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**Timing dell'intervento chirurgico.**

*Tutte le informazioni necessarie al chirurgo per la scelta della migliore soluzione possibile: riparazione percutanea, riparazione chirurgica o sostituzione valvolare?*

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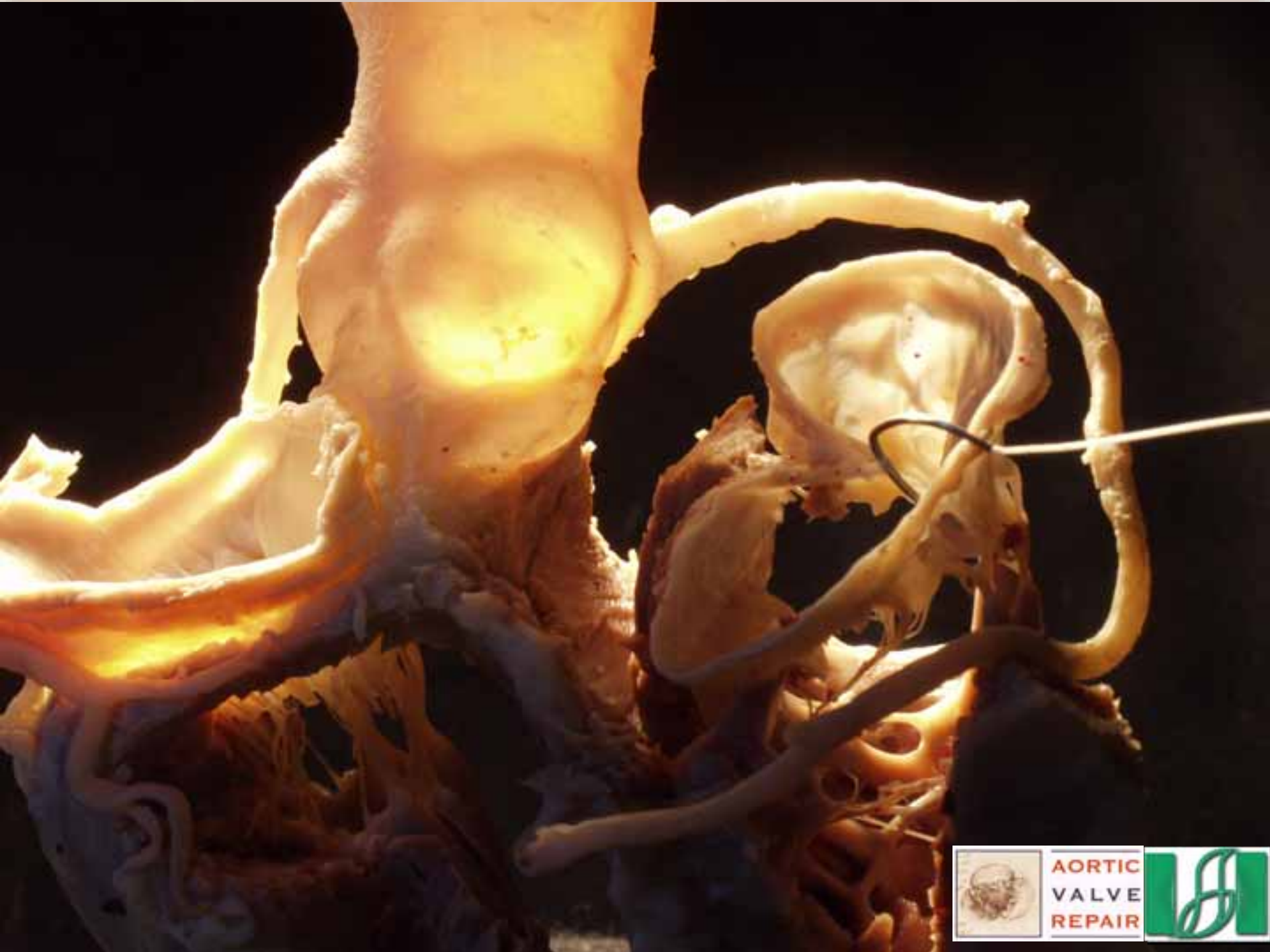
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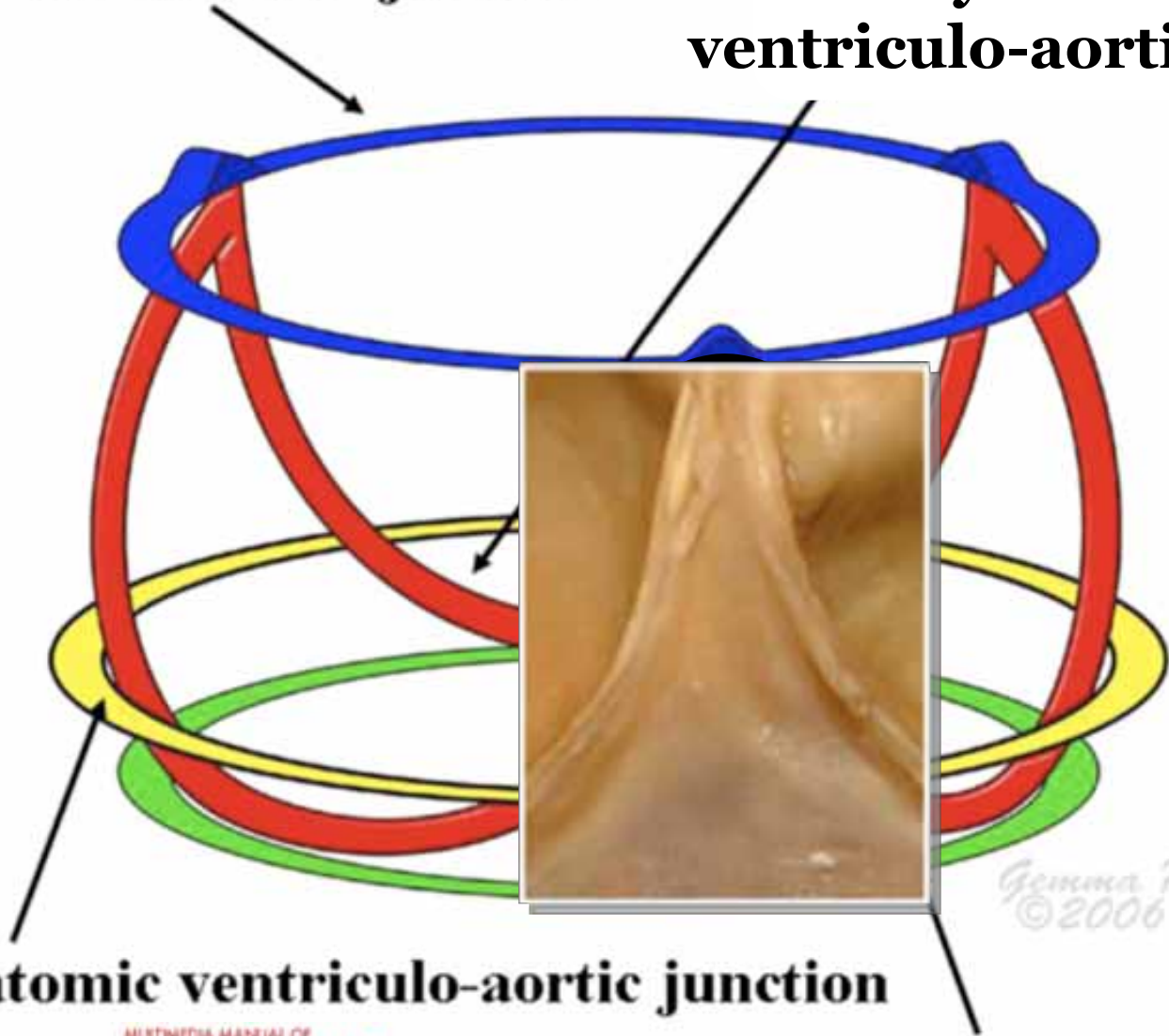


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VALVE  
REPAIR**



**Sinutubular junction**

**Haemodynamic  
ventriculo-aortic junction**



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**Anatomic ventriculo-aortic junction**

**Virtual basal ring**

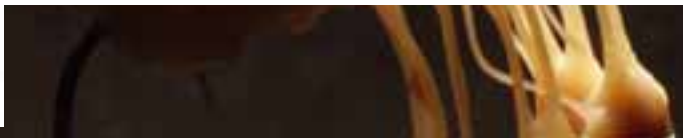
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MULTIMEDIA MANUAL OF  
**CARDIO THORACIC**  
SURGERY

The surgical anatomy of the aortic root<sup>©</sup>

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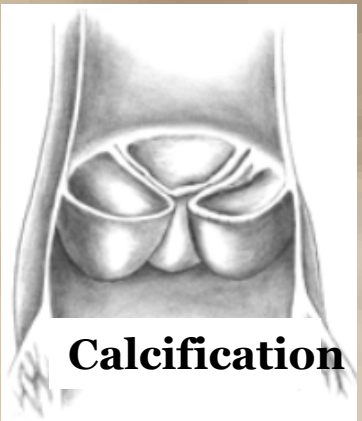
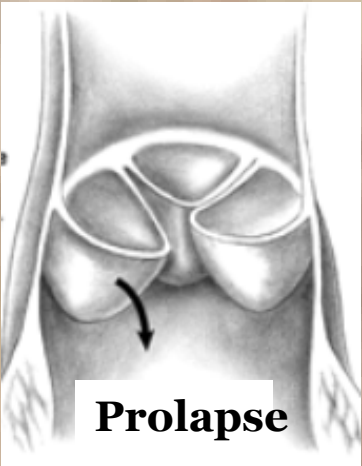
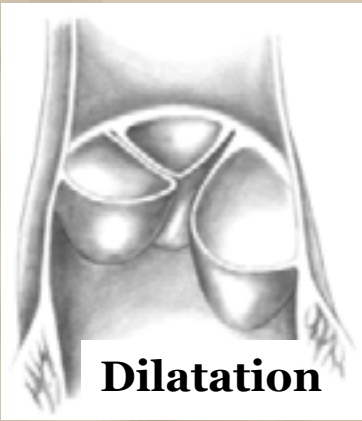
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**Aortic Valve Disease**



**INCOMPETENCE**

**STENOSIS**

- Ascending Aorta Dilatation →
- Aortic Root Dilatation →
- Aortic Annulus Dilatation ↙

Replacement of the Ascending Aorta by a woven Dacron graft

**BENTALL PROCEDURE**

**Aortic Valve Replacement**



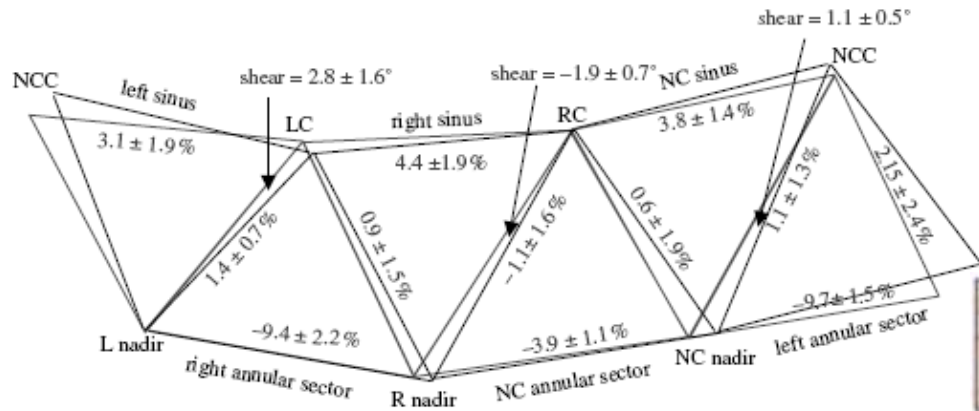
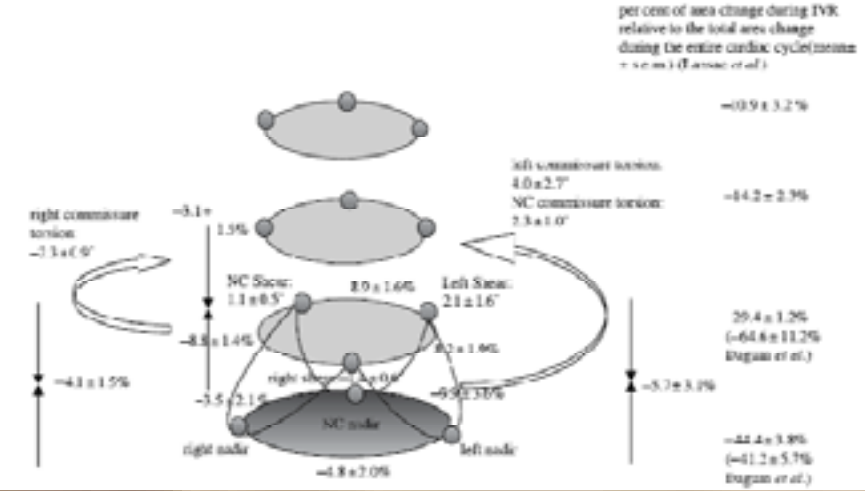
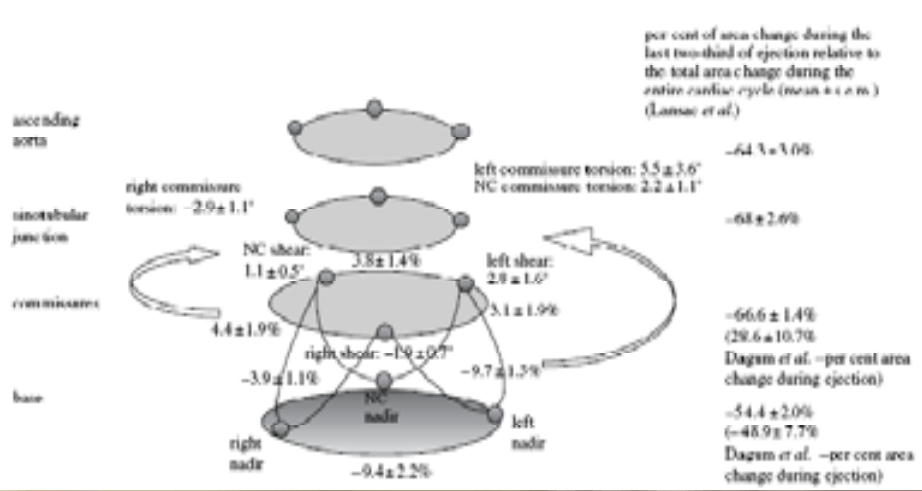
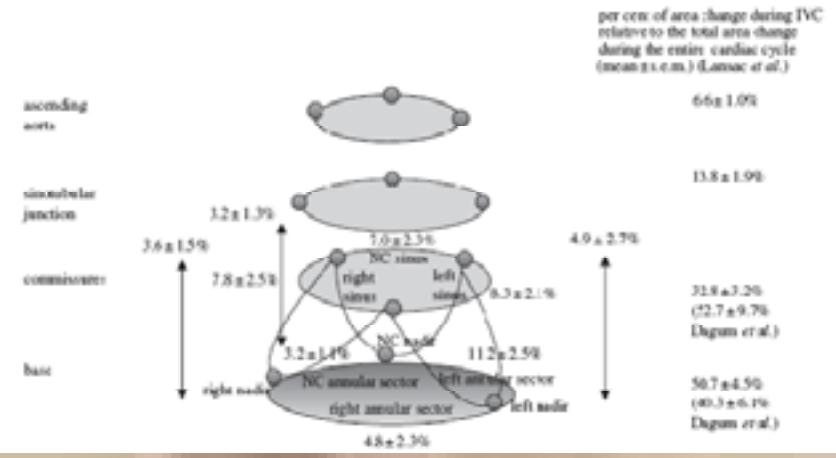
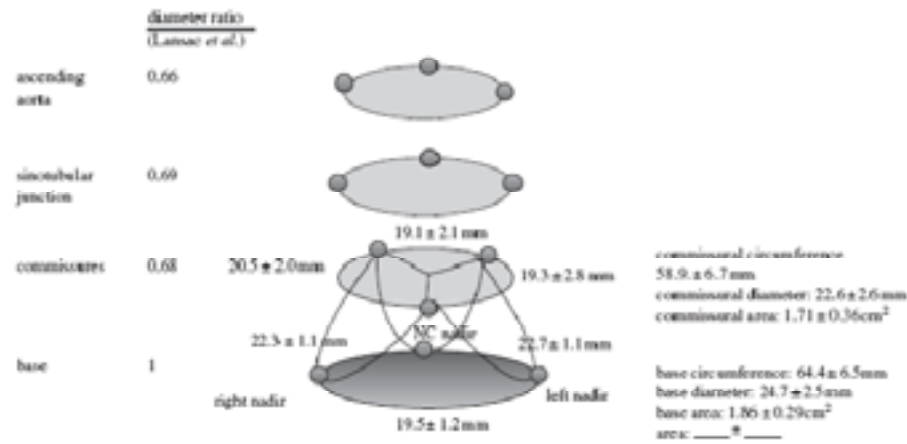
## **Aortic root dynamics and surgery: from craft to science**

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**Five centuries of scientific and technological developments now permit us today to appreciate the beautiful simplicity and incredible complexity of the aortic valve and aortic root.**

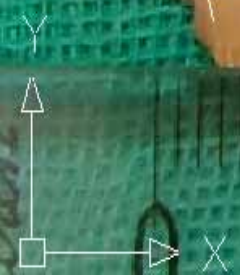
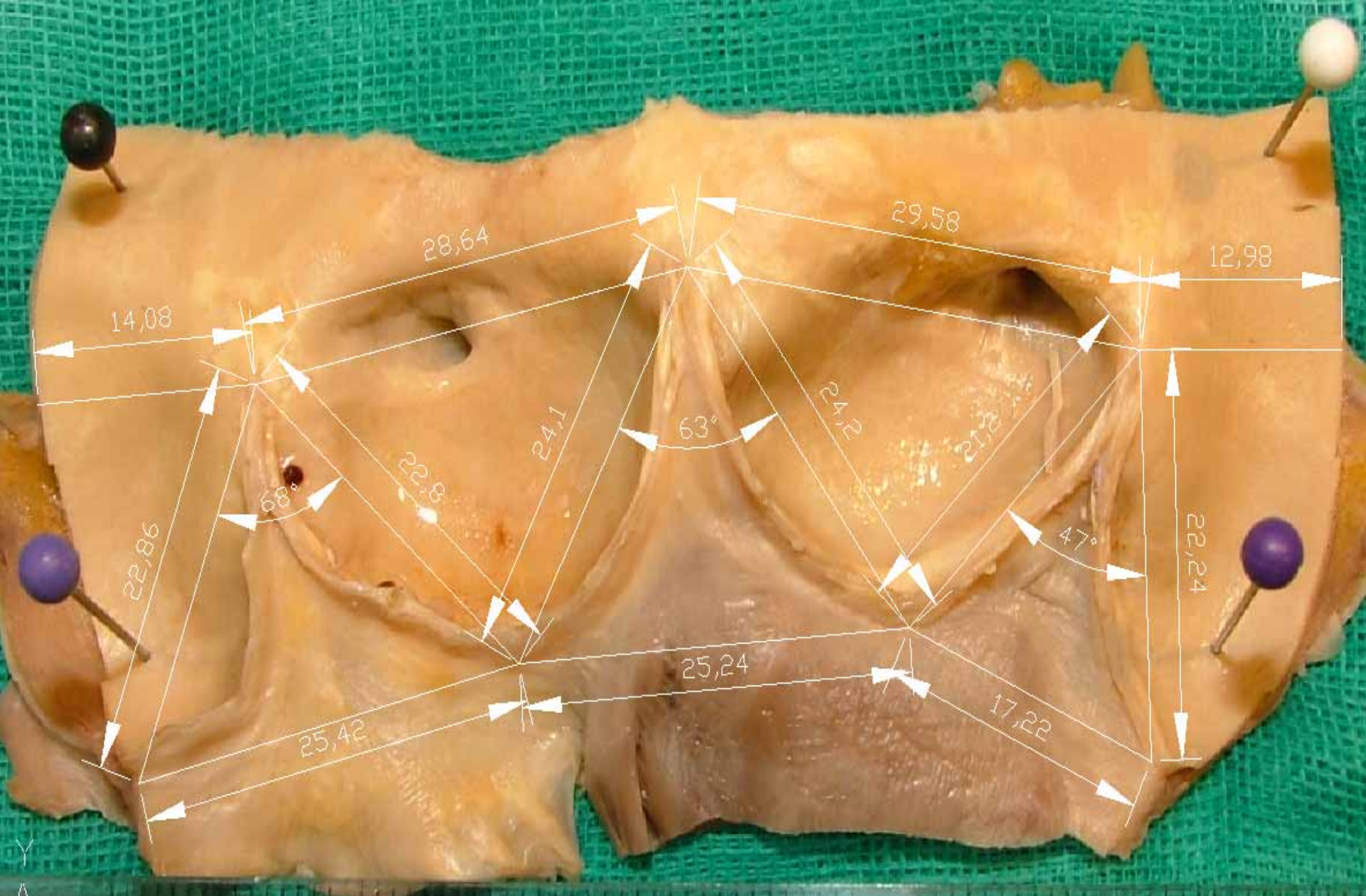




**AORTIC VALVE REPAIR**

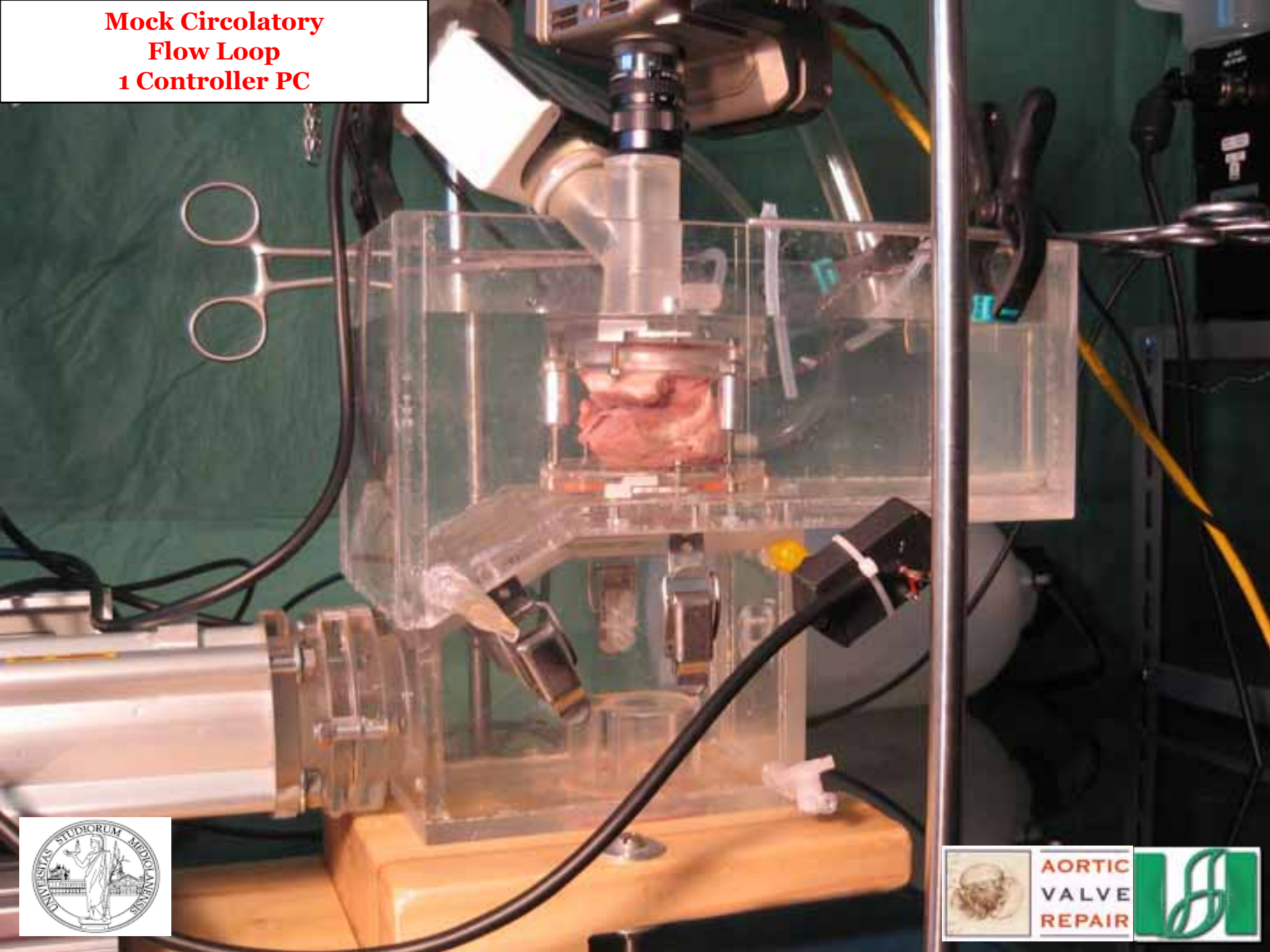






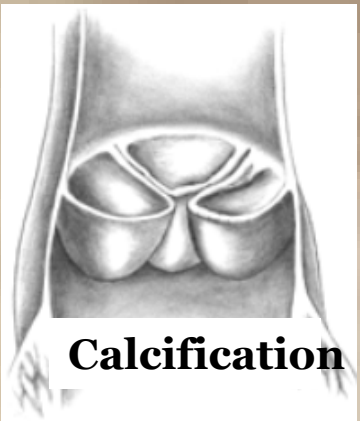
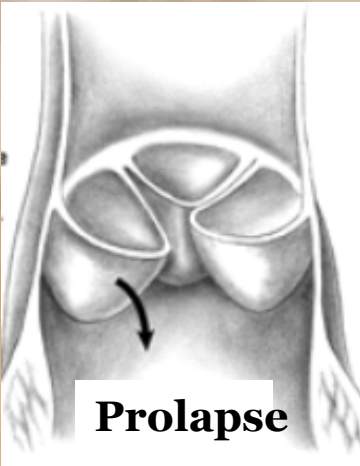
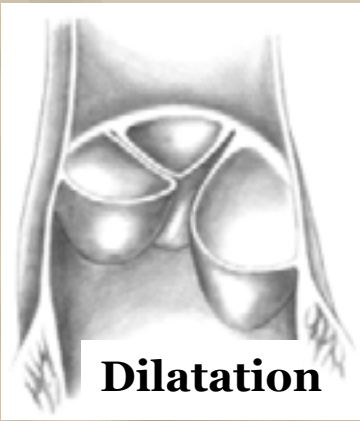


**Mock Circulatory  
Flow Loop  
1 Controller PC**

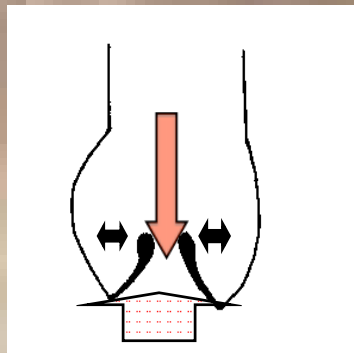
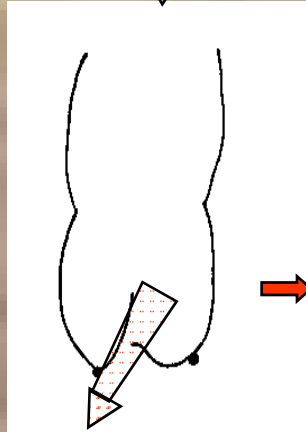
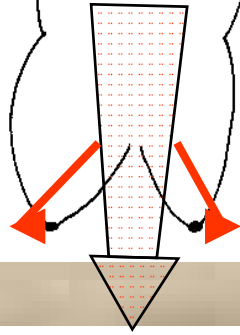


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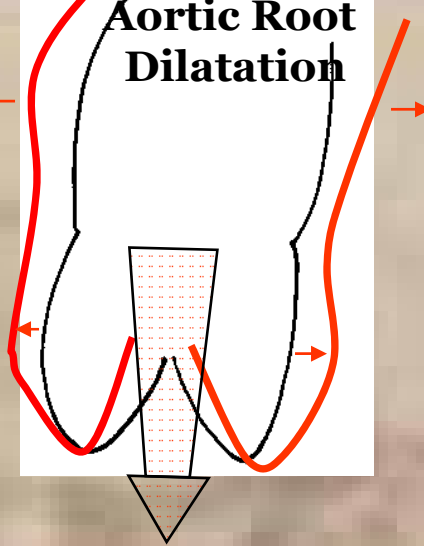
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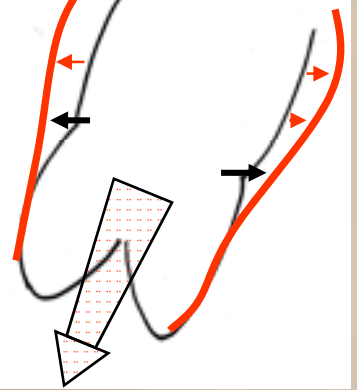
• **Aortic Annulus Dilatation**



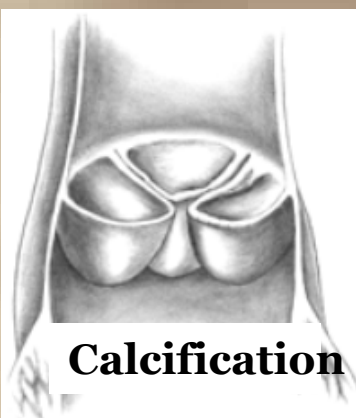
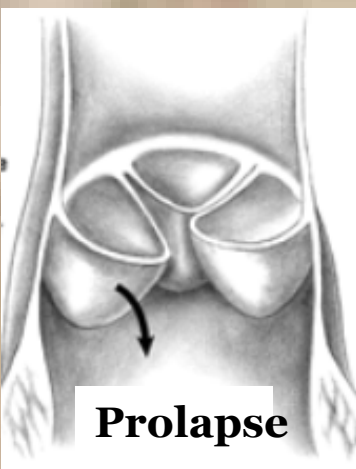
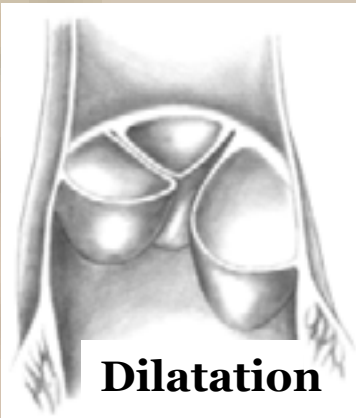
**Aortic Root Dilatation**



**Ascending Aorta Dilatation**



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Replacement of the Ascending Aorta by a woven Dacron graft

**Sparing Technique**  
Reimplantation  
Remodelling

**Aortic Valve Repair**

**Aortic Valve Replacement**



# Imaging



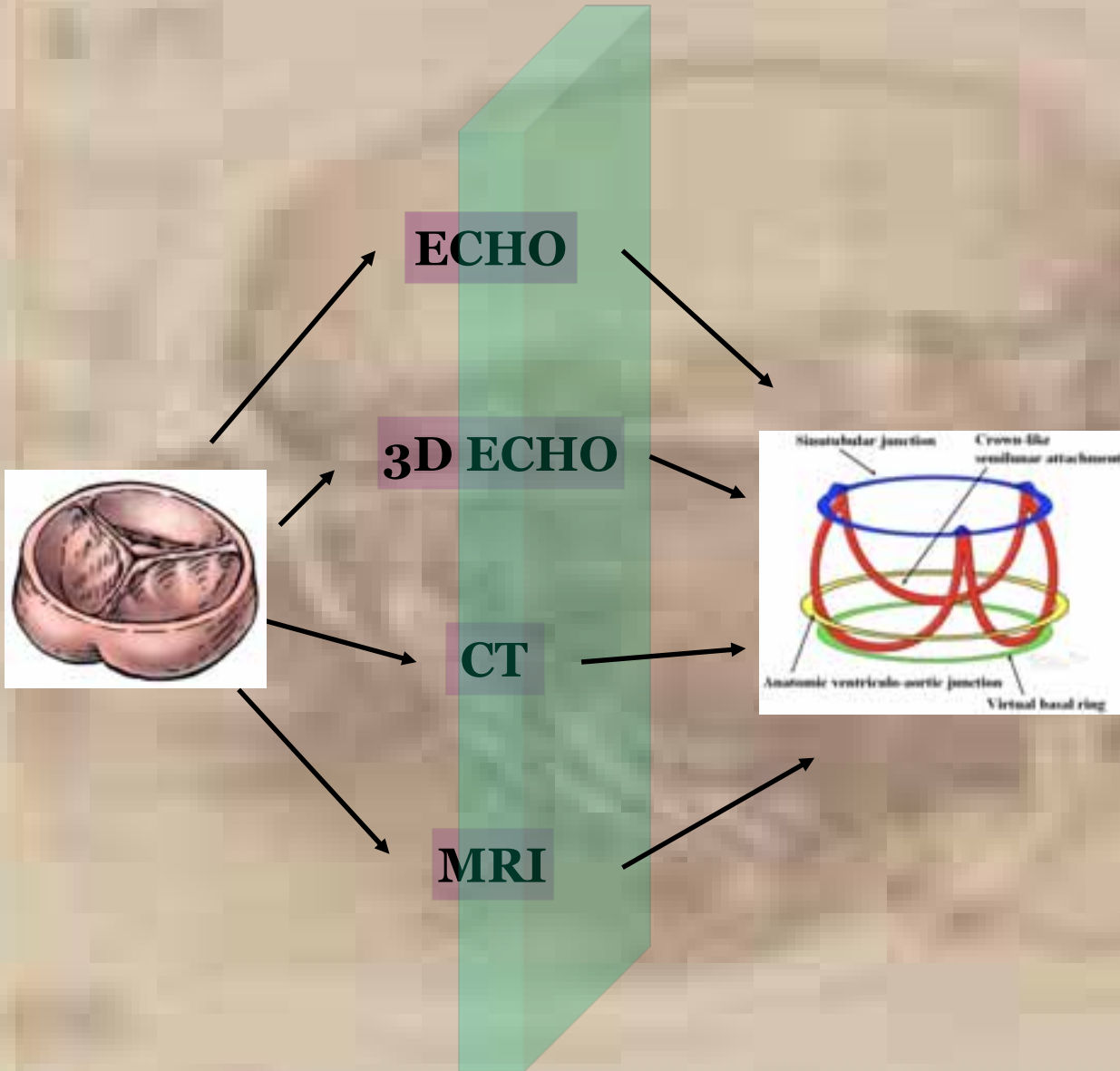
- 1) To describe reality
- 2) To understand reality
- 3) To predict reality



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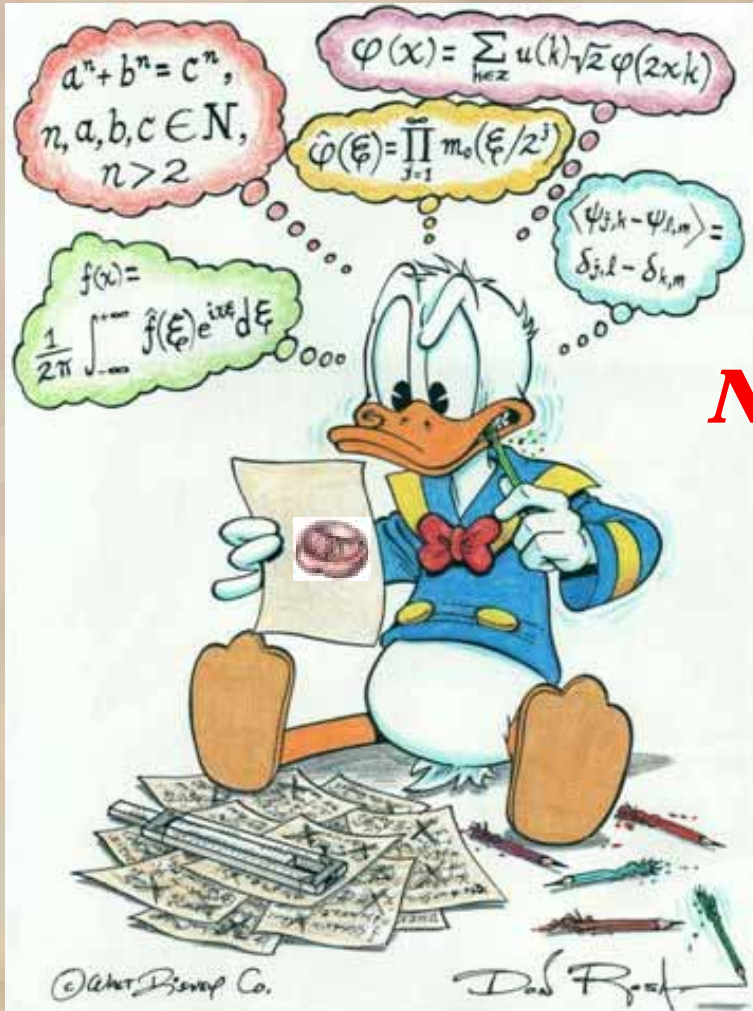


# Cardiac Imaging



- Numbers
- Relationship
- Images

# from imaging techniques



**Numbers** transmit informations

**Images**  
transmit ideas and feelings



# Circulation

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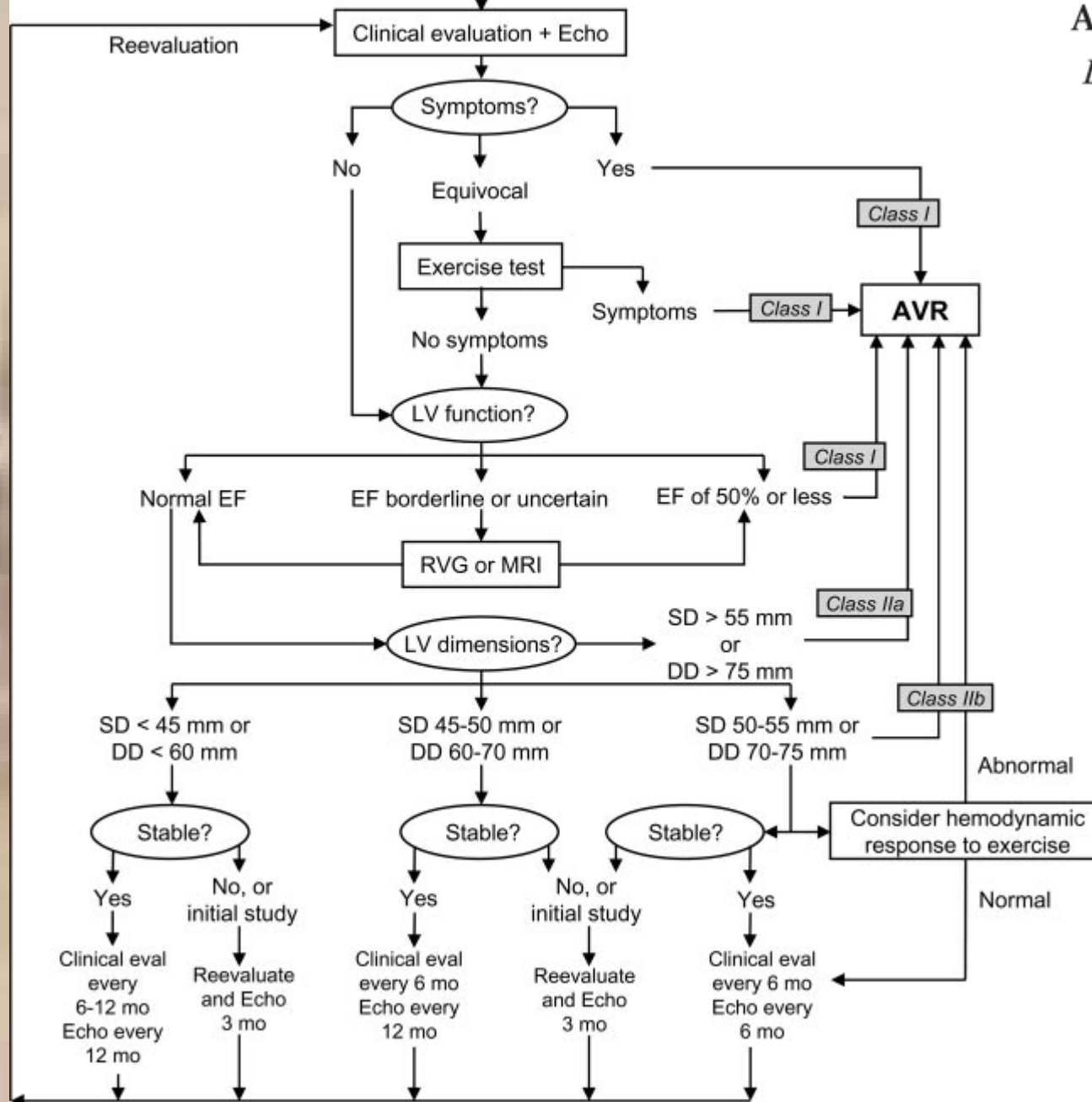
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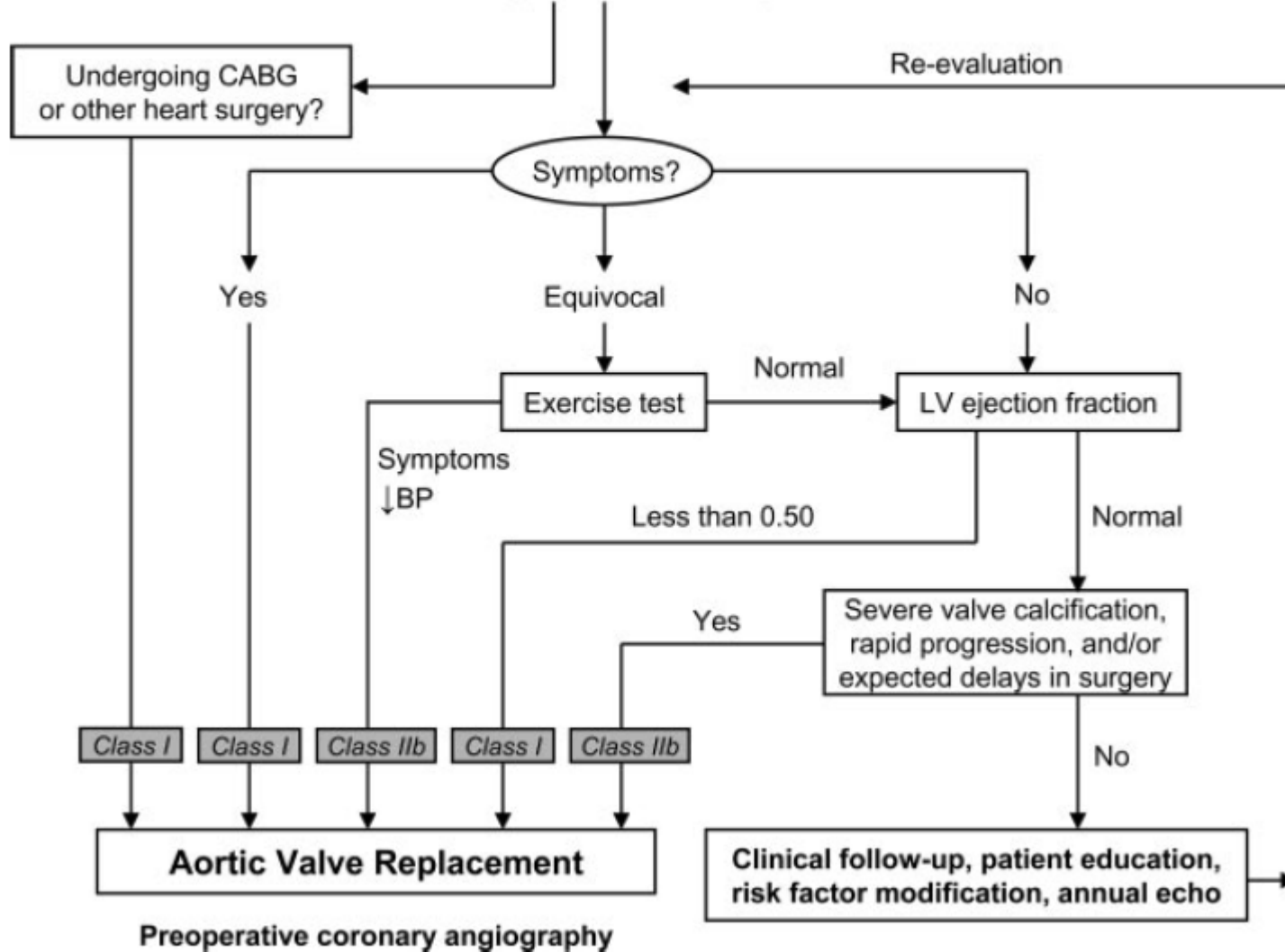
# Chronic Severe Aortic Regurgitation

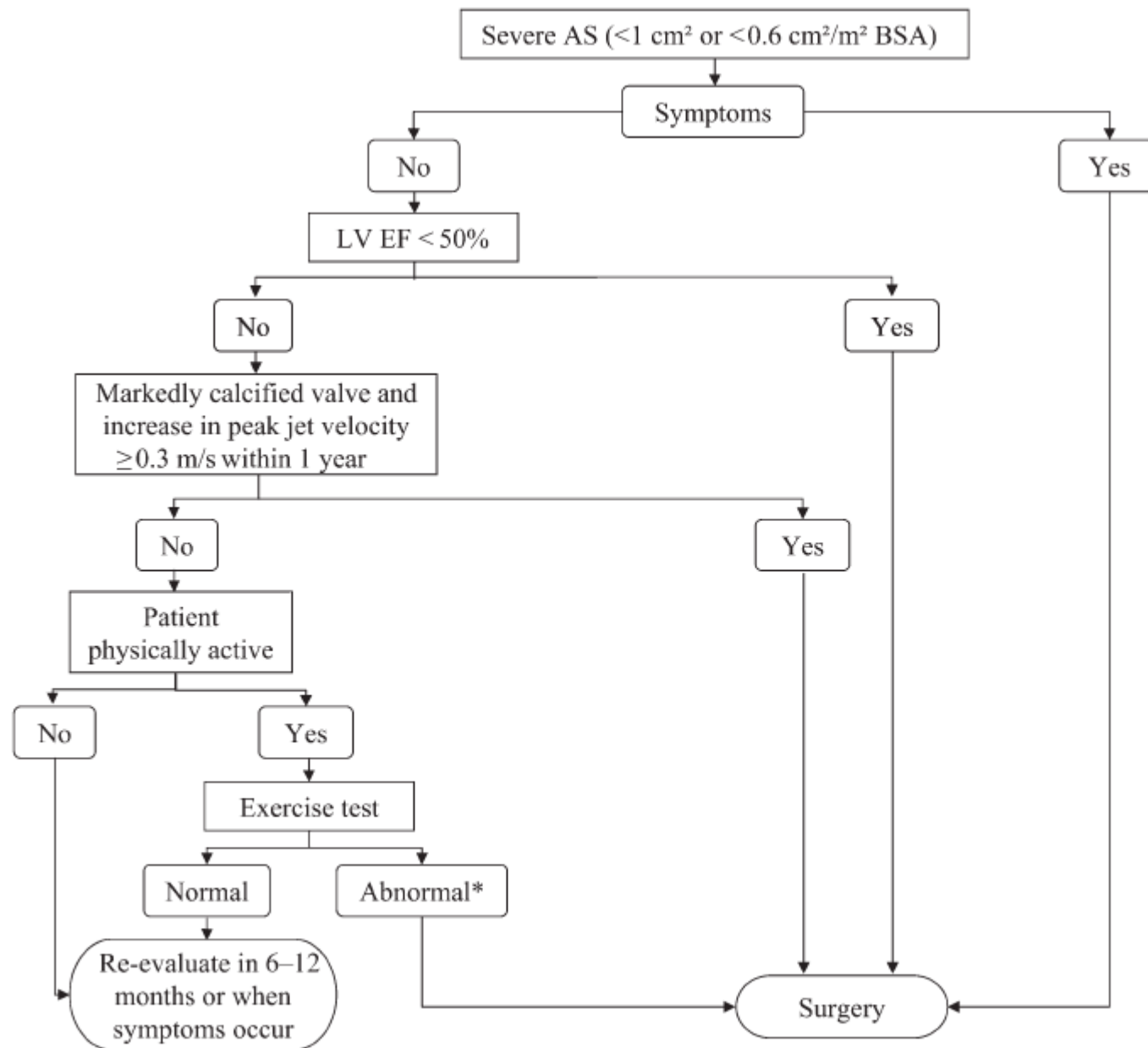




## Severe Aortic Stenosis

$V_{max}$  greater than 4 m/s  
 AVA less than 1.0 cm<sup>2</sup>  
 Mean gradient > 40 mm Hg





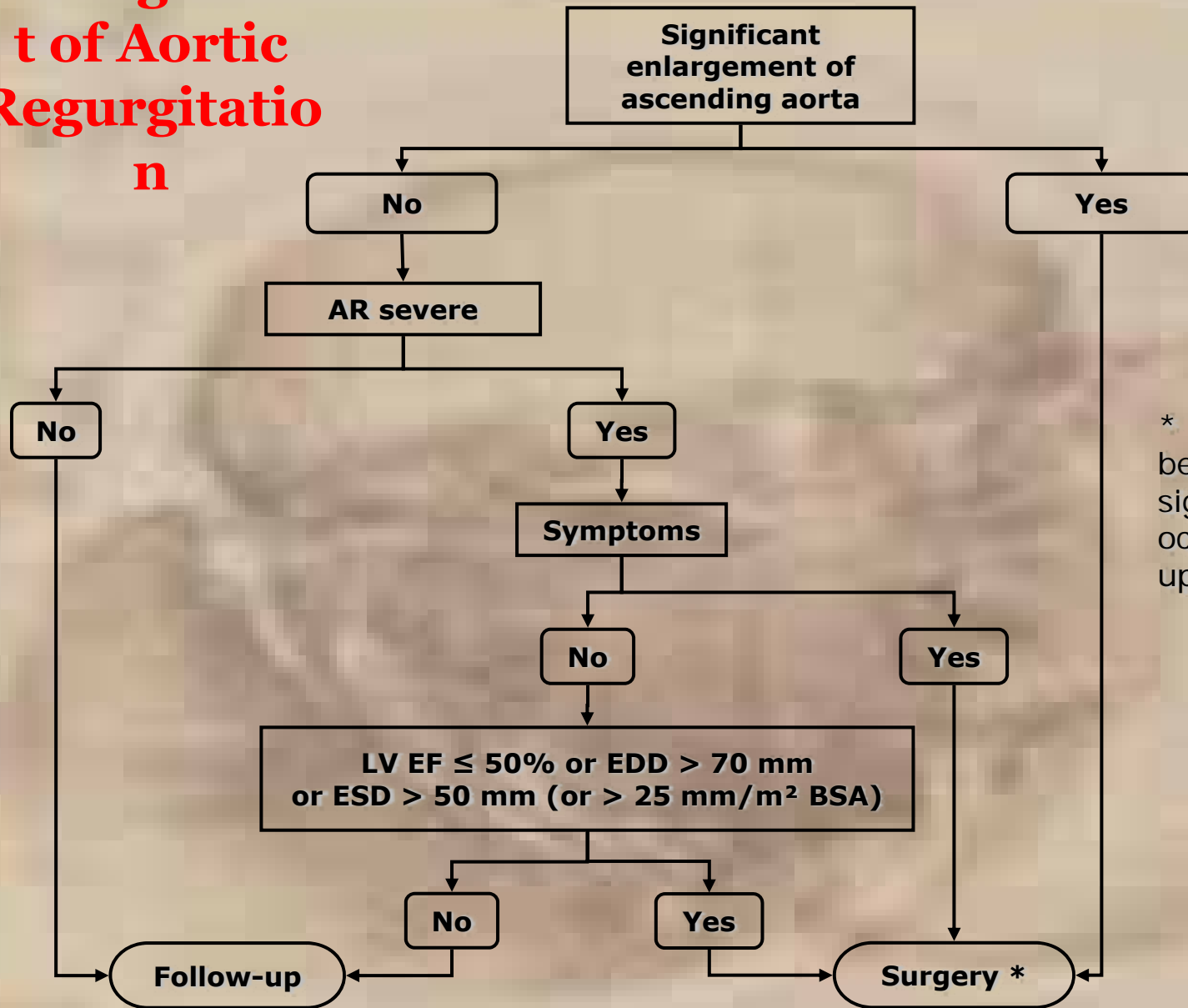
AS = aortic stenosis  
 LV = left ventricle  
 EF = ejection fraction  
 BSA = body surface area

\*See Table 7 for definitions

Note: The management of patients with low gradient and low ejection fraction is detailed in the text

Figure 2 Management of severe aortic stenosis.

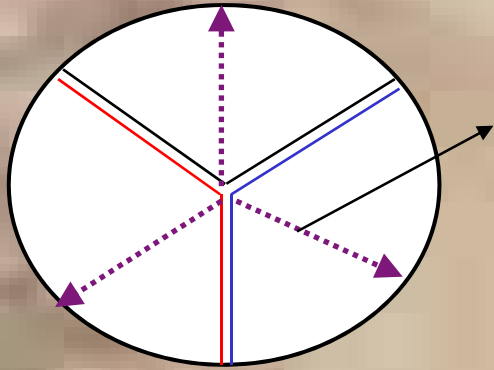
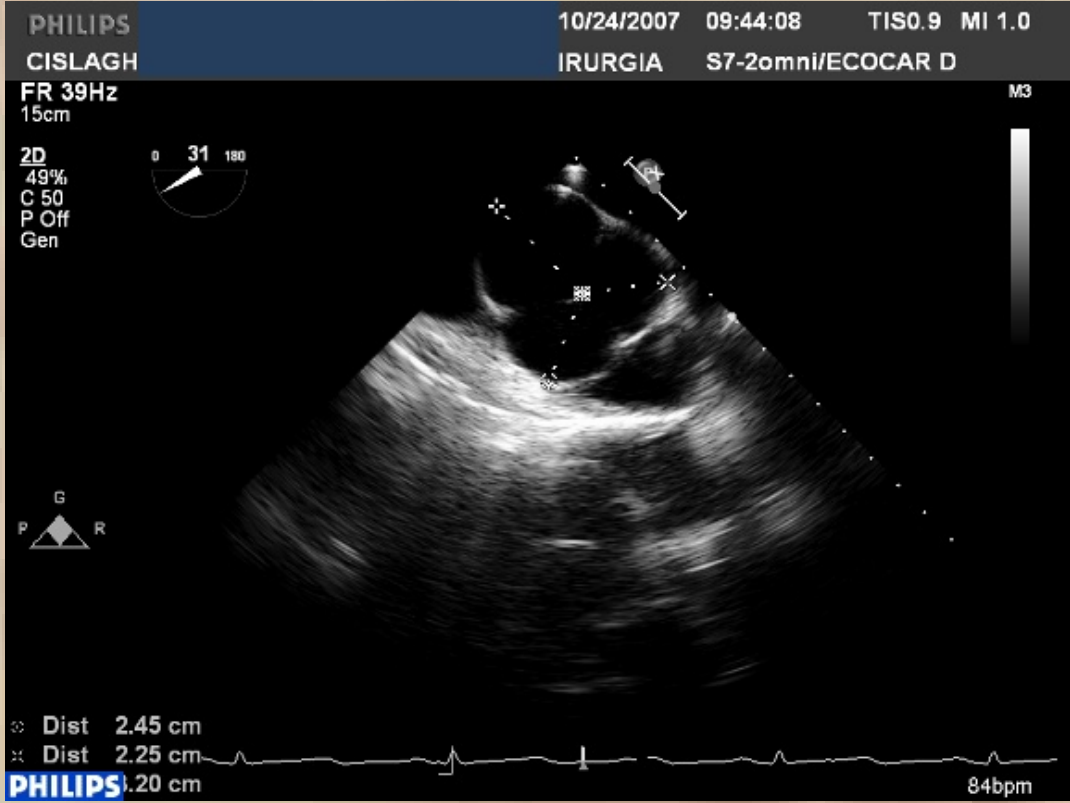
# Management of Aortic Regurgitation



\* surgery must also be considered if significant changes occur during follow-up



# Short axis view

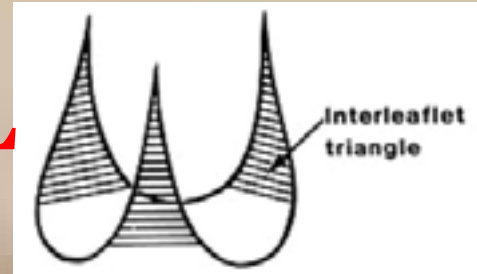


Normal valve

to measure Asymmetrical Sinuses



# AORTIC FUNCTIONAL ANNULUS



Sino-Tubular Junction



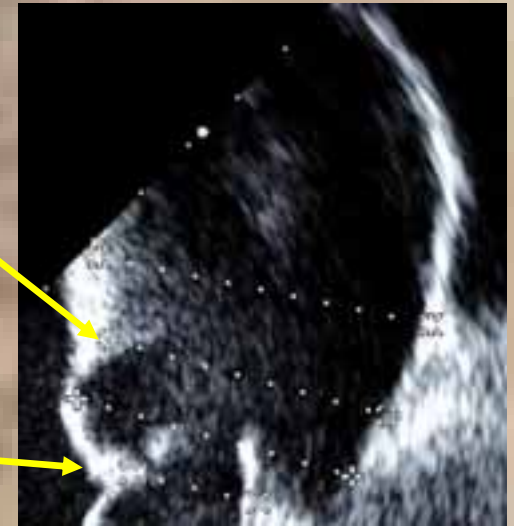
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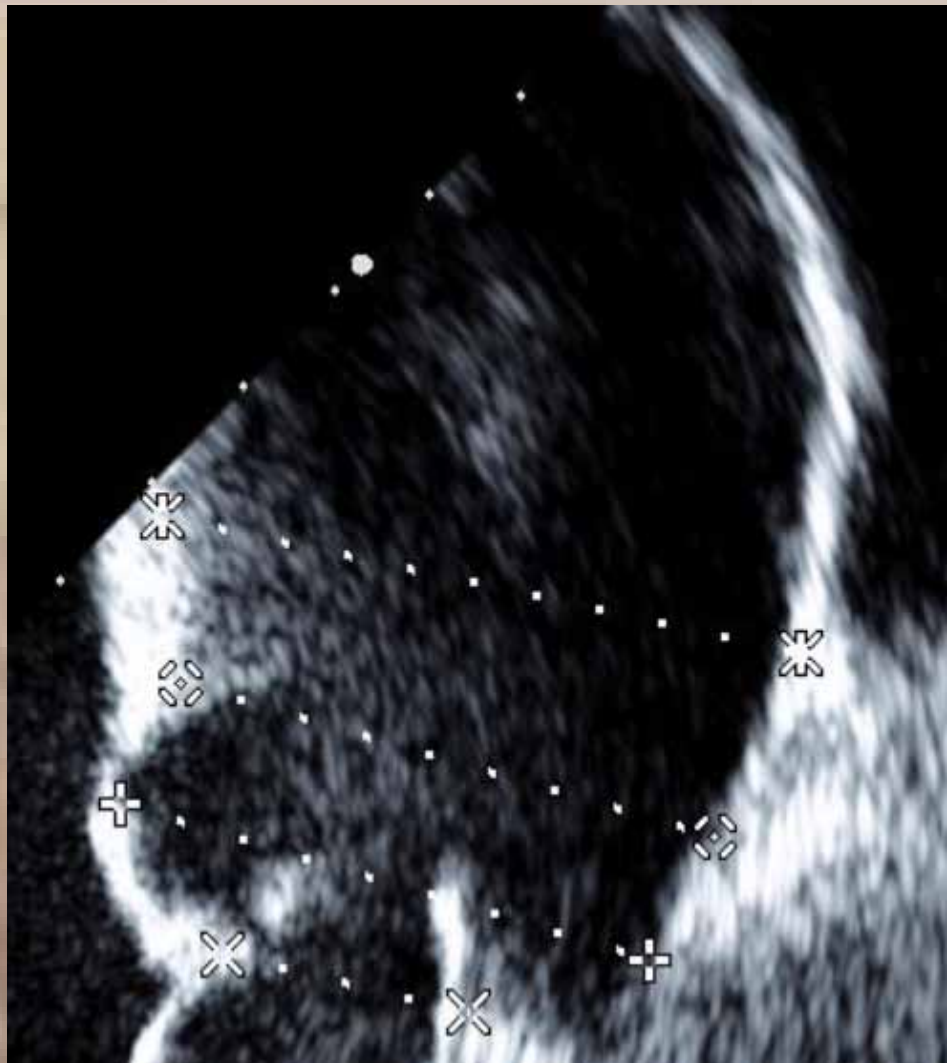
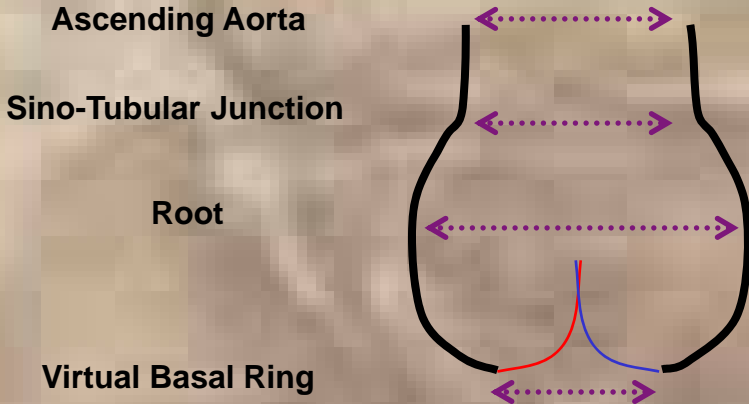
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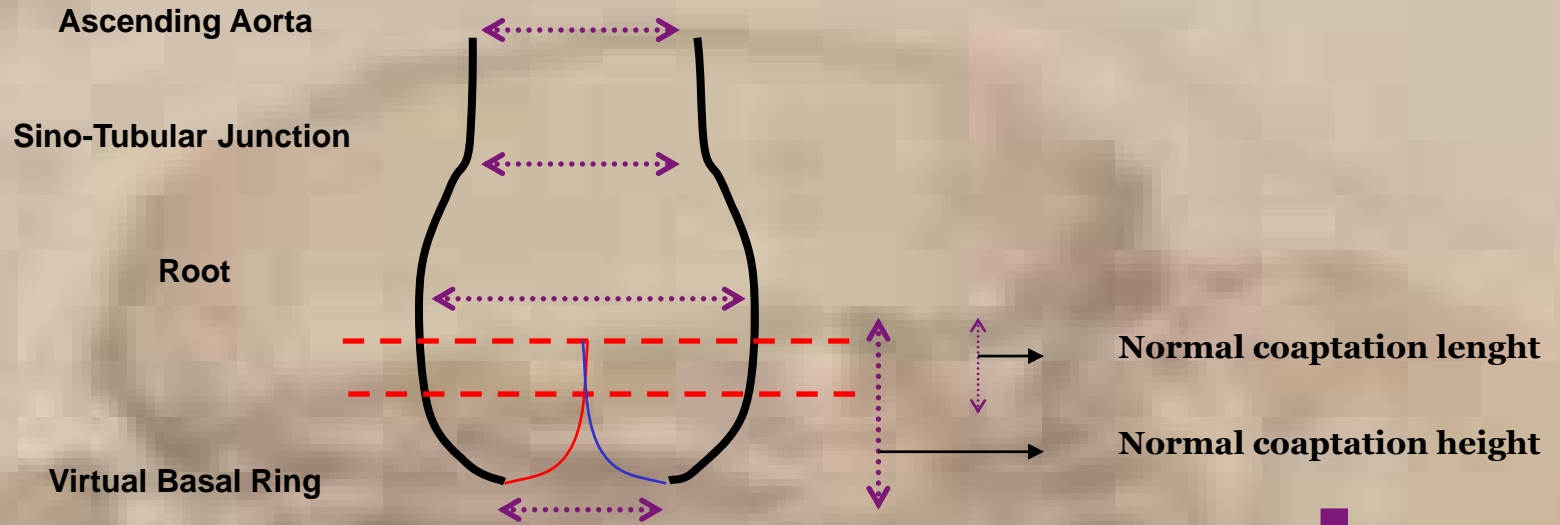
Virtual Basal Ring  
(Echo-annulus)



# Long axis view



# Long axis view



**FUNCTIONAL**  
**RESERVE**



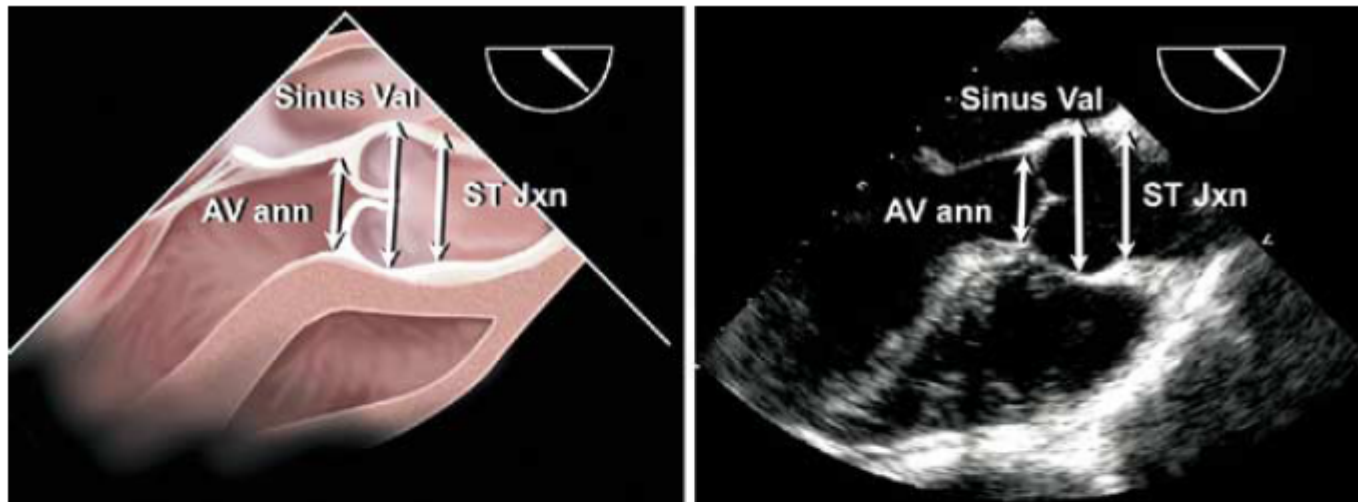
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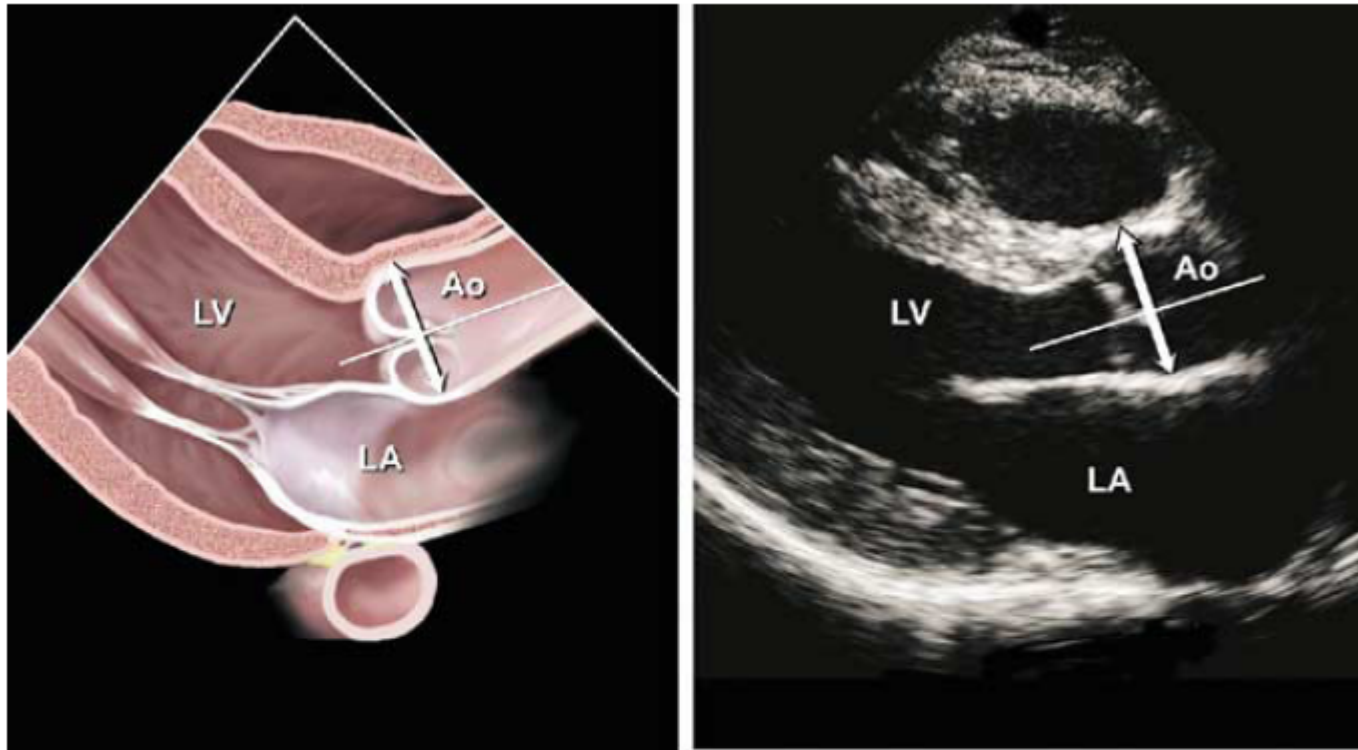


**Figure 18** Measurement of aortic root diameters at aortic valve annulus (*AV ann*) level, sinuses of Valsalva (*Sinus Val*), and sinotubular junction (*ST Jxn*) from midesophageal long-axis view of aortic valve, usually at angle of approximately 110 to 150 degrees. Annulus is measured by convention at base of aortic leaflets. Although leading edge to leading edge technique is demonstrated for the *Sinus Val* and *ST Jxn*, some prefer inner edge to inner edge method. (See text for further discussion.)

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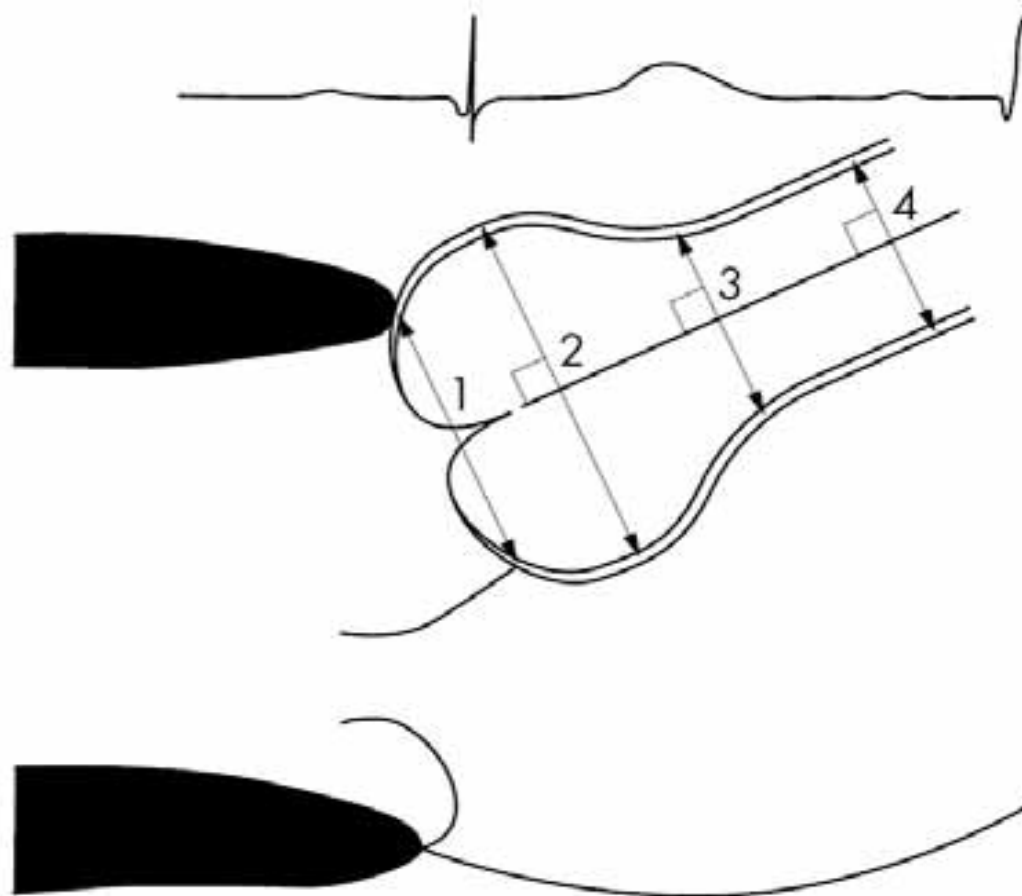


**Figure 19** Measurement of aortic root diameter at sinuses of Valsava from 2-dimensional parasternal long-axis image. Although leading edge to leading edge technique is shown, some prefer inner edge to inner edge method. (See text for further discussion.)

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**Figure 4** Echocardiographic measurement of aortic root diameters: (1) aortic annulus diameter (internal diameter); (2) sinuses of Valsalva (external diameter, comprising the aortic wall, from leading edge to leading edge); (3) sinotubular junction (external diameter, comprising the aortic wall, from leading edge to leading edge); (4) ascending aorta (external diameter, comprising the aortic wall, from leading edge to leading edge).



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# Normal Thoracic Aorta Diameter on Cardiac Computed Tomography in Healthy Asymptomatic Adults: Impact of Age and Gender<sup>1</sup>

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## Normal Ascending Aorta Diameter Measured with Echocardiography and CT

Authors	Ascending Aorta Diameter						Method	Trigger Time
	Female			Male				
	n	Age	M ± SD (mm)	n	Age	M ± SD (mm)		
Mao	500	56	31.1 ± 3.9	942	54	33.6 ± 4.1	CVCT	End-systolic
Mao	28	20-40	29.0 ± 3.3	80	20-40	30.8 ± 3.5	CVCT	End-systolic
Mao	305	41-60	30.7 ± 3.8	595	41-60	33.3 ± 3.6	CVCT	End-systolic
Mao	167	>60	32.2 ± 3.9	267	>60	35.0 ± 3.8	CVCT	End-systolic
Vasan (12)	1816	46	28 ± 3	1473	47	32 ± 3	Echo	End-diastolic
Roman (13)	67	43	27 ± 3	68	43	30 ± 4	Echo	End-diastolic
Sochowski (14)	33	45	28 ± 3	27	45	28 ± 3	Echo	End-systolic
Reed (15)	46*	21	33 ± 4	45*	21	32 ± 4	Echo	—
Reed (15)	44†	21	27 ± 3	46†	21	31 ± 3	Echo	—
Aronberg (16)	36‡	20-40	33.6	36‡	20-40	34.7	CT	No trigger time
Aronberg (16)	33‡	41-60	37.2	33‡	41-60	36.3	CT	No trigger time
Aronberg (16)	33‡	>61	35	33‡	>61	39.1	CT	No trigger time
Pearce (17)	24	49	29 ± 3.4	46	50	32 ± 5.2	CT	No trigger time



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**Table 4****Changes in Ascending Aorta Diameter with Different Trigger Time and Method of Ascending Aortic Diameter Measurement**

n	Trigger Time		
	35% phase	75% phase	95% phase
107	33.9 ± 4.1	32.9 ± 4.1	32.2 ± 3.9*

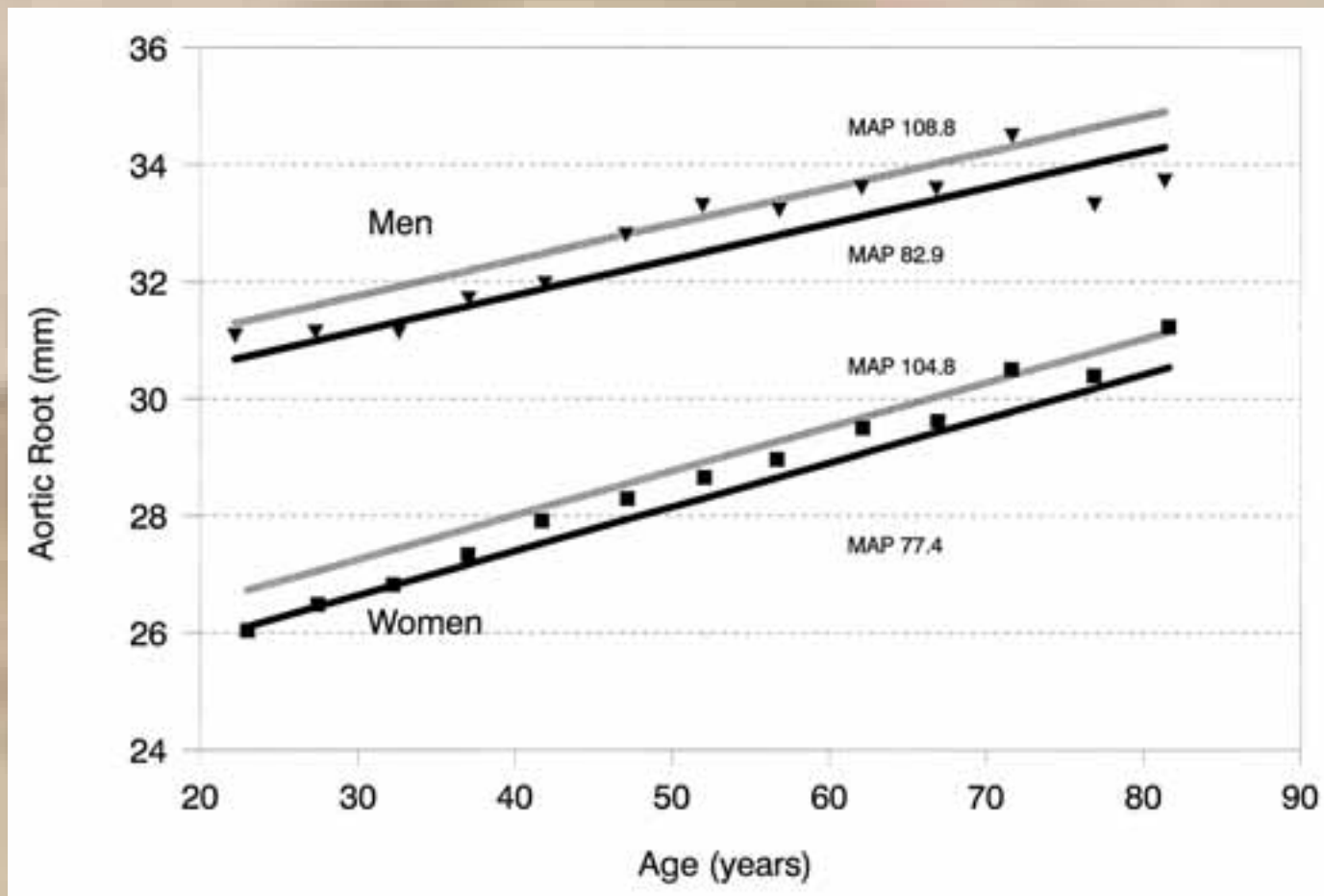
Imaging and Measuring Method (64 MDCT)			
n	CTA (lumen)	CTA (lumen + wall)	CACS (lumen + wall)
85	32.8 ± 3.8	35.2 ± 3.8**	35.1 ± 3.8**

MDCT, multidetector computed tomography; CTA, computed tomography angiography; CACS, coronary artery calcium scanning.

Compared with 35% phase for trigger time and CTA lumen for method.

\* $P < .05$ ; \*\* $P < .001$ .

## Graph showing predicted aortic root size as a function of age and mean arterial pressure (MAP)

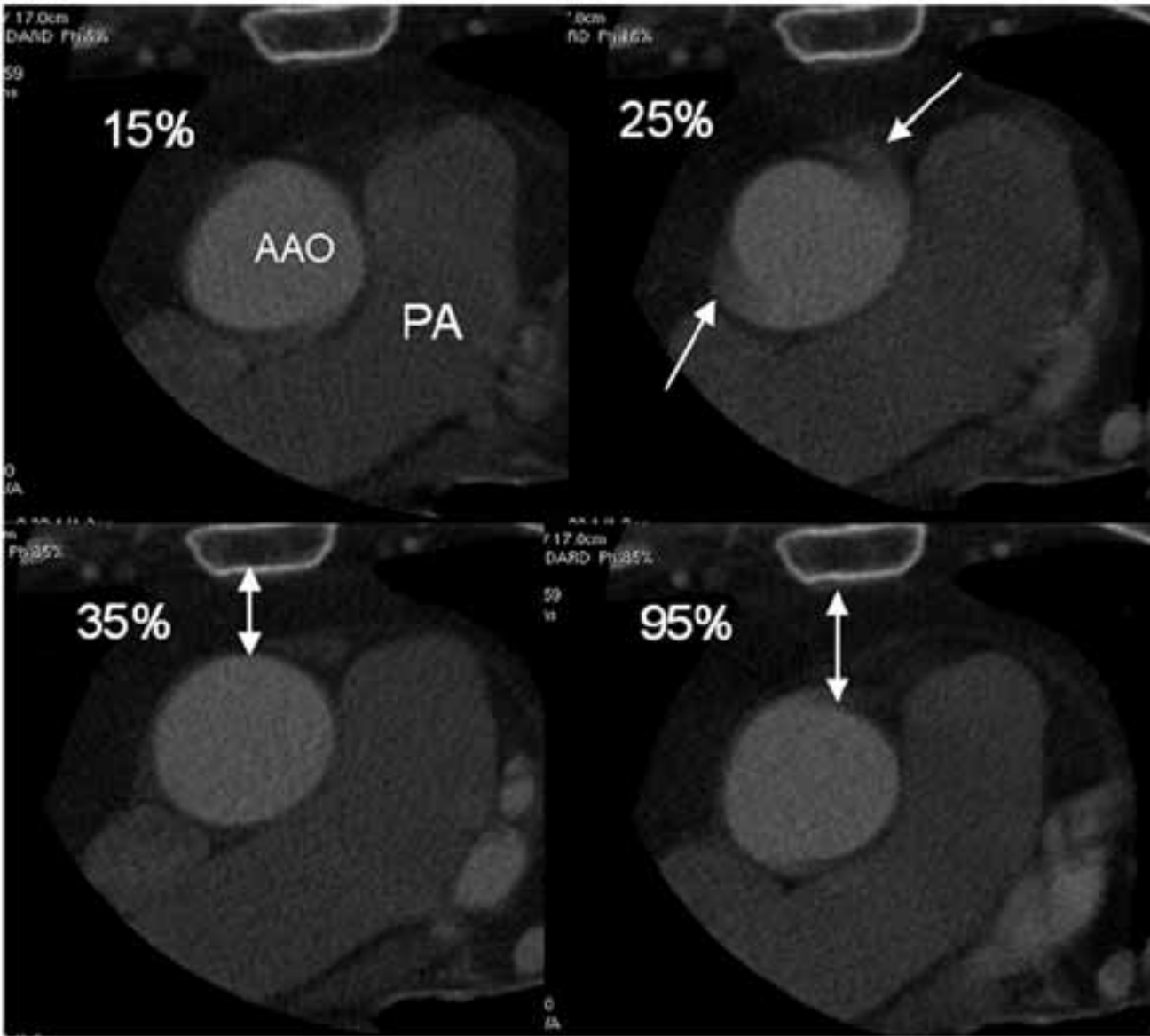


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**Figure 2.** Changes in the aortic location, shape, and size within the RR interval. Four panel images of a multidetector computed tomography scan display the reconstructed images of the 15%, 25%, 35%, and 95% phase of the RR interval. The 35% phase is end-systolic and 95% phase is end-diastolic. The 25% phase has the most motion artifact (white arrows) and 35% phase has the most anterior location, cyclical shape, and the fewest motion artifacts. The distance between the aorta and sternal bone was 3.5 and 6.5 mm; the diameter was 31 and 29 mm in 35% and 95%, respectively (white dual arrow).



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## Example

Mean Ascending Aorta diameter

33.5mm +

Mean aortic wall thickness

1.2 mm x 2

2.4 mm +

Mean Diameter differences between  
35% vs 95%

1.7 mm =

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**37.6 mm**

Mean  $\Delta=4.1\text{mm}$

MAP

0.7 mm +

**But 50mm + 4.8mm = 54.8mm ????**



# *Measures* and *Images* are essentials for aortic valve repair procedures

1. To measure all the Aortic Root Functional Unit Elements
2. To detect prolapse and Jet direction
3. To quantify the regurgitant volume
4. To predict the repair feasibility
5. To check the final result in term of incompetence and Functional Reserve



# What the surgeon want to know from the ECHO to repair an Aortic Valve?

## PRE-OP.

- The Anatomy of the Aortic Valve Functional Unit
- The measures of the Aortic Valve Functional Unit
- The Aortic Valve pre-op. incompetence grade

## POST-OP.

- The incompetence mechanism
- The post-operative measures
- The residual incompetence grade
- The mechanism of the residual incomptence

# Successful Approach

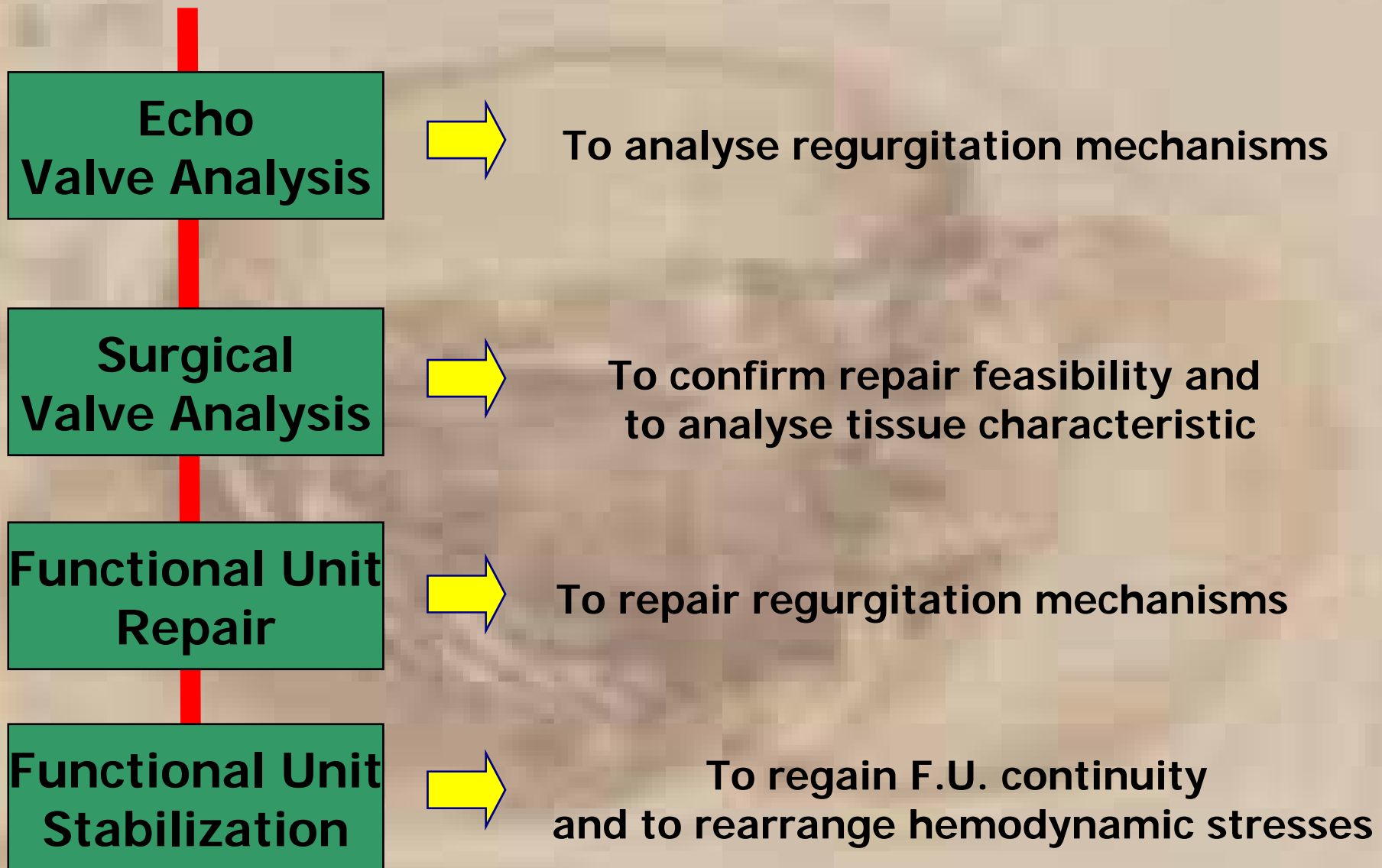
- Recognition of the exact lesions responsible for the regurgitation
- Selection of the adequate operative maneuvers to correct abnormalities



**Cooperation**



# Surgical Flow-Chart for Aortic Regurgitation





**AV Repair is not always possible**



# AORTIC FUNCTIONAL ANNULUS

Aortic wall  
within ventricle  
(interleaflet triangle)

Sinutubular junction

Interleaflet triangle

Ventriculo-arterial  
ring and junction

Basal ring

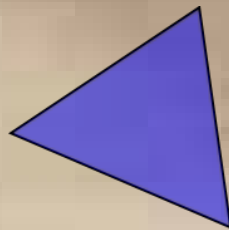
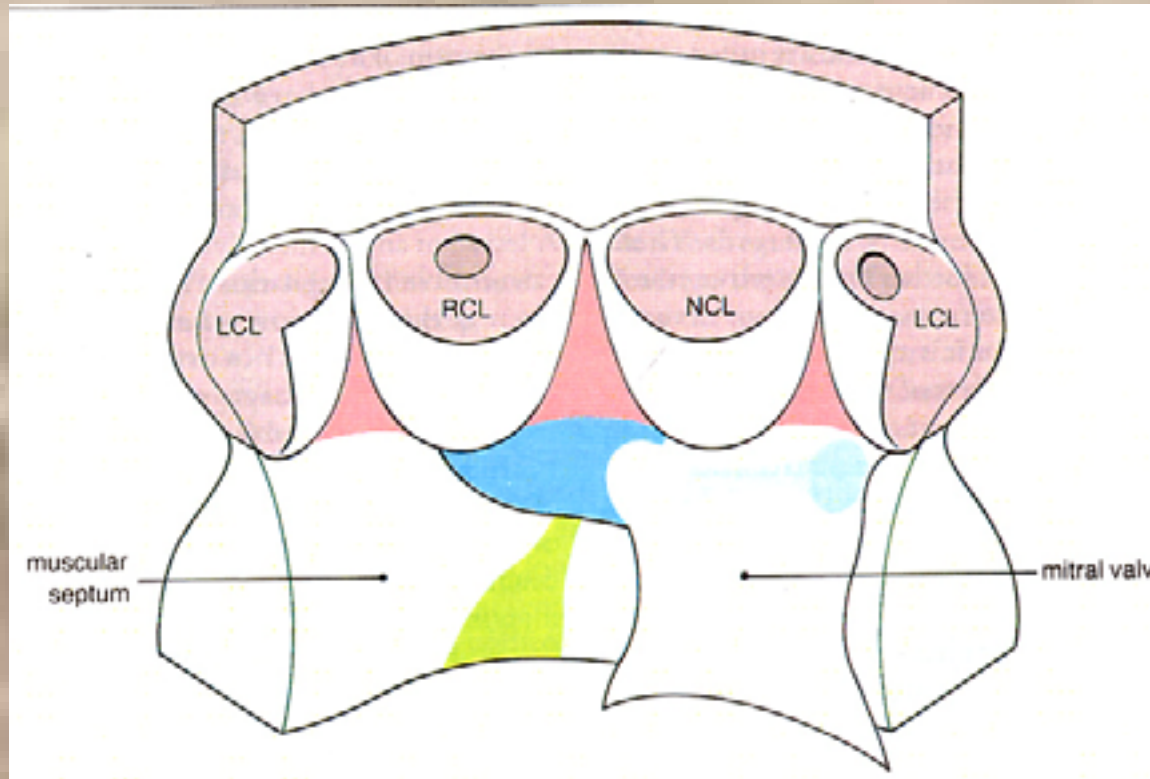
Ventricle within sinus



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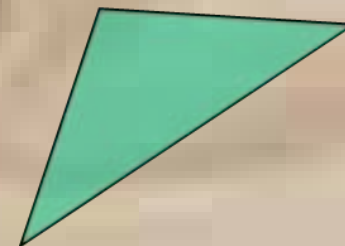
# Interleaflet Triangle Analysis



**Mild Dilation**



**Normal**



**Severe  
Dilation**

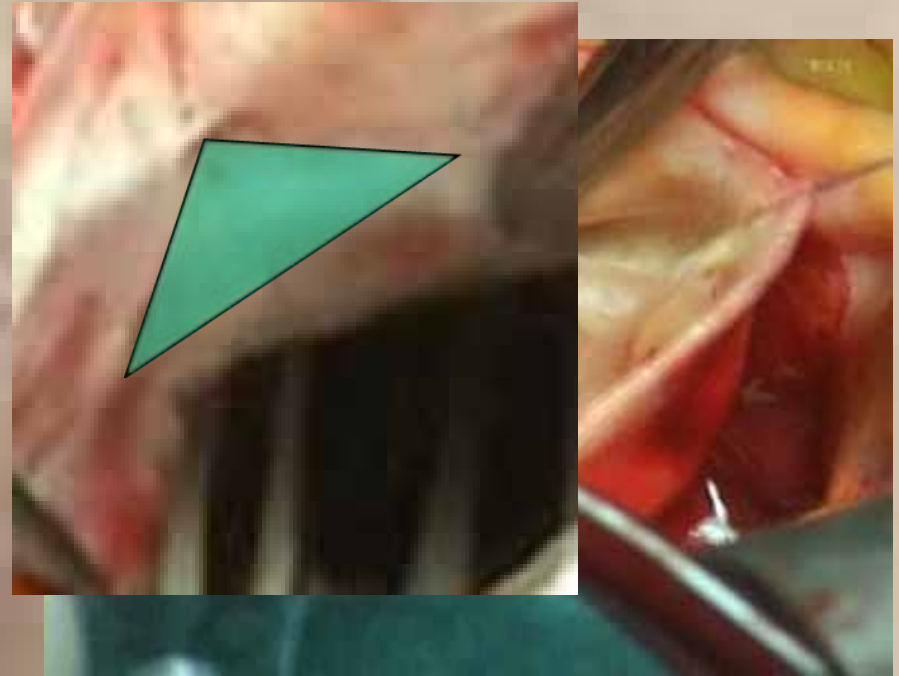
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# Pathologic Interleaflet Triangle



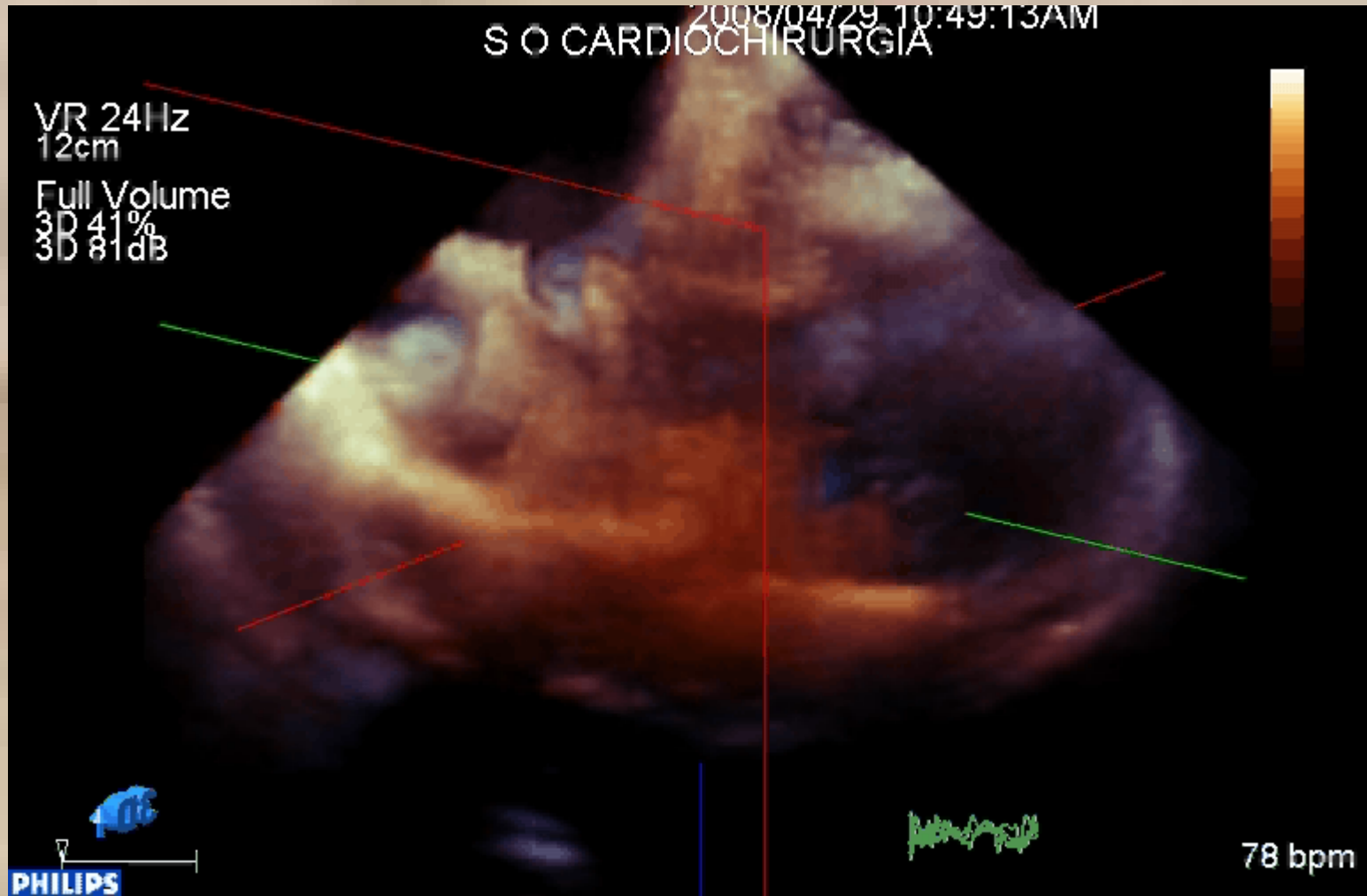
**Mild Dilation**



**Severe Dilation**



# Is it possible to analyze and measure these triangles?



# Interleaflet triangles



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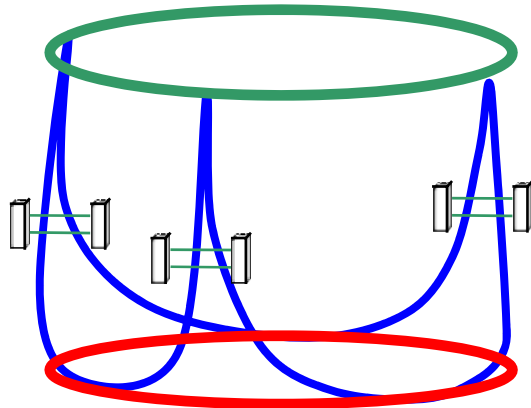


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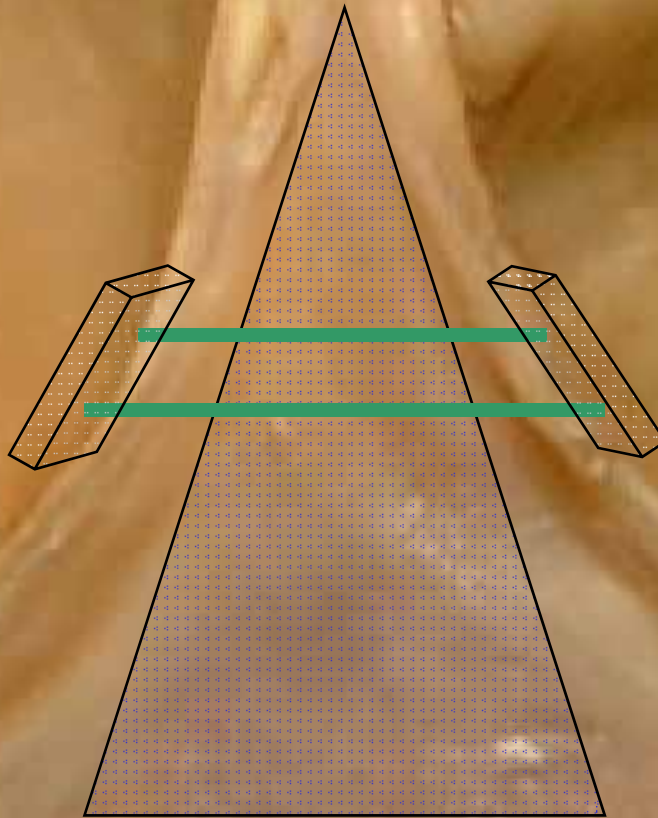
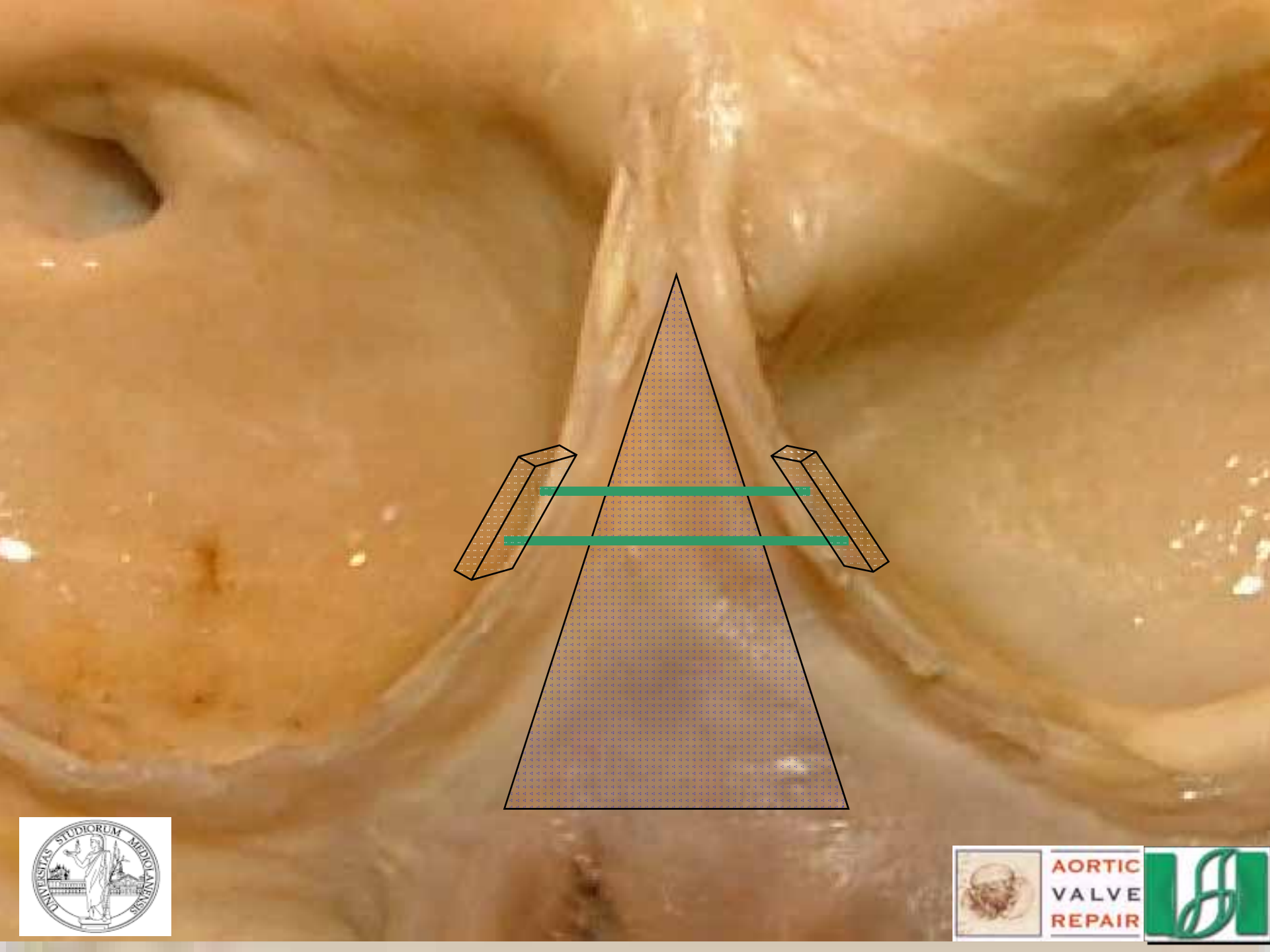
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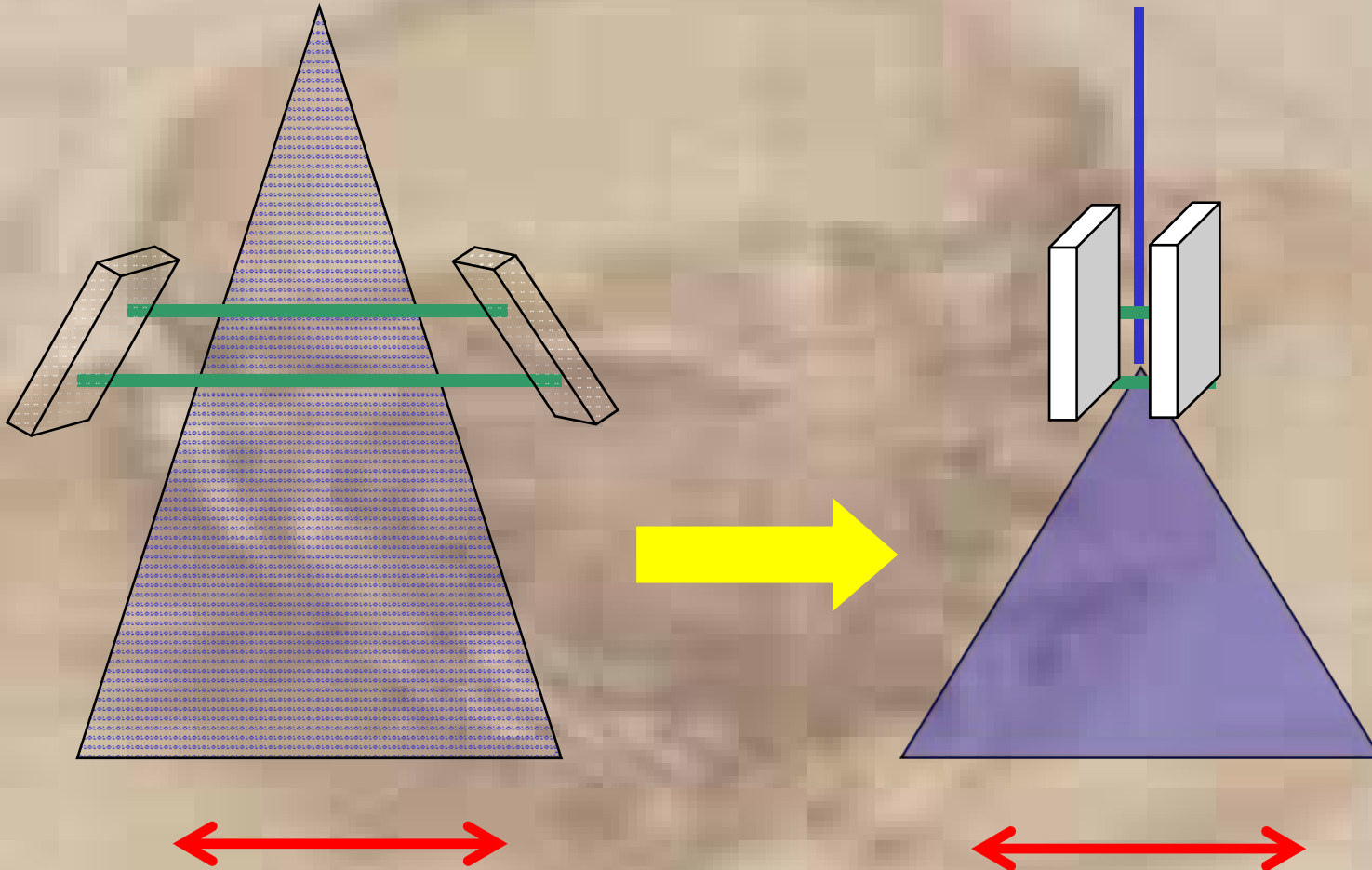


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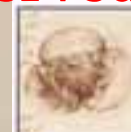


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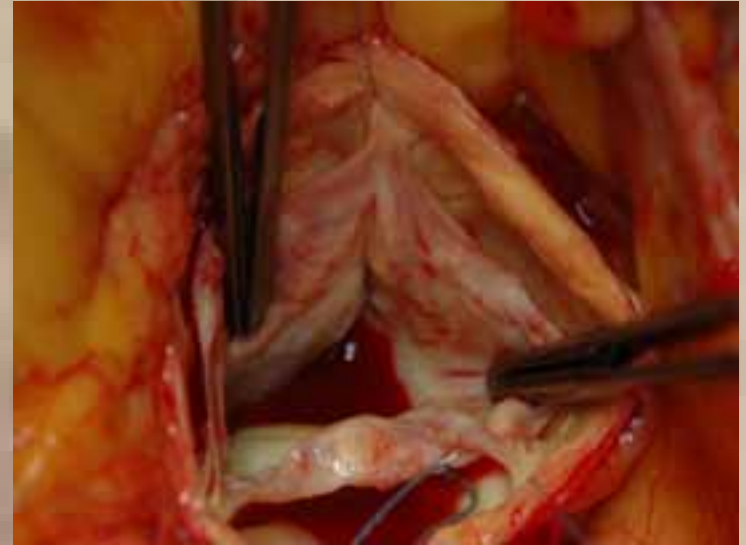
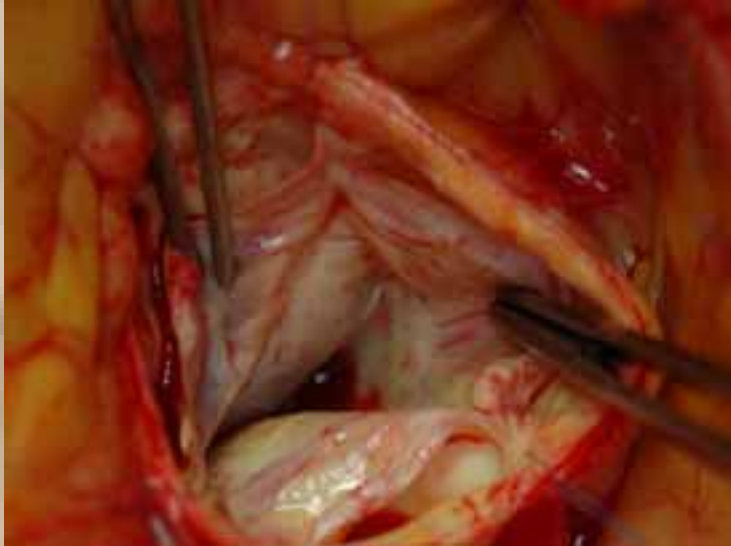
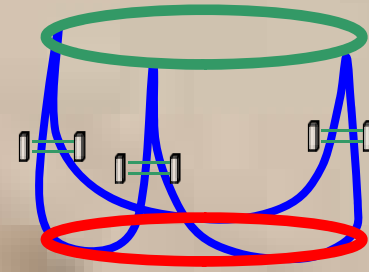
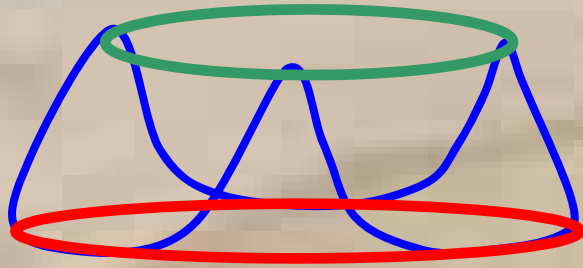
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# Epicardial 3D-Echo



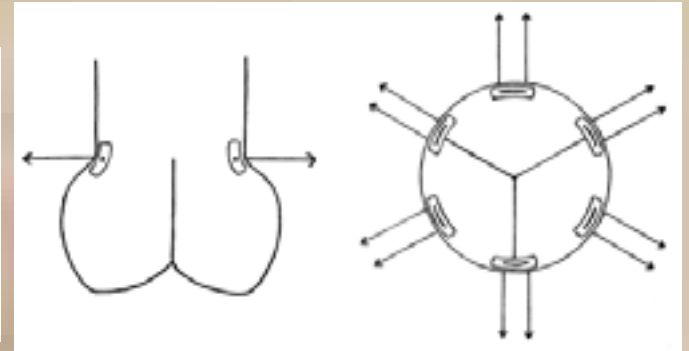




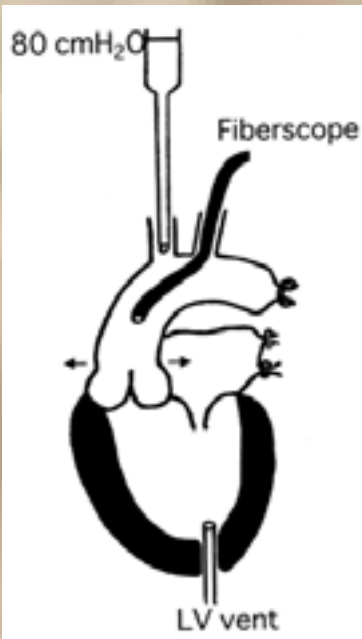
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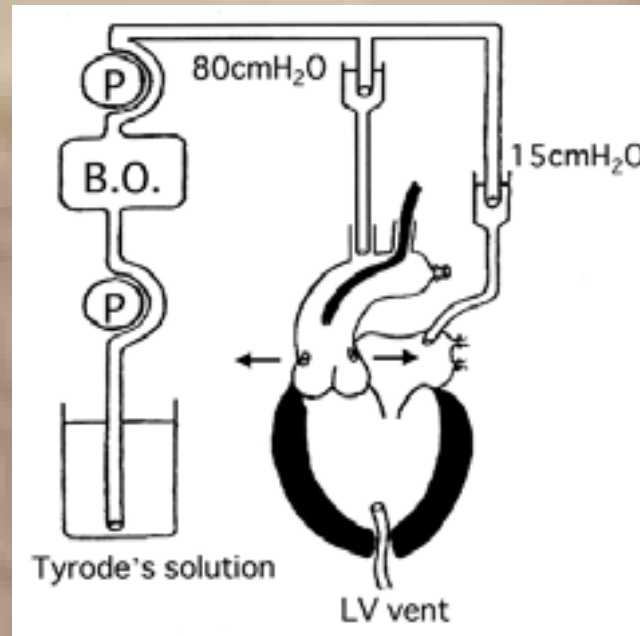
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**6 horizontal  
mattress sutures**



**Beating Model  
(6 dogs)**



**Resting Model  
(6 dogs)**

**Test**

- All 6 sutures
- 3 commissures
- 3 sinuses

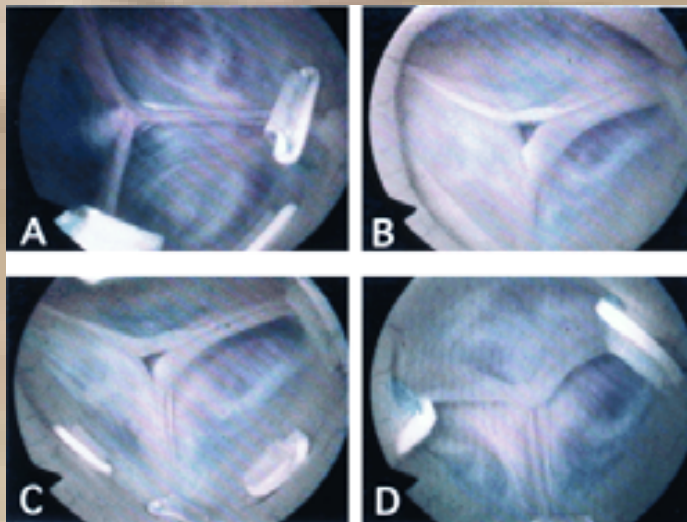


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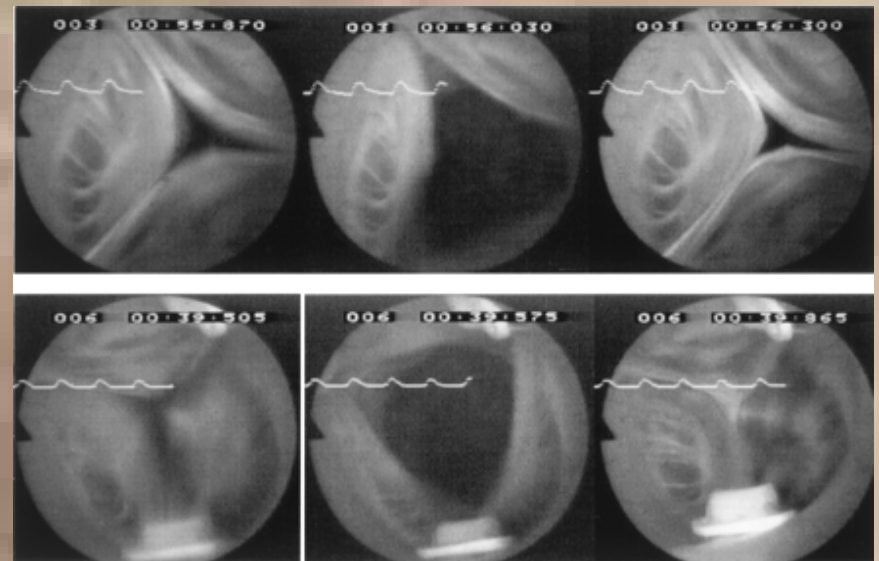
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## Resting Heart Model



- (A) no sutures retracted
- (B) 6 sutures retracted
- (C) 3 commissure retracted
- (D) 3 sinuses retracted

## Beating Heart Model



Upper: commissures  
Lower: sinuses



# STJ Diameter Importance

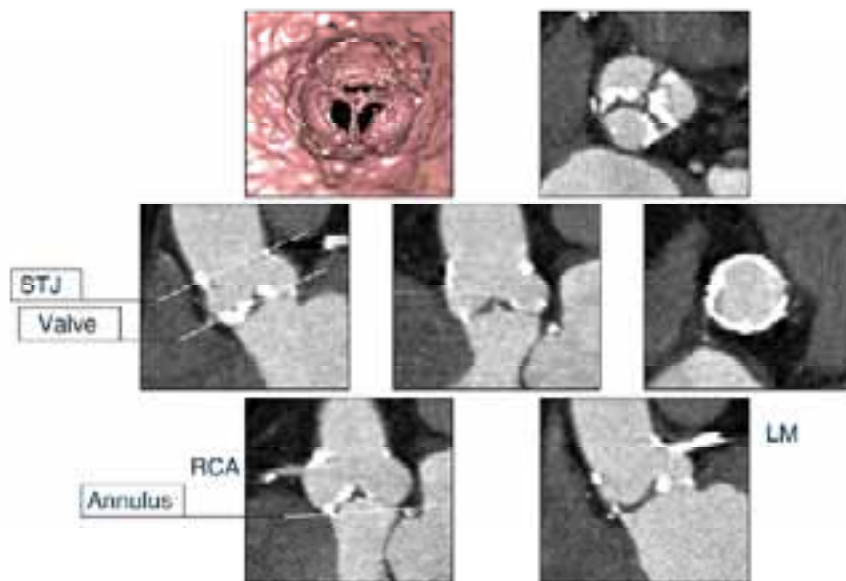


**Ascending Aortic Aneurysm  
Severe AVR**

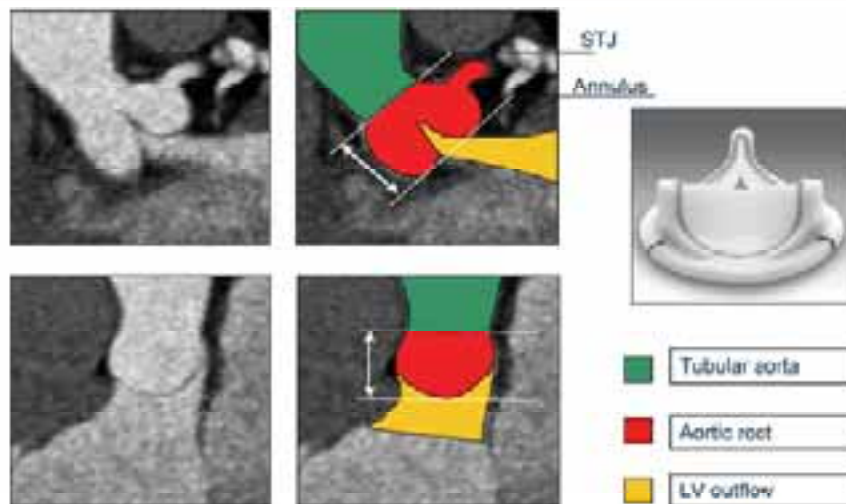
### Three-dimensional imaging of the aortic valve and aortic root with computed tomography: new standards in an era of transcatheter valve repair/implantation

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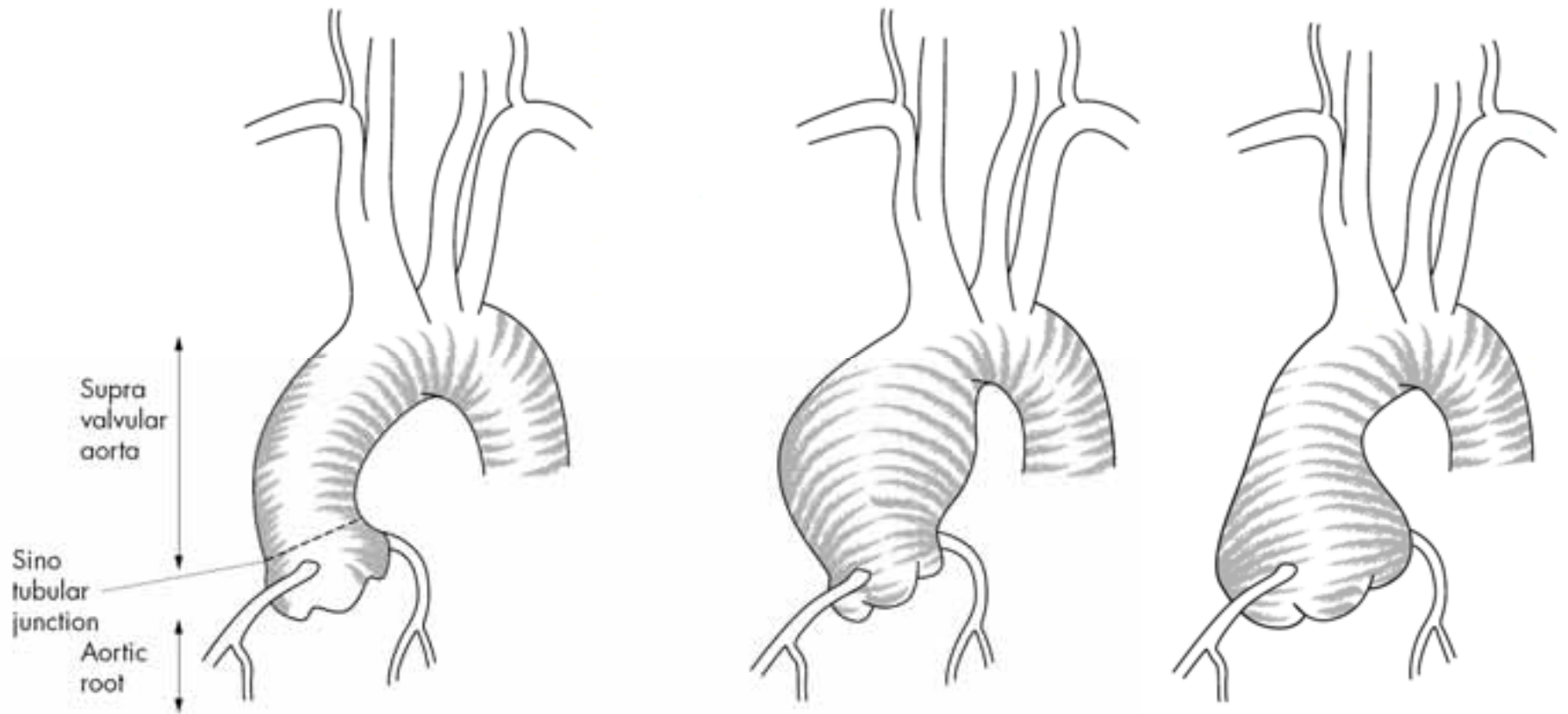
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**Figure 4** This figure shows computed tomography images of the calcified leaflet margins of a stenotic aortic valve (upper right panel), the sinotubular junction (STJ) with dense, circumferential calcification (right middle panel), and the level of the aortic annulus (left lower panel). The ostia of the coronary ostia (RCA, right coronary artery; LM, left main) are seen in the lower panels.

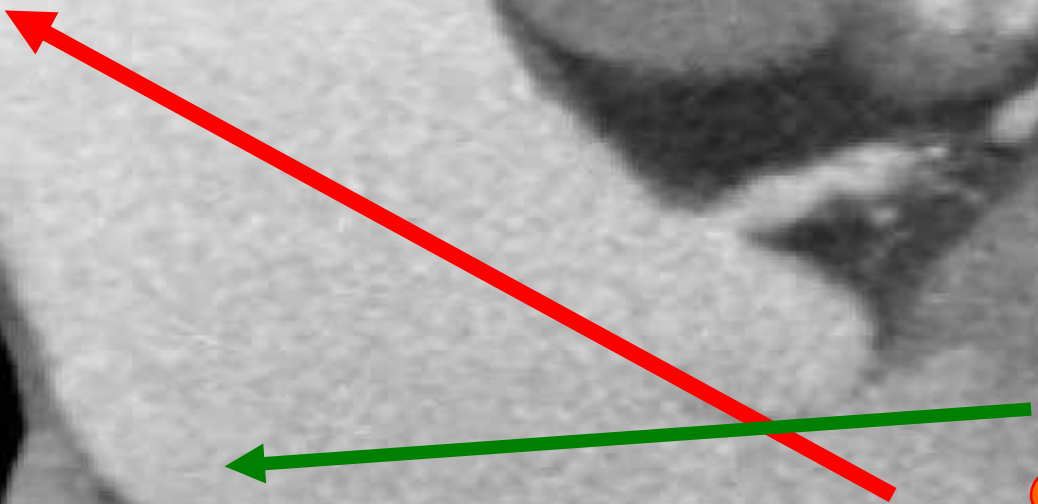


**Figure 5** The aortic annulus describes the interface between the left ventricular outflow tract and the aortic root and is defined by the hinge-point/commissures of the aortic valve leaflets. Although the clinical terminology suggests a ring-shaped structure, the commissures extend upwards into the aortic root, describing the shape of a crown, similar to the struts of a bioprosthetic valve.



**Jet Lesions  
Vs  
Aneurysm**

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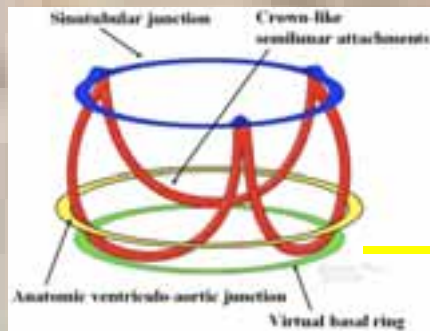
to replace an aortic valve the surgeon  
needs from imaging:

***Numbers (Informations)***



- 1. Virtual Basal Ring diameter.**
- 2. Mismatch between STJ and VBR**

# Virtual Basal Ring diameter



**< 19mm**

Minimally invasive procedures ??  
Annulus enlargement procedures?

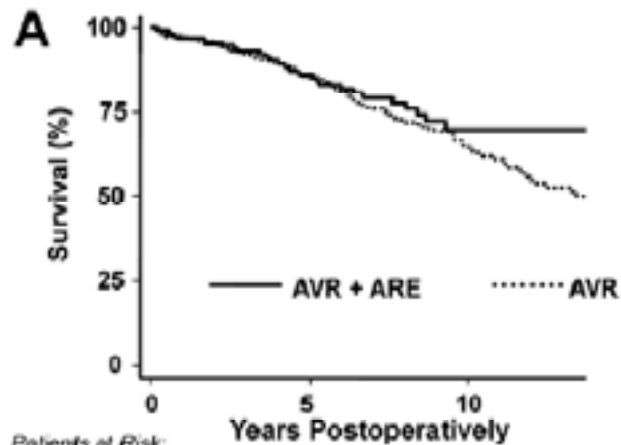
**≥ 19mm**

PPM (Patient/Prosthesis Mismatch)  
Choice of the prosthetic device  
and the implantation technique



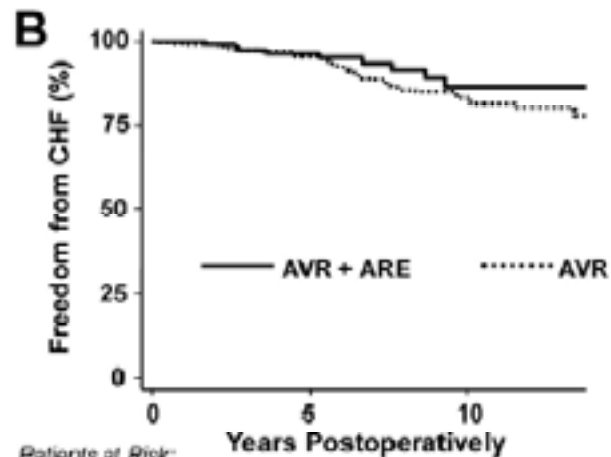
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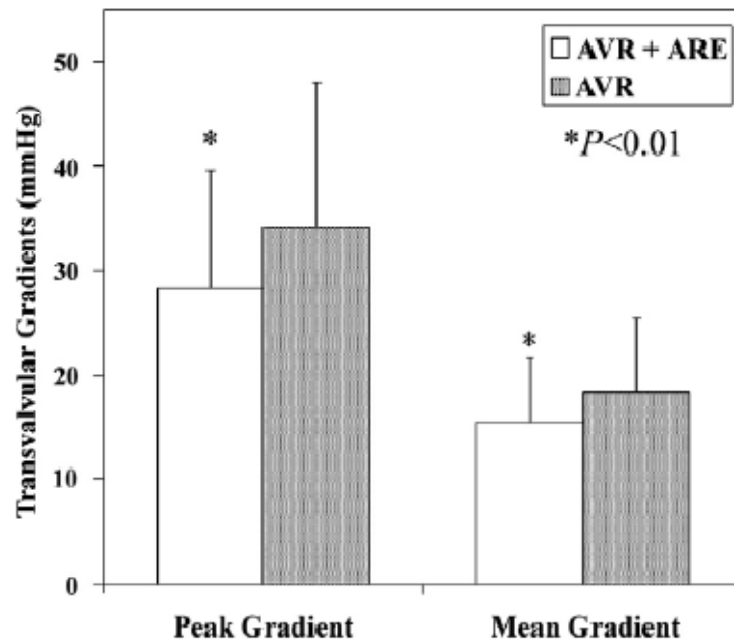
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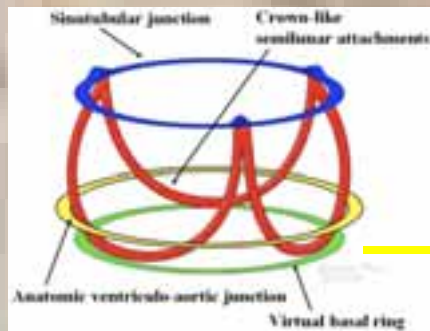
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**Conclusions.** For patients with small aortic roots, ARE at the time of AVR is a safe procedure that reduces postoperative gradients and the incidence of prosthesis-patient mismatch. However, ARE does not appreciably improve long-term clinical outcomes.

# Virtual Basal Ring diameter



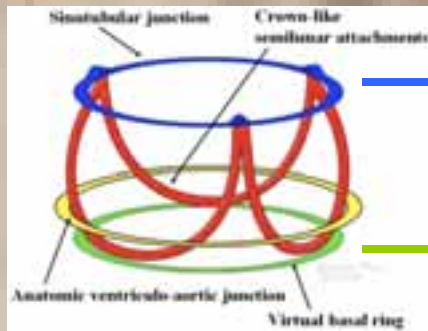
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# Mismatch between STJ and VBR



$\Delta\text{STJ}/\text{VBR} < 2 \text{ mm}$

Stented (B/M)  
Porcine Stentless  
Pericardial Stentless  
Homograft  
Autograft  
Sutureless

$\Delta\text{STJ}/\text{VBR} \geq 2 \text{ mm}$

Stented (B/M)  
Pericardial Stentless ??

# ***Images*** are essentials for replacement procedures

## **1. Presence of Fibrosis and Calcifications on:**

- Aortic Valve leaflet
- Ventricular-Aortic Junction
- Aortic wall



**Increased risk**

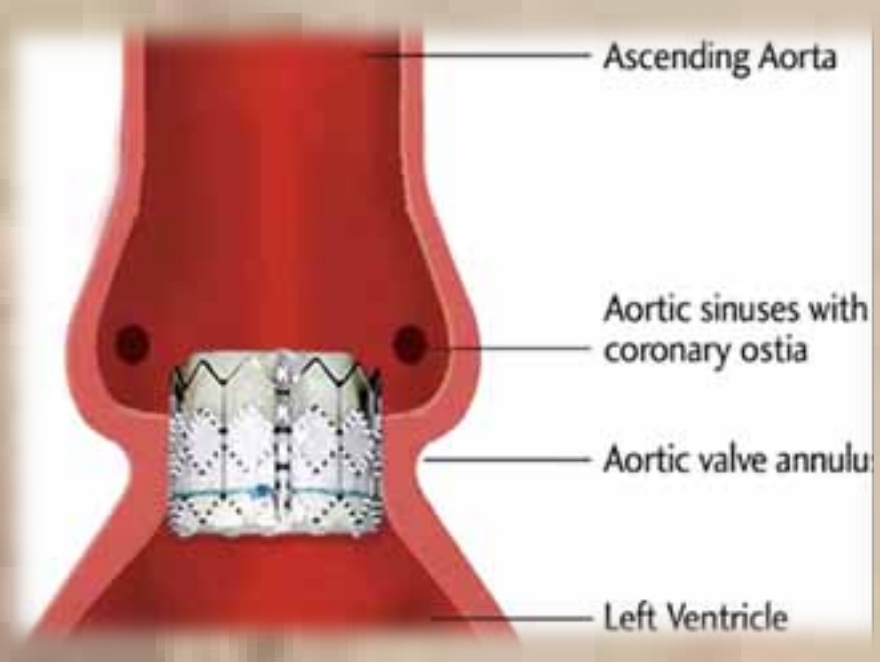
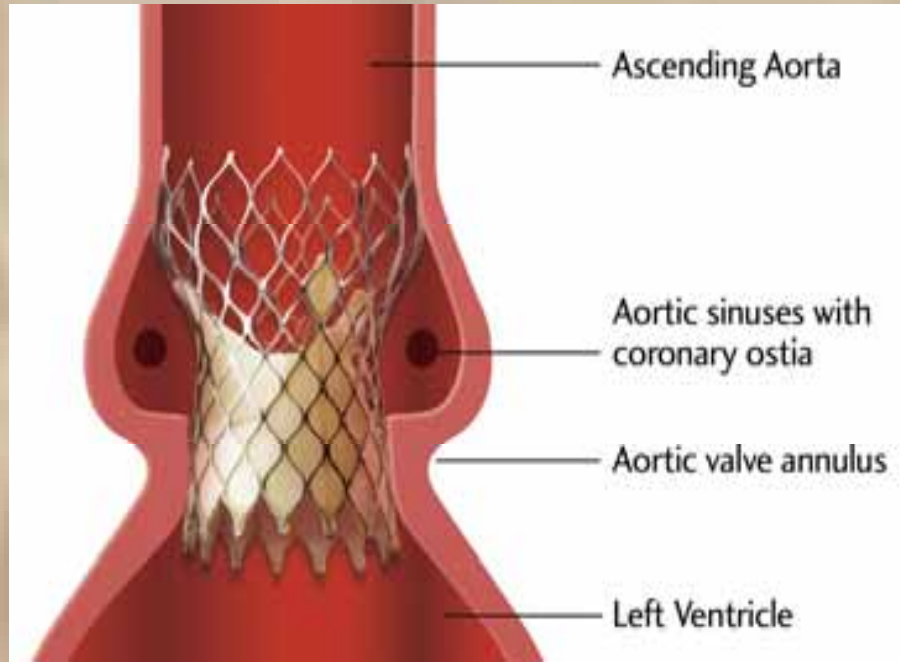
## **2. Aortic valve geometry**

1. Bicuspid vs tricuspid
2. Coronaric Ostia localization
3. Root Geometry

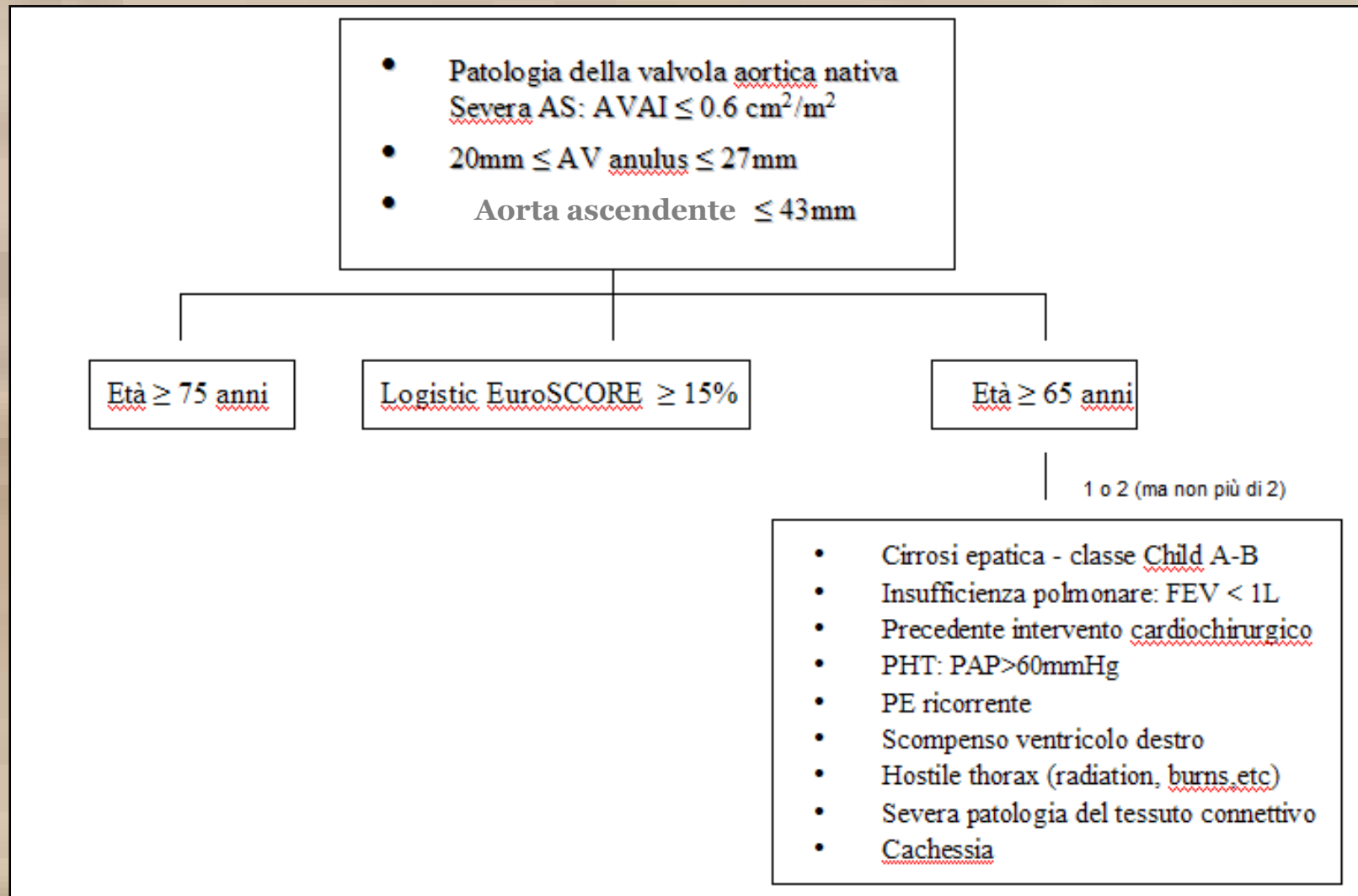


**Technique  
Choice**

# Trans-catheter Aortic valve Implantation *TAVI*



# Inclusion Criteria



# Patient Selection Matrix

Anatomy	Non-Invasive		Angiography				Selection Criteria		
	Echo	CT / MRI	LV gram	AO gram	Coronary Angiogram	AO & Runoffs	Preferred	Borderline	Not Acceptable
Atrial or Ventricular Thrombus	✗						Not Present		Present
Mitral Regurgitation	✗						≤ Grade 1	Grade 2	> Grade 2
LV Ejection Fraction	✗		✗				> 50%	30% to 50%	< 20%
LV Hypertrophy (wall thickness)	✗						Normal to Mild (0.6 to 1.3 cm)	Moderate (1.4 to 1.6cm)	Severe (≥ 1.7cm)
Sub-Aortic Stenosis	✗	✗					Not Present		Present
Annulus (width)	✗	✗					20 to 23mm → 26mm device 24 to 27mm → 29mm device		< 20mm or > 27mm
Annulus-to-Aorta (angle) †		✗	✗	✗			< 30°	30° to 45°	> 45°
AO Root (width)		✗	✗	✗			≥ 30mm	27 to 29mm	< 27mm (if Sinus < 15mm)
Sinuses of Valsalva (height)		✗	✗	✗	✗		≥ 15mm	10 to 14mm	< 10mm
Coronary Ostia Position (take-off)					✗		High	Mid-Sinus Level	Low
Coronary Disease					✗		None	Mid or Distal Stenosis < 70%	Proximal Stenosis ≥ 70%
Ascend Aorta (width)		✗	✗	✗			≤ 40mm → 26mm device ≤ 43mm → 29mm device		> 43mm
AO Arch Angulation		✗		✗			Large-Radius Turn		High Angulation or Sharp Bend
Aorta & Run-Off Vessels (Disease) ‡		✗					None	Mild	Moderate to Severe
Iliac & Femoral Vessels (diameter)		✗					≥ 7mm	Non-Diabetic ≥ 6mm	< 6mm

† Within the first 7cm of the ascending aorta versus a perpendicular line across the aortic valve.

‡ Evaluate for evidence and degree of calcification, obstruction, tortuosity, and ulceration.

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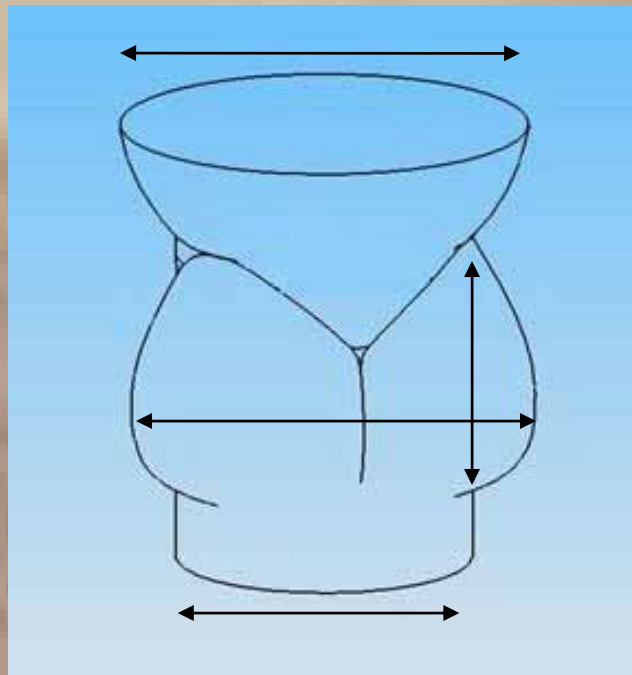
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# Misure e Dimensioni

Aorta  $\leq 40$  mm for 26 mm device

Aorta  $\leq 43$  mm for 29 mm device



Sinus of Valsalva:

$\geq 15$  mm height

$\geq 30$  mm width

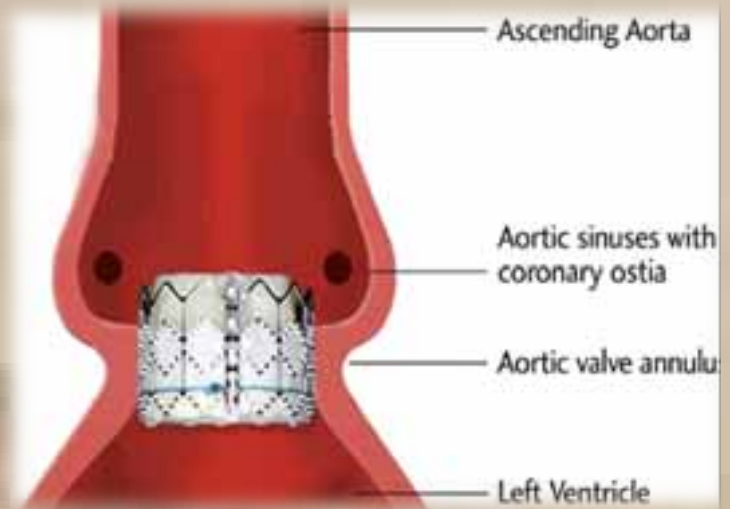
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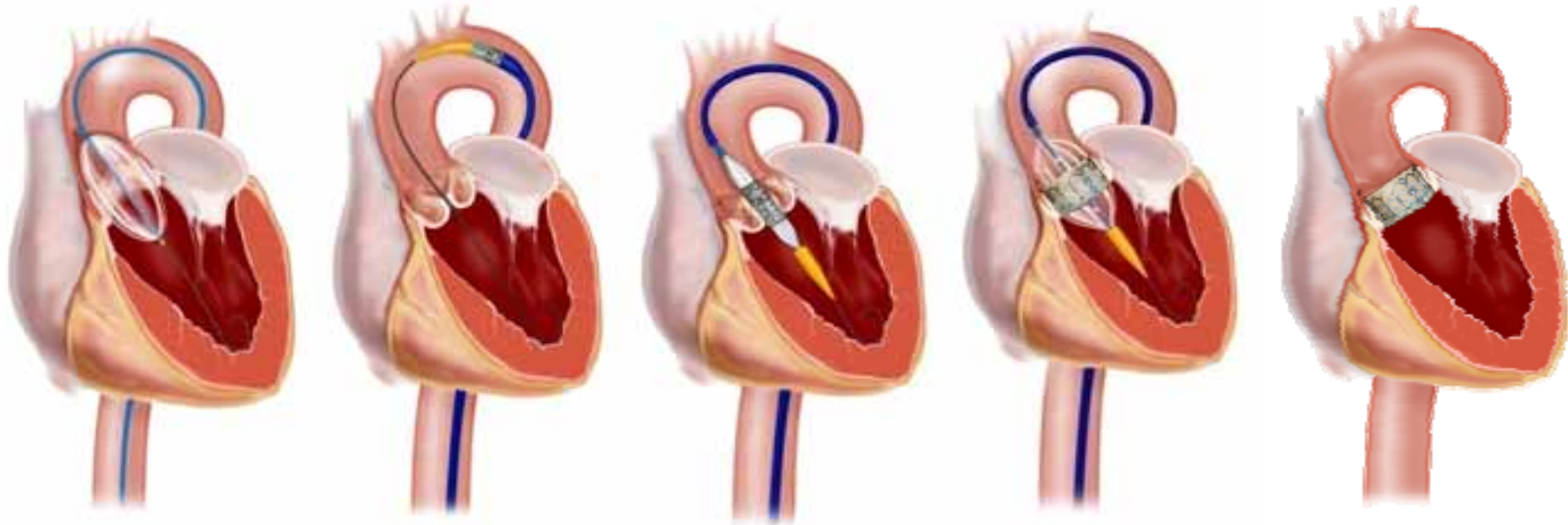


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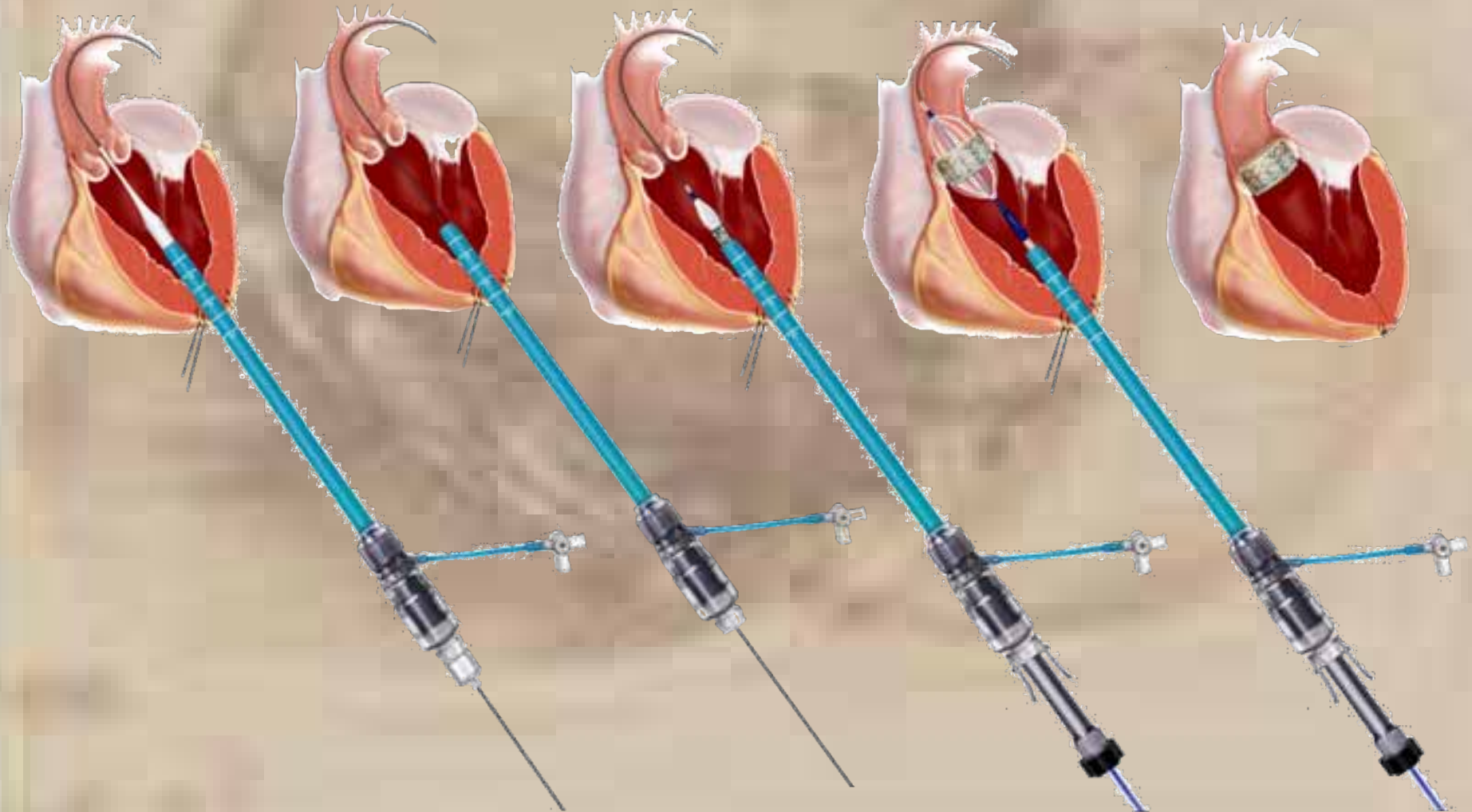
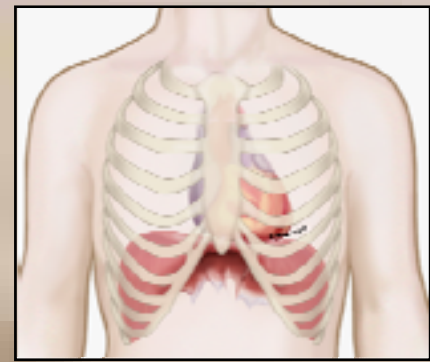
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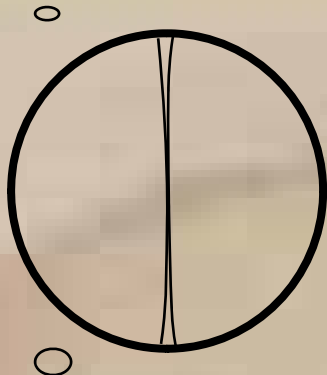
## Bicuspid aortic valve: differences in the phenotypic continuum affect the repair technique<sup>☆</sup>

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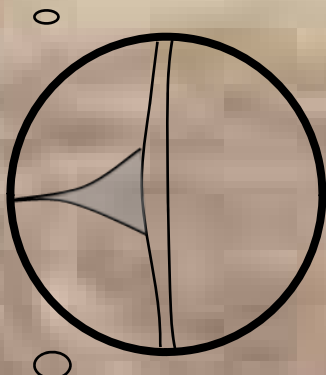
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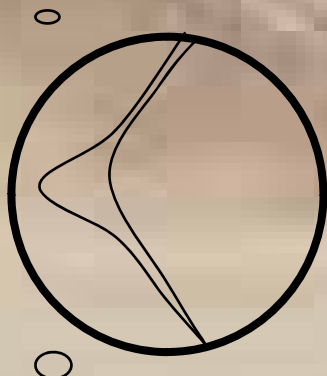
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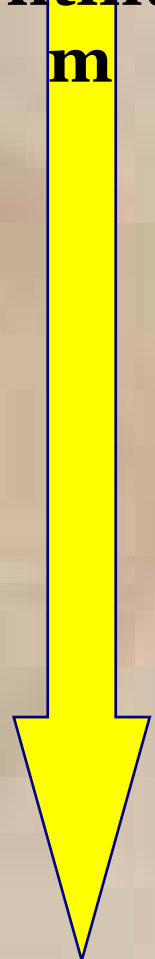
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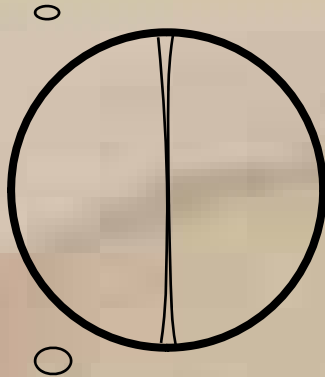
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Phenotypic  
continuum



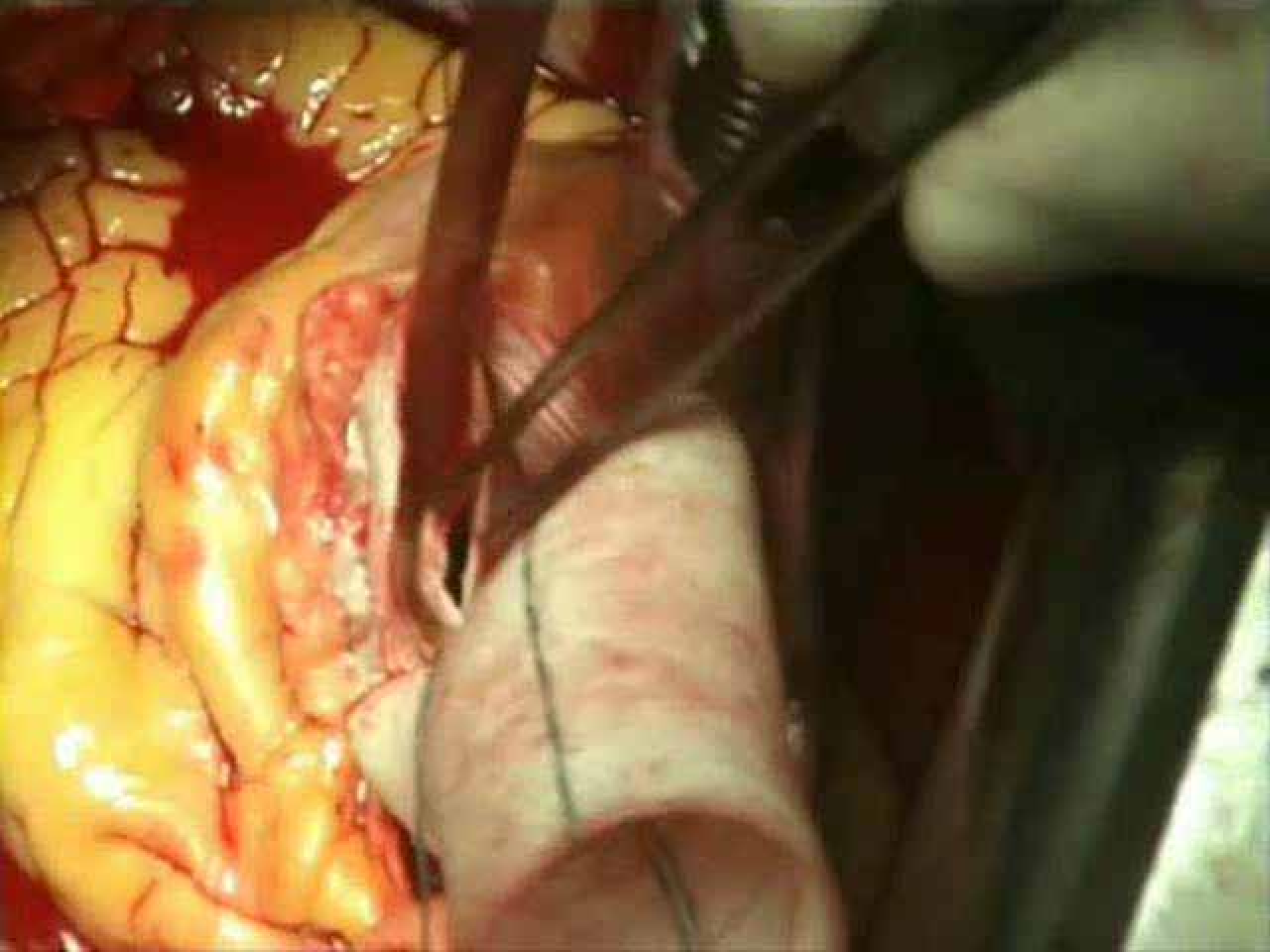
## Type 1



- Real bicuspid valve with two complete leaflet, usually of the same length and without raphe or commissure;
- two sinuses structure

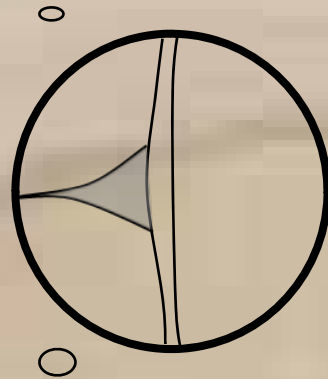
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**Prolapse of one leaflet causing an eccentric jet**





## Type 2

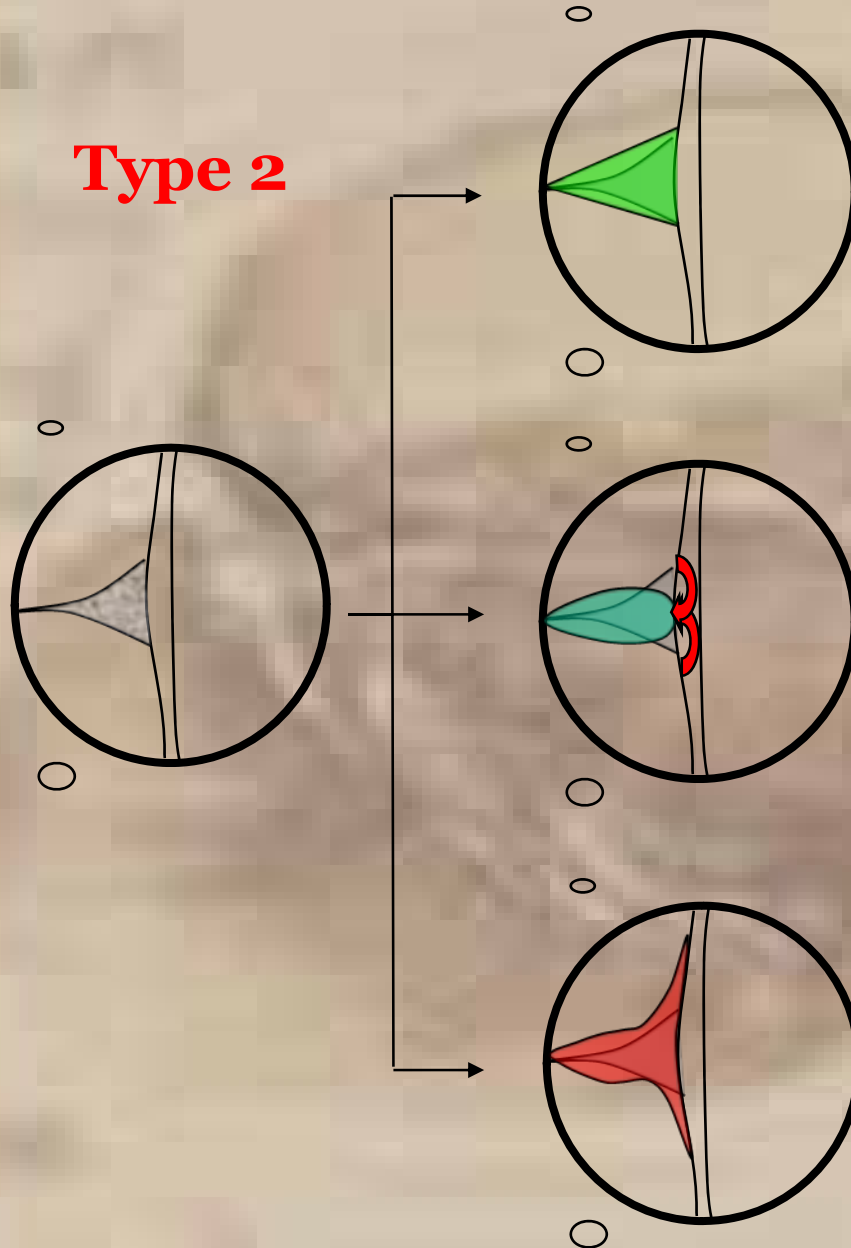


- Bicuspid valve with a fibrotic or calcified raphe usually hampering the normal leaflet motion or retracting the free edge towards the annulus in the middle portion of the leaflet;
- two or three sinuses structure

### ***Incompetence mechanism:***

**Pseudo-prolapse of the other leaflet causing an eccentric jet or incomplete coaptation due to the calcified raphe generating a central jet**

# Type 2



Triangular patch



**Raphe replacement**

Lens patch



**Raphe replacement  
and prolapsing leaflet**

Fish Tail patch



**Raphe replacement  
and free edge fibrosis**

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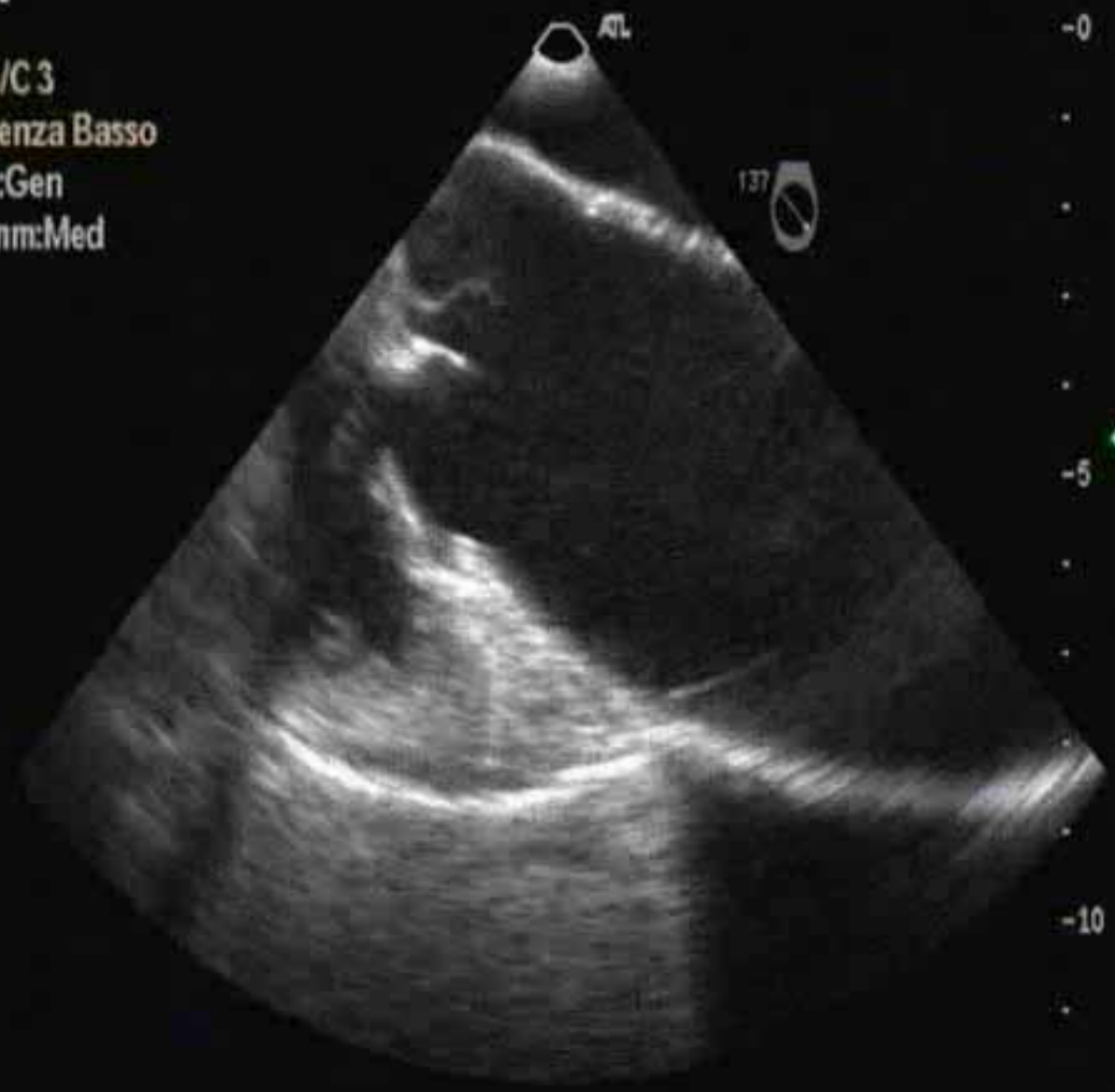
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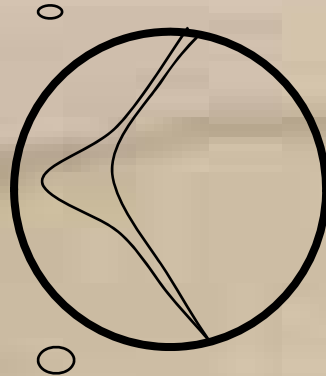
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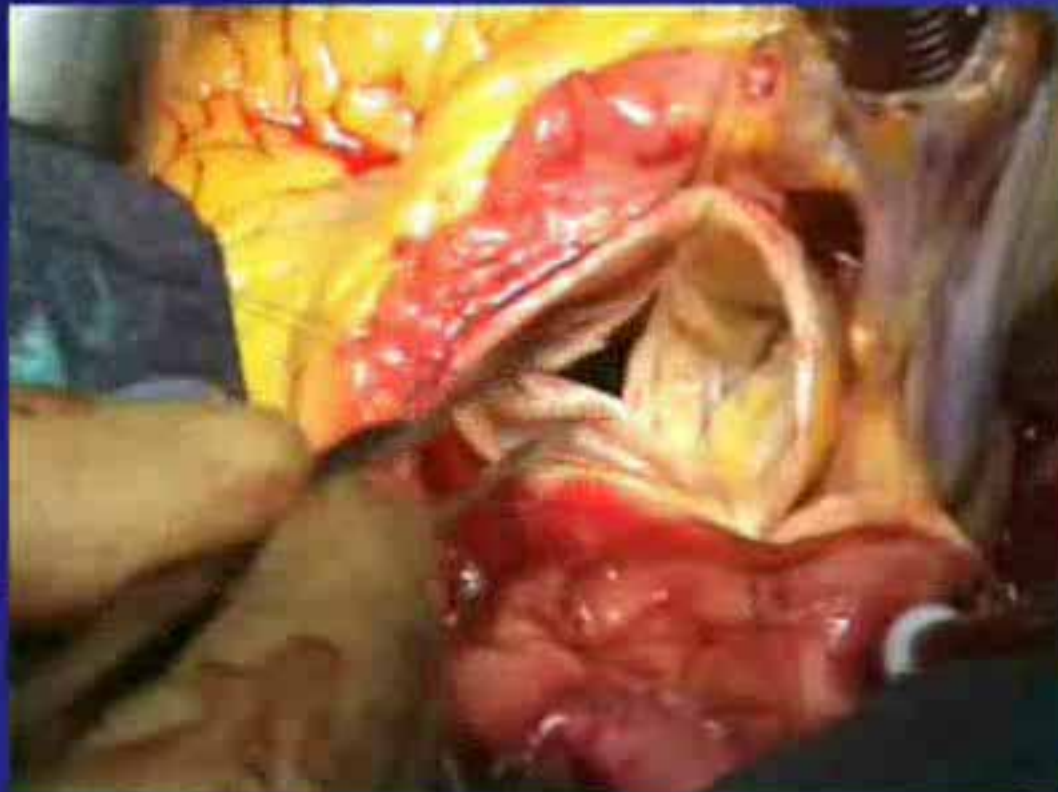
## Type 3



- Pseudo-bicuspid valve with one big leaflet and two other small leaflets with a commissure between them;
- a three commissures valve with three leaflets and three sinuses or a bicuspid valve with two sinuses, two leaflets and a cleft;

### ***Incompetence mechanism:***

Usually a fibrotic degeneration of the two small leaflets free edges creating a central defect in the coaptation with a central jet



No perfect coaptation

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## CONCLUSIONS

- “Numbers” alone can not lead to a correct surgical indication
- Nowadays NO surgeon will accept only a report but want to explore and understand images on his own.
- The Aortic Valve is a complex Functional Unit and surgical indications have to be matched and correlated between all its elements



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**Timing dell'intervento chirurgico.**

*Tutte le informazioni necessarie al chirurgo per la scelta della migliore soluzione possibile: riparazione percutanea, riparazione chirurgica o sostituzione valvolare?*

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# Novel Measurement of Relative Aortic Size Predicts Rupture of Thoracic Aortic Aneurysms

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**1326pts with 5918 pts/years of follow up in Yale University Database**

Body surface area (BSA) was calculated using the Dubois and Dubois formula [9]:

$$BSA = 0.20247 \left( wgt^{0.425} * \left( \frac{hgt}{100} \right)^{0.725} \right)$$

**Aortic Size Index (ASI) = Aortic Diameter(cm) / BSA(m<sup>2</sup>)**

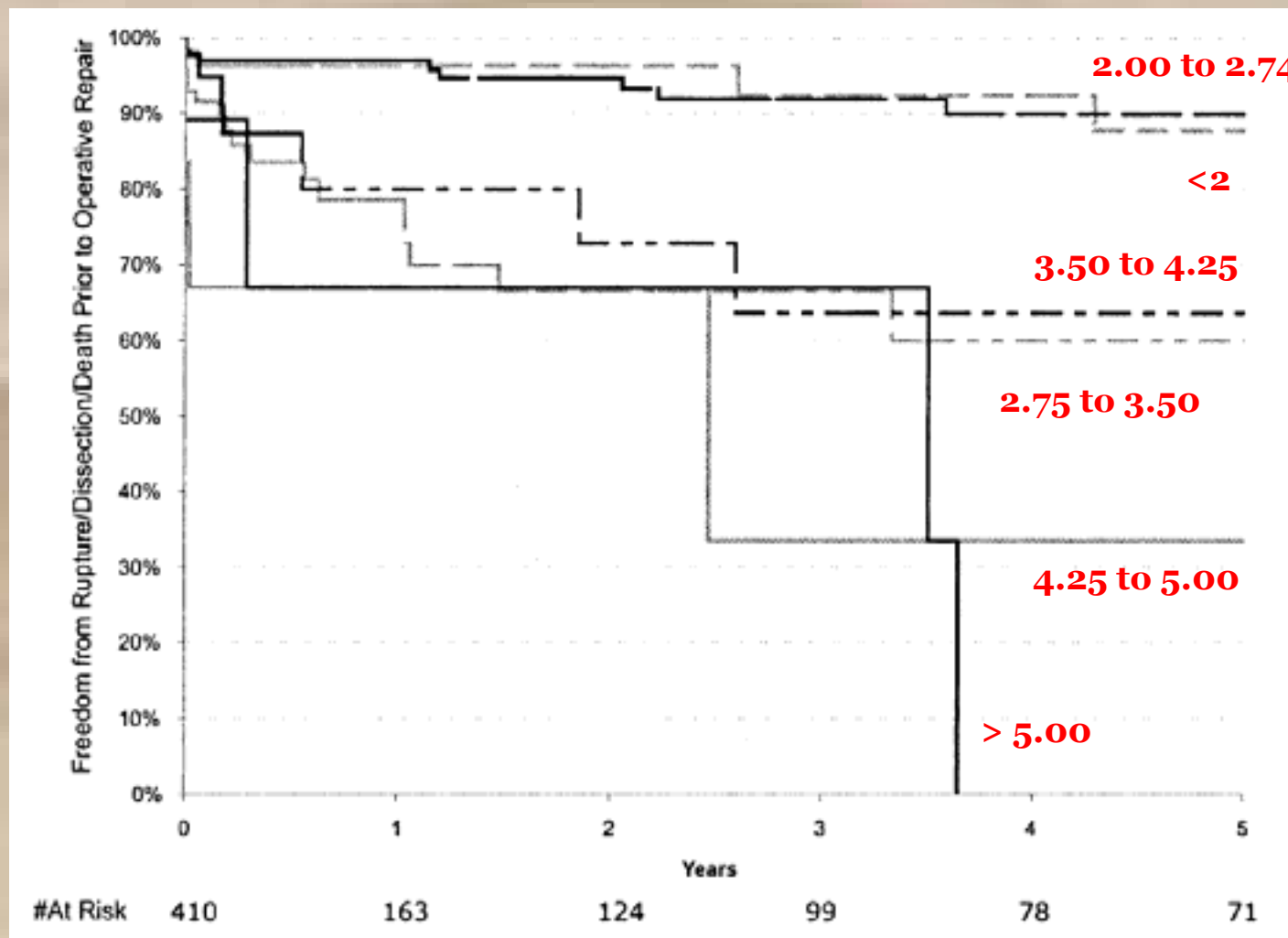
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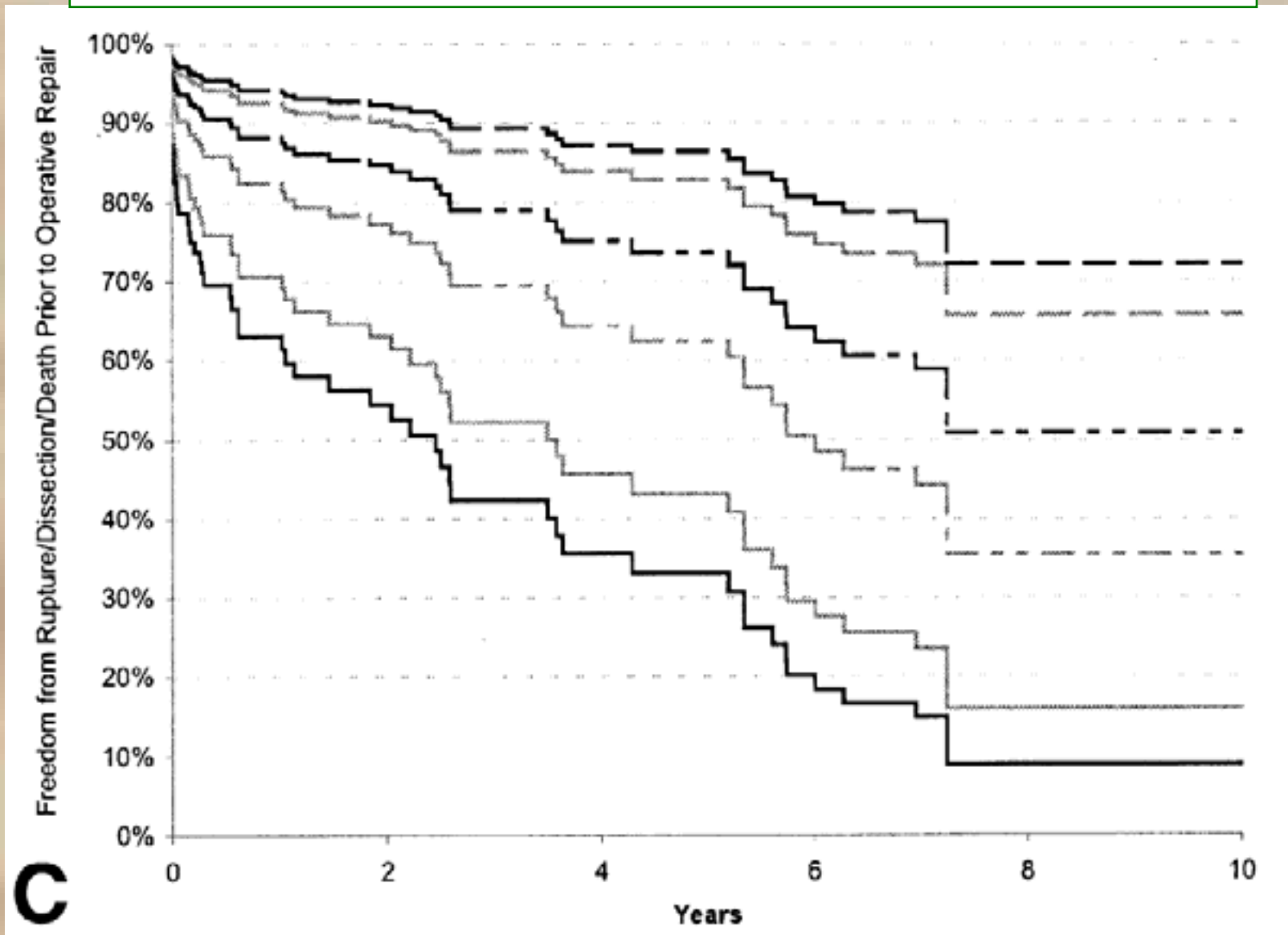
# Freedom from Rupture/Dissection/Death prior to operative repair

*Kaplan-Meier*



# 10-year event-free estimated survival function stratified by ASI

*COX Proportional Hazards regression*



2.00 to 2.74

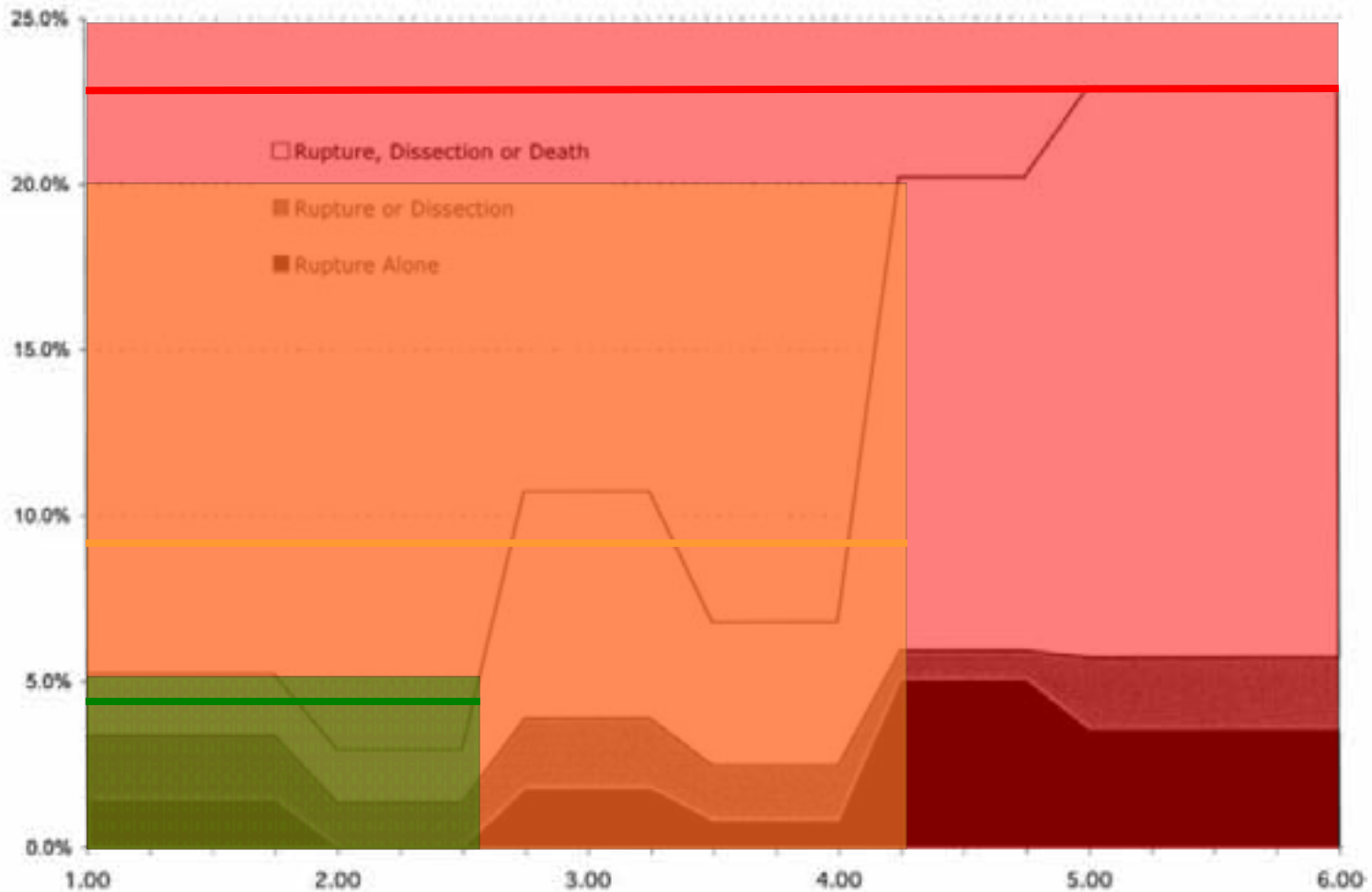
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3.50 to 4.25

2.75 to 3.50

4.25 to 5.00

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- Using ASI is possible to stratify pts into 3 risk categories
1.  $ASI < 2.75$  yearly incidence 1% **(low risk)**
  2.  $2.75 < ASI < 4.25$  yearly incidence 8% **(medium risk)**
  3.  $ASI > 4.25$  yearly incidence 20-25% **(High risk)**

Table 5. Risk of Complications by Aortic Diameter and Body Surface Area With Aortic Size Index Given Within Chart

	Aortic Size (cm)									
	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.5	6.0	6.5	7.0	7.5	8.0
BSA										
1.30	2.69	3.08	3.46	3.85	4.23	4.62	5.00	5.38	5.77	6.15
1.40	2.50	2.86	3.21	3.57	3.93	4.29	4.64	5.00	5.36	5.71
1.50	2.33	2.67	3.00	3.33	3.67	4.00	4.33	4.67	5.00	5.33
1.60	2.19	2.50	2.80	3.13	3.44	3.75	4.06	4.38	4.69	5.00
1.70	2.05	2.35	2.65	2.94	3.24	3.53	3.82	4.12	4.41	4.71
1.80	1.94	2.22	2.50	2.78	3.06	3.33	3.61	3.89	4.17	4.44
1.90	1.84	2.11	2.37	2.63	2.89	3.16	3.42	3.68	3.95	4.22
2.00	1.75	2.00	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	3.25	3.50	3.75	4.00
2.10	1.67	1.90	2.14	2.38	2.62	2.86	3.10	3.33	3.57	3.80
2.20	1.59	1.82	2.05	2.27	2.50	2.72	2.95	3.18	3.41	3.64
2.30	1.52	1.74	1.96	2.17	2.39	2.61	2.83	3.04	3.26	3.48
2.40	1.46	1.67	1.88	2.08	2.29	2.50	2.71	2.92	3.13	3.33
2.50	1.40	1.60	1.80	2.00	2.20	2.40	2.60	2.80	3.00	3.20

□ = low risk (~1% per yr); □ = moderate risk (~8% per yr); □ = severe risk (~20% per yr).

White area indicates low risk, light gray area indicates moderate risk, and dark gray area indicates severe risk.

BSA = body surface area.

**Women → changes in the activity of inflammatory mediators in the presence of higher estrogen levels**



**Rupture below what most would consider appropriate operative intervention criteria**

**Simulation**  
**Female 40Kg 150cm 70y/o**

**BSA**

1.30

**Expected Ascending Aorta D**

31.38 mm

*( $D=3.9 \times BSA + 26.3$ )*

**Expected Aortic Size Index**

2.40cm/m<sup>2</sup>

*(=AAD/BSA)*

**Size with 8%/year complications rates**  
***Surgical Indication***

35.8mm

**Simulation**  
**male 80Kg 175cm 70y/o**

**BSA**

1.95

**Expected Ascending Aorta D**

35.48 mm

*(D=4.3xBSA+27.1)*

**Expected Aortic Size Index**

1.81cm/m<sup>2</sup>

*(=AAD/BSA)*

**Size with 8%/year complications rates**  
***Surgical Indication***

49.9mm