

Quando è appropriata la correzione cardiochirurgica nell'insufficienza mitralica reumatica. Le tecniche riparative

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- The determination of MR's etiology is important for
 - Long-term prognosis
 - Expected complexity of the operation
 - Proper medical therapy preceding or following valve surgery
- Factors contributing to determining etiology
 - Age
 - Medical history
 - Geographical considerations
 - Socioeconomics conditions
 - Clinical presentation

SECONDARY LESIONS MAY
MASK THE
CHARACTERISTIC
PATHOLOGICAL FEATURES
AND THEREFORE CONFUSE
RECOGNITION OF THE
PRIMARY ETIOLOGY

*«Le rhumatisme articulaire aigu
entre par la gorge, lèche les
articulations et mord le coeur»*

Jean-Baptiste Bouillaud

- Before 1950 rheumatic fever was one of the most common epidemics in the world, with considerable socioeconomic consequences.
- Dramatic changes took place when in the mid-1940s sulfanilamides were found to be efficient in the treatment of streptococcal pharyngitis, the cause of rheumatic fever.
- Today the prevalence remains high in developing countries, where progress has been more limited because of unfavorable socioeconomic conditions and the financial burden of prophylaxis.

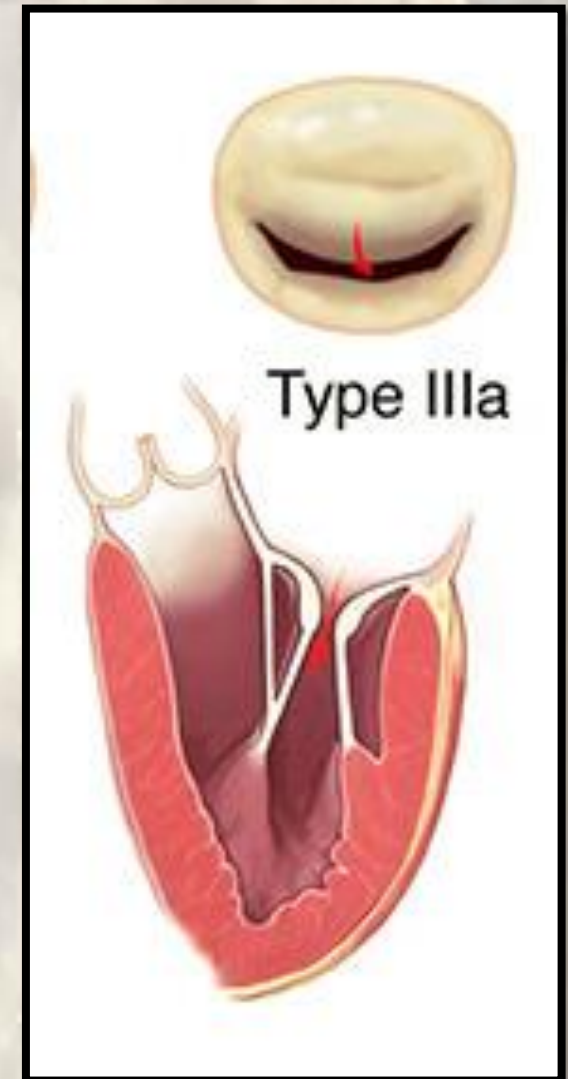
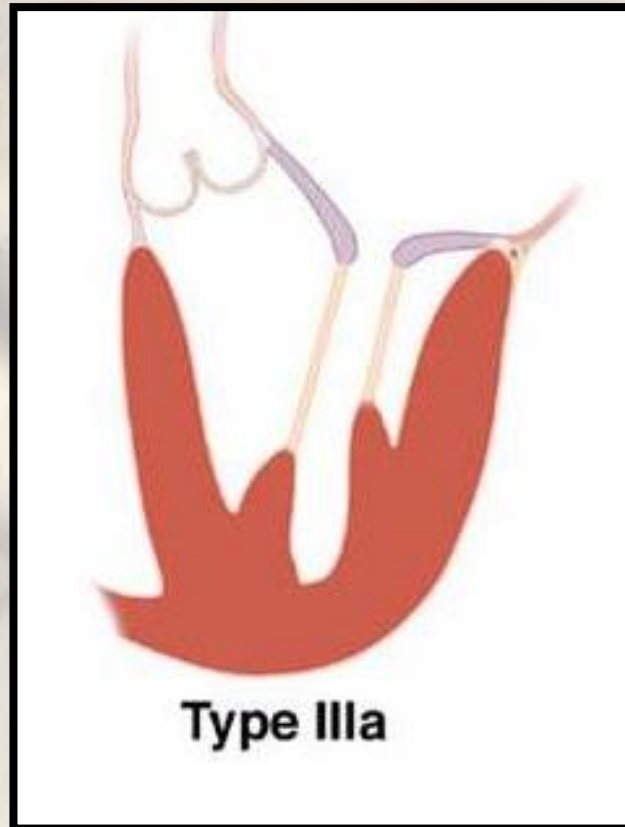
RESTRICTED LEAFLET MOTION

The motion of one or two leaflets is limited during diastole (sometimes also during systole as a result of commissure fusion, cordae thickening and fusion)

Asymmetrical
annulus dilatation

Leaflets thickened
and indentation are
no visible

Anterior leaflet
coaptation area is
slightly prolapsed,
thickened and
calcified



Surgical indications

- Acute phase of rheumatic fever (Rare)
 - Valvular surgery is not controindicated in patients with an active rheumatic inflammatory process not responding to medical therapy
- Chronic phase of rheumatic fever
 - In severe MR surgery should be performed before ventricular enlargement or the onset of atrial fibrillation.
 - Likelihood of valve reconstruction

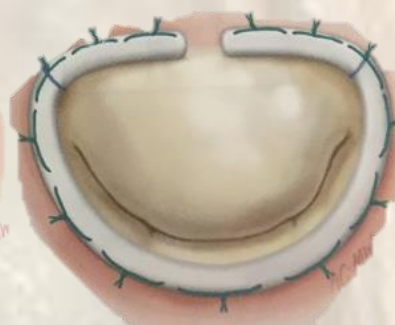
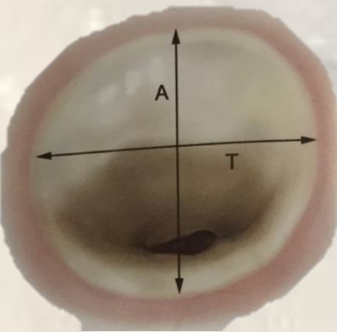
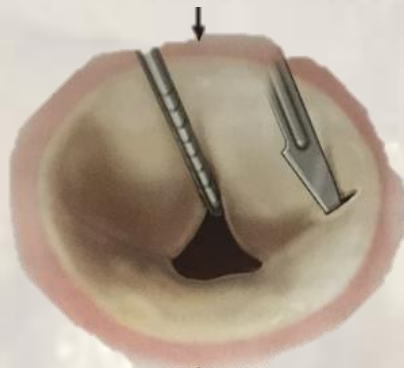
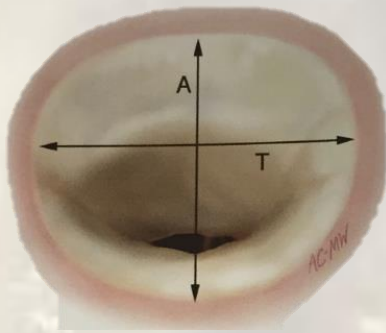
PRINCIPLES OF VALVE RECONSTRUCTION

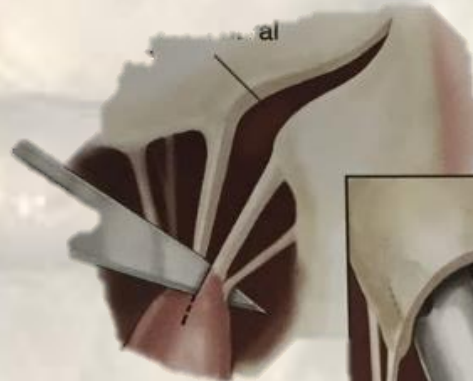
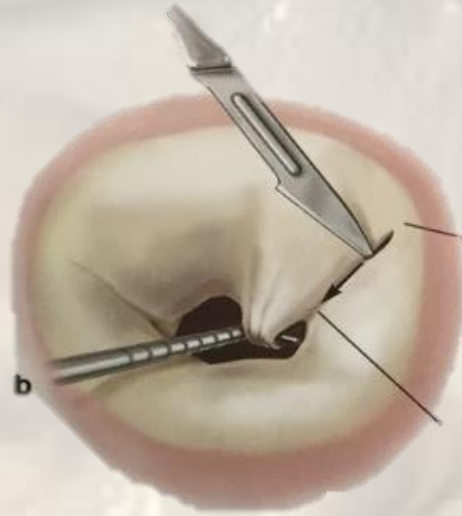
- Preserve or restore normal leaflet motion
- Create a large surface coaptation
- Remodel and stabilize the annulus

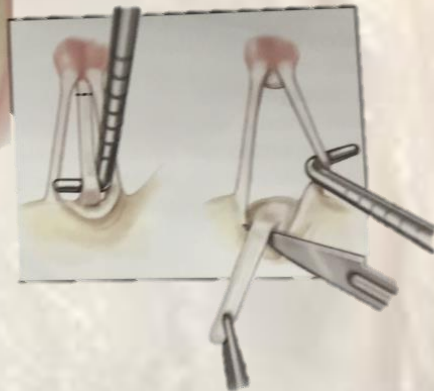
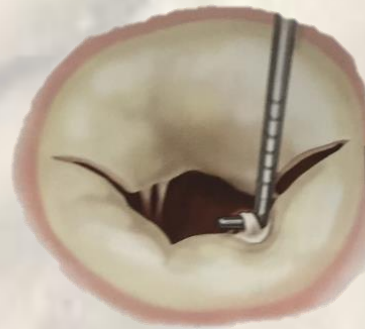
Step by step

1. Inventory if the lesion responsible for the valve dysfunction
2. Feasibility
 1. Pliability of the anterior leaflet
 2. Severity of the involvement of the subvalvular apparatus
3. Leaflet mobilization
 1. Extensive commissurotomy
 2. Resection of secondary chordae
 3. Patch enlargement
4. Recognize and correct an associated leaflet prolapse
5. Annuloplasty (large size)
6. Adjunct procedures
 1. Thrombus formation removal
 2. Atrial appendage orifice closure
 3. Atrial reduction by atrioplasty
 4. Surgical AF ablation









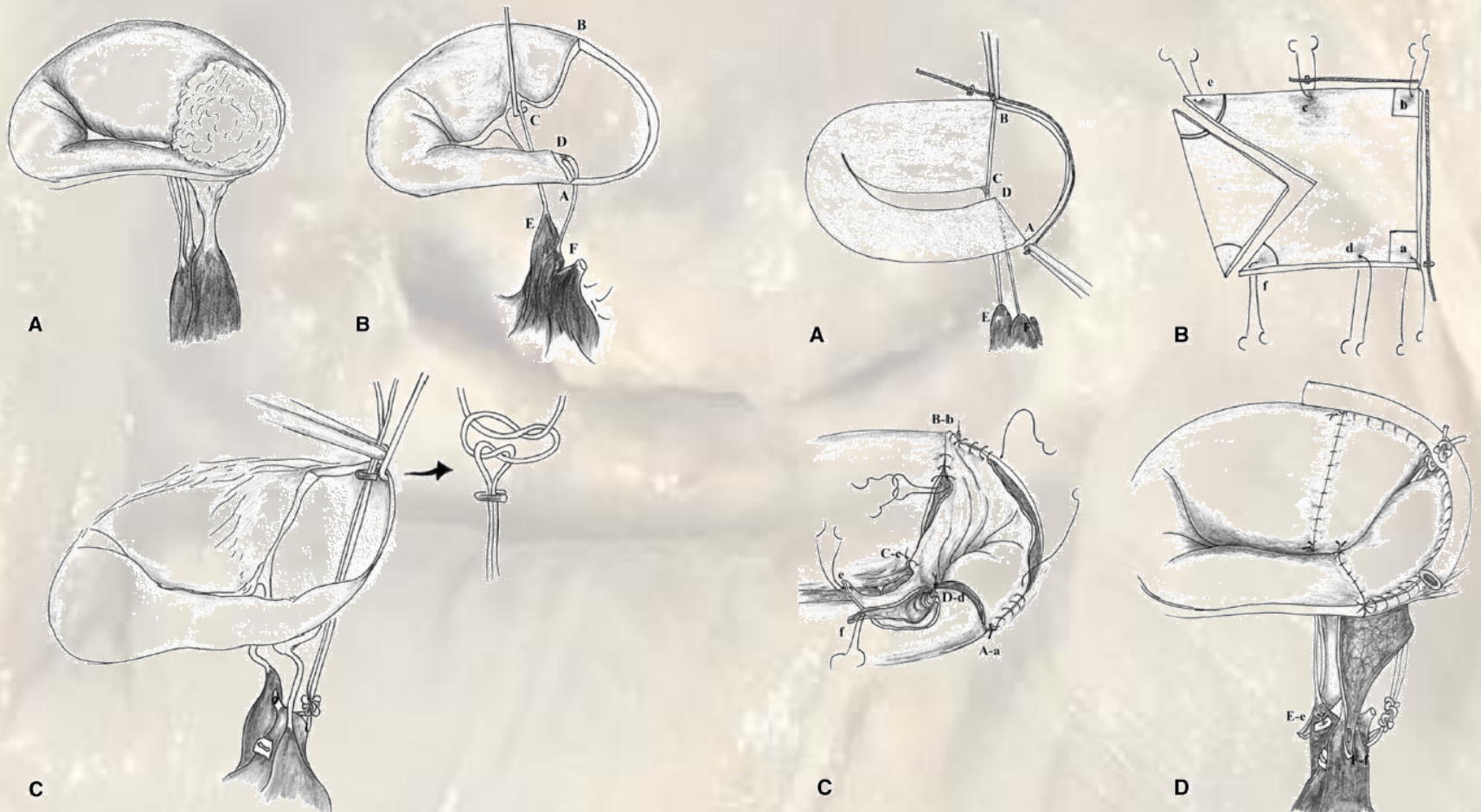






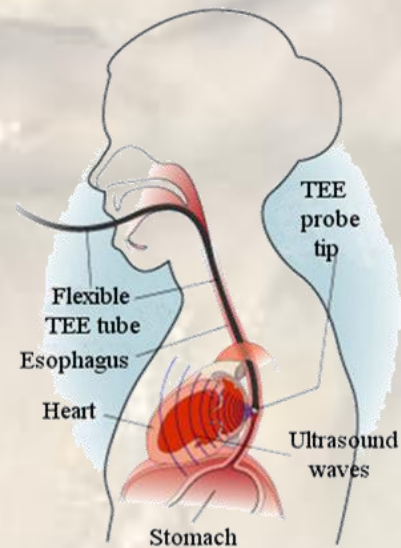
Face-to-face single patch: A new technique to repair the commissures of the mitral valve

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Postoperative TEE

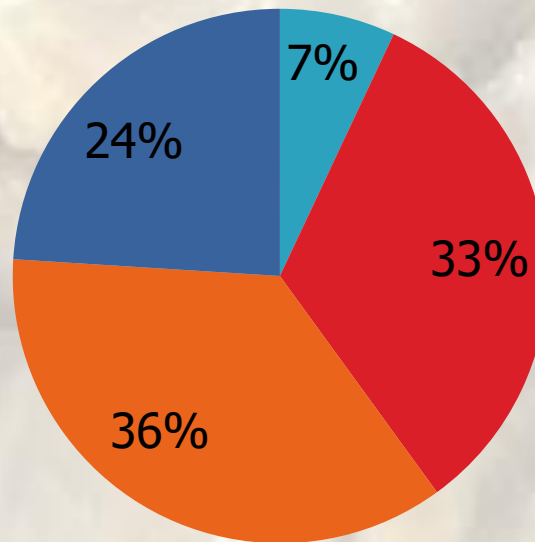
- A mean gradient of 8 mmHg or more should prompt the surgeon to consider possible valve replacement
- A mild degree of residual mitral regurgitation is acceptable provided that a good surface of coaptation has been restored



Results

- 951 pts treated between 1970 and 1994; F-U 7-29Ys
- Age 25.8 ± 18 ys
- Acute Phase 4%

- normal leaflet motion
- leaflet prolapse
- diastolic restricted leaflet motion
- anterior leaflet prolapse + restricted posterior leaflet motion



Results

TABLE 2. Surgical Techniques

	n (%)
Carpentier ring	899 (95)
Chordae shortening	717 (75)
Chordal transfer	99 (10)
Commissurotomy	373 (39)
Pericardial extension	65 (7)

In-hospital mortality 2%

Survival 10ys 89±19%

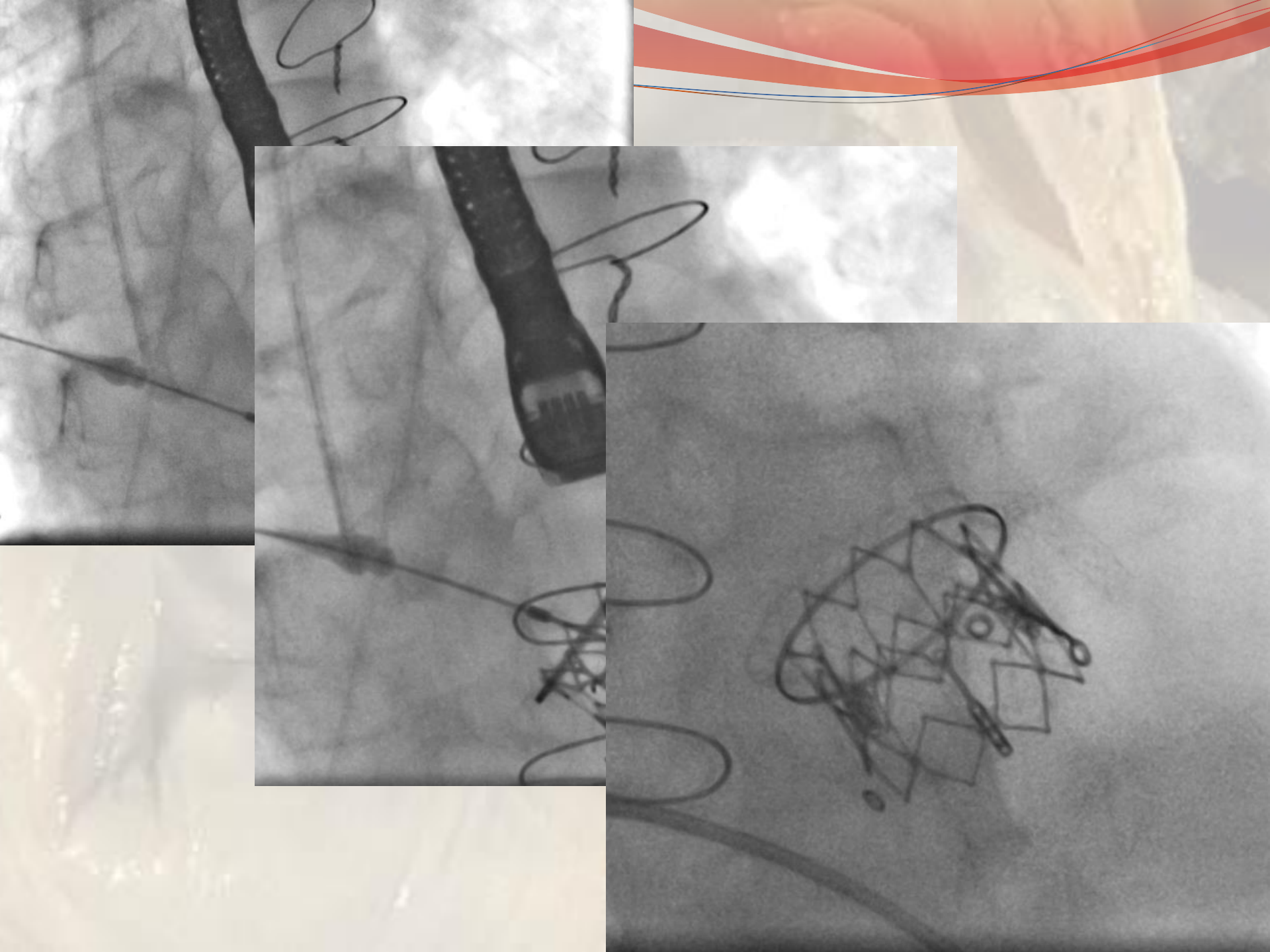
20ys 82±18%

Freedom from reoperation 10ys 82±19%

20ys 55±25%

Results

The linearized rate of reoperation in rheumatic patients following mitral valve reconstruction is 2% per patient/year



Paradigma gestionale

