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# ΠΑΘΟΛΟΓΙΑ ΚΑΤΙΟΥΣΗΣ ΘΩΡΑΚΙΚΗΣ ΑΟΡΤΗΣ

- DTAA, dissections, tears, ulcers  
παθήσεις με σημαντική θνητότητα και  
αυξανόμενη συχνότητα ([1,2,3,4,5](#))

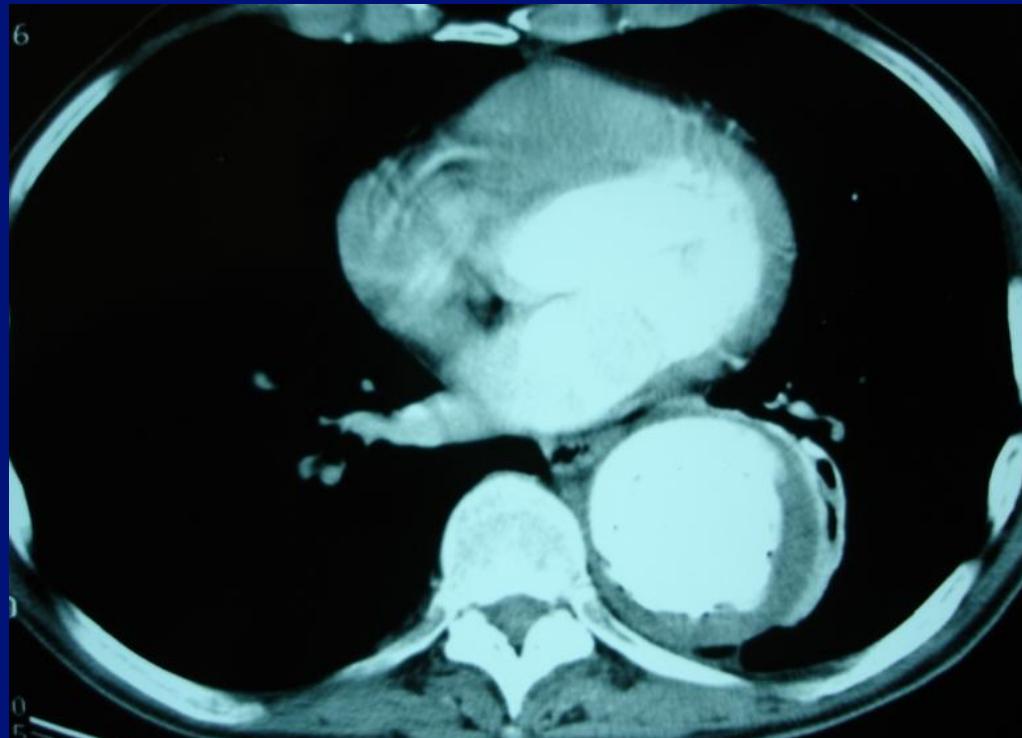
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# Ορισμός

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- ◆ **Ανεύρυσμα** χαρακτηρίζεται μια μόνιμη εντοπισμένη αρτηριακή διάταση που οφείλεται σε δομικές αλλοιώσεις του τοιχώματος του αγγείου.
- ◆ **Ανεύρυσμα** θεωρείται κάθε παθολογική διάταση μιας αρτηρίας μεγαλύτερη από 50% της φυσιολογικής της διαμέτρου



# Παθογένεια

- ◆ Συσχετίστηκε με αθηροσκλήρυνση
- ◆ Εκφυλιστική νόσος μη ειδικής αιτιολογίας 90%
- ◆ Φλεγμονώδη, μυκωτικά, συφιλιδικά, κυστική νέκρωση μ. χιτώνα, συγγενή σύνδρομα ελαστικού ιστού, τραυματικά, ιατρογενή (αναστομωτικά)

# Προδιαθεσικοί παράγοντες

- ◆ Ηλικία
- ◆ Φύλο (x4.5)
- ◆ Φυλή
- ◆ Οικογενειακό ιστορικό
- ◆ Κάπνισμα (x6)
- ◆ A. υπέρταση
- ◆ Υπερλιπιδαιμία
- ◆ Στεφανιαία νόσος

# Φυσική εξέλιξη ΑΘΑ

καταστροφική:

- διάταση
- ρήξη
- Ισχαιμία
- shock
- Θάνατο

1- και 5- ετών επιβίωση:

- Σε ΑΘΑ μη χ/θεν 60% και 20%, αντίστοιχα. 1

Ετήσιος κίνδυνος ρήξης, διαχωρισμού, ή θανάτου (6 cm ΑΘΑ) > 14%. 2

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# Κλινική εικόνα

Ασυμπτωματικά

Συμπτωματικά

- Σύνδρομο άνω κοίλης φλέβας
- Δυσφαγία, βράγχος φωνής
- Δύσπνοια, βήχα
- Άτυπα κοιλιακά, θωρακικά άλγη
- Ραχιαλγία, οσφυαλγία
- Ατελή ειλεό
- παραπληγία
- Αιμόπτυση, αιματέμεση
- Δυσουρία
- Περιφερικές εμβολές
- Διαλείπουσα χωλότητα
- Αορτική ανεπάρκεια
- Πίεση στεφανιαίων αρτηριών
- **Ρήξη 10-20% πρώτη εκδήλωση**

# Επιπλοκές

- ✓ Ρήξη (τελικά στο 75%-80% αν δεν αντιμετ.)
- ✓ Θρόμβωση
- ✓ Περιφερικές εμβολές
- ✓ Πίεση παρακείμενων οργάνων

# Παράγοντες που αυξάνουν την πιθανότητα ρήξης

- Μέγεθος
- Ηλικία
- Φύλο
- Υπέρταση
- COPD - Βρογχεκτασίες
- Κάπνισμα
- Ρυθμός αύξησης διαμέτρου
- Εποχιακή επίπτωση

# Αντιμετώπιση

## ΘΕΝΔΕΙΞΕΙΣ :

- μέγεθος ( $>5$  cm)
- βαθύτης ανάπτυξης ( $>1$ cm/έτος)
- συμπτωματικά
- ραγέντα (συγκαλυμμένη, ελεύθερη)

# Ενδείξεις – κριτήρια

## Criteria for endovascular repair of descending TAA

(Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. Jason T. Lee, Rodney A. White. Current status of thoracic aortic endograft repair. Surg Clin N Am 84 (2004) 1295–1318)

**Descending thoracic aneurysm > 5.5 cm in diameter**

**Aneurysm 4.5–5.5 cm with increase in size by 0.5 cm in last 6 months or twice size normal**

**Symptomatic / ruptured aneurysm**

**Saccular aneurysm**

**Nonaneurysmal proximal aortic neck > 20 mm in length that measures between 22 and 40 mm (dependent on device availability)**

**No extension of aneurysm into abdominal aorta (distal neck at least 20 mm above celiac) that measures between 22 and 40 mm (dependent on device availability)**

**Patent iliac or femoral arteries that allow introduction of 22–25 F delivery sheath (device dependent)**

**Life expectancy at least 12 months**

**Able to consent for appropriate trials and follow-up protocols**

**Absence of general contraindications for every endovascular procedure: age < 18, allergy to contrast medium, coagulopathy, pregnancy-lactation, creatinine level > 1.7 mg/dl, groin infection and connective tissue disease.**

# Κλασσική αντιμετώπιση

- DeBakey ME and Cooley MA in 1953.<sup>1,2</sup>
- open resection and graft interposition (via a left thoracotomy)
- Βελτιώνει σαφώς την επιβίωση σε σύγκριση με την συντηρητική αντιμετώπιση.<sup>3</sup>

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# Κλασσική χειρουργική αντιμετώπισης

- Γενική αναισθησία
- Σωλήνας διπλού αυλού
- Κερκιδική αρτηρία
- Κεντρική φλεβική γραμμή, Swan Ganz
- Εξωσ. κυκλοφορία
- 2 περιφερικές γραμμές
- Κεντρική θερμομέτρηση
- ΗΚΓ, ΕΚΓ, πίεση εγκ/νωτιαίου υγρού, ΣΣ δυναμικά

# Αποτελέσματα κλασσικής αποκατάστασης (MORBIDITY, MORTALITY AND SURVIVAL)

- Μικρή βελτίωση από το 1953
- Even with the advent of cardiopulmonary bypass, profound hypothermia, circulatory arrest, spinal cord protection and ICU support, the results slightly improved. 1-8

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# Ενδαγγειακή αποκατάσταση

- Parodi in 1991, 1
- So, Volodos was the pioneer in endovascular treatment of DTA in 1991. 2
- Dake et al in 1992 used homemade devices that combined polyester grafts and modified Gianturco Z-stents with promising results. 3
- Since then, many studies have shown the technical feasibility and effectiveness of DTAA endovascular repair, as well as the potential complications. 3-28

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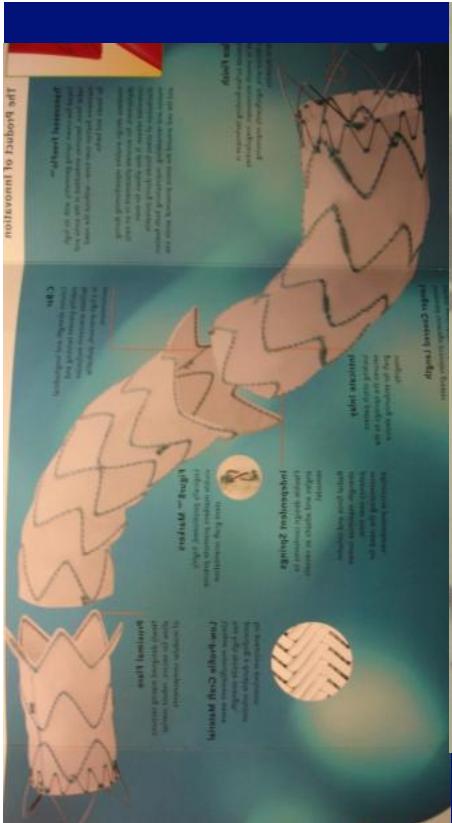
- avoidance of major thoracic or thoracoabdominal incisions
  - decreased need for general anesthesia
  - shorter operative time
  - minimal blood lose and need for transfusions
  - lack of aortic crossclamping, avoidance of cardiopulmonary bypass
  - less postoperative pain
  - shorter hospital and ICU stays and quicker recuperation.
  - 30-day mortality
  - Morbidity
  - paraplegia
- } especially

<b>OPEN vs EVAR</b>	<b>Open surgery<sup>1-10</sup></b> Centers of excellence	<b>EVAR (DTAA)<sup>11-36</sup></b> All reports (25 Centers)
<b>30-day mortality</b>	8-20% (elective)  60% (ruptured)	10% (0-25%)
<b>Morbidity</b>	50%	10 %
<b>Paraplegia</b>	Up to 8%	0% (only 7 out of 25 reports with approximately 5% paraplegia).
<b>5-year survival</b>	60-70%	To be determined (equal or increased with K-M analysis)

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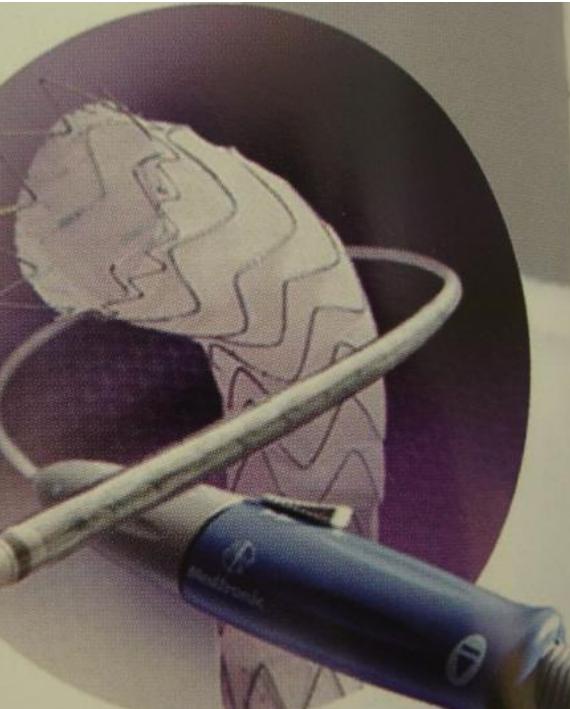
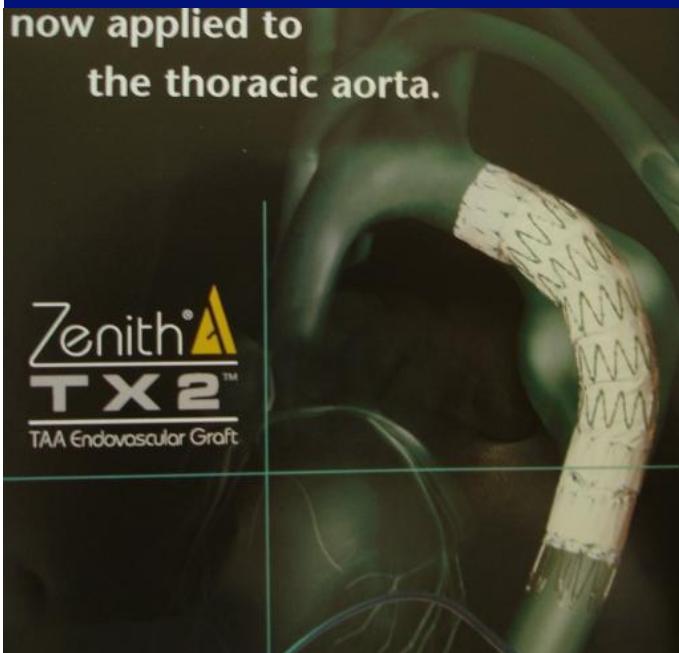
## Μειονεκτήματα Ενδαγγειακής αποκατάστασης

- long-term data is still lacking.
- Endoleak,
- migration,
- material fatigue
- sac pressurization



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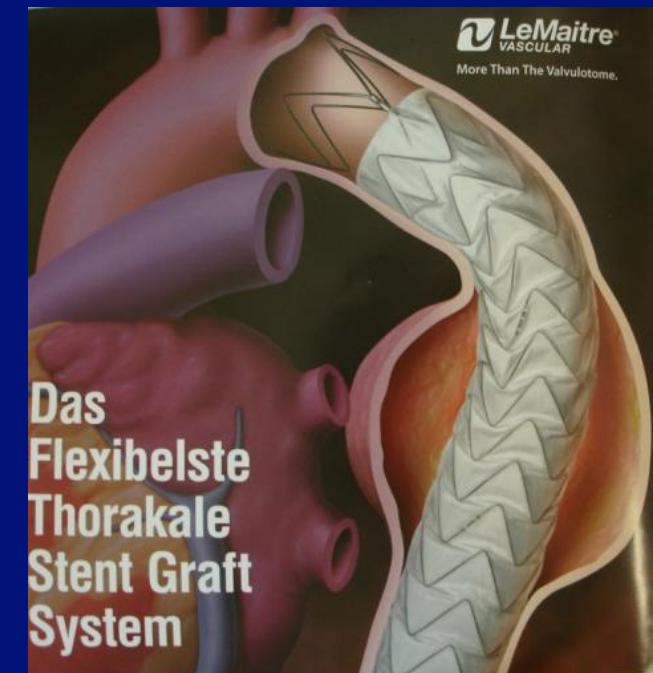
Straight open design: For precise, reliable  
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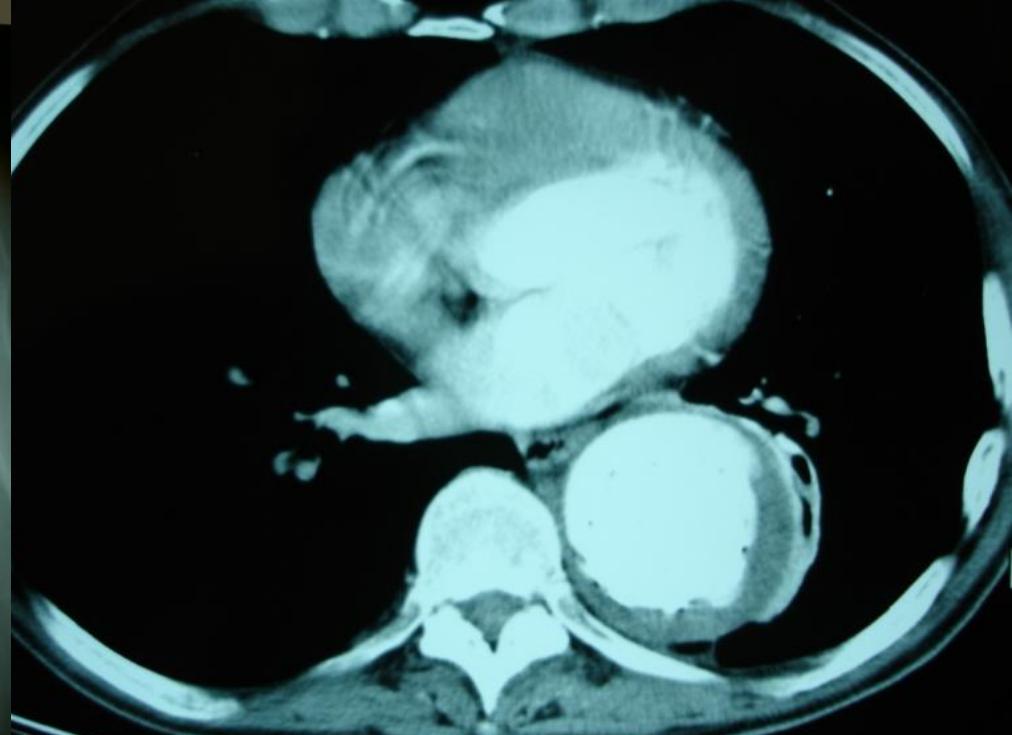
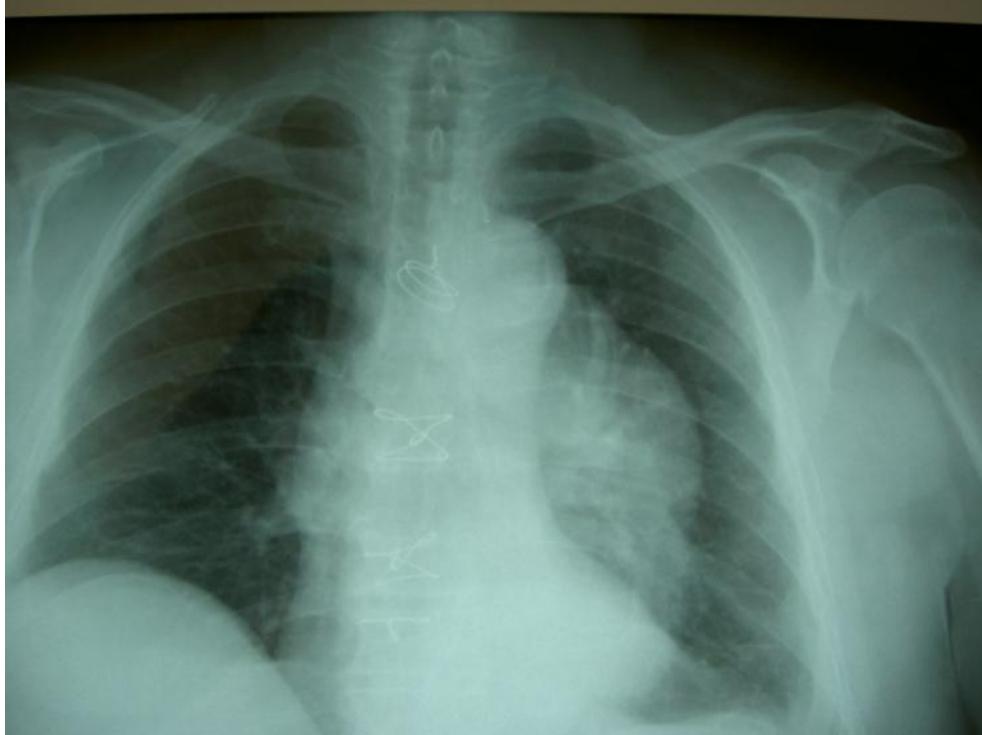
Twin stent design: For maximum radial  
strength and an optimized sealing surface



V-crown design: The patented V-crown  
design offers unique therapeutic possibility



# PROCEDURE



# Preparation



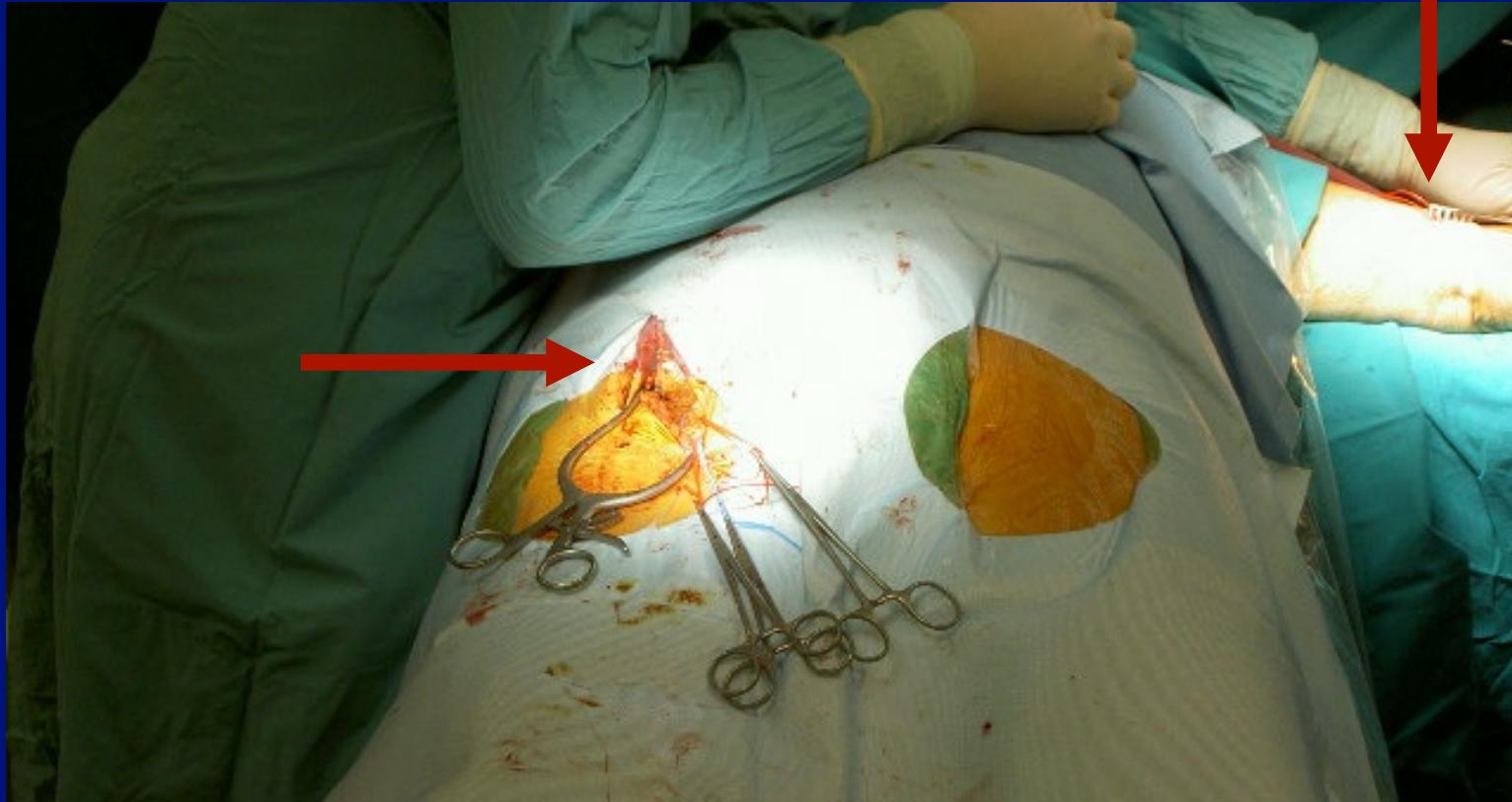
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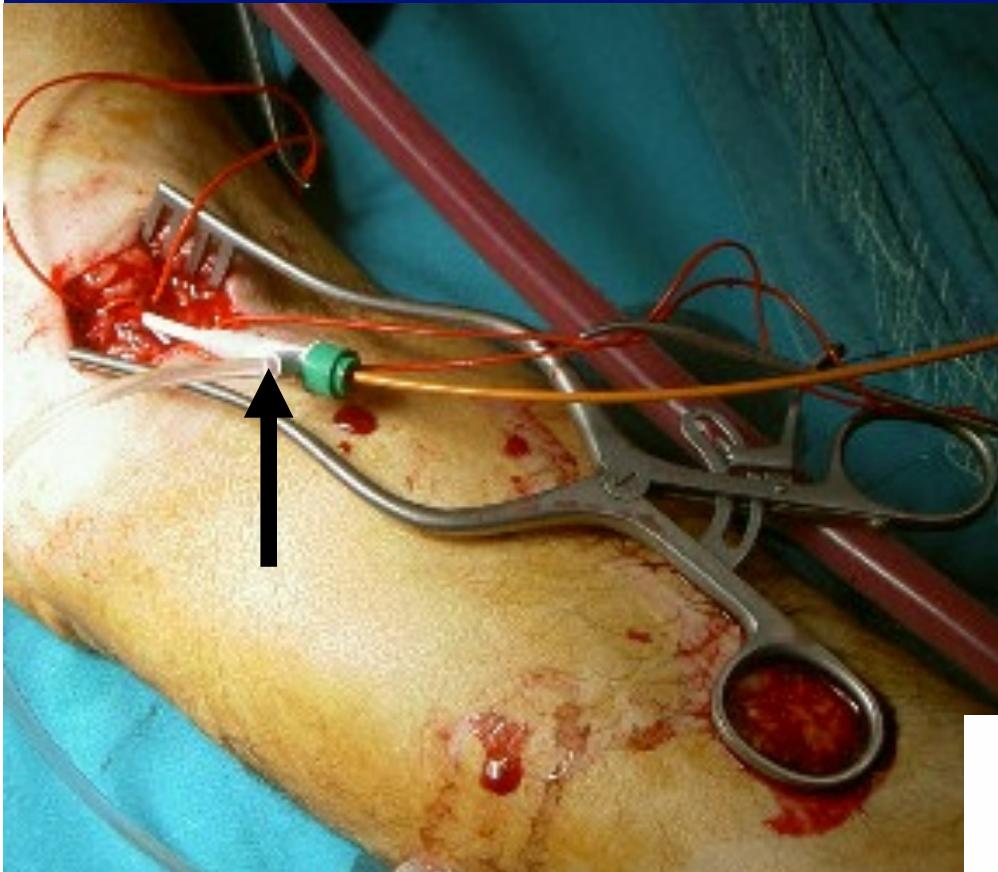
**Both groins and left arm  
are prepared**



# Access



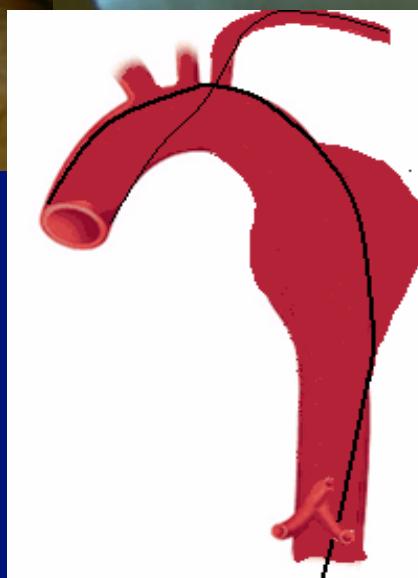
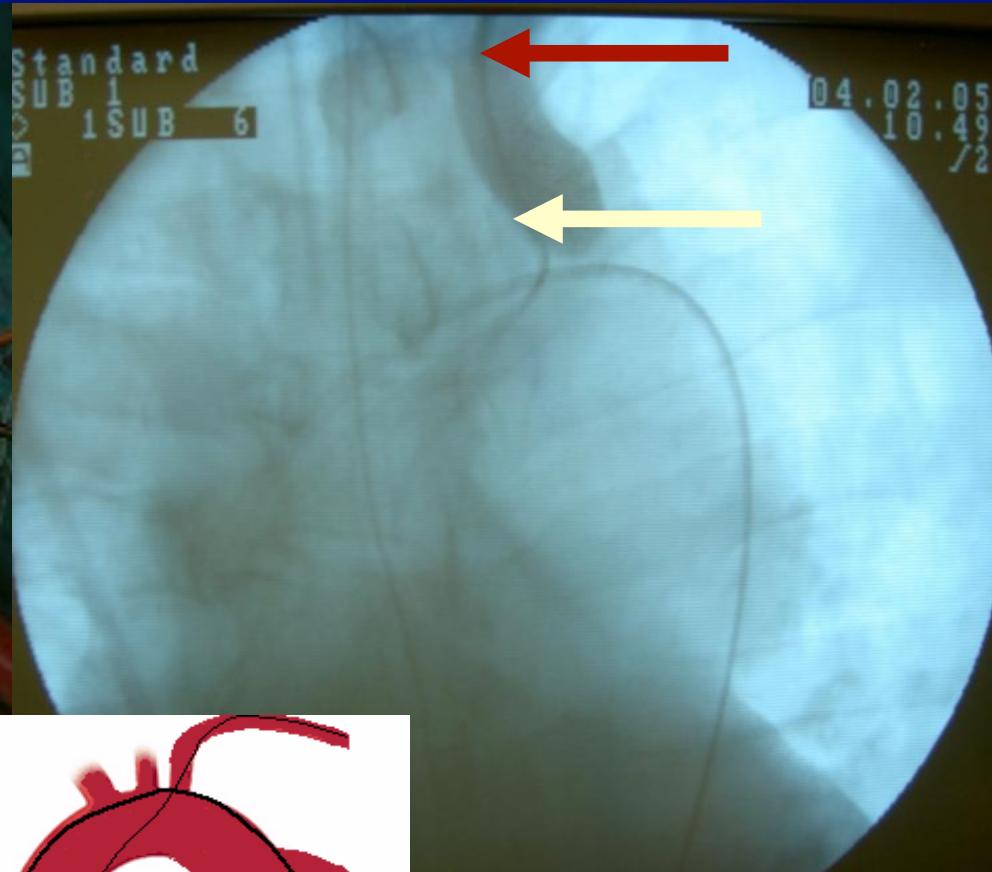
Surgical exposure of right femoral and left brachial artery

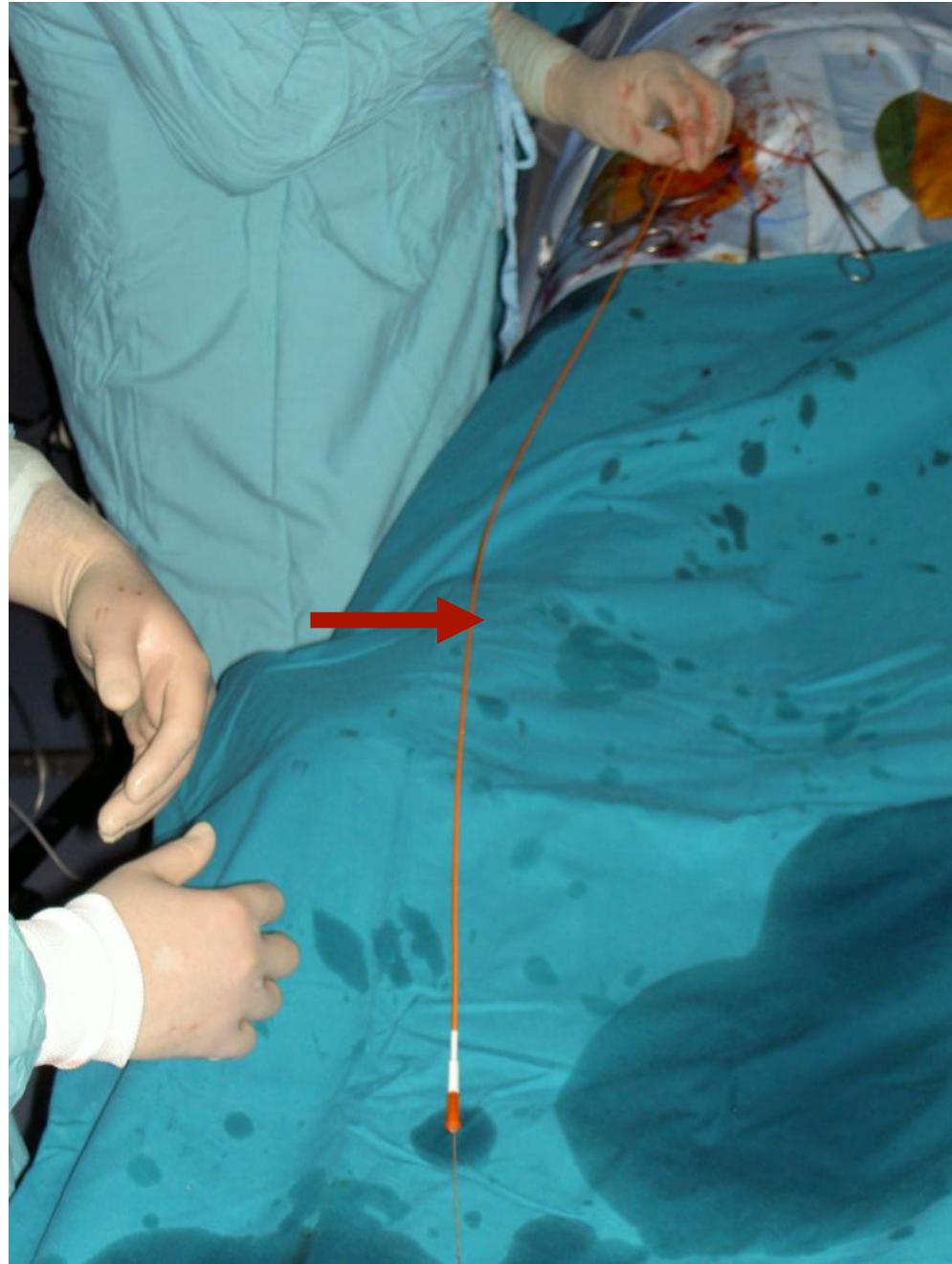


**6 / 7 Fr sheath**

**Guide wire or Terumo 150cm**

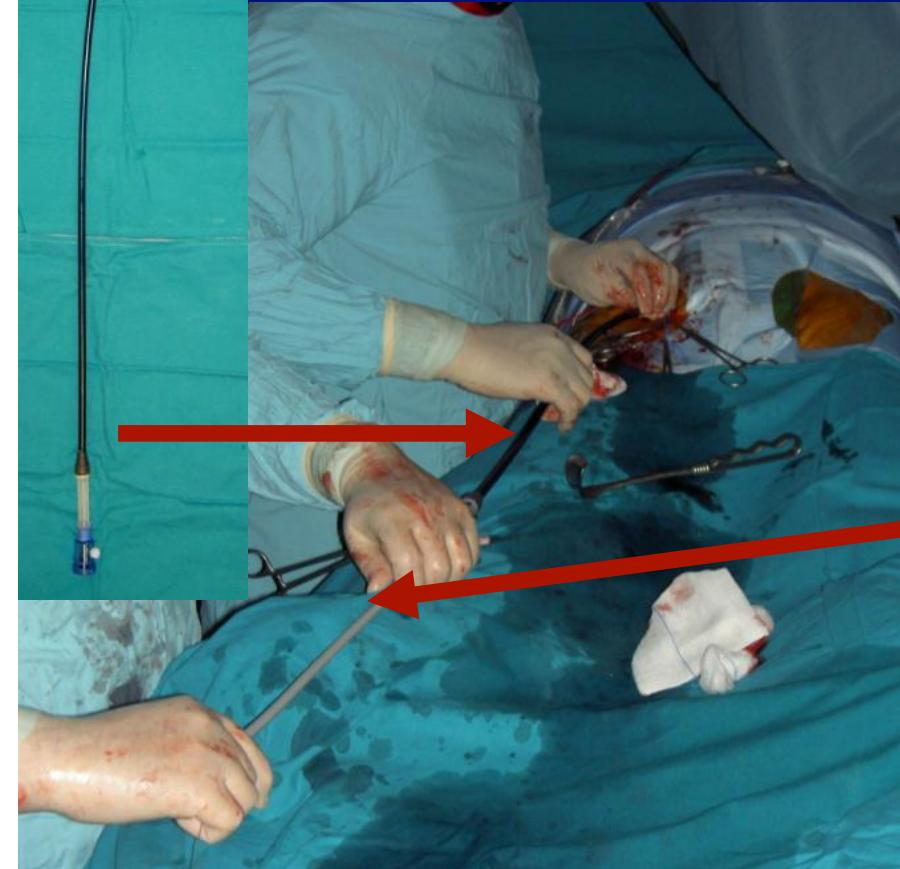
**6 / 7 Fr Angiographic catheter**



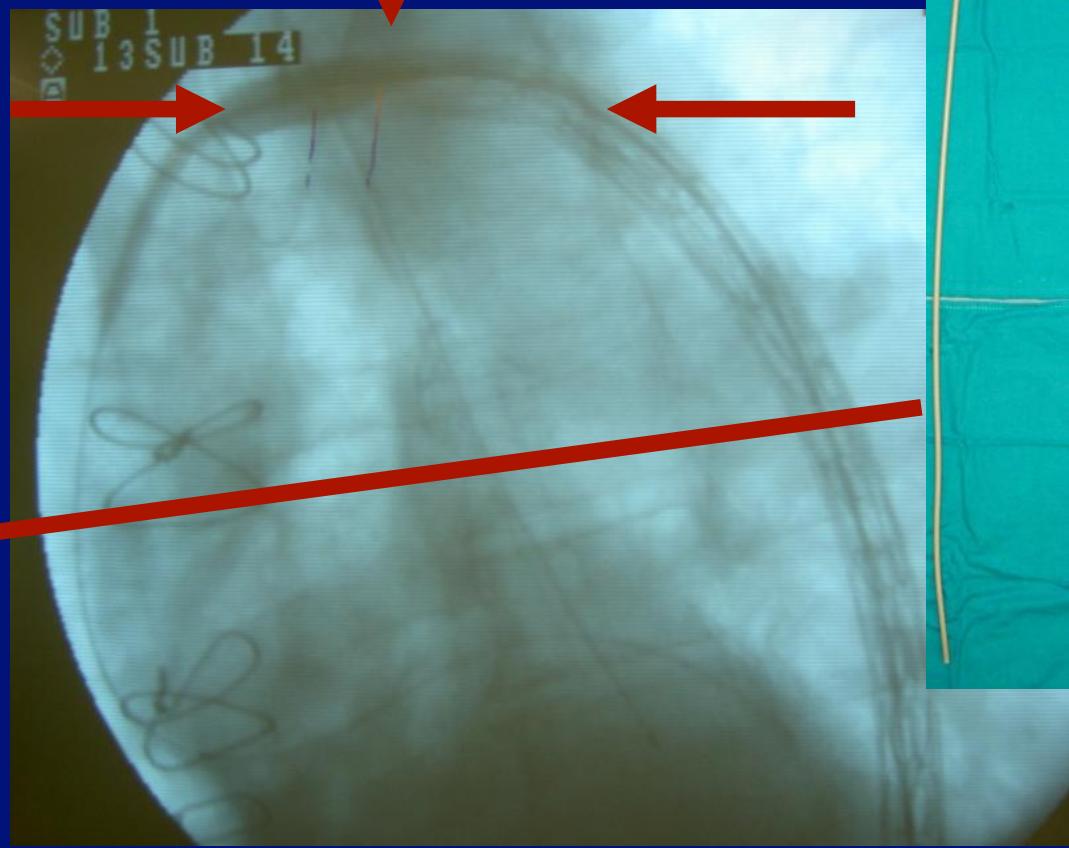


- 7Fr Angiographic catheter over the guide wire
- The guide wire is exchanged with a Supra core extra stiff 260cm wire

# Sheath positioning



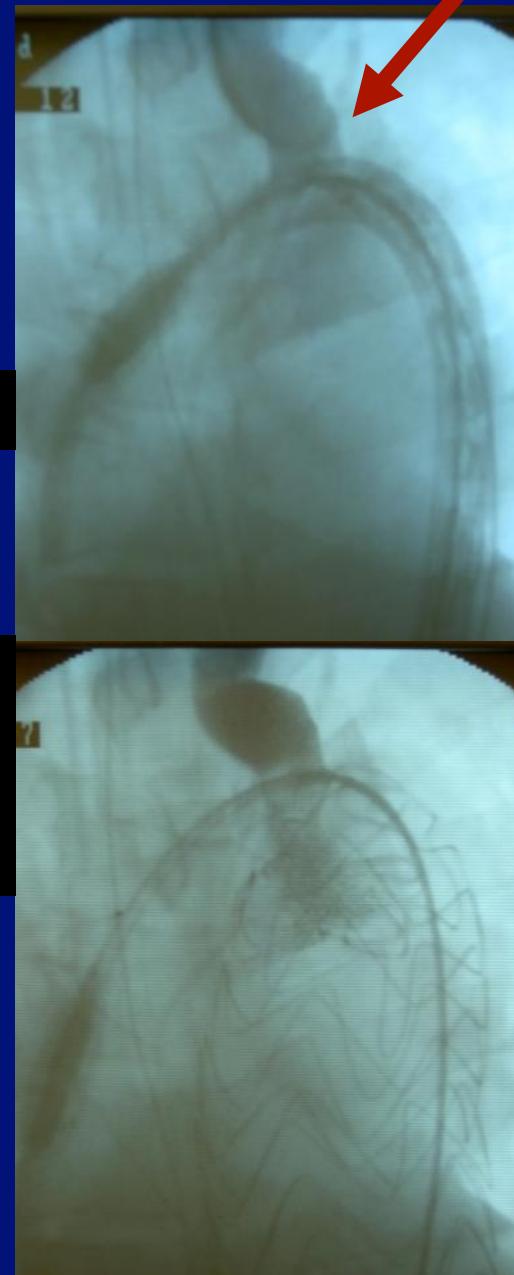
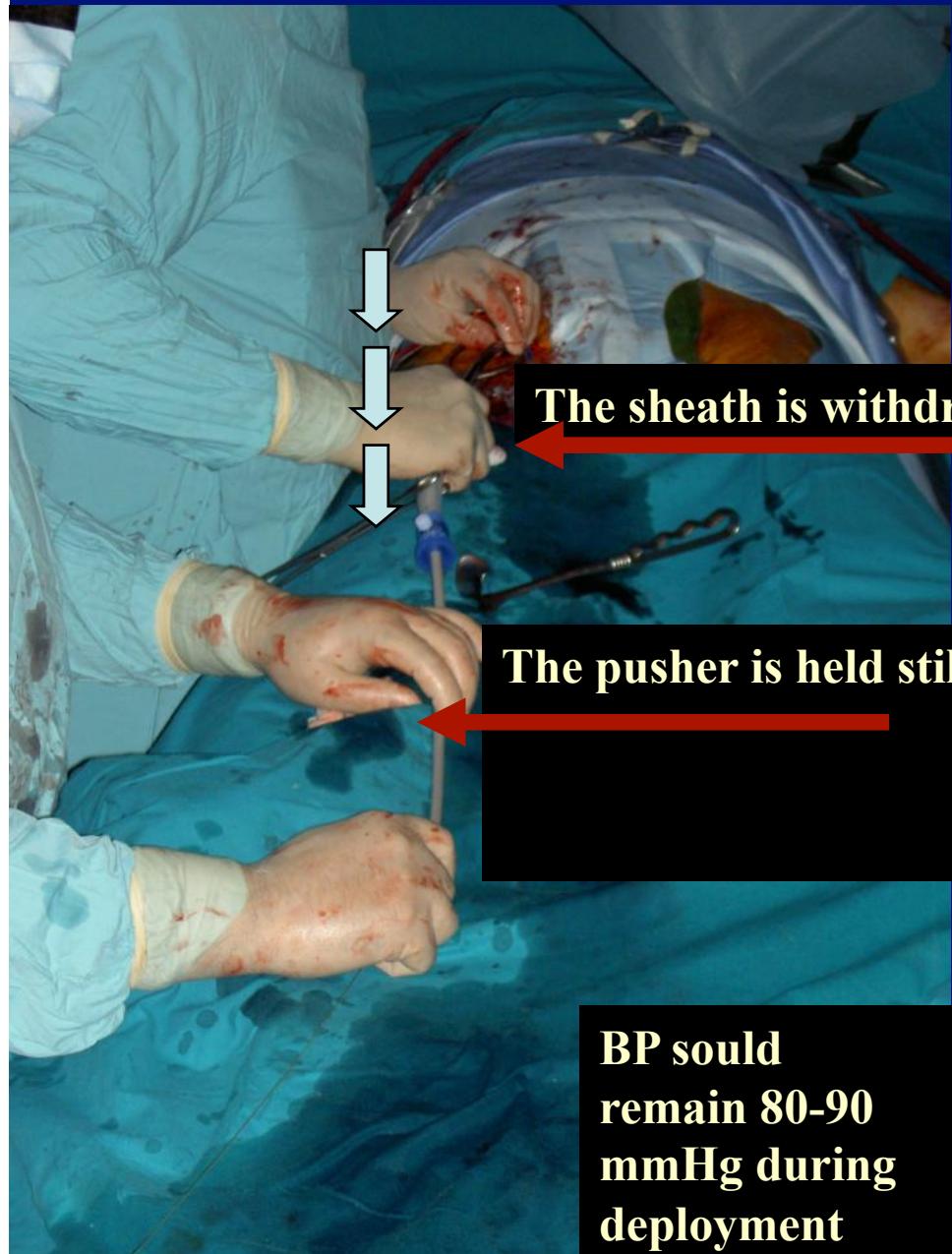
Simultaneous DSA assists positioning



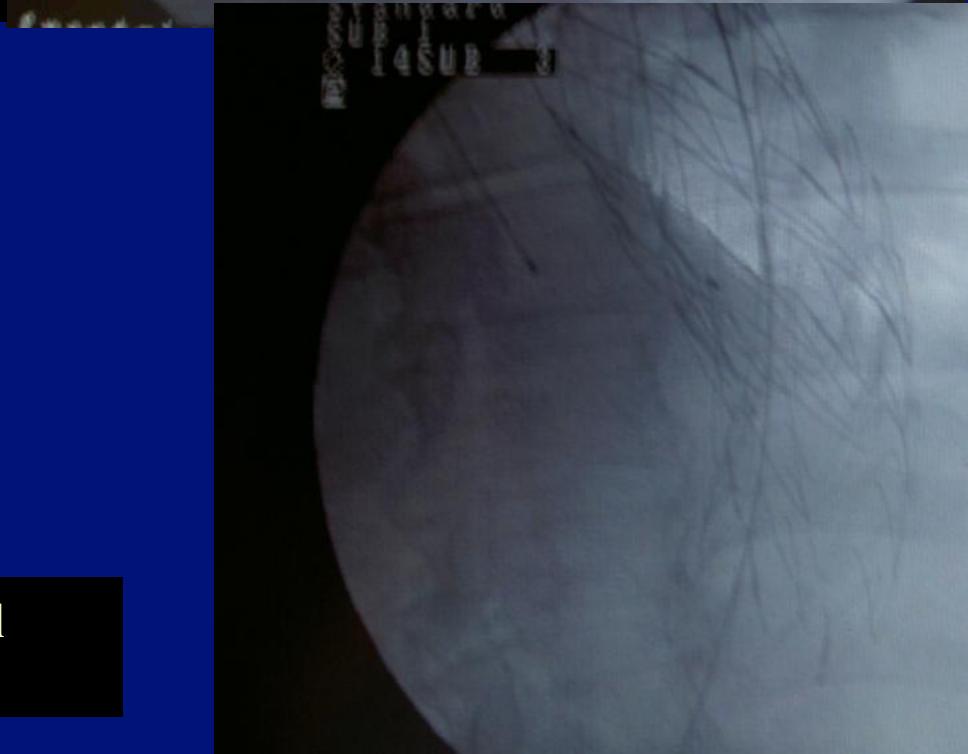
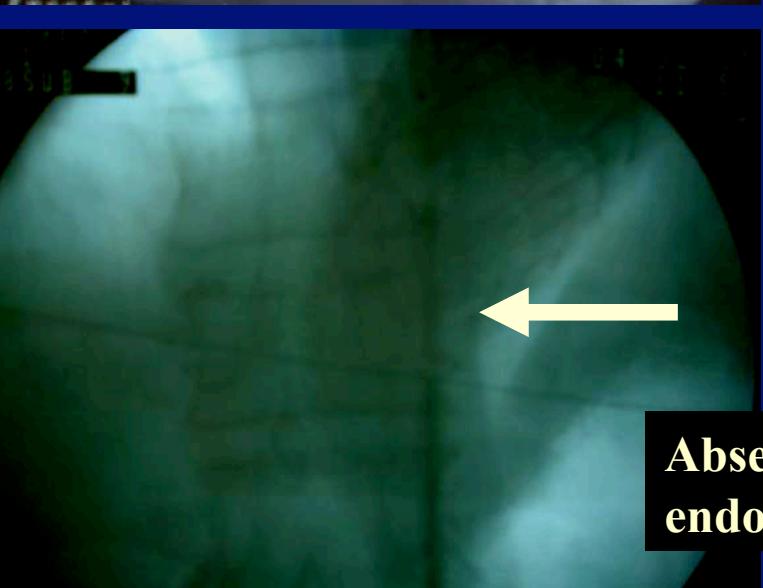
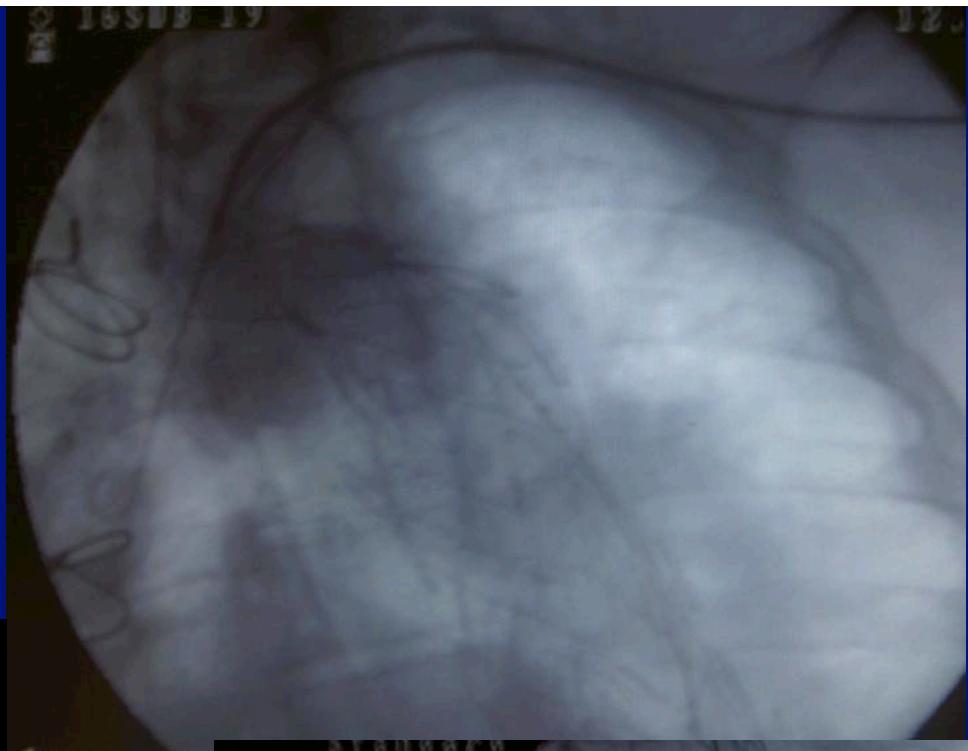
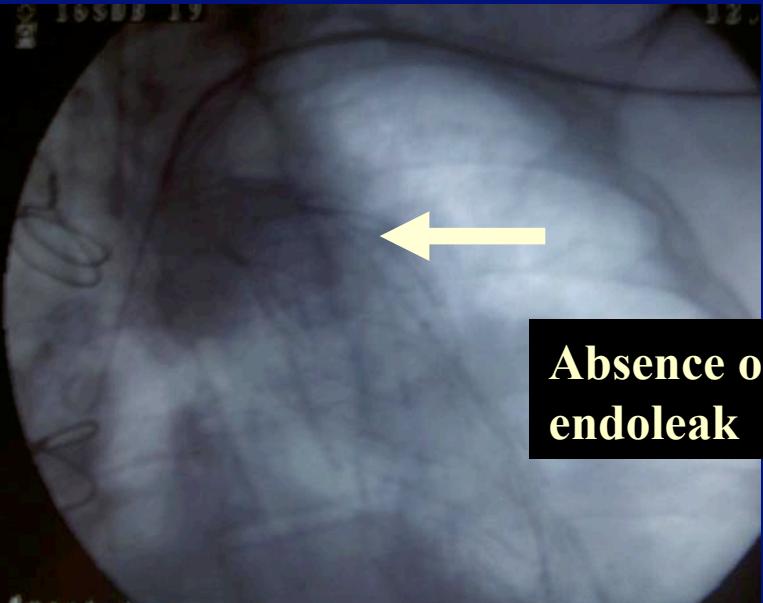
An “empty” 22-24Fr Endomed hydrophyllum sheath with dialator over the supra core wire and advanced proximally to the desired position

# Graft deployment

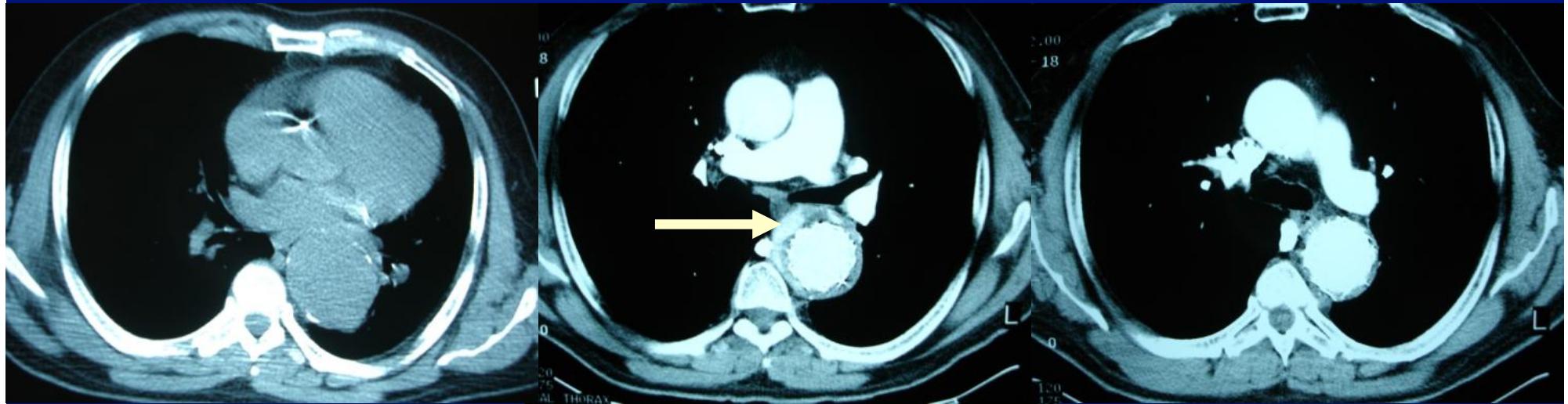
Simultaneous DSA  
assists accurate  
deployment



# Completion DSA



**Endoleak type I distal (1<sup>st</sup> month), repaired with an extension**

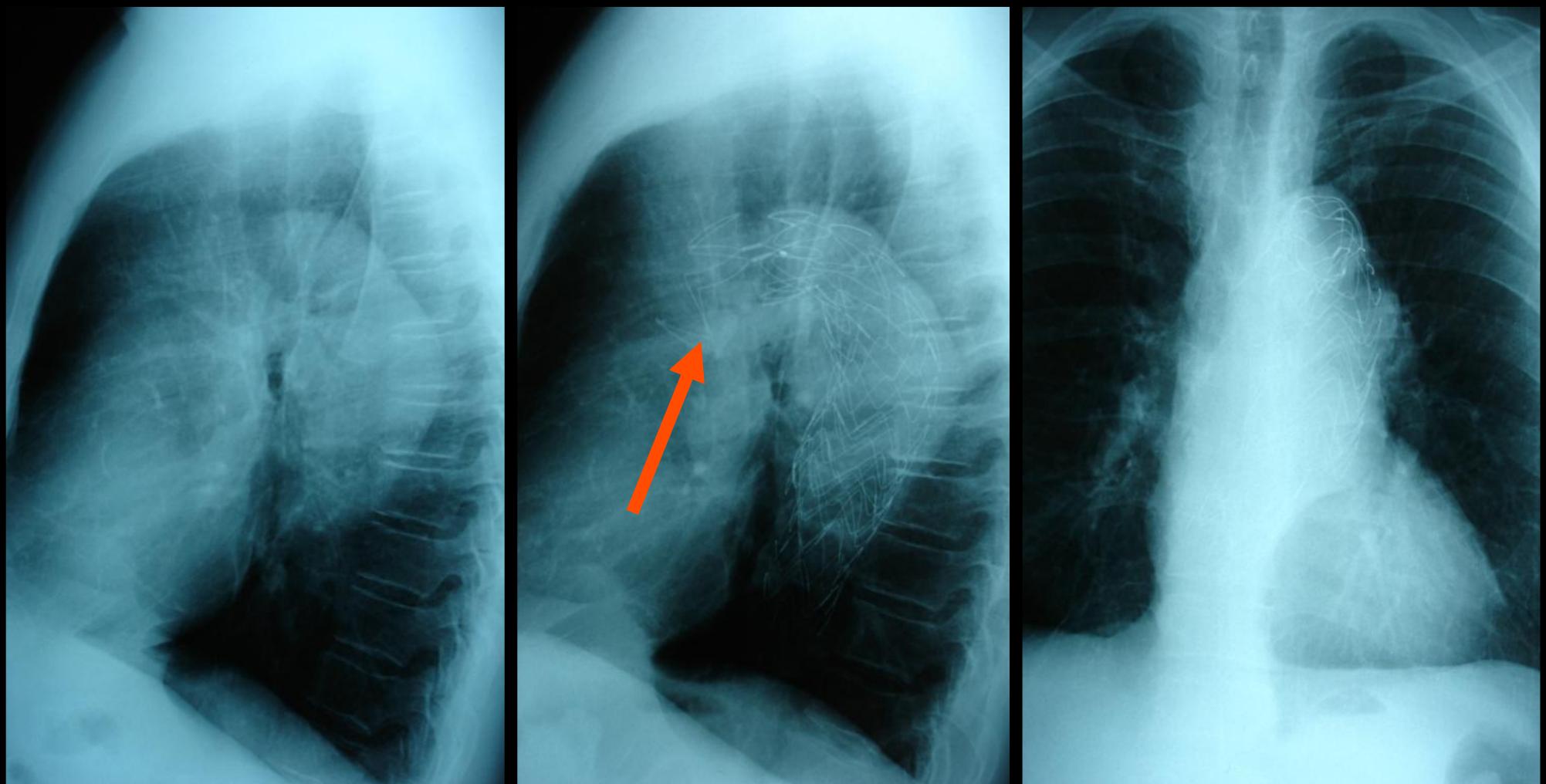


**Preop Ct**

**1<sup>st</sup> month PO Ct angio**

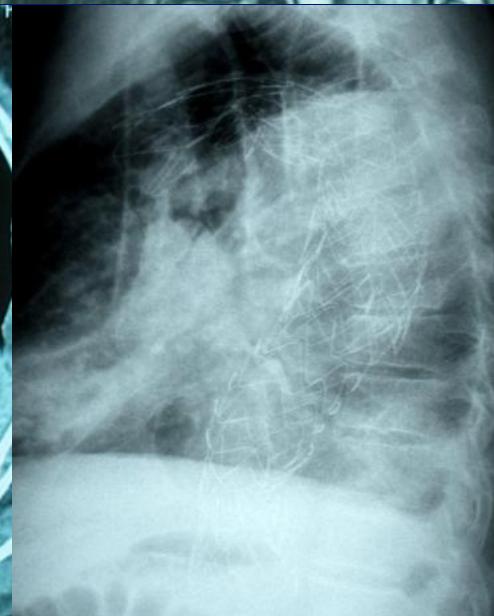
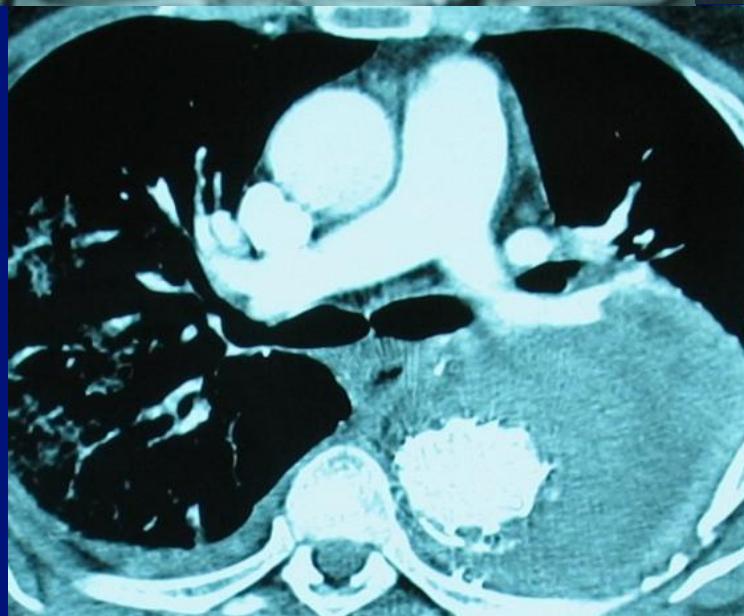
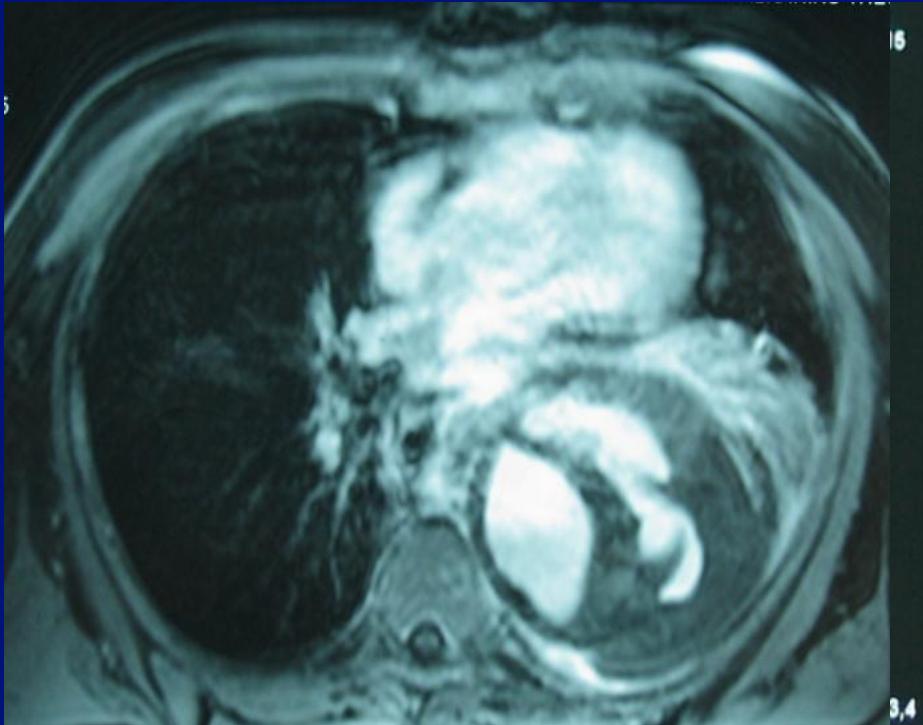
**6<sup>th</sup> month PO Ct angio**

## Frame kinking at the proximal bare stent / Surveillance



Preoperative and postoperative plain chest radiogram. No graft migration was identified. On the contrary the proximal bare stent was slightly kinked, probably because of the arch morphology, causing no further complications.

# A-B fistula



# Comparison to other cohorts

Table 2  
Comparison of 26 series of thoracic aneurysms treated with endovascular devices

Series	Device	Number of patients	Procedural success	Paraplegia	Other morbidity	Length of stay	30-Day mortality	Endoleak	F/U
Dake [37] '92-'94	Home-made	13	100%	0%	0%	4.8 d	0%	15%	12 m
Ehrlich [38] '97	Talent	10	100%	0%	10%	6 d	10%	20%	6 m
Mitchell [39] '92-'97	Home-made	103	73%	3%	25%	8 d	9%	24%	22 m
Temudom [40] '97-'98	Vanguard/Gore	14	78%	0%	14%	2.9 d	14%	14%	6 m
Grabenwoger [41] '96-'99	Talent/Gore	21	100%	0%	9.5%	9.8 d	9.5%	5%	n/a
Taylor [42] '97-'00	AneuRx/Gore	23	100%	0%	4.3%	4 d	8.7%	13%	18 m
Greenberg [43] '93-'97	Cook	25	88%	4%	n/a	n/a	25%	12%	15 m
Bortone [44] '99-'00	Gore	11	100%	0%	9%	n/a	9%	0%	6 m
White [45] '97-'99	AneuRx	16	94%	6%	6%	5 d	12%	12%	9 m
Won [46] '94-'99	Tae-woong	11	100%	0%	9%	n/a	0%	0%	14 m
Cambria [47] '96-'01	Cook/Gore	18	100%	0%	28%	n/a	5.5%	21%	11 m
Thompson [48] '00-'01	Gore	23	100%	0%	23%	5 d	4%	8%	9 m
Totaro [49] '00-'01	Gore	7	100%	0%	0%	10 d	0%	30%	12 m
Najibi [50] '99-'00	Gore/Talent	19	95%	0%	16%	6 d	5%	0%	12 m
Criado [51] '99-'02	Talent	31	97%	0%	15%	n/a	3%	13%	18 m
Herold [52] '99-'01	Talent	7	100%	0%	9%	3 d	0%	0%	8 m
Chabbert [53] '97-'01	Talent/Gore	14	100%	7%	9%	n/a	21%	25%	11 m
Fattori [54] '97-'02	Talent	18	94%	0%	5%	5 d	0%	16%	25 m
Scharrer [55] '97-'02	Talent/Gore	45	100%	0%	9%	8 d	7%	18%	24 m
Lamme [56] '98-'02	Gore/Talent	17	100%	6%	17%	6 d	0%	11%	24 m
Lepore [57] '99-'01	Gore/Talent	21	100%	5%	19%	n/a	10%	19%	17 m
Krohg [58] '00-'02	Gore/Talent	9	100%	0%	11%	n/a	0%	11%	11 m
Lambrechts [59] '00-'02	Talent/Gore	12	100%	0%	19%	6 d	0%	25%	n/a
Ellozy [60] '98-'02	Talent/Gore	51	90%	4%	14%	n/a	6%	4%	15 m
Czerny [61] '96-'02	Talent/Gore	54	94%	n/a	n/a	9 d	4%	29%	38 m
Melissano [62] '02	Endomed	9	100%	0%	11%	n/a	9%	33%	n/a

Other morbidity refers to cardiopulmonary, renal, infectious, and neurologic complications. Endoleaks include those found during follow-up CT scanning and requiring secondary intervention for resolution. F/U indicates length of mean follow-up in months for each individual series.

Abbreviations: d, days; m, months.