

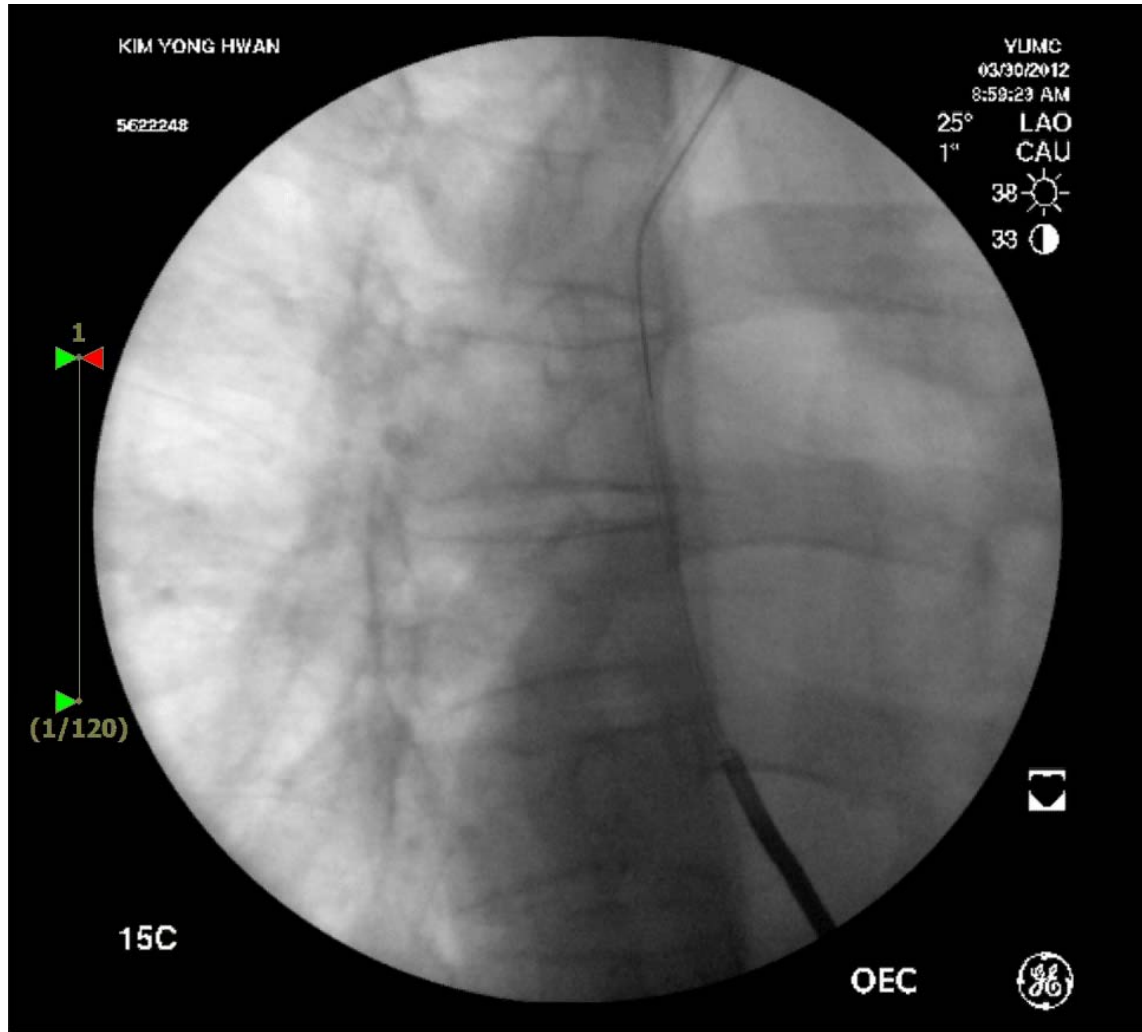
# Lead Extraction

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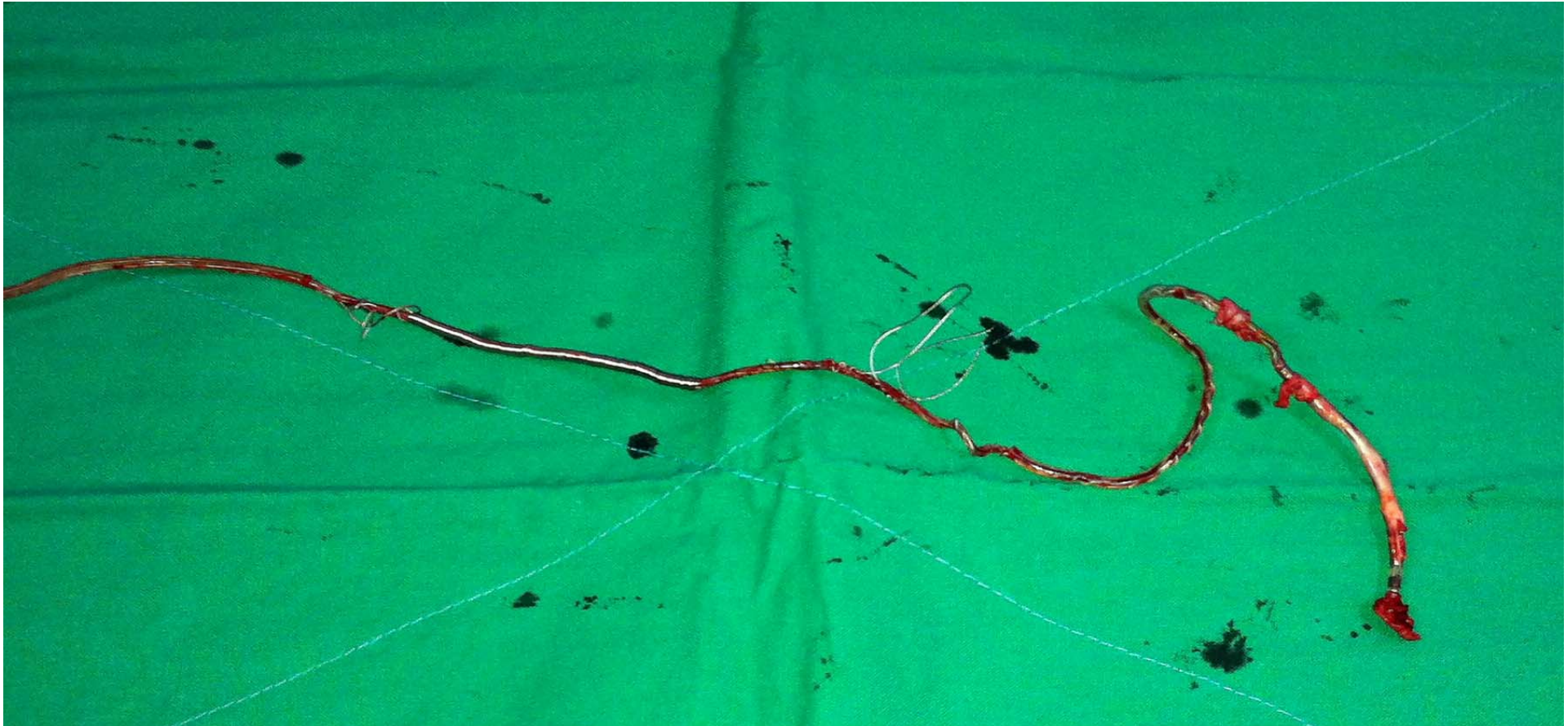
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# M/39, ICD 2.5 yr ago





# The Chronic Lead



# Prevalence

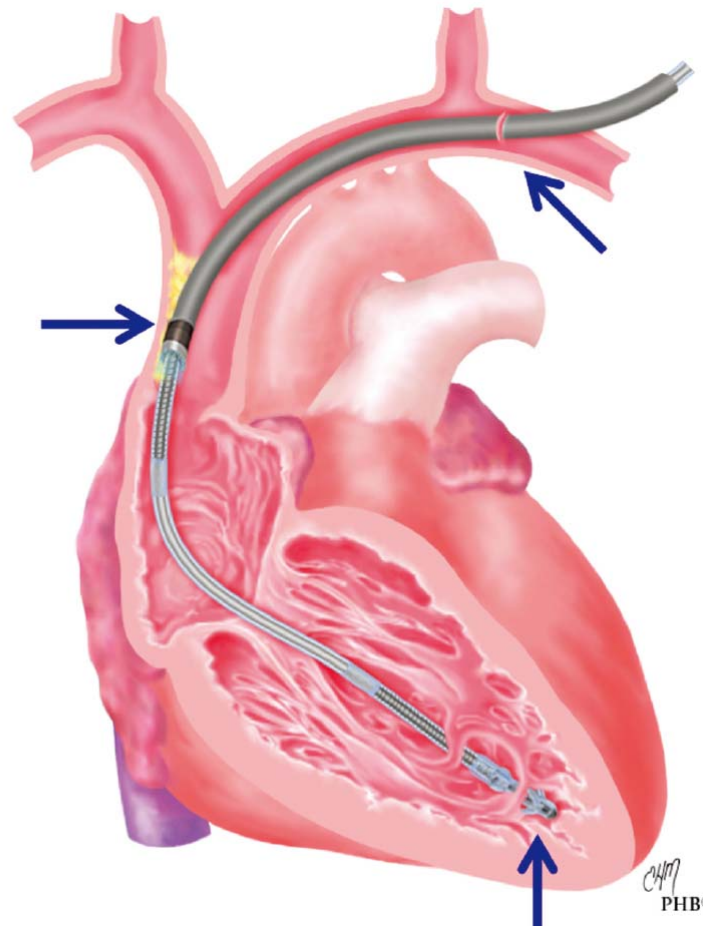
- **Lead extraction may be necessary for a variety of reasons.**

## **USA**

- **Implantation;  $\approx$  400,000 devices/year**
  - **>3 million patients with implanted cardiac devices currently**
- sugeries**

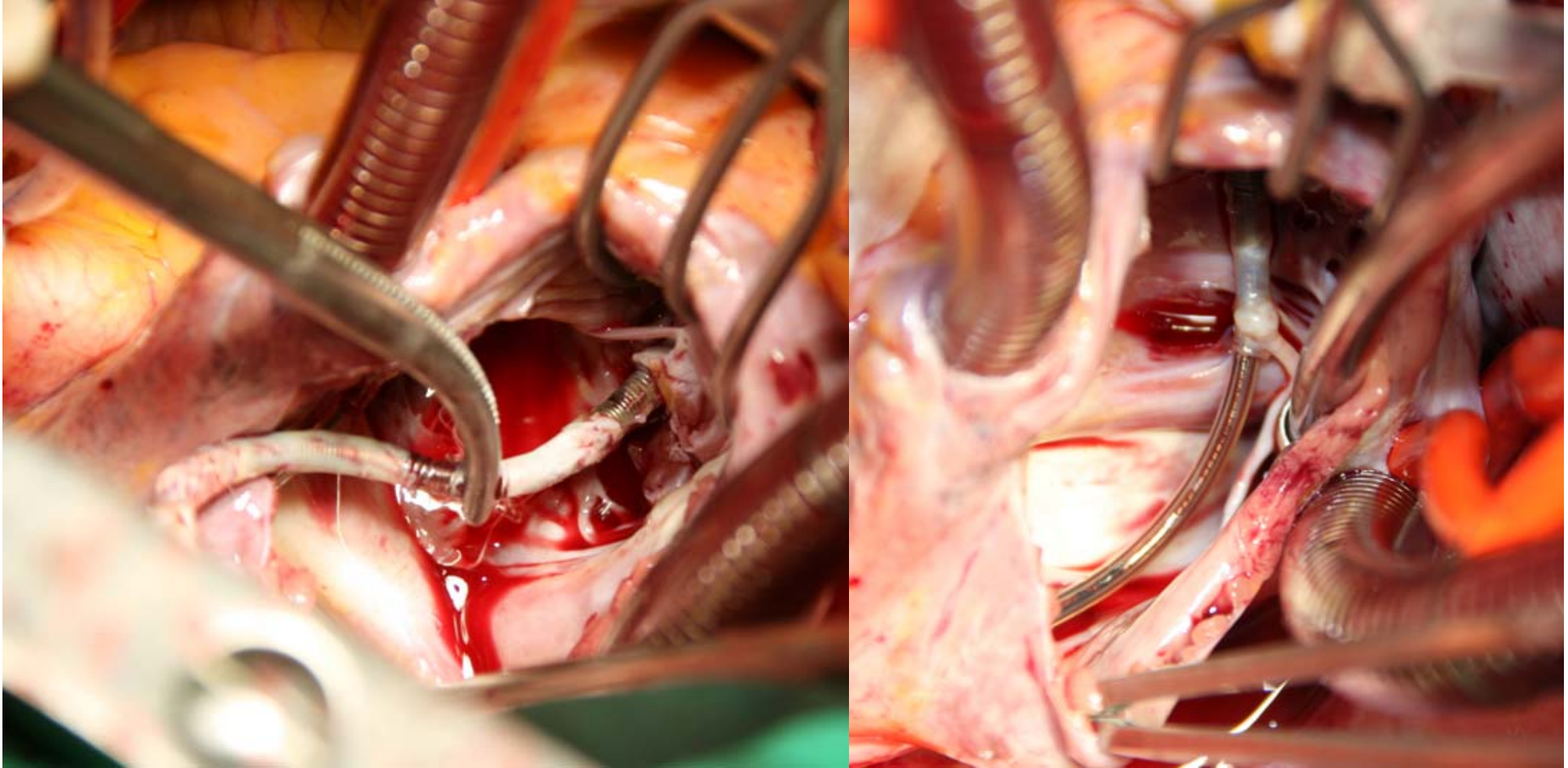
- **On average, 10% of all leads implanted may require removal**

# The Chronic Lead



- Why does an implanted cardiac lead pose such a problem at time of removal?

# The Chronic Lead



**Binding scar tissue**

# Lead Removal

- **Within the general category of “lead removal”, the Heart Rhythm Society marks the distinction between;**
- **Lead explant**
  - **< 1 yr, simple procedure**
- **Lead extraction**
  - **> 1 yr, “specialized” equipment**



# Indication

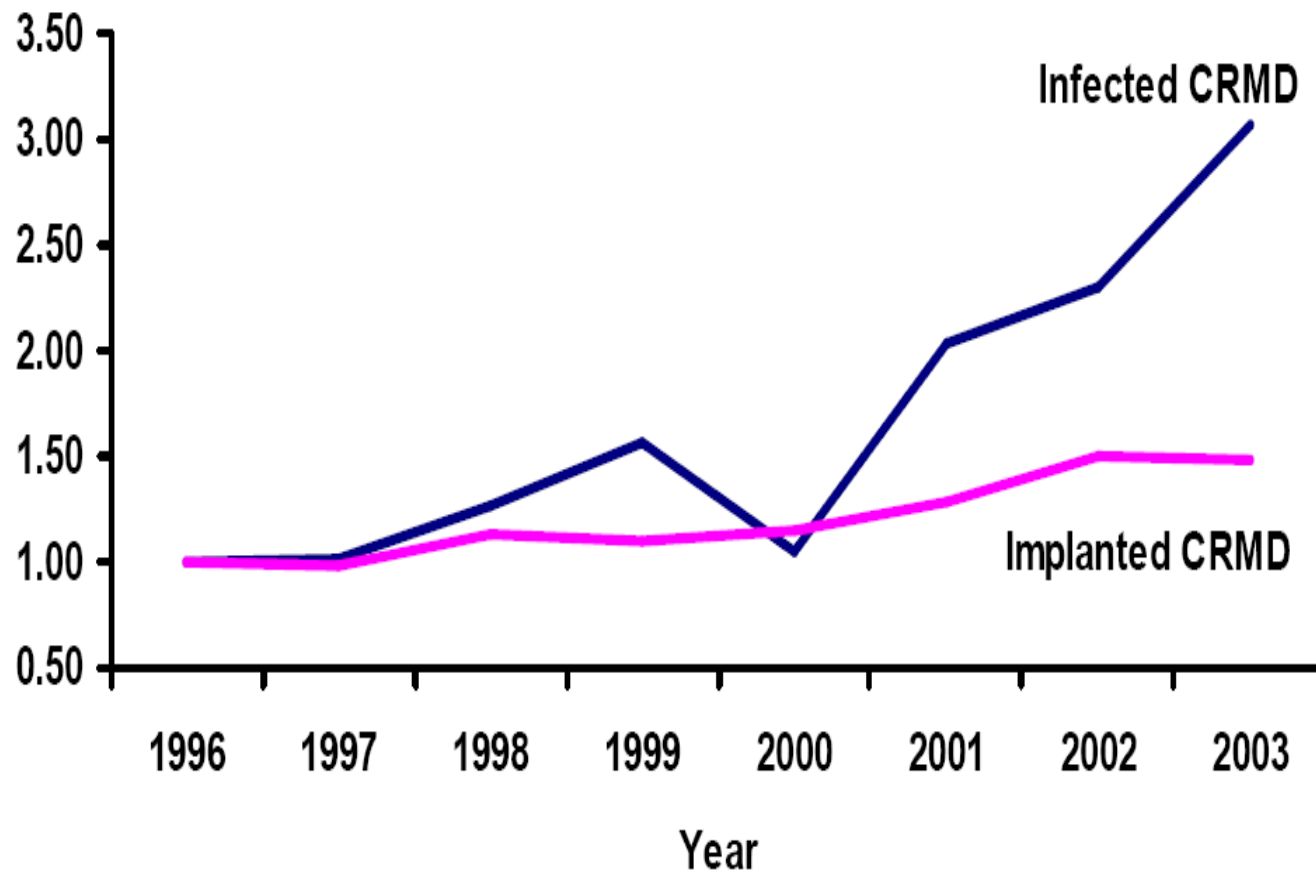
# Indication

## - Transvenous Lead Extraction -

1. Infection
2. Chronic pain
3. Thrombosis or venous stenosis
4. Functional leads
5. Non functional leads

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# Infection



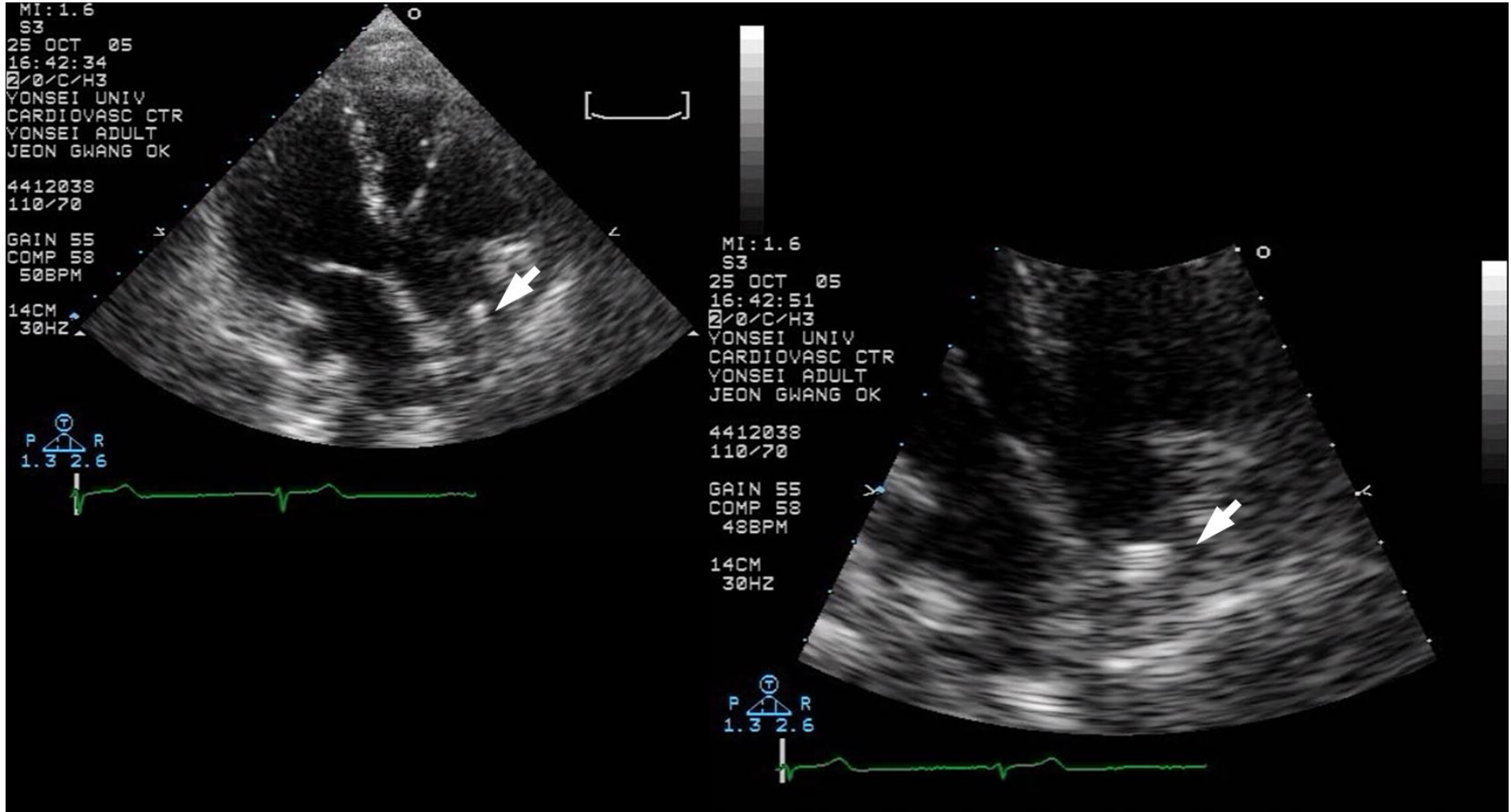
# Pocket Infection



# Erosion



# Vegetation



# Prevalence of Infection

- **≈ 60%** of the lead extractions required are due to infection.
- Infection and erosion are higher after elective unit **replacement (6.5%)** than after a first implant (1.4%).
- **25%** of infections occurred with the first month, **33%** occurred late (29-364 days), and **42%** were delayed, presenting beyond one year.

# Management

- **Complete device and lead removal is important.**
- **Persistence of infection** has been described in **up to 77%** of patients in whom only the generator was removed.
- **Prolonged antibiotic treatment coupled with partial explantation results in further morbidity and cost.**

# Infection

- Class I
- 1. **Complete device and lead removal** is recommended in all patients with definite valvular endocarditis. (Level of evidence: B)
- 2. **Complete device and lead removal** is recommended in all patients with CIED pocket infection, lead erosion, skin infection, or lead fracture with evident involvement of the lead system. (Level of evidence: B)
- 3. **Complete device and lead removal** is recommended in all patients with valvular endocarditis without definite involvement of lead(s) and/or device. (Level of evidence: B)
- 4. **Complete device and lead removal** is recommended in patients with occult gram-positive bacteremia (not contaminant). (Level of evidence: B)

**Complete device  
and  
lead removal**



# Principles for CIED replacement following infected removal

- **Class I**
- **1. Each patient should be carefully evaluated to determine if there is a continued need for a new CIED. (Level of evidence: C)**
- **2. The replacement device implantation should not be ipsilateral to the extraction site. Preferred alternative locations include the contralateral side, iliac vein, trans-atrial and epicardial implantation. (Level of evidence: C)**

# Chronic pain

- There is **severe chronic pain**, at the device or lead insertion site
- **Pain** that is not manageable by medical or surgical techniques and there is no other alternative

# Thrombosis or Venous Stenosis

- Clinically significant **thrombo-embolic events** associated with thrombus on a lead or a lead fragment
- Bilateral subclavian vein or superior vena cava **occlusion** precluding implantation of a needed transvenous lead

# Functional and Non Functional Leads

- **Life threatening arrhythmias** secondary to retained leads or lead fragments
- Leads that, due to their design or their failure, may pose **an immediate threat to the patients** if left in place
- Leads that **interfere with the operation of implanted cardiac device** or the treatment of **malignancy**

# **Percutaneous Extraction Techniques**

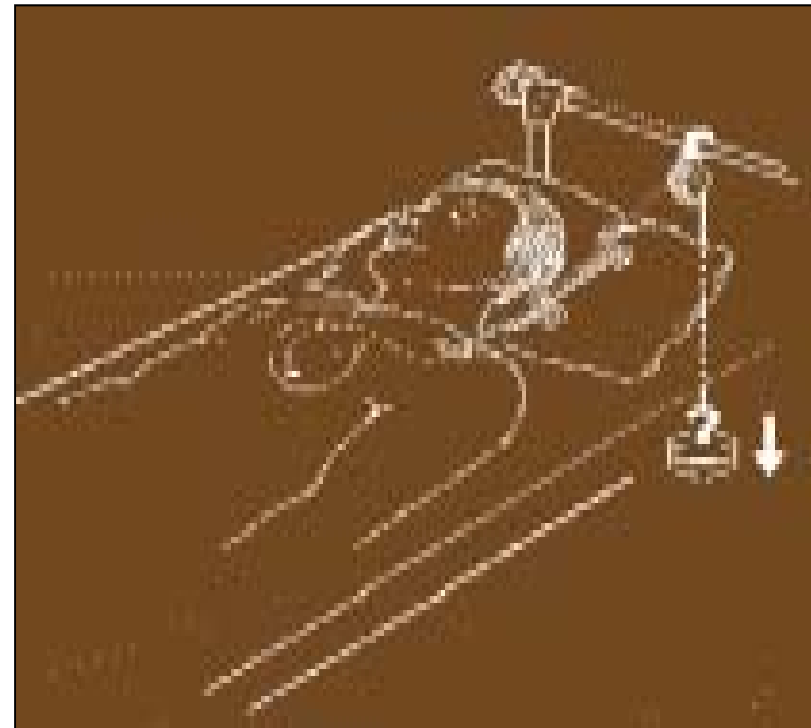
# Percutaneous Extraction Techniques

- **Superior Approach: Extraction via the implant site**
- **Femoral Approach: Extraction via the femoral vein (when the subclavian approach is not possible)**

# Alternative Approaches

- **Pulling....**
- **Weighed Traction**
- **Thoracotomy**

## Pulleys & Weights



# Lead Extraction™ Accessories



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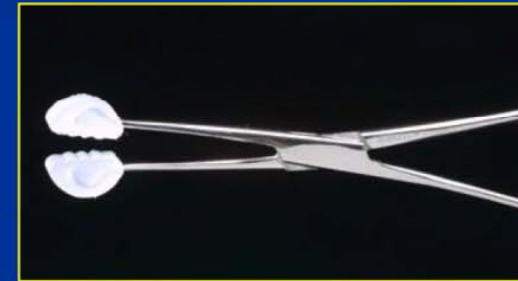
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EXPANDER



PIN VISE



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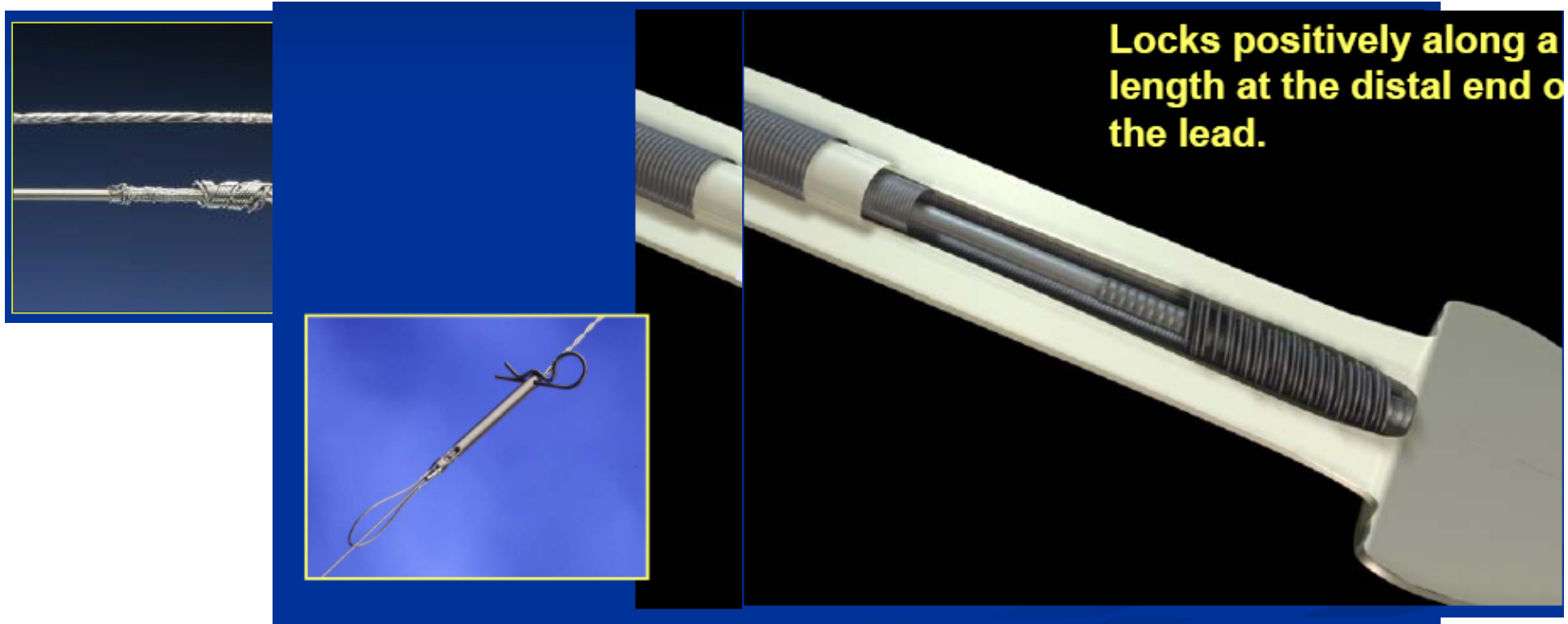


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## Manual Mechanical Telescoping dilator Sheath Sets



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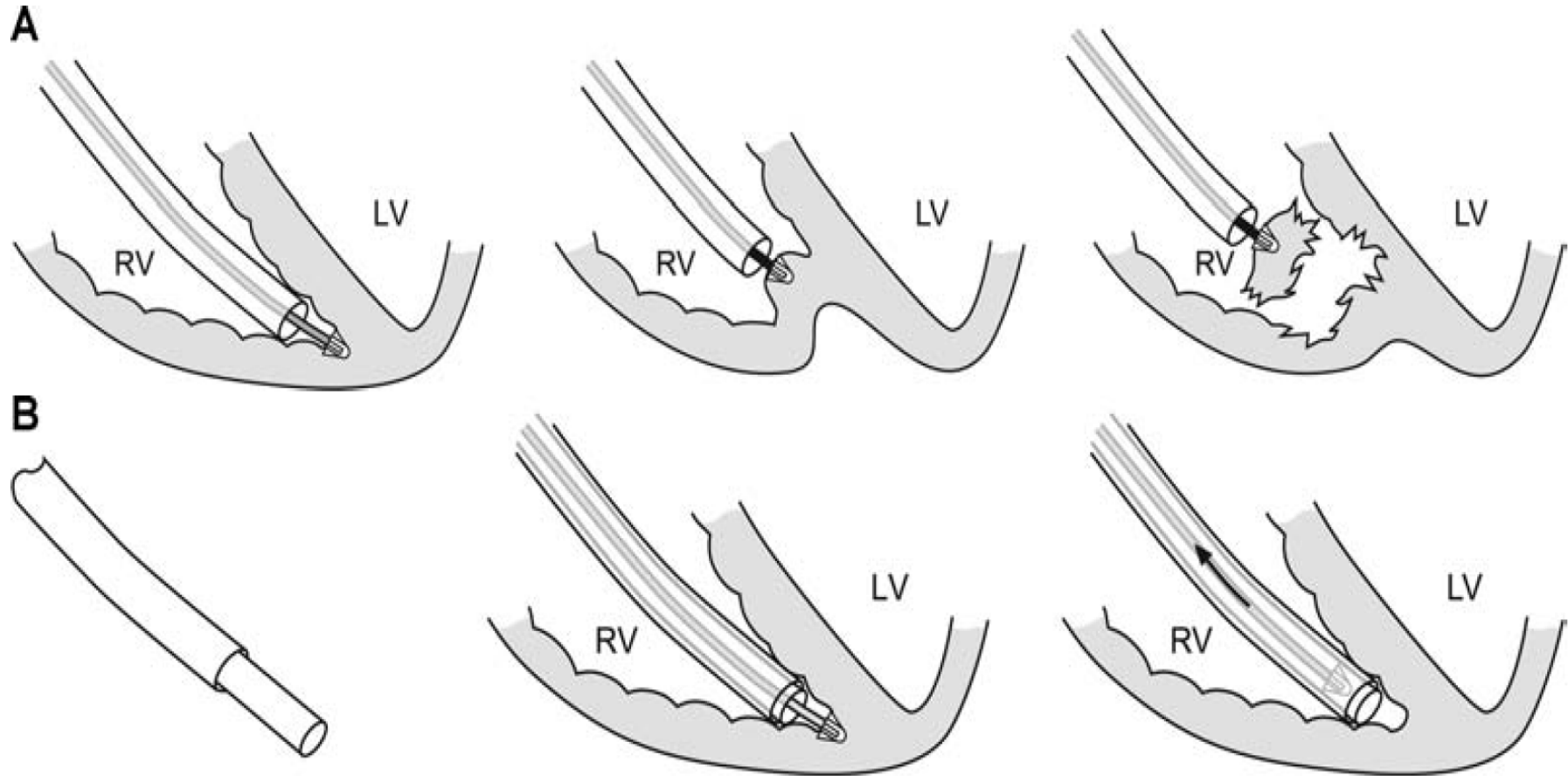


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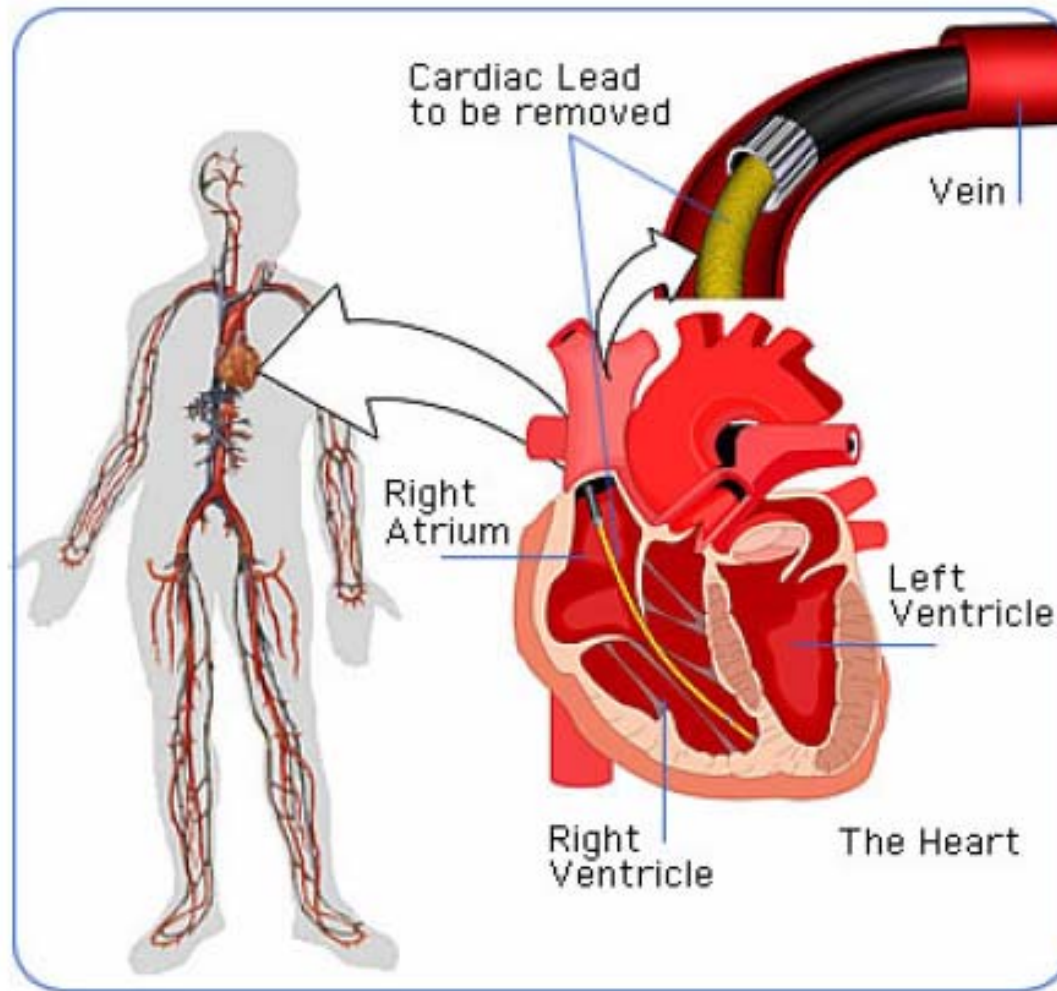


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# Counter Traction



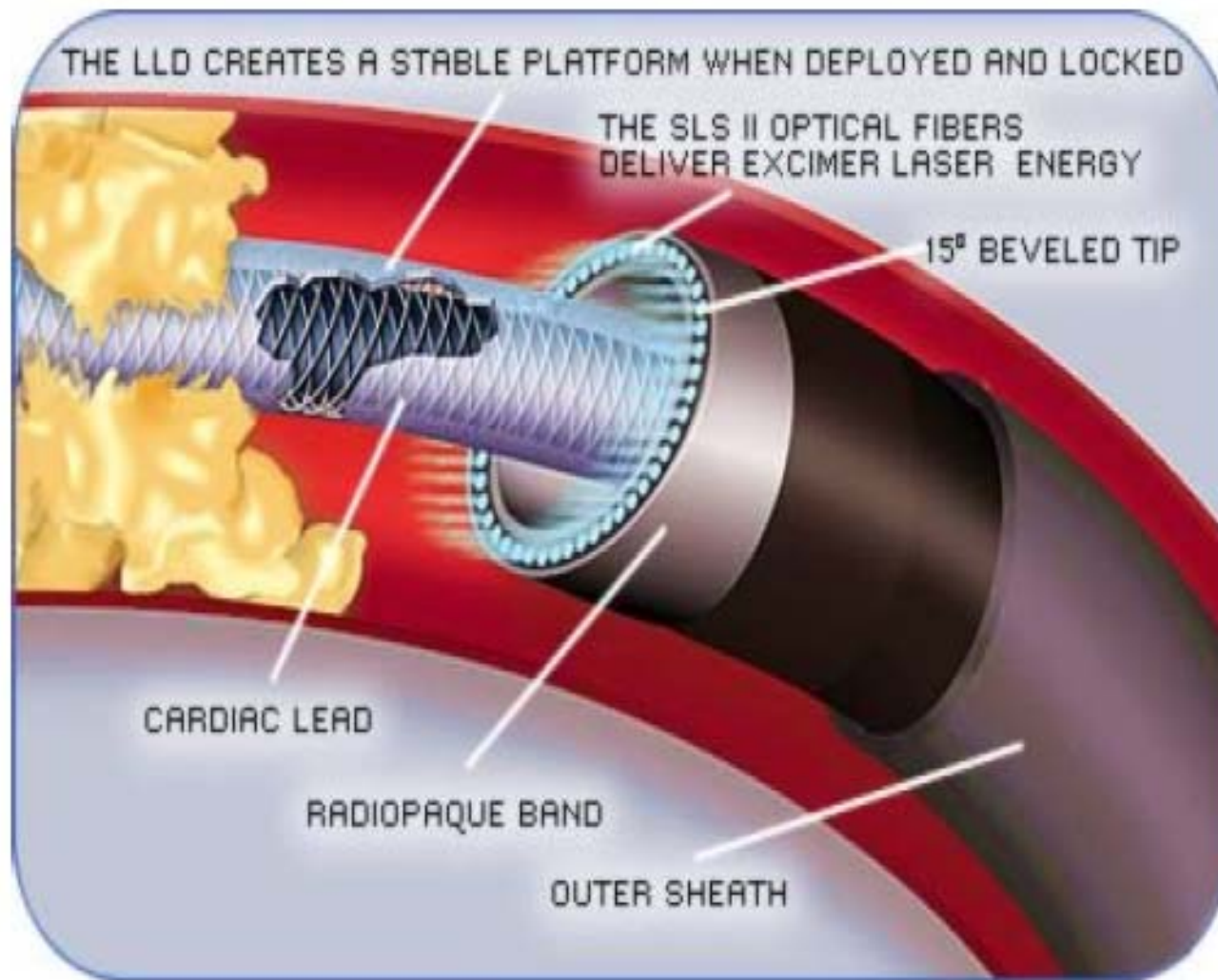
# Lead Extraction



# Laser Lead Sheath



# Lead Extraction – Laser -



# EVOLUTION®

## Mechanical Dilator Sheath Set



Sheath rotates when the **trigger handle is squeezed** for maximum operator control



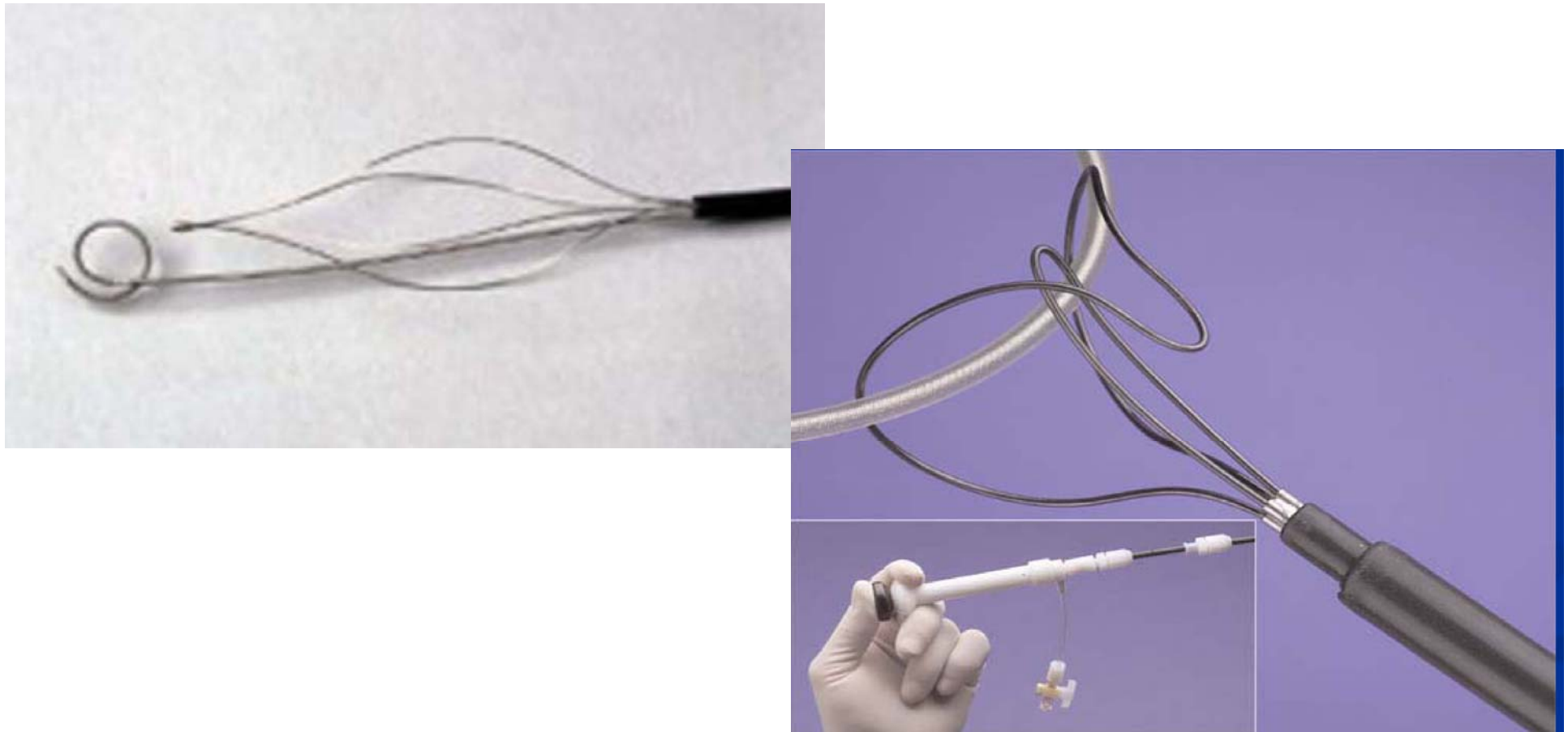
- The patented **threaded barrel tip provides succinct passage** past fibrous binding sites without the “forward depth of cut” of other powered sheaths
- Available in **four sizes** that are compatible with both pacing and defibrillator leads: **7, 9, 11 & 13 Fr. (I.D.)**

# Extraction by RF Energy





# Femoral Extraction



# Complications

# Major Complications

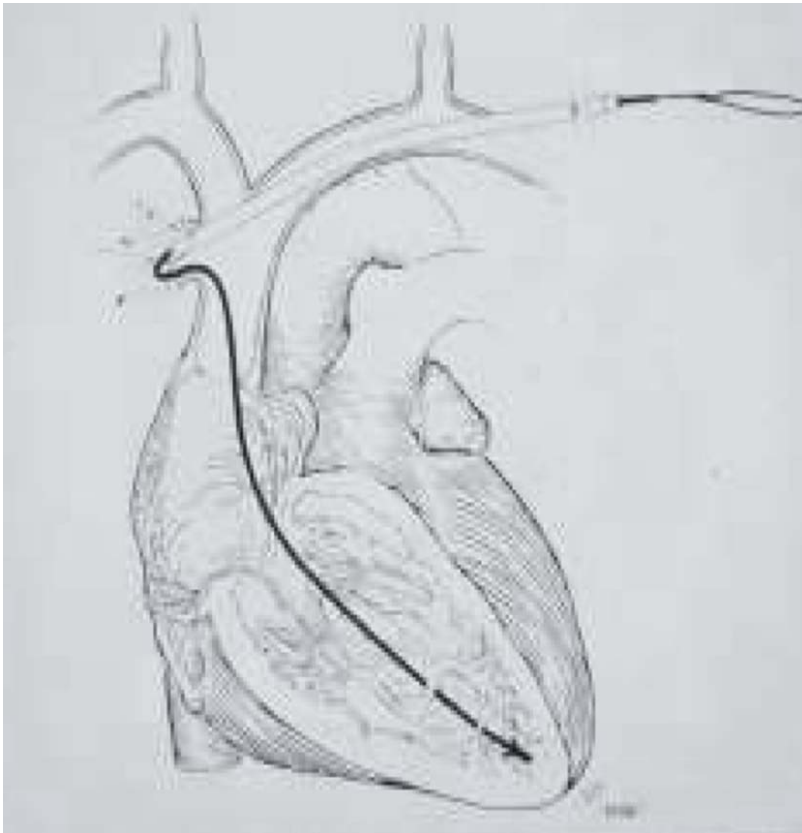
- **Death**
- **Surgical tear (cardiac or vascular)**
- **Pulmonary embolism requiring surgical intervention**
- **Stroke**
- **New onset infection to the pacing system**
- **Anesthesia complications**

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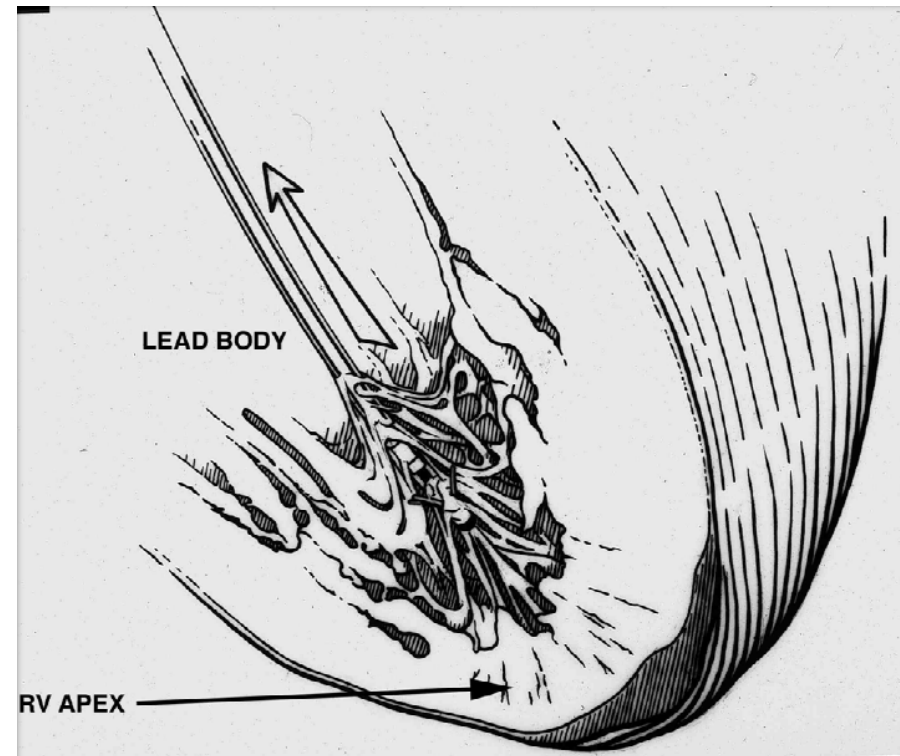
# The Danger Zone

## - Tear of puncture of SVC

Perforation of the innominate vein



Avulsion of right ventricle



# Predictors of Major Complications

- **Implant duration of oldest lead**
- **Female gender**
- **ICD lead removal**
- **Use of laser**

# Minor Complications

- **Pericardial effusion**
- **Hemothorax, arm-swelling or thrombosis of implant veins, pneumothorax, hematoma, vascular repair**
- **Hemodynamically significant air embolism**
- **Migrated lead fragment**
- **Blood transfusion**
- **Pulmonary embolism**

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# Lead Management Environment: Personnel

- **Primary operator**
- **Cardiothoracic surgeon**
- **Anesthesia support**
- **Echocardiographer**
- **X-ray technician**

# Physician qualifications

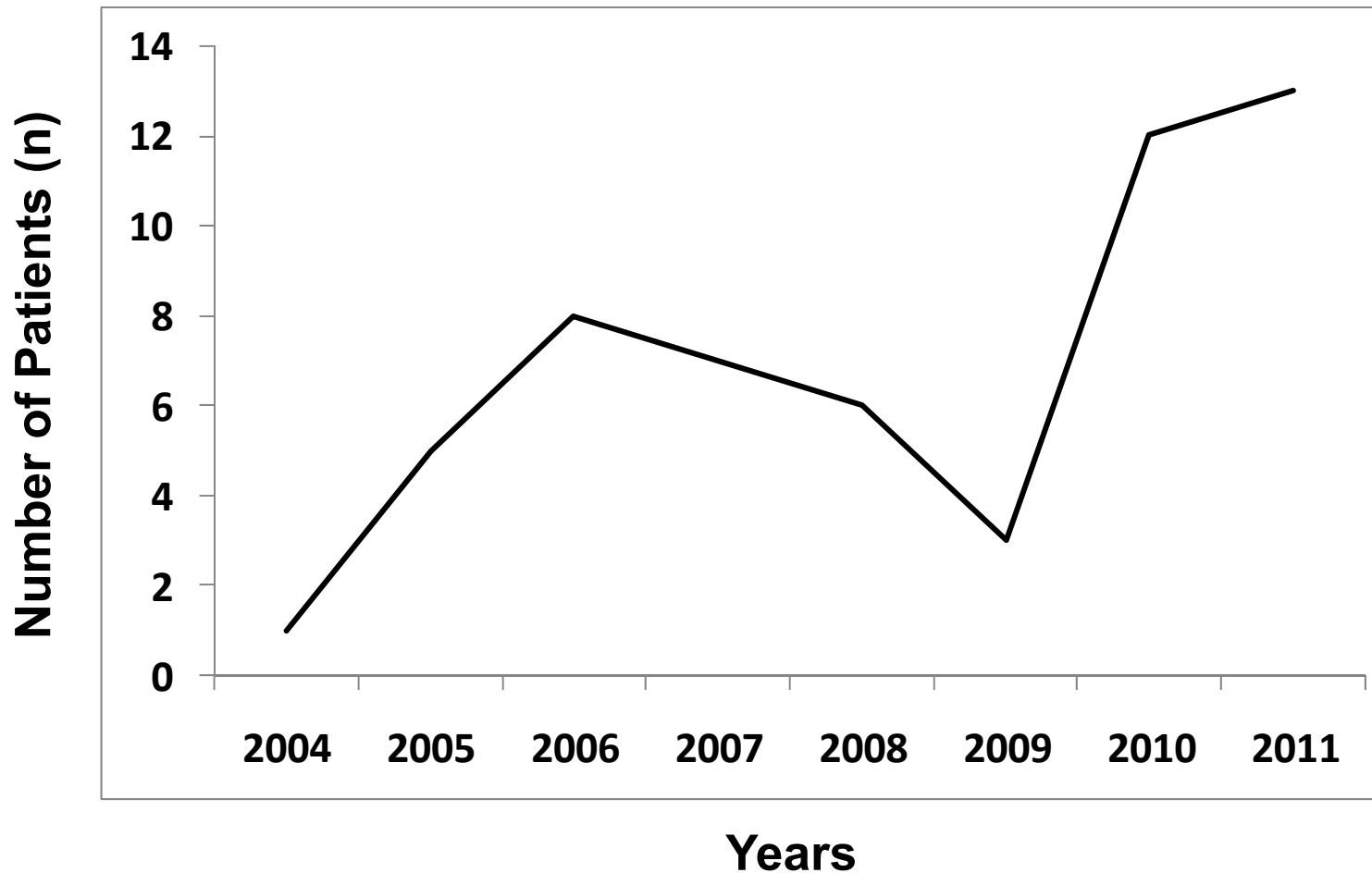
- For physicians performing **their first case, 12%** of leads were not removed.
- For physicians that have performed **>10 cases, only 2% of leads** were not removed.
- Analysis of lead extraction outcomes suggests that the frequency of procedural (radiographic) failure drops dramatically after **the first 10-20 procedures** have been performed.
- Current procedure related mortality is **less than 0.5%, less than 0.2% at experience centers.**



# 세브란스 병원 시술전 준비

- 환자와 보호자에게 시술에 대한 충분한 설명
- **Baseline blood test (CBC, SMA, INR,,)**
- **Blood type, crossmatch**
- **혈액 준비 (> 4units)**
- **Large bore venous access (8Fr sheath)**
- **Temporary pacing, defibrillaion 준비**
- **ECG, BP monitoring**
- **pericardiocentesis 준비**
- **흉부외과 준비**

# Lead extraction in Severance Hospital



# Take Home Message

- The number of lead extraction procedures **is rising sharply** in parallel with ever increasing indications for pacemaker implantation.
- Current procedure related mortality is **less than 0.5%, less than 0.2% at experience centers.**
- For physicians that have performed **>10 cases, only 2% of leads** were not removed.
- **Long implantation time, lack of operator experience, ICD lead type and female gender are risk factors for complications.**

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# Risk factors

## - Infection & mortality -

- Infection is a complication of CRMD therapy which is associated with significantly **increased in-hospital mortality**
- **Younger age and male gender** are independent risk factors for contracting **CRMD infection**
- **Older age, renal failure, and CRMD infection** are independent risk factors for **mortality** among patients with implanted devices