



PLATFORM OF LABORATORIES FOR ADVANCES IN CARDIAC EXPERIENCE

ROMA

Centro Congressi
di Confindustria

**Auditorium
della Tecnica**

9ª Edizione

30 Settembre

1 Ottobre

2022



Topics in cardiocirurgia e dintorni

DEGENERAZIONE DI PROTESI BIOLOGICHE

Greco C.A. , Lecce



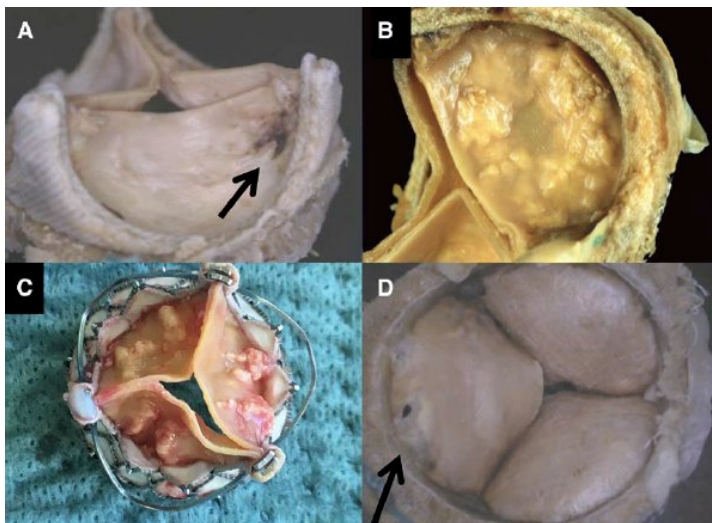
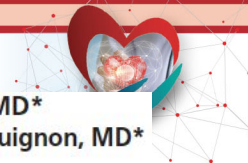


Standardized definitions of structural deterioration and valve failure in assessing long-term durability of transcatheter and surgical aortic bioprosthesis valves: a consensus statement from the European Association of Percutaneous Cardiovascular Interventions (EAPCI) endorsed by the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS)

European Heart Journal (2017) **38**, 3382–3390

Standardized Definition of Structural Valve Degeneration for Surgical and Transcatheter Bioprosthetic Aortic Valves

Danny Dvir, MD*
Thierry Bourguignon, MD*
et al



A, Carpentier-Edwards Perimount valve: leaflet tear. **B**, Carpentier-Edwards Magna Ease valve: leaflet calcification. **C**, Engager THV (Medtronic): leaflet restriction and calcification. **D**, Carpentier-Edwards Perimount valve: leaflet tear (ventricular side).

SVD DEFINITION

SVD is an acquired intrinsic bioprosthetic valve abnormality defined as deterioration of the leaflets or supporting structures resulting in thickening, calcification, tearing, or disruption of the prosthetic valve materials with eventual associated valve hemodynamic dysfunction, manifested as stenosis or regurgitation. The pre-

Circulation. 2018;137:388–399.



Aortic Bioprosthetic Valve Durability

Incidence, Mechanisms, Predictors, and Management of Surgical and Transcatheter Valve Degeneration

Tania Rodriguez-Gabella, MD, Pierre Voisine, MD, Rishi Puri, MBBS, PhD, Philippe Pibarot, DVM, PhD, Josep Rodés-Cabau, MD

MECHANISMS OF SVD

SVD is a multifactorial process with 2 main consequences: calcification and leaflet degradation leading to valve stenosis or leaflet tear with ensuing valve regurgitation. Bovine pericardial valves have a



Aortic Bioprosthetic Valve Durability

Incidence, Mechanisms, Predictors, and Management of Surgical and Transcatheter Valve Degeneration

Tania Rodriguez-Gabella, MD, Pierre Voisine, MD, Rishi Puri, MBBS, PhD, Philippe Pibarot, DVM, PhD, Josep Rodés-Cabau, MD

MECHANISMS OF SVD

Several mechanisms have been identified in the pathogenesis of SVD. Bioprosthetic leaflet tissue is fixed in glutaraldehyde to cross-link and mask antigens, avoiding immune system rejection of the xenograft and making the bioprosthesis “immunologically inert.” Free aldehyde groups resulting from this treatment, along with phospholipids and calcium ions in the circulation, result in a passive process of calcification (28). Hypercalcemia,

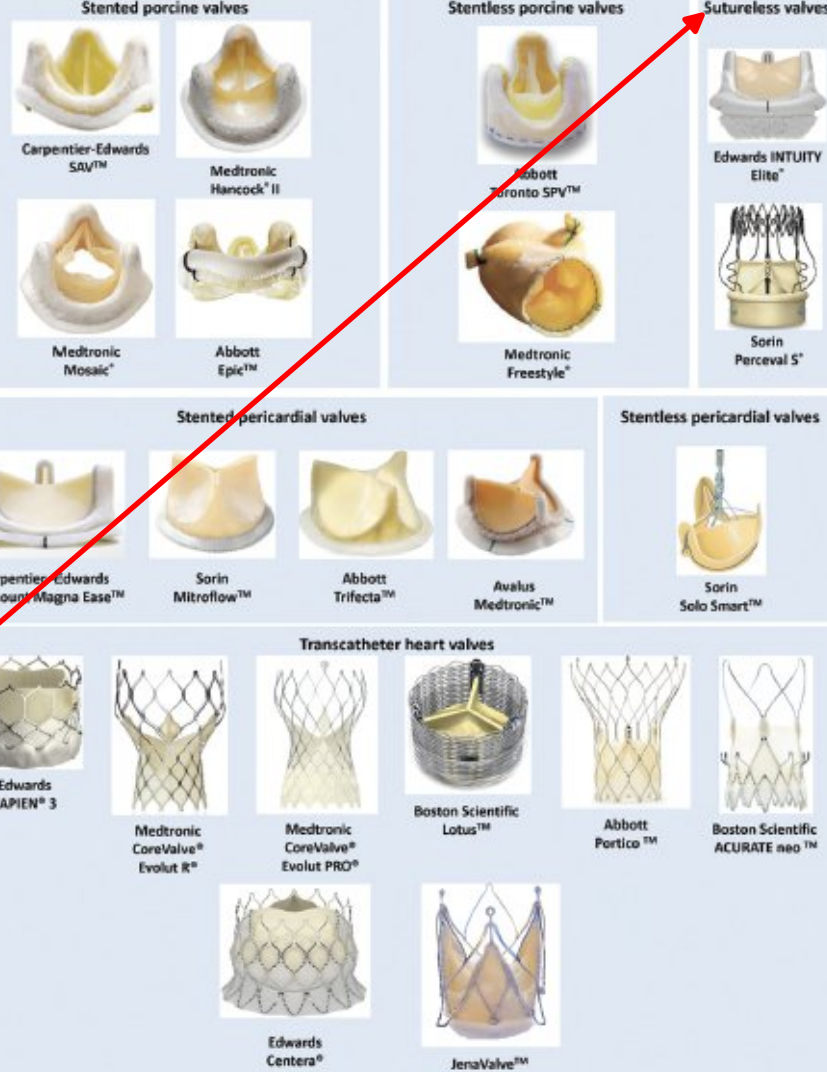
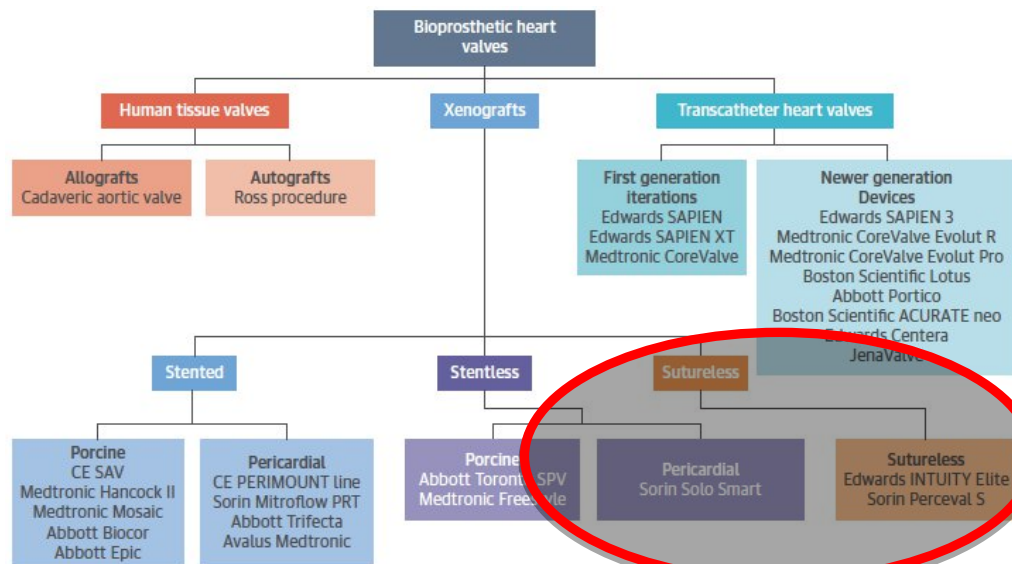
Incidence, risk factors, clinical impact, and management of bioprosthesis structural valve degeneration

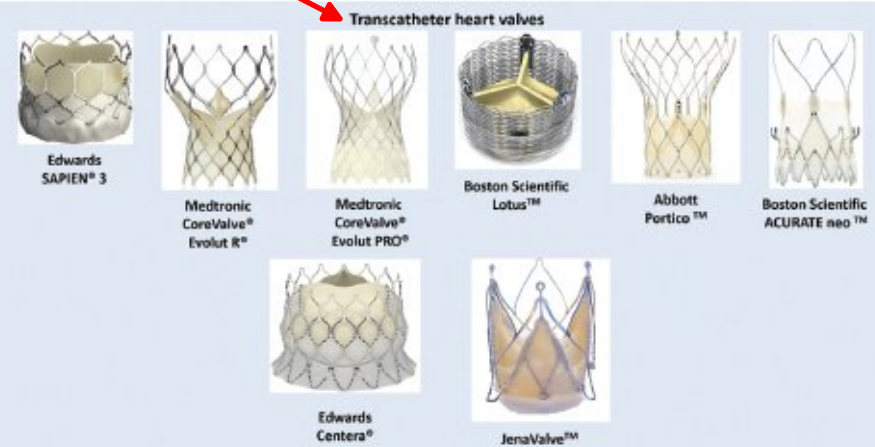
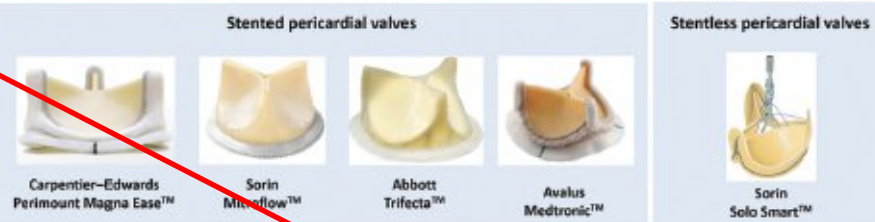
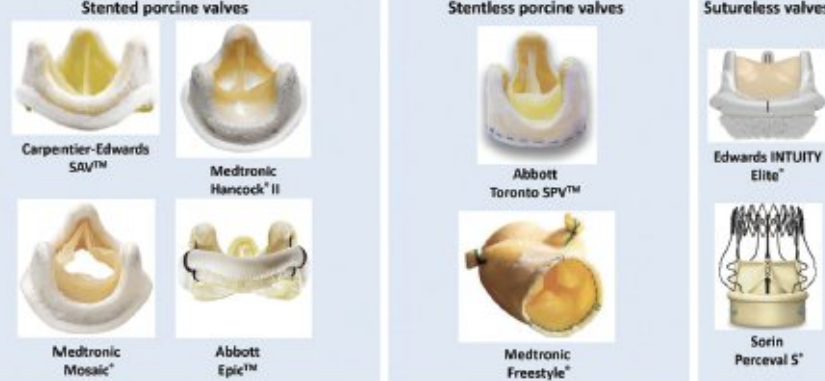
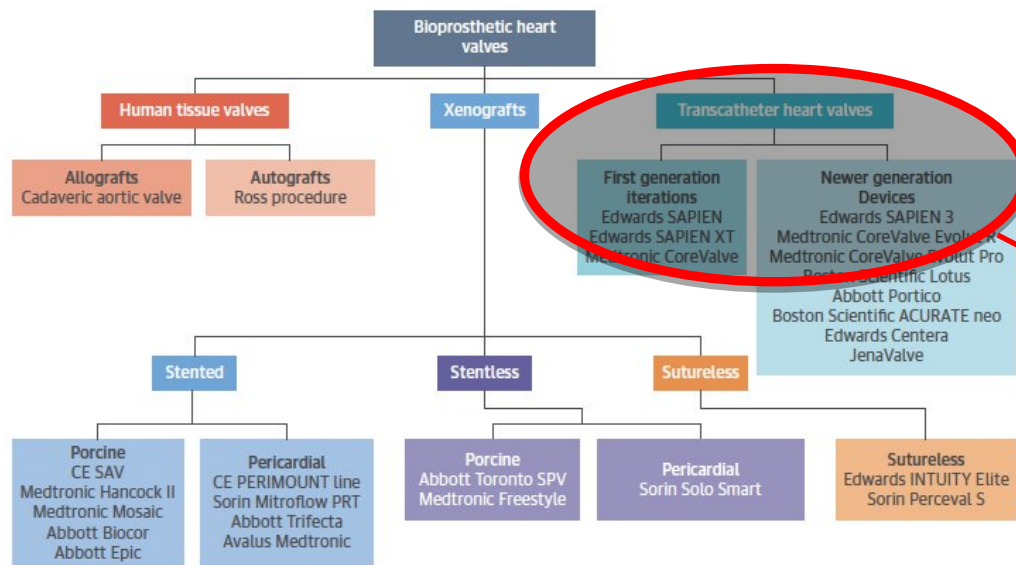


Nancy Côté, Philippe Pibarot, and Marie-Annick Clavel

KEY POINTS

- SVD is the major cause of aortic and mitral valve bioprosthesis failure and is increasing over time.
- SVD is an active process characterized by leaflet mineralization, fibrosis caused by mechanical stress, lipid-mediated inflammation, and immune rejection processes.





Incidence, risk factors, clinical impact, and management of bioprosthesis structural valve degeneration

Curr Opin Cardiol 2017, 32:123–129



Nancy Côté, Philippe Pibarot, and Marie-Annick Clavel

Risk factors previously found to be associated with bioprosthetic SVD are younger age, mitral valve position, end-stage renal disease, higher calcium-phosphorus product, hyperparathyroidism, hypertension, thetic valve leaflets [6]. Prosthesis-related factors include small bioprosthesis size and PPM [13,51]. These factors may increase mechanical stress on the leaflets. Several studies suggest that the new generation of bioprostheses are more durable compared

- (1) There should be clear distinction between SVD (the principal aetiology) and BVF (the clinical correlate).
- (2) Structural valve deterioration causes irreversible dysfunction whereas other pathological causes of bioprosthetic valve dysfunction (i.e. thrombosis, endocarditis) are potentially reversible and should be identified and categorized separately. However, the thrombotic or endocarditic process qualifies as a cause of BVF if it leads to lasting or permanent bioprosthetic valve dysfunction.
- (3) Non-structural valve dysfunction (i.e. intra-prosthetic or paravalvular regurgitation, prosthesis malposition, patient-prosthesis mismatch, late embolization) may occur early after TAVI as a result of technical issues. Non-structural valve dysfunction resulting in valve-related death, reintervention, and haemodynamic dysfunction [i.e. severe new or worsening ($>2+/4+$) paravalvular aortic regurgitation] qualifies as a cause of BVF.
- (4) Echocardiography is the principal imaging modality for the detection of SVD and the best and most accessible way to detect serial changes in valve function. Transprosthetic gradients should be determined in at least two consecutive measurements to account for detection bias and minimize inconsistencies related to the different types of bioprosthesis implanted. After TAVI and SAVR,

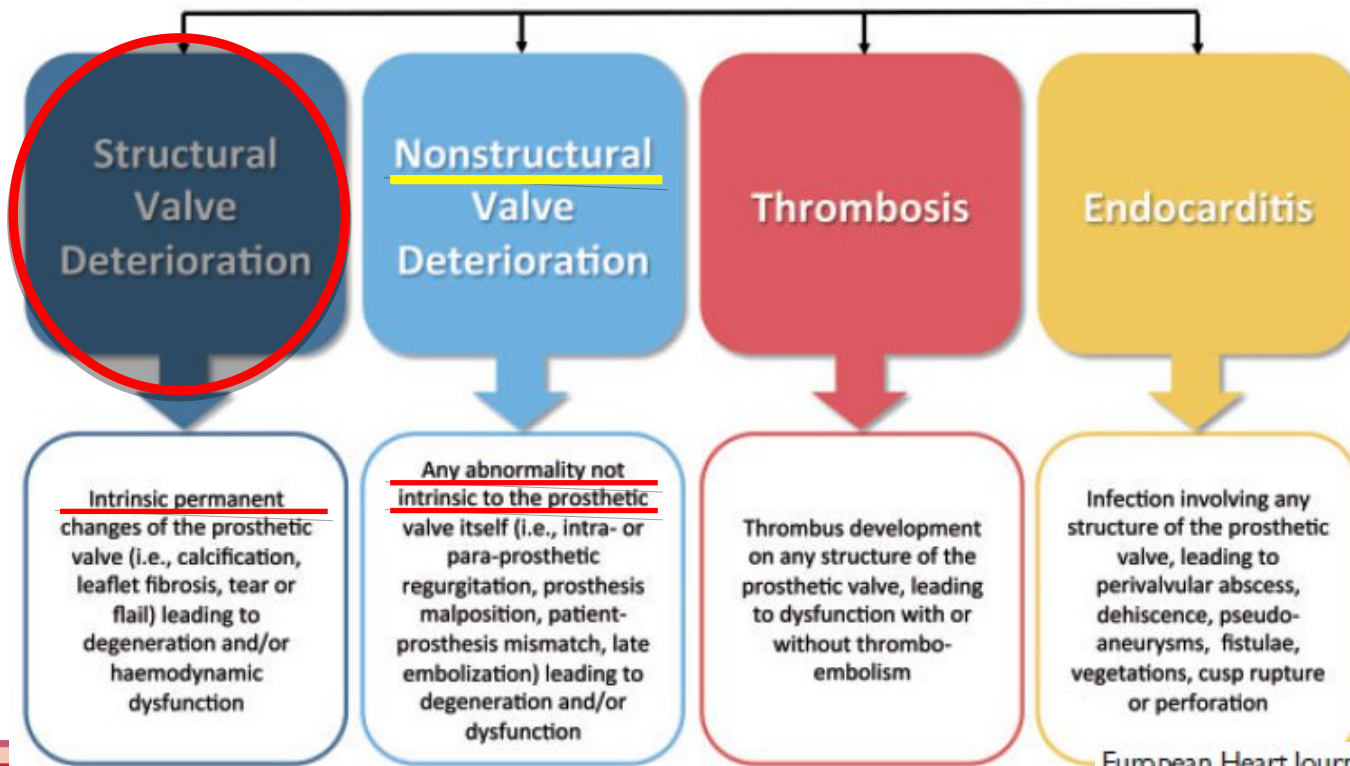


BVF:
BIOPROSTHETIC
VALVE FAILURE



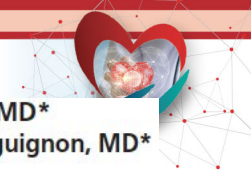
Causes of bioprosthetic valve dysfunction.

Bioprosthetic Valve Dysfunction



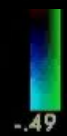
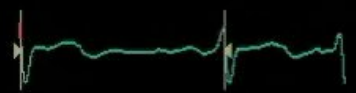
Standardized Definition of Structural Valve Degeneration for Surgical and Transcatheter Bioprosthetic Aortic Valves

Danny Dvir, MD*
Thierry Bourguignon, MD*
et al

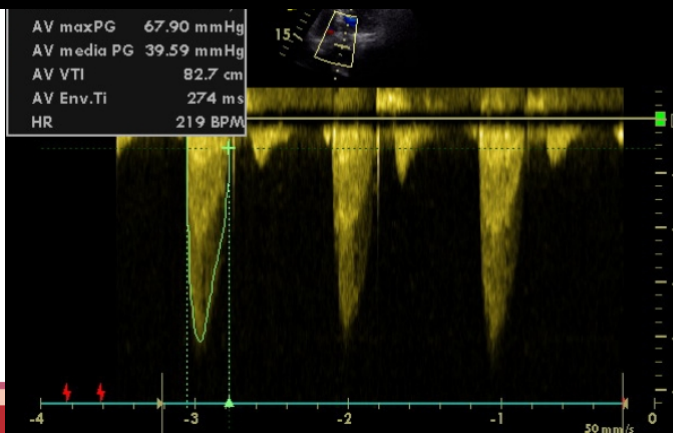


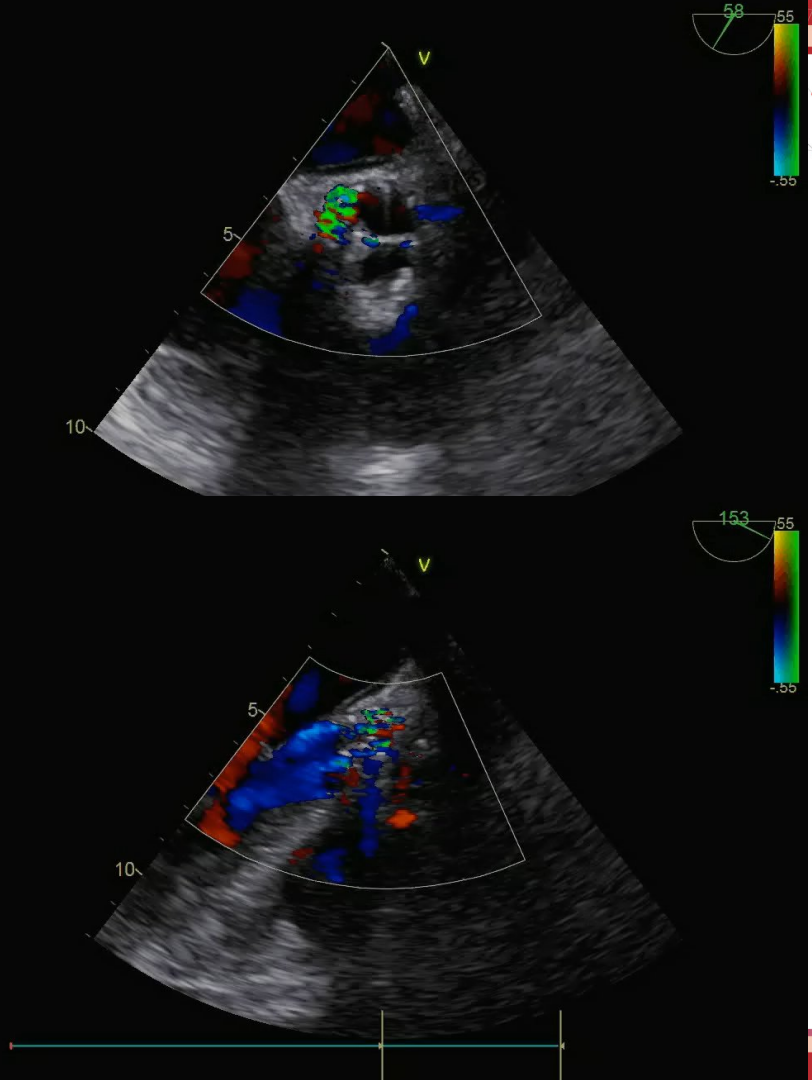
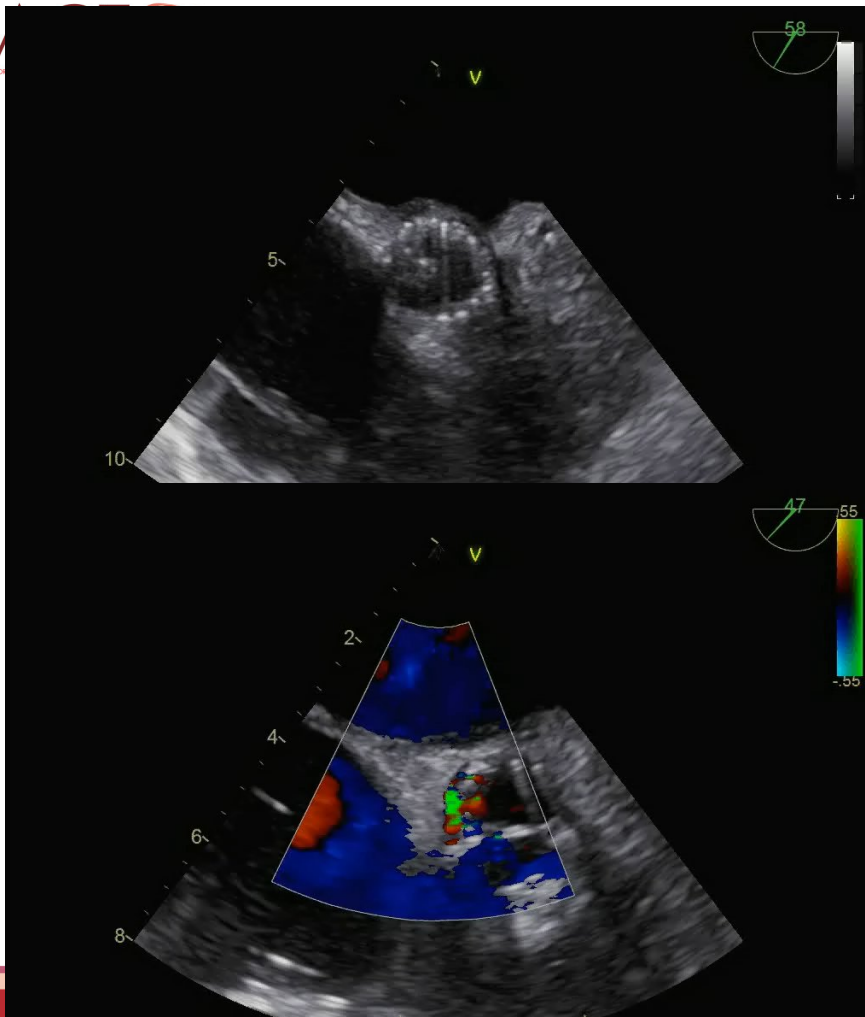
SVD DEFINITION

Other clinical valve abnormalities that are not because of deterioration of the valve tissue are not included in the definition of SVD. These include patient-prosthesis mismatch, device malposition, paravalvular regurgitation, and abnormal frame expansion, although these may be associated with early SVD. In particular, patient-up. Prosthetic valve thrombosis and infective endocarditis also are not included in the definition of SVD, but

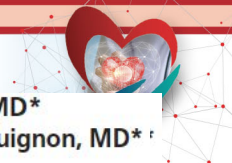


AV maxPG	67.90 mmHg
AV media PG	39.59 mmHg
AV VTI	82.7 cm
AV Env.Ti	274 ms
HR	219 BPM





Standardized Definition of Structural Valve Degeneration for Surgical and Transcatheter Bioprosthetic Aortic Valves



Danny Dvir, MD*
Thierry Bourguignon, MD*
et al

SVD Definition

SVD Stage 0

- No significant change from immediate post implantation*

SVD Stage 1

- Morphological leaflet abnormality without significant hemodynamic changes†

SVD Stage 2S

- Moderate stenosis‡

SVD Stage 2R

- Moderate regurgitation§

SVD Stage 2RS

- Moderate stenosis and moderate regurgitation

SVD Stage 3

- Severe stenosis and/or severe regurgitation

Circulation. 2018;137:388–399.



Standardized Definition of Structural Valve Degeneration for Surgical and Transcatheter Bioprosthetic Aortic Valves

DIAGNOSIS OF SVD

Echocardiography

Transthoracic echocardiography (TTE) is the primary imaging modality for the assessment of SAVR and TAVR valves, although transesophageal echocardiography (TEE) may be helpful when standard imaging is suboptimal.^{7,58} All patients should have a complete diagnostic TTE postimplantation study after SAVR or TAVR at discharge to provide a baseline for comparison with future studies, including comprehensive imaging of the valve prosthesis components, measurement of antegrade velocity, mean gradient, aortic valve effective orifice area, and evaluation of any (transvalvular or paravalvular) prosthetic regurgitation. In patients followed af-

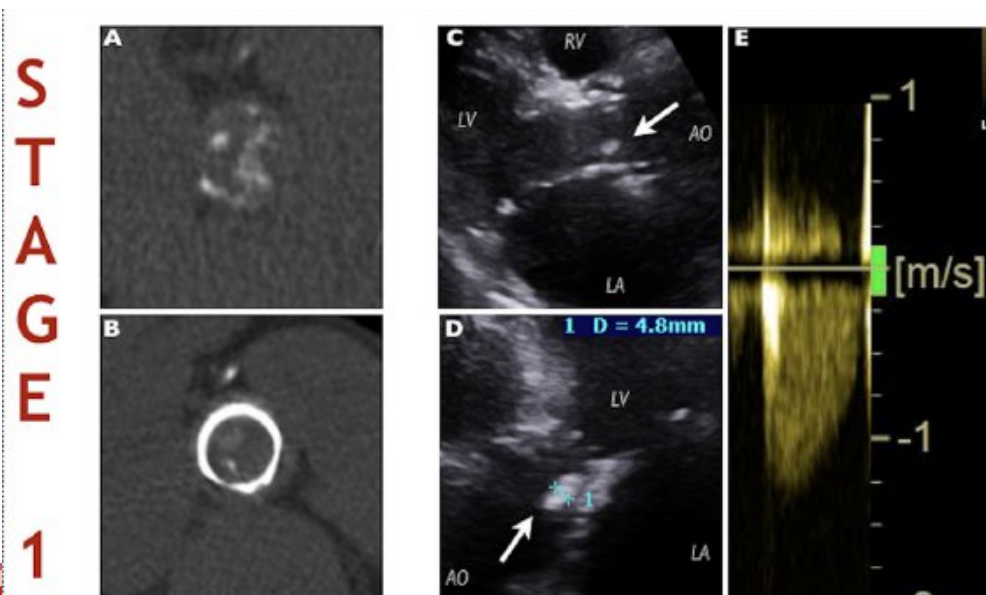
Circulation. 2018;137:388–399.



SVD Stage 1

- Morphological leaflet abnormality without significant hemodynamic changes[†]

Examples include leaflet fluttering, leaflet thickening, and limited, delayed, or asymmetrical leaflet opening or closure on echocardiography or other types of imag-





DIAGNOSIS OF SVD

Computed tomography predictors of structural valve degeneration in patients undergoing transcatheter aortic valve implantation with balloon-expandable prostheses

Marco Guglielmo¹ • Laura Fusini¹ • Manuela Muratori¹ • Gloria Tamborini¹ • Valentina Mantegazza¹ • Daniele Andreini^{1,2} • Andrea Annoni¹ • Mario Babbaro¹ • Andrea Baggiano¹ • Edoardo Conte¹ • Serena Carriero³ • Alberto Formenti¹ • Andrea Igoren Guaricci⁴ • Elisabetta Mancini¹ • Rocco Mollace¹ • Giuseppe Muscogiuri¹ • Saima Mushtaq¹ • Francesca Ricci¹ • Alexia Rossi^{5,6} • Stefano Scafuri¹ • Brunilda Alushi^{7,8,9} • Claudio Cau¹⁰ • Riccardo Cau¹⁰ • Margherita Cesarano¹¹ • Luca Saba¹⁰ • Mark Rabbat^{12,13} • Mauro Pepi¹ • Gianluca Pontone¹ 

Conclusions Female sex and AoA $D_{\min} < 19.9$ mm are associated with SVD in patients undergoing TAVI with balloon-expandable valves. When implanting large prostheses in order to avoid paraprosthatic regurgitation, caution should be observed due to the risk of excessive stretching of the AoA $D_{\min}$, which may play a role in SVD.

SVD Stage 2S

• Moderate

Stage 2 SVD refers to morphological abnormalities of valve leaflets associated with hemodynamic dysfunction

Semiquantitative parameters

Acceleration time, ms

Acceleration time/LV
ejection time ratio

Quantitative flow-dependent parameters

Peak velocity, m/s 3–4

Mean gradient, mm Hg 20–40

Increase in mean gradient
during follow-up
associated with decrease
in EOA and DVI 10–20

Quantitative flow-independent parameters

Doppler velocity index 0.25–0.35

EOA for BSA ≥ 1.6 m² 1.0–1.2

EOA for BSA < 1.6 m² 0.8–1.1

tion are graded Stage 2R. Important considerations in the determination of Stage 2S include an increase in transvalvular mean gradient of ≥ 10 mm Hg with a concomitant decrease in valve area, which is not the result of isolated leaflet thickening. Many bioprosthetic valves have baseline postprocedural gradients of 15 to 19 mm Hg (because of prosthesis-patient mismatch), and a mild increase in gradients often related to an increase in flow should not be viewed as SVD. This possible confusion is the reason that the documentation of abnormal leaflet morphology and deterioration in valve hemodynamics (increase in gradients and decrease in valve area) is crucial for the definition of SVD. High-quality

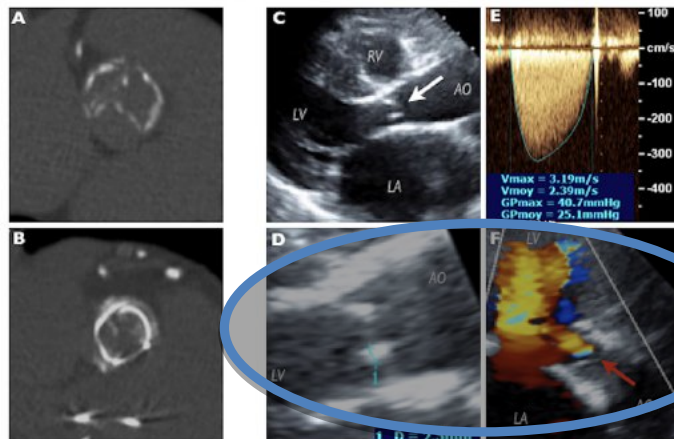


SVD Stage 2R

• Moderate regurgitation[§]

S
T
A
G
E

2



tion should be followed by assessment of the location of the leakage (optimally with transesophageal echocardiography) to exclude paravalvular regurgitation.



Aortic Bioprosthetic Valve Durability

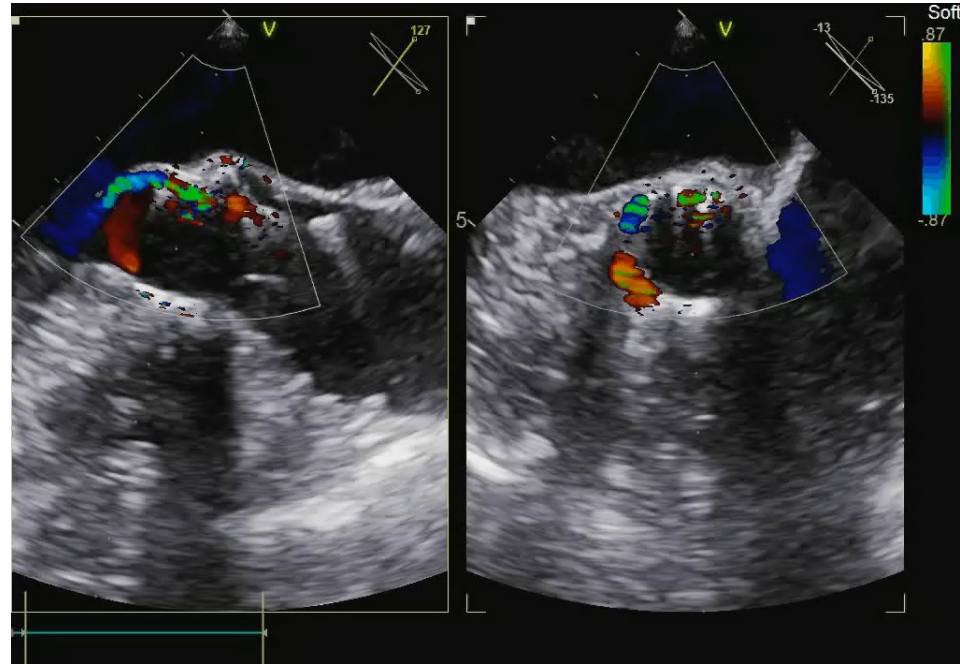
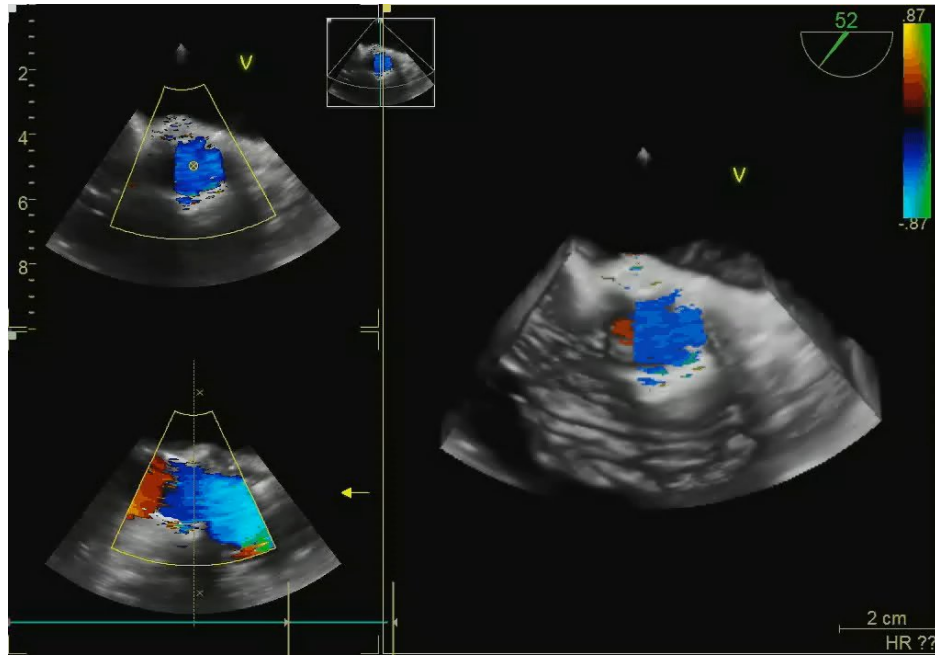
Incidence, Mechanisms, Predictors, and Management of Surgical and Transcatheter Valve Degeneration

Tania Rodriguez-Gabella, MD, Pierre Voisine, MD, Rishi Puri, MBBS, PhD, Philippe Pibarot, DVM, PhD, Josep Rodés-Cabau, MD

DIAGNOSIS AND DEFINITION OF SVD

The higher resolution makes **TEE** an even more helpful imaging technique for evaluating and identifying the mechanism of biological SVD (leaflet thickening/calcification or leaflet flail or tear) [

Its higher resolution makes transesophageal echo-
cardiography (TEE) a helpful imaging technique when TTE has technical limitations. The role of TEE remains essential for assessing aortic insufficiency and distinguishing between transvalvular and paravalvular regurgitation. The 3-dimensional echocardiographic en face surgical view of the valve is extremely useful for determining the presence, origin, direction, and extension of regurgitant jets





DIFFICOLTA' DIAGNOSTICHE

-
- 01 • ANALISI MORFOLOGICA
- Ispessimento/Trombosi
 - Trombosi/Panno
-

- 02 • ANALISI FUNZIONALE
- Ostruzione/Mismatch pr-pz
-

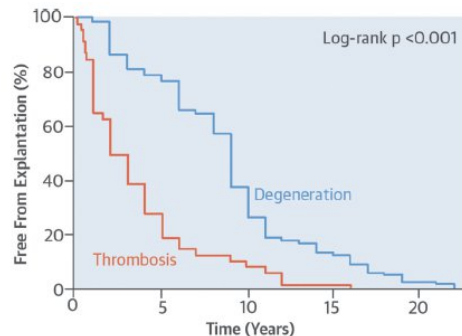
Bioprosthetic Valve Thrombosis Versus Structural Failure

Clinical and Echocardiographic Predictors

Alexander C. Egbe, MD, MPH,* Sorin V. Pislaru, MD, PhD,* Patricia A. Pellikka, MD,* Joseph T. Poterucha, DO,*
 Hartzell V. Schaff, MD,† Joseph J. Maleszewski, MD,‡ Heidi M. Connolly, MD*

BACKGROUND Bioprosthetic valve thrombosis (BPVT) is considered uncommon; this may be related to the fact that it is often unrecognized. Recent data suggest that BPVT responds to vitamin K antagonists, emphasizing the need for reliable diagnosis.

CONCLUSIONS BPVT is not uncommon and can occur several years after surgery. A combination of clinical and echocardiographic features can reliably diagnose BPVT. (J Am Coll Cardiol 2015;66:2285-94)



Bioprosthetic Thrombosis

Bioprosthetic Degeneration

COMPETENCY IN MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE: Thrombosis of bioprosthetic heart valves can occur several years after implantation. Likely predictors of this complication include a >50% increase in mean echo-Doppler transvalvular gradient within 5 years, paroxysmal atrial fibrillation, subtherapeutic INR in patients anticoagulated with vitamin K antagonists, increased cusp thickness, and abnormal cusp mobility.

Bioprosthetic Valve Thrombosis Versus Structural Failure

Clinical and Echocardiographic Predictors

Alexander C. Egbe, MD, MPH,* Sorin V. Pislaru, MD, PhD,* Patricia A. Pellikka, MD,* Joseph T. Poterucha, DO,*
 Hartzell V. Schaff, MD,† Joseph J. Maleszewski, MD,‡ Heidi M. Connolly, MD*

CONCLUSIONS BPVT is not uncommon and can occur several years after surgery. A combination of clinical and echocardiographic features can reliably diagnose BPVT. (J Am Coll Cardiol 2015;66:2285-94)

TABLE 5 Test Performance Characteristics for the Diagnosis of BPVT

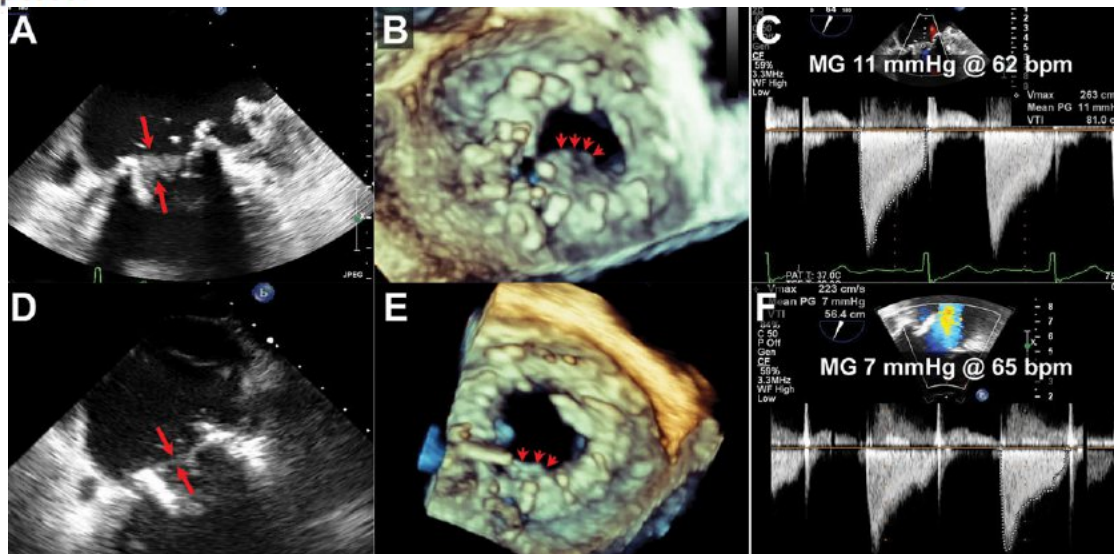
Variables	Total Score	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	PPV (%)	NPV (%)
A. 50% mean gradient increase	1	45	89	68	77
B. Increase cusp thickness	1	74	69	55	84
C. Abnormal cusp mobility	1	63	70	51	81
D. Paroxysmal AF	1	63	73	54	80
E. Subtherapeutic INR	1	30	92	67	73
Combination of variables					
A and B	2	86	57	50	89
A, B, and C	3	72	90	78	87
A, B, C, and D	4	70	94	87	86
A, B, C, D, and E	5	66	93	85	89

Misconceptions, diagnostic challenges and treatment opportunities in bioprosthetic valve thrombosis: lessons from a case series

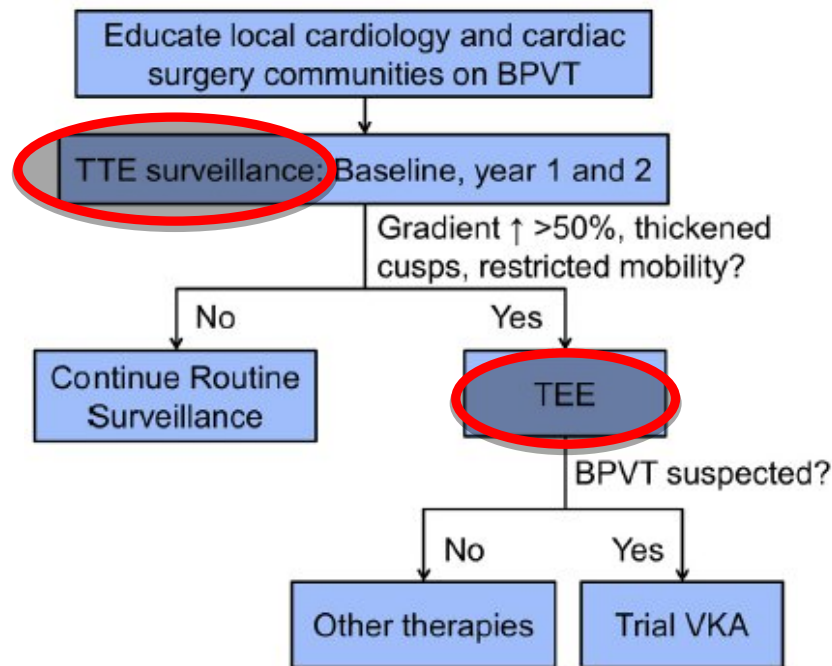


Sorin V. Pislaru^{a,1*}, Imad Hussain^{a,1}, Patricia A. Pellikka^a, Joseph J. Maleszewski^b,
Richard D. Hanna^a, Hartzell V. Schaff^c and Heidi M. Connolly^a

CONCLUSIONS: BPVT may occur late after surgical implantation. VKA therapy resulted in haemodynamic and clinical improvement with minimal risk, and should be considered the first-line therapy in haemodynamically stable patients. Echocardiographic criteria for improving BPVT diagnosis are proposed.

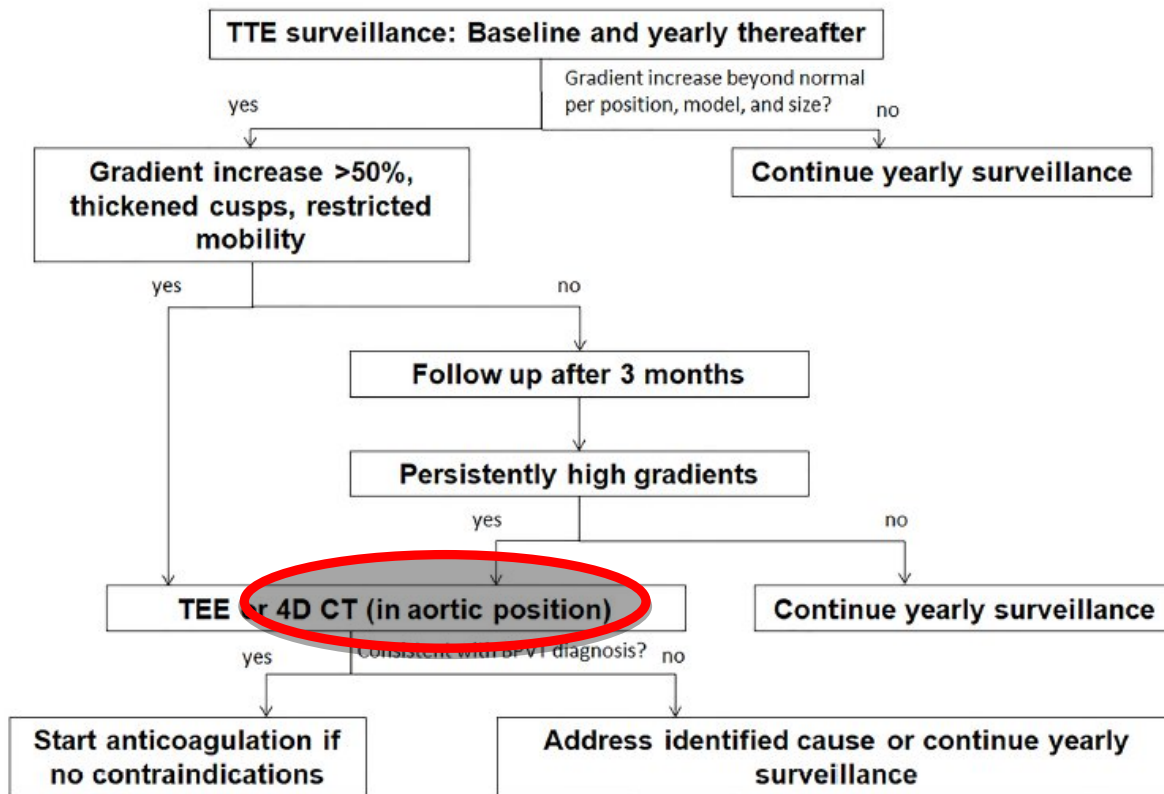


Bioprosthetic valve thrombosis: The eyes will not see what the mind does not know



Bioprosthetic valve thrombosis (BPVT) is thought to be a rare, but potentially life-threatening complication, with reported incidence varying from 0.1 per 100 valve-years¹ to as high as 6%.² In this issue of the *Journal*, Dohi

Gradient changes in bioprosthetic valve thrombosis: duration of anticoagulation and strategies to improve detection



Naser JA, et al. *Open Heart* 2021;8:e001608.

Suggested approach for diagnosis of bioprosthetic valve thrombosis. TEE, transoesophageal echocardiography.



CLINICAL MANAGEMENT ACCORDING TO SVD STAGE

Baseline echocardiographic examinations, both immediately post-implant and after 30-days.

Education regarding the need to promptly seek medical evaluation when symptoms occur.

Stage 0

Yearly clinical and echocardiographic follow-up

Stage 1

*Repeat echocardiography at 3-6 months**

Trial of anticoagulation if subclinical leaflet thrombosis is suspected

Stage 2

*Clinical evaluation and repeat echocardiography at 3-6 months**

Consider intervention if symptomatic and symptoms are related to SVD

Stage 3

Consider intervention†

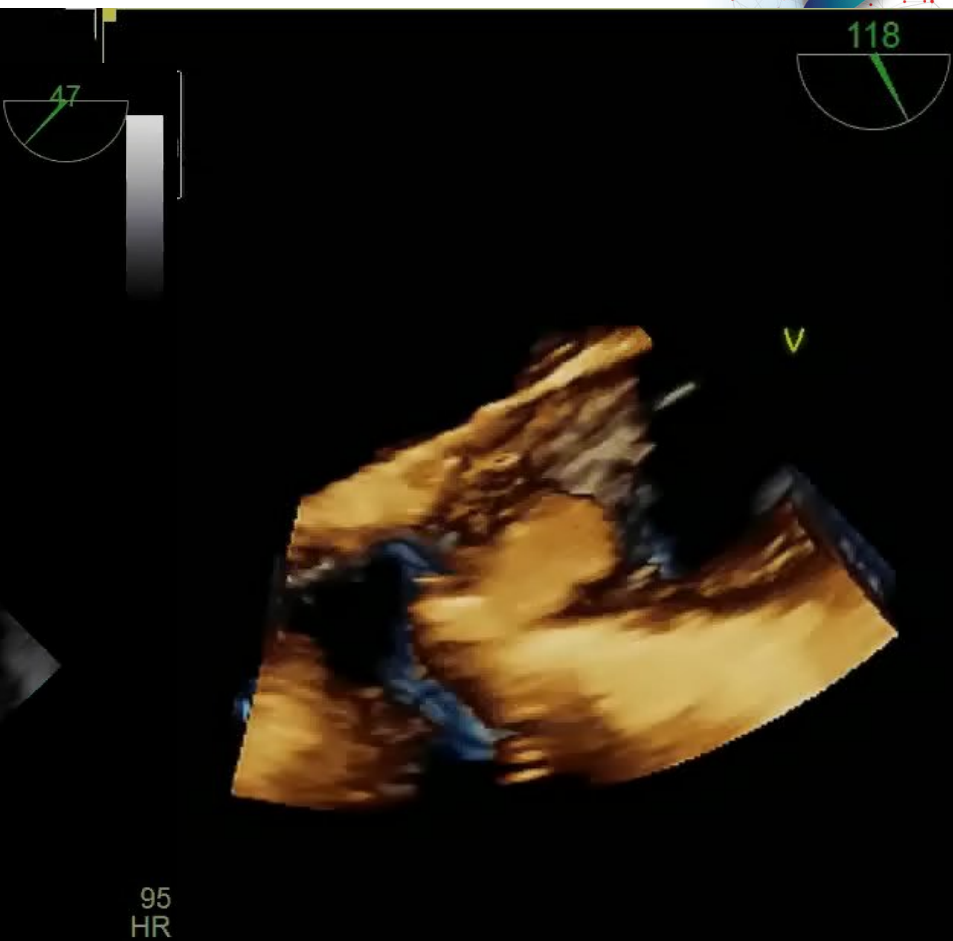
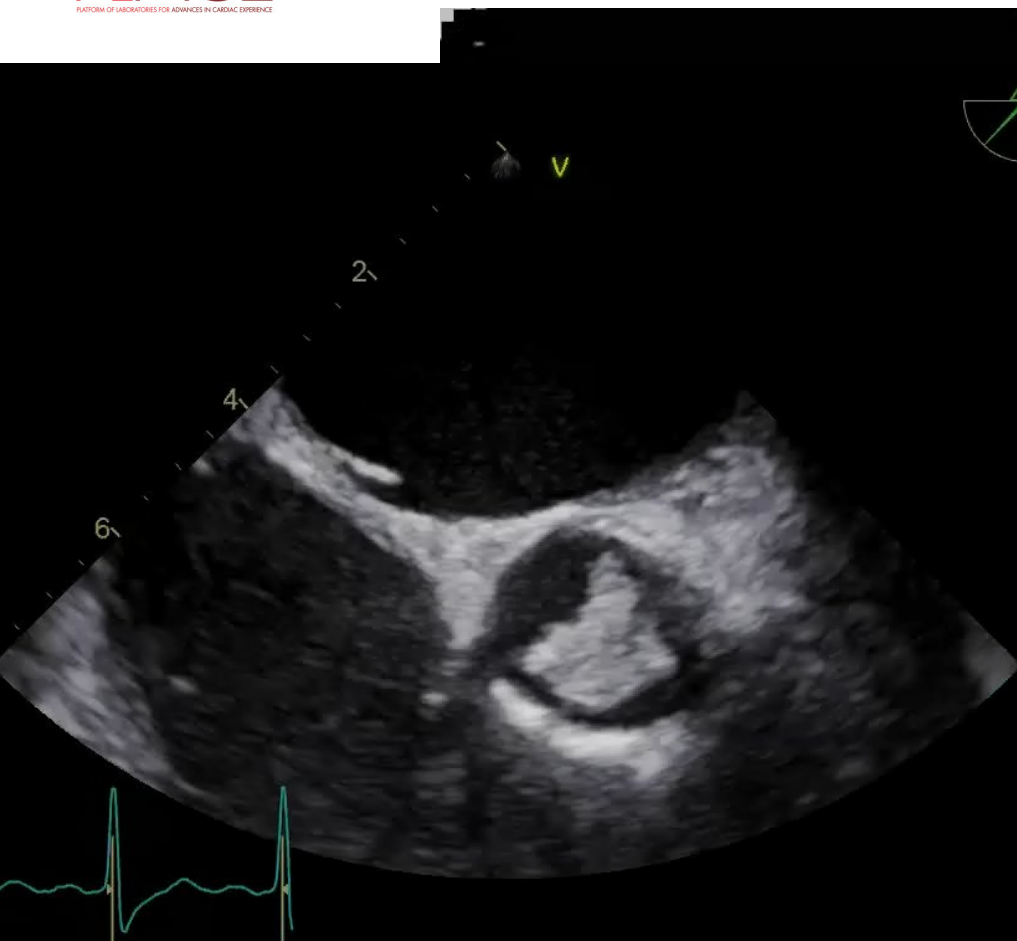
If asymptomatic with preserved LVEF consider clinical and echocardiographic evaluation every 3-6 months

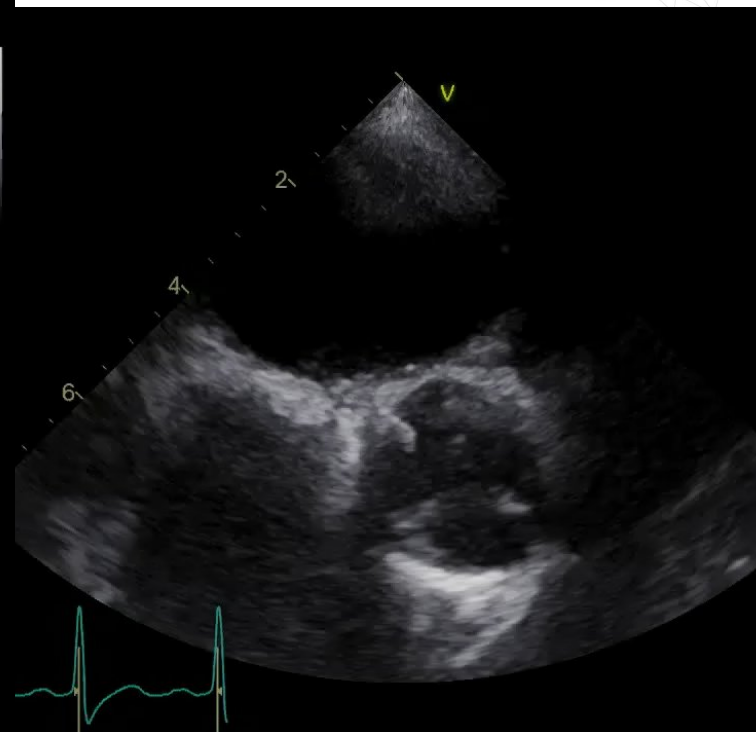


Thrombosis of Bioprosthetic Valves

Can We Afford to Ignore It?*

William J. Stewart, MD





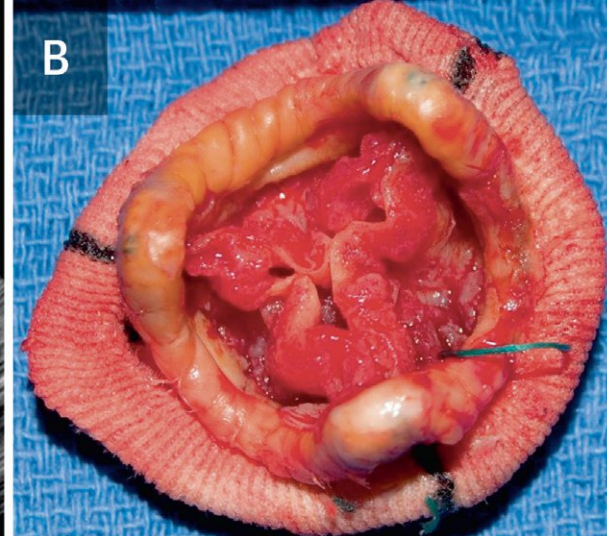
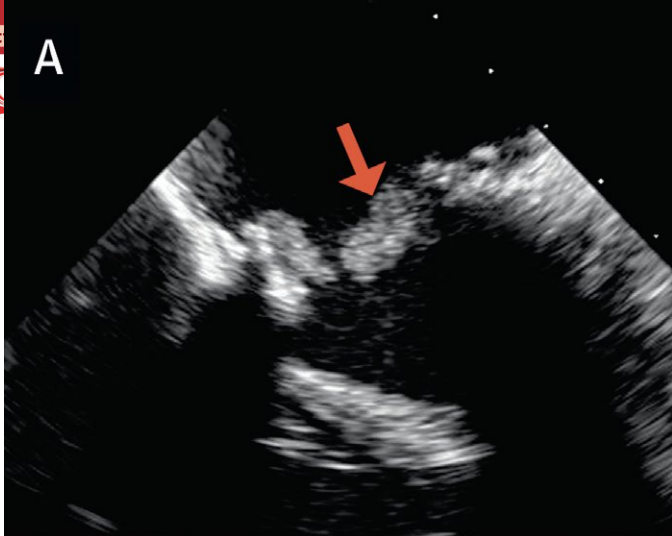


DIFFICOLTA' DIAGNOSTICHE

-
- 01 • ANALISI MORFOLOGICA
- Ispessimento/Trombosi
 - Trombosi/Panno
-

- 02 • ANALISI FUNZIONALE
- Ostruzione/Mismatch pr-pz
-

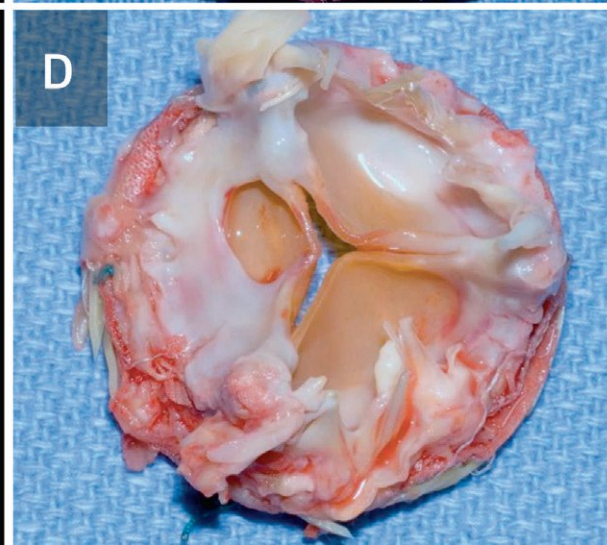
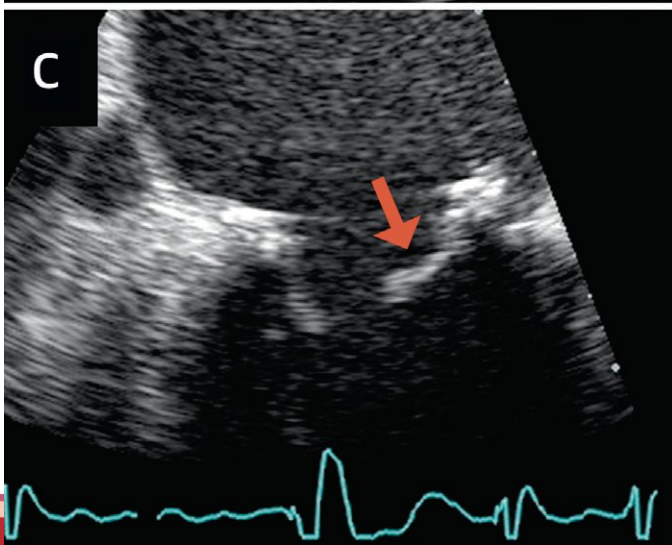
TROMBOSI



TROMBOSI



PANNO



PANNO

01 11
13:24:39
2/0/E/53
OSP.V.FAZZI LE
DIV.CARDIOLOGIA
TEE1
00000
GUAD 0
COMP 59

12CM
56HZ



MI:0.3
T6H
11 OTT 11
13:18:23
2/0/E/53
OSP.V.FAZZI LE
DIV.CARDIOLOGIA
TEE1
00000
GUAD 0
COMP 59
92BPM

12CM
108HZ



TIS:0.8
T6H
11 OTT 11
13:27:48
2/0/E/12/A
OSP.V.FAZZI LE
DIV.CARDIOLOGIA
TEE1
00000
GUAD 0
COMP 59
92BPM

12CM
17HZ



DOL 150101
TIS:0.8
T6H
11 OTT 11
13:21:34
2/0/E/12/A
OSP.V.FAZZI LE
DIV.CARDIOLOGIA
TEE1
00000
GUAD 0
COMP 59
118BPM

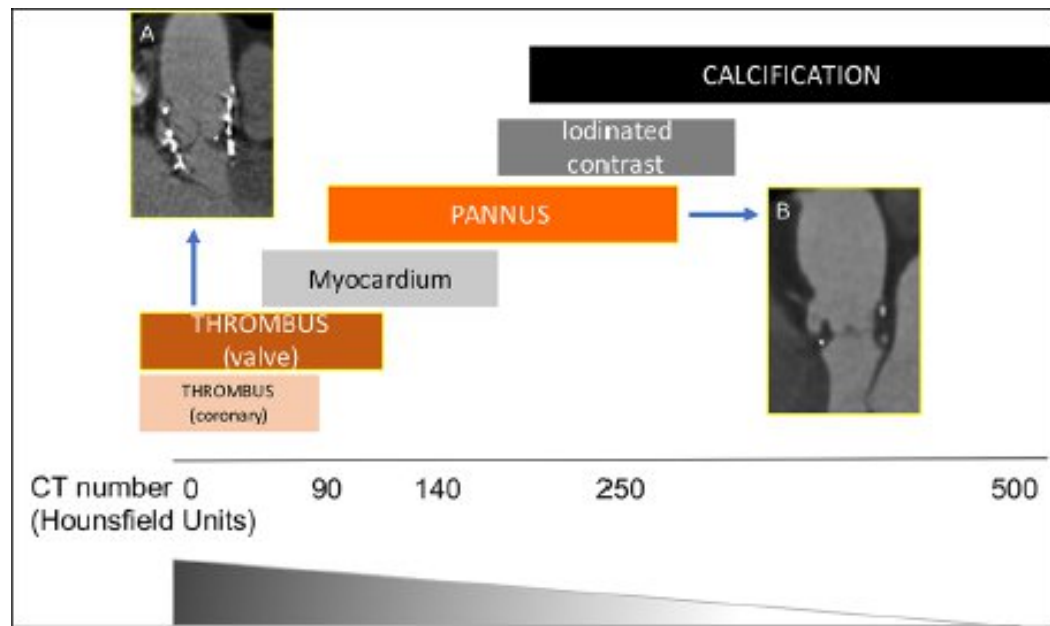
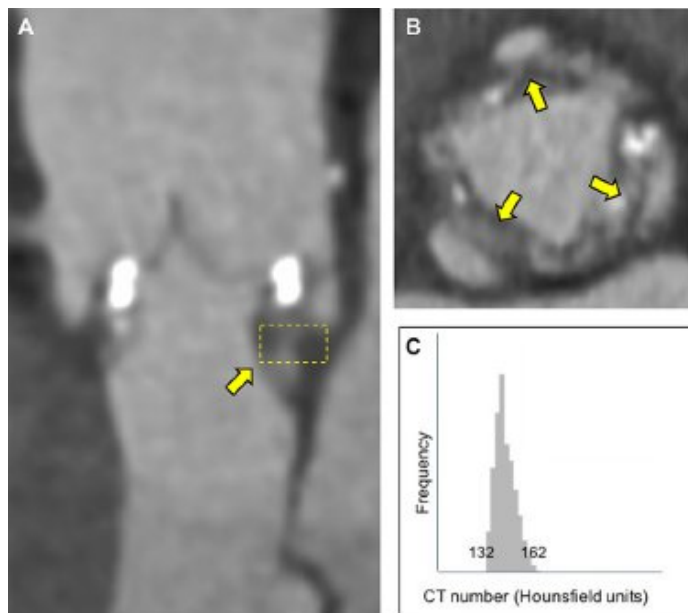
12CM
17HZ





Cardiac CT in prosthetic aortic valve complications

JACK PATRICK MORRELL ANDREWS, MD, MRCP, TIMOTHY RG CARLIDGE, MD, MRCP,
MARC ROBERT DWECK, MD, PhD and ALASTAIR J MOSS, MD, MRCP



PANNUS vs THROMBOSIS


Table 10 Differential diagnosis: pannus vs. thrombosis

	Pannus	Thrombosis
<u>Chronology</u>	Minimum 12 months, commonly > 5 years from surgery date	Occurs at any time (if late usually associated with pannus)
Relation to anticoagulation (low INR)	Poor relationship	Strong relationship
Location	MV > AV	TV >> MV = AV
<u>Morphology</u>	• Small mass • Mostly involve suture line (Ring) • Centripetal growth • Confine to the disk plane • Growth beneath disc	• Larger mass than pannus • Independent motion common • Thin outer ring maybe visible • Project into LA for MV position • Mobile elements
Echo density (video-intensity ratio)	More >0.7 (100% specific)	Less (<0.4)
<u>Cardiac CT: attenuation value</u>	>200 HU	<200 HU
Impact on gradient	AV > MV	MV > AV
Impact on valve orifice	AV > MV	MV > AV
Impact on disc motion	Yes/no	Yes

AV, aortic valve; LA, left atrial; MV, mitral valve; TV, tricuspid valve.



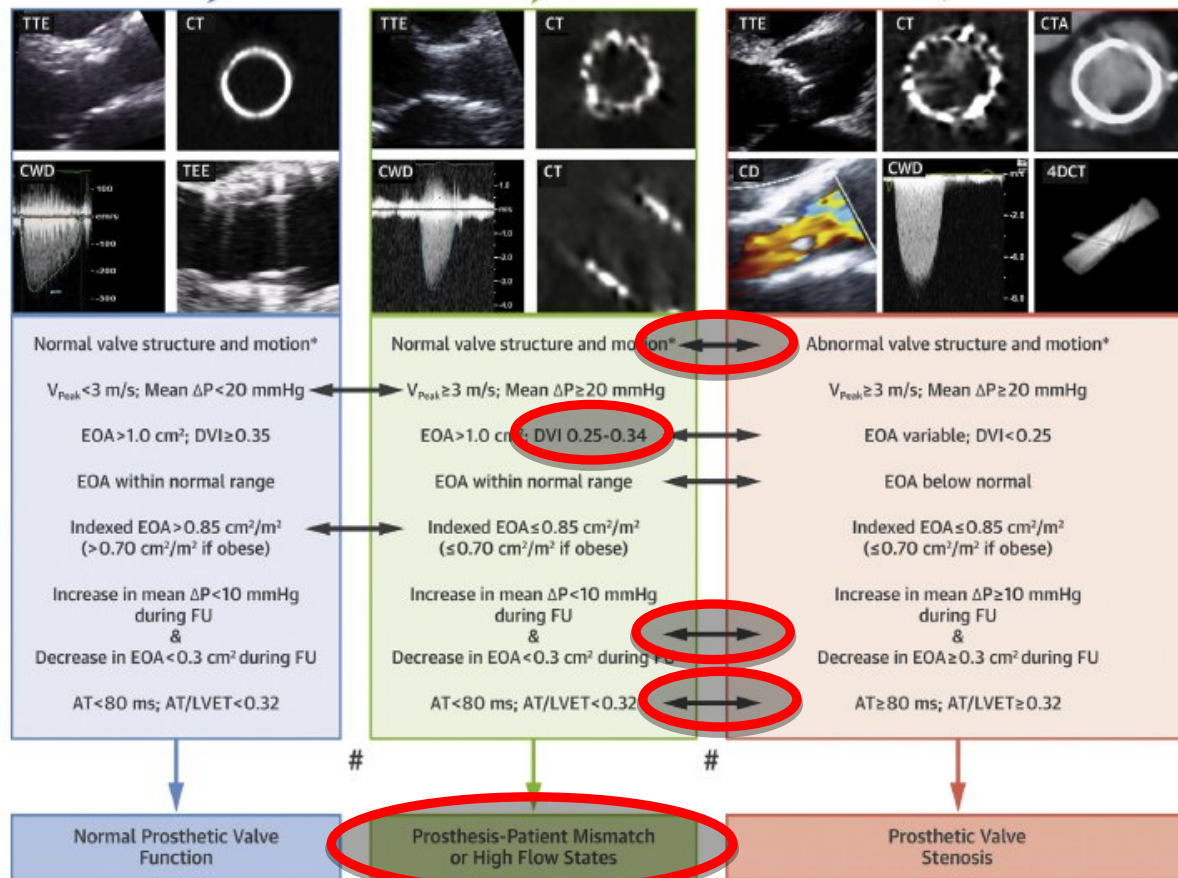
DIFFICOLTA' DIAGNOSTICHE

-
- 01 • ANALISI MORFOLOGICA
- Ispessimento/Trombosi
 - Trombosi/Panno
-

- 02 • ANALISI FUNZIONALE
- Ostruzione/Mismatch pr-pz
-



Imaging for Differential Diagnosis Between Normal Function Vs. Prosthesis-Patient Mismatch Vs. Stenosis

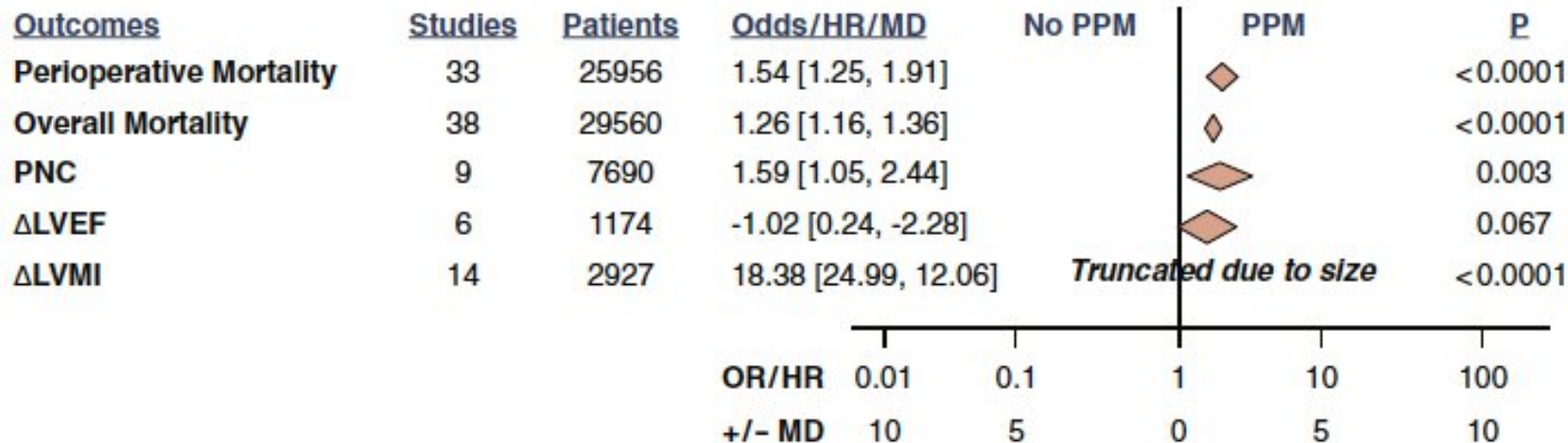




Predictors and Outcomes of Prosthesis-Patient Mismatch After Aortic Valve Replacement

Victor Dayan, MD, PhD,^a Gustavo Vignolo, MD,^a Gerardo Soca, MD,^a Juan Jose Paganini, MD,^a
 Daniel Brusich, MD,^a Philippe Pibarot, DVM, PhD^b

JACC: CARDIOVASCULAR IMAGING, VOL. 9, NO. 8, 2016



**TABLE 1** Imaging Criteria for the Differential Diagnosis of Normal Prosthetic Valve Function vs. PPM vs. Valve Stenosis

	Normal	Moderate PPM	Severe PPM	Mild/Moderate Stenosis	Severe Stenosis
Leaflet morphology and mobility by TTE/TEE or MDCT*	Normal	Normal	Normal	Often abnormal	Abnormal
Doppler echo parameters					
Peak velocity, m/s	<3	3-3.5	≥3.5	3-4	≥4
Mean gradient, mm Hg	<20	20-30	≥30	20-35	≥35
Doppler velocity index	≥0.35	≥0.30	≥0.30	0.25-0.35	<0.25
EOA, cm ²	>1.00	>1.00	>1.00	Variable	<0.80
Indexed EOA, cm ² /m ²	>0.85	0.66-0.85	≤0.65	0.66-0.85	≤0.65
If BMI ≥30 kg/m ²	>0.70	0.56-0.70	≤0.55	0.56-0.70	≤0.55
Difference (normal EOA - measured EOA), cm ²	<0.30 (<1 SD)	<0.30 (<1 SD)	<0.30 (<1 SD)	0.30-0.60 (1-2 SD)	>0.60 (>2 SD)
Contour of the transprosthetic jet†	Triangular, early peaking	Triangular, early peaking	Triangular, early peaking	Triangular to intermediate	Rounded, symmetrical
Acceleration time, ms†	<80	<80	<80	80-100	>100
Acceleration time/LV ejection time ratio†	<0.32	<0.32	<0.32	0.32-0.37	>0.37
Changes in Doppler echo parameters during follow-up					
Increase in mean gradient, mm Hg	<10	<10	<10	10-19	≥20
Decrease in EOA, cm ²	<0.30	<0.30	<0.30	0.30-0.60	>0.60
Percent decrease in EOA, %	<25	<25	<25	25-49	≥50
Percent decrease in DVI, %	<20	<20	<20	20-39	≥40
Hybrid (Doppler CT) parameters					
Indexed hybrid EOA, cm ² /m ²	>1.00	0.81-1.00	≤0.80	0.81-1.00	≤0.80
If BMI ≥30 kg/m ²	>0.85	0.71-0.85	≤0.70	0.71-0.85	≤0.70



Prosthesis-Patient Mismatch After Aortic Valve Replacement in the PARTNER 2 Trial and Registry

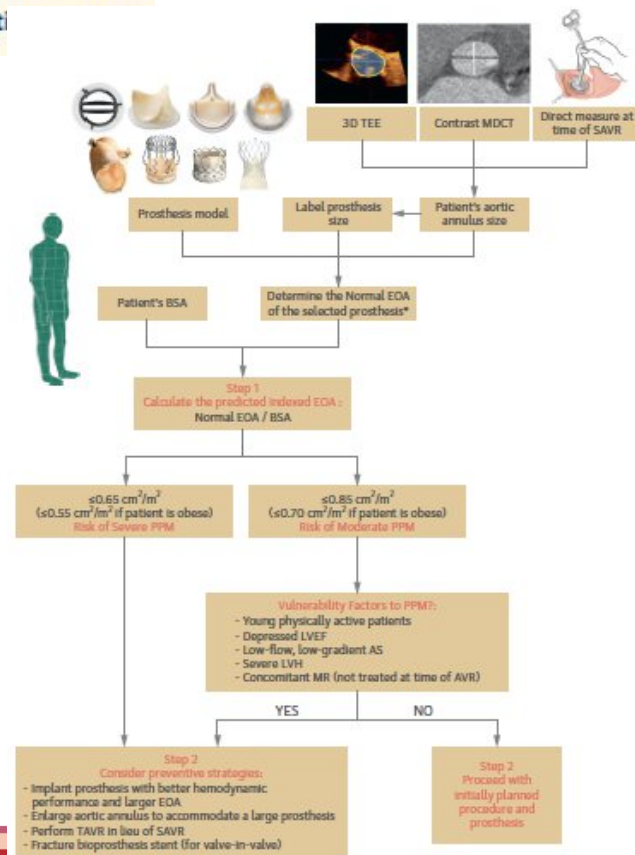
PPM is often defined with the use of the EOAI directly measured by transthoracic echocardiography at the pre-discharge or 30-day echocardiogram. However, the measured EOAI has several limitations: 1) it (and thus the determination of PPM) is not available in patients with missing echocardiograms; 2) it is subject to echocardiographic technical pitfalls and measurement errors; and 3) it is flow dependent and may thus overestimate the severity of PPM in patients with a low-flow state. To overcome this limitation, the use of the predicted EOAI has been proposed to define PPM; this parameter is calculated by dividing the normal reference value of EOA for the implanted model and size of prosthesis by the patient's BSA

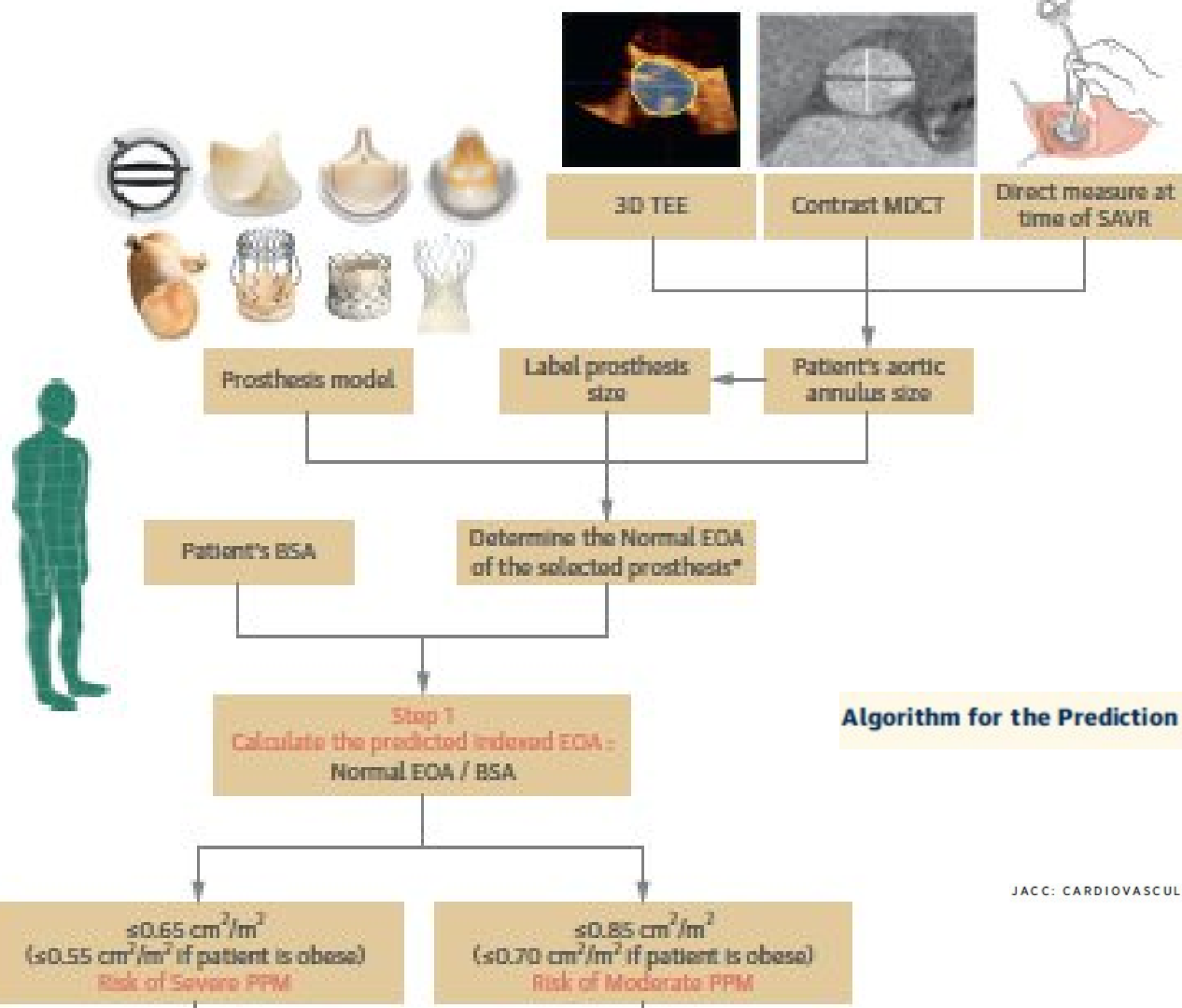
Imaging for Predicting and Assessing Prosthesis-Patient Mismatch After Aortic Valve Replacement

Philippe Pibarot, DVM, PhD,^a Julien Magne, PhD,^{b,c} Jonathon Leipsic, MD,^d Nancy Côté, PhD,^a Philippe Blanke, MD,^d Vinod H. Thourani, MD,^e Rebecca Hahn, MD^f



Algorithm for the Prediction and Prevention of Prosthesis-Patient Mismatch

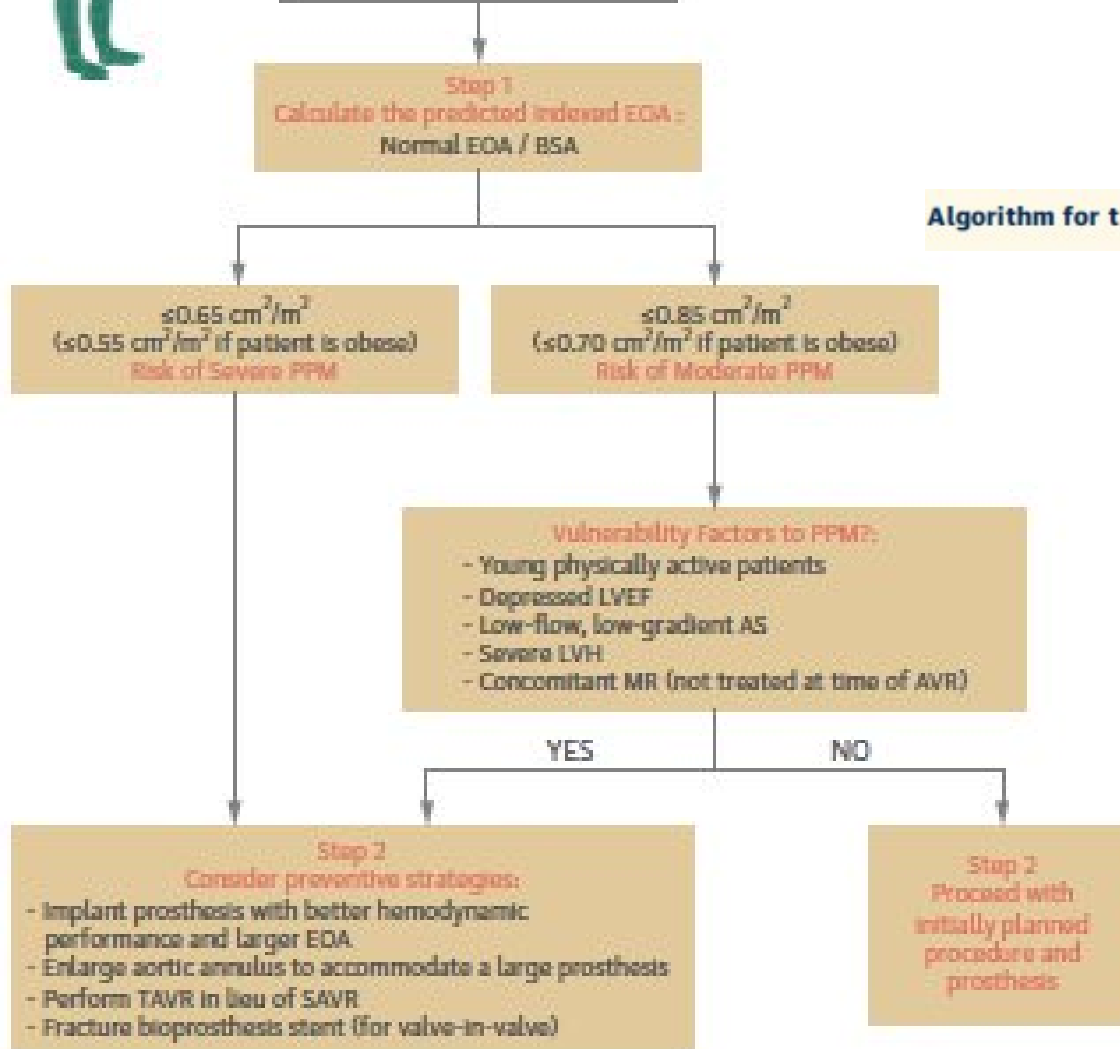




Algorithm for the Prediction and Prevention of PPM



Algorithm for the Prediction and Prevention of PPM





CONCLUSIONI

- La degenerazione continua ad essere uno dei principali limiti delle bioprotesi e ne condiziona la durata, nonostante i progressi tecnologici.
- Il significativo incremento nell'uso delle bioprotesi aortiche (specie TAVI) porterà inevitabilmente ad un aumentato numero di pazienti portatori di degenerazione nei prossimi 10 anni
- I principali FdR sono correlati alle caratteristiche dei pazienti (età più giovane, maggiore BMI, FdR CV) e a variabili tipiche delle bioprotesi (profilo emodinamico, MPP).
- Per la diagnosi di degenerazione, l'ETT è l'esame di prima linea, ma il TEE e, sempre più spesso, la MDCT sono utili nei casi di difficile definizione diagnostica e nella prevenzione delle disfunzioni protesiche.



CONCLUSIONI 2

Al fine di posticipare nel tempo la sua insorgenza ed aumentare la durata delle bioprotesi occorre un adeguato trattamento dei fdr CV (ipertensione...), ma anche una corretta selezione dei pazienti, considerando, prima dell'impianto, il rischio di degenerazione precoce.



THANK YOU



THANK YOU

