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# Focus Review: Bifurcation

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## Conflict of interest to disclose

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Terumo and Biosensor

# We See Bifurcation Lesions Everyday

- ✓ Need a standardized approach
- ✓ Simple and safe
- ✓ High rate of success
- ✓ Low rate of complications
- ✓ Good long term results

Male 67 years old

Previous smoker

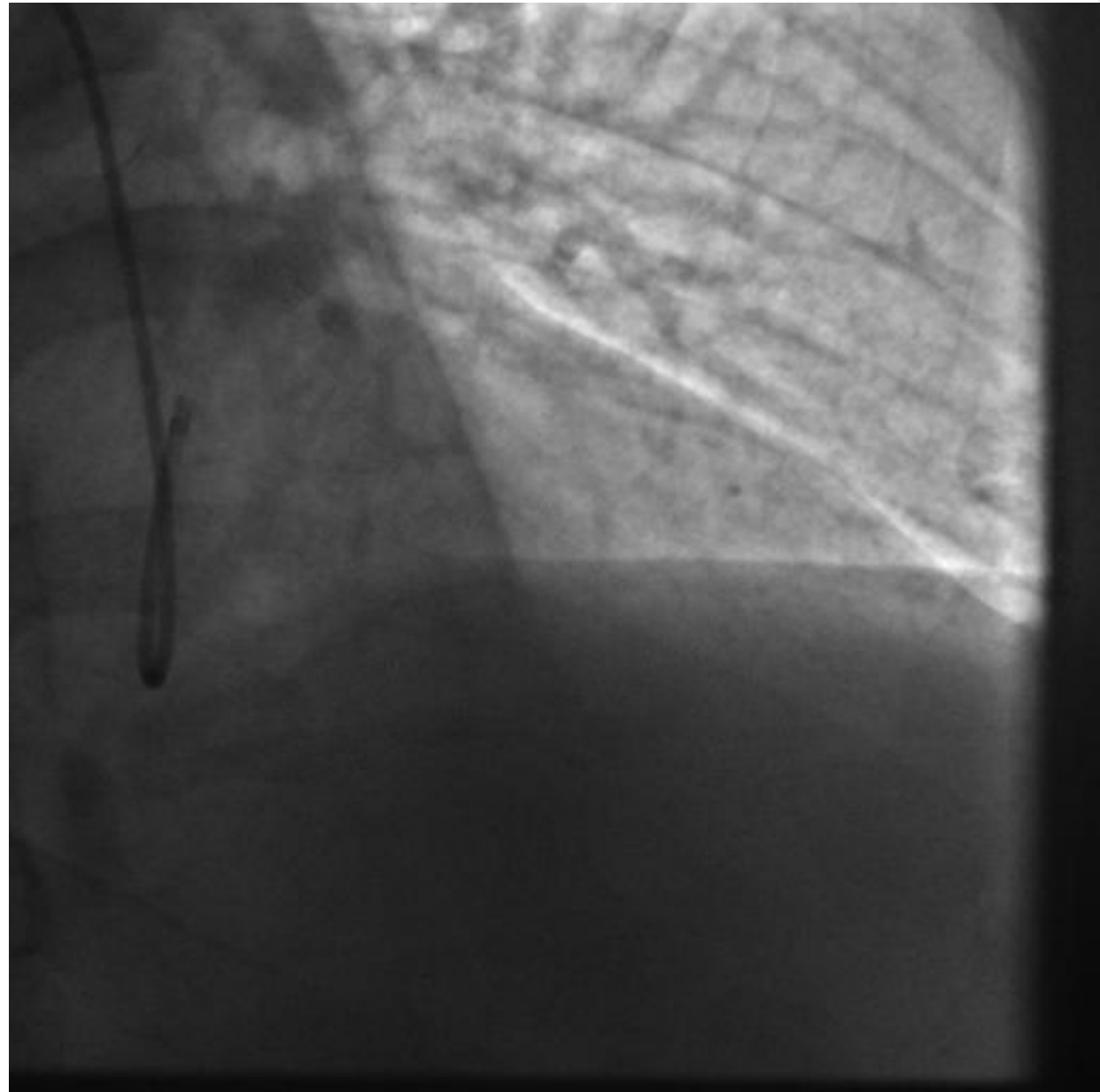
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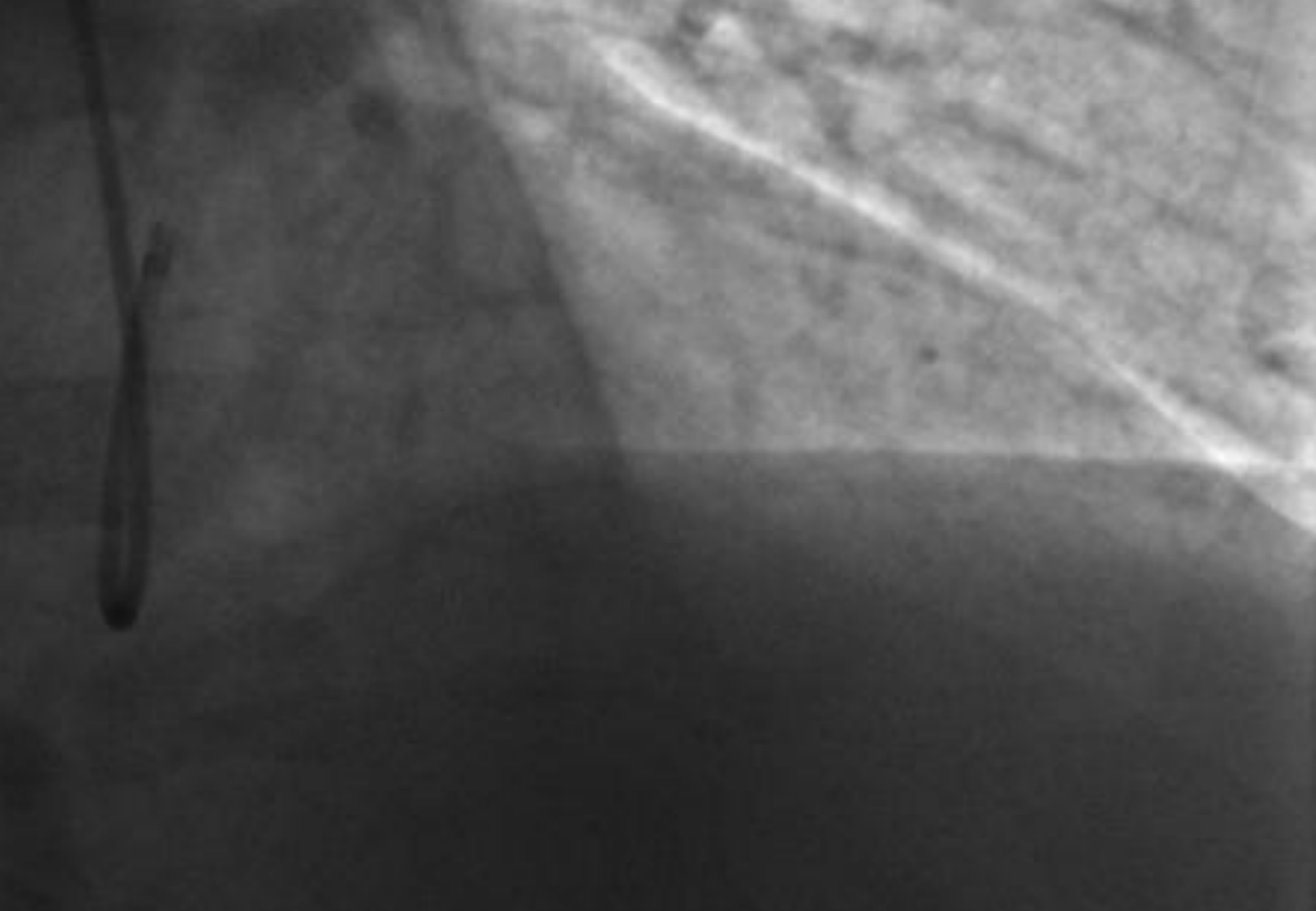
Unstable angina

EF 63%

Already on DAPT

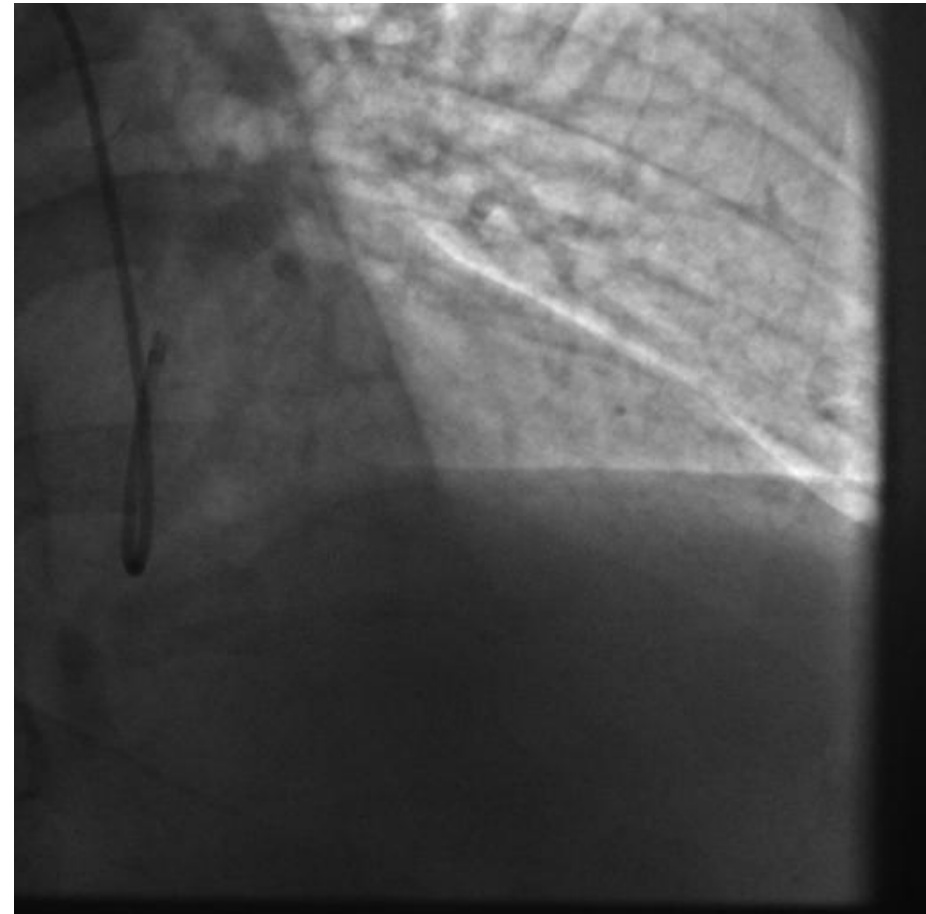
Normal RCA



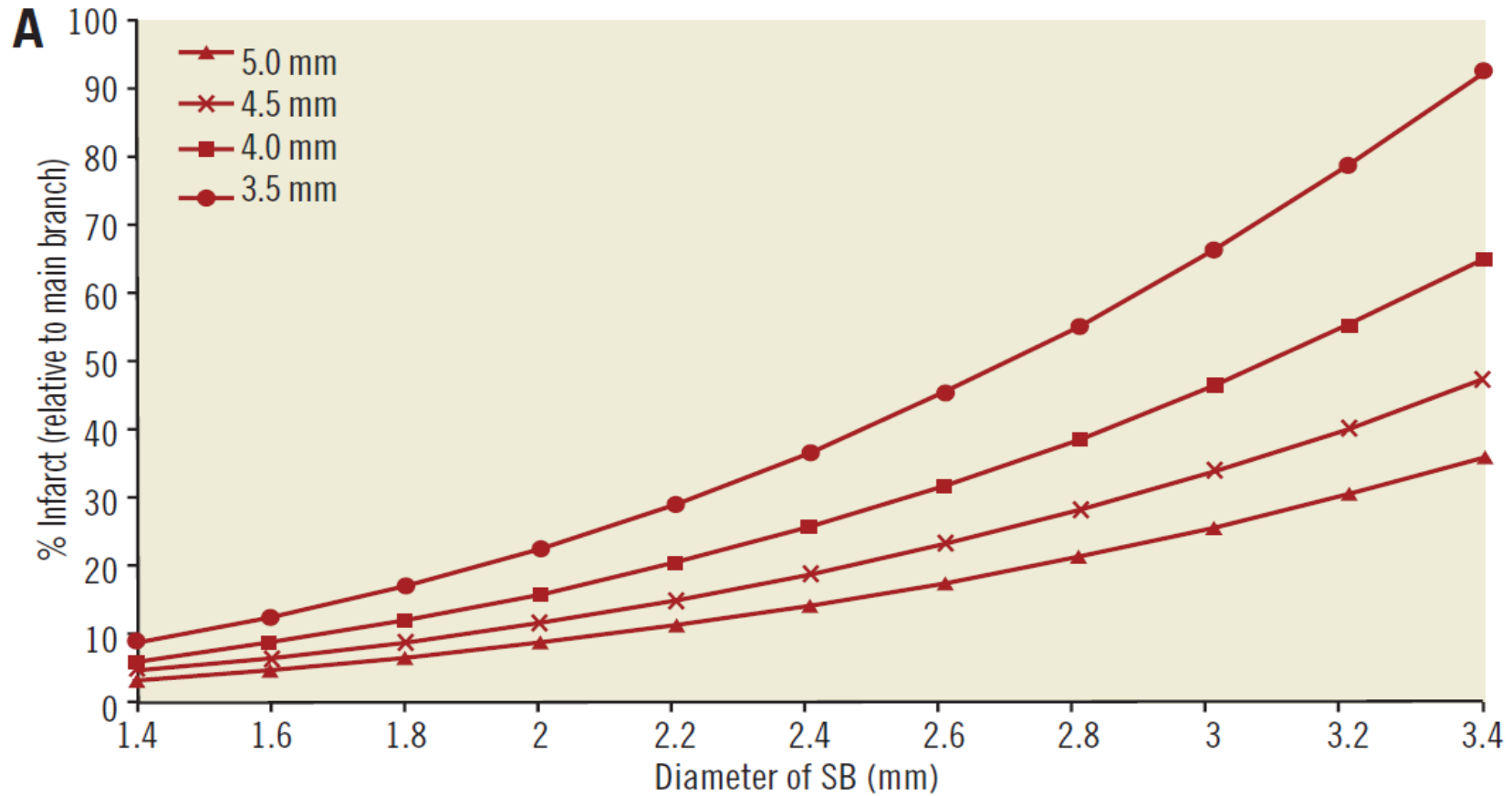


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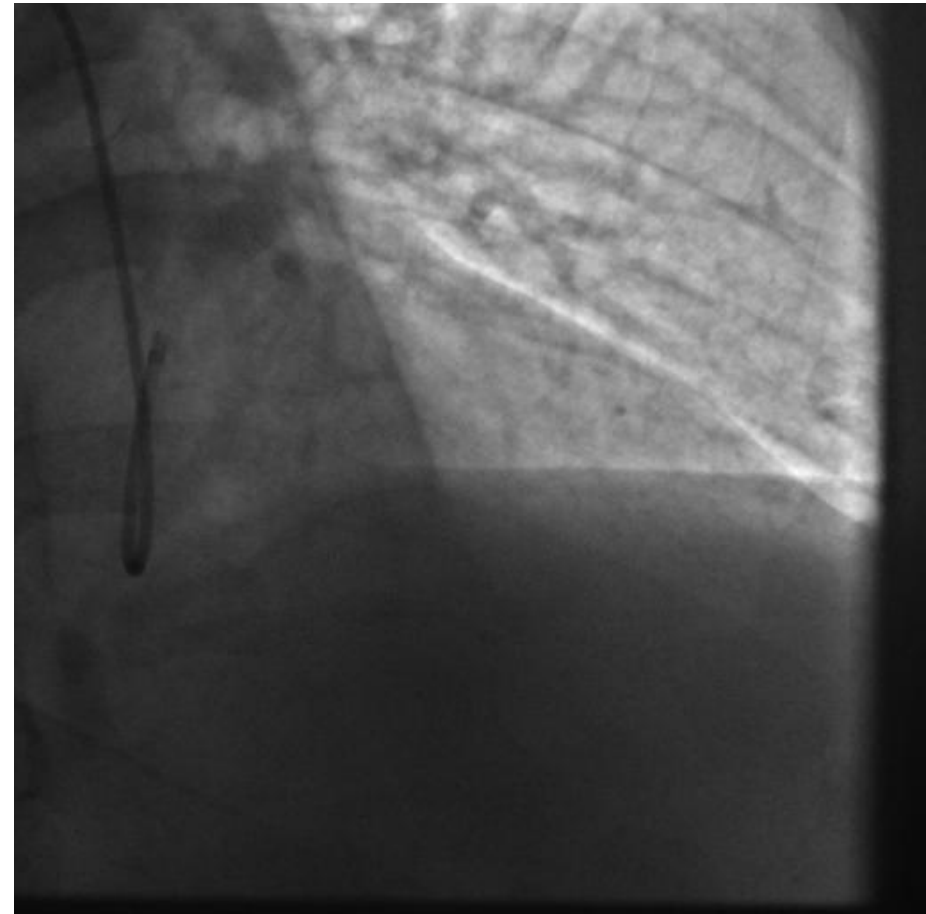


# Structure-function scaling laws of vascular trees



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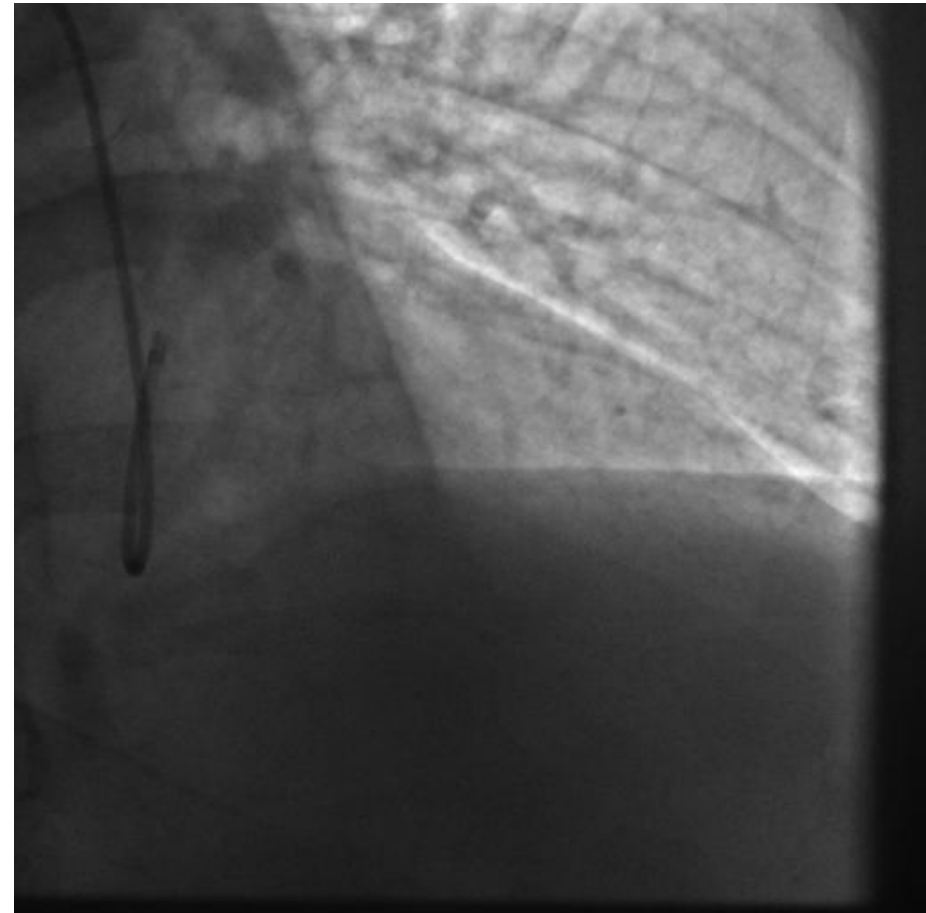
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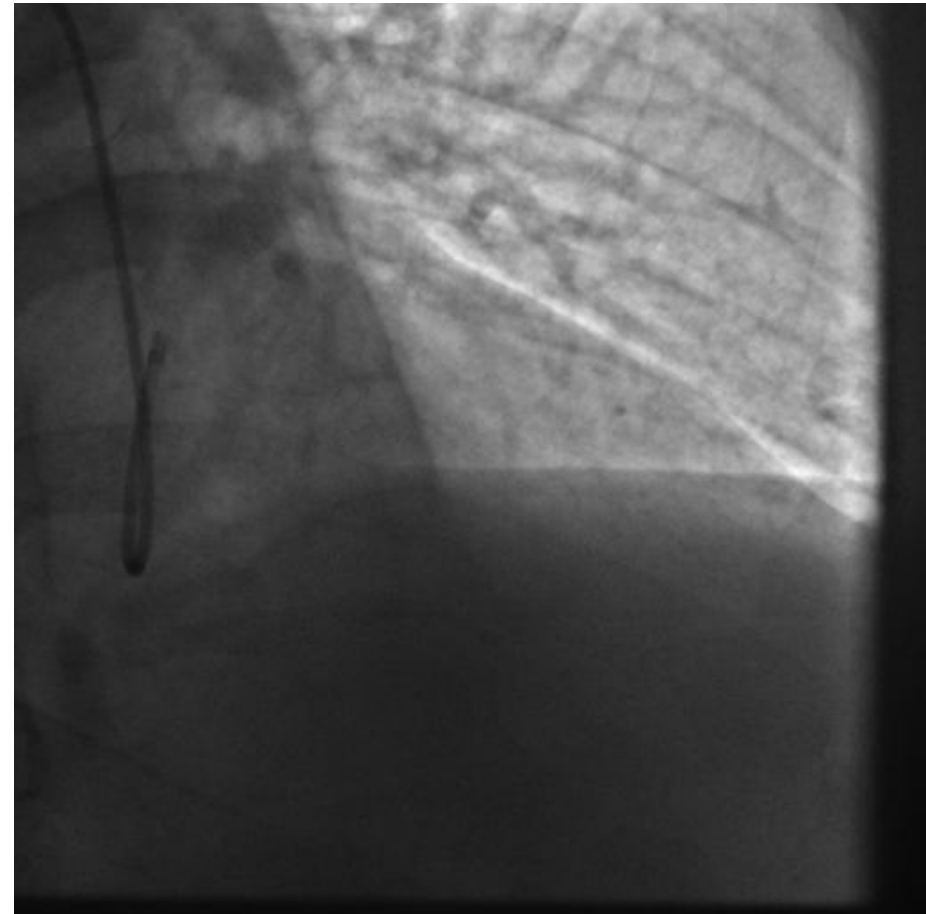
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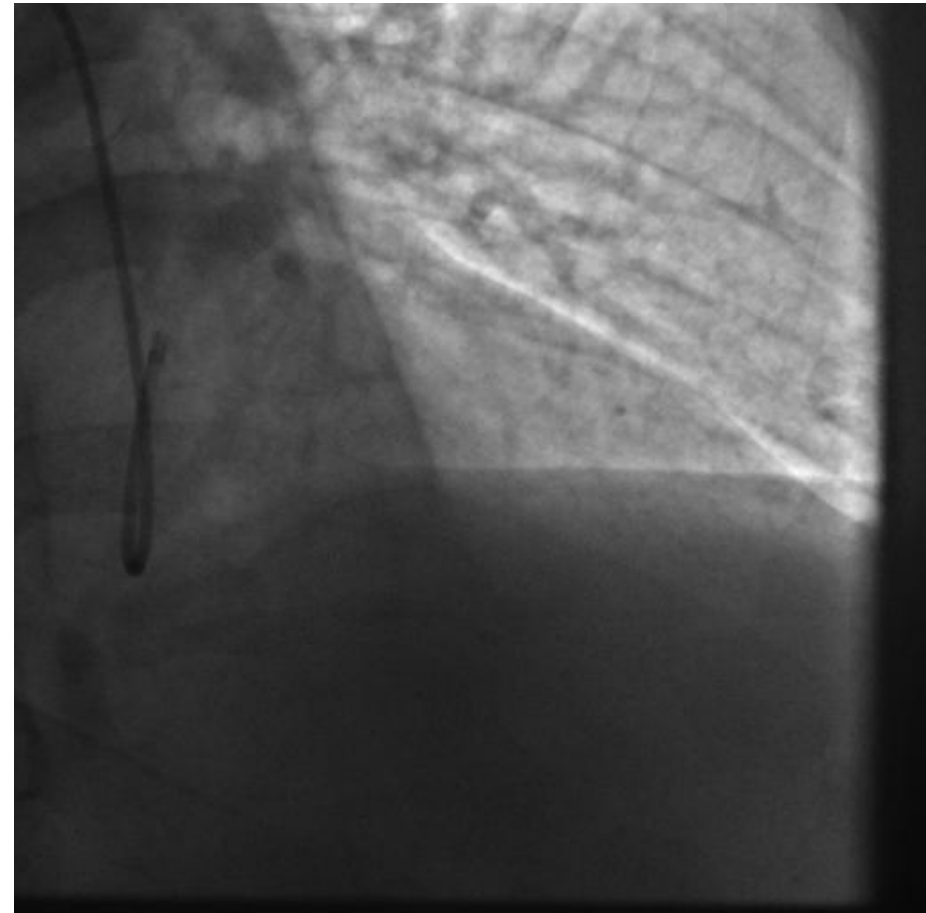
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5. One or two stents ?



# Lumen vs Plaque



# 7 Randomized Studies With DES

Study	Stent	Patients (n)		True Bif. (%)	Cross-over (%)		CS Technique (n)	Final kind		U (n)	
		PS	CS		to CS	to PS		CS	PS	CS	CS
BBC One	PES	250	250	83	2.8	1.6	Crush 18				
							Other 43				
Nordic	SES	207	206	86			Other 69	31	74	151	156
CACTUS						ND	Crush	90	92	150	152
BBK					19	3	T stent 120	100	100		ND
				86	2.1	9.1	T stent 45	56	77		80
		43		ND	51.2	4.7	T stent 60	86	95		ND
							V stent 1				
							Y stent 2				

**8 Meta-analysis**  
**No advantage for using 2 stents**

# Nordic I

## Procedural Data

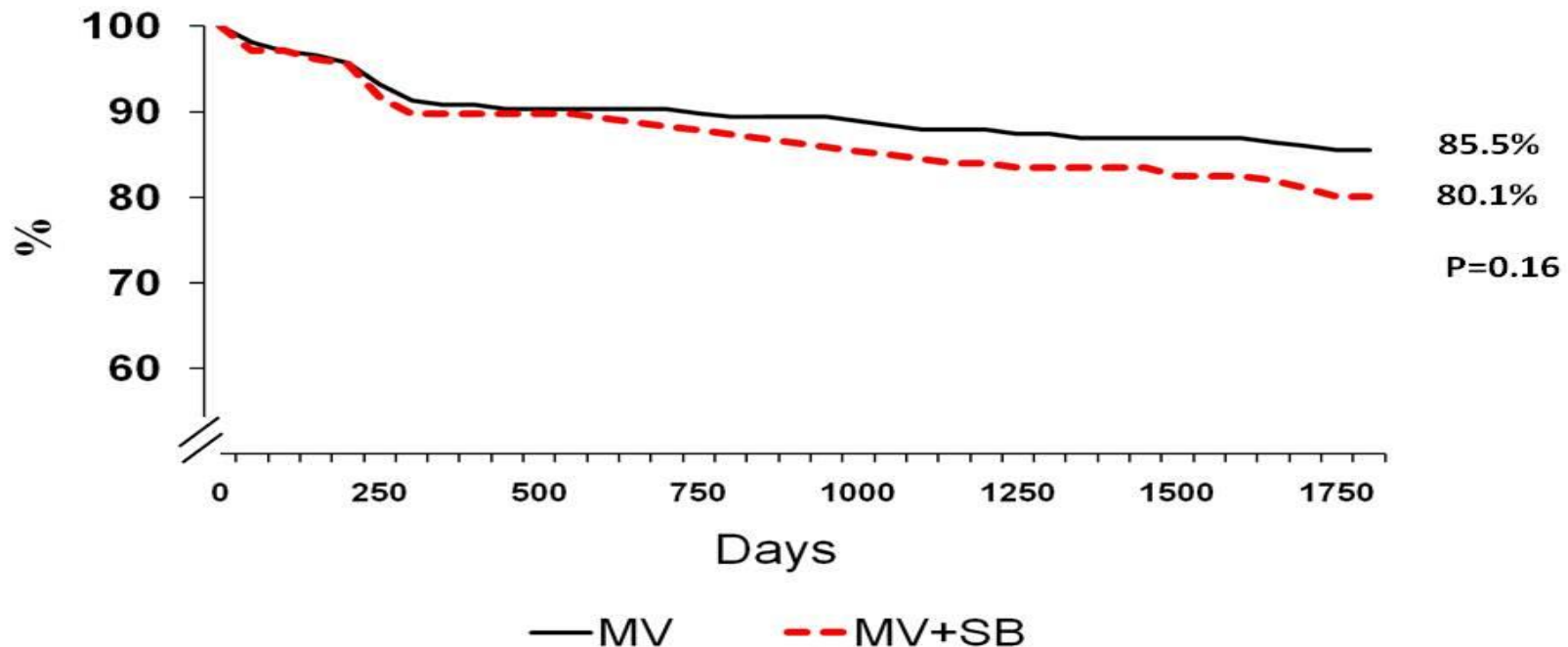
Procedural Characteristics	MV n=207	MV+SB n=206	P value
SB stented	9 (4.3)	196(95.1)	<0.0001
Final kissing balloon	65 (32)	152 (74)	<0.0001
Procedural success	200 (97)	194 (94)	0.35
Procedure time, min	62±51	76 ±40	<0.0001
Fluoroscopy time, min	15±9	21±10	<0.0001
Contrast volume, mL	233±93	283±117	<0.0001
Biomarker Elevation	n=153	n=126	P value
>3 elevation (%)	8	18	0.011
>5 elevation (%)	4	13	0.008
>10 elevation (%)	3	5	NS

# Nordic I (n=413)

## 5 Years Safety and Efficacy

### MACE Free Survival

Cardiac death, MI, TVR, stent thrombosis



Thuesen L et al. Presented at ACC 2011.

## One stent when we can

*An optimal strategy will help to decrease the need for SB stenting*

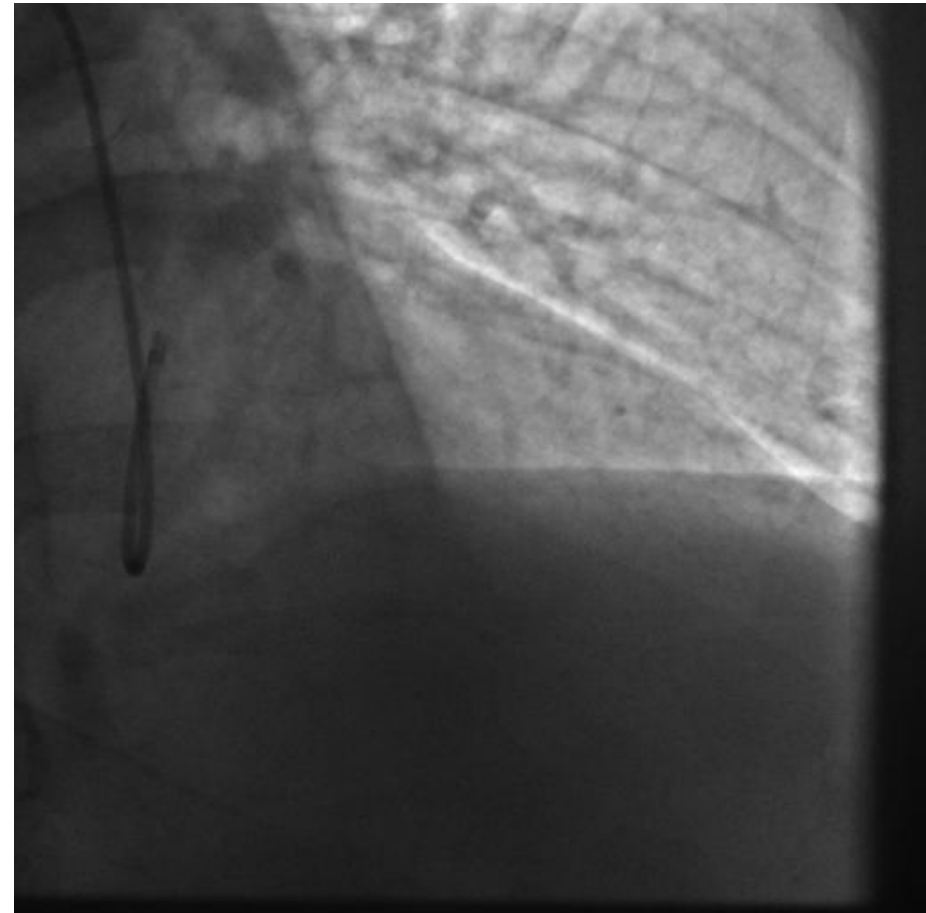
## Two stents when needed

*Develop strategies to make it easy, safe and effective*



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6. One or two wires ?



# Start with 2 Wires

- ✓ Keep the SB open ?\*
- ✓ Good Marker of the SB ostium in case of occlusion
- ✓ Modified favorably the angle between MB and SB\*\*
- ✓ Not working with 2 wires is a predictor of SB occlusion\*\*\*
- ✓ Decrease the risk of TVR \*\*\*

*Colombo et al. personal communication, TCT 2008*

*\*\* Louvard et al. TCT 2003*

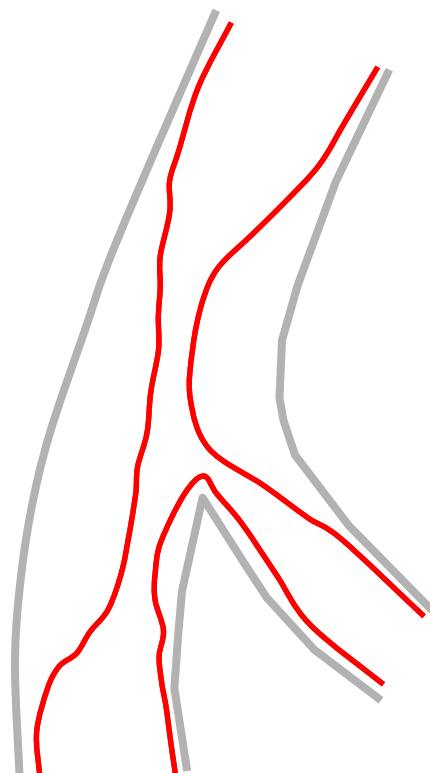
*\*\*\* Brunel et al. TULIP Study, CTVI 2006*

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7. **SB Predilatation ?**



# What About Carena Disease ?



Carena is usually free of disease

*Virmani EBC 2007*

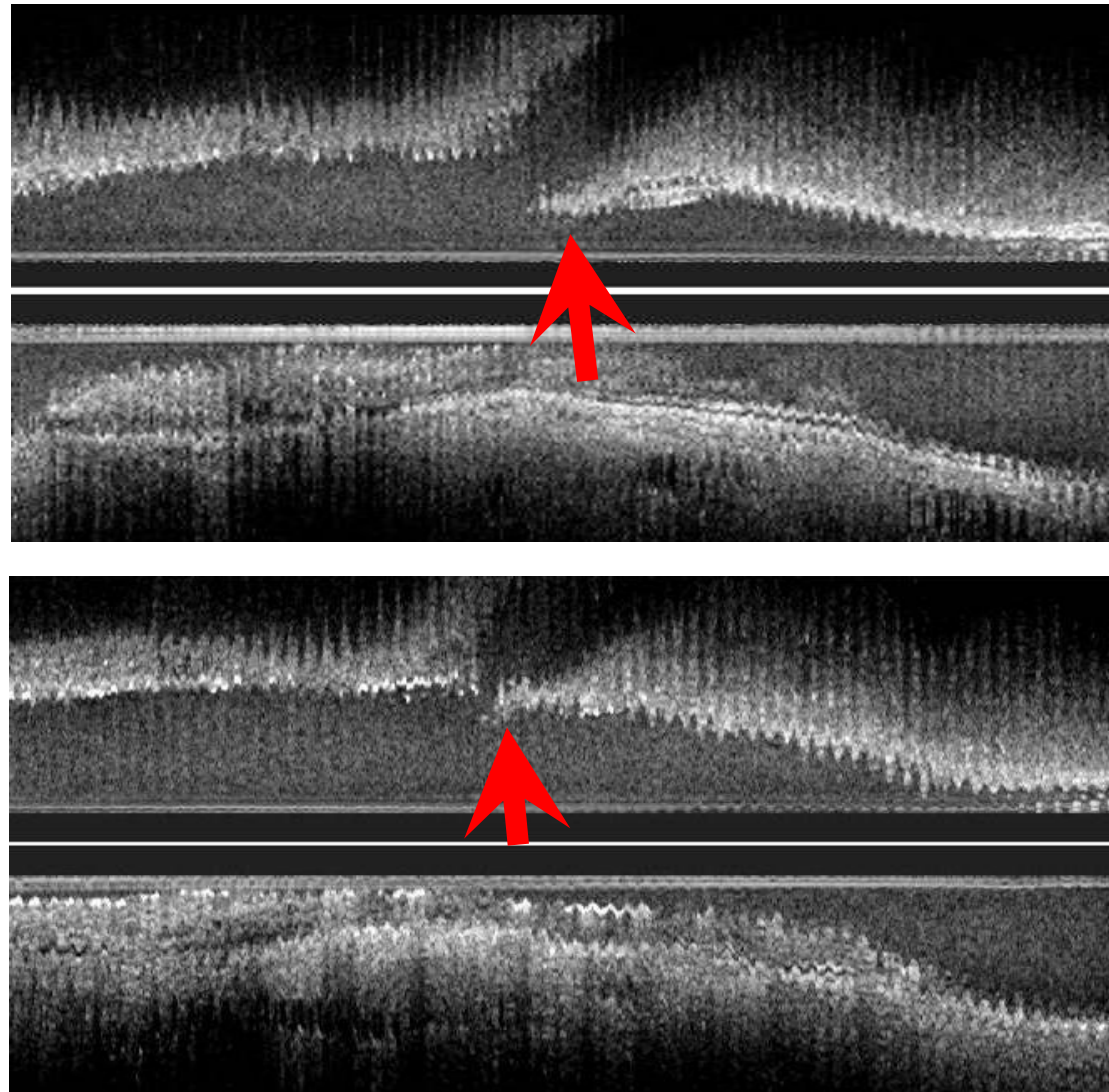
*Oviedo et al ACC 2008*

*Van der Giessen, et al. Euroint 2008*

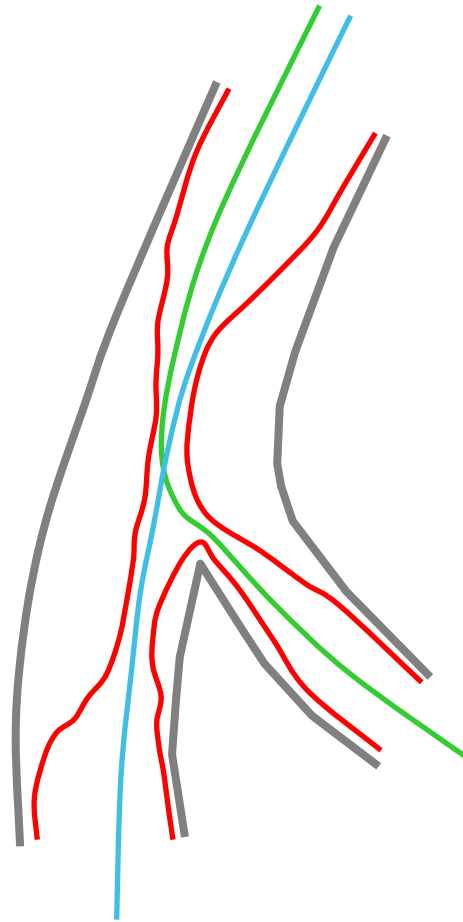
*Nakazawa G, et al. JACC 2010*

*Suarez de lezzo, Euroint 2011*

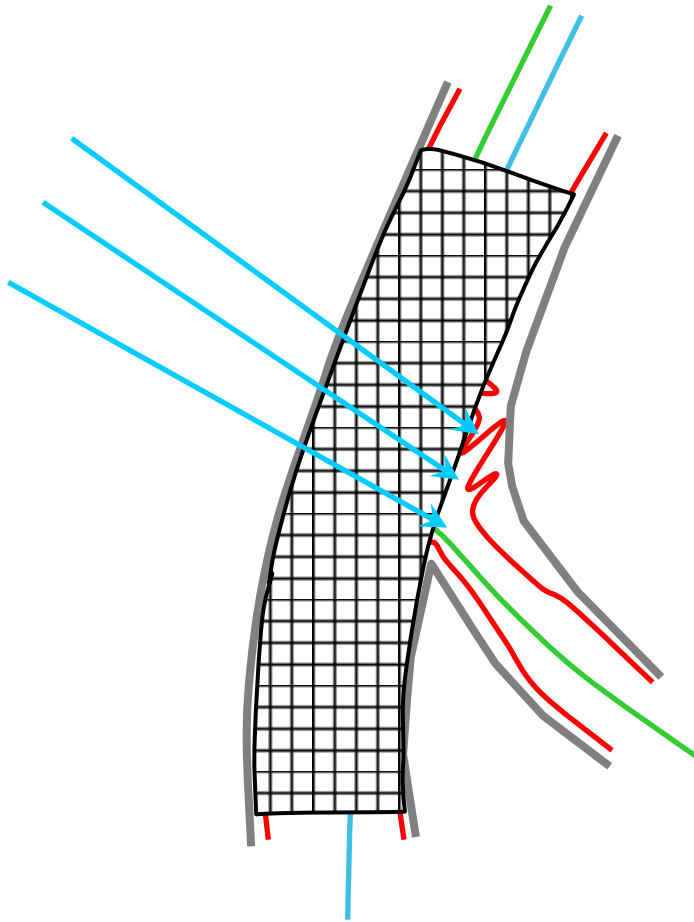
# Carena Shifting



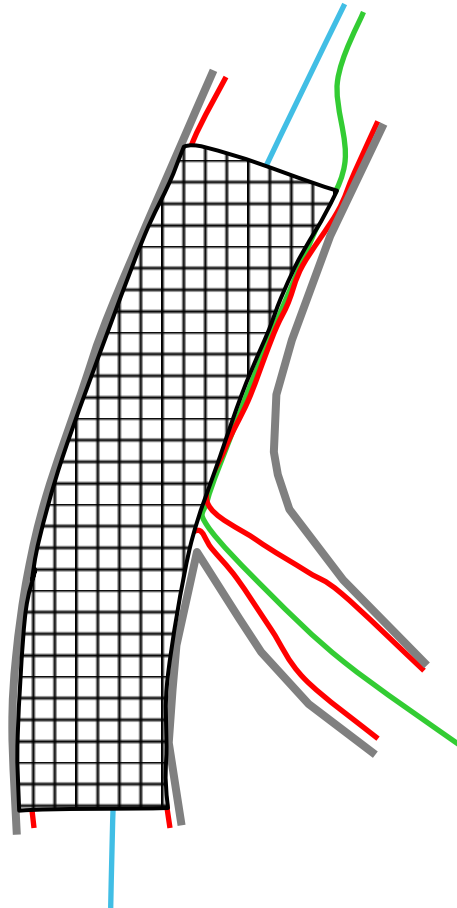
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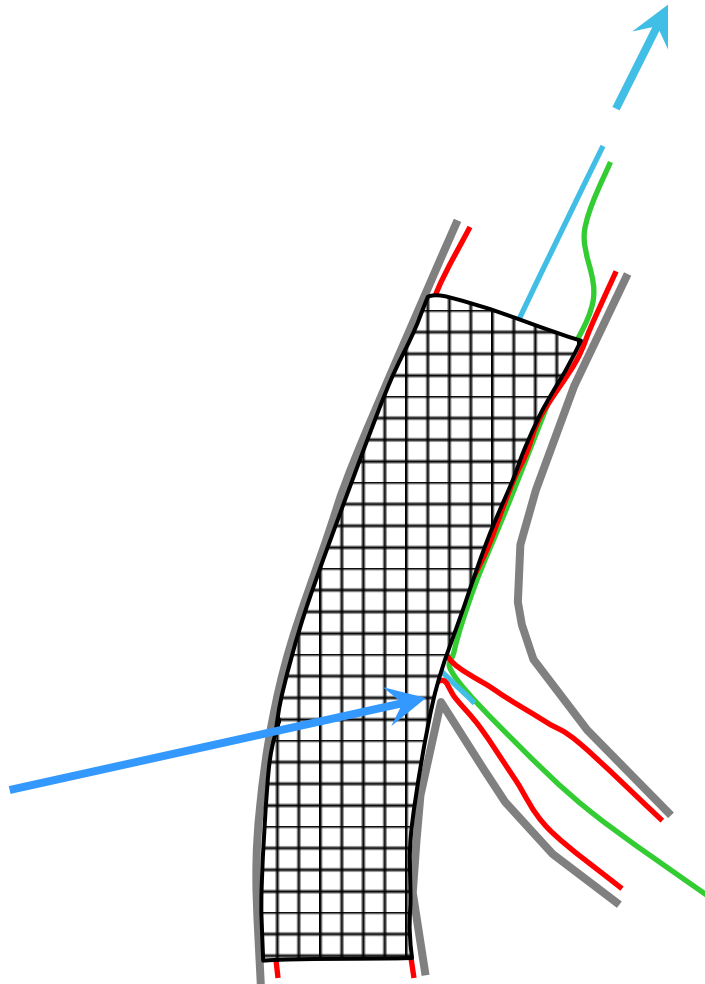


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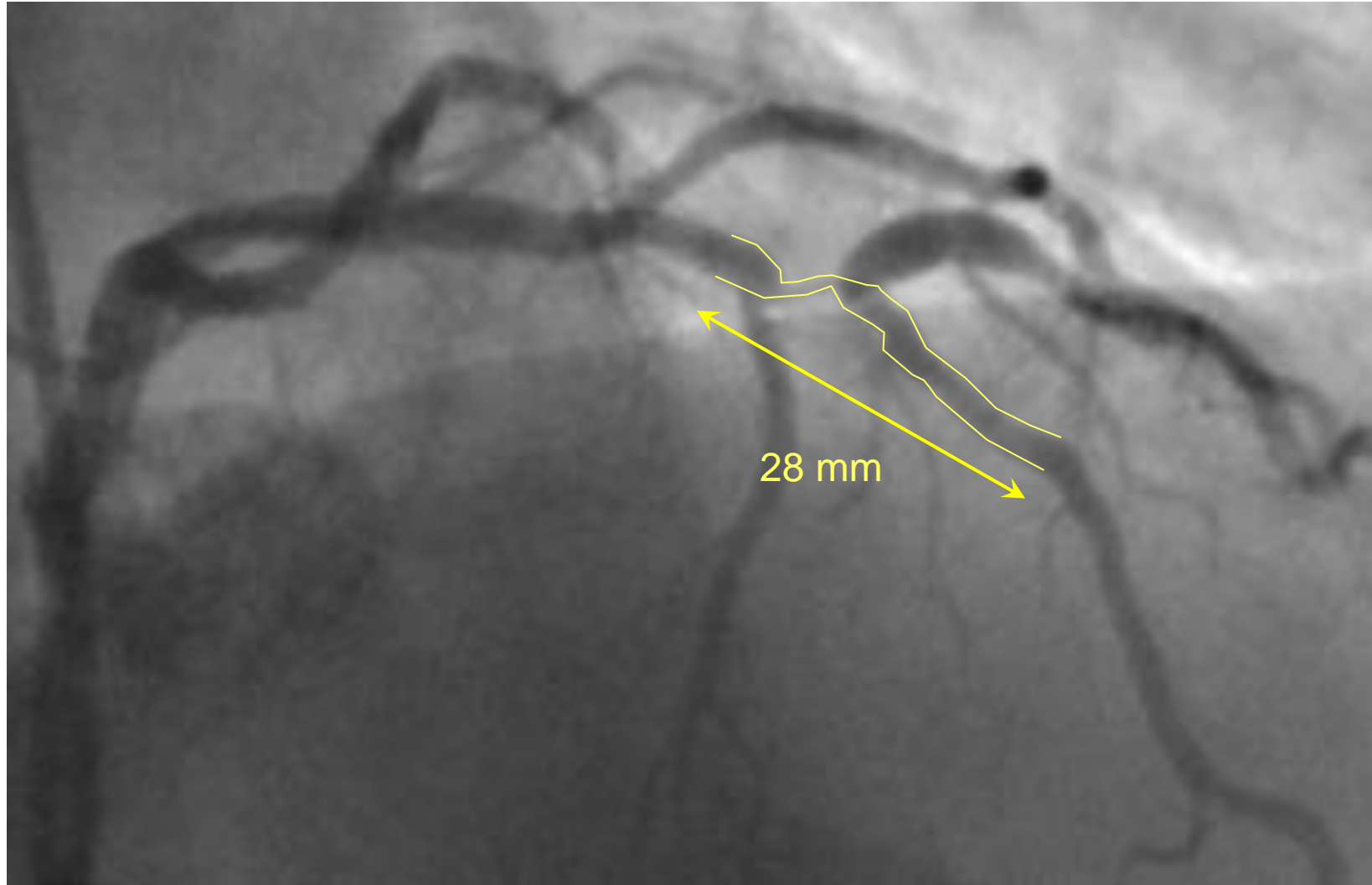


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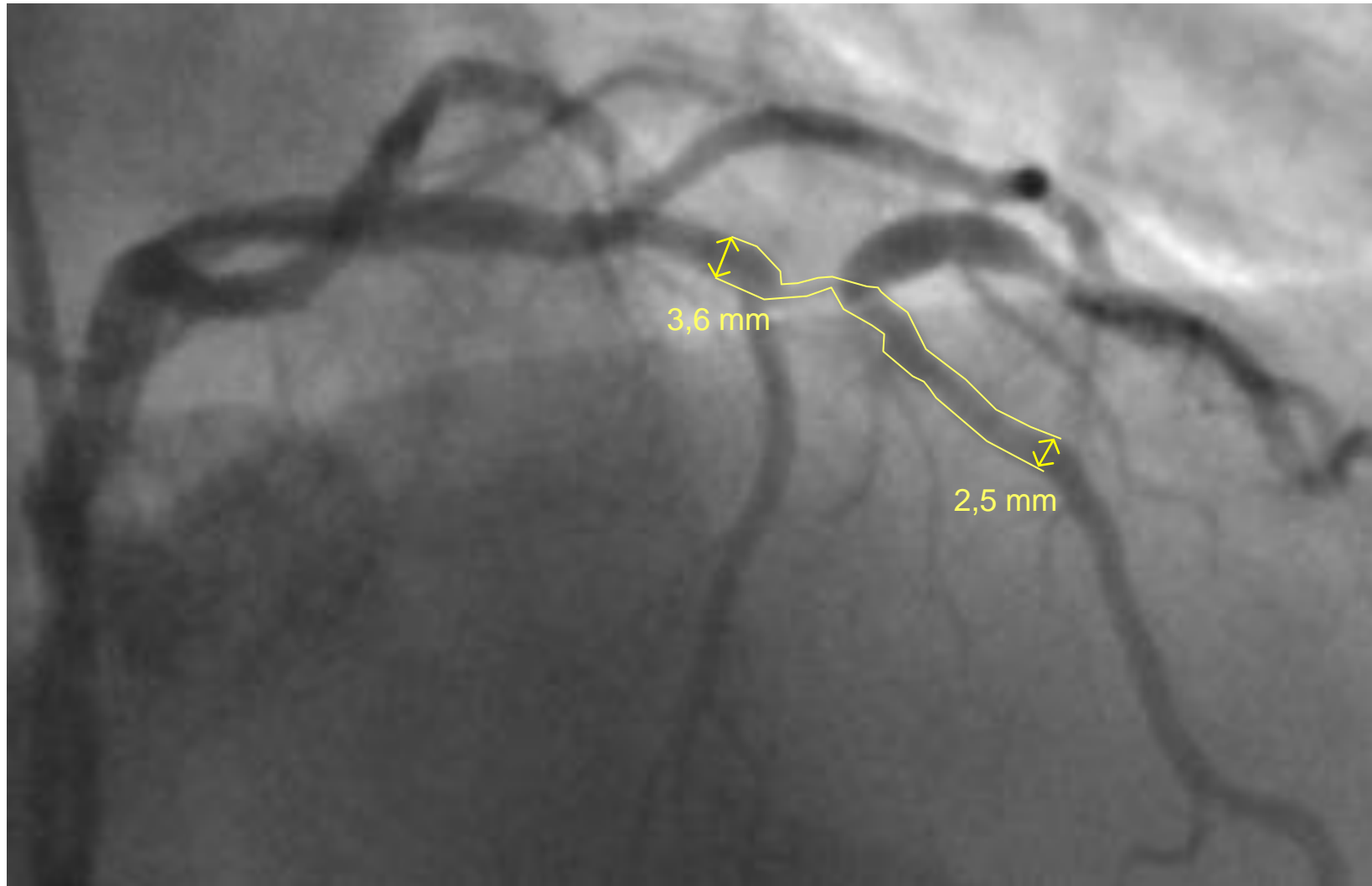
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8. **Stent length and diameter ?**



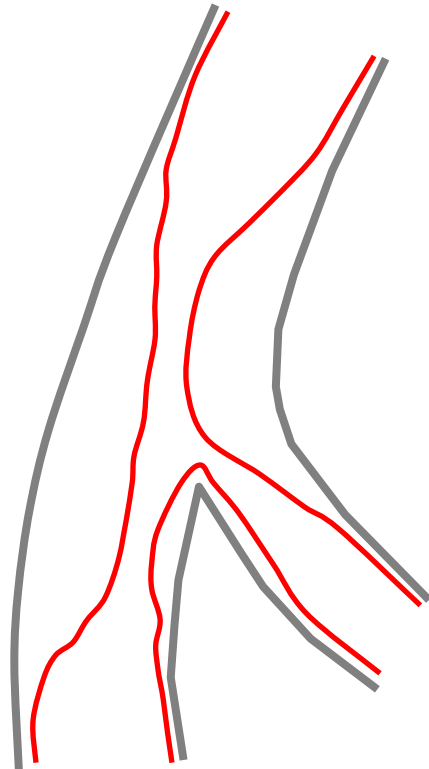
# Stent length ?



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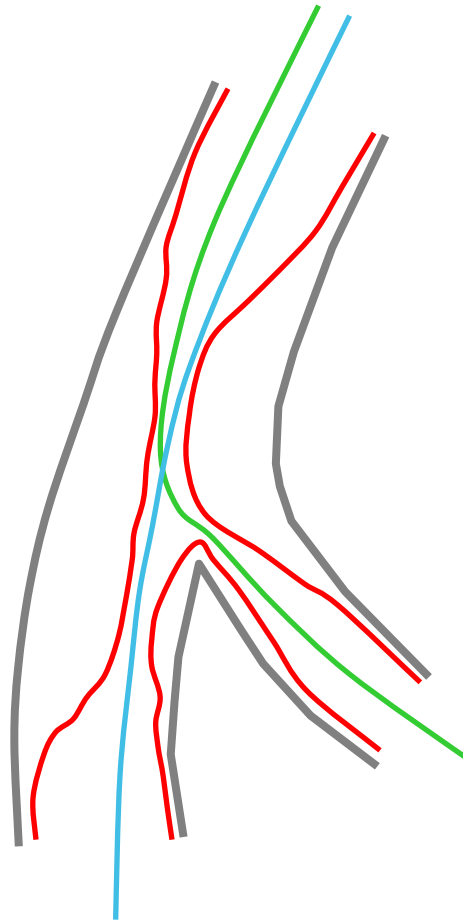
$$D_{\text{mother}}^3 = D_{\text{mother}}^3 + D_{\text{mother}}^3$$

*Murray CD. The physiological principle of minimum work. Proc Nat Acad Sci 1926*

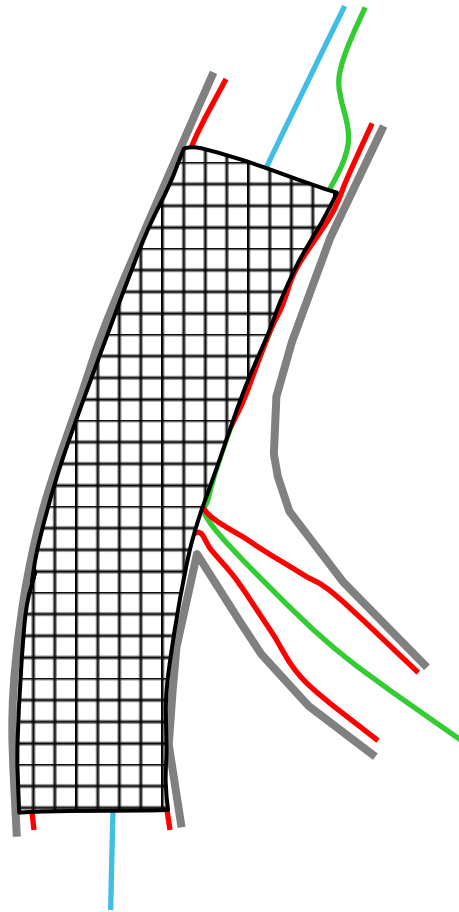
$$R = \frac{D_{\text{mother}}}{D_{\text{daughter 1}} + D_{\text{daughter 2}}} = \mathbf{0.678}$$

*Finet et al. Eurointervention 2007*

# Stent Diameter ?



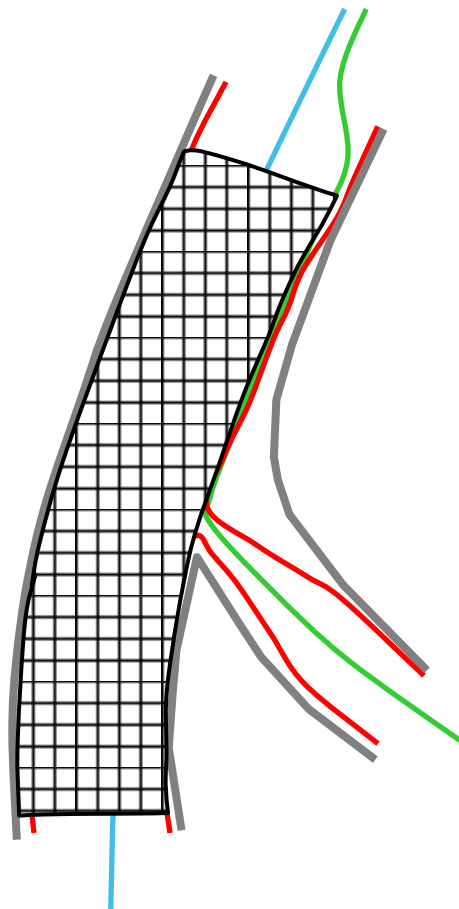
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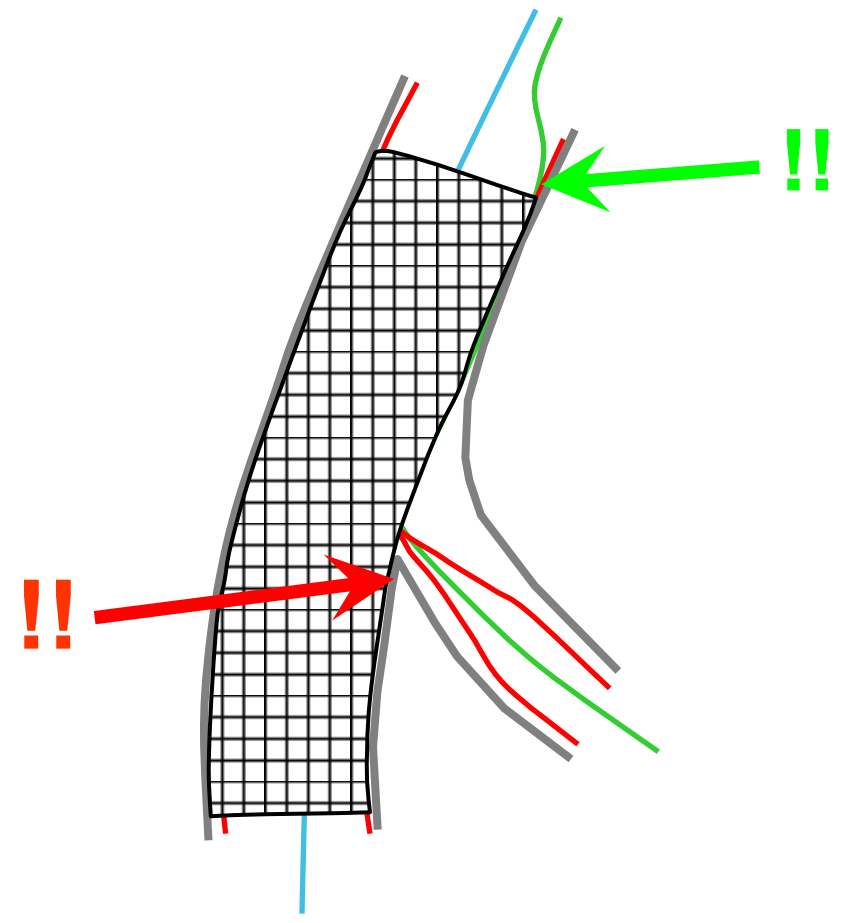
**Stent sized according to the distal reference**

1. Low risk of carena shifting
2. Wire not really jailed

# Stent Diameter ?



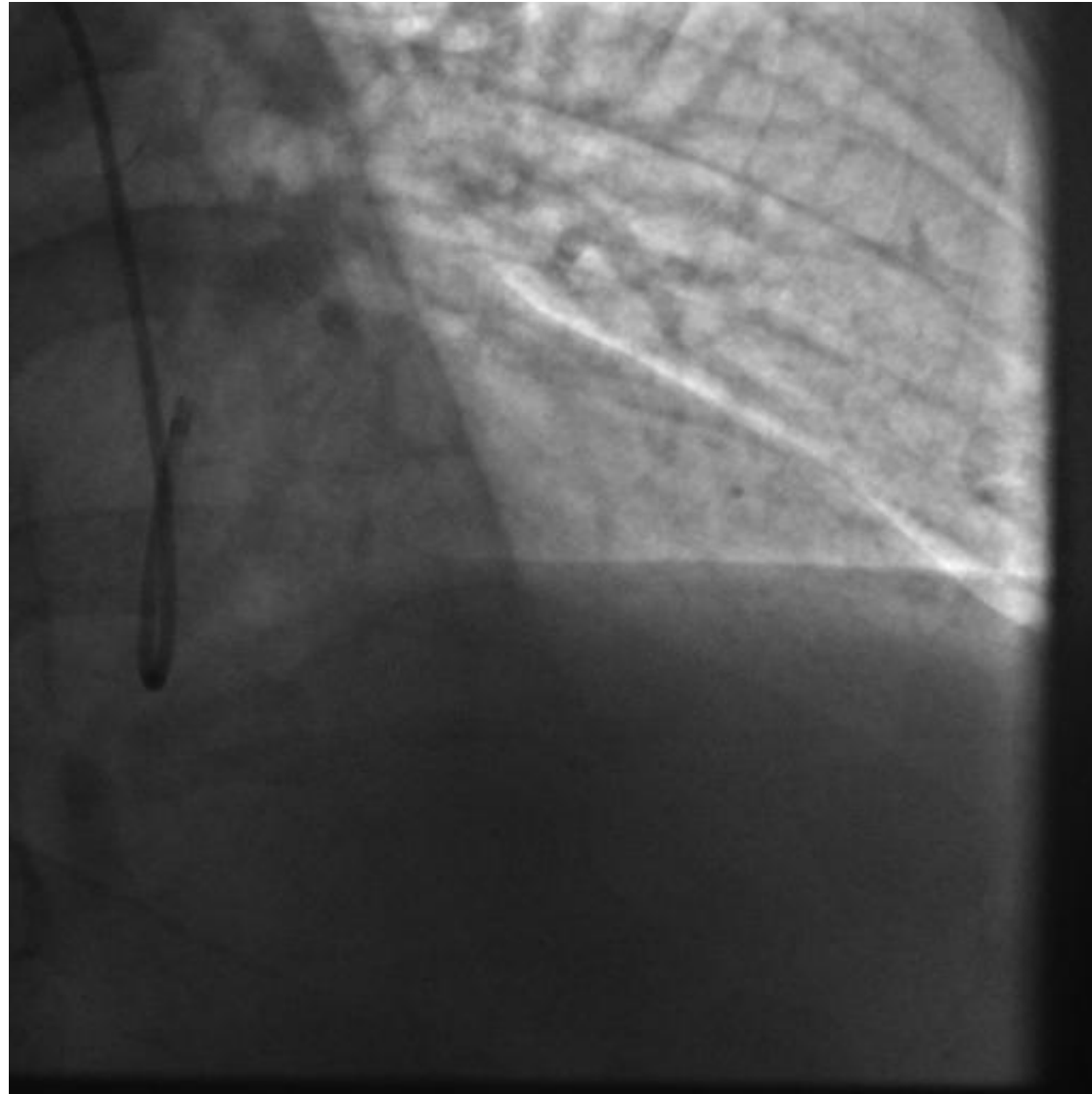
Respect of the fractal law



Fractal law not respected

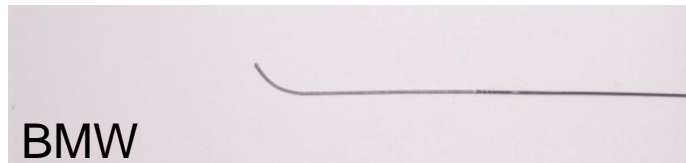


# Ready to Start ?



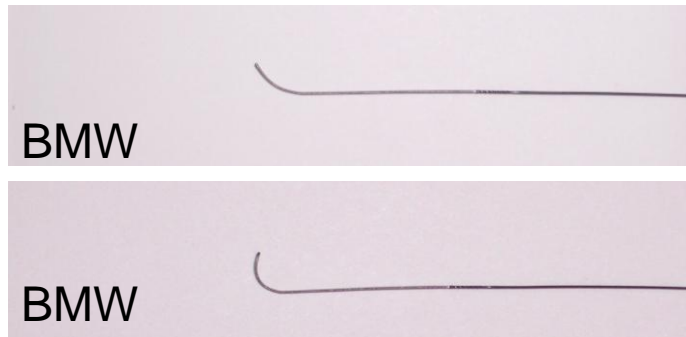
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- ✓ Most difficult Branch first



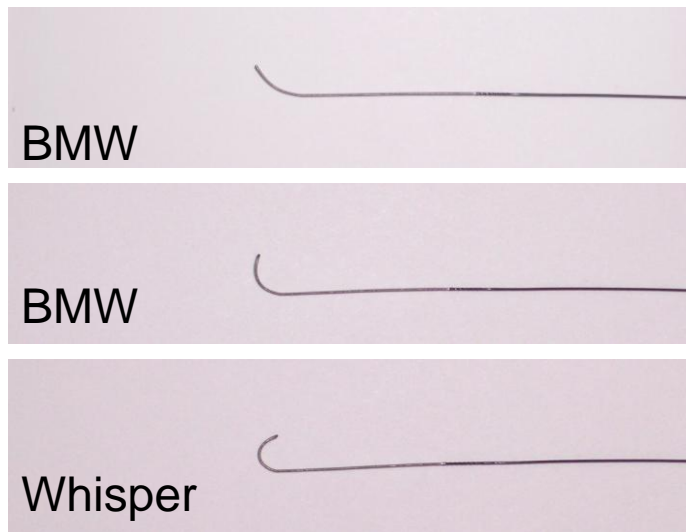
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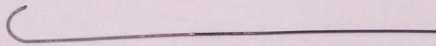
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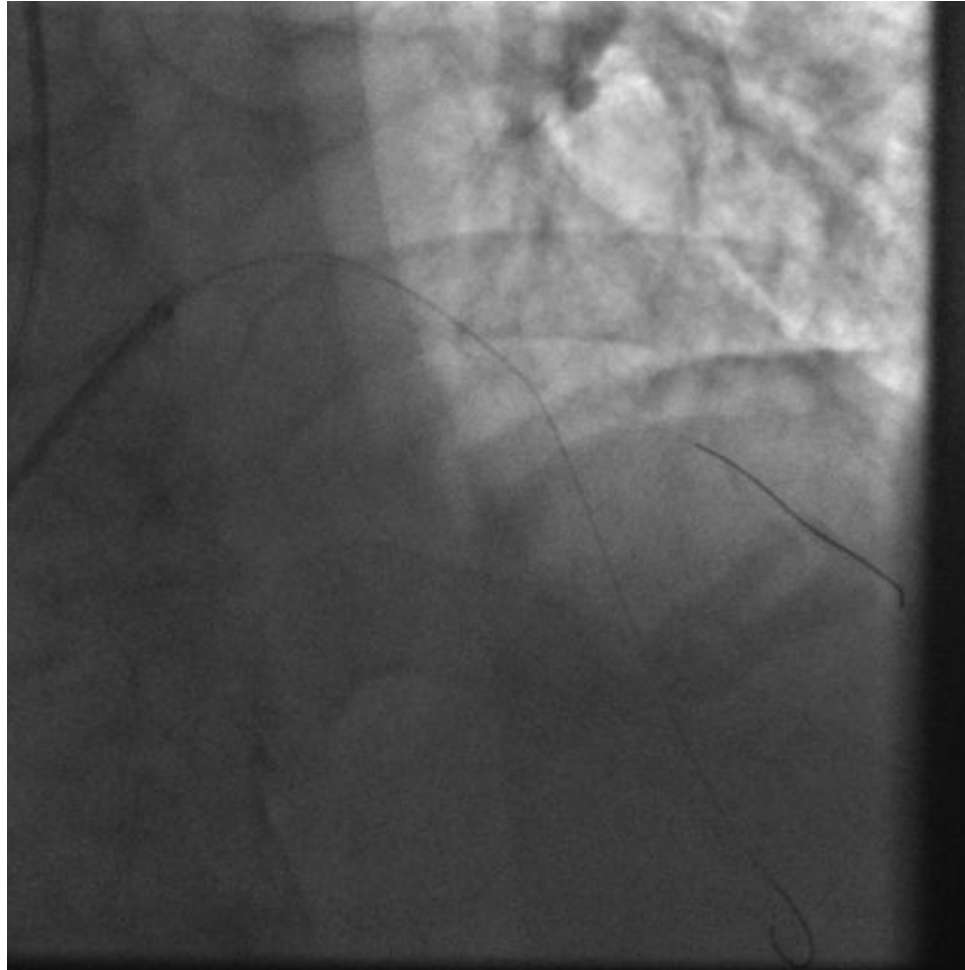
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- ✓ Most difficult Branch first
- ✓ In some cases, access is easier when pulling back from the other branch

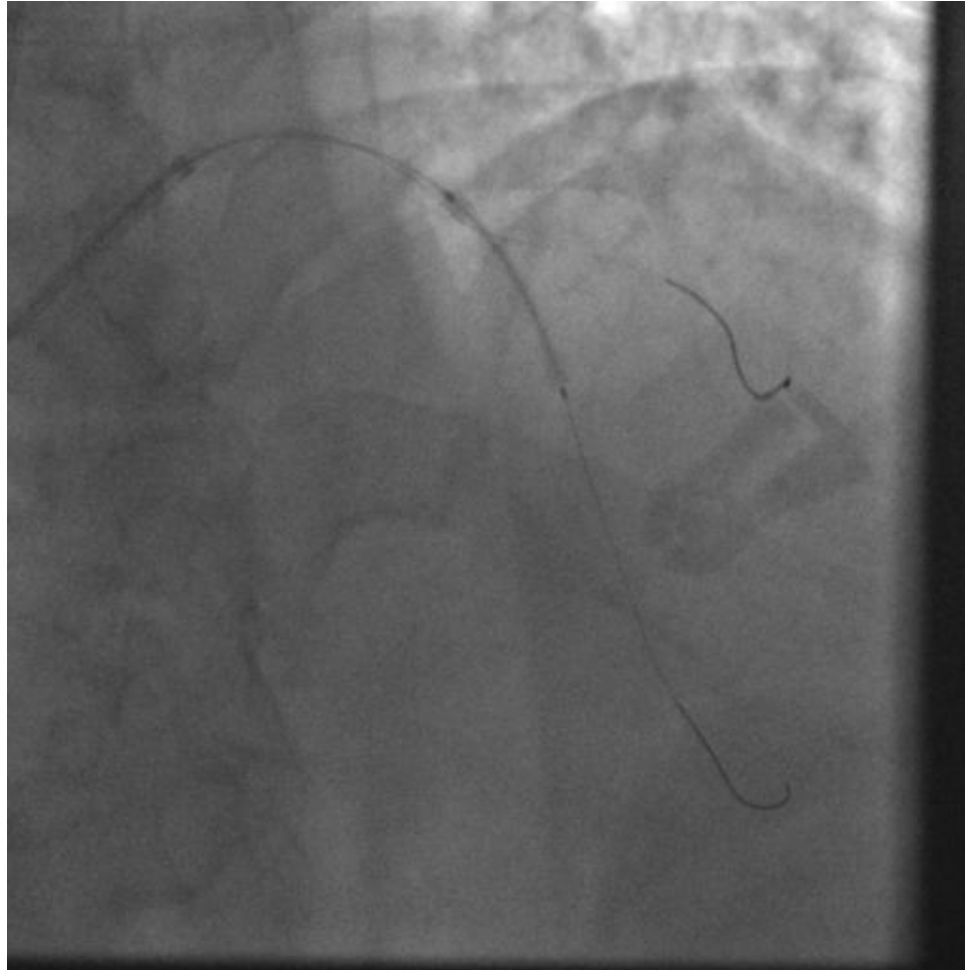
Whisper



# Male 67 years old, ACS

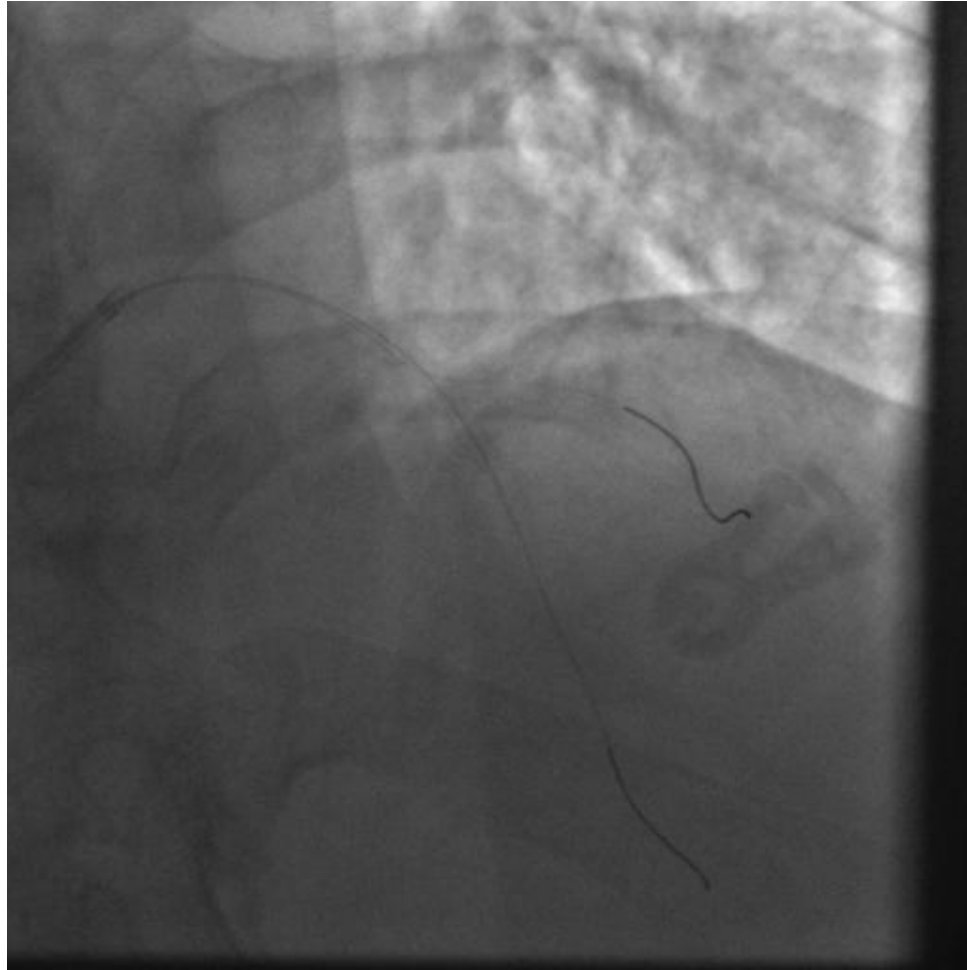


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*Cypher select 2.75 x 28 mm, 12 ATM*

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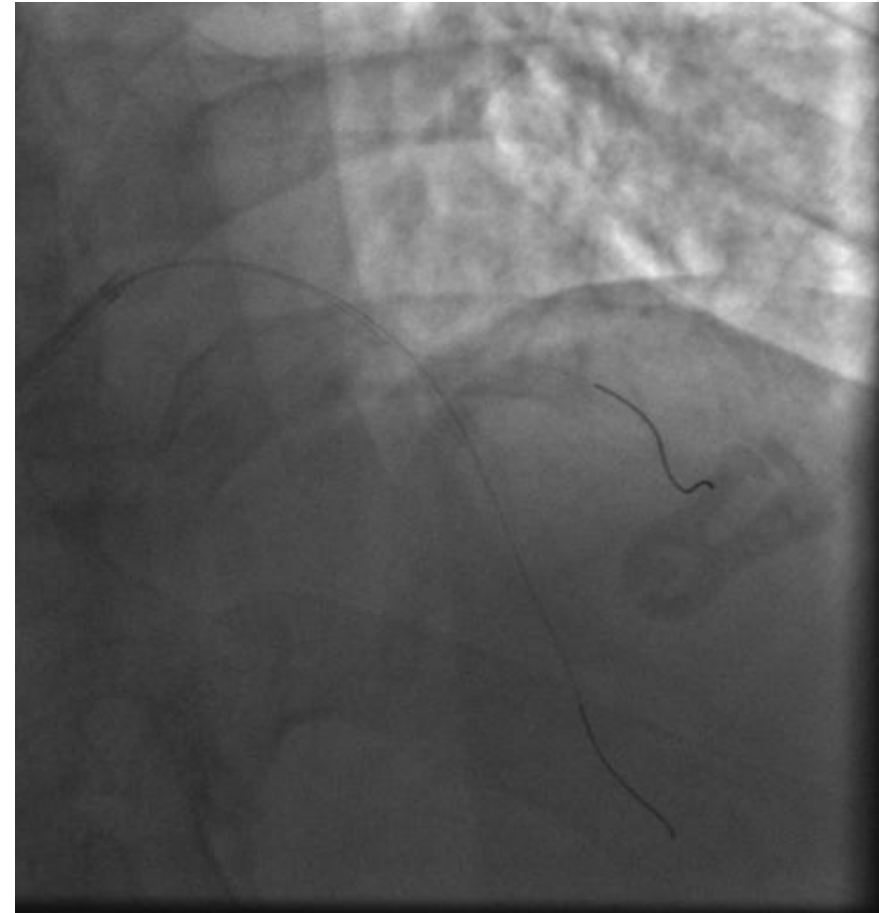
*Limited carena shifting*



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## ***Should we do a final Kiss ?***

1. *Better rheology*
2. *Access to a big branch in the future*
3. *Carena repositionning*
4. *Stent apposition proximal to the carena*



## Nordic III

# Routine Final Kissing in 1 Stent Strategy Angiographic Restenosis

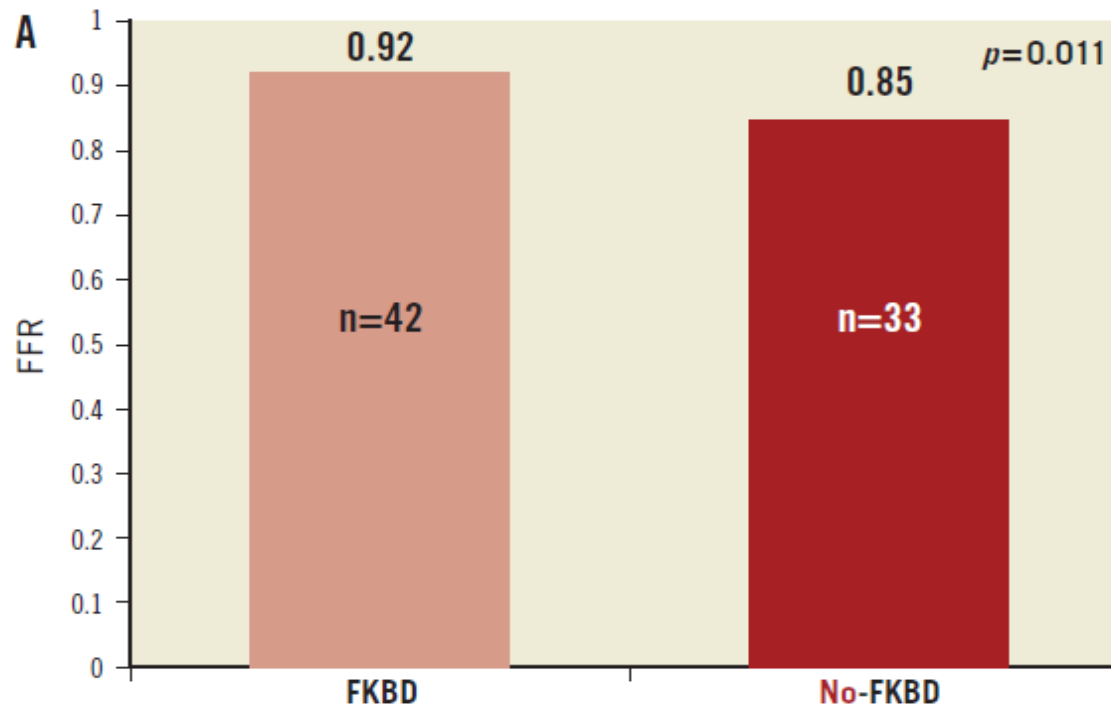
Variable	True Bifurcation Subgroup			Nontrue Bifurcation Subgroup		
	FKBD (n=92)	No FKBD (n=80)	P	FKBD (n=72)	No FKBD (n=82)	P
<b>In-segment MV</b>						
DS, %	22±15	22±15	0.85	22±14	21±12	0.90
≥50% DS, n (%)	3 (3.8)	2 (2.2)	0.67	3 (4.2)	1 (1.2)	0.34
<b>Ostial 5 mm of the SB</b>						
MLD, mm	1.71±0.42	1.50±0.53	0.005	1.79±0.54	1.77±0.61	0.79
DS, %	25±14	32±21	0.009	23±15	27±19	0.21
≥50% DS, n (%)	7 (7.6)	16 (20)	0.024	6 (8.3)	9 (11)	0.79

DS indicates diameter stenosis; MLD, minimal luminal diameter. The Fisher exact test,  $\chi^2$  test, or independent-samples *t* test was used.

FKBD reduced angiographic side branch (re)stenosis, especially in patients with true bifurcation lesions

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# Routine Final Kissing in 1 Stent Strategy SB FFR Substudy



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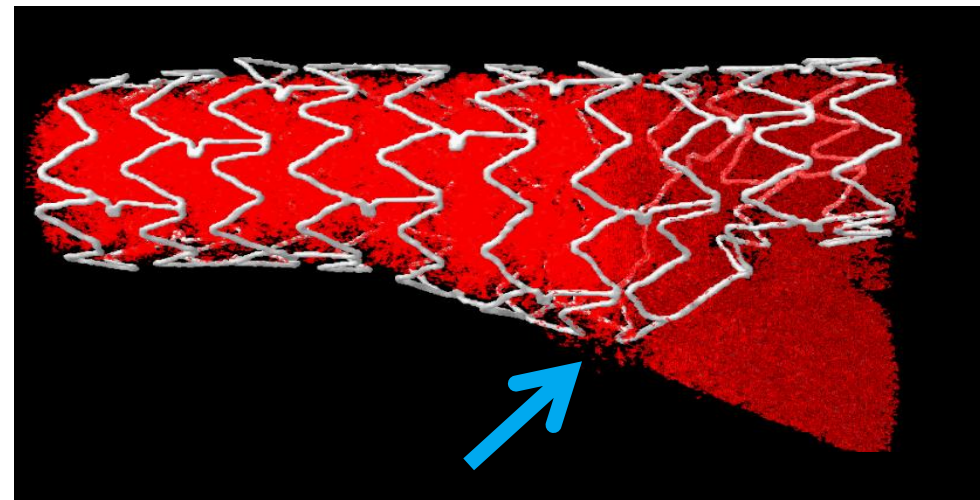
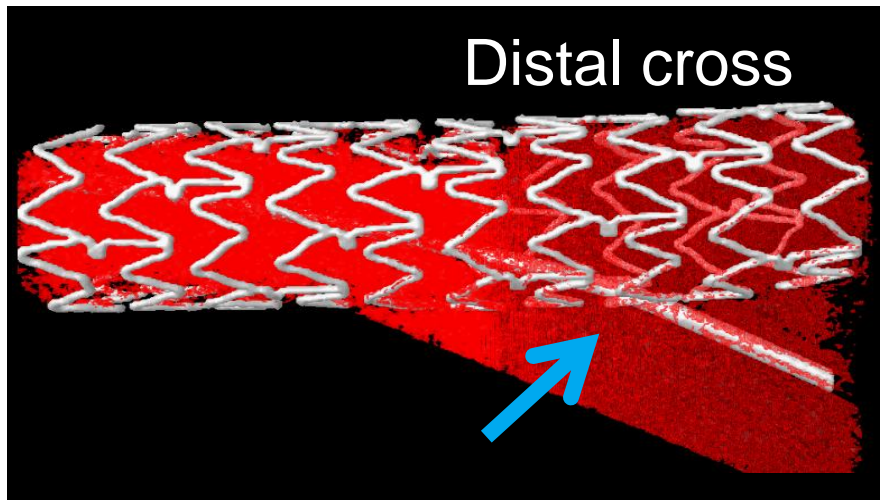
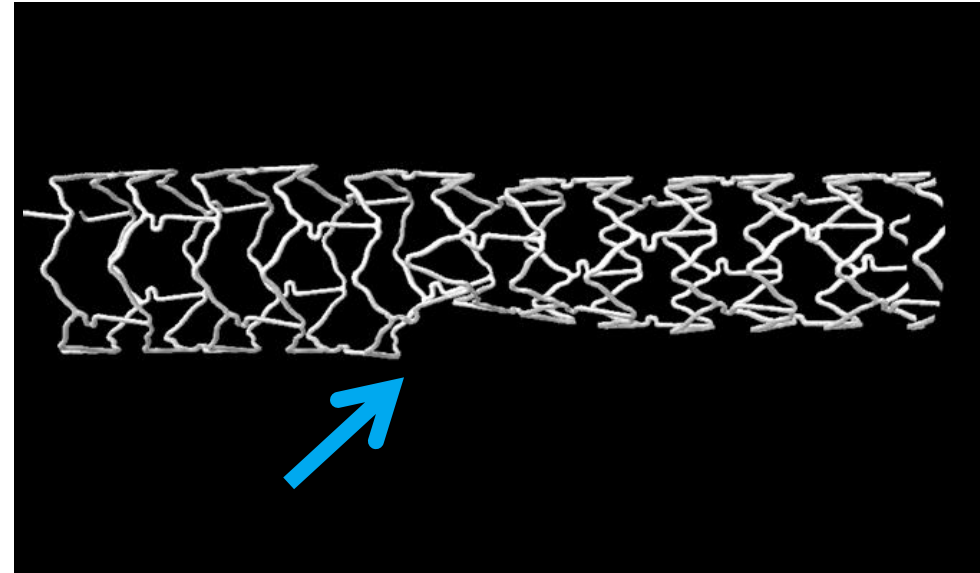
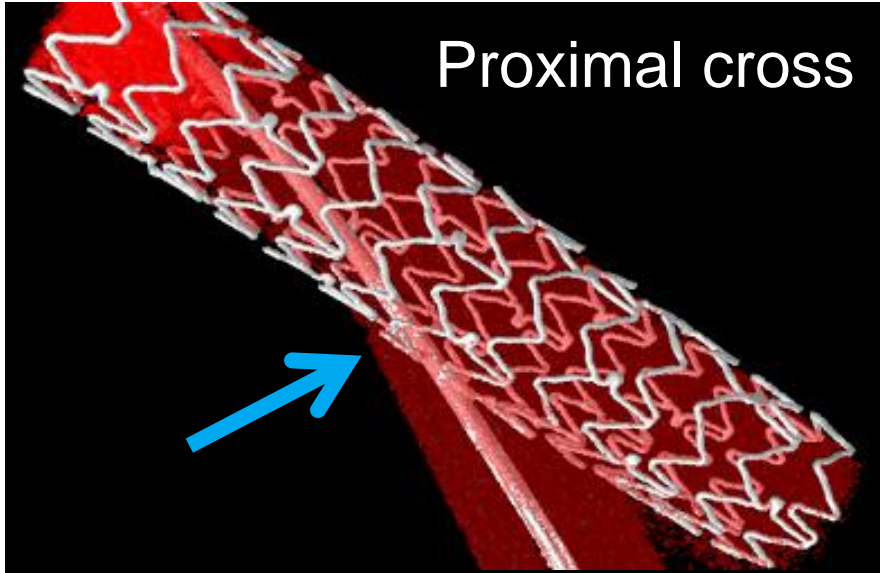
## How to do a good Kiss ?

1. *Distal strut*
2. *Short NC balloons*
3. *Distal reference (MB and SB)*



*NC balloons 2.75x15 et 2.5x 0*

# Proximal vs Distal Crossing

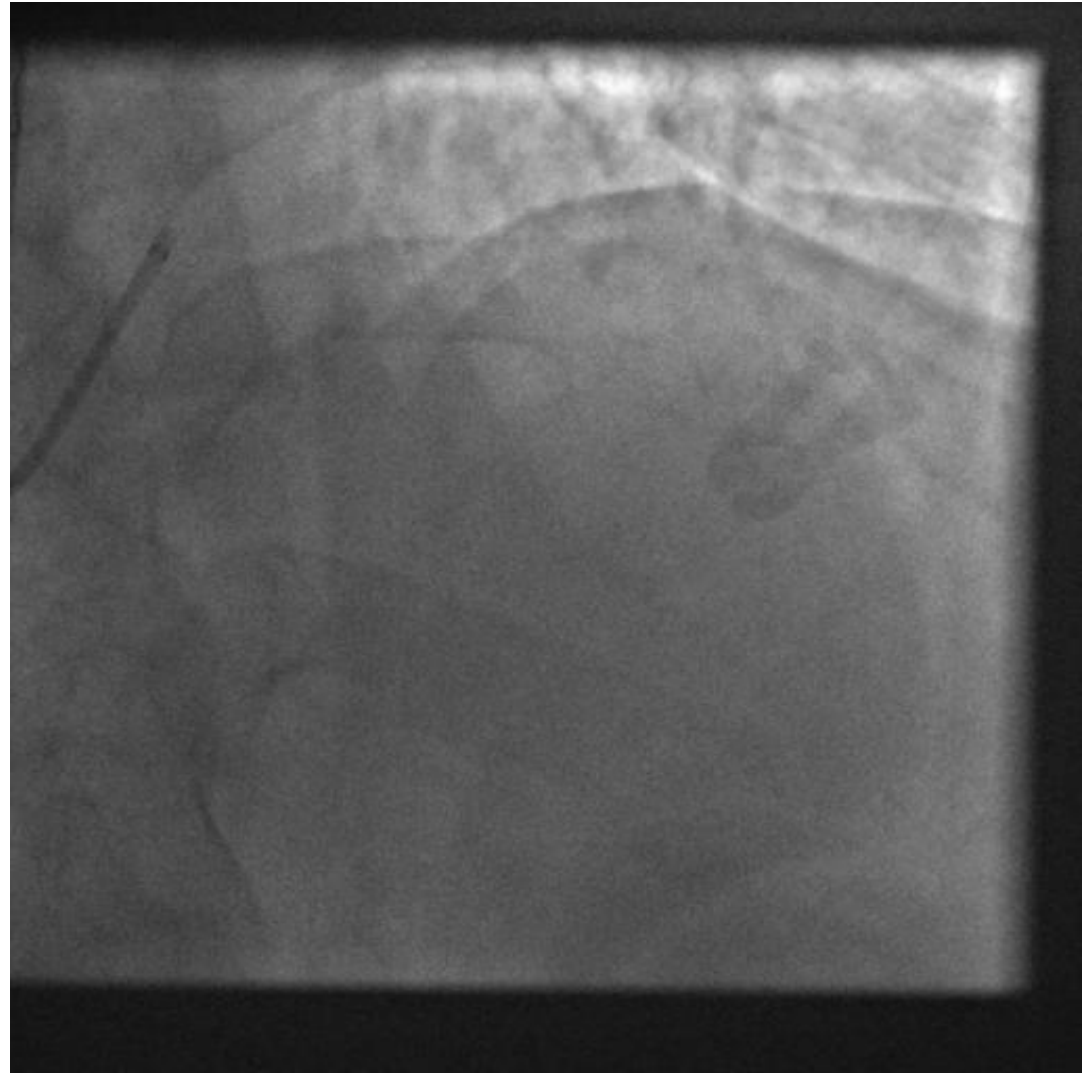


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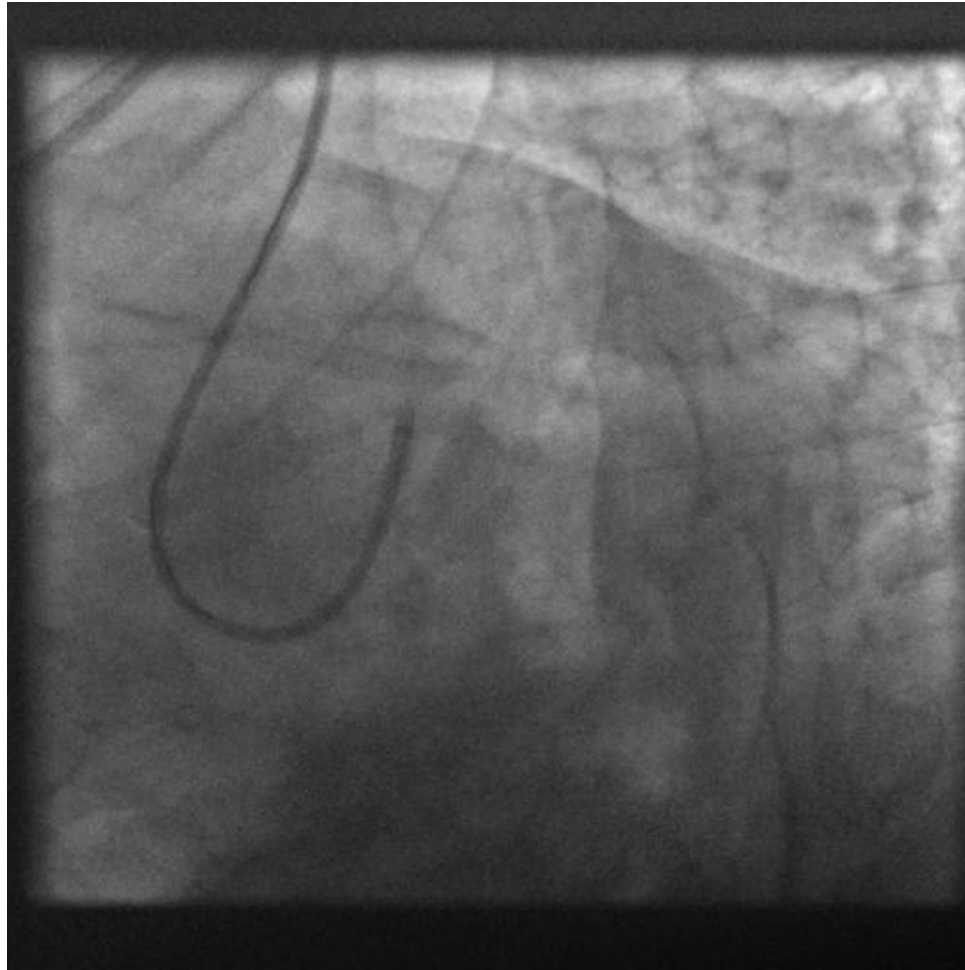
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**SB stenting necessary ?**

1. *Optimal view ?*
2. *Benefit ?*
3. *Risk ?*



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## Conclusion

Today the Gold standard technique in the treatment of bifurcation lesions with DES is provisional side branch stenting.

With a standardized approach, it is relatively simple and safe, and it can be used in the vast majority of cases.

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- ✓ With an optimal technique a systematic two stents approach is needed in less than 5% of cases.
- ✓ And provisional SB stenting required in less than 10% of cases.
- ✓ When two stents are used, an optimal technique, including systematic kissing balloon inflation is warranted.

# When SB stenting is needed

