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# La tecnica di Bentall. Una tecnica consolidata per la soluzione dei problemi della aorta ascendente

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*Thorax* (1968), 23, 338.

## A technique for complete replacement of the ascending aorta

HUGH BENTALL AND ANTONY DE BONO

*From the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, London, and Hammersmith Hospital*

A technique for complete replacement of the aortic valve and ascending aorta in cases of aneurysm of the ascending aorta with aortic valve ectasia is described. The proximal aortic root was too attenuated to afford anchorage to the aortic prosthesis, so this was sutured to the ring of a Starr valve and the prostheses were inserted *en bloc*. The ostia of the coronary arteries were anastomosed to the side of the aortic prosthesis.

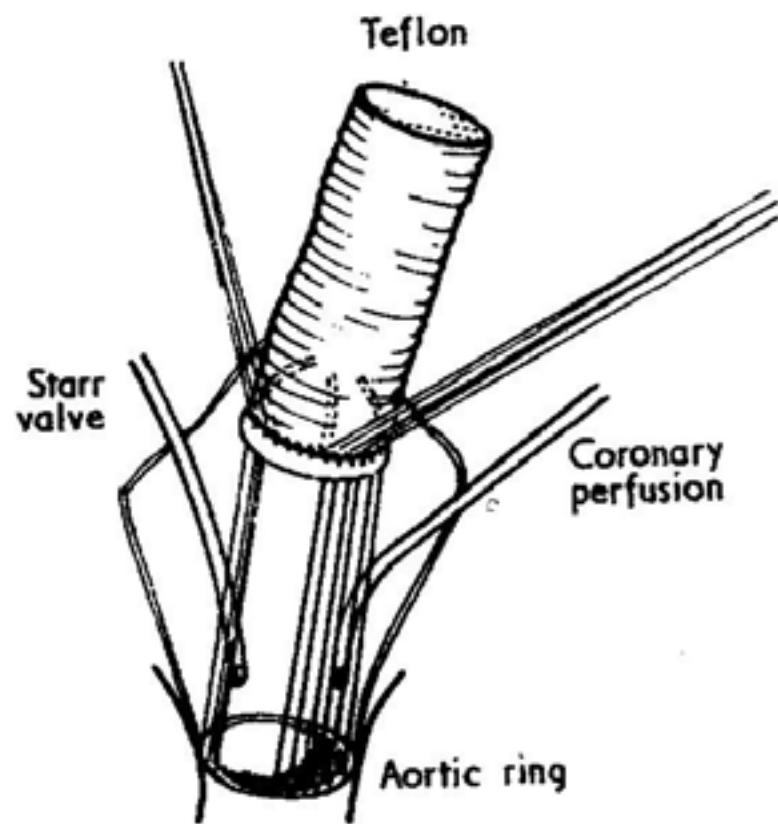


FIG. 2. Starr valve has been sutured to aortic prosthesis: sutures have been placed in aortic ring before fixing the combined prostheses.

The technique used is reported as it offers an alternative method of dealing with this type of aortic disease when the whole of the ascending aorta has to be replaced.

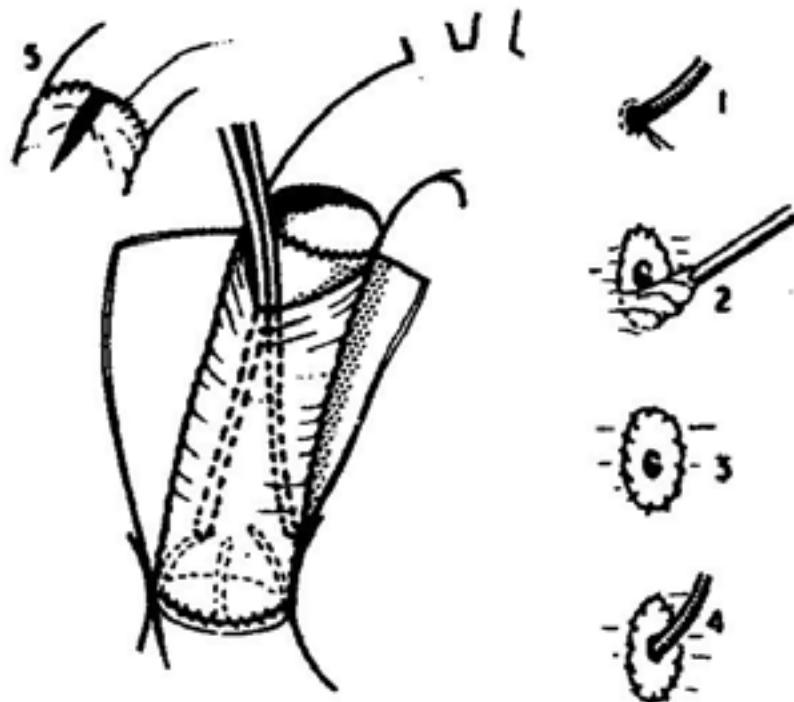
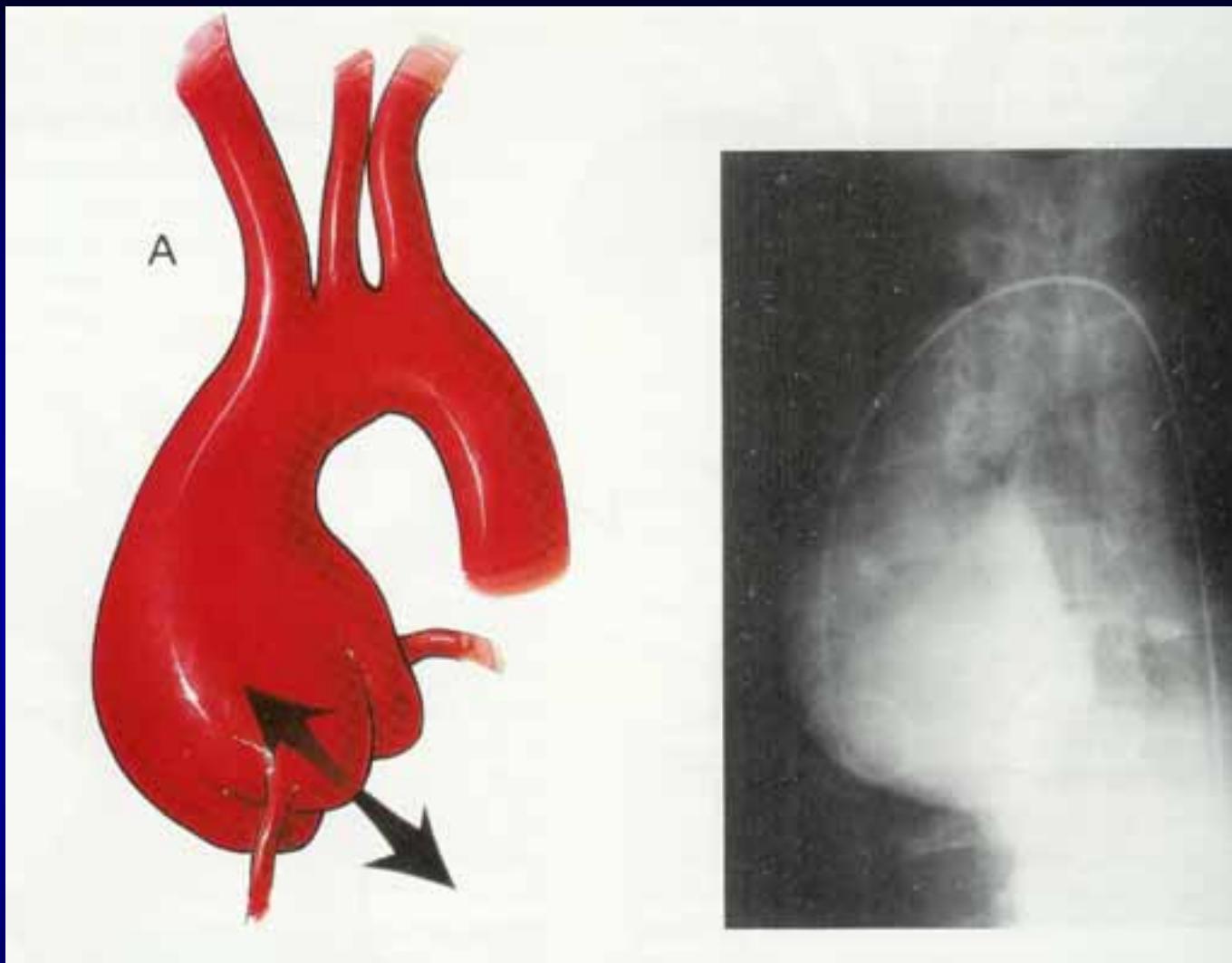


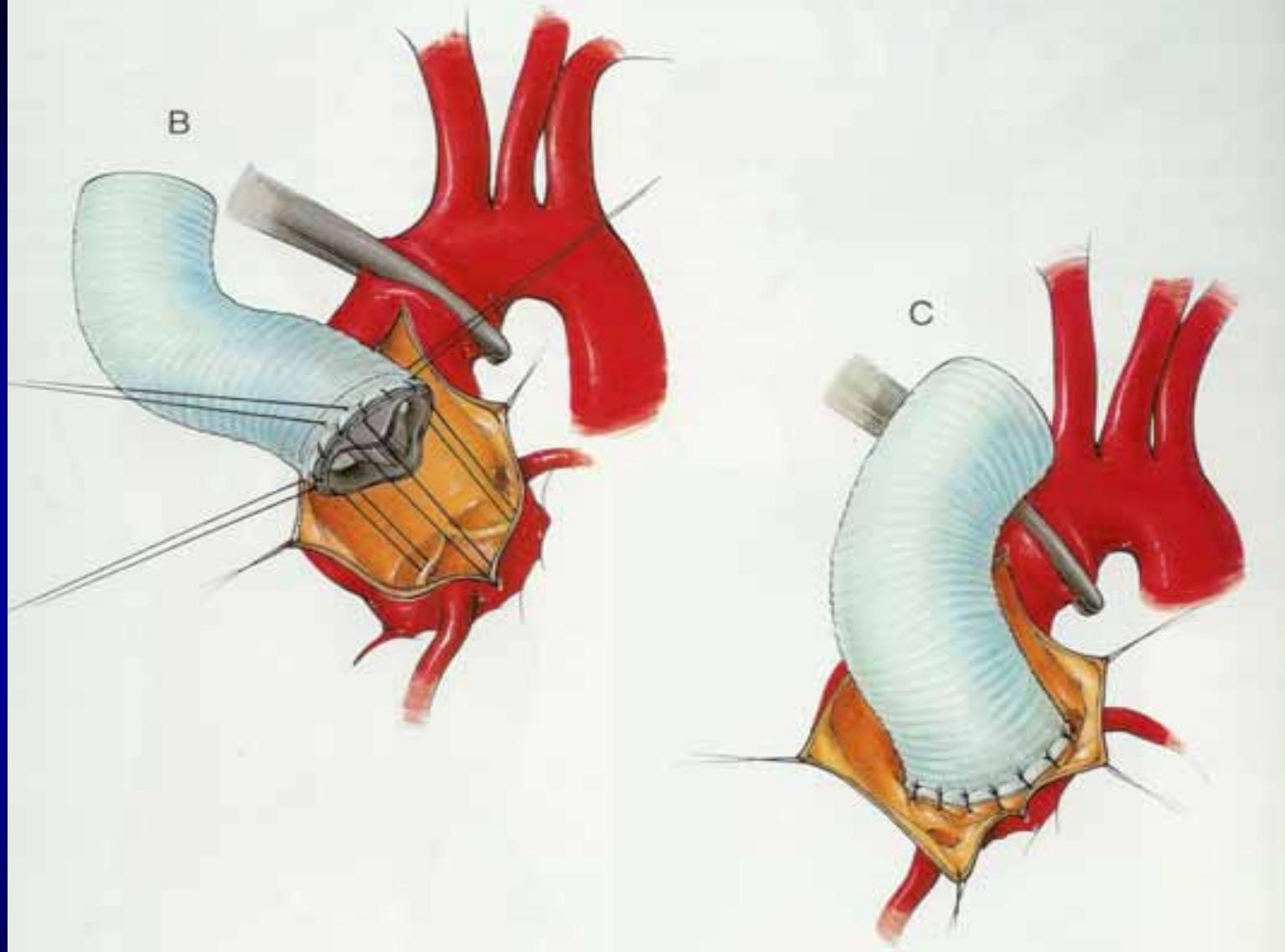
FIG. 3. Combined prostheses *in situ*. Insets 1 to 4 show details of holes fashioned in the side wall of the Teflon tube to reincorporate the coronary ostia within the lumen of the new ascending aorta. Inset 5 shows the vertical slit in the prosthesis.

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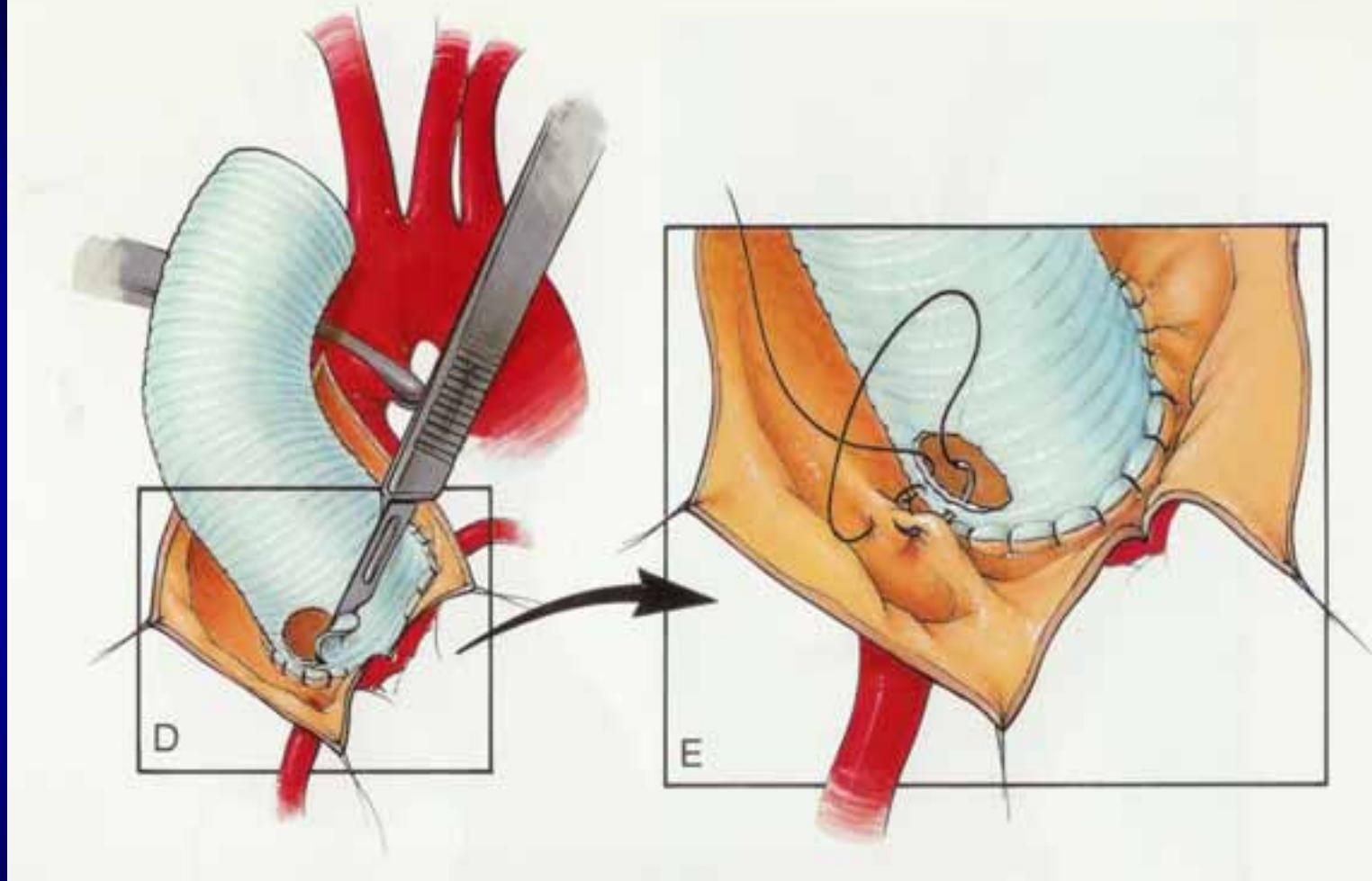


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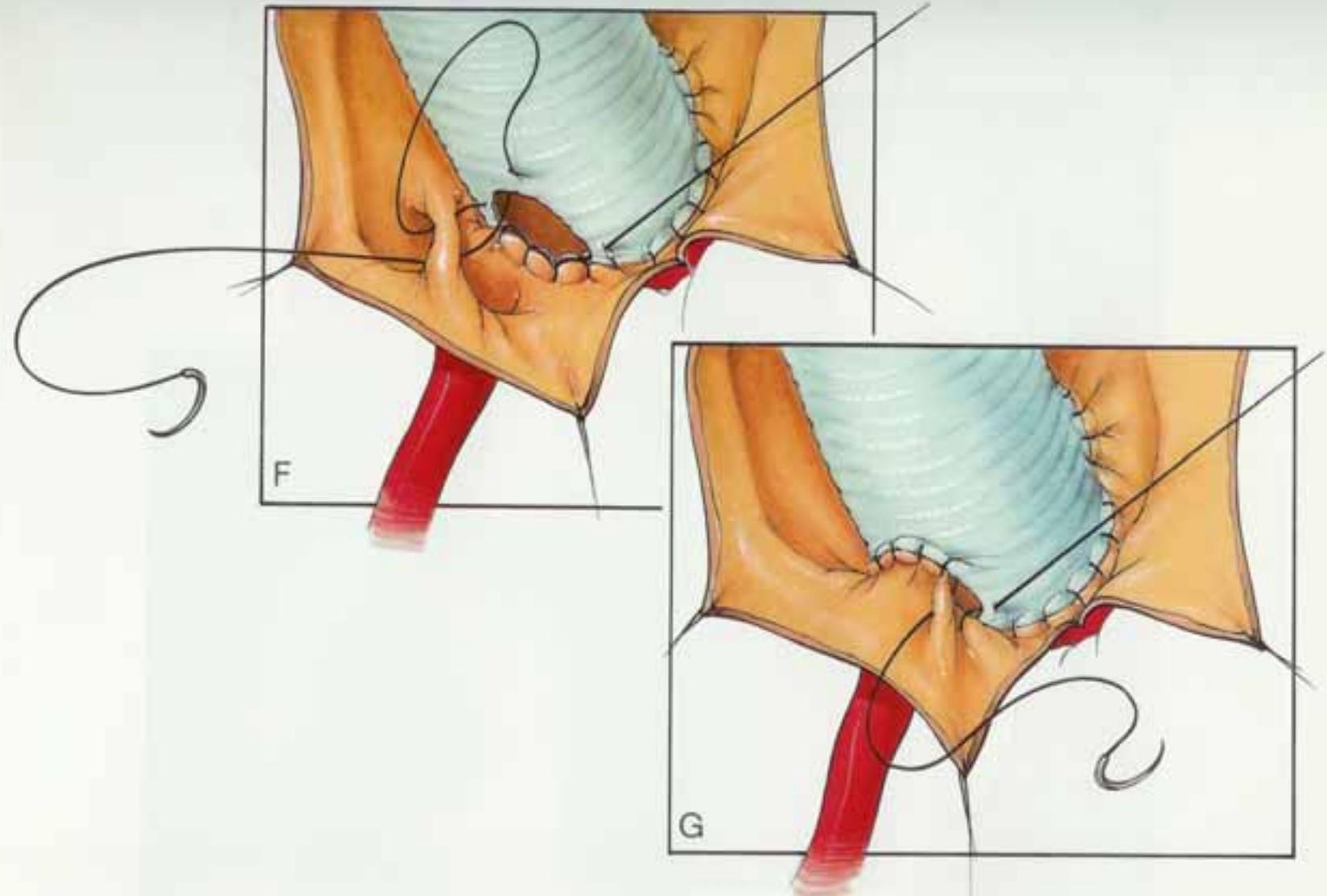


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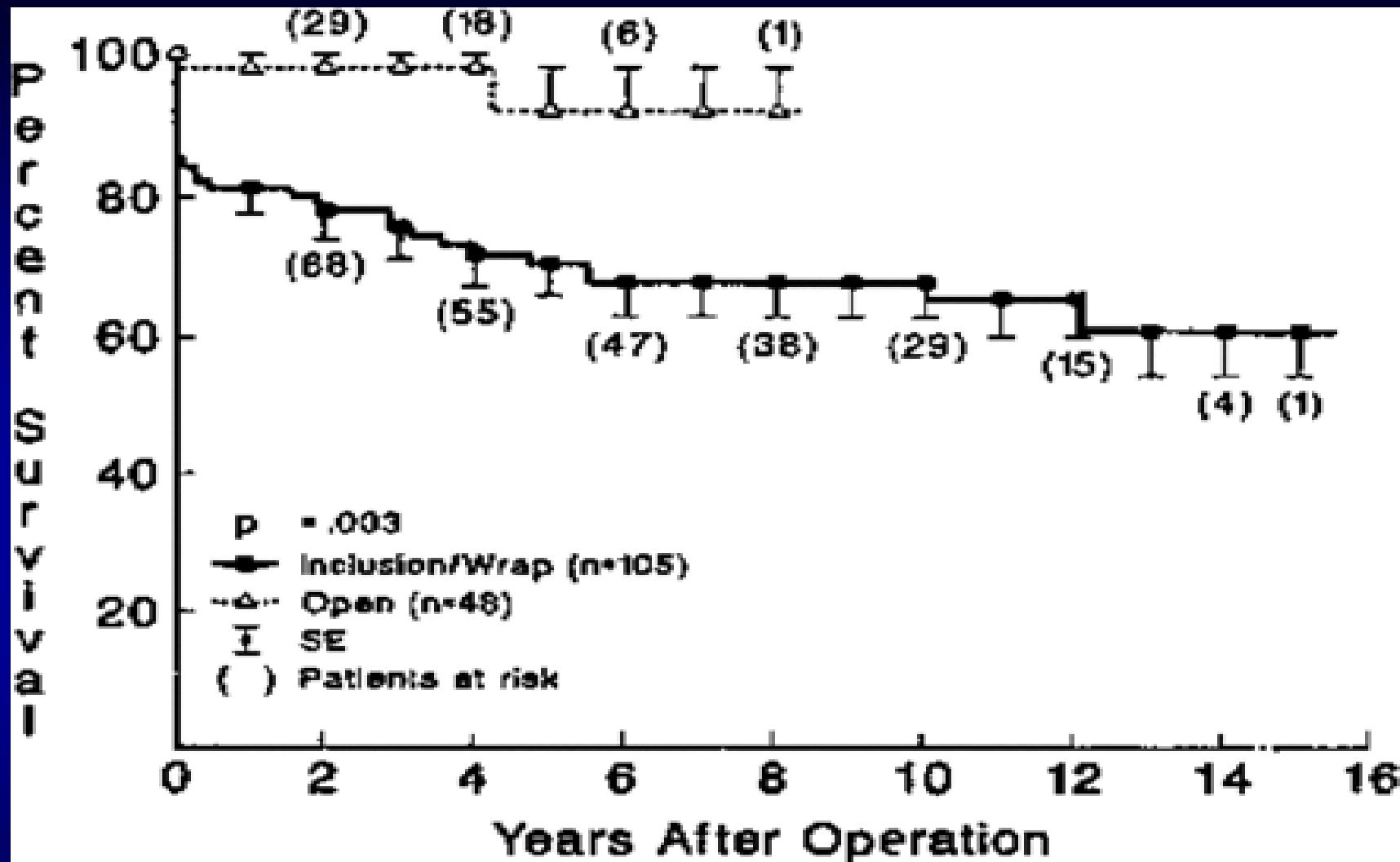
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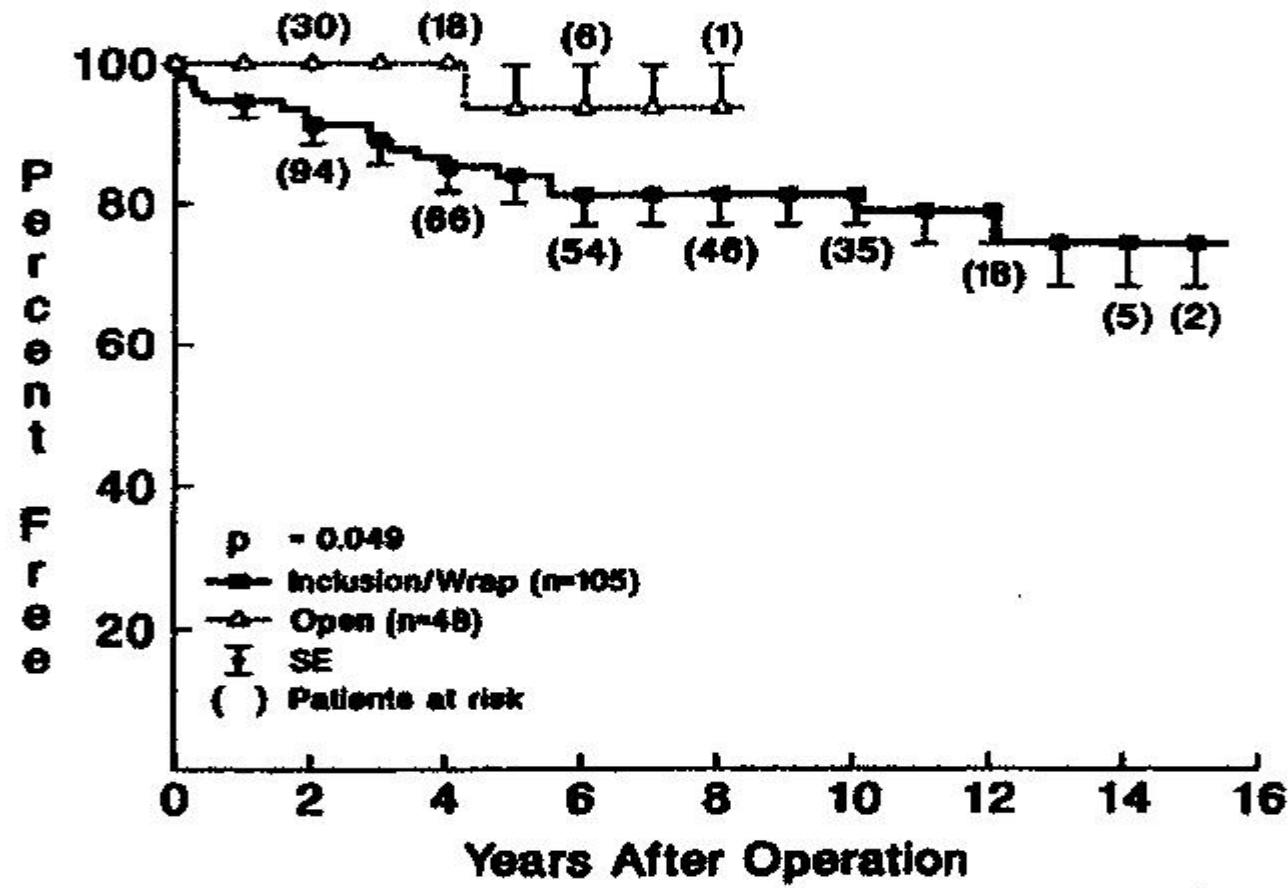


# Varianti della Bentall

- Bentall classica (meccanica, wrapping)
- Bentall “modificata” (button technique)
- Cabrol
- Bentall biologica (stented)
- Bentall biologica (stentless)
- condotto valvolare xenopericardico

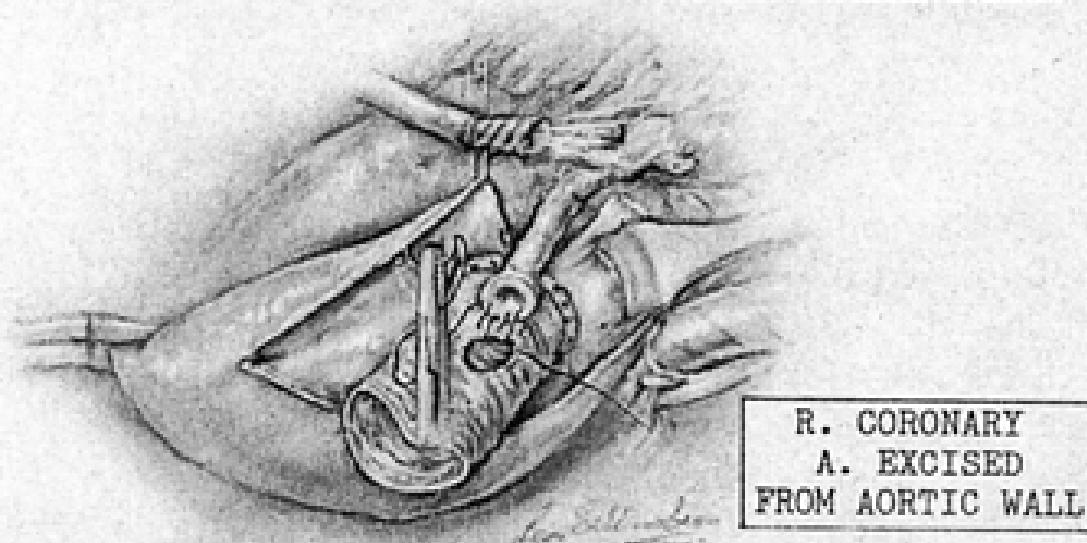
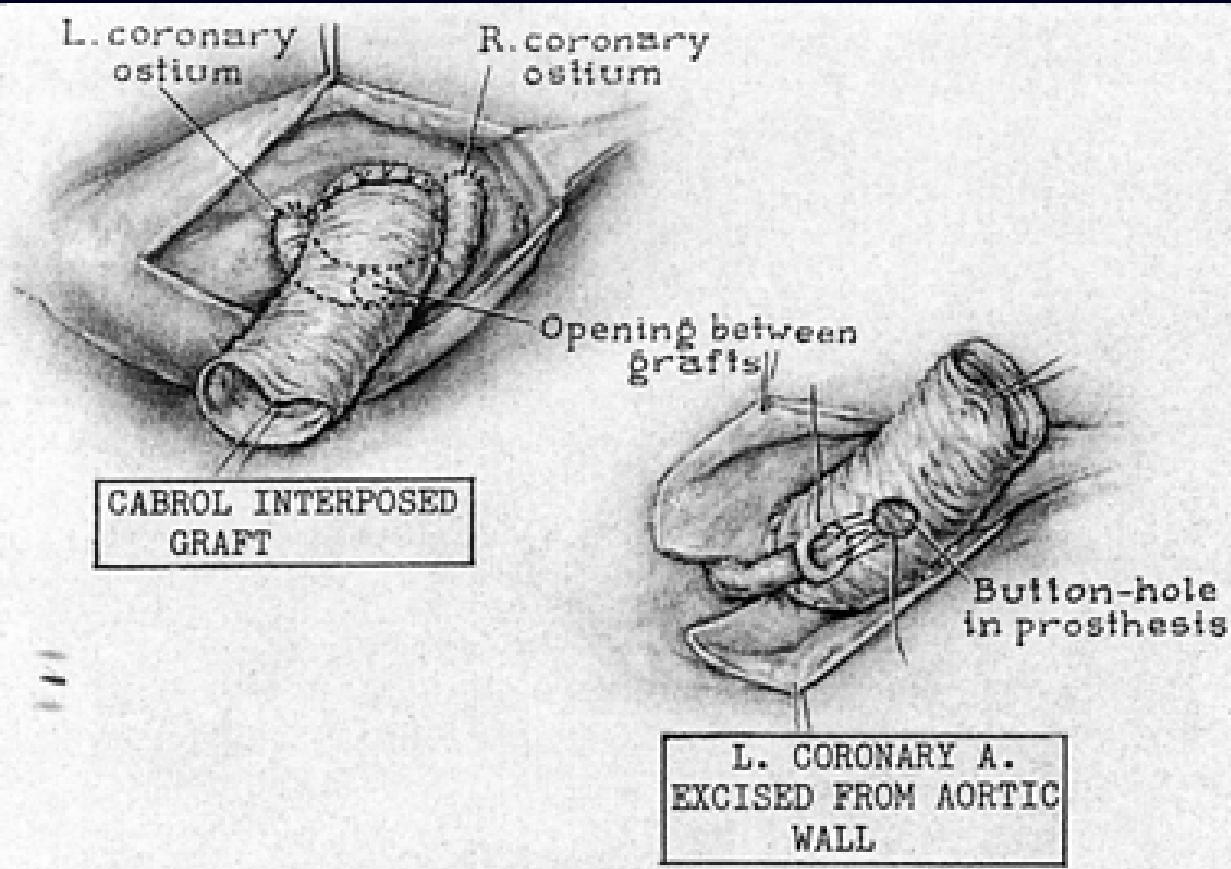


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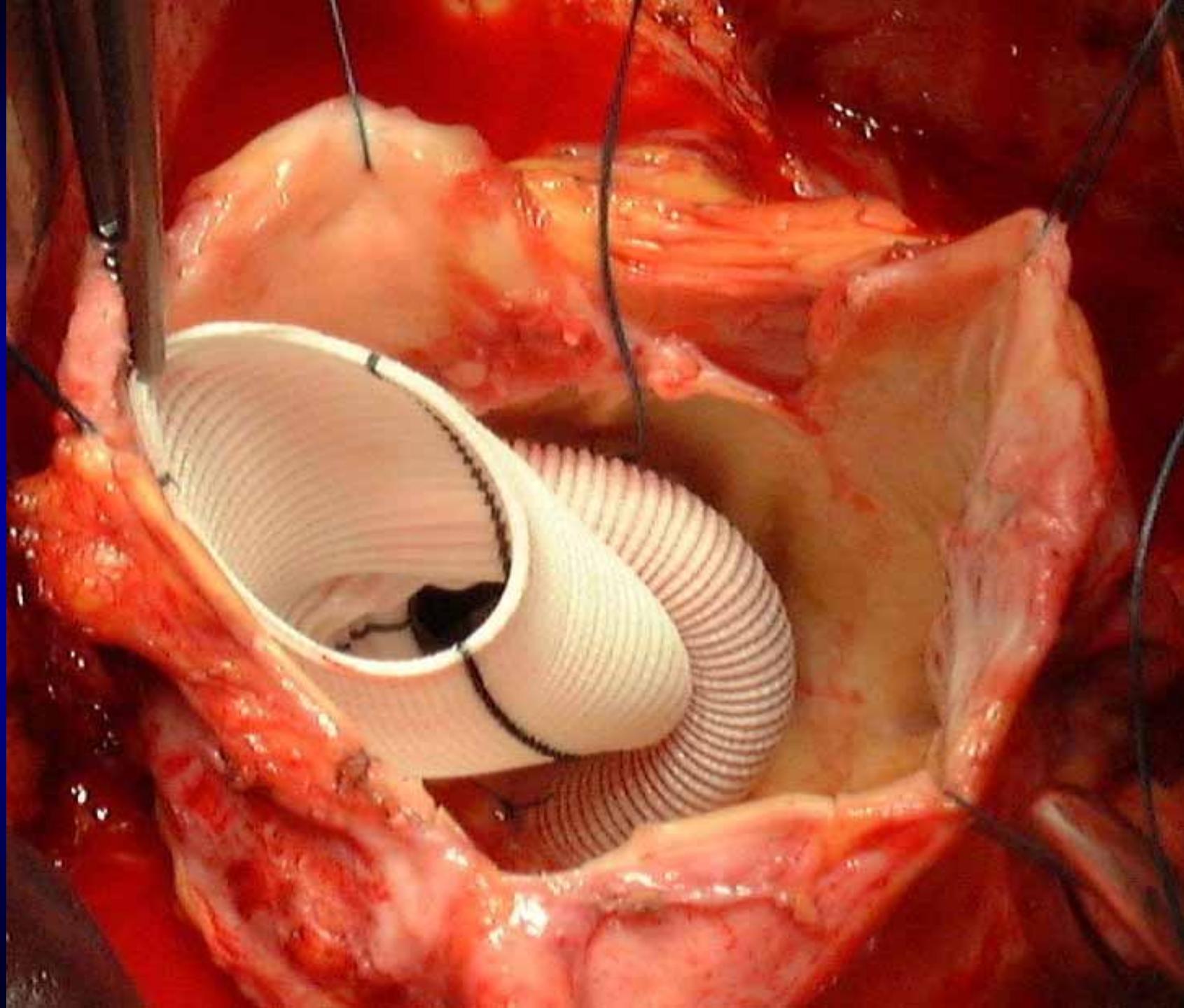


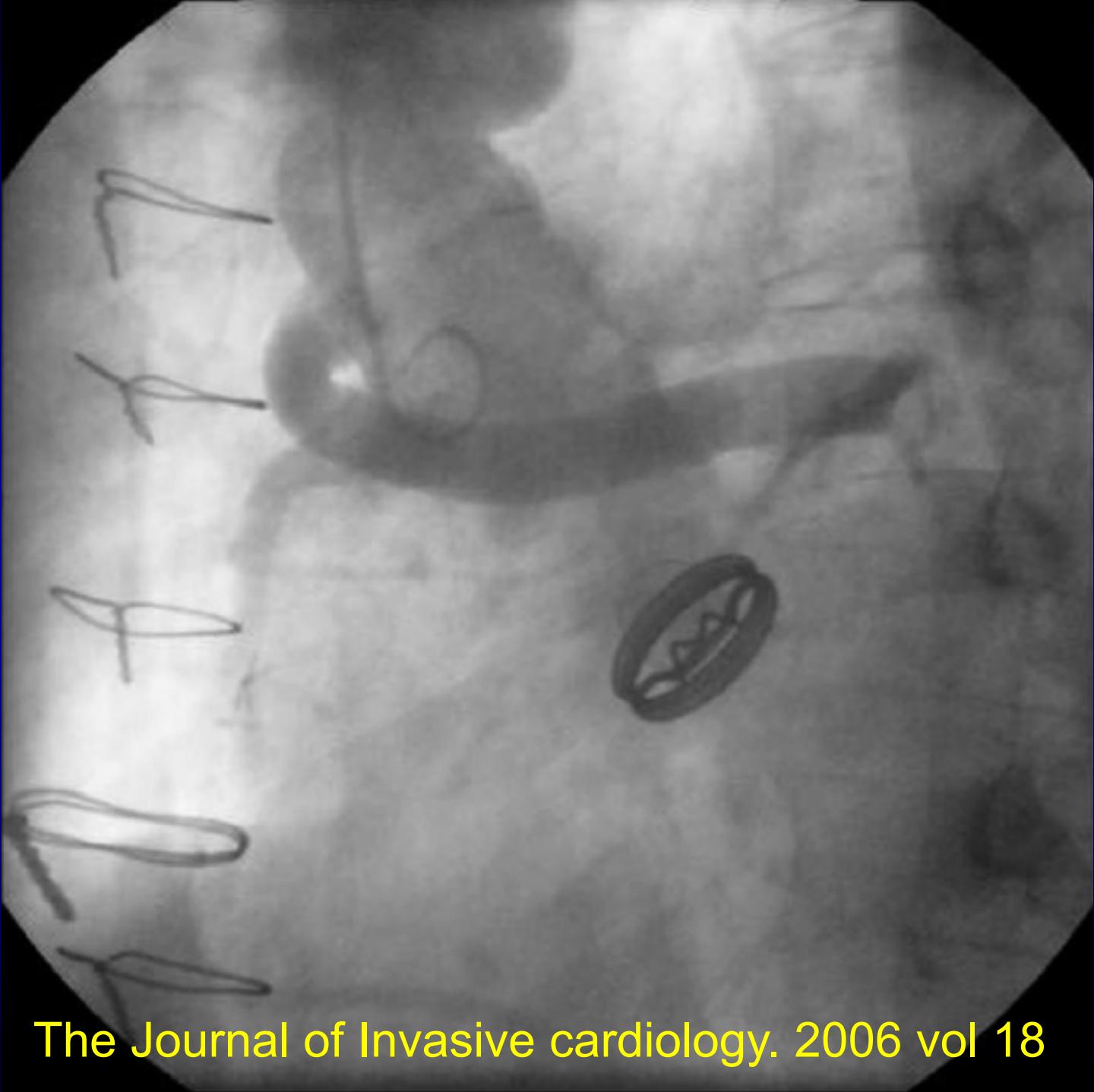
**FIG. 6.** Actuarial freedom from reoperation on the ascending aorta or aortic valve (exclusive of early reoperations for hemorrhage) according to operative technique for the patients receiving prosthetic grafts.

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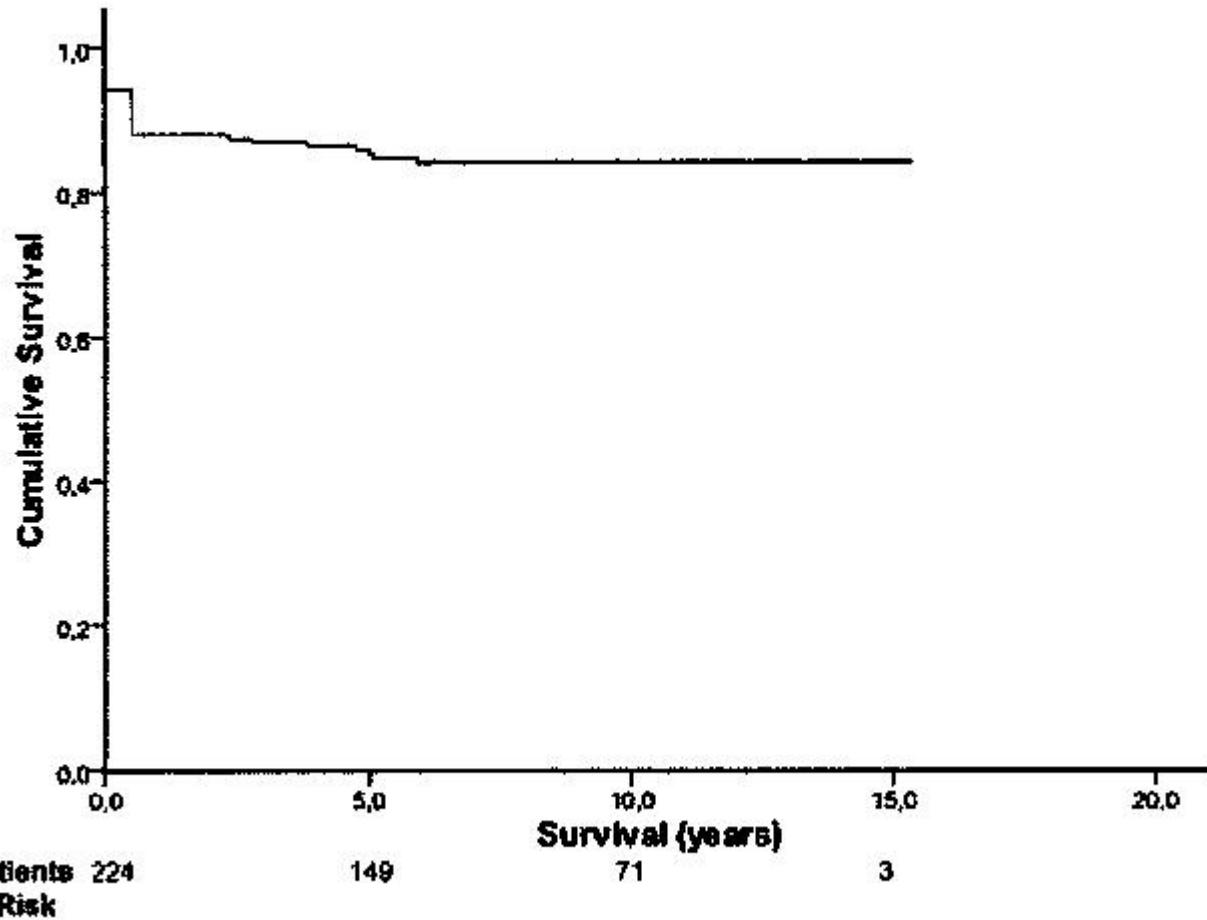


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# **Long-Term Results of Aortic Root Replacement: 15 Years' Experience**

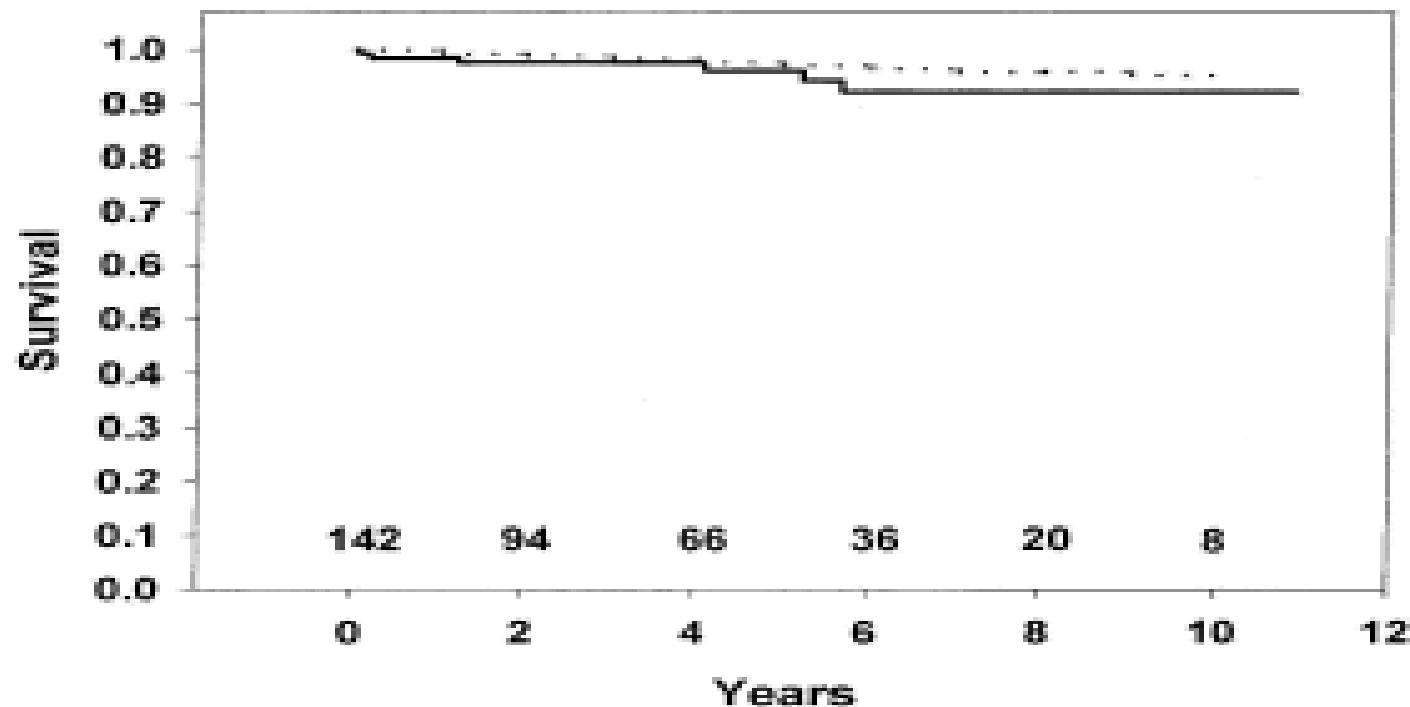
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*Fig 1. Kaplan-Meier survival curve.*

Yakut C et al: Long-term results of aortic root replacement: 15 years' experience. Ann Thorac Surg 2009;87:1783-8



*Fig 1. Kaplan-Meier curve of survival of all patients after the Bentall operation (solid line). Overall survival is 0.95 (95% confidence intervals, 0.9 to 0.99) at 5 years and 0.93 (95% confidence intervals, 0.86 to 0.99) at 8 years. Shown for comparison is an age-matched and sex-matched curve for the US population (dotted line).*

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# Surgical options

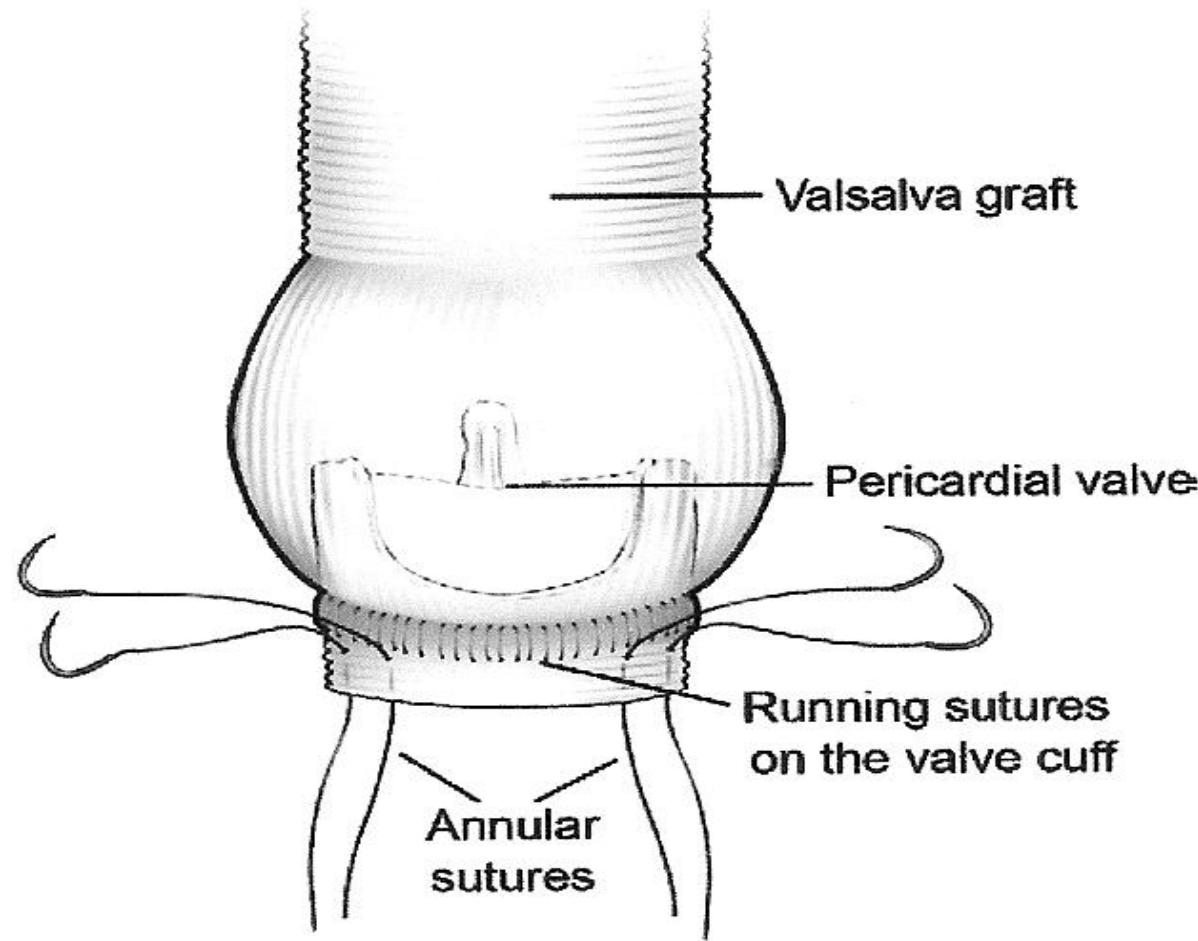
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path (old)	N	N	Aorta + valve, wrap (?)
path (young)	N	N	Bentall, Ross (?)
N	N	path	valve-sparing
N	path	path	Bentall
N (Marfan)	path	path	Bentall
N (Marfan)	N	path	Bentall, valve-sparing (?)
Infected	N	N	Bentall, allograft ?

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## Bentall “biologica”

Associa i vantaggi di una tecnica ben nota e a basso rischio con il vantaggio di evitare una anticoagulazione a vita.

Espone i paz. al deterioramento della bioipotesi e al conseguente reintervento



*Fig 1. A 2-0 polyester suture is passed through the composite graft collar below the sewing cuff of the prosthetic valve.*

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*Fig 1. A valved conduit composed of the 3f Aortic Bioprosthesis (ATS Medical, Minneapolis, MN) and the Vascutek Gelweave Val-salva Aortic Root Graft (Terumo, Ann Arbor, MI).*

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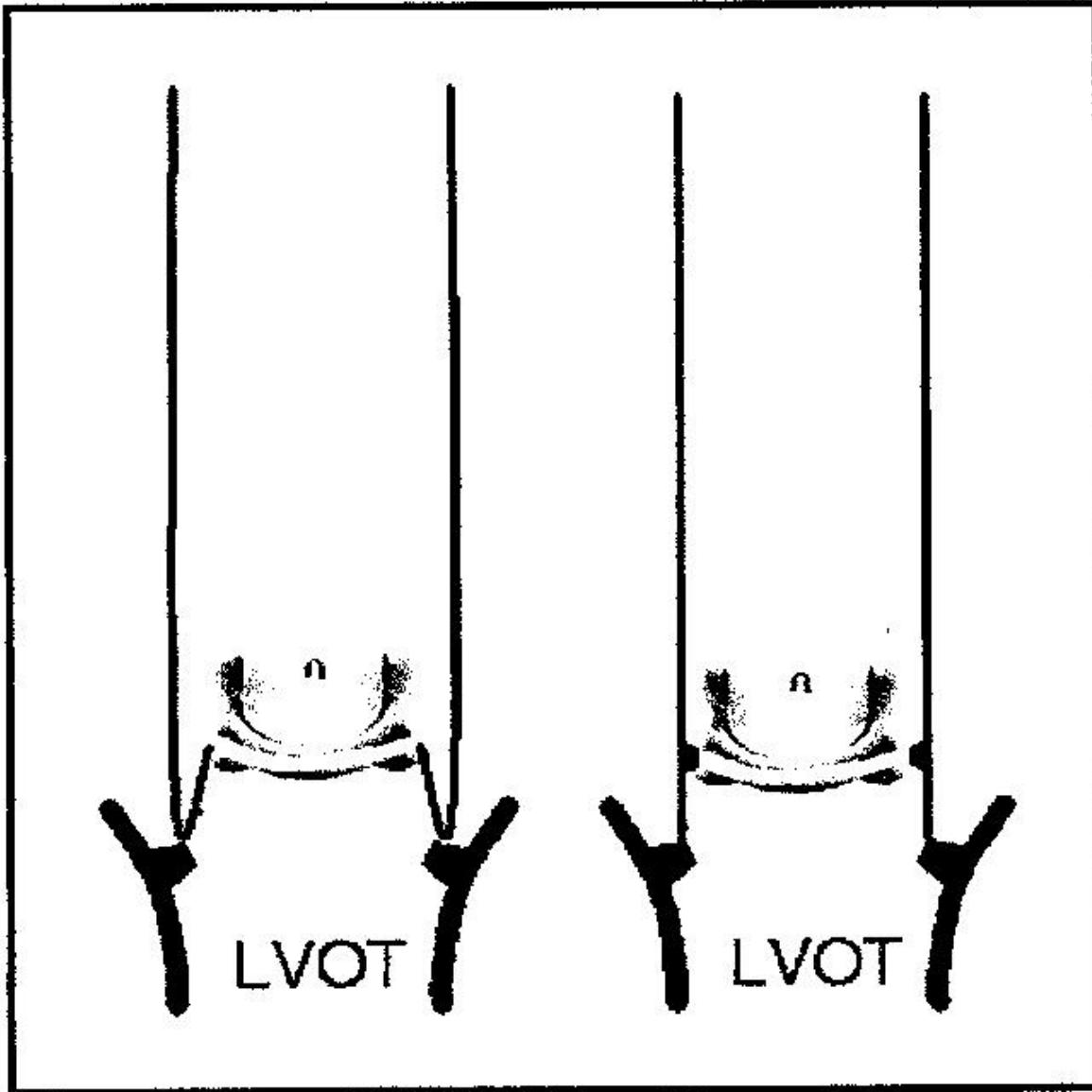
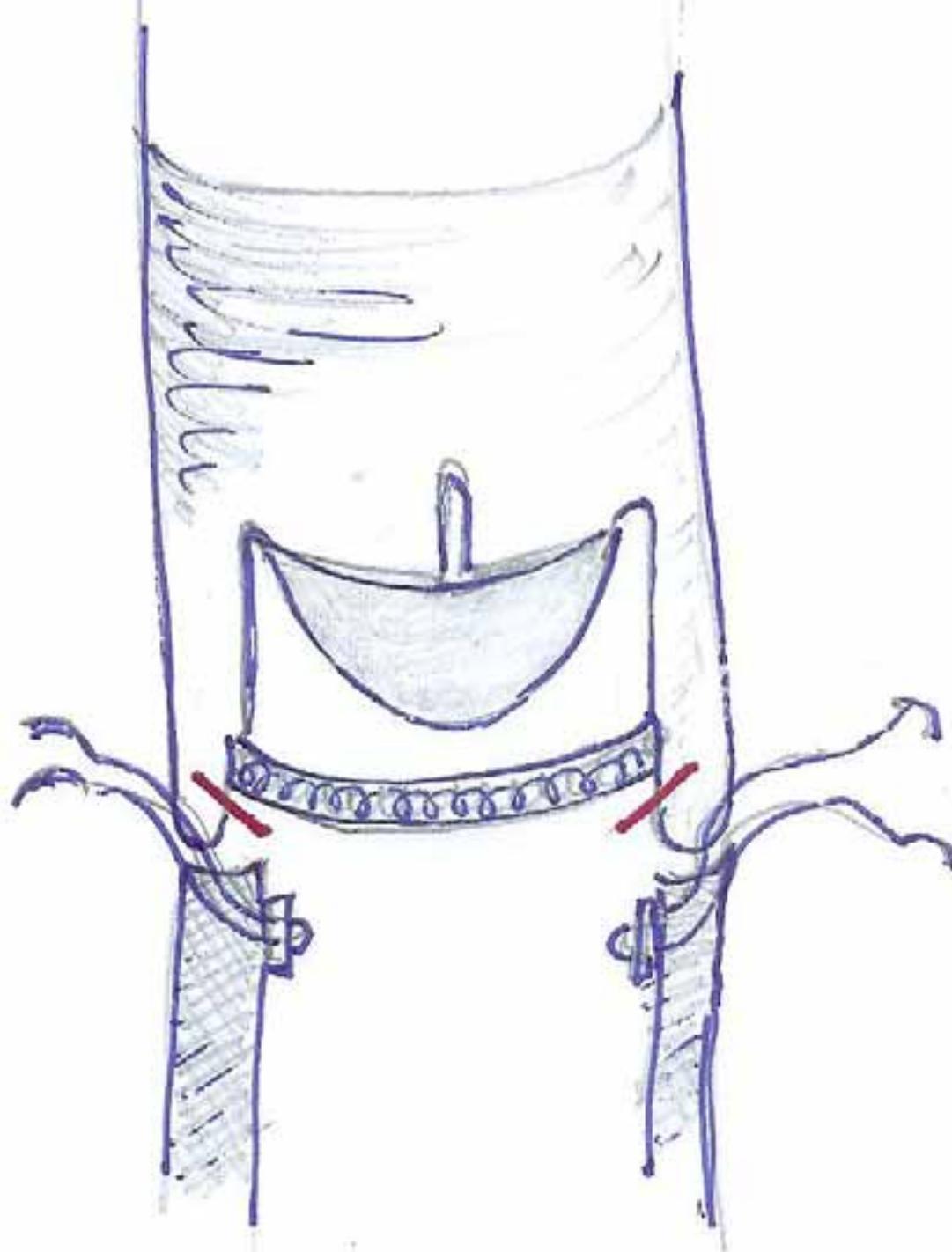
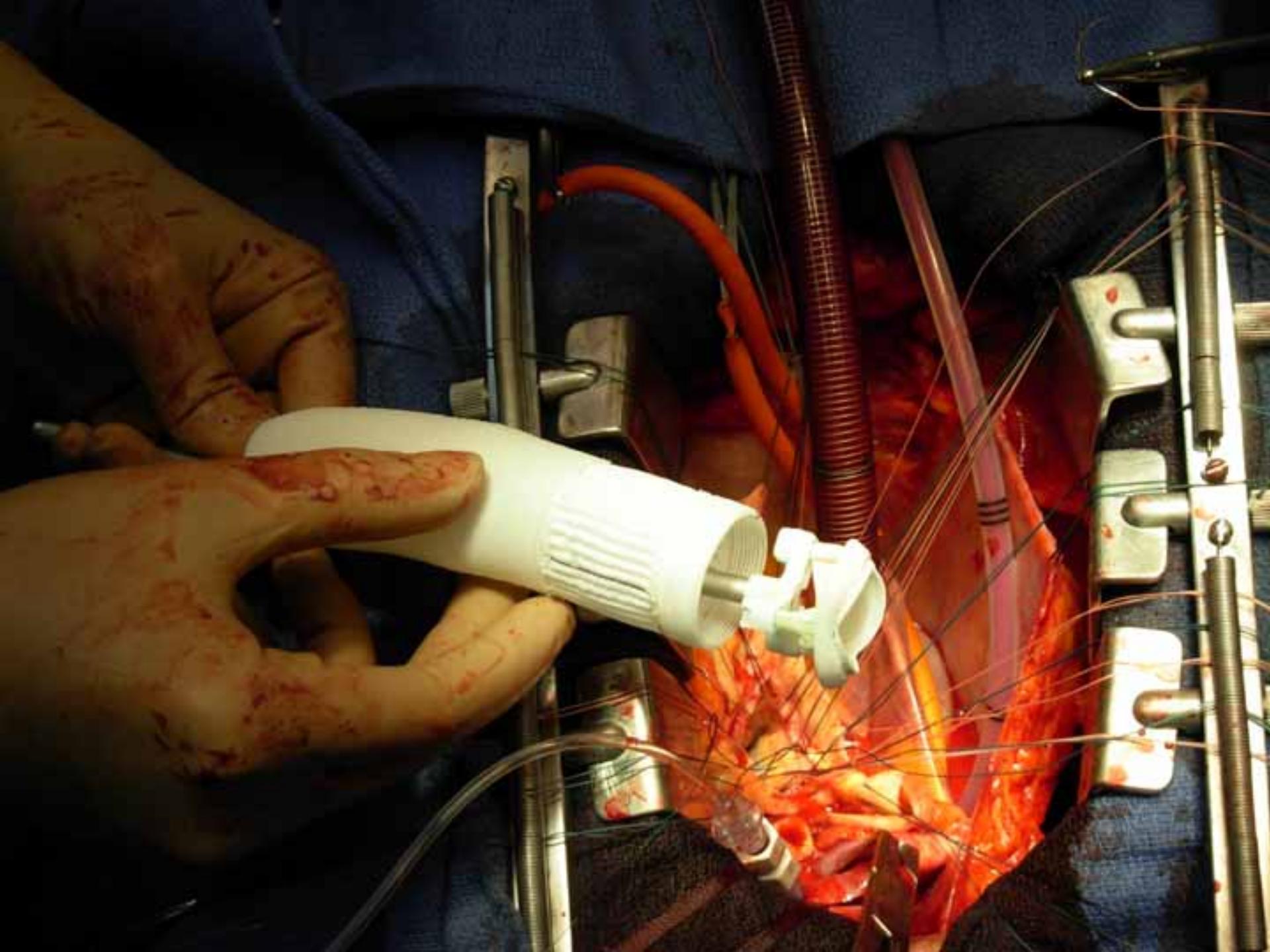
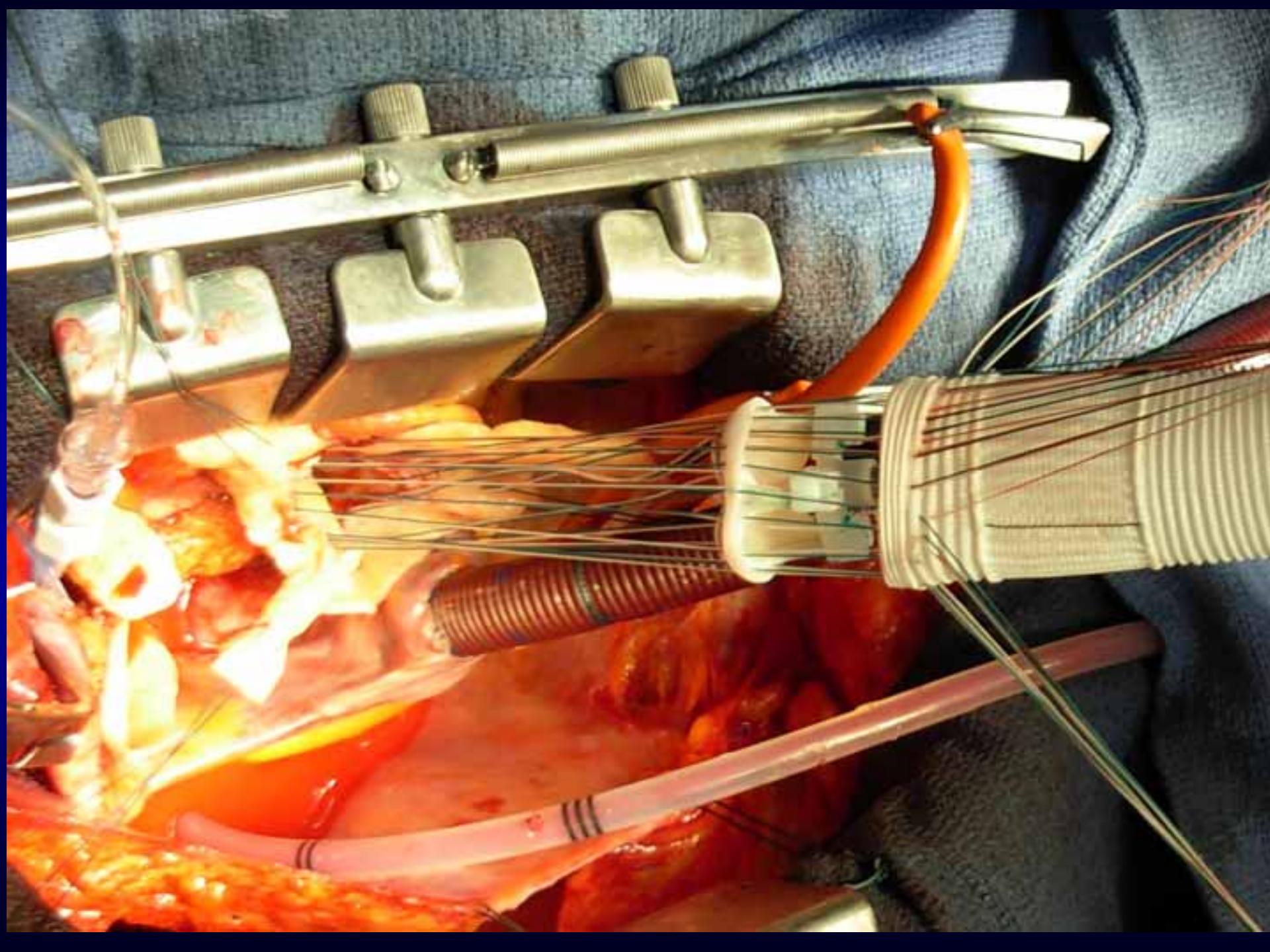


Fig. 1. Schematic drawing of two technical options to construct a bioprosthetic valved conduit using a stented valve with creation of a sub-valvular Dacron skirt. LVOT, left ventricular outflow tract.

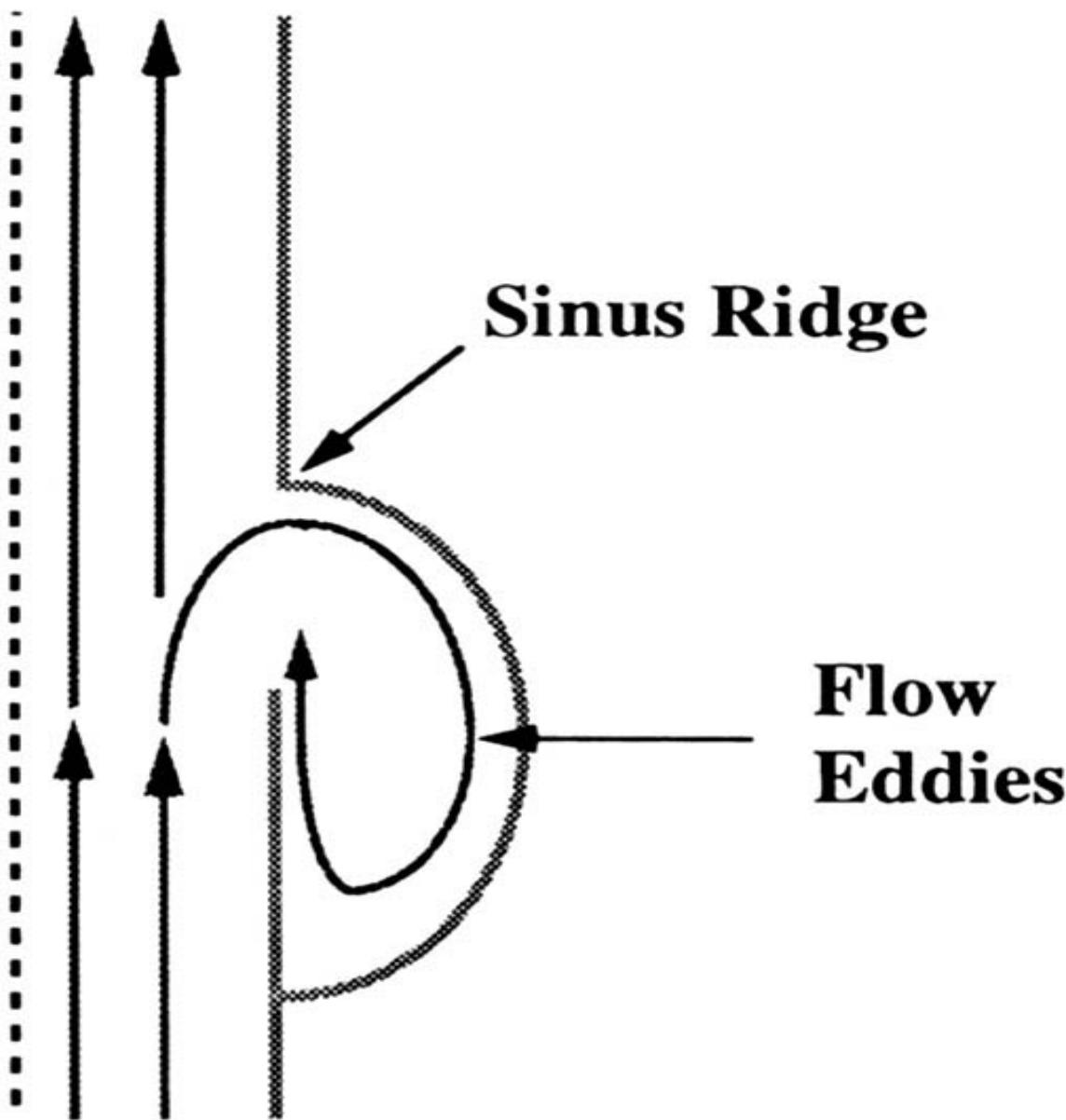








# **Forward Blood Flow**



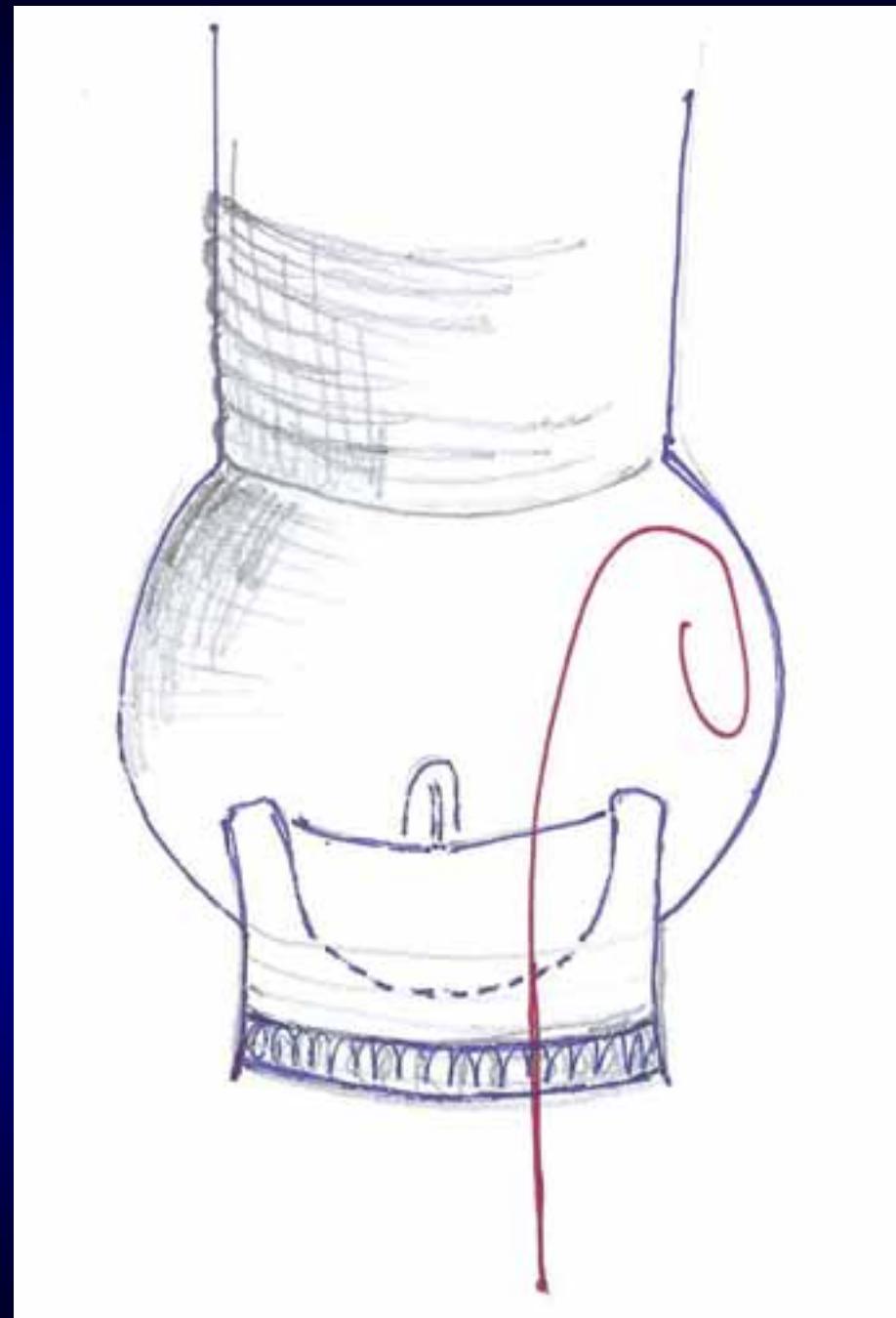


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Impianto “basso”

Protesi “bassa”



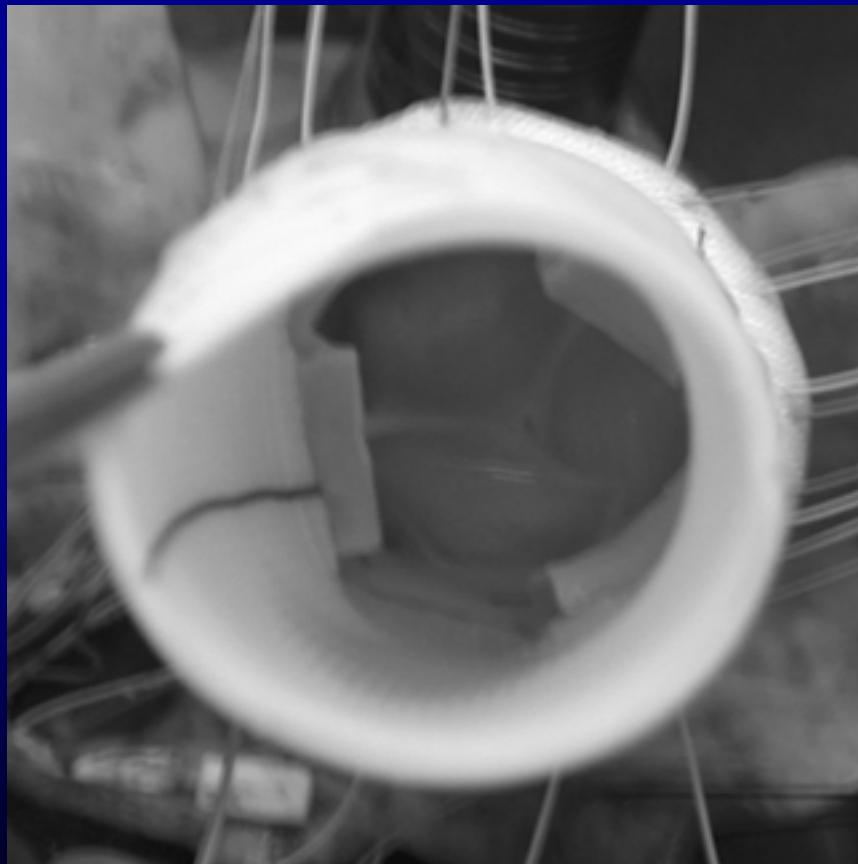
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La protesi  
BioValsalva

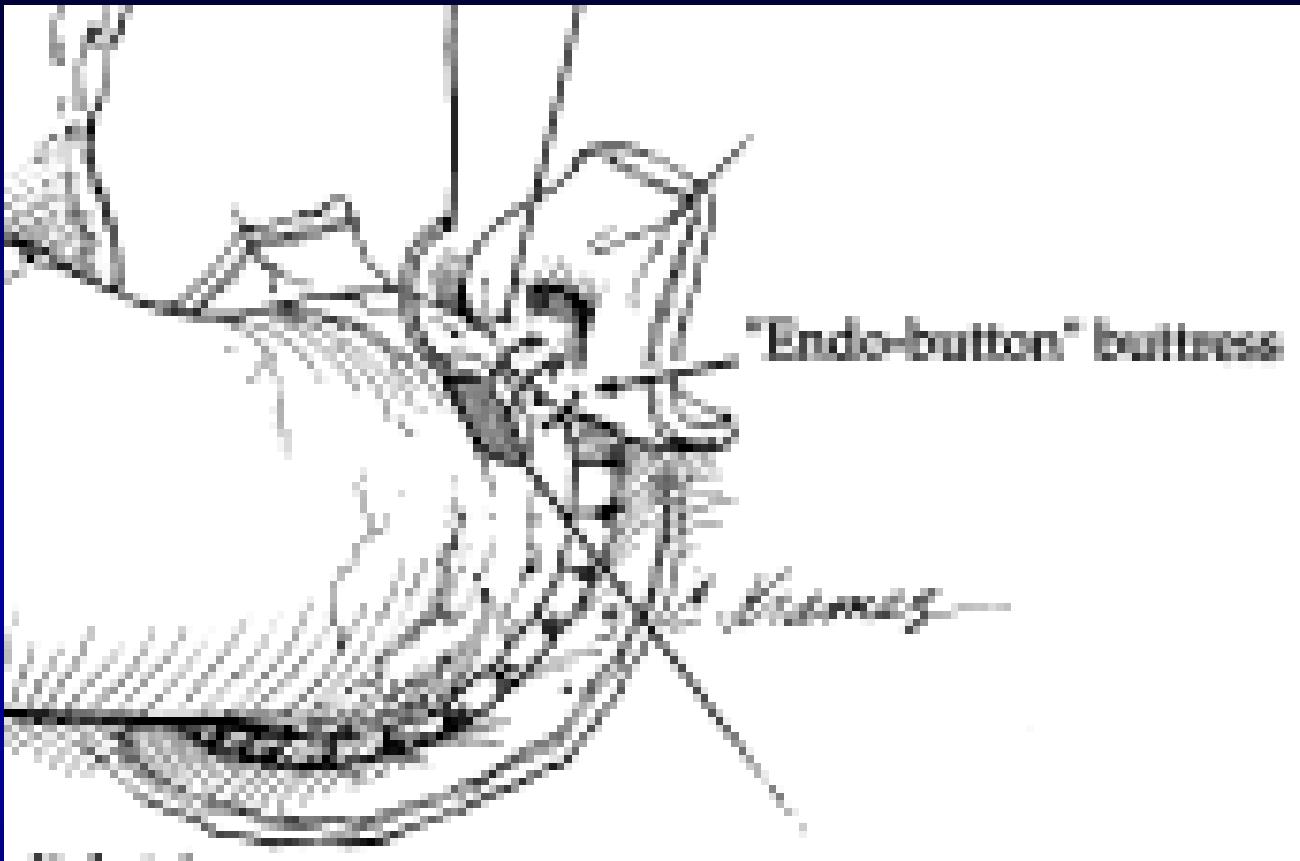
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# Problemi di sanguinamento

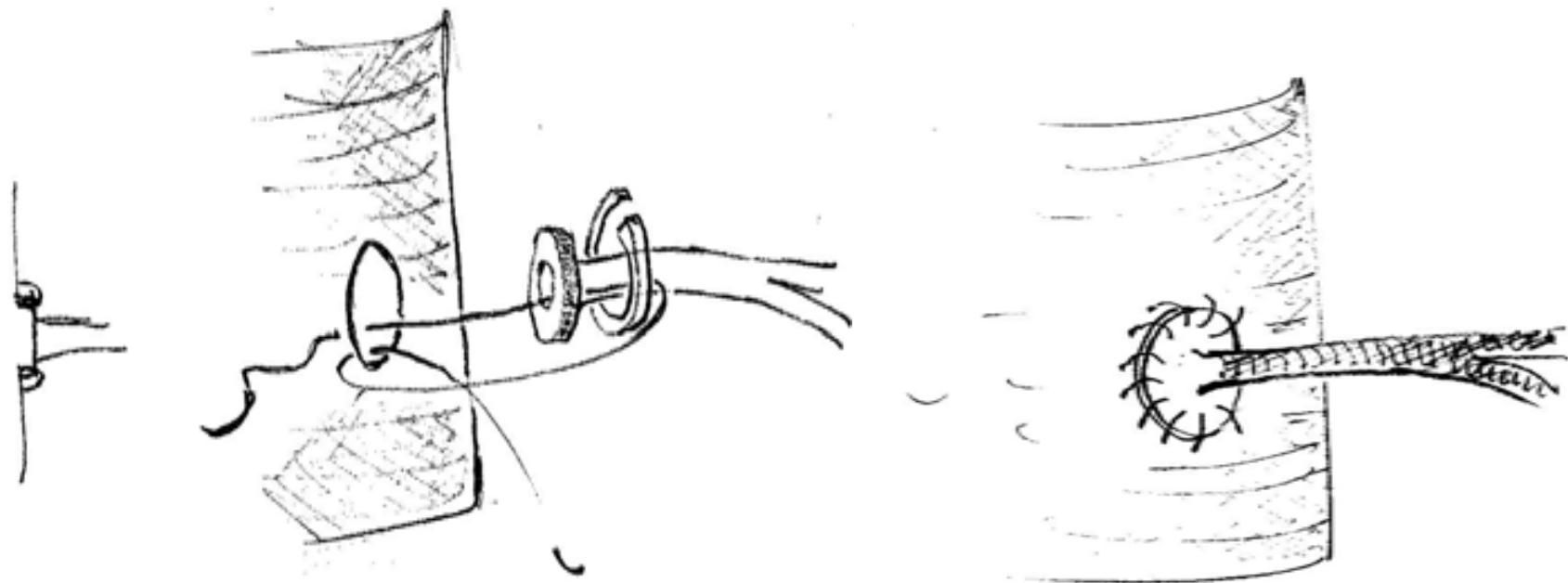
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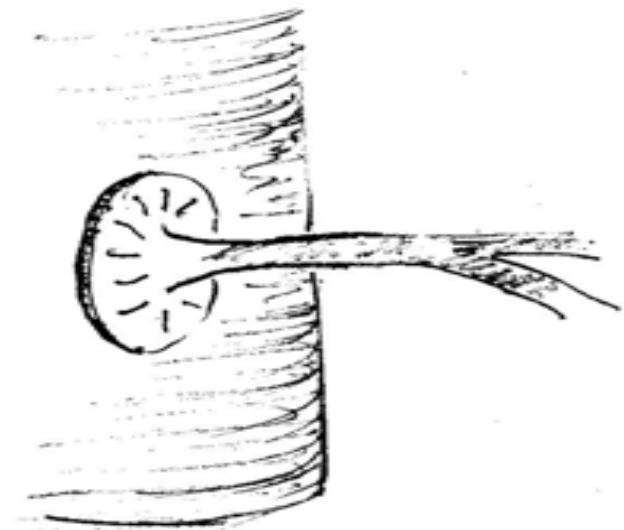
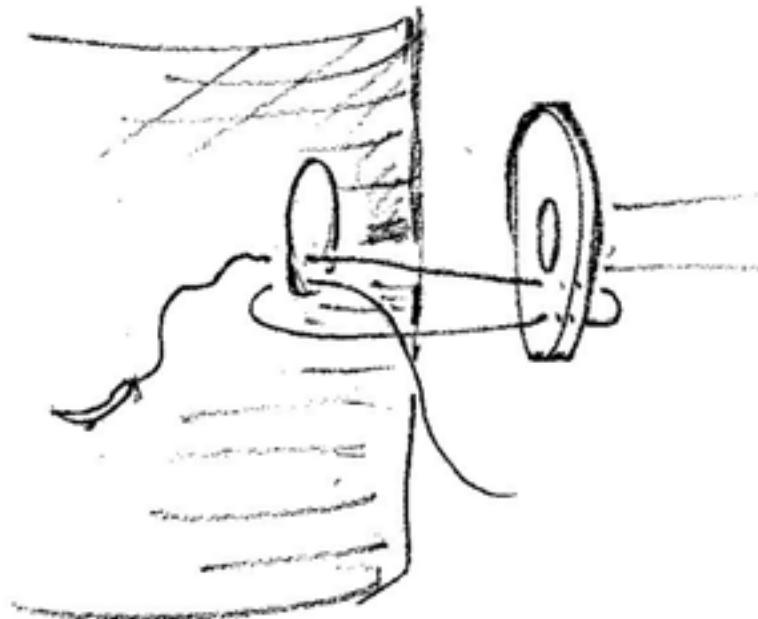


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## Rinforzo della sutura con anello di Teflon esterno



# “Endo-button” technique



Crochets (o nerve kooks), tanto più utili quanto più tessuto è compreso nella sutura continua (endobutton technique)

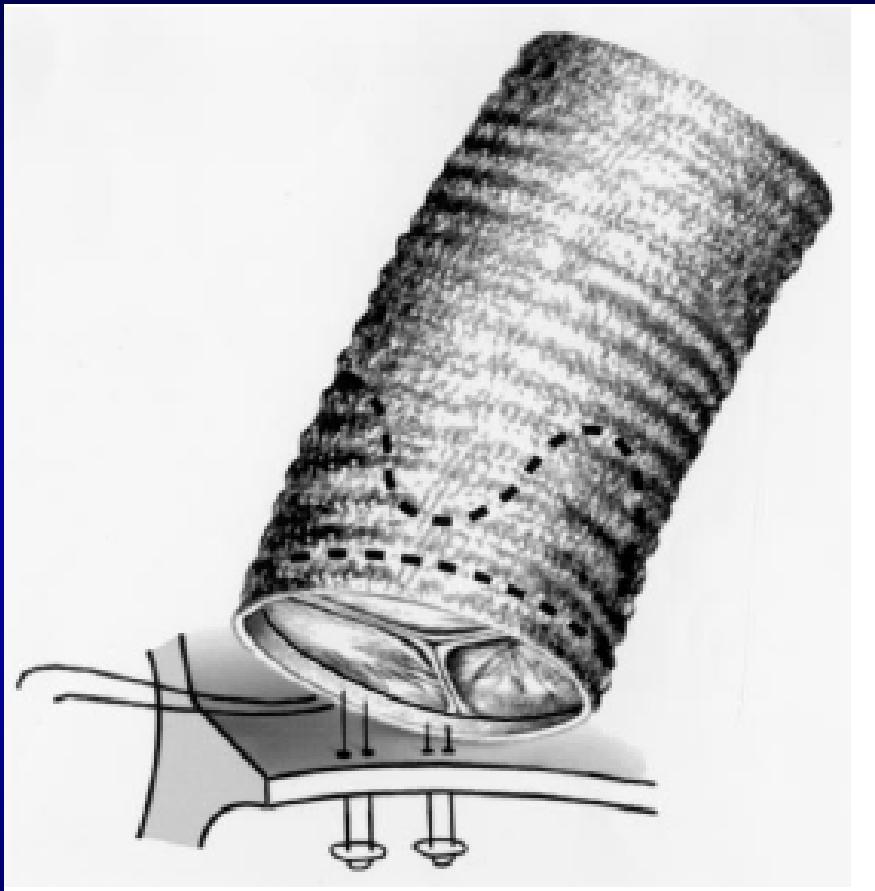
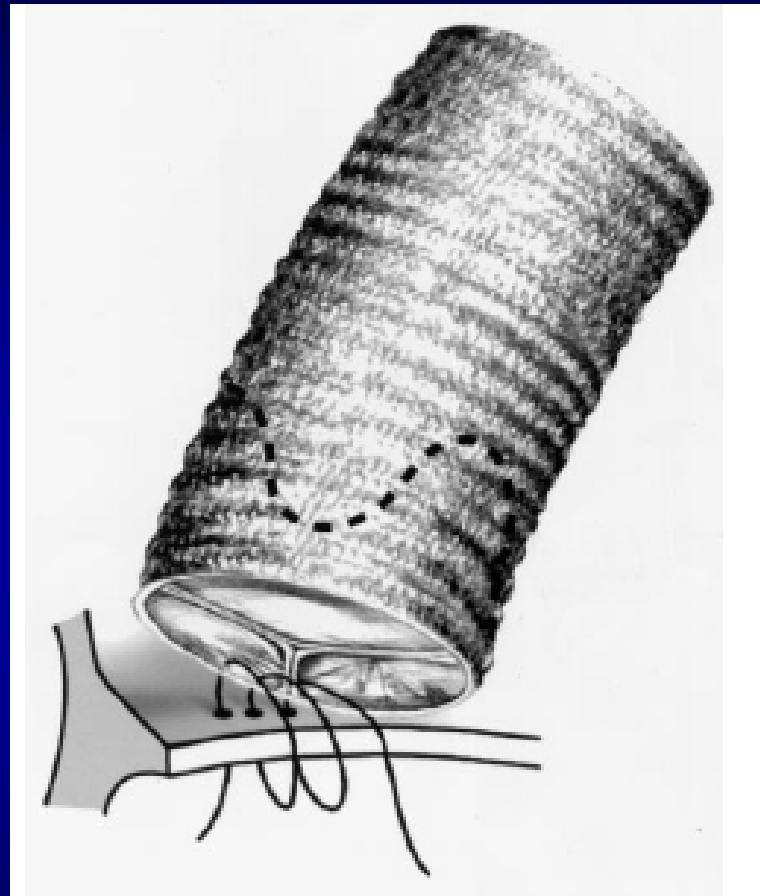


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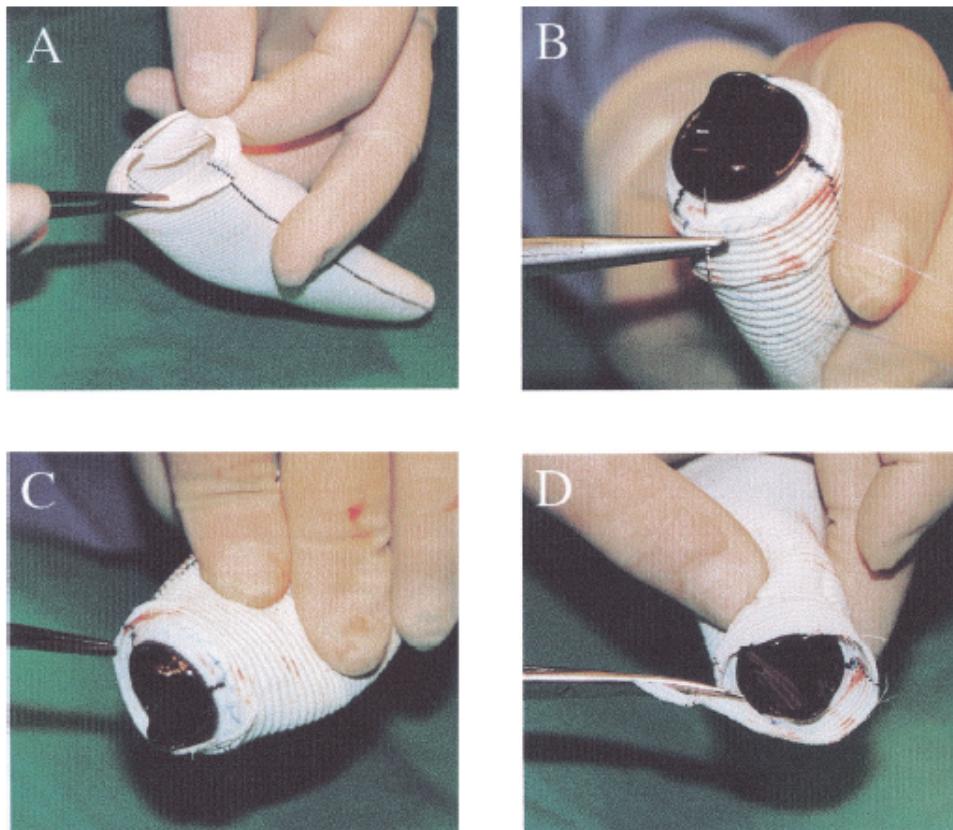
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Punti staccati (con pledges):

- endoventricolari
- soprannulari
- esterni alla aorta



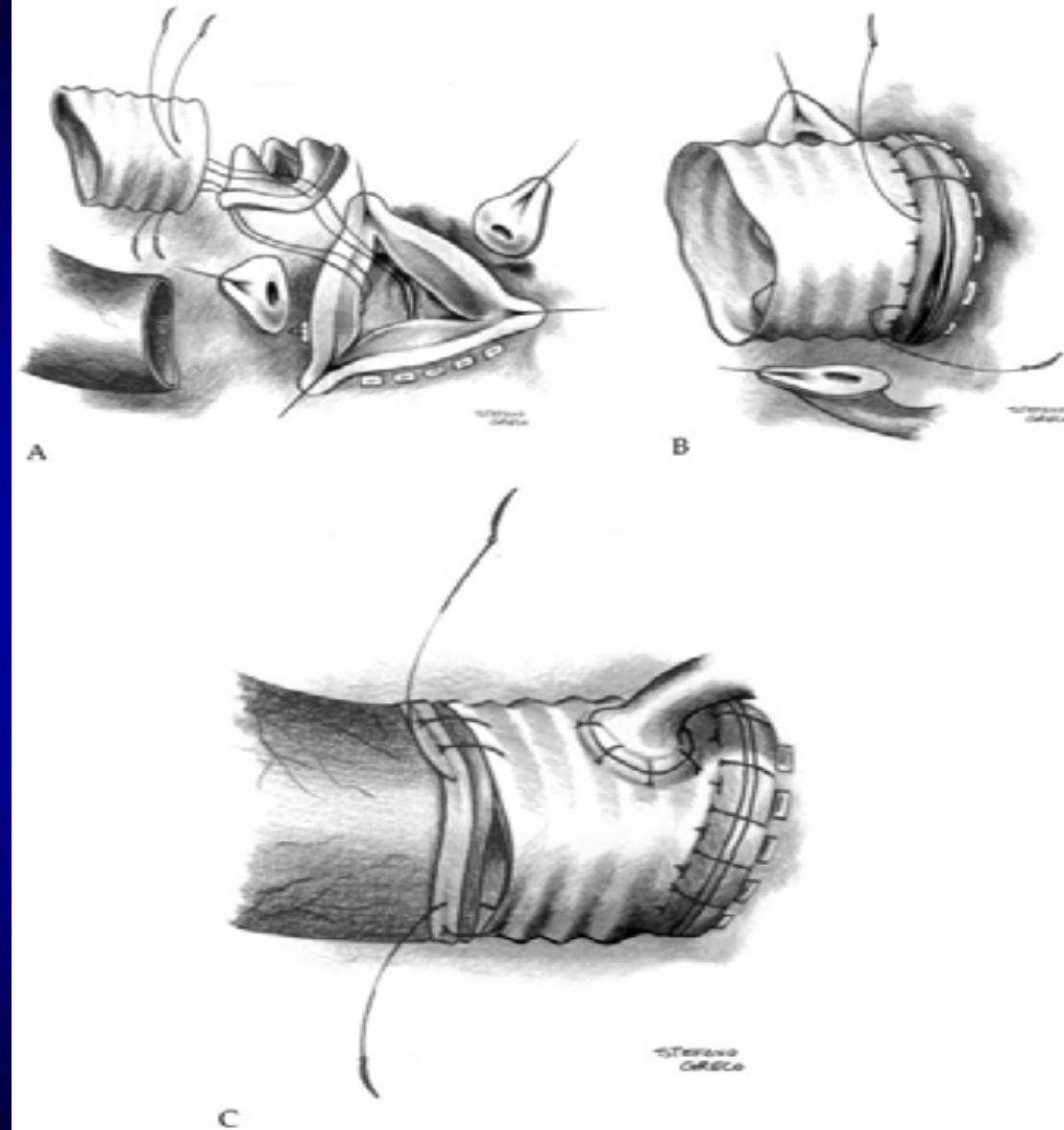
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*Fig 1. Preparation of a flanged composite graft. (A) First, a segment of the proximal end of vascular graft is everted outward to form the flange of the graft. (B) A mechanic valve is inserted into the graft and sutured to the graft with a continuous 4-0 polypropylene suture to fix the bottom border of prosthetic valve to the graft. (C) The flange of the conduit is returned to its original position. (D) The flanged composite graft is ready for aortic root replacement. The length of the flange can be adjusted accordingly depending on the procedure to be performed.*

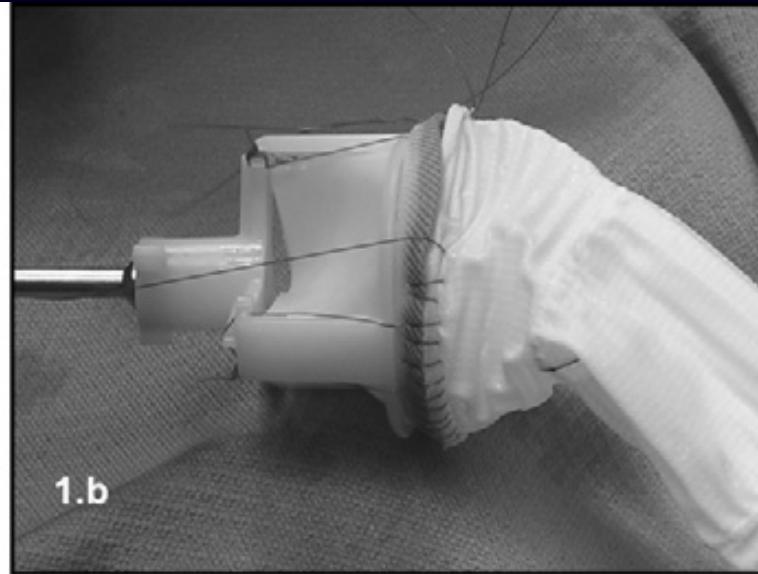
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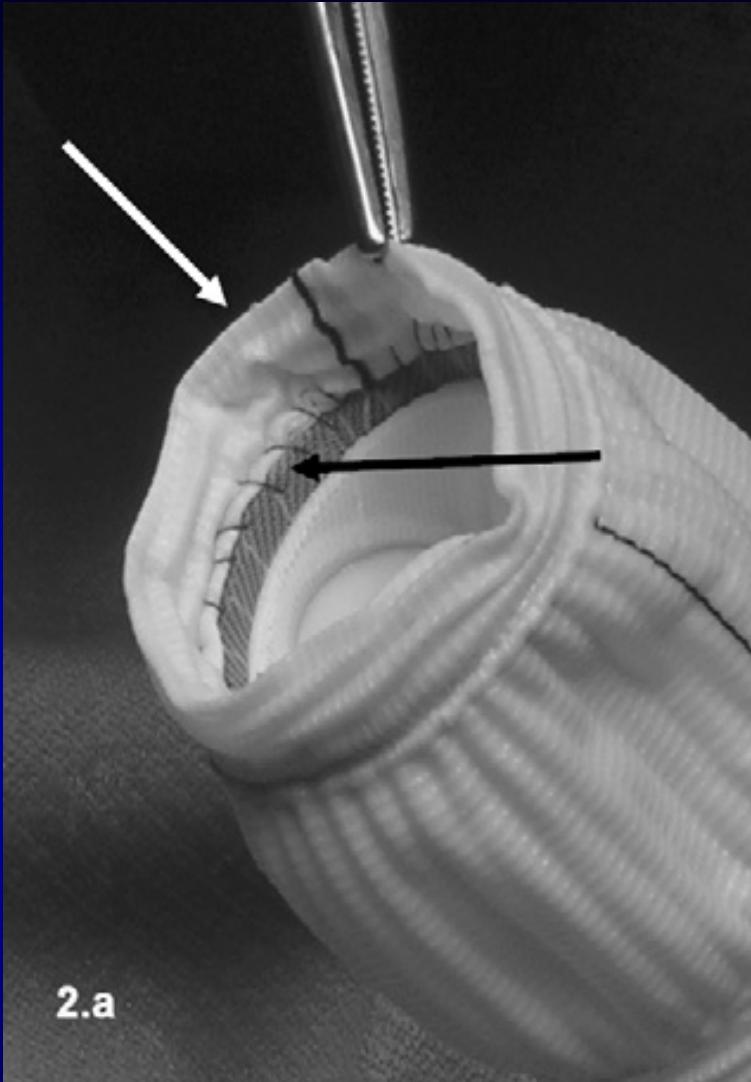


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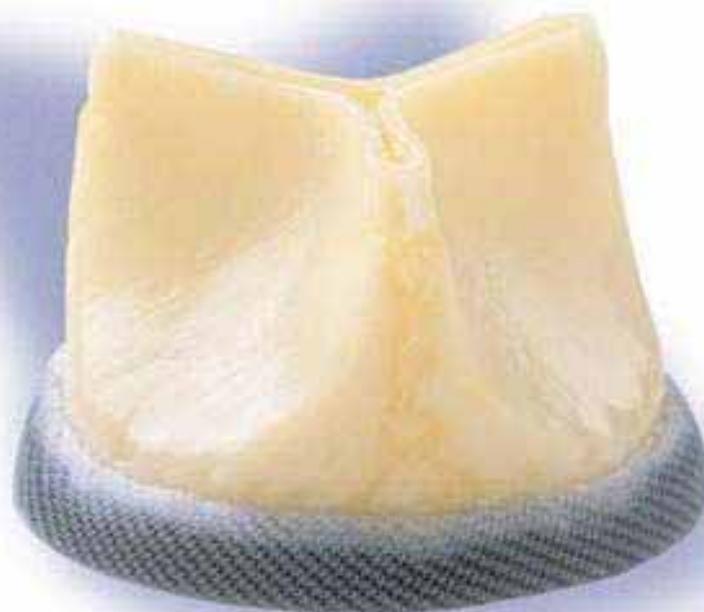
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## Pericardiche stented



Bioprotesi aortica

protesi tubulare

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Mitroflow

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3F (Stewart)

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Albertini

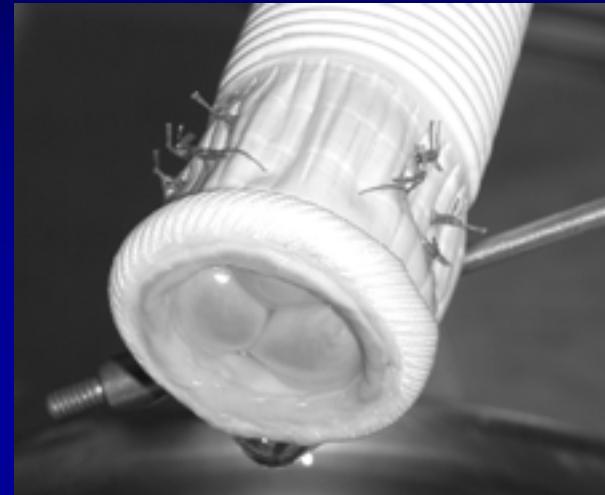
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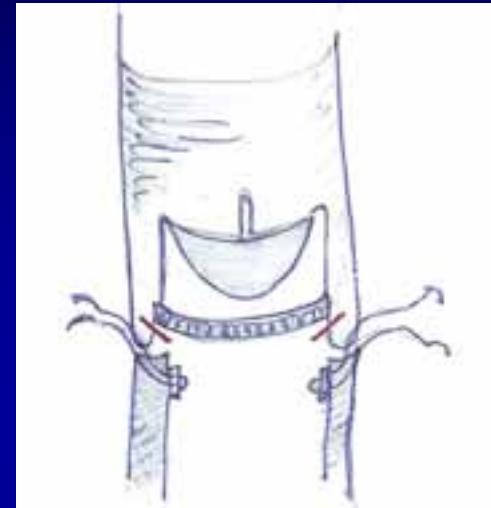
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# La degenerazione della bioprotesi

Bioprotesi  
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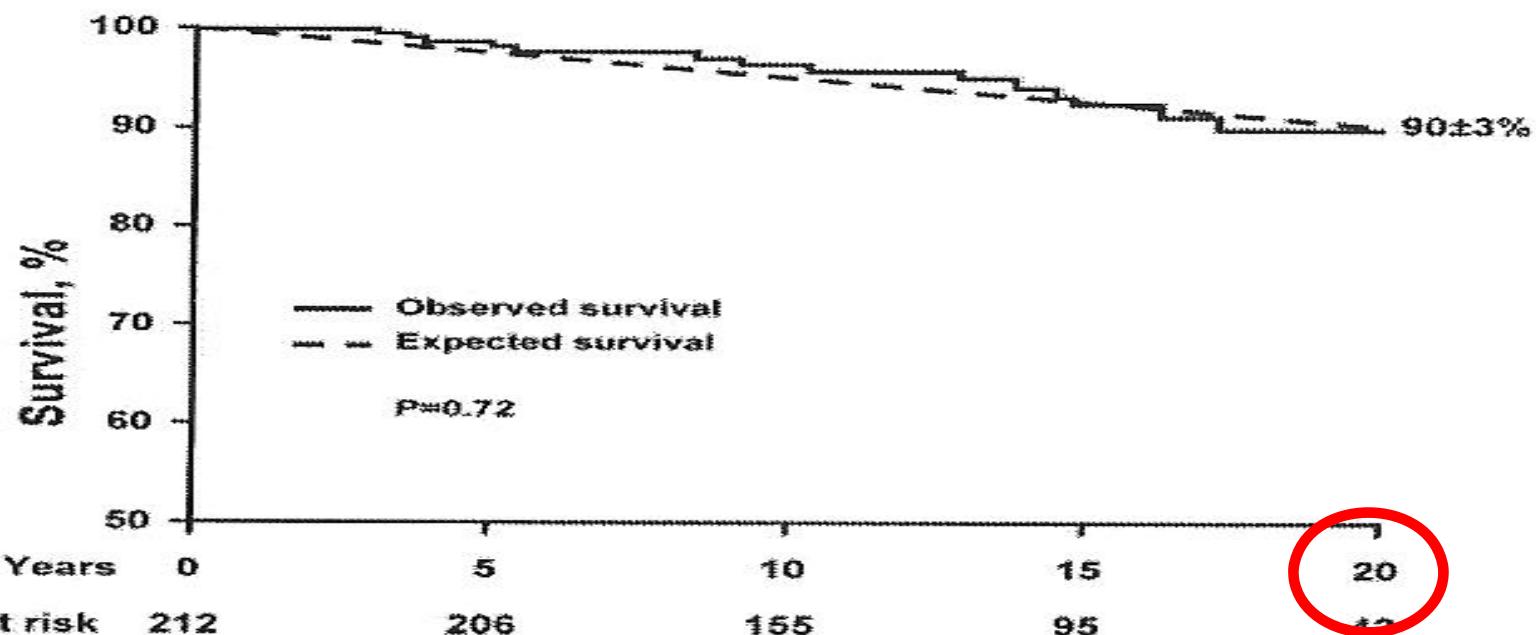
Endoprotesi valvolare

Bicuspidia aortica

# Natural History of Asymptomatic Patients With Normally Functioning or Minimally Dysfunctional Bicuspid Aortic Valve in the Community

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**Figure 2.** Survival after diagnosis of asymptomatic community members with BAV (solid line) vs expected survival in the same community (dashed line). The numbers at the bottom indicate the patients at risk for each interval. The survival ( $\pm$ SE) 20 years after diagnosis is indicated.

# Outcomes in Adults With Bicuspid Aortic Valves

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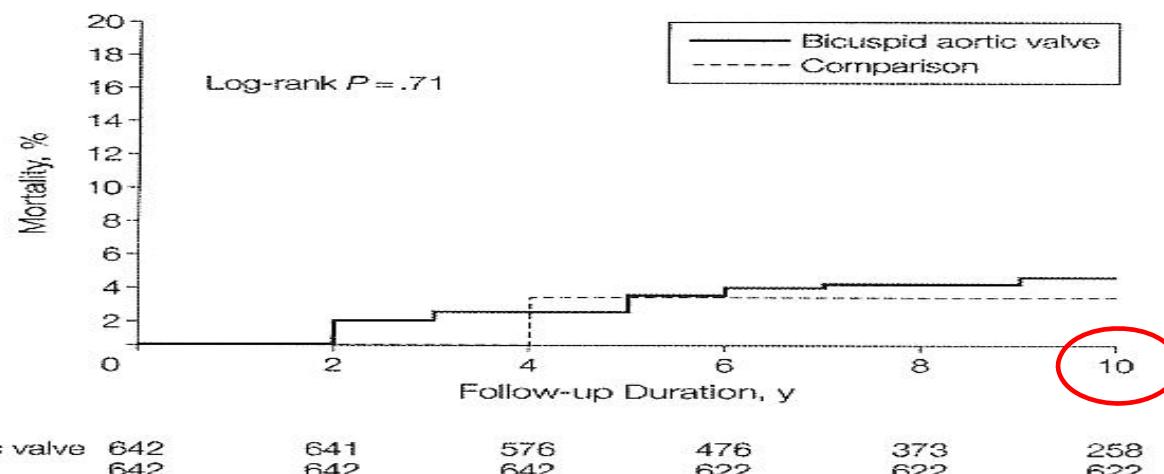
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**Context** Bicuspid aortic valve is the most common congenital cardiac anomaly in the adult population. Cardiac outcomes in a contemporary population of adults with bicuspid aortic valve have not been systematically determined.

**Objective** To determine the frequency and predictors of cardiac outcomes in a large consecutive series of adults with bicuspid aortic valve.

**Design, Setting, and Participants** Cohort study examining cardiac outcomes in 642 consecutive ambulatory adults (mean [SD] age, 35 [16] years; 68% male) with bicuspid aortic valve presenting to a Canadian congenital cardiac center from 1994 through 2001 and followed up for a mean (SD) period of 9 (5) years. Frequency and predictors of major cardiac events were determined by multivariate analysis. Mortality data in the

**Figure 2.** All-Cause Mortality of Adults With Bicuspid Aortic Valves



The all-cause mortality in bicuspid aortic valve group ( $n=642$ ) was 4% (SD, 1%). In the comparison group ( $n=642$ ), which was a sex- and age-matched population with life expectancy estimates from Ontario, the all-cause mortality was 3% (SD, 1%).

# ACC/AHA PRACTICE GUIDELINES

## ACC/AHA 2006 Guidelines for the Management of Patients With Valvular Heart Disease

### **Class I:**

**Surgery to repair the aortic root or replace the ascending aorta is indicated in patients with bicuspid aortic valves if the diameter of the aortic root or ascending aorta is greater than 5.0 cm\* or if the rate of increase in diameter is 0.5 cm per year or more.**

*(Level of Evidence: C)*

**In patients with bicuspid valves undergoing AVR because of severe AS or AR (see Sections 3.1.7 and 3.2.3.8), repair of the aortic root or replacement of the ascending aorta is indicated if the diameter of the aortic root or ascending aorta is greater than 4.5 cm.\***

*(Level of Evidence: C)*

# Endocardite

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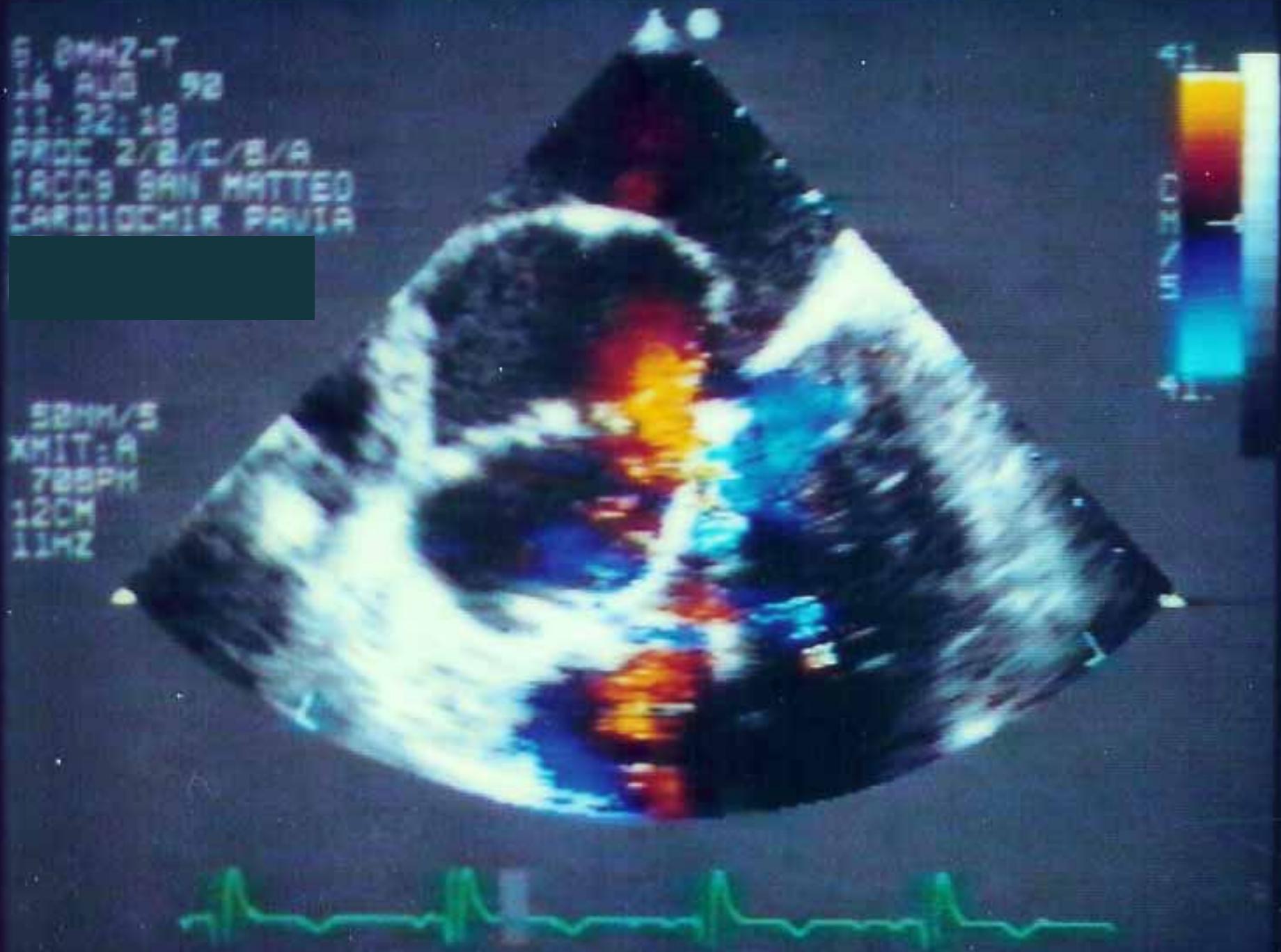
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# Bentall ed Endocardite

## Replacing the Ascending Aorta and Aortic Valve for Acute Prosthetic Valve Endocarditis: Is Using Prosthetic Material Contraindicated?

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***Conclusions.*** These results indicate that prosthetic root replacement may be superior to use of a homograft for acute aortic prosthetic valve endocarditis, with only a 4% incidence of recurrent endocarditis and reoperation.

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# Bentall e Valsalva

- riduzione dello stress di chiusura dei lembi
- riduzione del rischio di contatto sistolico dei lembi con la protesi :
  - maggior durata dei lembi
- riduzione della tensione della anastomosi del bottone :
  - minor sanguinamento intraoperatorio
  - meno pseudoaneurismi postoperatori

# Bentall e Valsalva

Vantaggi in protesi meccaniche ?

- Emodinamici ?
- Durata ?

Perché Valsalva ?

- più facile l'anastomosi dei bottoni
- più facile verificare la linea di sutura

# Bentall: considerazioni conclusive

L'intervento di Bentall, nelle sue varie presentazioni, conserva ancora a distanza di oltre 40 anni la sua validità. Offre :

- risultati stabili nel tempo
- mortalità e morbilità contenute
- tecnica standardizzata anche nelle varianti proposte
- compatibile con soluzione meccaniche e biologiche
- utilizzabile anche nelle endocarditi



