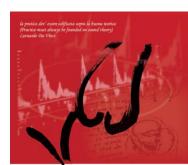
Aortic Valve Repair - Alternative to Replacement

An Introduction

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Leonardo da Vinci:

Trattato della Pittura (da Vinci)/Parte seconda/77. Dell'errore di quelli che usano la pratica senza la scienza

«Sempre la pratica dev'essere edificata sopra la buona teorica, della quale la prospettiva è guida e porta, e senza questa nulla si fa bene.»

"Practice should always be based upon a sound knowledge of theory. Without this guidance and door nothing will be done well"

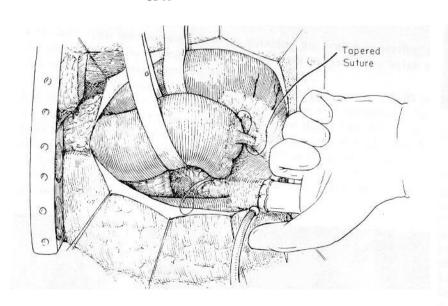


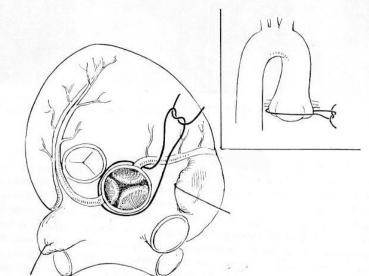


Aortic Valve - Historic Repair Attempts

THE SURGICAL CORRECTION OF AORTIC INSUFFICIENCY BY CIRCUMCLUSION

Warren J. Taylor, M.D. (by invitation), Wendell B. Thrower, M.D. (by invitation), Harrison Black, M.D., and Dwight E. Harken, M.D. Boston, Mass.





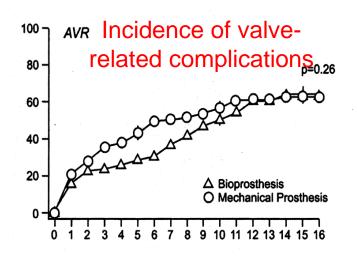
Taylor et al., J Thorac Surg 1958

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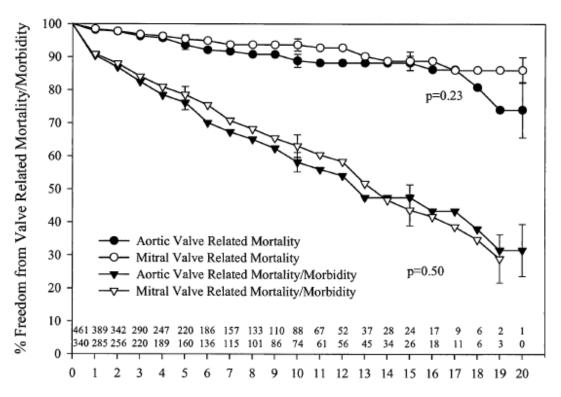
Thromboembolism
Anticoagulation/Hemorrhage
Structural failure
PV endocarditis



Hammermeister et al, JACC 2000



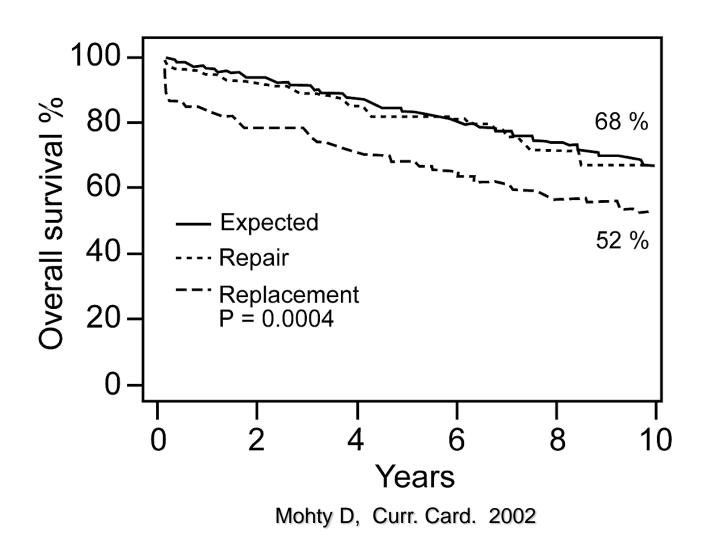
AVR - Mechanical Prosthesis-Related Complications



Years after valve replacement

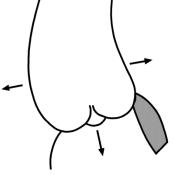


Repair vs. Replacement (Mitral)

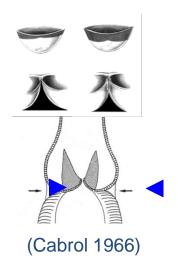




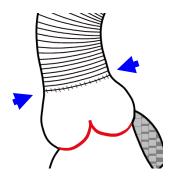




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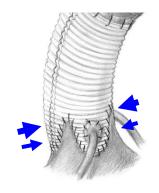


ST Junction Remodelling



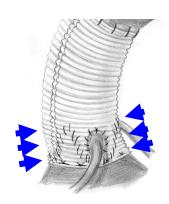
(Frater 1986) (Sinus < 45 mm)

Root Remodeling



(Yacoub 1993)

Reimplantation of Aortic Valve



(David 1992)



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Operative Techniques in Cardiac & Thoracic Surgery A Comparative Atlas

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Valve-Sparing Operation in Aortic Root Ectasia

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Aortic valve regurgitation caused by aortic root ectasia is a common finding. ^{1,2} The most common cause for this pathological complex is a diffuse degenerative process of connective tissue involving the media of the aortic wall, such as in Marfan's syndrome. Fragmentation and dissarray of elastic fibers, formally described as cystic media necrosis, leads to hyperelasticity and decreased mechanical stress resistance. In addition to Marfan's syndrome, root ectasia has also been observed in other patients with or without apparent association to connective tissue disease. ³

The risk of dissection or rupture of the ascending aorta and left ventricular volume overload caused by aortic regurgitation define the need for surgical intervention in patients with advanced stages of the disease. Insertion of a valved conduit is still regarded the gold standard for treatment of root ectasia. ^{4,5} However, despite favorable perioperative results, the typical long-term risks of allonrosthetic valve replacement

ated fibrous parts of the aortic root are preserved and resuspended within a vascular graft. Compared with mechanical prostheses, the long-term risks and disadvantages of anticoagulation are avoided. Originally, this operation was proposed for elective correction of root ectasia. We have also used it in root ectasia in conjunction with acute or chronic type I aortic dissection.

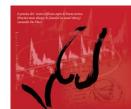
Indications for Surgery

In most patients, the decision for surgical intervention is made on the basis of the diameters of the aortic root and/or ascending aorta. A diameter of more than 5 cm has been shown to be associated with an increased risk of perforation or dissection and has been the standard cut-off point for decision making in replacement of the ascending aorta. Clinical observations indicate that, in patients with connective tissue disease (eg, Marfan syndrome) or familial history of aortic dissection, an

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VALVE-PRESERVING REPLACEMENT OF THE ASCENDING AORTA: REMODELING VERSUS REIMPLANTATION

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Objective: Aortic valve regurgitation in combination with dilatation of the ascending aorta and root requires a combined procedure to restore valve function and eliminate pathologic dilatation of the proximal aorta. Two techniques have been proposed for this purpose; the aortic root may be either remodeled with an especially configured vascular graft or replaced with reimplantation of the aortic valve within the graft. We have used both techniques depending on the individual pathologic condition of the aortic root. Methods: Of 107 patients undergoing operation for proximal aortic disease between October 1995 and November 1997, 40 patients had morphologically intact aortic valve leaflets in conjunction with dilatation of the aortic root. Of these, 15 patients underwent an operation as a surgical emergency for acute aortic dissection type A.

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In vitro comparison of aortic valve movement after valve-preserving aortic replacement

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Objective: In aortic valve regurgitation and aortic dilatation, preser aortic valve is possible by means of root remodeling (Yacoub proced reimplantation (David procedure). In vivo studies suggest that reimple substantially influence aortic valve-motion characteristics. Evaluat valve movement in vivo, however, is technically limited and is diffurdize. We evaluated the aortic valve-motion pattern echocardiograph after reimplantation and remodeling.

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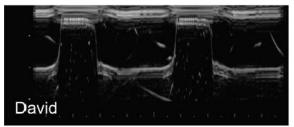


Figure 3. Typical M-mode recording of aortic valve motion after reimplantation (David) and remodeling (Yacoub).

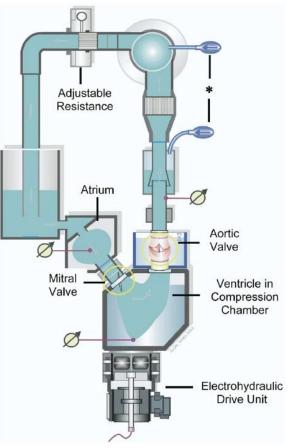


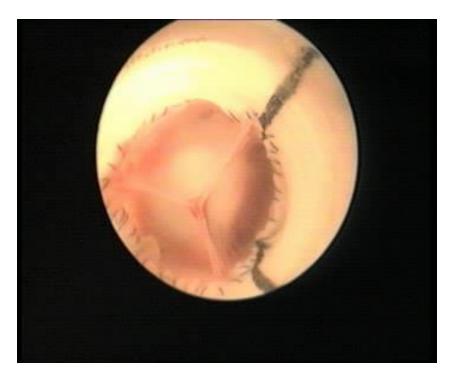
Figure 1. Schematic of the pulse duplicator. *Adjustable compliances.



Reimplantation

Remodeling





2 l/min



Aortic Valve Reimplantation in Ascending Aortic Aneurysm: Risk Factors for Early Valve Failure

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Background. Aortic root reconstruction by reimplantation of the native valve represents a new therapeutic option for ascending aortic aneurysms. Information about long-term follow-up is limited, and possible predictors for failure of reconstruction have not been evaluated so far.

Methods. After aortic valve reimplantation 101 patients were followed in a prospective observational study. From this cohort the first 75 consecutive patients with a complete 1-year follow-up were chosen for further analysis. Clinical and echocardiographic data were obtained preoperatively, intraoperatively, and early postoperatively, as well as after 1 year of follow-up.

Results. No mortality was observed within the first 30 days. There were 52 male patients, mean age was 49.1 ± 20.6 years, observation period was 35.6 ± 20.6 months, and Marfan's syndrome was present in 22 patients. Although in 67 patients a stable valve function could be

demonstrated, 5 patients presented with mild aortic insufficiency or had to be operated on again for secondary valve failure (n = 3). Analyzing possible demographic, disease-related, and procedure-related risk factors in a multivariable approach, only level of coaptation within the graft (as assessed by echocardiography) could be identified as being related to the subsequent development of aortic insufficiency. Coaptation level within the tube graft (type A) resulted in a mean aortic regurgitation grade of 0.3 ± 0.5 as compared with a mean grade of 2.5 ± 0.6 for a coaptation type C (below the prosthesis; p < 0.001).

Conclusions. Aortic valve reimplantation is a promising alternative to alloprosthetic composite replacement. A level of coaptation within the tube graft is essential to achieve valve competence.

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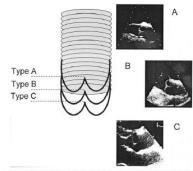


Fig 1. Type of coaptation of the aortic valve as assessed by echocardiography. Type A has the coaptation point ≥ 2 mm within the prosthesis. Type B has coaptation close to the lower border of the Dacron graft. Type C has coaptation ≥ 2 mm below the prosthesis.

Preservation of the Bicuspid Aortic Valve

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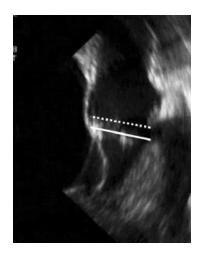
Background. Bicuspid anatomy of the aortic valve is a common reason for aortic regurgitation and is associated with aortic dilatation in more than 50% of patients. We have observed different patterns of aortic dilatation and used different approaches preserving the valve.

Methods. Between October 1995 and February 2006, a regurgitant bicuspid valve was repaired in 173 patients. The aorta was normal in 57 patients who underwent isolated repair. Aortic dilatation mainly above commissural level (n = 38) was treated by separate valve repair plus supracommissural aortic replacement. In 78 patients, aortic dilatation involved the root and was treated by root remodeling.

Results. Hospital mortality and perioperative morbidity were low in all three groups. Myocardial ischemia was significantly shorter in repair plus aortic replacement than remodeling (p < 0.001). Freedom from aortic regurgitation II or greater at 5 years varied between 91% and 96%. Freedom from reoperation at 5 years was 97% after remodeling, but only 53% after repair plus aortic replacement (p = 0.33). Symmetric prolapse was the most frequent cause for reoperation.

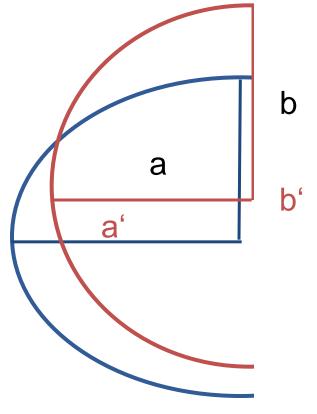
Conclusions. The long-term stability of bicuspid aortic valve repair is excellent in the absence of aortic pathology. In the presence of aortic dilatation, root remodeling leads to equally stable valve durability. In patients with less pronounced root dilatation, separate valve repair plus aortic replacement may be a less complex alternative. Symmetric prolapse should be avoided if the ascending aorta is replaced.

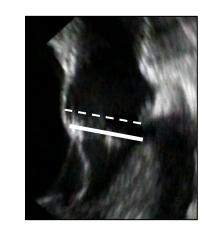
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Reduction of STJ and Cusp Prolapse

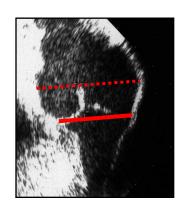




$$C_E = \pi \times [3/2 \times (a+b) - \sqrt{a \times b}]$$

$$b \approx r_{aorta}$$

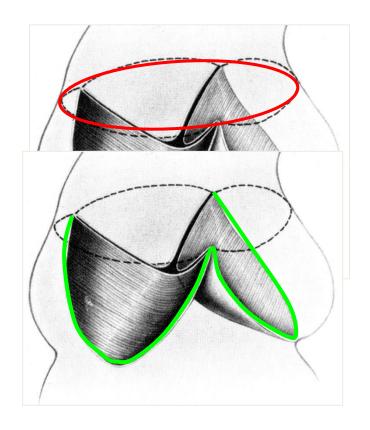
$$r_{cusp} \approx 1 / r_{aorta}$$





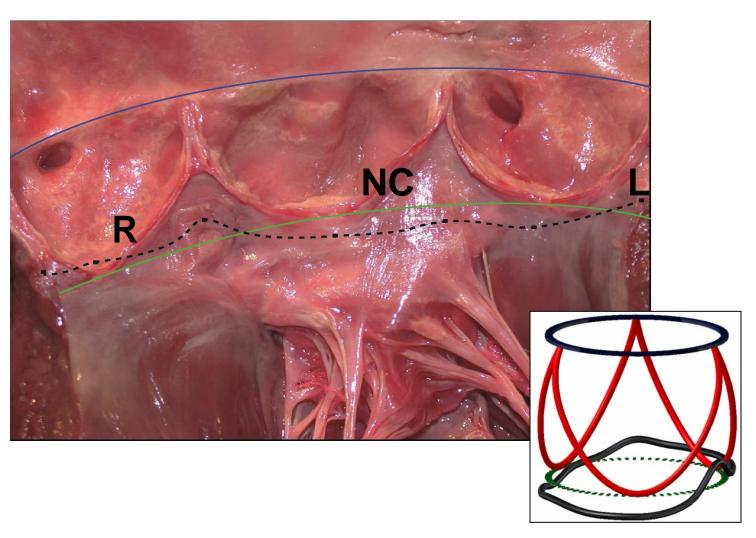
Aortic Valve Repair - Difficulties

Dimensions- of aortic root/(ring)





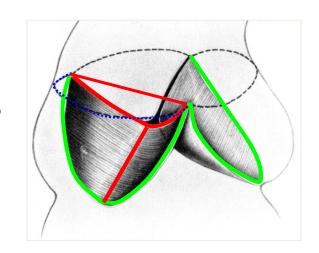
Functional Aortic Annulus / Basal Ring





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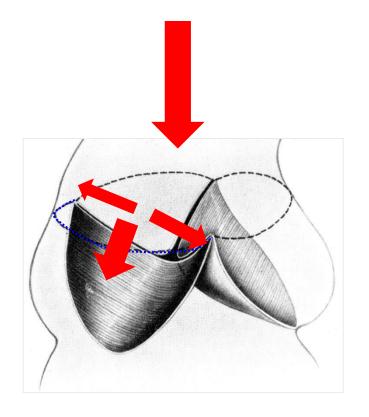
Configuration/coaptation of cusps
Vision from outflow





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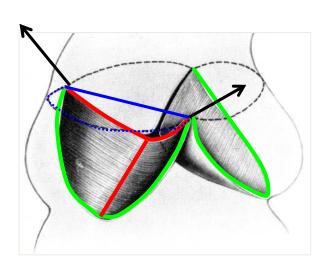
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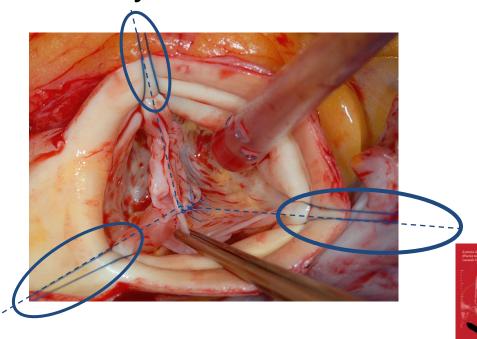


Solutions

Geometry altered by non-pressurized state!



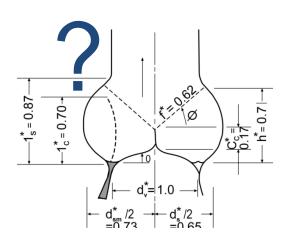
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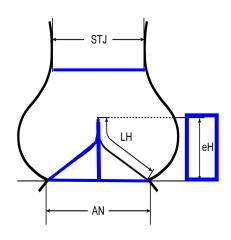


Aortic Valve Repair - Assessment

Solutions

Configuration/coaptation of cusps

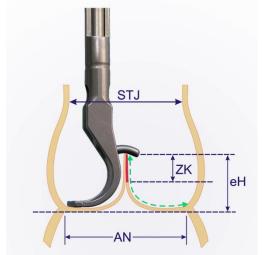


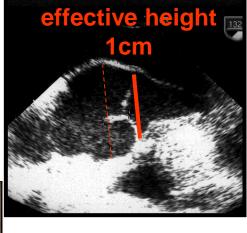


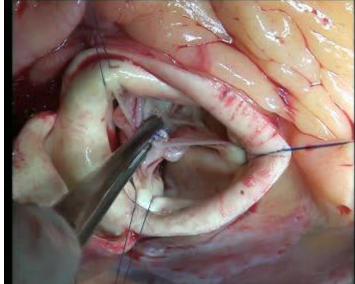
Swanson, Circ Res 1974



Cusp Configuration







Schäfers HJ et al, JTCVS 2006

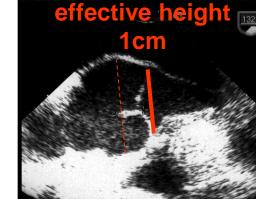


Effective Height



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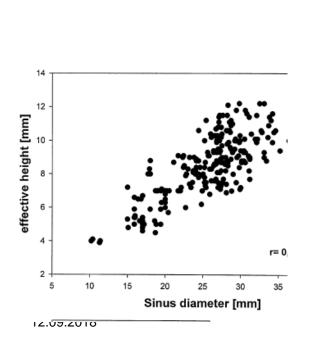


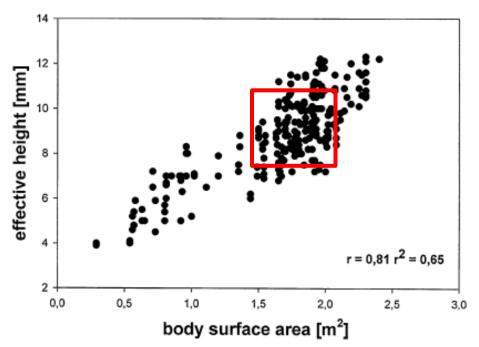


Aortic root and cusp configuration determine aortic valve function *

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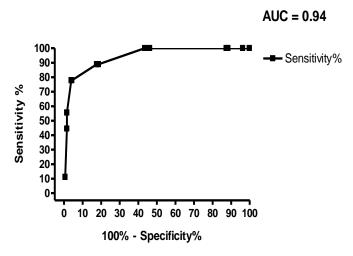




Aortic Valve Repair

Hypothesis: eH ≥ 9mm = predictor of near-normal av function

Receiver Operating Characteristic Curve



497 patients with eH ≥ 9mm

No / trivial AR: 235 patients
Mild AR: 186 patients
Moderate AR: 2 patients

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Predictive Value of Intraoperative Transesophageal Echocardiography

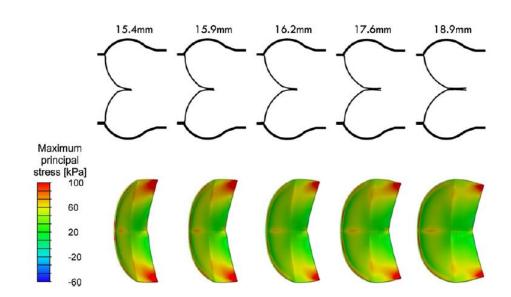
Table 3. Pre-Operative and Intraoperative TEE Measurements of the Study Population							
	No/Trivial AR (n = 122)	1+ to 2+ AR (n = 23)	≥3+ AR (n = 41)	p Value (F or Chi-Square)			
Pre-operative (mm)							
Aortic annulus	25.4 ± 4.1	23.7 ± 3.5	25.8 ± 5.9	0.27			
Sinus of Valsalva	39.4 ± 7.6	39.0 ± 8.6	41.0 ± 13.4	0.61			
Sino-tubular junction	34.8 ± 8.9	34.7 ± 8.6	34.1 ± 8.9	0.93			
Ascending aorta	41.6 ± 11.4	39.5 ± 8.2	37.2 ± 12.6	0.14			
Height of the sinus	25.3 ± 7.5	25.4 ± 5.8	27.3 ± 11.5	0.64			
Symmetry of coaptation	1.9 ± 2.2	2.3 ± 1.9	2.2 ± 2.3	0.23			
Post-operative							
Aortic annulus (mm)	21.4 ± 3.8	21.0 ± 3.5	25.7 ± 4.4	< 0.001			
Sinus of Valsalva (mm)	29.1 ± 5.3	29.6 ± 5.0	31.4 ± 5.4	0.04			
Sino-tubular junction (mm)	25.6 ± 4.1	23.9 ± 3.7	27.2 ± 3.8	< 0.01			
Ascending aorta (mm)	27.4 ± 5.1	27.7 ± 5.2	28.4 ± 4.6	0.47			
Coaptation length (mm)	6.6 ± 2.8	3.2 ± 1.4	2.2 ± 1.6	< 0.001			
Coaptation length <4 mm (%)	11	52	85	< 0.001			
Cusp to annulus distance (mm)	-1.2 ± 2.8	-1.5 ± 3.2	-3.9 ± 4.8	< 0.001			
Distance from tips to annulus (mm)	6.9 ± 4.3	3.0 ± 3.1	0.6 ± 4.2	< 0.001			
Tips below the aortic annulus (%)	4	13	49	< 0.001			
Vena contracta width (mm)	0.6 ± 1.1	2.4 ± 1.7	2.6 ± 1.4	< 0.001			
Eccentric jet (%)	9	30	73	< 0.001			



Higher effective height leads to improved coaptation height

Aortic root numeric model: Correlation between intraoperative effective height and diastolic coaptation

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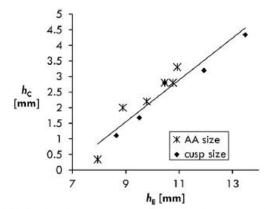
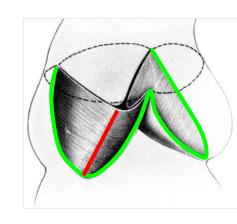
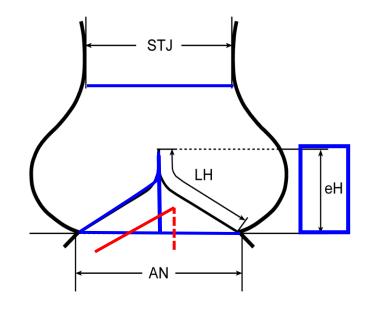


FIGURE 2. The average coaptation heights (h_C) as a function of the effective height (h_E) . AA, Aortic annulus.



Configuration/coaptation of cusps







Anatomical Limitations of Aortic Valve Repair

Functional Anatomy of Aortic Regurgitation

Accuracy, Prediction of Surgical Repairability, and Outcome Implications of Transesophageal Echocardiography

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Background—For patients with a ortic regurgitation (AR), a ortic valve sparing or repair surgery is an attractive alternative to valve replacement. In this setting, accurate preoperative delineation of a ortic valve pathology and potential

repairability is of paramount importance. The aim of the preser transesophageal echocardiography (TEE) in defining the mec in predicting repairability, by using the final surgical approace *Methods and Results*—One hundred and sixty-three consecutive AR surgery were included. Mechanisms of AR were categor aortic dilatation; type 2, cusp prolapse; and type 3, restrictive AR were type 1 in 41 patients, type 2 in 62, and type 3 in 60. *A* (κ=0.90). Valve sparing or repair was performed in 125 patie predicted the final surgical approach in 108/125 (86%) parendergoing replacement. The gross anatomic classification of and postoperative outcome (4-year freedom from > grade 2 *Conclusions*—TEE provides a highly accurate anatomic assessmentations of AR defined by TEE is strongly and independe outcome. (*Circulation*. 2007;116[suppl I]:I-264–I-269.)

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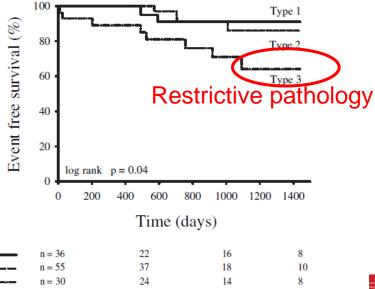


Figure 4. Kaplan–Meier estimates of event-free survival in patients undergoing valve sparing or repair surgery, according to anatomic classification by TEE.



Aortic Valve Repair - Assessme

Solutions

Configuration/coaptation of cusps

Cusp height in aortic valve

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Objectives: Successful aortic valve rep available on the normal dimensions of h

Methods: The cusp height was measure A tricuspid anatomy was present in 329 height, weight, preoperative degree of a analyzed for possible interrelation betw

Results: In the bicuspid valves, the geon \pm 2.0). Significant correlations were for valves, the height of the noncoronary c left coronary cusp varied from 12 to 25 to 25 mm (mean, 20.0 \pm 2.1). The nonco cusp (P = .000). No difference was four between the geometric height and clinidegree of aortic regurgitation.

Conclusions: We found the cusp height correlates with the clinical variables. The repair. (J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg 2012;

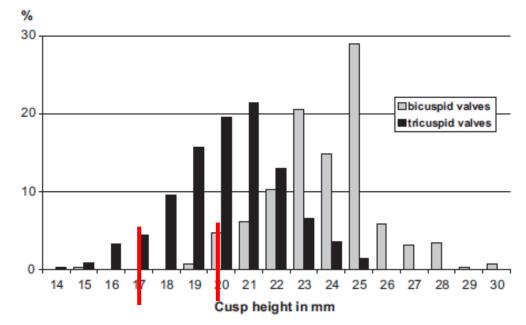
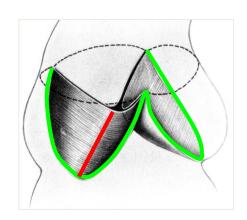


FIGURE 3. Distribution of geometric height in bicuspid (n = 289; nonfused cusps) and tricuspid (n = 332; mean of all 3 cusps) aortic valves.



Aortic Valve Repair - Assessment

Configuration/coaptation of cusps



TAV: 18-22 mm

BAV: 20-25 mm



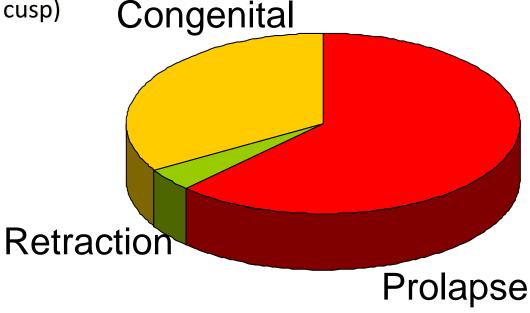


Causes of Cusp Pathology

Prolapse n=606/826 =73%(right > non > left-coronary cusp)

- Congenital malformation
 - bicuspid n=276
 - unicuspid n =50
 - quadricuspid n =3

Retraction / Calcium n=42

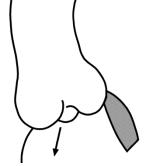




Aortic Valve - Stress Distribution



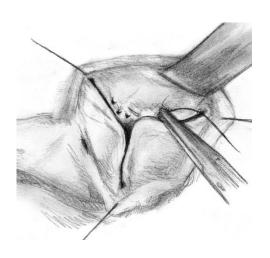




Reconstructive Techniques

Cusp Pathology

Prolapse



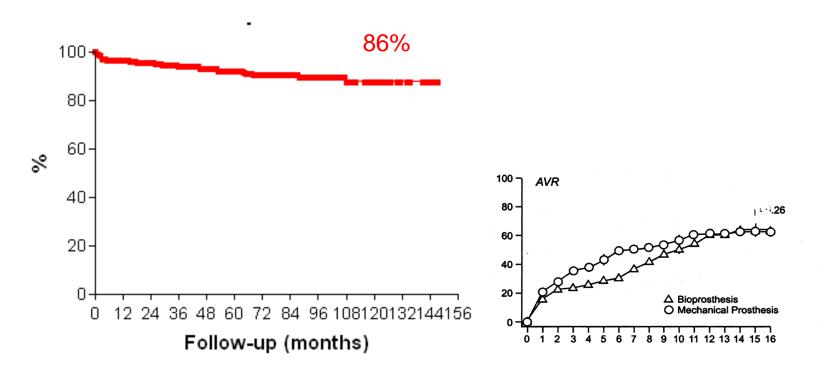
Plication of Cusp Margin



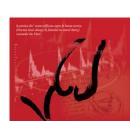


Aortic Valve Repair

Freedom from Valve-related Complications



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Valve Configuration Determines Long-Term Results After Repair of the Bicuspid Aortic Valve

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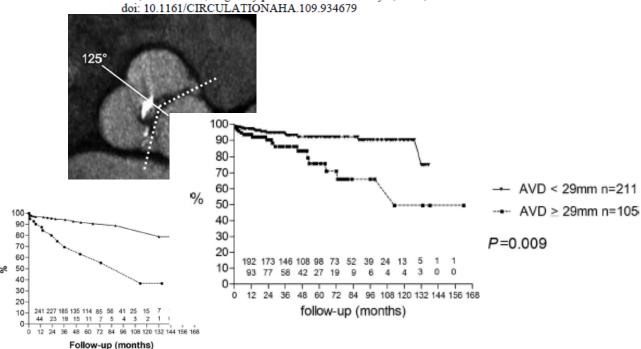


Figure 3. Actuarial freedom from reoperation after aortic valve repair in patients with a BAV depending on preoperative AVD.

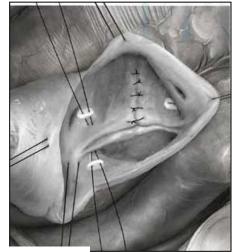


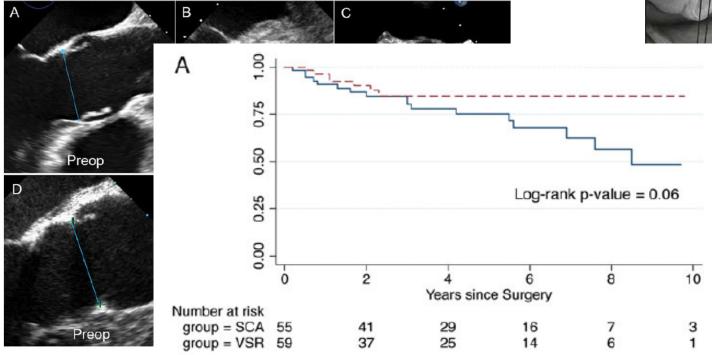
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The role of annular dimension and annuloplasty in tricuspid aortic valve repair

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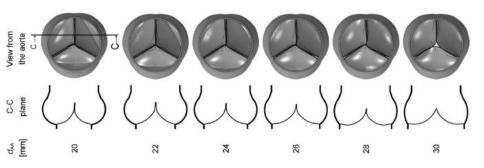


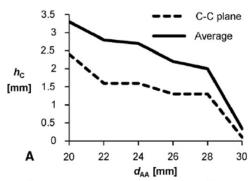


Annular dilatation effects coaptation

Aortic root numeric model: Annulus diameter prediction of effective height and coaptation in post-aortic valve repair

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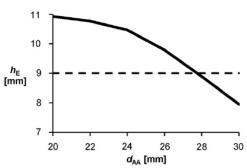


FIGURE 2. The effective height (h_E) as a function of annulus diameter (d_{AA}) under a pressure load of 3 mm Hg.



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Remodeling root repair with an external aortic ring annuloplasty

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TABLE 3. Influence of different parameters on late outcomes

Outcome	Freedom from	AI ≥2	Freedom from	AI ≥3	AV reinterve	ention	MAVRI	E
Factor	HR, 95% CI	P value	HR, 95% CI	P value	HR, 95% CI	P value	HR, 95% CI	P value
Cusp effective height	0.96 (0.37-2.50)	.939	-†	.043	0.13 (0.02-1.06)	.057	0.20 (0.05-0.76)	.018
assessment								
Cusp repair	1.23 (0.47-3.25)	.676	0.46 (0.08-2.53)	.374	0.43 (0.10-1.84)	.257	0.52 (0.17-1.57)	.243
Extra-Aortic ring (Extra-	1.5 (0.57-3.96)	.414	-†	.026	0.11 (0.01-0.95)	.044	0.29 (0.09-0.98)	.046
Aortic, CORONEO, Inc,								
Montreal, QC, Canada)								
Leaflet anatomy		.281	†	.149		.151		.262
Tricuspid	Reference	-	Reference	-	Reference	-	Reference	-
Bicuspid	0.82 (0.26-2.57)	.737	-†		-†		0.18 (0.02-1.4)	.102
Unicuspid	3.07 (0.68-13.75)	.143	3.37 (0.39-28.9)	.267	-†		0	.983
Preoperative AI*	1.66 (1.1-2.51)	.016	1.63 (0.78-3.44)	.196	0.94 (0.53-1.65)	.824	0.98 (0.64-1.5)	.939
Intraoperative Aortic annulus diameter	1.02 (0.91-1.15)	.693	0.84 (0.51-1.38)	.493	0.88 (0.59-1.3)	.516	0.85 (0.62-1.16)	.303
Valsalva diameter	0.99 (0.94-1.05)	.853	1.00 (0.92-1.09)	.987	1.03 (0.98-1.09)	.268	1.02 (0.97-1.07)	.527
STJ diameter	1.03 (0.99-1.08)	.122	1.01 (0.93-1.1)	.778	1.01 (0.93-1.09)	.883	1.01 (0.95-1.07)	.676
Preoperative LVEF	0.97 (0.93-1.02)	.248	1.04 (0.93-1.16)	.462	1.04 (0.94-1.15)	.461	1.09 (1.00-1.18)	.042

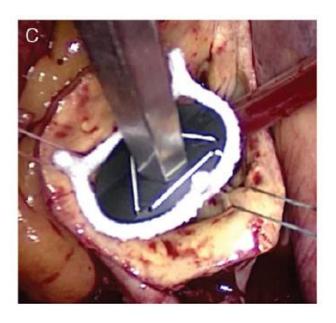
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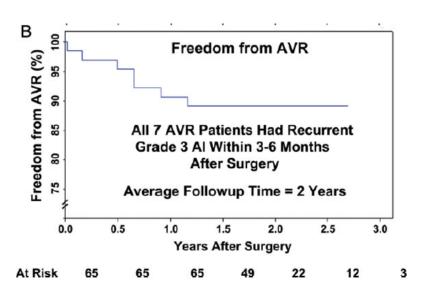


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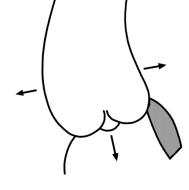
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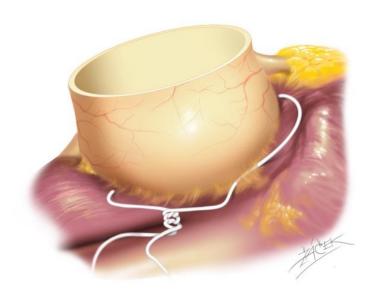


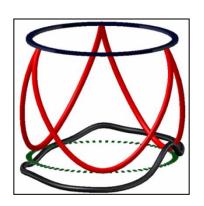
Root Repair - Technical Options

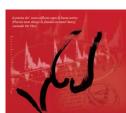




Aortic Annuloplasty (AVJ > 25-27mm)





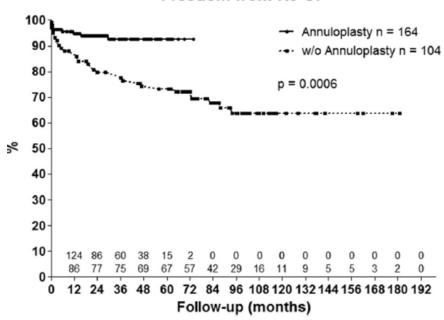


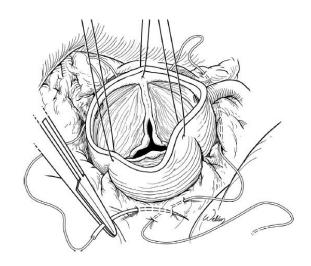
Suture Annuloplasty Significantly Improves the Durability of Bicuspid Aortic Valve Repair

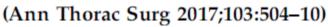
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Freedom from Re-OP









Freedom from Reoperation – BAV

Predictors of Failure

	p univar.	p multivar.
Patient age < 40 yrs. Orientation of comm. (<160°) Non-root replacement Cabrol suture	0.0051 0.0001 0.0018 0.04	0.001 0.002
Pericardial patch	0.0001	0.0001
AV diameter (>28 mm) ST diameter (≤ 30 mm) Effective height < 9mm Preop AR > III	0.0005 0.0142 0.0013 0.0029	0.007 0.002

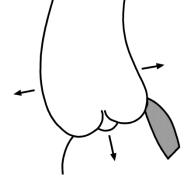
Aortic Valve Reconstruction

- AV reconstruction is on its way to a rational and reproducible
- approach (A + B + C + ? = functioning AV)
- Scientific basis is becoming clearer
- Valve-related complications are rare if repair is stable
- Durability of repair is better than that of biprostheses in young patients
- AV reconstruction should be considered in every patient with AR





Root Repair - Technical Options



Aortoventricular Plication

(AVJ > 27mm)



