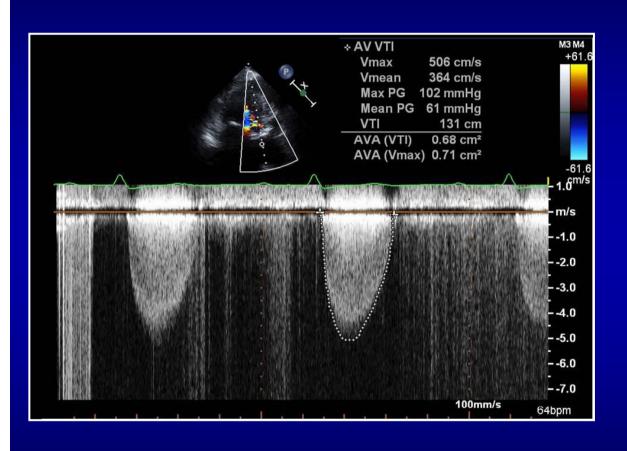


Trans-catheter Aortic Valve Replacement: Valve Embolization, Severe Acute AI: Some Practical Tips..

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94 y/o female with Severe Aortic Stenosis, NYHA Class IV and Near-syncope STS score 11.1

TRANSTHORACIC ECHO



- AVA = 0.68 cm2
- Mean gradient = 61 mmHg
- Peak gradient = 102 mmHg
- EF= 75 %
- Annulus = 19 mm
- PA HTN (50 mmHg)

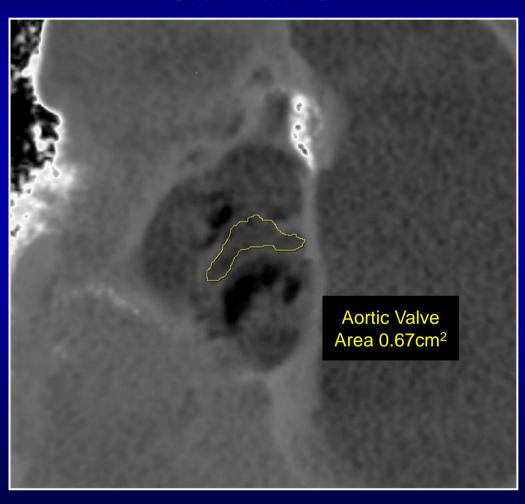


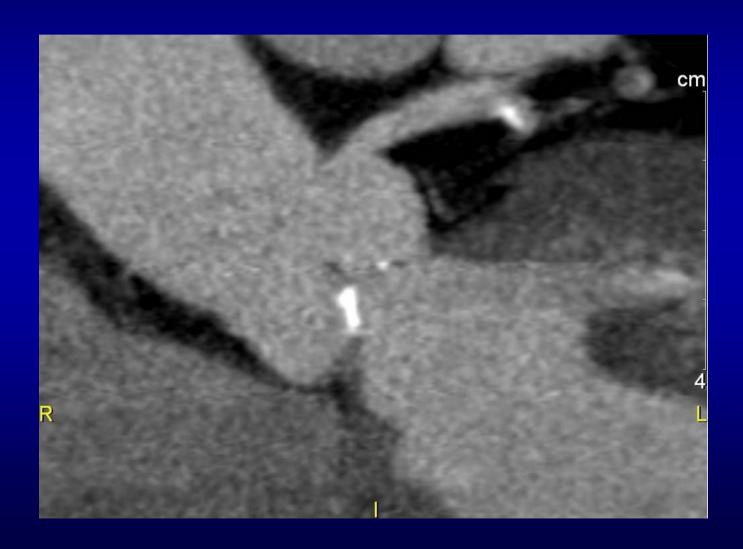
Aortic Valve Anatomy

TTE: Aortic Annulus 19 mm

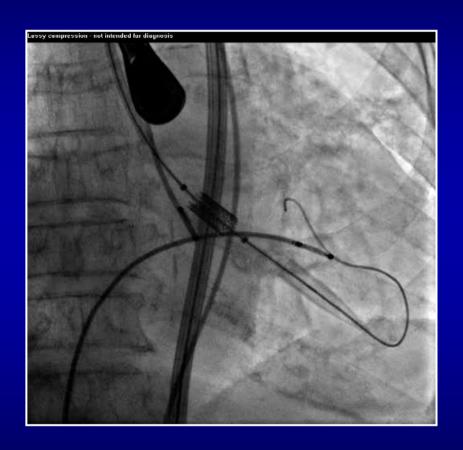
Cardiac CT

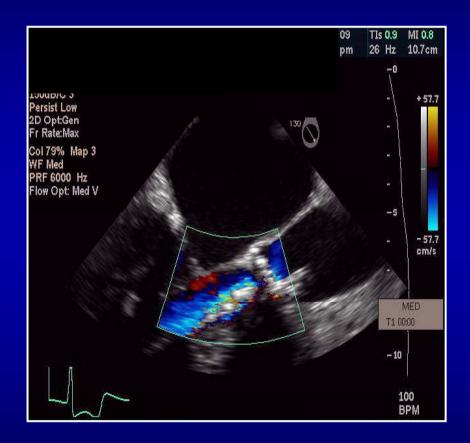




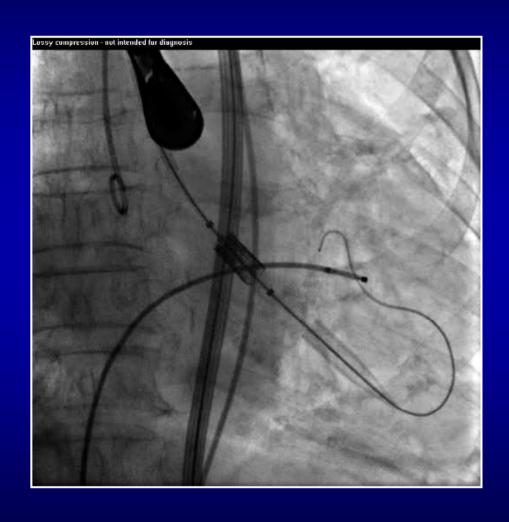


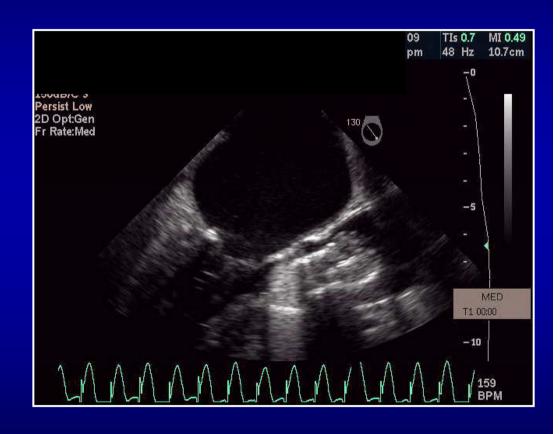
Positioning



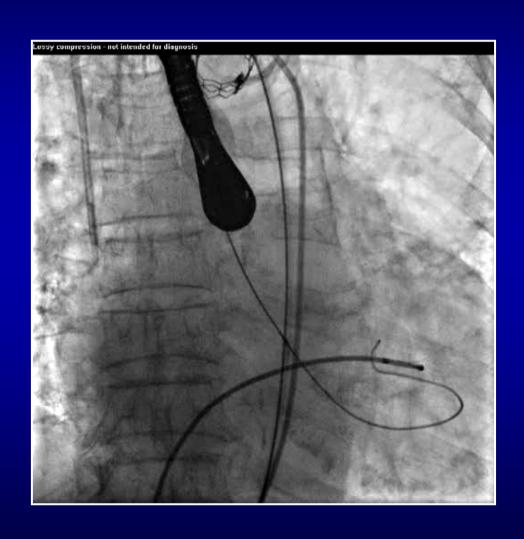


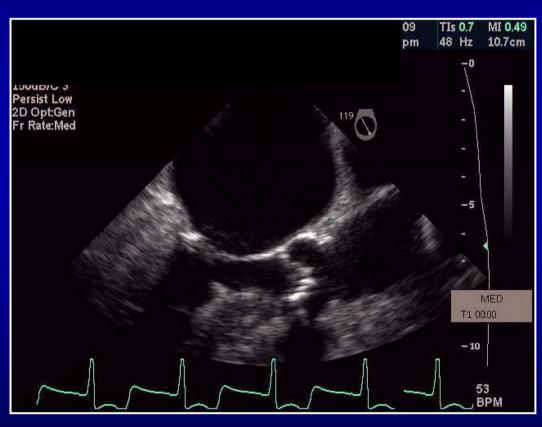
Inadequate and slow expansion of the stent





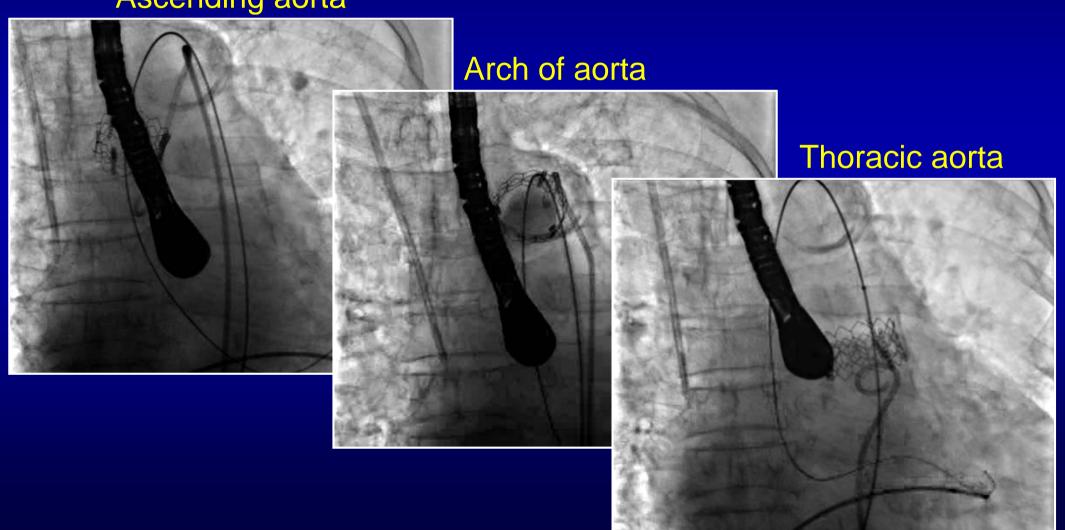
Native valve after embolization of device



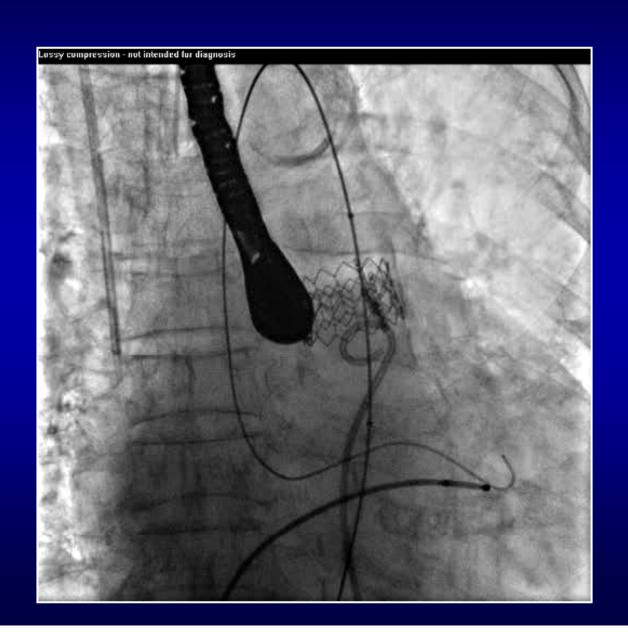


Embolizing Valve Visualized on Fluoroscopy

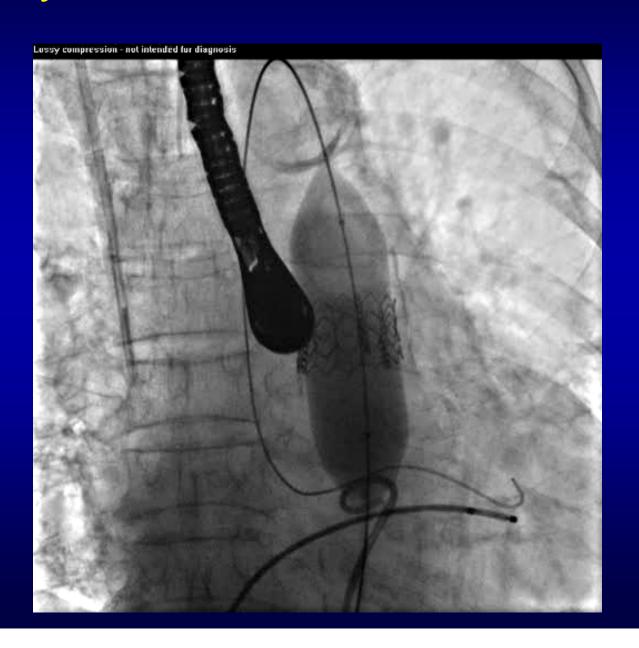
Ascending aorta



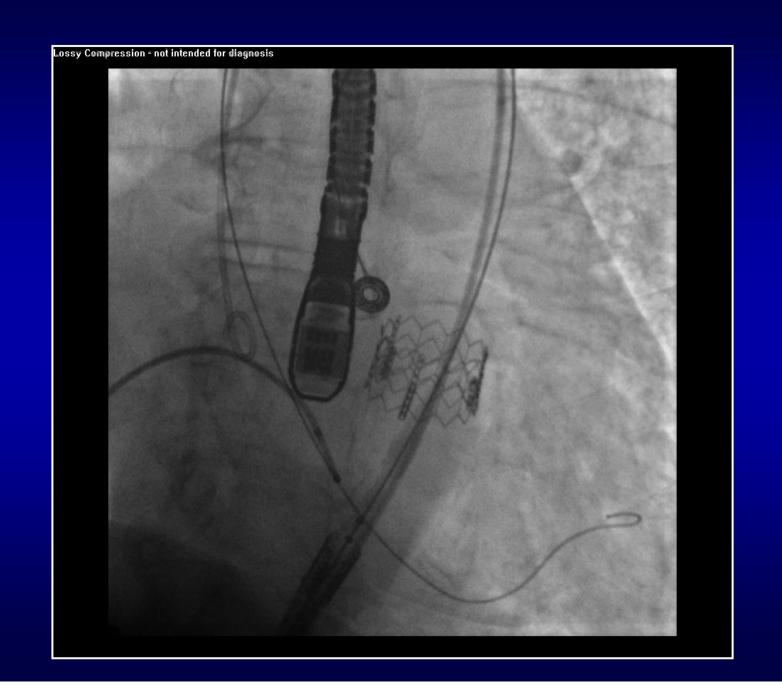
Check where you are deploying the embolized valve



Deployment of device in thoracic aorta



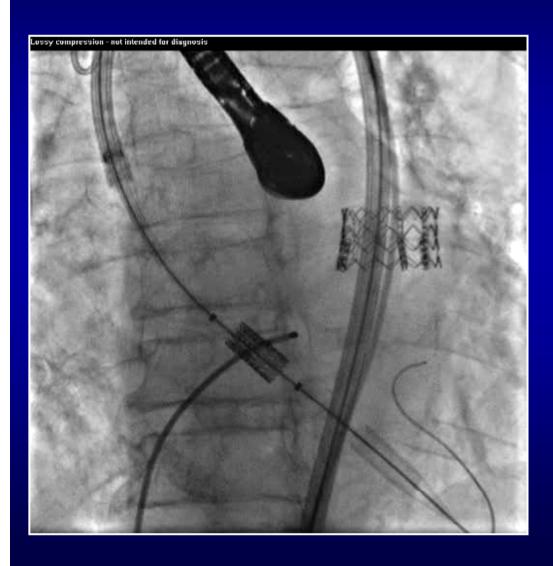


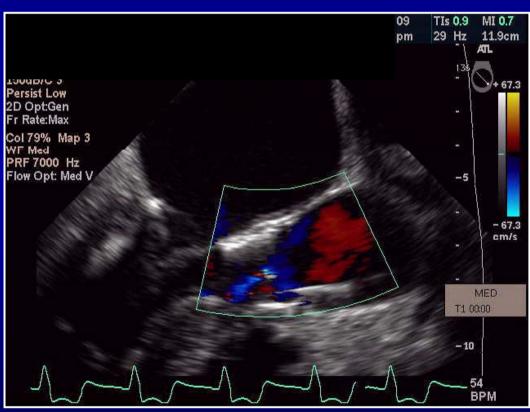


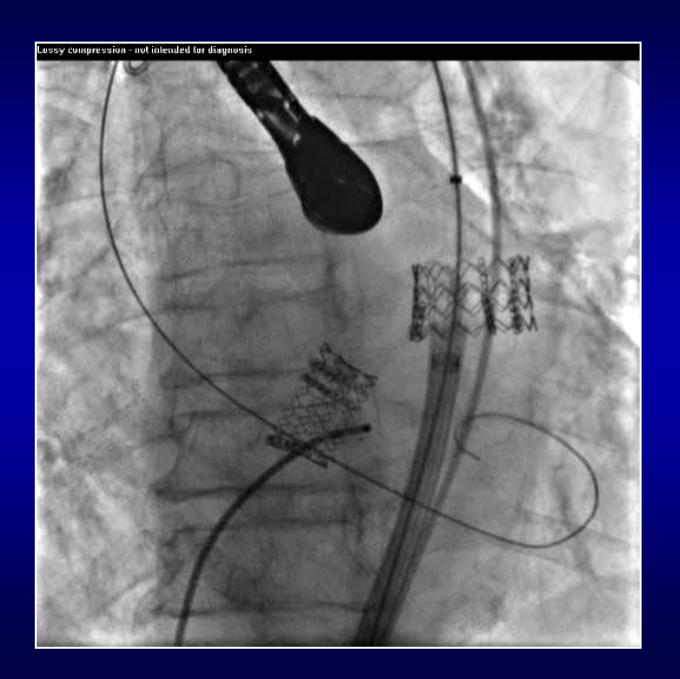
You can improve aortic angio by rapid pacing

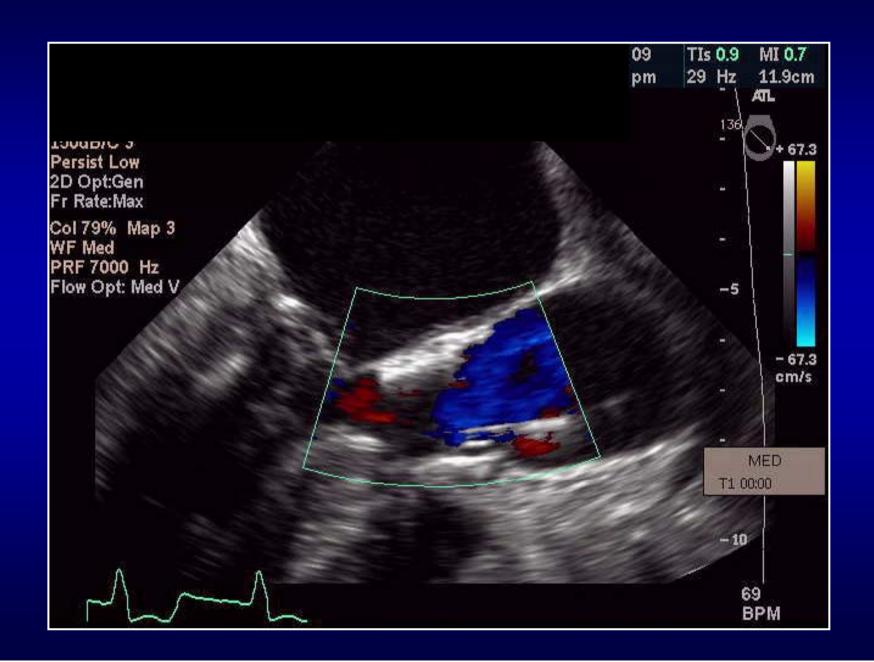


The second moment of truth...



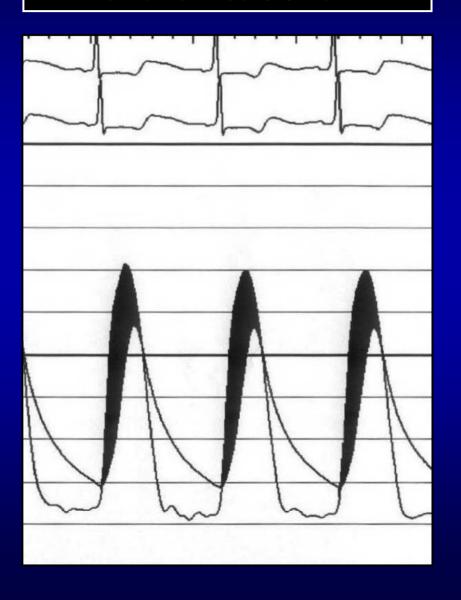




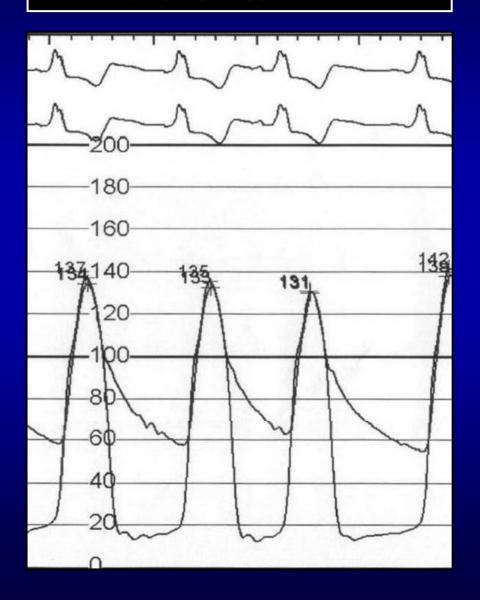




Mean Gradient 35 mm Hg Ao Valve Area 0.54 cm2



Mean Gradient 3 mm Hg Ao Valve Area 1.7 cm2



Patient discharged home 40 hours after the procedure

Causes of Valve Embolization

- Improper positioning-high start
- Inadequate reduction in blood and pulse pressure during rapid pacing
- Premature termination of rapid pacing
- Undersizing of the valve
- Insufficient calcium in the valve
- Thick bulging basal septum

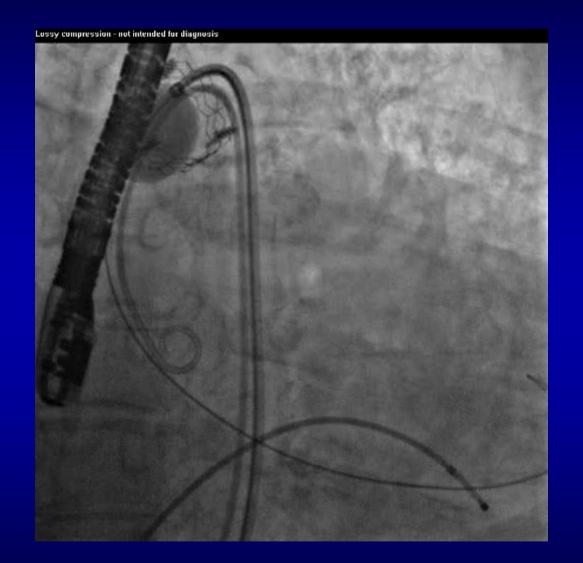


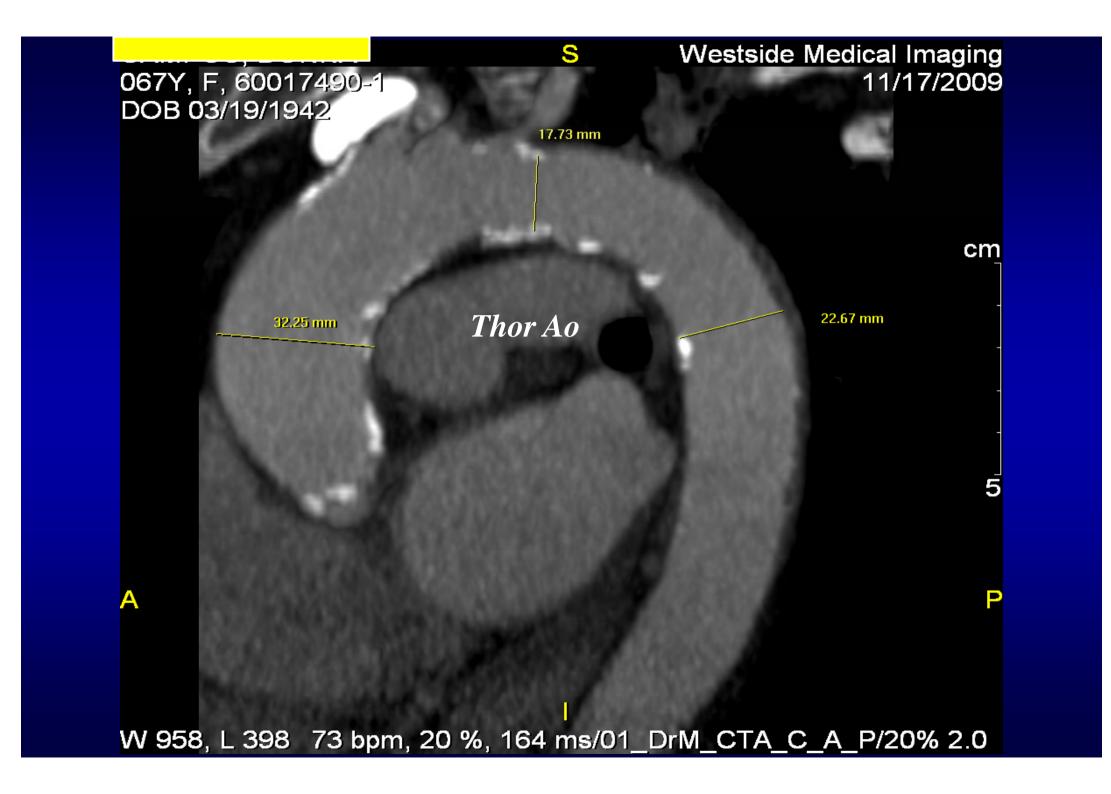
Take Home Points...

- Don't lose your wire position, very critical
- Take a moment and come up with a plan, don't panic. Pictures may look scary but the patient is generally stable
- Use a bigger balloon to drag the embolized valve as low as you can in the thoracic/abdominal aorta and deploy it
- Deploy another valve advancing the delivery system through the deployed embolized valve
- May or may not stent the embolized valve

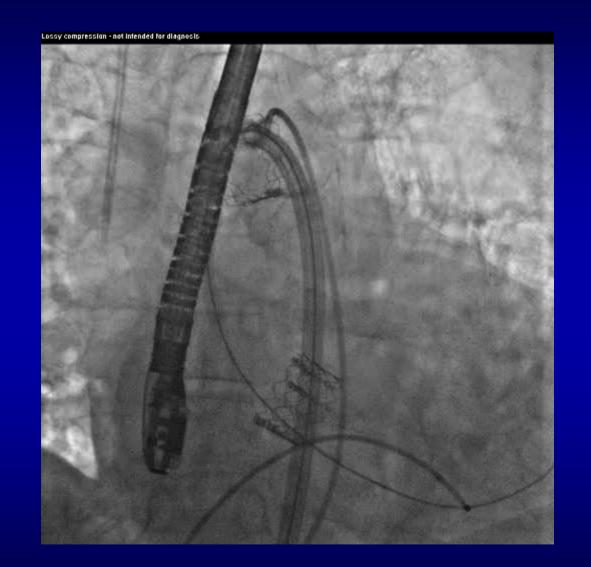
"I got 2 valves for the price of 1"

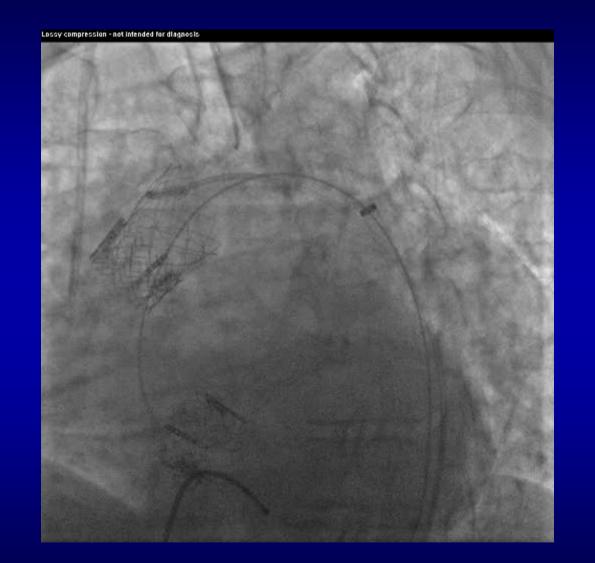










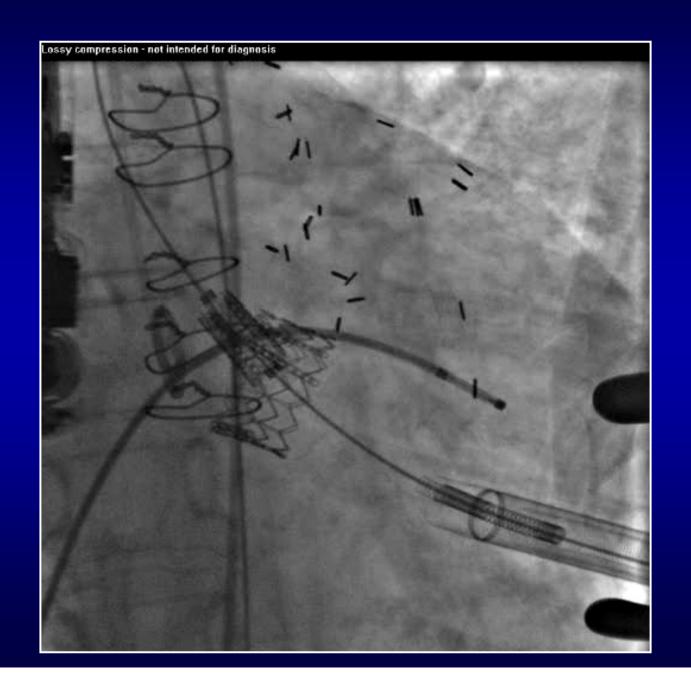


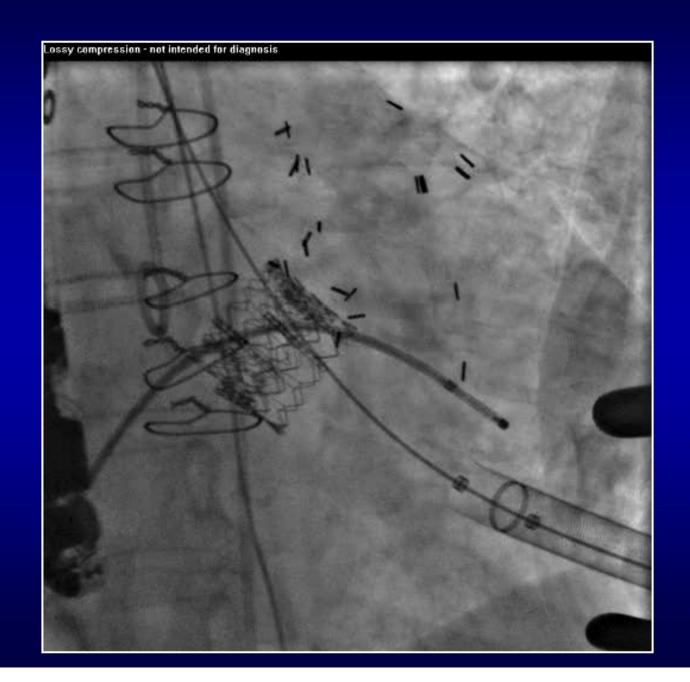
Take Home Points...

- Go back and look at the CT to get some clues.
- Don't compromise the flow to the great vessels
- Important to anchor the embolized valve so it does not "tumble and reverse"
- Deploy the embolized valve with rapid pacing to minimize movement
- Poor visualization, lack of calcium are a setup for valve embolization
- Reliant balloon is a good device to have around

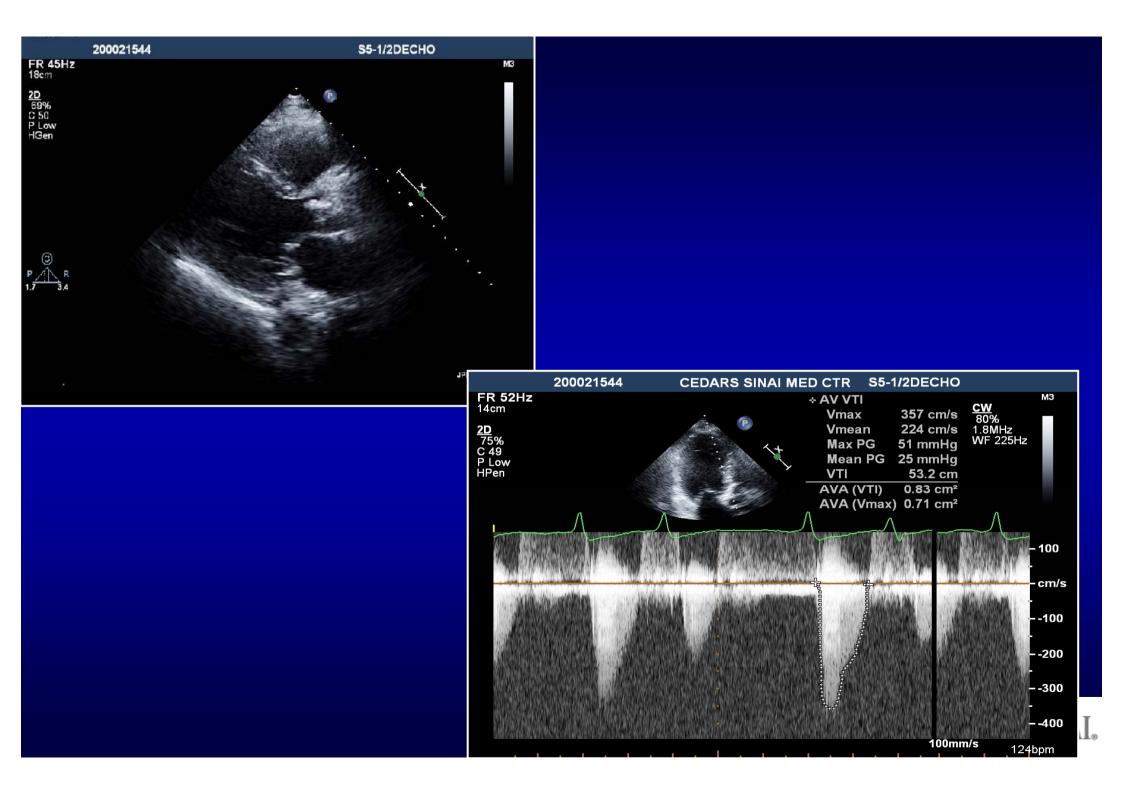








81 y.o. male with history of severe AS, CAD s/p CABG, cardiomyopathy (LVEF ~20%), DM II.





Hemodynamics: Severe Al

Baseline LV-Ao: Mean Gradient 25.3mmHg Aortic Diastolic Pressure: 40 mm Hg LVEDP: 20 mm Hg



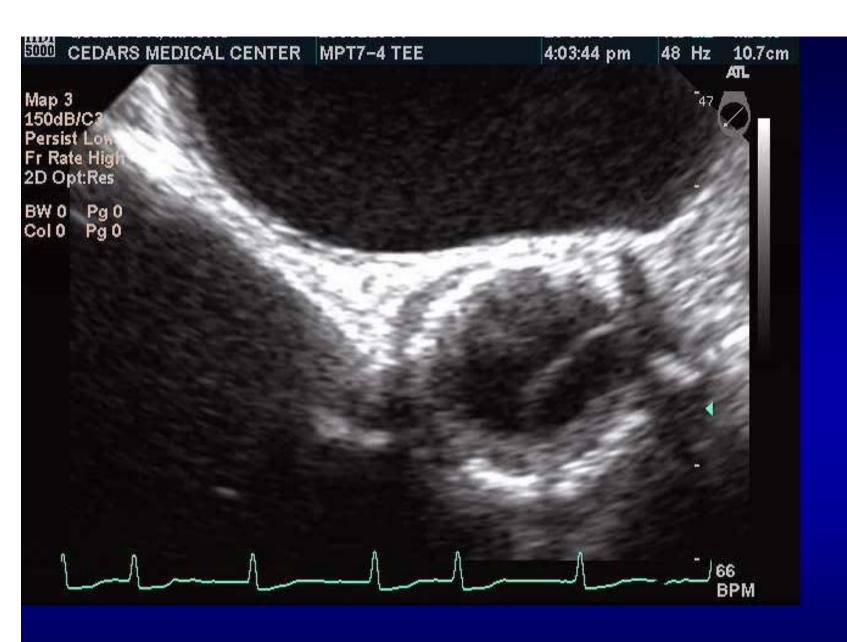
Aortic Valve#1 Implantation:

Aortic Diastolic Pressure: 20 mm Hg

LVEDP: 20 mm Hg



Diastolic Pressure



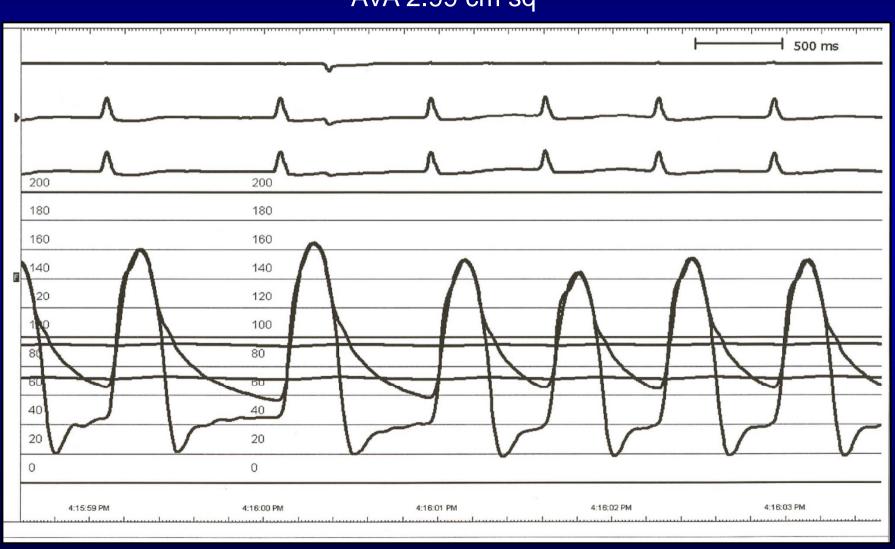


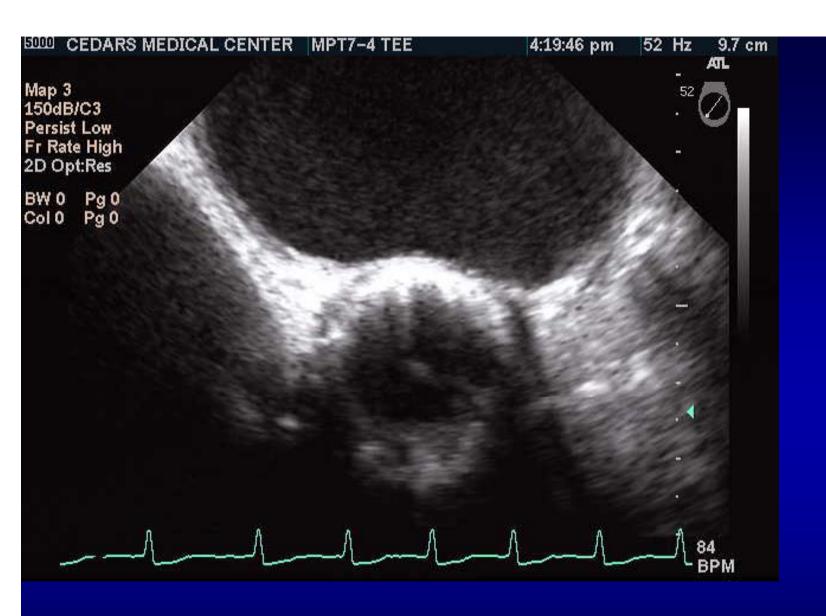
After Valve-in-Valve

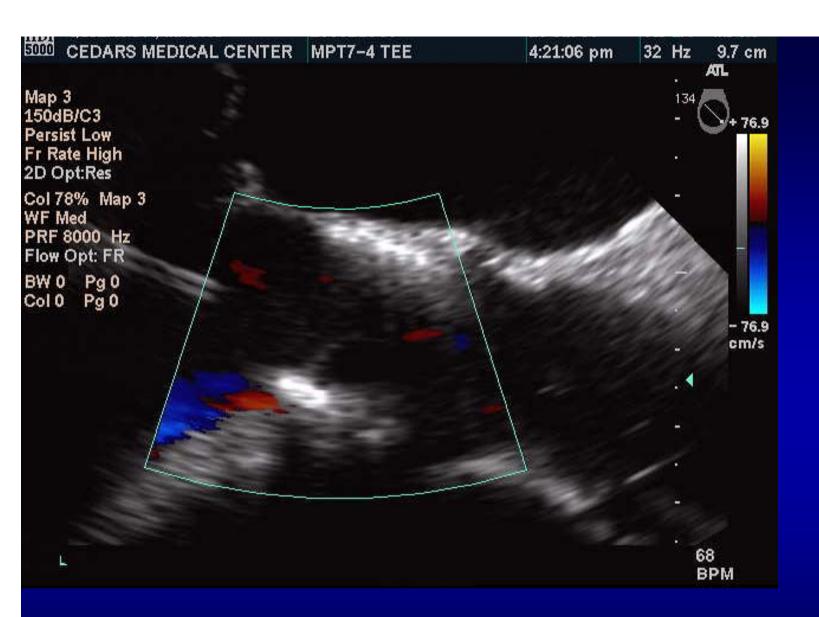


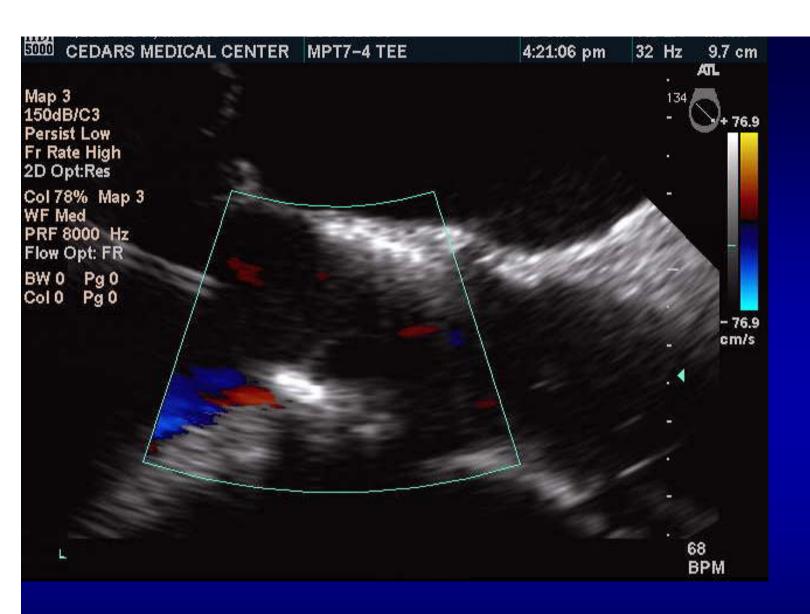
Post Valve Deployment #2

Mean Gradient 2.44mmHg AVA 2.99 cm sq









Take away...

- Look at the Echo, TEE is useful postdeployment
- Assess the hemodynamics-LVEDP and diastolic BP
- Think Valve-in Valve for rescue. Be quick...
- But careful and coaxial thru the first valve so you don't push the first valve down into the LV