

DK-Crush and DK Culotte Step by Step

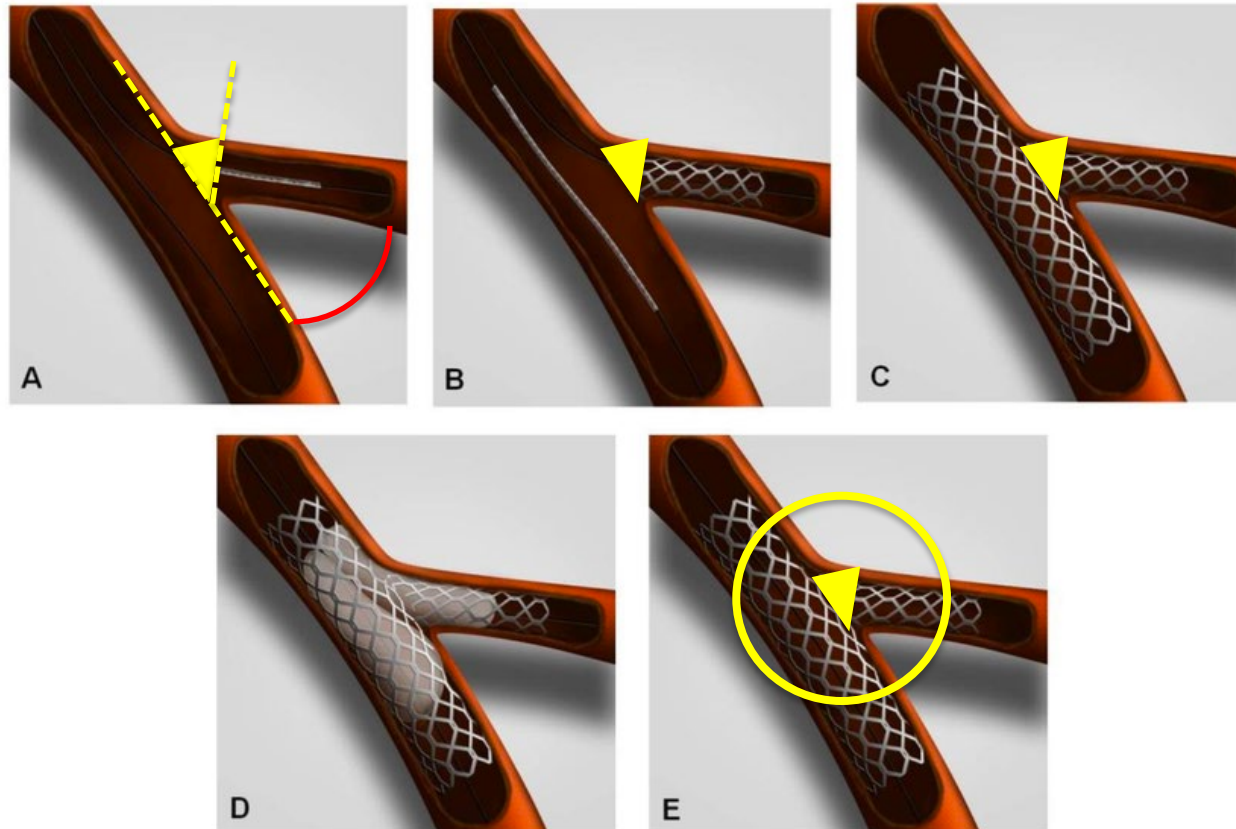
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T-Stenting Limitations

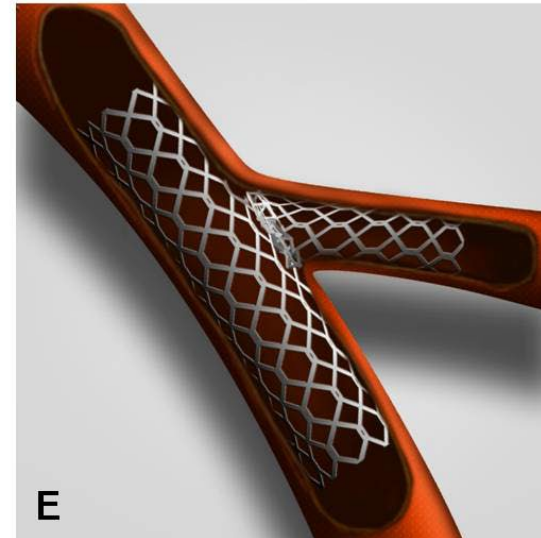
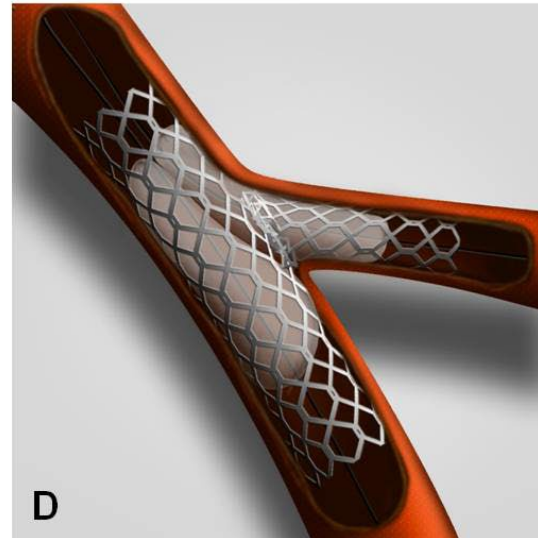
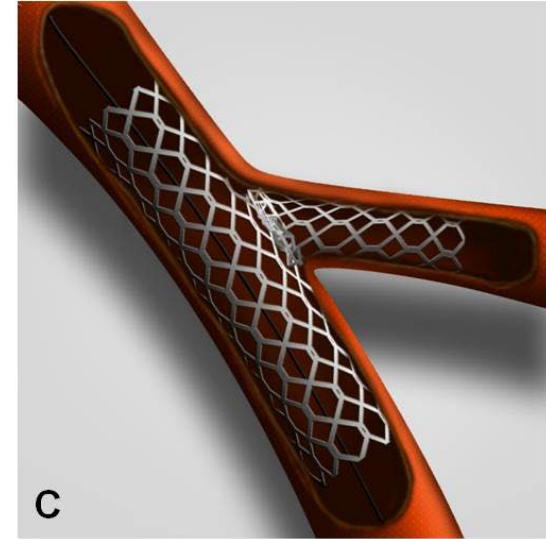
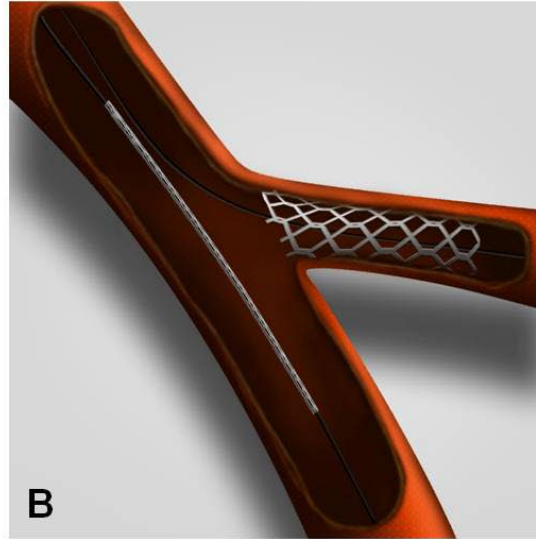
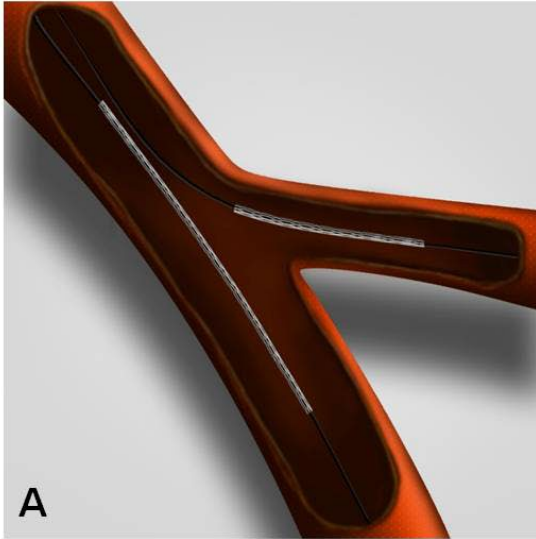
Classic “T” Stenting Technique



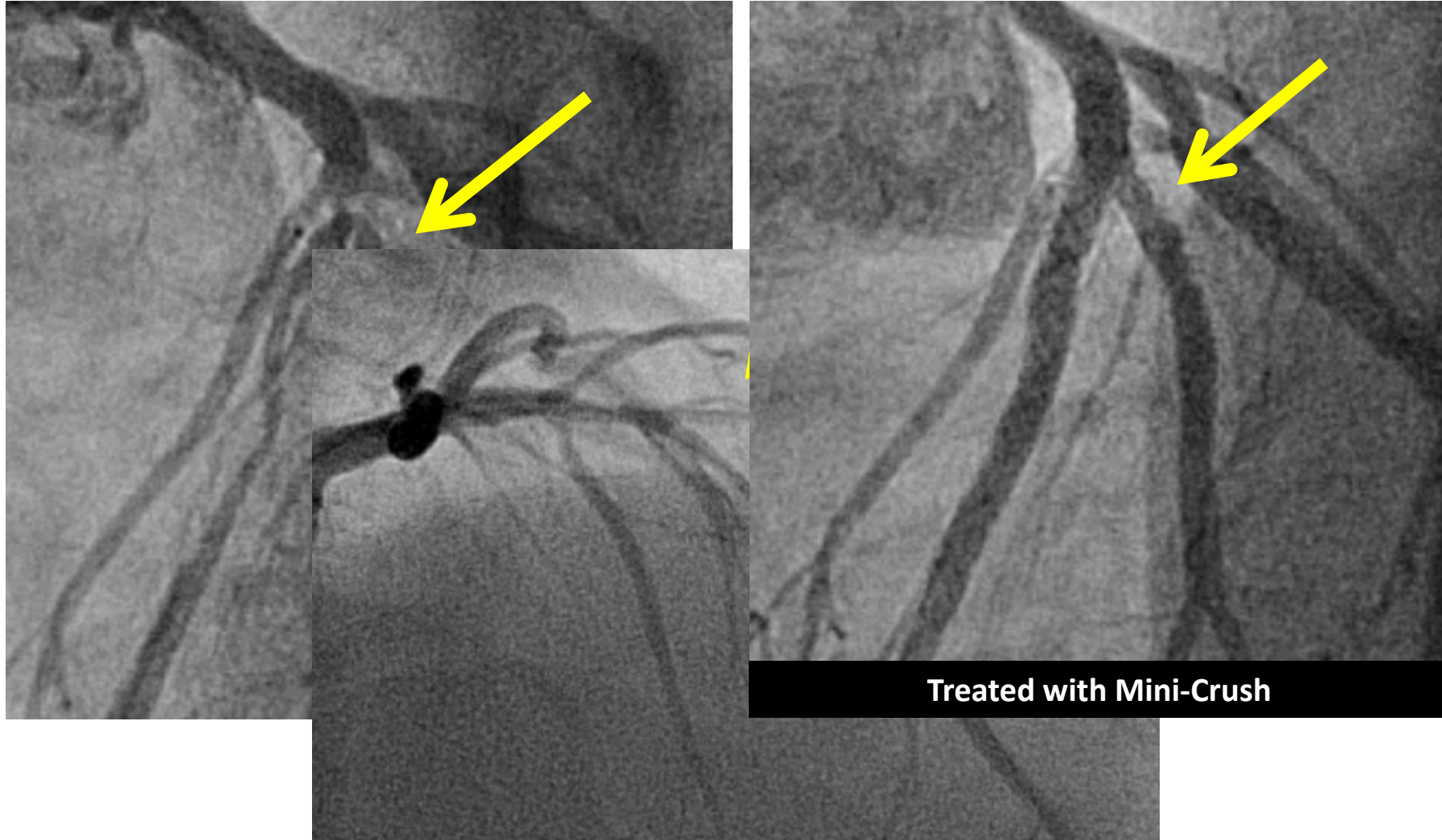
Incomplete SB ostium coverage relatively common (specially if distal angle <70 degrees) and associated with recurrences at this location^{1,2}

¹Hahn et al. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2009;54(2):110-7. ²Colombo et al. *Circulation* 2004;109(10):1244-9.

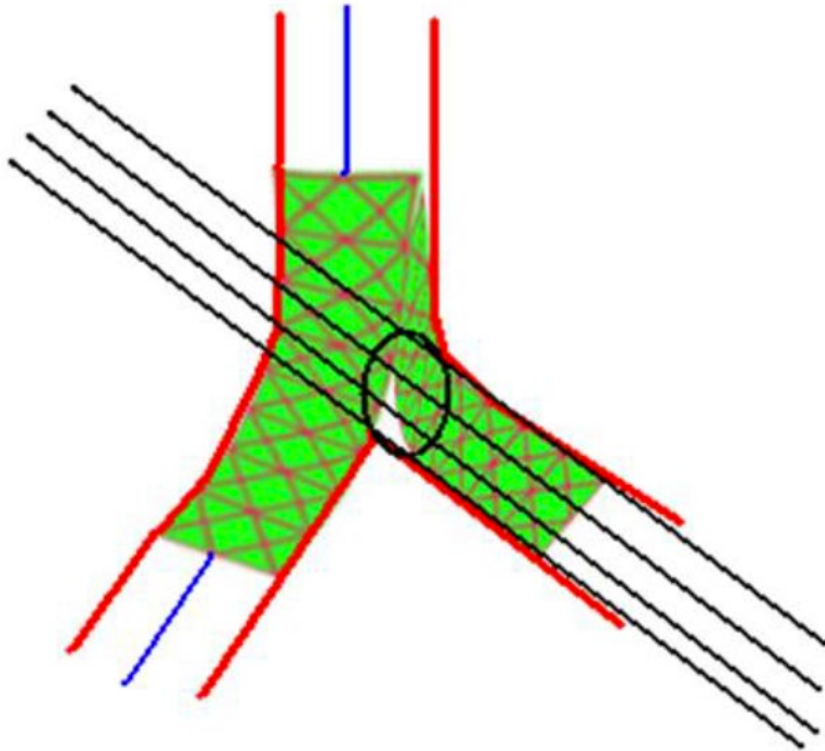
CLASSIC CRUSH TECHNIQUE



PRIMARY STENTING IN SB

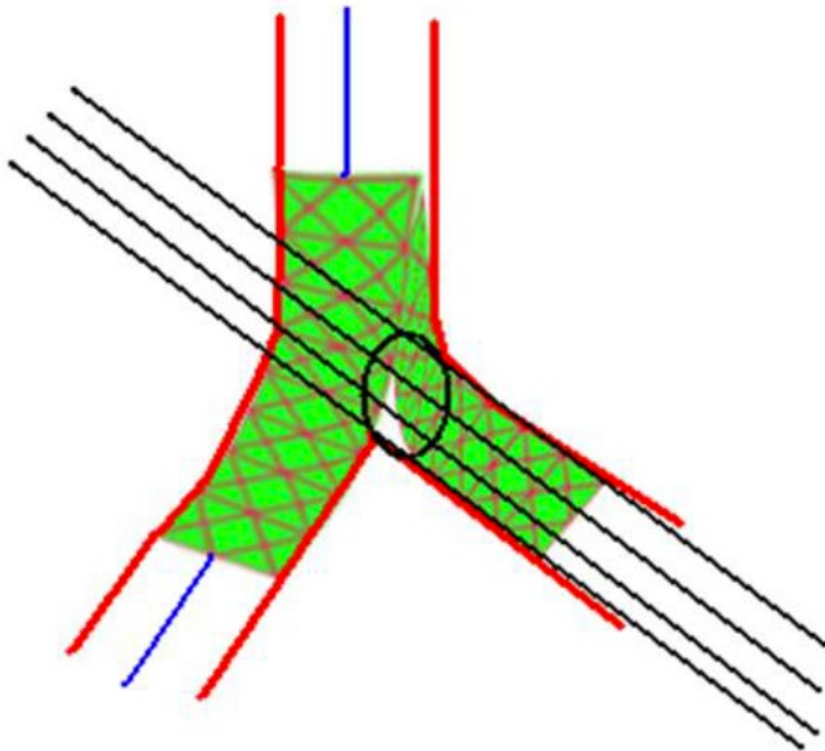


Potential issues with “original” crush technique



- **Two stenting technique, FKBI is mandatory to improve clinical outcomes (=70-80%, Classic crush has a lower rate of FKBI)**
- **KUS (kissing unsatisfactory)**

Potential issues with “original” crush technique



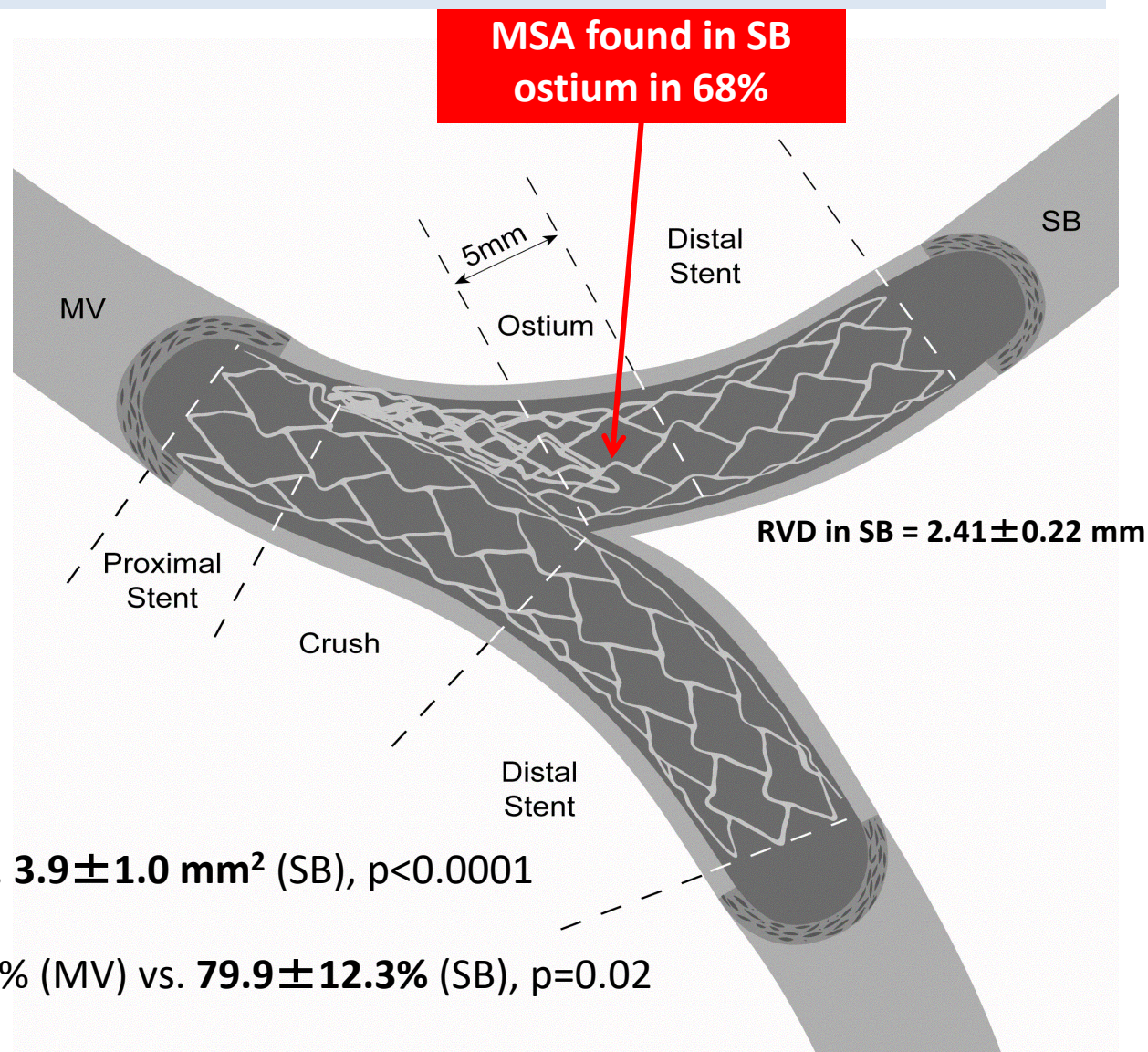
- Even after performance of FKBI Classic crush has more malaposition and more incomplete crush
- Classic crush leaves three layers of stent struts overlapping at the ostial SB

Serial IVUS Analysis Post-Crush

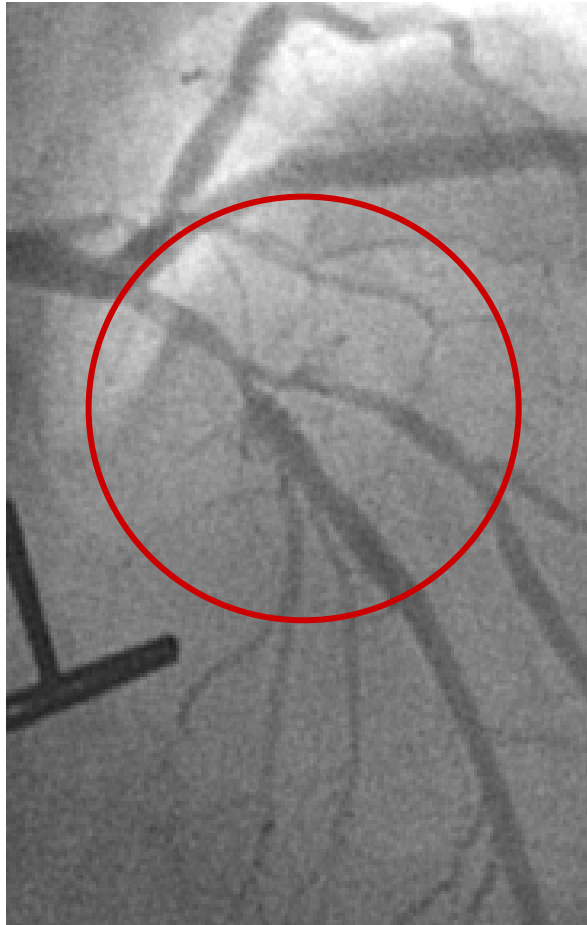
25 non-LM bifurcation lesions treated with the crush technique with final IVUS in both branches

FKB in 100%

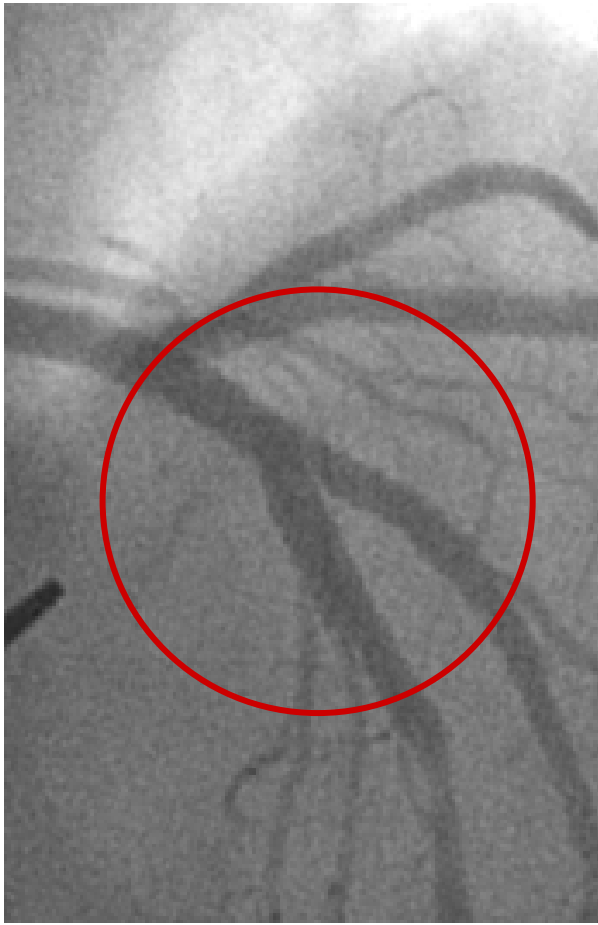
- $MSA < 5.0 \text{ mm}^2$ in 90% in SB
- $MSA < 4.0 \text{ mm}^2$ in 55% in SB
- $MSA = 6.5 \pm 1.7 \text{ mm}^2$ (MV) vs. **$3.9 \pm 1.0 \text{ mm}^2$** (SB), $p < 0.0001$
- Stent expansion = $92.1 \pm 16.6\%$ (MV) vs. **$79.9 \pm 12.3\%$** (SB), $p = 0.02$



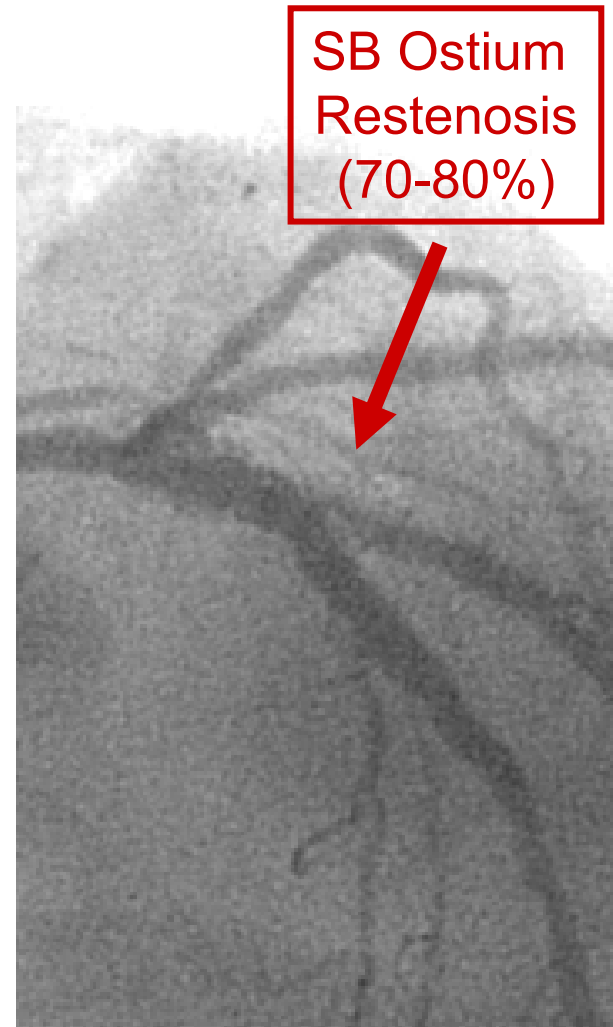
Example of Side Branch Restenosis



Preprocedure

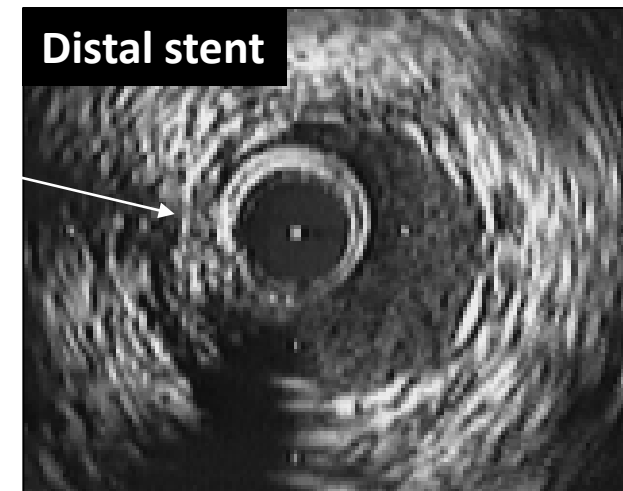
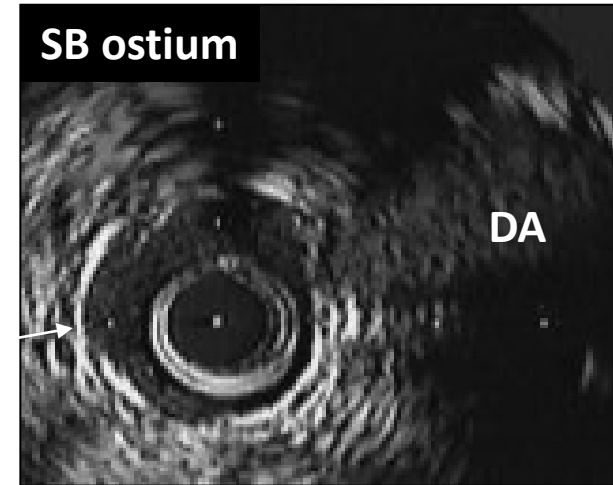
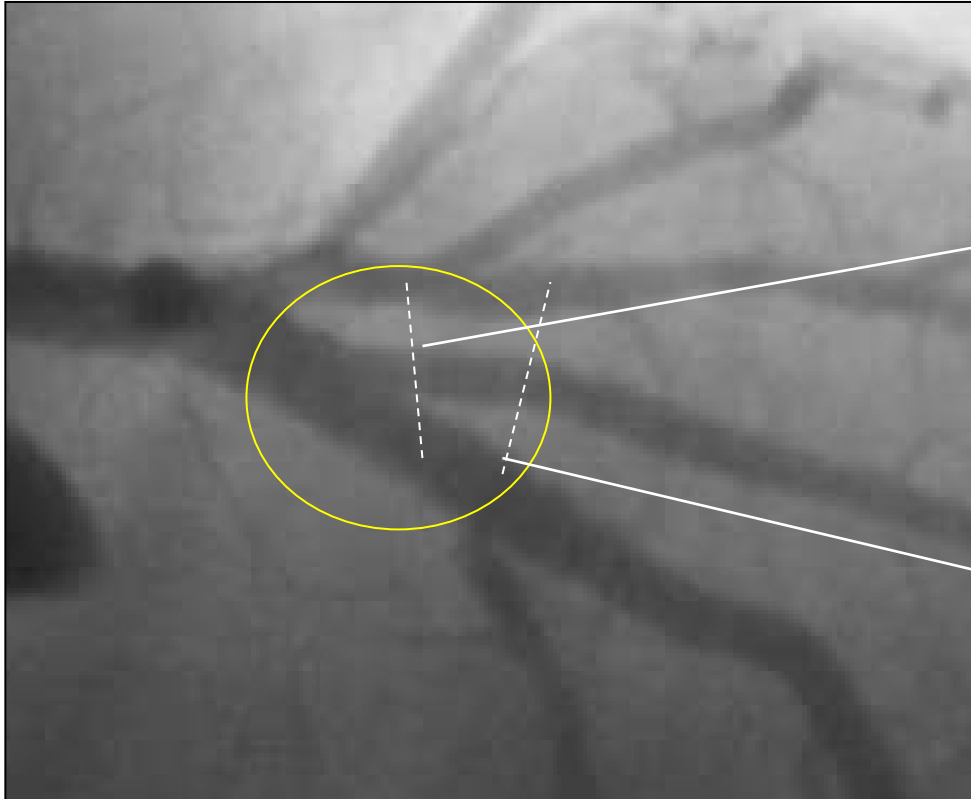


Final

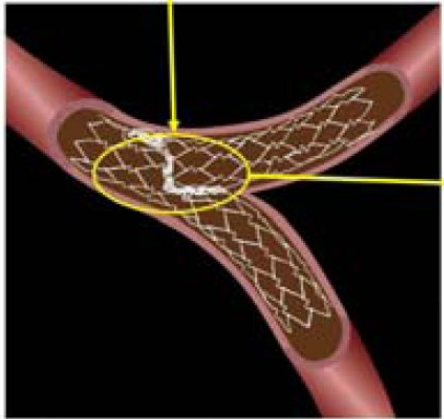
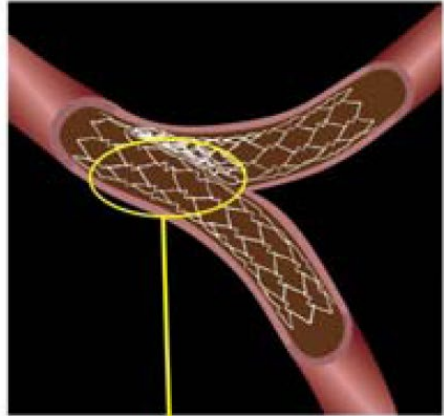


6 Months Follow-Up

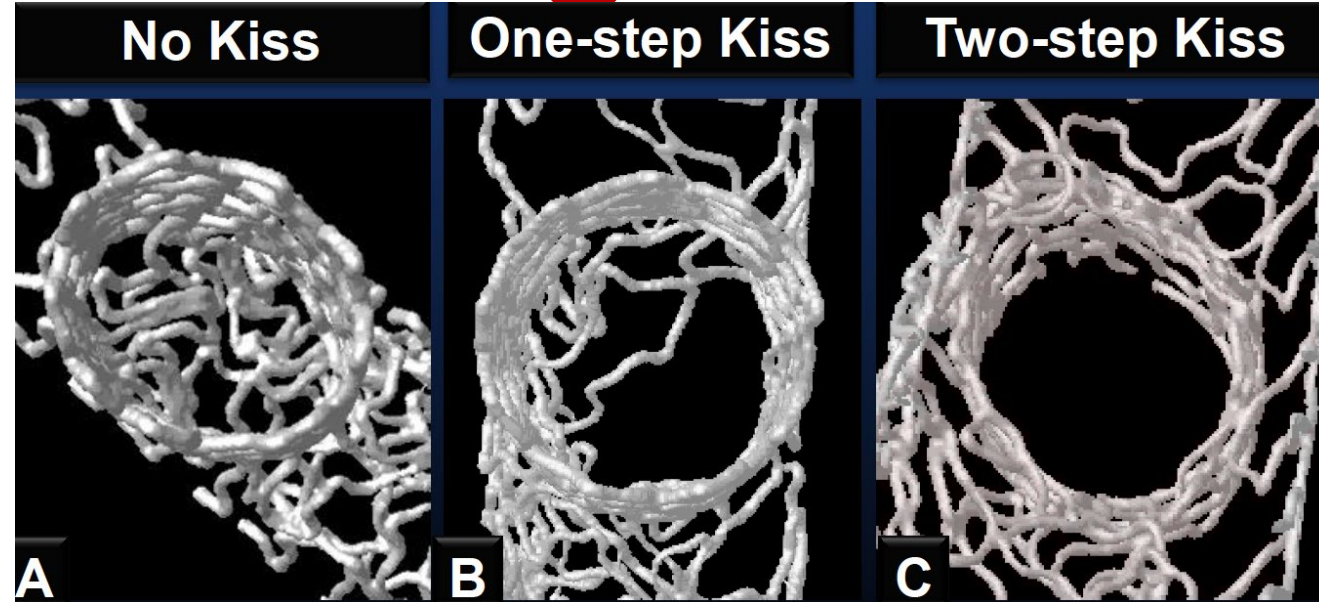
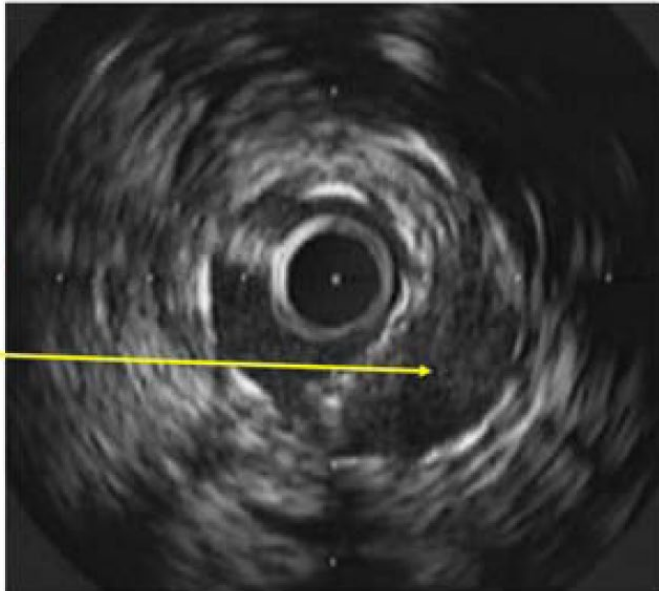
SB OSTIUM UNDEREXPANSION



Métodos de Imagem



INCOMPLETE CRUSH – defined as incomplete apposition of Side Branch or Main Vessel stent struts against the MV wall proximal to the carina (crush area)



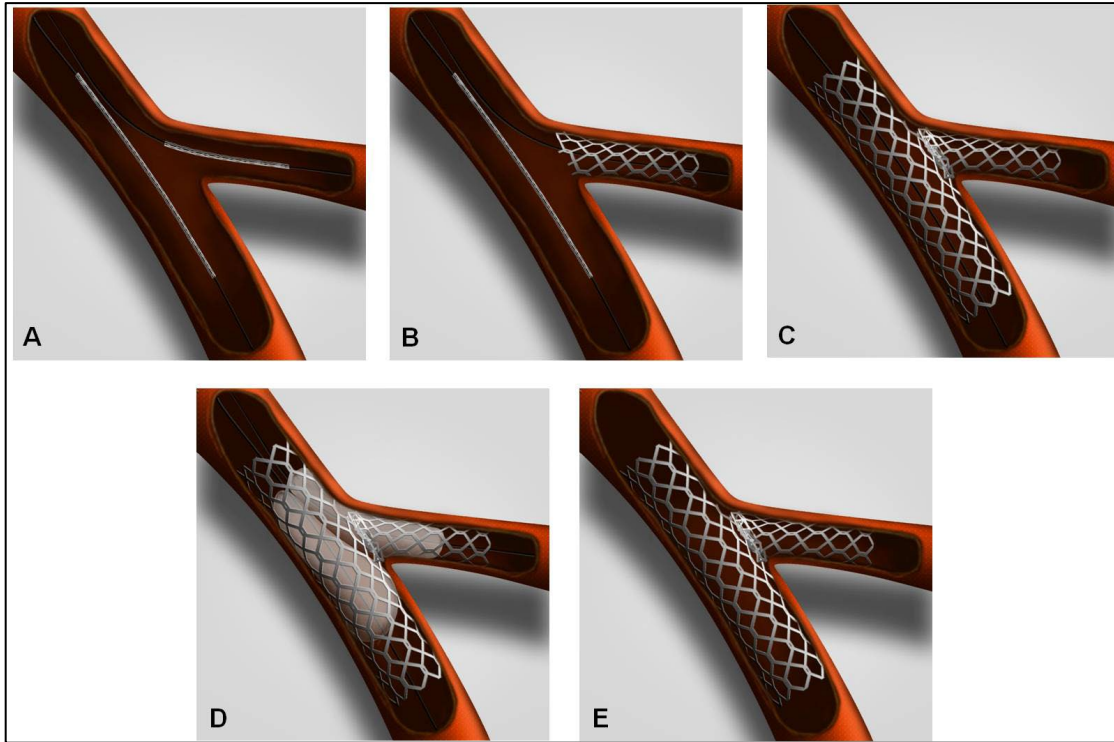
Achados mecânicos que ajudaram no desenvolvimento do DK-crush e aperfeiçoamento técnico

Costa RA, et al. J Am Coll Cardiol. 2005;46(4):599-605

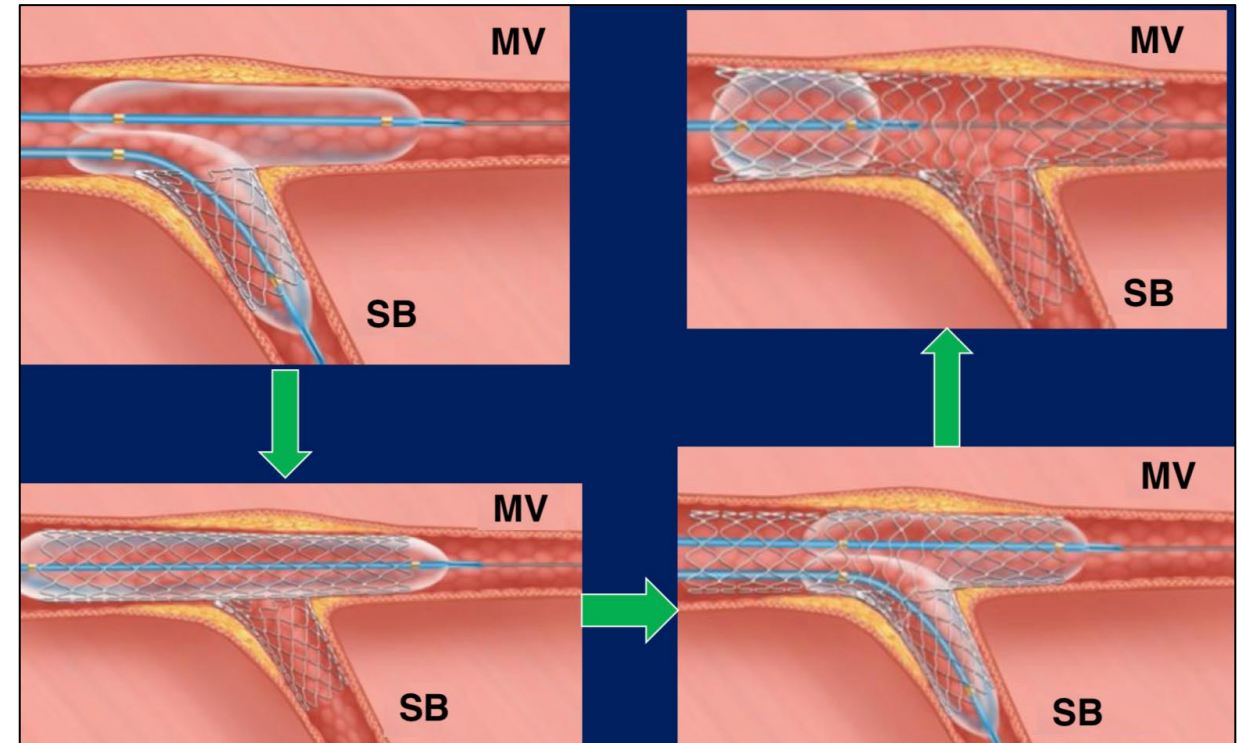
Evolução de Stent Duplo

- **Compreensão dos mecanismos de falência**
- **Aprendizado a partir de modelos de bancada**
- **Aperfeiçoamento técnico**
- **Stents de nova geração**
 - **Hastes mais finas, maior flexibilidade, melhor acesso ao RL**
 - **Polímero/fármaco com melhor perfil de segurança**

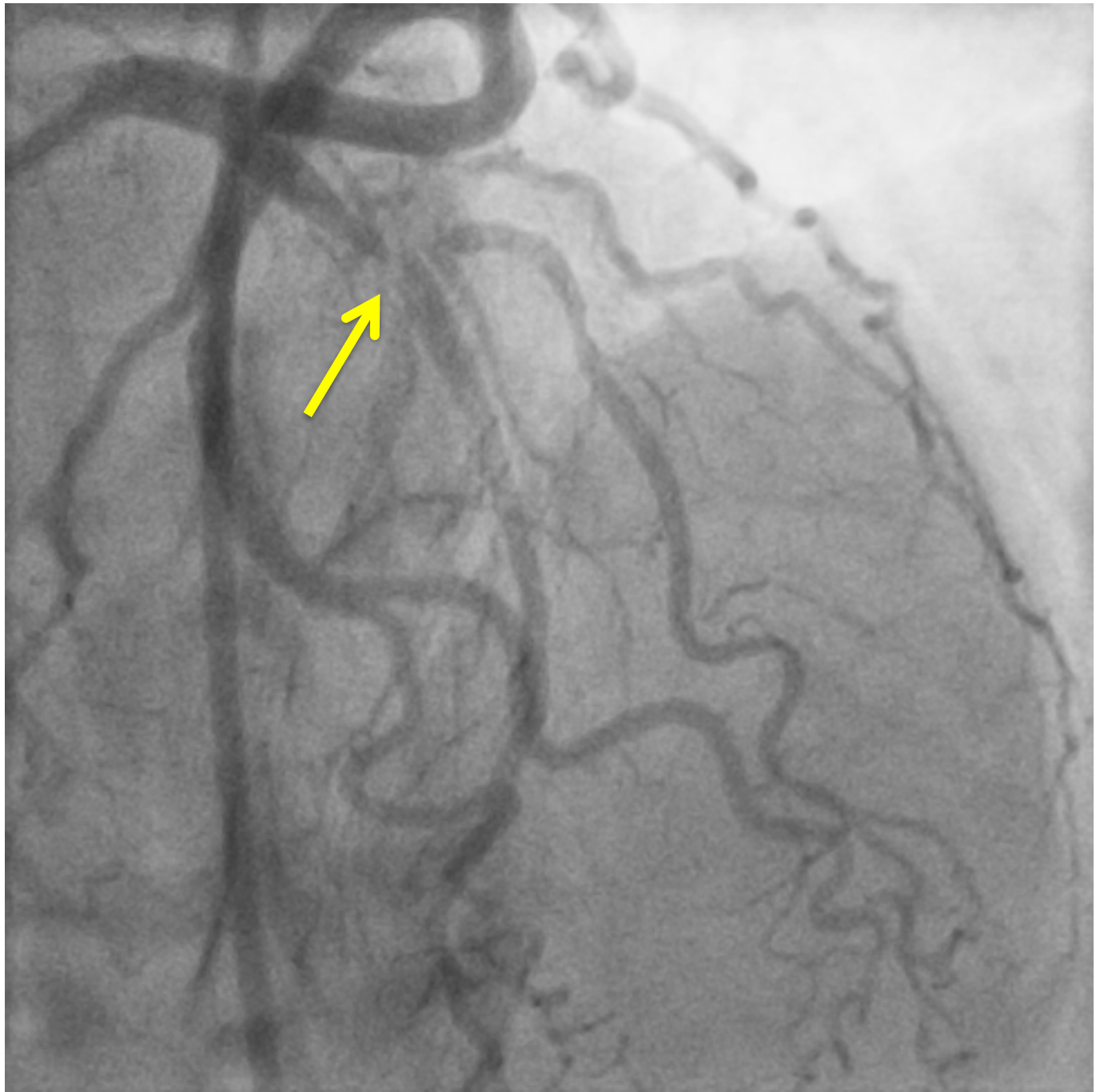
Técnica DK-crush



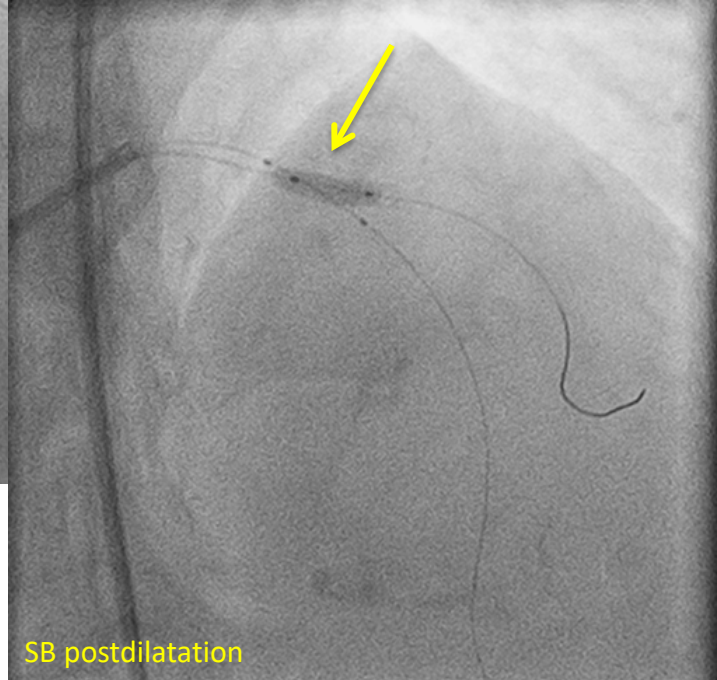
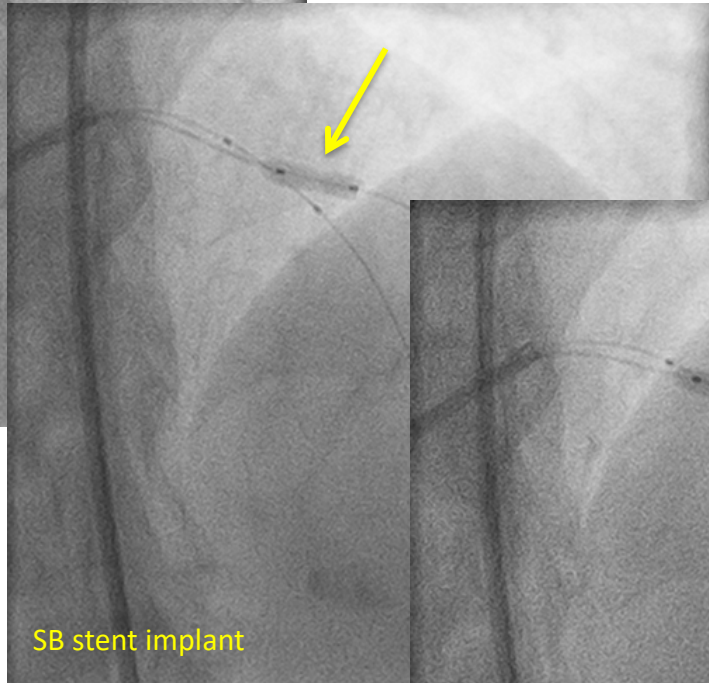
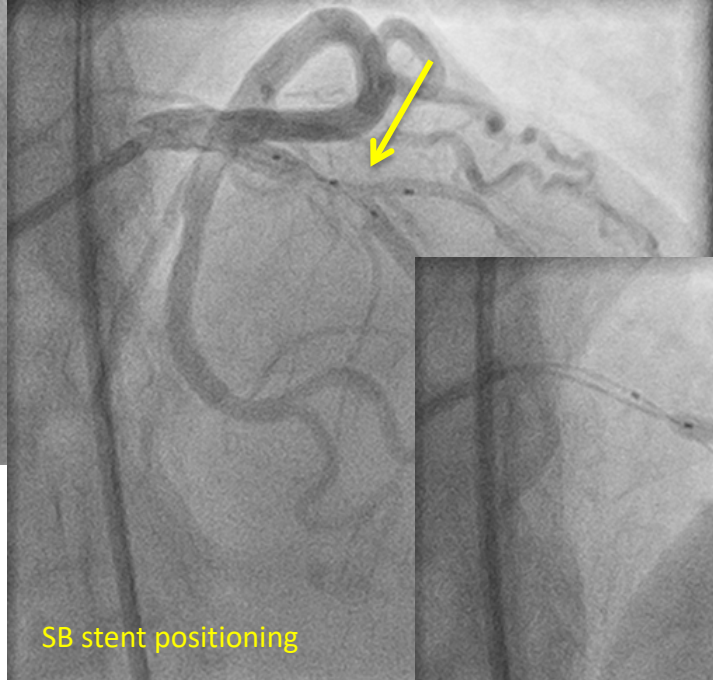
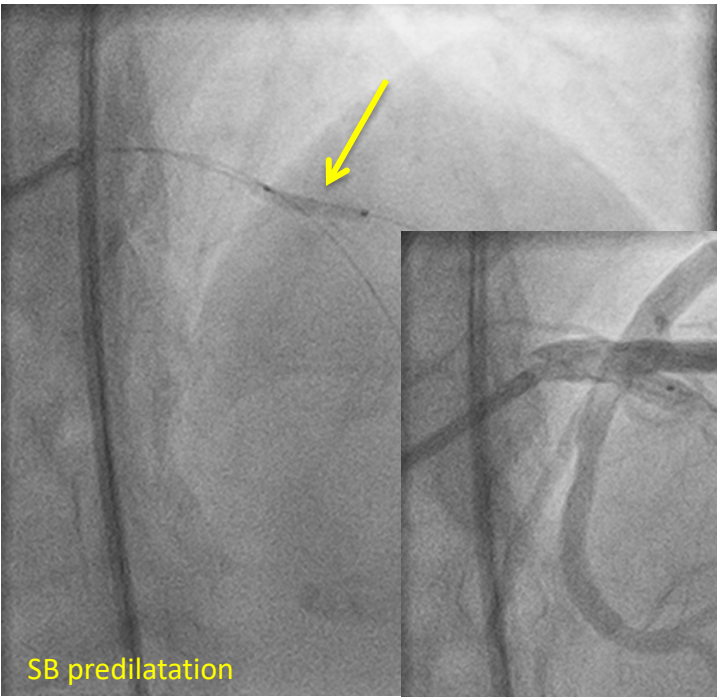
Crush clássico

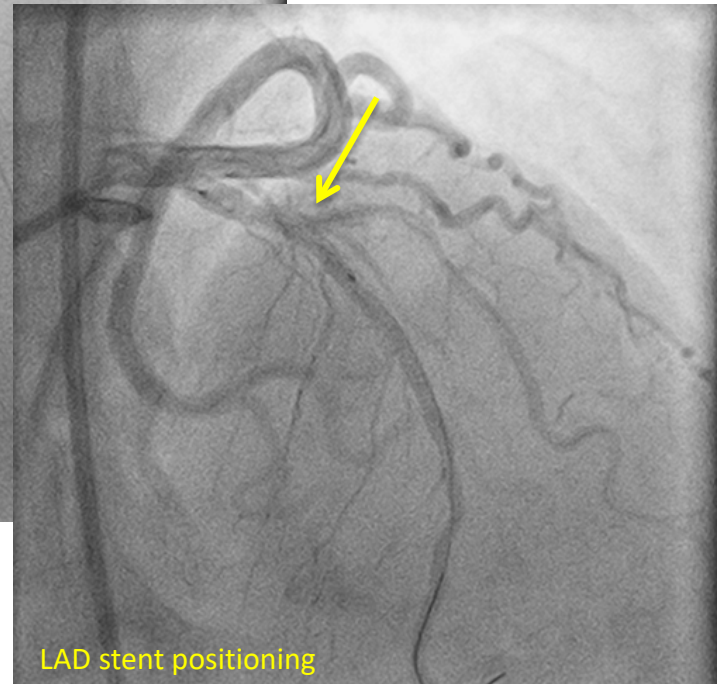
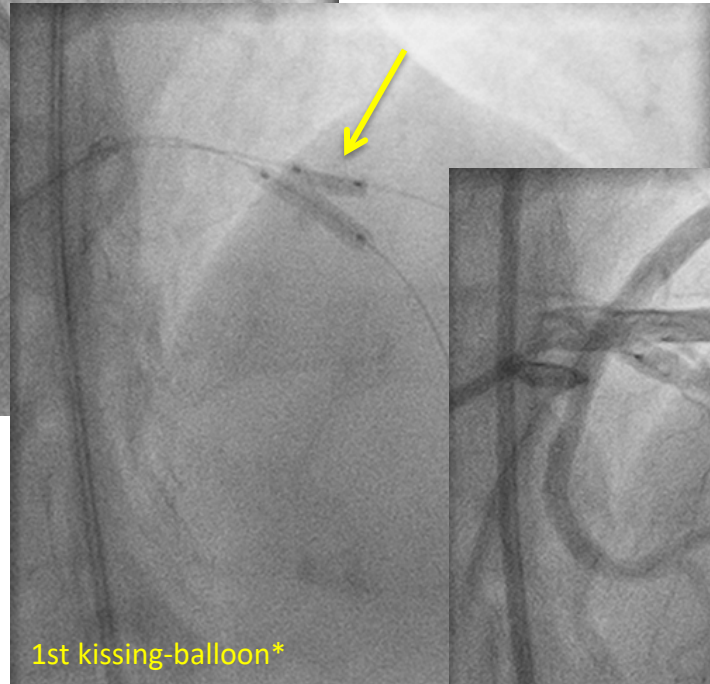
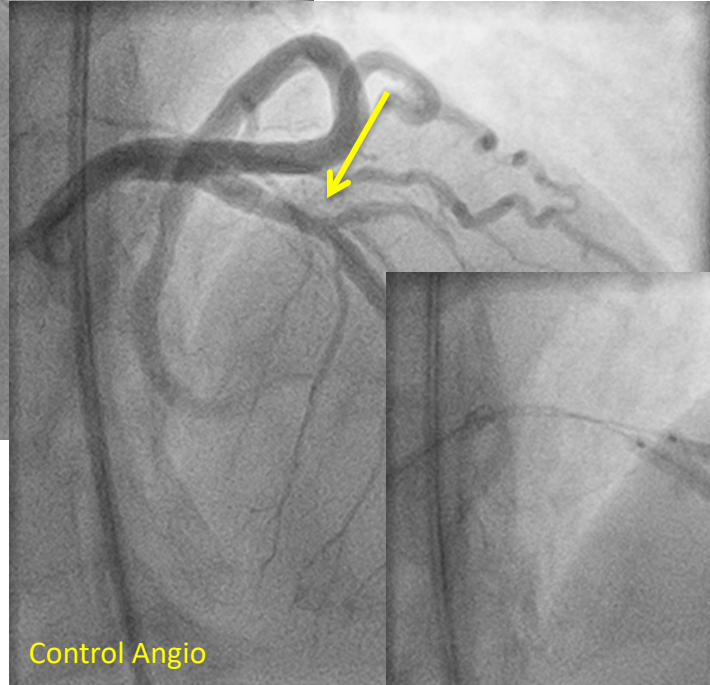
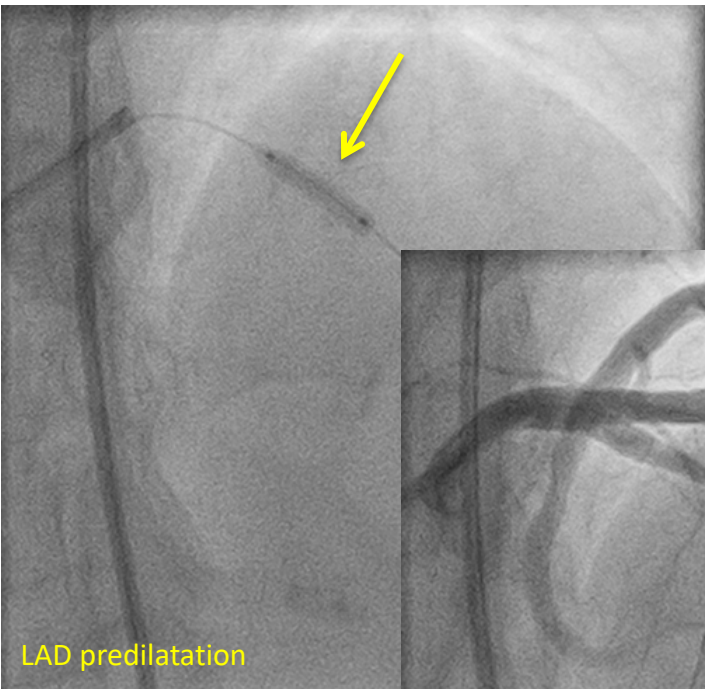


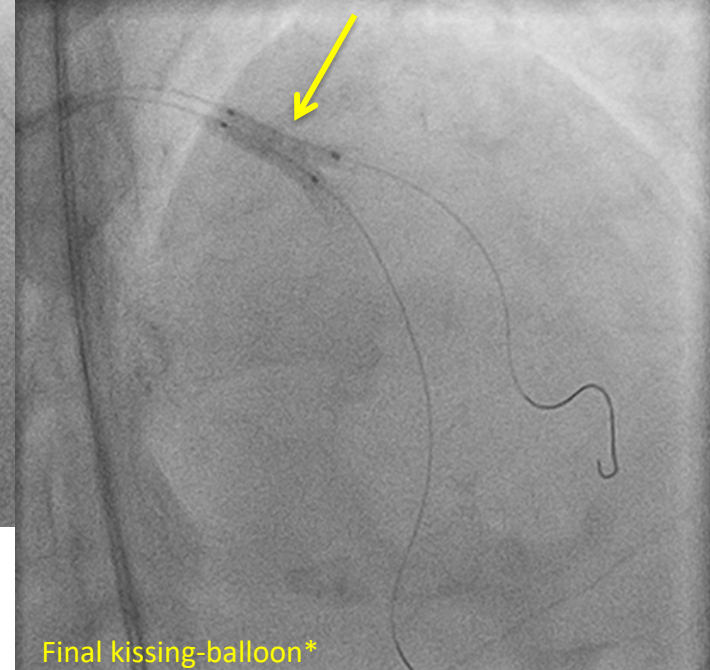
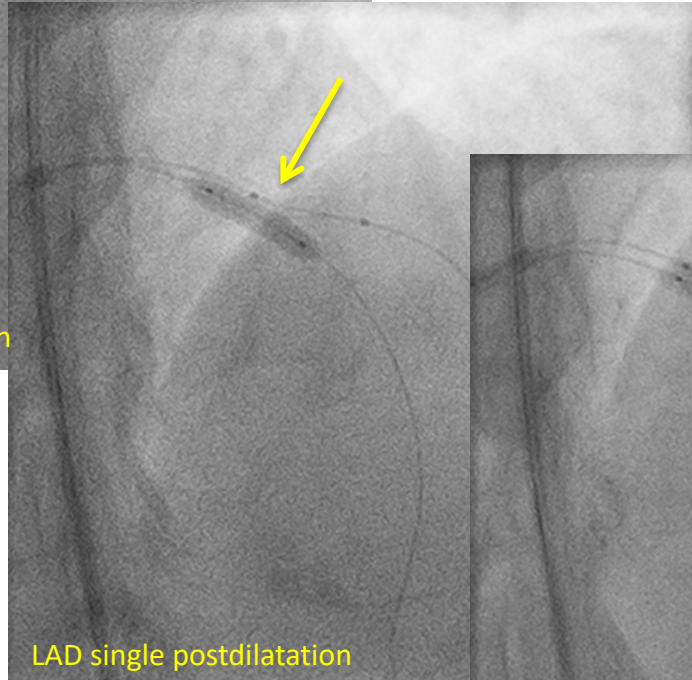
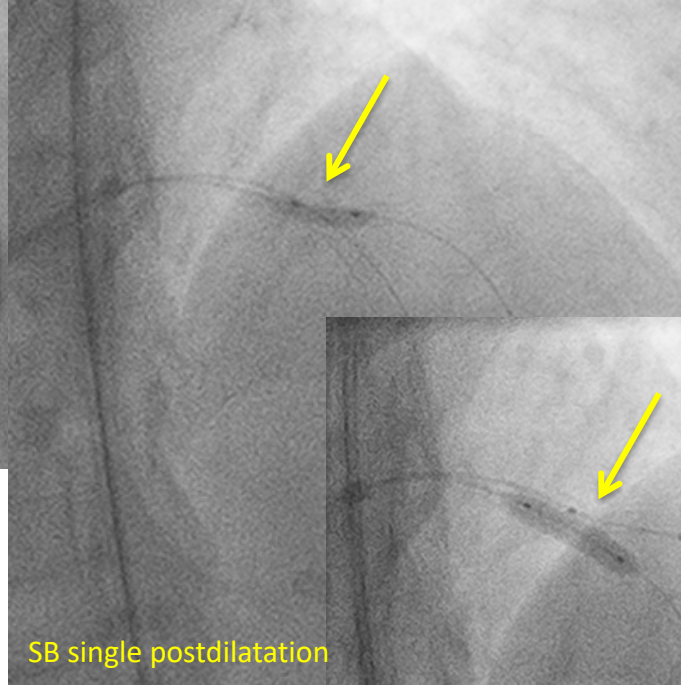
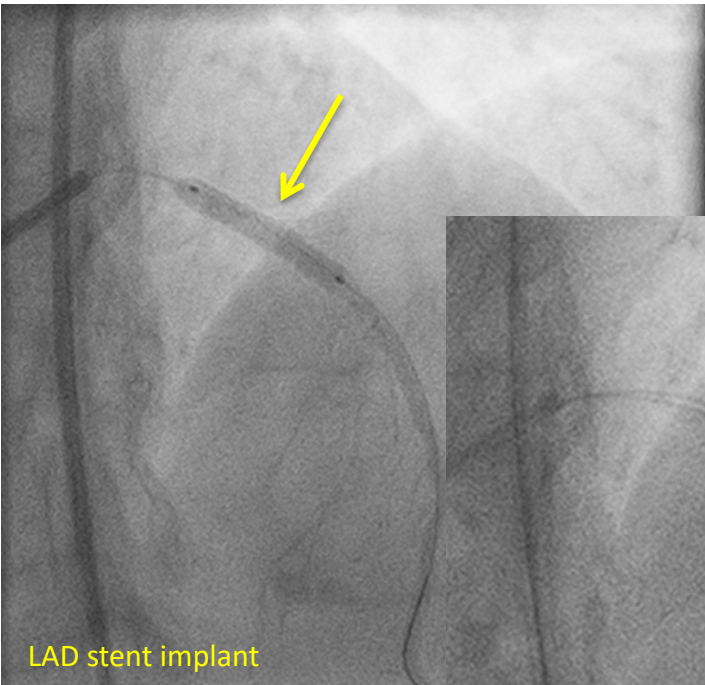
DK-crush

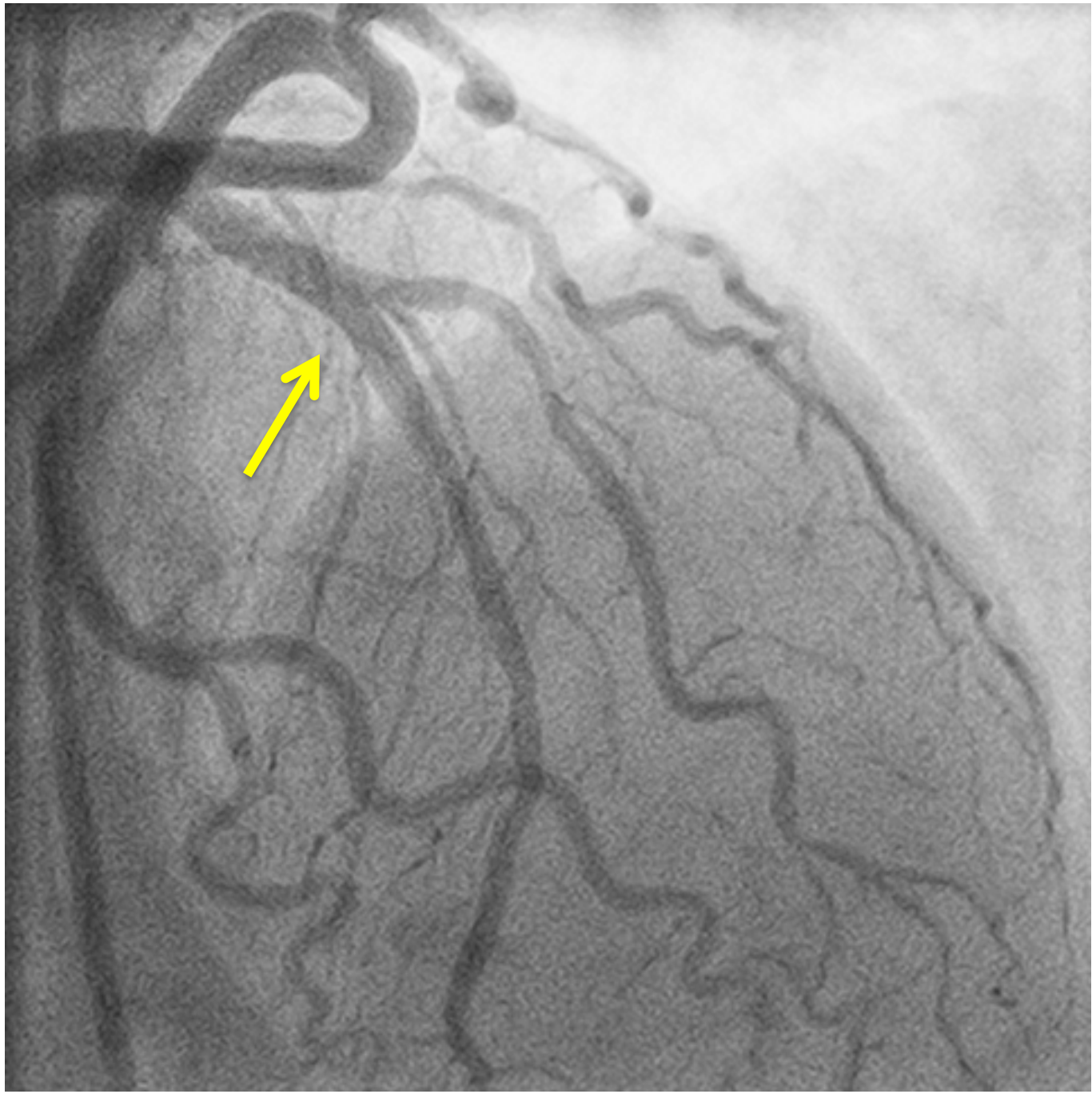


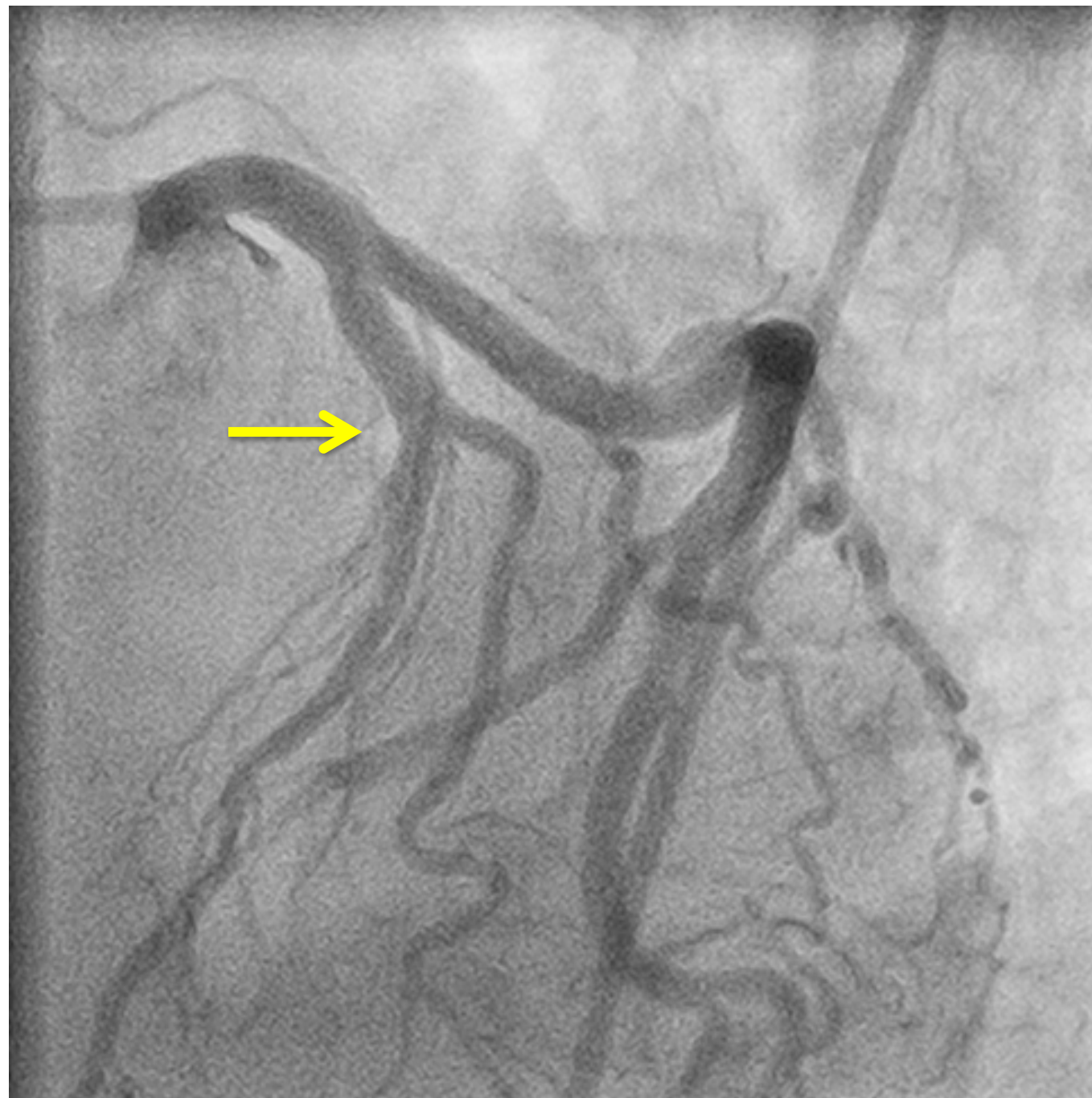










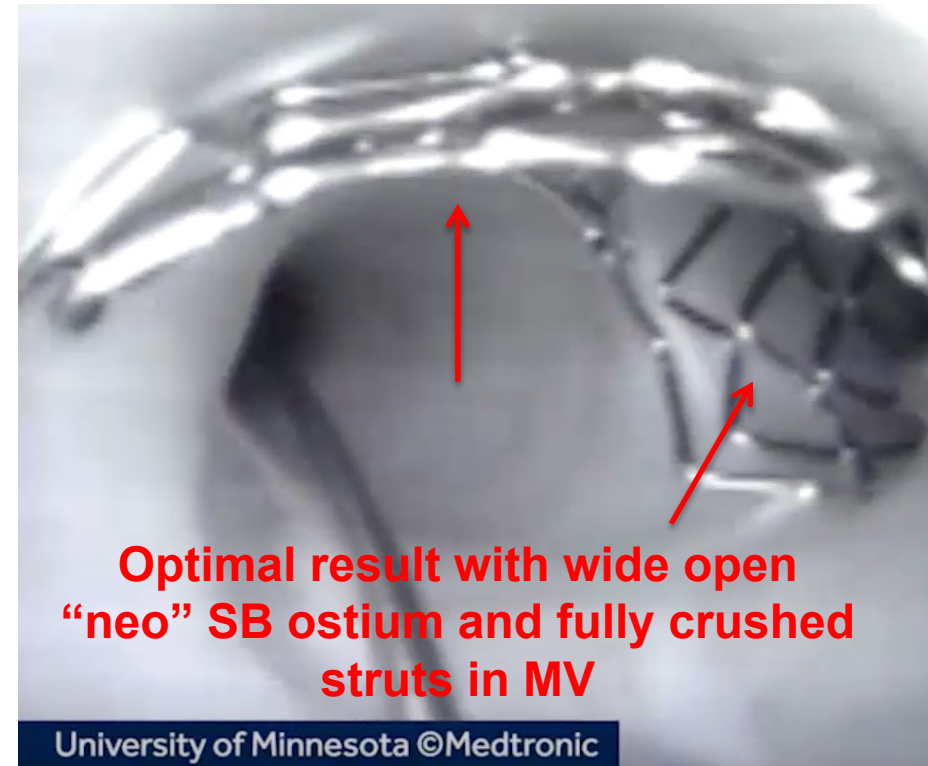
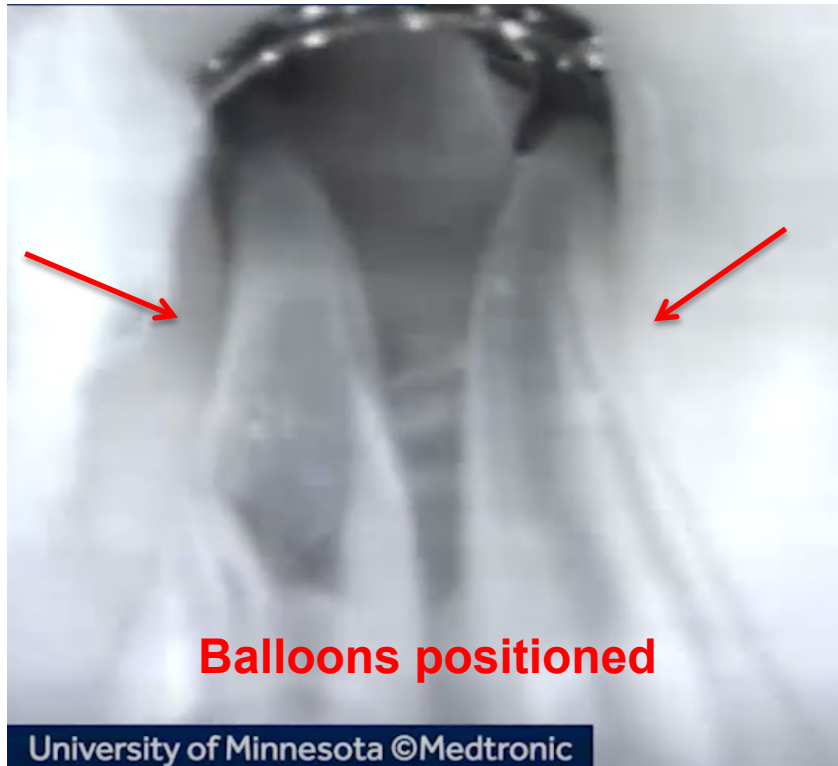


Critical Technical Steps

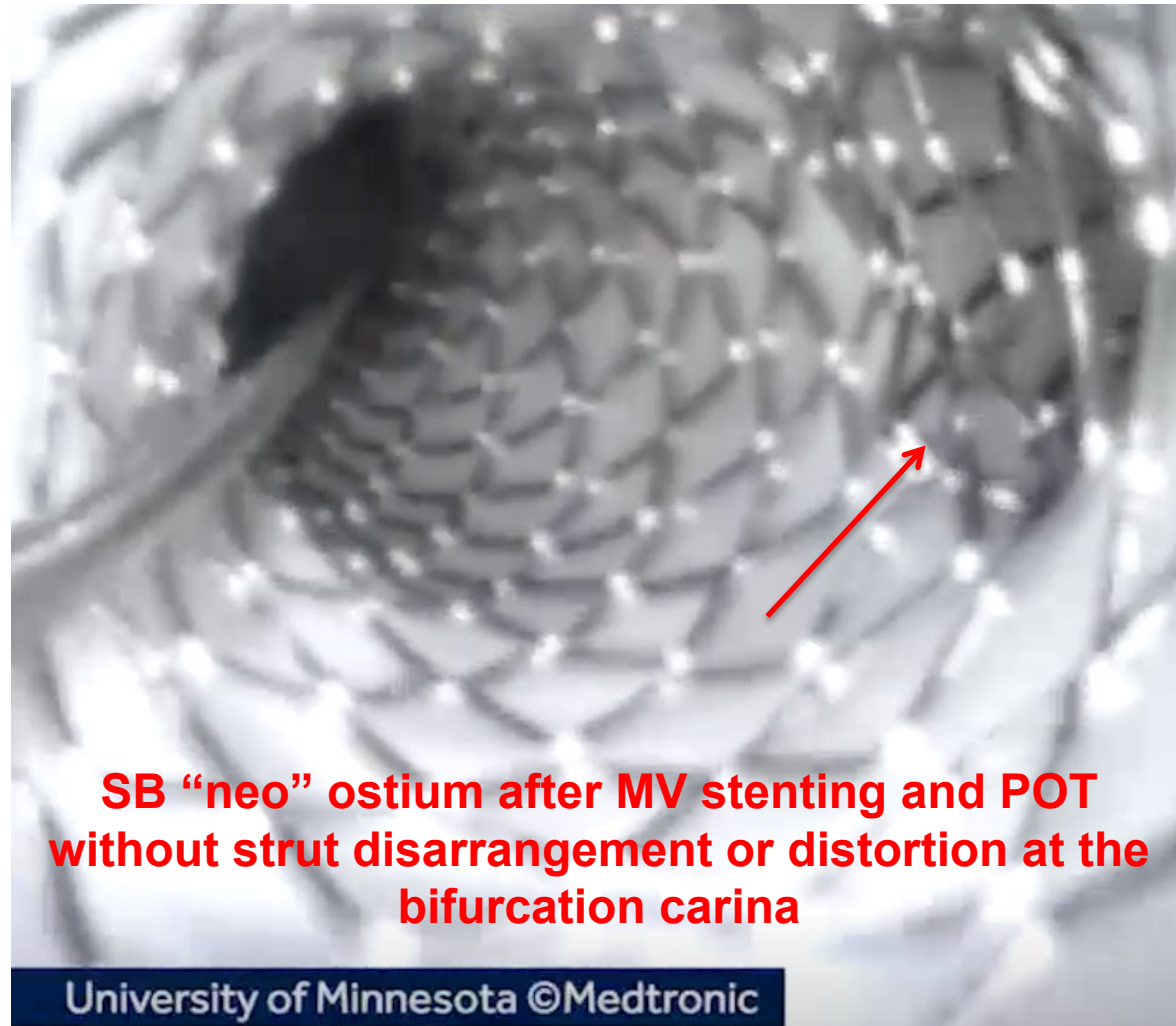
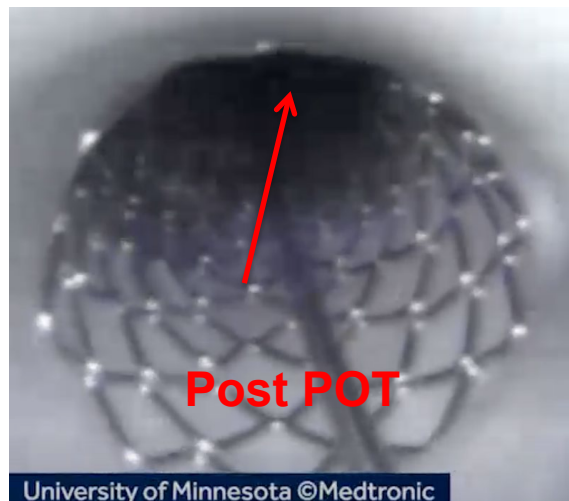
Stent Crush and Rewire



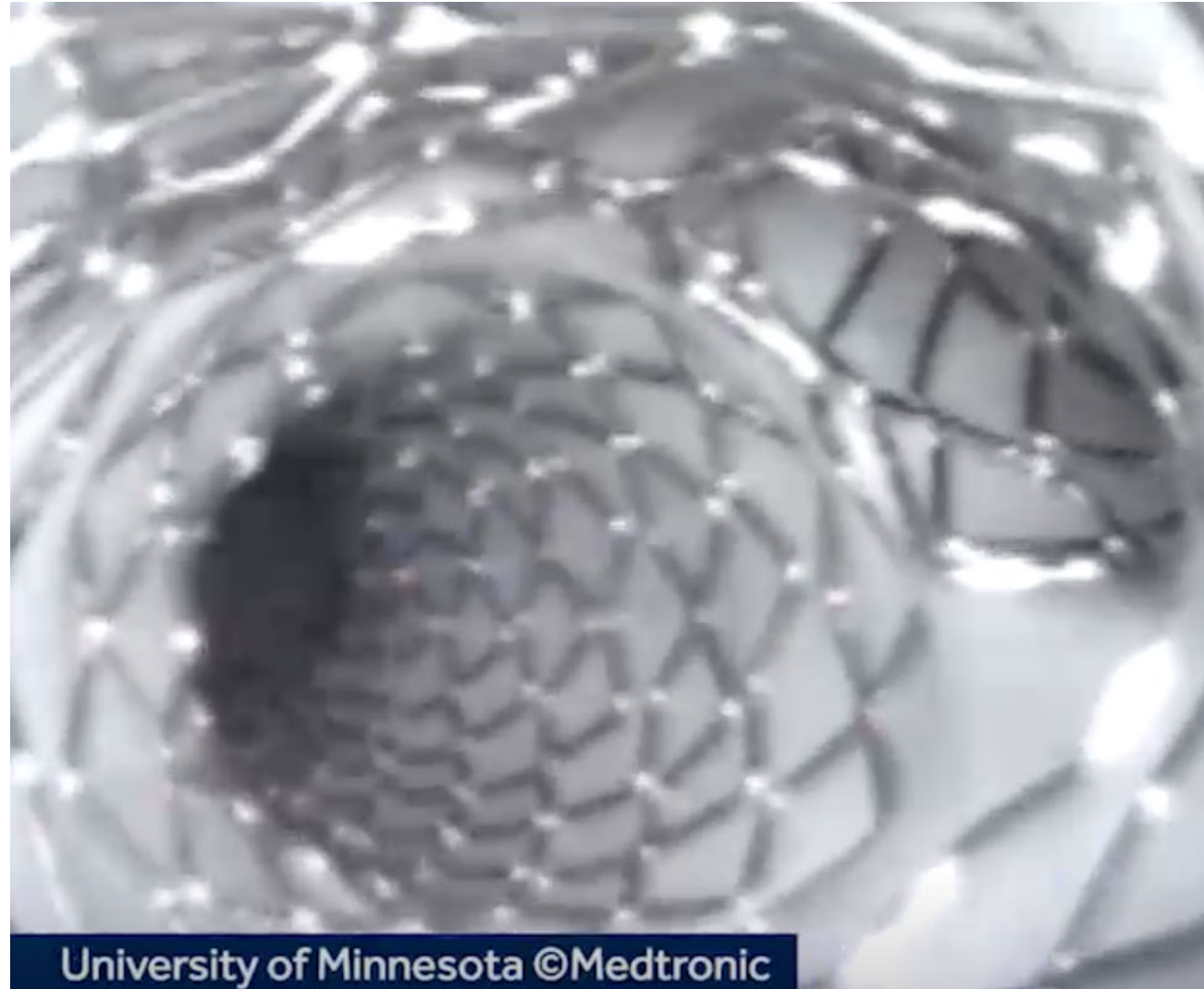
First Kissing-Balloon



After MV Stenting and POT



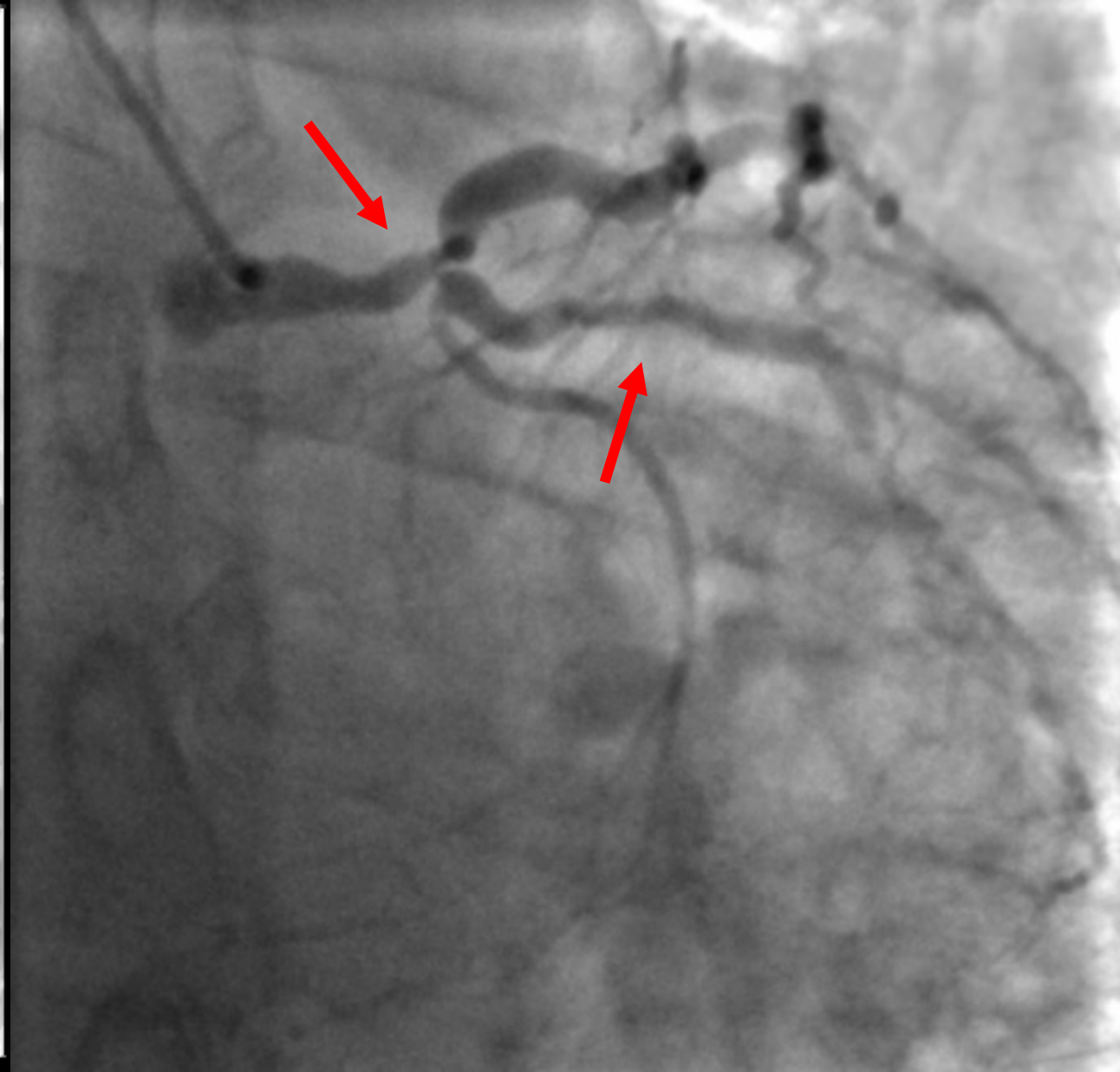
Final Result Post FKB and POT

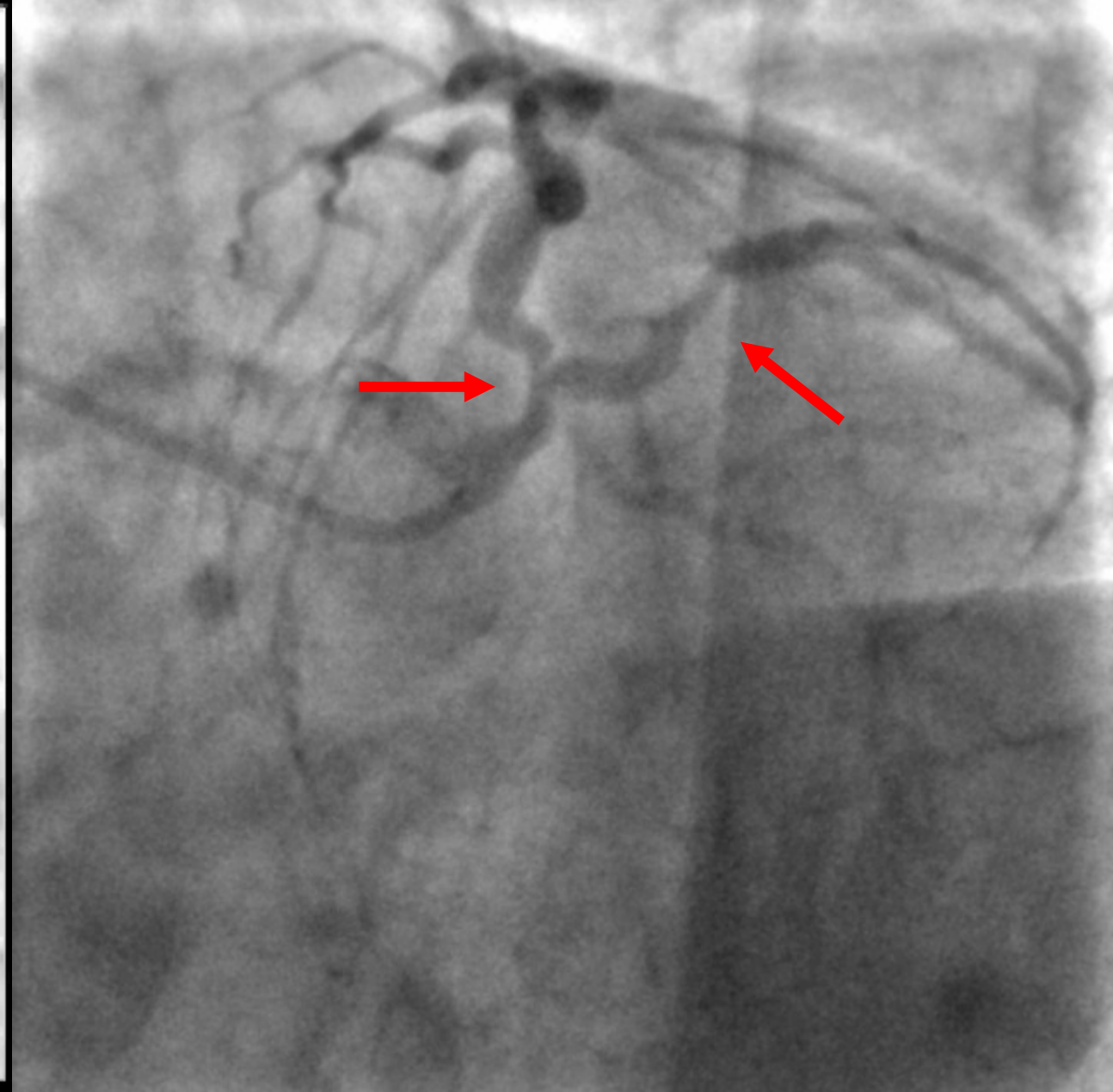


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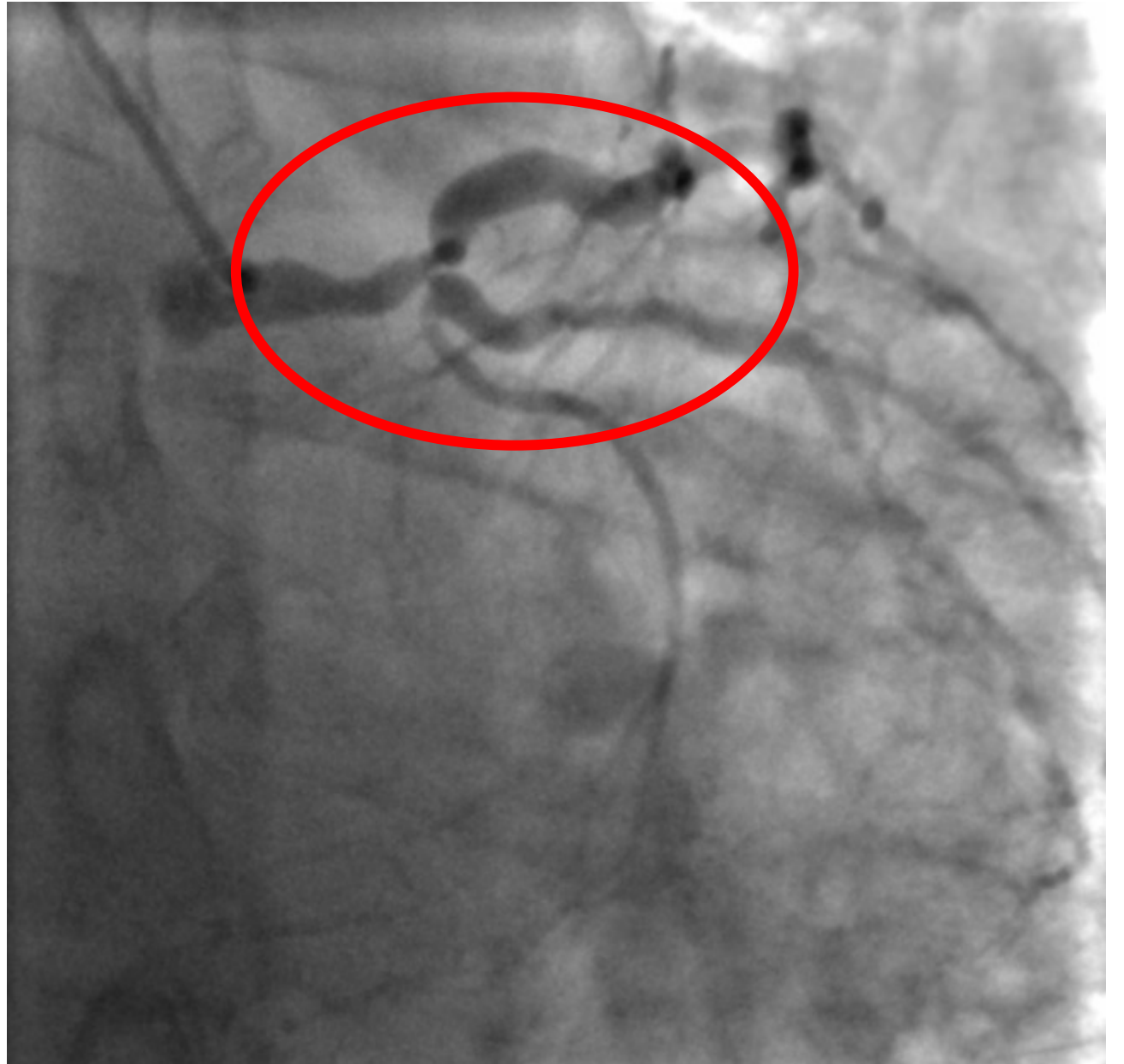
“Crush” Series

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- **Crush: Mecanismos de falência** – Costa RA, *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2005;46(4):599-605
- **Crush: Mundo real EUA** – Moussa I, *Am J Cardiol.* 2006;97(9):1317-21
- **Crush: Segurança** – Hoye A, *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2006;47(10):1949-58
- **DK-crush: Técnica** – Chen SL, *Chin Med J (Engl).* 2005;118(20):1746-50
- **DK-crush I: Crush clássico vs. DK-crush** – Chen SL, *Eur J Clin Invest.* 2008;38(6):361-71
- **DK-crush II: Provisional vs. DK-crush** – Chen SL, *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2011;57(8):914-20
- **DK-crush III: Culotte vs. DK-crush** – Chen SL, *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2013;61(14):1482-8
- **DK-crush IV: Provisional vs. DK-crush com FFR** – Ye F, *Chin Med J (Engl).* 2012;125(15):2658-62
- **DK-crush V: Provisional vs. DK-crush em TCE** – Chen SL, *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2017;70(21):2605-17
- **DK-crush VI: Angio vs. FFR em provisional** – Chen SL, *JACC Cardiovasc Interv.* 2015;8(4):536-46
- **DK-crush VII: FFR em lesões não bifurcadas** – Li SJ, *JACC Cardiovasc Interv.* 2017;10(10):986-95
- **DK-crush VIII: Angio vs. USIC** – Ge Z, *Am Heart J.* 2021;234:101-10 (desenho do estudo)

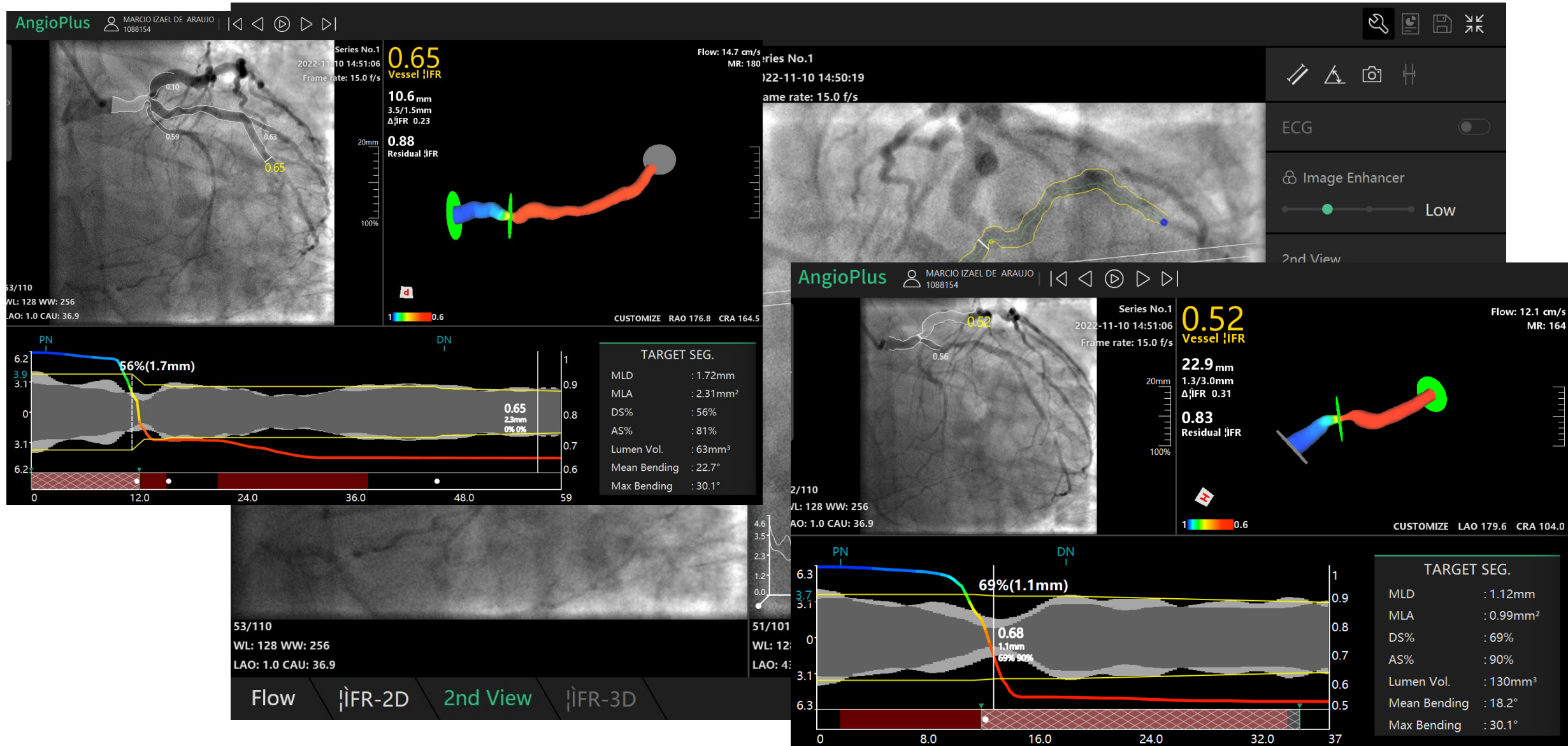


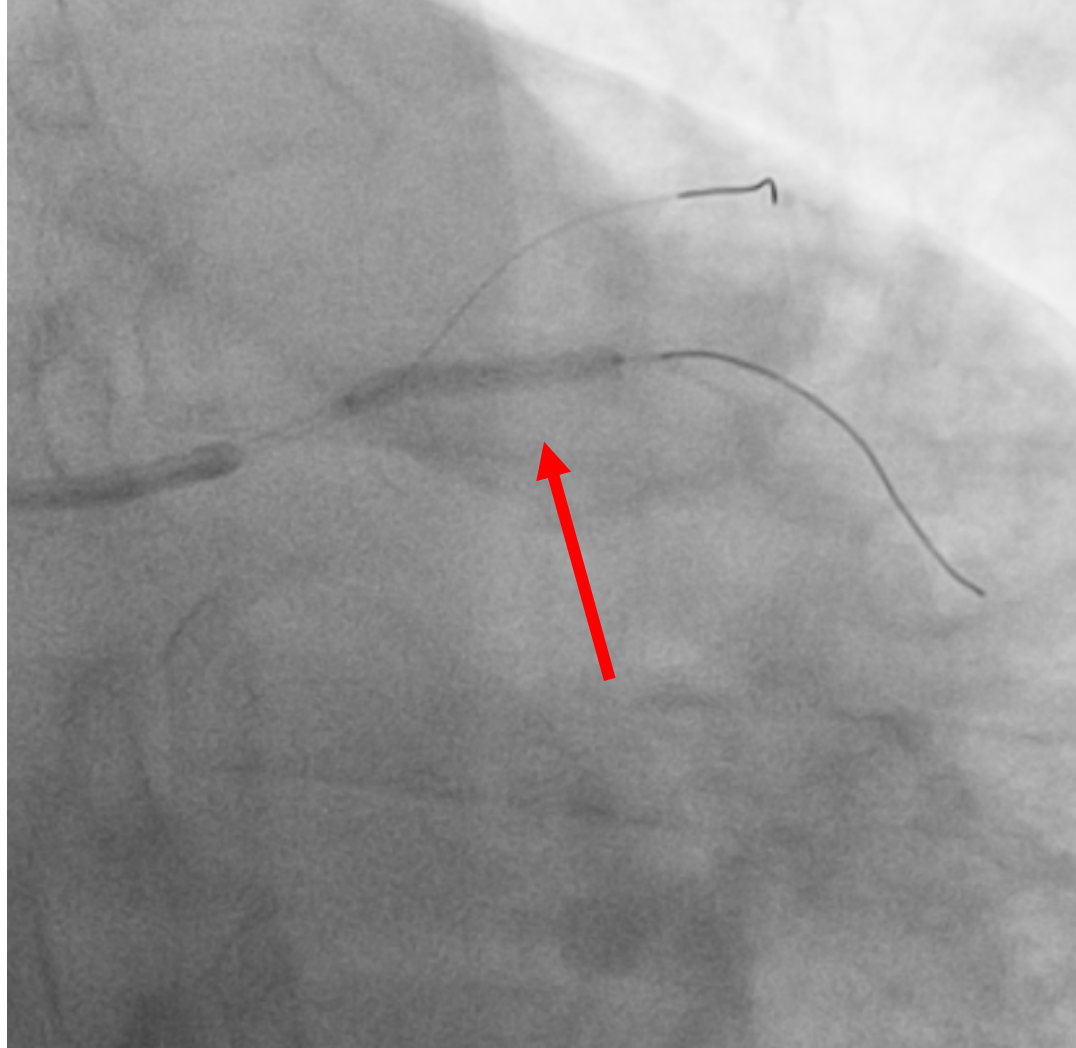


LM lesion evaluation



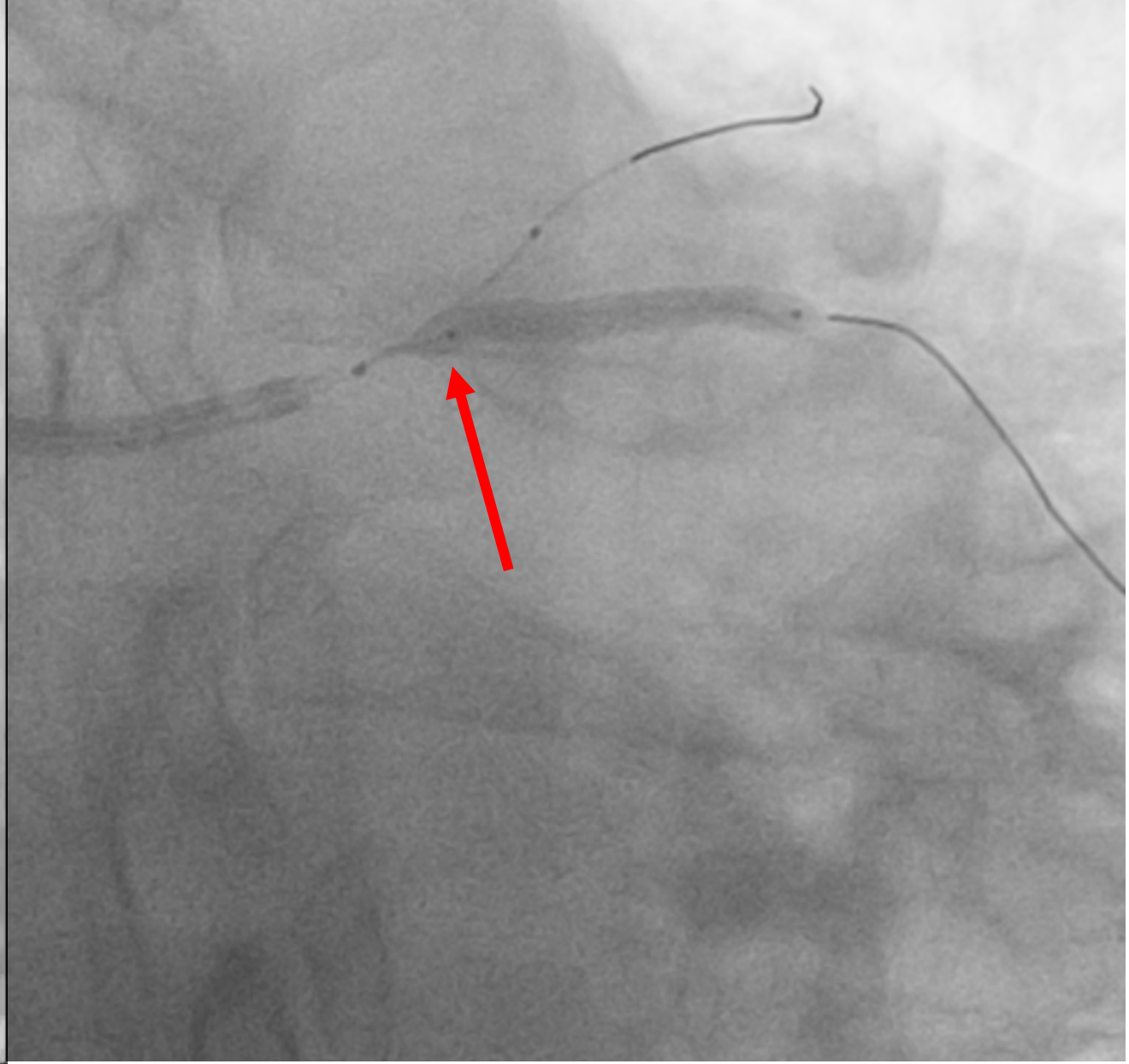
Angiography-based physiology (μ FR)







Balloon positioned in LM-LAD



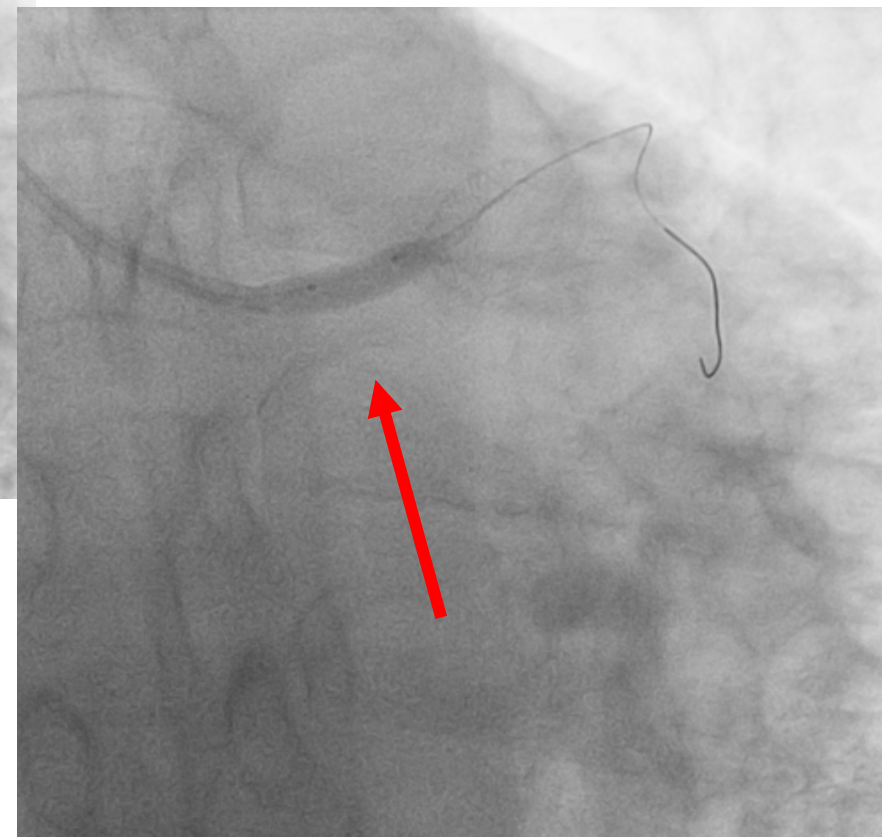
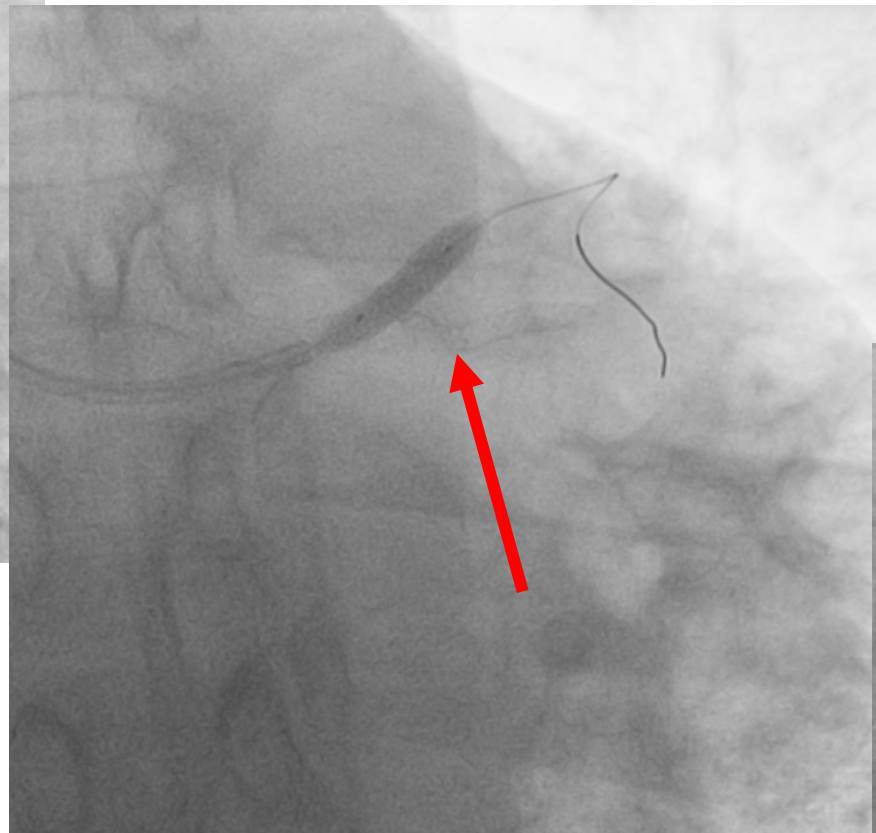
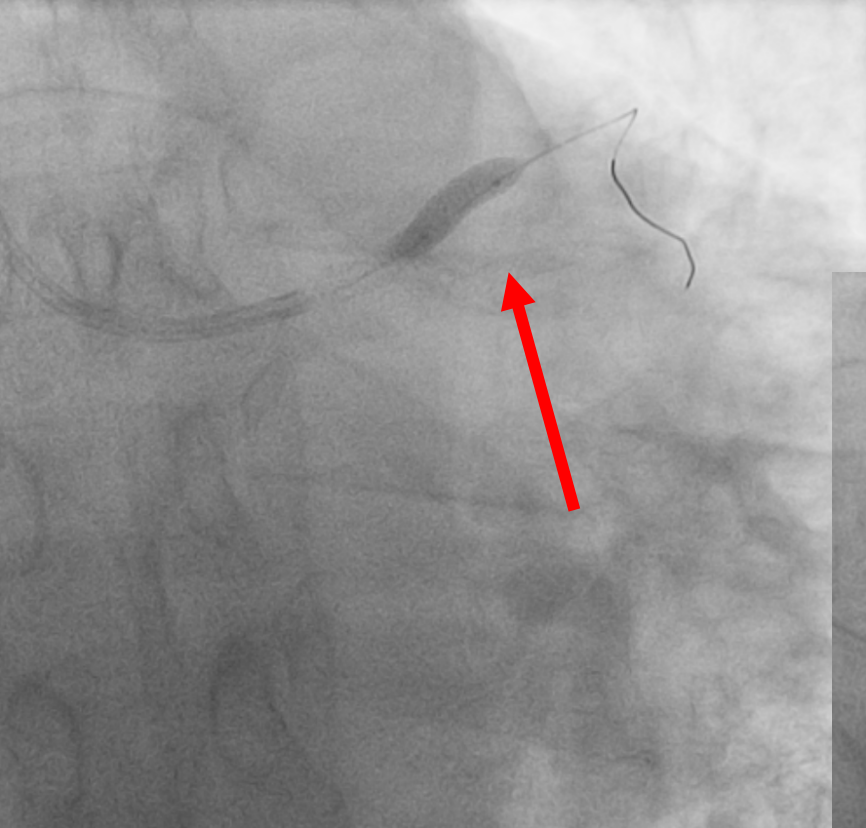
LCx SES (3.0 x 23 mm)



Control angio after 1st KBI



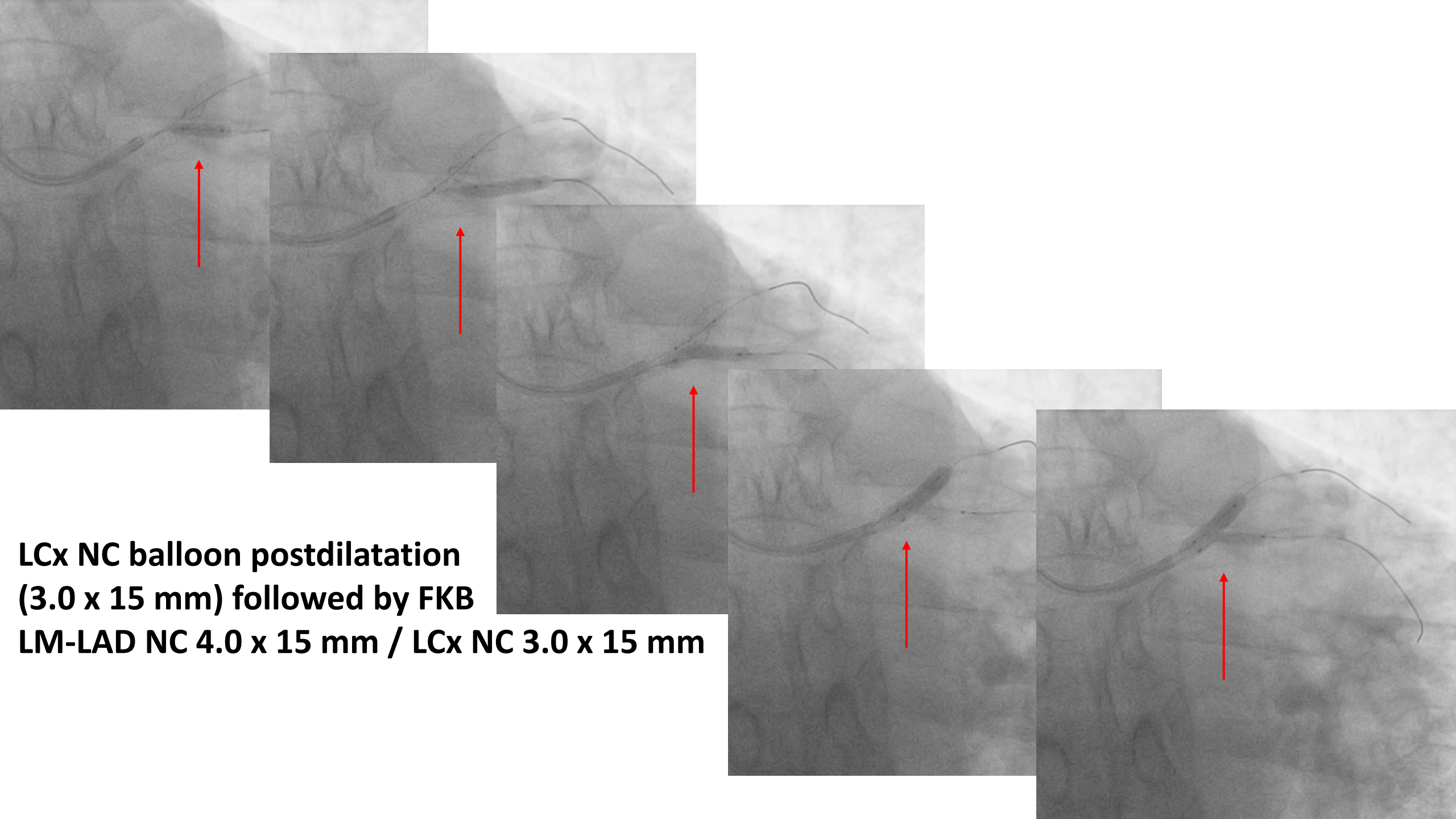
LM-LAD SES (4.0 x 29 mm)
Modified T ("nano DK-crush") technique



LM-LAD NC balloon postdilatation (4.0 x 15 mm)
POT NC balloon 4.5 x 10 mm



Control angio

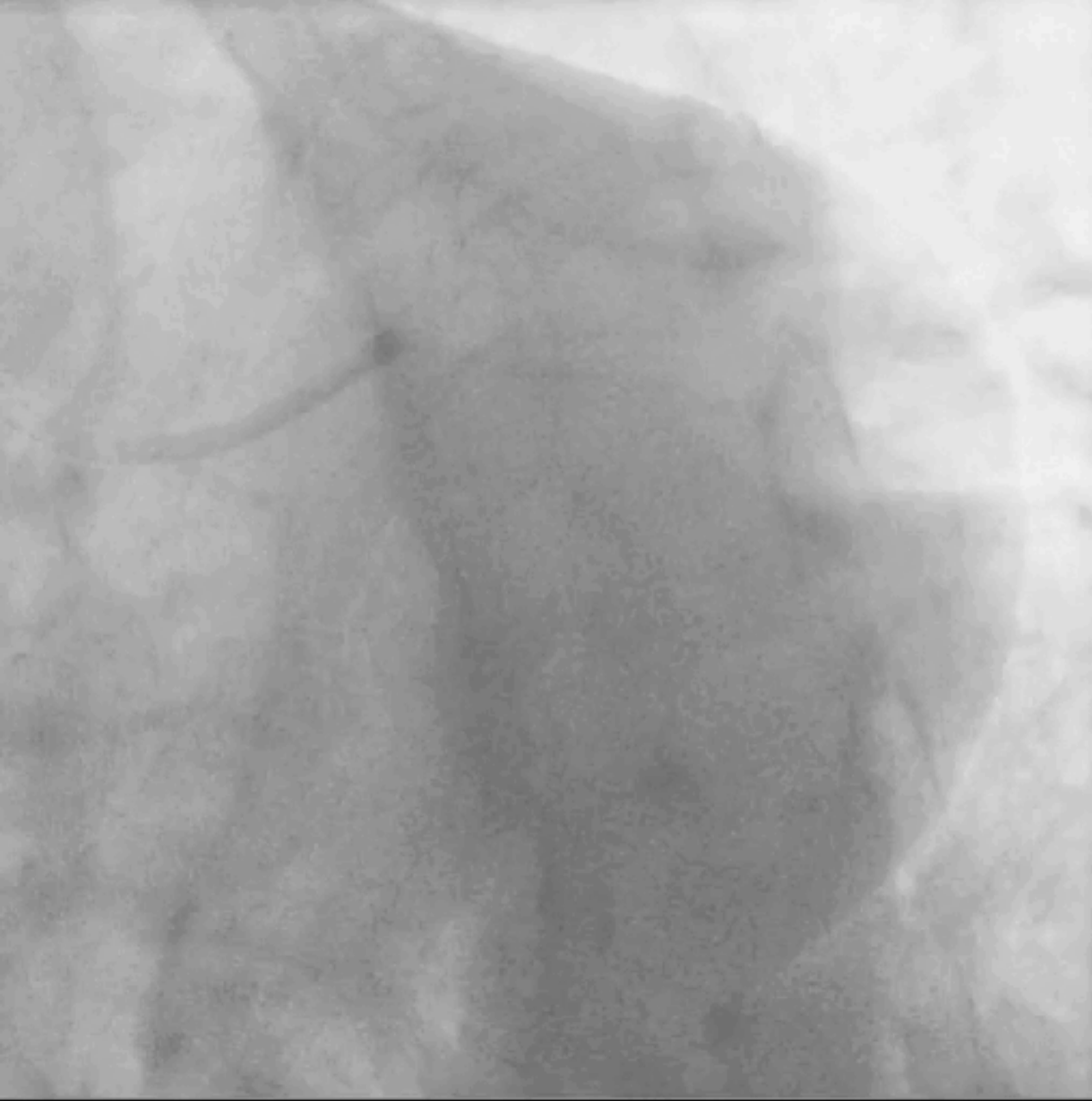


**LCx NC balloon postdilatation
(3.0 x 15 mm) followed by FKB
LM-LAD NC 4.0 x 15 mm / LCx NC 3.0 x 15 mm**



Re-POT
NC balloon 4.5 x 10 mm



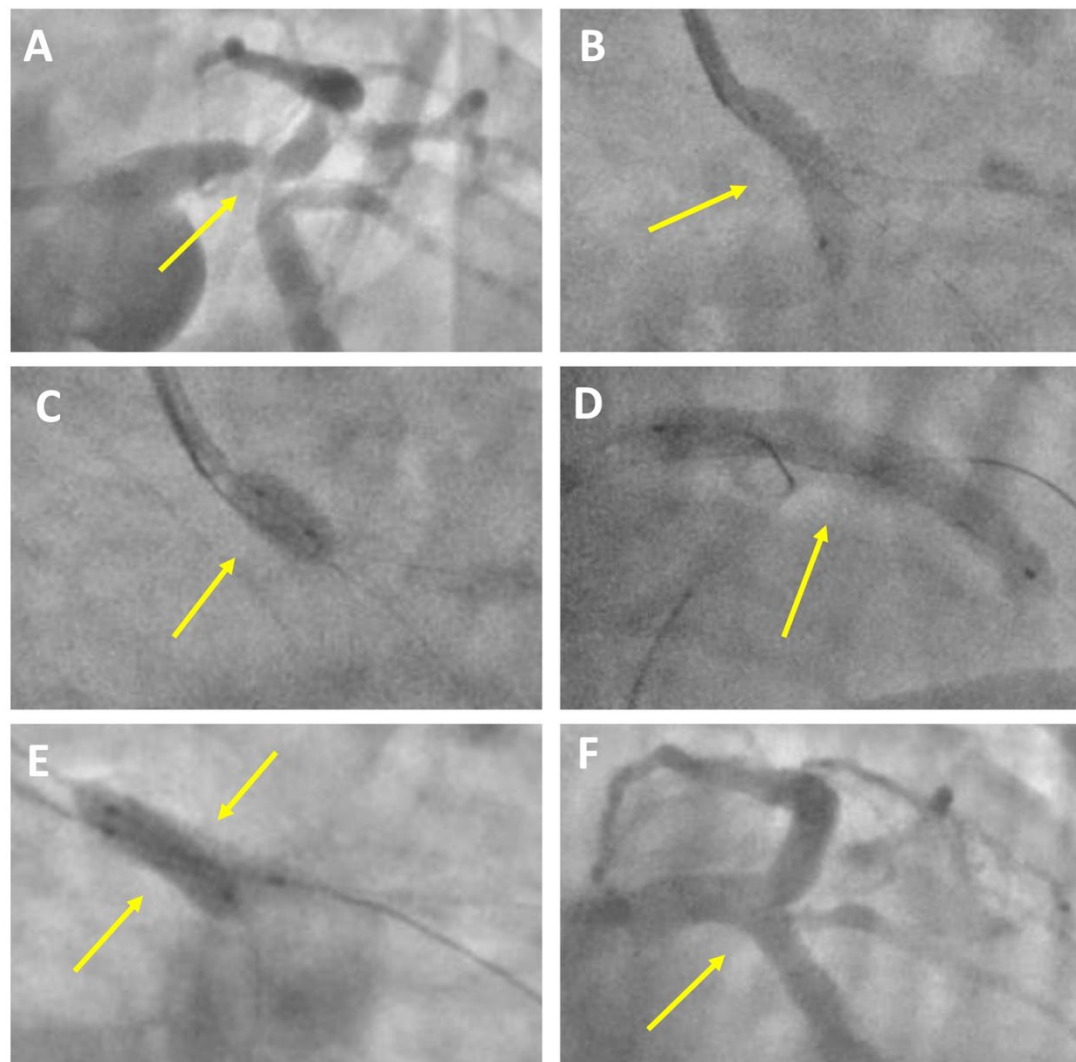


Final angio

Step by step:

- 1) Wire both branches
- 2) SB (and MV) lesion preparation/balloon predilatation (as required)
- 3) SB stent implant with short protrusion into the MV (stent sized according to distal landing area), with a balloon parked in the MV
- 4) Remove SB wire if vessel is patent and without distal dissection that might require further treatment
- 5) MV balloon dilatation with a properly sized balloon to crush the protruded stent struts (option to perform a first POT at this point if required)
- 6) SB rewire (preferably in a central cell)
- 7) Kissing-balloon dilatation (balloons sized according to branches' reference diameter)
- 8) SB wire removed
- 9) MV stent implant (stent sized according to distal landing area)
- 10) POT (balloon sized according to LM reference diameter)
- 11) SB rewire (preferably in a central cell)
- 12) High-pressure single NC balloon postdilatation in the SB followed by the MV (balloons sized according to branches' reference diameter)
- 13) Kissing-balloon dilatation
- 14) Final POT

Classic Culotte:



Step by step:

- 1) Wire both branches
- 2) SB (and MV) lesion preparation/balloon predilatation (as required)
- 3) LM-SB stent implant (stent sized according to distal landing area)
- 4) LM-SB stent implant
- 5) POT (balloon sized according to LM reference diameter)
- 6) MV rewire (preferably in a more distal cell) – remove jailed wire after
- 7) Kissing-balloon dilatation (balloons sized according to branches' reference diameter)
- 8) SB wire removed
- 9) LM-MV stent implant (stent sized according to distal landing area), with proximal overlapping of stents
- 10) POT
- 11) SB rewire (preferably in a more distal cell)
- 12) High-pressure single NC balloon postdilatation in the SB followed by the MV (balloons sized according to branches' reference diameter)
- 13) Kissing balloon dilatation
- 14) Final POT

Different or Complimentary?

Study	DK-crush V	EBC MAIN	DEFINITION II
Study design	Superiority (double stenting)	Superiority (provisional)	Superiority (double stenting)
Number of patients	482	467	653
Sites	26	31	49
Region	Asia (mainly)	Europe	Asia (mainly)
Enrollment period	Dec/2011 - Feb/2016	Feb/2016 - Nov/2019	Dec/2015 - Nov/2018
Mean age (years)	64 - 65	70.8 - 71.4	63 - 64
Diabetes	25.6 - 28.8%	27 - 29%	34.1 - 35.7%
Unprotected LM	100%	100%	28.8%
Medina entry criteria	1,1,1 / 0,1,1	1,1,1 / 0,1,1	1,1,1 / 0,1,1
Medina type 1,1,1	78.5 - 85.0%	89 - 90%	82.5 - 86.3%
SB reference diameter criteria	Not specified	≥ 2.75 mm	≥ 2.5 mm
SB diameter stenosis criteria	> 50%	> 50%	≥ 70% or 90%
Complexity criteria	True bifurcation lesion	True bifurcation lesion	DEFINITION complex
Calcification (moderate/severe)	37.1 - 39.7%	44 - 54%	38.7 - 40.3%
Mean distal angle	76.3 - 79.7°	80.4 - 82.3°	54.4 - 54.9°
Trifurcation	17.8 - 17.9%	4 - 5%	6.8 - 9.5%
Mean Syntax score	30.1 - 31.1	22.6 - 23.2	24.2 - 24.7

Different or Complimentary?

Study	DK-crush V	EBC MAIN	DEFINITION II
Mean SB lesion length	16.2 - 16.6 mm	5.8 - 7.9 mm	19.88 - 20.71 mm
Mean SB diameter stenosis	60.8 – 61.8%	51.9 - 55.4%	61.5 - 62.3%
Crossover from single to double stenting	47.1%	22%	22.5%
SB crossover criteria	a) Ostial stenosis > 75% b) Dissection ≥ type B c) TIMI < 3	a) Ostial stenosis > 90% b) Dissection > type A c) TIMI < 3	a) Pinched ostium b) Dissection ≥ type B c) TIMI < 3
Double stenting arm techniques	- DK-crush (100%)	- Culotte (53%) - T or TAP (32%) - DK-crush (5%) - Others (10%)	- DK-crush (77.8%) - Culotte (17.9%) - T and protrusion (3.3%) - Others (1%)
Intravascular imaging use	40.5 - 42.9%	38 - 40%	24.4 - 31.1%
Primary endpoint	TLF (cardiac death, target vessel MI or clinically-driven TLR) at 1 year	All-cause death, MI or TLR at 1 year	TLF (cardiac death, target vessel MI or clinically-driven TLR) at 1 year
Outcomes (provisional vs. double stenting)	10.7 vs. 5.0% (p=0.02)	14.7 vs. 17.7% (p=0.34)	11.4 vs. 6.1% (p=0.02)
Favors	Double stenting	None	Double stenting

Impacto da Otimização com 2-Stents

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

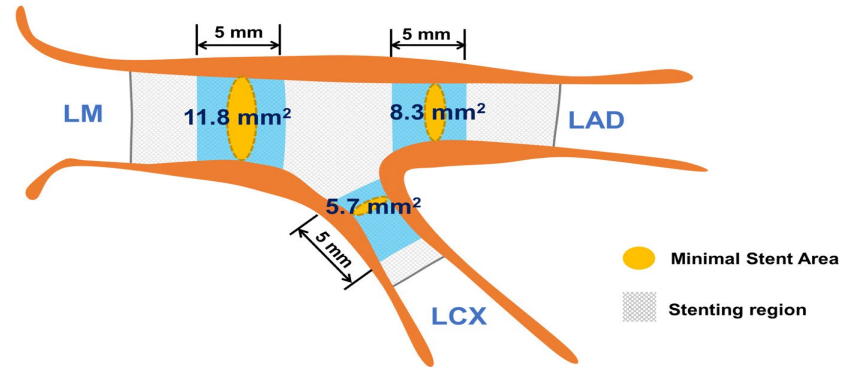
Optimal Minimal Stent Area and Impact of Stent Underexpansion in Left Main Up-Front 2-Stent Strategy

Ju Hyeon Kim^{id}, MD; Do-Yoon Kang^{id}, MD, PhD; Jung-Min Ahn^{id}, MD, PhD; Jihoon Kweon^{id}, PhD; Yeonwoo Choi^{id}, MD; Hoyun Kim, MD; Jinho Lee^{id}, MD; Jihye Chae, BS; Soo-Jin Kang^{id}, MD, PhD; Duk-Woo Park^{id}, MD, PhD; Seung-Jung Park^{id}, MD, PhD

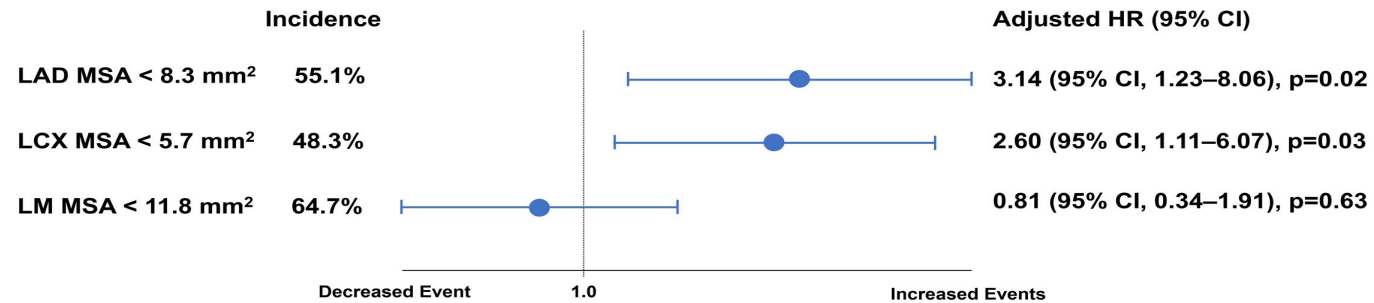
BACKGROUND: We previously reported the use of minimal stent area to predict angiographic in-stent restenosis after drug-eluting stent implantation for unprotected left main (LM) disease. We aimed to evaluate the optimal minimal stent area criteria for up-front LM 2-stenting based on long-term clinical outcomes.

METHODS: We identified 292 consecutive patients with LM bifurcation stenosis who were treated using the crush technique. The final minimal stent area was measured in the ostial left anterior descending artery (LAD), ostial left circumflex artery (LCX), and distal LM. The primary outcome was 5-year major adverse cardiac events, including all-cause death, myocardial infarction, and target lesion revascularization.

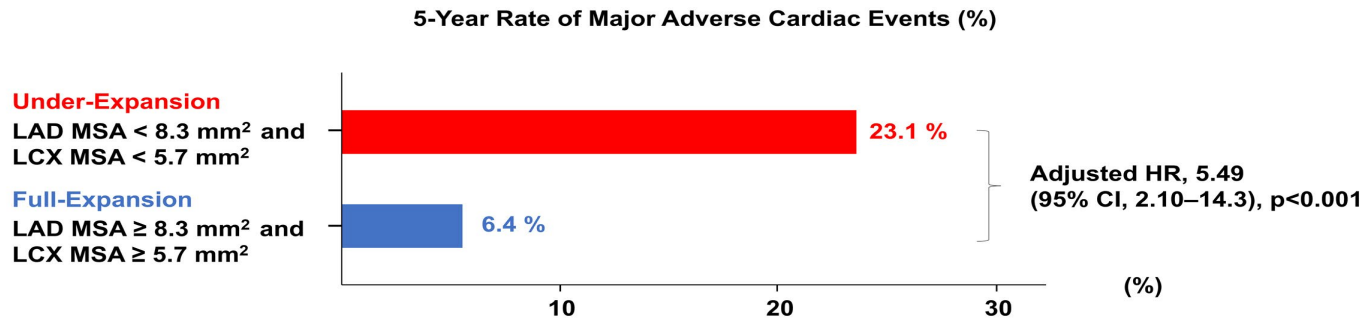
The Optimal Minimal Stent Area within Each Left Main Segment

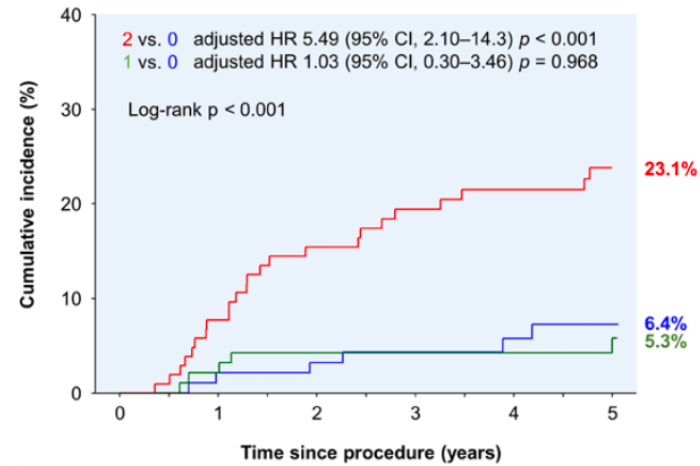


Stent Under-Expansion Criteria in LM Two-Stenting With the Crush Technique

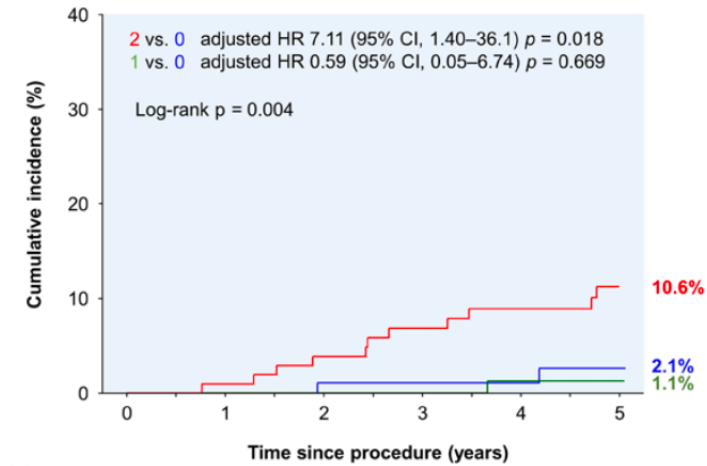


Major Adverse Cardiac Events at 5 Years according to Stent Under-Expansion

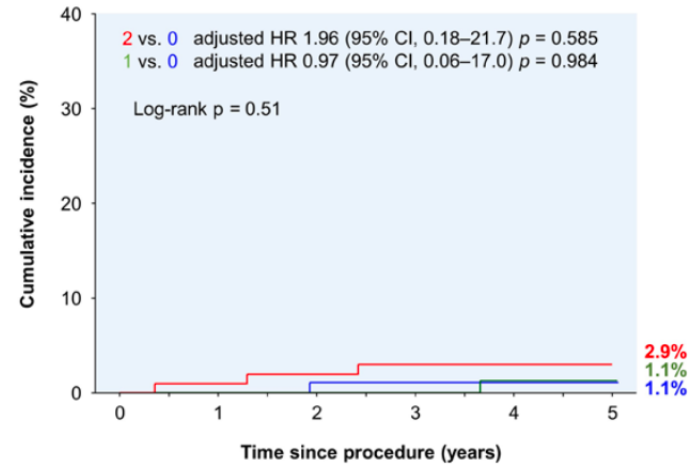


A**Major Adverse Cardiac Events****No. at risk**

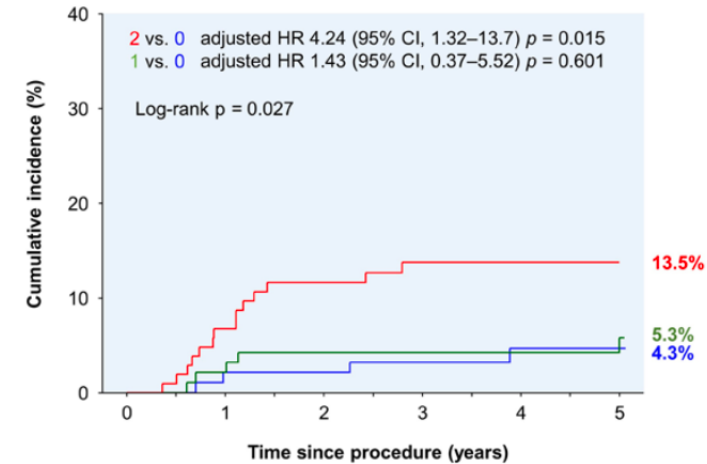
Group 2	104	96	88	79	73	64
Group 1	94	92	90	84	71	63
Group 0	94	92	89	79	64	54

B**All-Cause Death****No. at risk**

Group 2	104	103	100	91	84	74
Group 1	94	94	94	88	74	66
Group 0	94	94	91	82	66	55

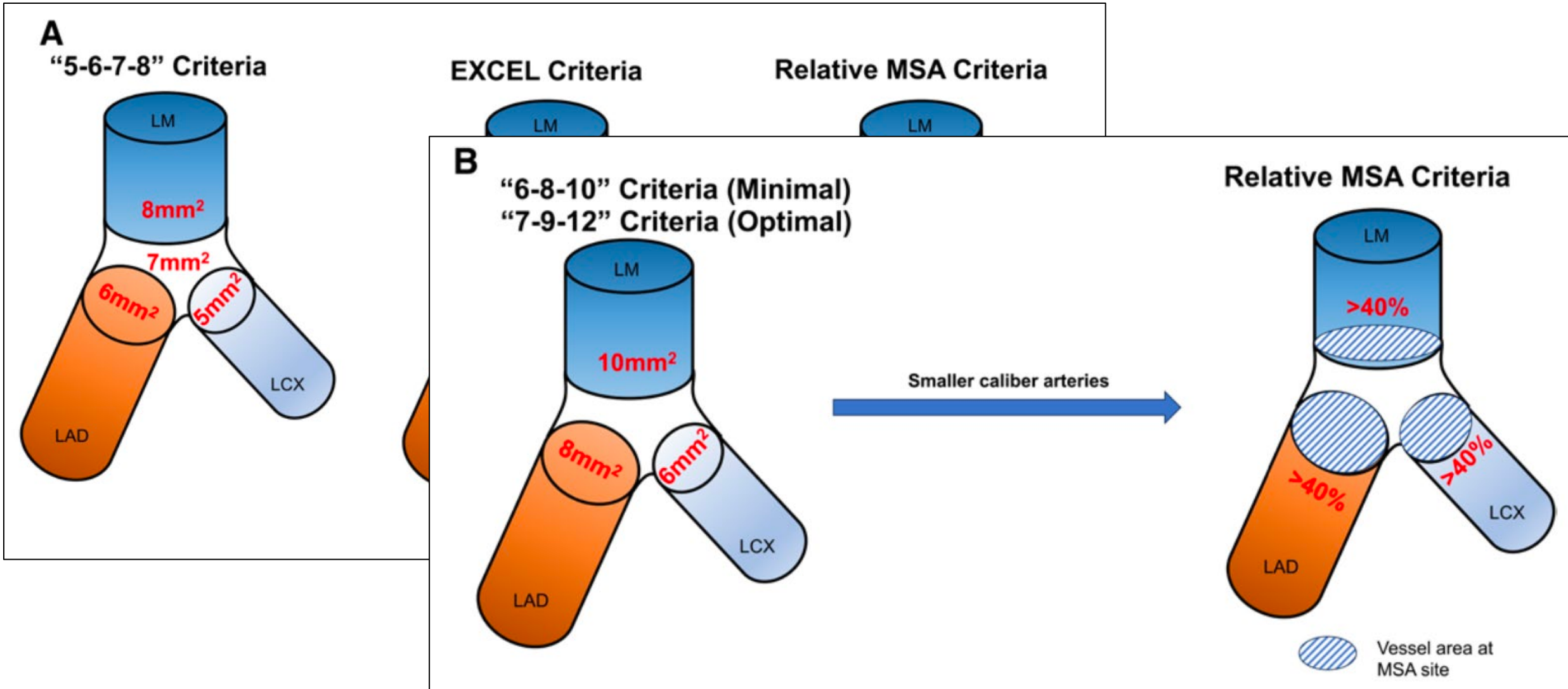
C**Myocardial Infarction****No. at risk**

Group 2	104	102	98	89	82	72
Group 1	94	94	94	88	74	66
Group 0	94	94	90	81	65	54

D**Target Lesion Revascularization****No. at risk**

Group 2	104	96	88	79	73	64
Group 1	94	92	90	84	71	63
Group 0	94	92	90	80	65	55

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Figure S3. Forest plot of two-stent versus provisional stent on major adverse cardiac events.

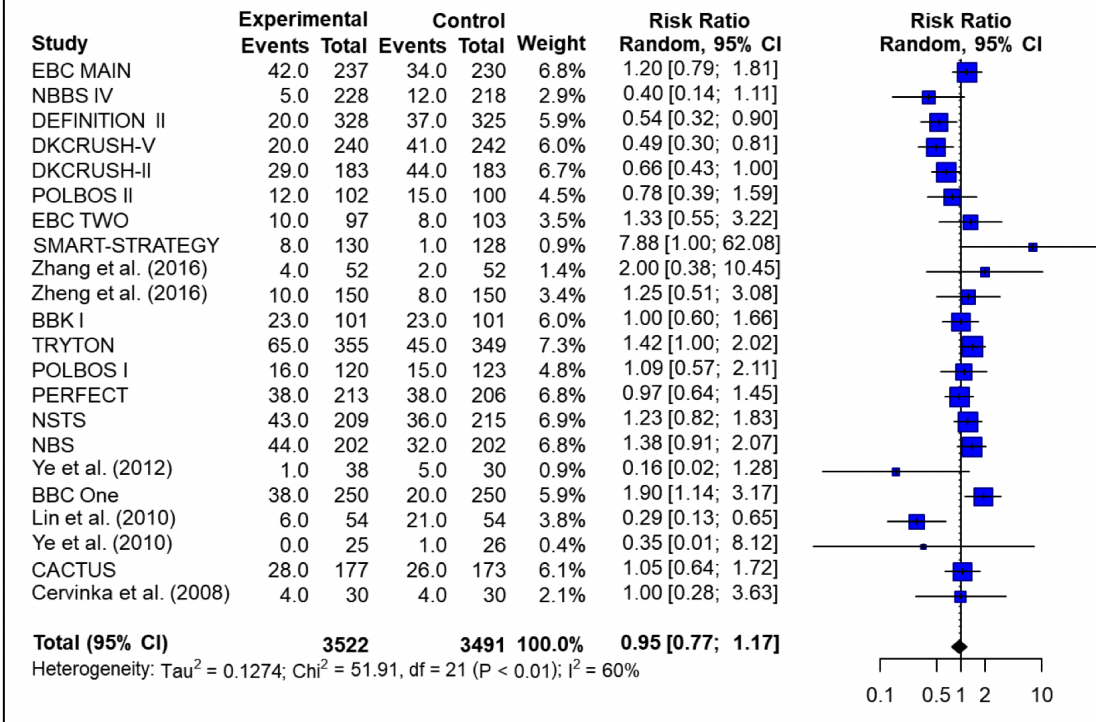
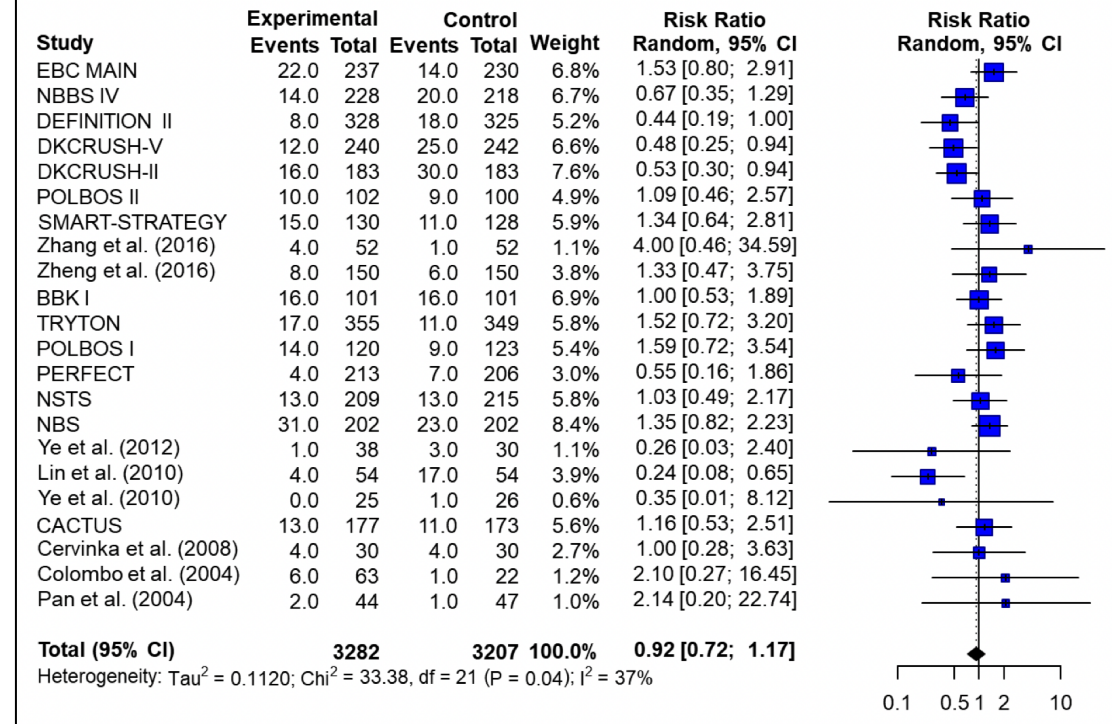


Figure S6. Forest plot of two-stent versus provisional stent on target lesion revascularization.



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Extensão da Lesão no RL

Figure S10. Comparison of two-stent versus provisional stent stratified to lesion length of side branch on target lesion revascularization.

Study or Subgroup	Experimental Events	Experimental Total	Control Events	Control Total	Risk Ratio Random, 95% CI
Group = SB <10mm					
EBC MAIN	42.0	237	34.0	230	1.20 [0.80; 2.91]
NBBS IV	5.0	228	12.0	218	0.35 [0.14; 1.29]
POLBOS II	12.0	102	15.0	100	0.46 [0.27; 16.45]
SMART-STRATEGY	8.0	130	1.0	128	7.88 [1.02; 60.4]
TRYTON	65.0	355	45.0	349	1.42 [1.09; 1.84]
POLBOS I	16.0	120	15.0	123	1.09 [0.72; 3.20]
NBS	44.0	202	32.0	202	1.38 [0.82; 2.23]
CACTUS	28.0	177	26.0	173	1.05 [0.53; 2.51]
Total (95% CI)	1551		1523		1.20 [1.09; 1.32]

Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = < 0.0001$; $\chi^2 = 10.67$, $df = 7$ ($P = 0.15$); $I^2 = 49\%$

Group = SB ≥ 10 mm

Study or Subgroup	Experimental Events	Experimental Total	Control Events	Control Total	Risk Ratio Random, 95% CI
DEFINITION II	20.0	328	37.0	325	0.54 [0.25; 0.94]
DKCRUSH-V	20.0	240	41.0	242	0.49 [0.30; 0.81]
DKCRUSH-II	29.0	183	44.0	183	0.66 [0.19; 2.32]
EBC TWO	10.0	97	8.0	103	1.33 [0.13; 13.99]
Zhang et al. (2016)	4.0	52	2.0	52	2.00 [0.18; 21.17]
BBK I	23.0	101	23.0	101	1.00 [0.02; 38.93]
PERFECT	38.0	213	38.0	206	0.97 [0.02; 38.93]
Ye et al. (2012)	1.0	38	5.0	30	0.16 [0.03; 2.40]
Lin et al. (2010)	6.0	54	21.0	54	0.29 [0.08; 0.65]
Ye et al. (2010)	0.0	25	1.0	26	0.35 [0.01; 8.12]
Total (95% CI)	1332		1323		0.68 [0.40; 0.90]

Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0.0966$; $\chi^2 = 17.5$, $df = 9$ ($P = 0.04$); $I^2 = 49\%$

Test for subgroup differences: $\chi^2 = 9.64$, $df = 1$ ($P < 0.01$)

Figure S9. Comparison of two-stent versus provisional stent stratified to lesion length of side branch on cardiac death.

Study or Subgroup	Experimental Events	Experimental Total	Control Events	Control Total	Risk Ratio Random, 95% CI
Group = SB <10mm					
NBBS IV	2.0	228	2.0	218	0.96 [0.14; 6.73]
POLBOS II	0.0	102	3.0	100	0.14 [0.01; 2.68]
SMART-STRATEGY	4.0	130	1.0	128	3.94 [0.45; 34.76]
TRYTON	0.0	355	0.0	349	0.98 [0.02; 49.41]
POLBOS I	0.0	120	2.0	123	0.20 [0.01; 4.23]
NBS	8.0	202	5.0	202	1.60 [0.53; 4.81]
CACTUS	0.0	177	1.0	173	0.33 [0.01; 7.94]
Total (95% CI)	1318		1297		1.10 [0.51; 2.37]

Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0$; $\chi^2 = 5.4$, $df = 6$ ($P = 0.49$); $I^2 = 0\%$

Group = SB ≥ 10 mm

Study or Subgroup	Experimental Events	Experimental Total	Control Events	Control Total	Risk Ratio Random, 95% CI
DEFINITION II	7.0	328	8.0	325	0.87 [0.32; 2.36]
DKCRUSH-V	20.0	240	41.0	242	0.49 [0.30; 0.81]
DKCRUSH-II	4.0	183	6.0	183	0.67 [0.19; 2.32]
Zhang et al. (2016)	1.0	52	0.0	52	3.00 [0.13; 71.99]
PERFECT	2.0	213	1.0	206	1.93 [0.18; 21.17]
Ye et al. (2012)	0.0	38	0.9	38	0.79 [0.02; 38.93]
Lin et al. (2010)	0.0	54	1.0	54	0.33 [0.01; 8.01]
Ye et al. (2010)	0.0	25	0.0	26	1.04 [0.02; 50.43]
Total (95% CI)	1137		1122		0.60 [0.40; 0.90]

Heterogeneity: $\tau^2 = 0$; $\chi^2 = 3.28$, $df = 7$ ($P = 0.86$); $I^2 = 0\%$

Test for subgroup differences: $\chi^2 = 1.83$, $df = 1$ ($P = 0.18$)

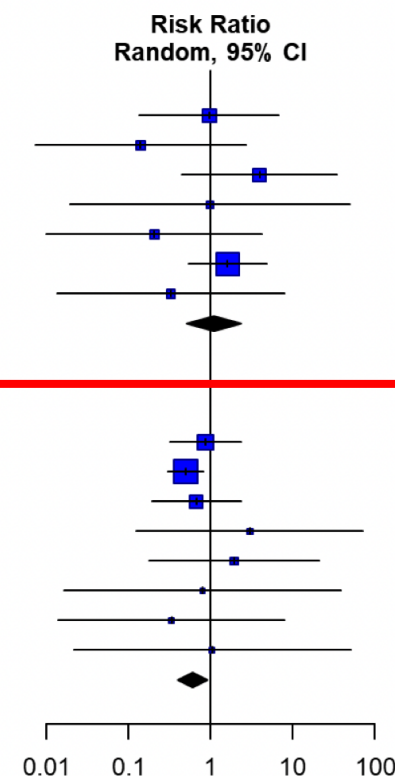
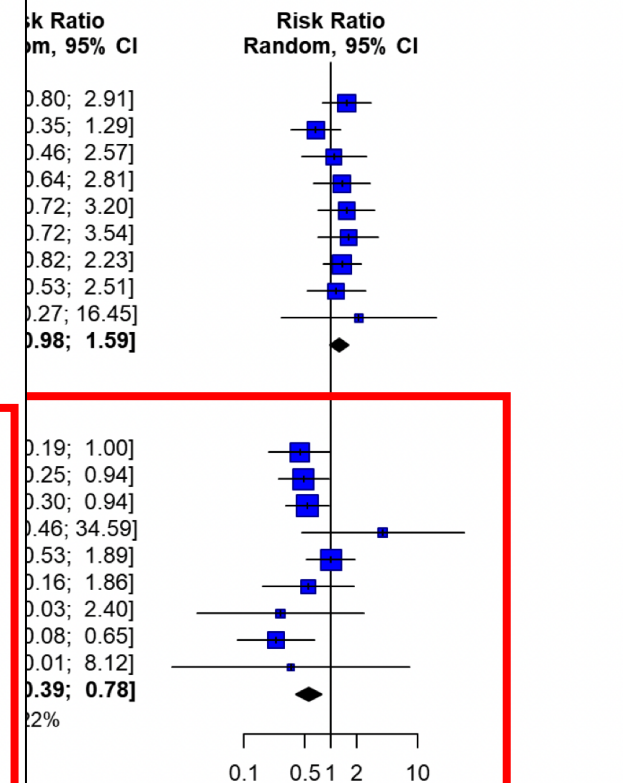


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Thanks!