

My most challenging case

**A calcified very tortuous and
and very horizontal Aorta**

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Clinical Presentation

- 90 years old female
- Severe symptomatic aortic stenosis
- Moderate mitral regurgitation
- Pulmonary Hypertension
- Arterial Hypertension
- Chronic AF on NOAC (Apixaban)
- Status post right colectomy 40 years ago (Inflammatory bowel disease)
- Colonic diverticulites (recent low gastrointestinal bleeding)
- Meds: Furosemida, Omeprazol, Apixabano 2,5, Trazodona, ACE inhibitor

Diagnostic tests

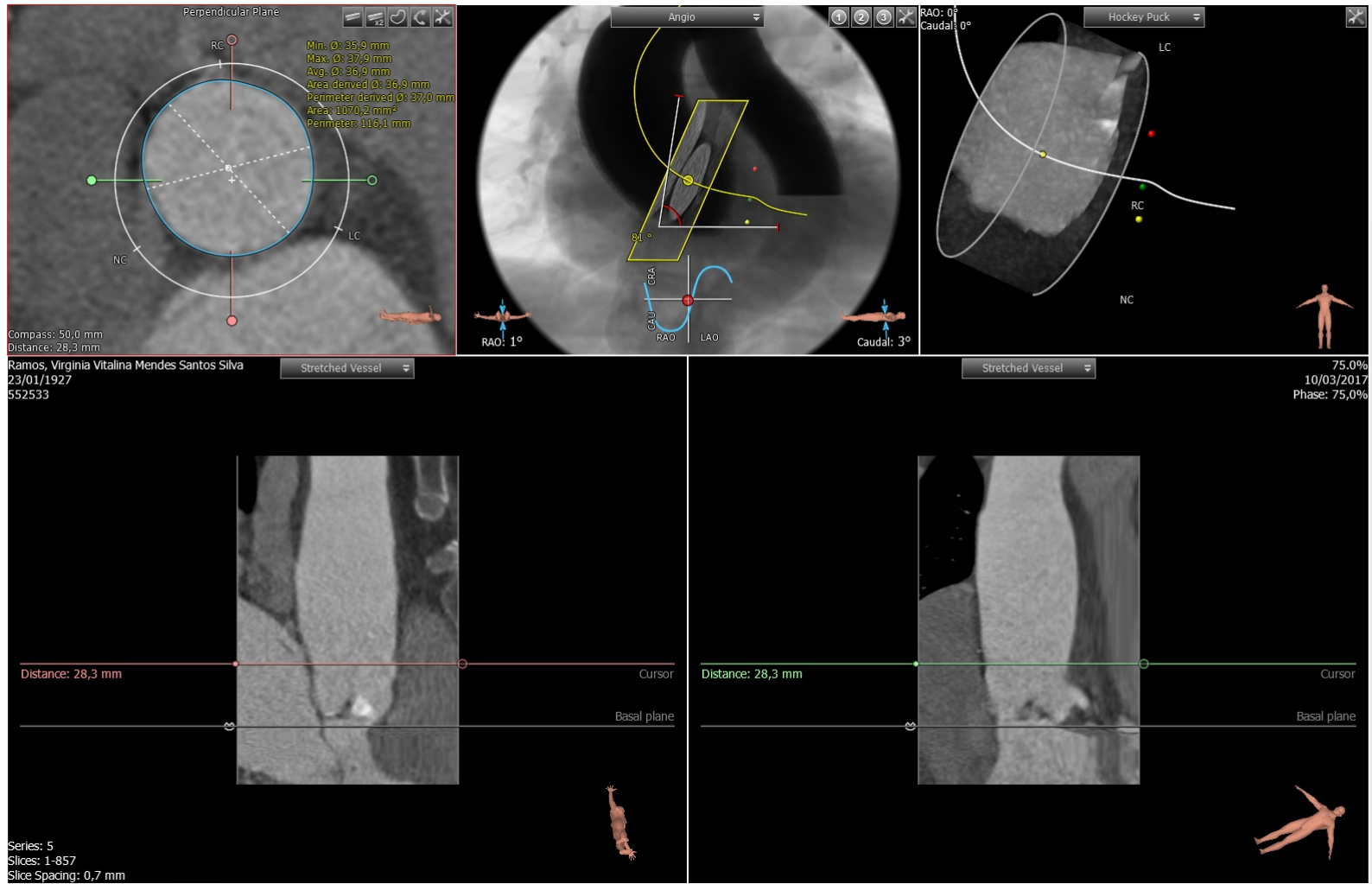
- Hb 15,5 gr
- INR 1,04
- PTT 33 sec
- Creatinine 0,74
- Normal ionogram
- NT-proBNP 1022 (<300 pg/ml)
- Normal CRP
- Normal thyroid function

- ECG:
- A fib; LBBB

Diagnostic tests

- **Echocardiogram:**
 - Aortic gradient 88/58 mmHg; AVA 0,37 cm²/m²;
 - LV slightly dilated; Normal function (LVEF >55%);
 - Enlargement of both atria;
 - Calcified mitral valve; anterior leaflet prolapse ; moderate eccentric mitral insufficiency;
 - Normal right ventricular dimension and function (TAPSE- 19 mm);
 - Pulmonary hypertension - PAP: 47 mmHg
- **Coronary angiogram:**
 - Normal coronary arteries
- **Other**
 - Normal respiratory functional tests
 - No significant carotid disease

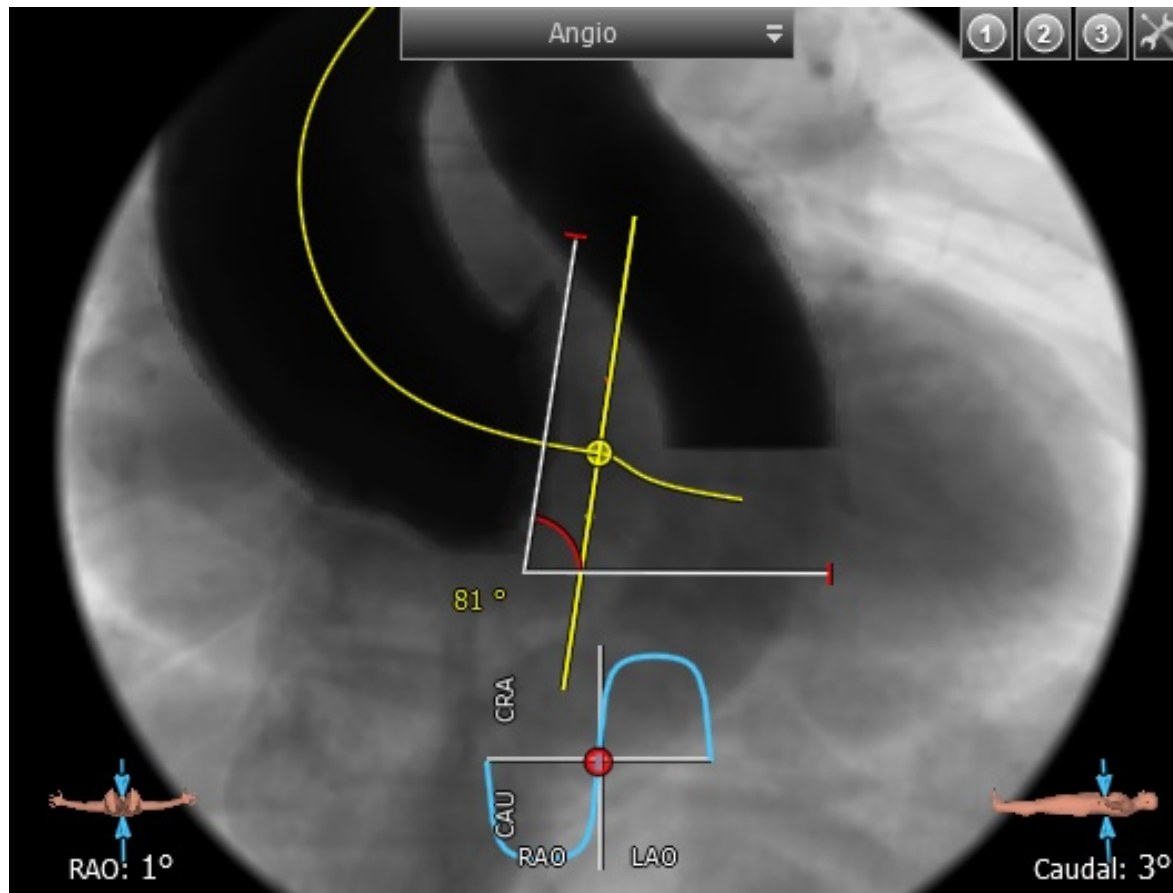
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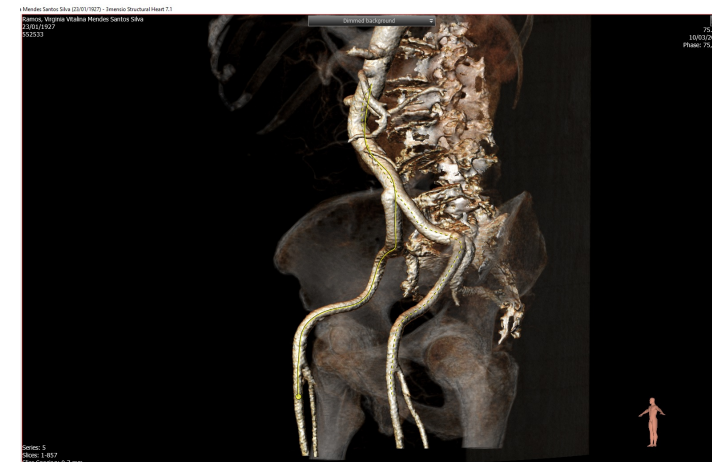
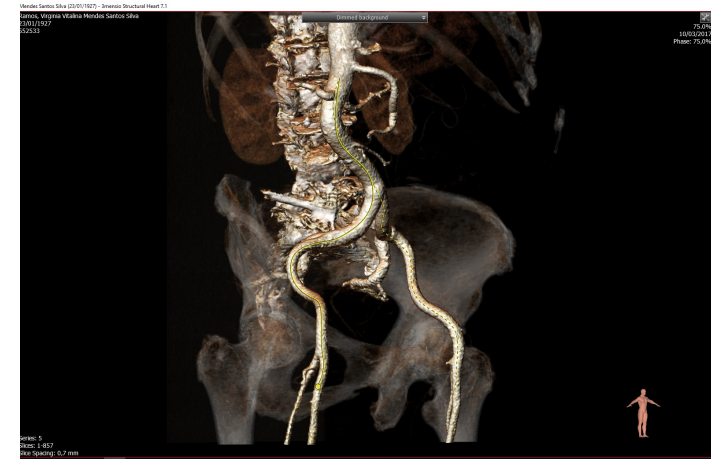
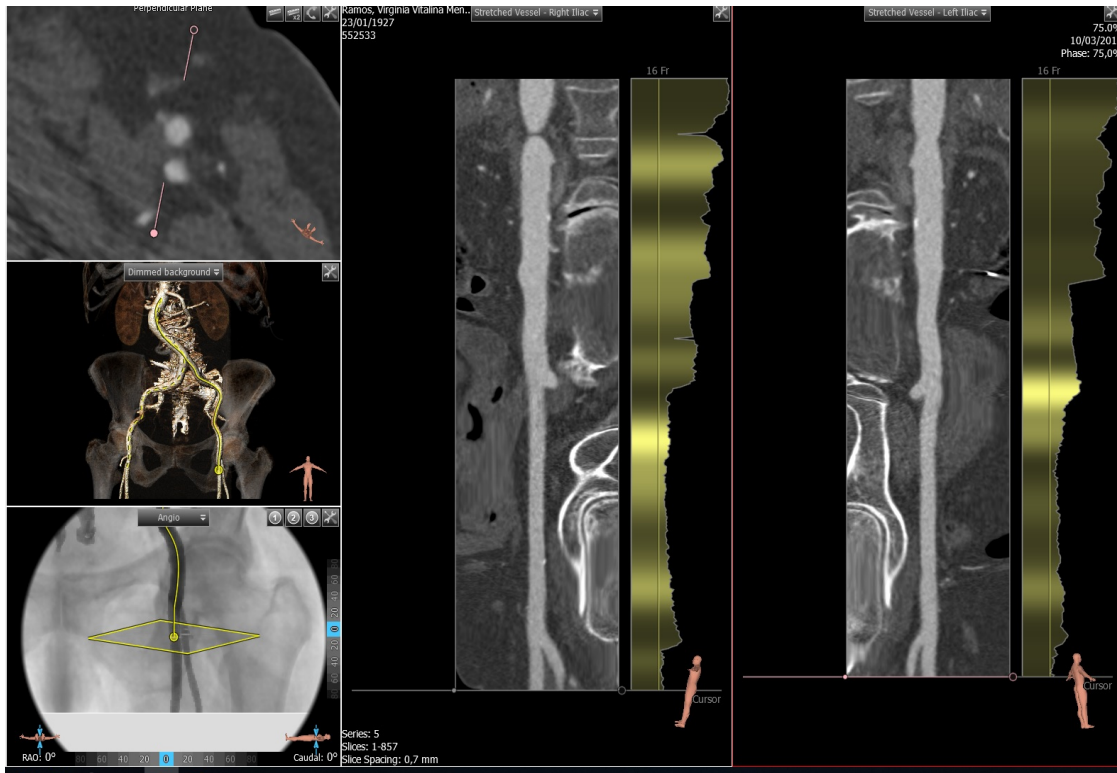
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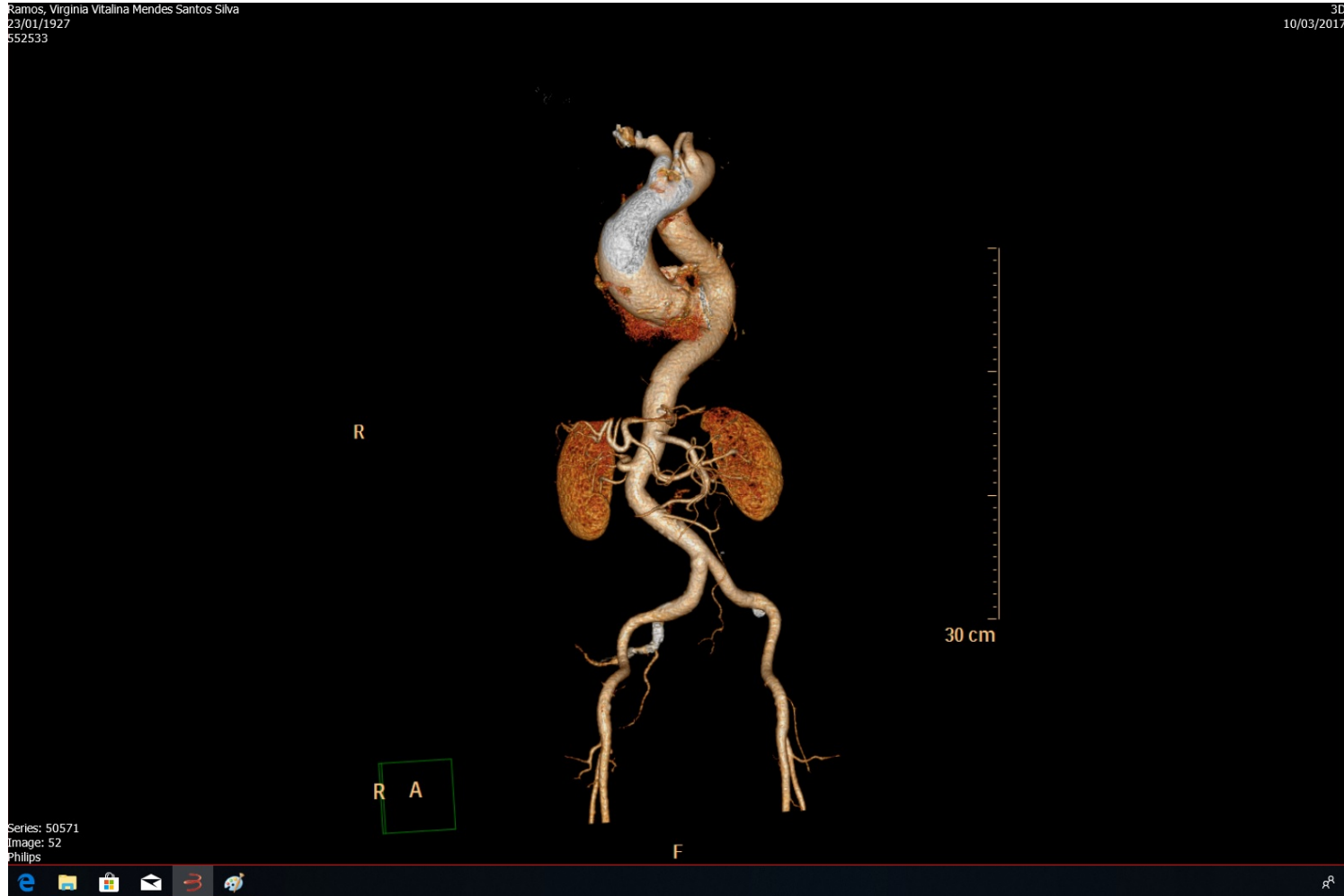
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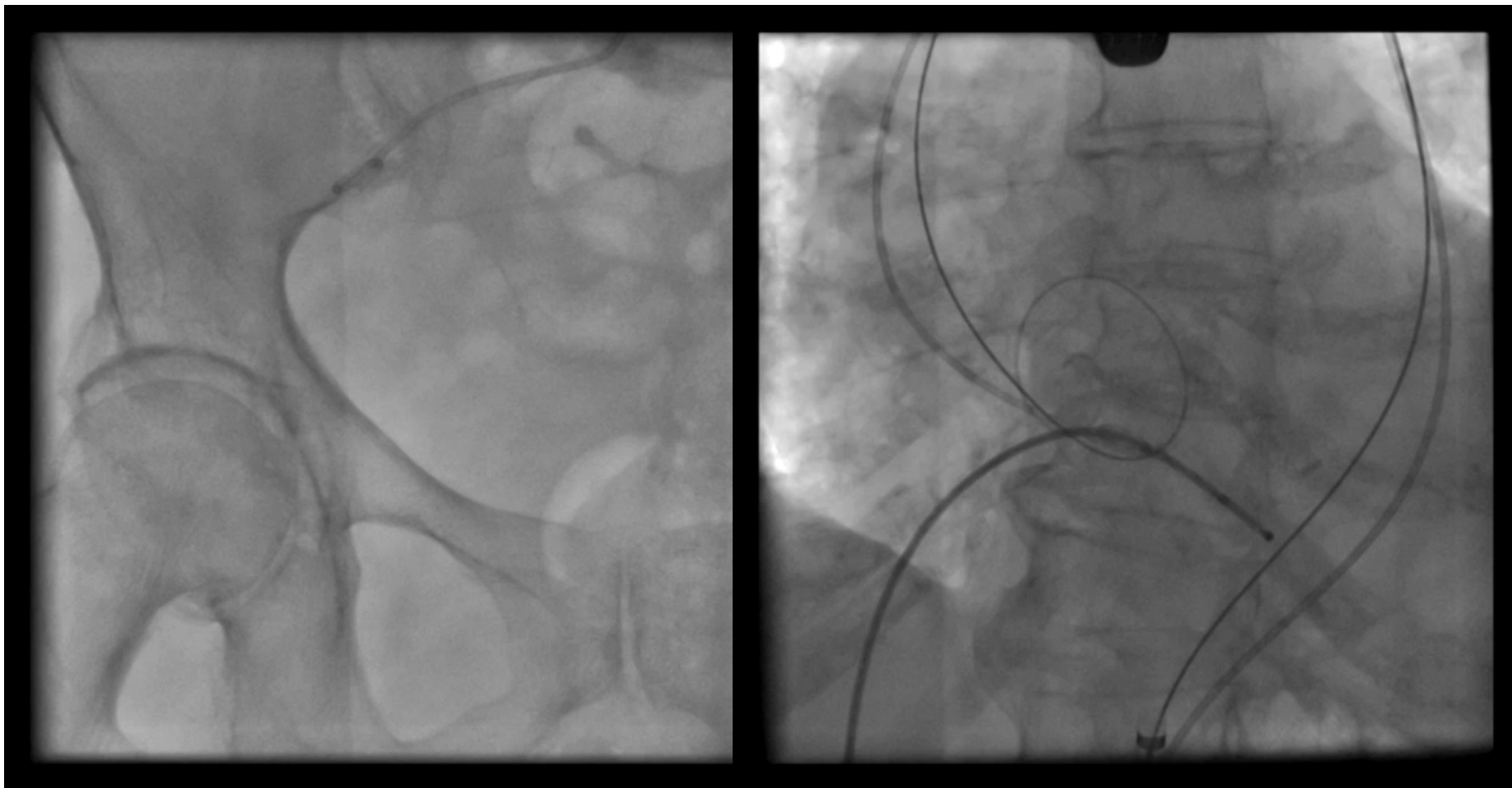
- Very tortuous aorta and femoral arteries

TAVI Intervention

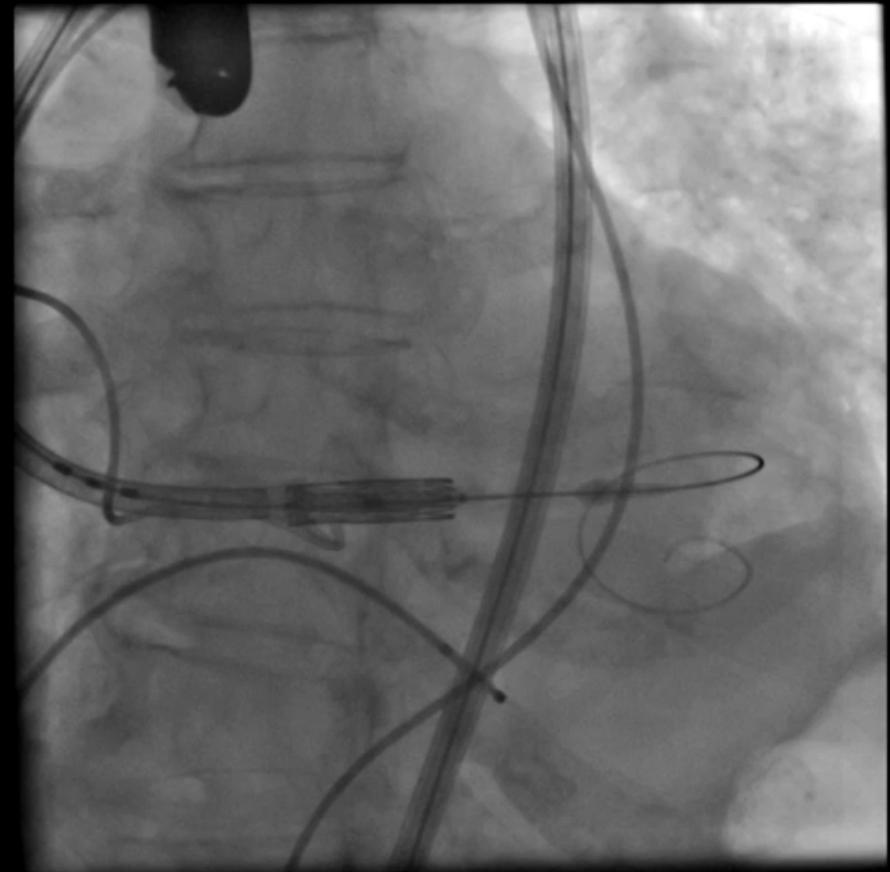
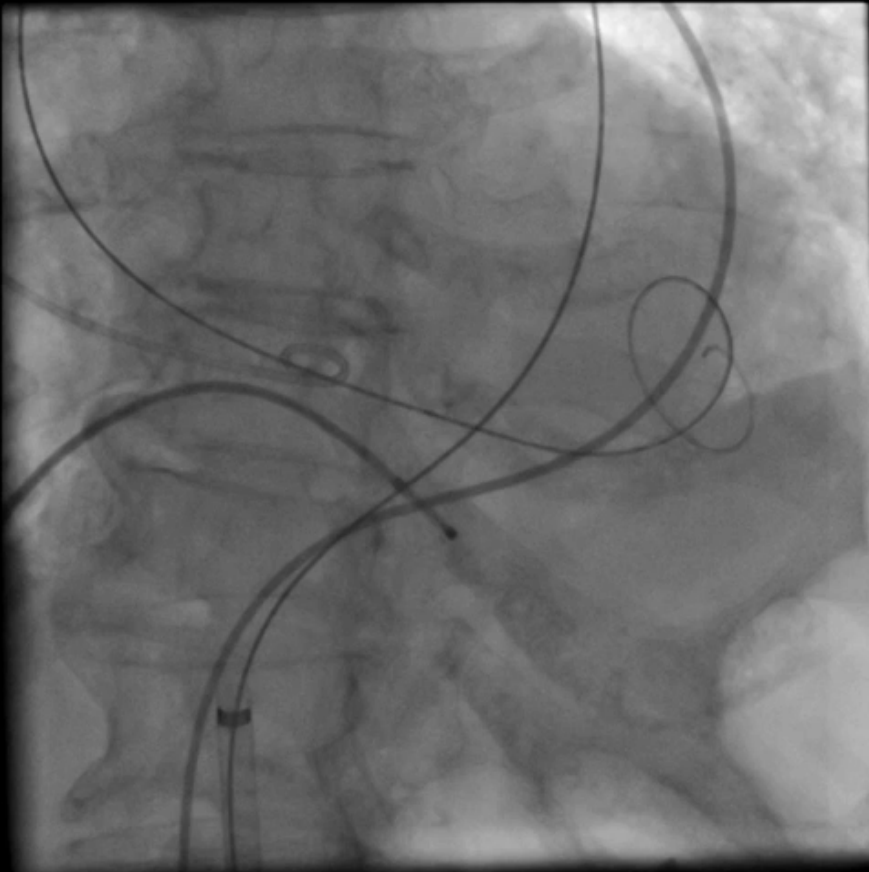


- Decided to Implant a 26 Edwards Sapien 3
- Trans-femoral (right femoral artery; 2 Perclose Proglide)
- General anesthesia (according to anesthesiologist decision)
- TEE (general anesthesia)
- Temporary pacing lead in right ventricle

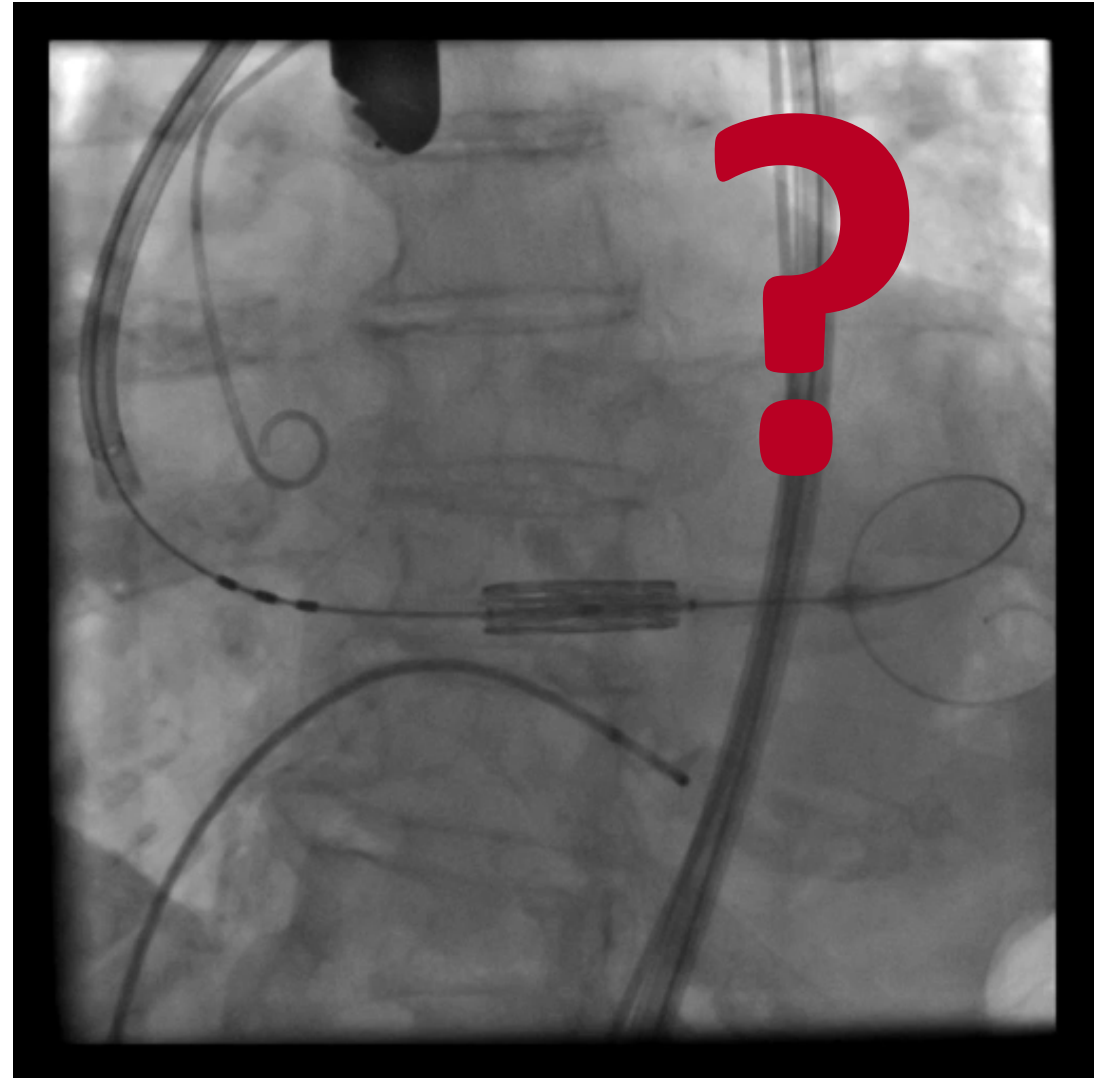
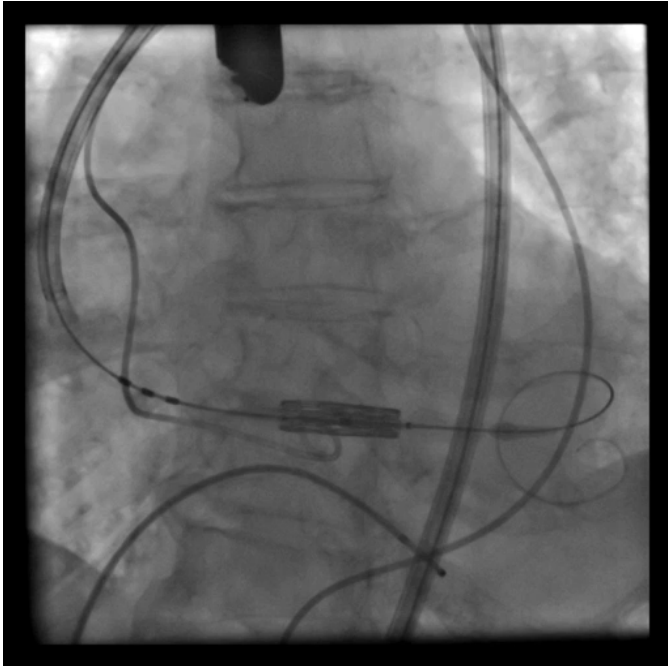
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TAVI implantation



TAVI Implantation

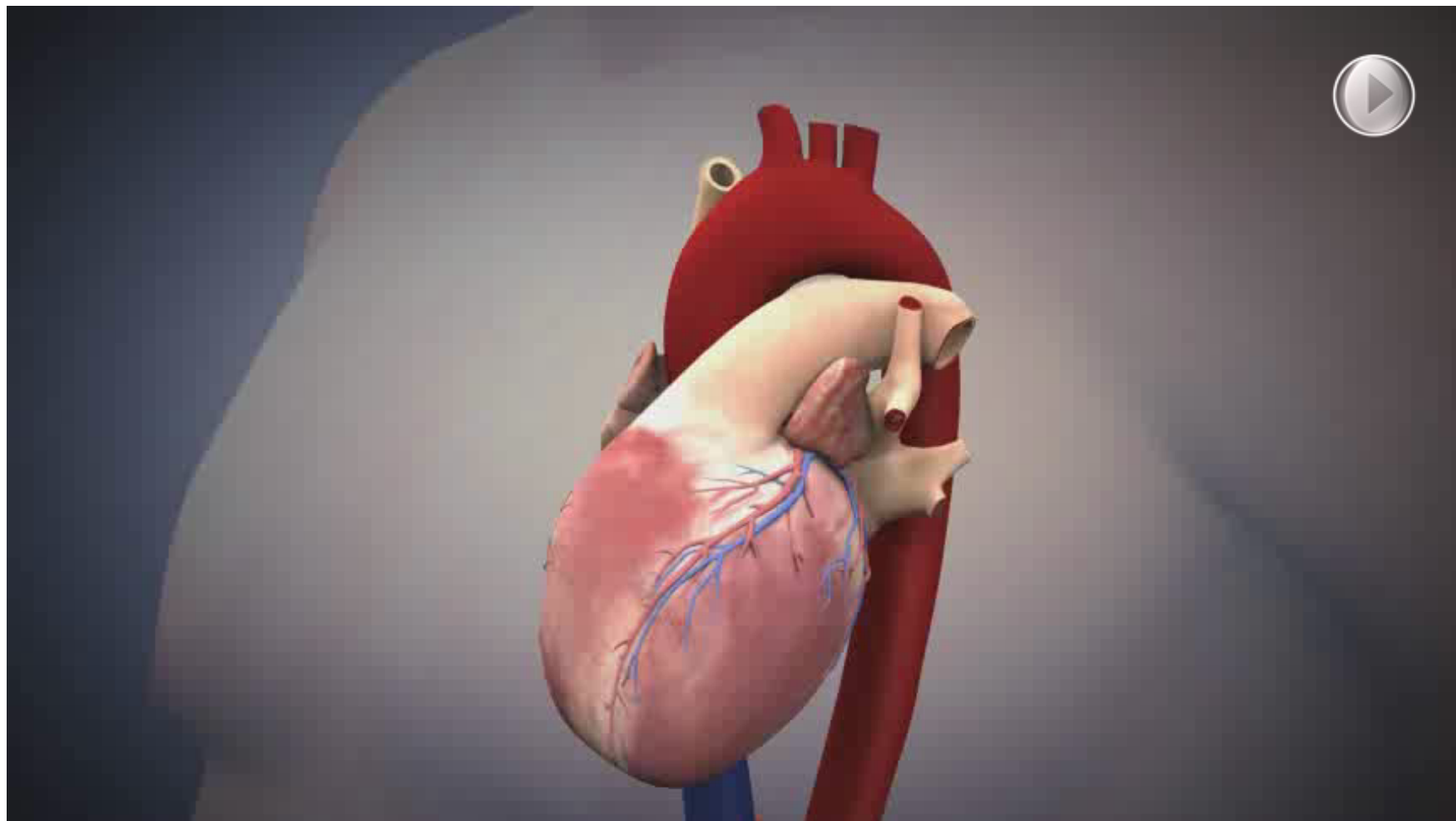


- Pacing ON
- Balloon, Balloon,
- **Balloon, Balloon**

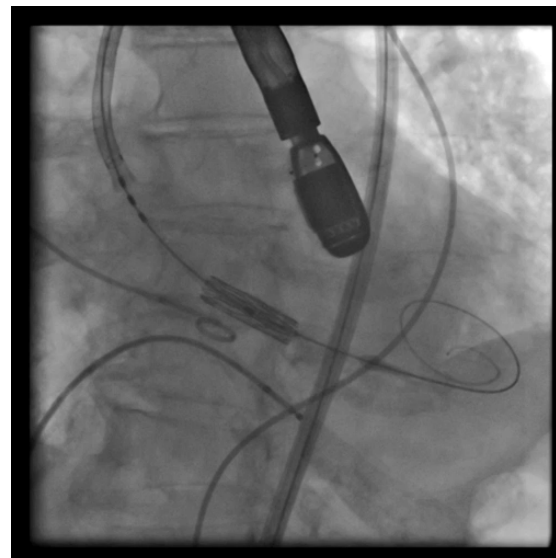
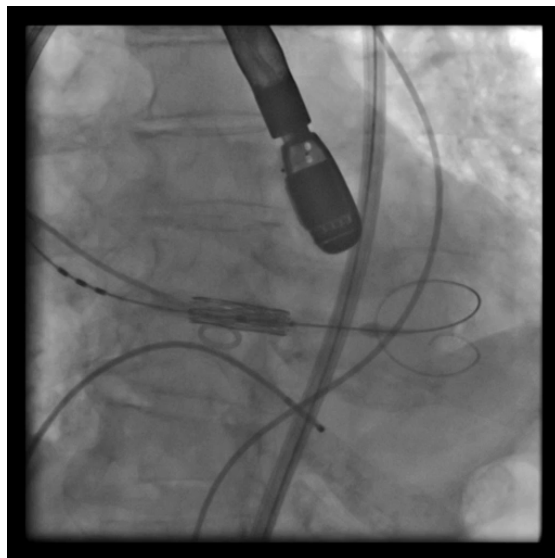
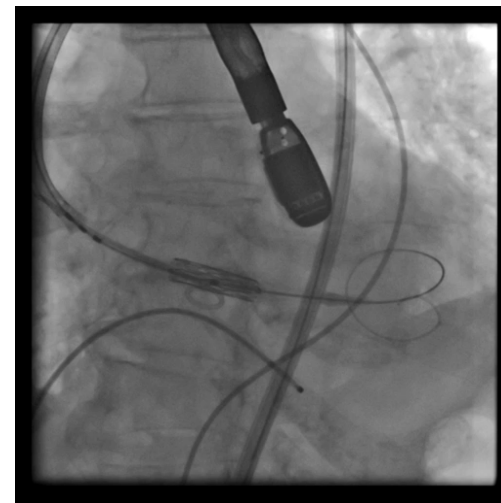
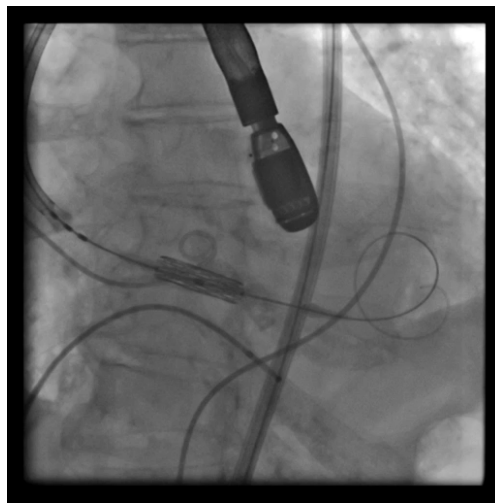
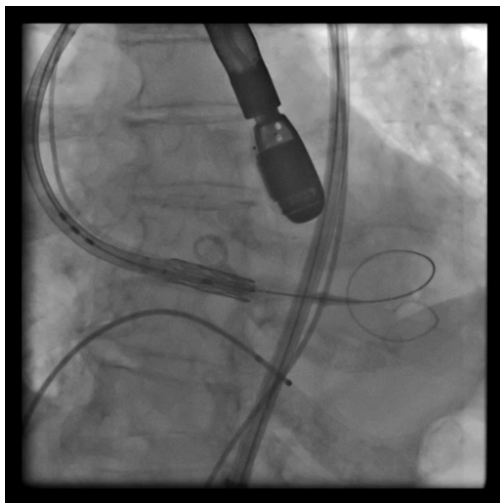
Balloon rupture

- Ruptured balloon
- Redraw the entire system
- Keep the Safari wire in the left ventricle
- New sheath
- New delivery catheter
- New valve

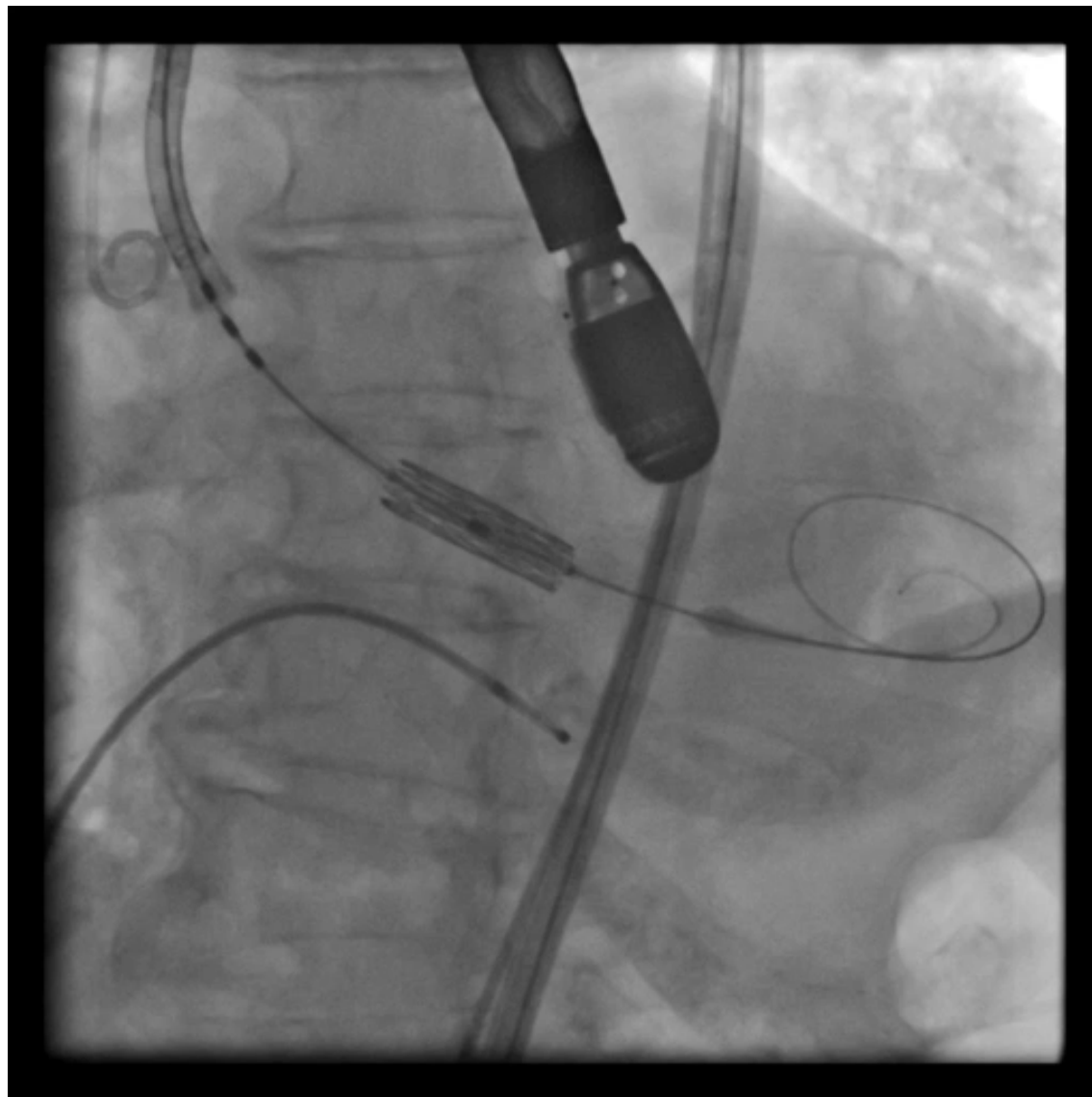
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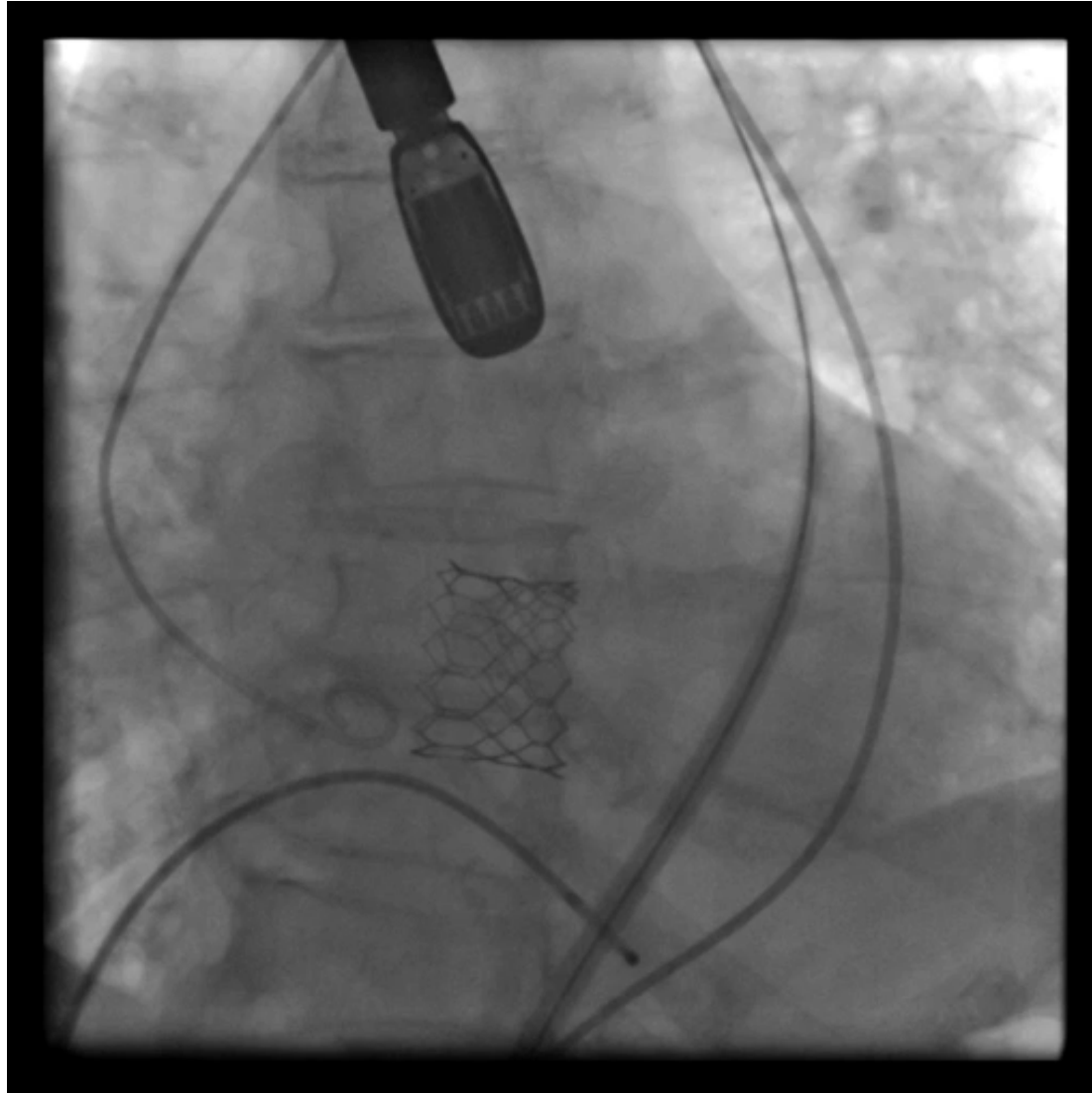
TAVI Implantation



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FINAL RESULT



FINAL RESULT II



- FINAL TEE
- Gradient 12/7 mmHg
- Normal LV
- No pericardial effusion
- Pre-discharge Echocardiogram
- Gradient 22/12 mmHg
- Mild paravalvular regurgitation
- Hb 15,5 to 11,5 gr/dl.
- Creat 1,3
- No need for pacing
- Discharge at day 4

Thank you