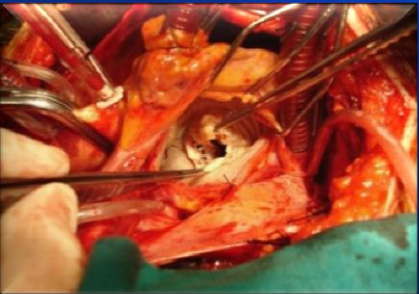
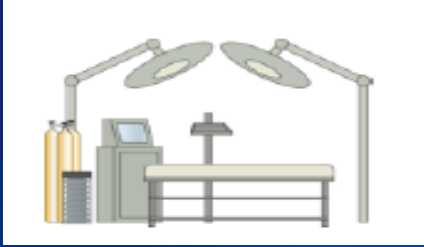


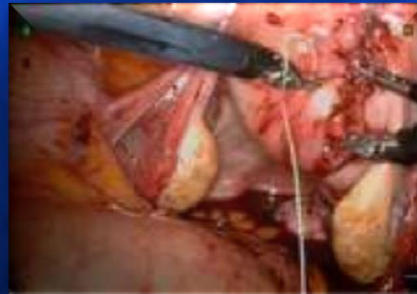
Advances in Valve Therapies



Open Surgical
Valve Repair



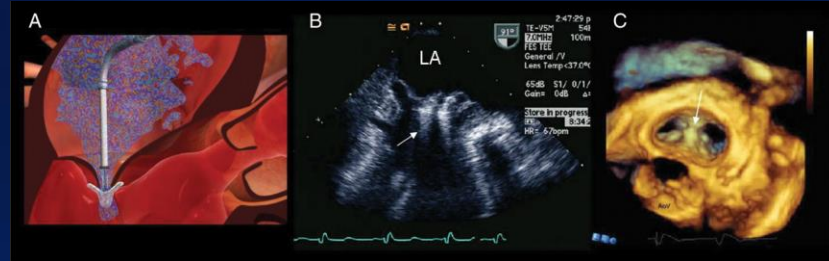
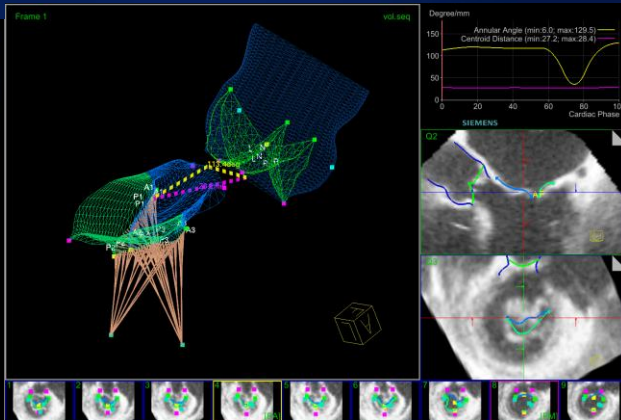
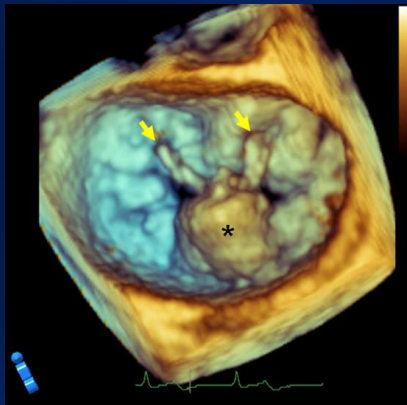
Minimally Invasive
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Robotic Valve Repair



Transcatheter
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Future of VHD

Innovation

**Healthcare Outcomes
& Cost**

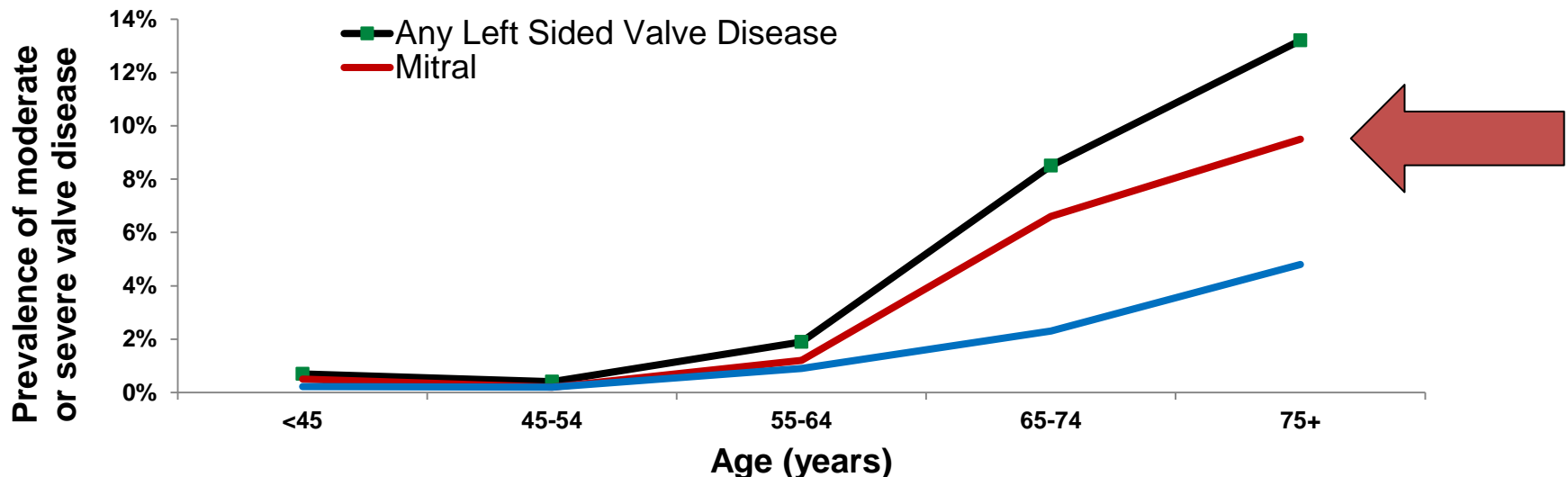
Technology
Research- bench-Clinical
Cost
Communication

VS

Value is New Imperative
Effect on outcomes
- Individual Patient
- Population

Valvular disease is common

- High prevalence of left sided valvular disease in older patient populations
- Mitral regurgitation is the most common type of heart valve disease in the U.S.^{1,2-}
- Current Prevalence of significant MR in US is 1.7% but expected to Rise as population ages
- Left Untreated –Severe MR is associated with poor outcomes:
LV failure, Pulmonary HPT, AF, Stroke, Death



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Managing MR and the Incorporation of TMVR

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 - Primary MR-including high risk**

 - Secondary MR**

- ▶ **The FUTURE**

ACC Mitral Regurgitation Needs Assessment *and Gap Analysis*

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Project Overview

- **Purpose:** Gain insight into current clinical practices, gaps in care and emerging best practices in mitral regurgitation diagnosis and management
- **Objective:** Conduct comprehensive analysis of educational and quality improvement needs
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 - *Part II: Expert Interviews*
 - *Part III: Surveys*
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 - Determine and prioritize most relevant and significant findings
 - Offer recommendations for educational programming and quality improvement interventions



Key Findings

Confidence in Auscultation (all respondents)

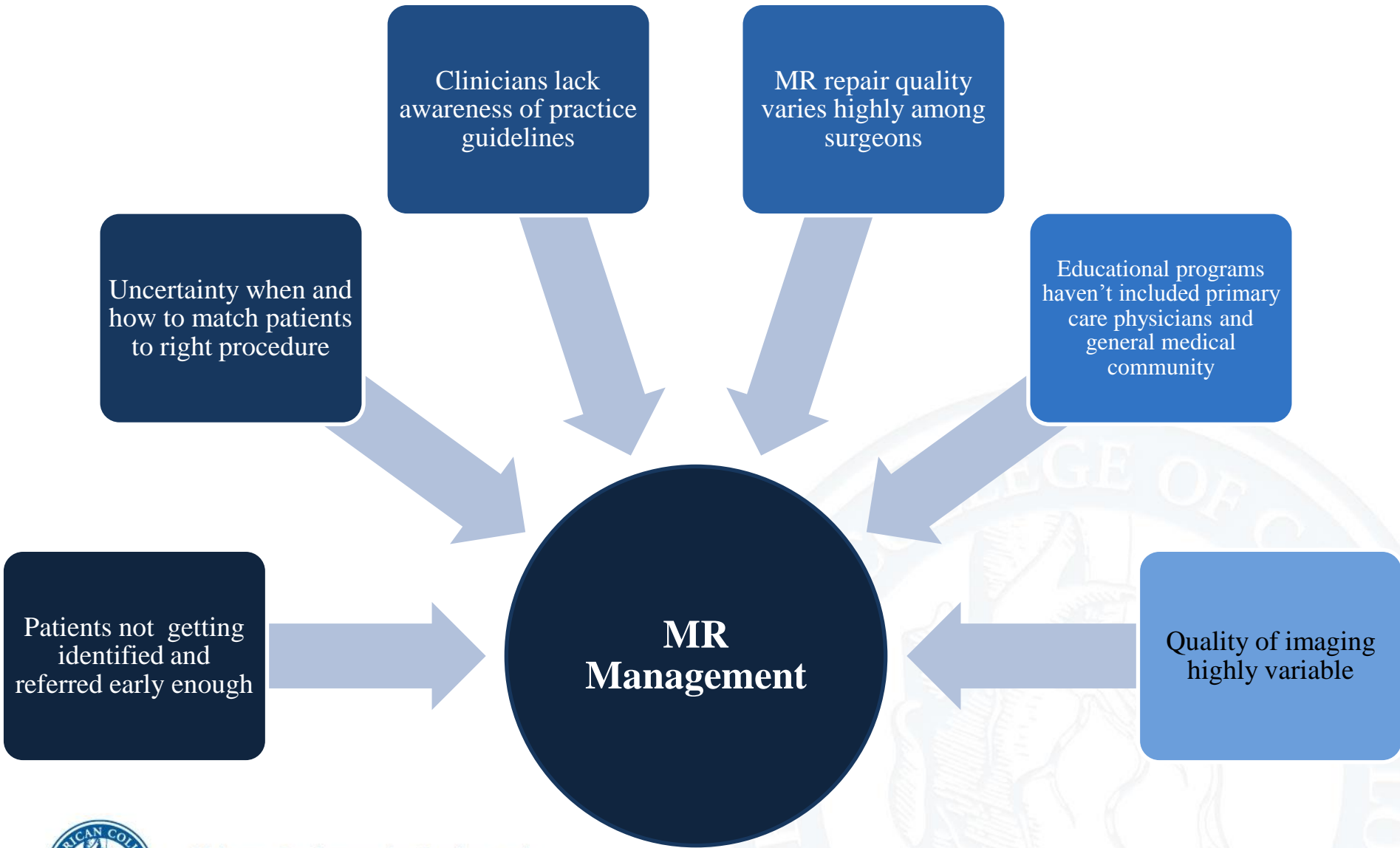
- Majority of physicians no more than moderately confident in ability to detect asymptomatic patient with clinically significant MR by auscultation.
- Cardiologists, in aggregate, more confident in their auscultative skills (mean rating 6.9) than either primary care physicians (mean rating 5.8) or cardiothoracic surgeons (mean rating 4.8).

Perceived Utility of Auscultation versus Echocardiography (all respondents)

- Most primary care physicians and cardiologists perceived auscultation and physical exam as moderately useful in evaluation of possible MR.
- However, they considered standard echocardiogram to be of greater utility.
- More than 10% of physicians perceive auscultation as having limited utility.
- May be barrier to good auscultation and promote over-reliance on imaging.



Most Pressing Issues in Management of MR



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Q. Given your understanding of evolving best practices, emerging treatment options, and current quality gaps, what are the most pressing issues in the detection, evaluation, and management of MR that the college should target?

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Knowledge of Severe MR Criteria (Cardiologists and CT surgeons only)

More than 20% of respondents could not identify important echo criteria of severe degenerative MR

- Only 30% recognized and increase in LVES diameter as Class I indication
- More than 20% DID NOT RECOGNIZE that resting RVSP>50mmhg was guideline based criterion for intervention

ECHO Interpretation (Cardiologists and CT surgeons only)

When asked to interpret 2 echocardiography video clips to ascertain etiology of patient's MR,

more than 14% respondents did not correctly identify cardiomyopathy with functional MR and

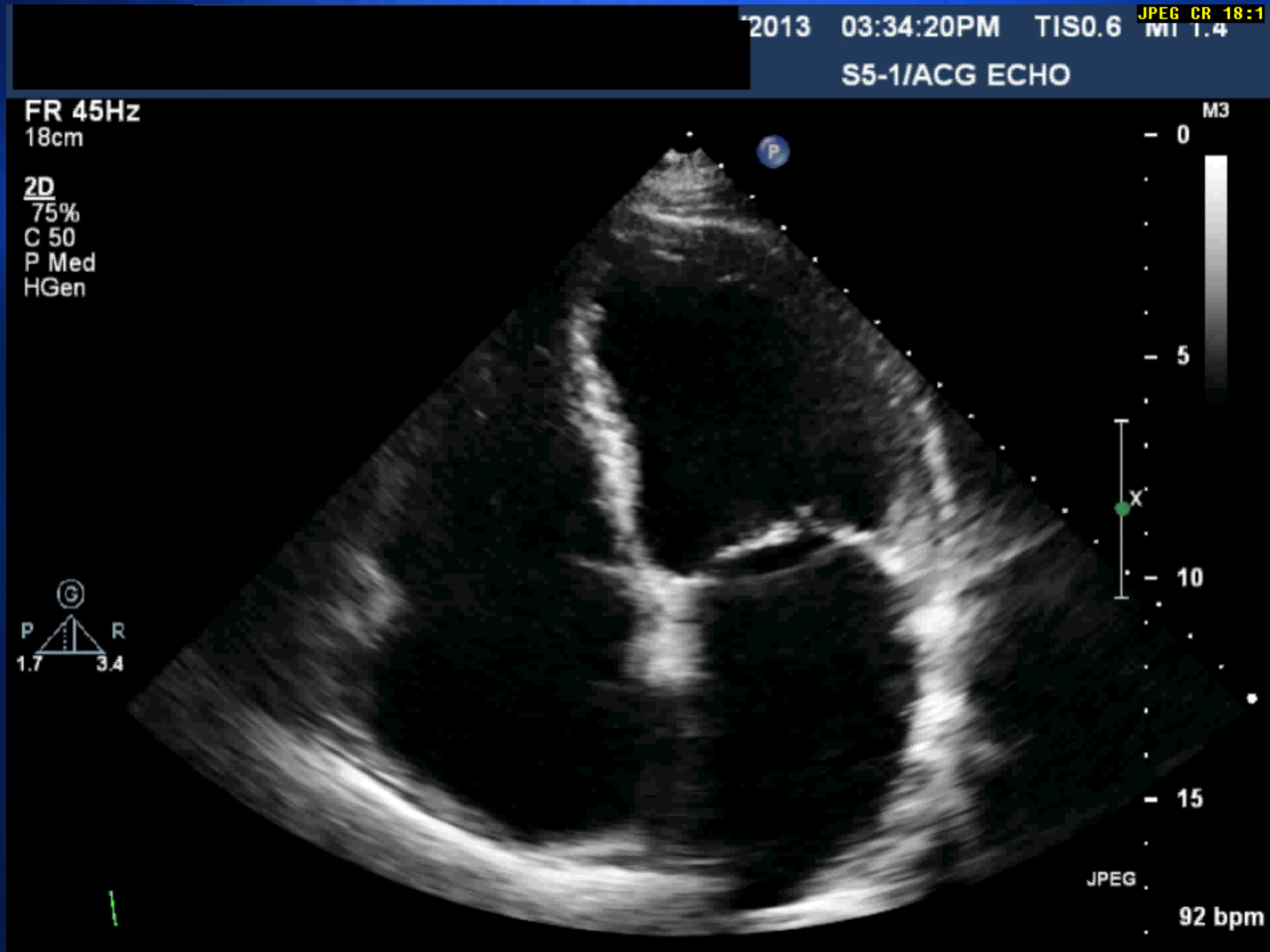
more than 30% did not appropriately interpret posterior leaflet prolapse.



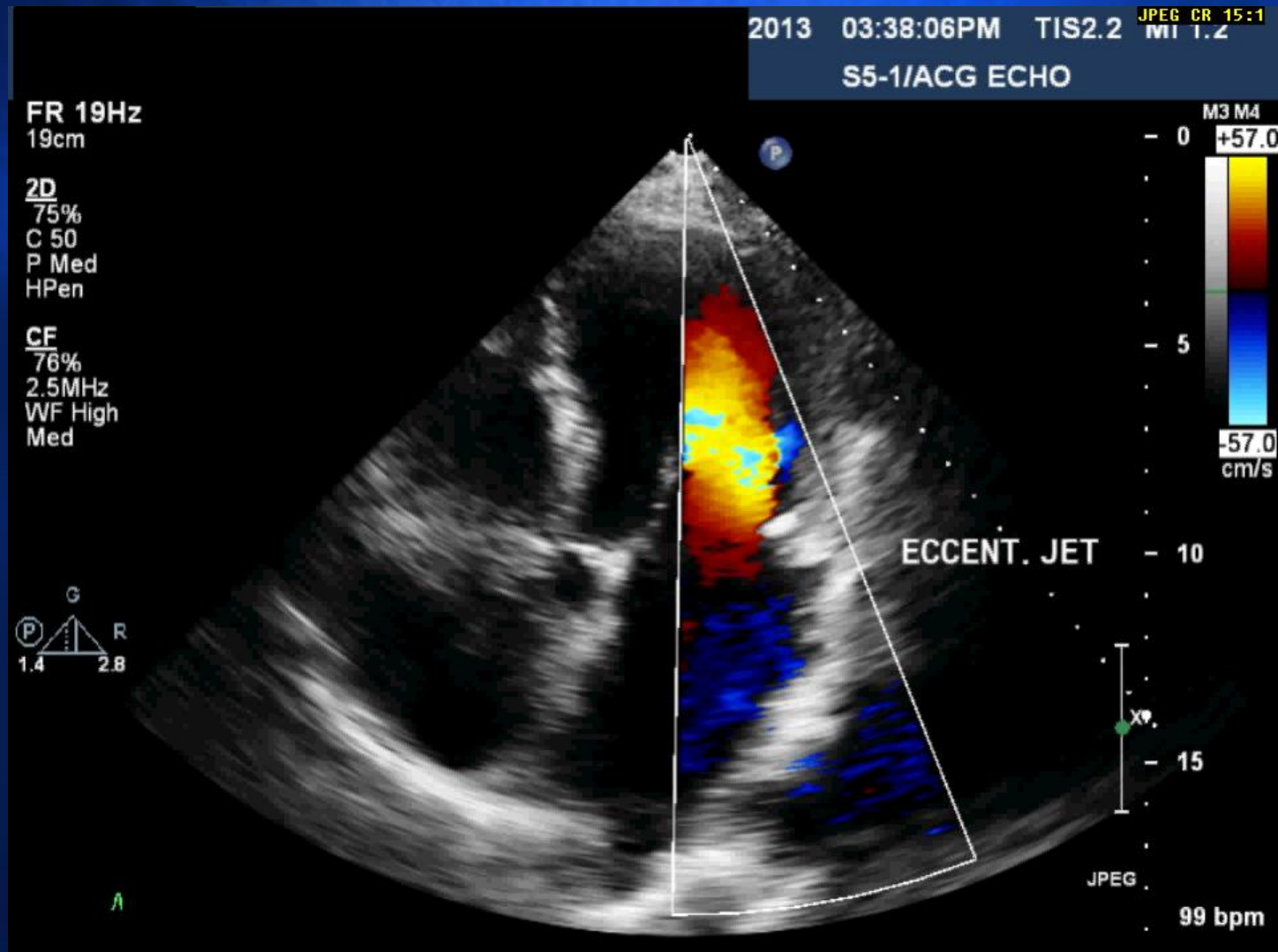
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- 72 year old male
- Chronic A-Fib
- Congestive Heart Failure with normal coronaries
- Echo Read as Anterior Leaflet Prolapse

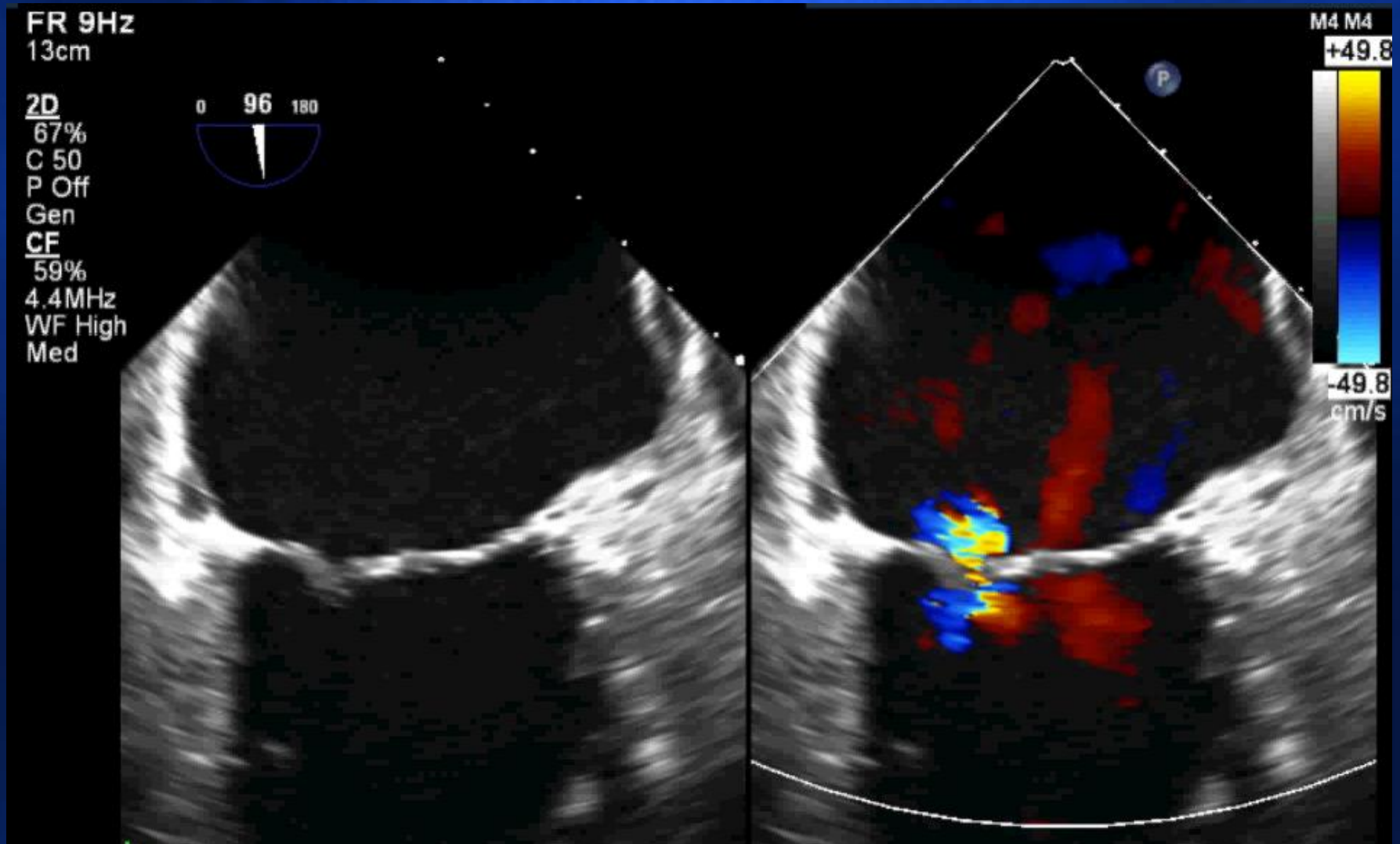
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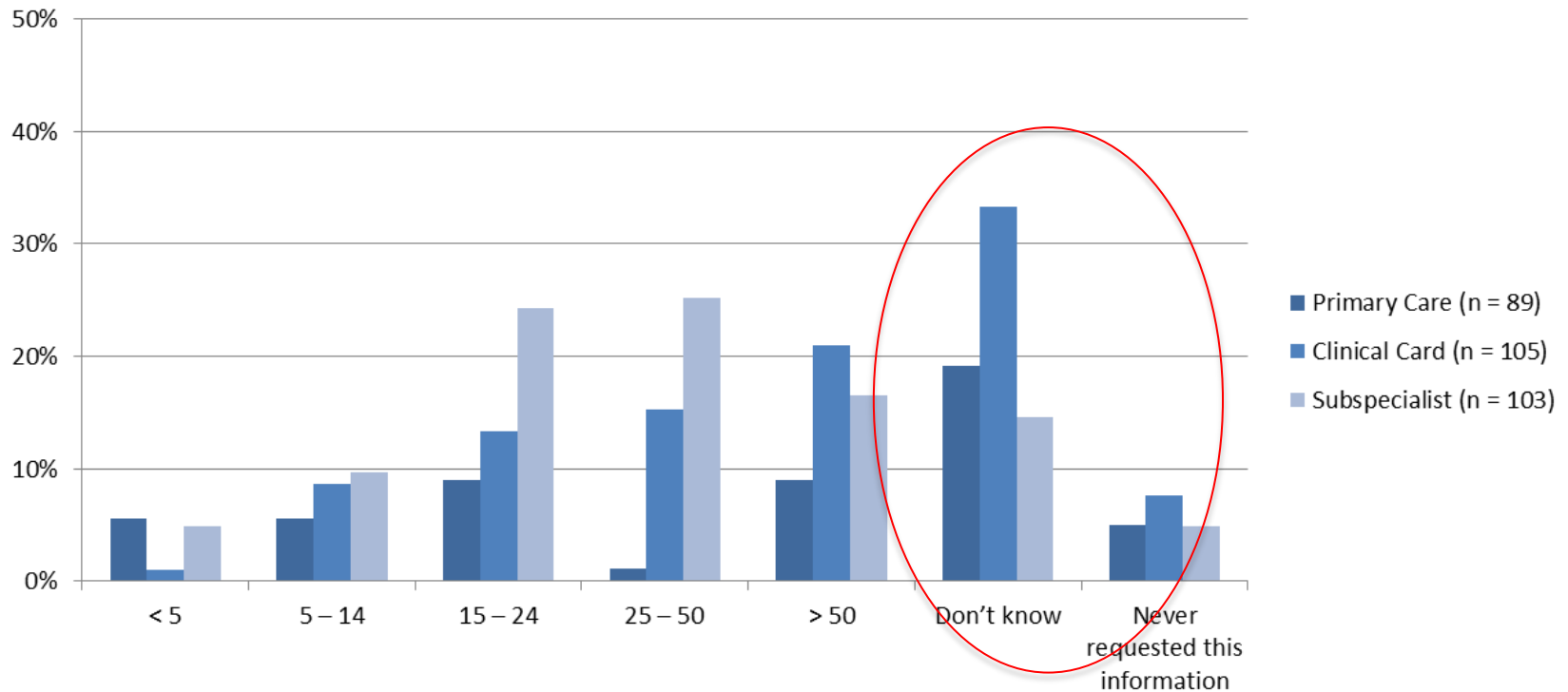


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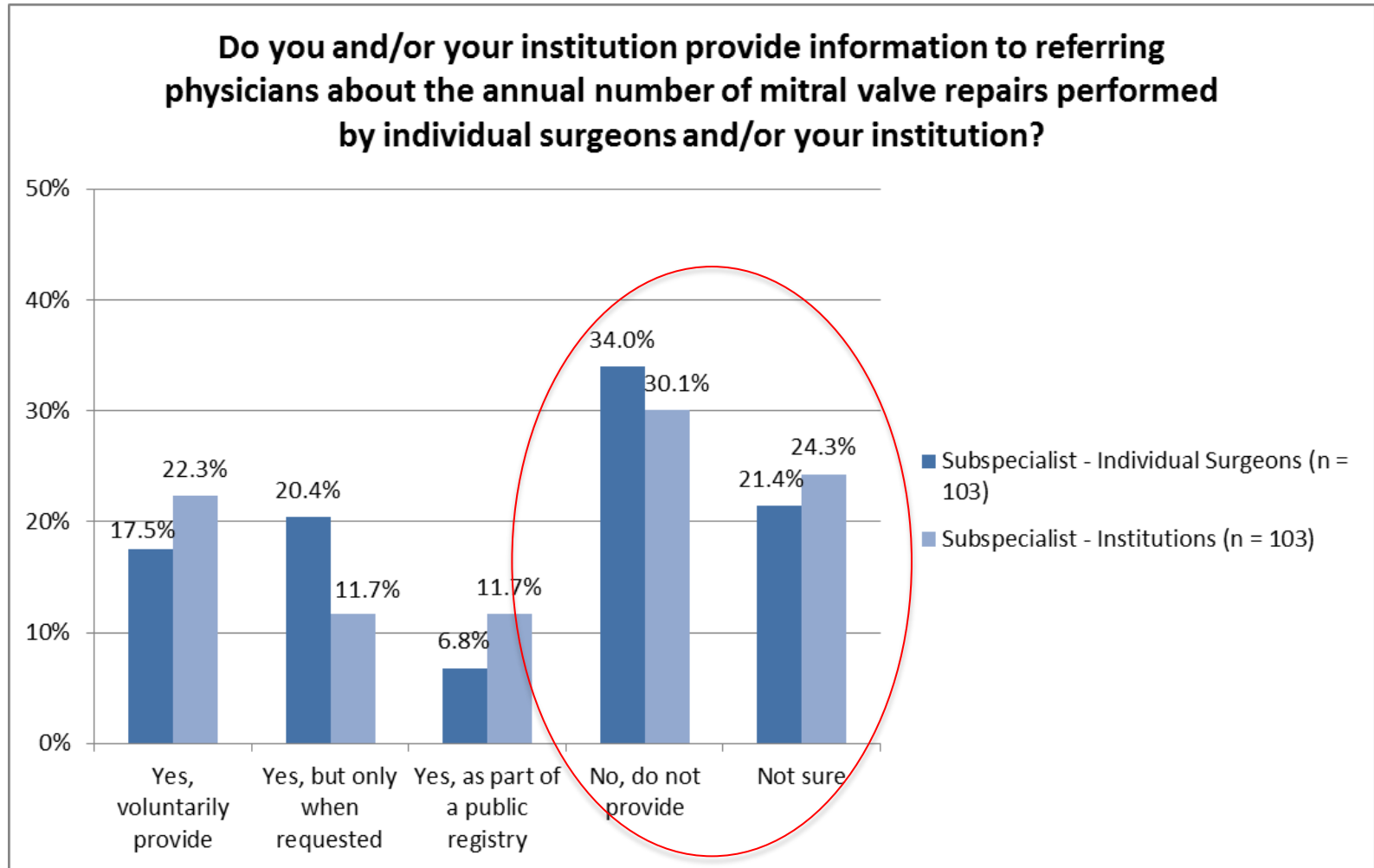


Annual Volume of MR Valve Repairs Performed by Local Surgeons

Approximately how many mitral valve repairs are performed annually by the cardiothoracic surgeon to whom you most commonly refer patients requiring treatment for mitral regurgitation? (Select only one.)




Release of Surgical Volume Statistics



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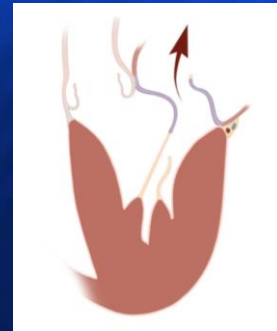
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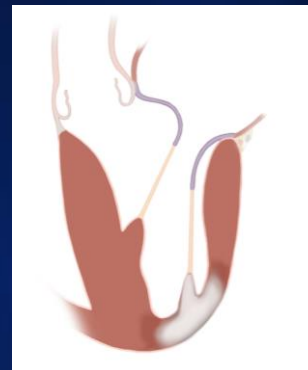
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Mitral Valve Disease-Basic Question

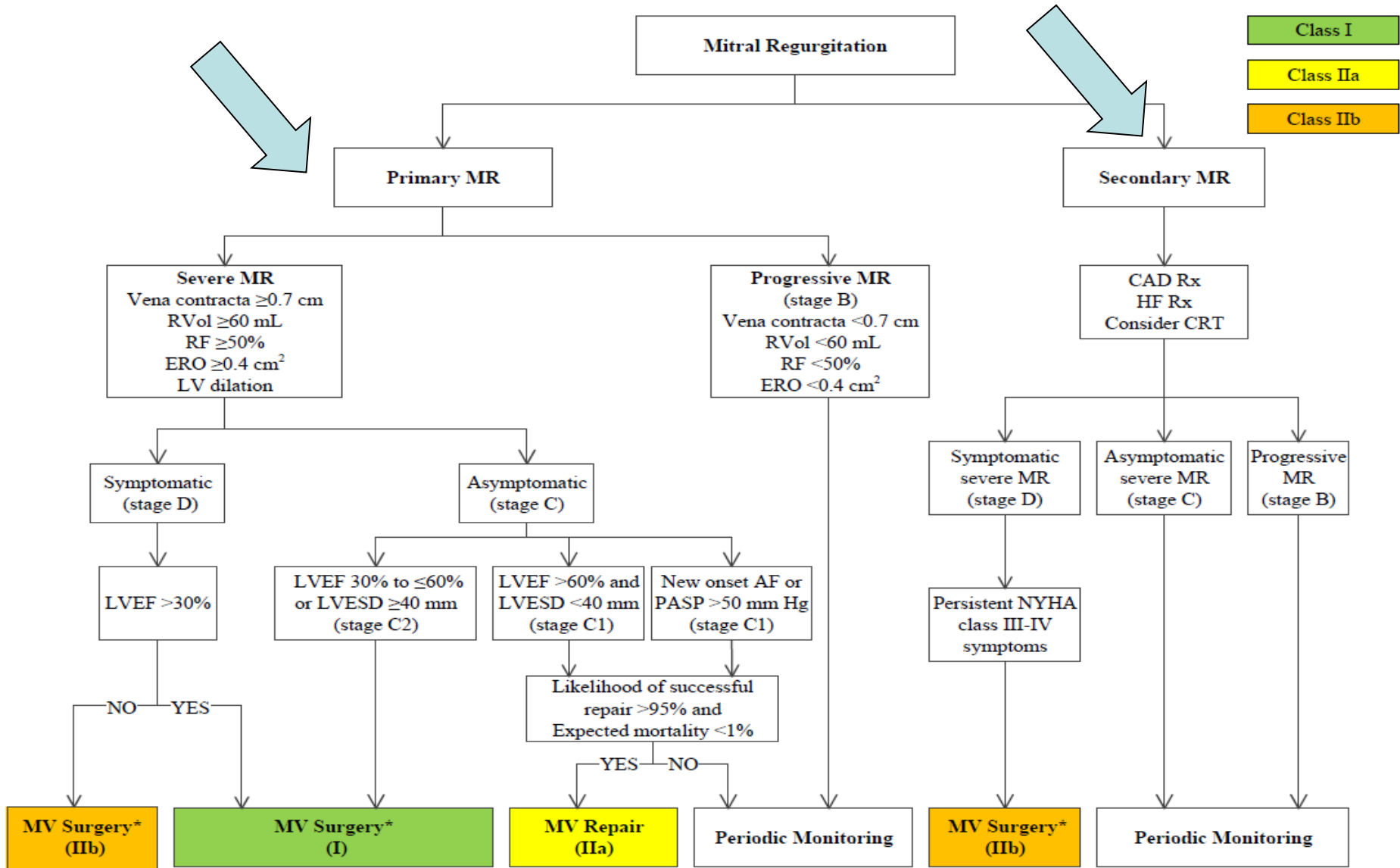
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- ▶ **Secondary Valve Problem**-The heart makes the valve sick



Indications for Surgery for Mitral Regurgitation



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Primary MR and Secondary MR

	Primary MR	Secondary MR
Disease	<p>MR is the Disease</p> <p>Result of ABN of MV Complex</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Leaflet •Chordae 	<p>MR is consequence of:</p> <p>Abnormal LV contractility</p> <p>LV Remodeling</p> <p>Reduced Closing forces</p> <p>Increased MV tethering</p> <p>MV apparatus is “Normal”</p>
Therapy	<p>MV Repair > MV Replace</p> <p>Trans Catheter-</p> <p>Prohibitive risk</p>	<p>Treat the Heart Failure:</p> <p>(Meds, CRT)</p> <p>Surgery??: CABG + MV Replace.</p> <p>CABG + MV Repair</p> <p>Transcatheter</p>
Outcome	<p>Excellent MV Repair Restores:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Lv Fx & Size; •QOL; •Longevity 	<p>???????</p>

Primary MR

Who sees the patients?

- Primary Care Provider
 - Clinical Cardiologist
 - Echocardiologist
 - Surgeons
-
- AND now the Interventionalist

Secondary MR

Who sees the patients?

- Cardiologist
- Echocardiologist
- Electrophysiologist
- Heart Failure Physician
- Surgeons
- Soon -the Interventionalist

Diagnostic Imaging Assessment of MR-Clinically Available

- ▶ Echo -Doppler

TTE-Rest and Exercise

TEE-2D-3D

- ▶ CT

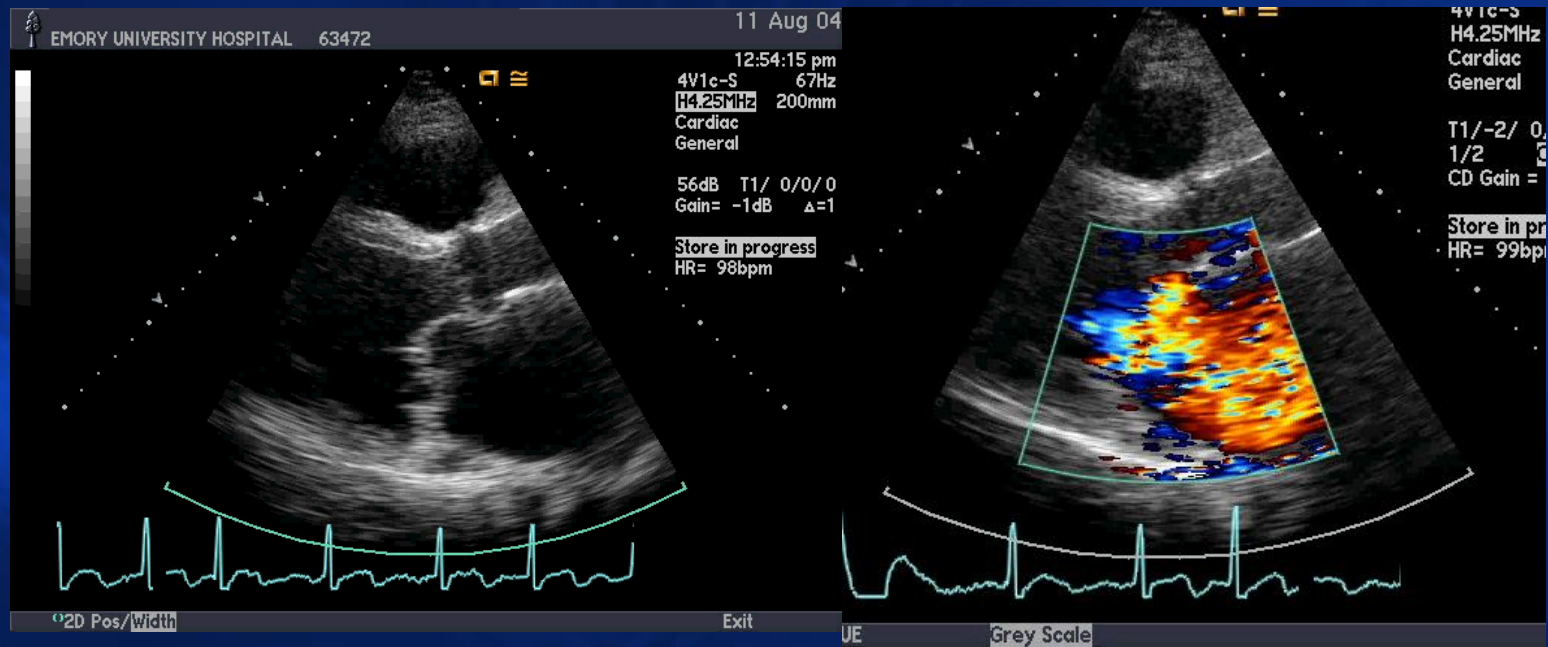
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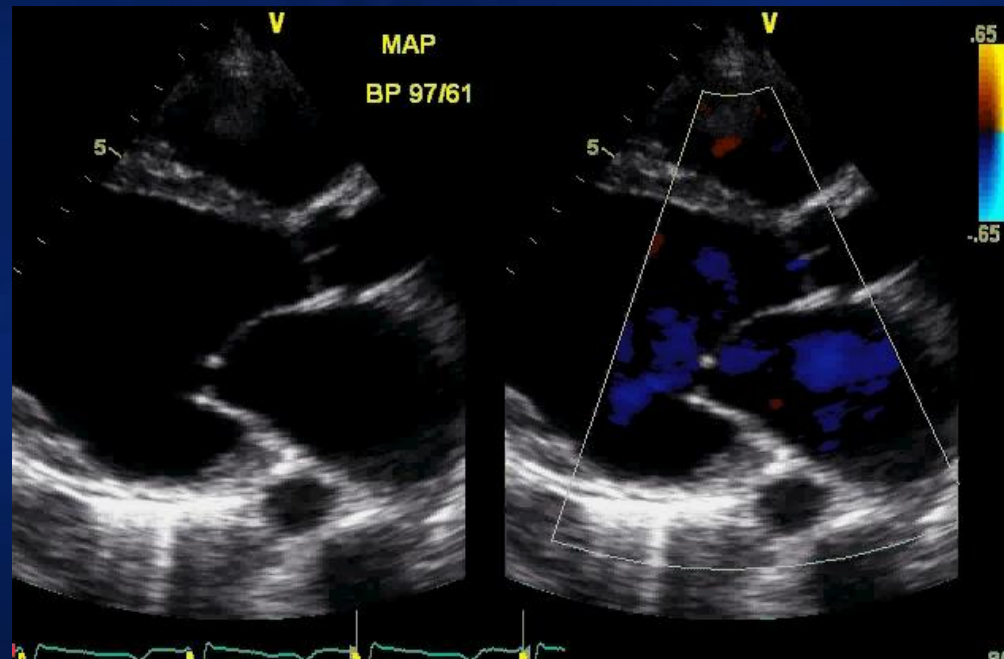
Mitral Regurgitation – Echo is Your Friend

- ▶ **Diagnose the cause-Etiology-of MR**
 - Primary MR**
 - Secondary MR**
- ▶ **Quantitate the severity of MR**
- ▶ **Determine impact of MR on:**
 - LV –size and function
 - LA
 - RV & Pulmonary Pressure
 - TV
- ▶ **Stress Echo**
- ▶ **Aid in planning intervention**
- ▶ **Assess outcome of Intervention**

Primary Valve Problem – The valve makes the heart sick

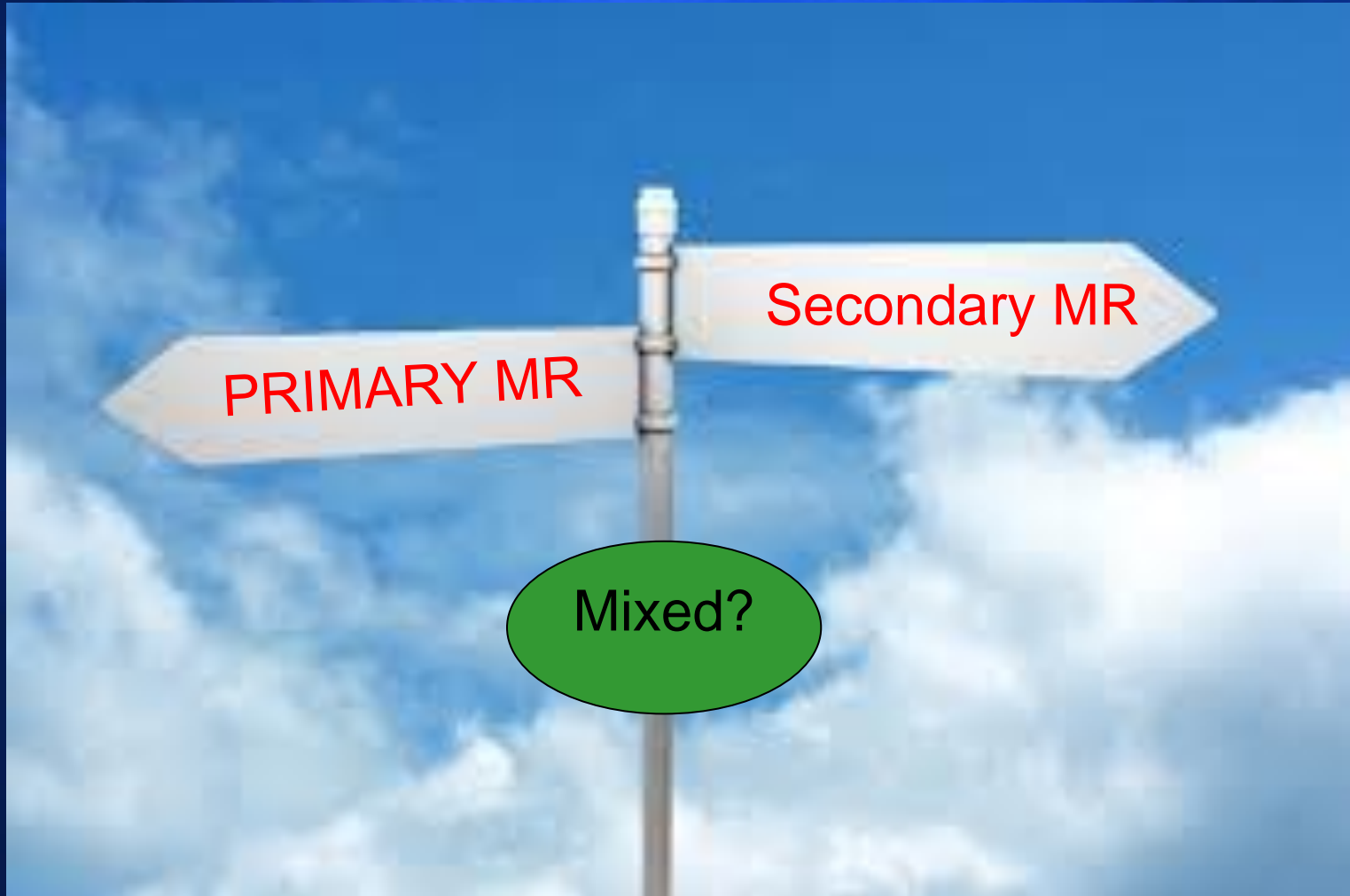


Secondary Valve Problem-The heart makes the valve sick



Mitral Regurgitation

Primary, Secondary or something in between?

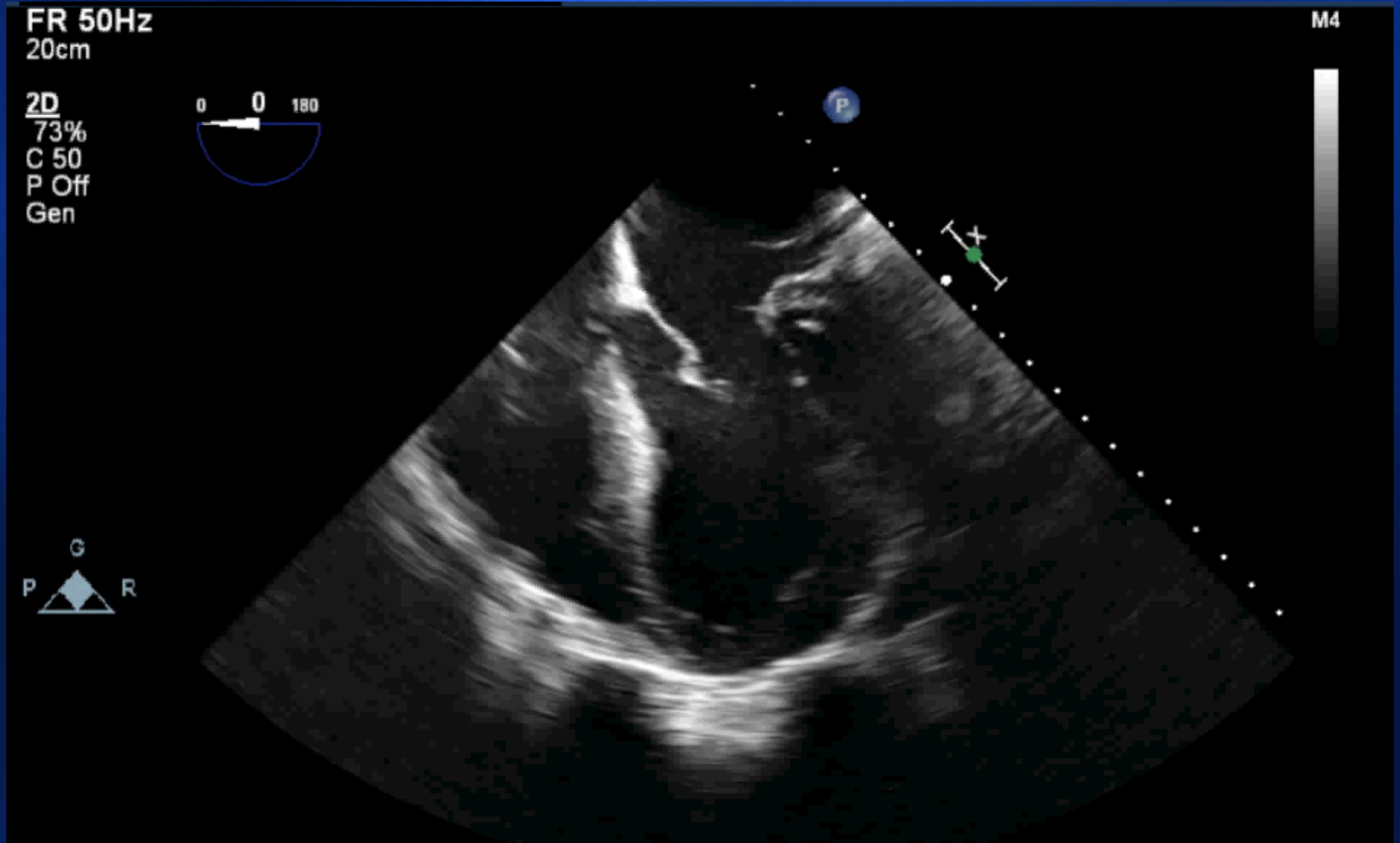


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- ▶ “Ischemic MR” with multivessel CAD
- ▶ TEE

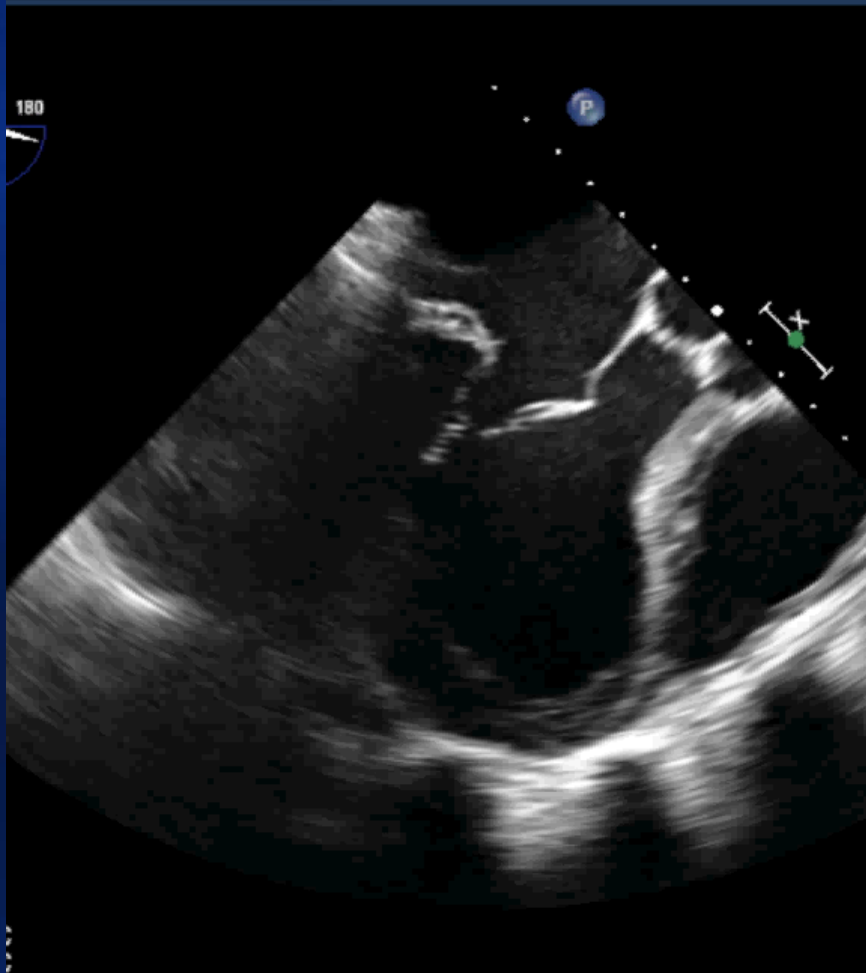
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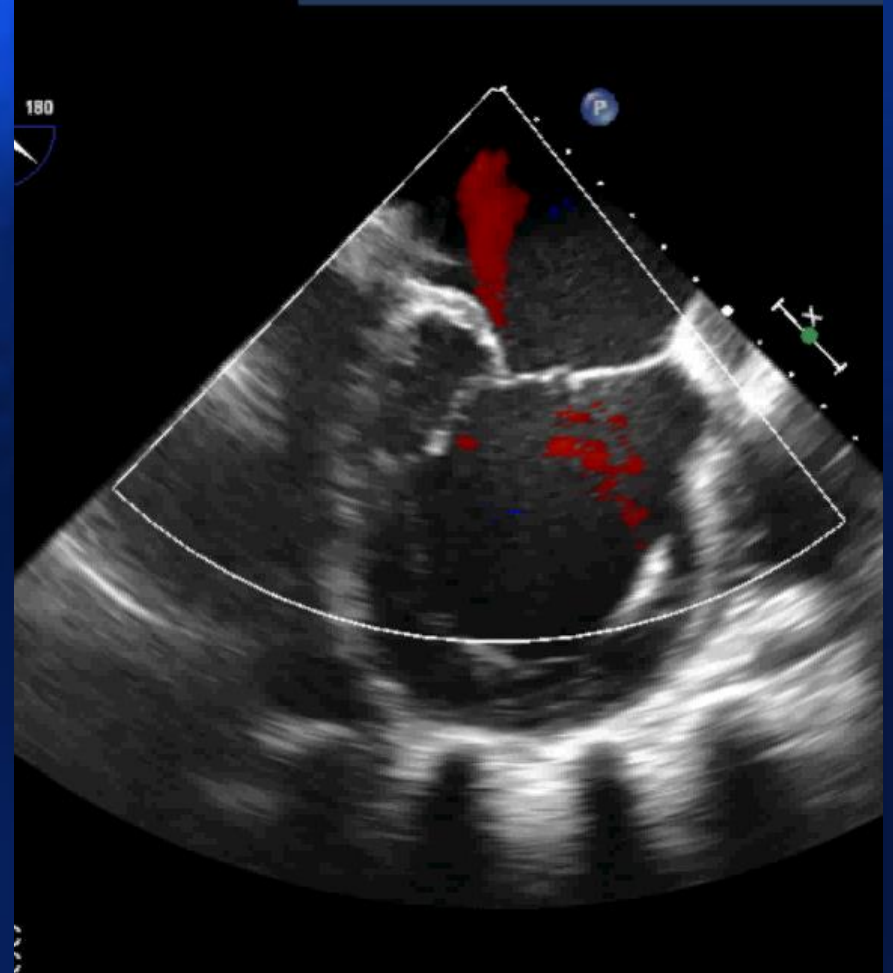


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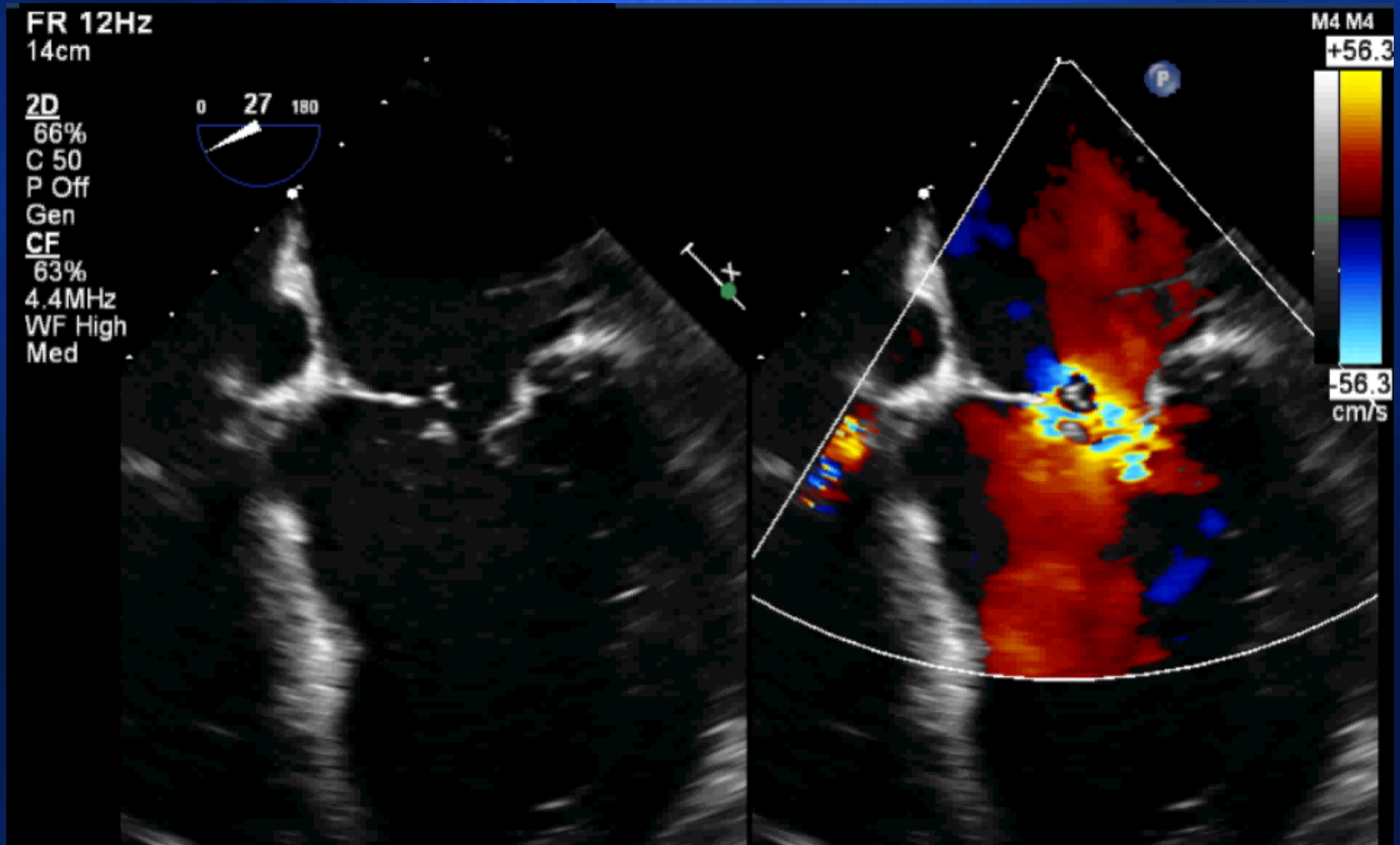
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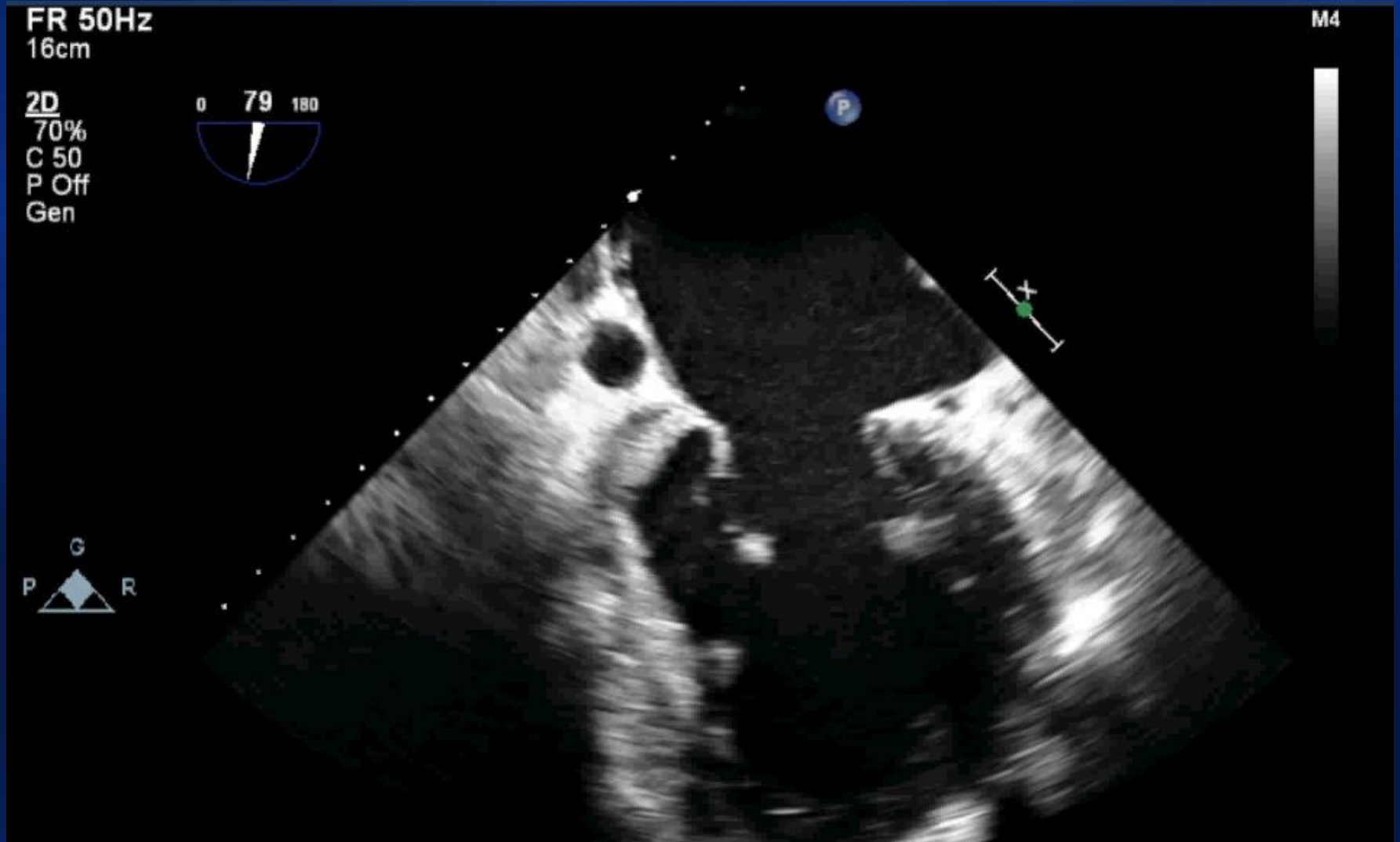
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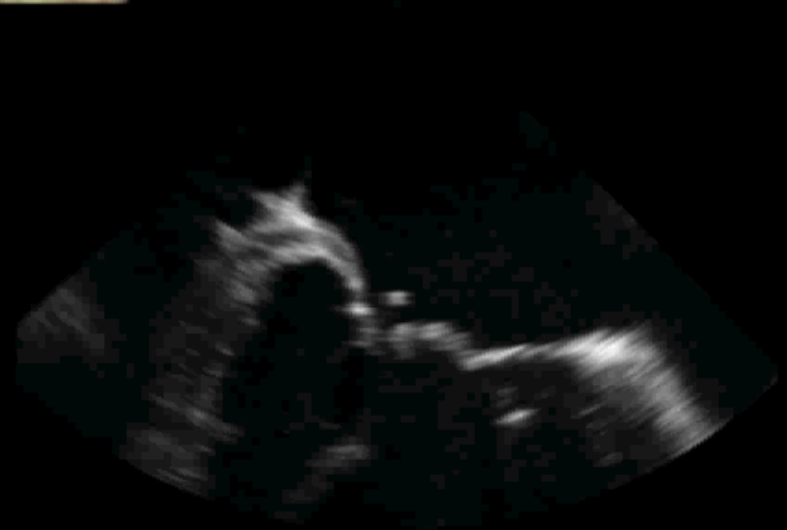
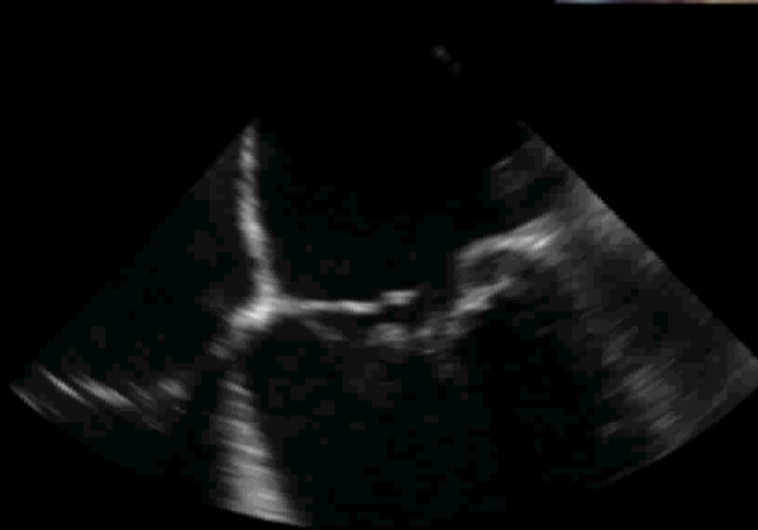
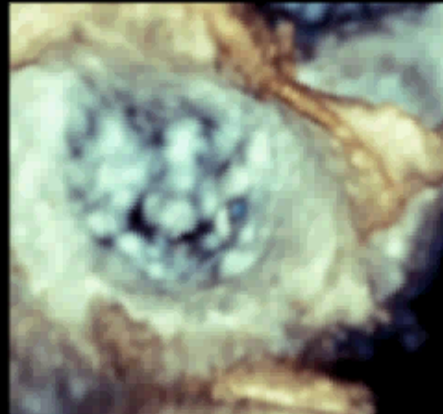
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FR 4Hz
9.4cm

3D Beats 1

M4

3D
3D 47%
3D 40dB
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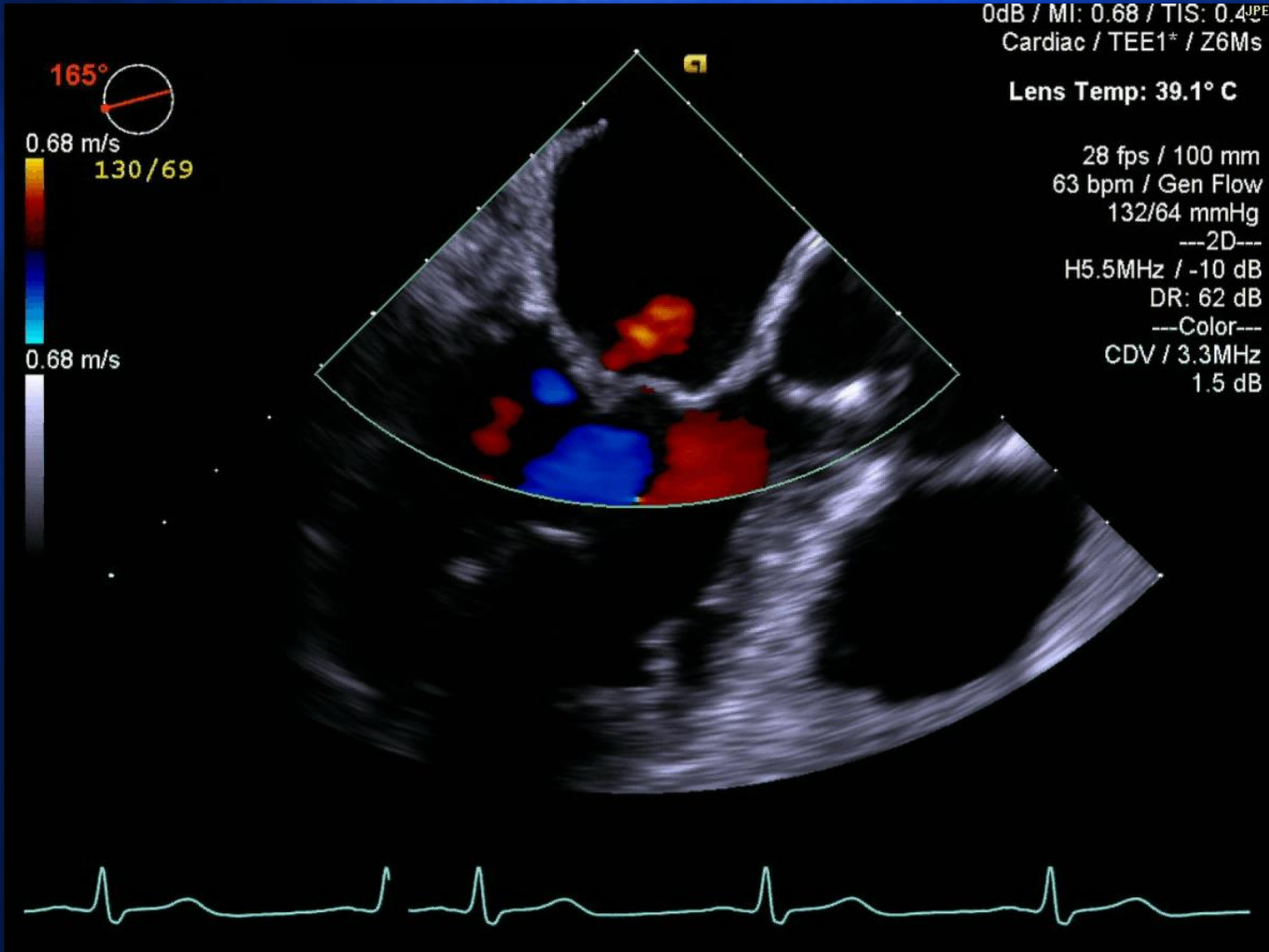
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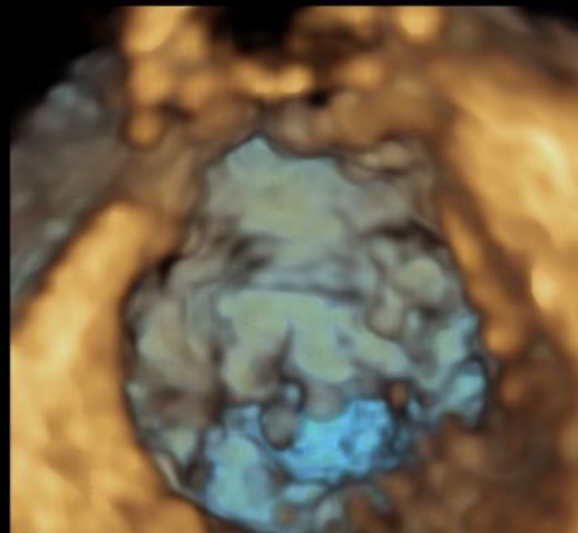
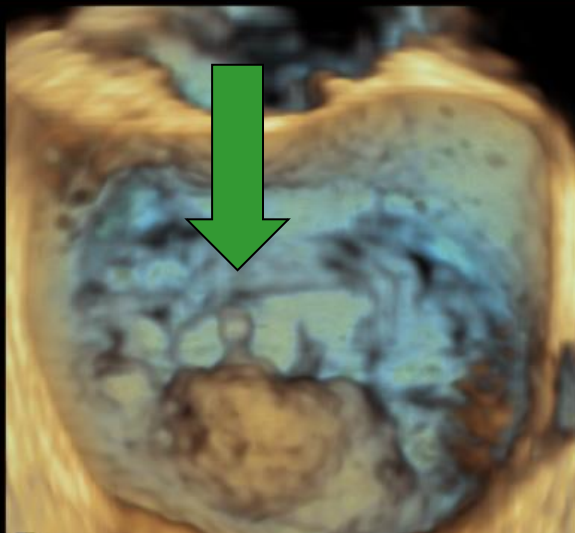
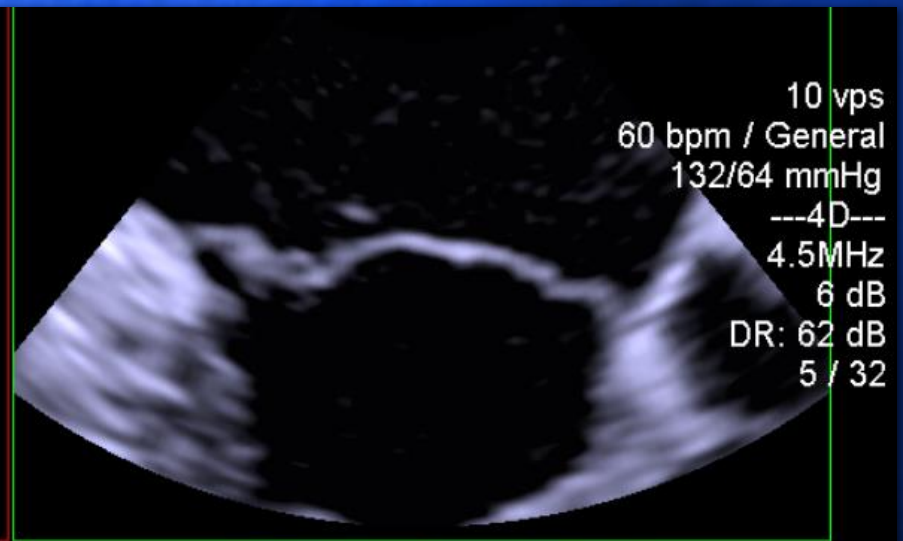
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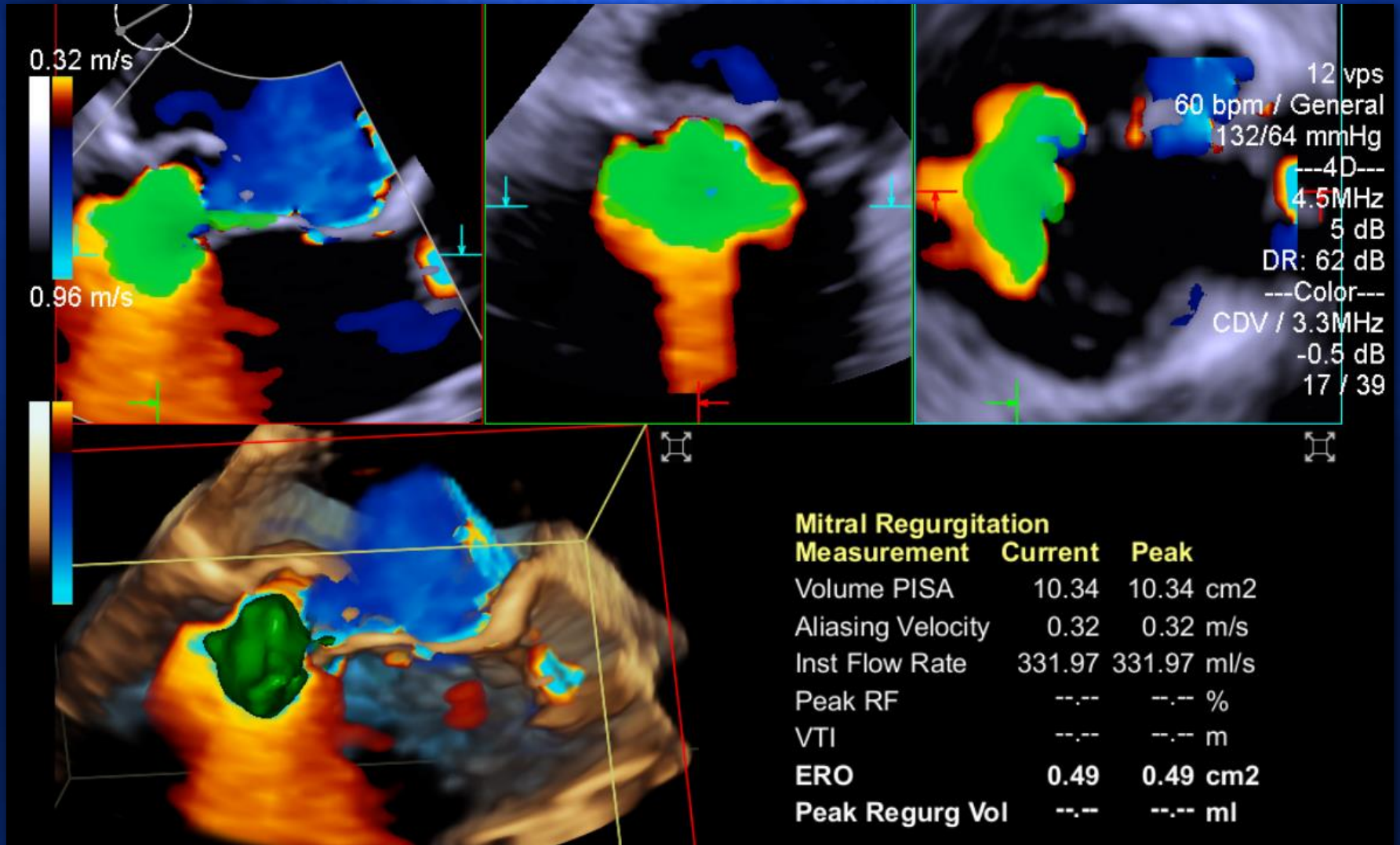
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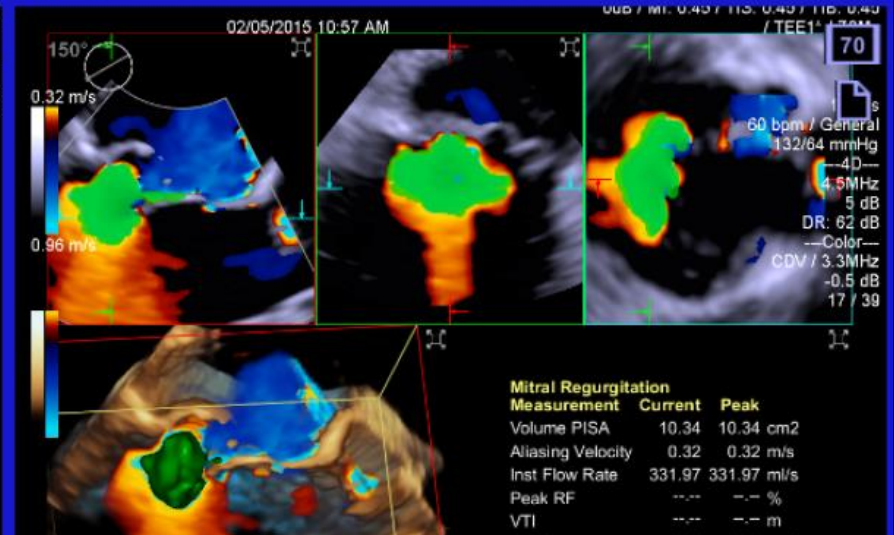
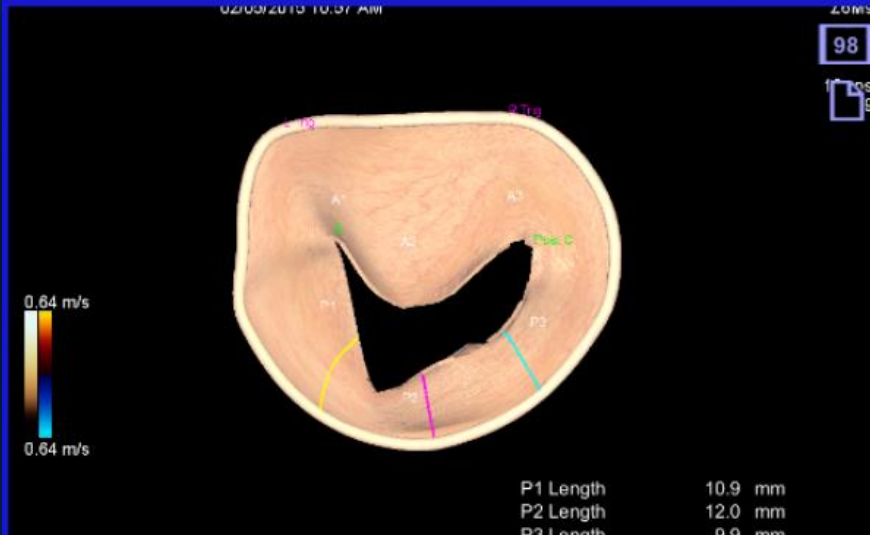
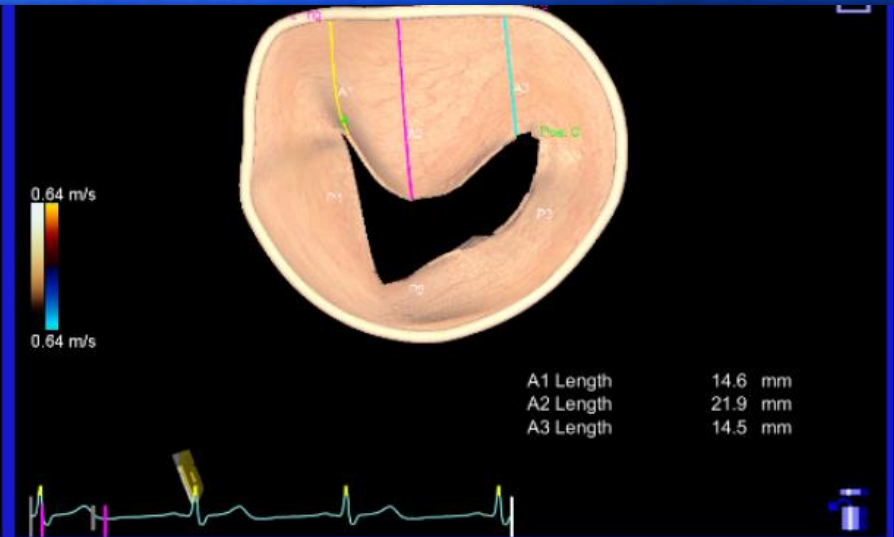
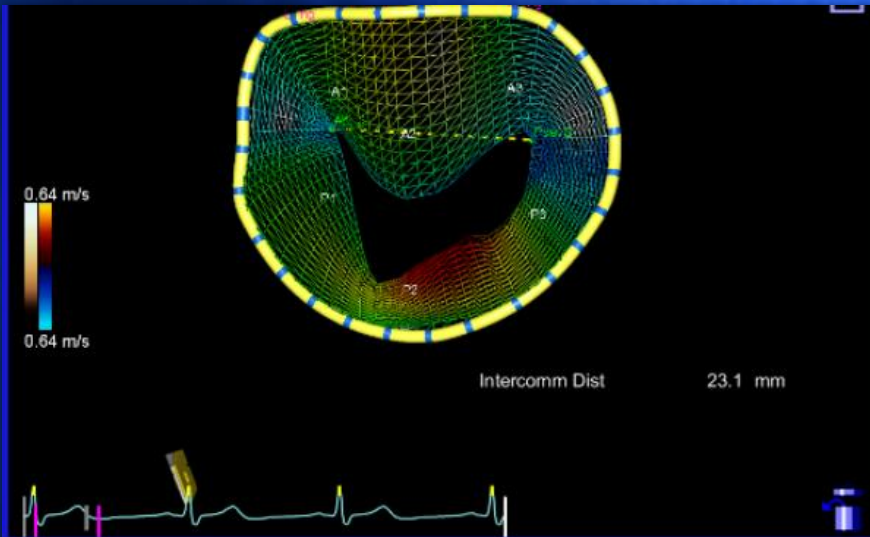




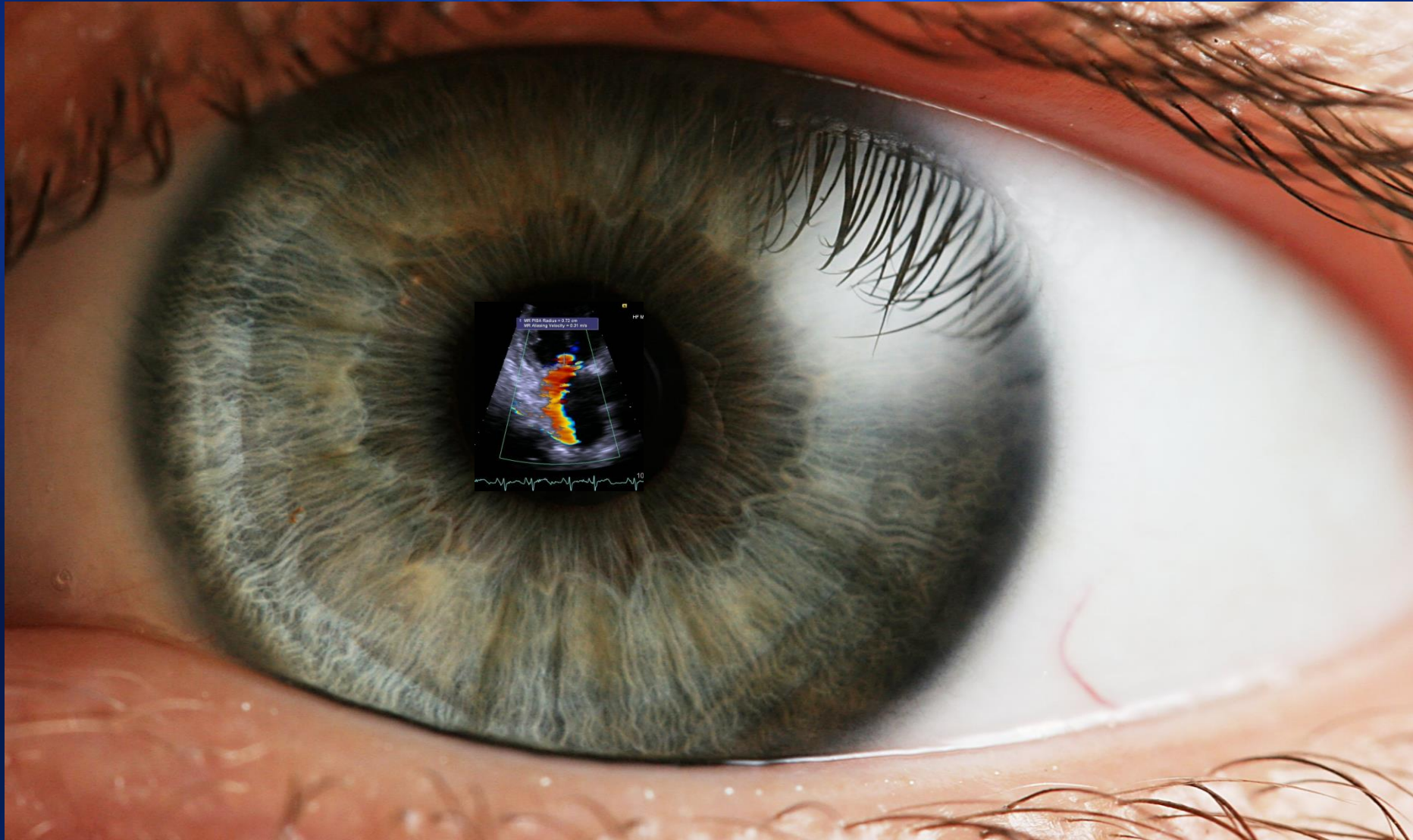
Volumetric PISA and ERO



Composite



'Quantitate MR' – Don't Eyeball It!



Severe Primary MR

2014 AHA/ACC Guidelines

- Central jet MR $> 40\%$ of LA
- Holosystolic eccentric MR jet
- Vena contracta ≥ 0.7 cm
- Regurgitant Volume ≥ 60 ml
- Regurgitant Fraction $\geq 50\%$
- ERO ≥ 0.40 cm²

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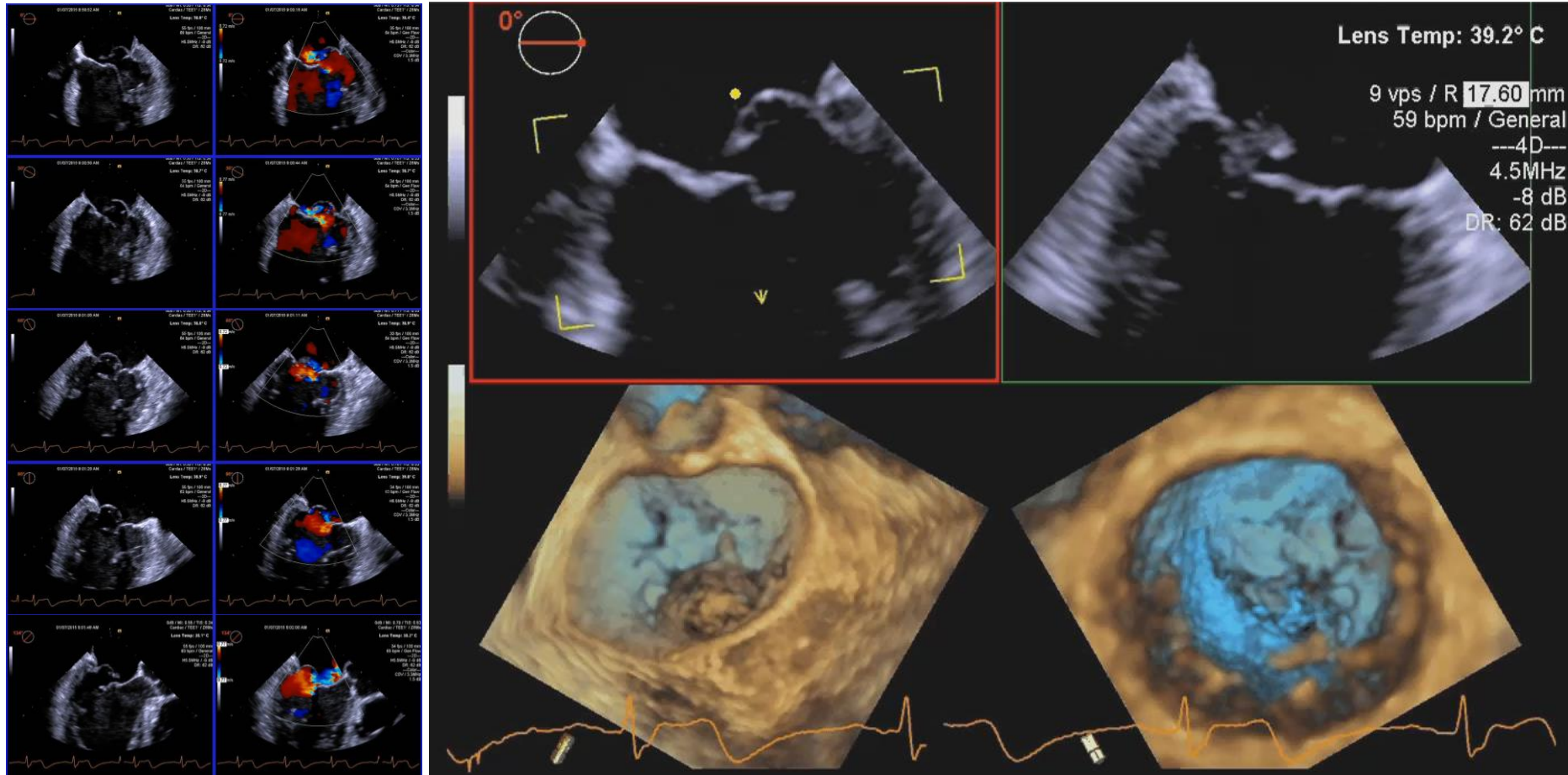
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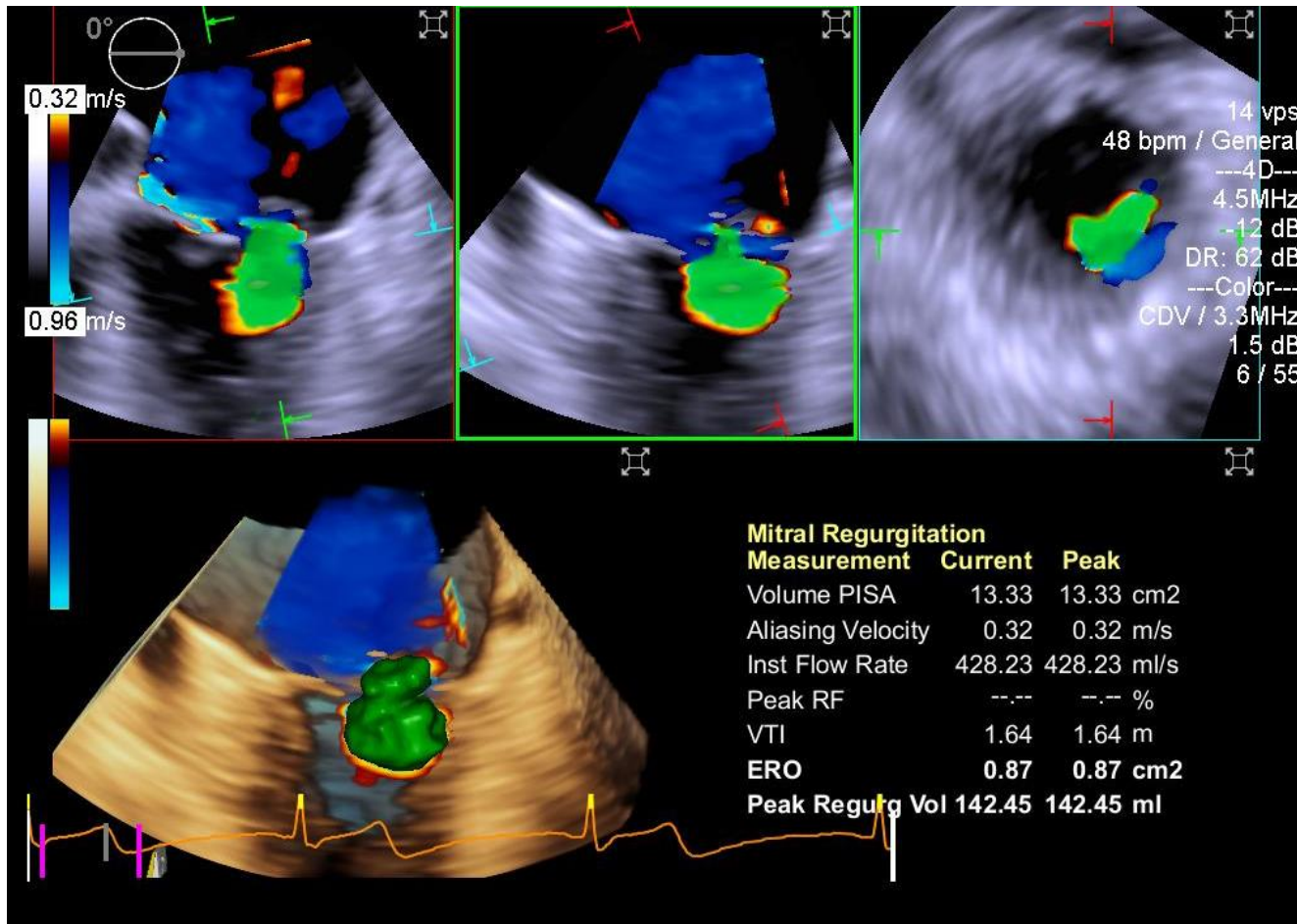
- 60 year old man
- Chronic severe MR
- Degenerative mitral valve
- Normal LV EF 55-60%
- Increasing dyspnea

2-D TEE and Real-Time Volume TEE



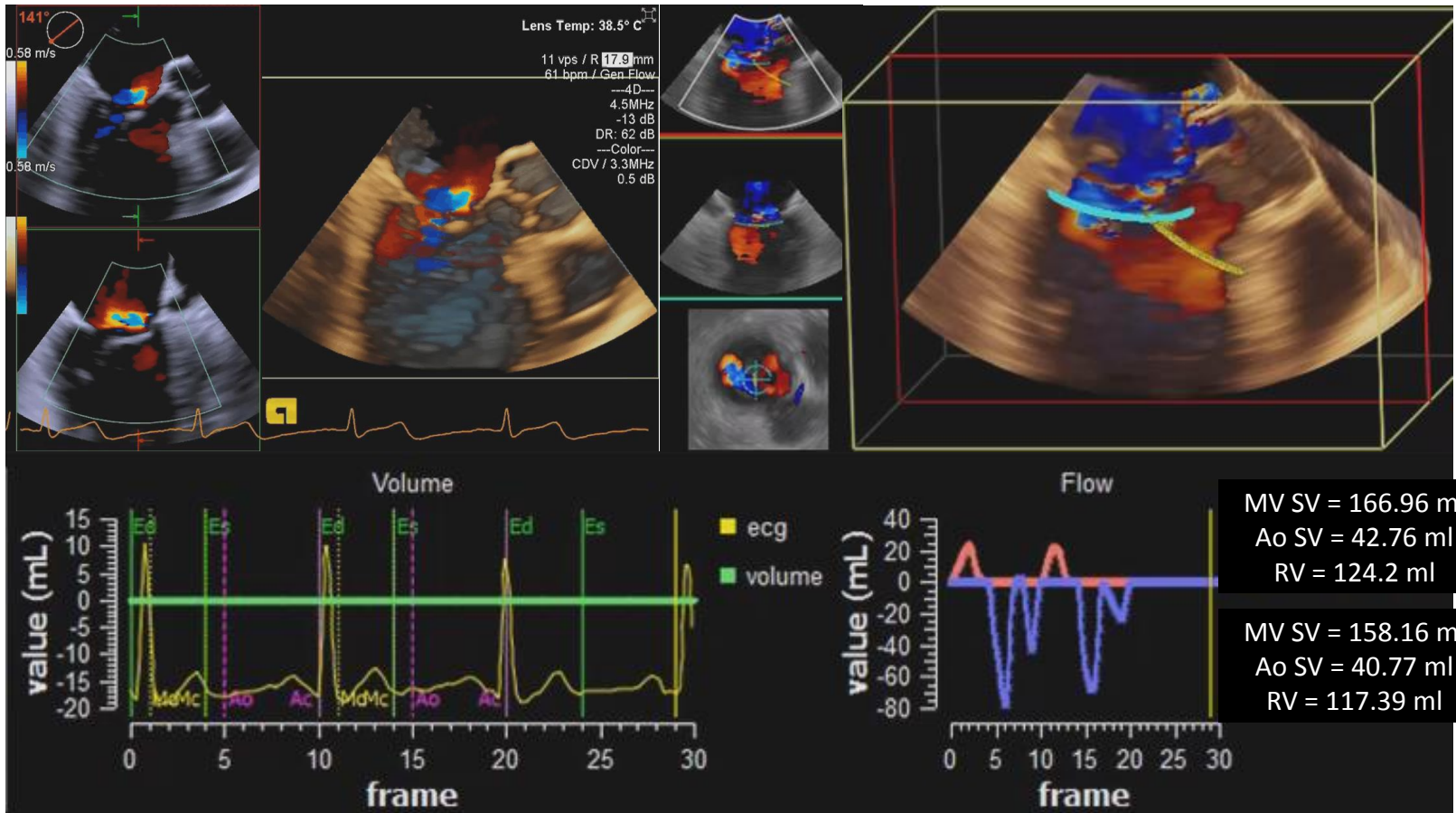
Real-Time Volume Color Doppler TEE

Automated 3-D PISA EROA



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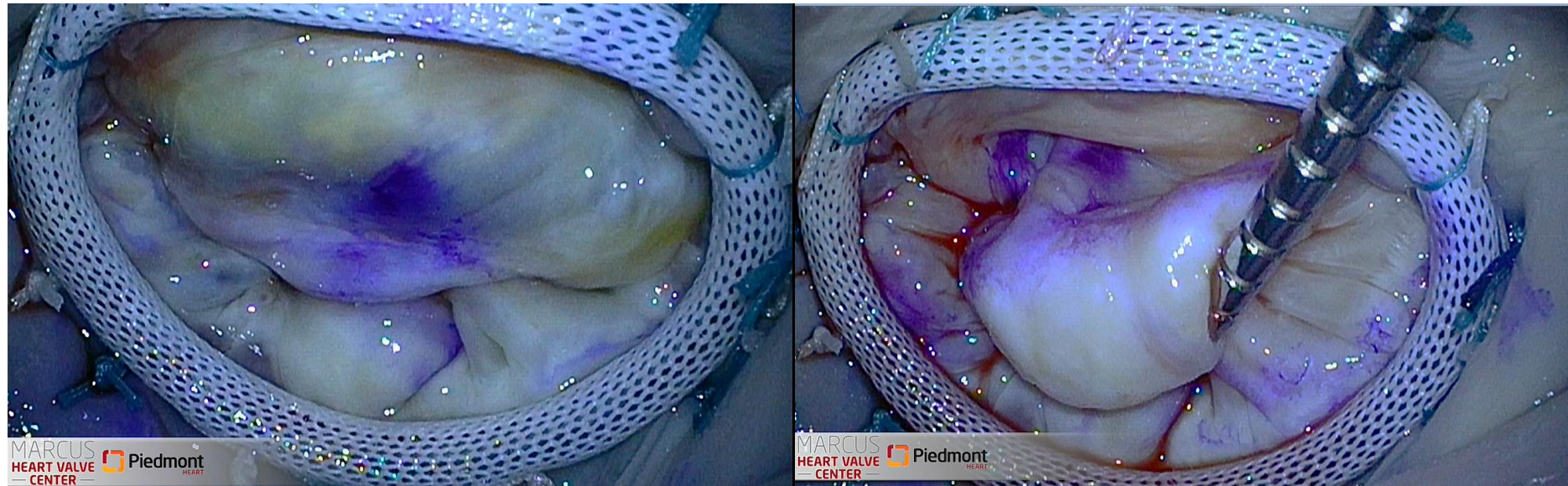
Automated Regurgitant Volume



3-D PISA RV = 142.45 ml

Surgical Anatomy

Post- Repair



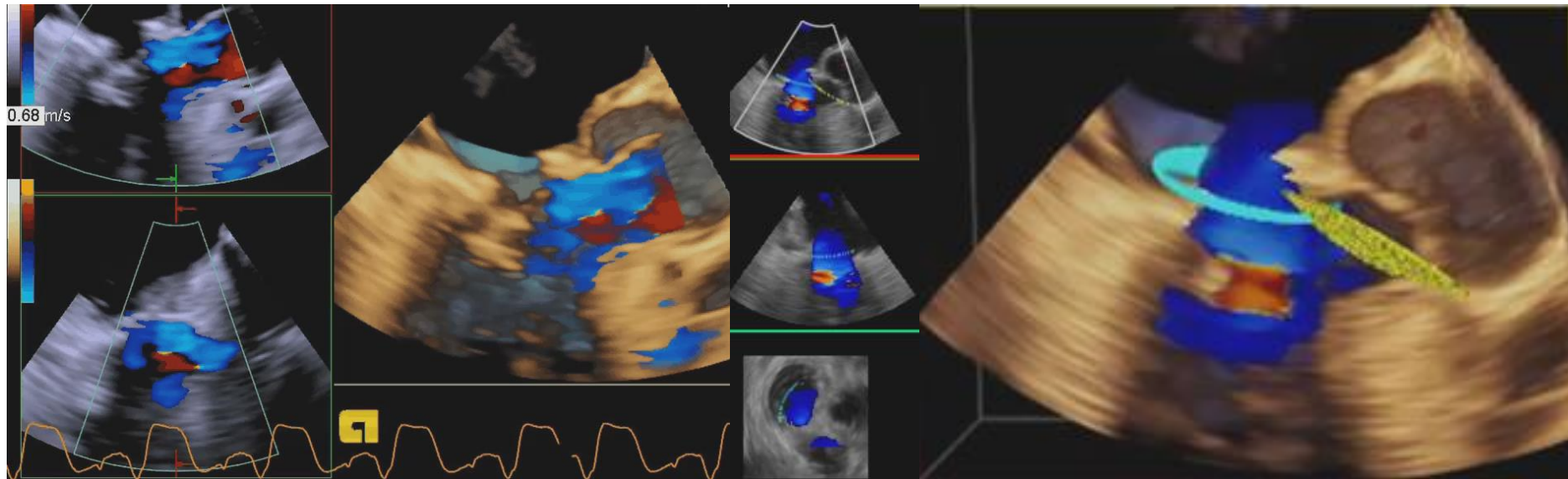
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Post- Repair MR

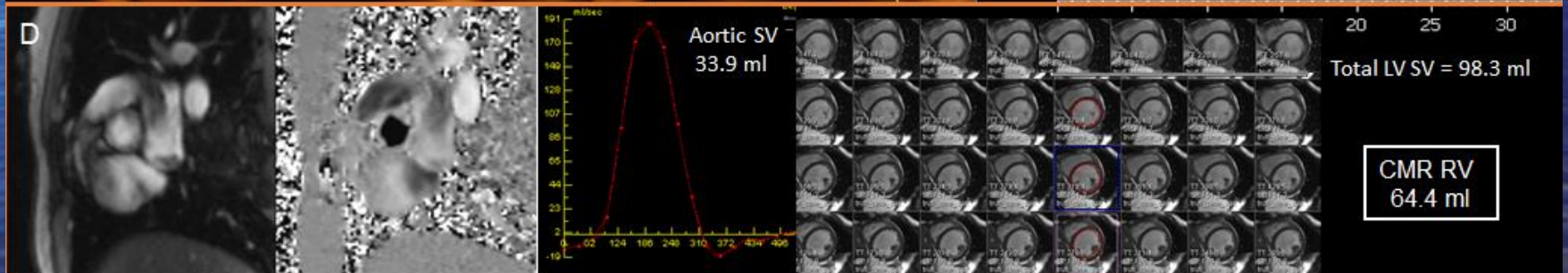
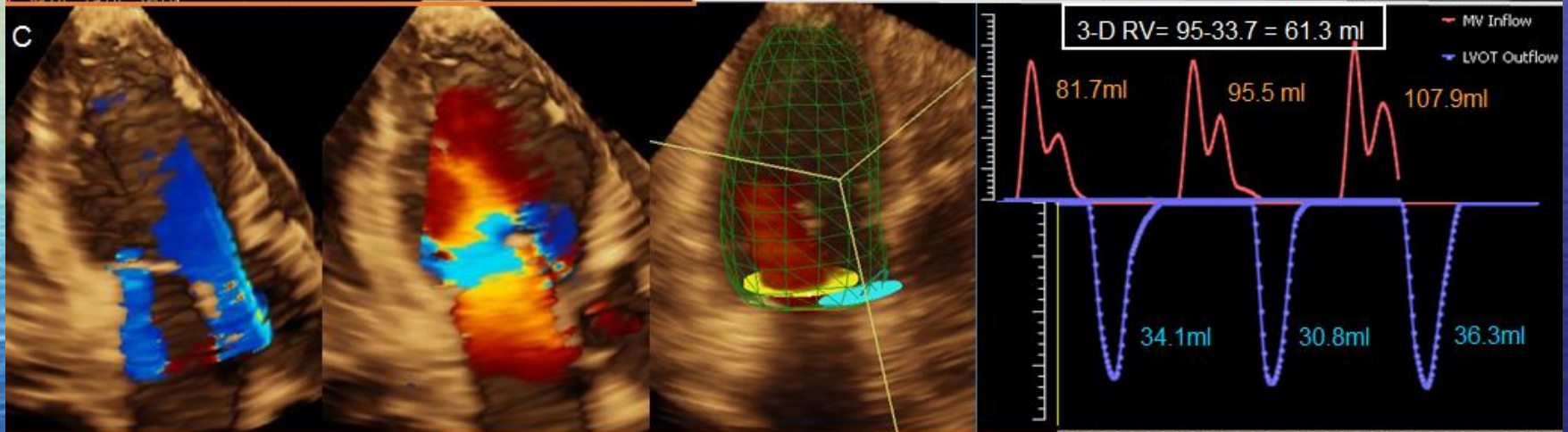
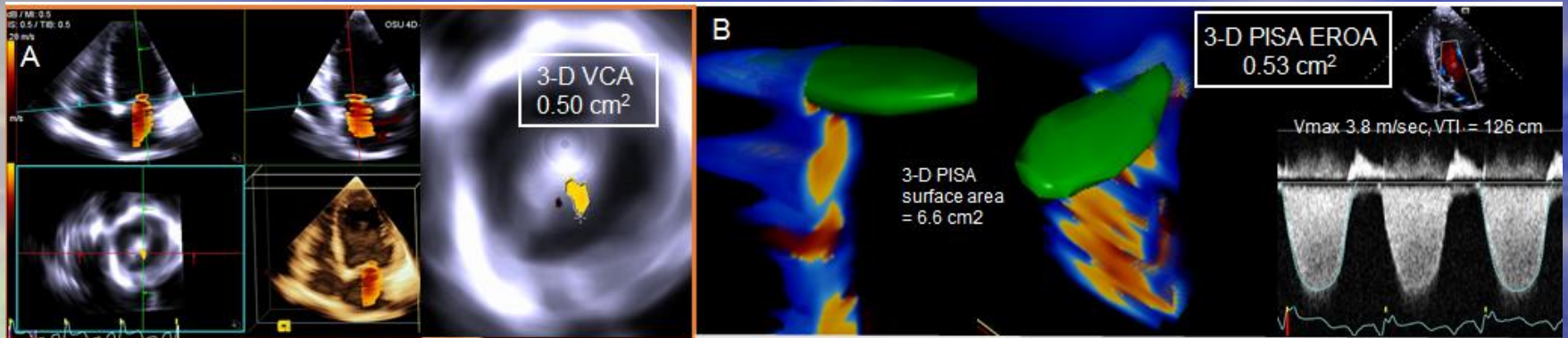


Real-Time Volume Color Doppler TEE

Automated Regurgitant Volume



MV SV = 36.76 ml
Ao SV = 32.1 ml



Severe Secondary MR – 2014 AHA/ACC Guidelines

- ERO ≥ 0.20 cm²
 - PISA by 2D-TEE underestimates true ERO – crescentic shape
- Regurgitant Volume ≥ 30 ml
- Regurgitant Fraction $\geq 50\%$

Quantitation of MR severity in
2o MR is challenging

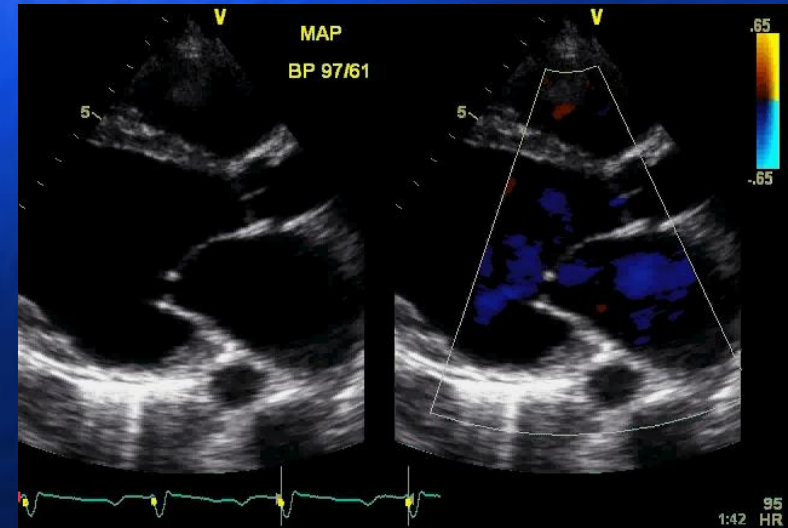
-Because of low flow
state

-Regurgitant orifice is
crescent-shaped along
line of coaptation

-Results in
underestimation of EROA
& vena contracta width

-Regurgitant orifice
changes shape

Ischemic



REVIEW TOPIC OF THE WEEK

Defining “Severe” Secondary Mitral Regurgitation

Emphasizing an Integrated Approach



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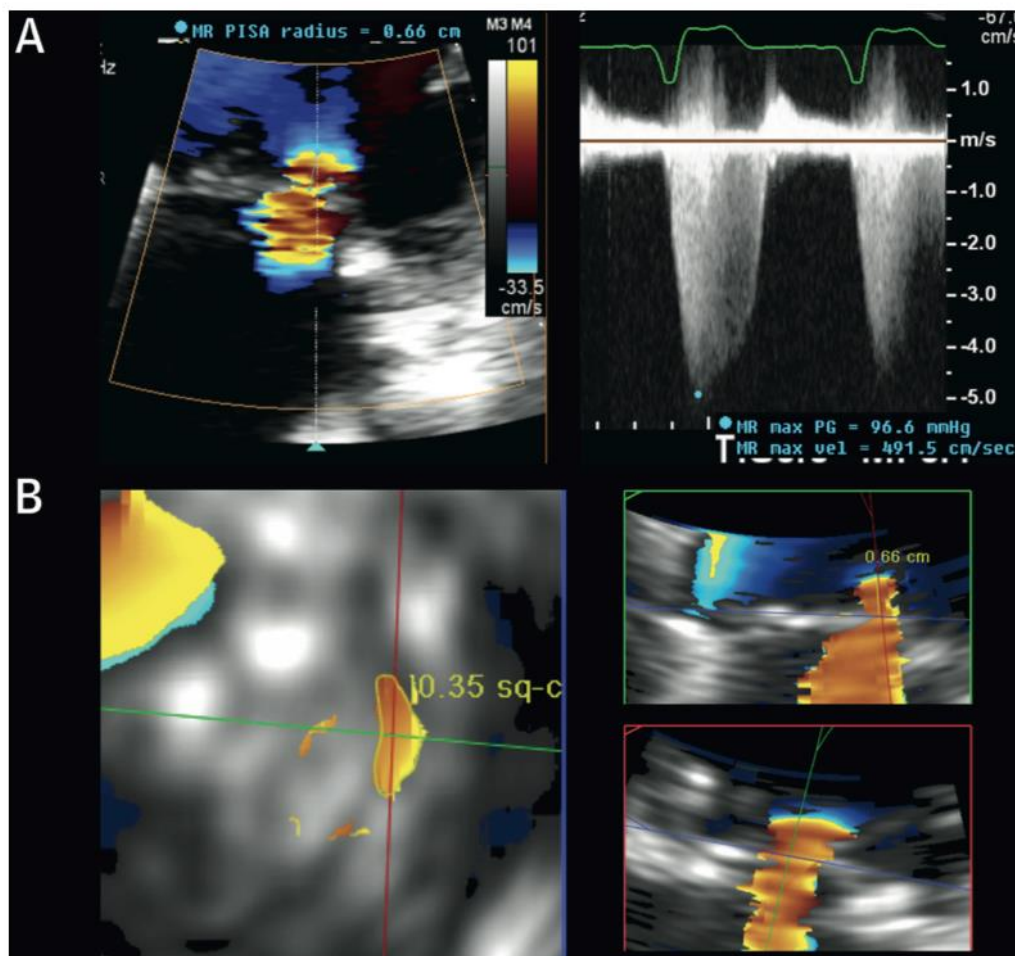
ABSTRACT

Secondary mitral regurgitation (MR) is associated with poor outcomes, but its correction does not reverse the underlying left ventricular (LV) pathology or improve the prognosis. The recently published American Heart Association/American College of Cardiology guidelines on valvular heart disease generated considerable controversy by revising the definition of severe secondary MR from an effective regurgitant orifice area (EROA) of 0.4 to 0.2 cm², and from a regurgitant volume (RVol) of 60 to 30 ml. This paper reviews hydrodynamic determinants of MR severity, showing that EROA and RVol values associated with severe MR depend on LV volume. This explains disparities in the evidence associating a lower EROA threshold with suboptimal survival. Redefining MR severity purely on EROA or RVol may cause significant clinical problems. As the guidelines emphasize, defining severe MR requires careful integration of all echocardiographic and clinical data, as measurement of EROA is imprecise and poorly reproducible. (J Am Coll Cardiol 2014;64:2792-801)

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Underestimation of EROA in 2nd MR

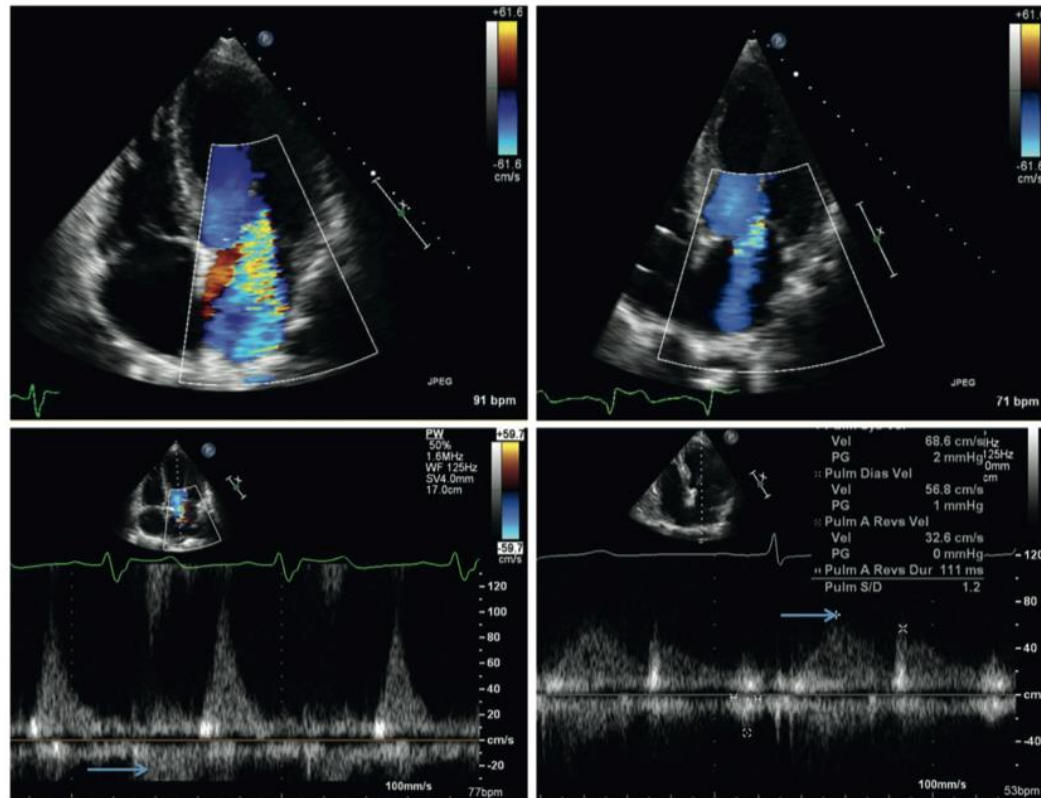
FIGURE 3 Example of EROA Underestimation by PISA Due to Crescentic Orifice Shape



(A) Proximal isovelocity surface area (PISA) radius (**left**) and continuous-wave Doppler (**right**) resulting in a calculated EROA of 0.18 cm^2 . **(B)** Direct measurement of the EROA in the same patient at 0.35 cm^2 by 3D color Doppler (**left**). EROA is crescentic on 3D imaging, with its major and minor axes shown at right. Abbreviations as in **Figure 1**.

Variability of 2nd MR with Medical RX

FIGURE 5 4-Chamber Echocardiographic Images From a Patient With Severe Secondary MR



Baseline (**left**) and 1 month later, after optimizing medical therapy (**right**). (**Top**) Changes in color-Doppler mitral regurgitation (MR) jet. (**Bottom**) Change from systolic flow reversal (**blue arrow, left**) to normal (**blue arrow, right**). This case illustrates secondary MR's dynamic nature, which improves or worsens substantially depending on volume status, blood pressure, heart failure exacerbation, ischemia, or medication changes.

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Specifically, we propose the following:

1. The integrative approach using multiple echocardiographic and clinical variables should continue to be used to grade secondary MR severity;
2. The new definition of severe secondary MR with $RVol \geq 30$ ml and $EROA \geq 0.2$ cm² depends on LV size and on the LV-LA pressure gradient and must be used in that context;
3. The quantification method must be specified (2D PISA, 3D planimetry, volumetric);
4. Classification of a patient as having severe secondary MR (Stage C or D) should be deferred until guideline-directed medical therapy, resynchronization, and revascularization are optimized.

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Current Assessment of Mitral Regurgitation Not Making the Grade*

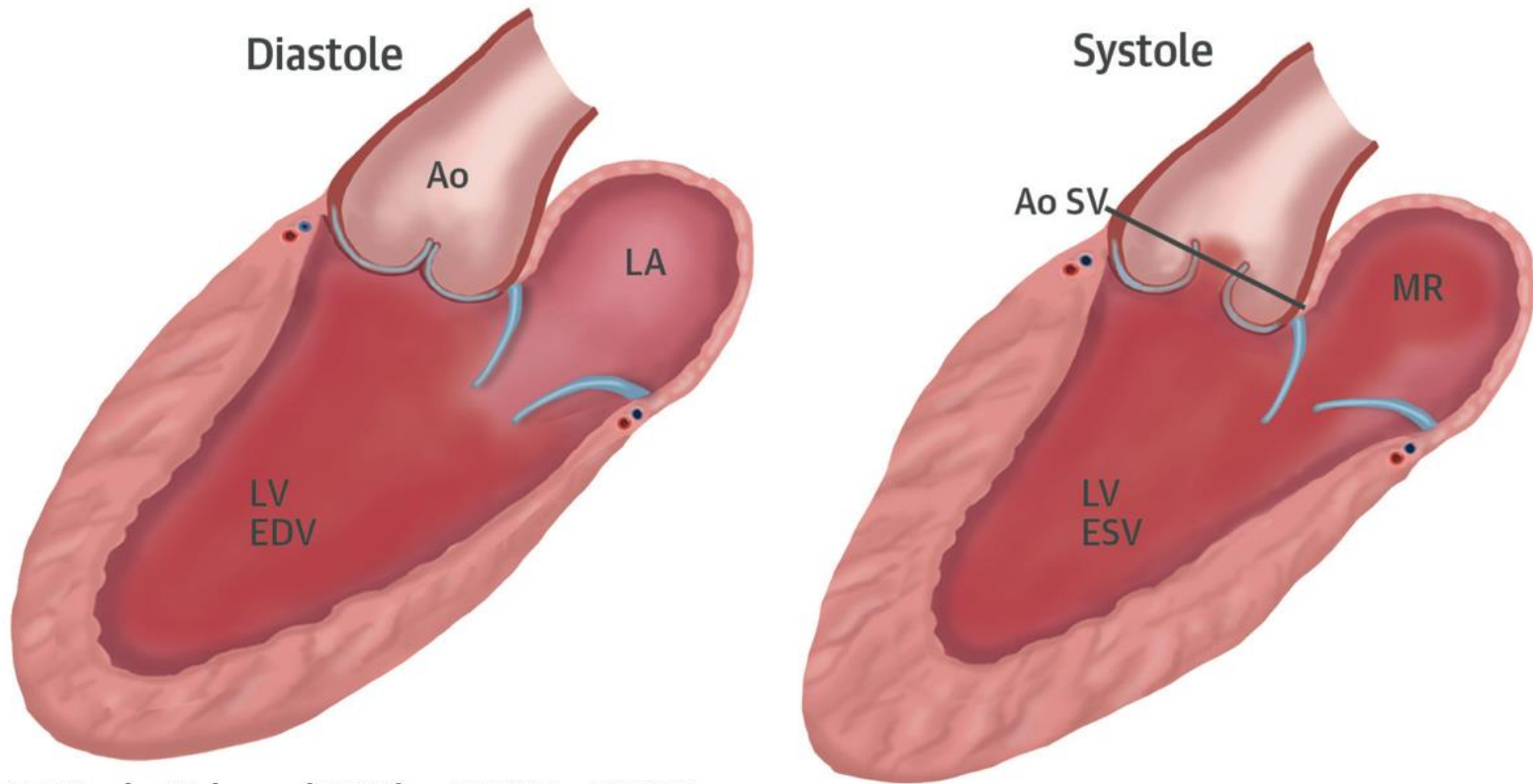


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Mitral regurgitation (MR) is a common valvular disorder affecting more than 2 million people in the United States (1). The etiology of MR can be divided into primary MR, caused by pathology of the valve apparatus, and secondary MR, a functional consequence of ventricular dysfunction. The clinical course of MR is generally insidious, and if left untreated, leads to heart failure

STudy), the MitraClip has shown less complete reduction of MR compared with the surgical arm. However, at 4 years, there was equivalent clinical benefit with evidence of favorable remodeling in both groups. It is quite possible that creation of a double orifice resulted in an overestimation of MR grade in the MitraClip arm (4). A further limitation of echocardiography is the significant degree of interob-

Regurgitant Volume by MRI



LV Stroke Volume (LVSV) = LVEDV - LVESV
Mitral Regurgitation Volume = LVSV - AoSV

Example of the method used to calculate mitral regurgitant volume (see text for details). Ao = aorta; EDV = end-diastolic volume; ESV = end-systolic volume; LA = left atrium; LV = left ventricular; MR = mitral regurgitation; MRI = magnetic resonance imaging;

Diagnostic Imaging Assessment of MR-Clinically Available

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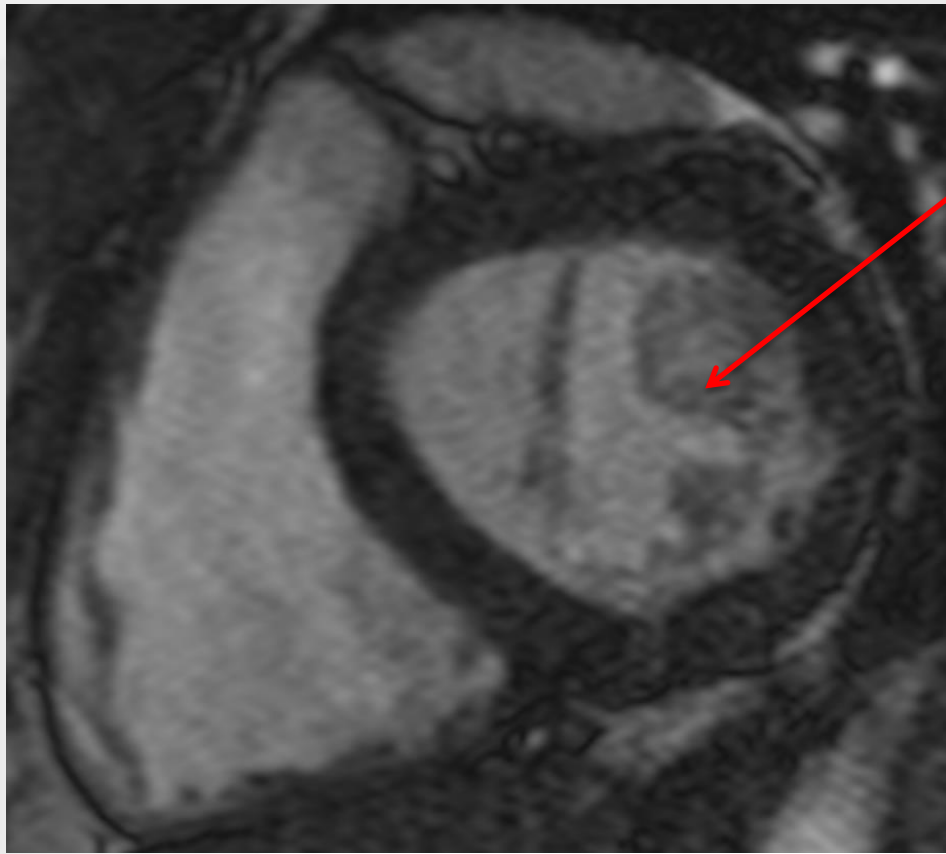
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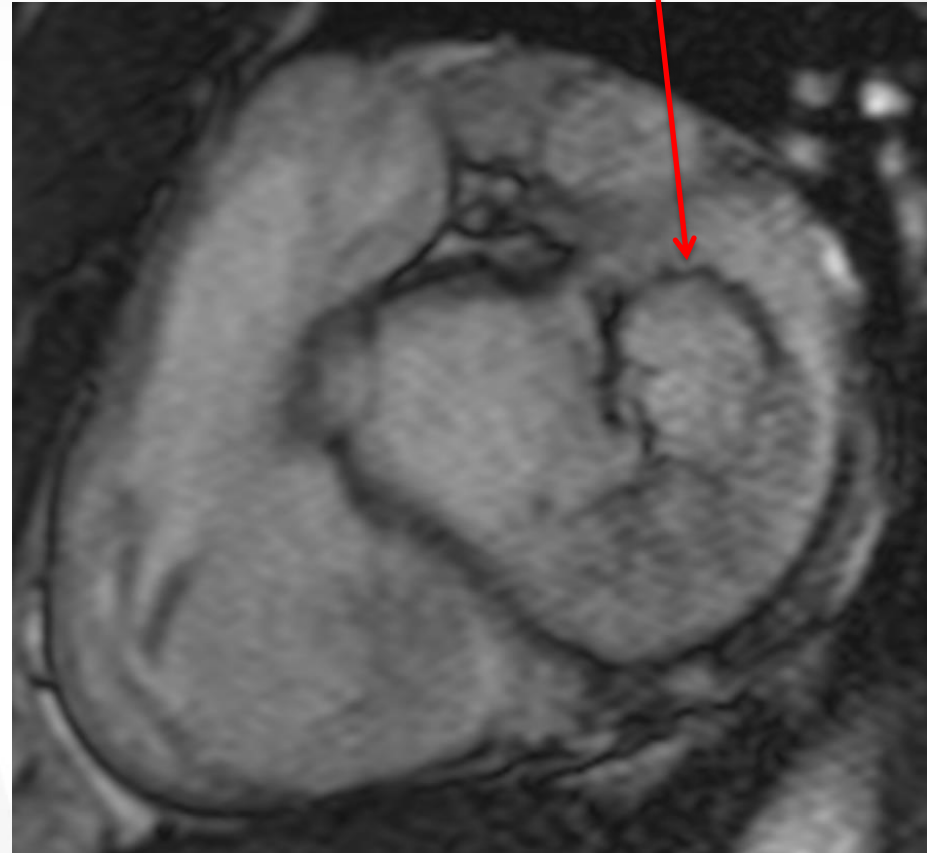
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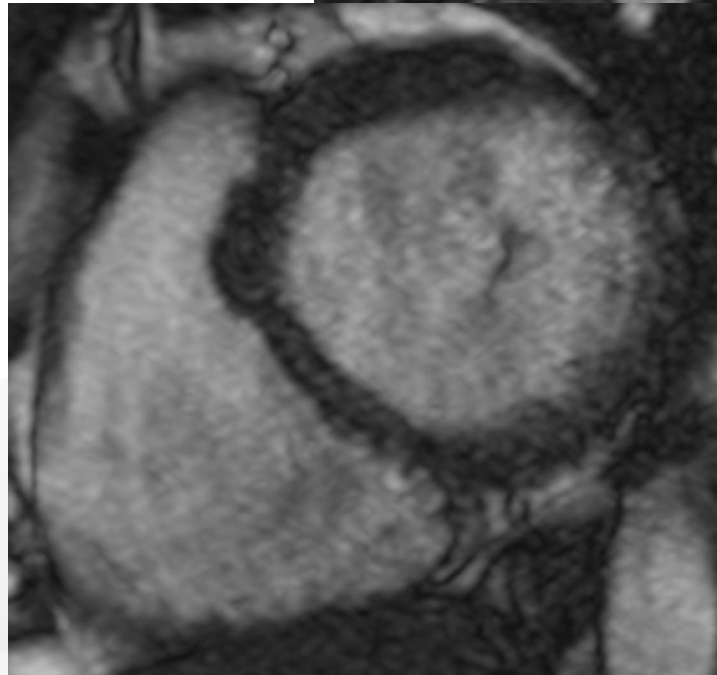
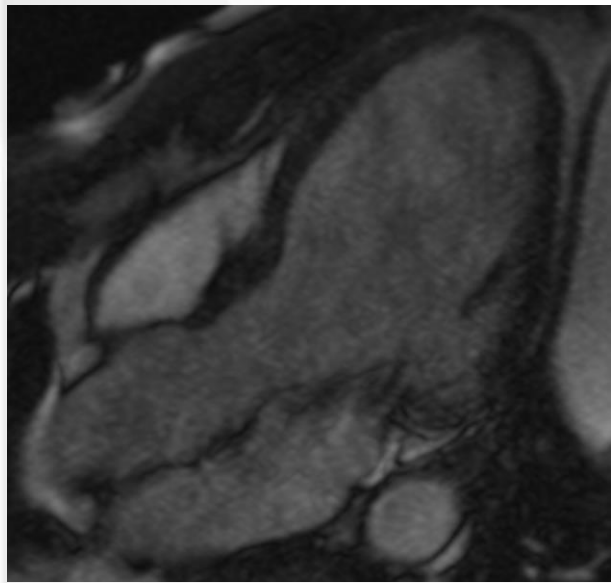
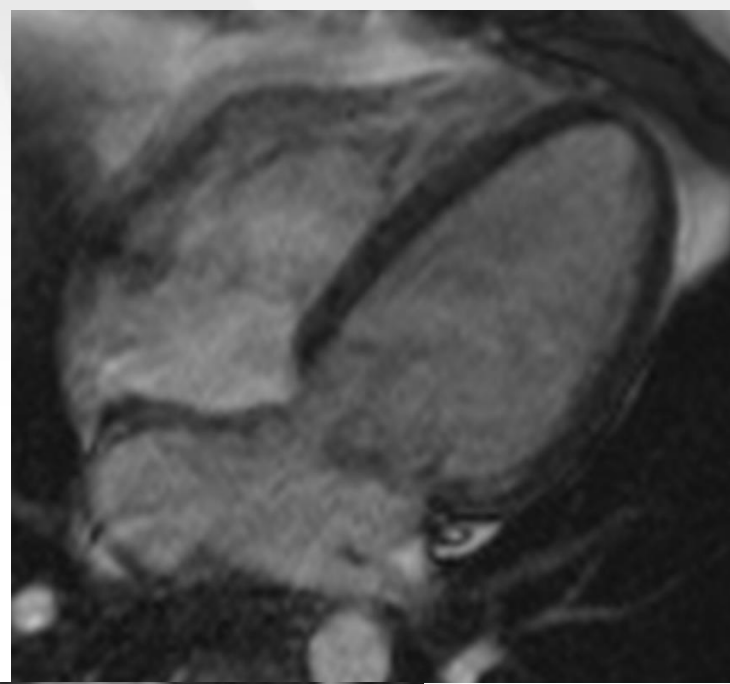
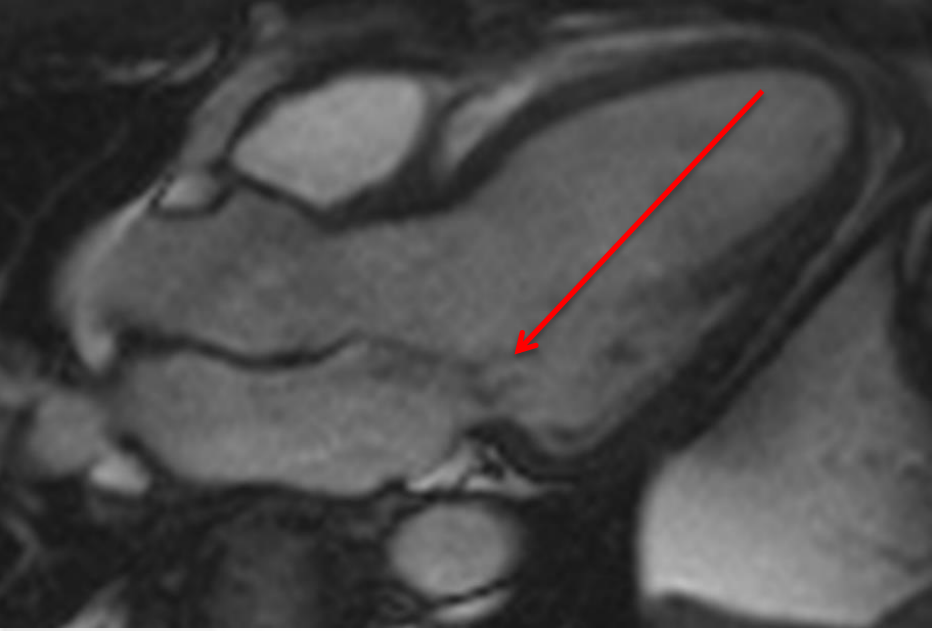
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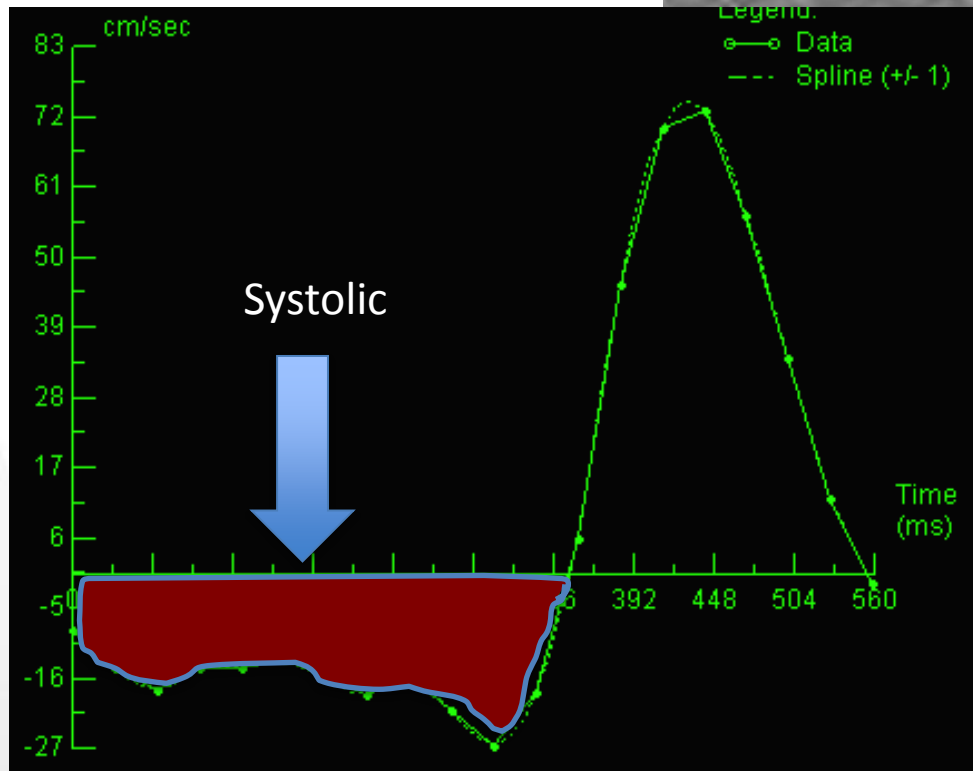
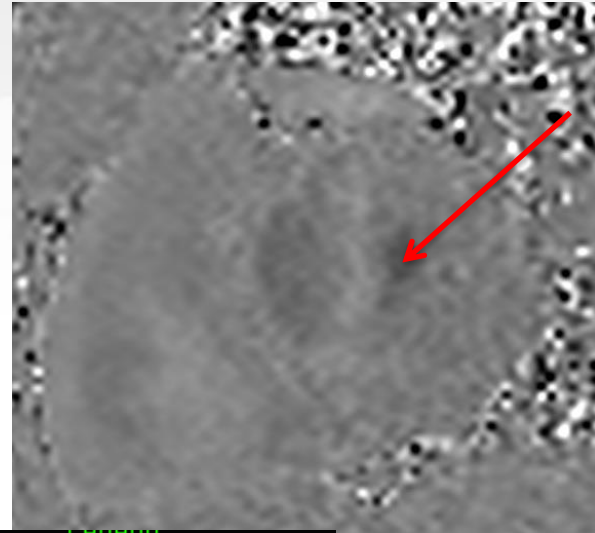
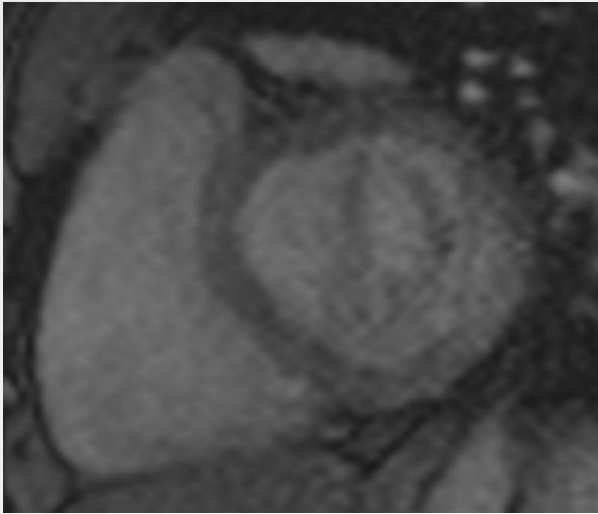
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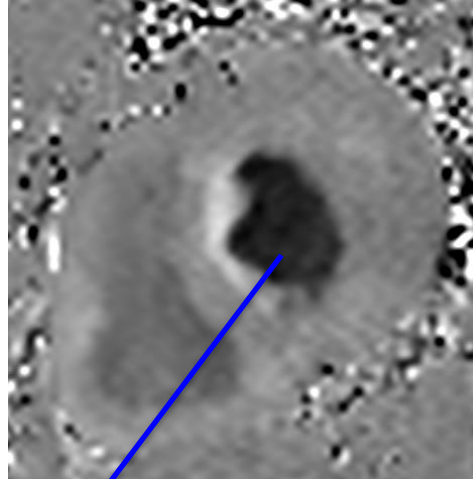
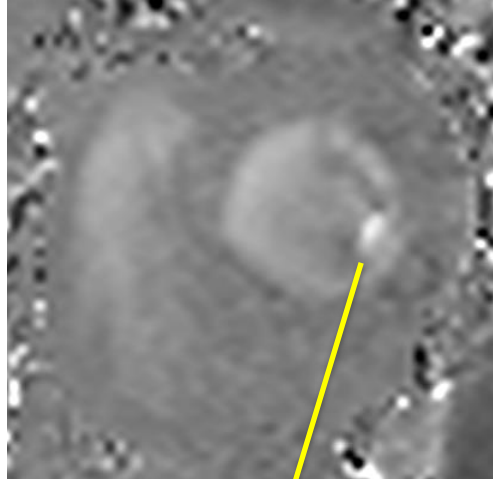
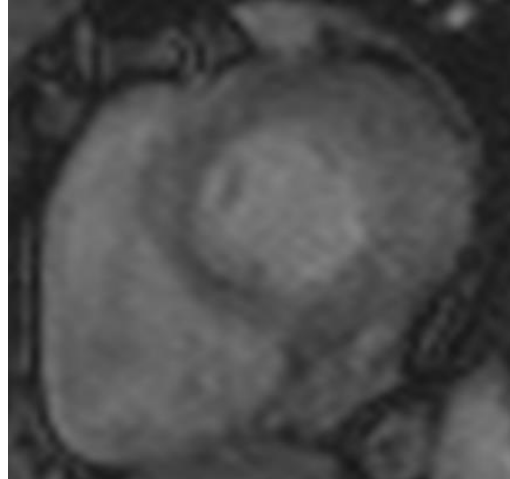







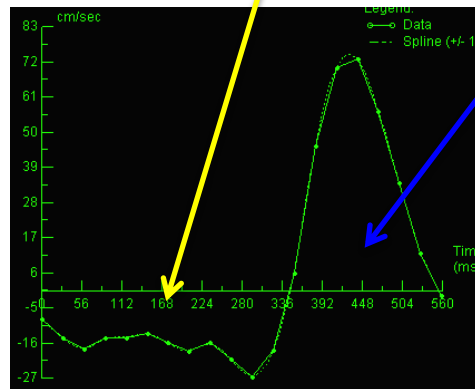
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ASSESSMENT OF MITRAL INSUFFICIENCY BY DIRECT THRU PLANE IMAGING





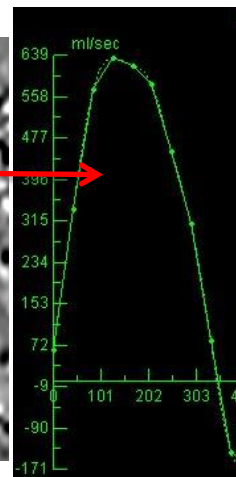
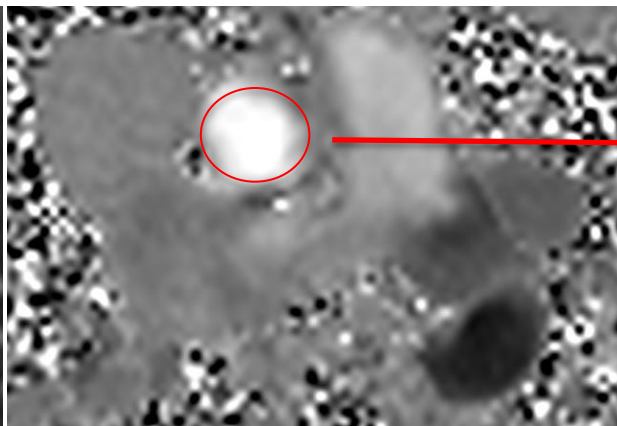
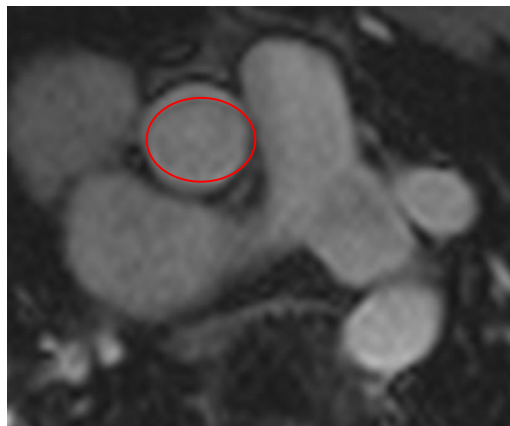
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-  MITRAL INSUFFICIENCY
-  AORTIC FORWARD FLOW



MITRAL INSUFFICIENCY QUANTIFICATION

INDIRECT ASSESSMENT = LV STROKE VOLUME-AO FLOW-> VALIDATED TECHNIQUE

DIRECT ASSESSMENT- MITRAL PHASE CONTRAST- MITRAL INFLOW ASSESSMENT ONLY



LVSV = 110 ML
 AO FORWARD FLOW = 59 ML
 RV = 51 ML, RF = 46%

Diagnostic Imaging Assessment of MR-Clinically Available

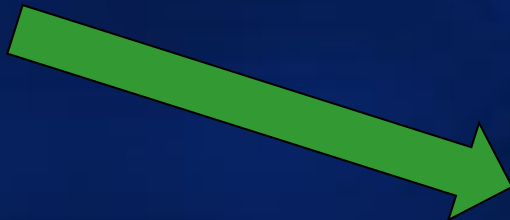
▶ Echo -Doppler

TTE-Rest and Exercise

TEE-2D-3D

▶ CT

▶ MRI



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REVIEWS

STATE-OF-THE-ART PAPERS

Multimodality Imaging in the Context of Transcatheter Mitral Valve Replacement

Establishing Consensus Among Modalities and Disciplines



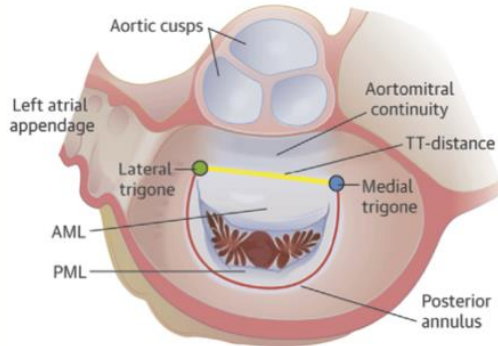
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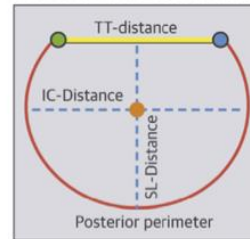
CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION Multimodality Imaging for TMVI: Pre-Procedural Screening, Periprocedural Guidance and Post-Procedural Assessment

Anatomical Assessment for TMVI Eligibility and Device Sizing

3D ANNULAR SEGMENTATION (CT/3D TEE)



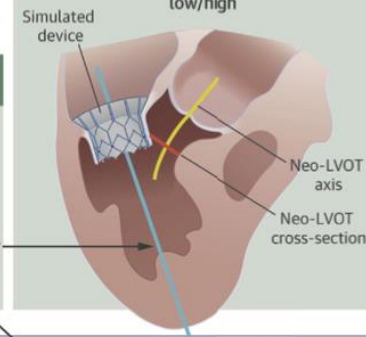
Pertinent Annular Measurements



- Annular area → Device Size
- Perimeter
- SL-Distance
- IC-Distance

DEVICE SIMULATION FOR LVOT OBSTRUCTION PREDICTION (CT)

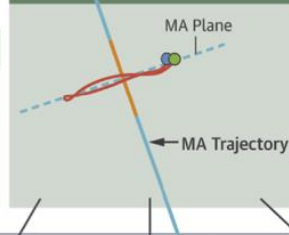
- Embedded geometry in CT data set
 - Trajectory determines device orientation
 - Quantification of Neo-LVOT area
- Risk of LVOT Obstruction: low/high



LANDING ZONE CHARACTERISTICS (CT/2D AND 3D TEE)

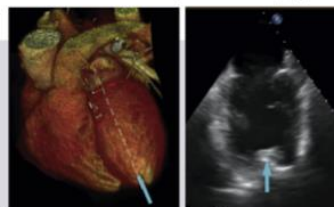
- Annular calcium → Adequate Landing Zone: yes/no
- MVP/mitral annular disjunction
- Myocardial shelf
- Leaflet length
- Directly inserting papillary muscles

2D MA PLANE + MA TRAJECTORY (CT)



Peri-procedural Guidance

Ideal LV puncture site (CT)
Correlation with Intraoperative TEE (x-plane)



Ideal Intercostal Access



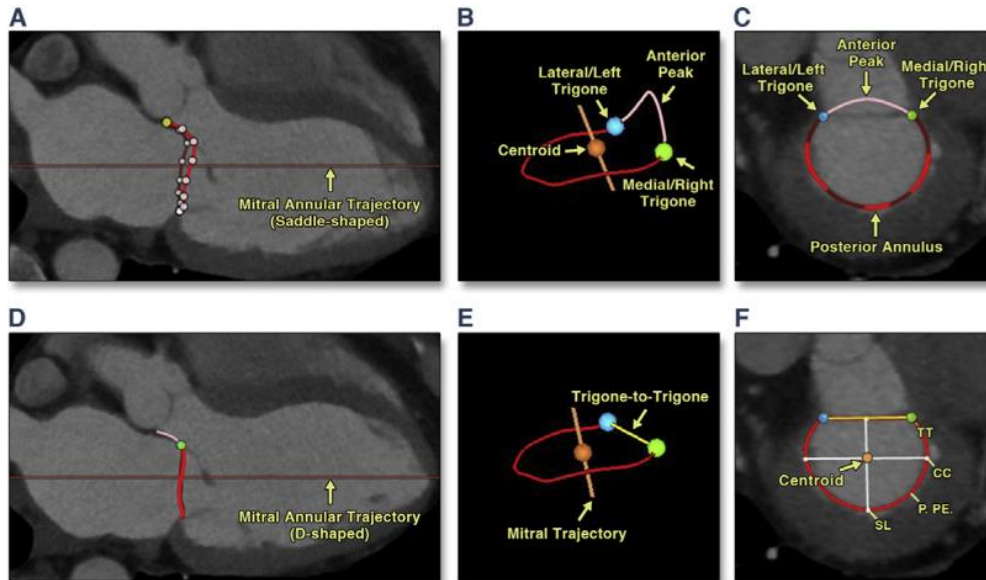
Prediction of Fluoroscopic Angulation for Coplanar View



INTRAOPERATIVE 2D AND 3D TEE AND FLUOROSCOPY

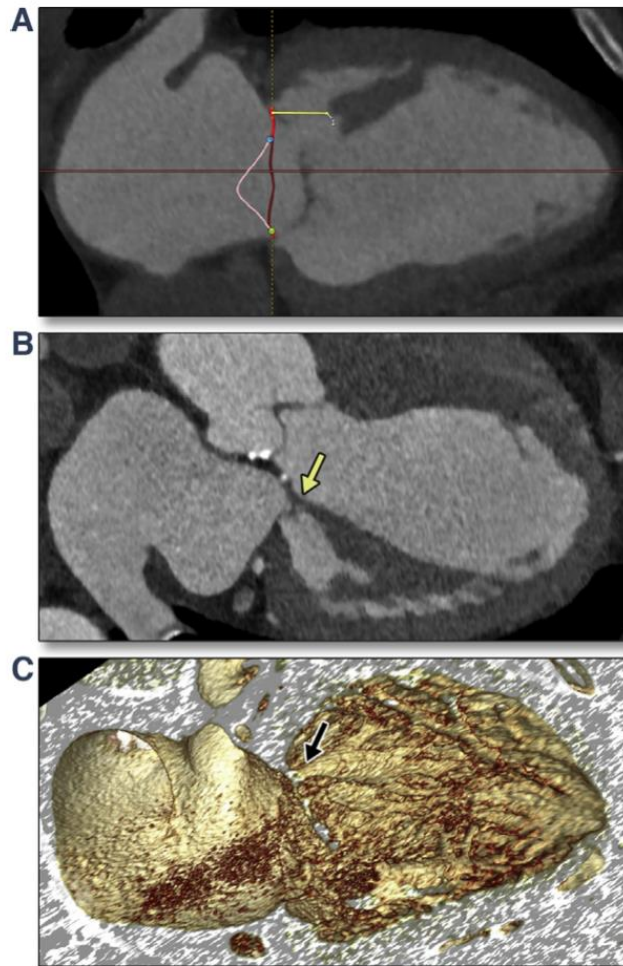
- Guide wire advancement and positioning
- Delivery system advancement and positioning
- Rotational alignment
- Device anchoring
- Device deployment

FIGURE 6 3D-Mitral Annular Segmentation on CT



(A) Saddle-shaped MA segmentation as a cubic spline interpolation. **(B)** Pink line = anterior peak; red line = posterior peak (PML insertion); green and blue dots = fibrous trigones. Importantly, the anterior peak projects into the LVOT (short-axis view **[C]** and long-axis view **[D]**). The more planar D-shaped annular contour is created by truncating the saddle-shaped contour at the trigone-to-trigone distance (**yellow lines [E and F]**). Important measurements are the projected area septal-to-lateral (SL) and inter-commissural (IC) distances; the latter is oriented perpendicularly to SL while transecting through the centroid **(F)**. Abbreviations as in **Figures 1 and 3**.

FIGURE 8 Assessment of Papillary Muscle Anatomy



(A) Distance measurement from the anteromedial papillary muscle tip to the annular plane (**yellow line**). The red line indicates the annular trajectory. **(B and C)** Multiplanar reformat and endovascular volume rendered image demonstrating direct insertion of the anteromedial papillary muscle into the AML (**yellow arrow in B, black arrow in C**). Abbreviations as in **Figure 1**.

Mitral Annulus-LVOT

Orientation of the mitral annulus and LVOT

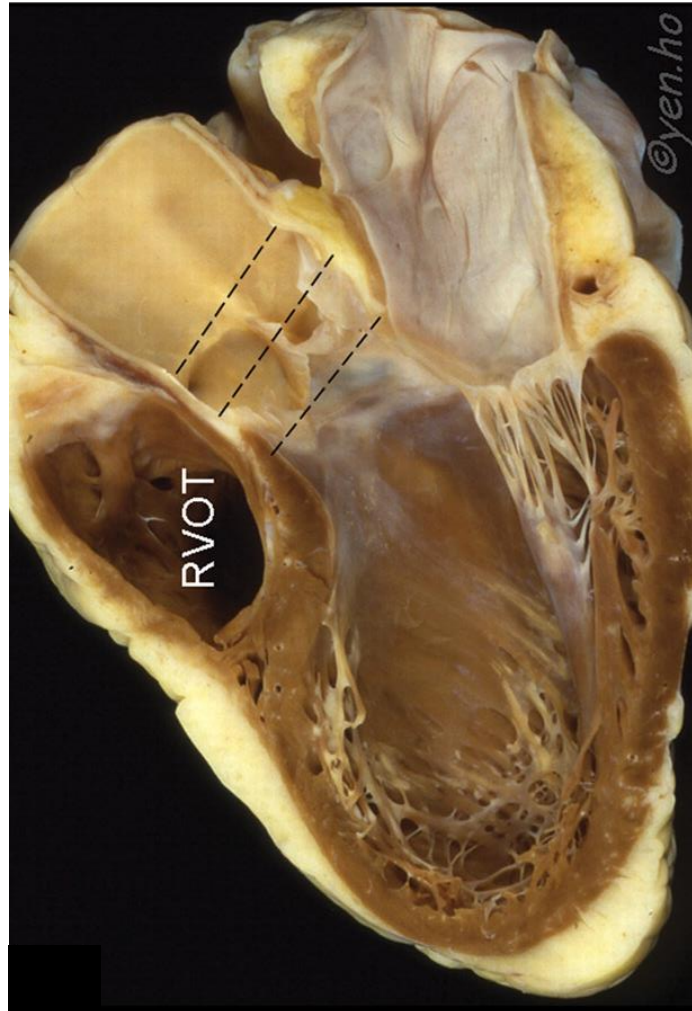
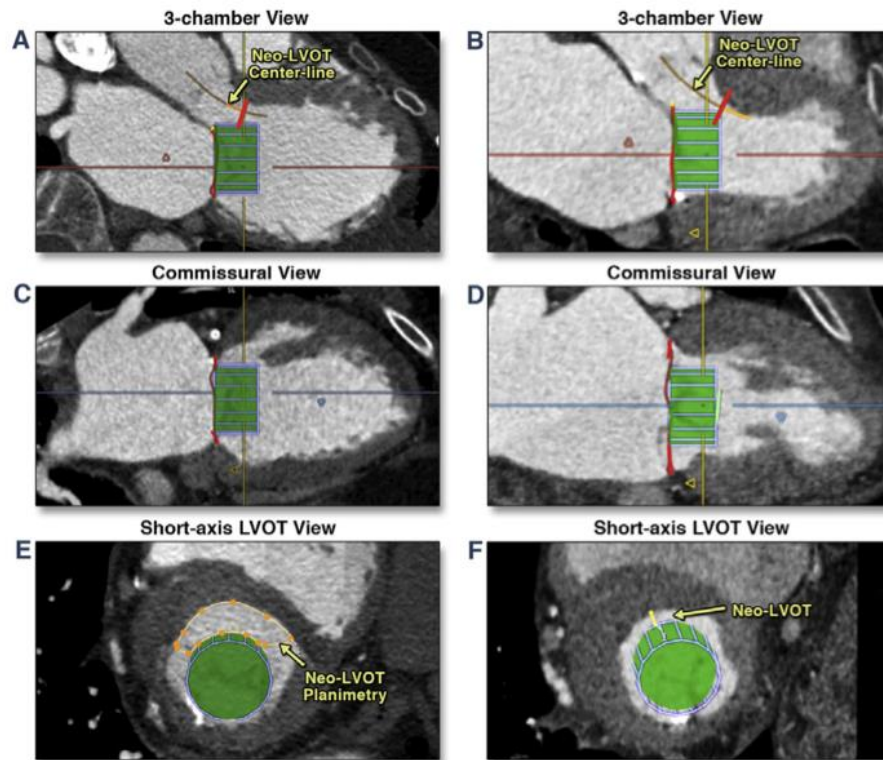
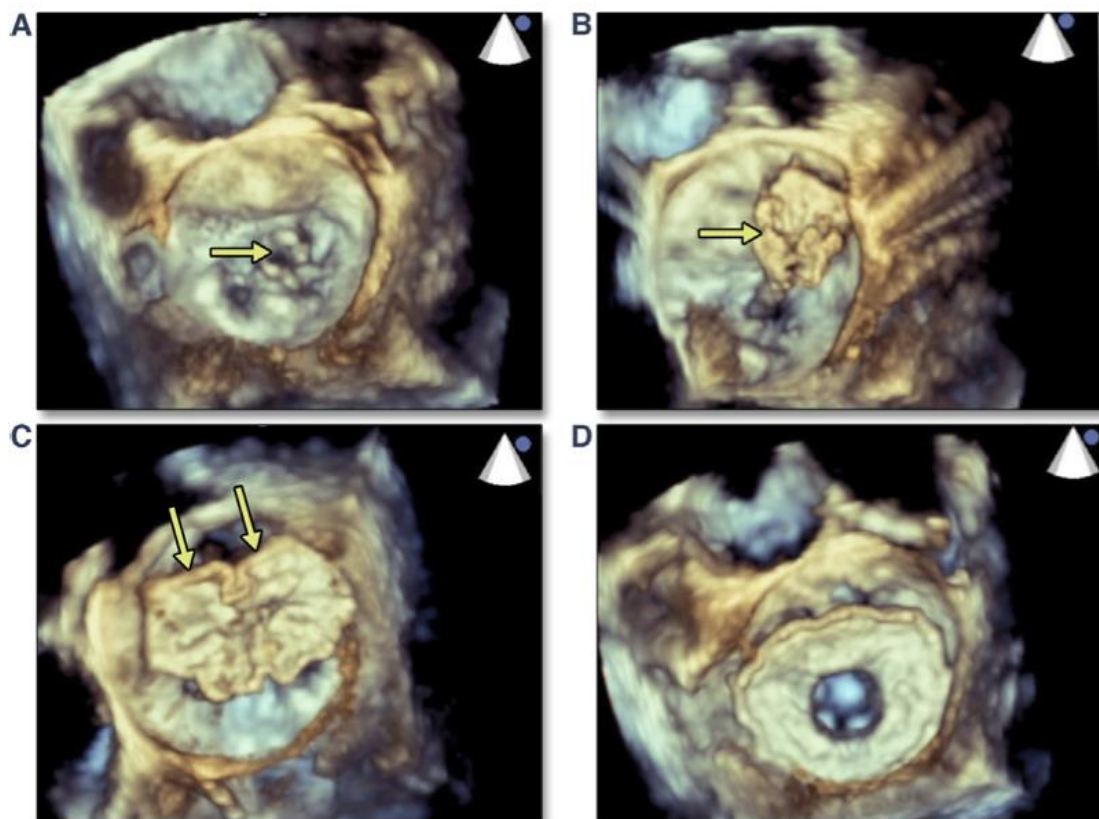


FIGURE 10 Prediction of Neo-LVOT Dimensions



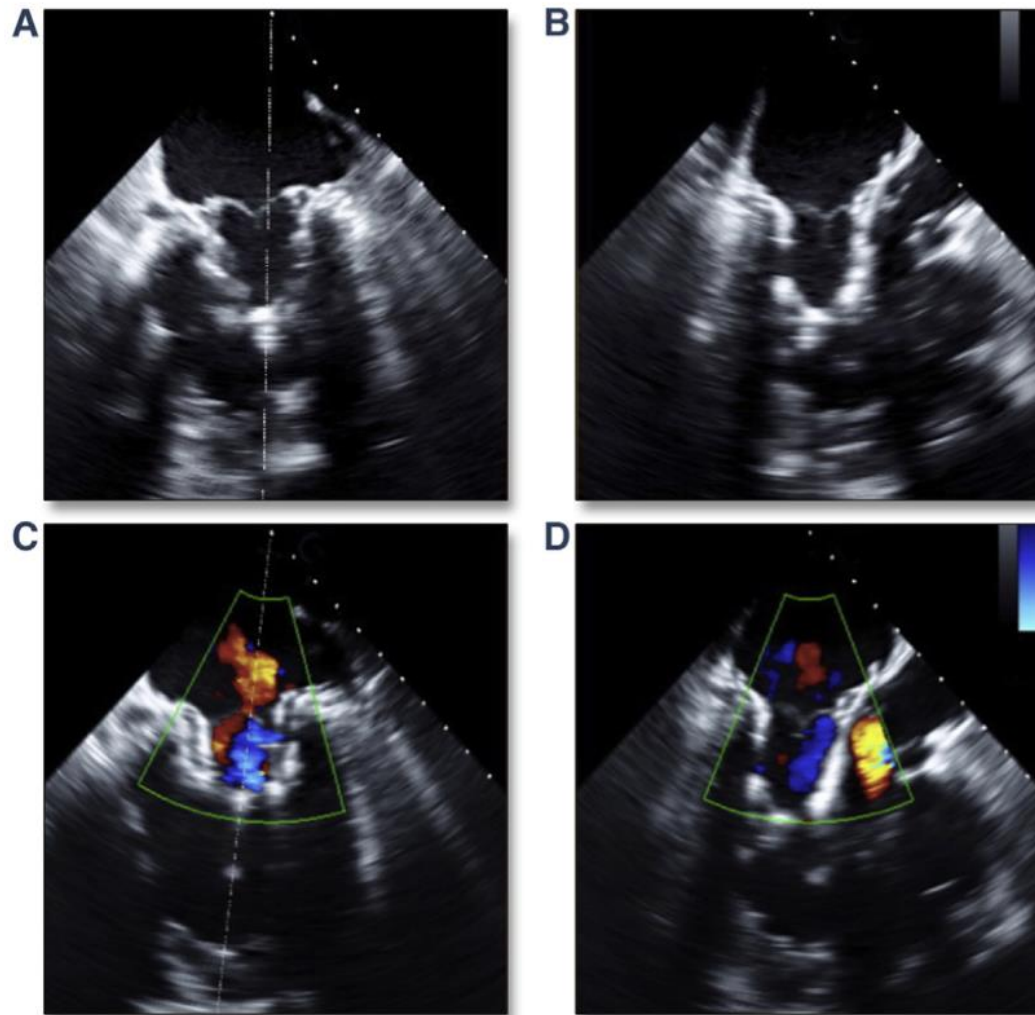
End-systolic CT-datasets in FMR with an anterolateral/lateral myocardial scar (**A, C, E**) and in DMVD (**B, D, E**). (**A and B**) Three-chamber views and commissural views (**C and D**) showing the annular segmentation and a simulated cylindrical device (29 mm), oriented perpendicularly to the annular plane. The neo-LVOT formed by the septal myocardium and the device is segmented (center line technique, **orange line**). The **red bar** indicates the position of the short-axis LVOT view (**E and F**), which allows for planimetric assessment of the neo-LVOT, yielding 3.5 cm^2 at end-systole (**E**), indicating low risk for LVOT obstruction, and a slit-like neo-LVOT (**F**) suggests high risk for LVOT obstruction. LVOT = left ventricular outflow tract.

FIGURE 18 Deployment of Tendyne Valve Using 3D Zoom Surgical Views



(A) Sheath (**arrow**) is seen in the LA above native leaflets. **(B)** Valve flange (**arrow**) is released and begins to appear in LA. **(C)** Valve flange is rotated, aligning the flat part of the D-shaped mitral annulus with the aortic-mitral curtain (**arrows**). **(D)** Flange is fully opened, and the bioprosthesis is seen in the center. [Online Videos 1](#) and [2](#). Abbreviations as in [Figure 1](#).

FIGURE 19 TEE Images Immediately After Implantation of Tendyne Valve



X-plane view shows mid-commissural **(A)** and long-axis **(B)** views. Valve leaflets are in closed position (mid-systole). Color Doppler images in same views showing LVOT preservation and no paravalvular leakage **(C and D)**. Abbreviations as in [Figures 4 and 10](#).

Pre procedure

Periprocedure

Post Procedure

TABLE 2 Role and Contribution of Imaging Modalities in the Context of TMVI

Plan	2D				
	TTE	TEE/X-Plane 3D*	3D TEE	CT	Fluoroscopy
Pre-procedural planning					
Quantification of MR	+++	++	+++	NA	+
Annular dimensions	+	+	++	+++	NA
Leaflet morphology	++	+++	+++	++	NA
Annular and leaflet calcifications	++	++	+	+++	+
Chordae	++	++	++	+	NA
Papillary muscle anatomy	++	++	++	+++	NA
LV Size and function	+++	++	NA	++	++
LVOT anatomy	+	++	+++	+++	NA
Periprocedural imaging					
Localization of ventricular puncture	NA	+++*	+	NA	+
Guidewire advancement and positioning	NA	++*	+++†	NA	++
delivery system advancement and positioning	NA	+++*	+++	NA	++
Device deployment	NA	+++*	+++	NA	++
Rotational alignment	NA	+§	+++†‡	NA	+
Device anchoring	NA	+++*	++	NA	+
Post-TMVR					
Valvular competency/ para-valvular regurgitation	++	++	+++	+	+
Trans-mitral gradient	+++	+++	NA	NA	NA
LVOT anatomy	++	++	+++	+++	NA
LVOT gradient	+++	++	NA	NA	+++#
Device apposition/seating	++	++	+++	+++	NA
Device stability	+++	+++	++	++	+++
Leaflet mobility/thrombus	+	+++	++	+++	NA
Stent fracture	NA	NA	NA	+	+++

*X-plane mode. †Live 3D mode. ‡Zoom 3D mode. §Transgastric view. ||Color 3D and vena contracta area. #Catheter-based direct gradient measurement.

LV = left ventricle; LVOT = left ventricular outflow tract; MR = mitral regurgitation; NA = not applicable; TMVI = transcatheter mitral valve implantation.

The Dr Mike and Dr Randy Show

- ▶ **Primary Vs Secondary MR**

 - Advanced Imaging for diagnosis, directing and assessing Treatments

- ▶ **Defining High Risks-Fraility etc**

- ▶ **Medical vs Surgical Treatment in 1 vs 2 MR**

- ▶ **Surgical- Transcatheter Treatment:**

 - Primary MR-including high risk

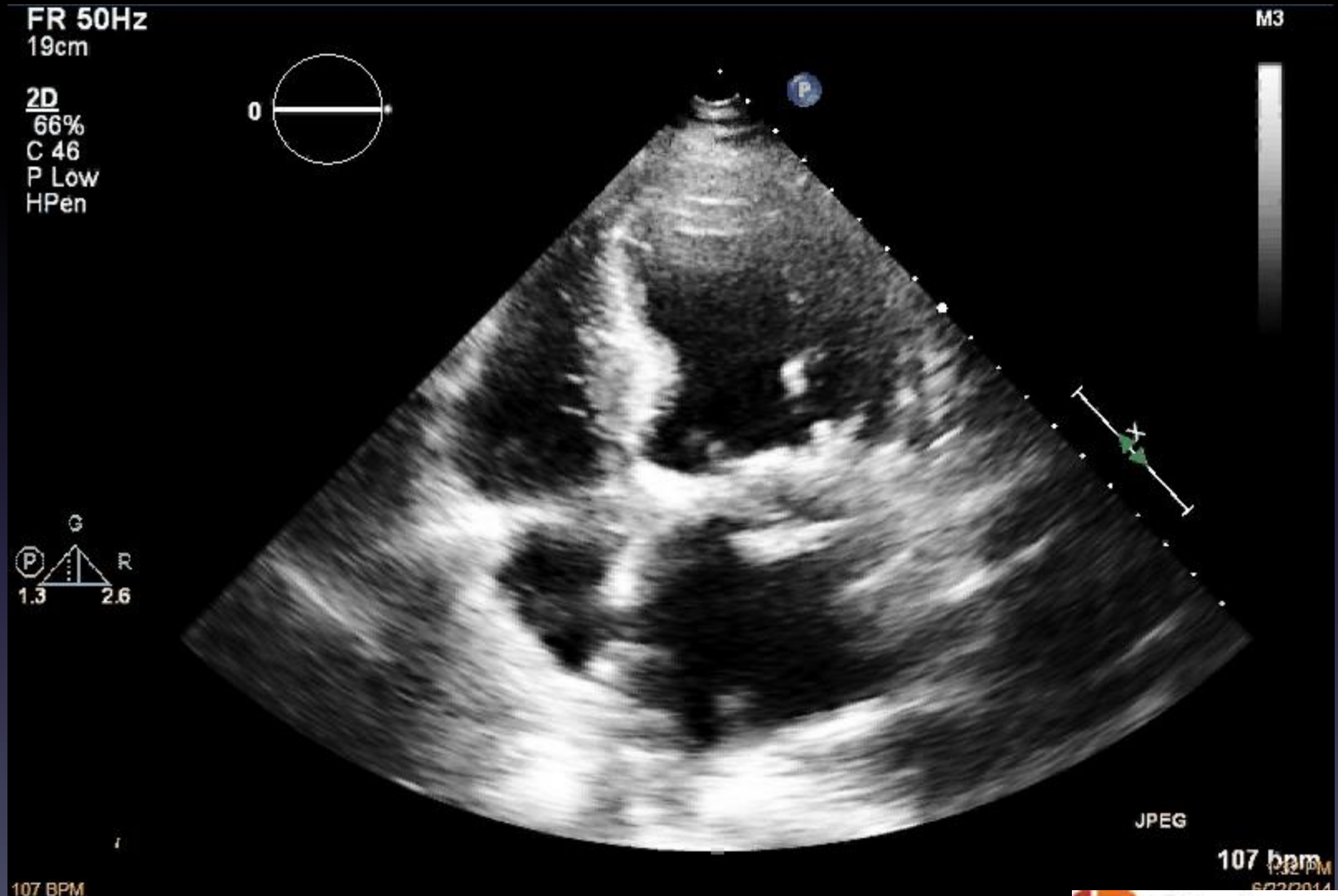
 - Secondary MR

- ▶ **The FUTURE**

Case

- 46 yo WF with ESRD on PD,
- CAD s/p NSTEMI with PCI x 2 to RCA 7/2013,
- HTN who presented with DOE and loud systolic murmur
- TTE
- Subsequent TEE

Transthoracic Echo



FR 6Hz
11cm

3D Beats 1

M4

3D
3D 42%
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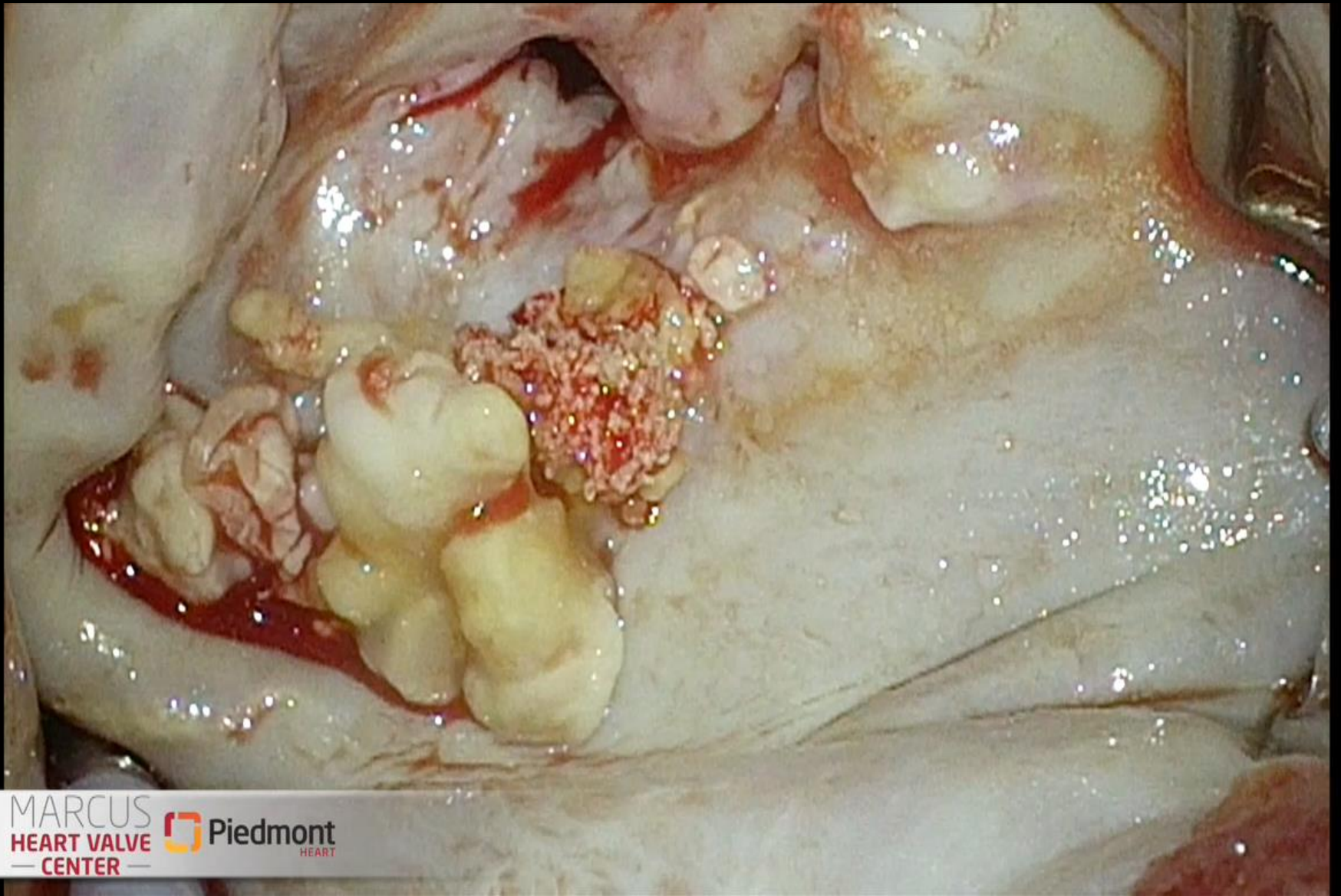


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92 BPM

PAT T: 37.0C
TEE T: 39.5C

92 bpm
12:16 PM
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Valve in MAC



Recommendations for Chronic Primary MR

Recommendations	COR	LOE
MV surgery is recommended for symptomatic patients with chronic severe primary MR (stage D) and LVEF >30%	I	B
MV surgery is recommended for asymptomatic patients with chronic severe primary MR and LV dysfunction (LVEF 30%–60% and/or LVESD ≥40 mm, stage C2)	I	B
MV repair is recommended in preference to MVR when surgical treatment is indicated for patients with chronic severe primary MR limited to the posterior leaflet	I	B
MV repair is recommended in preference to MVR when surgical treatment is indicated for patients with chronic severe primary MR involving the anterior leaflet or both leaflets when a successful and durable repair can be accomplished	I	B

Transcatheter MV repair may be considered for severely symptomatic patients (NYHA class III/IV) with chronic severe primary MR (stage D) who have a reasonable life expectancy but a prohibitive surgical risk because of severe comorbidities

IIb

B

repair without residual MR is >95% with an expected mortality rate of <1% when performed at a Heart Valve Center of Excellence		
MV repair is reasonable for asymptomatic patients with chronic severe nonrheumatic primary MR (stage C1) and preserved LV function in whom there is a high likelihood of a successful and durable repair with 1) new onset of AF or 2) resting pulmonary hypertension (PA systolic arterial pressure >50 mm Hg)	IIa	B
Concomitant MV repair is reasonable in patients with chronic moderate primary MR (stage B) undergoing cardiac surgery for other indications	IIa	C
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JACC WHITE PAPER

Frailty Assessment in the Cardiovascular Care of Older Adults

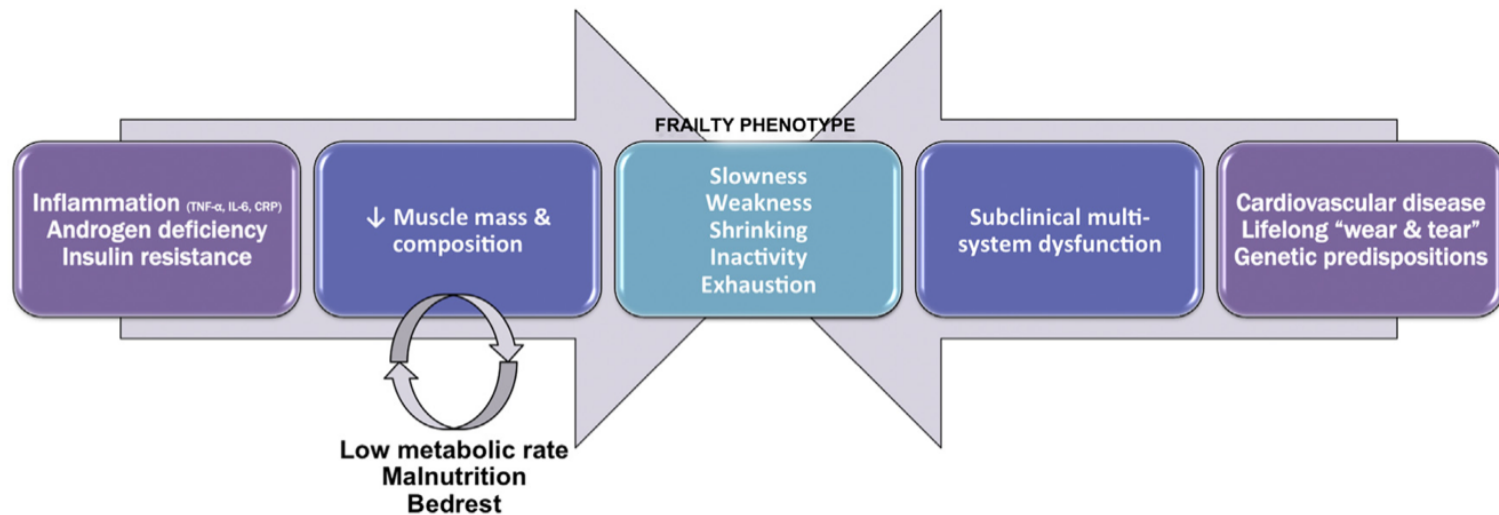


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Figure 1

Two of the Pathways Leading Toward the Phenotype of Frailty



(Left) The age-associated activation of inflammatory cells and decline in androgen hormones upset the balance between catabolic and anabolic stimuli, respectively, leading to a decline in muscle mass and composition known as sarcopenia. This detrimental response is aggravated in patients with insulin resistance and metabolic syndrome. Addition of bed rest and malnutrition initiates a vicious cycle of further decline in muscle mass, limiting the necessary mobilization of amino acids in times of stress. **(Right)** The accumulation of subclinical impairments in multiple organ systems resulting from cardiovascular disease, lifelong “wear and tear,” and/or genetic predispositions lead to decreased homeostatic reserve and resiliency to stressors. Other pathophysiological pathways have been proposed. Biological pathways may manifest clinically as slow walking speed, weakness, weight loss, physical inactivity, and exhaustion—termed the phenotype of frailty. CRP = C-reactive protein; IL = interleukin; TNF = tumor necrosis factor.

MITRAL VALVE DISEASE



Mitral Regurgitation

Primary
(Degenerative)

Secondary
(Functional)



Degenerative Leaflet Repair

Edge to Edge
MitraClip

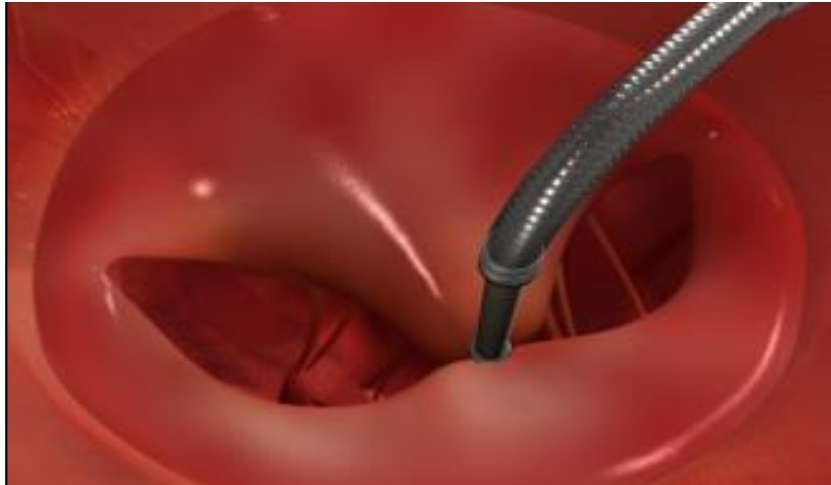
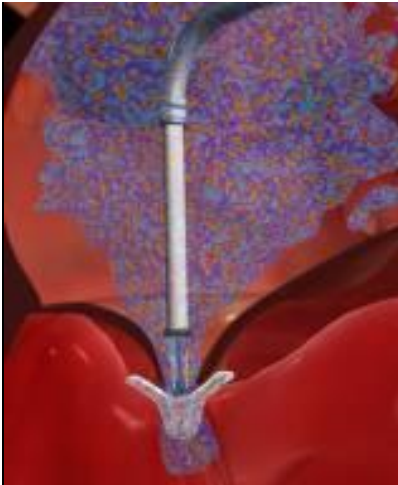


Artificial Chords
Neochord
Harpoon



Transcatheter Mitral Valve Repair

MitraClip System



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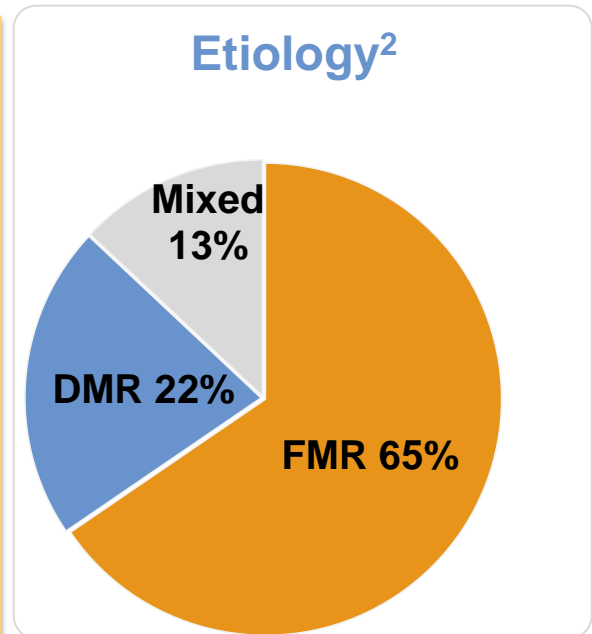
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Commercial MitraClip Implant Worldwide Experience

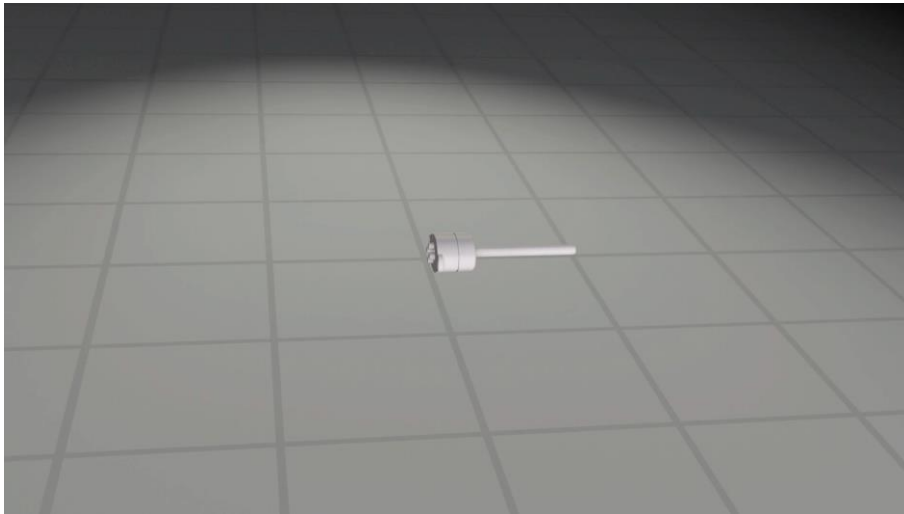
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- Patients¹: 25,508
- Implant Rate¹: 96%
- Etiology²
 - Functional MR 65%
 - ***Degenerative MR*** **22%**
 - Mixed 13%



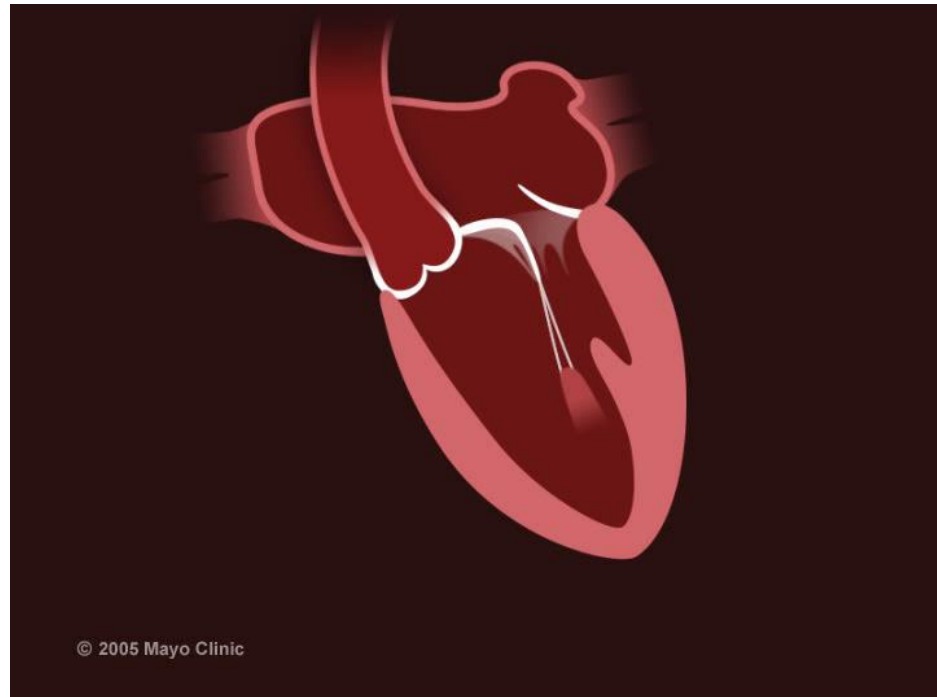
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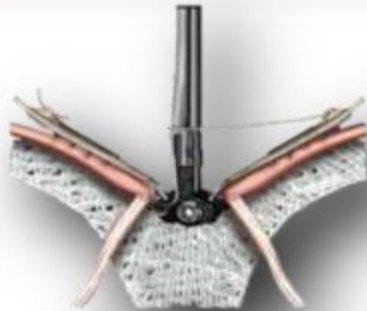
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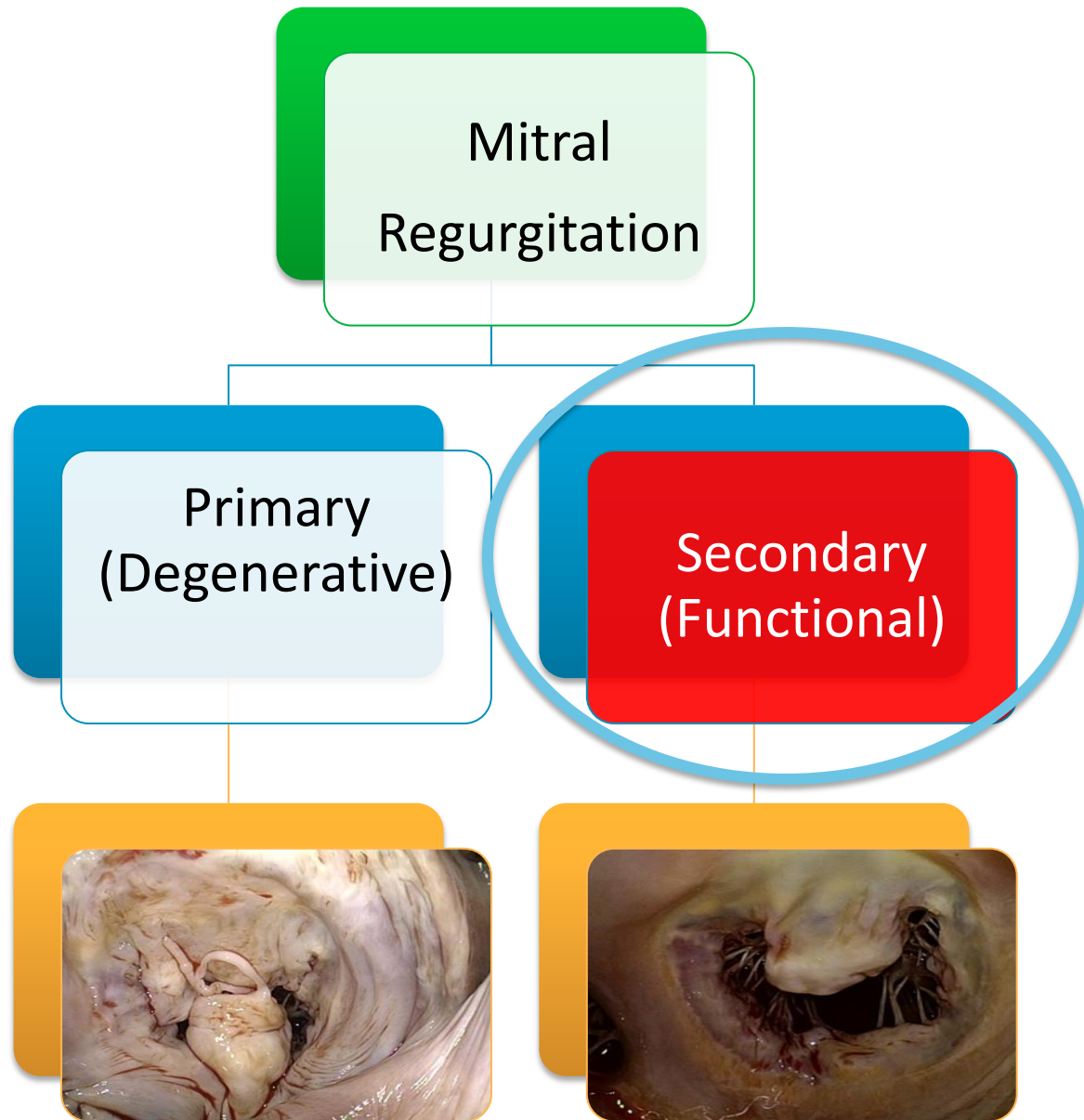
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Combination of Techniques



Fully Percutaneous Mitral Repair

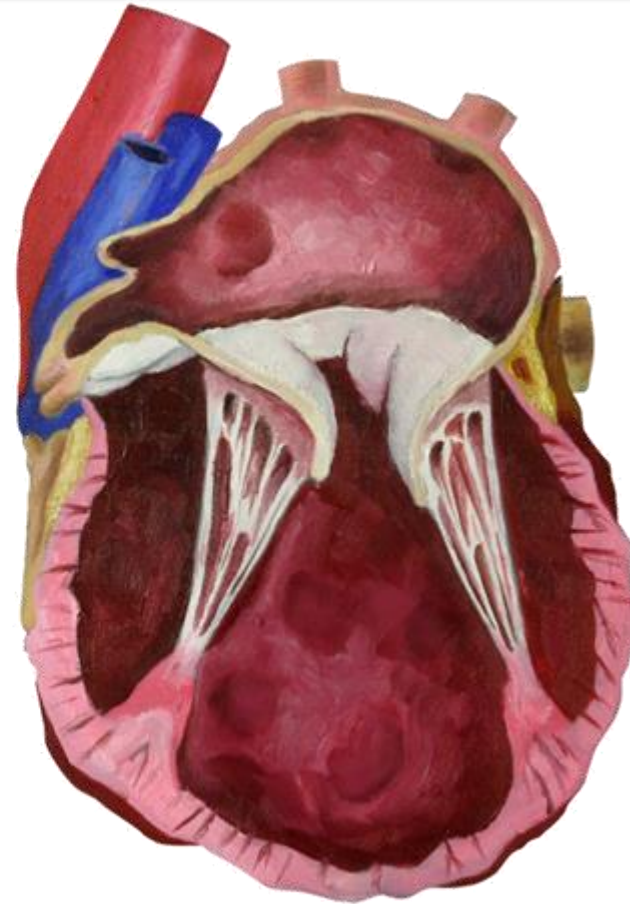


Secondary MR

Disease of the Left Ventricle NOT the Mitral Valve



Normal LV



Dilated LV tethering one or both leaflets

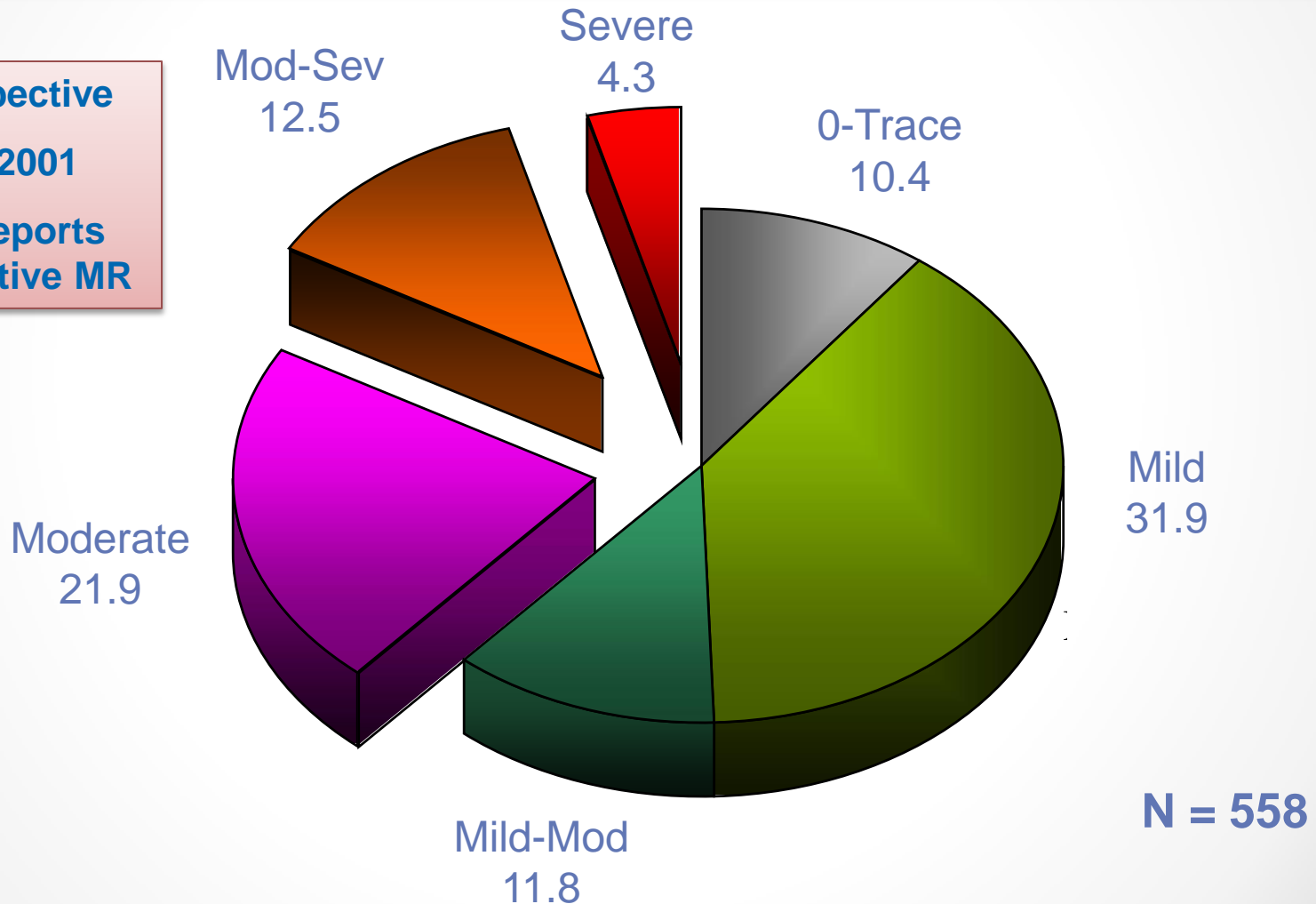
Why Do We Care About Secondary MR?

It is Associated with Advanced CHF !

Frequency of MR in a CHF population=90%

Heart failure clinic, EF≤35%, Class III-IV

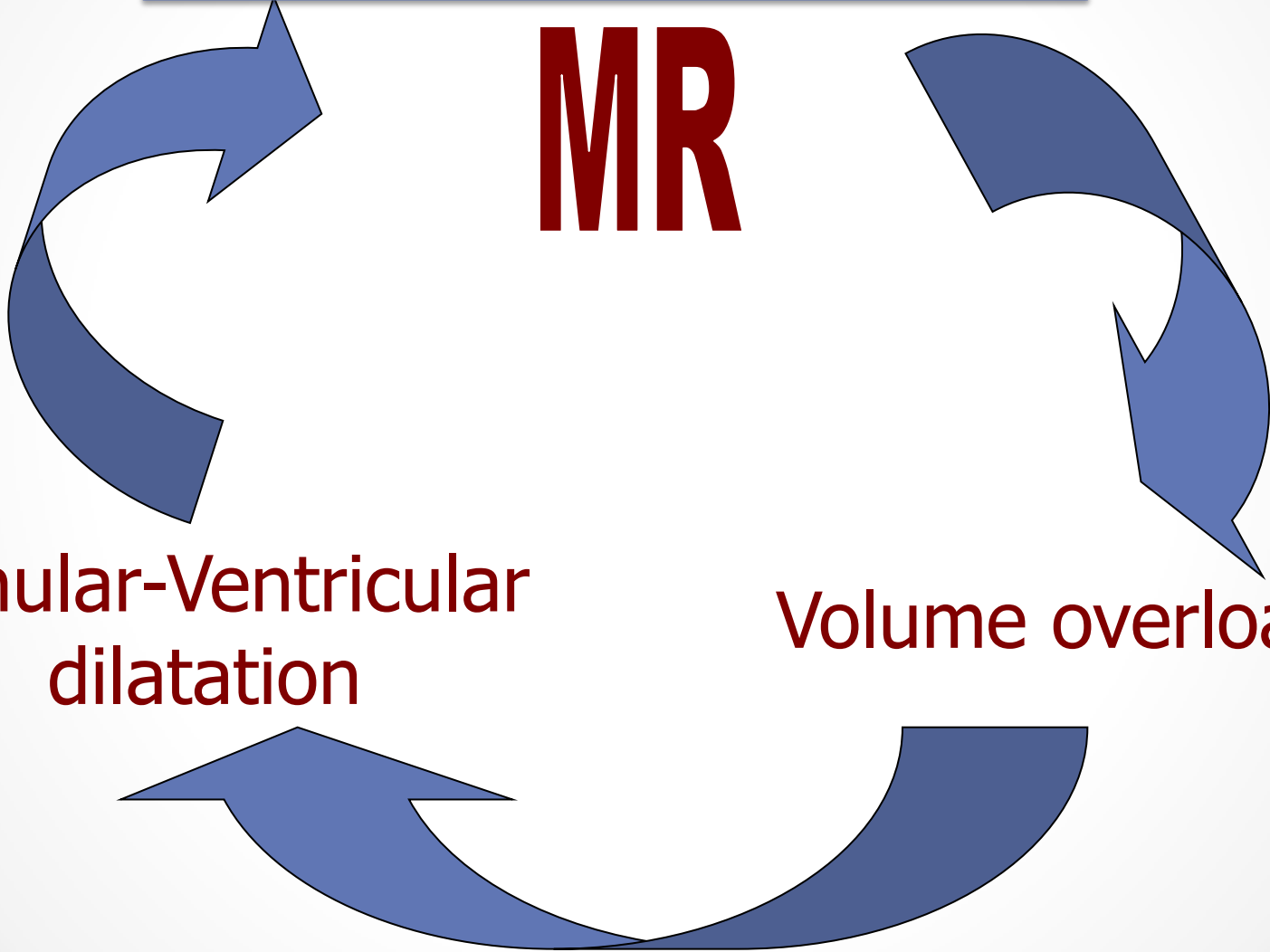
Retrospective
1996-2001
Echo reports
Quantitative MR



FMR

A Vicious Cycle

MR



**Annular-Ventricular
dilatation**

Volume overload

Chronic Severe Secondary Mitral Regurgitation: Intervention

Recommendations	COR	LOE
MV surgery is reasonable for patients with chronic severe secondary MR (stages C and D) who are undergoing CABG or AVR	IIa	C
MV surgery may be considered for severely symptomatic patients (NYHA class III-IV) with chronic severe secondary MR (stage D)	IIb	B
MV repair may be considered for patients with chronic moderate secondary MR (stage B) who are undergoing other cardiac surgery	IIb	C

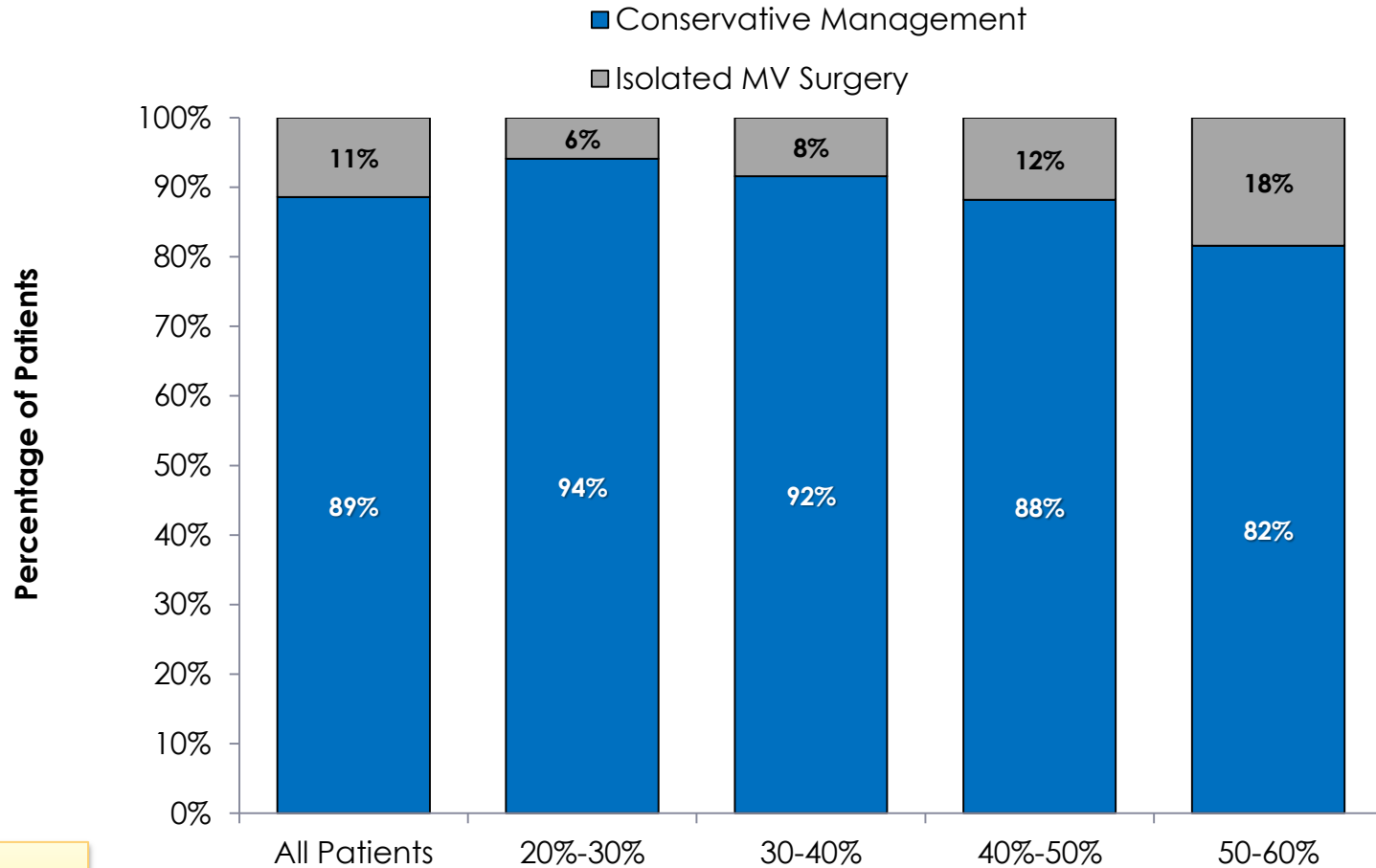
Repair or Replacement not stipulated



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Treatment of Patients with 3-4+ FMR, LVEF \geq 20%, no CABG from 2000-2010 ($n=1,538^*$)

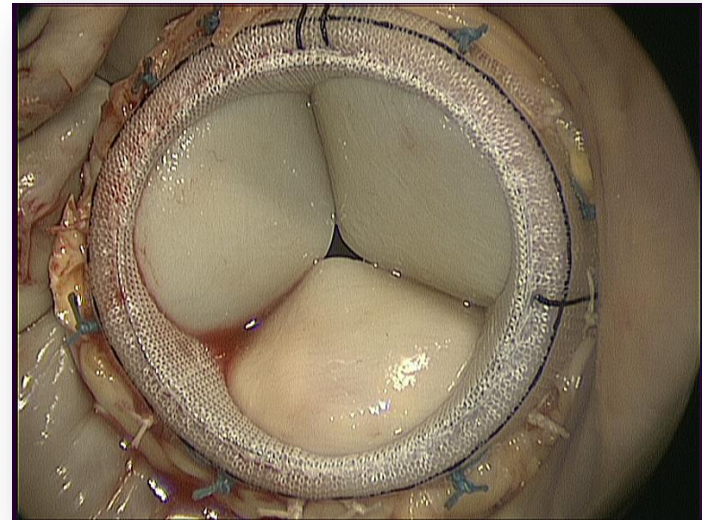
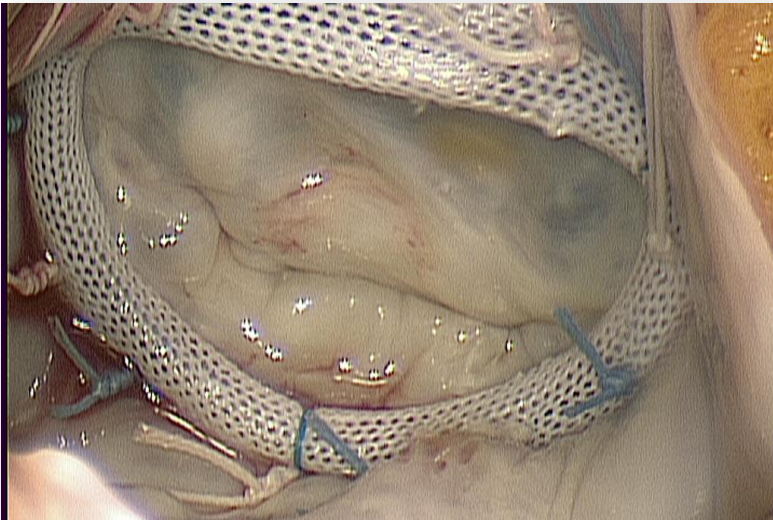


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Database

Left Ventricular Ejection Fraction (LVEF)

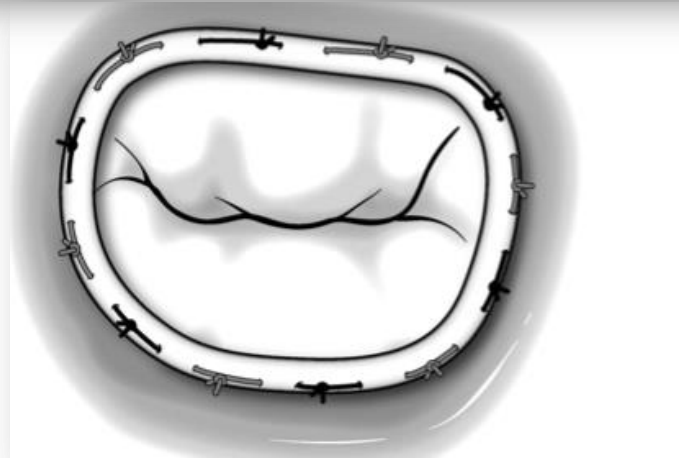
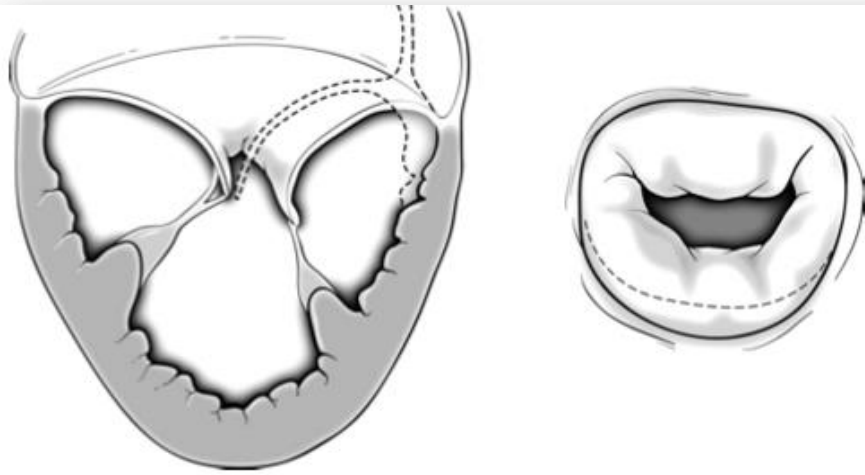
Surgical Options to Correct Secondary MR

After GDMT and Resynchronization When Appropriate



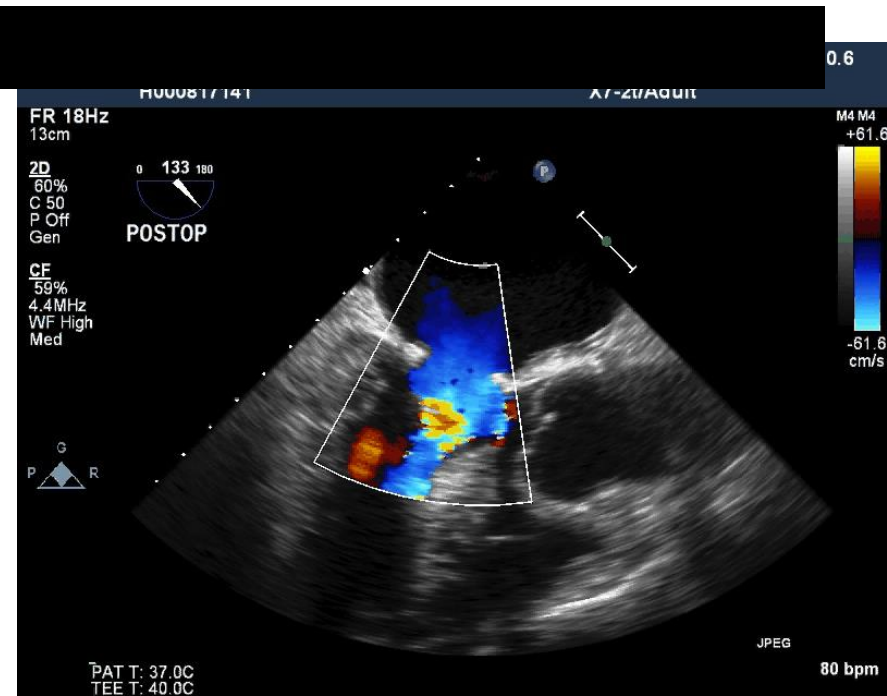
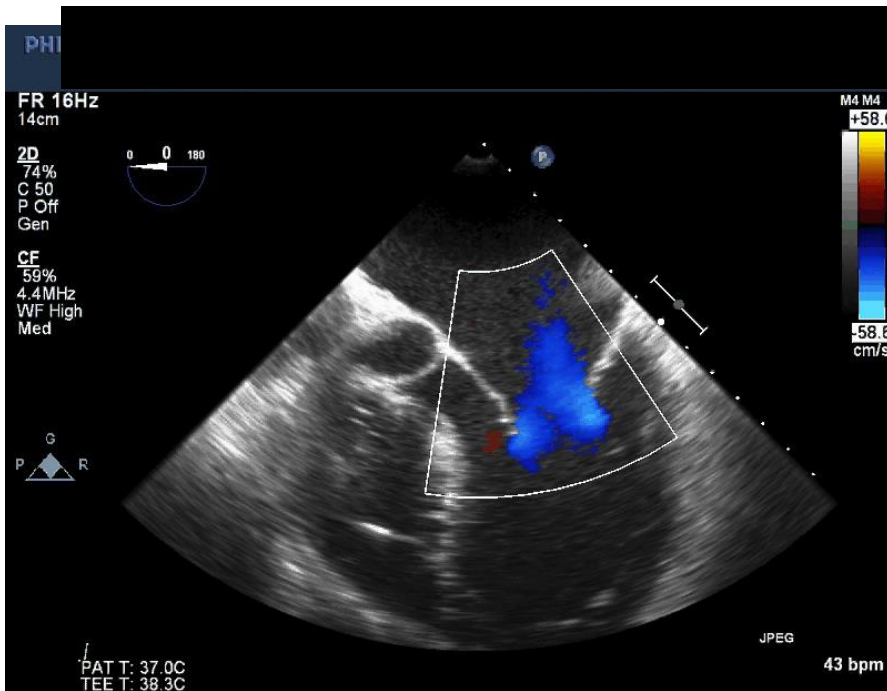
Secondary MR

Undersized Annuloplasty



- Disease of the left ventricle NOT of the mitral valve
- MR caused by apical lateral distraction of the papillary muscles tethering the leaflets
- Annular dilation is secondary and occurs greatest in the septal-lateral (anterior-posterior) dimension
- Surgical repair based on over correction of the annular dilation

Secondary MR Before and After Mitral Valve Annuloplasty



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251 Patients Randomized
Primary endpoint- LVESVI at One Year

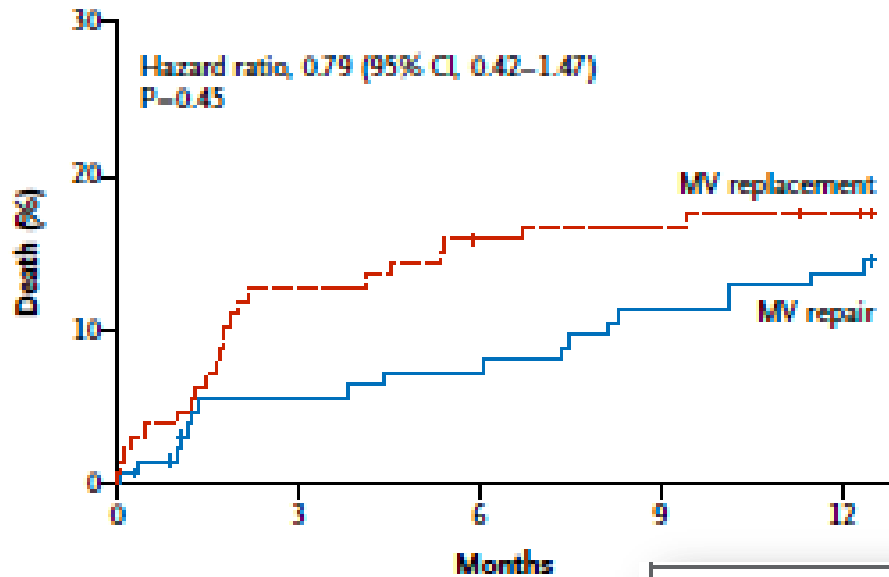
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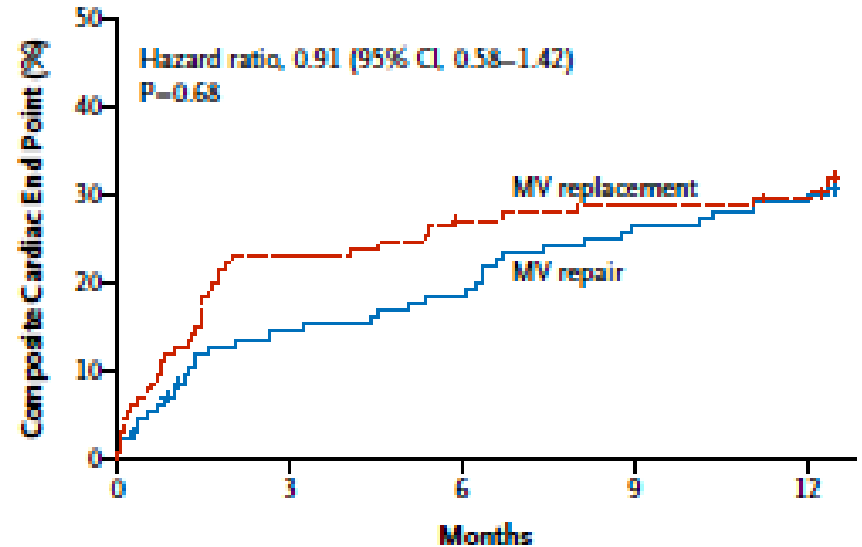
A Death



No. at Risk

MV repair	126	116	114
MV replacement	125	109	104

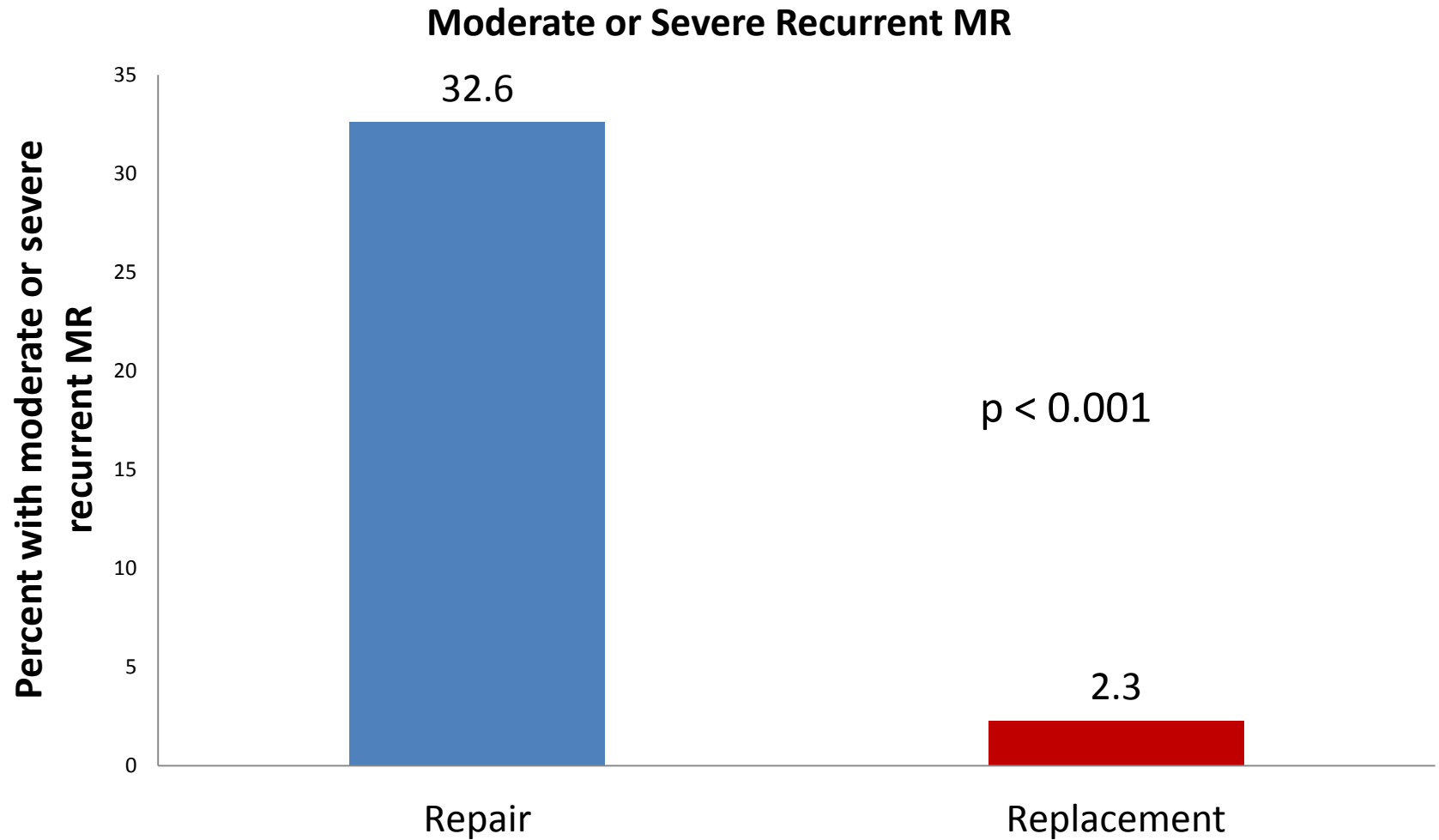
B Composite Cardiac End Point



No. at Risk

MV repair	126	105	100	90	87
MV replacement	125	96	90	88	86

Recurrent MR at 1 year



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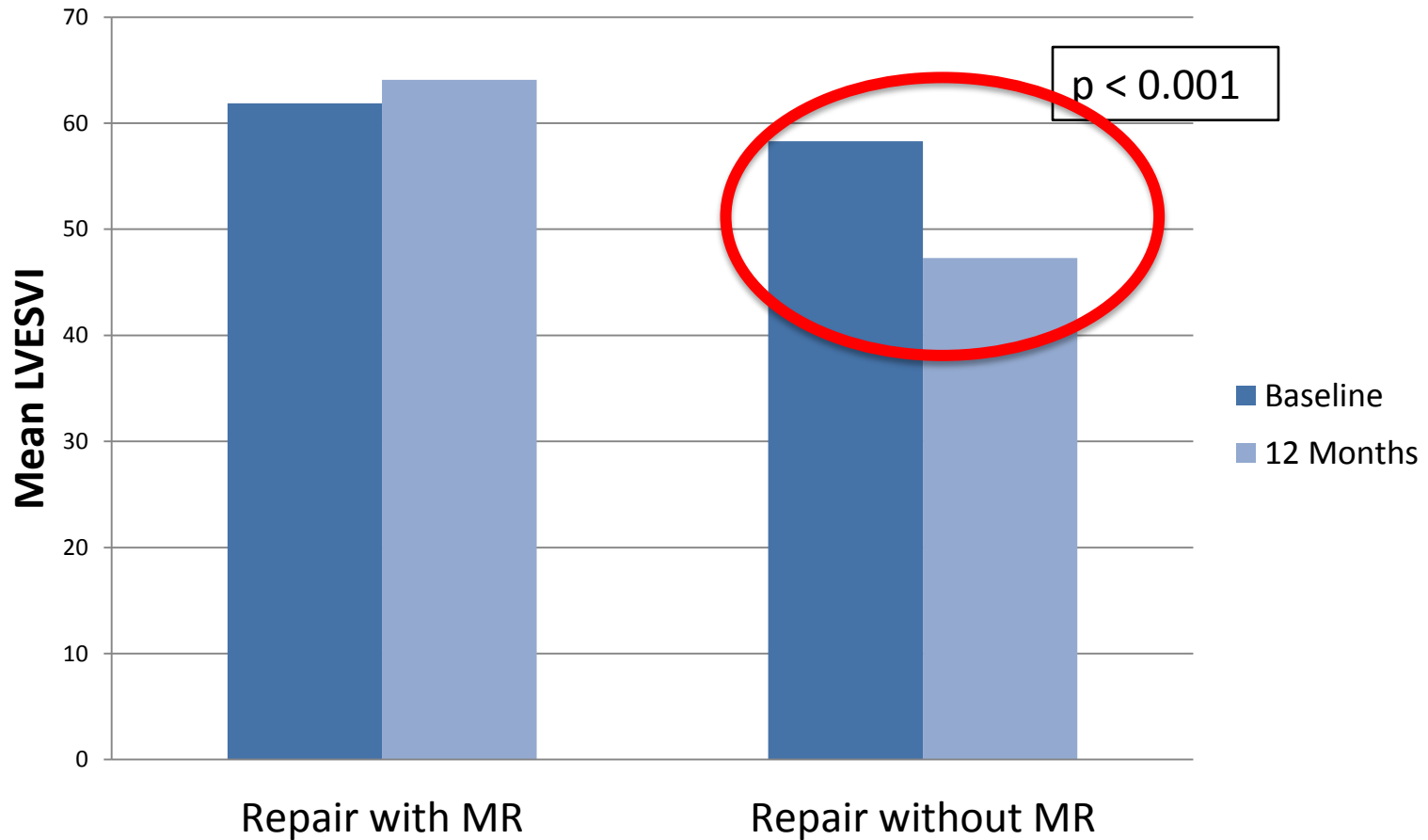
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CONCLUSIONS

We observed no significant difference in left ventricular reverse remodeling or survival at 12 months between patients who underwent mitral-valve repair and those who underwent mitral-valve replacement. Replacement provided a more durable correction of mitral regurgitation, but there was no significant between-group difference in clinical outcomes. (Funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Canadian Institutes of Health; ClinicalTrials.gov number, NCT00807040.)

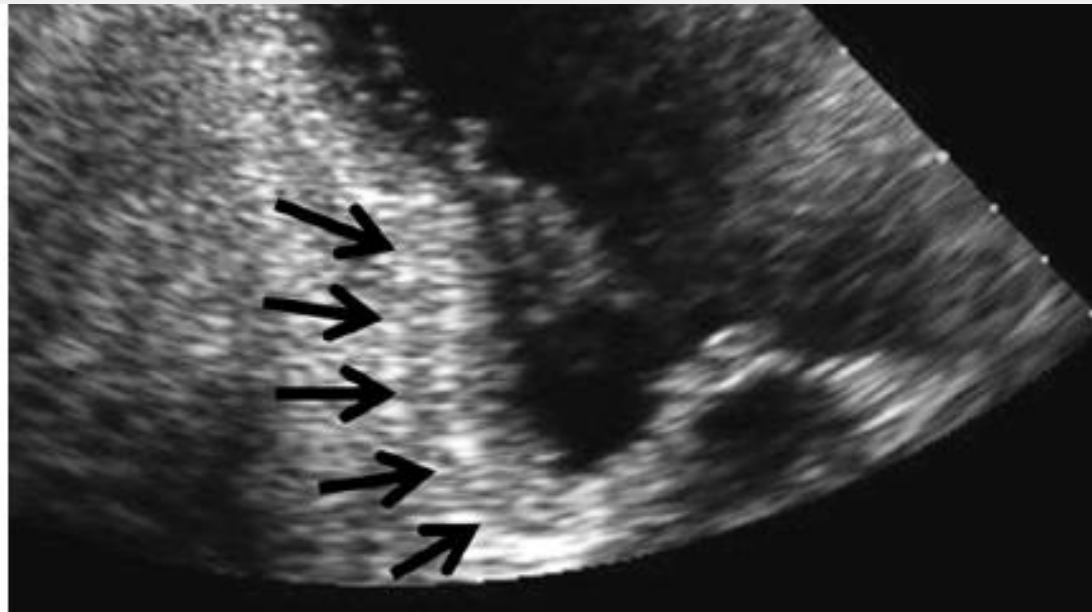
LVESVI with Recurrent MR

Mean LVESVI for Patients Undergoing Repair



Predicting recurrent mitral regurgitation after mitral valve repair for severe ischemic mitral regurgitation

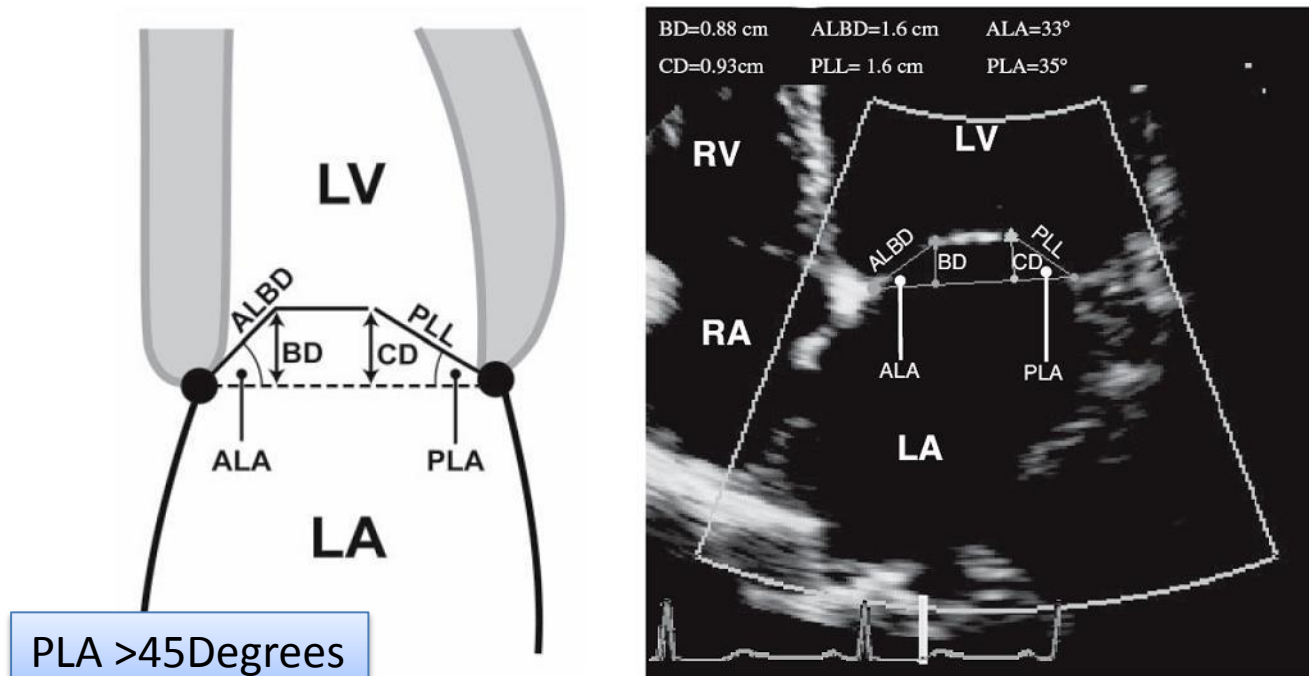
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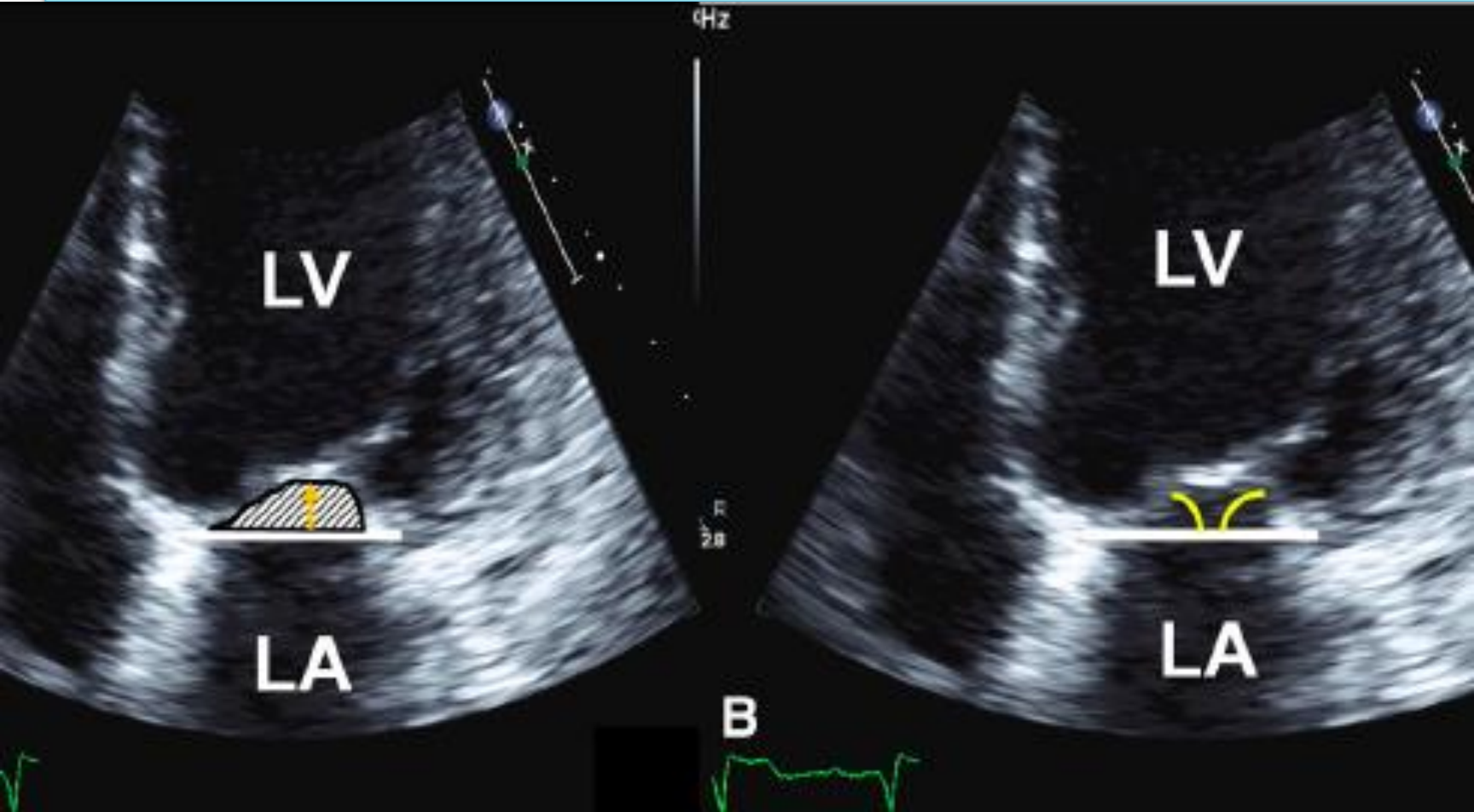
Valvular Heart Disease

Preoperative Posterior Leaflet Angle Accurately Predicts Outcome After Restrictive Mitral Valve Annuloplasty for Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation

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Predictors of Recurrence



Tenting Area Tenting Height

Anterior and Posterior Leaflet Angles

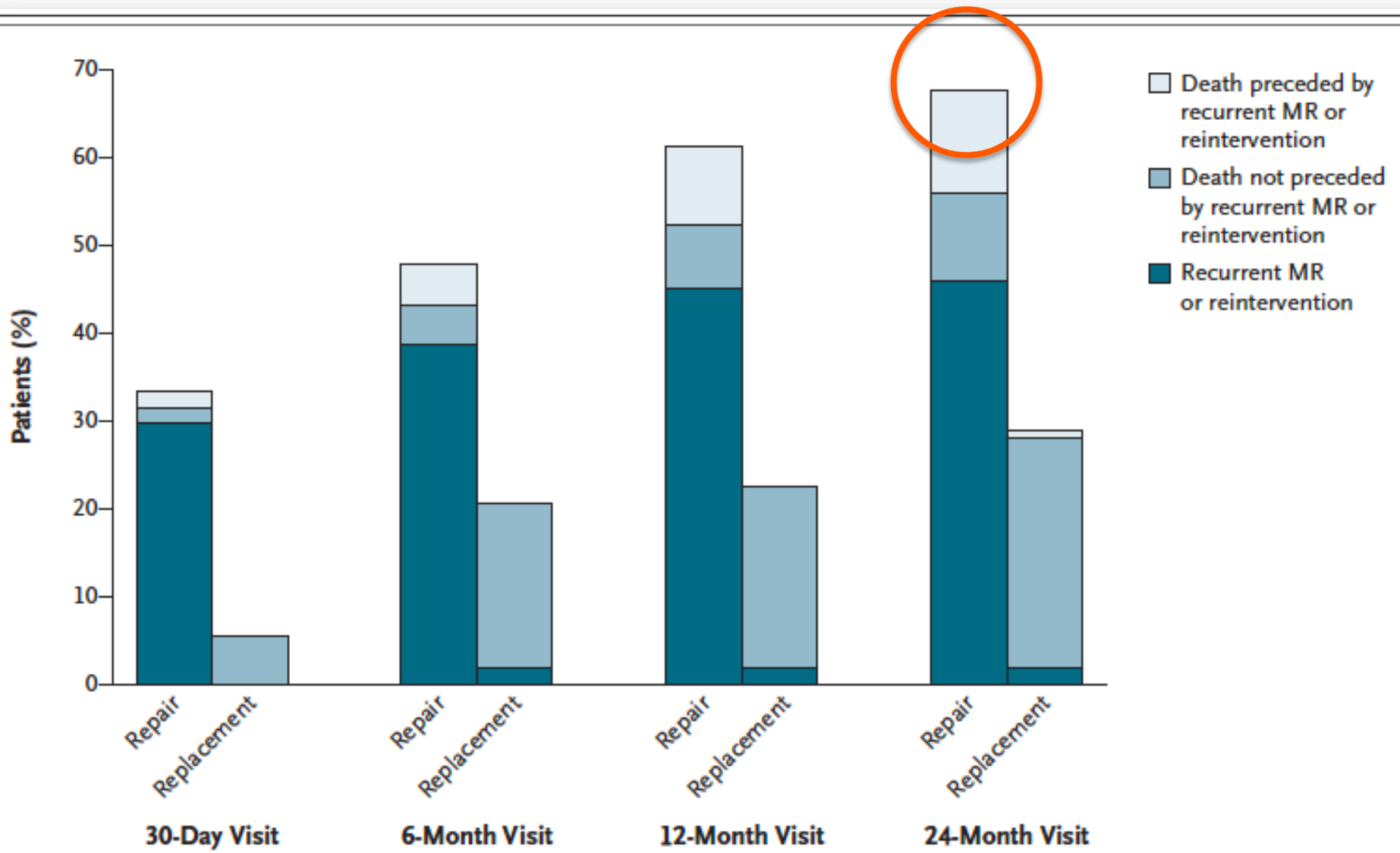



Figure 2. Cumulative Failure of Mitral-Valve Repair or Replacement.

Restrictive Mitral Annuloplasty Cures Ischemic Mitral Regurgitation and Heart Failure

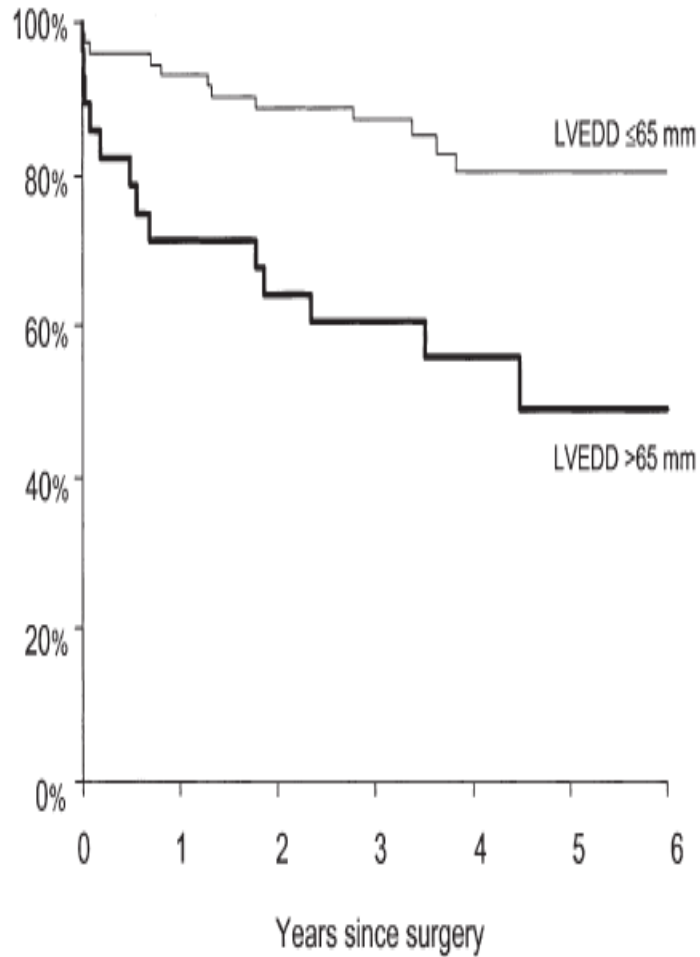


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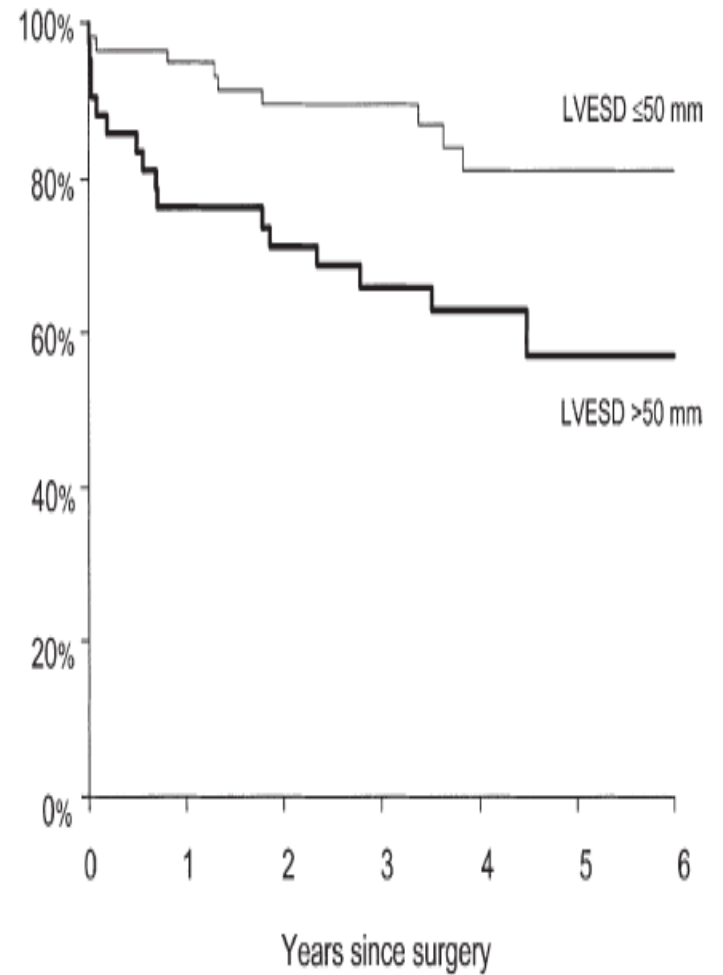
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Survival



Patients at risk 72/28 67/20 64/18 46/14 31/9 21/6 8/3
LVEDD ≤65 / >65 mm

Survival



Patients at risk 58/42 55/32 52/30 38/22 25/15 19/8 8/3
LVESD ≤50 / >50 mm

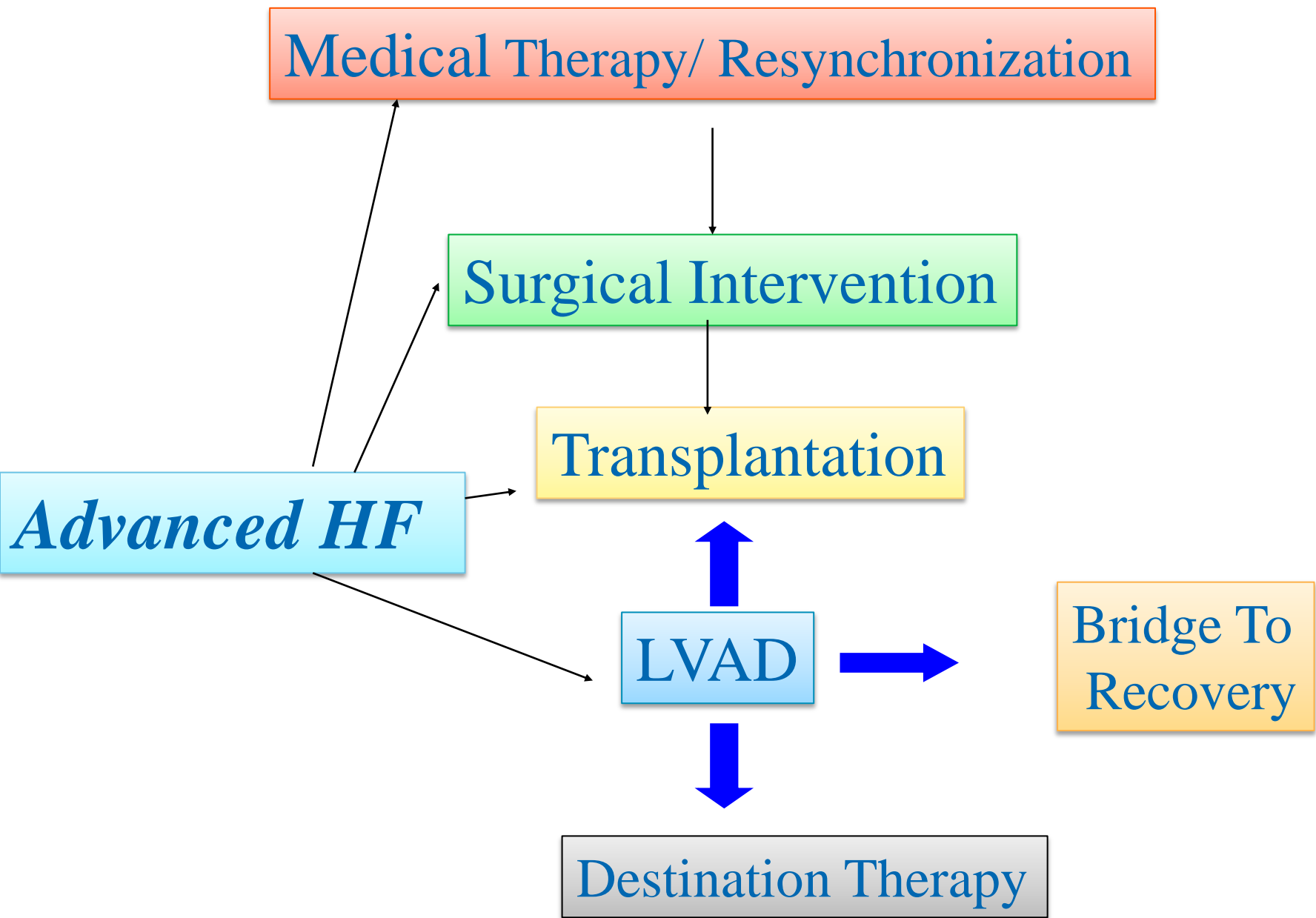
Repair vs. Replacement for Secondary MR: *Replacement Always?*

Not always, but when recurrence is predictable...

- Severe tethering
 - PLA, ALA, Tenting Height, Tenting Area
- Severely depressed LV function
 - EF < 0.35
- Severely dilated LV
 - LVEDD > 65
- Inferobasal aneurysm, dyskinesis

Why is the Benefit of MR Reduction So Hard to Find?

- 1- MR Recurrence ($\geq 20\%$) and operative mortality (1.5-15%) counterbalance a benefit.
- 2- The benefit is limited to specific patient subgroups that have not been pre-defined in the current data sets (etiology, duration of MR, LVEF, functional class etc)-like treating all anemia with Vit B12 and saying it doesn't work!
- 3- No randomized trials with appropriate controls and core-lab assessment of MR.
- 4- Maybe there is no benefit.
(MR is a surrogate marker not causally related to outcome)



Medical Therapy/ Resynchronization

Transcatheter Mitral and Tricuspid Intervention

Surgical Intervention

Transplantation

Advanced HF

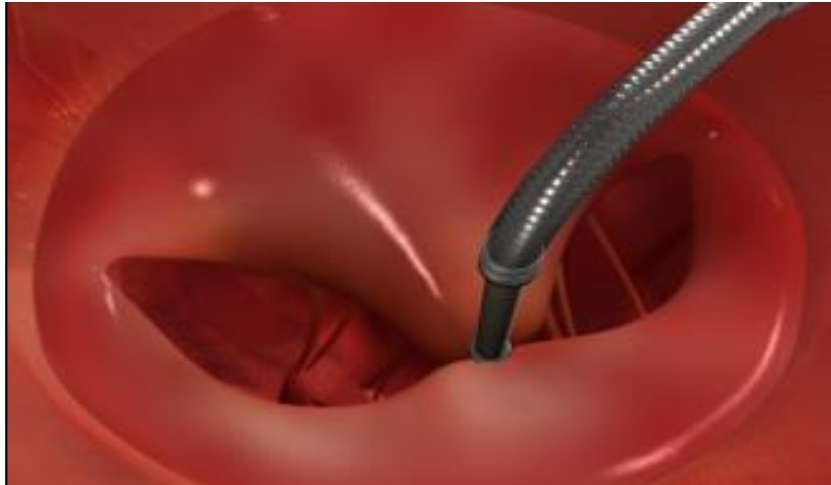
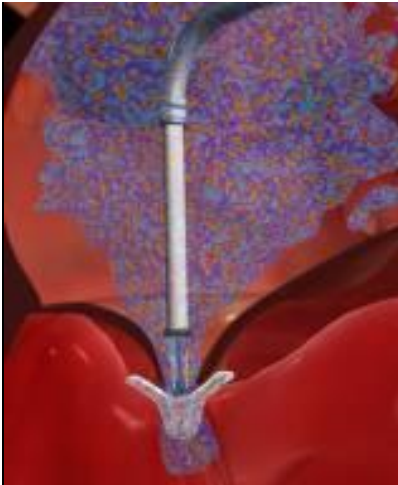
LVAD

Bridge To Recovery

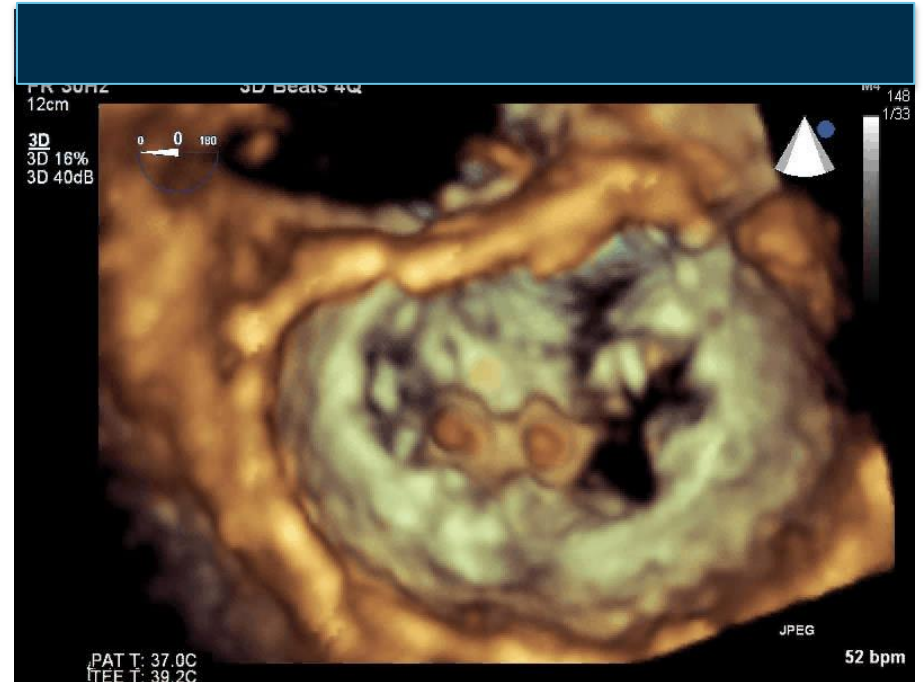
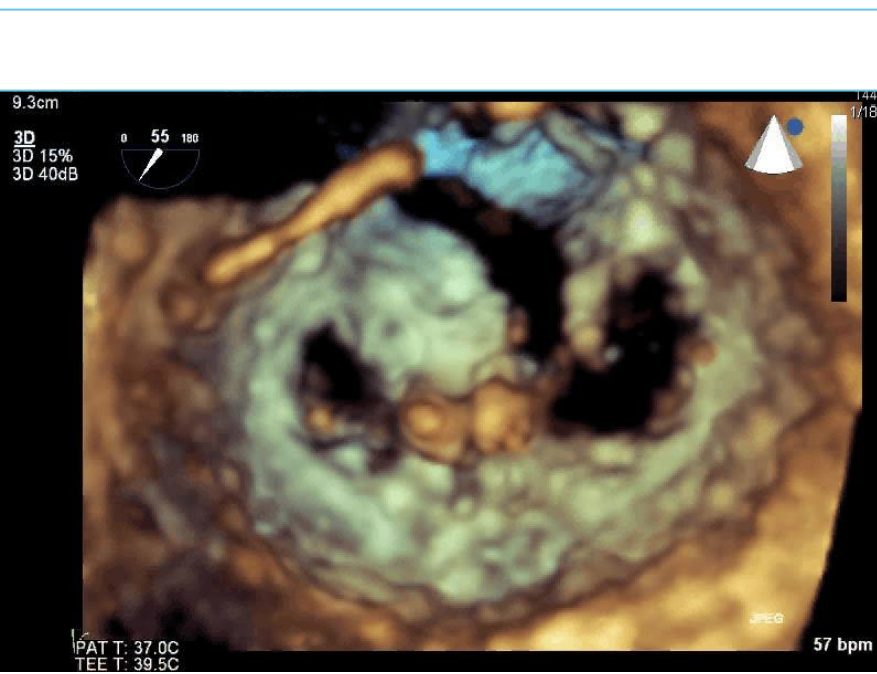
Destination Therapy

Transcatheter Mitral Valve Repair

MitraClip System

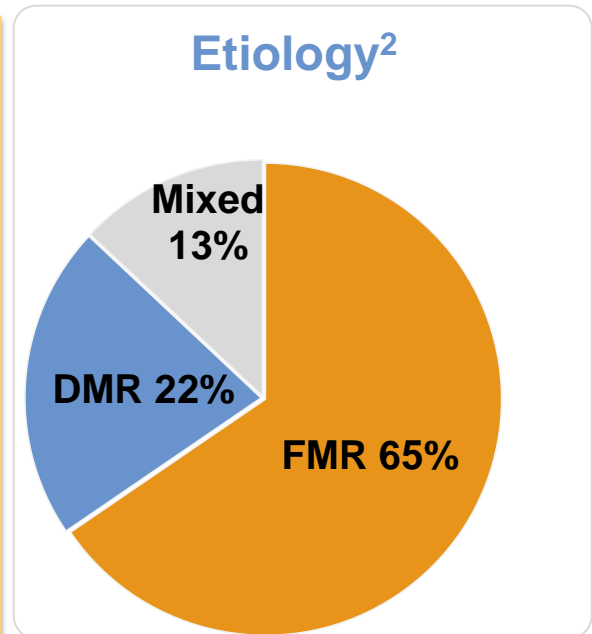


MitraClip for Secondary MR



Commercial MitraClip Implant Worldwide Experience

- Treating Centers: 463
- Patients¹: 25,508
- Implant Rate¹: 96%
- Etiology²
 - **Functional MR 65%**
 - Degenerative MR 22%
 - Mixed 13%



Data as of 01/31/2015. Source: Abbott Vascular.

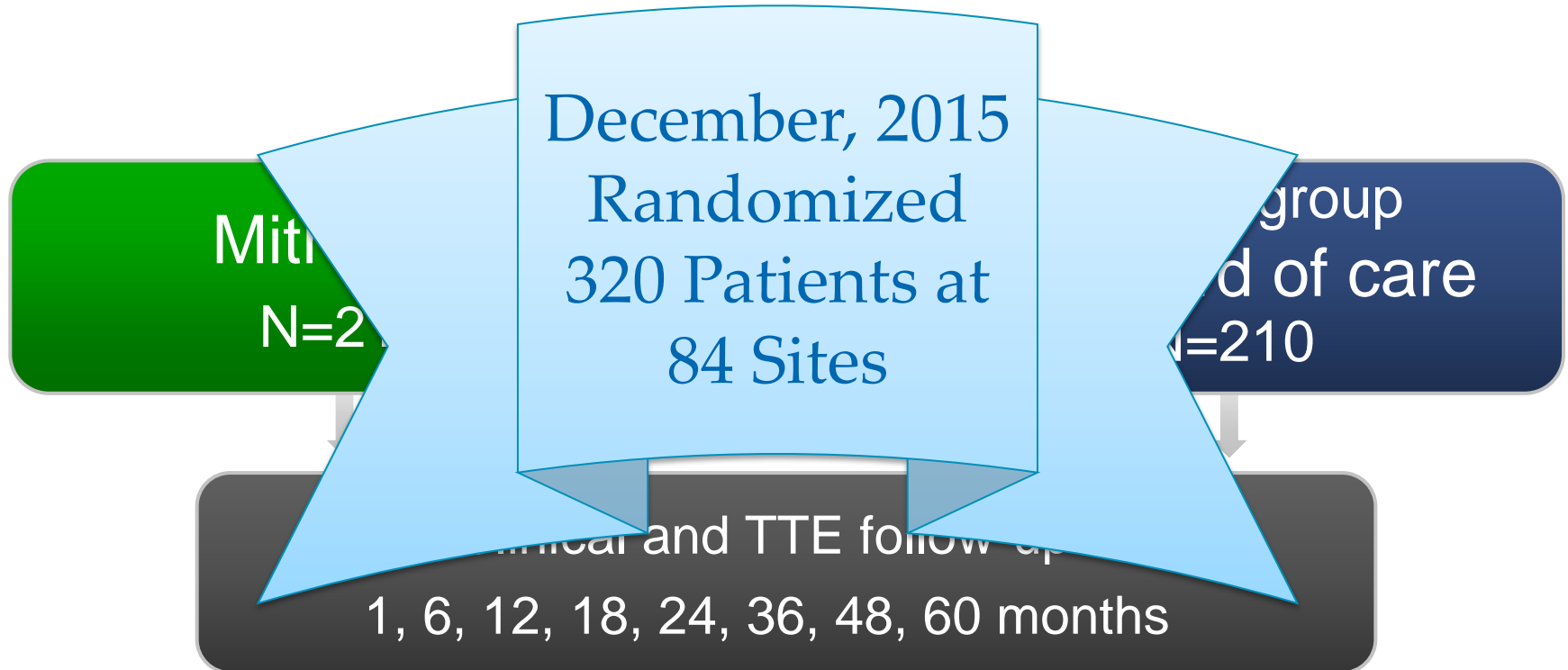
COAPT: Trial design

~420 patients enrolled at up to 75 US sites

Significant FMR ($\geq 3+$ by core lab)

Not appropriate for mitral valve surgery (local heart team)

Specific anatomical criteria



COAPT Trial *Summary*

- First trial of correction of MR in secondary MR randomized vs. medical therapy
- Trial enrollment will complete in March 2016
- Results will be available late 2017
- These results will significantly “inform the field” and impact both surgery and transcatheter valve repair and replacement

Cardioband Valtech

- Surgical band delivered via transfemoral venous access
- Implanted on the supra-annular position, similar to the surgical treatment
- Controlled adjustment of the posterior annulus for optimal hemodynamic results

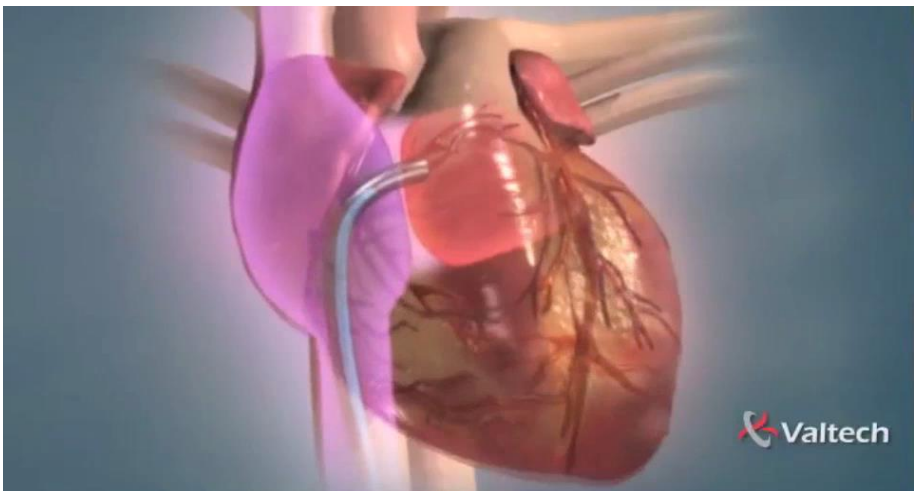


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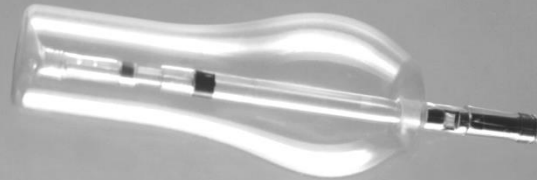


Transcatheter Mitral Annuloplasty

Posterior Band Deployed Trigone to Trigone



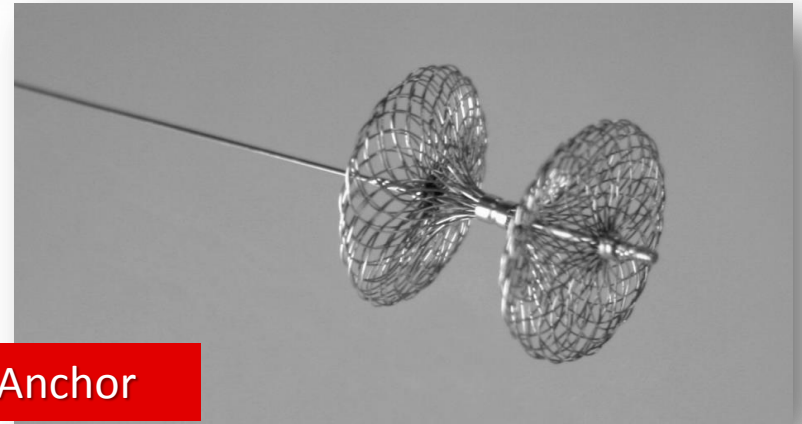
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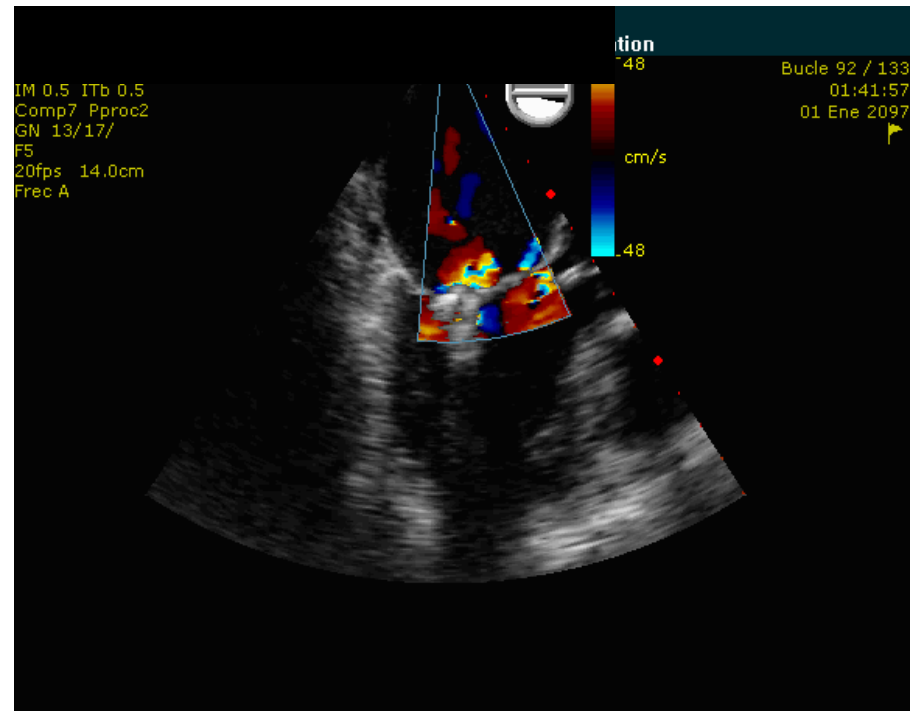
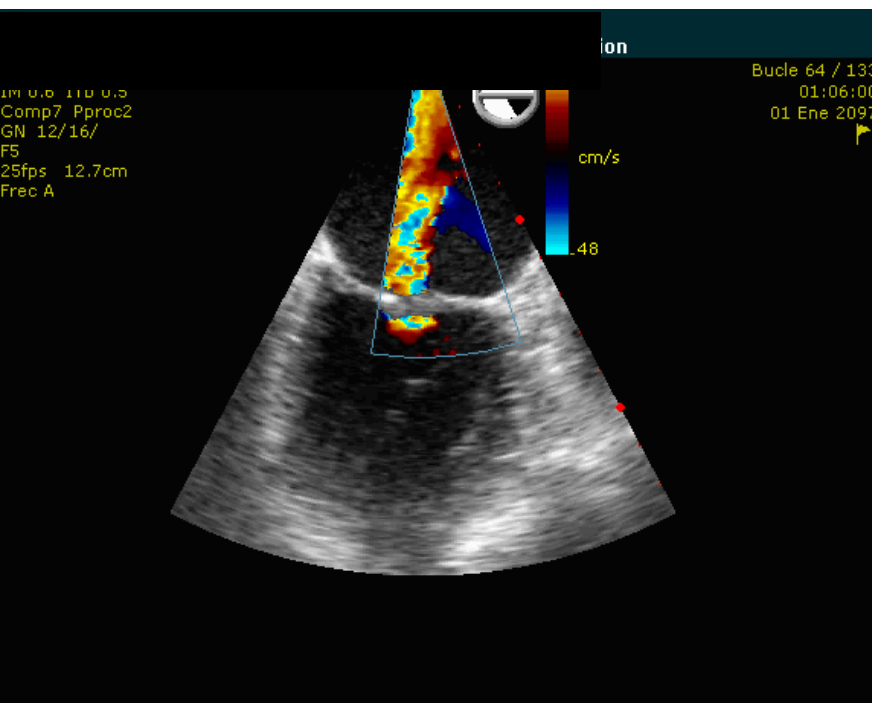


14Fr Delivery Catheter

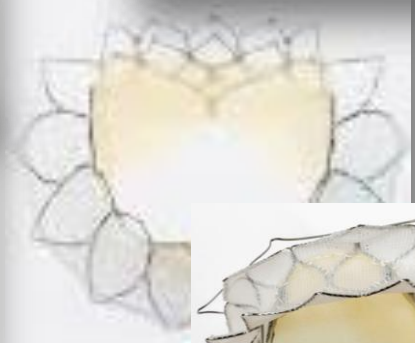
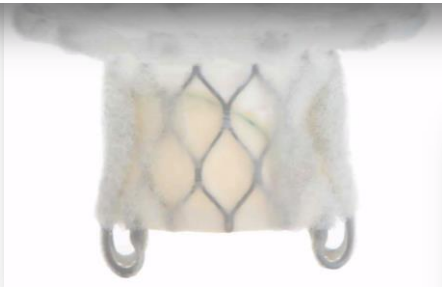
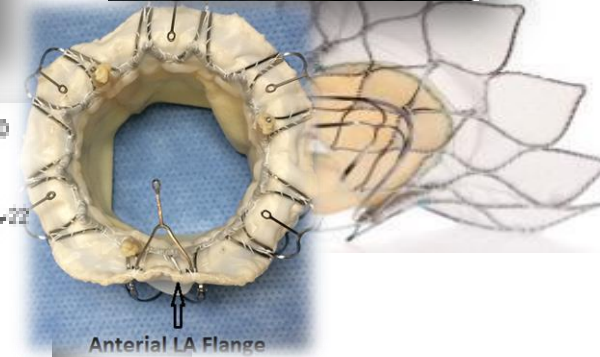
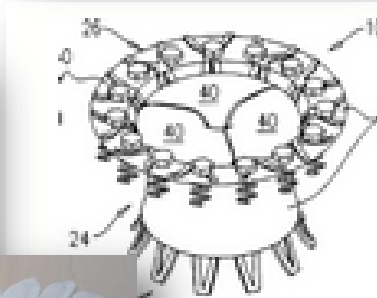


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Transcatheter Mitral Valve Replacement-TMVR



TMVR

*Approved For Early Feasibility Trials in U.S.
(When <30 Cases Performed OUS)*



CardiaQ



Tendyne



Edwards Fortis



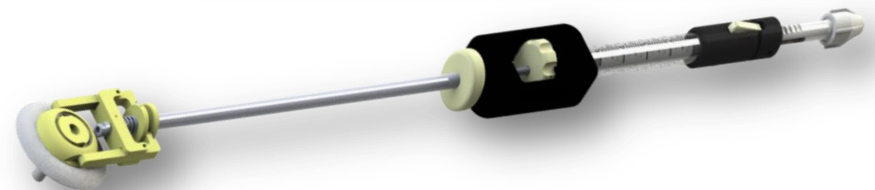
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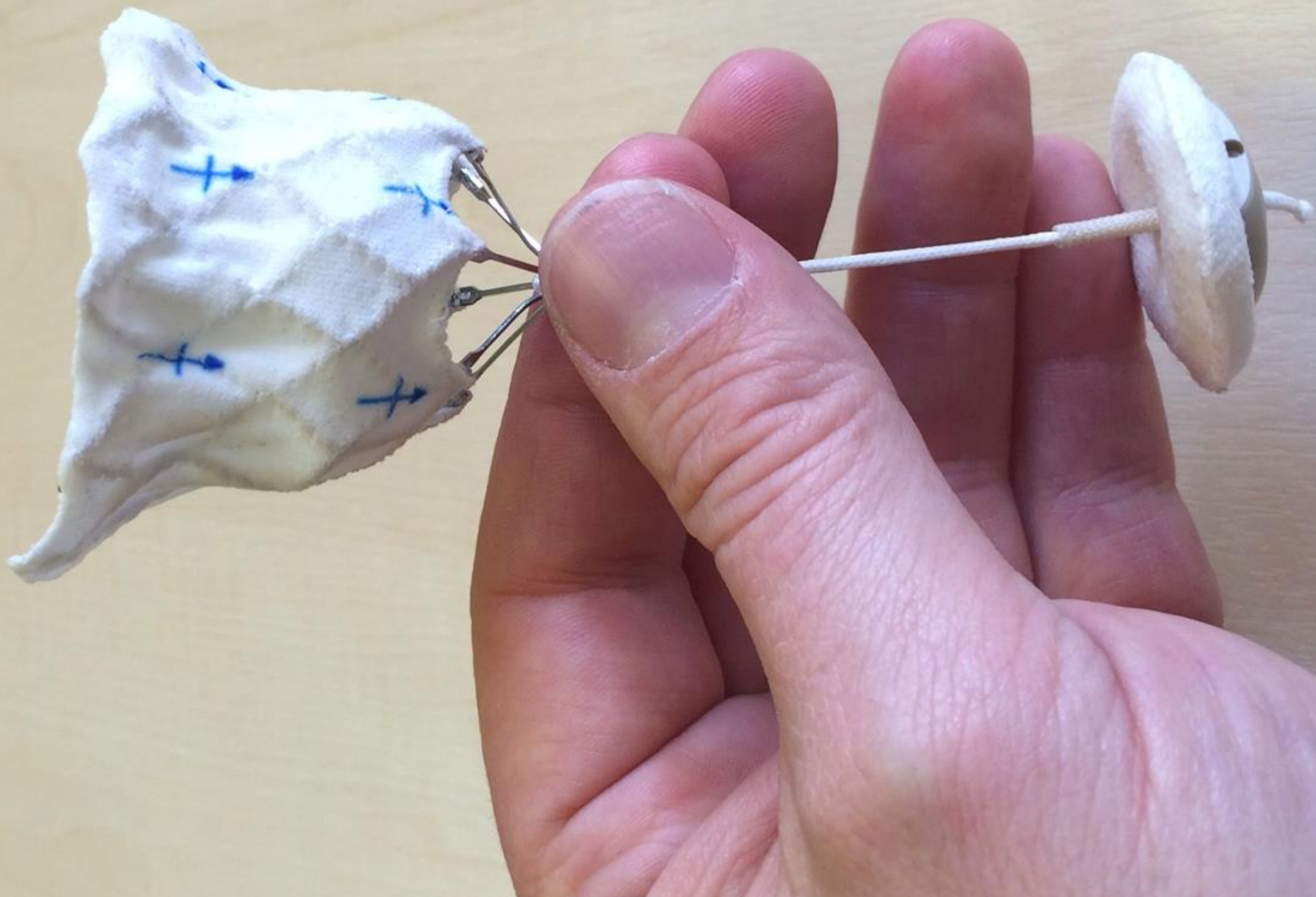
Tendyne Transcatheter Mitral Valve

Tendyne Device

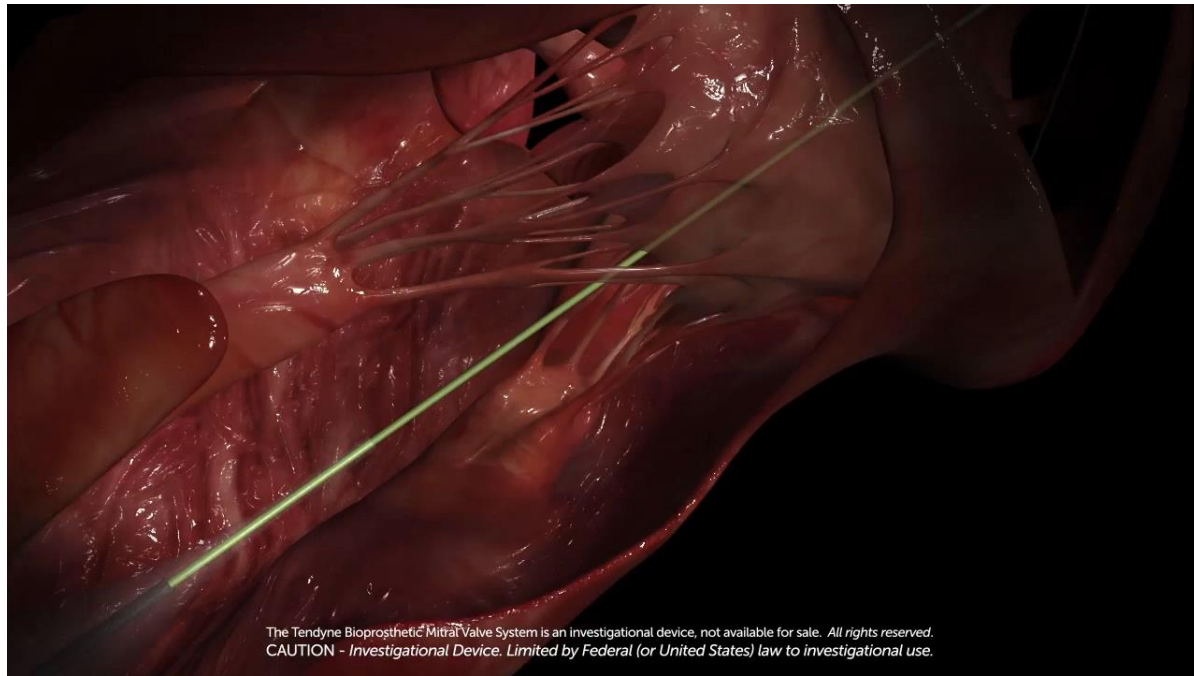
- Inner circular and outer D-Shaped Self-Expanding Nitinol Frame
- Porcine Pericardial Tri-Leaflet Valve
- Large EOA
- Tether to Left Ventricular Apex
- Numerous Valve Sizes

- Tendyne Procedure
- Trans-apical
- Fully Repositionable and Retrievable
- No Rapid Pacing or CPB Required





Tendyne Transcatheter Mitral Valve

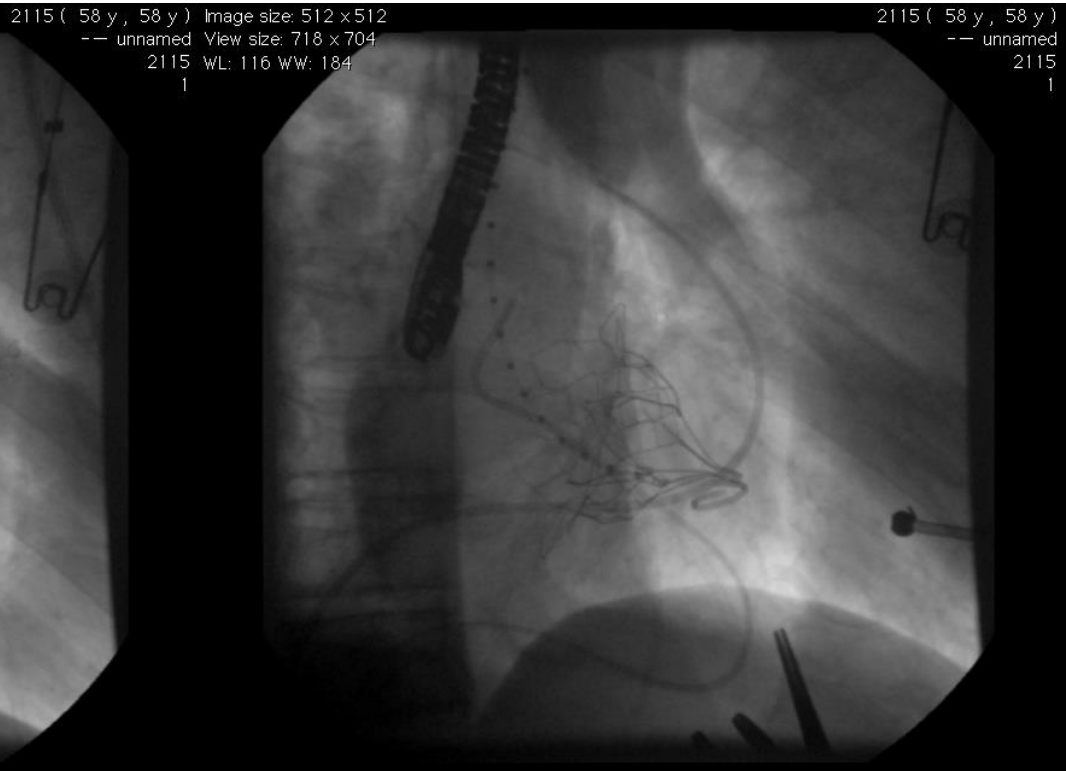
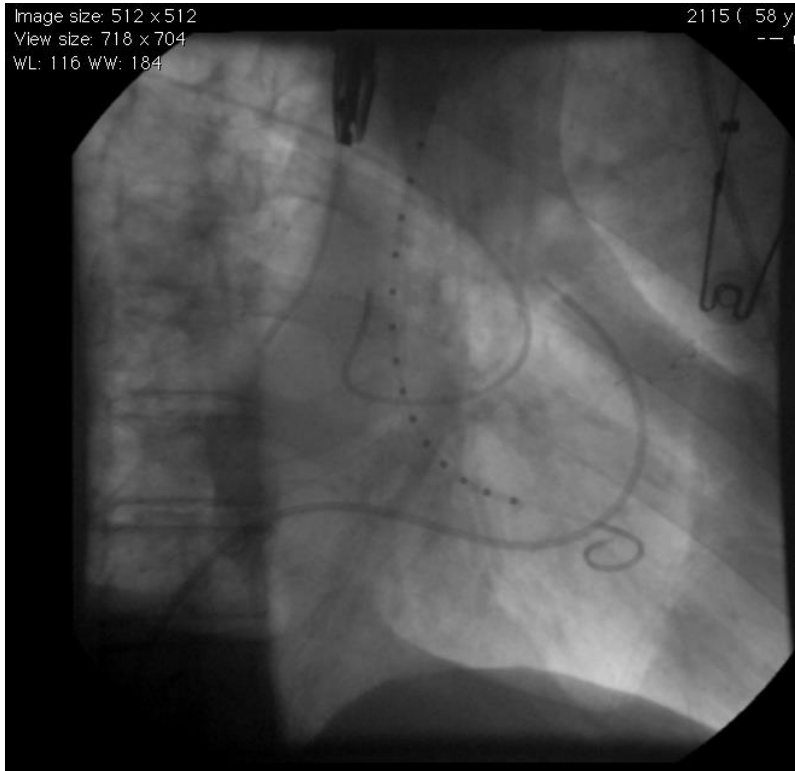




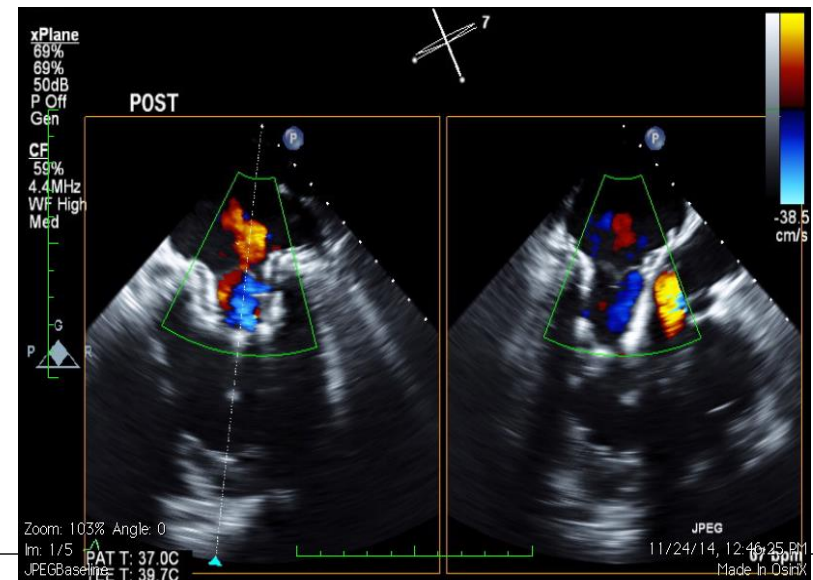
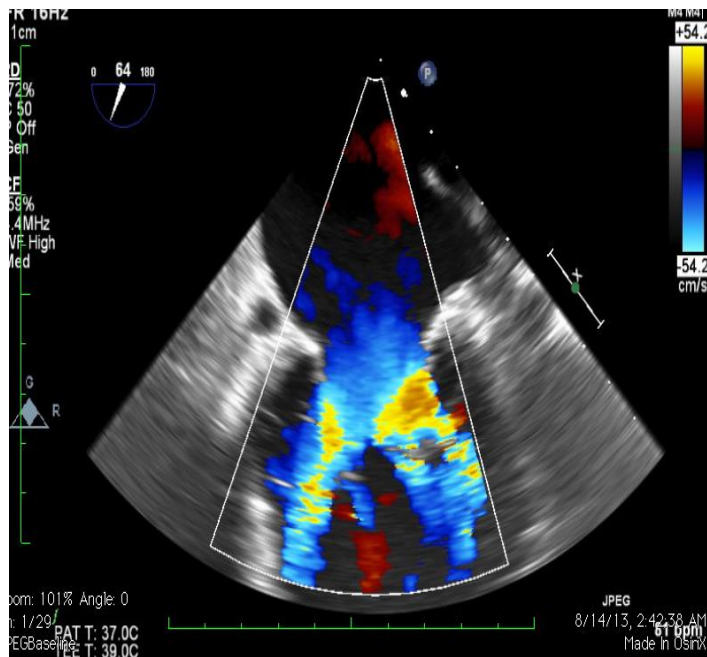
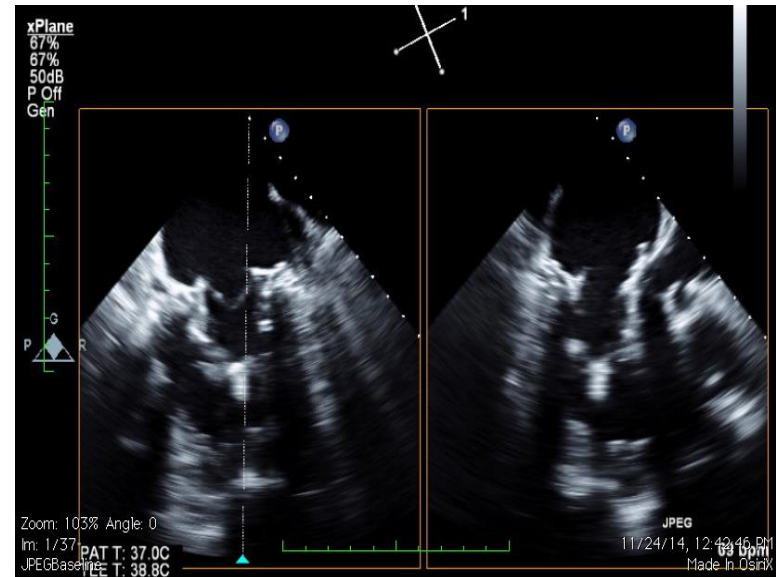
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Baseline

Post-valve



Tendyne Transcatheter Mitral Valve



Edwards buy of CardiAQ for \$350M a bet on

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HeartWare Spends \$800M For Mitral Valve Repair Company Valtech

By Jof Enriquez

HeartWare International Inc., maker of left ventricular assist devices (LVADs) for the treatment of heart failure, has agreed to acquire Israeli firm Valtech Cardio Inc., a developer of non-invasive transcatheter mitral and tricuspid valve repair and replacement technologies, in an all-stock, no-cash deal that is expected to close late in 2015.



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Boston Scientific announces \$200M option to purchase Israeli transcatheter mitral valve player

Boston Scientific ([\\$BSX](#)) announced that it has obtained an exclusive \$200 million option to acquire Israel's MValve Technologies, maker of a transcatheter mitral valve replacement (TMVR) system for mitral regurgitation. Boston Scientific also said it is providing additional financing to the company in anticipation of a first in-human clinical trial. The bigwig has been financing MValve since 2012.

The official announcement of the option came just now, though Israeli newspaper paper *Globes* broke the news last year. Such a transaction would add to the \$1 billion-plus spent by competitors Abbott ([\\$ABT](#)), Medtronic ([\\$MDT](#)) and Edwards ([\\$EW](#)) in recent months, as they place their bets on different companies in the hopes of winning the battle for

Transcatheter Mitral Valve Replacement (TMVR)

**>\$2.5 Billion spent in last 3 months
for 6 companies with a combined
total of ~50 cases !**



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TMVR



Discussion Questions

- 1. What is the role of advanced imaging modalities for MR? When are they incorporated?
- 2. What is the optimal therapy for patients with symptomatic severe primary MR? What about for symptomatic severe secondary MR? Ischemic MR? When is valve replacement preferred over repair in patients referred for surgery?
- 3. When is transcatheter mitral valve repair appropriate (extreme risk patient, degenerative, functional)? Do you consider a transcatheter mitral repair attempt before sending patients to surgery? What factors are key in determining if your patient is a reasonable transcatheter mitral repair candidate?
- 4. Where do you envision transcatheter mitral valve replacement (TMVR) will fit into the management of patients with severe MR? Is it likely to better suit patients with primary or secondary MR? Should the adoption of TMVR technologies depend on efficacy in improving survival or is reduction in heart failure hospitalizations sufficient?
- 5. What is the appropriate frequency and methods that should be used in following patients with MR initially, during active medical treatment, and post-surgery/post-intervention?