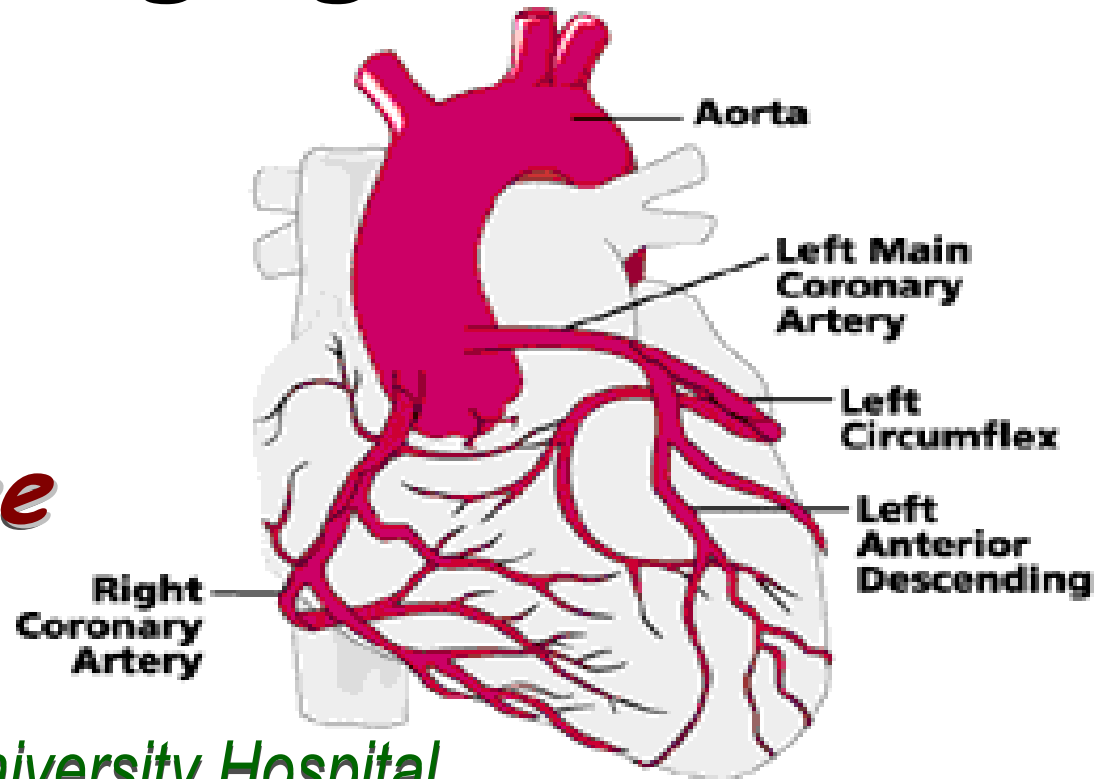


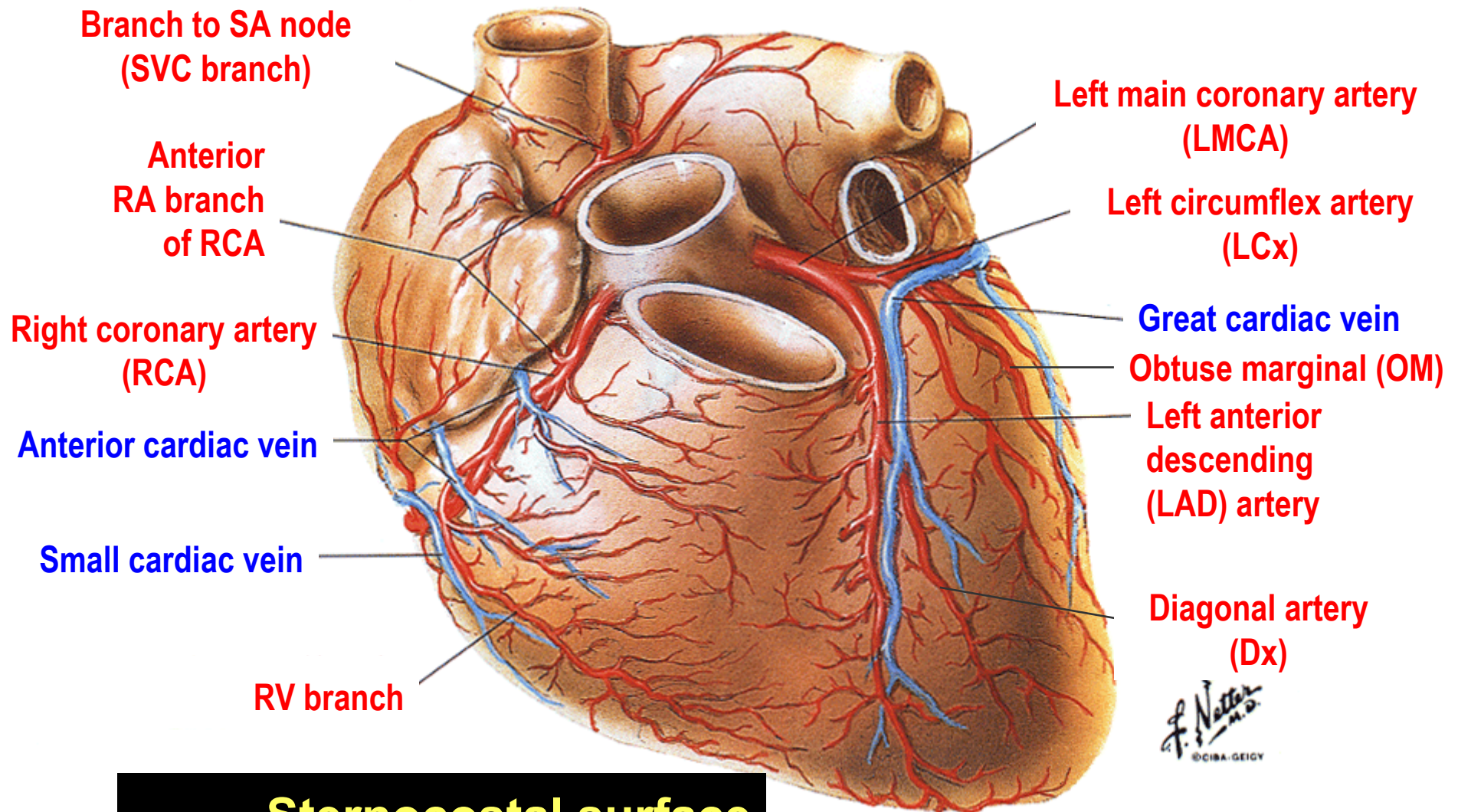
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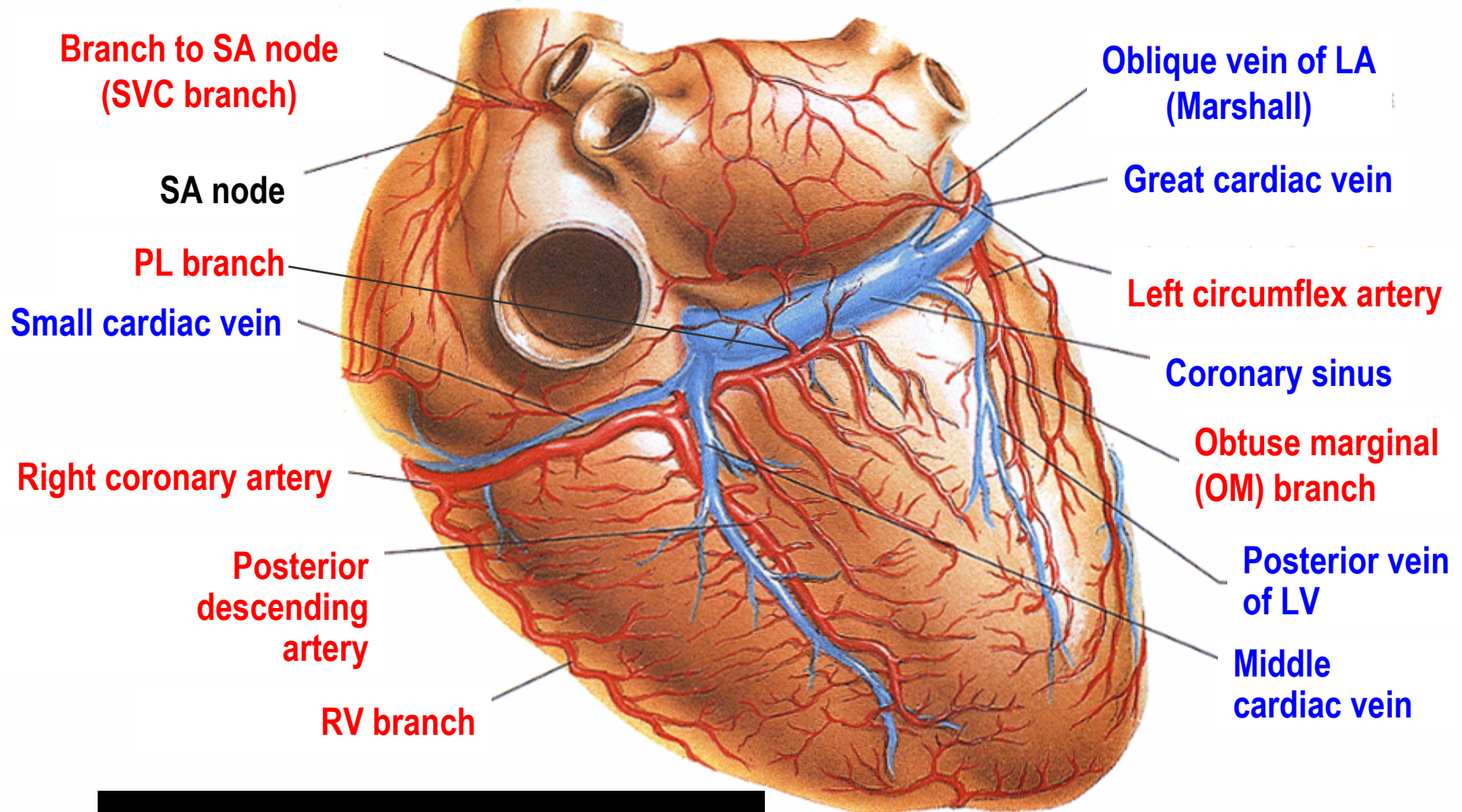
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Coronary Anatomy

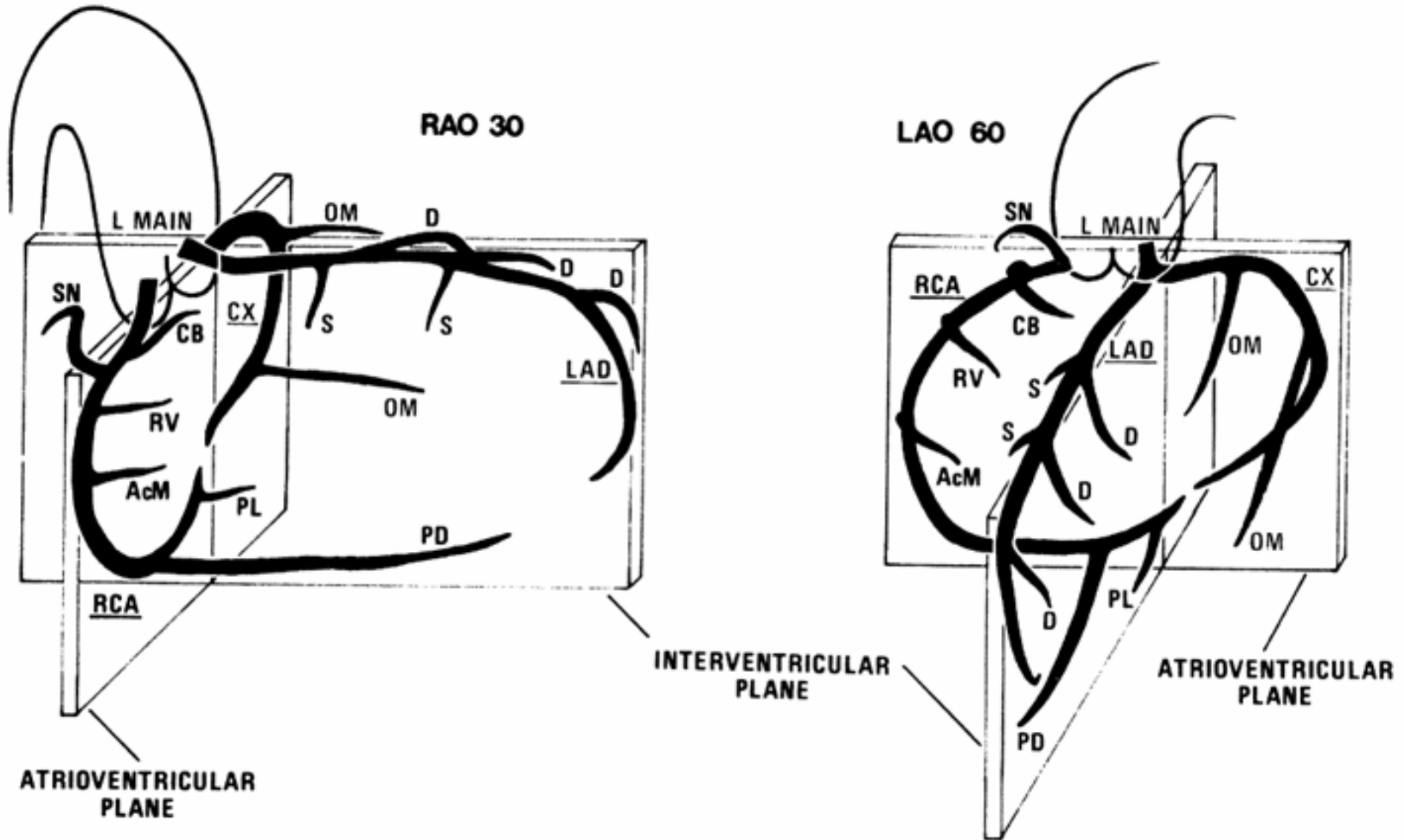


Coronary Anatomy

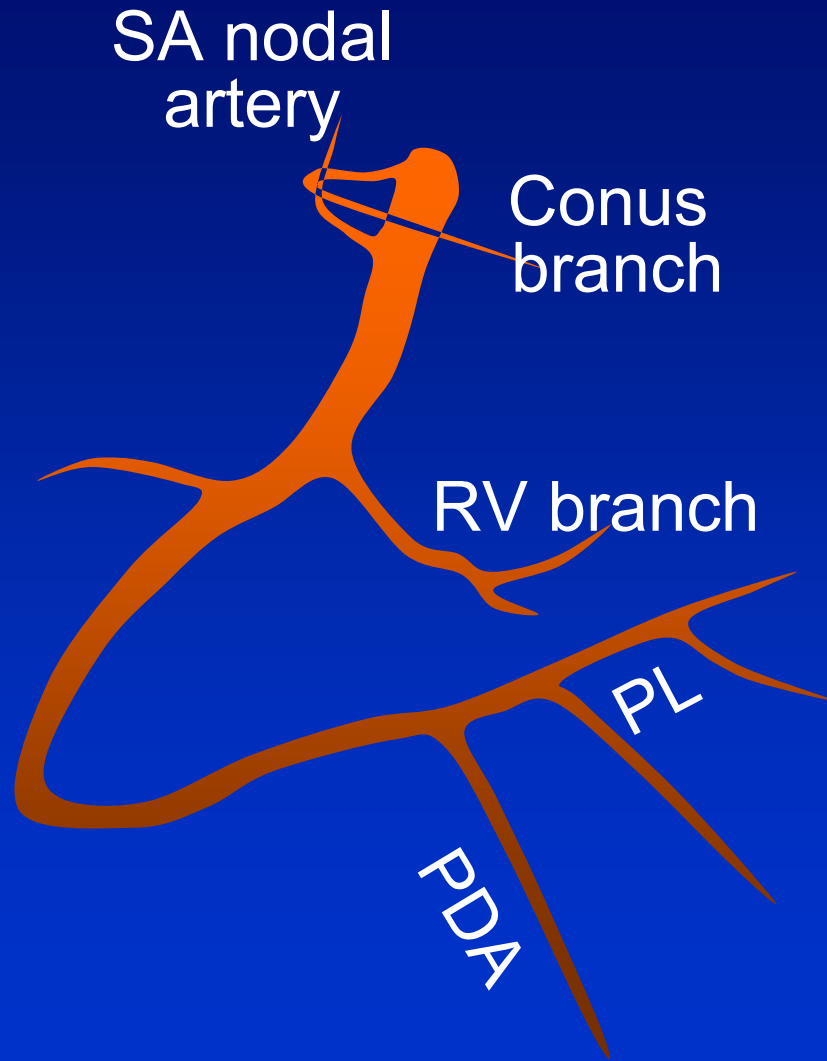


Diaphragmatic surface

Atrioventricular and Interventricular Planes



Right Coronary Artery



Right Coronary Artery

Basic Anatomy

- Origin

- Right aortic sinus (lower origin than LCA)

- Course

- Right-dominant system (85%)

Down right AV groove toward crux of the heart, gives off PDA from which septals arise, continues in left AV groove giving off PL branches.

- Supplies to LV

- 25-35% of LV

Right Coronary Artery

Other Branches

- Conus Artery

- Usually very proximal
- ~50% have a separate origin
- Courses anteriorly and upward over the RVOT
- May be an important source of collaterals

- SA Nodal Artery

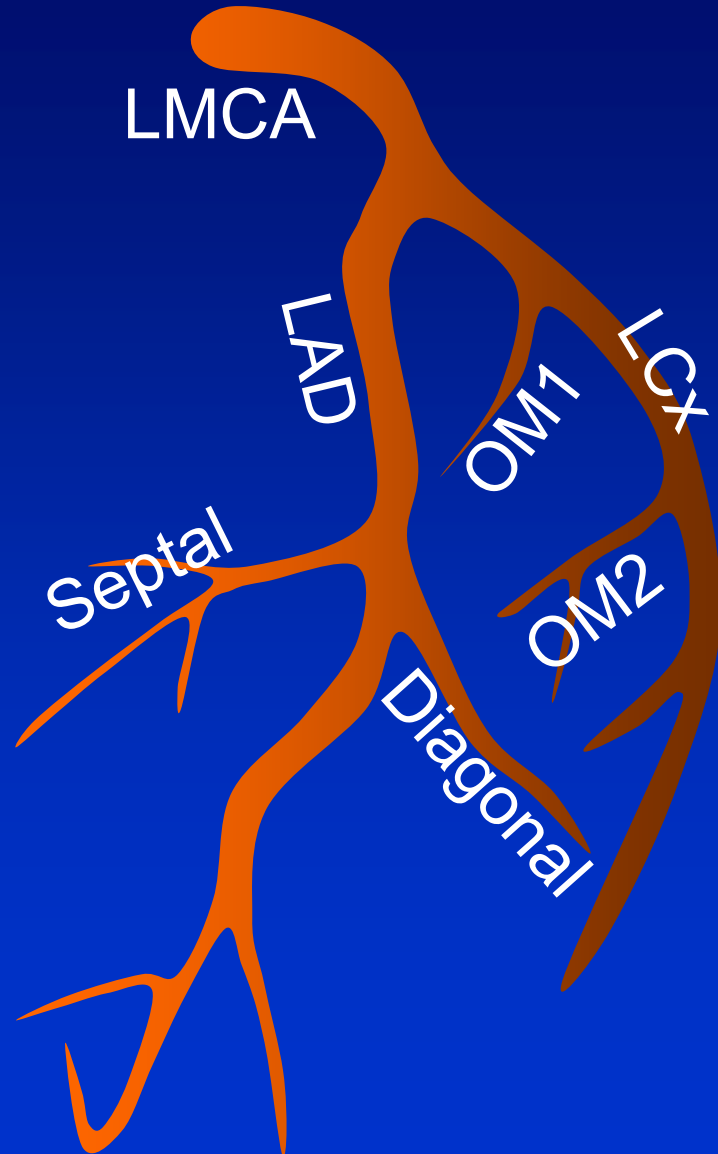
- Usually 2nd branch of RCA
- Courses obliquely backward through upper portion of atrial septum and anteromedial wall of the RA
- Supplies SA node, RA and sometimes LA

Right Coronary Artery

Other Branches

- **Right Ventricular (Acute Marginal Branches)**
 - Arise from mid RCA; Supply anterior RV
 - May be a collateral source
- **AV Nodal Artery**
 - Arises at or near crux; Supplies AV node
- **Posterior Descending Artery (PDA)**
 - Supplies inferior wall, ventricular septum, posteromedial papillary muscle
- **Posterolateral Artery (PL)**
 - From crux to left AV groove → Meet LCx artery

Left Coronary Artery



Left Coronary Artery

Left Main Coronary Artery

- Origin

- Upper portion of the left aortic sinus just below the sinotubular ridge.
- Typically about 10 mm in length

- Optimal Views

- Caudal views might be the best to evaluate LMCA and both LAD and LCx ostia
- Shallow LAO cranial view for ostial evaluation
- Sometimes, RAO cranial will be helpful for ostial LAD evaluation

Left Coronary Artery

LAD Artery

- Course

- Down the anterior interventricular groove
- Usually reaches apex; 22% does not reach apex
- Some have twin LADs (one for entire septal and the other for surface LAD)

- Branches

- Septals; root-like, intramyocardial, less movement
- Diagonals; supply lateral LV, anterolateral papillary m.
- 1/3 have ramus intermedius (RI)

- LV Supplies

- 45~55% of LV; anterolateral, apex, and septum

Left Coronary Artery

LCx Artery

- Course

- Down distal left AV groove
- Left-dominant system (8%)
 - supply PL, PDA and AV nodal arteries
- Balanced system (7%)
 - PDA from RCA, PL from LCx

- Branches

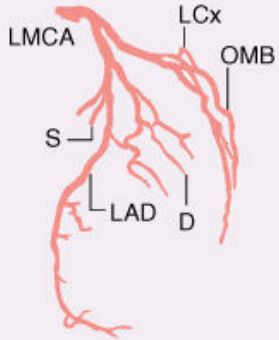
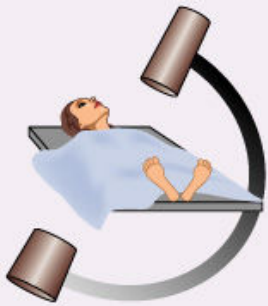
- Obtuse marginal; lateral free wall of LV

- LV Supplies

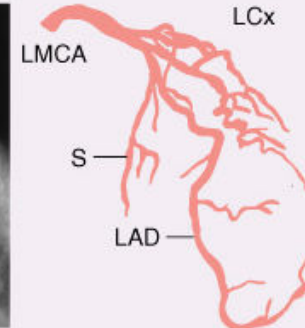
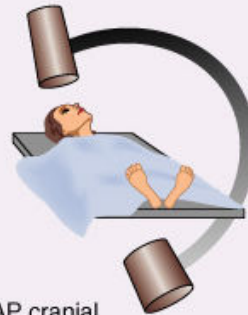
- 15~25% of LV
- 40~50% in dominant LCx system

Left Coronary Angiogram

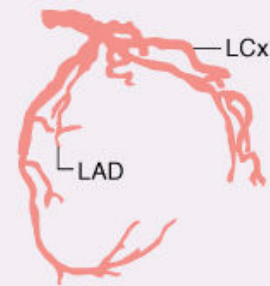
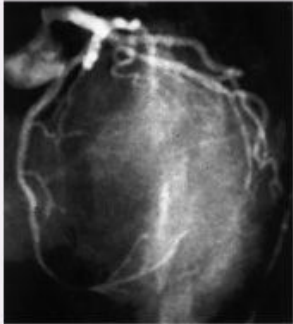
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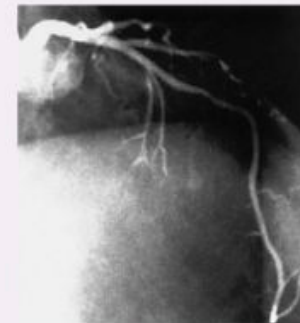
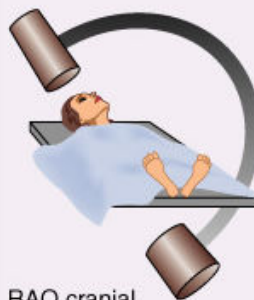
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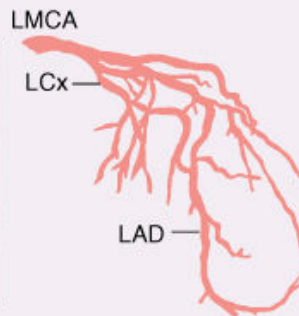
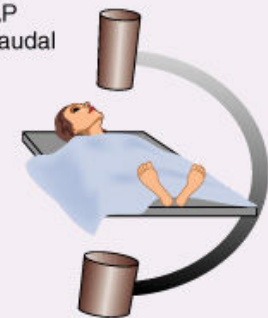
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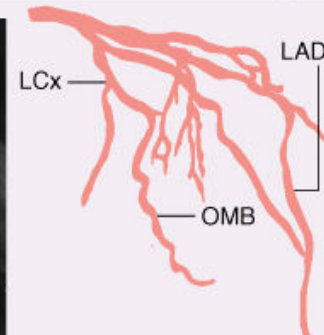
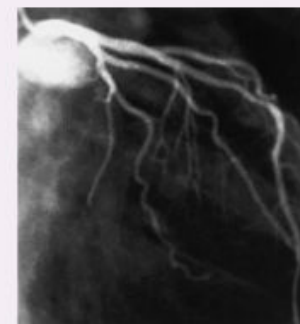
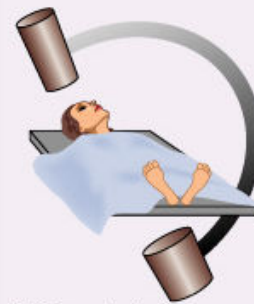
RAO cranial



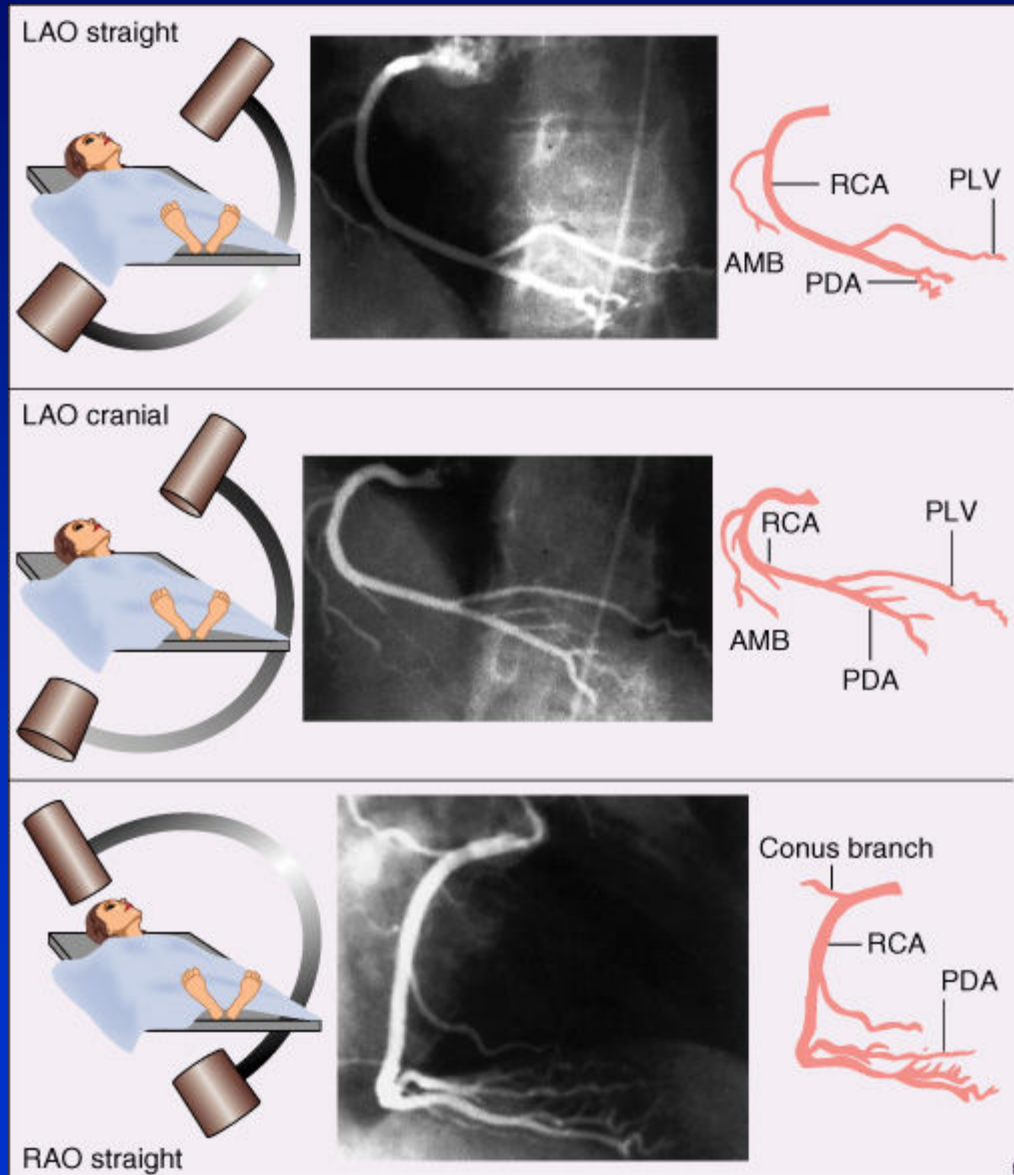
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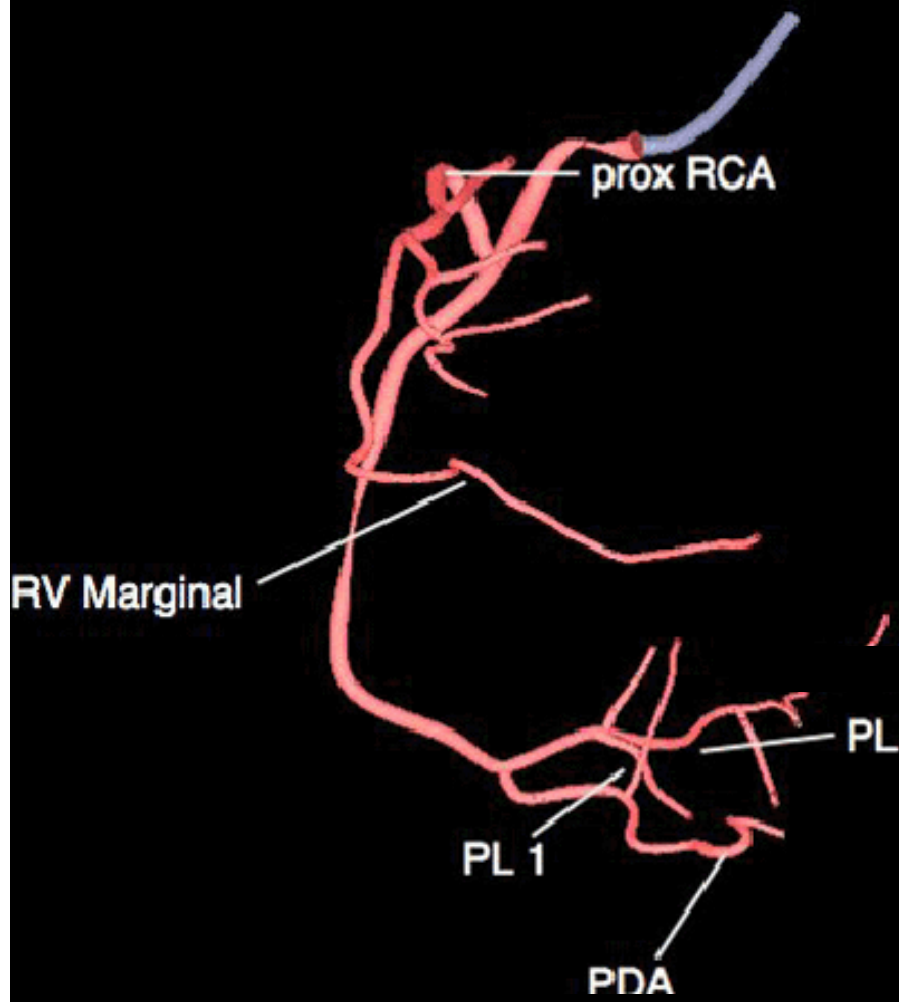
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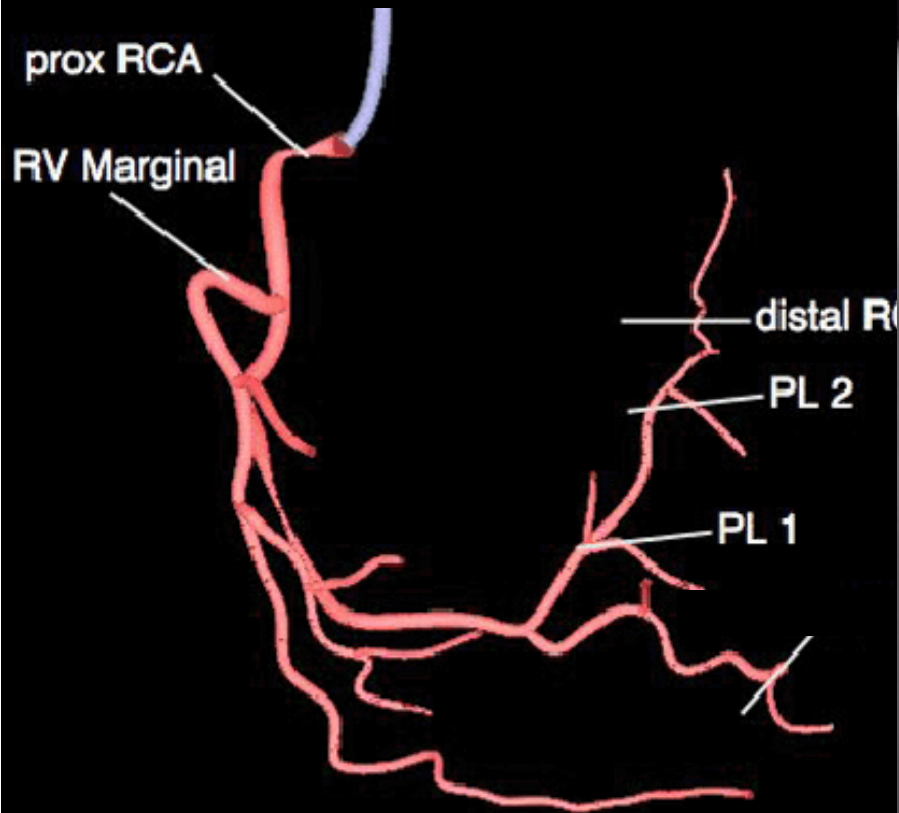


Right Coronary Angiogram



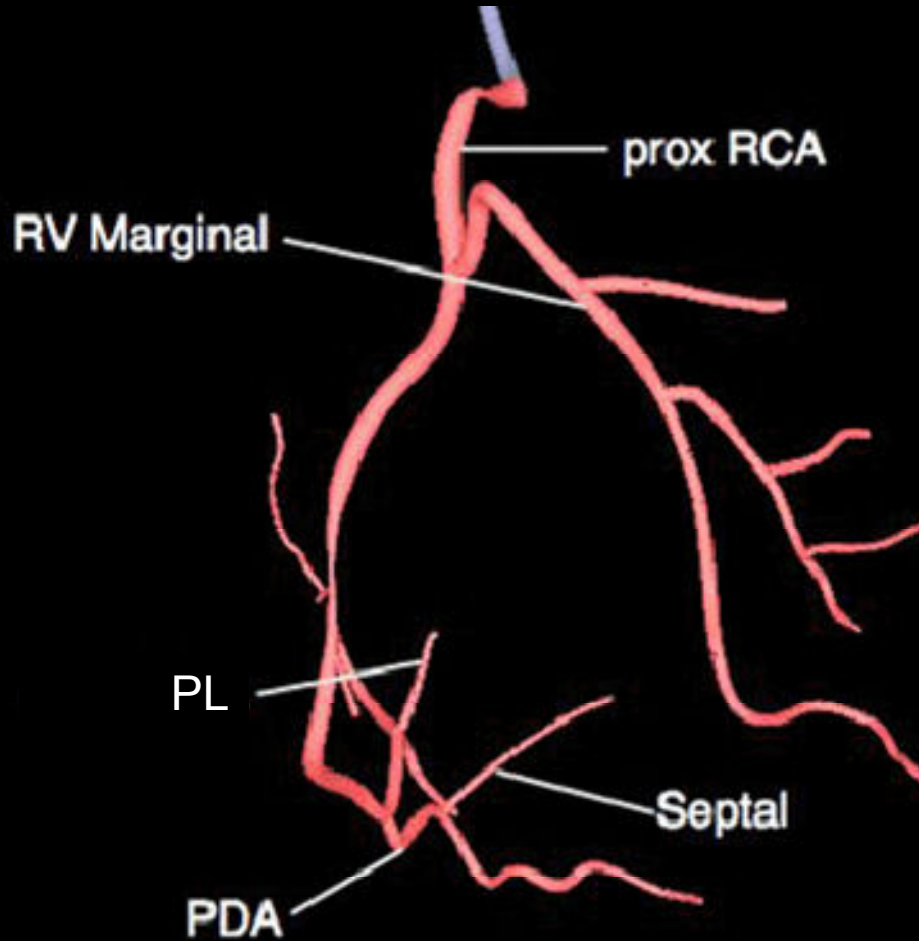
LAO view

Right Coronary Angiogram



AP or LAO cranial view

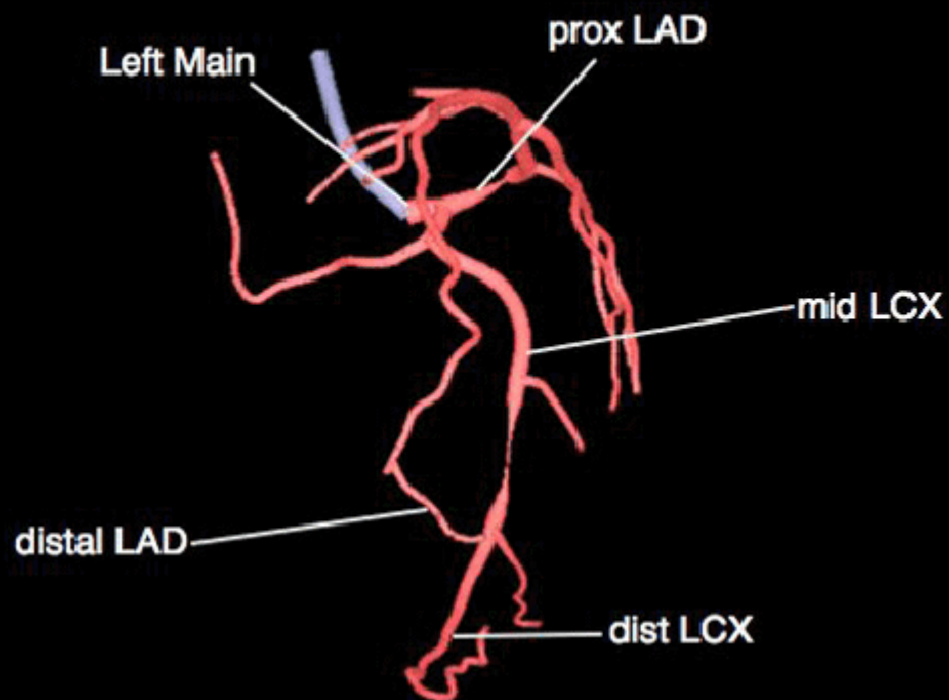
Right Coronary Angiogram



RAO view

Left Coronary Angiogram

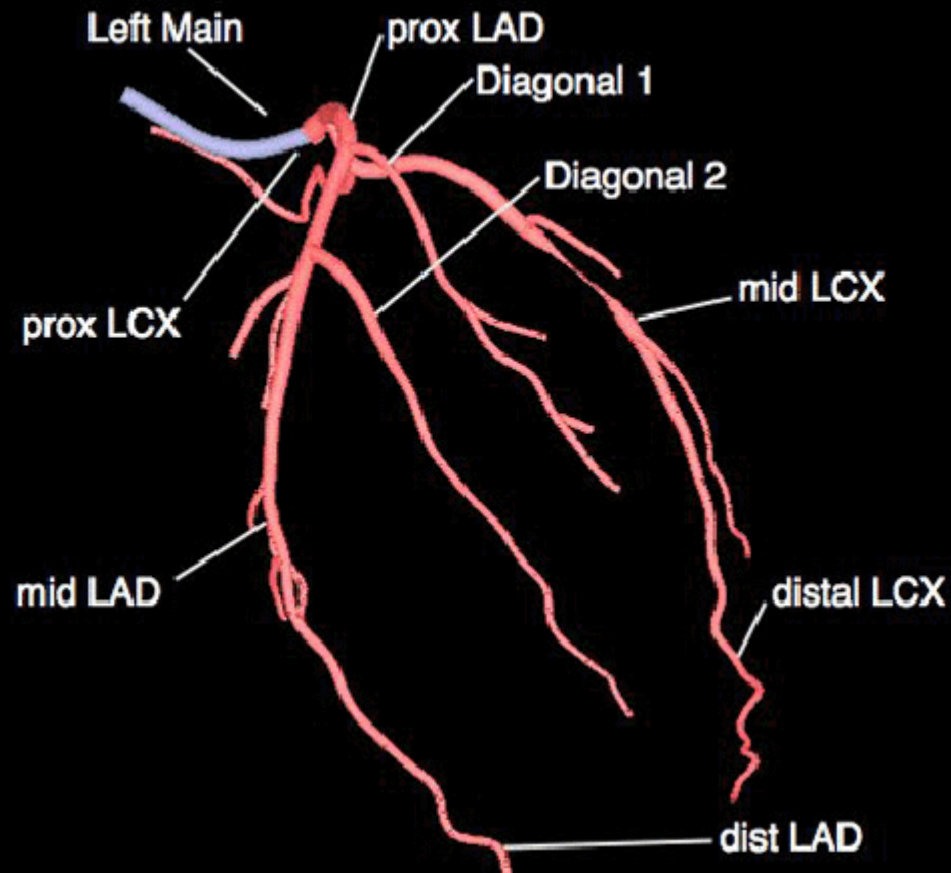
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Caudal View

Left Coronary Angiogram

LAO: 60.0 CRAN: 30.0



Cranial View

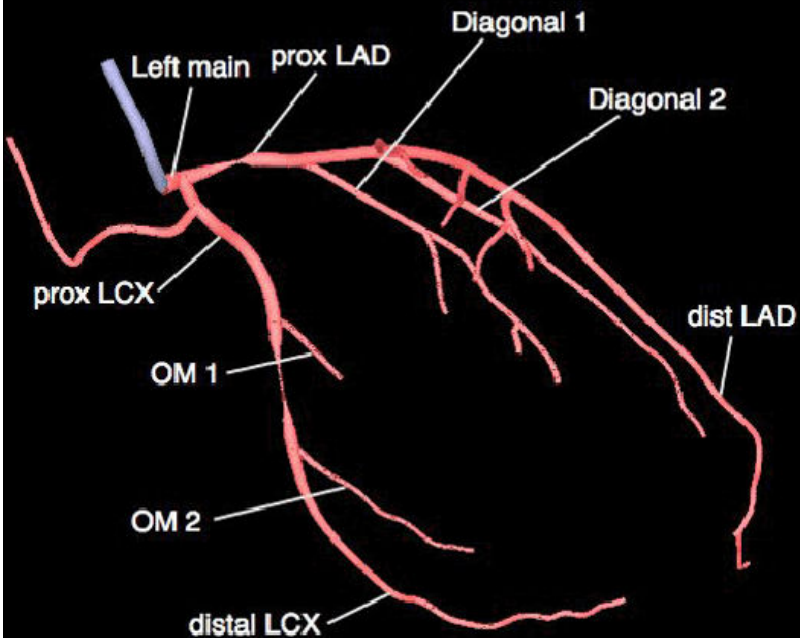
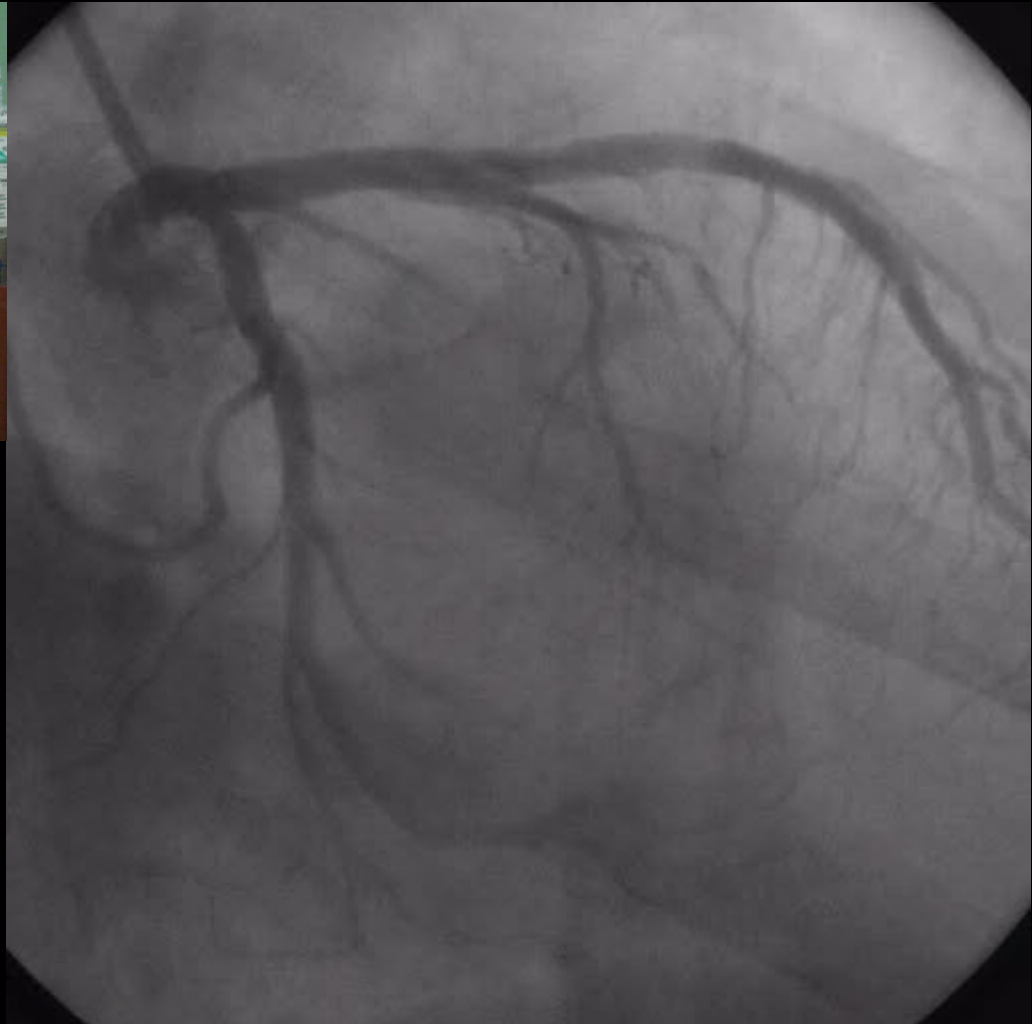
LAD vs. LCx ?



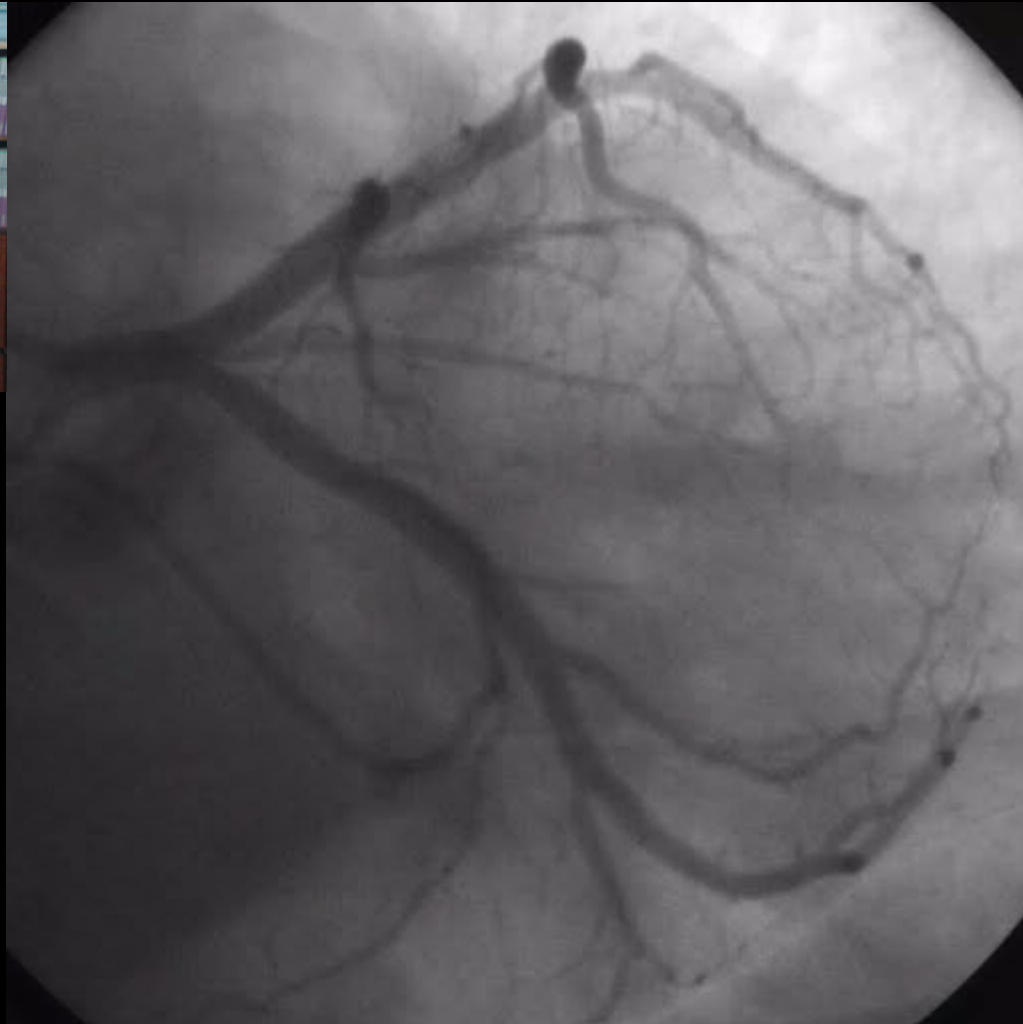
RAO Caudal



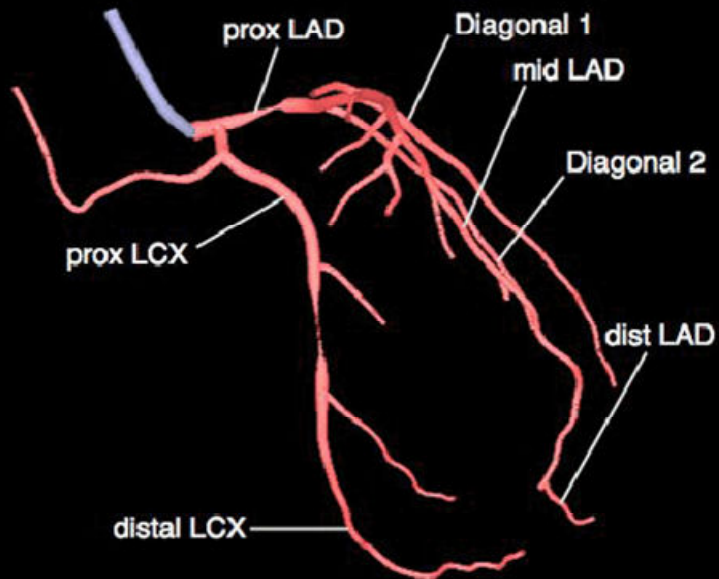
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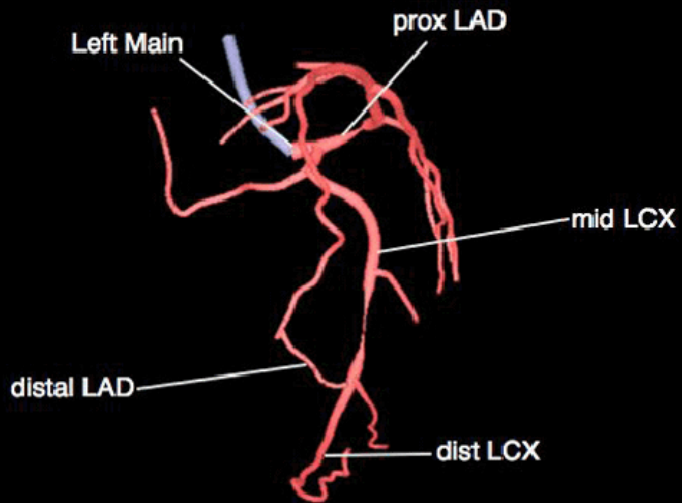
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LAO Caudal (Spider)



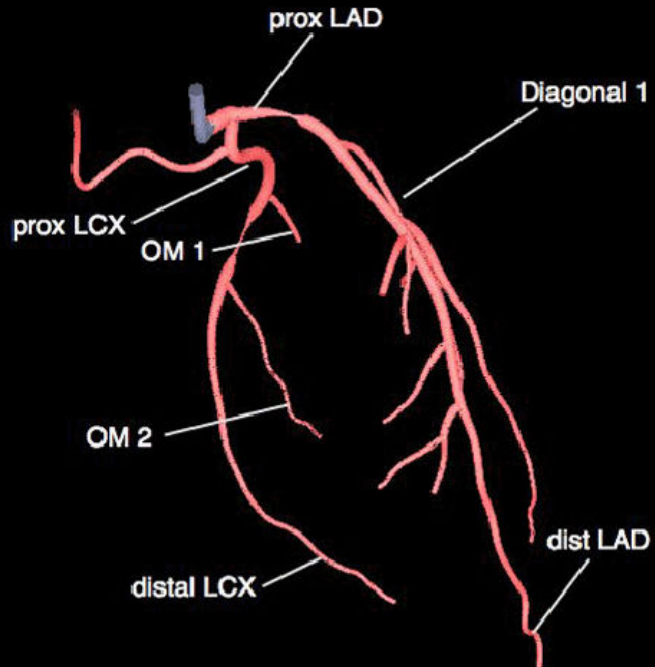
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RAO Cranial



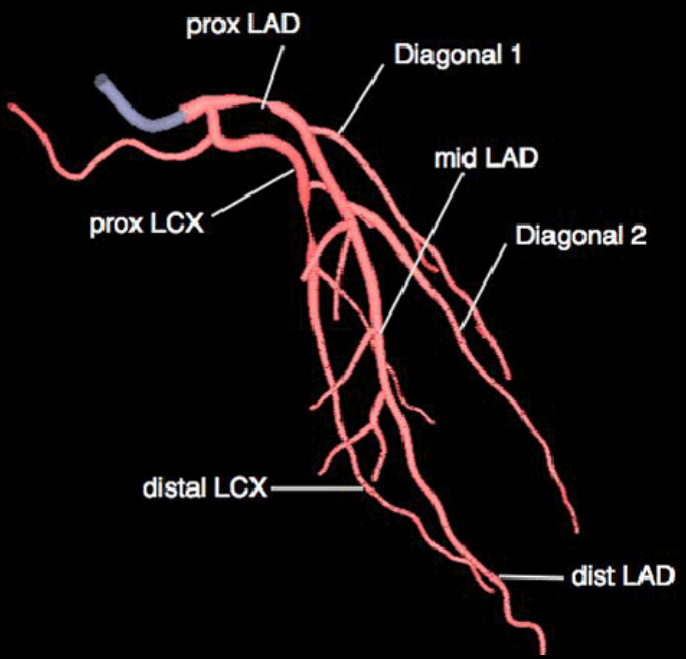
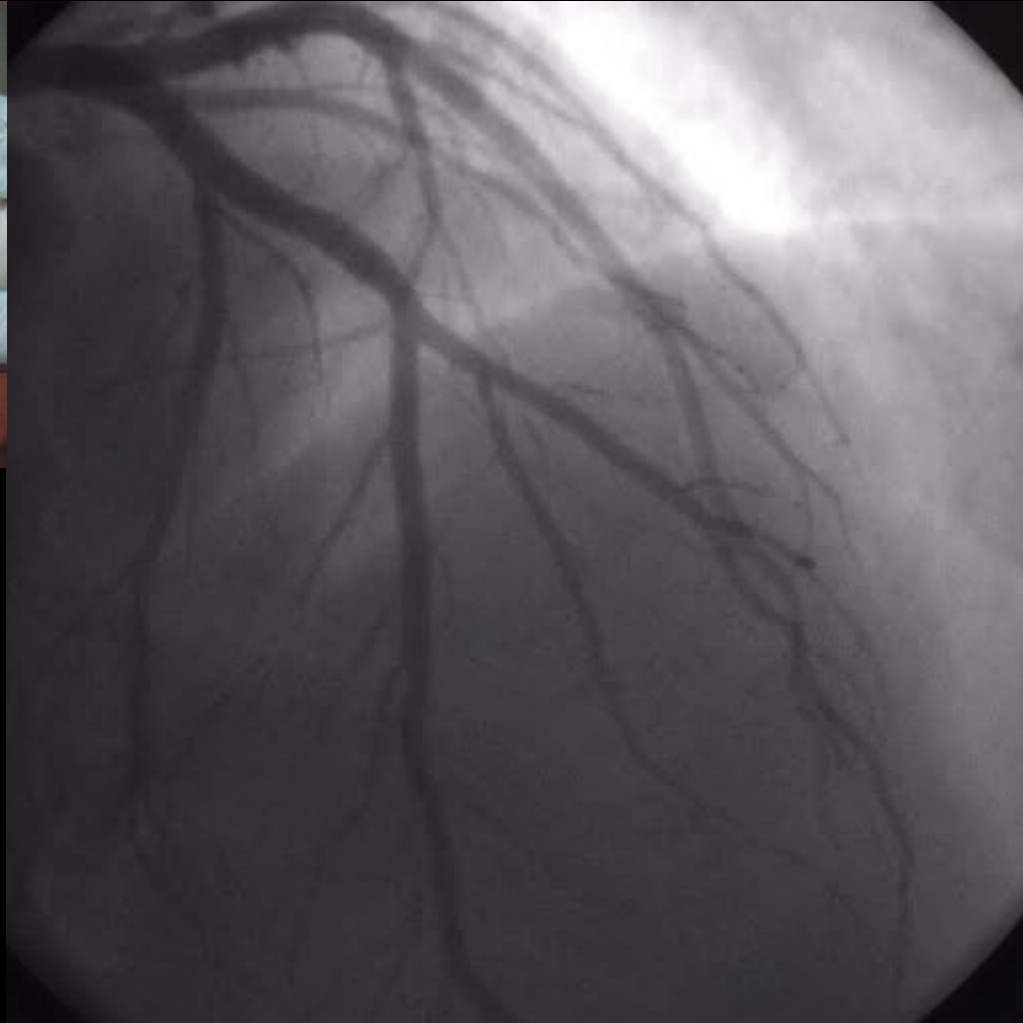
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AP Cranial



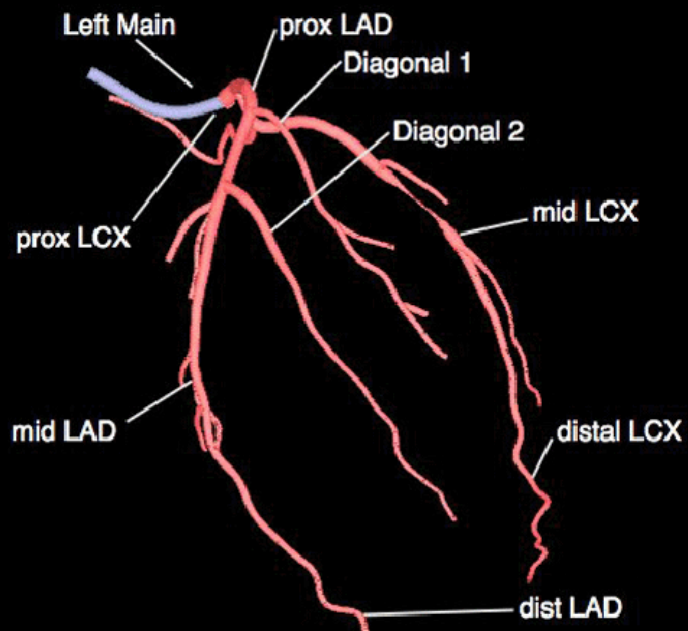
RAO: 0.0 CRAN: 30.0



LAO Cranial



LAO: 60.0 CRAN: 30.0



Lesion Description

Lesion Description

Number of vessels diseased

- >50% DS in Five major vessels >2mm diameter
 - LAD → LAD, Dx, Septal, RI
 - LCx → LCx, OM
 - RCA → RCA, RV, PDA, PL
 - LMCA
 - Graft → LIMA, SVG, GEA, RA

Ex) LAD + OM → 2 VD

LMCA disease → 2 VD

LMCA + mRCA → 3 VD

LAD + Small PCA ($\emptyset=1.0\text{mm}$) → 1 VD

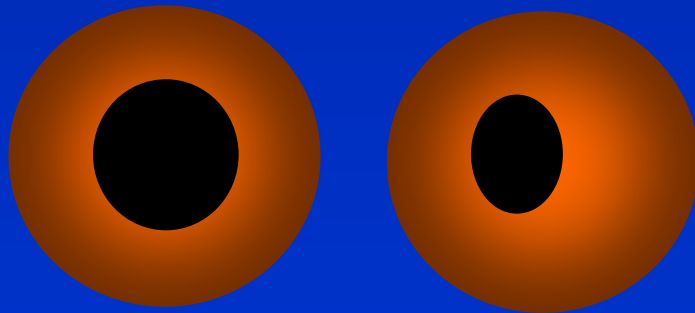
Lesion Description

Lesion length

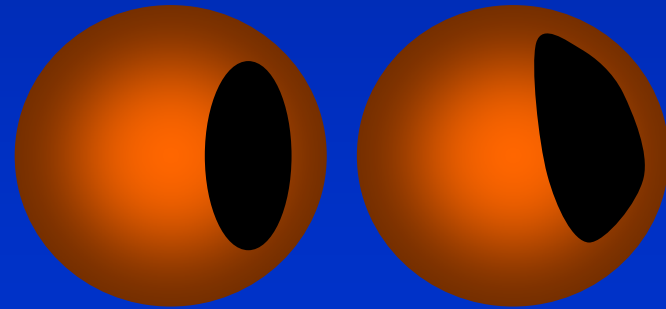
- Discrete: <10 mm in length
- Tubular: 10~20 mm in length
- Diffuse: >20 mm in length

Eccentricity

- Concentric; 병변의 축이 중간 50% 이내에 있는 경우
- Eccentric; 병변의 축이 양쪽 side의 25% 밖에 있는 경우



Concentric



Eccentric

Lesion Description

Arrangement of the lesions

- Tandem; two lesions located within one balloon length
- Sequential; two lesions located at a distance longer than the balloon

Contour

- Smooth vs. Irregular
- Ulceration; lesions with a small crater consisting of a discrete luminal widening in the area of stenosis

Lesion Description

Proximal vessel tortuosity (accessibility)

- Number of $>75^\circ$ bends to reach the lesion
 - None
 - Mild; one bends
 - Moderate; two bends
 - Severe; \geq three bends

Lesion angulation

- None/Mild; lesion located on a straight segment or a bend $<45^\circ$
- Moderate; $45^\circ\sim 90^\circ$ bend
- Severe; bend $>90^\circ$

Lesion Description

Calcification

- None
- Mild; densities noted only after contrast injection
- Moderate; densities noted only with cardiac motion prior to contrast injection
- Severe; radiopacities noted without cardiac motion prior to contrast injection

Thrombus

- Discrete, intraluminal filling defect is noted with defined borders and is largely separated from the adjacent wall
- Contrast staining may or may not be present

Lesion Description

Ostial lesion

- Origin of the lesion \leq 3mm of the vessel origin
 - Aorto-ostial; aortic junction과 경계부위 (LMCA, pRCA)
 - Branch-ostial; aorta와 경계 부위가 아니면서 major epicardial artery의 분지부

LAD & LCx os

Dx os

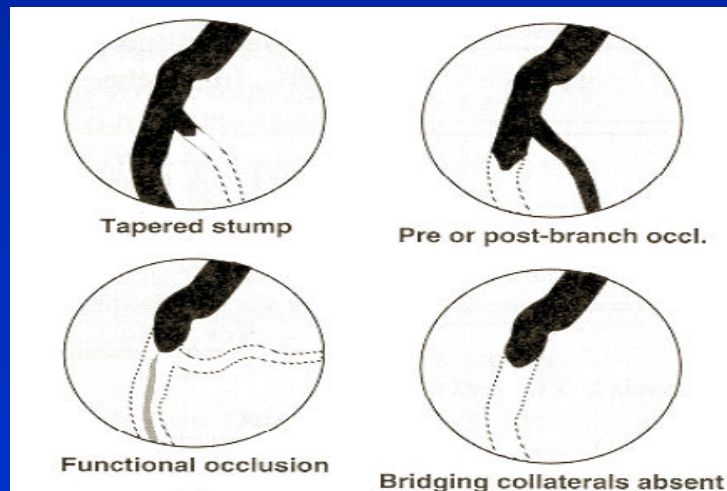
OM os

PDA and PL os

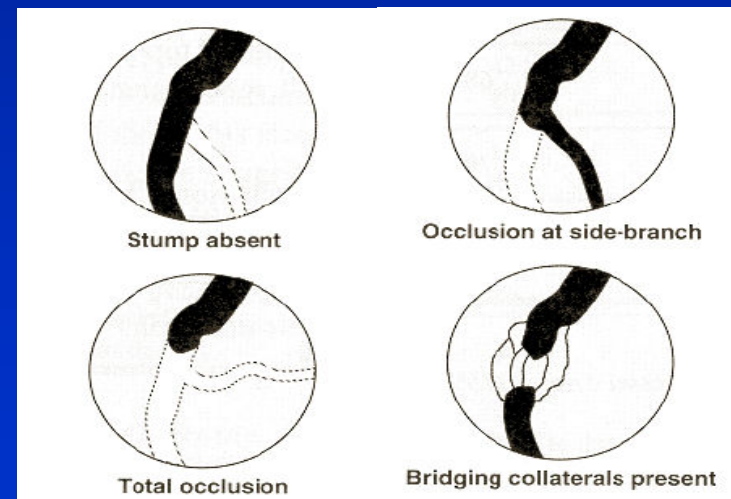
Lesion Description

Chronic total occlusion (CTO)

- TIMI 0 or 1
 - Duration; usually more than 3 months
; defined by clinical history (Sx onset, MI, ...)
- Angiographic predictor of PCI success/failure



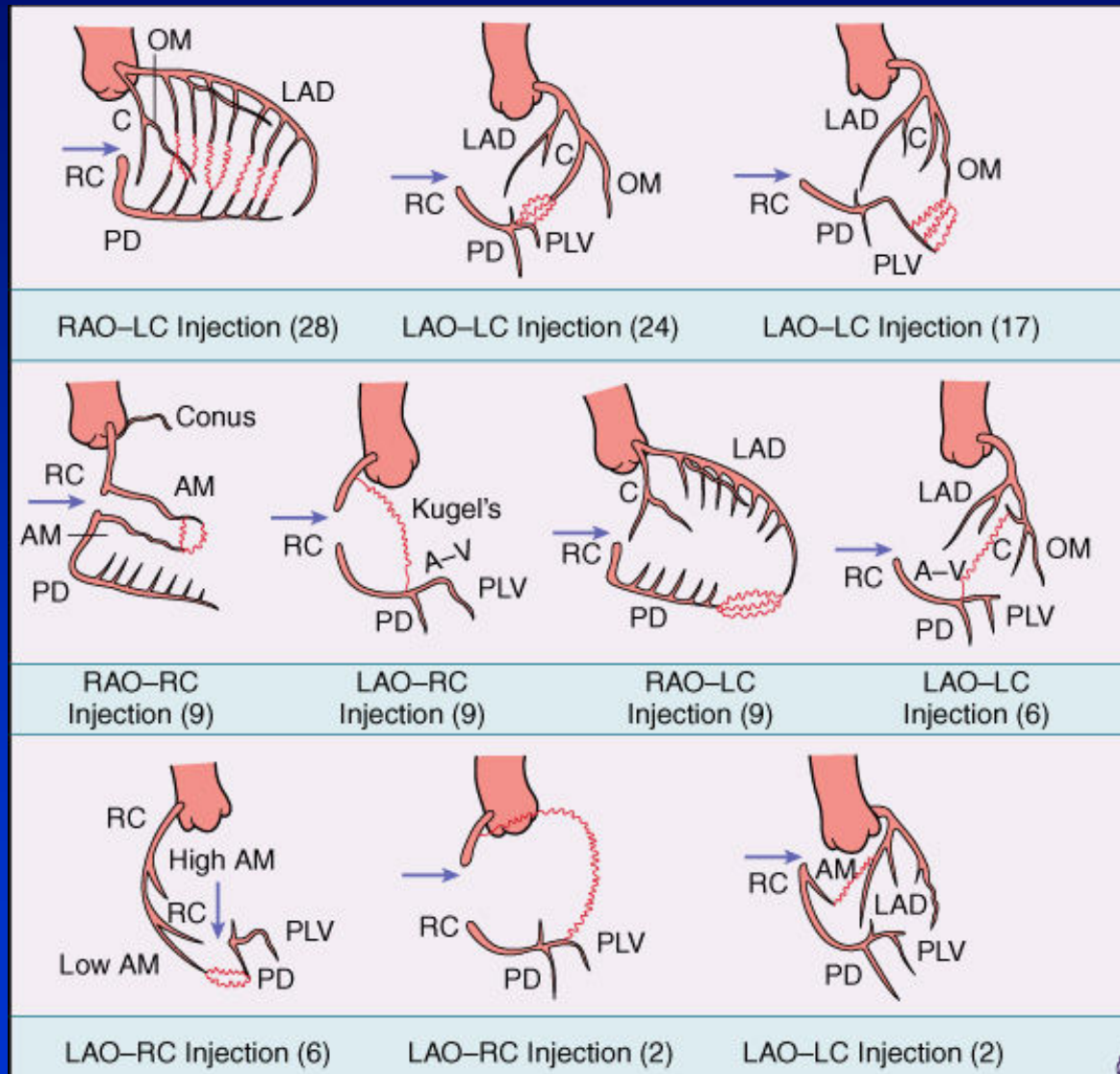
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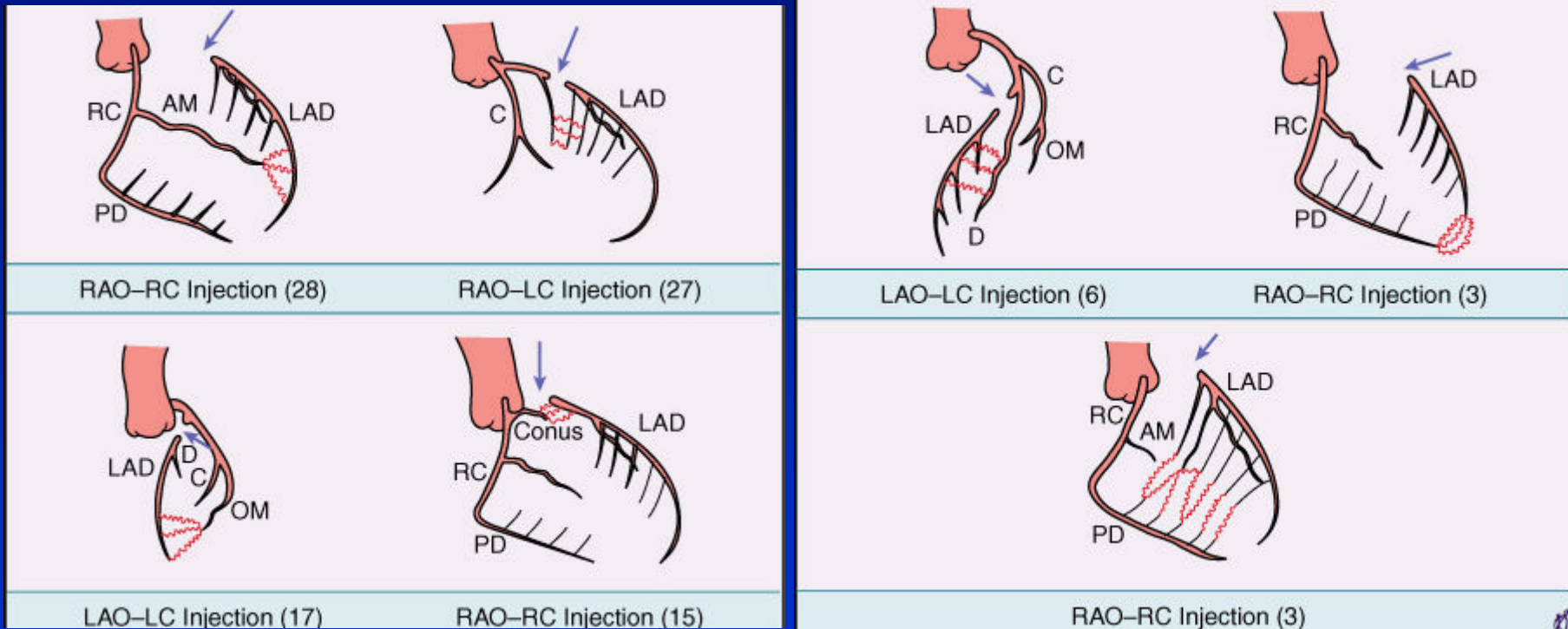
Lesion Description

Collateral channels in RCA occlusion



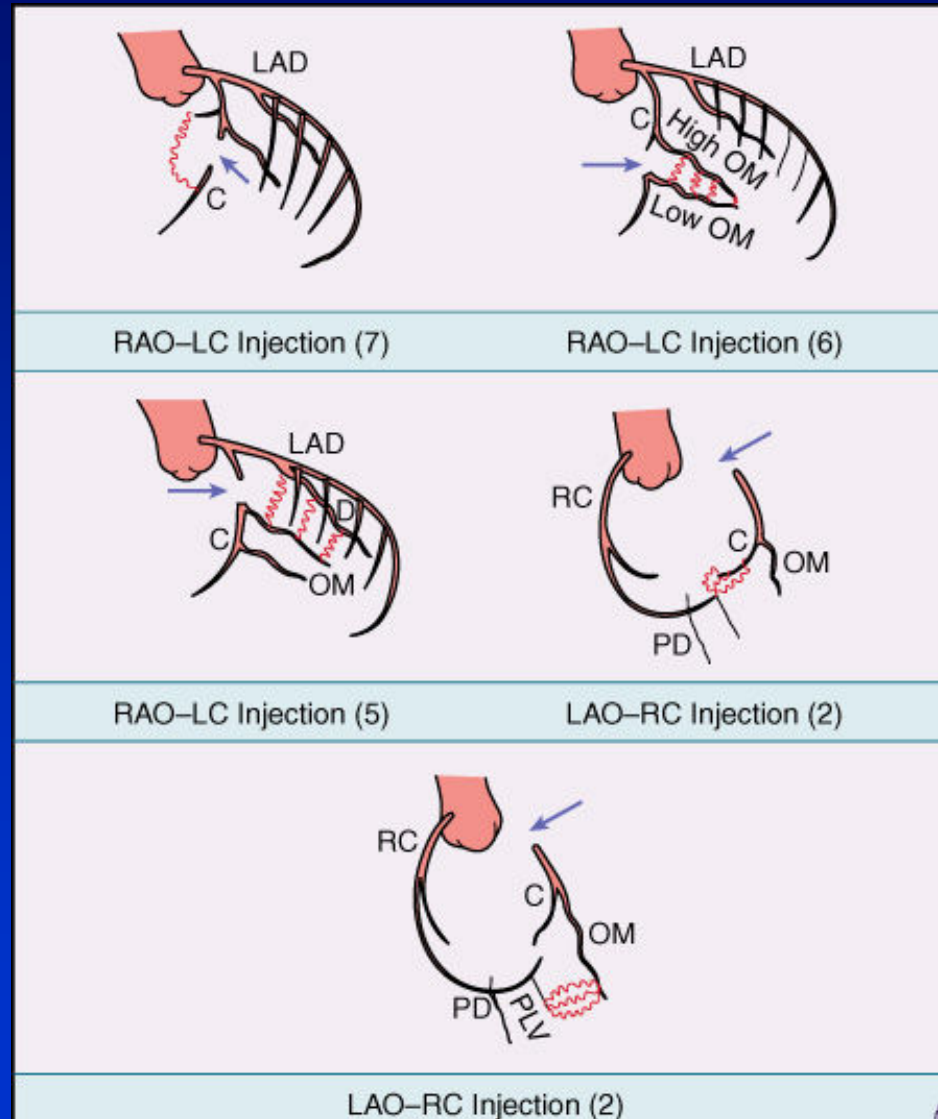
Lesion Description

Collateral channels in LAD occlusion



Lesion Description

Collateral channels in LCx occlusion



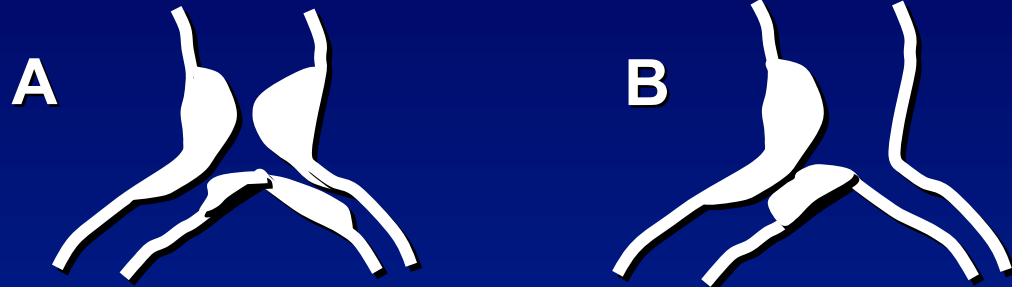
Lesion Description

Bifurcation lesion

Safian Classification

Type I

Parent vessel stenosis proximal and distal to bifurcation



Type II

Parent vessel stenosis proximal to bifurcation



Type III

Parent vessel stenosis distal to bifurcation



Type IV

Parent vessel normal, ostial side branch stenosis



Duke Classification



Type A

Prebranch stenosis not involving the ostium of the side branch



Type B

Postbranch stenosis of the parent vessel not involving the ostium of the side branch



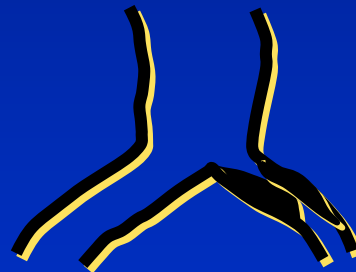
Type C

Stenosis of the parent vessel not involving the ostium of the side branch



Type D

Stenosis involving the parent vessel and the ostium of the side branch



Type E

Stenosis involving the ostium of the side branch only



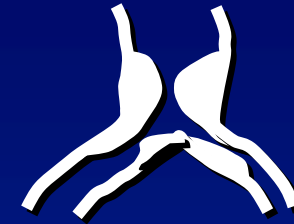
Type F

Stenosis discretely involving the parent vessel and ostium of the side branch

Lefevre (ICPS) Classification

Type 1

Lesions located in the main branch, proximal and distal, and the ostium of side branch



Type 2

Lesions located only in the main branch, proximal and distal, and not the ostium of side branch



Type 3

Lesions located in the main branch proximal to the bifurcation



Type 4

Only the ostium of each branch of the bifurcation involved with no proximal disease



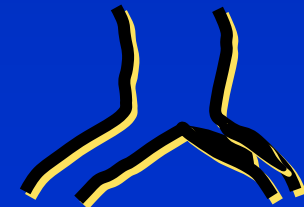
Type 4a

Lesion located only in the ostium of main branch

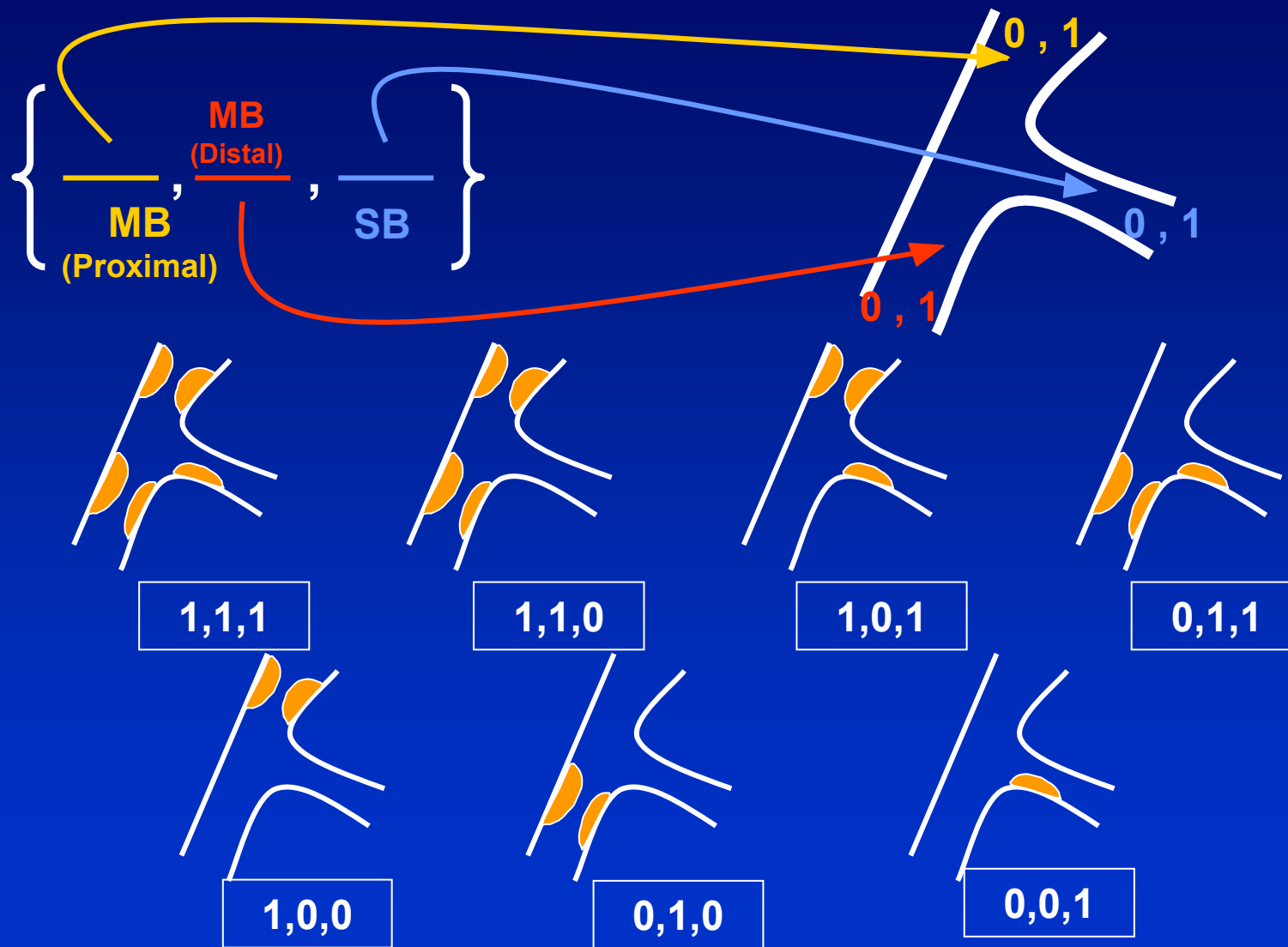


Type 4b

Lesion located only in the ostium of side branch



Medina Classification



Lesion Description

Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk
Discrete	Tubular	Diffuse
Concentric	Eccentric	Excessive tortuosity of proximal segment
Readily accessible	Moderate tortuosity of prox. seg.	Extremely angulated >90°
Nonangulated (<45°)	Moderately angulated (45~90°)	CTO >3 months old &/or bridging collaterals
Smooth contour	Irregular contour	Inability to protect major side branches
Little or no calcification	Moderate or heavy calcification	Degenerated SVG with friable lesions
Less than totally occ.	Total occlusions < 3 months old	
Not ostial in location	Ostial in location	
No major side branch	Bifurcation requiring double GW	
Absence of thrombus	Some thrombus present	

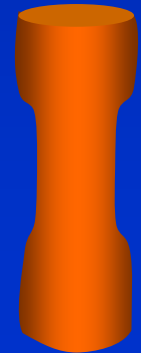
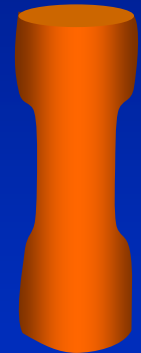
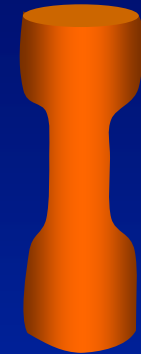
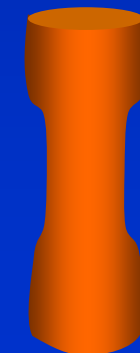
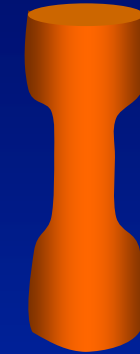
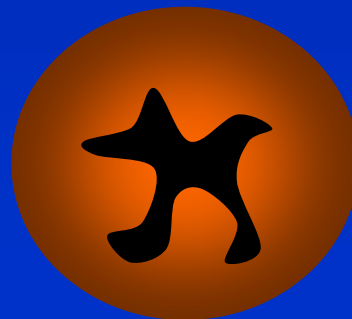
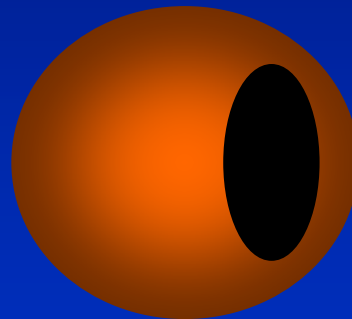
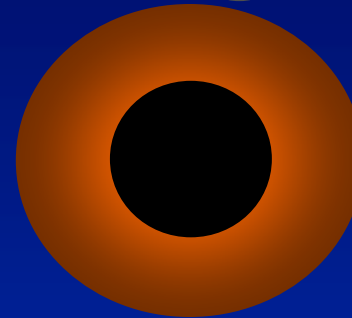
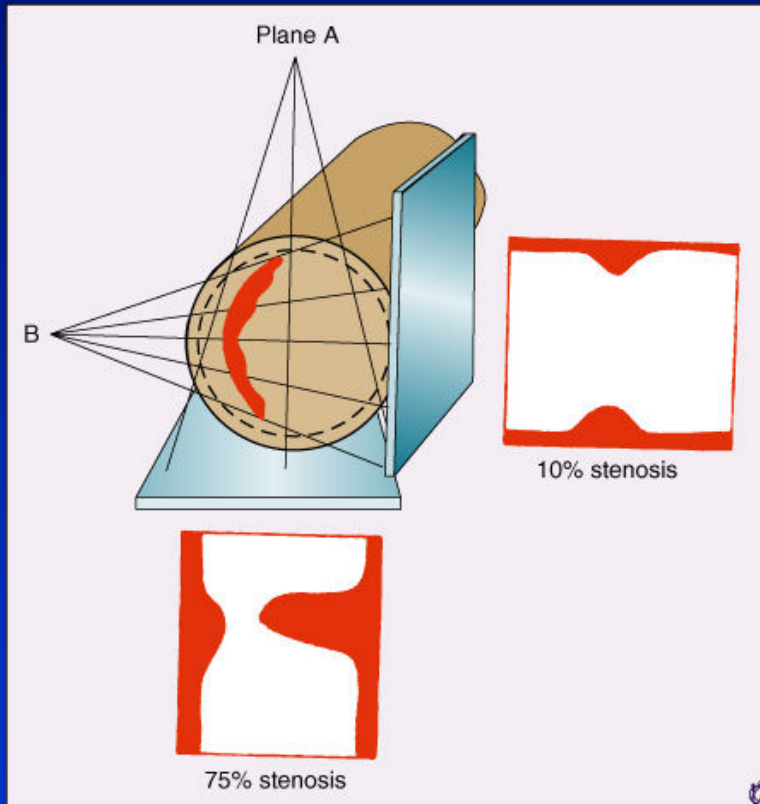
Lesion Description

Lesion Type (AHA/ACC)

- Type A
 - lesion with only low risk
- Type B1
 - lesion with only one moderate risk
- Type B2
 - lesion with two or more moderate risk
- Type C
 - lesion with at least one high risk

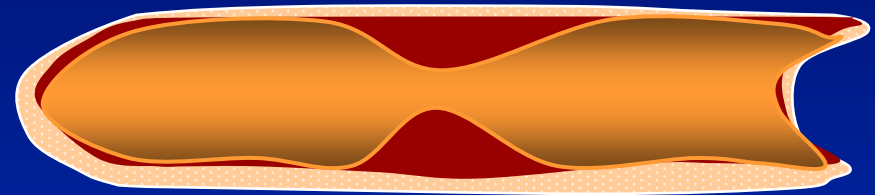
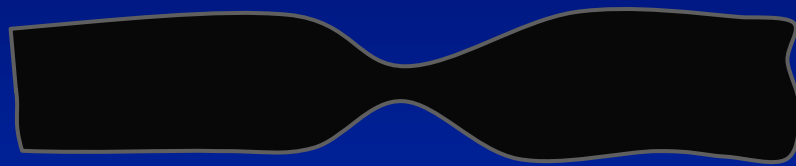
Pitfalls of Coronary Angiography

Lumen-o-gram

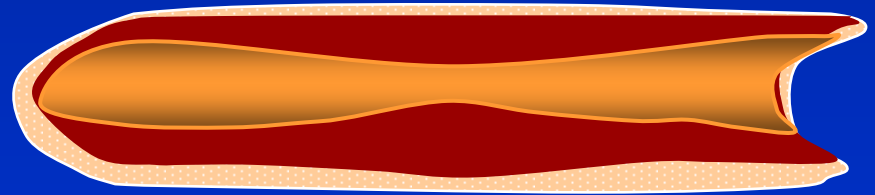


Pitfalls of Coronary Angiography

Lumen-o-gram



Focal narrowing



Diffuse narrowing

Pitfalls of Coronary Angiography

Lumen-o-gram

How to solve it ?

- Multiple projection with different angle
- Have a sense of normal caliber of major coronaries

LMCA 4.5 ± 0.5 mm

LAD 3.7 ± 0.4 mm

LCx 3.4 ± 0.5 mm for nondominant

4.2 ± 0.6 mm for dominant

RCA 2.8 ± 0.5 mm for nondominant

3.9 ± 0.6 mm for dominant

- IVUS examination
- Functional study; CFR, FFR

Mistakes in Interpretation

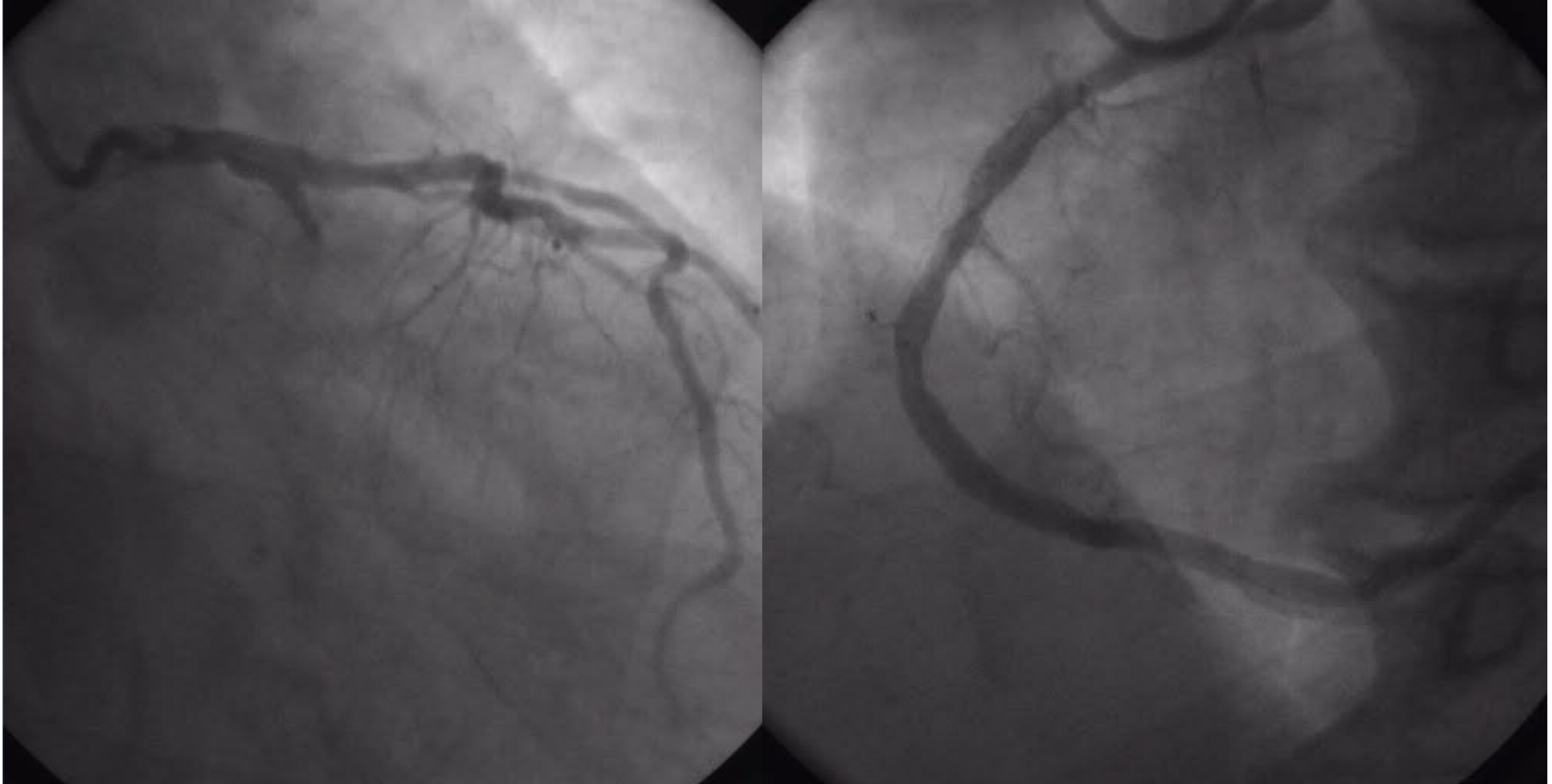
- Inadequate number of projections
- Inadequate injection of contrast materials
- Superselective injection
- Catheter-induced coronary spasm
- Congenital variants of coronary origin and distribution
- Myocardial bridges
- Total occlusions at the ostium
- Wire induced spasm (Accordion effect)

Case Study

Anatomic Variants

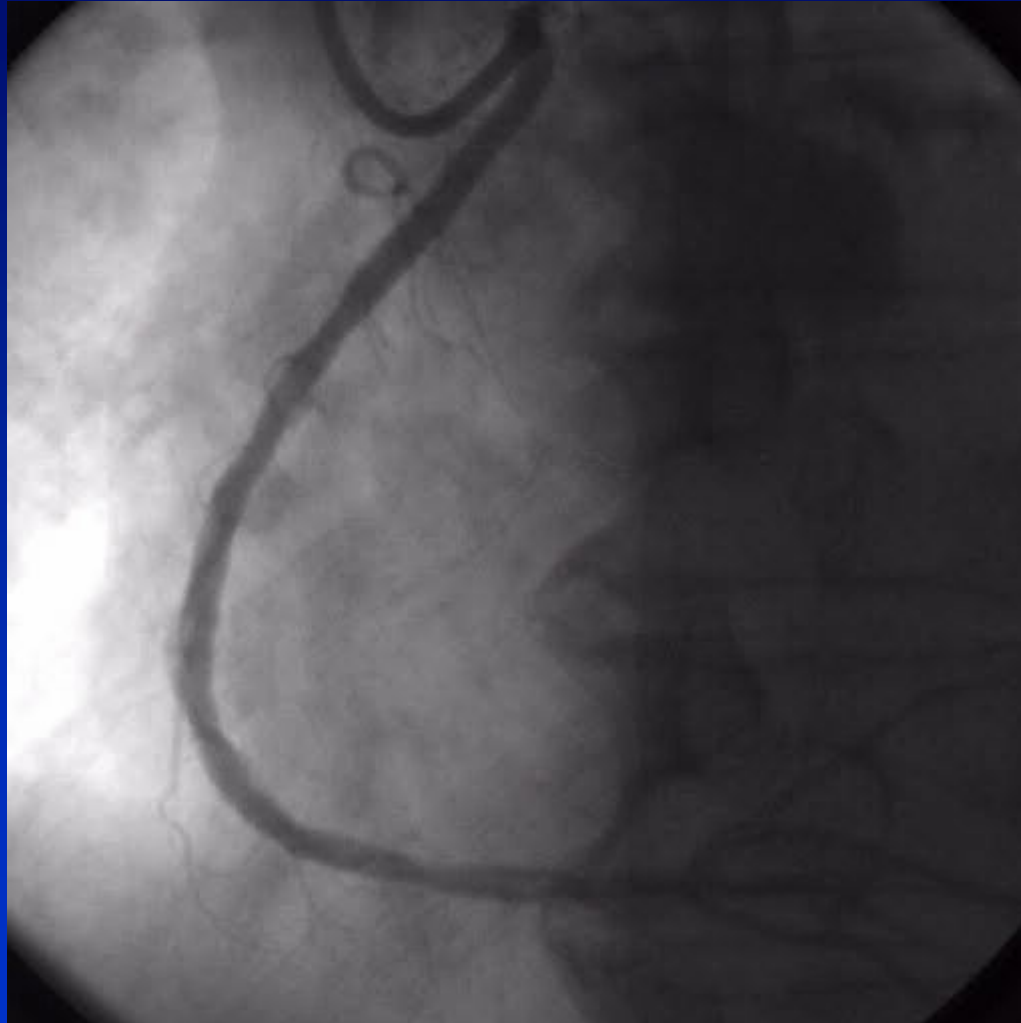
- **Anomalies of origin**
 - High take-off
 - Multiple ostia
 - Single coronary artery
 - Anomalous origin from pulmonary artery
 - Origin from systemic vessels
- **Anomalies of origin & course**
 - Origin of coronary artery from opposite sinus (ACAOS)
 - Course between great vessels
- **Anomalies of course**
 - Myocardial bridge
 - Duplication of arteries
- **Anomalies of termination**
 - Coronary artery fistula
 - Coronary arcade
 - Extracardiac termination

56/M, LCx STEMI



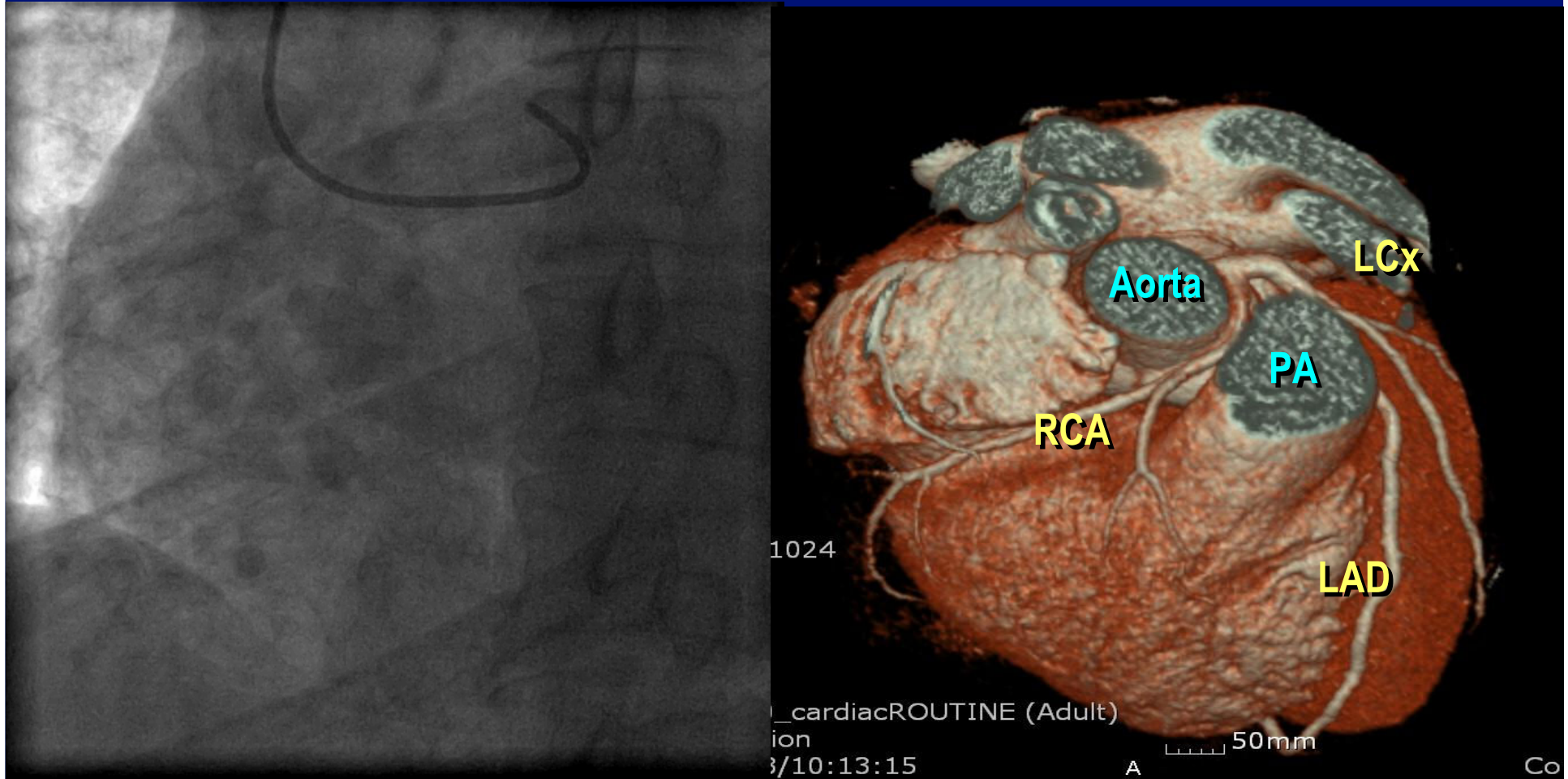
AL engagement

Anomalous origin of Coronary Artery from Opposite Sinus (ACAOS)



EBU or JL engagement

RCA origin from LMCA



56/M, Atypical chest pain

RCA origin from LAD

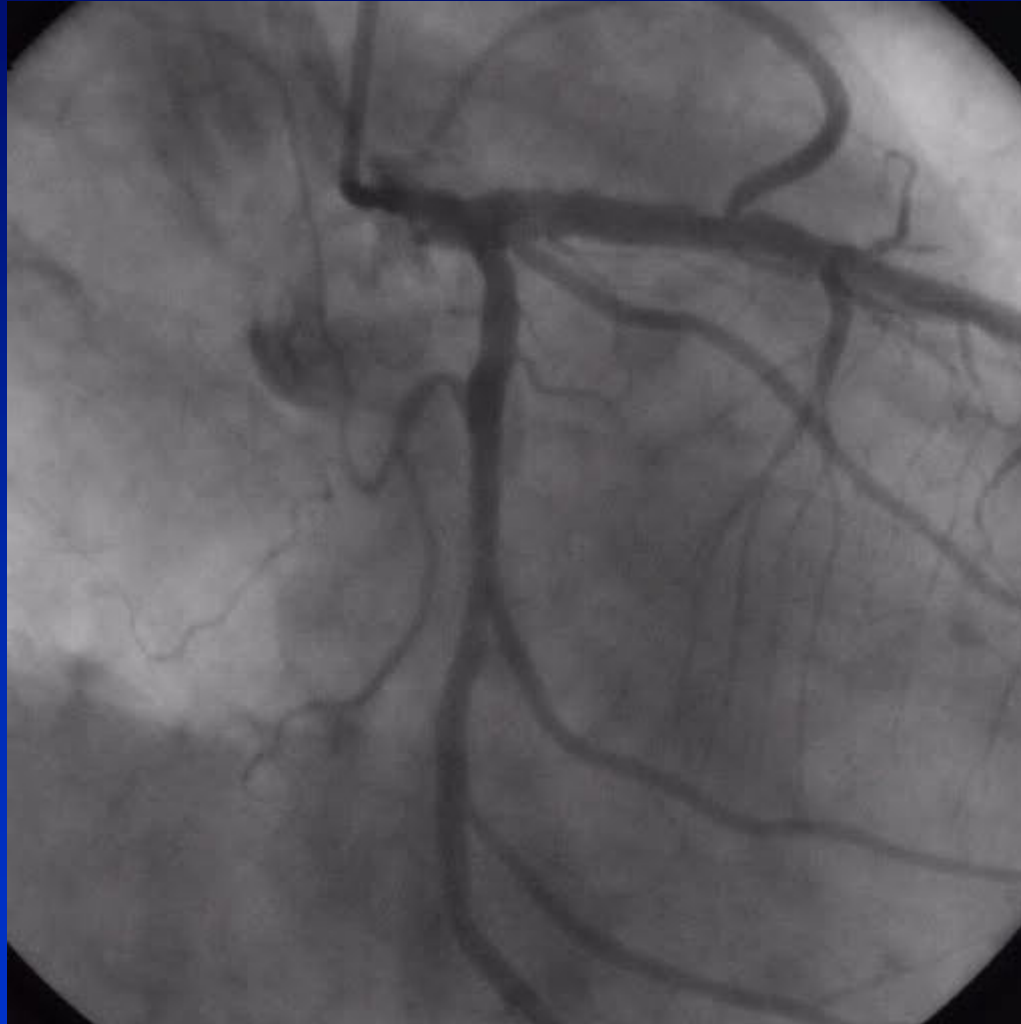


67/M, Stable angina



LMCA-pLAD cross over

RCA origin from LAD



FU angiogram

Separated LMCA origin



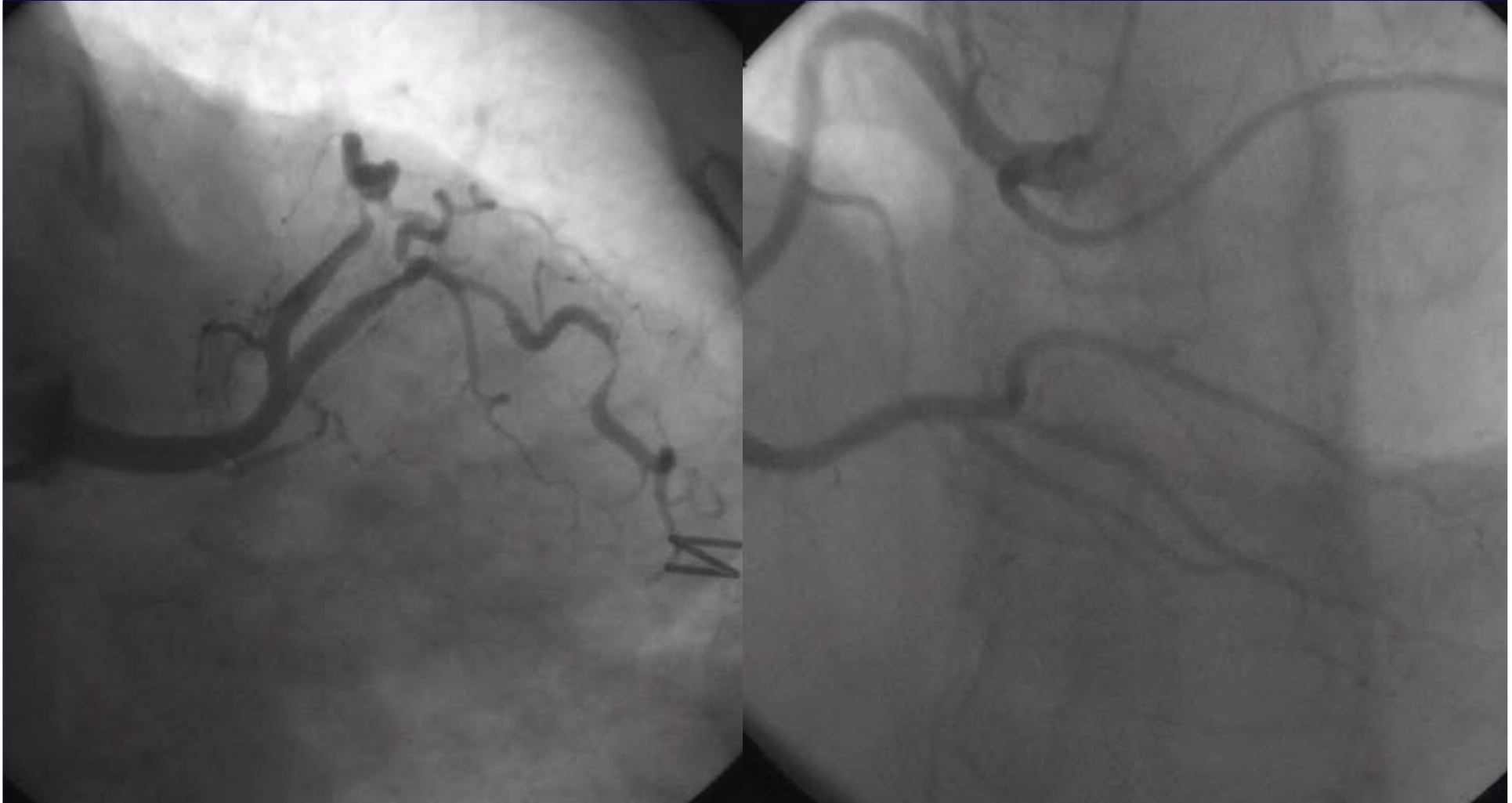
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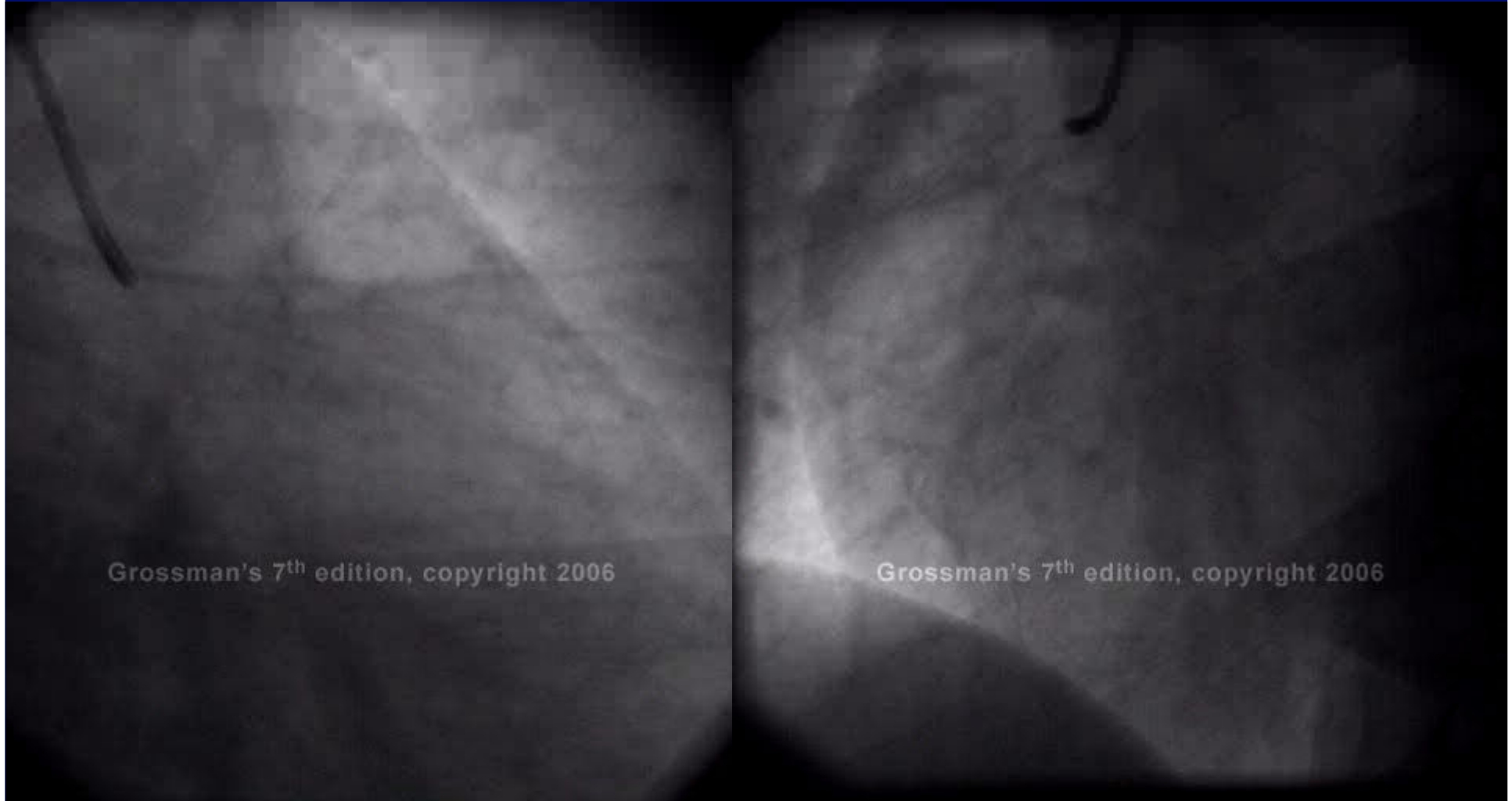
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LCx origin from RCA



70/M, Unstable angina

45/F, Effort angina



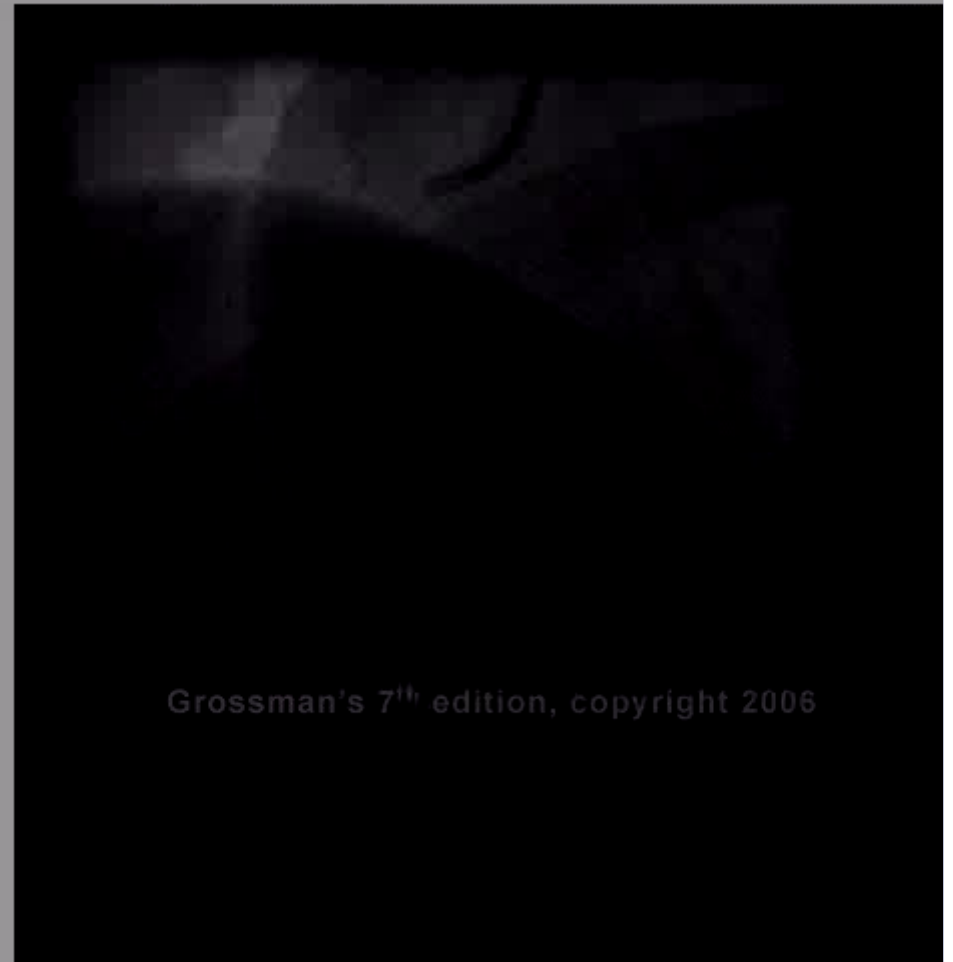
Lateral perfusion defect on SPECT

45/F, Effort angina



Lateral perfusion defect on SPECT

Where is LCx origin ?



Superdominant RCA

12-years-old boy

Exertional chest pain with syncope for 3 yrs

Chest pain and shock during treadmill test

Peak CK / CK-MB = 893 / 23.4 IU/L

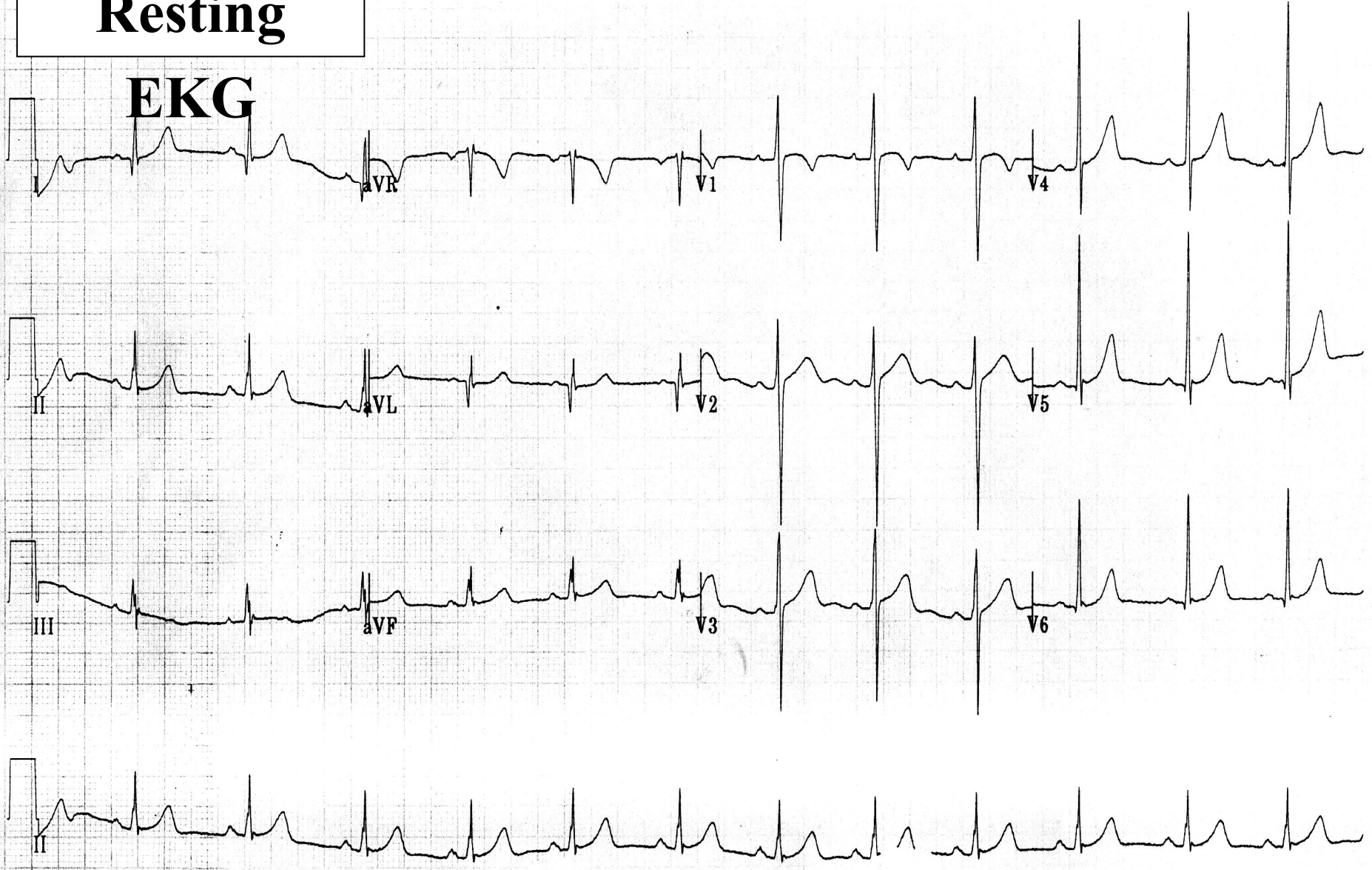
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Postexercise EKG

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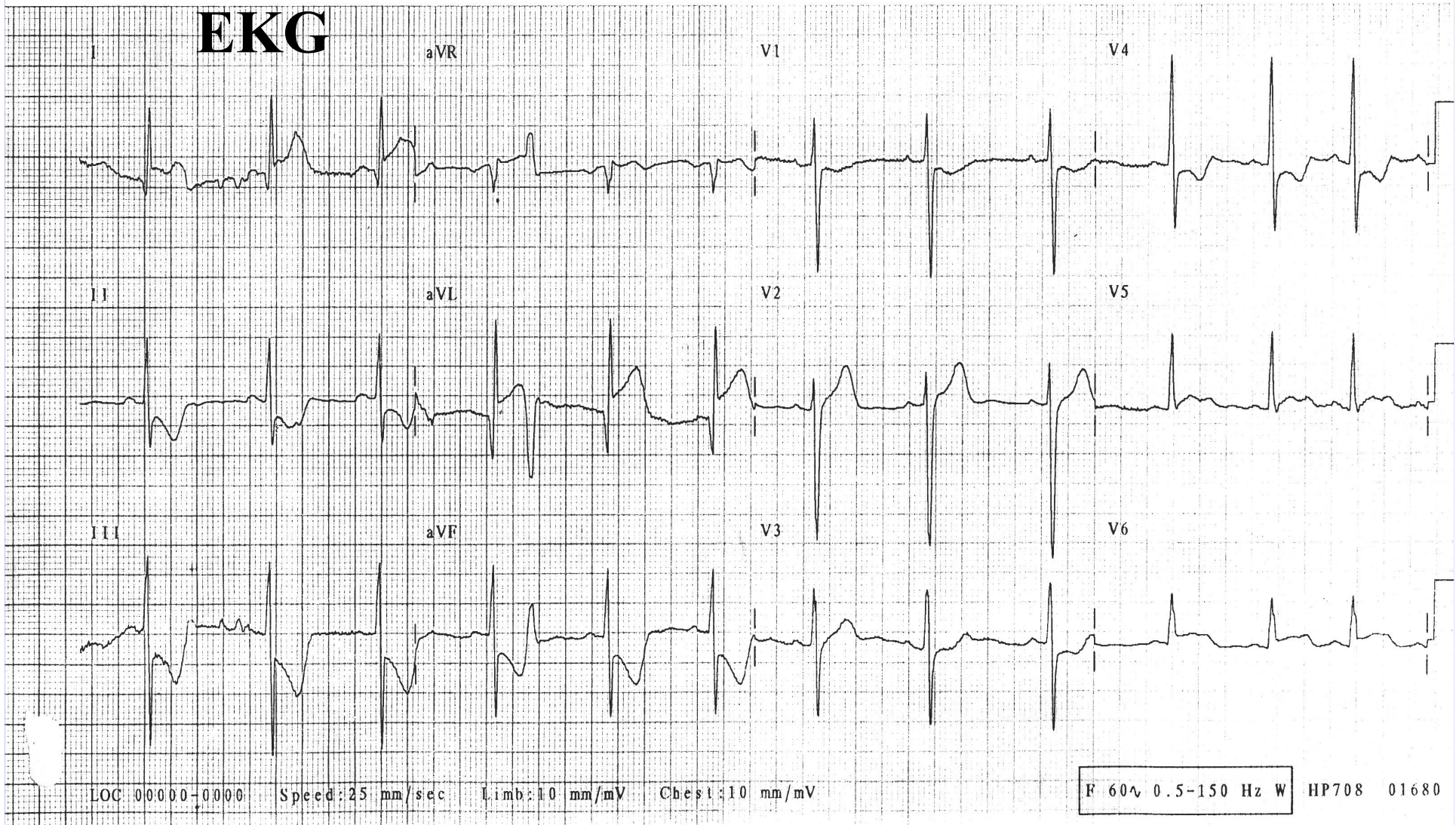
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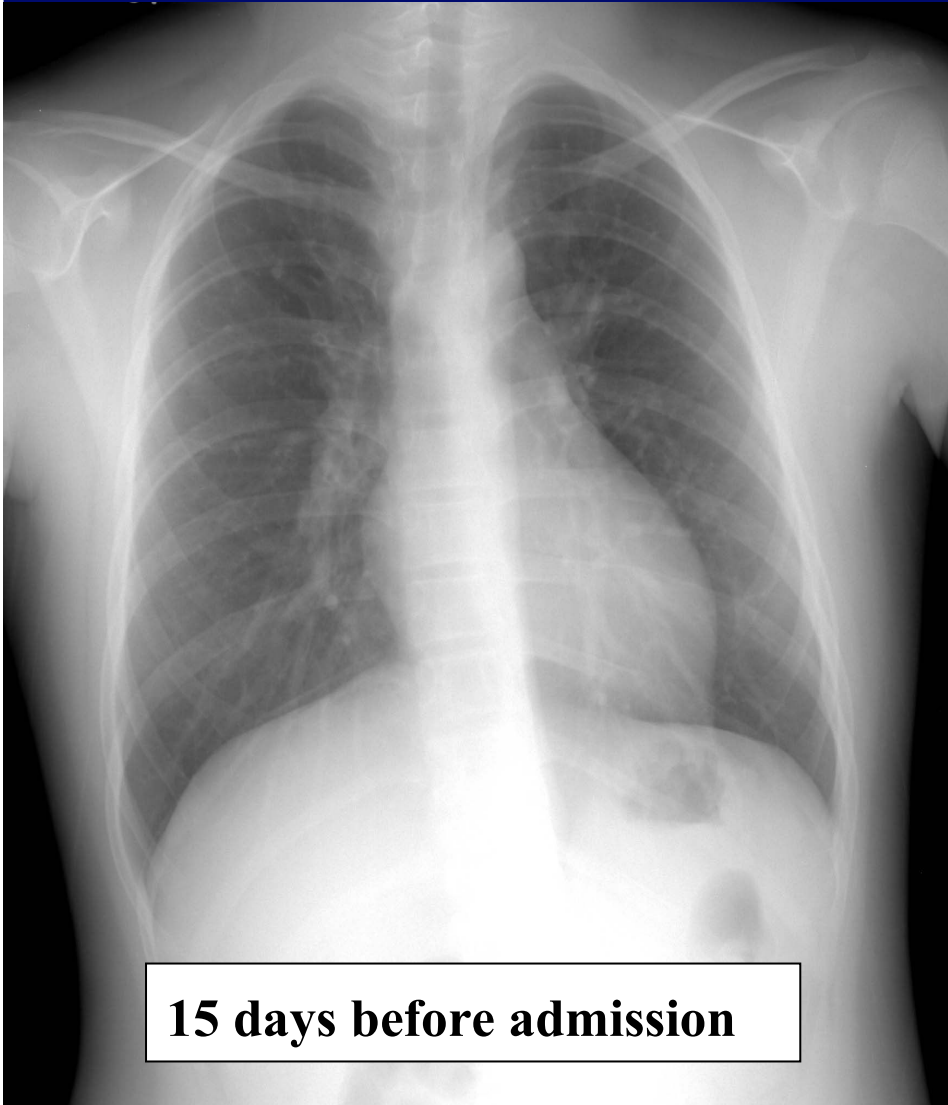
Postexercise

- ABNORMAL ECG -

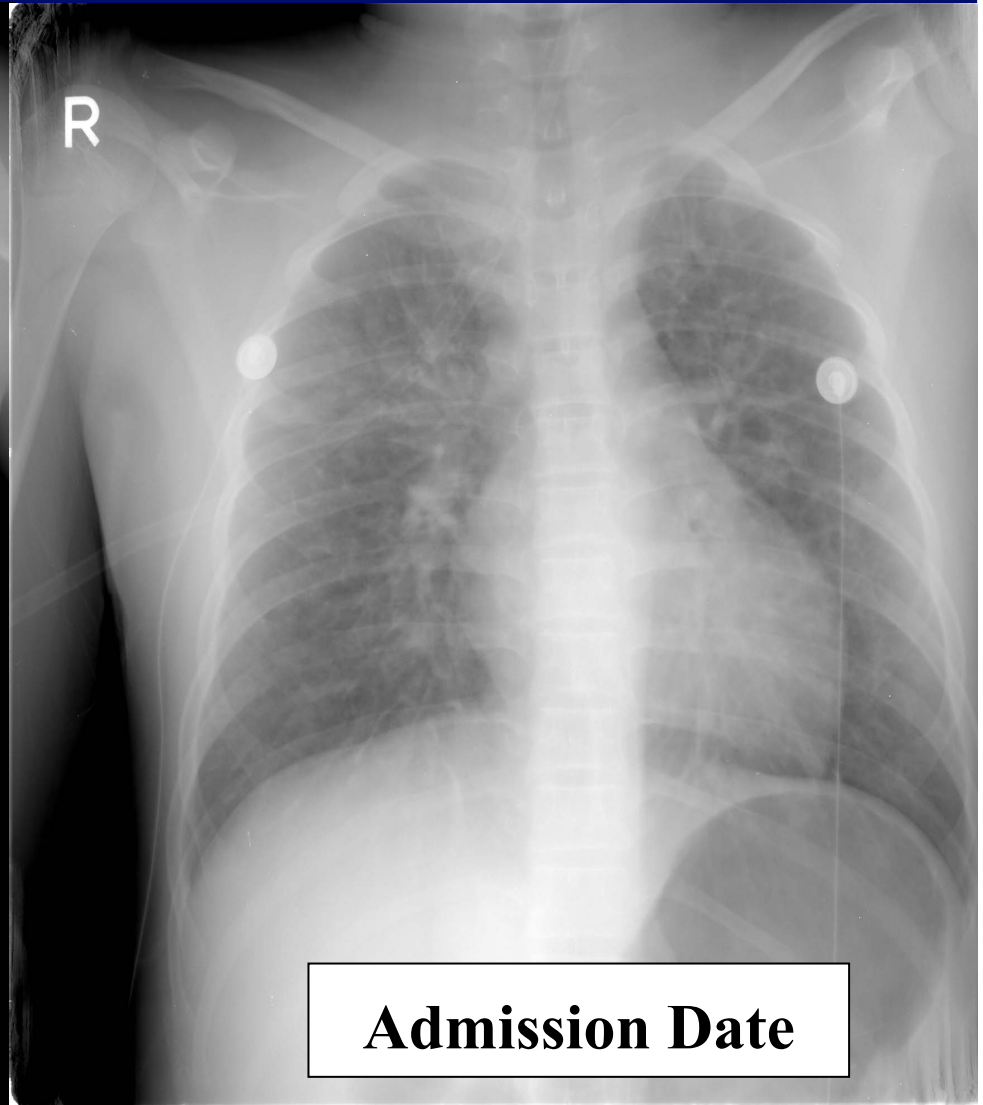
PRELIMINARY-MD MUST REVIEW

EKG

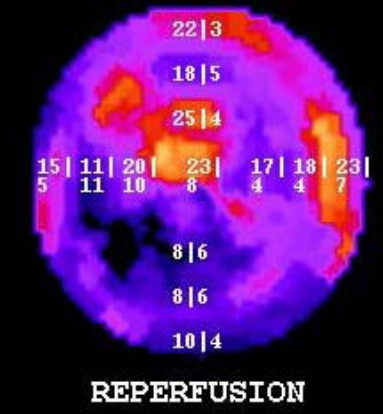
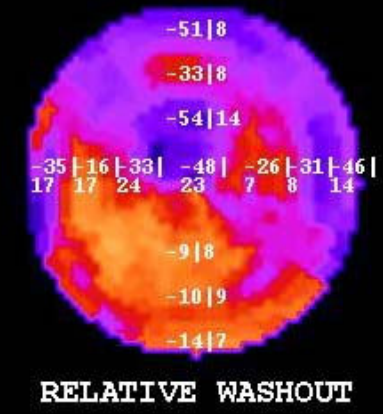
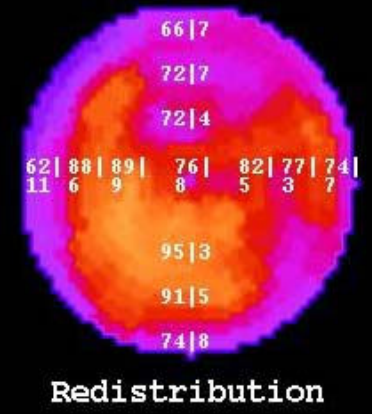
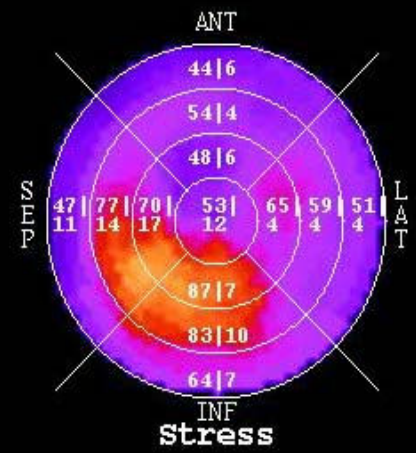
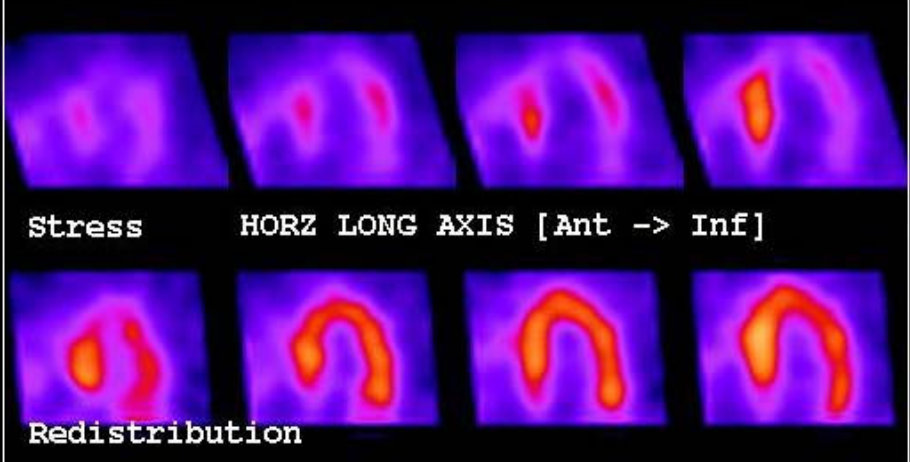
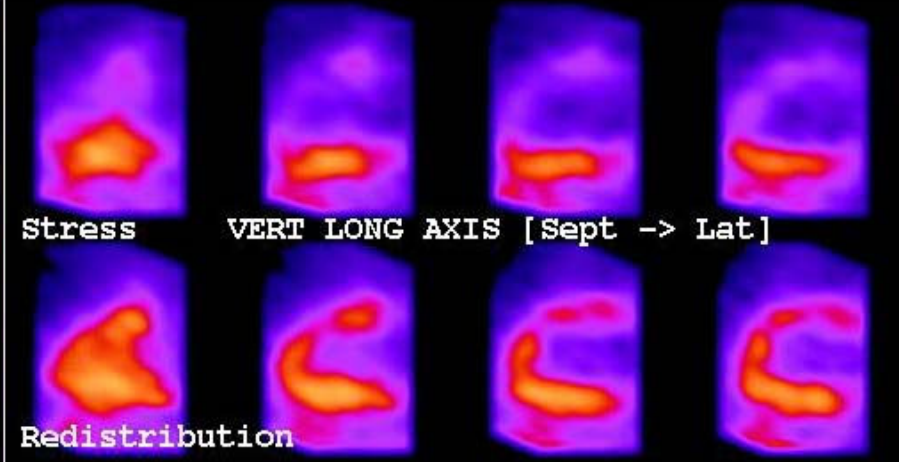
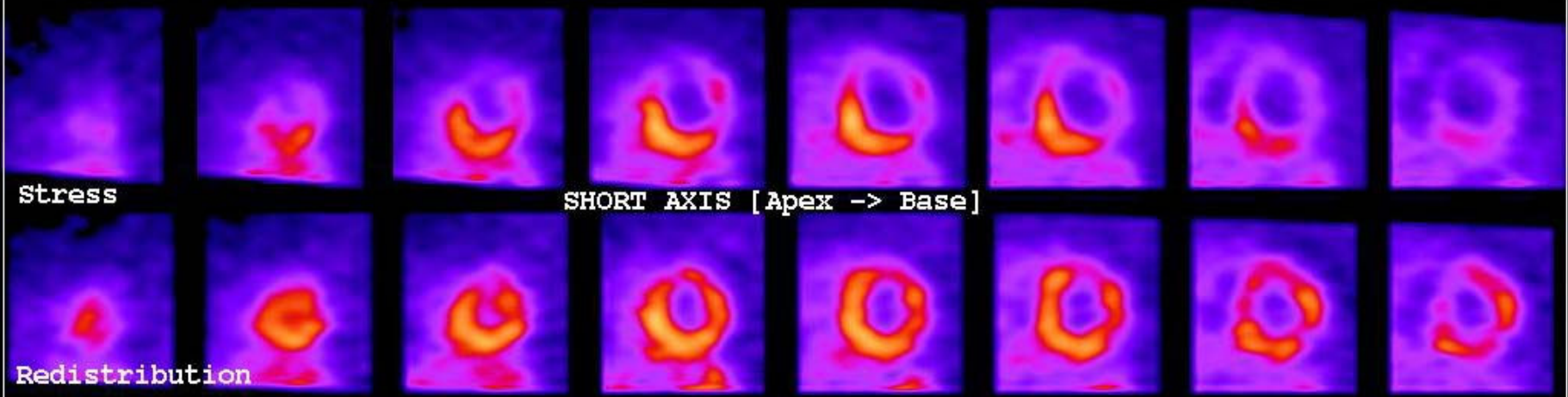


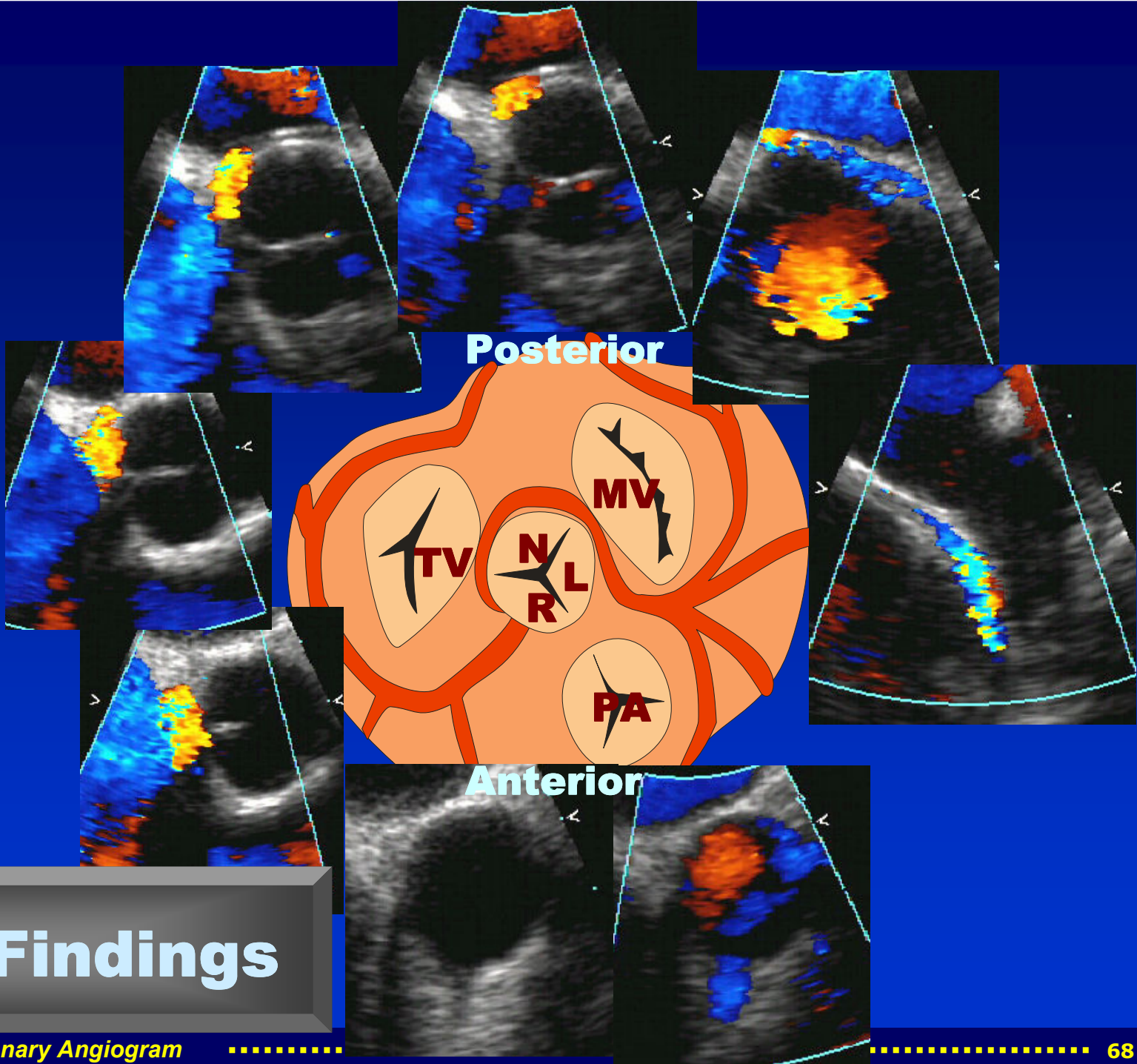


15 days before admission



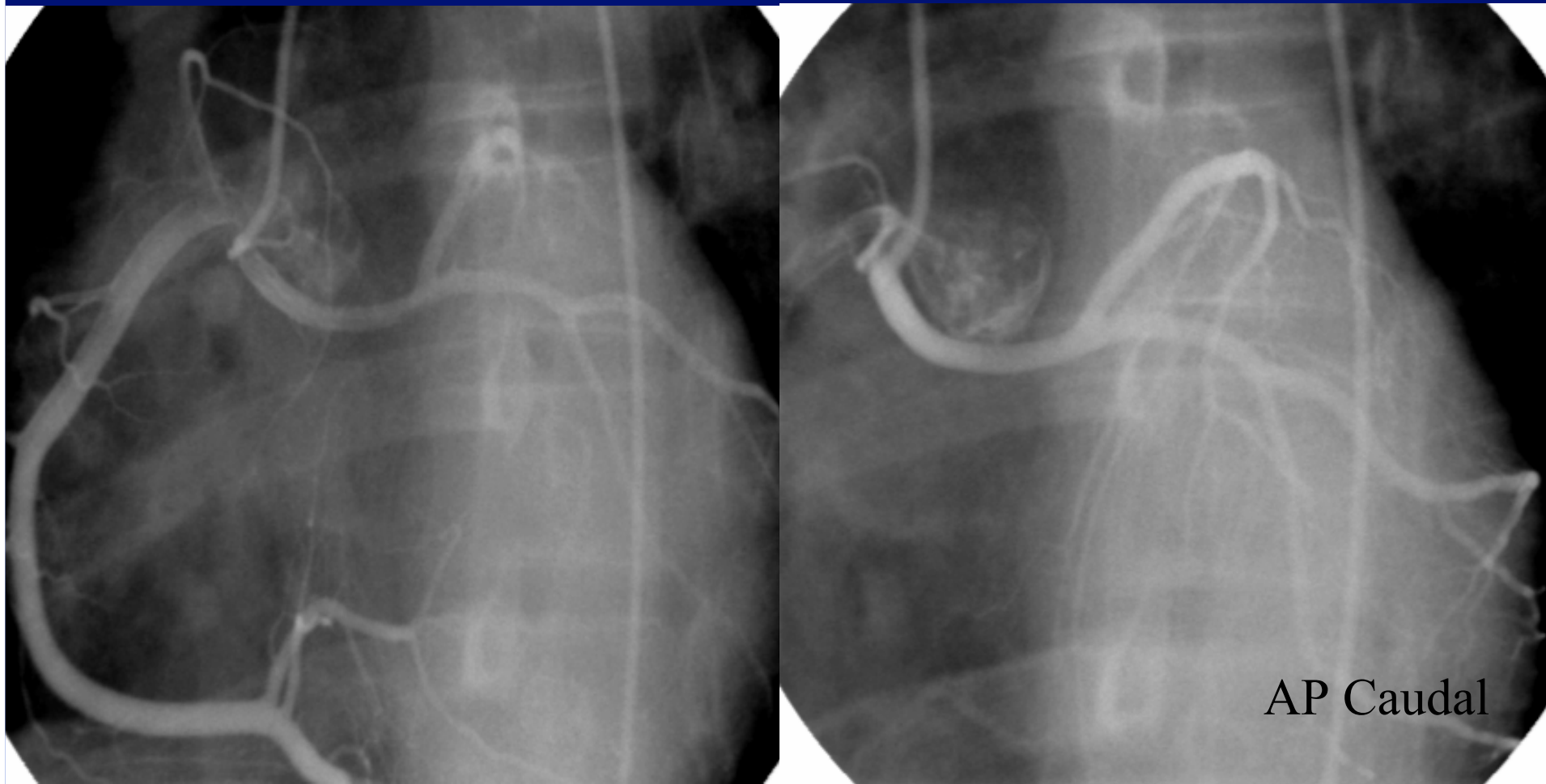
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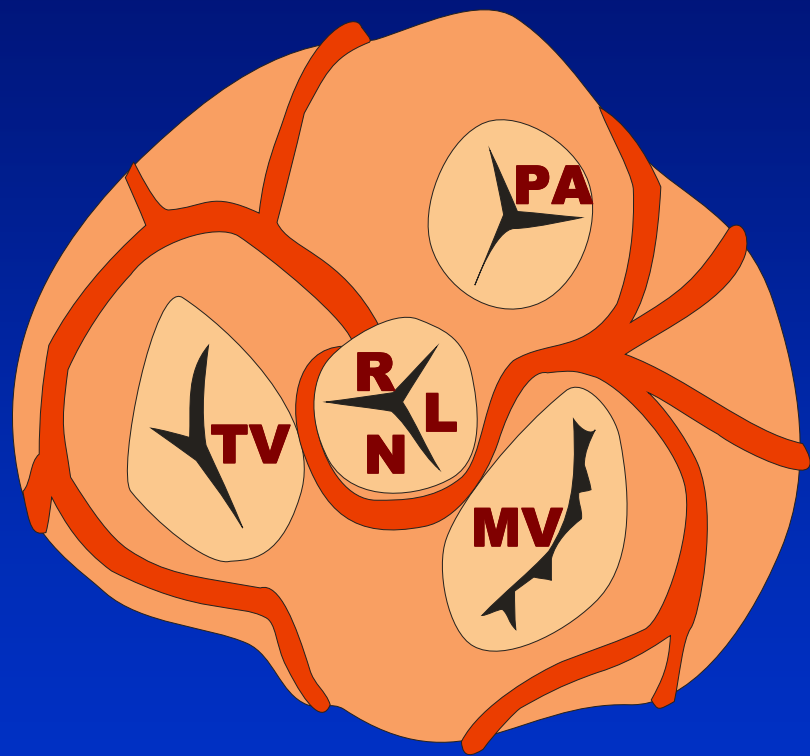
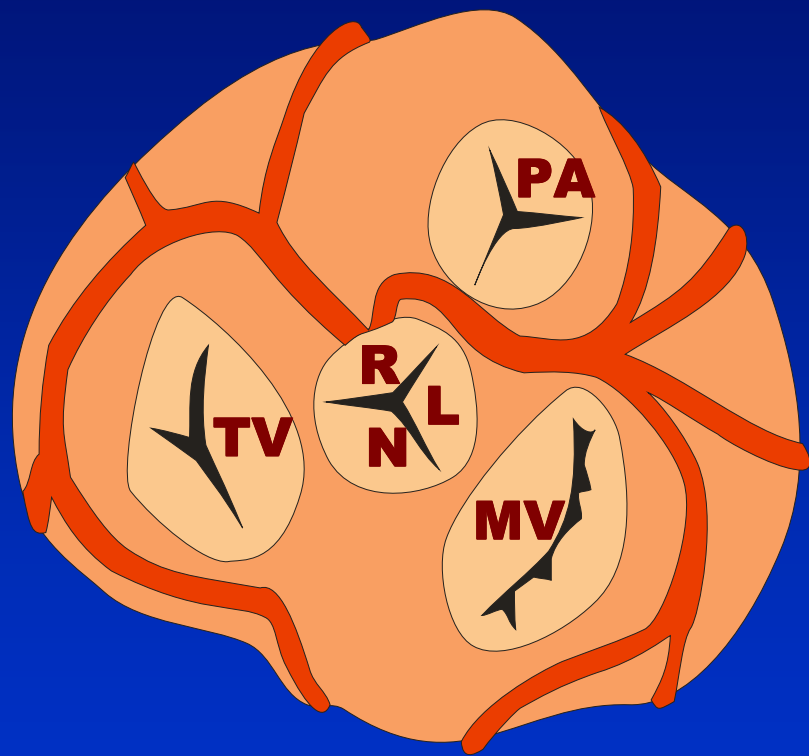


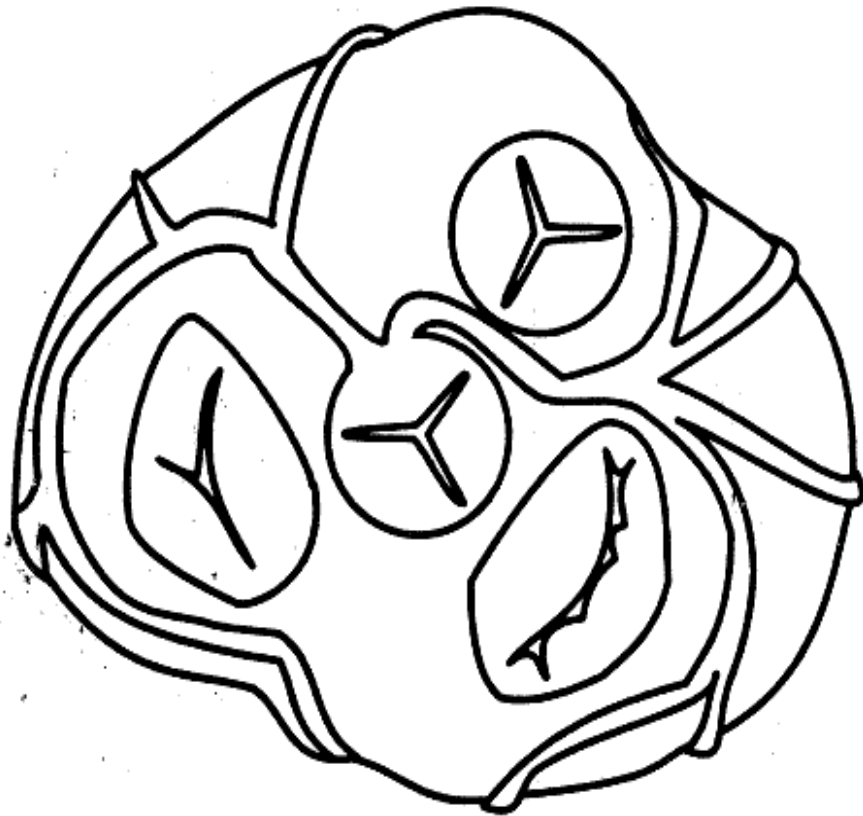


TEE Findings

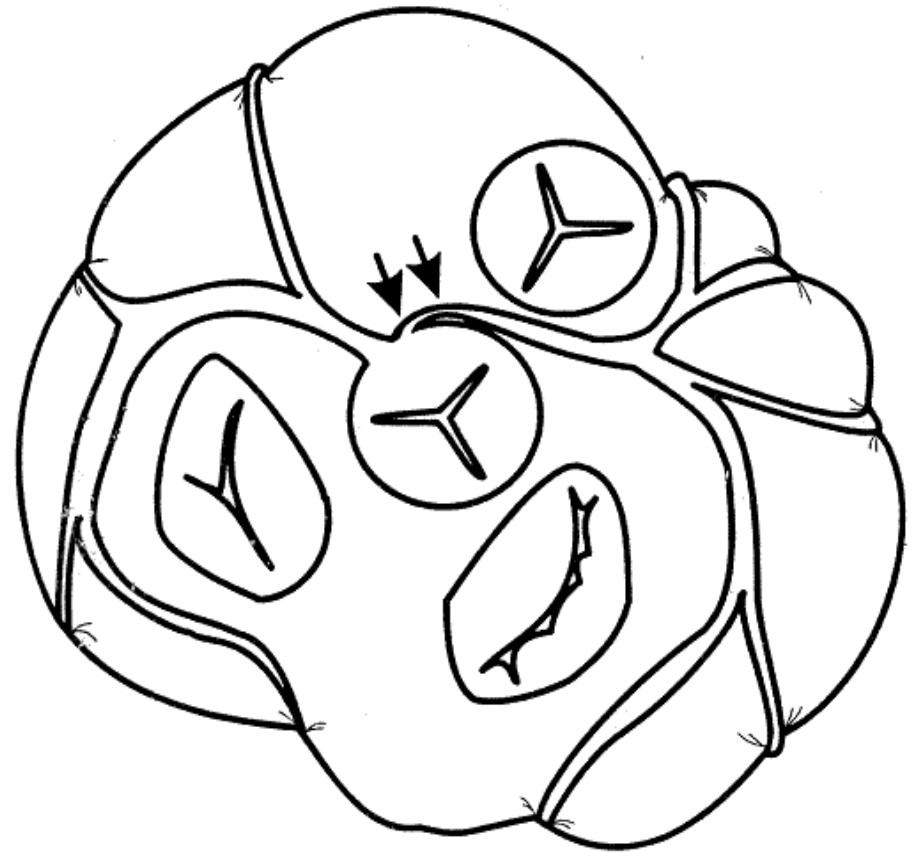
Coronary Angiogram Findings





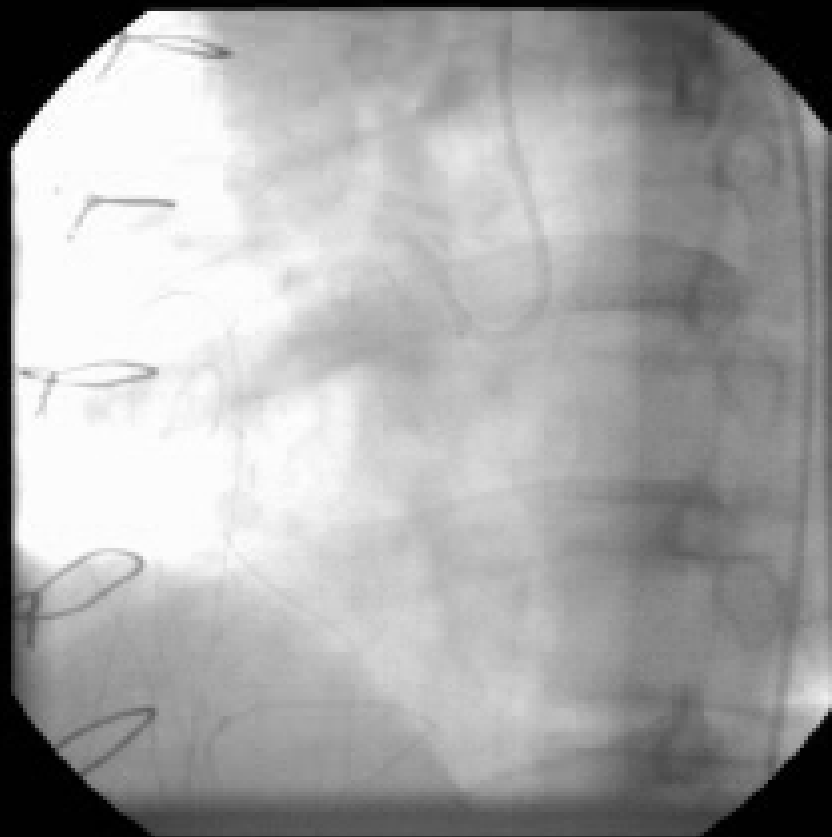


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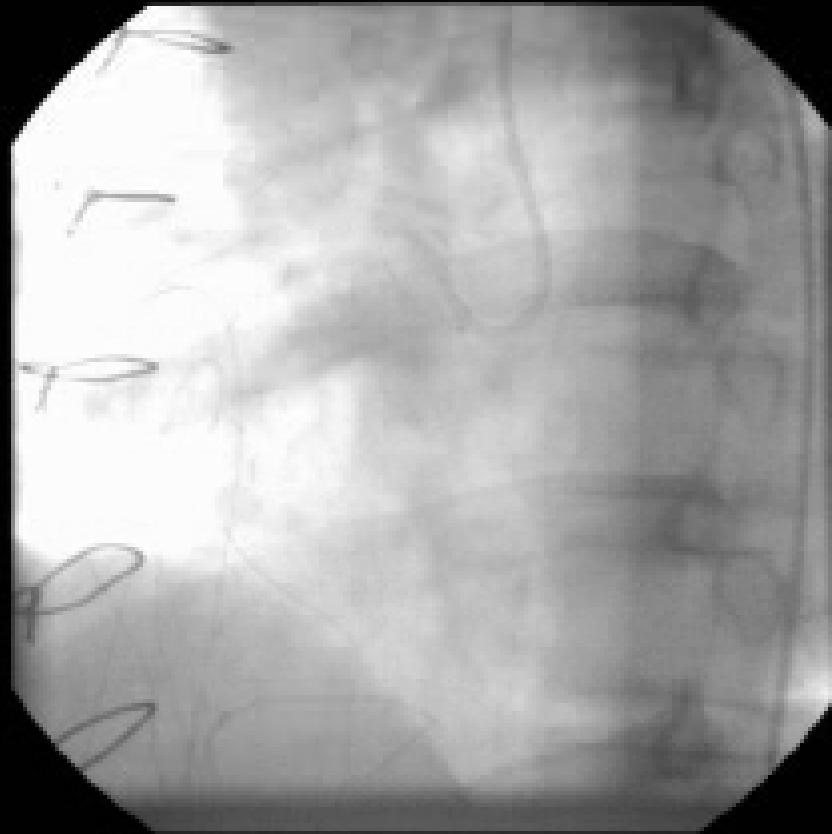


Exercise

Immediate Postoperative Angiogram



Postoperative 6-month Follow-up Angiogram

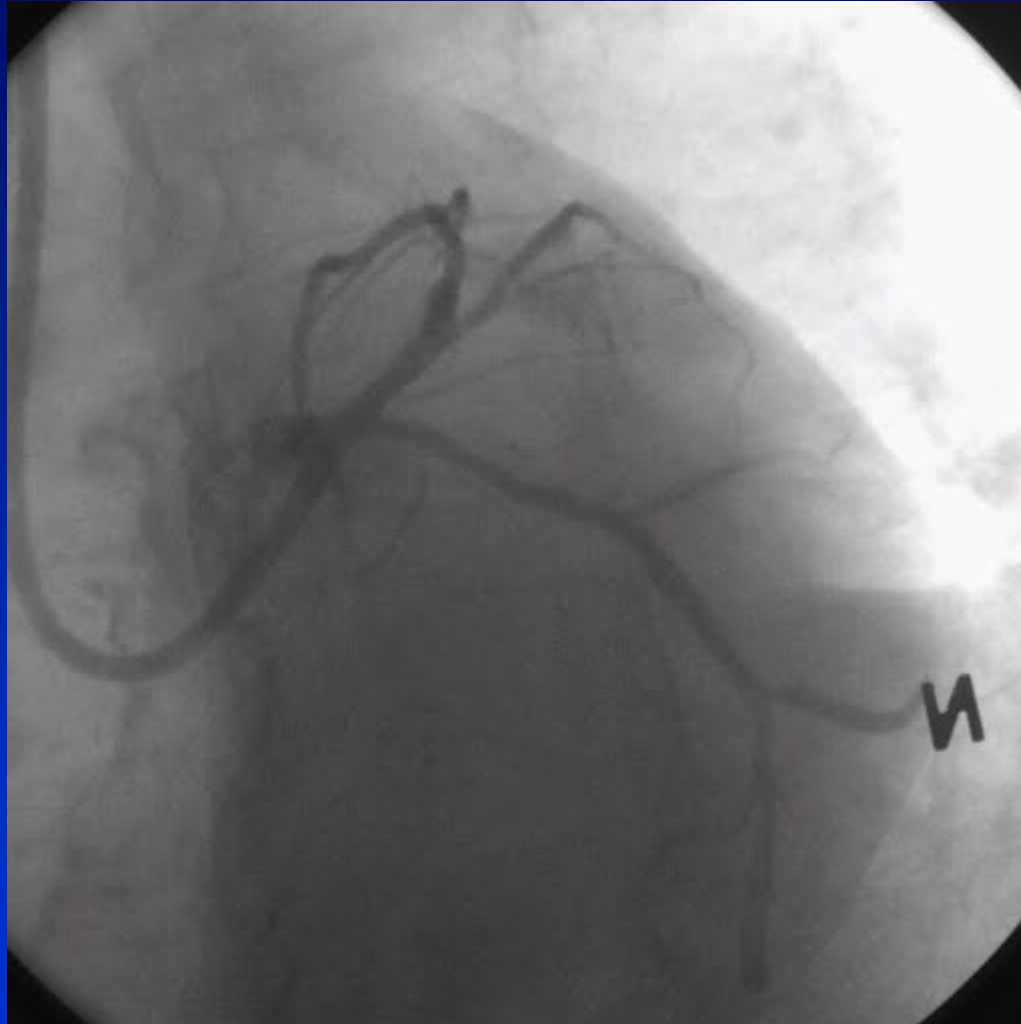


LMCA or LAD ostial stenting



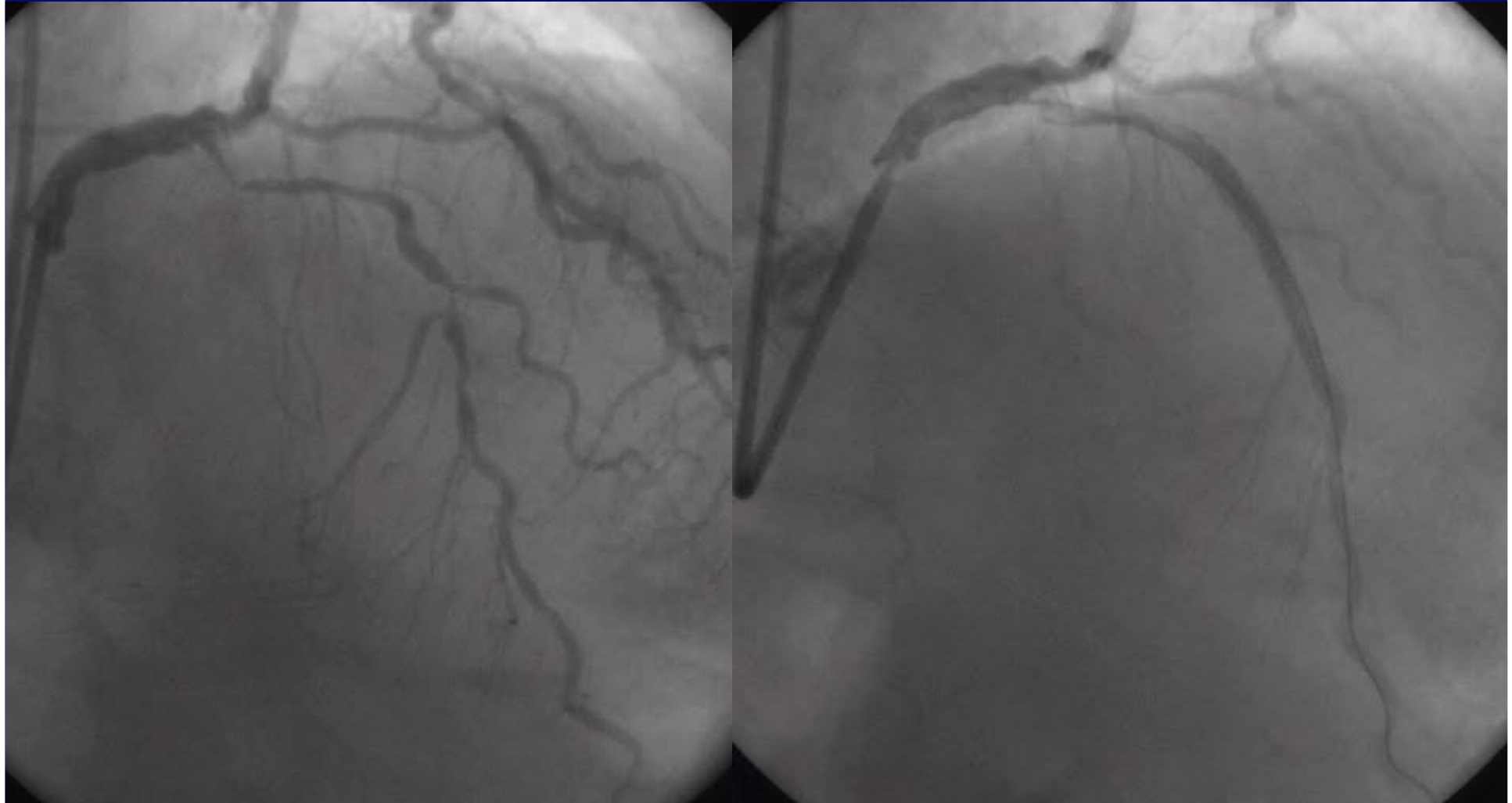
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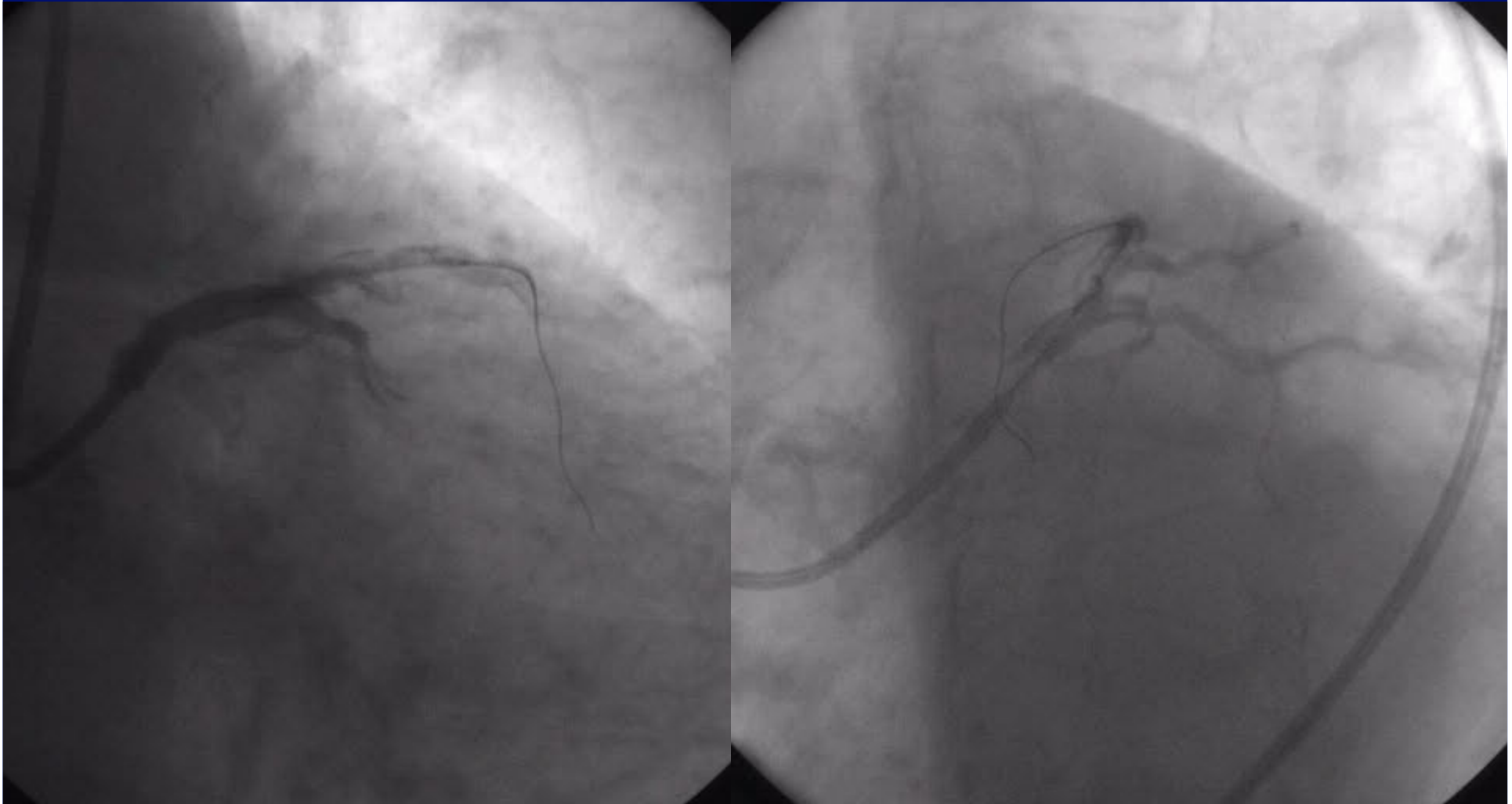
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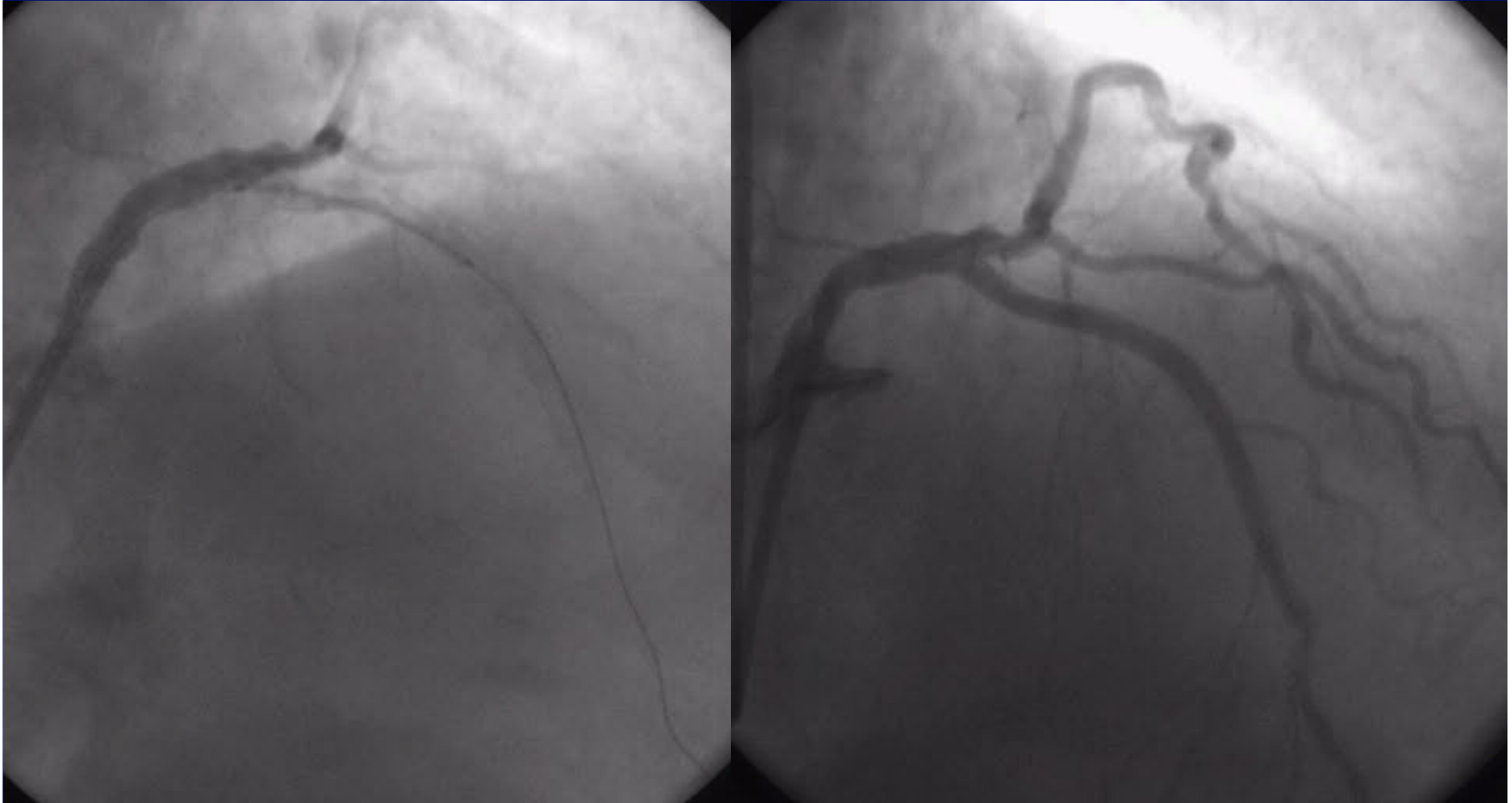
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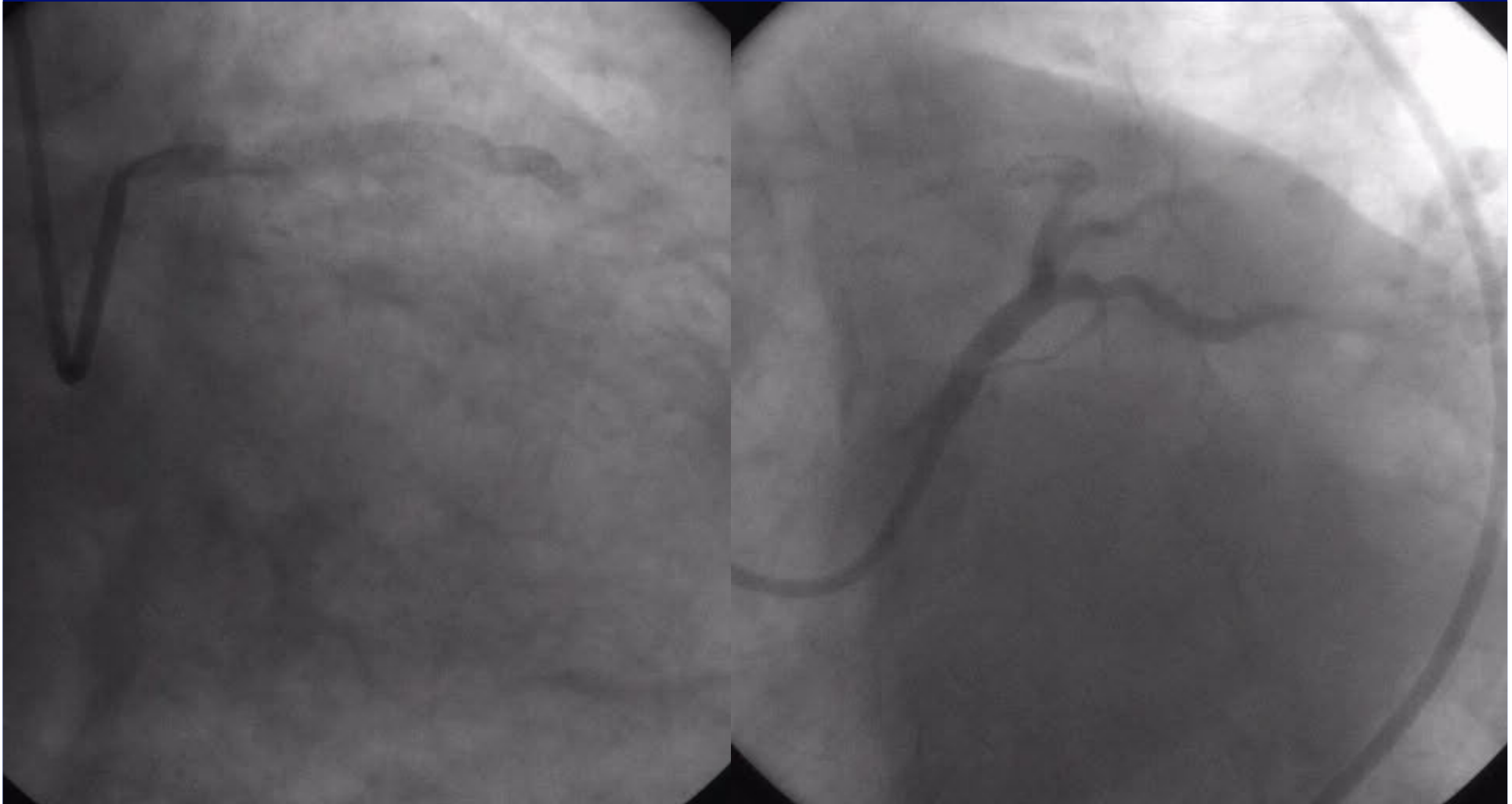
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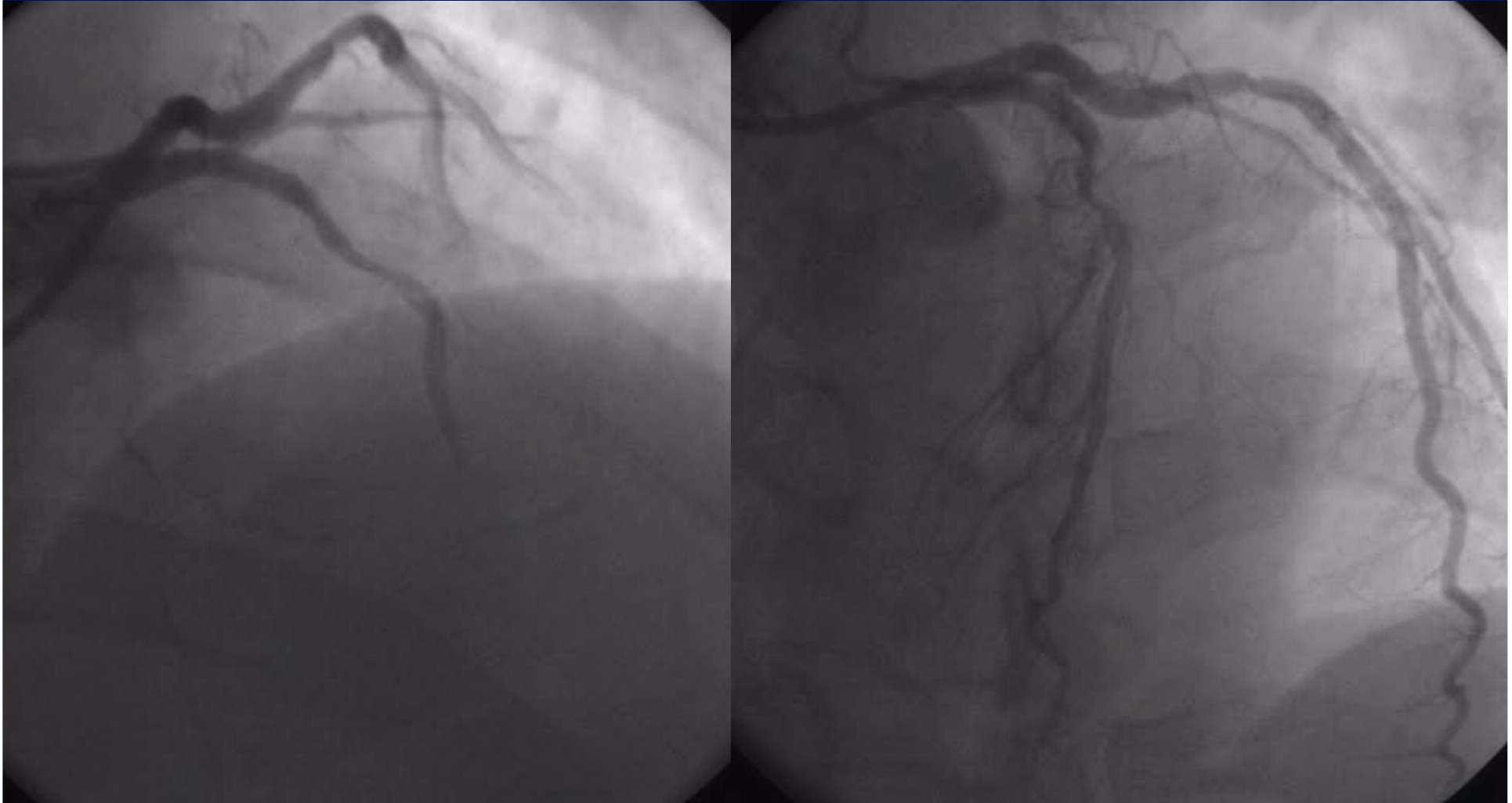
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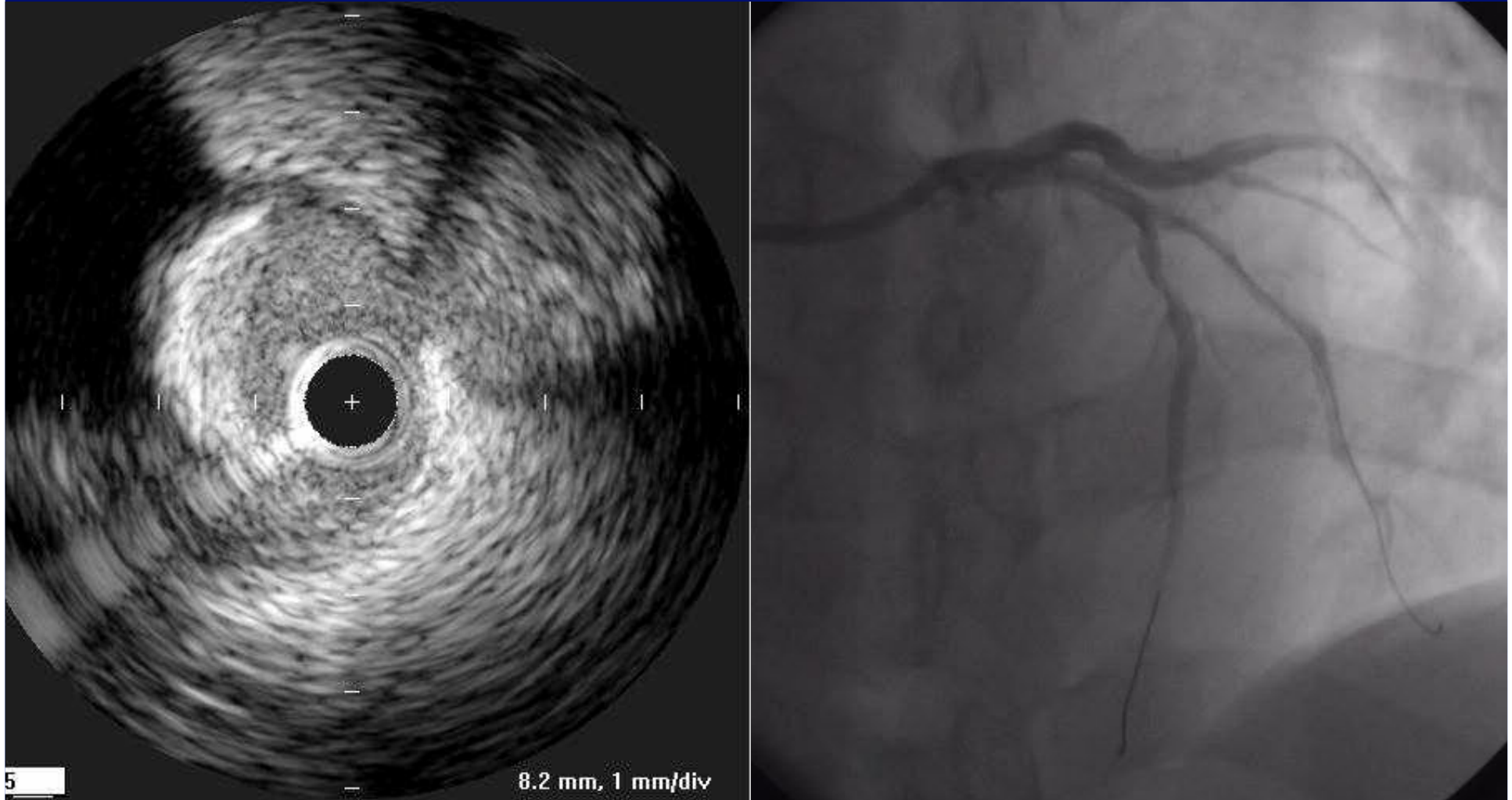
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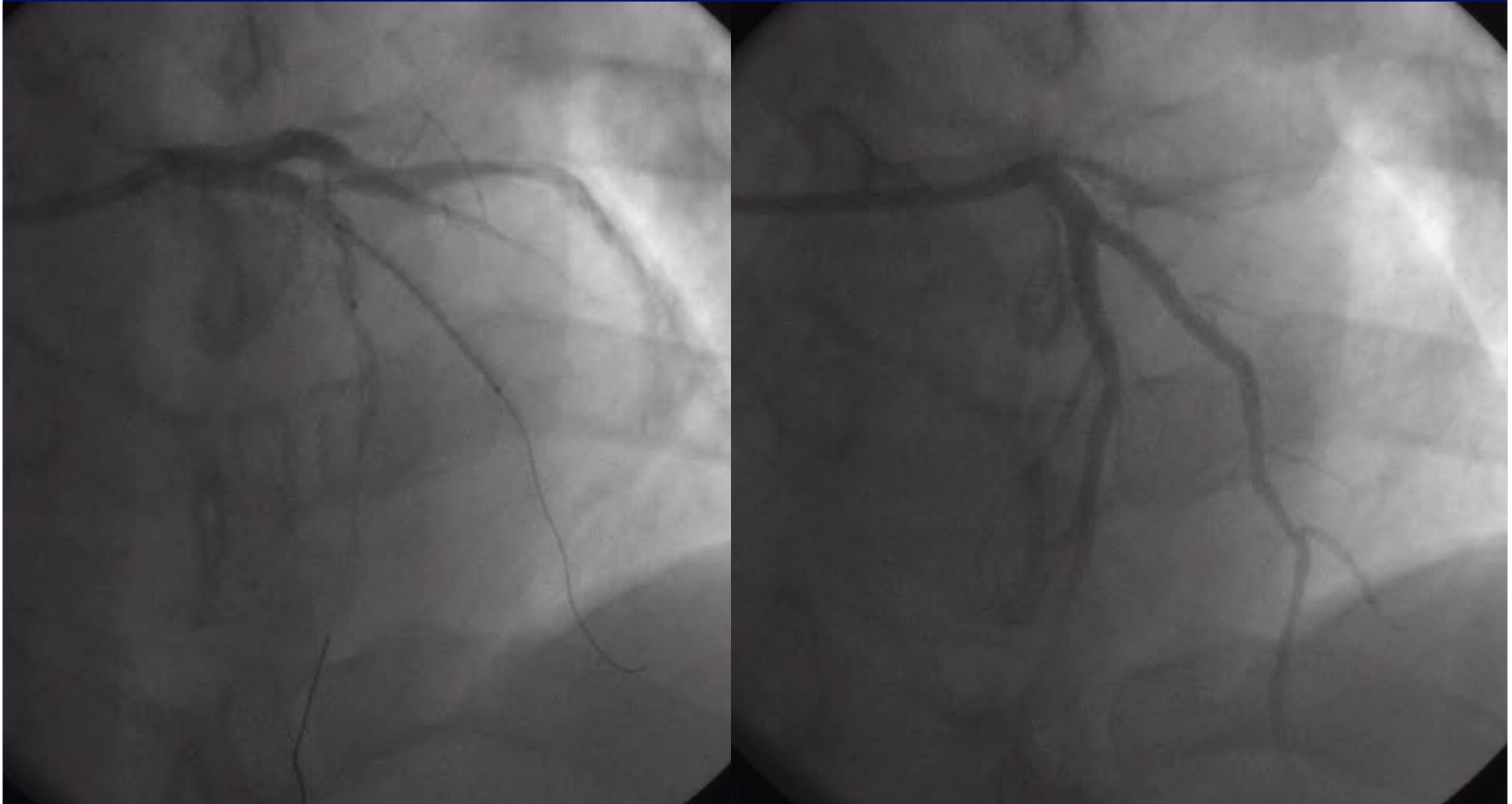
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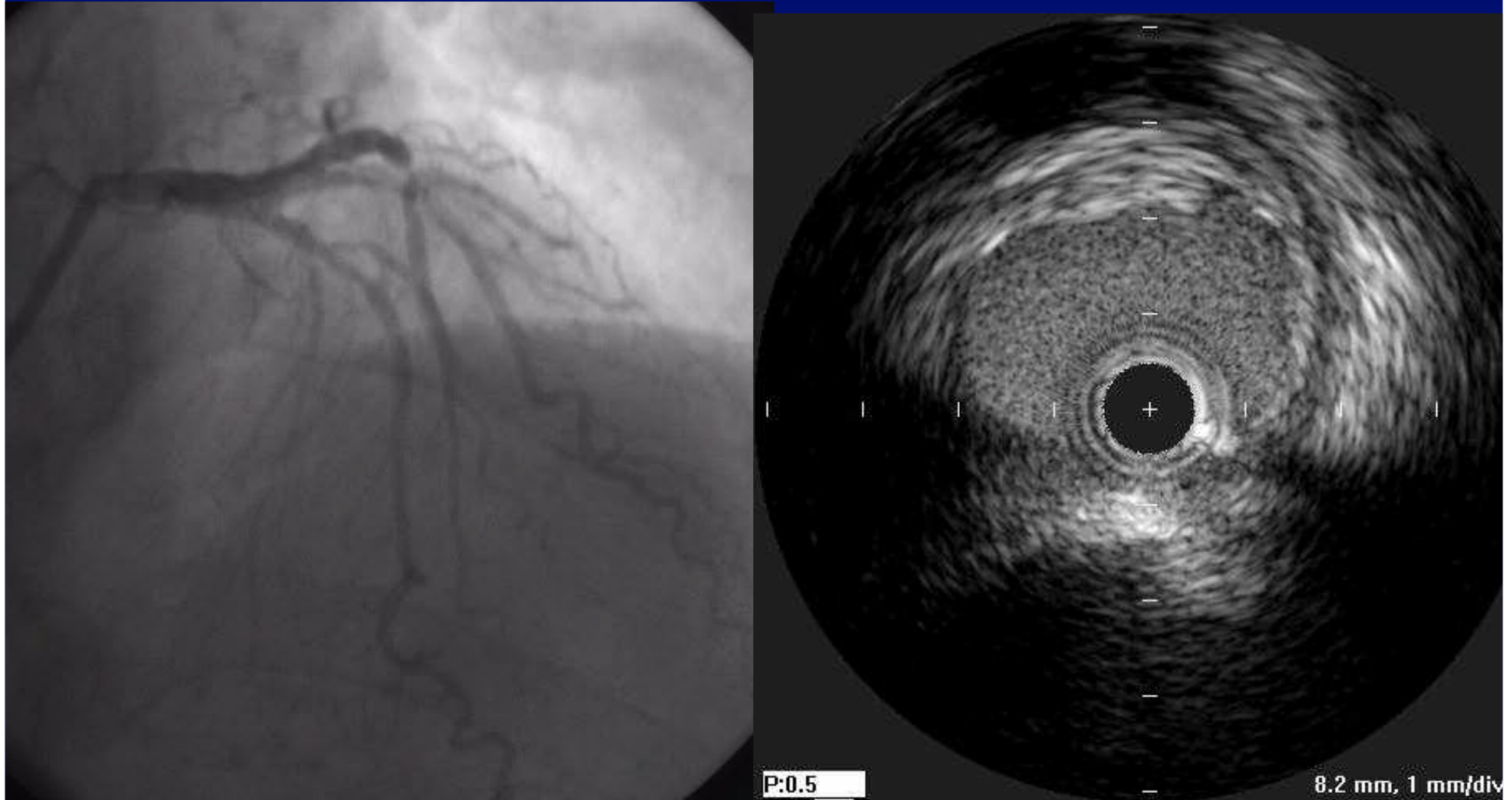
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Myocardial Bridging



54/F, Atypical chest pain

Myocardial Bridging



65/F, Resting chest pain Stenting and HP dilatation

Myocardial Bridging



65/F, Resting chest pain

STEMI with heavy thrombus



M/25, STEMI 3 hours

Thrombi suction only

STEMI with heavy thrombus



Heparin + Reopro, 5 days later

NSTEMI with visible thrombus

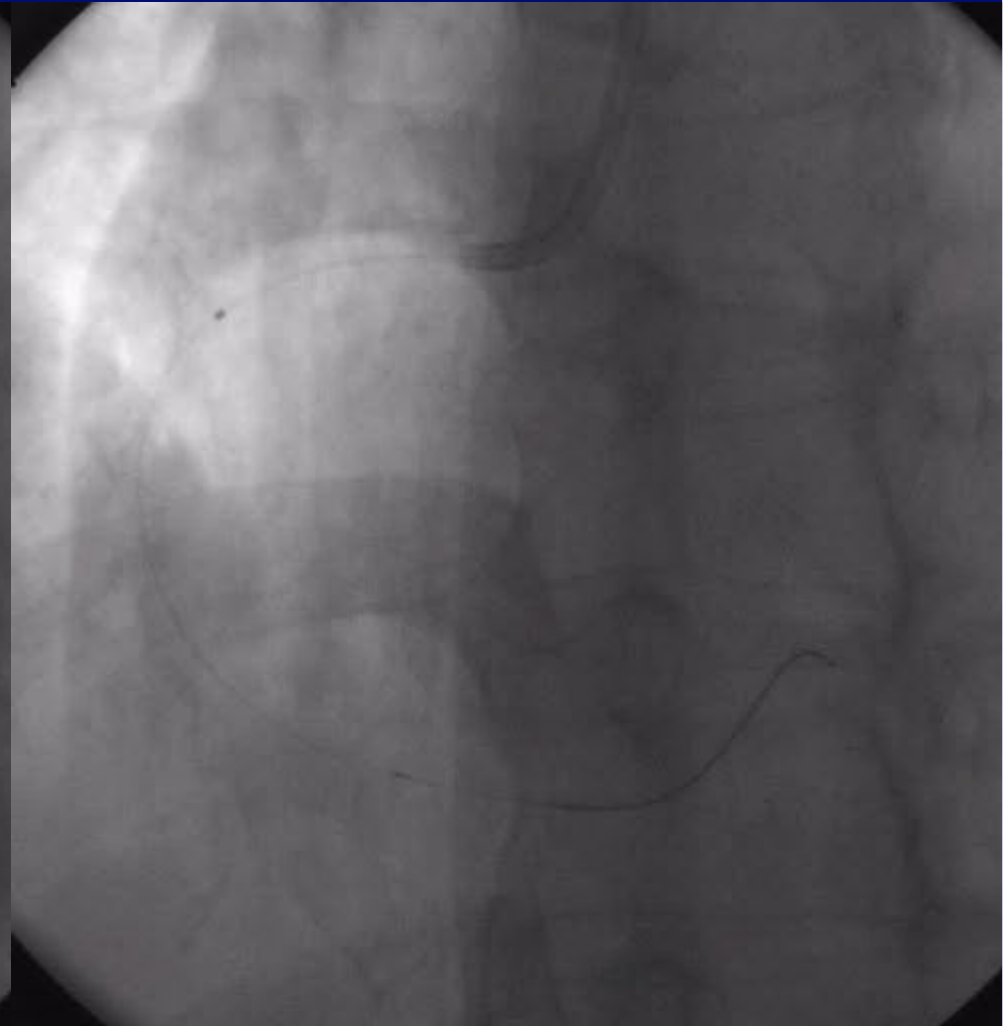


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STEMI with heavy thrombus

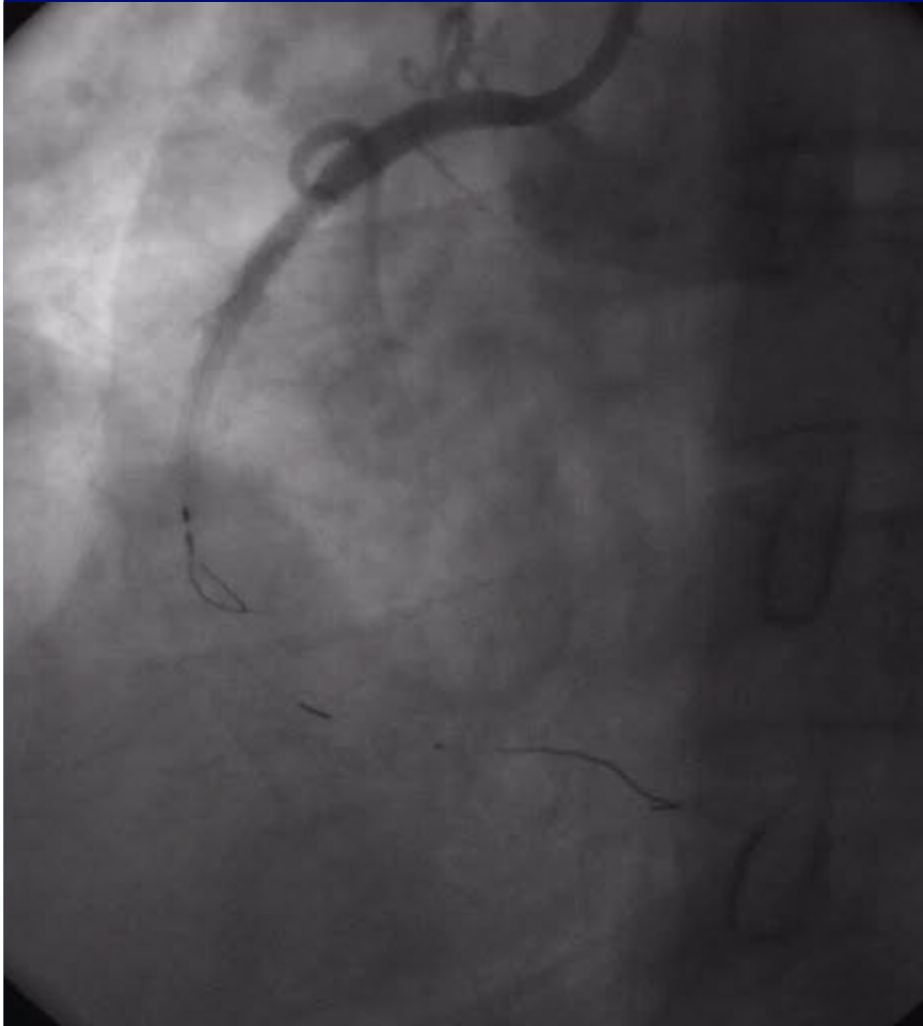


F/66, STEMI 5 hours



Thrombi suction

STEMI with heavy thrombus

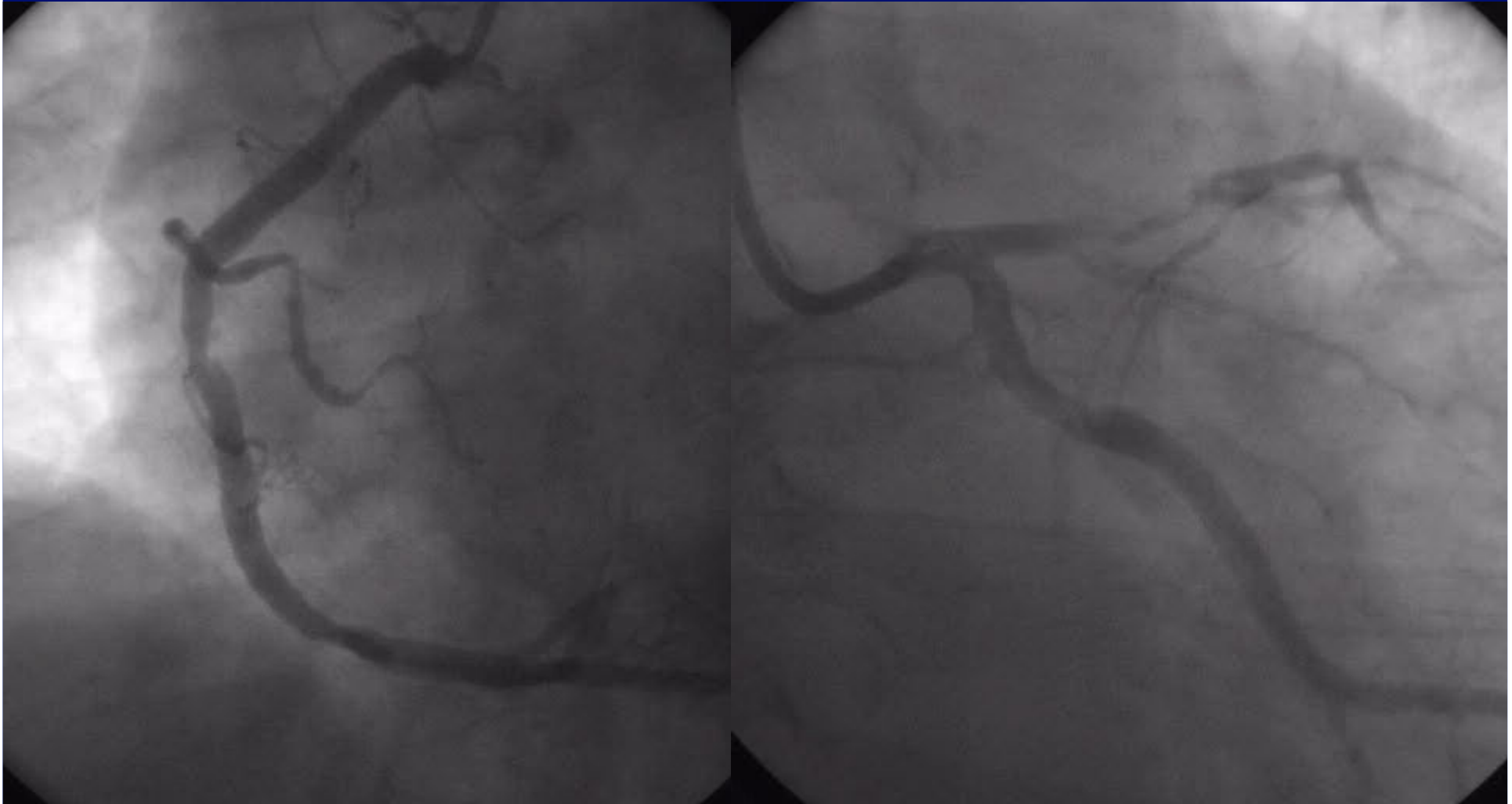


Stenting with DPD



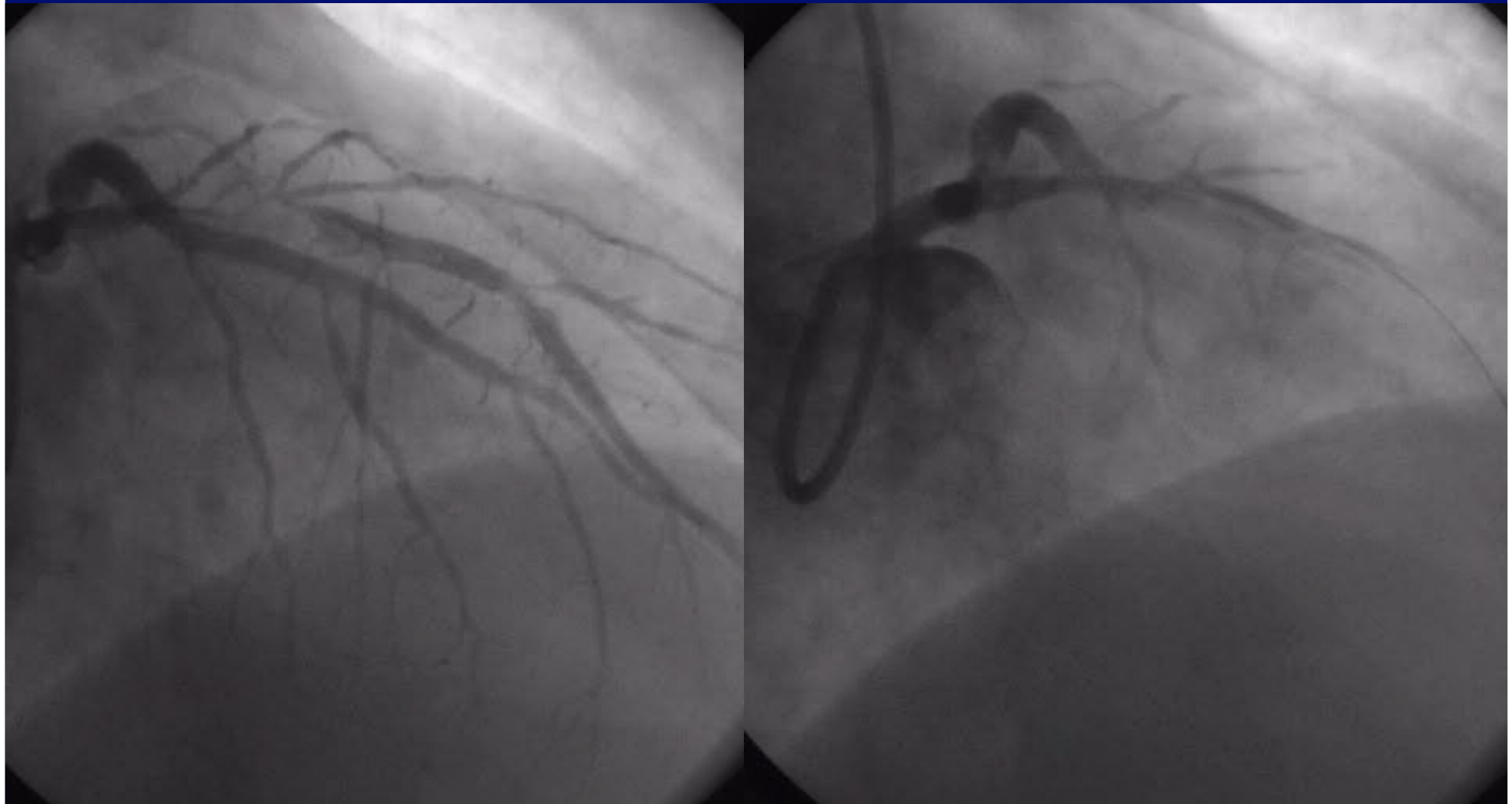
Final

NSTE-ACS with heavy thrombus



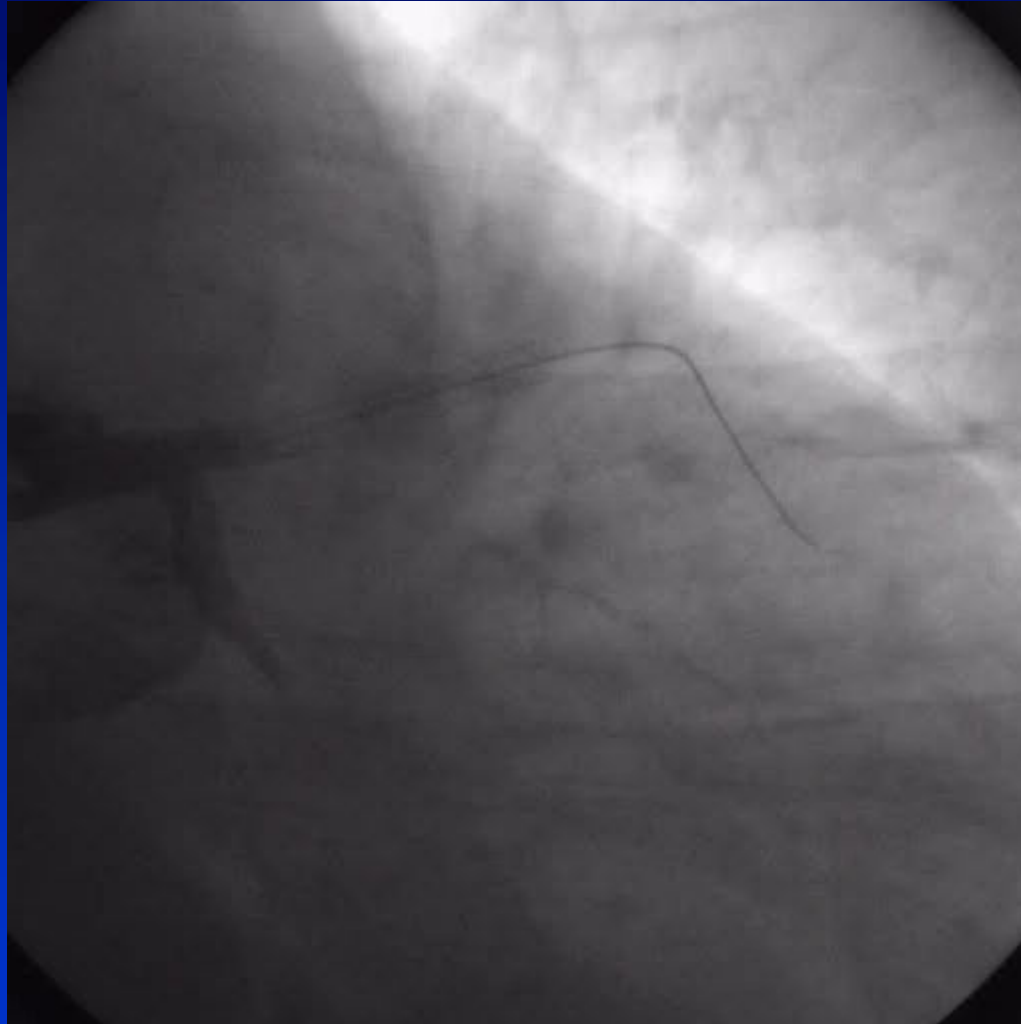
67/M, Unstable angina III_B

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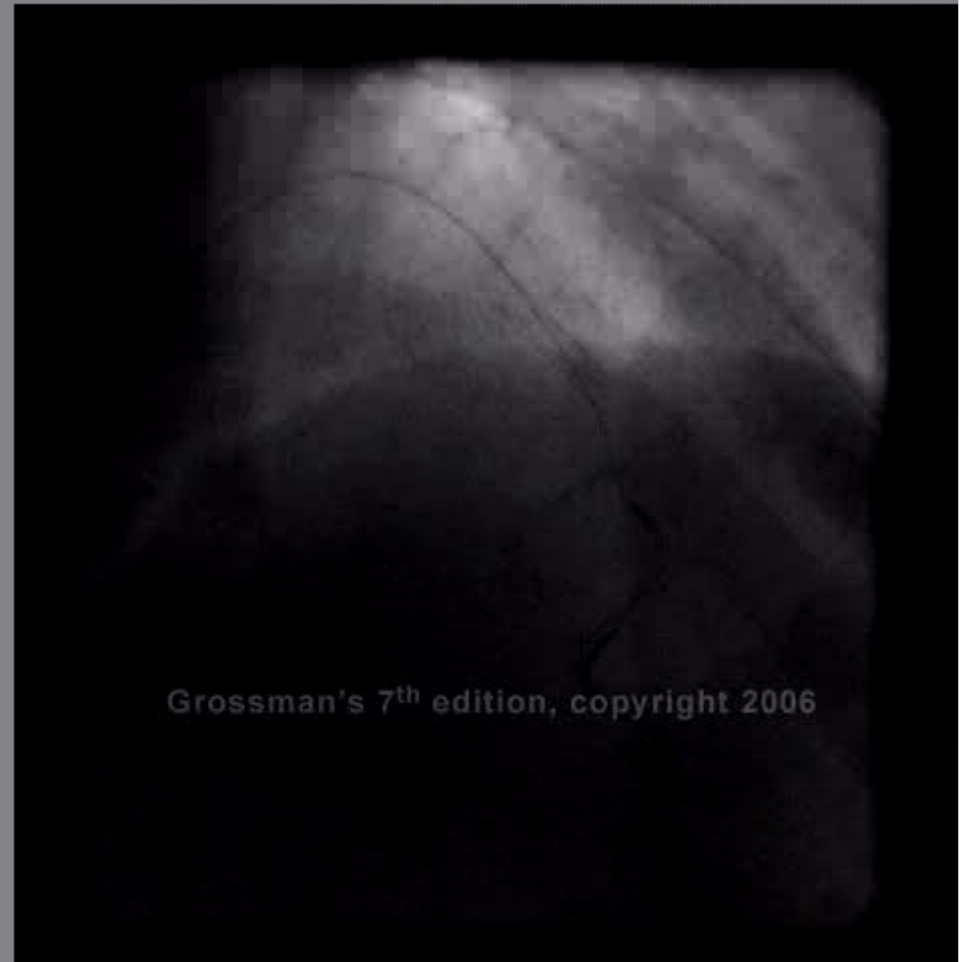
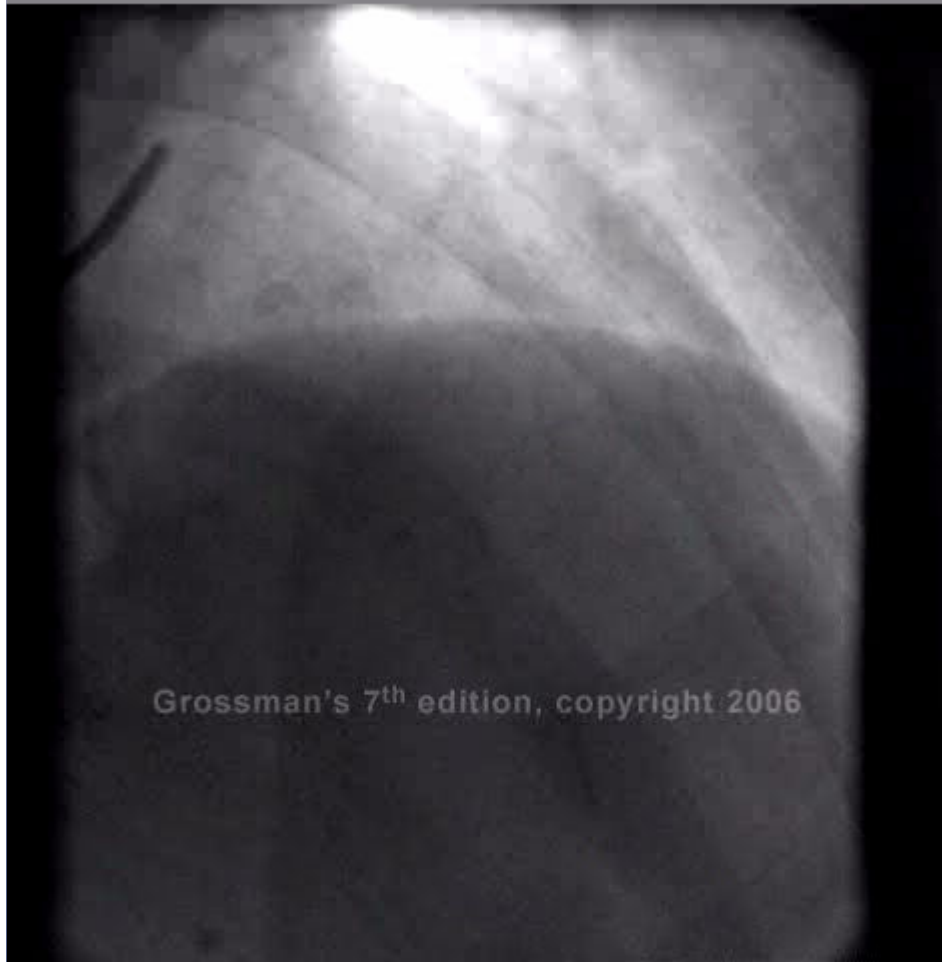
pLAD balloon

NSTE-ACS with heavy thrombus



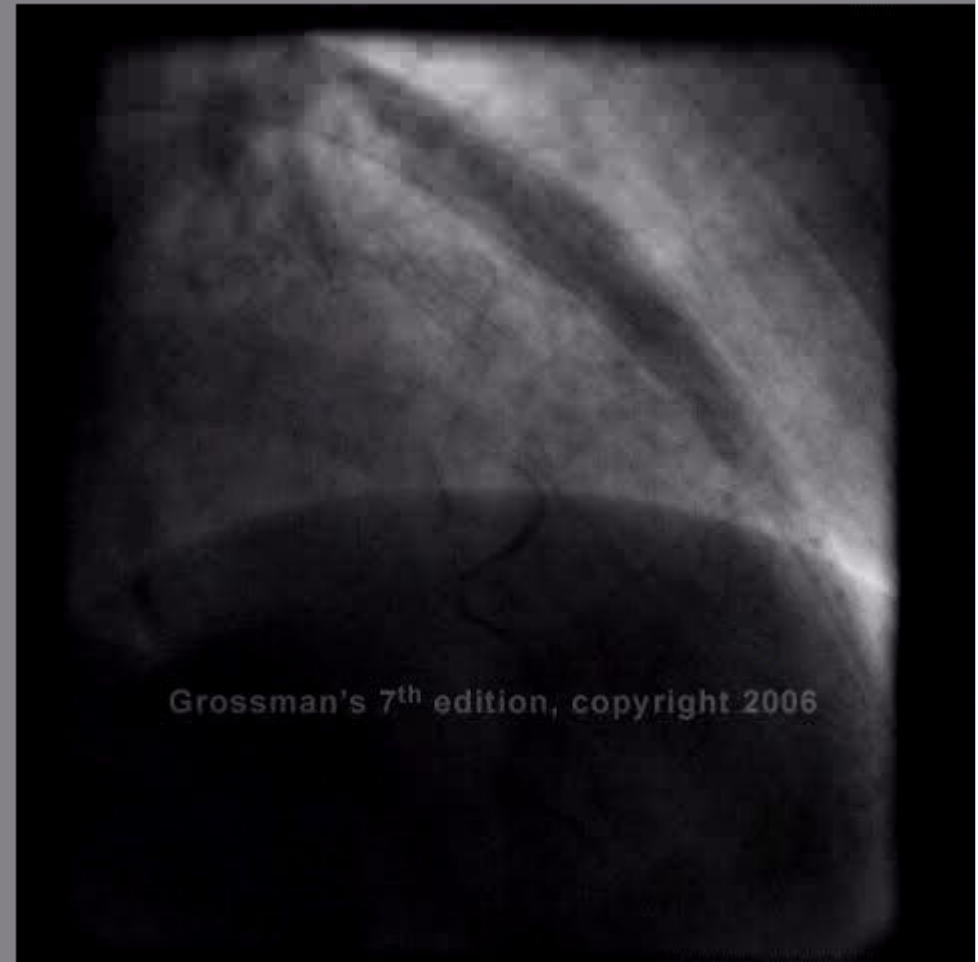
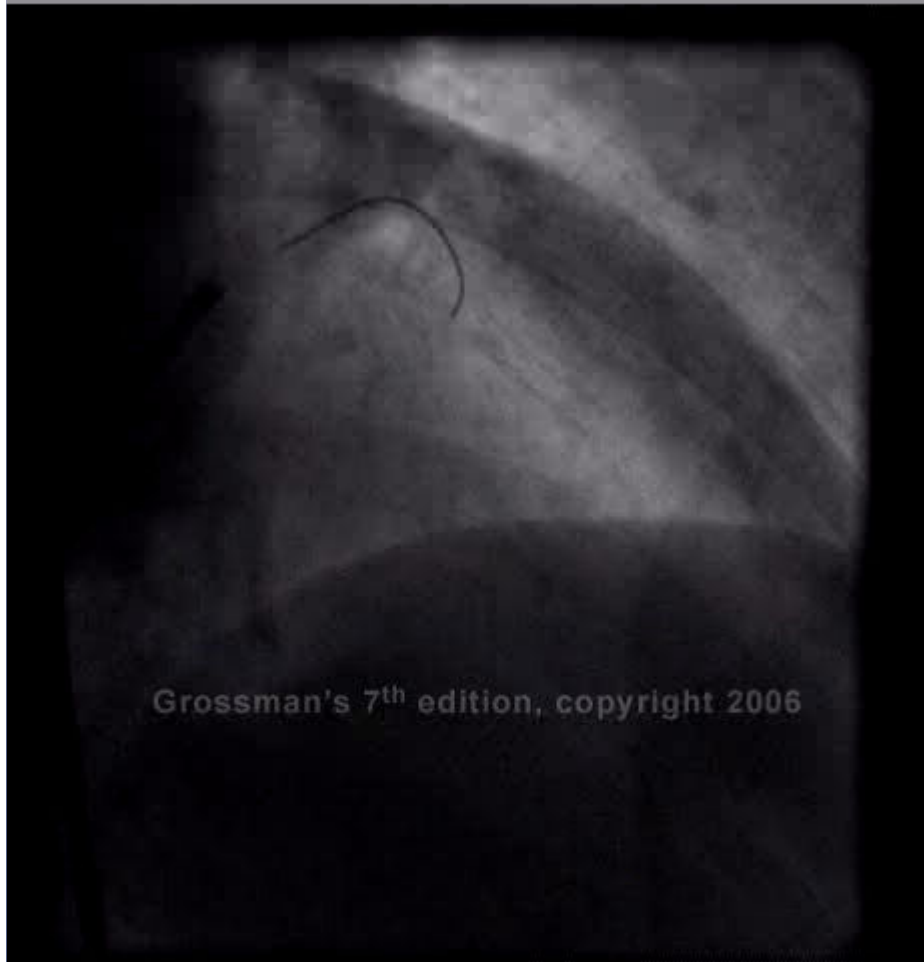
After stenting

After mLAD stenting

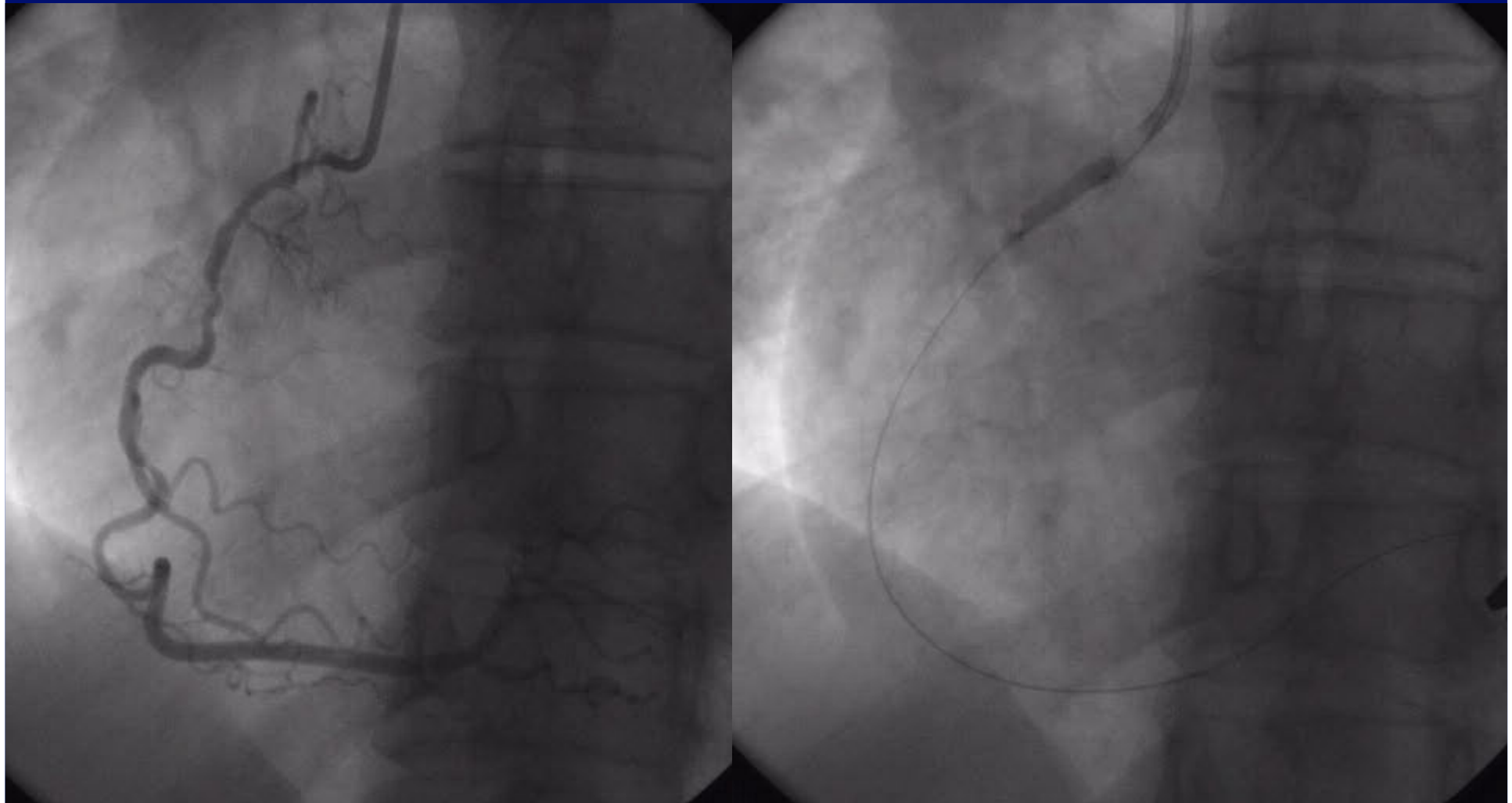


LAD ostial spasm vs. dissection ?

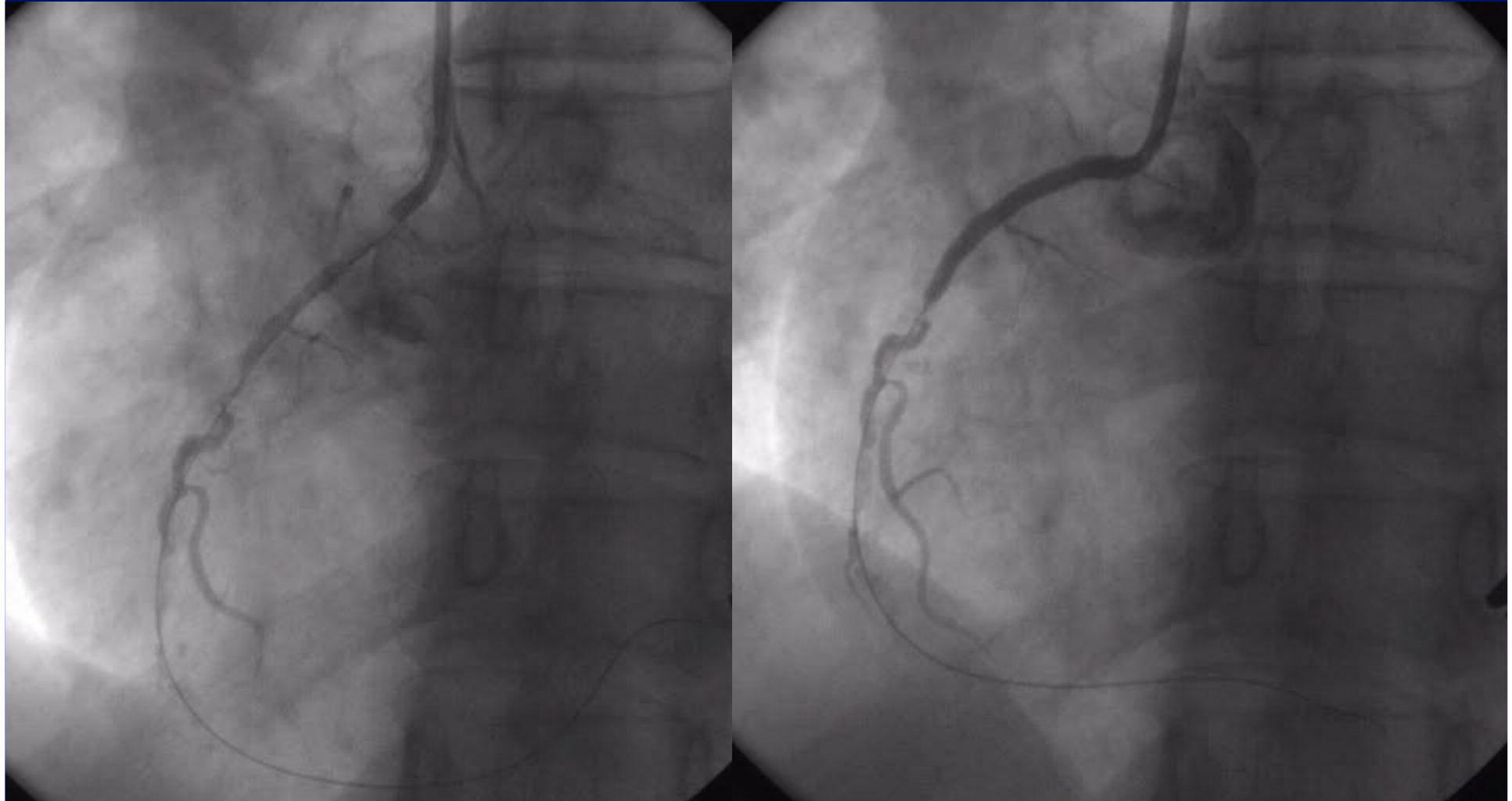
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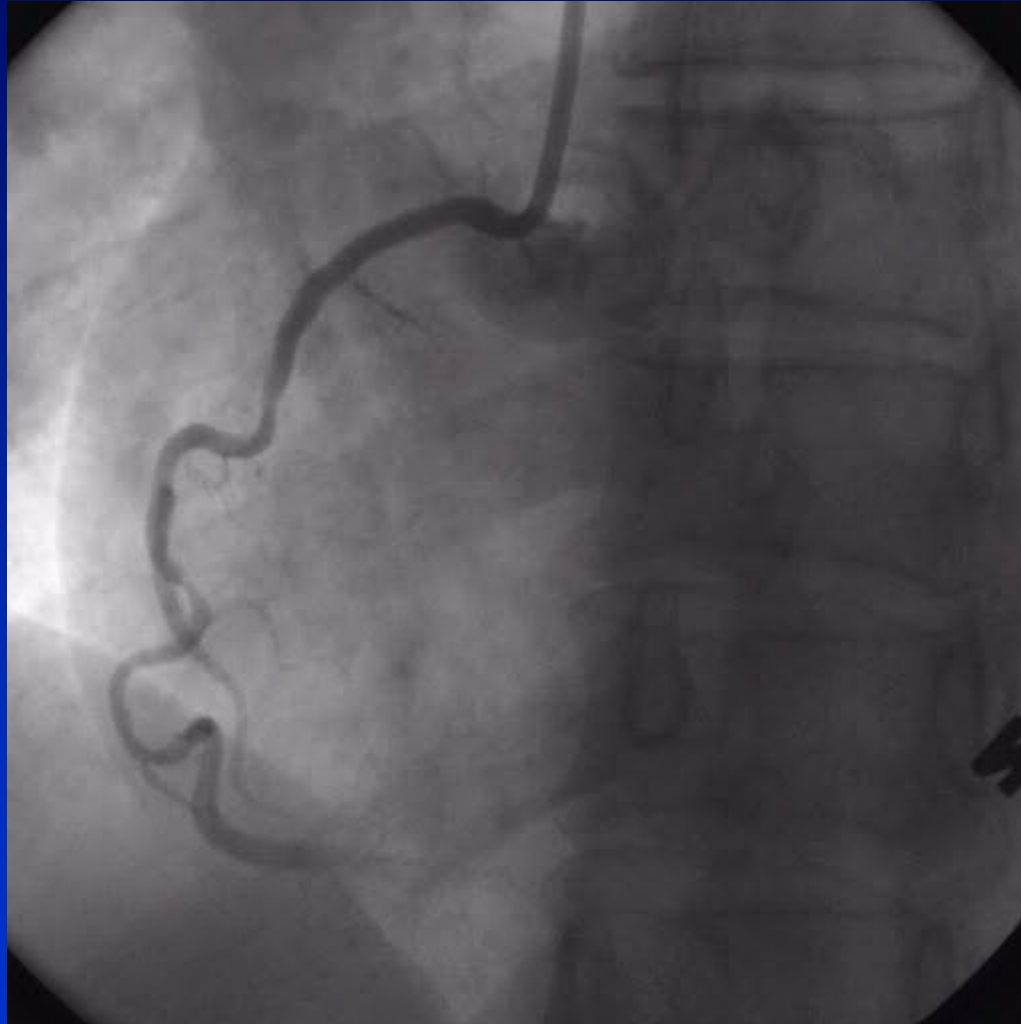
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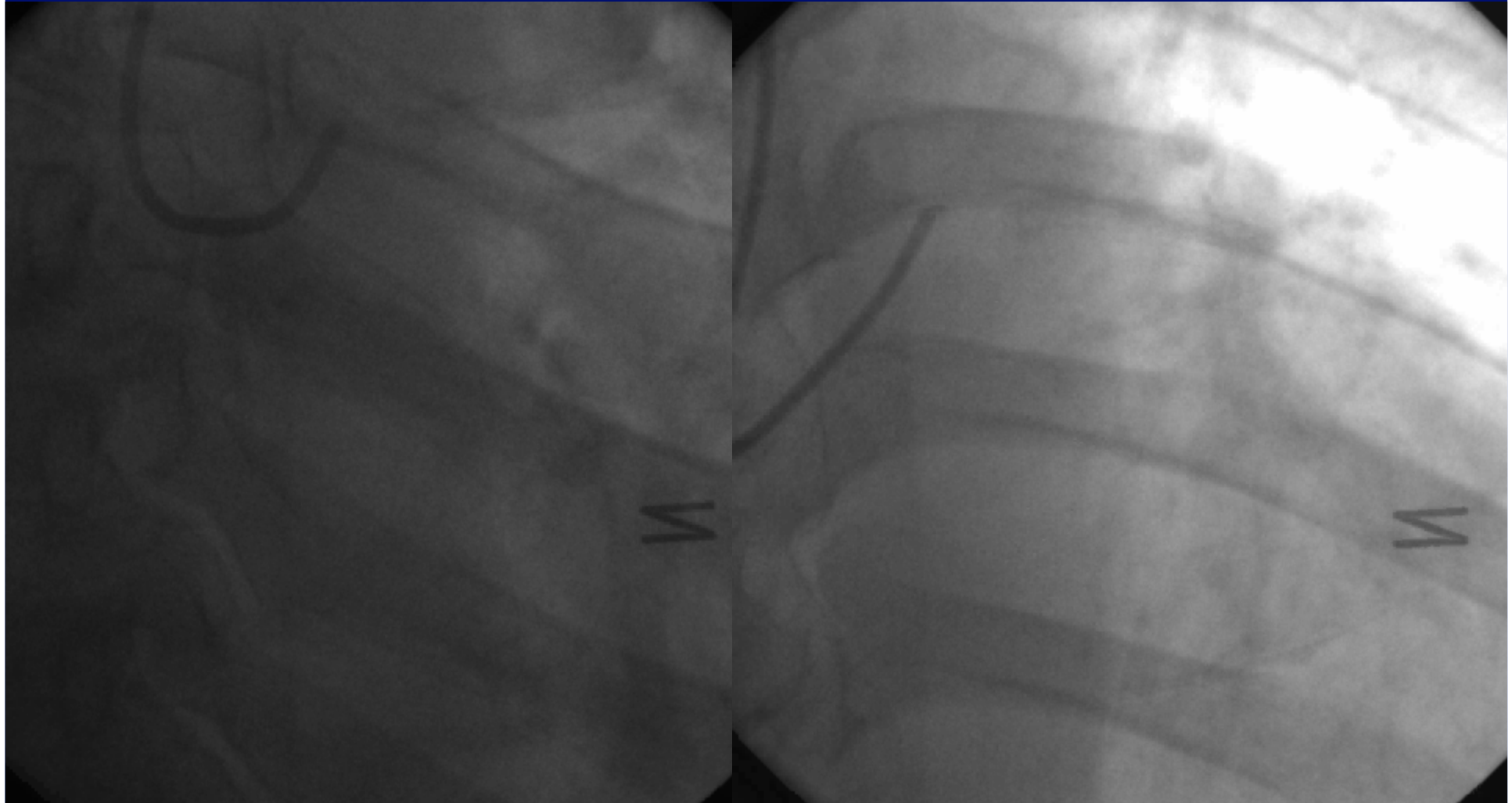
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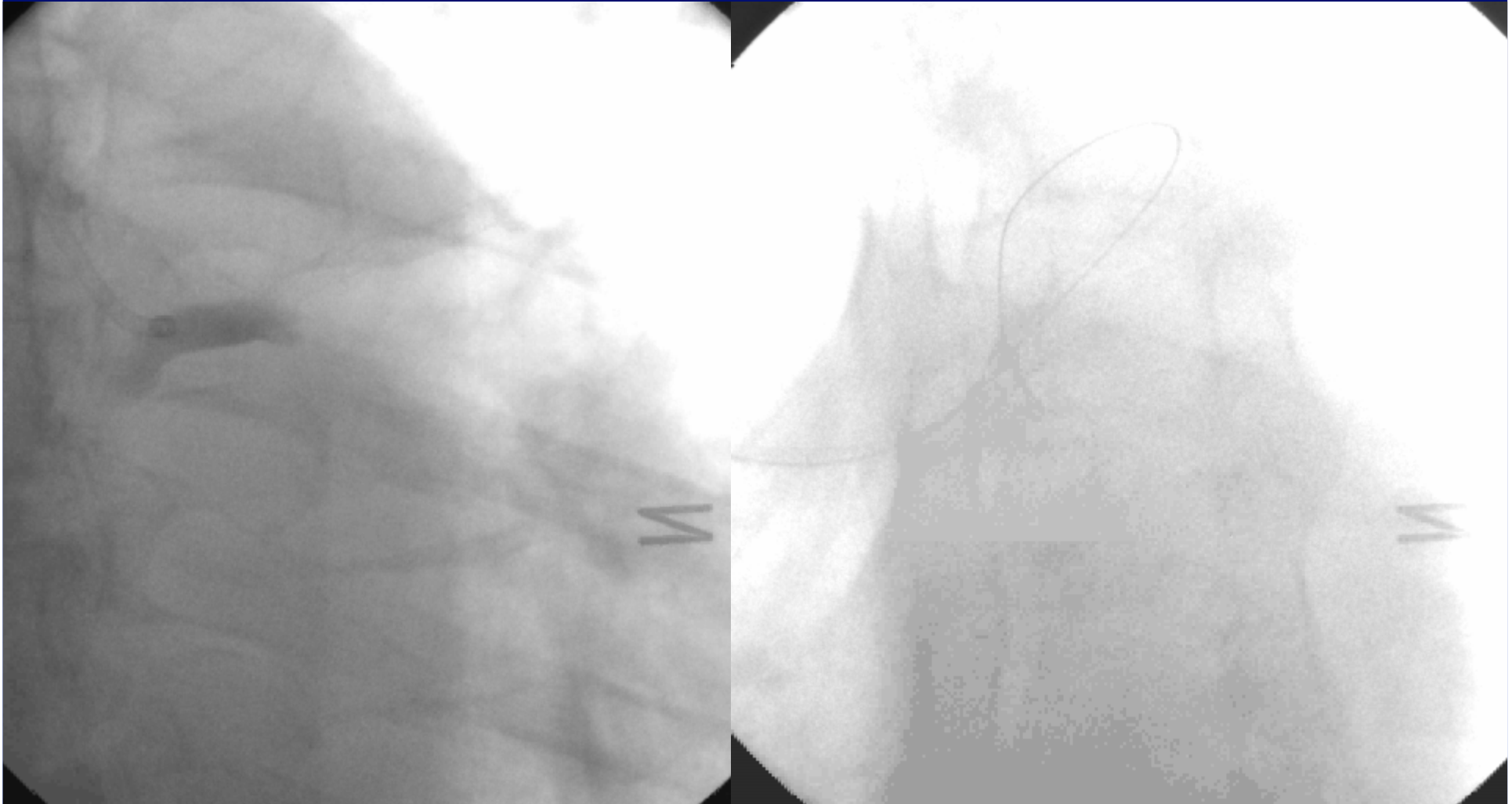
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55/M, Stable angina



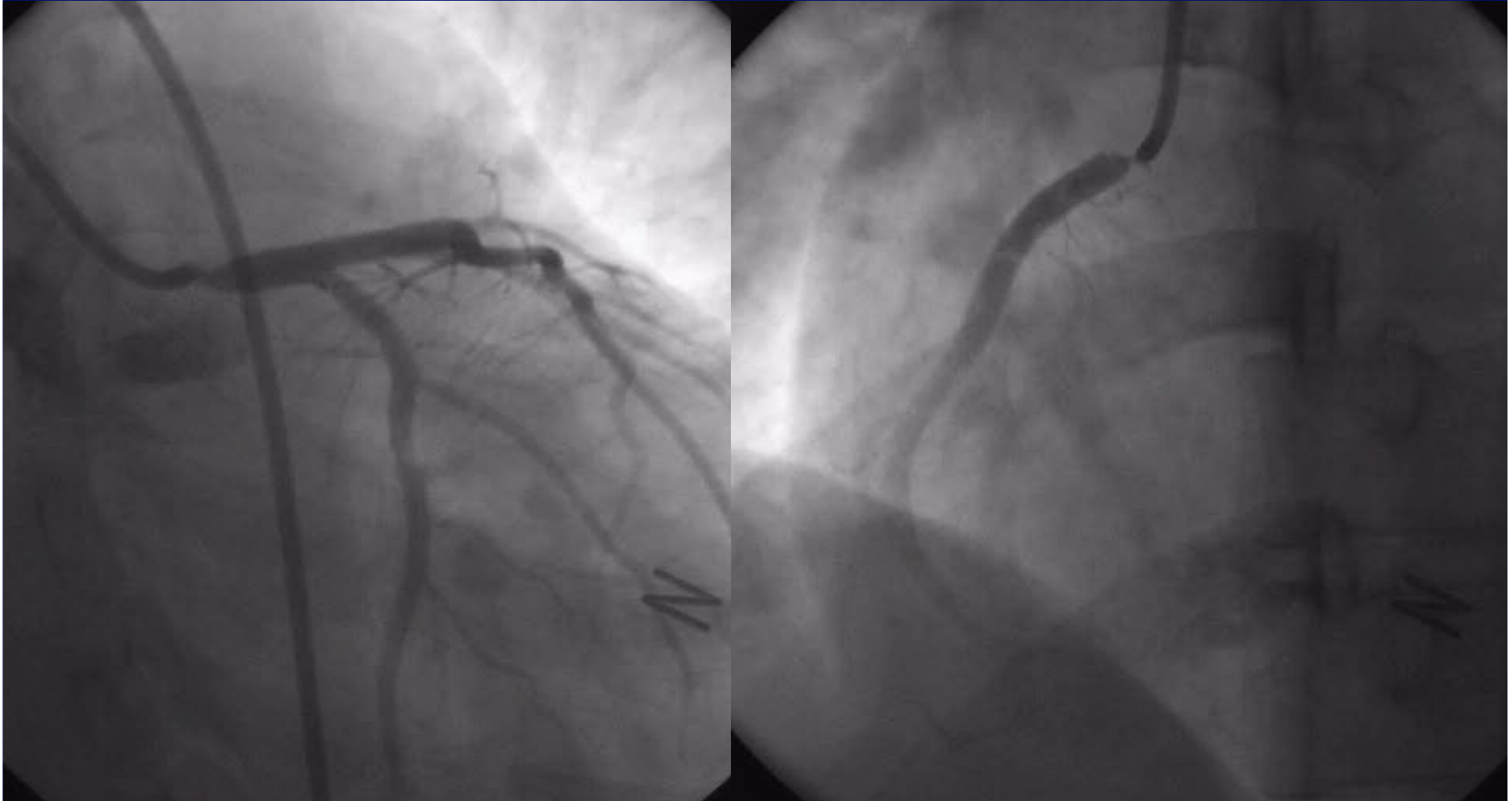
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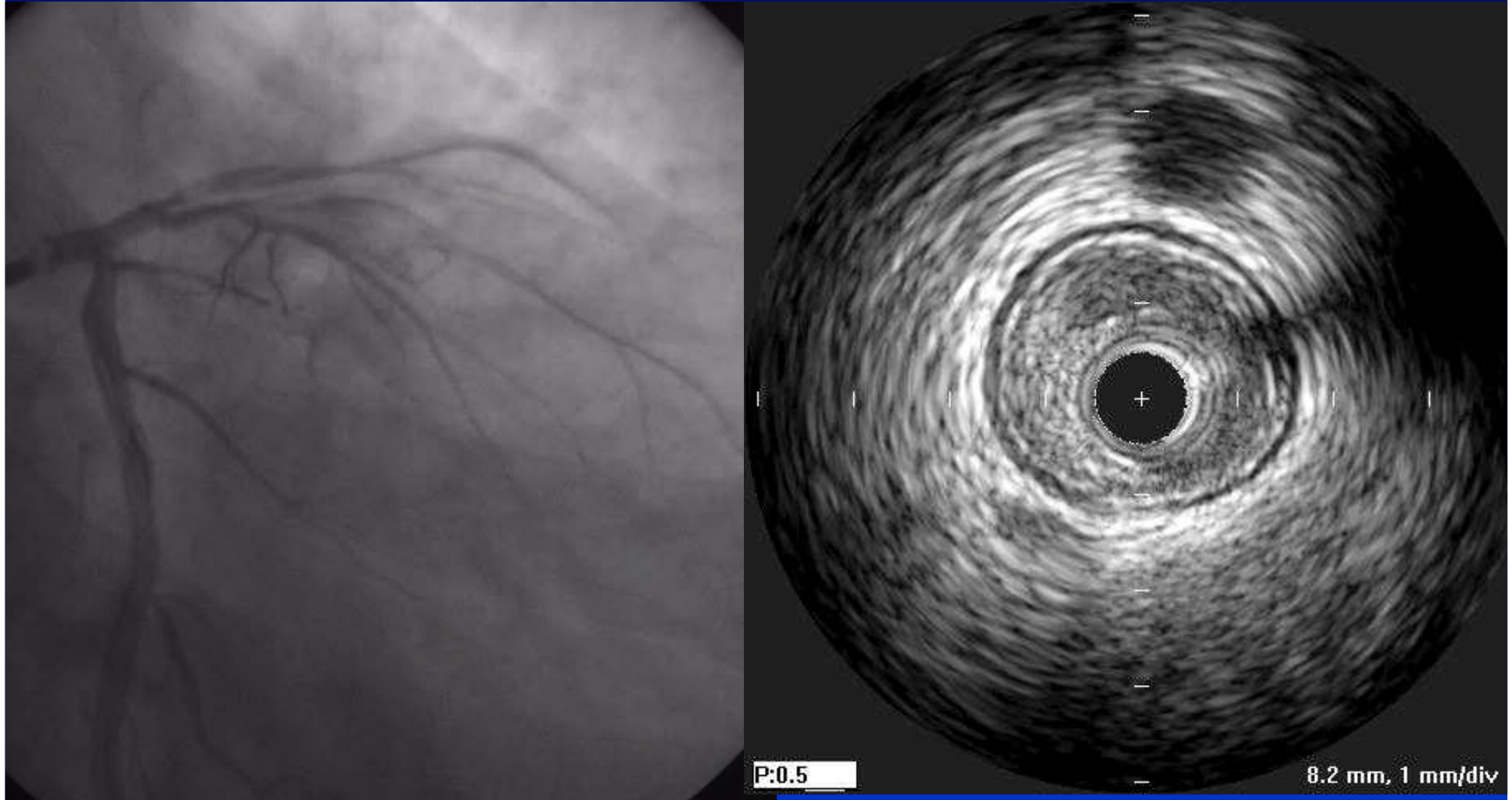
Thanks for your time.

Both aorto-ostial stenosis



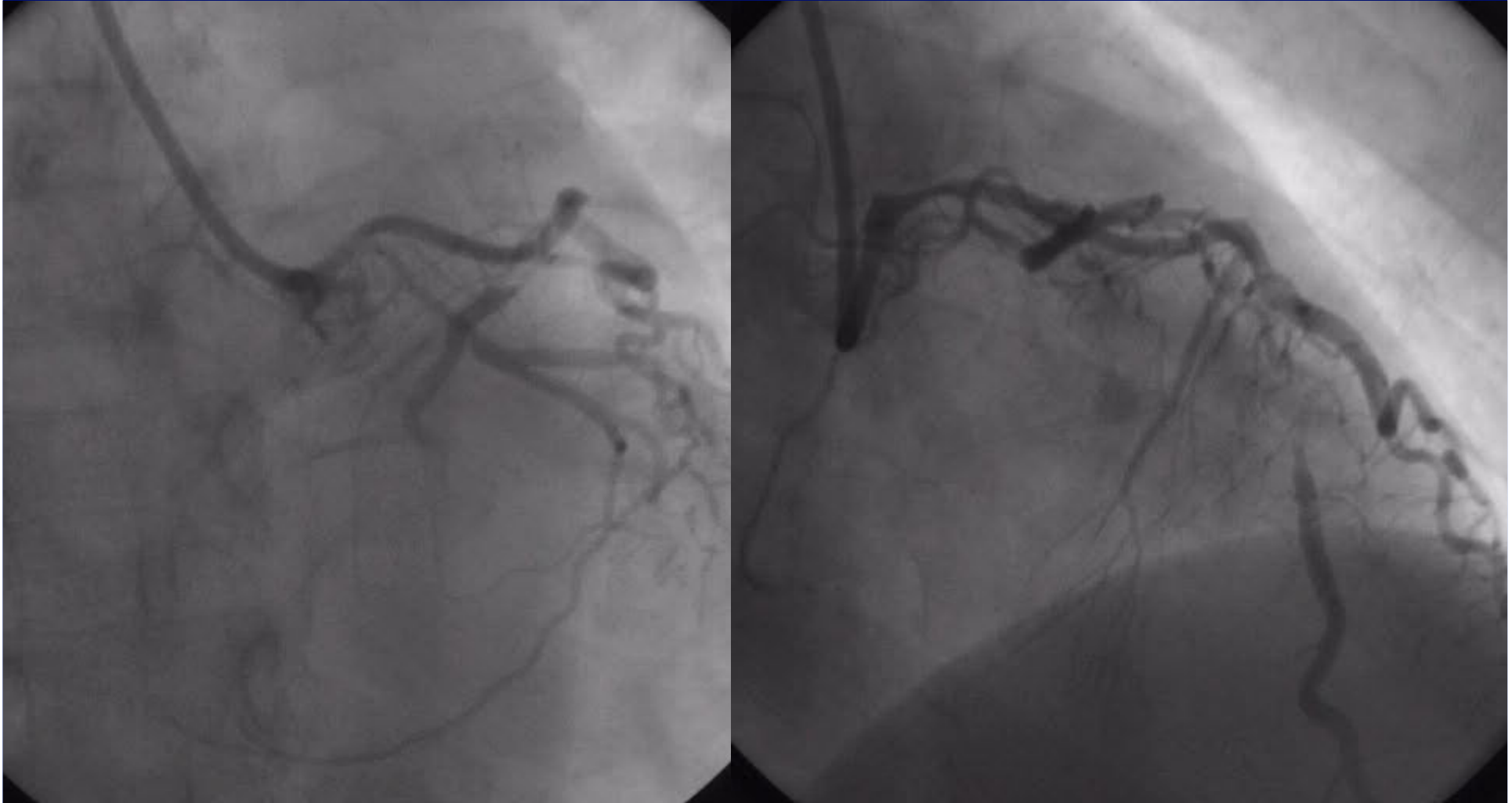
32/F, NSTEMI

Dissection?



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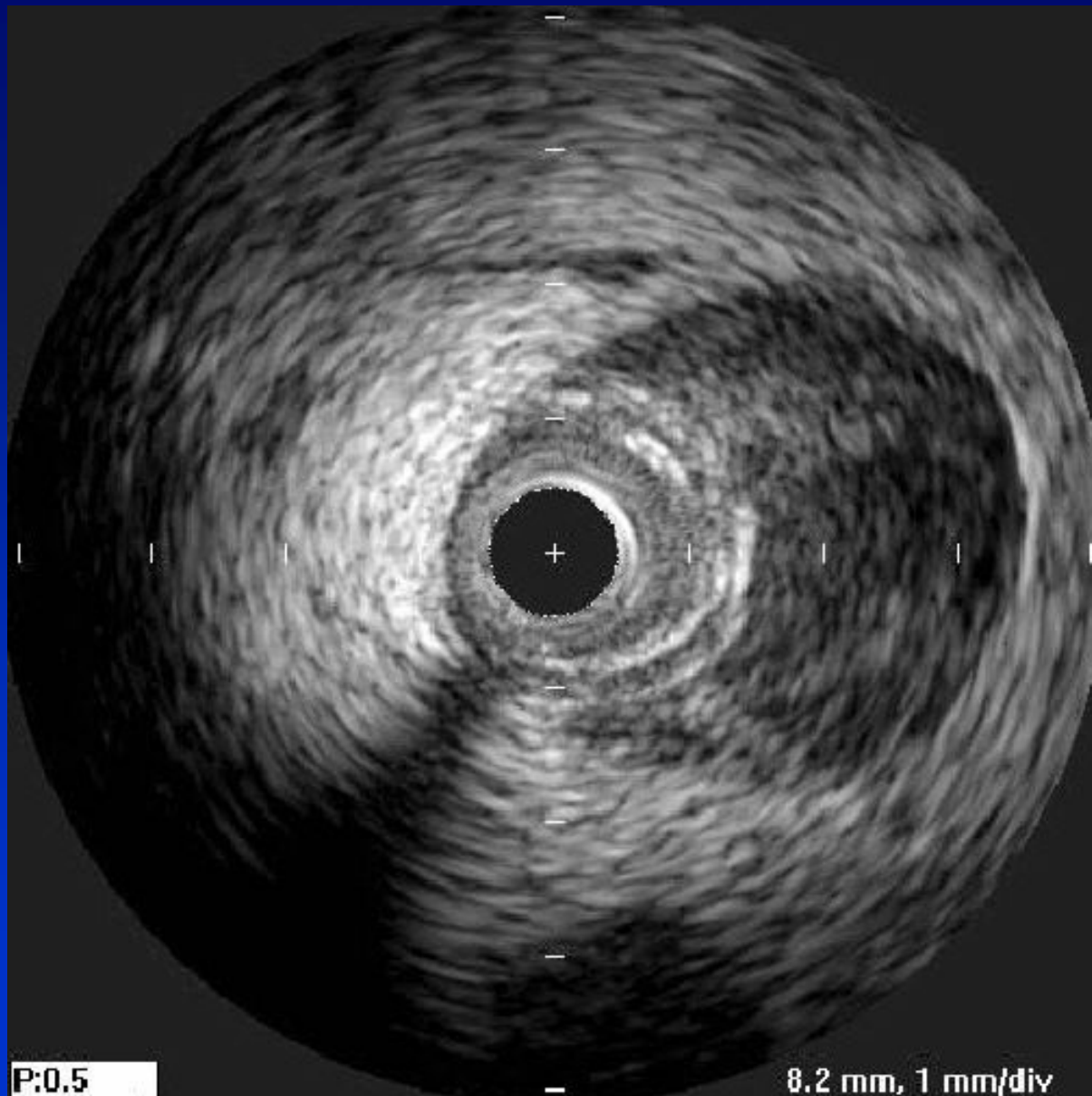
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Spontaneous intramural hemorrhage



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FU angiogram