

RUOLO DELLA DELLA CMR NELLA GESTIONE DEI PAZIENTI CON VALVULOPATIE ... QUALE RUOLO NELLA TAVI ?

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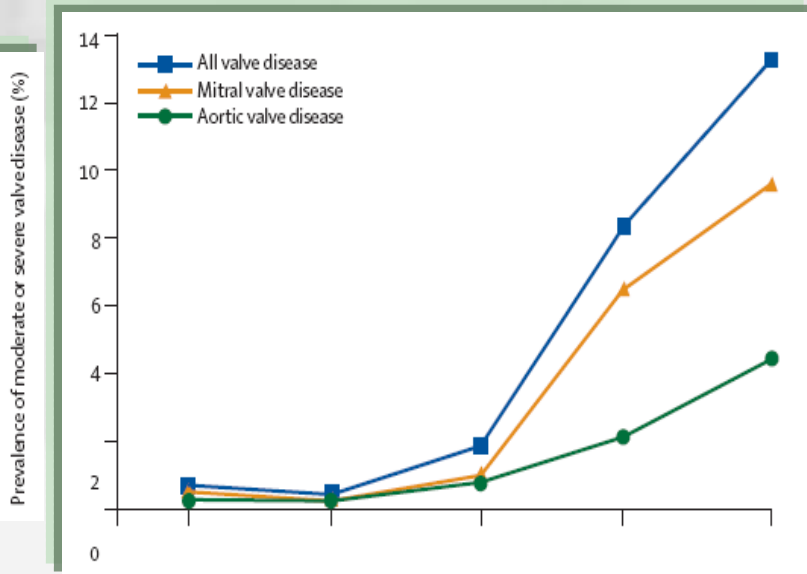
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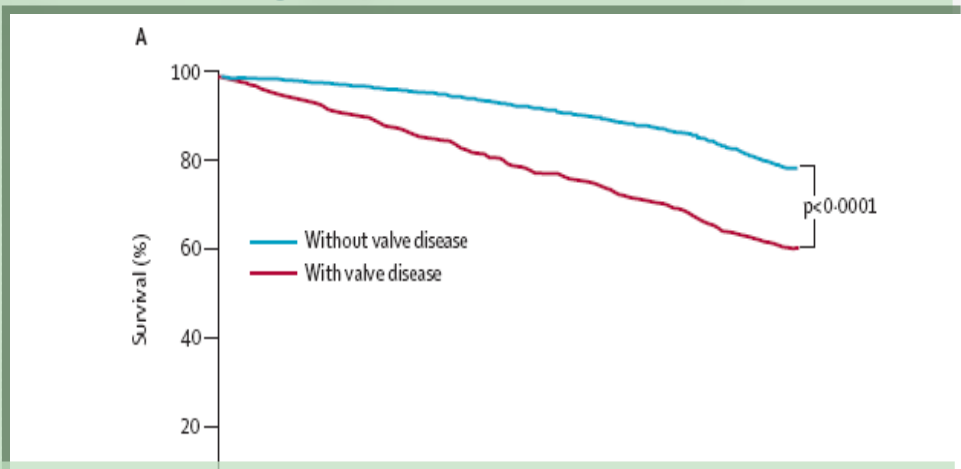
EPIDEMIOLOGY OF VHD

11911 randomly selected adults from the general population evaluated with echocardiography.



Data report the prevalence of moderate or severe valvular disease in the United States at 2.5%, increasing from 0.7% in those 18 to 44 years old, to 13.2% in those older than age 75

Survival among these individuals is significantly lower than in those without valvular disease. The



those without valvular disease. Therefore, identification of valvular heart disease and quantification of its severity remains an important public health goal. Any

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PIVOTAL ROLE OF CARDIAC IMAGING

Any imaging modality must address particular aspects of the valvular disease process to be clinically useful. It must be able to:

- Defined the valve morphology
- Precisely and reproducibly quantify the severity of the valvular abnormality
- Assess the impact of the valvular abnormality on the surrounding cardiac structure and on cardiac function

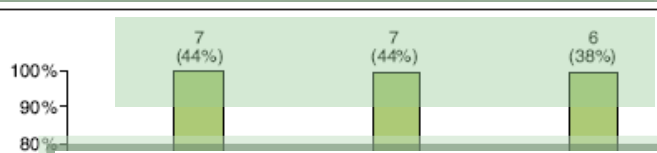
Despite echocardiography remains the primary noninvasive imaging modality in patients with VHD, it has not negligible limitations.

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PITFALLS OF ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY

16 patients referred to Cedars Sinai Medical Center for MR surgical correction evaluated by TTE with images referred to 18 expert cardiologist expert in echicardiography



Substantial (raw agreement 80%), fair (raw agreement 60% to 79%), and poor (raw agreement 00%) interobserver agreement

Table 3. Univariate and Multivariate Analysis of Morphological and Etiologic Predictors of Substantial Interobserver Agreement for Jet Area, VC, and PISA

	Suboptimal Agreement (Raw Agreement <80%)	Substantial Agreement (Raw Agreement ≥80%)	Univariate p Value	Multivariate p Value
Jet Area				
MR jet, eccentric/central	50/50	17/83	0.074	NS
Etiology, degenerative/functional				
MR jet, eccentric/central				
Effective MR orifice area, ≥30% pansystolic variation, yes/no				
Etiology, degenerative/functional	70/30	17/83	0.039	NS
MR jet, eccentric/central				
PISA spherical, yes/no	80/20	20/80	0.025	NS

EROA = effective regurgitant orifice area; other abbreviations as in Table 1.

MR, support the concept of Gaasch and Meyer (19), namely “to question the diagnosis of severe chronic MR when little or no left ventricular or left atrial enlargement is found.”

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ROLE OF CMR: strenghts

- No or less operator dependency
- No need for good acoustic windows
- No use of ionizing radiation
- No use of contrast agent
- Most importantly, CMR offer a comprehensive, detailed, and quantitative examination inclusive of valvular morphology and function, ventricular volumes, systolic function, and anatomy of associated structures.

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ROLE OF CMR: protocol

Table 1. CMR Pulse Sequences for Valvular Heart Disease

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Gradient echo cine	Valve anatomy and motion Turbulent flow
Phase contrast	Velocity

ROLE OF CMR: protocol - SSFP

Clinical Change	Echo (SD/N)	MRI (SD/N)	Reduction in sample size (%)
EDV, 10 ml	23.8/121	7.4/12	90
ESV, 10 ml	15.8/53	6.5/10	81
EF, 3%	6.6/102	2.5/15	85
Mass, 10 gr	36.4/273	6.4/9	97

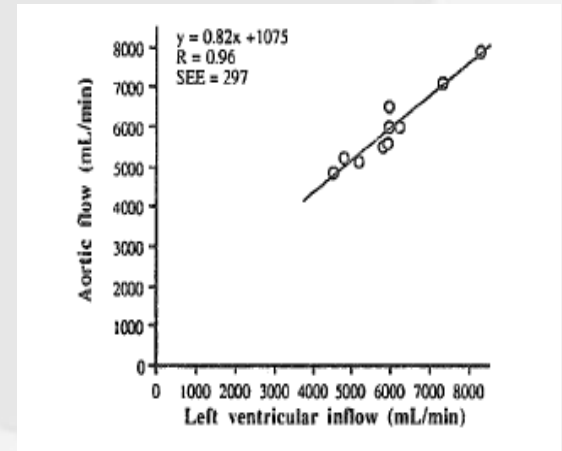
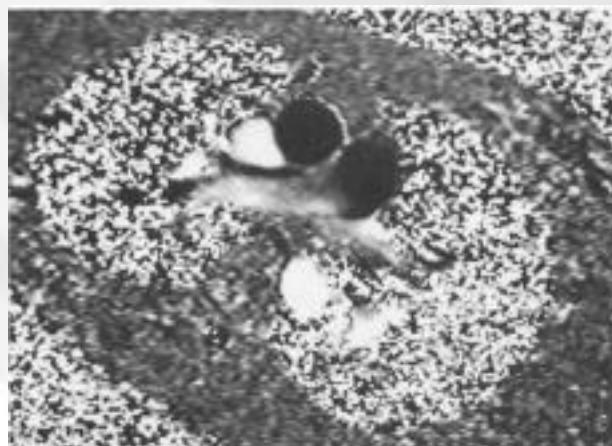
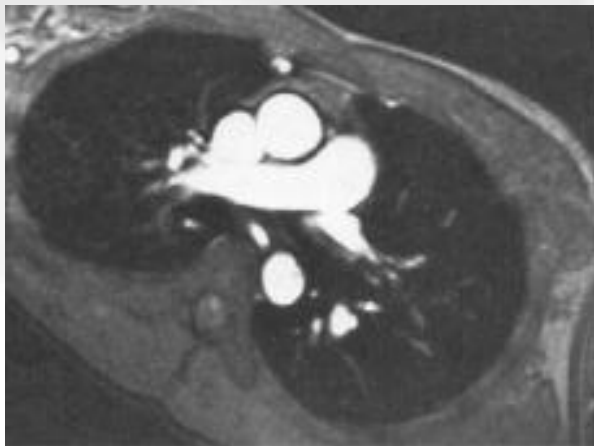
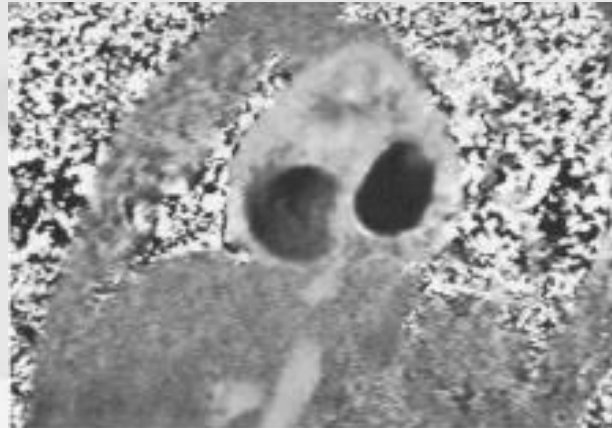
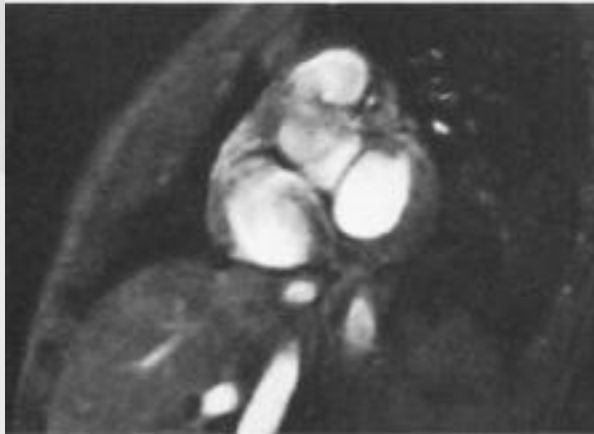
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ROLE OF CMR: protocol - PhC

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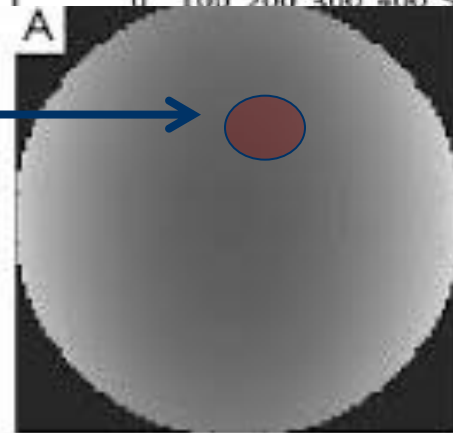
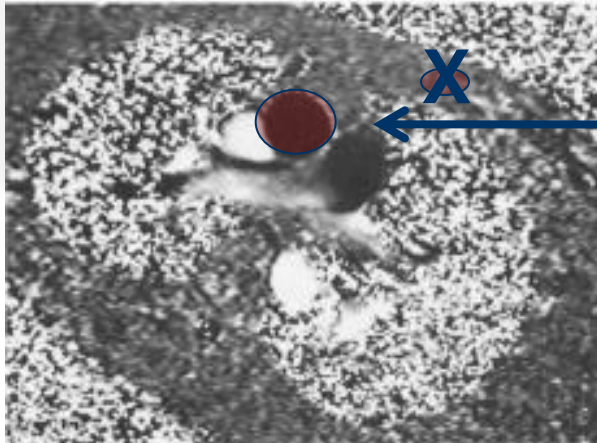
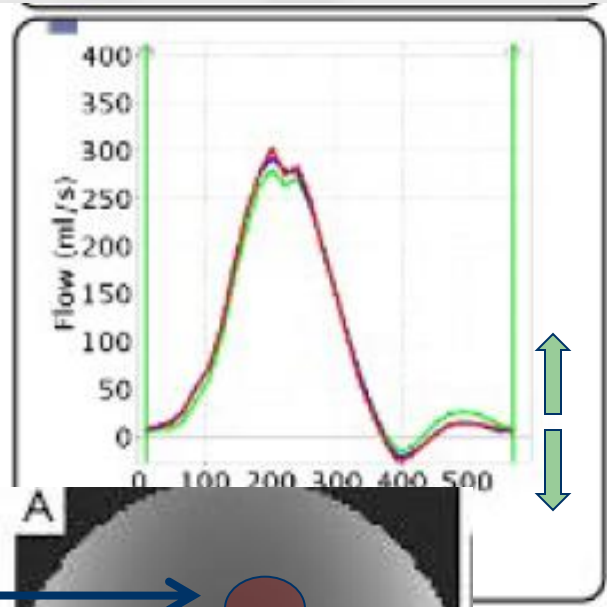
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Typical left ventricular inflow and aortic flow velocity patterns in a normal. The normal velocity time integral for left ventricular inflow is the same as that for aortic flow over time . PhC imaging- determined left ventricular inflow and aortic flow volumes yielded a close correlation coefficient ($r = 0.96$) .

ROLE OF CMR: protocol - PhC

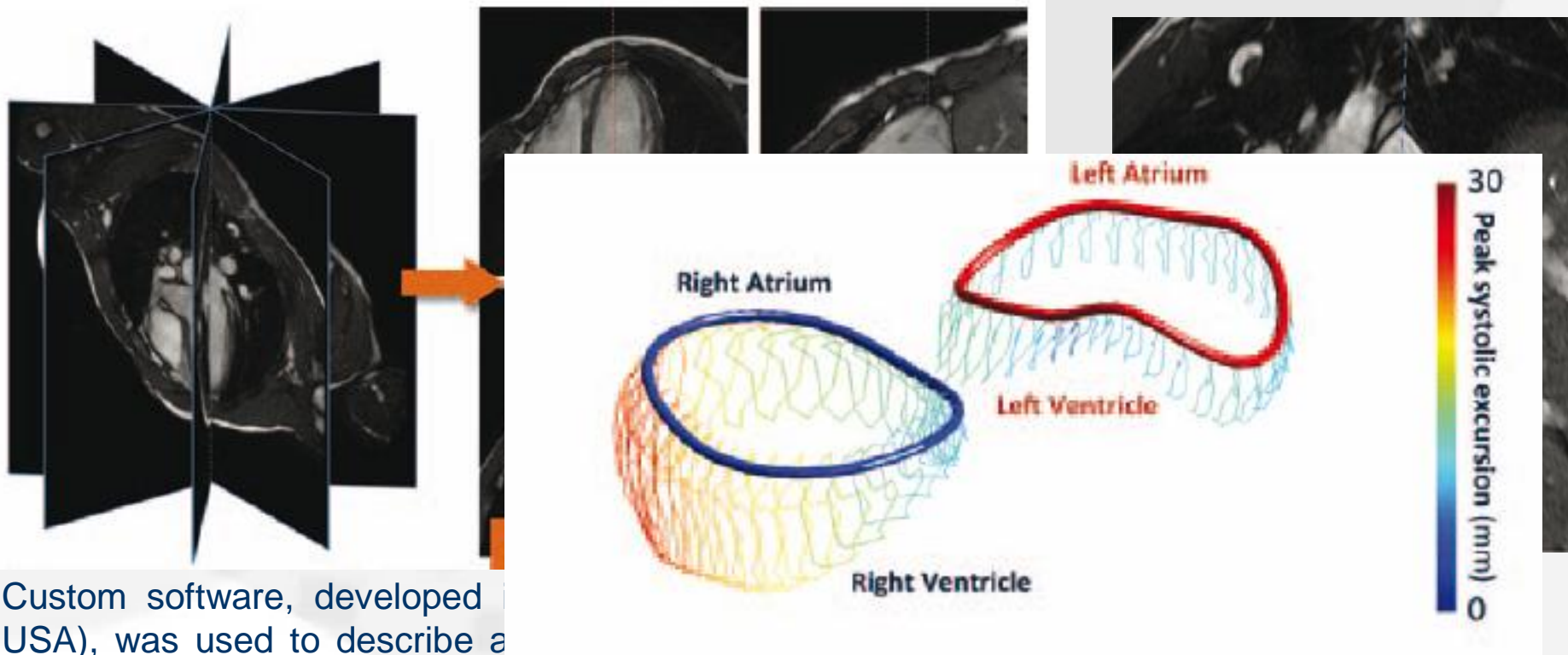
Tricks and Tips: phantom correction



PITFALLS OF BACKGROUND CORRECTION

- ❑ Movements of static structure
- ❑ Homogeneity of static magnetic field

ROLE OF CMR: additional projections - radial



Custom software, developed (USA), was used to describe a positions of two annular points were manually marked in correspondence of leaflet insertions in each plane (Figure 1, top right). Additional single points were placed in the centre of the aortic and pulmonary valves, to be used as an anatomic reference for the identification of different annular regions. Finally, the annular points were automatically tracked throughout the cardiac cycle using an algorithm based on normalized cross-correlation.

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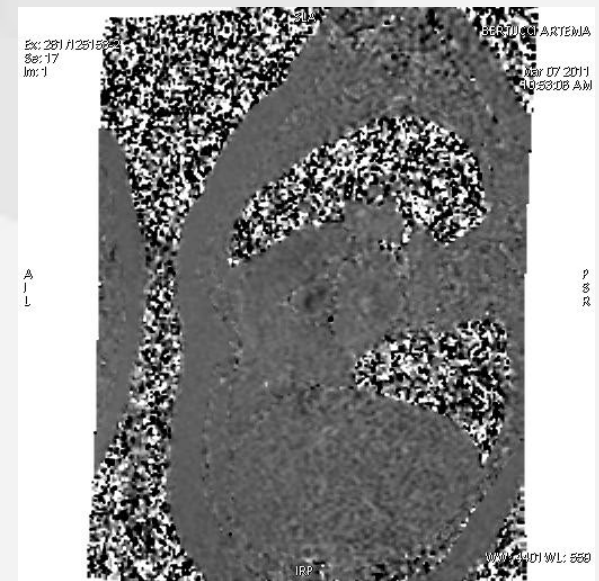
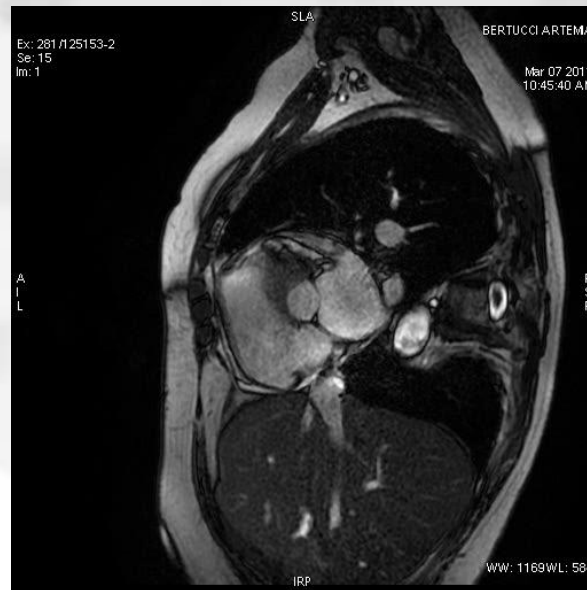
ROLE OF CMR: quantification VHD - Stenosis

METHOD 1: planimetry of valve diseased

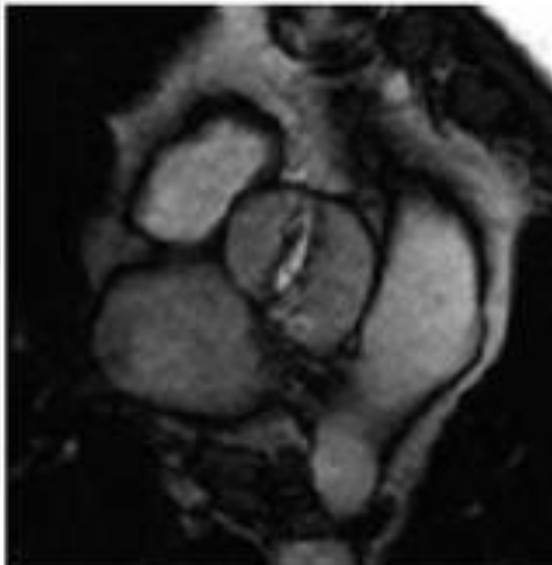
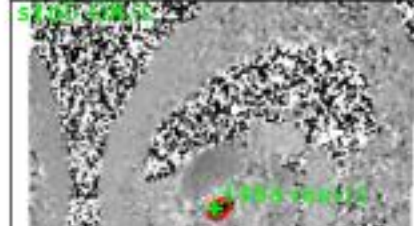
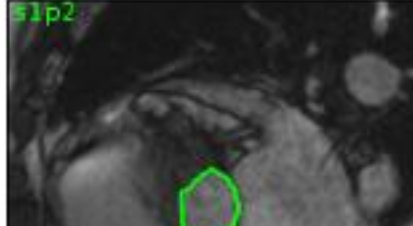
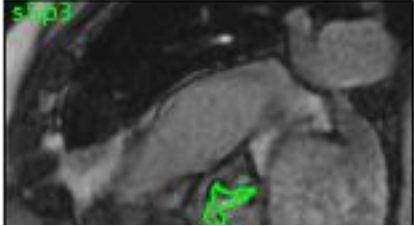
METHOD 2: transvalvolar pressure gradient

- Continuity equation for AoV
- PHT method for MV

Patients of 80 yo with aortic stenoses and poor acoustic window



ROLE OF CMR: quantification VHD - Stenosis



- ❑ CMR planimetry is more feasible vs. TTE due to the better spatial resolution, mainly for LVOT
- ❑ PhC in presence of stenosis is really time consuming due to the reasearch of optimal Venc
- ❑ PhC estimation of atrio-ventricular valve is less feasible due to the thin slice thickness required to avoid partial volume average error and the continous tilt of AV annulus in and out of plane

So, the method of choice is “anatomical planimetry”.

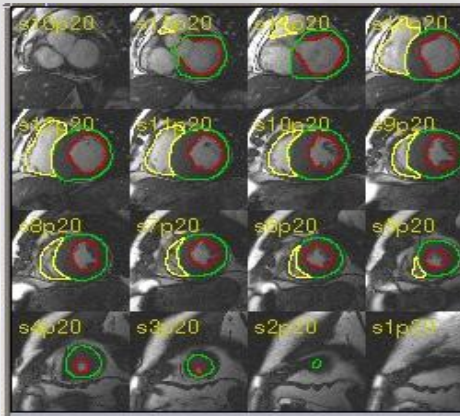
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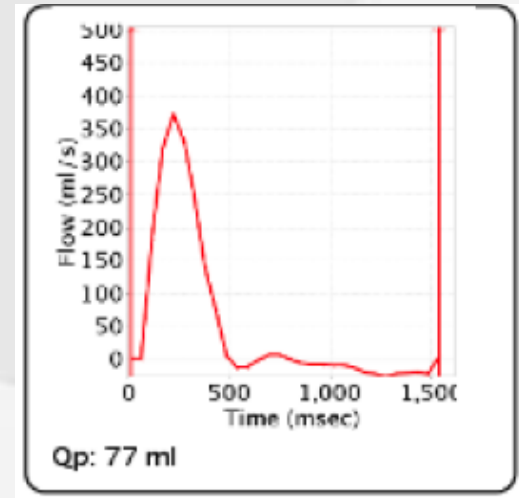
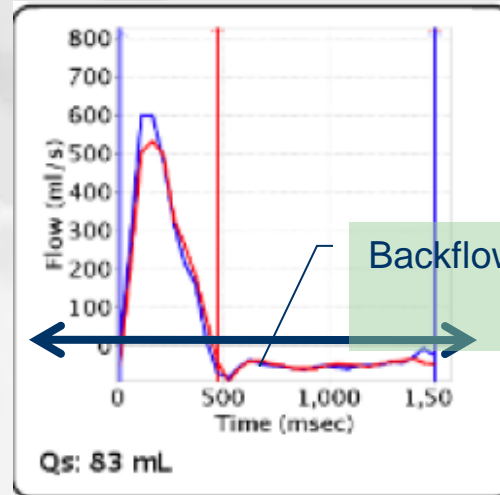
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METHOD 1: indirect method



STEP 1: Measurement of left stroke volume (LSV) and right stroke volume (RSV)

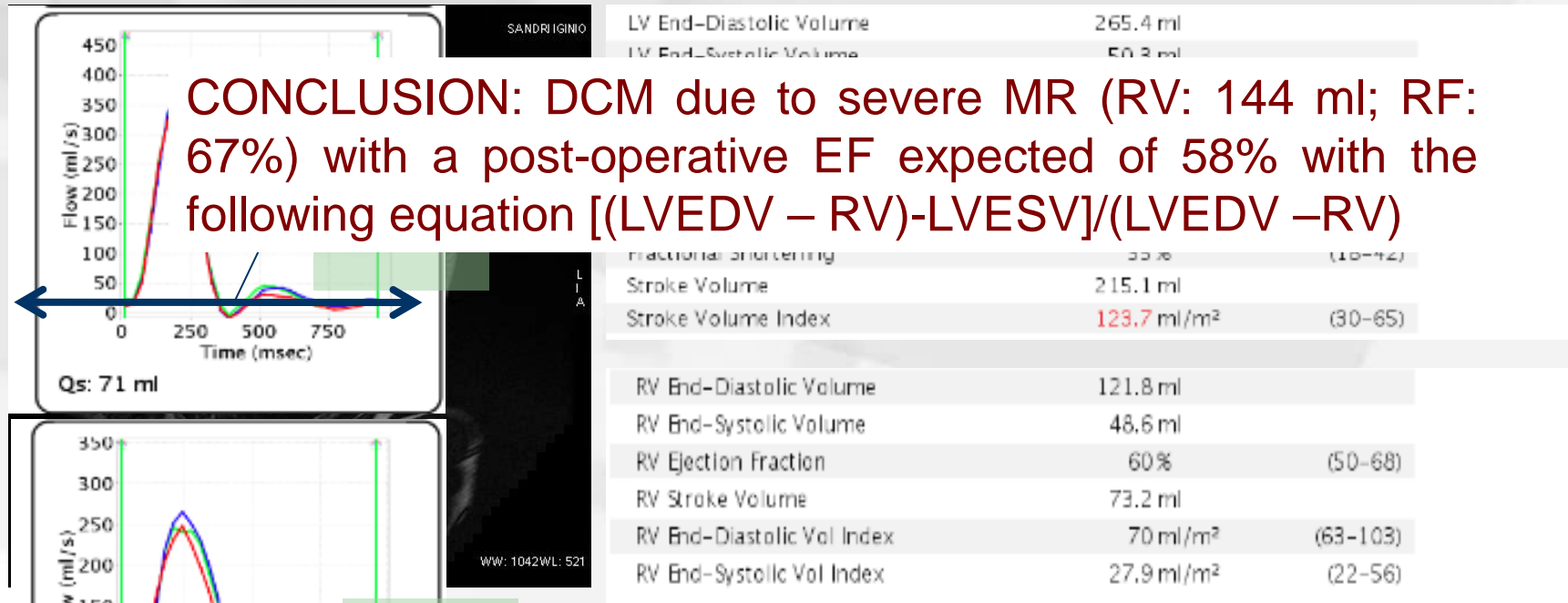
STEP 2: Measurement of Qs, Qp and Backflow



STEP 3: Semilunare Valve regurgitation = backflow
Atrio-ventricular regurgitation = SV – Qx - Backflow

ROLE OF CMR: quantification VHD - Regurgitation

Patients of 52 yo, with cognitive disease, referred to congestive heart failure and detection of eccentric mitral regurgitation – Idiopathic DCM or DCM due to MR



Step 1: LSV=215 ml; RSV= 74 ml

Step 2: Qs: 71 ml; Qp: 74 ml

Step 3: Backflow Ao: 0 ml; Backflow PV: 0 ml;

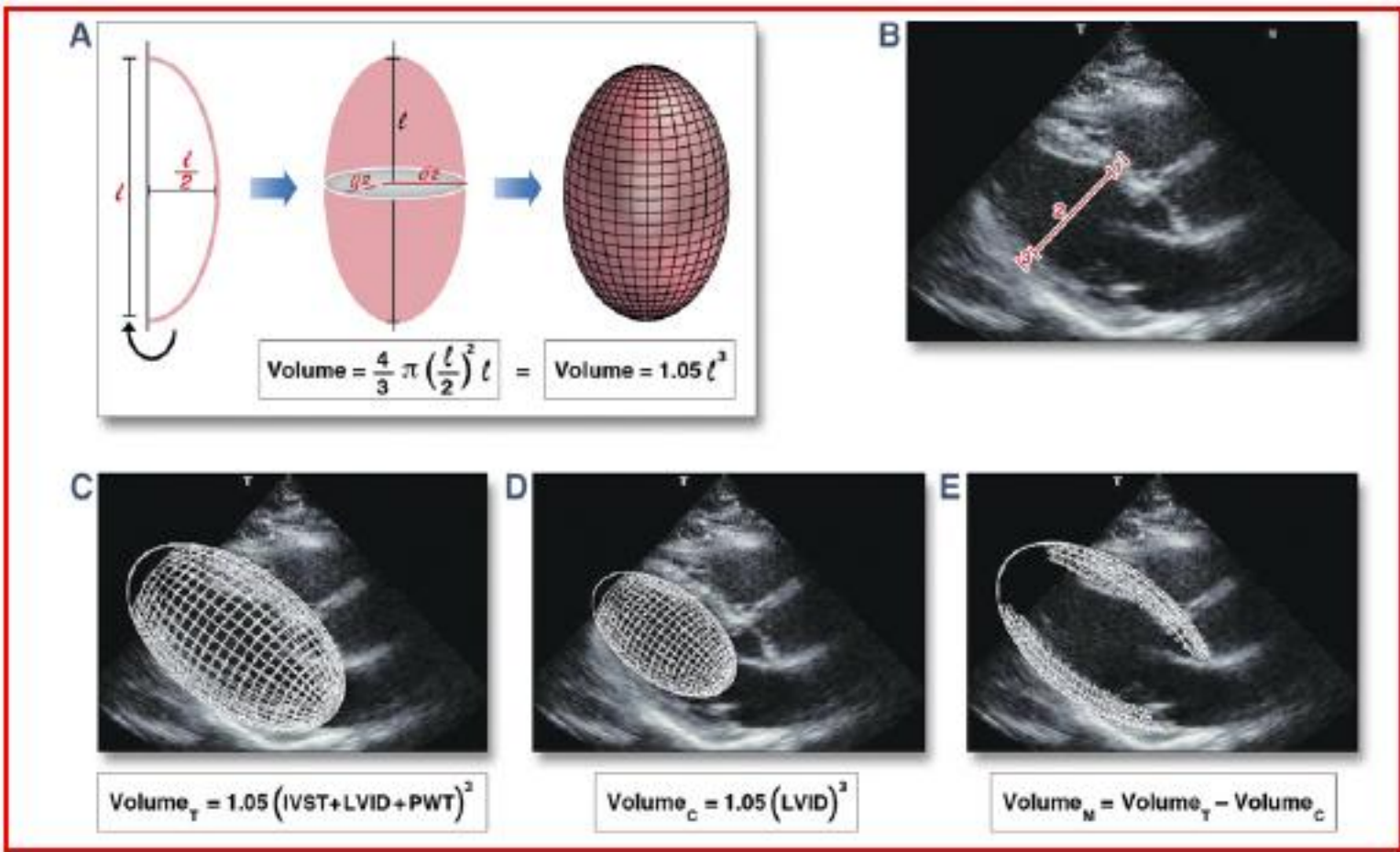
TrR: RSV – Qp = 74 ml -74 ml = 0 ml

MR: LSV – Qs= 215 ml – 71 ml = 144 ml

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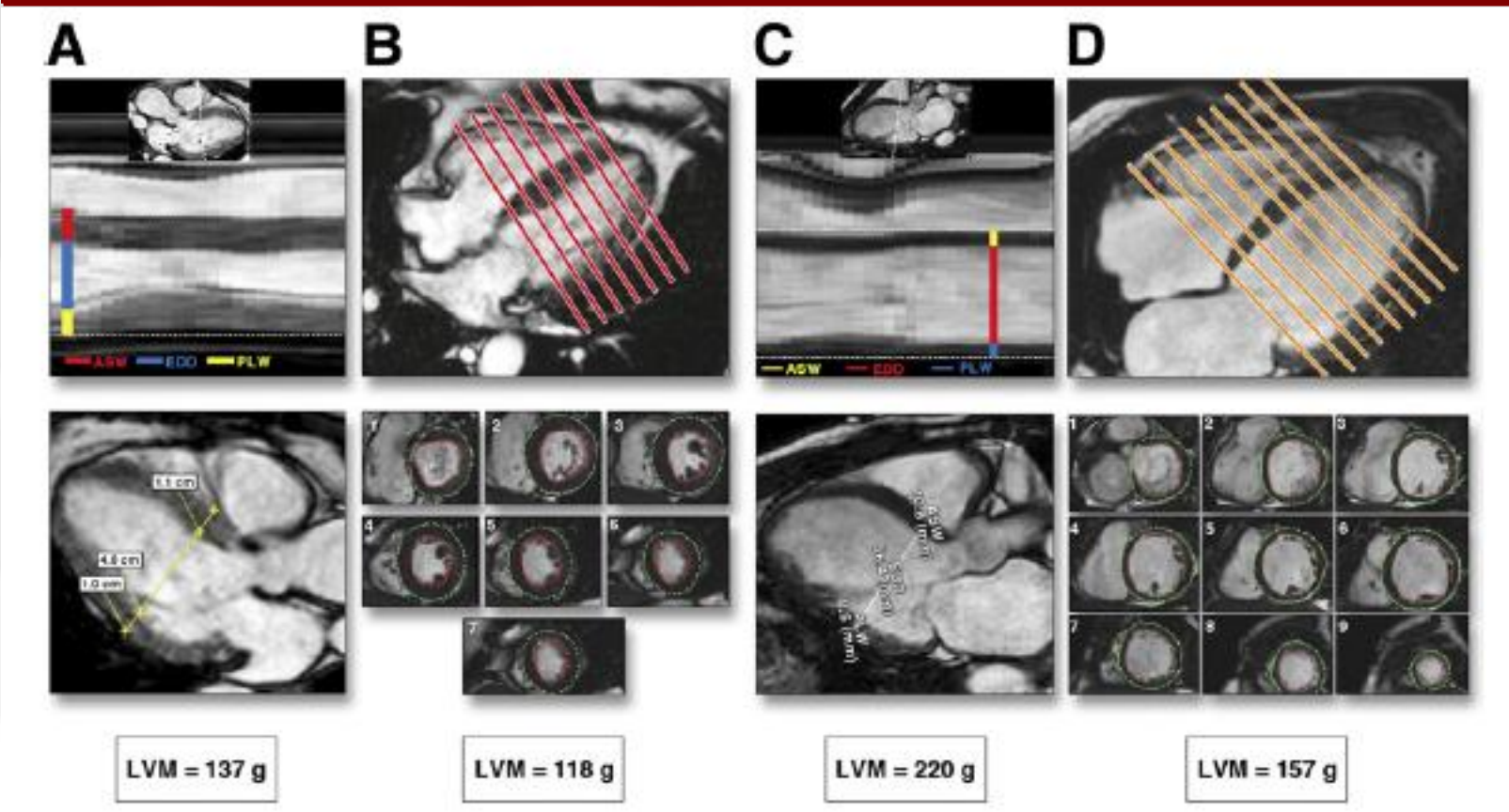
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ROLE OF CMR: remodelling on LV (myocardial mass)



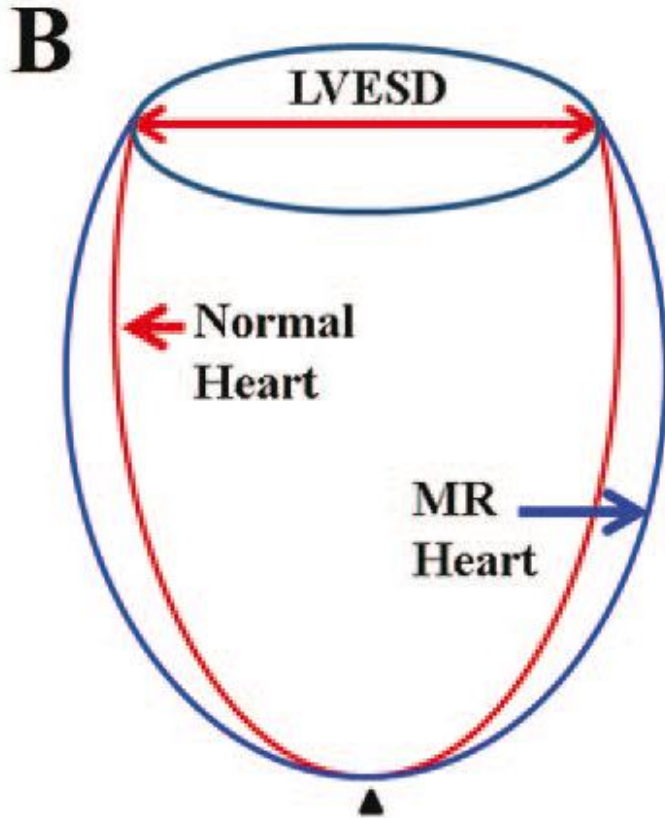
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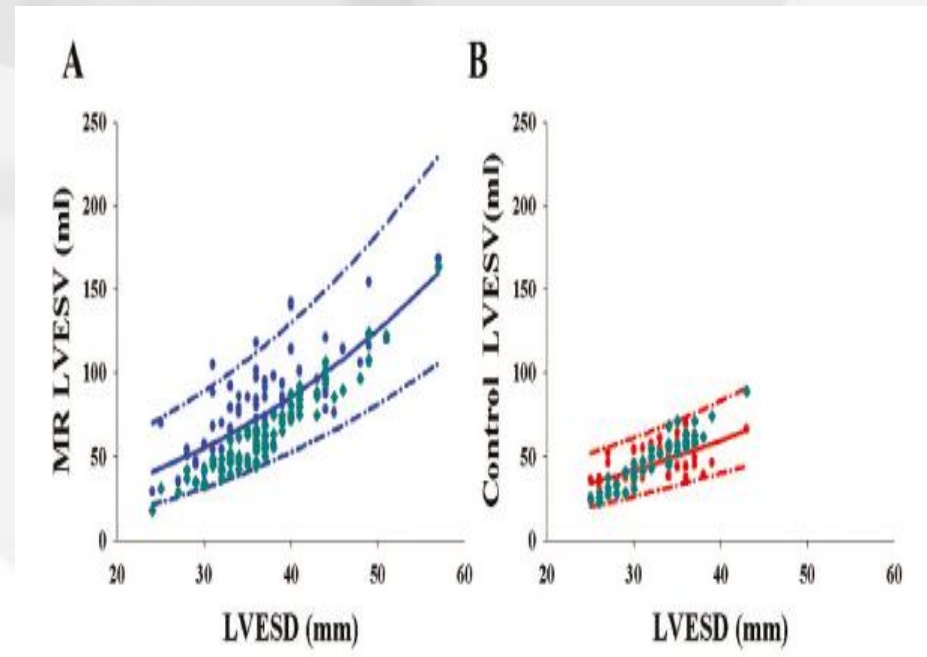


Case 1 has preserved cardiac geometry, but case 2 shows left ventricular remodeling. The usual assessment of LVM by cardiac magnetic resonance (CMR) does not require cardiac geometry assumptions, as opposed to linear measurements used in echocardiography. (Courtesy of Dr. Gustavo Volpe.) (A and C) CMR-derived images representing usual echocardiography views for linear measurements assessing LVM. The anterior septal wall (ASW) corresponds to the interventricular septal thickness; the end-diastolic dimension (EDD) corresponds to the left ventricular internal dimension; and the posterior lateral wall (PLW) corresponds to the posterior wall thickness. At the bottom, the ASE-recommended formula was used to calculate LVM (see Fig. 1 for a full description). (B and D) Usual CMR assessment for LVM, using contiguous short-axis slices covering the entire left ventricle from the atrioventricular ring to the apex (1 to 9). The estimated LVM is displayed at the bottom.

ROLE OF CMR: remodelling on LV (volume)



Systematic simulation of MR LV remodeling with respect to control. The MR heart has the same LVEDS dimension (LVEDD) as and a long-axis length similar to that of the control. However, there is less curvature from the mid to distal LV segments represented by the dimmer red in the MR patient vs control (bright yellow). These changes in the MR patient contribute to a more spherical LV remodeling and a larger LVED volume.



ROLE OF CMR: remodelling on LV (stiffness)

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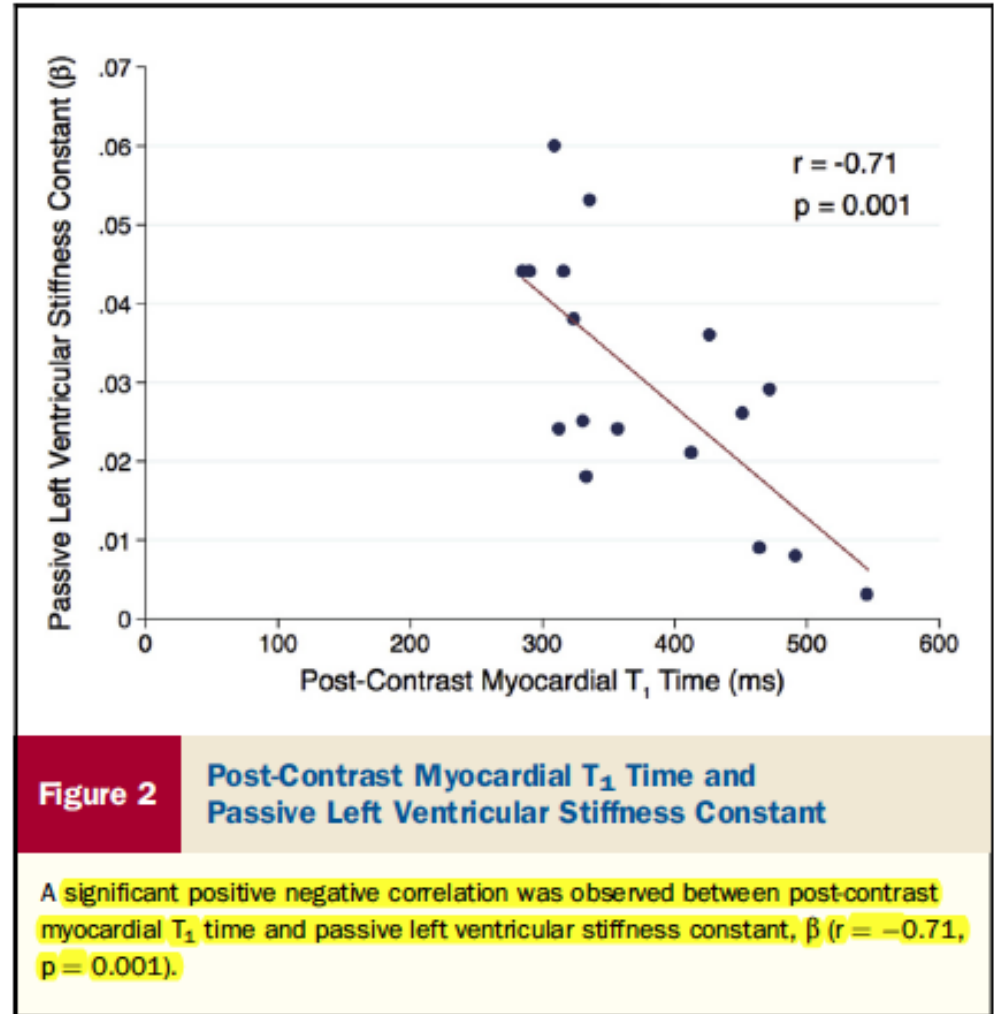
POSITION STATEMENT

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Myocardial T1 mapping and extracellular volume quantification: a Society for Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance (SCMR) and CMR Working Group of the European Society of Cardiology consensus statement

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T1 mapping: T1 that reflects the interstitial disease due to diffuse fibrosis



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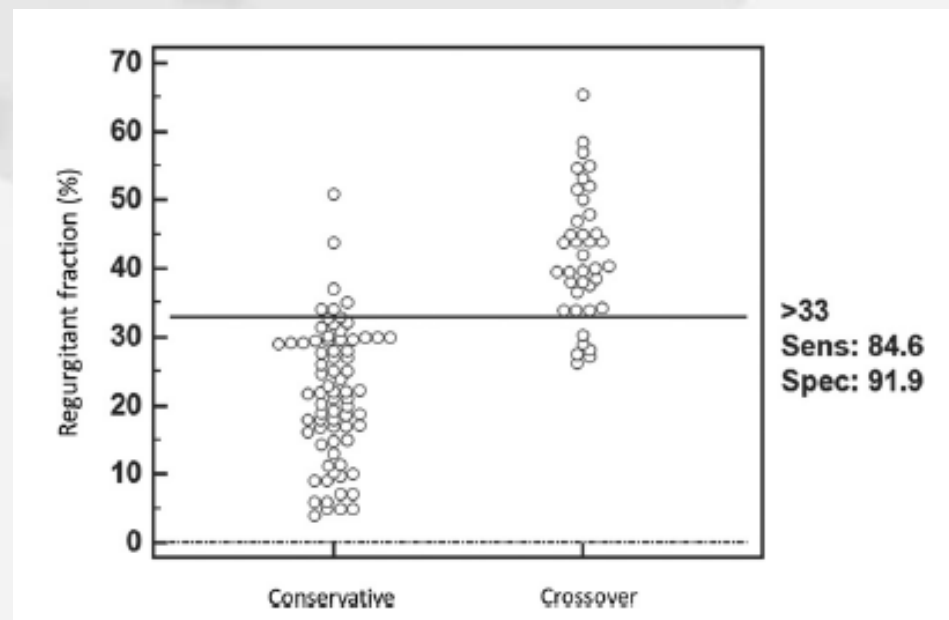
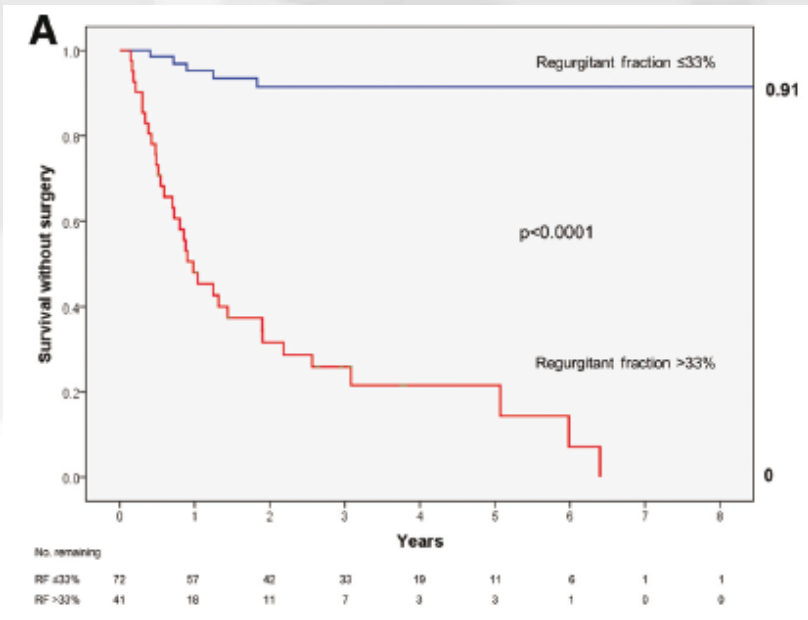
ROLE OF CMR: weakness

However, CMR has some well known weakness:

- The limited use in patients with claustrophobia and patients with pacemakers and implantable cardioverter defibrillators.
- Cost prognostic data and guidelines still rely on echo, although this is likely to change as more data are obtained on CMR for the assessment of valvular disease.

ROLE OF CMR: VHD and outcome

Methods and Results—One hundred thirteen patients with echocardiographic moderate or severe AR were monitored for up to 9 years (mean 2.6 ± 2.1 years) following a CMR scan, and the progression to symptoms or other indications for surgery was monitored. AR quantification identified outcome with high accuracy: 85% of the 39 subjects with regurgitant fraction $>33\%$ progressed to surgery (mostly within 3 years) in comparison with 8% of 74 subjects with regurgitant fraction $\leq 33\%$ ($P < 0.0001$); the area under the curve on receiver operating characteristic analysis was 0.93 ($P < 0.0001$). This ability remained strong on time-dependent Kaplan–Meier survival curves. CMR-derived left ventricular end-diastolic volume >246 mL had good, although lower, discriminatory ability (area under the curve 0.88),



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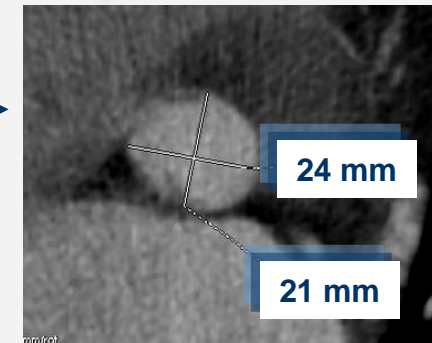
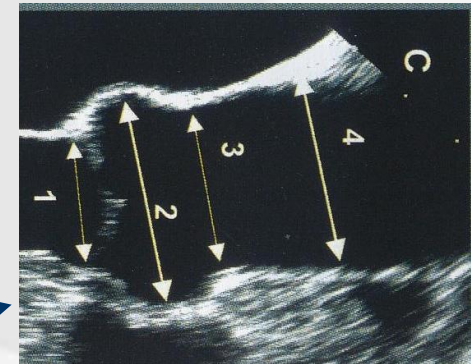
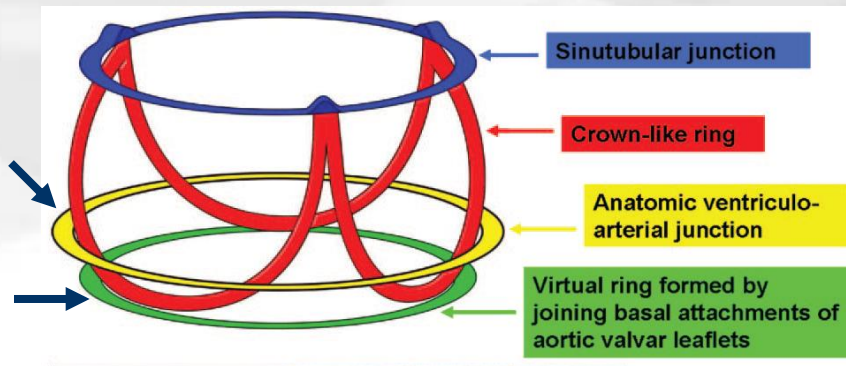
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ROLE OF CMR: role of CMR in TAVI

Anatomy of the Aortic Valvar Complex and Its Implications for Transcatheter Implantation of the Aortic Valve

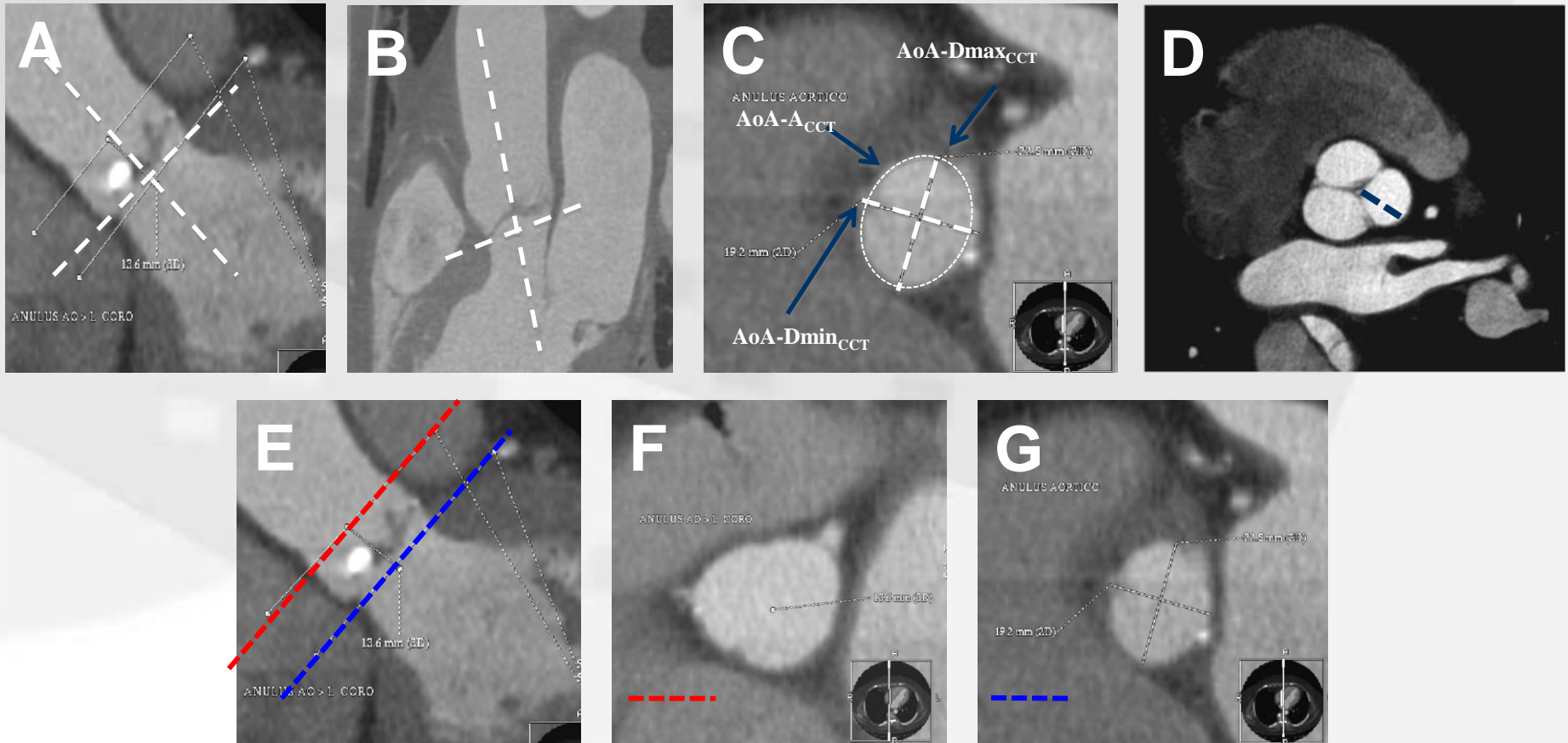
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Abstract—The books and articles devoted to the anatomy of the aortic valvar complex are numerous. Until now, however, little consideration has been given to understanding the anatomy with percutaneous valvar replacement in mind. It is axiomatic that knowledge of the anatomy of the valve is fundamental in understanding key principles involved in valvar replacement. Such an appreciation of the anatomy helps better understand the optimal positioning for the prosthetic valve within the root of the aorta with respect to the coronary arteries, mitral valve, and the conduction system and may circumvent complications that can arise during its implantation. In this review, therefore, we describe the anatomy of the trifoliate aortic valvar complex and its implications for percutaneous valvar replacement. (*Circ Cardiovasc Intervent.* 2008;1:74-81.)



The aortic root contains at least 3 circular rings and 1 crown-like ring. The valvar leaflets, of course, are attached throughout the length of the root. The base of the crown is a virtual ring, formed by joining the basal attachment points of the leaflets within the left ventricle.

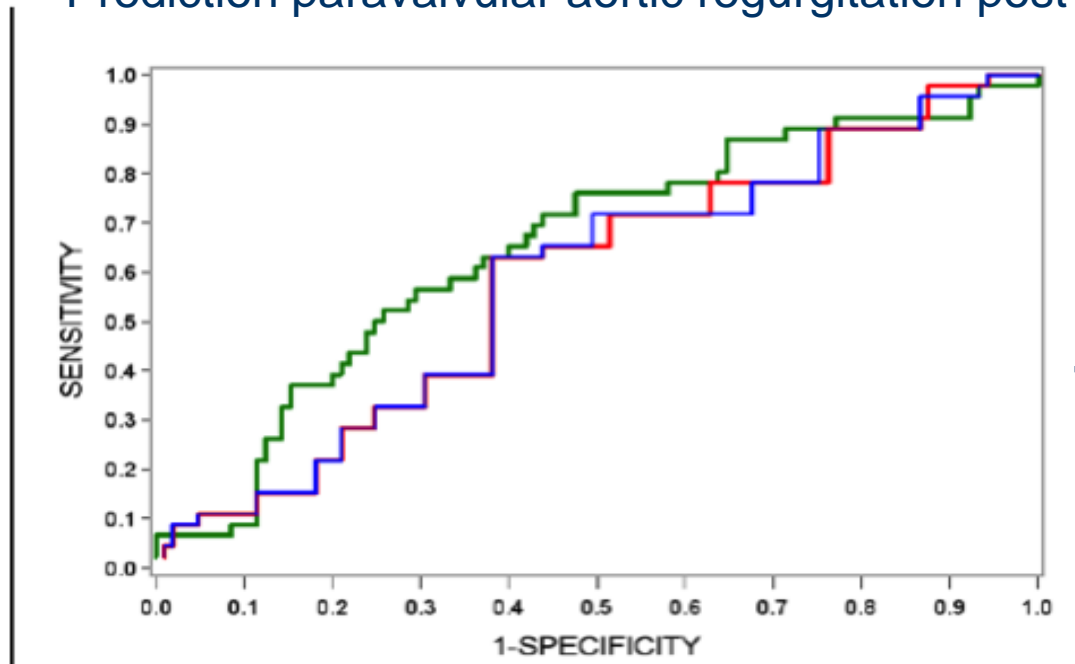
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Measurements of AoA (**Panel A-C**): with MDCT, AoA (AoAMDCT) is defined as a virtual ring formed by joining the basal attachments of aortic valve leaflets. For each AoAMDCT, maximum diameter (AoA-DmaxMDCT), minimum diameter (AoA-DminMDCT) and area (AoA-AMDCT) were measured in an orthogonal plane on the center line of the aorta obtained in oblique-coronal and oblique-sagittal views, respectively. Measurement of leaflet size (**Panel D**): the distance between the basal attachment and the apex of the leaflets (black line) is determined. Measurement of coronary ostia height (**Panel E-G**): a coronal view of the ascending aorta (E) and two short axis at the level of the left main coronary ostium (red line) and AoA (blue line) are obtained. The distance between these two lines corresponds to the coronary ostium height. *Pontone G, Am Heart J 2011*

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Prediction paravalvular aortic regurgitation post TAVI



MDCT (—)
TTE (—)
TEE (—)

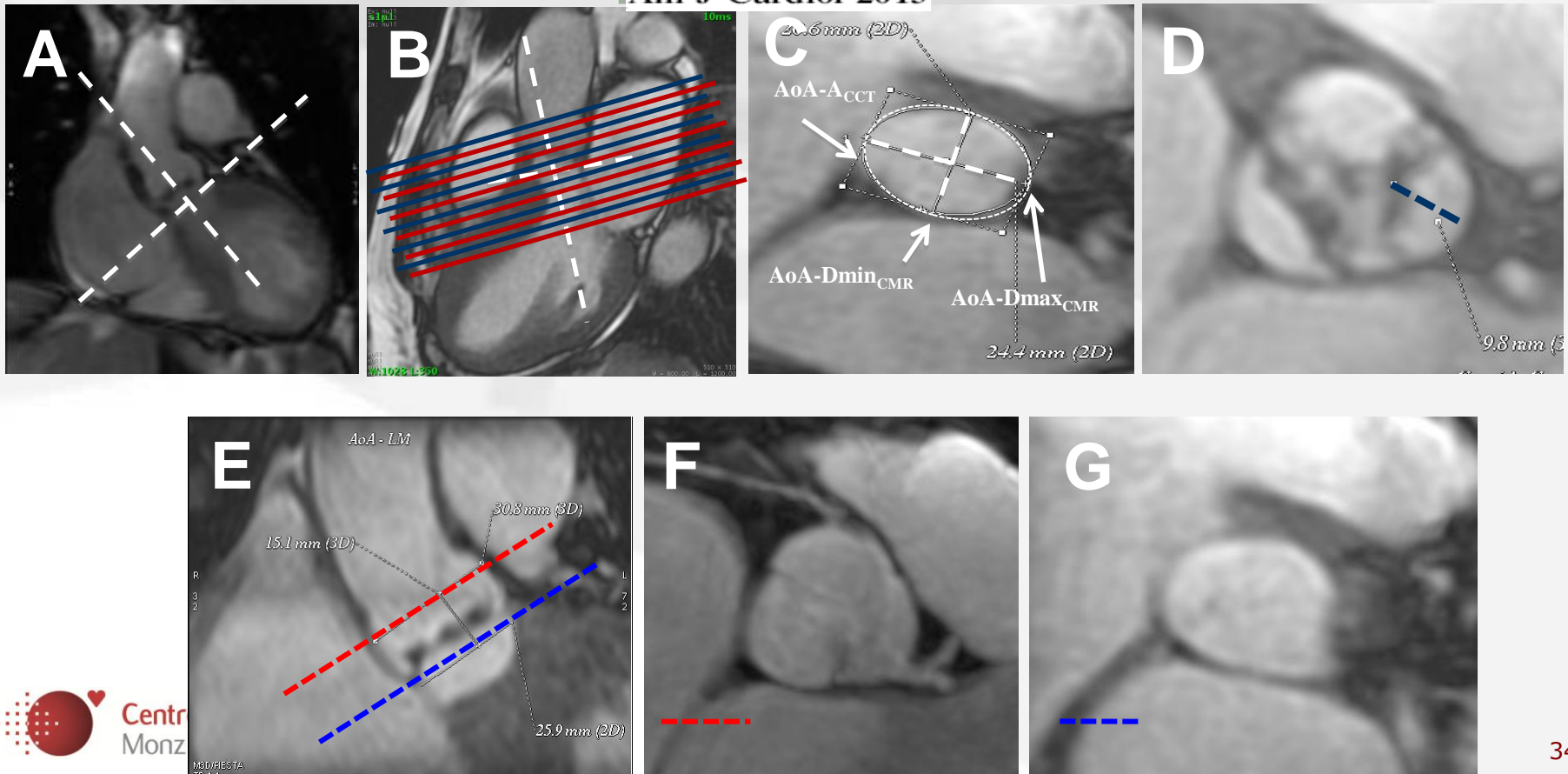
❑ Unfortunately, up to 20% of patients undergoing TAVI have clinical conditions that make them unsuitable candidates for MDCT. Moreover, MDCT requires contrast agent administration that may be a hazard issue in patients with reduced kidney function who are a substantial proportion of TAVI patients

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Comparison of Accuracy of Aortic Root Annulus Assessment With Cardiac Magnetic Resonance Versus Echocardiography and Multidetector Computed Tomography in Patients Referred for Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation

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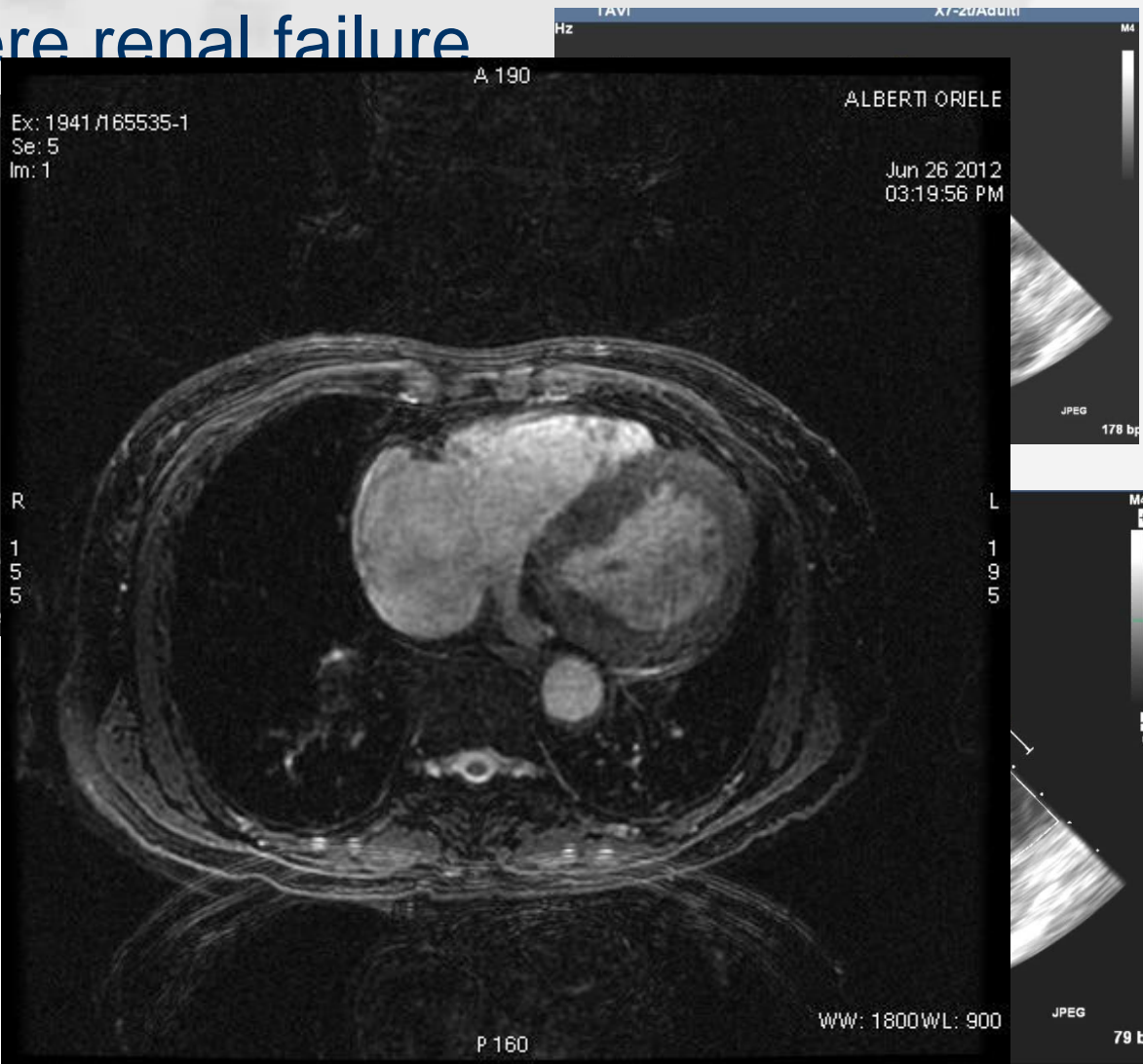
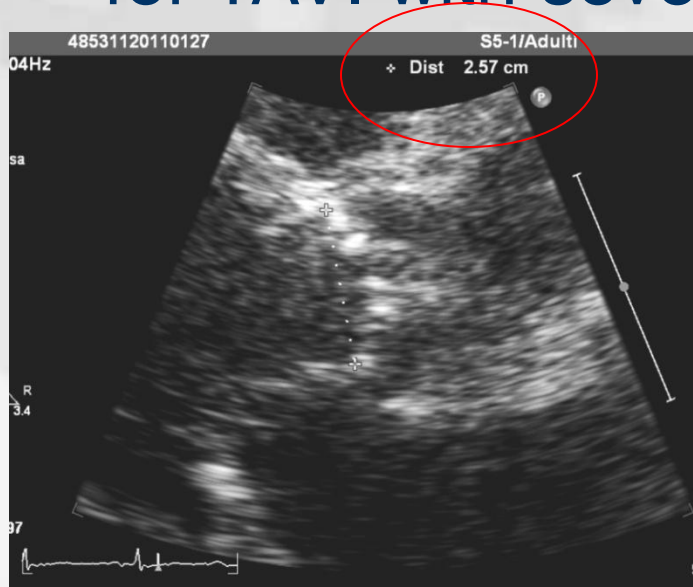


ROLE OF CMR: role of CMR in TAVI

PARAMETERS	CCT	CMR	CCT – CMR (95% Confidence Interval)	p
AoA-Dmax (mm), mean ±SD	26.45 ±2.83	26.45 ±2.76	0 ±0.79 (-0.24 to 0.24)	1
AoA-Dmin (mm), mean ±SD	20.17 ±2.20	20.59 ±2.35	-0.43 ±0.99 (-0.74 to -0.12)	0.08
Ao-A (mm ²), mean ±SD	444,88 ±84.6 1	449.78 ±86.22	-4.90 ±21.19 (-11.5 to 1,70)	0.14
Aortic Valve Calcifications (grade 1 to 4)	3.40 ±0.70	2.97 ±0.77	0.43 ±0.23 (0.18 to 0.60)	0.03
Left coronary leaflet, (mm), mean ±SD	14.02 ±2.27	13.95 ±2.18	0.07 ±0.46 (-0.07 to 0.21)	0.32
Right coronary leaflet, (mm), mean ±SD	13.33 ±2.33	13.30 ±2.14	0.02 ±0.74 (-0.21 to 0.25)	0.83
Non-coronary leaflet, (mm), mean ±SD	13.39 ±1.97	13.46 ±1.80	-0.07 ±0.60 (-0.26 to 0.12)	0.44
AoA to left coronary ostium distance (mm), mean ±SD	16.21 ±3.07	16.14 ±2.83	0.07 ±1.09 (-0.27 to 0.41)	0.67
AoA to right coronary ostium distance (mm), mean ±SD	16.02 ±4.29	16.14 ±4.36	-0.11 ±1.06 (-0.45 to 0.21)	0.47

ROLE OF CMR: role of CMR in TAVI

Male, 92 yo, with history of severe AS selected for TAVI with severe renal failure



TAKE HOME MESSAGE

- ❑ Poor acoustic window
- ❑ Equivocal TTE
- ❑ Low gradient Aortic Stenosis
- ❑ Severe regurgitant defect with normal volumes
- ❑ All right valve heart disease
- ❑ In TAVI patients to estimate aortic annulus size and contraindications to CT for renal insufficiency or heart rate control issues.

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