Smart use of Reverse CART technique in difficult situation

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When both wires are in same space (In-intima or sub-intima)

- Closer distance between antegrade and retrograde wires before antegrade ballooning is better to complete reverse CART more easily.
- IVUS is useful to not only detect wire position but also decide balloon size for reverse CART.
- Making connection between both wires is relatively easy by small balloon dilatation.

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Basic concept of reverse CART



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When antegrade wire is in-intima and retrograde wire is sub-intima...

- > IVUS information is important.
- Bigger balloon same as vessel size should be needed to make dissection from antegrade = classic reverse CART concept.
- After making dissection, controllable soft wire (SION, SION Black, or GAIA 1 etc) in retrograde is better to get proximal true lumen.

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When antegrade wire is sub-intima and retrograde wire is in-intima...

> The most difficult situation.

Direct wire crossing by hard tip wires (Miracle 12g or Conquest family) should be considered as a 1st step.

➤ After failure of direct wire crossing, balloon dilatation from antegrade sub-intima is needed to change lesion morphology and retrograde wire bias. → taking long time...

> Knuckle wiring with medium weight wires (Pilot 200) can be useful.

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