

**Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI)**

# **Early TAVI Experience What We Prepare?**

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# Indication of TAVI

- Symptomatic Severe AS
- Life expectancy > 1yr
- Contraindication for surgery or High risk for surgery

Clinical judgement +

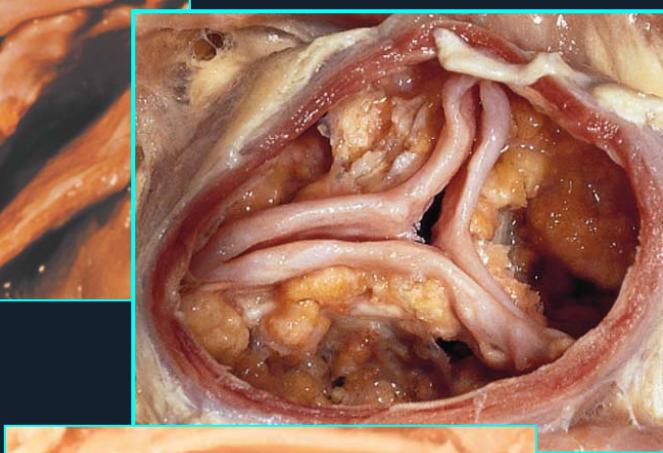
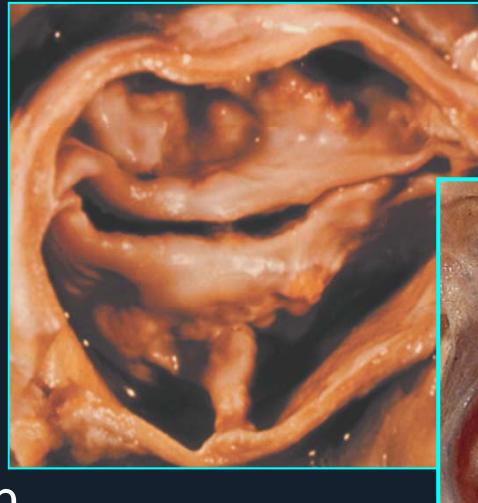
EuroScore(logistic) >20%, STS score >10%

And/Or Porcelain aorta / History of thoracic irradiation

Severe thoracic deformity / Patent coronary bypass

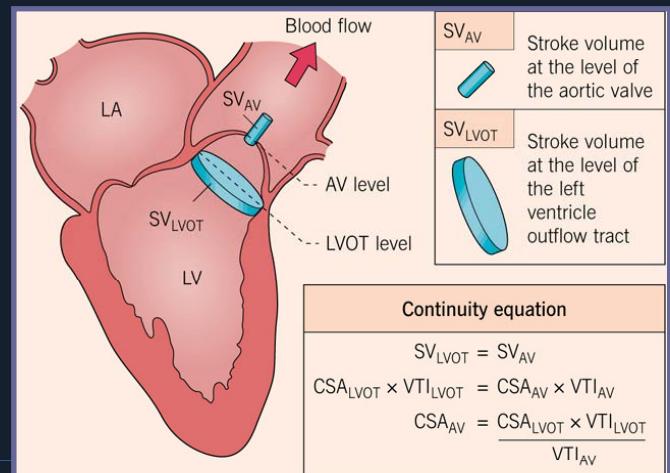
# Aortic Stenosis

- Etiology
  - **Congenital**
    - Bicuspid
  - **Acquired**
    - Degenerative
      - Calcium deposition
      - AR : rare
      - DM, hypercholesterolemia
      - Smoking, HT, low HDL
    - Rheumatic
      - Commissure fusion
      - Cusp retraction & stiffening
      - MV involvement
      - AR : common

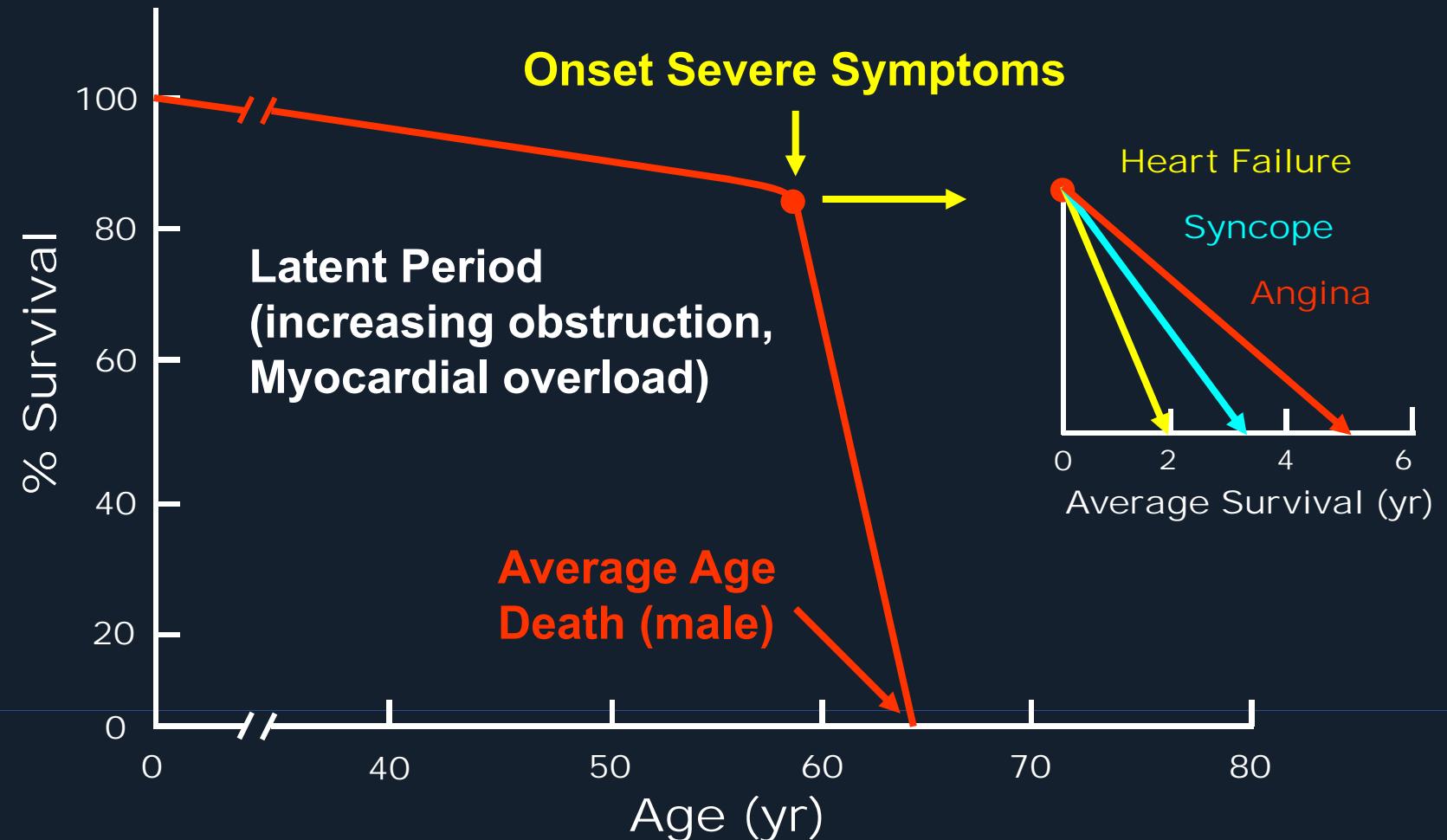


# Severity of AS

- **Mild**
  - Mean PG < 20 mmHg
  - AVA > 1.5 cm<sup>2</sup>
- **Severe**
  - Mean PG > 40 - 50 mmHg
  - Vmax > 4.5 m/s
  - AVA < 0.75 - 1.0 cm<sup>2</sup>



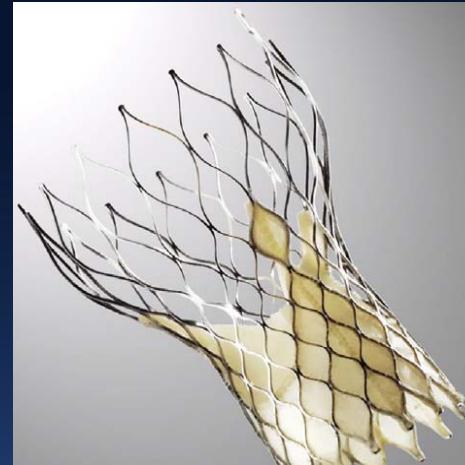
# Natural History of AS



Circulation 1968;38[Suppl V]:61

# Current **Active** Devices

## Current Generation Devices



	Width	Height	For annulus diameter	Height of skirt
Edward SAPIEN XT™	23mm	14.3mm	18-22mm	10.1/7.74mm
	26mm	17.2mm	21-25mm	11.4/8.67mm
CoreValve Revalving™	26mm	55mm	20-23mm	12mm
	29mm	53mm	23-27mm	12mm

**Table I** Comparison of the Edwards SAPIEN XT valve and Medtronic CoreValve prostheses

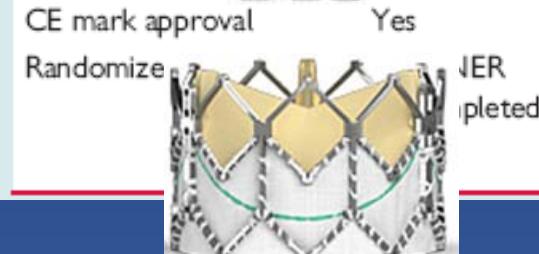
	Edwards SAPIEN XT	Medtronic CoreValve
Frame	Cobalt chromium	Nitinol
Leaflets	Bovine pericardial	Porcine pericardial
Expansion	Balloon-expandable	Self-expanding
Balloon valvuloplasty required	Yes	Yes
Retrievable	No	Prior to release
Annular/valvar fixation	Yes	Yes
Ascending aortastabilization	No	Yes
Manufacturers diameter <sup>a</sup>	23, 26 mm	26, 29 mm
Recommended annulus diameter	18–25 mm	20–27 mm
Length	15–17 mm	53–55 mm
Delivery system diameter	18F&19F	18F
Sheath external diameter	7.3 mm	7.3 mm
Minimum arterial diameter	6 mm	6 mm

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Edwards SAPIEN XT	Medtronic CoreValve
<b>Cobalt chromium</b>	<b>Nitinol</b>
Aortic	res
Aortic	f combined with stenosis
Pulmo	Yes
Valve-i	All four valve positions
Transa	Yes
Transa	Yes, limited
Longe	ce
fol	
Pacem	
CE mark approval	Yes
Randomize	JER
	pleted








# AMC Registry : Procedure

(RF1=5, RF3=5, NovaFlex=19, CoreValve=9) N=38

Age, years	76.4±5.4
Logistic EuroSCORE, %	25.6±5.1
Implanted valve size, mm	
23 mm	21
26 mm	10 (2*)
29 mm	7*
Transfemoral approach	35
Surgical closure	4
Percutaneous closure	31
Transapical approach	3

\* CoreValve

# In-Hospital, 30 days

N=38

Procedural Success	35/38 (92%)
Mortality	0
Major or minor Stoke	0
Permanent Pacemaker	0
Moderate to severe AR (CoreValve)	1
Vascular complication (RF1, Edward Sapien)	2
Access site	1
Iliac artery perforation	1



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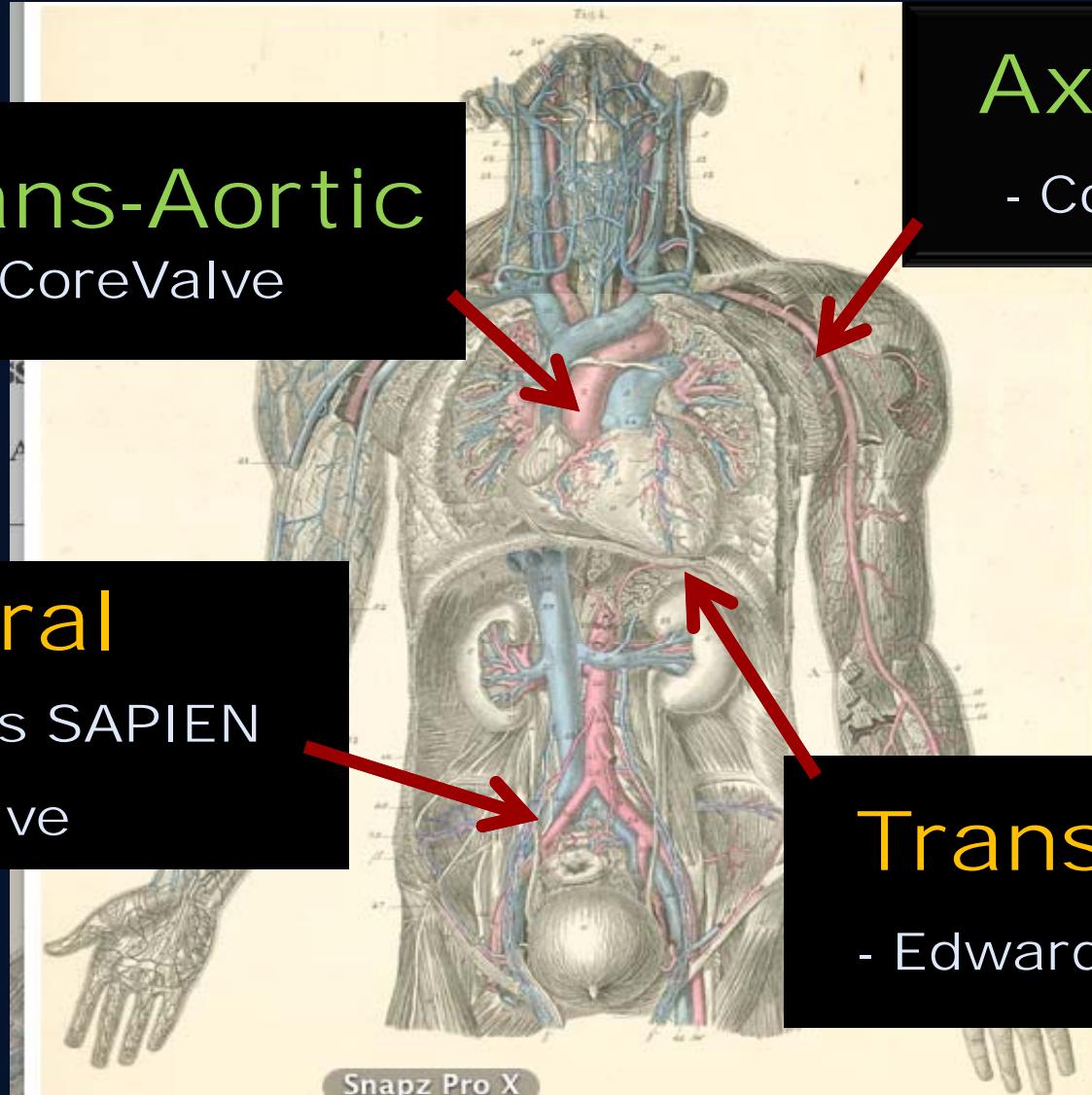
# Access Routes For TAVI

Trans-Aortic  
- CoreValve

Axillary  
- CoreValve

Femoral  
- Edwards SAPIEN  
- CoreValve

Trans-apical  
- Edwards SAPIEN



# *Transfemoral Approach*

## **Edwards SAPIEN**



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# Case Presentation

Brief History (82/F, 146cm, 65Kg)

Chief Complaints :

Recurrent Syncope

DOE (NYHA III)

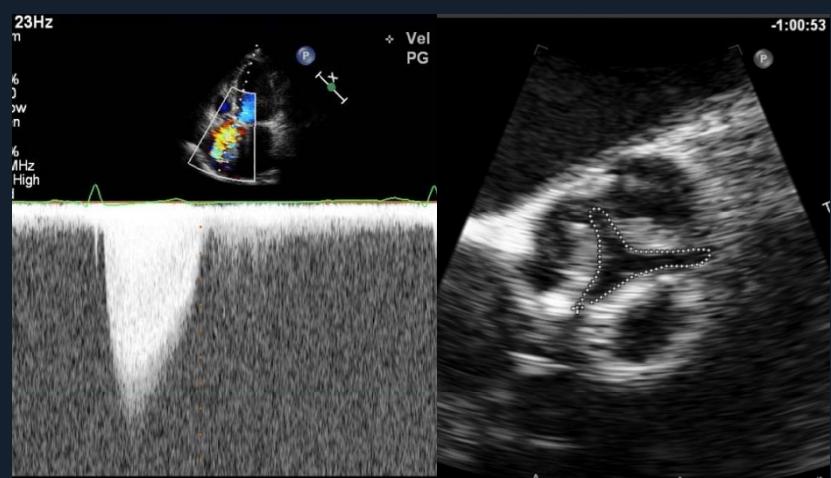
Chest discomfort for 2 years

Medical Comorbidities :

HTN/ DM/ previous CABG/ COPD

Euroscore = 32%

# Severe Degenerative Aortic Stenosis

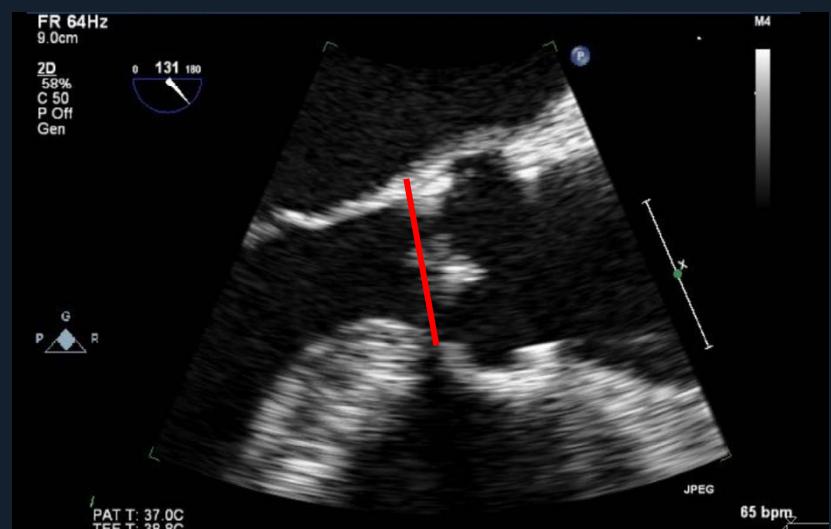


Aortic valve area: **0.8 cm<sup>2</sup>**

Max gradient: 50 mmHg

Mean gradient: 35 mmHg

Vmax: 3.8 m/sec



Annulus: 20 mm

EF: 60%

TR Vmax: 2.1 mmHg

# CT Measurement



*Coronal view*

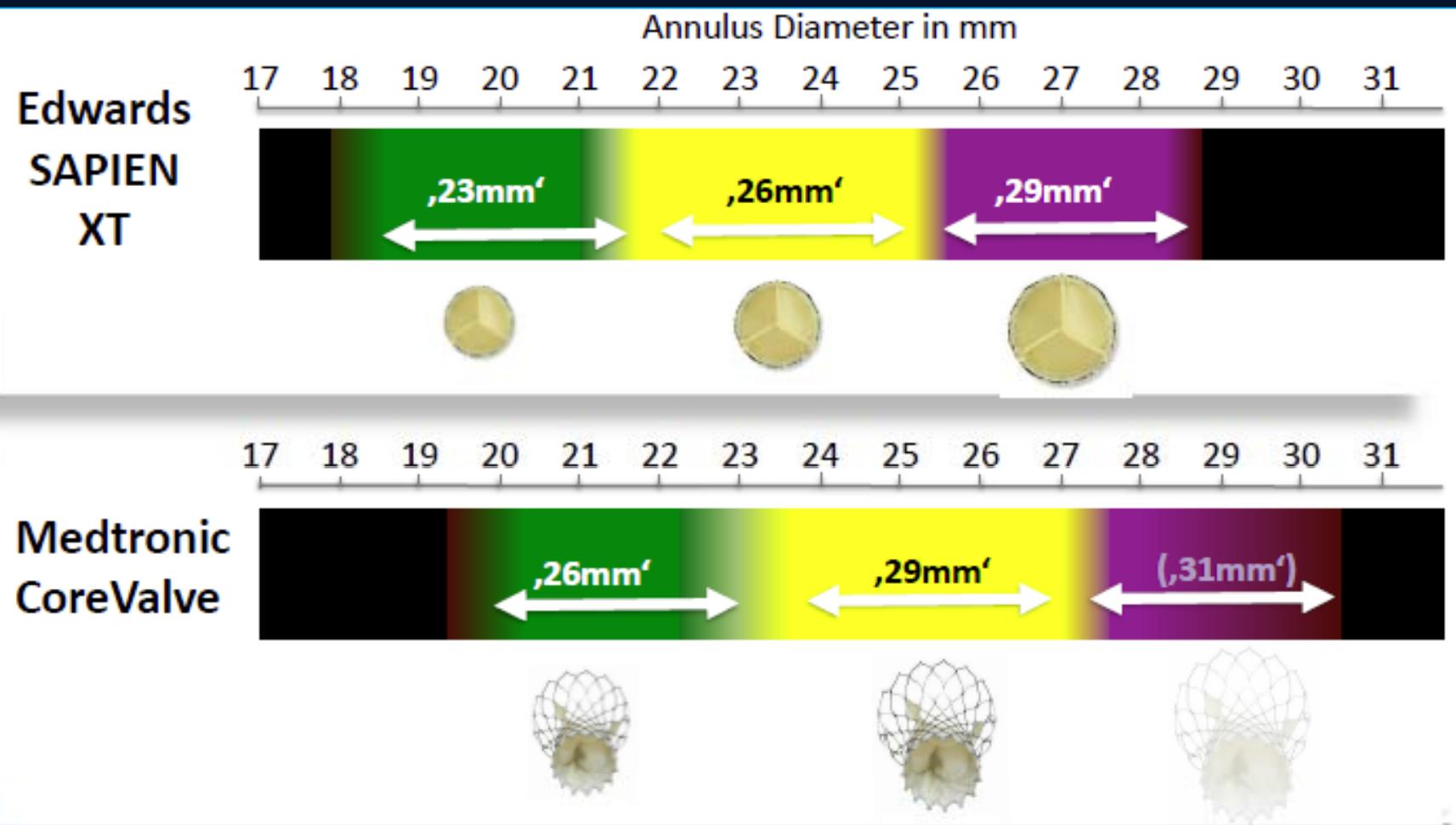
*Sagittal view*  
= *Parasternal long-axis view*

*19~21 mm*

*Double oblique view  
at annular level*

# Annular Sizing for TAVI

## Measurement of Annulus Dimensions

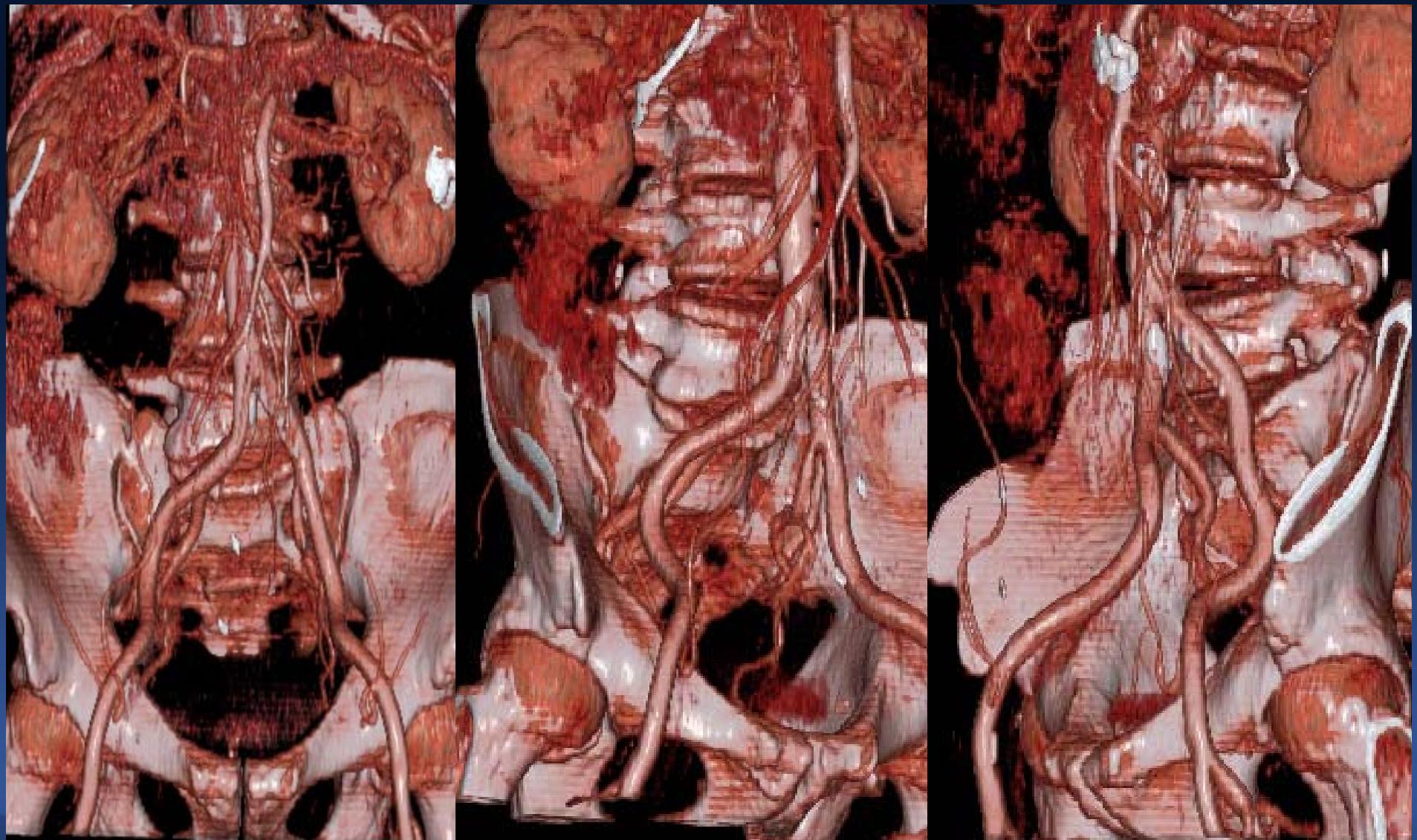


# CT Angiography

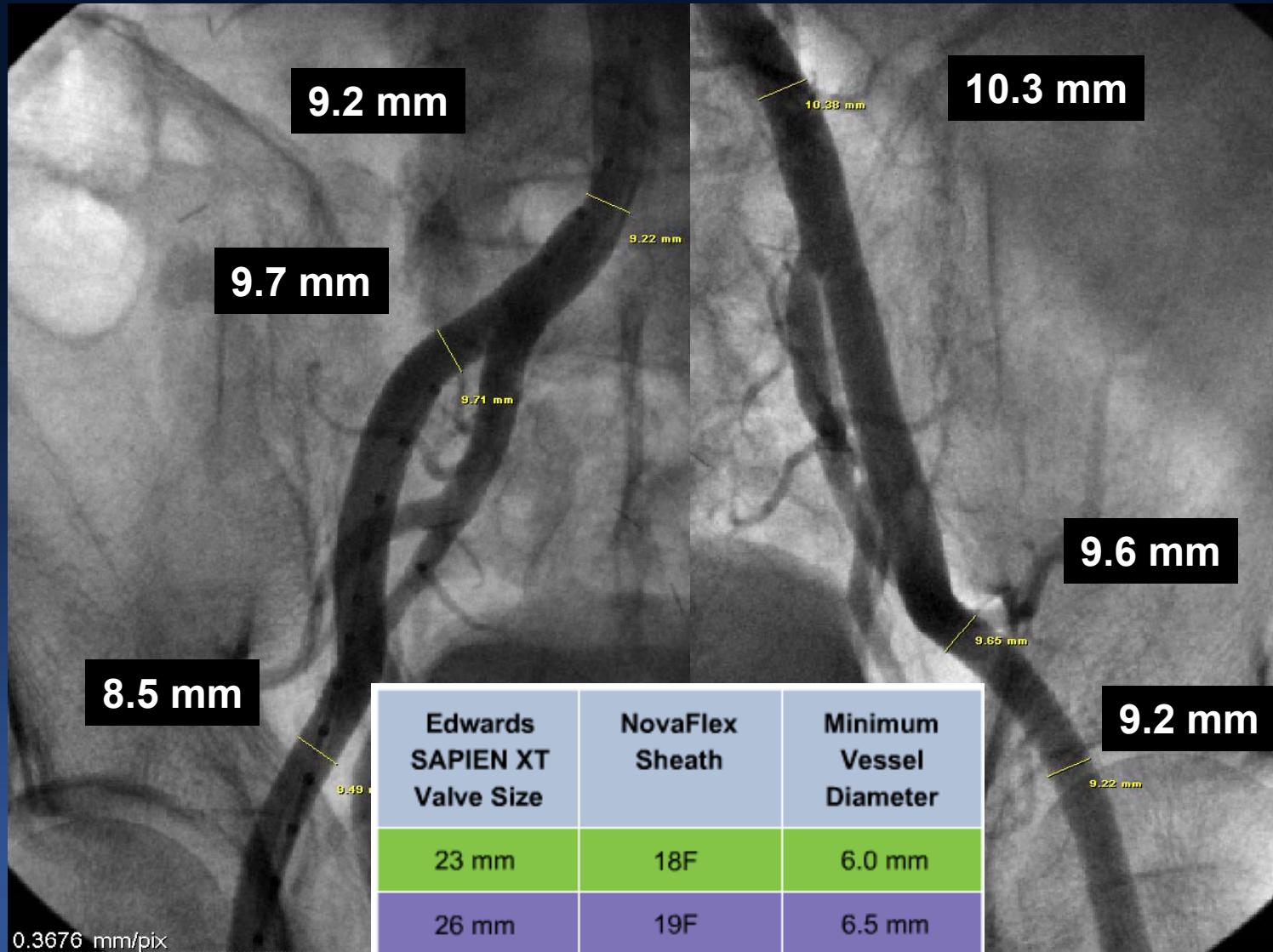


No severe calcification in access route  
No severe tortuosity

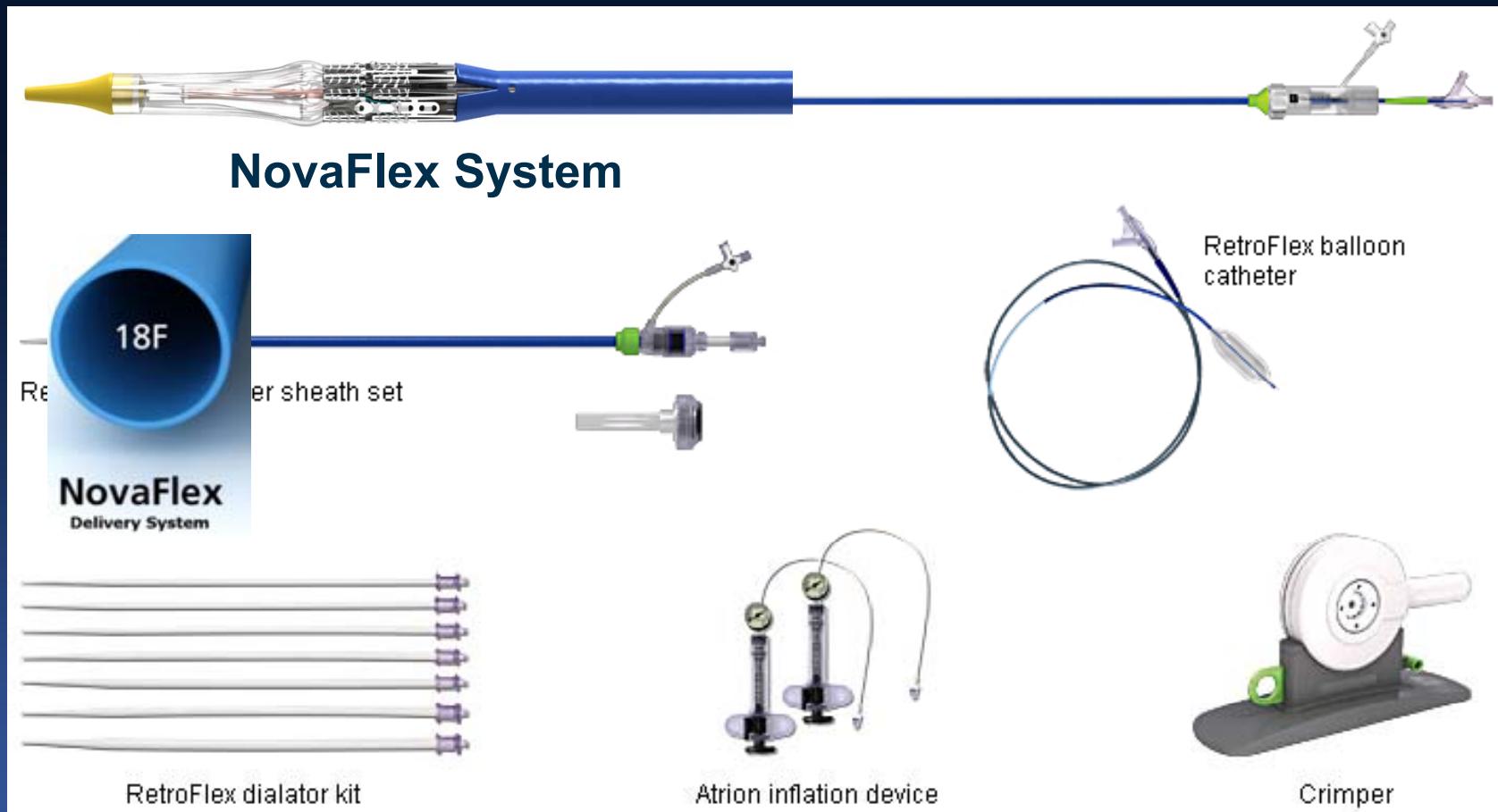
# CT Angiography



# Ilio-femoral angiogram



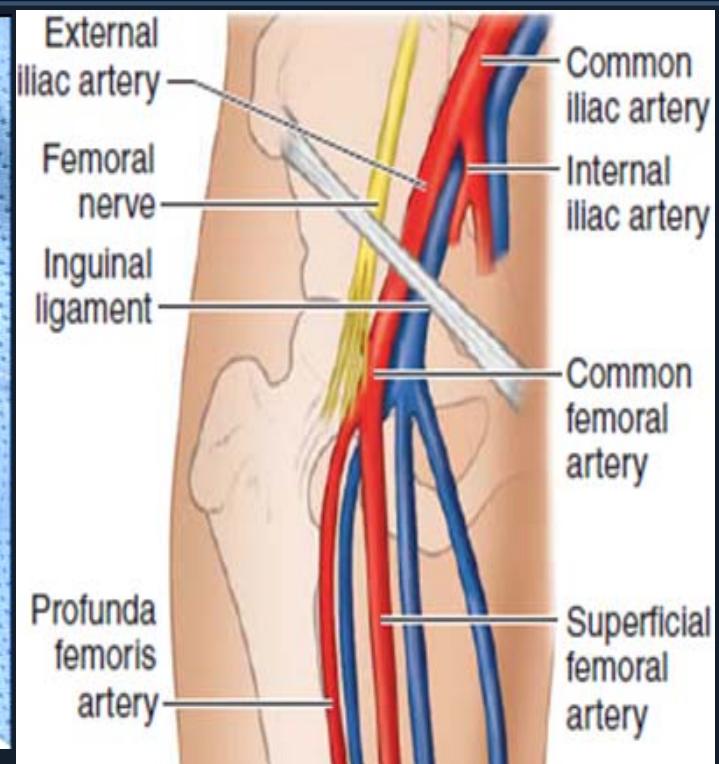
# Edwards SAPIEN Device



# Conscious Sedation

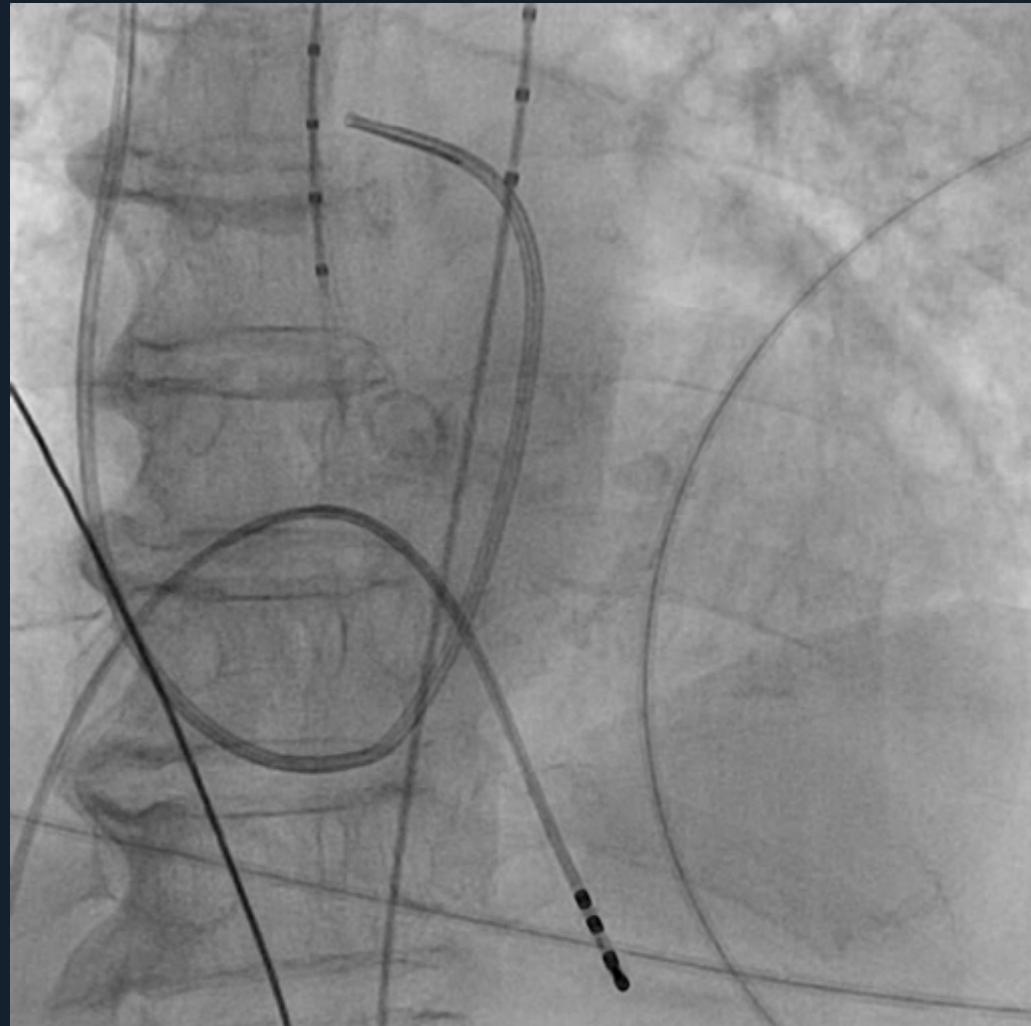


# Puncture (Rt. Approach)

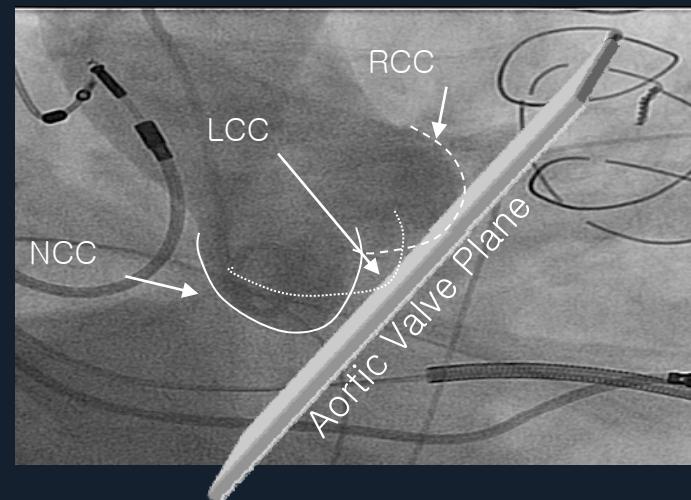


- Lt. femoral artery 7Fr for pigtail catheter
- Lt. femoral vein 6Fr for Pacing catheter
- Pacing Cath into the RV & Check the pacing
- Rt. femoral artery puncture 7Fr sheath  
**(Femoral Head Upper Position)**

# Baseline Aortogram



LAO 18 CAU 12



Three cusps in same plane



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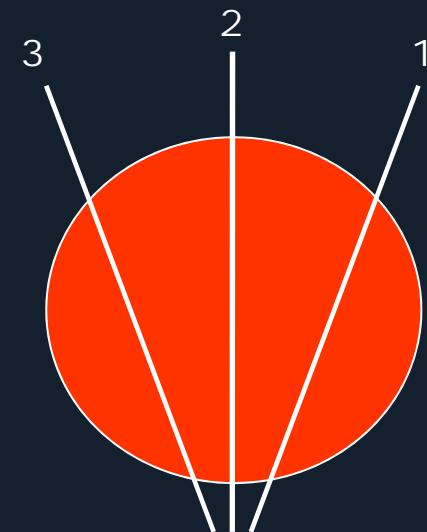
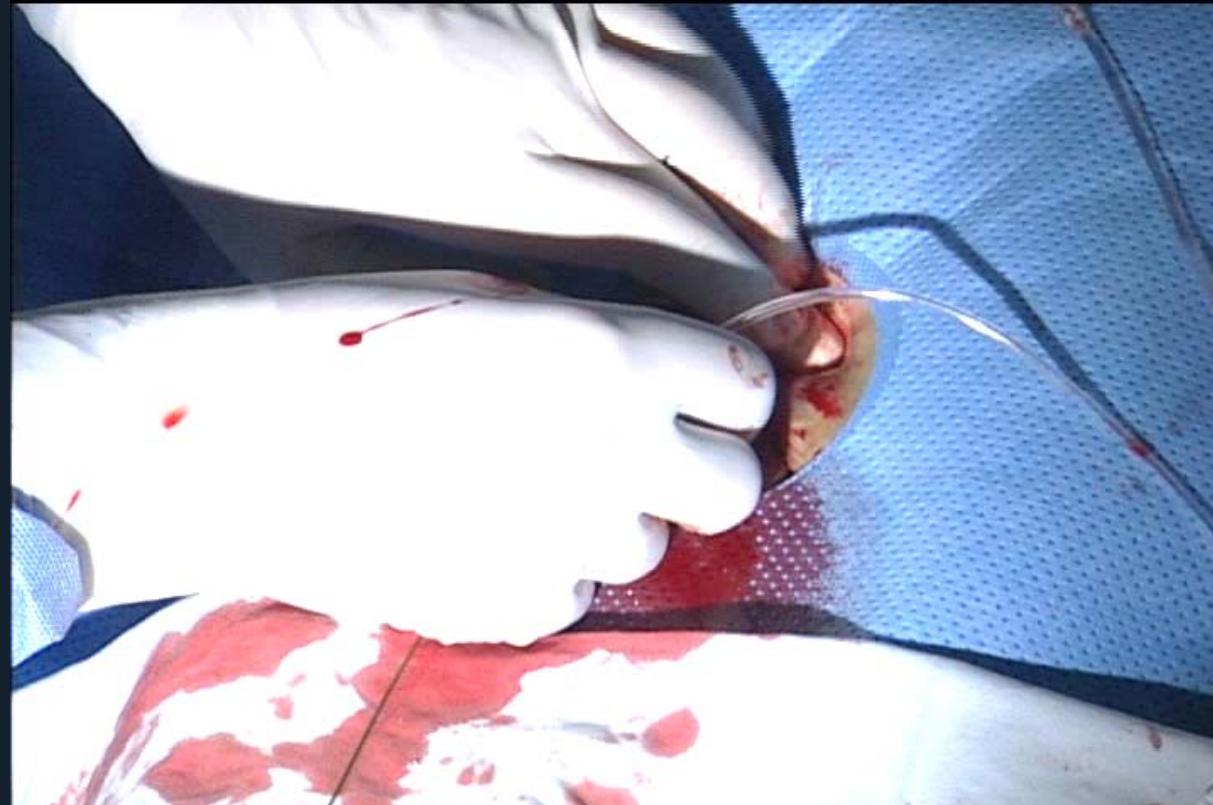


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# Pre-close (Proglide)

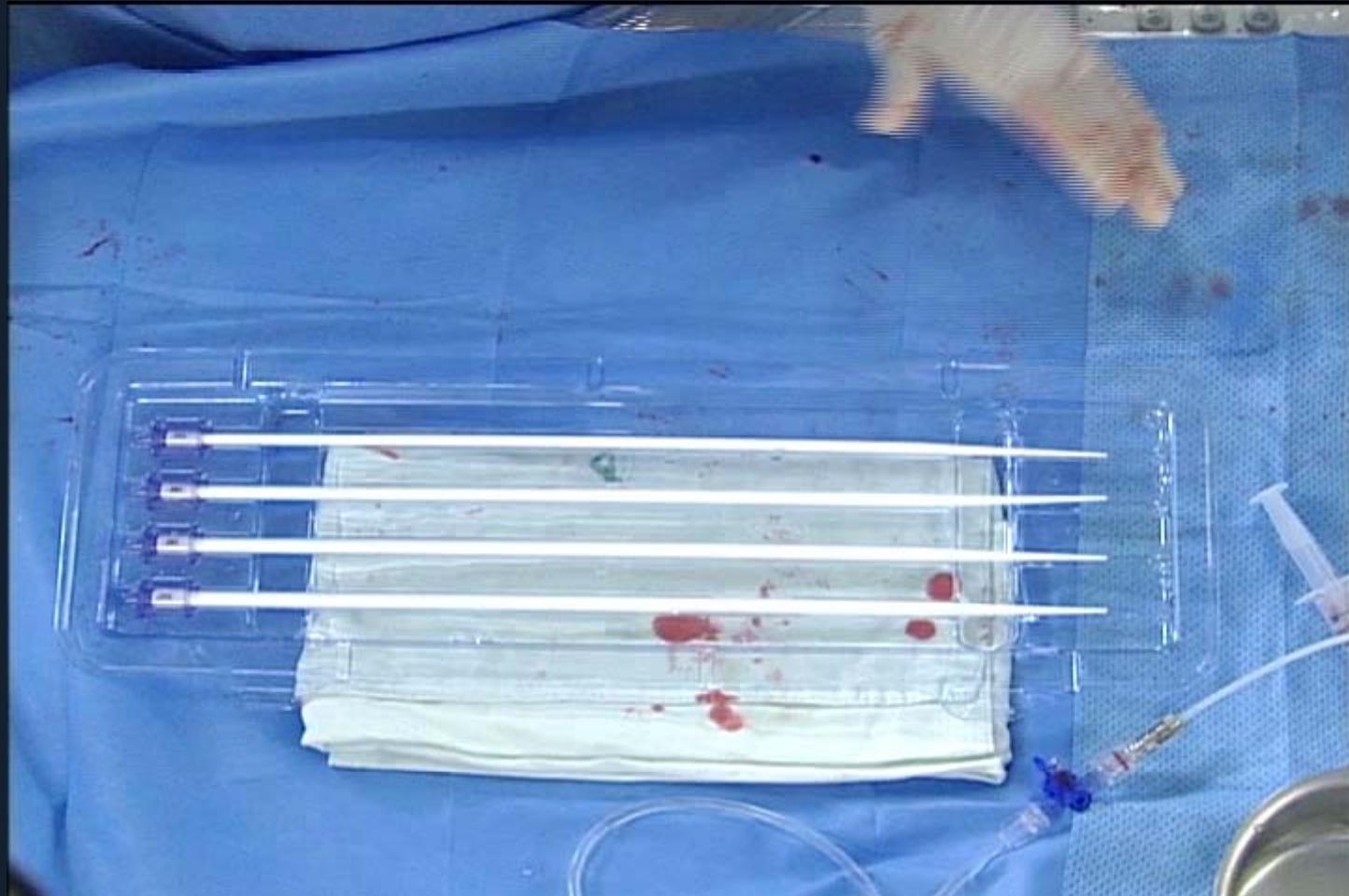


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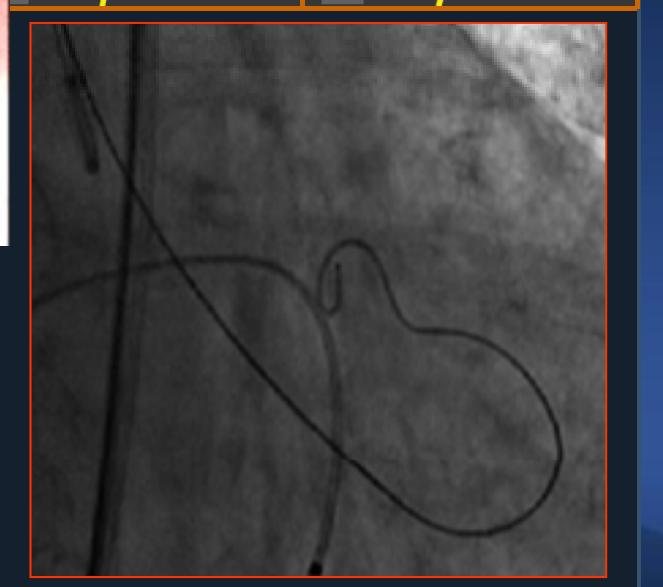
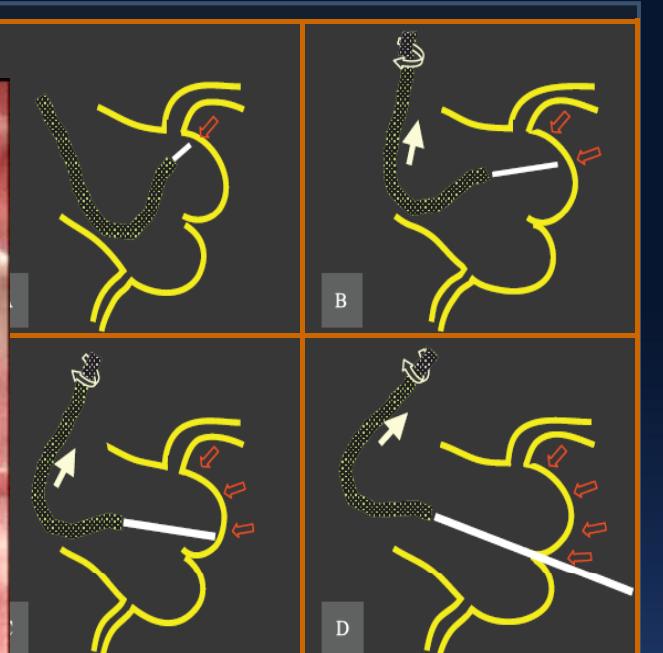
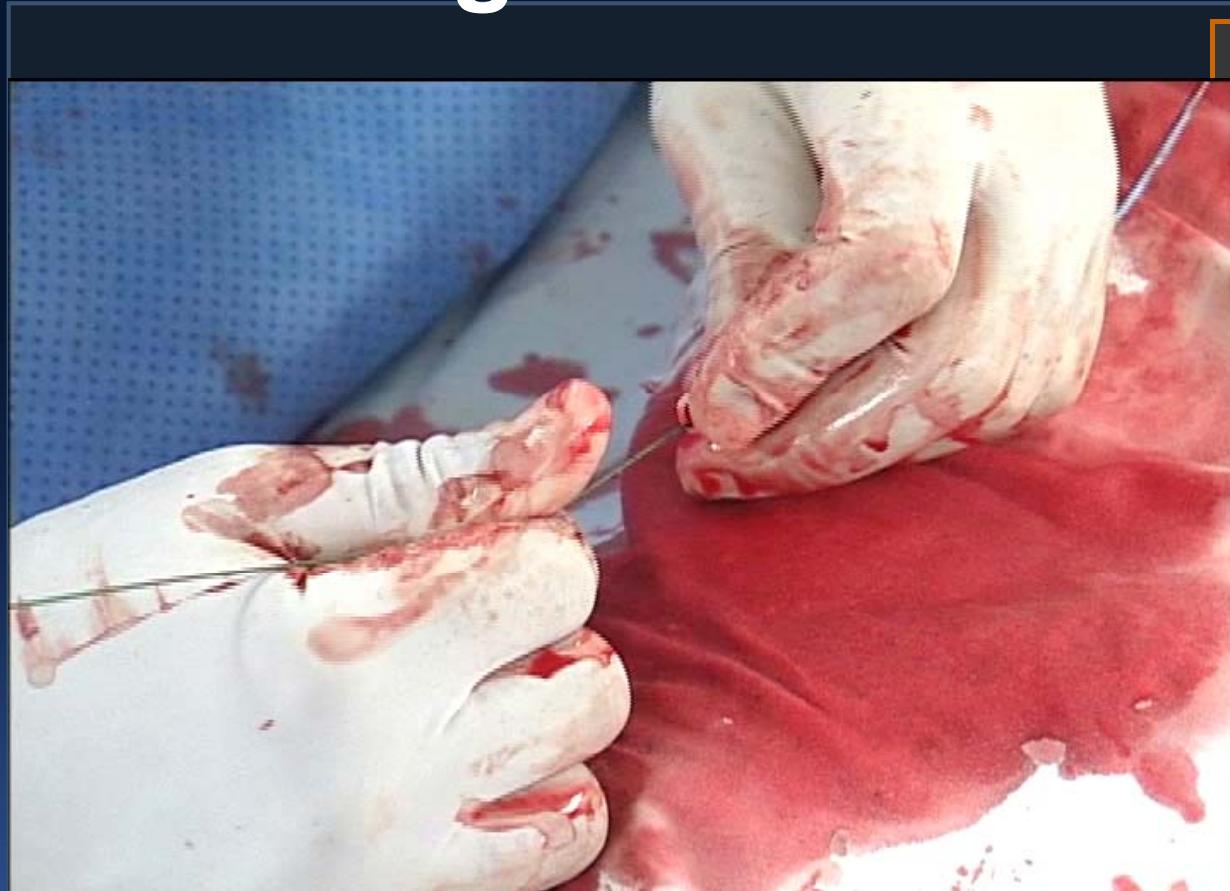
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# Dilation & Sheath Insertion

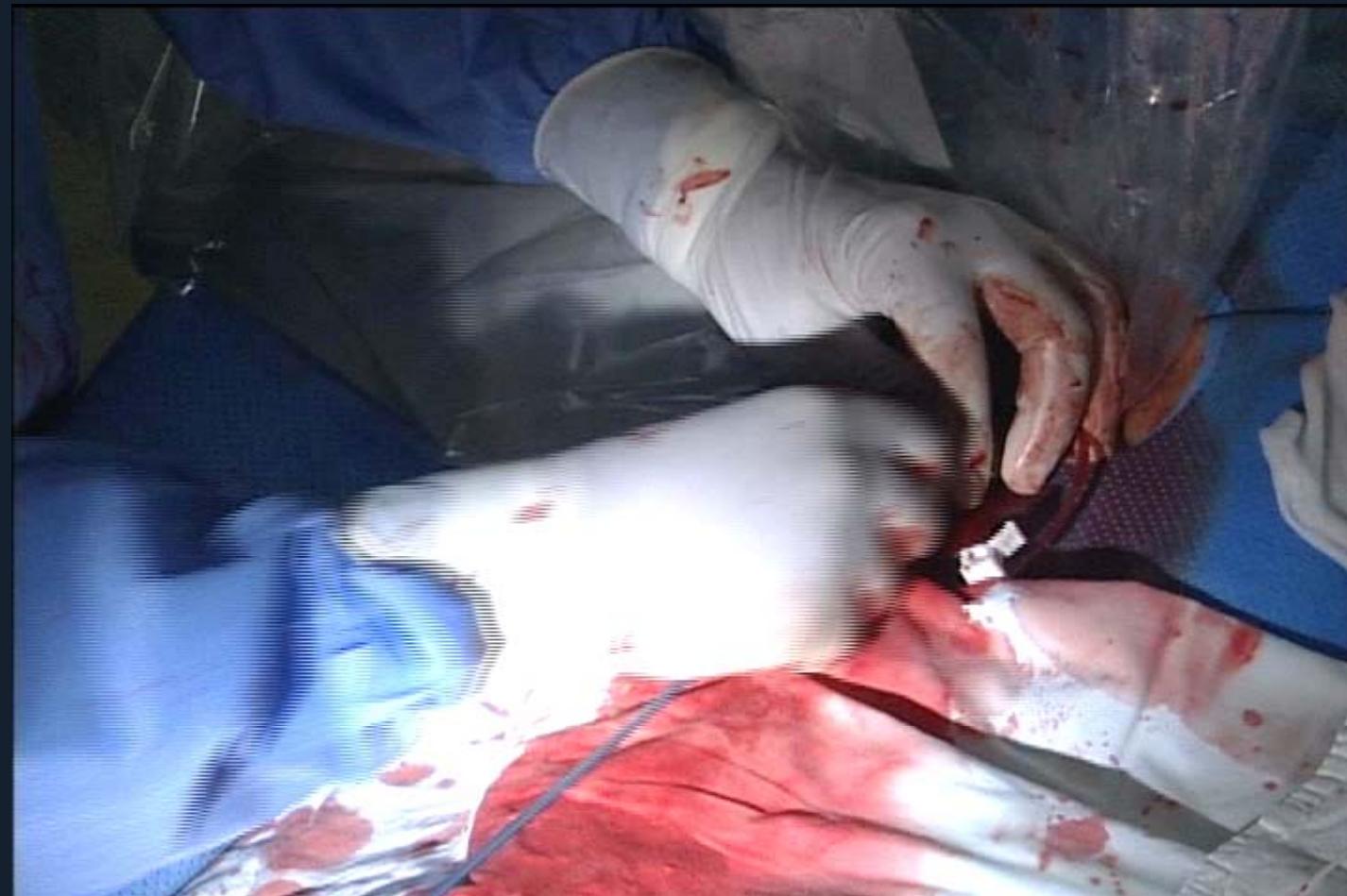


# Crossing the Stenotic AV with Wire



- AL I Diagnostic Catheter
- 035" Fixed Core Wire Straight - TSF (COOK)
- 035" Amplatz Super Stiff Wire (Boston)
- Pigtail Catheter

# Pre-dilatation Ballooning under rapid pacing

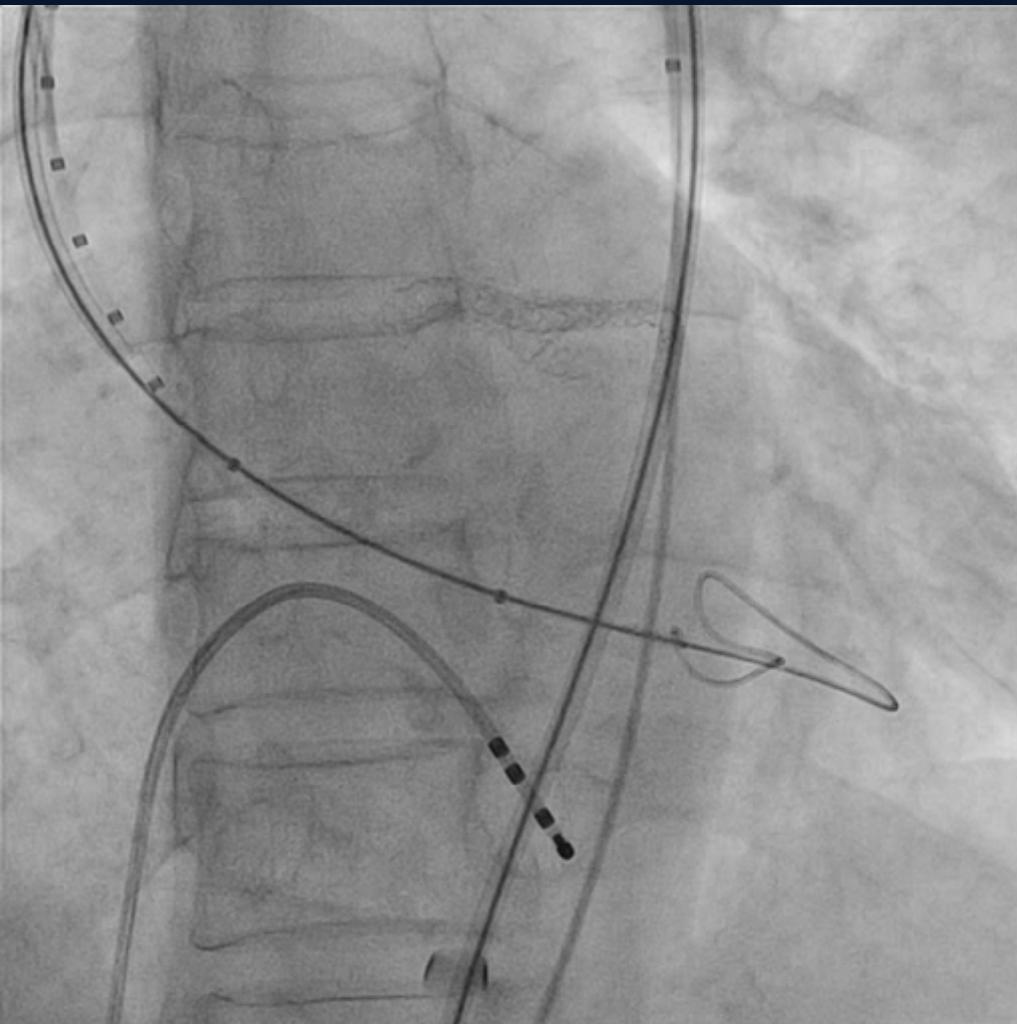


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# Pre-dilatation Ballooning under rapid pacing



Pacing On

Balloon Inflation

Contrast Injection

Balloon Deflation

Pacing Off

# Valve Preparing & Mounting



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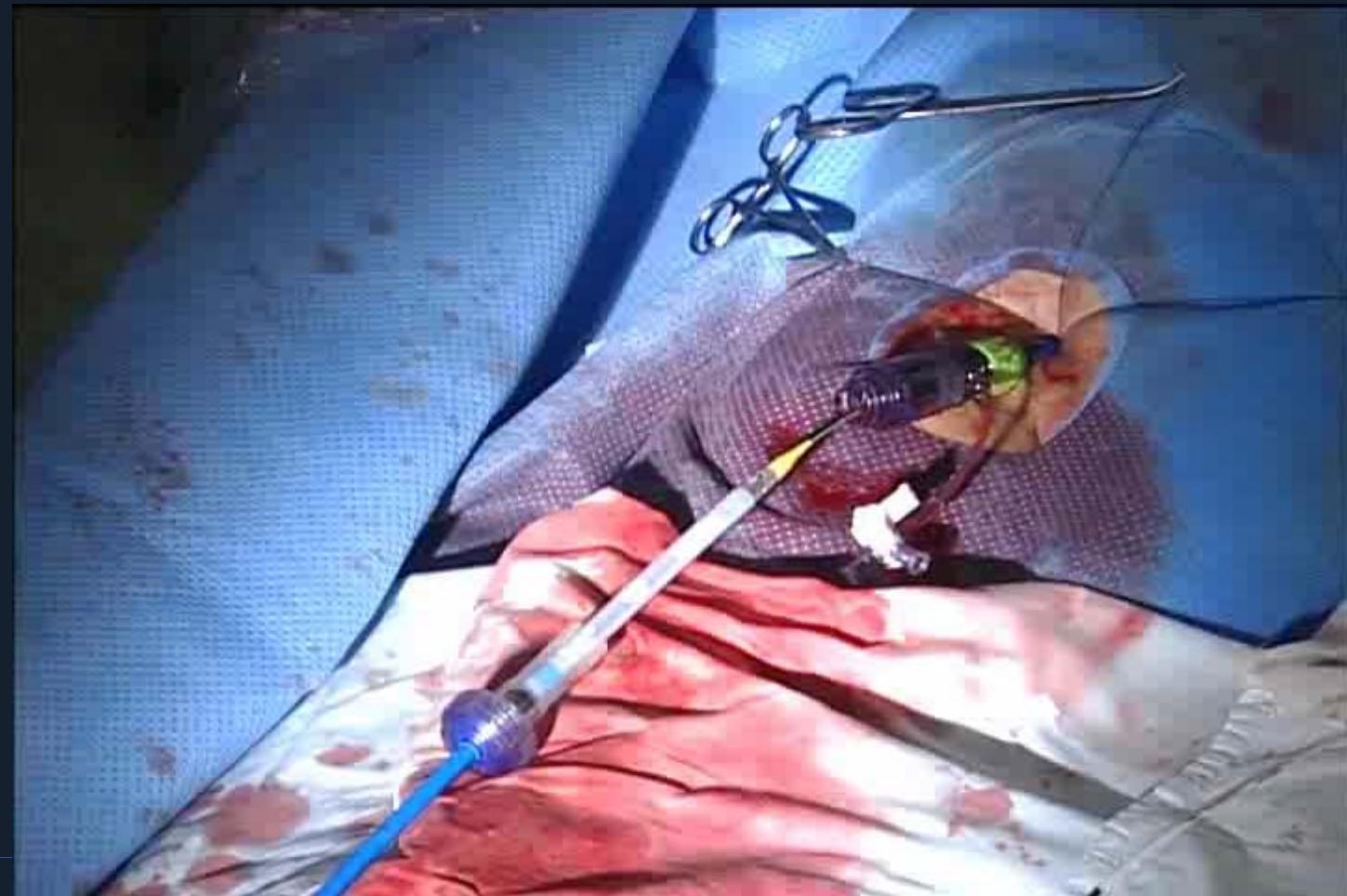


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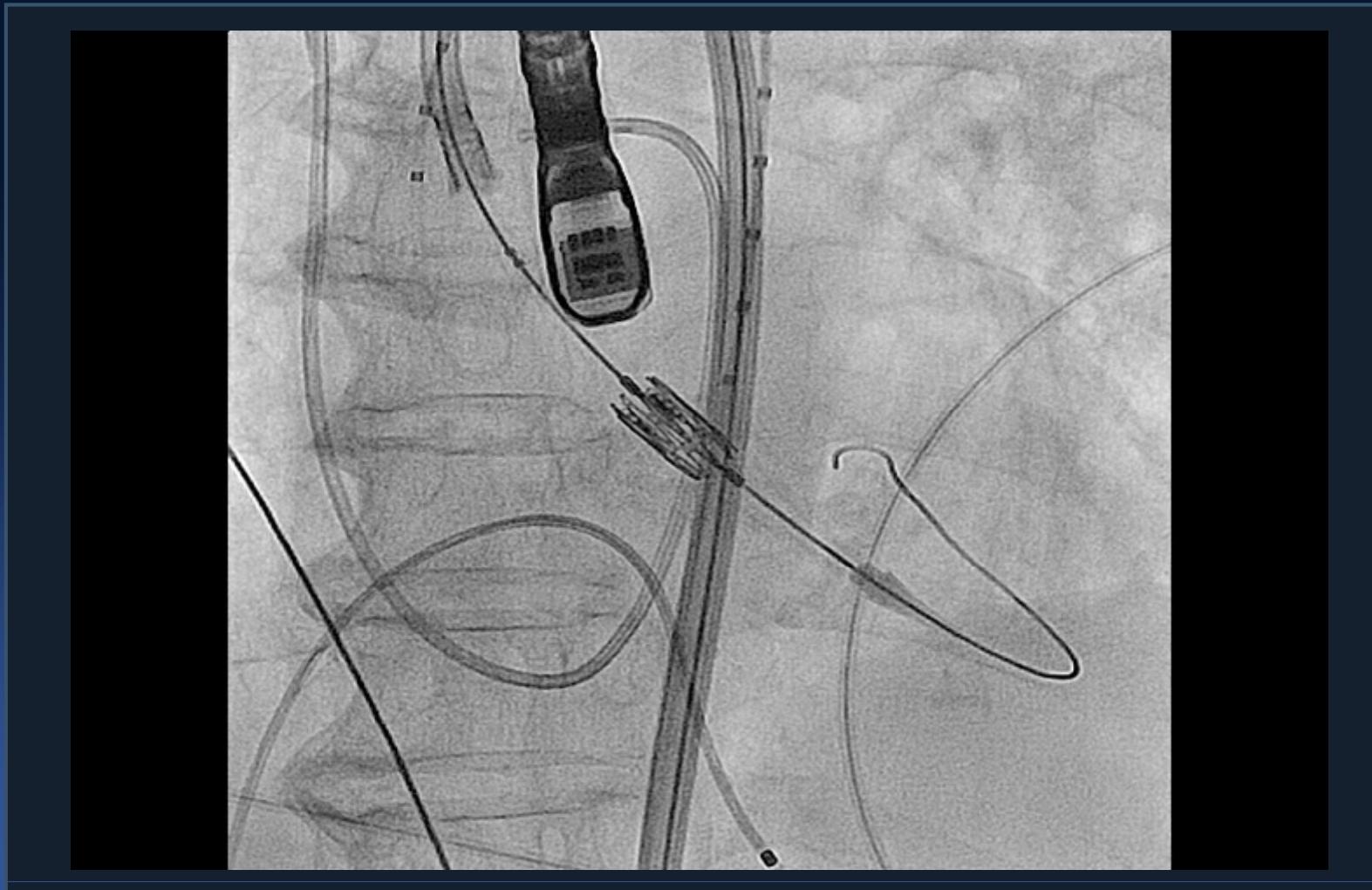


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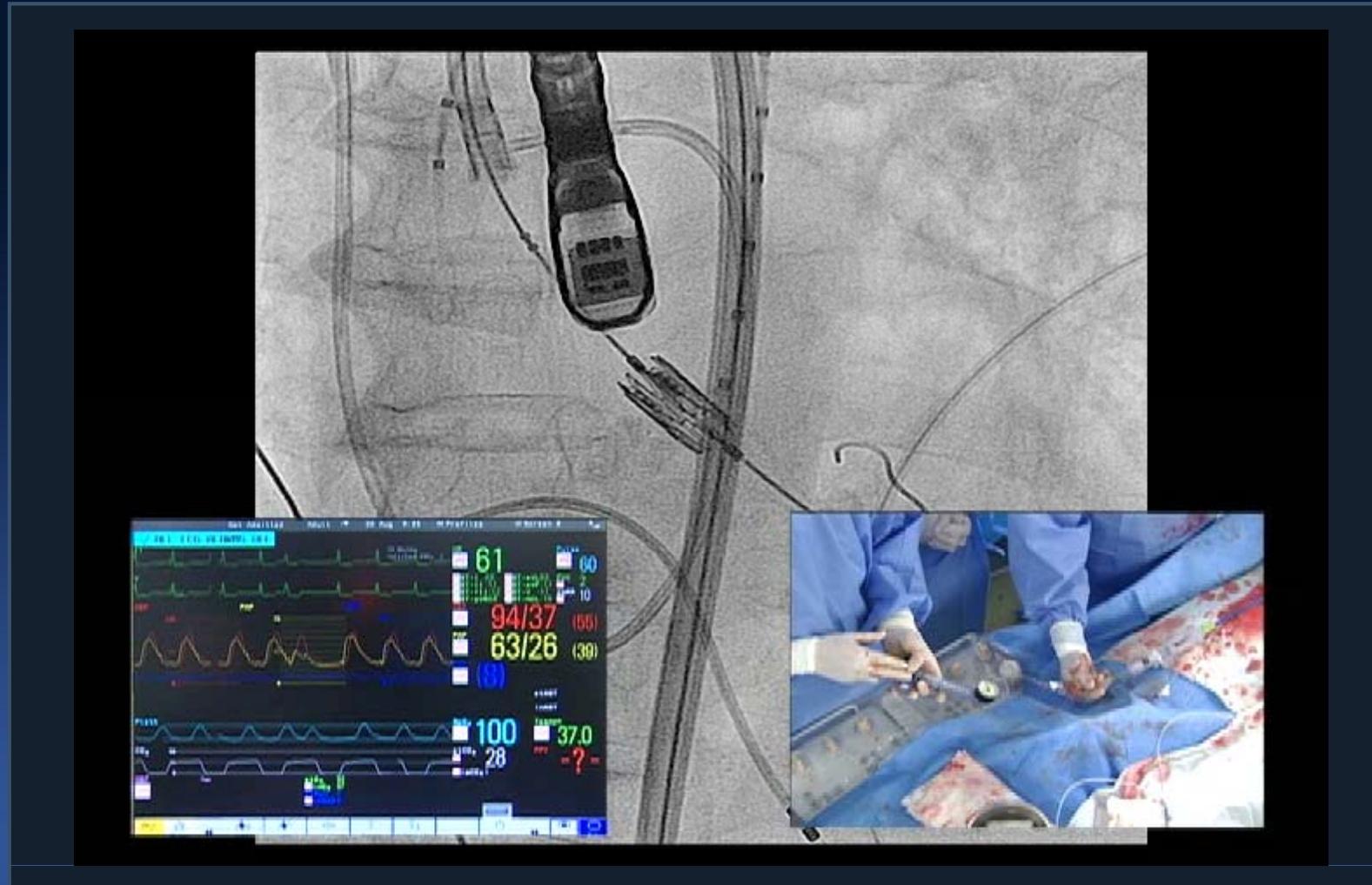
# Introduction of the Flex catheter and Edward Valve



# Valve Positioning



# Deployment

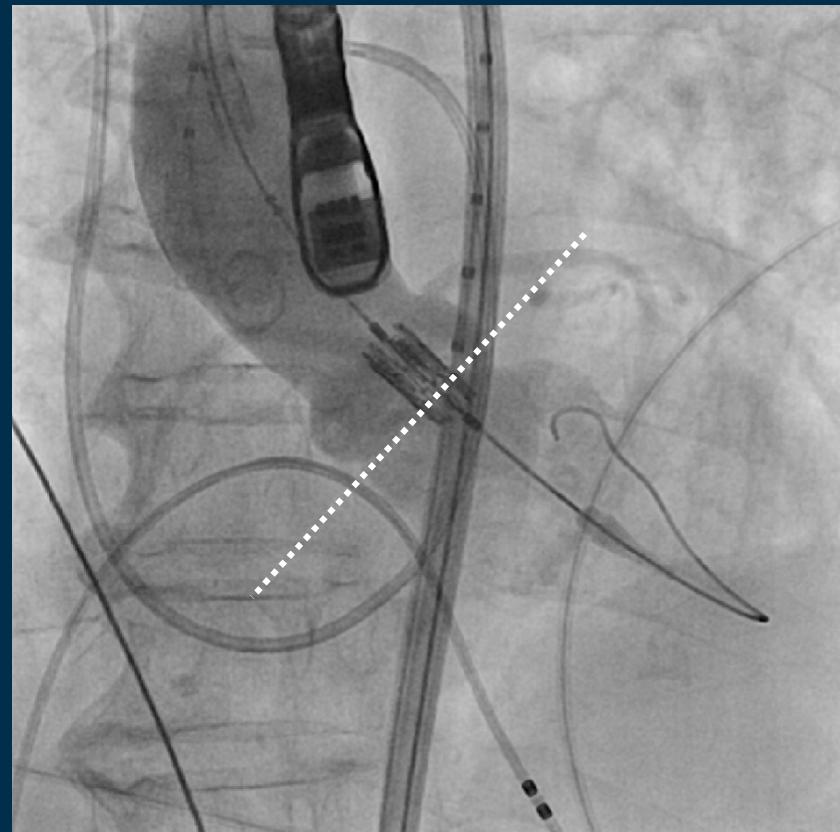


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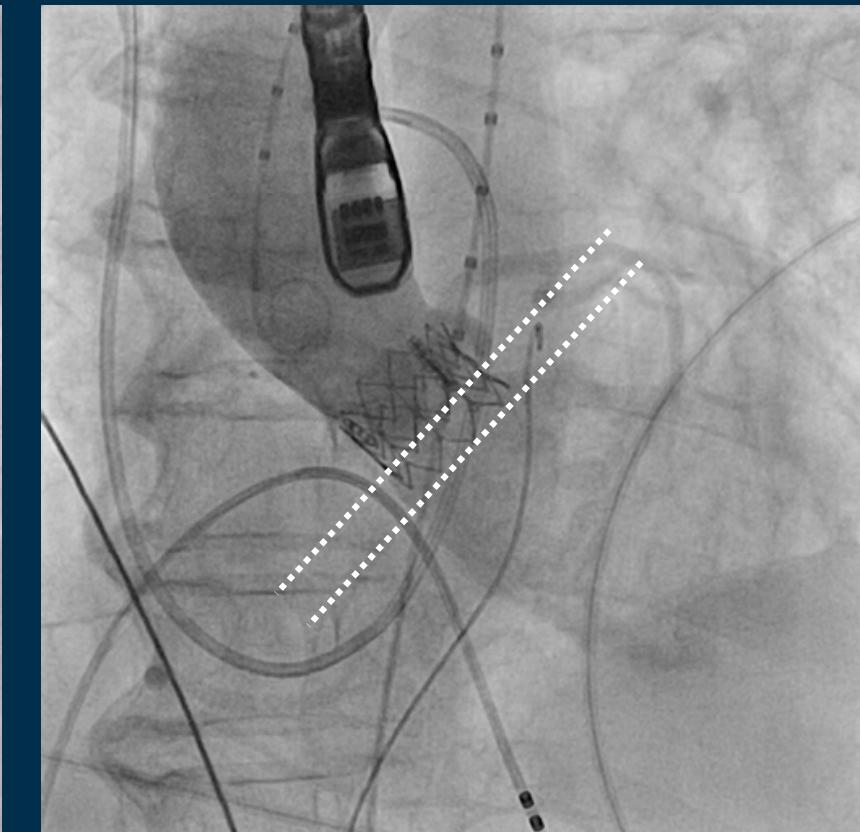
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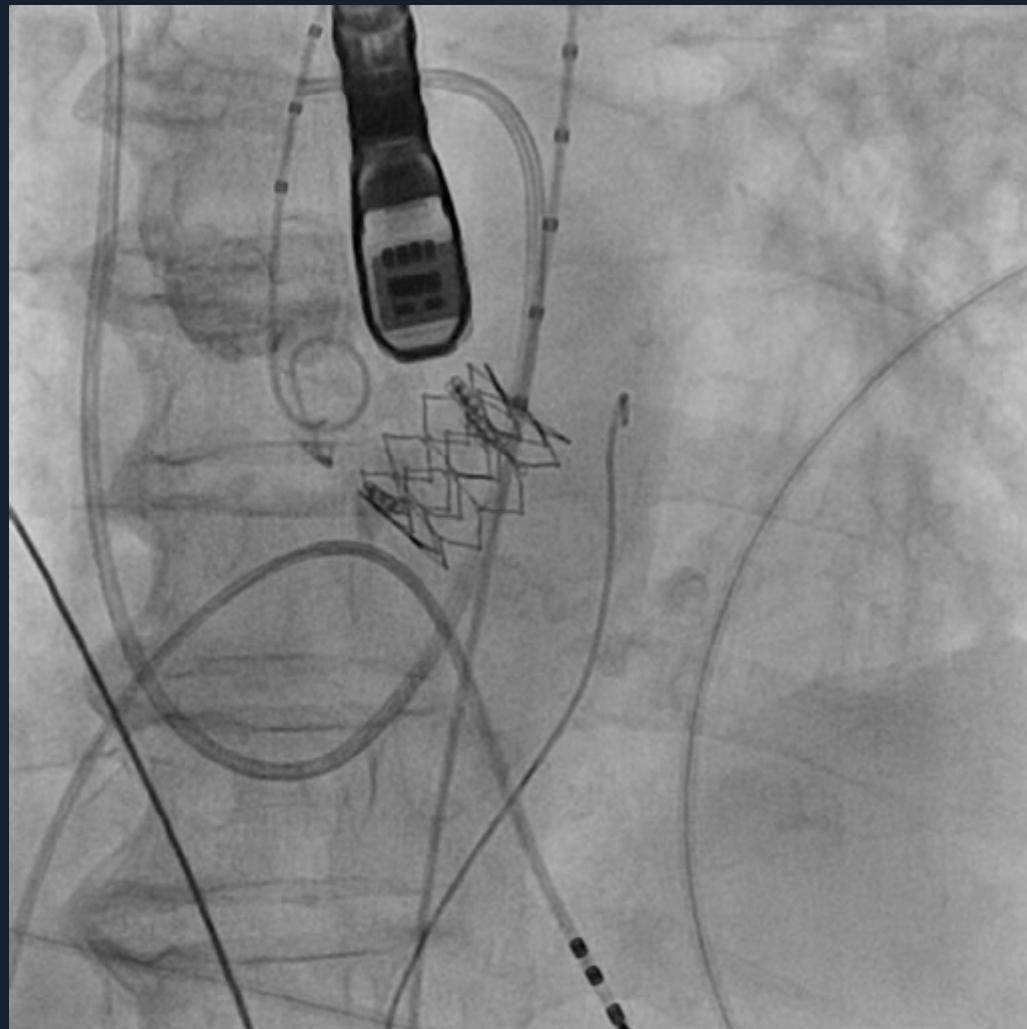
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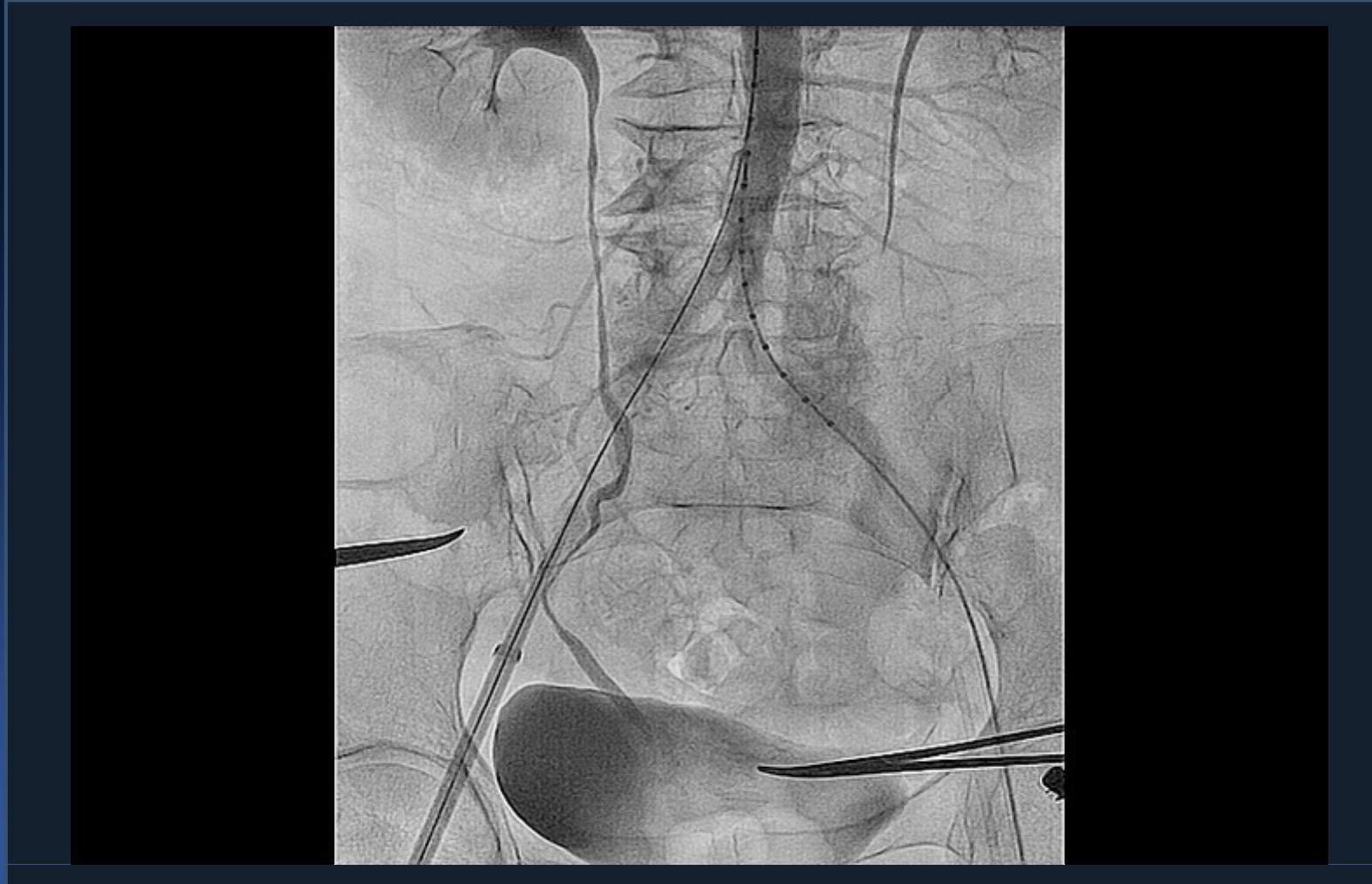
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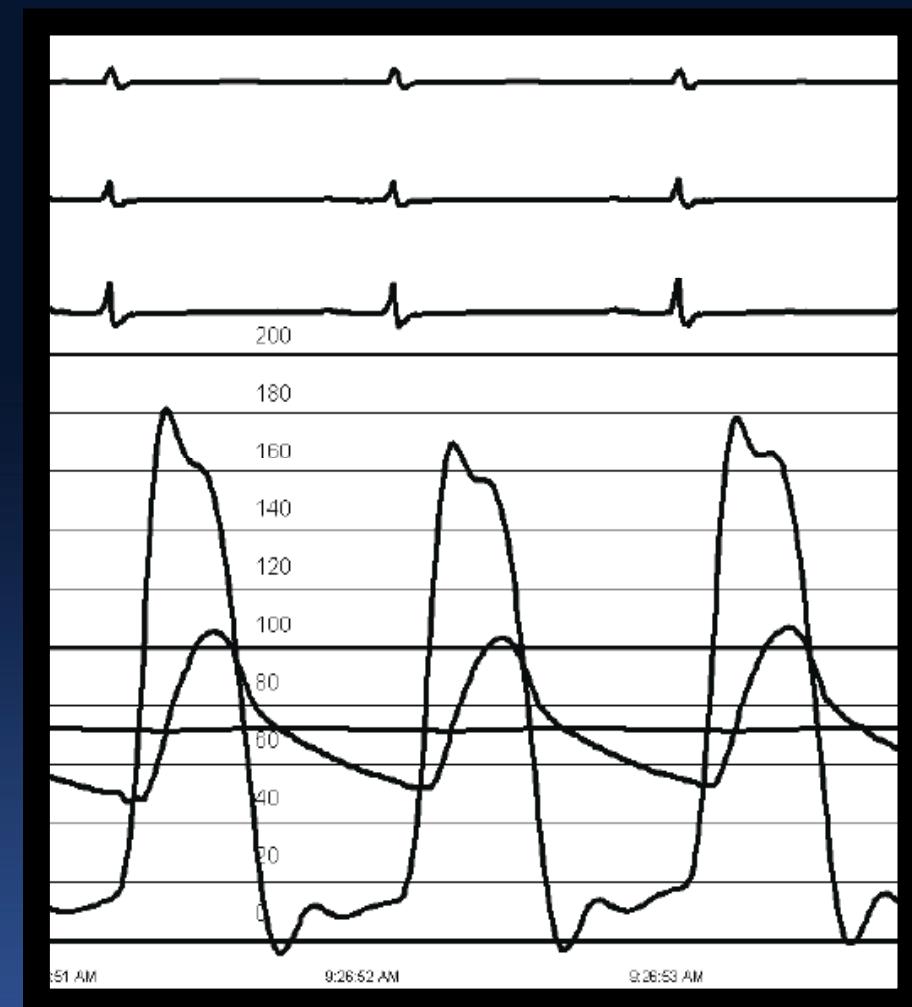


# Post Angiogram



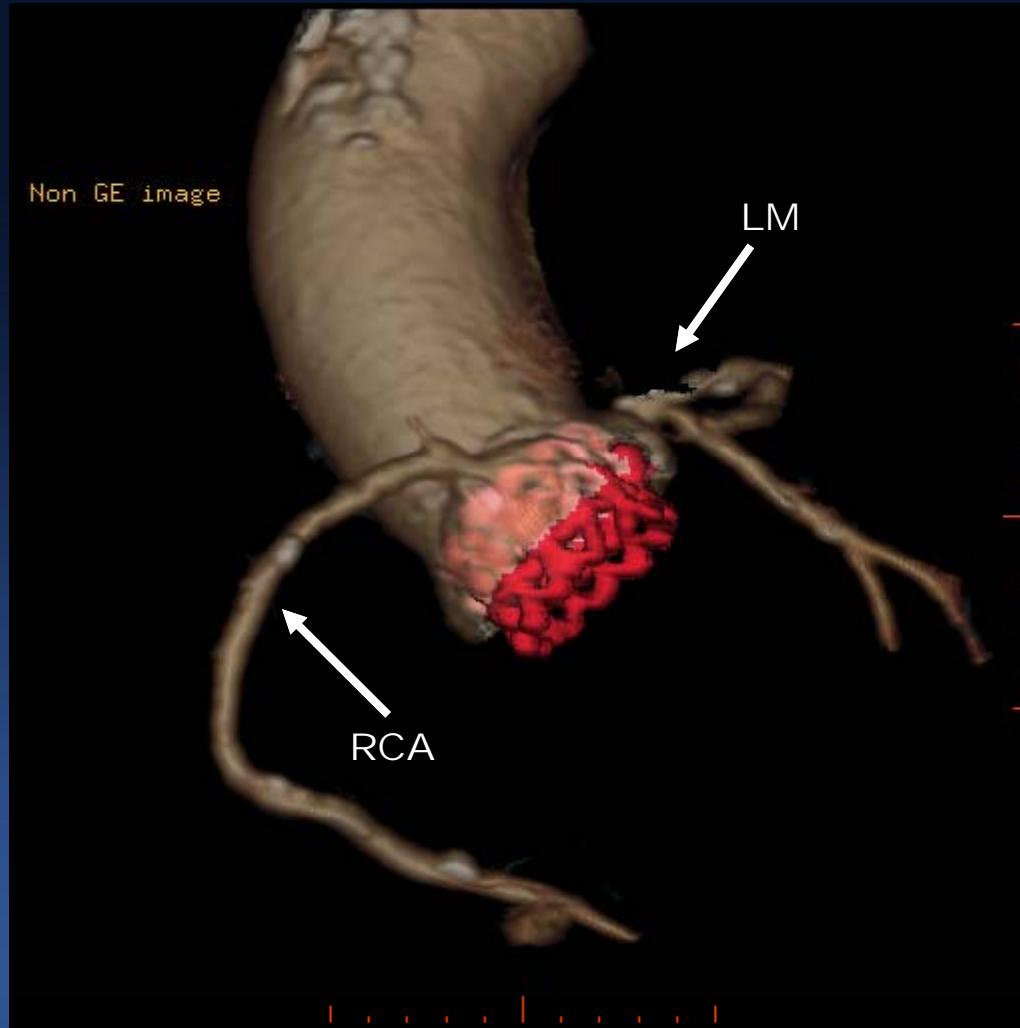
# Sheath Removal



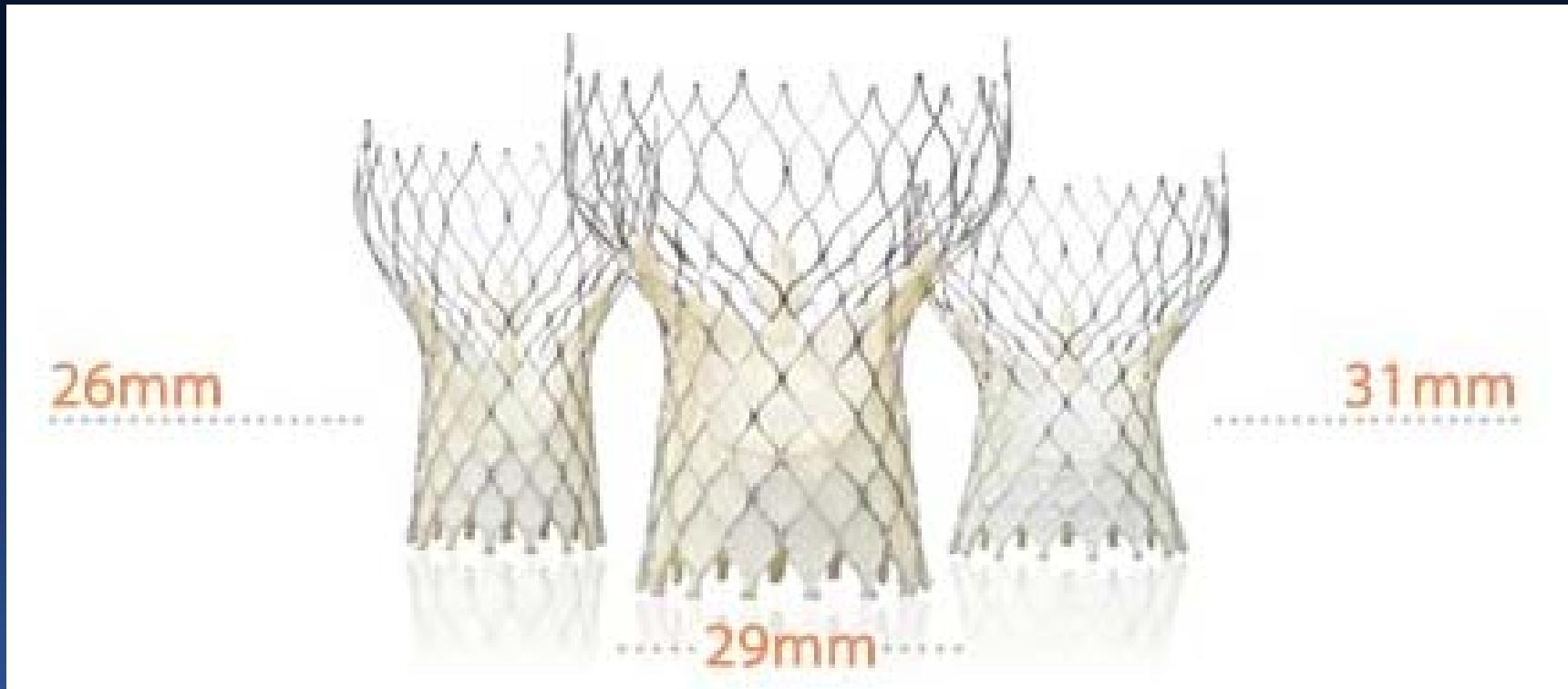


Post procedure gradient = 8 mmHg

# Volume Rendered Image



# *CoreValve Implantation*



Medtronic CoreValve  
Self Expanding

# Selection of Prosthesis Size

26 mm Inflow  
Device  
"Small"

$\delta$  40 mm  
(Ascending Aorta)

$\varepsilon$  27 mm  
(Sinus of Valsalva)

20-23 mm  
(AV Annulus)

29 mm Inflow  
Device  
"Large"

$\delta$  43 mm  
(Ascending Aorta)

$\varepsilon$  29 mm  
(Sinus of Valsalva)

23-27 mm  
(AV Annulus)

$\geq 15$  mm  
(Sinus of Valsalva)

\* Prosthesis not at scale

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# Medtronic CoreValve® System

# Delivery Catheter



## ULTIMUM EV 18Fr

(St. Jude)

# Introducer Sheath



Z-MED II - NuMED

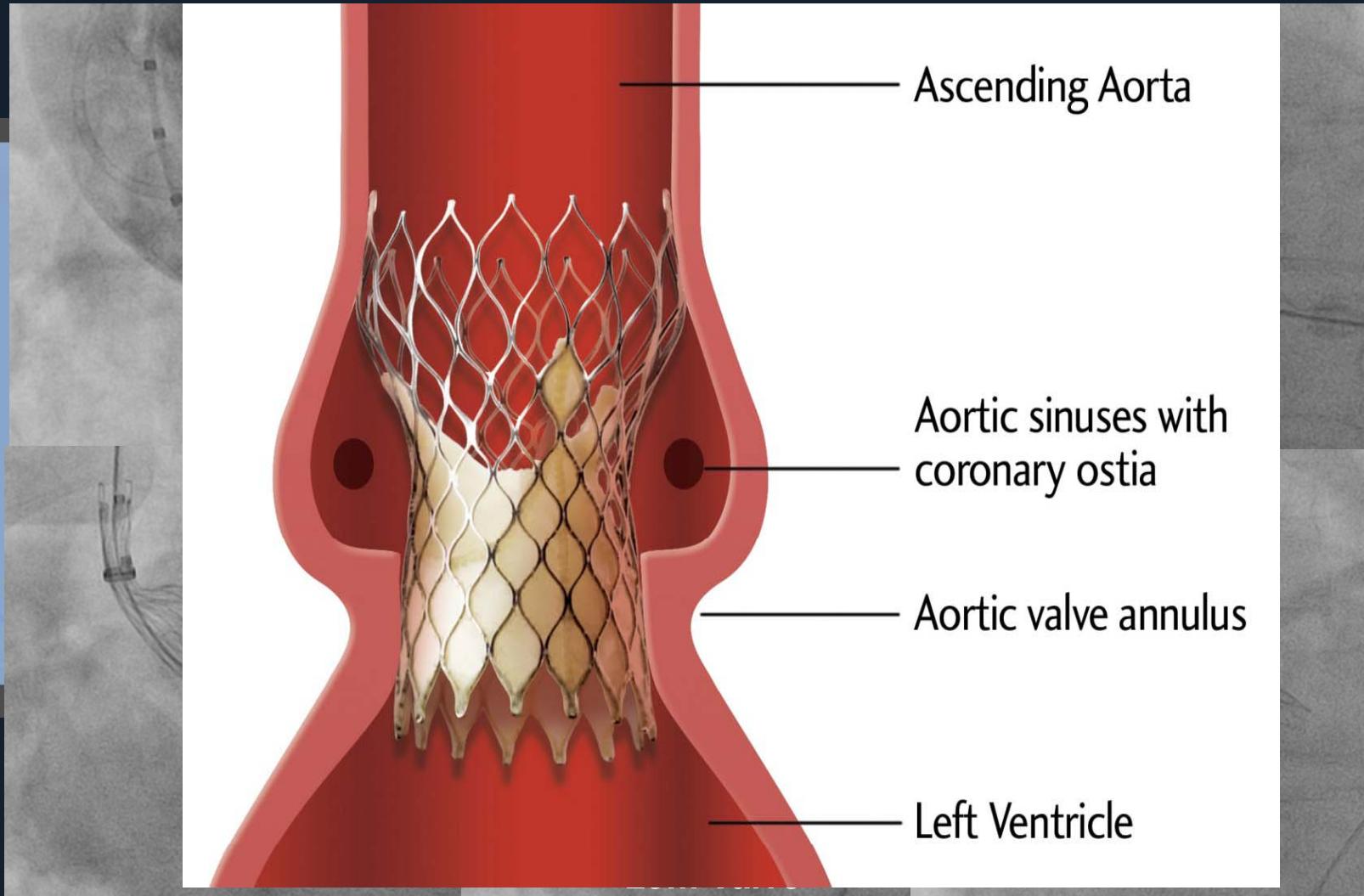
## Pre-dilatation Balloon



# AMPLATZ GOOSE NECK Snare Kit – ev3

## Reposition Device

# CoreValve Implantation



# *TAVI Complication*

# Procedure-Related Complications

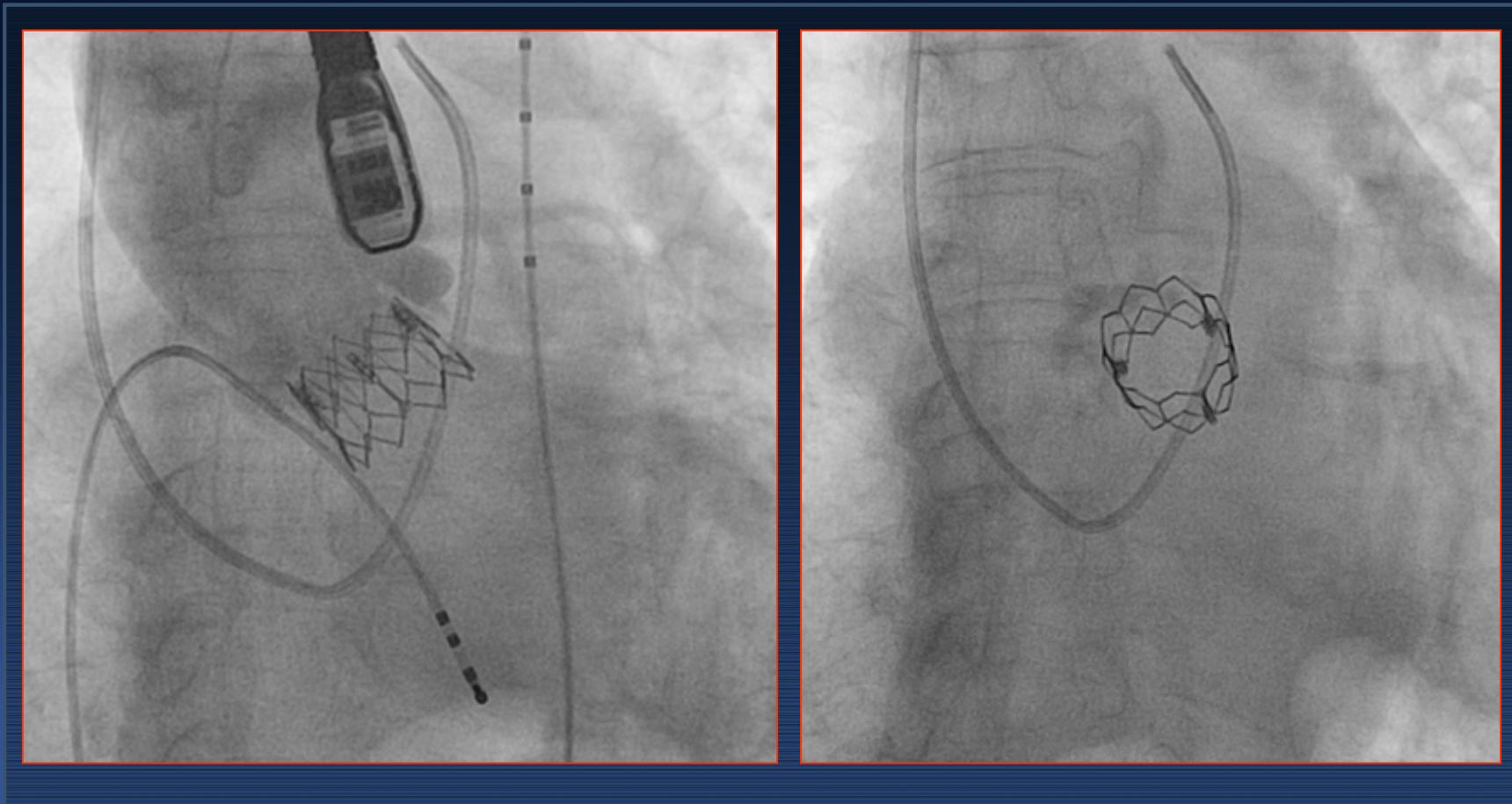
- Valve positioning events
- Peri-valvular aortic regurgitation
- Vascular complications
- Strokes
- Permanent pacemaker implantation
- Coronary obstruction
- VF or ischemia during rapid ventricular pacing
- Cardiac perforation (RV or LV)

# Valve Embolization

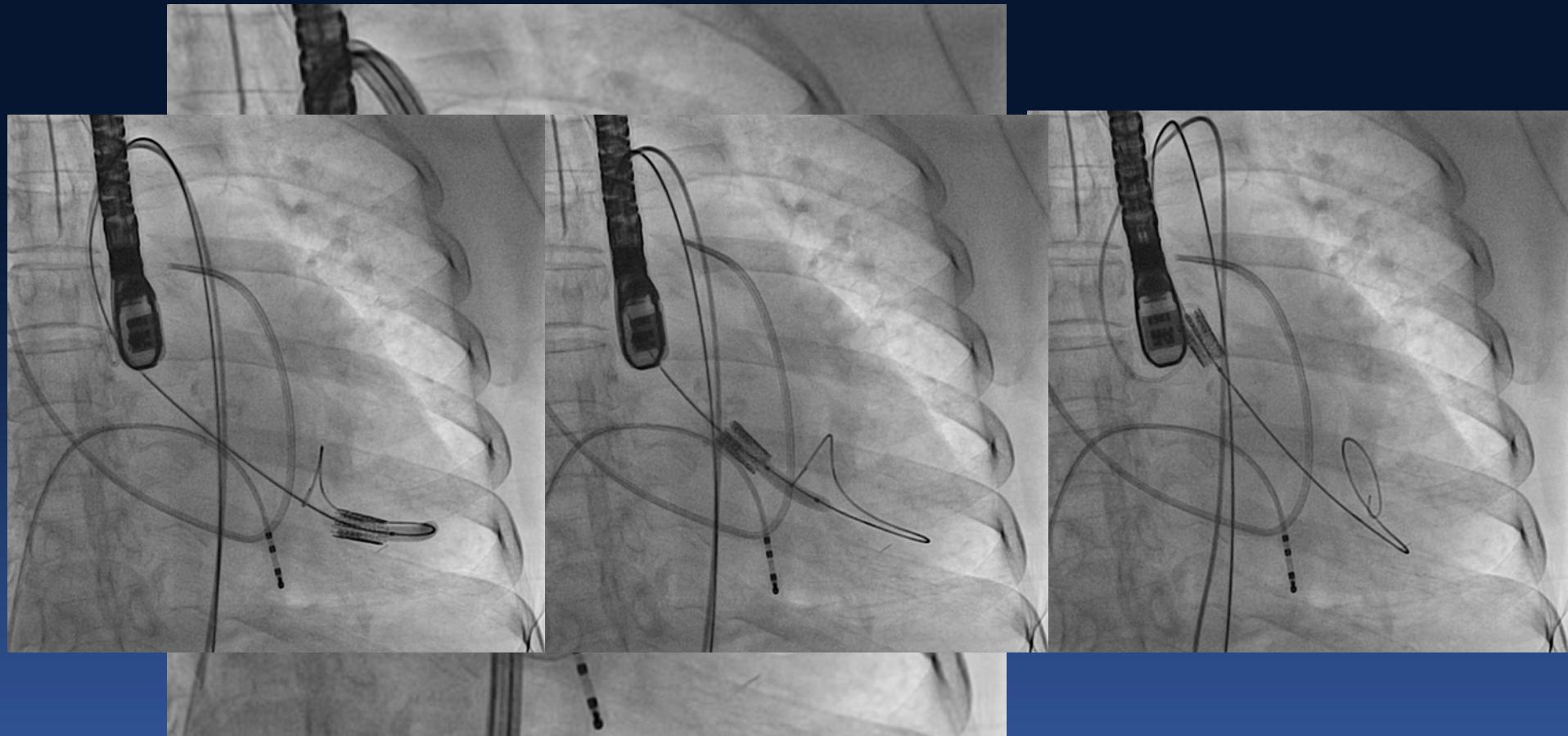
## Possible Causes

- Valve positioned too high or too low
- Valve not inflated fully immediately : 3-5 seconds
- Pacing stopped prematurely : stop pacing after complete deflation
- Too aggressive pre-dilation & possible undersizing of valve (annulus too large)

# Valve Embolization

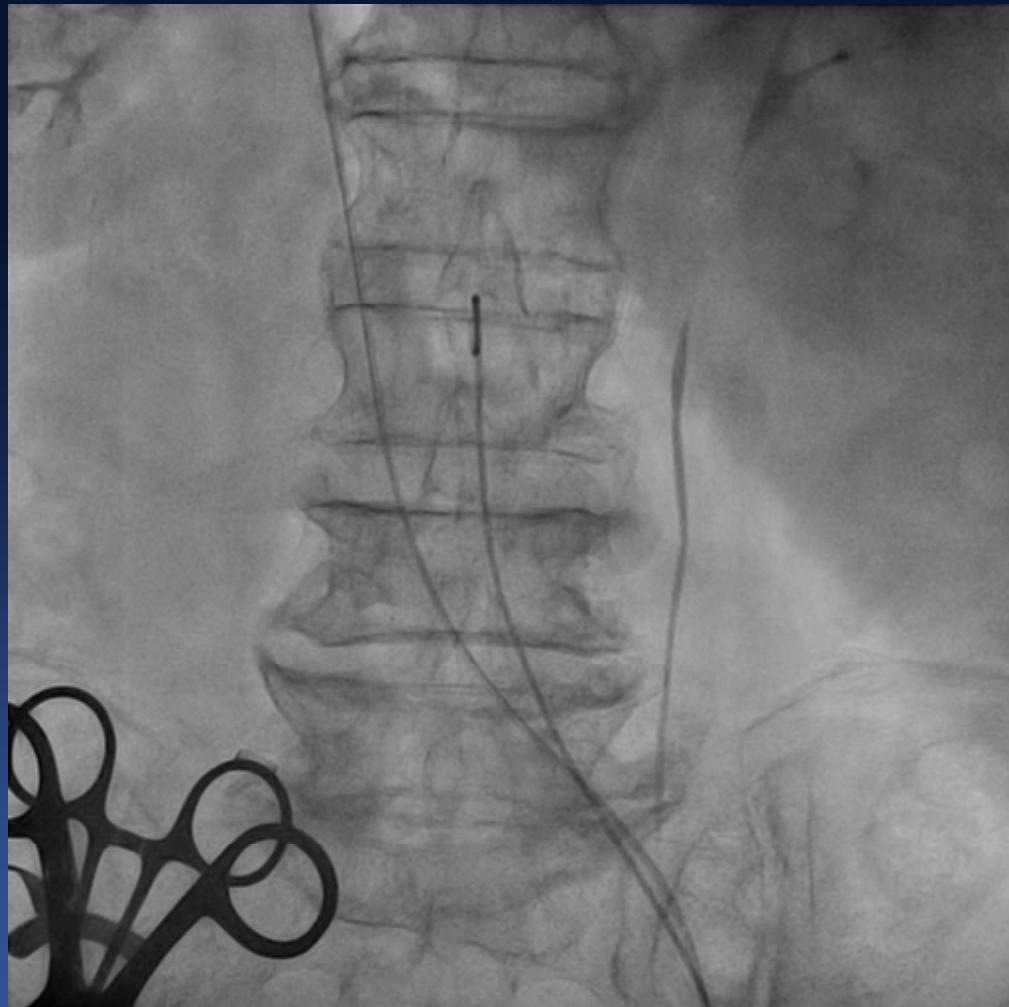


# Stent Deployment, but..

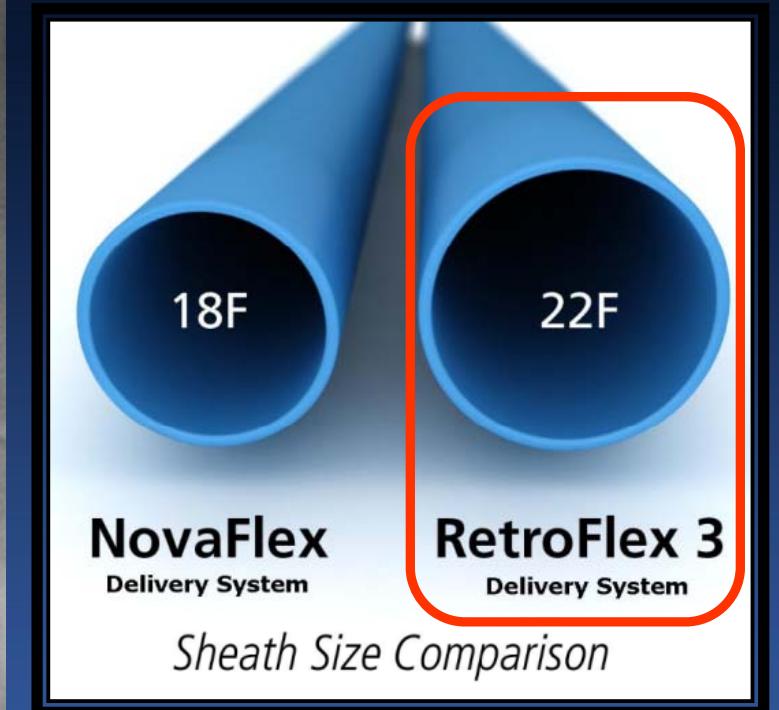


**Using 5.0 X 20 mm balloon, the stent was re-positioned in the ascending aorta.**

# Vascular complications

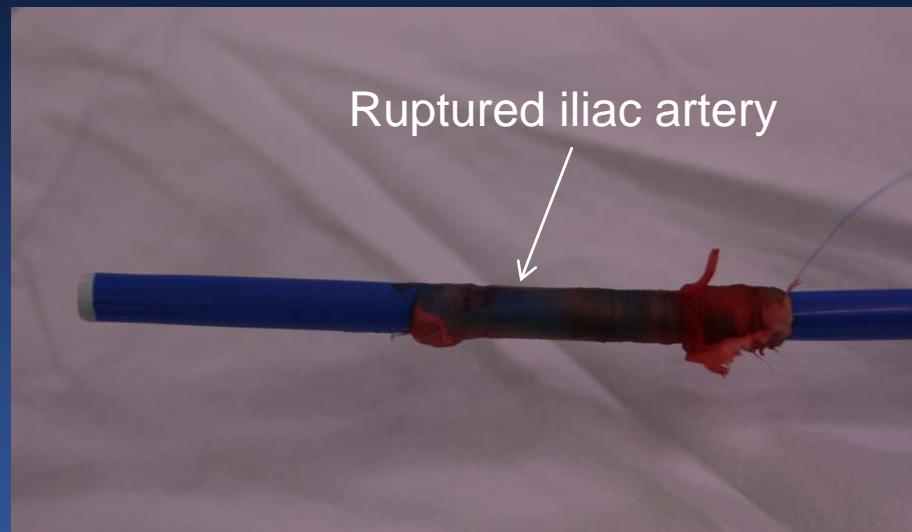


Iliac artery rupture

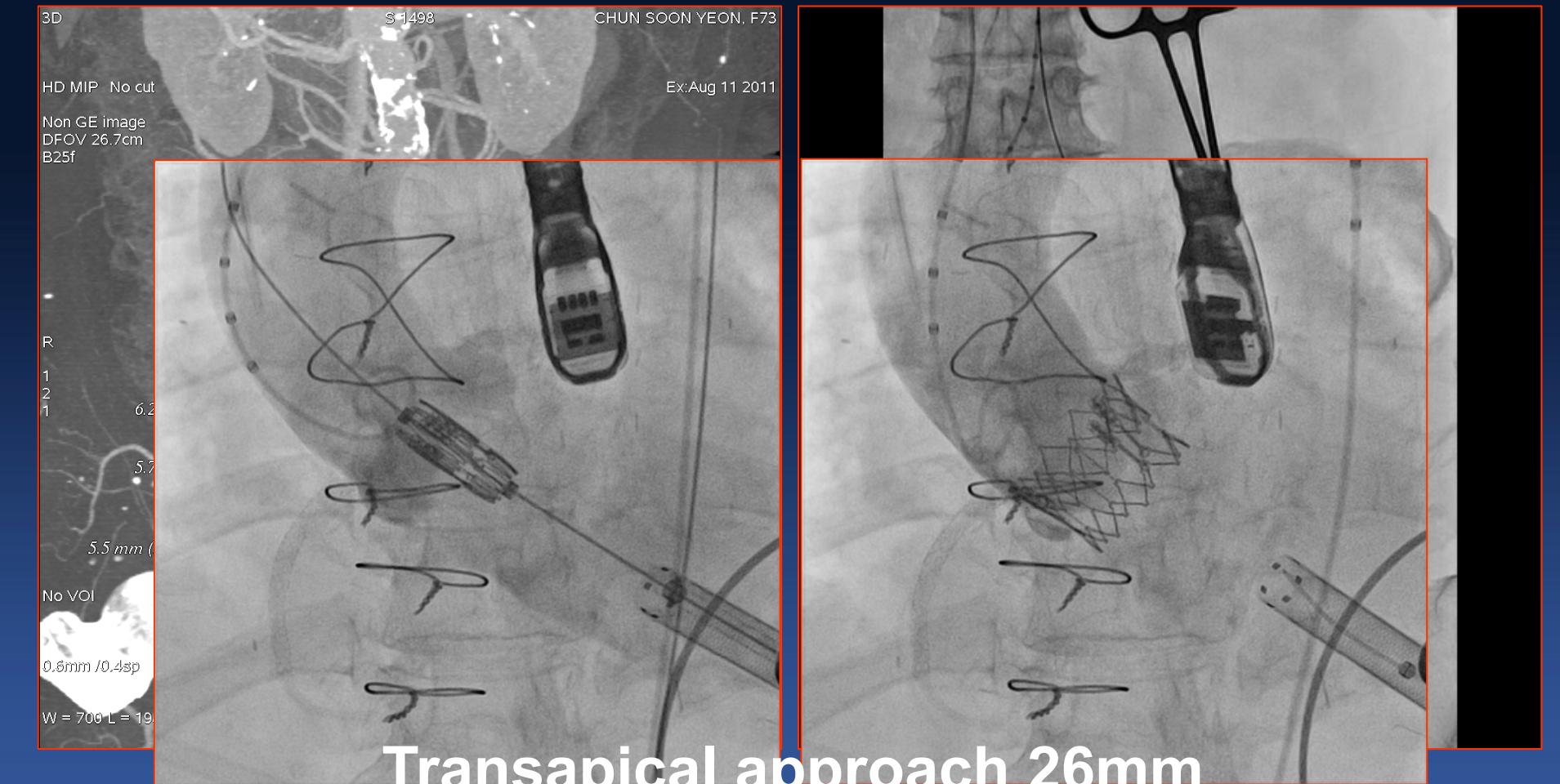


# Vascular Operation

Common iliac artery ligation with Femoral-Femoral bypass graft surgery

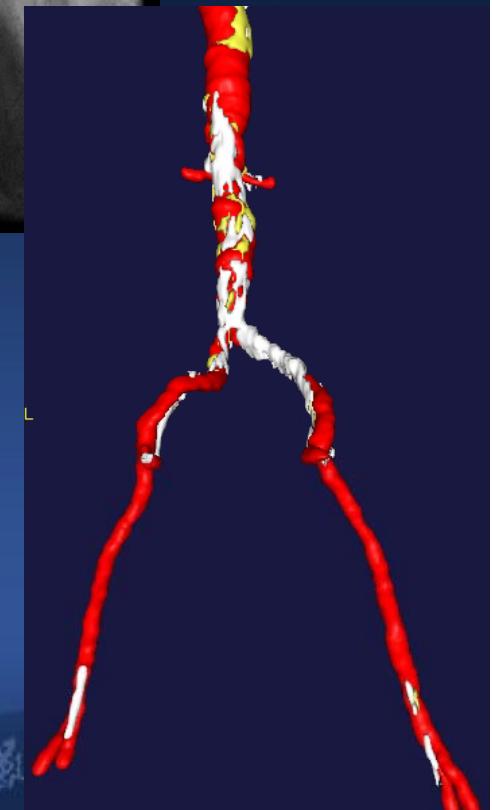


# Transfemoral → Transapical



# Indication of Transapical TAVI

- Poor vascular access
- Aortic arch pathology
  - Bulky Atheroma
  - Porcelain Aorta
- Antegrade AV crossing difficulties
- TA approach currently restricted to patients not a candidate for a TF-TAVR

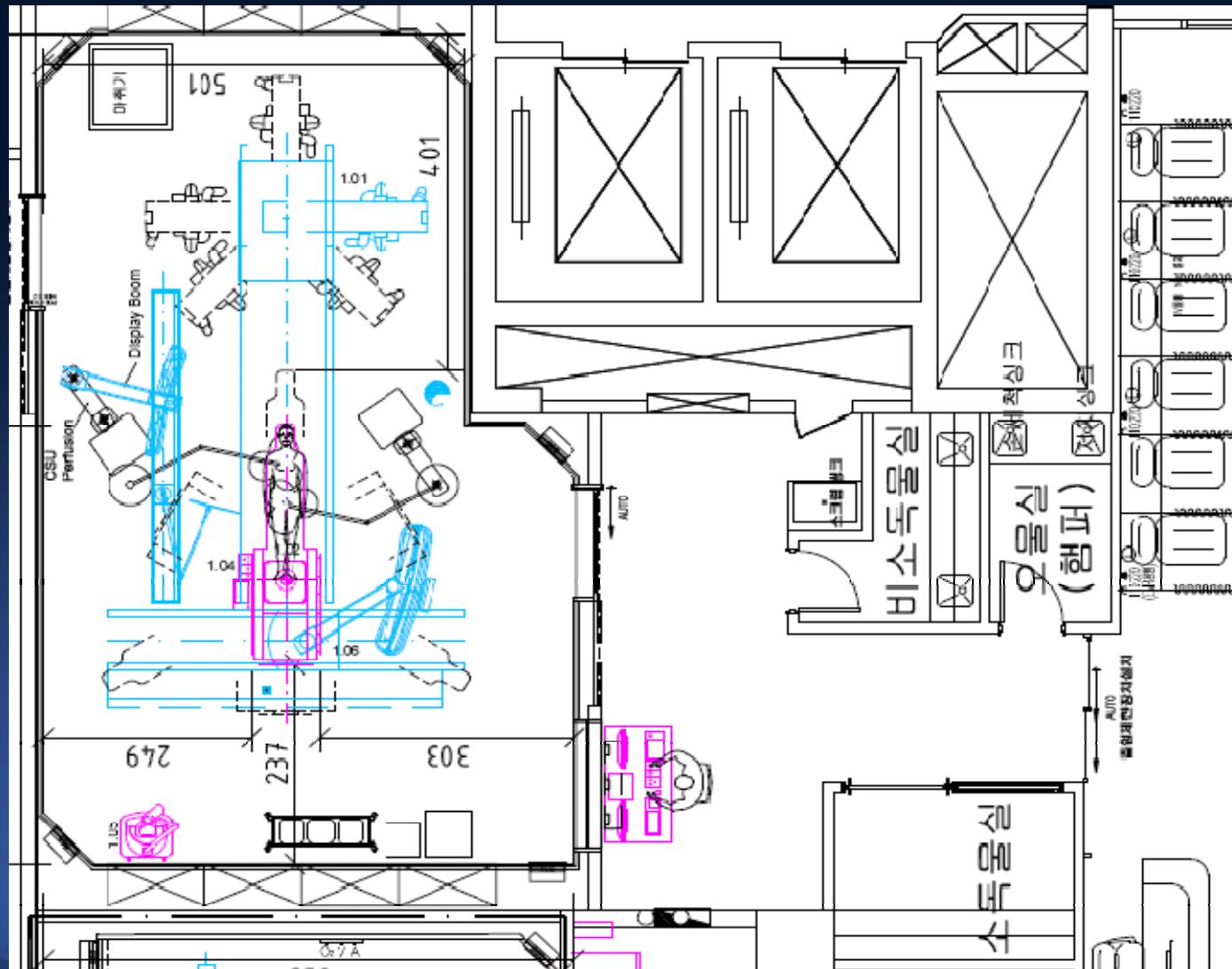


# *What we prepare?*

# Hybrid Room



# Hybrid Room - AMC



# Multidisciplinary TEAM Approach



# Multidisciplinary TEAM



Anaesthesia



Operator  
Interventional Cardiologist



Echo Cardiologist (TEE)



Cardiothoracic Surgeon  
Vascular Surgeon

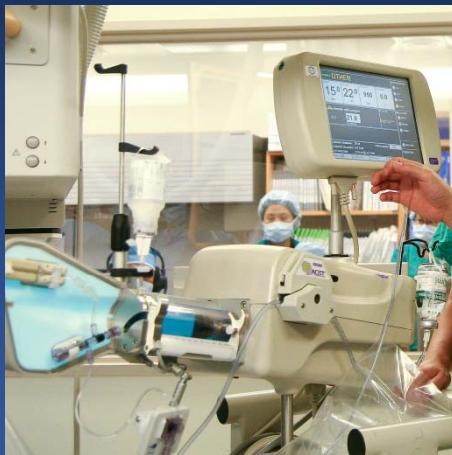
# Cath lab Team (Nurse & Technician)



Mounting expert



The TEAM

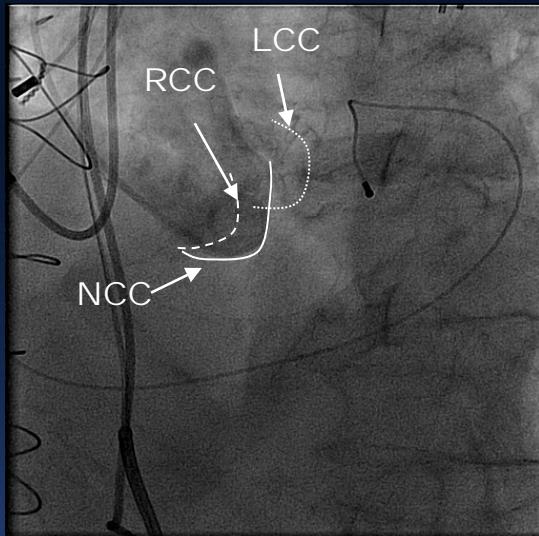


Contrast Injector & Pacing

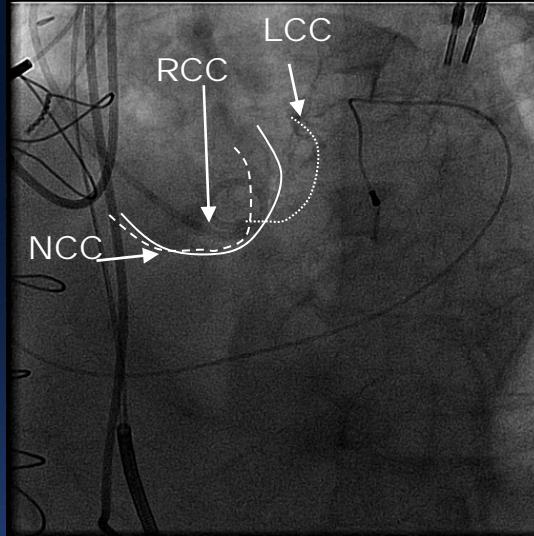
TAVI special assistant

# Selection of Fluoroscopic Projections

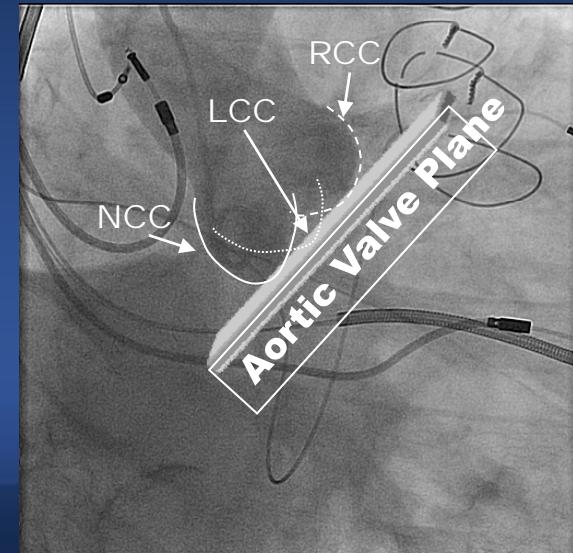
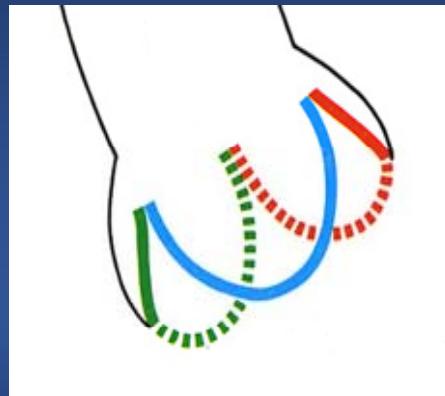
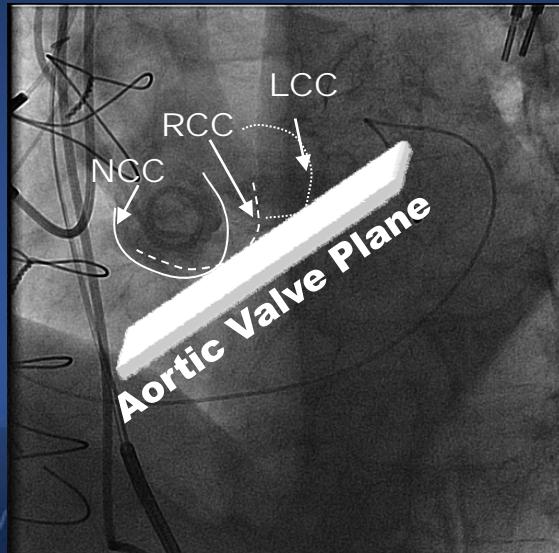
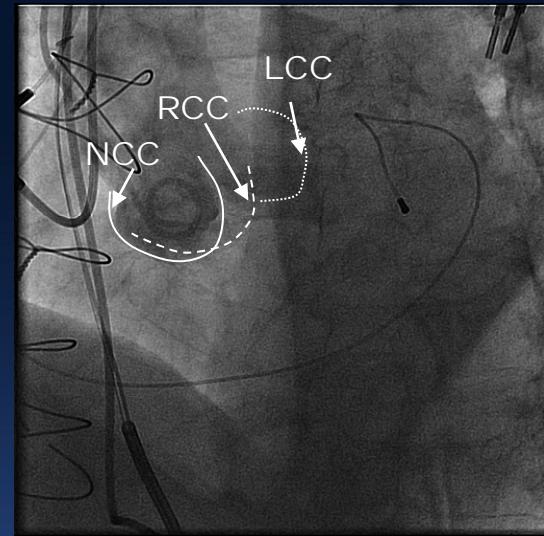
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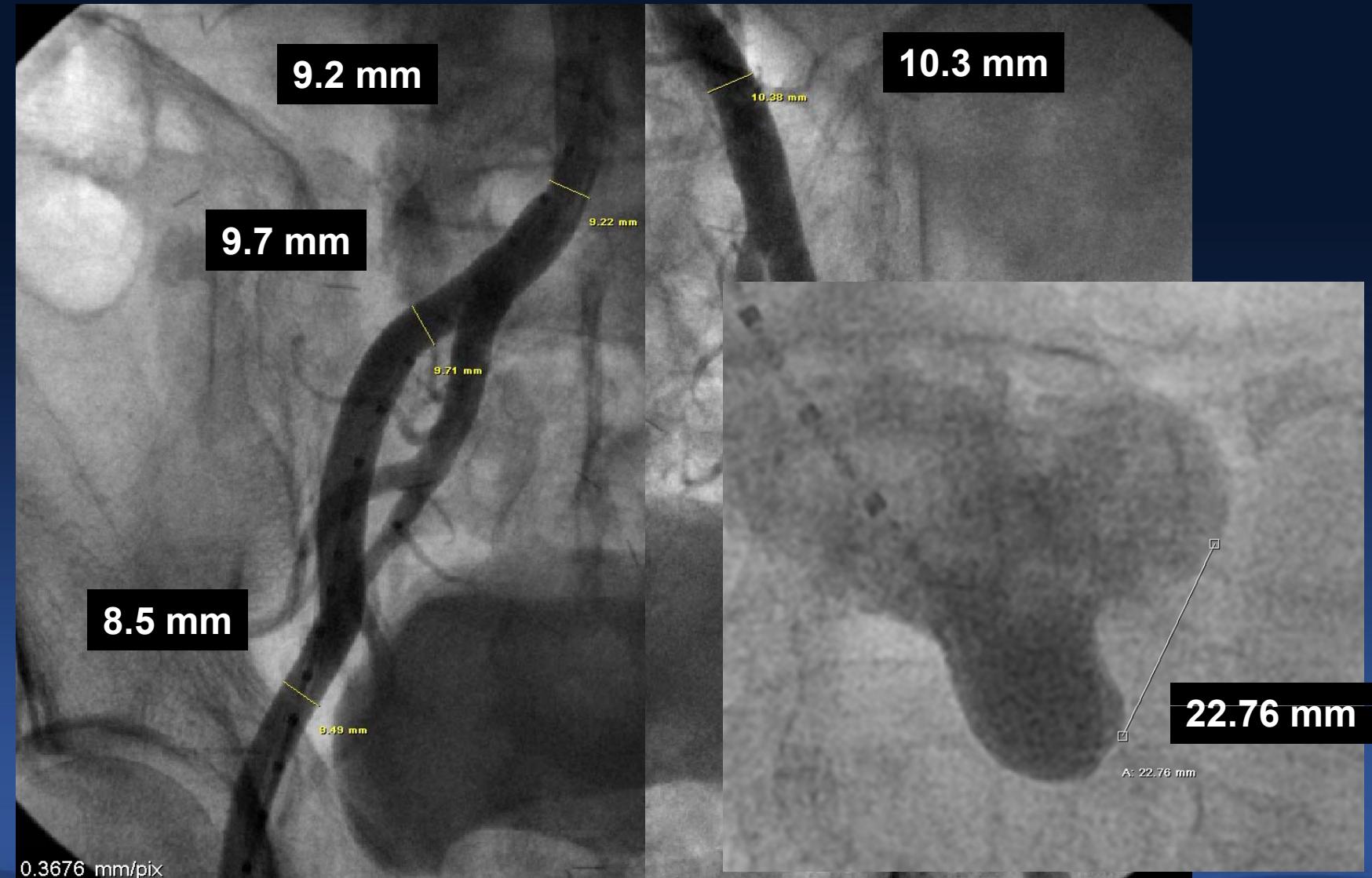
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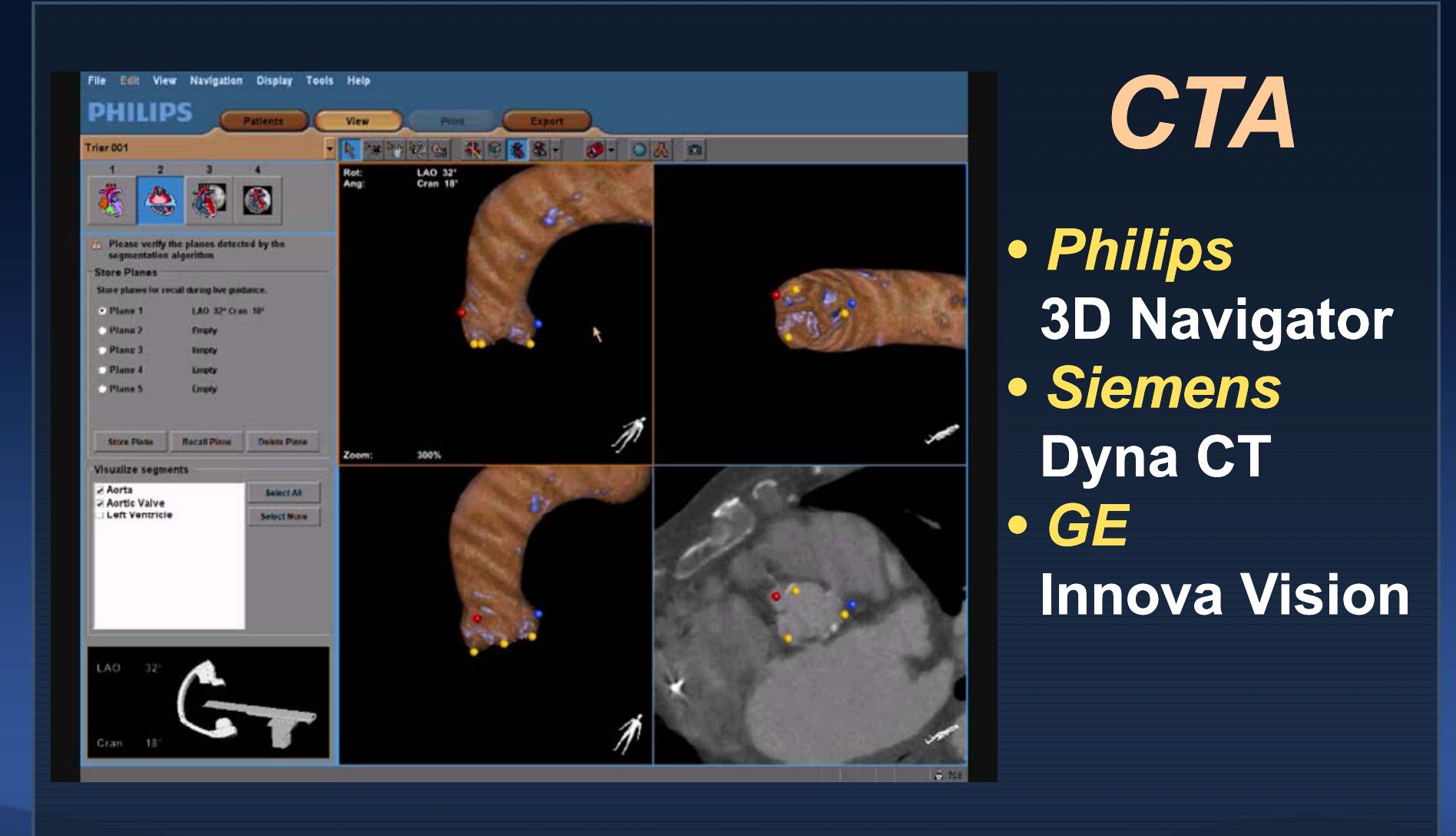
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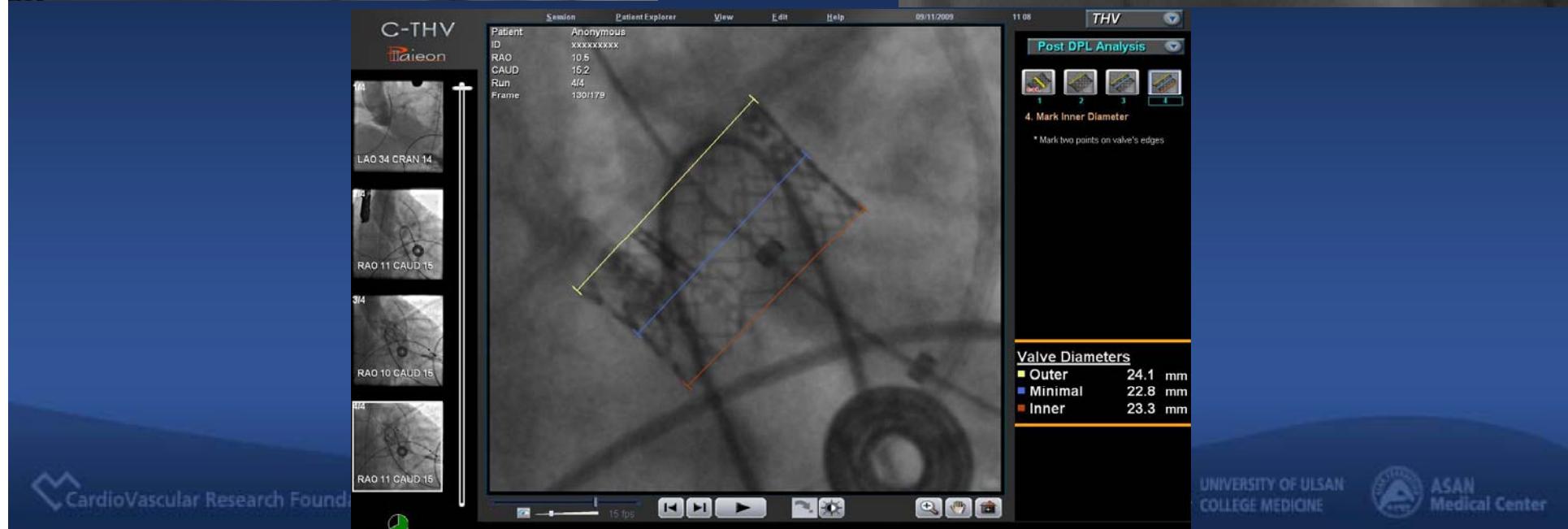


# Advanced Imaging Modalities

## CTA

- **Philips**  
3D Navigator
- **Siemens**  
Dyna CT
- **GE**  
Innova Vision





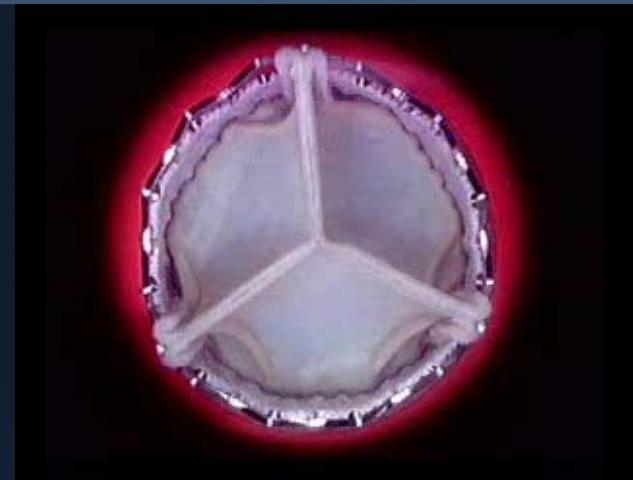
# Mechanical Tests

- Excellent in-vitro durability exceeding 5 years

- Additional frame fatigue testing up to 15 years
- Bovine Pericardial Tissue with ThermaFix™ anticalcification treatment

- Hemodynamics comparable to surgical implanted valves

- Uniform leaflet coaptation
- Large consistent EOA



Optimal function  
at 200 million cycles (5 years)



Tested to full ISO 5840 and  
FDA Surgical Heart Valve  
Guidance



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# Aortic Valve Replacement

- **Class I**

- Symptomatic severe AS
- Severe AS undergoing CABG
- Severe AS undergoing surgery on the aorta or other valves
- Severe AS with LV systolic dysfunction (EF < 50%)

- **Class IIa**

- Moderate AS undergoing CABG or surgery on the aorta or other valves

2006 ACC/AHA guideline; 2008 Focused Update

Bonnow et al, JACC 48 (3) 2006

# EuroScore and STS Risk Score

Patient Factors		Change sheet below to change language 
Age	82yr	
Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Chronic pulmonary disease	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Extracardiac arteriopathy	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Neurological dysfunction	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Previous cardiac surgery	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Serum creatinine >200 µmol/L	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Active endocarditis	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Critical preoperative state	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	

Cardiac Factors	
Unstable angina	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
LV dysfunction moderate or LVEF 30-50%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moderate O
Lv dysfunction poor or LVEF<30	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor
Recent myocardial infarct	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Pulmonary hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes

Operation Factors	
Emergency	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Other than isolated CABG	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes
Surgery on thoracic aorta	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Postinfarct septal rupture	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes

Additive EuroSCORE	9
Logistic EuroSCORE (mortality %) =	14.98%

For the latest information on EuroSCORE visit <http://www.euroscore.org>

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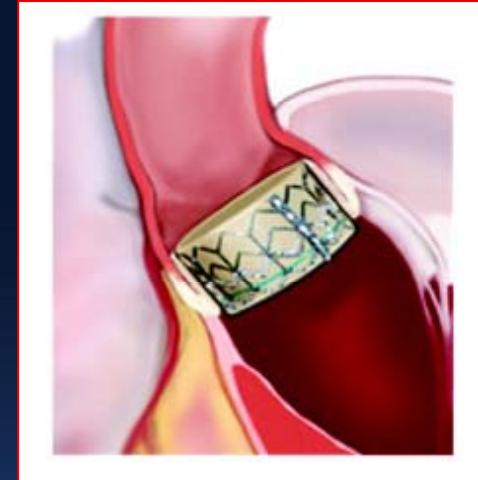
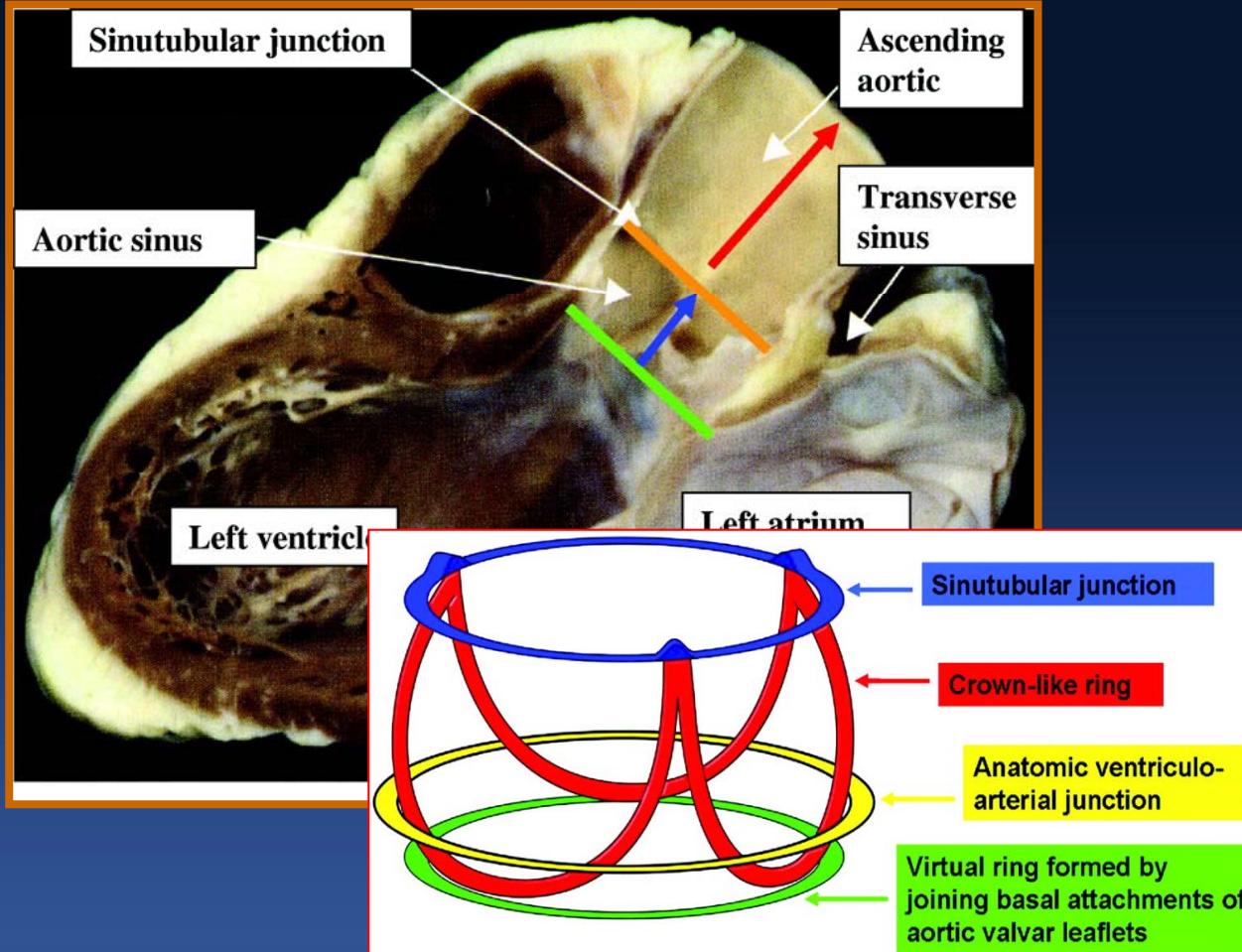
**Logistic ES > 20  
STS > 10**

Procedure	Valve Surgery	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Missing
	Aortic	<input type="radio"/> No
	Mitral	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Replacement <input type="radio"/> No
	Tricuspid	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Risk Factors	Other Non-Cardiac Procedure	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Missing
	Patient Age (years)	82
	Gender	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
	Chronic Lung Disease	<input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Mild <input checked="" type="radio"/> Moderate <input type="radio"/> Severe
Previous CV Interventions	Previous Coronary Artery Bypass	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Missing
	Previous Valve	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Missing
Preoperative Cardiac Status	Myocardial Infarction	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
	Cardiac Presentation on Admission	<input type="radio"/> No Symptoms or Angina <input type="radio"/> Symptoms Unlikely to be Ischemia <input checked="" type="radio"/> Stable Angina <input type="radio"/> Unstable Angina

Calculations	
Procedure Name	Isolated AVRepl
Risk of Mortality	15.0%
Morbidity or Mortality	58.8%
Long Length of Stay	35.6%
Short Length of Stay	7.4%
Permanent Stroke	4.9%
Prolonged Ventilation	39.0%
DSW Infection	0.4%
Renal Failure	37.0%
Reoperation	20.8%

Available at:  
[http://209.220.160.181/STSWebRiskCalc261.  
\(Google: STS Risk Score\)](http://209.220.160.181/STSWebRiskCalc261.(Google: STS Risk Score))

# Anatomy of Aortic Valvar Complex



**Stability of valve  
probably  
determined by the  
“virtual ring”**

***Aortic Root thus composed of 3 rings and  
one crown-like ring***

# Edwards SAPIEN XT THV

23mm



26mm



29mm (Trans-apical)



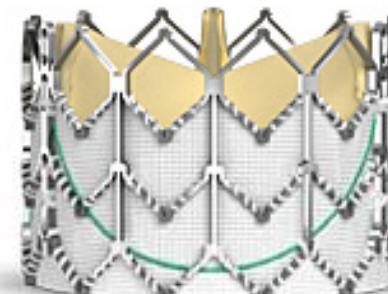
14.3 mm



17.2 mm



19.1 mm



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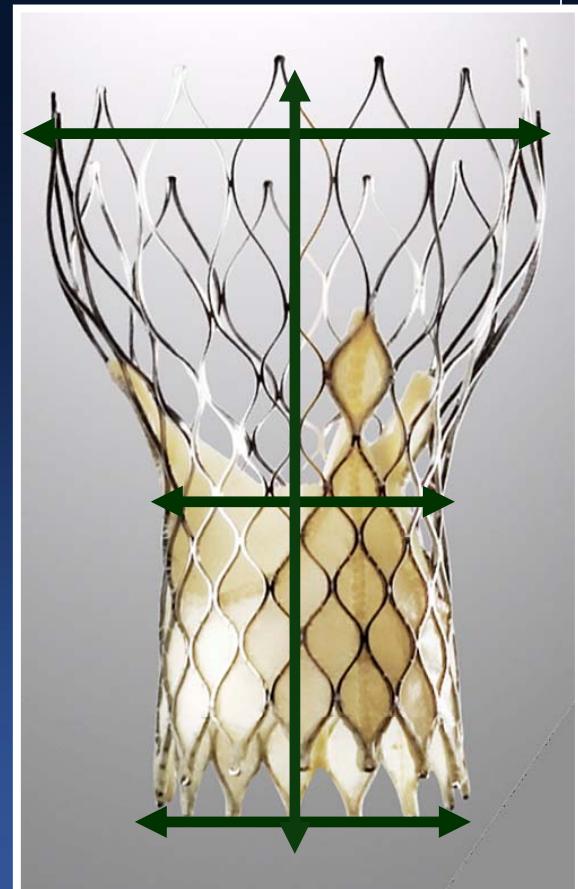
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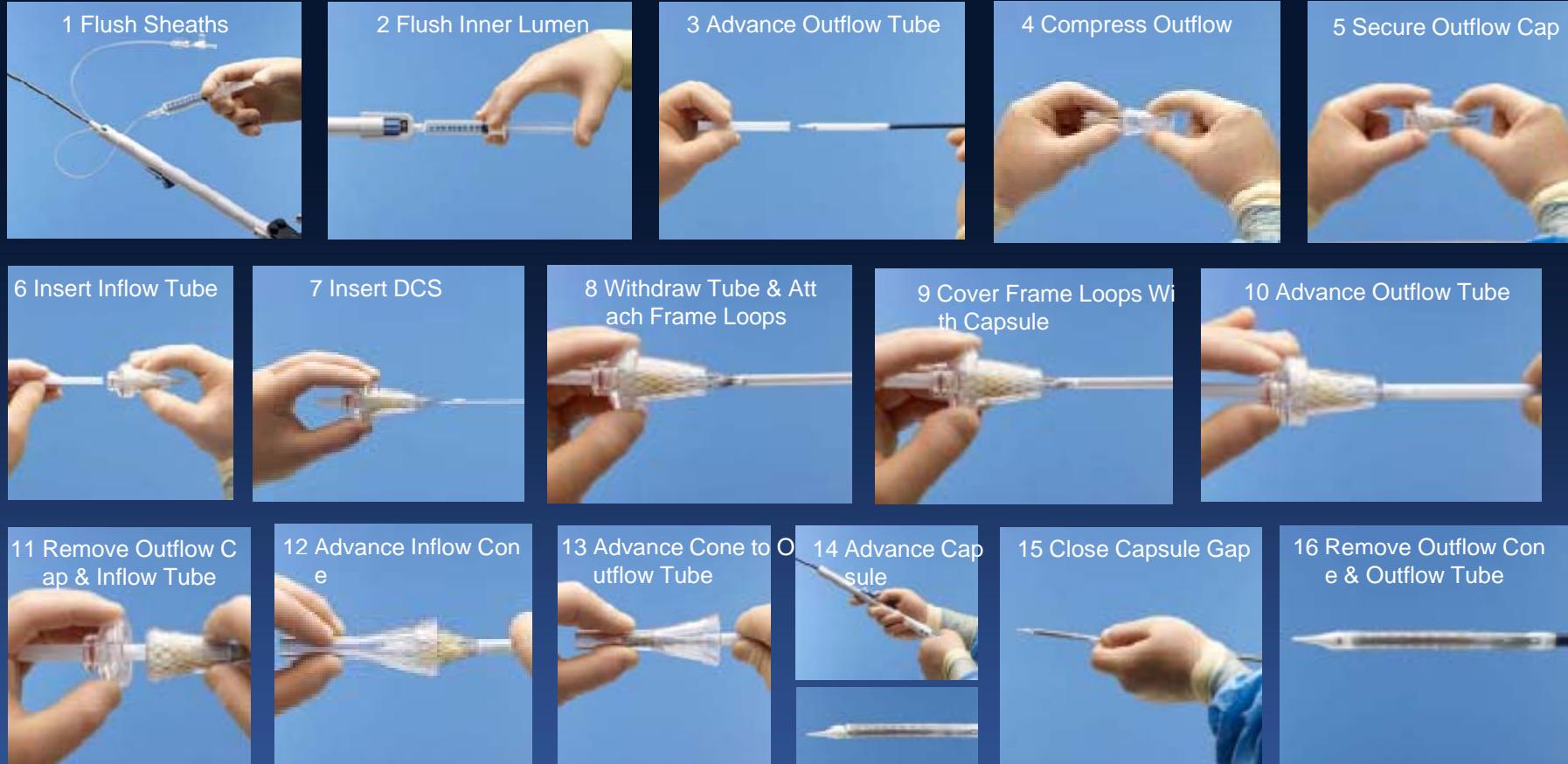
# CoreValve Bioprostheses: From July 2011

## 3 sizes: 26mm, 29mm and 31mm



	<b>“Smaller” 20-23mm</b>	<b>“Larger” 23-27mm</b>	<b>“X-Large” 26-29mm</b>
<b>Height</b>	55 mm	53 mm	52mm
<b>Outflow</b>	40 mm	43 mm	43mm
<b>Constrained</b>	22 mm	24 mm	24mm
<b>Inflow</b>	26 mm	29mm	31mm
<b>Access</b>	18 F	18F	18F

# Loading Procedure



# Dimension of the Prostheses

	Width	Hight	For annulus diameter	Height of skirt
Edward SAPIEN XT™	23mm	14.3mm	18-22mm	10.1/7.74mm
	26mm	17.2mm	21-25mm	11.4/8.67mm
CoreValve Revalving™	26mm	55mm	20-23mm	12mm
	29mm	53mm	23-27mm	12mm



# Edwards Sapien Indications

## EDWARDS SAPIEN Valve

- AVA < 0.8cm<sup>2</sup>
- Logistic Euroscore > 20%
- STS > 10%

## EDWARDS SAPIEN XT Valve

- AVA < 1.0cm<sup>2</sup>
- Estimate operative/procedural mortality risk ≥ 15% (predicted by Cardiologist and surgeon)

## ANNULUS BY TEE

- 18 to 22mm -> 23mm SAPIEN  
21 to 25mm -> 26mm SAPIEN

## FEMORO-ILIAC AXES

- (without calcification/tortuosity)  
Min 6.0mm -> 23mm SAPIEN  
Min 6.5mm -> 26mm SAPIEN

# Edwards Sapien Contraindications

- Other than calcified degenerative AS
- Intracardiac mass, thrombus or vegetation
- Untreated clinically significant CAD
- Ejection fraction < 20%
- Unstable angina during index procedure
- AMI within 1 month
- Cerebrovascular accident
- Unable to tolerate anticoagulation therapy
- HOCM with or without obstruction
- Mitral bioprosthesis
- Recent pulmonary emboli
- Severe chest deformities
- Bilateral iliofemoral bypasses

# CoreValve Indications (CE)

## Morphological Criteria (Mandatory)

Native Aortic Valve Disease  
Severe AS: **AVAI  $\leq 0.6 \text{ cm}^2/\text{m}^2$**   
**27mm  $\geq$  AV annulus diameter  $\geq 20\text{mm}$**   
**Sino-tubular Junction  $\leq 43\text{mm}$**

## Clinical Criteria

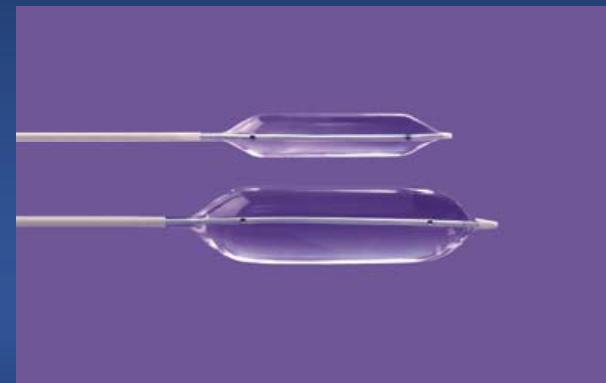
- Logistic EuroSCORE  $\geq 15\%$  (18F)**
- Or Age  $\geq 75$  y (18F)**
- Or Age  $\geq 65$  y plus 1+ of the following:**
- Liver cirrhosis (Child A or B)      - Cachexia
  - Pulmonary disease: FEV1<1L
  - Previous cardiac surgery              - Recurrent P.E's
  - PHT (PAP>60mmHg)                      - RV failure
  - Hostile thorax (radiation, burns,etc)
  - Severe connective tissue disease

# Vascular Access: Recommended Equipment

- 9 Fr hemostatic vessel introducer sheath
- Standard 0.035" x 260 cm guidewire (j-tip)
- Prostar® XL 10 Percutaneous Vascular Surgical (PVS) System
- Amplatz Super Stiff™ 0.035" x 260 cm (6 cm tip) guidewire (shaped with a pigtail loop)
- Ultimum™ EV 18 Fr (x 30cm) hemostatic vessel introducer sheath (St Jude Medical reference # 407689)
- Cook 18 Fr Introducer Sheath

# Balloon Valvuloplasty

- Balloon catheter selection
  - 5 to 6 cm length
  - 20, 22, 25 mm balloon diameters
- Proctor choice -
  - Nucleus (Dog-bone feature - helps stabilize position)
  - Other options: Z-med II, Tyshak II (low atmosphere balloon)
- Rapid pacing of right ventricle ~ 150 – 200 beats per minute  
(systolic pressure < 60 mmHg)



Note: Corevalve prosthesis should be loaded and ready for implant at time of BAV

# Recommended Equipment

- Balloon valvuloplasty catheters (4 cm x 20, 22, and 25 mm diameters):
  - NuMED NuCLEUS™ (Cat #PVN231, or PVN232)
  - Inflation device or syringe and diluted contrast media

## Standby

- Balloon valvuloplasty catheters (long-length and 23, 25, or 28 mm diameters):
  - NuMED Z-Med (Cat #SOØ47, PDZ339 and PDZ387)

# NovaFlex : Fluoroscopic Markers



Distal Valve Alignment Marker

Proximal Alignment Marker

Double Marker

Flex Catheter

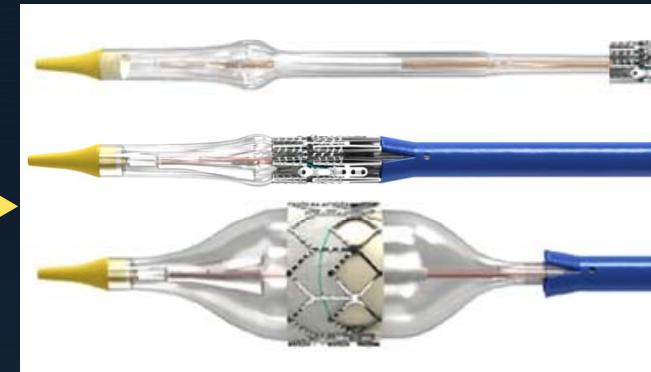


Distal Valve Alignment Marker

Proximal Valve Alignment Marker



# Evolution of the Edwards Transfemoral Delivery System



## RetroFlex System

- Balloon-expandable transcatheter valve delivery
- Steerable catheter

## RetroFlex 3 System

- Balloon-expandable transcatheter valve delivery
- Steerable catheter
- Tapered distal end
- Accurate valve deployment

## NovaFlex System

- Balloon-expandable transcatheter valve delivery
- Steerable catheter
- Tapered distal end
- Accurate valve deployment

## RetroFlex 4 System

- low-profile SAPIEN XT

## Product Design Updates

- **18F Profile**
- **Enhanced distal end**
- **Designed for Valve Alignment**

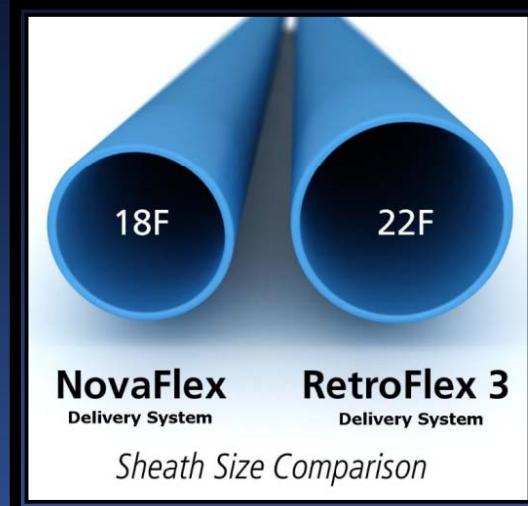
# Innovative Catheter Tip Design



New shorter  
softer tip



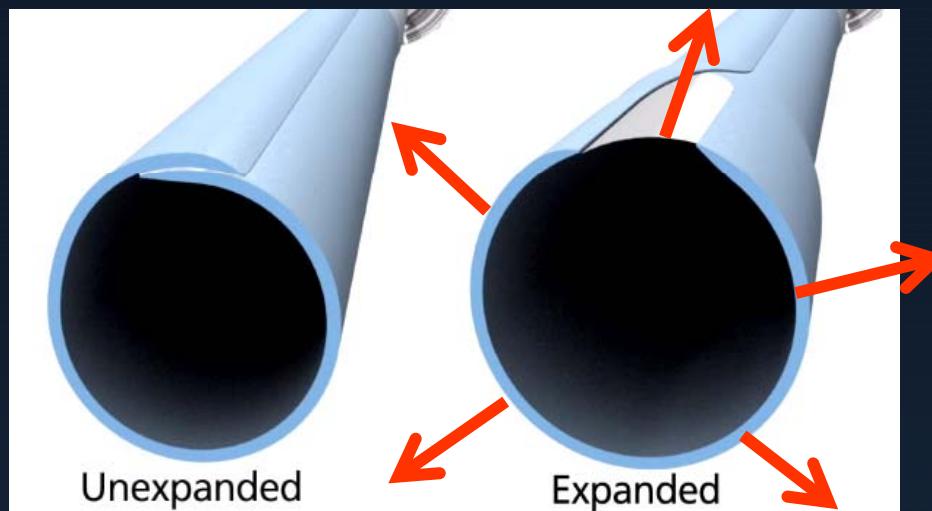
New balloon  
Processing for  
Smooth transition  
To valve



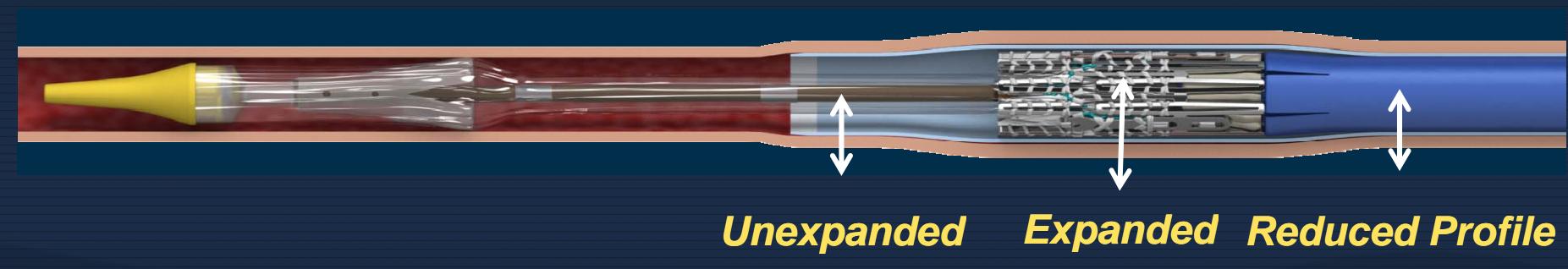
## NovaFlex System

Edwards SAPIEN XT Valve Size	NovaFlex Sheath	Minimum Vessel Diameter
23 mm	18F	6.0 mm
26 mm	19F	6.5 mm

# The New Edwards eSheath

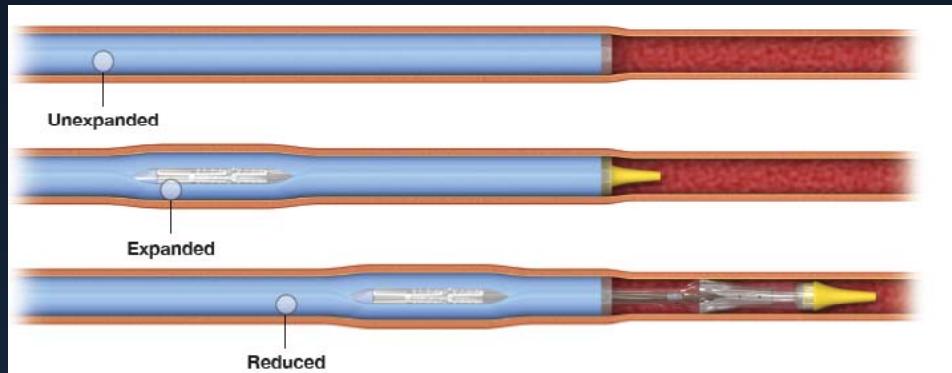


The eSheath expands from 16F to 18F which facilitates smooth delivery system passage, then returns to a reduced profile once the valve has passed through the sheath



# The New Edwards eSheath

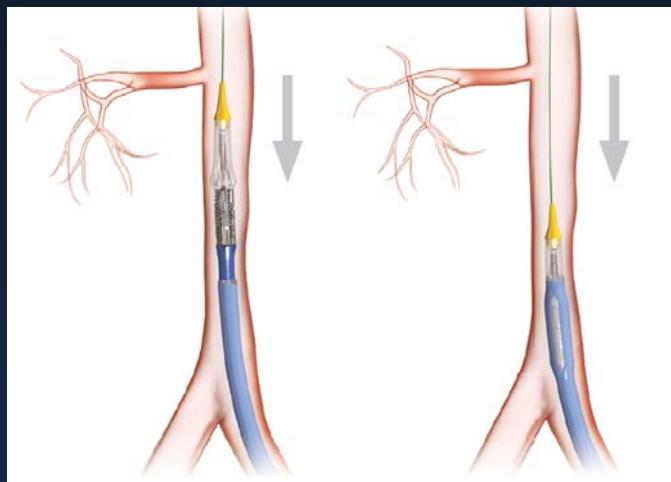
**Reduced profile and transient sheath expansion reduces vascular trauma**



**Smaller (16F) entry and exit profile**



**The expandable sheath allows valve retrievability**



**Up to 40% reduced push force during device insertion**



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# Transapical System Refinement

## Ascendra 2 Delivery System



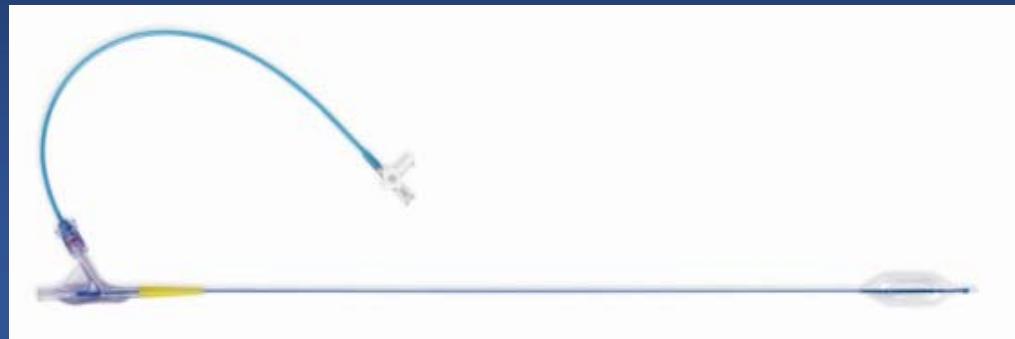
Ascendra 2 Delivery System



Ascendra 2 Introducer Sheath Set

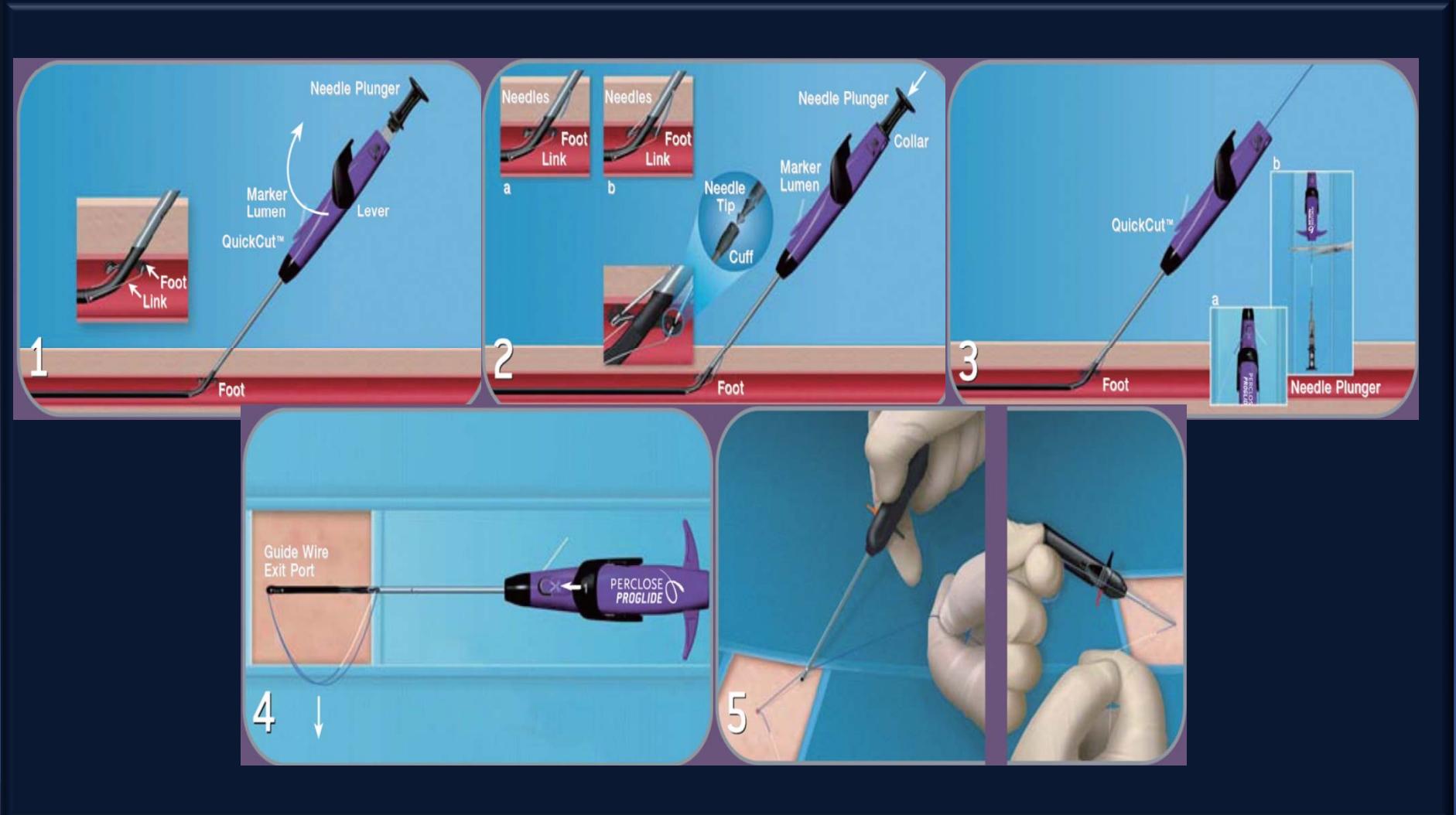


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Ascendra Balloon Aortic Valvuloplasty Catheter

# Proglide ® Abbott Vascular Devices



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