## Technical Lessons for TAVR: Expert Experience

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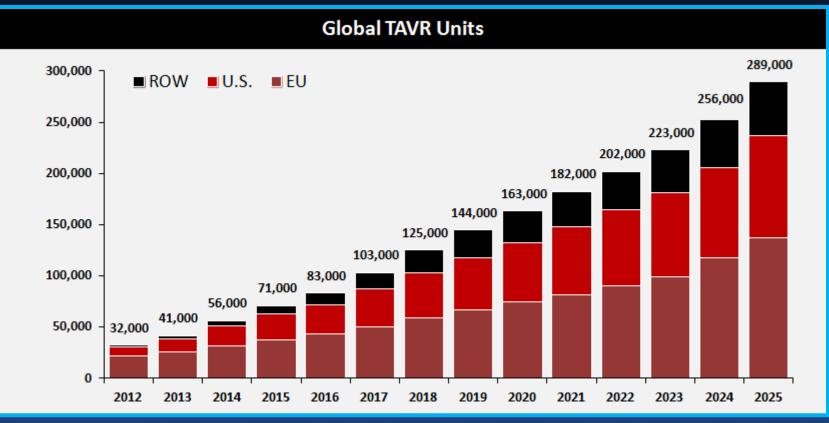
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- Executive Physician Council

#### Company

- Edwards Lifesciences
- Medtronic
- Boston Scientific Corp



## Estimated Global TAVR Growth



SOURCE: Credit Suisse TAVI Comment –January 8, 2015. ASP assumption for 2024 and 2025 based on analyst model. Revenue split assumption in 2025 is 45% U.S., 35% EU, 10% Japan, 10% ROW

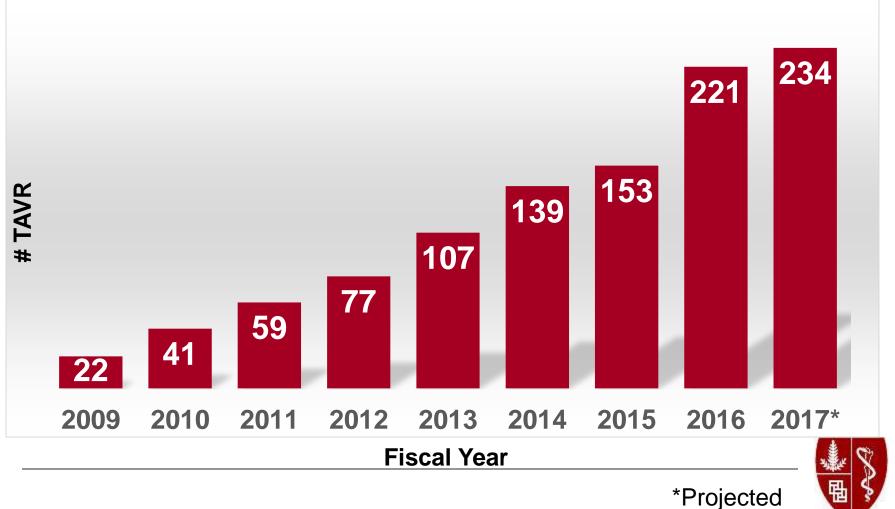
#### In the next 10 years, TAVR growth will increase X4!

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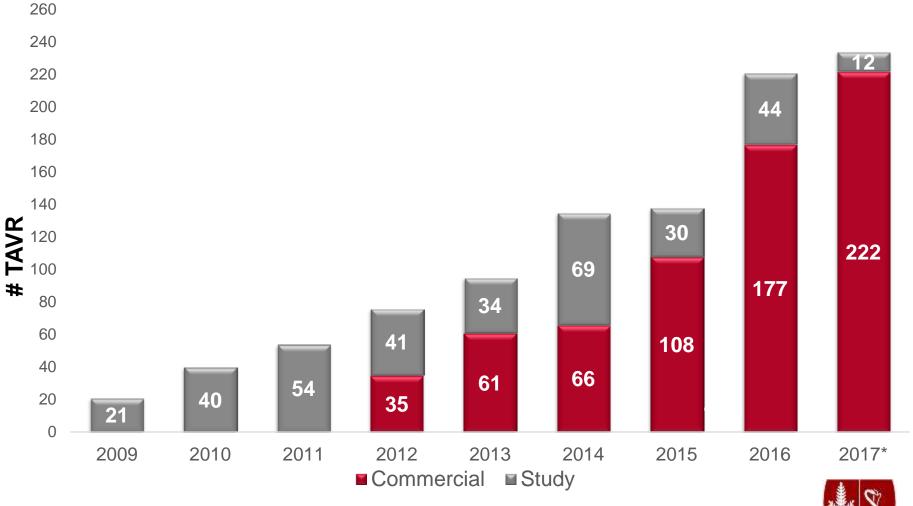


# **Stanford Experience with TAVR**

#### **Yearly Volume**



# **Stanford Experience with TAVR**





# **Expert Experience**

- Building a team with structure and patient flow
- Sustaining the standard and quality of all aspects of the team
- Continue process improvement
- Technical lessons
- Recognizing special cases from routine



# **Stanford Leadership in TAVR**

- D. Craig Miller, MD: Executive Committee, PARTNER Trials, Edwards Life Sciences
- William F. Fearon, MD: Steering Committee, PARTNER 2 Trial, Edwards Life Sciences
- Alan C. Yeung, MD: Site PI, PARTNER Trials, Edwards Life Sciences, REPRISE Trial, Boston Scientific
- Michael P. Fischbein, MD, PhD: Site PI, PORTICO Trial, St. Jude Medical



# **Stanford Heart Team**

#### Interventionalists

•• William Fearon, MD •• Alan Yeung, MD



Sandy Cardoza, RN

· Zoe Magee, RN

Cheryl McWard, RN

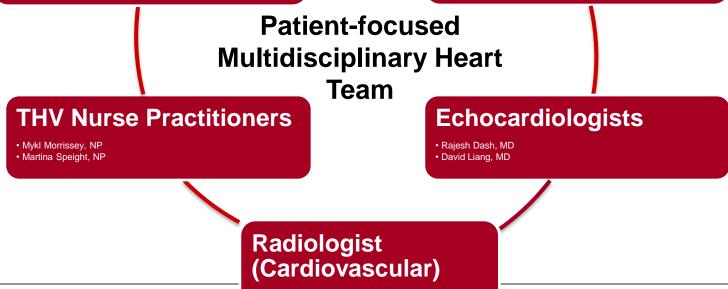
Danna Salvaleon-Cua, LVN

#### **Cardiac Surgeons**

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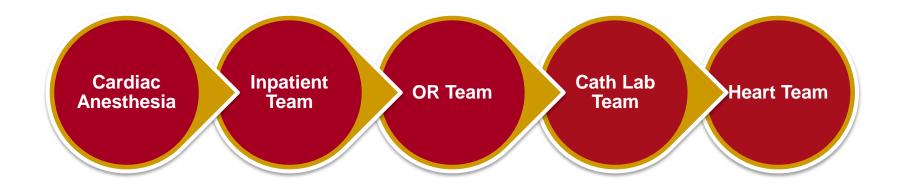
• William Hiesinger, MD

- Anson Lee, MD
- D. Craig Miller, MD



Dominic Fleischmann, MD

## **Extended Heart Team**





# **Patient Process**

Evaluation

#### Referral

 Triaged and scheduled by THV Clinic Coordinators

- Tests: CTA C/A/P, TTE, PFTs, & frailty metrics
  - Clinic appt: Interventionalist and Cardiac Surgeon

Decision

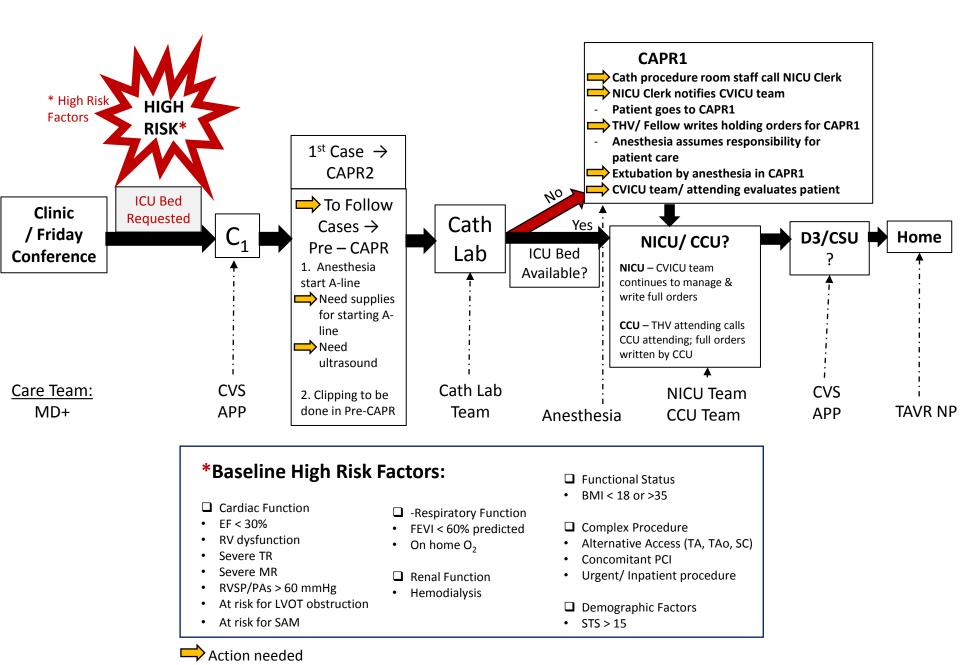


#### Treatment

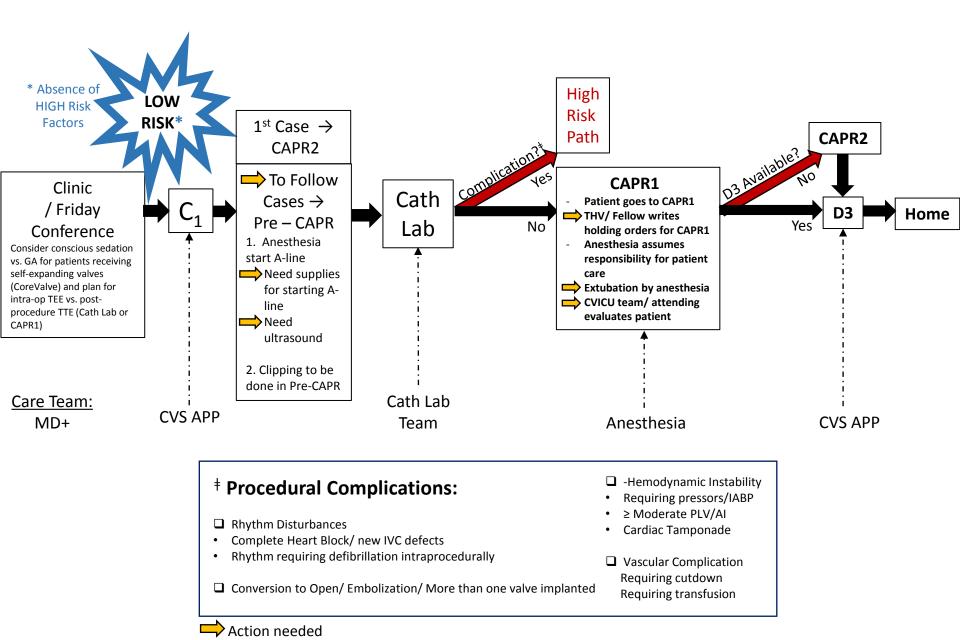
Schedule TAVR
Alternative treatments: medical management, BAV, or AVR



#### Patient Flow in HIGH Risk TAVR



#### Patient Flow in LOW Risk TAVR



#### **Commercial TAVR case**

MRN 0535057-4 Proposed Treatment 6/14/2016 Fast Track Eligible: Yes Referring MD: James MacLaren, MD THV MDs: MS/AL/ACY

History: 59 year old male with history of HTN, HLD, hypothyroid and severe, symptomatic AS. History of seminoma with chest involvement, s/p orchiectomy and XRT to chest in 1977. Currently symptomatic of dyspnea on exertion, fatigue, and a syncopal episode resulting in a right leg fracture.

PFTs:	FEV1	1.4 L (42%)	Frailty:	BMI	23.74	STS	1.9%	
	DLCO	23 ml (86%)	Serum /	Albumin	3.9 g/dL (-)			
			ADLs		6/6 (-)	Age 59, male, Caucasian, 77.2 kg, 180.3 cm (BSA 1.97)		
Anticoagulation History/Regimen:		Grip Strength 37.3 kg (-) 5m WT unable to perform		0.93, HTN, severe lung disease, NYHA Class II, EF 60%				
Aspirin 81 mg only			Score	1/4	MS, modera	te AI, mild MR, mild TR, first op, elective		

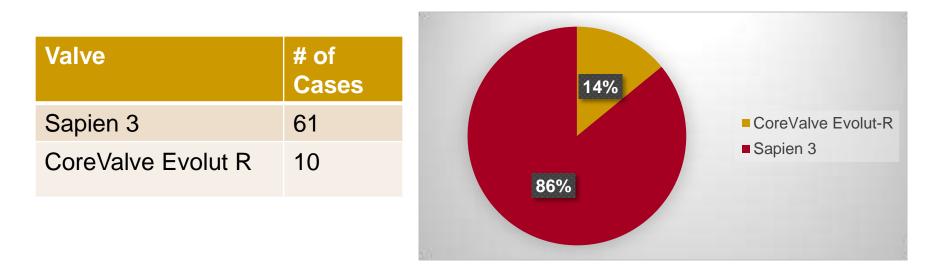
Proposed: Extreme Risk (Co-morbidities) Commercial TAVR, 26 mm Sapien 3, Transfemoral approach, Right side

Echo:	Date	5/13/2016	RHC:	RA	8	Coronary heights:	LCA	17.7 mm	SOV Diameters:	RCC	31.8 mm
	AVA	0.65 cm2		RV	50/12		RCA	19.3 mm		LCC	33.6 mm
	AVAI	0.33 cm <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>2</sup>		PA	50/17					NCC	33.6 mm
	V2 Max	4.4 m/sec		PCW	20	Vascular access:	RCIA	11.1 x 10.3	SOV heights > 15 mm:	Yes	
	Gradient	46 mmHg		CO	6.2	(in mm)	REIA #1	8.3 x 8.1	Ascending Ao diameter:	Long Axis	33.7 mm
	V1/V2	173		CI	3.1		REIA #2	8.6 x 8.3		Short Axis	31.3 mm
	EF	60%	Cors:	LM	30%		RCFA	9.0 x 6.4	Annulus:	Diameter	~24.3 mm
	RVSP	44 mmHg	06/01/16	LAD	no sig disease	2	LCIA	10.8 x 10.7		Long Axis	28.6 mm
	AI	Moderate	000000000000000000000000000000000000000	LCX	no sig disease	2	LEIA #1	9.4 x 8.4		Short Axis	20.0 mm
	MR	Mild		RCA	no sig disease	2	LEIA #2	9.0 x 8.9		Area	444 mm <sup>2</sup>
- 14	TR	Mild	1	Grafts			LCFA	10.3 x 6.2		Perimeter	77.9 mm

Notes: Echo: moderate MS. Hostile chest due to history of radiation

Summary:	59 year old male	Transfemoral approach		
	• STS 1.9%	Right side		
	<ul> <li>Extreme Risk (Co-morbidities) TAVR</li> </ul>	Fast Track eligible		
	26 mm Sapien 3 THV	<ul> <li>Declined participation in Portico</li> </ul>		

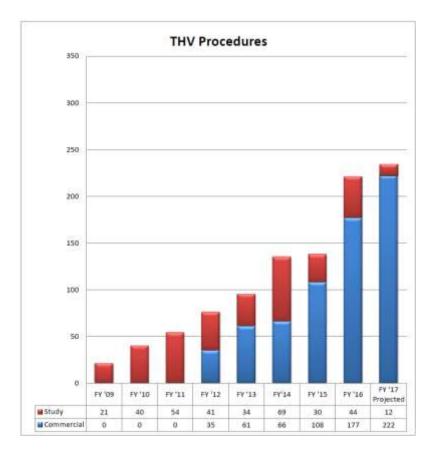
# In the past 3 months...



Complications	n (71)
PPM/ ICD	7%
Death (TA)	1%
Major Vasc	3%
<b>RV</b> Perforation	1%



# In the past 3 months...



#### 2017 Year to Date:

Description	January	February	March	Total
Number of Cases	19	22	19	60
Average PPLOS	3	3	2	2.73
No. ICU Pts	4	3	5	12
Average ICU Pt PPLOS	6	3	2.8	4.8
No. Non-ICU Pts	15	19	14	48
Average Non-ICU Pt PPLOS	2	2	2	2

- 80% Fast Track
- PPLOS down from 3 to 2.73
- Counter measure: Readmission rate ???



# **Technical Lessons:**

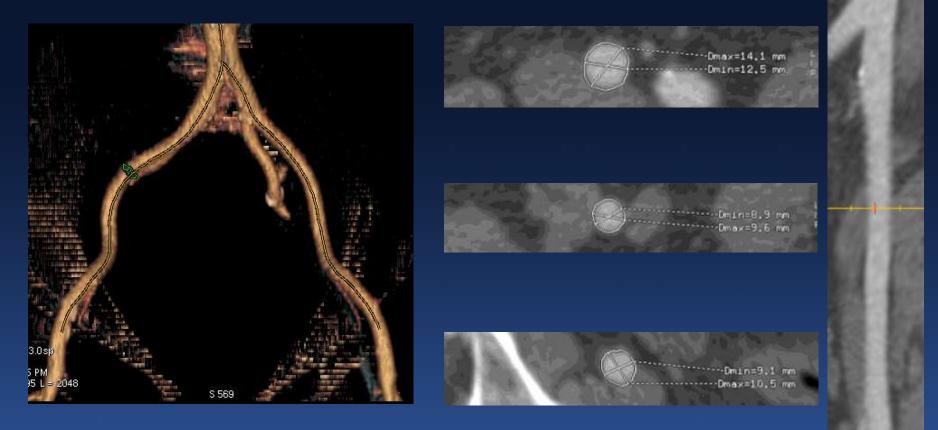
- Vascular measurements, tortuosity and calcifications
- Annulus measurement and confirmation
- No predilatation
- Optimization of valve function after deployment
- Know your valve-in-valve dimensions and location of deployment (esp. CoreValve)



### **CTA with 3D Reconstruction**

- CTA allows complete 3D assessment of the iliofemoral arterial access
  - Minimum and mean diameter
  - Vessel tortuosity
  - Amount and pattern of calcification
  - Extent of atherosclerosis
  - Other high-risk features including dissections and complex atheromas

## **CTA with 3D Reconstruction**

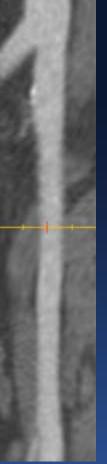


## **CTA with 3D Reconstruction**

- Measure perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the vessel
- Carefully assess diameter in longitudinal and axial views
- Move cursor slowly, millimeter by millimeter through the entire artery
- If not calcified, use mean luminal diameter
- If vessel is calcified, use minimal luminal diameter

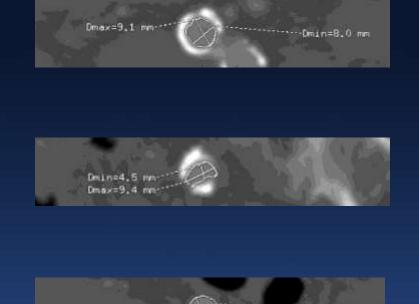






### **Assessment of calcification**

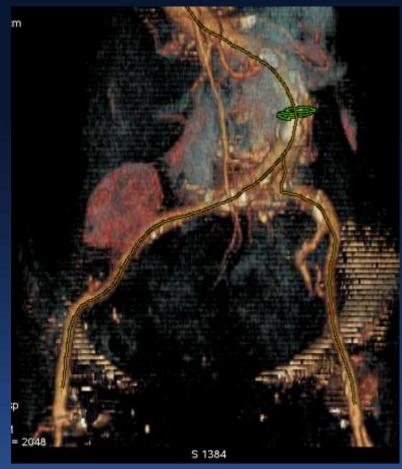
- Non-contrast CT or CTA with appropriate windowing to minimize blooming enables quantification of calcification
- Beware circumferential or nearcircumferential calcium
- Use minimum diameter measurements
- Add 1 mm to required minimum diameter for a given sheath



## **Vessel Tortuosity**

- Significant tortuosity can cause kinking of the sheath on removal of the dilator
  - This can prevent the delivery catheter from progressing freely in the sheath
  - Increased risk if calcification present





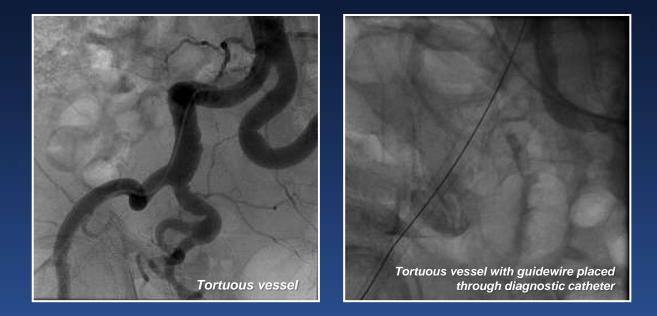
# Tortuosity, but adequate diameters and minimal calcification



TAVR Likely Feasible if done carefully

## **Tortuosity: wire straightening**

- Severely tortuous vessels with *limited calcification* may be feasible when done carefully
  - This can be verified by determining if the tortuous vessel can be straightened with a wire at diagnostic angiography



Ben-Dor I, et al. Clinical and imaging requirements for TAVI. Cardiac Interventions Today. 2010:52-58.

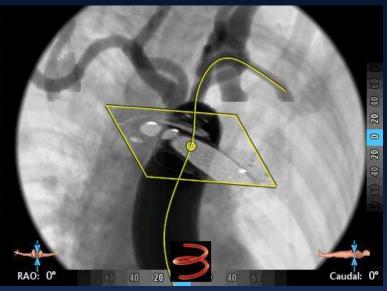
## Challenging Case 1: Extreme Tortuosity of the Abdominal Aorta

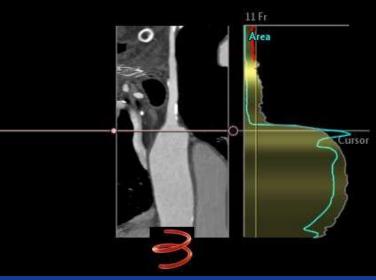


Transfemoral TAVR not feasible

### **Evaluate for Transaortic or Subclavian**







#### Challenging Case 2: Inadequate Iliofemoral Arterial Access



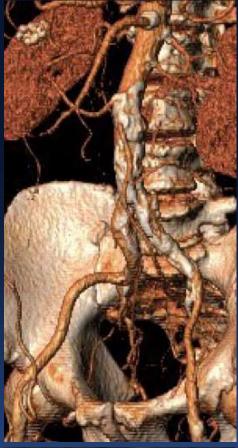








Severe bilateral calcified iliac disease

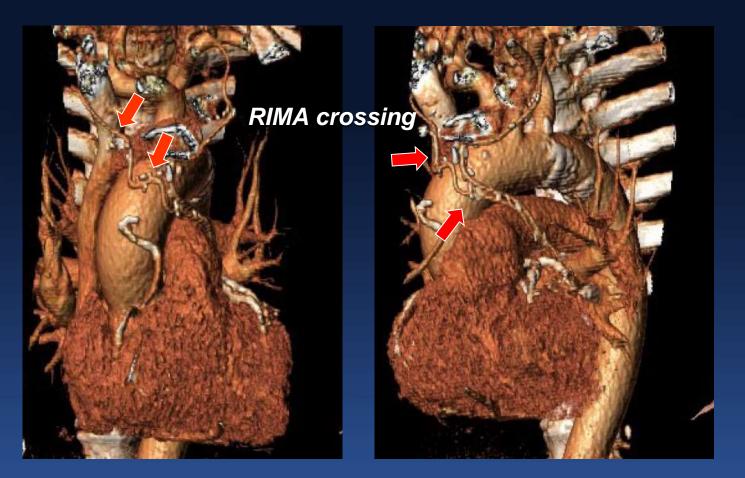




**Occluded Left Common Iliac** 

Severe stenosis Right Common Iliac

#### Direct Aortic Access limited by RIMA, Grafts Subclavian with stenosis, patent LIMA



## **Challenging Case 3: Prior AAA Repair**

- TAVR can be performed through prior AAA repair if:
  - Vessel diameter is adequate
    - Add 2 mm to the usually required diameter
  - Minimal tortuosity
    - Risk of sheath kinking if more than mild tortuosity
  - Native vessels distal adequate
  - Not fresh grafts
     (≥ 6 months)





# **Technical Lessons:**

#### Vascular access:

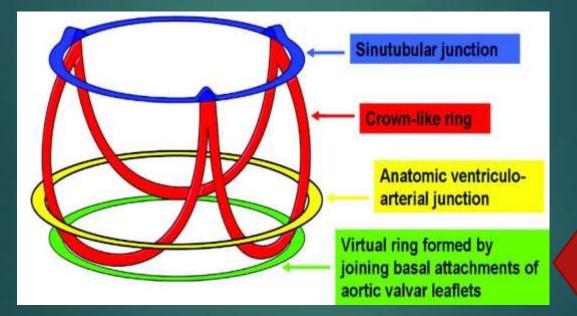
- Choice of TAVR systems
- Lindequist wire for tortuosity
- Edward dilator sets for femoral iliac/aortic dilatation
- Dry Seal sheath vs Cordis sheath
- Ultrasound guidance for vascular access (avoid anterior calcium as well as side puncture)



# Why do we need these aortic measurements?

- Predictors of paravalvular leak, BE/SE: undersizing, calcification, implant depth
  - Athappan et al, JACC 2013
- Predictors of root rupture BE: oversizing > 20%, LVOT calcification
   Barbanti et al, Circ 2013
- Predictors of LM occlusion BE/SE: SOV < 30 mm + LMCA distance < 12 mm
  - Ribeiro et al, JACC 2013

# "Virtual" Aortic Annulus – where the trancatheter valve anchors



Piazza N et al. Circ Cardiovasc Interv 2008;1:74-81

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#### EDWARDS SAPIEN 3 TRANSCATHETER HEART VALVE

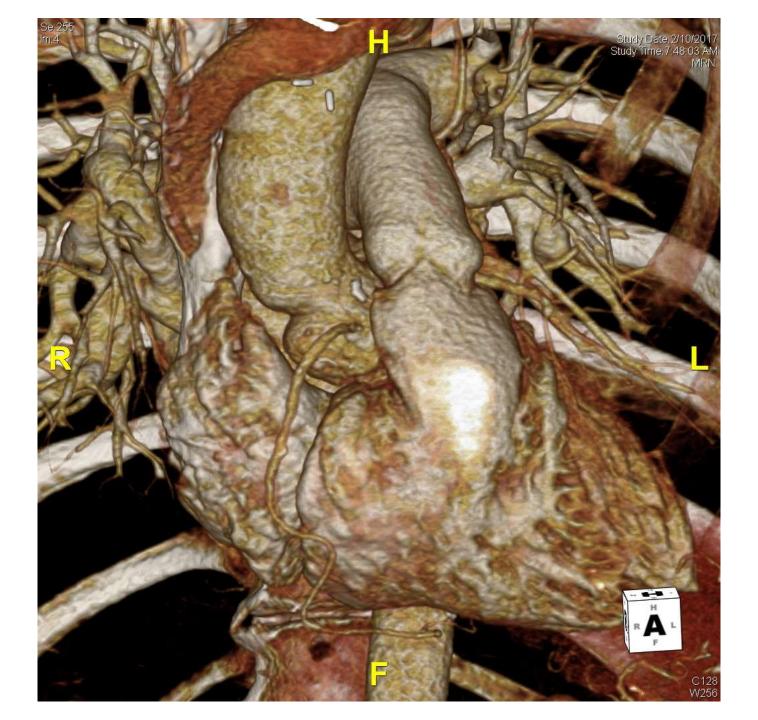
Annulus Sizing		20 mm	23 mm	26 mm	<mark>29 mm</mark> 540 - 683 mm²	
Native Valve	Area	273 - 345 mm²	338 - 430 mm²	430 - 546 mm <sup>2</sup>		
Annulus Size (CT)	Area Derived Diameter	18.6 - 21 mm	20.7 - 23.4 mm	23.4 - 26.4 mm	26.2 - 29.5 mm	
Native Valve An	nulus Size TEE	16 - 19 mm	18 - 22 mm	21 - 25 mm	24 - 28 mm	

## Corevalve/Evolut

#### Device and Patient Selection Measurements per MSCT

¥.1	Aortic A	nnulus Measur	ements	Sinus of	Native Leaflet to Sinutubular Junction Length	Ascending Aorta Diameter*
Valve Size	Diameter	Perimeter	Area Range	Valsalva Diameter		
23	18 mm – 20 mm	56.5 mm – 62.8 mm	254.5-314.2 mm	≥ 25 mm	≥ 15mm	≤ 34 mm
26	20 mm – 23 mm	62.8 mm – 72.3 mm	314.2-415.5 mm	≥ 27 mm	≥ 15mm	≤ 40 mm
29	23 mm – 27 mm	72.3 mm – 84.8 mm	415.5-572.6 mm	≥ 29 mm	≥ 15mm	≤ 43 mm
31	26 mm – 29 mm	81.6 mm – 91.1 mm	530.9-660.5 mm	≥ 29 mm	≥ 15mm	≤ 43 mm

\*Ascending Aorta measurements are taken at 30 mm from the aortic annulus for the 23 mm device and at 40 mm from the aortic annulus for the 26, 29, and 31 mm devices.



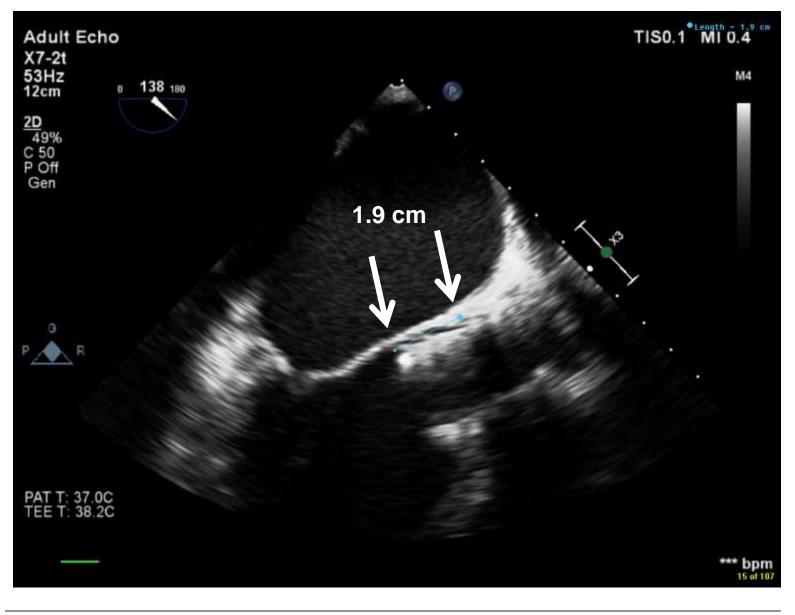


# **Ascending Aorta**

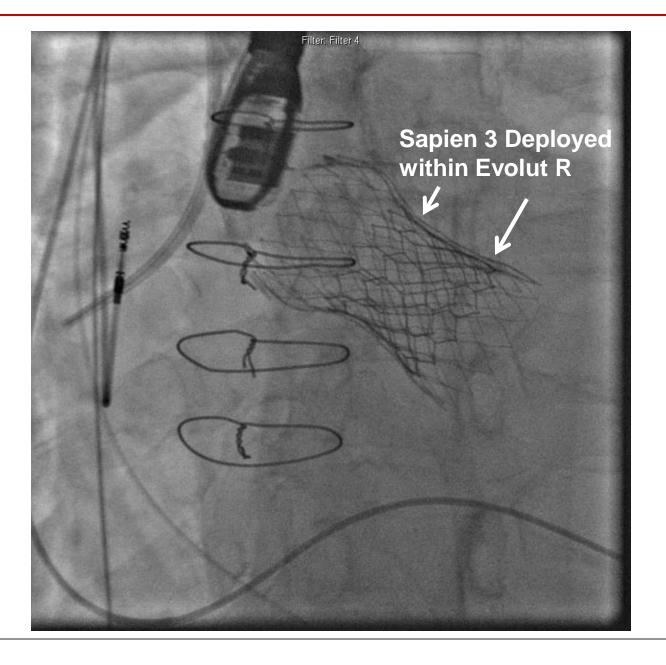














# **Technical Lessons:**

#### Annular measurements:

- There should be quality control of area measurements
- If in between size, larger valve with volume subtraction or smaller valve with additional volume. Depends on calcification of outflow, valve, age....
- □ If not clear, verify with TEE



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PFTs:	FEV1	1.1 L (87%)	Frailty:	BMI	20.96	STS	14.4%			
	DLCO	154	Serum	Albumin ADLs	4.4 g/dL (-) 3/6 (+)	58				
Anticoagulation History/Regimen:			Grip	Strength 5m WT	0 kg (+) 11.2 sec (+)	Age 94, female, Asian, 55.4 kg, 162.6 cm (BSA 1.59), Cr 1.47, HTN, PVD, CVD, TIA, s/p PCI, NYHA Class III,				
ASA only				Score	3/4	EF 60%, AS, mild AI, trace MR, trace TR, first op, elective				

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	V1/V2	0.23		CI	1		REIA #2	6.1 x 5.6		Short Axis	30.1 mm
	EF	60%	Cors:	LM	848		RCFA	6.3 x 5.7	Annulus:	Diameter	~24.5 mm
	RVSP	8	355355	LAD	320		LCIA	4.8 x 4.2++		Long Axis	27.8 mm
	AI	Mild		LCX	19 <b>7</b> 9)		LEIA #1	6.1 x 5.7		Short Axis	21.2 mm
	MR	Trace		RCA			LEIA #2	6.9 x 5.7		Area	472 mm <sup>2</sup>
	TR	Trace		Grafts	NA		LCFA	6.3 x 5.4		Perimeter	78.6 mm

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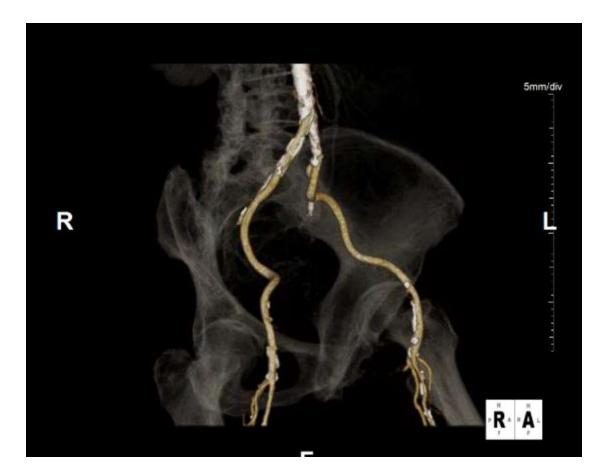
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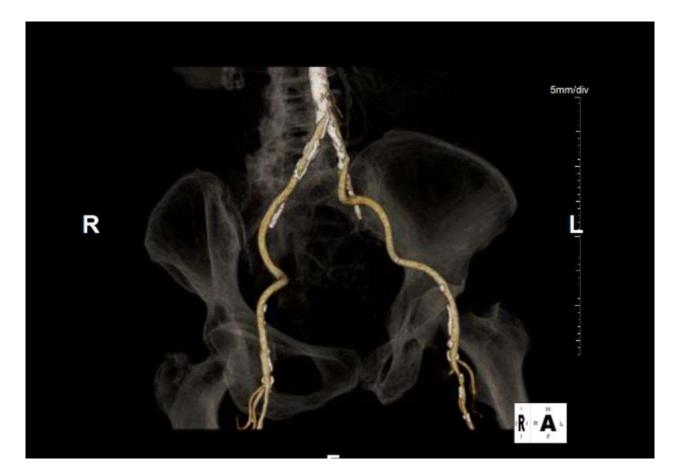
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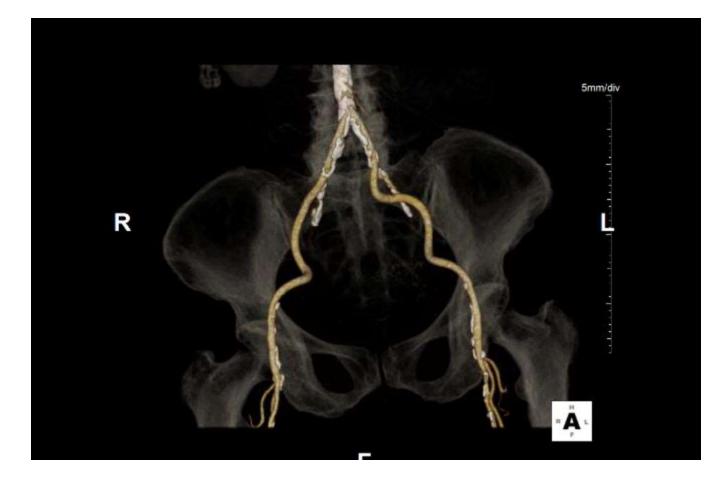
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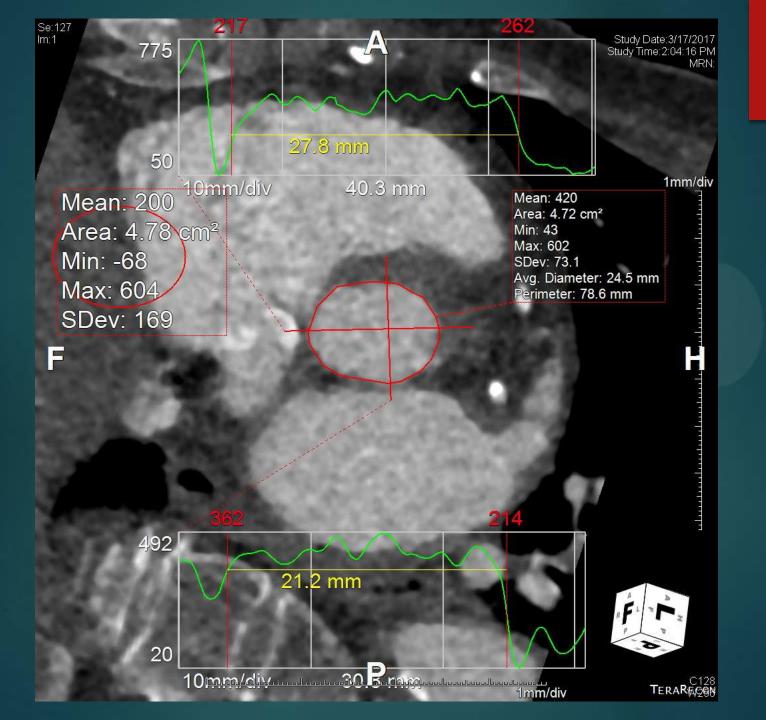












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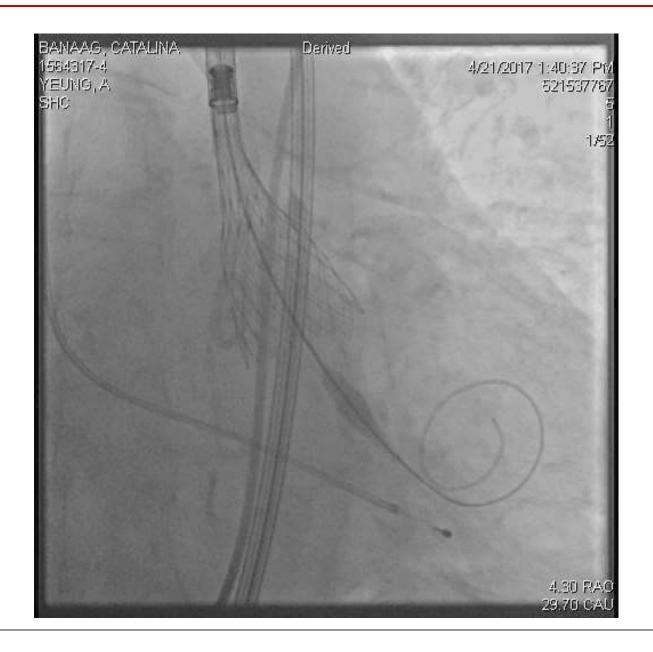
- 95 year women, small femoral-iliac system that can accommodate a "bare-back" Evolut R?
- Aortic is narrowed to 4mm, can the device pass?
- Annular circumference seems too large for her size.
   Don't want to oversize her



# **Technical Plan:**

- Re-measure her annulus: corrected to 26 Evolut R
- Confida wire in LV through 7F sheath
  - Should we use a Lunderquest? Like Confida better
- Progressive dilation using Edwards dilators system to 18F
  - What if dilators would not pass? Unlikely valve will pass? Switch to valvuloplasty as temp and explore other access
- Deployment of 26mm Evolut R
  - If valve would not pass aorta, dilate with 20F dilator







# **Technical Results:**

- 26mm Evolut R....mild AR
- Wait....mild AR
- Post dilate with 22 mm Zmed balloon
- 16mm internal to 20mm internal
- Final: trace AR
- Home in 48hrs, no pacer



#### **Technical Lessons:**

- TAVR procedures are getting pretty routine
- Technical challenges in routine cases are low
- However, "devils are in the details"
- Vascular "safety"
- Annular "efficacy"
- Care "uniformity"

