

FFR-Guided Stenting for Diffuse Coronary Lesions

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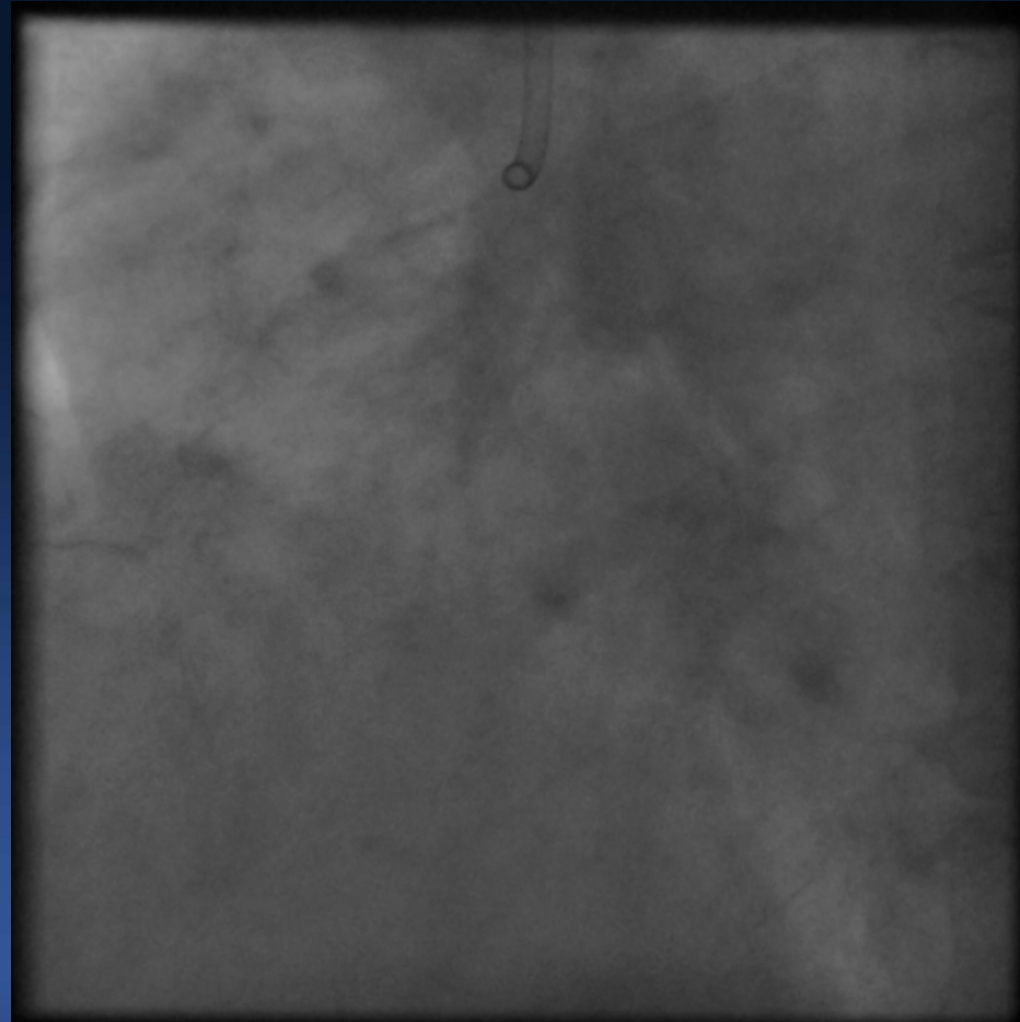
Diffuse Coronary Lesion

- More diabetic
- Low ejection fraction
- Older
- Small vessel involvement
- Multivessel disease
- Bifurcation involvement

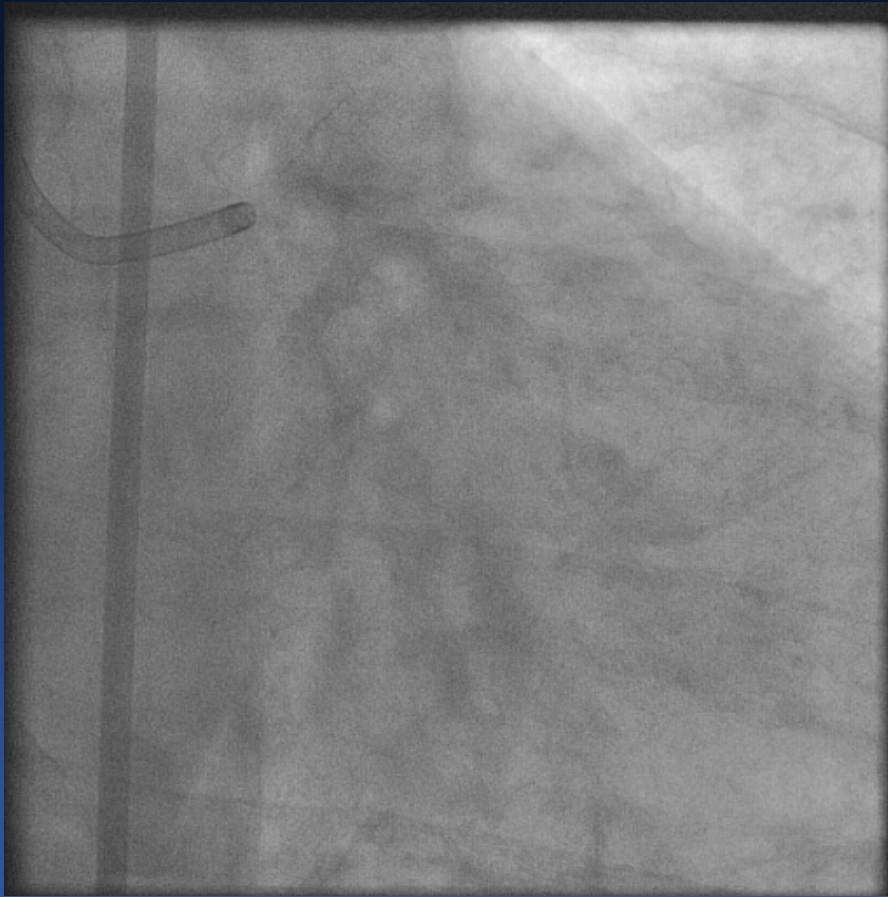
Case 1: Recent Chest Pain

- F / 80
- Chest pain and dyspnea for 1 month
- Multiple stenosis including LM by coronary CT in another hospital
- Normal EKG
- Normal echocardiography with 65% of LV EF
- Good exercise performance before symptom
- No coronary risk factor

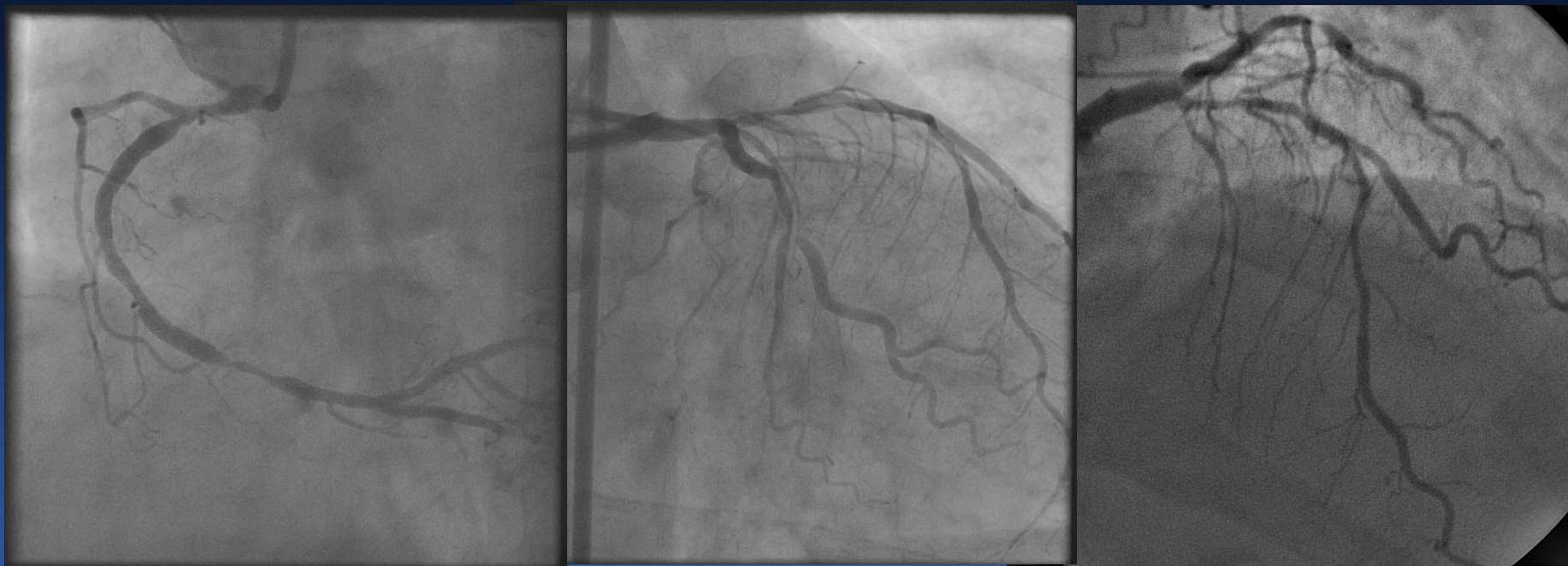
Coronary Angiogram



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Coronary Angiogram *SYNTAX* Calculation



How to do ?

- Medical vs. revascularization
- PCI vs. CABG
- Techniques of PCI
 - Ad hoc vs. staged procedure
 - Angiography-guided vs. function-guided
 - FFR vs. SPECT vs. other perfusion studies

ESC 2011 Update

Indications of Revascularization

	Subset of CAD by anatomy	Class	Level
For prognosis	Left main >50% *	I	A
	Any proximal LAD >50% *	I	A
	2VD or 3VD with impaired LV function *	I	B
	Proven large area of ischemia (> 10%LV)	I	B
	Single remaining patent vessel >50% stenosis *	I	C
	1VD without proximal LAD and without >10% ischemia	III	A
For symptoms	Any stenosis >50% with limiting angina or angina equivalent, unresponsive to OMT	I	A
	Dyspnea/CHF and >10%LV ischemia/viability supplied by >50% stenotic artery	IIa	B
	No limiting symptoms with OMT	III	C

*** With documented ischemia or FFR < 0.8**

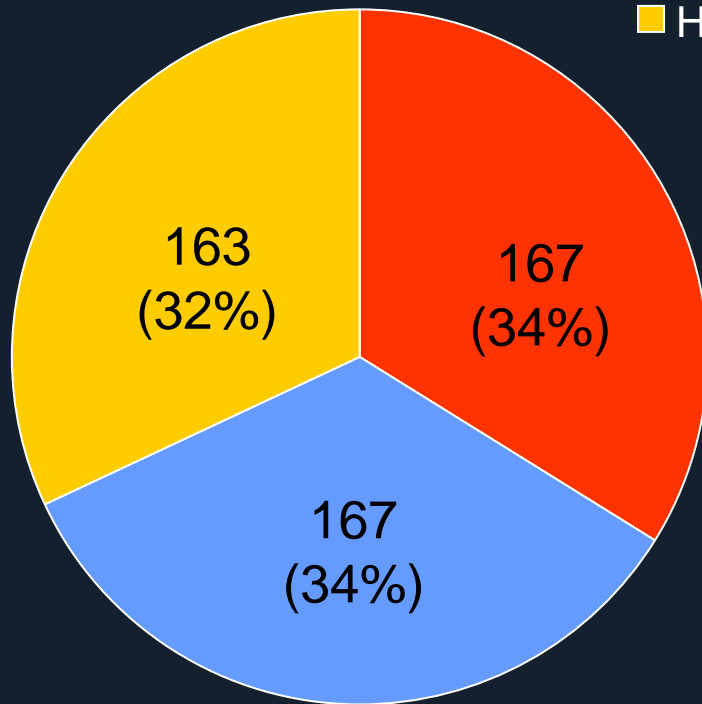
ESC 2011 and ACC 2011 Update

PCI vs. CABG

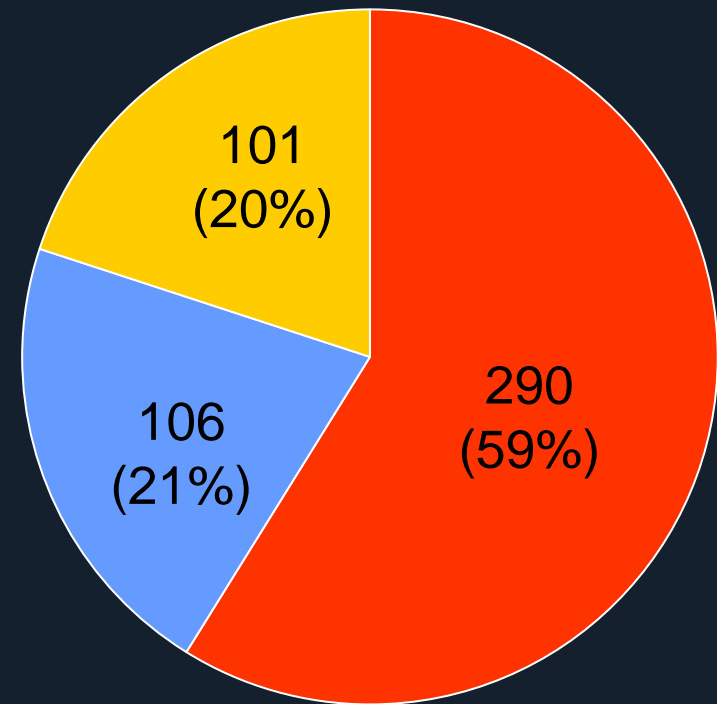
Subset of CAD by anatomy	<< CABG		<< PCI	
	ESC	ACC	ESC	ACC
1VD or 2VD – non-proximal LAD	IIbC	IIa B	IC	IIb B
1VD or 2VD – proximal LAD	IA	IA	IIa B	IIa B
3VD simple lesions, full functional revascularization achievable with PCI, SYNTAX score > 22	IA	IB	IIa B	IIb B
3VD complex lesions, incomplete revascularization achievable with PCI, SYNTAX score > 22	IA	-	III A	-
Left main (isolated or 1VD, ostium/shaft)	IA	IB	IIa B	IIa B
Left main (isolated or 1VD, distal bifurcation)	IA	IB	IIb B	IIb B
Left main + 2VD or 3VD, SYNTAX score ≤ 32	IA	IB	IIb B	IIb B
Left main + 2VD or 3VD, SYNTAX score ≥ 33	IA	IB	III B	III B

Functional SYNTAX Score in FAME

- Low SS
- Medium SS
- High SS



Classic



Functional

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Ad hoc PCI

Not recommended in ESC/ACC 2011 !

Ad hoc PCI

Haemodynamically unstable patients (including cardiogenic shock).

Culprit lesion in STEMI and NSTEMI-ACS.

Stable low-risk patients with 1- or 2- vessel disease (pLAD excluded) and favourable morphology (RCA, non-ostial LCx, mid or distal LAD).

Non-recurrent restenotic lesions.

Revascularization at an interval

Lesions with high-risk morphology.

Chronic heart failure.

Renal failure (eGFR <60 mL/min), if total contrast volume required >4 mL/kg.

Stable patients with MVD including LAD involvement.

Stable patients with ostial or complex pLAD lesion.

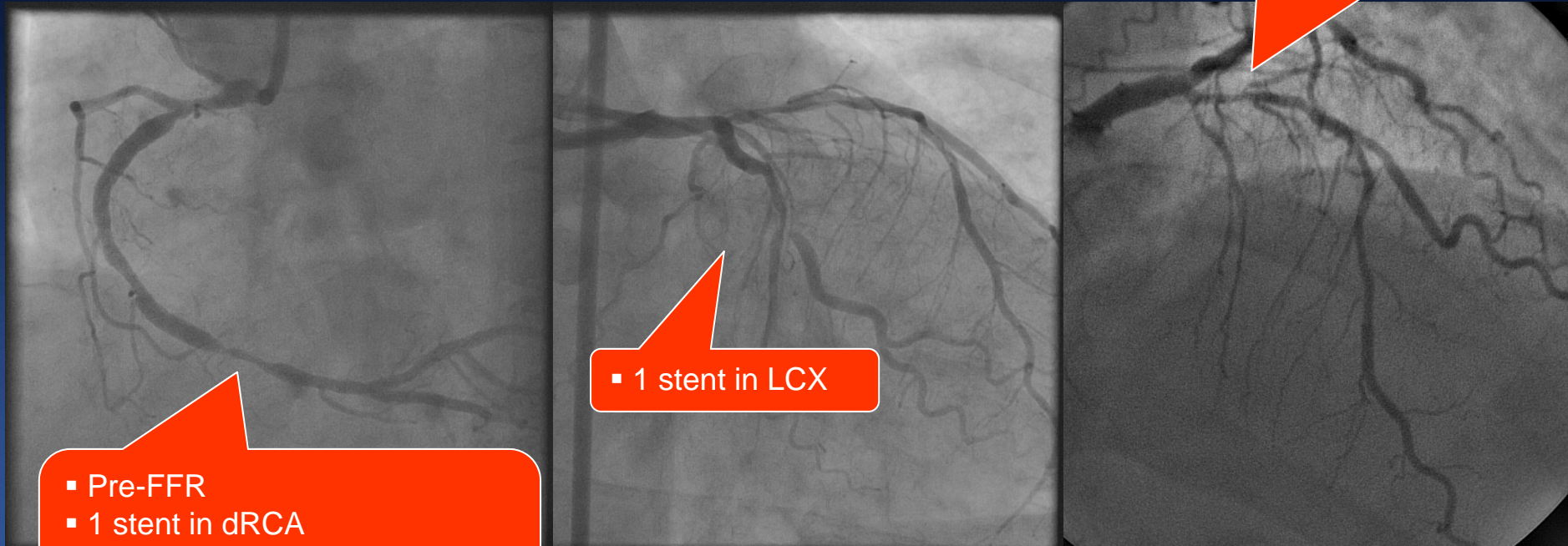
Any clinical or angiographic evidence of higher periprocedural risk with ad hoc PCI.

How to do ?

- Ad hoc PCI with FFR
- Staged procedure with SPECT
- Staged procedure with other functional test
- Staged procedure without functional test
- Staged procedure with FFR
- CABG
- Medication

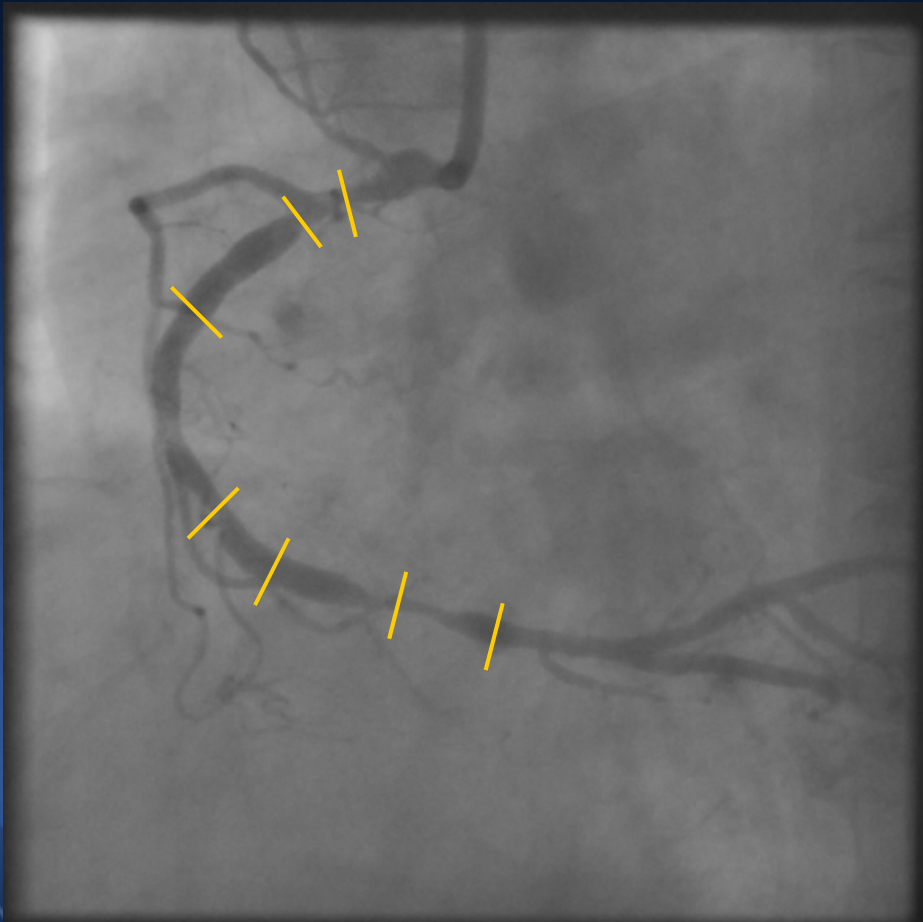
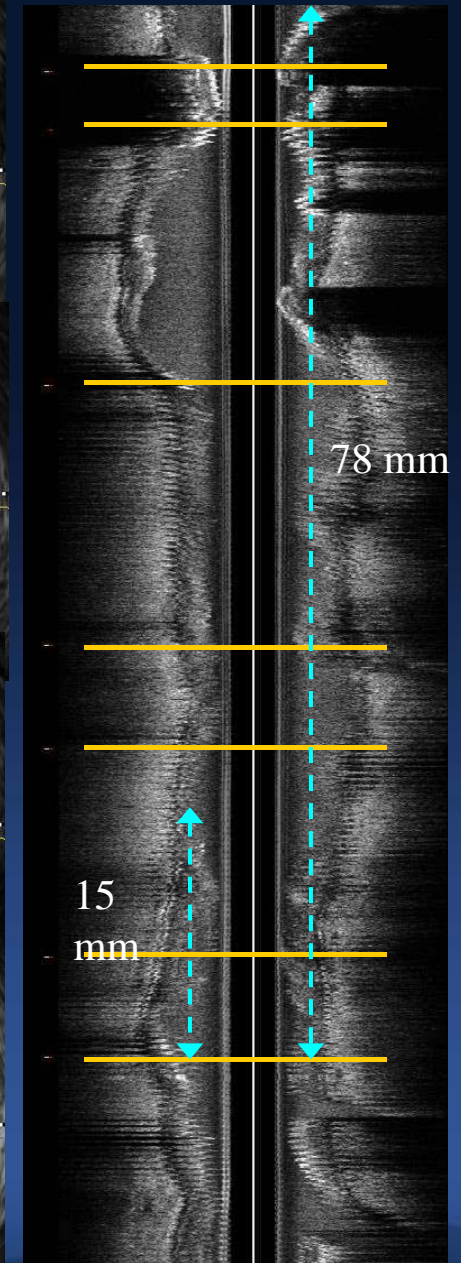
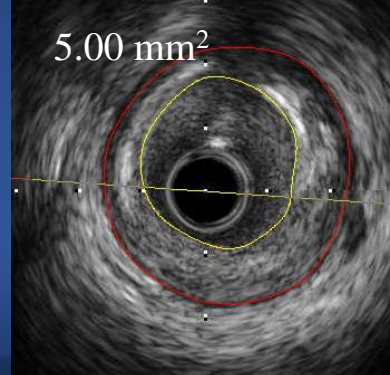
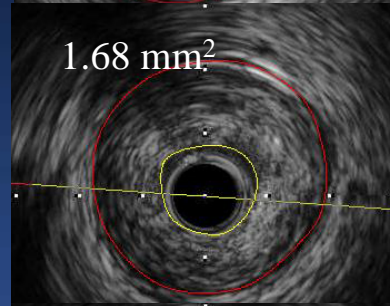
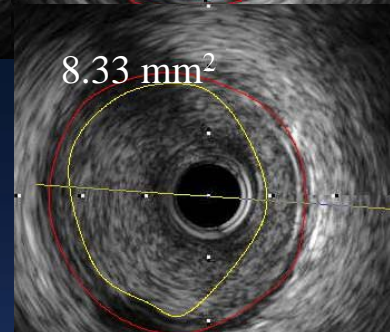
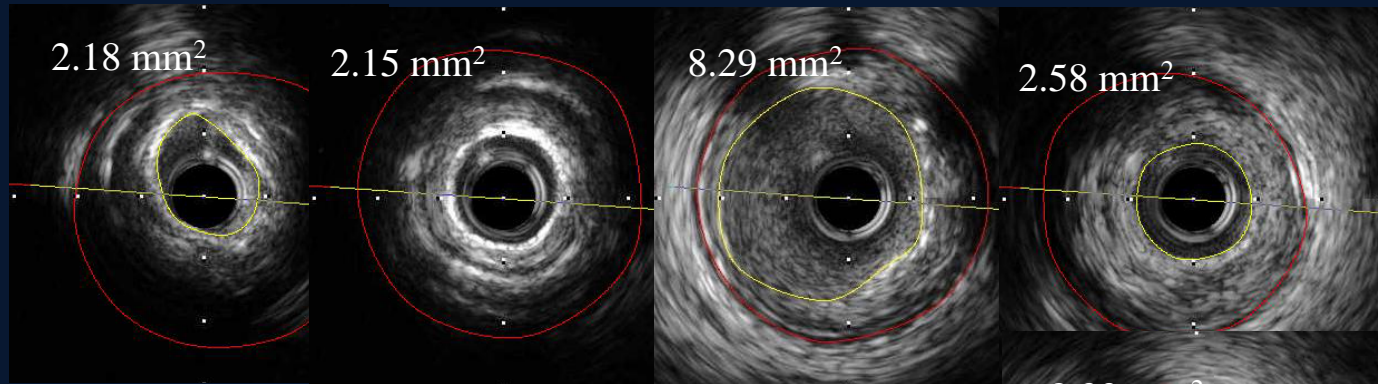
Planning

- Pre-FFR
- 1 stent in pLAD
- Post-FFR after stenting
- 1 stent in other LAD if p-FFR ≤ 7.5



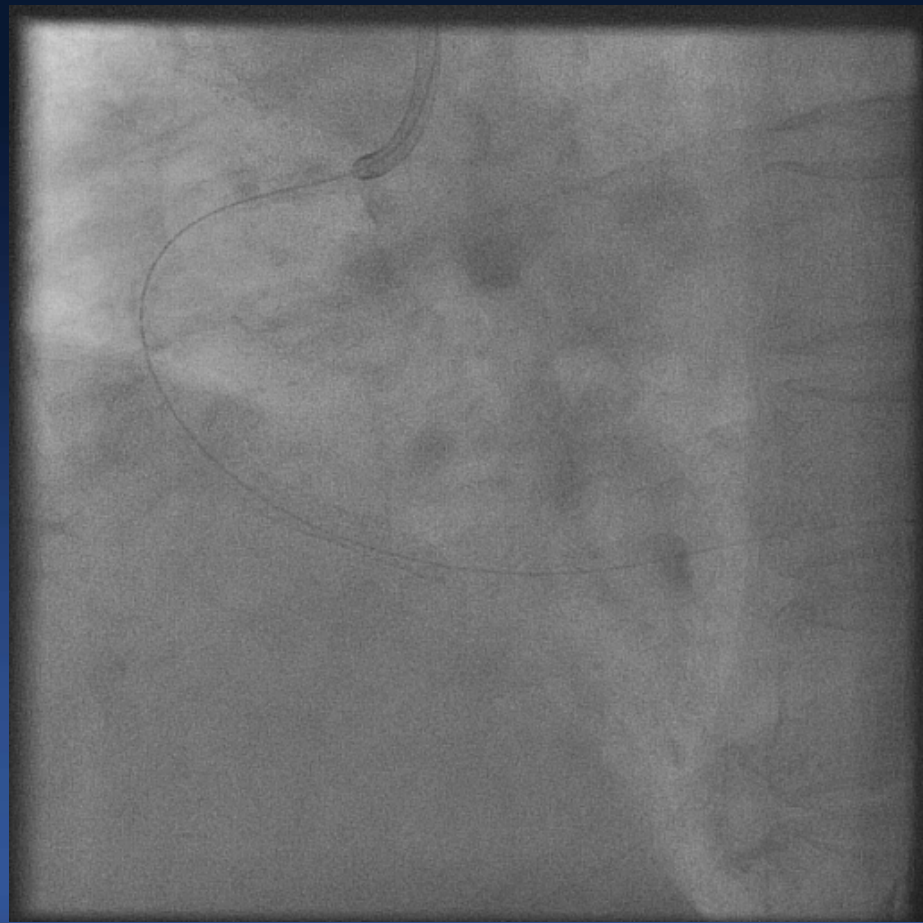
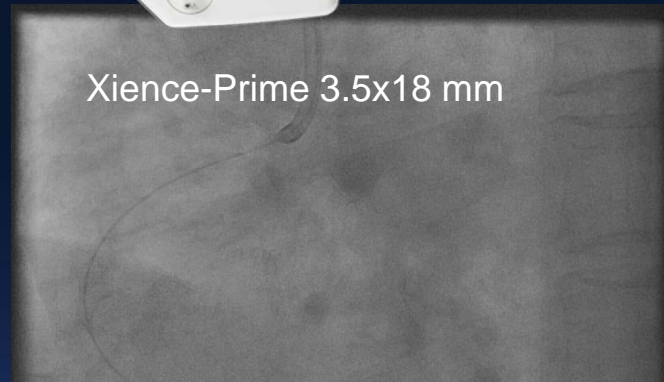
- Pre-FFR
- 1 stent in dRCA
- Post-FFR after stenting
- 1 stent in pRCA if p-FFR ≤ 7.5

- 1 stent in LCX

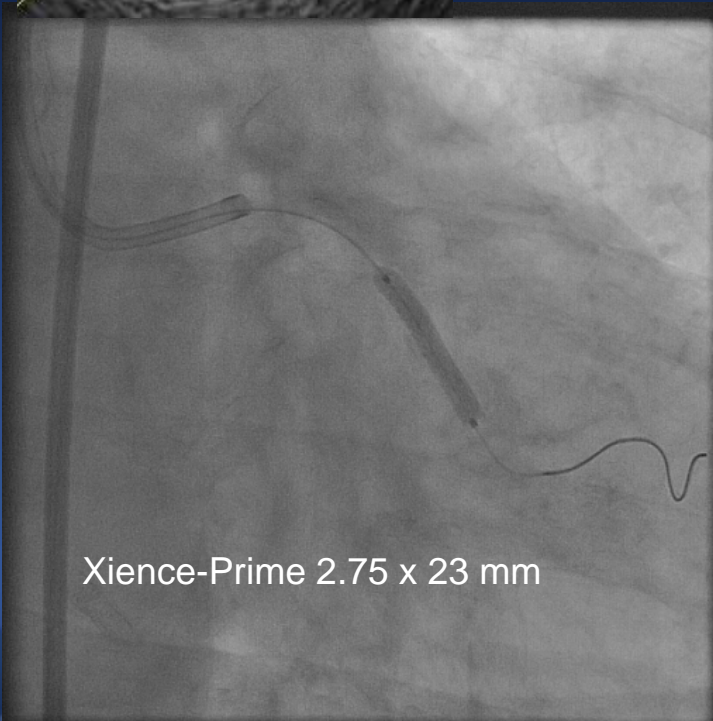
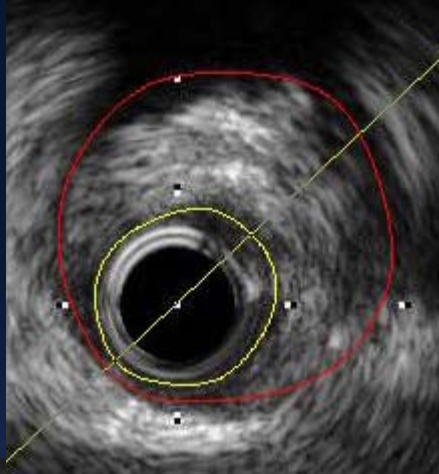


RCA Intervention

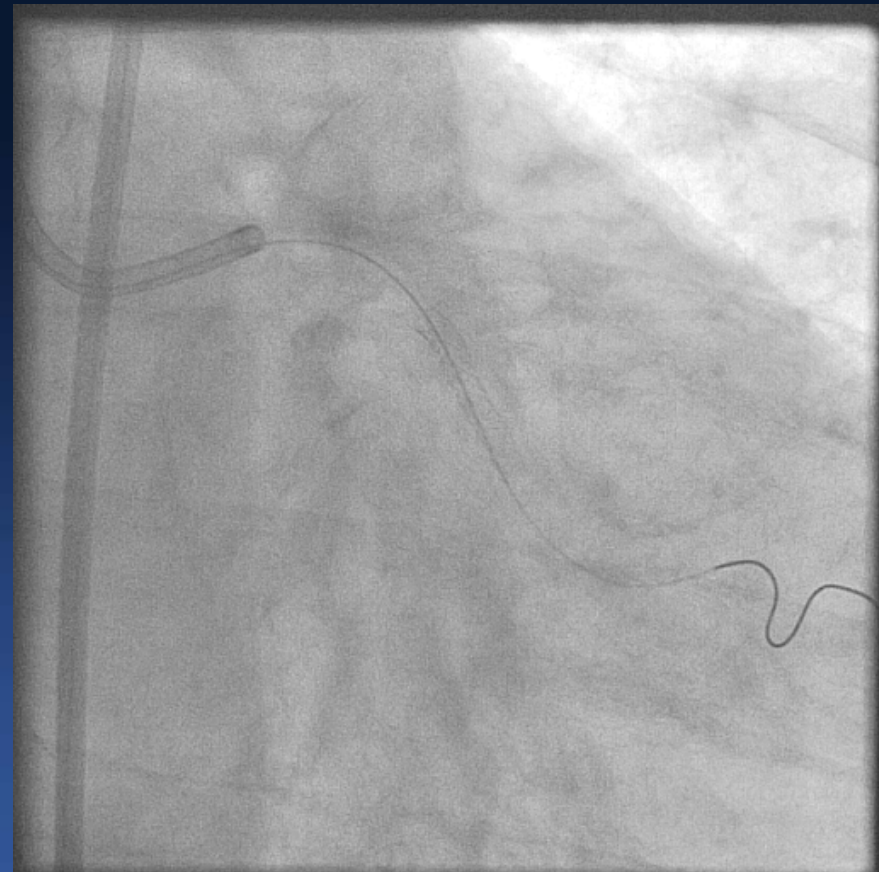
Pre-FFR 0.72 in dRCA

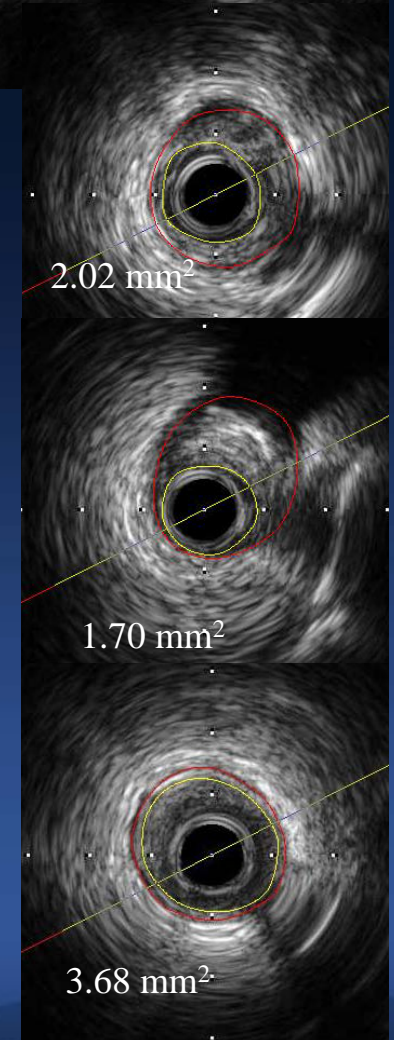
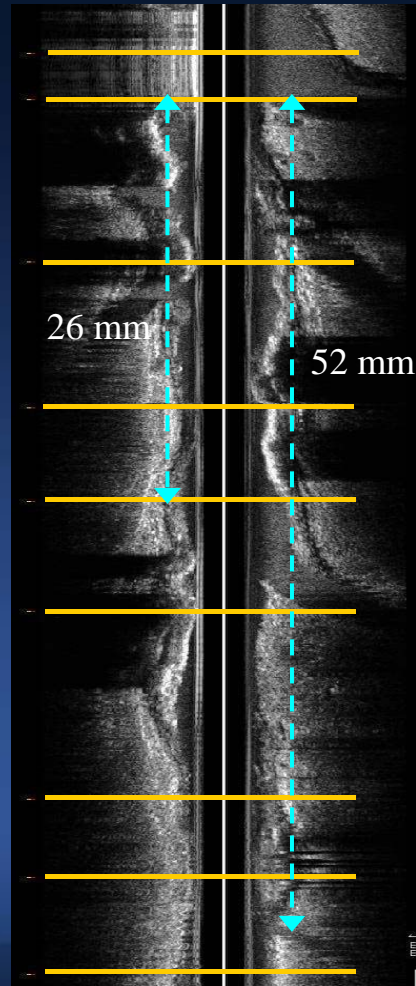
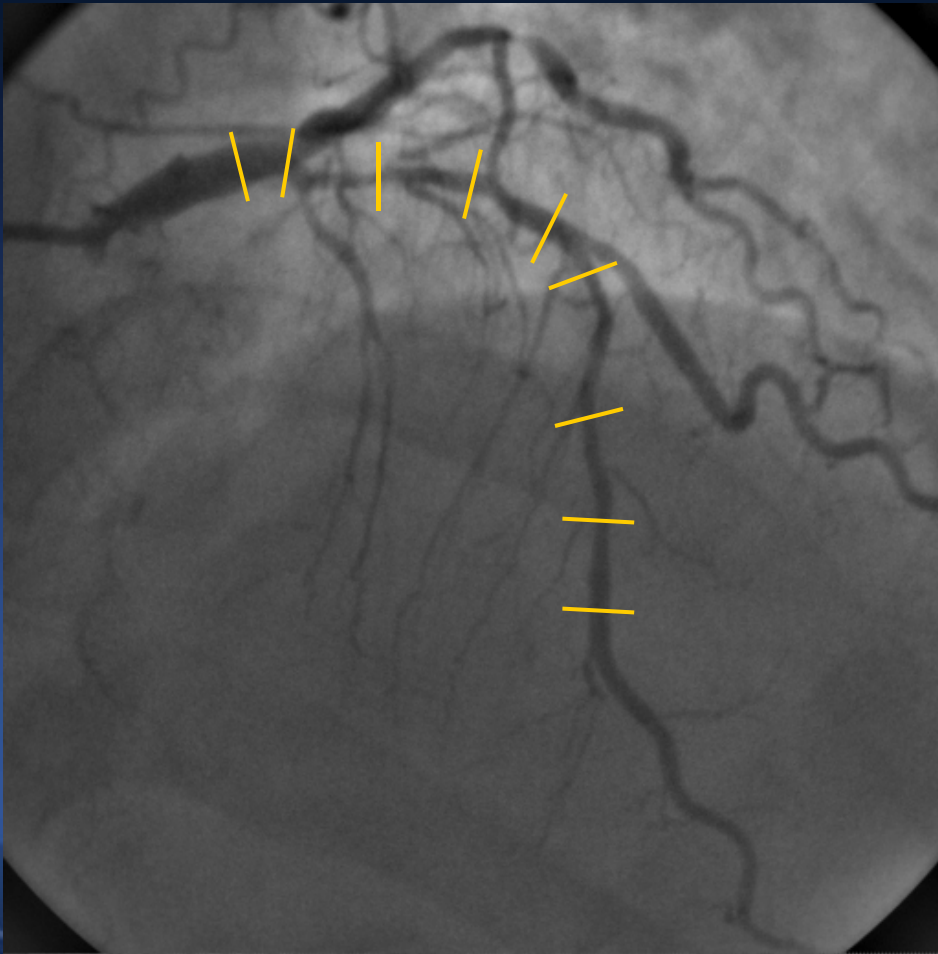
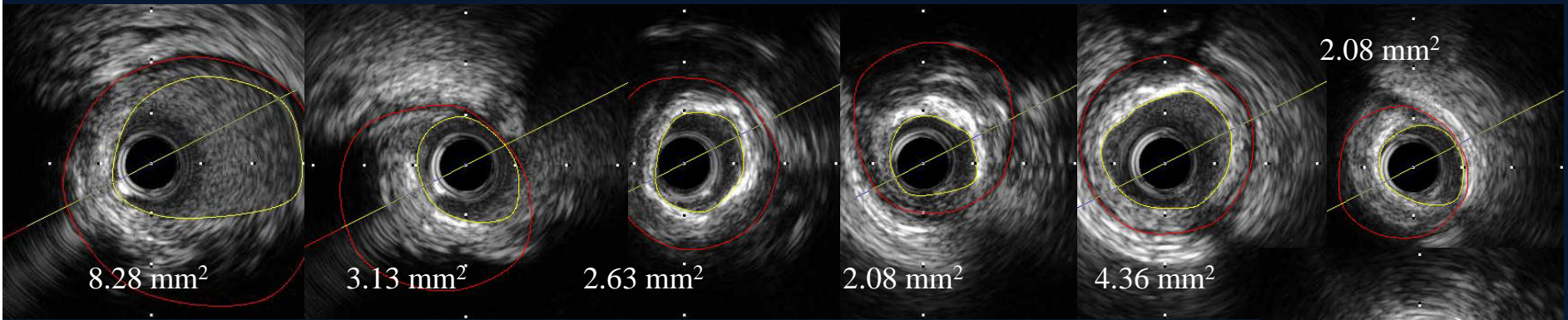


IVUS and LCX Stenting without FFR

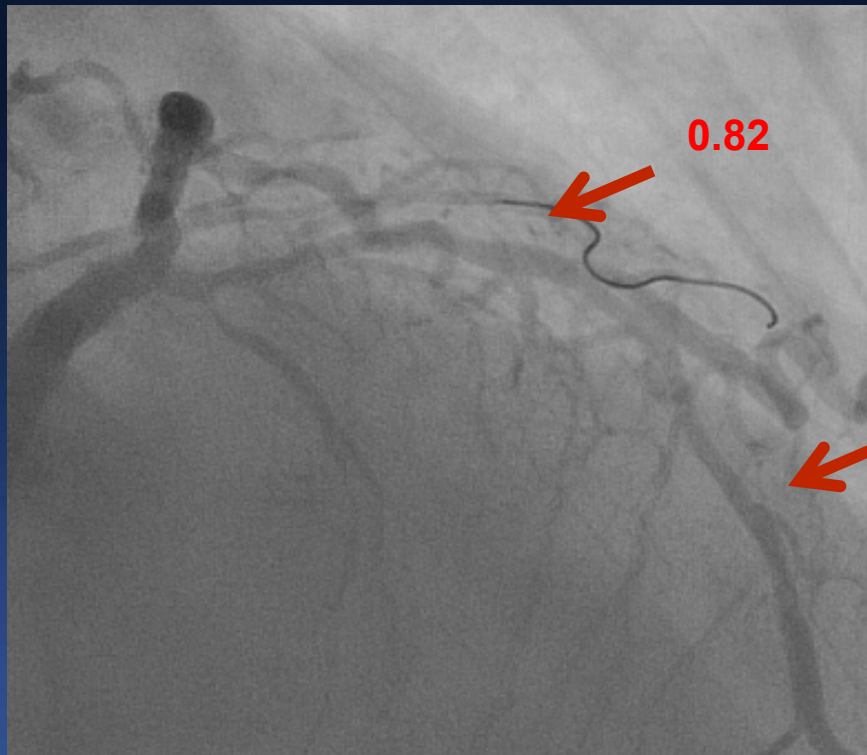


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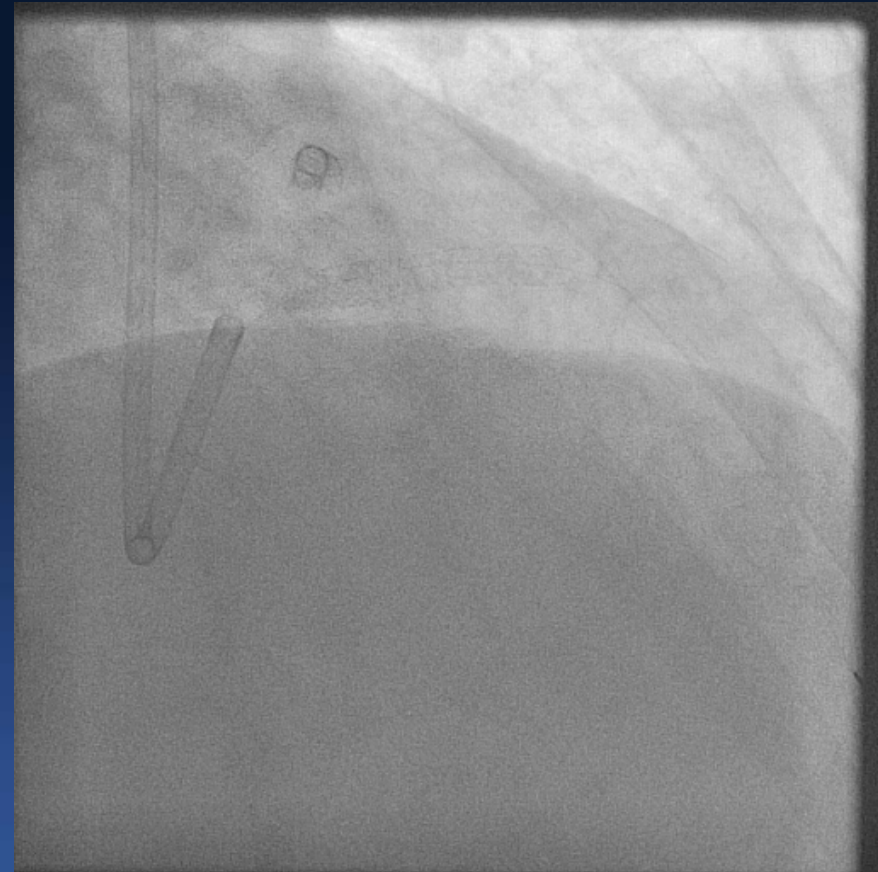
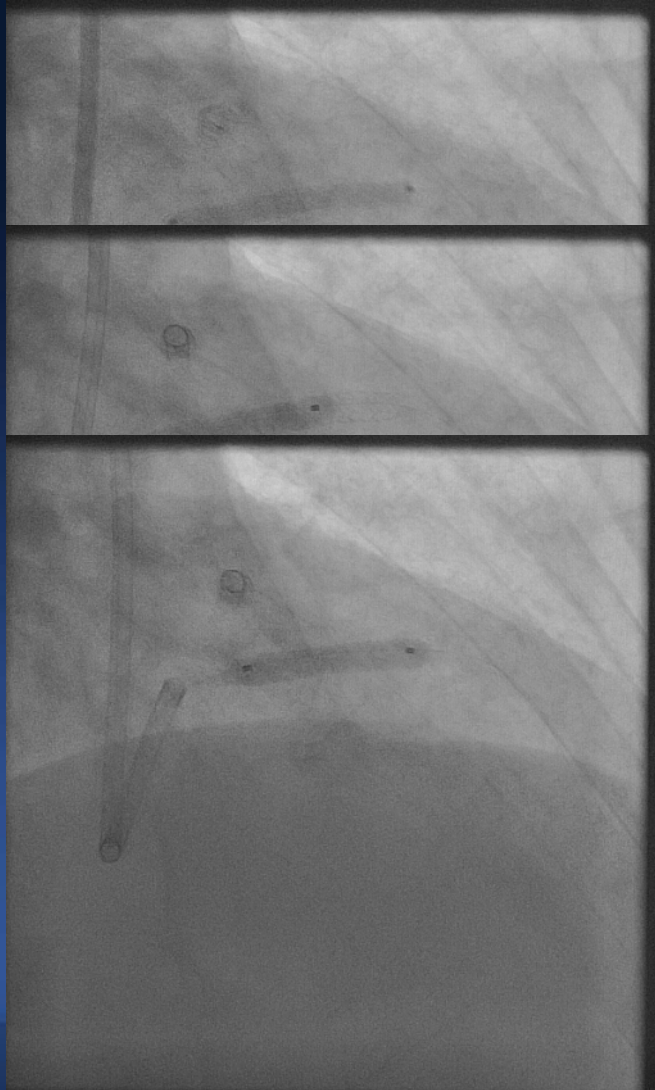




LAD Intervention with FFR



Stenting followed by NC



Post-FFR



Case 2: Stable Angina

- M / 58
- Effort chest pain for 9 months
- Hypertension
- Normal EKG
- Treadmill test: stage 3 +
- Normal echo with 64% of LV EF
- Thallium SPECT: medium-seized reversible inferolateral wall

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STRESS_FBP

11-Mar-2010 13:11:36

Intervals: 1

Pharma: Thallium

Ug Vol: 56 ml, TID: 1.27

SSS: 7

V-SRD/TL/NC/M

REST_FBP

11-Mar-2010 16:12:33

Intervals: 1

Pharma: Thallium

Ug Vol: 44 ml, TID: N/A

SRS: 3

V-SRD/TL/NC/M

Study Info

Short Axis (Apex->Base)

Str

Rst

Str

Rst

Horiz Long Axis (Post->Ant)

Str

Rst

Vert Long Axis (Sep->Lat)

Str

Rst

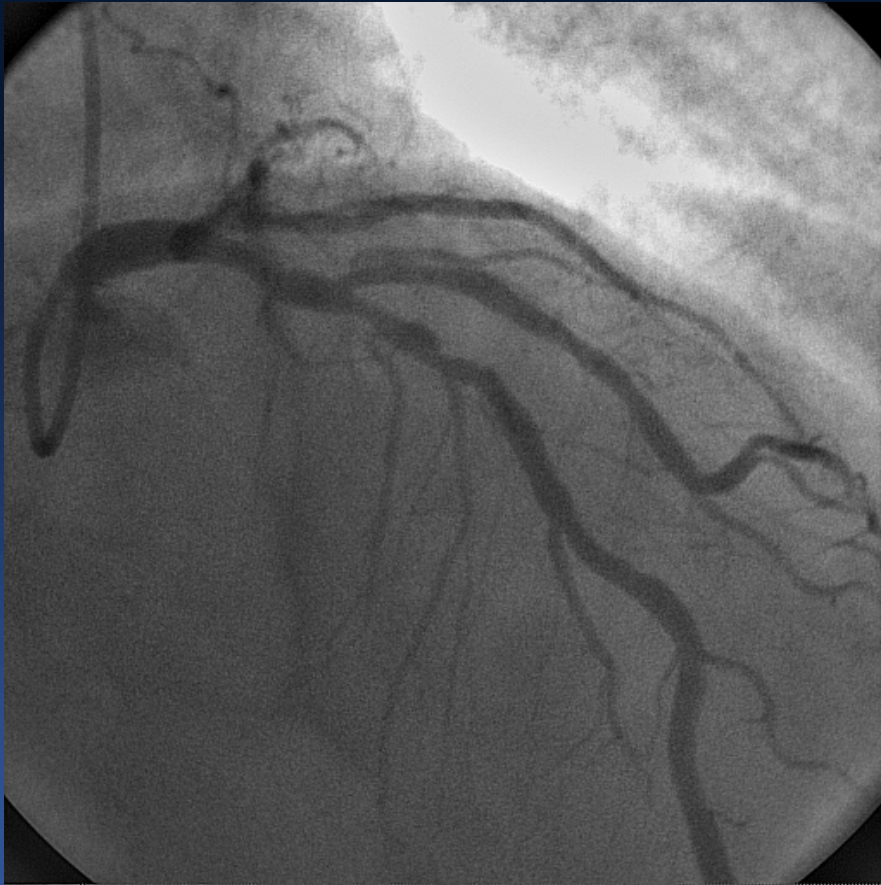


- Intermediate RCA
- LCX CTO with collateral from RCA
- Diffuse intermediate LAD

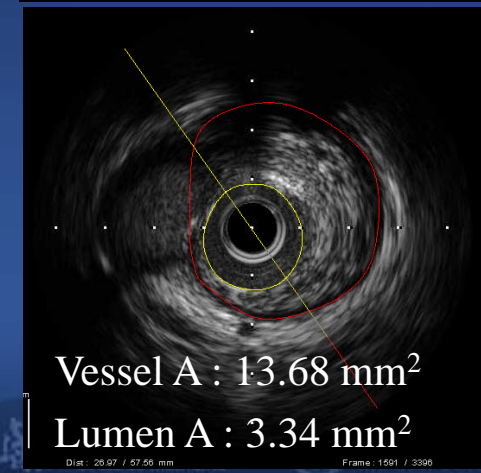
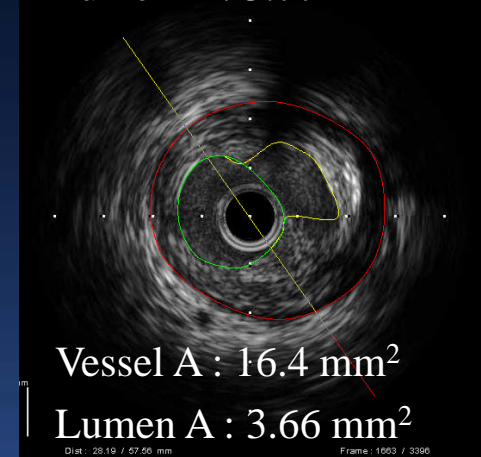
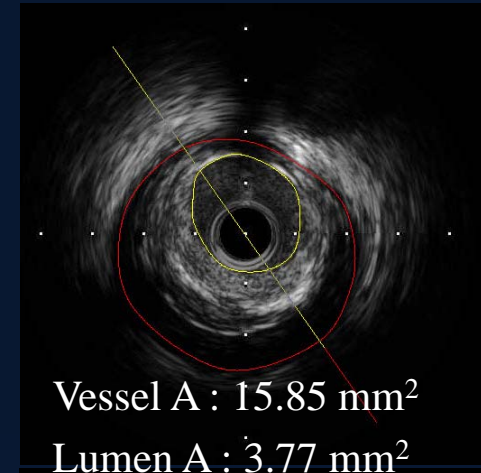
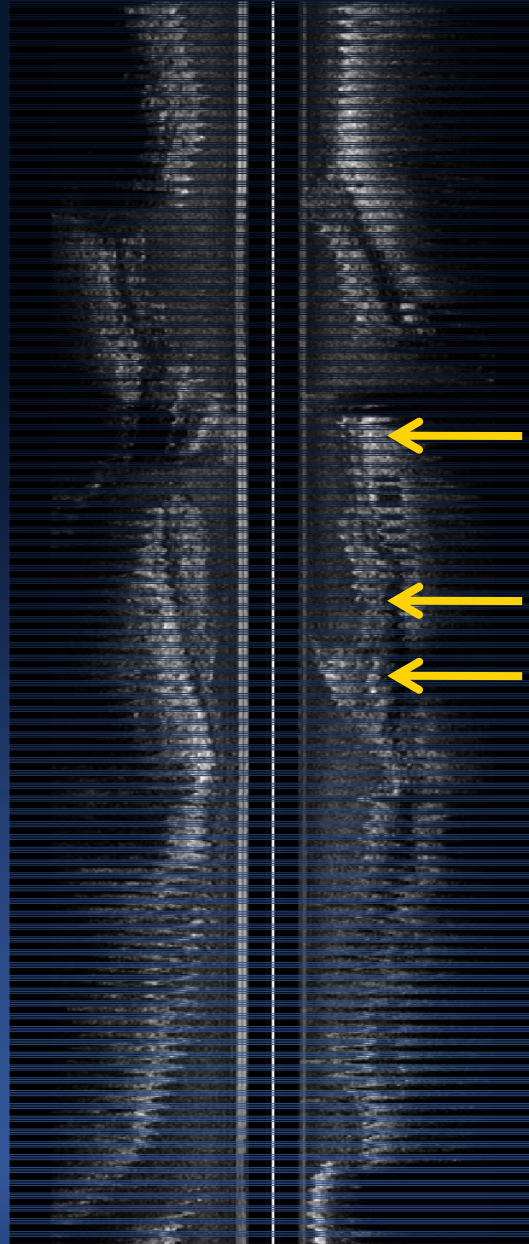


Medical Treatment in RCA and LCX

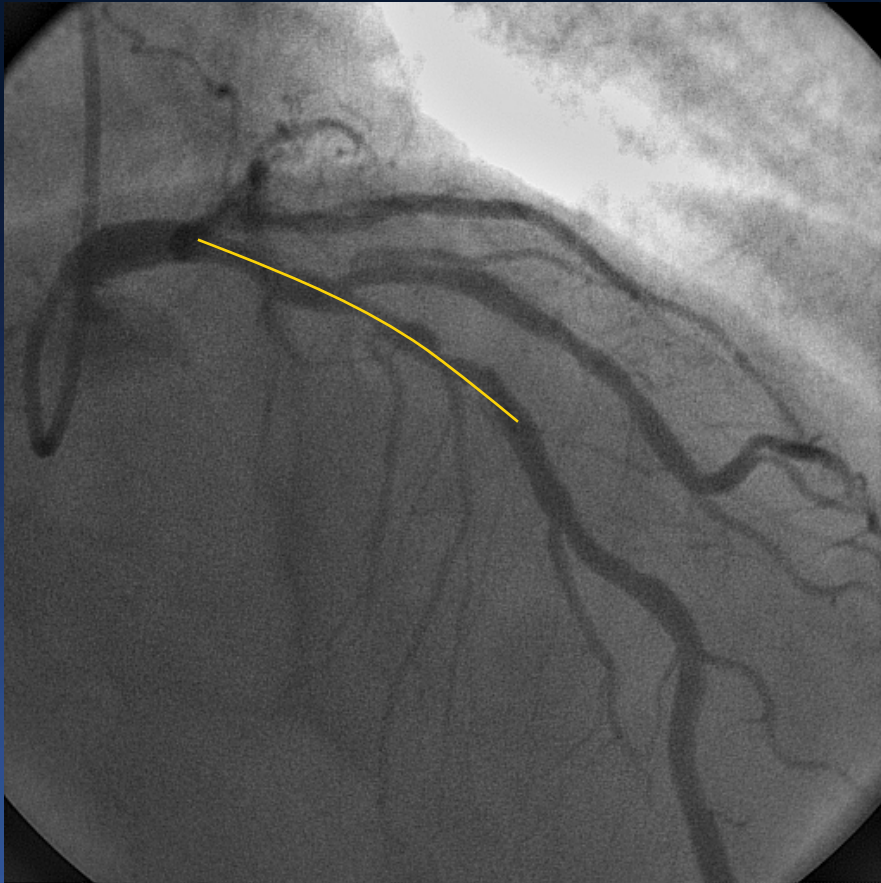
How to Treat LAD ?



- Total occlusion in another left-side artery
- Negative thallium
- Unstable morphology
- Diffuse disease
- Bifurcation involvement
- Ostial involvement

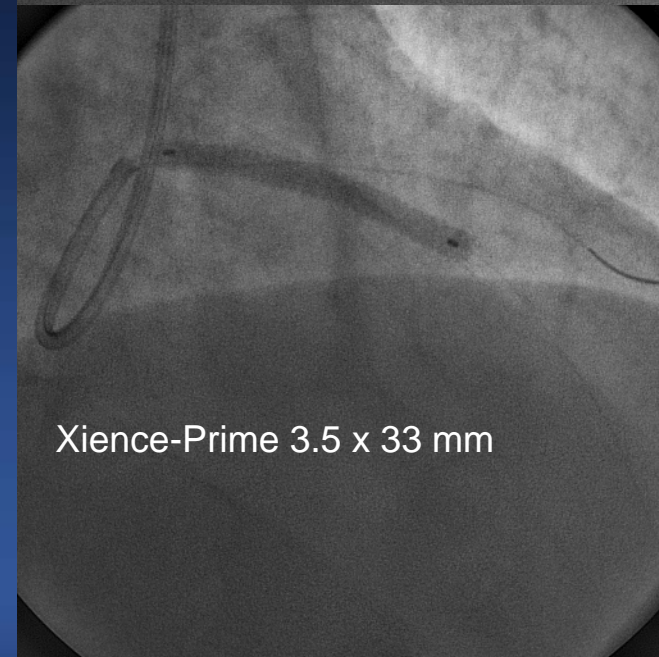
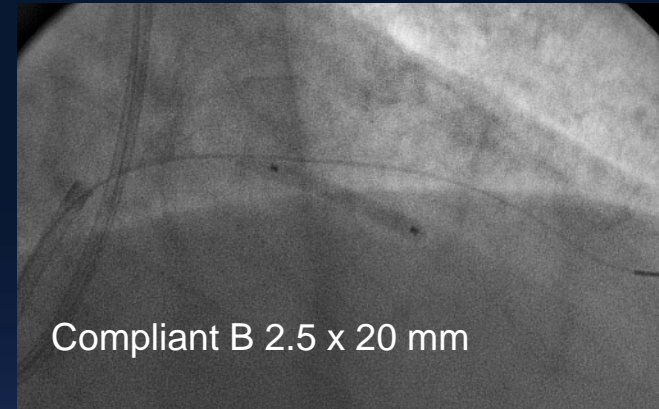


Plan for Diffuse & Bifurcation LAD

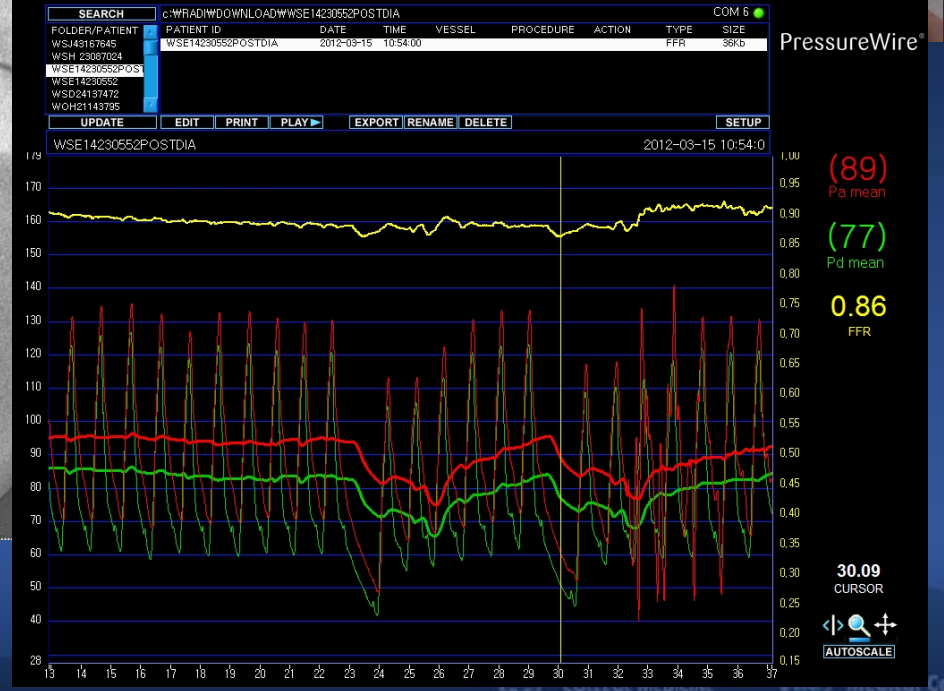
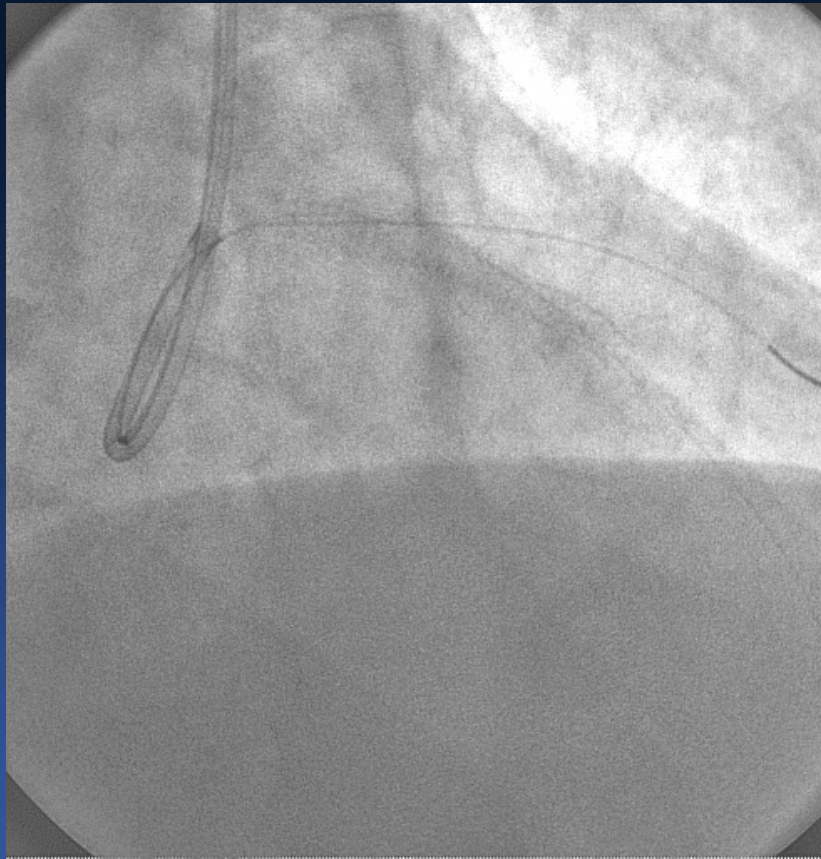


- Single-stent technique in LAD if FFR < 0.8
- FFR in D1 if compromised

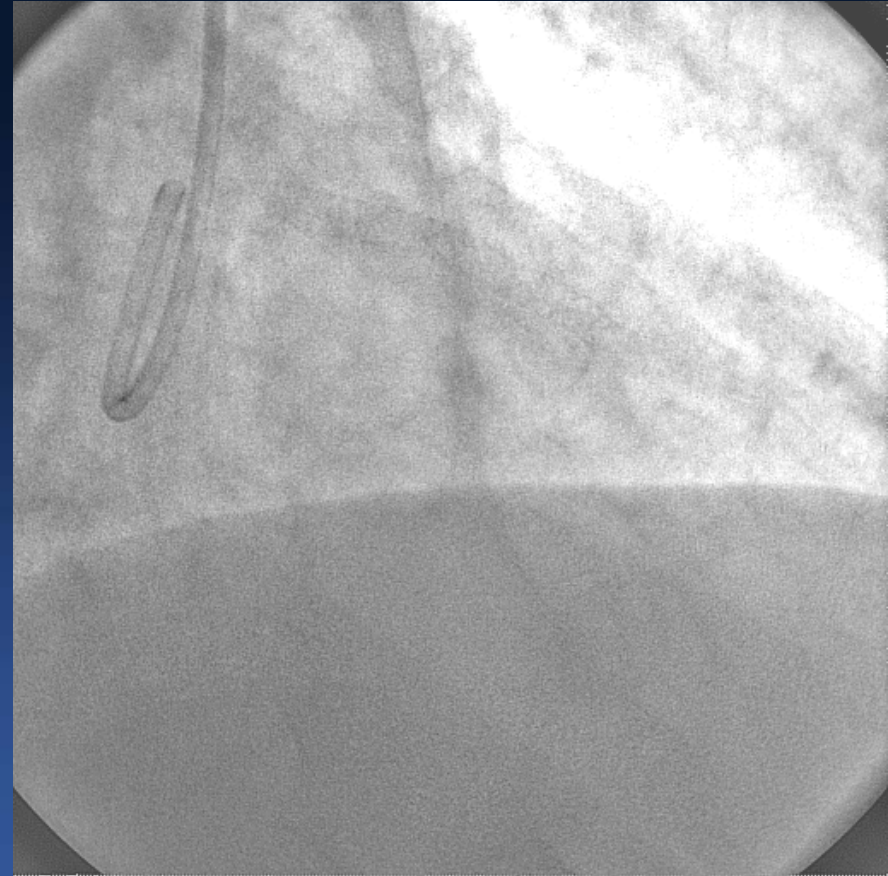
Stenting through FFR wire in LAD



FFR wire in D1



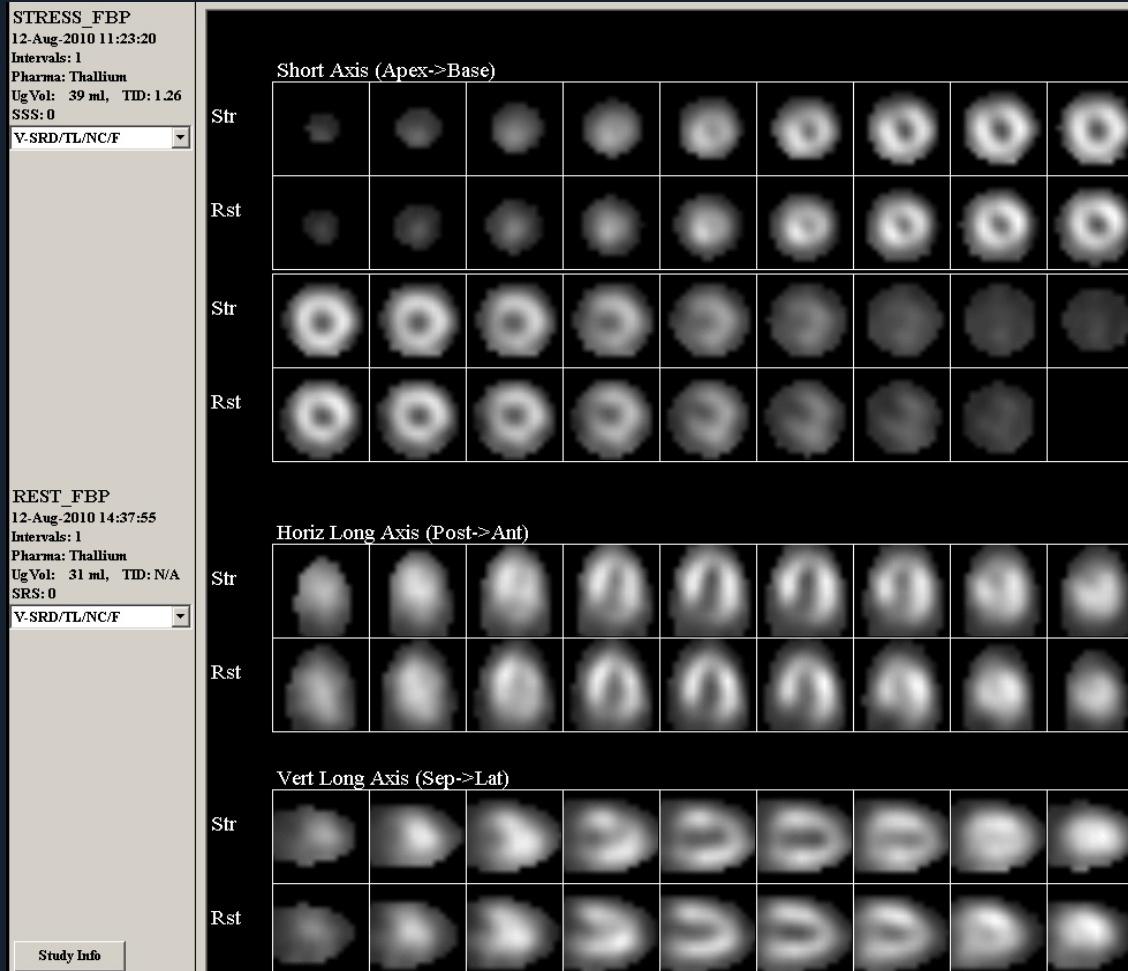
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Case 3: Stable Angina

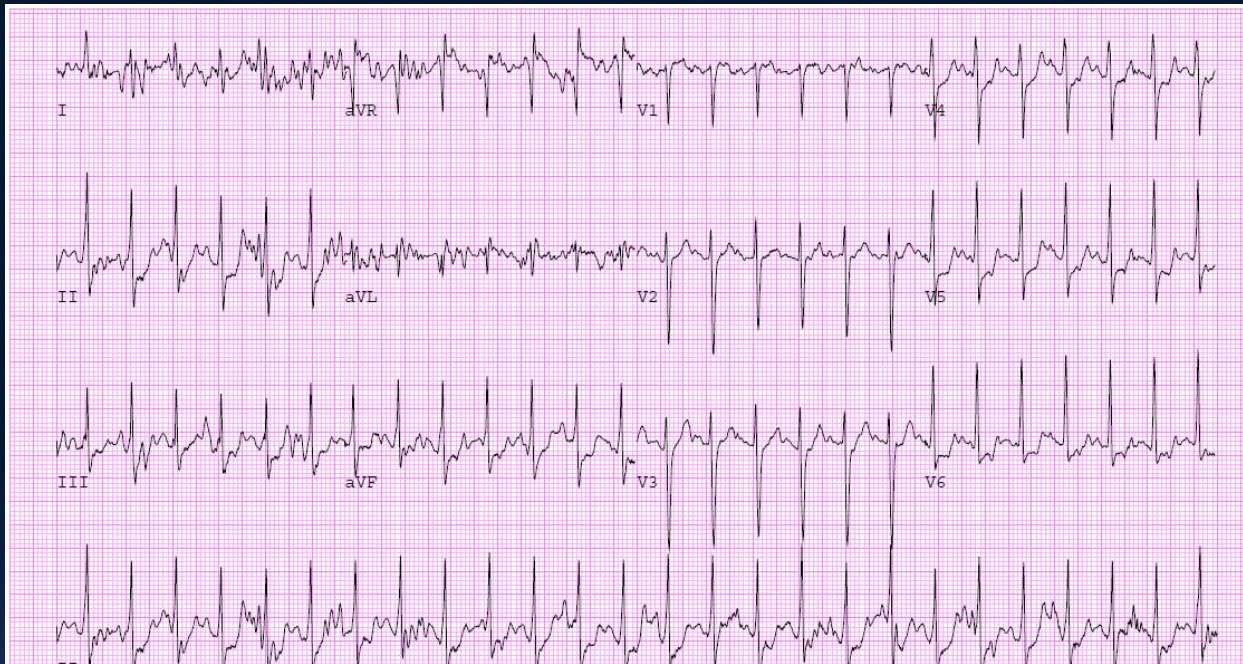
- 64 / F
- Hypertension, DM ,Hyperlipidemia
- Normal EKG
- Normal echo
- Abnormal thallium

Thallium SPECT

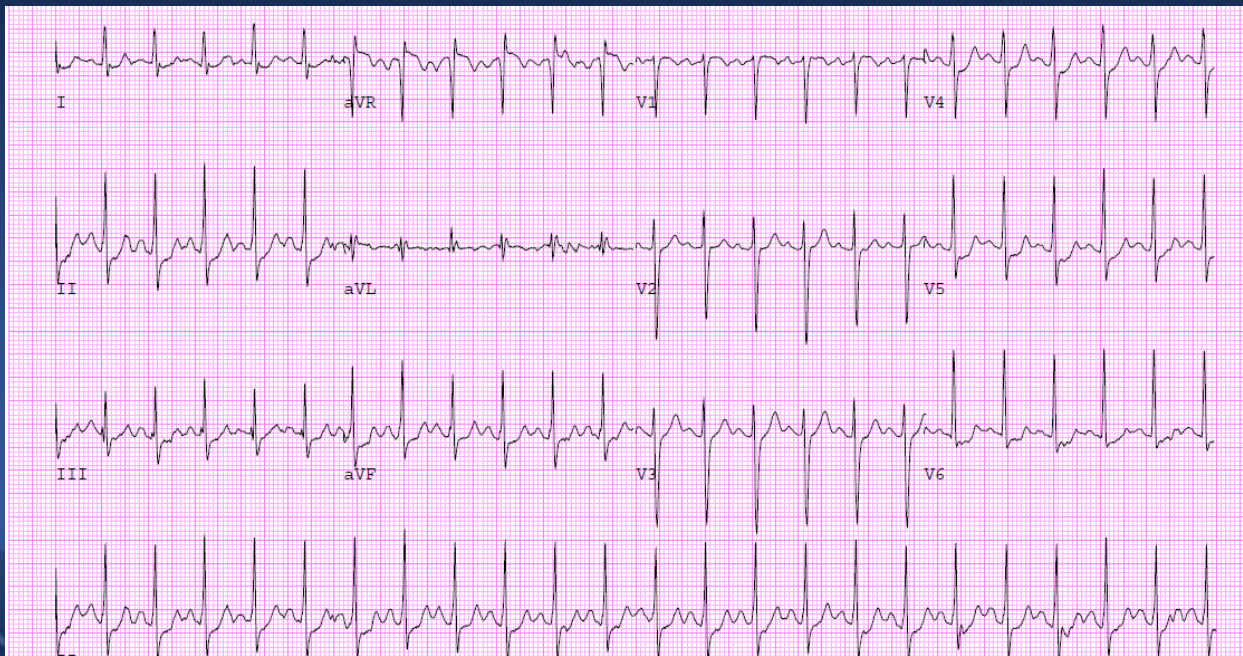


Reversible medium sized mild-to-moderately decreased perfusion in apical-mid anterior wall

Stage 3



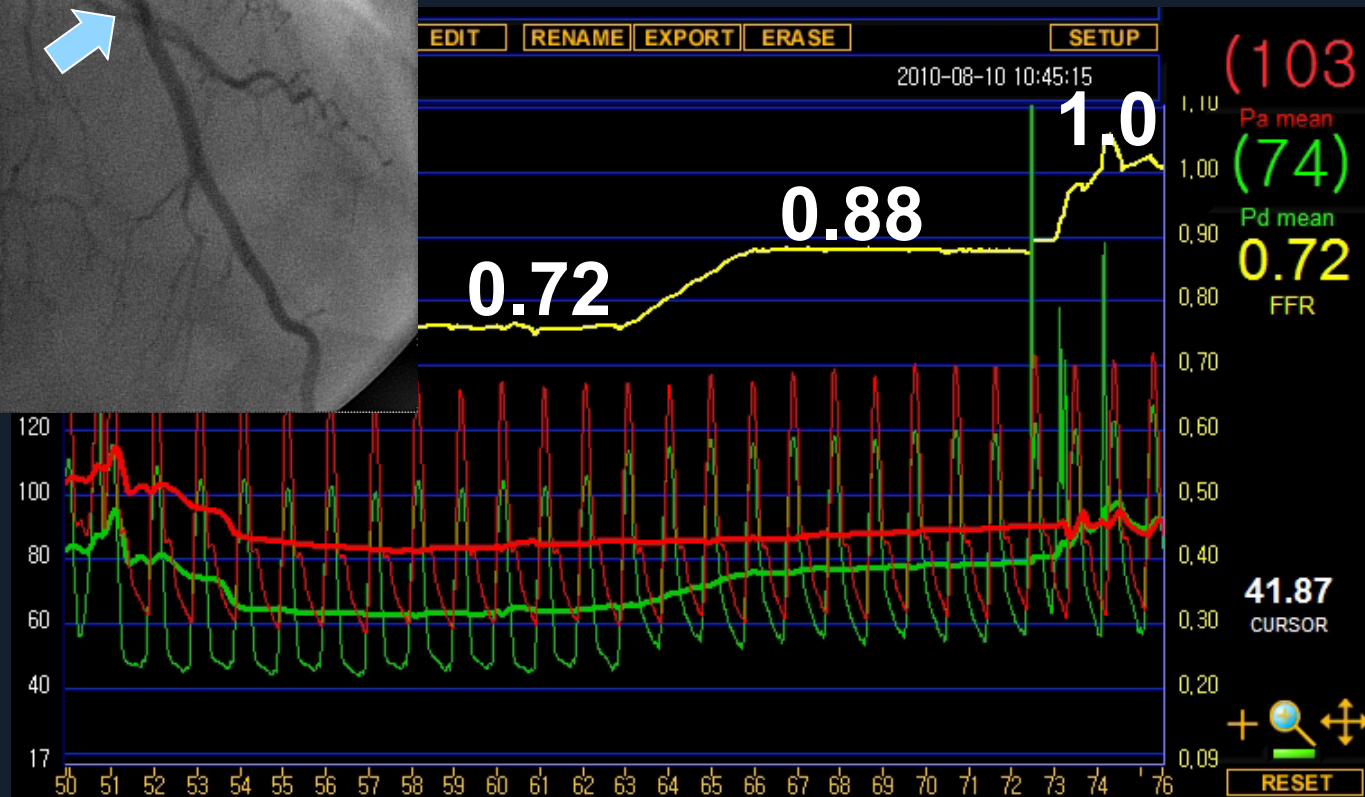
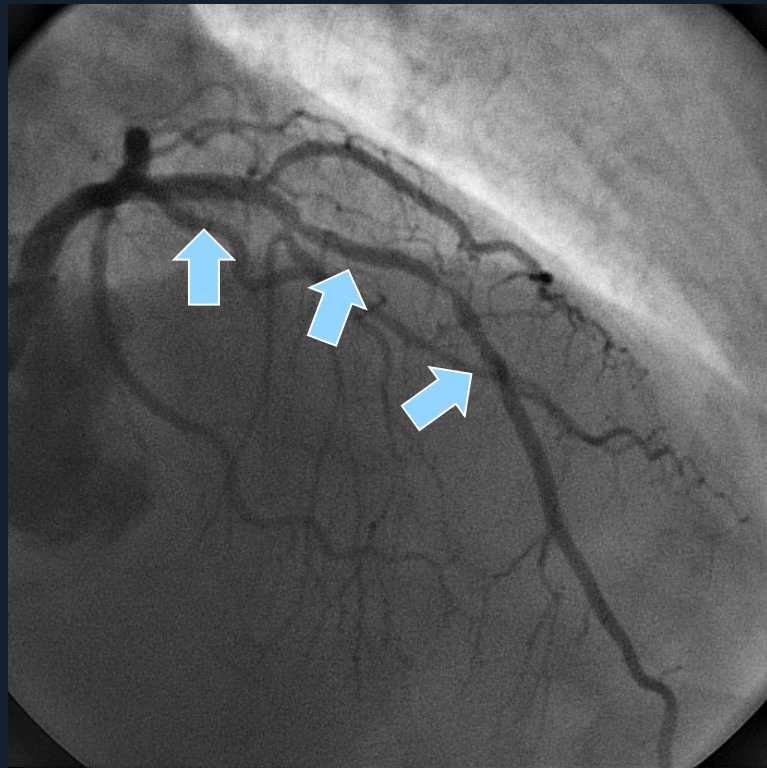
Stage 4



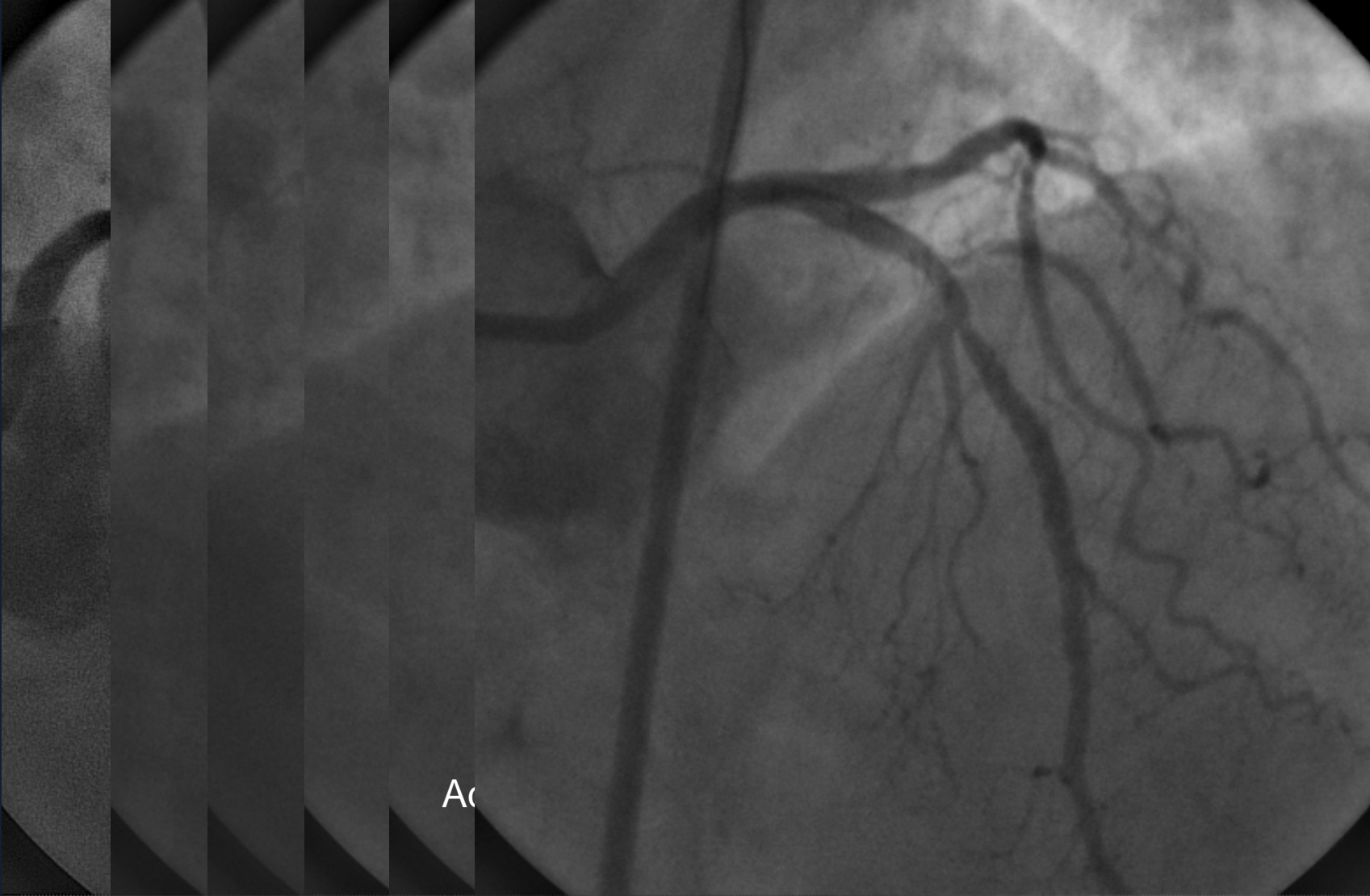
LCX and RCA are normal Diseased LAD



FFR measurement

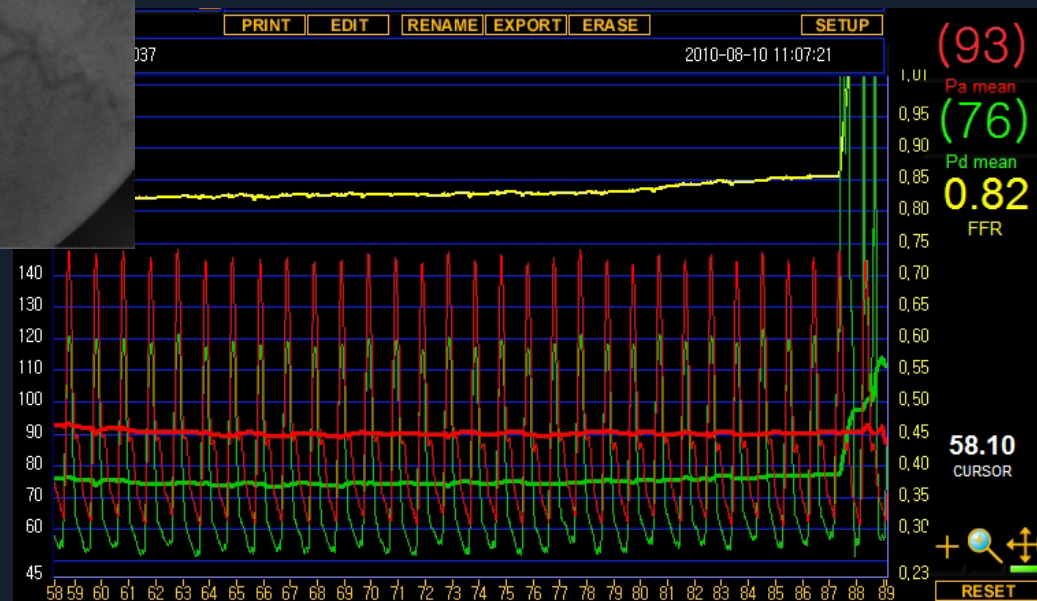
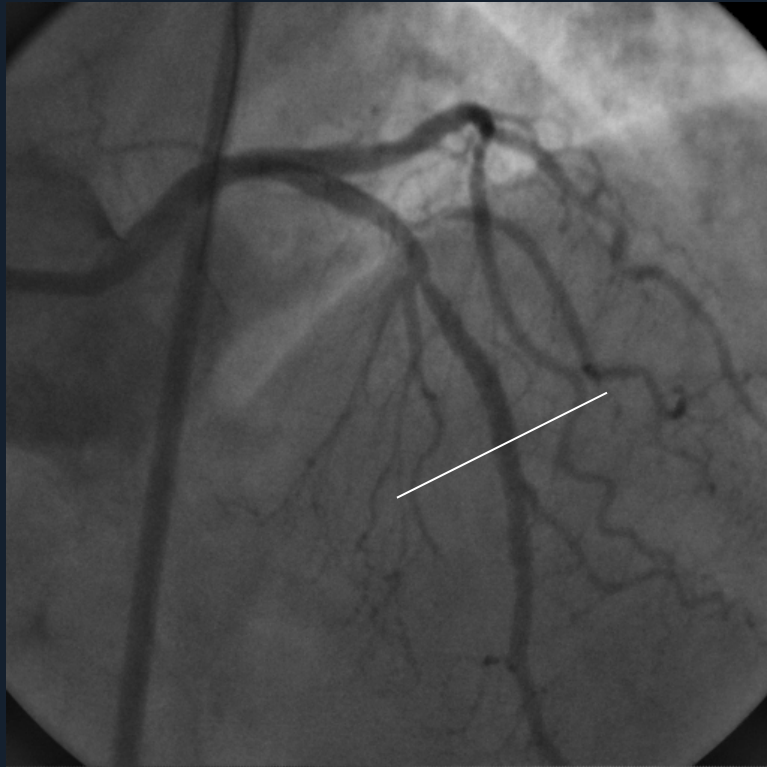


PCI

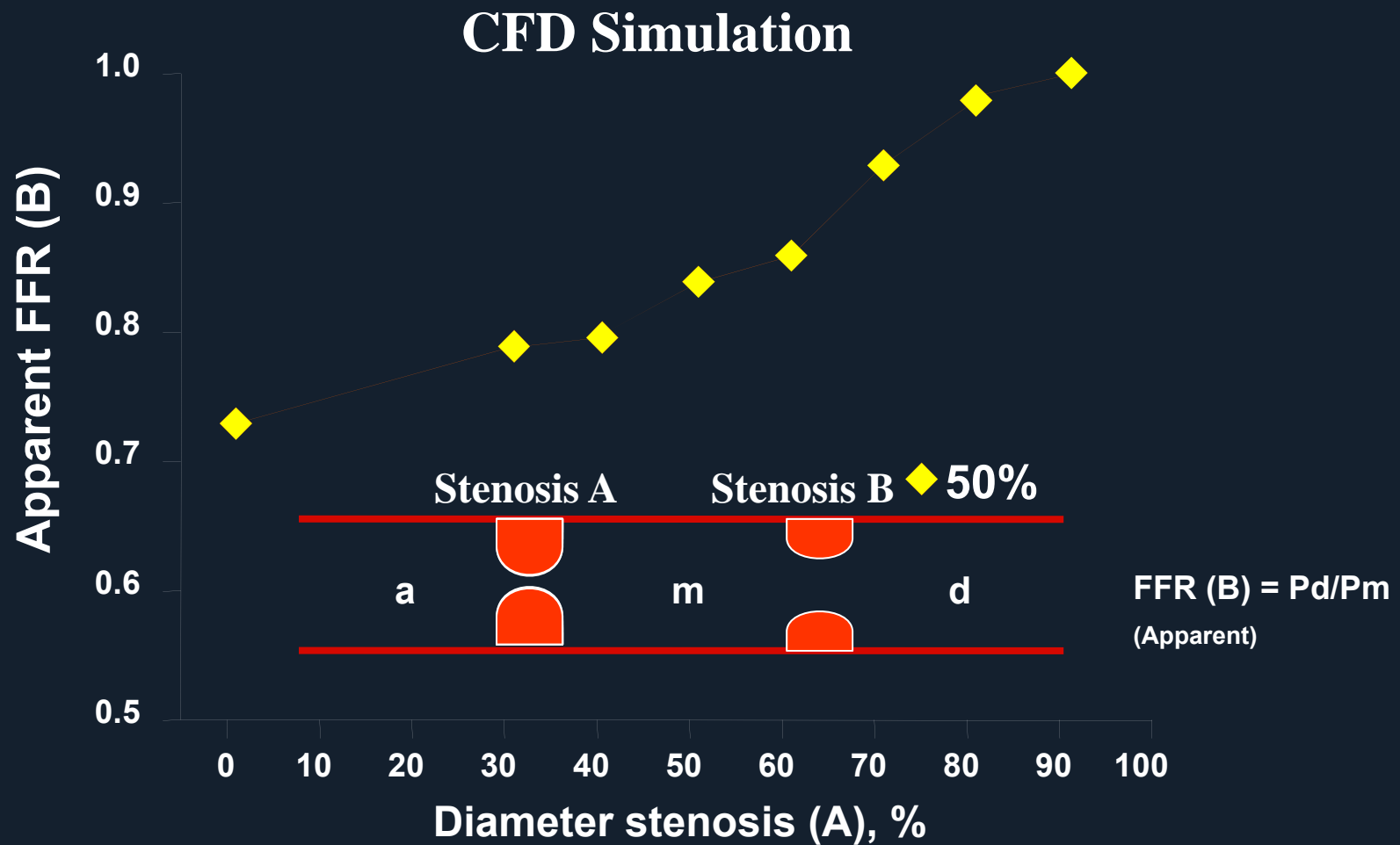


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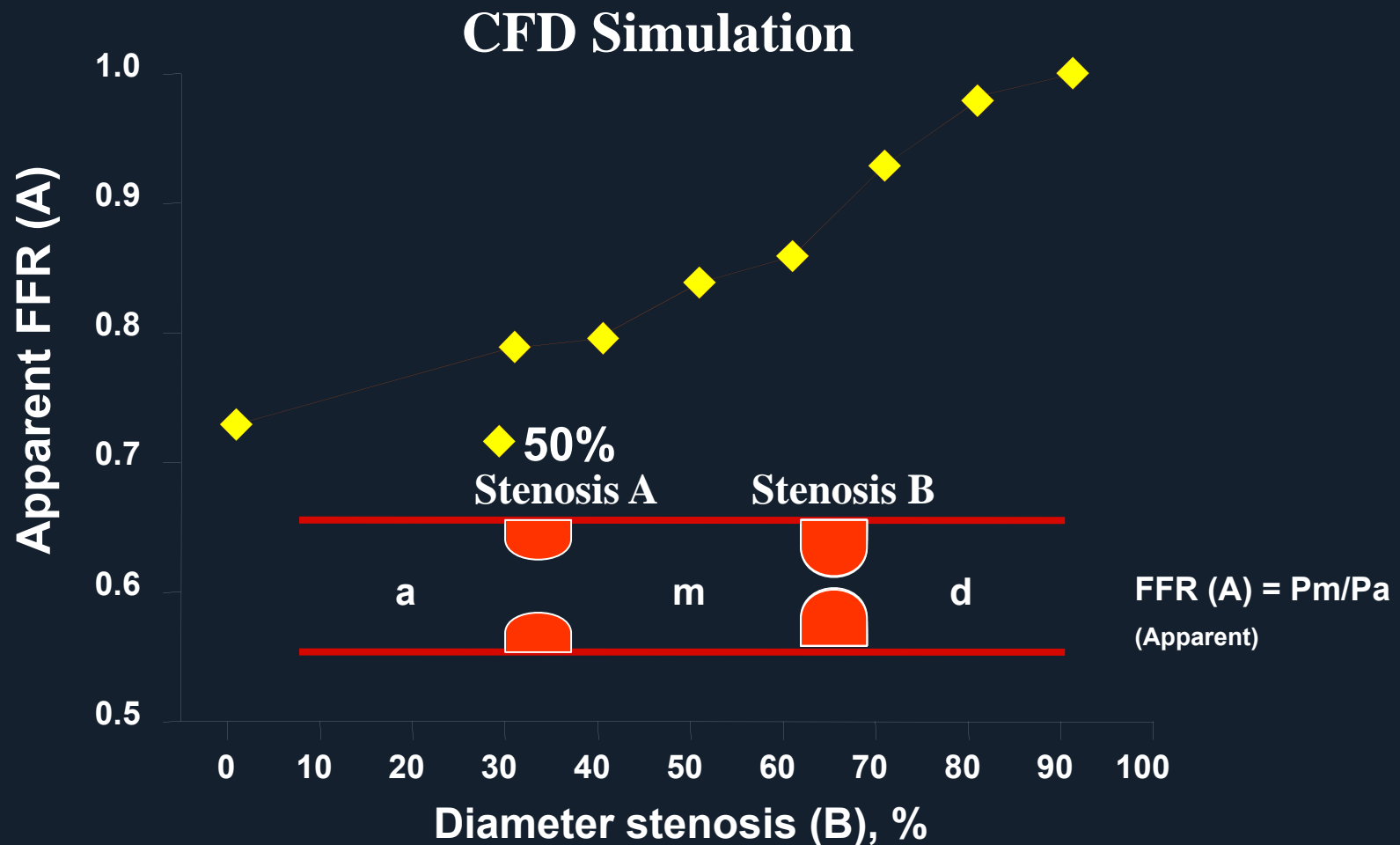
Repeated FFR Measurement



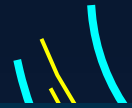
Hydromechanical Interaction Between Stenoses



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Rule of Big Delta



Stenosis (A) Tighter Stenosis (B)

Treat
Distal lesion First !

$\Delta FFR(A)$ < Big $\Delta FFR(B)$

Rule of Big Delta



Treat
Proximal lesion First !

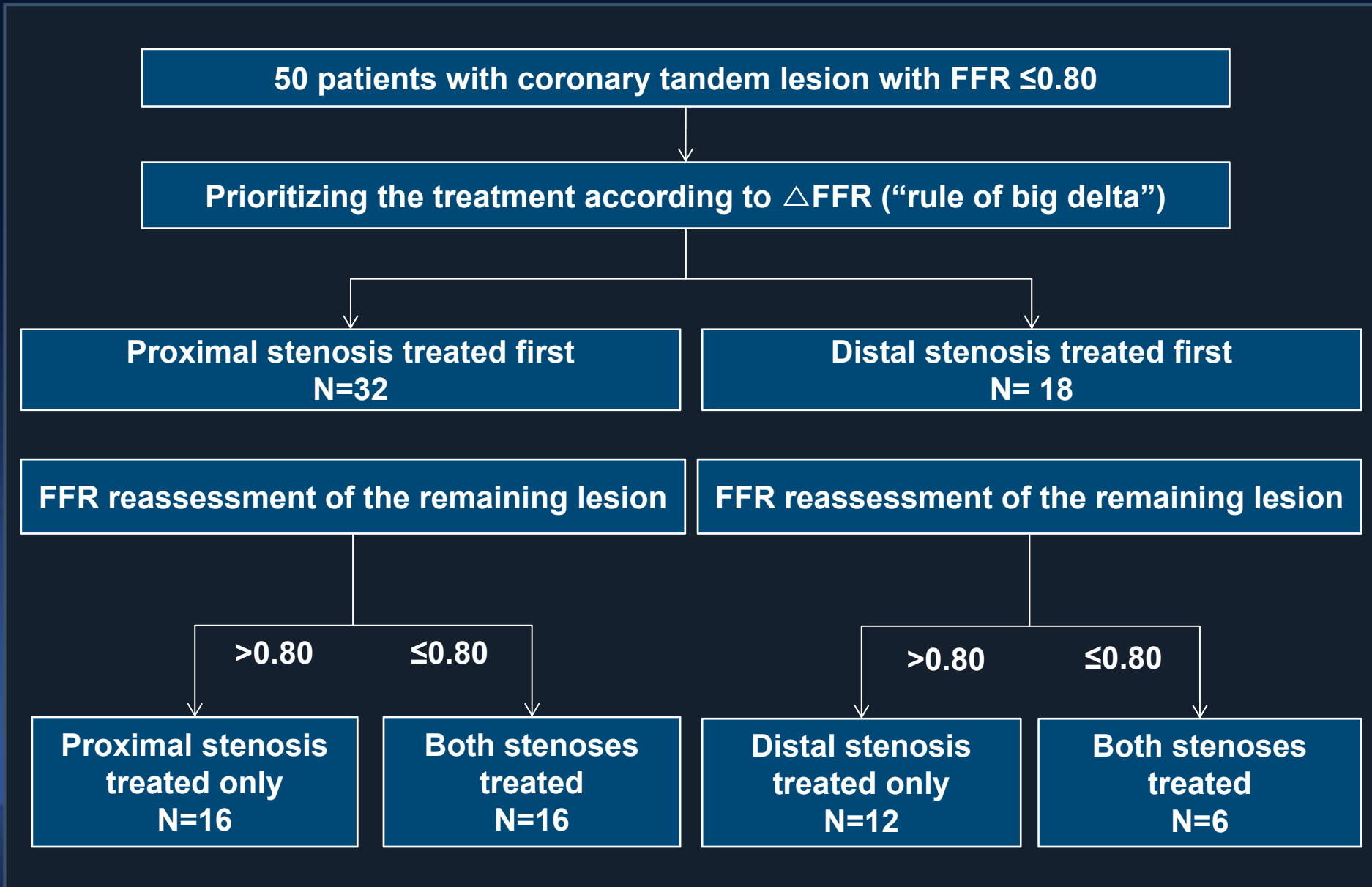
$$\text{Big } \Delta \text{FFR(A)} > \Delta \text{FFR(B)}$$

Courtesy of SJ Park

Clinical Characteristics (N=50)

Age (years)	62±9
Male	33 (66%)
Diabetes, N (%)	18 (36%)
Hypertension, N (%)	23 (46%)
Smoking, N (%)	10 (20%)
Hyperlipidemia, N (%)	17 (34%)
Previous PCI, N (%)	122 (12%)
Clinical manifestation	
Stable angina, N (%)	26 (52%)
Unstable angina, N (%)	21 (42%)
Non-ST elevation MI, N (%)	3 (6%)
Mean diameter stenosis, %	57±10

Treatment Results



Treatment Results

Variables	Singe Lesion (56%, N=28)	Dual Lesion (44%, N=22)	P value
Number of Stented Lesion	28	44	
Total stent length, mm	26.6 ± 9.7	47.3 ± 17.3	<0.001
Total stent number per patient	1.1 ± 0.4	2.0 ± 0.7	<0.001

- In 56% of patients, single lesion was treated only and thus 28% of lesions were deferred

Conclusions

- For diffuse coronary lesions, FFR assessment before PCI has a novel activity to identify ischemia-producing segment.
- Moreover, FFR assessment during the procedure can determine whether the remaining unstented segment in a diffuse lesion requires additional stenting or not.
- Therefore, there is no doubt that FFR plays a crucial role to perform optimal stenting for diffuse coronary lesions.

Therefore, tailored stenting approach based on the separate functional assessment for the individual stenosis would be theoretically and clinically useful for PCI optimization and achieving better outcomes.

Fractional Flow Reserve



$$\text{FFR} = \frac{Q_s^{\max}}{Q_N^{\max}}$$

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$$= \frac{P_d}{P_a}$$