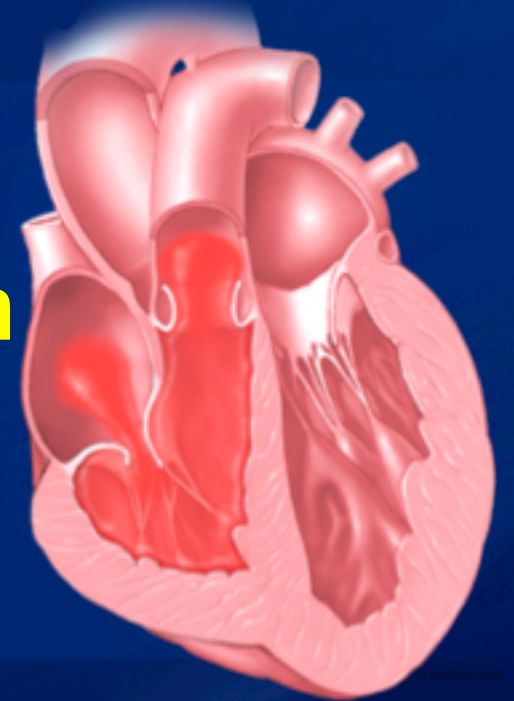




# New Interventional Approaches for Treatment of Tricuspid Regurgitation

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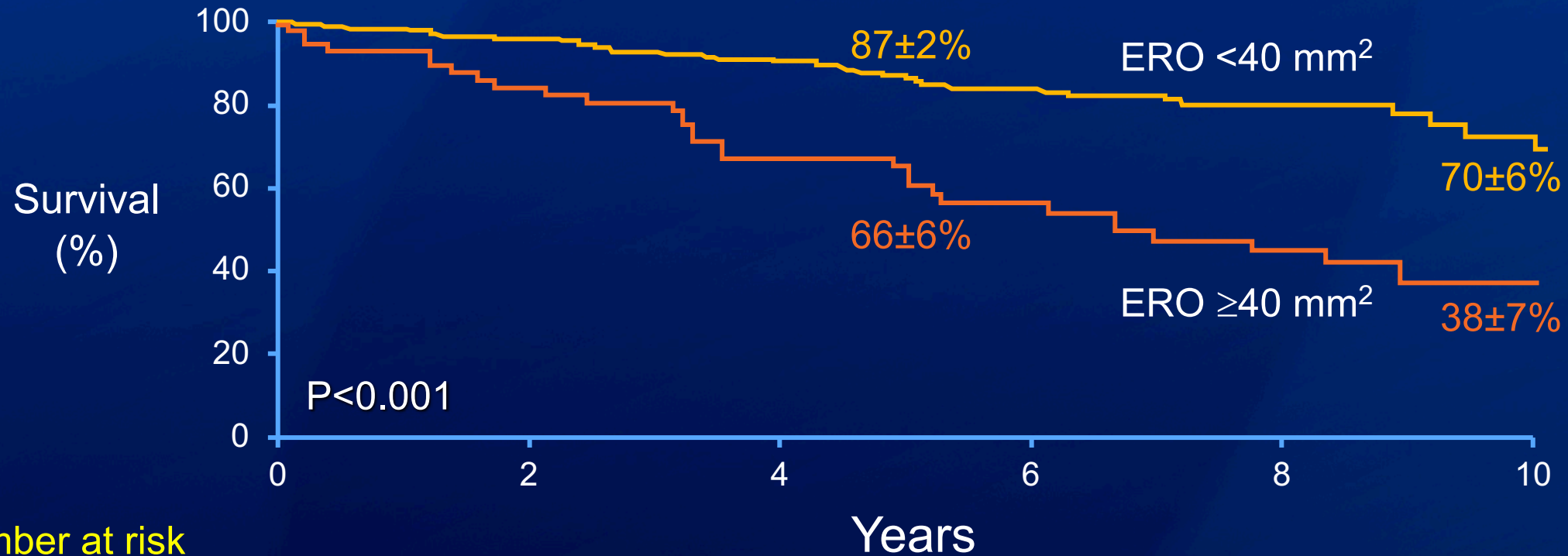
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- Relevant Financial Relationships:
  - None
- Off-Label Use:
  - MitraClip for tricuspid regurgitation (Abbott Vascular)
  - Investigational FORMA repair system (Edwards Lifesciences)
  - TriAlign (Mitralign, MA)

# Tricuspid Regurgitation and Survival



## Number at risk

	0	2	4	6	8	10
Total	353	308	252	194	70	31
ERO $<40$ —	285	253	210	163	46	23
ERO $\geq 40$ —	68	55	42	31	24	8

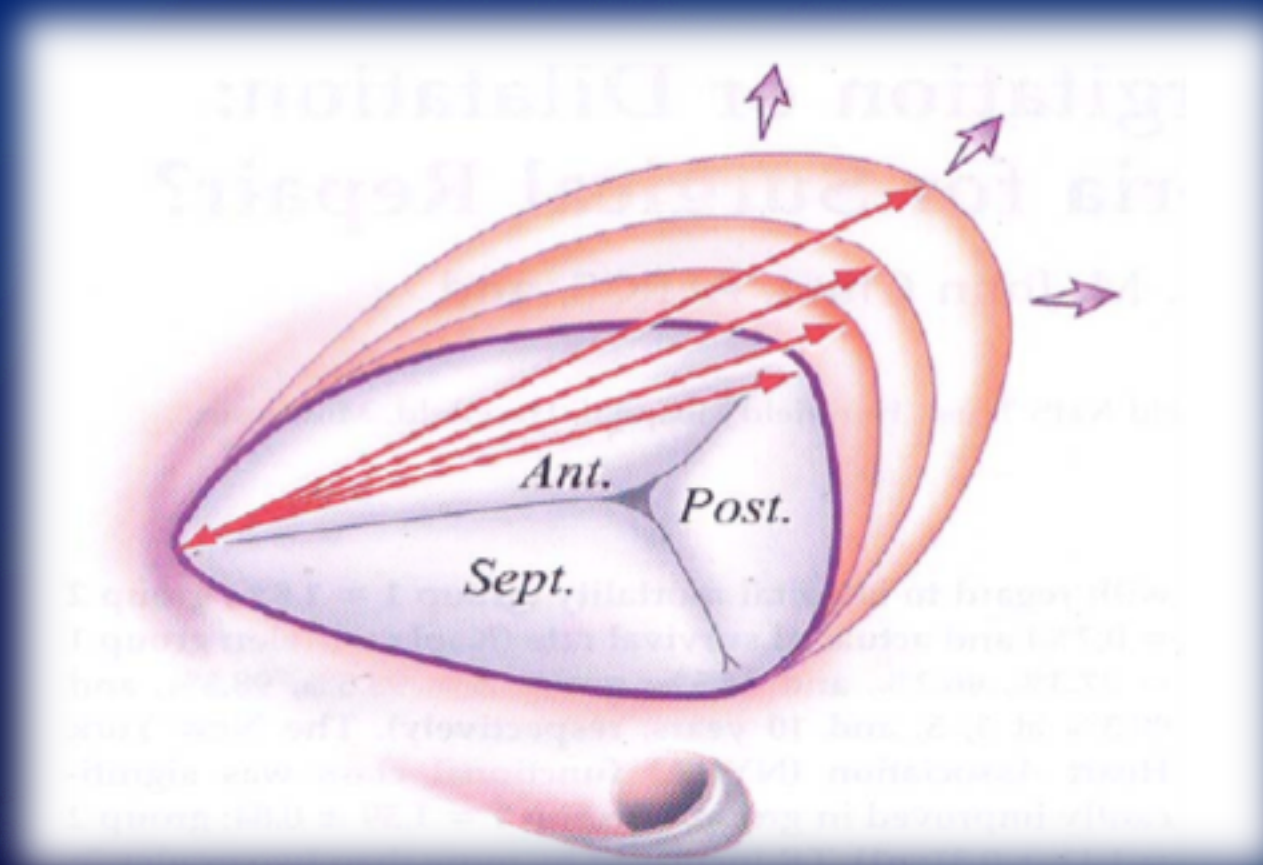
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# National Trends and Outcomes of Isolated Tricuspid Valve Surgery

- Isolated TV surgery is rarely performed
- In-hospital mortality 8.8%
- In-hospital mortality higher for replacement (11%) vs. repair



# Functional Tricuspid Regurgitation: A Result of Annular Dilatation



# Transcatheter Native TR Therapies

## Annuloplasty techniques

- Millipede (Millipede LLC, Ann Arbor, MI)
- Tricinch (4Tech Cardio, Galway, Ireland)
- Cardioband (Edwards Lifesciences, Irvine, CA)
- Trialign (Mitralign Inc, Tewksbury, MA)

## Leaflet plication

- MitraClip/TriClip (Abbott, Santa Clara, CA)
- Pascal (Edwards Lifesciences, Irvine, CA)

## Spacer

- FORMA (Edwards Lifesciences, Irvine, CA)

## Replacement

- Navigate (Navigate Cardiac Structures, Irvin, CA)

# Percutaneous Annuloplasty



# Early Feasibility Study of a Transcatheter Tricuspid Valve Annuloplasty

## SCOUT Trial 30-Day Results



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**BACKGROUND** The SCOUT (Percutaneous Tricuspid Valve Annuloplasty System for Symptomatic Chronic Functional Tricuspid Regurgitation) trial is a prospective, single-arm, multicenter, early feasibility study of a novel transcatheter device to plicate the tricuspid annulus (TA) and reduce tricuspid regurgitation (TR).

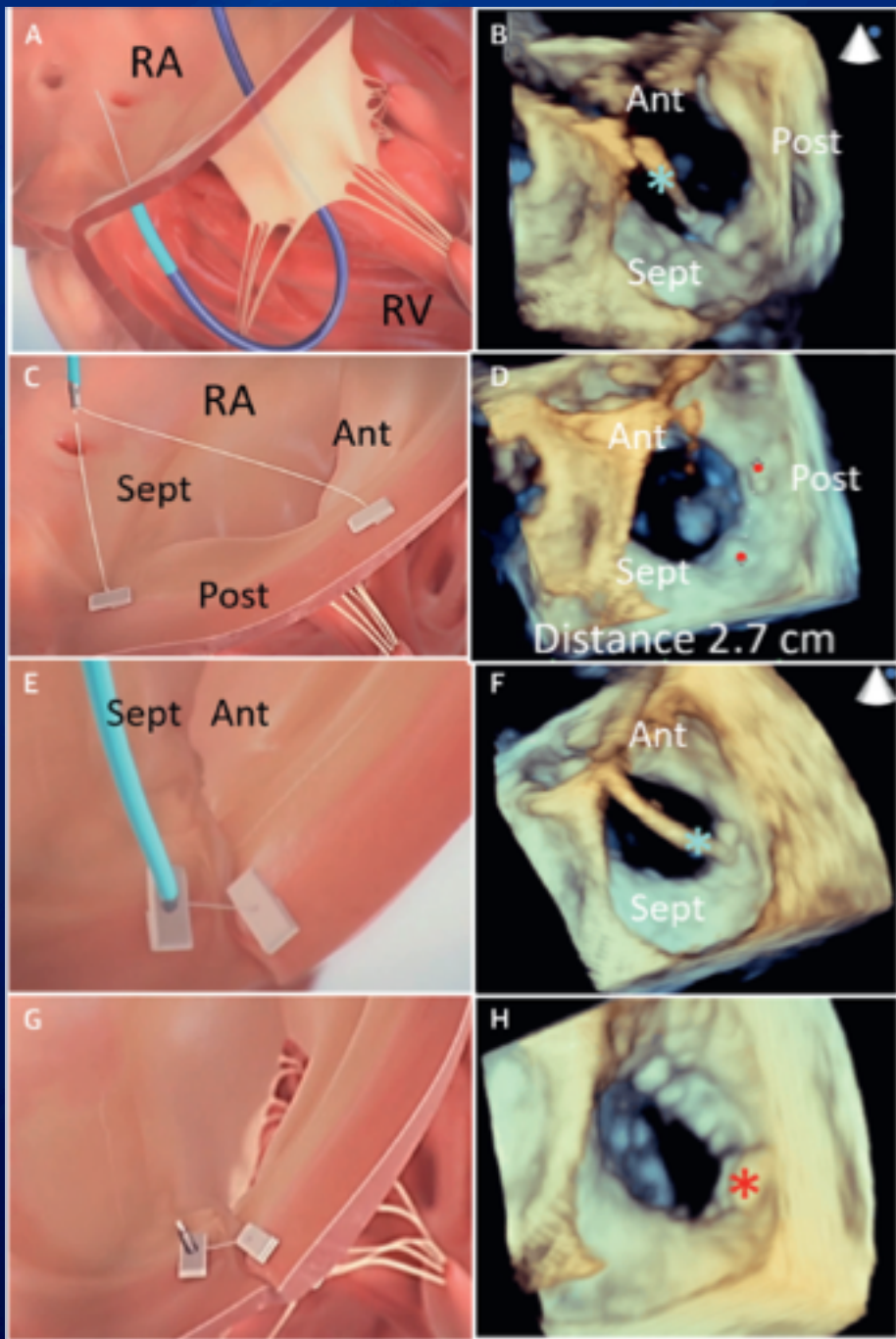
**OBJECTIVES** This study tested the feasibility and safety of a novel transcatheter device and assessed its early performance and functional outcomes.

**METHODS** Between November 2015 and June 2016, 15 patients with New York Heart Association (NYHA) functional class  $\geq$ II and moderate or greater functional TR were enrolled. Primary performance and safety endpoint outcomes were technically successful at 30 days with no reintervention. Echocardiographic measurements (TA diameter, effective regurgitant orifice area [EROA], left ventricular stroke volume [LVS]) and quality-of-life (QoL) measurements (NYHA functional class, Minnesota Living with Heart Failure Questionnaire [MLHFQ], and 6-min walk test [6MWT]) were performed at baseline and 30 days.

**RESULTS** All patients (mean  $73.2 \pm 6.9$  years of age, 87% female) underwent successful device implantation with no deaths, strokes, bleeding, tamponade, or valve reintervention. Technical success rate at 30 days was 80%, with 3 single-pledget annular detachments without reintervention. In the remaining 12 patients, there were significant reductions in TA ( $12.3 \pm 3.1$  cm<sup>2</sup> to  $11.3 \pm 2.7$  cm<sup>2</sup>, respectively;  $p = 0.019$ ) and EROA ( $0.51 \pm 0.18$  cm<sup>2</sup> vs.  $0.32 \pm 0.18$  cm<sup>2</sup>, respectively;  $p = 0.020$ ), with significant increase in LVS ( $63.6 \pm 17.9$  ml vs.  $71.5 \pm 25.7$  ml, respectively;  $p = 0.021$ ). In the intention-to-treat cohort, there were significant improvements in NYHA functional class ( $\geq$ 1 class,  $p = 0.001$ ), MLHFQ ( $47.4 \pm 17.6$  to  $20.9 \pm 14.8$ ;  $p < 0.001$ ), and 6MWT ( $245.2 \pm 110.1$  to  $298.0 \pm 107.6$  m;  $p = 0.008$ ).

**CONCLUSIONS** The 30-day results of the SCOUT trial confirmed the safety of the novel transcatheter device, which reduced TA and EROA, increased LVS, and improved QoL. (Early Feasibility of the Mitralign Percutaneous Tricuspid Valve Annuloplasty System (PTVAS) Also Known as TriAlign [SCOUT]; NCT02574650.) (J Am Coll Cardiol 2017;69:1795-806) © 2017 by the American College of Cardiology Foundation.





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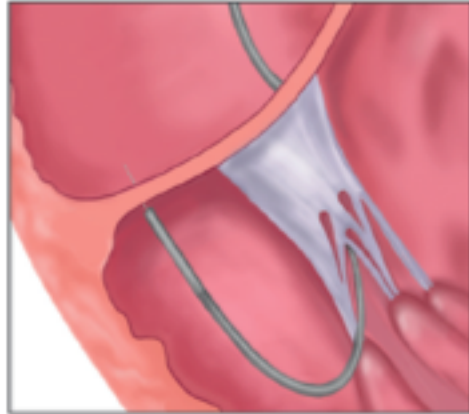
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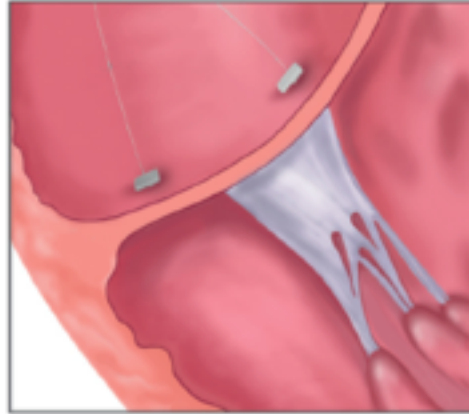
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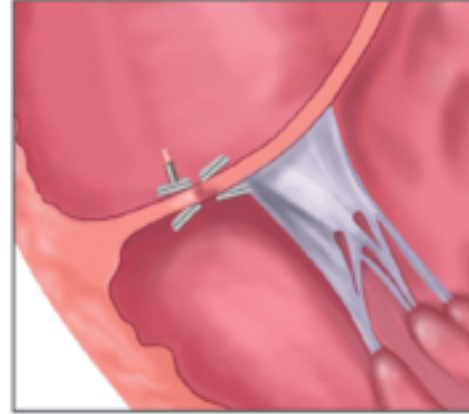
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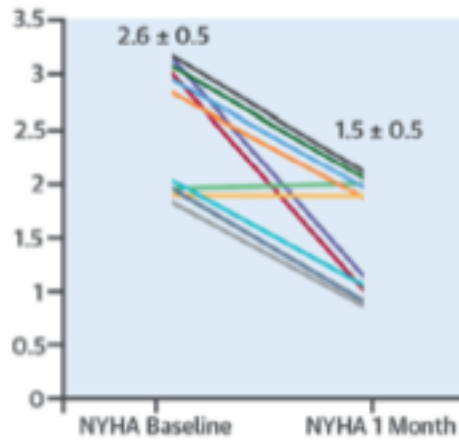
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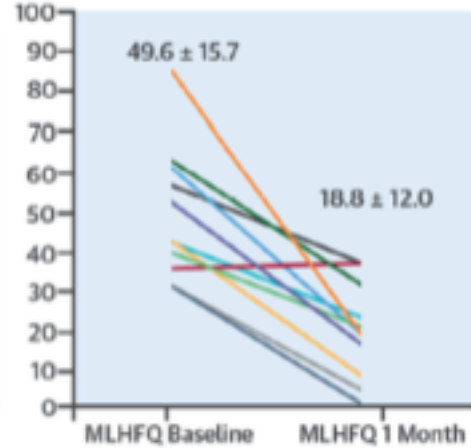
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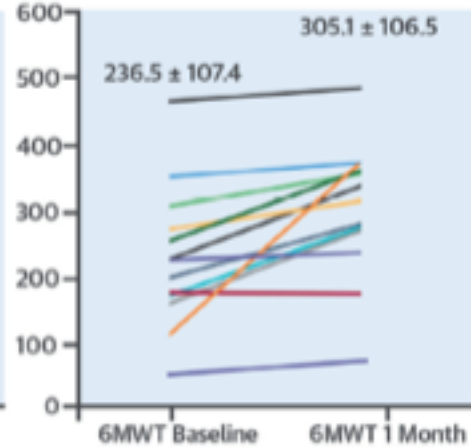
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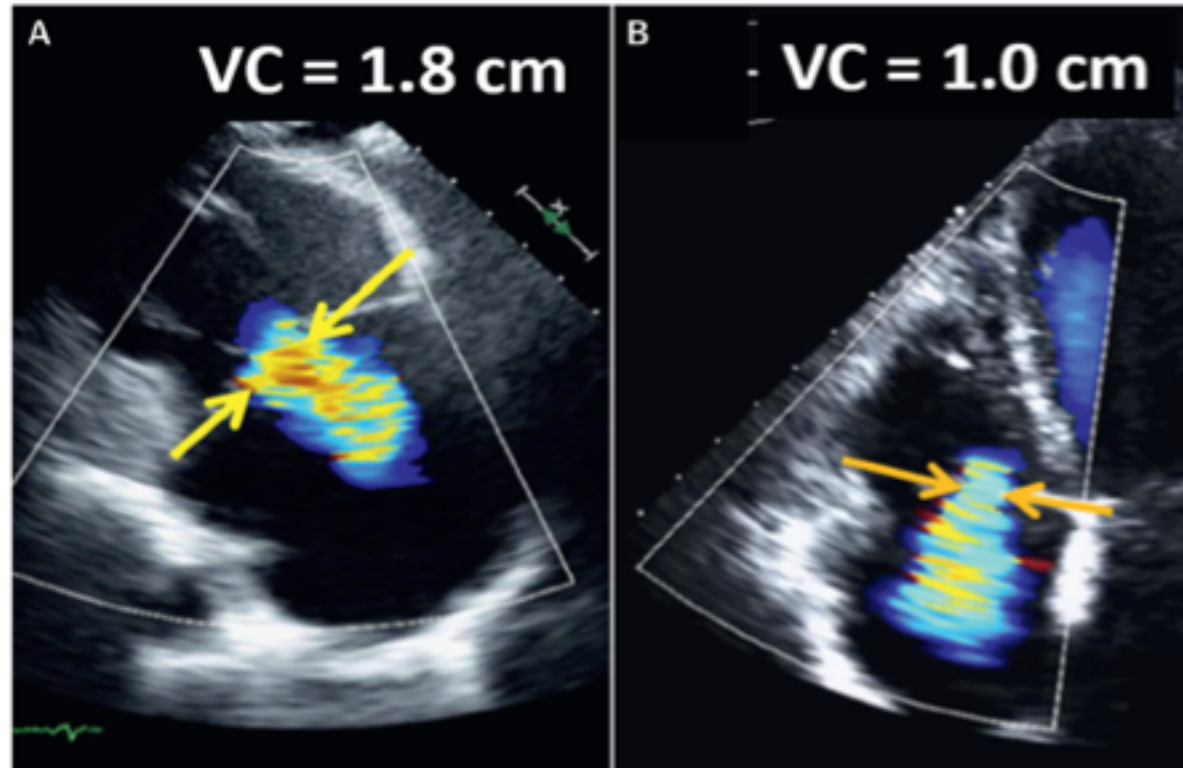
C. 6MWT (AT)



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**FIGURE 1** Vena Contracta Measurements



Representative maximum (A) and minimum (B) VC measurements are shown. The noncircular nature of the tricuspid orifice is clear from the differences in these measurements. VC = vena contracta.



# Procedural Data

**TABLE 2** Procedural Data of the 15 Patients Enrolled in the SCOUT Trial

Total procedure time, min	124 ± 62
Total contrast volume, ml	51.4 ± 58.0
Total fluoroscopy time, min	96.2 ± 30.8
Total general anesthesia time, min	352.9 ± 69.0
Vascular access site closure	
Manual compression	11 (73.3)
Vascular closure device	2 (13.3)
Permanent implantation of device in the correct position	15 (100.0)
Plication performed	15 (100.0)
Pledget detachment	1 (6.7)
Bleeding/access site complications	0 (0.0)
MACE	1 (6.7)
Tamponade	0 (0.0)

Values are mean ± SD or n (%). MACE = major adverse cardiac events: death, nonfatal myocardial infarction, or revascularization.

**TABLE 3** Measures of Technical Success

30-Day Outcome	
Overall technical success	12/15 (80.0)
Successful access, delivery, and retrieval of the system	15/15 (100.0)
Deployment and correct positioning of device	12/15 (80.0)
No unplanned or emergency surgery or reintervention related to the device or access procedure within 30 days	14/15 (93.3)
Freedom from mortality within 30 days	15/15 (100.0)

Values n/N (%).

- 3 patients (20%) experienced single-pledget annular detachments at 30 days



# Transcatheter Treatment of Severe Tricuspid Regurgitation with the Edge-to-Edge: MitraClip Technique

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**Background**—Current surgical and medical treatment options for severe tricuspid regurgitation (TR) are limited and additional interventional approaches are required. In the present observational study, the safety and feasibility of transcatheter repair of chronic severe TR with the MitraClip system were evaluated. In addition, the effects on clinical symptoms were assessed.

**Methods**—Patients with heart failure symptoms and severe TR on optimal medical treatment were treated with the MitraClip system. Safety, defined as periprocedural adverse events such as death, myocardial infarction, stroke, or cardiac tamponade, and feasibility, defined as successful implantation of one or more MitraClip devices and reduction of TR by at least one grade, were evaluated before discharge and after 30 days. In addition, functional outcome, defined as changes in NYHA class and 6 minutes walking distance, were assessed.

**Results**—We included 64 consecutive patients (mean age  $76.6 \pm 10$  years) deemed unsuitable for surgery who underwent MitraClip treatment for chronic, severe TR for compassionate use. Functional TR was present in 88%. 22 patients were also treated with the MitraClip system for mitral regurgitation as a combined procedure. The degree of TR was severe or massive in 88% of patients before the procedure. The MitraClip device was successfully implanted in the tricuspid valve in 97% of the cases. After the procedure, TR was reduced by at least one grade in 91% of the patients, thereof 4% that were reduced from massive to severe. In a total of 13% of patients TR remained severe after the procedure. Significant reductions in effective regurgitant orifice area ( $0.9 \pm 0.3 \text{ cm}^2$  vs.  $0.4 \pm 0.2 \text{ cm}^2$ ;  $p < 0.001$ ), vena contracta width ( $1.1 \pm 0.5 \text{ cm}$  vs.  $0.6 \pm 0.3 \text{ cm}$ ;  $p = 0.001$ ) and regurgitant volume ( $57.2 \pm 12.8 \text{ ml/beat}$  vs.  $30.8 \pm 6.9 \text{ ml/beat}$ ;  $p < 0.001$ ) were observed. No intraprocedural deaths, cardiac tamponade, emergency surgery, stroke, myocardial infarction or major vascular complications occurred. There were 3 (5%) in-hospital deaths. NYHA class was significantly improved ( $p < 0.001$ ) and 6 minutes walking distance increased significantly ( $165.9 \pm 102.5 \text{ m}$  vs.  $193.5 \pm 115.9 \text{ m}$ ;  $p = 0.007$ ).

**Conclusions**—Transcatheter treatment of TR with the MitraClip system seems to be safe and feasible in this cohort of preselected patients. Initial efficacy analysis showed encouraging reduction of TR, which may potentially result in improved clinical outcomes.



# TR Reduction with Clip Implantation



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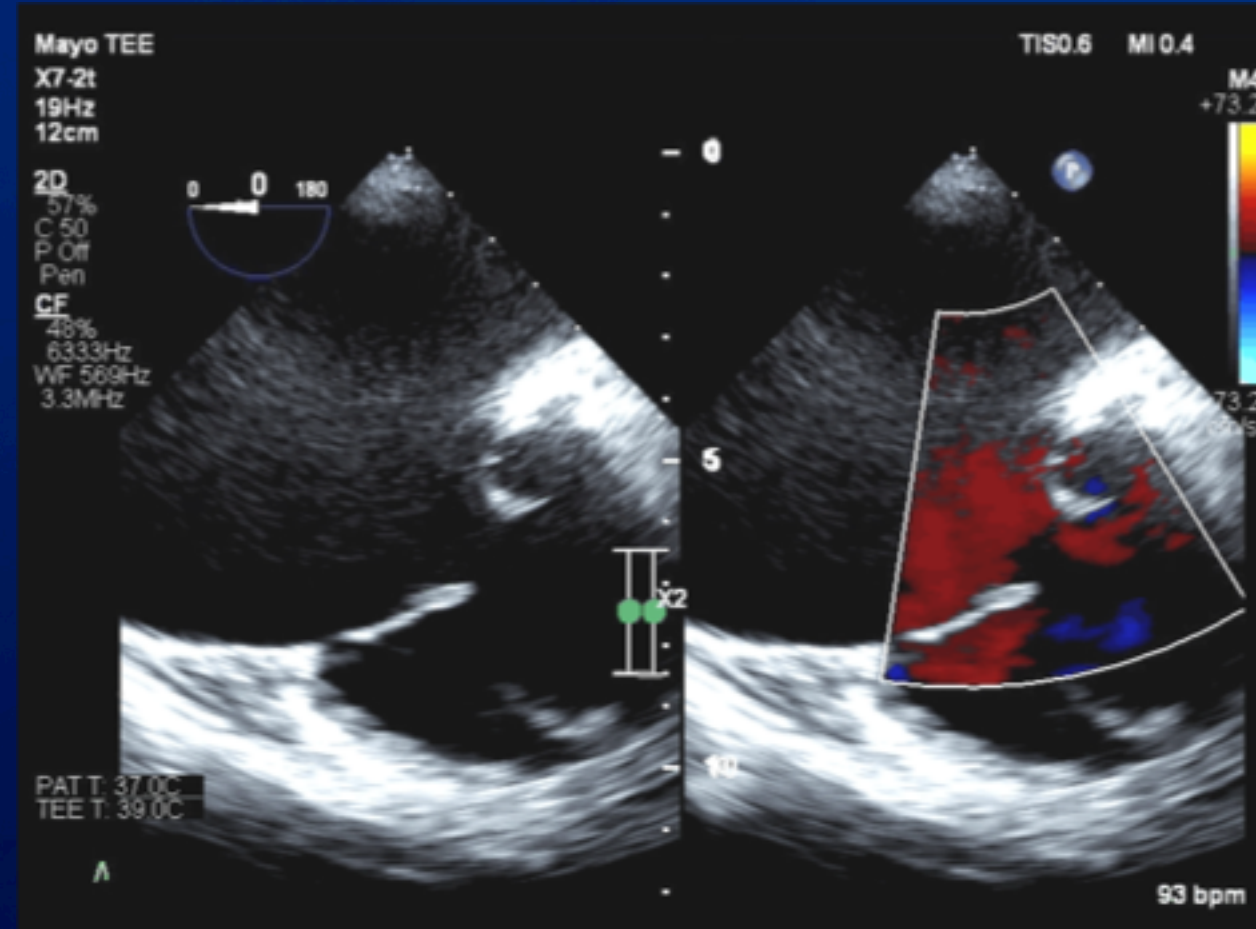
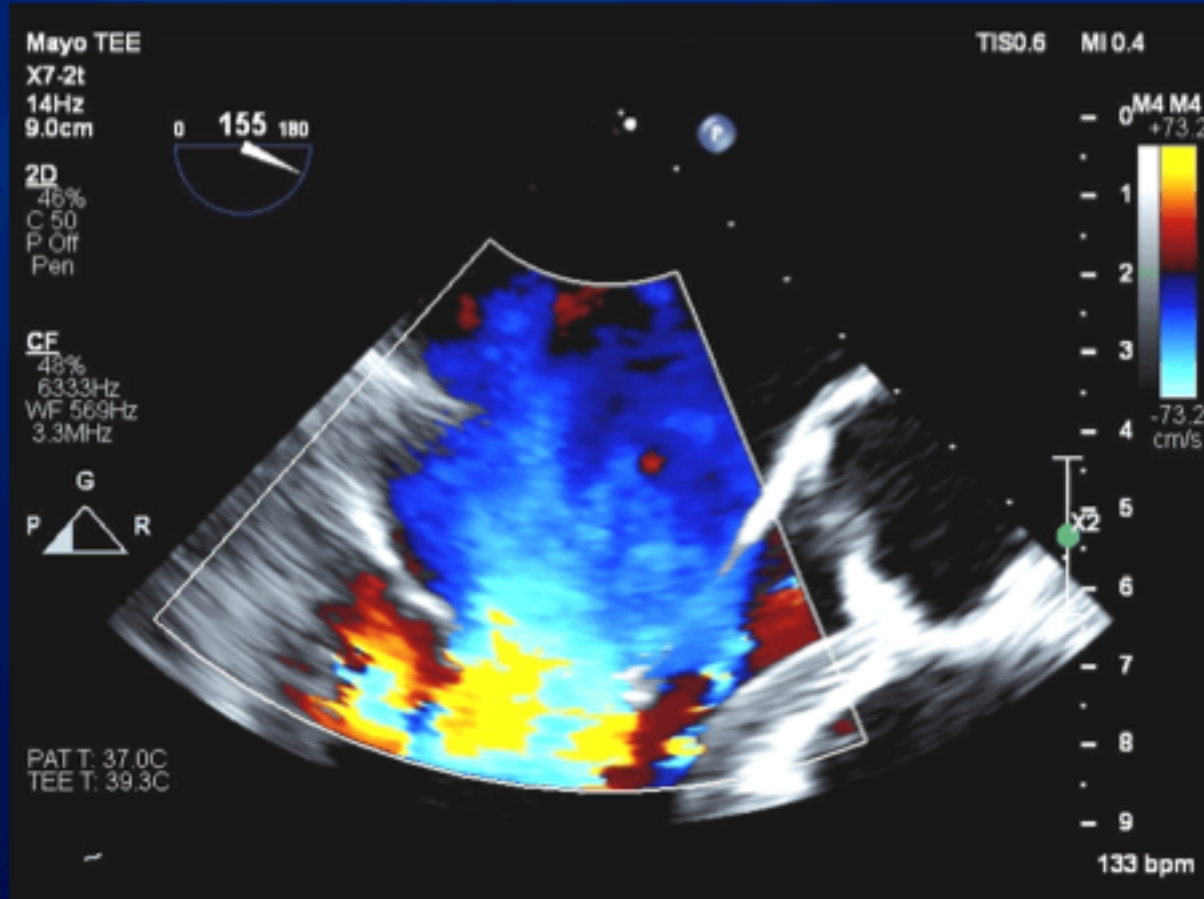
# Observations

- Transfemoral predominant approach
- TTE imaging required in 25% of patients in whom TEE image quality insufficient
- 78% had clip in anteroseptal commissure
- 1 clip: 48%
- 2-4 clips: 42%
- No clip: 3%

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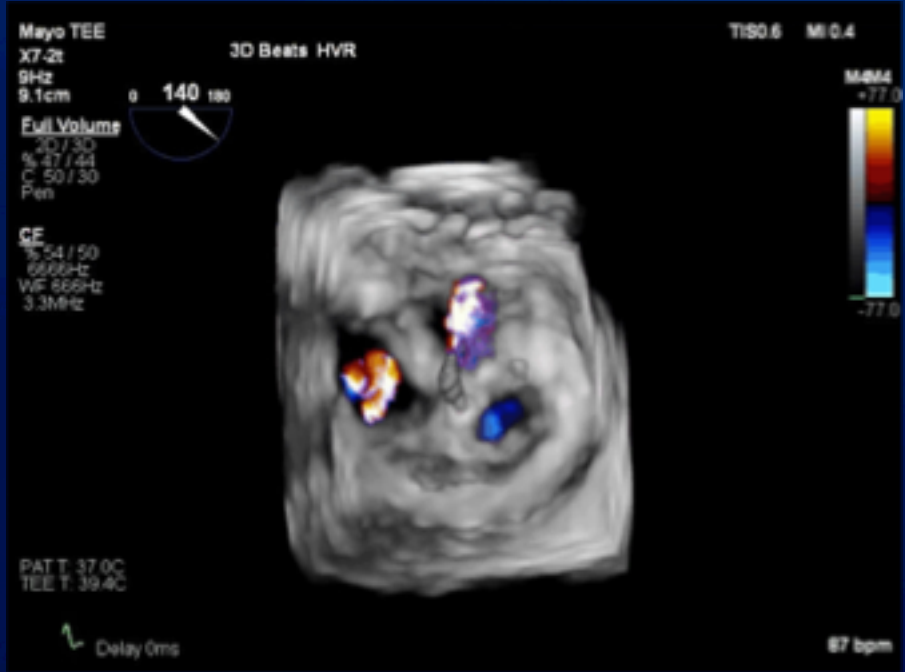
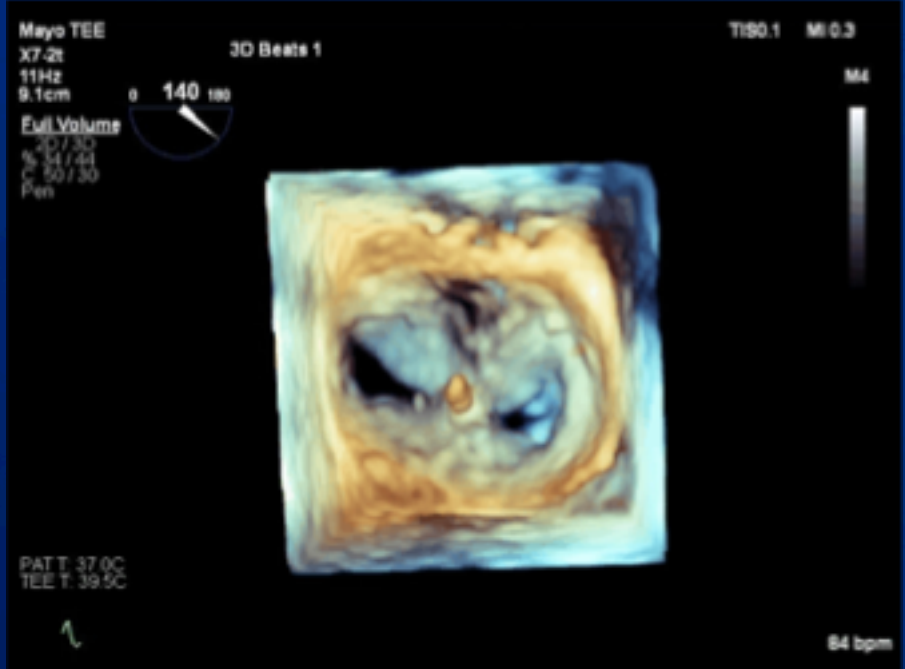
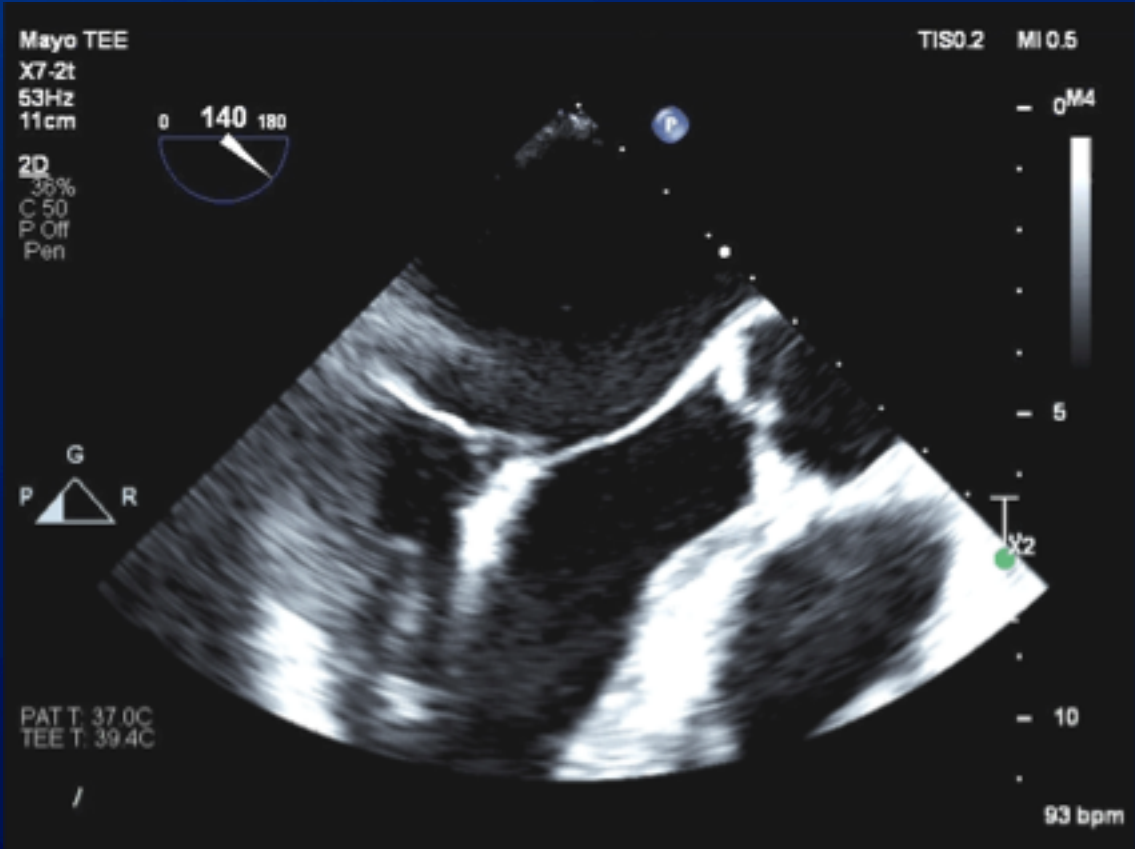


# Patient with Severe MR and TR

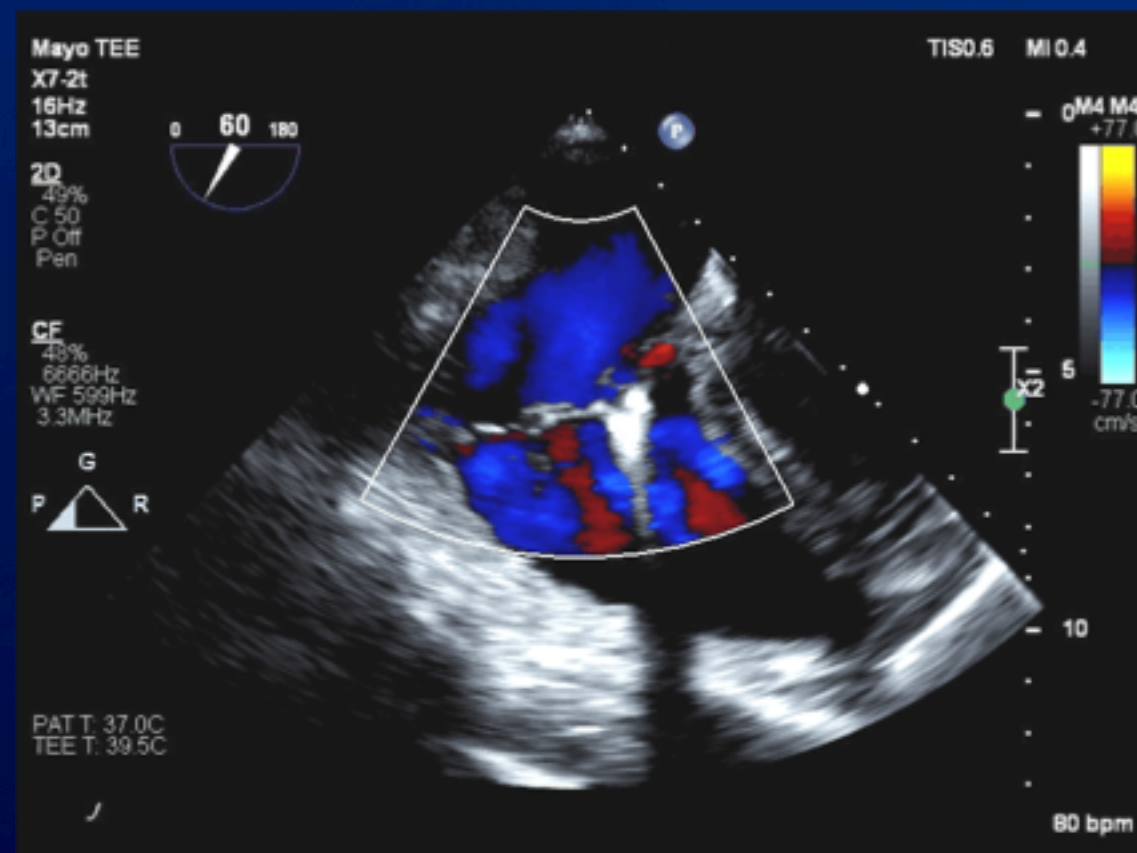
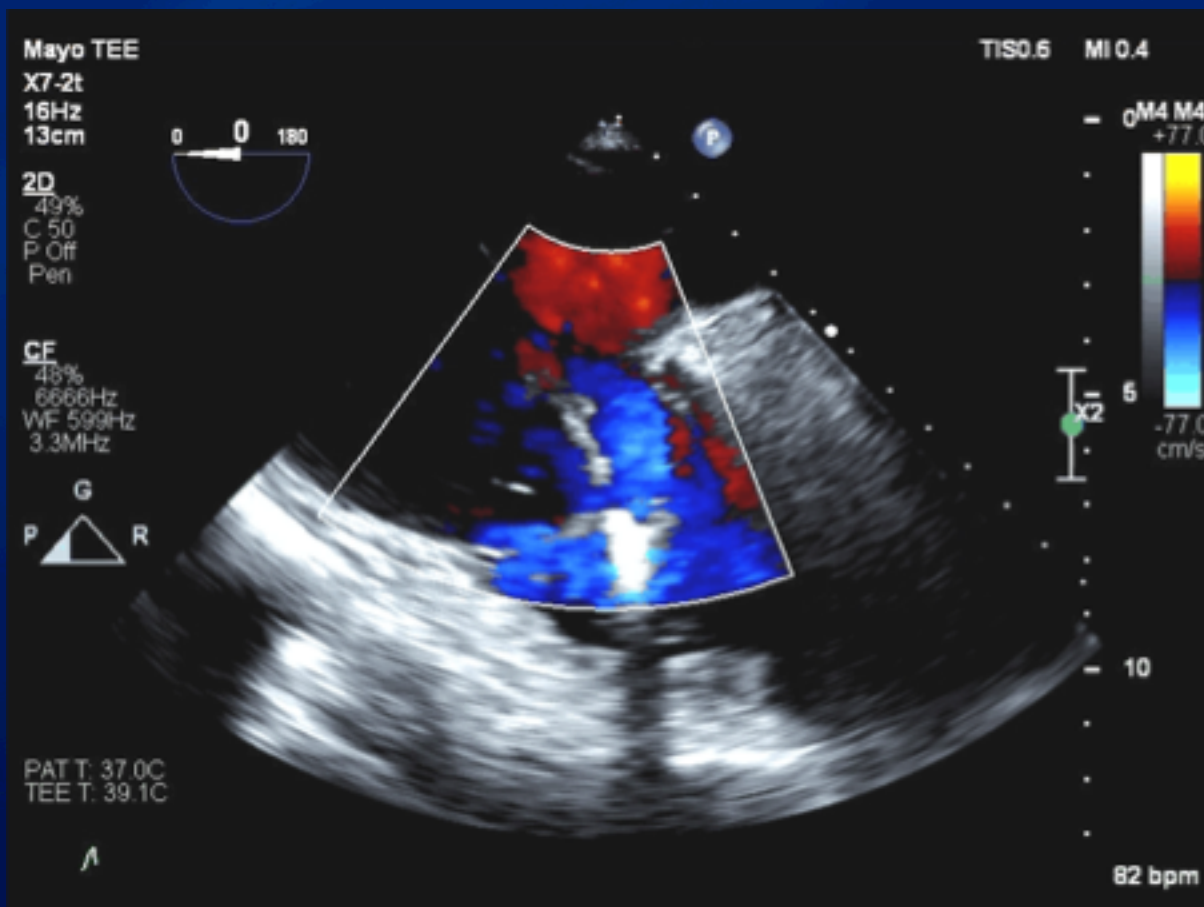




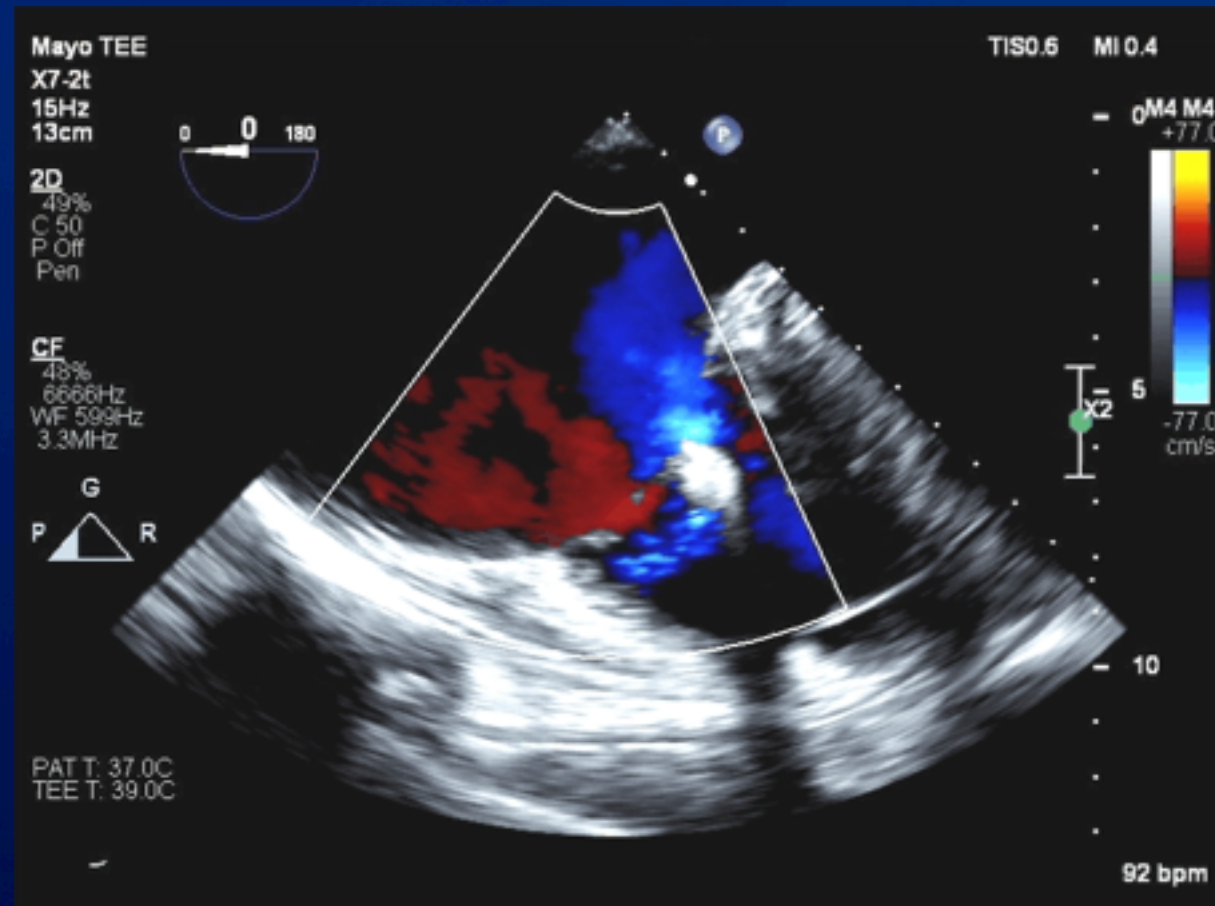
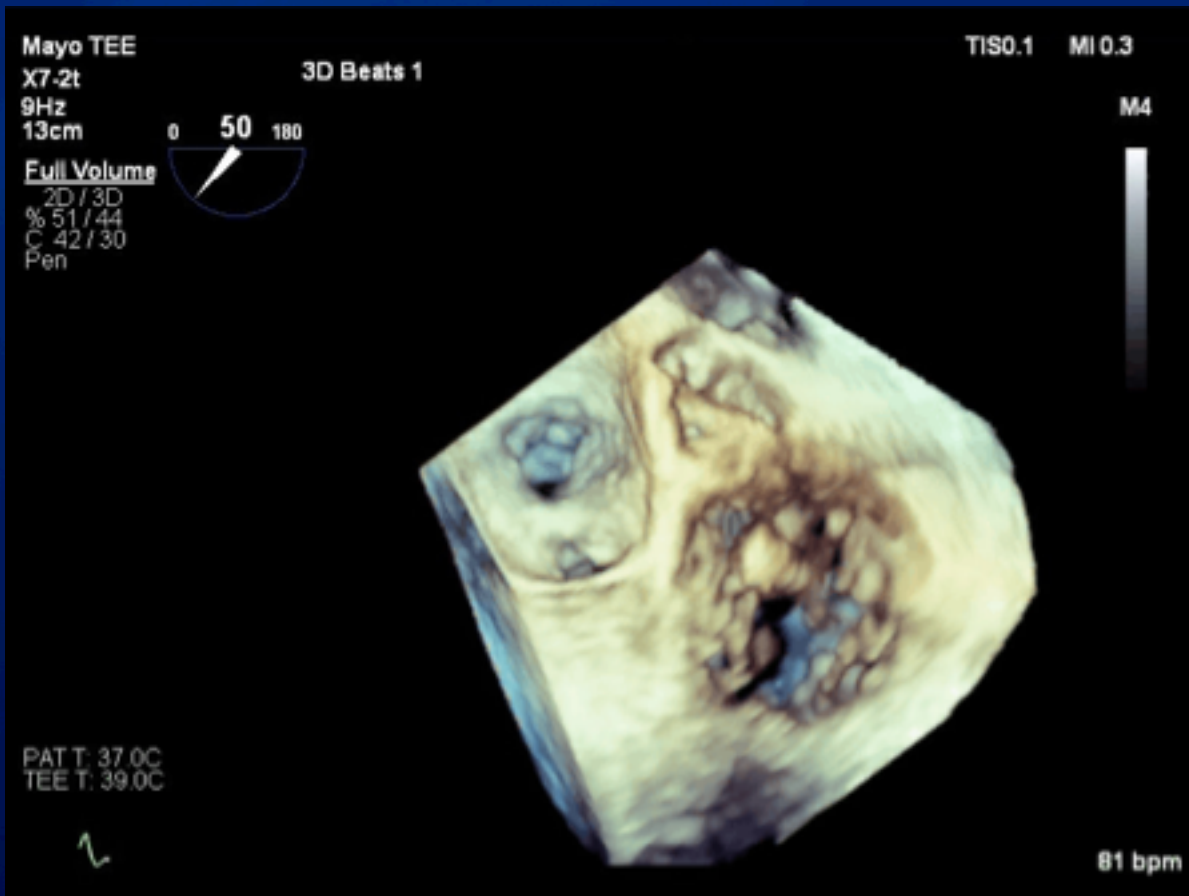
# MitraClip Implantation



# Tricuspid MitraClip Implantation

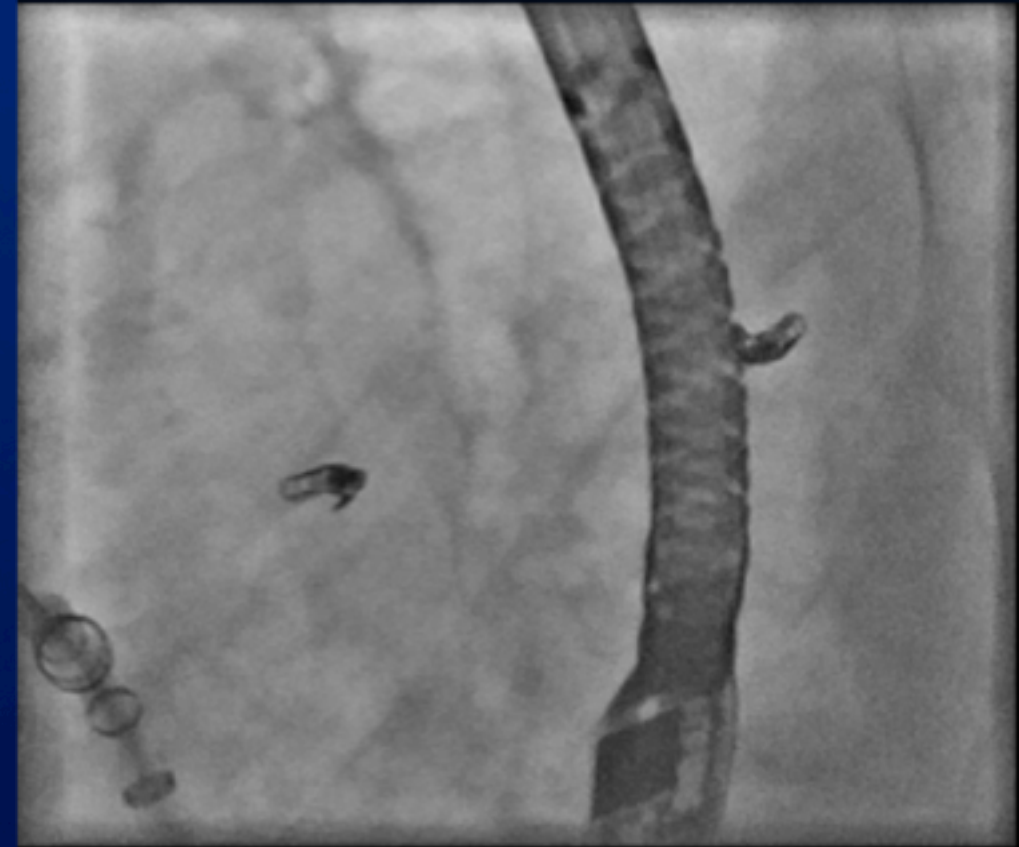
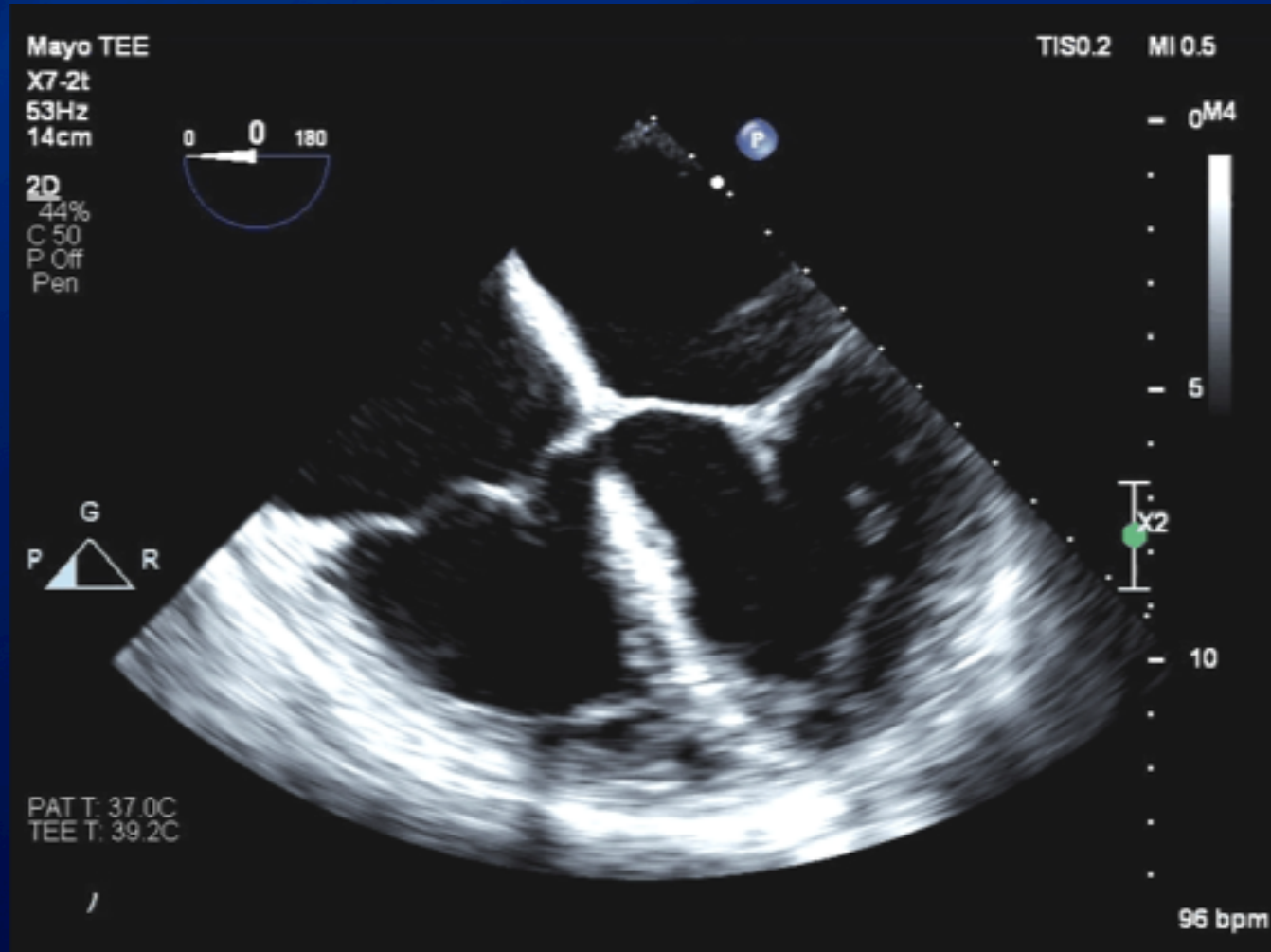


# Tricuspid Clip Implantation



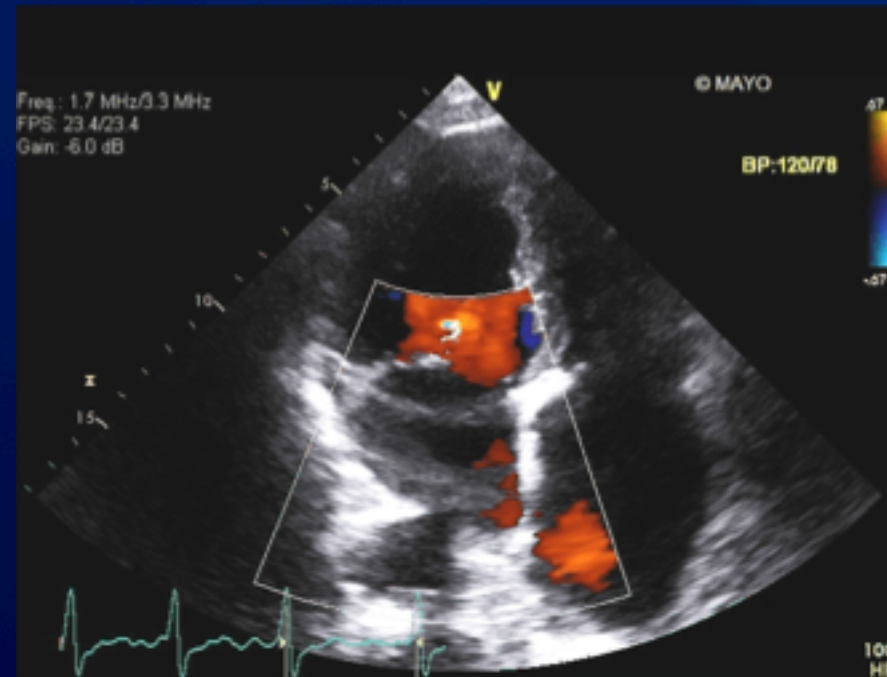
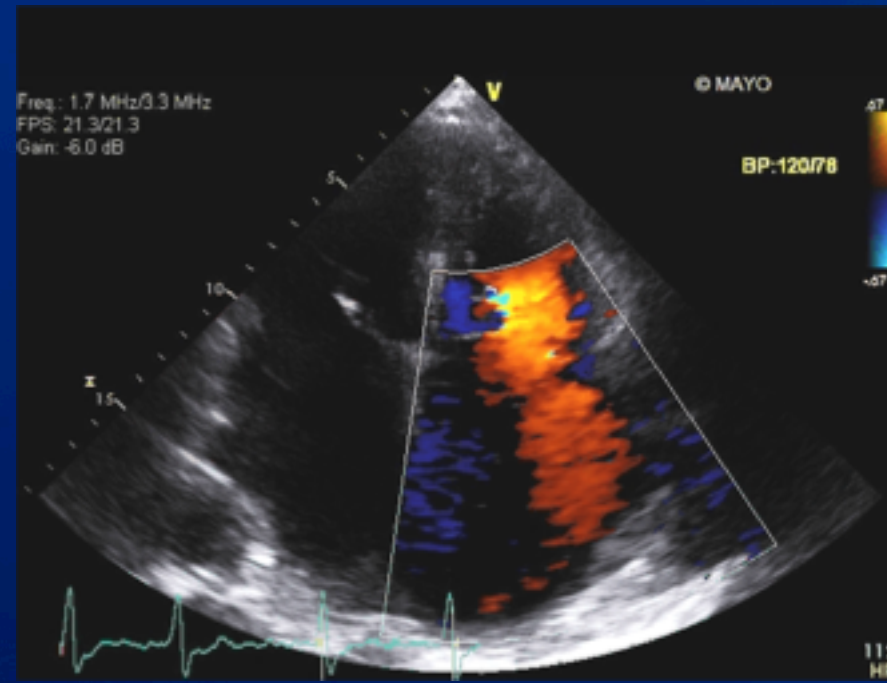
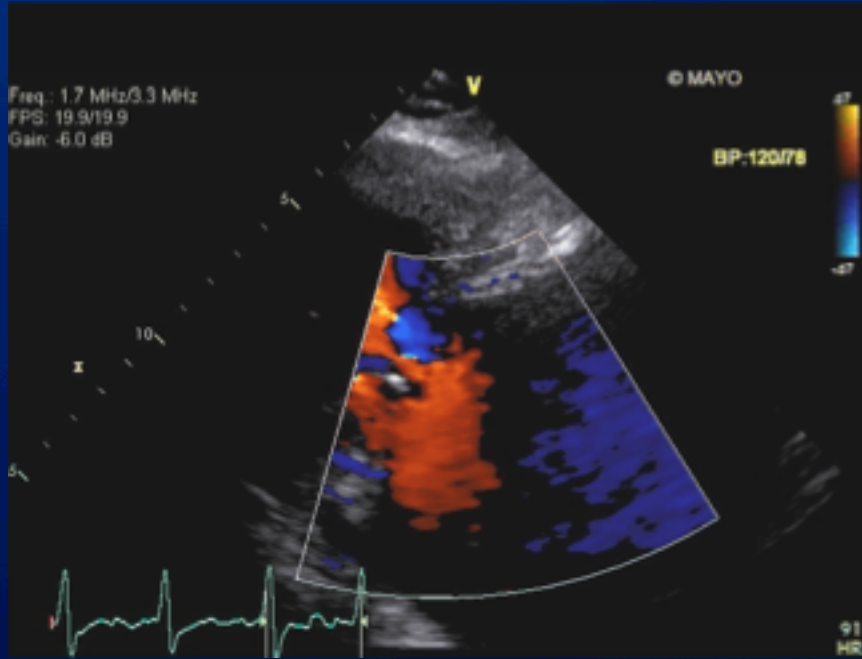


# Both Valves Clipped





# Post-operative Day 1



**Baseline**

**30 Day Follow Up**



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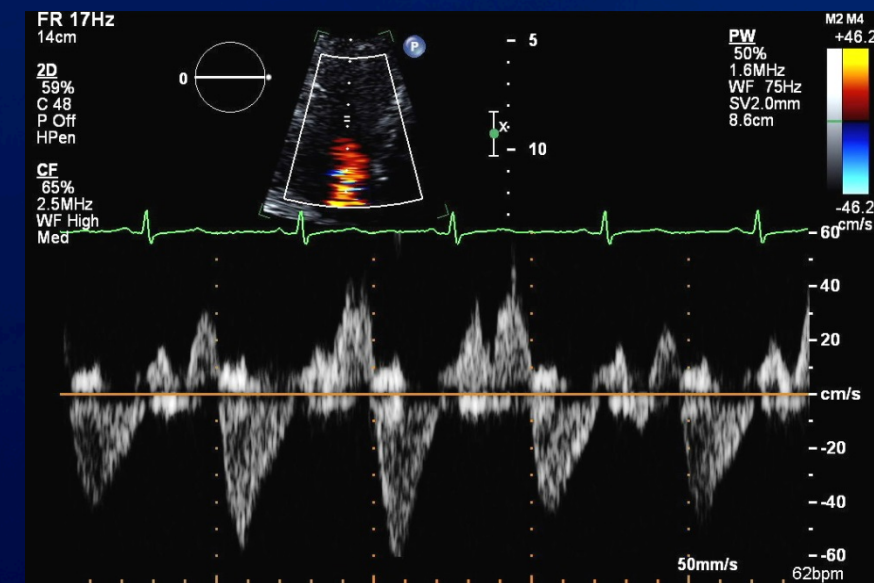
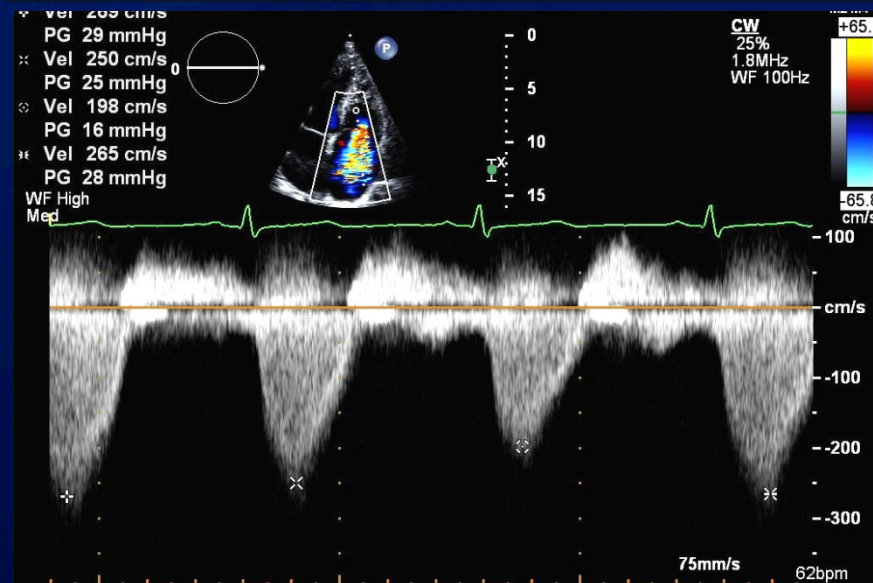
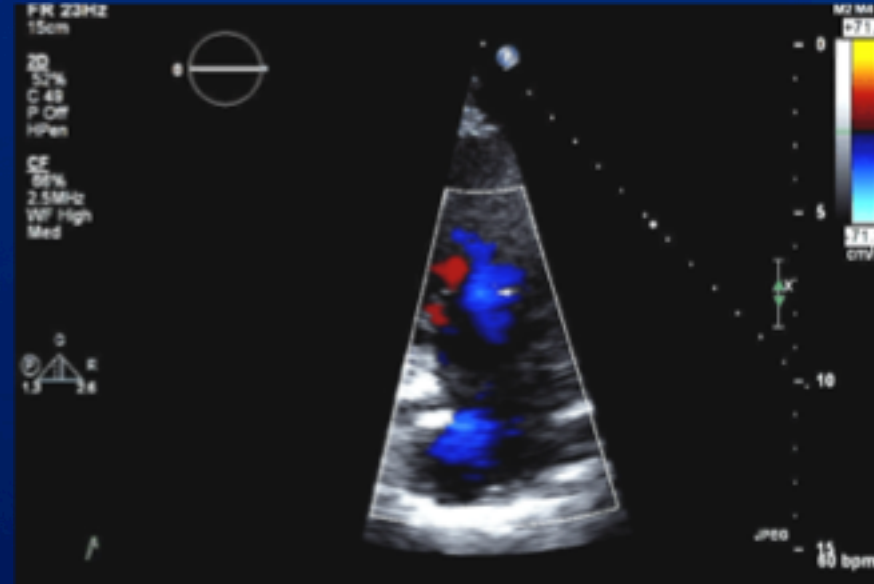
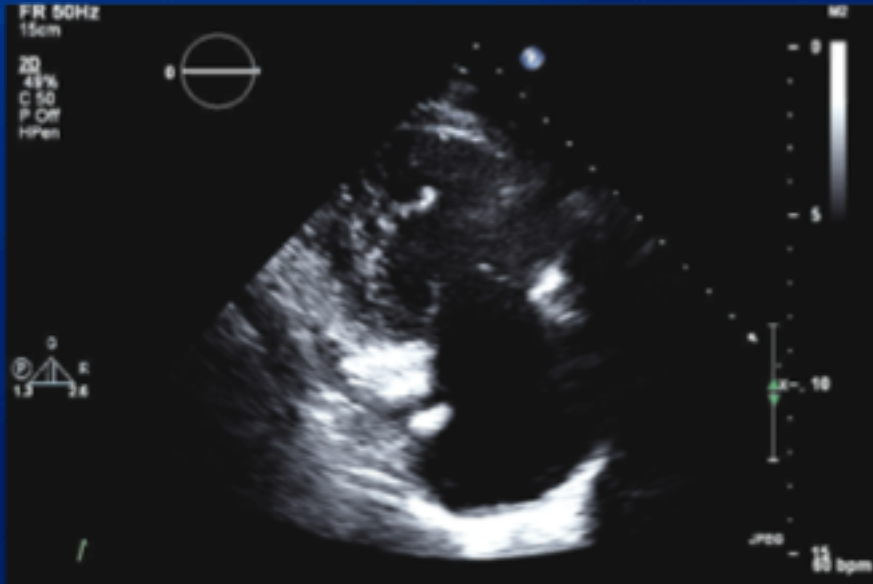
# Spacer Therapy for TR



# 69-Year-Old Female with NYHA Class III Dyspnea

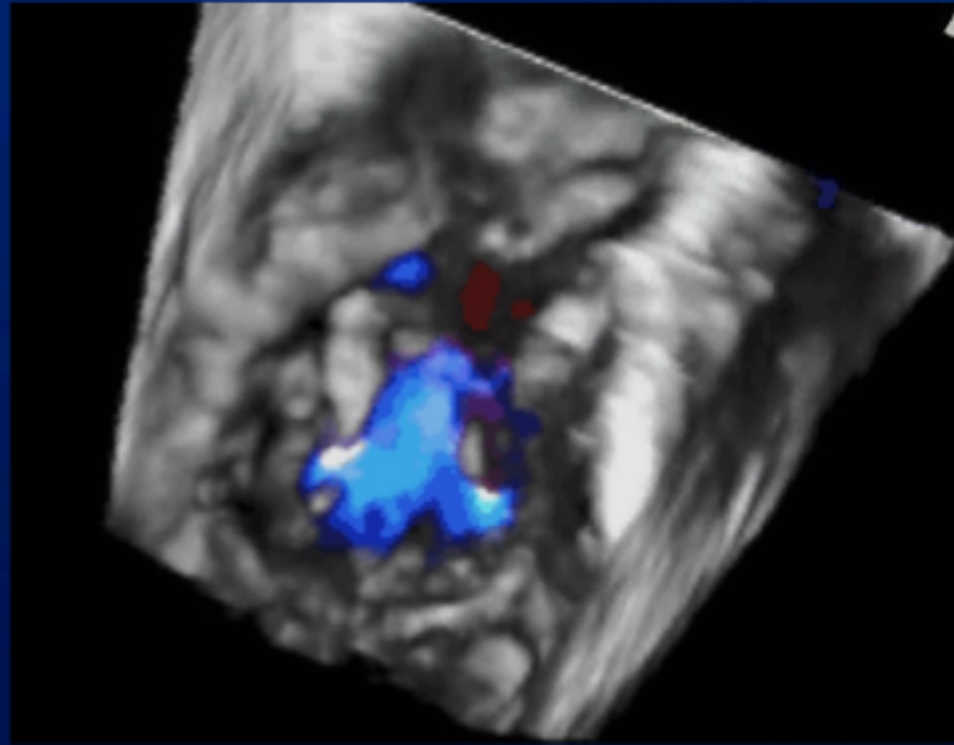
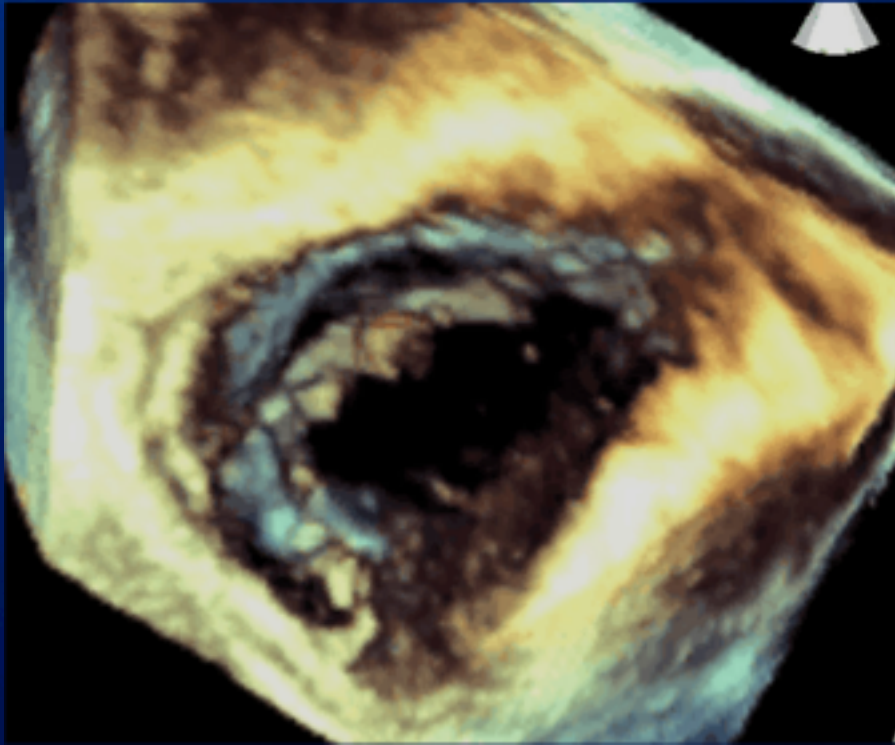
- Abdominal fullness, and lower extremity edema managed with high-dose diuretics
- Previous CABG 15 years prior
- Type 1 Diabetes
- Stage 3 Chronic Kidney Disease
- Paroxysmal atrial fibrillation

# Transthoracic Echocardiogram



# Pre-Procedure

## Large Central Coaptation Defect (Ventricular View)





# FORMA Repair System

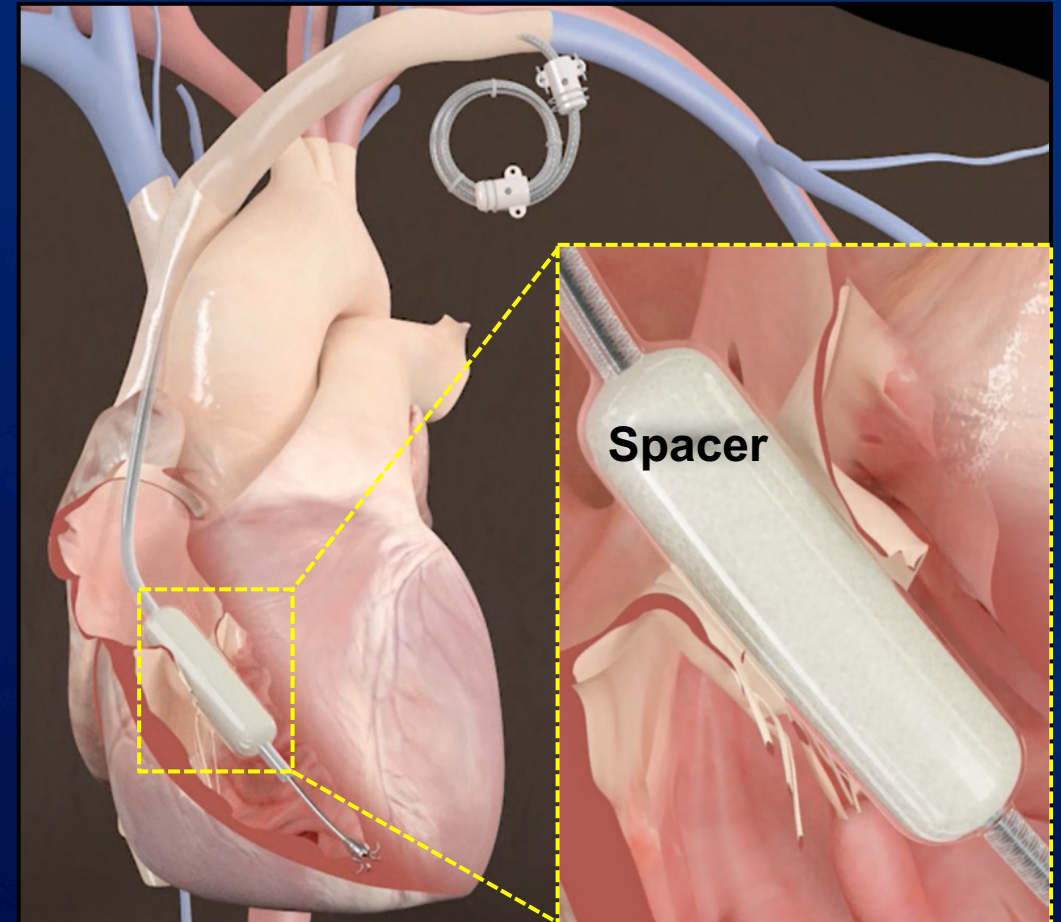
## Spacer

- Positioned into the regurgitant orifice
- Creates a platform for native leaflet coaptation

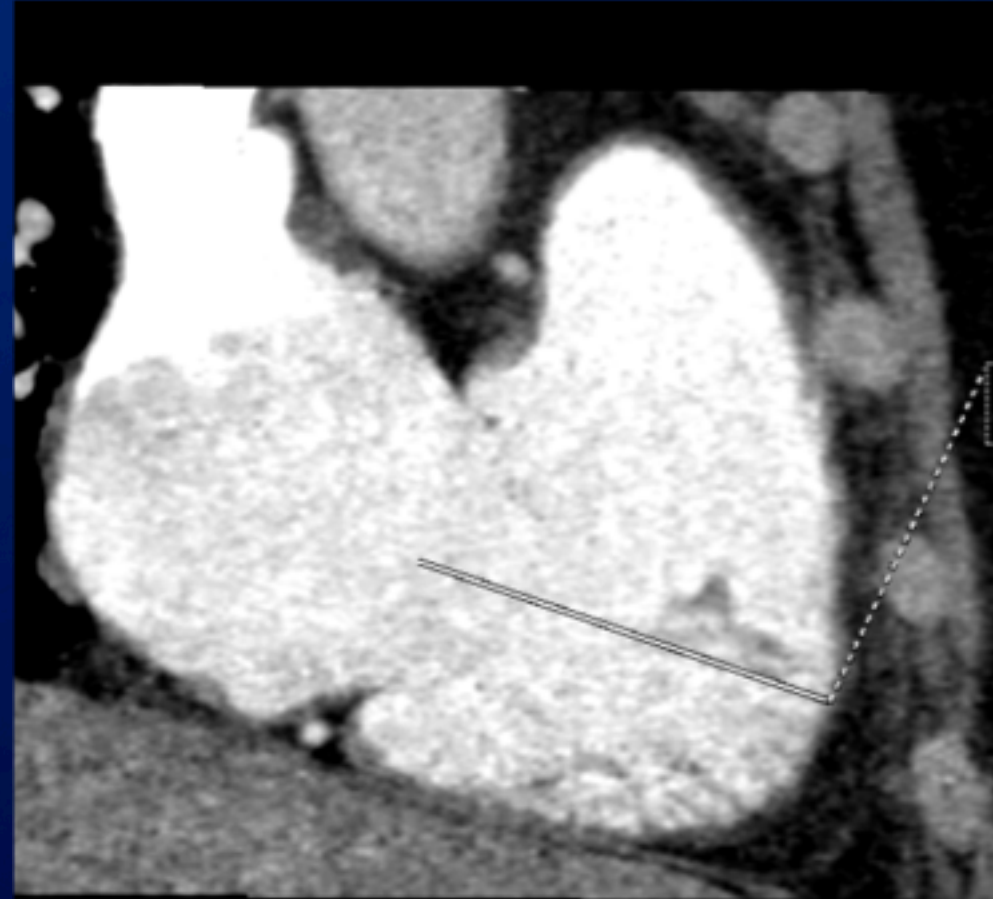
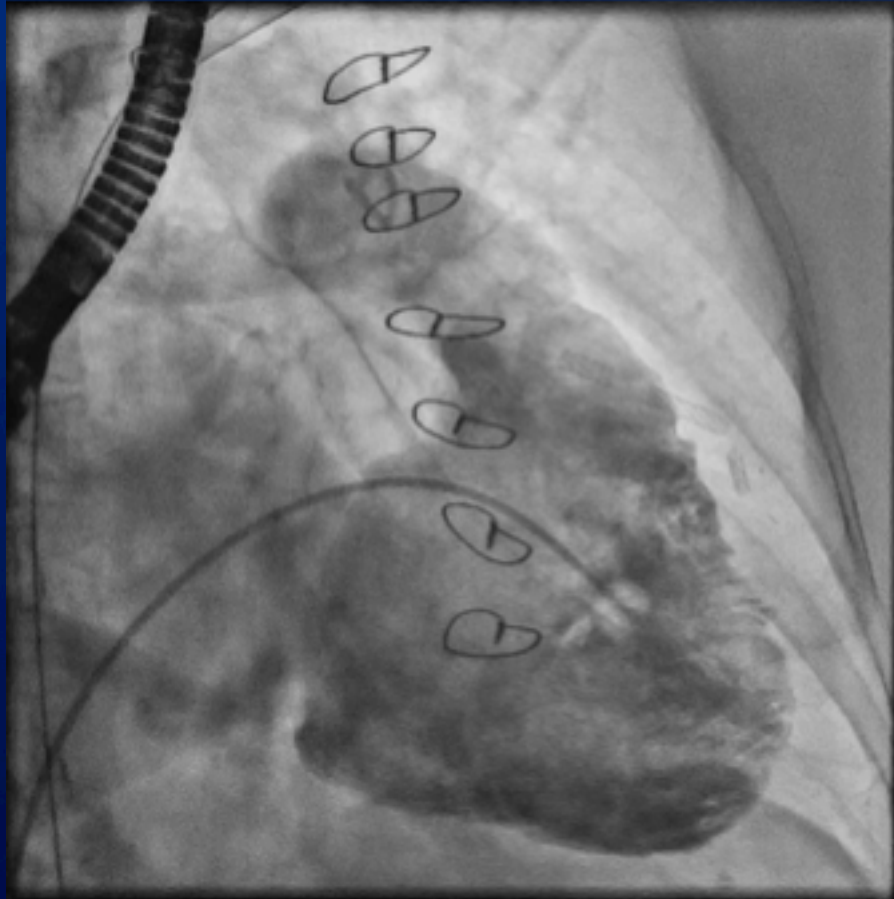
## Rail

- Tracks Spacer into position
- Distally and proximally anchored

Coaptation Device	
Diameter Size	Sheath Size (Fr)
12mm	20
15mm	20
18mm	22



# FORMA Procedure



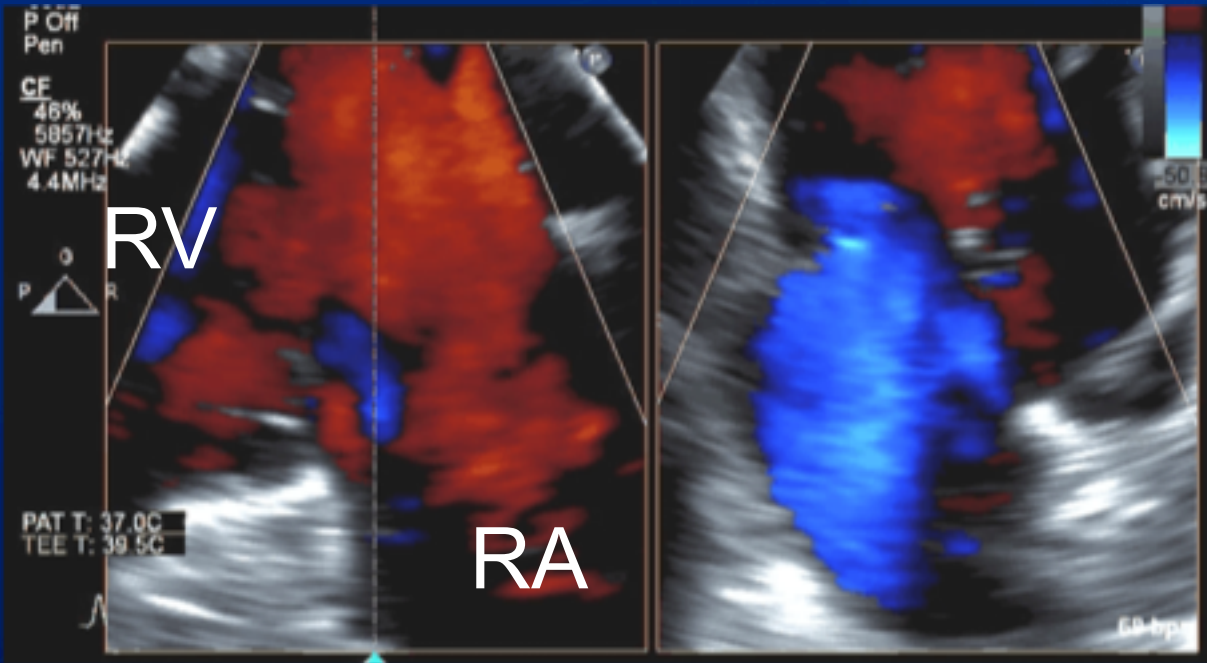
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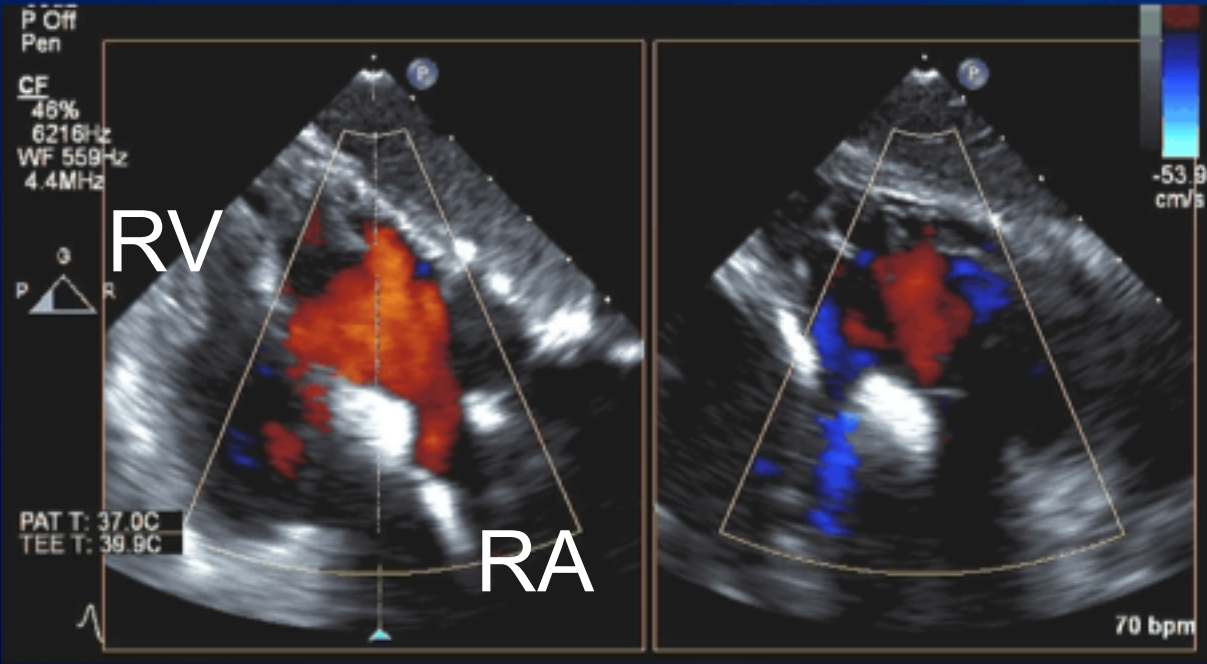


# Acute Results

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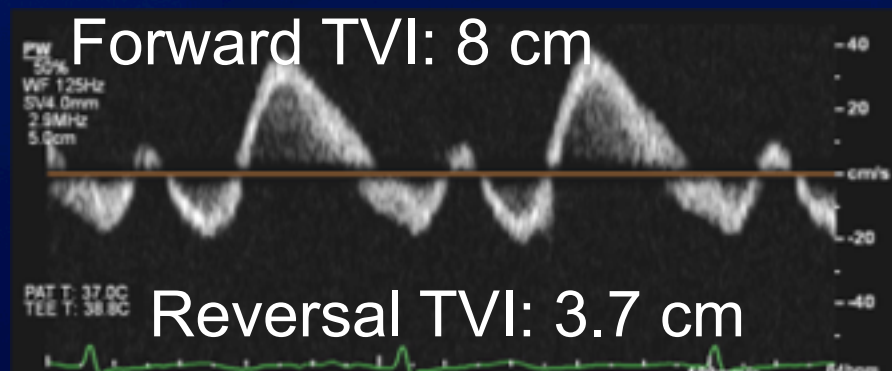
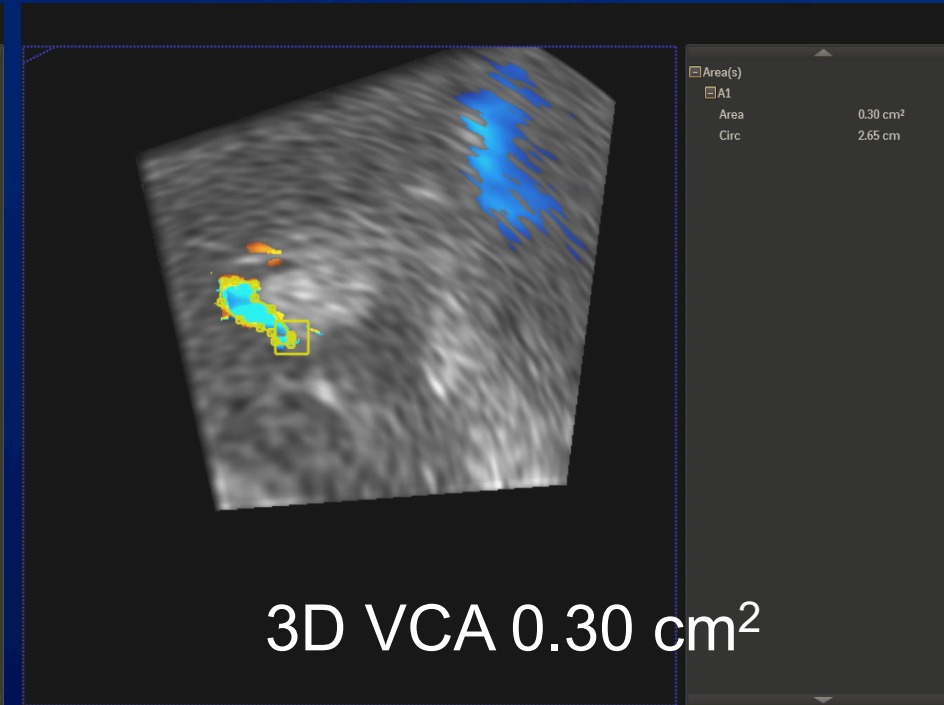
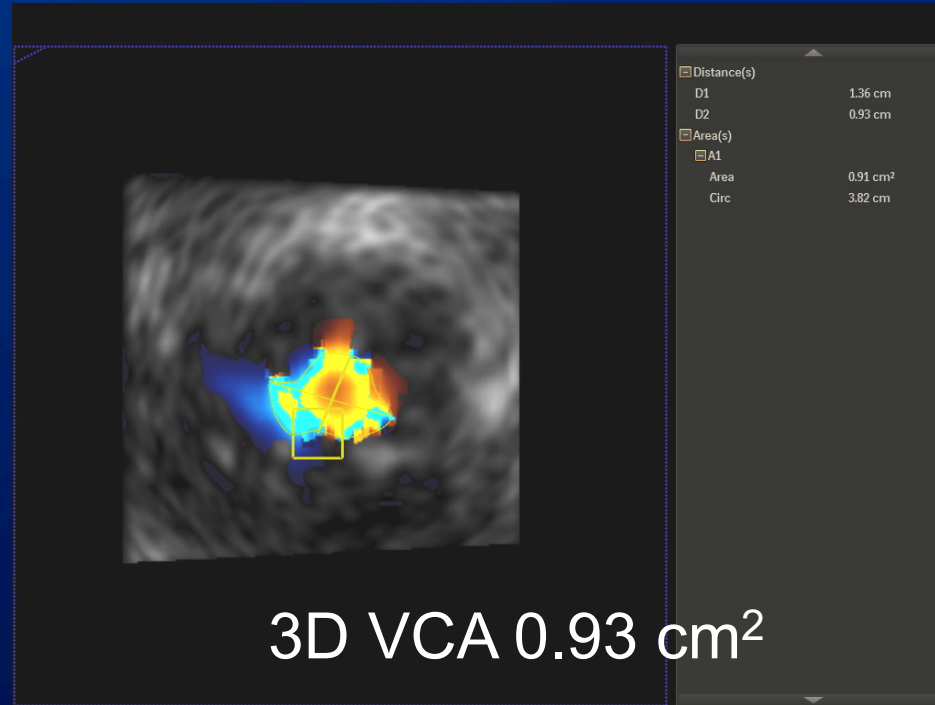
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# Results: 3D Vena Contracta and Hepatic Veins

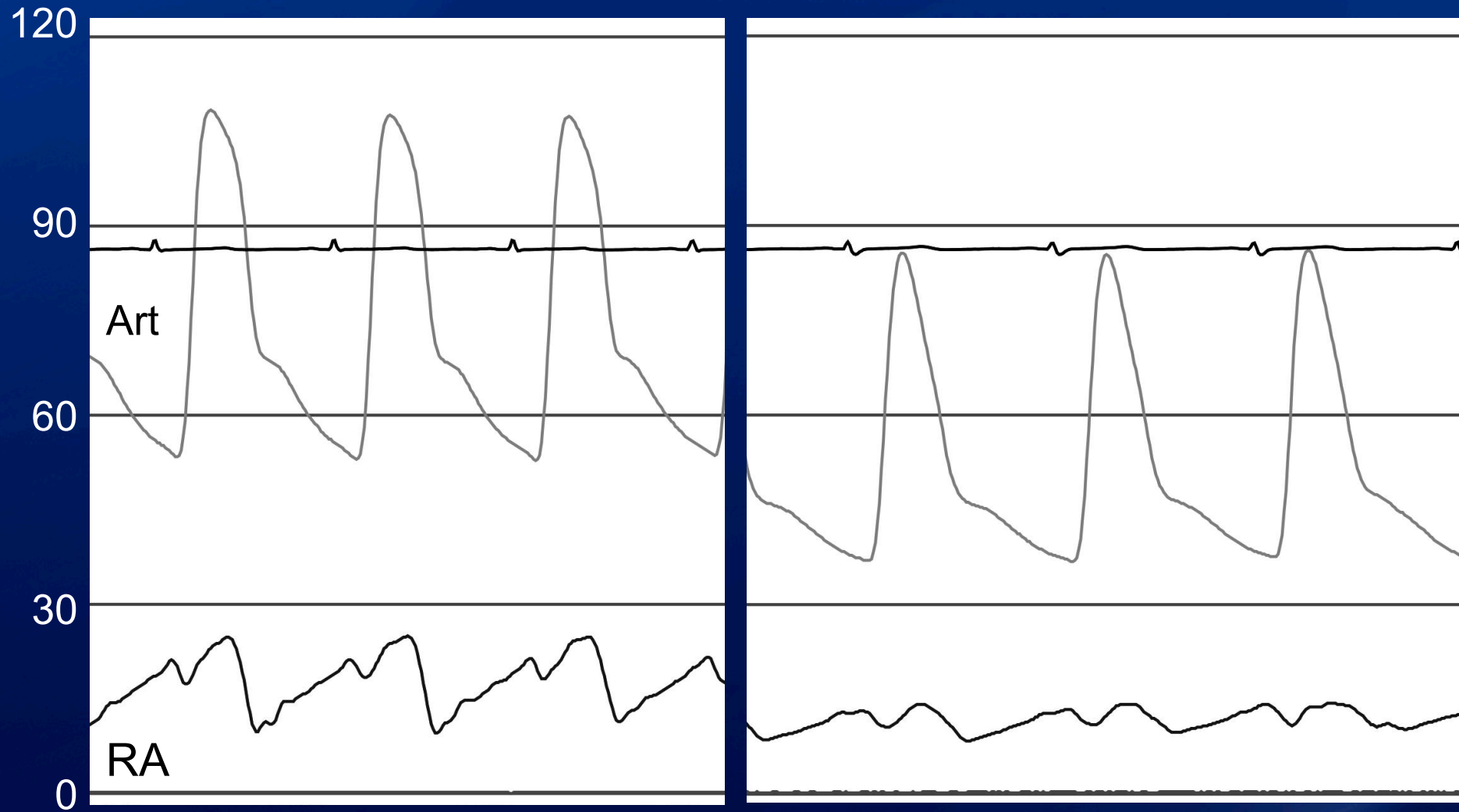
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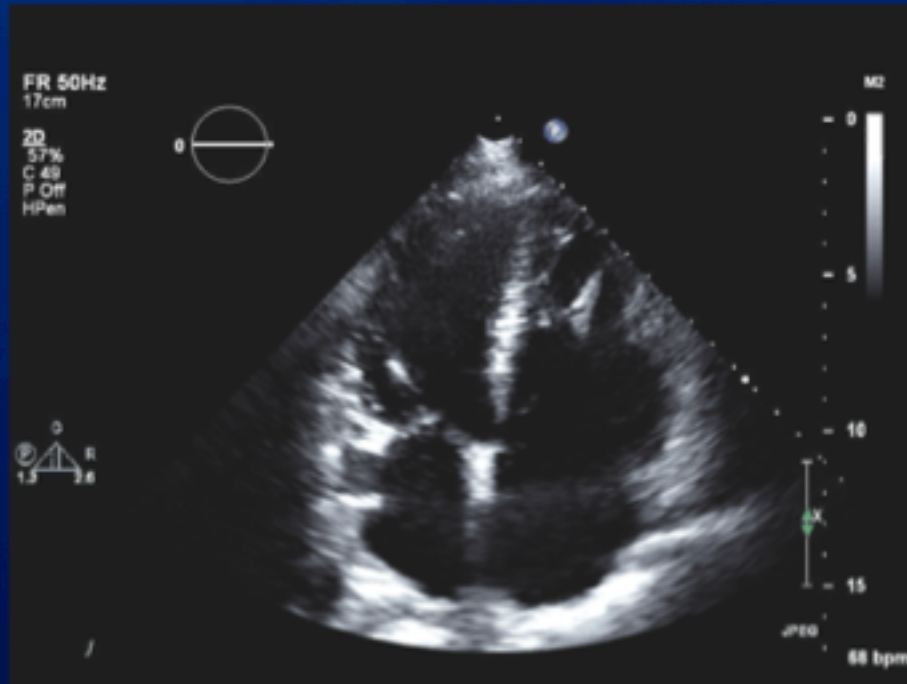


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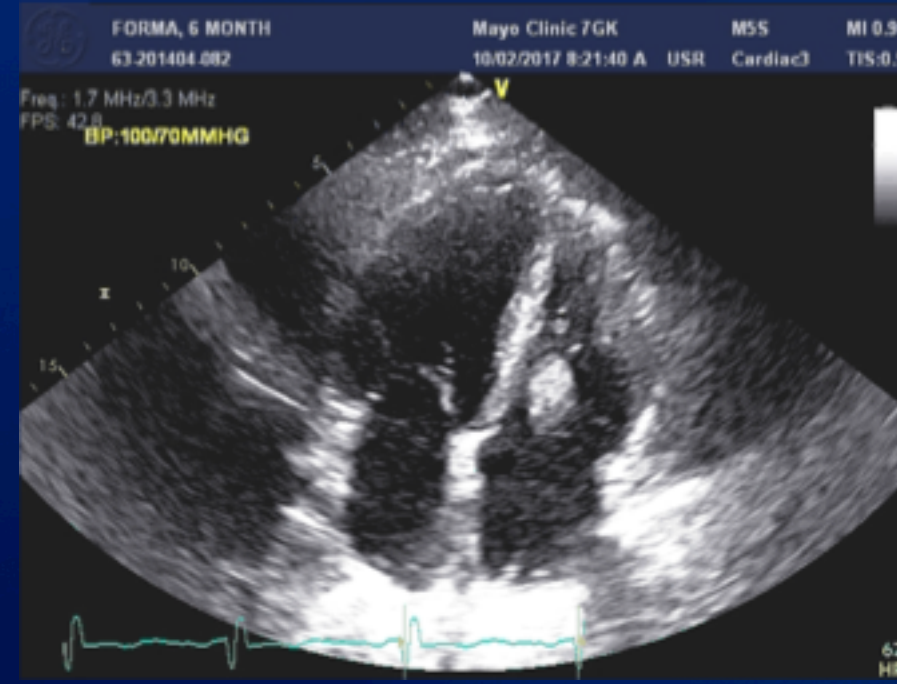
	Baseline	1-Month	6-Months
NYHA Class	3	2	2
6 MW	320 (77%)	384 (95%)	549 (136%)
Edema	2+	Trace	Trace
NT-pro BNP	1,182	415	439
Bilirubin	3.4	2.0	1.7

# RV and Tricuspid Annulus Changes

## Baseline

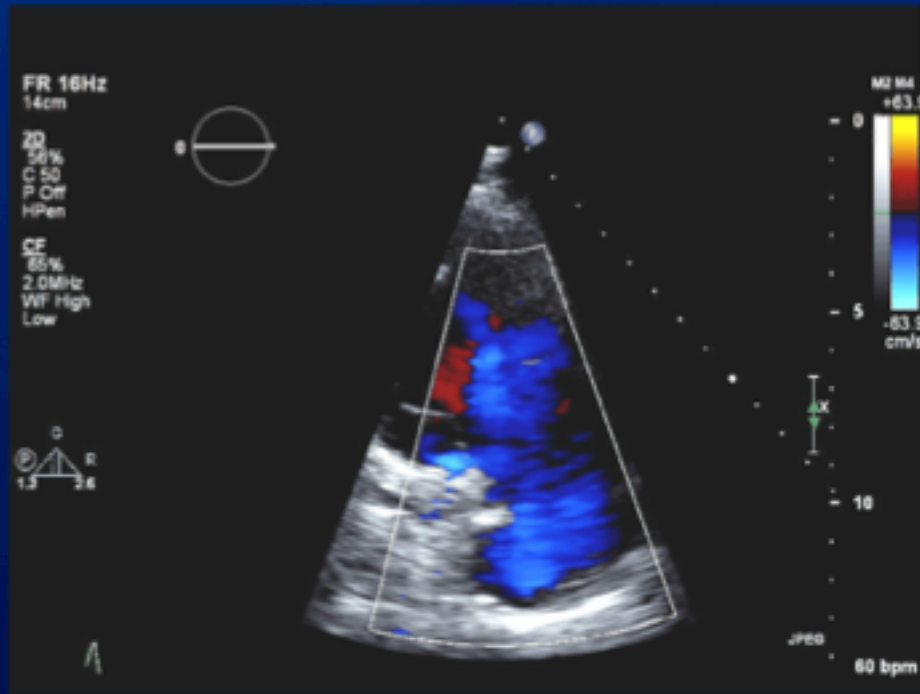


## 6 Months



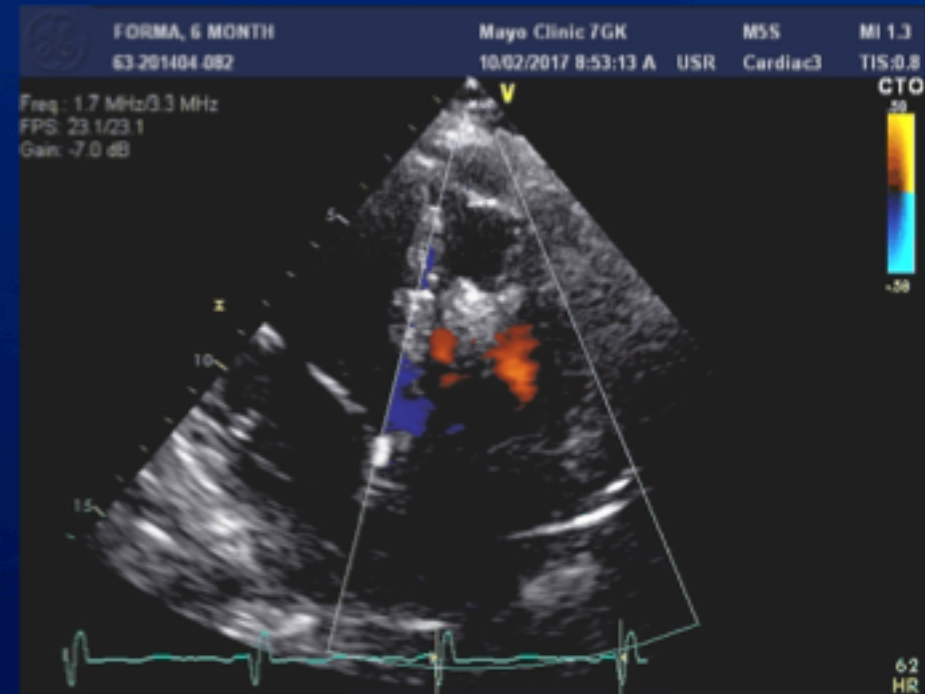
# Color Doppler Changes

## Baseline



EROA 0.91 cm<sup>2</sup>  
Reg. Vol. 80 mL

## 6 Months

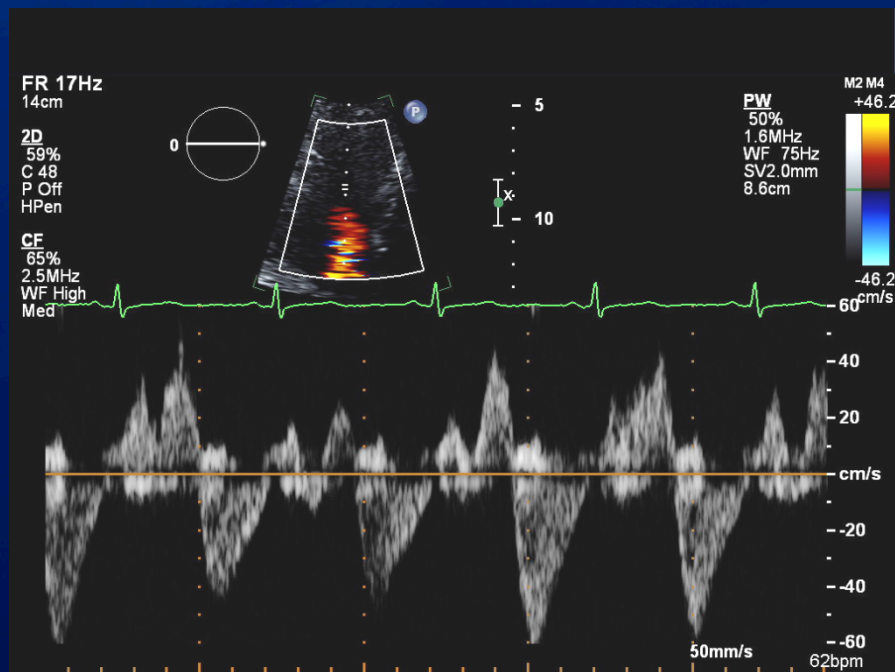


EROA 0.5 cm<sup>2</sup>  
Reg Vol. 46 mL

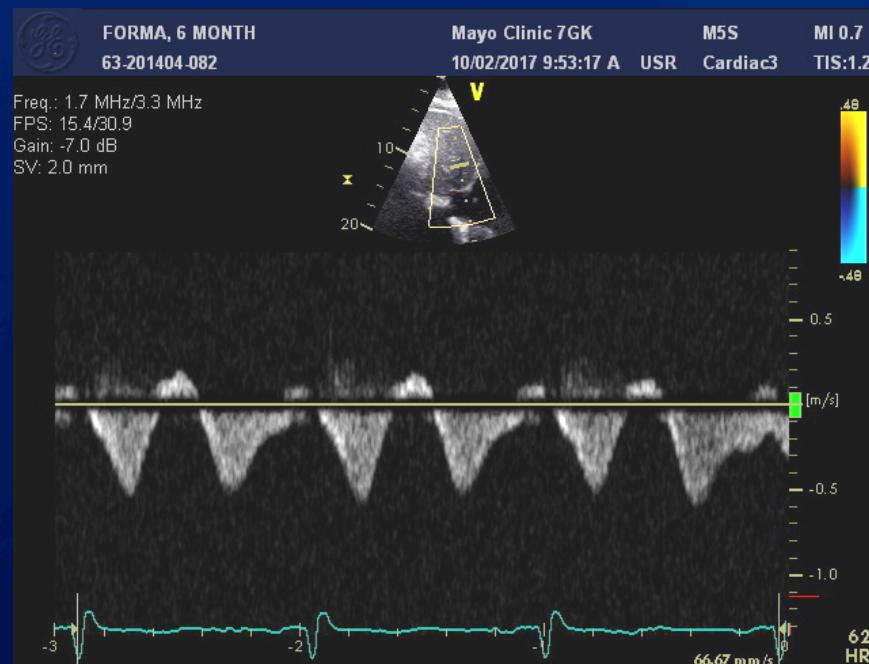


# Hepatic Vein Doppler Changes

## Baseline



## 6 Months



# FORMA Early Feasibility Study

## Participating Sites

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Mackram Eleid, MD	Mayo Clinic	Rochester, MN
John Brown, MD	Morristown Memorial Hospital	Morristown, NJ

# FORMA Early Feasibility Study

## Baseline Characteristics (1)

	Mean or % (n=29)
Age (years)	75.9±8.2
Female Gender	65.5%
Body Mass Index (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	26.3±4.4
NYHA Functional Class III or IV	86%
STS Score <sup>1</sup>	9.1±6.8
EuroSCORE II (%)	8.1±5.3
Serum Creatinine (mg/dl)	1.3±0.4
Atrial Fibrillation	82.8%
Coronary Artery Disease	55.2%
Right Heart Failure	75.9%
Left Heart Failure	17.2%
Diuretic Use	92.9%

<sup>1</sup>Calculated for MVR





# FORMA Early Feasibility Study

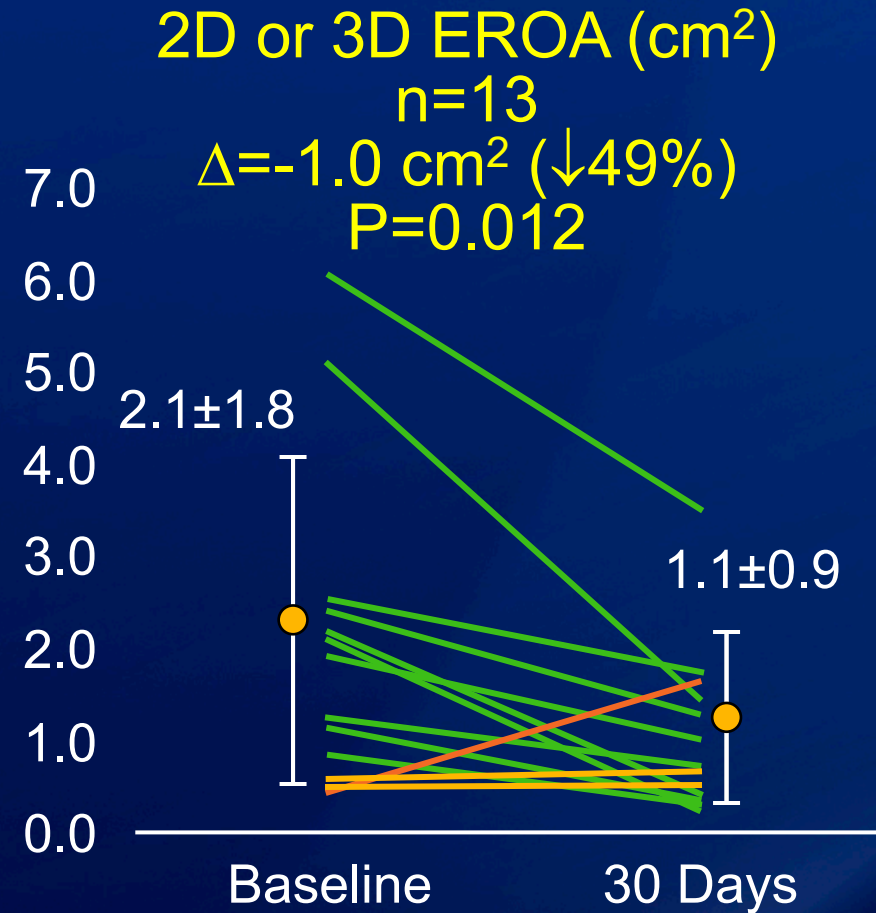
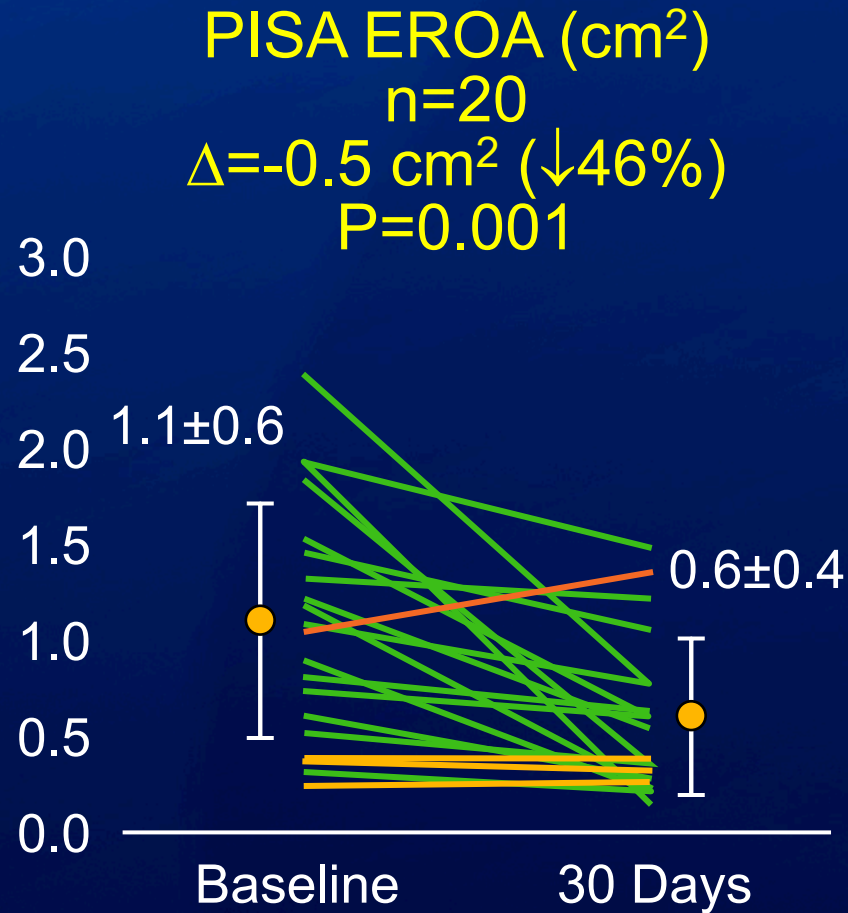
## Clinical Outcomes at 30 Days

	<b>Patient or % (n=29)</b>
Death (All-Cause)	2 (6.9%)
Stroke/TIA	0 (0.0%)
Vascular Injury	1 (3.4%)
Bleeding*	
Life Threatening or Disabling	2 (6.9%)
Major	4 (13.8%)
Device Related Cardiac Surgery	3 (10.3%)
AKI $\geq$ Stage 2*	3 (10.3%)
*VARC-2 Guidelines	

20/29 patients (69%) had none of the above events

# FORMA Early Feasibility Study

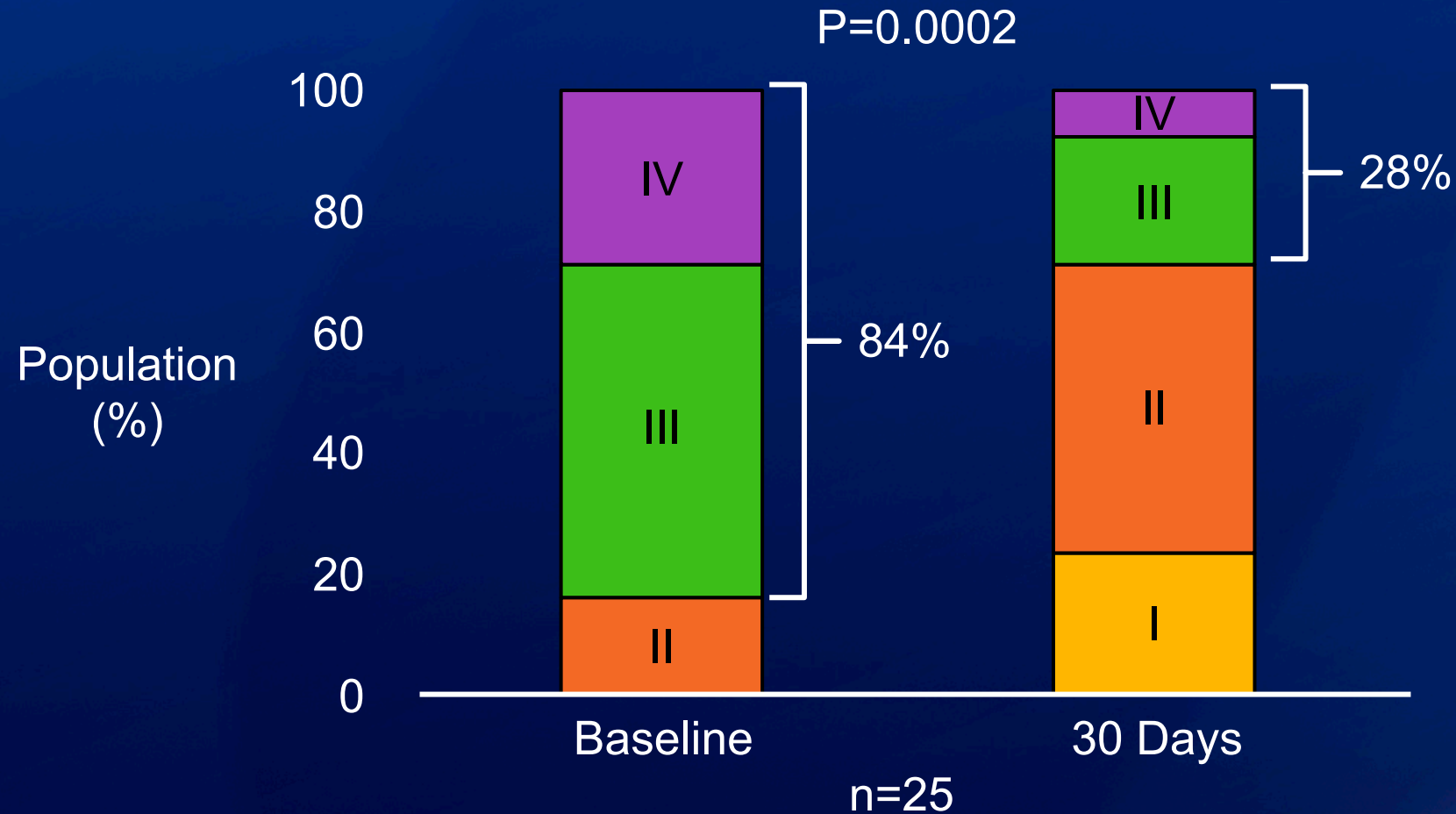
## Significant Reduction in EROA at 30 Days





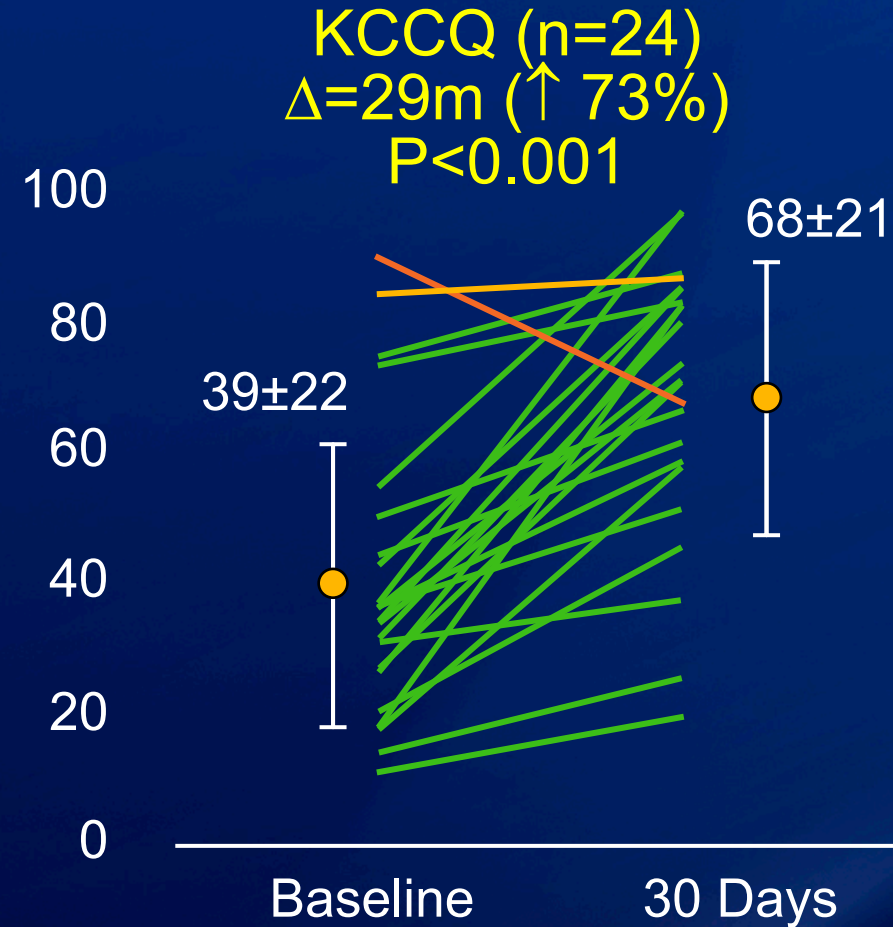
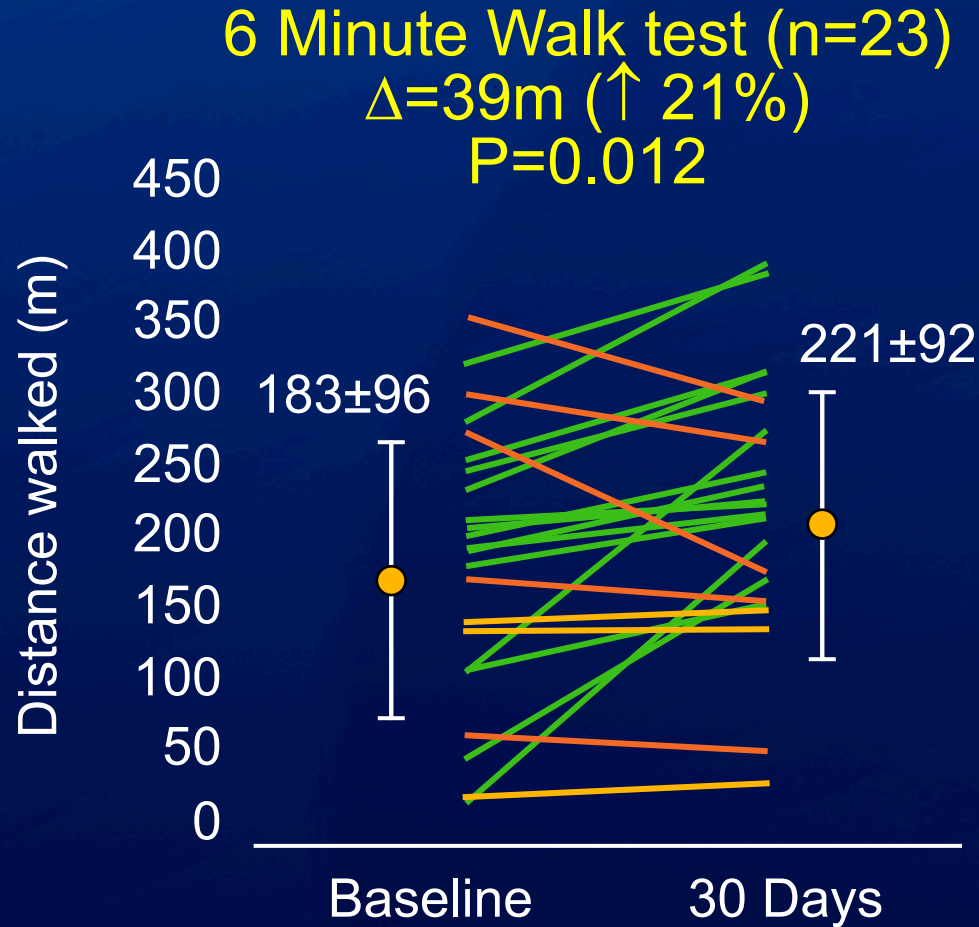
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## Significant Improvement in NYHA Class at 30 Days



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## Significant Improvement in 6MWT and KCCQ at 30 Days



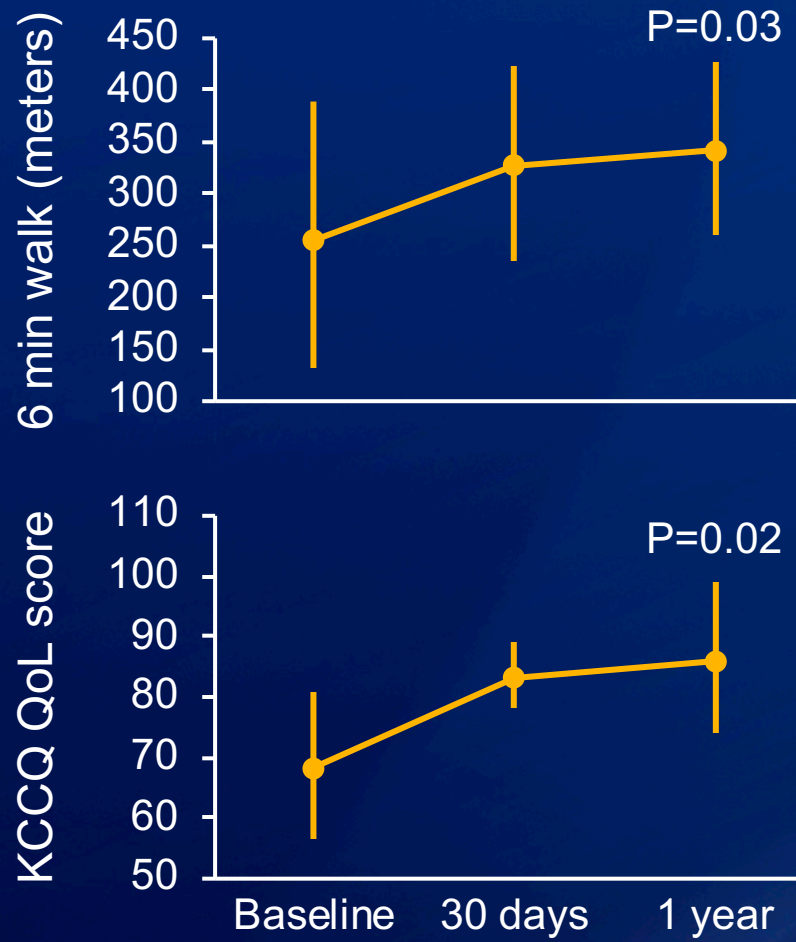
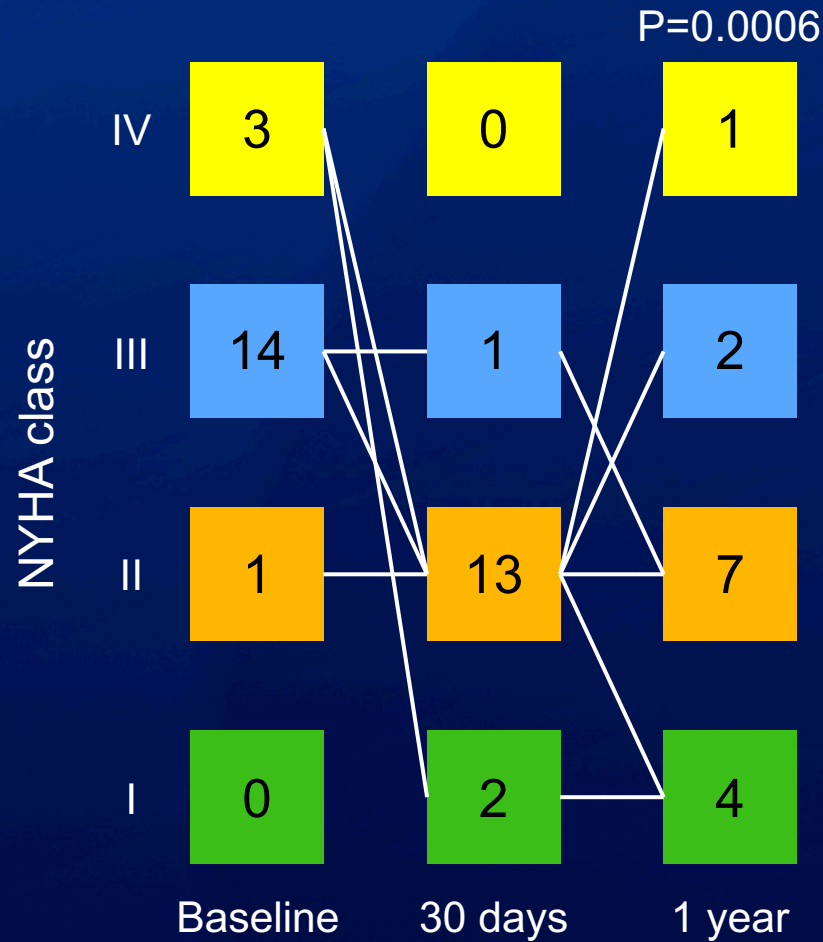
# Initial FORMA Compassionate Use 30-Day and 1-Year Clinical Outcomes

	30 day (n=18)	1 year (n=15)		30 day (n=18)	1 year (n=15)
Death	0 (0)	0 (0)	Vascular complications		
TIA	1 (6)	1 (7)	Major	0 (0)	NA
MI	0 (0)	0 (0)	Minor	1 (6)	NA
Rehosp for heart failure	0 (0)	0 (0)	Hospital stay (days)	4 (2-5)	NA
Access-related bleeding			Acute kidney injury $\geq 2$	0 (0)	1 (7)
Life threatening	1 (6)	NA	Sustained ventricular arrhythmia	0 (0)	0 (0)
Major	1 (6)	NA	Pulmonary embolism	0 (0)	0 (0)
Minor	2 (11)	NA	New pacemaker	0 (0)	0 (0)
Other bleeding events, minor GI	0 (0)	1 (7)	Device thrombosis	0 (0)	1 (7)
			Infection	1 (6)	4 (27)

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# Functional Status After FORMA System Implantation



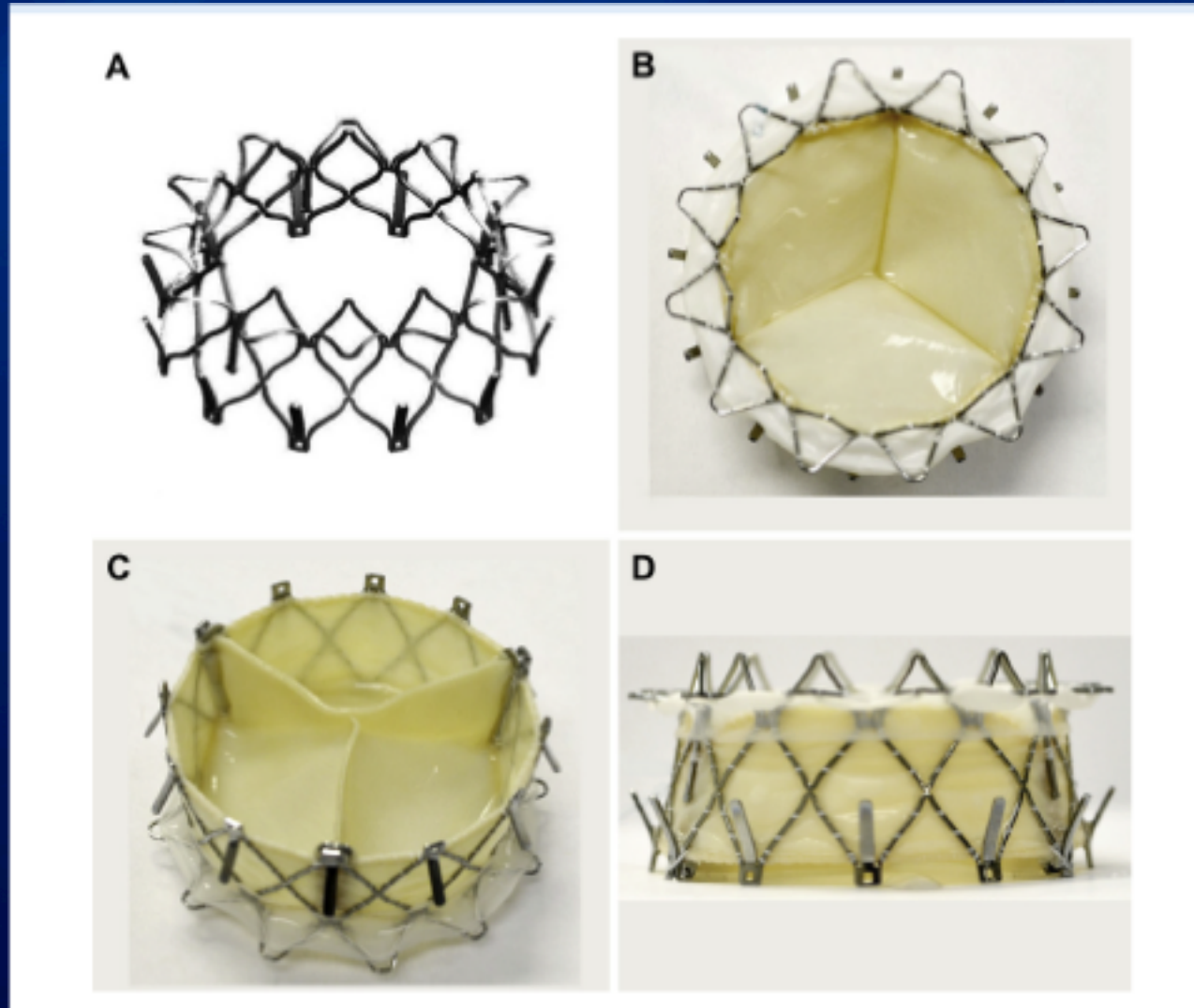
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# Spacer Therapy Conclusions

In a patient cohort with torrential TR and multiple co-morbidities...

- The FORMA Tricuspid Valve Repair System was feasible and the next generation will be introduced soon.
- Despite 'torrential' TR in most patients, there was significant reduction of TR (EROA), especially in patients with the most severe TR.
- At 30 days, there was significant improvement in NYHA functional class, 6 minute walk tests and KCCQ scores.

# Navigate Valved Stent



- Nitinol alloy stent
- Equine pericardial leaflets
- Conical shape
- Self-expanding
- Anchoring by 12 active fixation components on ventricular and atrial annular surfaces
- Transatrial and Jugular approaches

Navia J et al. JACC BTS 2018  
Kapadia S et al. Circ CV Interv 2017



# Conclusions

- Severe TR associated with poor prognosis
- Surgery for TR is high risk and performed infrequently
- Percutaneous therapies for TR are badly needed
- Several promising techniques are under investigation including:
  - Leaflet plication
  - Annuloplasty
  - Spacer therapy
  - Replacement



Thank you!

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