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*Il “frozen elephant trunk”:
una soluzione percorribile,
rischio/beneficio*

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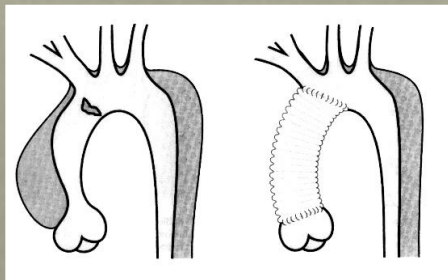


Surgical repair

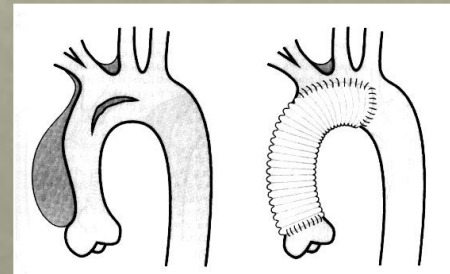
Main Goal

Save the life of the patient

- To replace the ruptured aortic segment
- To restore the blood flow in the true lumen

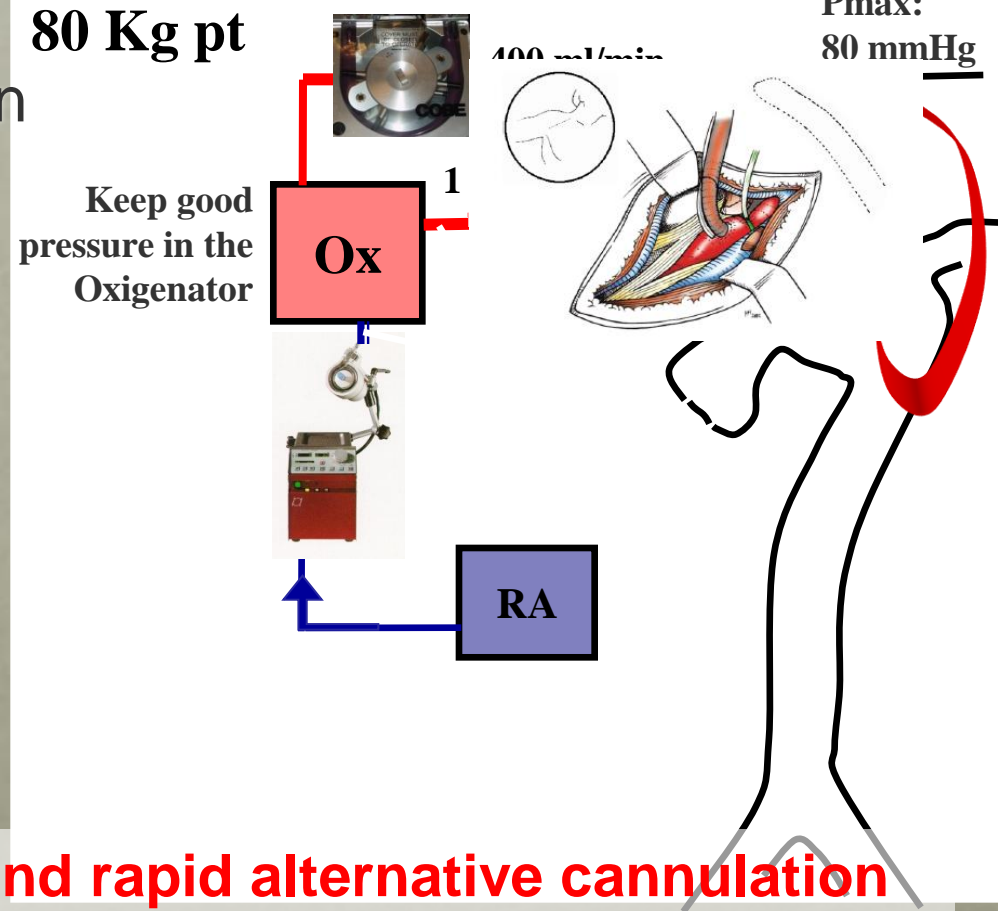


The basic principles involved replacement of the ascending aorta and resection of the primary intimal tear, with the construction of an open distal anastomosis



How to treat acute aortic dissection

- Antegrade systemic perfusion
 - Right Axillary artery
 - Innominate artery
 - Ascending aorta
- Antegrade selective cerebral perfusion
 - Moderate hypothermia



Femoral artery is still a valid and rapid alternative cannulation site



Primary entry tear resection

The fate of the distal aorta after repair of acute type A aortic dissection

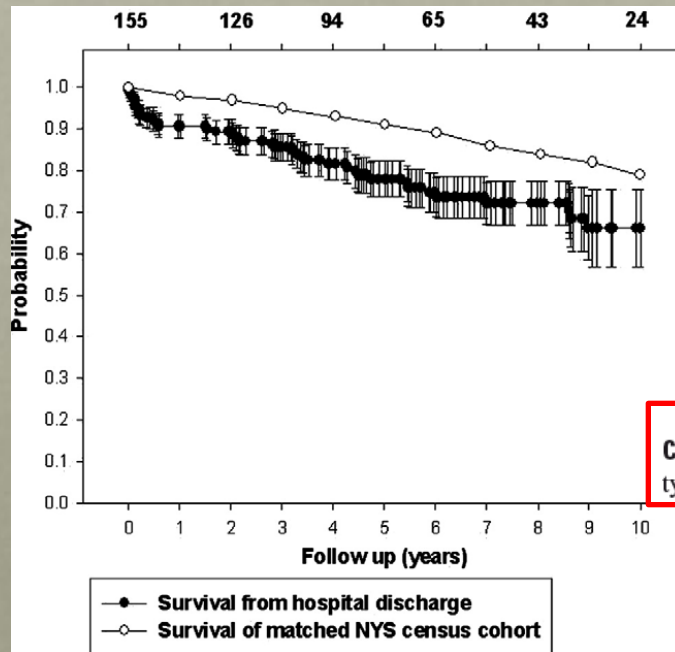
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Objectives: The residual aorta's behavior after repair of acute type A dissection is incompletely understood. We analyzed segmental growth rates, distal reoperation, and factors influencing long-term survival.

Methods: One hundred seventy-nine consecutive patients (70% male; mean age, 60 years) with acute type A dissection underwent aggressive resection of the intimal tear and open distal anastomosis (1986-2003). Hospital mortality was 13.4%. Survivors had serial computed tomographic scans: digitization yielded distal segmental dimensions. Segment-specific average rates of enlargement and factors influencing faster growth were analyzed. Distal reoperations and patient survival were examined.

Results: Eighty-nine (57%) patients had imaging data sufficient for growth rate calculations. The median diameters after repair were as follows: aortic arch, 3.6 cm; descending aorta, 3.7 cm; and abdominal aorta, 3.2 cm. Subsequent growth rates were 0.8, 1.0, and 0.8 mm/y, respectively. Initial size of greater than 4 cm ($P = .005$) and initial diameter of less than 4 cm with a patent false lumen ($P = .004$) predicted greater growth in the descending aorta, and male sex ($P = .05$) significantly affected growth in the abdominal aorta. No significant factors were found for the aortic arch. There were 25 distal aortic reoperations (16 patients), and risk of survival after repair of the aortic arch, anatomical deficit at the site of the false lumen of the descending aorta ($P = .03$), and a patent distal false lumen postoperatively ($P = .06$) but not distal reoperation.

Conclusions: Growth of the distal aorta after repair of acute type A dissection is typically slow and linear. Distal reoperation is uncommon, and late risk of death is approximately twice that of a healthy population.



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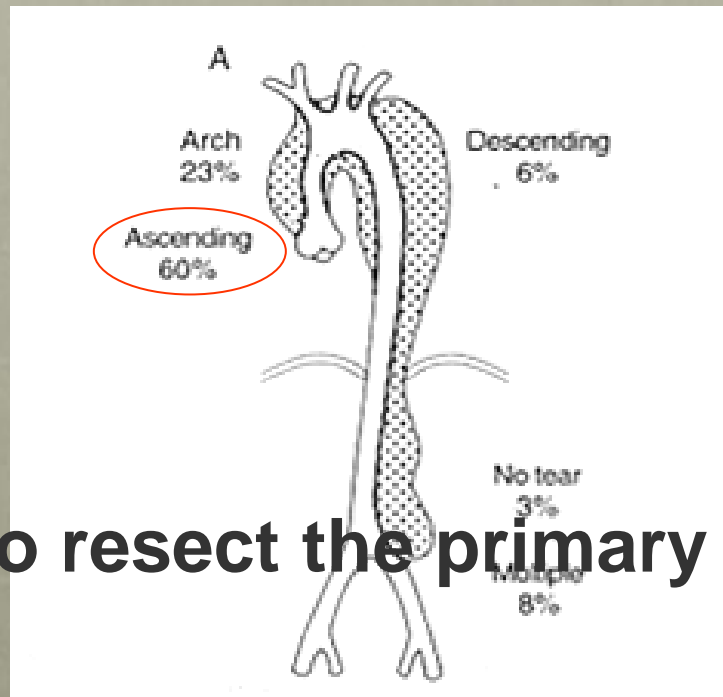


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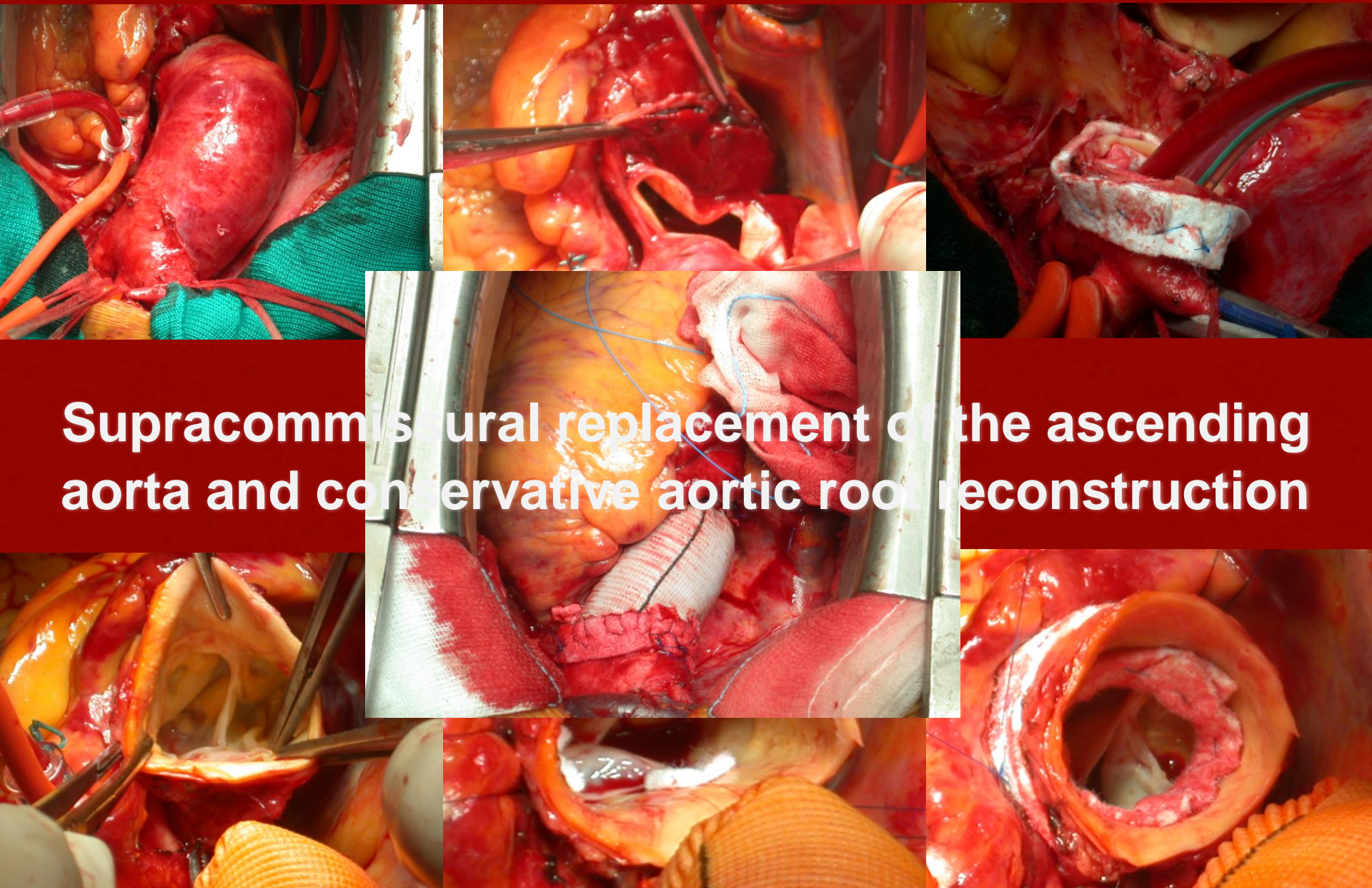
Surgical repair

Localization of the intimal tear



We have to resect the primary entry tear

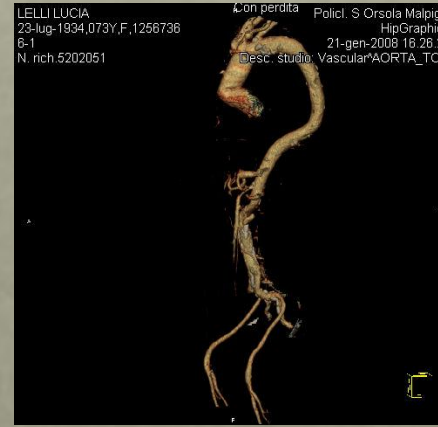
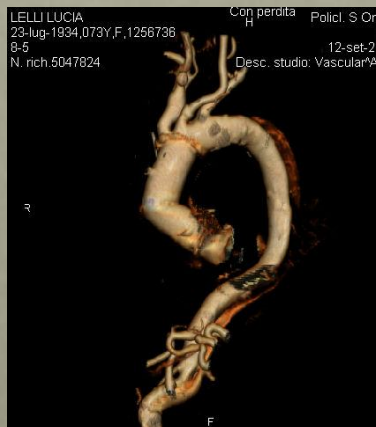
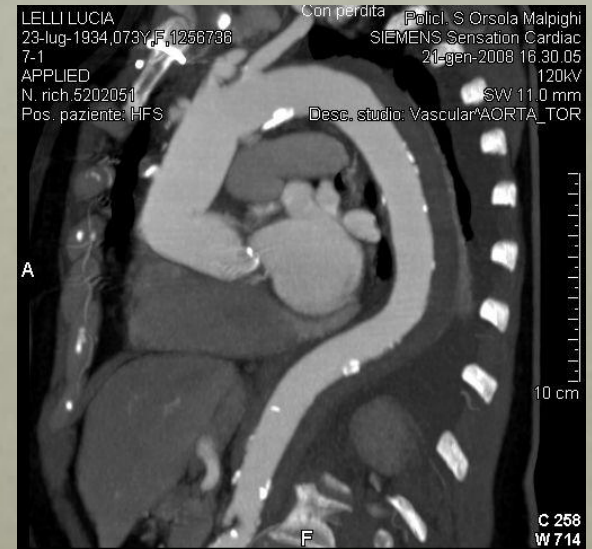




Supracommisural replacement of the ascending aorta and conservative aortic root reconstruction



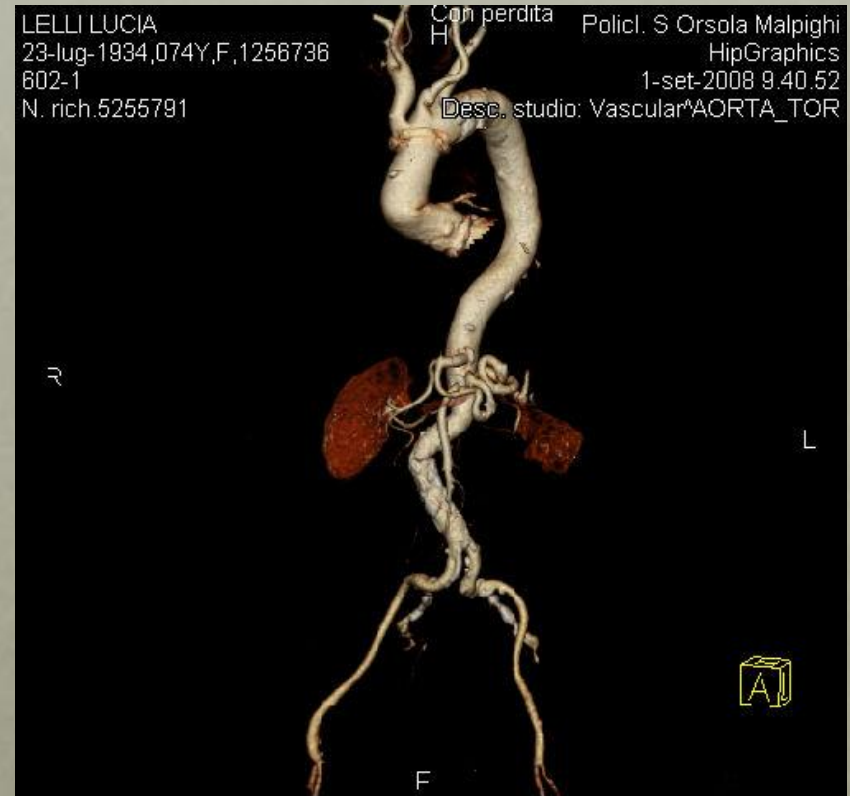
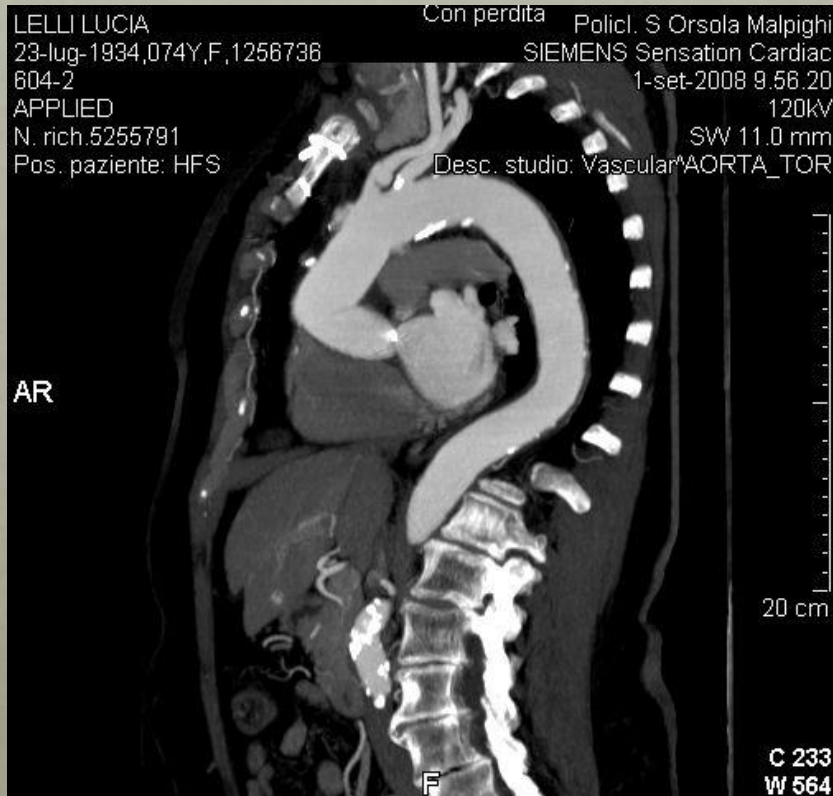
Hemiarch replacement



September 2007

January 2008

Hemiarch replacement



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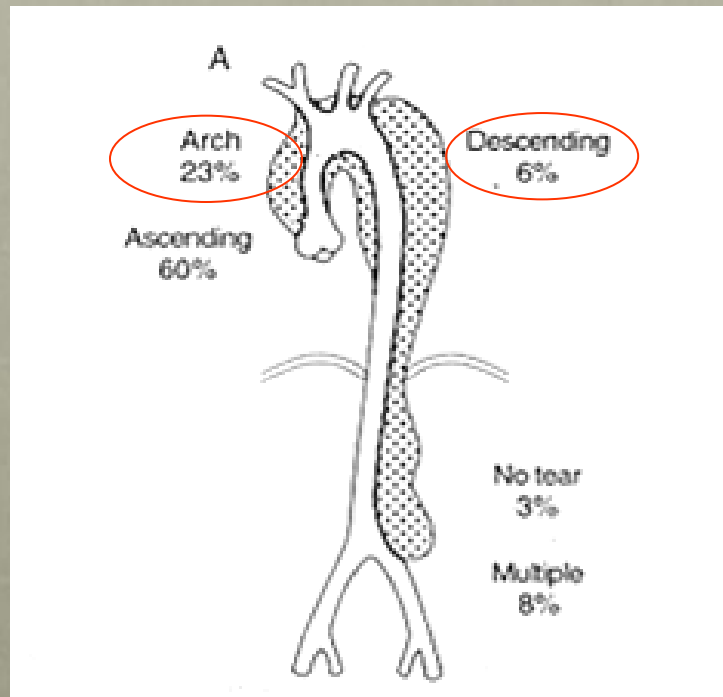


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What should we do with the arch?

Localization of the intimal tear



Indication for any kind of surgery

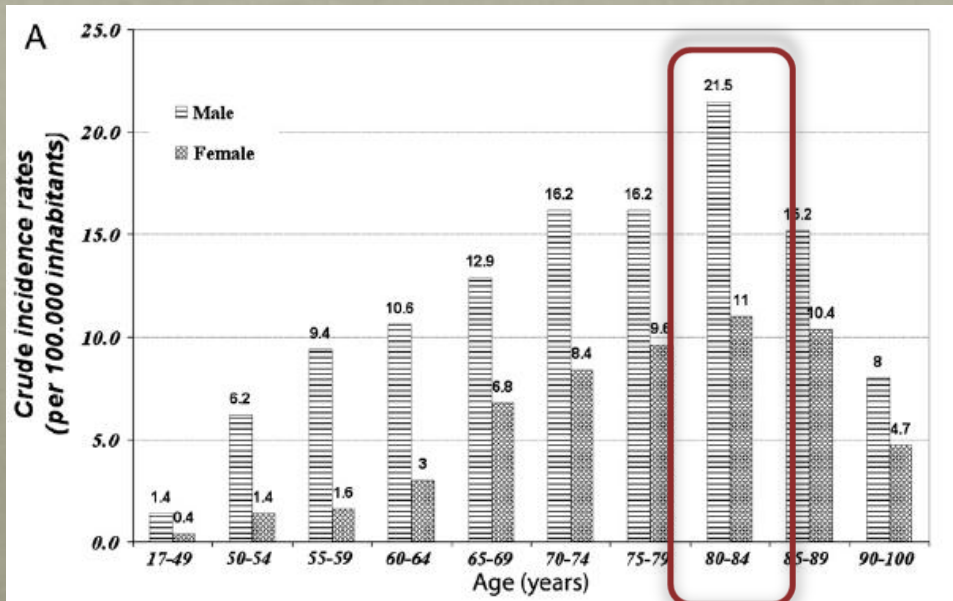


Acute aortic dissection: Epidemiology and outcomes

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January 2000–December 2008

1499 Emilia-Romagna residents were hospitalized for AD

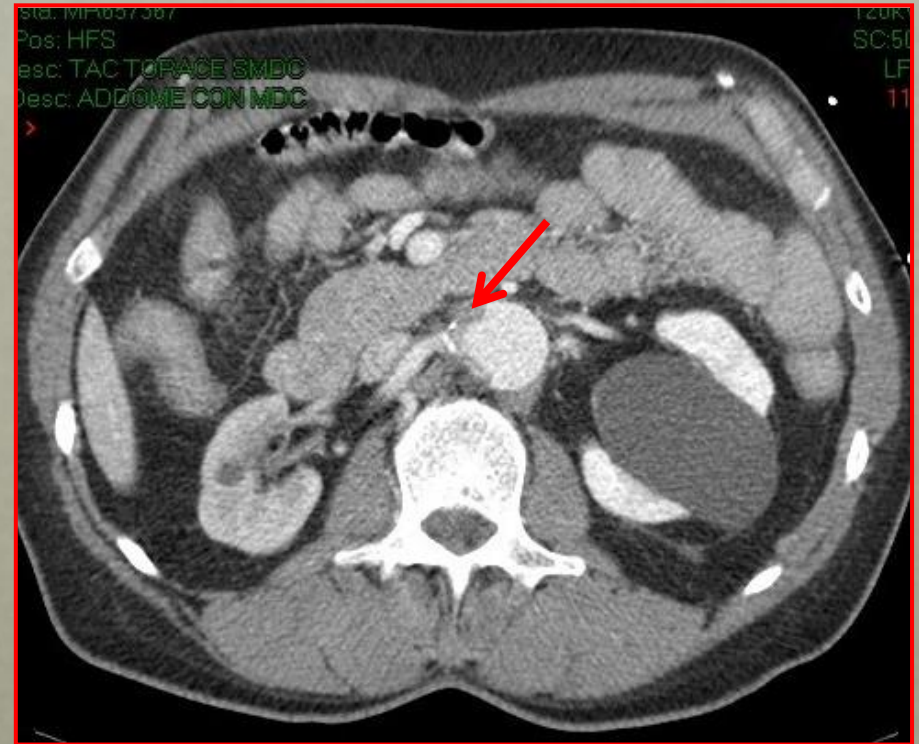
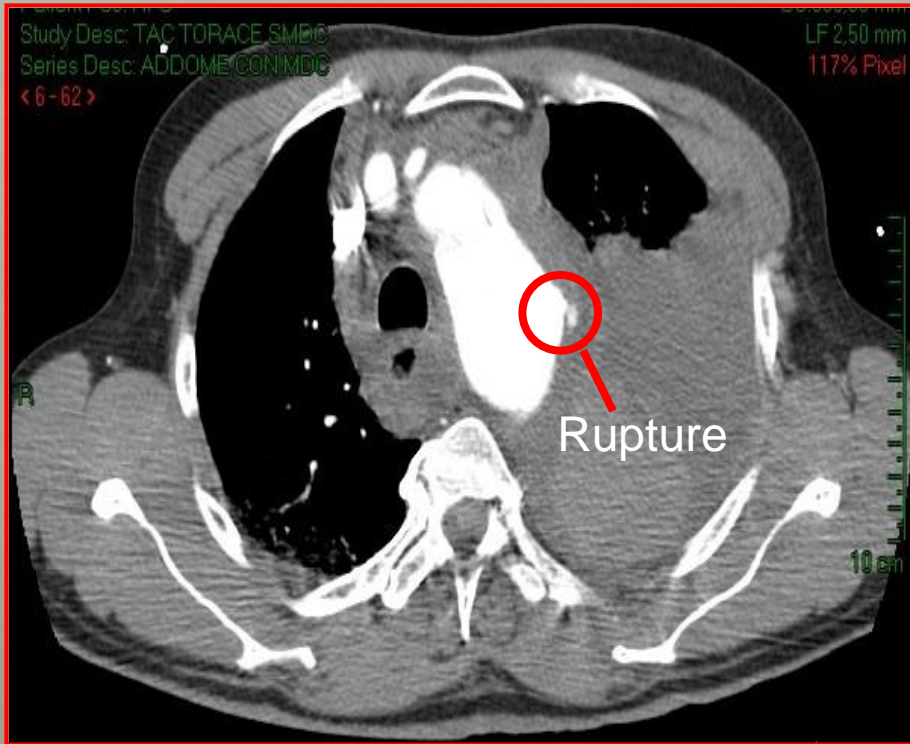


Mean age: 67.6±13.5 years
(range 17–100 years)

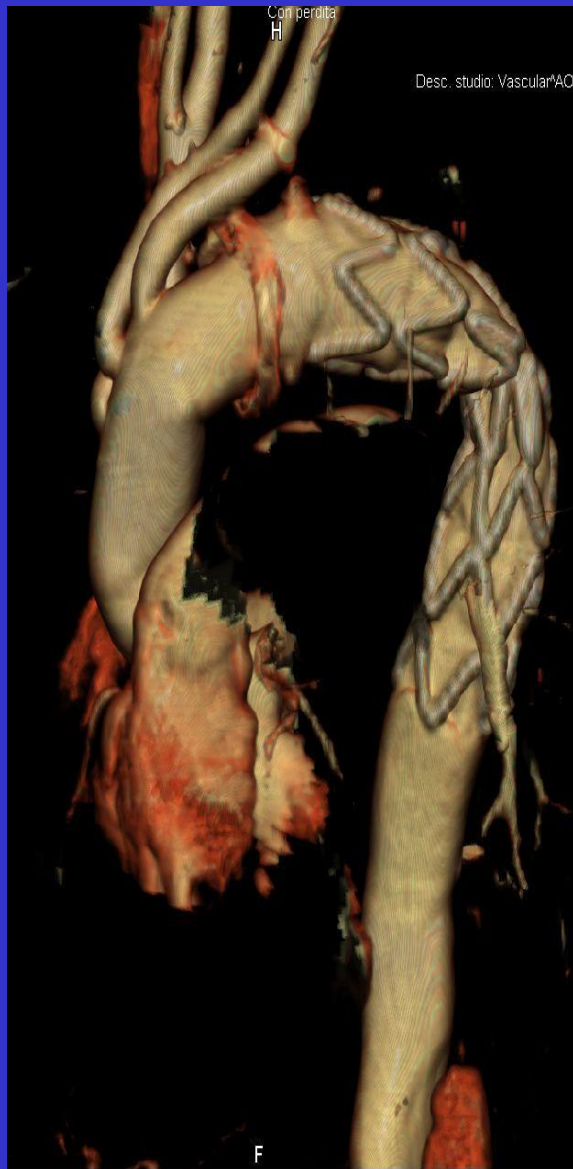
296 (19.8%) ≥80 years
22 (1.5%) ≥90 years



Mandatory arch replacement

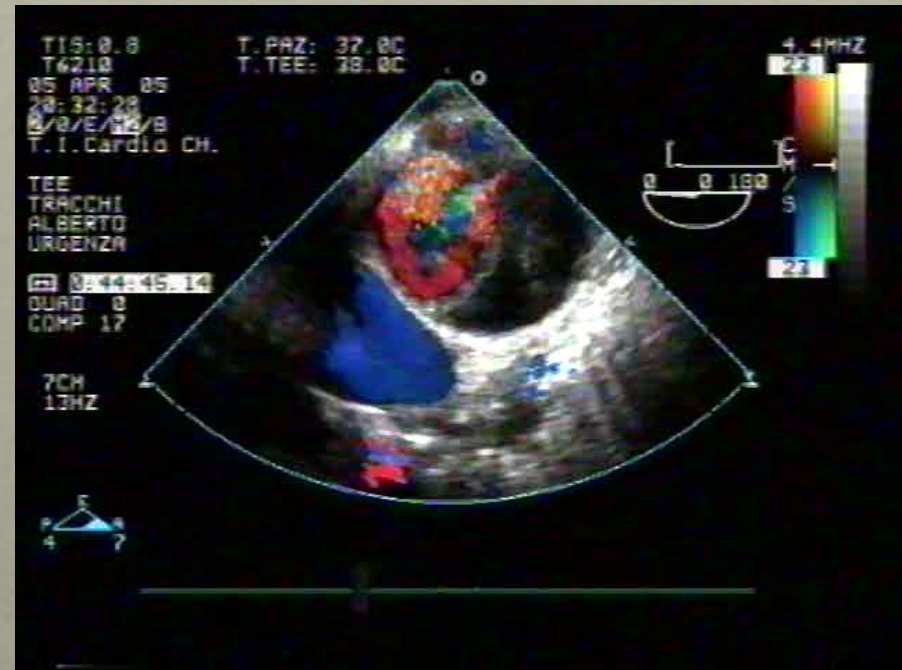
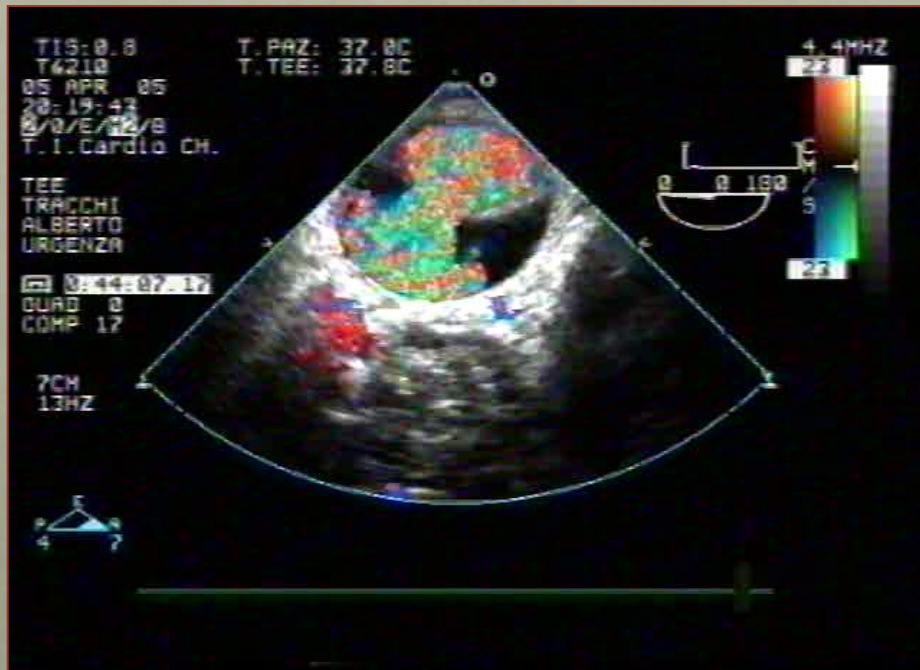


POSTOPERATIVE ANGIO CT SCAN

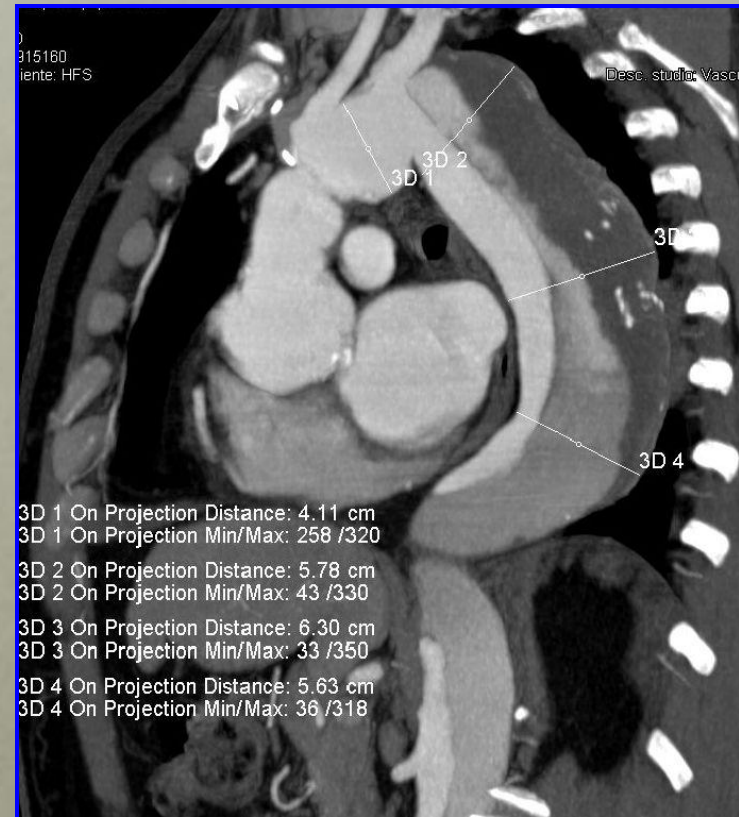
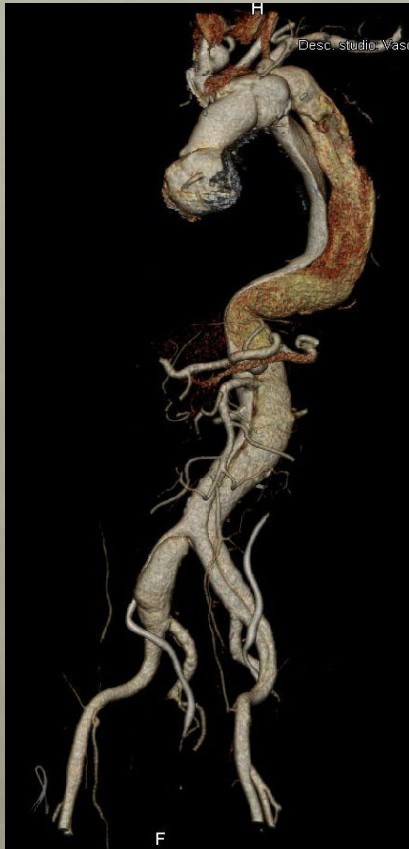


No resection of the Primary entry tear

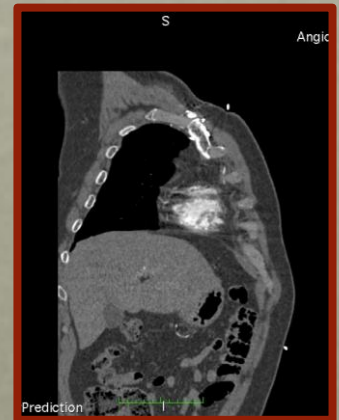
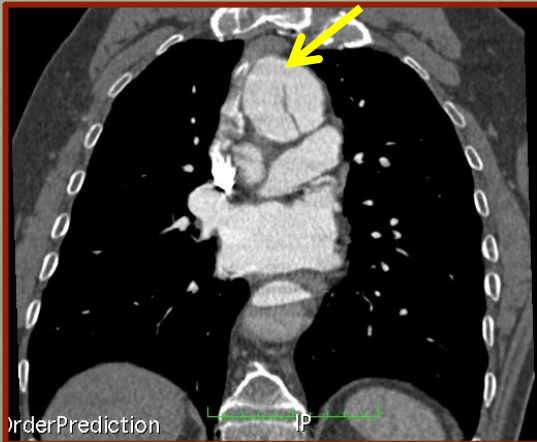
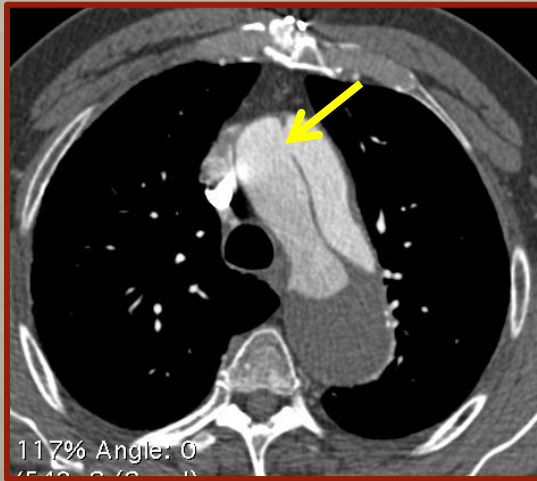
Perfusion of the aortic lumens



No resection of the Primary entry tear



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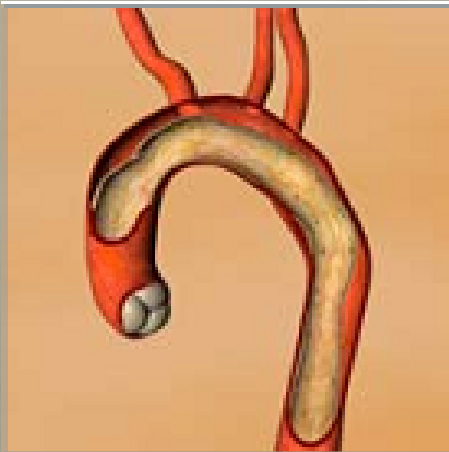


How to treat the arch?



Jotec Evita Open plus hybrid prosthesis

The Frozen elephant trunk technique (FET)

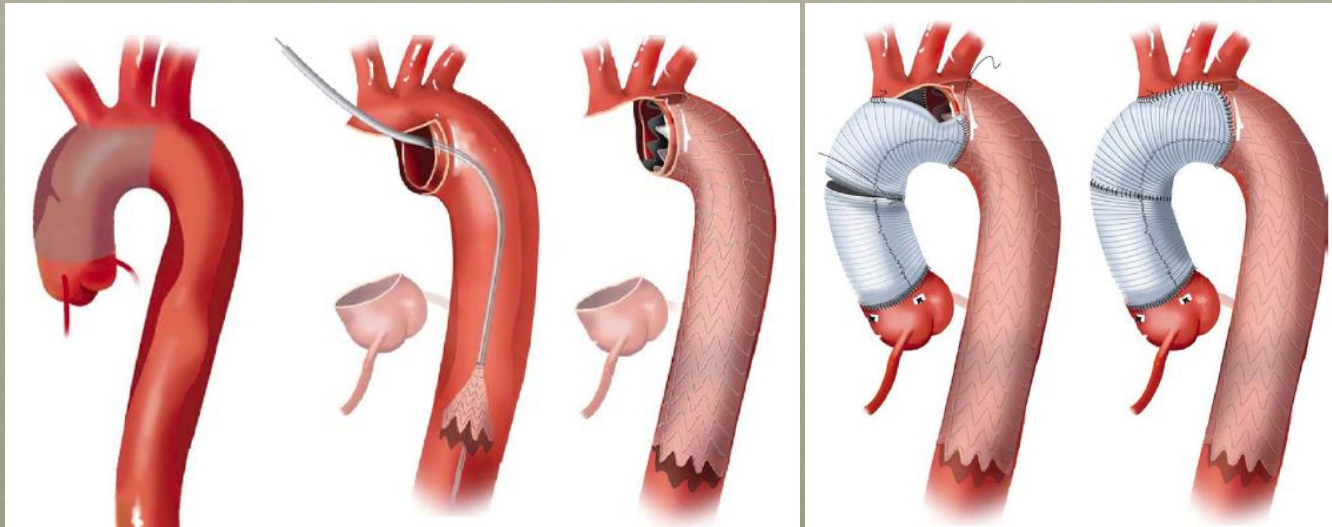


How to treat the arch?

Hybrid approach:

The Frozen elephant trunk technique

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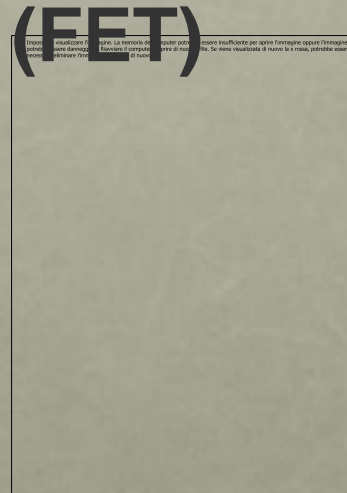


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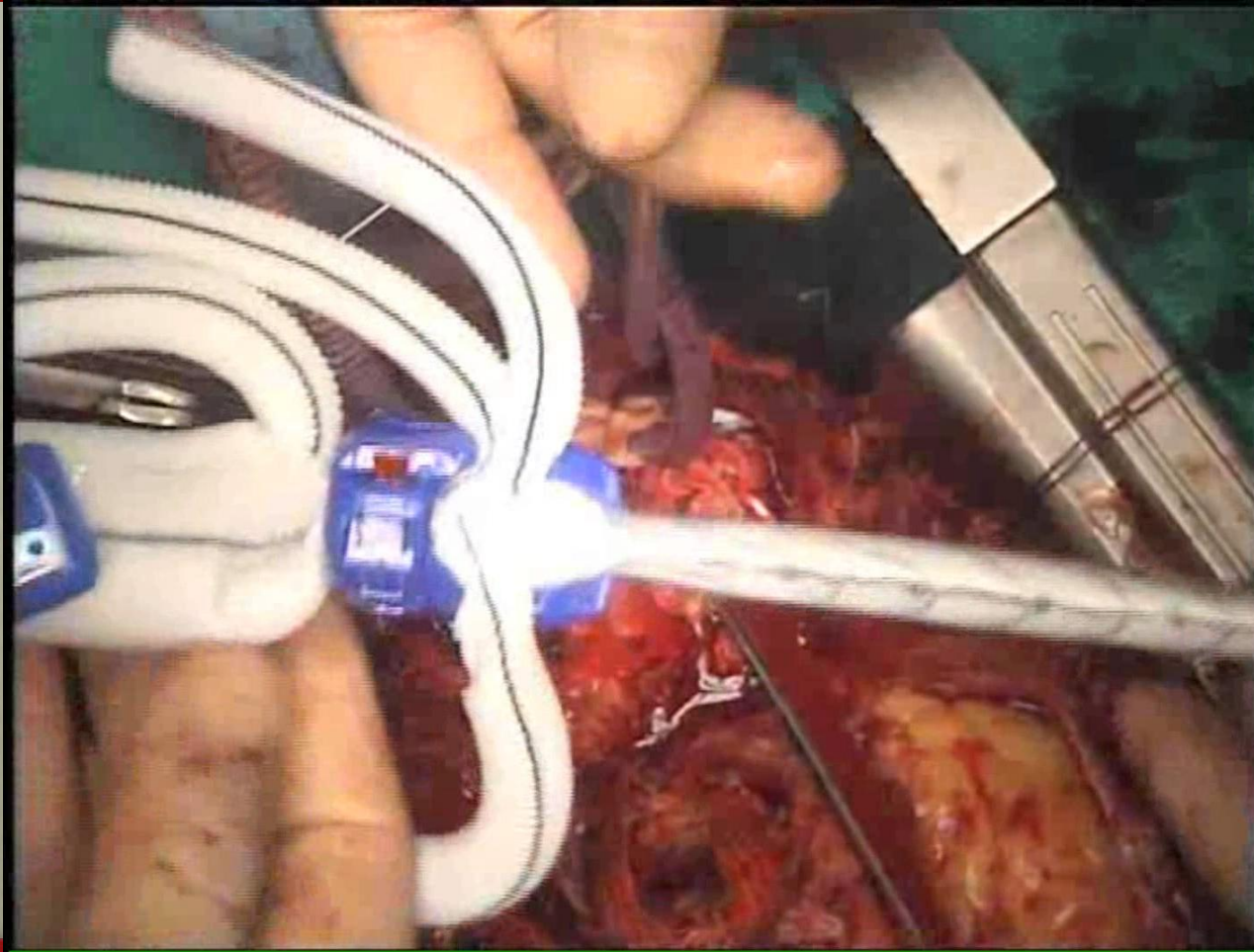


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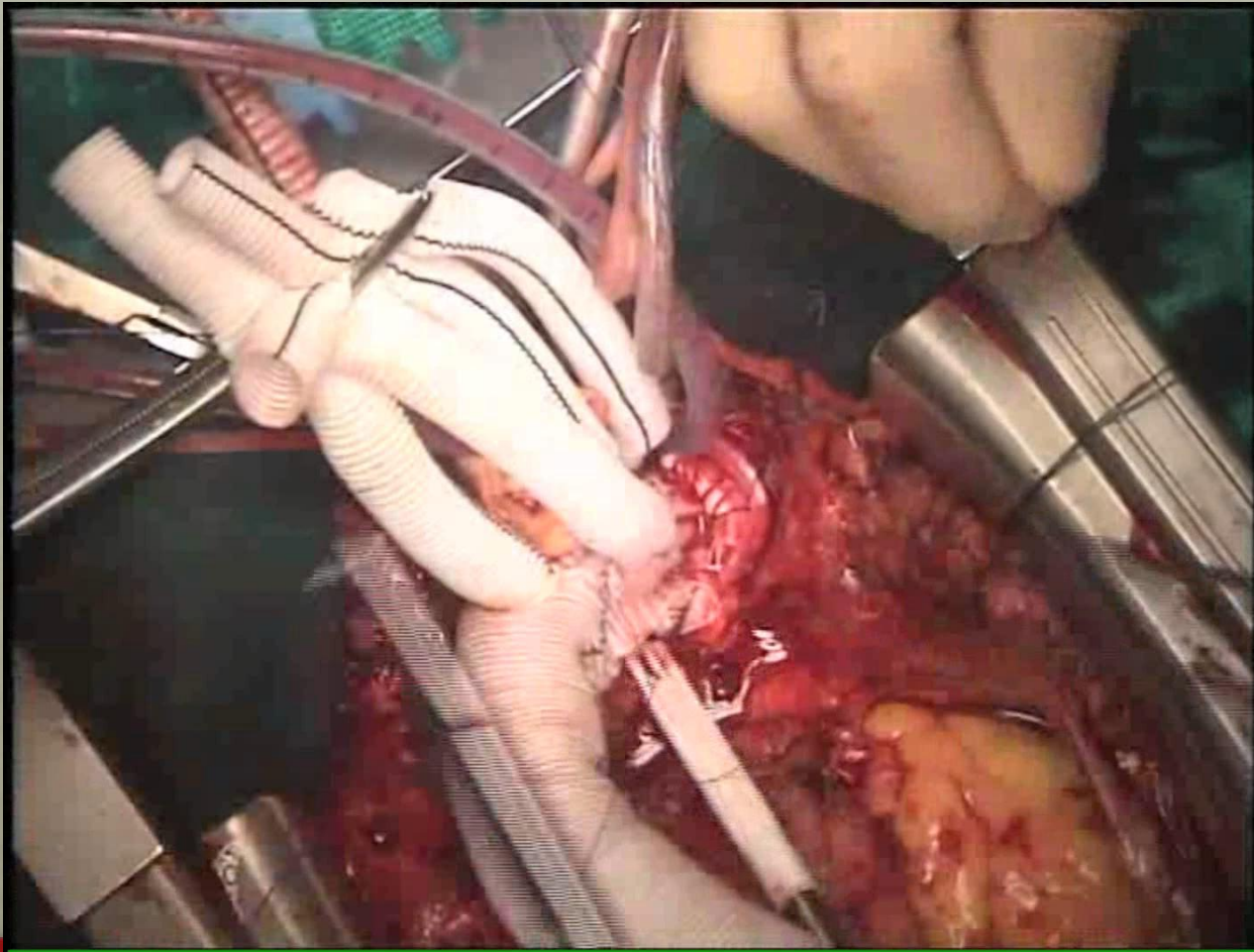
The Frozen elephant trunk technique



The frozen elephant trunk

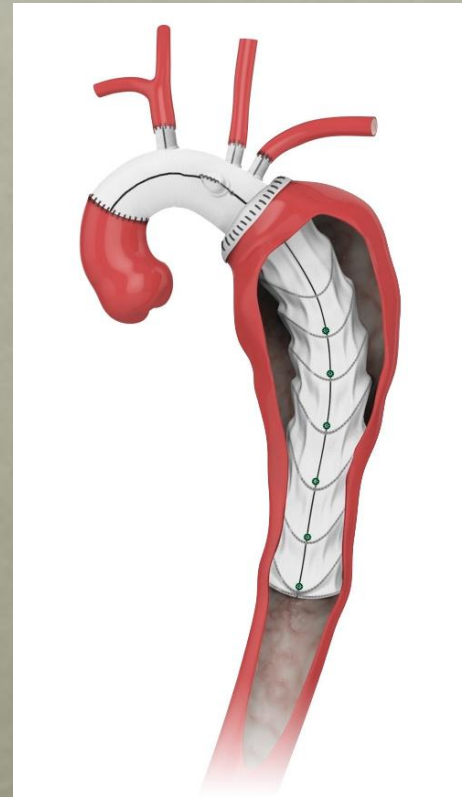
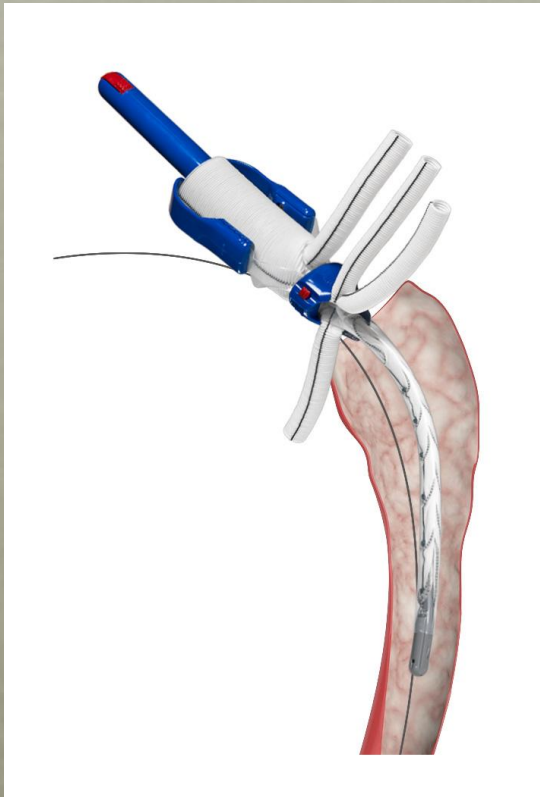


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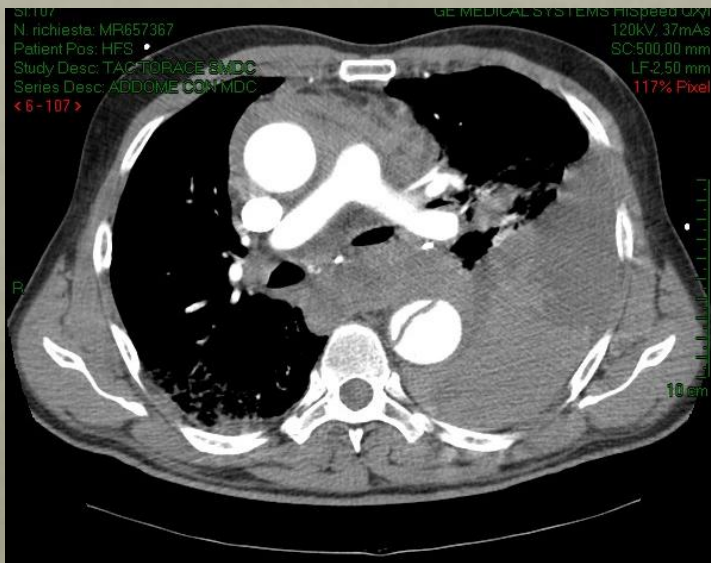
Why The frozen elephant trunk?

1. Improvement of distal anastomosis hemostasis

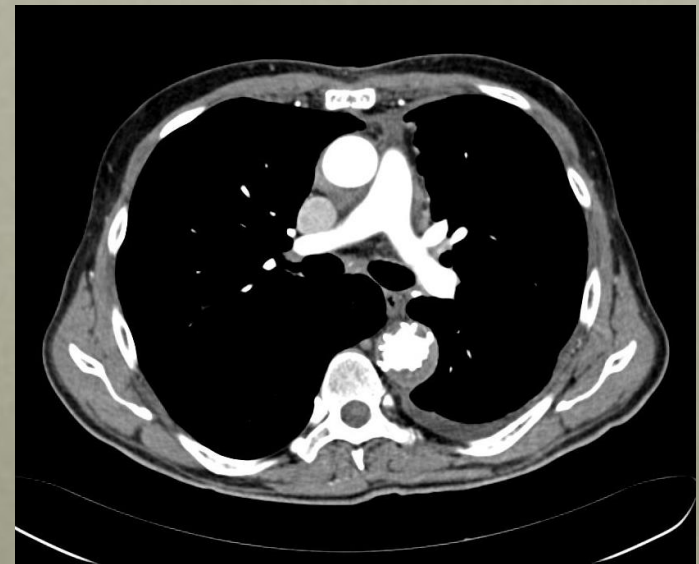


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Preoperative

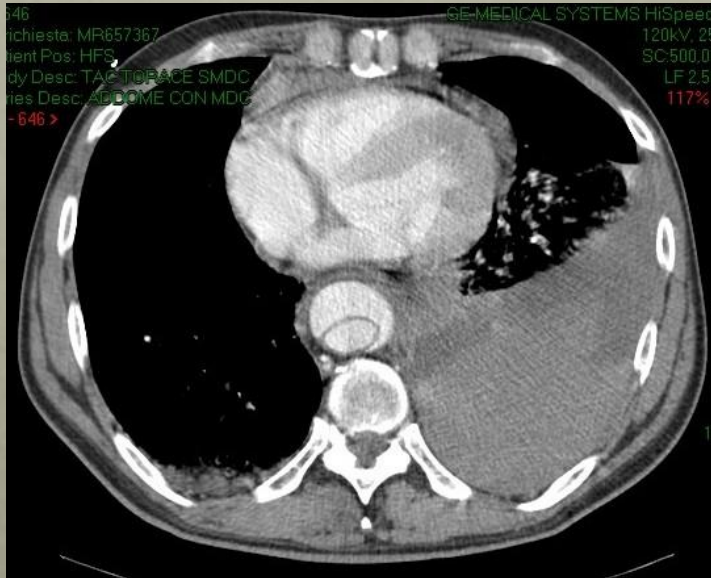


3 months after surgery

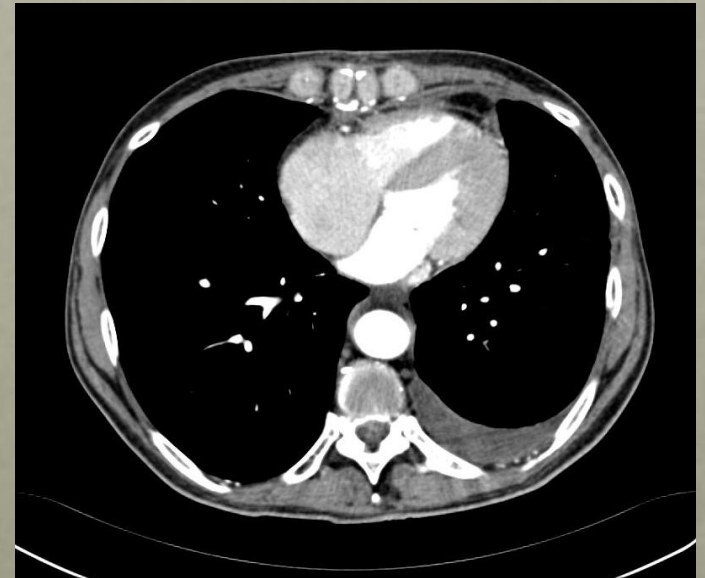


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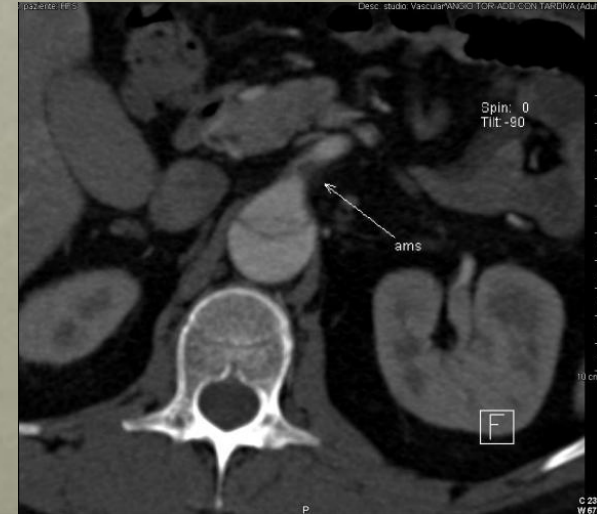


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Why The frozen elephant trunk?

1. Improvement of distal anastomosis hemostasis
2. Stabilization of the descending aorta
3. Re-expansion of the true lumen
4. Resolution of dynamic branch occlusion



Acute type A aortic dissection: significance of multiorgan malperfusion

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Overall in-hospital mortality: 105/502 pts
(21%)

| | MPS | No MPS | P value |
|--------------------|--------|--------|---------|
| Hospital mortality | 43.7 % | 13 % | <0.001 |

Multivariate analysis

| | OR | CI | P value |
|-----------------------|-----|----------|---------|
| Visceral malperfusion | 9.5 | 2.4-37.4 | 0.0012 |
| Coronary malperfusion | 3.7 | 1.7-8.0 | <0.0001 |
| Shock | 2.1 | 1.2-3.5 | 0.007 |



Multicenter early experience with extended aortic repair in acute aortic dissection: Is simultaneous descending stent grafting justified?

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January 2005 – January 2010

Results

- 158 pts with Aortic Dissection
 - **68 pts acute dissection**
- In-hospital mortality: 13%
- Thoracic false lumen thrombosis 94%

Institutions

- Essen, Germany
- Bologna, Italy
- Wien/Hietzing, Austria
- Prague, Czech Republic
- Barcelona, Spain

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Why The frozen elephant trunk?

Operative Strategy for Acute Type A Aortic Dissection: Ascending Aortic or Hemiarch Versus Total Arch Replacement With Frozen Elephant Trunk

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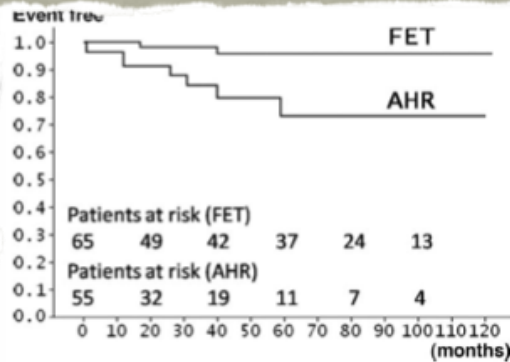


Fig 4. The aortic event rate of events affecting the thoracic aorta over 5 years showed a significant difference between the frozen elephant trunk (FET) and the ascending aortic or hemiarch replacement (AHR) groups (95.7% versus 73.0%, $p = 0.01$).

Background. This report compares long-term results with total arch replacement with frozen elephant trunk (FET) to ascending aortic or hemiarch replacement (AHR) or acute type A aortic dissection.

Methods. The subjects were 120 consecutive patients with acute type A aortic dissection from 1997 to 2007. The results after surgery were retrospectively compared between the FET and ARH groups.

Results. Three patients in the FET group died, and 2 patients in the AHR group died. In long-term follow-up (mean, 67 months), the survival rate after 5 years was 95.3% for the FET group and 69.0% for the AHR group

($p = 0.03$). The event rate for the thoracic aorta after 5 years showed a significant difference between the FET and AHR groups (95.7% versus 73.0%, $p = 0.01$). A false lumen that was patent in 16 patients in the FET group was thrombosed in 10 patients in the AHR group.

Conclusions. In patients with acute type A aortic dissection, it is possible to perform extensive primary repair using the FET technique with relative safety. FET may reduce the necessity for further operations to manage a residual false lumen.

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CONCLUSIONS

- Ascending aortic replacement and hemiarch remains the treatment of choice in the majority of the patients.
- Aortic arch replacement is necessary when the primary intimal tear is located into the arch or if the arch is aneurysmatic or ruptured in order to improve early and late results in term of survival and need of



CONCLUSIONS

- The frozen elephant trunk technique represents a feasible and promising option allowing arch repair and descending aorta stabilization.
- The frozen elephant trunk can reduce the need of further distal aortic repair.



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