

Reconstruction of the Aortic Valve and Root: A Practical Approach
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Aortic Valve Repair: The Brussels Approach

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AV repair program in Brussels

- 1994

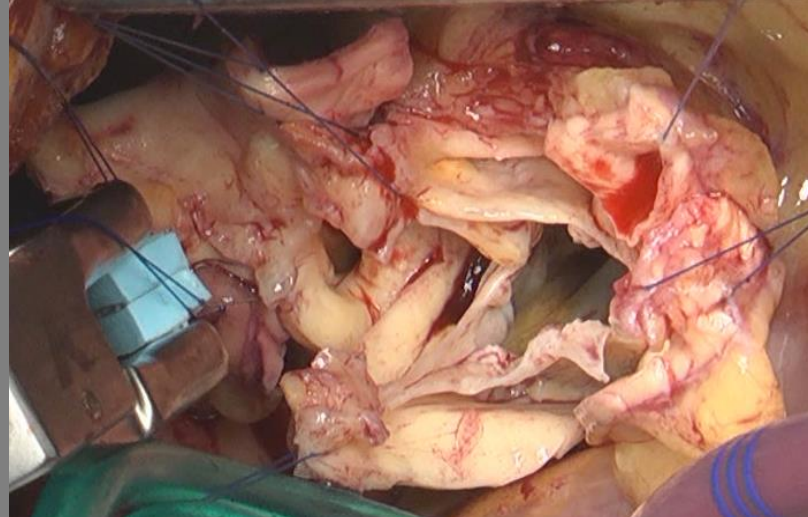
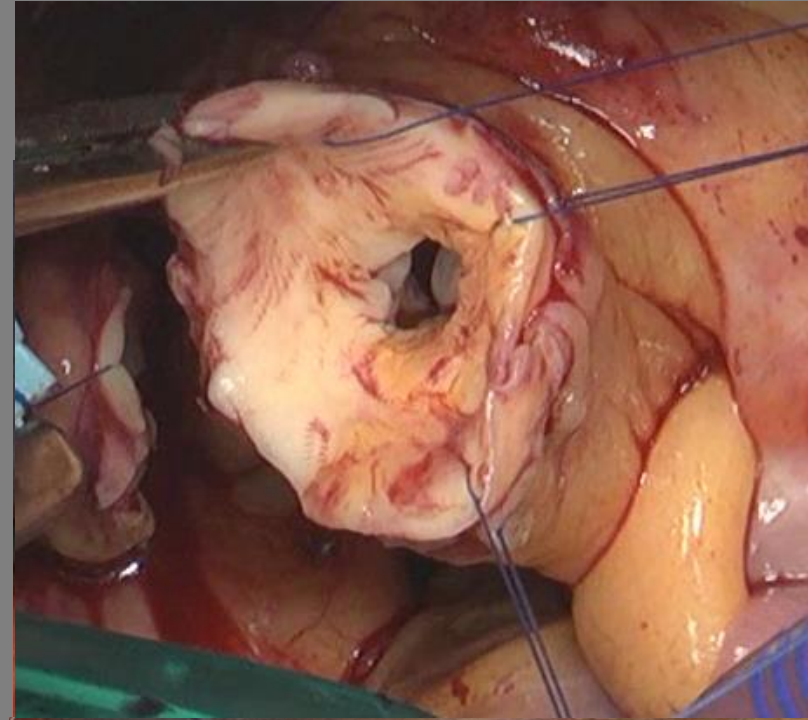


- 1996 – 2016: **850 Aortic valve repair/sparing**

Pathologies amenable to AV repair

Congenital

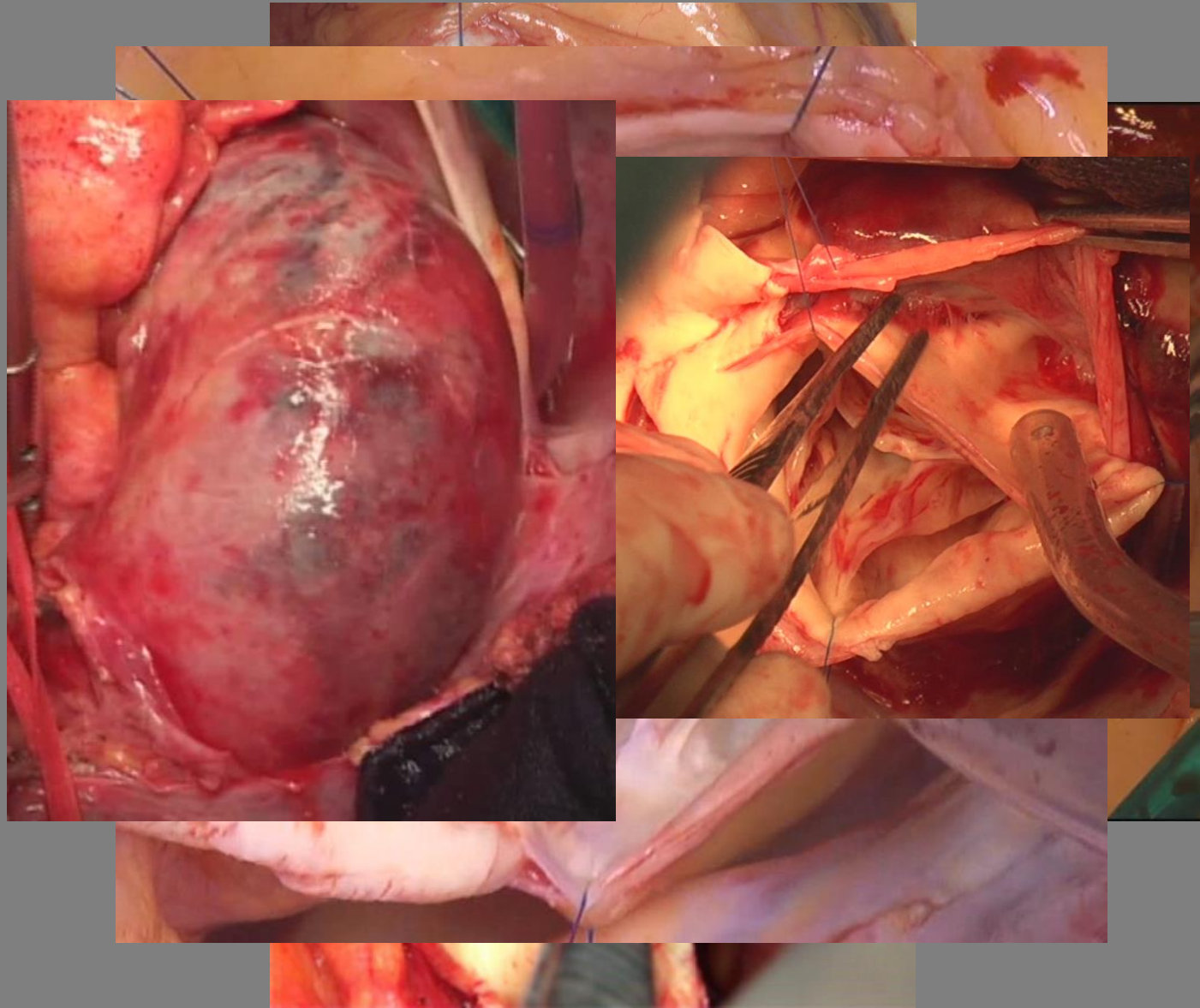
- Bicuspid
- Connective tissue disorders (Marfan, Loeys-Dietz, Ehler-Danlos, Familial Aneurysmal disease, ...)
- Unicuspid
- Quadricuspid
- Supra-aortic stenosis



Pathologies amenable to AV repair

Acquired

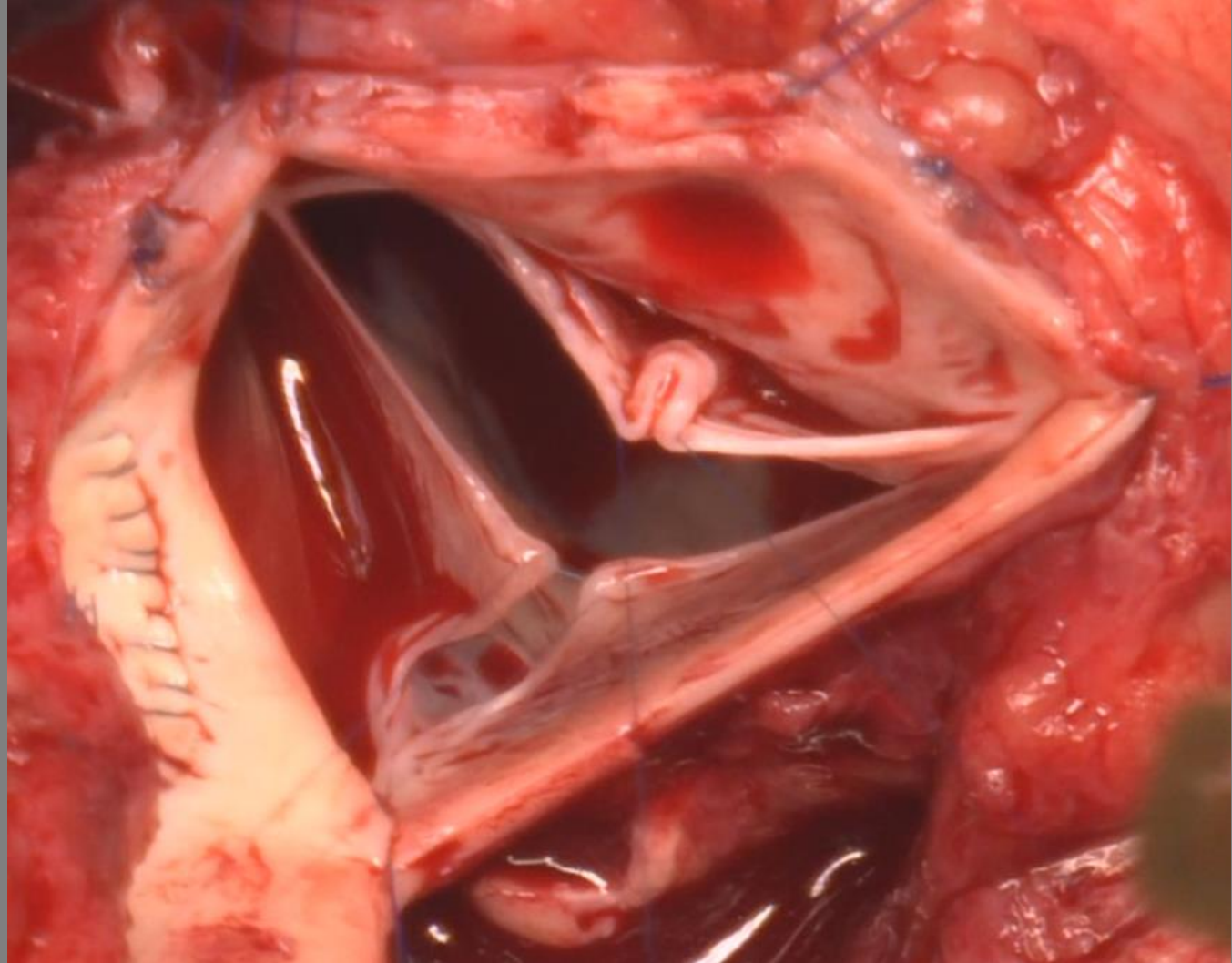
- Degenerative cusp
- Degenerative aortic aneurysm
(Atherosclerosis)
- Traumatic
- Infectious
- Acute aortic dissection



Pathologies amenable to AV repair

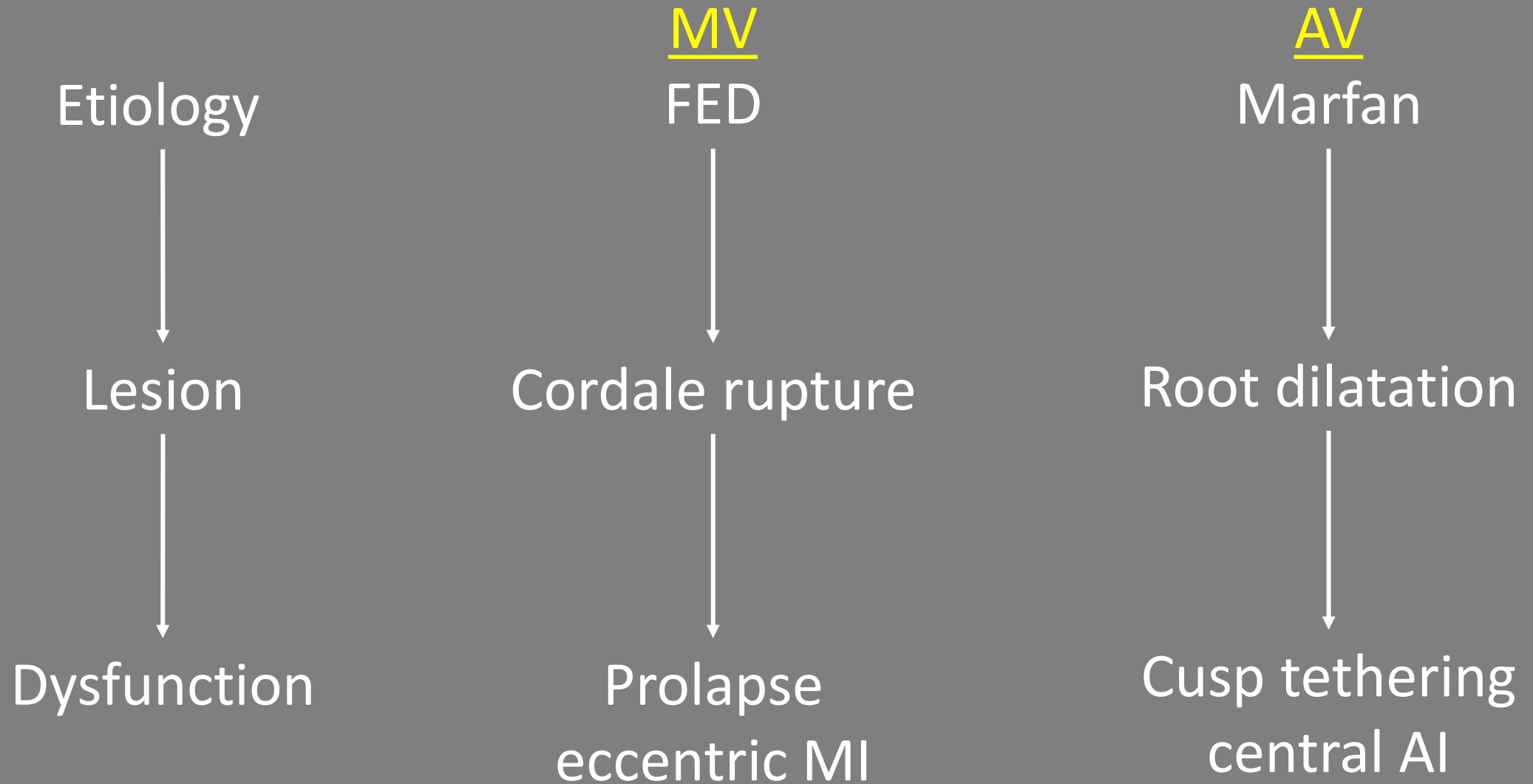
Redo

- Ross repair
- Re-repair



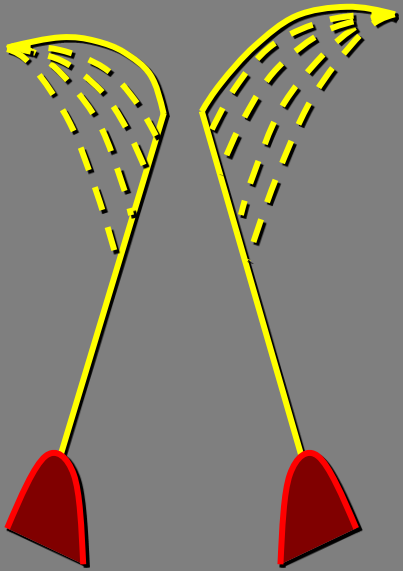
Functional classification of AI

Lesson from the mitral valve



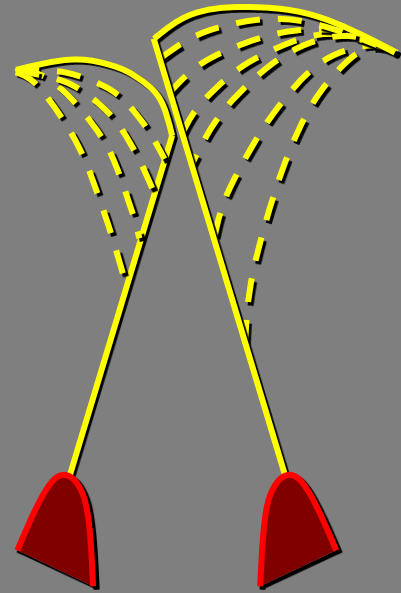
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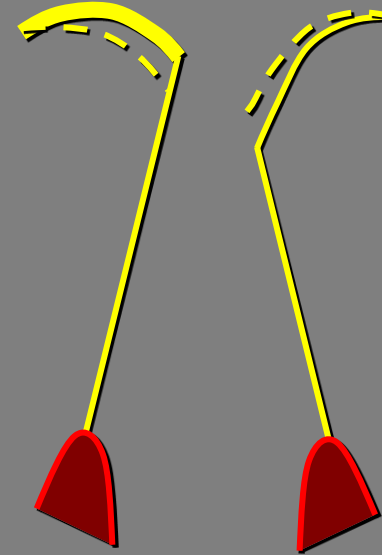
Type I

Annulus dilatation



Type II

Leaflet prolapse



Type III a,b

Leaflet restrictive motion

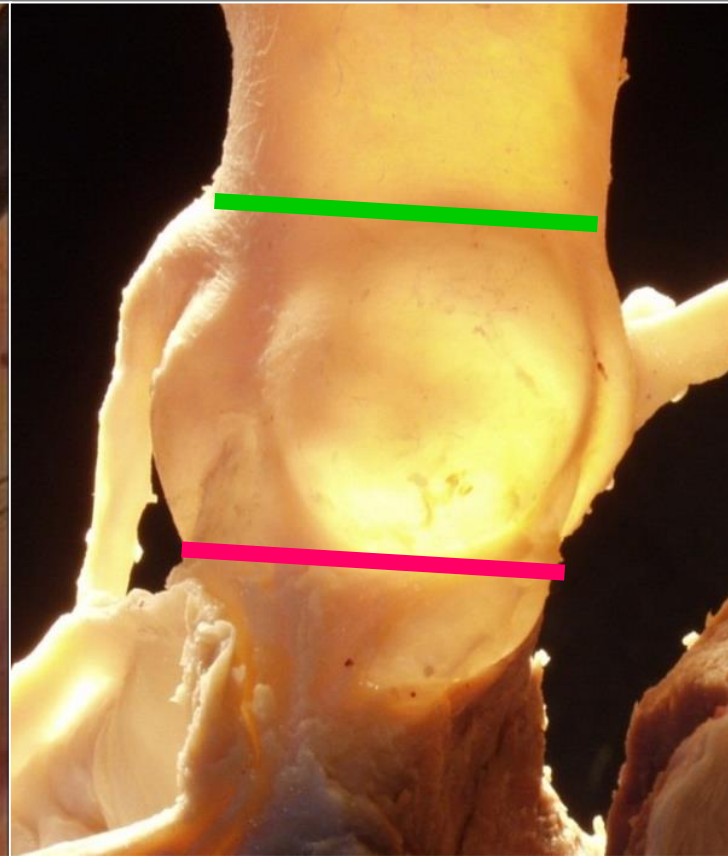
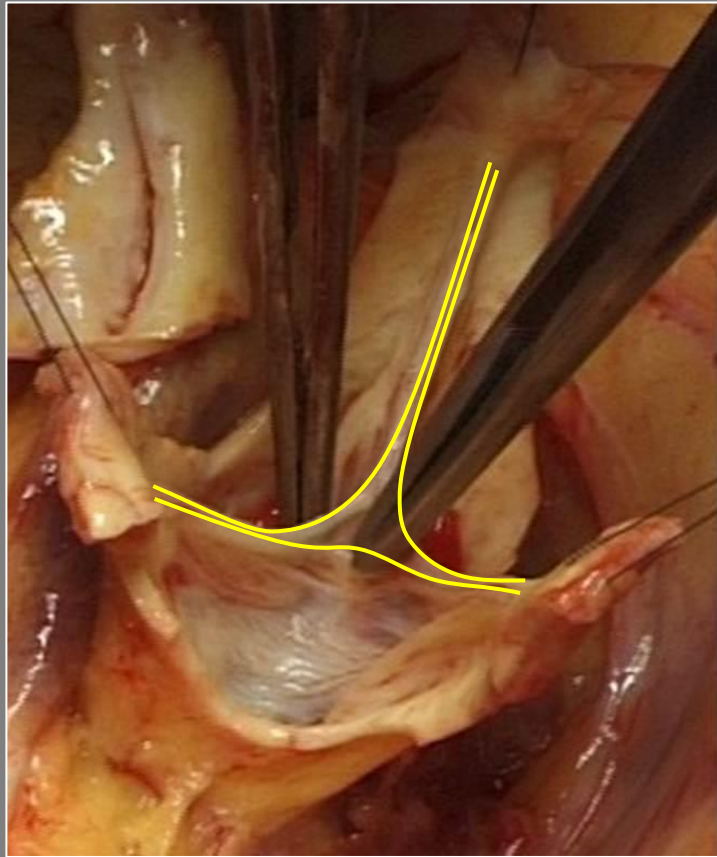
- ✓ Common language
- ✓ Plan surgical strategy
- ✓ Predict the outcomes

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The Functional Aortic Valve Unit

1. *Cusp*

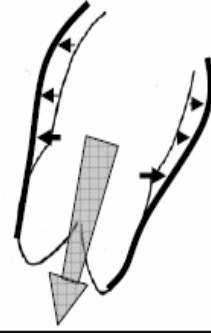
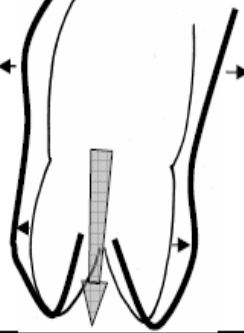
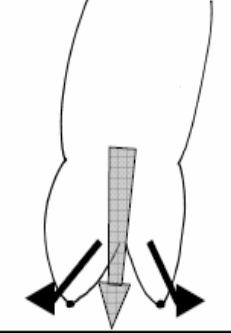
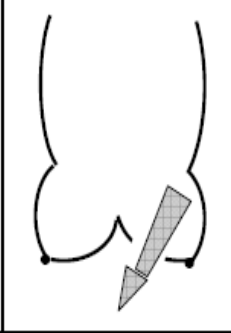
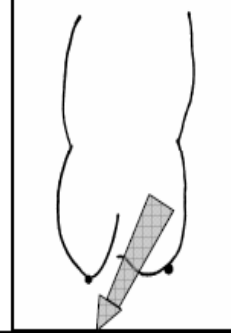
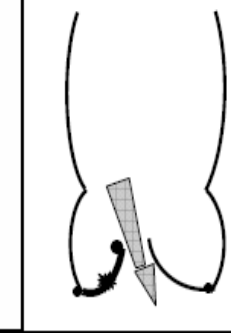


2. *STJ*

3. *VAJ*

FAA

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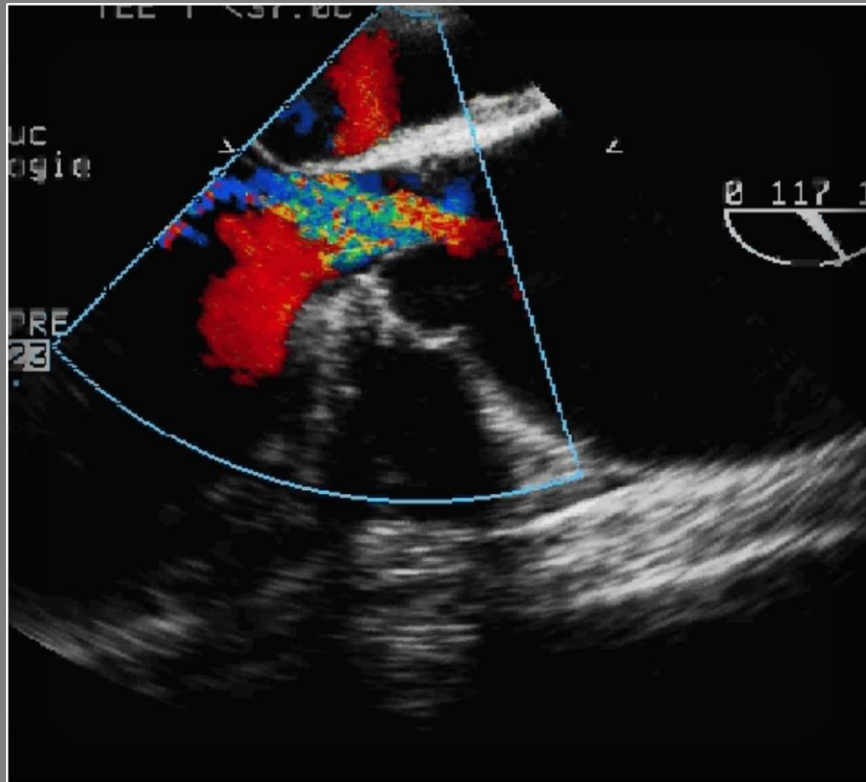
AI Class	Type I Normal cusp motion with FAA dilatation or cusp perforation				Type II Cusp Prolapse	Type III Cusp Restriction
	Ia	Ib	Ic	Id		
Mechanism						
Repair Techniques (Primary)	STJ remodeling <i>Ascending aortic graft</i>	Aortic Valve sparing: <i>Reimplantation or Remodeling with SCA</i>	SCA	Patch Repair <i>Autologous or bovine pericardium</i>	Prolapse Repair <i>Plication</i> <i>Triangular resection</i> <i>Free margin Resuspension</i> <i>Patch</i>	Leaflet Repair <i>Shaving</i> <i>Decalcification</i> <i>Patch</i>
(Secondary)	SCA		STJ Annuloplasty	SCA	SCA	SCA

Functional classification of AI

Type 1: "FAA Dilatation"

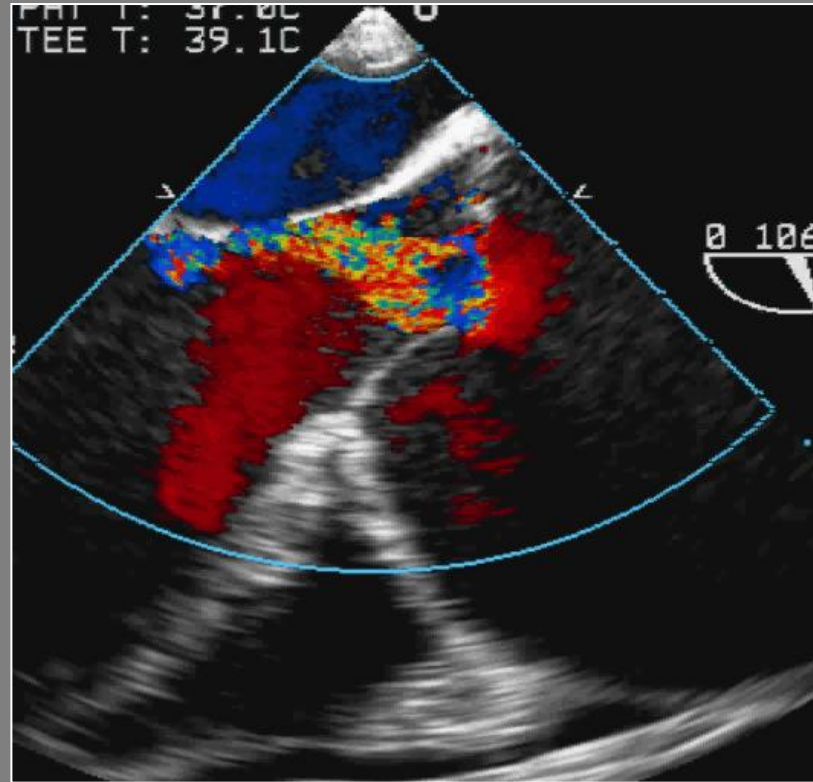
Type 1a

Asc. Ao. (STJ)



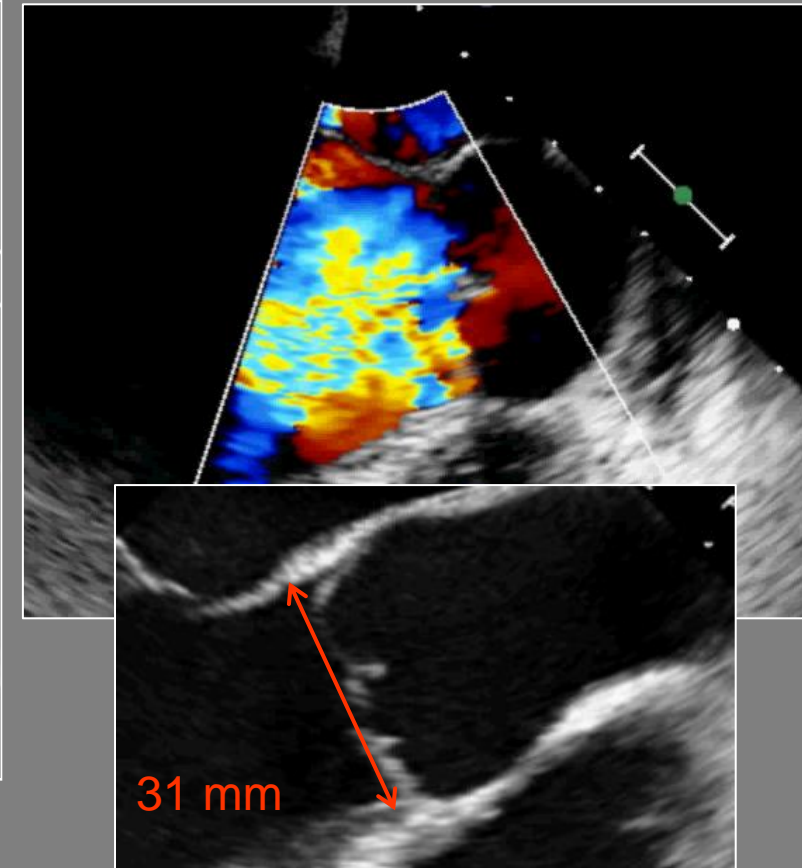
Type 1b

Root (STJ +VAJ)



Type 1c

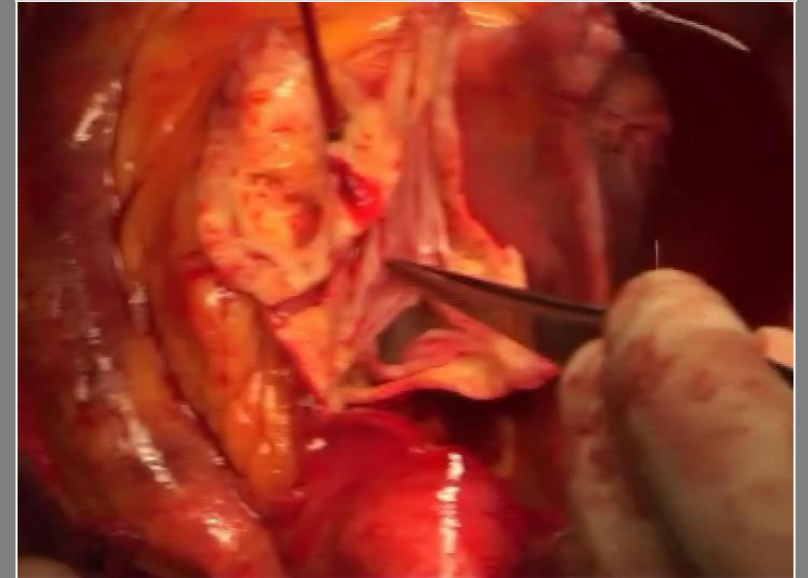
VAJ



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Type 1a and 1b: STJ dilatation

- ✓ *Functional restriction of the cusp (tethering)
→ central AI*
- ✓ *Effective height = supra normal (>9-10mm)*
- ✓ *Free margin elongation*
- ✓ *Commissural fenestration*



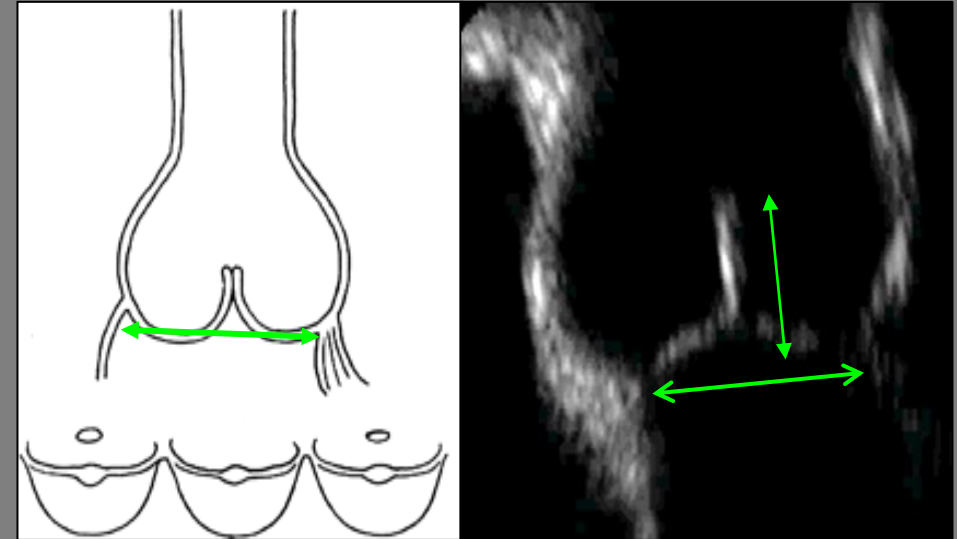
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Type 1b and 1C: VAJ dilatation

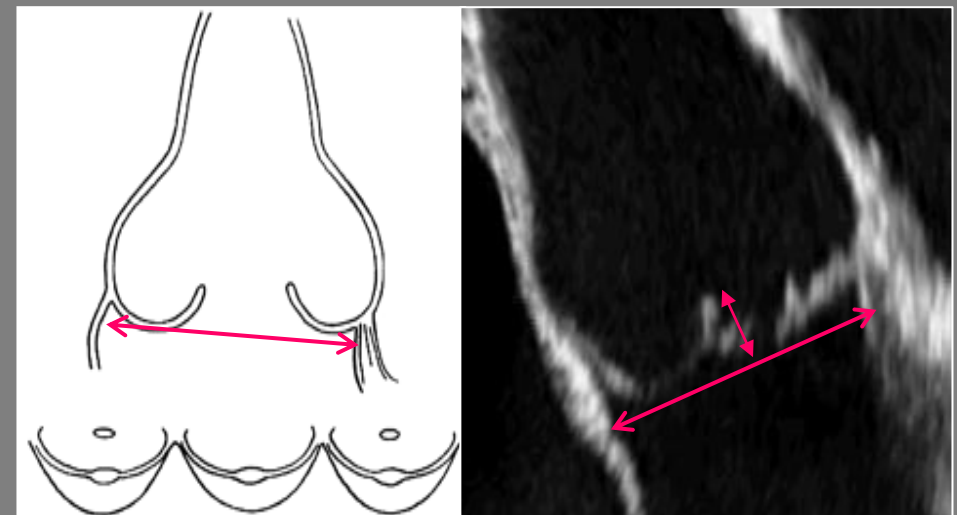
✓ *Effective height = infra normal (<9-10mm)*

✓ *Frequently associated with cusp prolapse*

Normal VAJ



Dilated VAJ



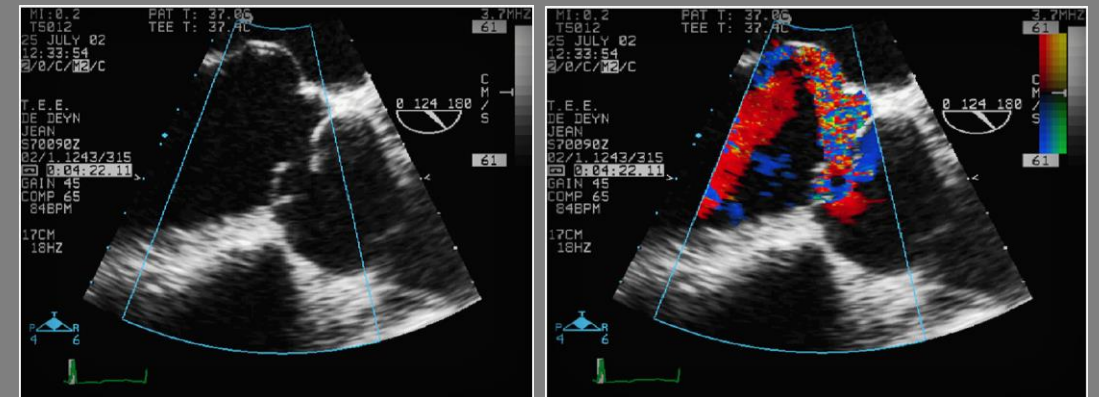
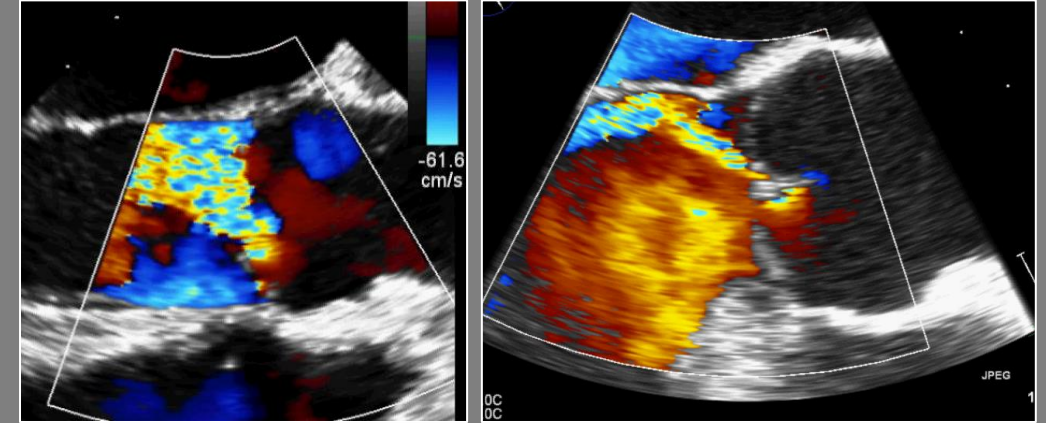
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Type 2: "Prolapse"

✓ Eccentric jet

✓ Cusp billowing

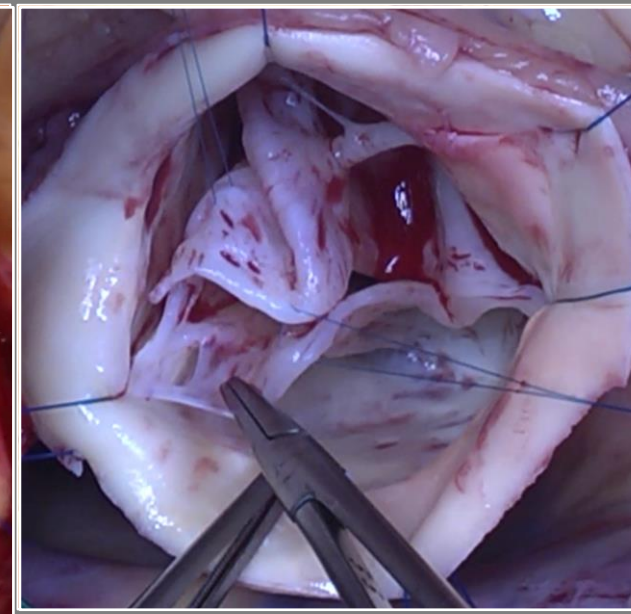
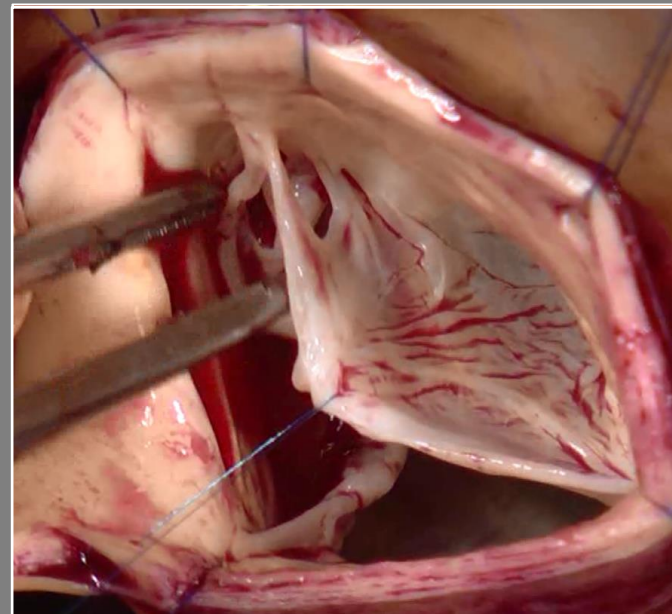
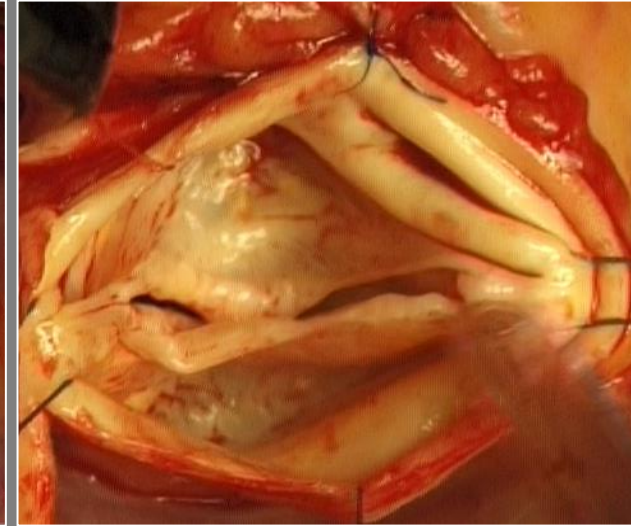
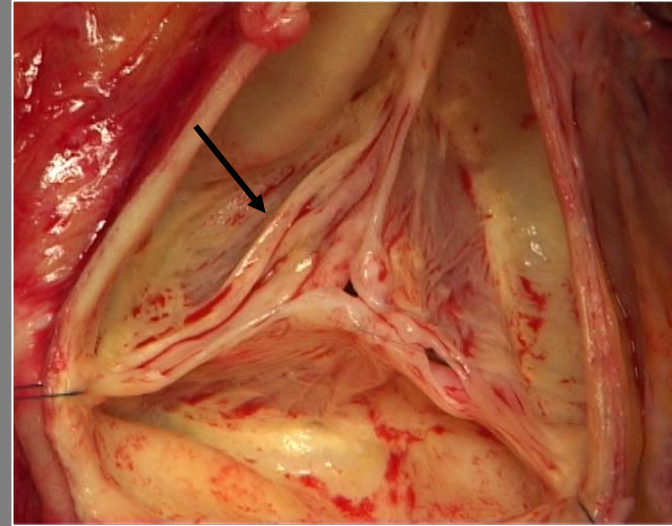
✓ Transverse fold in cusp curvature



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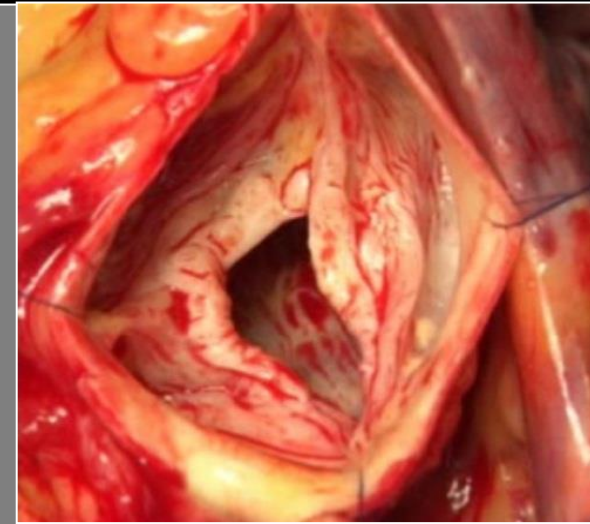
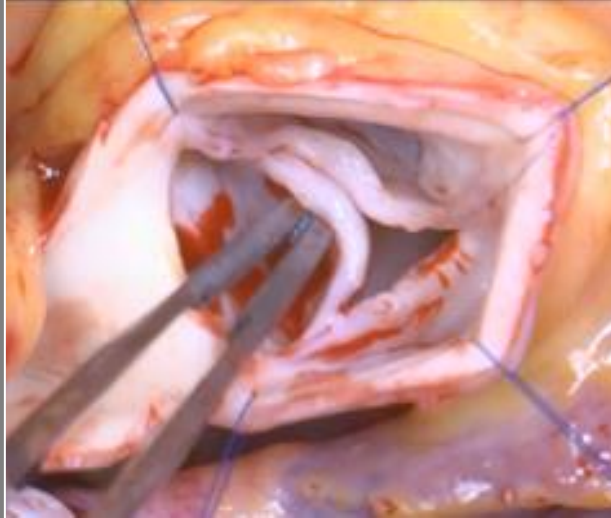
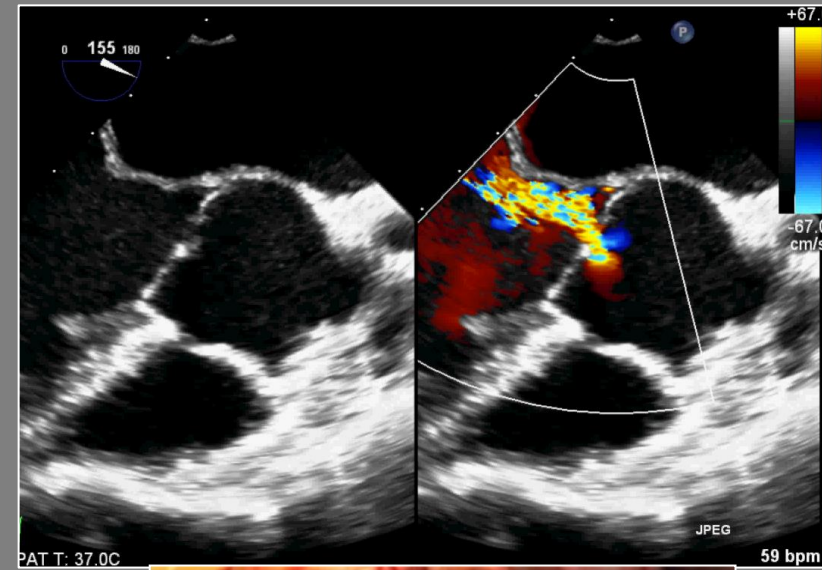
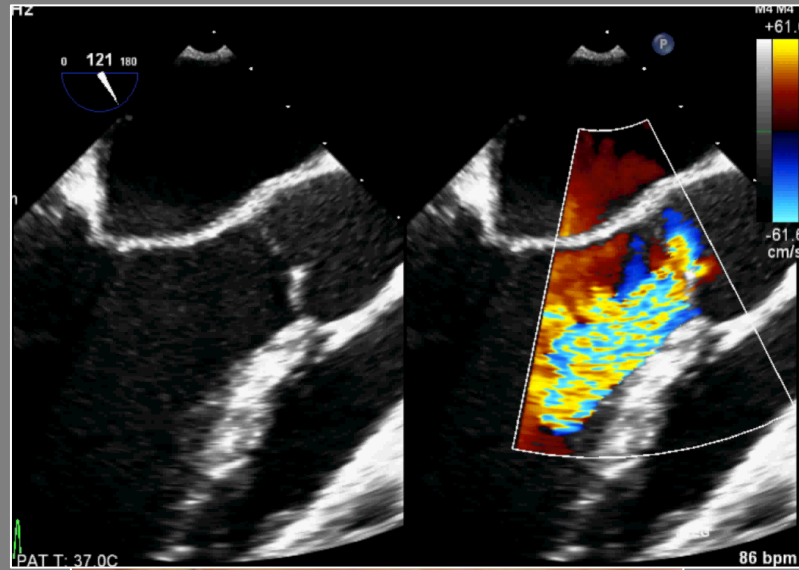
Type 2: "Prolapse"

- ✓ Transverse fold in cusp curvature
- ✓ = Free margin elongation
- ✓ below other normal FM
- ✓ Commissural fenestration



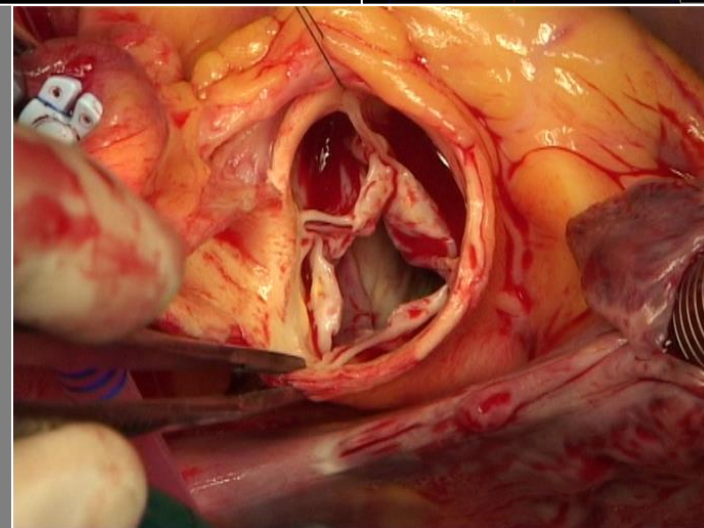
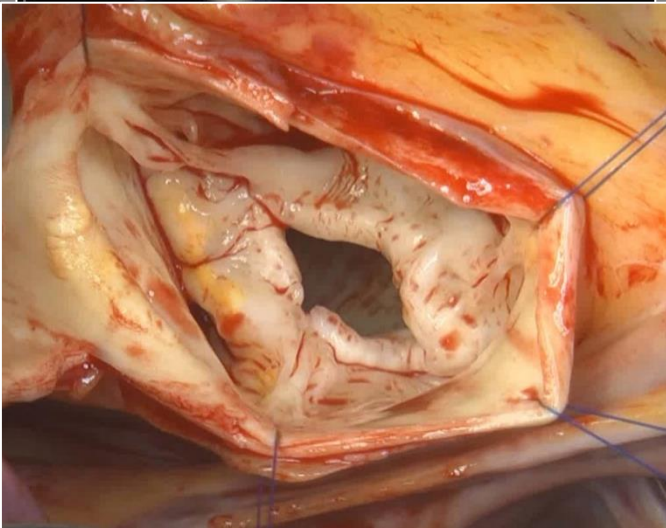
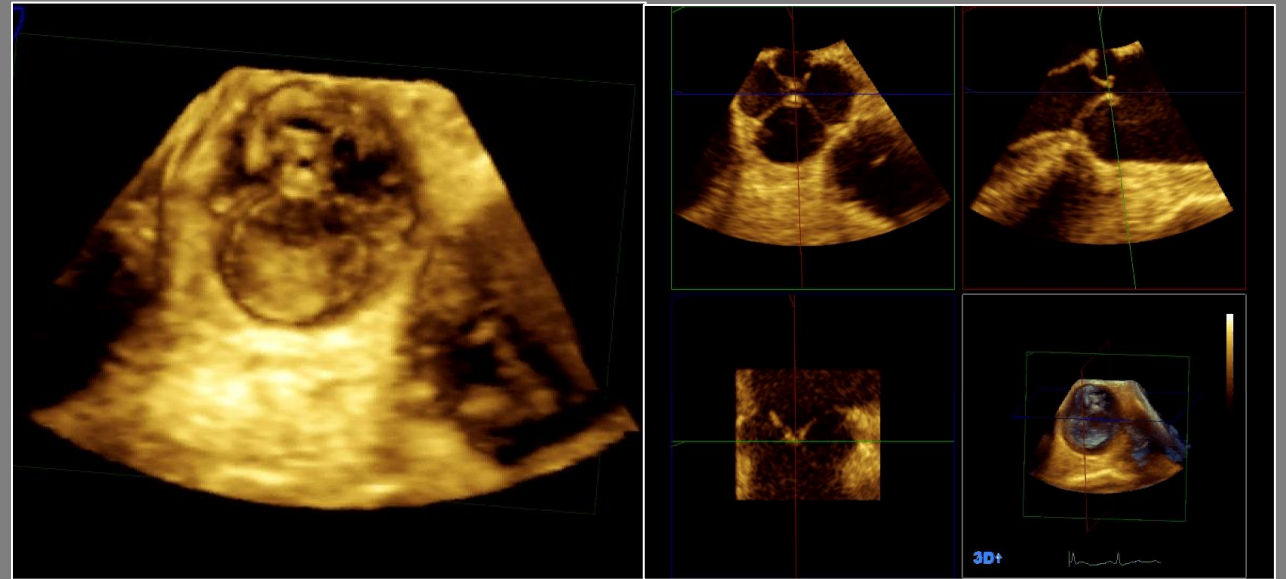
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Type 3: Restrictive cusp motion



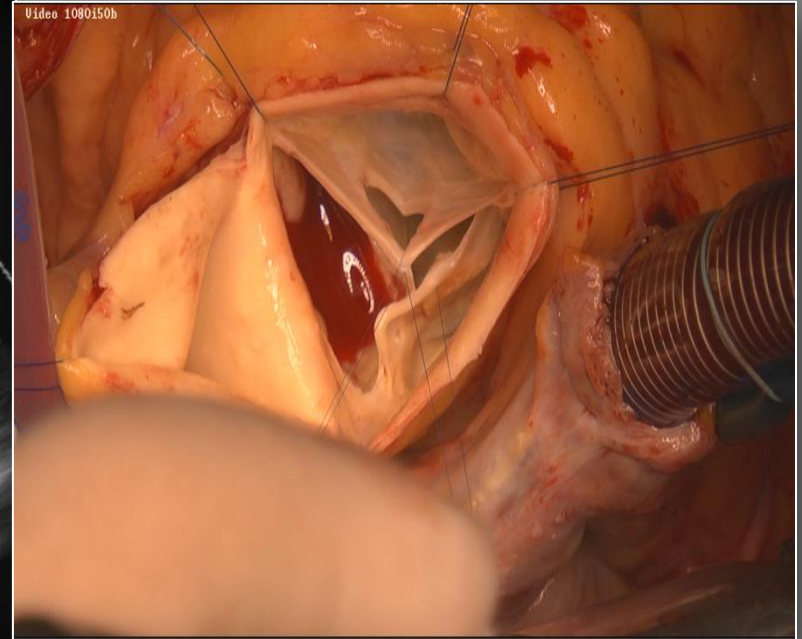
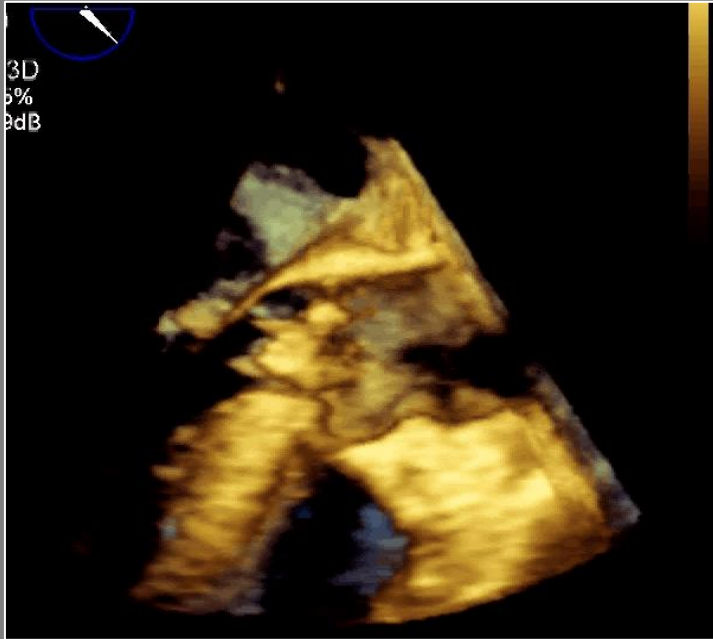
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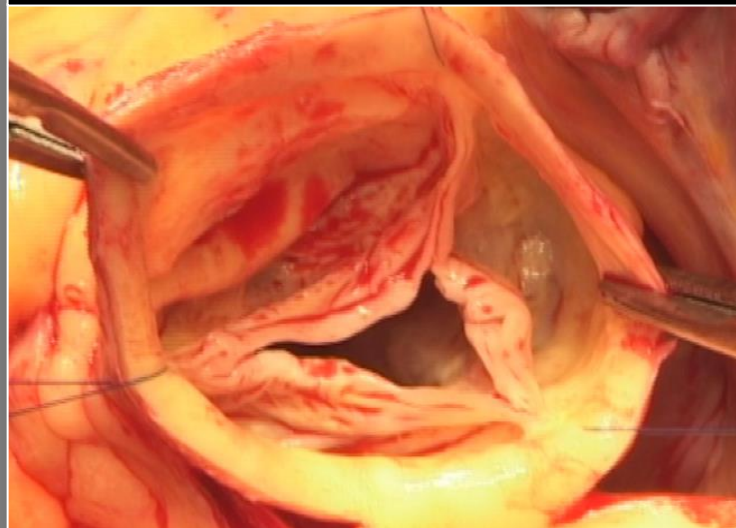
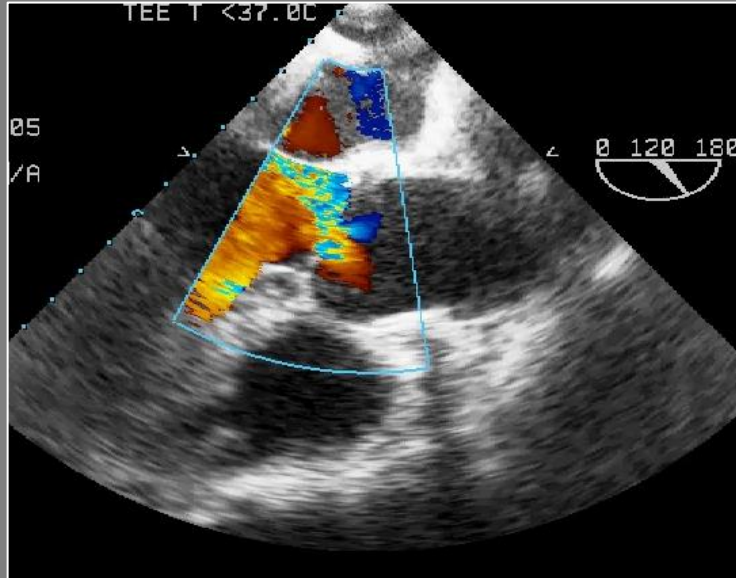
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*Type 1d: Cusp perforation/destruction
(no prolapse, no restriction)*

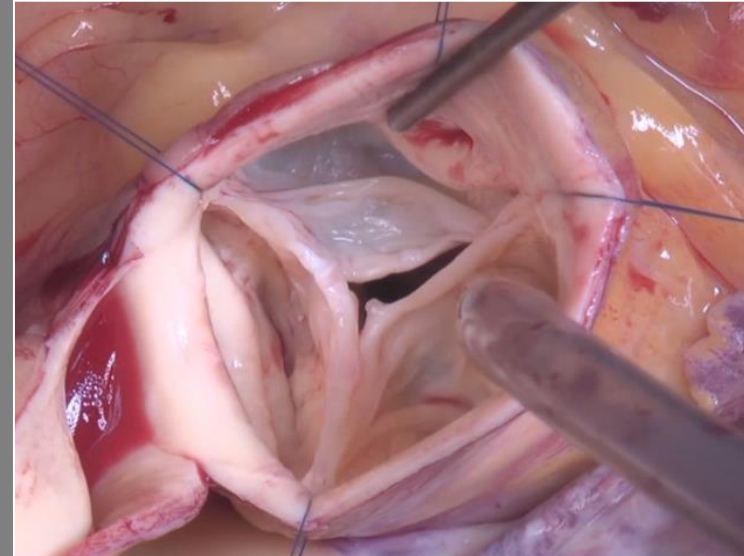
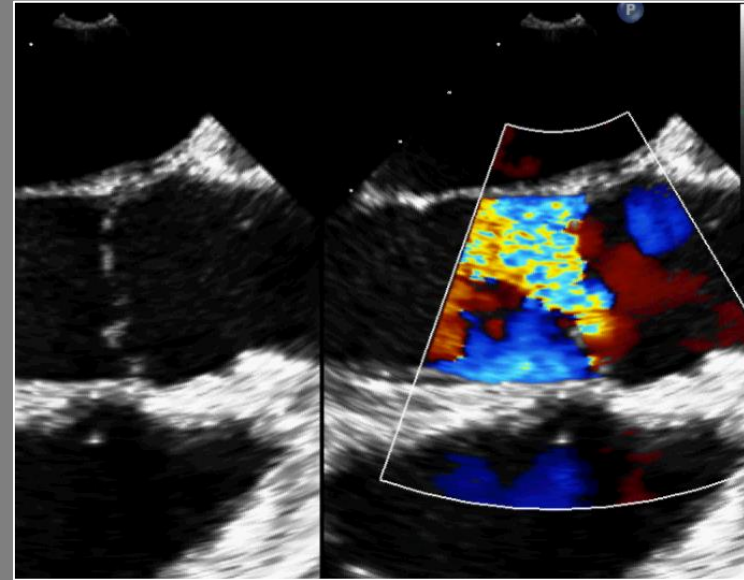


Functional classification of AI

Type 1b+2



Type 1c+2



Principles of AV repair

1. Restore and preserve cusp geometry and motion

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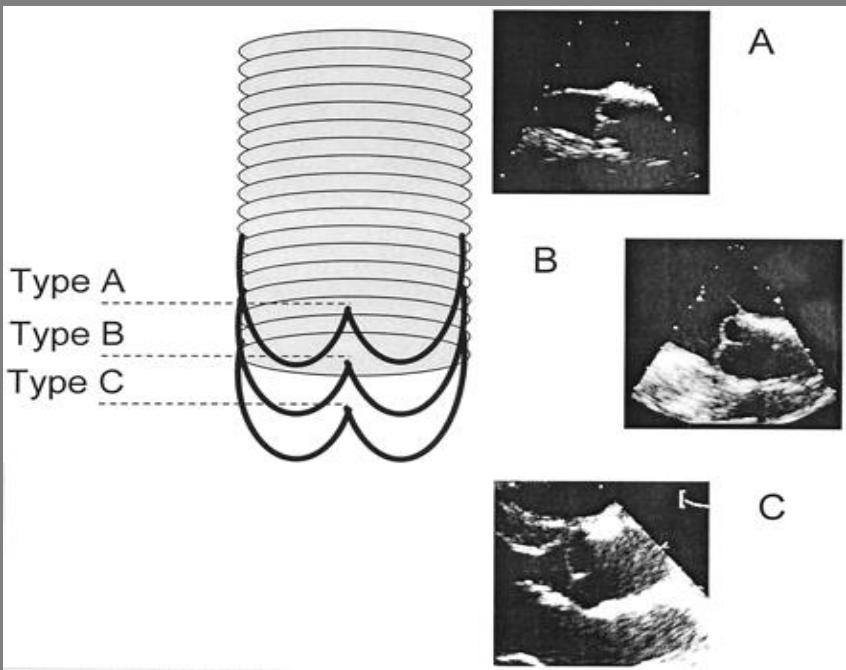
2. Remodel and stabilize the FAA



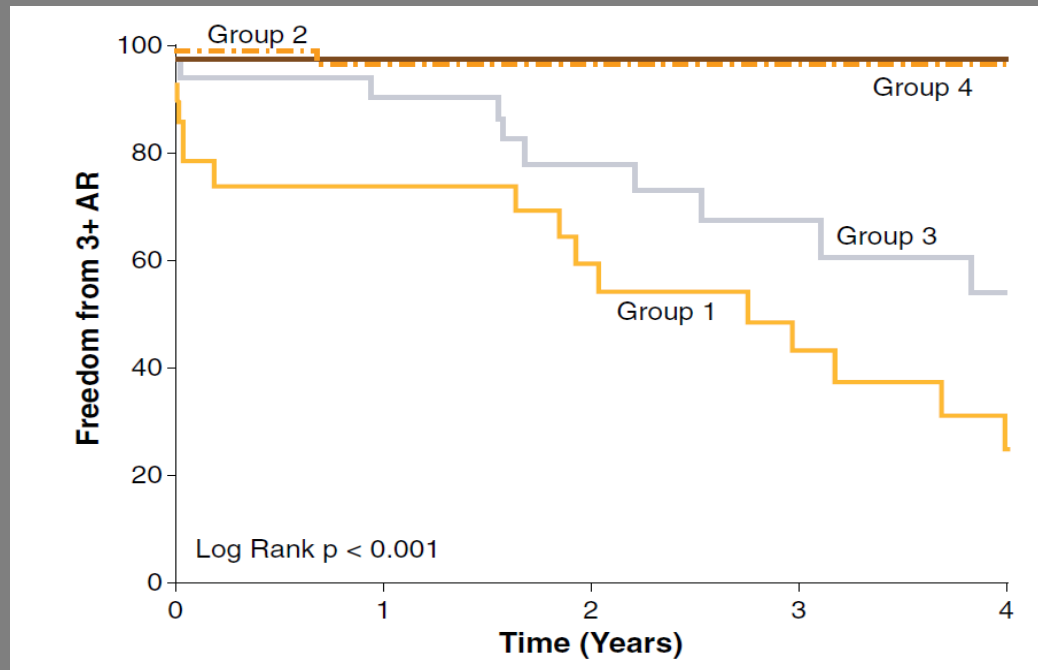
Optimal area of coaptation, stable over time



Principles of AV repair: Optimal coaptation



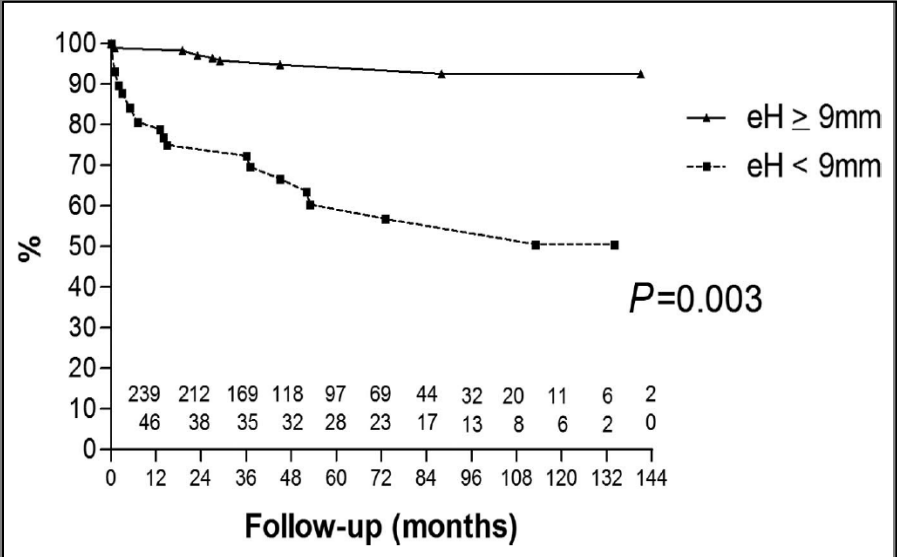
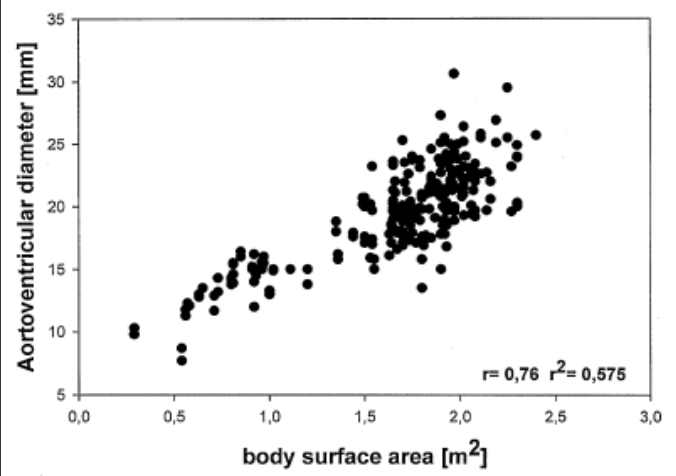
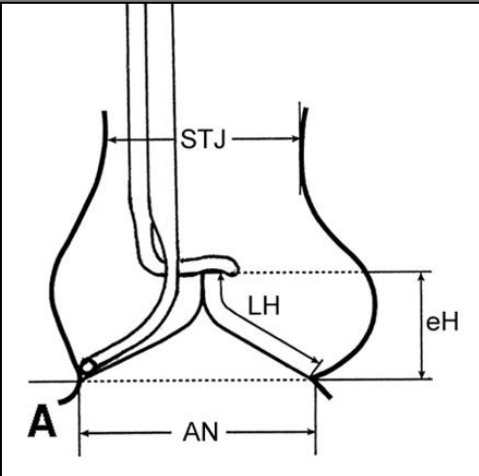
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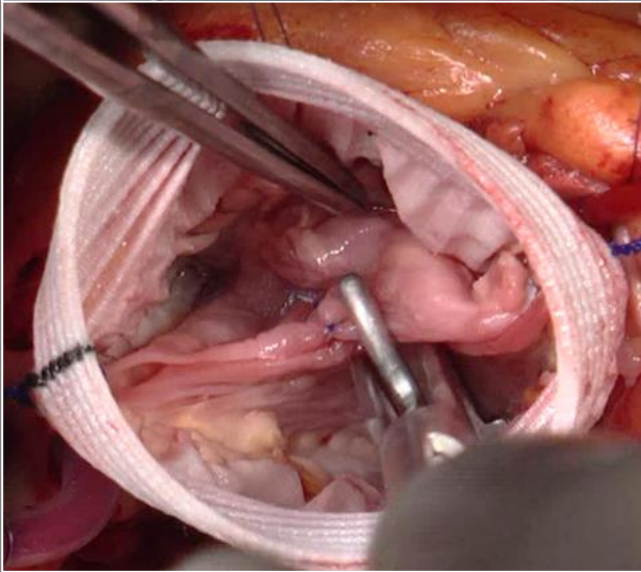
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- Tips > annulus, No AR
- Residual AR, Coapt L >4 mm
- Tips > annulus, Residual AR, Coapt L <4 mm
- Tips < annulus

Principles of AV repair: Optimal coaptation



Schafers H.J. JCTVS 2006
 Bierbach B.O., EJCTS 2010
 Aicher D. Circ. 2011



Techniques of cusp repair

Cusp lesions

- Prolapse (type 2)
 - Free margin elongation
 - Fenestration
 - Commissure disruption
- Restriction/retraction (type 3)
 - Raphe in BAV
 - Unicuspid valve
 - Fibrosis/Calcification
- Perforation/destruction (type 1d)

Repair techniques

- Central plication or Goretex resuspension
- Goretex resuspension or Patch
- Commissure reattaching or Patch
- Resection + direct closure or patch
- Resection + Patch
- Resection + Patch
- Patch

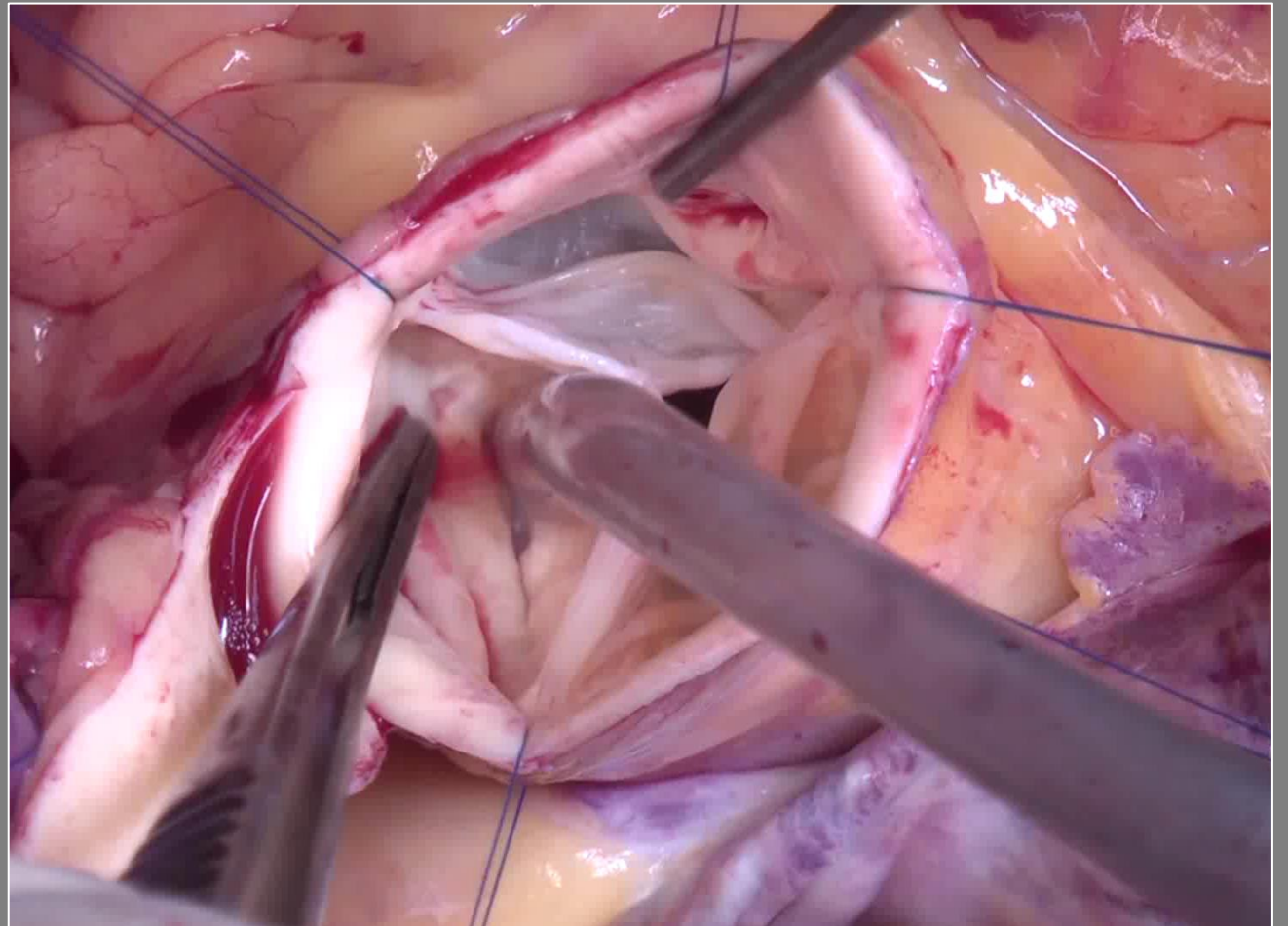
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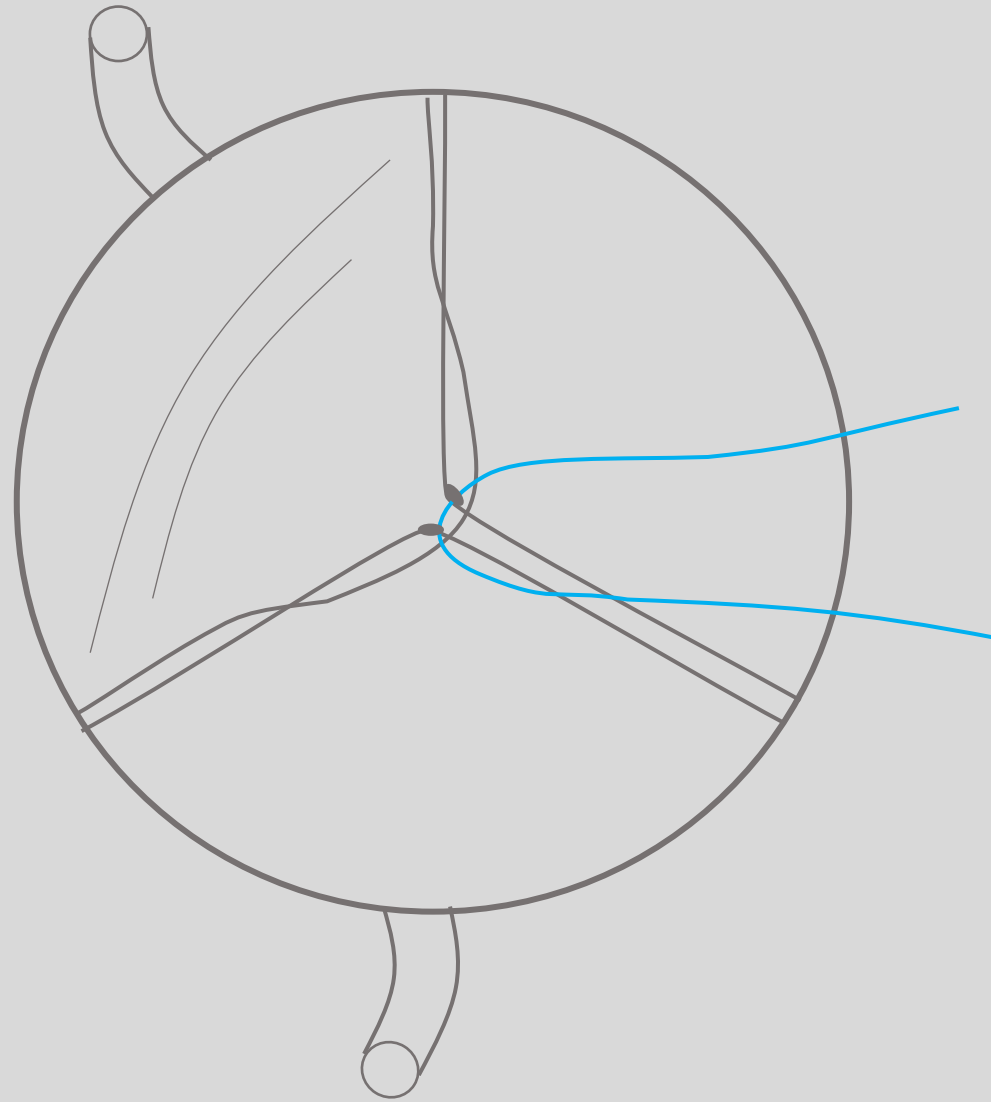
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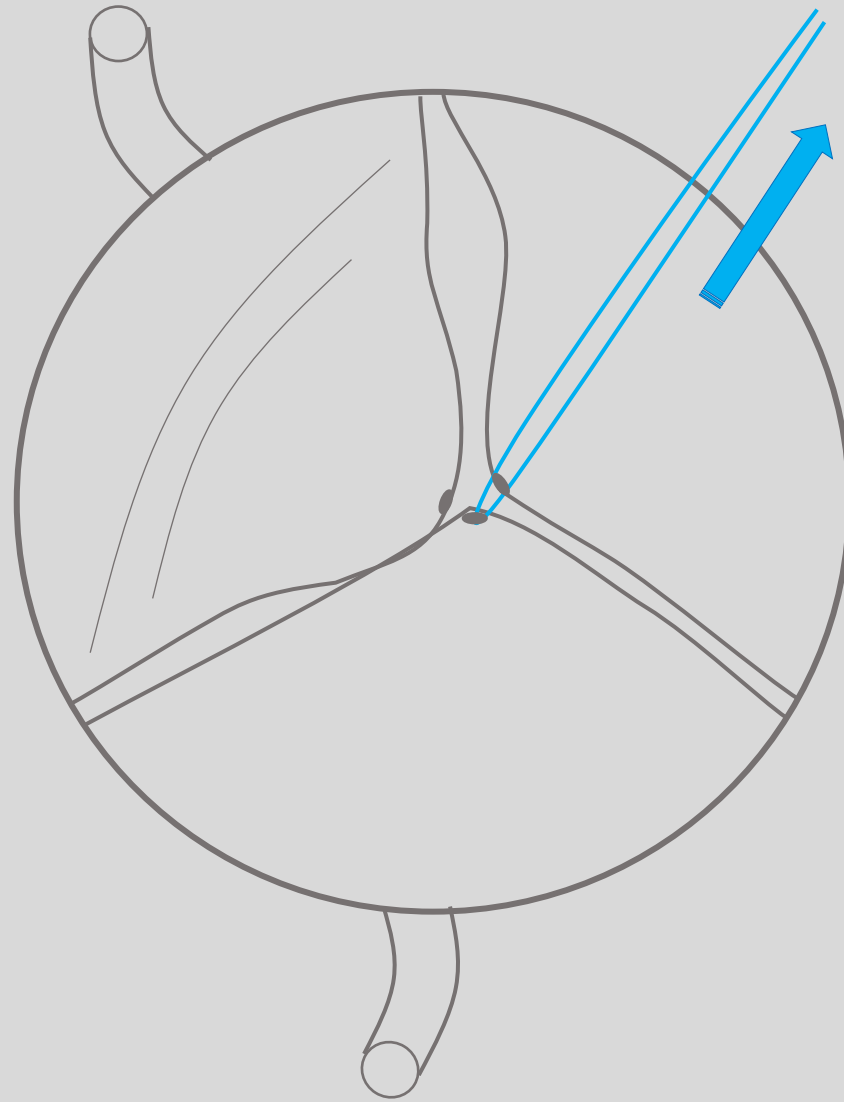
→ Central plication



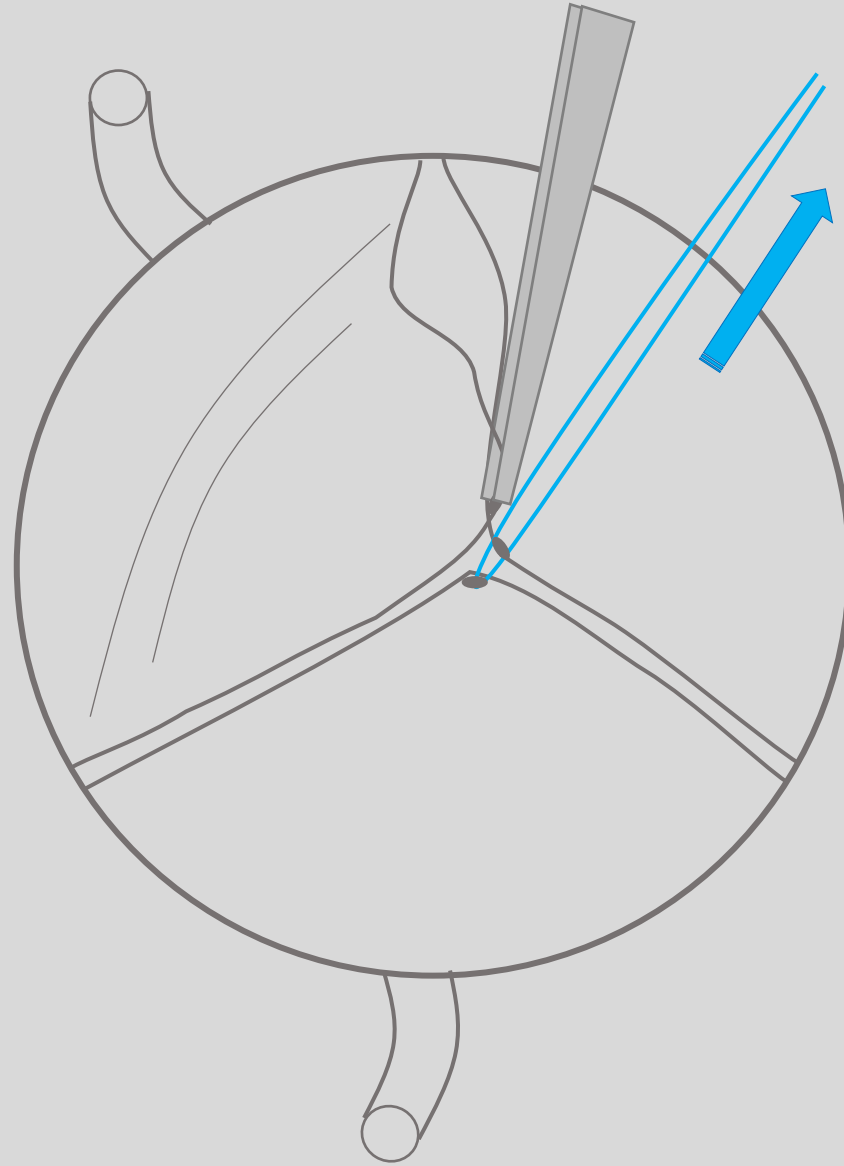
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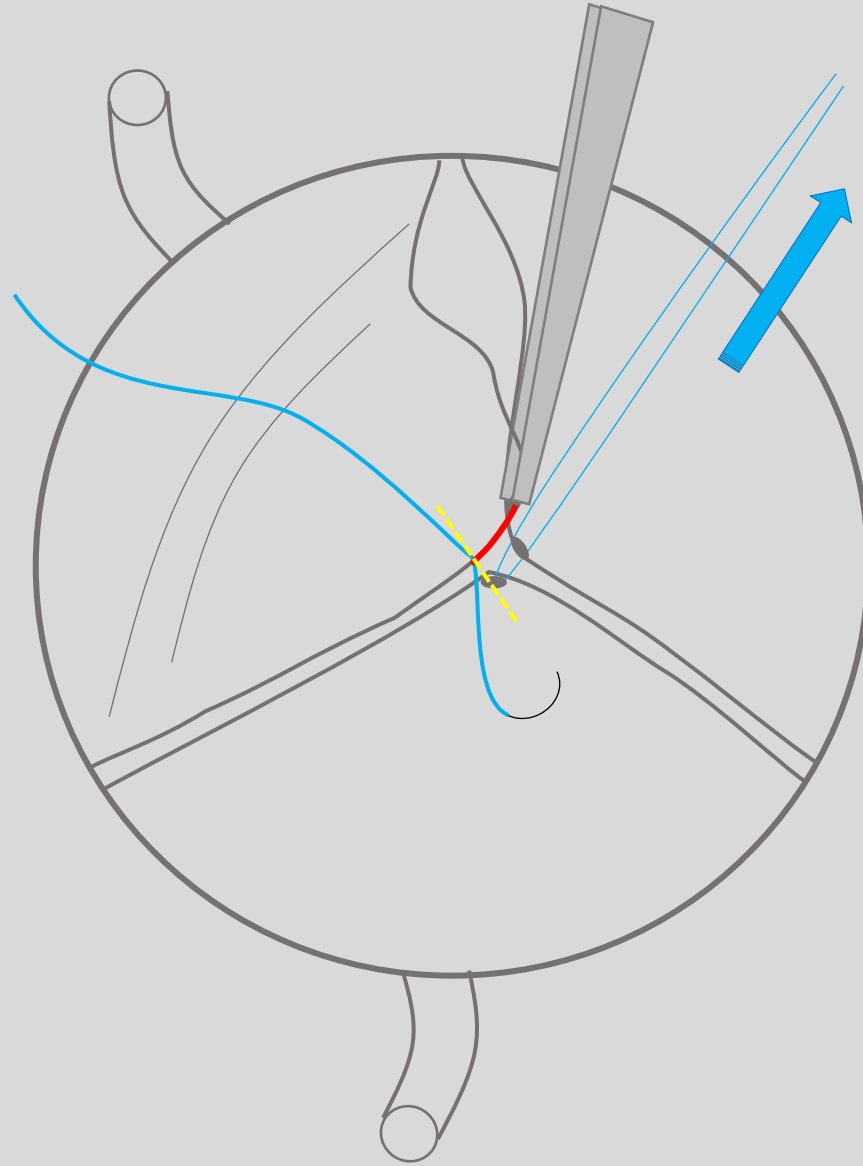
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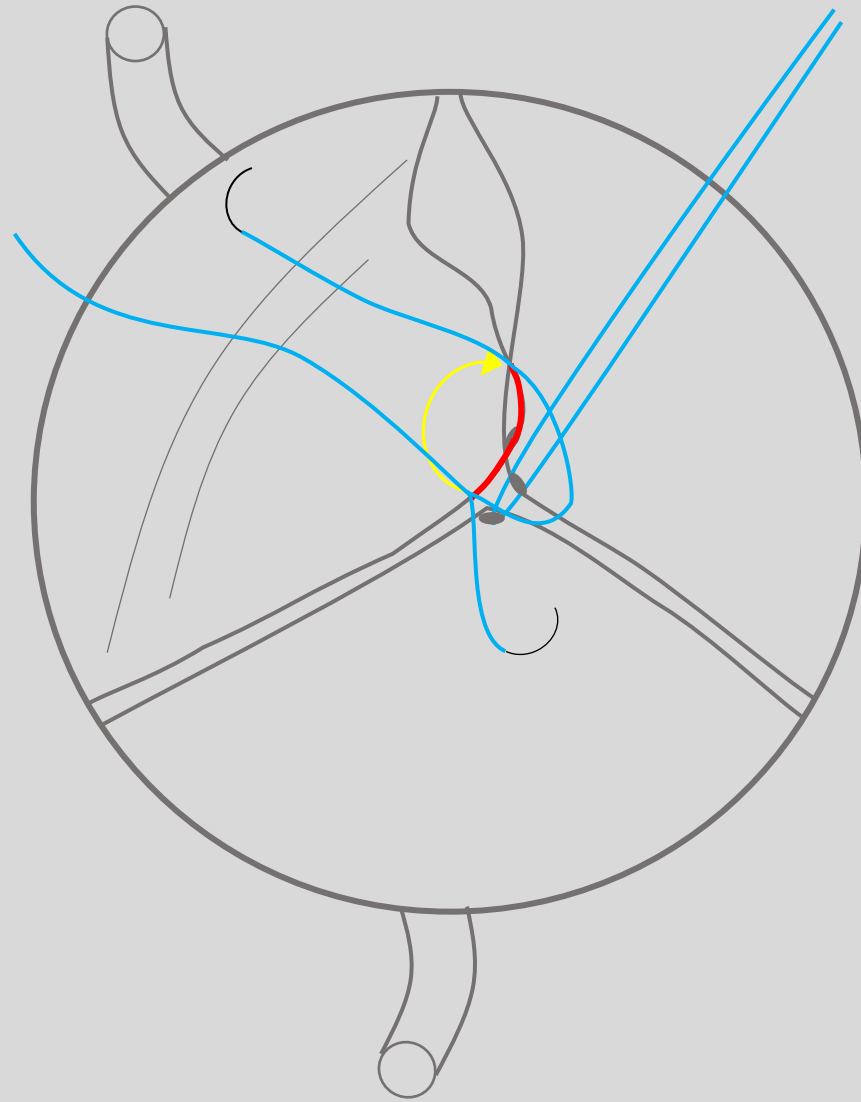
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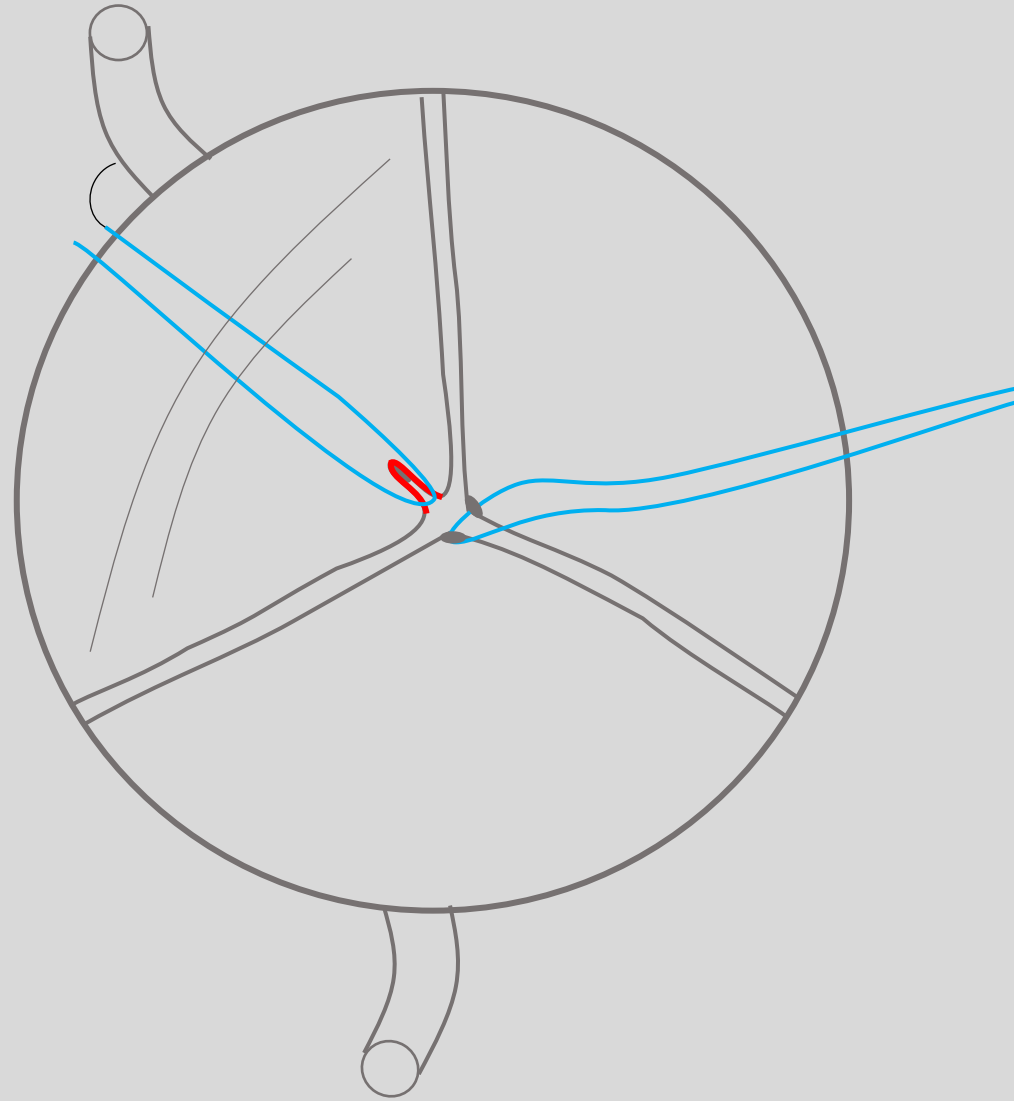
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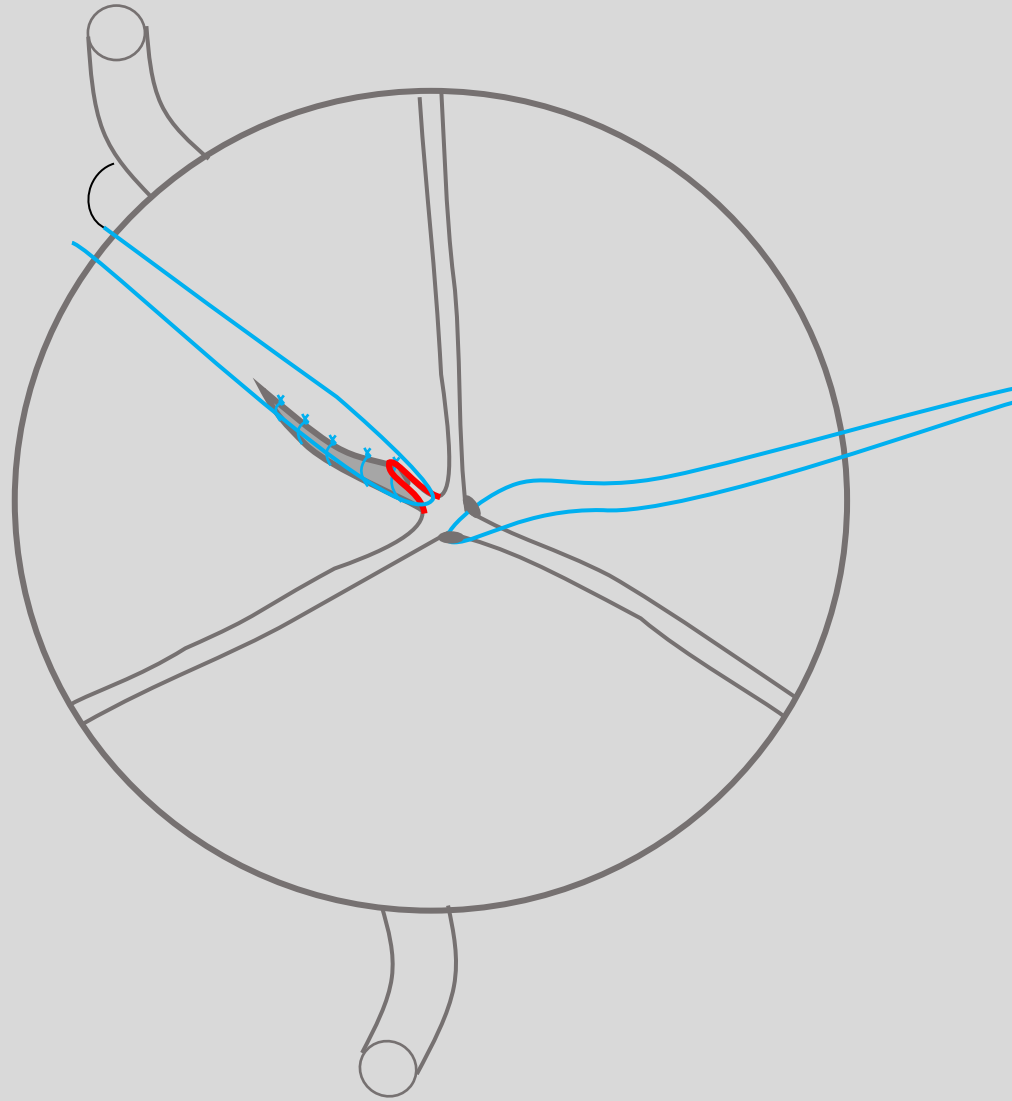
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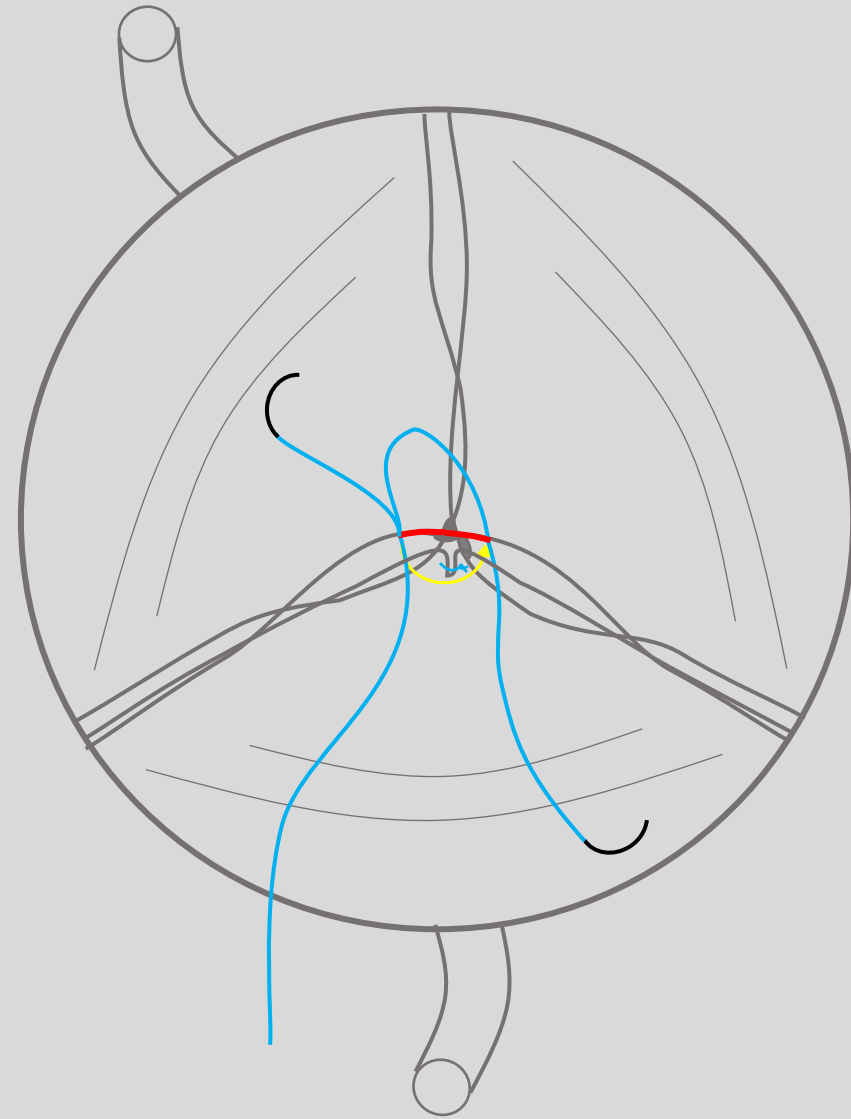
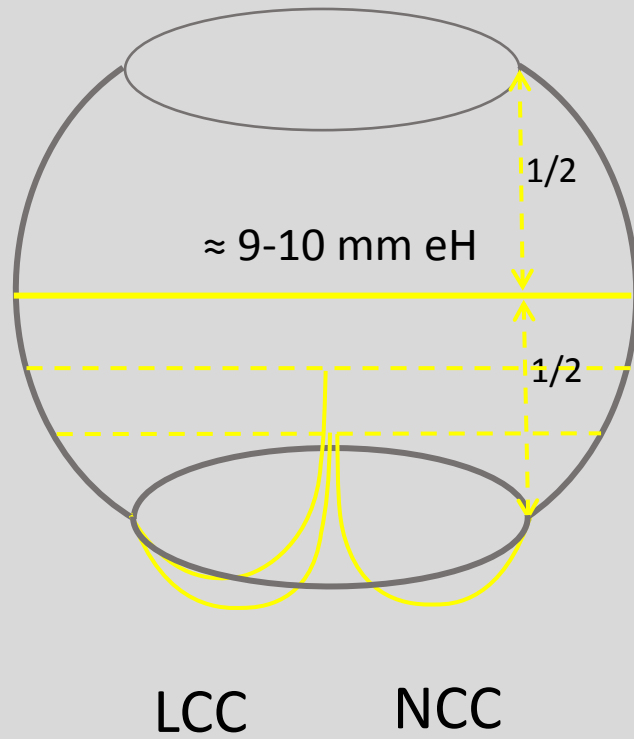
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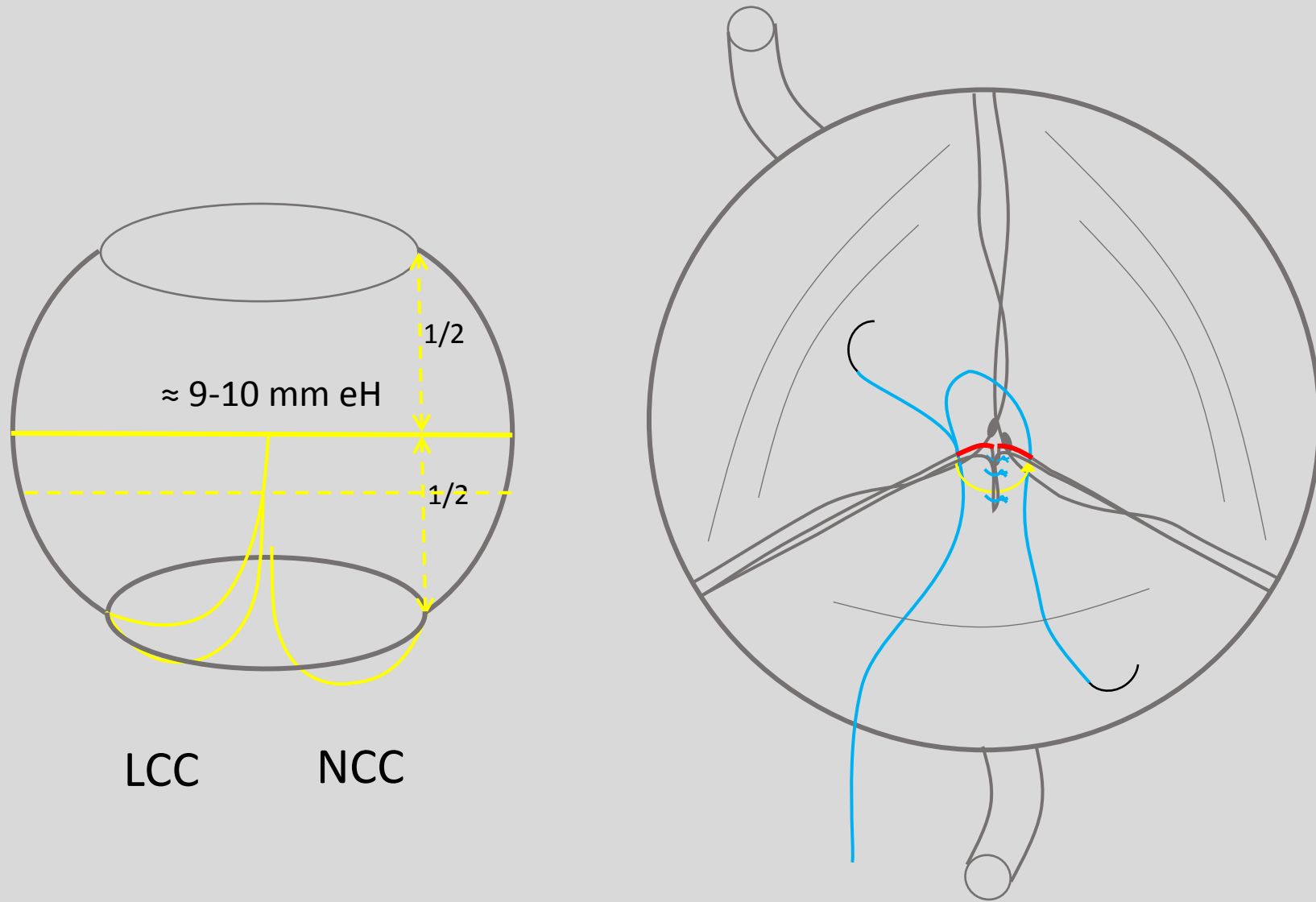
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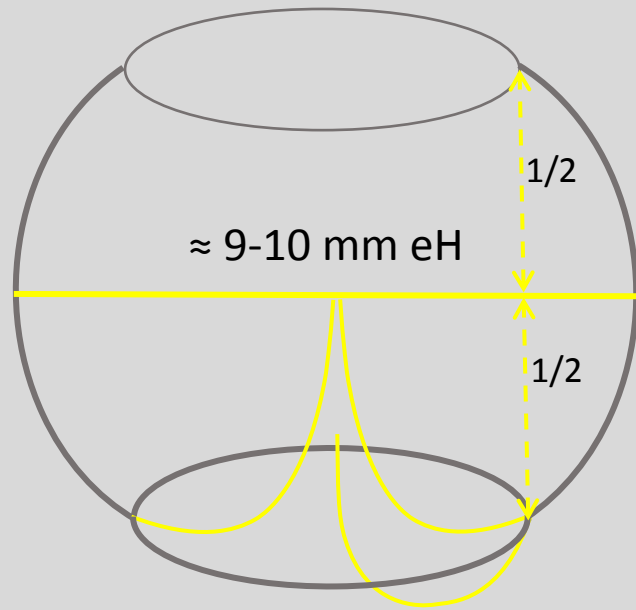
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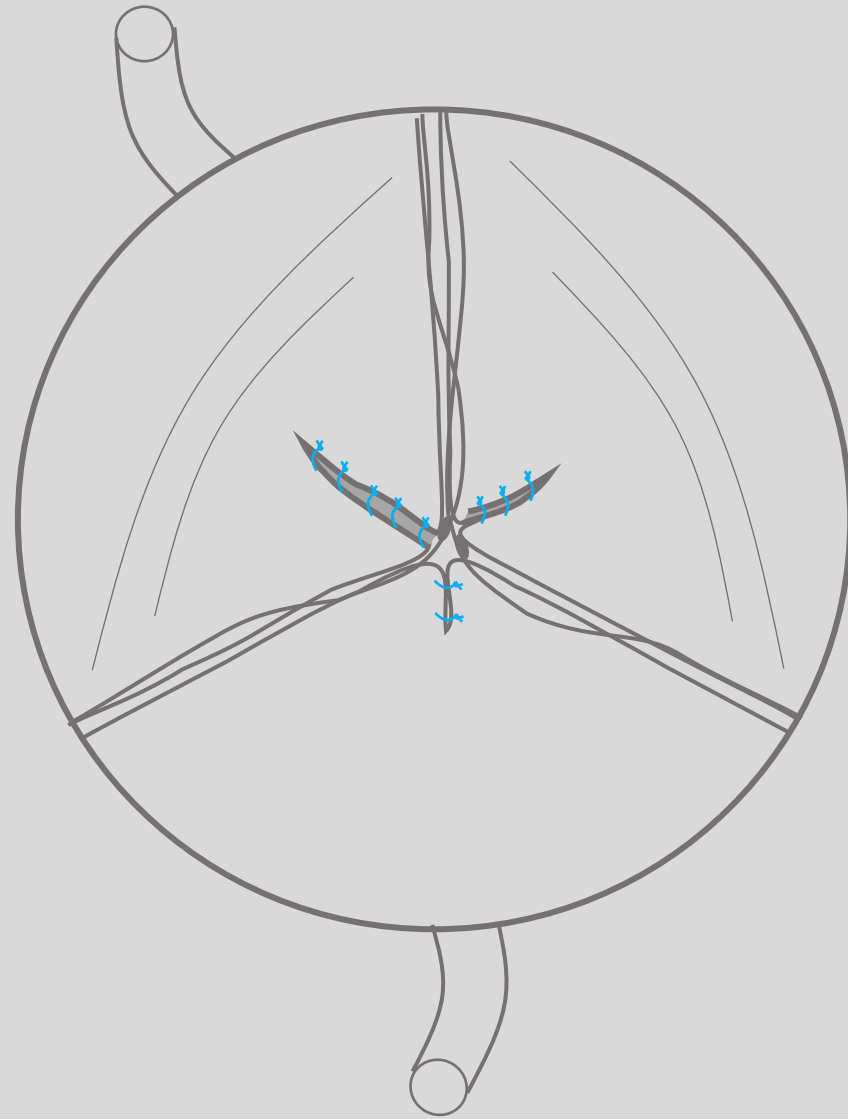


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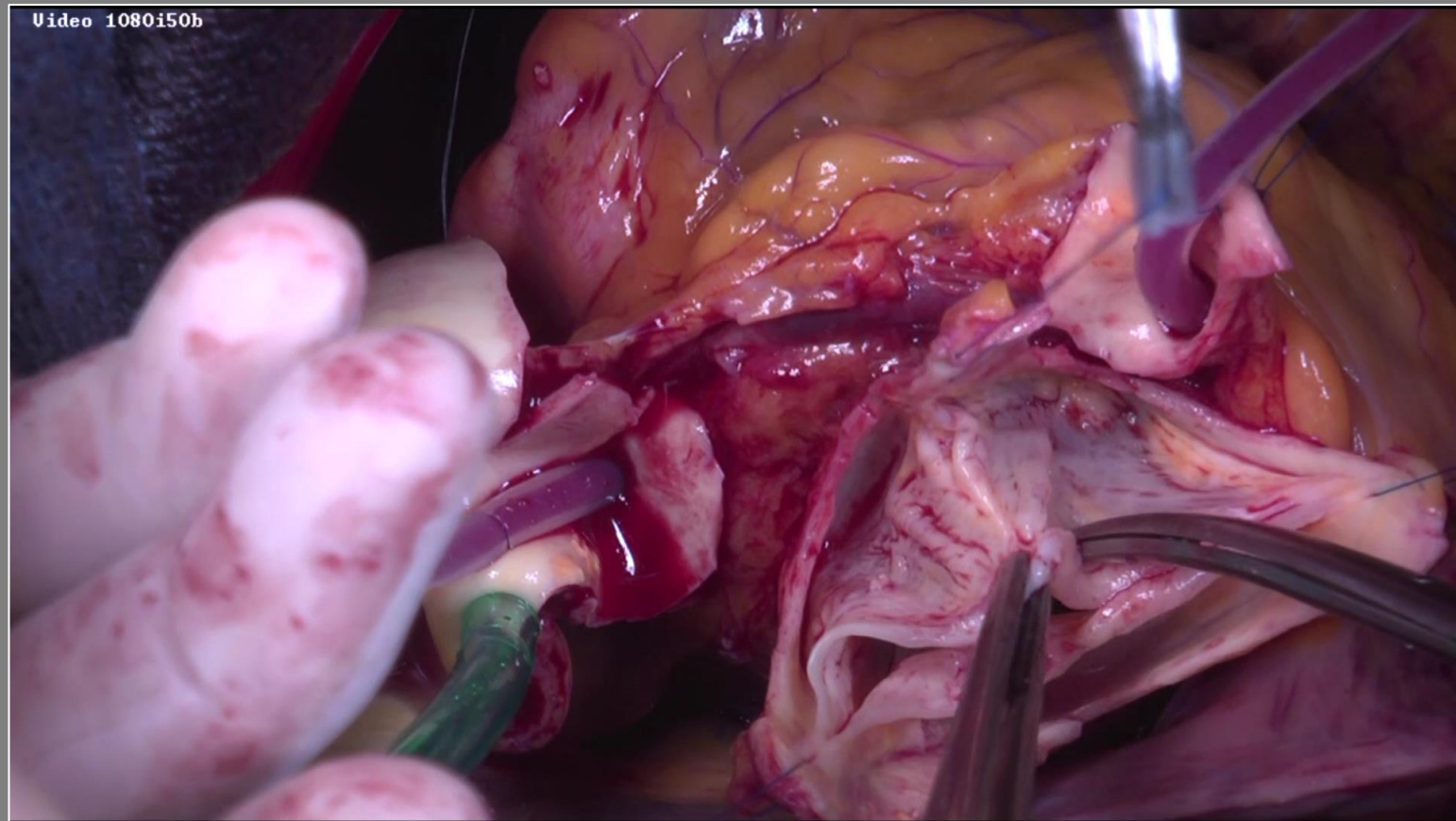
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Repair techniques

→ Central plication



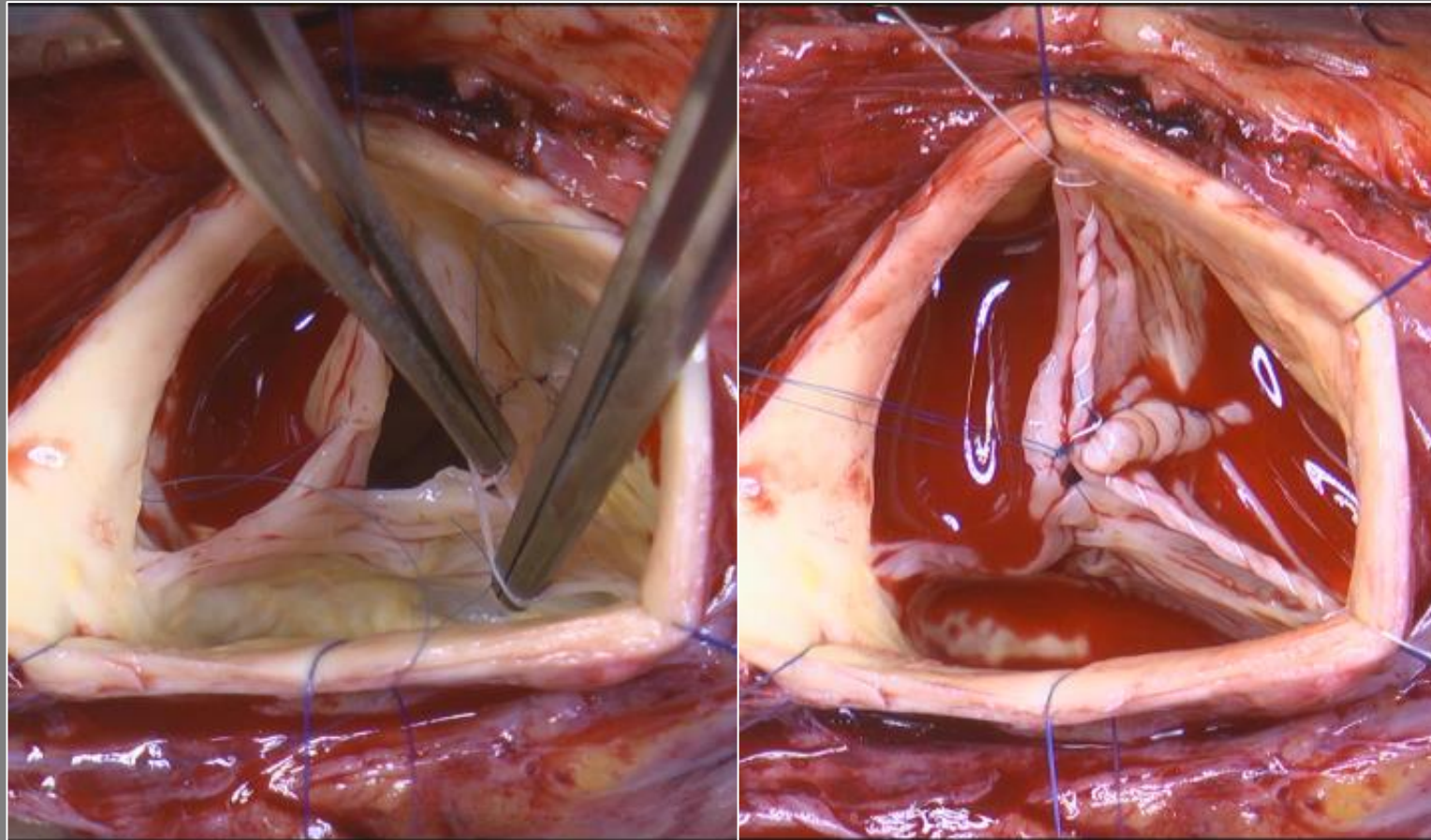
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Repair techniques

→ Central plication + Gtx Resuspension



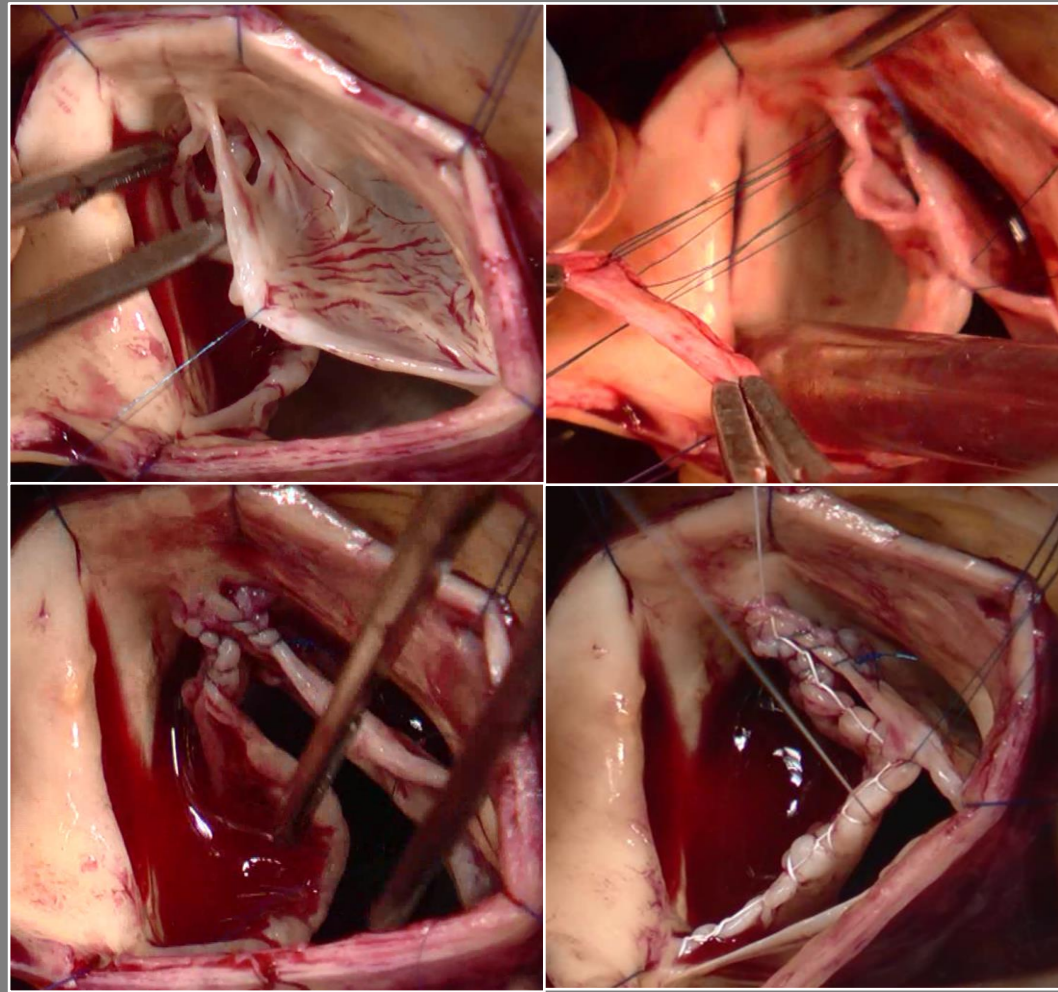
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Repair techniques

→ Patch repair (2 patches) + Gtx resuspension



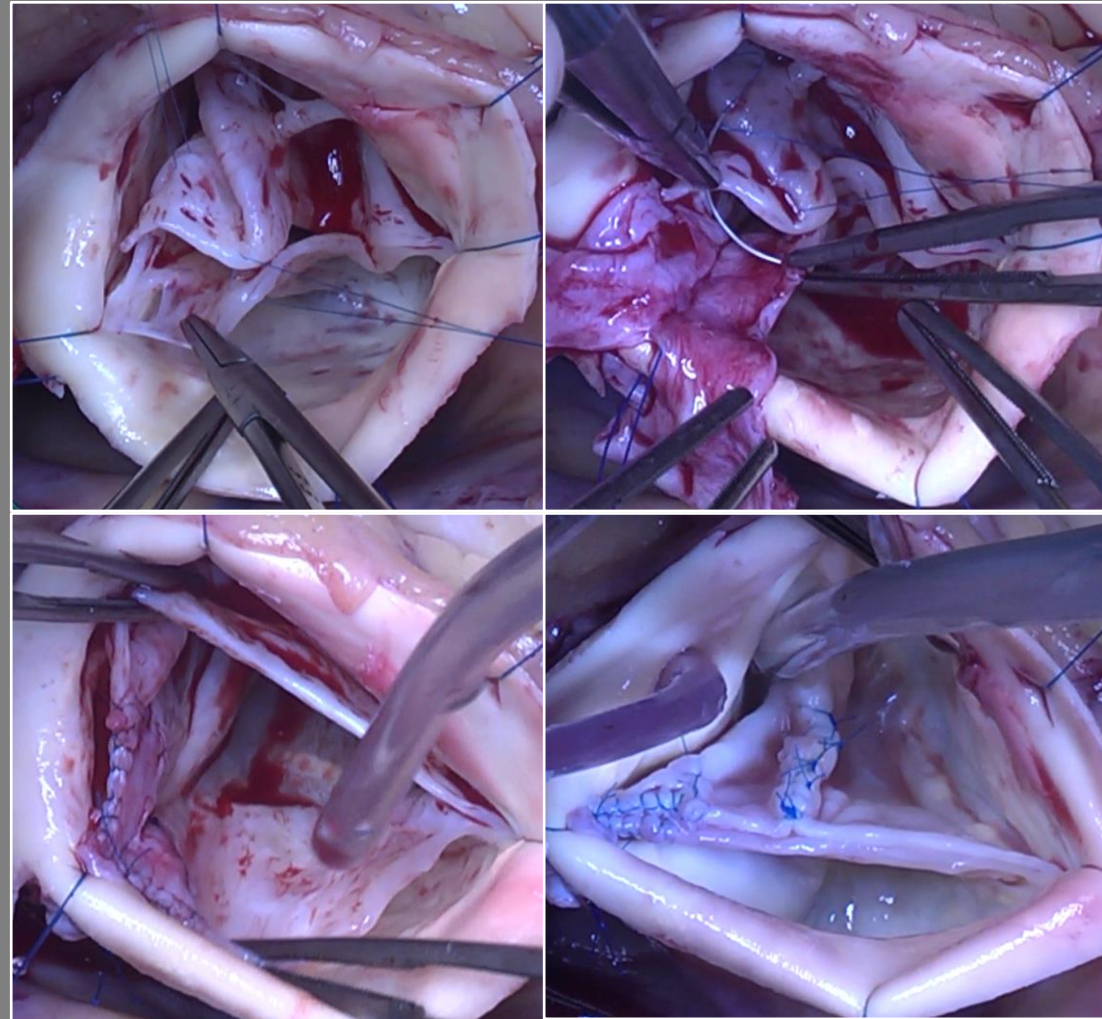
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Repair techniques

→ Patch repair (butterfly techn.) + Central Plication



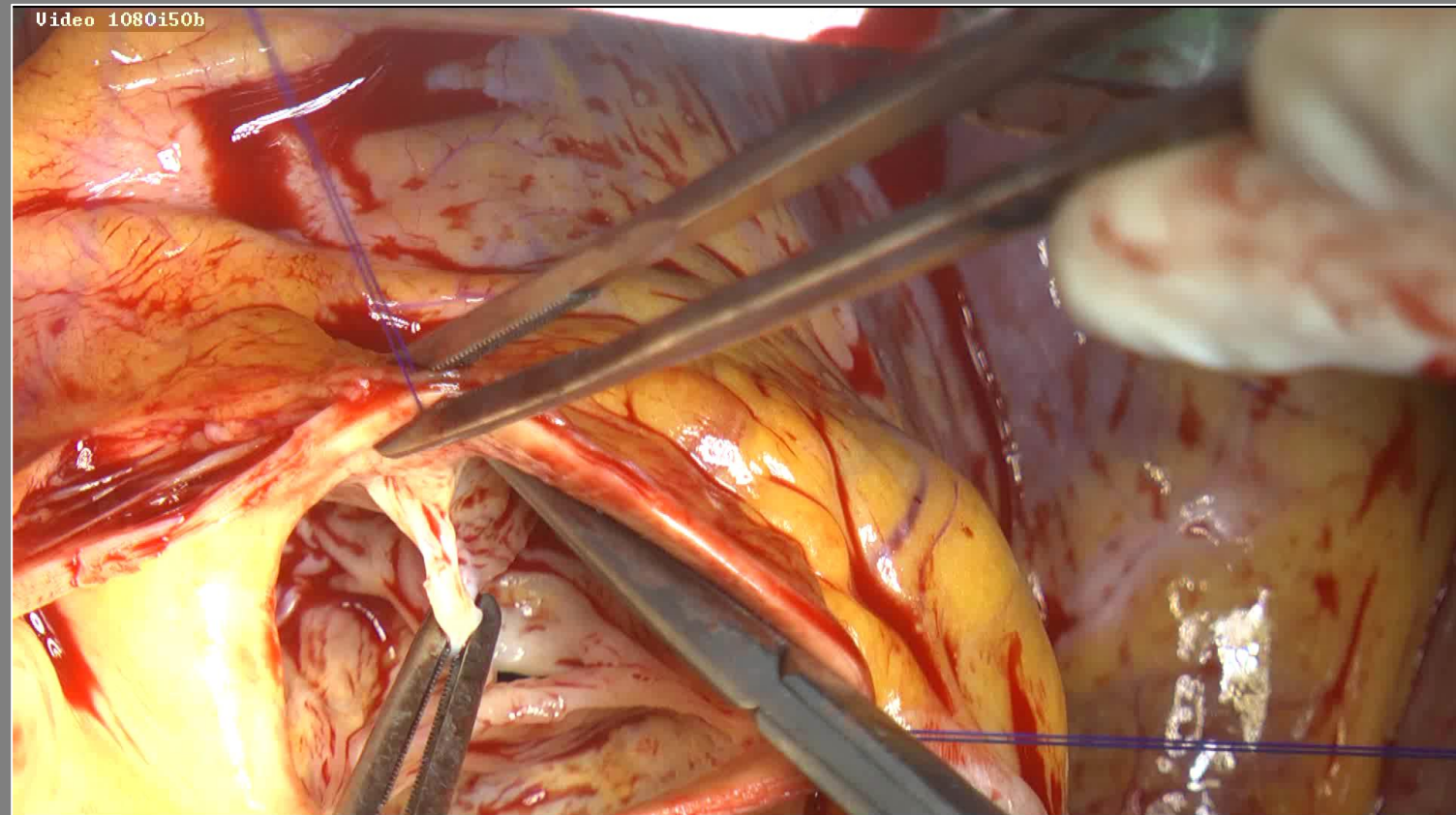
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Repair techniques

→ Comm. reattachment + Goretex resuspension



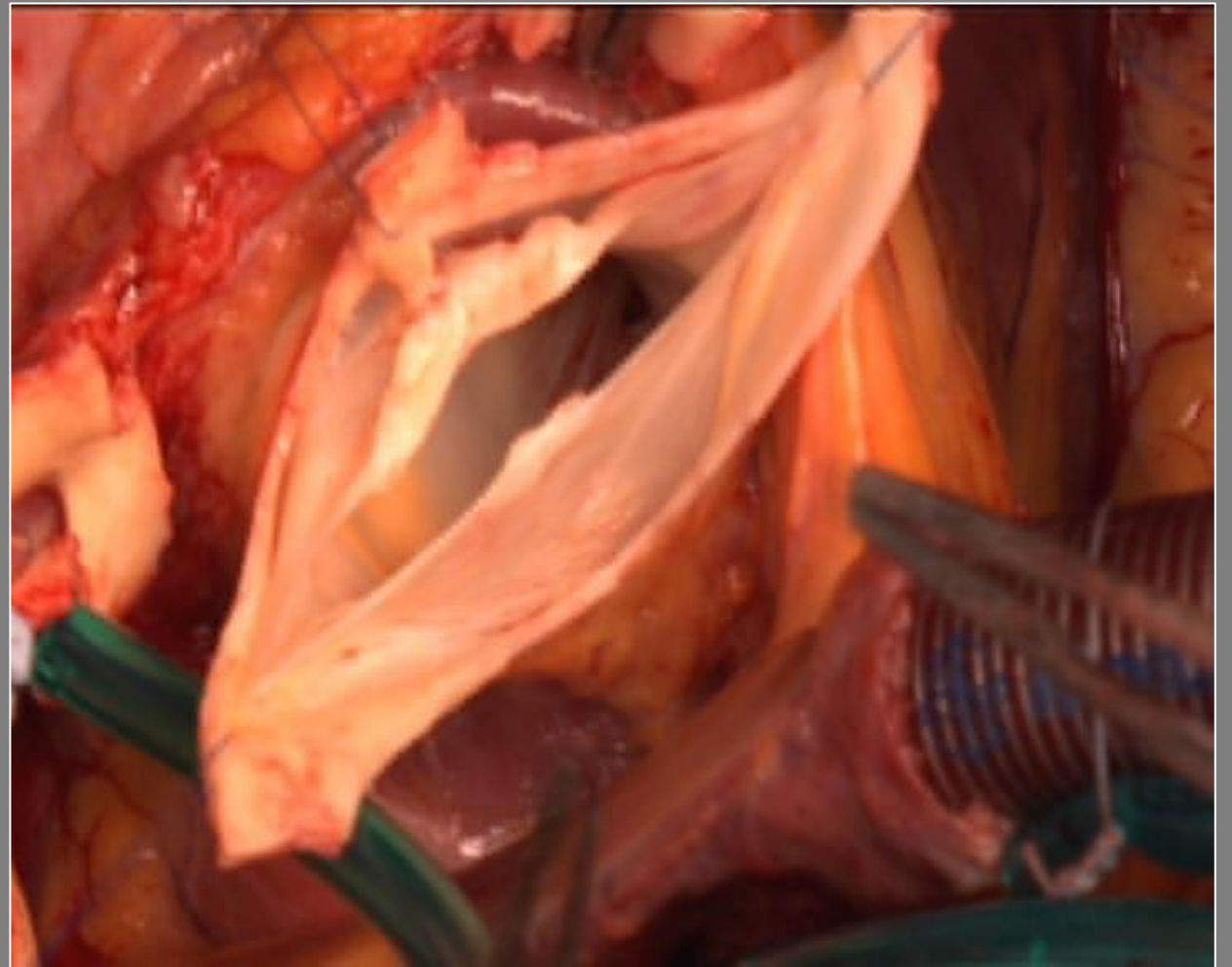
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Repair techniques

→ Resection direct closure + VS Reimplantation



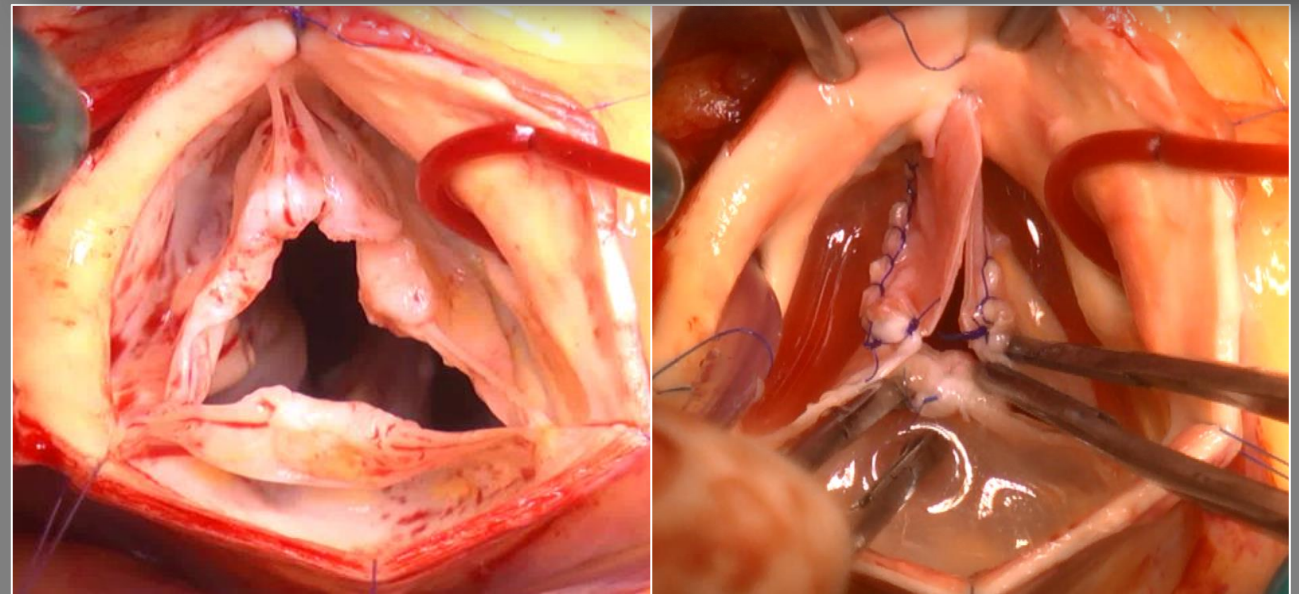
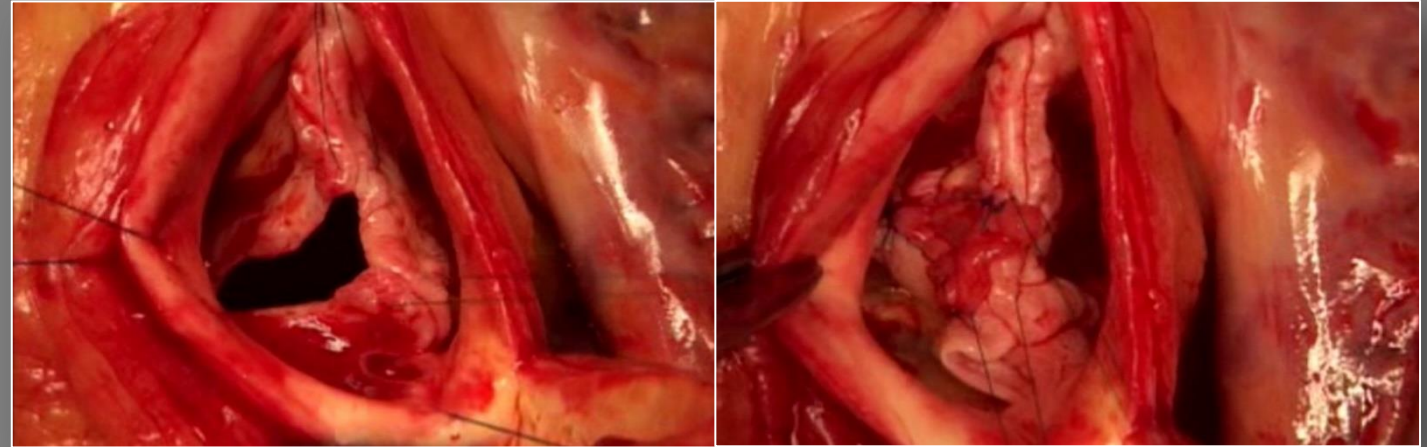
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Repair techniques

→ Resection + Patch repair



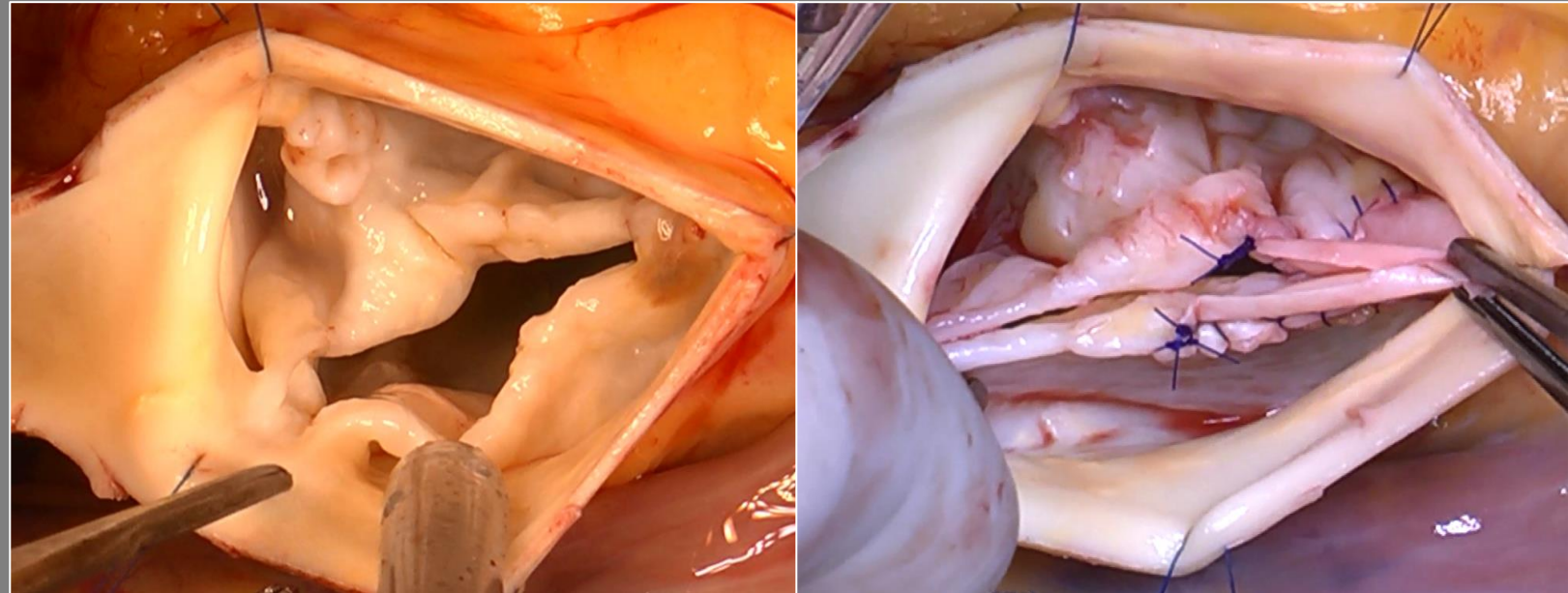
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Repair techniques

→ Resection + Patch repair



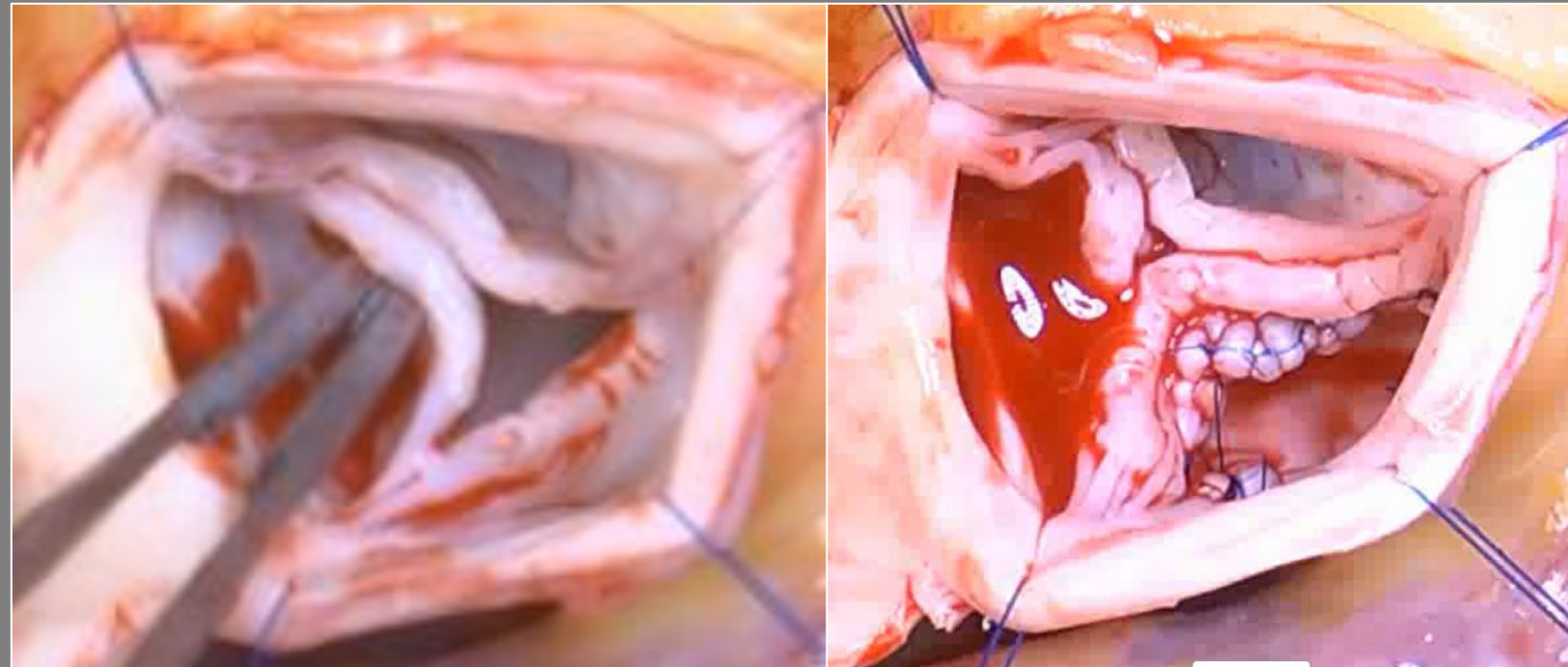
Techniques of cusp repair

Cusp lesions

- Prolapse
 - Free margin elongation
 - Fenestration
 - Commissure disruption
- Restriction/retraction
 - Raphe in BAV
 - Unicuspid valve
 - Fibrosis/Calcification
- Perforation/destruction

Repair techniques

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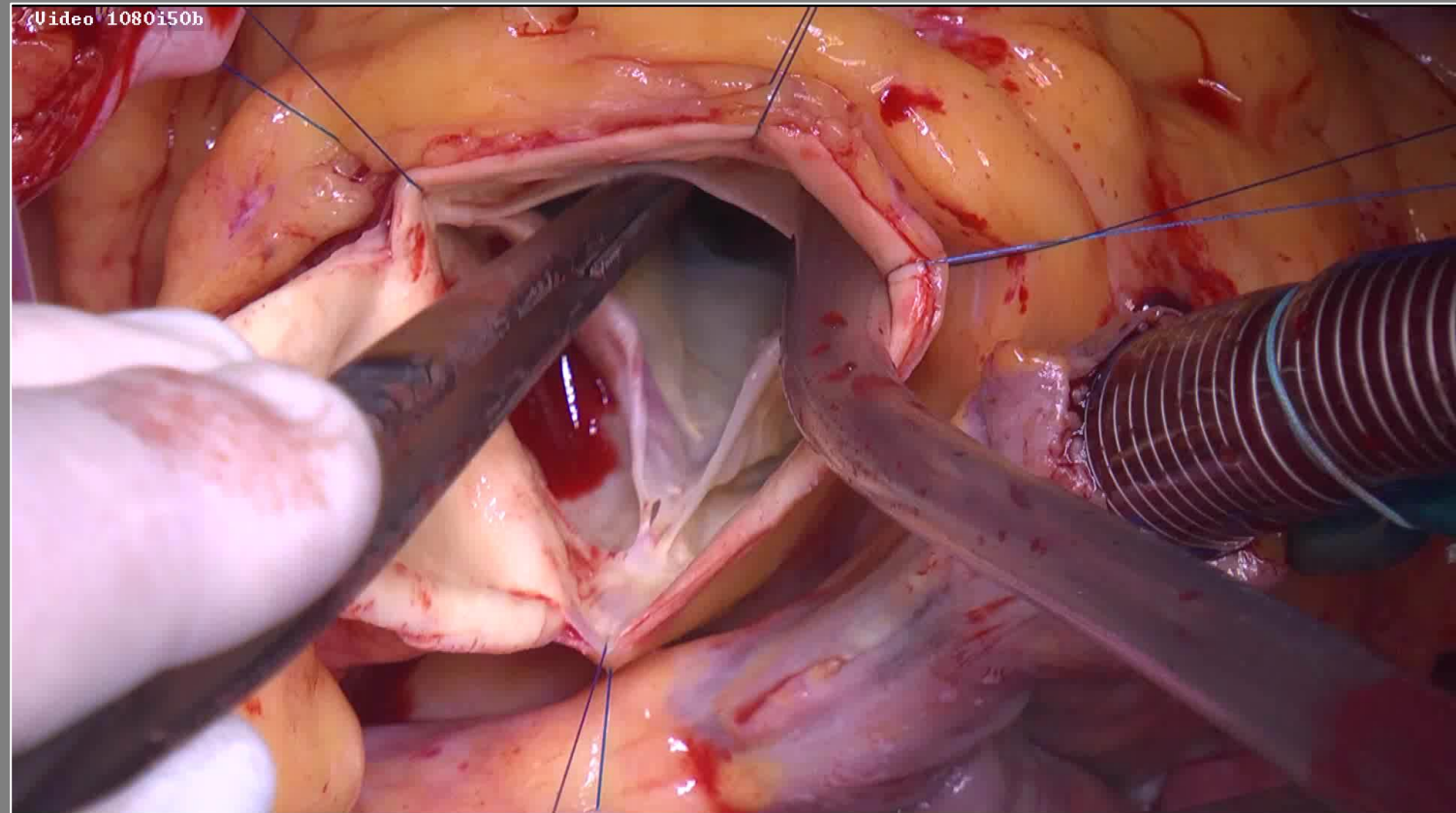
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Repair techniques

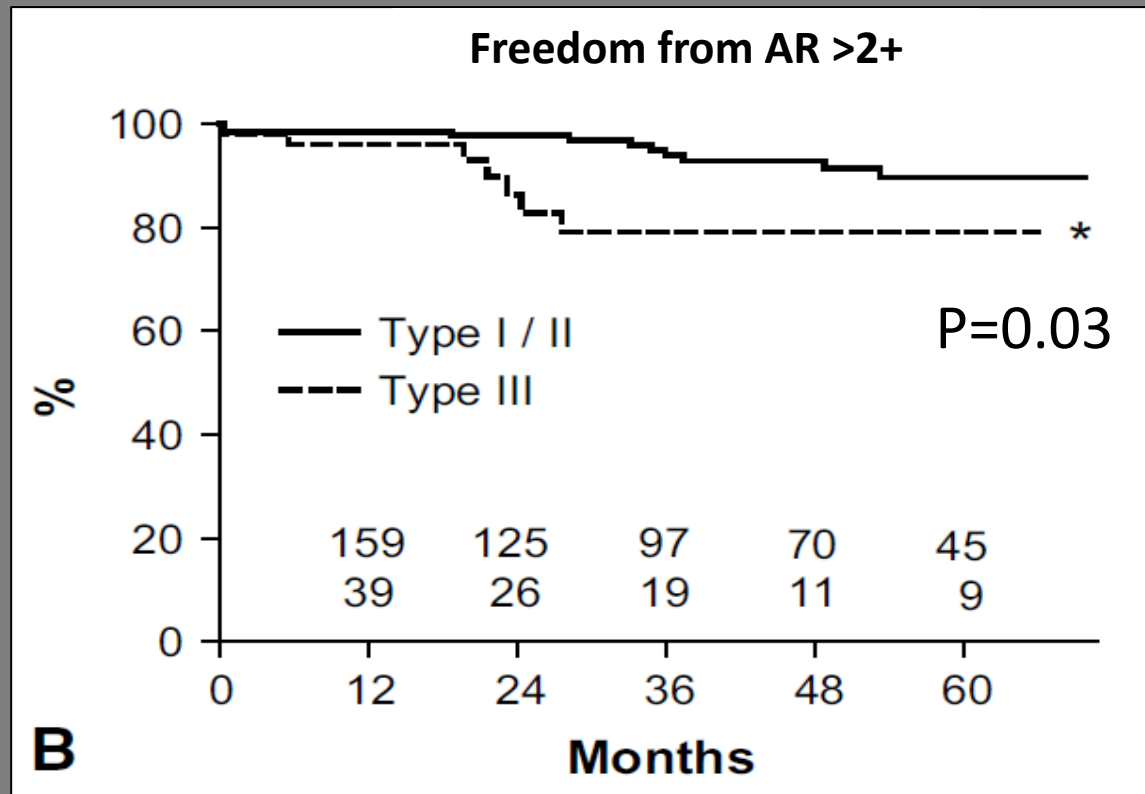
→ Patch repair



Techniques of cusp repair:

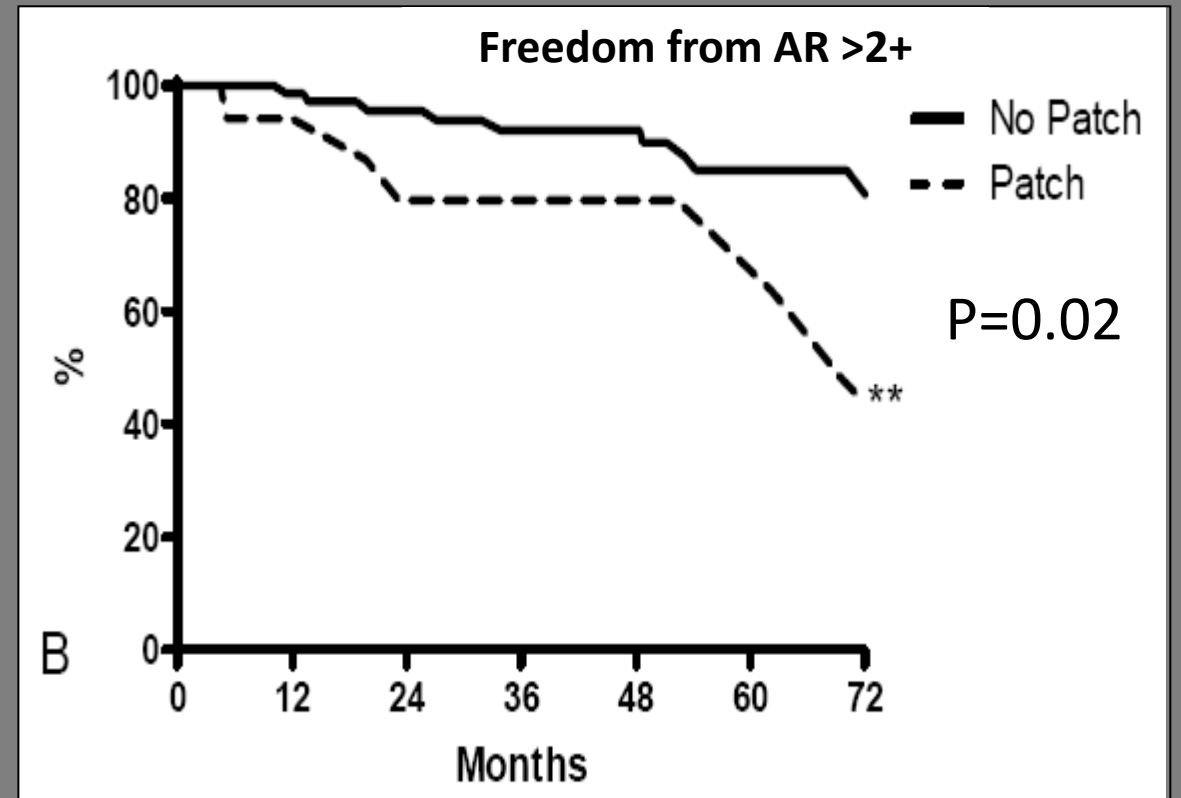
Outcome following type of AI

All repair cohort



M. Boodhwani, JTCVS 2009

BAV repair



Boodhwani M. JTCVS 2010

Techniques of FAA repair

Aorta lesions

- Type 1a: Asc Ao (STJ)
- Type 1b: Root (STJ + VAJ)
- Type 1c: VAJ

Repair techniques

- Supra coronary ascending aorta replacement
- Valve Sparing Reimplantation
- Subcommissural annuloplasty or Ring annuloplasty

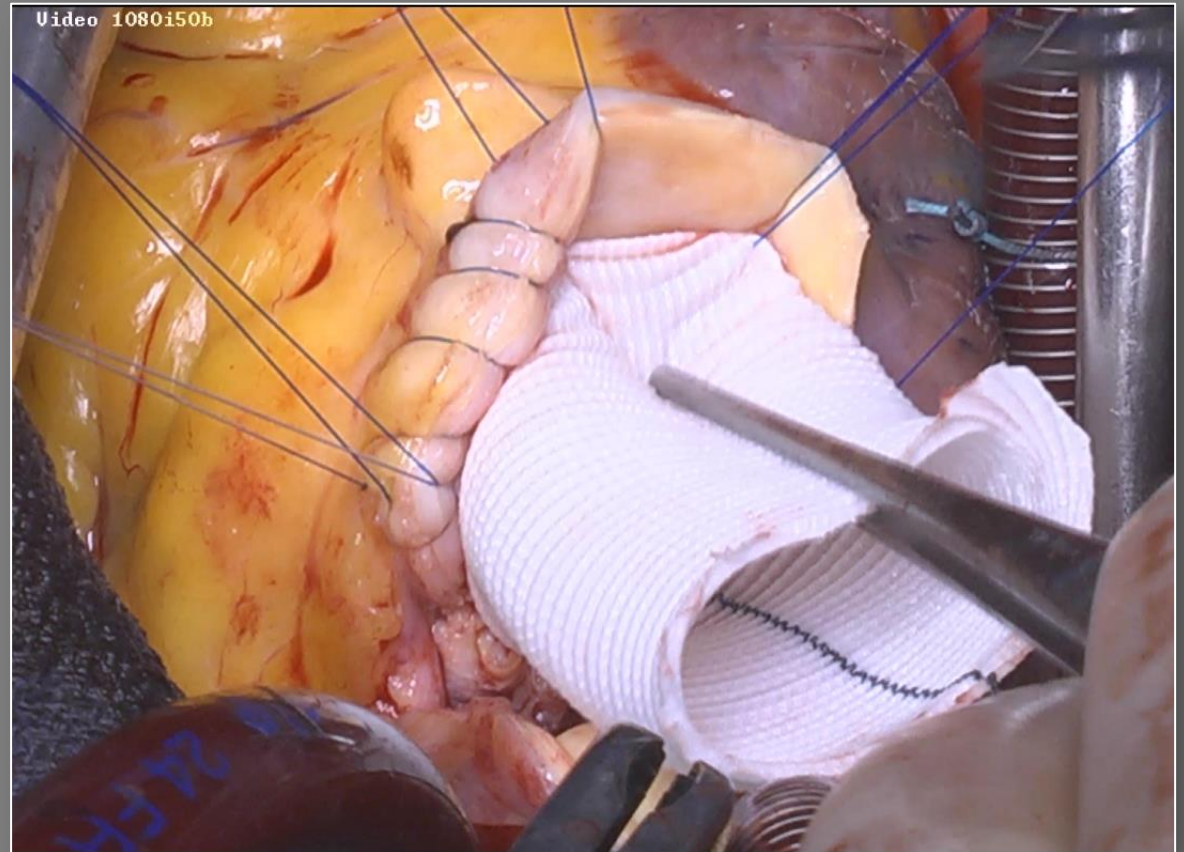
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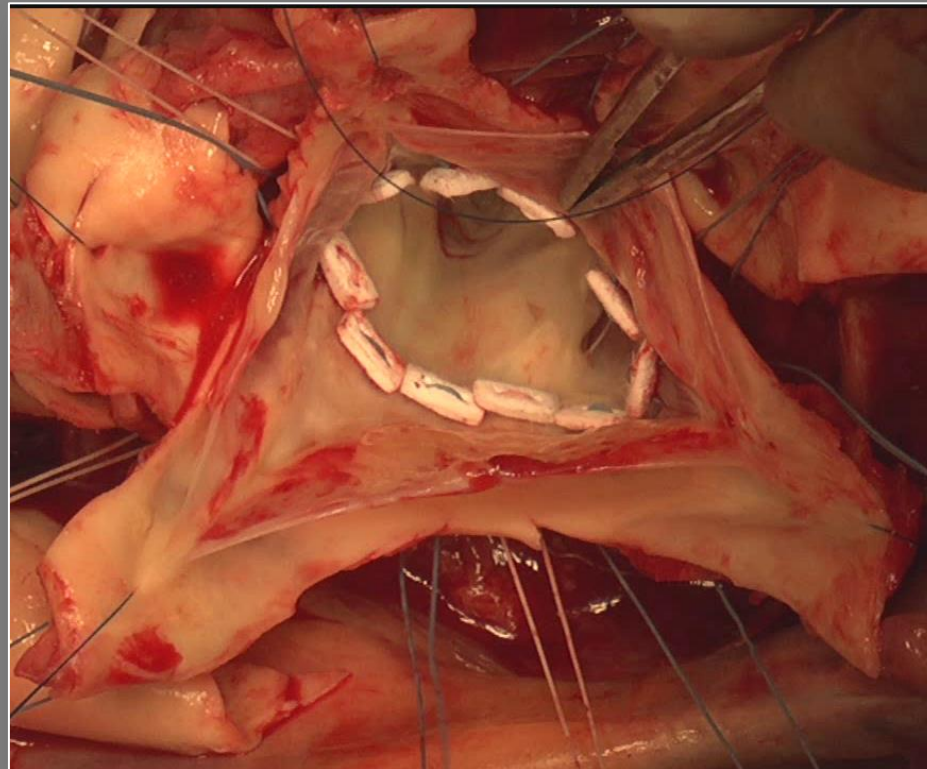
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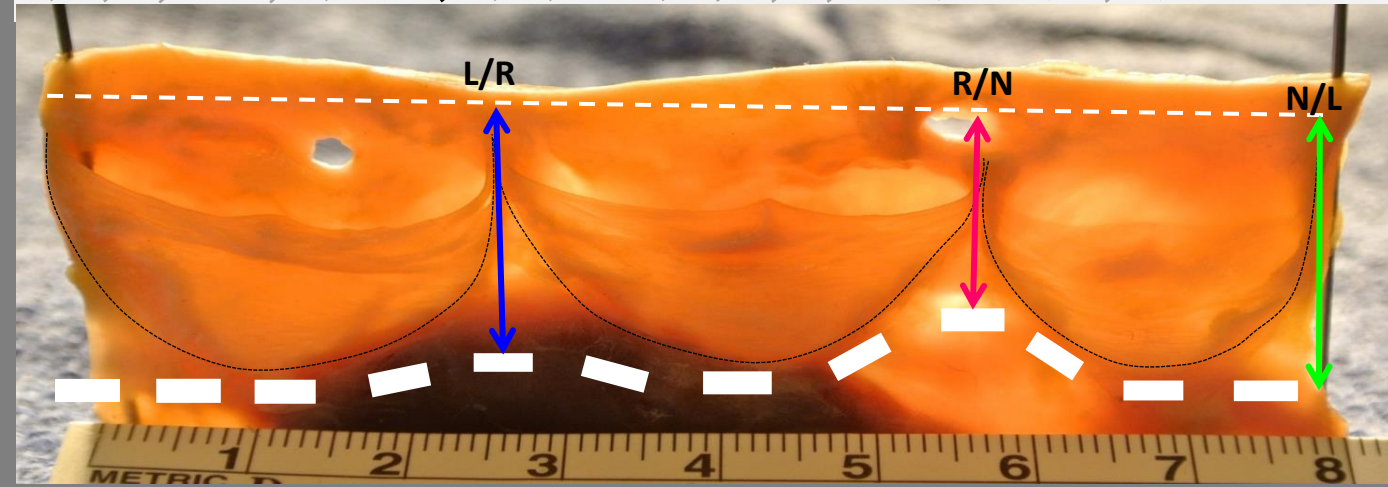
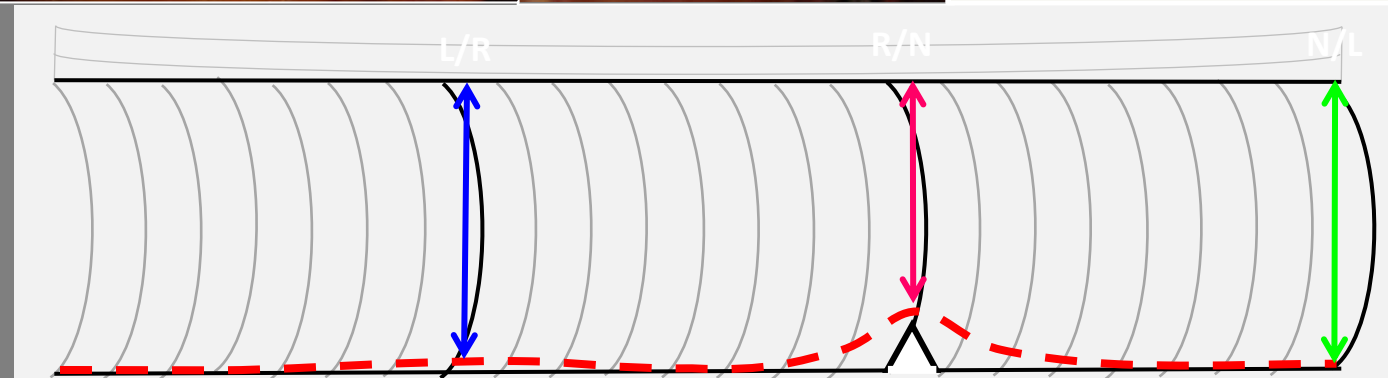
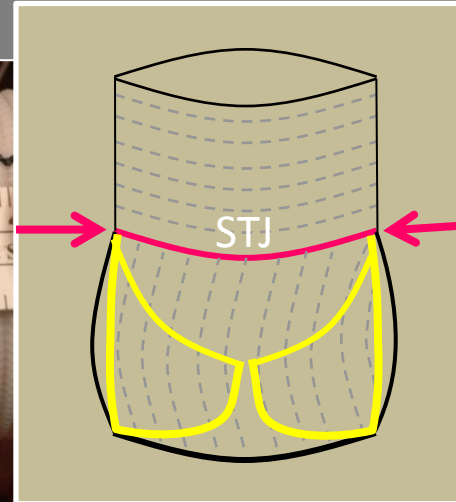
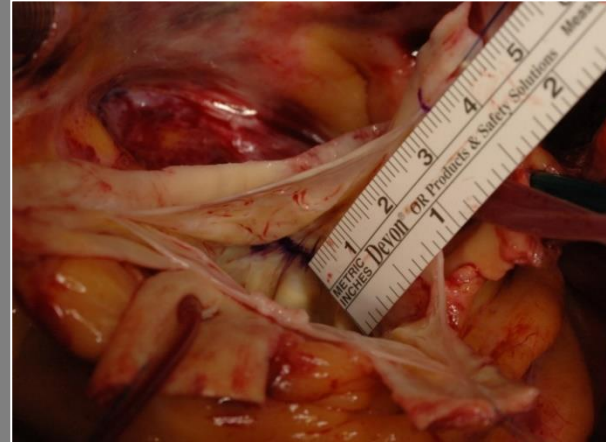
Repair techniques

→ Valve Sparing Reimplantation



VS Reimplantation: Brussels Technique

1. Valve inspection
2. Root dissection
3. Complex cusp repair
4. Graft sizing & proximal suture line
5. Com. reimplantation & distal suture line
6. Residual prolapse repair
7. Coronary reimplantation



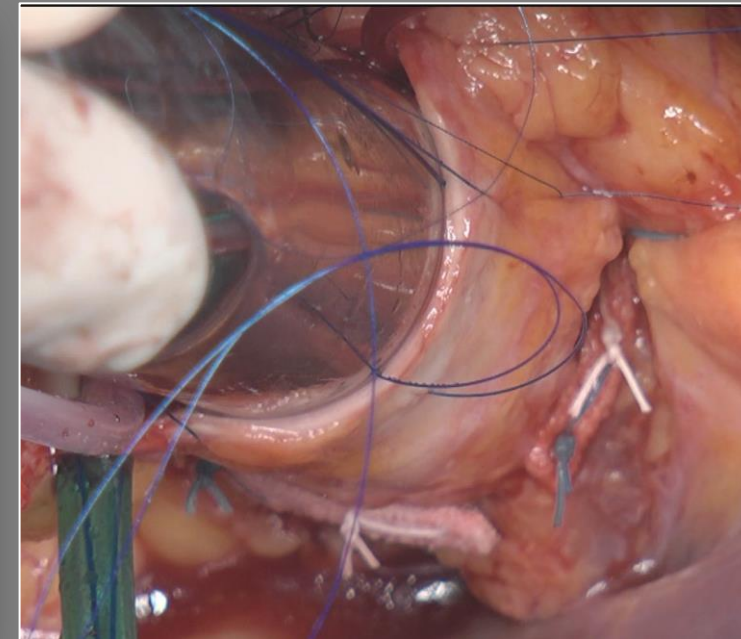
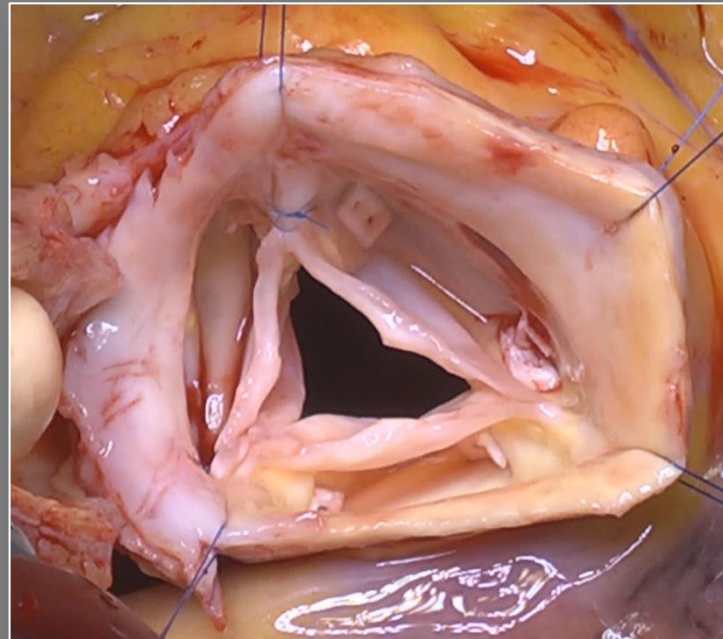
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Techniques of FAA repair

Ring annuloplasty

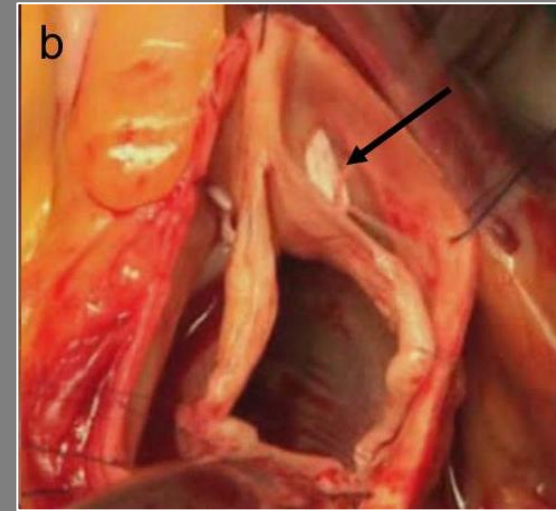
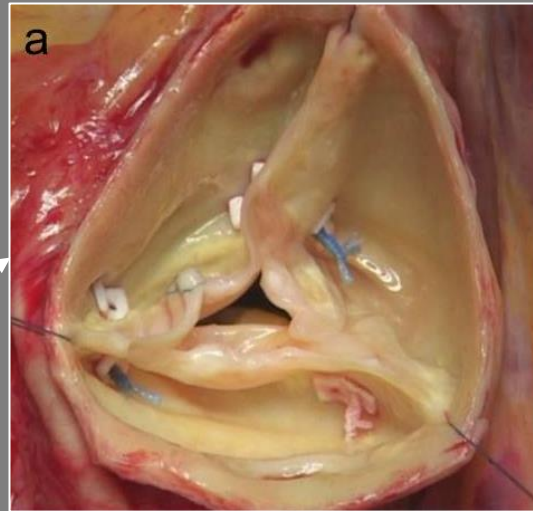


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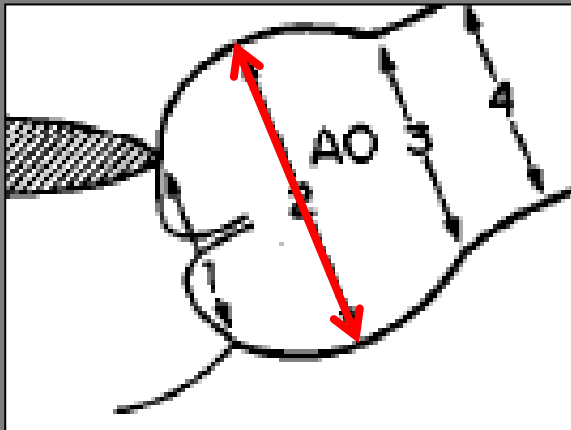
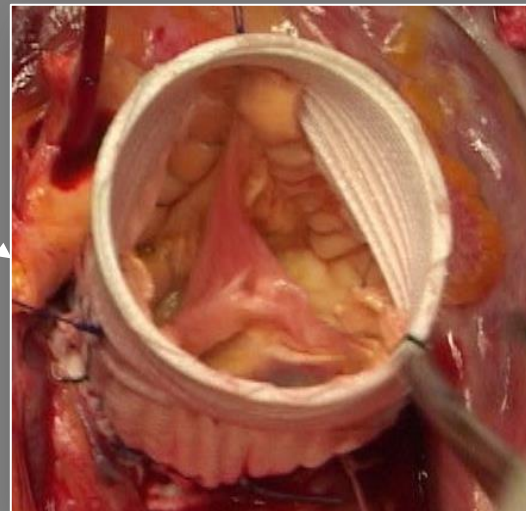
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BAV

SCA:
Root < 45 mm



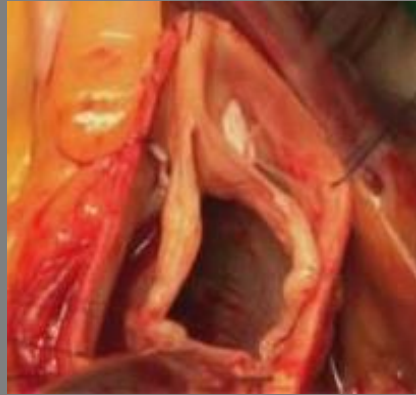
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Root > 45 mm



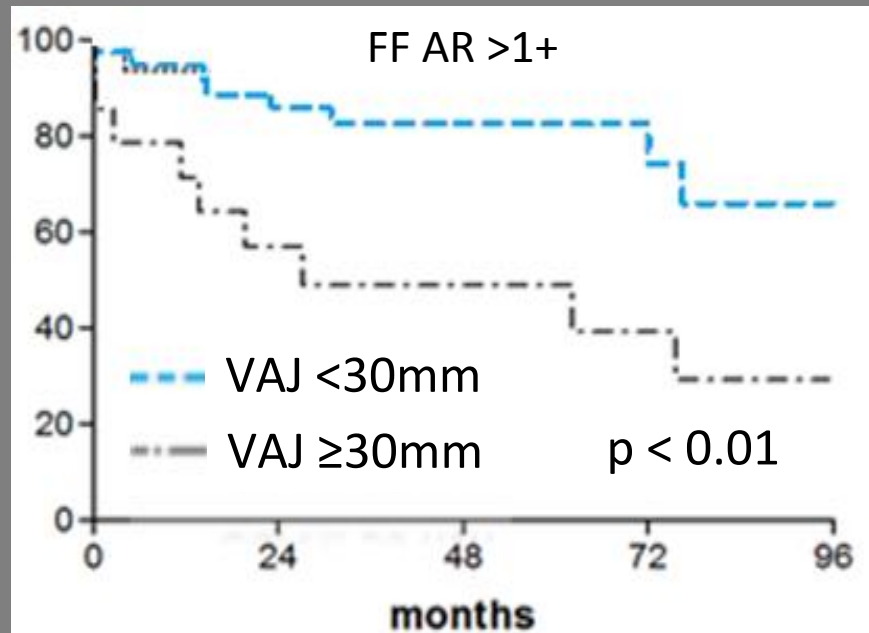
Techniques of FAA repair

Subcommissural annuloplasty and VAJ size

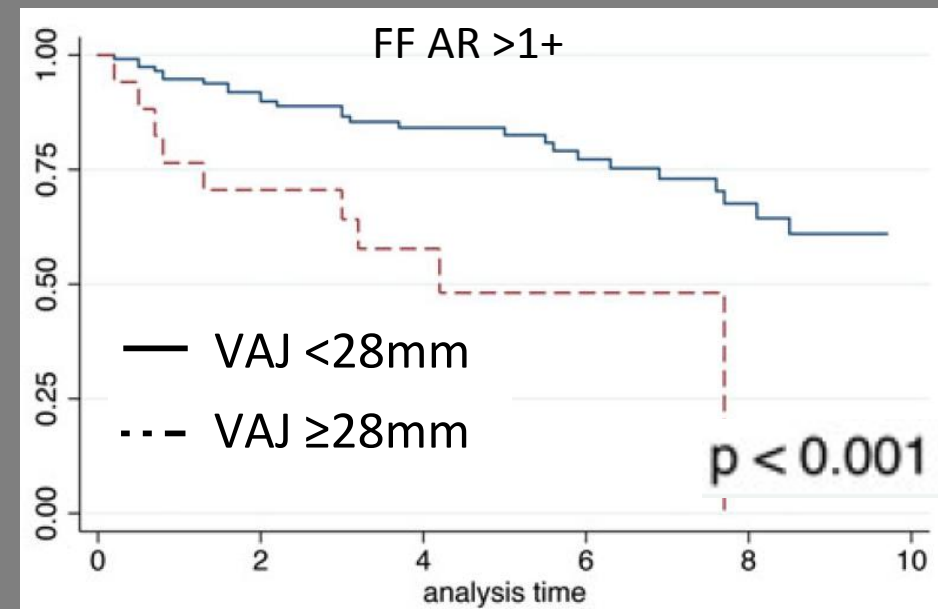
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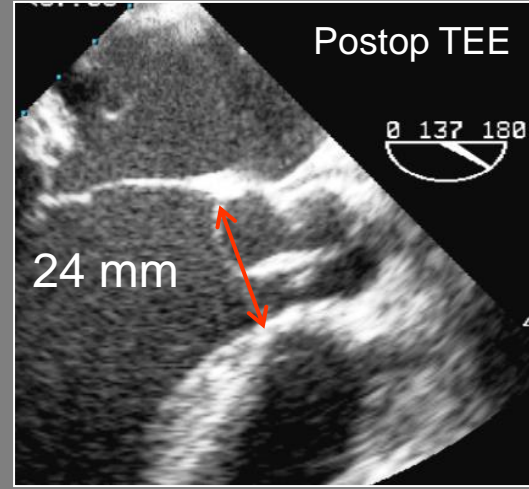
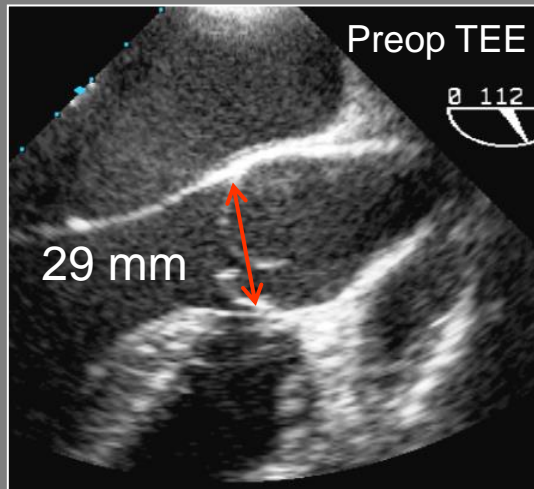
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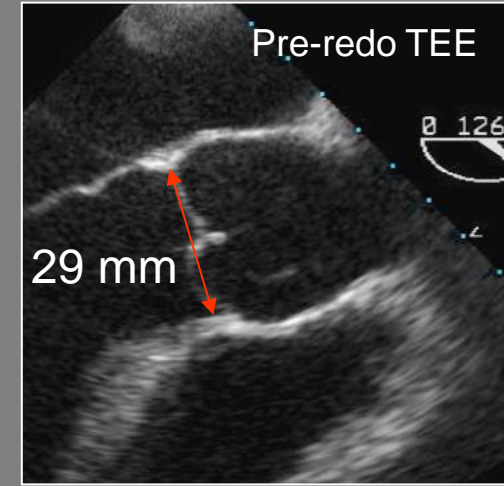
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Techniques of FAA repair

SCA and VAJ size

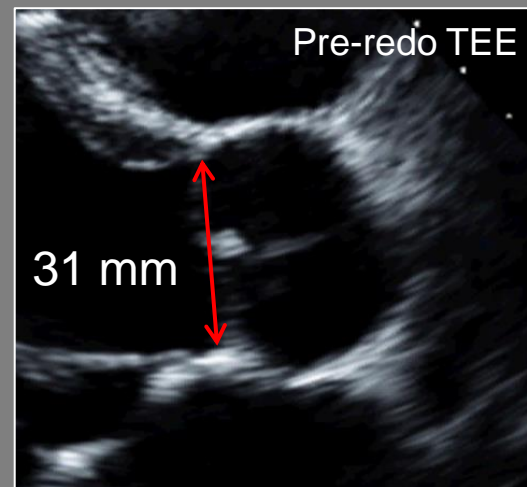
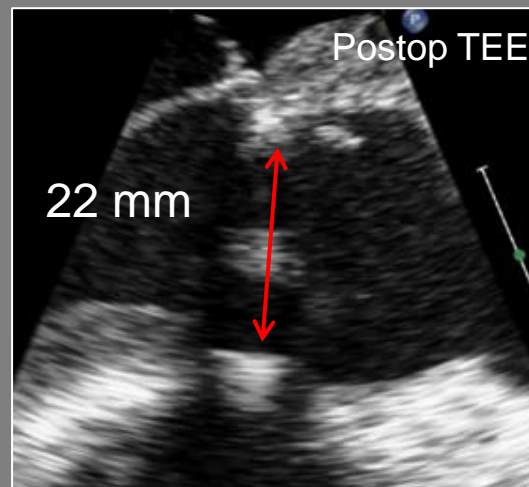
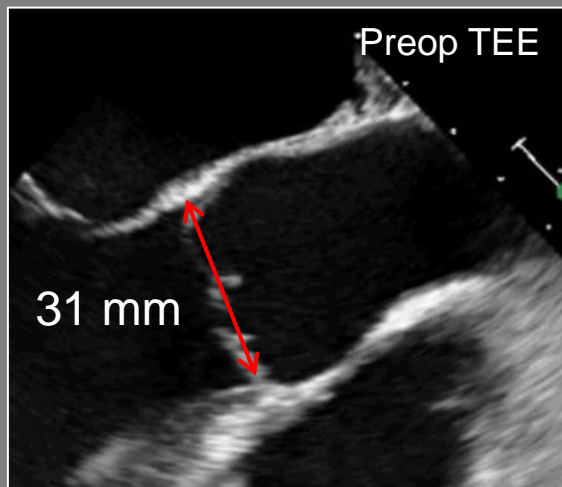


VAJ dilatation



30 y ♂: **BAV**, rapher res+direct closure, cusps resusp (Gtx), SCA

→ 6.5 y later: AI 3+



41 y ♂: **TAV**, RC plication and resuspension (Gtx), SCA

→ 2 y later : AI 3+

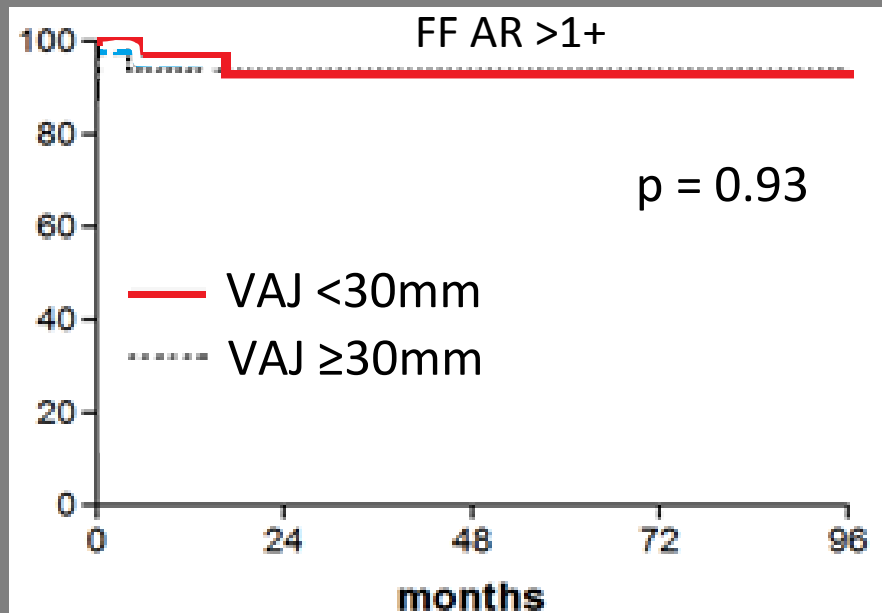
Techniques of FAA repair

VS Reimplantation and VAJ size

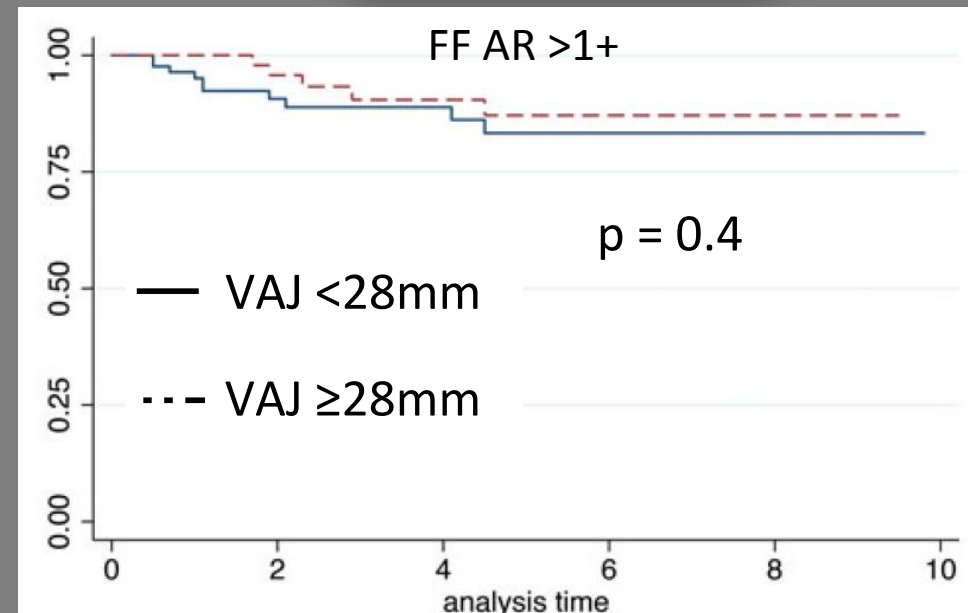
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TAV



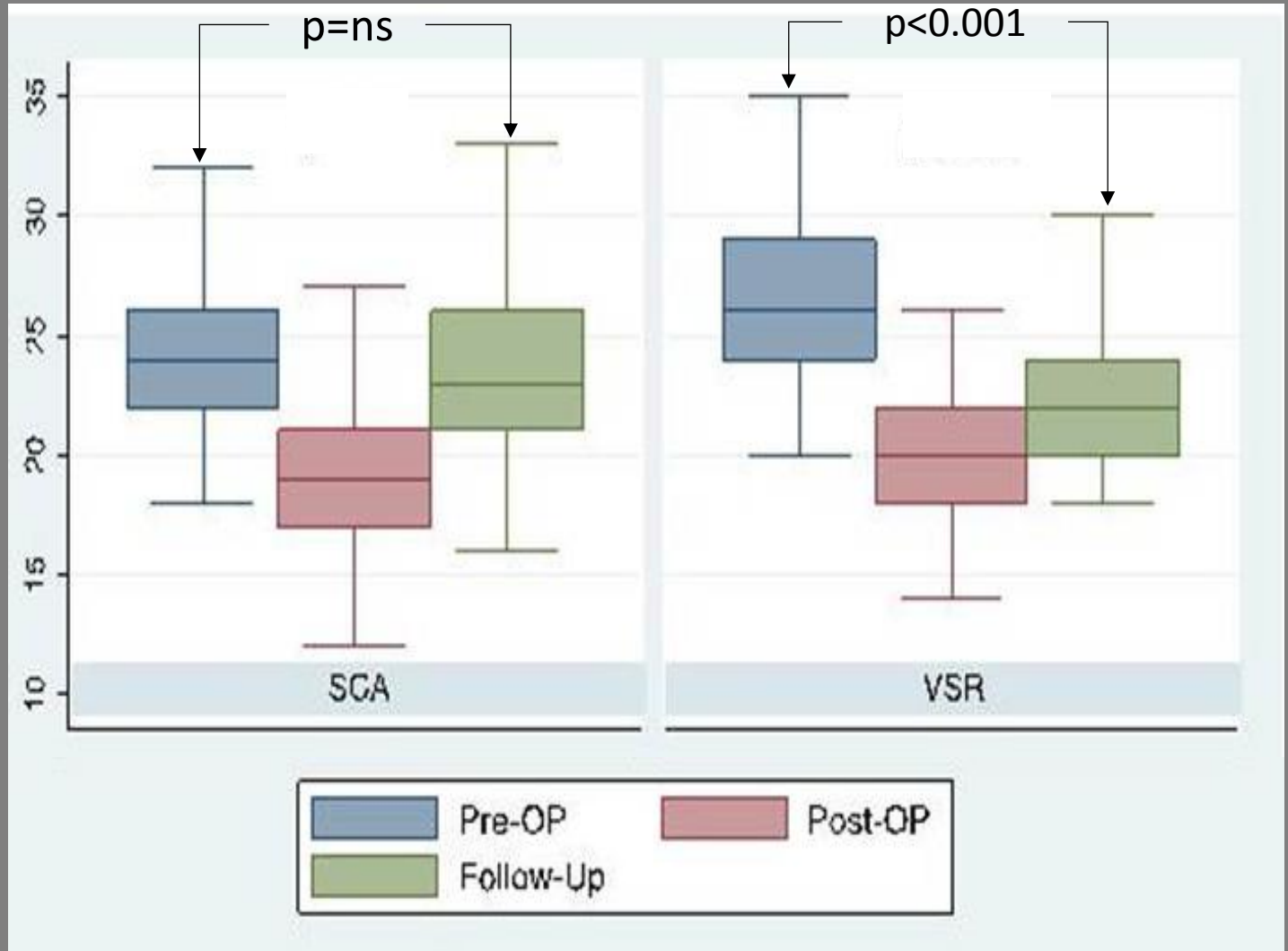
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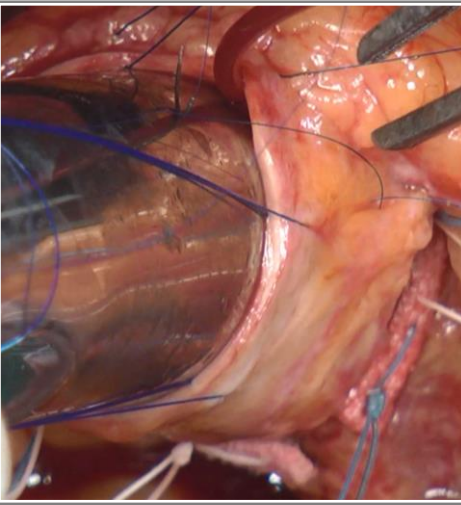
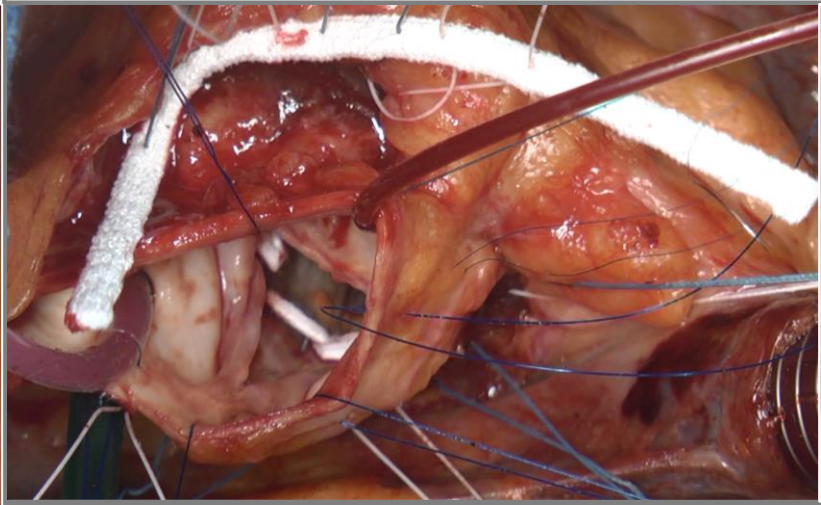
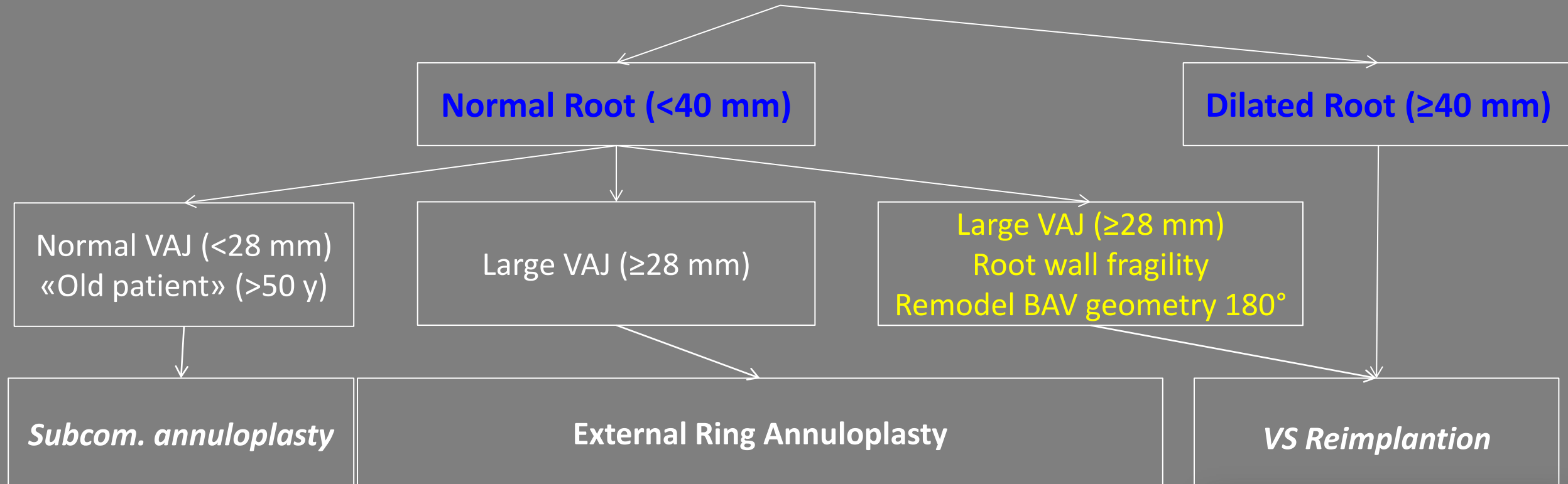
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Techniques of FAA repair

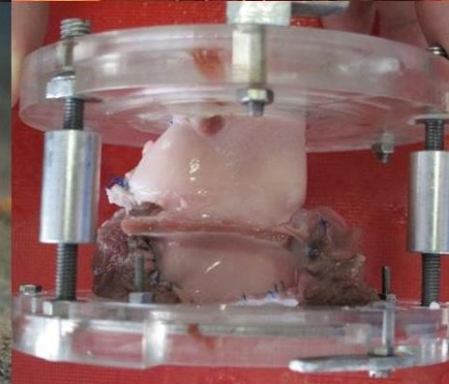
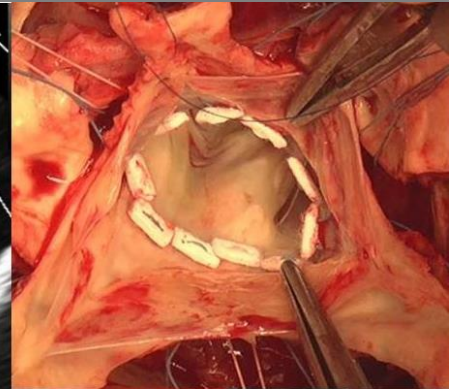
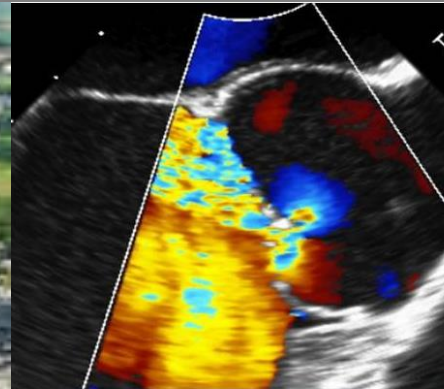
SCA and VAJ size



Brussels annuloplasty strategy (AV repair for severe AI)

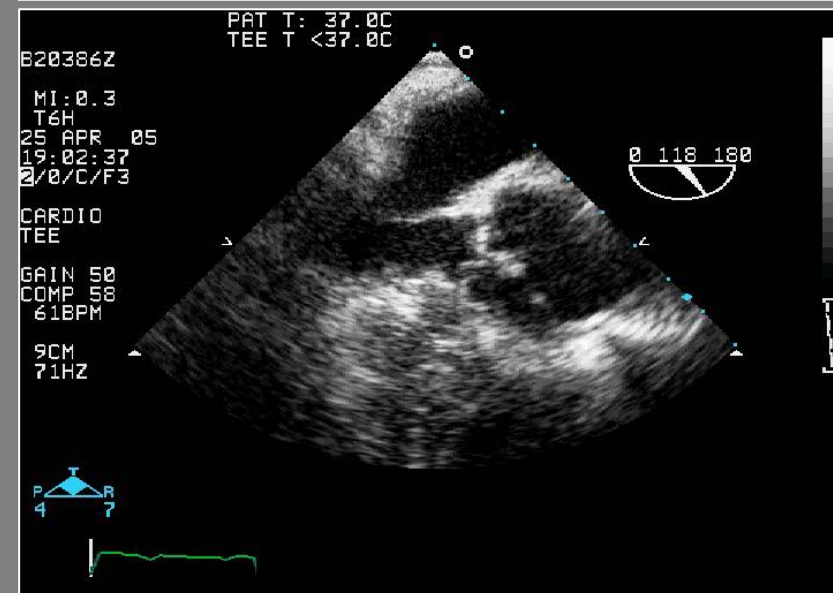
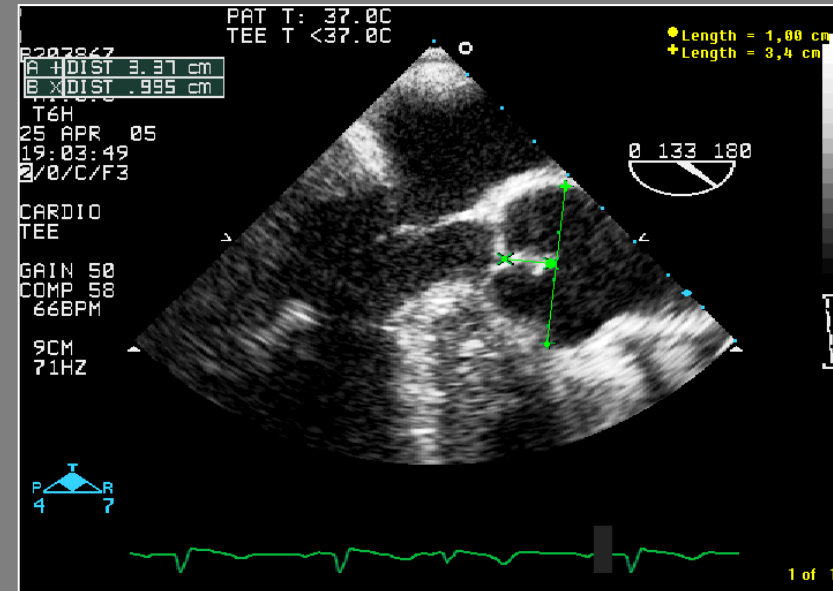


Thank you



Main goal of AV repair: Optimal coaptation + Stabilisation

- Effective height (eH) ≥ 9 mm
- Coaptation length ≥ 4 mm
- Circumferential annuloplasty VAJ ≥ 28
- No residual AI
- Good cusp mobility



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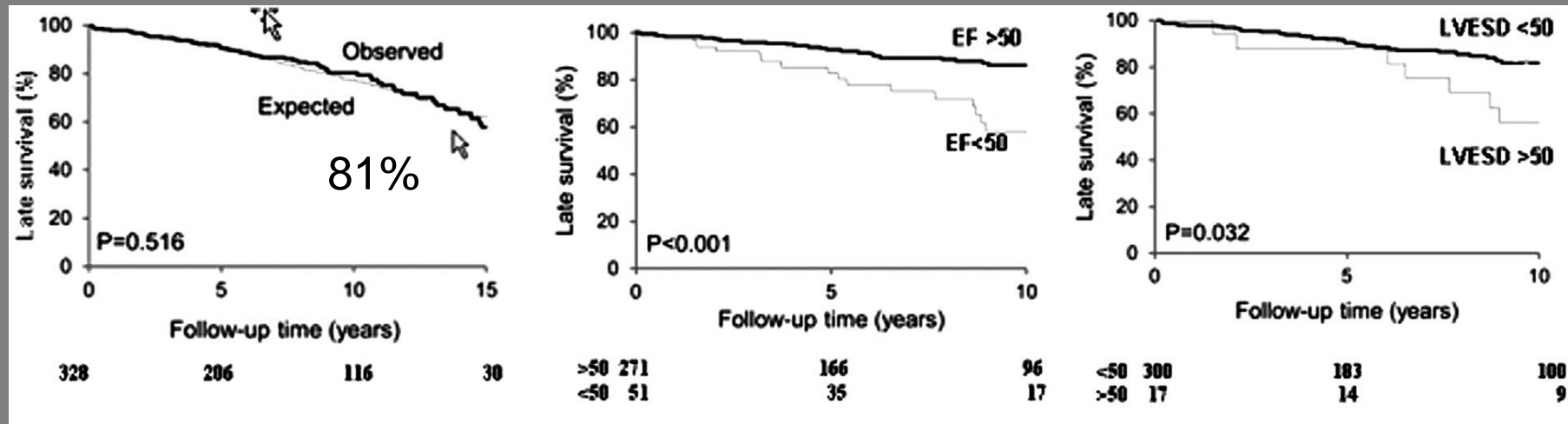
Brussels AV repair: Conclusions

- The **mechanisms of AI** are actually well understood and the use of a **classification** help to discuss indication, plan surgical strategy and analyze the outcomes.
- Surgeon dispose of a **wide armamentarium** of repair techniques adapted to the variety of valvular lesions.
- Durability of leaflet repair depend on the **quality and quantity of tissues**; long term results are excellent for in Type 1 (FAA dilatation) and 2 (Prolapse) and acceptable in type 3 (Restrictive).
- Next to leaflet tissues quality, optimal valve **coaptation** and **annuloplasty** are the principal determinants of repair durability.

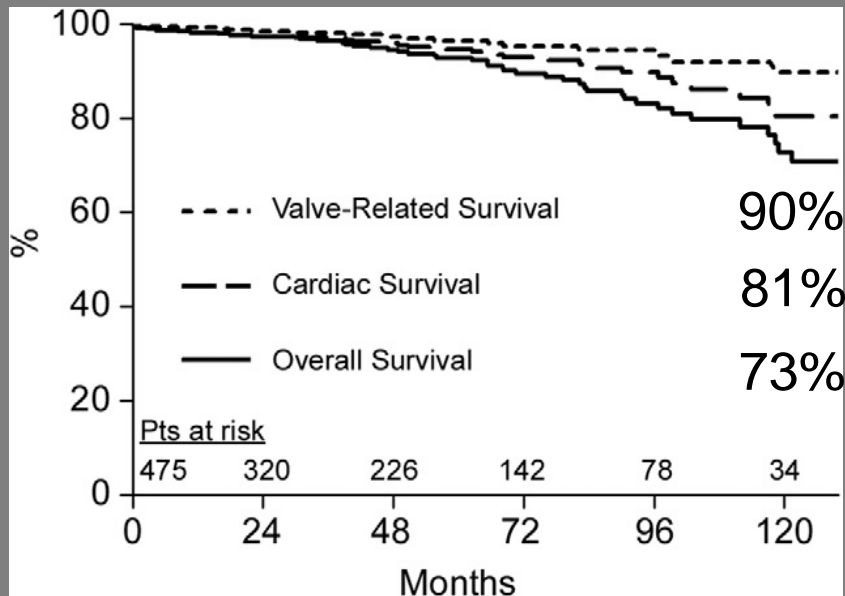
AV Repair: Hospital Mortality (elective surgery)

- 0.6% V. Sharma, H. Schaff JTCVS 2014
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- 1% T. David JTCVS 2014

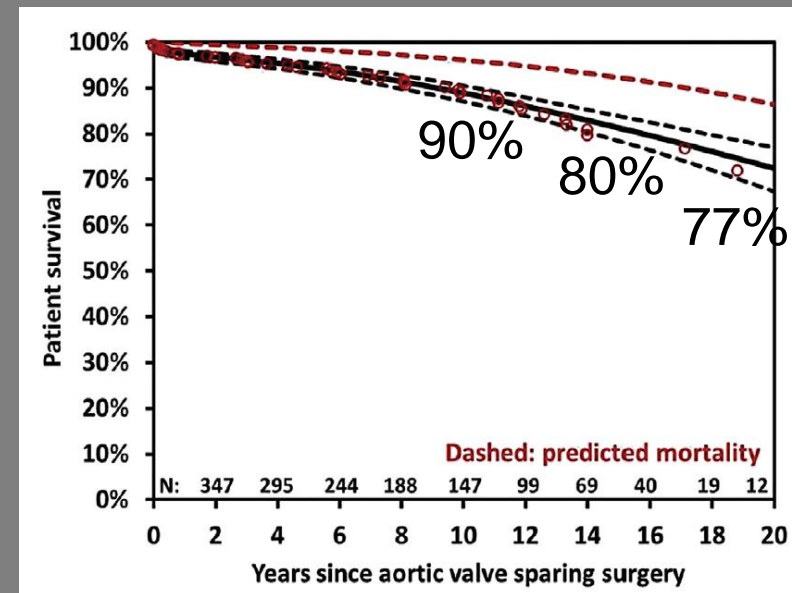
AV Repair: Long term Survival



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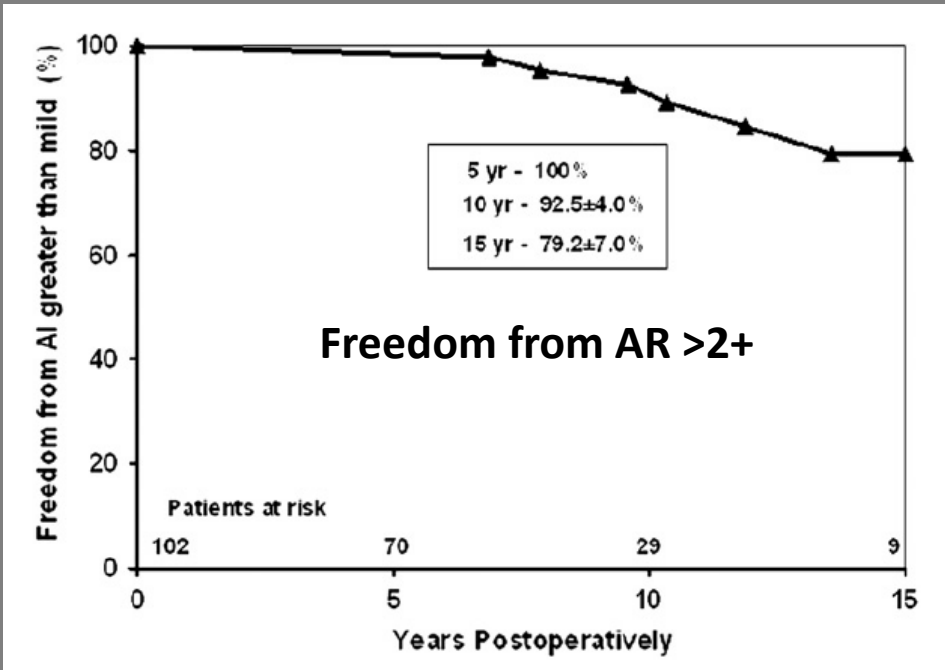
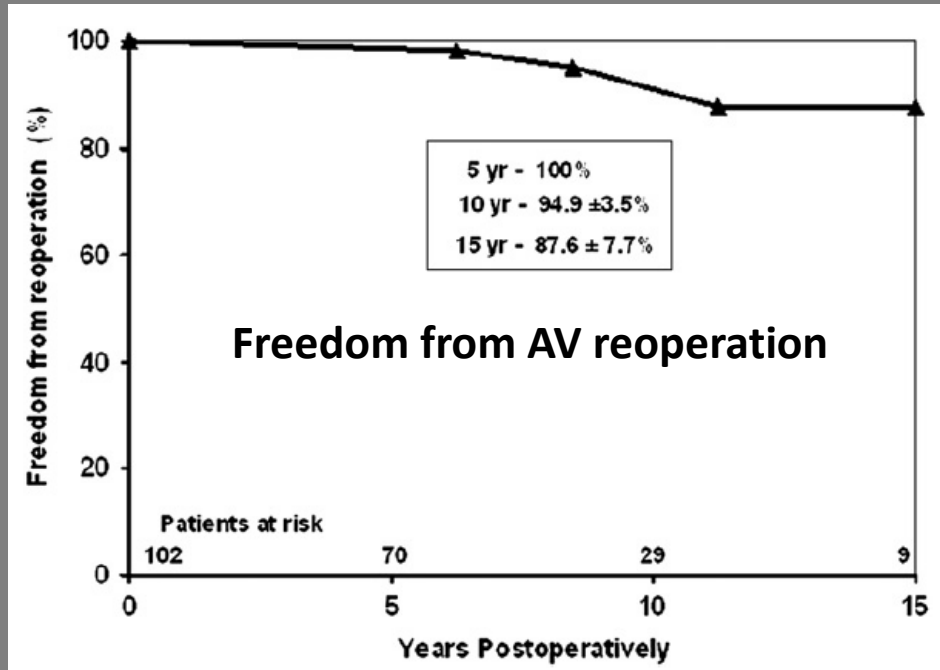
T. David JTCVS 2014

AV Repair: Freedom from Reoperation & AI

Authors	Period	Cohort	Technique	FF AV Reop	FF recurrent AR >2+
H. Schaff JTCVS 2014	1986- 2011	331	Cusp 100% Sparing 0%	10 y 80%	10 y 75%
T. Kuniyama JTCVS 2012	1995-2007	640	Cusp 80% Sparing 50%	10 y 88%	10 y 80%
J. Price ATS 2013	1995-2010	475	Cusp 68% Sparing 50%	10 y 86%	10 y 85%
T. David JTCVS 2014	1988- 2010	371	Cusp 50% Sparing 100%	10 y 97% 18 y 95%	10 y 93% 18 y 78%

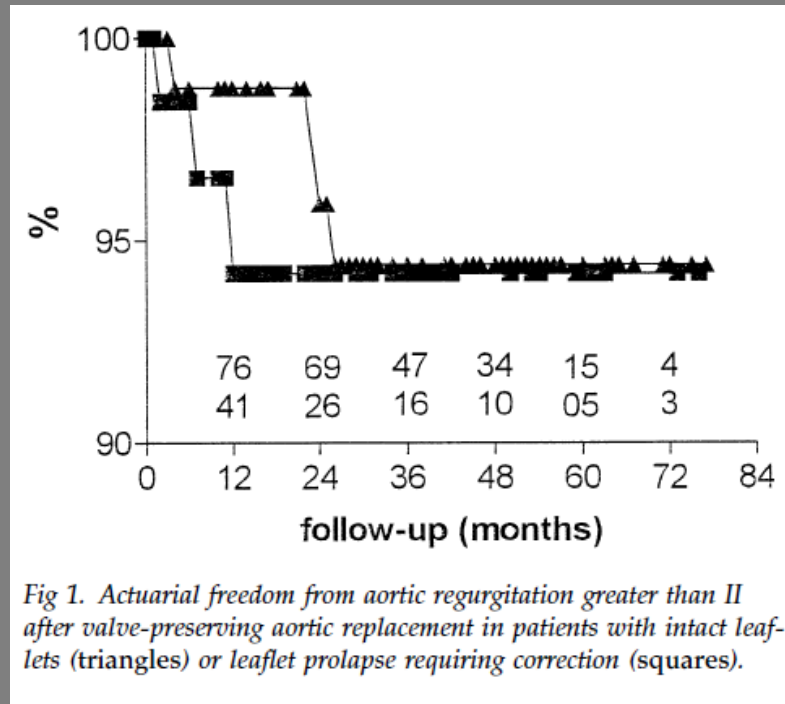
Root pathology > Cusp pathology

AV Repair: Valve sparing in Marfan Syndrome

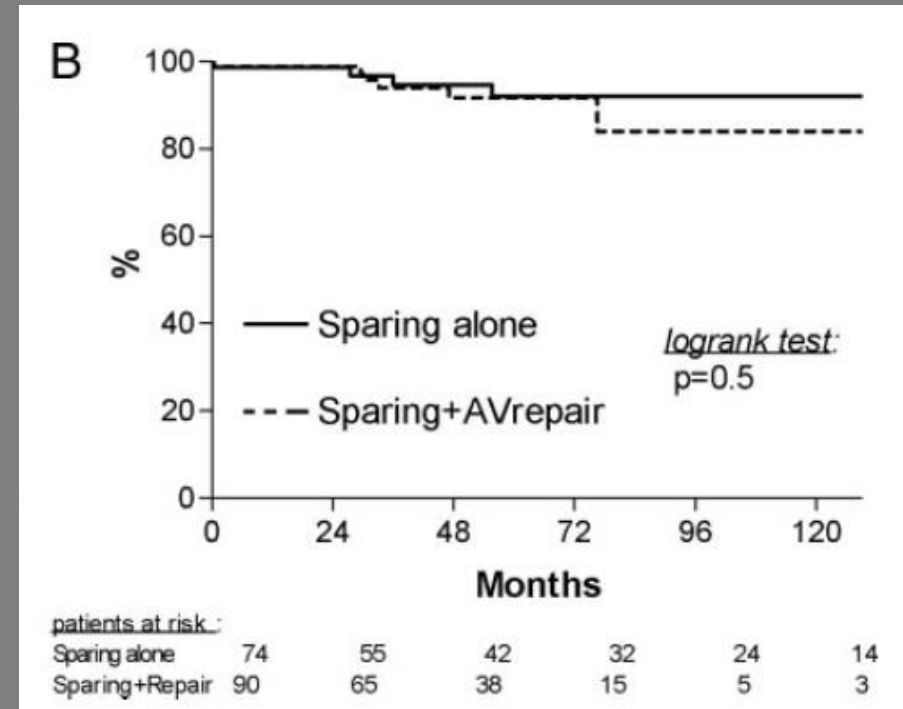


AV Repair:

Leaflet repair in valve sparing surgery



H.J. Schäfers ATS 2002



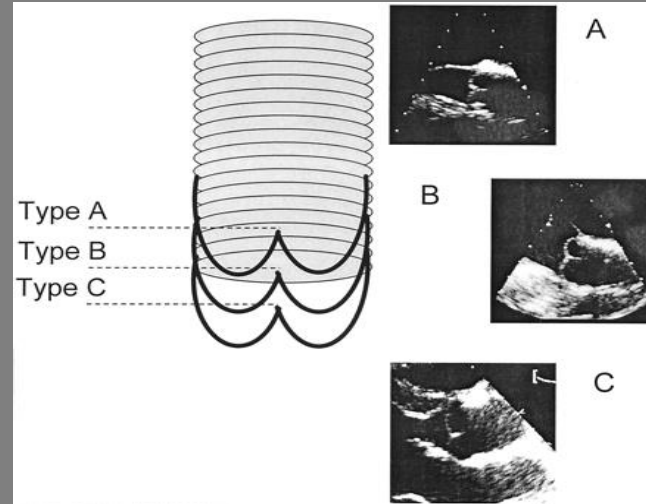
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Cusp repair = risk factor of reoperation or recurrent AR

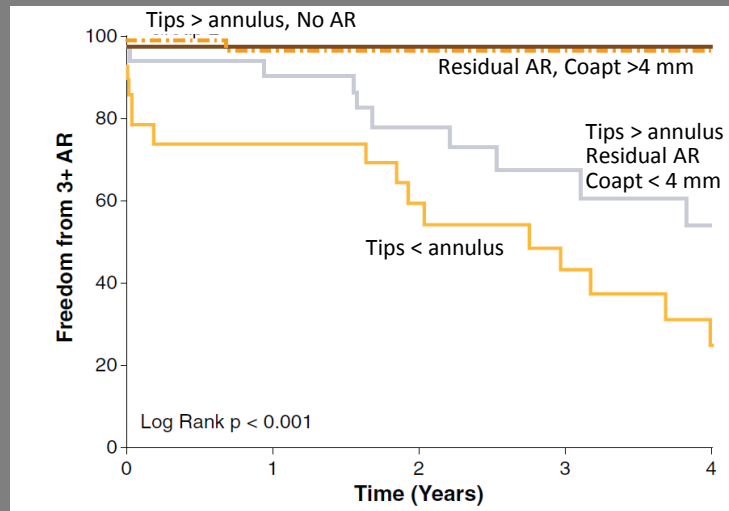
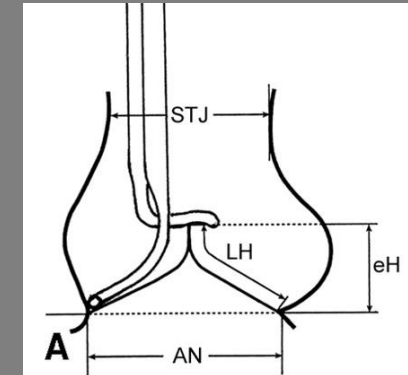
- E. Lansac EJCTS 2010 (negative impact of cusp repair decrease with experience)
- P.P. Urbanski EJCTS 2012

AV repair

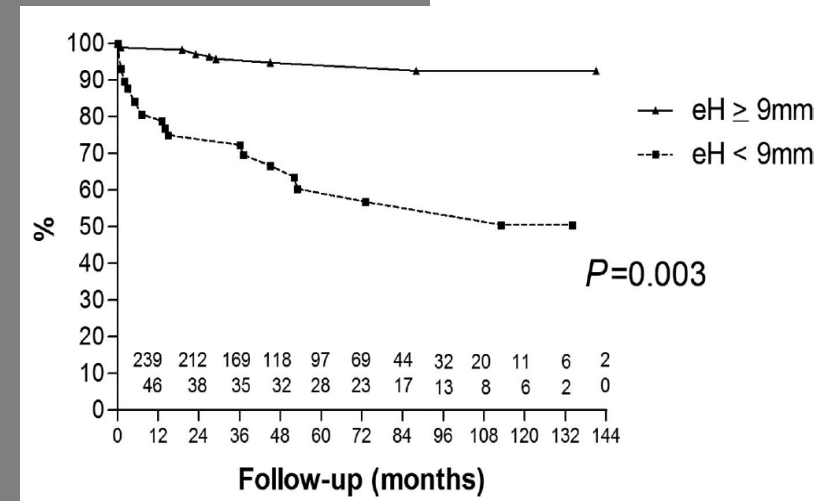
Risk factor of repair failure: Cusp coaptation



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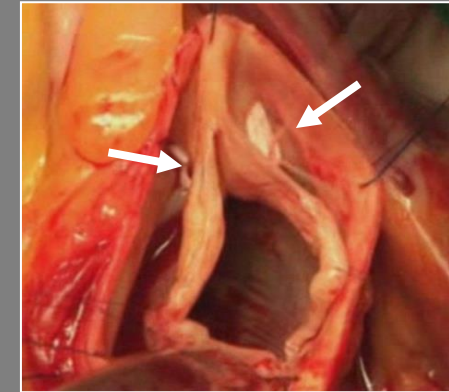
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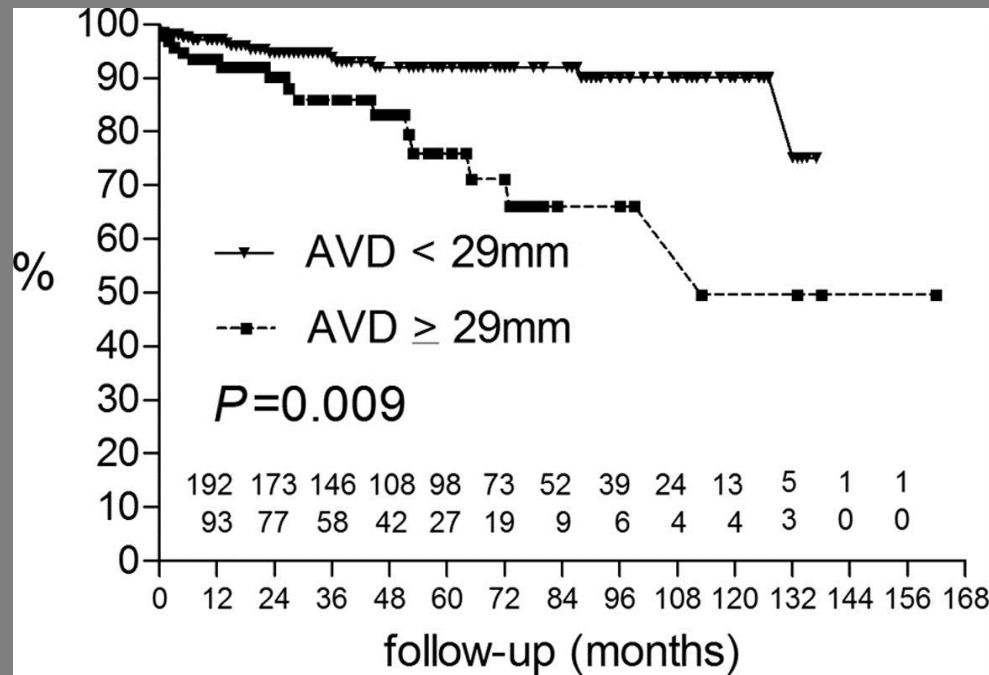
AV repair

Risk factor of repair failure: **VAJ dilatation**

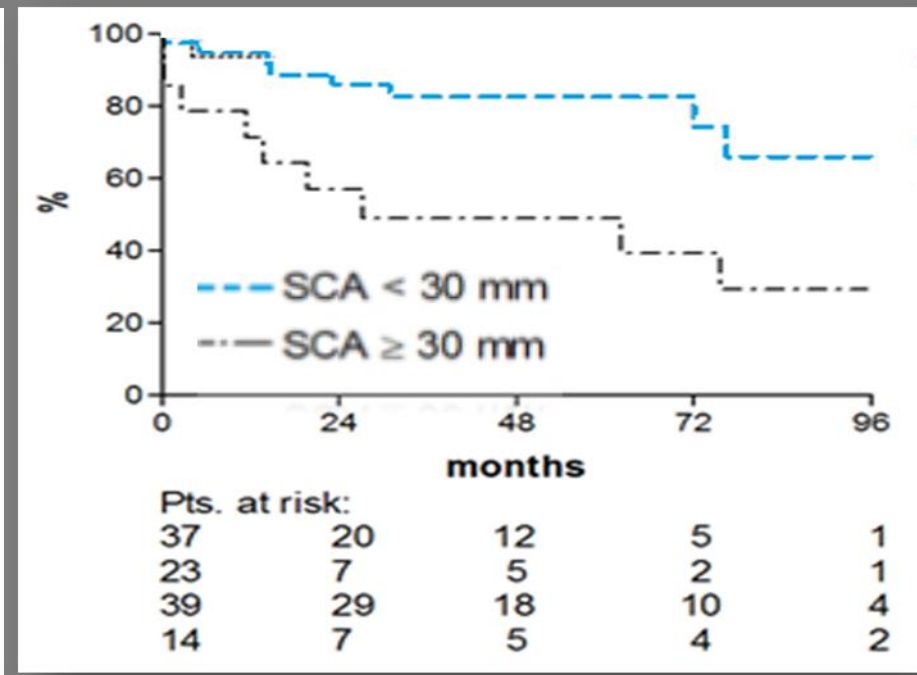


No annuloplasty

SC annuloplasty



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AV repair

TAV versus BAV

Freedom from reoperation

BAV

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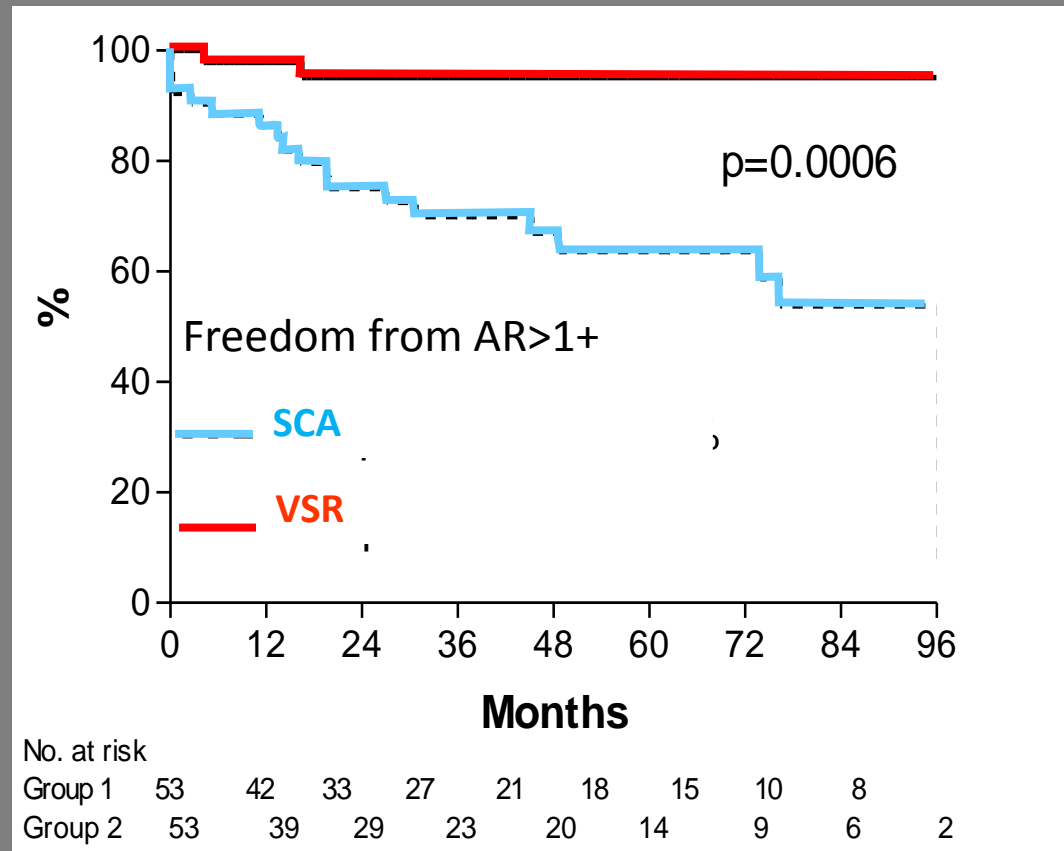
TAV

- 84% (7 y) *Casselman JTCVS 1999*
- 81% (10 y) *Aicher EJCTS 2010*
- 81% (10 y) *Price ATS 2013*
- 94% (12 y) *David JTCVS 2010*
- 93% (10 y) *Aicher EJCTS 2010*
- 89% (10 y) *Price ATS 2013*

AV repair

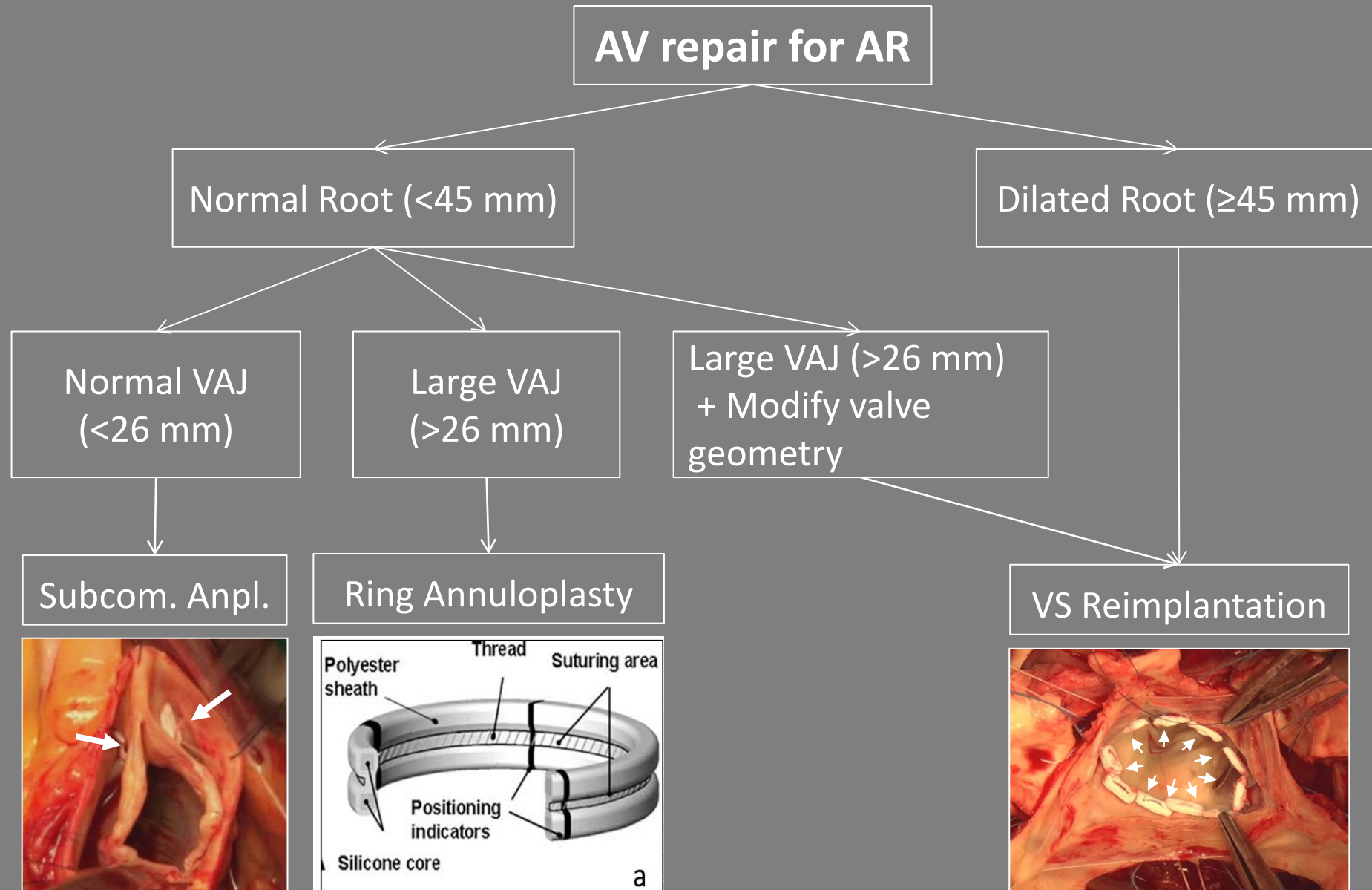
Valve sparing reimplanation in BAV repair

Matched comparison VSR vs SCA



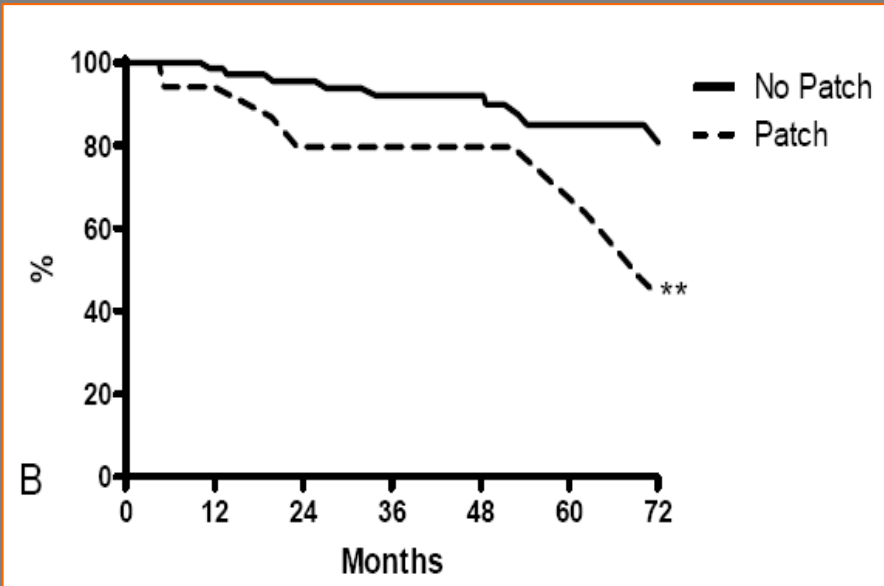
AV repair

Aorta/Annuloplasty repair strategy

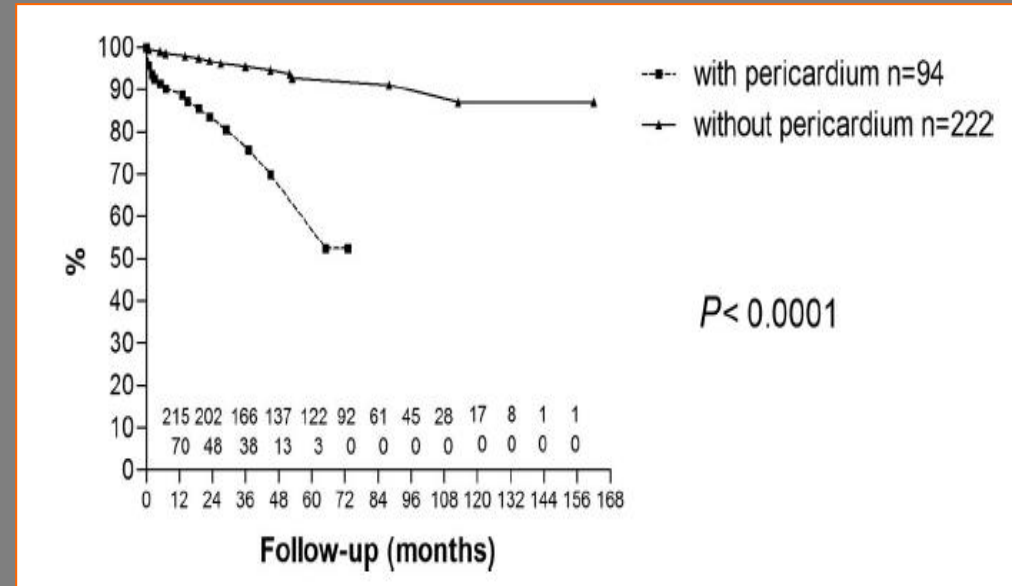


AV repair

Risk factor of repair failure: Patch repair



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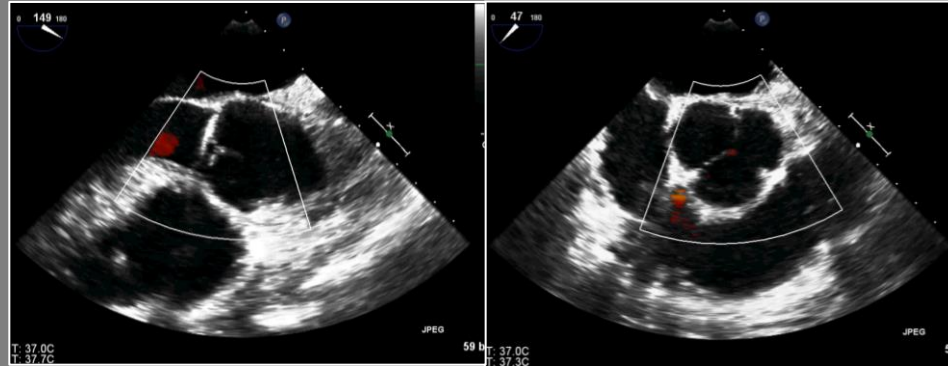


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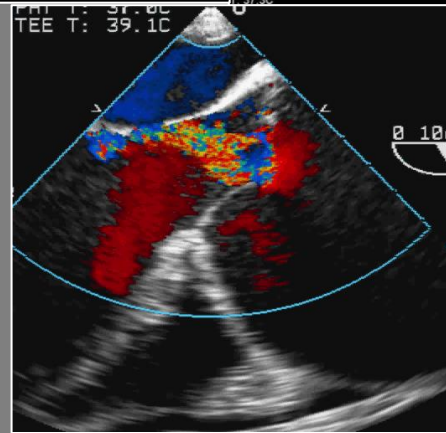
Probability of Cusp Repair in valve sparing surgery

- No AR



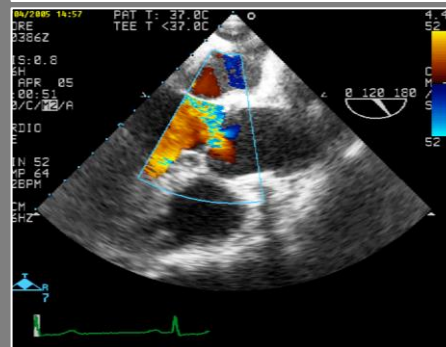
→ low 10 %

- AR, central jet



→ Moderate 30-50 %

- AR, eccentric jet



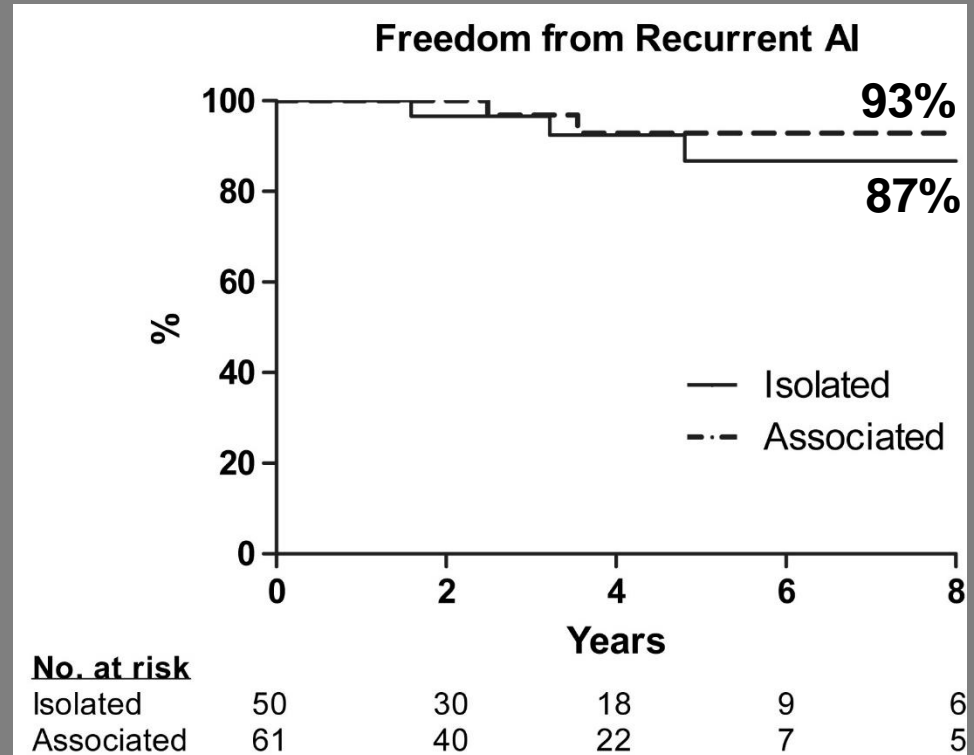
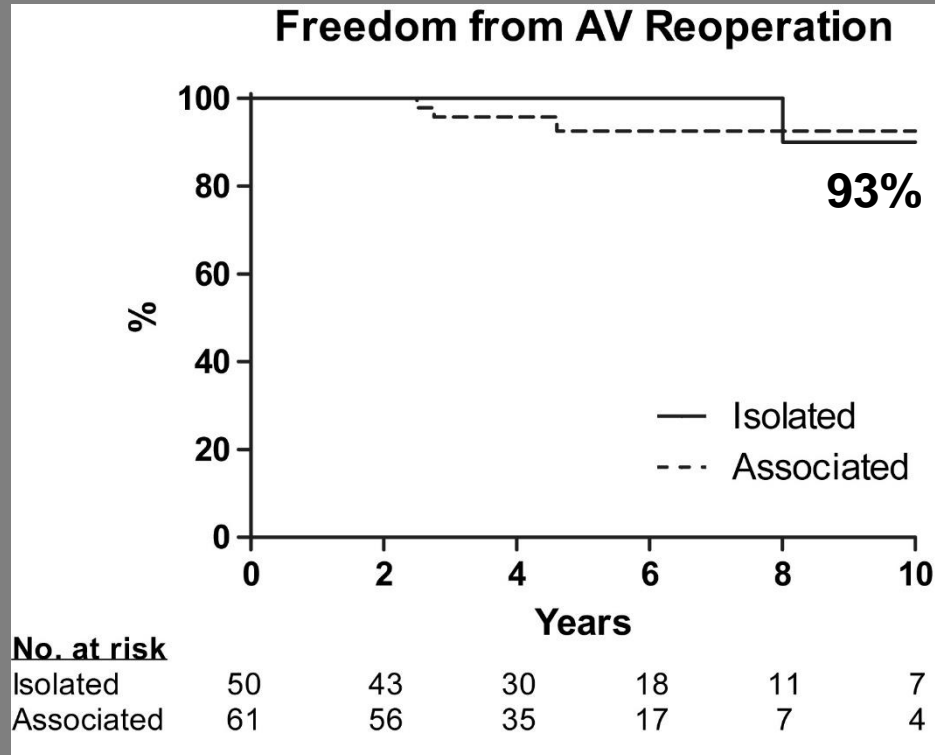
→ High \approx 100 %

AV Repair: Valve related event

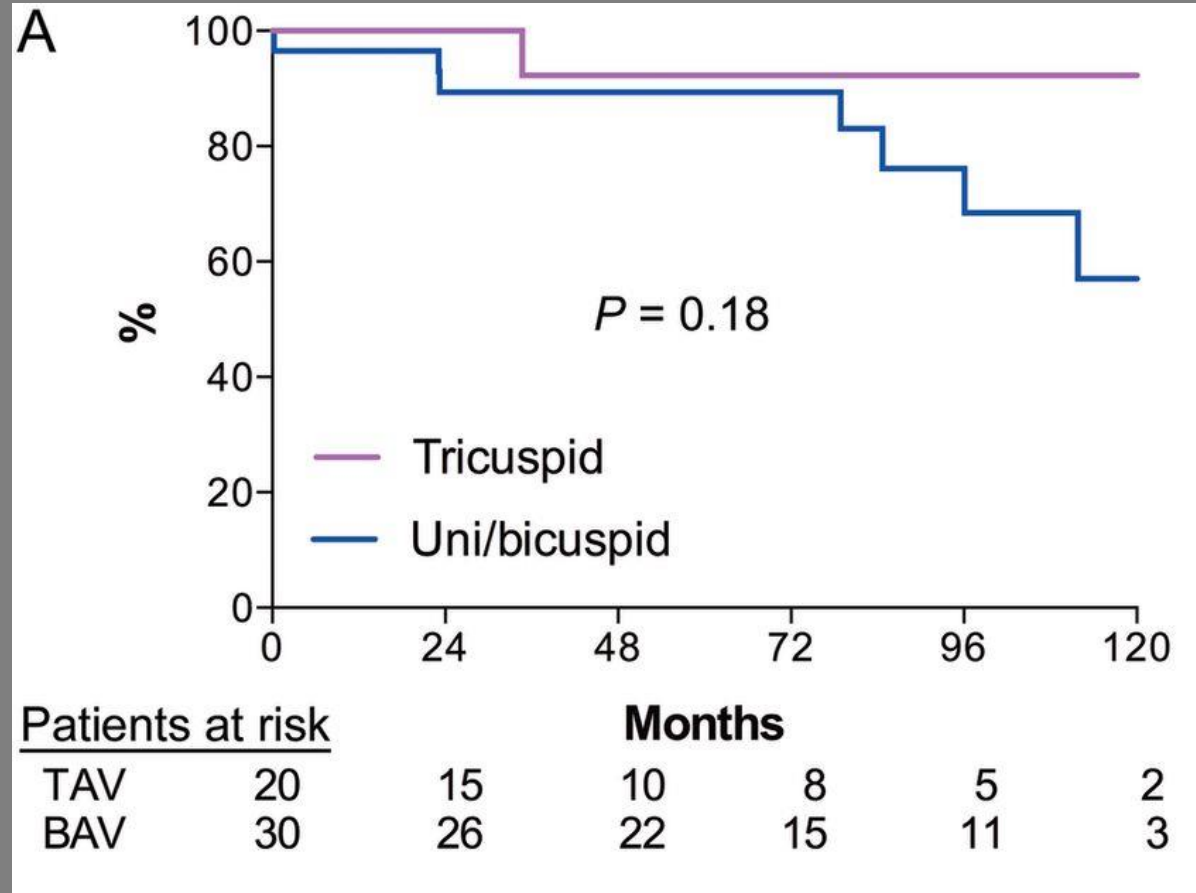
- Thromboembolic event 0.2 % - 0.7% /y
92-95% @ 10 y; 87- 90% @ 15 y
- Endocarditis 0.2% /y
- All VRE (reop, thromb, bleed, endoc)
74 - 90% @ 10 y; 80% @ 18 y

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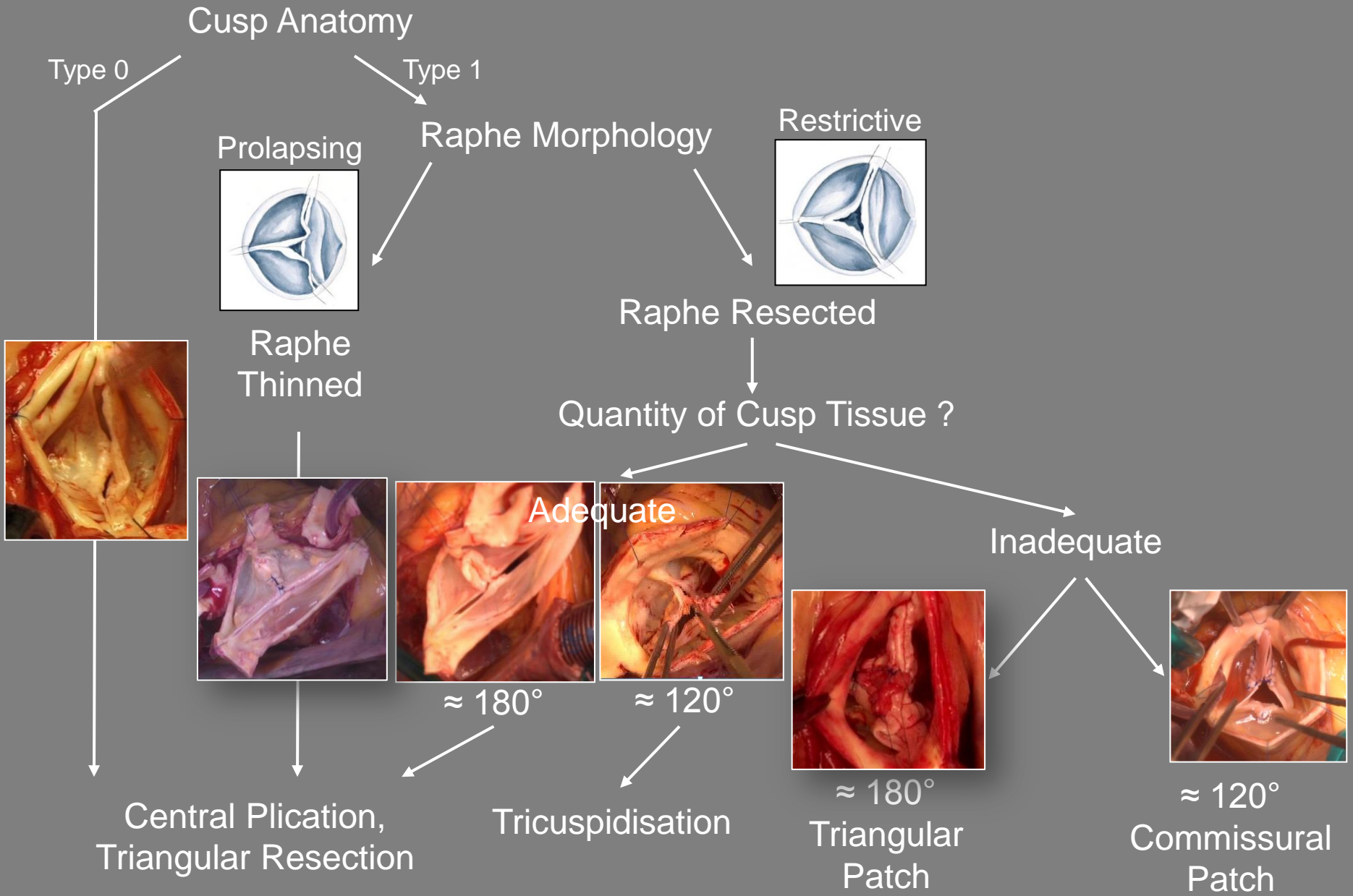
AV Repair: Prolapse repair (Type 2)



AV Repair: Leaflet repair with patch



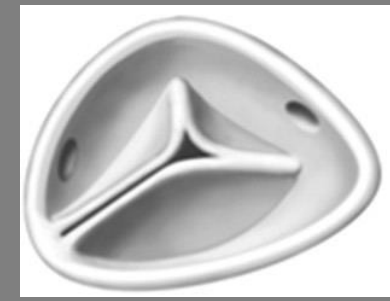
BAV Repair



AV Leaflet Repair: Results

Unicuspid valve repair

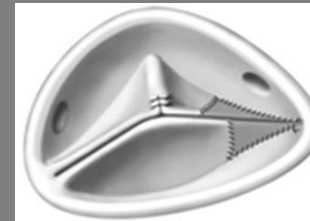
- 2001 – 2011: 118 pts
- mean age: 27 years
- FF reoperation @ 3 years: 80%



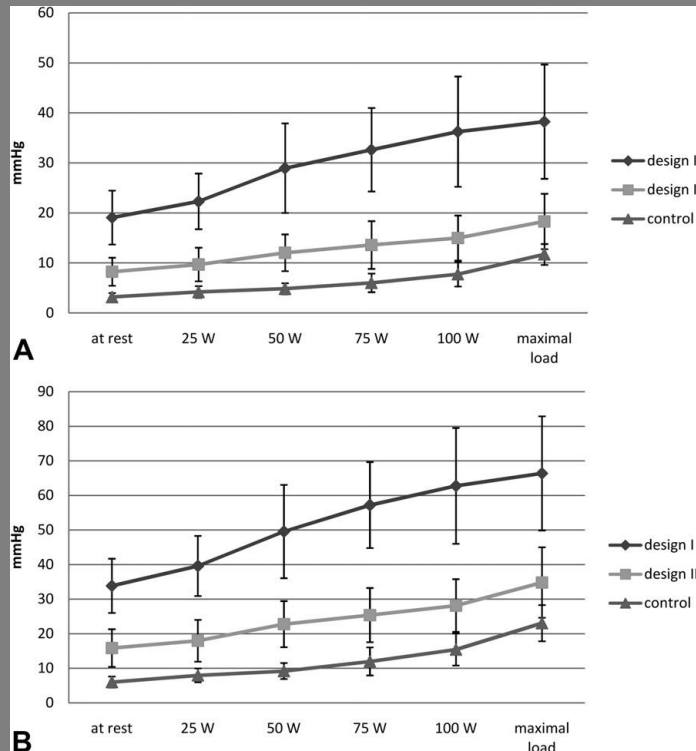
86 %



Design II



Design I



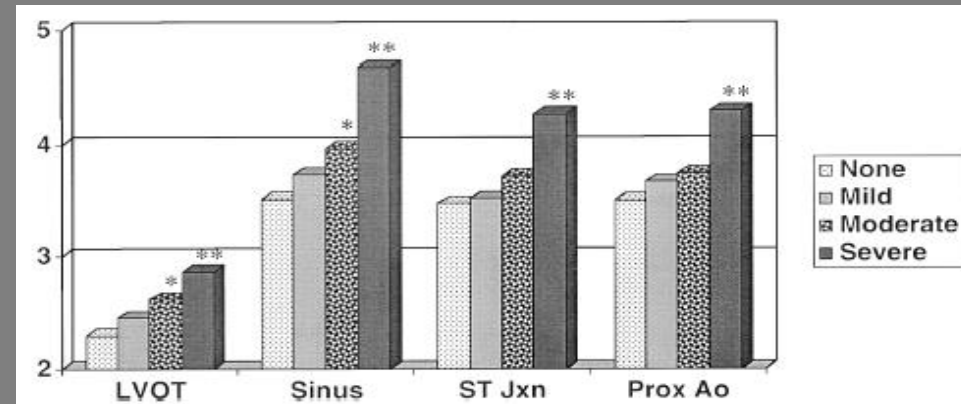
Functional classification of aortic regurgitation

Mechanism of AV dysfunction

Table II. Degree of AR and aortic root size indexed by body surface area at follow-up study

	Mild AR (cm/m ²) (n = 67)	Moderate AR (cm/m ²) (n = 45)	Severe AR (cm/m ²) (n = 15)	p Value*
Aortic annulus	1.29 ± 0.23	1.38 ± 0.23	1.39 ± 0.11	0.055
Valsalva sinuses	1.89 ± 0.34	2.04 ± 0.31	2.09 ± 0.32	0.025
Supraaortic ridge	1.49 ± 0.30	1.71 ± 0.35	1.76 ± 0.43	0.001
Ascending aorta	1.97 ± 0.42	2.16 ± 0.49	2.19 ± 0.47	0.049

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Keane MG, Circulation. 2000

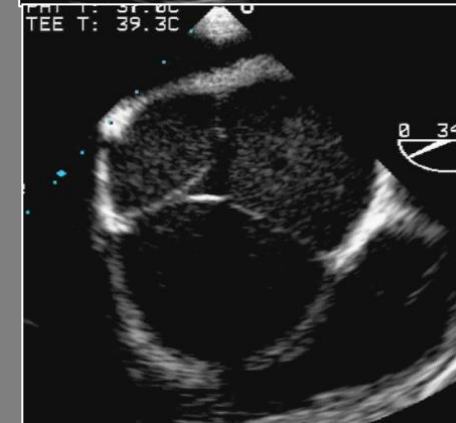
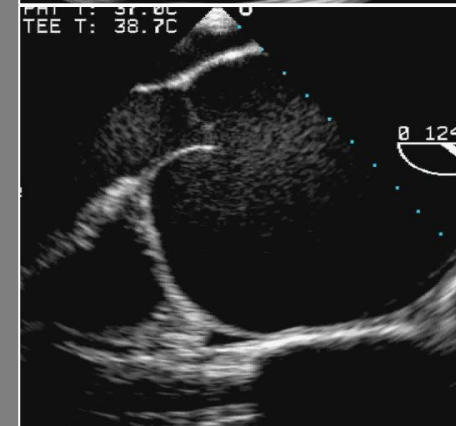
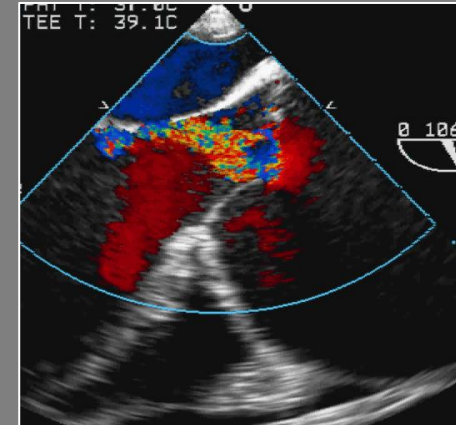
*In patients with chronic AR, the severity of AR is correlated with the degree of **STJ** and **VAJ** dilatation*

Functional classification of aortic regurgitation

Mechanism of AV dysfunction

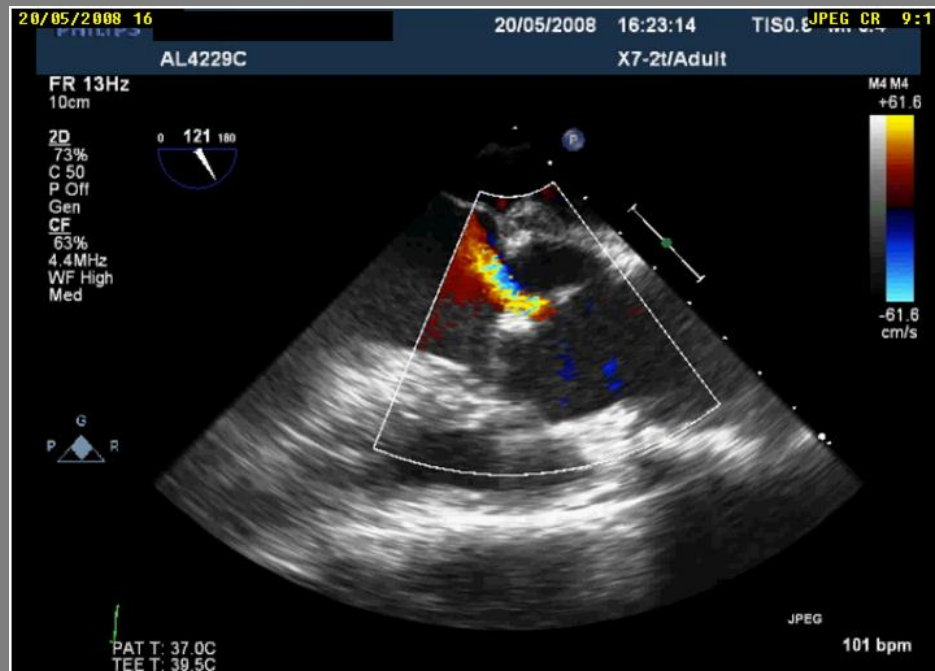
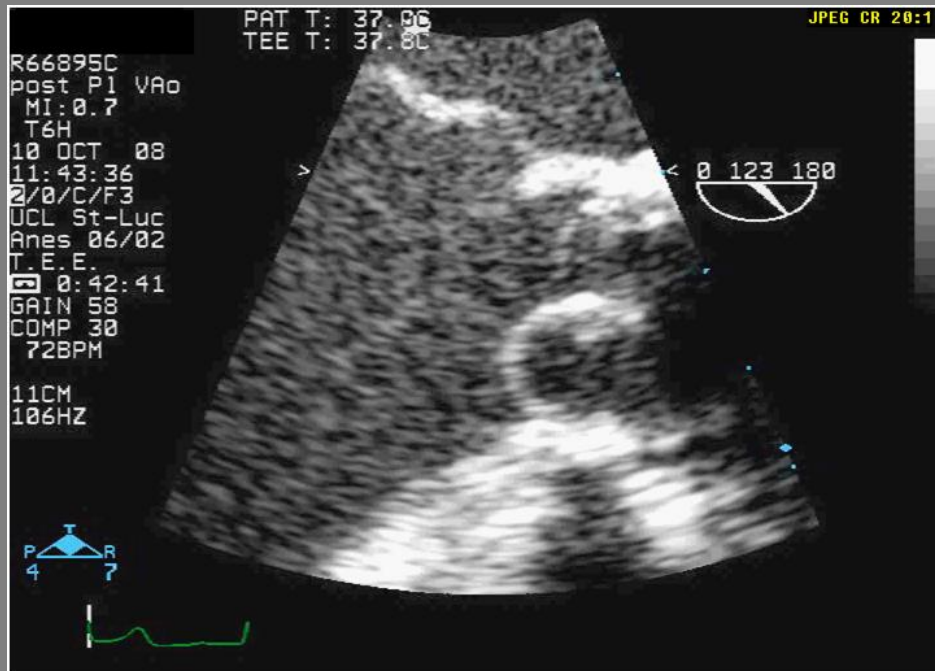
Type I characteristics

- ✓ Central jet ⊥ to subvalvular plane
- ✓ all cusps have same coaptation height
- ✓ lack of central coaptation

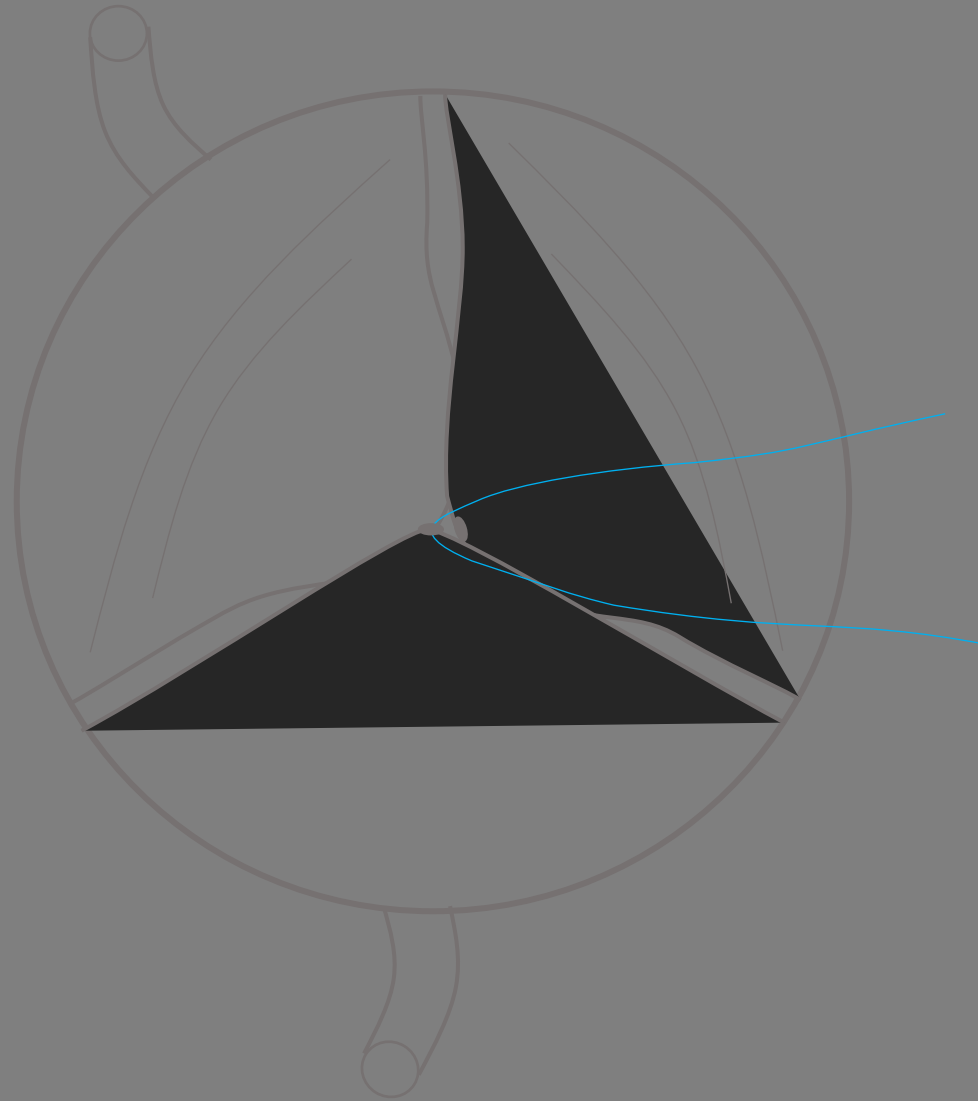


Principles of AV repair/sparing surgery

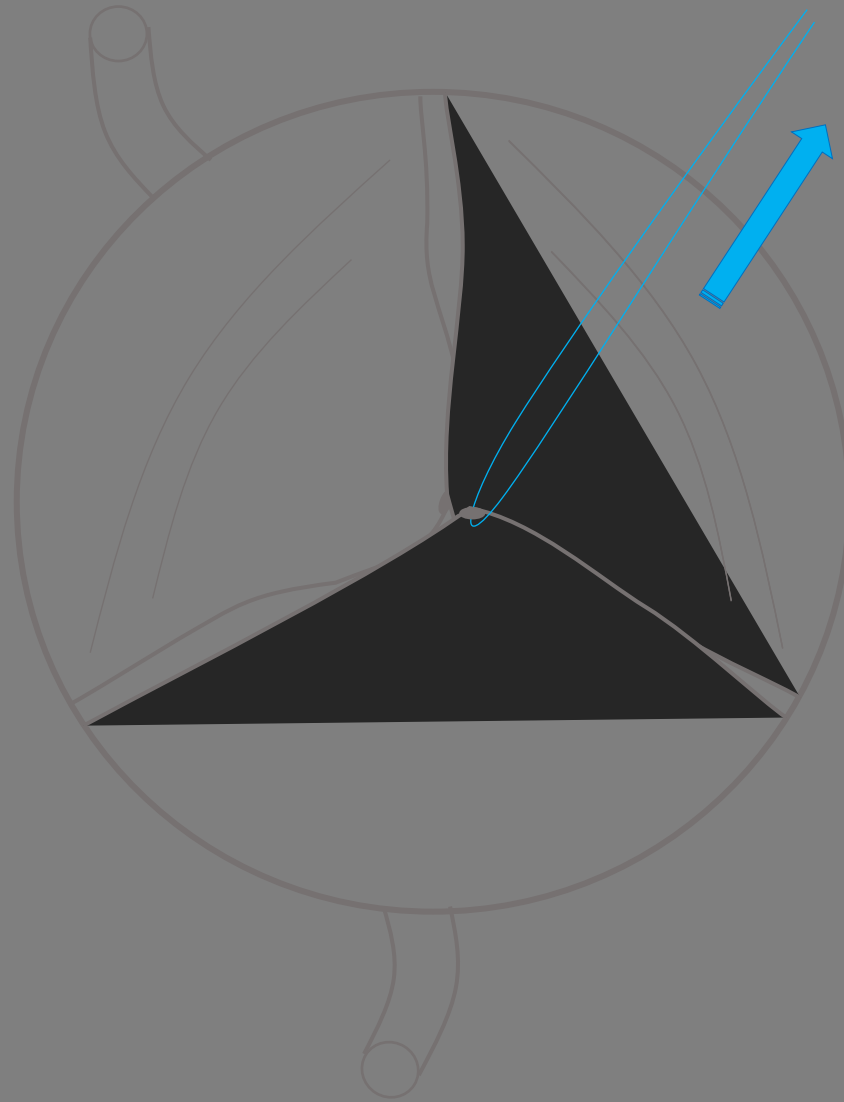
Optimal coaptation ?



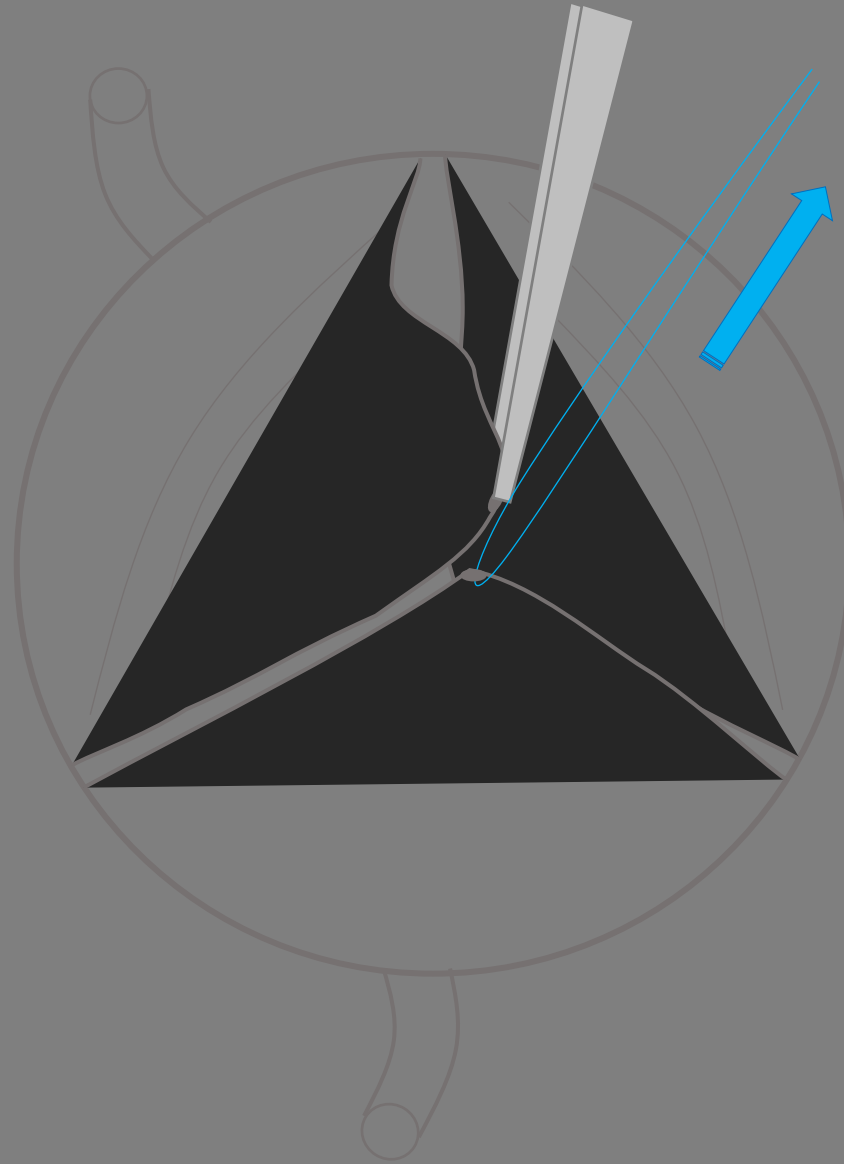
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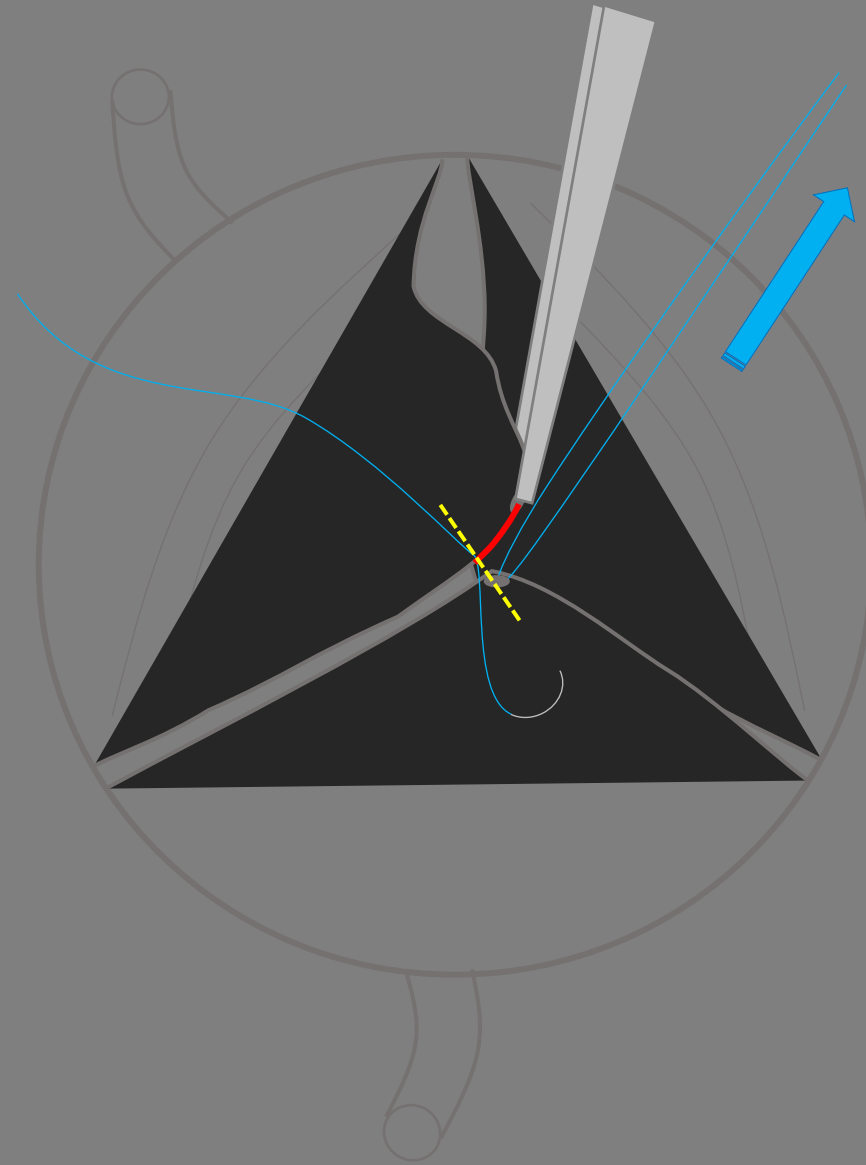
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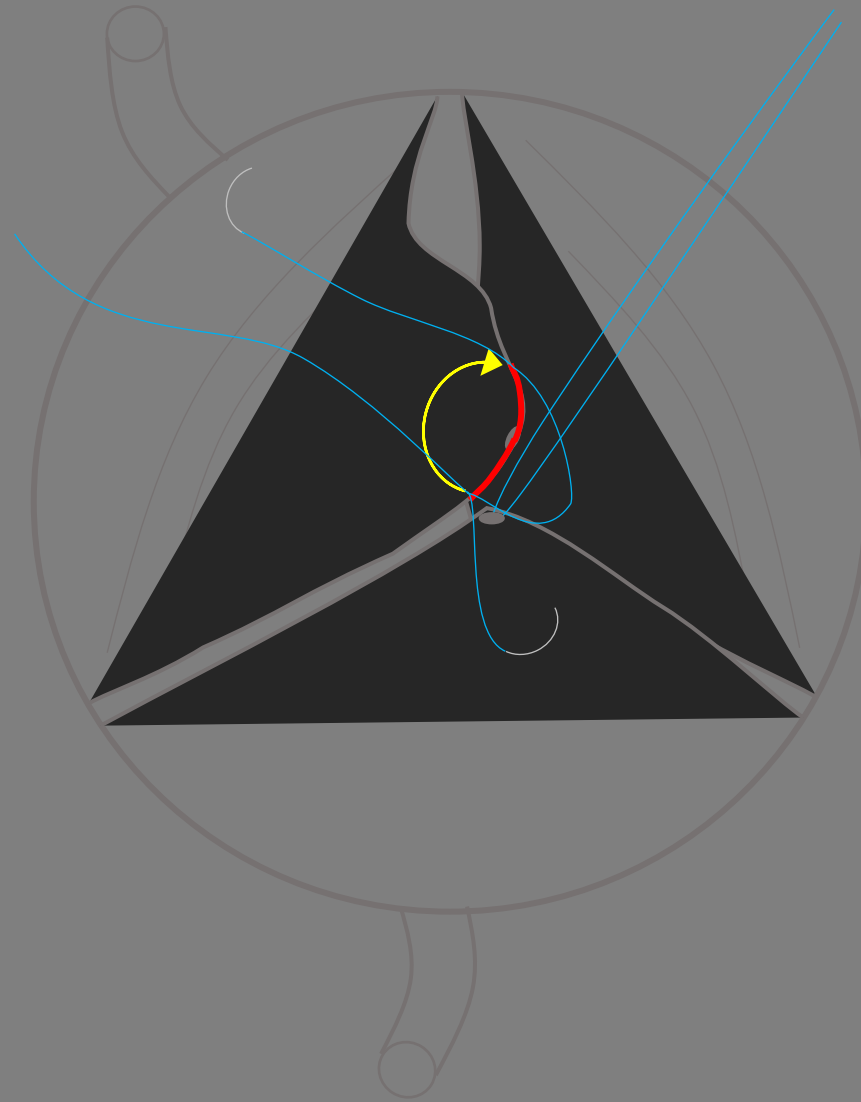
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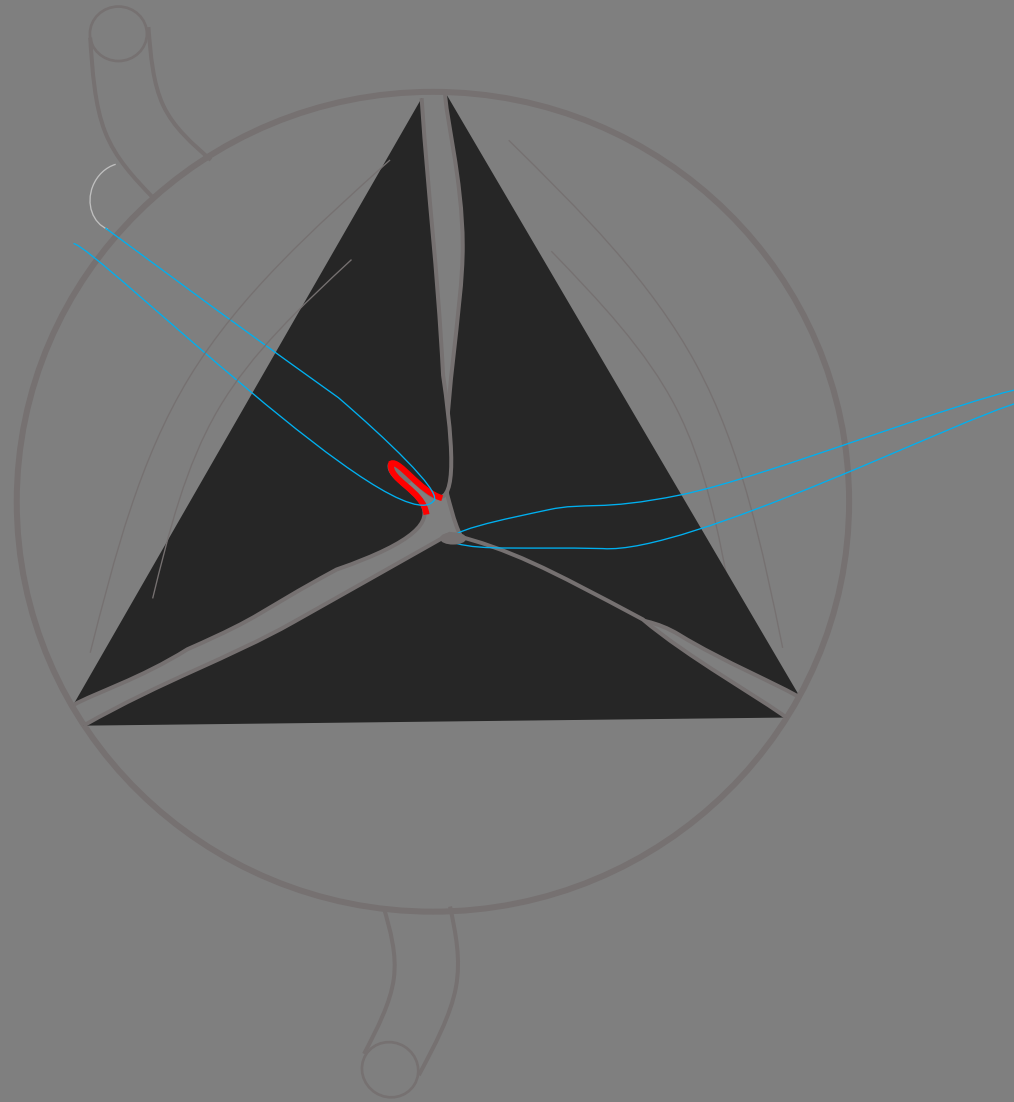
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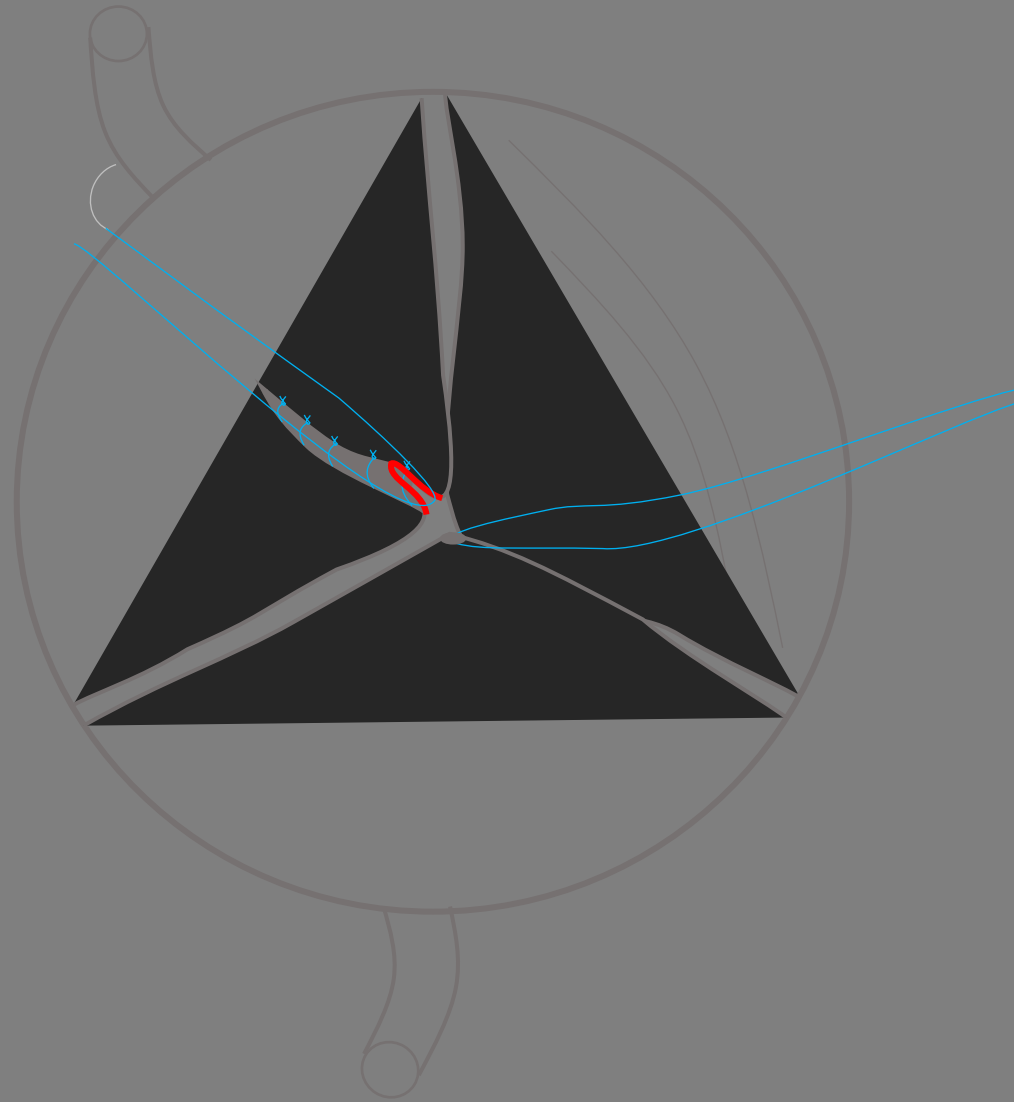
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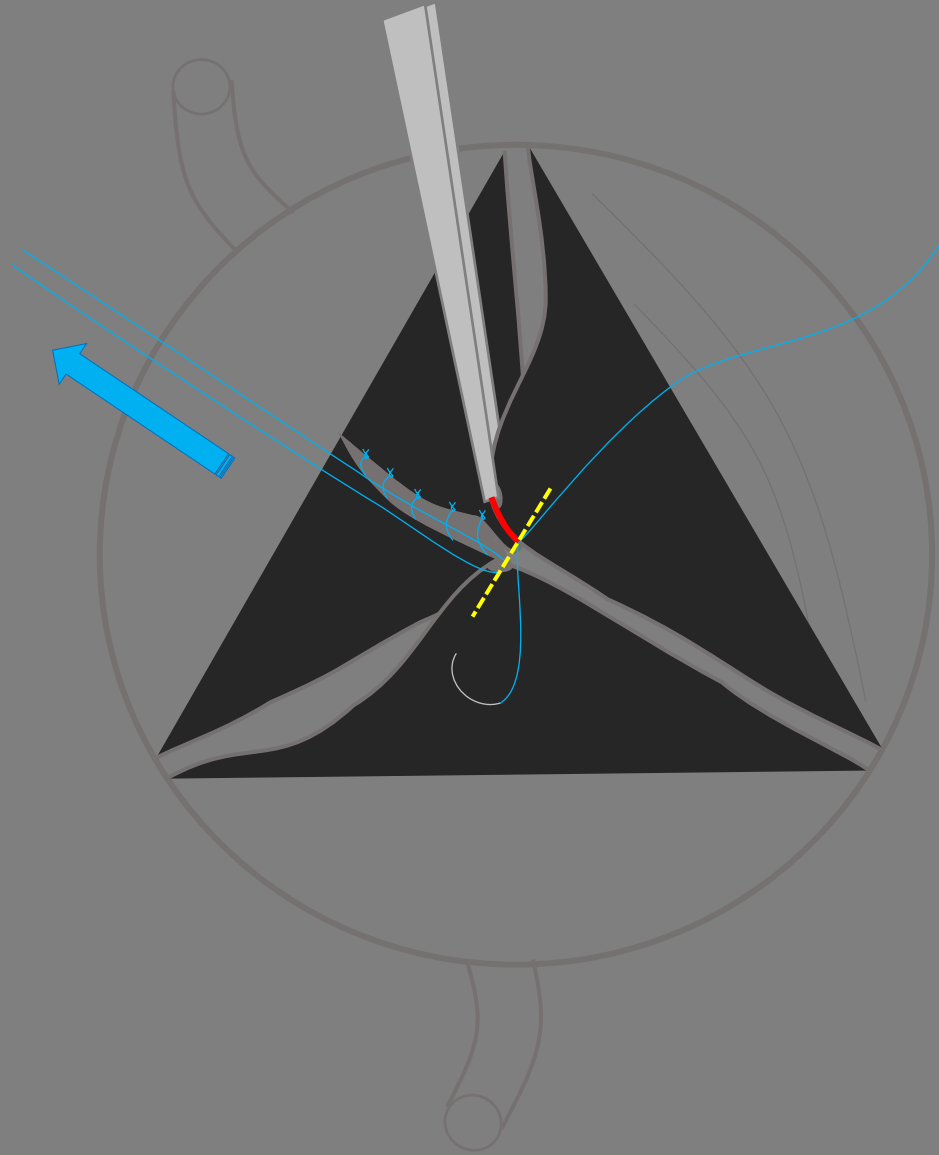
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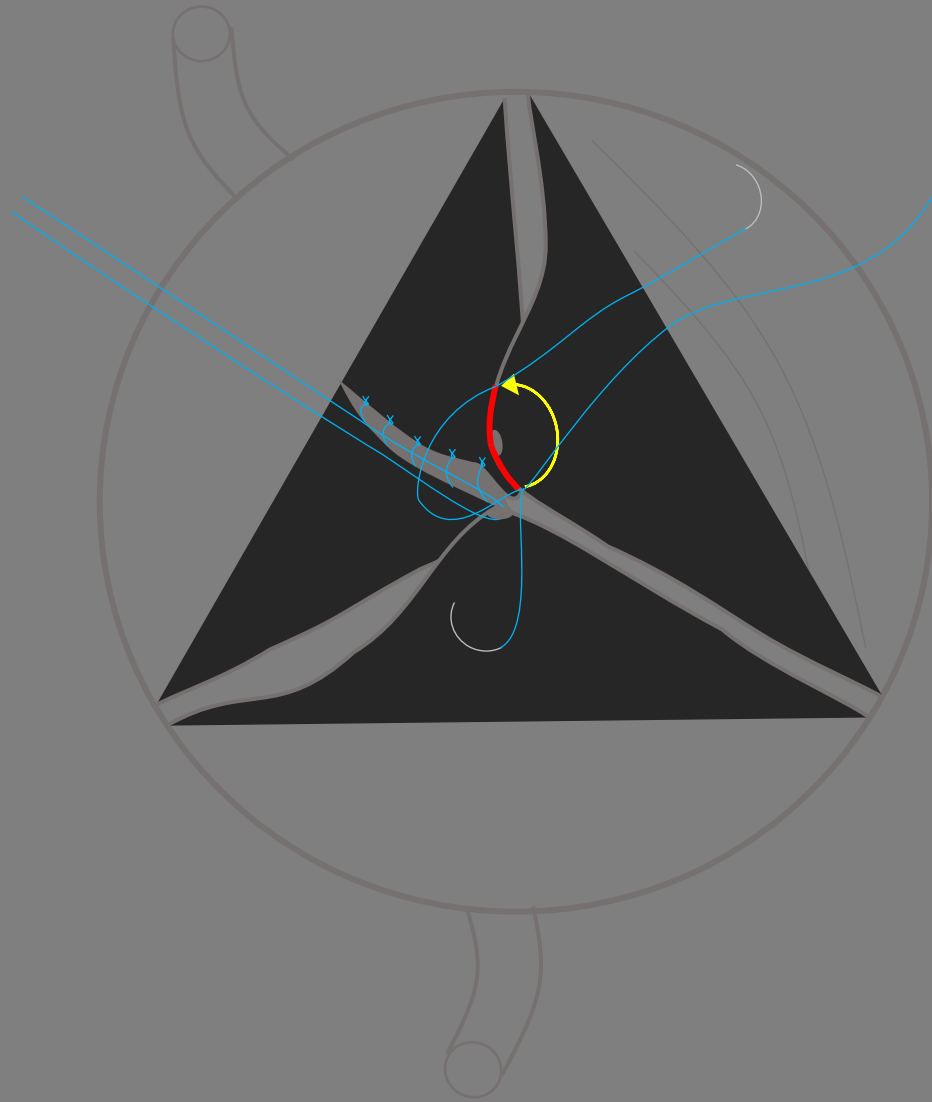
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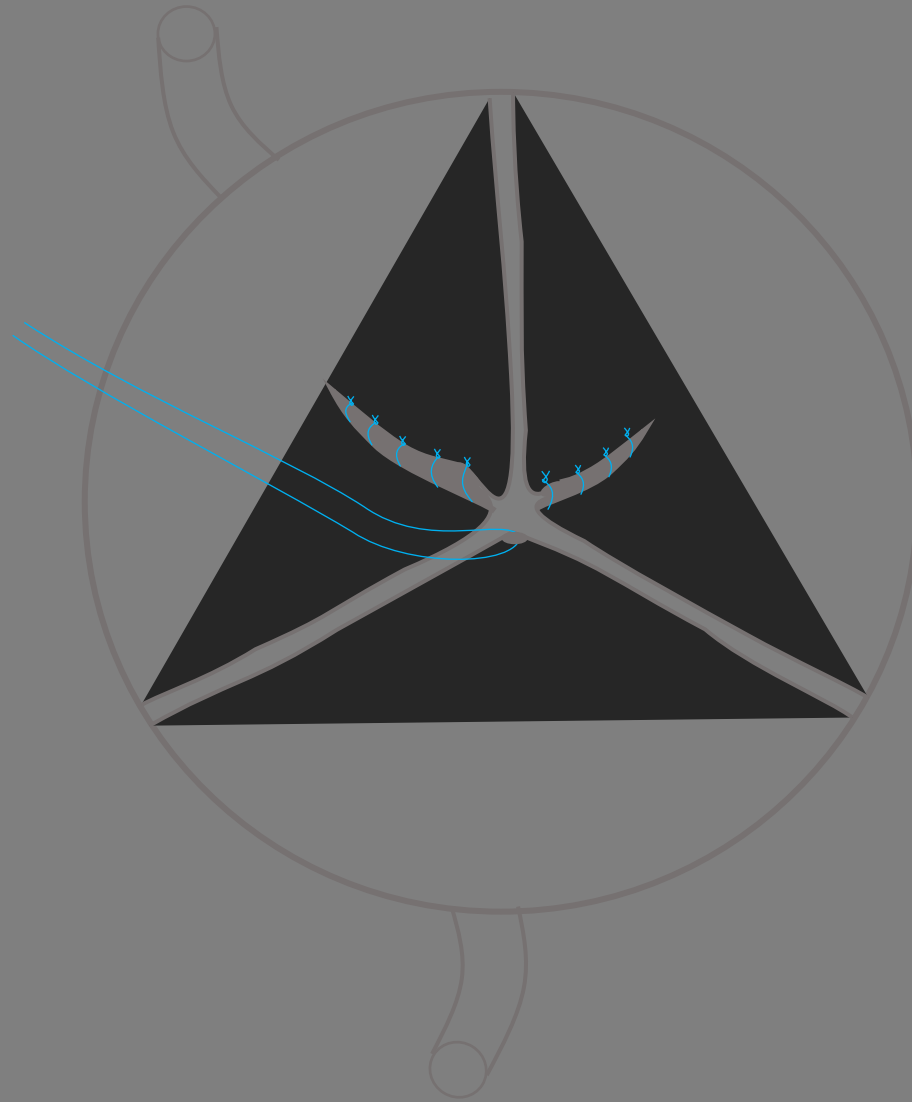
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Reimplantation Technique

Probability of Cusp Repair

➤ AV morphology

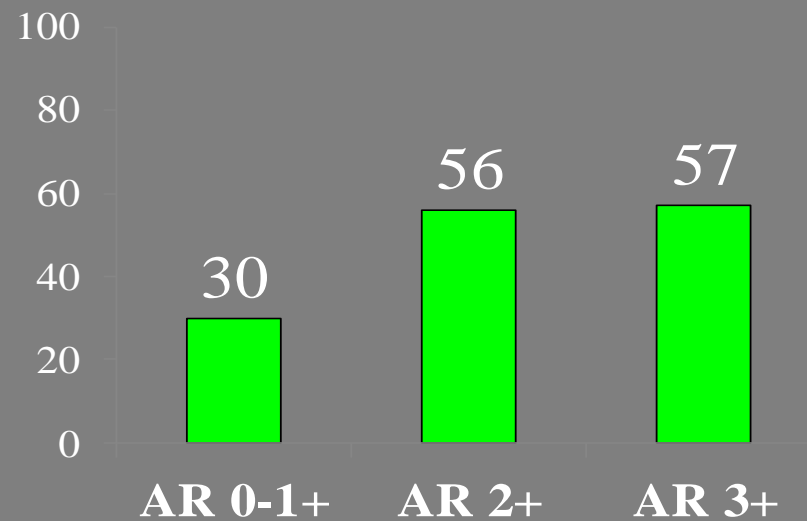
- In tricuspid **52%** T. David JTCS. 2006: $\pm 58\%$
D. Aicher. JTCS 2007: $\pm 53\%$
- In bicuspid **93%** D. Aicher. JTCS 2007: $\pm 86\%$

Reimplantation Technique

Probability of Cusp Repair

➤ Preoperative AR

- In tricuspid **52%**

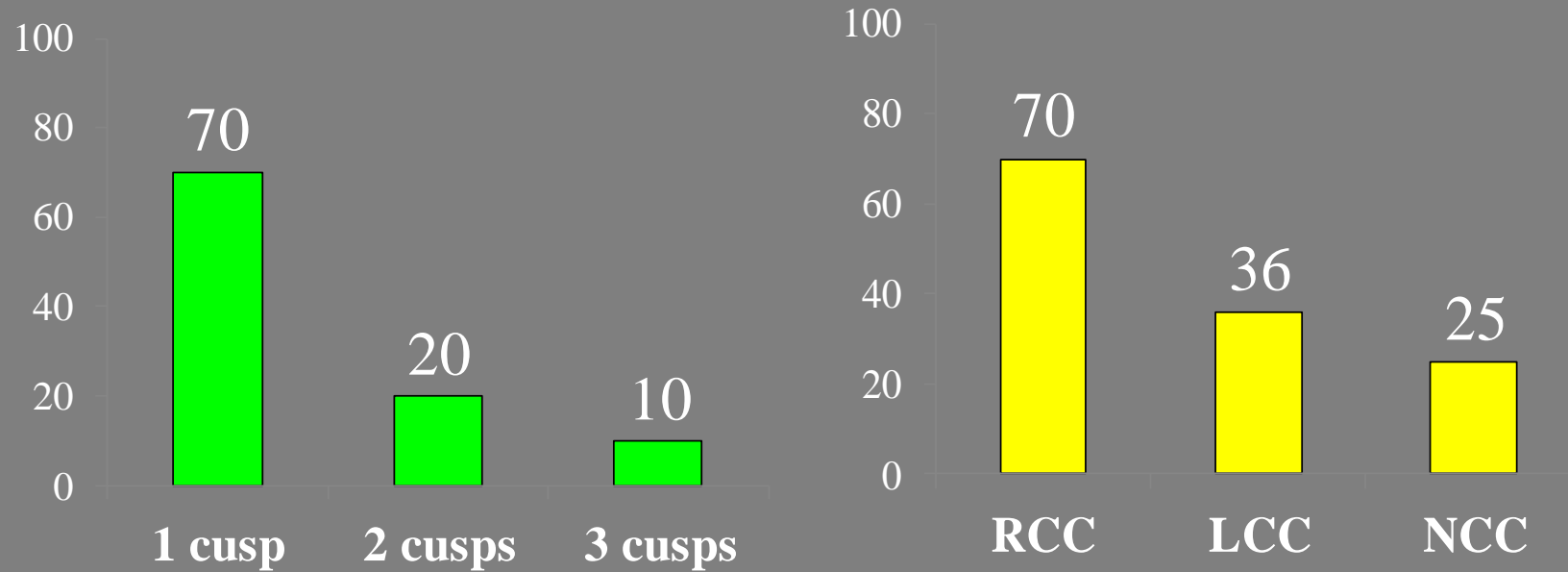


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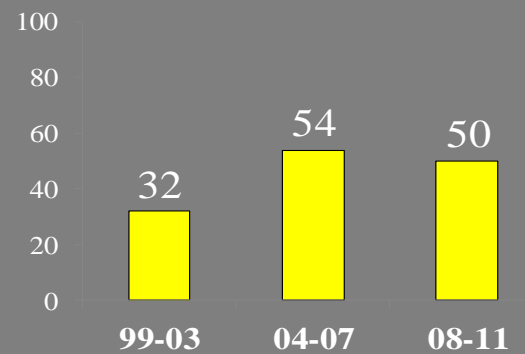
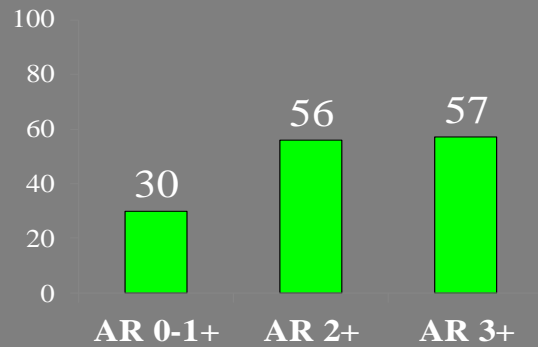


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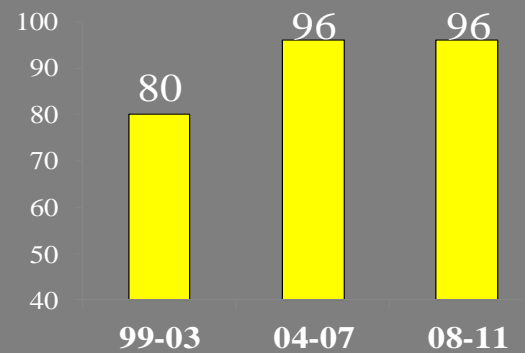
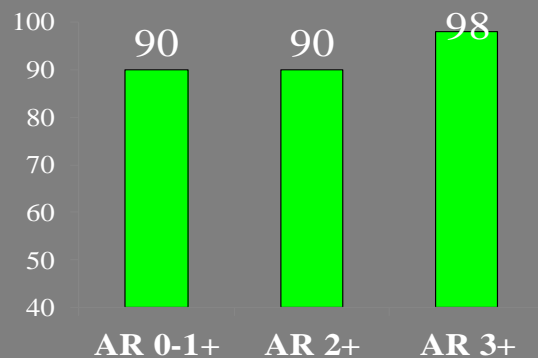
➤ Aortic morphology

- In tricuspid **52%**



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- In bicuspid **93%**



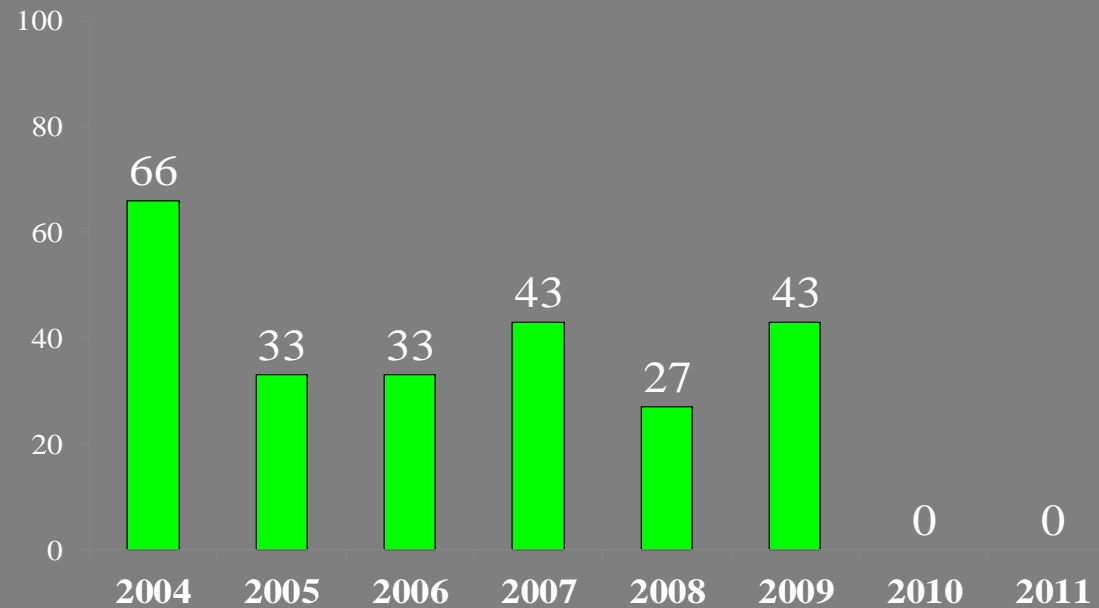
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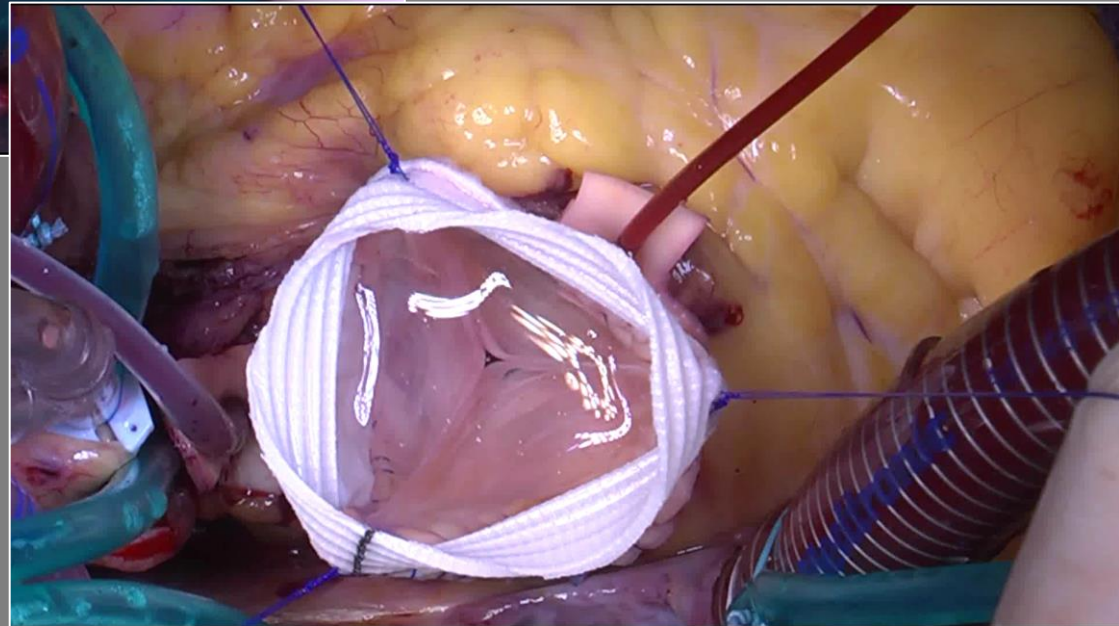
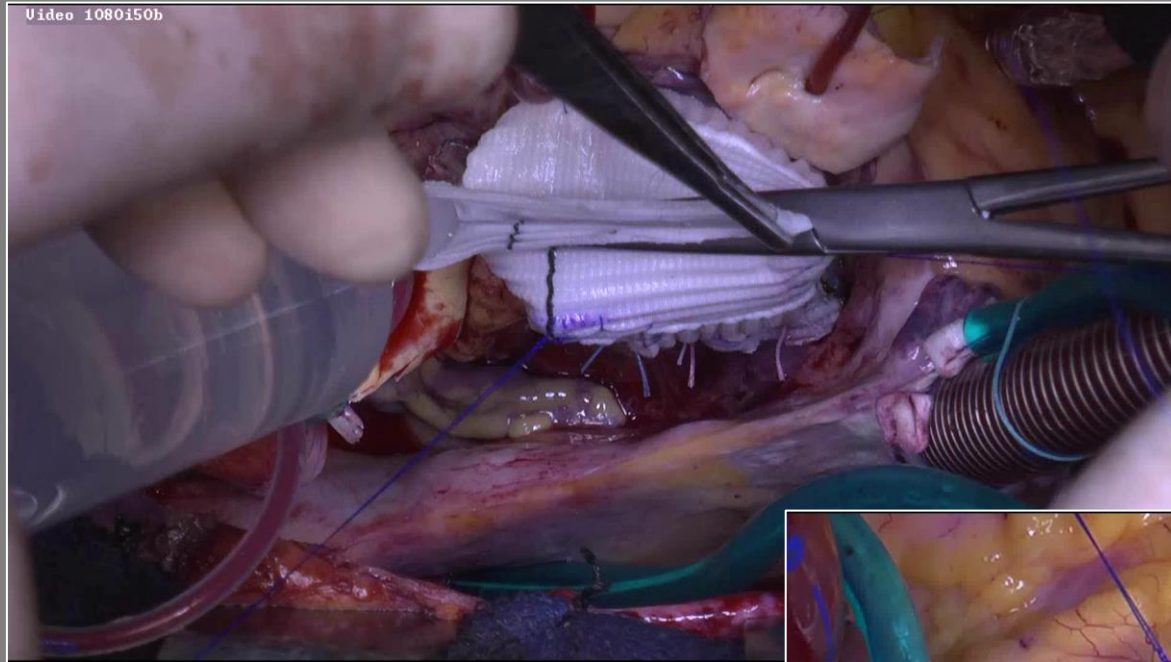
➤ Preoperative AR 0-1+

- In tricuspid



Reimplantation Technique

Water Test, residual prolapse repair



AV Repair

Surgery for AI

- Symptomatic severe AI
- Assympt severe AI + EF <50%
or + LVED >65 (70) mm, LVES >50 mm

Surgery for Ao. Aneurism

- > 55 mm in TAV
- > 50 mm in Marfan, BAV at risk
- > 45 mm in Marfan at risk, if surgery for severe AI

2. Patients selection for AV repair

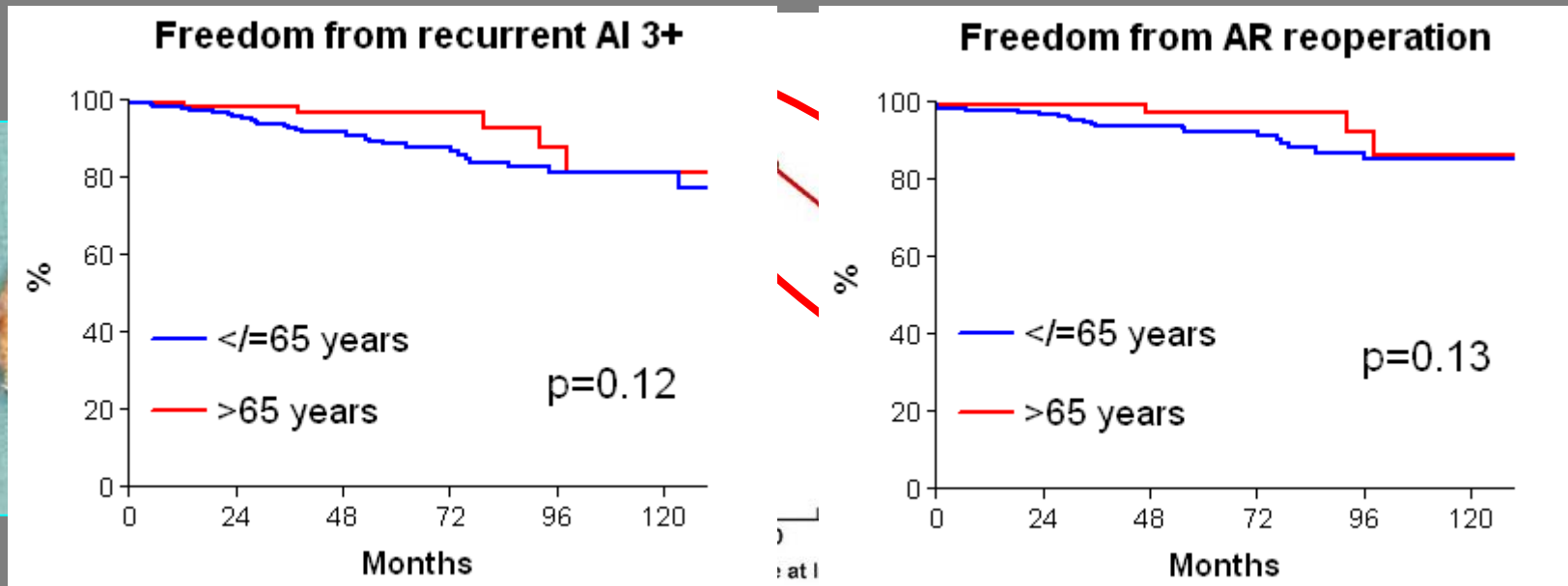
1. Pediatric

2. Young adults

3. > 65 years

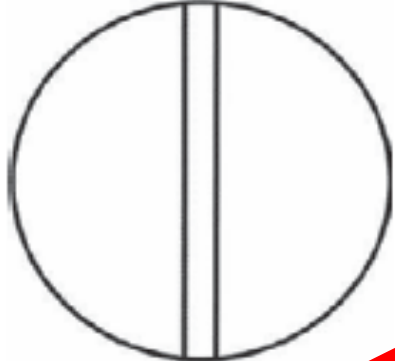








= 23% of AV repair population (1996 – 2012, 620 pts)

Main TARGET of AV repair



BAV Repair

Classification of cusp phenotypes

<u>main category:</u> number of raphes	0 raphe - Type 0		1 raphe - Type 1			2 raphes - Type 2		
								
	21 (7)		269 (88)			14 (5)		
<u>1. subcategory:</u> spatial position of cusps in Type 0 and raphes in Types 1 and 2	lat 13 (4) 	ap 7 (2) 	L - R 216 (71) 	R - N 45 (15) 	N - L 8 (3) 	L - R / R - N 14 (5) 		
<u>2. subcategory:</u>								
V A L V U L A R	F U N C T I O N	I	6 (2)	1 (0.3)	79 (26)	22 (7)	3 (1)	6 (2)
		S	7 (2)	5 (2)	119 (39)	15 (5)	3 (1)	6 (2)
		B (I + S)		1 (0.3)	15 (5)	7 (2)	2 (1)	2 (1)
		No			3 (1)	1 (0.3)		

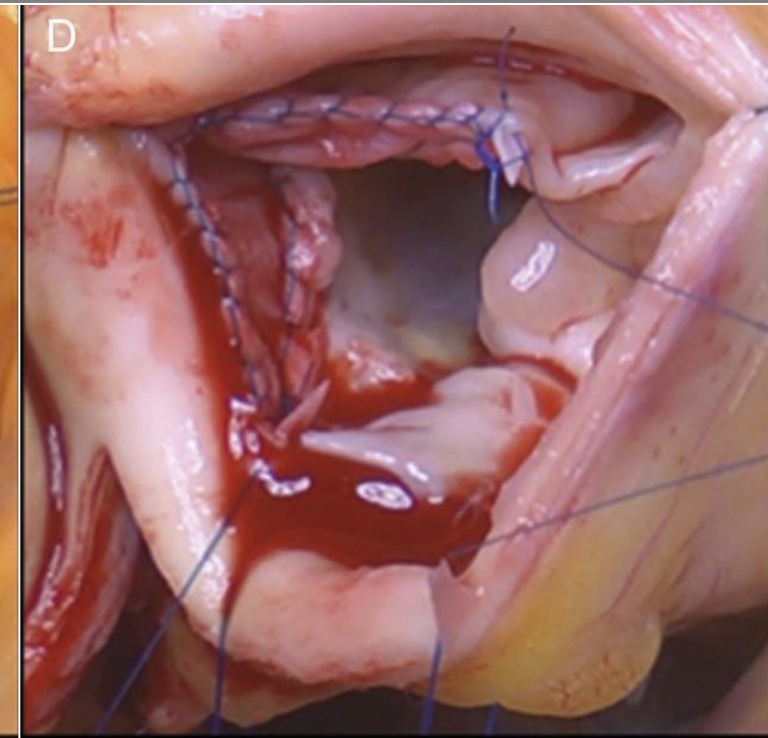
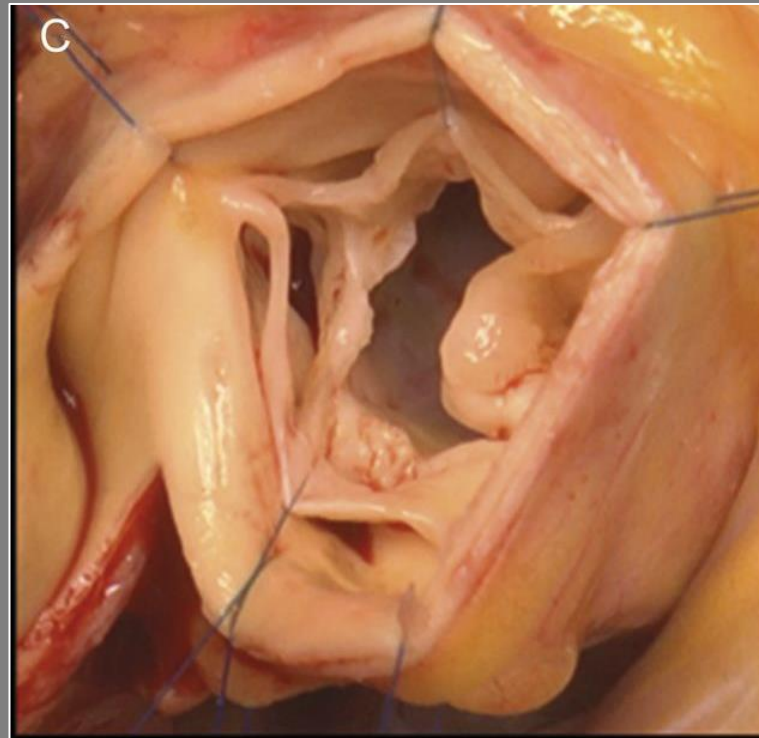
Techniques of cusp repair

Cusp lesions

- Prolapse
 - Free margin elongation
 - Fenestration « *large* »
 - Commissure disruption
- Restriction
 - Raphe in BAV
 - Unicuspid valve
 - Fibrosis/Calcification
- Perforation/destruction

Repair techniques

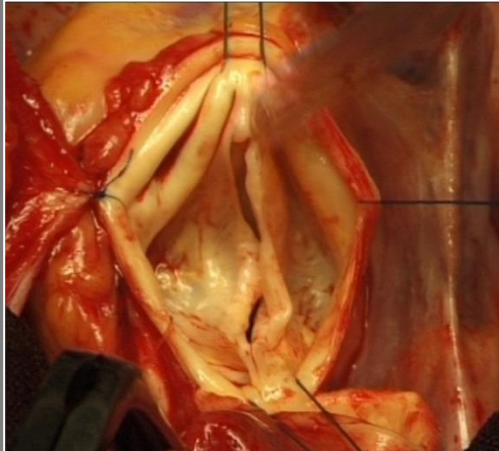
→ Patch repair (2 patches)



BAV repair

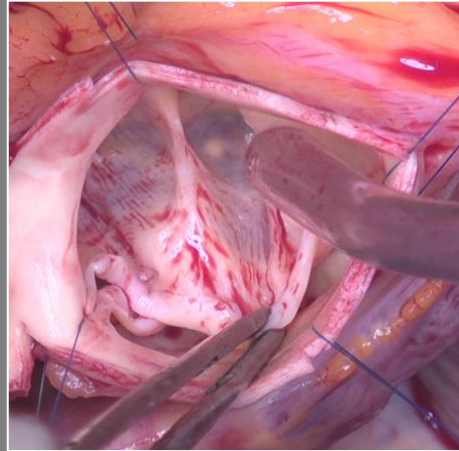
Classification of cusp phenotypes

Type 0 (*Sievers Classif.*)

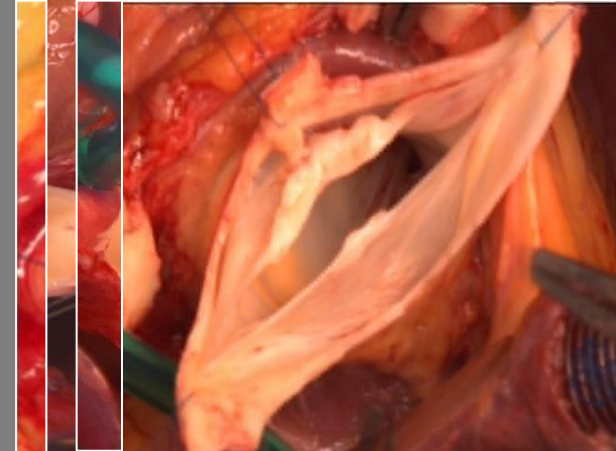


- $\approx 180^\circ$
- No raphe
- Prolapse

Type 1 (*Sievers classif.*)



- Raphe
- Complete fusion
- $160^\circ - 180^\circ$
- Prolapse

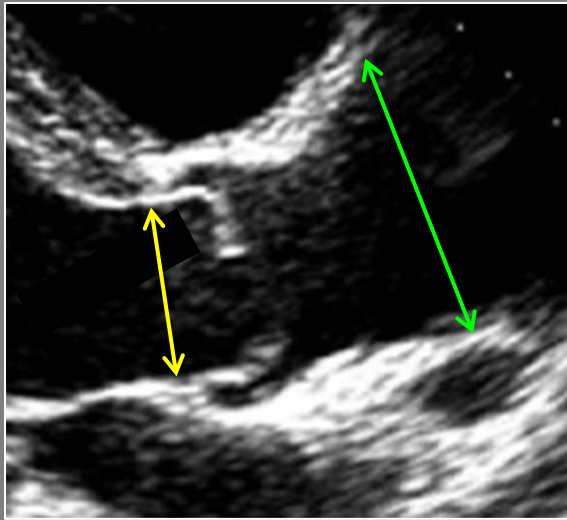


- Thick, calc. raphe
- Incomplete fusion
- $120^\circ - 160^\circ$
- Restrictive

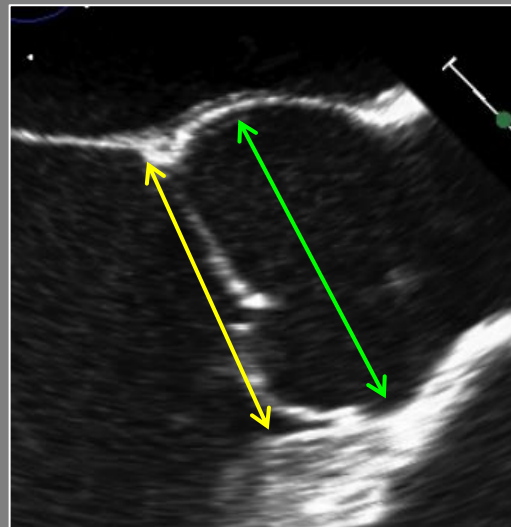
BAV Repair

Aortopathy

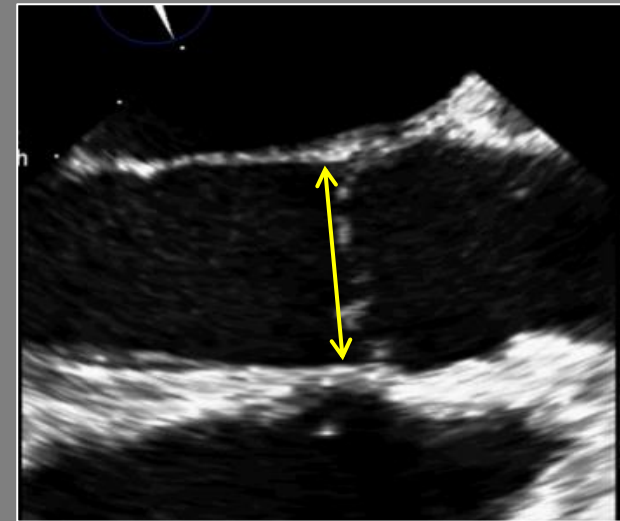
Dilated Asc. Aorta



Dilated Root



Normal Aorta



- Dilated ventriculo-aortic junction **28 – 30 mm**

de Kerchove JTCVS 2010

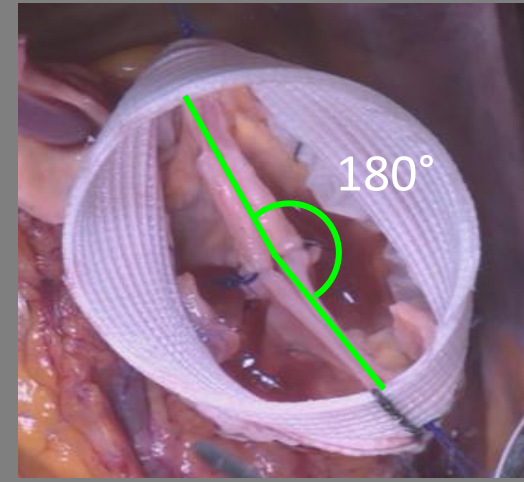
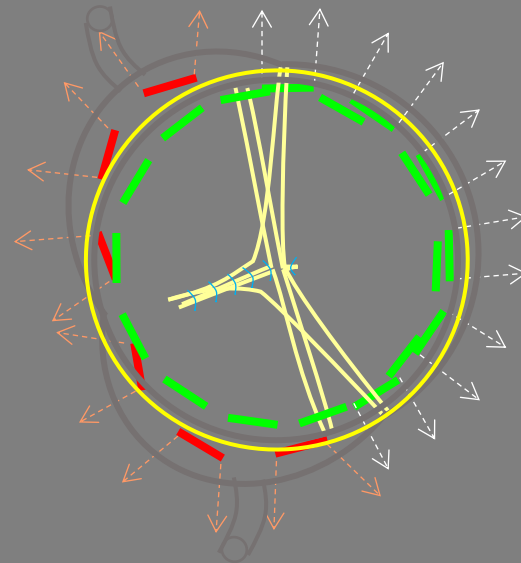
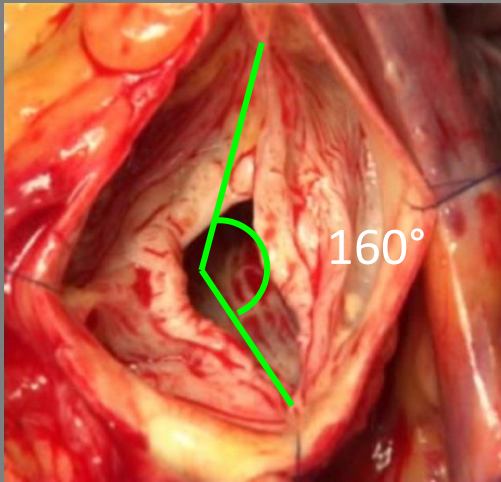
Schäfers JTCVS 2013

BAV repair

Valve sparing Reimplantation

1. Circumferential prosthetic based annuloplasty
2. Modify commissure orientation ($\approx 180^\circ$)
 - Improve durability
 - Reduce the need of patch repair

Type 1 BAV

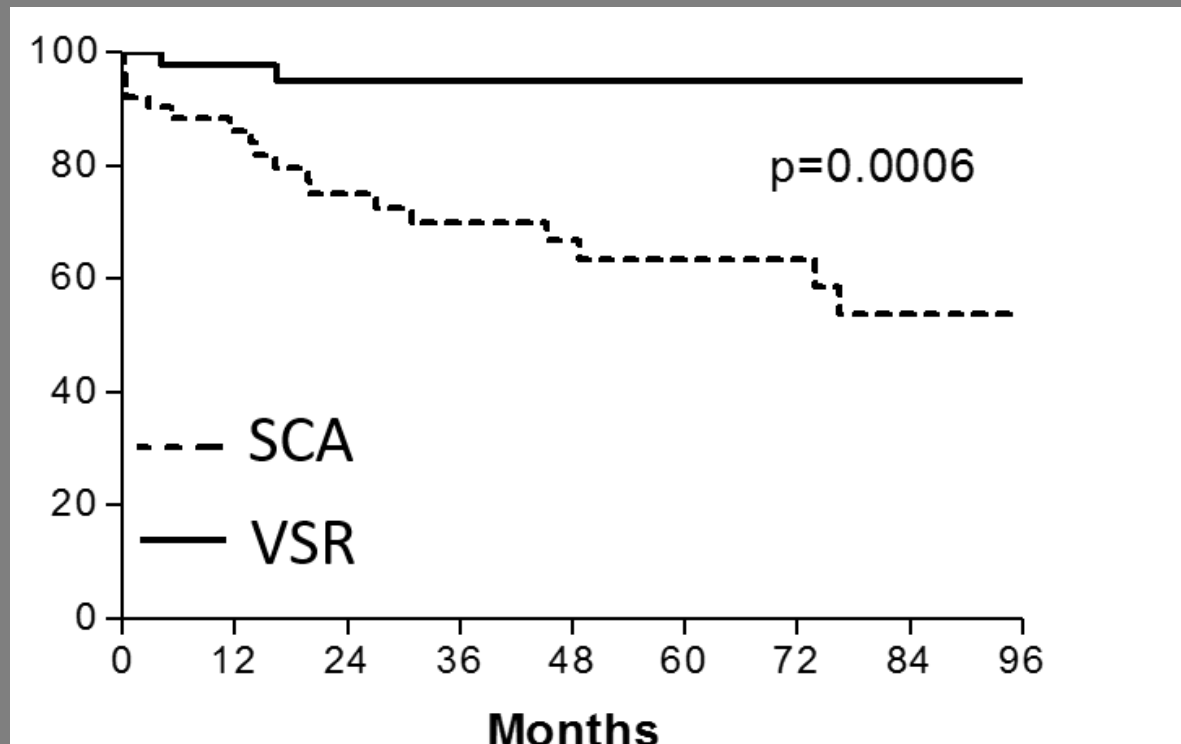


Techniques of FAA repair

SCA vs VSR (matched comparison)

BAV

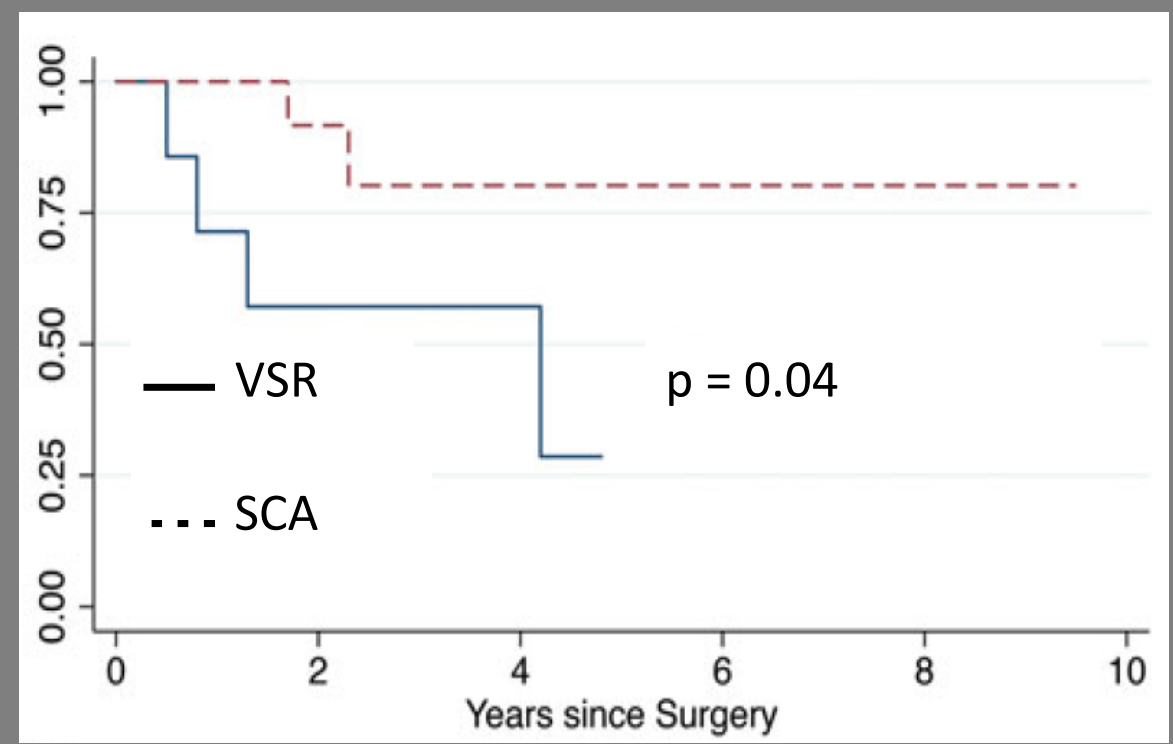
FF AR >1+



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TAV

FF AR >1+



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