

2014 KSC meeting

Optimal Imaging Technique Prior to TAVI -Echocardiography-

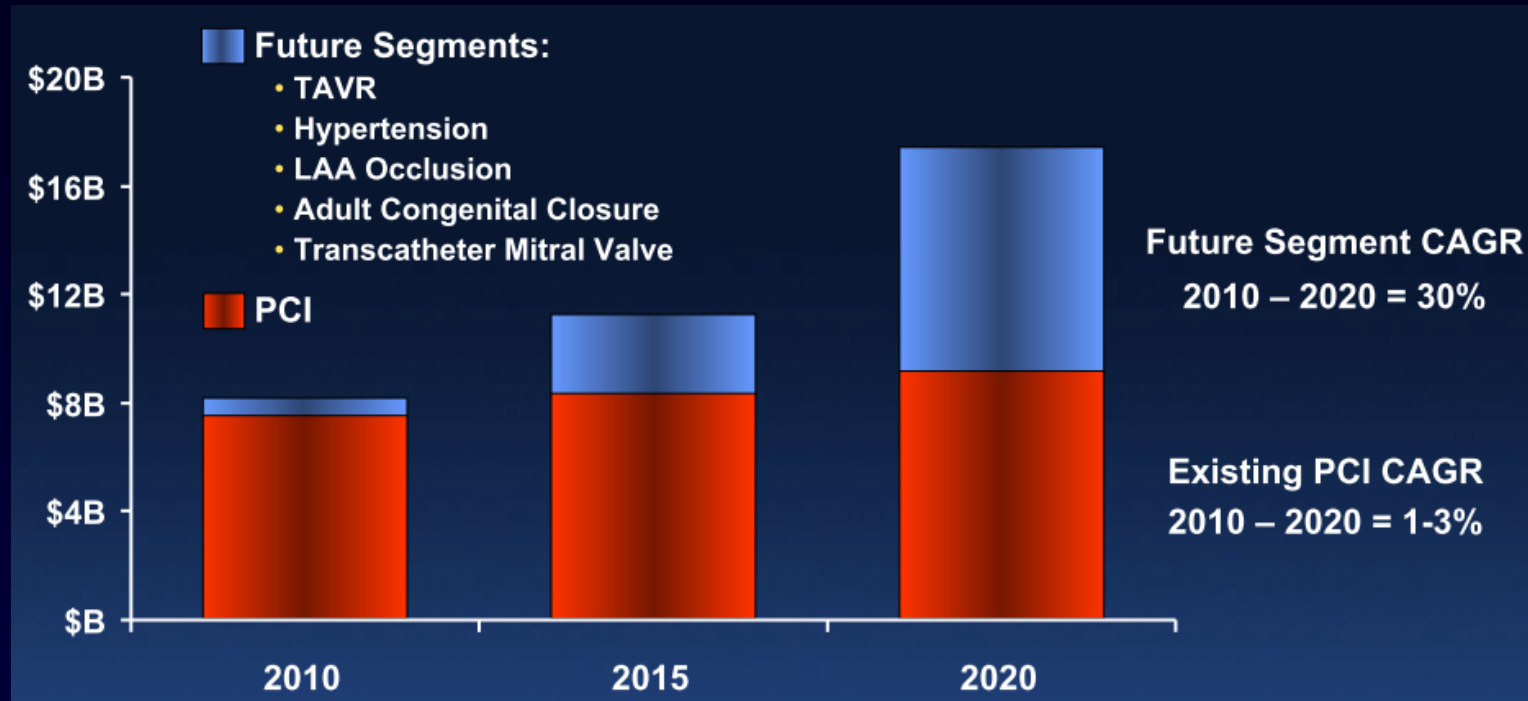
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Worldwide Cardiology Market Trends



- New market segments may exceed PCI market size by 2020
- Emergence of future segments relies on technology and clinical data
- OUS markets will lead and exceed the size of US markets

Current Generation of Devices



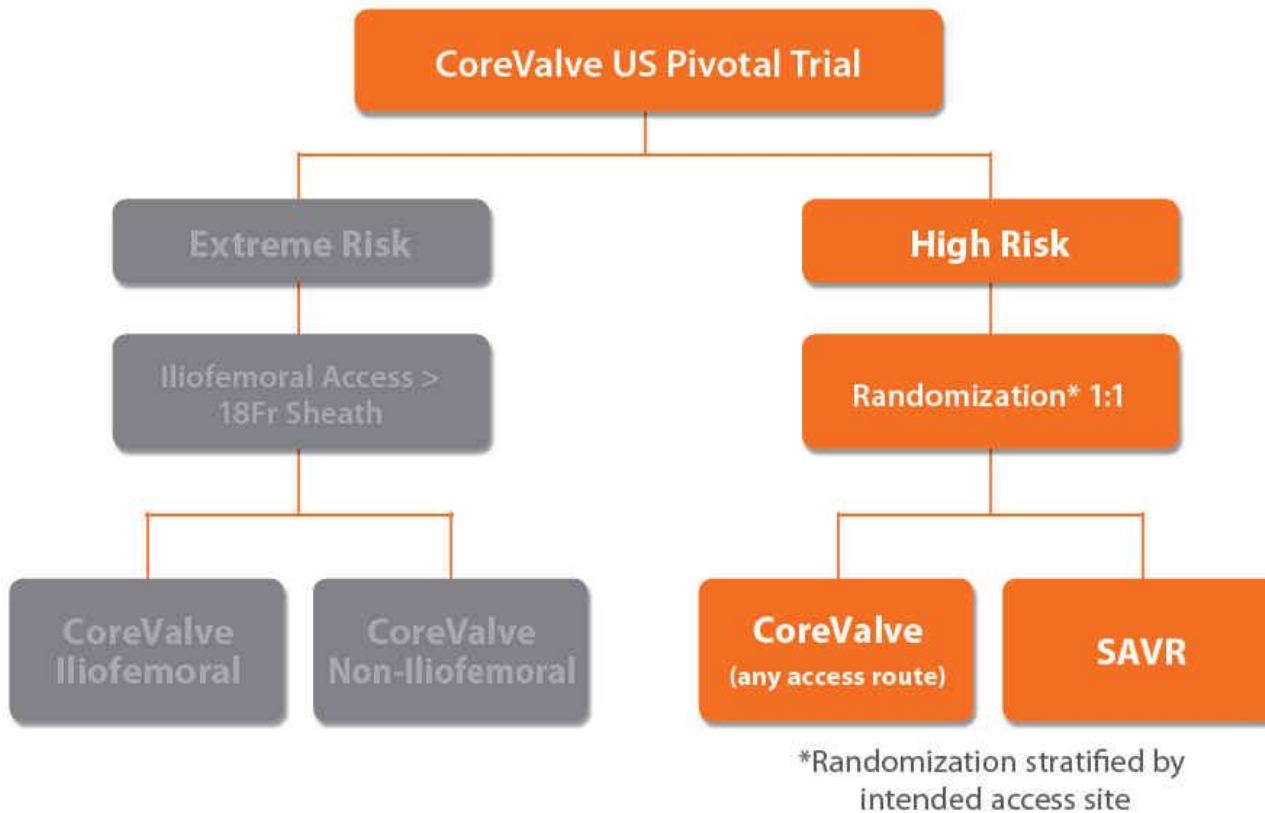
Edward Life sciences
Balloon expandable



Medtronic CoreValve
Self expandable

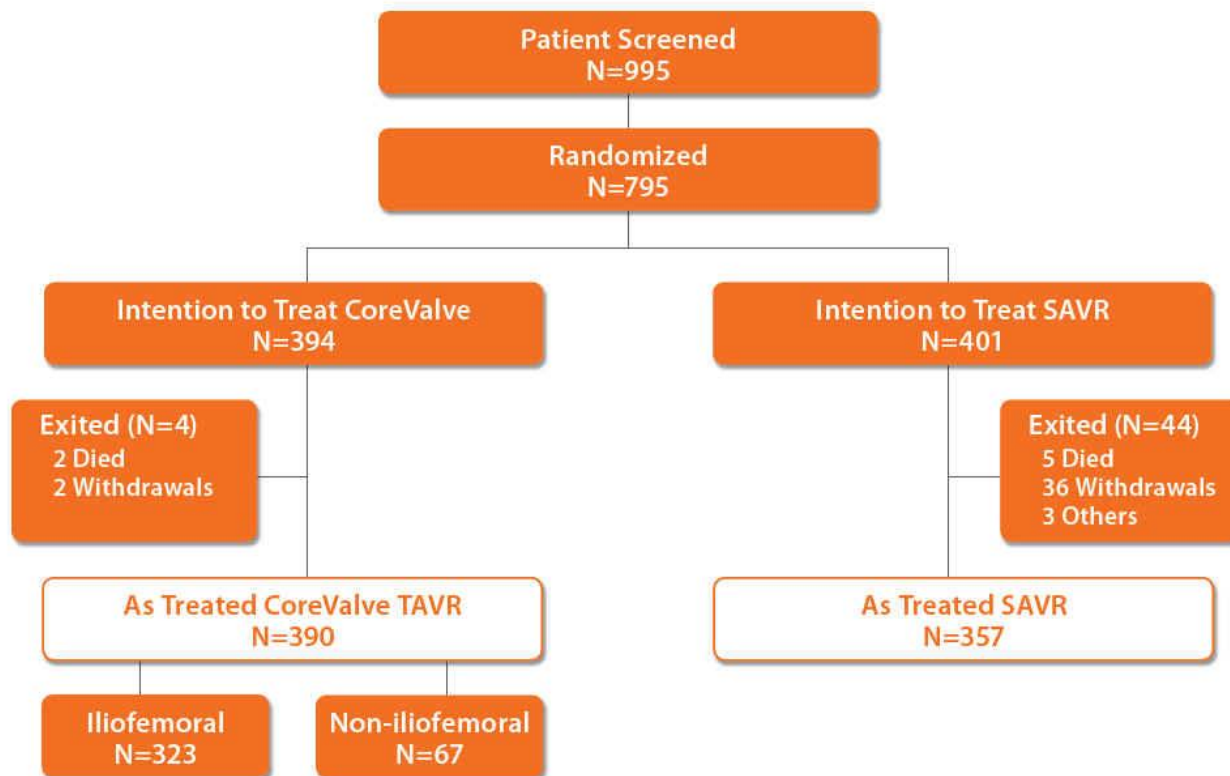
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CoreValve® US PIVOTAL TRIAL | Trial Design



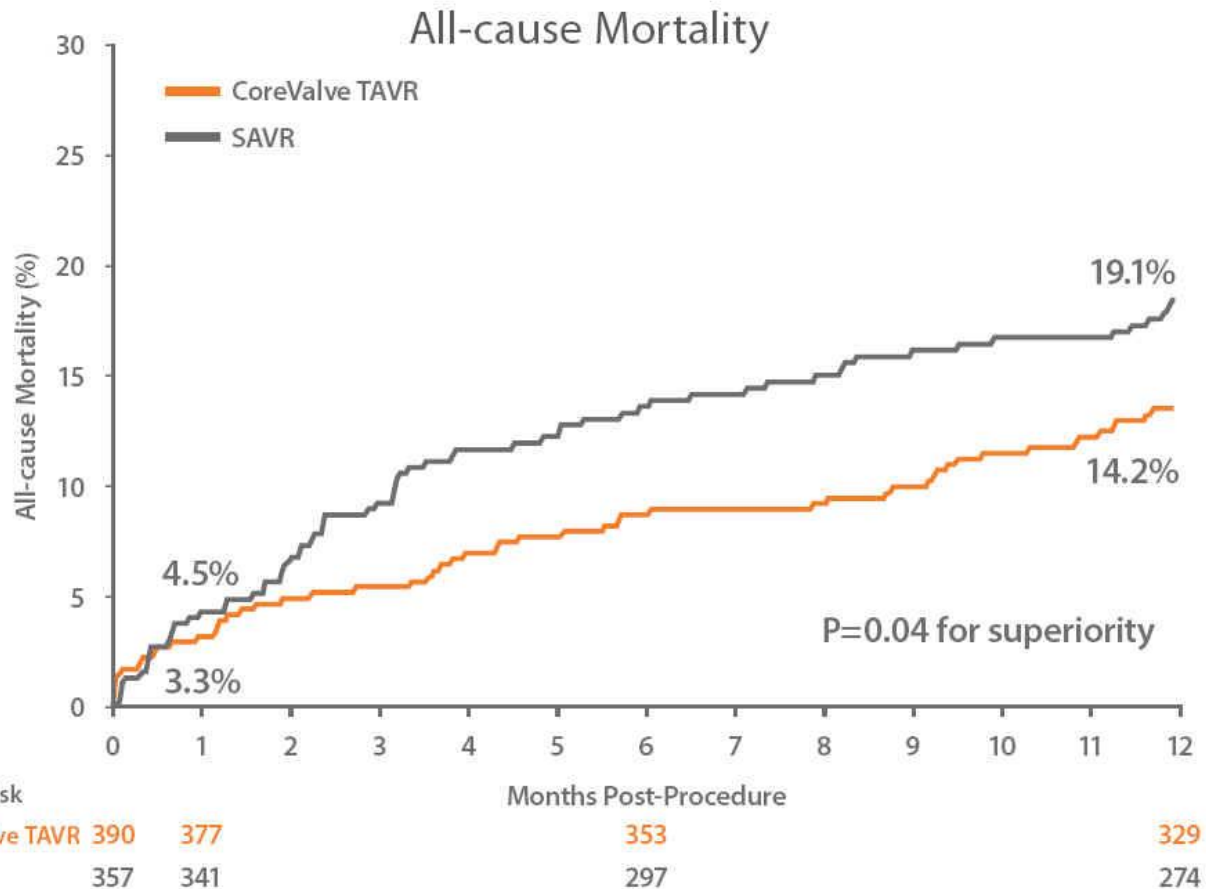
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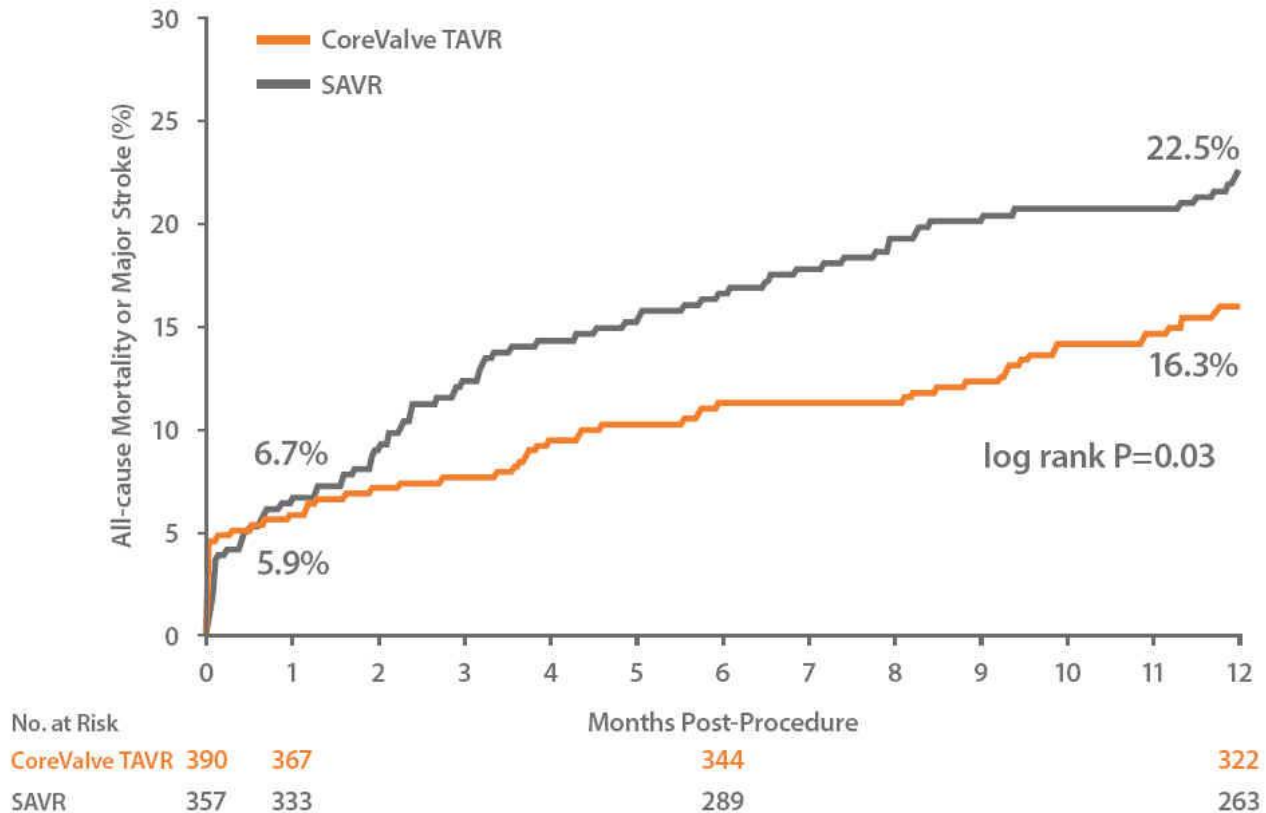
Current State of TAVI

CoreValve® US PIVOTAL TRIAL | Primary Endpoint



Current State of TAVI

CoreValve® US PIVOTAL TRIAL | All-Cause Mortality or Major Stroke



Possible Complication

- **Stroke**
- **Vascular events**
- **Bleeding**
- **Paravalvular regurgitation**
- **Need for new Pacemaker**

Indication for TAVI

	Class	Level
TAVI should only be undertaken with a multidisciplinary “heart team” including cardiologists and cardiac surgeons and other specialists if necessary.	I	C
TAVI should only be performed in hospitals with cardiac surgery on-site.	I	C
TAVI is indicated in patients with severe symptomatic AS who are not suitable for AVR as assessed by a “heart team” and who are likely to gain improvement in their quality of life and to have a life expectancy of more than 1 year after consideration of their comorbidities.	I	B
TAVI should be considered in high risk patients with severe symptomatic AS who may still be suitable for surgery, but in whom TAVI is favoured by a “heart team” based on the individual risk profile and anatomic suitability.	Ila	B

Multidisciplinary Team (Heart team)

- 2 surgeons, 2 interventional cardiologists, 1 cardiac anesthetist and cardiac imaging specialist should agree

Joint Consensus Statement and Guideline on Trans-catheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) 23 August 2011
 Vahanian A, *Eur Heart J.* 2012;33:2451–2496

Imaging is a fundamental component for performing TAVI procedure

Specific Roles of Cardiac Imaging in TAVI

- **Pre-TAVI**

- Assessment of valvular & LV function (Echo)
- Iliofemoral evaluation (CT)
- Aortic size (CT/Echo)
- Annular sizing (CT/Echo)
- AV morphological assessment (CT/Echo)
- Annular/LVOT calcium (CT)

- **During TAVI**

- Angle of intra-procedural fluoroscopic projection (CT)
- Monitoring of complications (Echo)
- Assessment of valvular function-PV leak (Echo)

- **Post TAVI**

- Follow-up of valvular function (Echo)
- Long term evaluation: migration/stent fracture (CT)

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Role of Pre-TAVI Imaging

- Patient selection
- Evaluation of severity and morphology of aortic stenosis
 - Aortic root geometry
 - Subaortic geometry
- Iliofemoral assessment
- Evaluation of aorta
- Other valve disease
- Other cardiac/cardiovascular disease

Patient Selection Matrix

Anatomy	NON-INVASIVE		ANGIOGRAPHY				SELECTION CRITERIA		
	Echo	CT / MRI	LV	AO	Coro	AO & Runoffs	Preferred	Borderline	Not Acceptable
Atrial or Ventricular Thrombus	X						Not Present		Present
Mitral Regurgitation	X						≤ Grade 1	Grade 2	> Grade 2
LV Ejection Fraction	X		X				> 50%	30% to 50%	< 20% (w/o cardiac support)
LV Hypertrophy (wall thickness)	X						Normal to Mild (0.6 to 1.3 cm)	Moderate (1.4 to 1.6cm)	Severe (≥ 1.7 cm)
Sub-Aortic Stenosis	X	X					Not Present		Present
Annulus width [A]	X	X					20 to 23mm → 26mm device 23 to 27mm → 29mm device		< 20mm or > 27mm
AO Root width [B]		X	X	X			≥ 27mm → 26mm device ≥ 28mm → 29mm device		< 27mm
Coronary Ostia [D] (from native leaflet)						X	≥ 14mm	13mm w/ mod. Ca ²⁺ 10 to 13mm w/o Ca ²⁺	< 14mm w/ severe Ca ²⁺ < 13mm w/ mod. Ca ²⁺ < 10mm w/o Ca ²⁺
Coronary Disease						X	None	Mid or Distal Stenosis < 70%	Proximal Stenosis ≥ 70%
Annulus-to-Aorta (angle) †		X	X	X			< 45°	45° to 70°	> 70°
Ascending AO width [C]	X	X	X	X			≤ 40mm → 26mm device ≤ 43mm → 29mm device		> 43mm
AO Arch Angulation		X		X		X	Large-Radius Turn		High Angulation or Sharp Bend
Aorta & Runoff Vessels (Disease) ‡		X				X	None	Mild	Moderate to Severe
Iliac & Femoral Vessels (diameter)		X				X	≥ 7mm	Non-Diabetic Non-Dialyzed ≥ 6mm	< 6mm

† Widths the first 7cm of the ascending aorta minus a perpendicular line across the aortic valve
‡ Indicate for evidence and degree of calcification, stenosis, tortuosity, and dilatation



Patient selection

- **Four steps**
 - Confirmation the severity of AS
 - Evaluation of symptoms
 - Analysis of the risk of surgery and evaluation of life expectancy and quality of life
 - Assessment of the feasibility and exclusion of contraindications for TAVI

European Heart Journal (2008) 29, 1463–1470

Confirmation of severe AS

- **Echocardiography**
 - Valve area
 - Flow-dependent indices (Peak / mean pressure gradient)
- **'pseudo severe' AS**
 - Low-dose dobutamine echocardiography is useful to differentiate

Risks of surgery

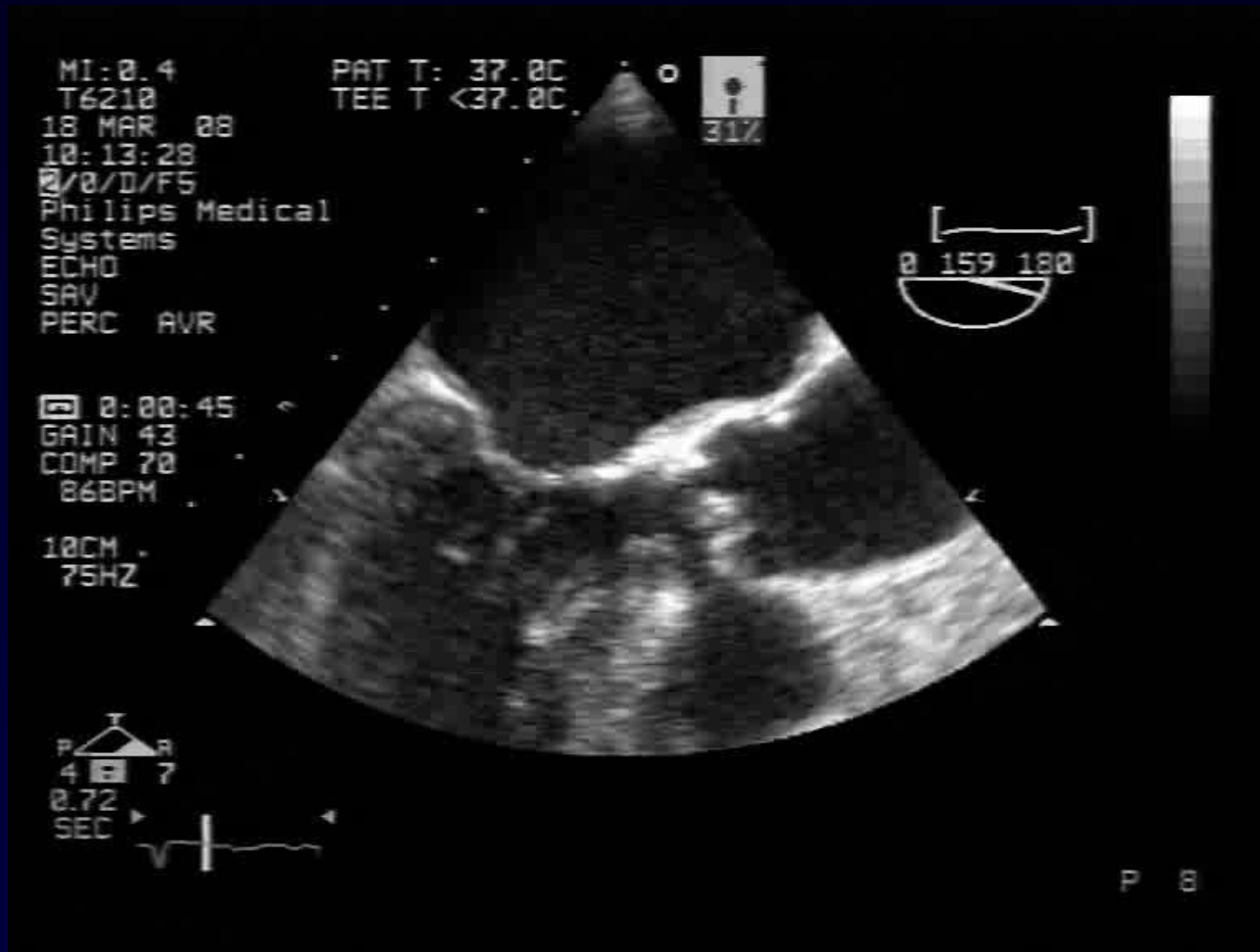
Life expectancy and Quality of life

- **Risk of surgery**
 - The EuroScore (or logistic EuroScore)
 - The STS Predicted Risk of Mortality score
 - the Ambler score
 - Not yet specifically established
- **Life expectancy**
 - <1 year; contraindication

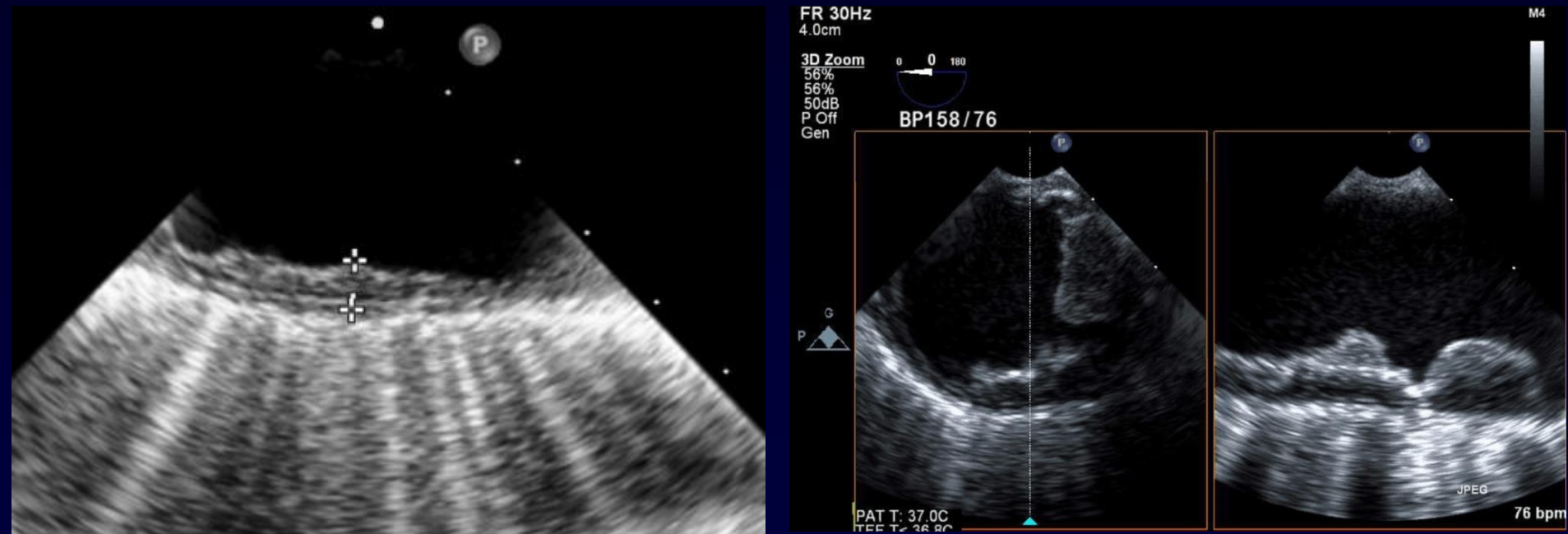
Echo in TAVI

- Determining severity
- Assessing etiology
- Excluding other cause of LV outflow tract obstruction
- Device selection
 - Annular sizing
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Structural Heart



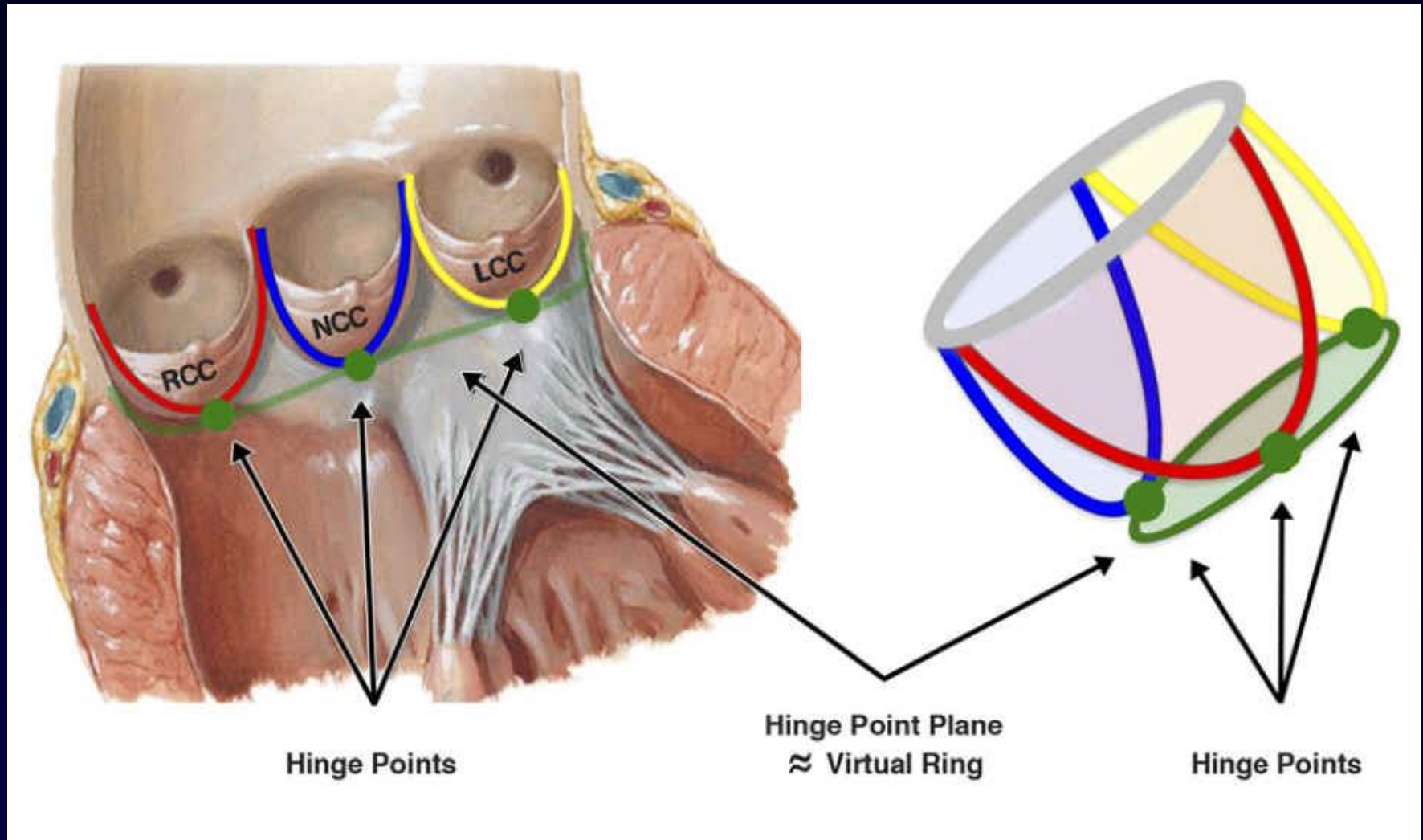
Aortic Atheroma - TEE



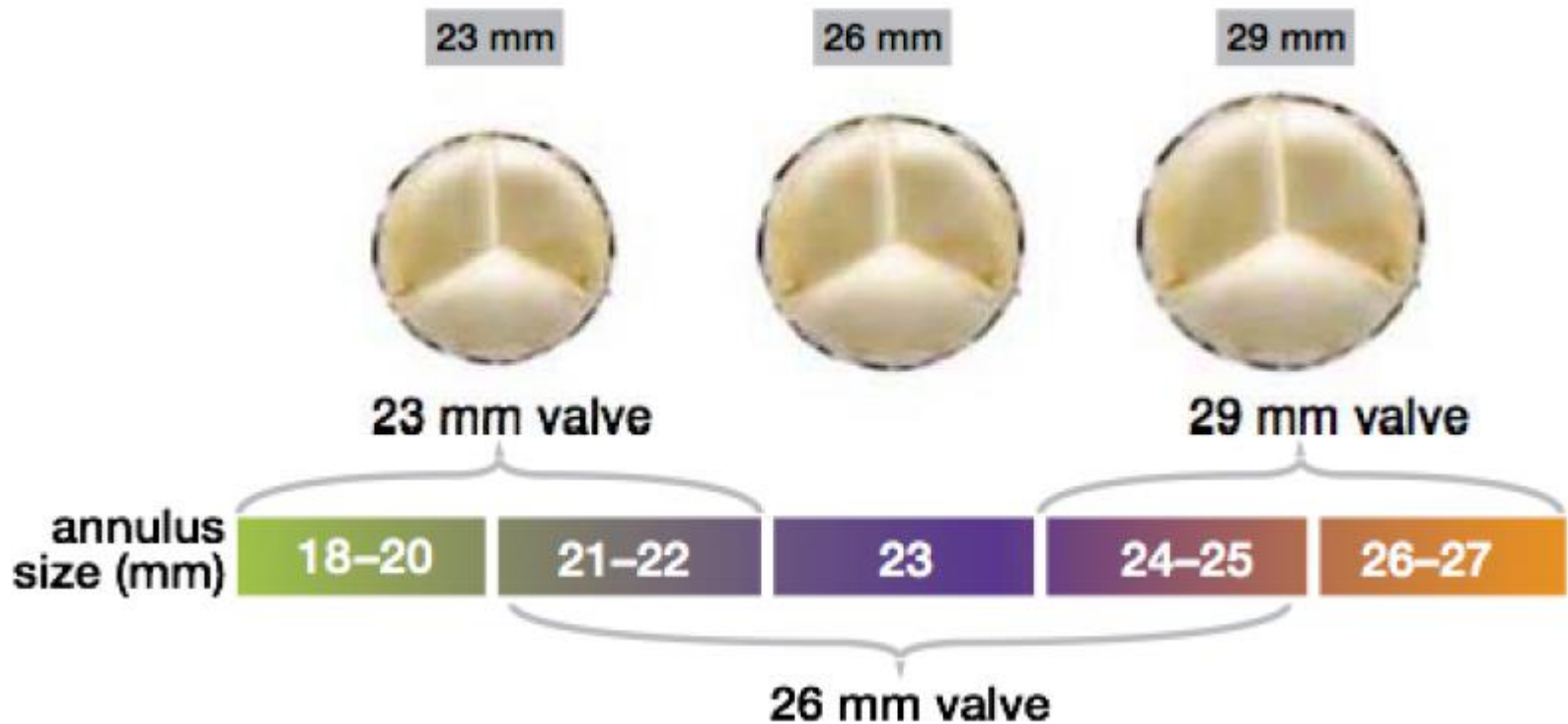
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Normal Anatomy of Aortic Valve



Annulus Sizing is Crucial



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- **Undersizing**

- Paravalvular regurgitation
- Valve embolization

- **Oversizing**

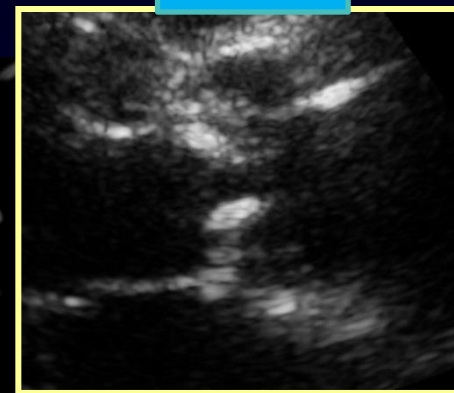
- Reduce valve durability
- Conduction disturbance
- Annular rupture

TAVI-Annulus measurement

TEE



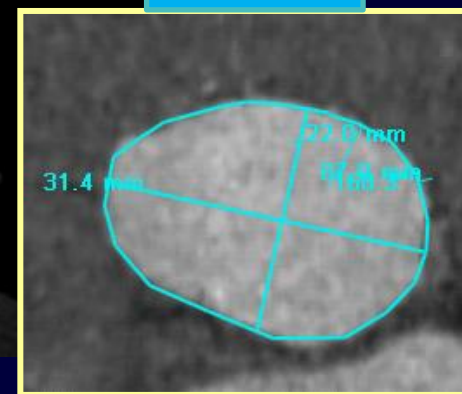
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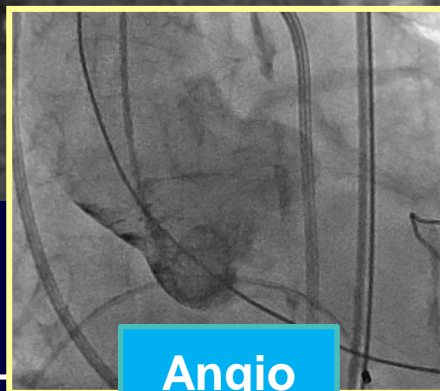
3D TEE



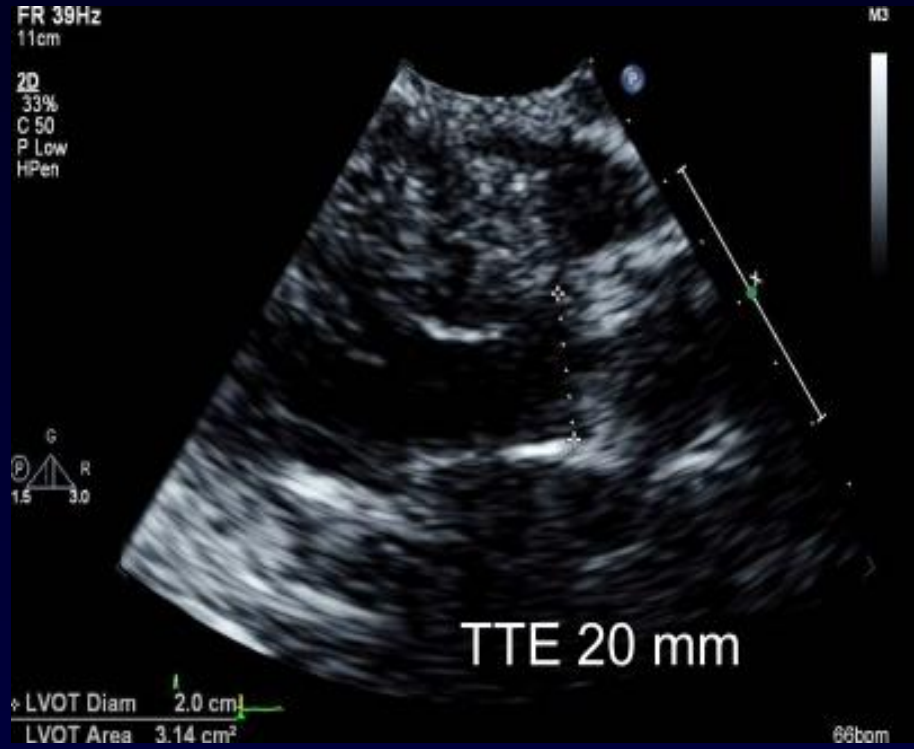
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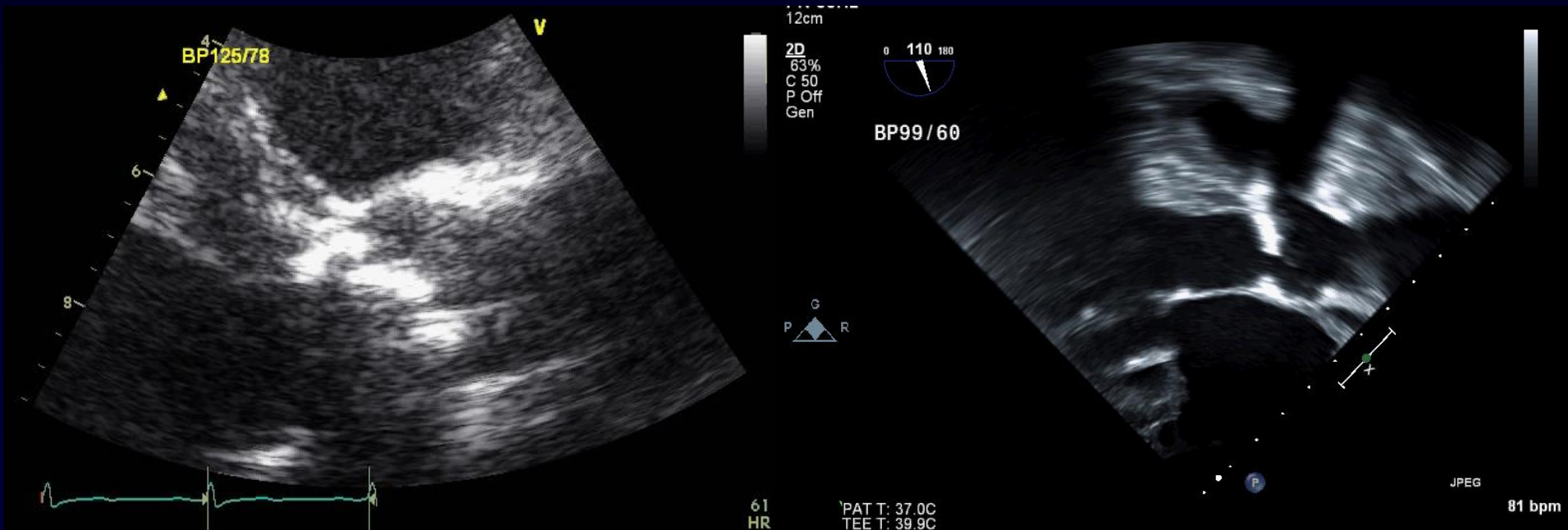
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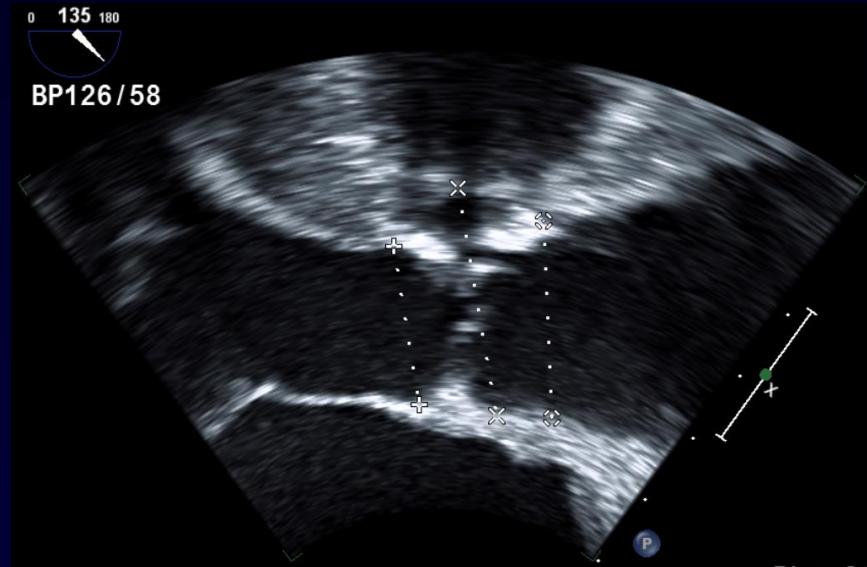
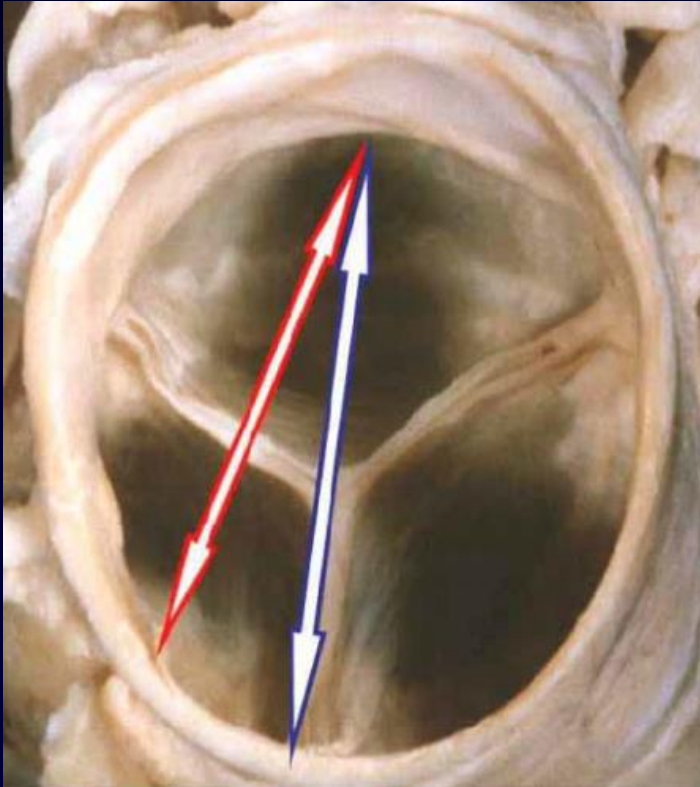
Annulus Measurement by Echo



2D TTE / TEE

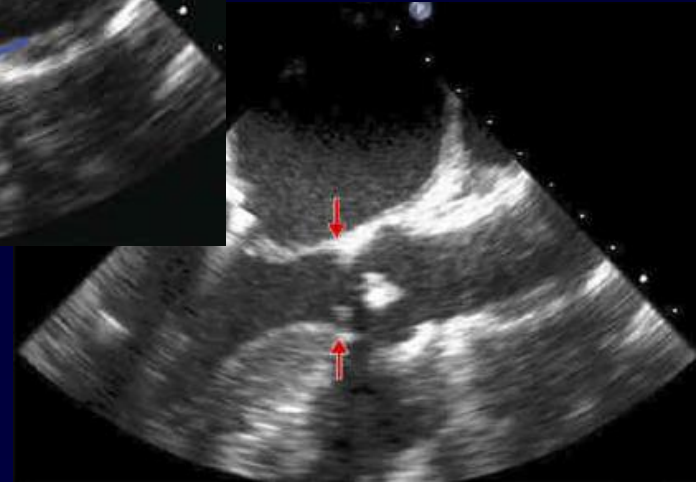
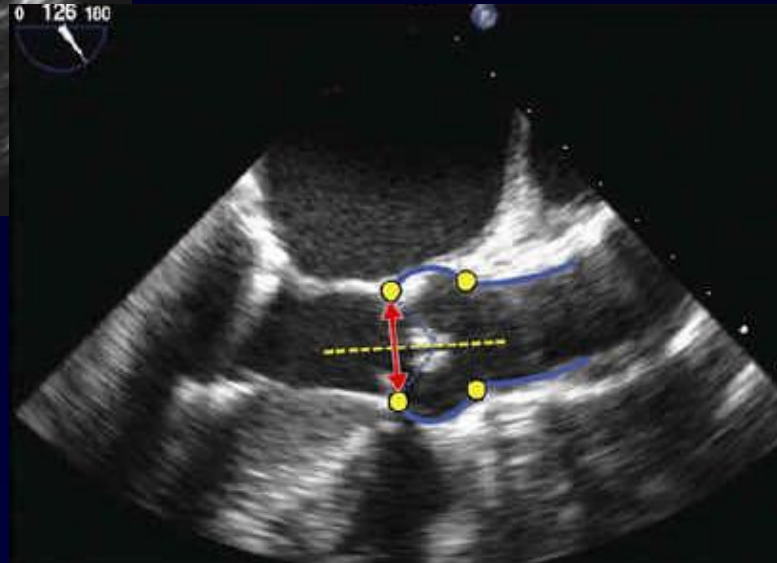
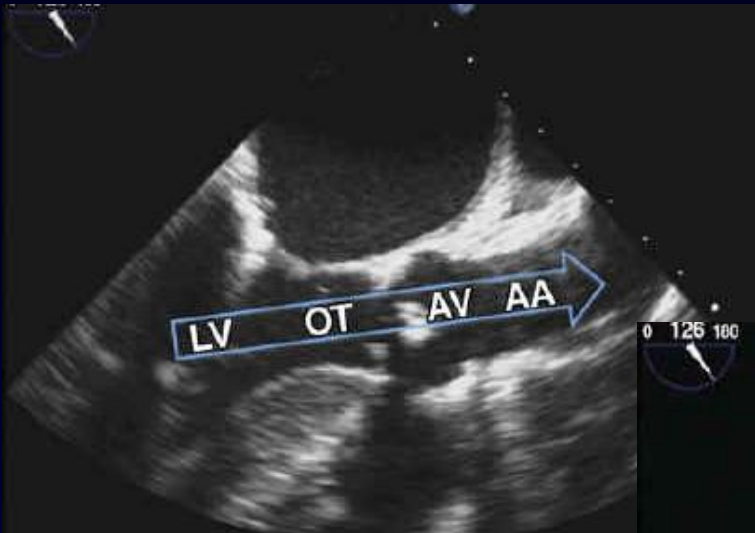


Annulus

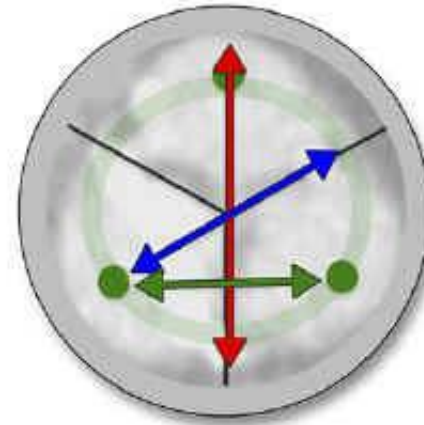
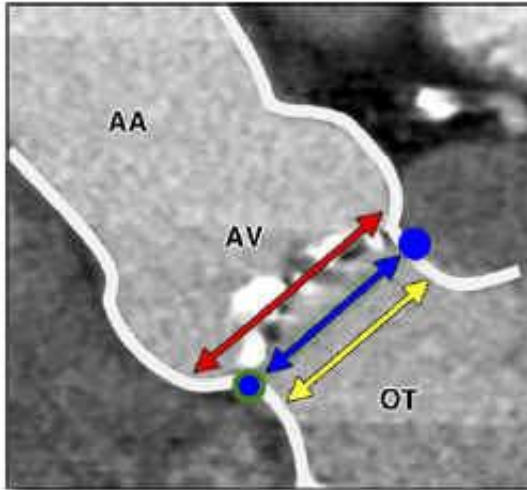


Easy to underestimate the annulus diameter

Aortic Annular View with TEE



Errors Annulus Sizing



AA = Ascending Aorta

AV = Aortic Valve

OT = Outflow Tract

● = Annulus

● = Hinge Points

○ = Virtual Ring

↔ = True measurement at the level of the virtual ring.

↔ = Measurement at the level of the upper outflow tract shows a good correlation with the hinge point plane.

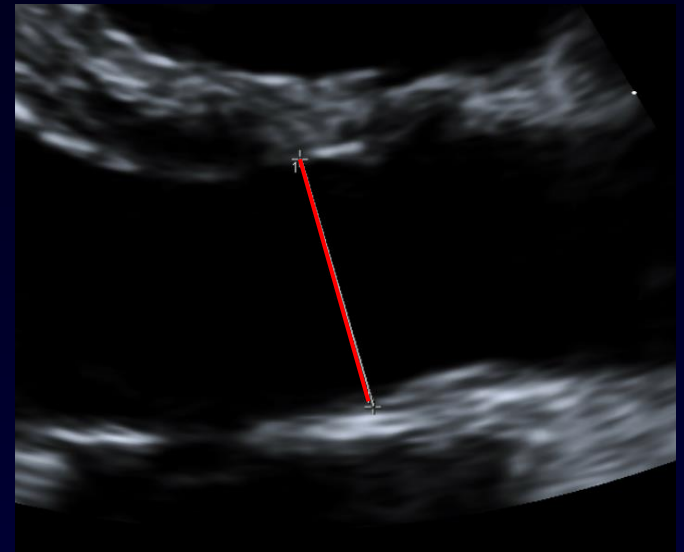
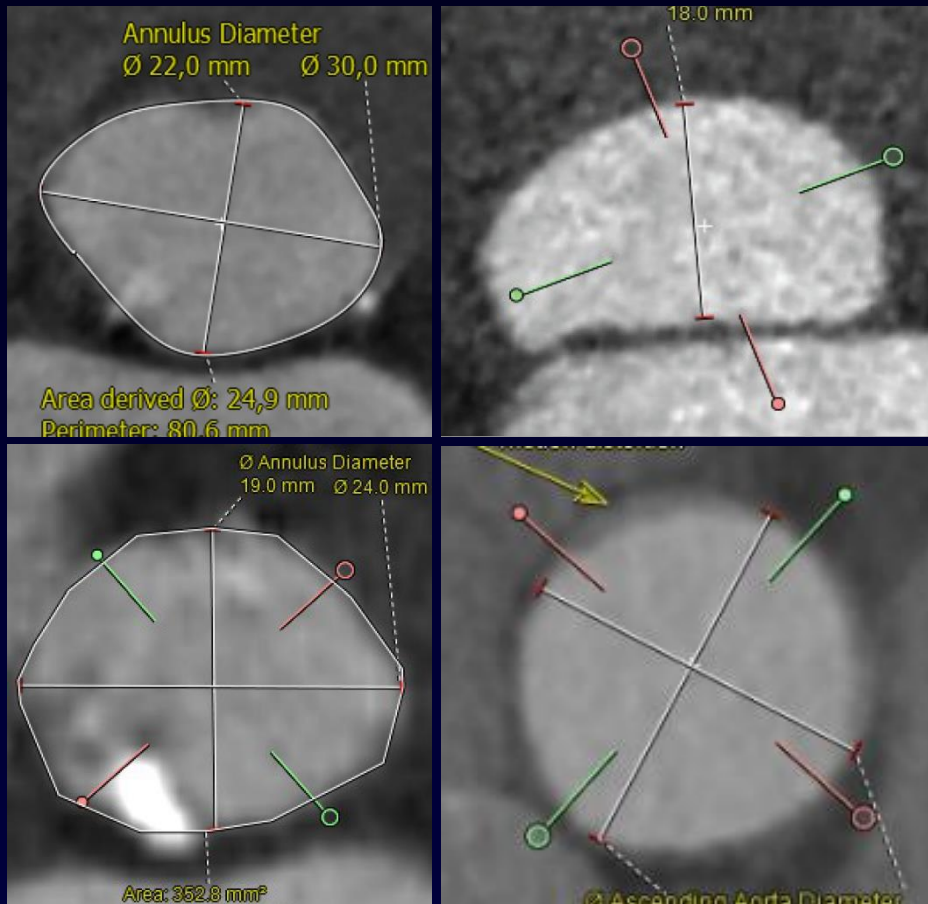
↔ = Off-center measurement between two hinge points underestimates the annulus size.

↔ = Measurement upward in the aortic sinus overestimates the annulus size.

The Annulus: Facts

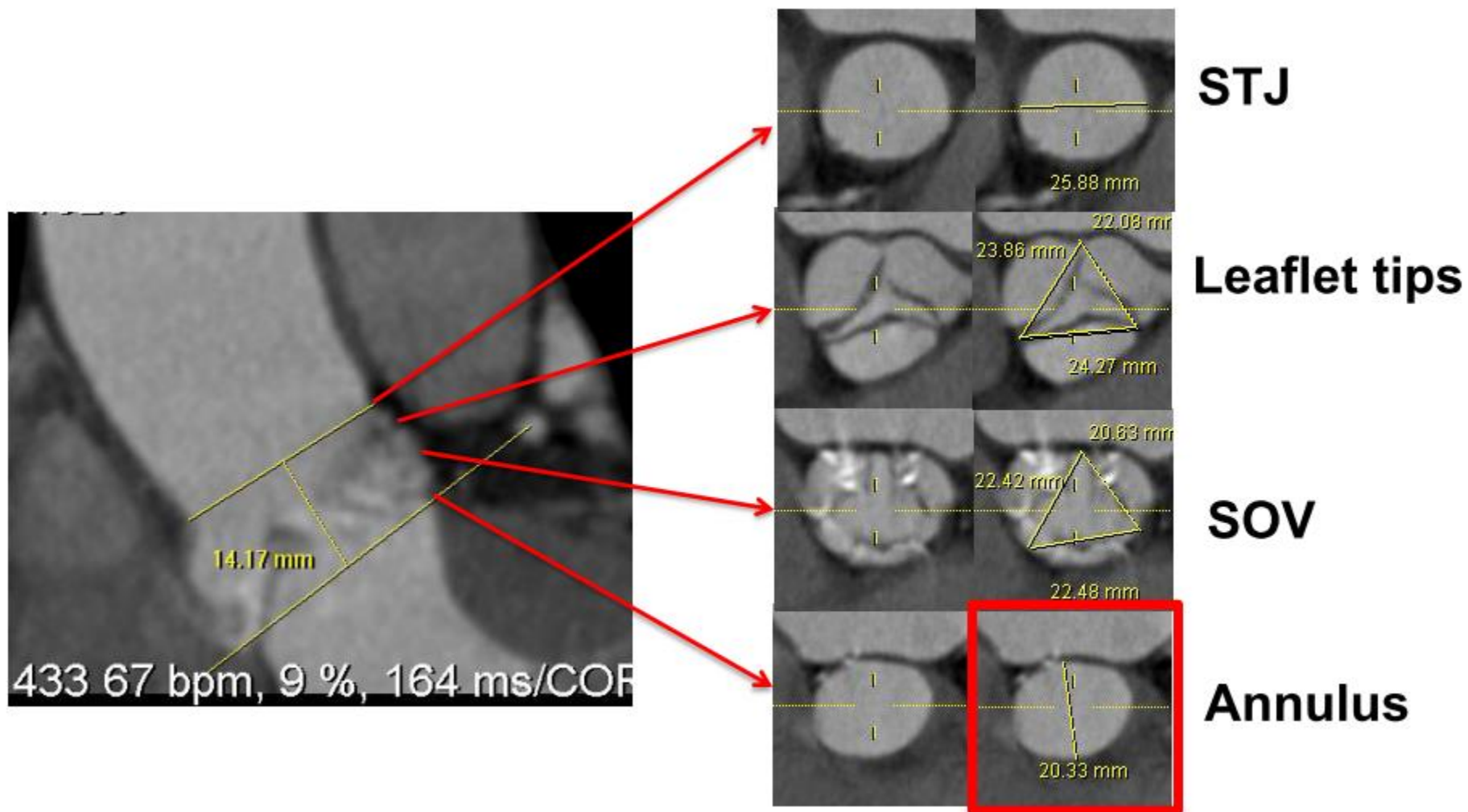
- Systolic > diastolic
- Eccentric shape
- Calcification: important for leak

Annulus CT



- Mostly oval shape
- Shortest at AP diameter
- 2D measurement is hard to assess true annulus size

CT: Axial cuts at multiple levels



CT sizes annulus larger than TEE

- 50 patients after TAVI
- Different THV size would be selected in 44-40% of cases, when a strategy of valve-sizing is undertaken using CT
- CT > TEE: 1.5mm

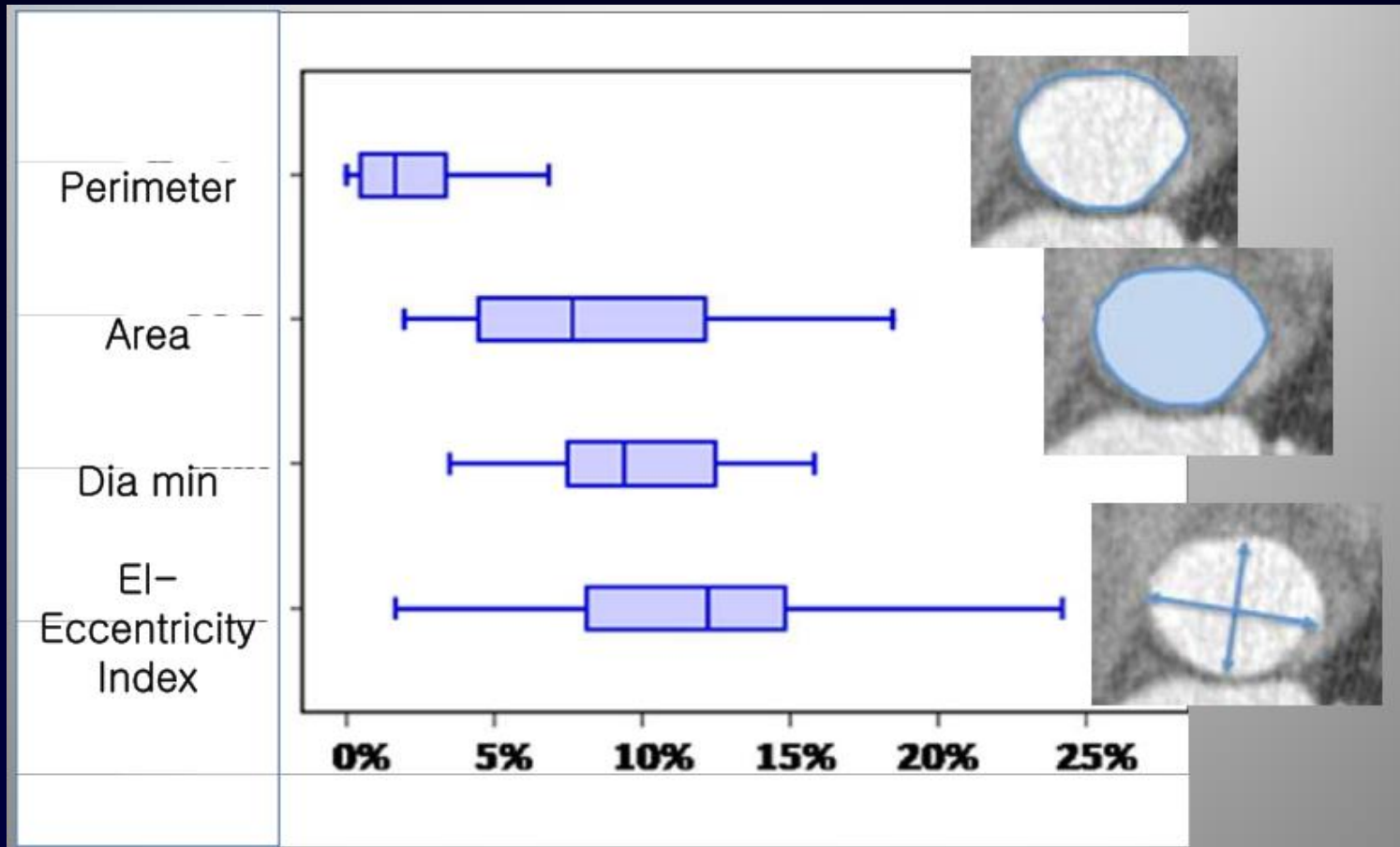
Gurvitch et al. JACC Intv 2011

Correlation Between TTE, TEE, MDCT

	Mean Annulus Diameter (mm)	p Value vs. TEE R	vs. TEE
Echocardiographic measurements			
TTE	23.9 ± 2.1	0.13	0.89
TEE	24.1 ± 2.1	—	—
MSCT measurements			
Virtual basal ring			
Long-axis	27.5 ± 3.1	<0.0001	0.67
Short-axis	21.7 ± 2.3	<0.0001	0.69
Mean	24.6 ± 2.4	0.07	0.77
3-chamber view	23.8 ± 2.6	0.26	0.70

Messika-Zeitoun et al, JACC 2010

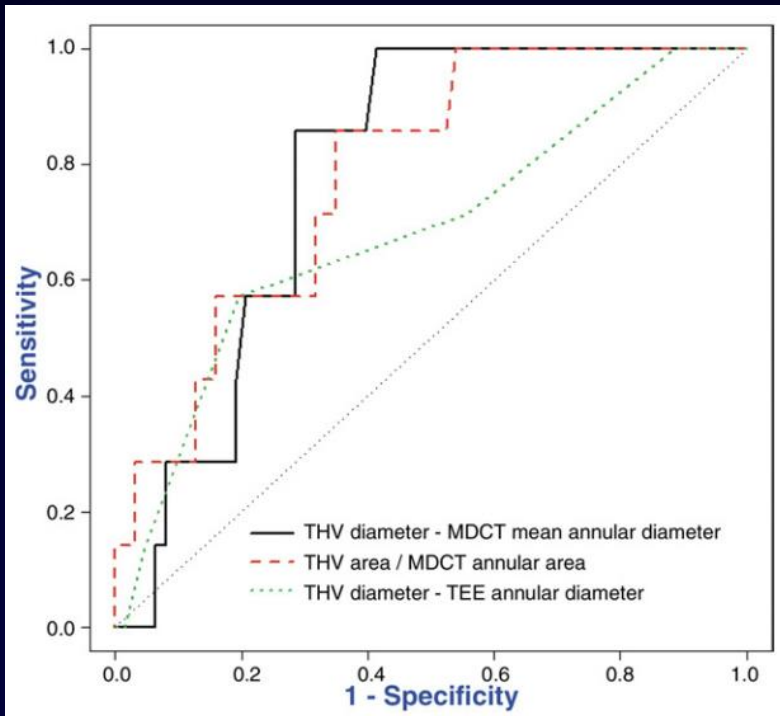
4D Change in Annulus Dimensions over Cardiac Cycle



Hamdan et al. JACC 2012

3-Dimensional Aortic Annular Assessment by Multidetector Computed Tomography Predicts Moderate or Severe Paravalvular Regurgitation After Transcatheter Aortic Valve Replacement

A Multicenter Retrospective Analysis



Area Under the Receiver-Operating Characteristic Curves for Prediction of PAR

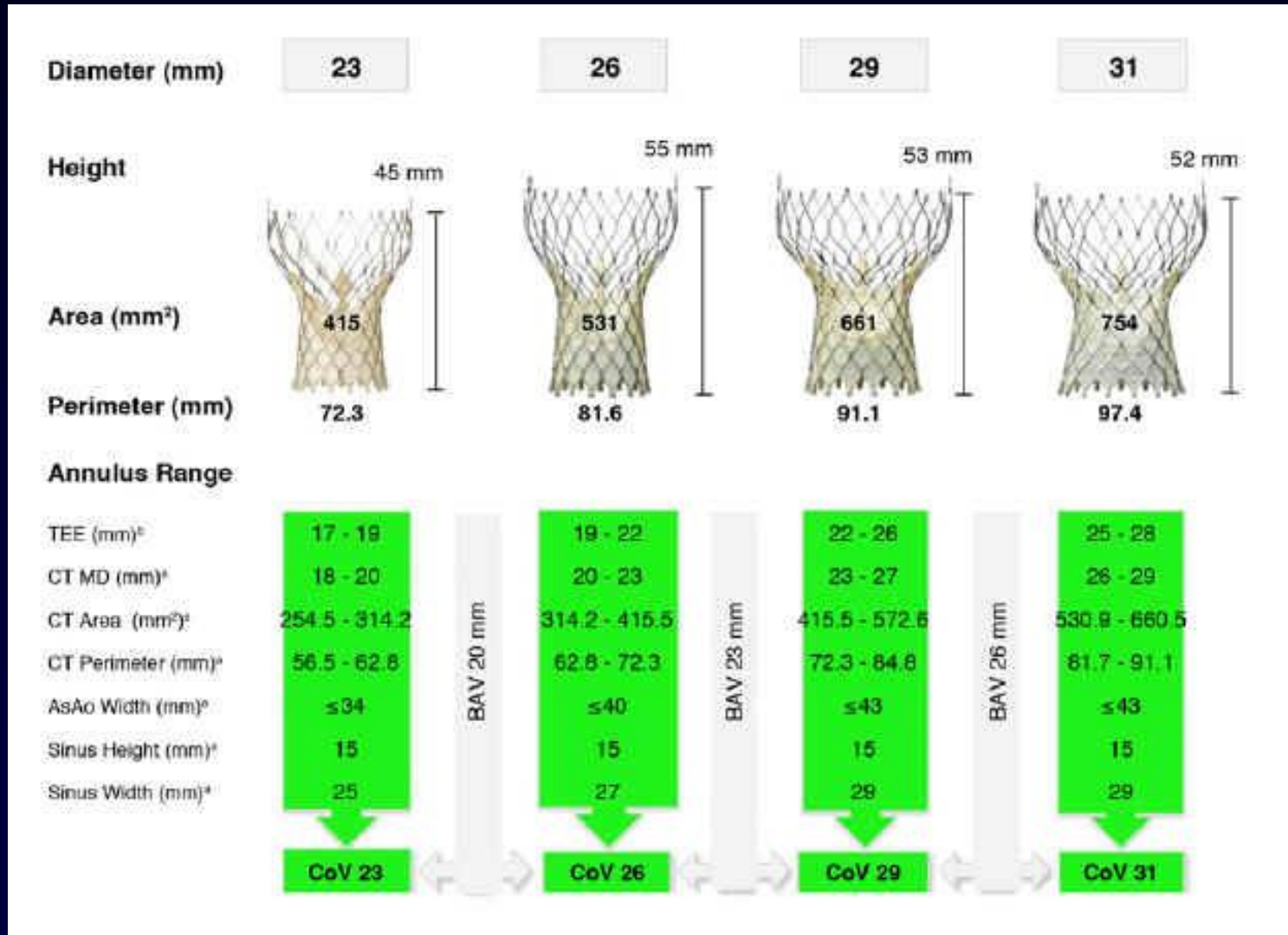
- 109 pts imaged pre-TAVR (CT)
- Moderate or severe regurgitation (12.7%) was associated with device undersizing ($p < 0.01$)
- Difference on CT between valve and annulus size was predictive of regurgitation
- 3D aortic annular measurement are predictive of moderate or severe regurgitation post TAVR

Wilson AB, *J Am Coll Cardiol*, 2012 Apr 3;59(14):1287-94

Annulus size measurement

- Measurement of “annulus” is very critical for successful TAVI
- 3D Data set provides the most useful information because the “annulus” is not circular
- Decision making is evolving with increasing experience and availability of different sizes

CoreValve Sizing



Edward Sapien Sizing

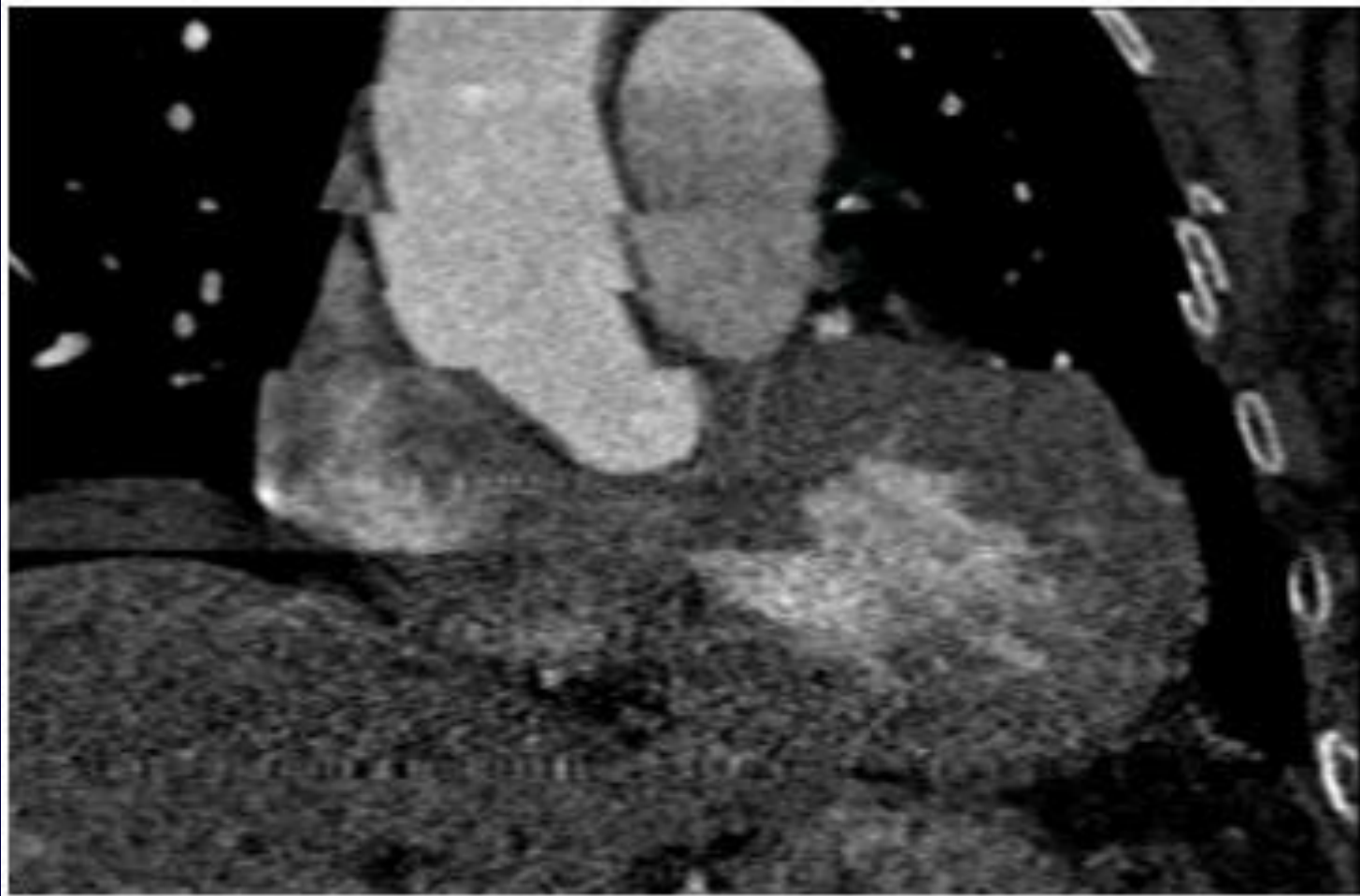


Annulus size by 2D TEE

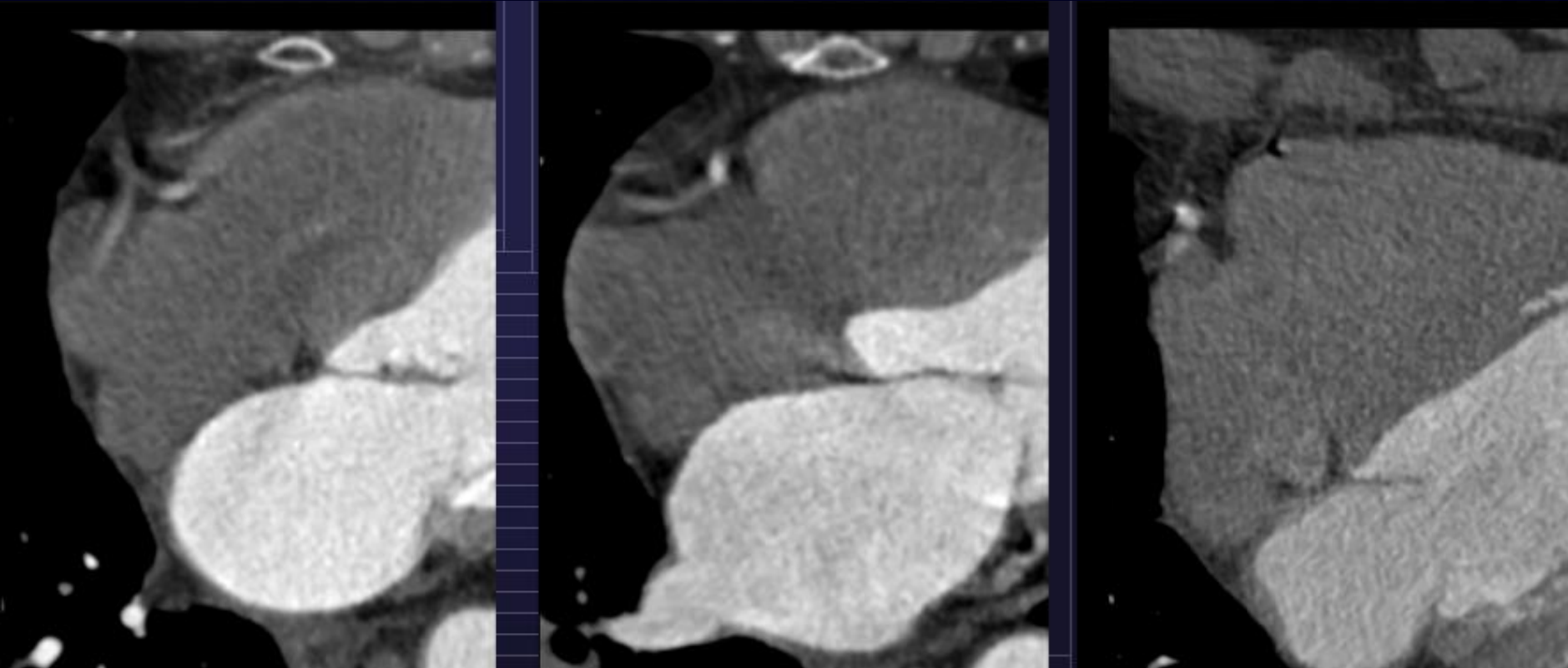
	N=42
Mean annulus diameter	22.44 mm
Mean sinus of Valasalva diameter	31.4 mm

		TEE derived size determination (mm)				
		23	26	29	31	total
Actual valve size (mm)	23	1	0	0	0	1
	26	3	15	2	0	20
	29	1	2	15	1	19
	31	0	0	1	1	2
	total	5	17	18	2	42

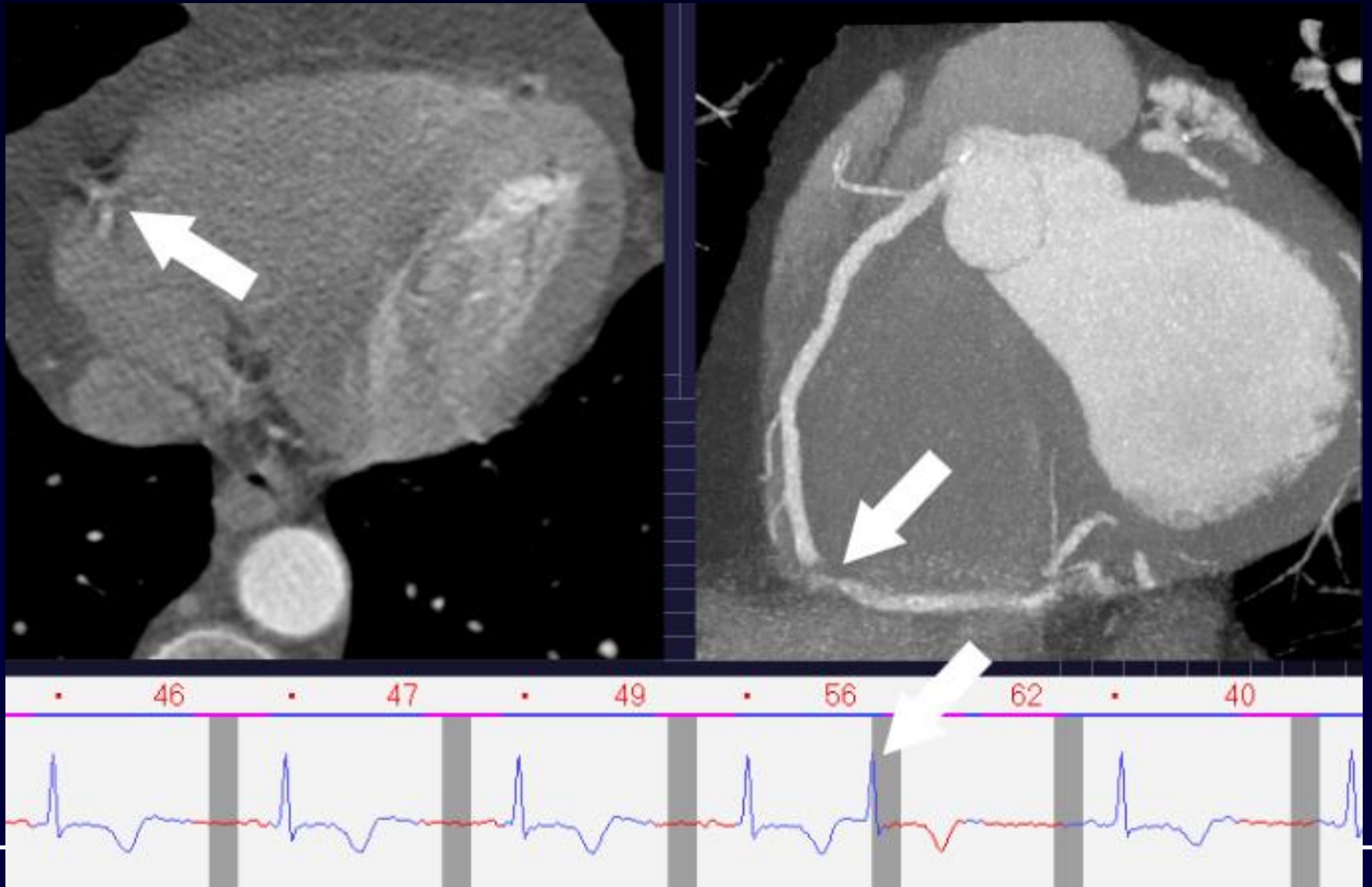
Breathing Artifacts



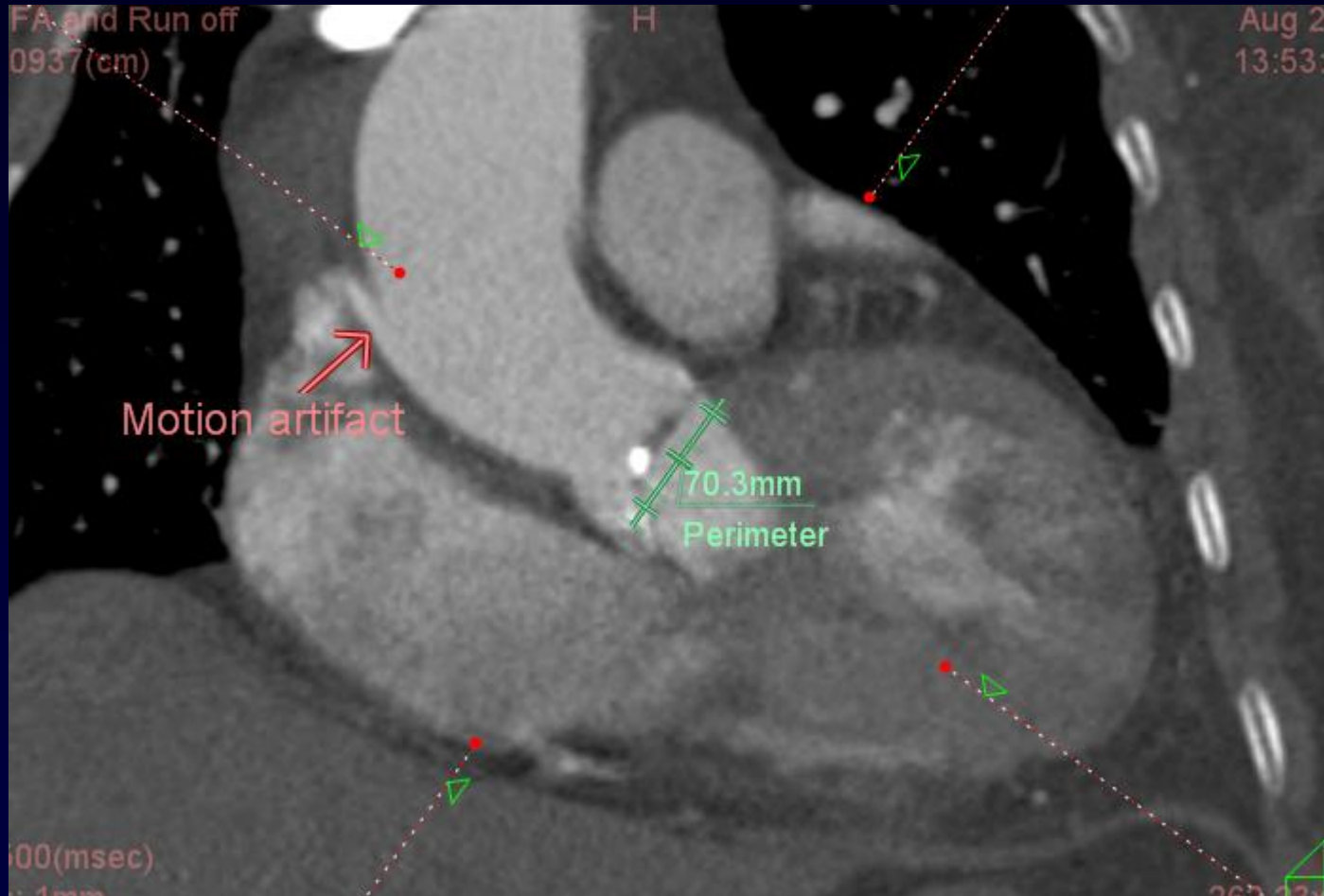
Cardiac Motion



PVC



Motion artifact on aorta



New Imagings for TAVI



Improving TAVI outcomes

Reducing the risk of complications

Pursuit of Perfection

3D

Quantatative

Automated

Real-time

Why 3D ?



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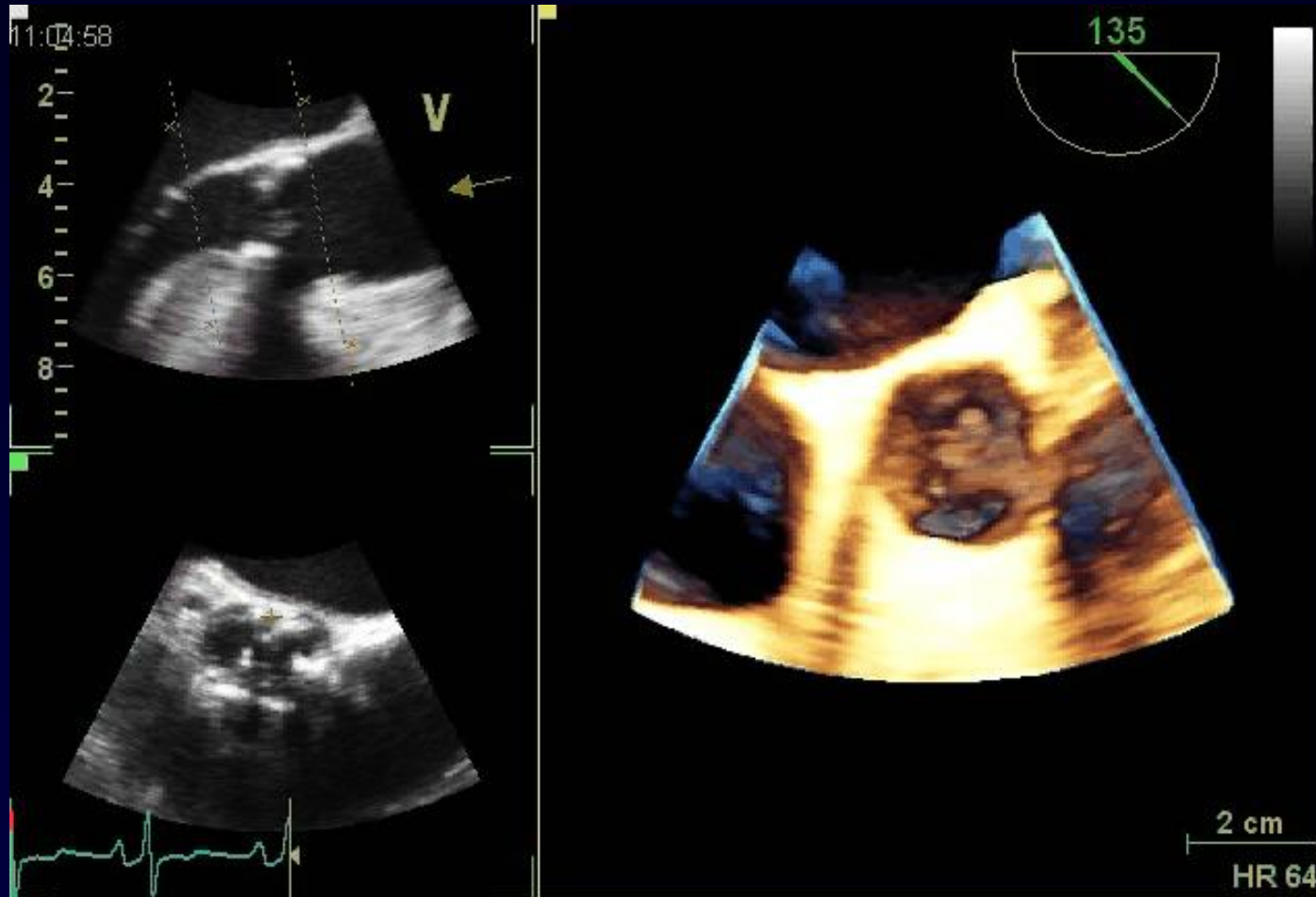


2010 Avatar

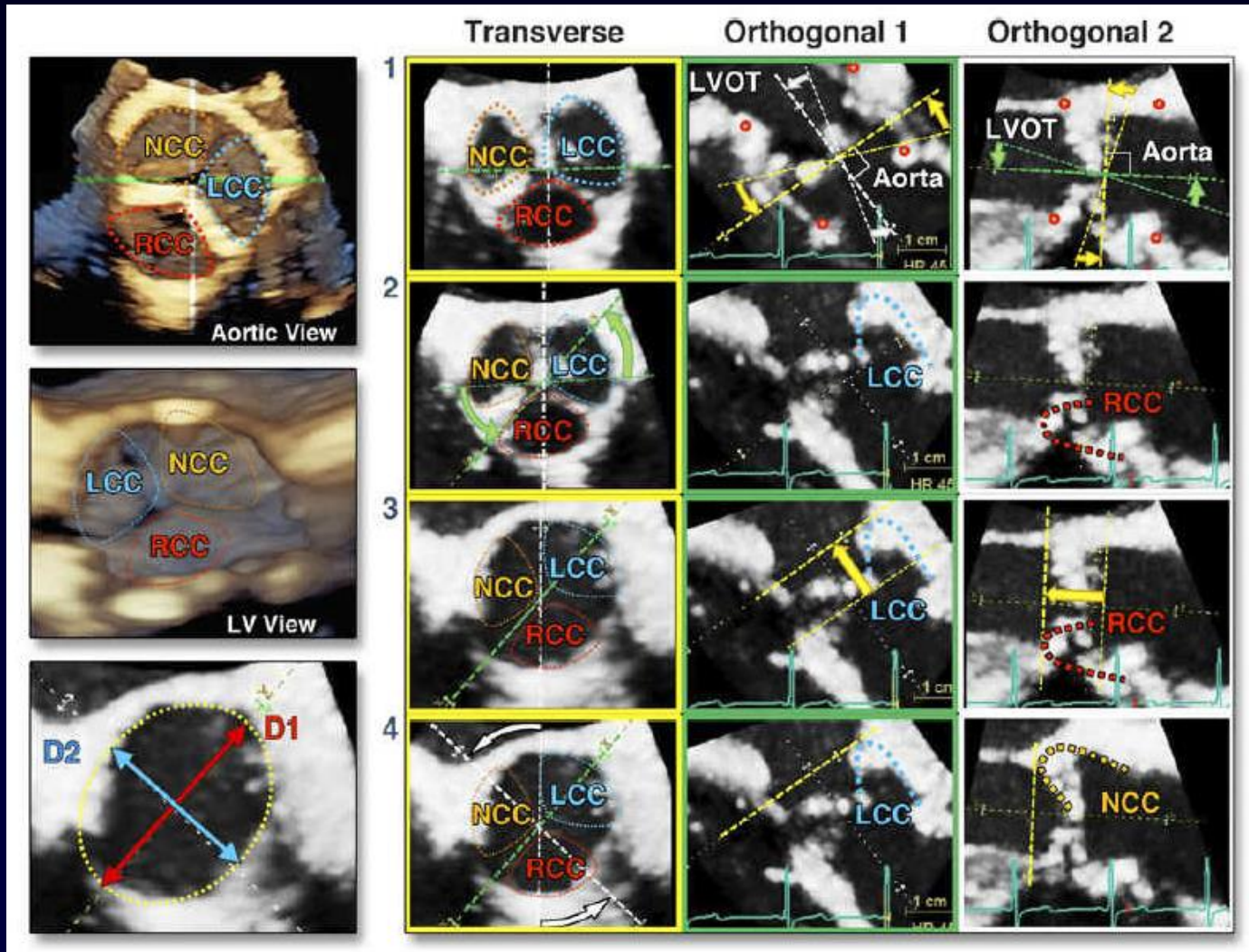


2013 Ironman3

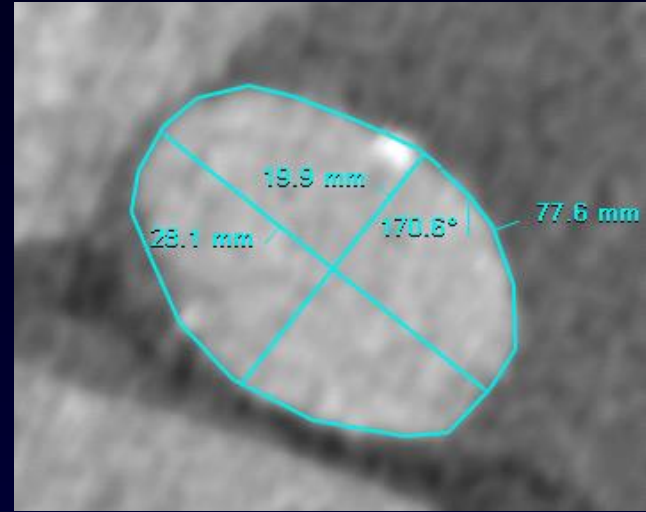
3D measurement



Alignment of Aortic Root with 3D-TEE

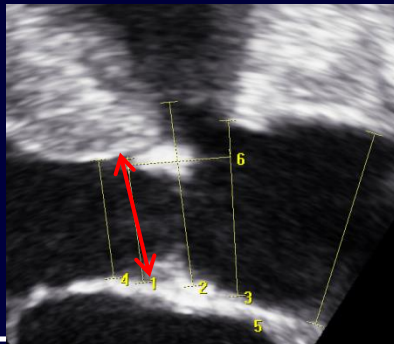


3D TEE vs. CT



Perimeter: 78 (24.8 π) mm
Area: 440 mm² (23.7 mm)

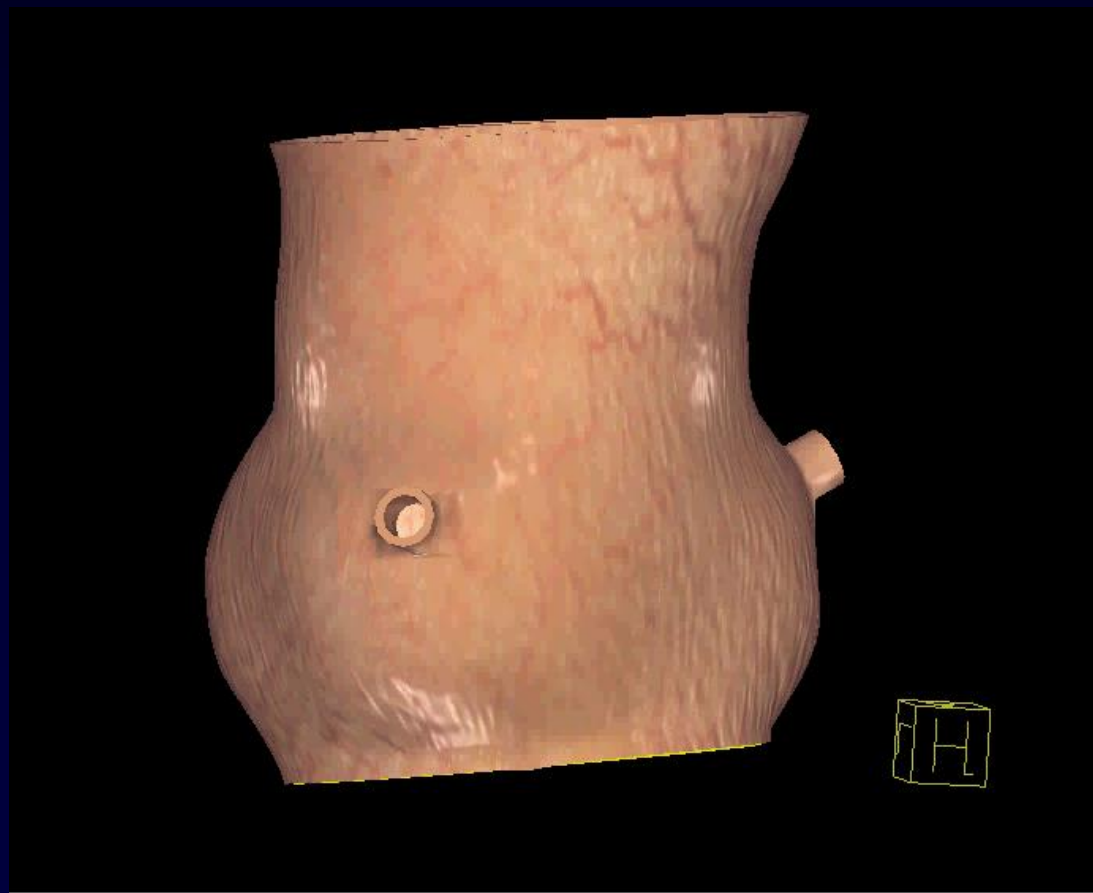
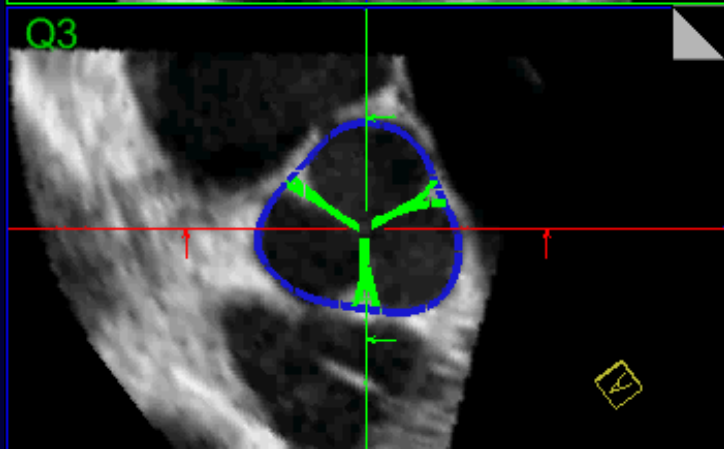
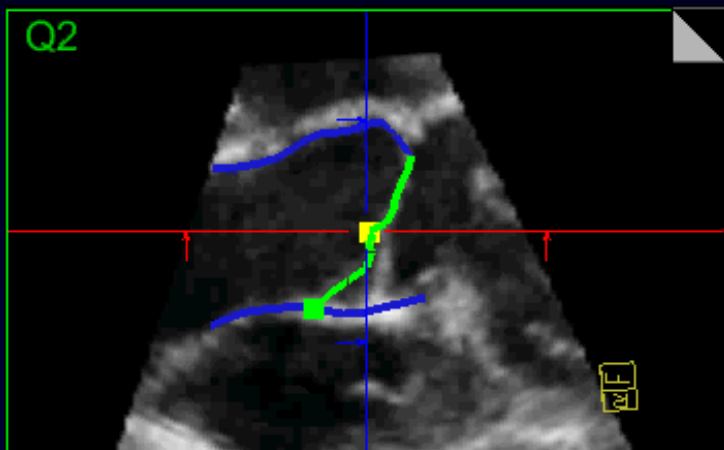
Perimeter: 77.6 (24.7 π) mm
Area: 443 mm² (23.8 mm)



Annulus	21 mm
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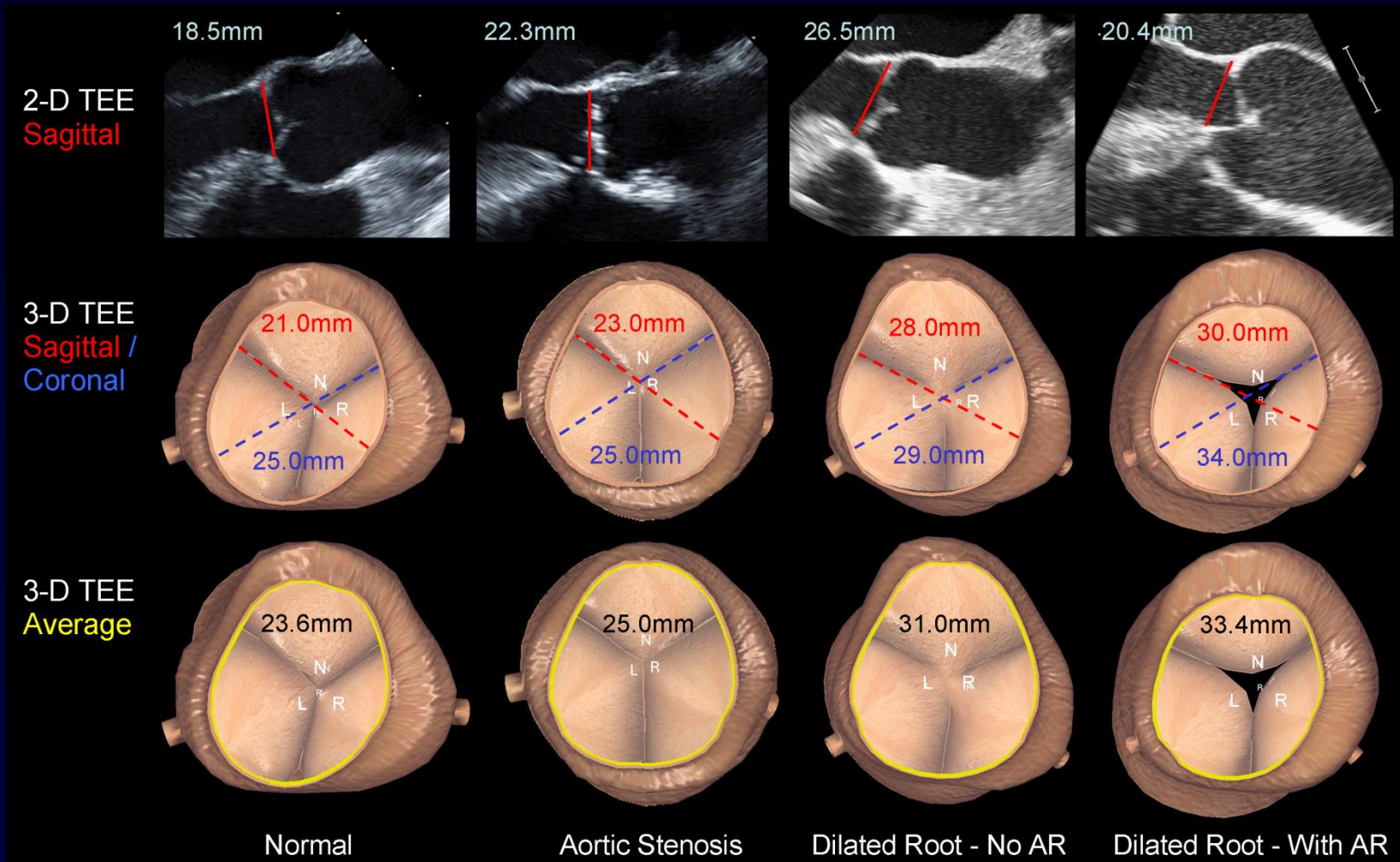
Aortic Annulus

Automated Quantitative Modeling - Echo



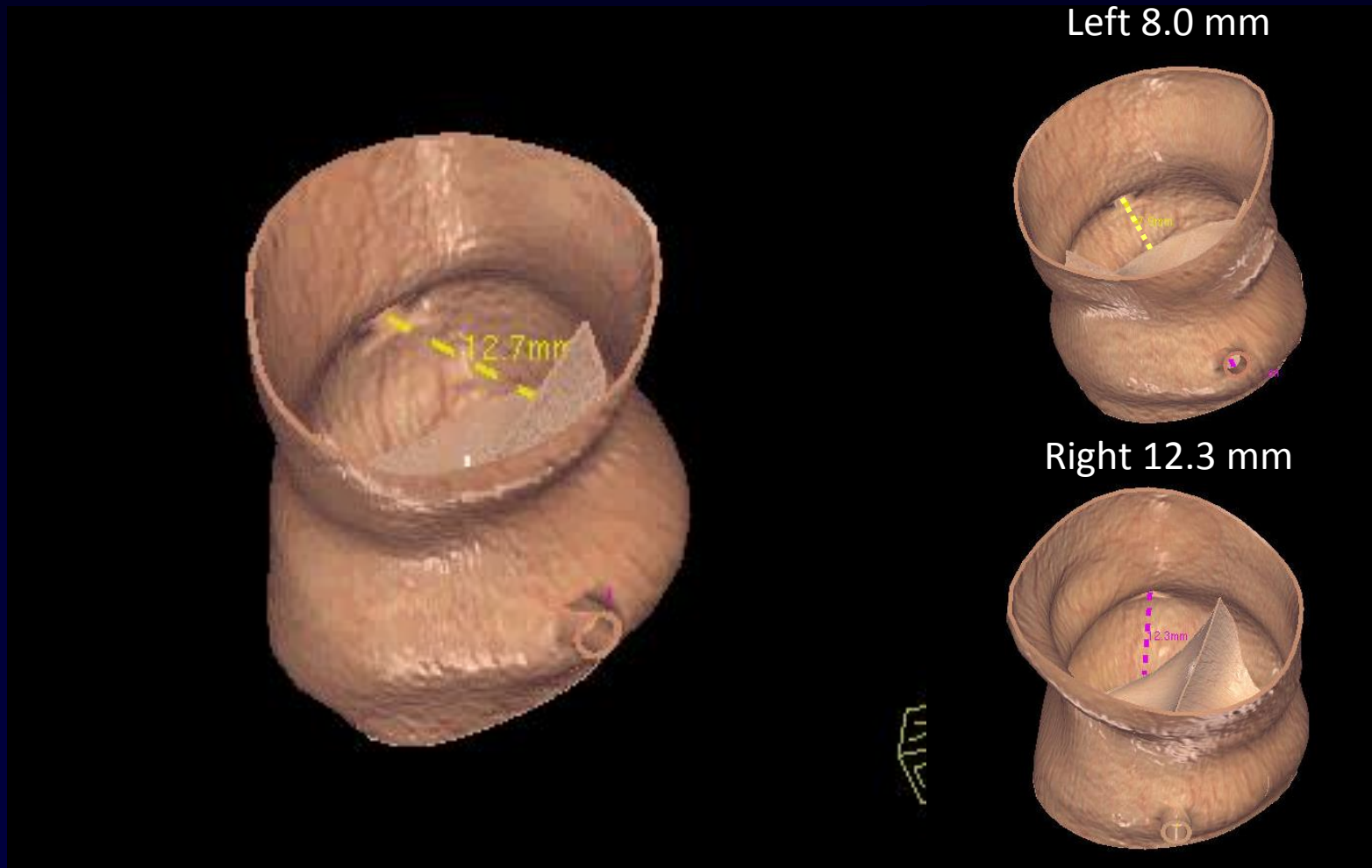
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2-D versus Automated 3-D TEE



Automated 3-D TEE of Aortic Root

Annulus to Ostia Distances

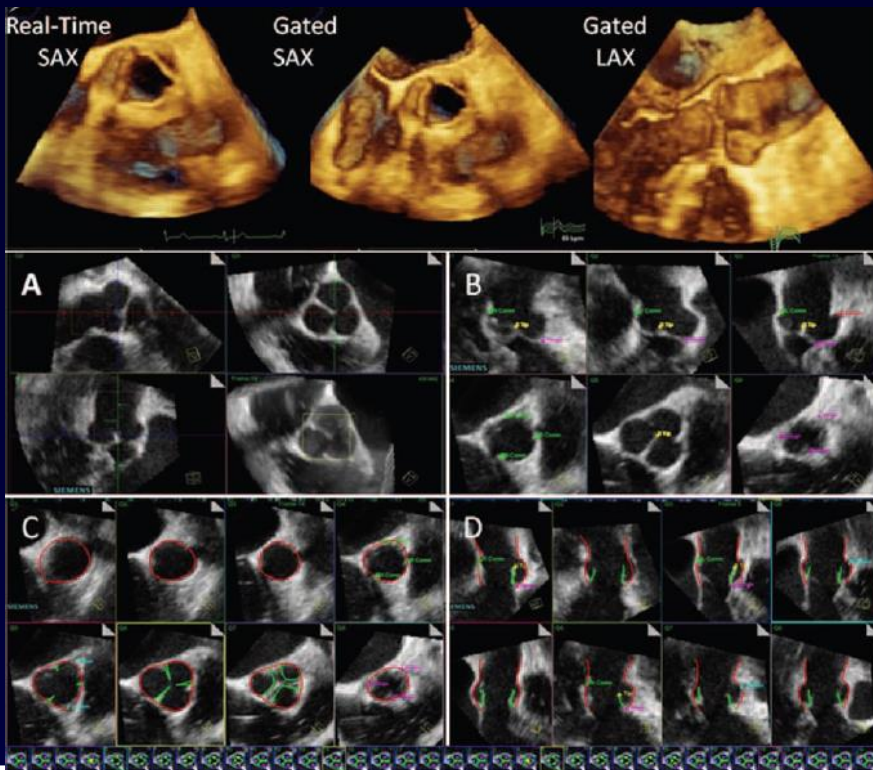


Automated Quantitative 3-Dimensional Modeling of the Aortic Valve and Root by 3-Dimensional Transesophageal Echocardiography in Normals, Aortic Regurgitation, and Aortic Stenosis

Comparison to Computed Tomography in Normals and Clinical Implications

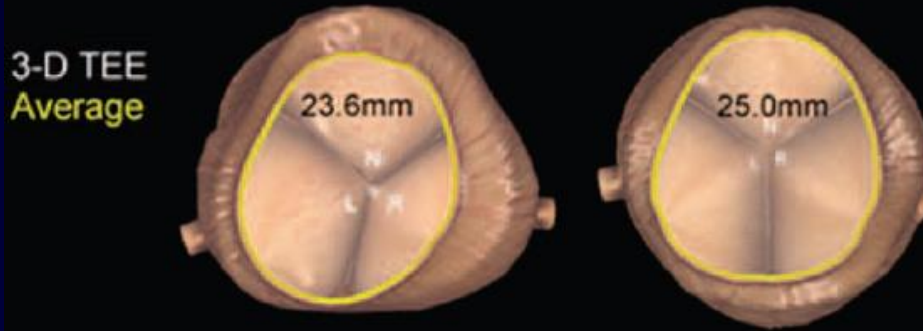
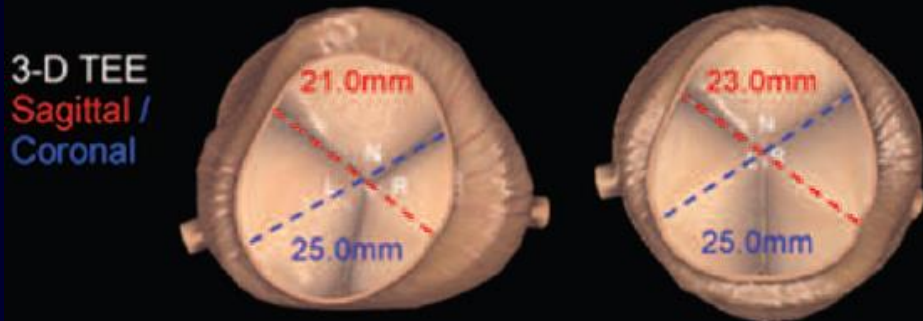
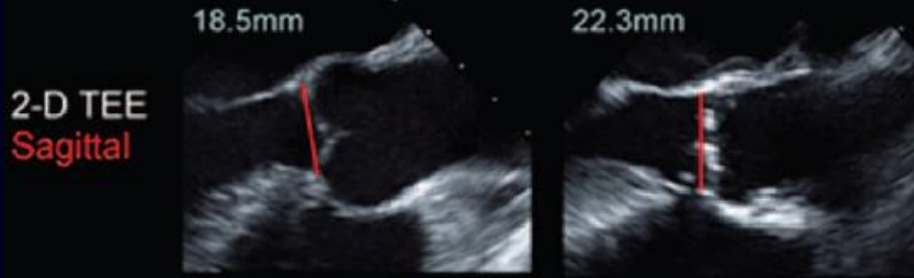
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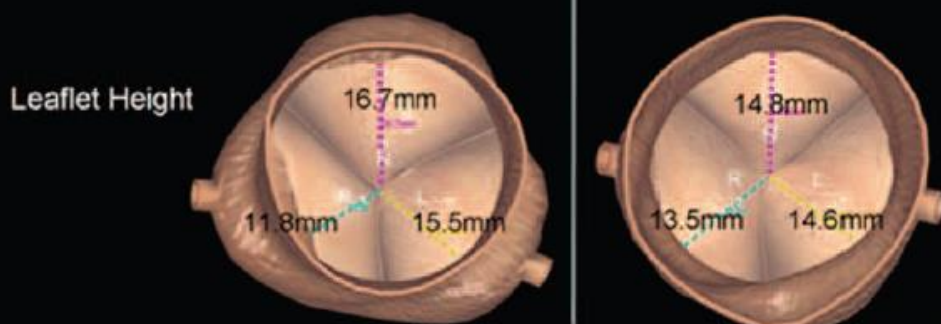
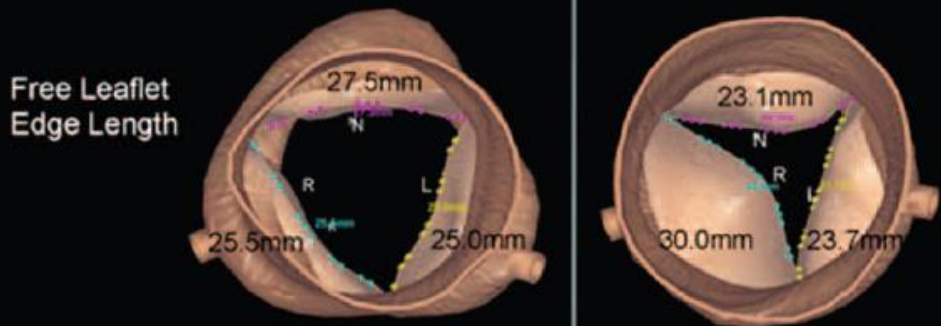
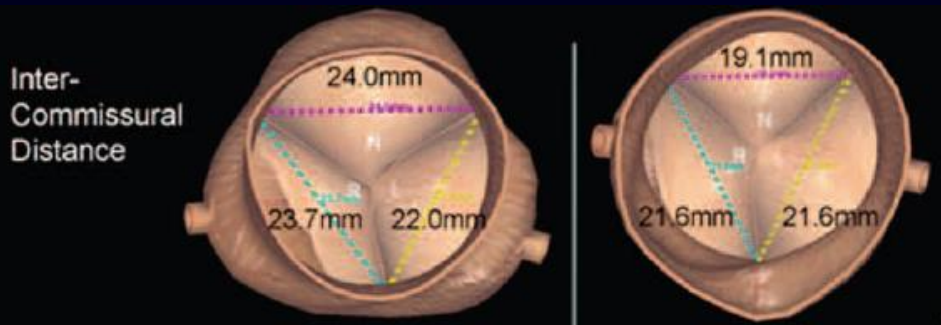
Automated 3D modeling TEE
compared with 2D TEE and 3D CT

- iE33 system (Philips)
- X72t-TEE probe



Normal

Aortic Stenosis



Normal

Aortic Stenosis

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Comparison of two-dimensional and three-dimensional imaging techniques for measurement of aortic annulus diameters before transcatheter aortic valve implantation

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Heart 2011;97:1578–84.

- 49 consecutive patients with severe AS undergoing TAVI

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2D TTE

2D TEE

3D TEE

Dual-source CT

Angiography

< Parameters >

Aortic annulus diameters

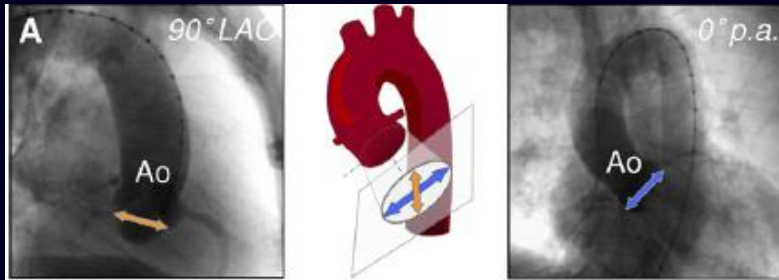
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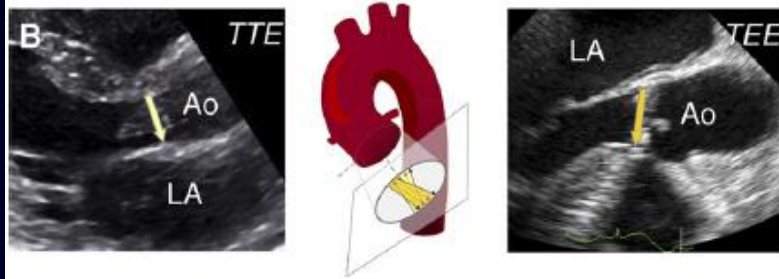
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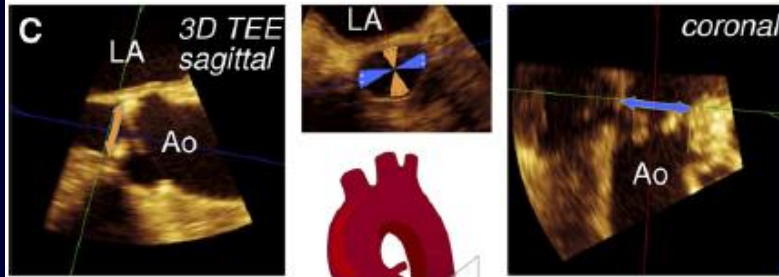
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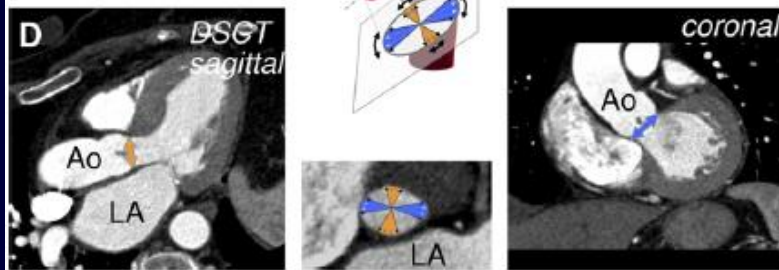
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3D TEE



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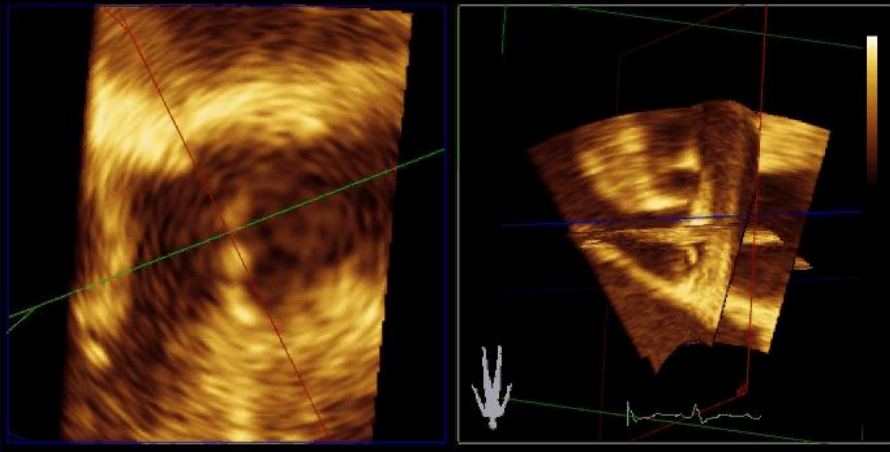
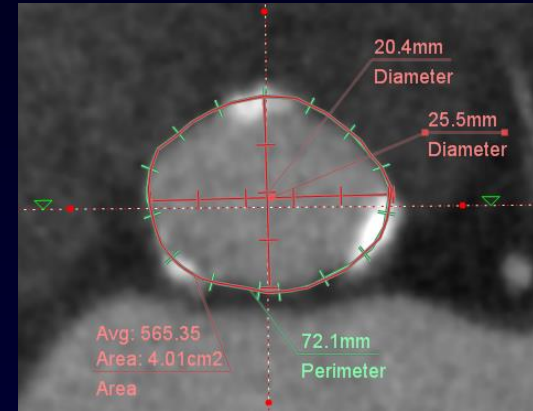
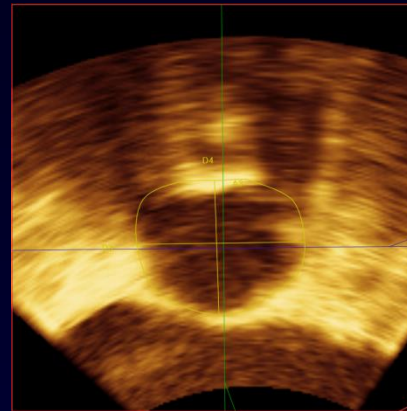
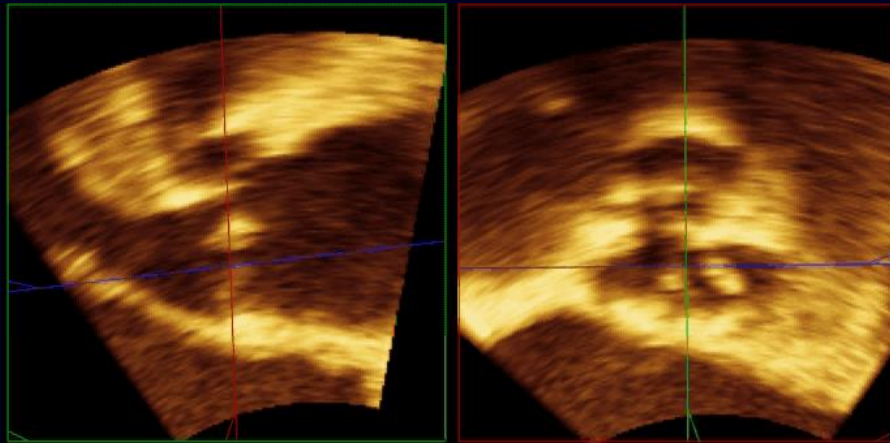


3D imaging techniques should be used to evaluate aortic annulus diameters

3D TEE provides measurements of aortic annulus diameters similar to those obtained by DSCT.

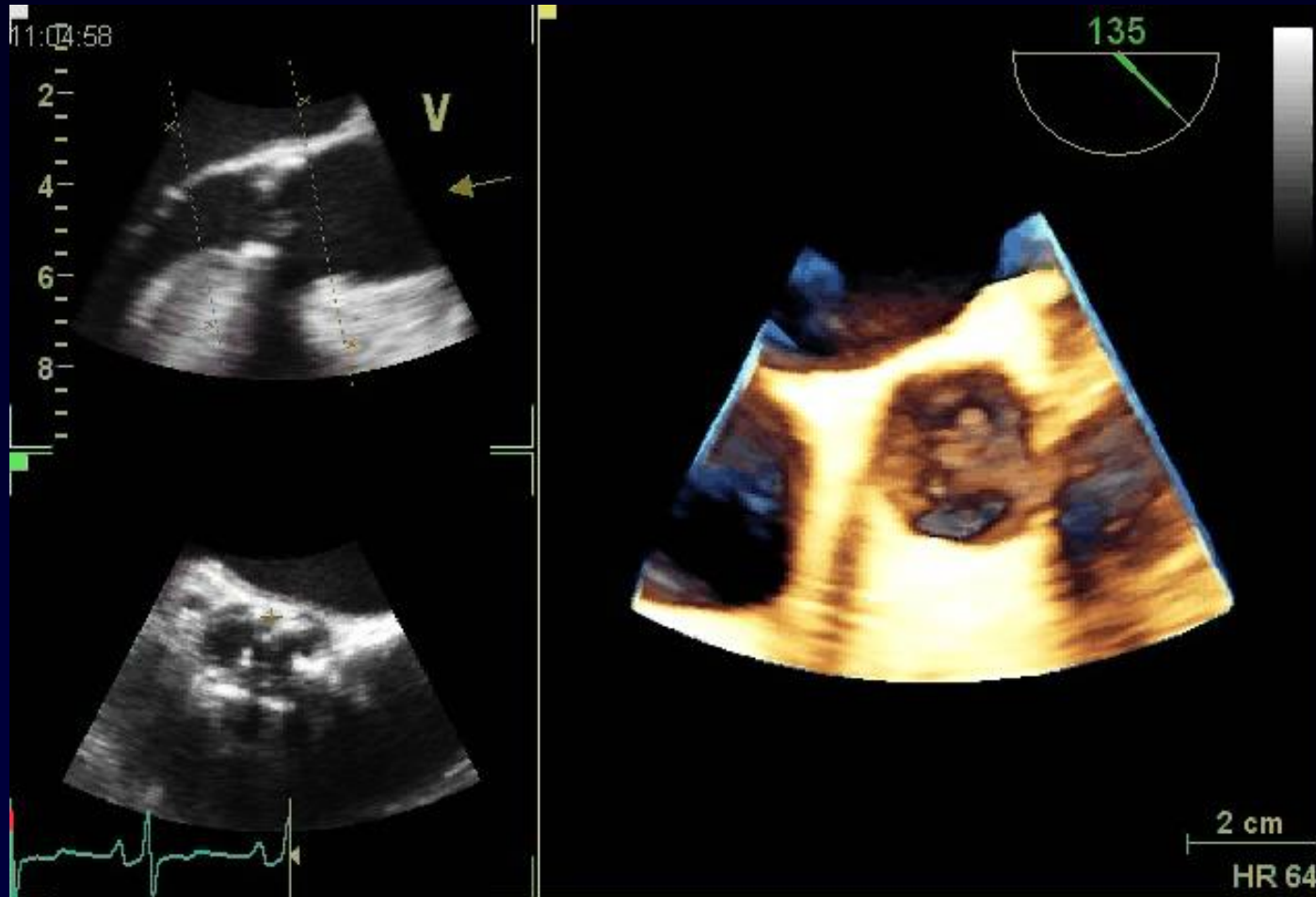
Heart 2011;97:1578–84.

3D Echocardiography (Philips)

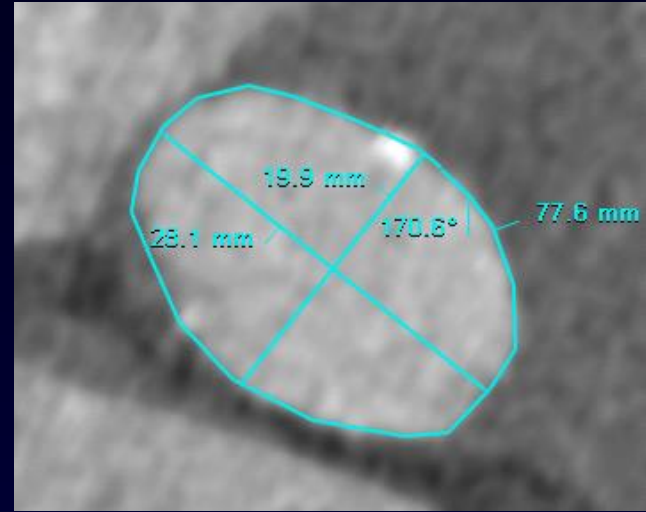


	3D TEE	CT
Perimeter		72.1 mm
Diameter	24.3 x 19.8	25.5 x 20.4
Area	4.06 cm ²	4.01 cm ²

3D Echocardiography (GE)

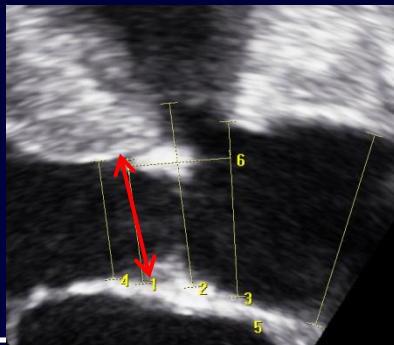


3D TEE vs. CT



Perimeter: 78 (24.8 π) mm
Area: 440 mm² (23.7 mm)

Perimeter: 77.6 (24.7 π) mm
Area: 443 mm² (23.8 mm)



Annulus	21 mm
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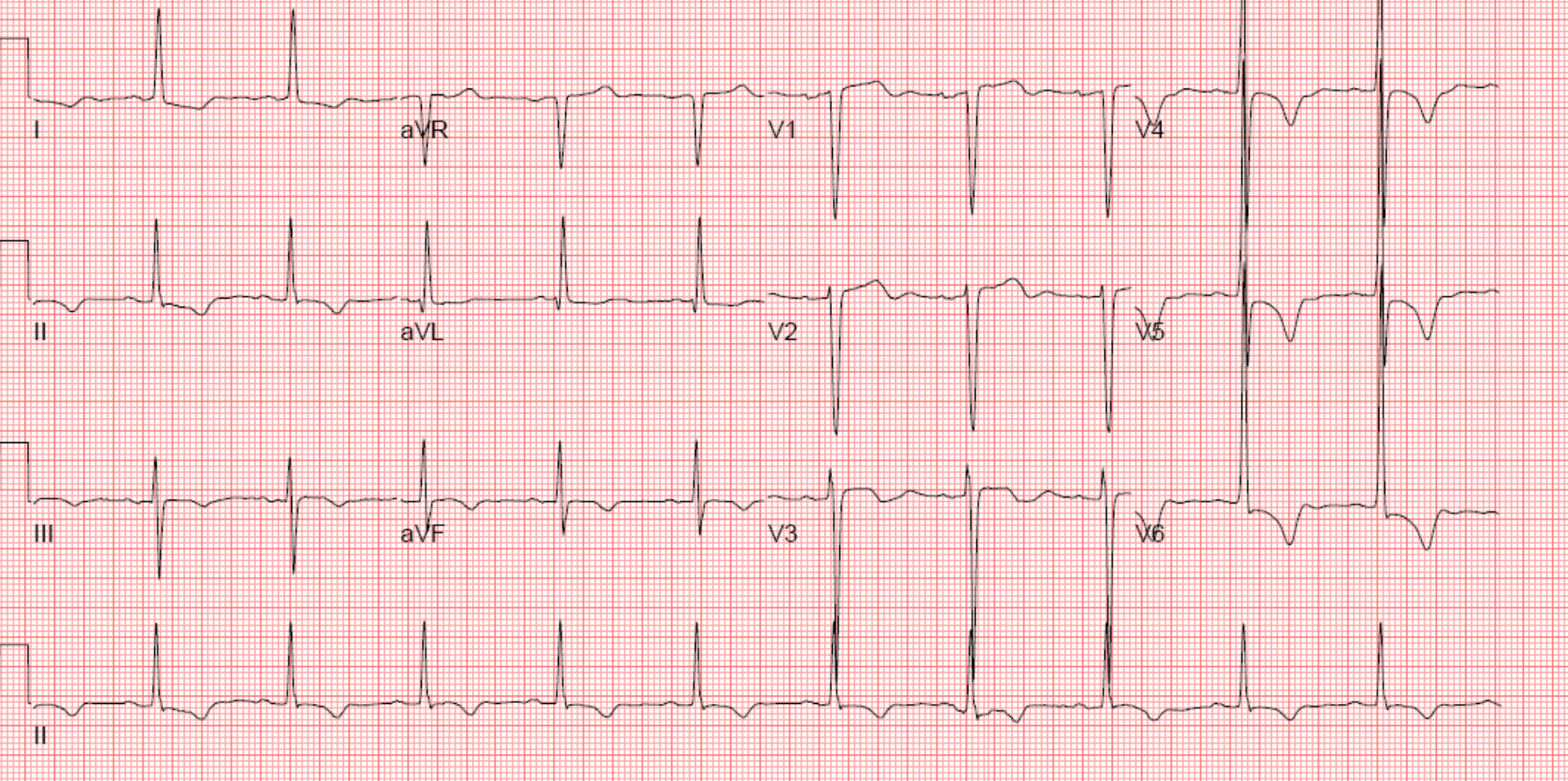
87 year old Female with Dyspnea

- C.C
 - ✓ Dyspnea for 10 days
 - ✓ Chest discomfort for 6 months
- History
 - ✓ Hypertension on medication
 - ✓ Chronic renal failure

EKG

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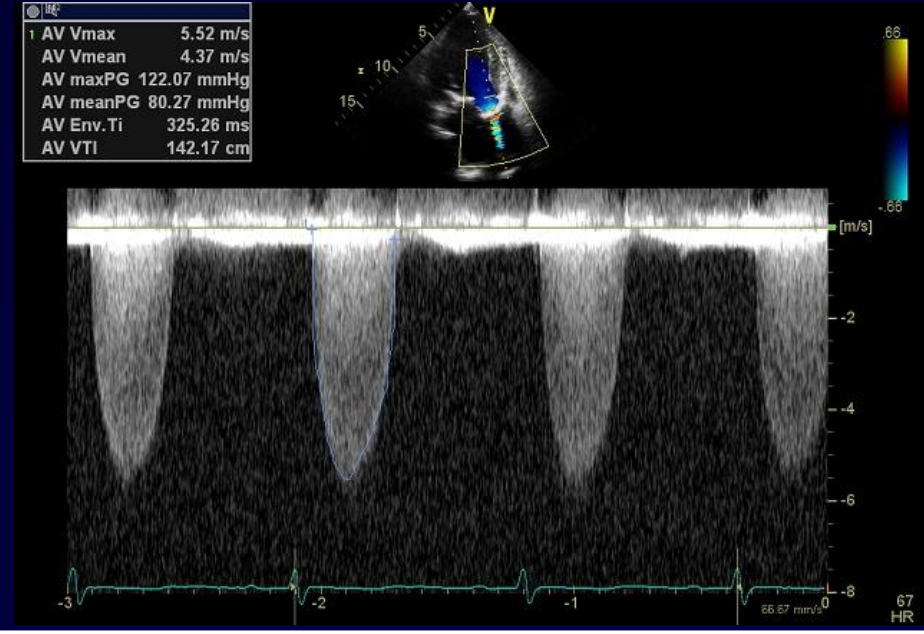
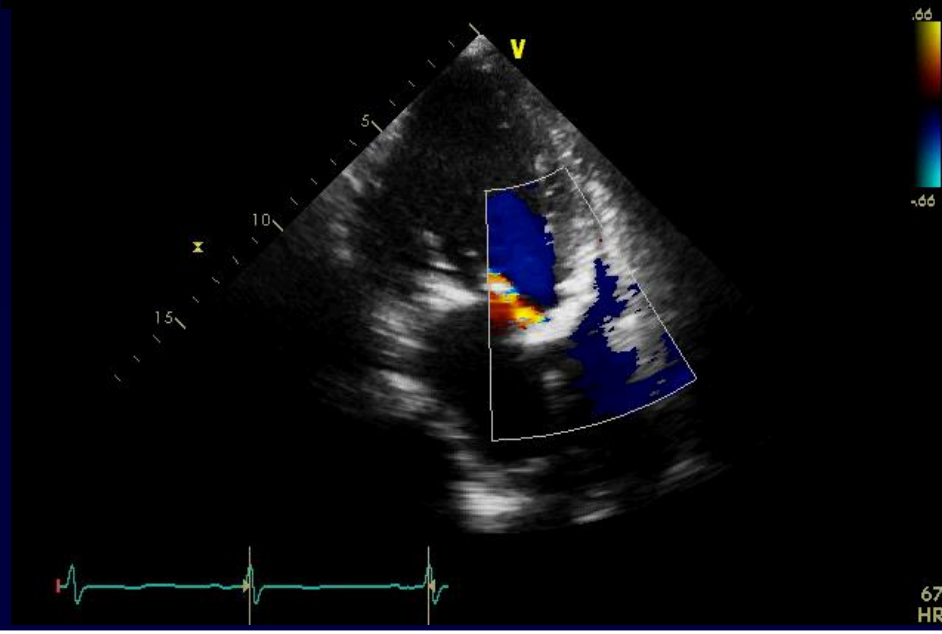
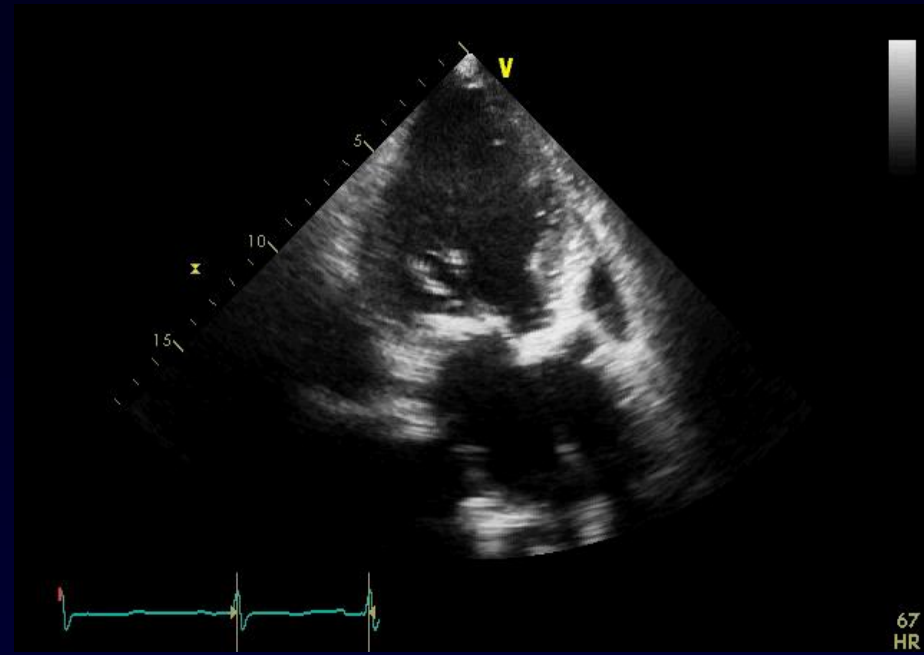
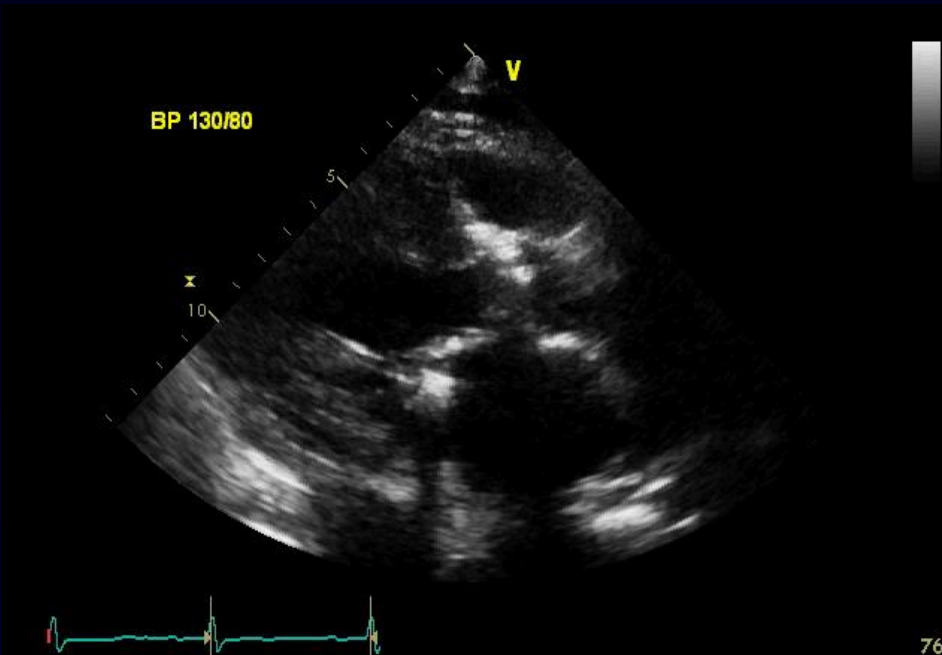


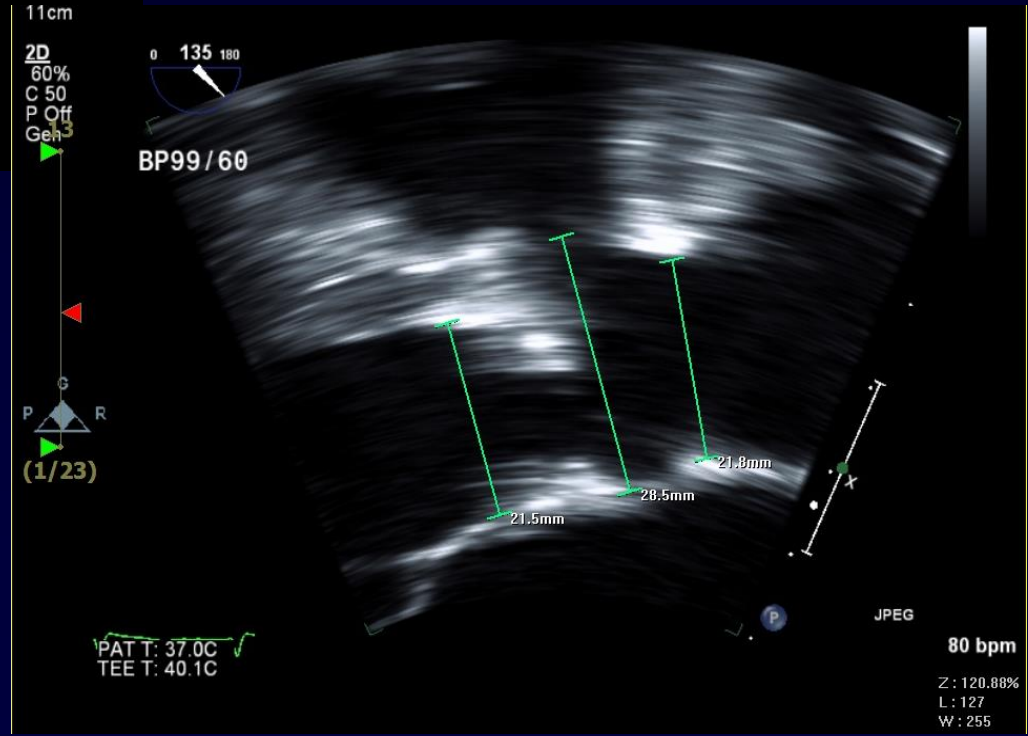
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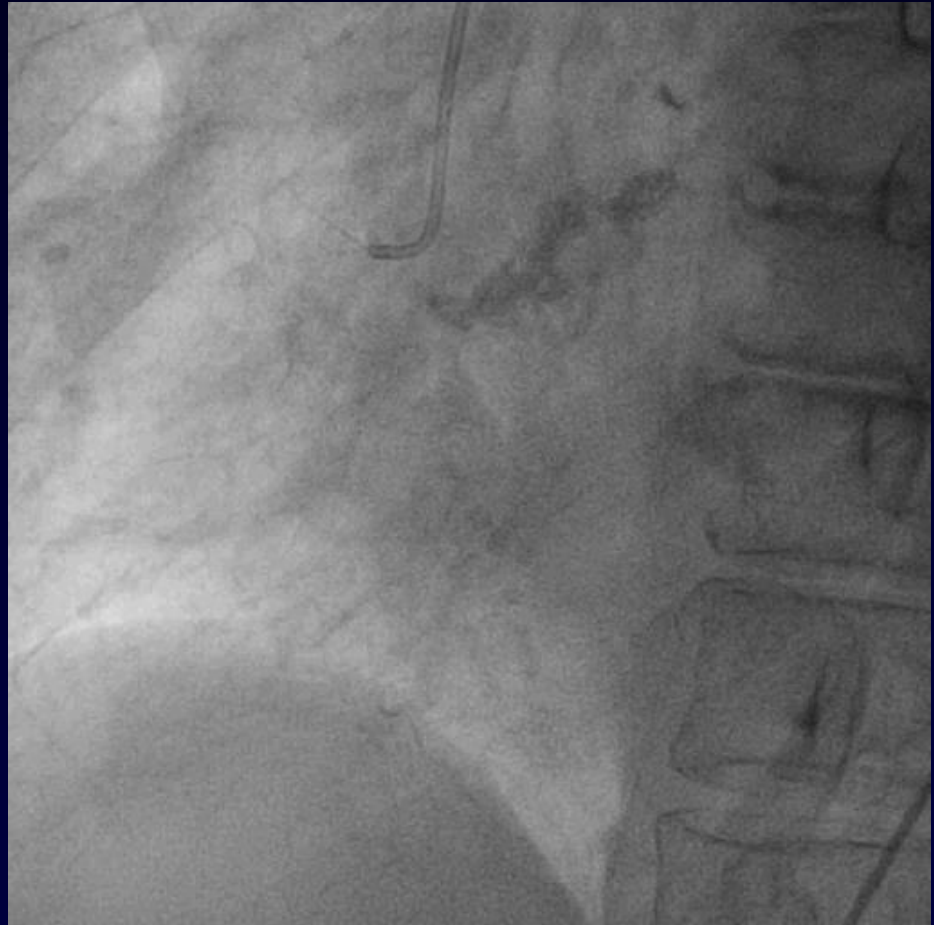
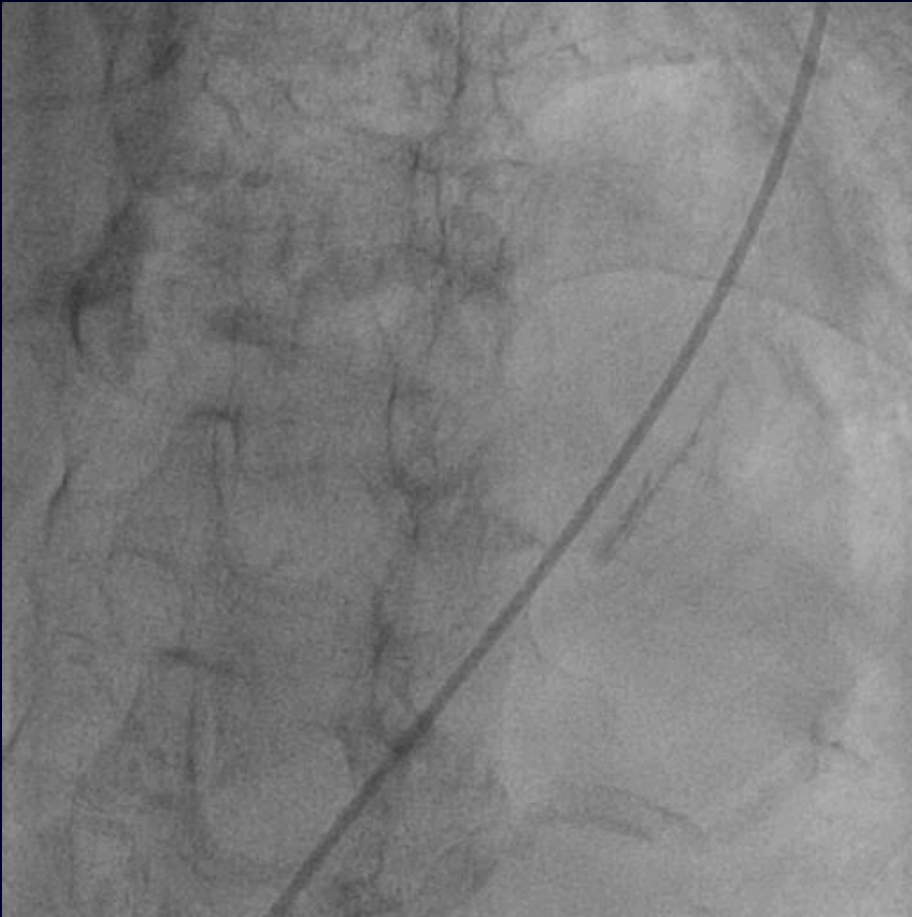
Lab

CBC (WBC-Hb-Plt)	5470 (54.6%)-10.8-135k
BUN/Creatinine	35.2/1.92
Glucose	111
Electrolyte (Na/K/Cl/tCO ₂)	137-4.0-99-26
OT/PT/T.bil	18-9-0.4
CK/CK-MB	44-3.0
NT-proBNP	20923
CRP	3.0

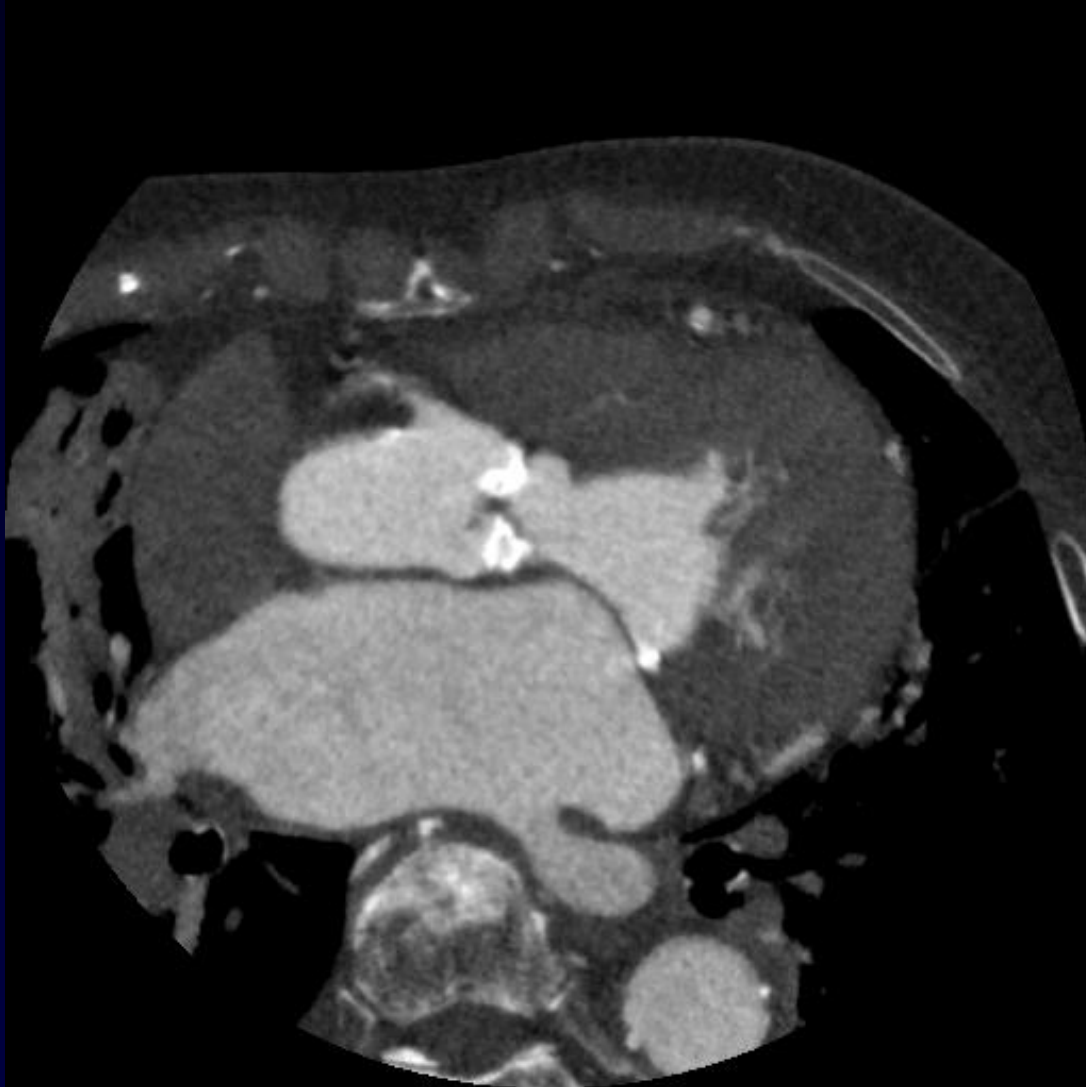




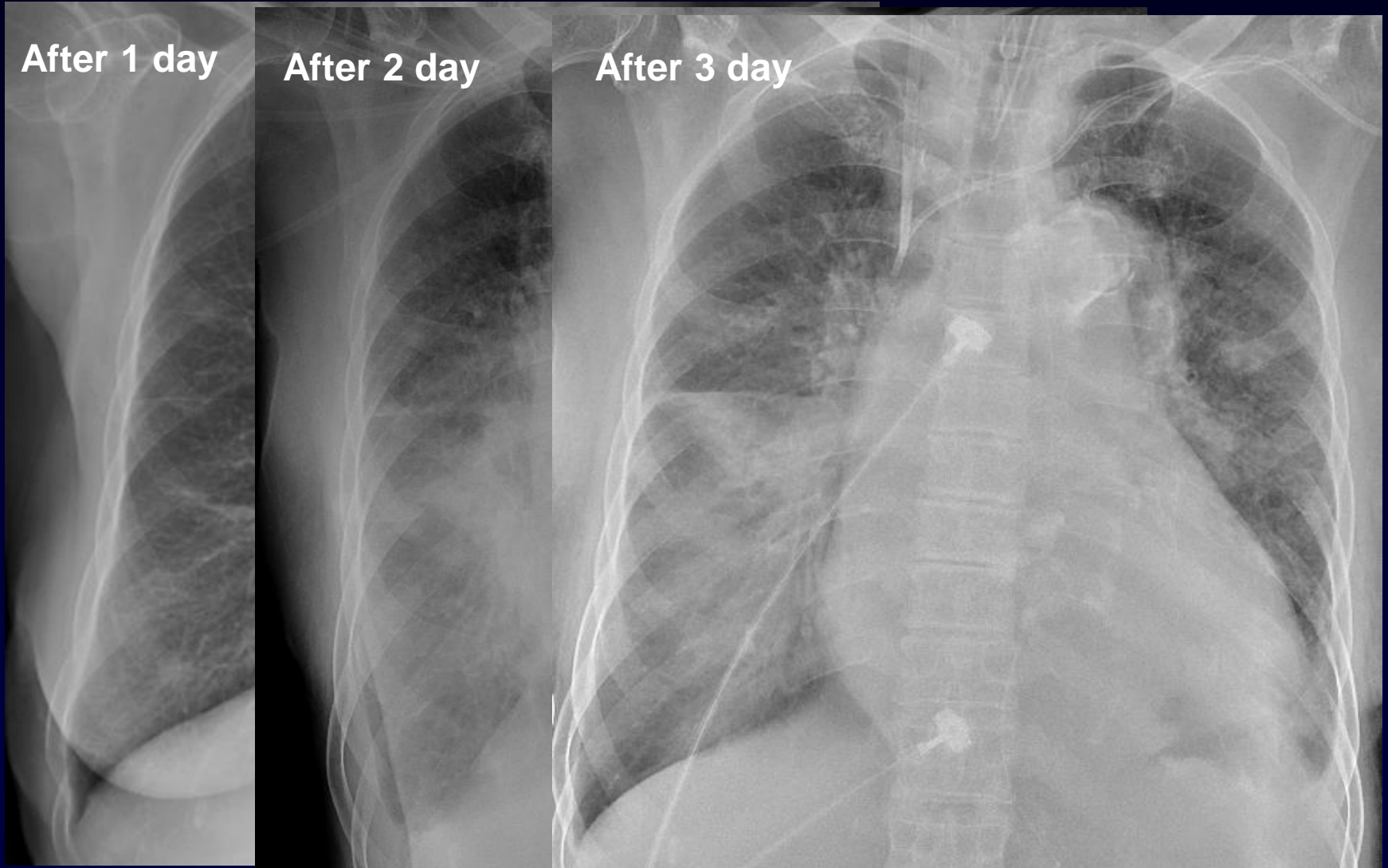
CAG



Cardiac CT for pre-procedure (TAVI) screening



After CT scan



Advantage of Echo

- **Inexpensive**
- **Safe**
- **Portable**
- **Repeat**
- **Hemodynamic information**
 - Do not require offline analysis

Pitfalls of Echocardiography

- **Image quality**
 - Good vs poor
- **Subjective**
- **Machine factor**
- **Operator dependent**
 - Expert vs beginner



Patient Selection Matrix

Anatomy	NON-INVASIVE		ANGIOGRAPHY				SELECTION CRITERIA		
	Echo	CT / MRI	LV	AO	Coro	AO & Runoffs	Preferred	Borderline	Not Acceptable
Atrial or Ventricular Thrombus	X						Not Present		Present
Mitral Regurgitation	X						≤ Grade 1	Grade 2	> Grade 2
LV Ejection Fraction	X		X				> 50%	30% to 50%	< 20% (w/o cardiac support)
LV Hypertrophy (wall thickness)	X						Normal to Mild (0.6 to 1.3 cm)	Moderate (1.4 to 1.6cm)	Severe (≥ 1.7 cm)
Sub-Aortic Stenosis	X	X					Not Present		Present
Annulus width [A]	X	X					20 to 23mm → 26mm device 23 to 27mm → 29mm device		< 20mm or > 27mm
AO Root width [B]		X	X	X			≥ 27mm → 26mm device ≥ 28mm → 29mm device		< 27mm
Coronary Ostia [D] (from native leaflet)						X	≥ 14mm	13mm w/ mod. Ca ²⁺ 10 to 13mm w/o Ca ²⁺	< 14mm w/ severe Ca ²⁺ < 13mm w/ mod. Ca ²⁺ < 10mm w/o Ca ²⁺
Coronary Disease						X	None	Mid or Distal Stenosis < 70%	Proximal Stenosis ≥ 70%
Annulus-to-Aorta (angle) †		X	X	X			< 45°	45° to 70°	> 70°
Ascending AO width [C]	X	X	X	X			≤ 40mm → 26mm device ≤ 43mm → 29mm device		> 43mm
AO Arch Angulation		X		X		X	Large-Radius Turn		High Angulation or Sharp Bend
Aorta & Runoff Vessels (Disease) ‡		X				X	None	Mild	Moderate to Severe
Iliac & Femoral Vessels (diameter)		X				X	≥ 7mm	Non-Diabetic Non-Dialyzed ≥ 6mm	< 6mm

† Width the first 7cm of the ascending aorta minus a perpendicular line across the aortic valve
‡ Excludes for evidence and degree of calcification, obstruction, tortuosity, and dilatation

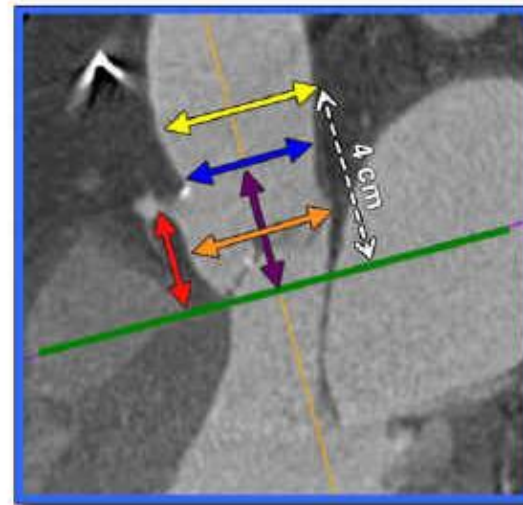
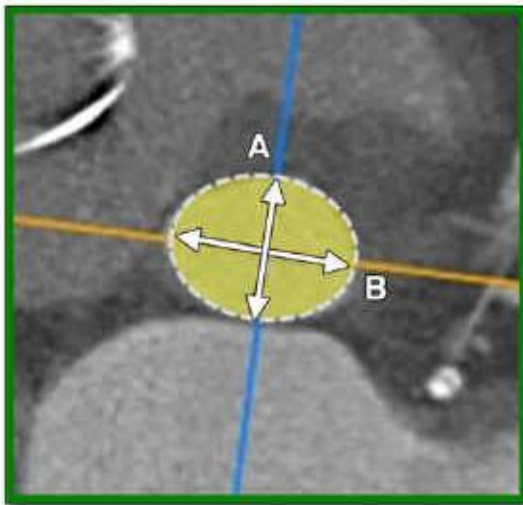
Conclusion

- Cardiac imaging has an essential role in the planning and provision of TAVI
- Echocardiography allows appropriate case selection, correct choice of prosthetic size and type, guides successful implantation, and facilitates the treatment of complications
- The imaging specialist must possess procedural knowledge, and precision in quantification, and communication in order to be part of a team that delivers good outcomes

***Thank you for your
attention***



Aortic Annular Measurement



Hinge Point Plane


$$\frac{A + B}{2} = \text{Mean Diameter}$$





= Area





= Perimeter

 = Sinus Width

 = Diameter of the Sinotubular Junction

 = AsAo Width in 4 cm Distance from Annulus

 = Sinus Height

 = Distance to Coronaries