, Chicago





Fluoroscopic Guidance for ASD Closure

- **Can** : overall guidance of the procedure
- **Cannot** : accurate characterization of the defect
relationship btw cardiac structures / devices
detailed information





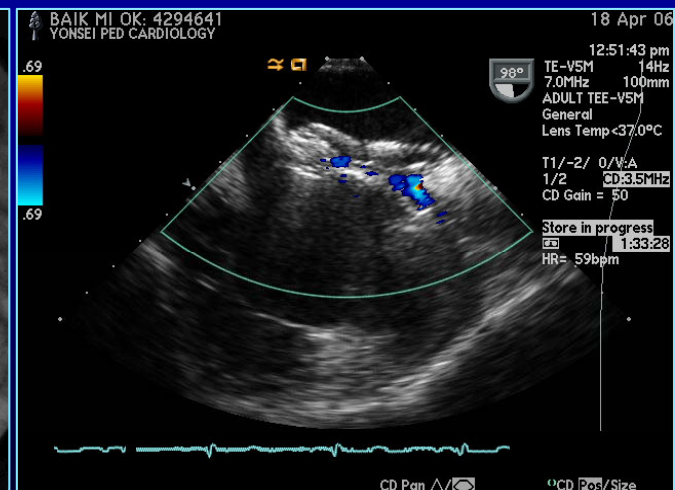
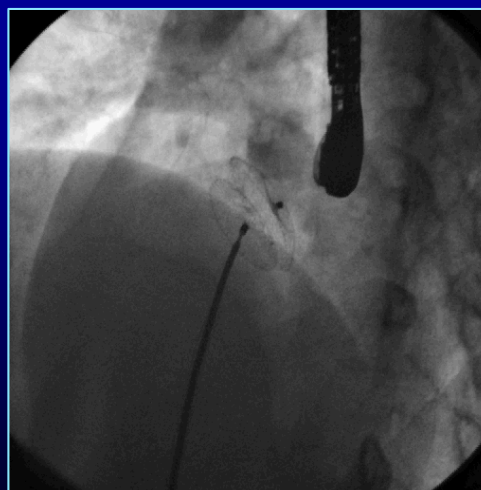
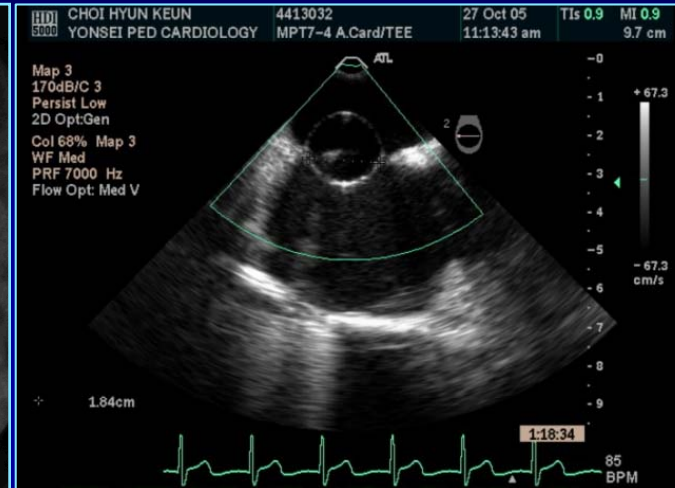
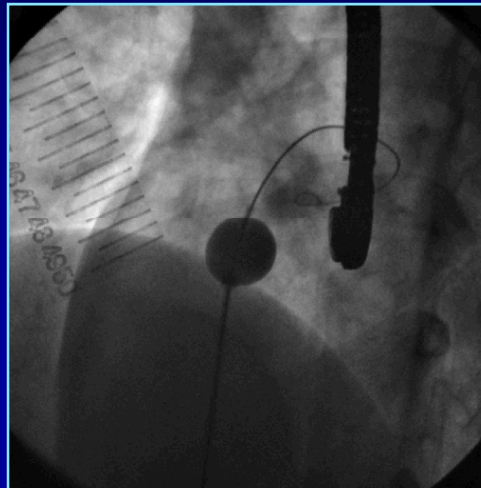
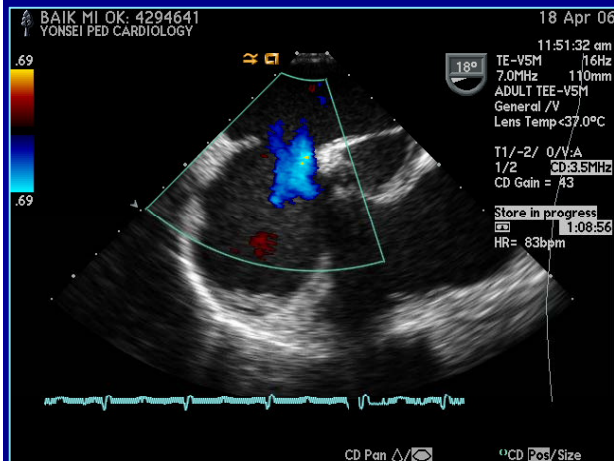
Why Echo?

- Characterization of ASD anatomy (shape, location, number of defects)
- Sizing of ASD (maximal and minimal diameter)
- Rim assessment
 - feasibility / strategy for device closure
- Provides adequate guidance of the procedure
 - wire/sheath position, balloon sizing, device deployment, relationship btw device & septum, potential complications
- Post-procedure assessment of result

: Traditionally, TEE has been regarded as the most frequently used, standard tool to guide ASD closure!

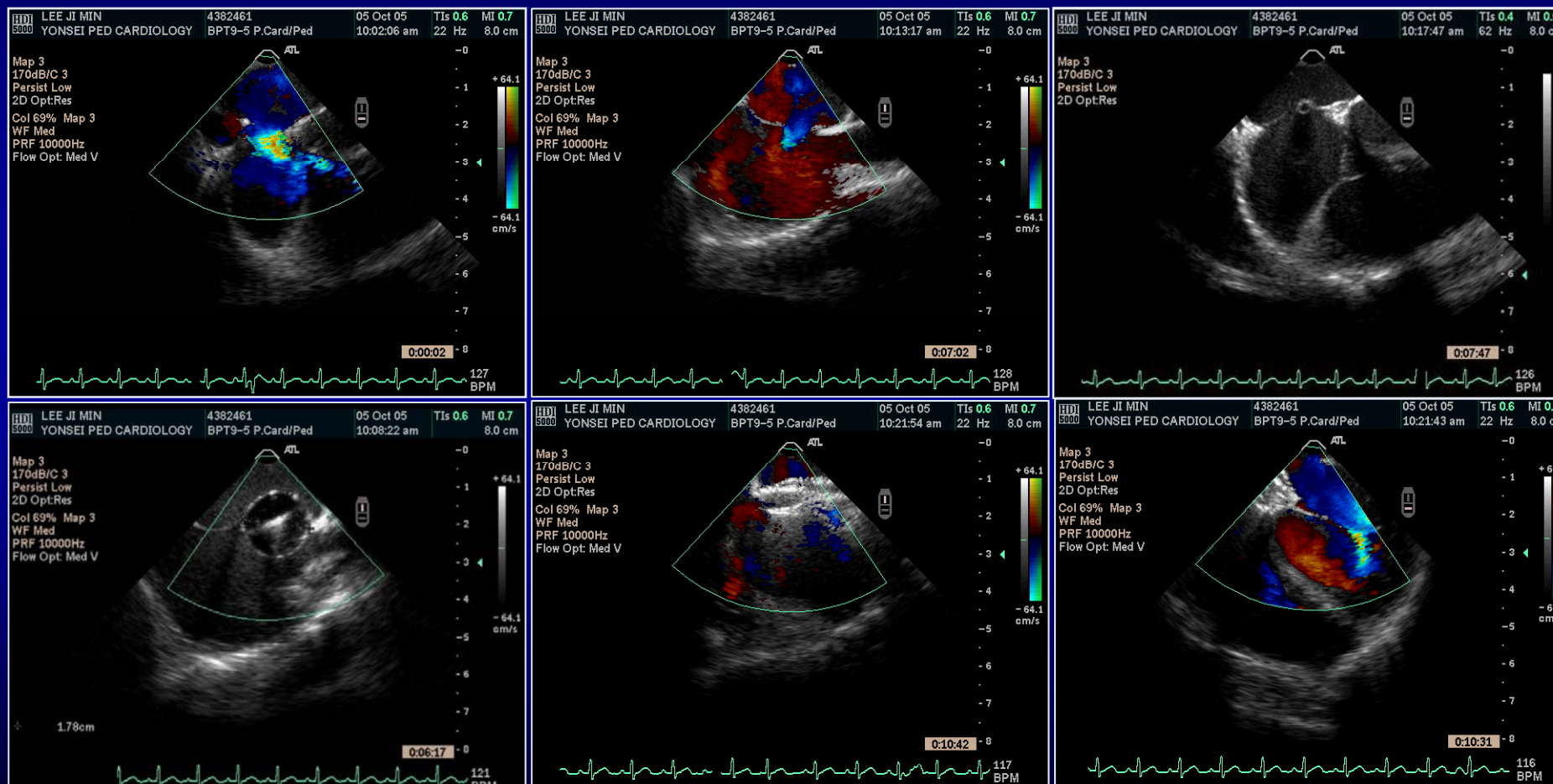


TEE-guided ASD Closure



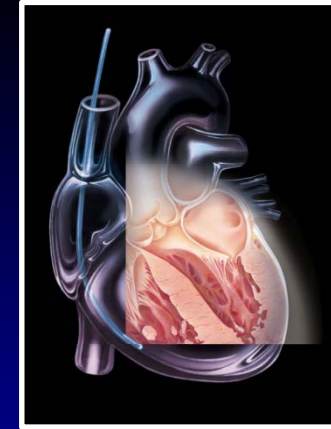


TEE Guidance of ASD Closure





Why ICE?



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Drawbacks of TEE Guidance:

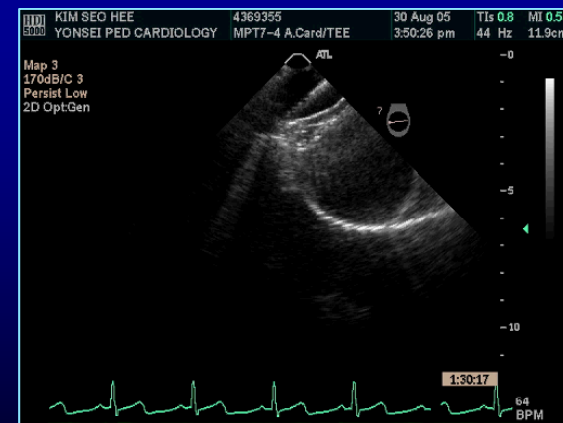
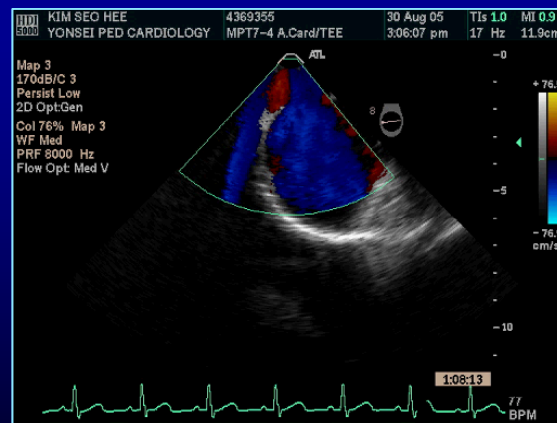
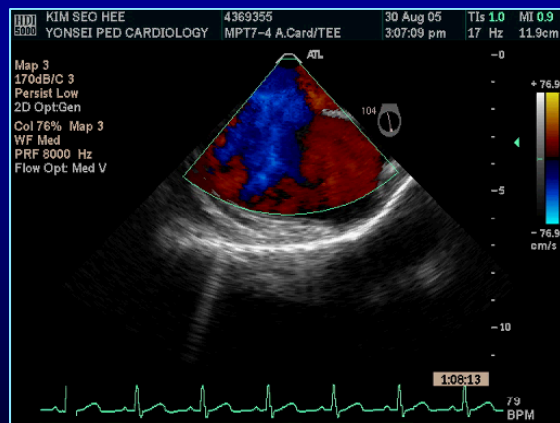
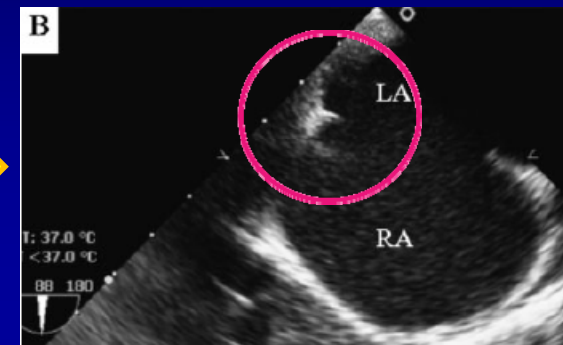
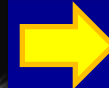
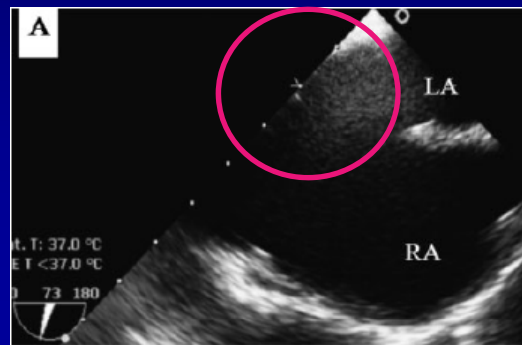
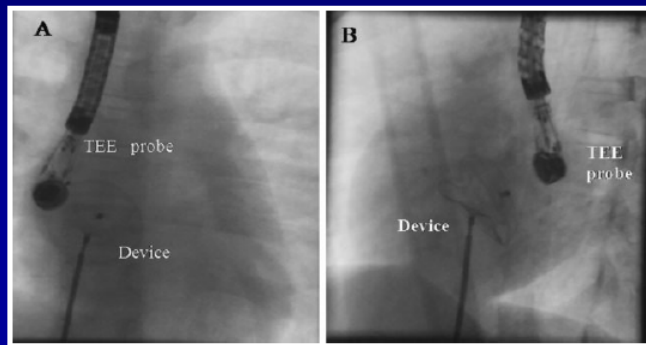
- ✓ Uncomfortable
- ✓ Need of an expert echocardiographer
- ✓ General anesthesia
requires scheduling / anesthesiology team
- ✓ Limited near views of the left atrium
- ✓ Poor visualization of IVC rim
may be overcome by modified retroflex technique
- ✓ Potential complications

Laryngospasm, Transient throat pain, Shortness of breath, Aspiration, Tachycardia, Methemoglobinemia(Benzocaine), Hypotension, Hypertension, Esophageal rupture,.. JK Oh, et al. The Echo Manual. 3rd ed. Lippincott



Modified Retroflexed View for Visualization of IVC Rim by TEE

Remadevi KS CCI 2009;73:90





Micro-TEE Probe without General Anesthesia...

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Echocardiography

Transcatheter Closure of a Large Atrial Septal Defect under Microprobe Transesophageal Echocardiographic Guidance

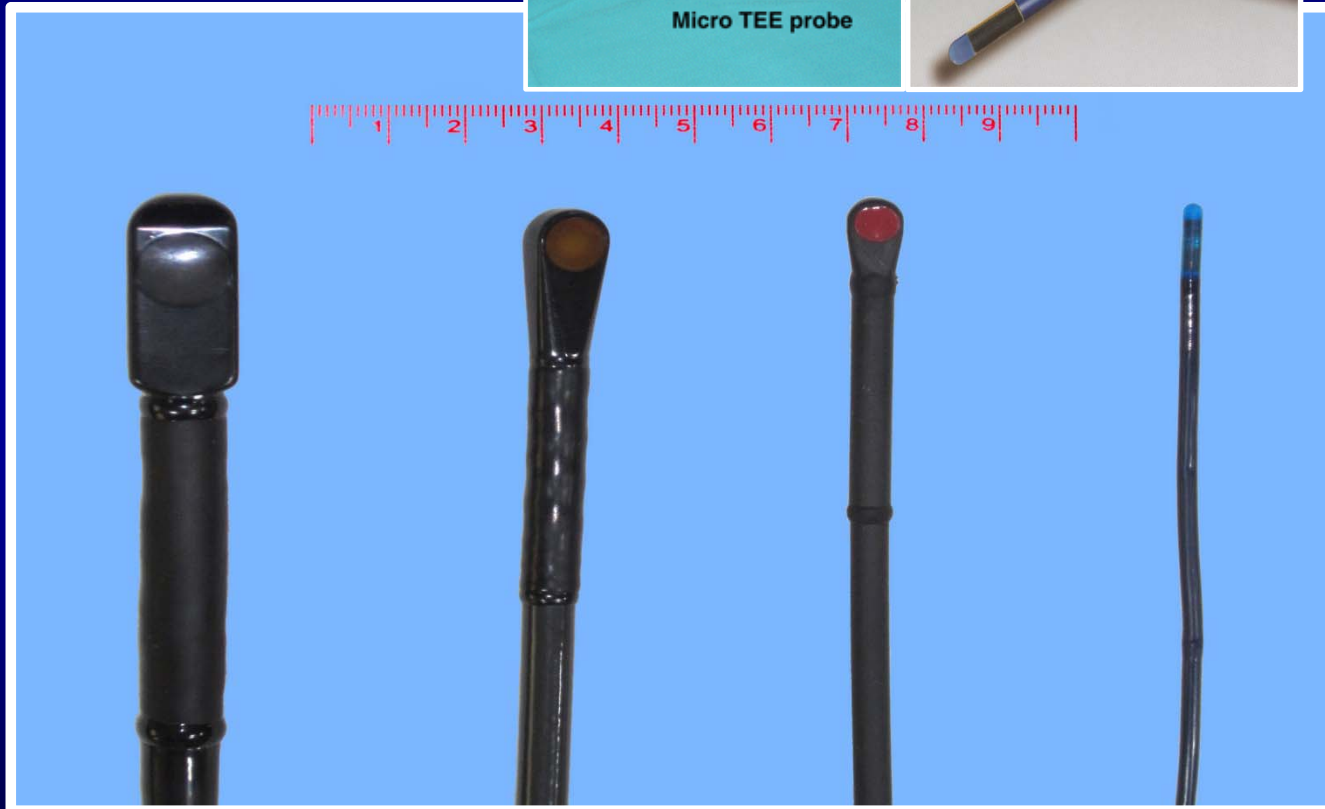
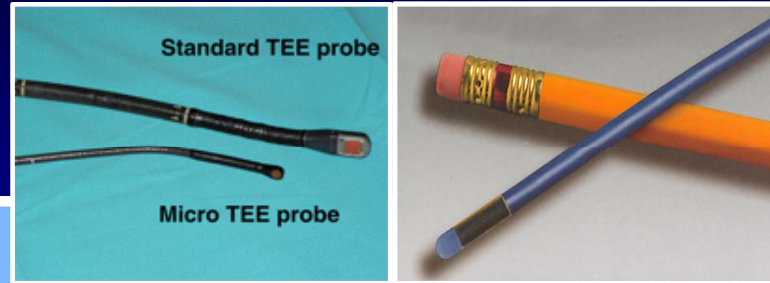
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Probe Head Size



**Adult
TEE Probe**

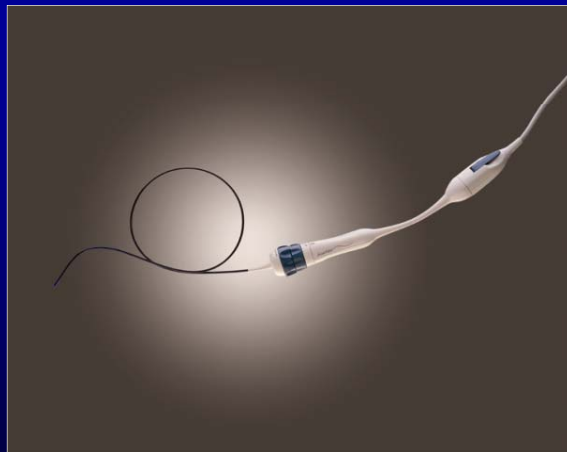
**Pediatric
TEE Probe**

**Micro-
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ICE Probe



ICE Catheter



- 8–10F ultrasound catheter
(AcuNav, Biosense Webster, Inc, Diamond Bar, CA, USA)
- miniaturized 64–element
- single–use catheter
- longitudinal monoplane
- 90° sector image
- tissue penetration: 12 cm for the 10F catheter
16 cm for the 8F catheter
- full Doppler capabilities
 - color
 - tissue
 - spectral Doppler
- four–way articulation of catheter



Portable Equipments with ICE Capability



ACUSON CypressPlus
(SIEMENS Healthcare)



Vivid q (GE Healthcare)



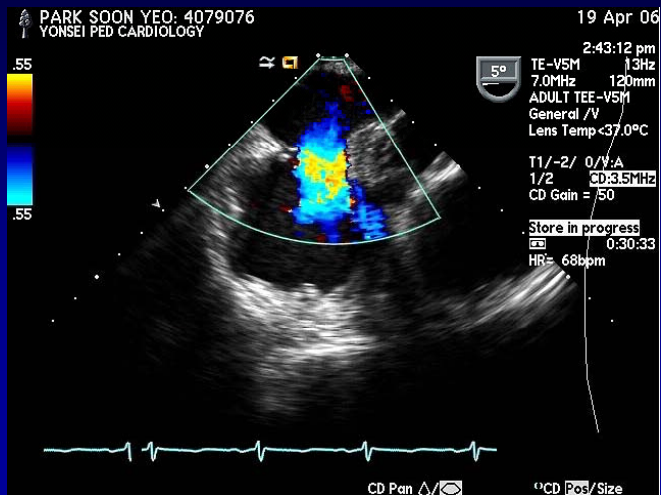
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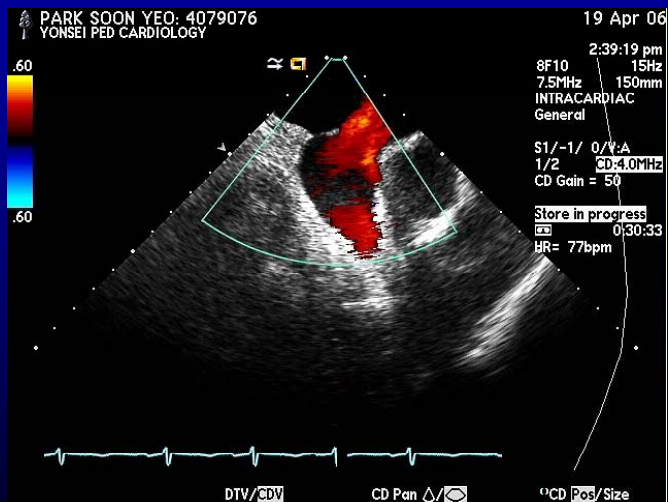


ICE-Guided ASD Closure

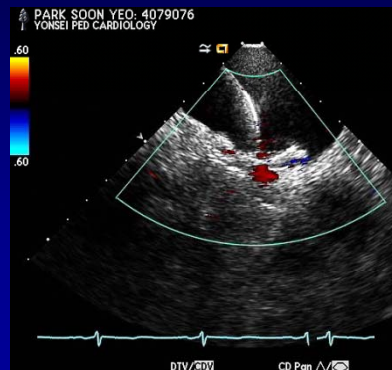
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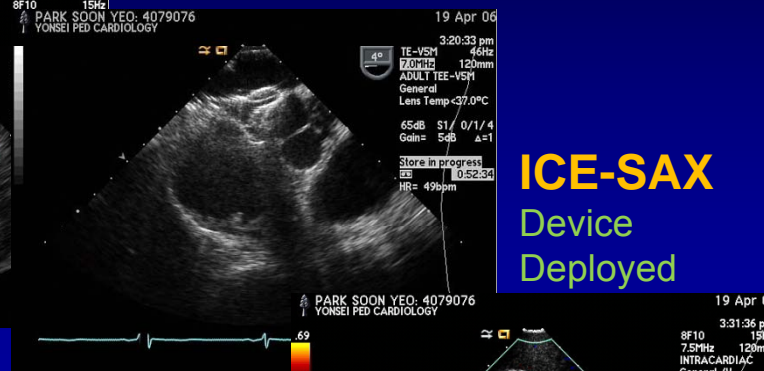
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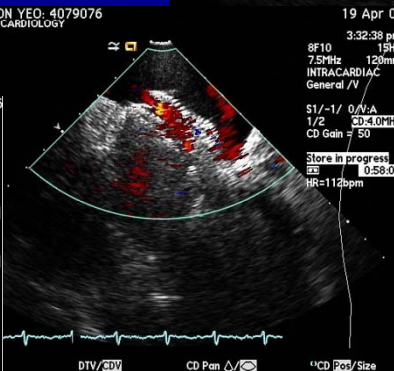
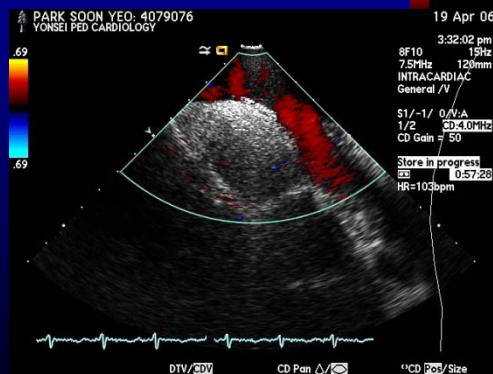
ICE



ICE-SAX Device Positioned



ICE-SAX Device Deployed



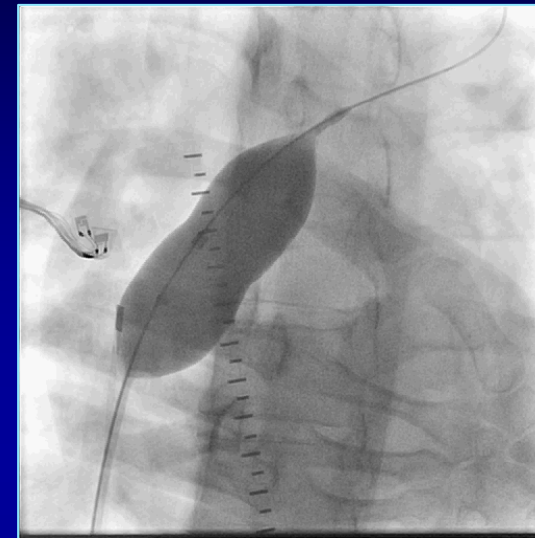
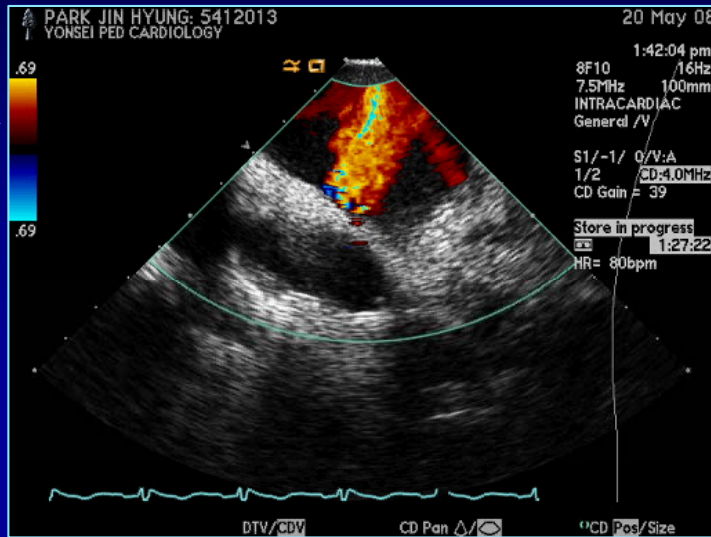
ICE-LAX & Mod Septal View Post-assessment



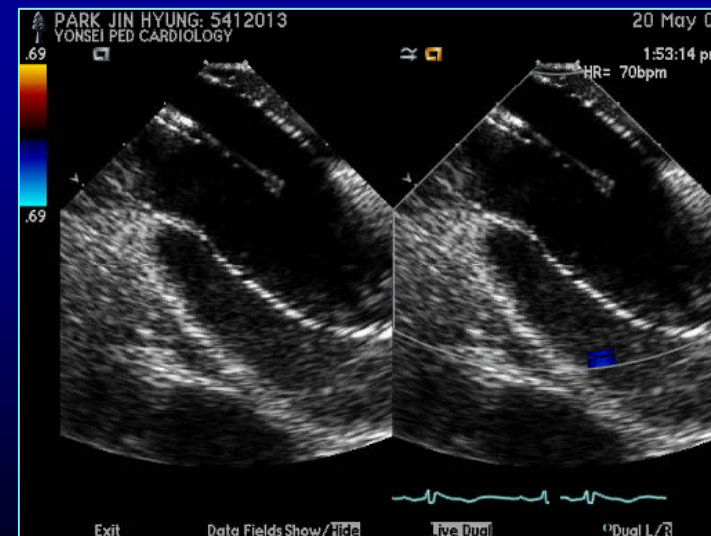
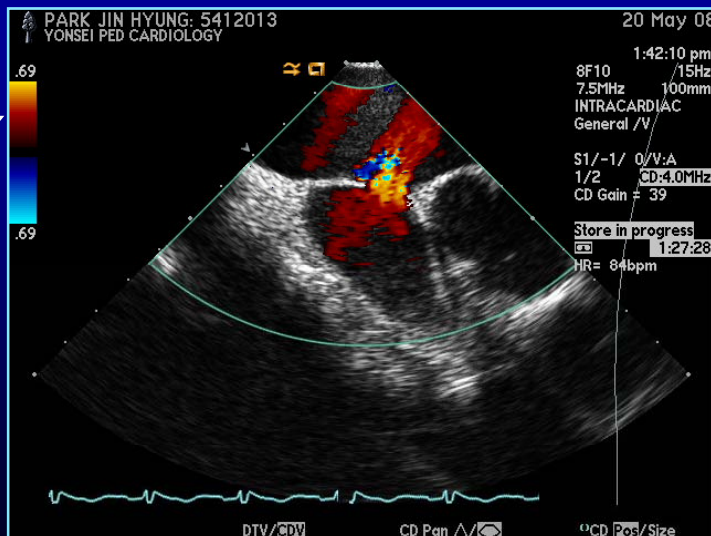
ICE-Guided ASD Closure - Balloon Sizing -

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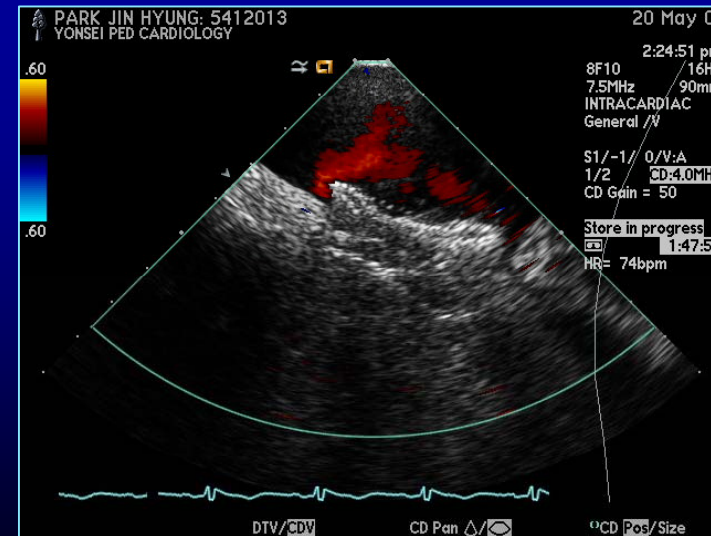
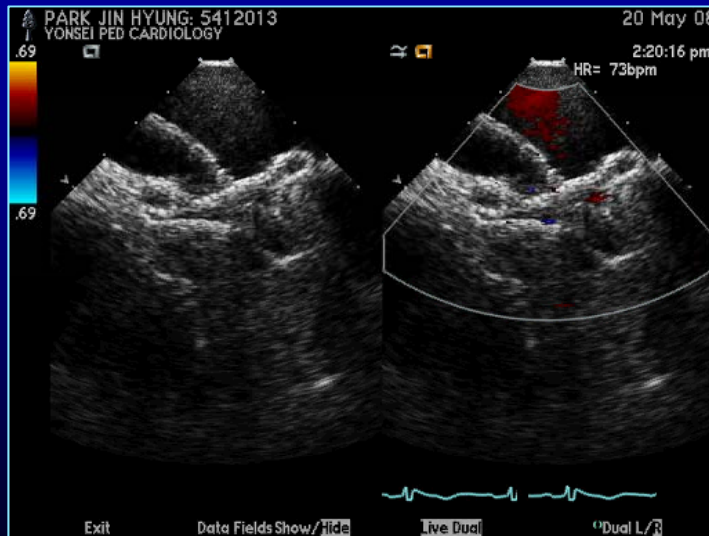
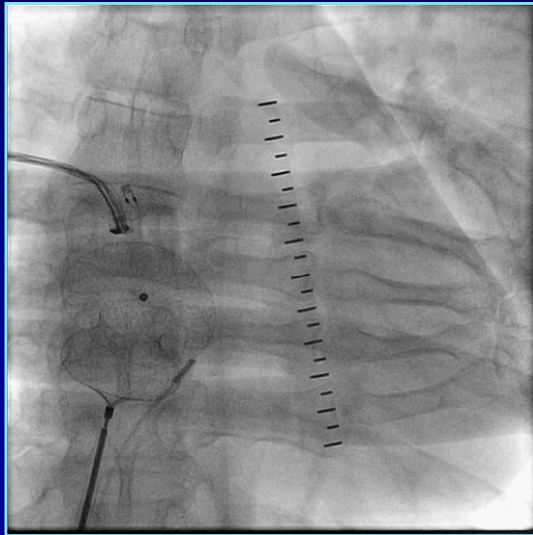




ICE-Guided ASD Closure

- Device Position -

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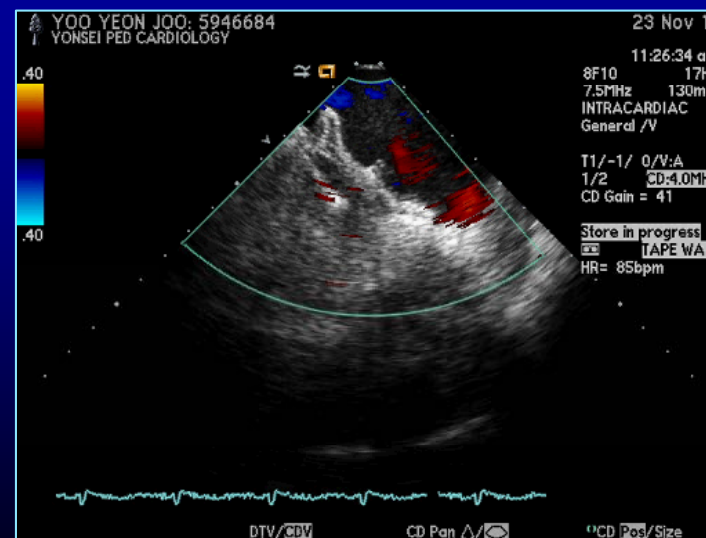
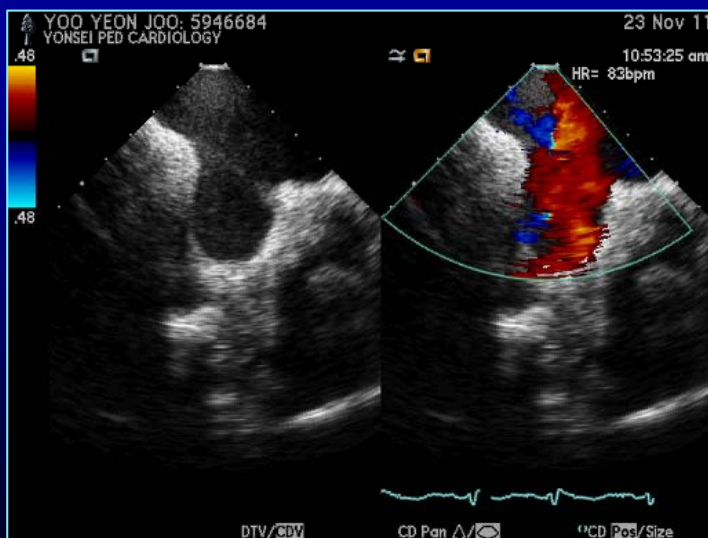
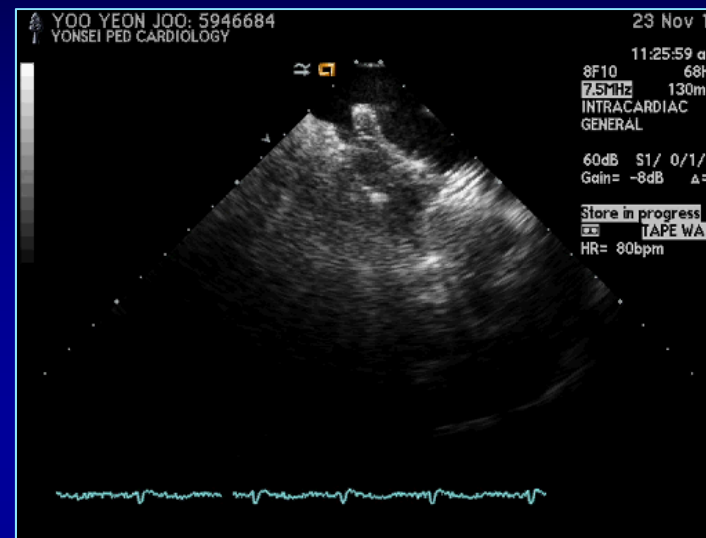
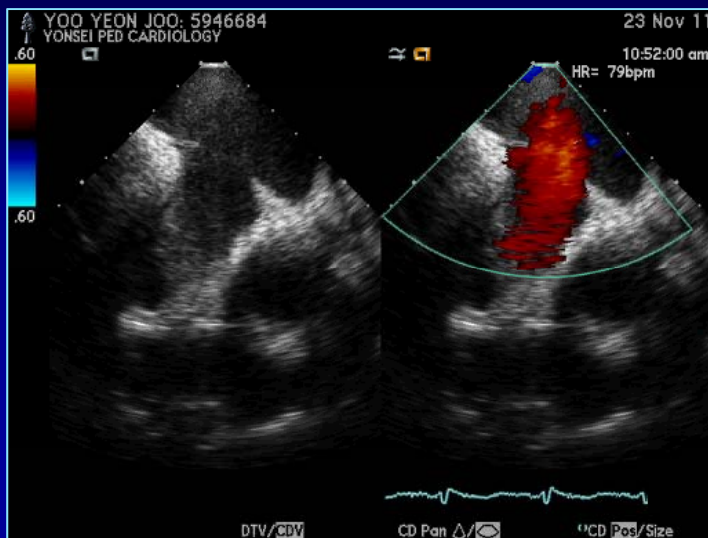




ICE-Guided ASD Closure

- Visualization of IVC Rim -

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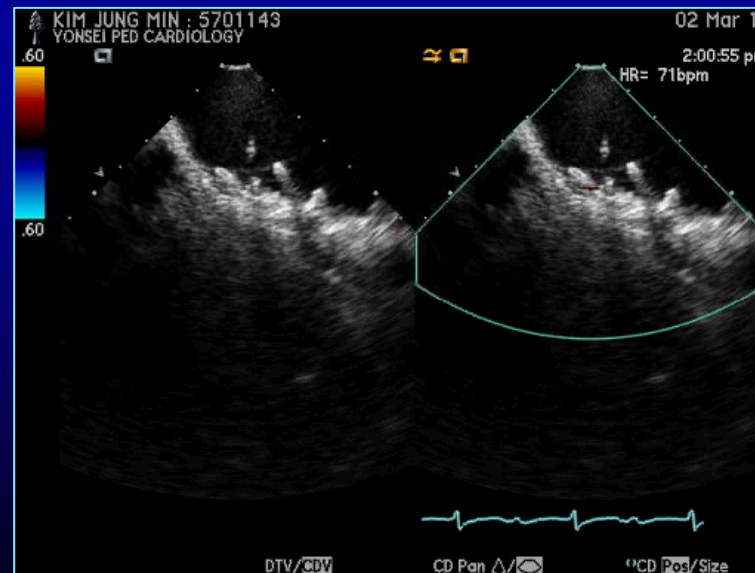
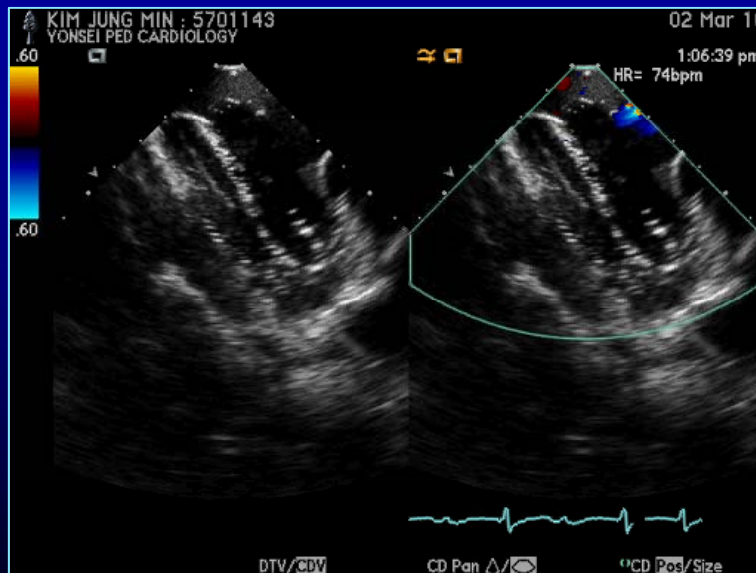
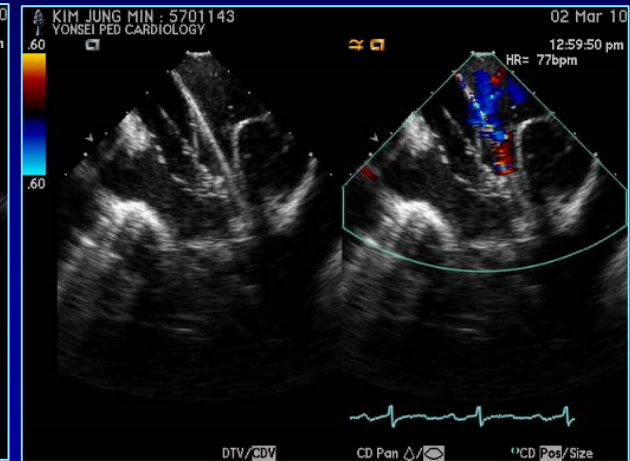
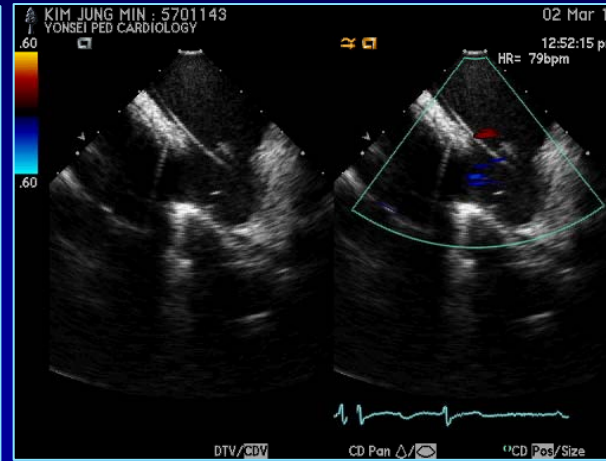
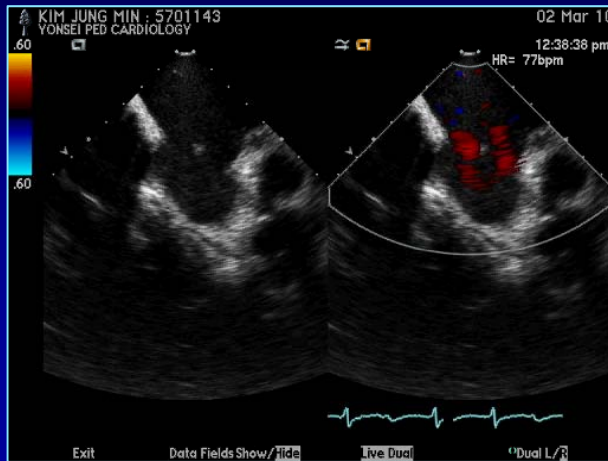




ICE-Guided ASD Closure

- Multiple Defects -

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ICE provides excellent image

- Pre-closure evaluation
- Guidance during the procedure
- Post-procedural assessment

in ASDs with various morphology

As well as..

Get rid of drawbacks of TEE

- Uncomfortable
- Need of an expert echocardiographer
- General anesthesia / Scheduling / Time
- Limited near views of the left atrium
- Poor visualization of IVC rim



Do we need more?

Limitations of 2D Echo in Complex ASD

- Demanding step by step assessment for multiple planes
- True # of defects in multi-fenestrated defects
- Spatial orientation btw hole(s) & adjacent structures
- Visualization of very large defect in single echo plane
- Only experienced expert may understand the accurate three-dimensional anatomy from 2D images



Why RT3D?

- ✓ *Limitations of 2D echo may be resolved by technical evolvement of RT-3D imaging*

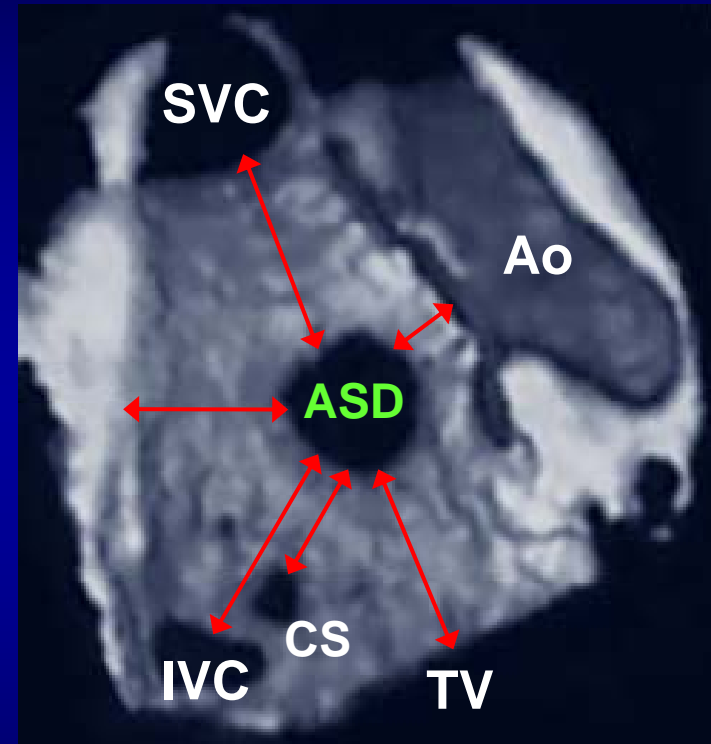
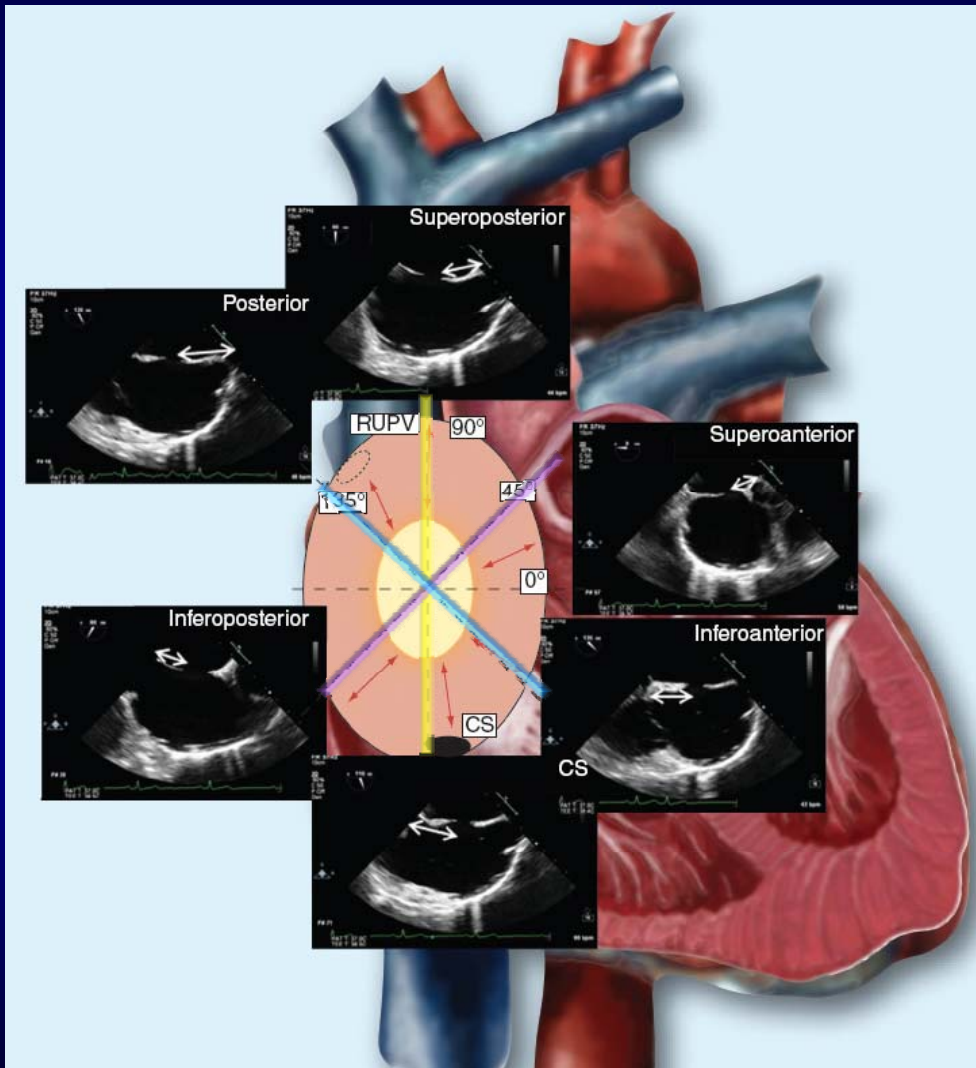
RT 3D Imaging Renders

- Instantaneous understanding of various morphology, dynamic nature of the defect
- Easy recognition of spatial relationship between defect(s) and cardiac structures



Integrated Information from Single Echo Image - RT3D TEE -

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**All Information in Single Echo View,
Real Time!**

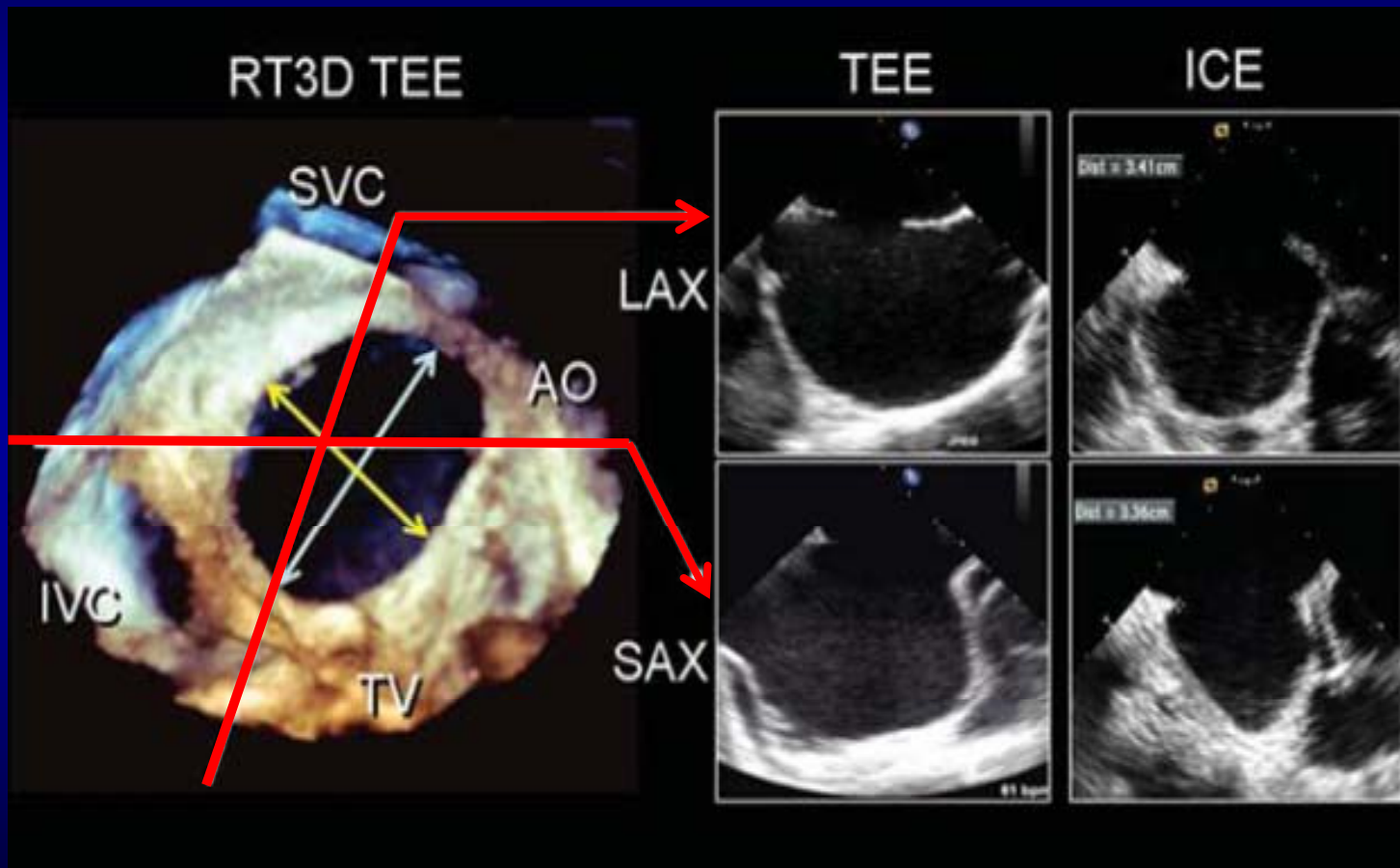
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Pitfalls of 2D TEE/ICE Measurements

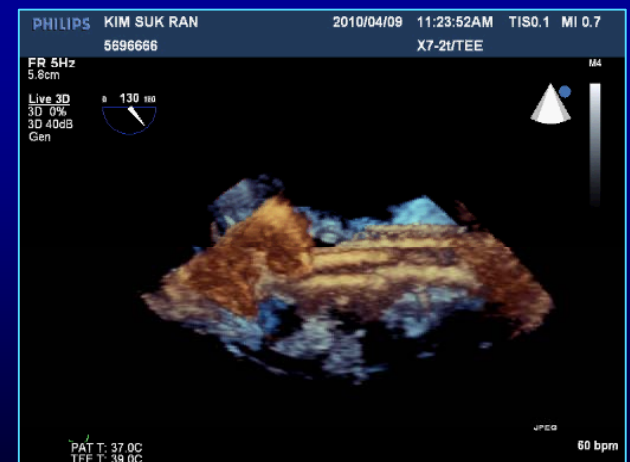
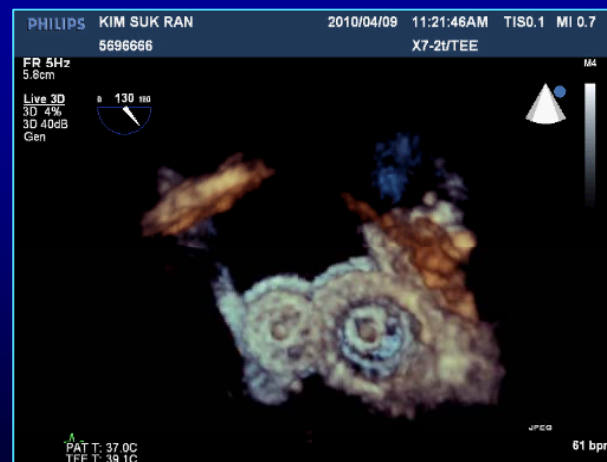
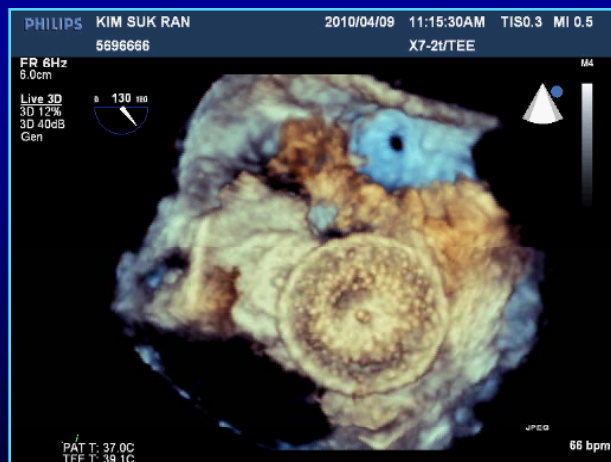
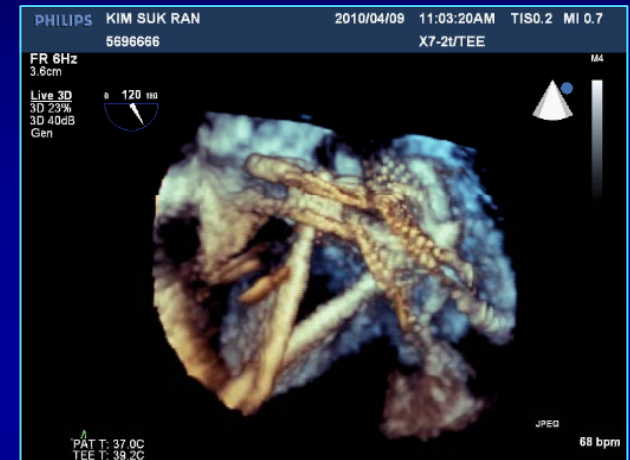
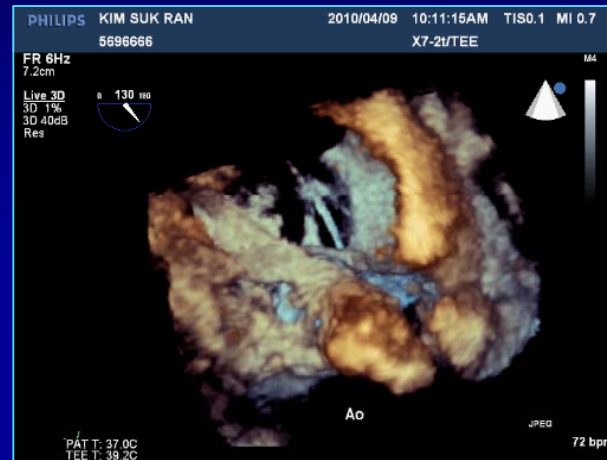
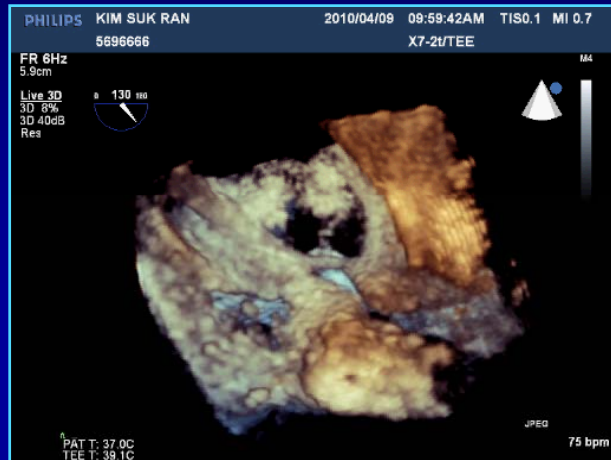
3D TEE IAS- RA view



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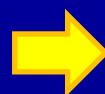
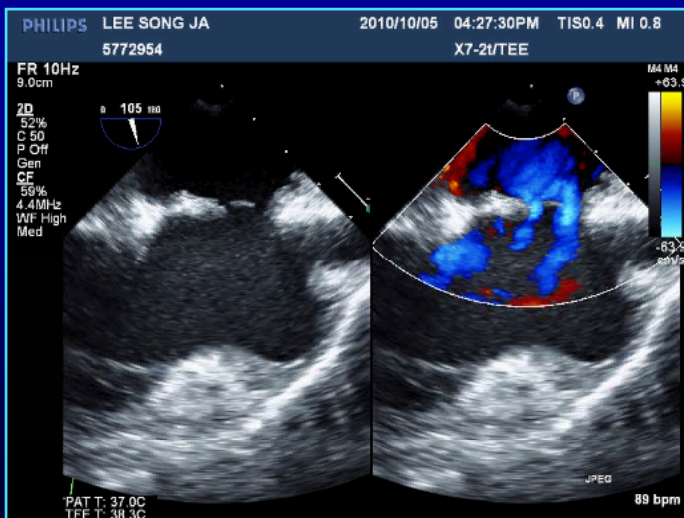
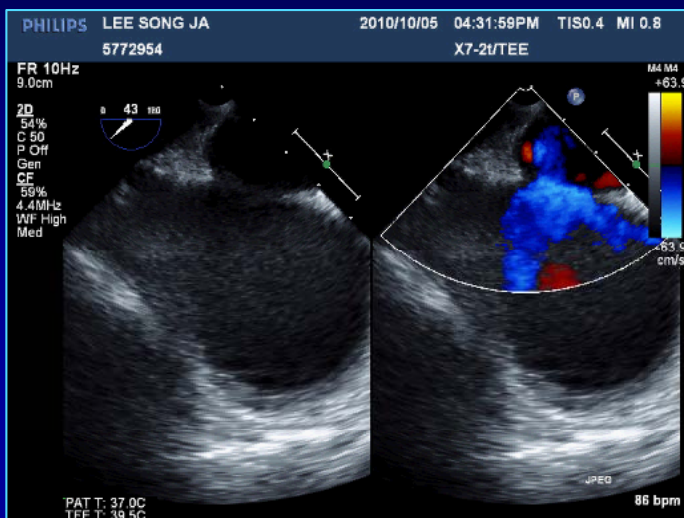


RT3D TEE : multiple ASD closure case 1



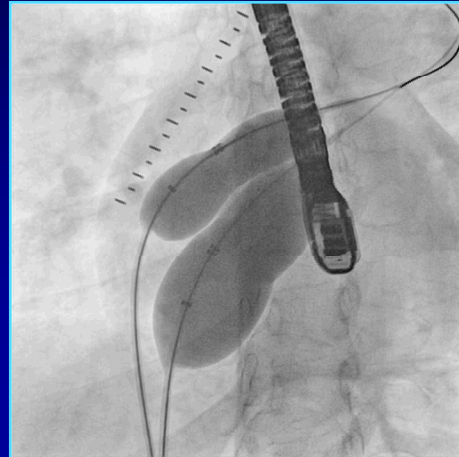


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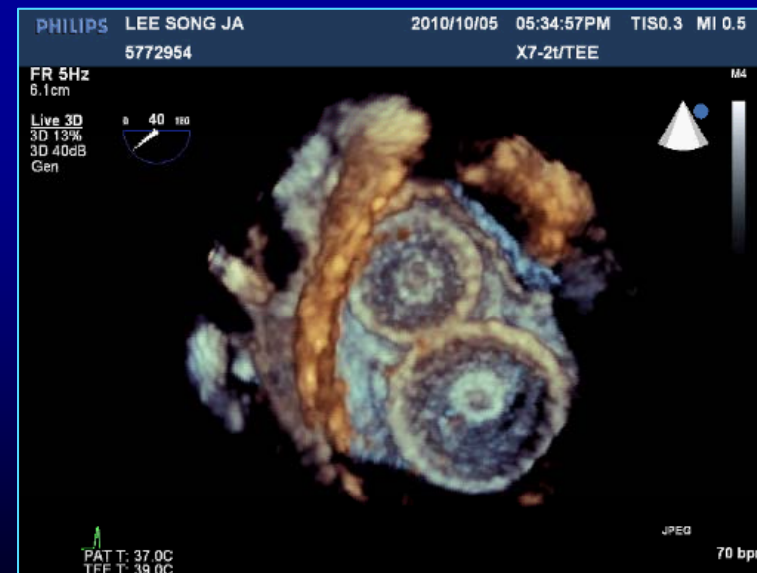
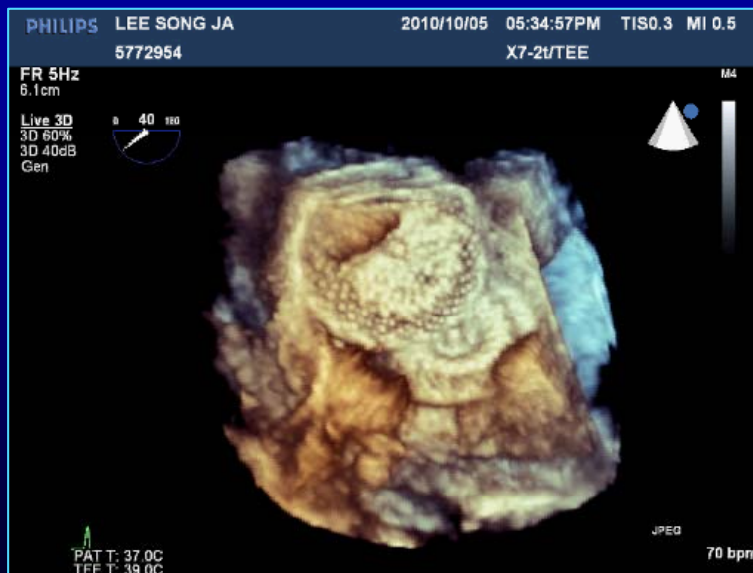
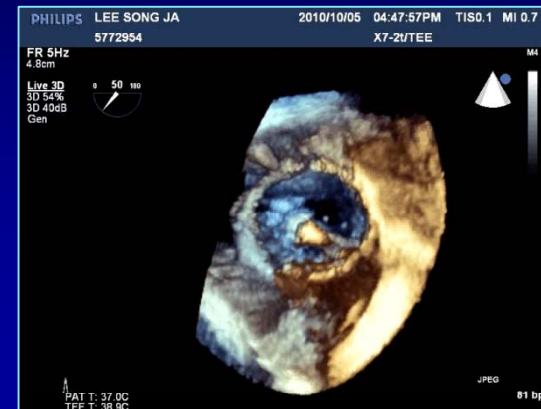




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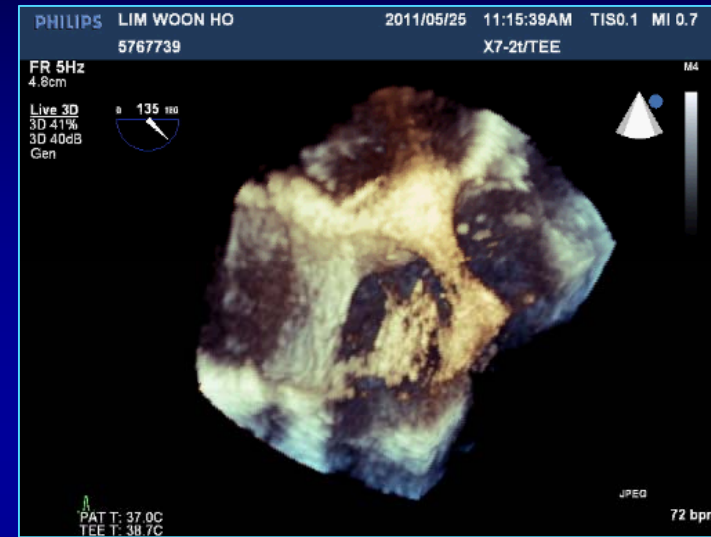
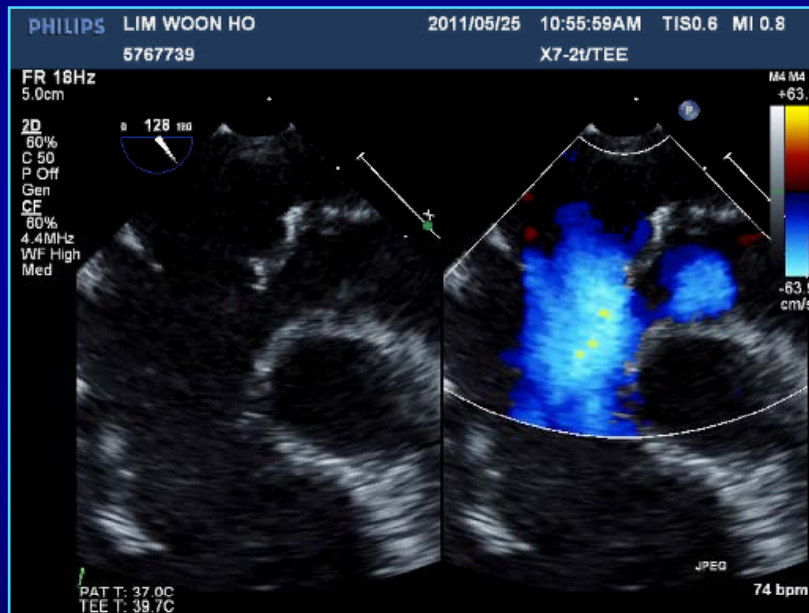
Balloon inside the defect





RT3D TEE

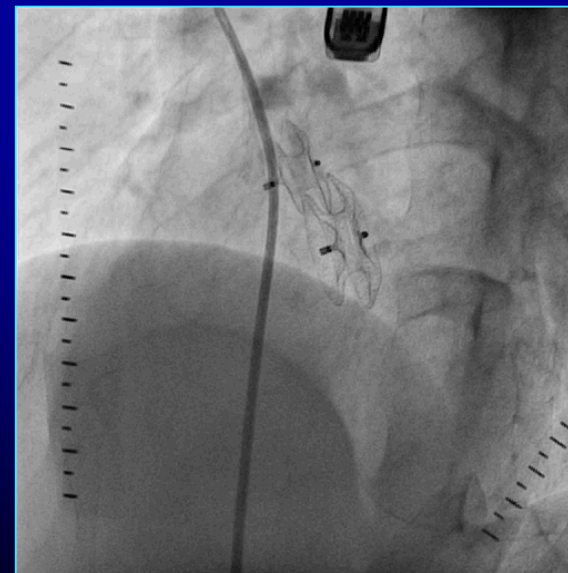
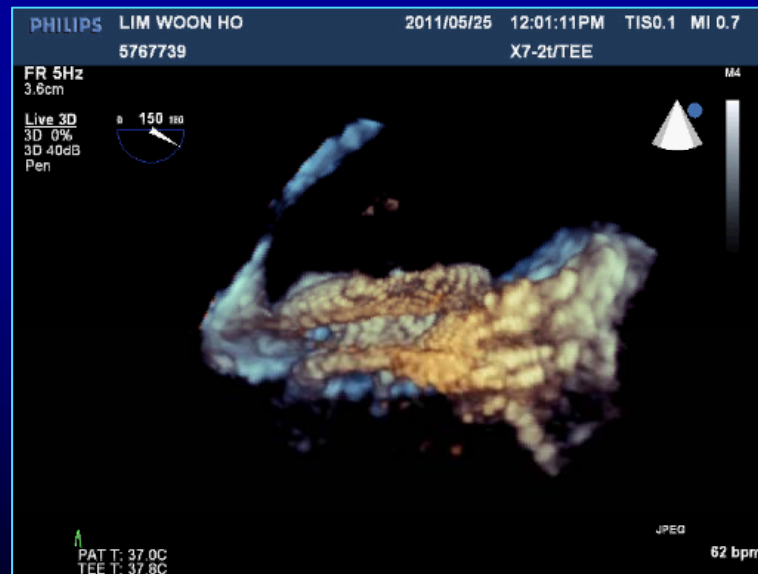
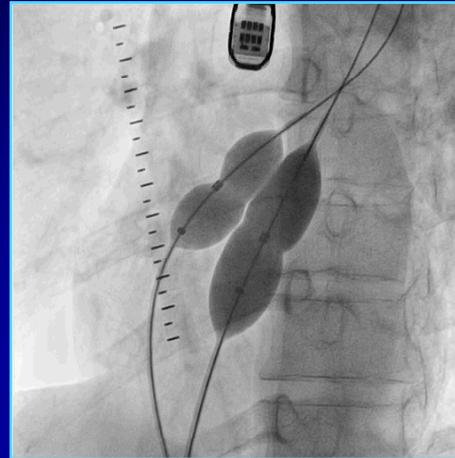
multiple defects + unusual septal aneurysm





RT3D TEE

multiple defects + unusual septal aneurysm





RT3D TEE

RT3D TEE imaging provides

- ✓ Instantaneous understanding of the anatomy
 - ✓ Easier identification of **complex shapes and multiple defects**
 - ✓ Superior recognition of **spatial relationship**
 - ✓ More accurate measurement of **ASD dimensions**
 - ✓ Comprehensive appearance of **deployed device**
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- RT3D TEE is helpful in
 - **Multiple defects**
 - **Unusual anatomy / shape / location**
 - **Larger defects**
 - It is not essential in all ASD closures
 - Learning curve : *to be of help in complex cases, experience in simple cases are needed*



Which echo technique?

	Advantages	Drawbacks
2DTEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cheap• Familiarity to most echocardiographer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not convenient for the patient• Requires GA / scheduling• Requires additional staffs• Poor visualization of IVC rim
ICE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• More convenient for patient• Only local anesthesia• No additional staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expensive• Single plane imaging• No 3D capability• Additional venous access• Catheter control <i>(catheter interference in small pts / IVC anomaly)</i>
RT3D TEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easier detection / immediate understanding of anatomy & spatial relationship <p><i>(esp. in large defect, multiple defects, defects with unusual shape / location)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drawbacks of 2D TEE• Learning curve <i>(simple → complex cases)</i>



Factors in Choosing TEE vs. ICE

Factors in institutions

- Healthcare system in each country
- Hospital procedural volume
- Availability of apparatus
- Availability of anesthesiologist and echocardiographer

Factors in patients

- Age of patient
- Morphology of ASD (large defect, multiple defects, inferoposterior rim deficiency)
- Left atrium size
- Comorbidity of patient
- Preference of the patient

Factors in interventionalists

- Preference of the interventionalist
- Training

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TTE or RT3D TTE Guided ASD Closure

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Role of CT and/or MRI ?

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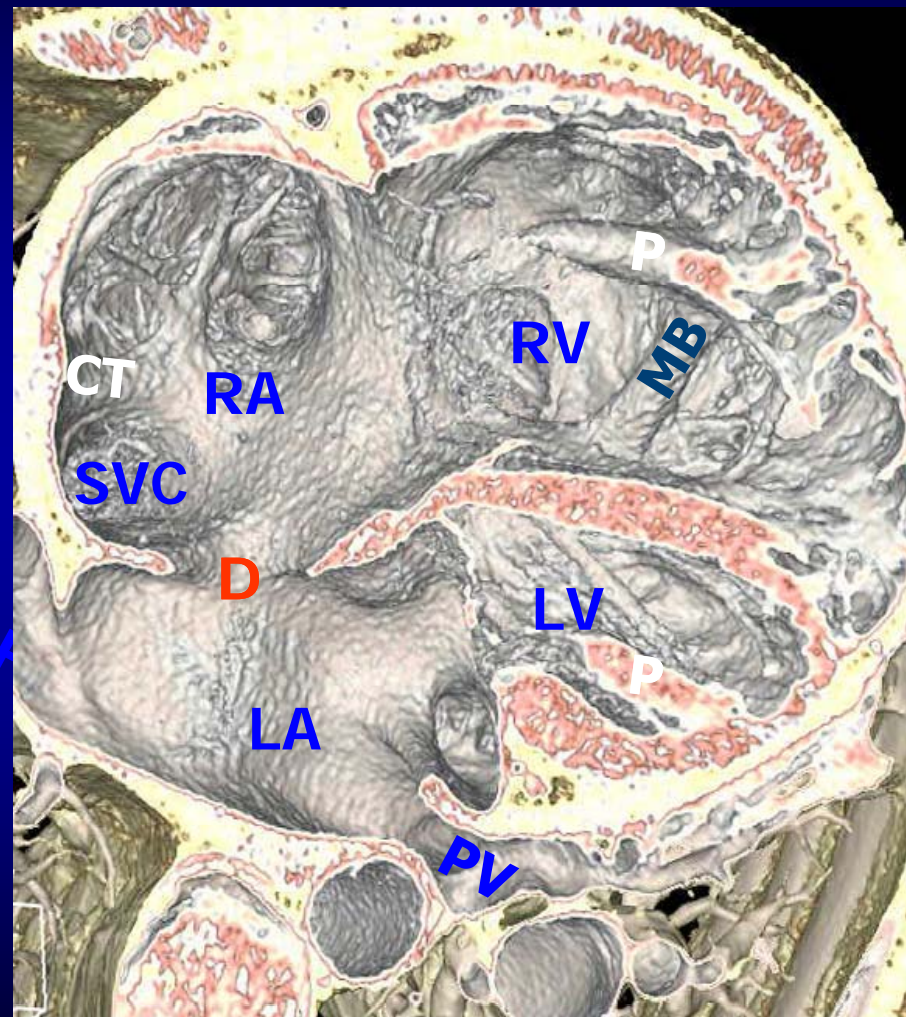
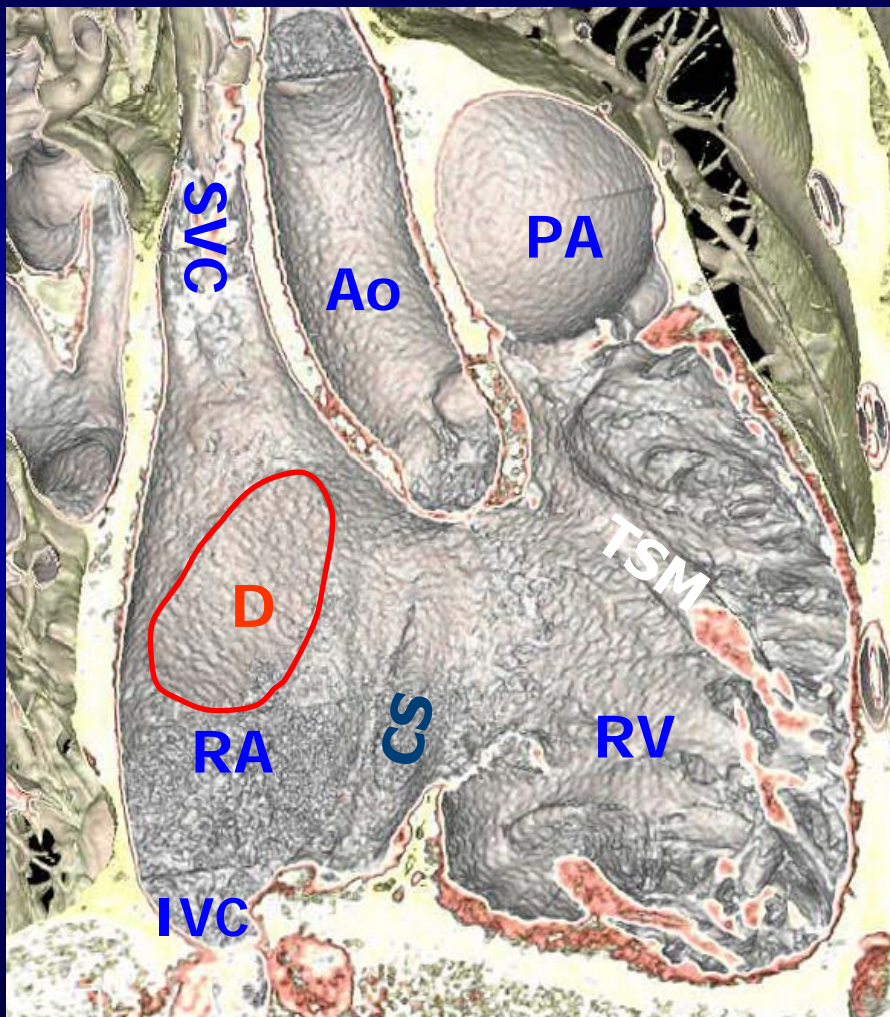
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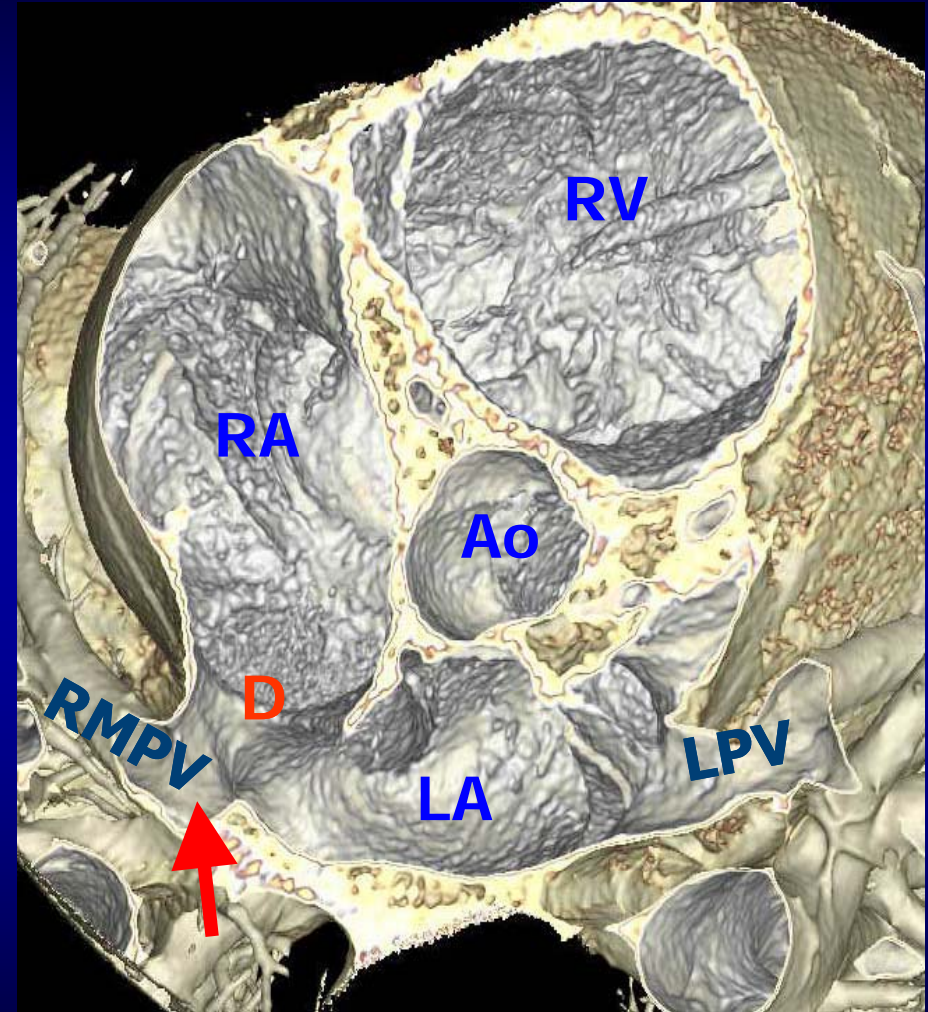
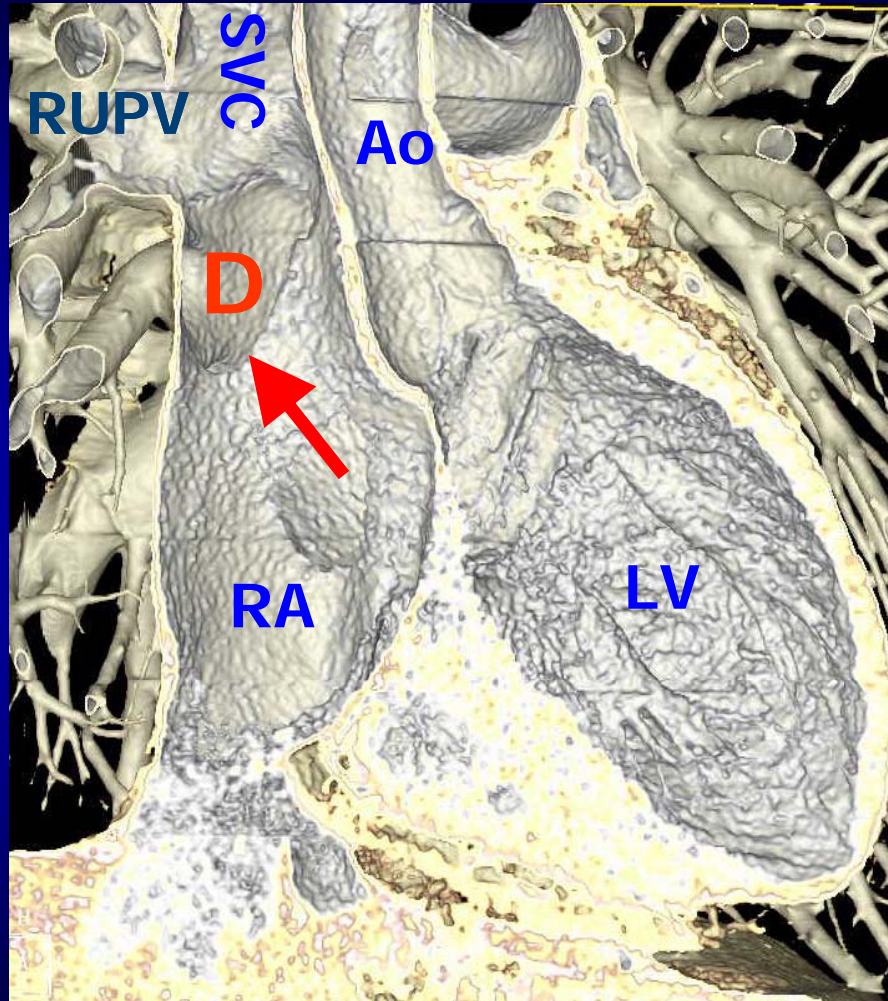
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Sinus venosus defect with PAPVR

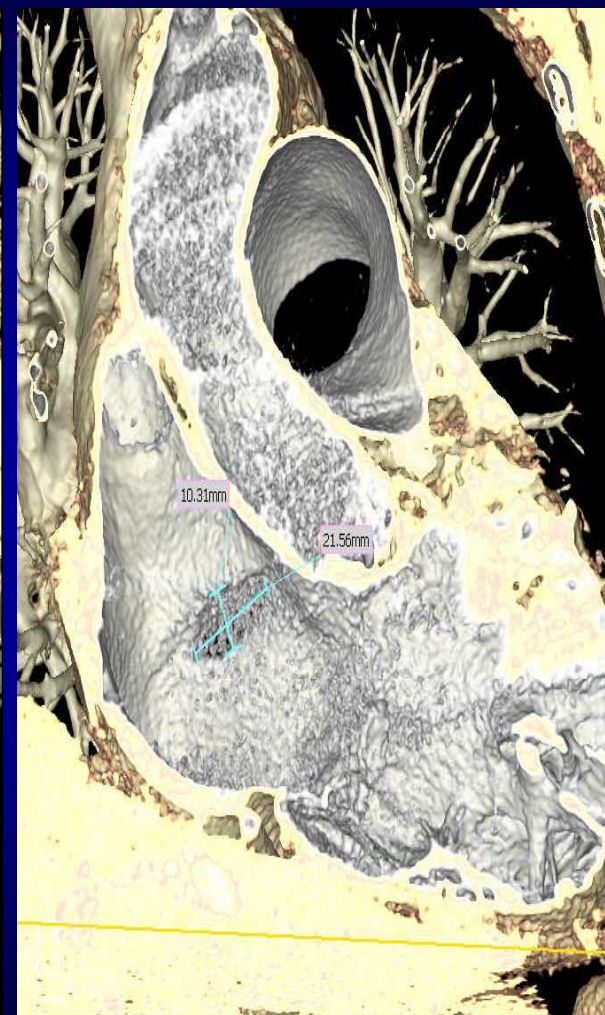
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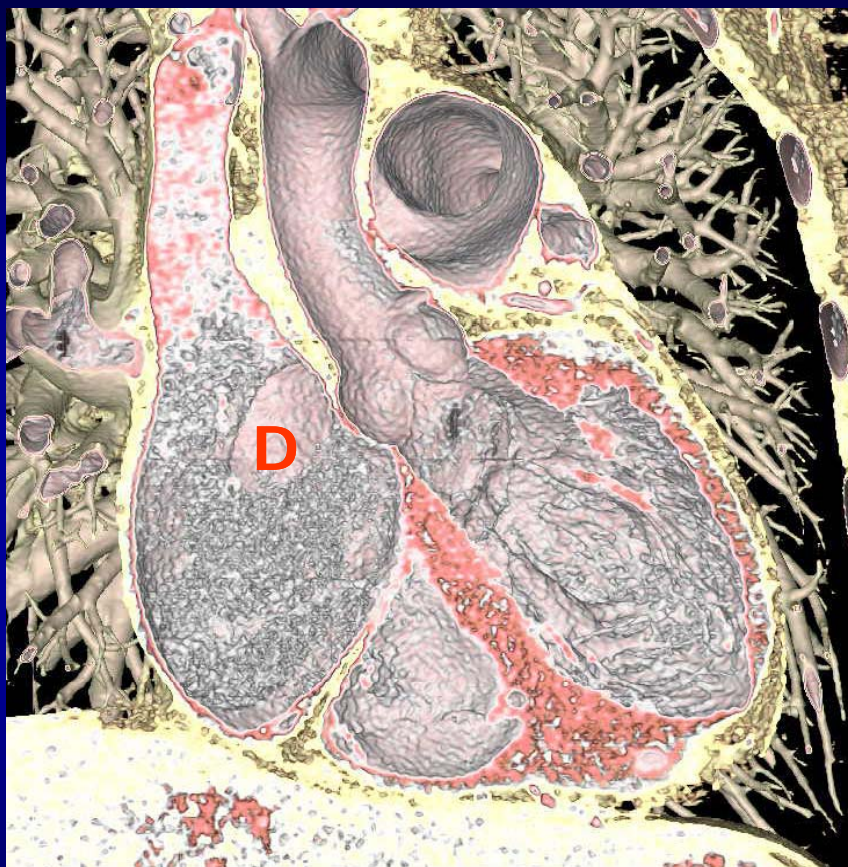
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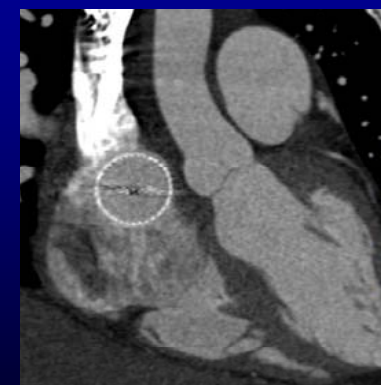
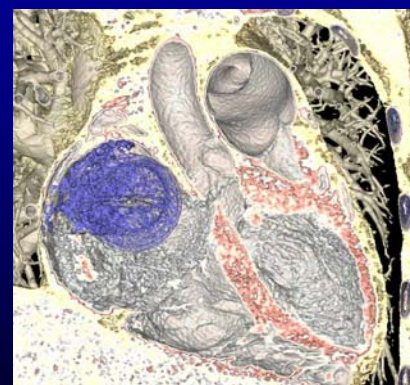
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Change of the defect after the closure of the ellipsoid defect



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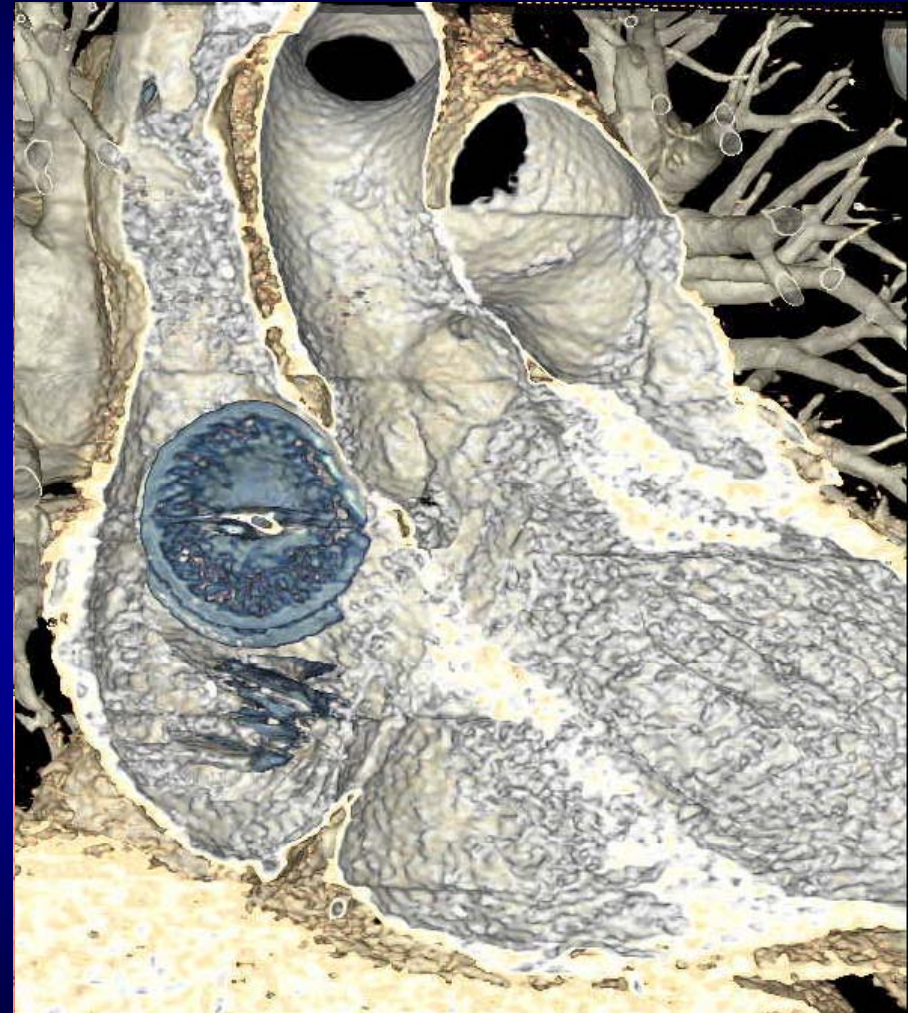
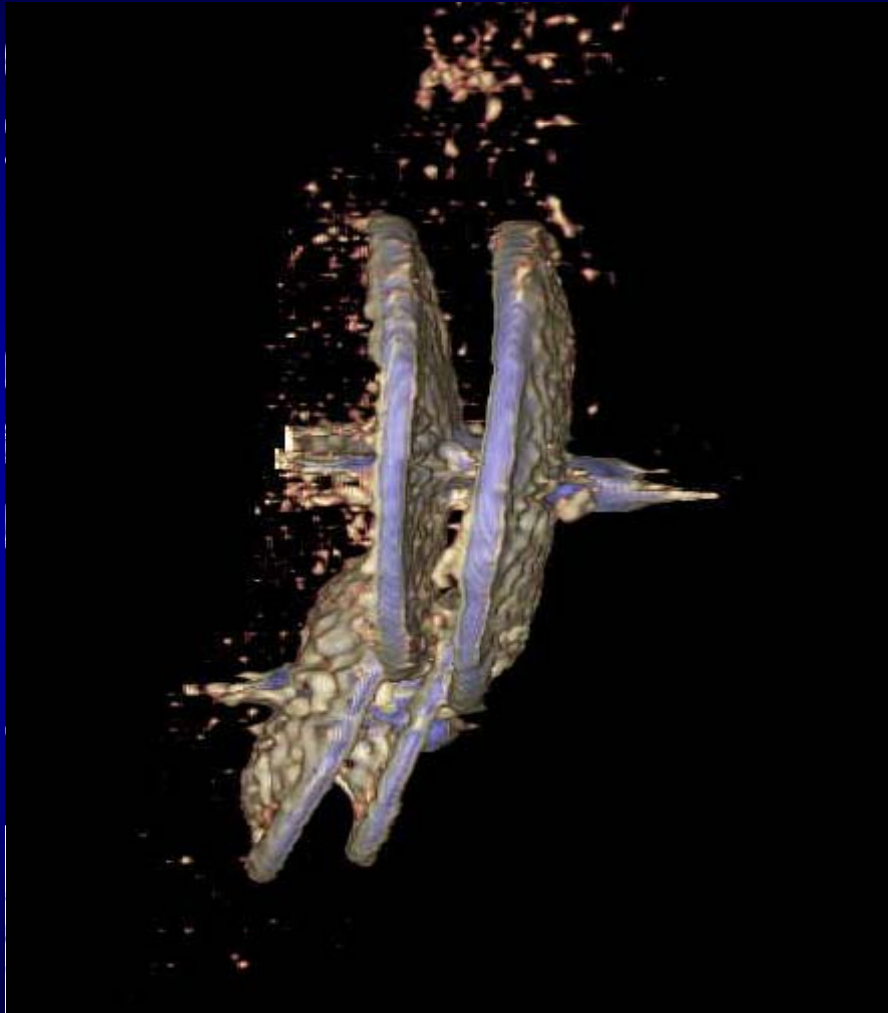


A	B	Eccentricity
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Multiple ASDs



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They concluded that...

- *Cardiac CT can be a good modality for pre- & post-assessment : defect size, location, anatomy, feasibility of closure, changes after closure*
- *May eliminate the need of balloon sizing in selected patients*



What's Next?

- Trans-nasal TEE using a micro TEE probe with RT3D capability w/o GEA?
- ICE using smaller catheter with multiplane / RT3D capability?
- MR-guided intervention?



Conclusion

- ❖ Each guiding tools for ASD closure has its own advantages and drawbacks
- ❖ There is no generally applicable single “best imaging tool”
- ❖ Every interventionalist should be fully aware of advantages and drawbacks of each technique so that they can choose the optimal modality according to given circumstances.