



Application of optical coherence tomography in coronary interventions

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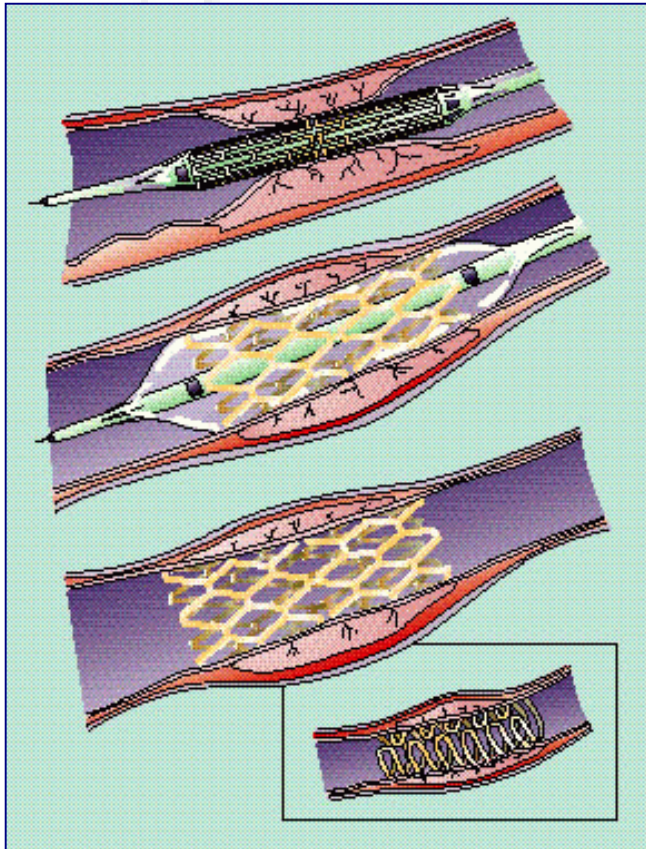
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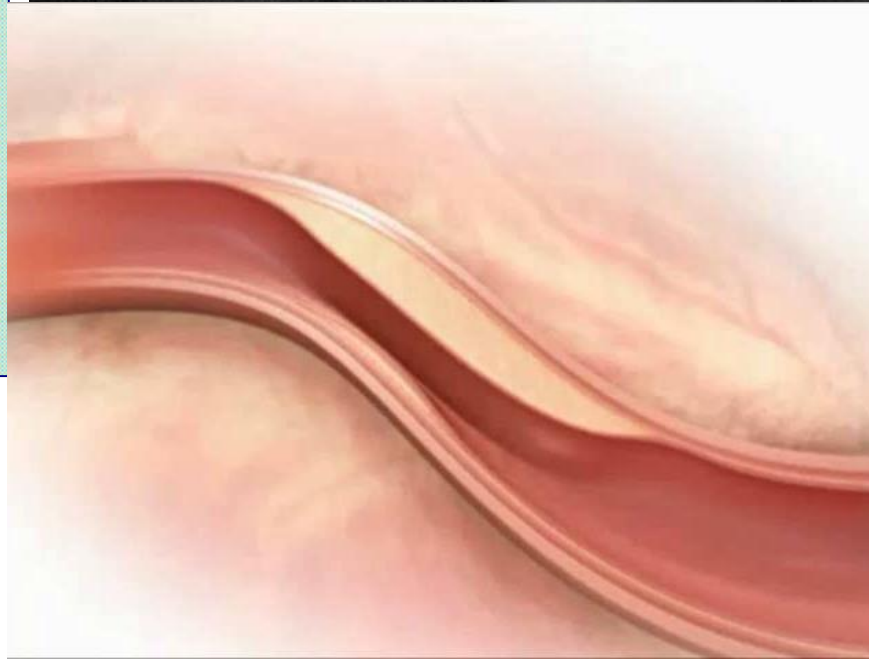
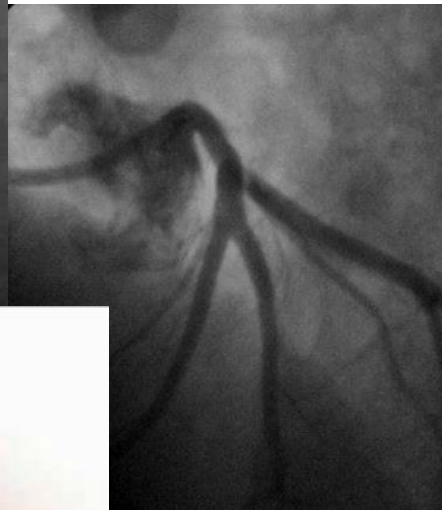


Percutaneous Coronary Intervention:

One the most frequently performed procedure in the world

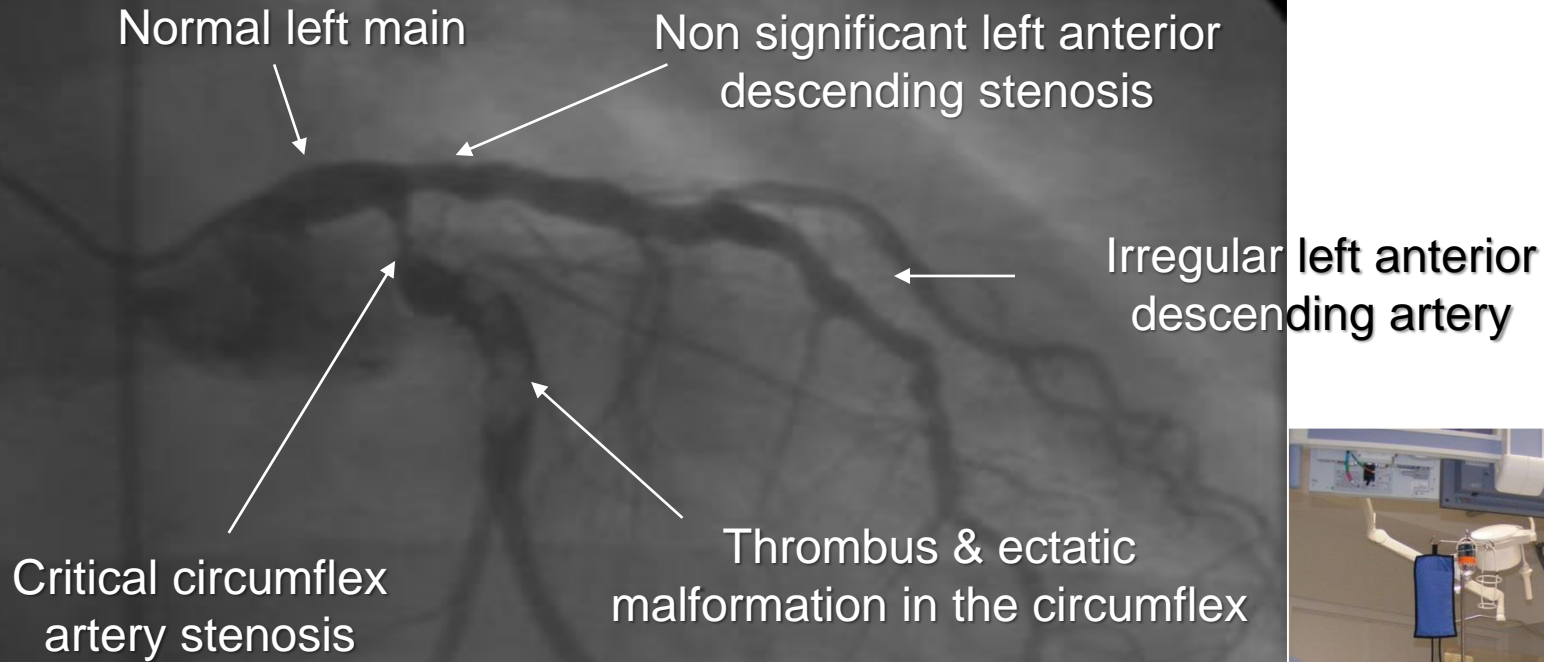


Procedural result



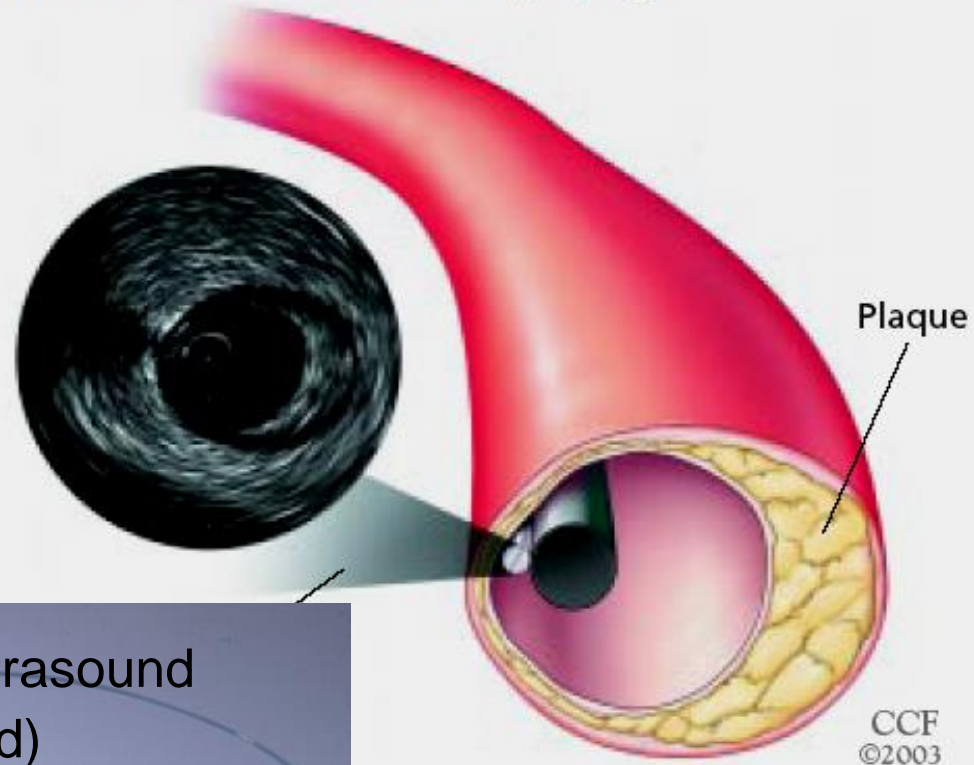


Coronary angiography

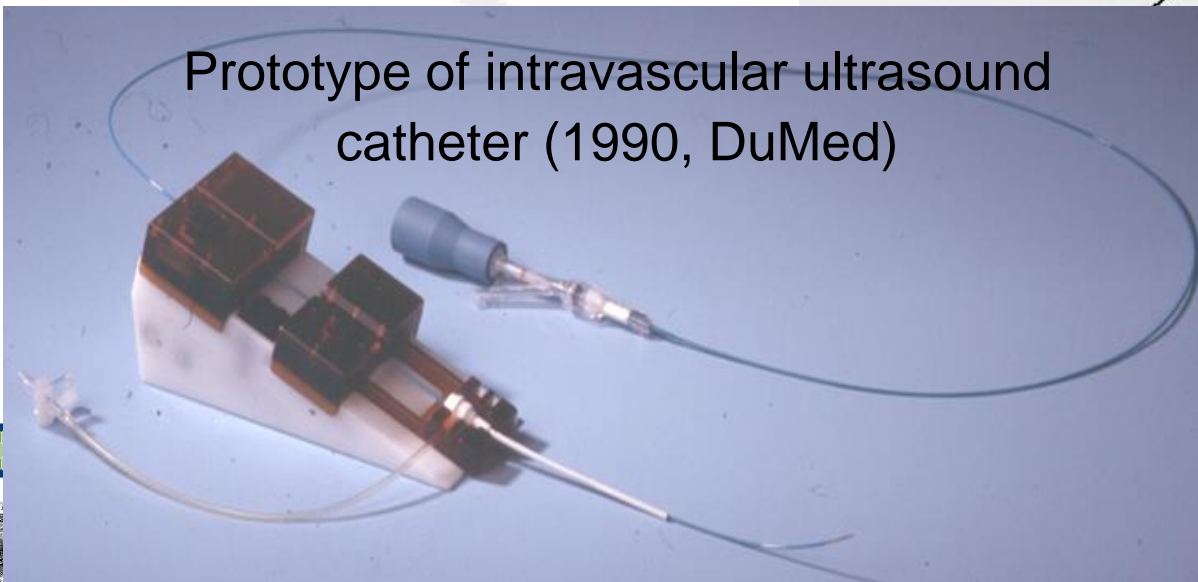


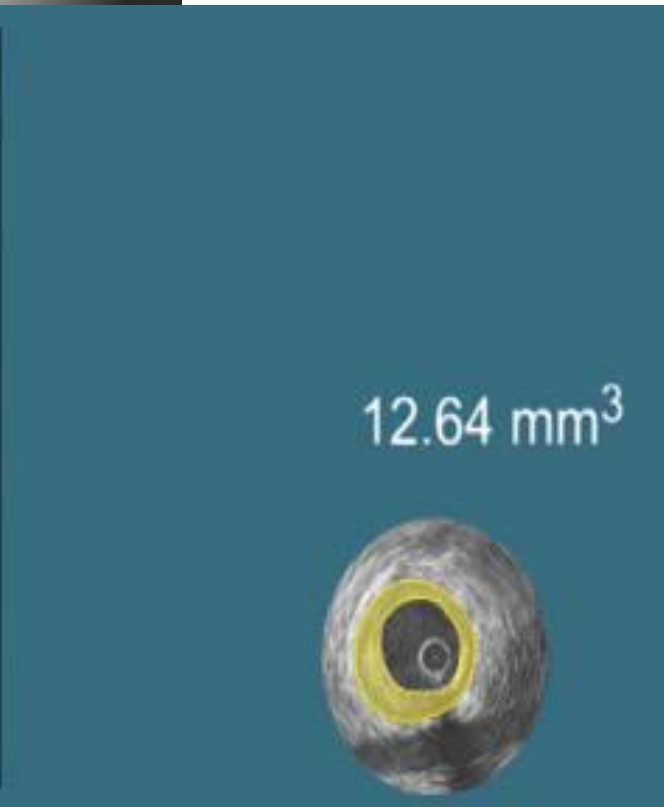
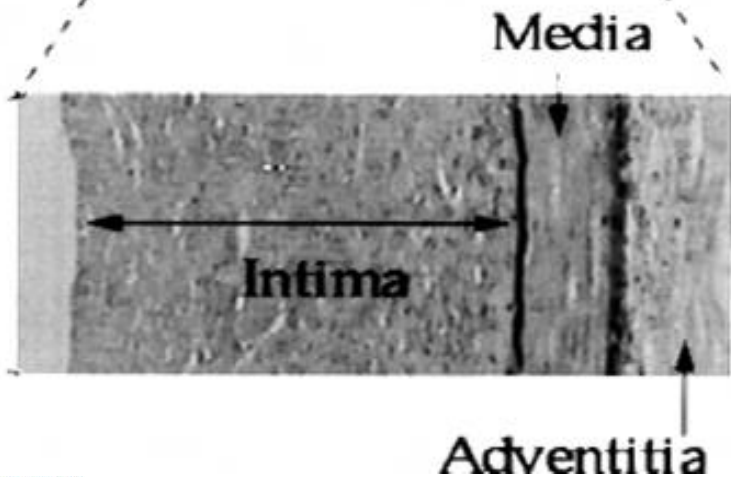
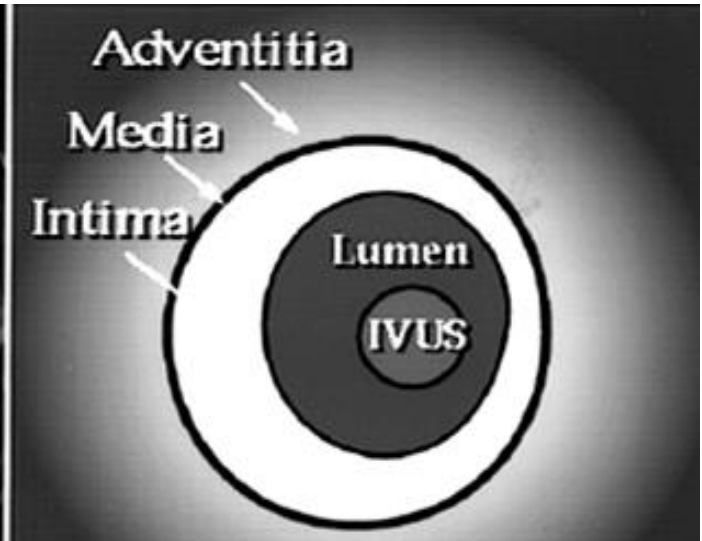
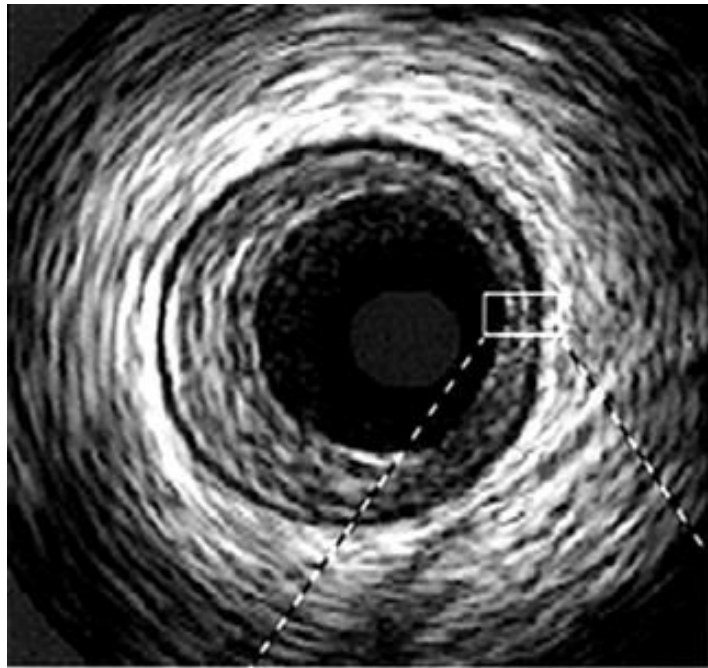


Intravascular ultrasonography



Prototype of intravascular ultrasound catheter (1990, DuMed)





Intracoronary imaging & physiology in ESC guideline 2014

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b	Ref. ^c
FFR to identify haemodynamically relevant coronary lesion(s) in stable patients when evidence of ischaemia is not available.	I	A	50,51,713
FFR-guided PCI in patients with multivessel disease.	IIa	B	54

2018

IVUS in selected patients to optimize stent implantation.	IIa	B	7
IVUS to assess severity and optimize treatment of unprotected left main lesions.	IIa	B	
IVUS or OCT to assess mechanisms of stent failure.	IIa	C	
OCT in selected patients to optimize stent implantation.	IIb	C	

Recommendations on intravascular imaging for procedural optimization

Recommendations	Class ^a	Level ^b
IVUS or OCT should be considered in selected patients to optimize stent implantation. ^{603,612,651–653}	IIa	B
IVUS should be considered to optimize treatment of unprotected left main lesions. ³⁵	IIa	B

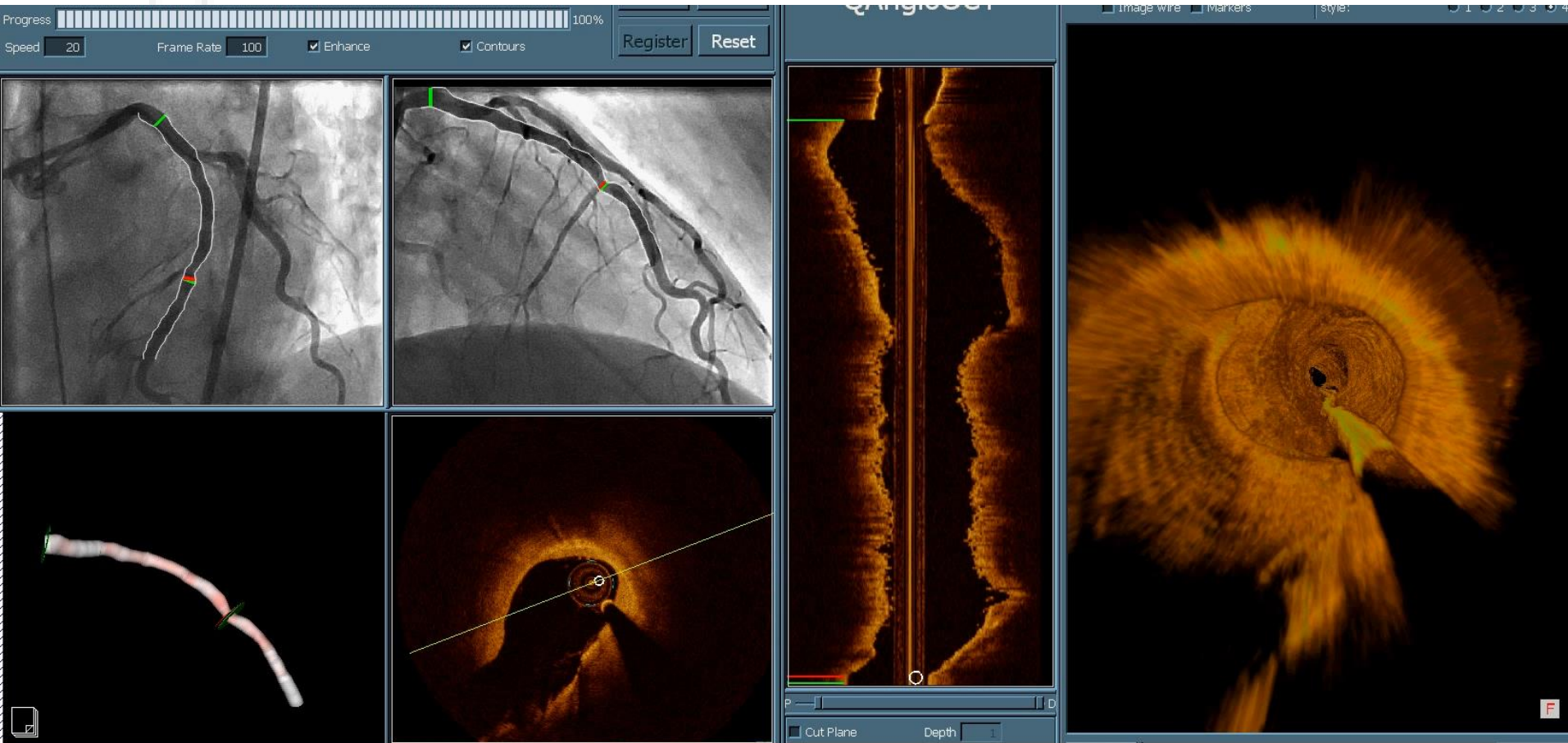
IVUS = intravascular ultrasound; OCT = optical coherence tomography.

^aClass of recommendation.^bLevel of evidence.

Eur Heart J. 2014;35:2541-2619

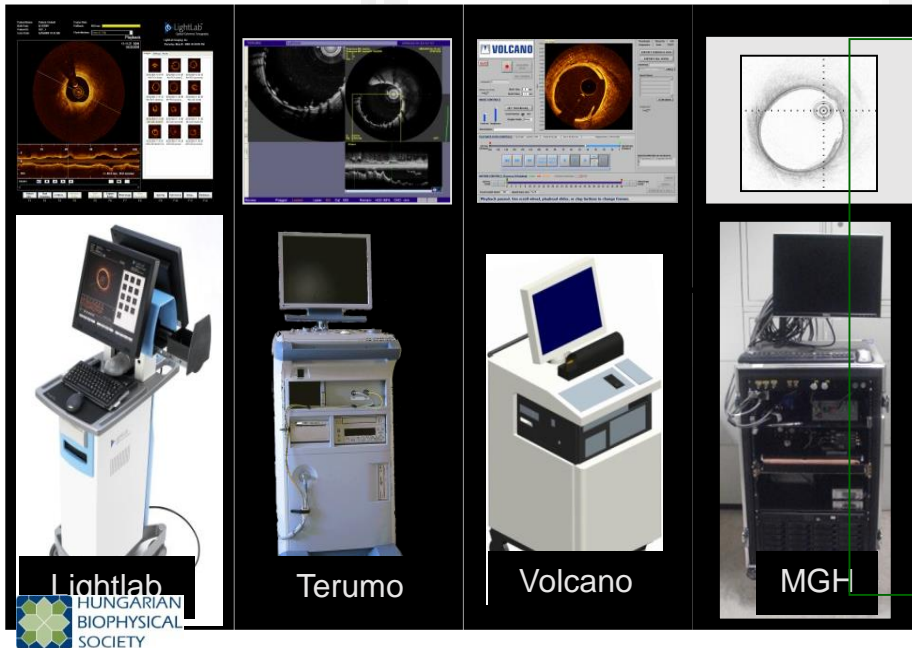
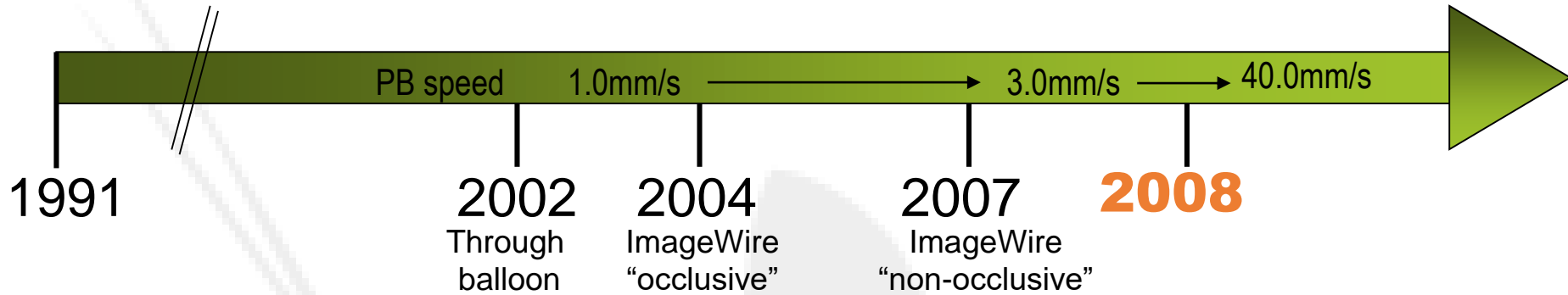
Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) in coronary arteries

Today's State of the Art - 2019





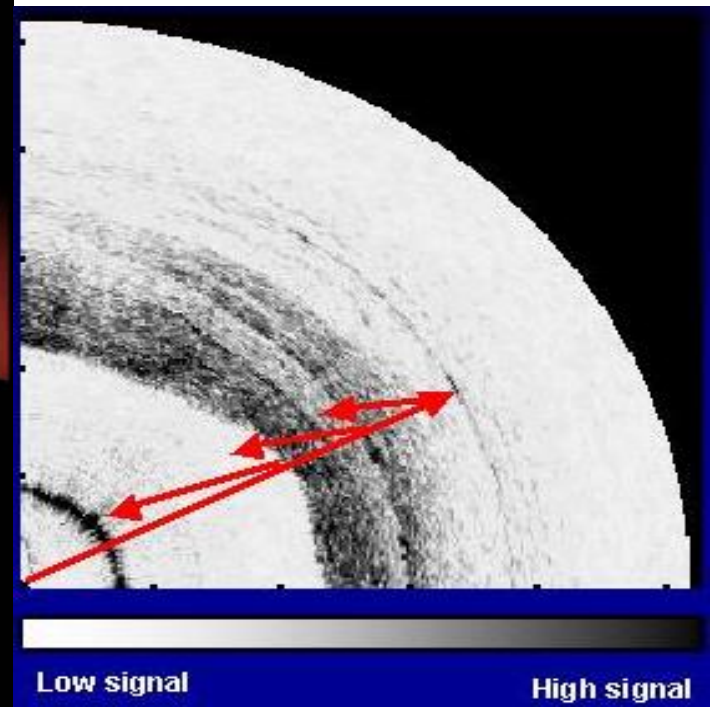
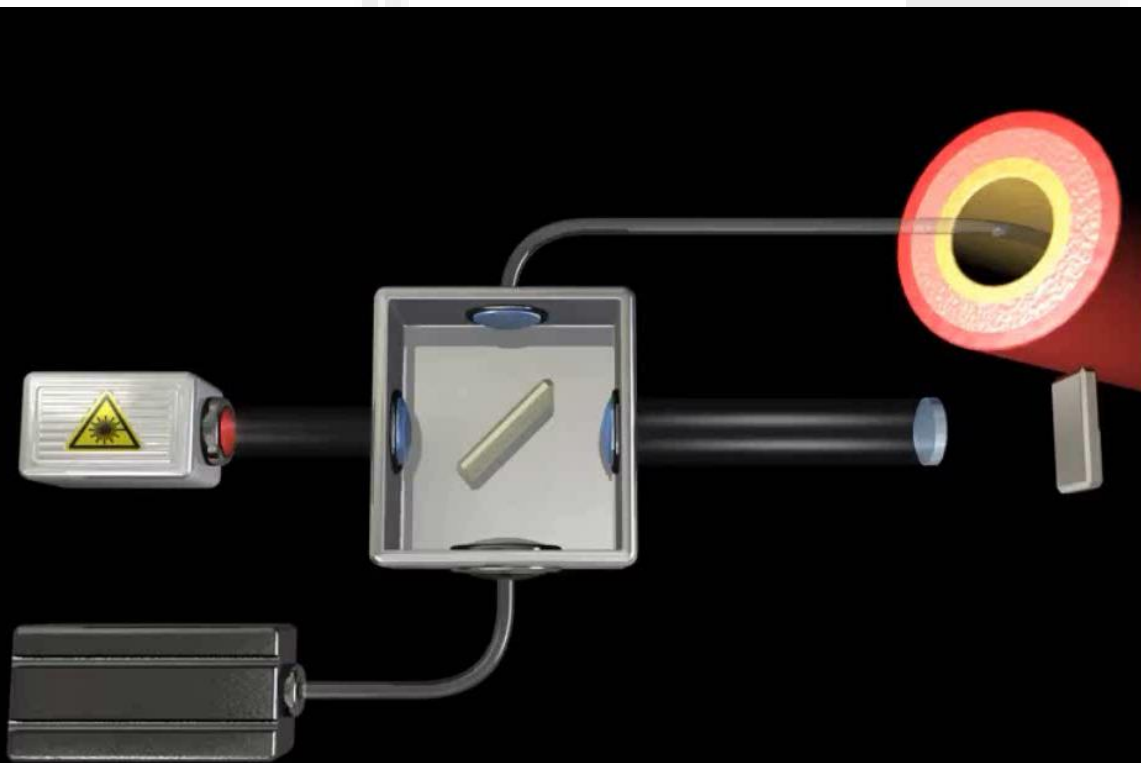
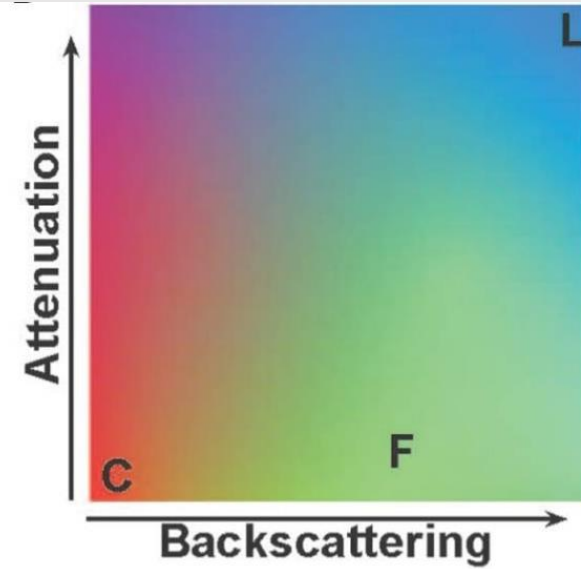
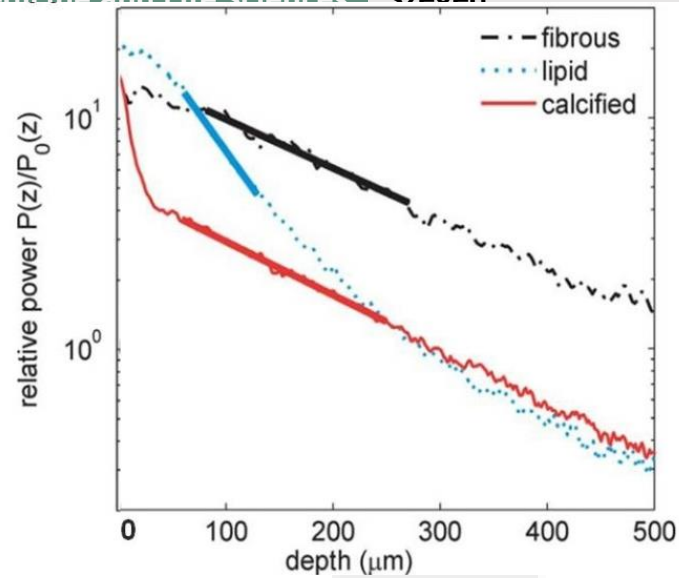
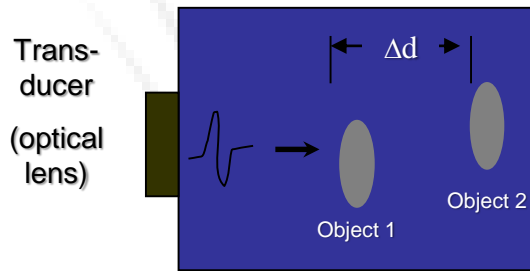
Evolution of intracoronary OCT imaging



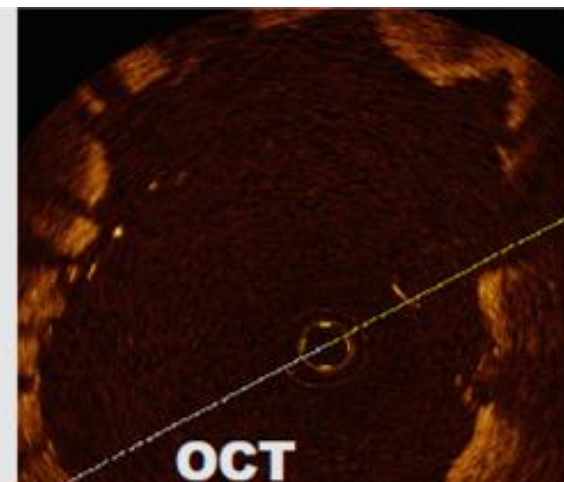
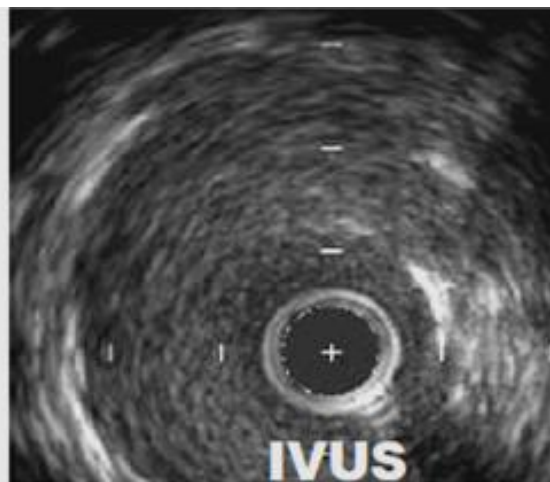
2nd Generation OCT Fourier Domain OCT

(OFDI/Frequency/Spectral Domain/Swept Source)
Monorail Imaging Catheter
Non-Occlusive

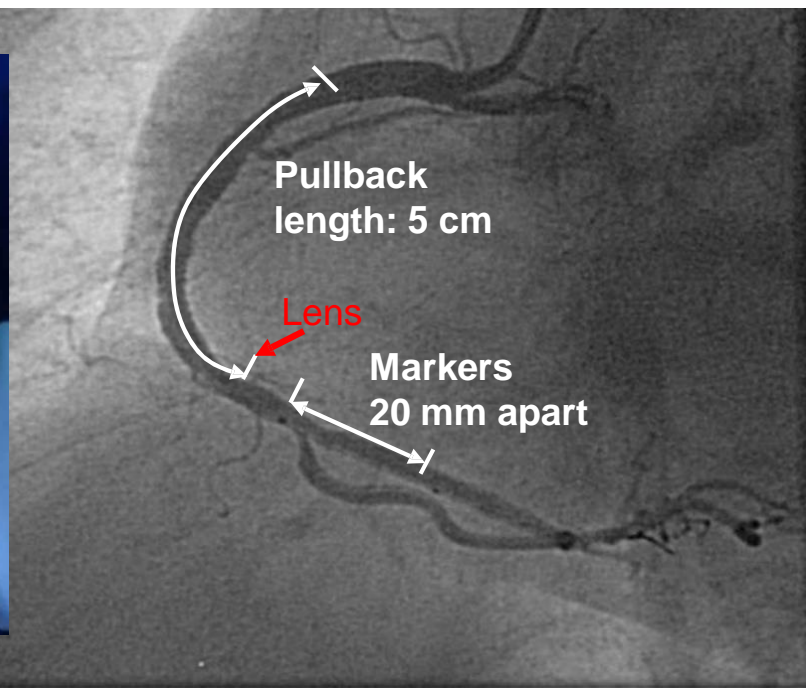
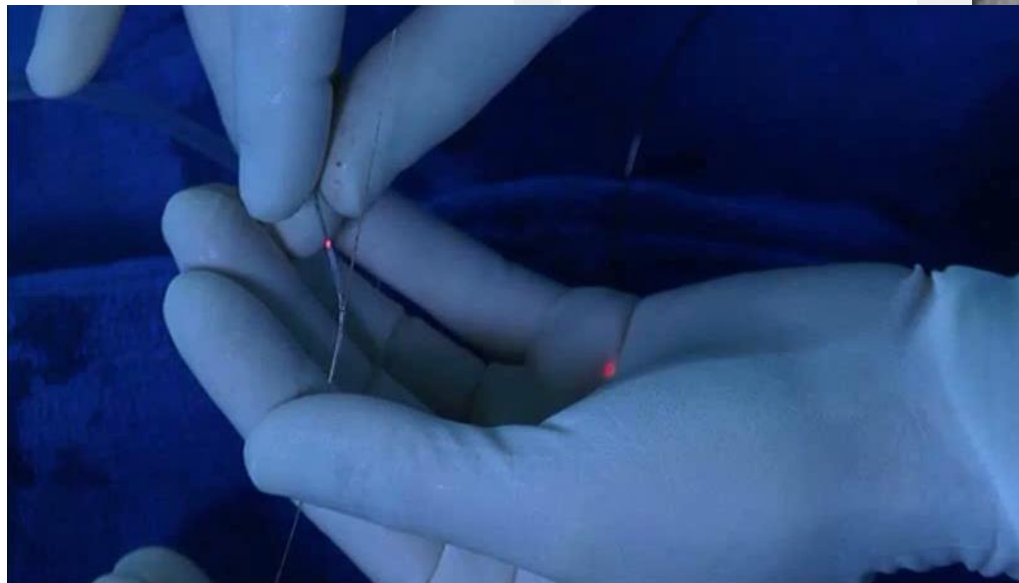





EBC



Dynamic range	40-60dB	90-110dB
Resolution (axial)	100-150 μ m	10-15 μ m
(lateral)	150-300 μ m	25-40 μ m
Penetration (tissue)	4-8mm	1.5mm
Frame rate	30/sec	100/sec
Pull-Back Speed	0.5-1.0mm/sec	20mm/sec
Wire artefacts	++	+



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- Fast, safe & easy imaging procedure
 - 2 OCT vendors
 - Reliable diagnostic tool
 - Important lesson's learned

6F guide catheter

Guidewire of choice!

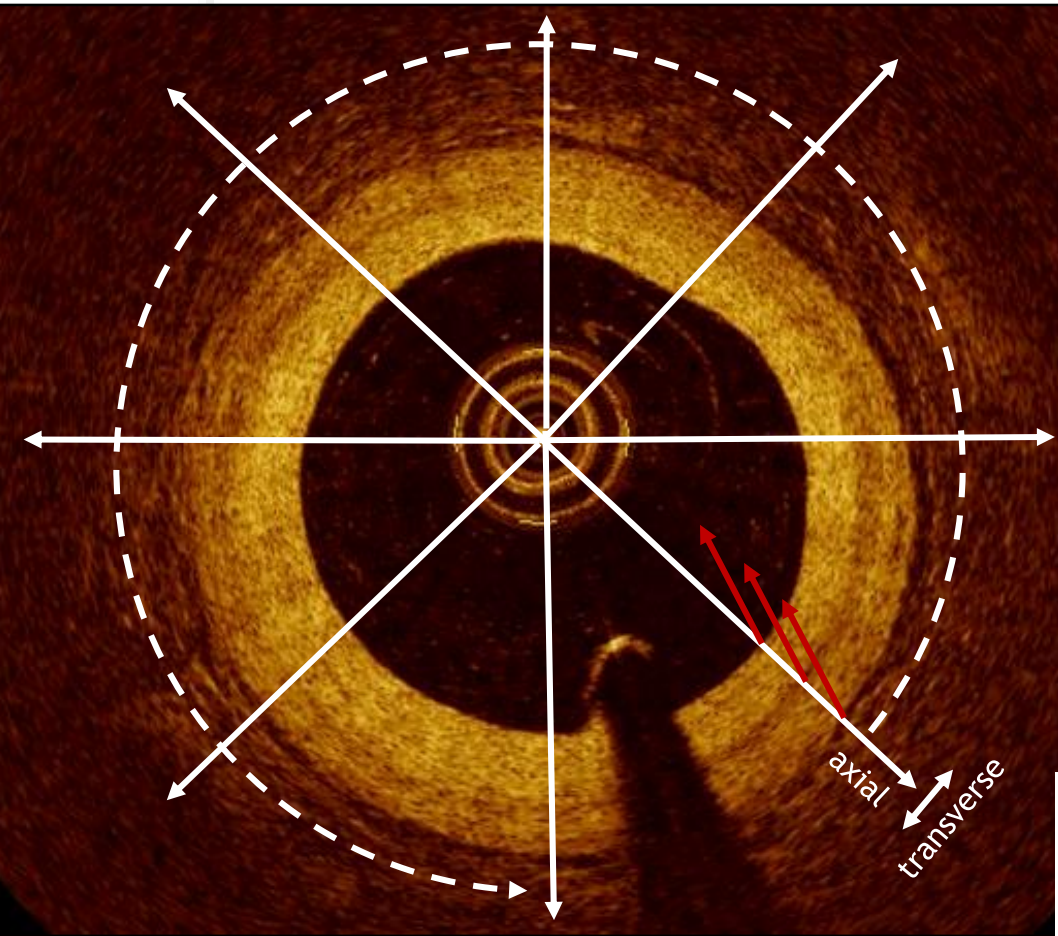
Sleek OCT catheter!

Imaging within 3 seconds

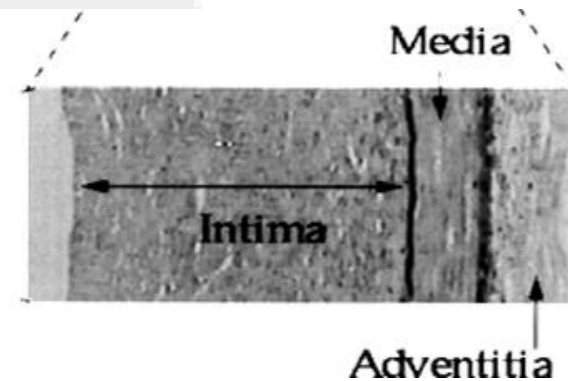
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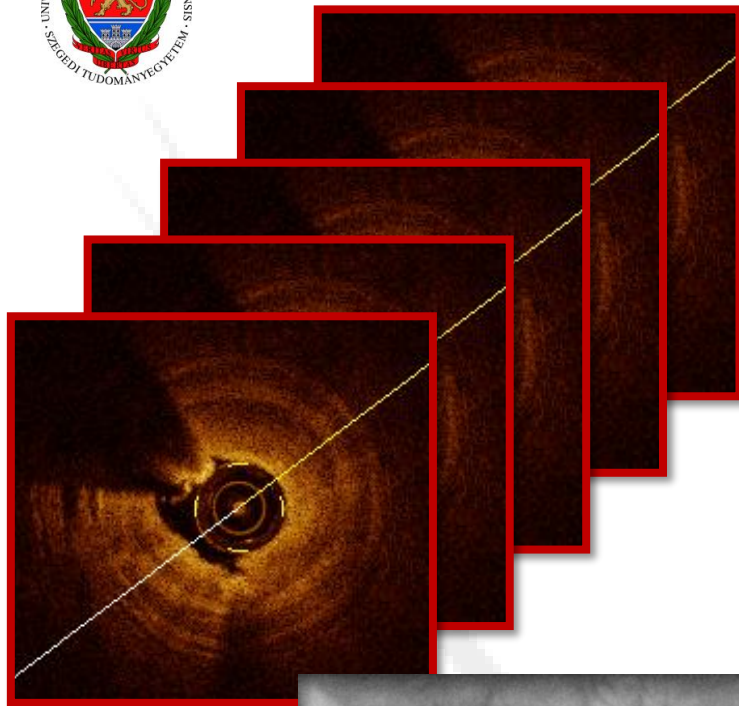


Image Generation

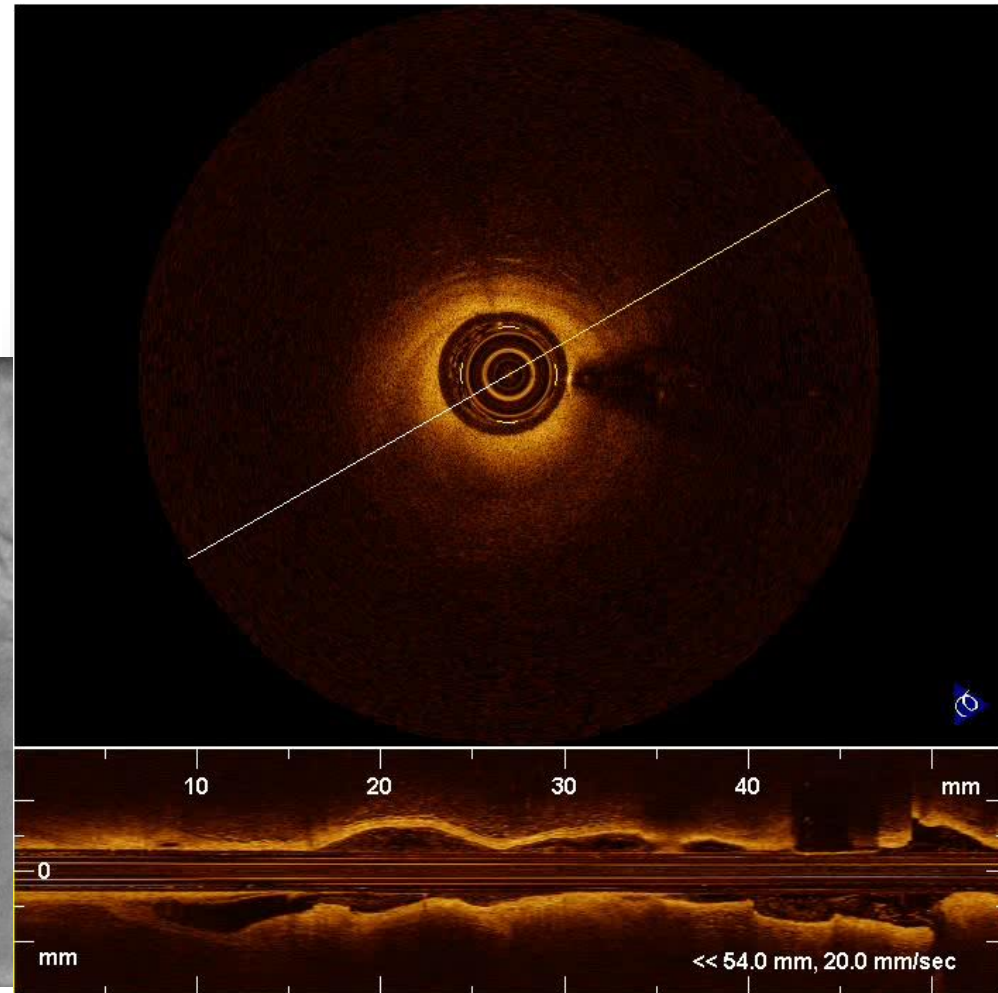


- Measure echo time delay of reflected light waves
- One pixel \rightarrow $5 \times 19 \mu\text{m}$
- One axial line \rightarrow 1024 pixels
- One frame \rightarrow 500 axial lines
- *Optical resolution \rightarrow 15 axial, 20 to 40 μm transverse*





Pullback – image generation





“B-Mode”
cross-sectional
view

“L-Mode”
longitudinal
view



OCT cross-sectional image of a „normal” coronary artery

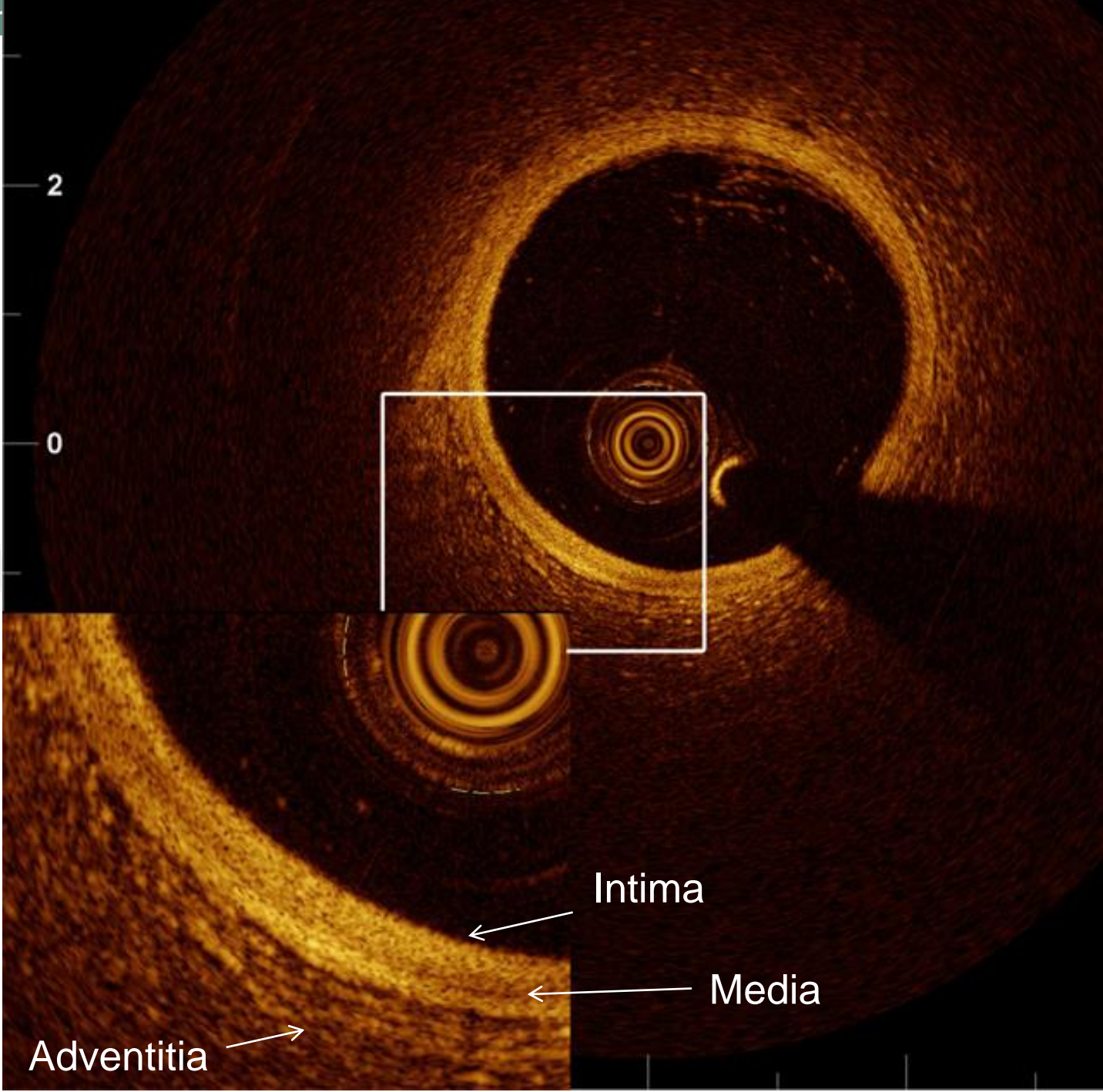
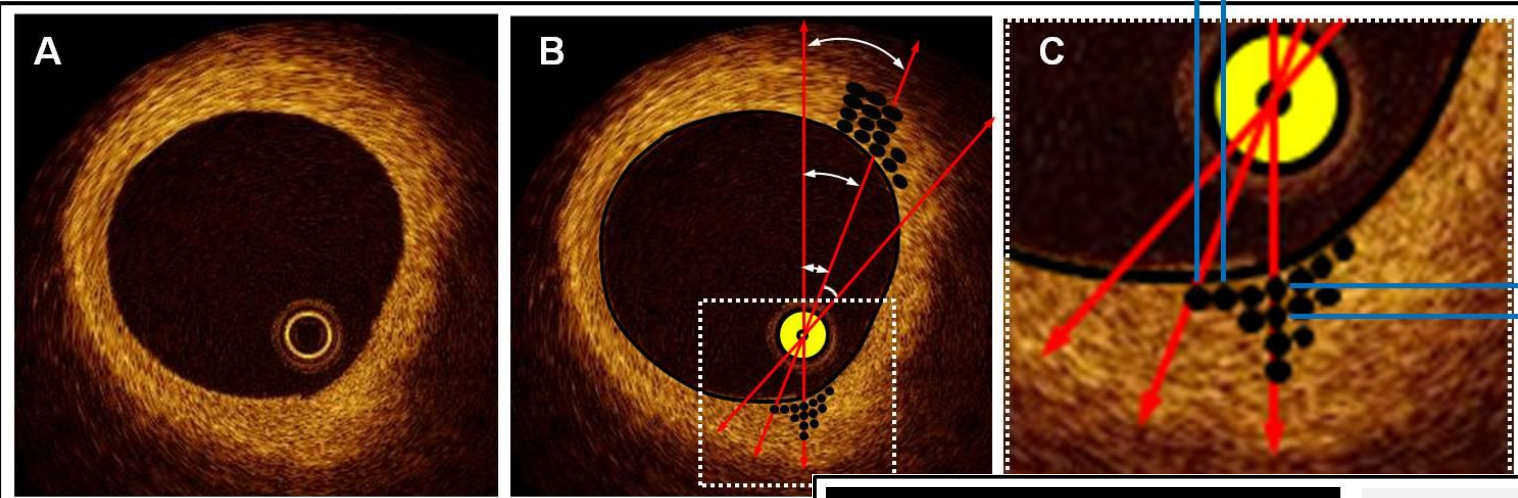




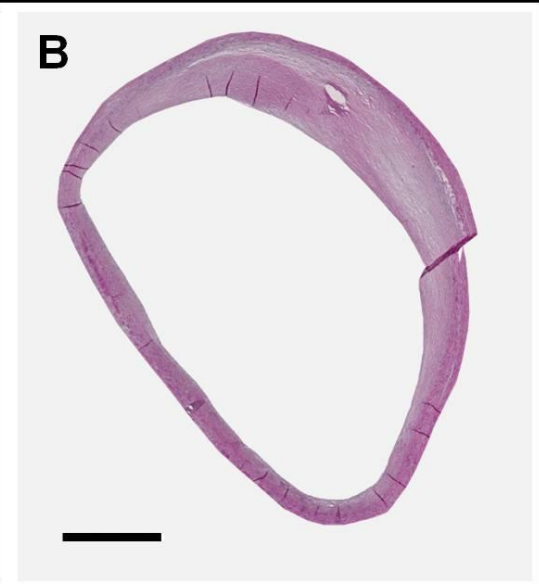
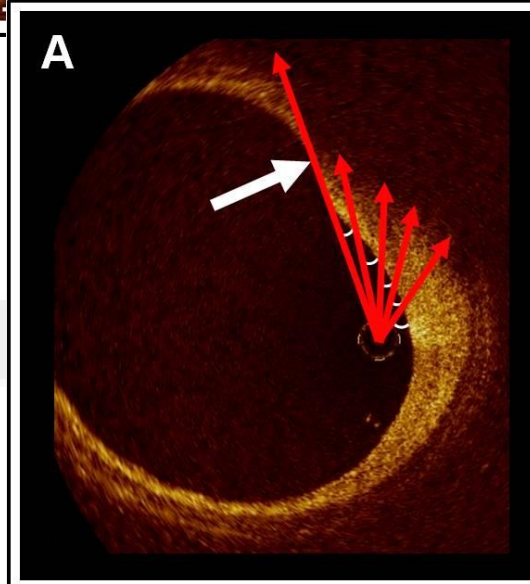
Image: pitfalls and potential artefacts

Lateral resolution

Axial resolution



Tangential signal drop-out





Today – 2019: Reliable Diagnostic Tool !



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REVIEW

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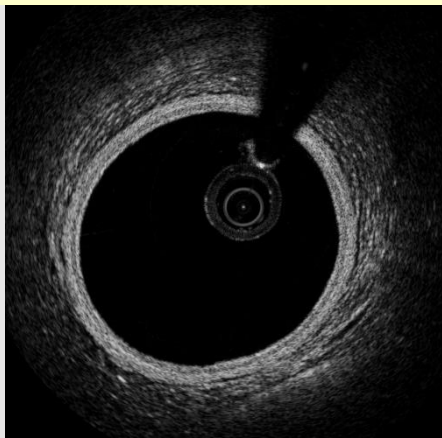
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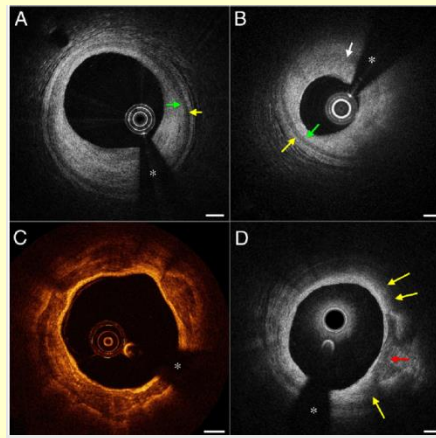
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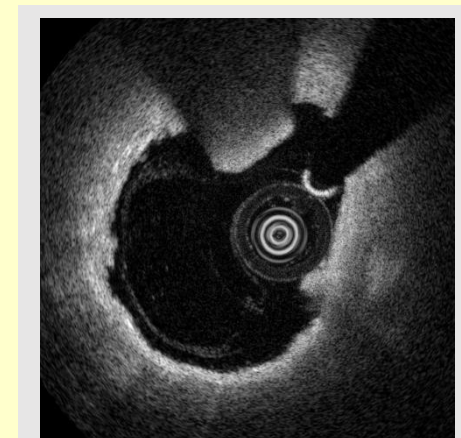
Normal vessel wall



Atherosclerosis

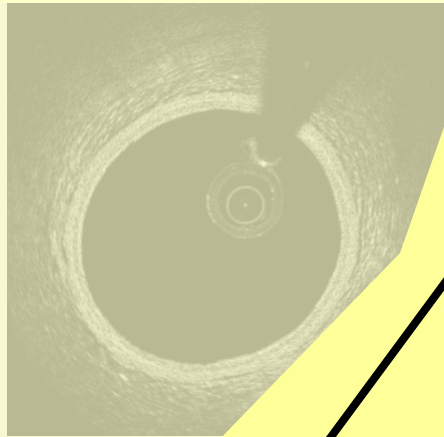


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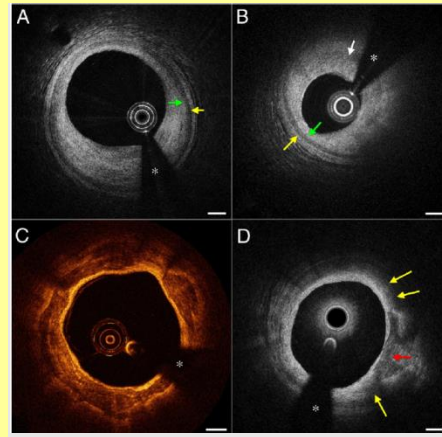


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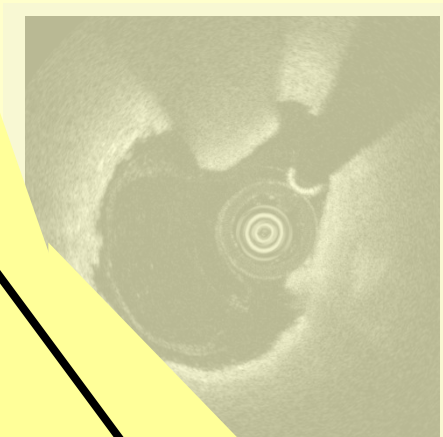
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Atherosclerosis



Thrombus



Fibrous

Fibrocalcific

Lipid pool

Fibrous cap

Rupture

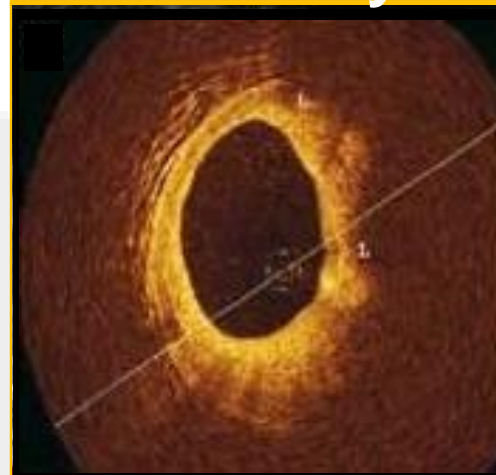


2. Assess Plaque Composition

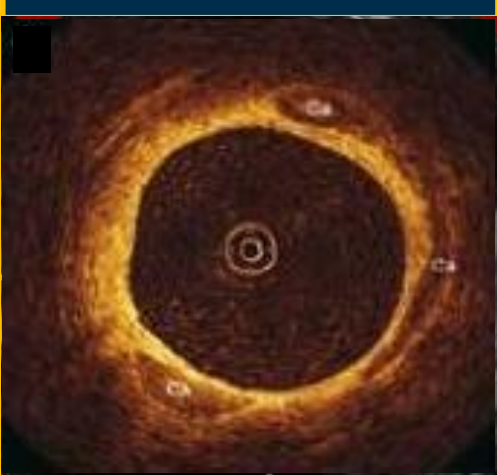
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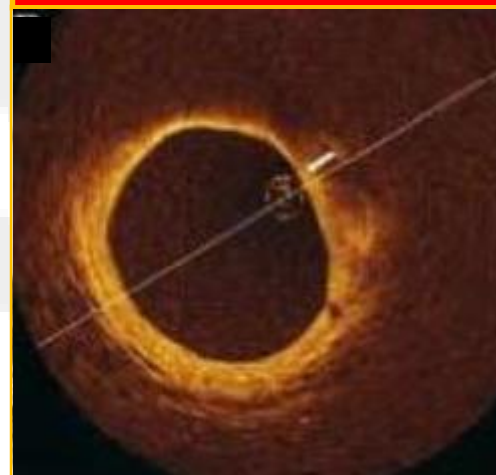
Fibro-Fatty



Calcific



Necrotic Core

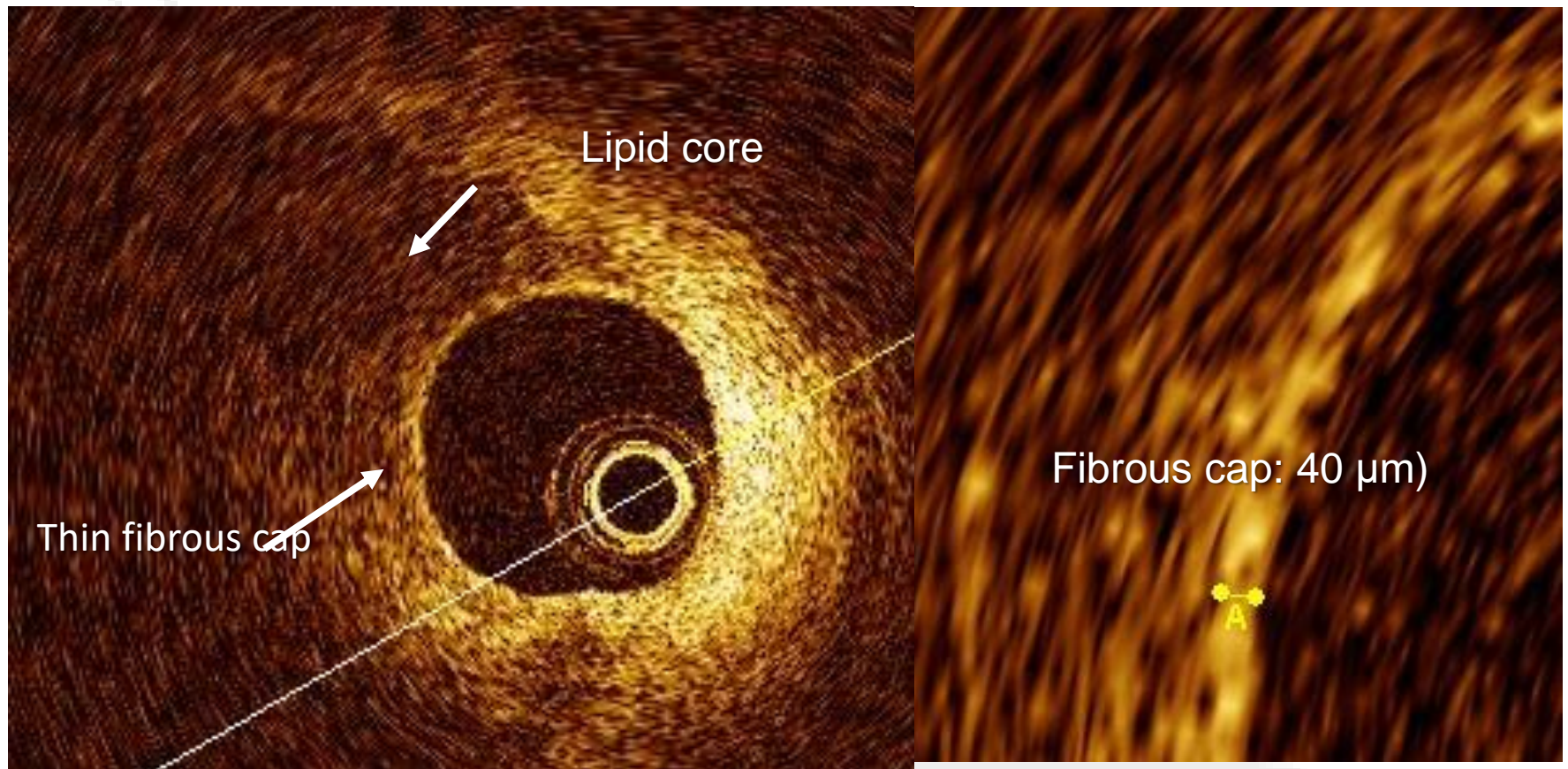


Rotablator

- **Cutting Balloon**
- **High Pressure**



Potential tool for detection of TCFA – pathological substrate for future myocardial infarction !



TCFA: lipid-rich atheroma with thin ($< 65 \mu\text{m}$) fibrous cap

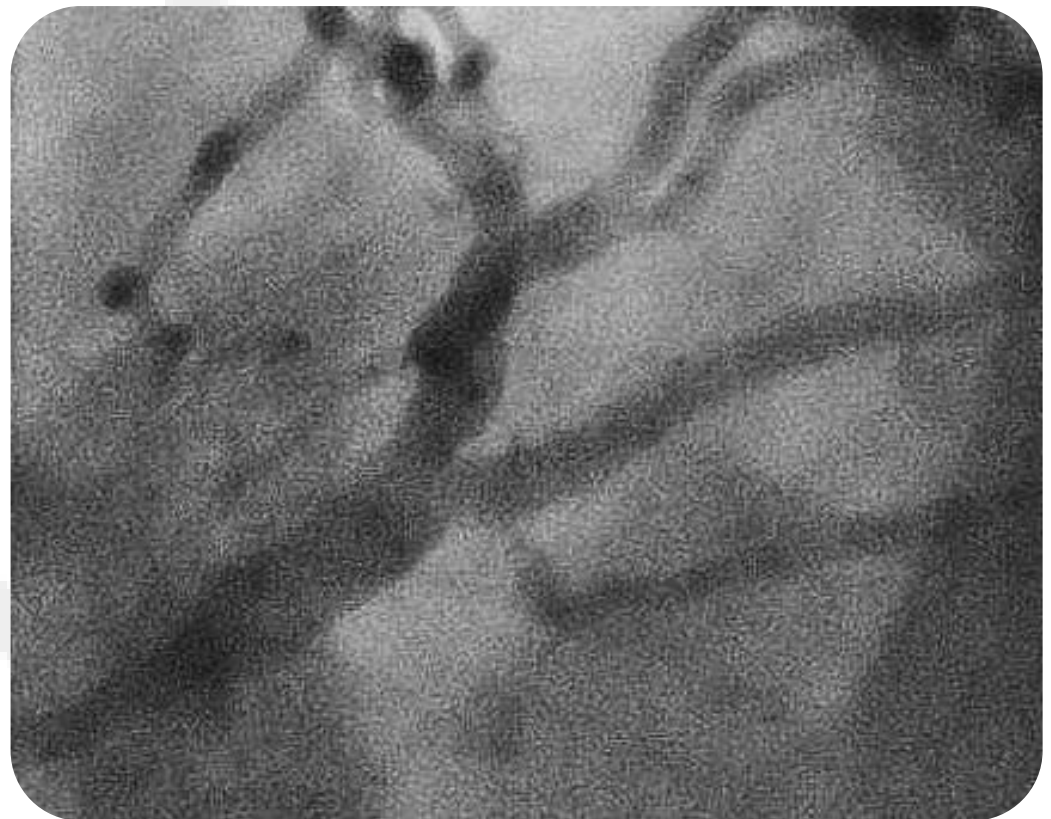


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Today – 2019: Reliable Diagnostic Tool !

OCT is superior to angiography in LM

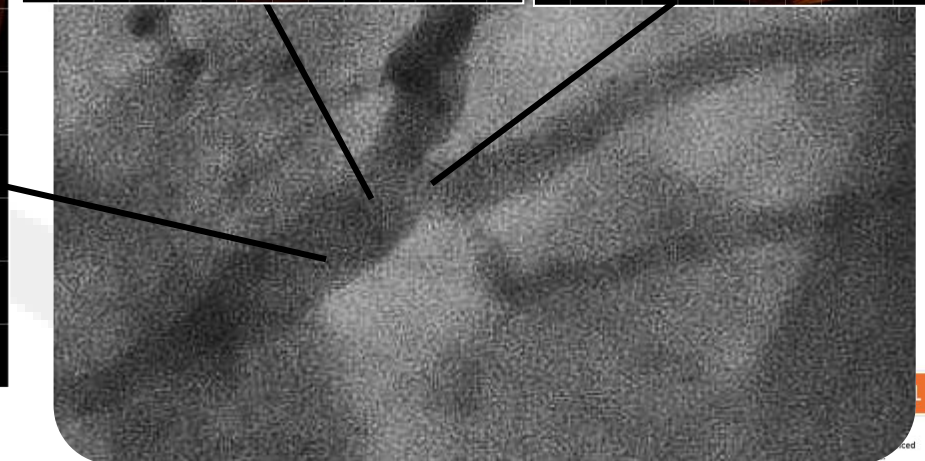
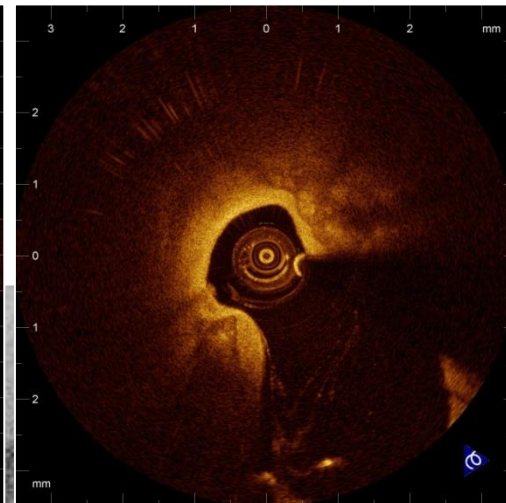
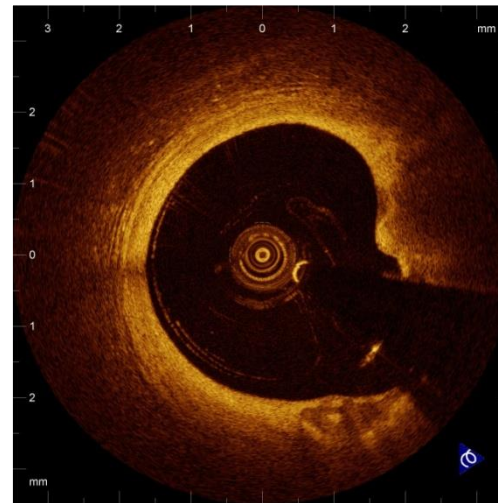
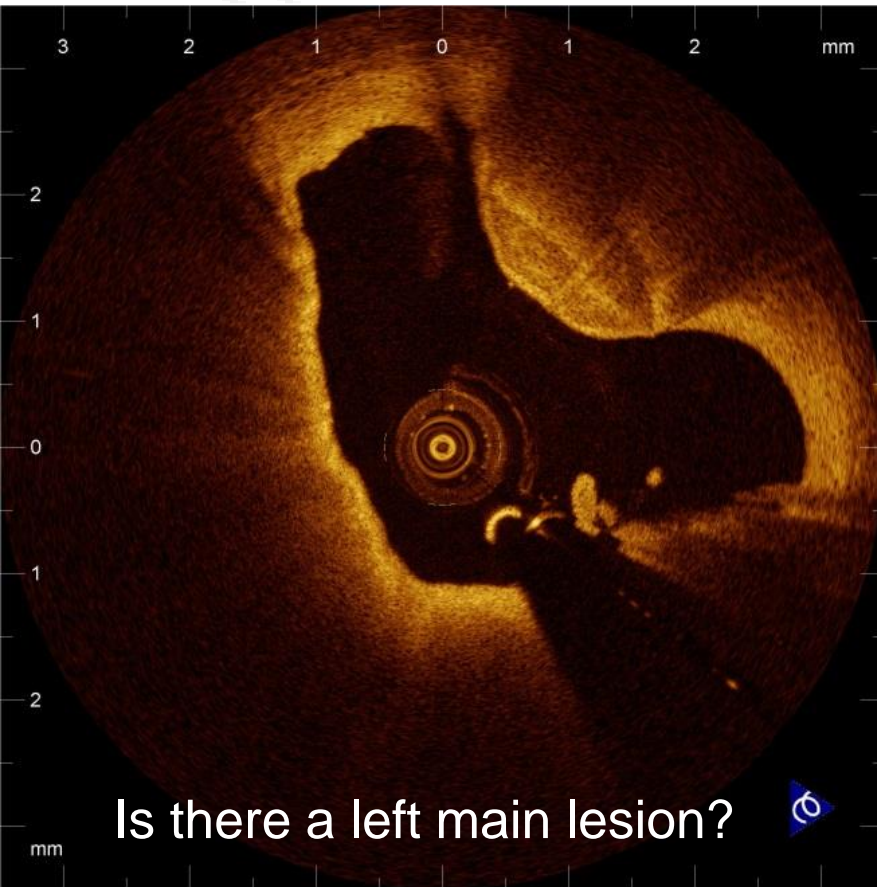
Is there a **left main** lesion?





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Left Main stem lesions
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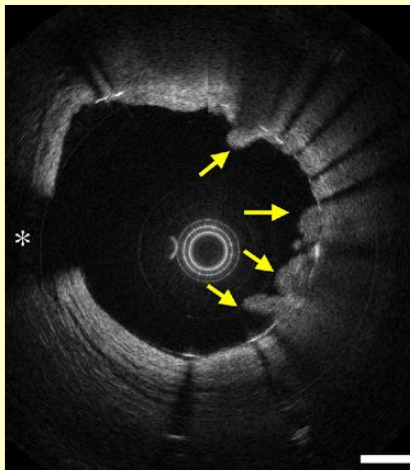
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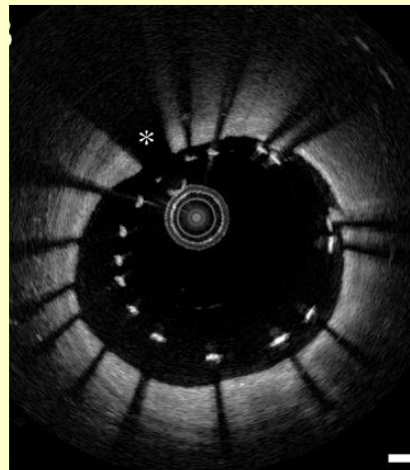
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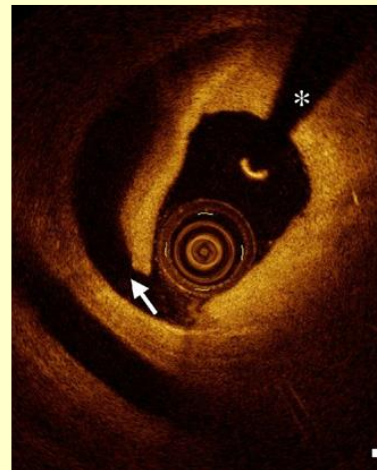
Prolapse



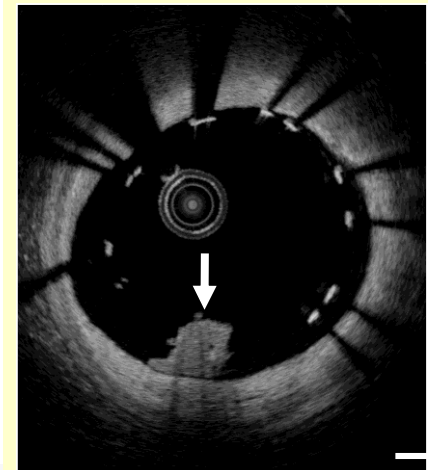
Apposition Malapposition



Dissection



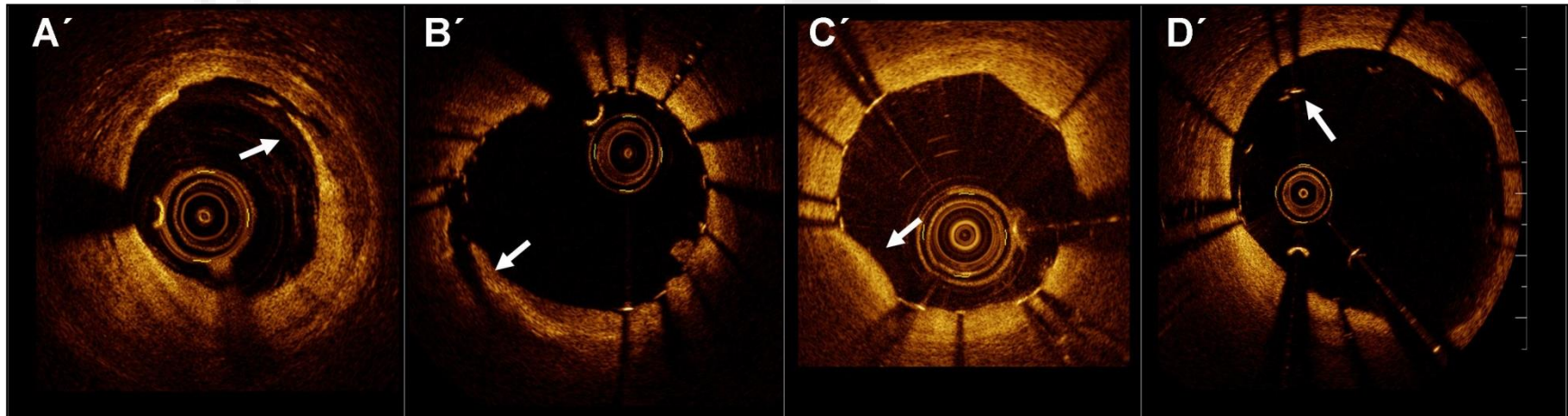
Thrombus





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Suboptimal acute stent result is frequent
and missed by angiography



Edge
dissection

26.0%

Intra-stent
dissection

87.5%

Tissue
prolapse

97.5%

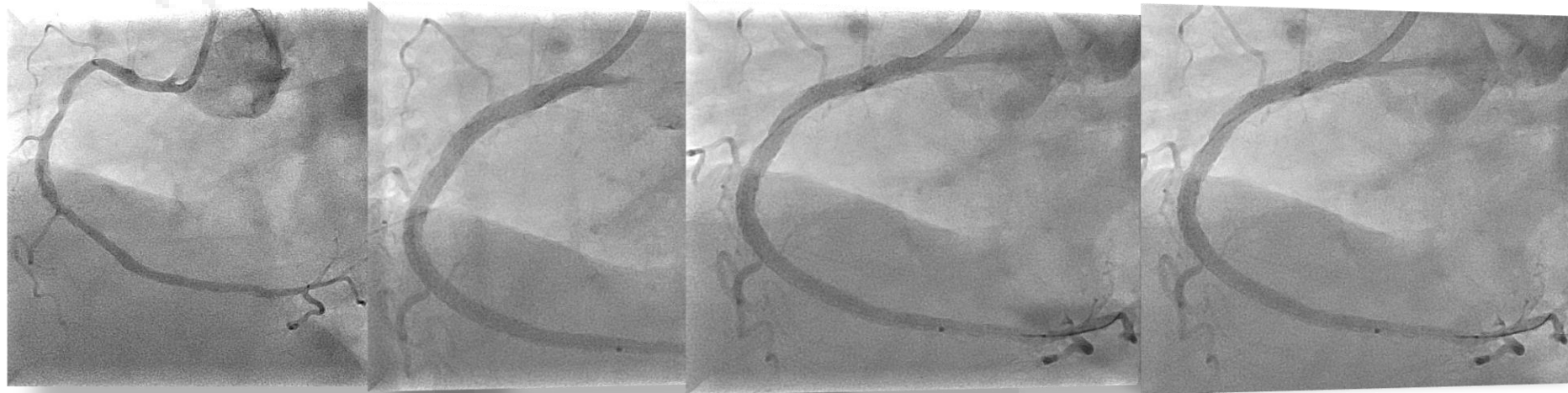
Strut
malapposition

65.5%



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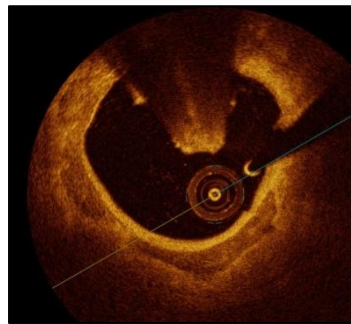


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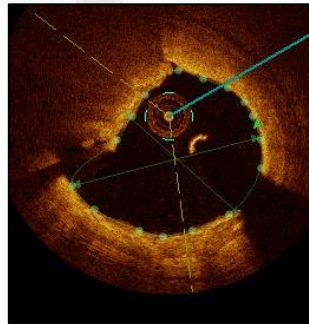
3 stents

4 stents

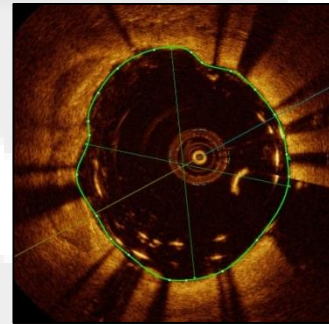
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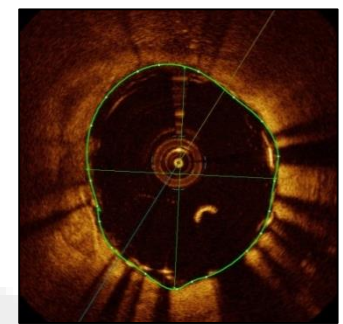
thrombus



gap



malapposition



optimal



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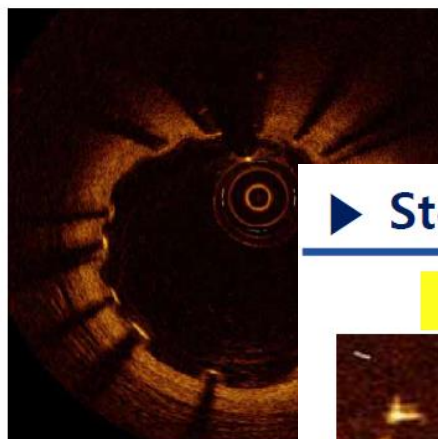
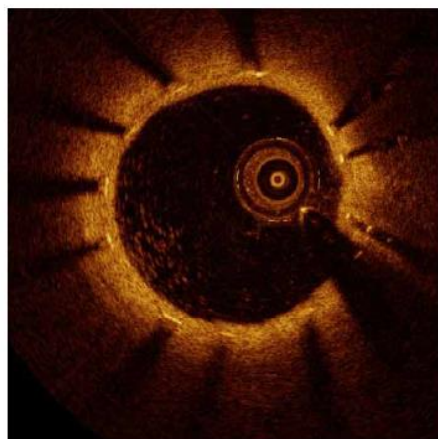
OCT: Lightlab/StJUDE



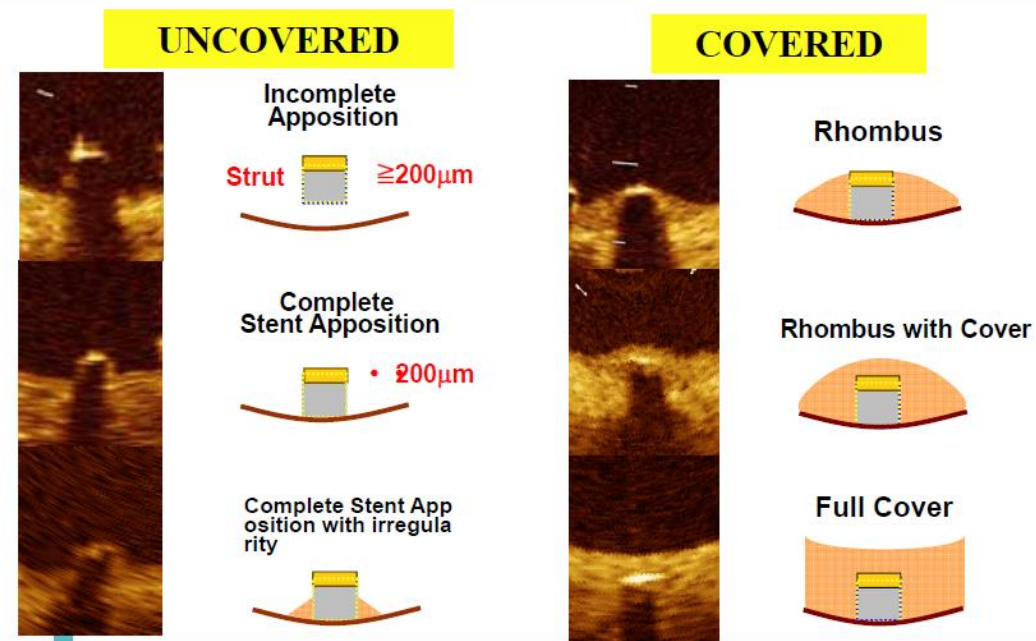
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Coverd stent

Uncoverd stent



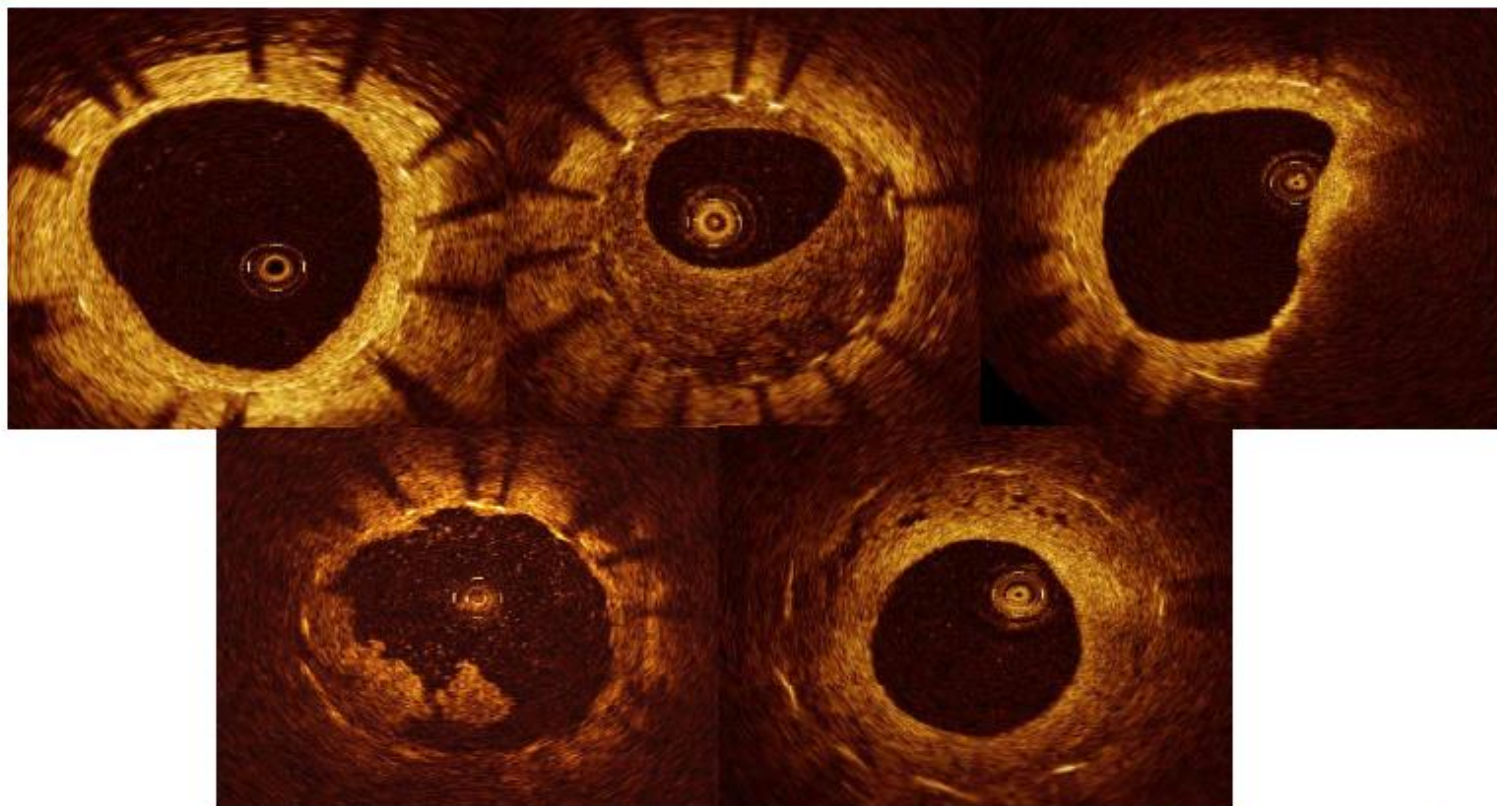
▶ Stent Strut Coverage Patterns





Today – 2019: Guidance in PCI (long after stenting)

► Qualitative neointimal Evaluation



(A) Homogeneous , (B) heterogeneous , (C) TCFA-like neointima (arrows) and lipid laden neointima (arrowheads), (D) intracoronary thrombi (arrow), (E) neovascularization (arrows).





Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT)

Today – 2019: Lesson's Learned

OCT is superior to angiography

Left Main stem lesions
Complex lesions

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OCT changed the paradigm of
DES failure



Neoatherosclerosis

EuroIntervention

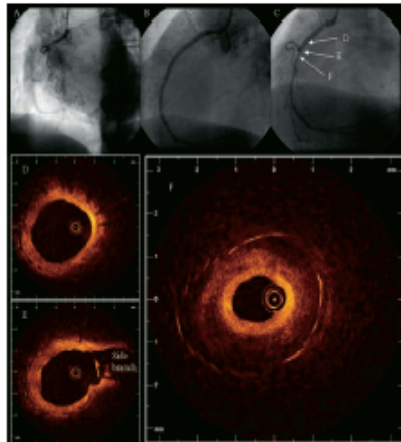
Paclitaxel-eluting stent restenosis shows three-layer appearance by optical coherence tomography

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A 73-year-old woman with hypertension, hyperlipidemia and positive familial history of coronary artery disease presented with Canadian Cardiovascular Society class III angina and underwent coronary angiography, which showed a chronic occluded right

coronary artery (Panel A). The vessel was recanalized and treated with three paclitaxel-eluting stents (TAXUS®, Boston Scientific: 3.5 x 32 mm distally, 3.5 x 28 mm in the middle part, 3.5 x 12 mm proximally). Postintervention coronary angiography showed a good result (Panel B). Twelve-month follow-up angiography revealed focal in-stent restenosis (Panel C). Intracoronary optical coherence tomography (OCT: LightLabImaging™, Boston, MA, USA) pullback displayed well-expanded stents covered with a thin, homogenous, highly reflective neointimal layer (Panel D, E). In contrast, the narrowest lesion site (minimal lumen area 1.1 mm²; stent area 9.0 mm²) showed a three-layer appearance of the neointima (Panel F). The inner luminal layer appeared concentric, homogenous and signal-rich (maximal thickness 0.27 mm). A second layer consisting of a low-reflective area with poorly delineated borders followed. The third layer was in direct contact with the stent struts and revealed only minimal signal intensity. These signal-poor areas (maximal thickness 1.18 mm) might represent acellular fibroid deposition that has been well described in experimental studies. The patient was re-treated with repeat paclitaxel-eluting stent implantation. OCT is an analogue of intravascular ultrasound with an ultra-high resolution (10 μm) superior to any current available imaging modalities. This imaging device may be useful in visualizing neointimal growth in drug-eluting stents and improve our understanding of its underlying pathophysiology in the future.



Tanimoto et al. Eurointervention 2006



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Restenotic tissue structure		
Homogeneous: restenotic tissue has uniform optical properties and does not show focal variations in backscattering pattern.	Heterogeneous: restenotic tissue has focally changing optical properties and shows various backscattering patterns.	Layered: restenotic tissue consists of concentric layers with different optical properties: an adluminal high scattering layer and an abluminal low scattering layer.
Restenotic tissue backscatter		Microvessels visible
High: the majority of the tissue shows high backscatter and appears bright.	Low: the majority of the tissue shows low backscatter and appears dark or black.	Yes: microvessels appear as well delineated low backscattering structures less than 200 micron in diameter that show a trajectory within the vessel.
Lumen shape		Presence of intraluminal material
Regular: lumen border is sharply delineated, smooth and circular.	Irregular: lumen border is irregular with tissue protrusions from the vessel wall into the lumen.	Yes: there is visible material inside the vessel lumen.
		No

Gonzalo et al. Am Heart J 2009





Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT)

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Accepted Manuscript

Intracoronary thrombus on optical coherence tomography in a patient with variant angina; treatment and follow-up

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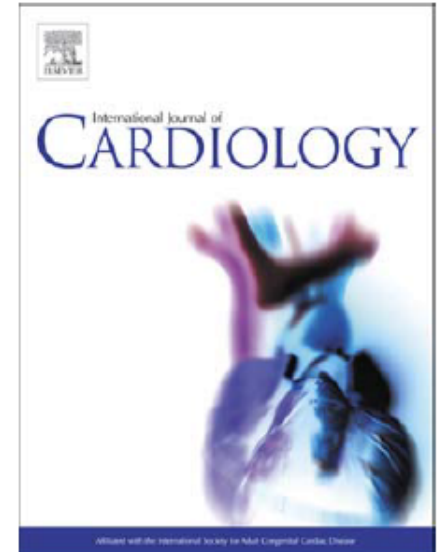
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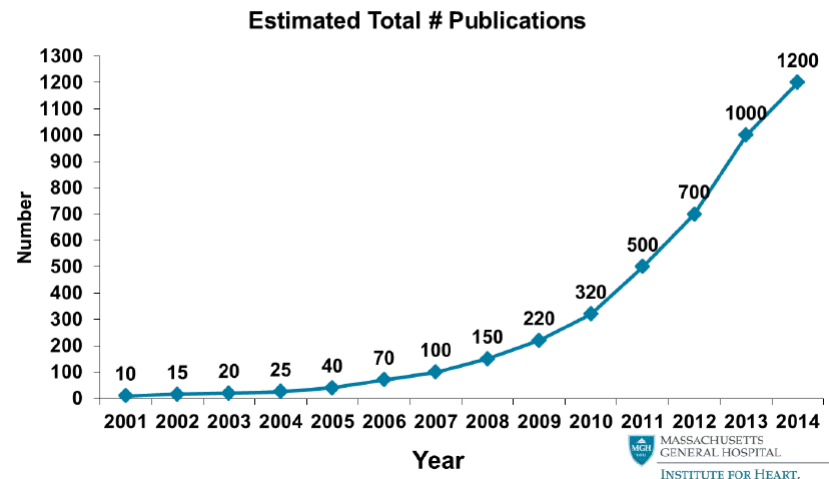
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Intra-Coronary OCT Publications





Clinical data

80-year-old male

Risk factors:

-hypertension

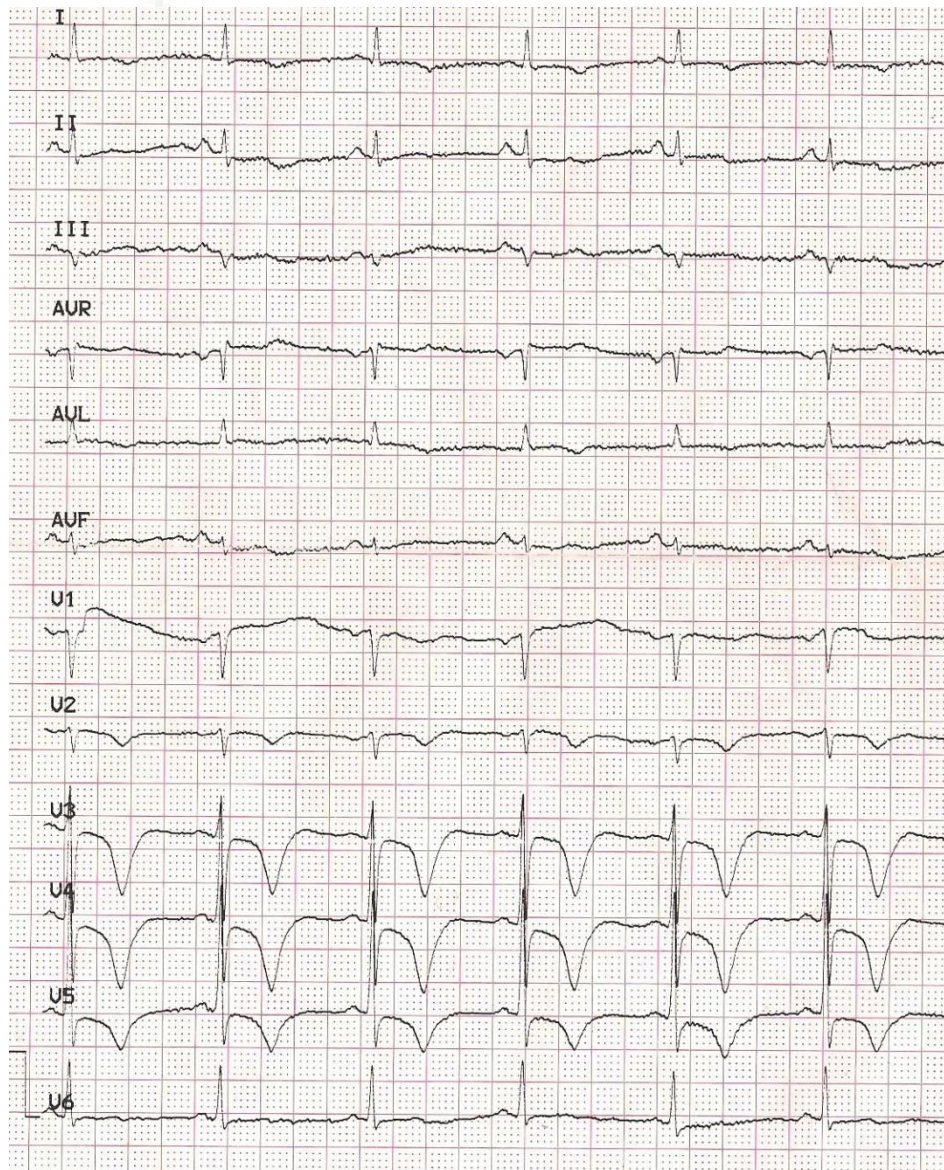
-smoker

Three-week history of occult gastrointestinal bleeding (active peptic ulcer)

One-week history of unstable angina (CCS4)



On admission

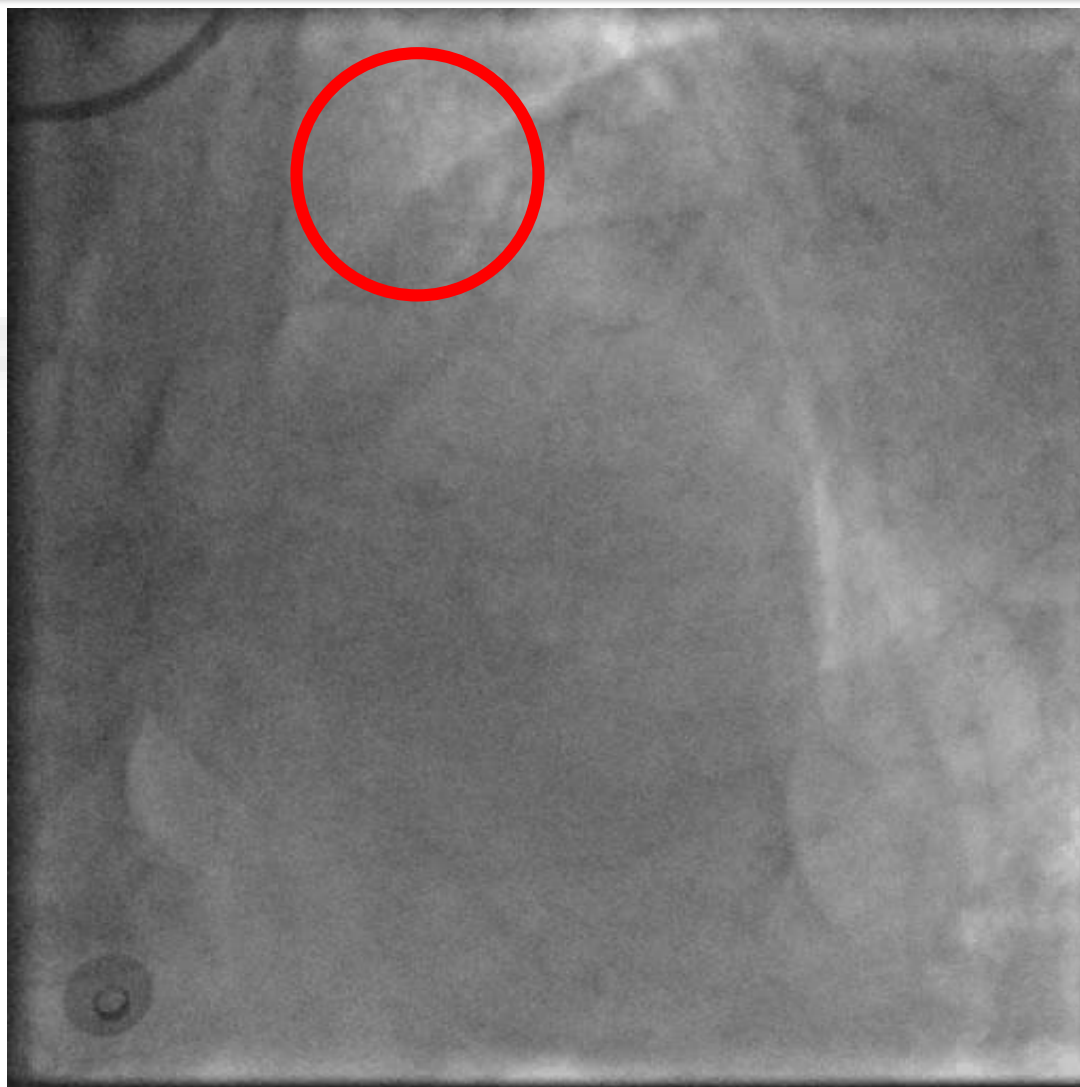


Baseline ECG on admission:

- **T wave inversion in precordial leads**
- **Patient free of angina**

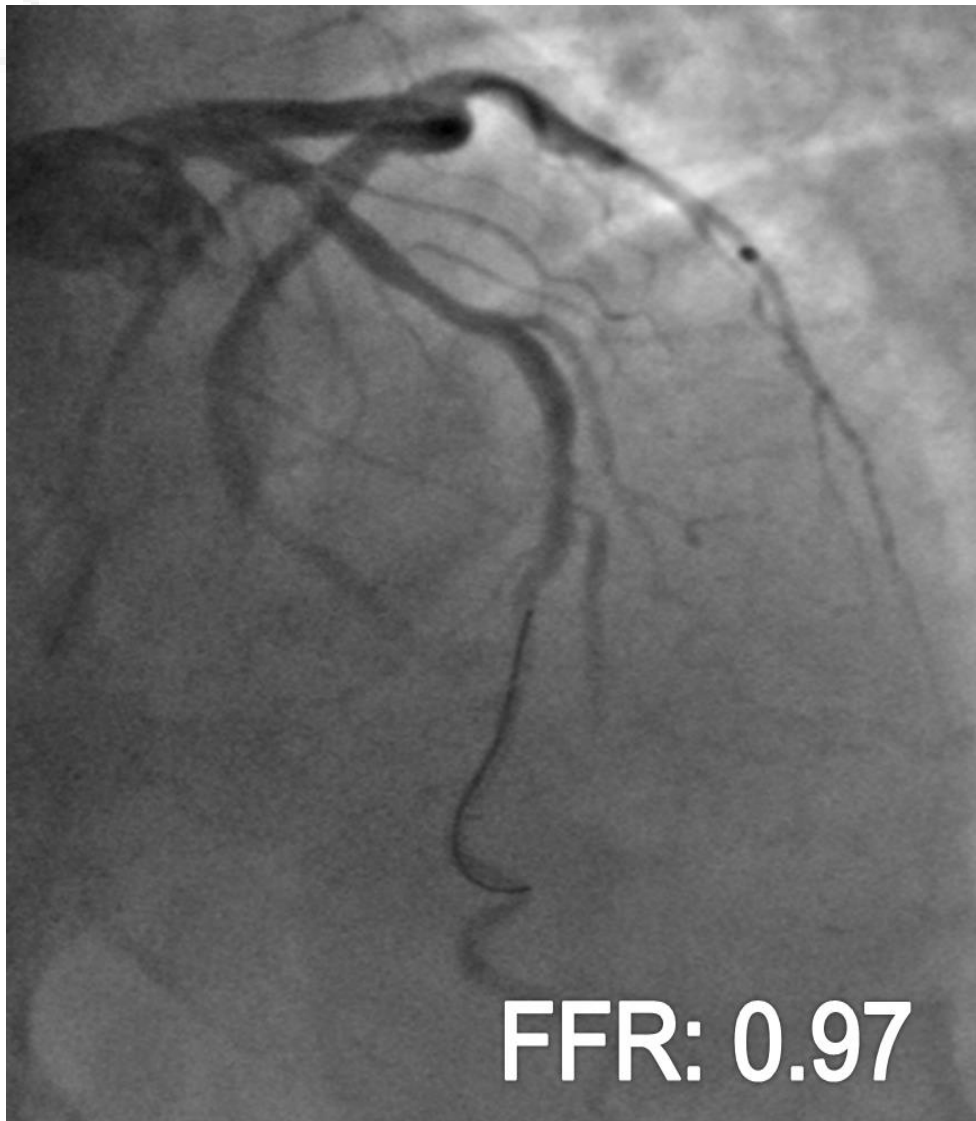


Diagnostic Cardiac Catheterization





FFR measurement

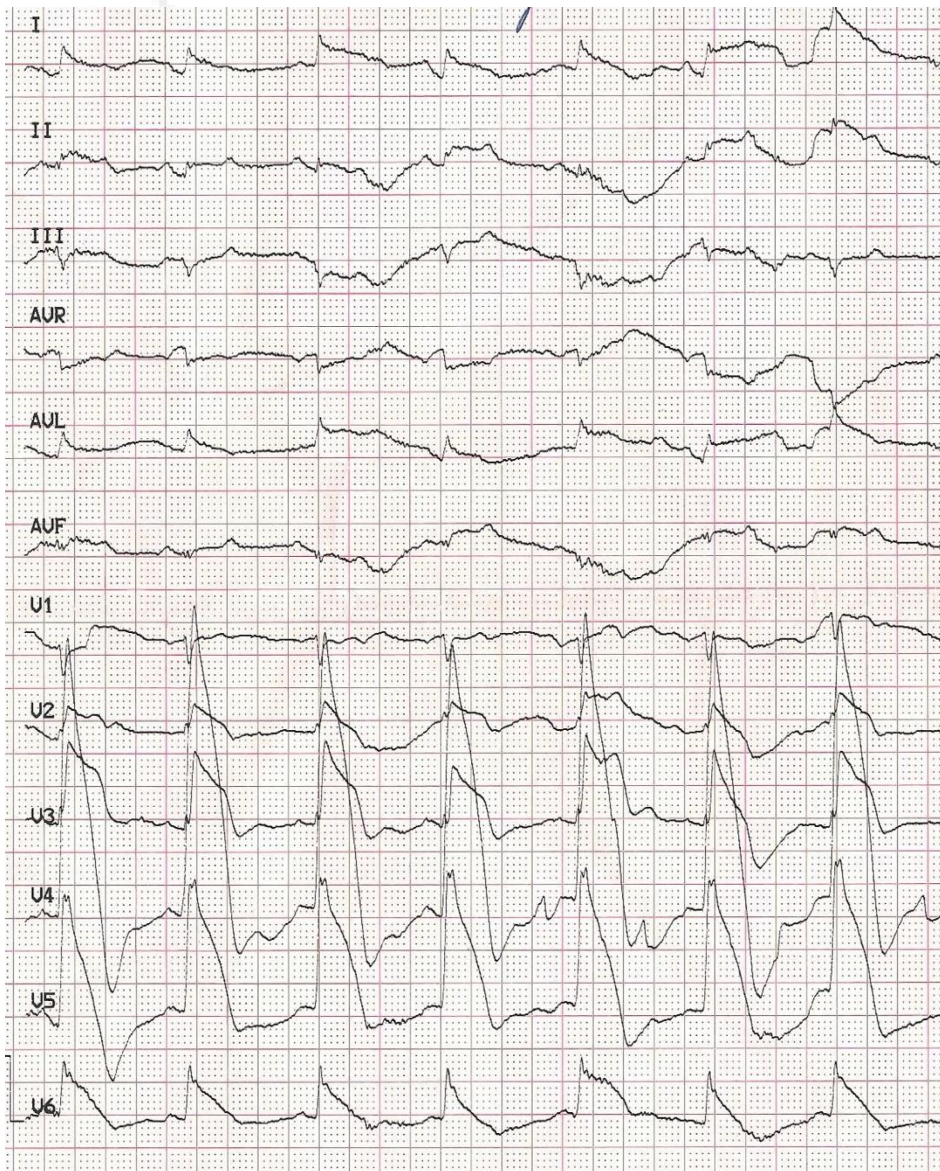


**200 ug NTG +
240ug adenosine**

Patient discharged to step-down unit with complete medication

- ASA 1x100mg
- Clopidogrel 1x75mg
- LMWH 2x0.6ml s.c.
- Ramipril 1x2.5mg
- Rosuvastatin 1x20mg
- Nebivolol 1x5mg

Recurrent angina at rest

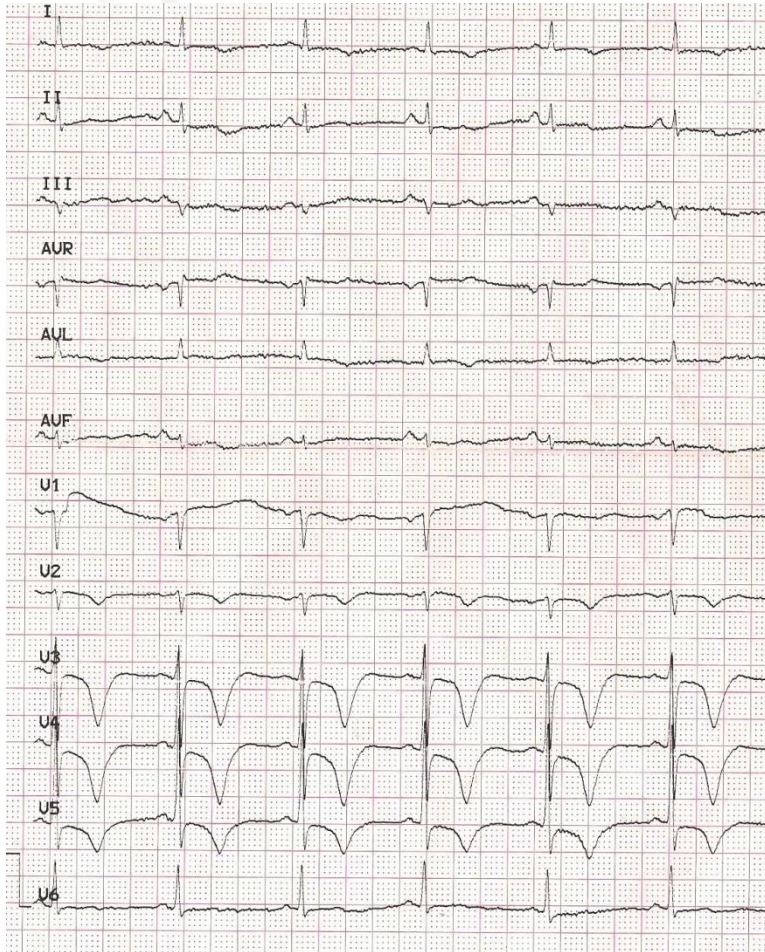


- Immediately relieved by
s.i. NTG
- +
- Complete resolution on
ECG

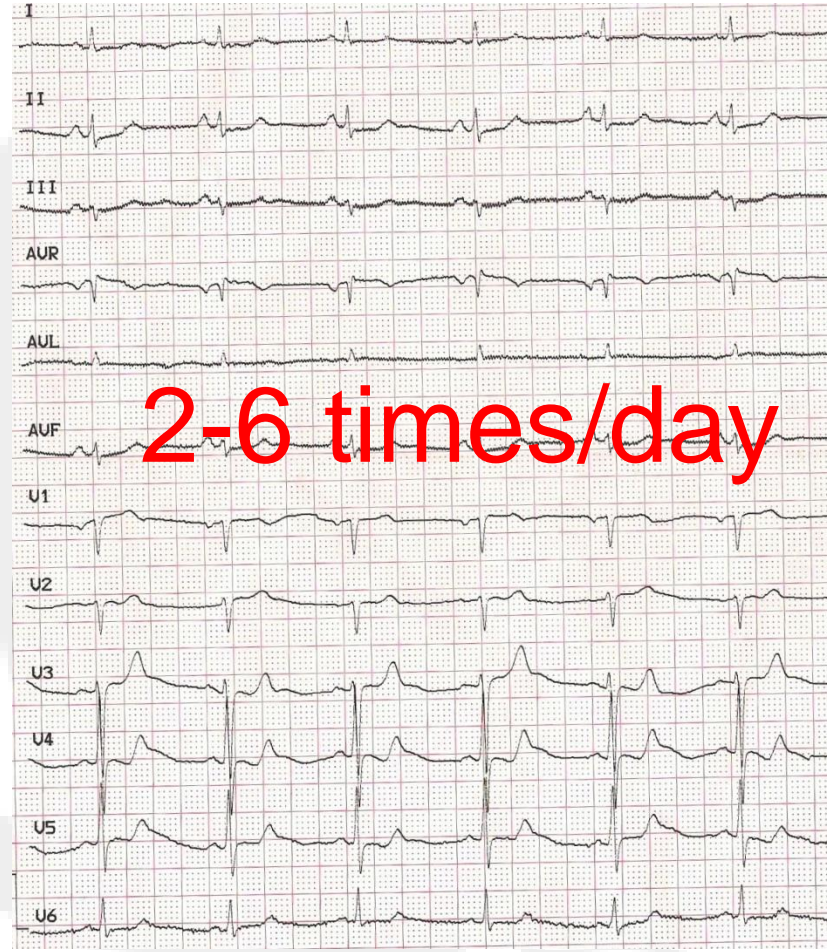
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- Ramipril 1x2.5mg
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Nisoldipin 2x10mg
+
Iv NTG

Despite medical therapy



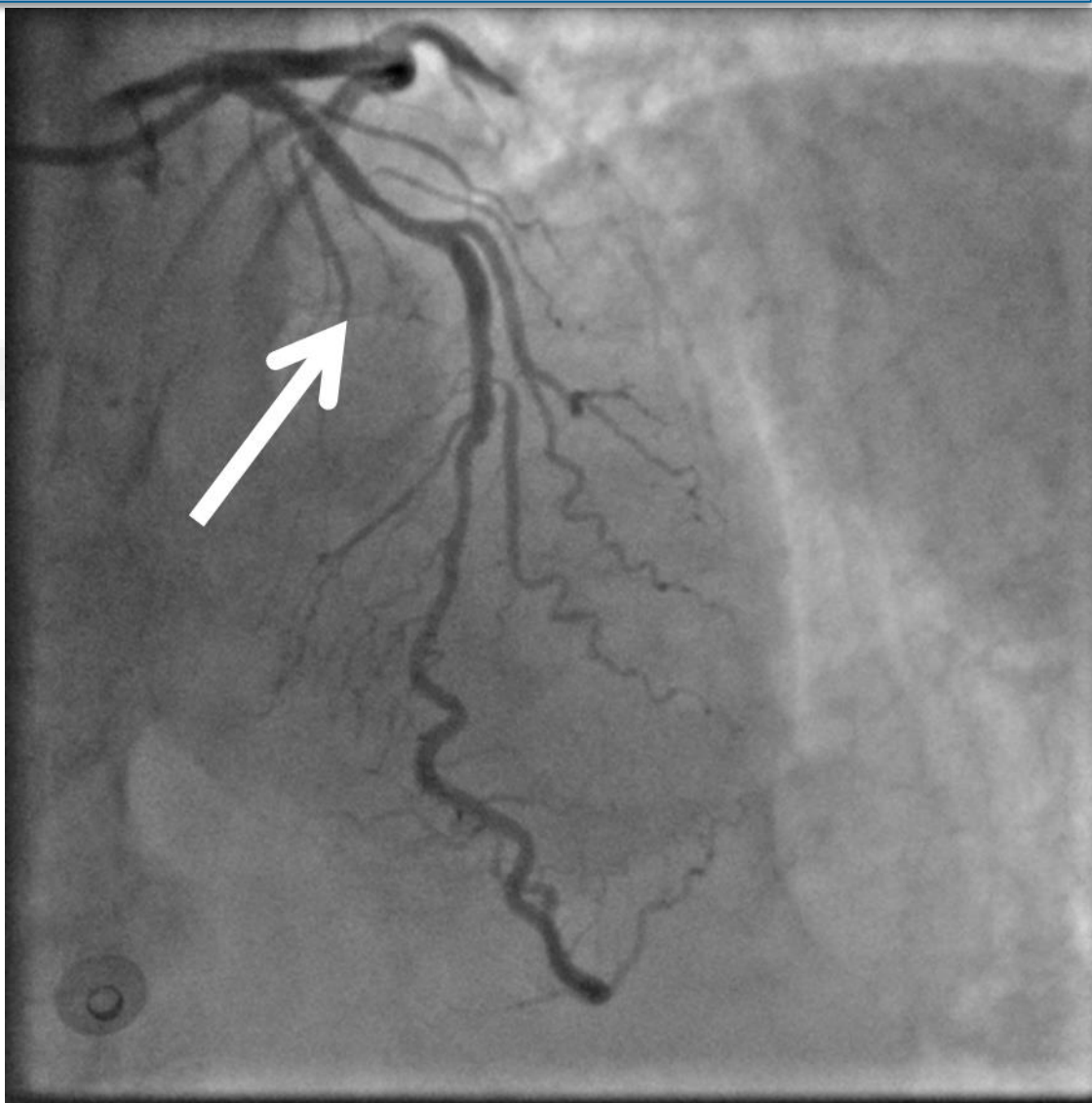
No angina



Angina



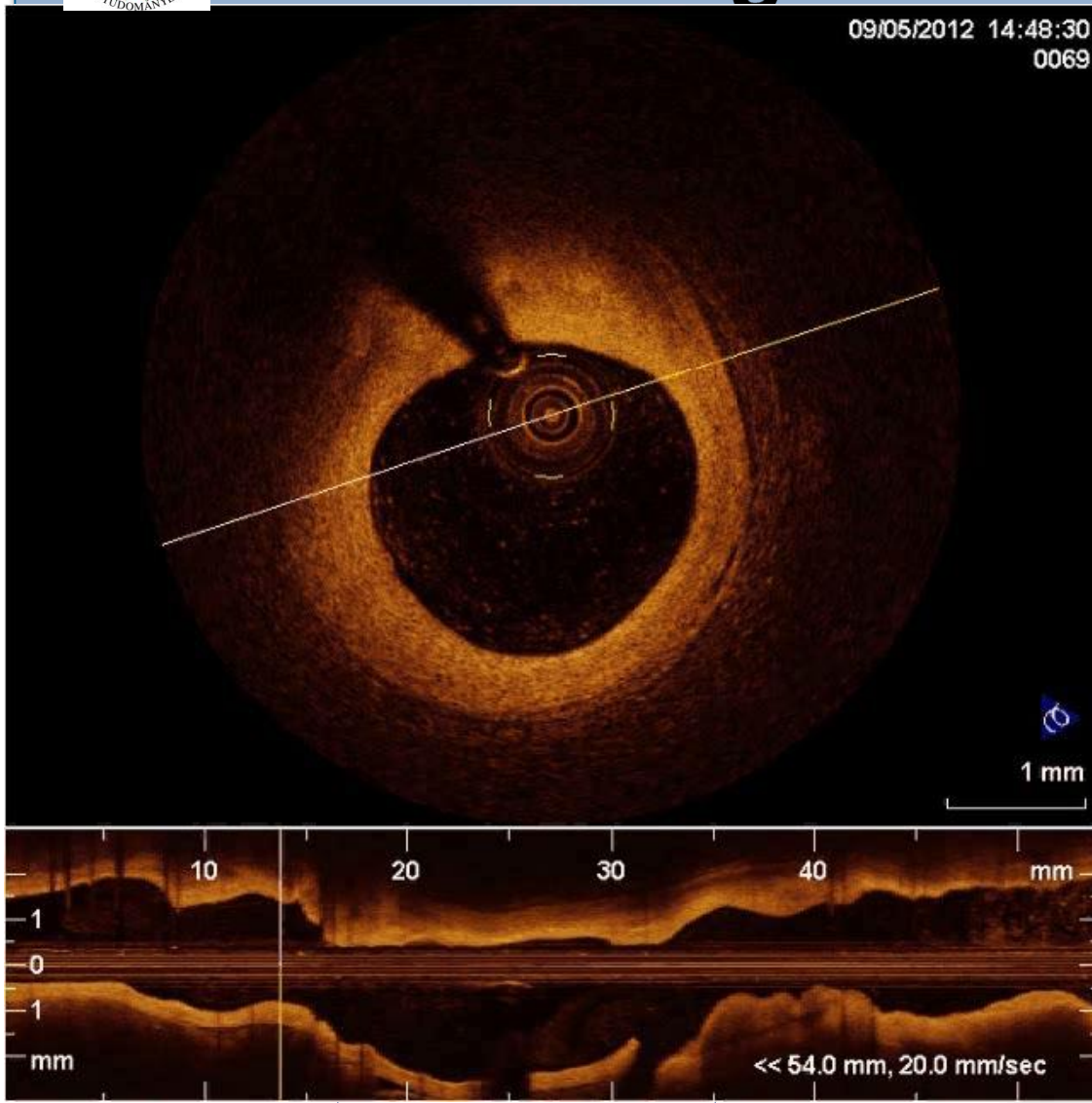
Repeated Cardiac Catheterization





OCT Interrogation

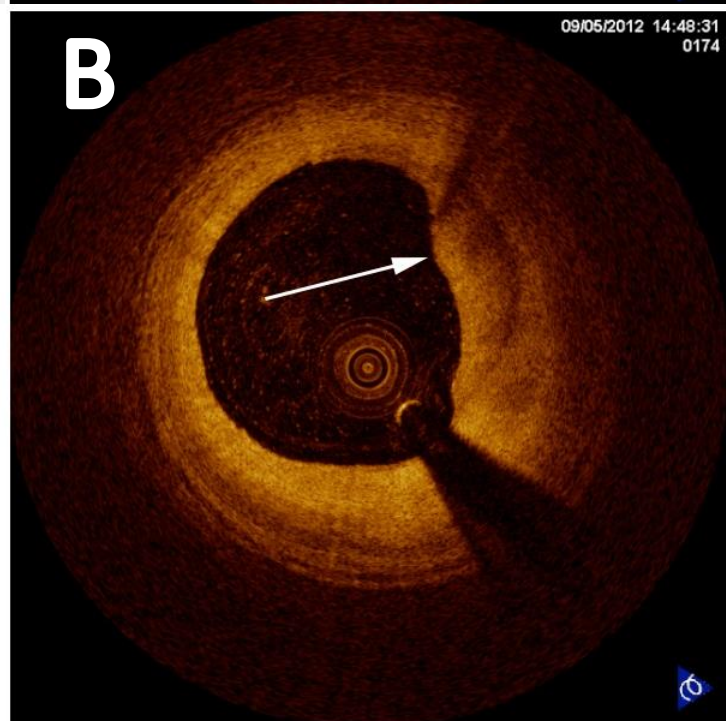
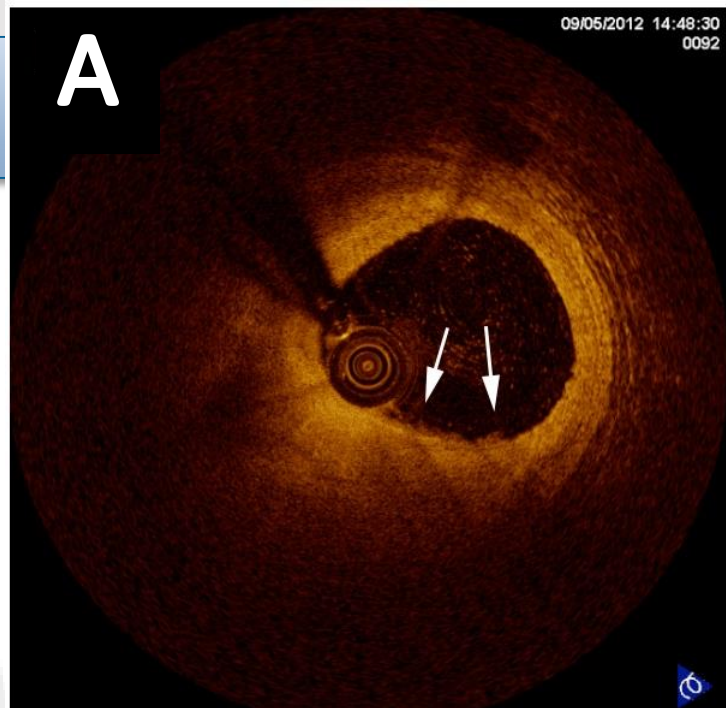
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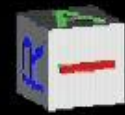


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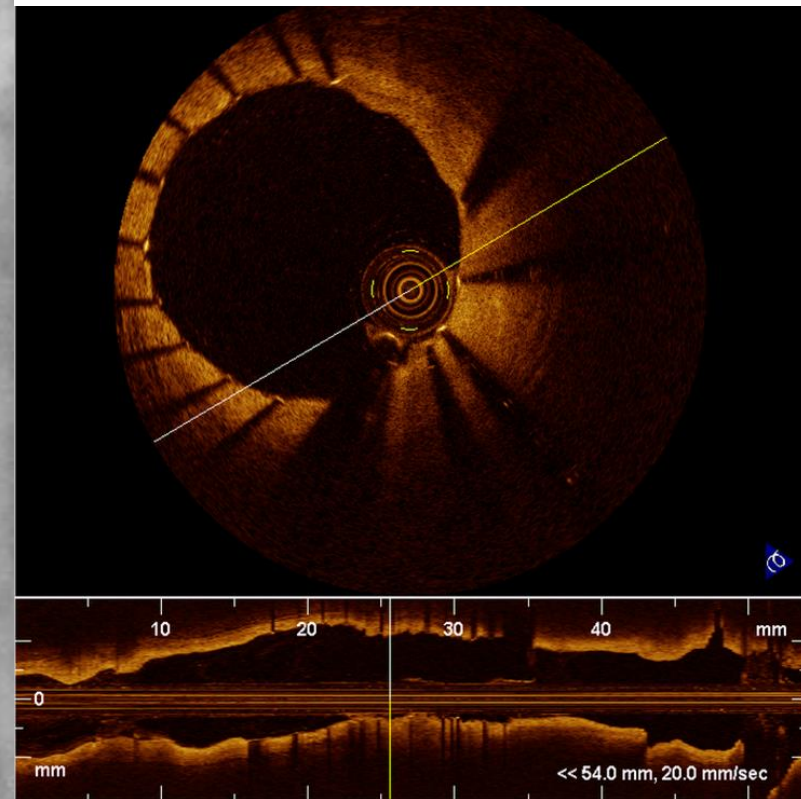


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Interventional Management





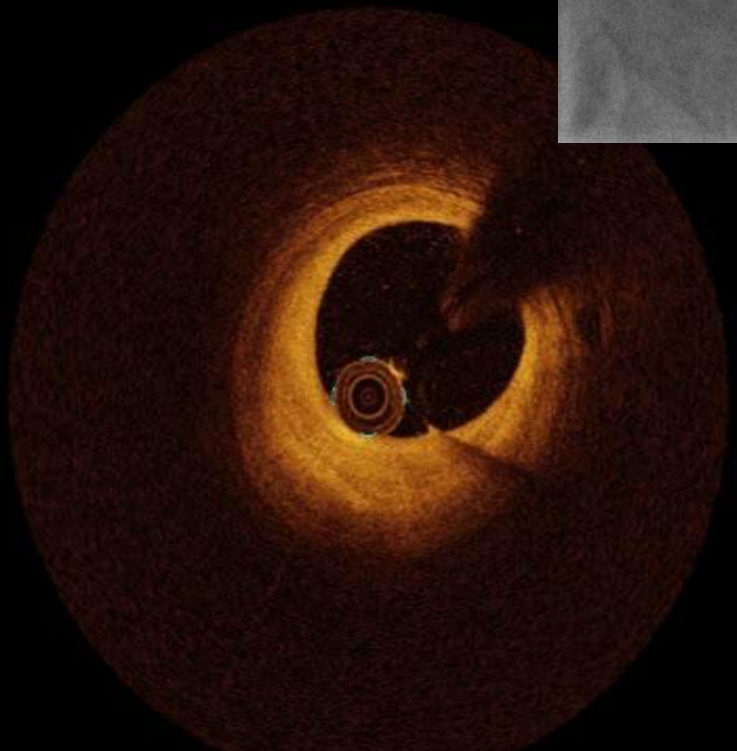
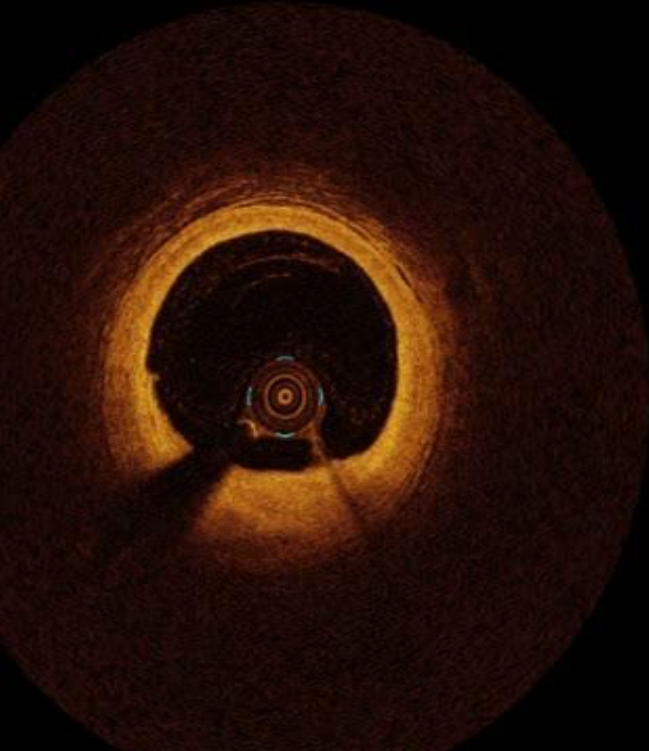
9-month follow-up

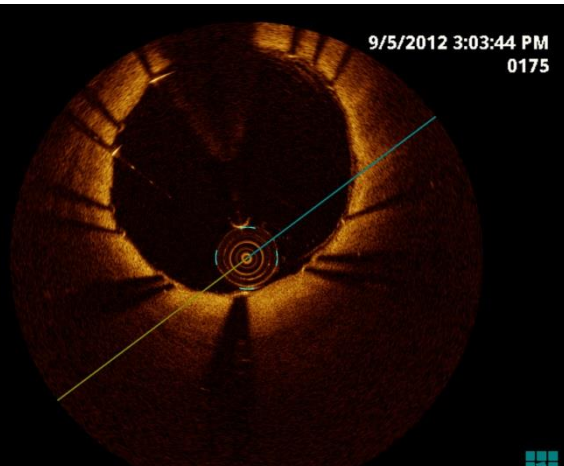
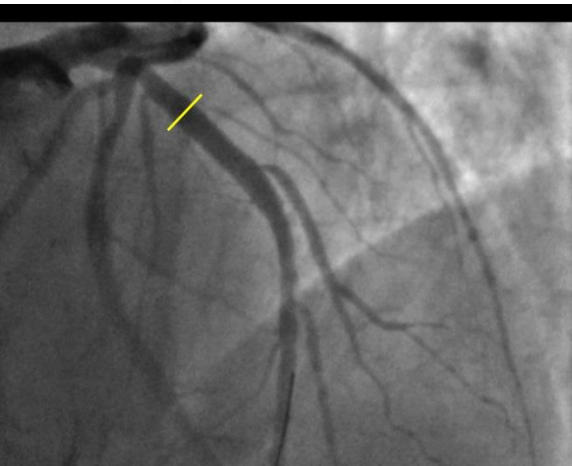
Patient is free of angina



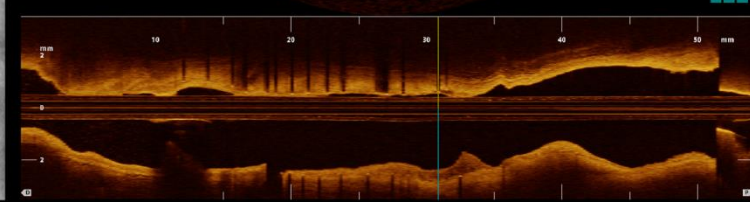
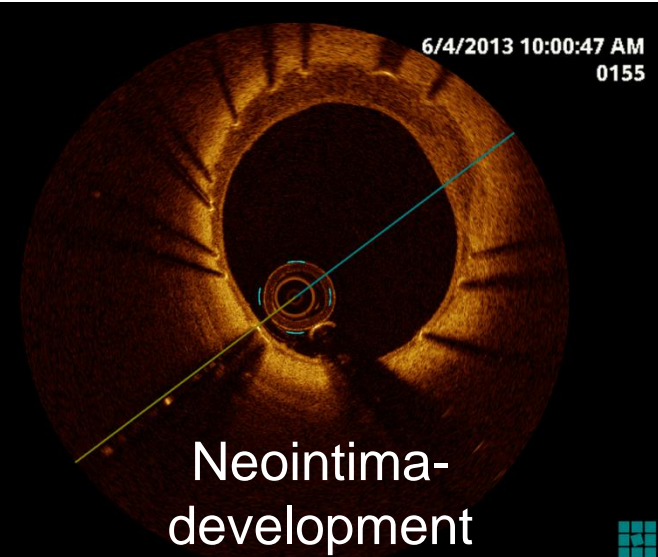
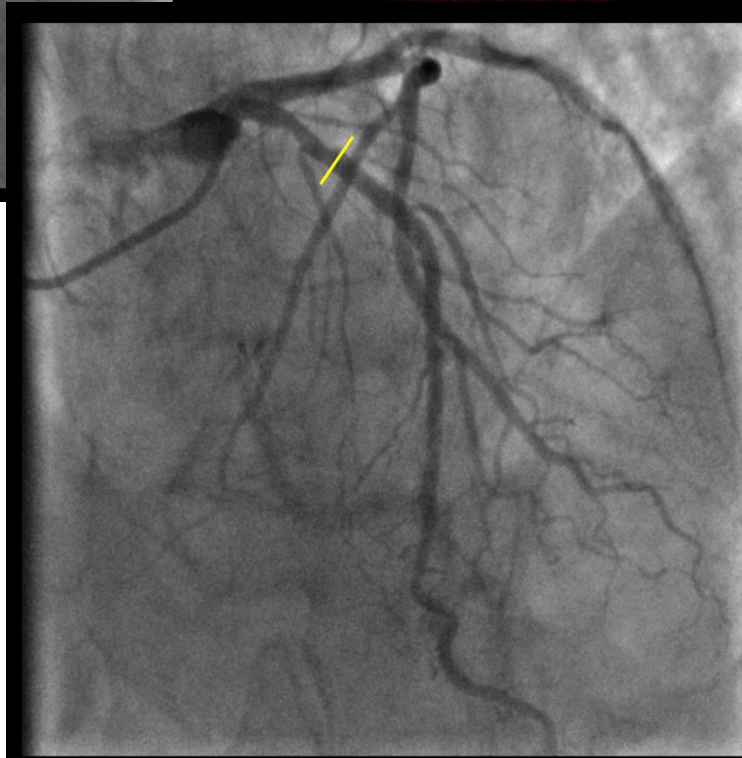
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9-month FUP





Neo-
atherosclerosis ?





Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) in coronary arteries



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