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## **HOT TOPICS IN CATH LAB 2: CORONARY PHYSIOLOGY & INTRAVASCULAR IMAGING**

# **OCT: INDICAZIONI NEL 2022 E PROSPETTIVE FUTURE**

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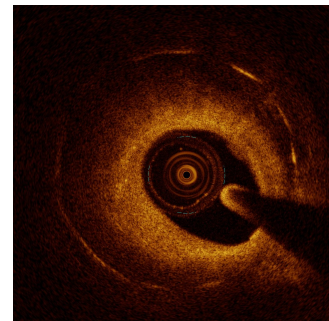




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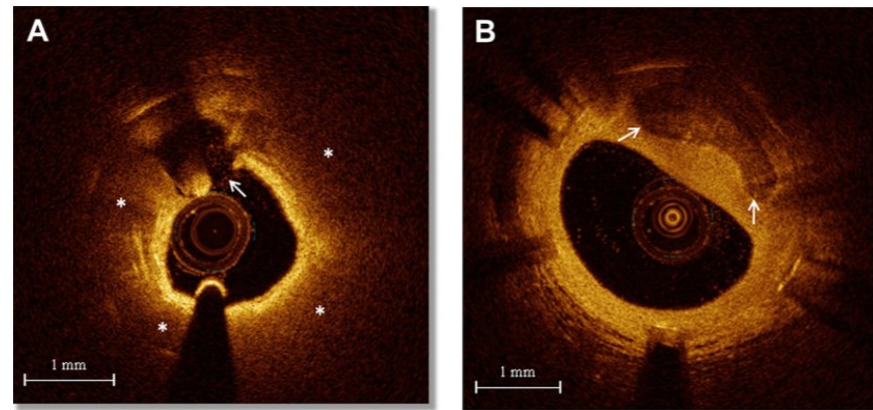
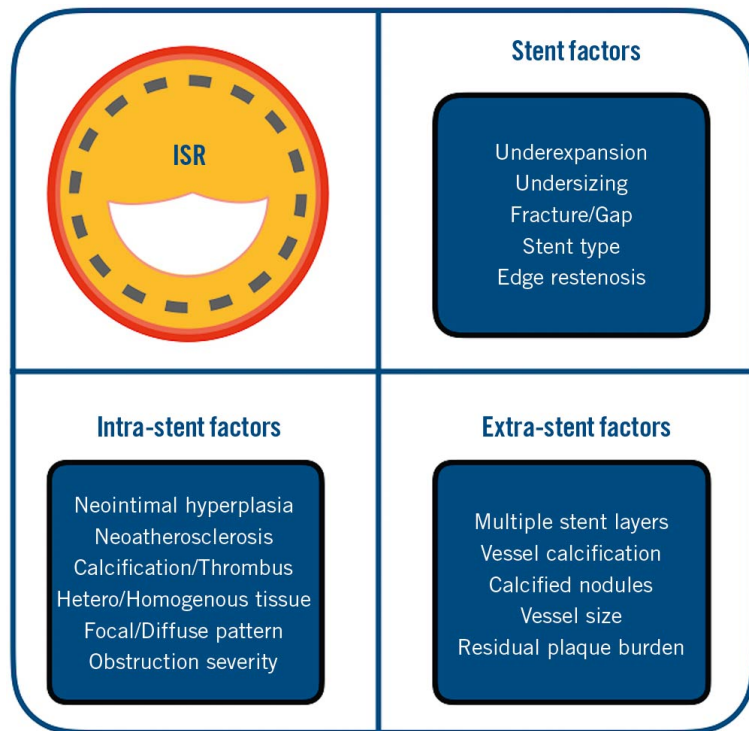
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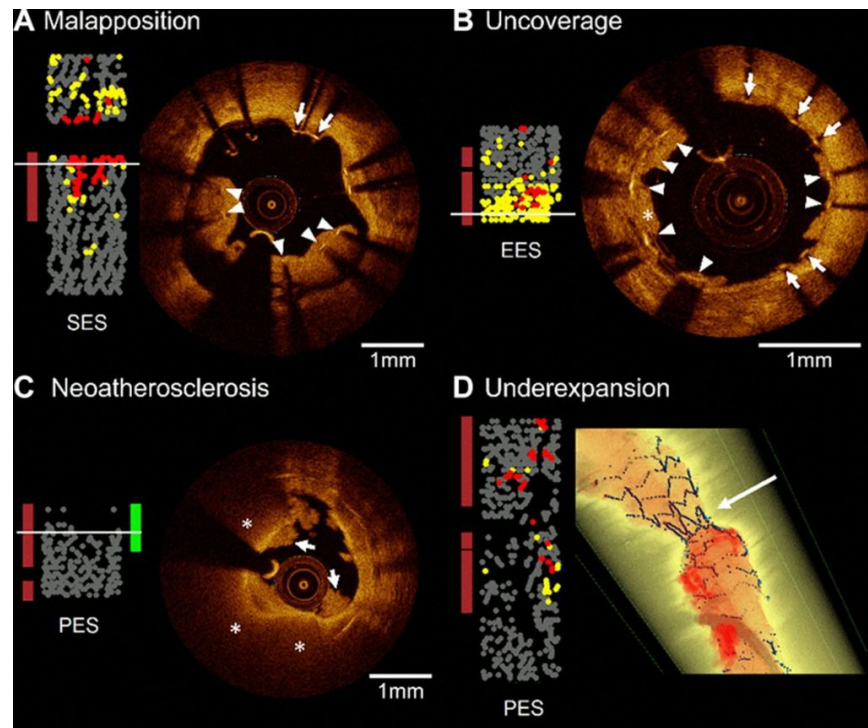
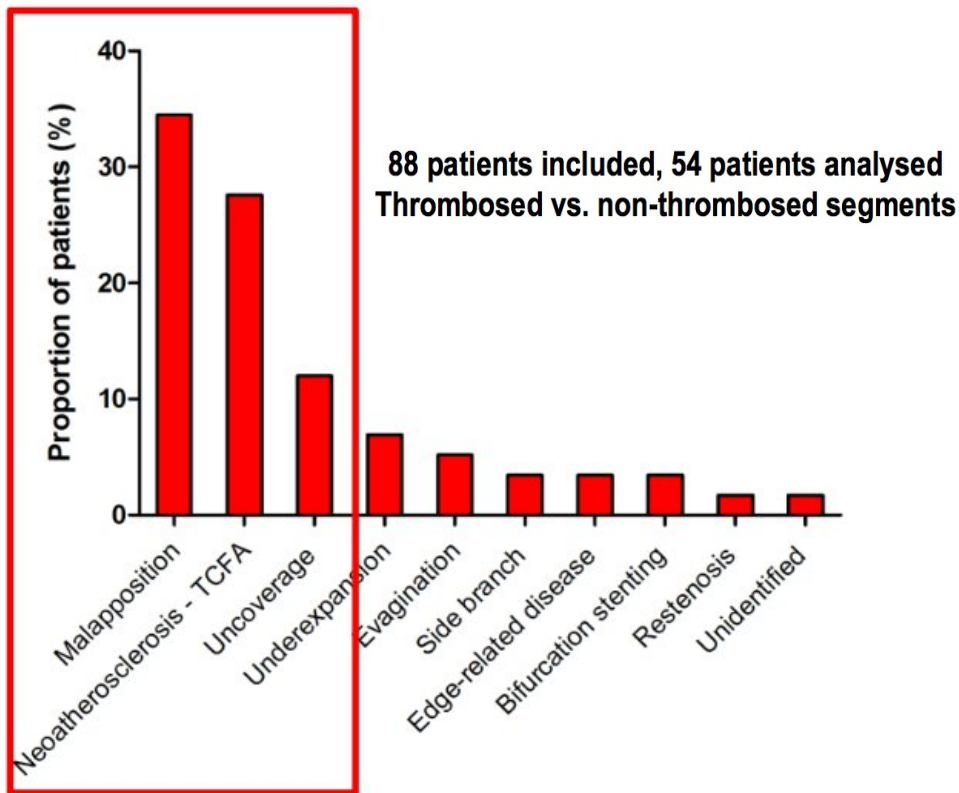


# OCT for assessment of restenosis





# Mechanisms of very late DES thrombosis



Taniwaki M, et al. Circulation 2016;133:650-60

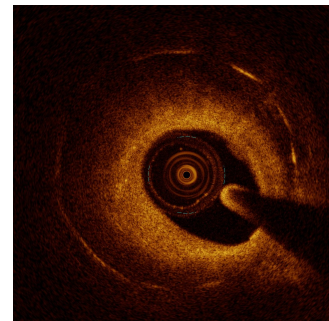




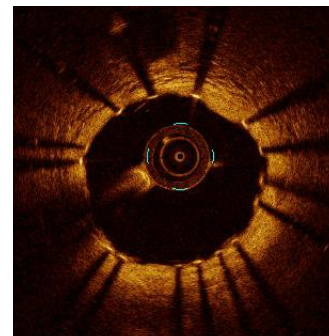
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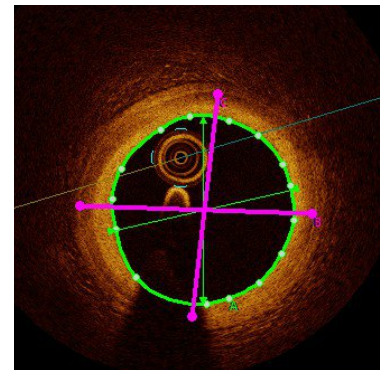


# OCT to optimize stent implantation

## Intra-procedural OCT applications

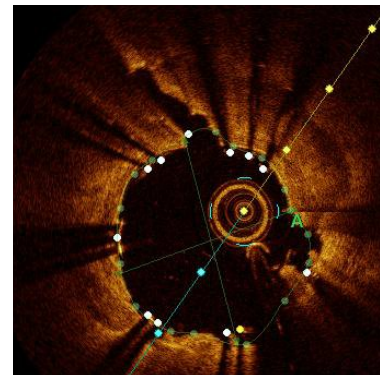
### Treatment strategy optimization

- length (e.g. landing zone identification)
- lesion preparation strategy
- size (stent selection)



### Procedural result confirmation and/or optimization

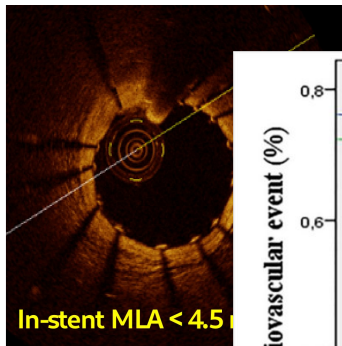
- stent apposition
- lesion coverage
- stent expansion





# OCT to optimize stent implantation

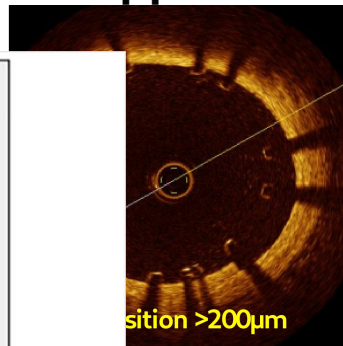
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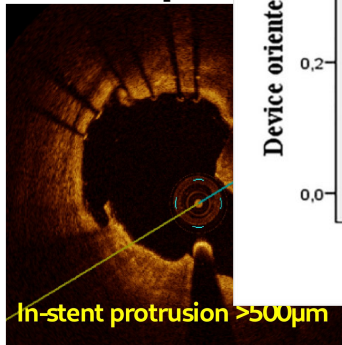
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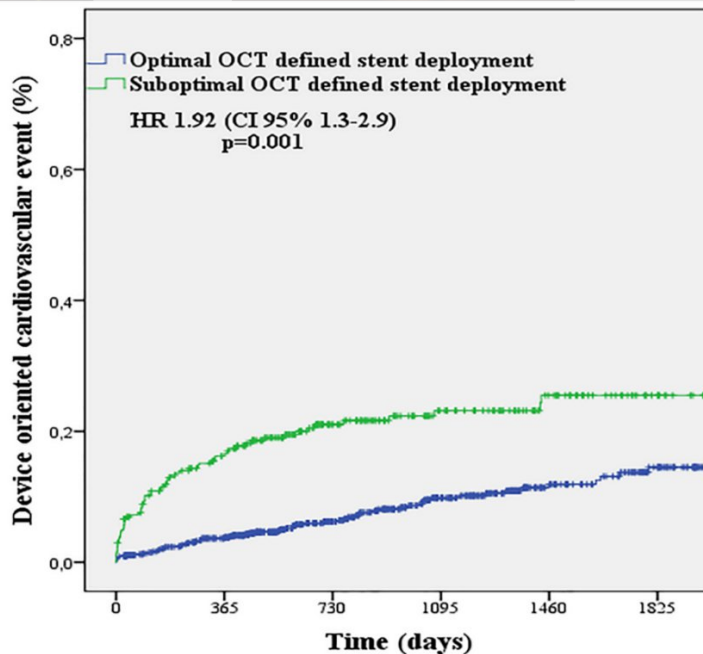
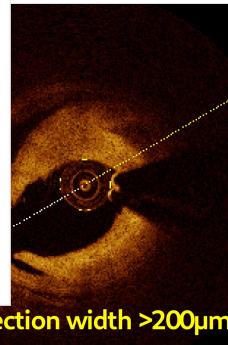
**Malapposition**



**Tissue protrusion**

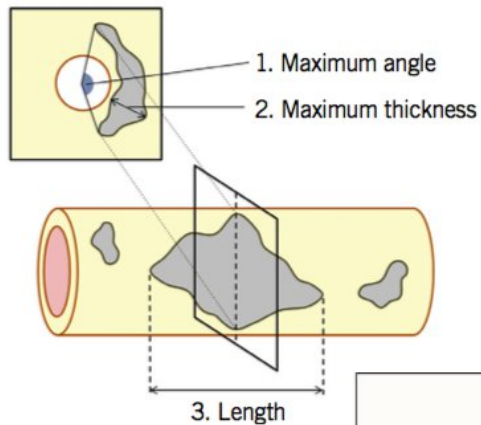


**Rim dissection**

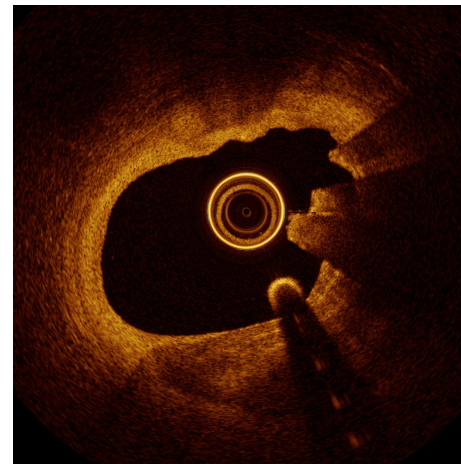


with MLA < 4.5 mm<sup>2</sup>

# OCT to optimize stent implantation – calcified lesions



OCT-based calcium score	
1. Maximum calcium angle (°)	$\leq 180^\circ \rightarrow$ 0 point $> 180^\circ \rightarrow$ 2 points
2. Maximum calcium thickness (mm)	$\leq 0.5 \text{ mm} \rightarrow$ 0 point $> 0.5 \text{ mm} \rightarrow$ 1 point
3. Calcium length (mm)	$\leq 5.0 \text{ mm} \rightarrow$ 0 point $> 5.0 \text{ mm} \rightarrow$ 1 point
<b>Total score</b>	<b>0 to 4 points</b>



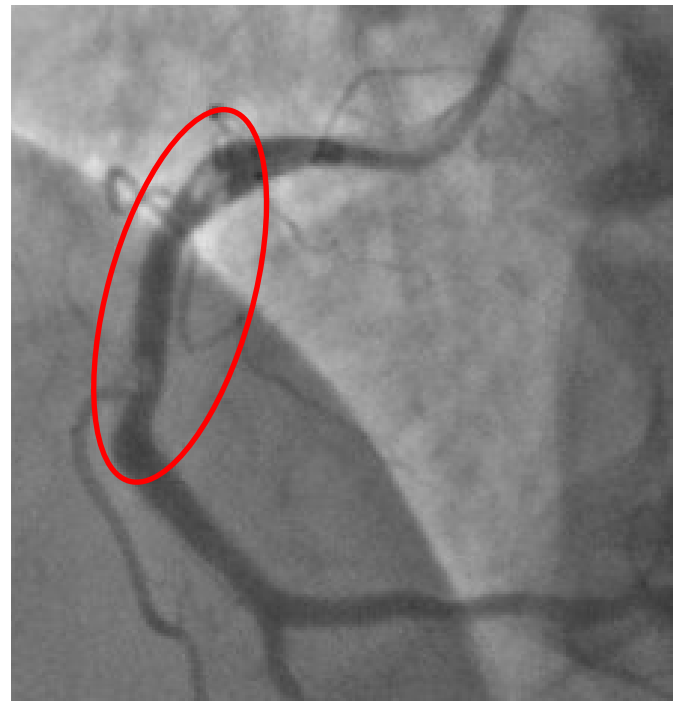
Lesions with calcium score 4



Stent underexpansion



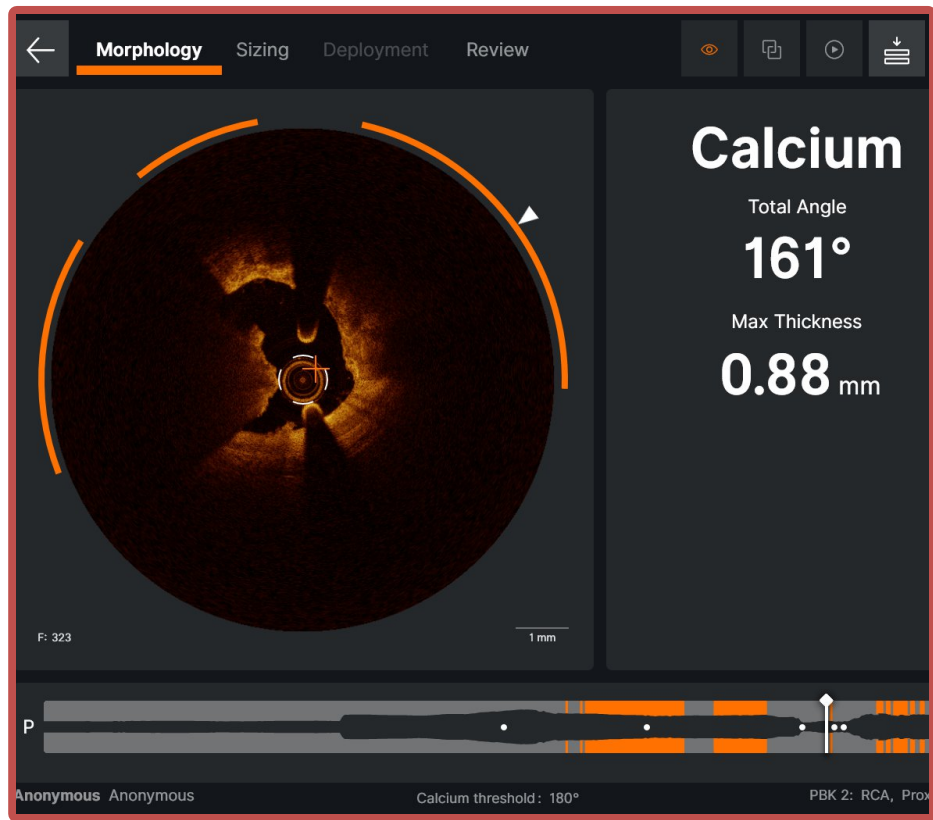
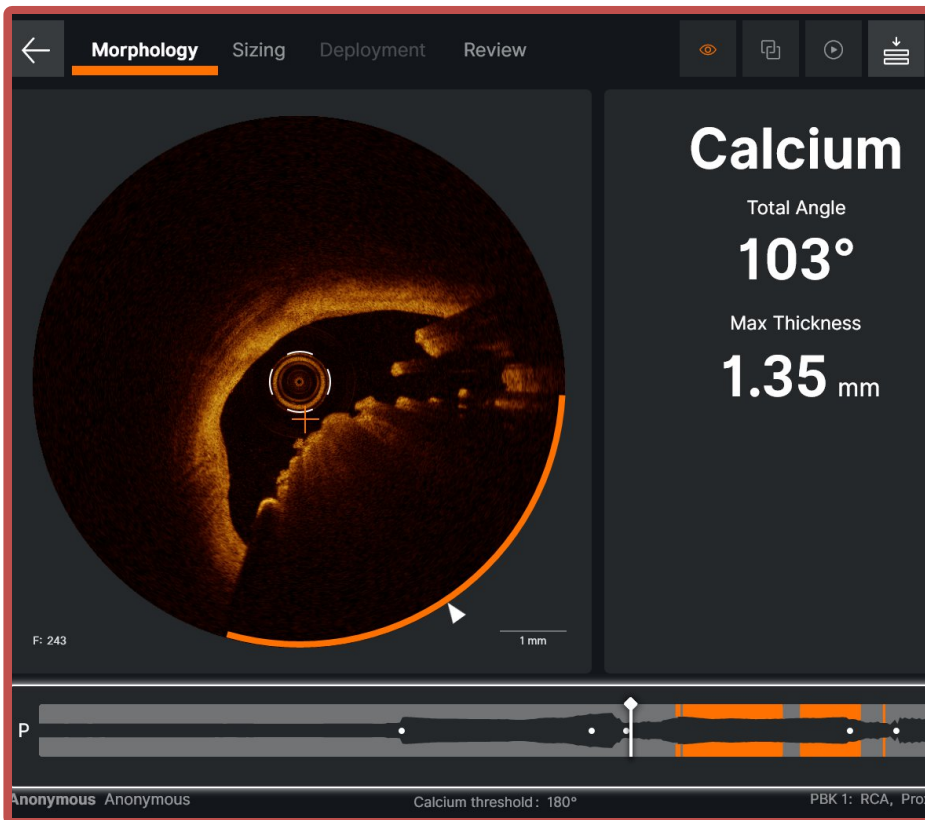
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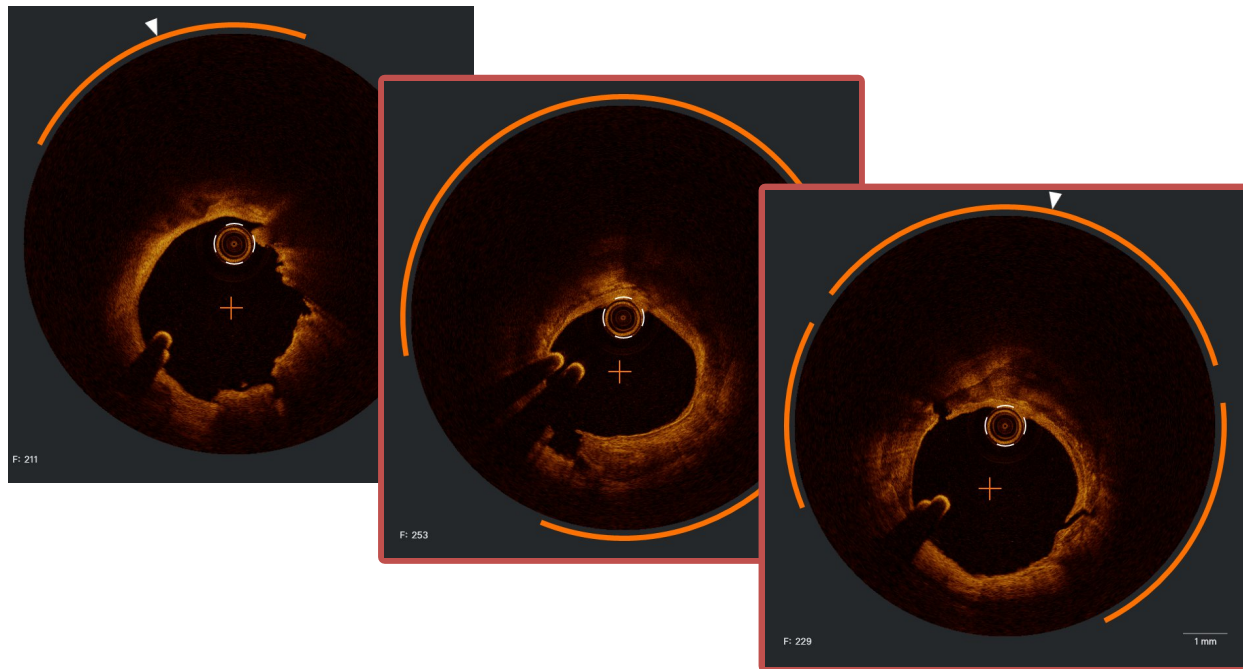
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**After intravascular  
lithotripsy**



**Final angio result**

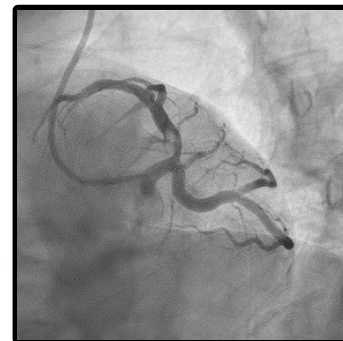
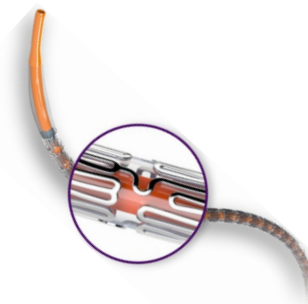
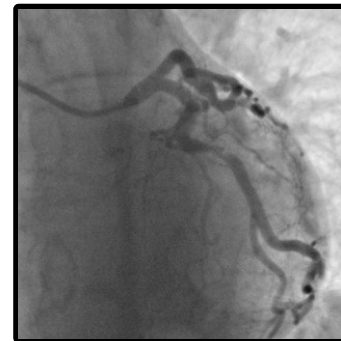




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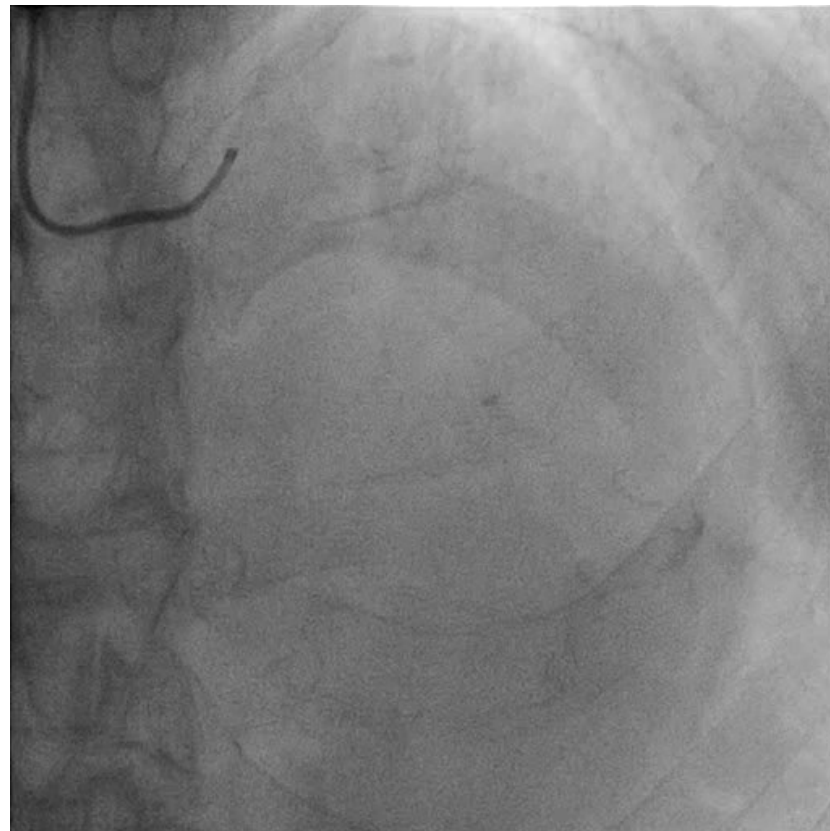
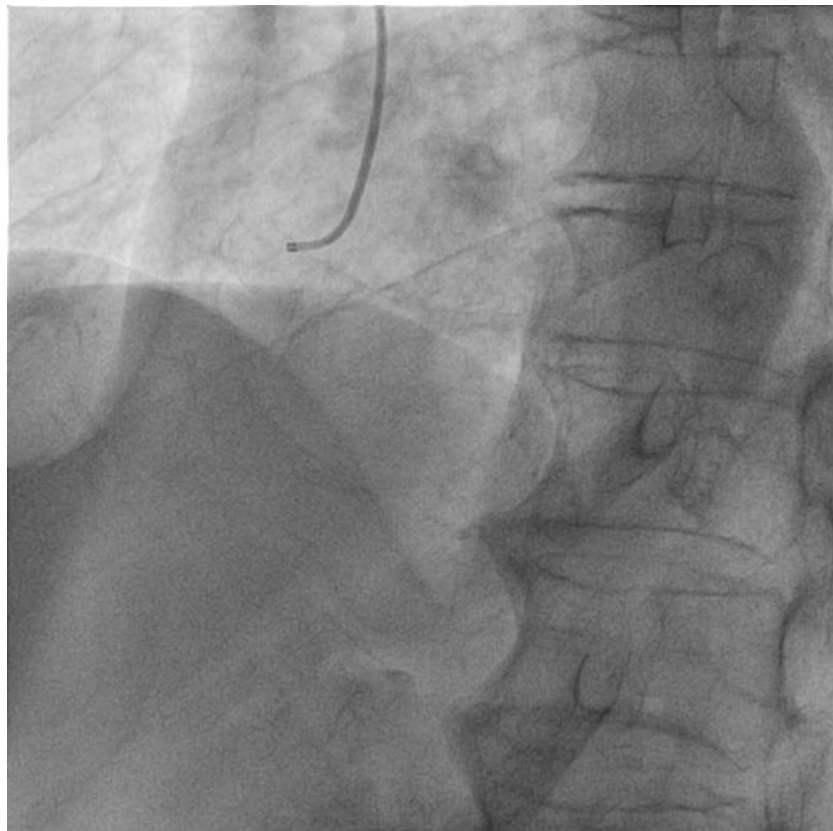


# OCT to identify culprit lesion

78 y.o. male

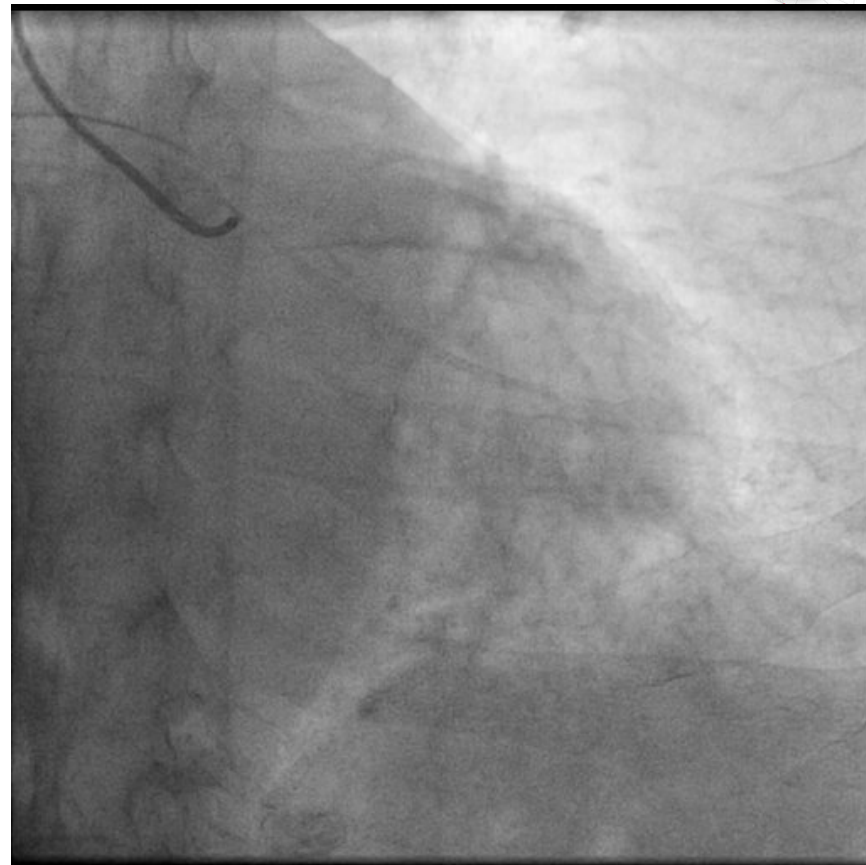
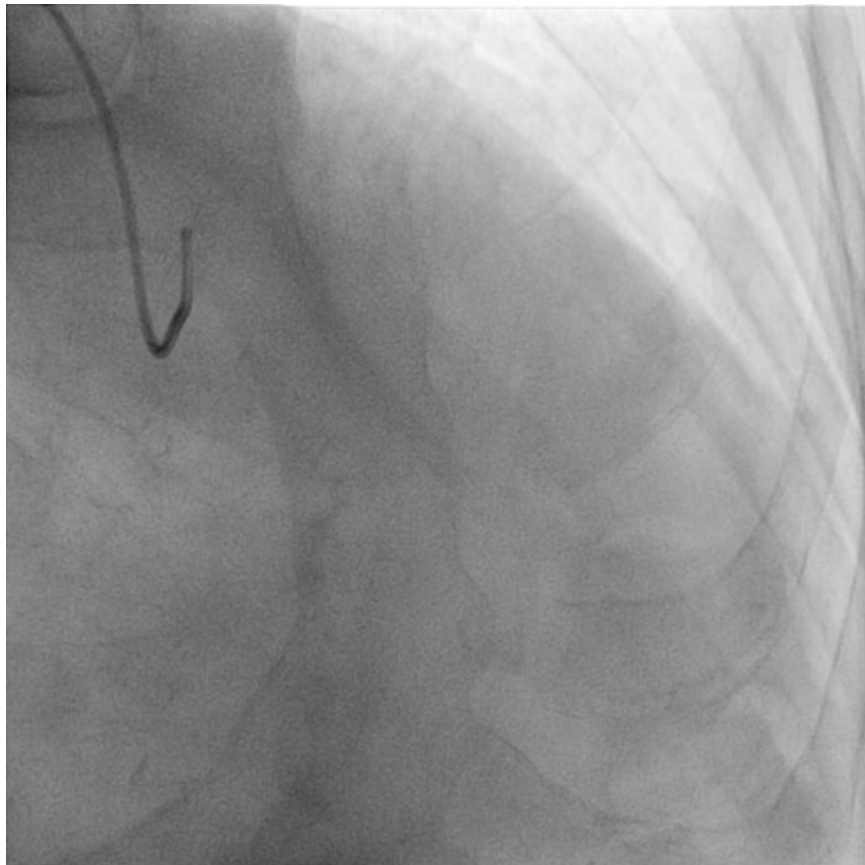
- CV risk factors: hypertension, dyslipidemia
- **NSTEMI**
- **EKG:** non-specific ST-T wave changes
- **Echo:** LEVF 57%, inferior wall and infero-septum hypokinesia
- **Tnl:** 0.068 € 0.171 € 0.571

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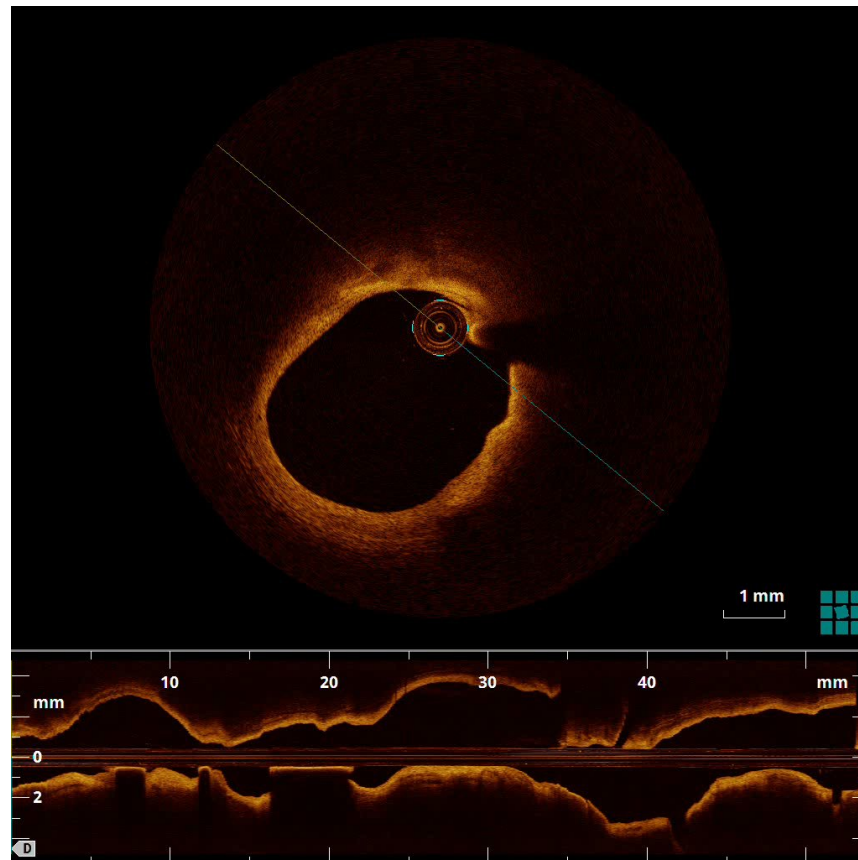
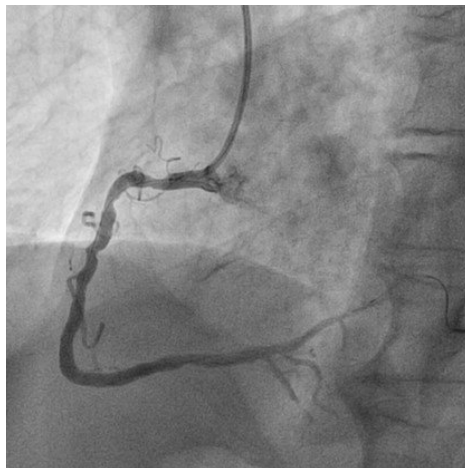


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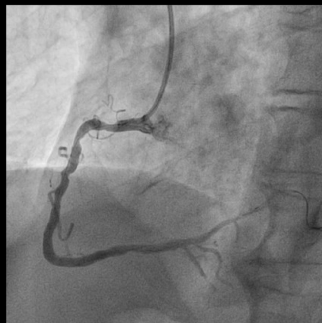


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OCT pullback  
to RCA

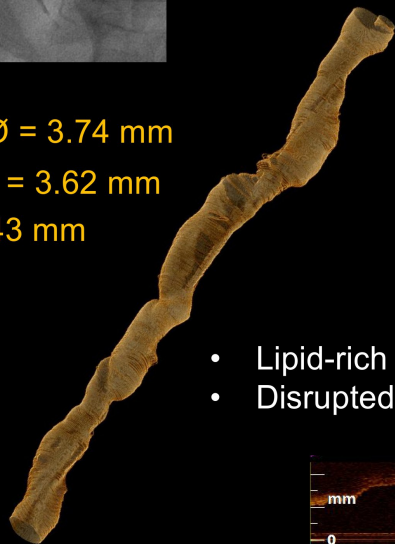
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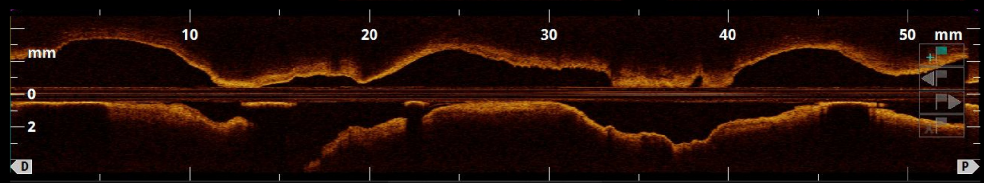
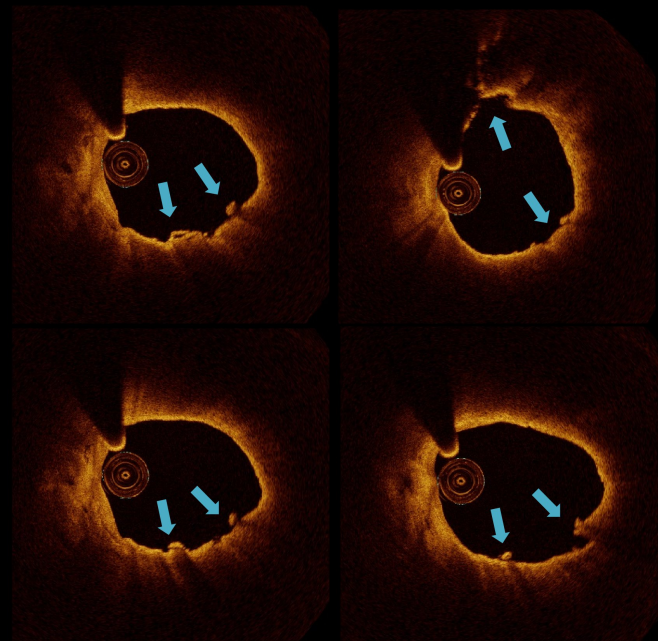
Prox ref  $\varnothing$  = 3.74 mm

Dist ref  $\varnothing$  = 3.62 mm

Length= 43 mm



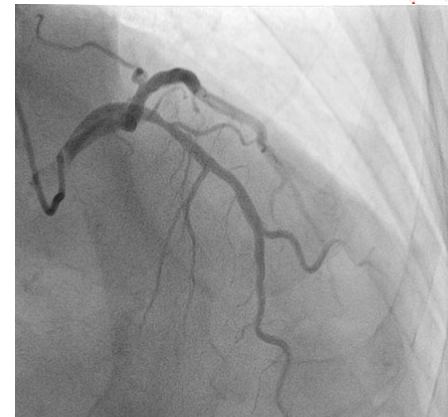
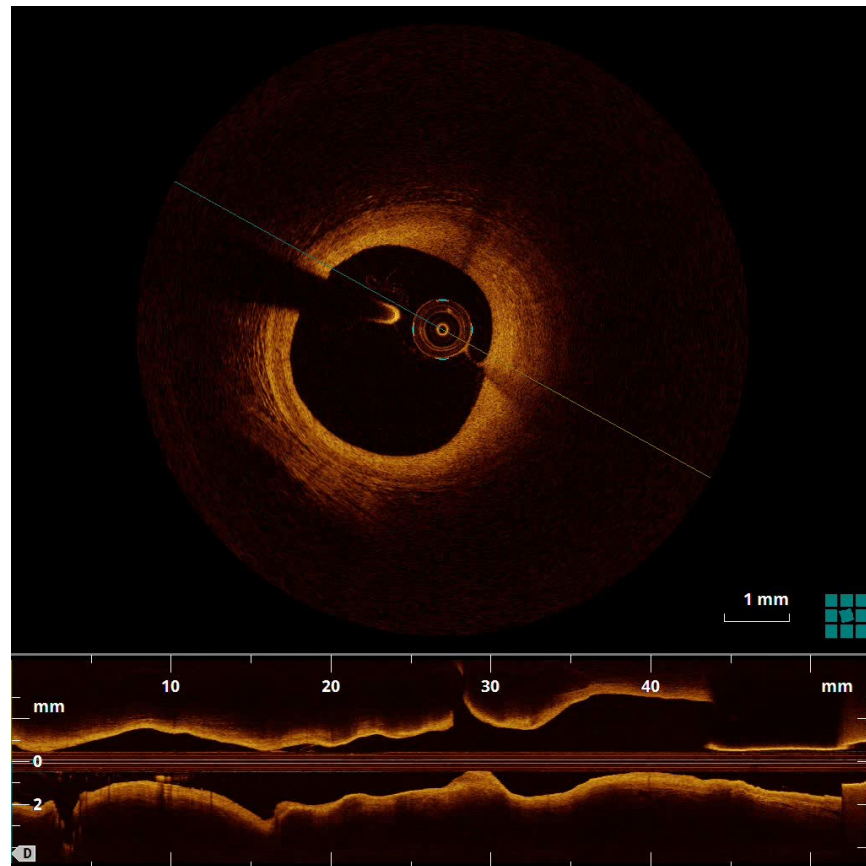
- Lipid-rich plaque/TCFA
- Disrupted fibrous cap



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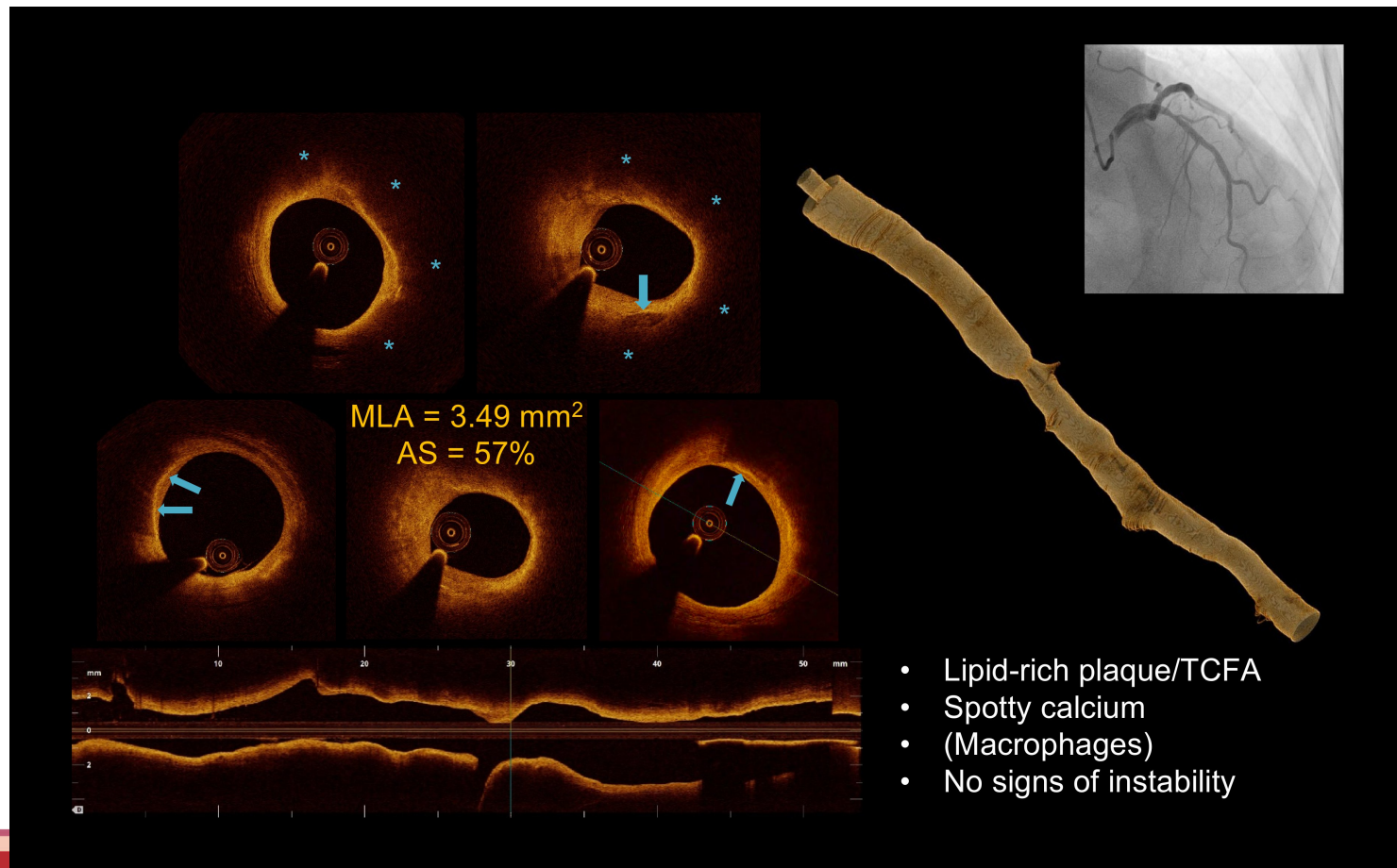


OCT pullback  
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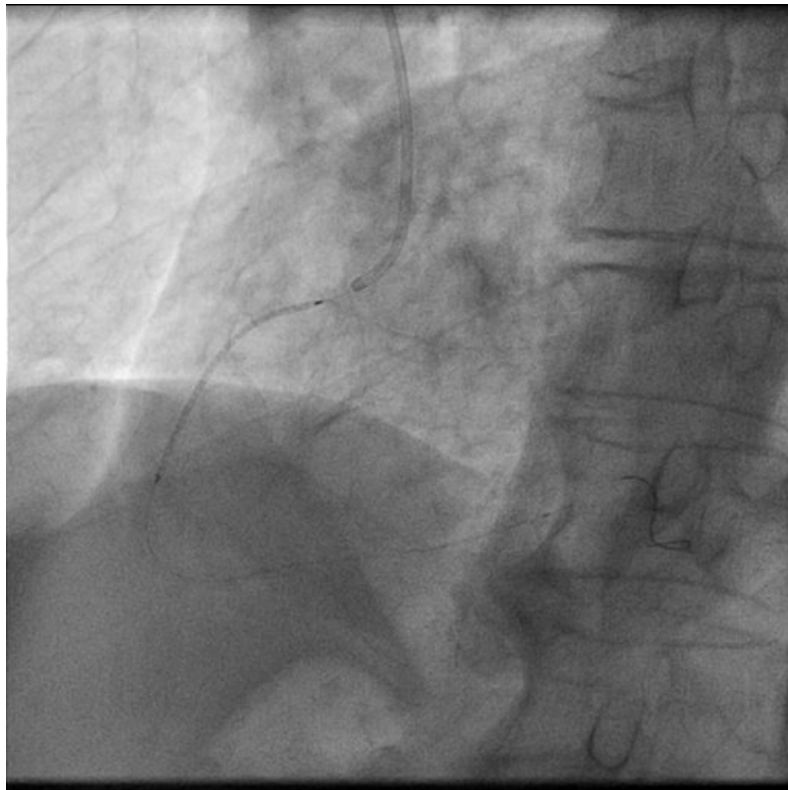


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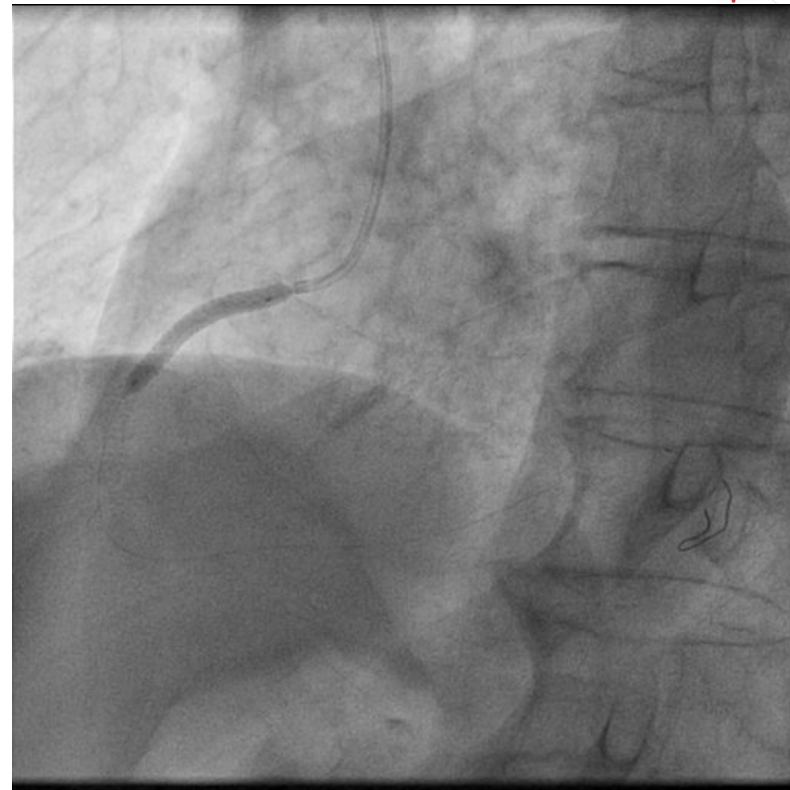




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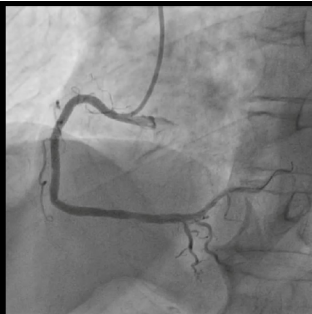


**Xience Pro 3.5x48mm (14 atm)**

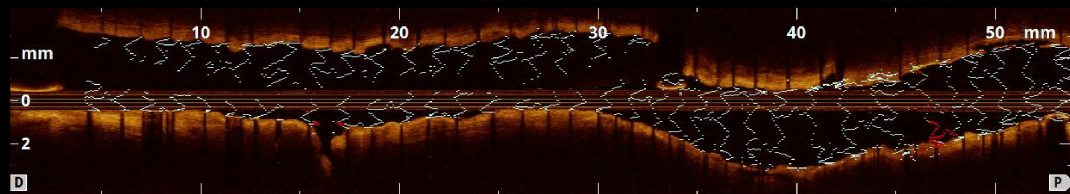
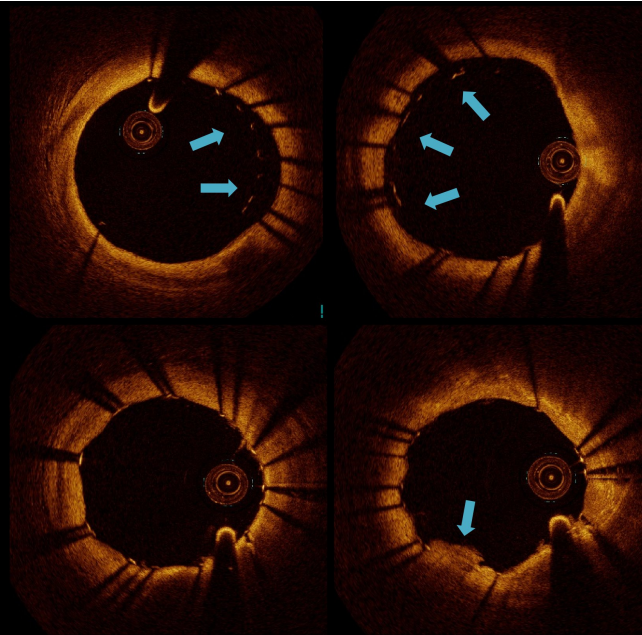
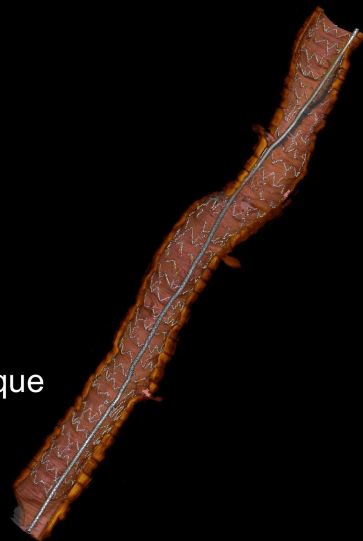


**Trek NC 3.75x30 (18 atm)**

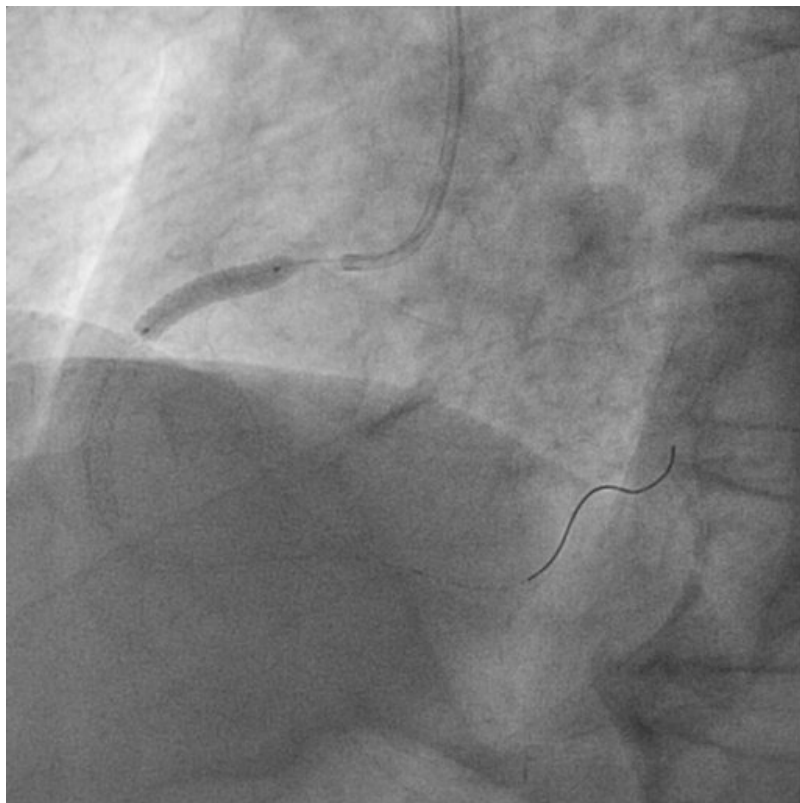
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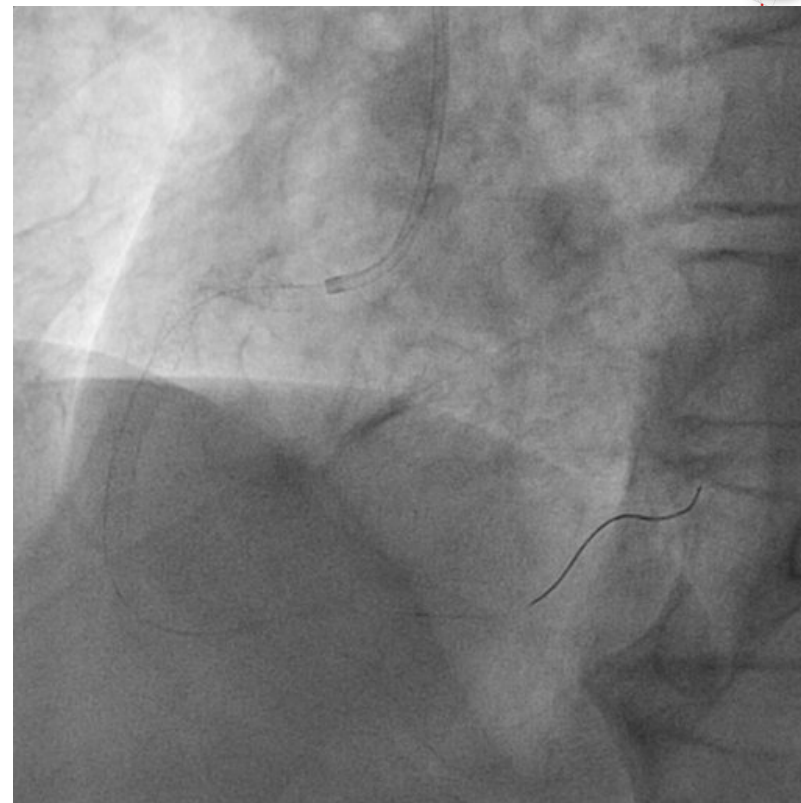
- Strut malapposition (proximal segment)
- In-stent thrombus/plaque protrusion



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**TREK NC 4.0x20 mm (18 atm)**



**Final angiographic result**

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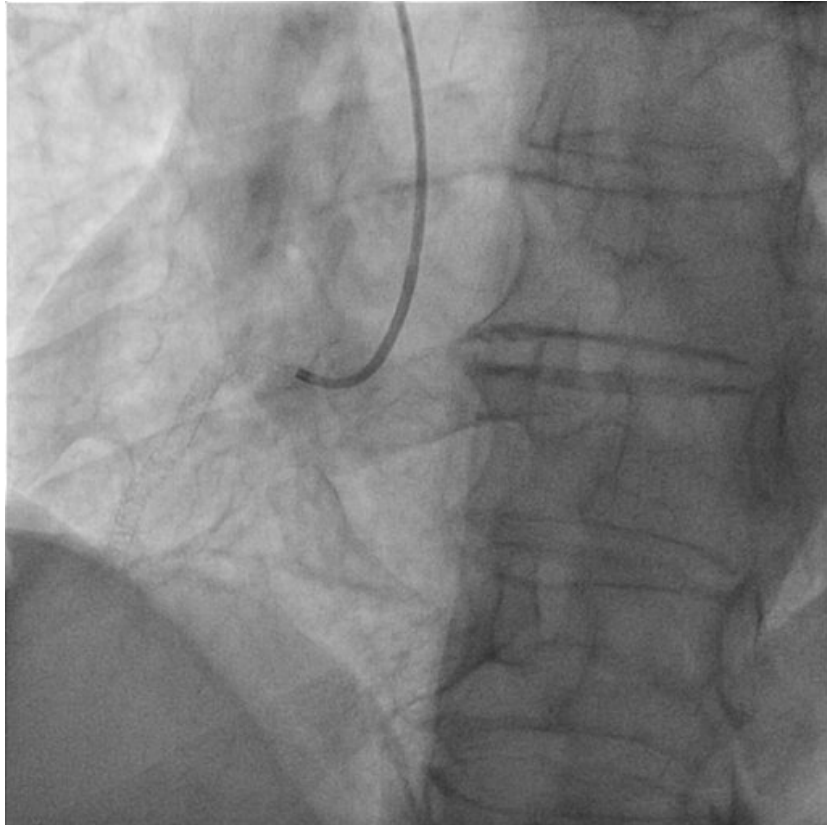


- Discharge medications: **ASA, ticagrelor**, ramipril,  
bisoprolol, simvastatin/ezetimibe

- 1-year follow-up:
- Clinically stable at 1-year follow-up
  - No ischemic/bleeding events
  - DAPT was stopped



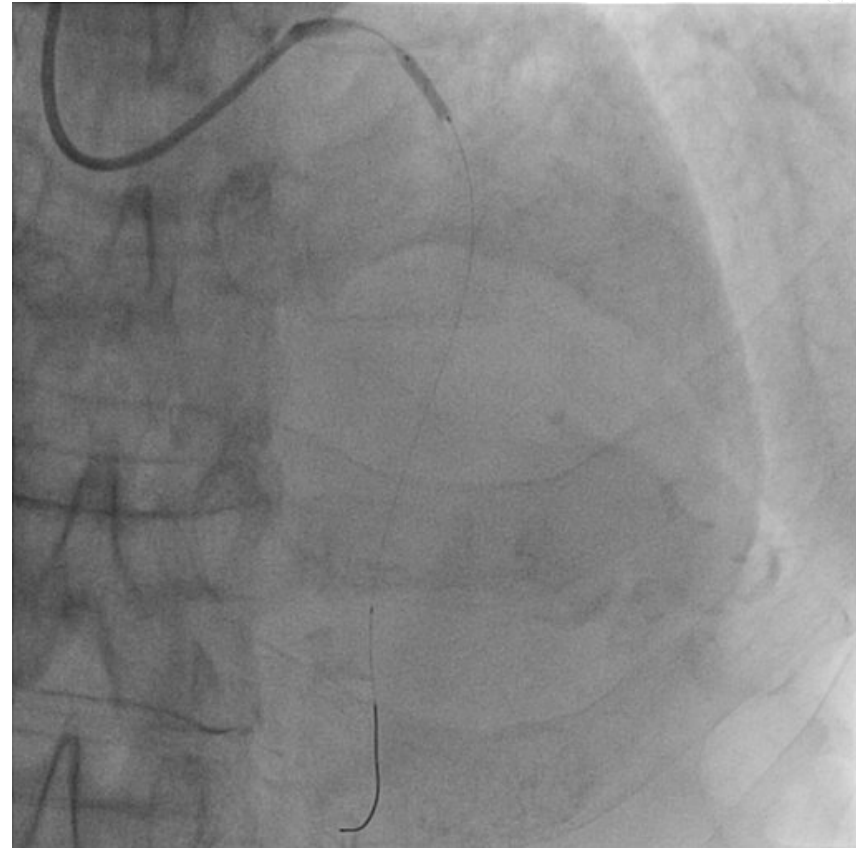
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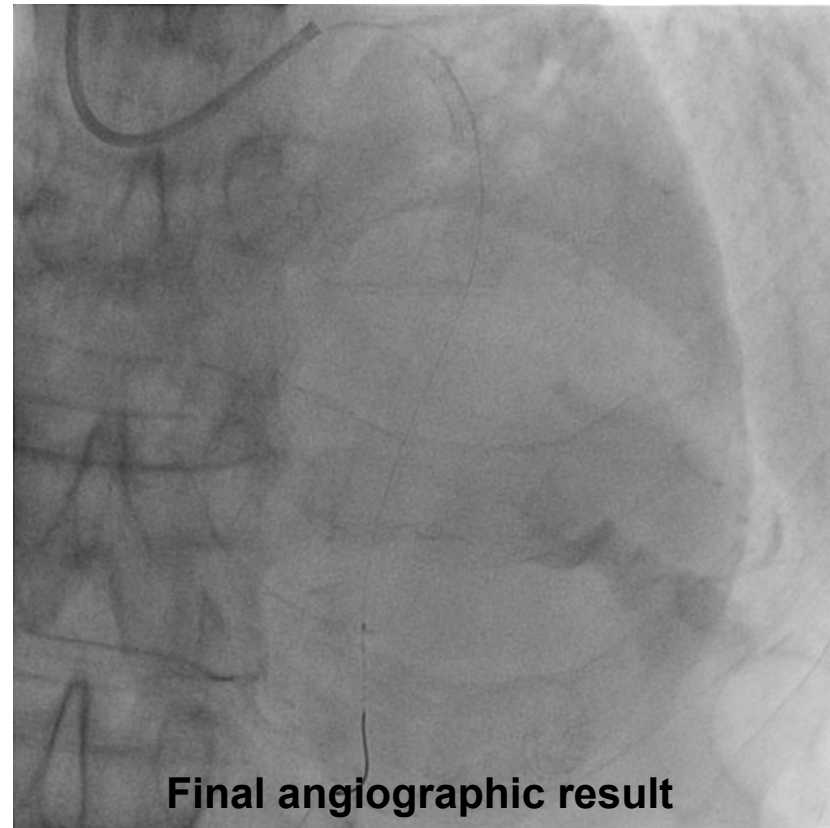
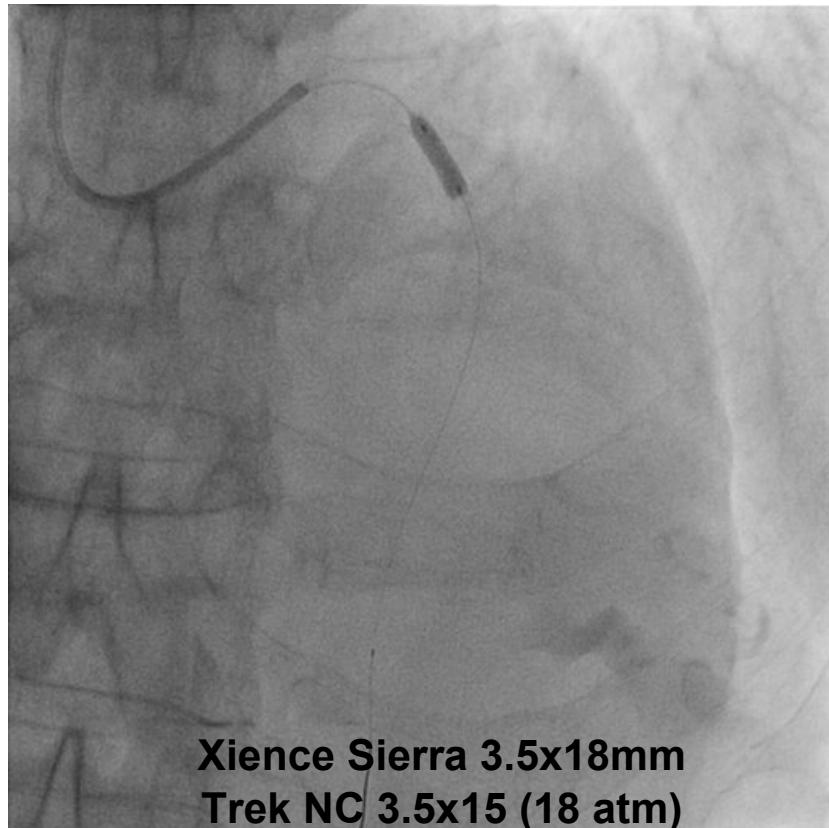


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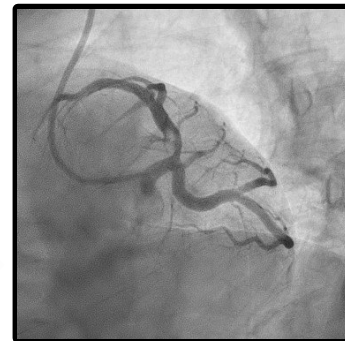
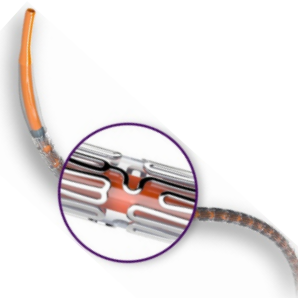
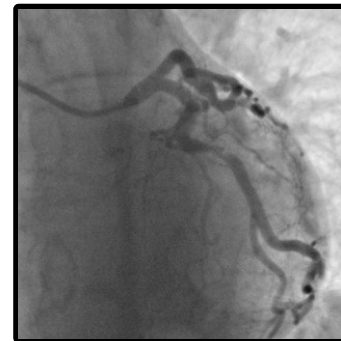




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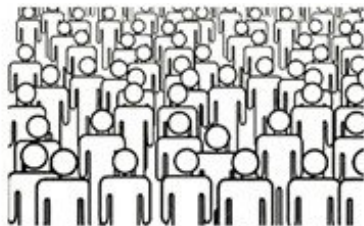
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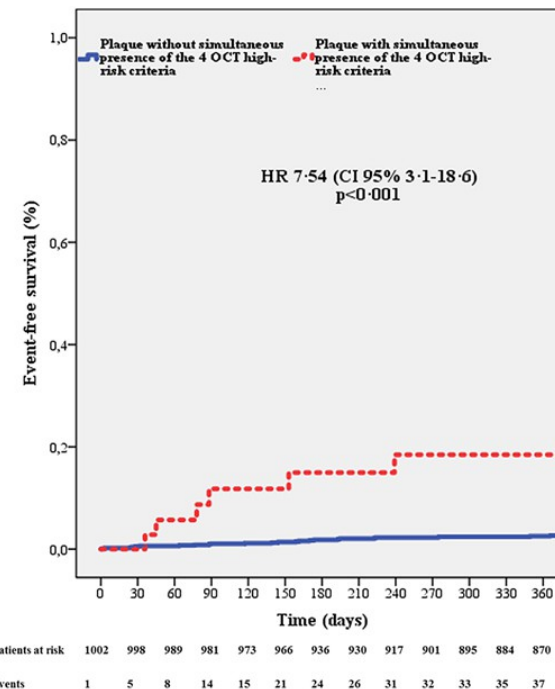
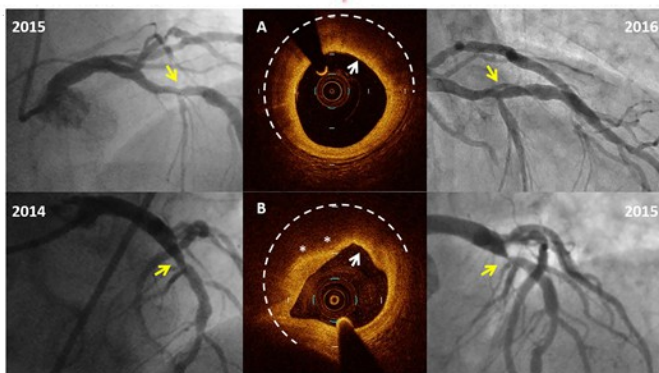


# The CLIMA Study



OCT LAD in 1003 patients with clinically indicated coronary angiogram from 11 independent centres enrolled from January 2013 to December 2016 (clinicaltrial.gov identifier NCT02883088).

MLA <3.5mm<sup>2</sup> + FCT <75µm + Lipid arc circumferential extension >180° + OCT defined macrophages

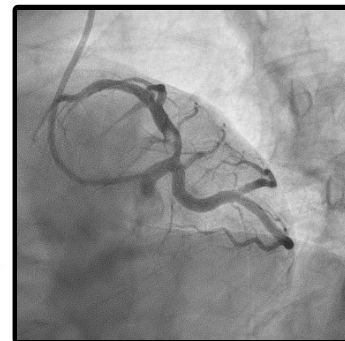
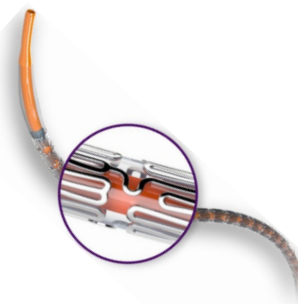
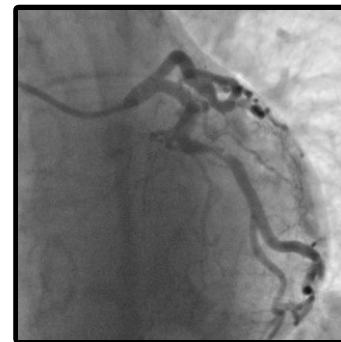




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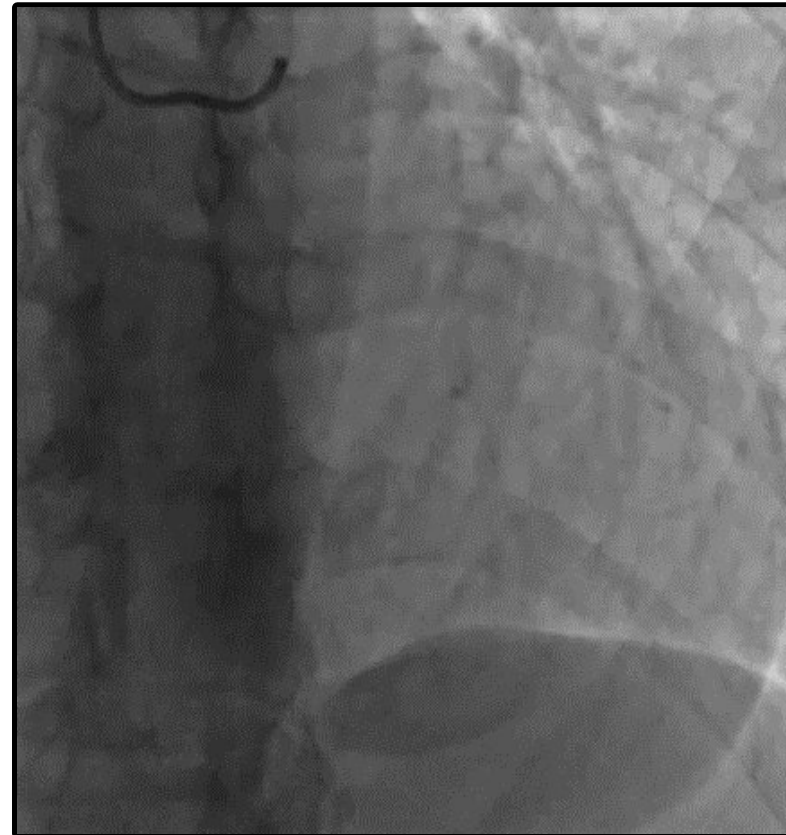
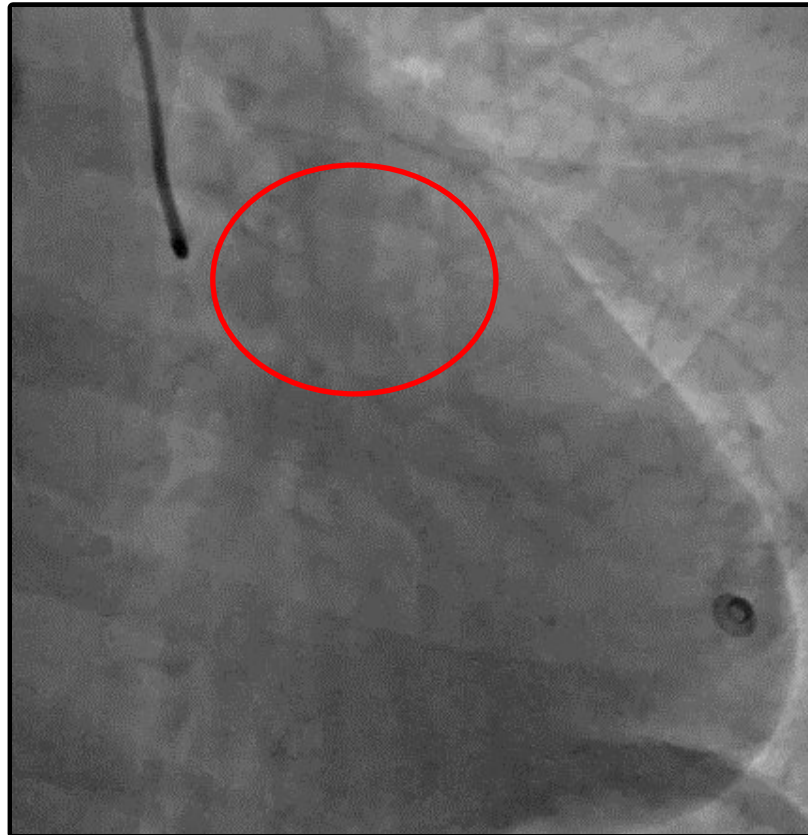
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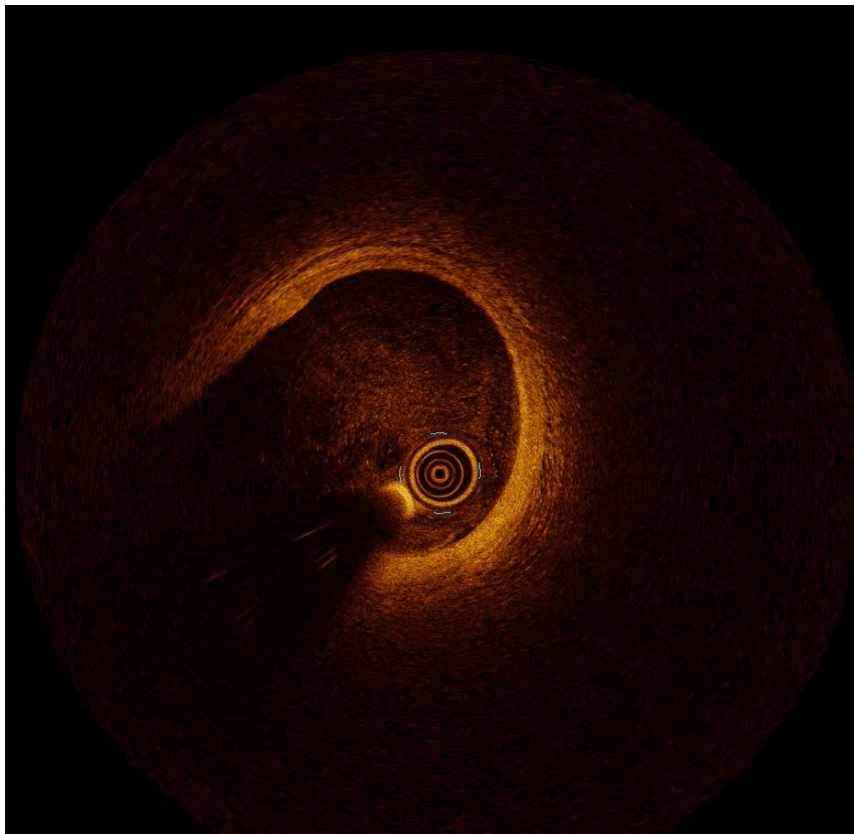
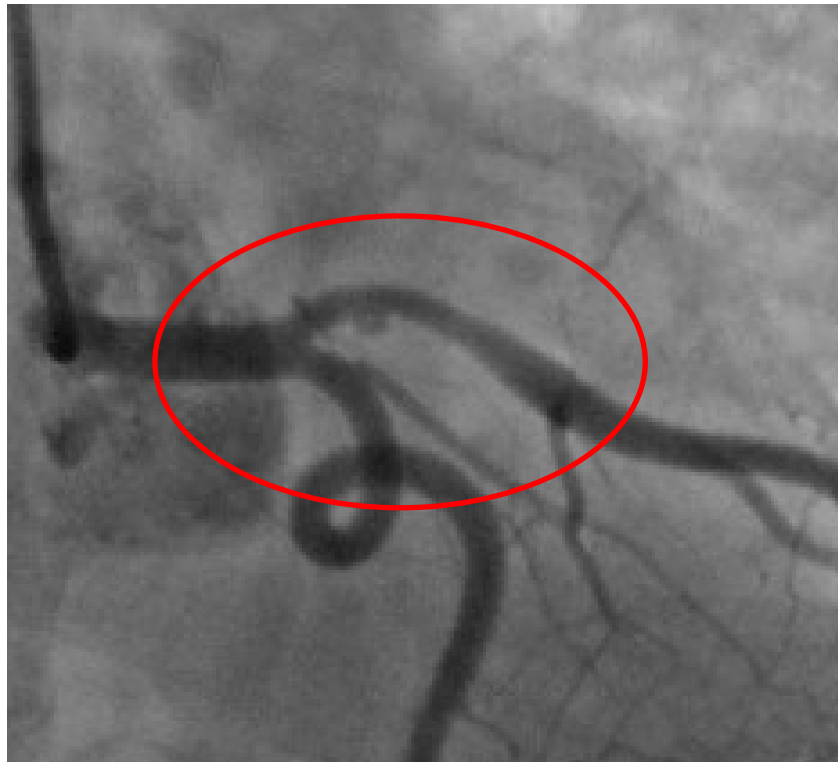
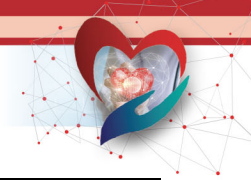




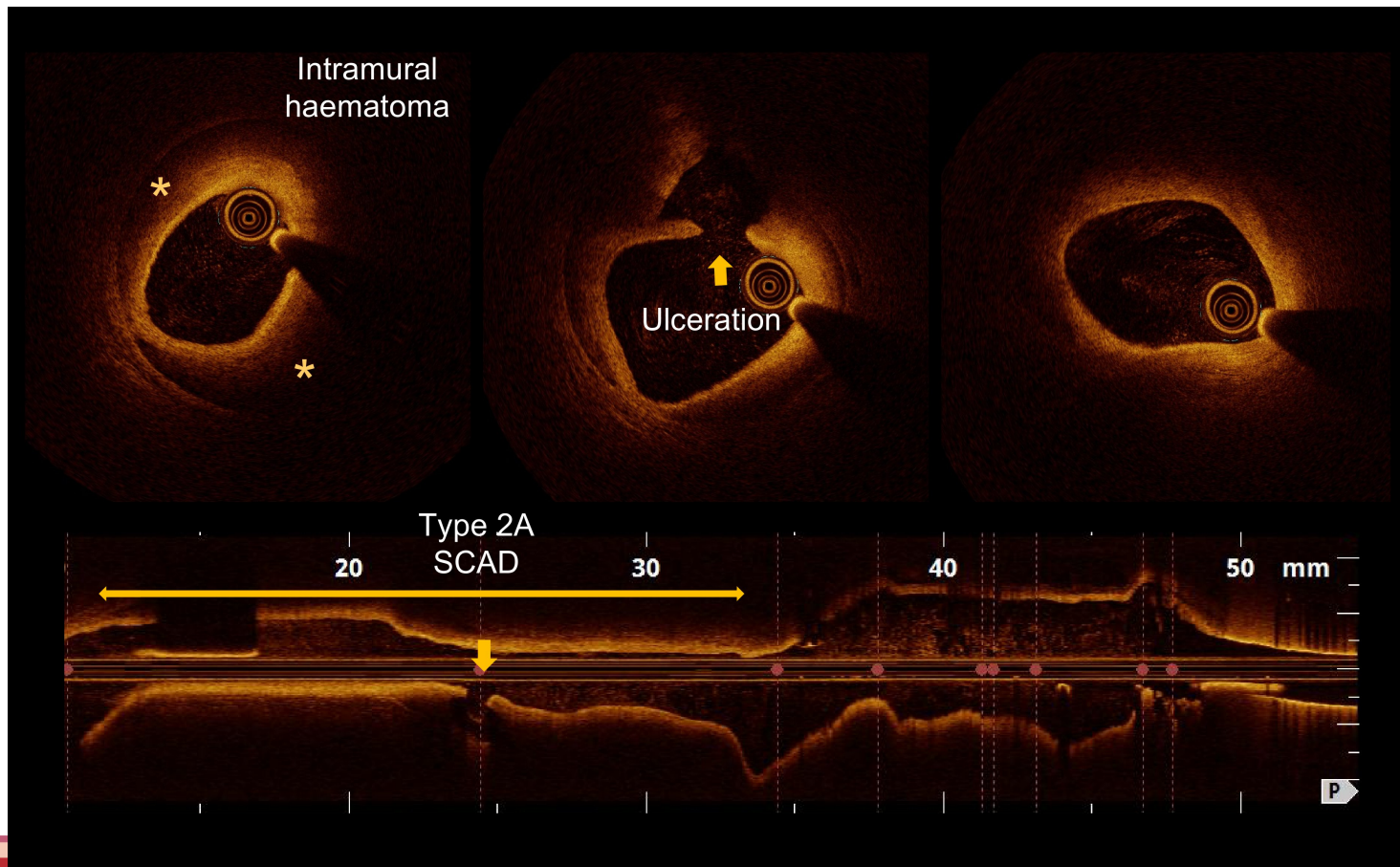
## 43 y.o. female, NSTEMI



# Coronary plaque rupture?



# Spontaneous coronary artery dissection

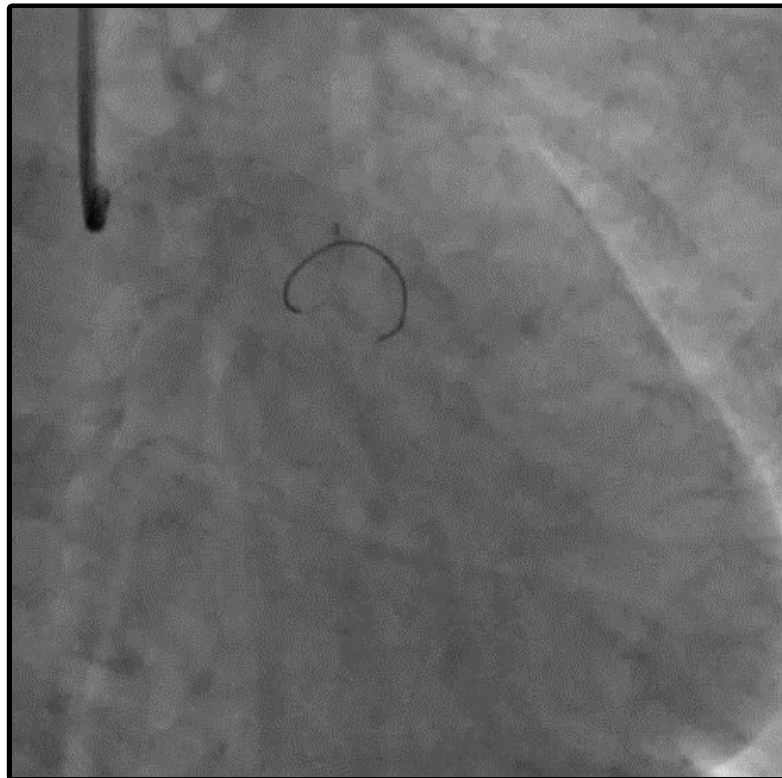




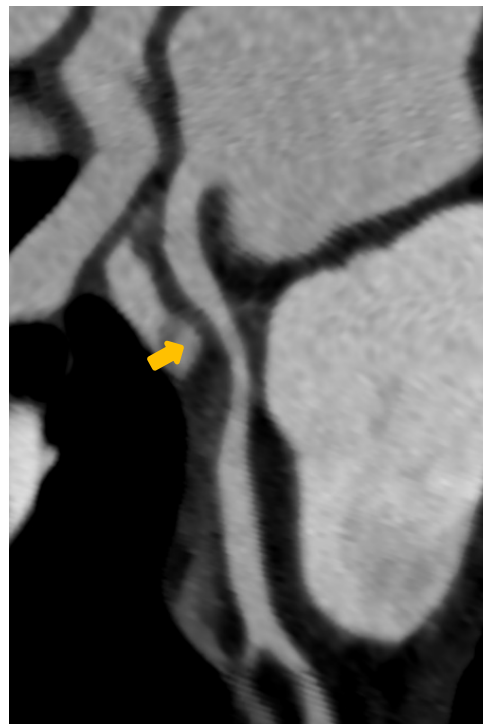
# Follow-up of conservative therapy



3 days



2 weeks



6 months

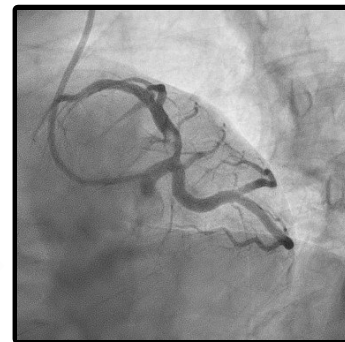
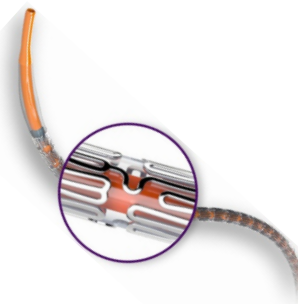
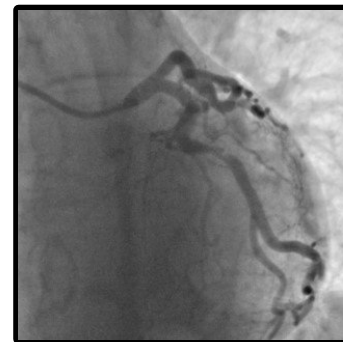




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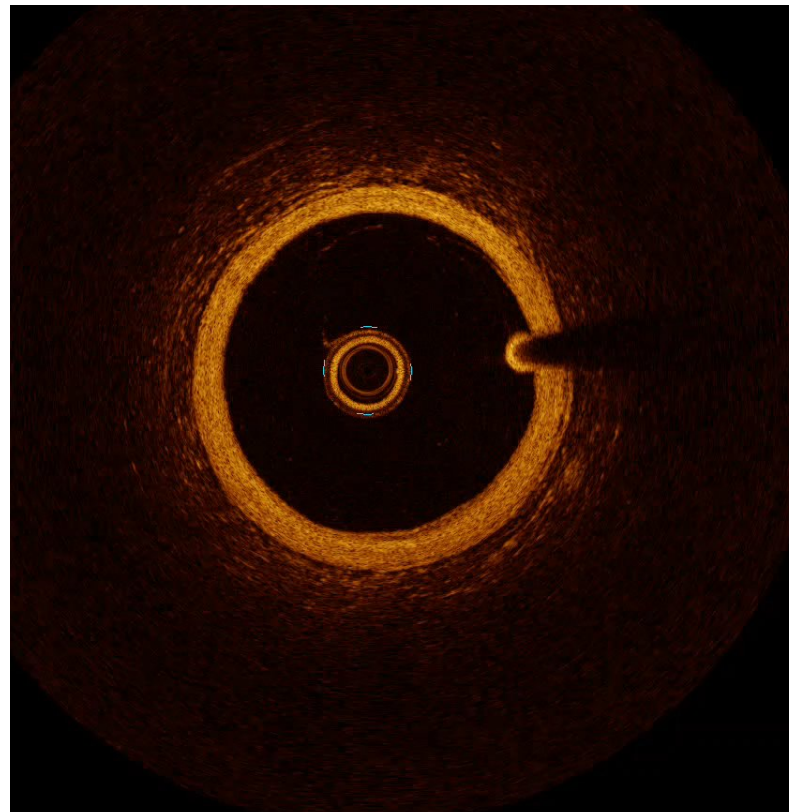
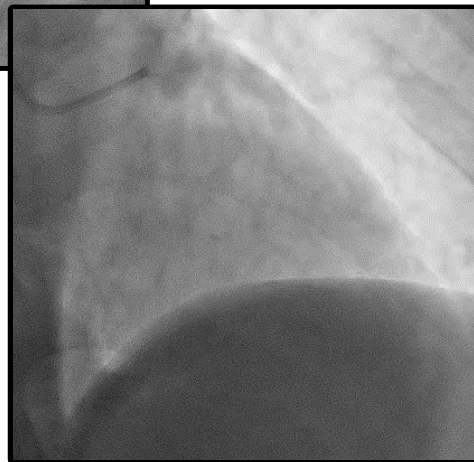
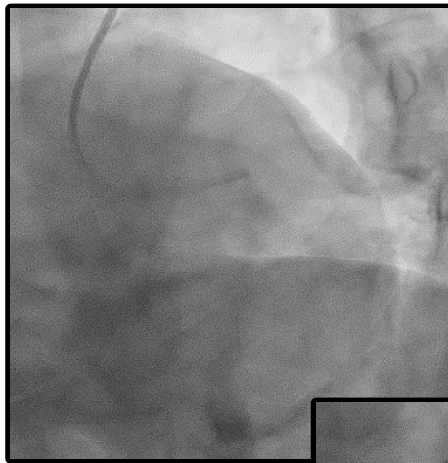
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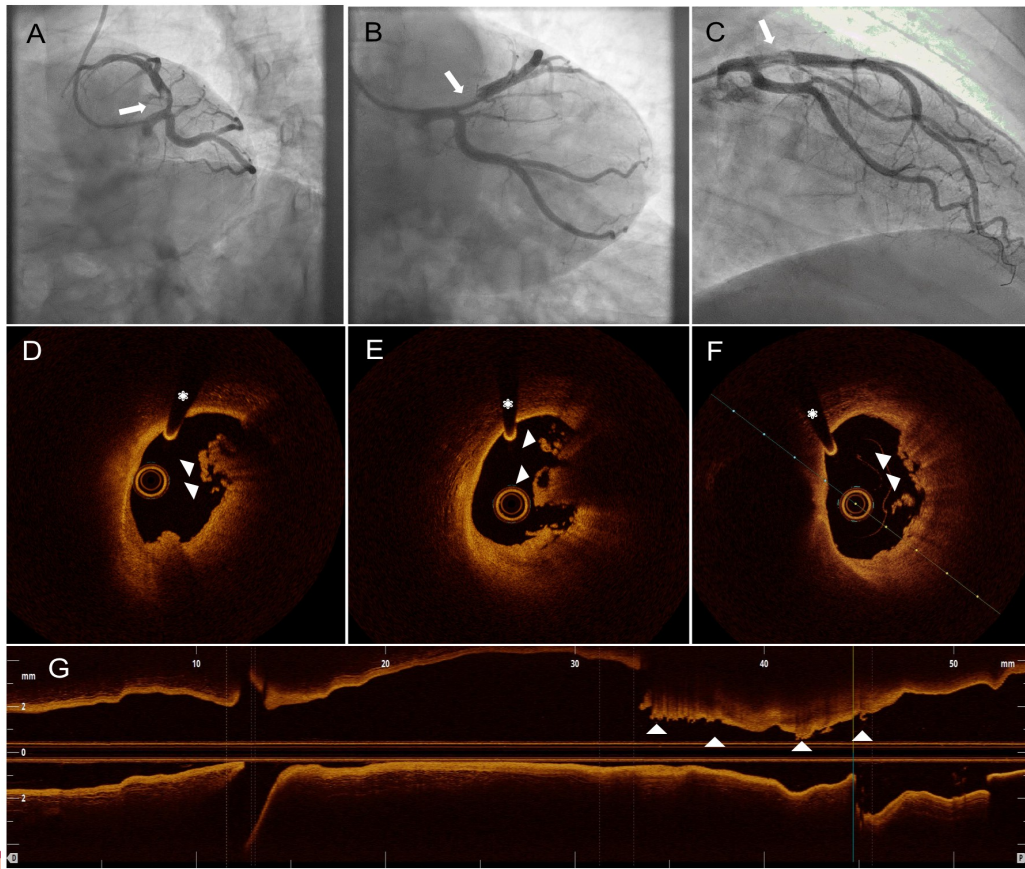




# 45 y.o. male, antero-lateral STEMI



# Conservative management of erosion



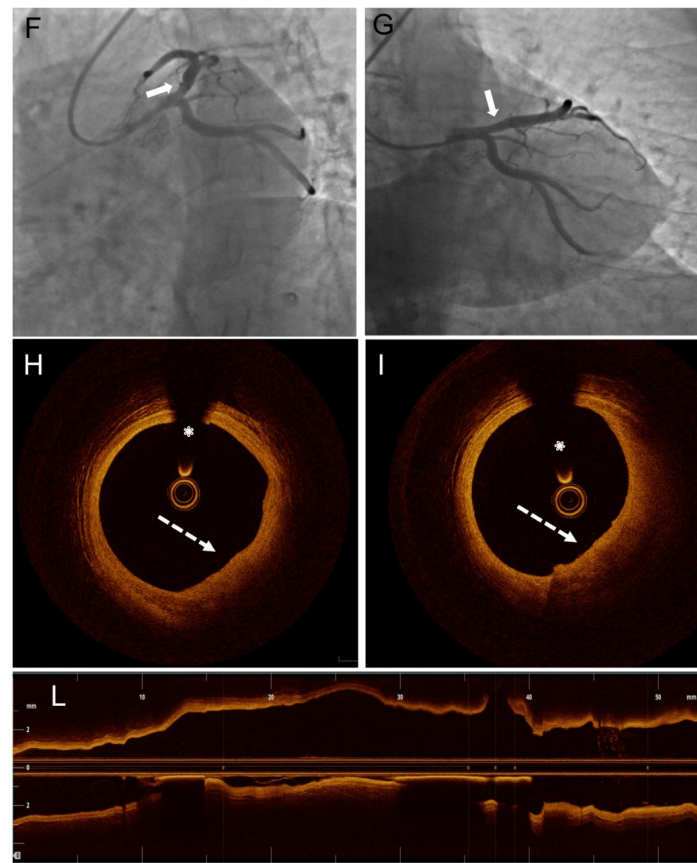
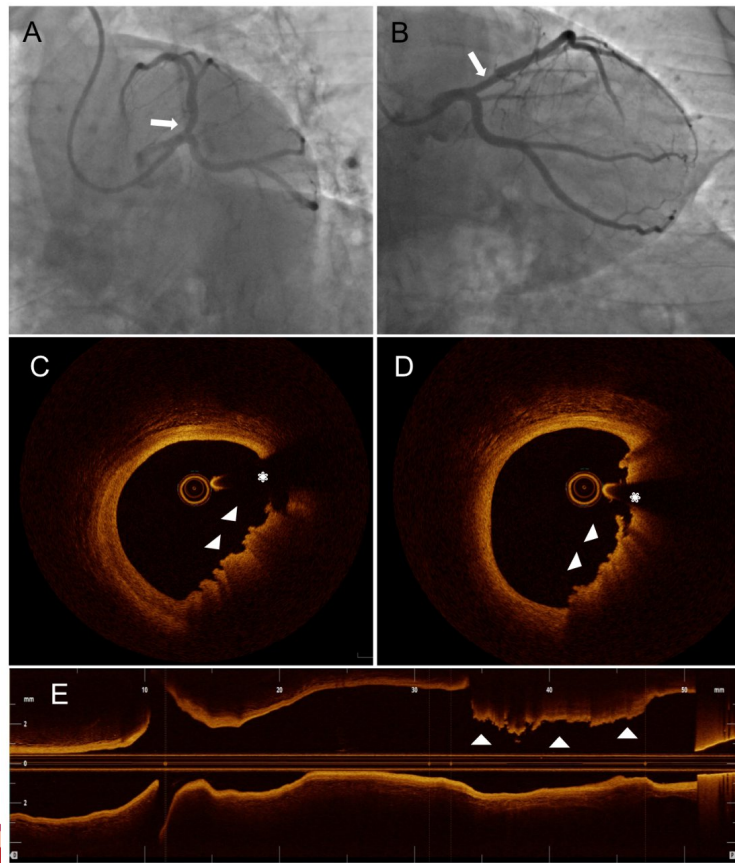
- Thrombus aspiration
- Left main to LAD stenting avoided
- **ASA, ticagrelor, UFH i.v. infusion**
- Transferred in the CCU
- Planned control CAG after 3 days



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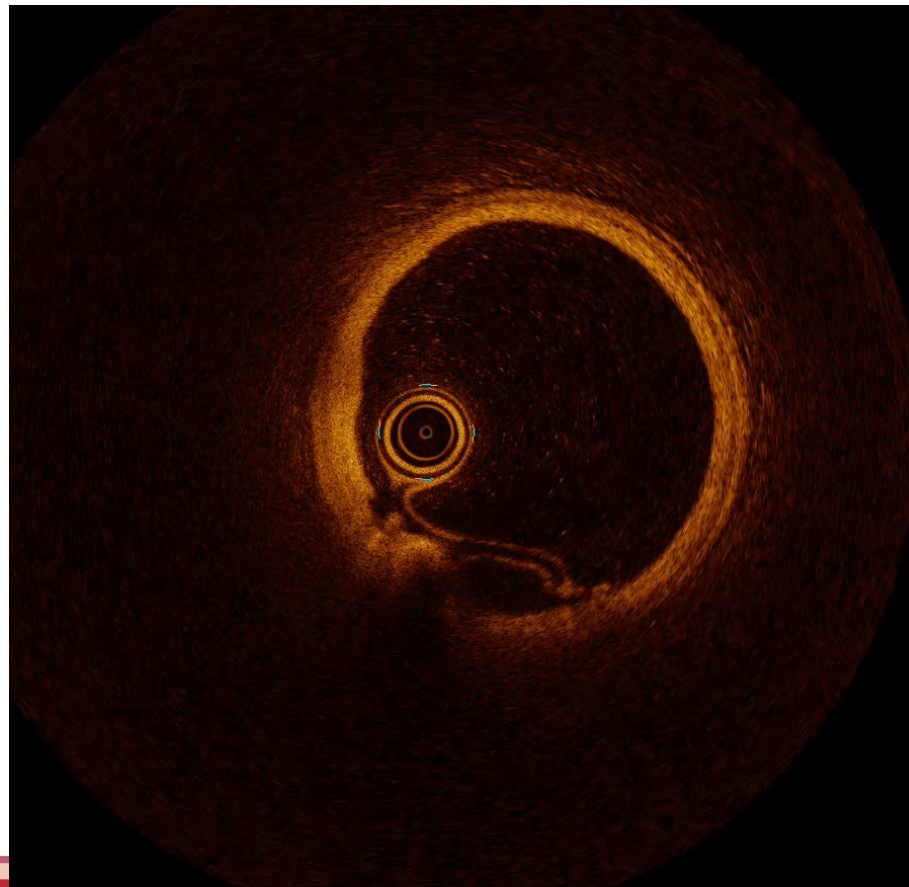
Day 3

Day 11



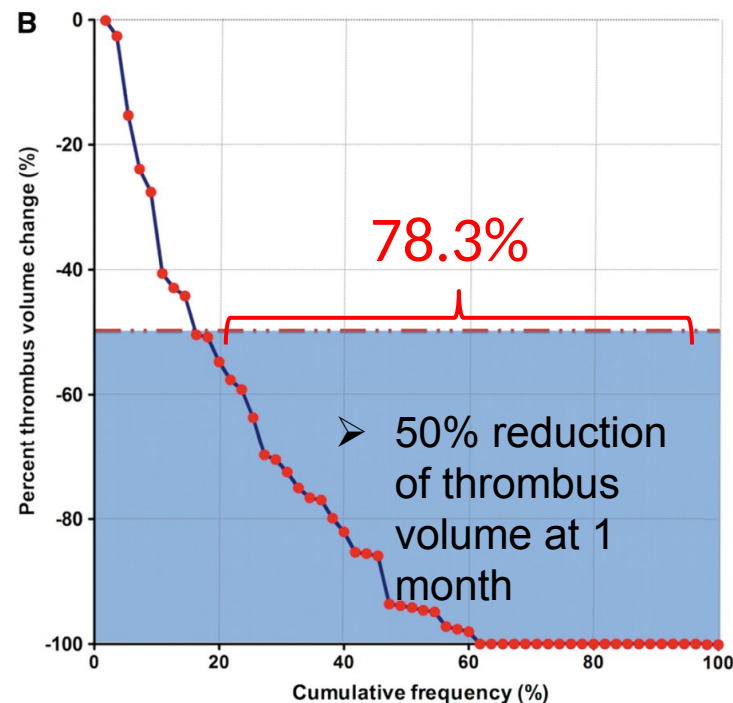
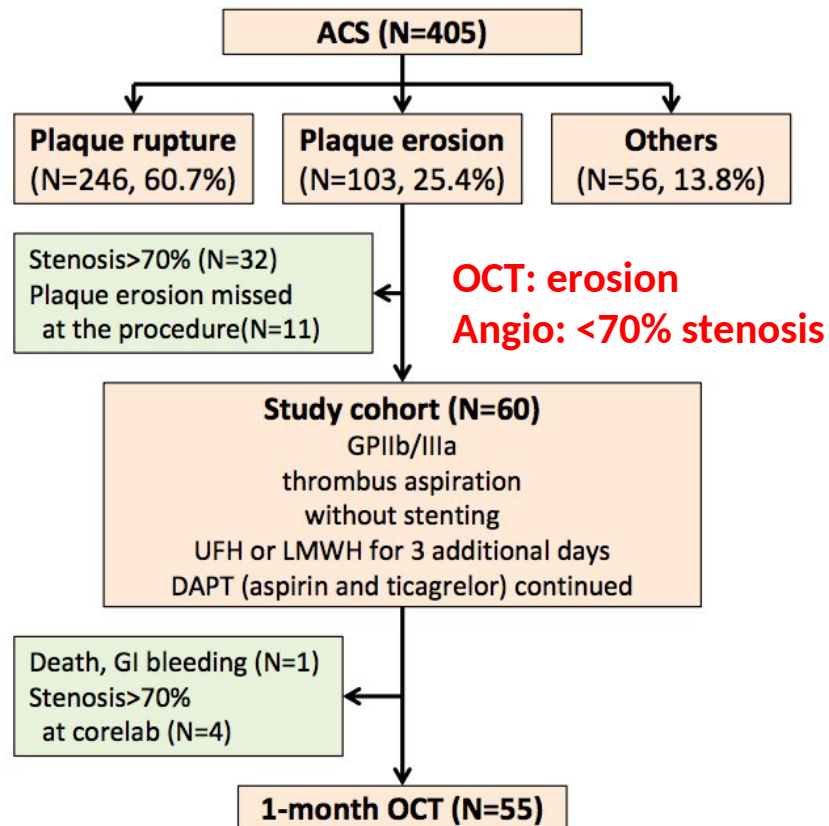


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# The EROSION study







# Conclusions

1. Current guidelines recommendations for OCT use are to aid diagnosis of underlying **mechanisms of stent failure** (restenosis/thrombosis) and to **optimize stent implantation** in selected patients.
2. Ongoing studies (ILUMIEN IV, OCTOBER, etc.) will tell us whether OCT use for PCI guidance improves clinical outcome.
3. **Strengths of OCT imaging** (in my opinion) are mostly **in the setting of ACS** (unclear culprit, angiographic indeterminate lesions, guidance/monitoring of conservative strategies, prediction of ACS recurrence).
4. Artificial intelligence, improvement in flow dynamics computation techniques, hybrid intracoronary imaging may increase utility of OCT imaging in the diagnosis and treatment of our patients.