

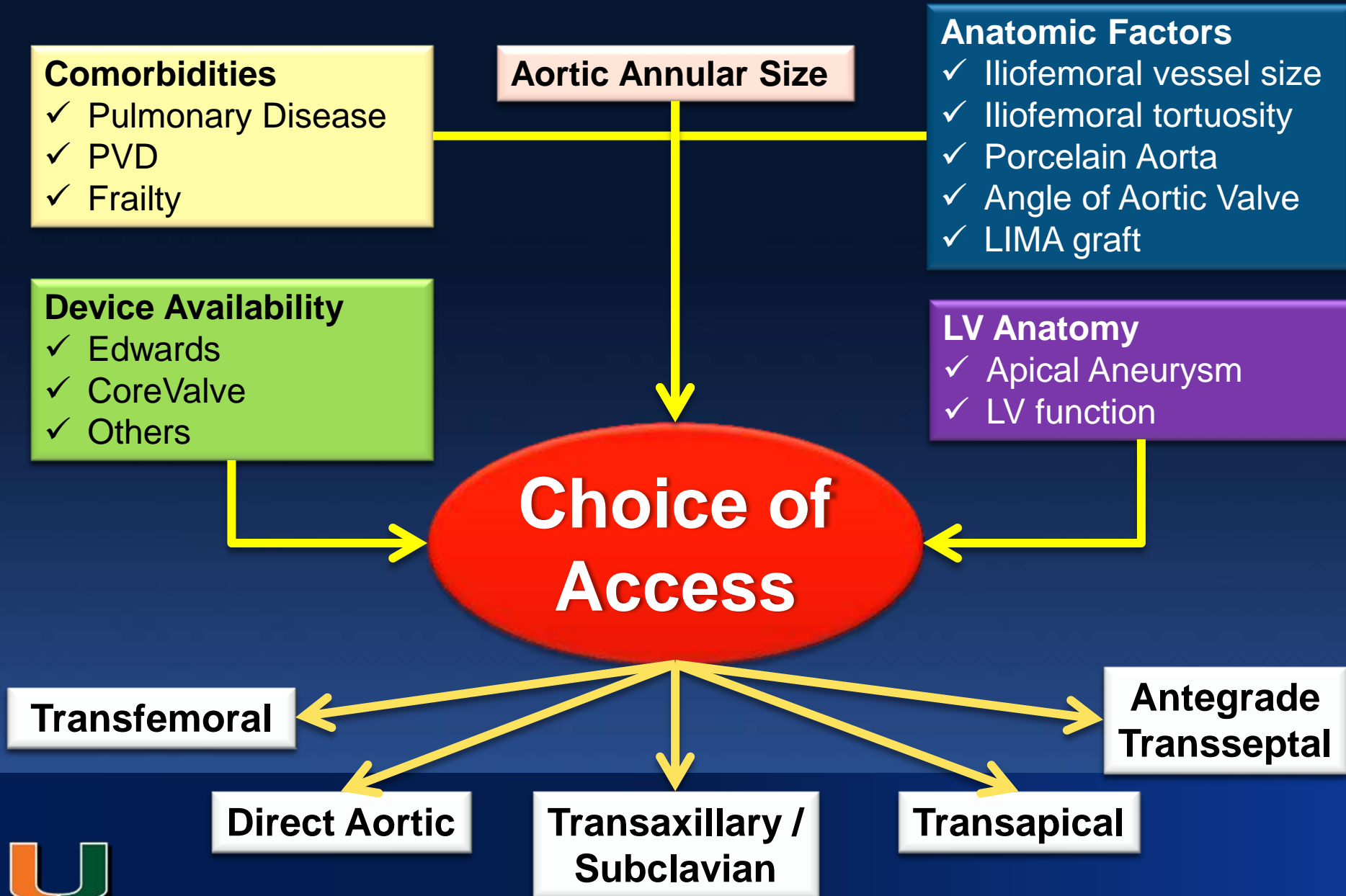


# TAVR

## ¿Como Seleccionar la Estrategia y la Técnica?

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# Choice of Strategy



# General Rules

- **Femoral is always better**
  - Improved survival
  - Shorter recovery
- **Look at the CT very carefully**
  - Choose the valve
  - Oversize as much as you can



# Selection Algorithm (US)

STS Risk Calculation – Echocardiography – CT of Chest, Abdomen, Pelvis – Cath (Hemodynamics/Coronary Anatomy)

Presentation to “Heart Team”

Recommendation

Medical Treatment

TAVR

Surgical AVR

Iliofemorals > 7 mm  
Aortic Annulus 18-25 mm

Iliofemorals >6 and <7 mm  
Aortic Annulus 18-25 mm

Aortic Annulus > 25 mm

Iliofemoral < 6 mm  
Depending on Aortic Annulus

TF TAVR  
Edwards Sapien  
(Clinical or PARTNER)  
Corevalve Trial

TF TAVR  
Corevalve Trial  
Partner 2 Trial  
TA or TAo TAVR

Corevalve Trial  
PARTNER 2 Trial  
Access depends on size of  
Iliofemoral system

TA TAVR  
TAo TAVR  
Subclavian (> 6 mm)  
CoreValve Trial



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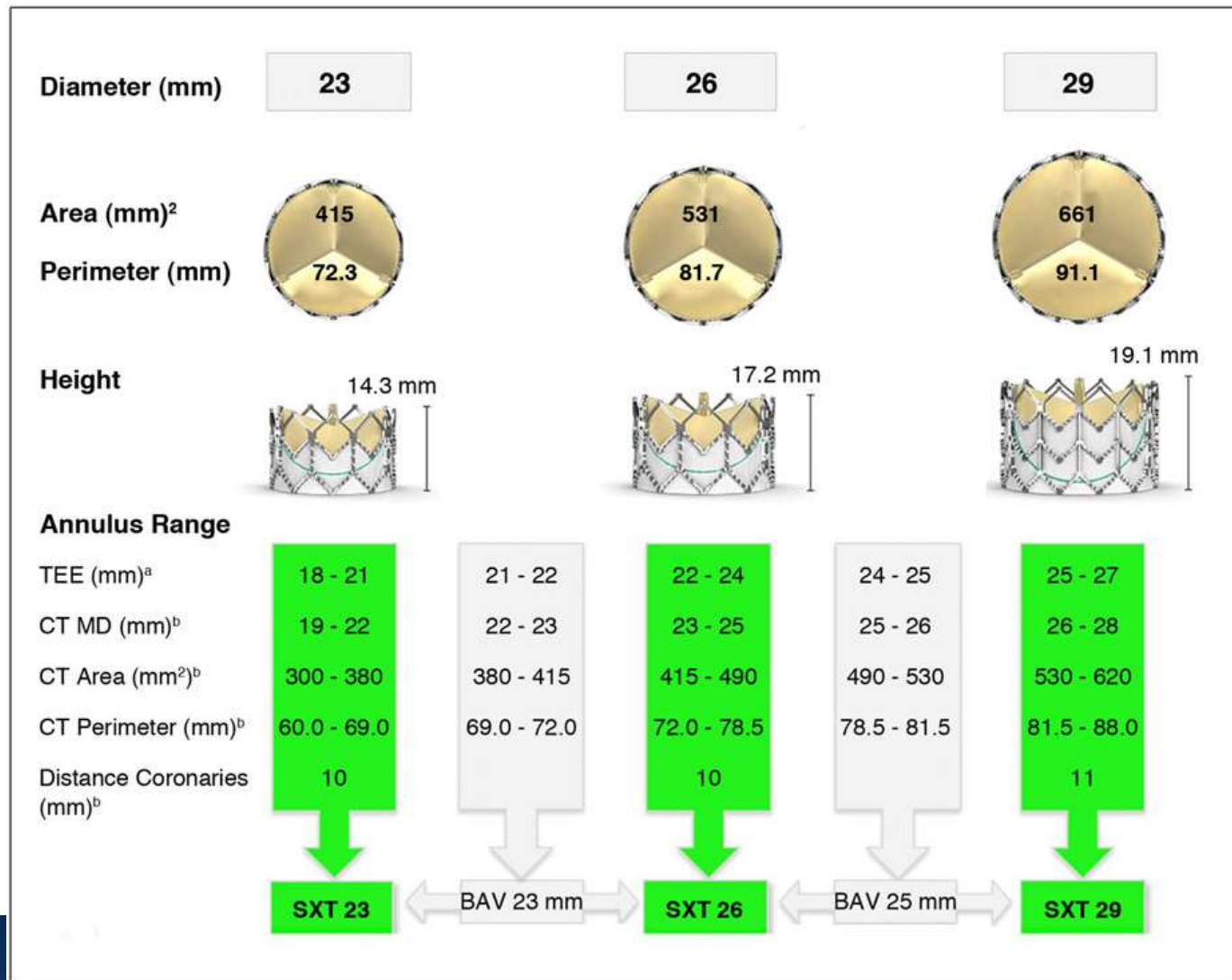
Iliofemorals < 6 mm

TF TAVR

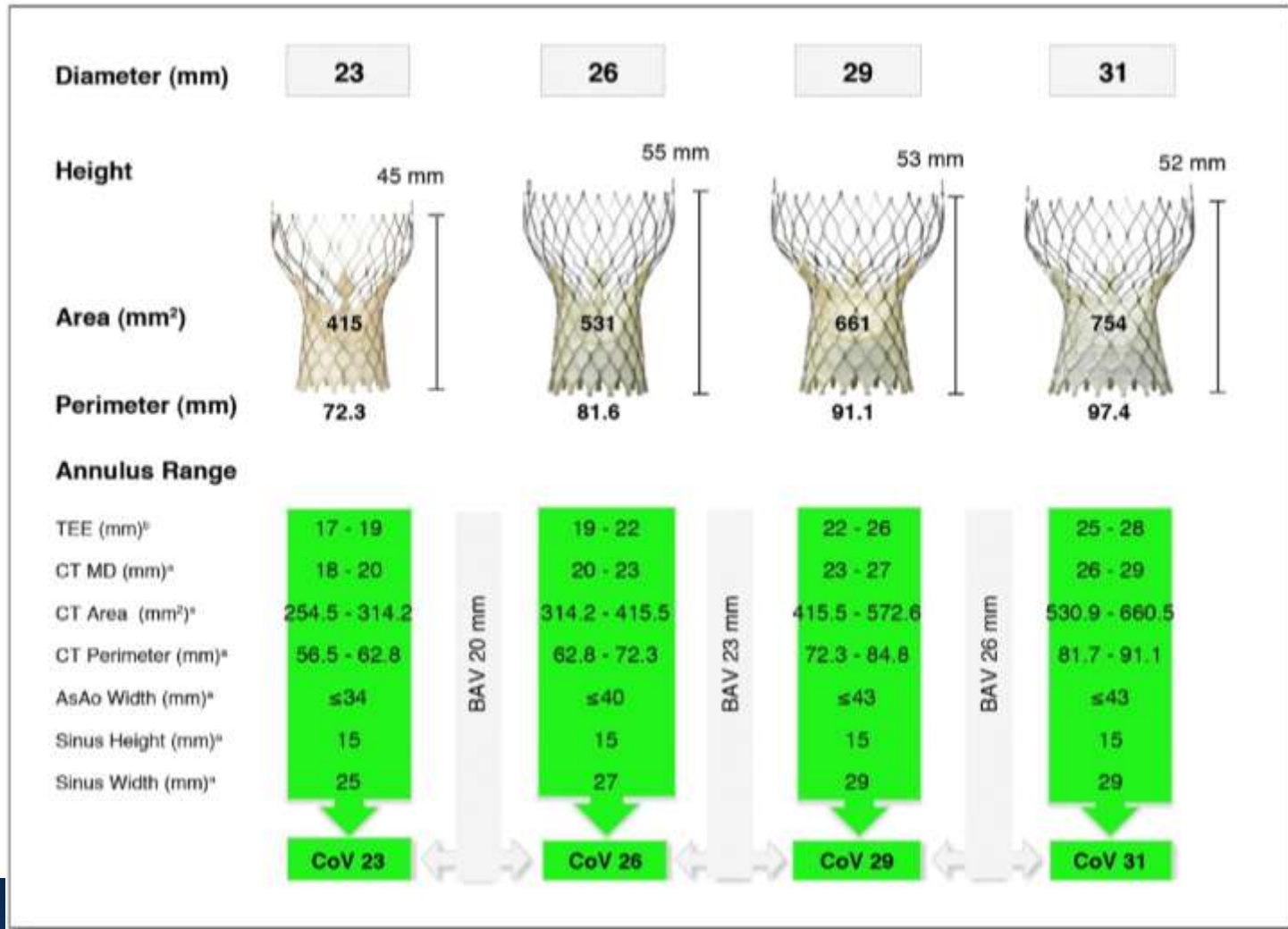
Valve Selection

Trasaortic (Direct Ao)  
Transapical  
Subclavian

# Recommendations for XT Sapien Selection

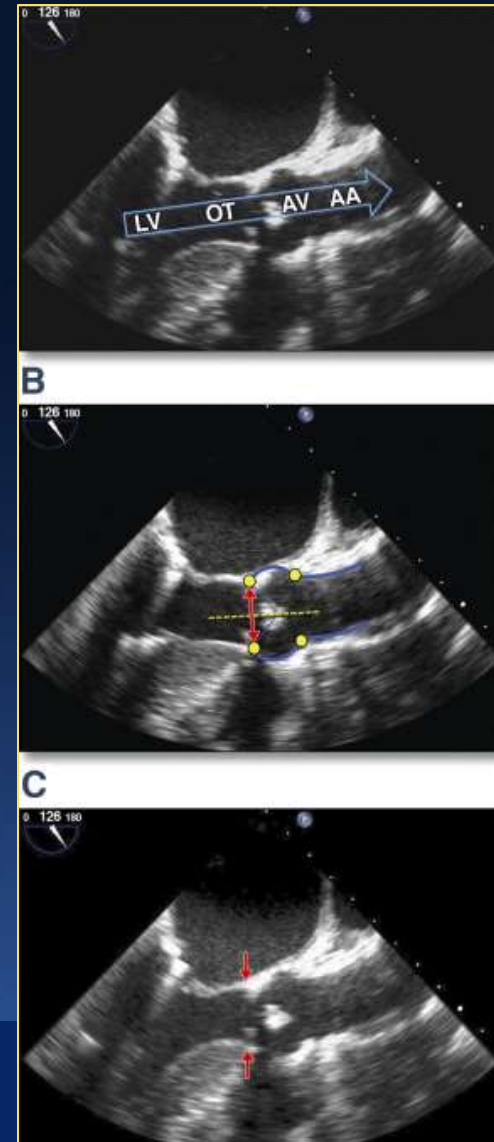


# Recommendations for CoreValve Selection



# Sizing the Annulus - ECHO

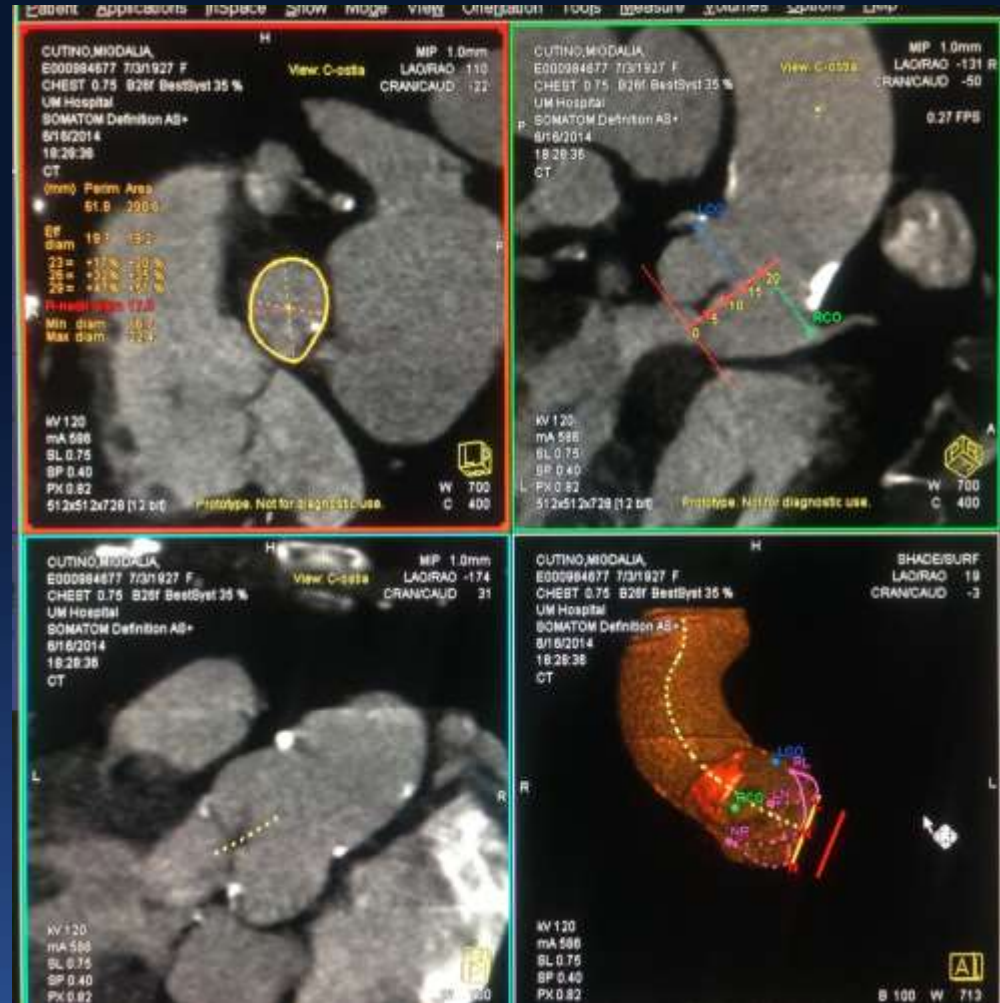
- A single-dimensional measurement is no longer accepted as the sole determinant of THV sizing
- TEE measurements are ~1 mm larger than TTE
- 3-D TEE is an valid alternative for more precise pre-procedural measurements





# CT Imaging

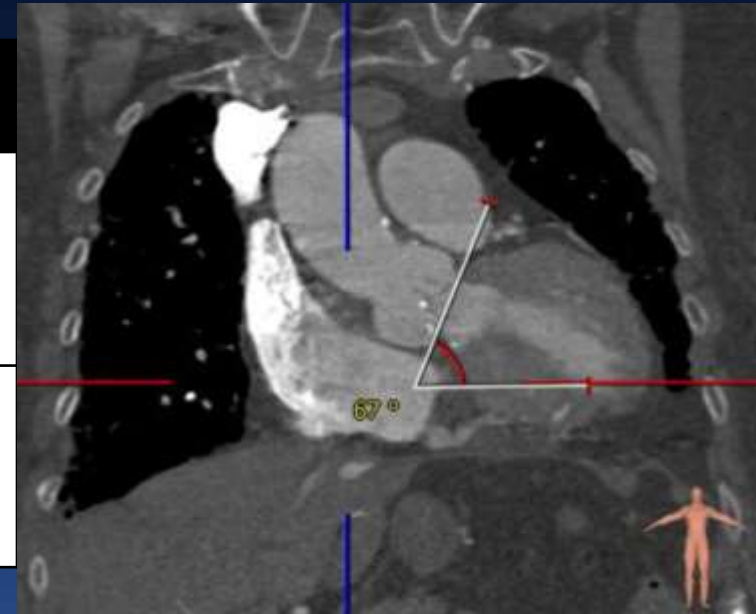
- 64 detectors – spatial resolution of 0.5-0.6 mm
- More reproducible than echocardiography
- Prediction of the aortic root angle before the procedure
- Do it yourself!!!



# Access Selection and Aortic Root Angulation

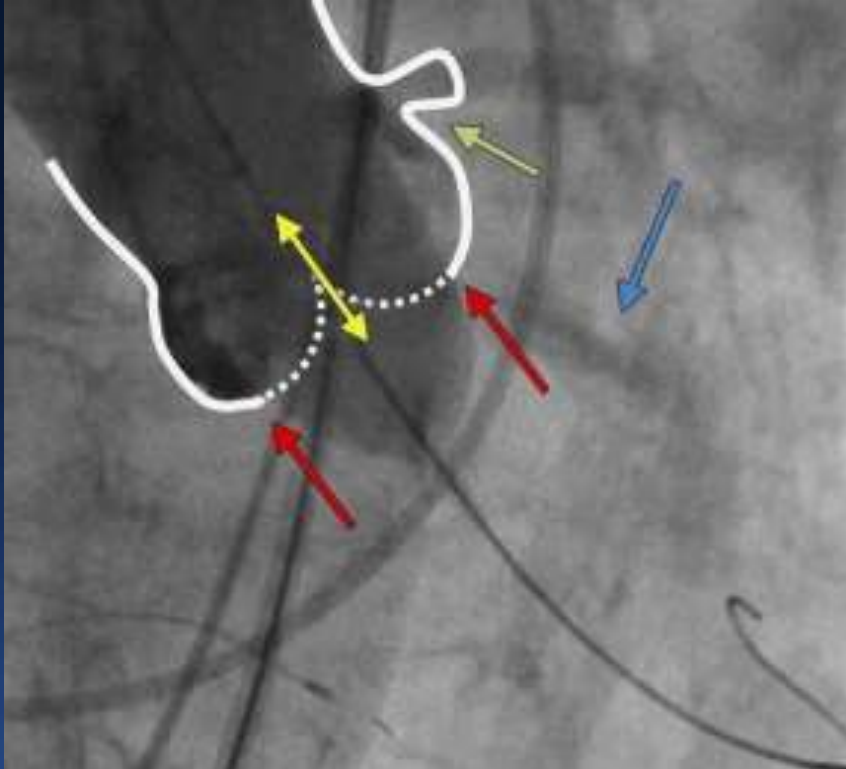
- Strongly consider non-TF access

Approach			
	Left	Right	
	Subclavian/ Axillary	Subclavian/ Axillary	Iliofemoral
Aortic Root Angle*	>70°	>30°	>70°



\* Aortic root angle = angle between plane of aortic valve annulus and horizontal plane

# Sizing Balloon Aortic Valvuloplasty



- Lack of movement of the balloon within the aortic valve
- Waist of the balloon at the level of the annulus (red arrows),
- Residual contrast regurgitation between the balloon and the hinge points of the valve
- Calcified leaflets splayed against coronary ostia



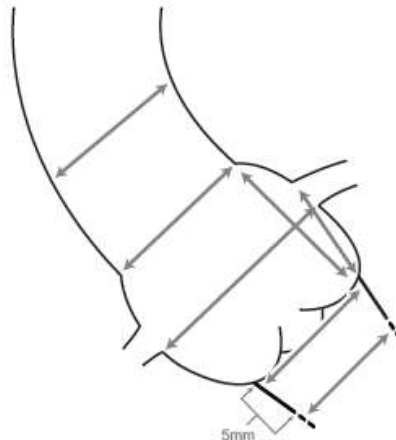
# Case Planning

Max Ascending Aorta Diameter (mm) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sinotubular Junction Diameter (mm) \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_  
 Max Min

## ANNULUS

Diameter (mm)	_____ x _____	_____
	Max Min Mean	
Perimeter (mm)	_____	Derived Diameter

Area \_\_\_\_\_ mm<sup>2</sup>, \_\_\_\_\_ mm  
 Derived Diameter



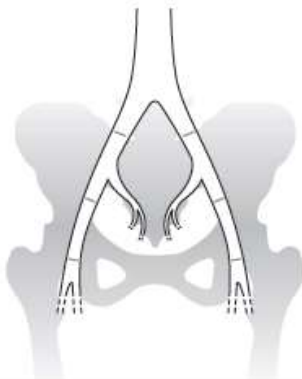
Sinus of Valsalva Diameter (mm) \_\_\_\_\_  
 LCC RCC NCC

Sinus of Valsalva Height (mm) \_\_\_\_\_  
 LCC RCC NCC

Coronary Ostia Height (mm) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Left Right

LVOT Diameter (mm) \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_  
 Max Min

**RIGHT**  
 CIA Min Diameter (mm) \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_  
 EIA Min Diameter (mm) \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_  
 Femoral Min Diameter (mm) \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_



**LEFT**  
 CIA Min Diameter (mm) \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_  
 EIA Min Diameter (mm) \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_  
 Femoral Min Diameter (mm) \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_

**RIGHT**  
 Subclavian Min Diameter (mm) \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_  
 Aortic Root Angle \_\_\_\_\_

**LEFT**  
 Subclavian Min Diameter (mm) \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_



Please review images for direct aortic access evaluation.

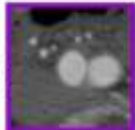
Calcium: Mild  Moderate  Severe



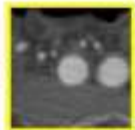
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17.5 mm  
AO slice #57



Prox RCIA  
10.9 mm  
RIL slice #167



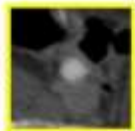
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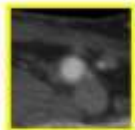
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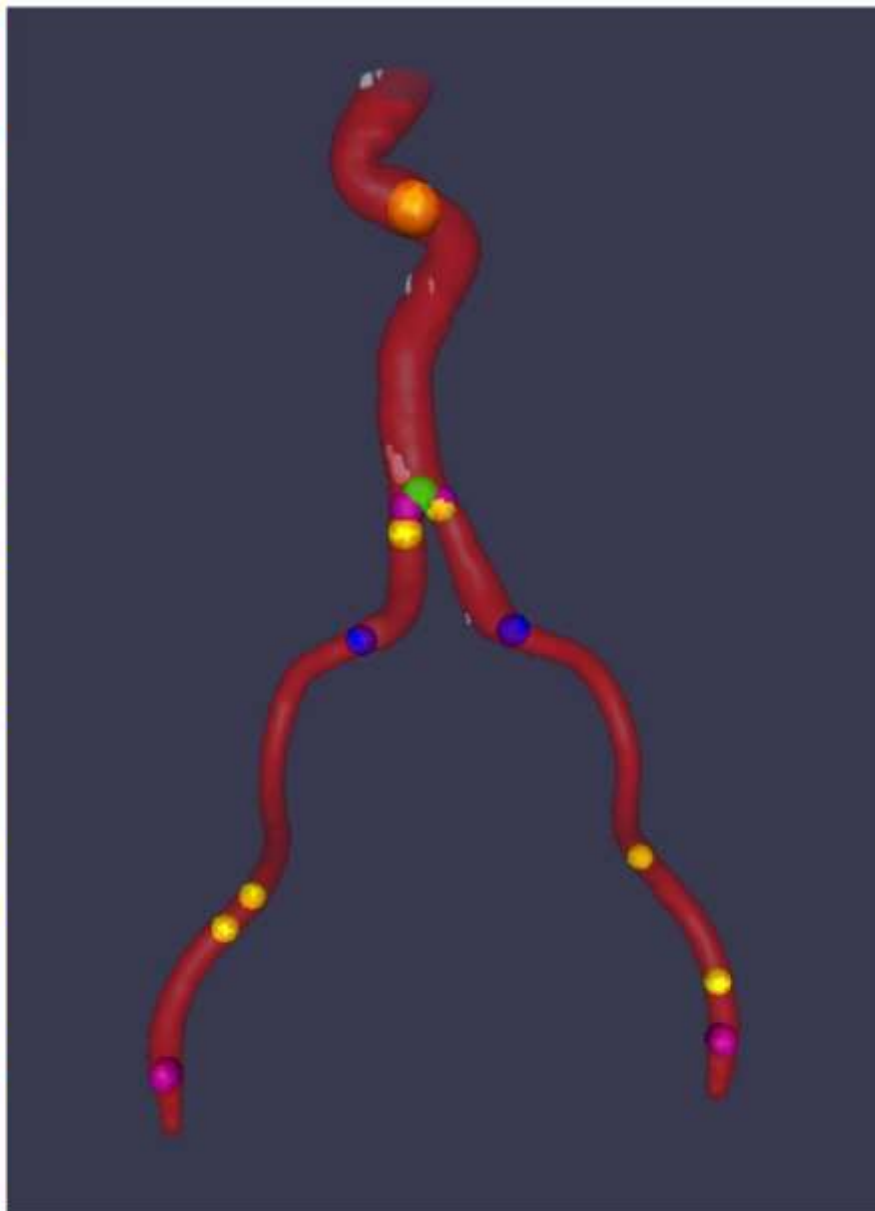
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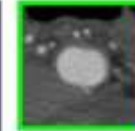
Min RCFA  
8.1 mm  
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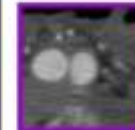
Distal RCFA  
9.5 mm  
RIL slice #388



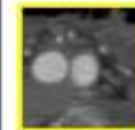
Distal Aorta  
12.0 mm  
AO slice #163



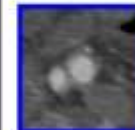
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LIL slice #167



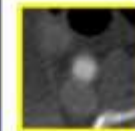
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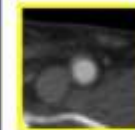
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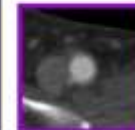
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LIL slice #313



Min LCFA  
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LIL slice #354



Distal LCFA  
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Series: 8  
Slice: 1-1001  
Slice Spacing: 0.6 mm

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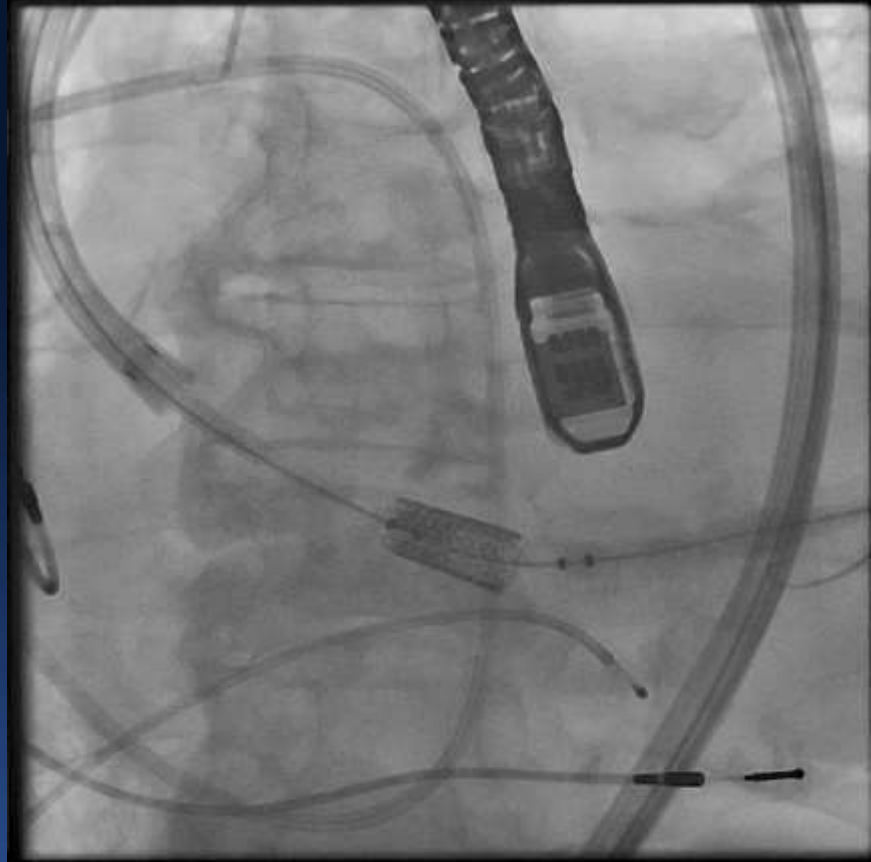
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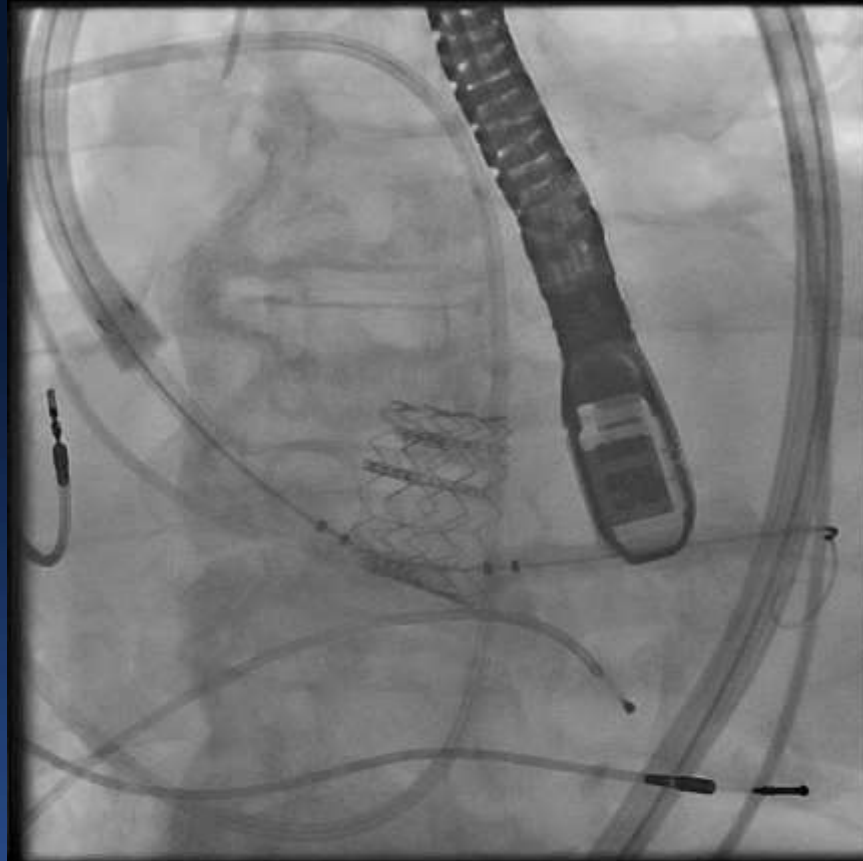
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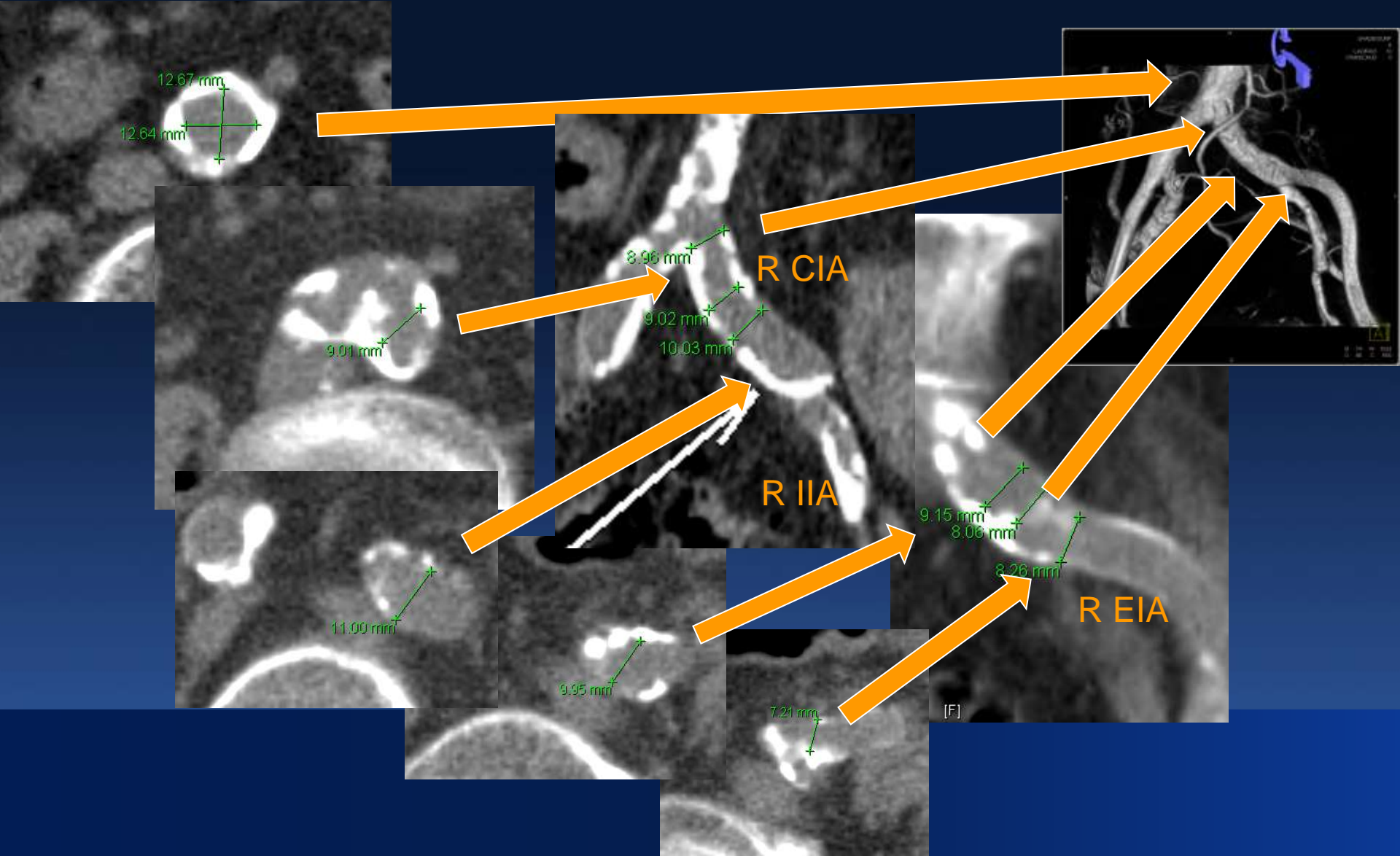


# Femoral Large Vascular Access

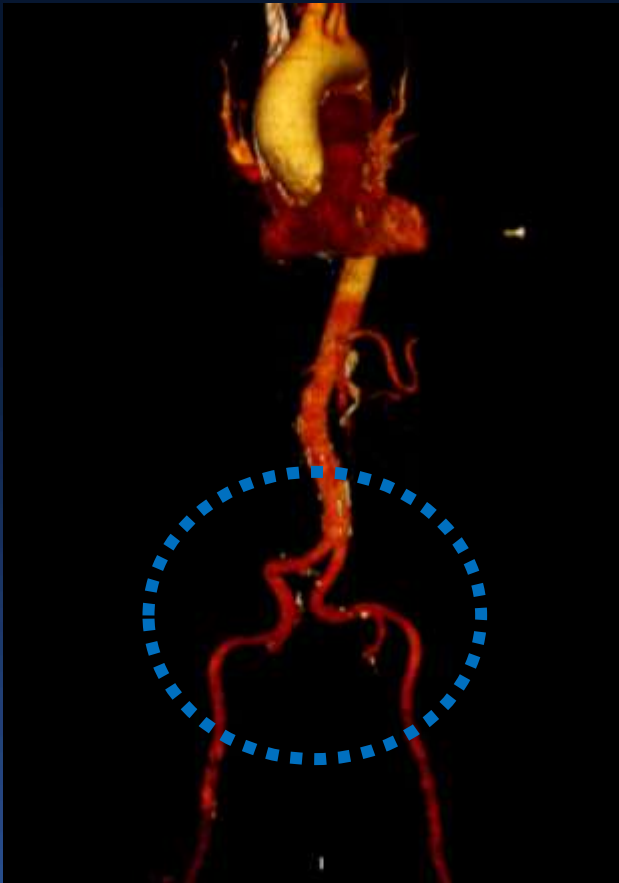
- **Large vascular access has become common in the new era of structural heart disease interventions and percutaneous LVADs**
  - The cardiologist should be fully familiar with closure
- **Planning and Strategy**
  - Non-invasive assessment of iliofemoral axis
  - Studies carefully reviewed by entire team with focus on vessel size, tortuosity, pathology and calcification (especially at bifurcations)
- **Perfect access technique is critical**
  - Ultrasound guided
  - Micropuncture



# Careful Evaluation of Iliofemoral Arteries



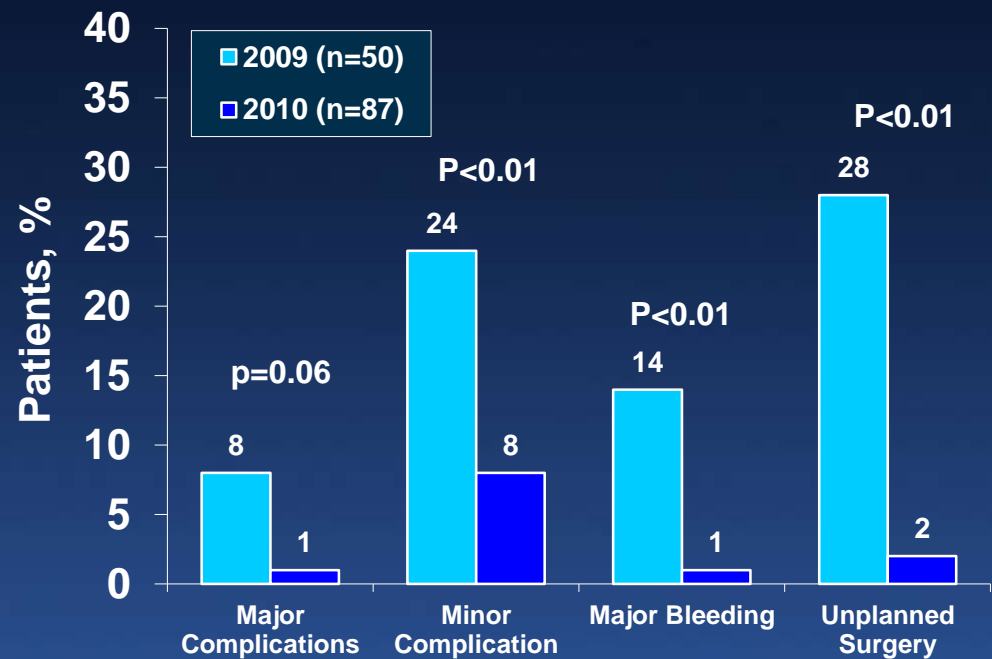
# Severe tortuosity in the access route



# Access Technique, Closure, and Vascular Outcomes



Systematic MDCT screening, smaller sheaths, U/S or fluoro-guided and “Preclosure”





# Closure Devices

	<b>Prostar XL</b>	<b>ProGlide</b>
Profile	10F	6F
Sutures	Braided	Monofilament
Knot	Operator tied	Pre-formed
No of devices	1	2 or more

- ***Predictors of Vascular Complications***
  - **Moderate/Severe calcification**
  - **Sheath-to-Femoral Artery Ration  $> 1.05$**
  - **Obesity**
  - **Too low access ( SFA or Profunda)**
  - **Too high access (above the epigastric)**





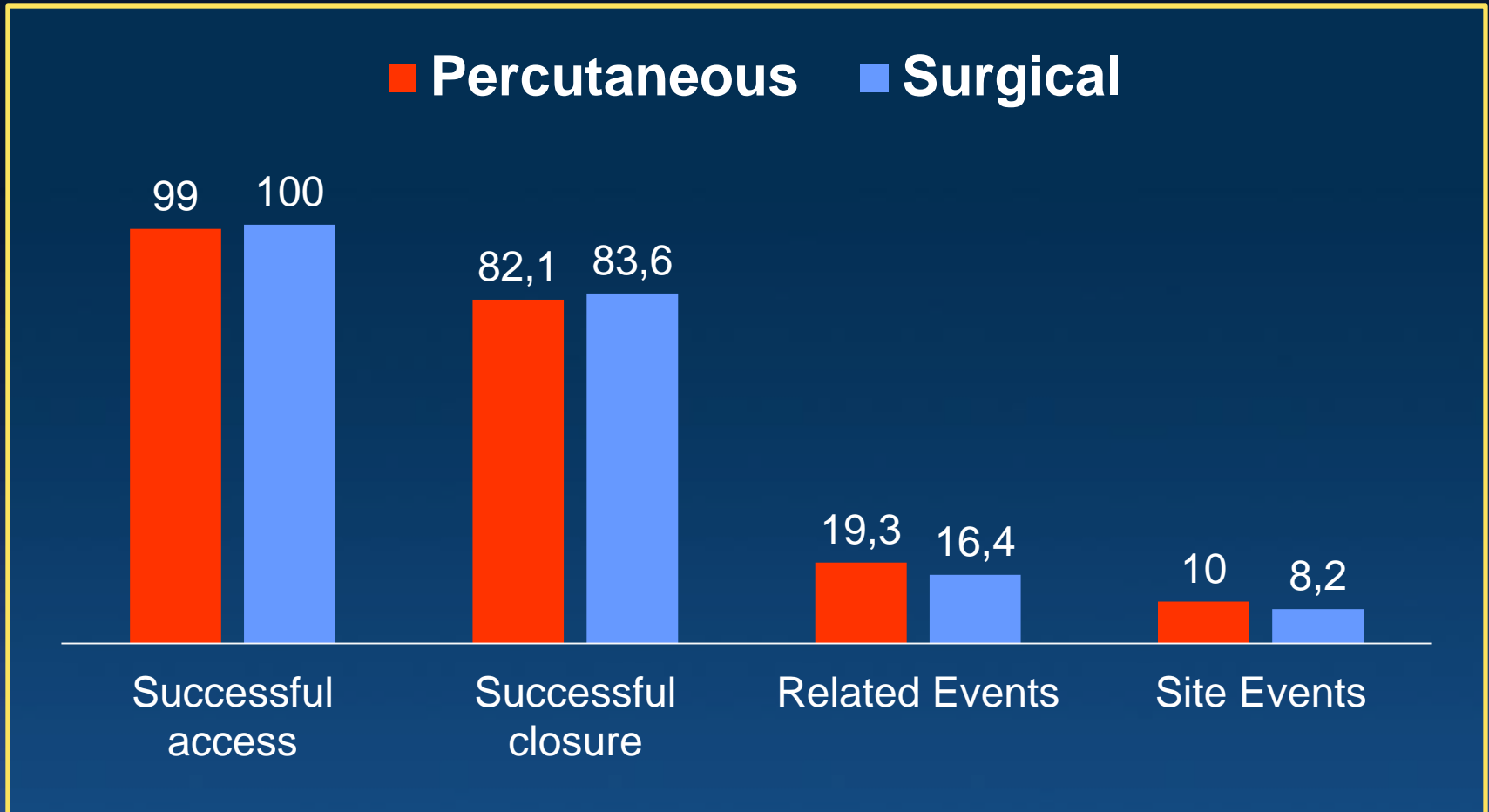
# Surgical Cut-down vs. Percutaneous Closure

## Cedars-Sinai Experience

- Observational data
- n=274 patients, treated Nov 2007 – May 2012
- Surgical cut-down (n=134)
  - Primary closure method from 2007-2011
  - All these patients enrolled in PARTNER I
- Preclosure with 2 ProGlide devices (n=140)
  - Primary closure method since 2011
  - Enrolled in Partner I, Partner II and commercial

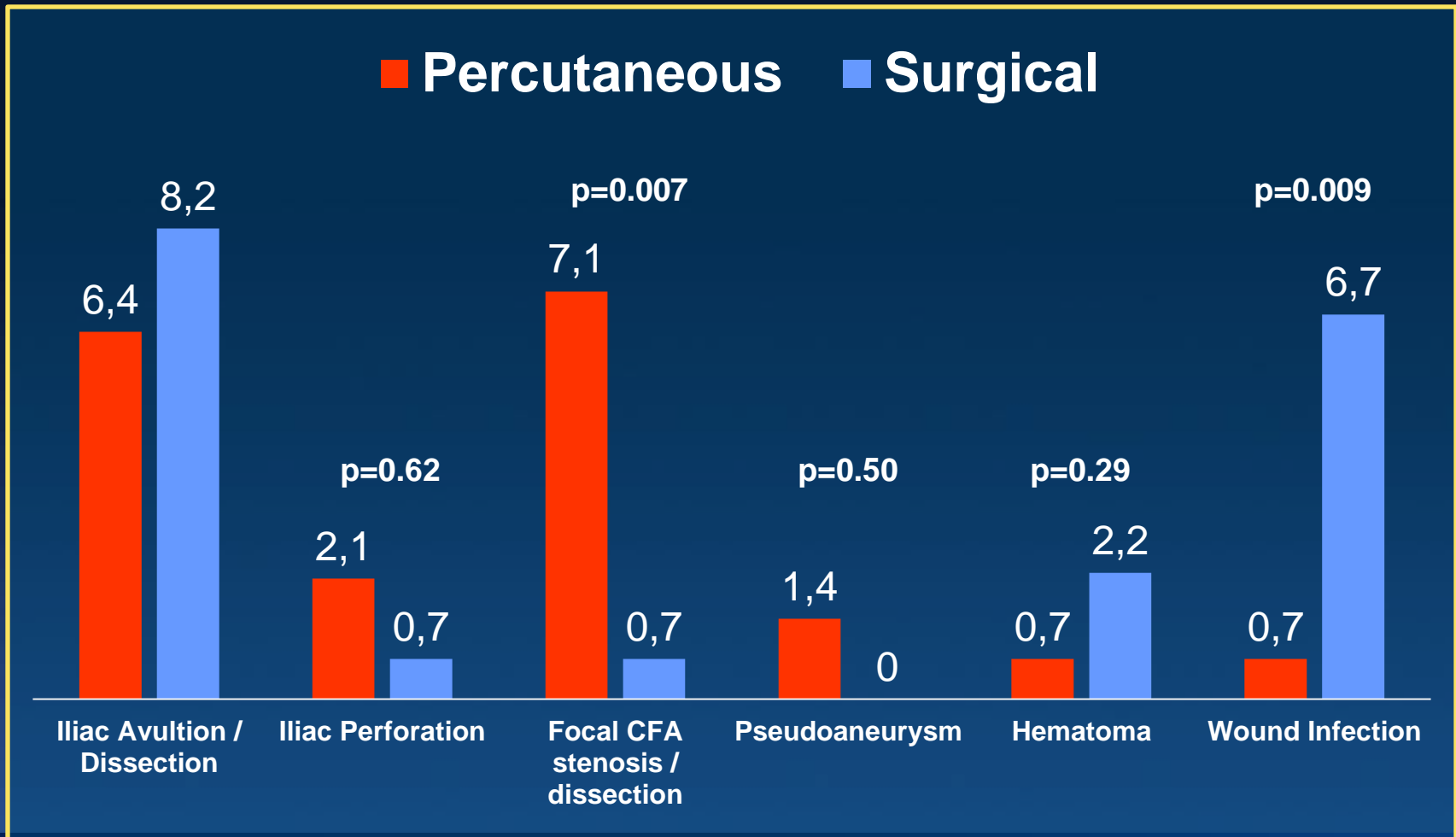


# Cedars Sinai Experience



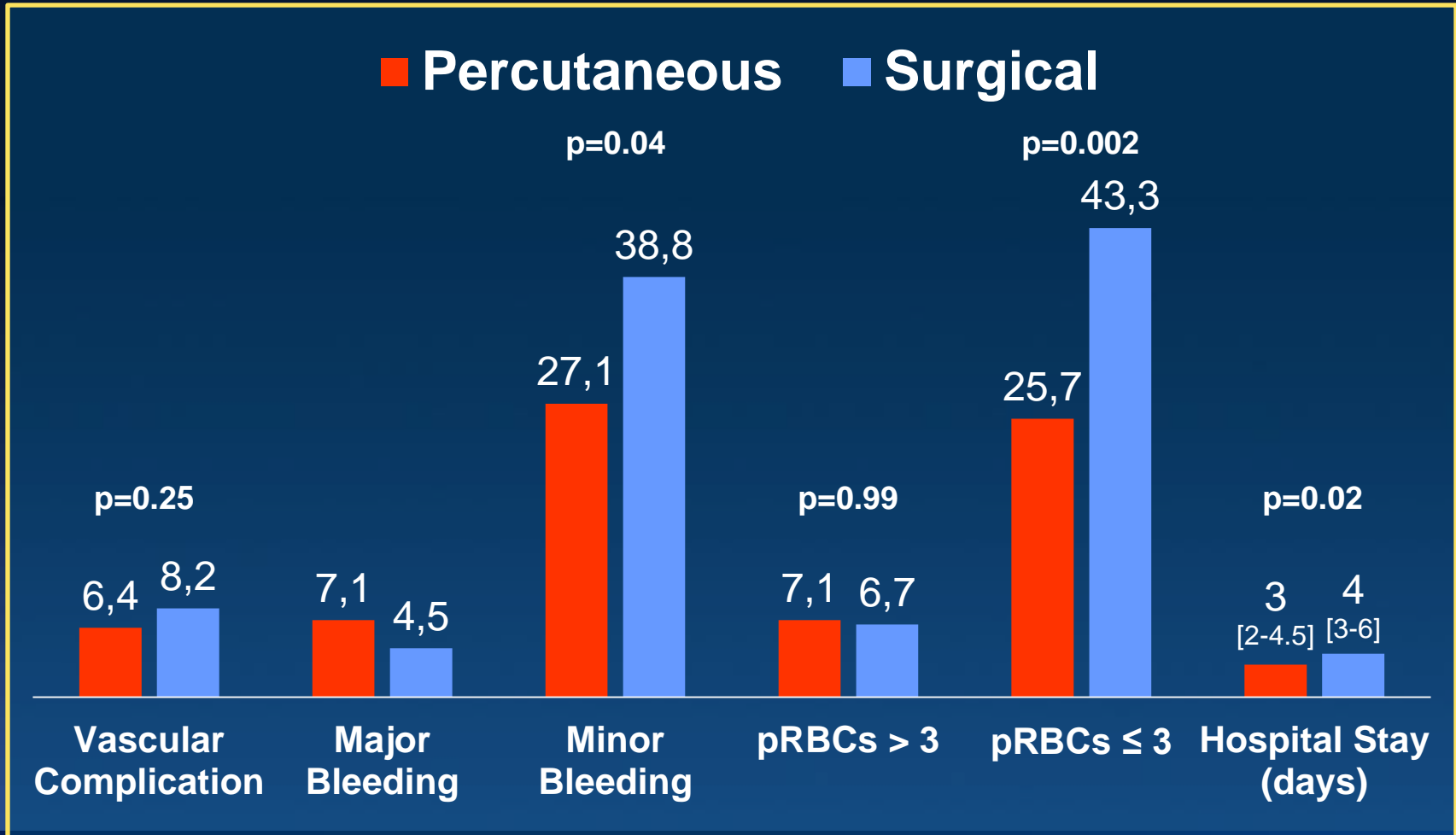
# Cedars Sinai Experience

## *Acute Success*

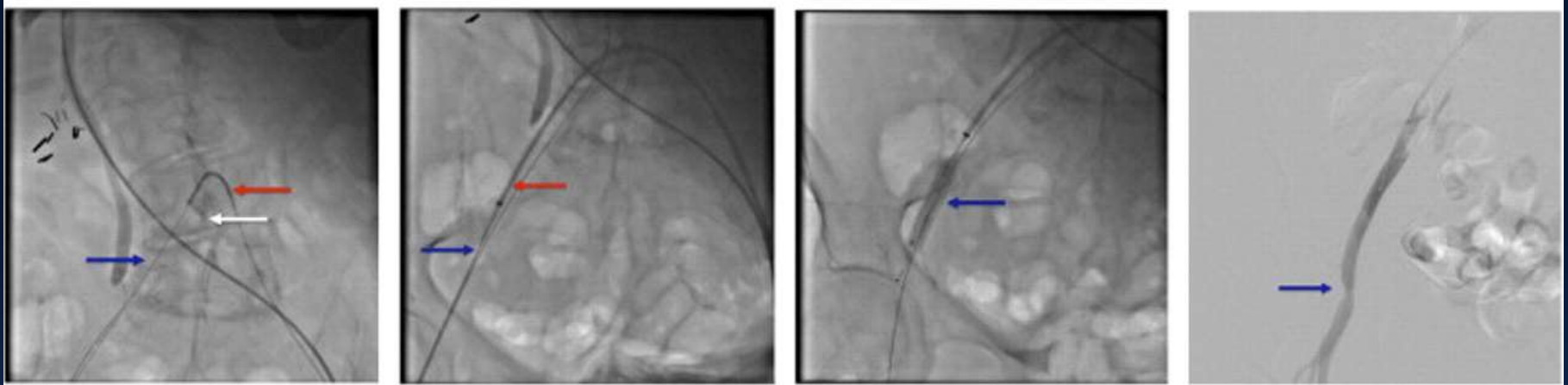


# Cedars Sinai Experience

## *In-Hospital Outcomes*

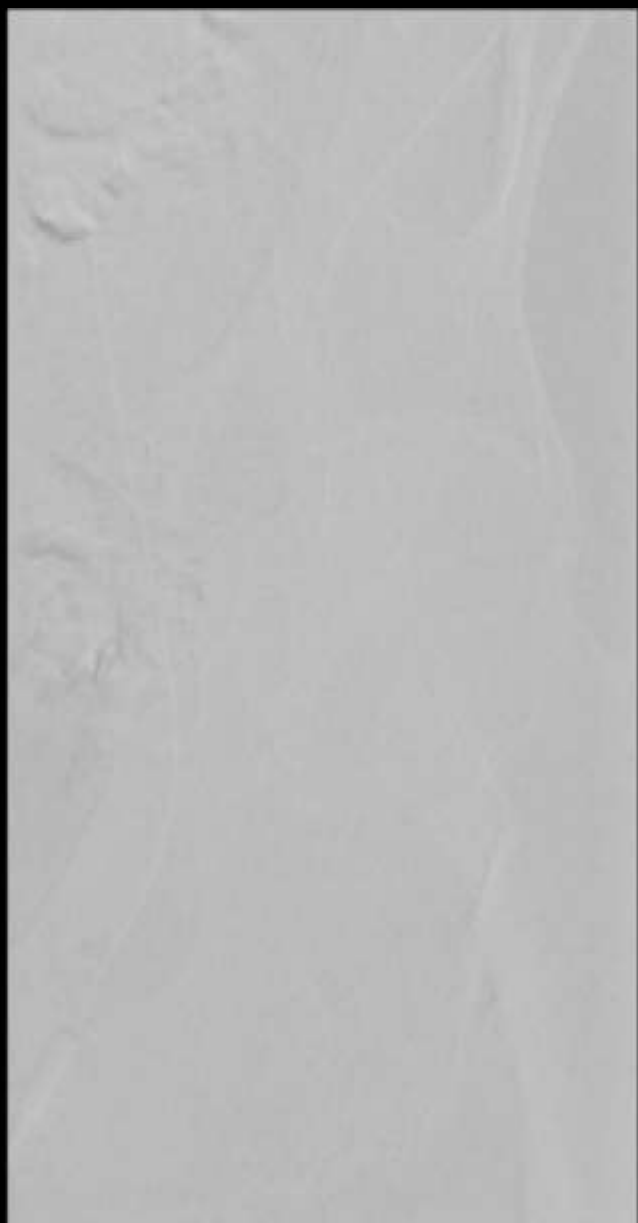


# Crossover Balloon Occlusion Technique for Percutaneous Closure

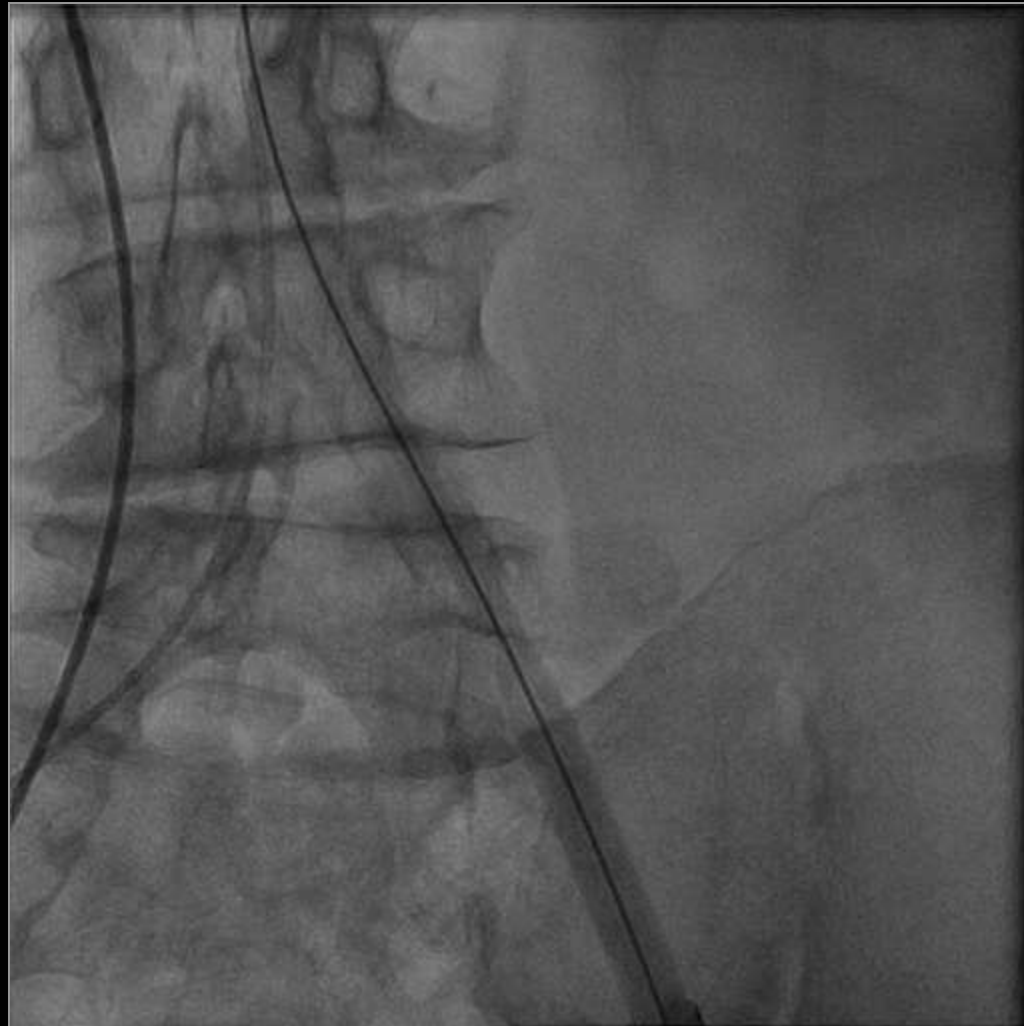


- Withdraw the large sheath until positioned in external iliac artery
- Crossover using a Contra or Omniflush catheter
- Advance stiff guidewire into lumen of large sheath
- Advance and inflate an appropriately sized peripheral balloon (usually 7 x 40 mm)
- Tighten the ProGlide® sutures as you pull the large sheath
- Perform final angiogram

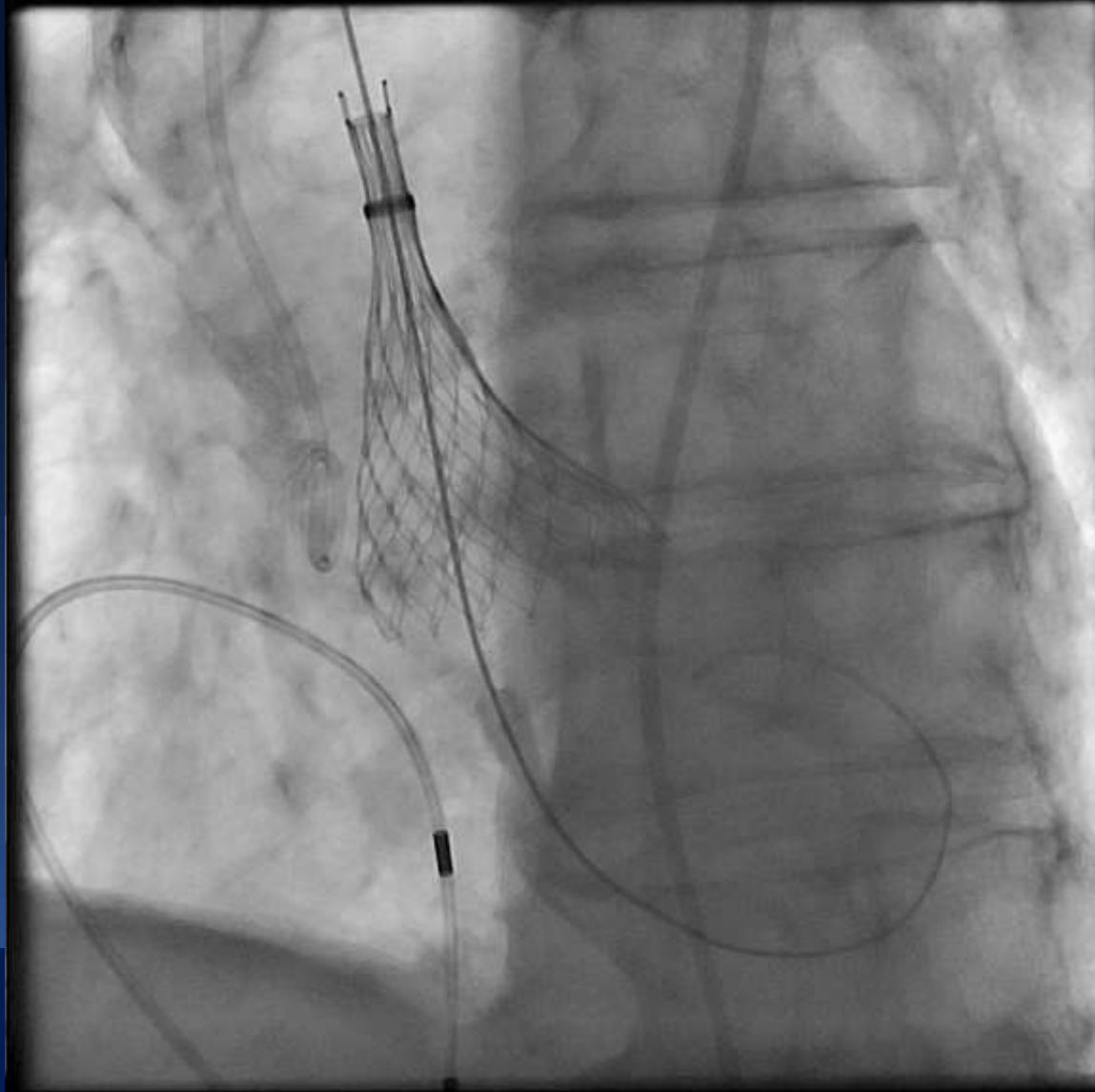




**We should try to avoid these situations...**



# Subclavian Approach





# Subclavian vs. Femoral

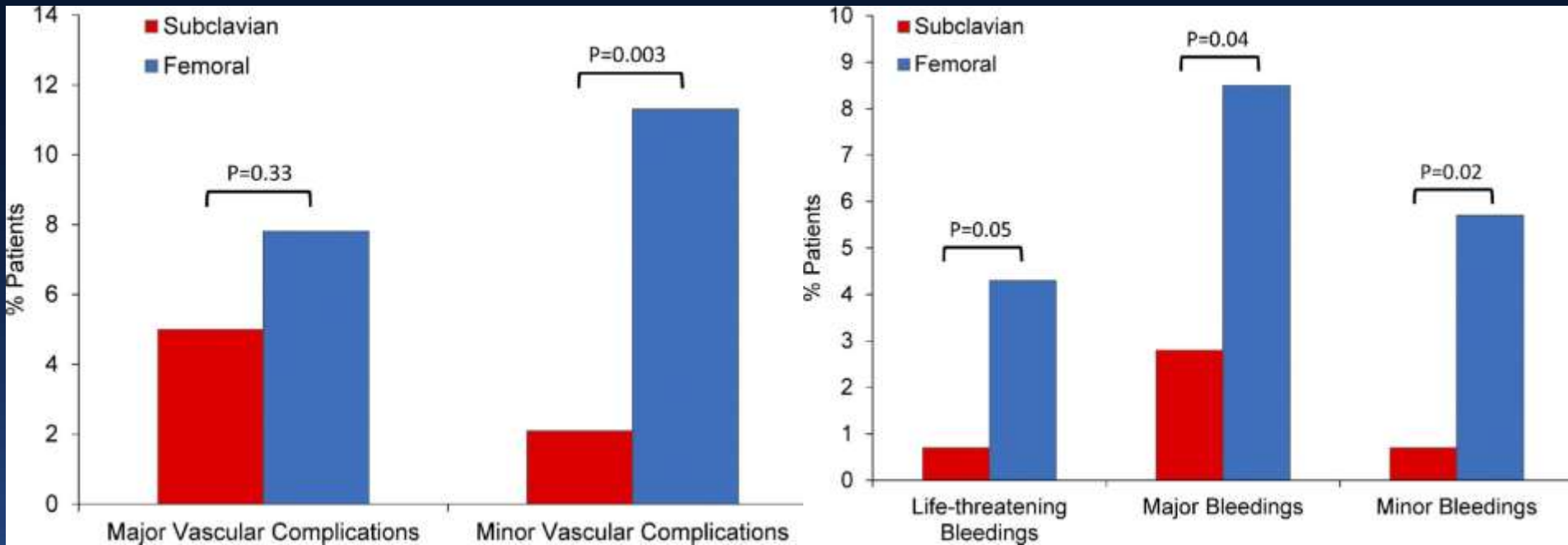
## *Propensity Matched Comparison*

30-day outcomes	Subclavian (n=141)	Femoral (n=141)	p value
All-cause mortality	8 (5.7)	9 (6.4)	0.8
Cardiac mortality	8 (5.7)	7 (5.0)	0.79
Cardiac rehospitalization	2 (1.4)	2 (1.4)	0.99
Stroke	3 (2.1)	3 (2.1)	0.99
Myocardial infarction	0 (0)	0 (0)	0.99
Aortic valve reintervention	0 (0)	1 (0.7)	0.31
Combined safety endpoint	28 (19.9)	36 (25.5)	0.26
New pacemaker	35 (24.7)	35 (24.7)	0.99

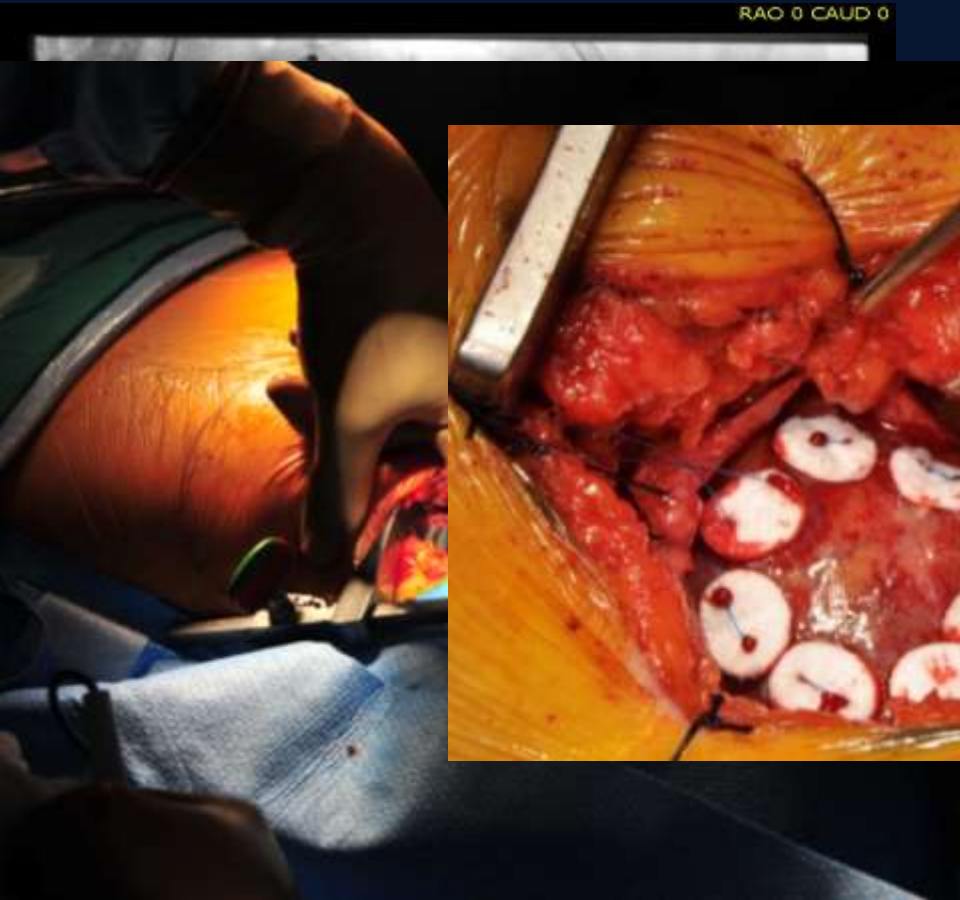


# Subclavian vs. Femoral

## *Propensity Matched Comparison*



# Transapical TAVR

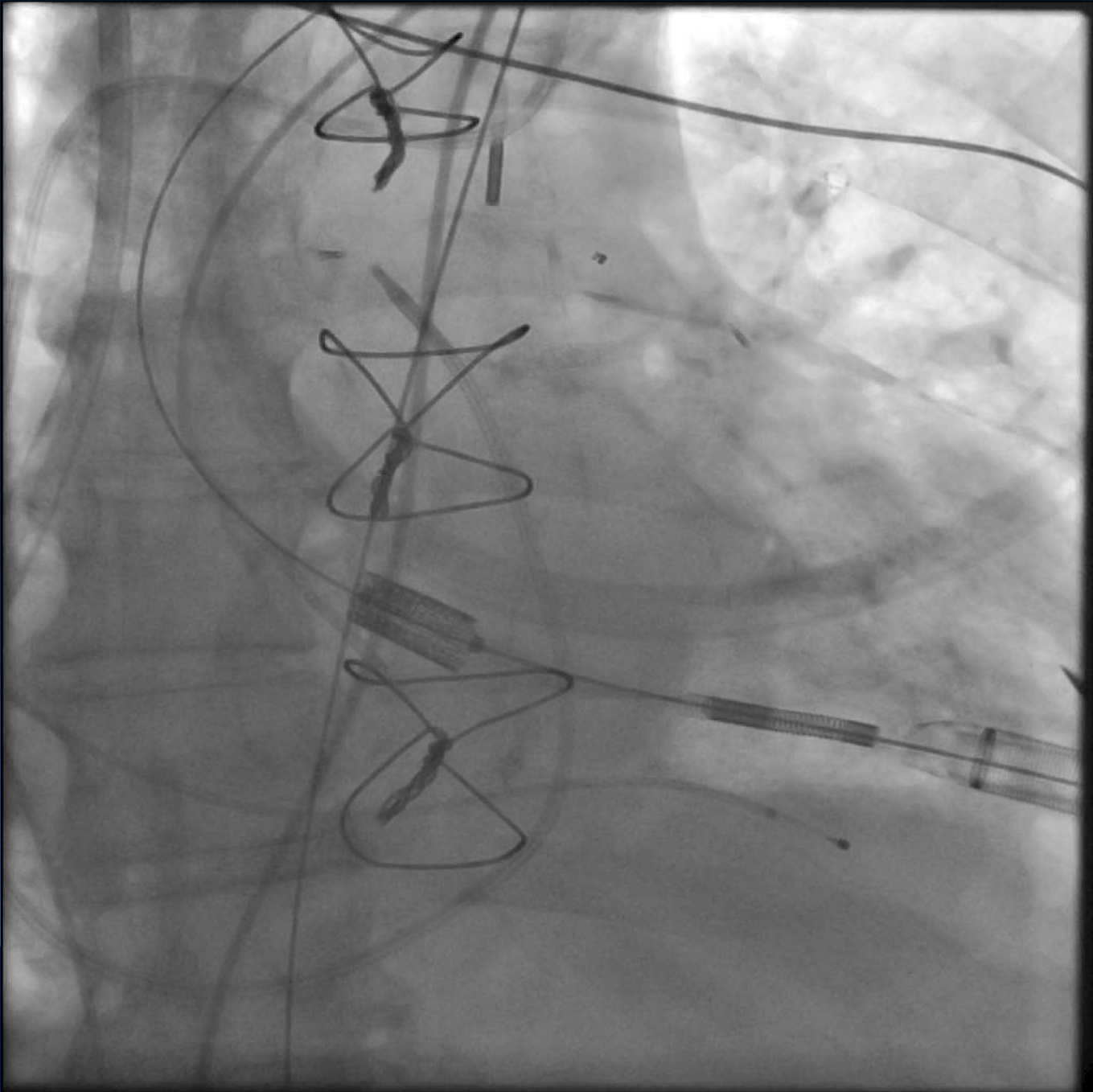


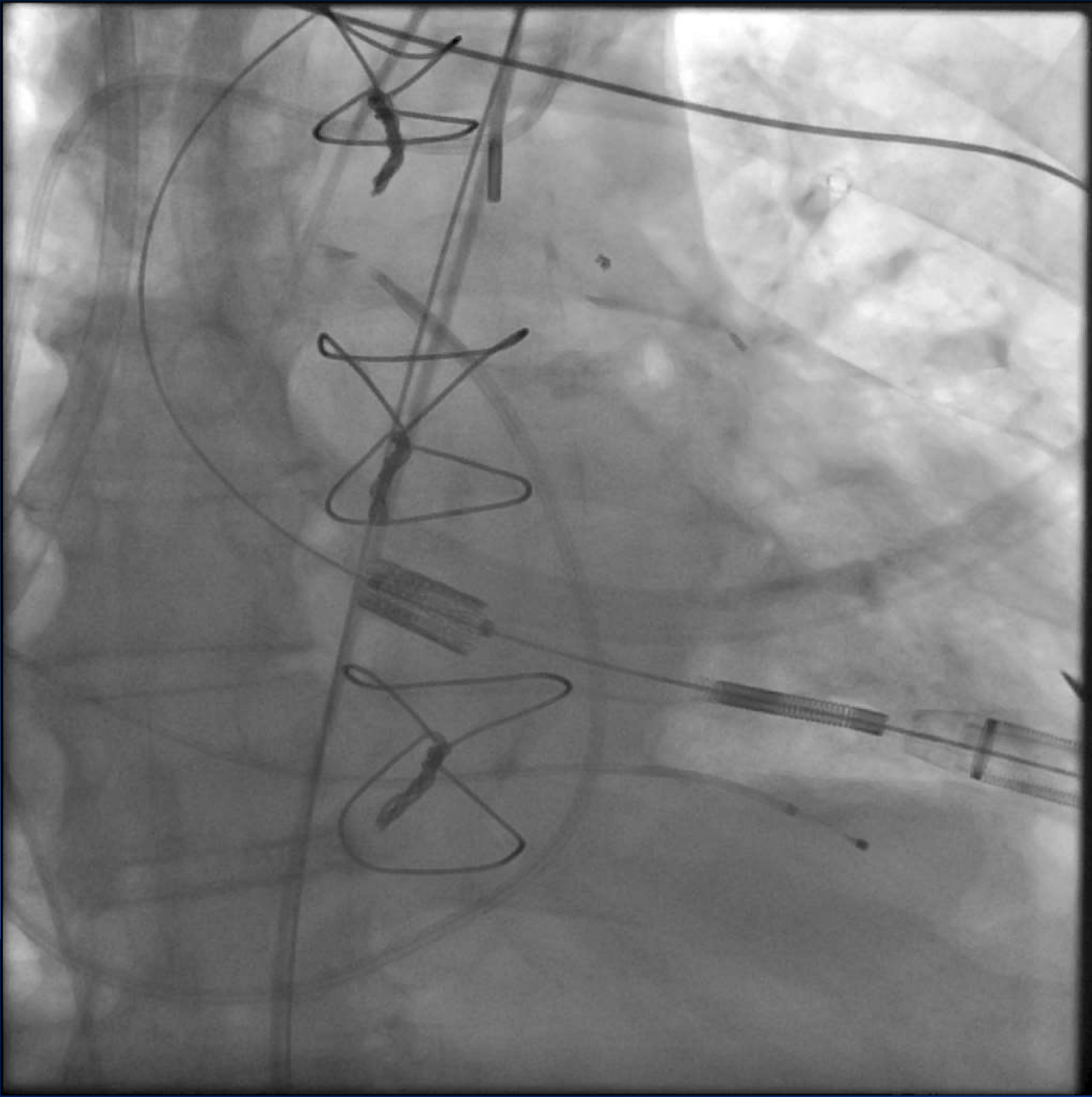
LAD/RAO -6  
CRAN/CAUD 5

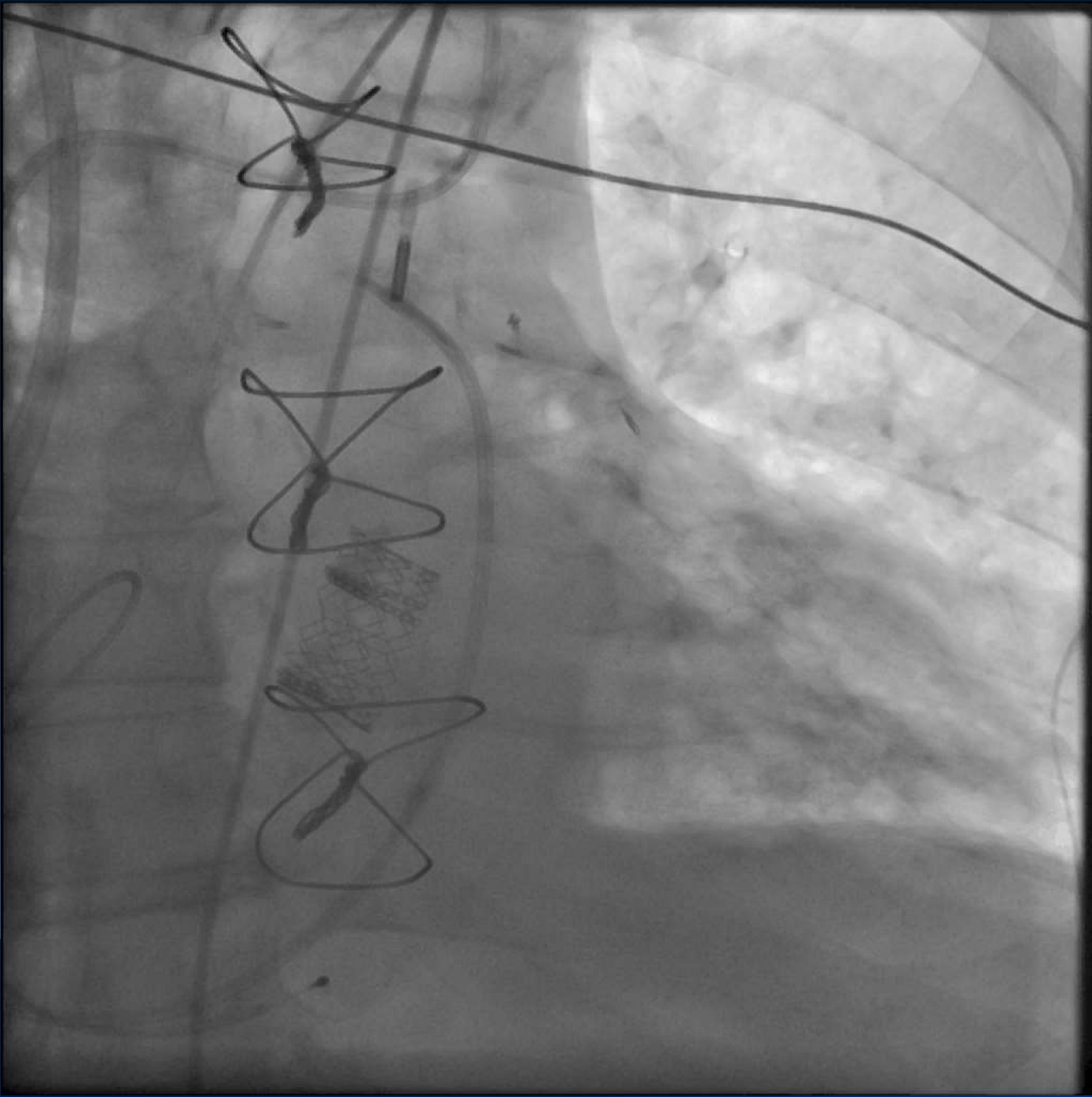
Valve (mm)  
Diameter: 28  
Impl. height: 4.0

Prototype. Not for diagnostic use.

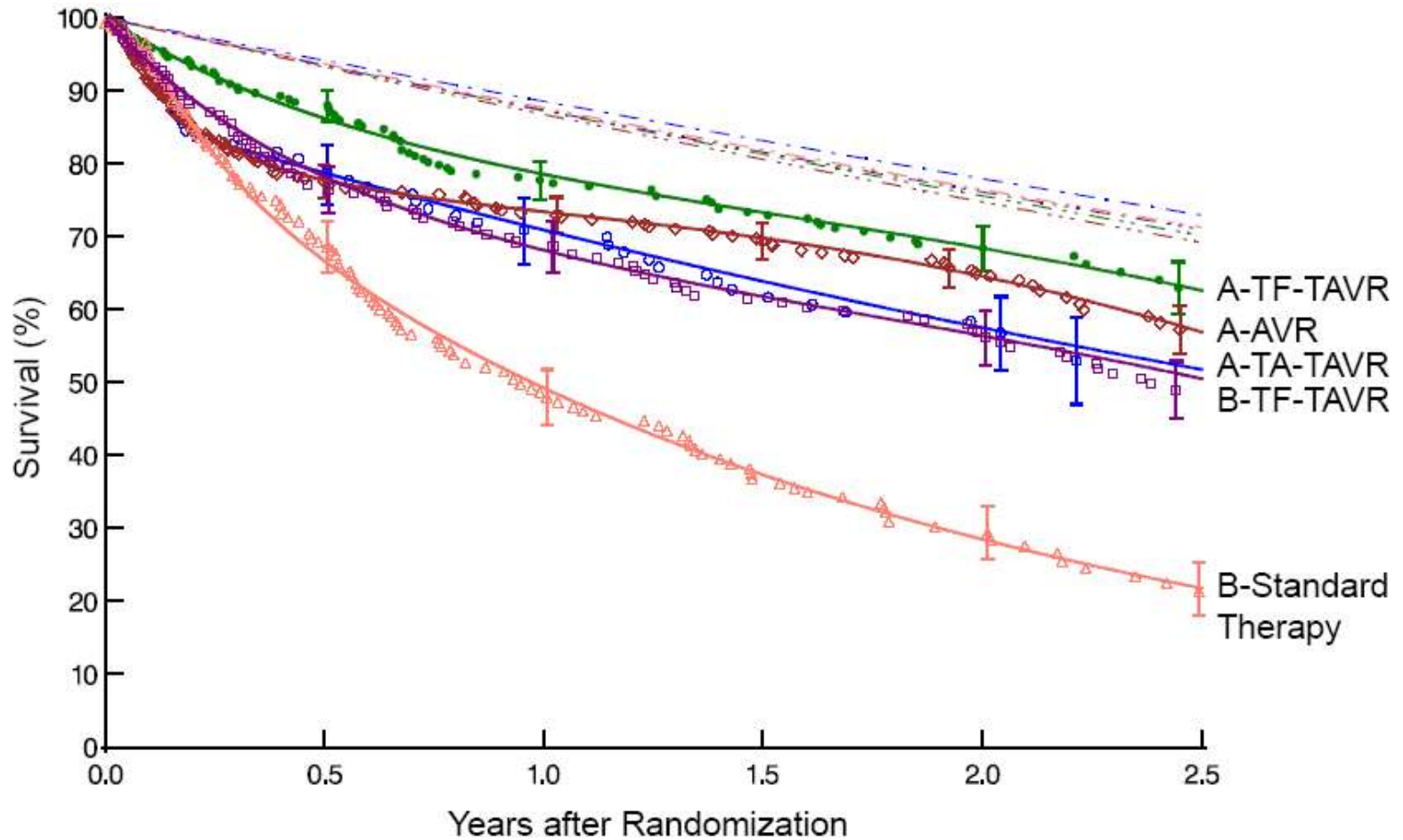








# PARTNER Trials: Survival stratified by group





# PARTNER High Risk (Cohort A) Index Procedure/Admission

## Resource use (per-protocol population)

Resource Category	TF-TAVR (N = 234)	AVR (N= 221)	P- value	TA-TAVR (N = 101)	AVR (N = 91)	P- value
<i>Procedure duration (min)</i>	244±78	330±102	<0.001	224 ± 76	354 ± 104	< 0.001
<i>Total hospital LOS, days</i>	10.2 (7)	16.4 (12)	<0.001	14.7 (10)	16.1 (12)	0.39
<i>ICU</i>	3.3 (2)	5.6 (3)	<0.001	6.6 (3)	8.0 (4)	0.33
<i>Non-ICU</i>	6.9 (4)	10.8 (8)	<0.001	8.1 (6)	8.1 (7)	1.0
<i>Post procedure</i>	7.4 (5)	13.5 (10)	<0.001	12.4 (9)	14.4 (9)	0.22
<i>Major vasc. complication</i>	13.2%	3.2%	<0.001	4.0%	4.4%	1.0
<i>Major bleeding</i>	9.4%	22.6%	<0.001	5.9%	20.9%	0.002

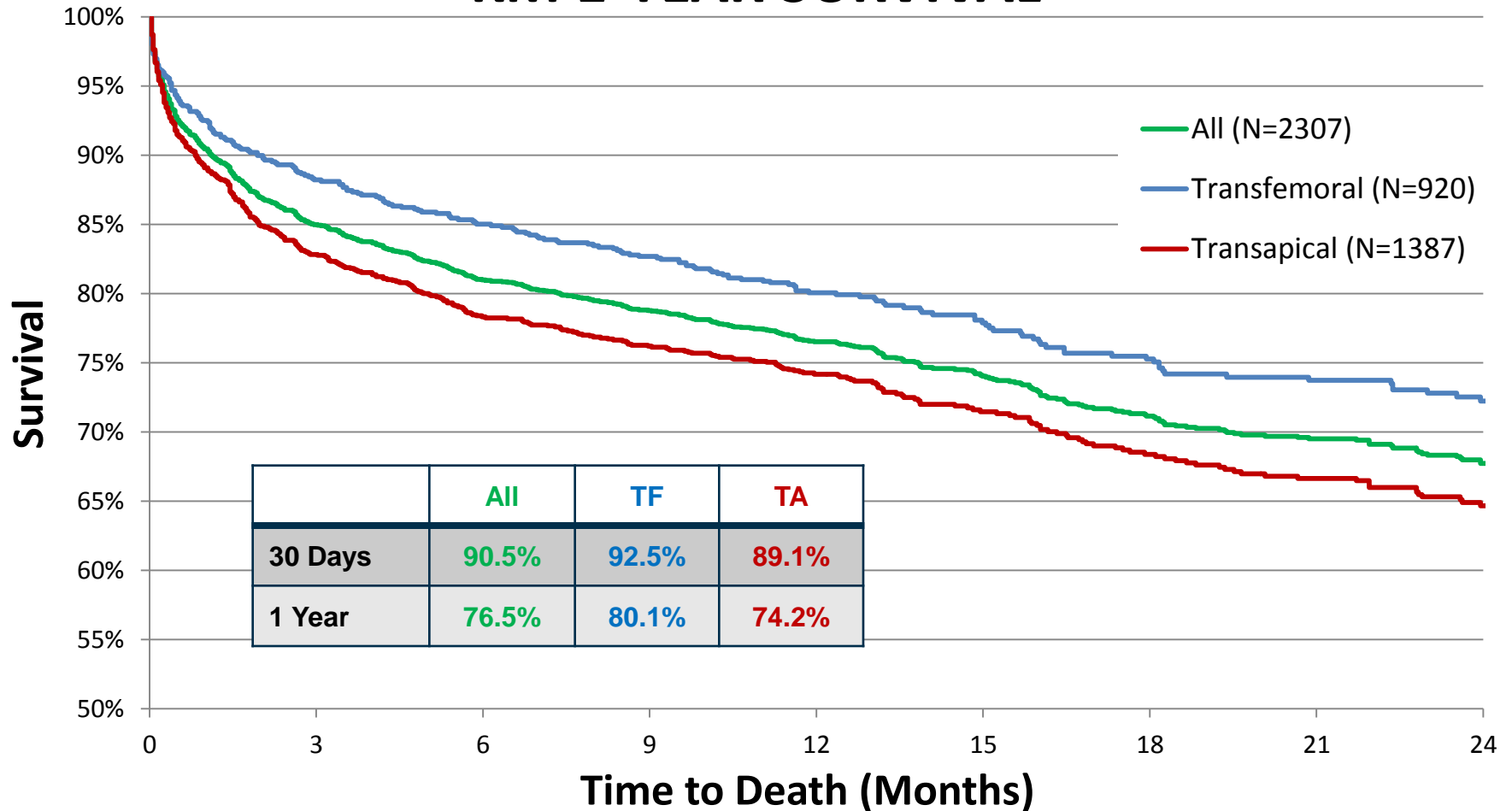
LOS data are shown as mean (median)



# Survival

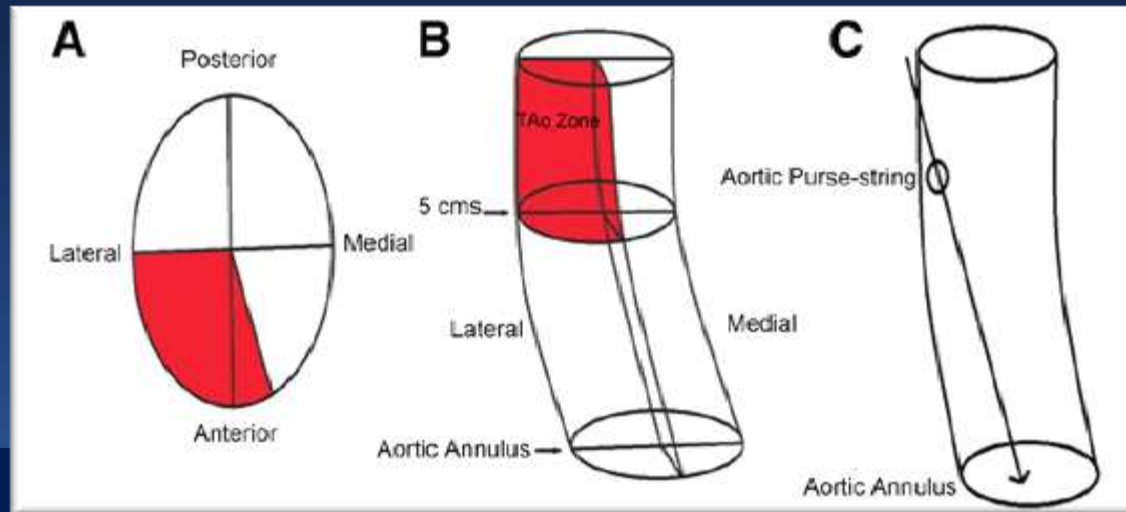


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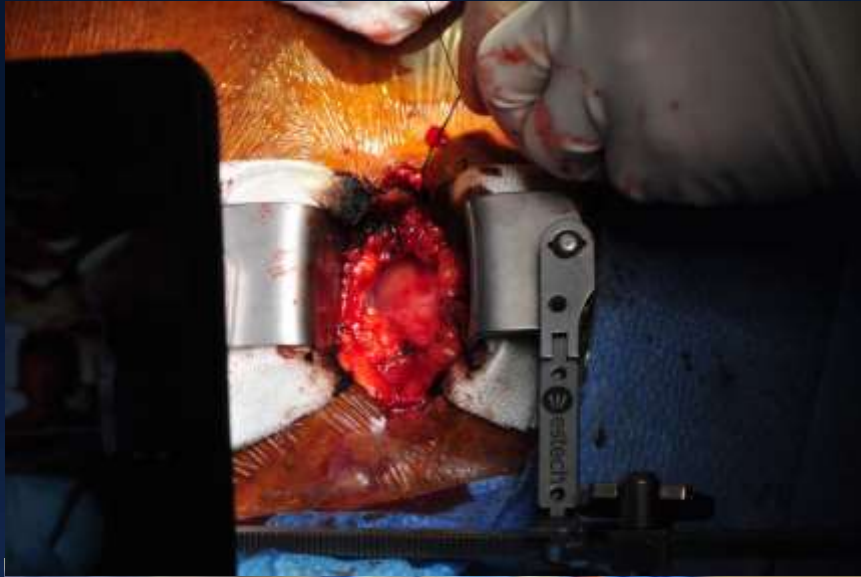


# Transaortic Access

- Ascending aorta free of calcium
- Allows directing the sheath in a straight line to deploy the device
- Leaves enough room between the tip of the sheath and the aortic annulus to allow the balloon to expand fully during deployment of the device
  - > 50mm from the aortic annulus



# Trasaortic Access



# The Transaortic Approach for Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement

Initial Clinical Experience in the United States

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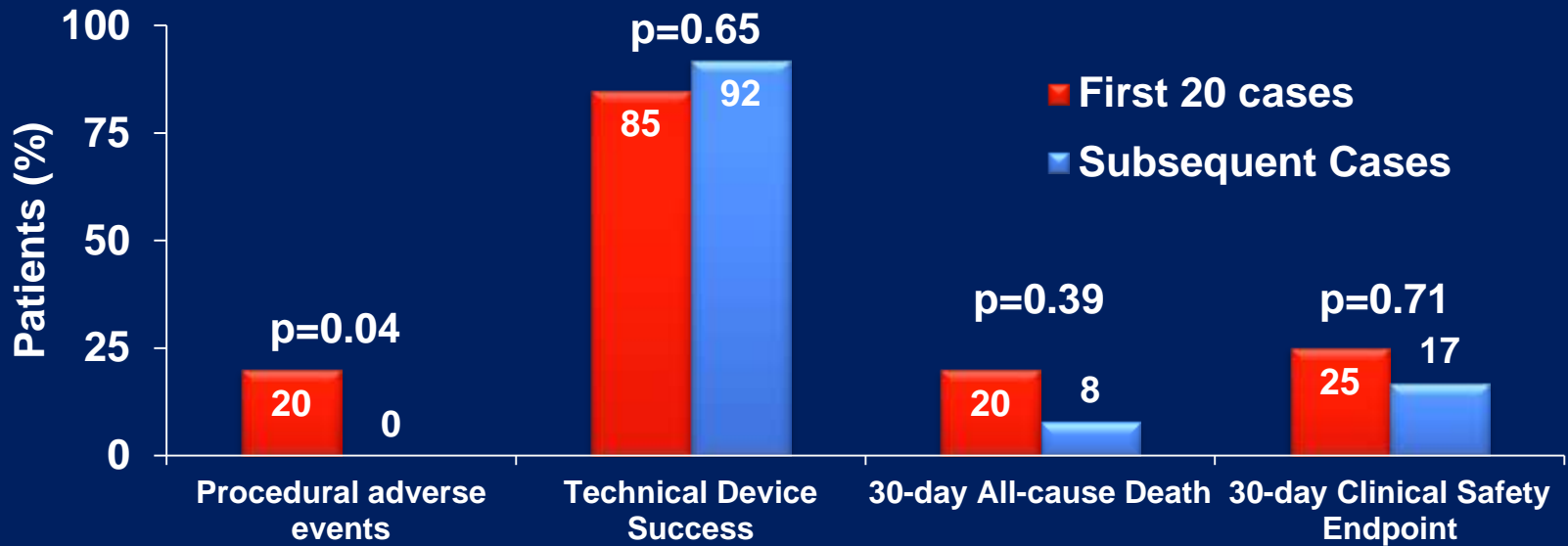
# 30-day Clinical Events

	TAo (n = 44)	TA (n = 76)	P-Value
<b>Combined Clinical Safety Endpoint</b>	9 (20%)	22 (29%)	0.50
<b>All-Cause Death</b>	6 (14%)	11 (14%)	1.00
<b>CV Mortality</b>	1 (2%)	9 (12%)	0.09
<b>Myocardial Infarction</b>	0 (0%)	2 (2%)	0.53
<b>Major Stroke</b>	0 (0%)	1 (1%)	1.00
<b>Minor Stroke</b>	1 (2%)	0 (0%)	0.37
<b>Severe AKI (Stage 3)</b>	1 (2%)	1 (1%)	1.00
<b>New Atrial Fibrillation</b>	6 (14%)	15 (20%)	0.32
<b>New Permanent Pacemaker</b>	1 (2%)	5 (7%)	0.41
<b>Rescue Cardiac Surgery</b>	3 (7%)	1 (1%)	0.14
<b>Life-Threatening Bleeding</b>	6 (14%)	10 (13%)	1.00
<b>Major Bleeding</b>	<b>5 (11%)</b>	<b>21 (28%)</b>	<b>0.04</b>
<b>Major Vascular Complications</b>	1 (2%)	4 (5%)	0.65
<b>Total Bleeding &amp; Vascular Events</b>	<b>12 (27%)</b>	<b>35 (46%)</b>	<b>0.05</b>

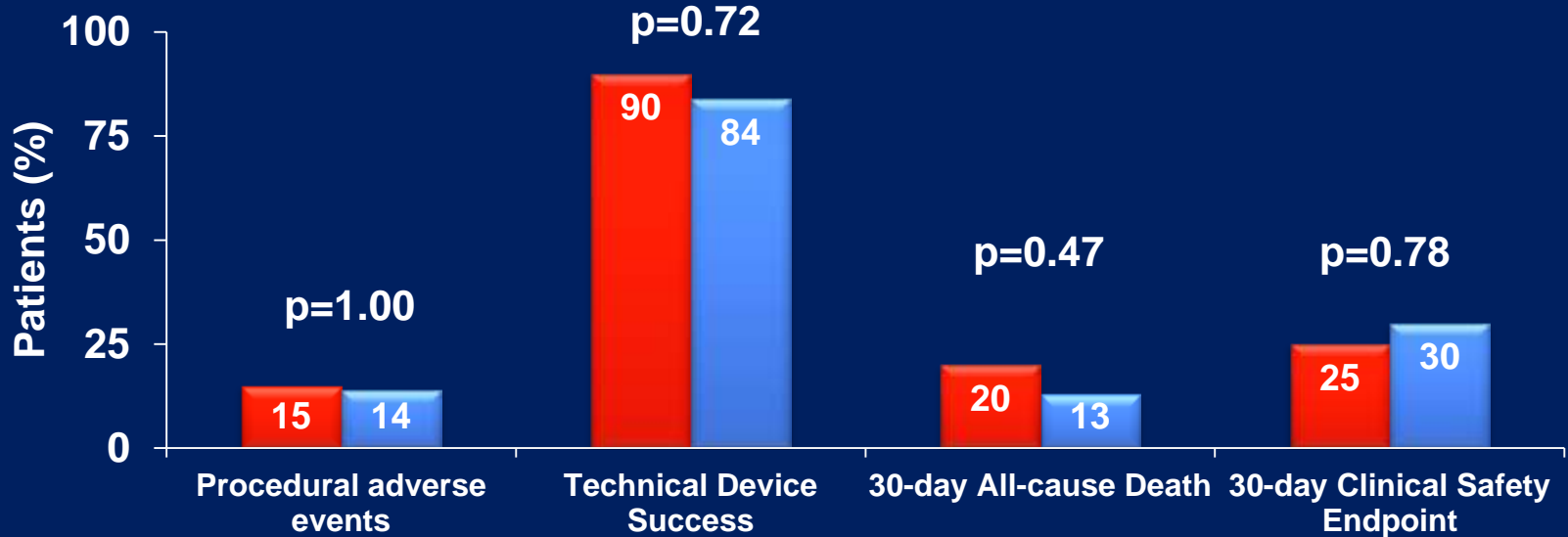


# Learning Curve by TAVR Approach

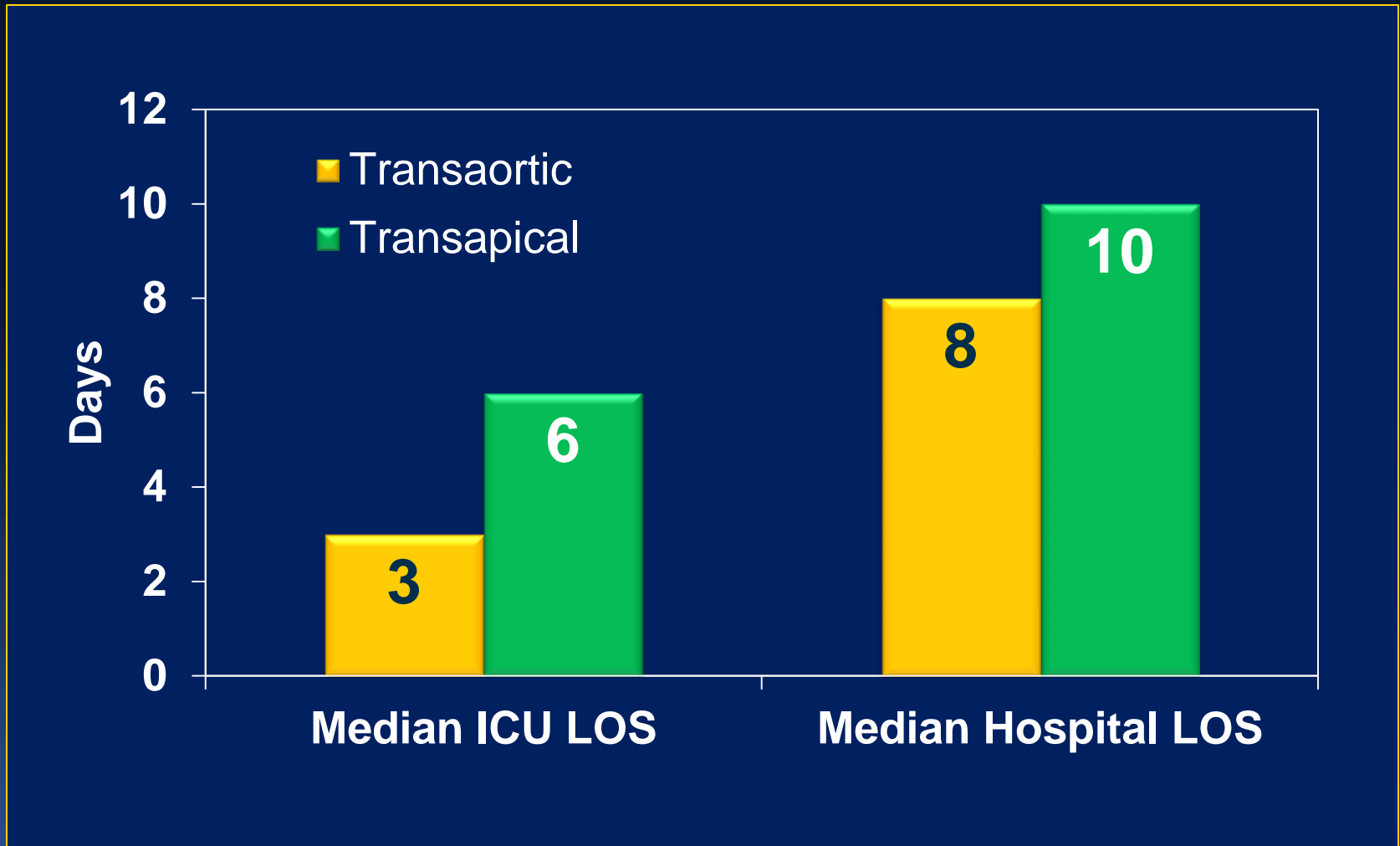
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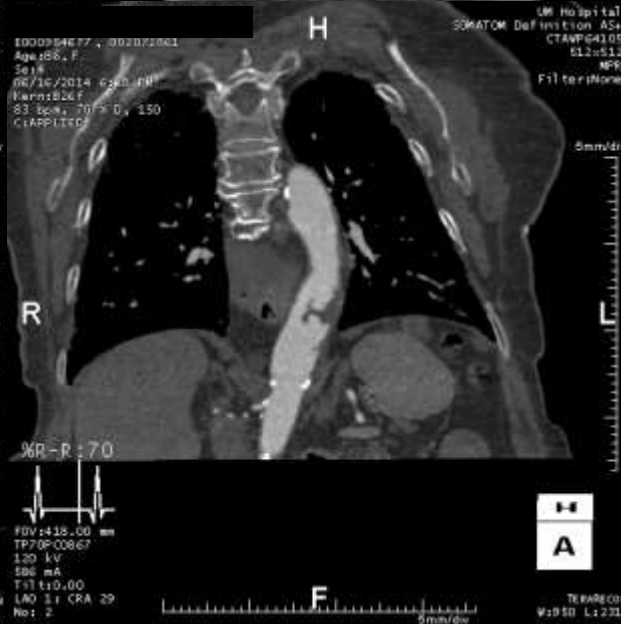
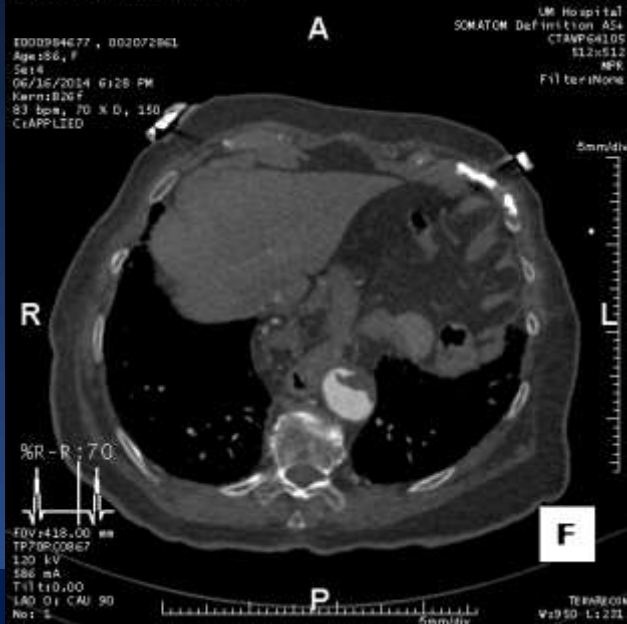
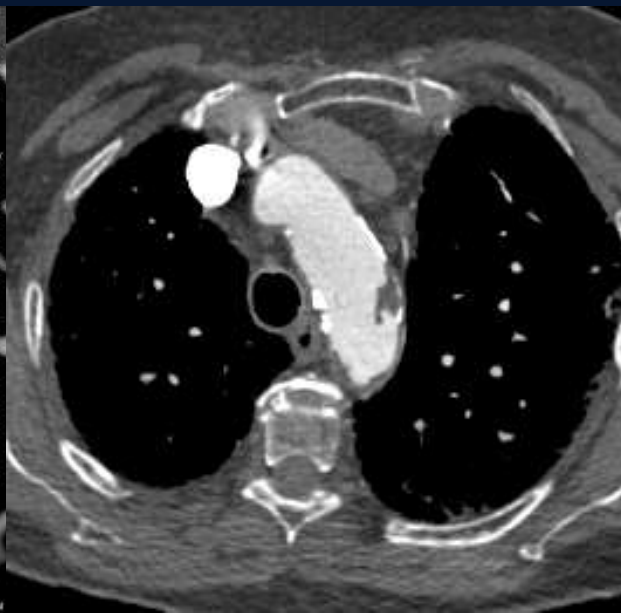
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# Length of Stay by TAVR Approach





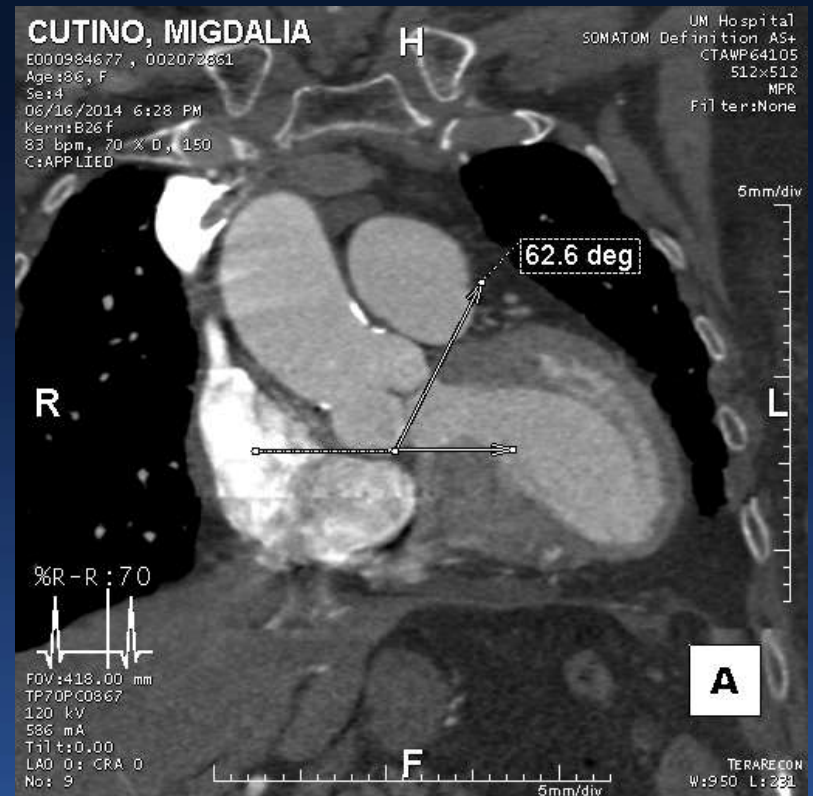
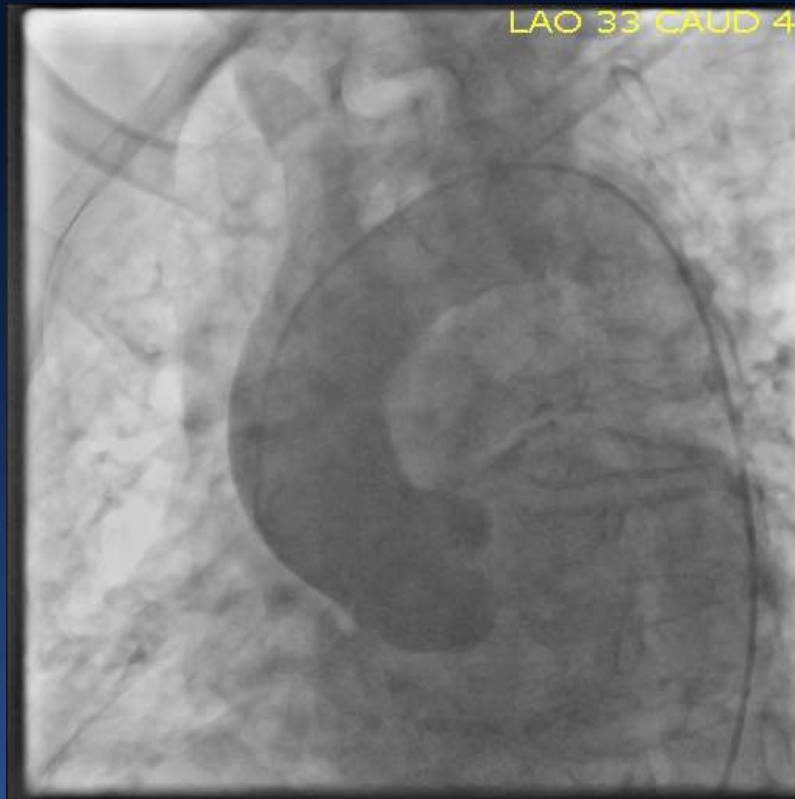


**Atheroma  
distal to Arch  
—  
Contraindication  
for TF?**

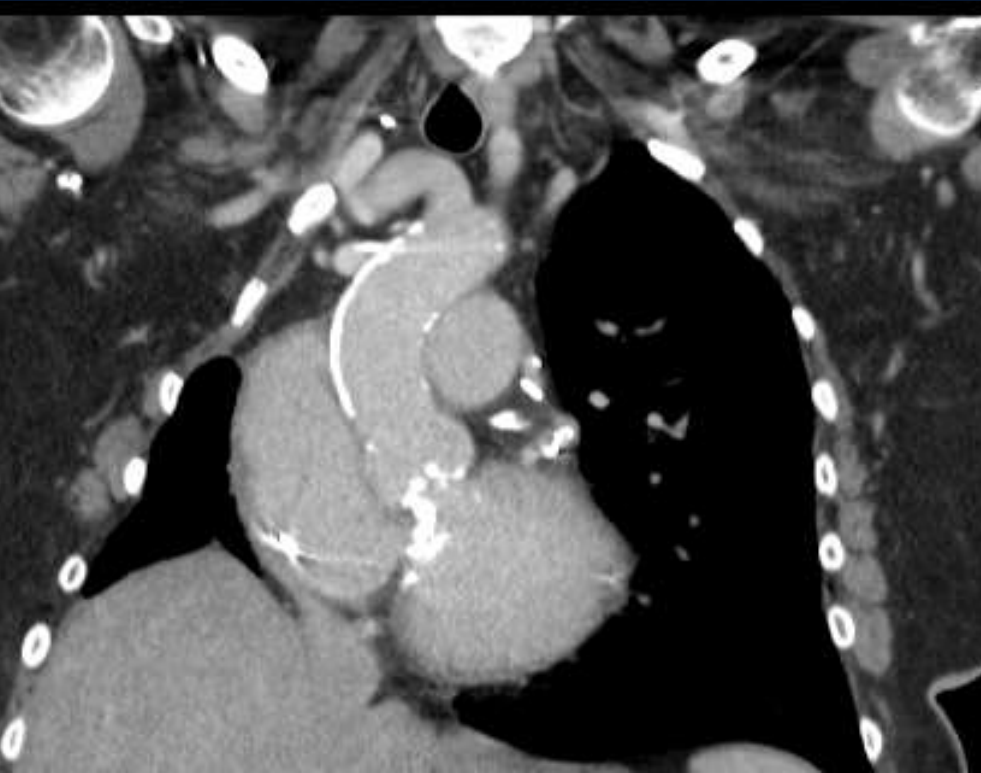


# Additional Notes

- Horizontal Aorta, steep angulation
- Carefully review angle of implant
- She may be better off with TA
- However, wires will go through atheromatous aorta
- May not be convenient for TF or CoreValve



# Help me Choose Access!!



View Coronal

MIP 1.0  
LAO/RAO  
CRAN/CAUD

0.21

L

(mm)	Perim	Area
	74.2	369.4
Eff diam	23.6	21.7
25 =	-3%	+6%
25 =	+10%	+20%
25 =	+23%	+34%
Ro-nadir diam	19.4	
Min diam	17.9	
Max diam	25.8	

Value (mm)  
Diameter: 23  
Impl height: 4.0

KV 120  
mA 593  
SL 0.75  
SP 0.40  
PX 0.41  
512x512x343 [12 bit]

Prototype: Not for diagnostic use

View N-nadir

MIP 1.0mm  
LAO/RAO 136  
CRAN/CAUD -2

3.2 FPS

BestSyst 3...

15:04:20  
CT

L

H

R

F

KV 120  
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Prototype: Not for diagnostic use.

W 700  
C 400



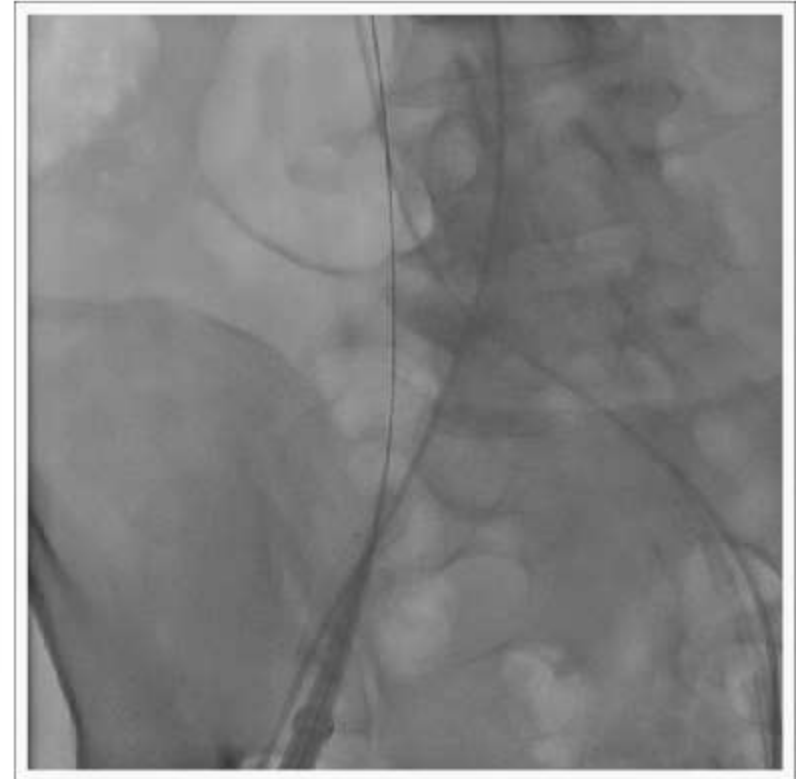
# What to do?

## The “No-Option Patient”

- **Contraindication for transfemoral access**
  - PVD with iliofemoral vessels diameter smaller 6 mm (Edwards XT or Corevalve)
- **Contraindication for transaortic access**
  - Porcelain aorta
  - Hostile chest
- **Contraindication for transapical access**
  - Severe pulmonary disease
  - LV aneurysm
- **Contraindication for Subclavian/Axillary access**
  - Not available for Edwards valves



# Venous Insertion of Retroflex Sheath



# Transseptal Antegrade Approach

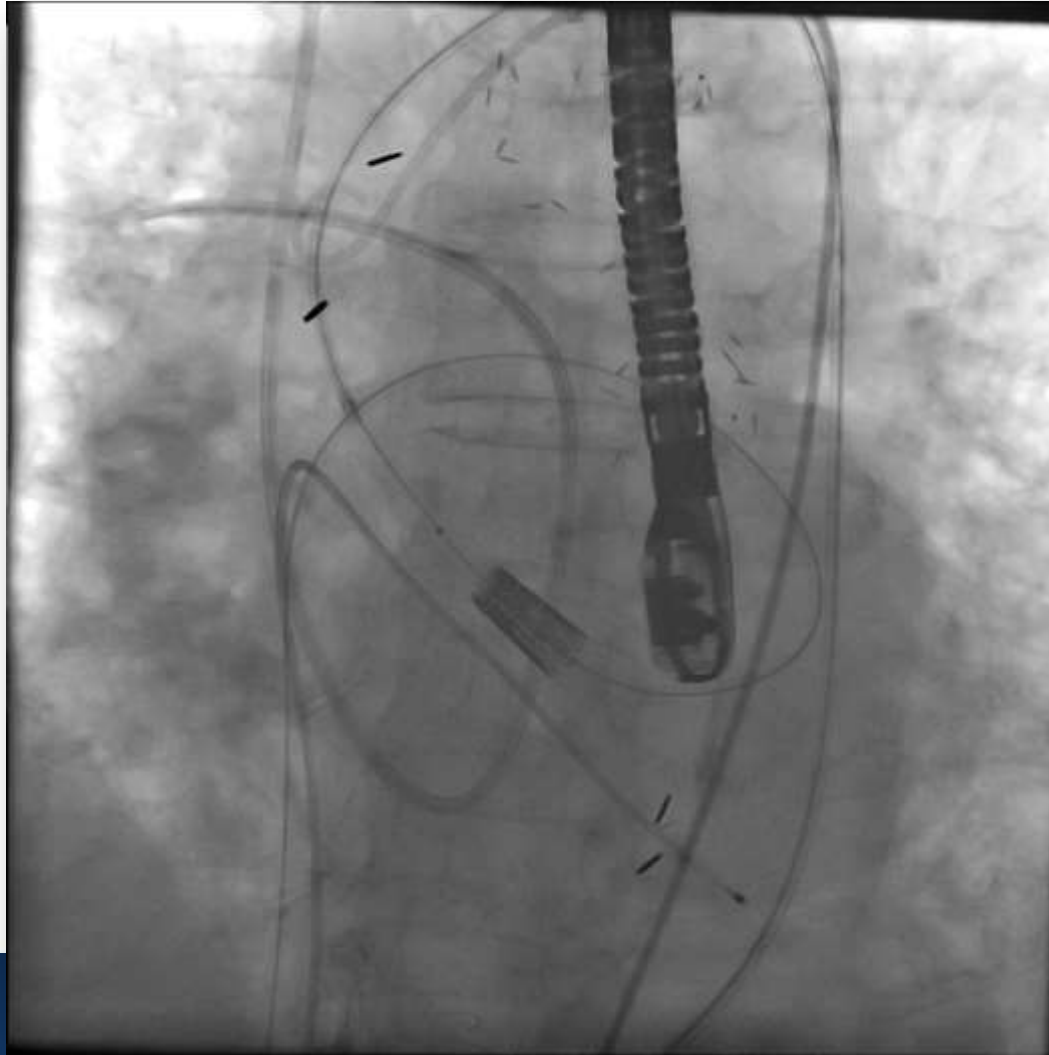


# Advancing the Valve

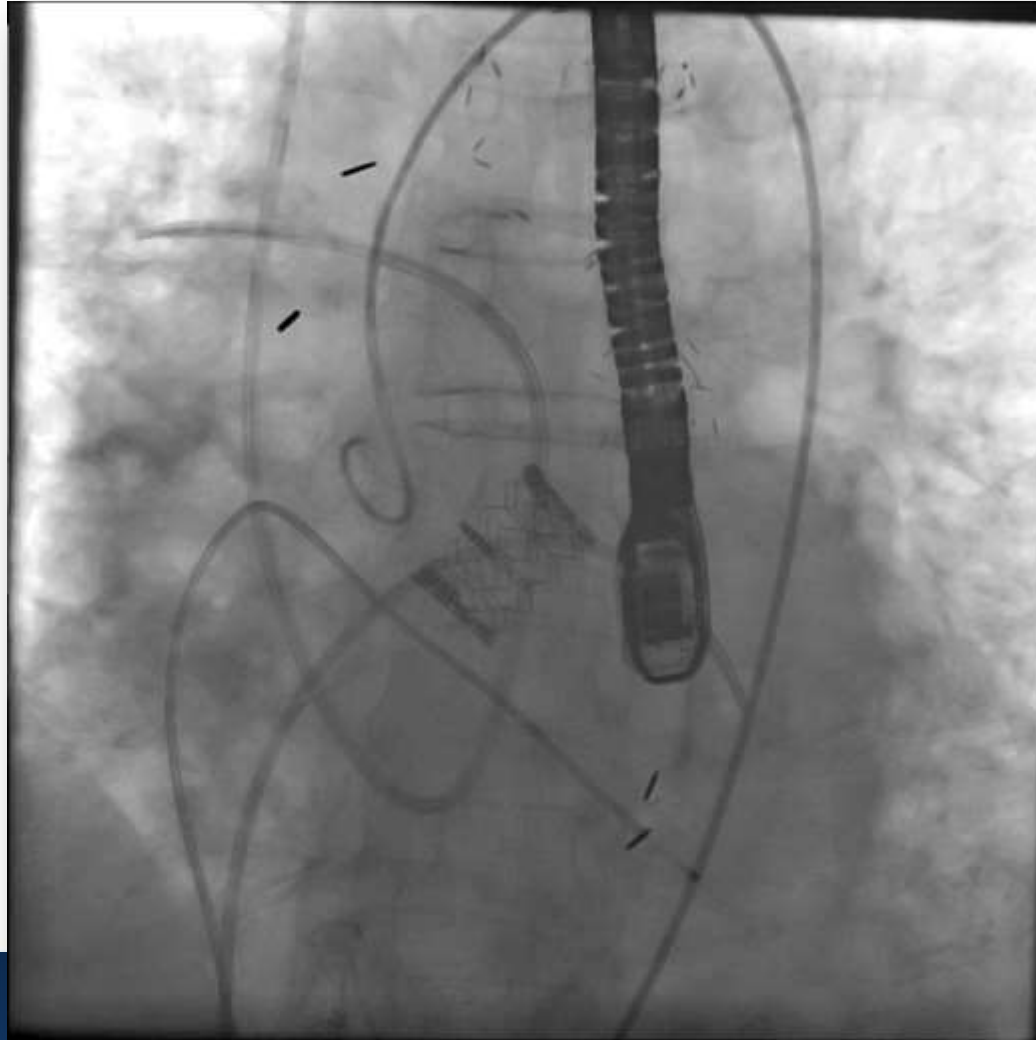




# Valve Deployment



# Final Supravalvular Aortography





# Caval-Aortic Access to Allow Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement in Otherwise Ineligible Patients

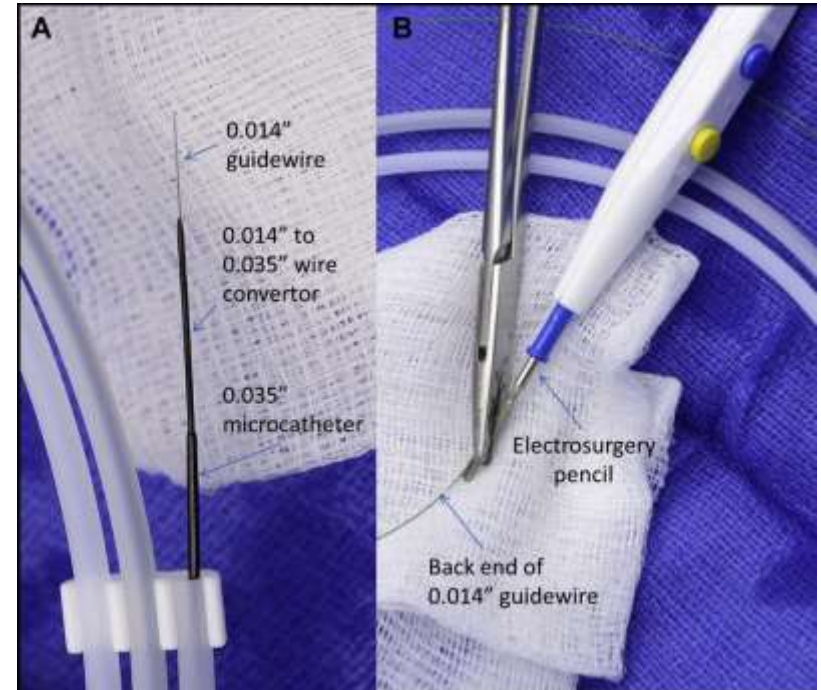
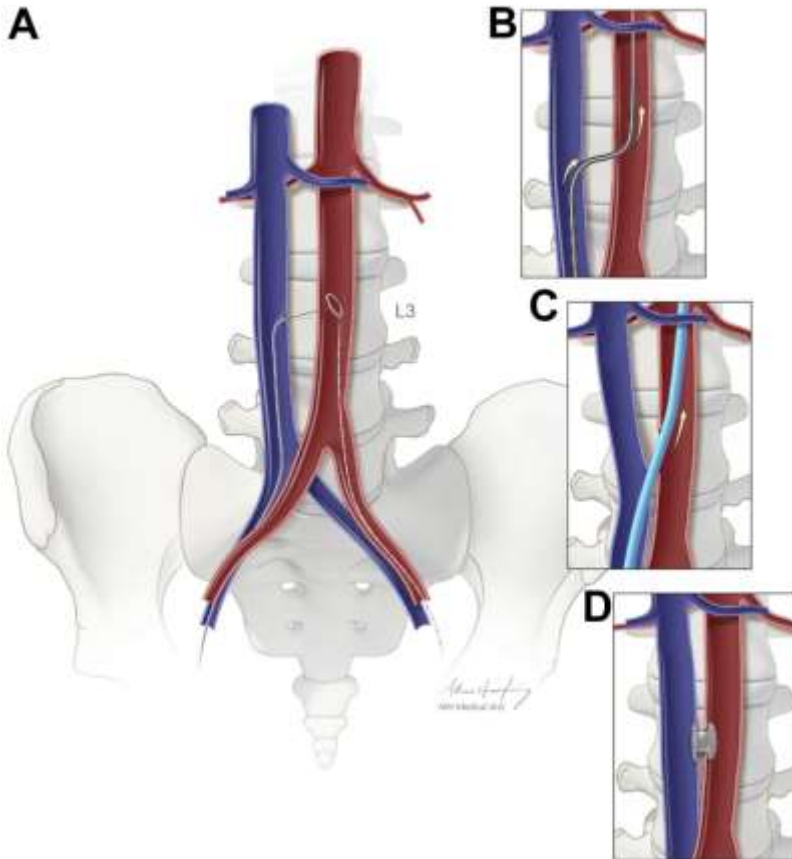


Initial Human Experience

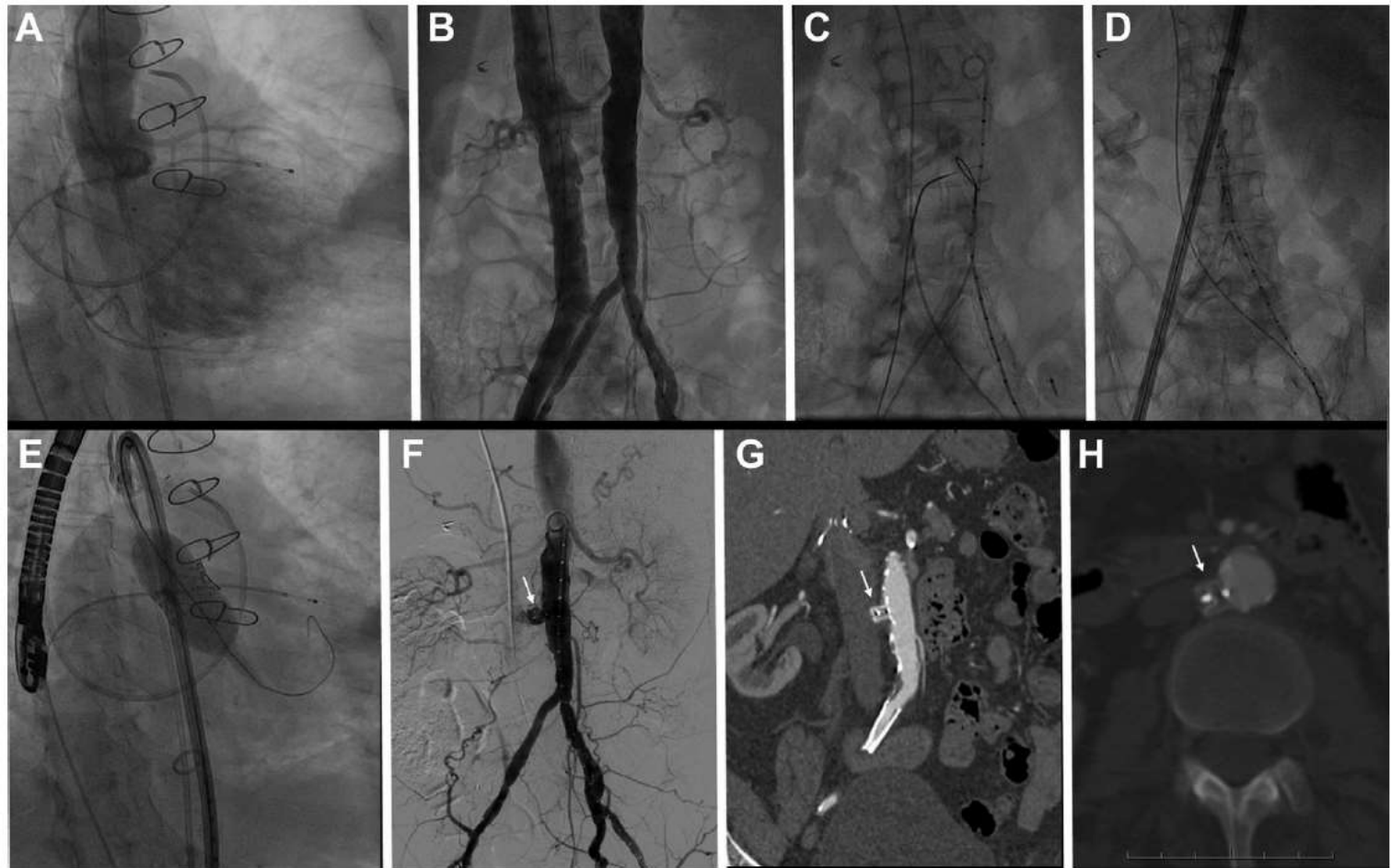
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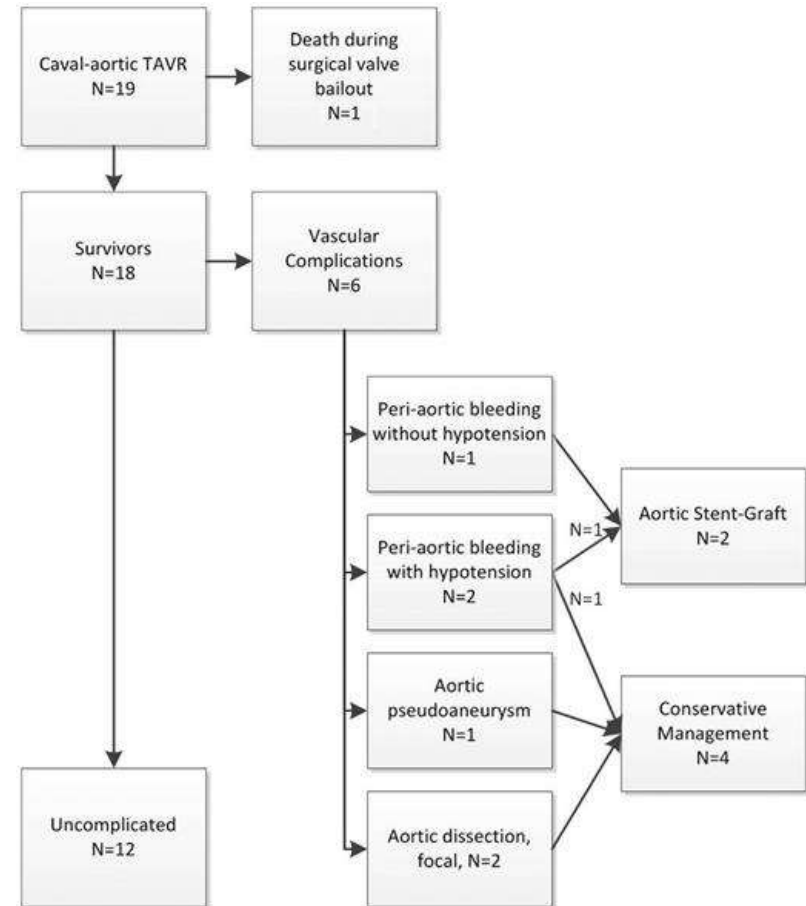
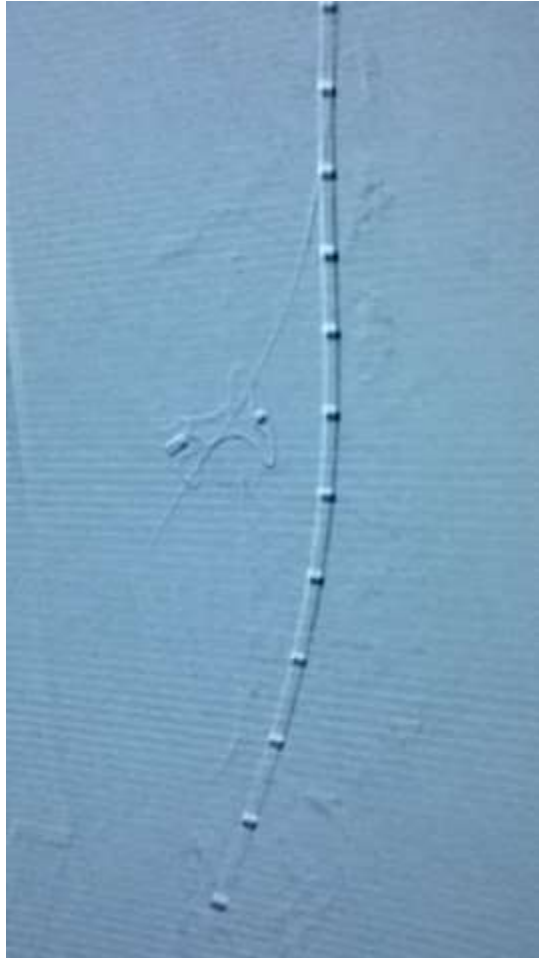
# Trans-Caval Technique



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Greenbaum AB et al. JACC 2014;63:2795–804  
Video: Courtesy of Dr. William O’Neill



# Conclusions

- **Careful patient evaluation**
- **Femoral access is always preferred**
  - Shorter length of stay, improved recovery
  - Improved survival (compared to TA)
- **Alternative access**
  - Patients have more comorbidities
  - Longer recovery
  - Transaortic access has shorter learning curve and faster recovery than transapical access
  - Transseptal Antegrade may still have a role and should be performed by experienced operators.
  - Transcaval seems to be a promising option.

