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“Left Atrial Appendage Closure LATAM Registry”

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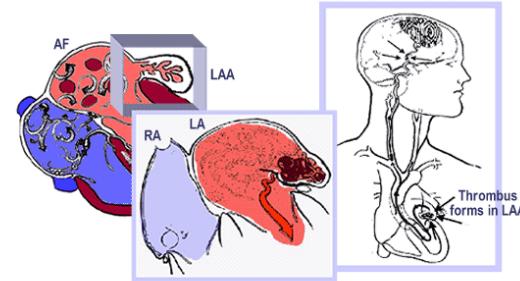
"Percutaneous Closure of the LAA with the Amplatzer Cardiac Plug: Initial Experience in Latin America"

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Background



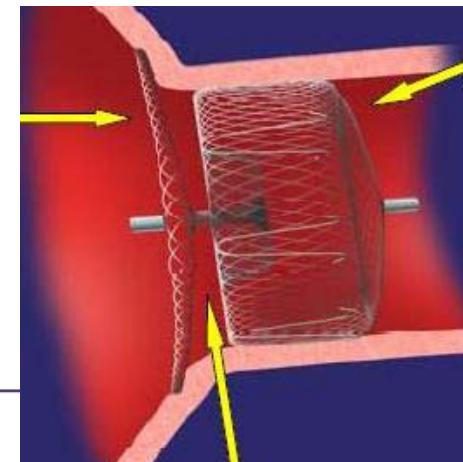
- Atrial fibrillation (AF) is the most common cardiac arrhythmia and a major cause of morbidity and mortality secondary to cardioembolic stroke.
- In patients with non valvular AF 90% of intracavitary thrombi form in the LAA.
- Percutaneous closure of the LAA has emerged as a potential alternative to anticoagulation therapy for the prevention of cerebrovascular events in patients with AF and contraindications or difficulties for oral anticoagulation.

Objectives

- This experience describes the feasibility, in hospital and 30 days follow up results of the transcatheter closure of the LAA with the Amplatzer Cardiac Plug in an initial Latin American experience.

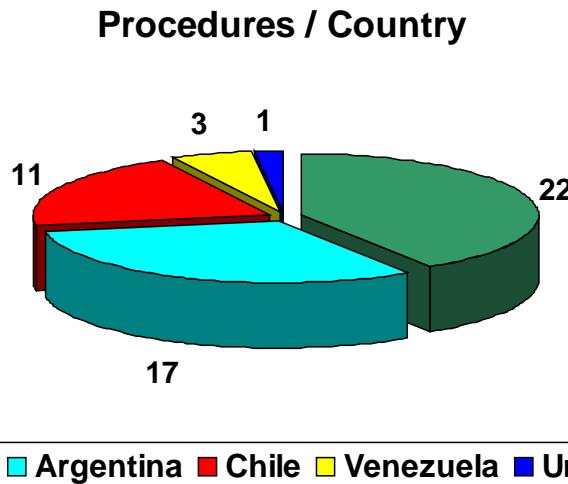
Methods

- Physician initiated, voluntary, retrospective registry, including 54 consecutive patients with AF at high risk for cardioembolic stroke, from different Latin American hospitals that were treated with the ACP from August 2009 to April 2012.
- The procedures were performed under general anesthesia, transesophageal ecocardiography (TEE), fluoroscopic and angiographic guidance.



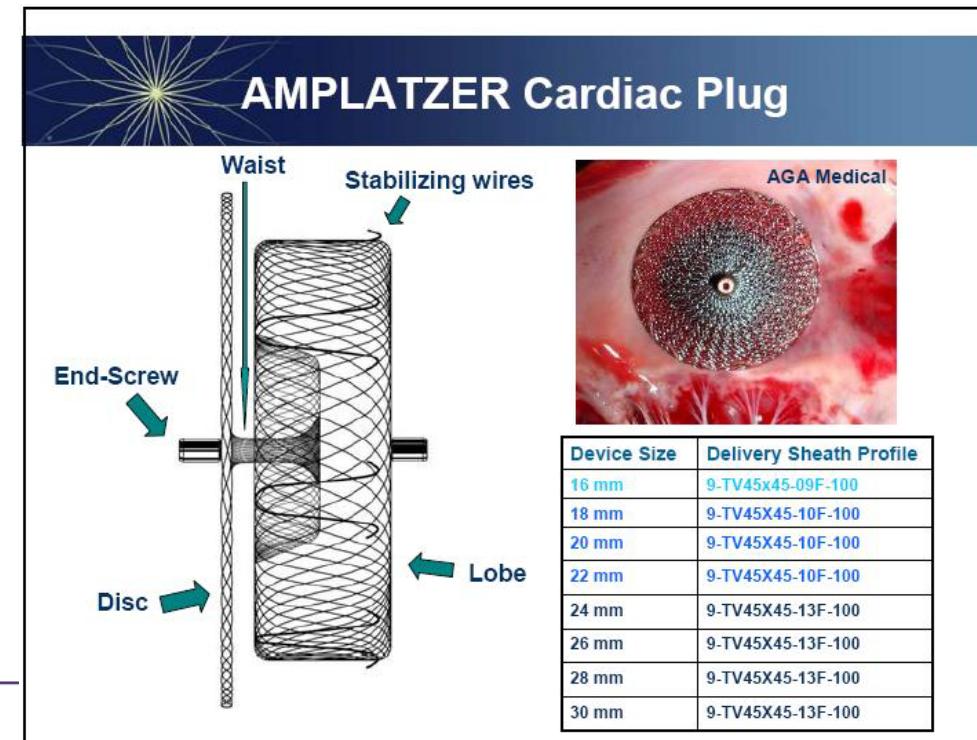
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N=54 April 2012

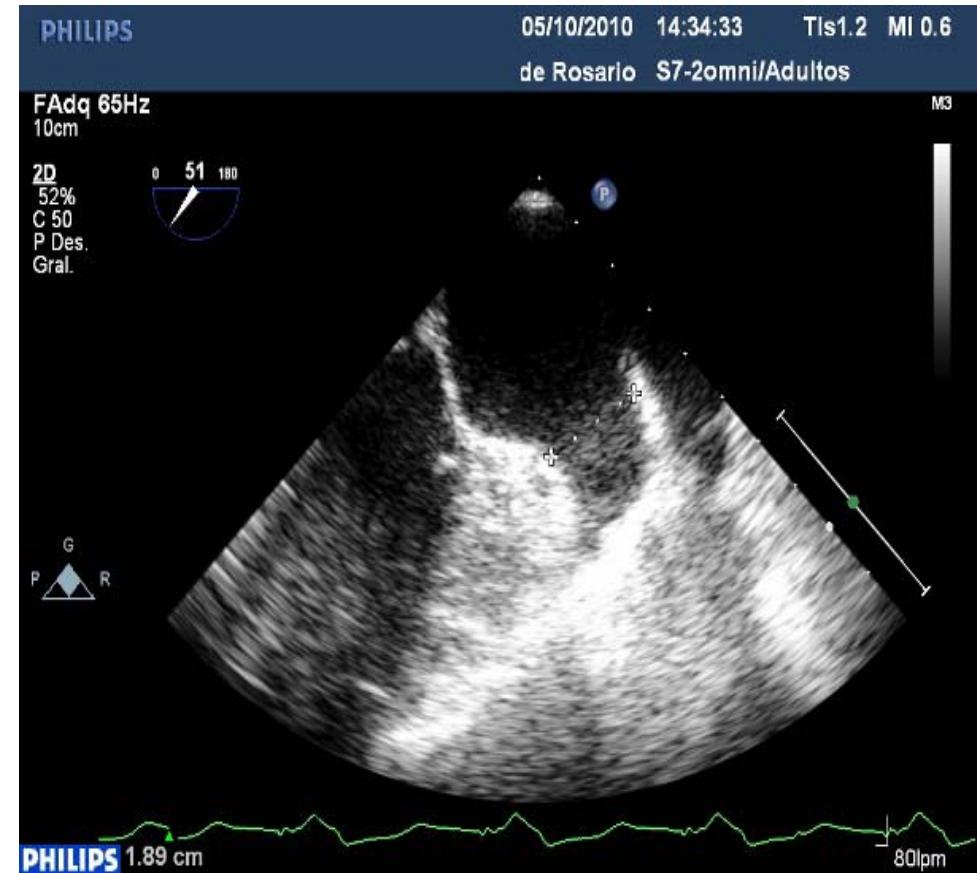
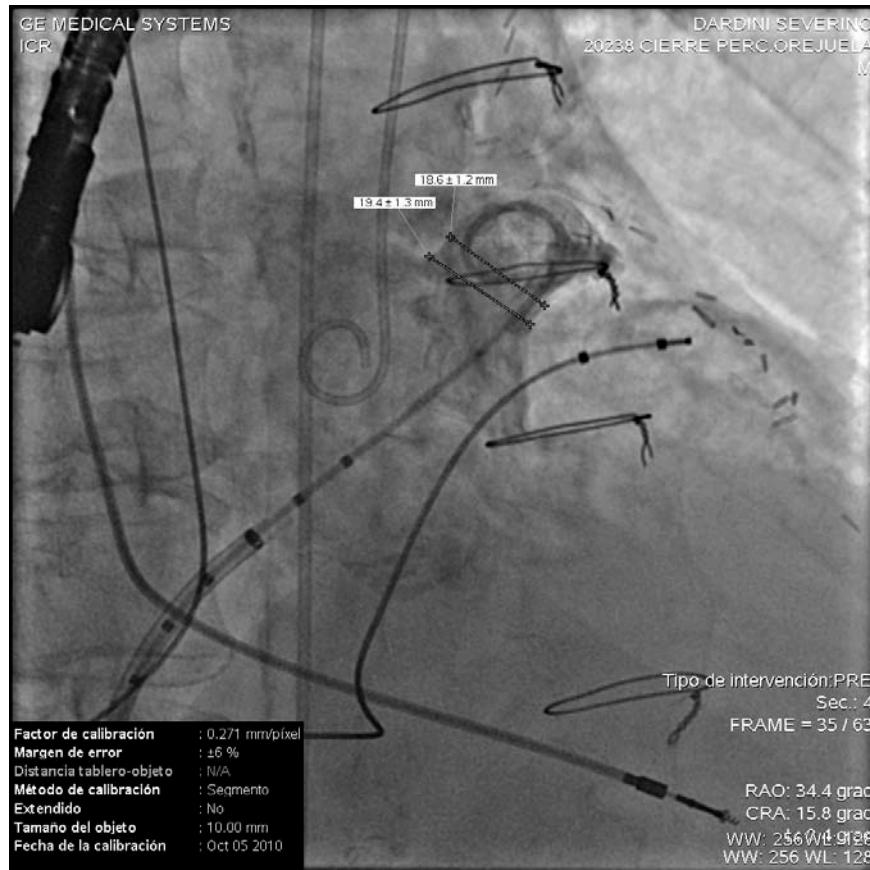


Methods - Device

- The ACP is a self expandable nitinol mesh device specifically designed for the transcatheter closure of the LAA.
- It consists of a lobe with stabilizing wires to assure retention and a disc connected by a central waist.



LAA Measurements (Angio and TEE)



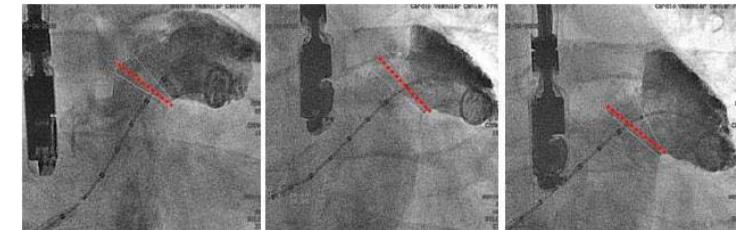
Results

• Age	$72 \pm 8,7$
• Male	70 %
• HTA	78 %
• DBT	17 %
• CHF	32,17 %
• Contraindic. ACO	64,29 %
• CHADS2 score	$3,15 \pm 1,12$

Results

- LAA neck (TEE)
- LAA neck (Angio)

$20,3 \pm 3,8$ mm
 $22,6 \pm 3,2$ mm



- LAA Orifice (TEE)
- LAA Orifice (Angio)
- LAA 1 lobe
- LAA 2+ lobes
- Trans septal
- Vía PFO/ASD
- Selected ACP device

$21,4 \pm 4,3$ mm
 $24,2 \pm 4,6$ mm
38 (70%)
16 (30%)
51 (94%)
3 (6%)
 $25 \pm 2,9$ mm

In Hospital and 30d FU Results

Successfull Implant	54 (100%)
Simultaneous PFO/ASD Closure	3 (5.5%)

- In hospital Complications:

5 patients (9.2%)

1 embolization (retrieved surgically)

4 severe pericardial effusions – pericardiocentesis (7.4%)

No death, stroke or myocardial ischaemia.

- No new events reported at 30 days clinical FU.

Results



	Protect AF ⁽¹⁾ N= 463	Protect AF(early) ⁽¹⁾ N=271	ACPIIn.Eu.Ex ⁽²⁾ N= 143	ACP LatAm N= 54
Successfull implant (%)	90.9	88.2	96.4	100
Severe peric. effusion (%)	5.0	6.3	3.5	7.4
Embolization of device (%)	0.2	N/A	1.4	1.8
Stroke/TIA (%)	0.9	1.1	2.1	0
Major complic. (%)	7.7	10	7.0	9.2

⁽¹⁾Reddy V, et al. Circ 2011;123:417-424

⁽²⁾Park J, et al. CCI 2011;77:701-706

Conclusions

- Left atrial appendage closure is a new transcatheter procedure, and a learning curve is expected.
- In this initial experience, percutaneous closure of the LAA with the ACP in patients with AF at high risk of stroke, was feasible, with a high rate of technical success and a complications rate similar to previous reports with this and other devices during the learning phase of the procedure.
- We are committed with the continuous access to this registry of each patient performed in Latin America, and with their long term clinical and TEE follow up, to generate a valuable body of clinical information from our region of this new therapeutic alternative

Thank You!

