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# Retrograde Channel Selection and Wiring

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## Honorarium

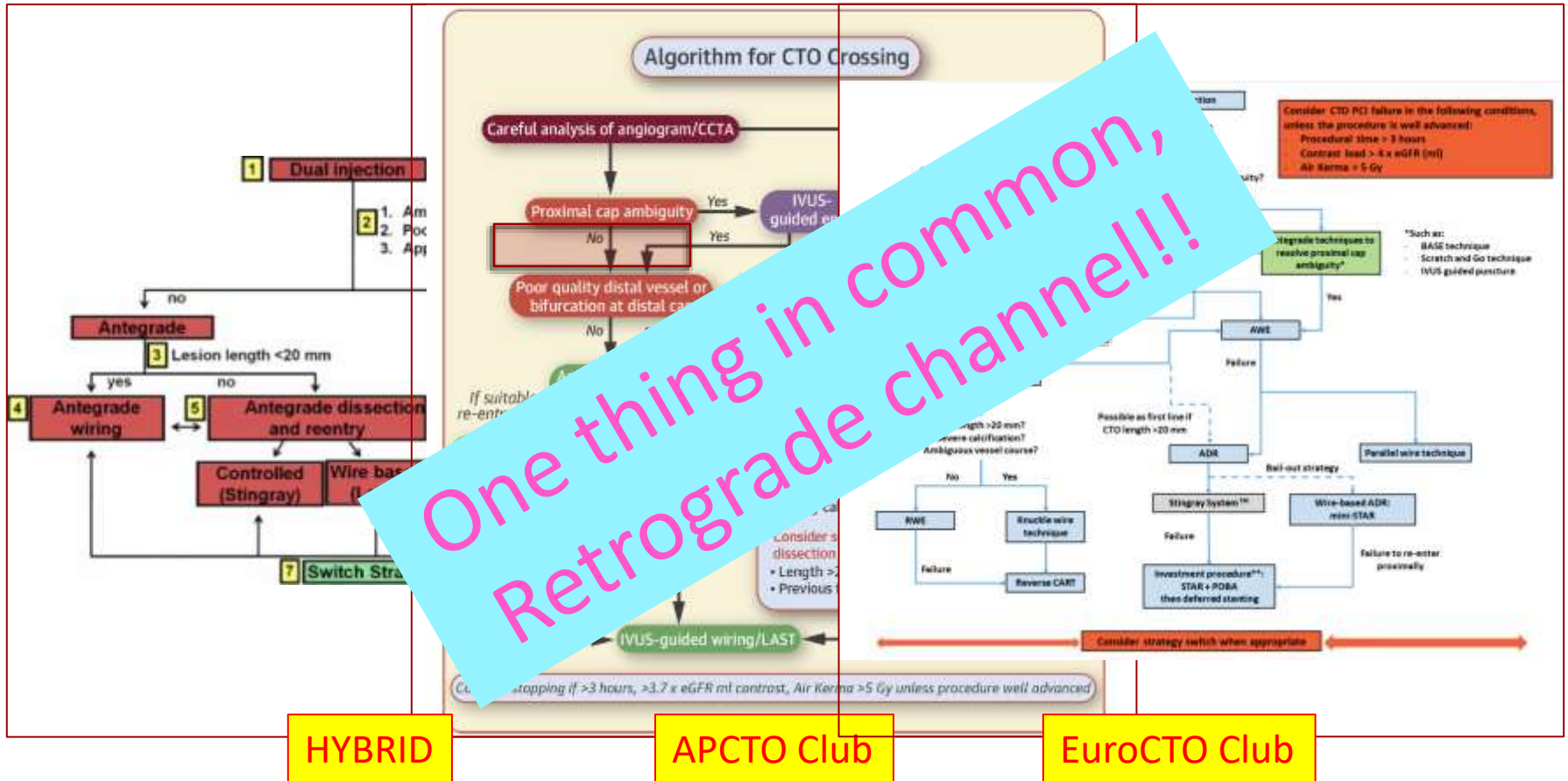
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# Different CTO algorithms...



# Significance of interventional channel

- >95% final success if IC tracking successful, but complication occurs most frequently during IC tracking
- Multiple IC often seen in 1 CTO
- So how do we choose IC? And how do we cross?

# Channel size

- CC 0: no continuous connection
- CC 1: continuous threadlike connection
- CC 2: continuous small (>0.5 μm) branch-like connection
- CC 3: continuous large (>1 μm) connection

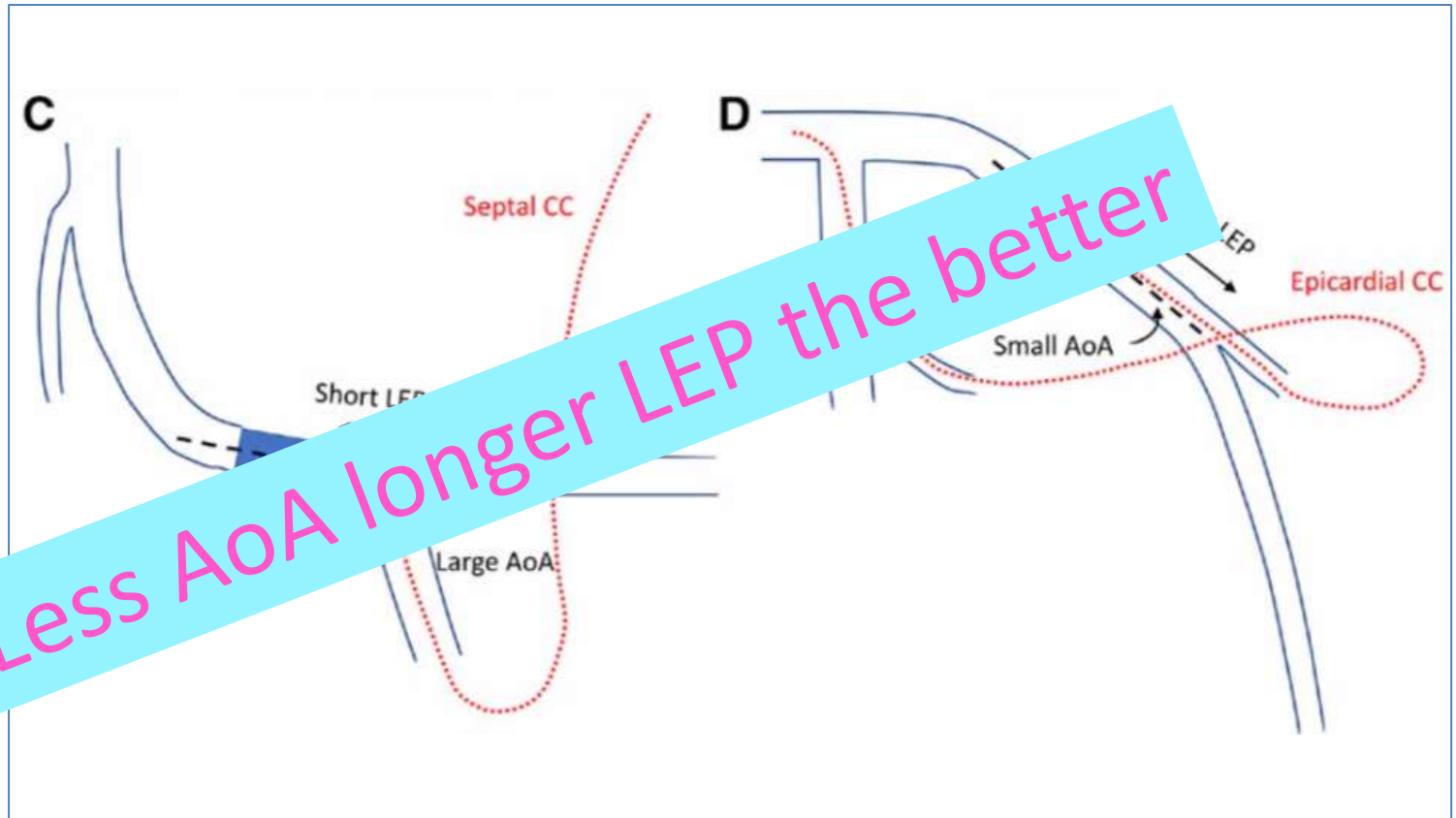
The larger the better

# Channel tortuosity

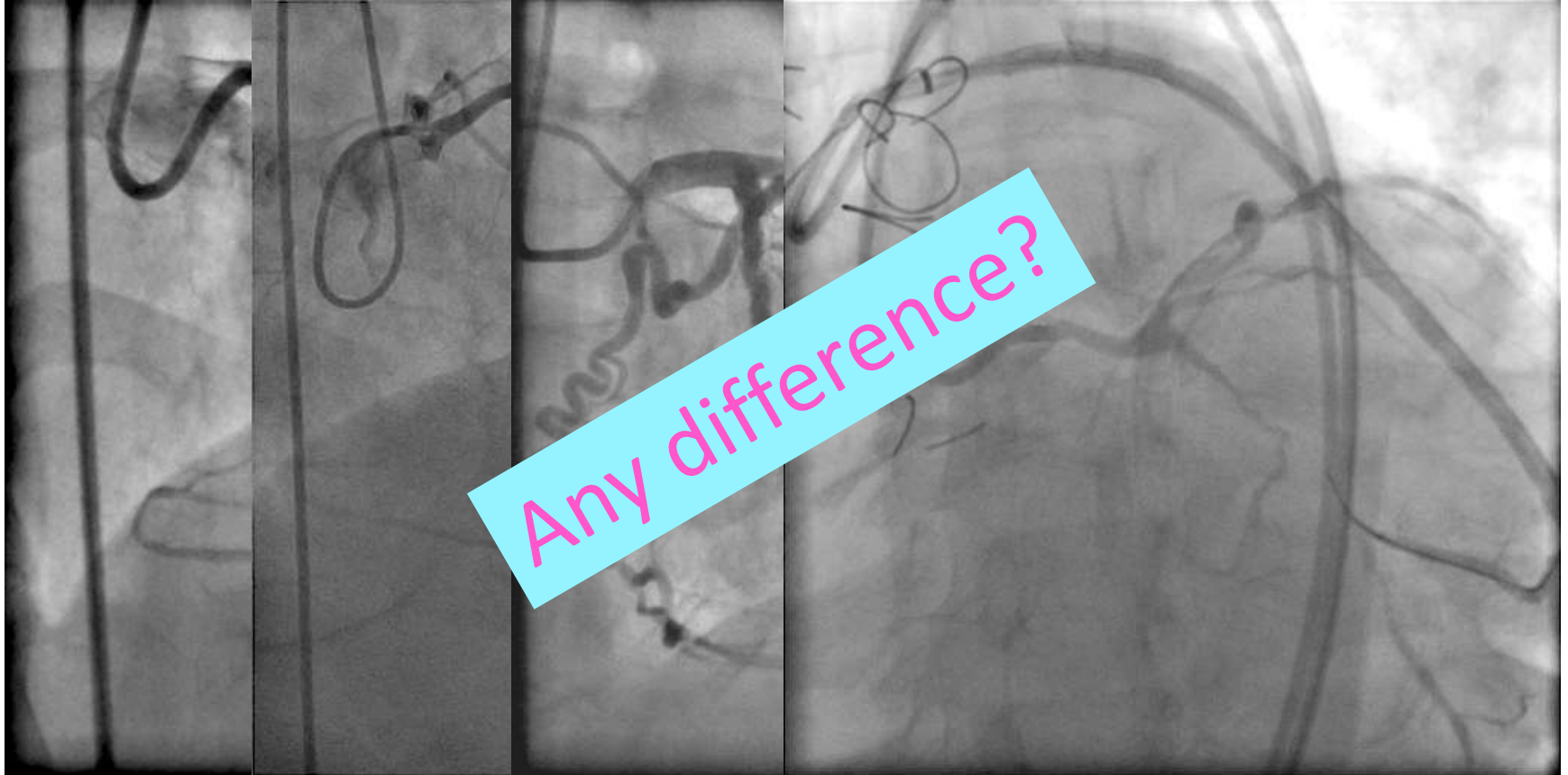
- $\geq 2$  high-frequency successive curves (within 2mm) in non-septal IC, or  $\geq 1$  high-frequency curve that failed to uncoil in diastole for septal IC
- A high-frequency curve that is  $>180^\circ$  within a segment that is  $\geq 5$  times the diameter of the collector

Less tortuous the better

# AoA and LEP

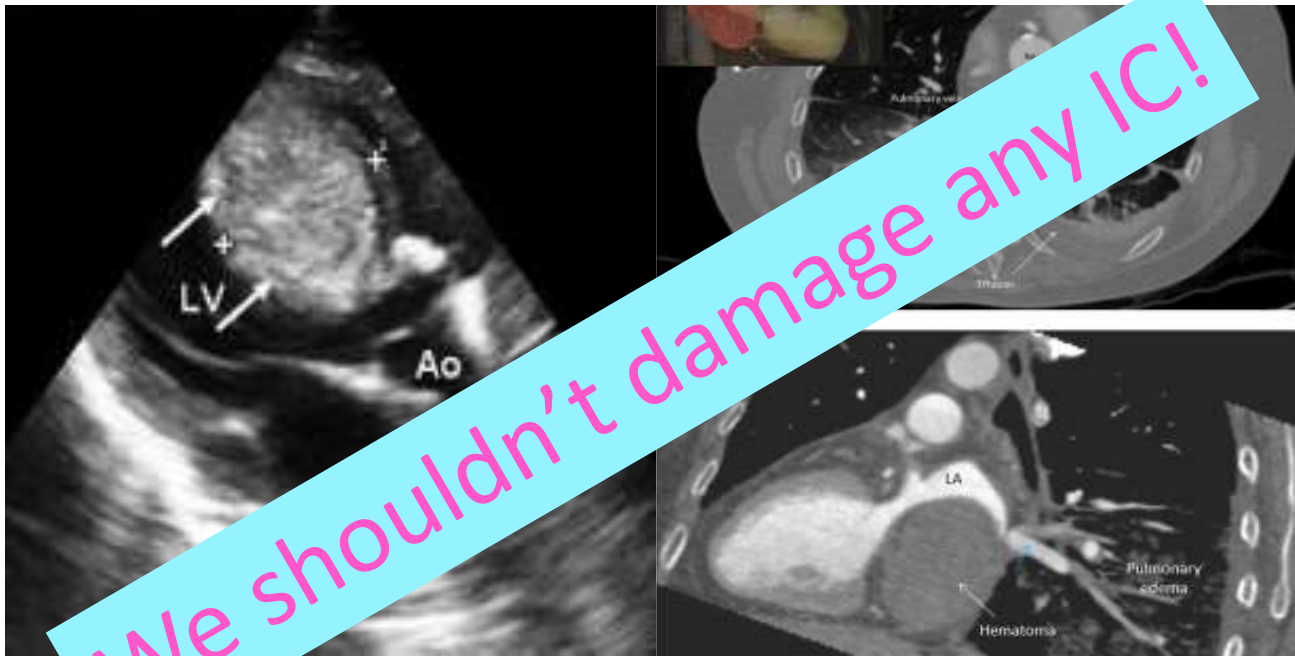


# Channel types





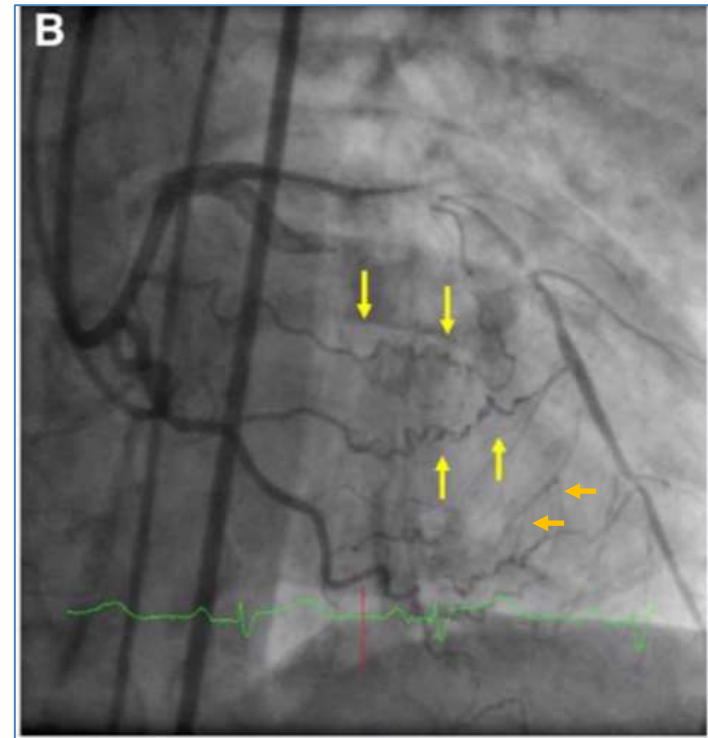
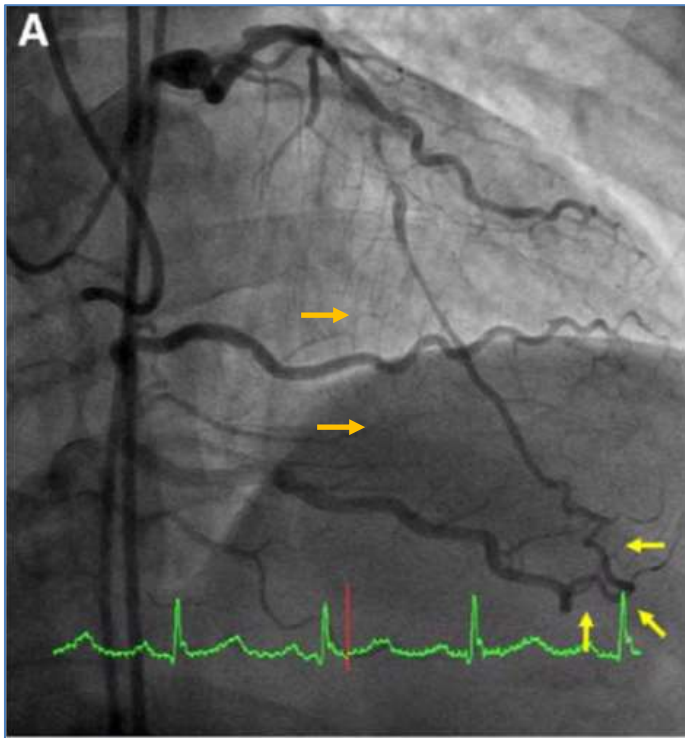
# Septal and LA hematoma



pericardial tamponade  
LVOT obstruction

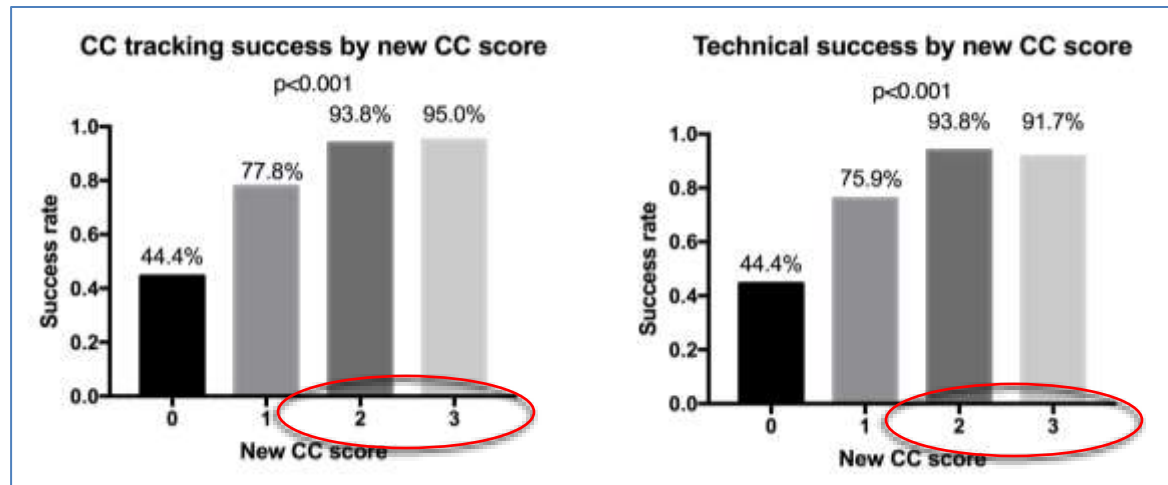
PV obstruction  
Mitral annulus  
deformity

# So how do we choose?

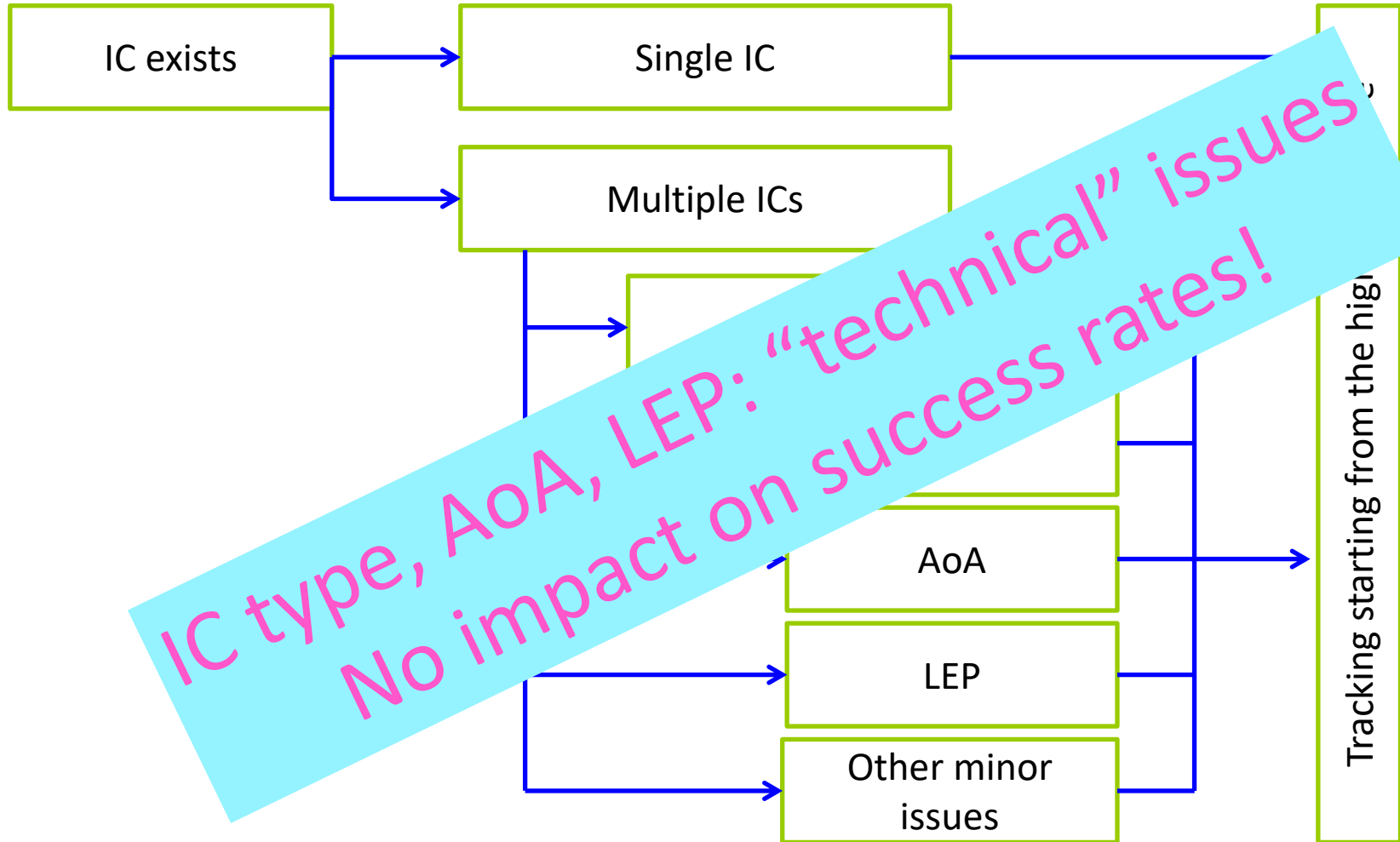


# Selection for successful channel: R score

- Calculate for each individual channel
  - 1 point for CC 2/3, 0 points for CC 0/1
  - 2 point for non-tortuous, 0 point for tortuous
- R score >2 predicts success rates of >90%



# Channel selection algorithm

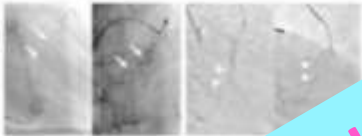


# J-retro score for channel selection

**J-Channel Score**

**A. CC Vessel Size**

- Large (CC2)
- Small (CC0 or CC1)

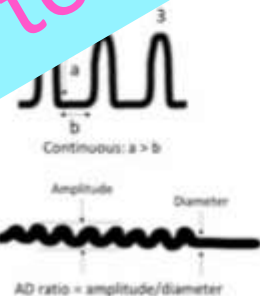


Large

**B. Reverse Bend**

- None:  $<90^\circ$
- Yes:  $\geq 90^\circ$

**C. Continuous Bends**



Continuous:  $a > b$

Amplitude      Diameter

AD ratio = amplitude/diameter

**D. Corkscrew**

- None
- Yes: Continuous bends  $\geq 3$  with AD ratio  $\leq 2$

	Septal	Non septal
CC Vessel Size: Small	2	3
Reverse Bend: Yes	1	1
Continuous Bends: Yes	1	0
Corkscrew: Yes	0	1
<b>Total Score</b>		

**Category of Difficulty (Total Score)**

- Easy: 0
- Intermediate: 1-2
- Difficult:  $\geq 3$

*How to use:*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Classify CC into type of CC.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sum up numbers on vertical frame as type of CC.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Estimate difficulty.

A bit too complicated?

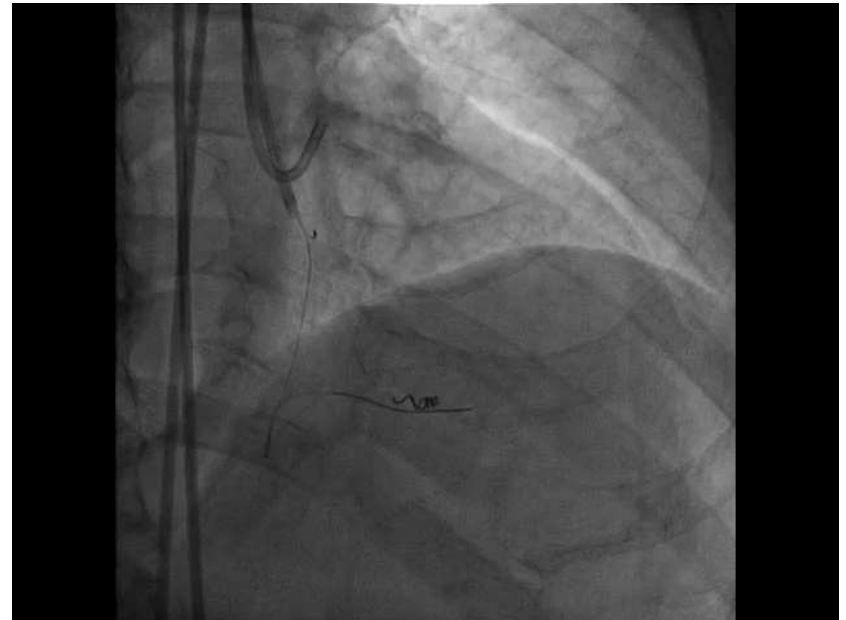
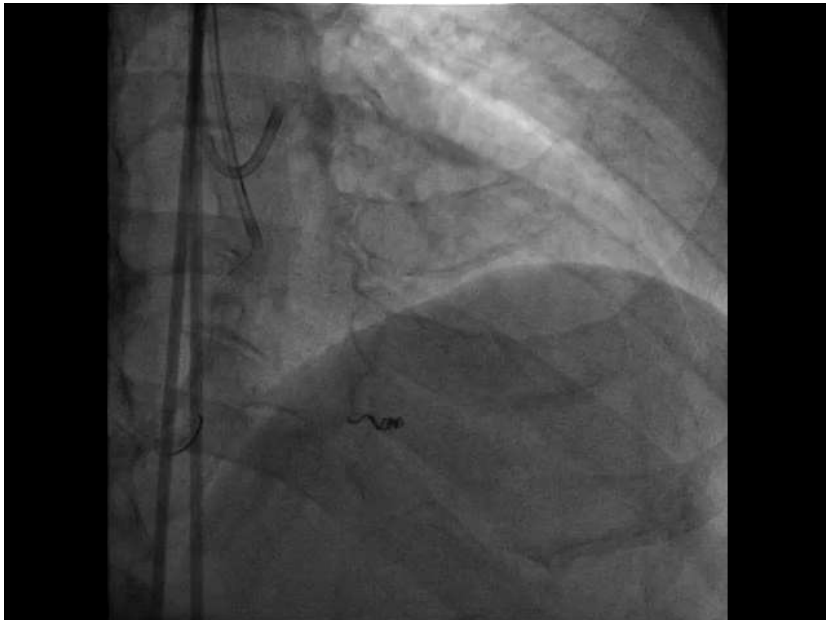
# Identify the target channel

- Multiple projections
- Low magnification and don't pan
- Timing of injection
- Generous contrast amount and exposure time
- Avoid over-selection RCA
- Super-selective injection

# AVG IC



# Conus epicardial IC





# Proper equipment for success

	Septal	Non-septal	Long loop
Wire	Sion*/Sion black* Suoh03 EveryReach	Suoh03 EveryReach Sion*/SionBlack*	
Microcatheter (MC)	CorsairPro Finecross Turpike LP MiZuki Flex/Mamba Flex	Caravel Turnpike LP CorsairPro XS MiZuki Flex/Mamba Flex	InstantPass 170
Others	OTWBC	Sasuke	Short guide Guide extension

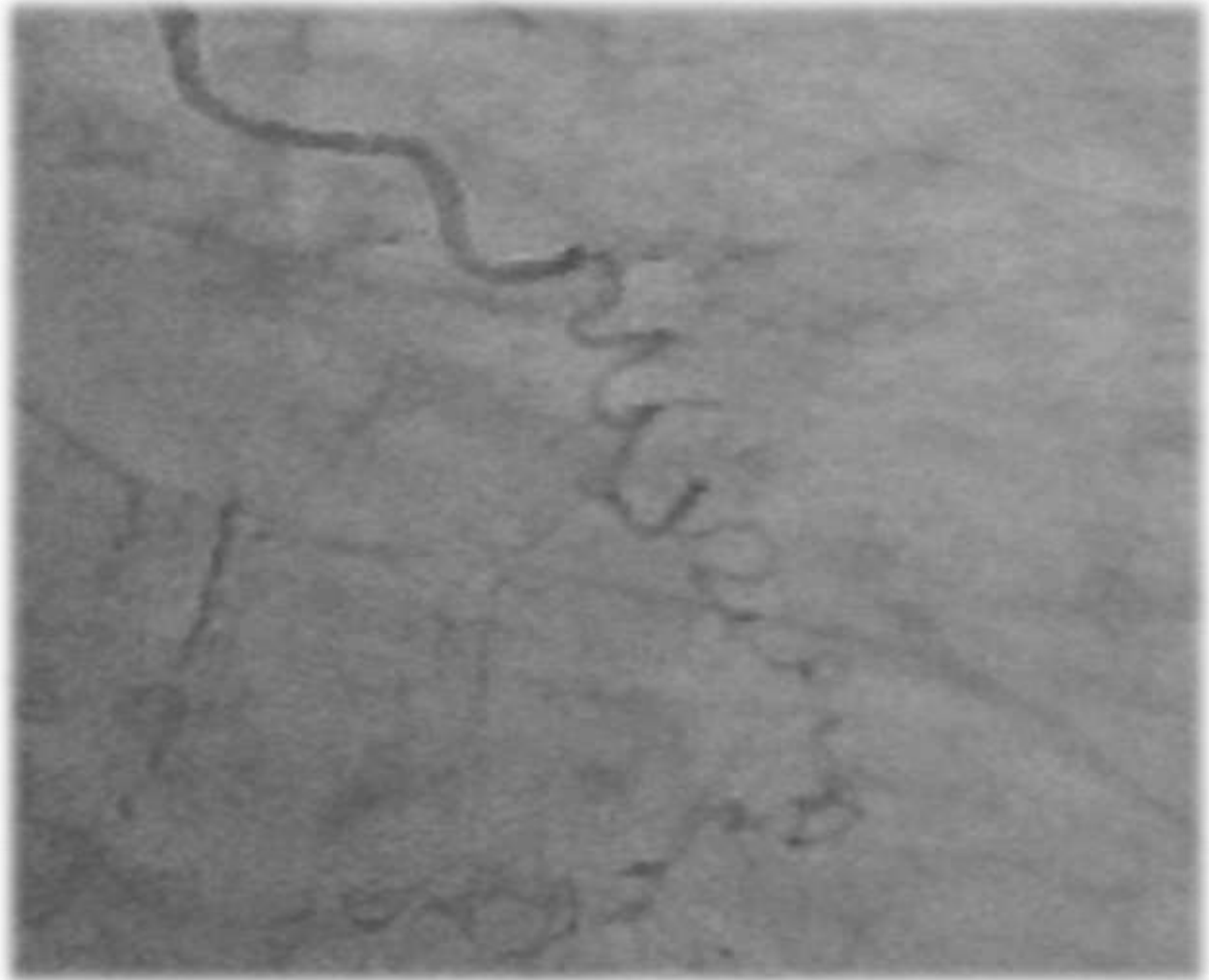
\*: Intentional tip fracture



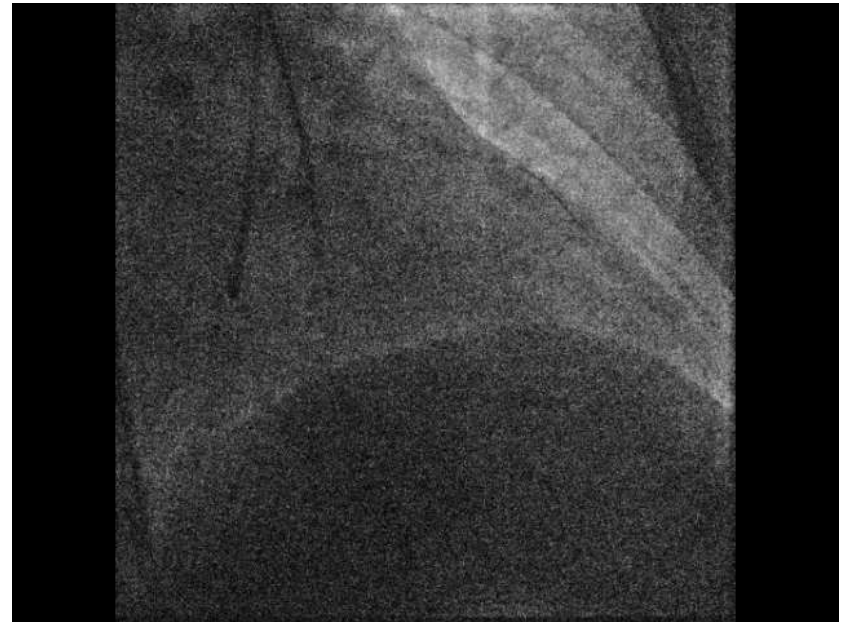
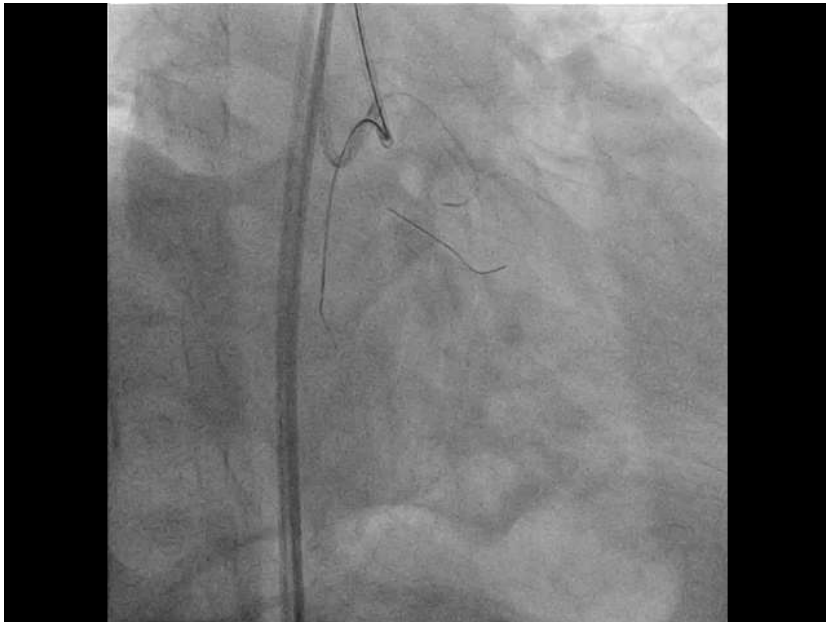
# Wiring the IC

- Gentle push and keep the tip free
- Avoid over-torquing
- Follow the MC to prevent knotting
- Mind the cardiac cycle
- Pay attention to the imaginary route and potential change of configuration

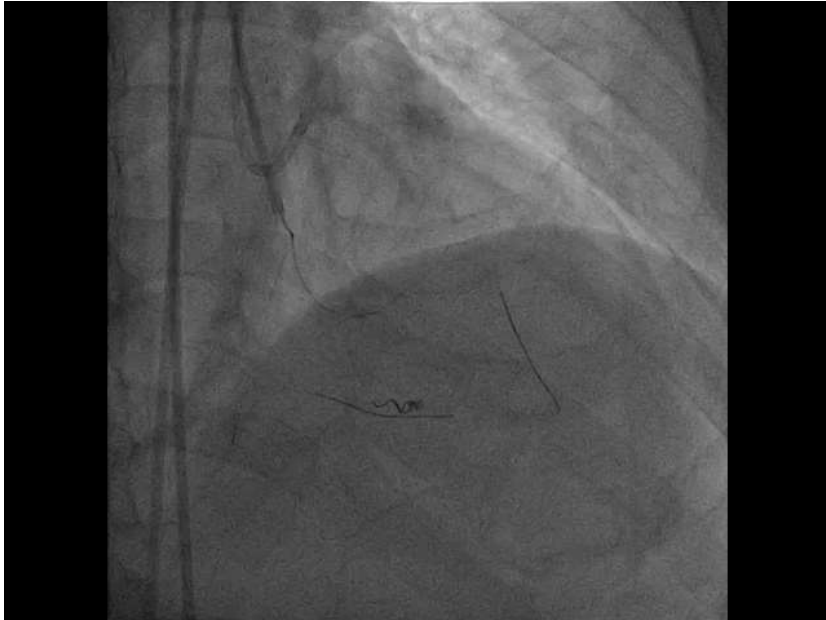
# Super-selective information



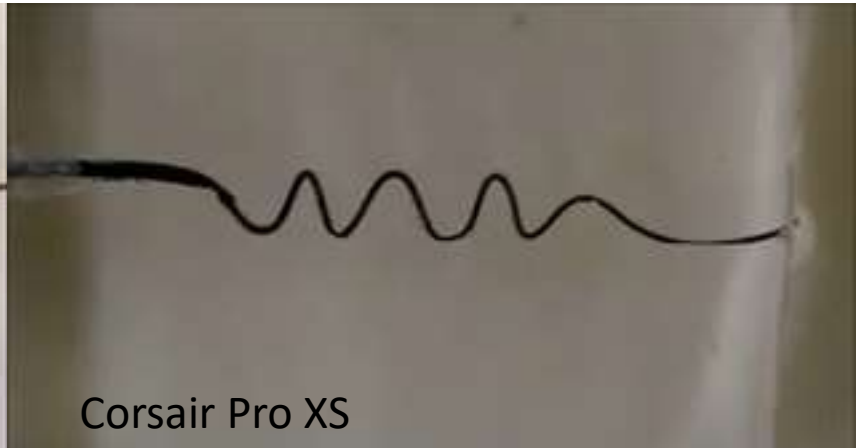
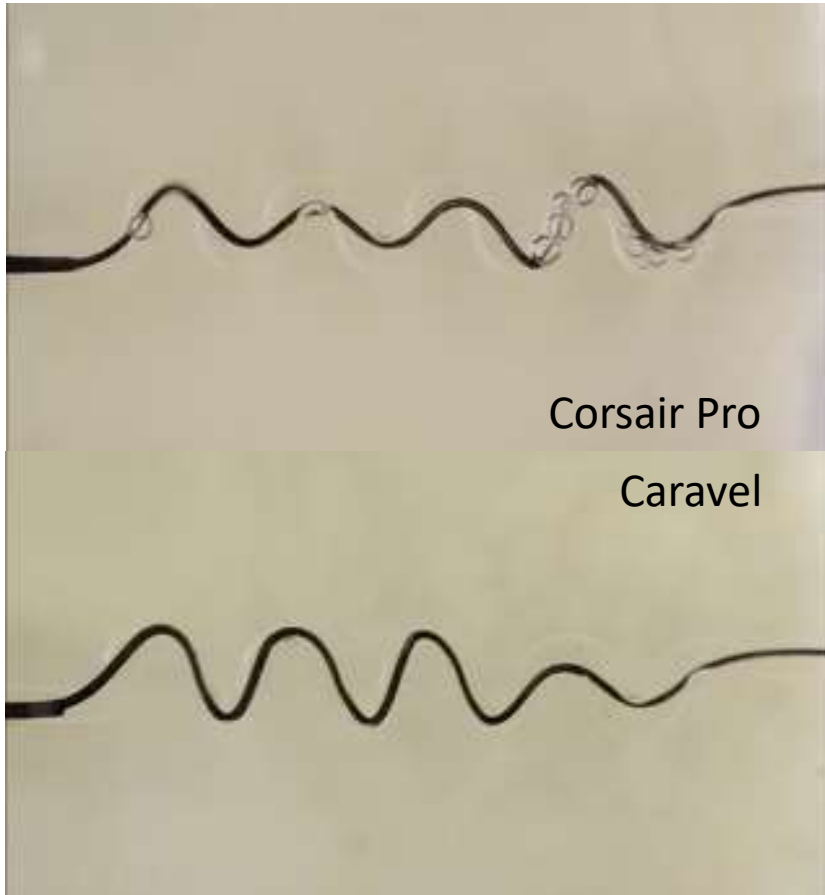
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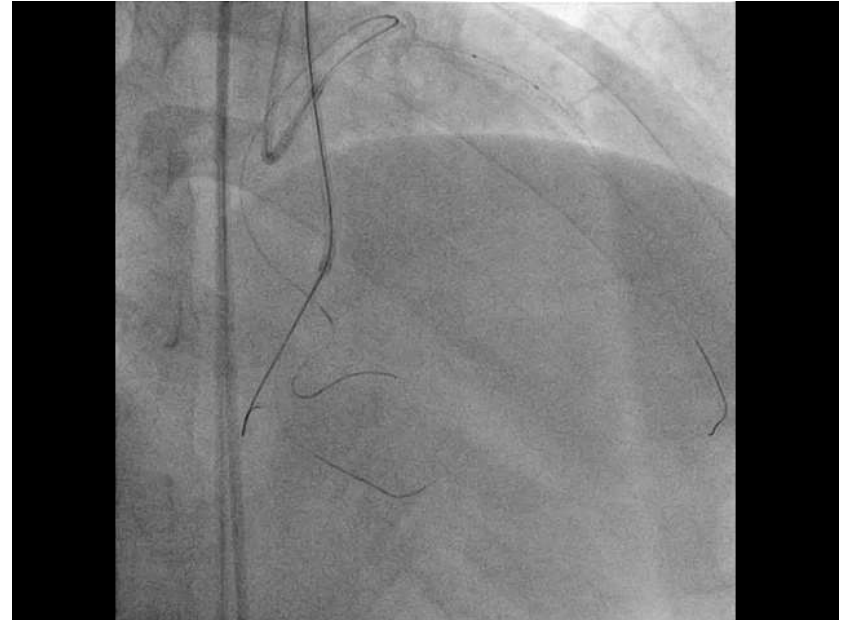
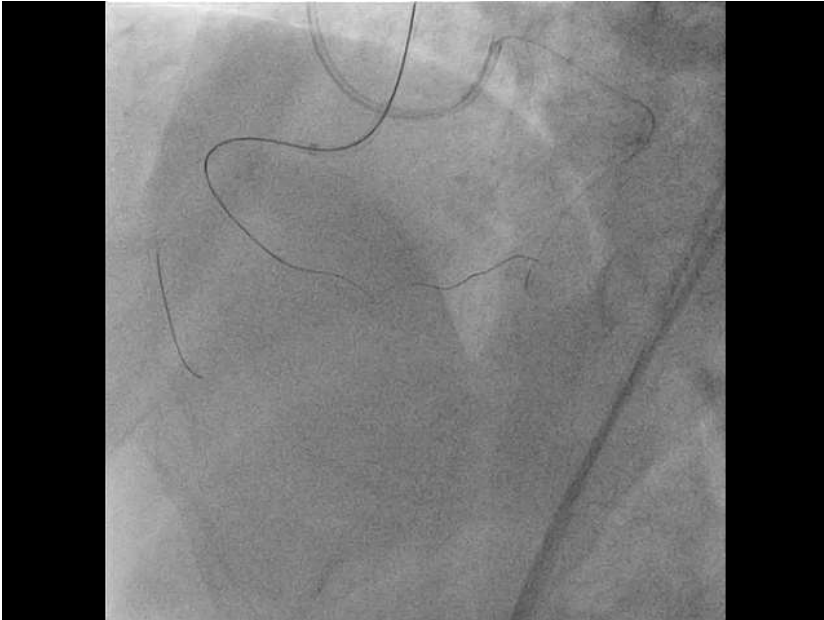
# Advancing MC



# Different MC



# Cyclic motion



# Conclusions

- Choosing and tracking IC is the most critical step in retrograde CTO PCI
- Select IC's according to lesion length and diameter
- Use appropriate force and rotation when needed
- Use appropriate devices, and handle

**Thank You For  
Attention**





# Predictors for channel failure

Characteristics	Definition
Type	non-septal
Size	CC 0, or <1mm in non-septal
Angle	adverse entry or exit angle of >45°
Rupture risk	non-septal with ≤ half the diameter of the microcatheter
Multiple bifurcations	particularly at non-septal curvature, or just after channel entry
Extreme length	difficult to reach with standard equipment, even with a short guide and mother-daughter catheter
Severe tortuosity	≥ 2 high-frequency successive curves (within 2mm) in non-septal, or ≥1 high-frequency curve that failed to uncoil in diastole in septal A high-frequency curve is defined as: a curve that is >180 degrees occurring within a segment length <3 times the diameter of the channel

**But how to be successful?**