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Heart Failure Session

Treatment of severe tricuspid  
regurgitation: the interventional  
cardiologist point of view

Speaker - 20'

**Antonio Colombo**

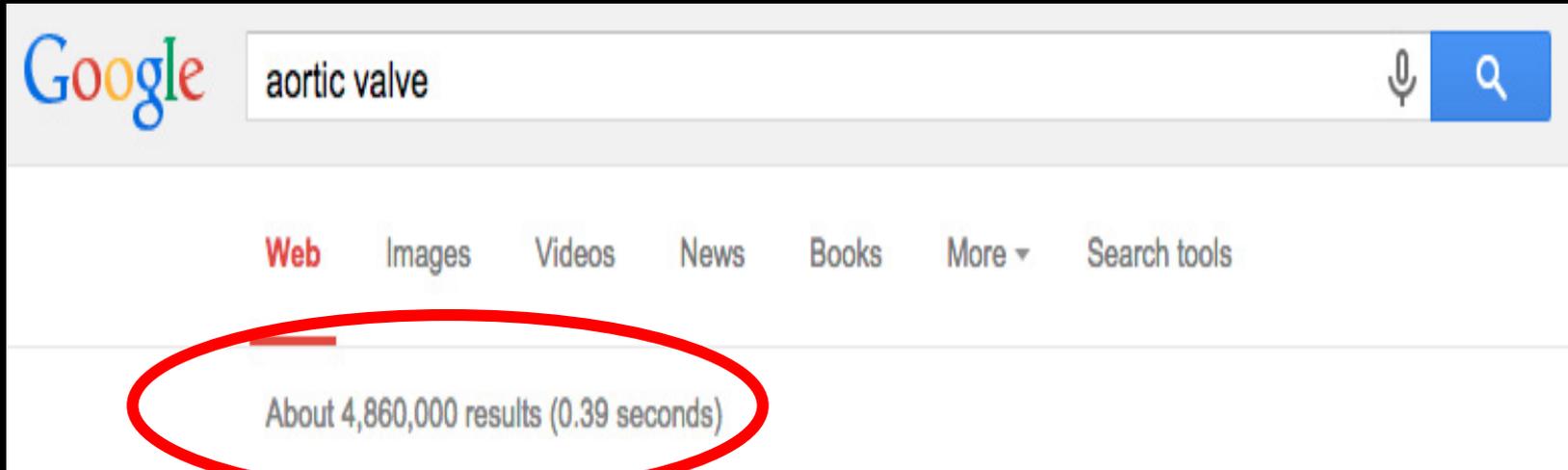
*Centro Cuore Columbus and  
S. Raffaele Scientific Institute, Milan, Italy*

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# Still a forgotten valve

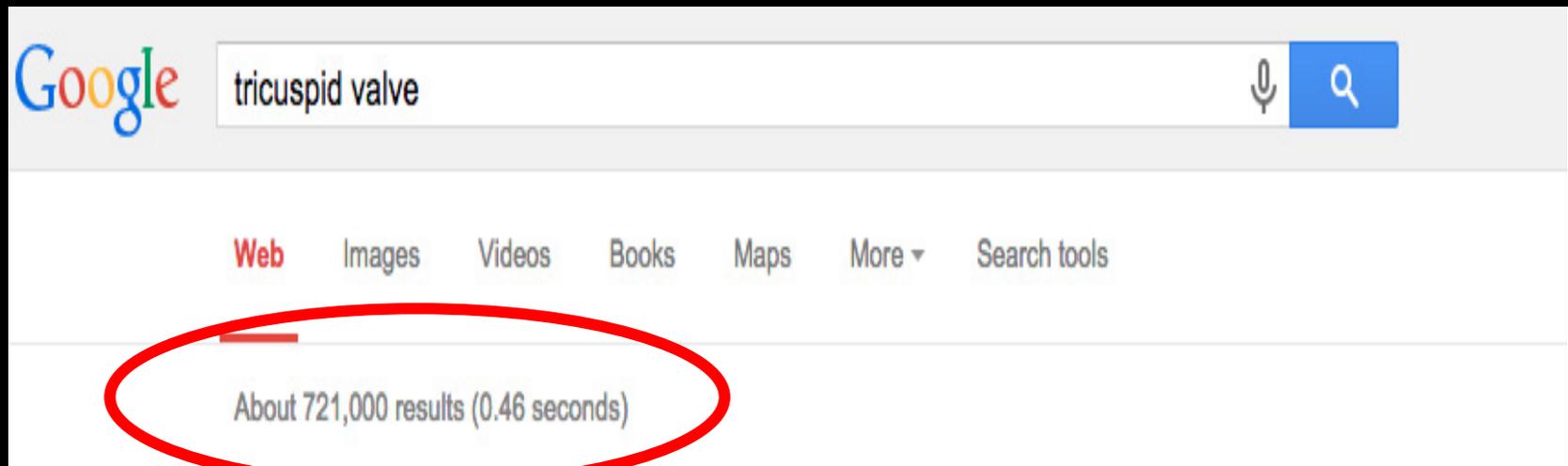


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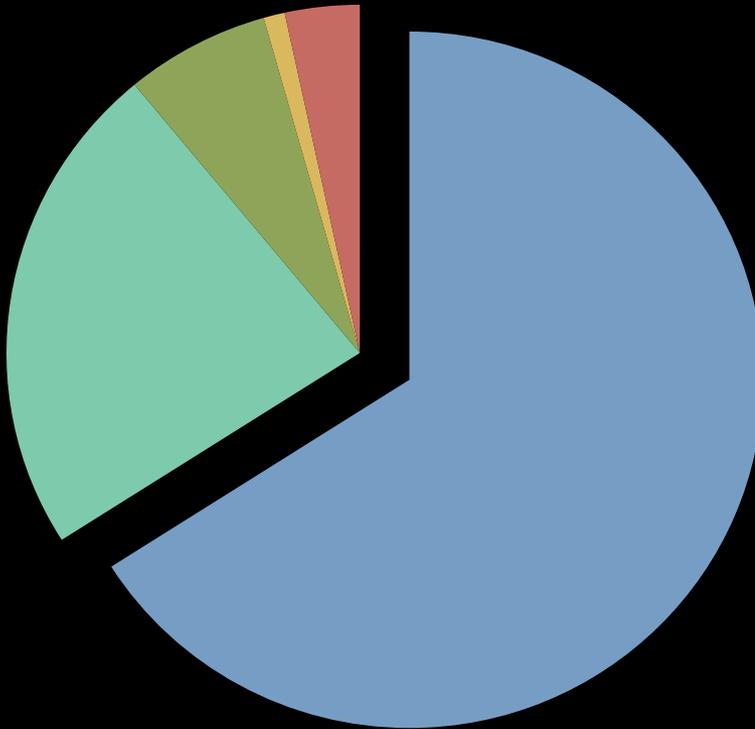
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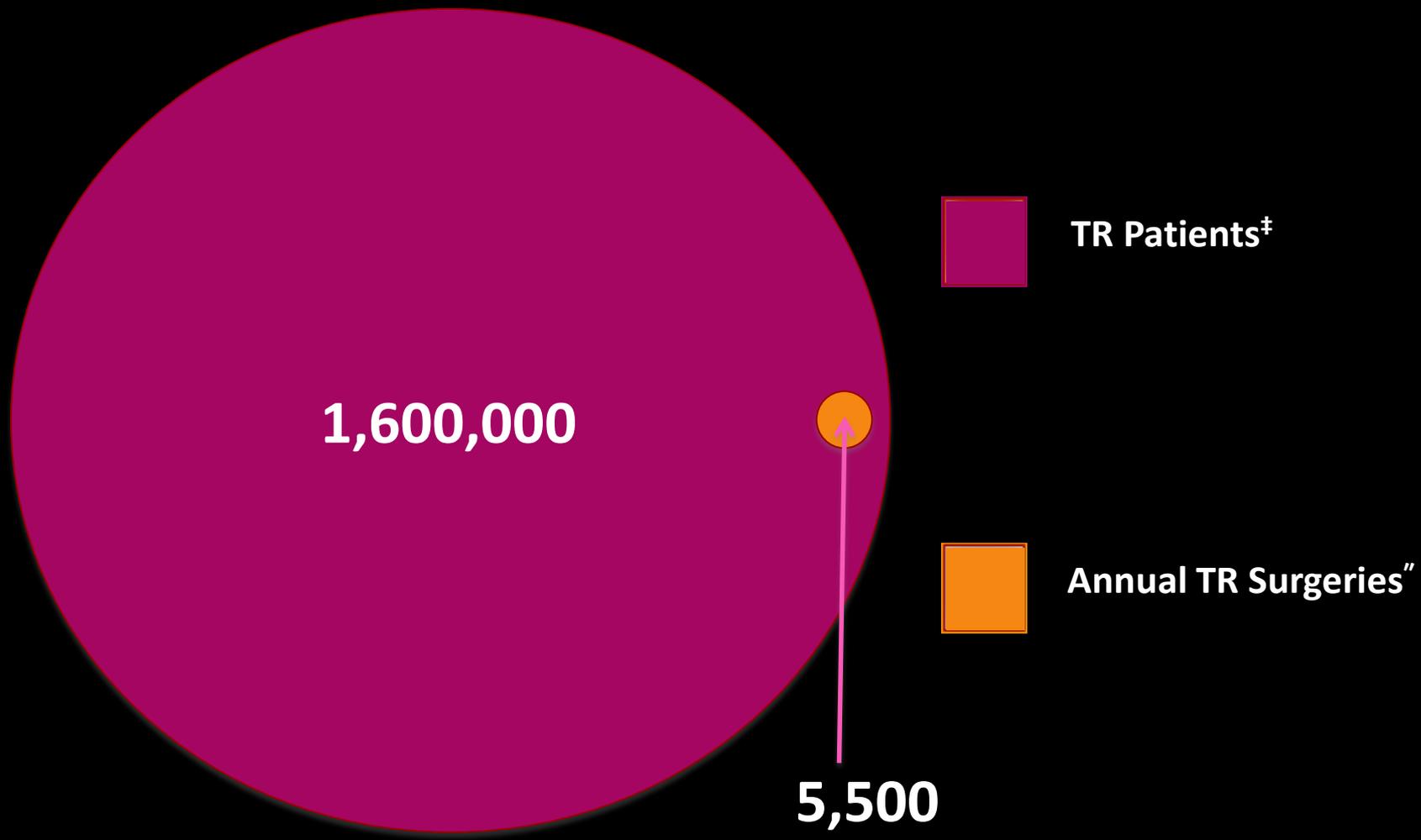
**In San Raffaele Hospital from Oct 2014 till Sept 2015, 6906 echo performed,  
Tricuspid Regurgitation in 2022**



	n°	%
NO TR	3922	66
TR 1	1368	23
TR 2	393	7
TR 3	58	1
TR 4	203	3

Considering patients with Tricuspid Regurgitation grade 2-4, only 2% had surgical correction

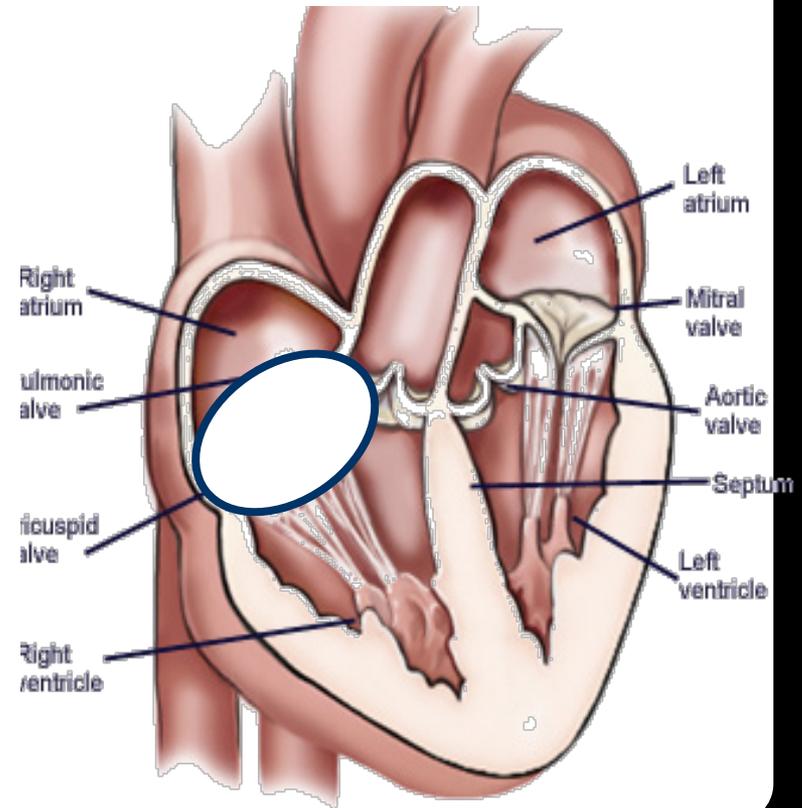
# Tricuspid Regurgitation is largely untreated by surgery (US numbers)



# The Forgotten Valve

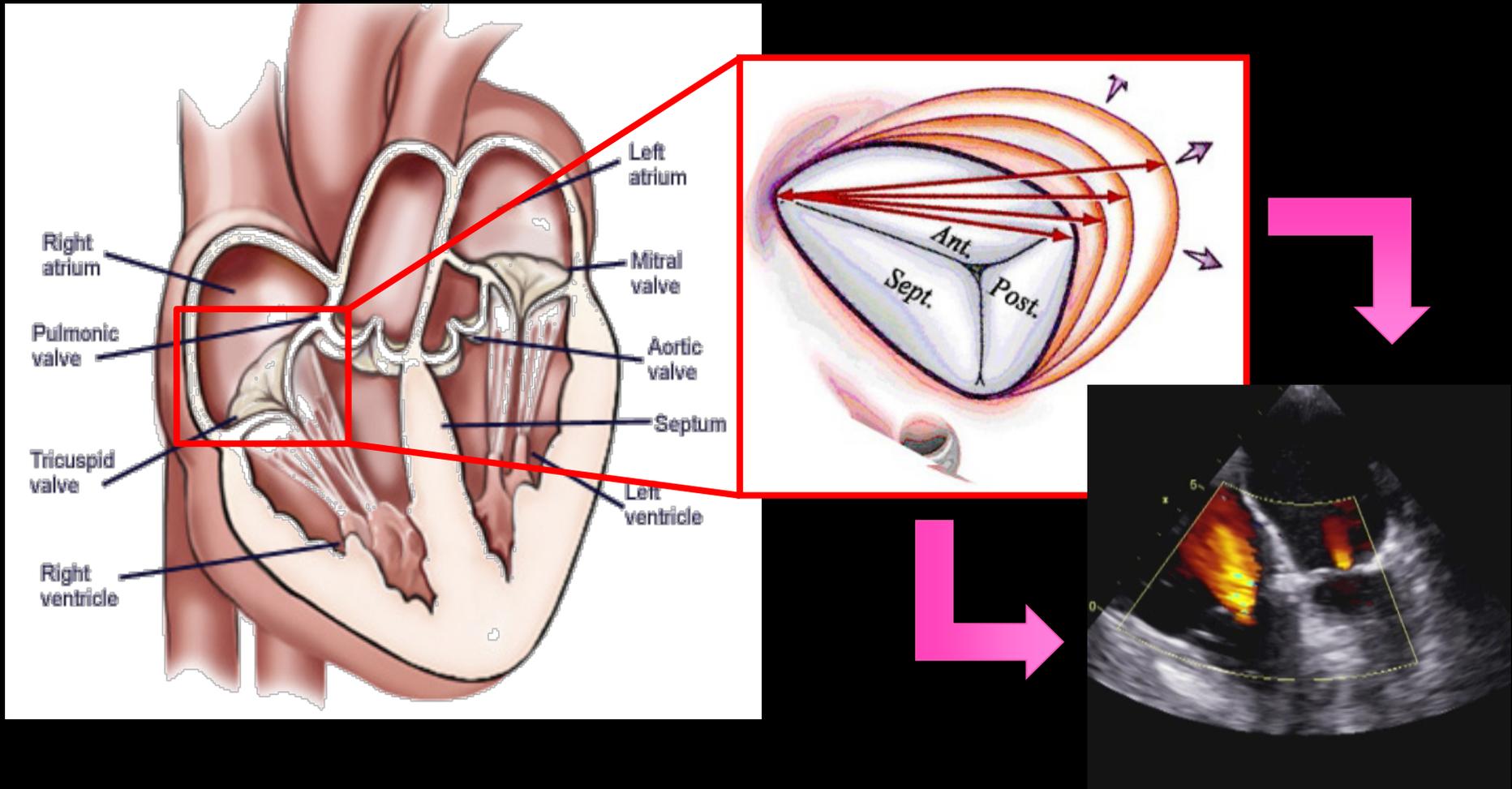
## TR Etiology

- Isolated primary (organic) TR
- Secondary (functional) TR in patients undergoing left-sided valve surgery
- Late TR following left-sided valve surgery



# Functional Tricuspid Regurgitation failure mode

Annular dilatation, inducing an increase of the septo-lateral distance resulting in lack of leaflets coaptation and consequent TR.



# Clinical Presentation of TR

Decreased CO

Fatigue, decreased exercise tolerance

“Right-sided” Heart Failure

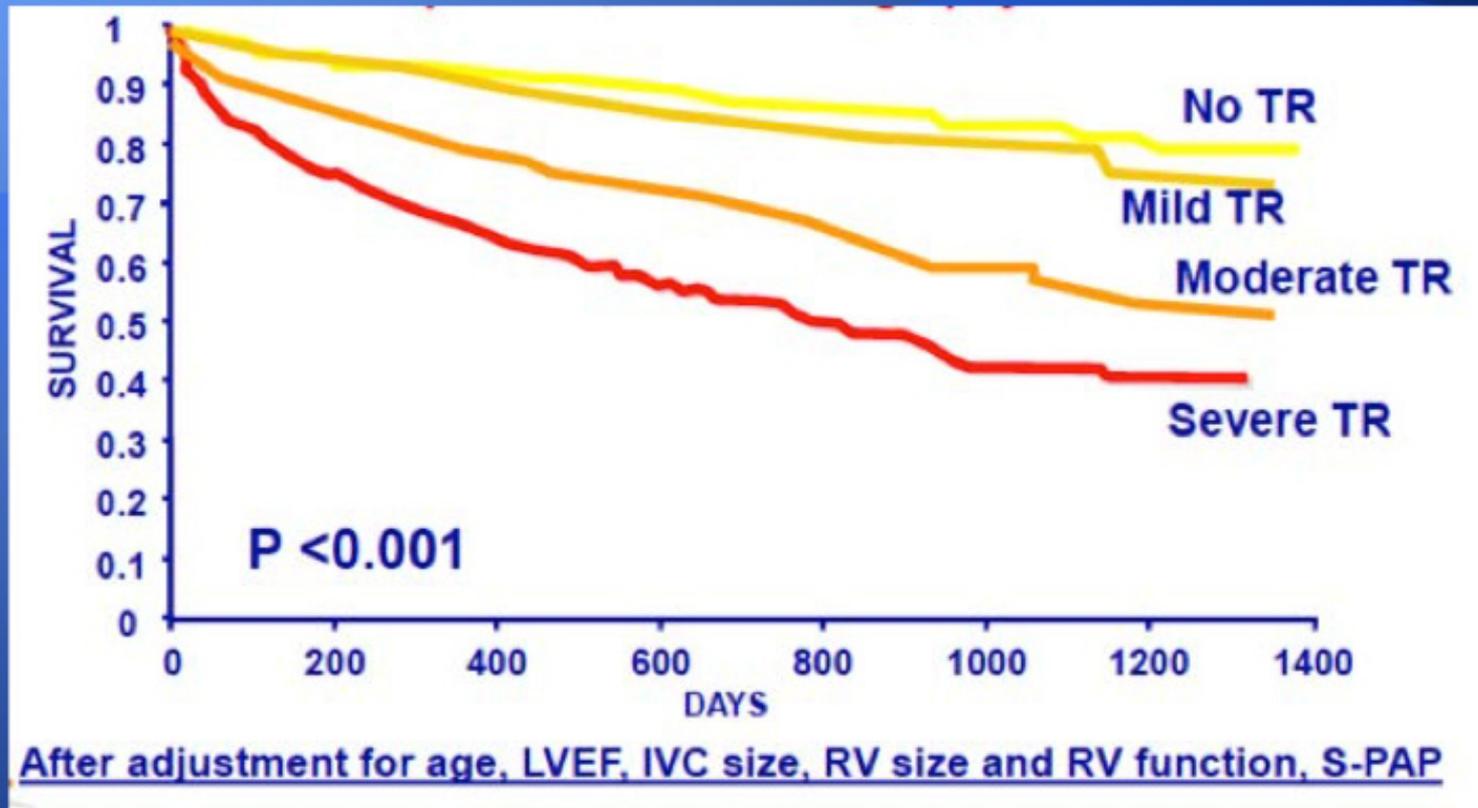
Ascites, edema, decreased appetite, abdominal fullness

*...Patients feel terrible*

Valve repair for functional tricuspid valve regurgitation:  
anatomical and surgical considerations

Rogers JH, Bolling SF Semin Thorac Cardiovasc Surg. 2010 ;22(1):84-9

## ...and they die! TR Increases Mortality !

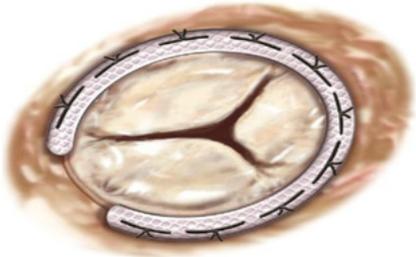


5223 subjects : Mod-Sev TR increased mortality independent of PASP, LVEF, IVC size, RV size/ function.

# Indications for surgery in tricuspid disease

	Class	Level
Surgery is indicated in symptomatic patients with severe TS.	I	C
Surgery is indicated in patients with severe TS undergoing left-sided valve intervention.	I	C
<b><i>Surgery is indicated in patients with severe primary, or secondary, TR undergoing left-sided valve surgery.</i></b>	I	C
<b><i>Surgery is indicated in symptomatic patients with severe isolated primary TR without severe right ventricular dysfunction.</i></b>	I	C
Surgery should be considered in patients with moderate primary TR undergoing left-sided valve surgery.	IIa	C
Surgery should be considered in patients with mild or moderate secondary TR with dilated annulus ( $\geq 40$ mm or $> 21$ mm/m <sup>2</sup> ) undergoing left-sided valve surgery.	IIa	C
Surgery should be considered in asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic patients with severe isolated primary TR and progressive right ventricular dilation or deterioration of right ventricular function.	IIa	C
<b><i>After left-sided valve surgery, surgery should be considered in patients with severe TR who are symptomatic or have progressive right ventricular dilatation/dysfunction, in the absence of left-sided valve dysfunction, severe right or left ventricular dysfunction, and severe pulmonary vascular disease.</i></b>	IIa	C

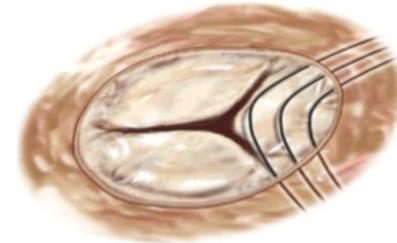
# Surgical Treatment options



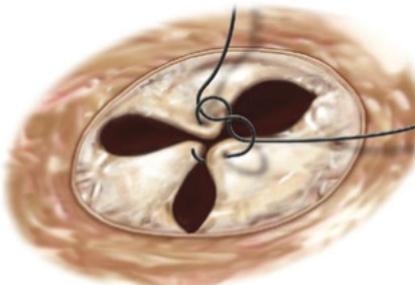
Annuloplasty



Annular Dilatation



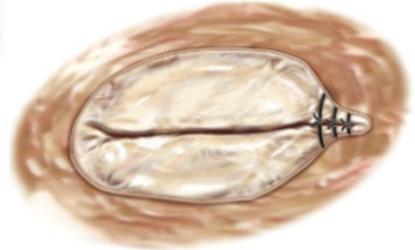
De Vega Repair



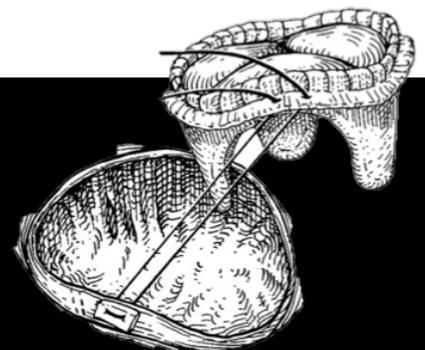
Clover Technique



Hetzer Repair



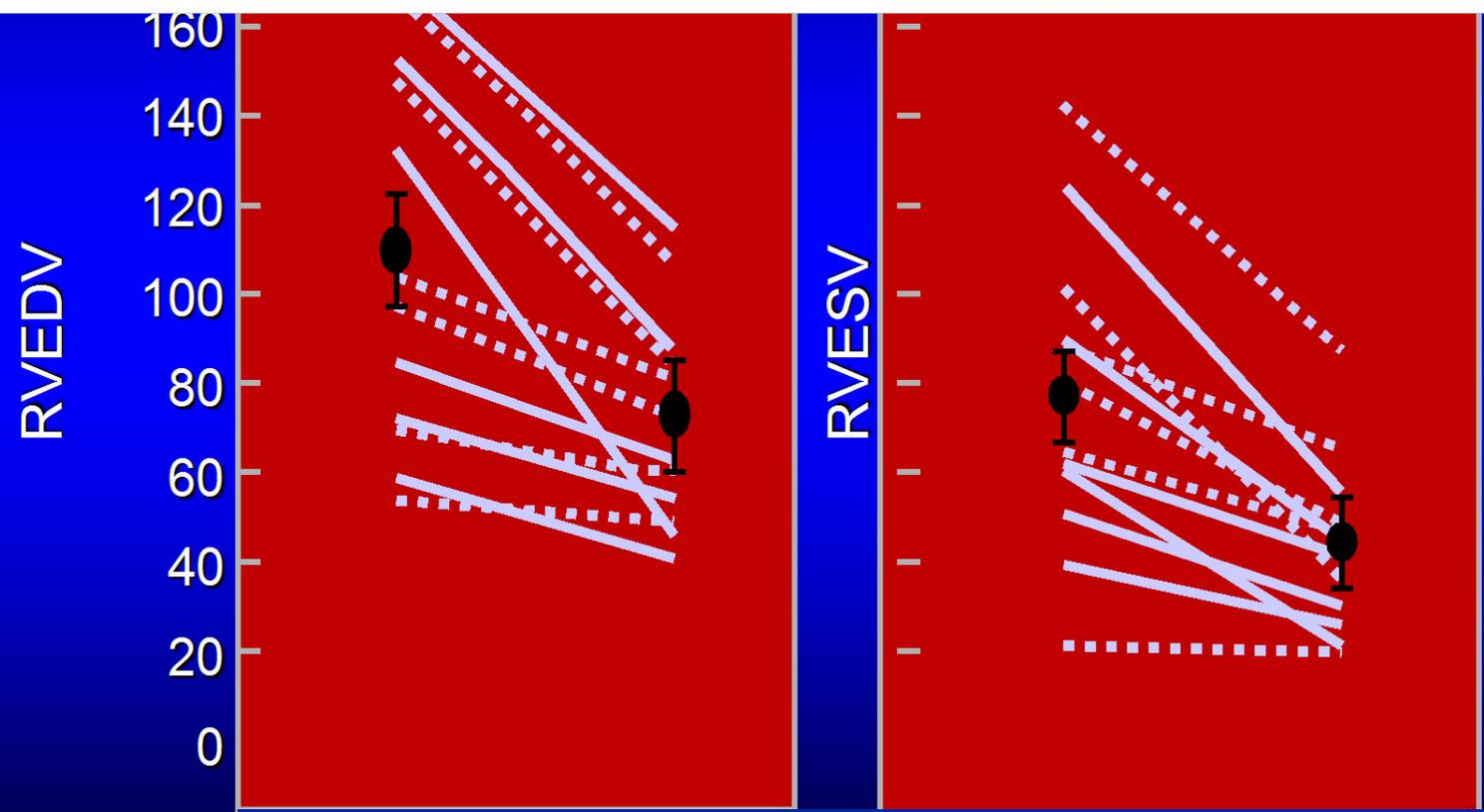
Kay Repair  
Technique



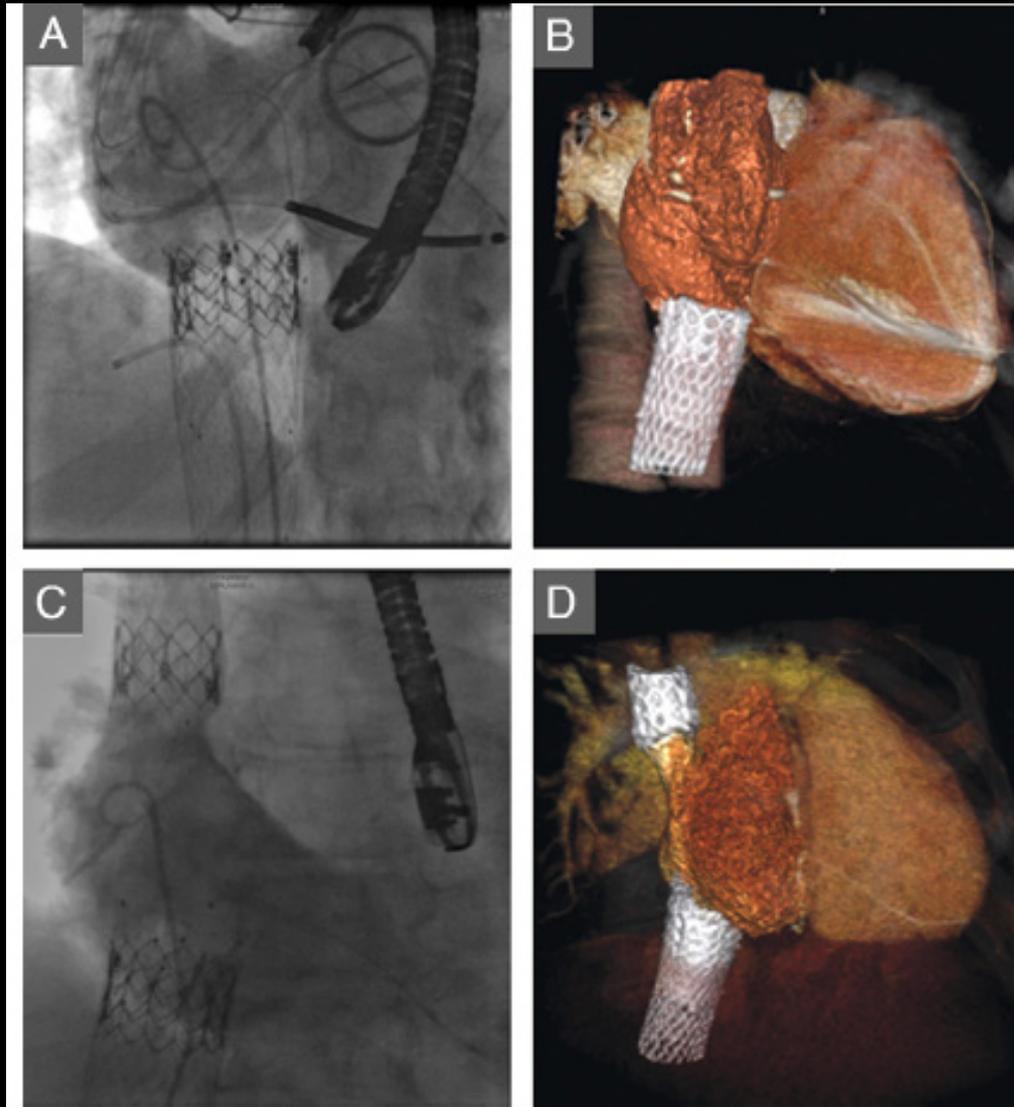
**In-hospital mortality post-cardiac surgery for TR can go up to 37%**

# Improvement in Right Ventricular Systolic Function After Surgical Correction of Isolated Tricuspid Regurgitation

Debabrata Mukherjee, MD, Simone Nader, MD, Arrel Olano, MD, Mario J. Garcia, MD, and Brian P. Griffin, MD, *Cleveland, Ohio*



# Heterotopic Valve Implantation



*(Laule et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2013;62:B41-2.)*

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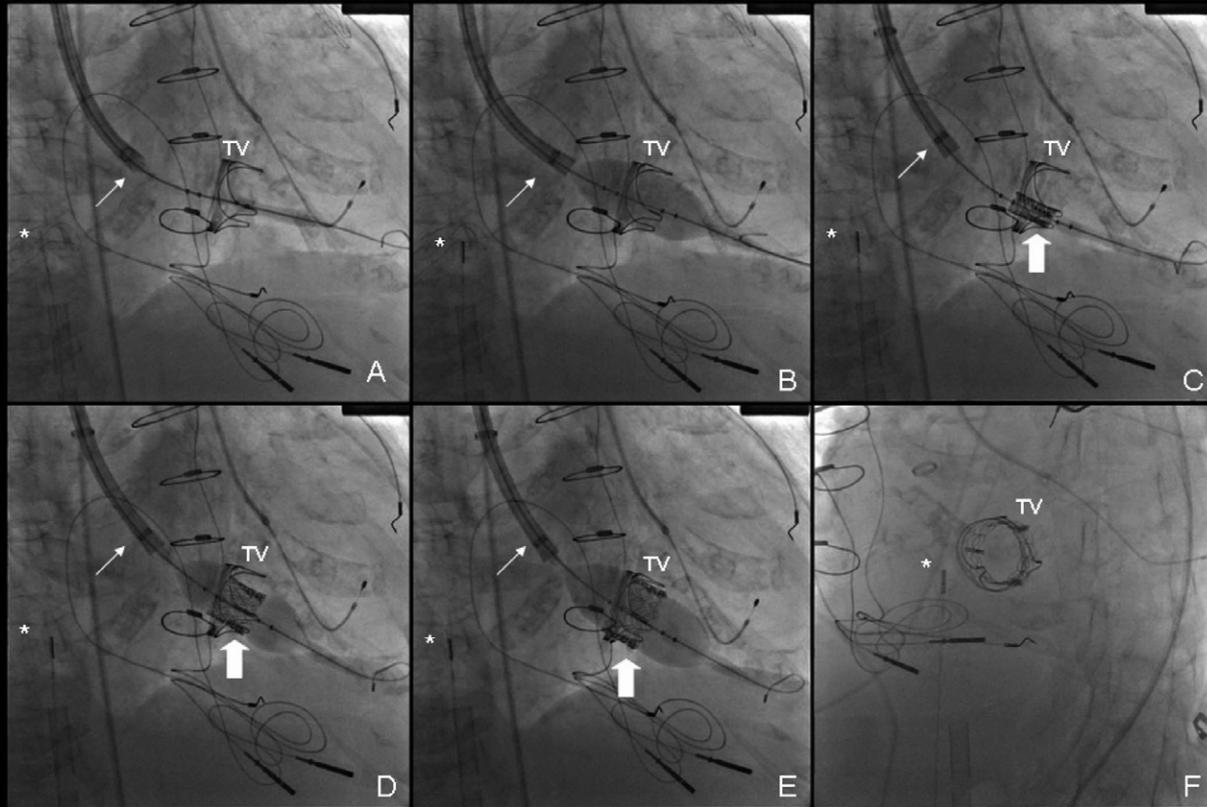
- 3 high-risk patients. EuroScore >40%
- 2 with Valve implantation in IVC, 1 in IVC+SVC
- At 30 days:
  - functional improvement
  - less peripheral oedema, ascites
  - mild decrease in RVEDV
  - stable RVEF

*(Laule et al. J Am Coll Cardiol 2013;61:1929-1931)*

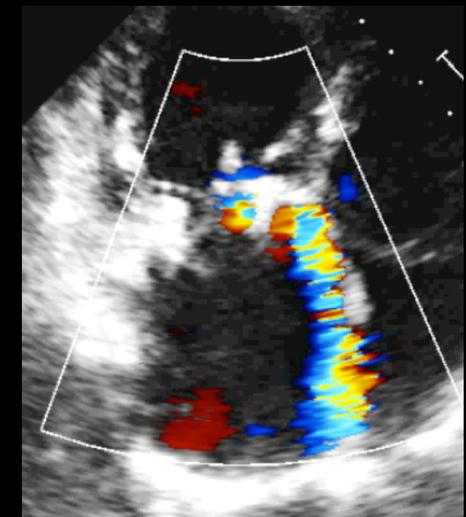
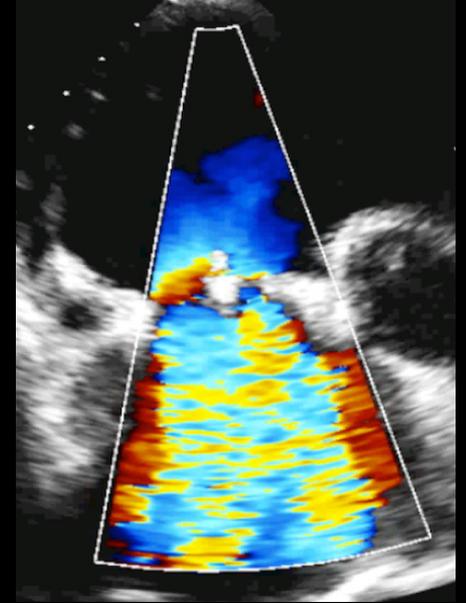
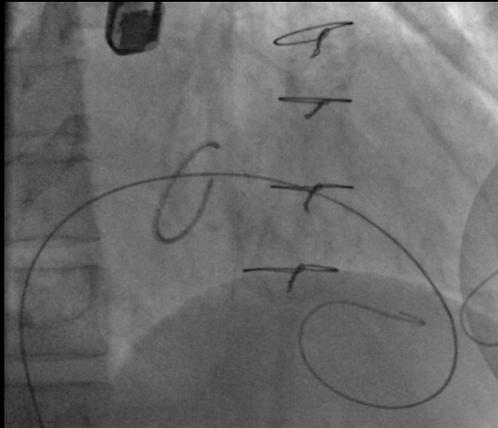
# Valve in valve

## Percutaneous Transcatheter Valve-in-Valve Implantation in Stenosed Tricuspid Valve Bioprosthesis

Leen A.F.M. Van Garsse, MD; Rachel M.A. ter Bekke, MD; Vincent G.V.A. van Ommen, MD, PhD



# Valve in Ring



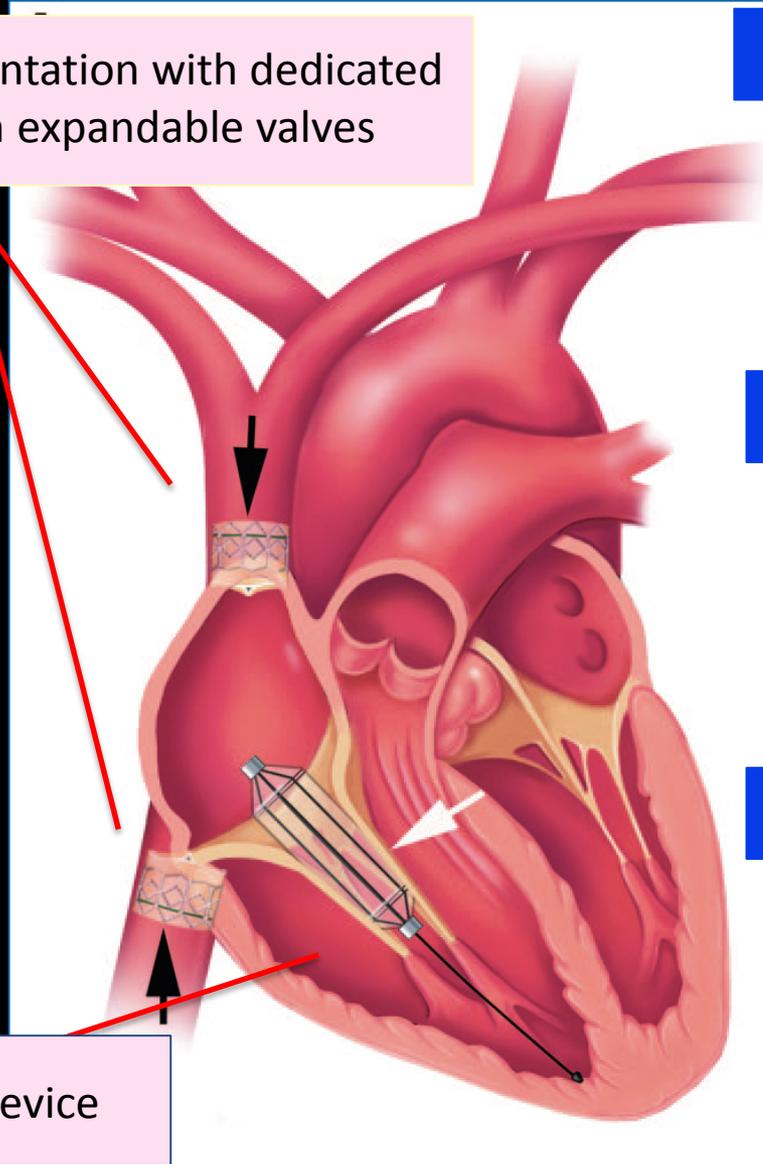
# Literature Valve in valve/ring

## **31 Valve in Valve**

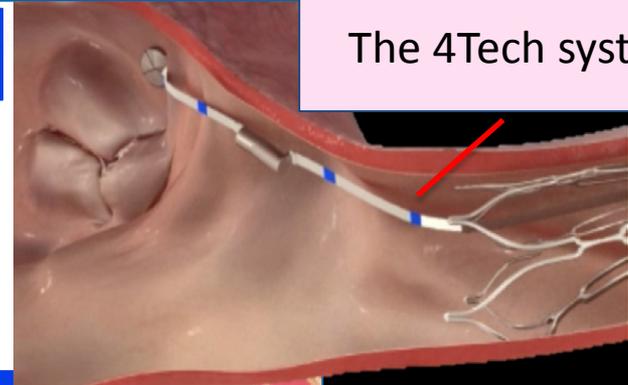
- 15 Melody V.; 16 Sapien V.
- High procedural success
- 1 death, 1 AV Block, 1 migration, 1 endocarditis
- FU reported in only 4 cases

## **3 Valve in Ring**

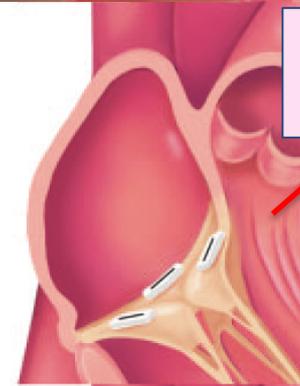
Bicavalvular implantation with dedicated self- or balloon expandable valves



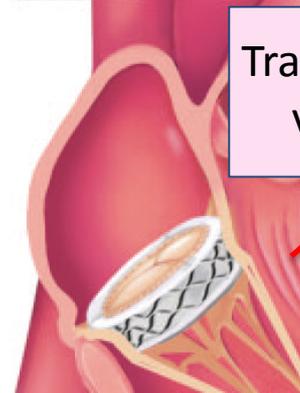
The FORMA device



The 4Tech system



The Mitralign system



Transcatheter tricuspid valve replacement

# 4Tech TriCinch™ Concept

Intended for percutaneous treatment of tricuspid regurgitation

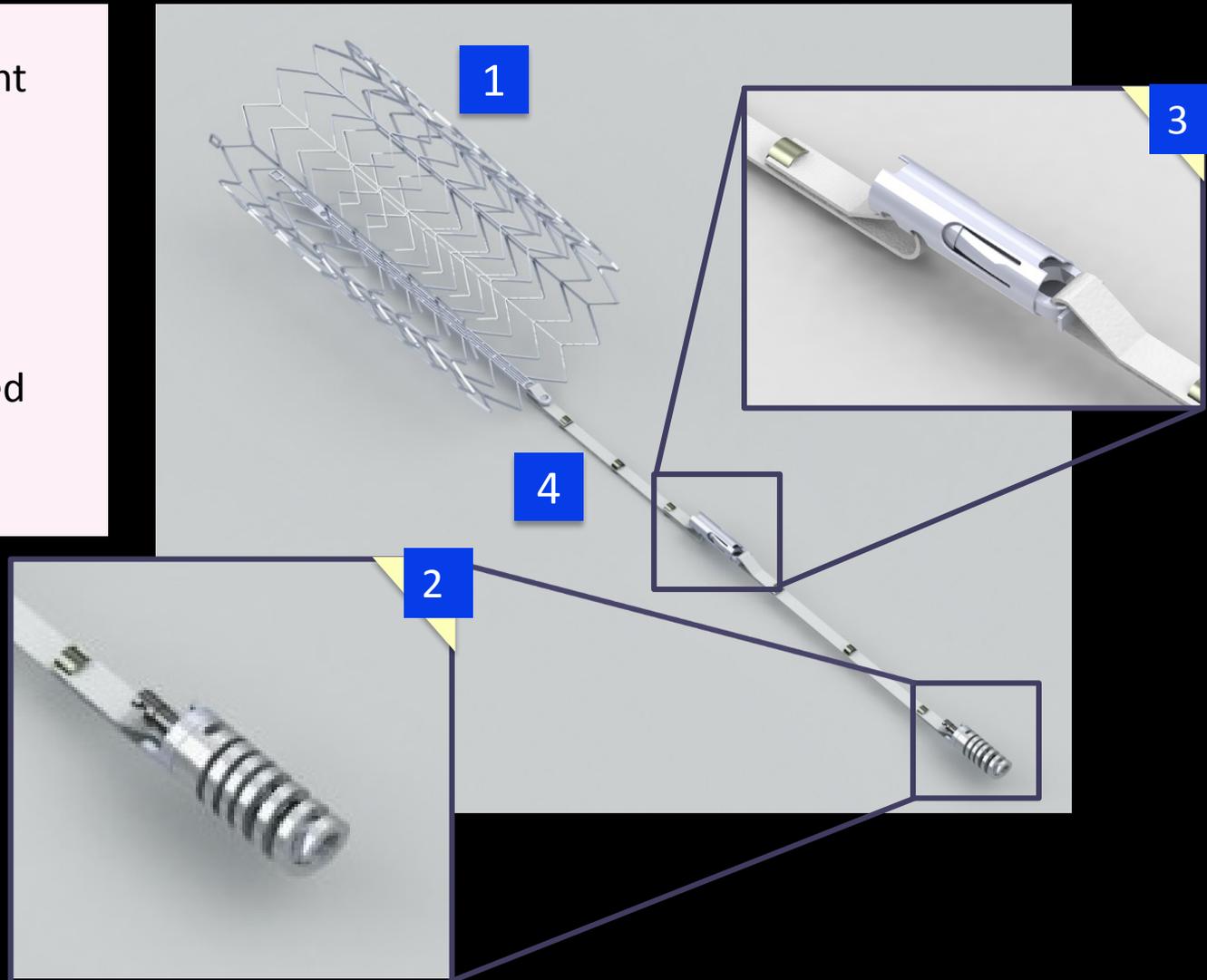
1: Retrievable Nitinol stent

2: Nitinol Corkscrew

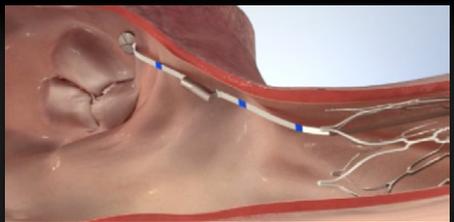
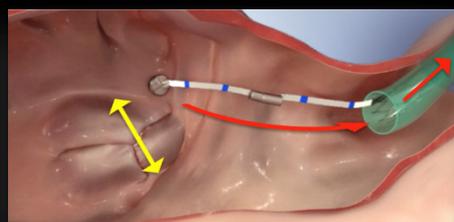
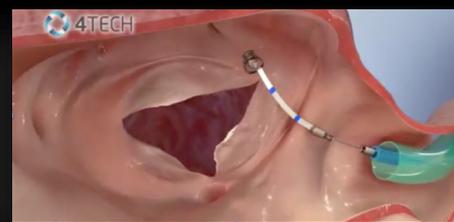
3: Coupling mechanism

4: Fluoroscopically marked

Dacron band



# 4Tech TriCinch Procedure



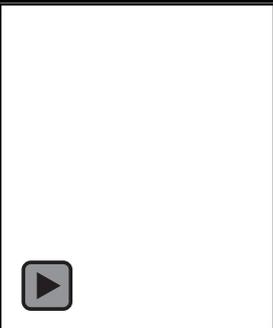
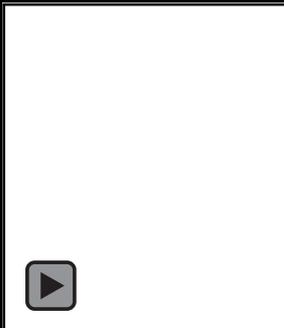
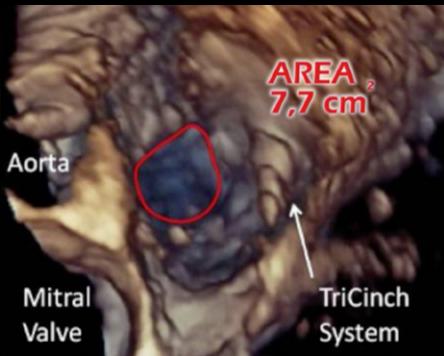
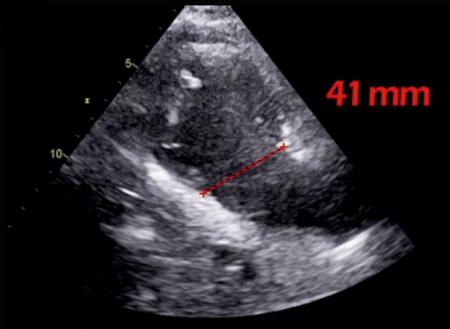
1 Corkscrew implant in APC

2 Coupling mechanism

3 Tension applied

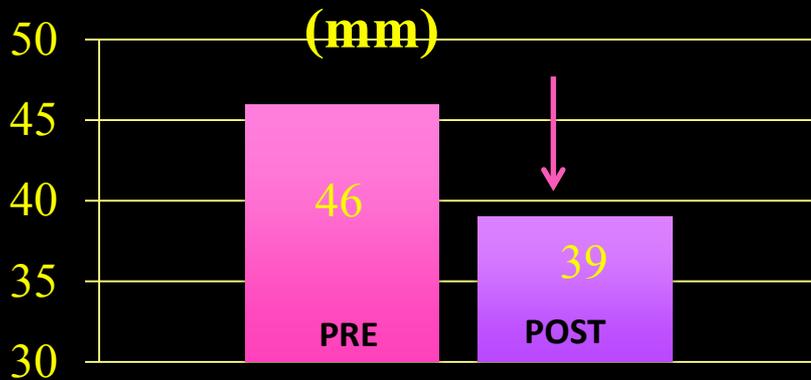
4 Stent deployment in IVC

# Echocardiographic results

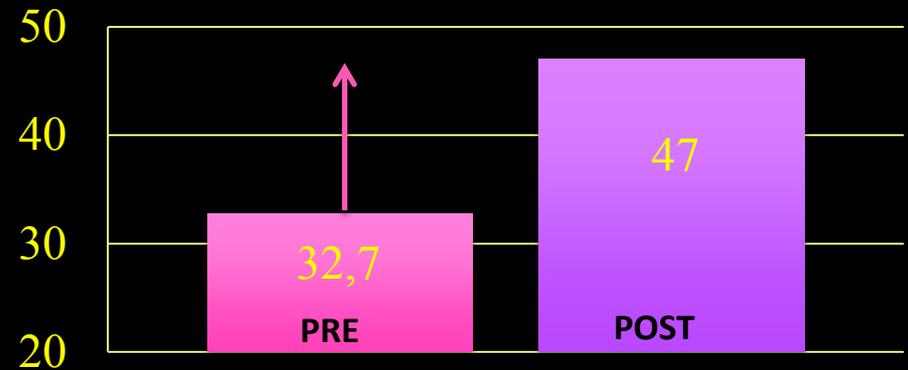


- 9 enrolled, 5 implanted successfully, 3 evaluated at 6 months. Primary and Secondary Endpoints met
- Straightforward procedure *Average procedural time 72 minutes*
- 100% Patient survival

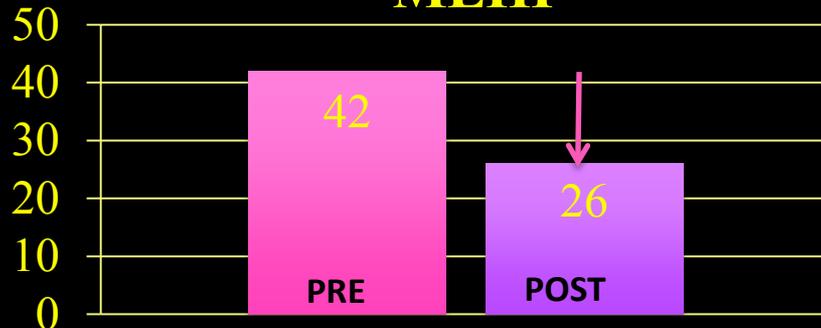
## Septo-Lateral Dimension



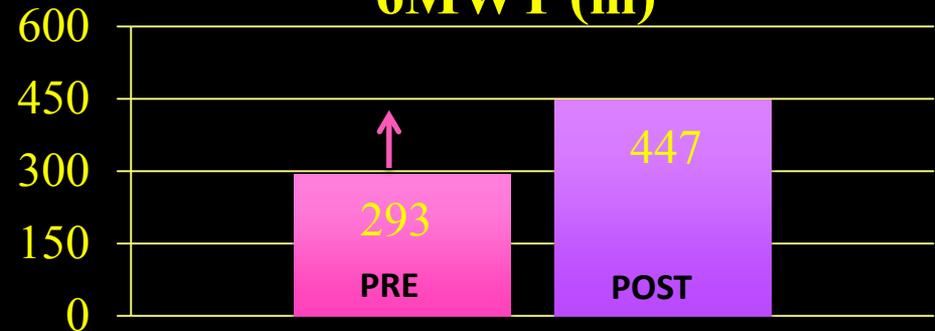
## SF 36 Scoring Average



## MLHF



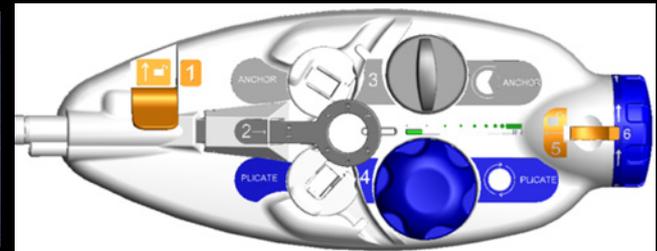
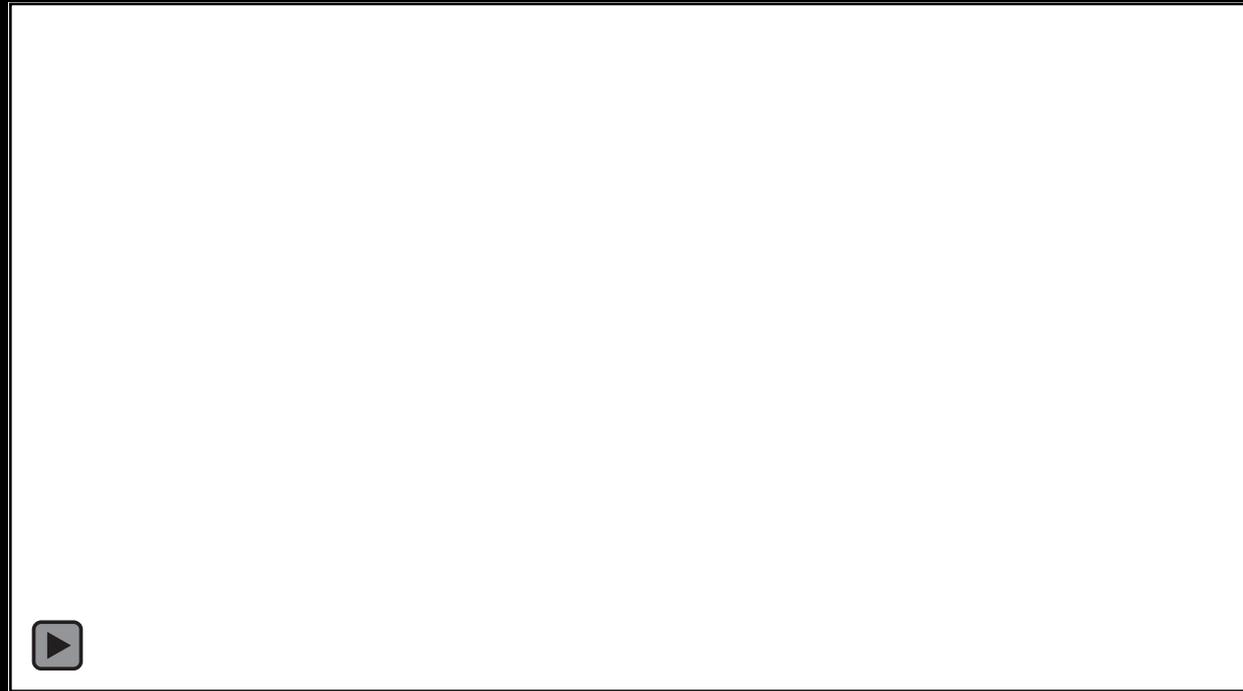
## 6MWT (m)



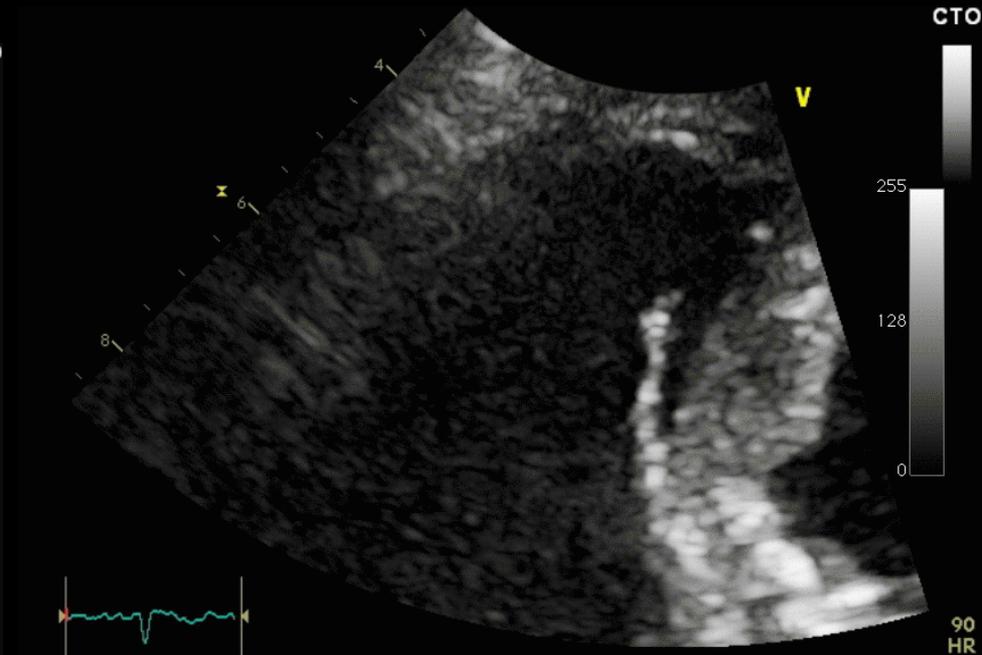
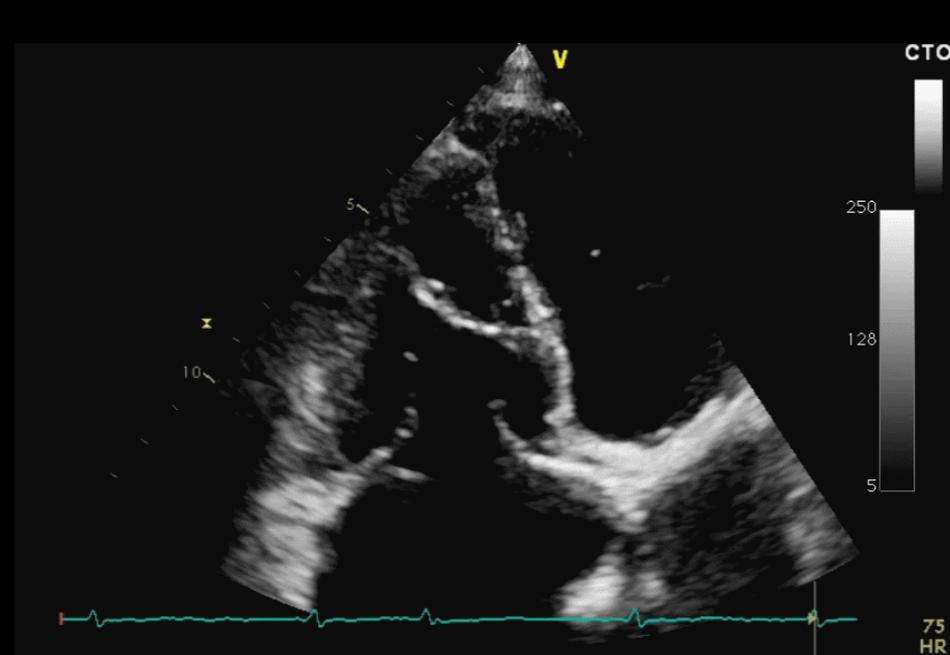
# Mitralign System for tricuspid valve repair

## Procedural Steps

- Jugular Access
- 40cm 14F Sheath
- Hook around wire delivery to deliver 1<sup>st</sup> pledget (anchor)
- Repeat wire delivery steps to deliver 2<sup>nd</sup> pledget (anchor)
- Cinch pledgets together to obliterate the posterior leaflet and deliver lock on atrial side

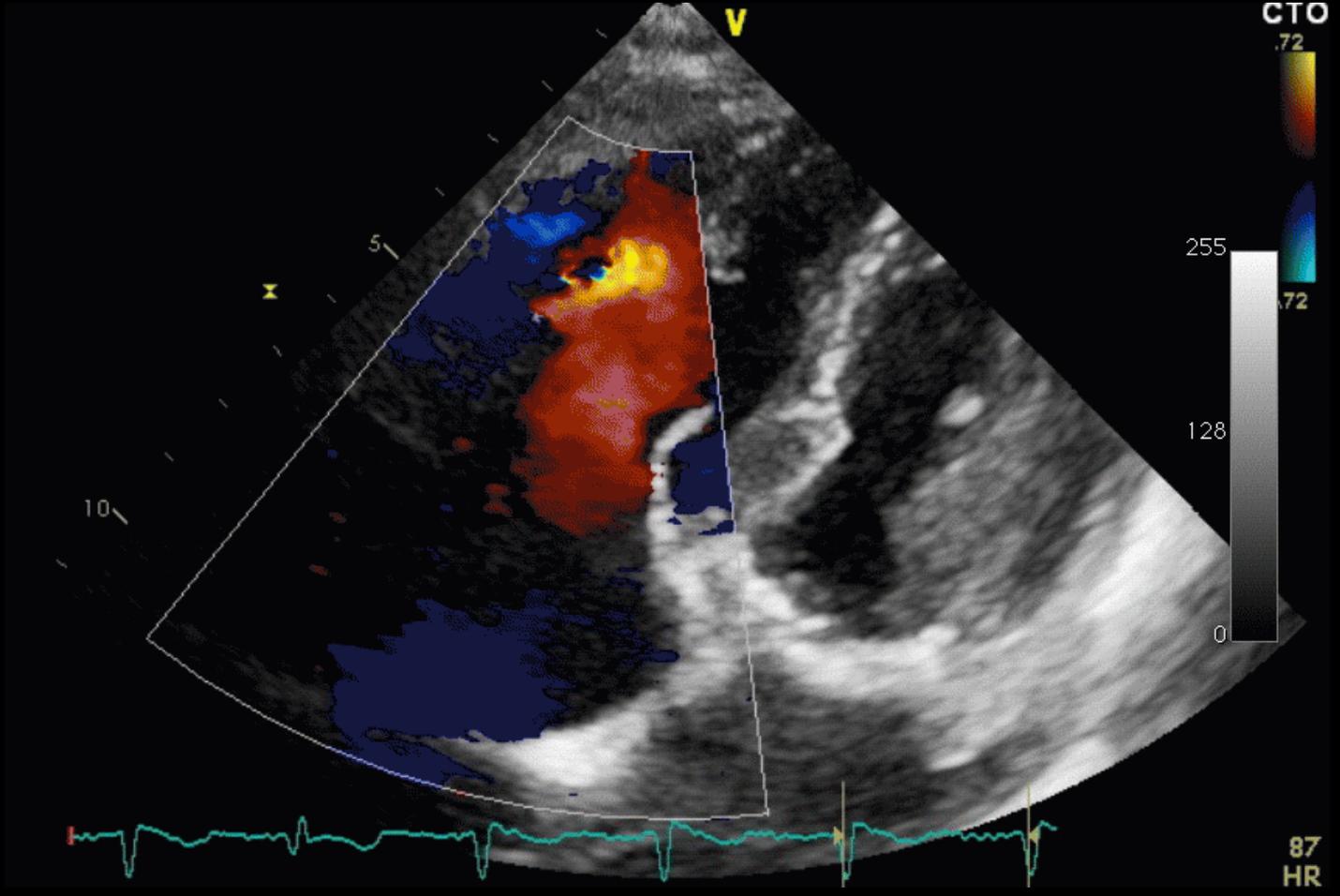


# Case done in San Raffaele Hospital TEE Baseline



Note complete lack of coaptation!

# Baseline Echo



# Implant Fluoroscopy

**Before treatment**

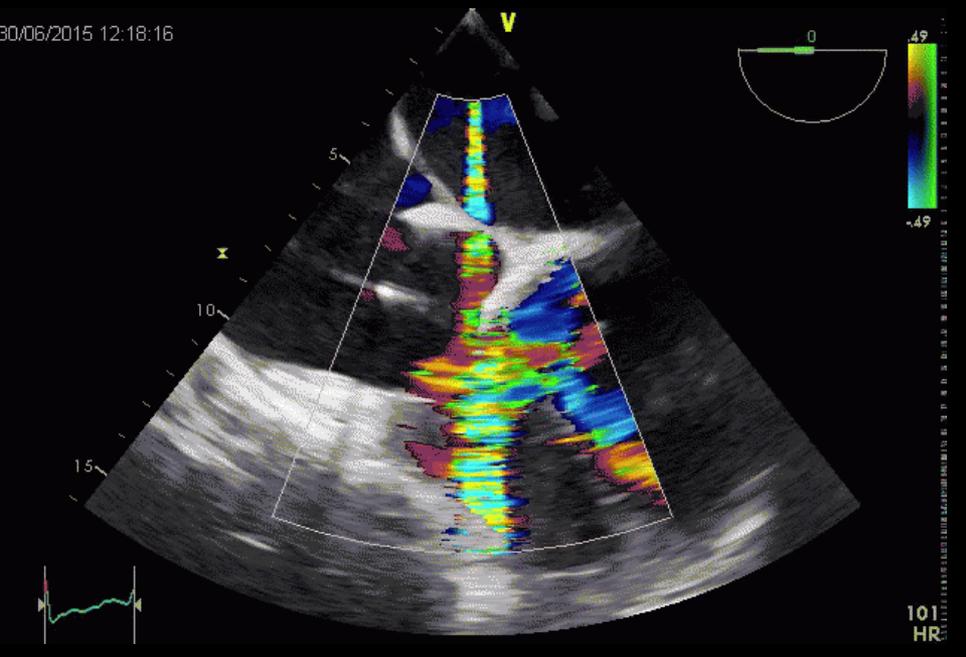
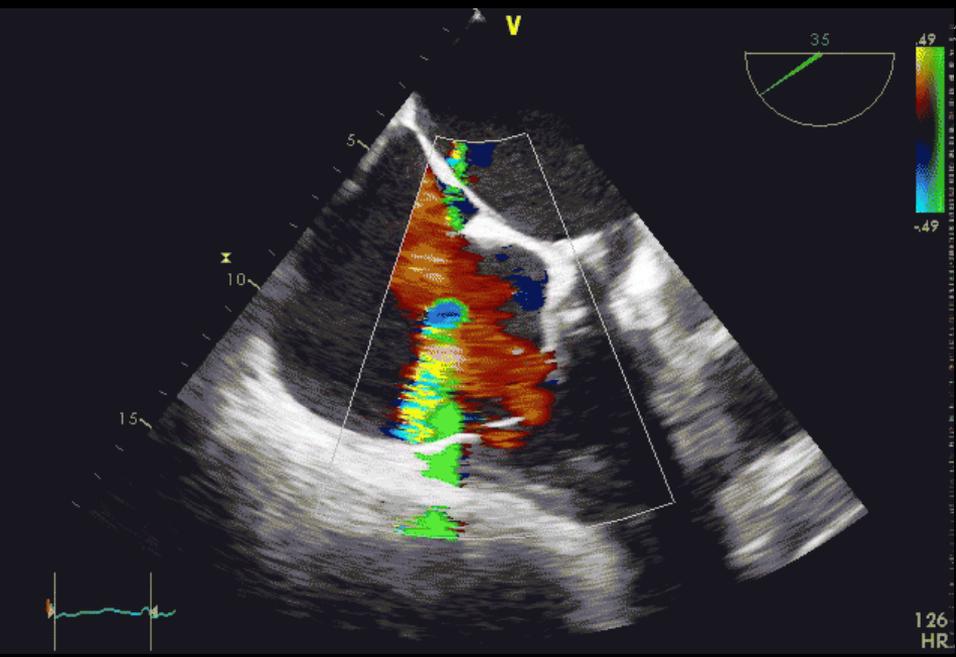
**After treatment**



**Before  
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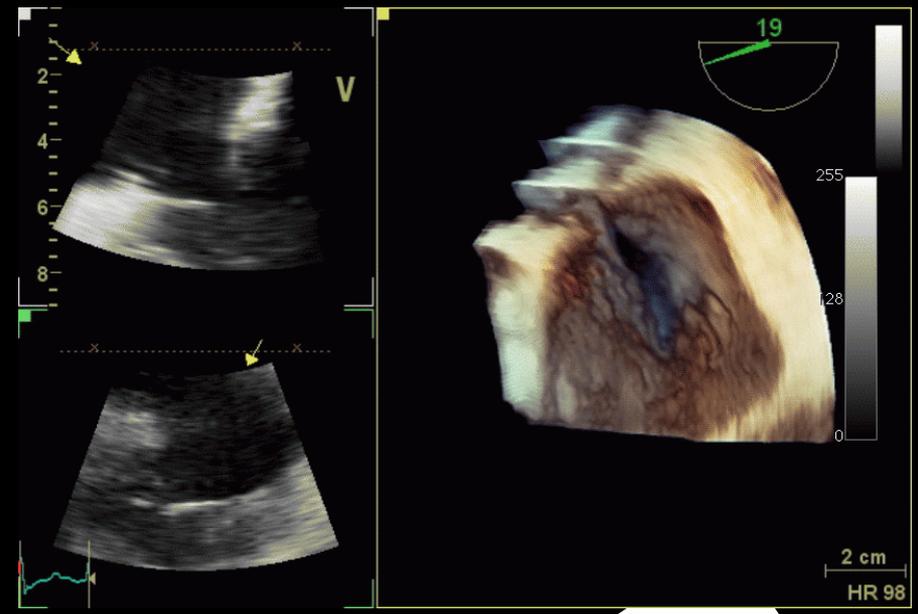
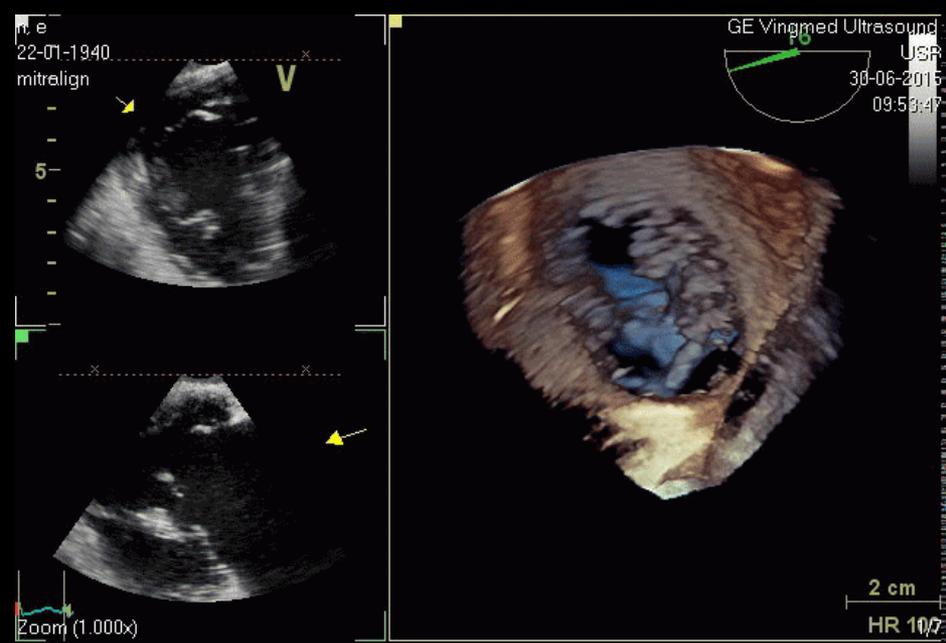
# Tricuspid Regurgitation Comparison



# 3D TEE

Before treatment

After treatment, the Tricuspid Valve  
is Bicuspidized!



# Acute Procedural Success

## • Device Delivery

- 8/10 patients received pledget implants
  - 2 patients: annular tissue was fragile

## –Implant Configuration

- 2 pledgets: n=6
- 3 pledgets: n=2

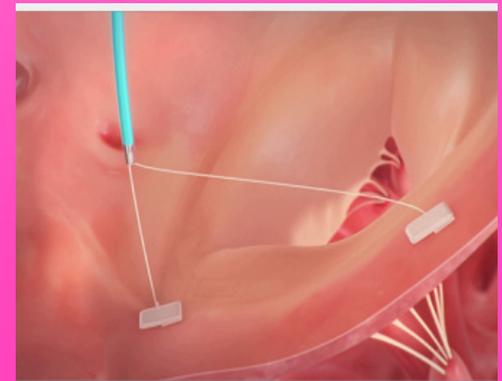
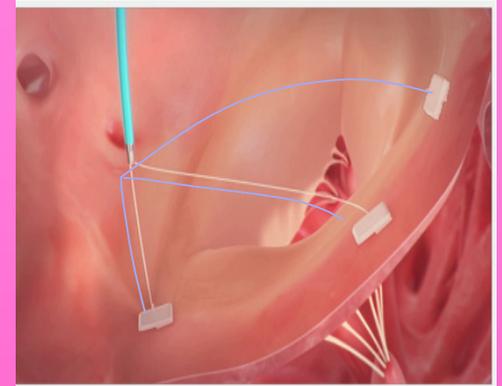
## • Procedural Efficacy

### –Tricuspid regurgitation:

- 6/8 patients showed TR reduction acutely
- 1/8 patient showed no TR reduction but had PAP>100

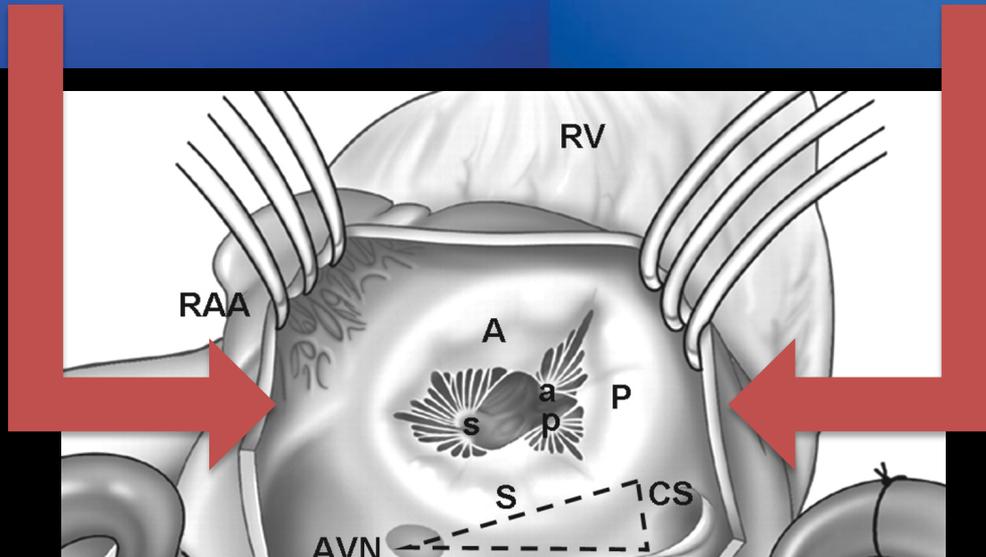
### –Annular Reduction

- 8/8 patients demonstrated annular changes
  - Annular shape
  - Annular circumference



# MitraClip on Tricuspid Valve

Is it possible to transfer the Mitral knowledge into the Tricuspid valve?



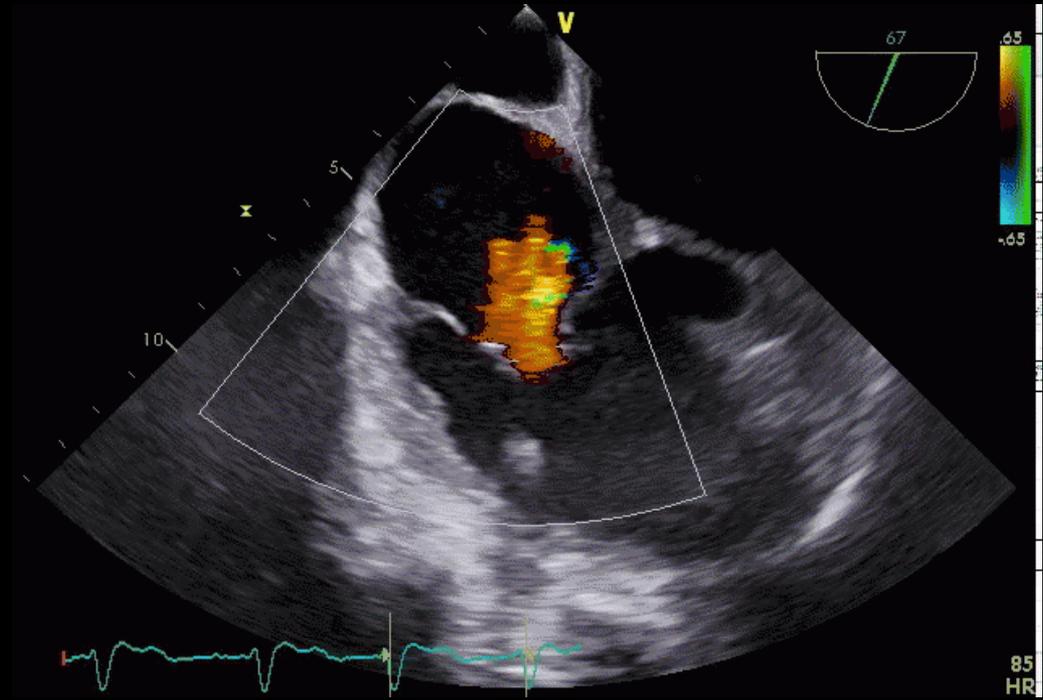
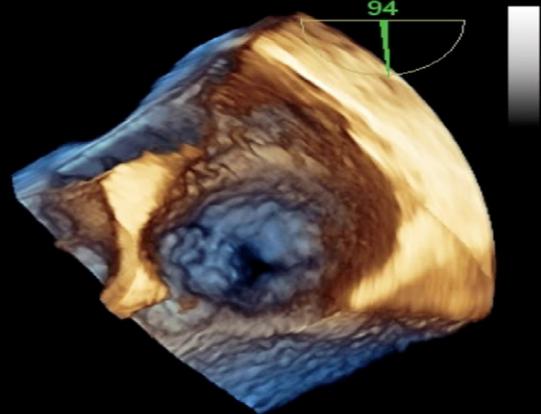
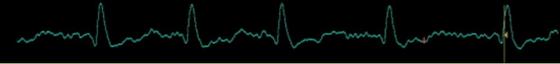
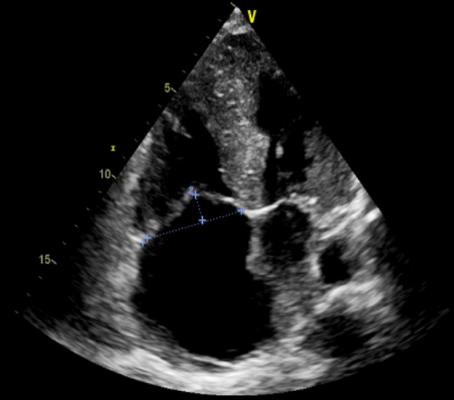
## Right ventricle:

- normal dimensions
- reduced systolic function
  - TAPSE 16 mm
  - s' TDI 9 cm/s

## TTE:

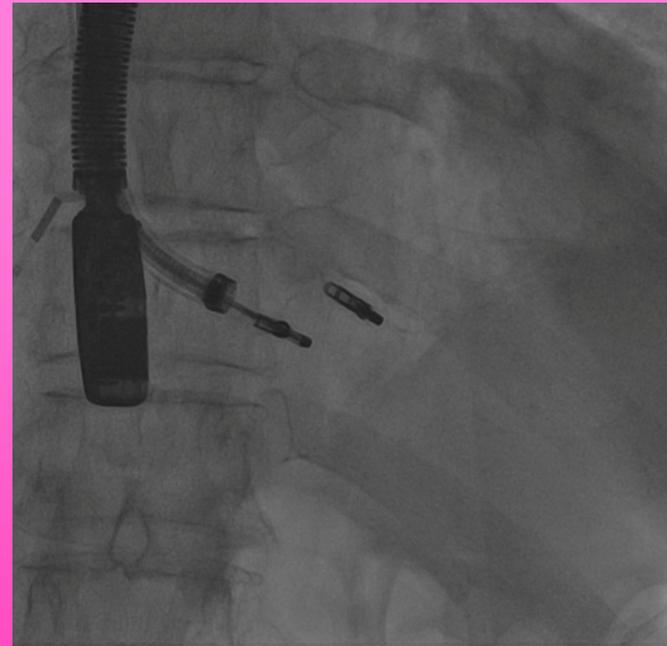
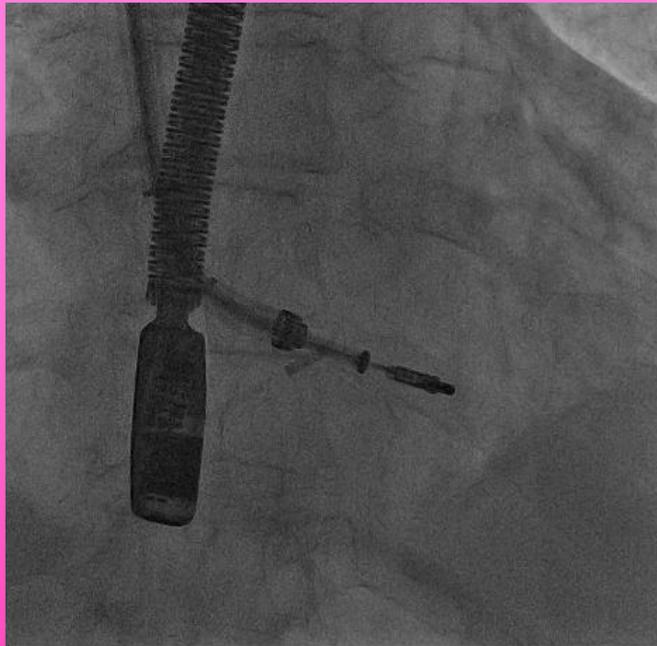
- severe tricuspid regurgitation
- moderate annular dilatation (40 x 48 mm)

② L 1.2 cm  
① L 5.0 cm



## Trans-jugular access, implantation of 2 Mitraclip

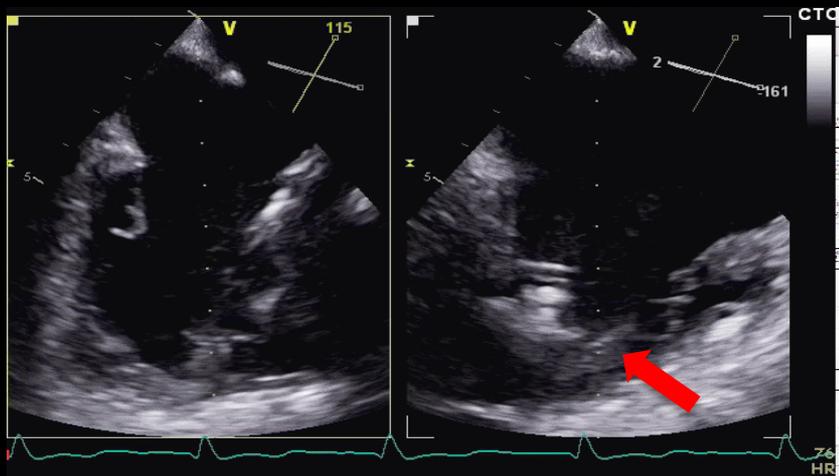
- **First clip:** antero-septal commissure
- **Second clip:** medial to previously implanted



***Bicuspidalization of the valve with good echographic result  
(residual moderate regurgitation)***

# Intra-procedural TEE monitoring

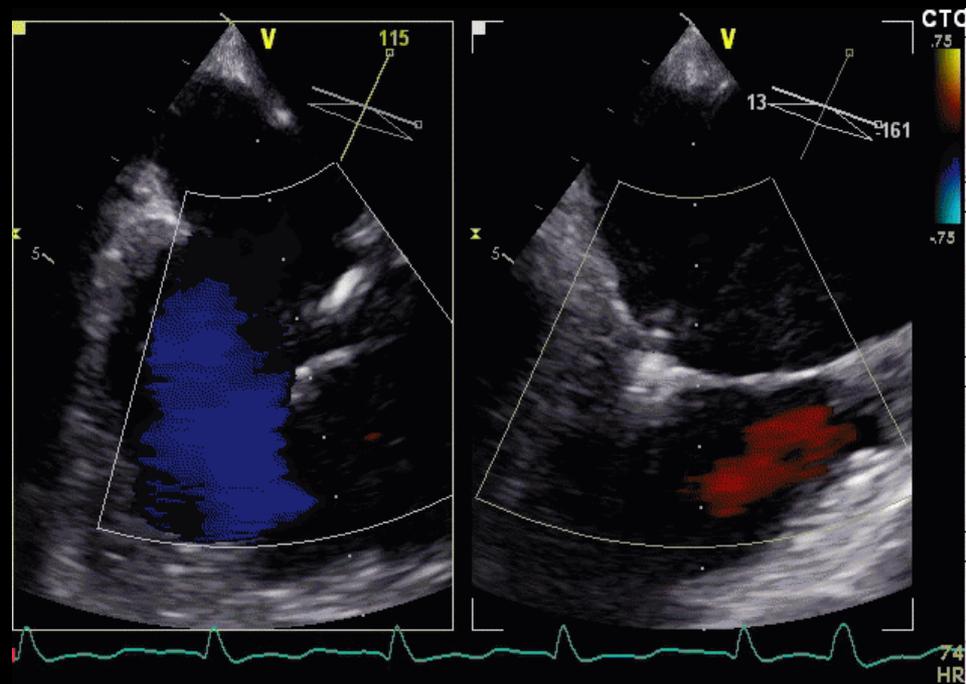
First Clip pre-grasping



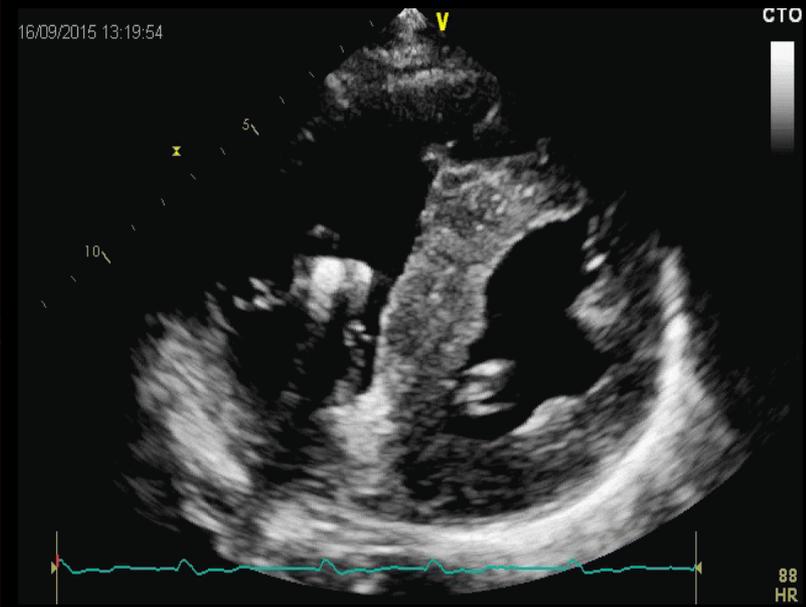
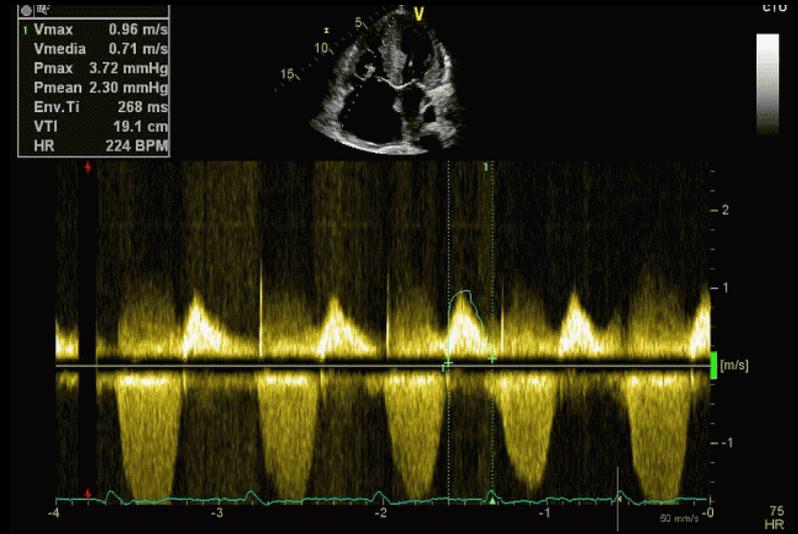
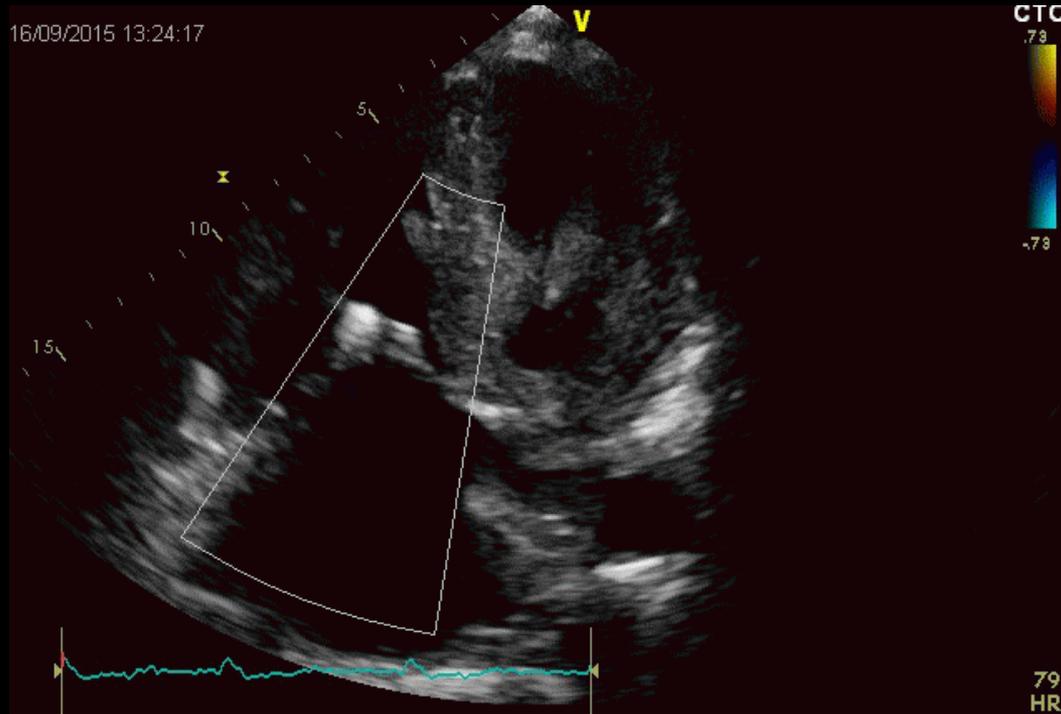
Second Clip implanted  
First Clip implanted



*Final result with residual moderate regurgitation and no stenosis*



- NYHA class II
- *Normal liver function*
- *moderate renal failure*



# Conclusions

Emerging innovative percutaneous therapies for FTR

Different pathophysiological basis and mechanism of reducing TR and/or annular dimensions

Varies from percutaneous Kay to palliative implantation of valves in the cava

Biggest challenge is patient selection:

Which patient is the most appropriate for percutaneous therapy?

Importance of PHT and RV function

If these therapies are shown to be effective, patients with moderate-severe FTR and annular dilatation could be treated earlier even if asymptomatic before they develop PHT and RV dysfunction

# Take Home Message

- Tricuspid regurgitation is a frequent valvular disease
- Most of the patients with tricuspid regurgitation are left untreated (only medical therapy)
- Effective treatment improves RV dimensions and may affect survival
- Minimally invasive treatment may be instituted with low risk in early phase of Tricuspid Regurgitation with possible long term benefit