

Case-Based Learning: Multi-vessel and Bifurcation

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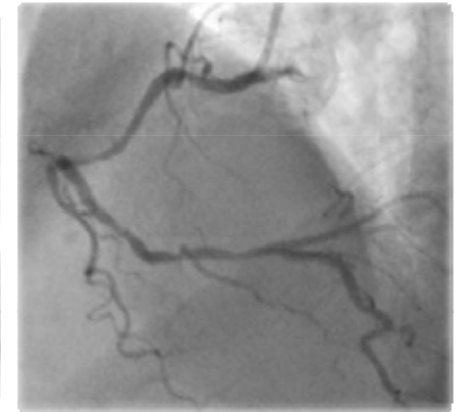
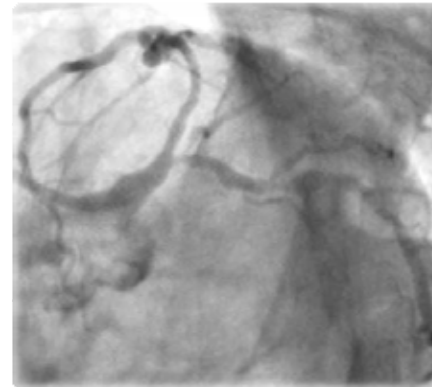
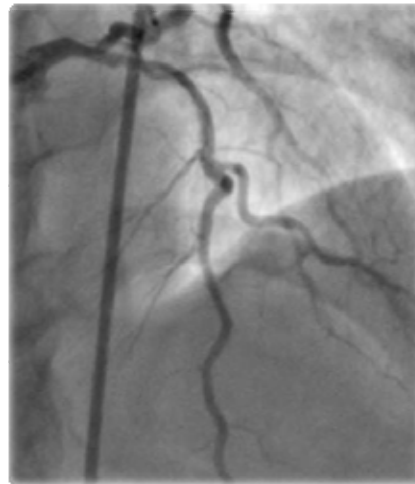
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FFR in multi-vessel, multi-lesion disease

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Stable angina



Physiologic assessment for complex lesions

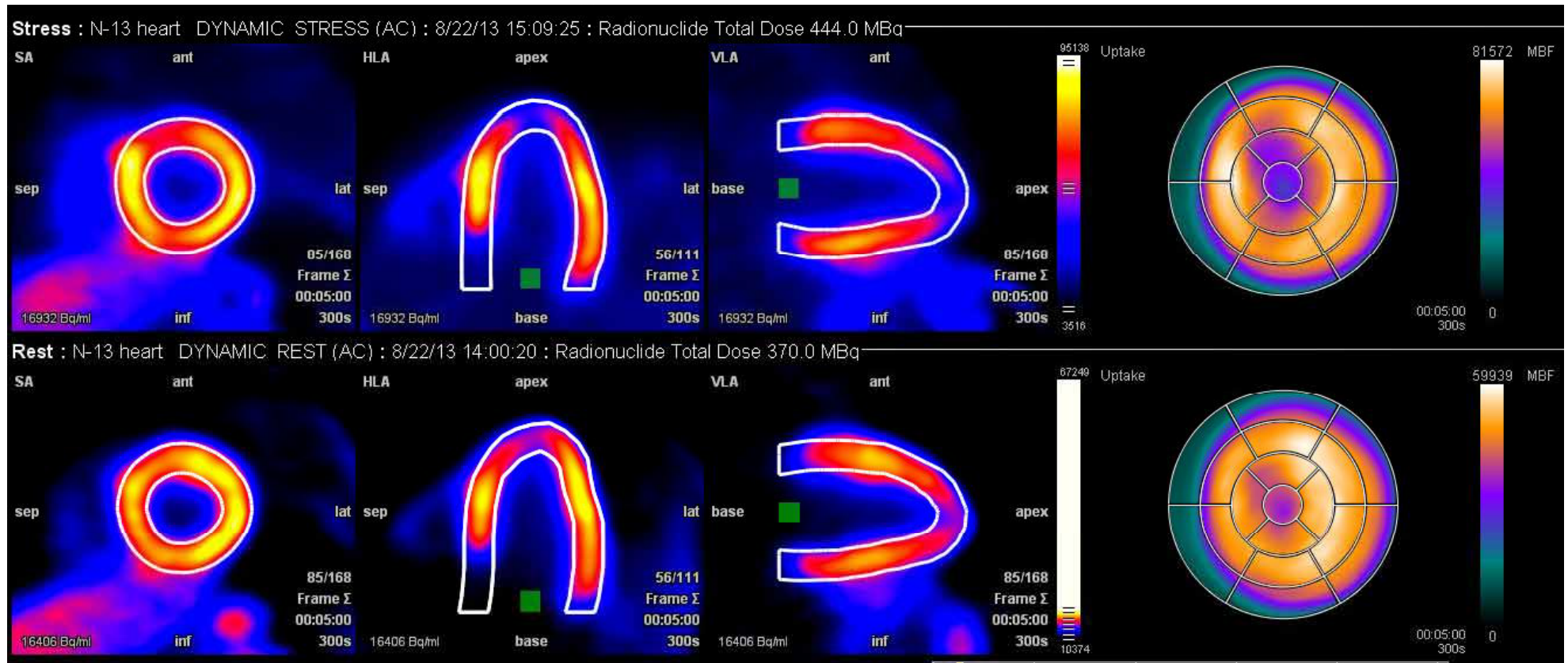
- Safe and more effective than in simple lesions
- Only if, the operator has adequate understanding of coronary physiology, physiologic assessment and some experience.

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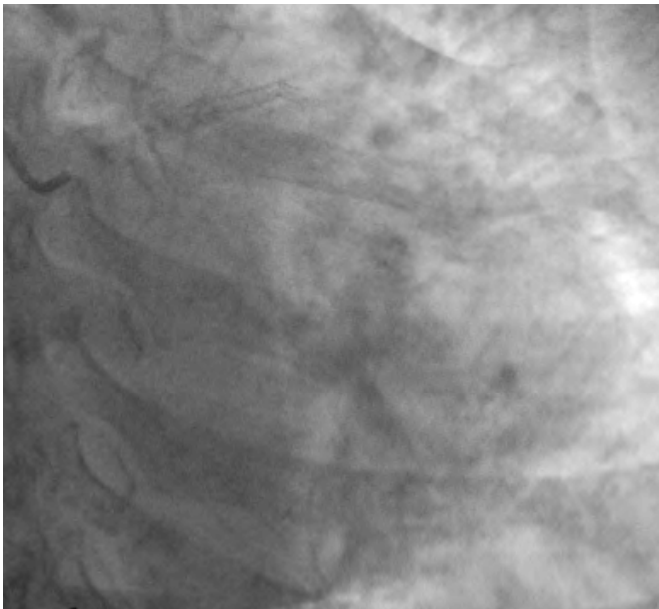


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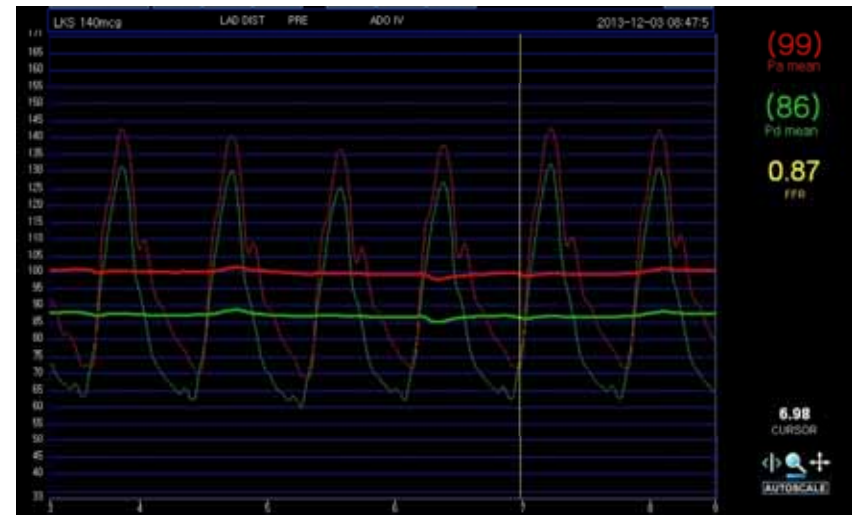
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Discrepancy... Who is a liar?
Patient ? PET? FFR?



Coronary Pressure Never Lies

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Fractional Flow Reserve (FFR), calculated by coronary pressure measurement, is the invasive gold standard to assess the hemodynamic significance of a coronary stenosis. FFR reliably indicates whether a stenosis is responsible for inducible ischemia and if

TABLE I. Reasons of Nonischemic FFR Despite an Apparently Tight Stenosis

Physiologic explanations

- stenosis hemodynamically nonsignificant despite angiographic appearance
- small perfusion territory, old myocardial infarction, little viable tissue, small vessel
- abundant collaterals
- severe microvascular disease

Interpretable explanations

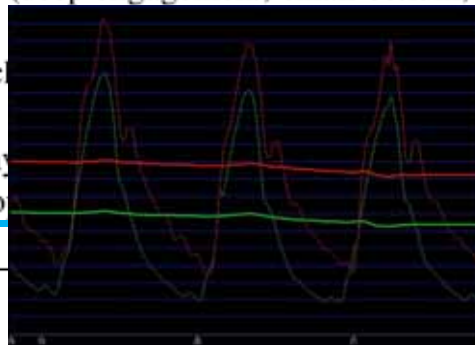
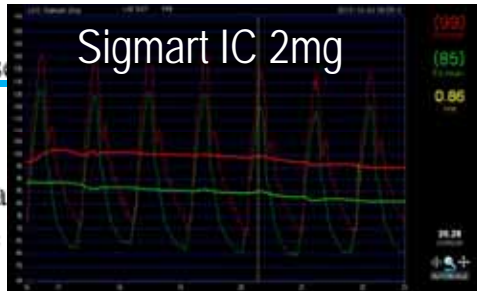
- **other culprit lesion**
- diffuse disease rather than focal
- chest pain of noncardiac origin

Technical explanations

- insufficient hyperemia (check system and solution; or use other stimulus)
- guiding catheter related pitfall (deep engagement, small ostium, sideholes)
- electrical drift (pull sensor back)

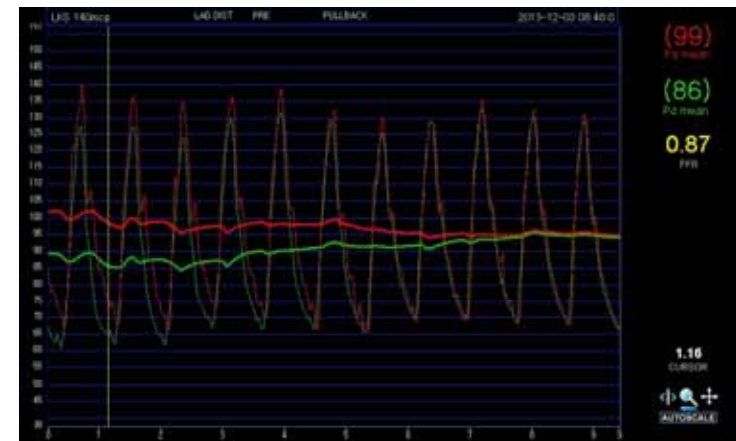
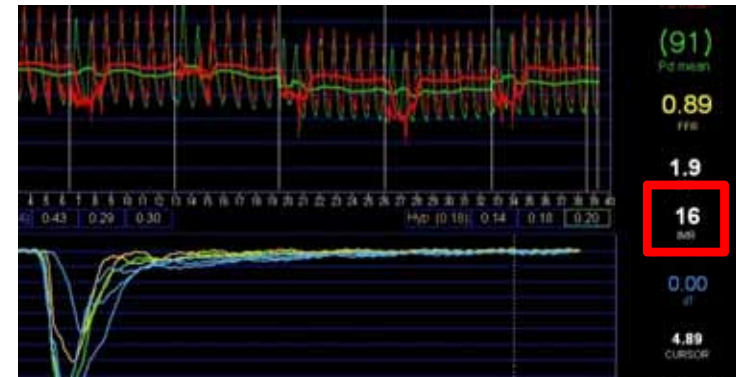
Actual false negative FFR

- acute phase of ST elevation myocardial infarction
- severe left ventricular hypertrophy
- exercise-induced spasm



Echocardiography

1. Normal LV cavity size and systolic function; Calculated EF : 52%
2. No regional wall motion abnormality
3. Normal LV wall thickness
4. Normal valves



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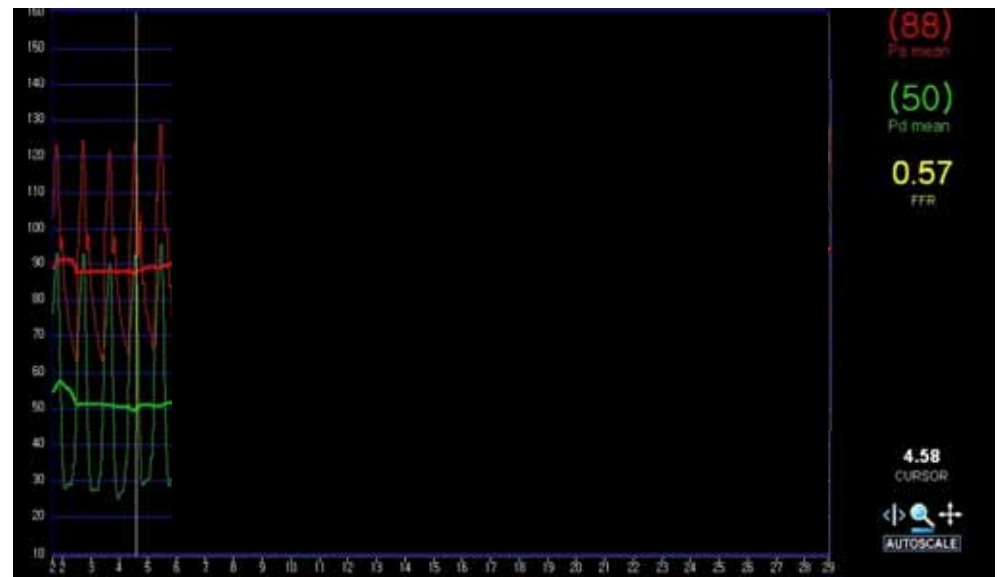
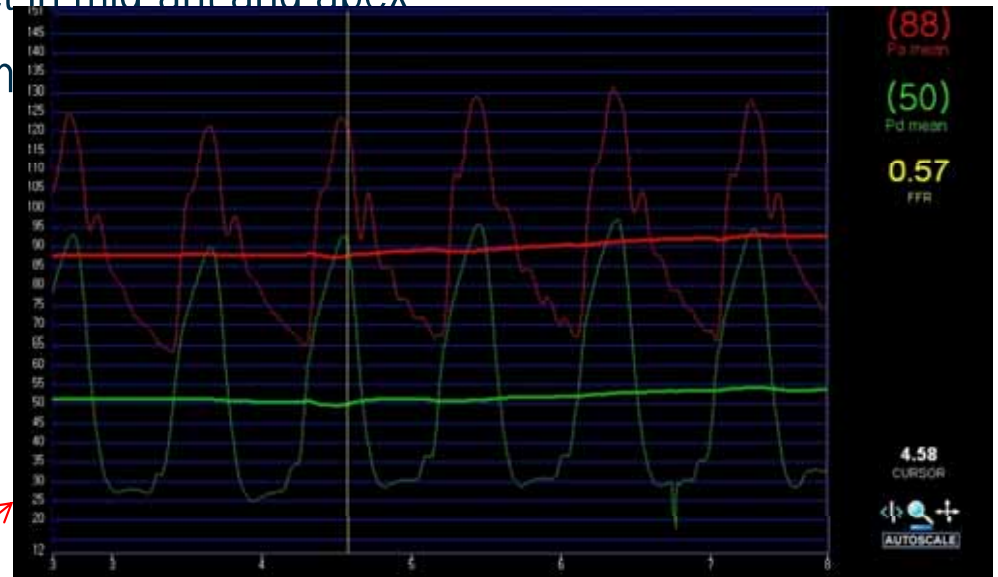
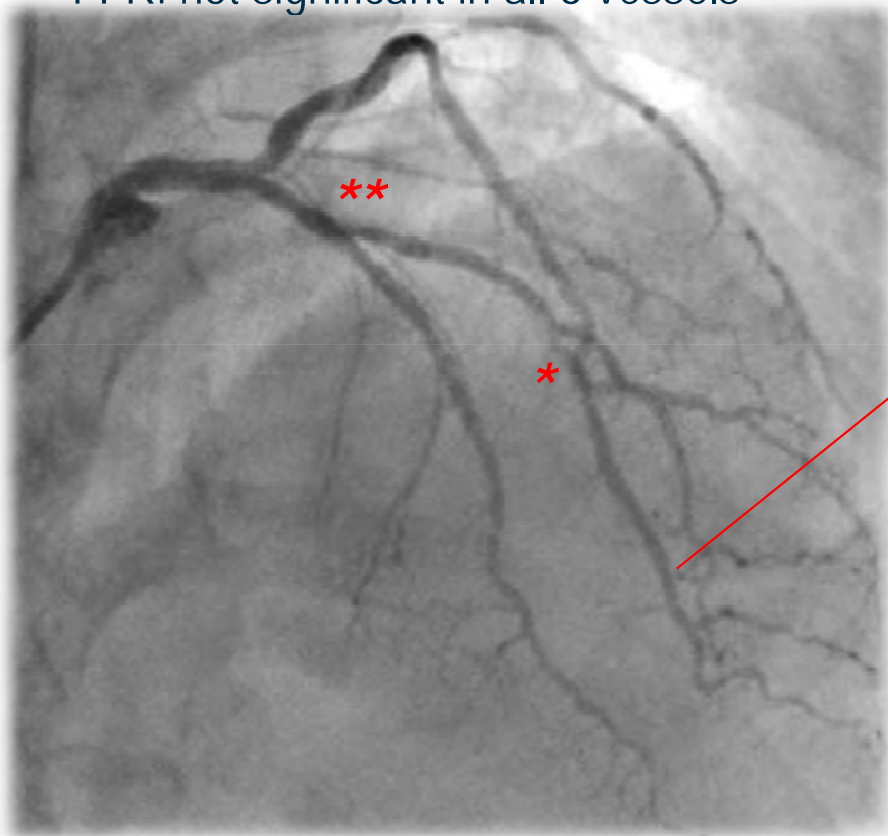
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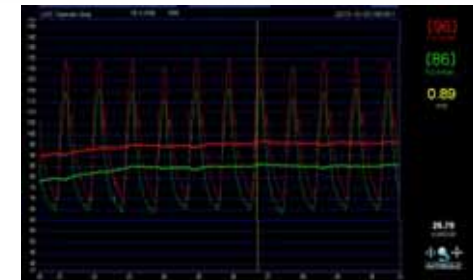
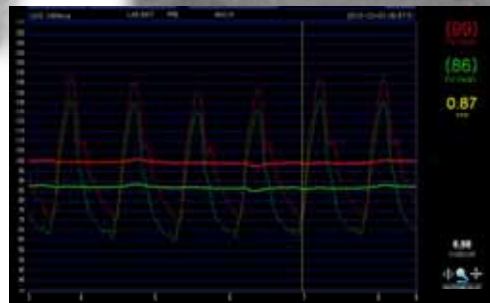
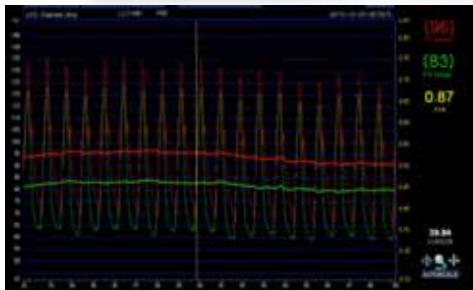
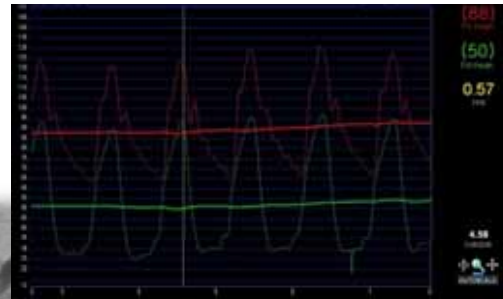
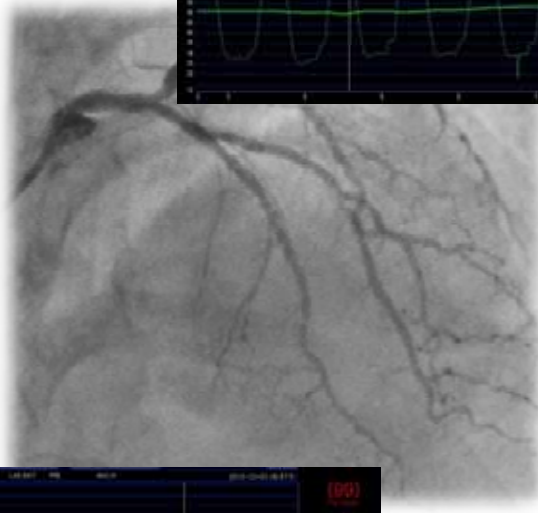
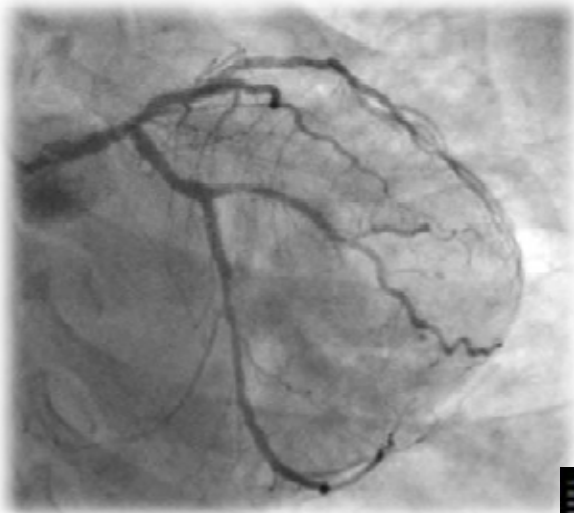
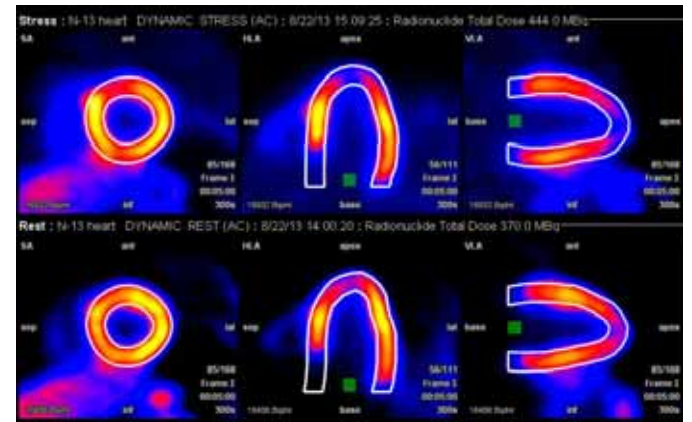
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Mismatch between FFR and PET?

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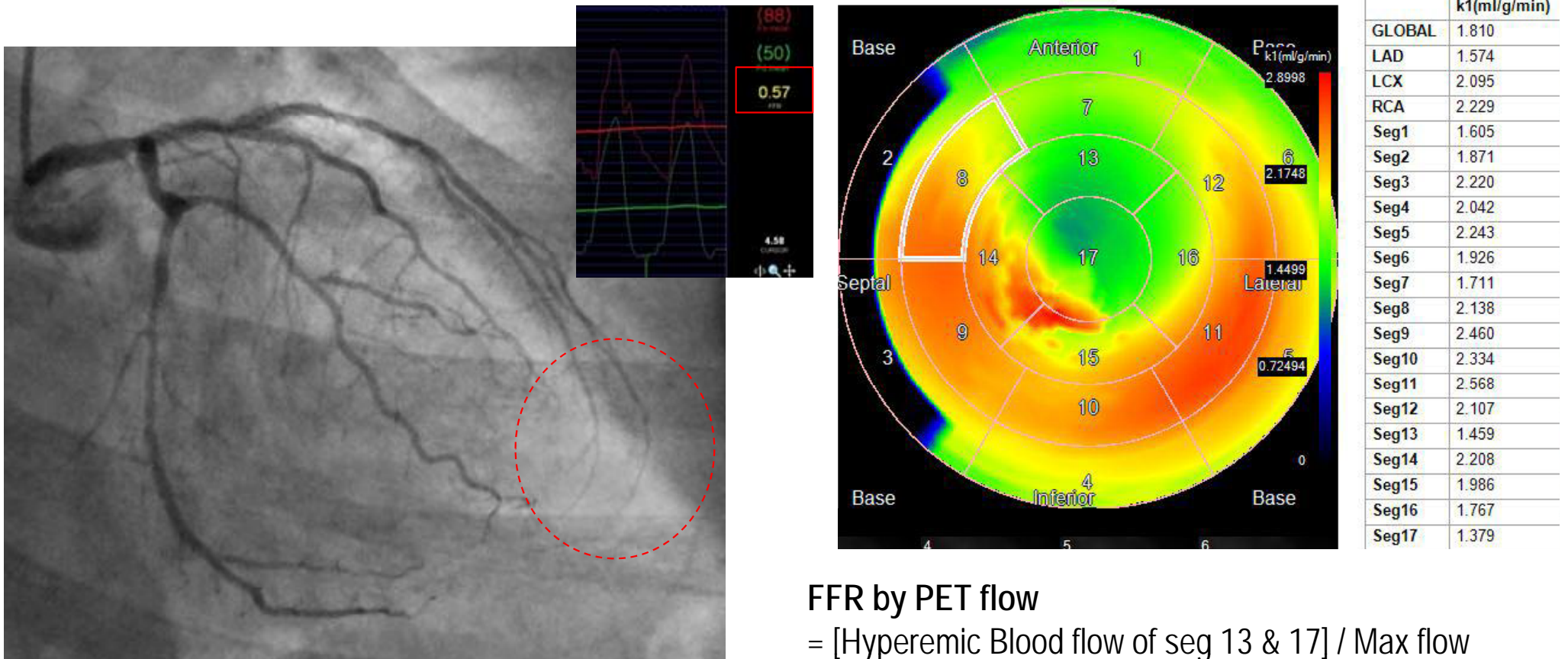
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FFR by PET flow

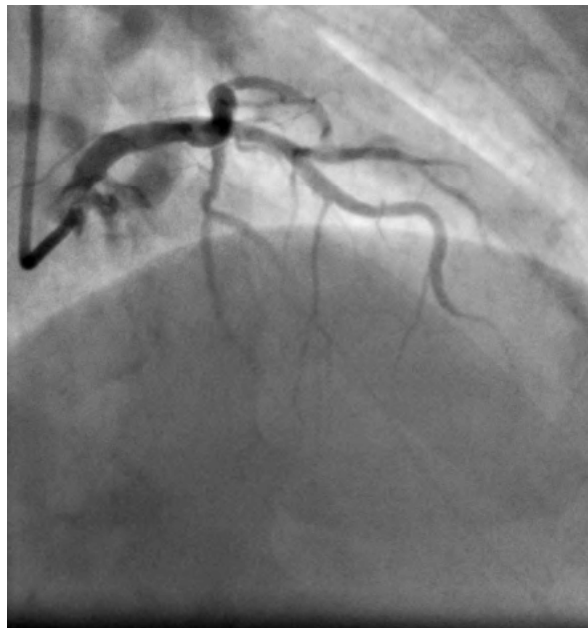
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F/52 Stable angina with recent aggravation

Risk factor: DM, Hypertension, Hypercholesterolemia

CT CAG: pLAD 50-60%%, pLCX 70%, RCAos 40-50%

TMT: suggestive of positive

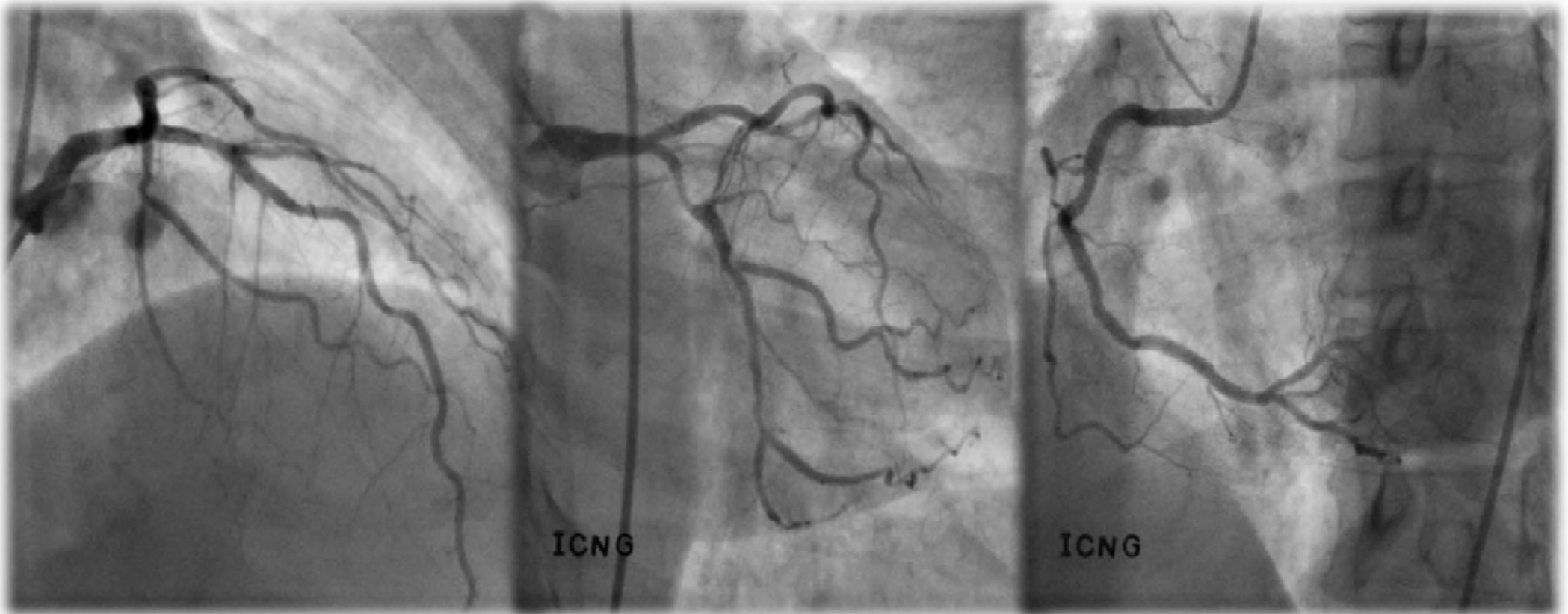


F/52 Stable angina for 4 years

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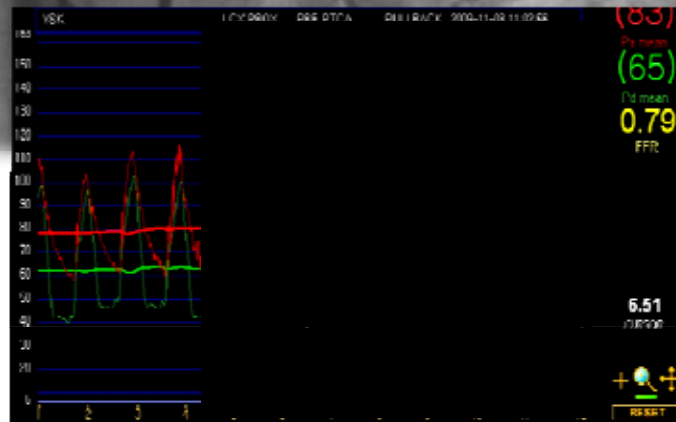
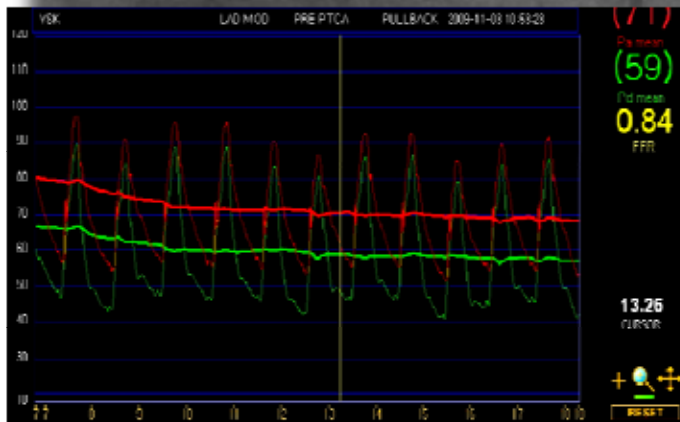
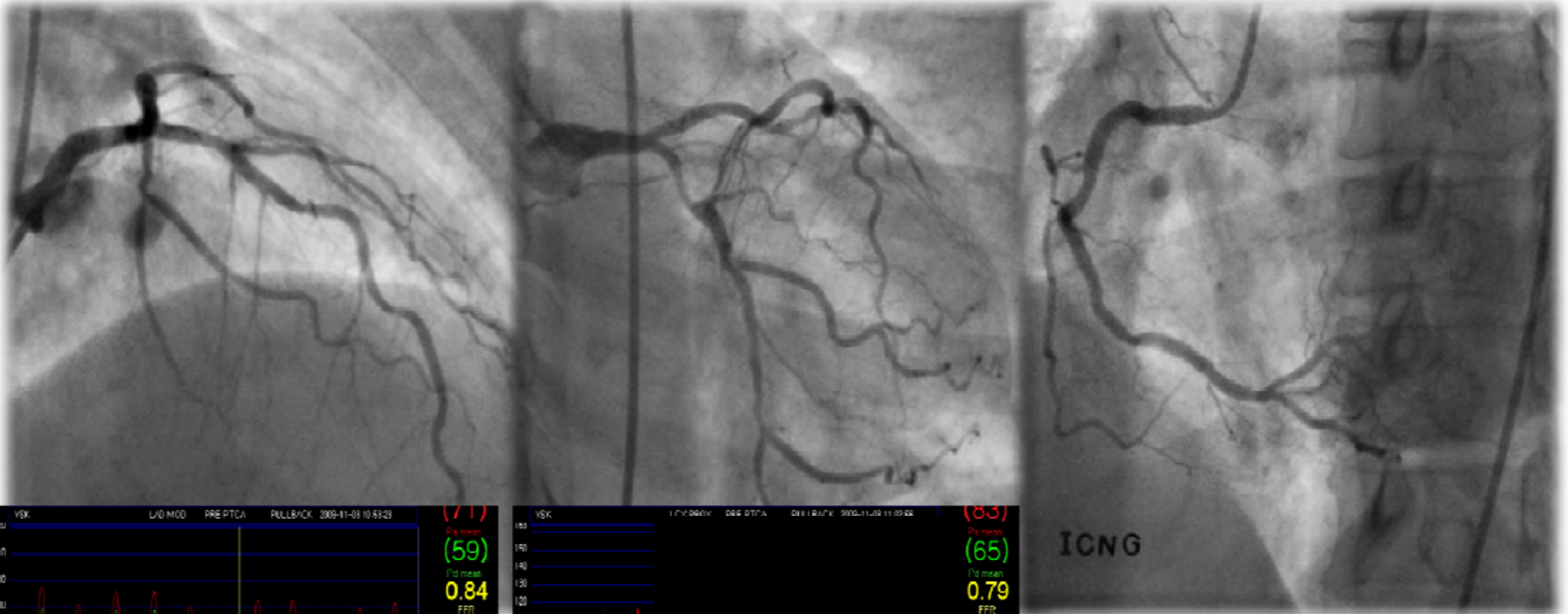
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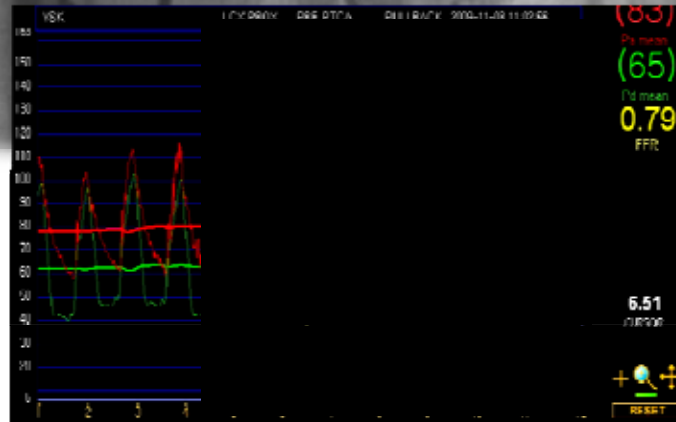
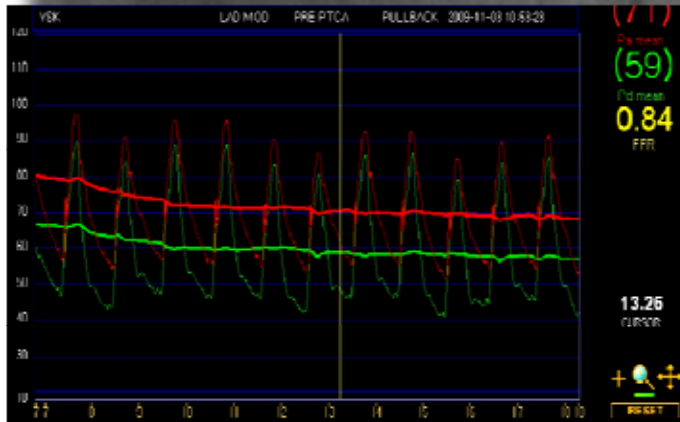
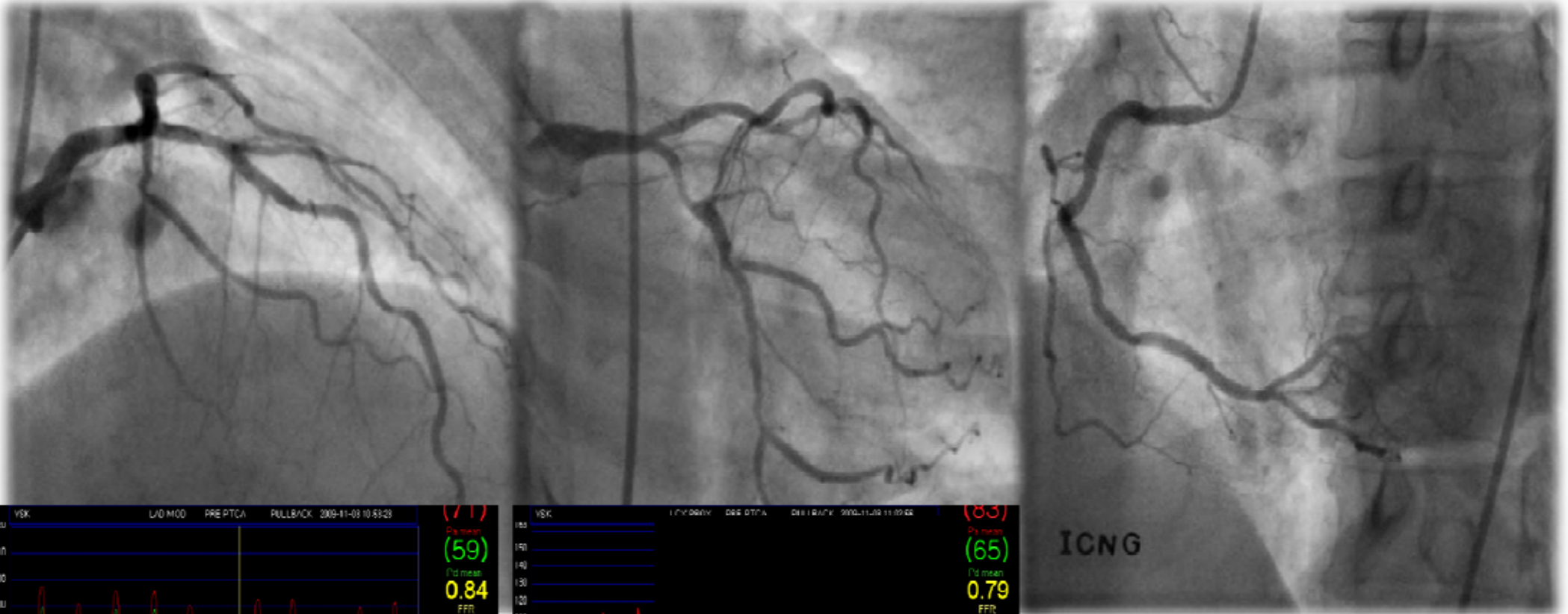
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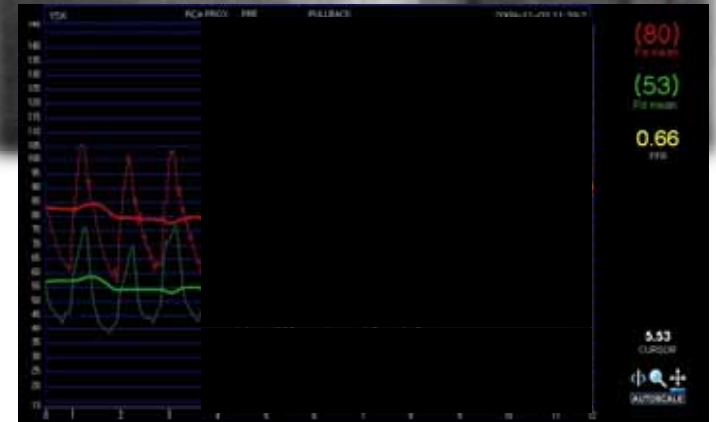
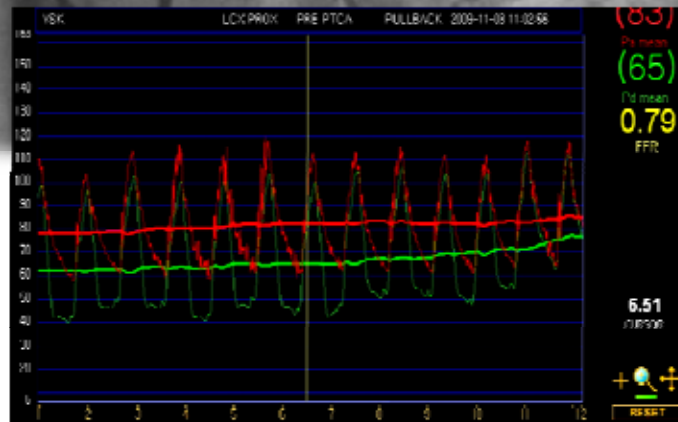
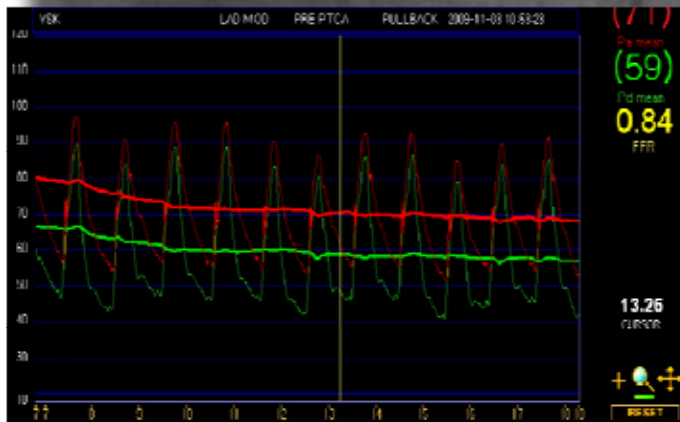
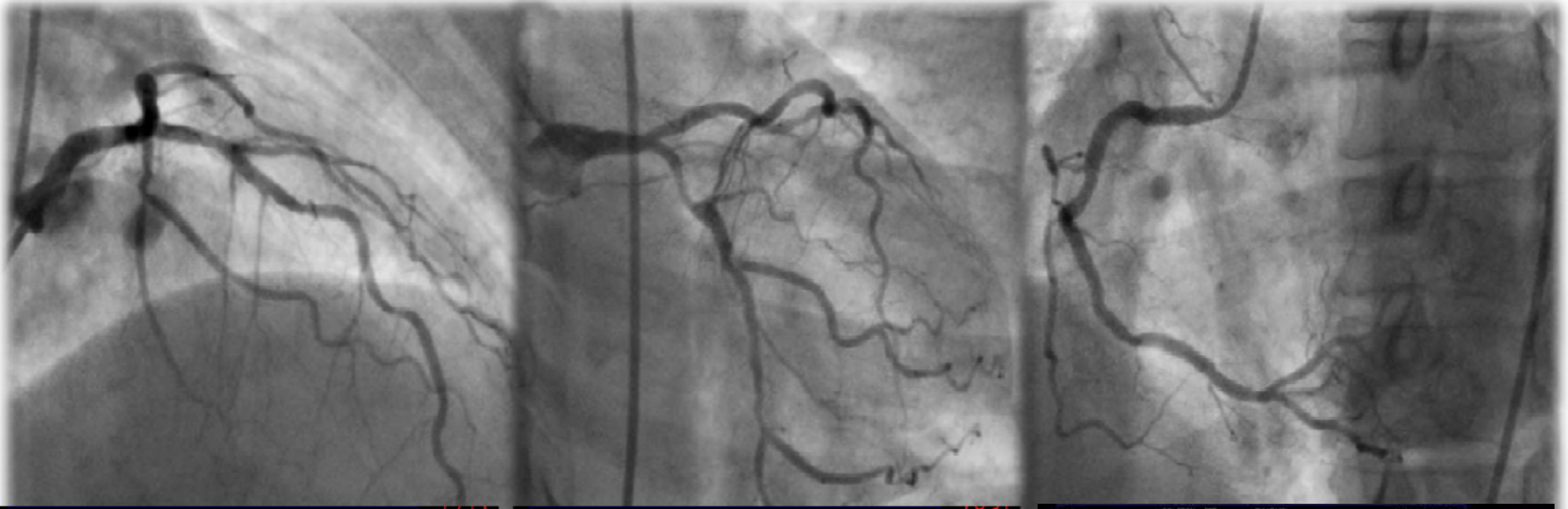
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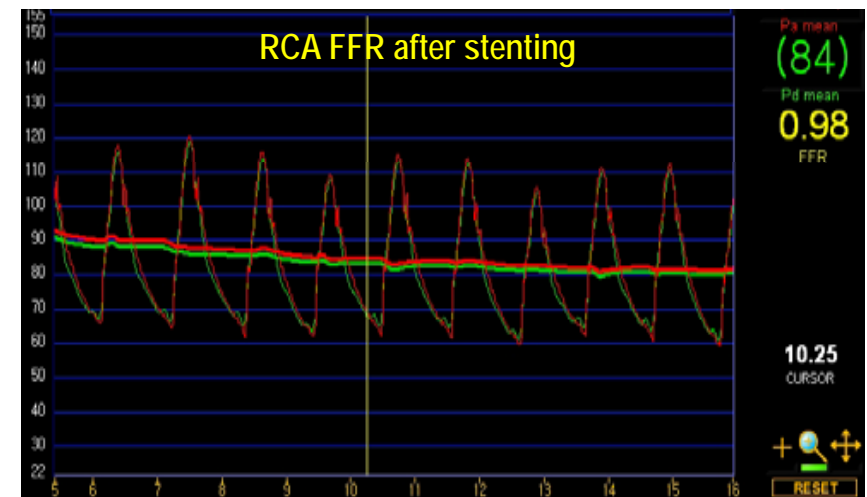
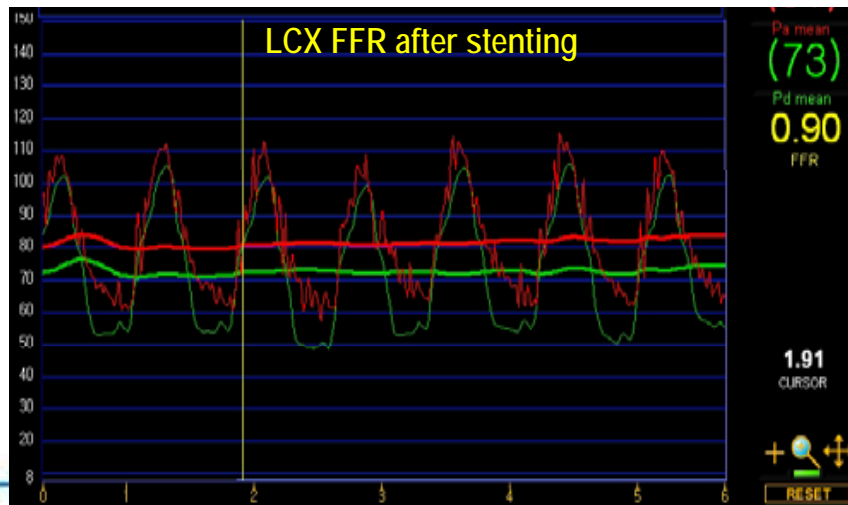
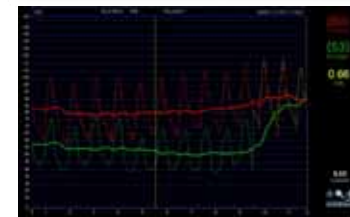
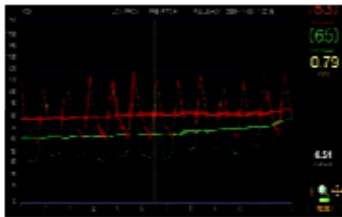
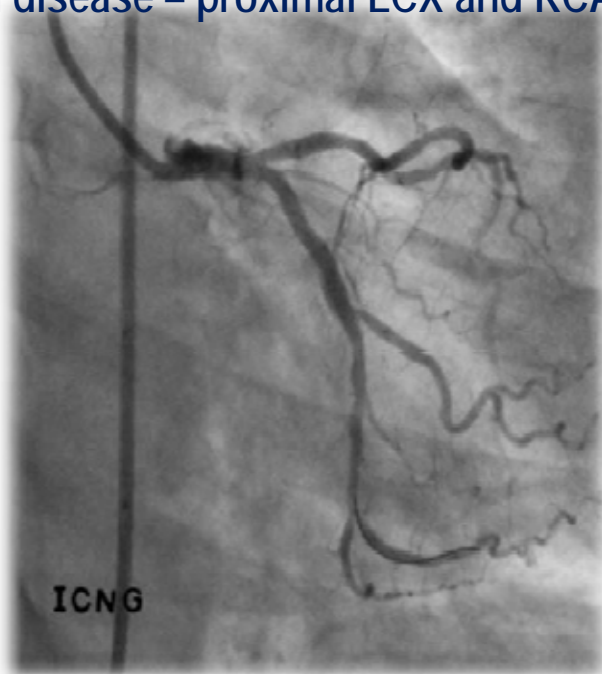
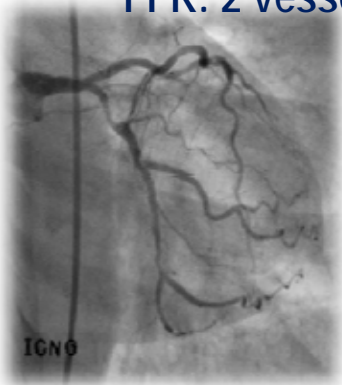
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Coronary CT angiography: 2 vessel disease - Proximal LAD, prx and dist LCX 70%

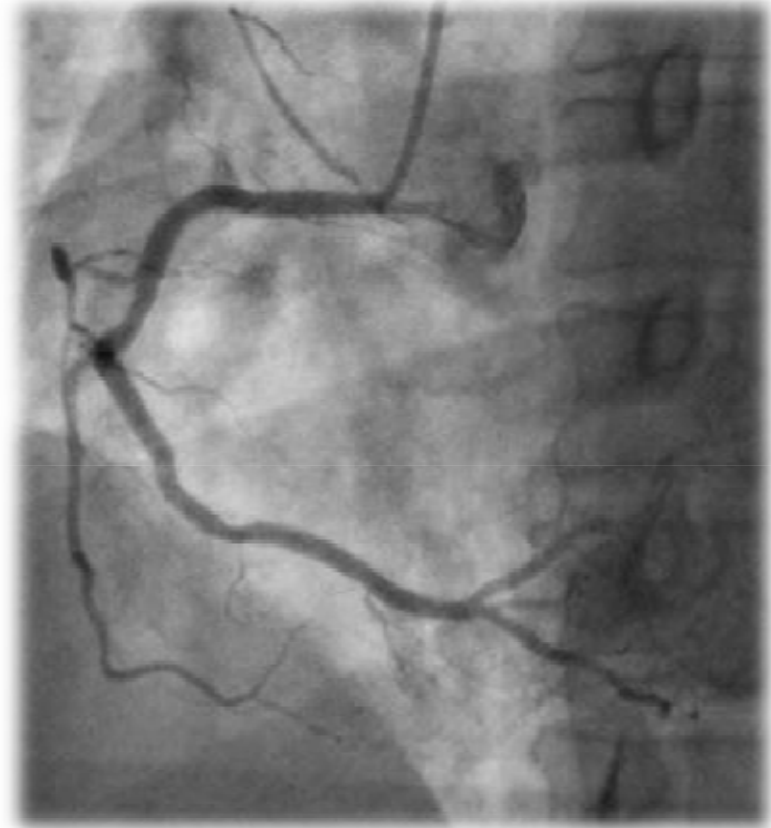
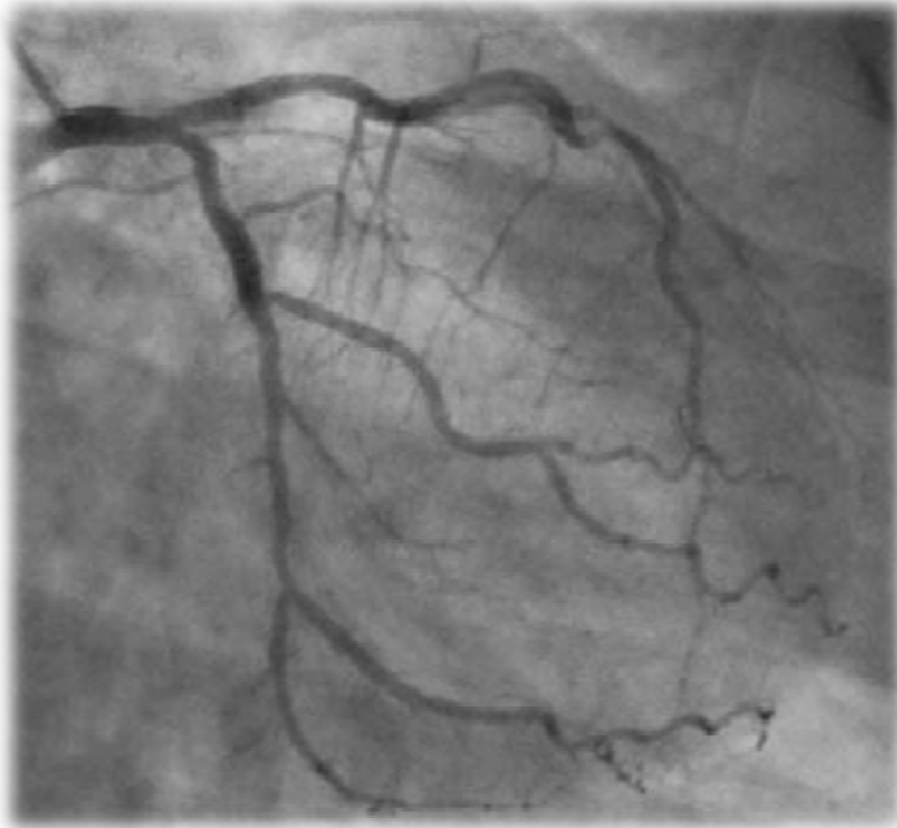
Exercise stress test: suggestive of positive

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FFR: 2 vessel disease – proximal LCX and RCA ostium



1.5 year Follow up angiogram

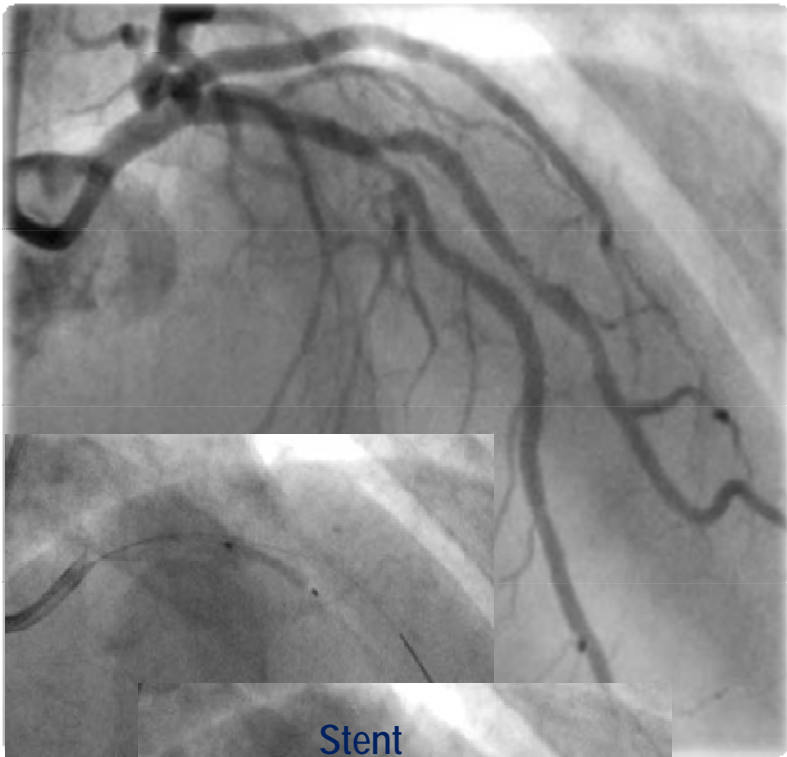


- No symptom, no event for 4 years

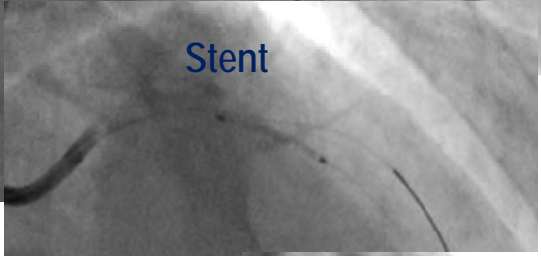
M/50 Claudication

Preoperative angiography before vascular surgery

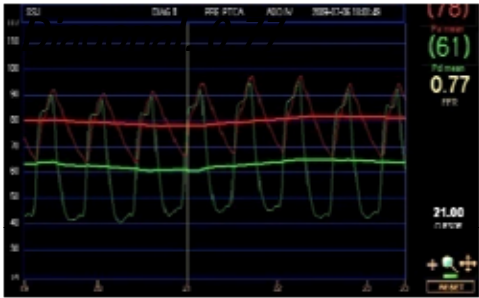
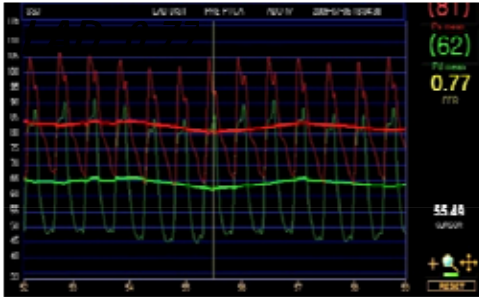


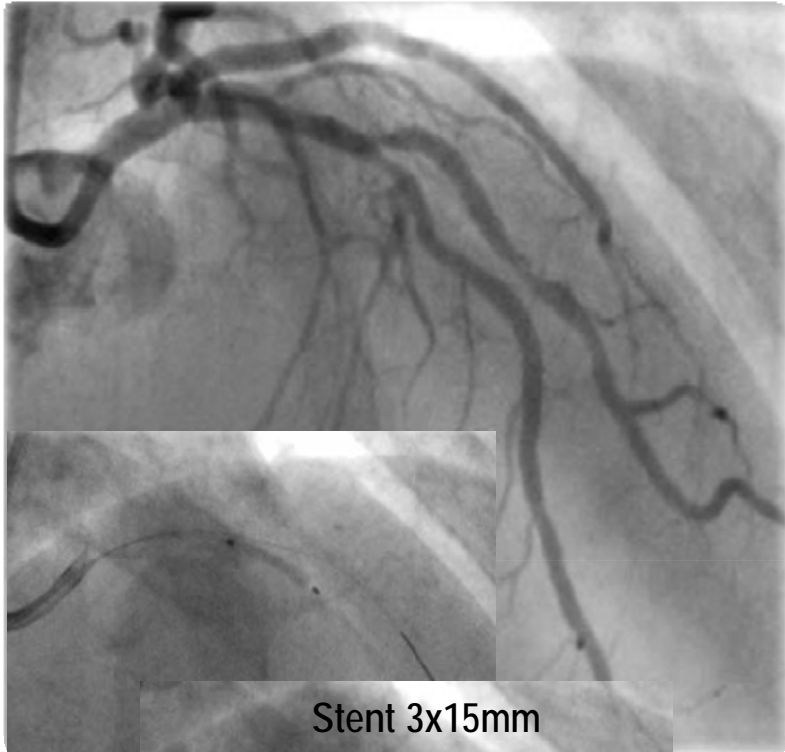


Stent



Adj Balloon

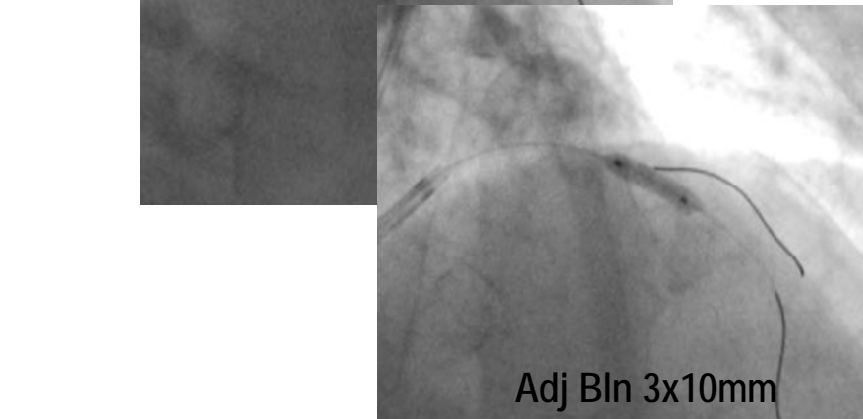




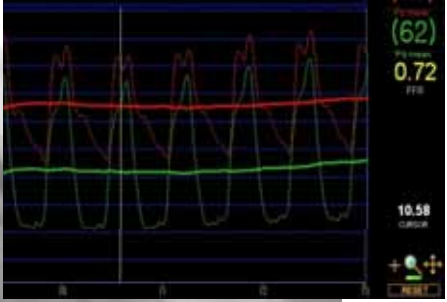
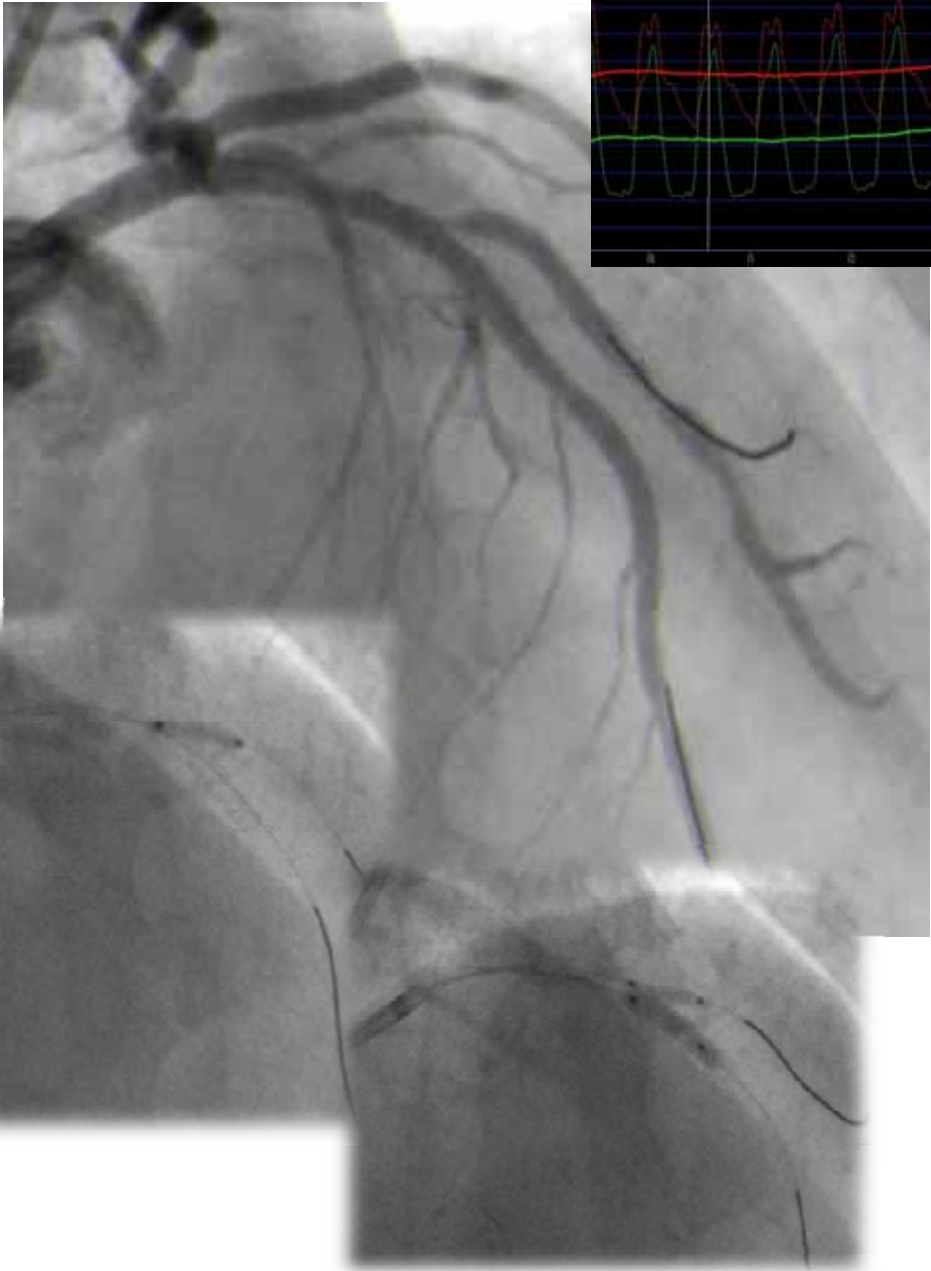
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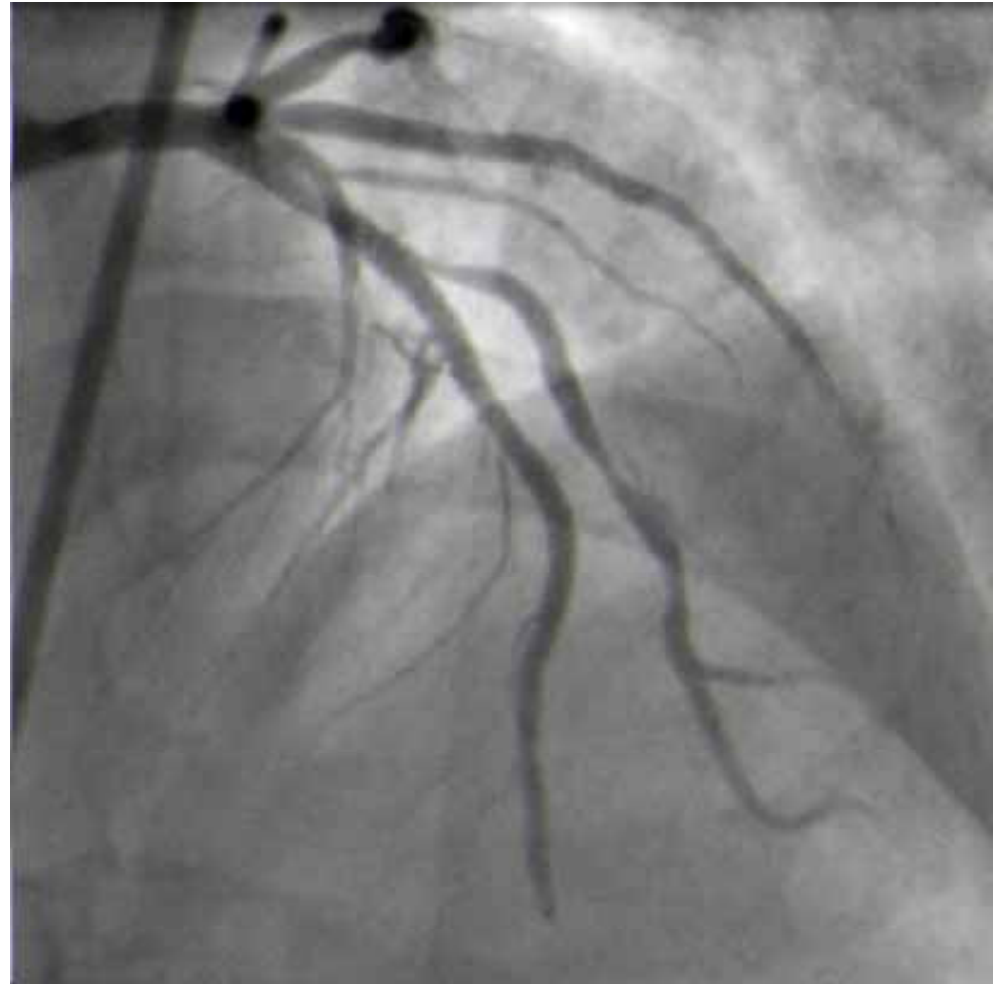
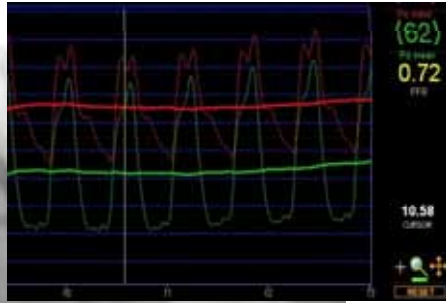


Side branch angioplasty?



Adj Bln 3x10mm





Discrepancy between stenosis and ischemia after SB angioplasty



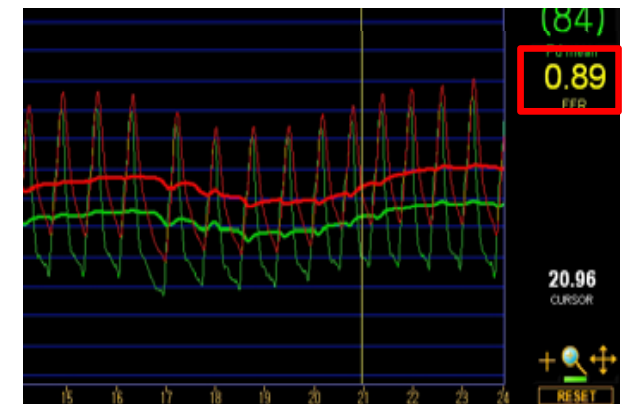
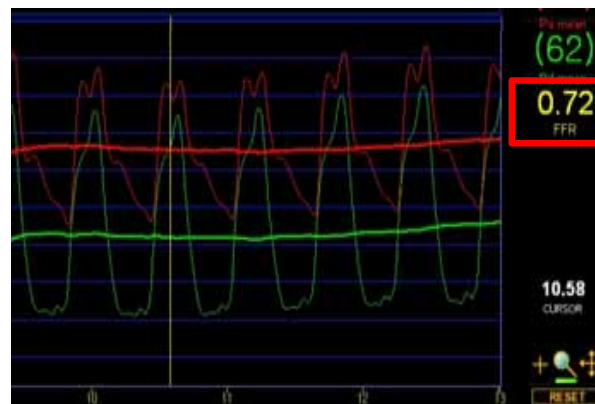
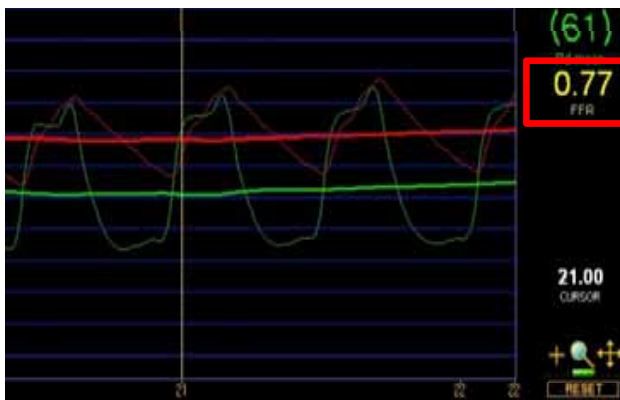
Before PCI



After MB stenting



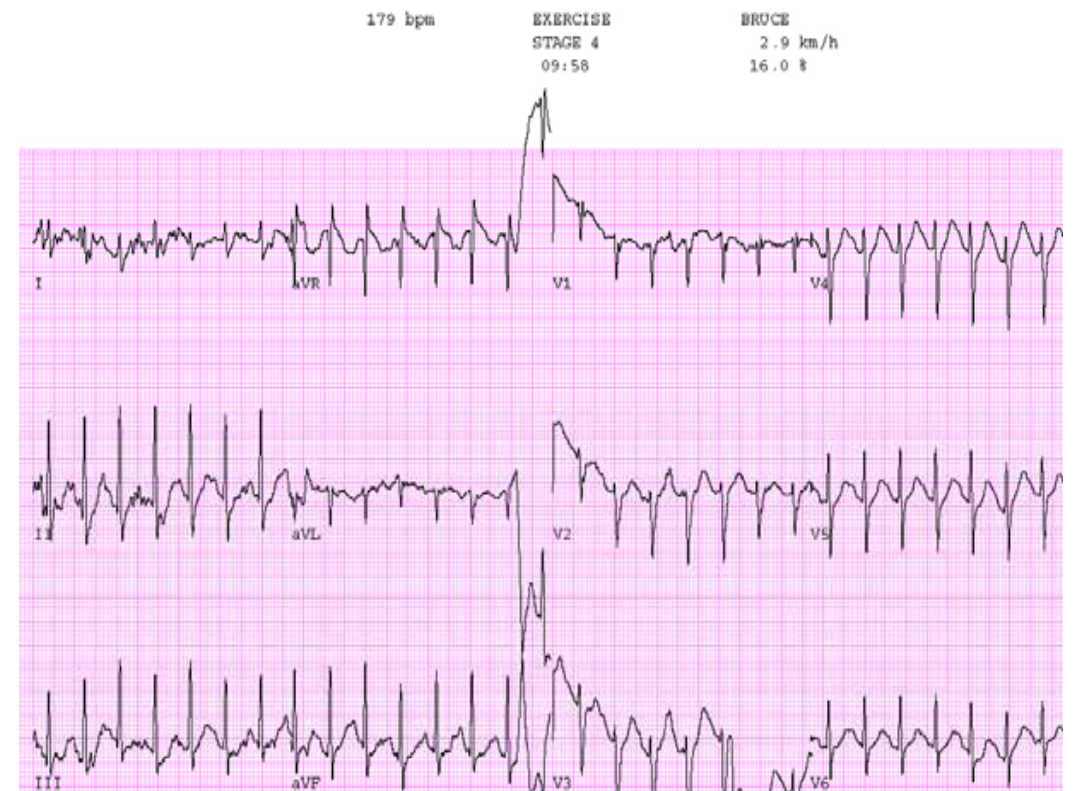
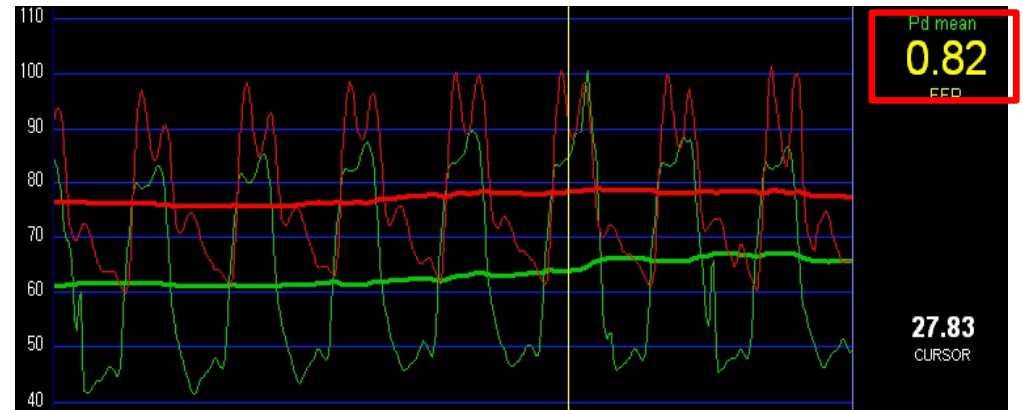
After kissing balloon



Functional outcome of Jailed side branches



11 month Follow- Up



FFR in Complex lesions

- *FFR is the only mean of gaining a “per segment” functional assessment of the coronary tree.*
- *FFR in complex lesions such as multi-vessel disease or bifurcation lesions can be a very helpful guide to perform the “ischemia-guided functional PCI” and can prevent unnecessary PCIs and their related complications.*
- *However, appropriate knowledge on coronary physiology, physiologic indices and some experience are essential to adequately perform the invasive physiologic studies in complex lesions.*