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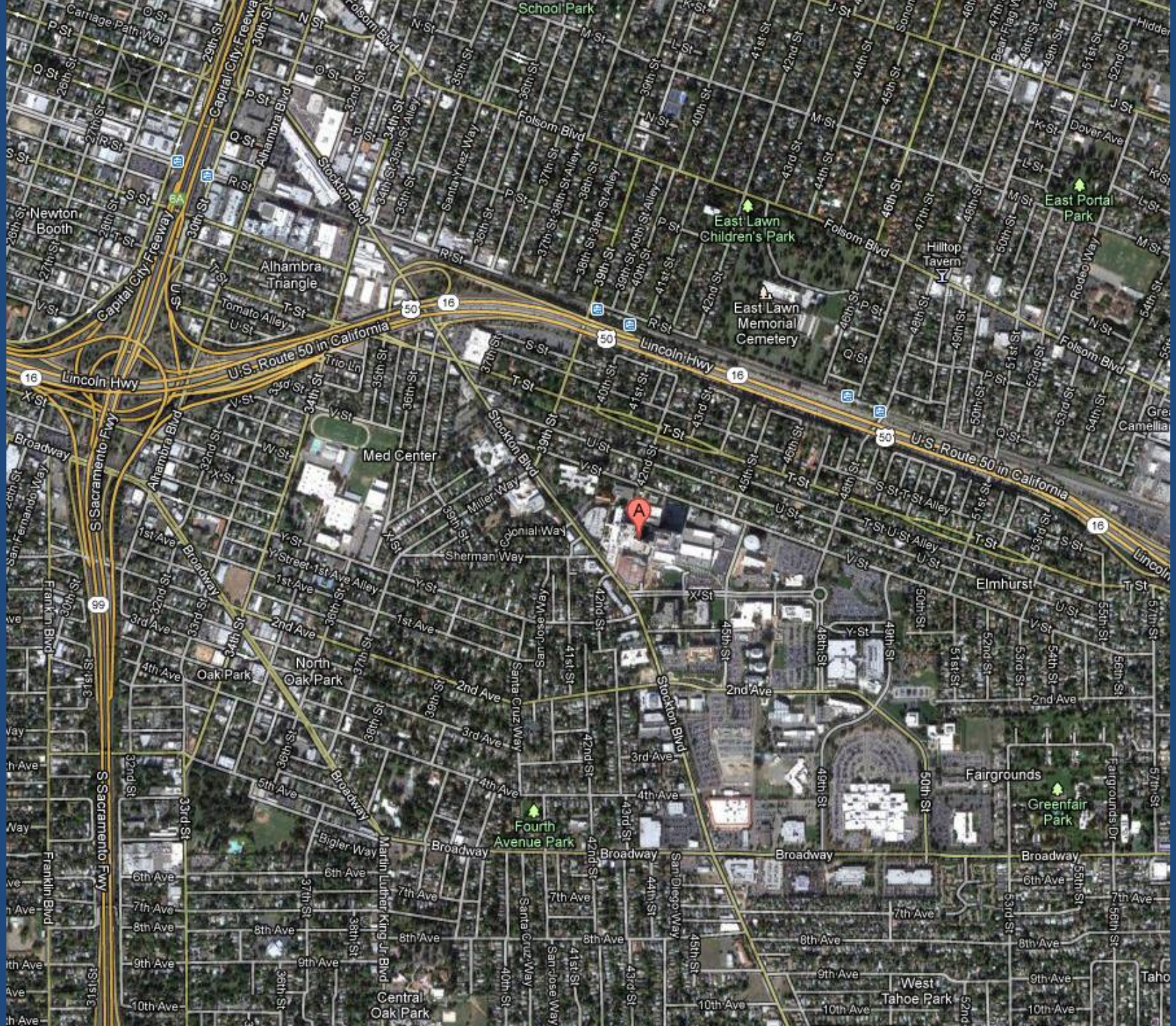
Advances In Cardiovascular Medical and Surgical Care

**Cardiovascular Imaging Studies
To the Heart of the Matter**

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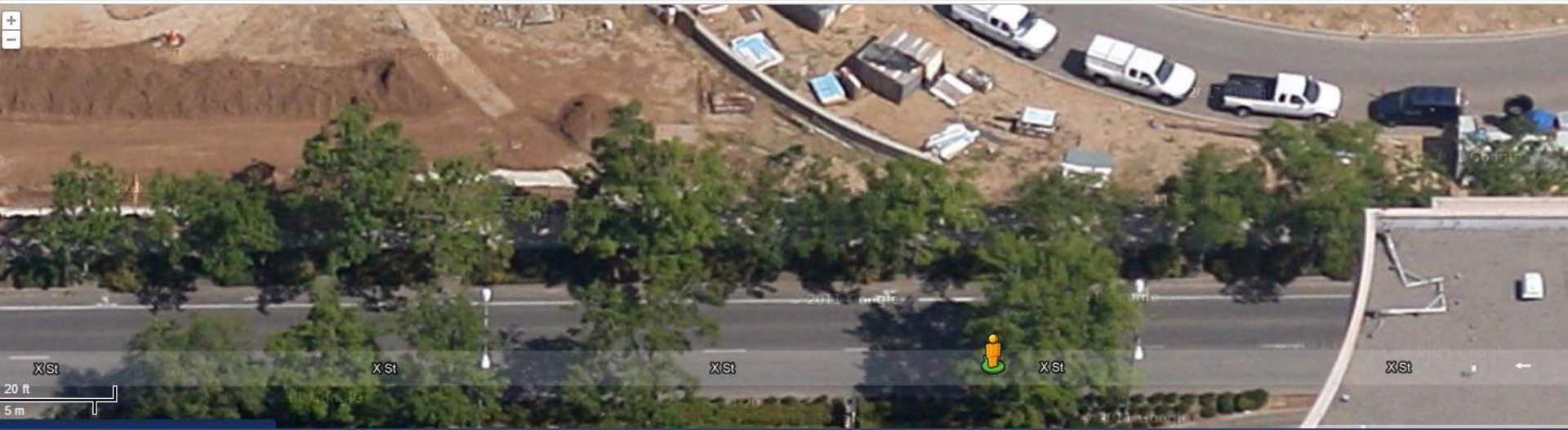




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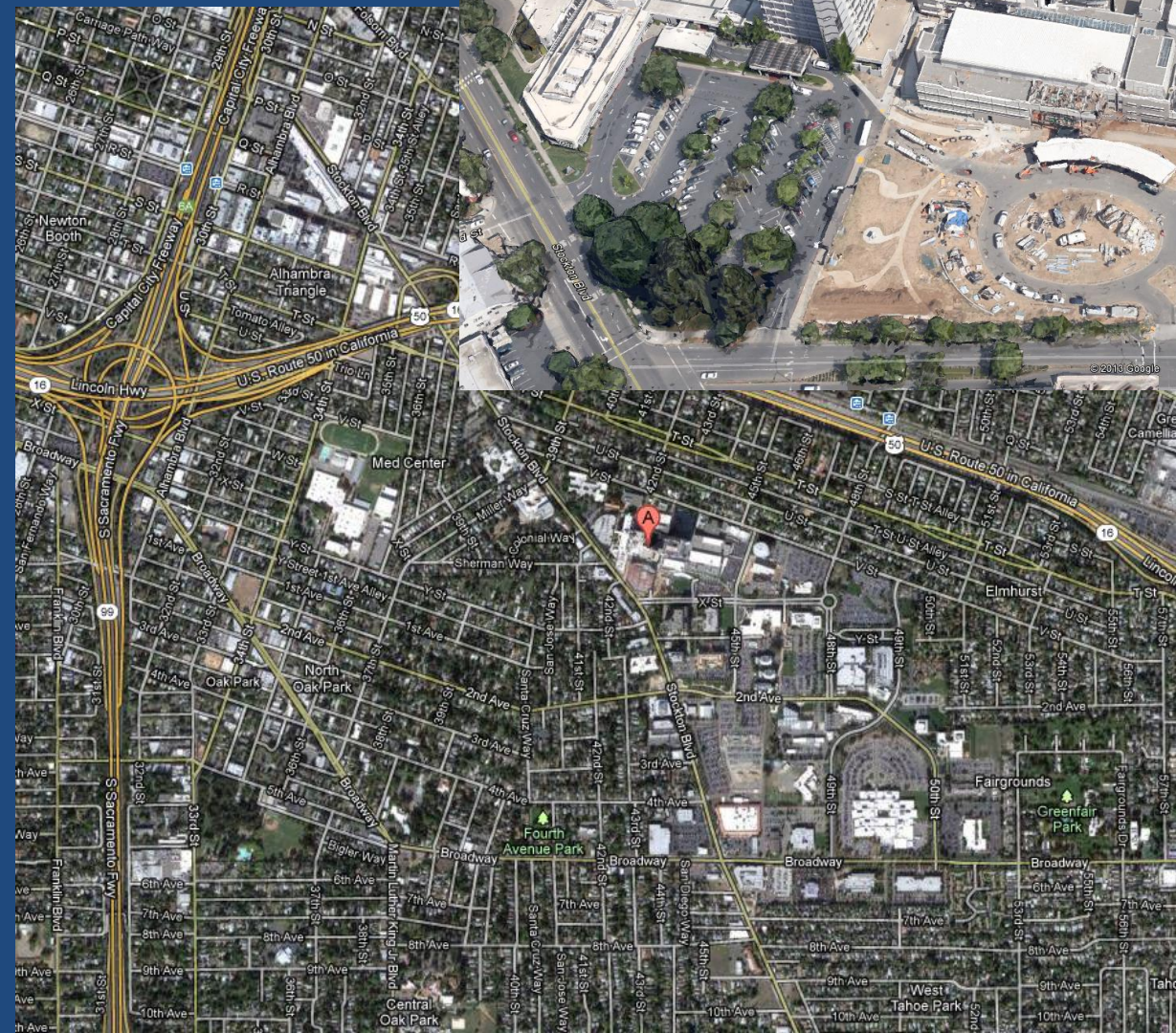
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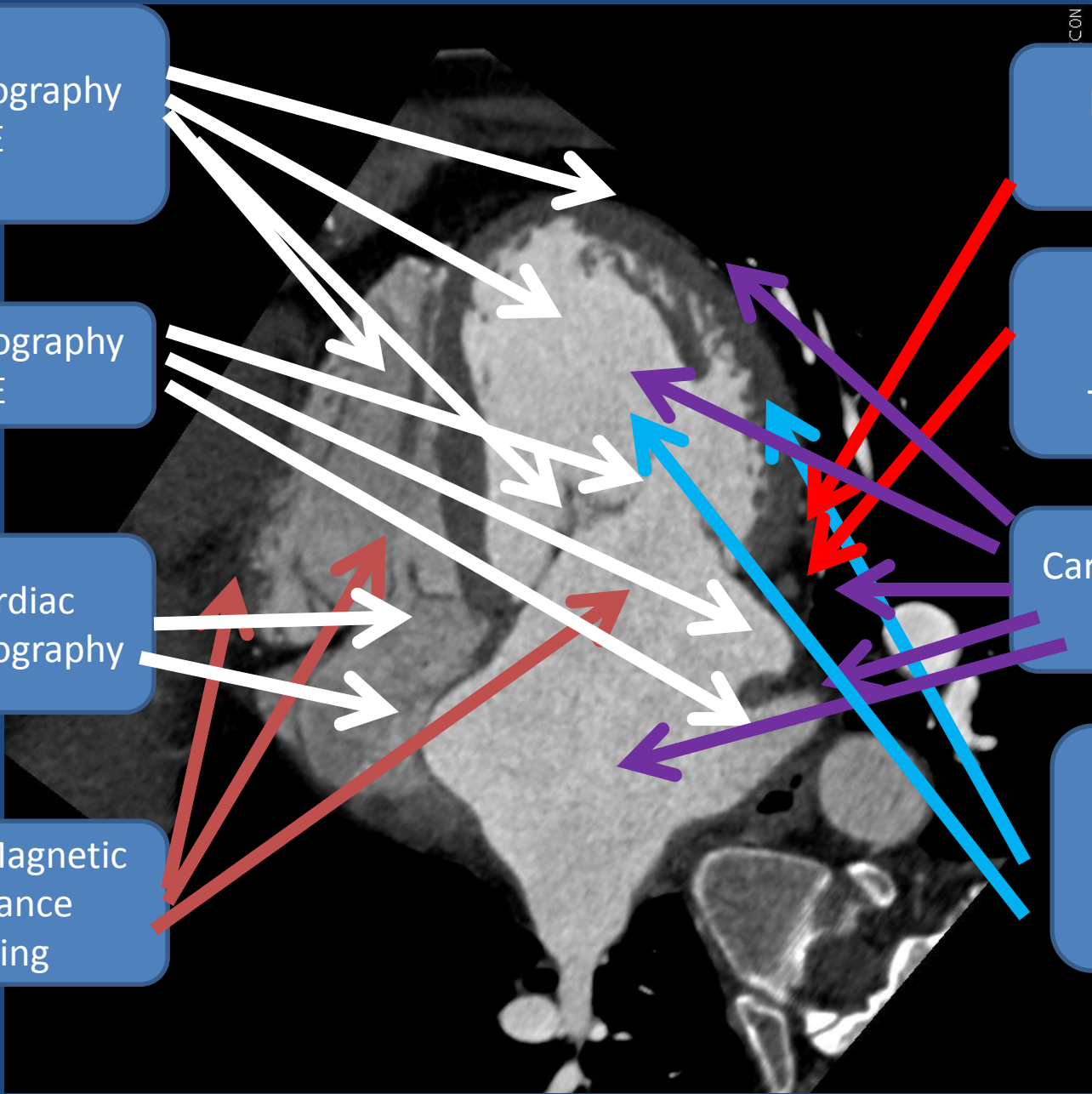
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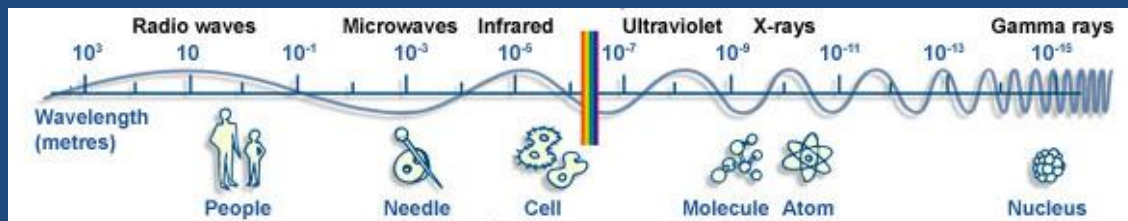
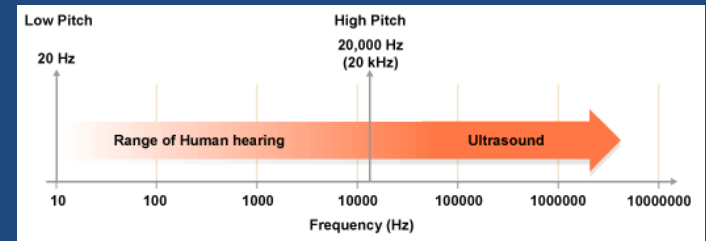
CON

Simply complex - Advances

- Ability to see region of interest in more detail and less invasively.
- Potential for the same or a more defined diagnosis with less risk to patients.
- A diagram showing a blue rectangular box labeled "Invasive" on the left, a blue arrow pointing to the right, and a blue rectangular box labeled "Non-Invasive" on the right.
- Ability to communicate images and findings quickly and effectively (procedural/team).

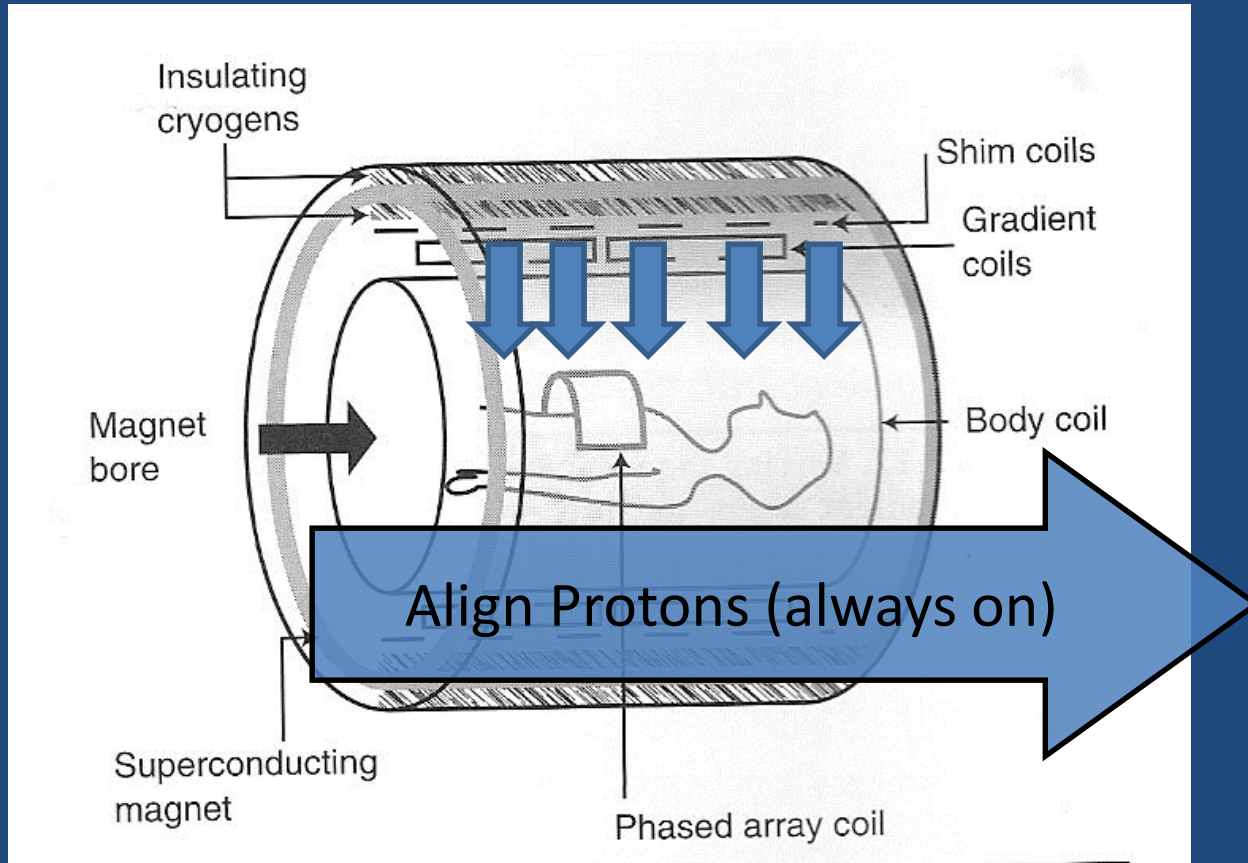


- Cardiovascular imaging modalities available and how to utilize them.
 - MRI
 - Computed Tomography
 - Echocardiography
 - TTE/TEE/IVUS
 - Nuclear Imaging
 - Procedural guidance



CARDIAC MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING

MRI



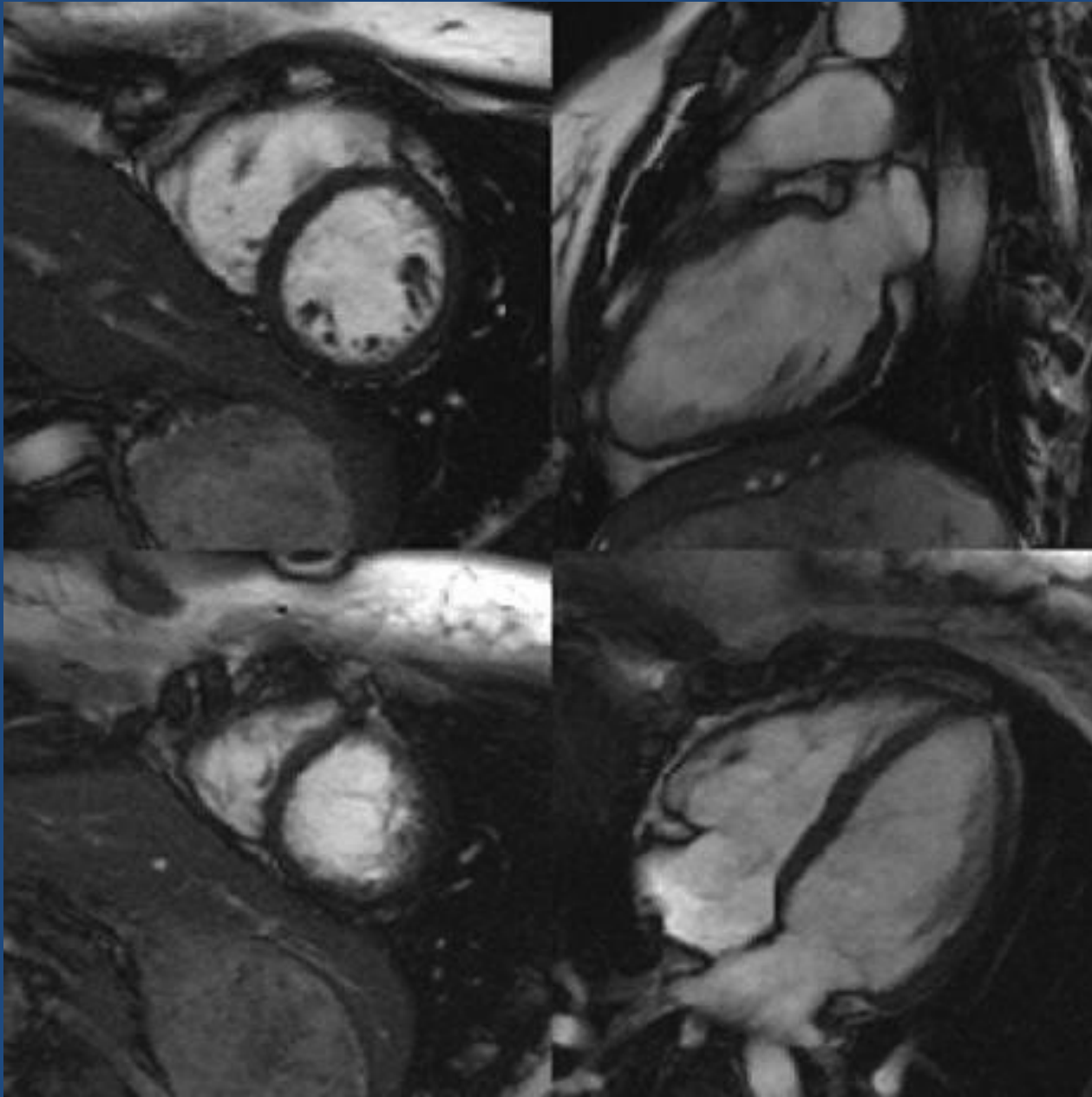
Cardiac MRI – When is it useful?

- Congenital heart disease
- Vascular – Aorta
- Diseases of myocardium
- Diseases of pericardium
- Viability
- Left and right ventricular function – gold standard
- Shunts

- Cardiac stress testing – dobutamine/adenosine
- Coronary artery disease – imaging of coronaries

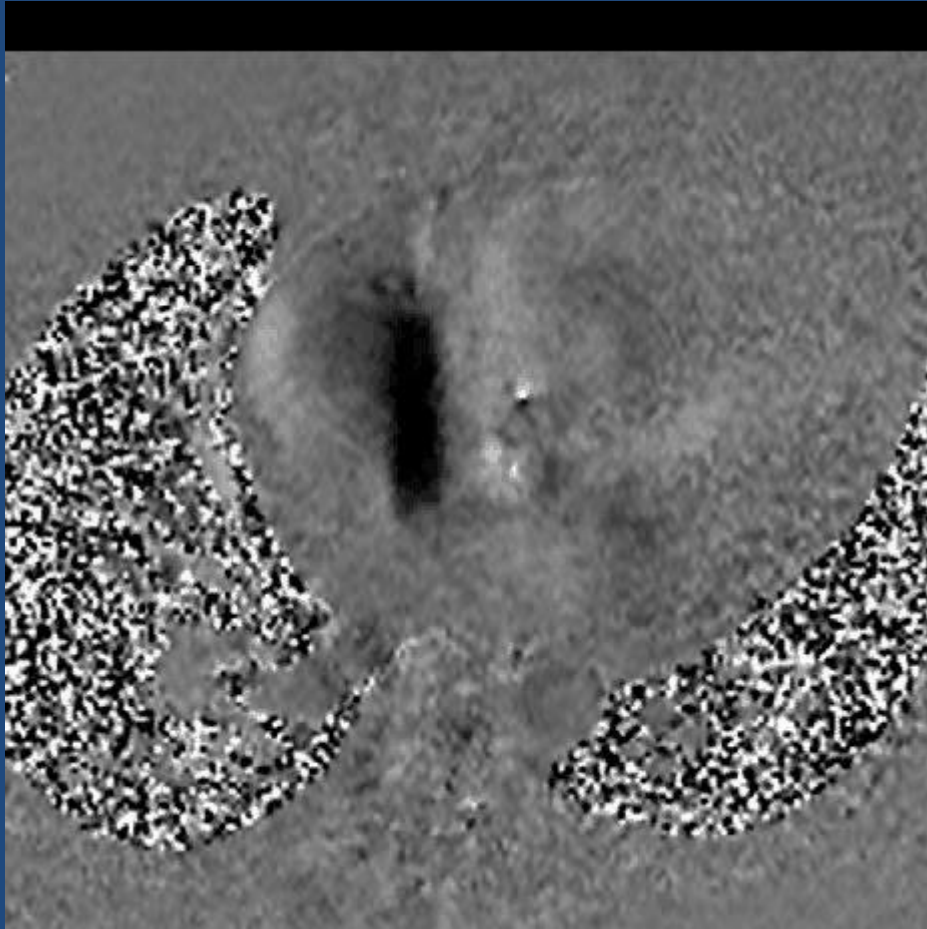
MRI

- Advantages
 - View of whole heart (not limited by bones/etc)
 - No radiation
 - Calcium does not cause artifact
- Disadvantages
 - Magnet (PM-limited, ICDs, clips -> artifacts)
 - Claustrophobia
 - Expensive
 - Long acquisition time – may take hours
 - Nephrogenic systemic fibrosis (gadolinium)
 - Long post-processing time
 - Limited by arrhythmias
 - Patient must be able to follow breathing instructions (CT and MRI)-translators if necessary



Gold standard
LV, RVEF

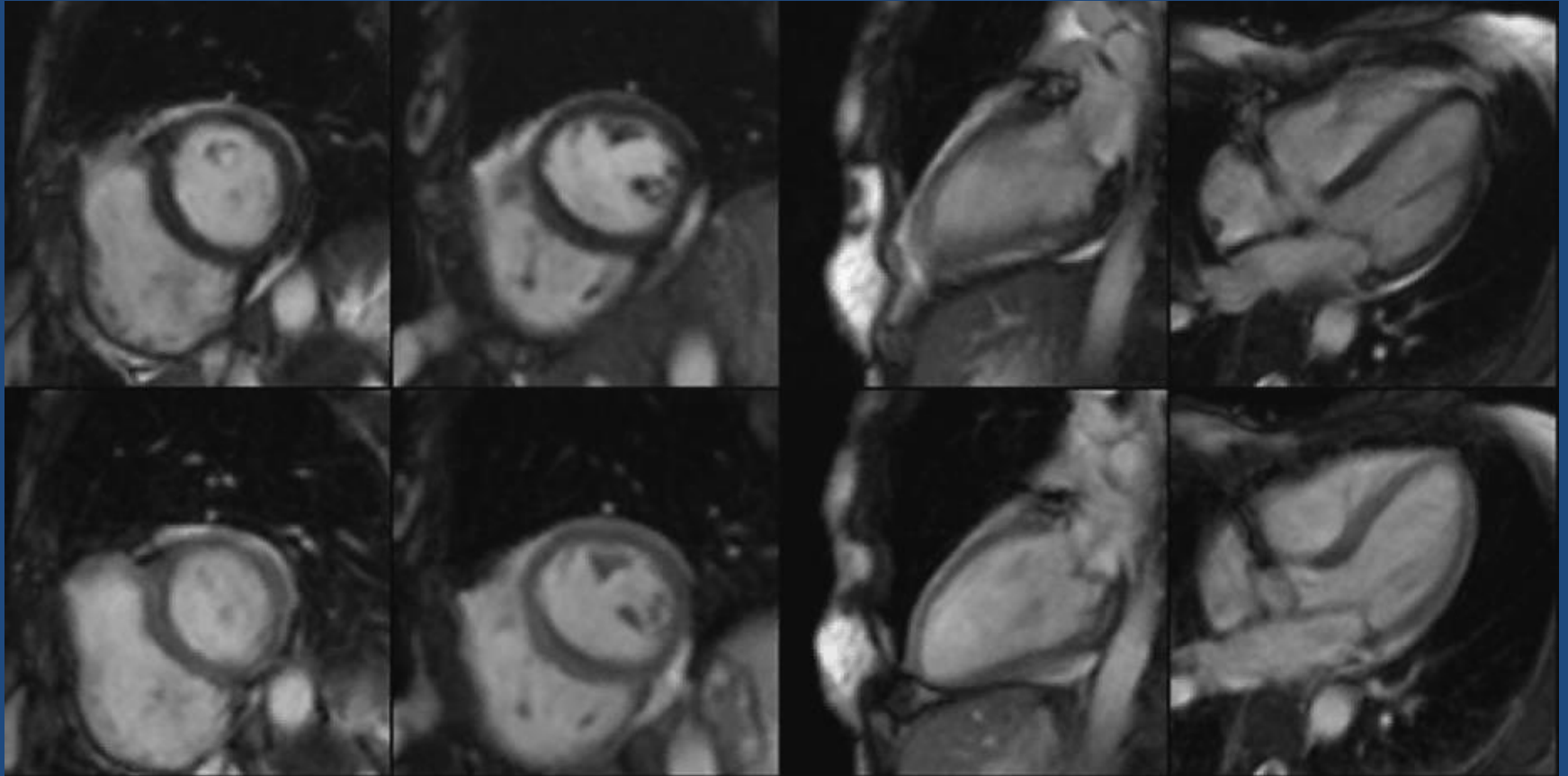
Non-contrast. Signal to Noise



Flow through ASD- Phase Contrast

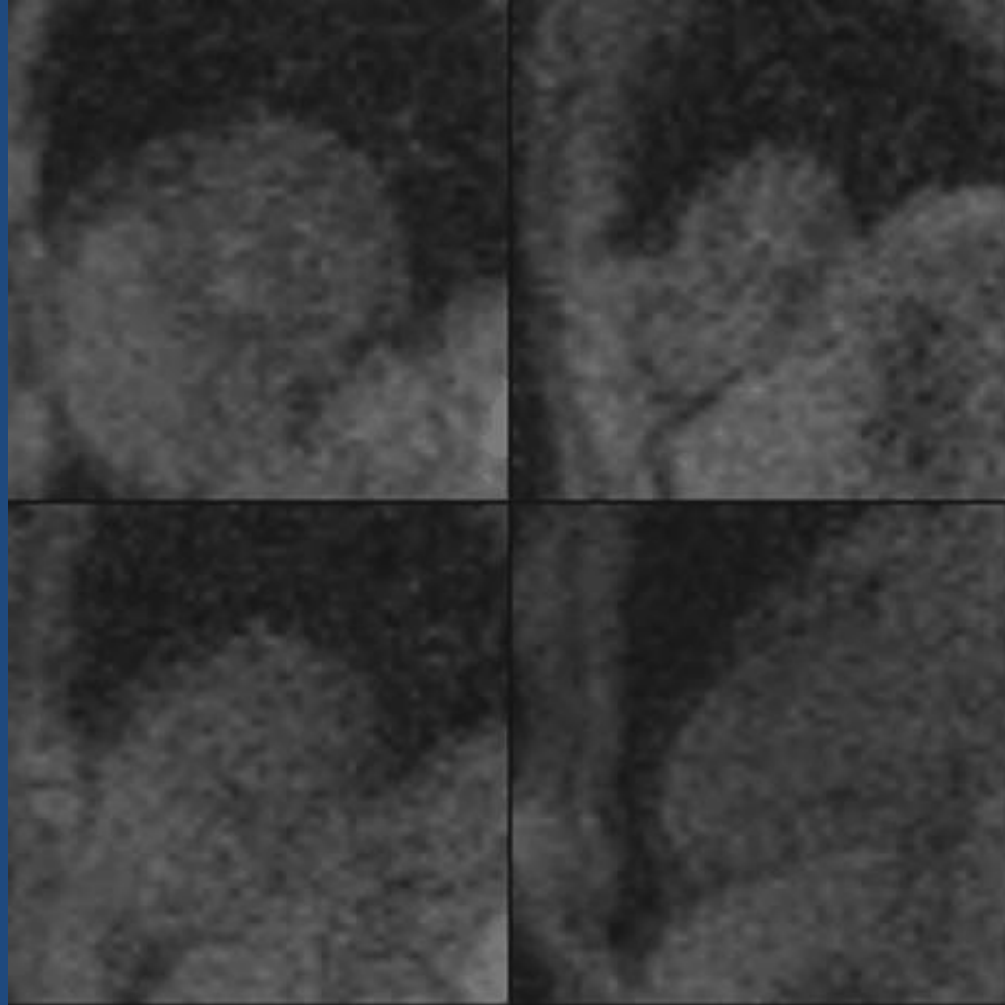
MRI Stress Test - Normal wall motion

Rest function



Stress
function

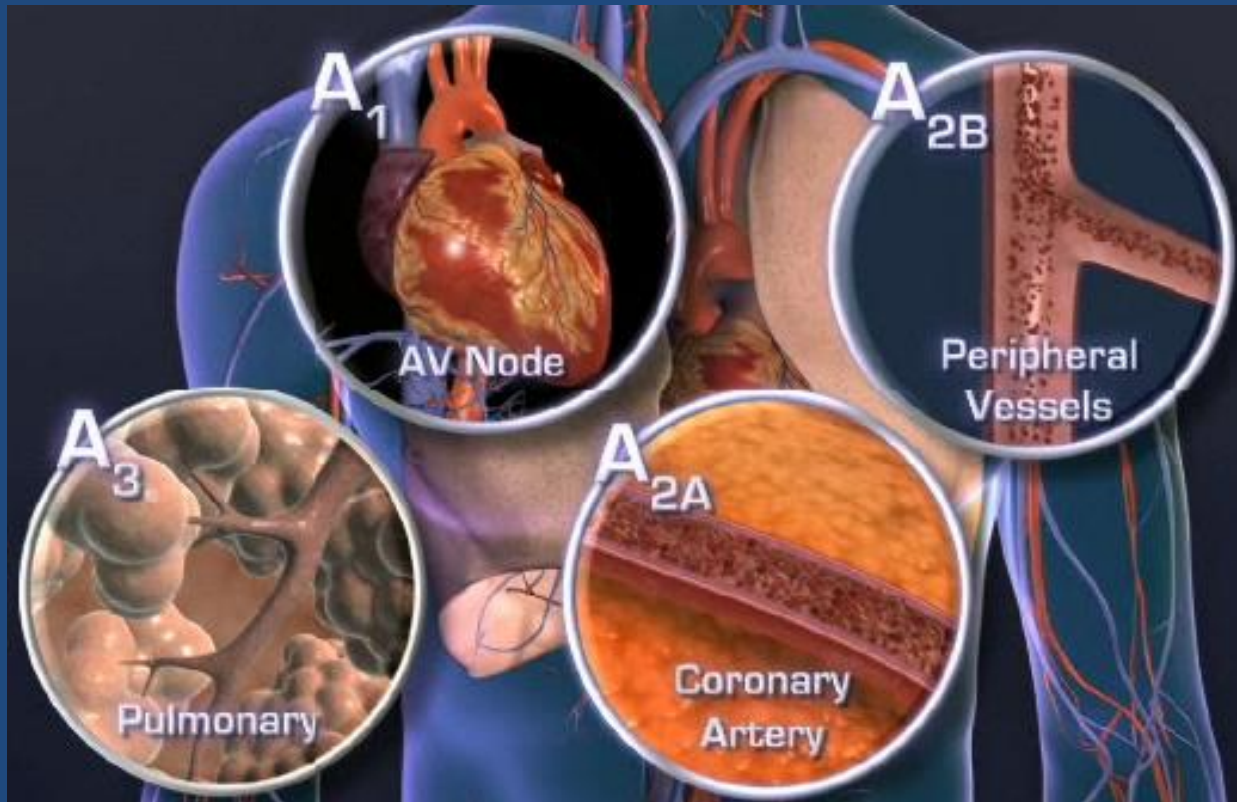
Normal Rest Perfusion



Gated image during contrast delivery

Pharmacologic Stress

- Adenosine agonist
 - Dipyridamole, Adenosine, Regadenoson



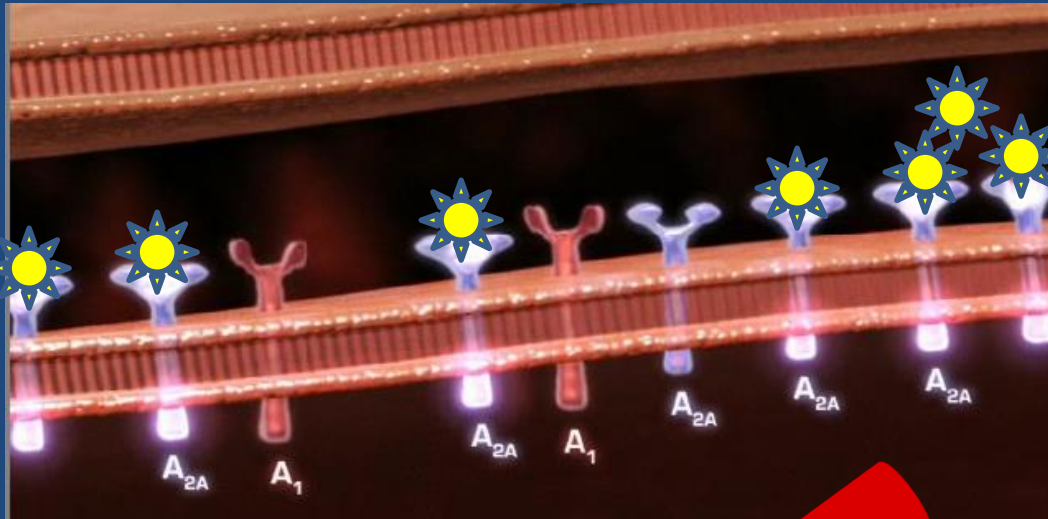
Rest



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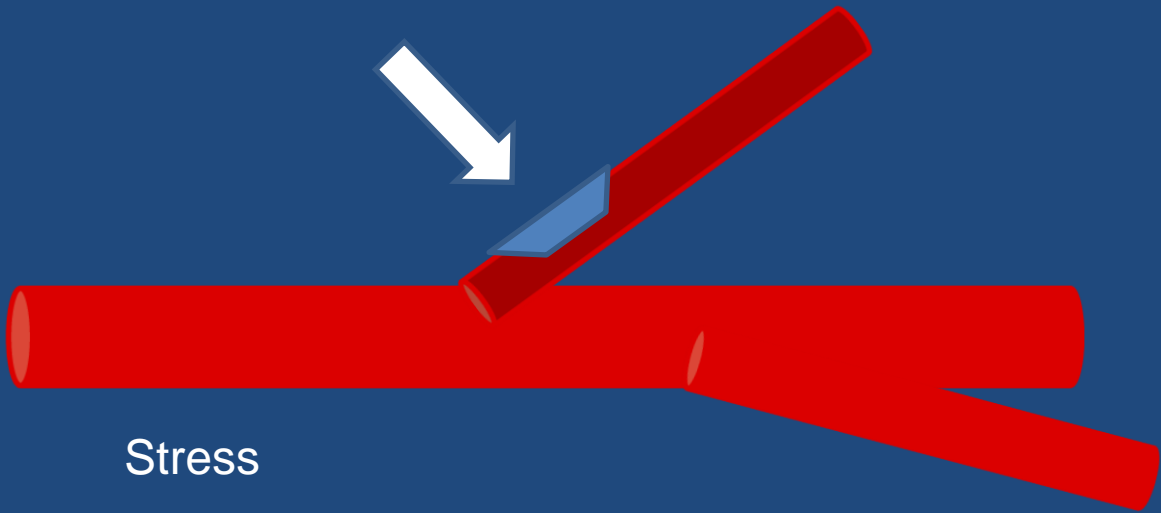


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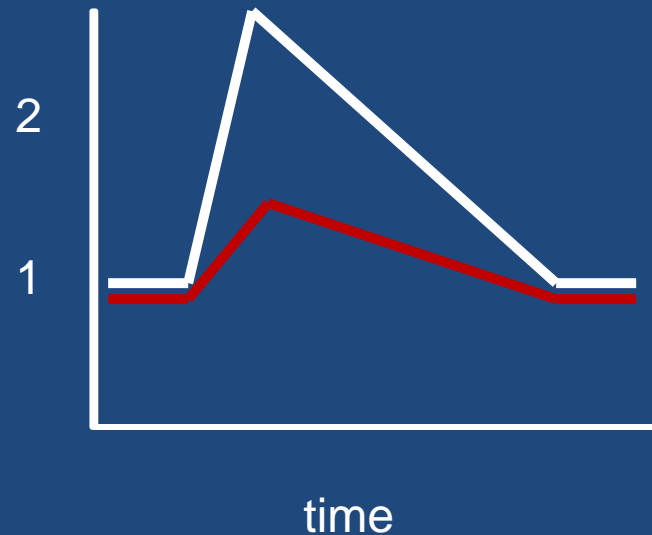
Stress



Stress

Flow impairing plaque
impairs vessel dilation

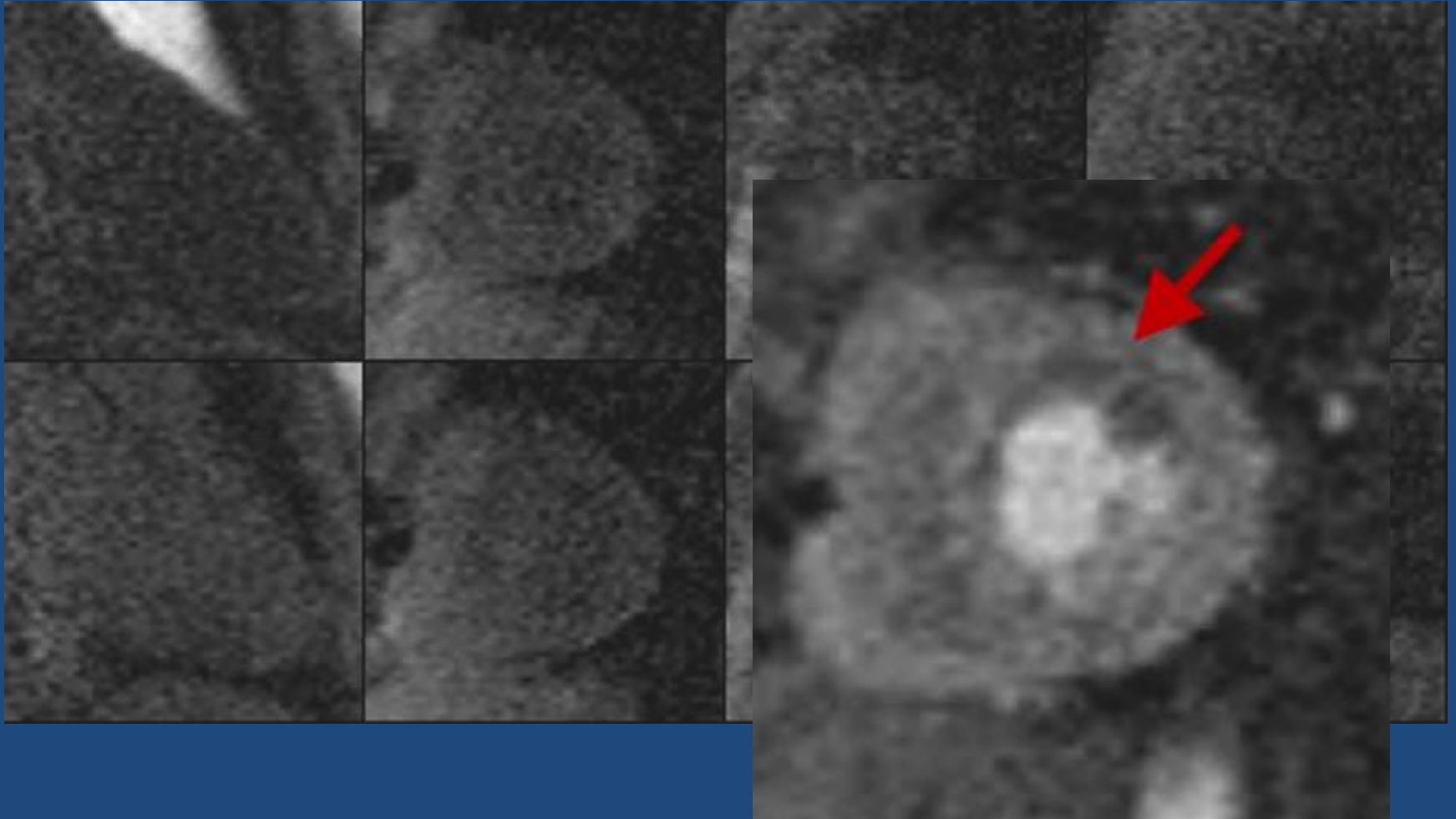
Less dilation – less flow



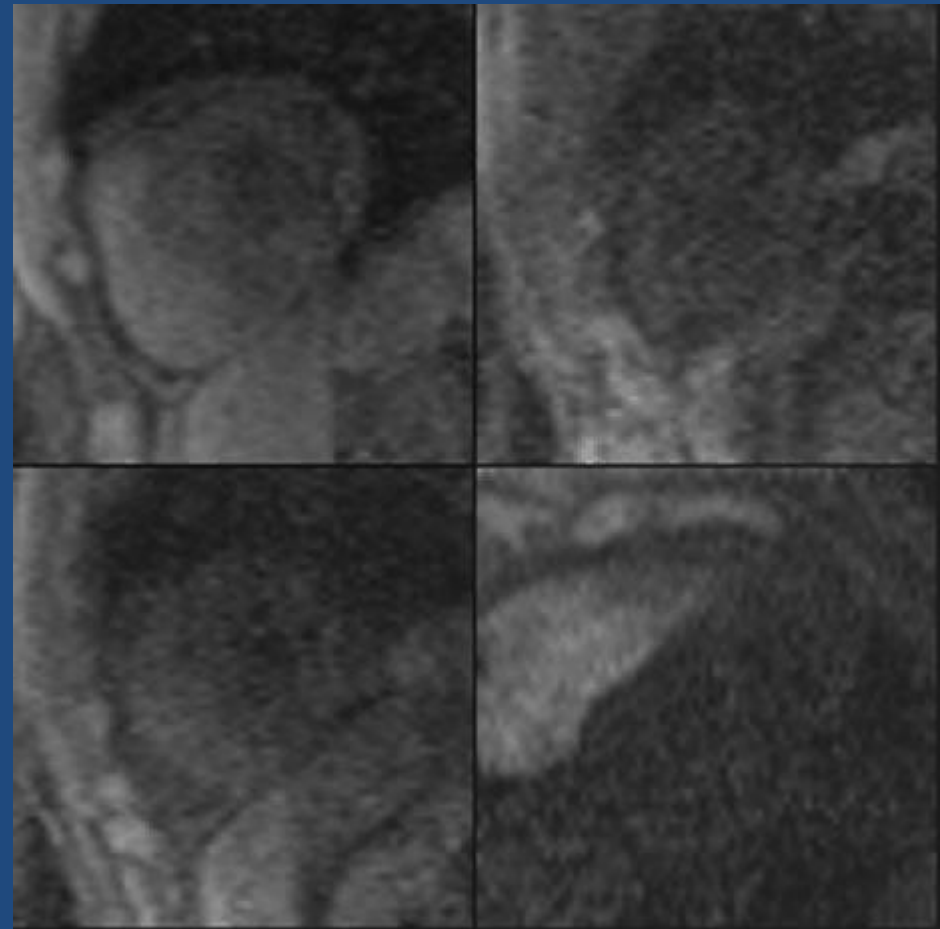
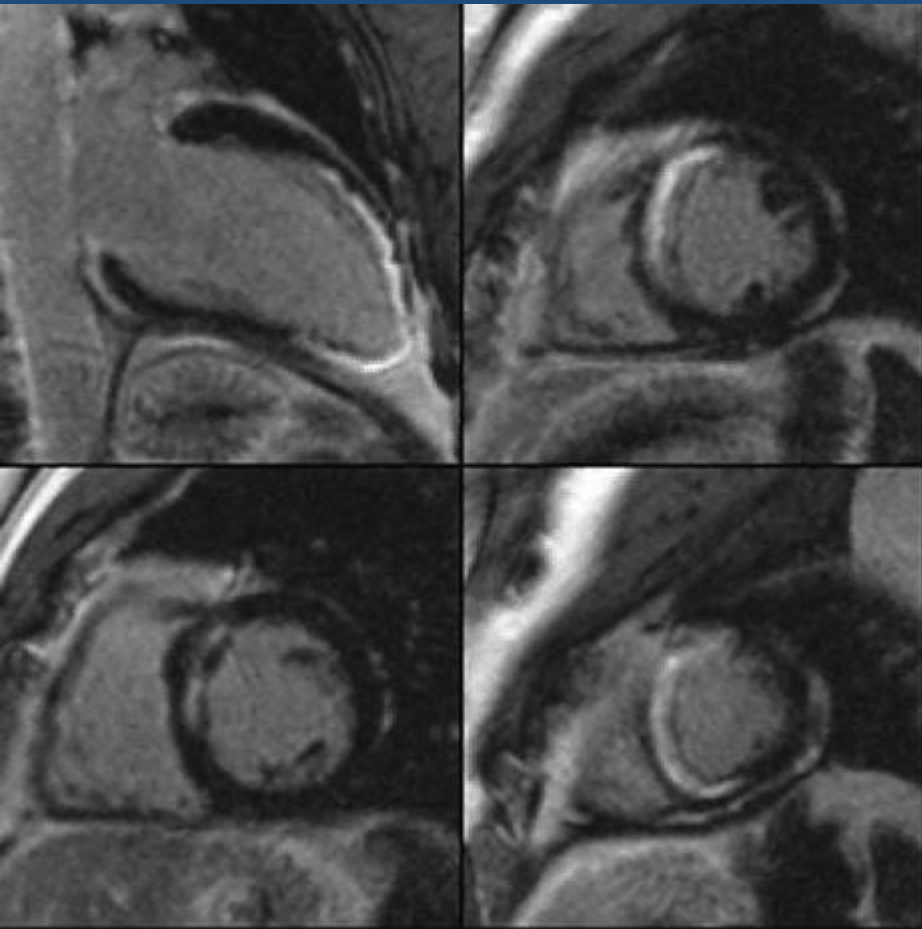
56 yo F with LAD lesion

Less flow, less blood, less contrast

stress



Delayed enhancement - Scar



CHEST MRA



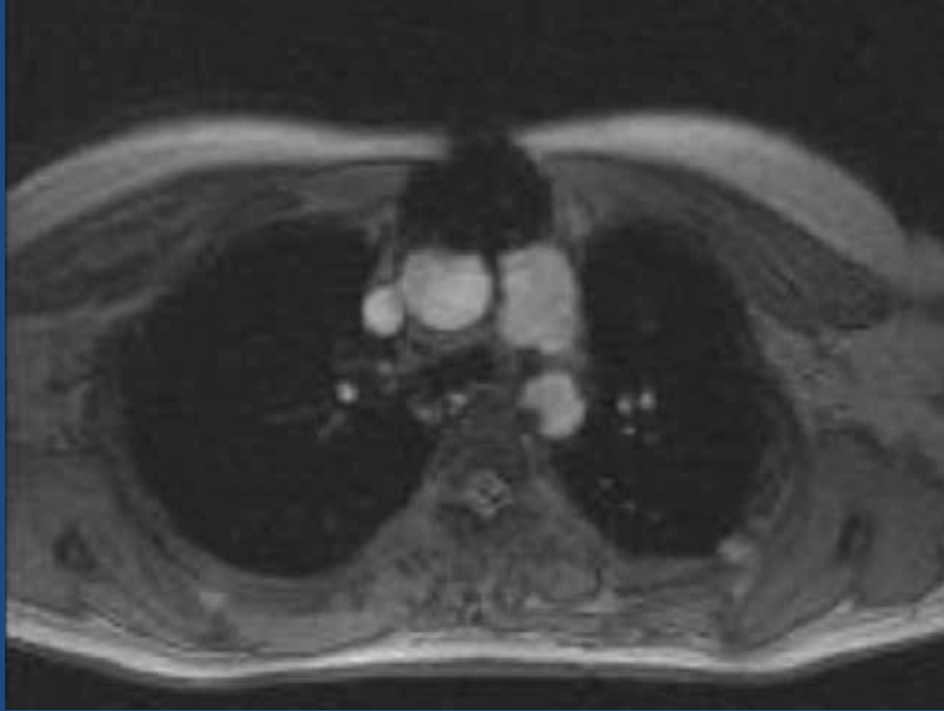
Whole Heart MRI

- Uses gating of breathing and heart rate.
- No prolonged breath holds.
- Potential for clinical assessment of coronary artery disease – if resolution improved.

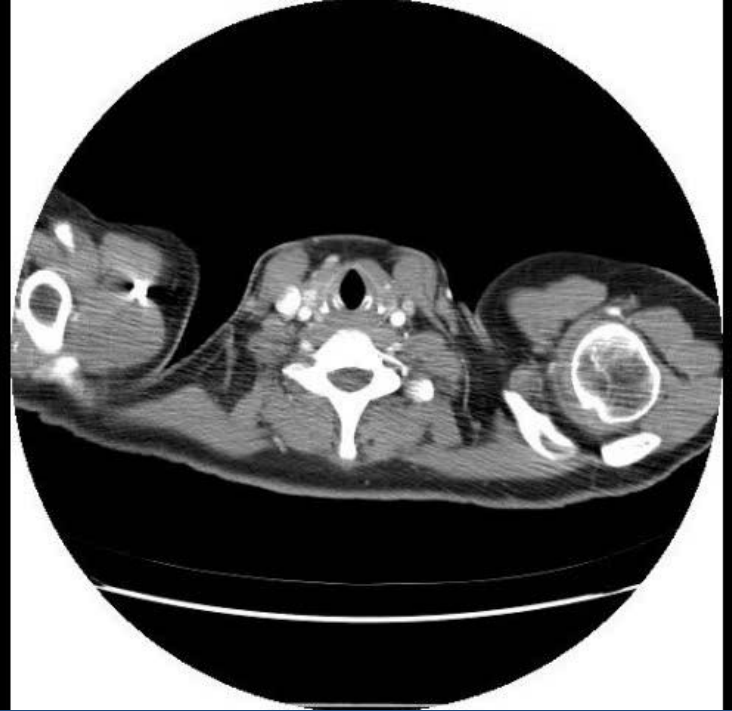
Pacemaker and MRI

- Potential risks
 - Lead heating
 - Unintended cardiac stimulation
 - Device interactions
- System includes leads/PM
- No ICDs – yet...





MRI



CT

Conduit from ascending aorta to descending aorta.

Cardiac CT – When is it useful?

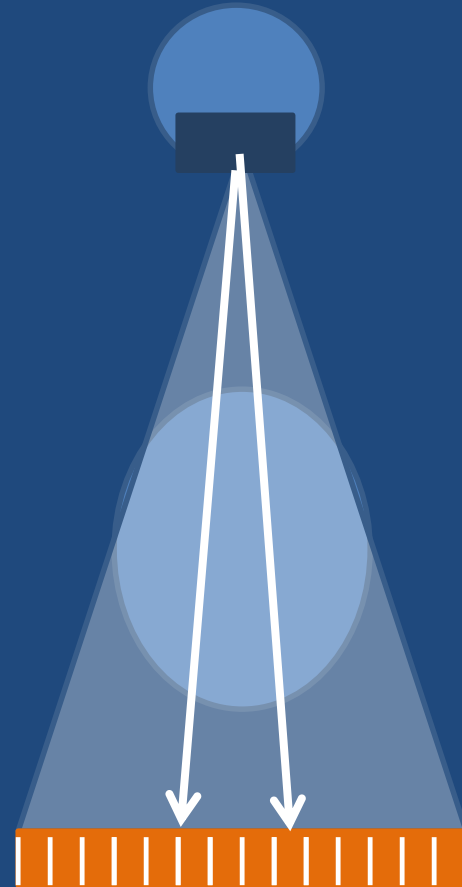
- Chest pain syndrome
 - Exclude CAD (99% NPV)
 - CP in Emergency room
- Equivocal stress test
- Non-coronary artery cardiac surgery
 - Exclude CAD
- Prior bypass surgery
 - Determine patency of grafts (not great for severe native disease)
- Congenital anomalies of the coronary circulation
- Coronary or pulmonary venous anatomy

Cardiac Computed Tomography

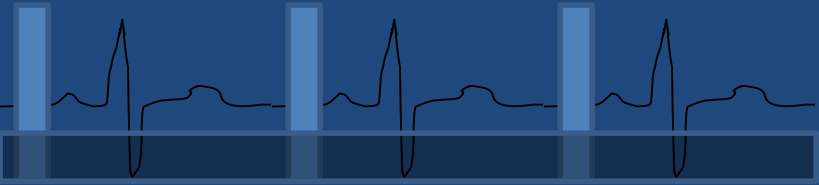
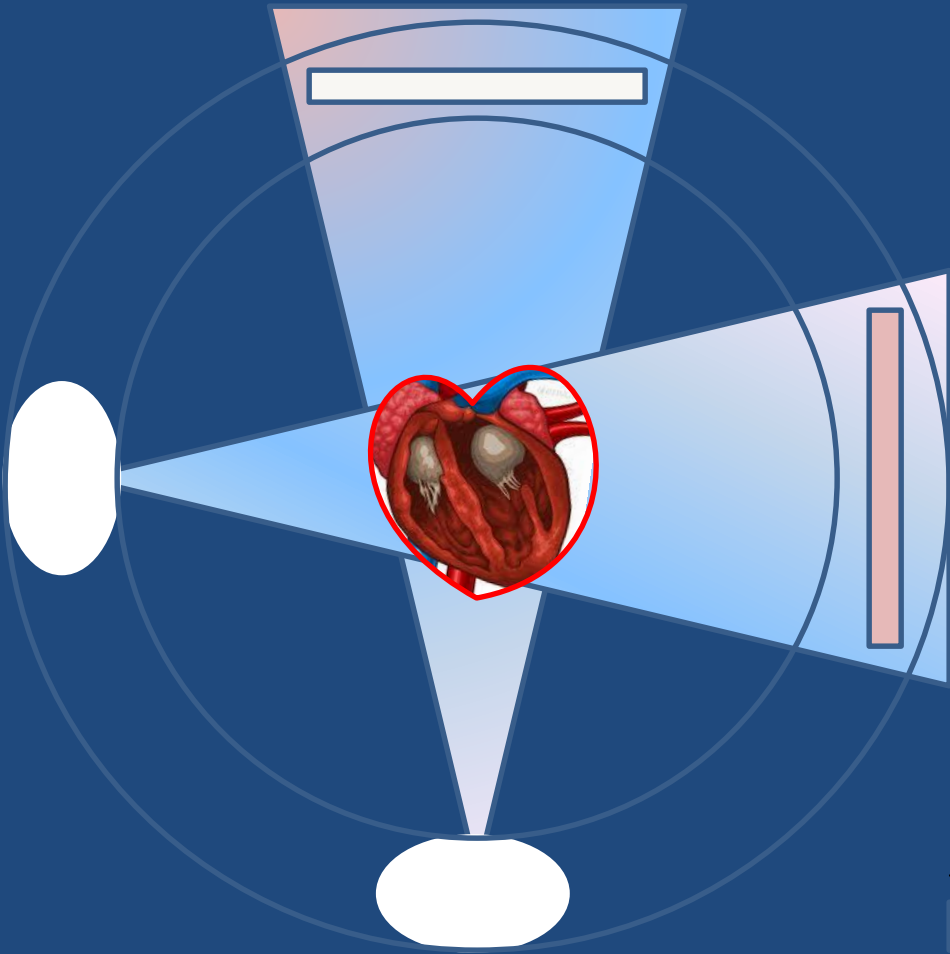
- Advantages
 - Anatomic advantages similar to MRI
 - High resolution coronary artery angiography
 - Rapid acquisition time
 - Pacemakers/ICDs are safe (although with artifact)
- Disadvantages
 - Ionizing radiation
 - Patient must be able to follow breathing instructions (CT and MRI)-translators if necessary
 - Post-processing required
 - Potential renal injury
 - Does not assess flow (yet...)

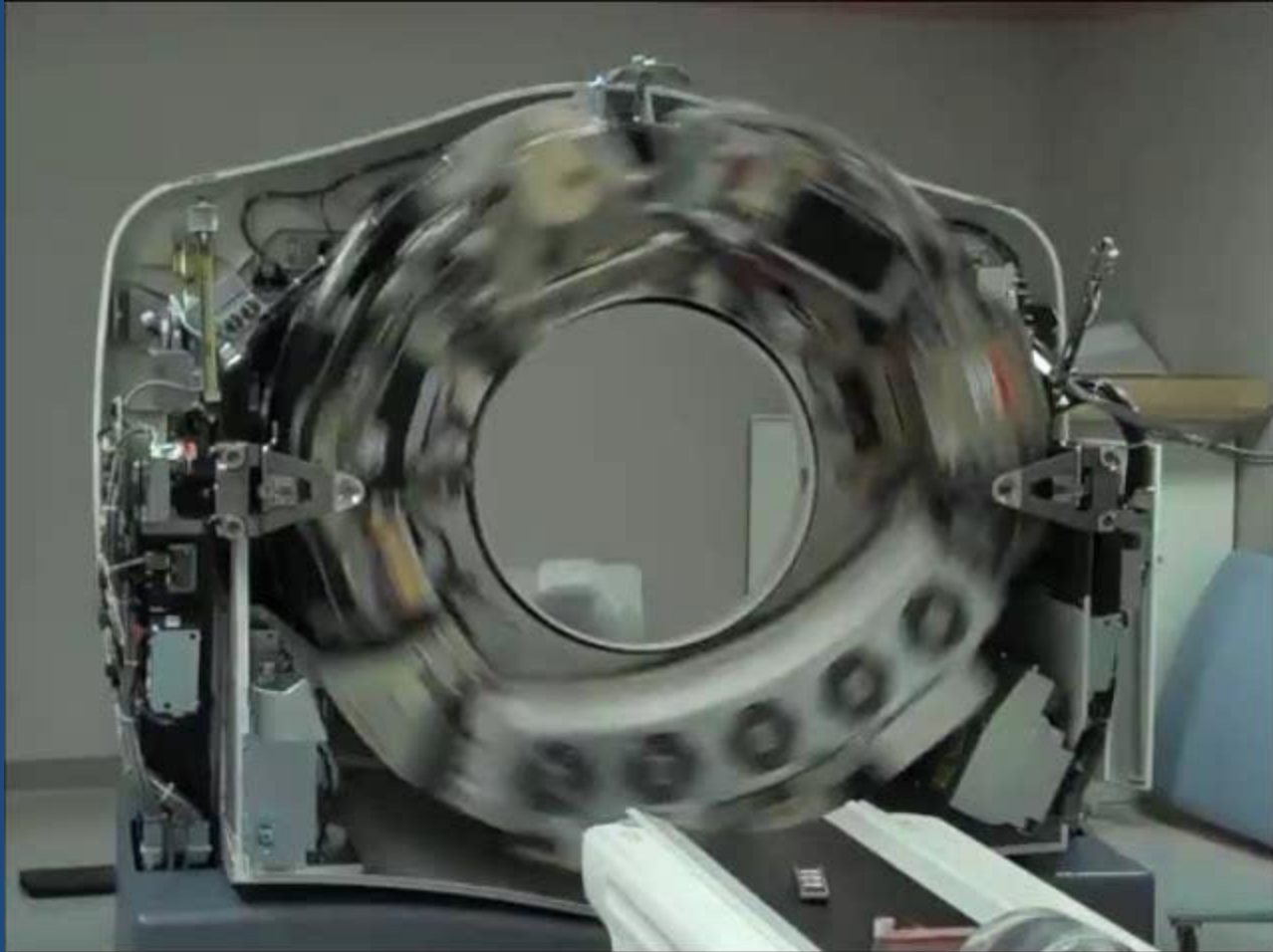
Third Generation CT

- Arc of detector elements
- Wider fan beam
- Translation of tube and detector
- Faster scan speed



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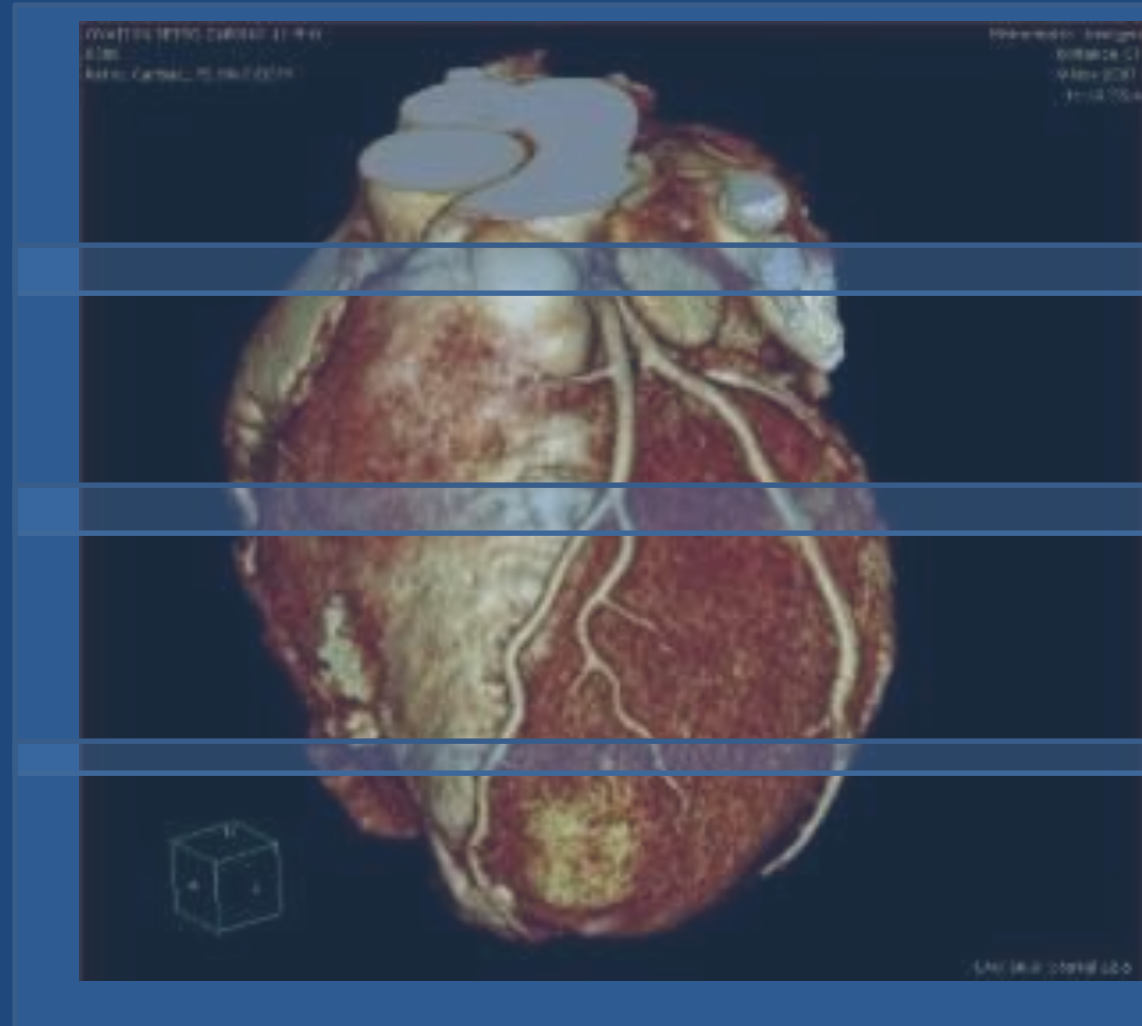


More coverage with larger detectors

$$64 \times 0.625 = 40\text{mm}$$

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$$320 \times 0.625 = 200\text{mm}$$

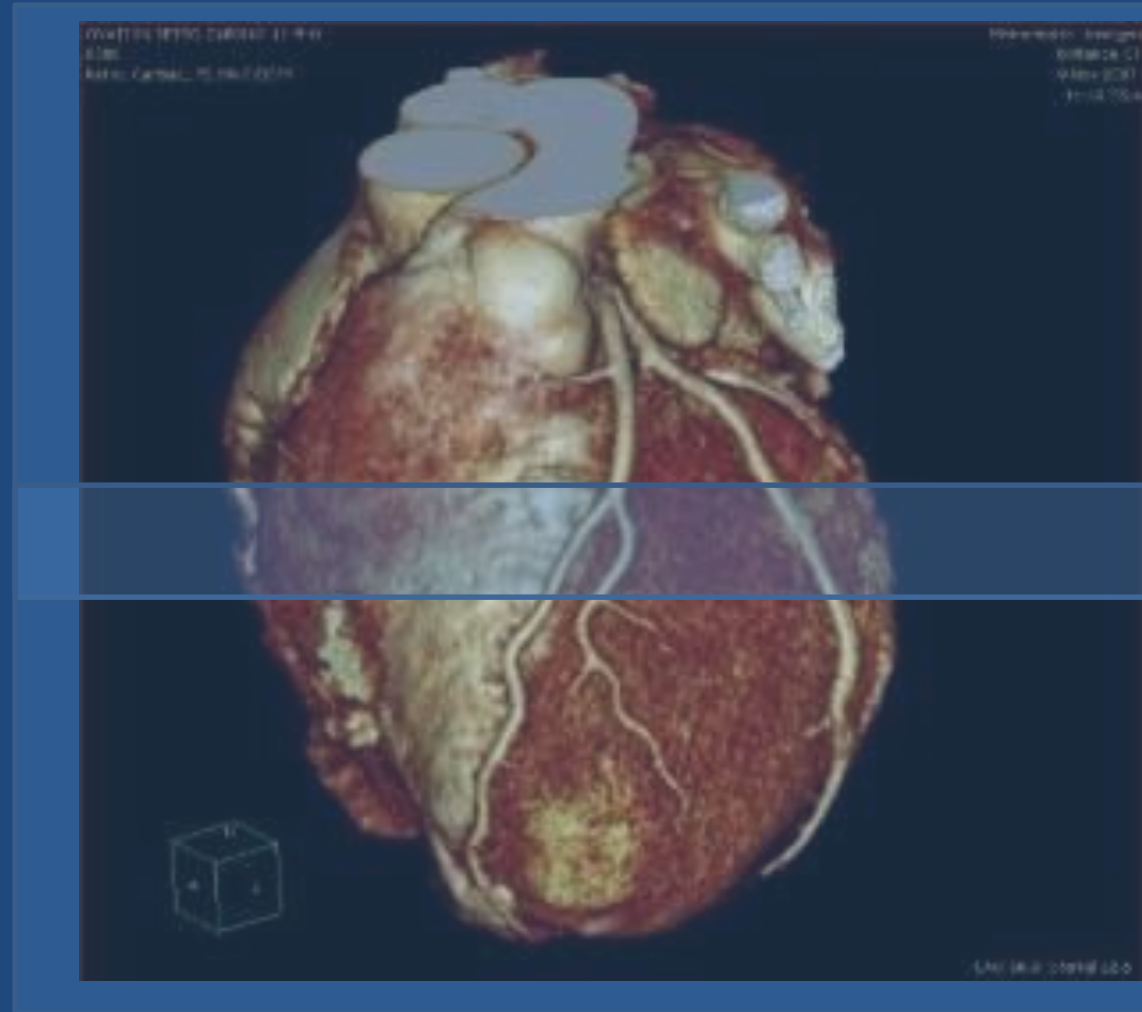


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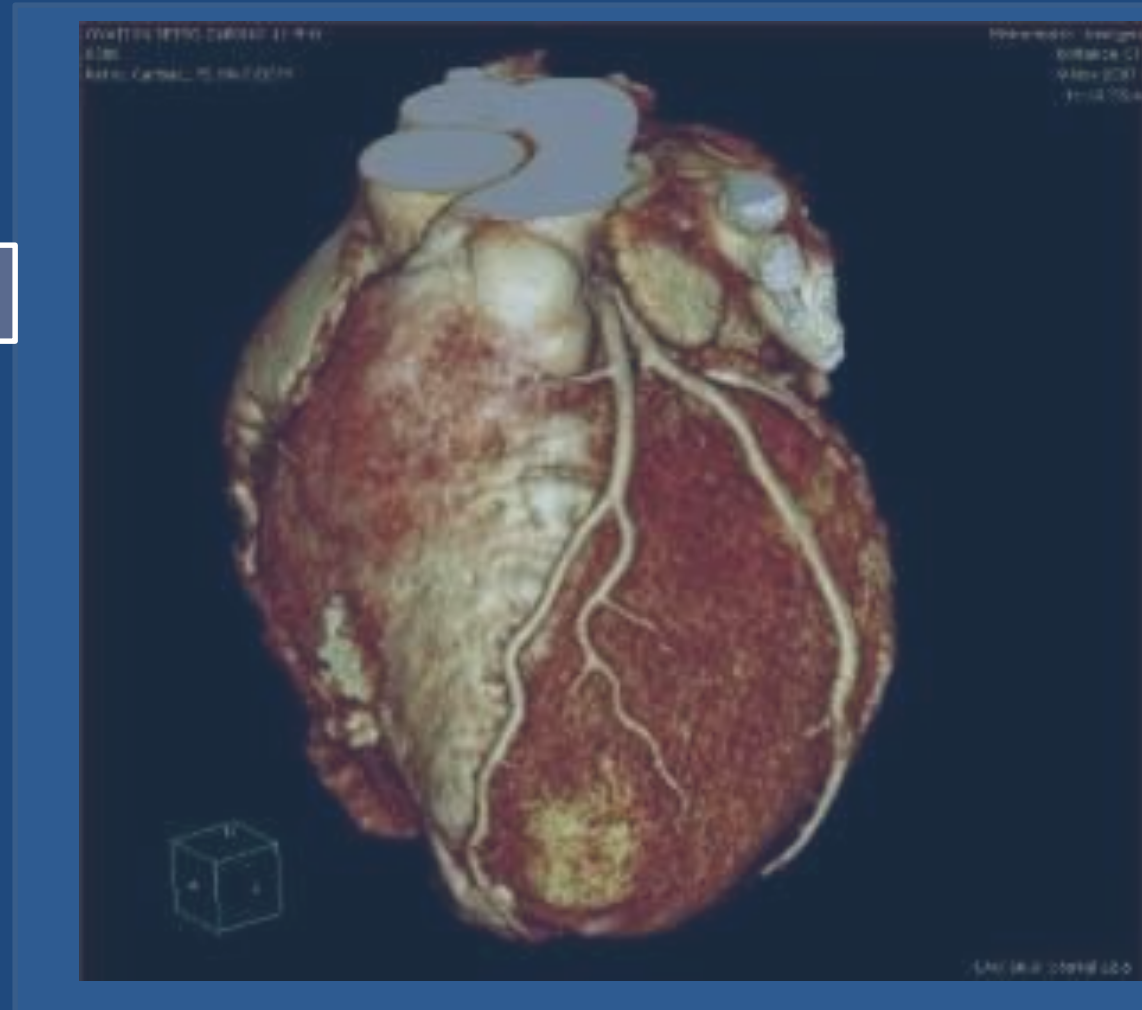


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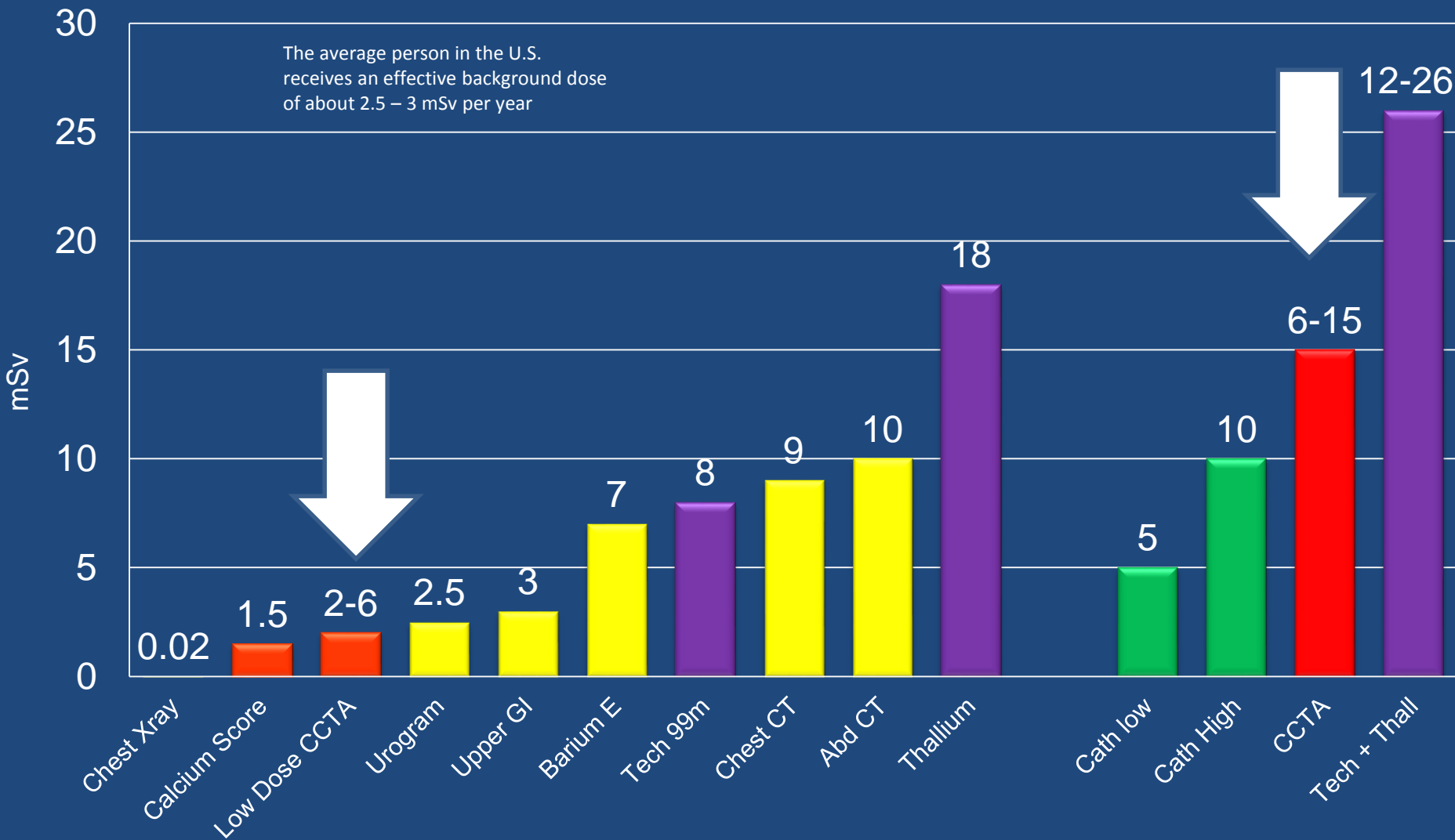
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Relative Radiation Dose

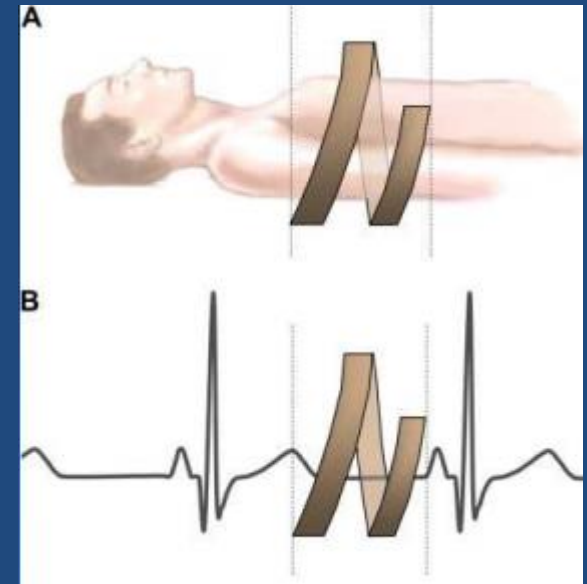
Real World Results Vary Widely

The average person in the U.S. receives an effective background dose of about 2.5 – 3 mSv per year

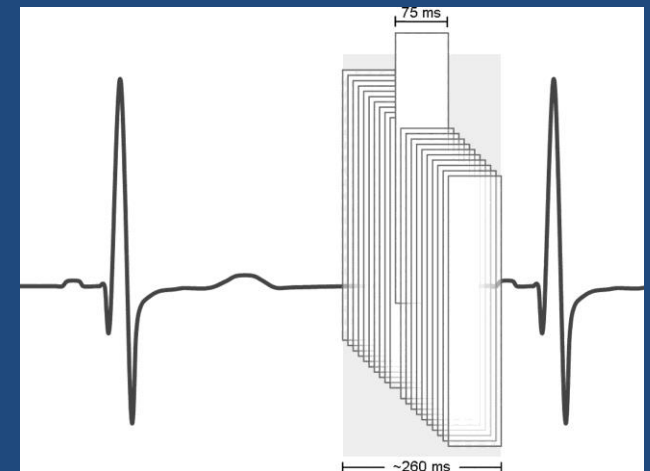


High Pitch Coronary CT Scanning

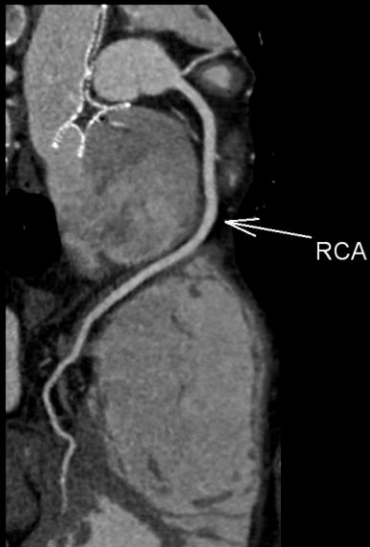
Male patient (183 cm, 78 kg, heart rate 54 b.p.m.).



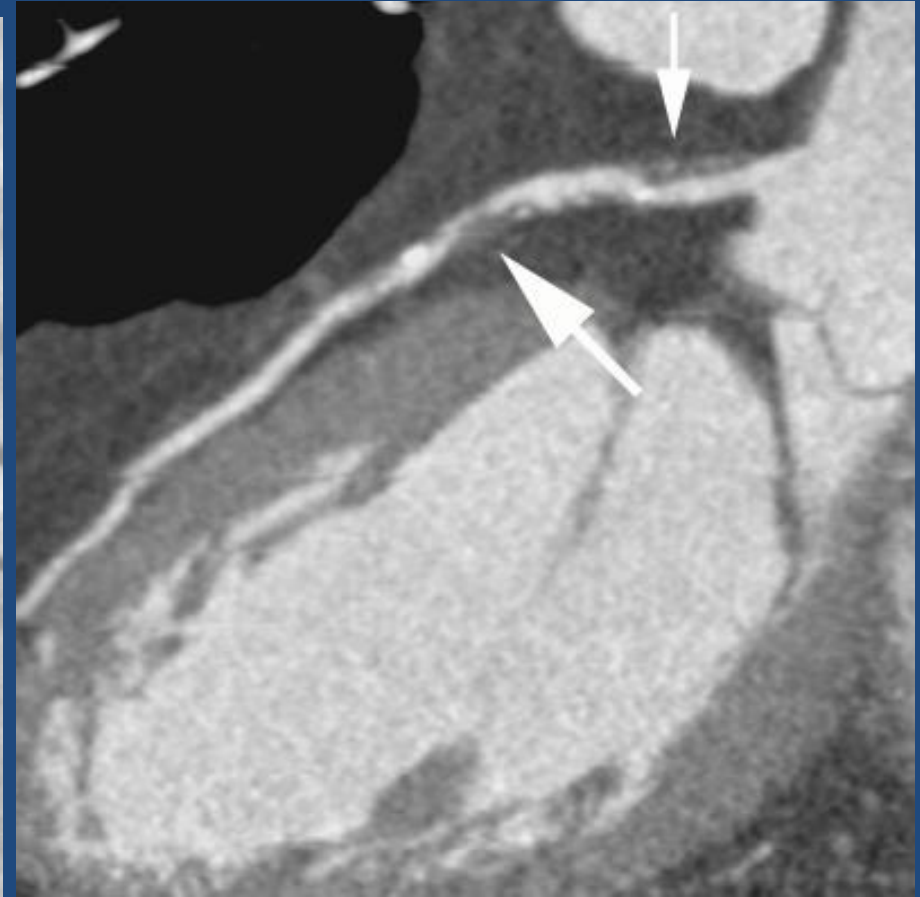
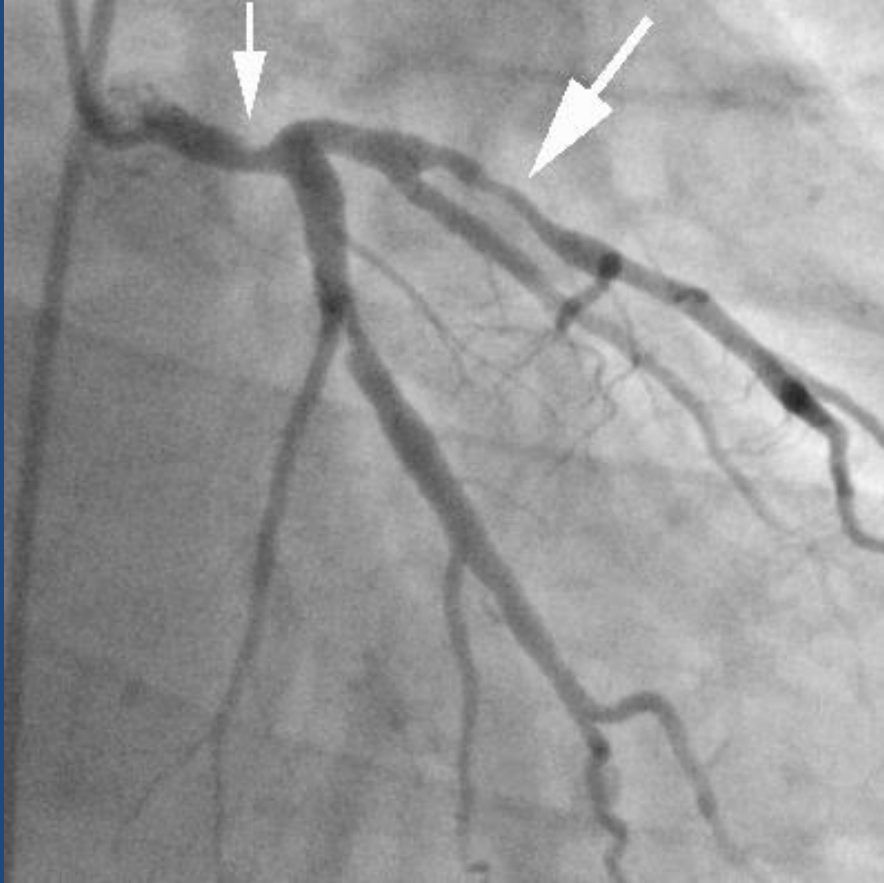
0.89 mSv



Gated with contrast



Plaque visualization



Acute Chest Pain Syndrome in the ED

- Challenging strain on delivery system
 - 8 million visits annually in the US
 - ACS diagnosis is made in only 10-15% of these patients
 - \$10 billion annual cost
- Three recent randomized trials
 - CT vs usual care in the ED in CP patients
 - Low to intermediate risk patients

The CT-STAT (Coronary Computed Tomographic

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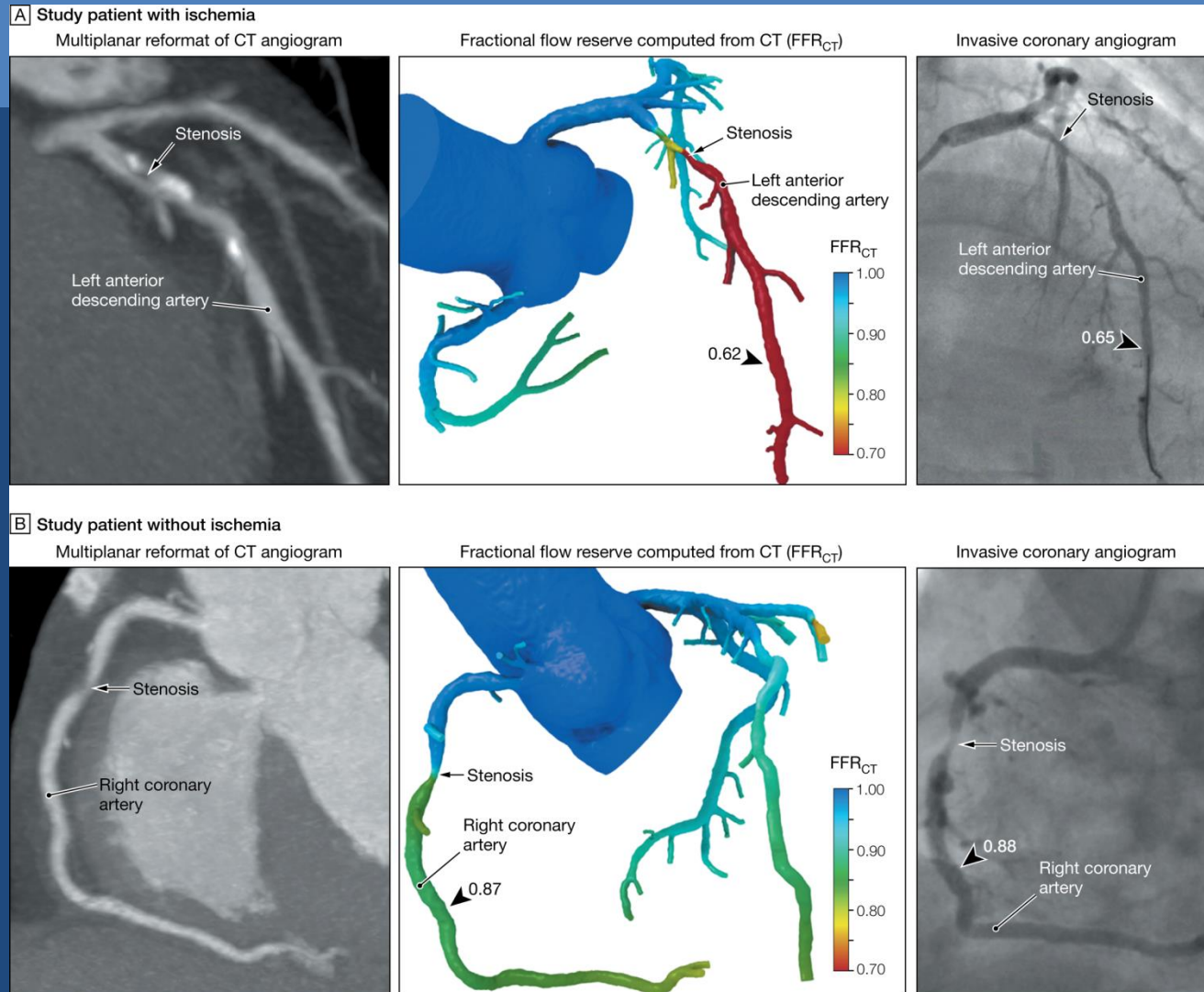
CT Angiography for Safe Discharge of Patients with Possible Acute Coronary Syndromes

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James M. Leaming, M.D., Laurence J. Gavin, M.D., Charissa B. Pacella, M.D.,
and Judd E. Hollander, M.D.

What the studies demonstrated

- CTCA in low-to-intermediate risk patients is safe with similar patient outcomes when compared to currently available testing.
- CTCA use results in faster triage in ED.
 - Faster discharge/faster diagnosis/faster admit.
- ER costs are reduced.
 - although no significant overall savings.
- Does not apply to intermediate or high risk patients.
- Safe and quick at about the same cost.

From: Diagnostic Accuracy of Fractional Flow Reserve From Anatomic CT Angiography

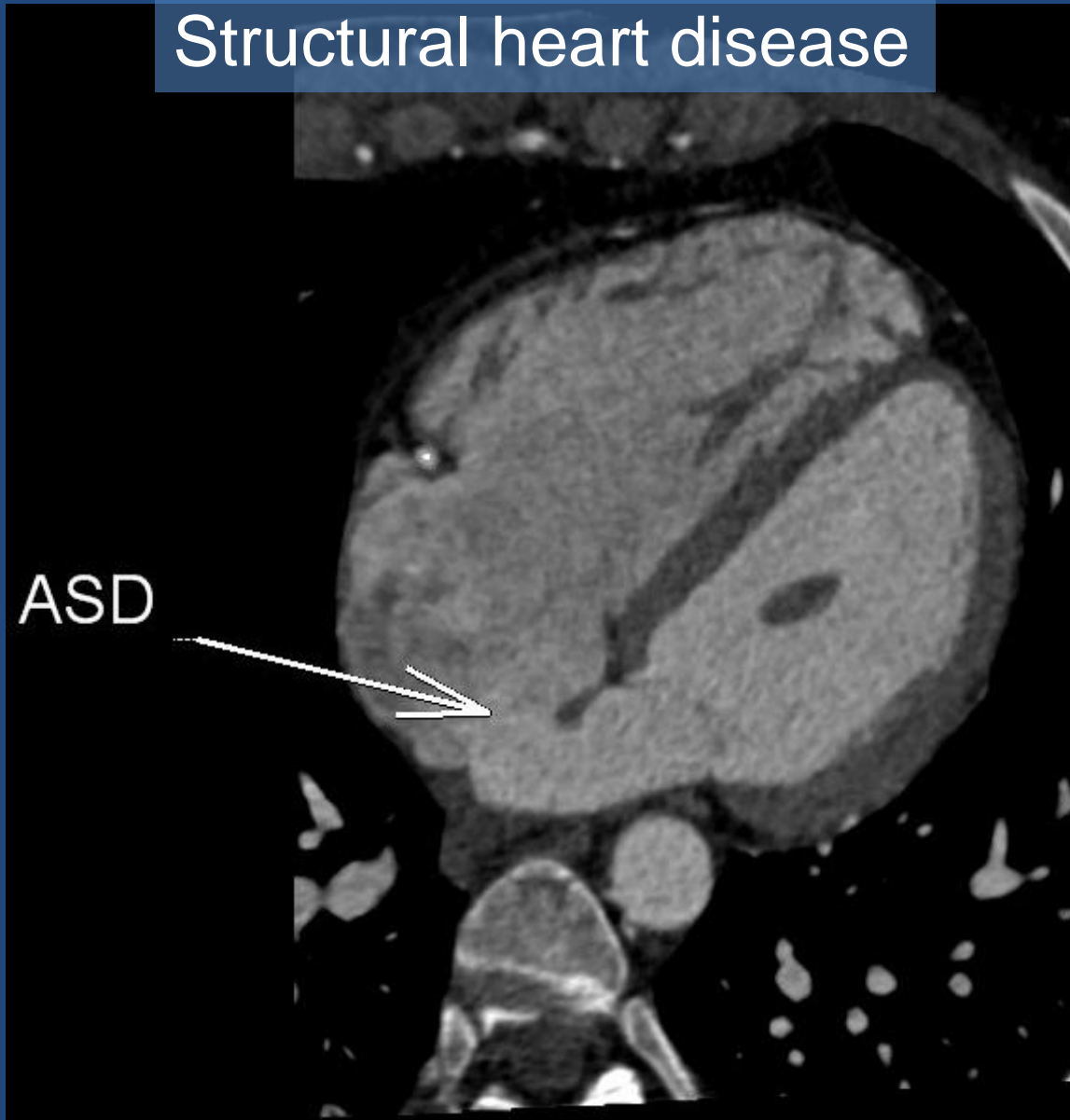


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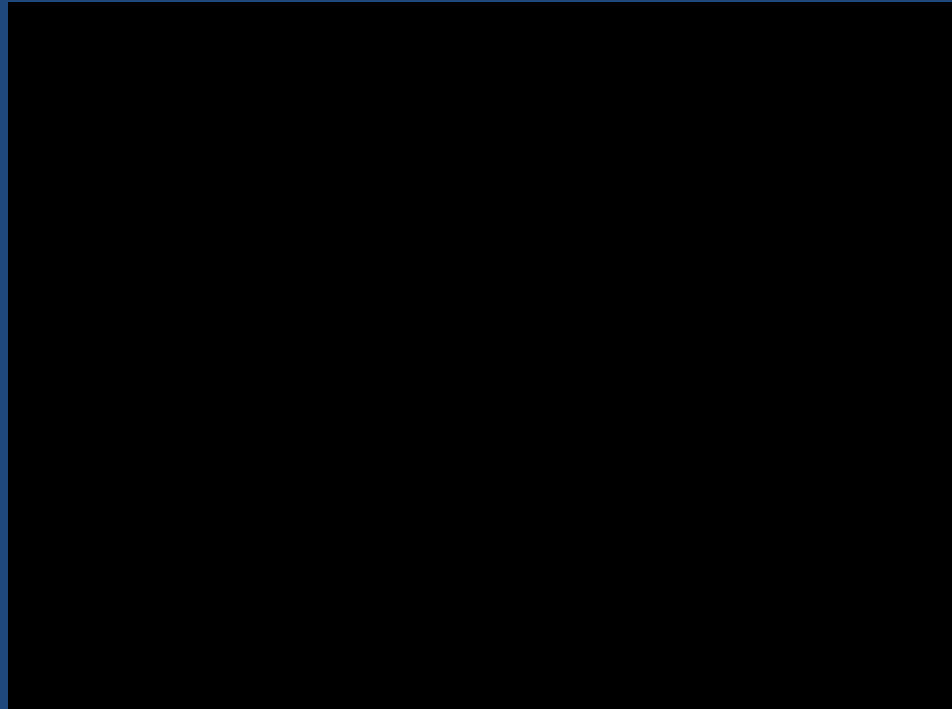
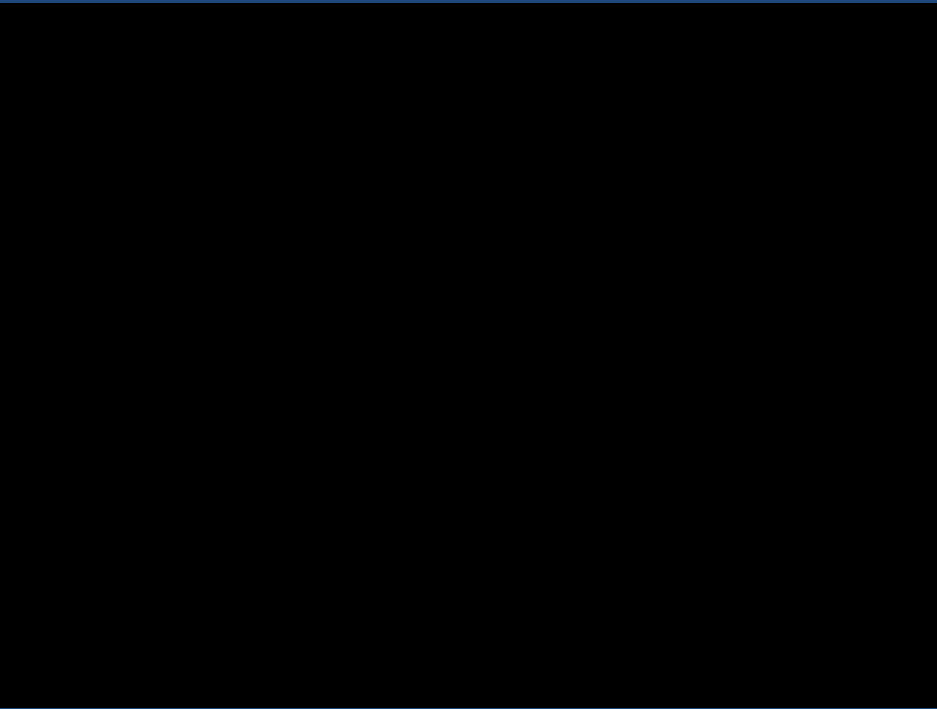
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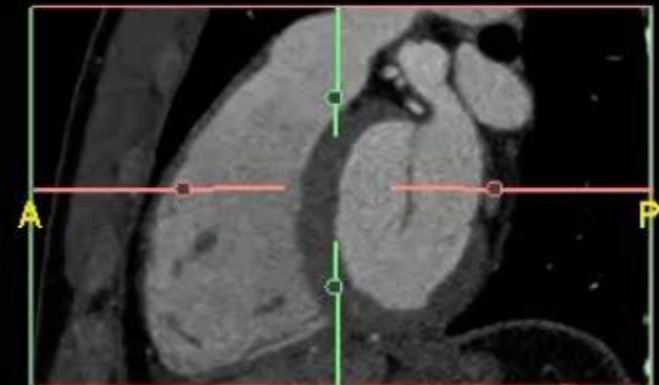
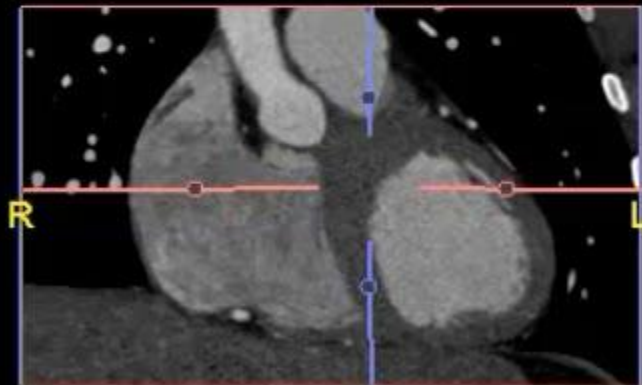
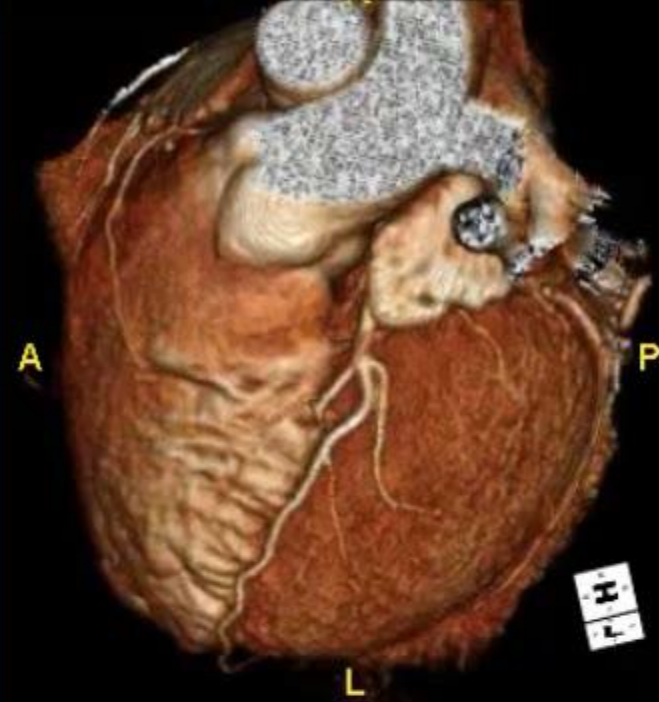
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Structural heart disease





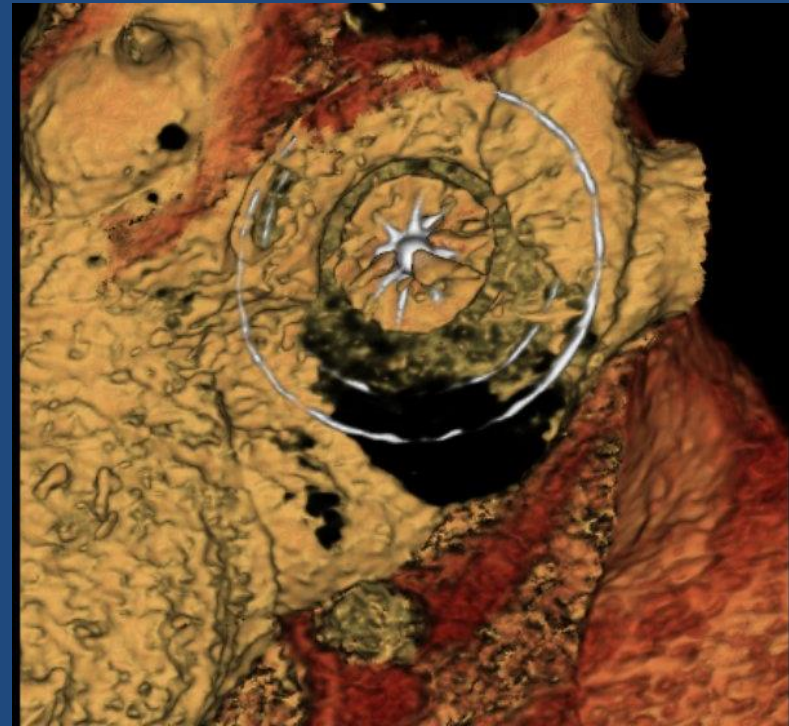


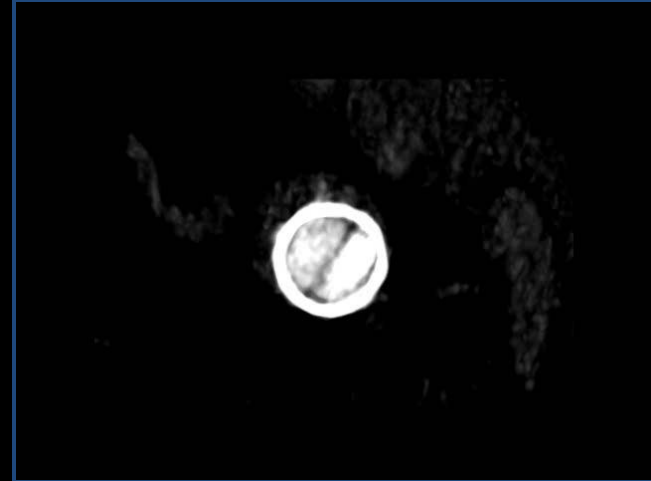
Structural heart disease

Aorta

LV

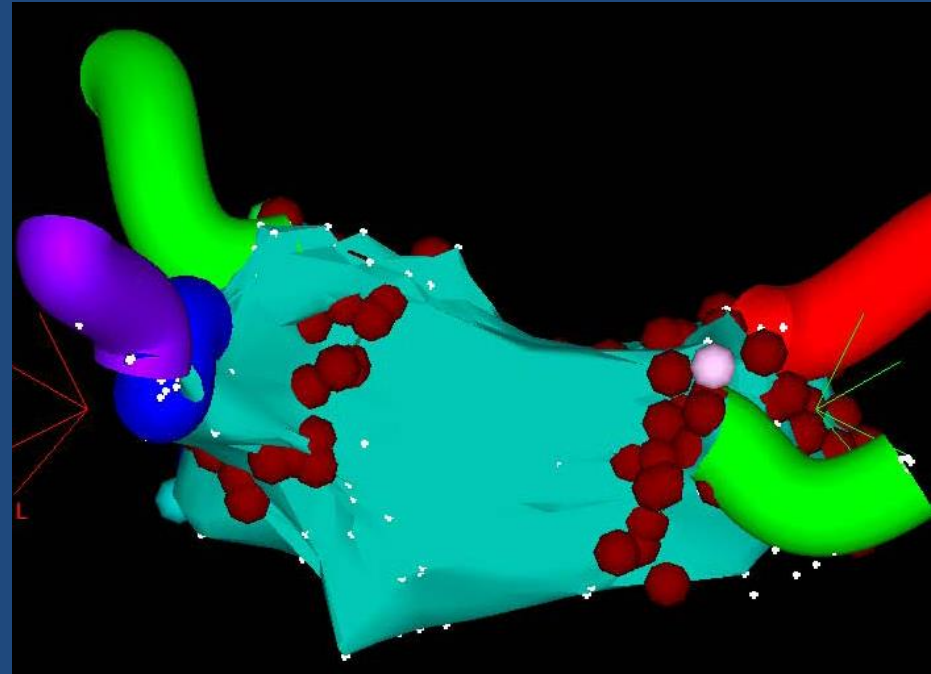
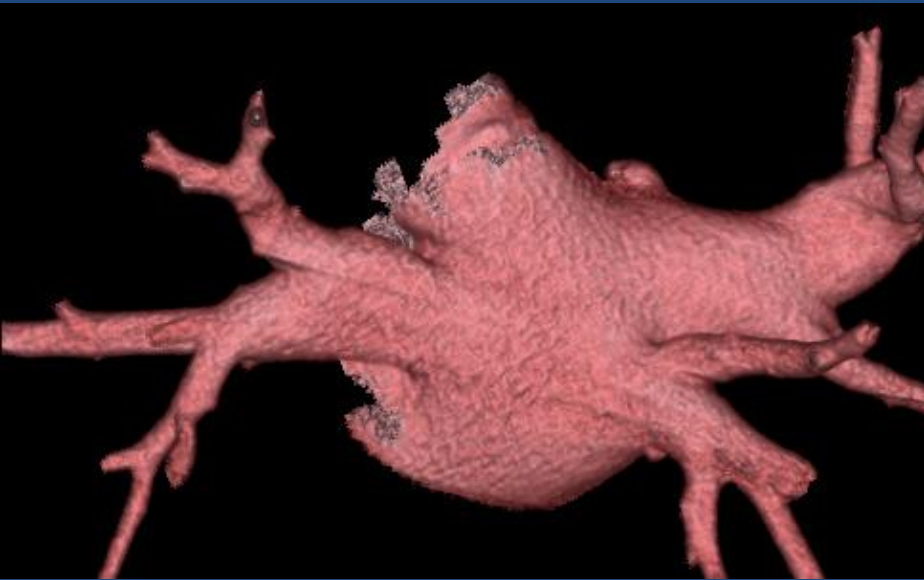
ASD





Single breath-hold. Mechanical valve assessment

CT prior to EP ablation



Imaging workhorse.

ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY

Ultrasound

- **Helmet Hertz** – only few years in cardiac imaging. Developed ink-jet technology.
 - Advised Seimens Corporation not to enter cardiac ultrasound because there was not a great future

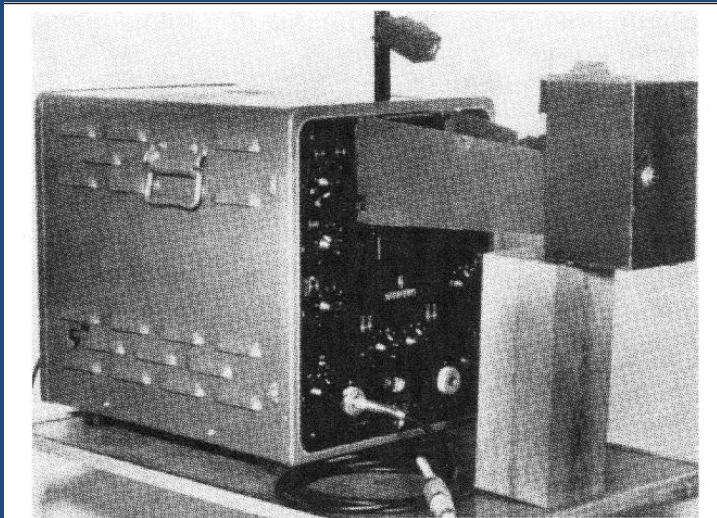
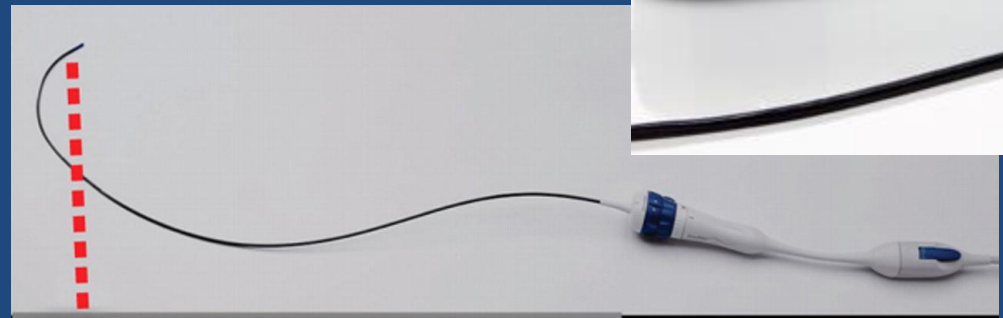
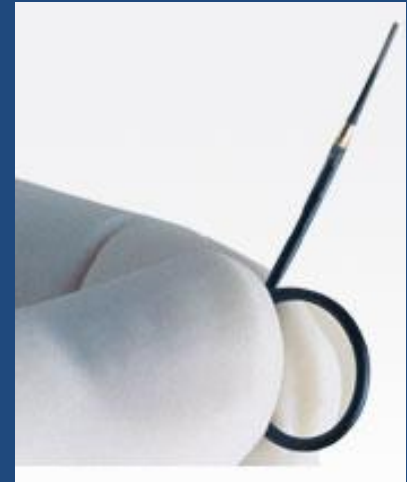


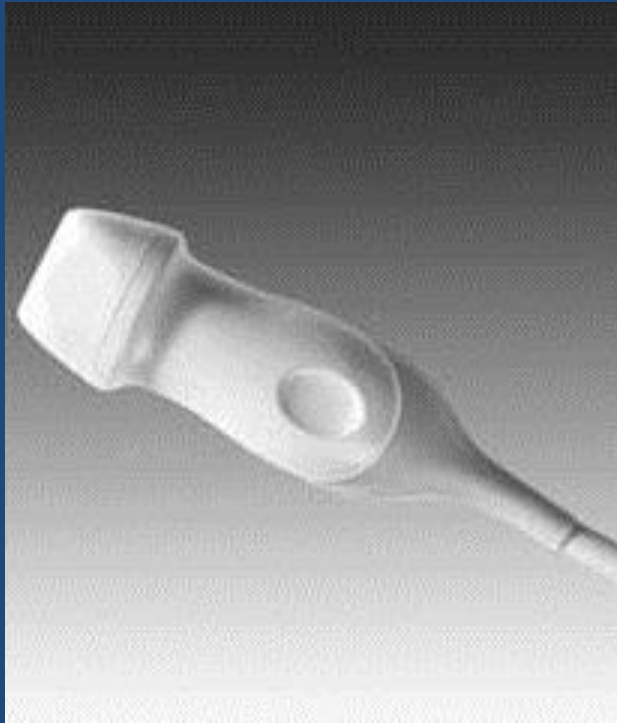
FIGURE 1.1. Ultrasonoscope initially used by Edler and Hertz for recording their early echocardiograms. (From Edler I, *Ultrasound cardiography*. Acta Med Scand Suppl 370 1961; 170:39.)



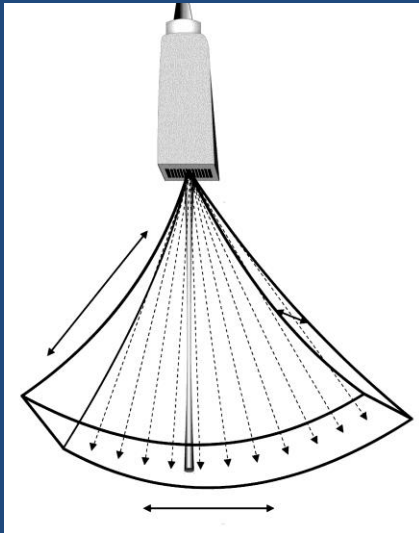
Echocardiography Methods

- Transthoracic echocardiography
- Transesophageal echocardiography
- Intracardiac echocardiography
- Intravascular echocardiography





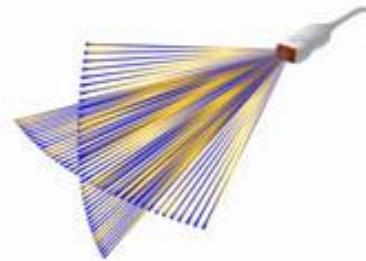
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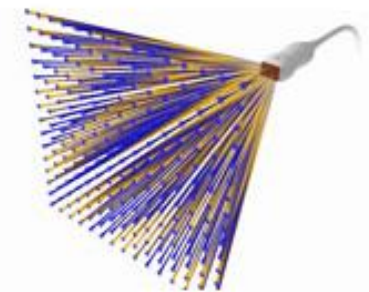
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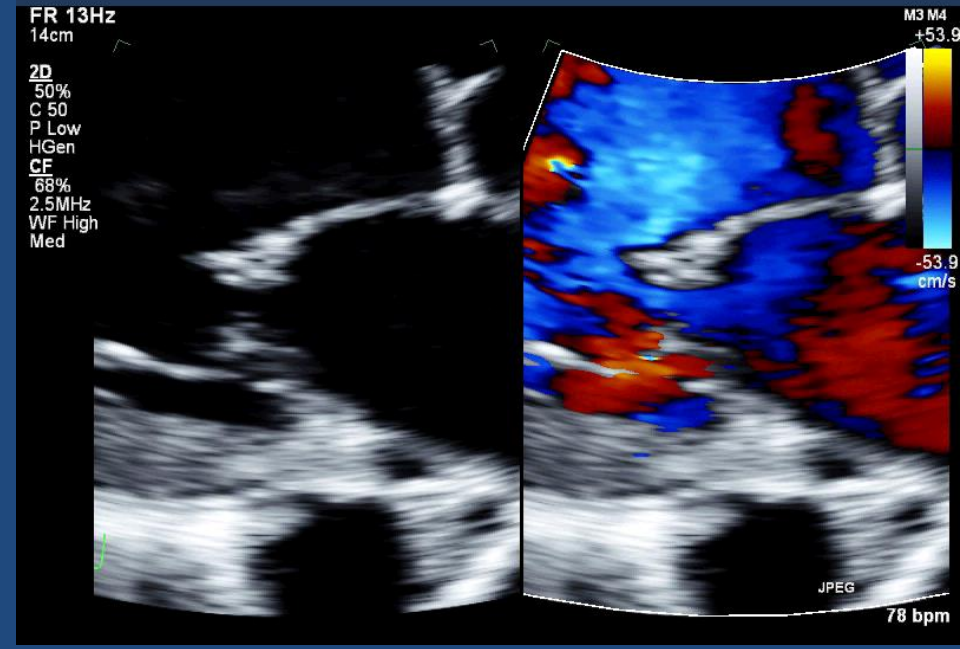
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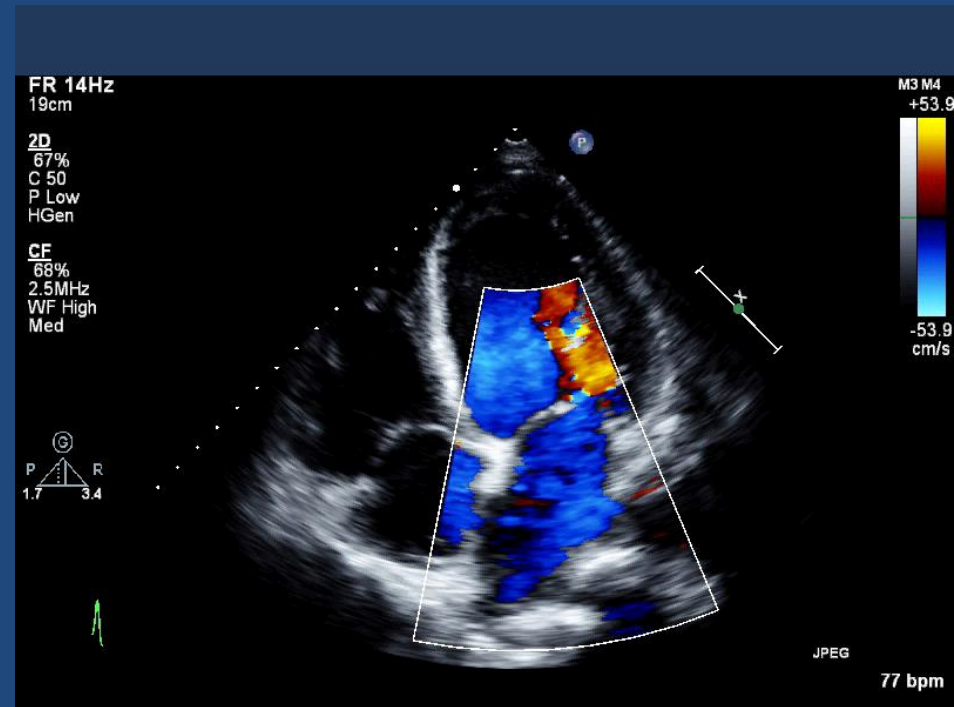
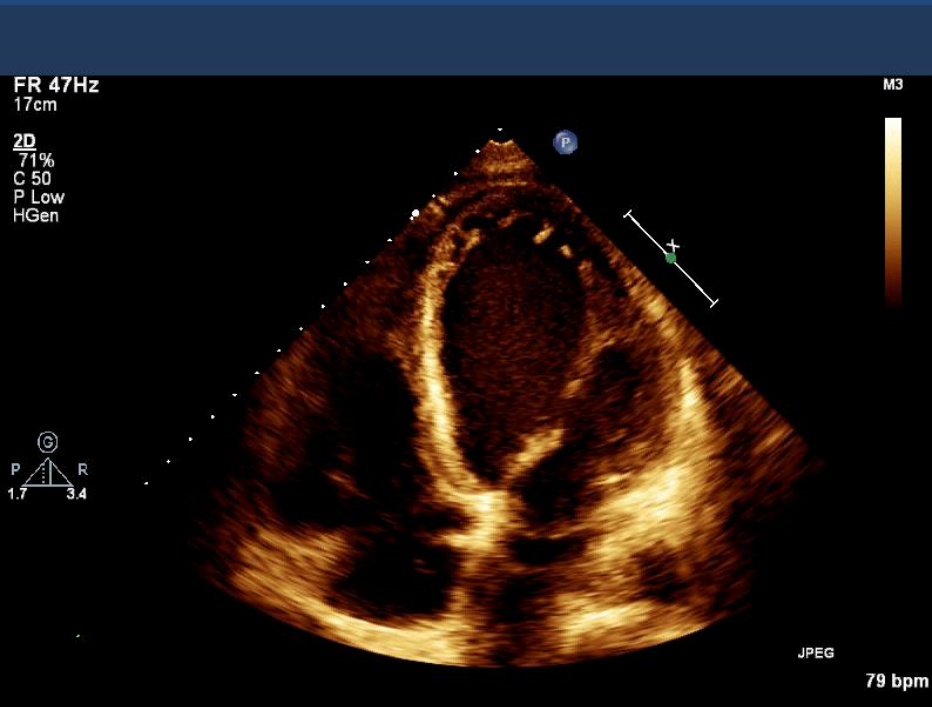
Live Volume Imaging



TTE



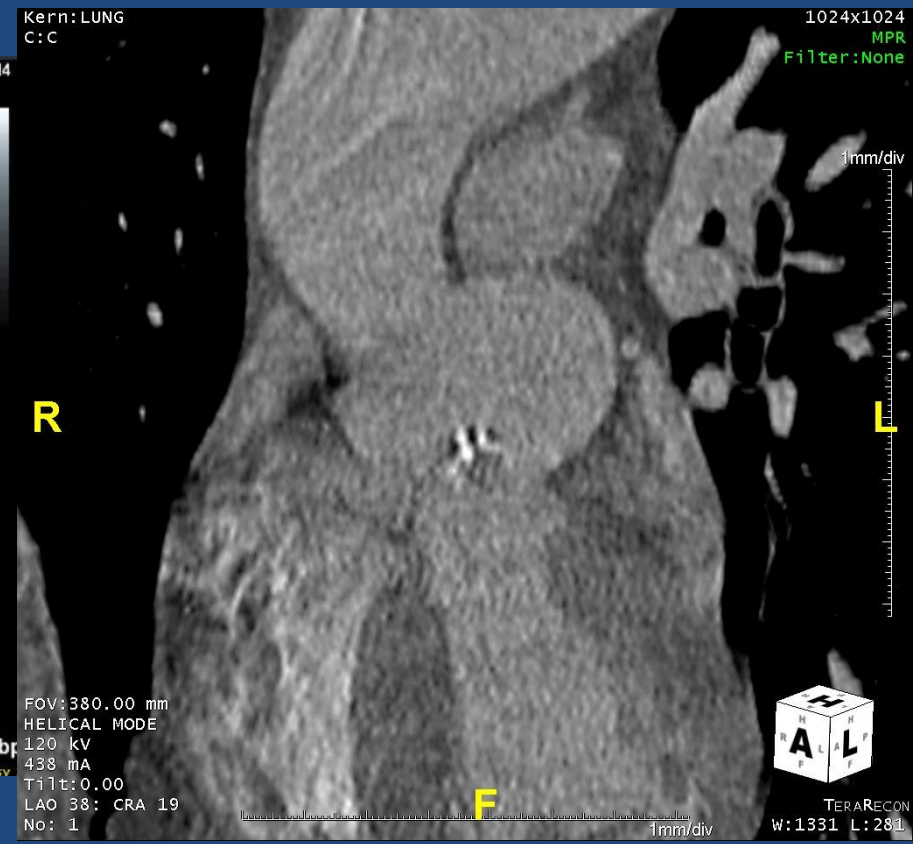
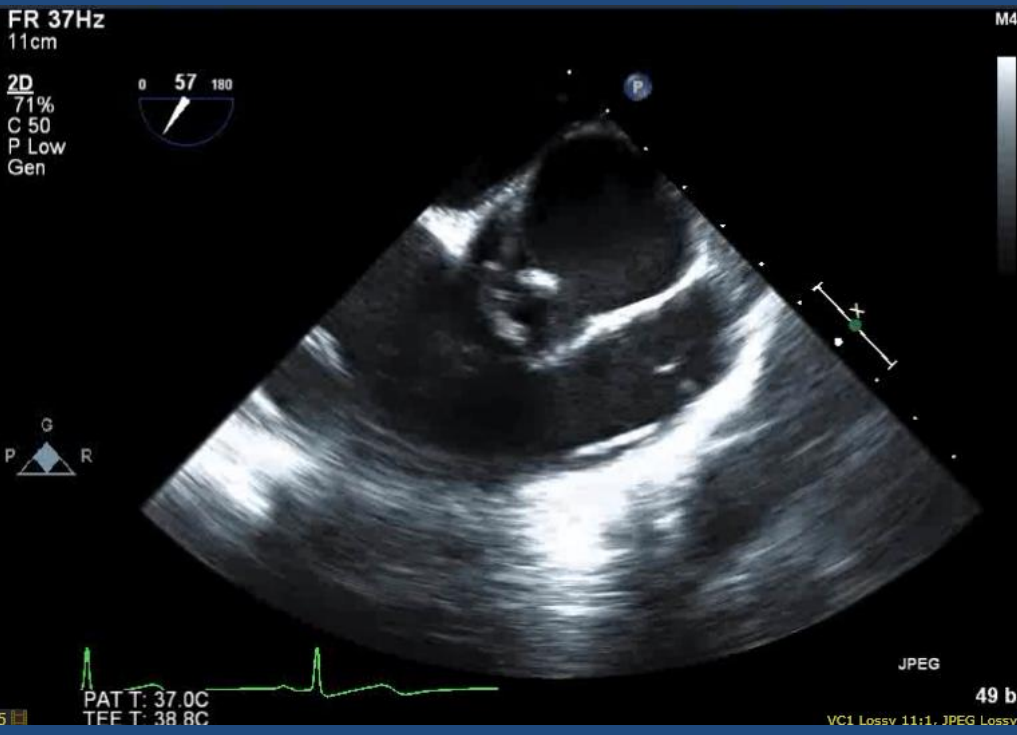
TTE



Transesophageal Echocardiography



- Evaluate for cardiac source of embolism (36%)
- Endocarditis (14%)
- Prosthetic valve function (12%)
- Valvular disease, aortic dissection or aneurysm, tumor, mass or thrombus (6-8% each).
- Congenital heart disease (4%)
- **Interventional cardiology guidance**
- Intraoperative evaluation cardiothoracic surgery.



FR 8Hz
10cm

Live 3D
3D 19%
3D 40dB
Gen



M4



PAT T: 37.0C
TEE T: 40.3C

JPEG

82 bpm

FR 7Hz
6.0cm

Live 3D
3D 13%
3D 40dB
Gen



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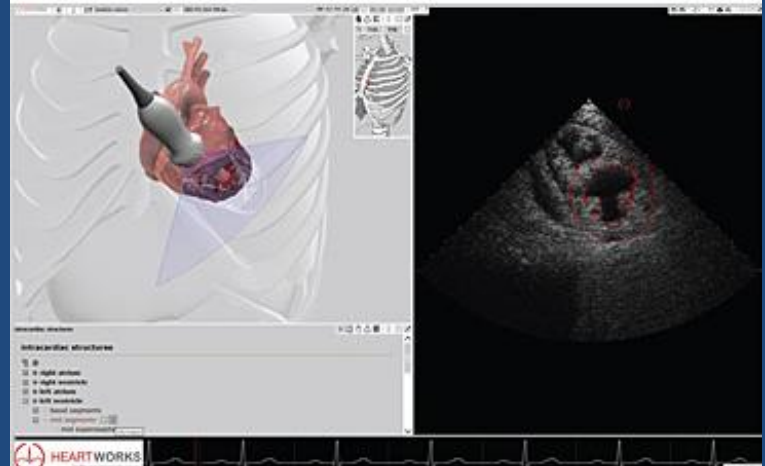

PAT T: 37.0C
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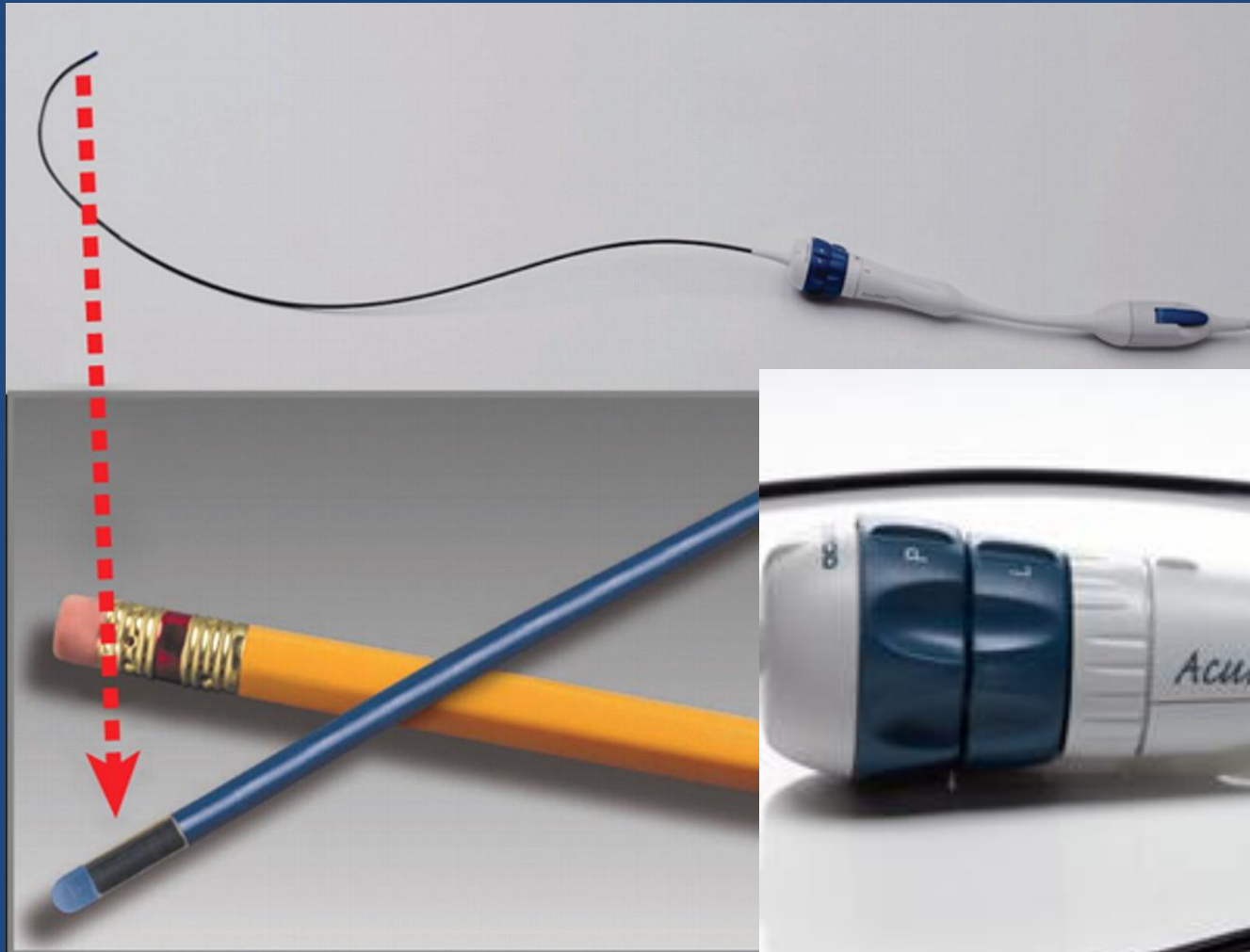
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Echocardiography Training

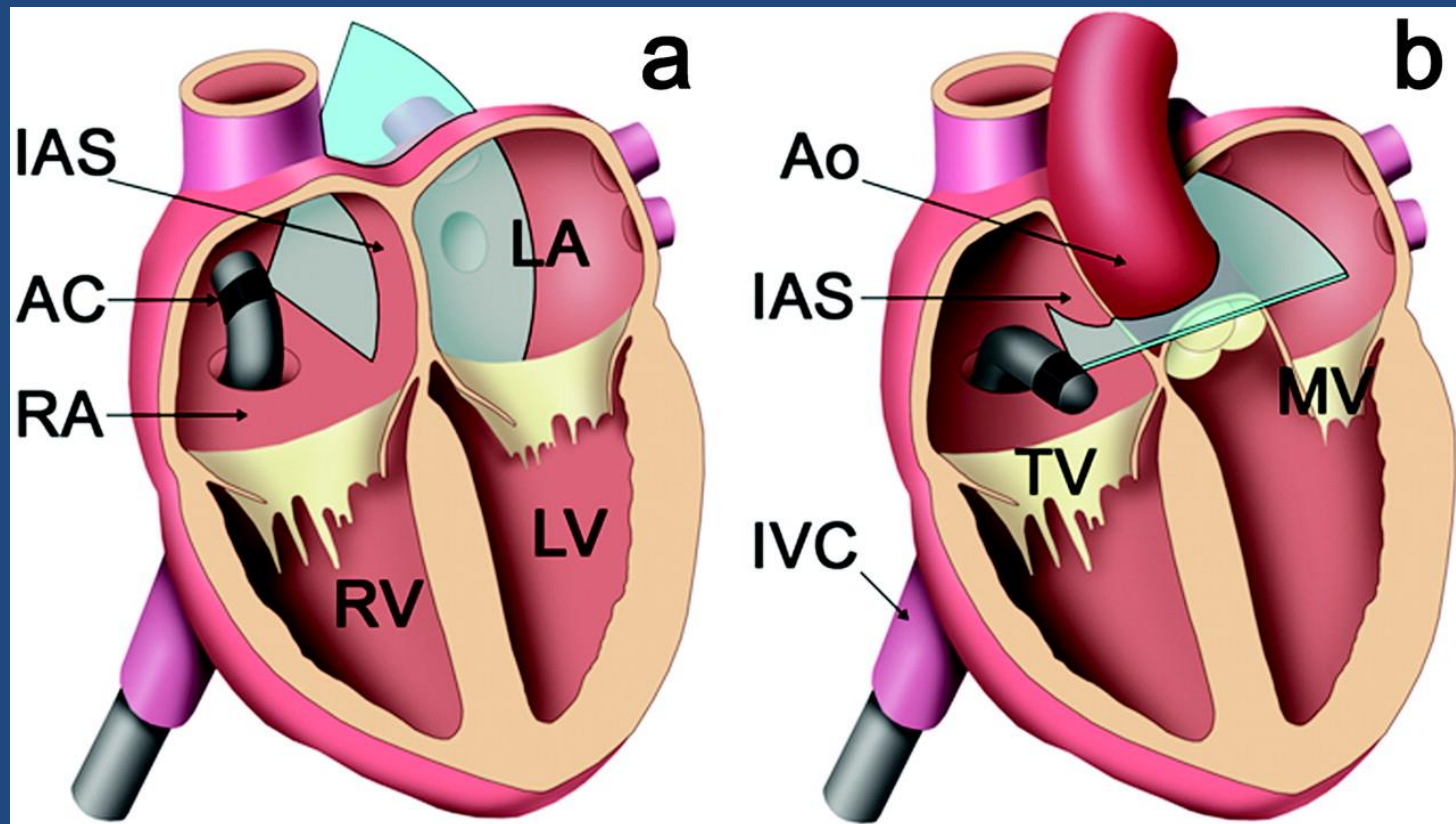
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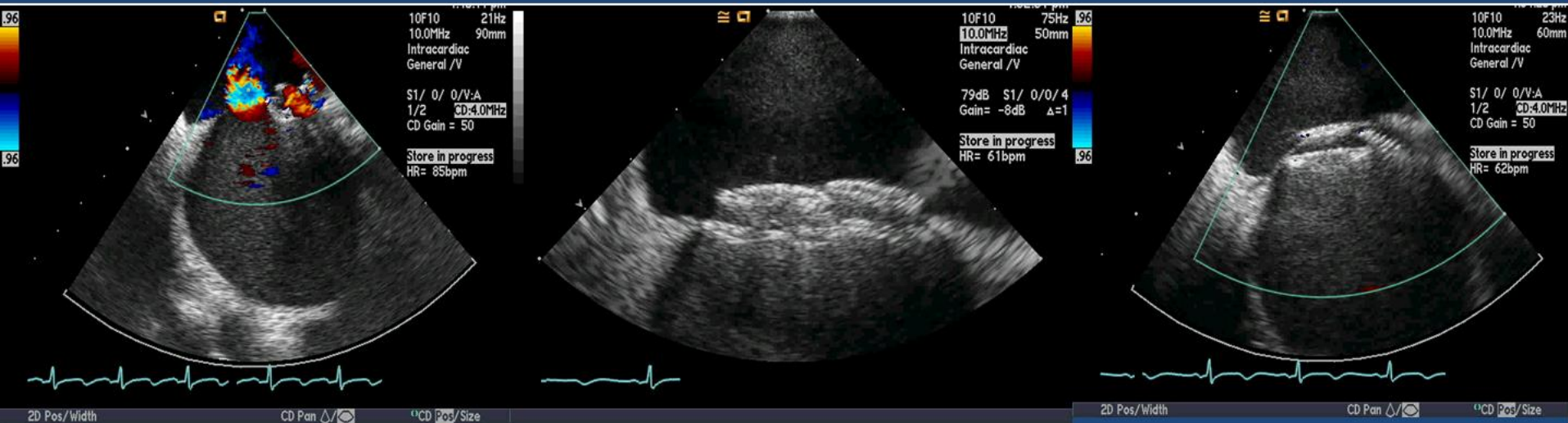
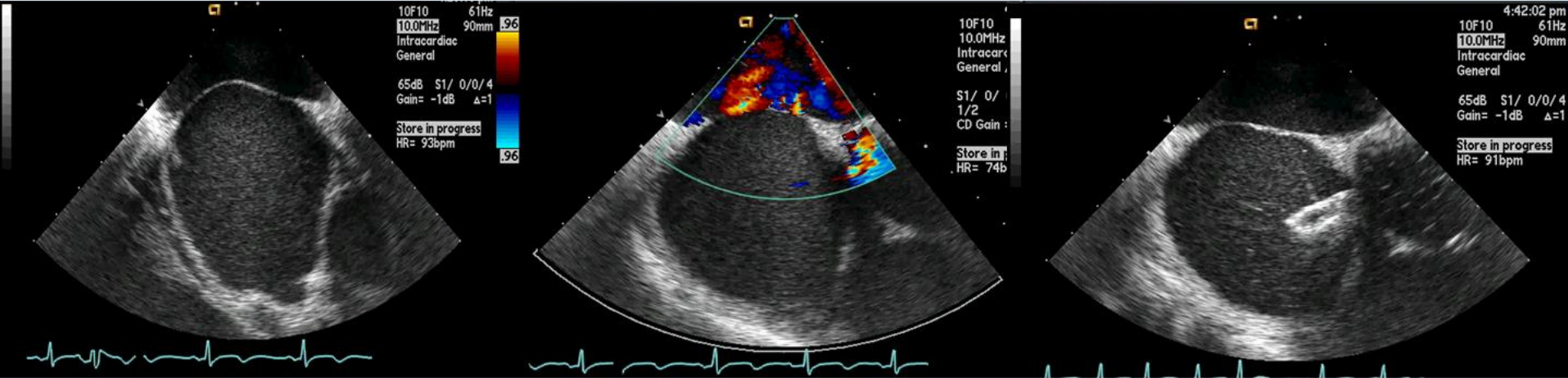
Intracardiac Echocardiography



Intracardiac Echocardiography



Intracardiac echo



NUCLEAR PERFUSION IMAGING

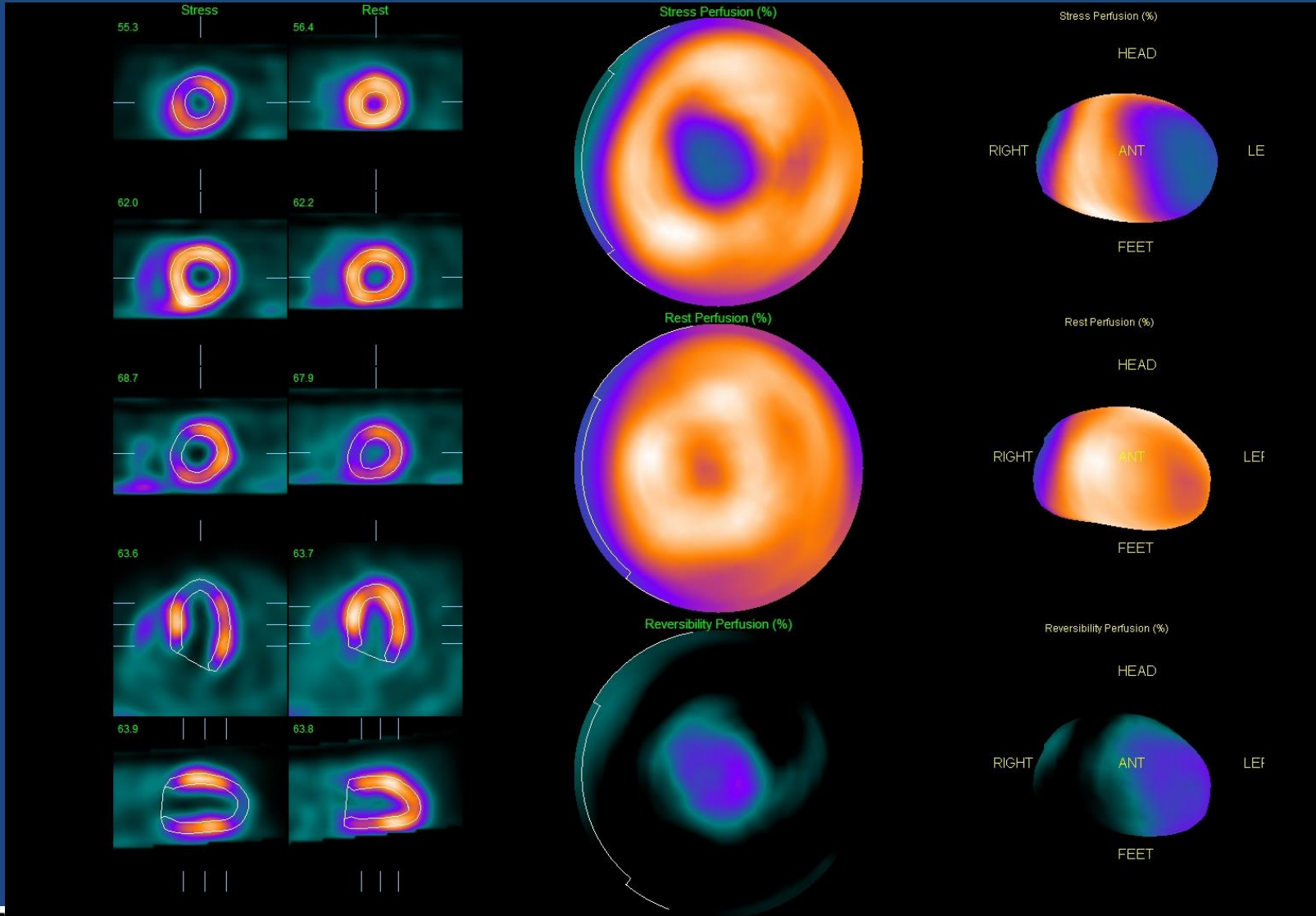
Stress Testing

- Multiple possible modalities
- Major use for nuclear cardiac imaging
- Stress tests indicated for
 - Initial evaluation of suspected ischemic chest pain
 - Significant change in cardiac symptoms
 - Prognosis in patients with known disease
- SPECT, PET/Rb

PET Perfusion Scans

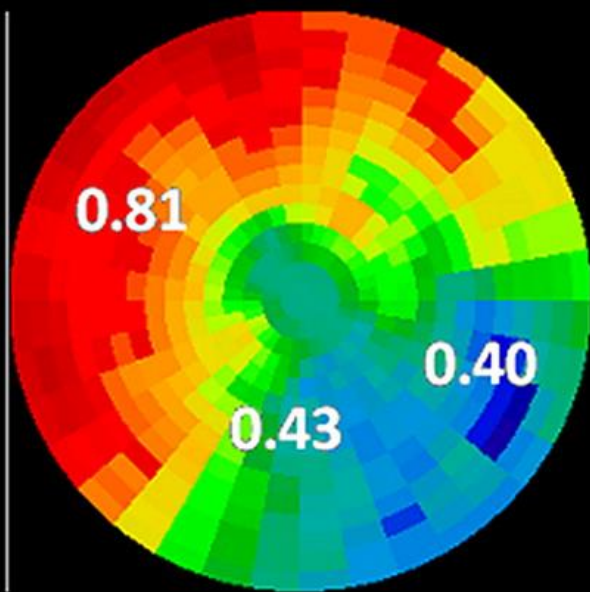
- Higher energy particle (511 keV vs 100).
 - Less attenuation (goes through breast/bone/walls/etc).
 - May be more reliable in obese patients.
 - “easier” to read
- Rb-82.
 - Stress and rest imaging in 30 minutes.
- Allows non-invasive assessment of coronary blood flow – imaging as Rb is injected.
- Typically uses CT for attenuation correction.

PET Rb Imaging

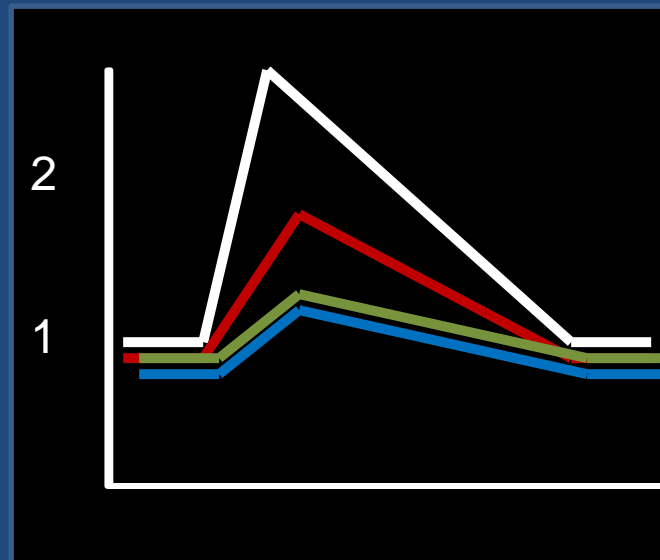
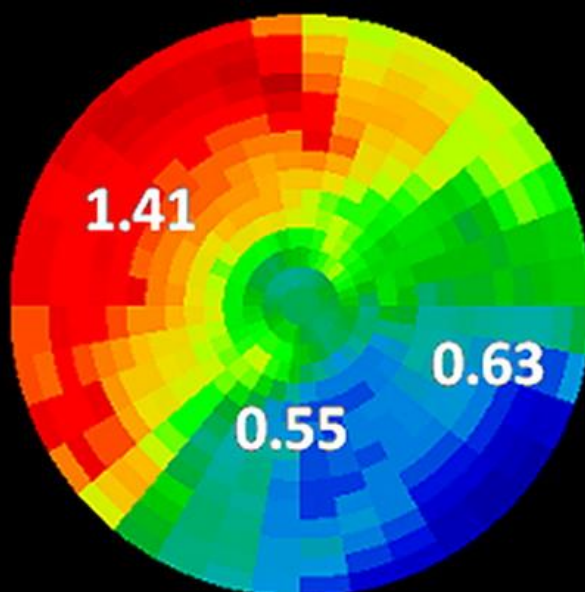


Triple vessel disease

Rest MBF
ml/min/g



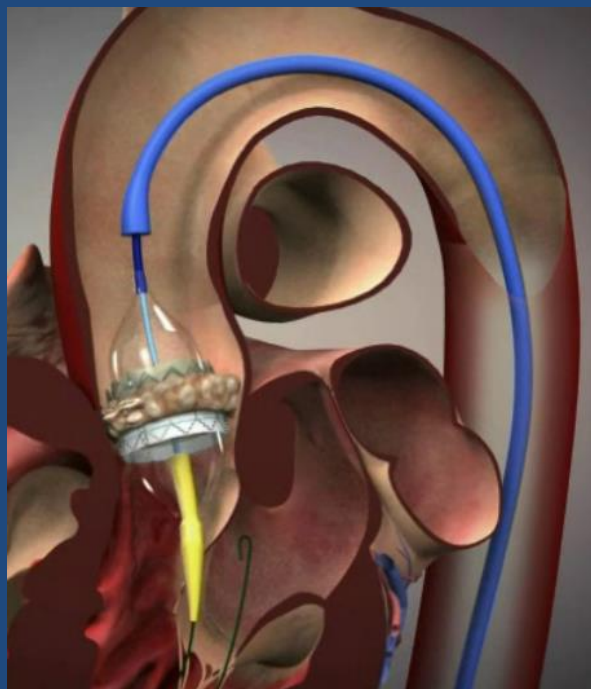
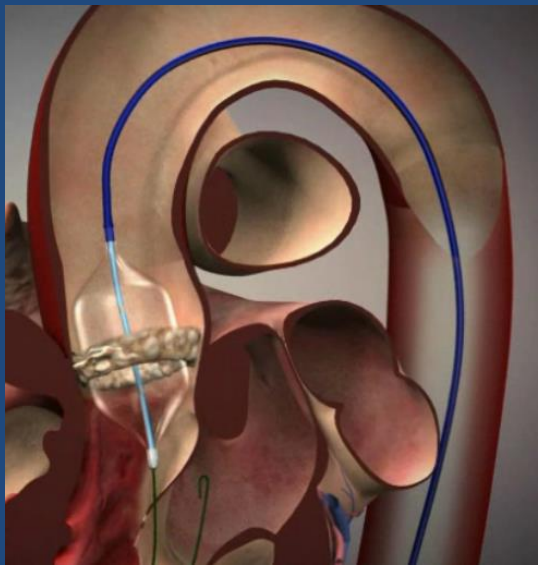
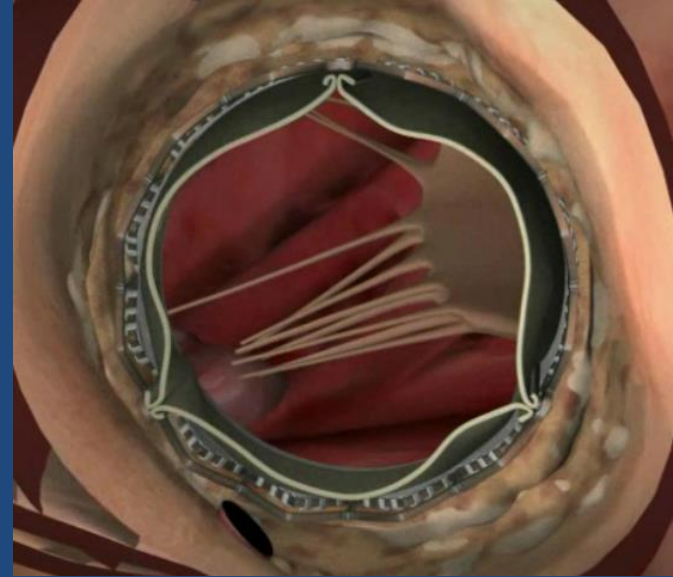
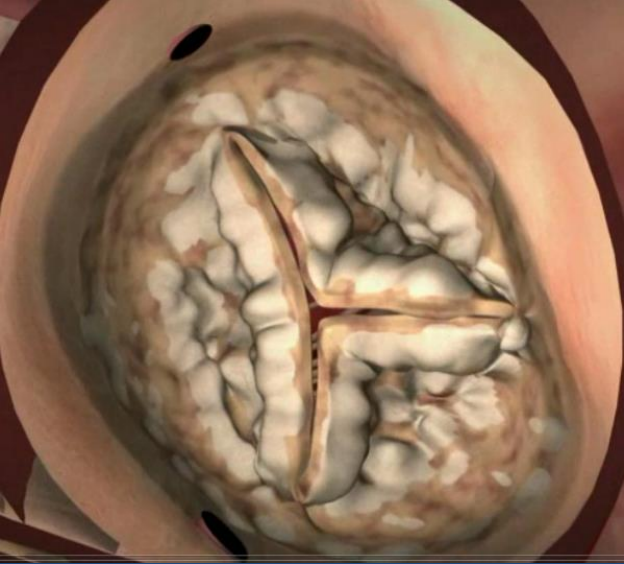
Adenosine MBF
ml/min/g



Heart 2012;98:592-600 doi:10.1136/heartjnl-2011-300790

Maximizing success with pre and intra-procedural imaging.

CARDIOVASCULAR IMAGING PROCEDURAL GUIDANCE



FR 48Hz
10cm

Full Volume 0 120 180
3D 35%
3D 70dB



M4



PAT T: 37.0C
TEE T: 39.8C

JPEG

64 bpm

FR 19Hz
8.7cm

Live 3D
3D 12%
3D 40dB
Gen



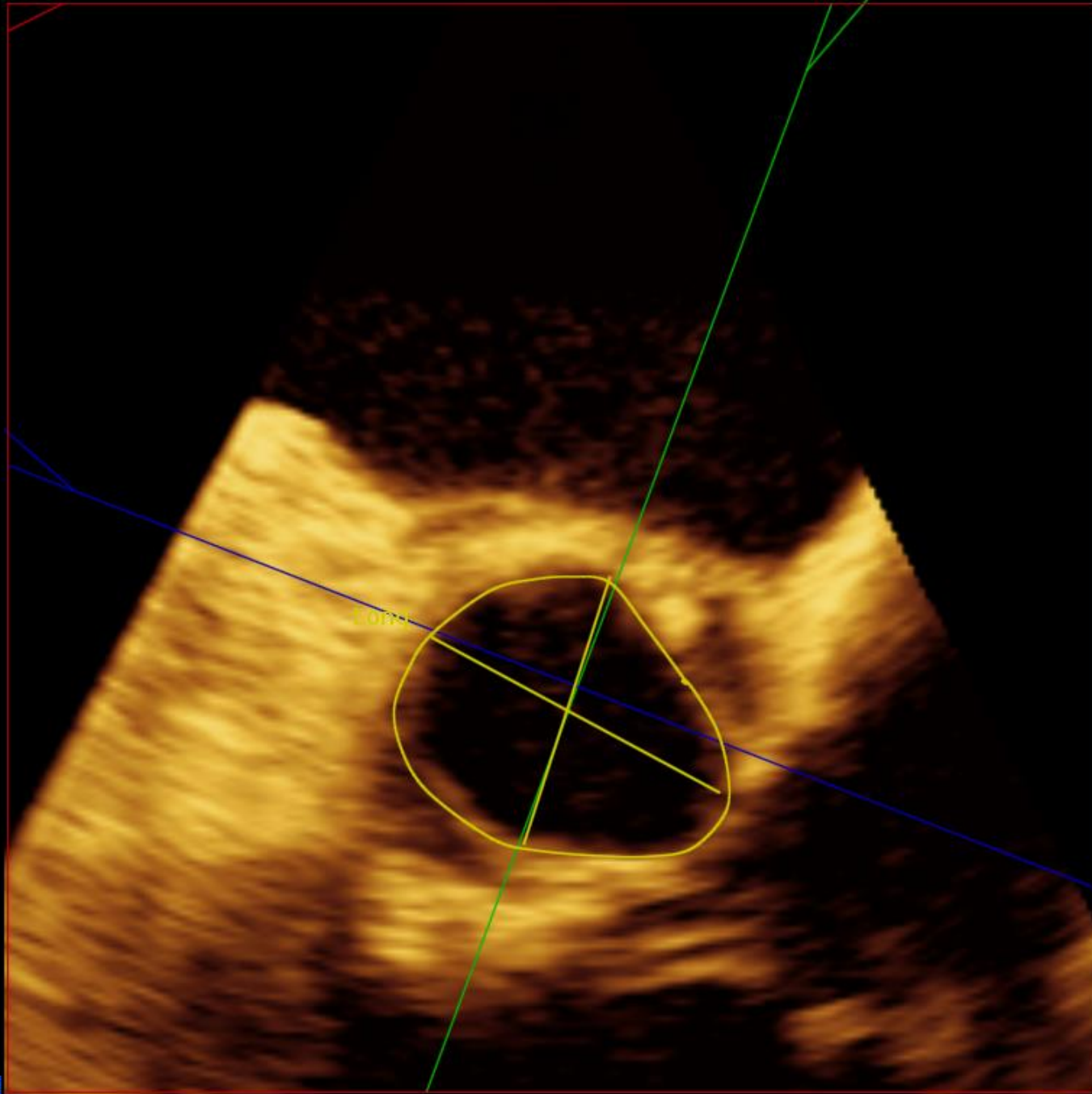
M4



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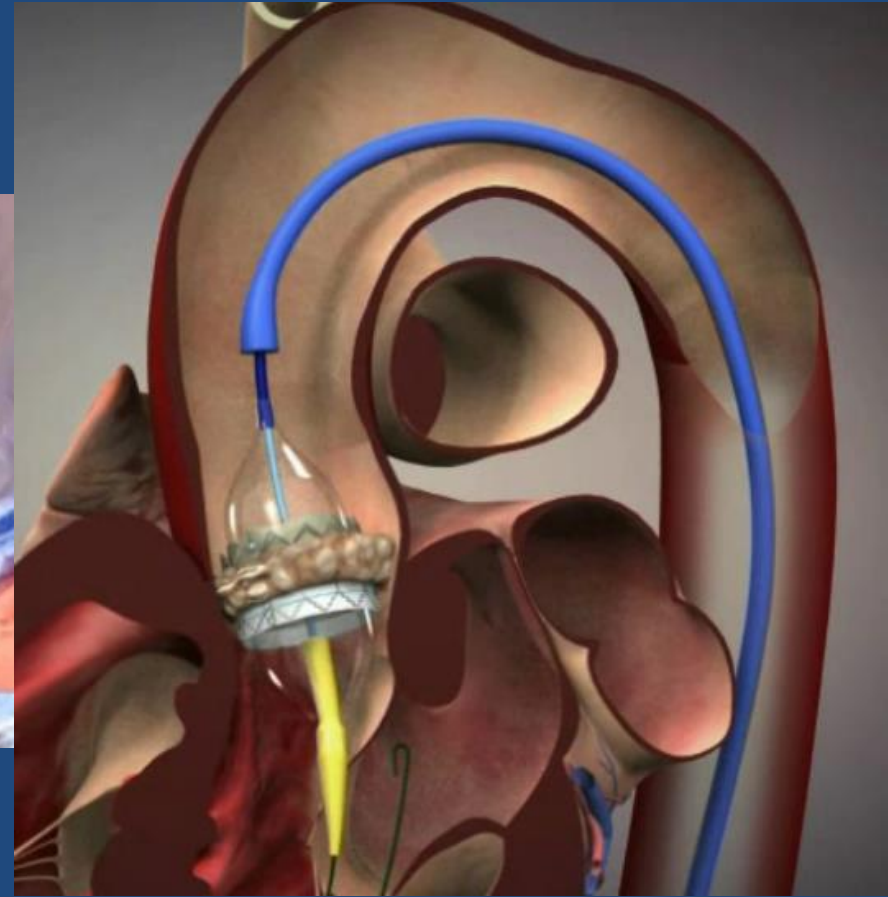
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TEE T: 39.6C

91 bpm



Distance(s)	
Insertion tips distance	I X
= 2.31 cm	
D2 = 2.03 cm	I X
D4 = 2.06 cm	I X
D5 = 2.60 cm	I X
Short = 2.01 cm	I X
Long = 2.34 cm	I X

Area(s)	
Basal annulus area =	I X
3.61 cm ²	



C: None

1mm/div

A

P

12.0 mm
12.6 mm
14.7 mm
13.2 mm

%R-R: 35



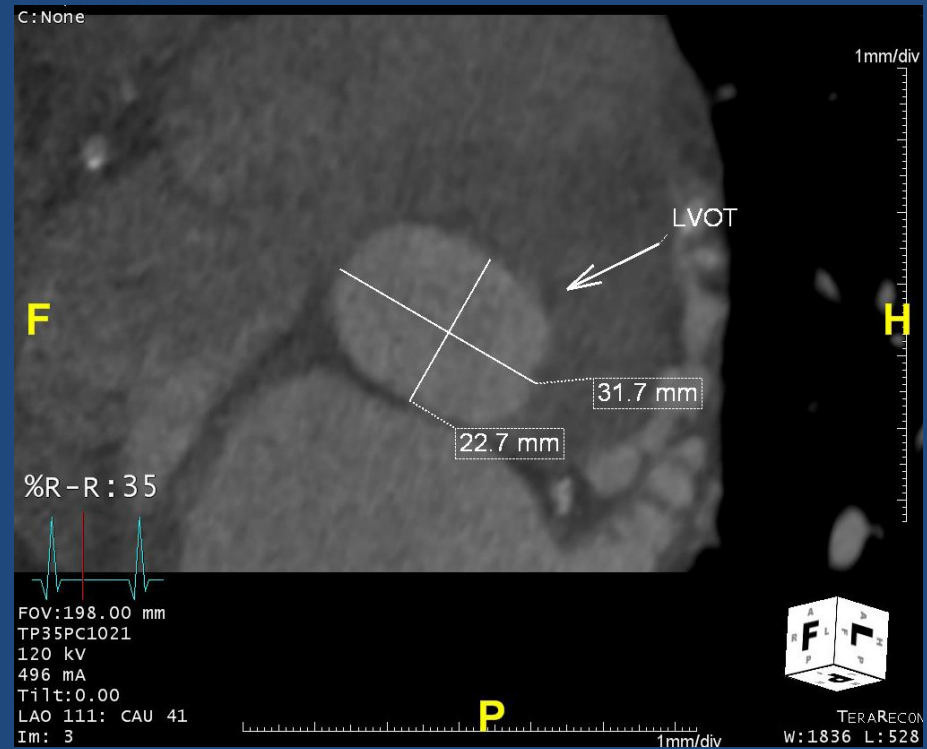
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TP35PC1021
120 kV
496 mA
Tilt: 0.00
LAO 44: CRA 24
Im: 1

F

1mm/div

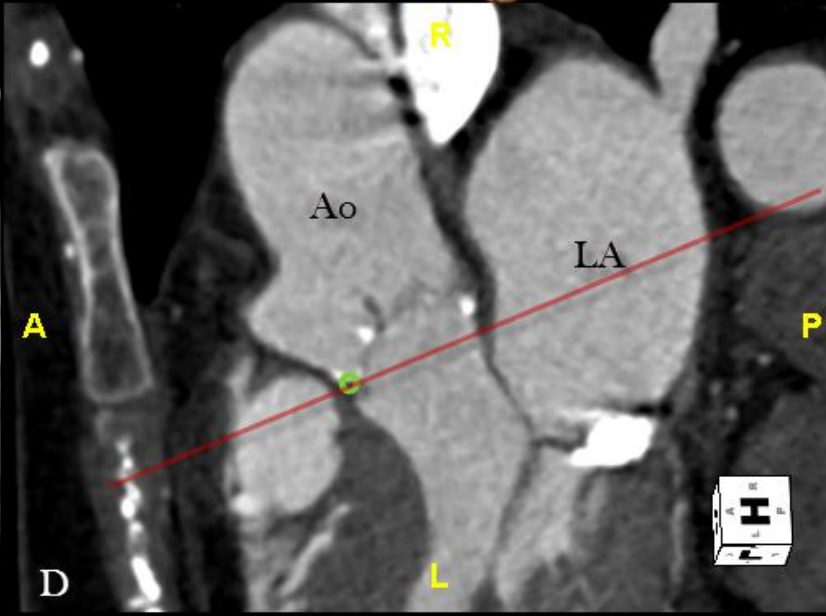
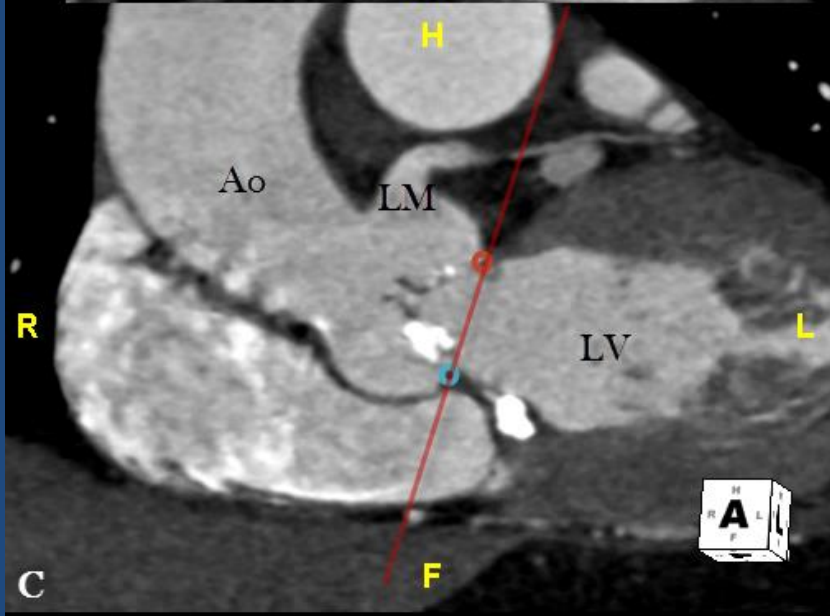
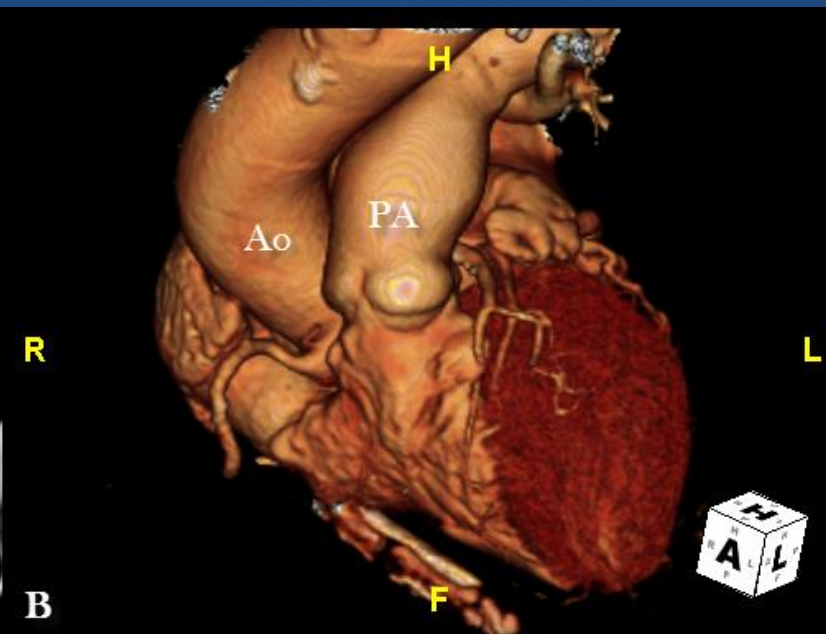
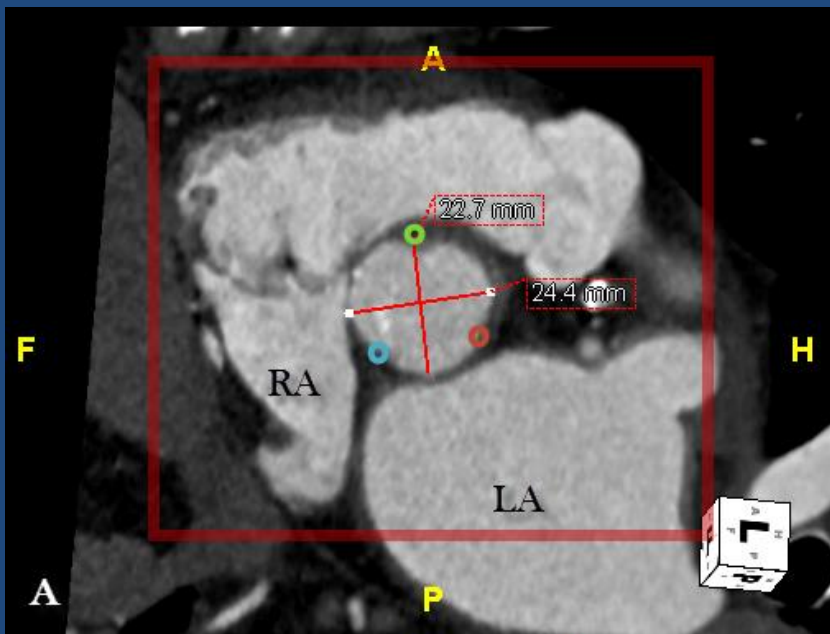


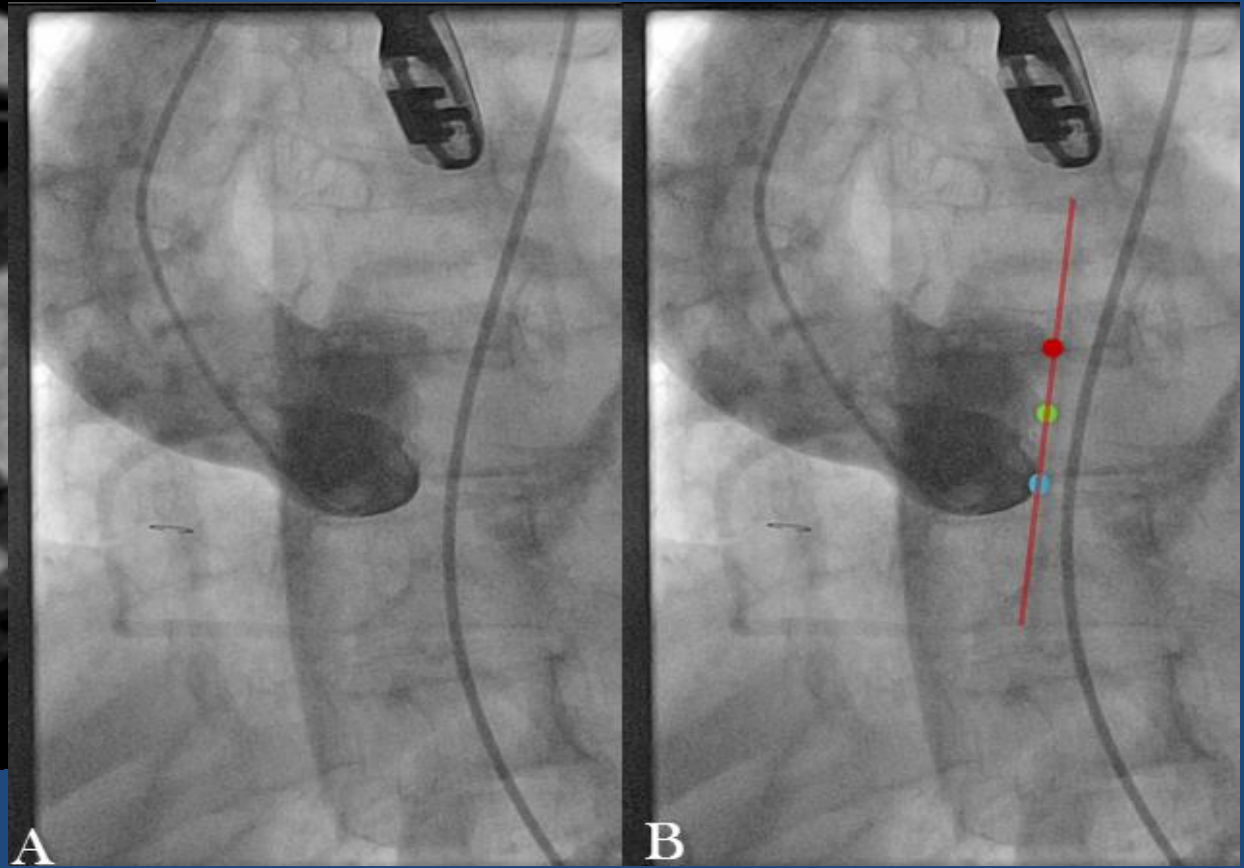
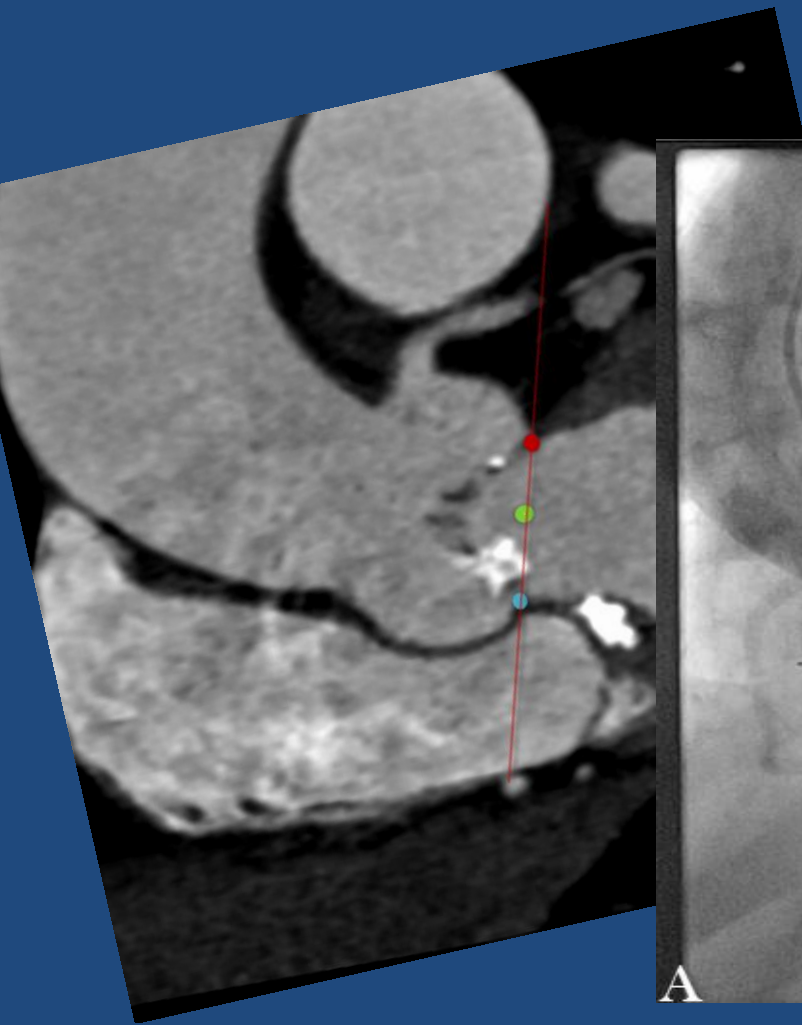
TERARECON
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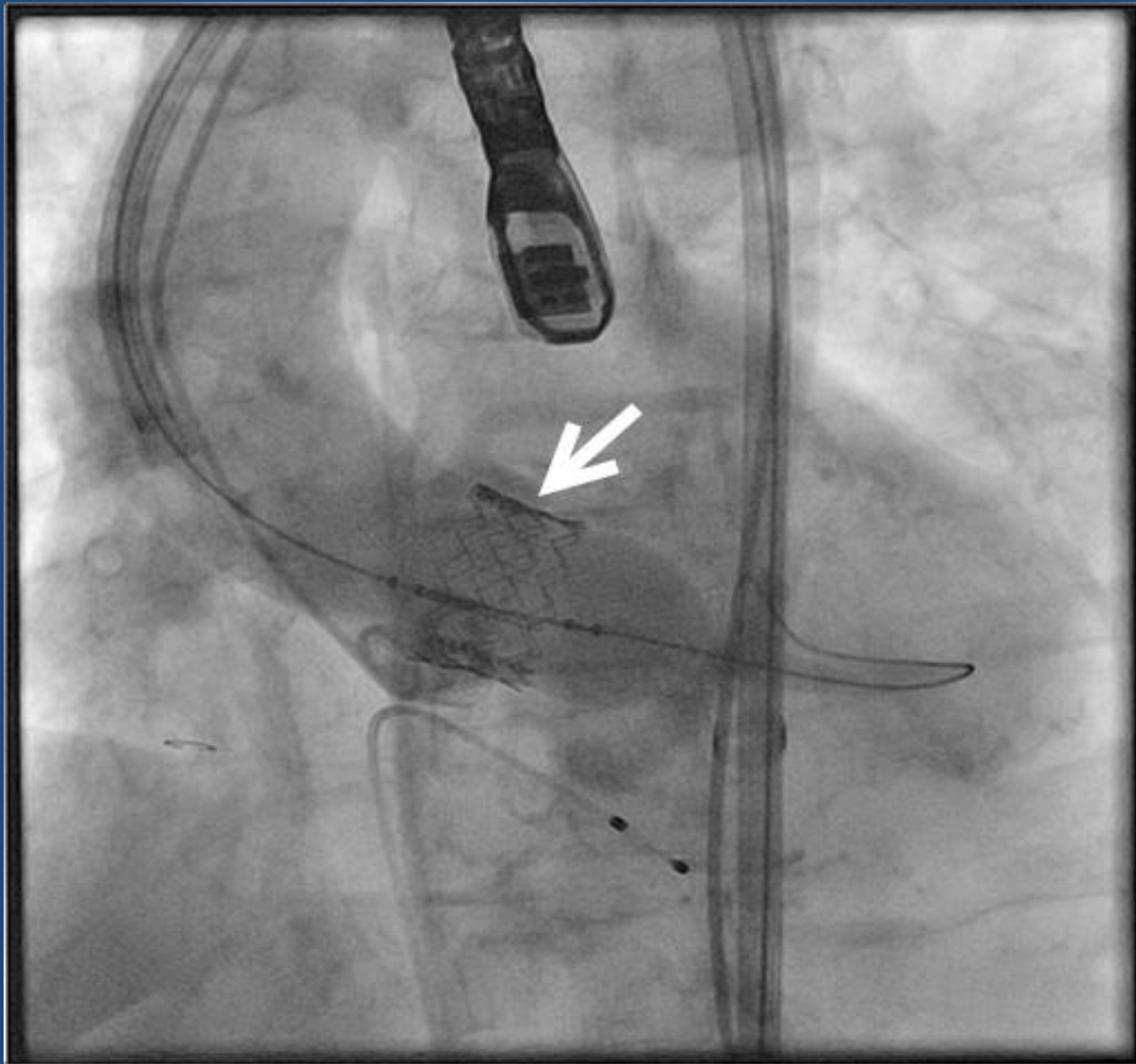


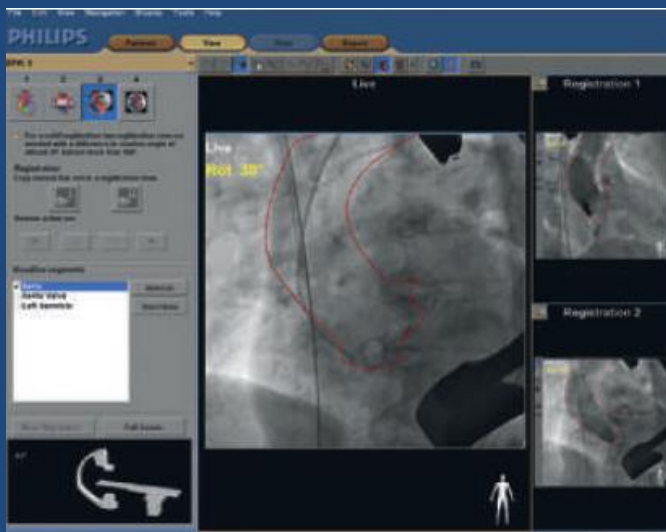
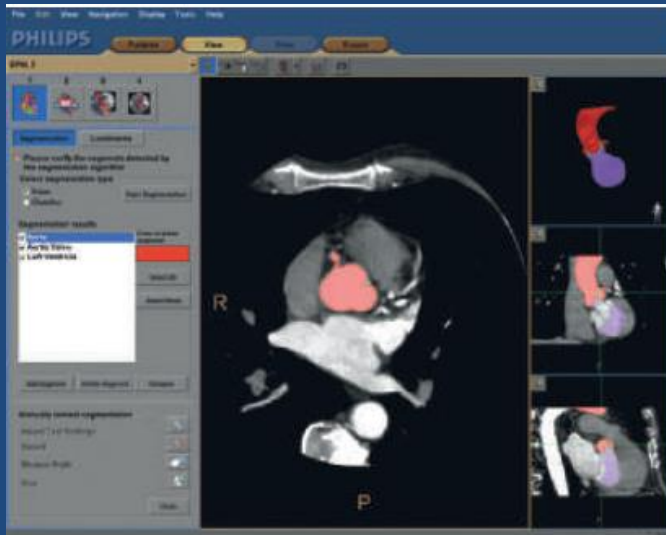
Edwards SAPIEN Valve	RetroFlex 3 Sheath	Minimum Vessel Diameter	RetroFlex 3 Sheath OD
23 mm	22F	7.0 mm	8.4 mm
26 mm	24F	8.0 mm	9.2 mm





Matching up C-arm angle – reducing contrast and radiation in the cath lab





HeartNavigator

FR 71Hz
15cm

M4

2D
56%
C 52
P Off
Gen



PAT T: 37.0C
TEE T: 39.3C

JPEG

50 bpm

FR 21Hz
8.8cm

Live 3D
3D 19%
3D 46dB
Gen



M4



PAT T: 37.0C
TEE T: 40.3C

JPEG

116 bpm

Echocardiography
TTE

Echocardiography
TEE

Intracardiac
Echocardiography

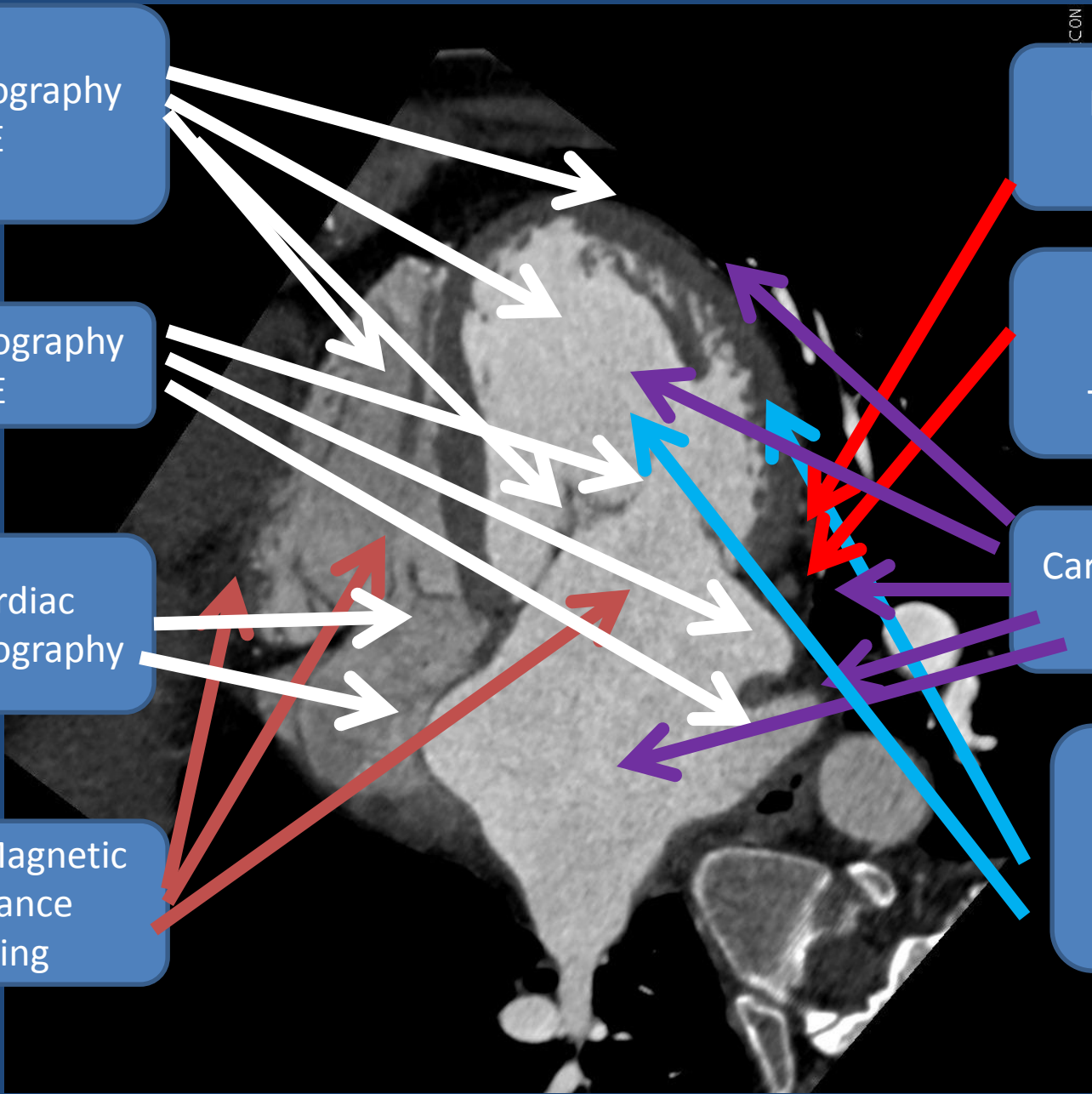
Cardiac Magnetic
Resonance
Imaging

Intravascular
Ultrasound

Optical
Coherence
Tomography

Cardiac Computed
Tomography

Nuclear
Imaging



CON

Conclusions and Future Directions

- More integration across cardiovascular imaging platforms.
- Radiation exposure will continue to decrease.
- More melding of function with anatomy.
- Imaging will play a more robust role in procedural guidance.
- Keep playing your video games.

Thank you.