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OCT-basic concepts, tips and tricks, and its adjuvance for LM stenting

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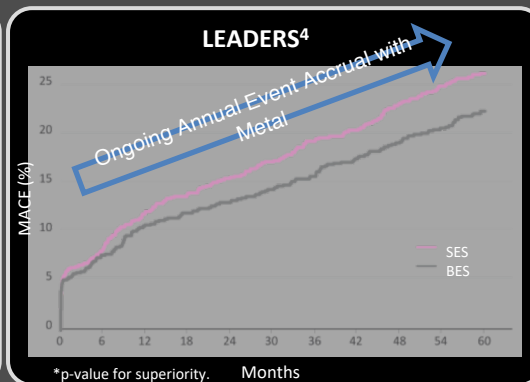
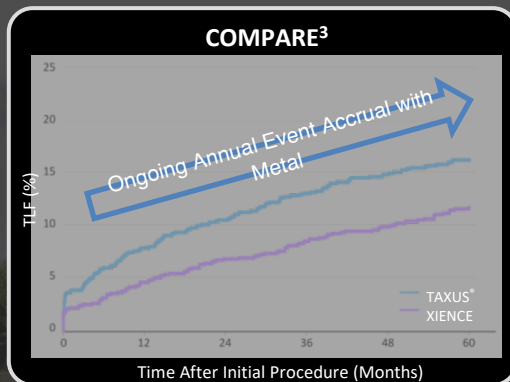
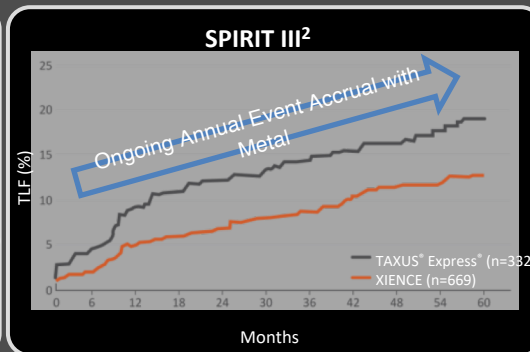
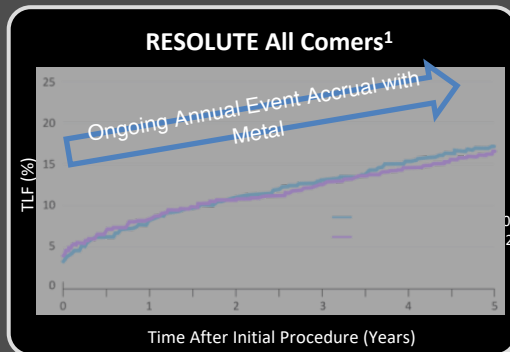
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By five years, TLF in 2nd generation DES occurs in almost 1 in 6 patients

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IVUS-guided PCI had a significantly lower MACE rate (48% relative risk reduction) compared to angiographic-guided PCI in IVUS XPL¹

Expansion was the criteria for stent optimization

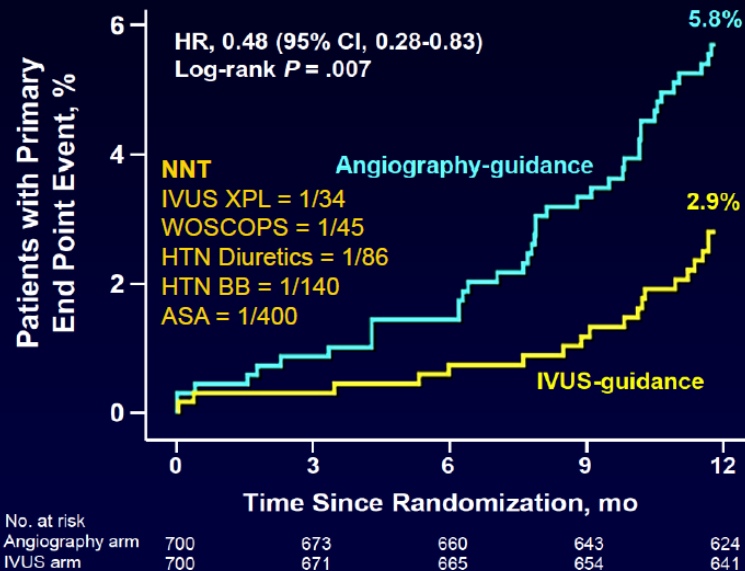
- IVUS-guidance arm

- Minimal lumen area > lumen area of distal reference

Angiography-guidance arm

- Angiographic residual diameter stenosis < 30% with absence of angiographically detected dissection

IVUS XPL – Primary Endpoint



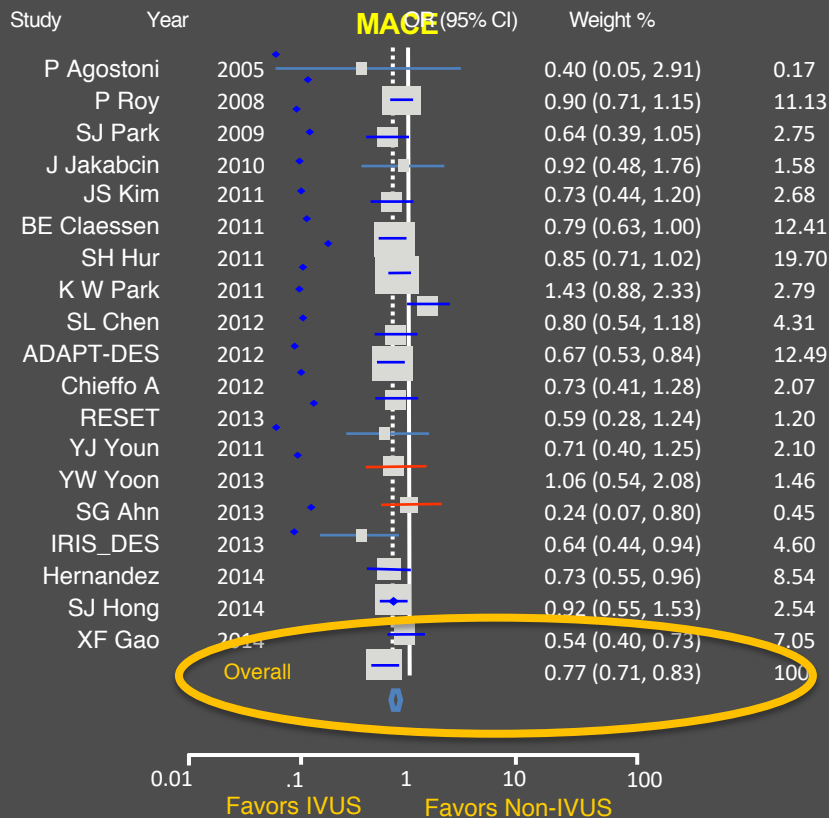
The NNT of Image Guided PCI is less than that for statins for prevention of cardiovascular events.

1. Hong, S. J., Kim, B. K., Shin, D. H., Nam, C. M., Kim, J. S., Ko, Y. G., . . . IVUS-XPL Investigators. (2015). Effect of intravascular ultrasound-guided vs angiography-guided everolimus-eluting stent implantation: the IVUS-XPL randomized clinical trial. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 314(20), 2155-2163.

Meta-analysis of 29,068 patients show reduced rates of death, MACE and ST with image-guided PCI¹

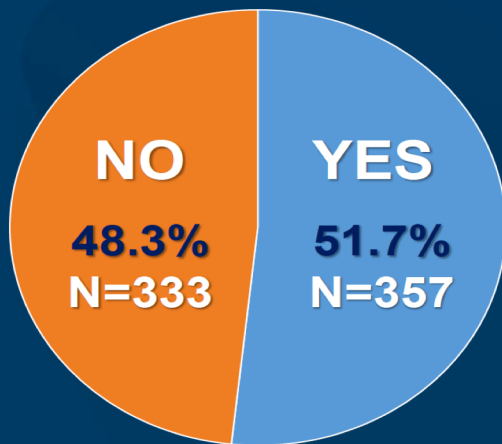
Compared with angiographic guidance, IVUS-guided DES implantation was associated with reduced rates of:

- Death: HR 0.62 (0.54-0.71), $p < 0.001$
- MACE: HR 0.77 (0.71-0.83), $p < 0.001$
- TVR: HR 0.86 (0.77-0.97), $p = 0.012$
- Stent thrombosis: HR 0.59 (0.47-0.73), $p < 0.001$



Adapted from Zhang, (2015) *BMC Cardiovascular Disorders*, 15, 153

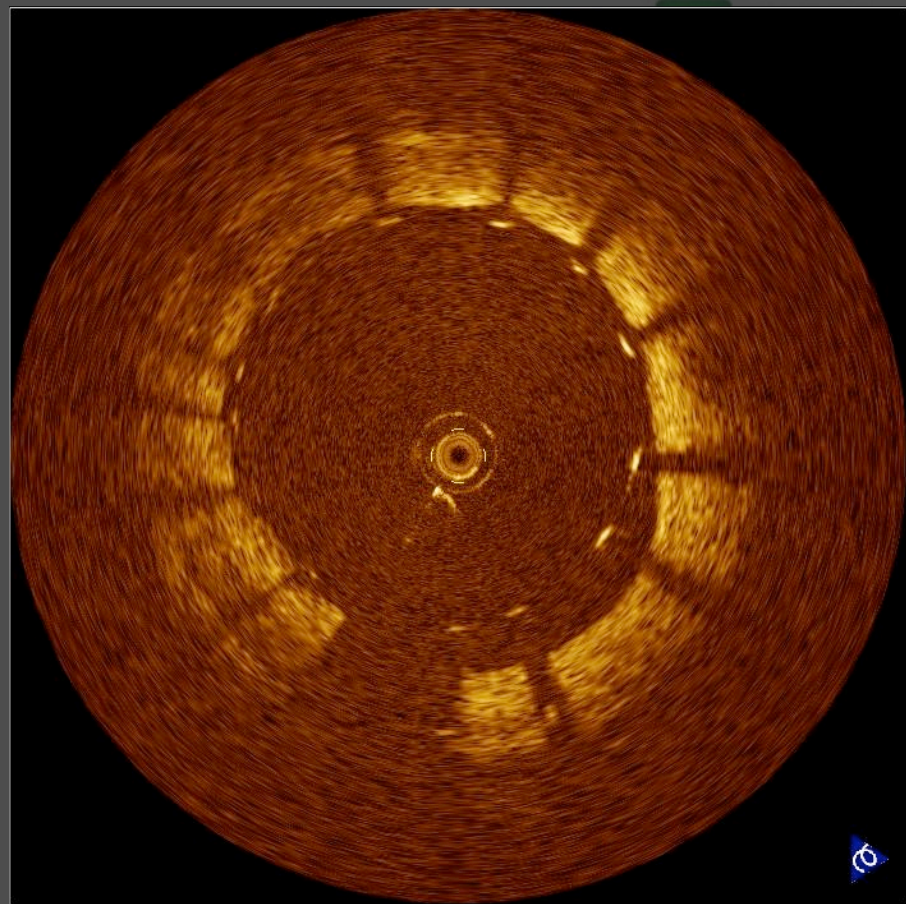
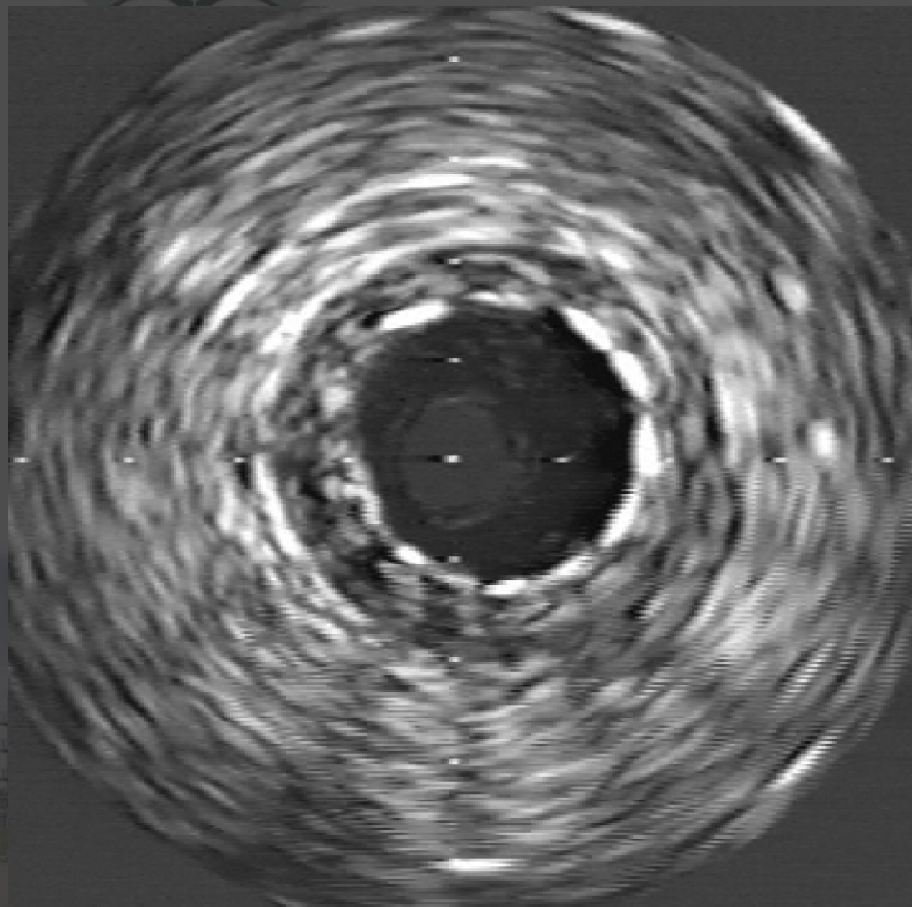
Change in LMCAD stenting by IVUS



- Used larger balloon: 30% (107)
- Post-dilated: 29% (102)
- Used higher pressure: 17% (62)
- Treated stent under-expansion: 16% (57)
- Led to provisional 1 stent strategy rather than planned 2 stents: 11% (41)
- Led to planned 2 stent strategy rather than provisional 1 stent: 9% (33)

3-Year Outcomes

IVUS MSA tertiles (range)	Low: 4.4-8.7 (n=172)	Inter: 8.8-10.9 (n=169)	High: 11.0-17.8 (n=163)	P L vs I	P L vs H
Death/MI/stroke	19.4% (32)	16.1% (26)	9.6% (15)	0.45	0.01
Death/MI/stroke/IDR*	26.6% (44)	23.8% (39)	18.3% (29)	0.66	0.08
All cause death	13.8% (22)	10.0% (16)	5.2% (8)	0.34	0.01
Cardiovascular death	7.4% (12)	4.8% (8)	4.0% (6)	0.39	0.16
MI	10.5% (17)	8.2% (13)	3.7% (6)	0.49	0.02
Stroke	1.8% (3)	1.2% (2)	2.1% (3)	0.66	0.98
Stent thrombosis (D/P)	3.1% (5)	1.2% (2)	0.0% (0)	0.26	0.03
Left main IDR	12.0% (19)	8.3% (13)	8.8% (14)	0.30	0.41
Non-TV IDR	1.9% (3)	3.3% (5)	1.3% (2)	0.48	0.65

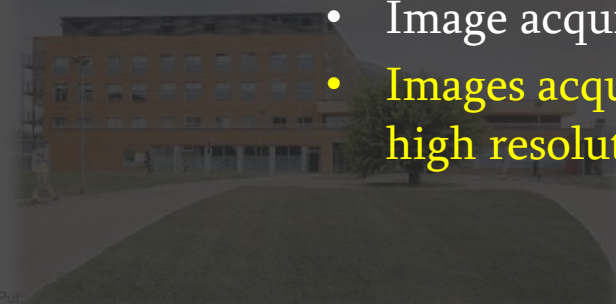
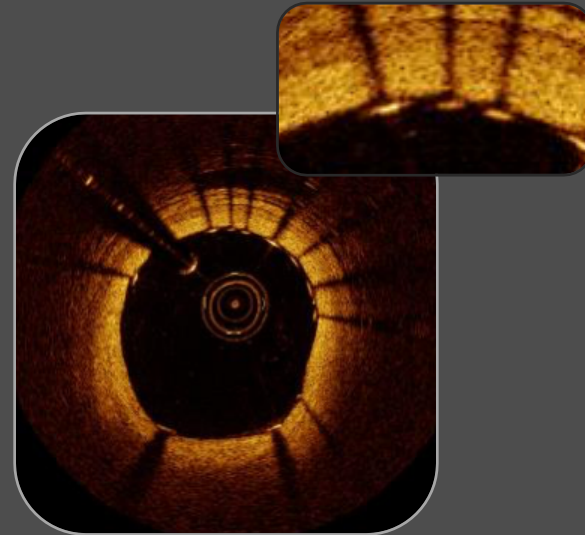


What is OCT?

An optical imaging modality that uses near-infrared light for high-resolution imaging of vessel anatomy, tissue microstructure and stents.

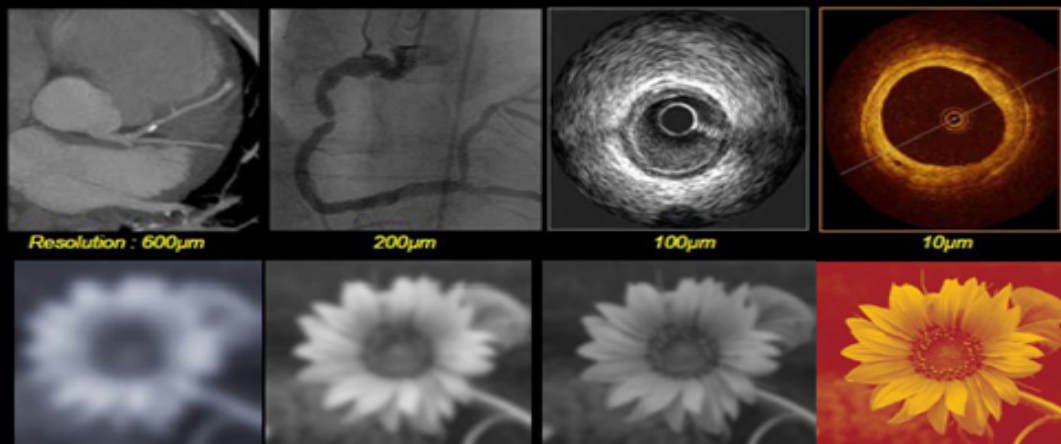
Key Features:

- Uses light, not sound
- Does not use X-ray
- Image acquisition is rapid
- Images acquired are high resolution



OCT = Improved Resolution
OCT has 10 times the resolution of IVUS

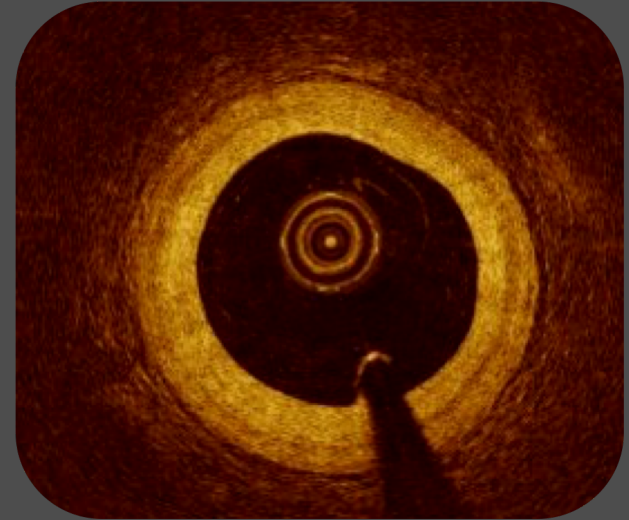
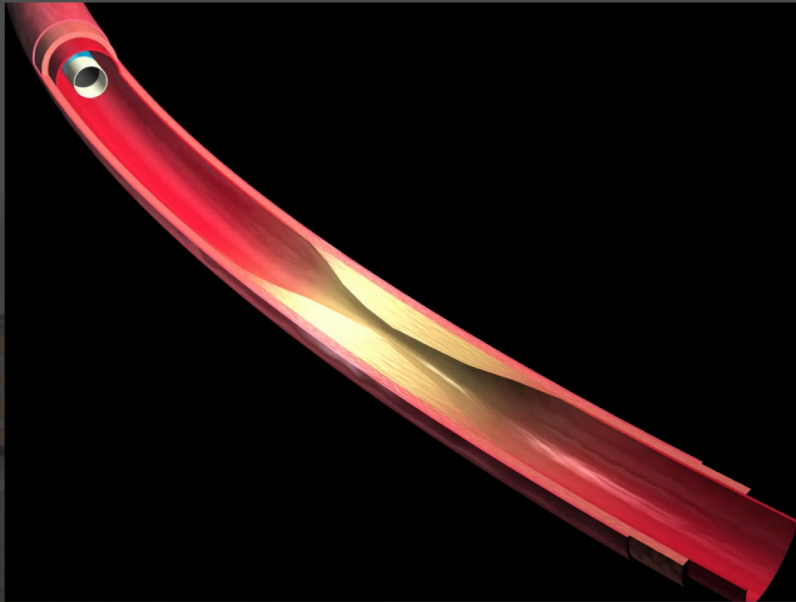
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OCT provides more detail with a 10 micrometers resolution

How does OCT work?

- Optical fiber inside catheter spins around to create a radar-style image
- 74 mm OCT image acquired in < 3 seconds



Possible OCT applications?

PLAQUE MORPHOLOGY

LESION LENGTH

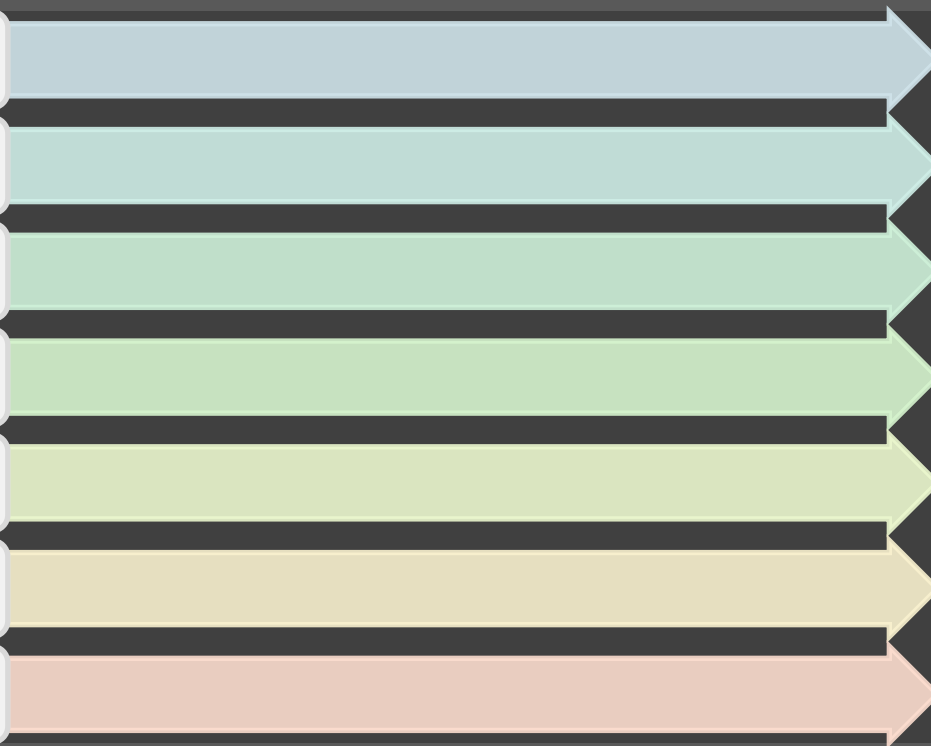
LESION DIAMETER

PLACEMENT WITH
COREGISTRATION

EDGE DETECTION (after)

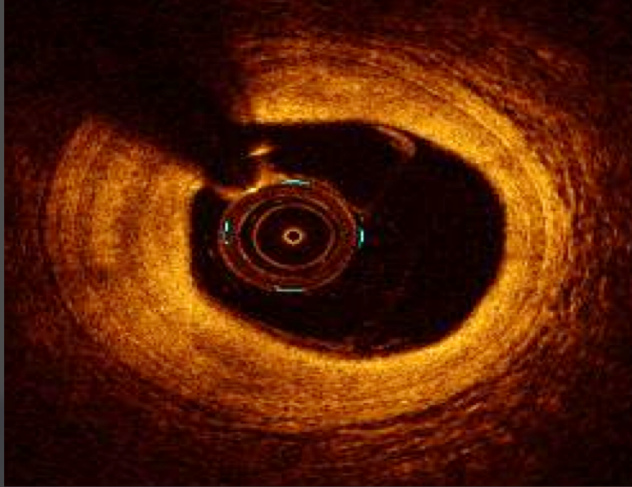
APPOSITION

LUMINAL GAIN/FULL
EXPANSION

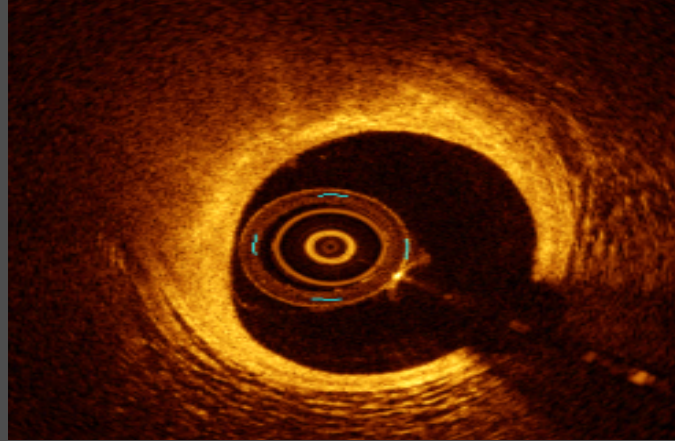


Understanding the composition of the plaque

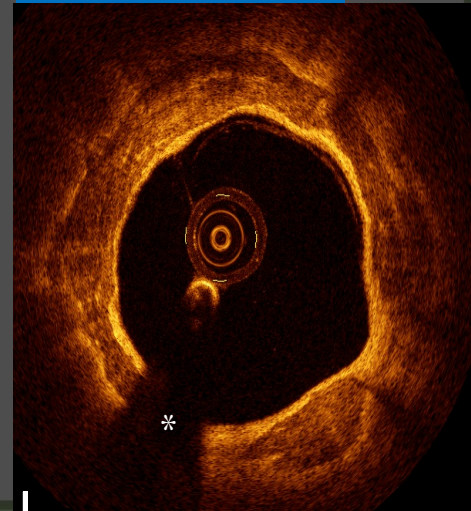
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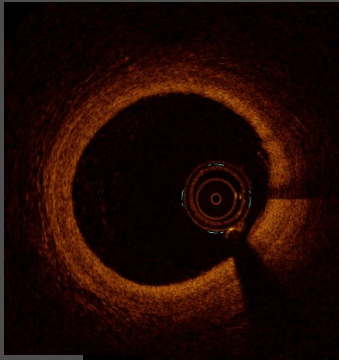
- Fibro-Fatty



- Calcific



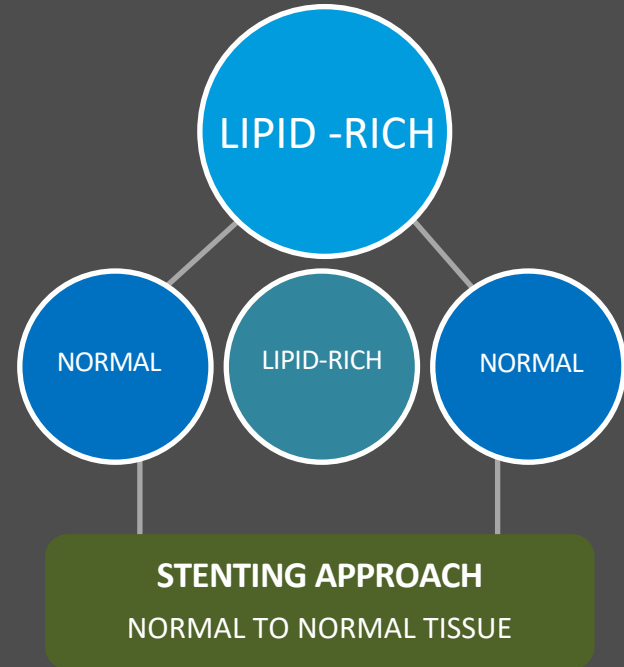
Normal



Lipid-rich plaque:

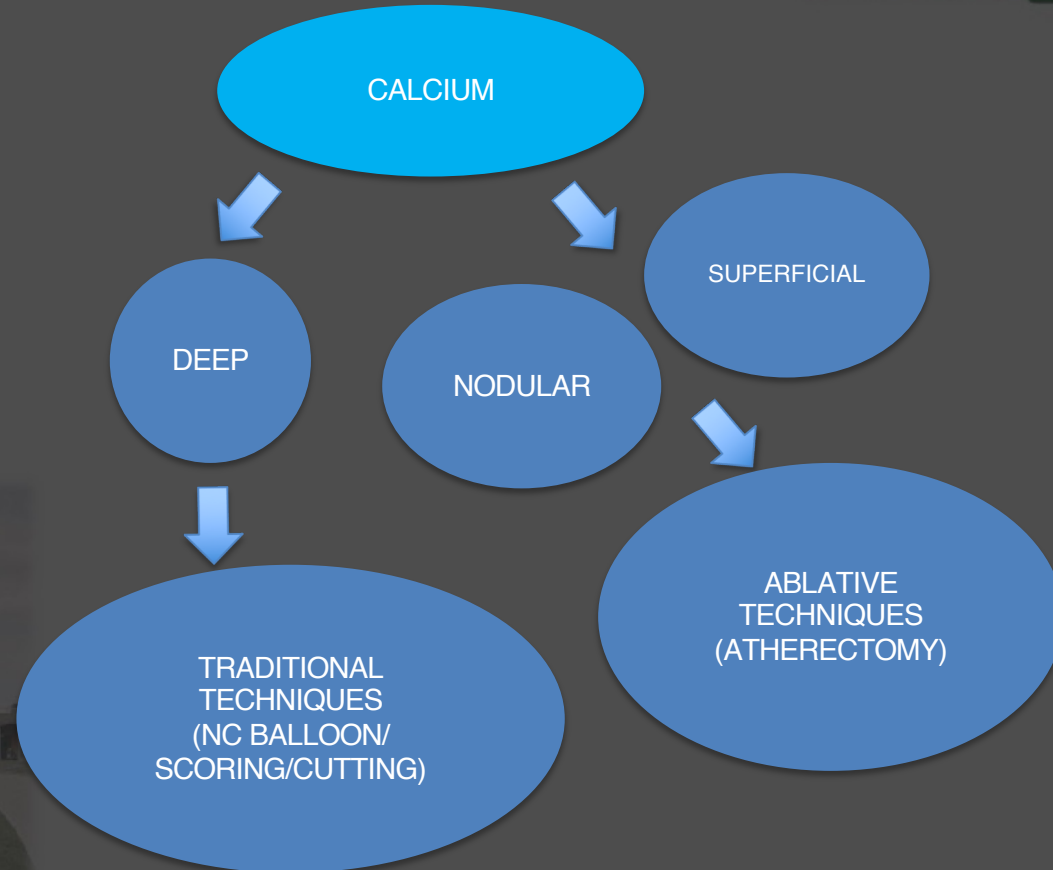
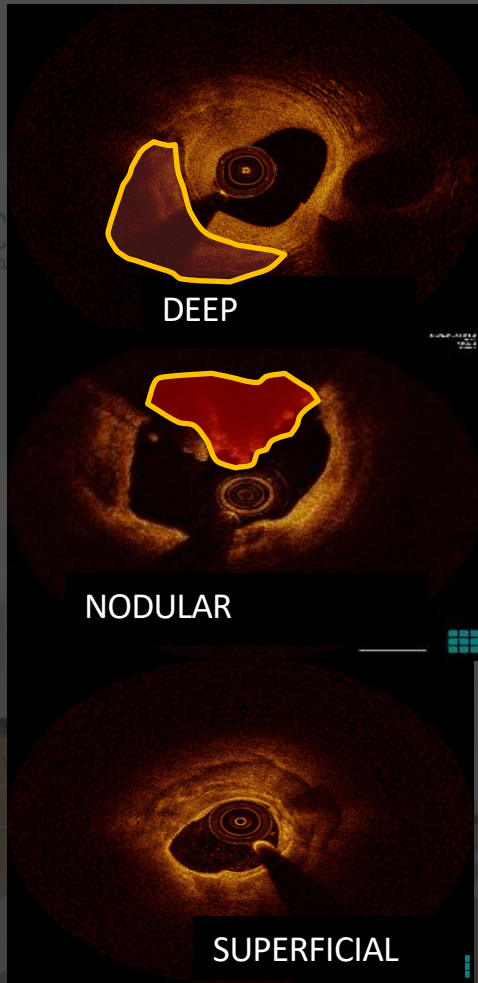
Stenting from normal to normal tissue for complete lesion coverage

Lipidic

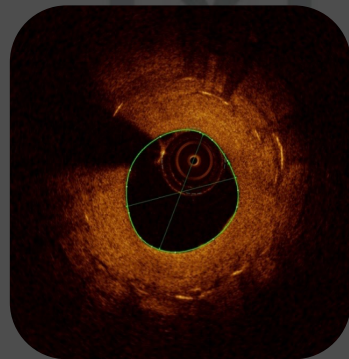


Types of calcific plaques

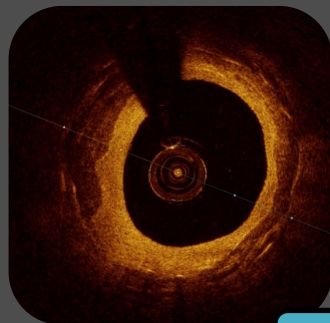
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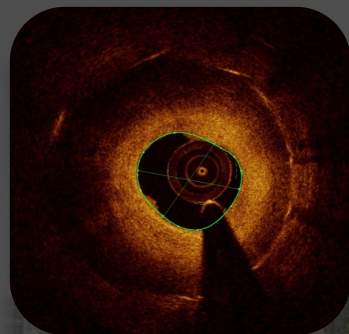
mechanism of ISR to guide treatment



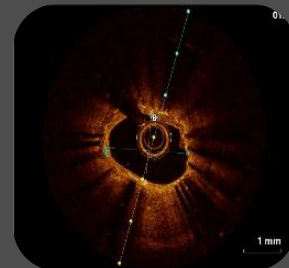
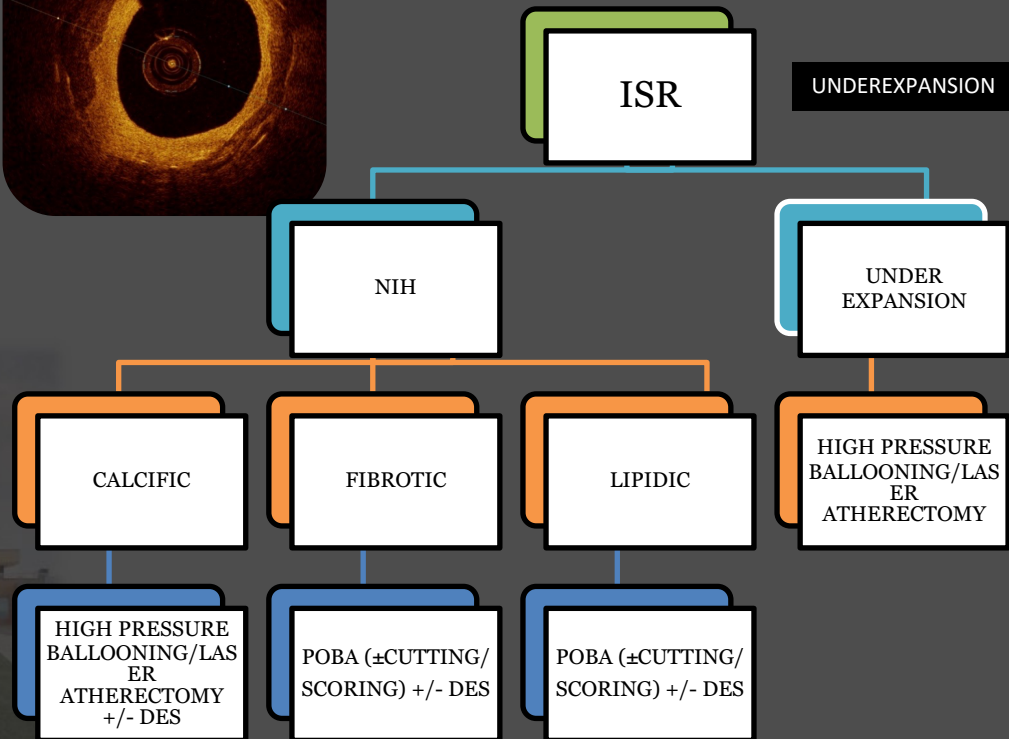
FIBROTIC ISR



CALCIFIC ISR



LIPIDIC ISR

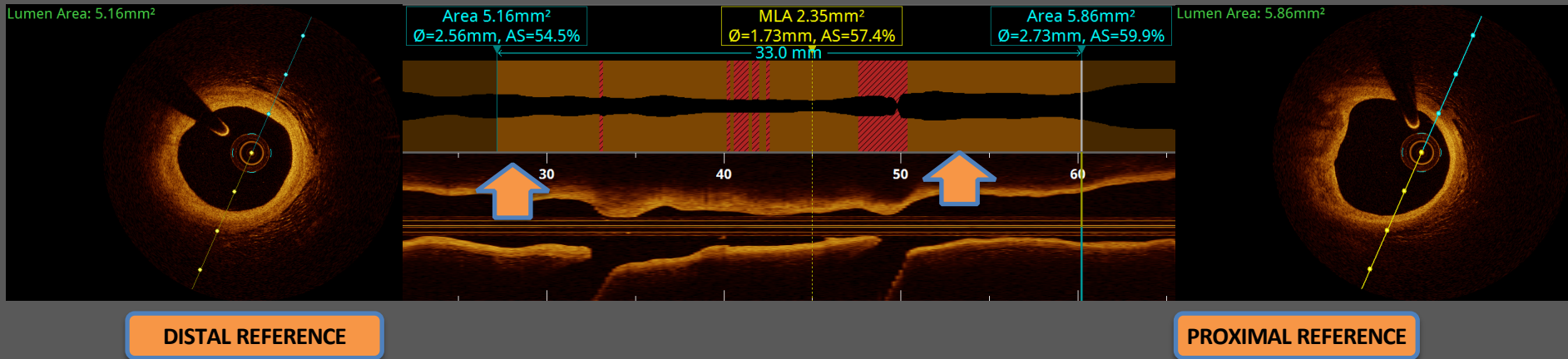


Identify reference segments: Choose length

May avoid edge problems by stenting from normal to normal tissue
L-mode makes it easy to see and measure lesions to choose landing zone

STRATEGIC TREATMENT ASSESSMENT

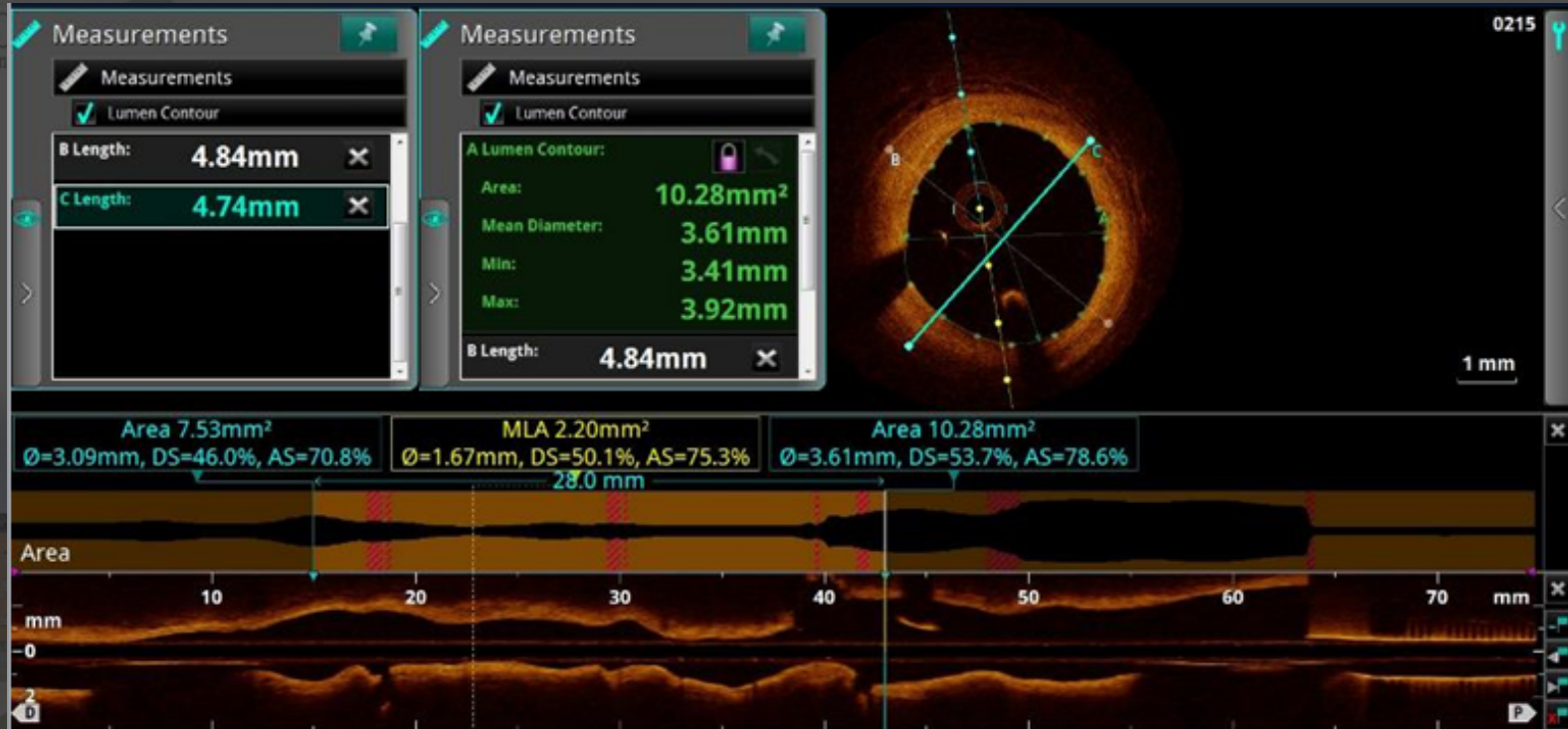
- Vessel Size and Lesion Length Assessment



- Drag and drop each reference marker to normal tissue
- Automatically get exact stent length

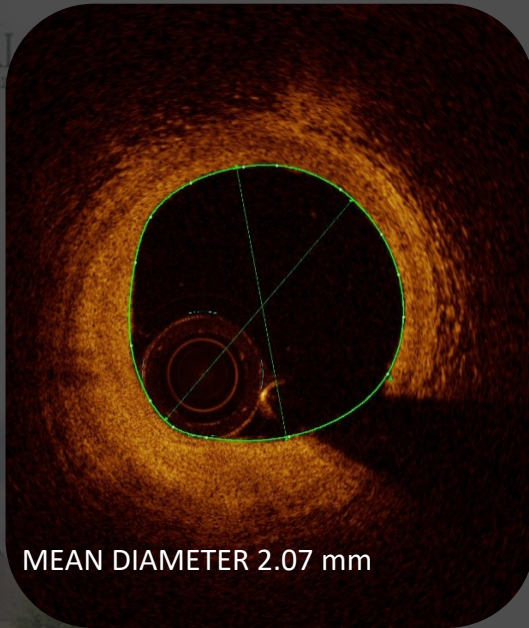
OCT can accurately size vessel diameter

Fast, automatic measurements of lumen, length, area

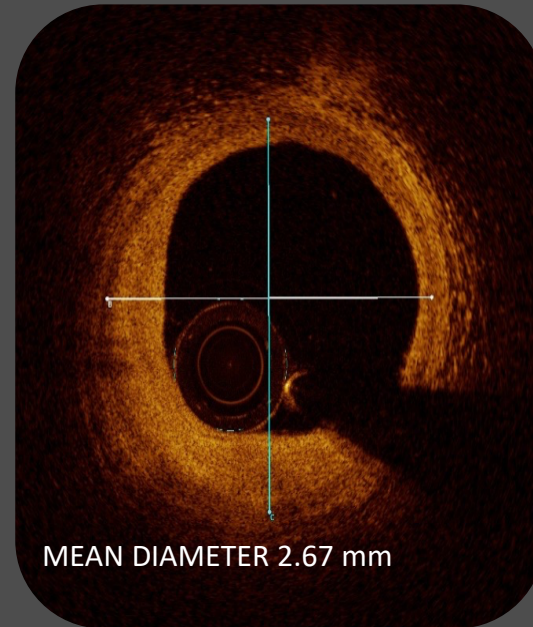


Stent sizing: lumen to lamina

LUMINAL MEASUREMENTS



MEDIAL MEASUREMENTS

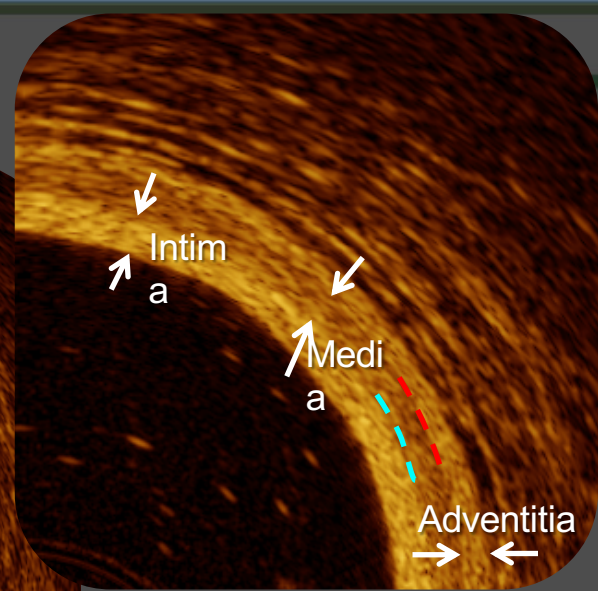
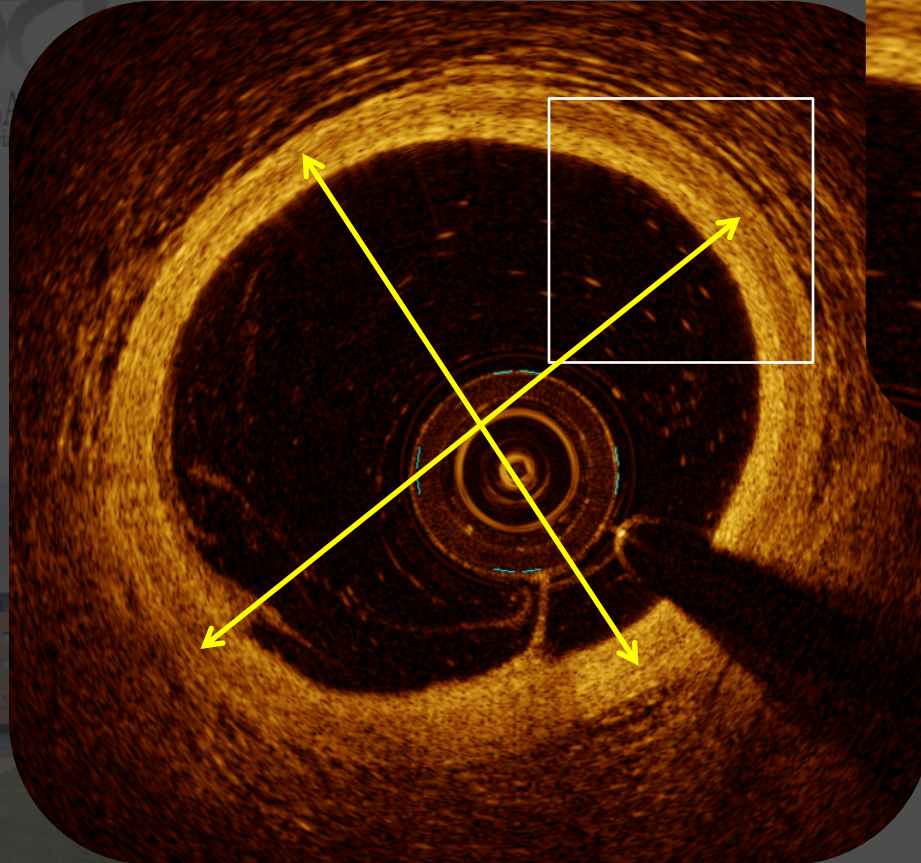


Lamina based stenting leads to significantly larger stent sizes, safely¹

Ali, Ziad A et al. Optical coherence tomography compared with intravascular ultrasound and with angiography to guide coronary stent implantation (ILUMIEN III: OPTIMIZE PCI): a randomised controlled trial The Lancet , Volume 388 , Issue 10060 , 2618 - 2628

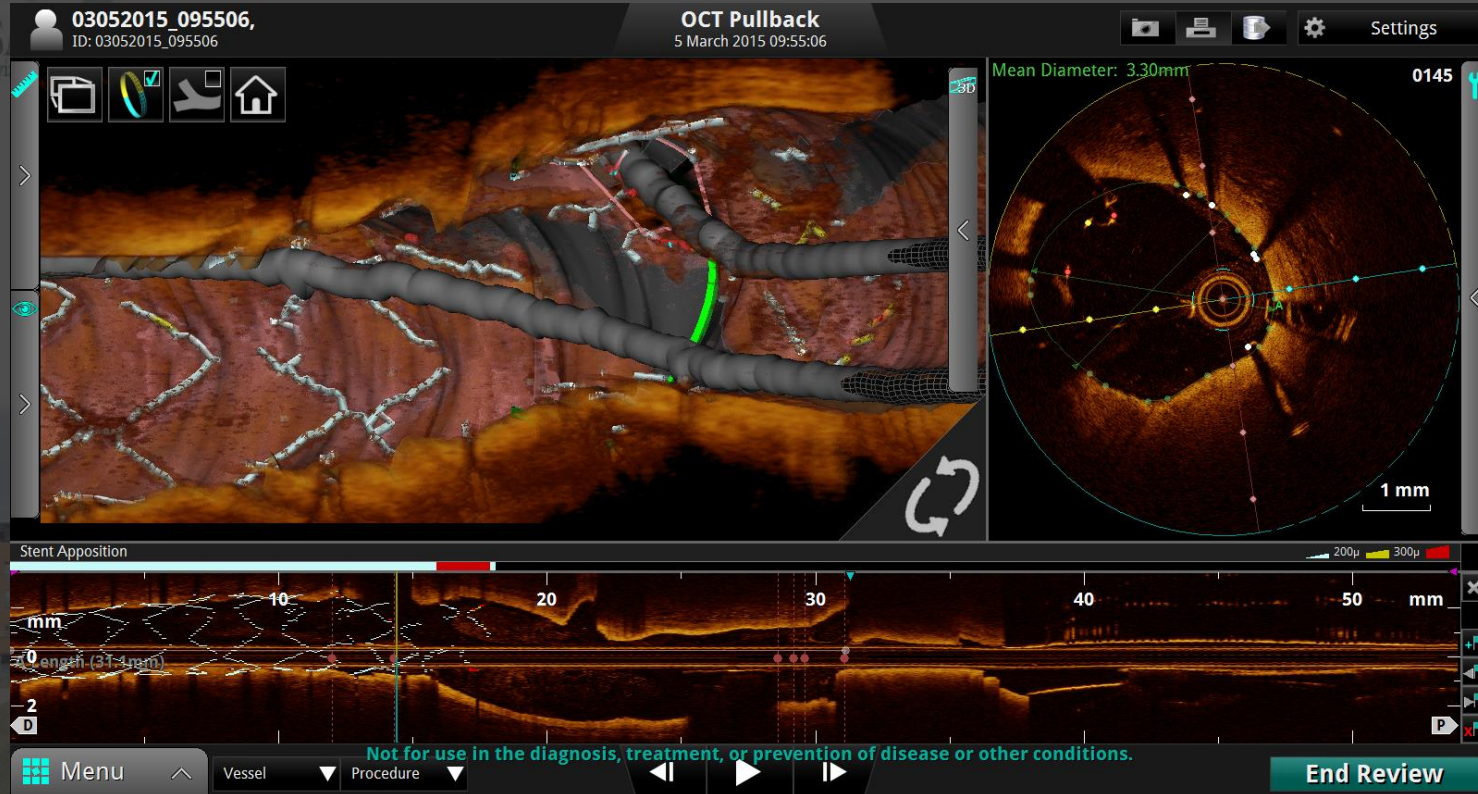
--- External Elastic Lamina (EEL)

--- Internal Elastic Lamina (IEL)



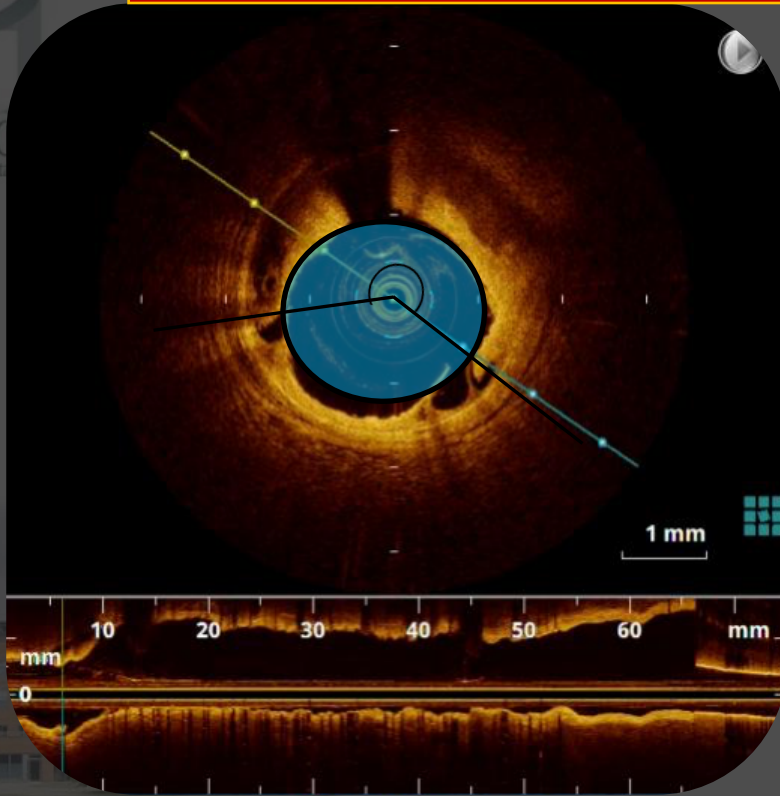
EEL is the outer layer of media shown by the dotted red line.

3D Guidewire/ bifurcation mode with side branch detection



Identify stent edge dissections

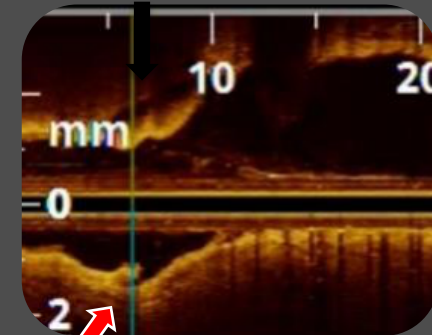
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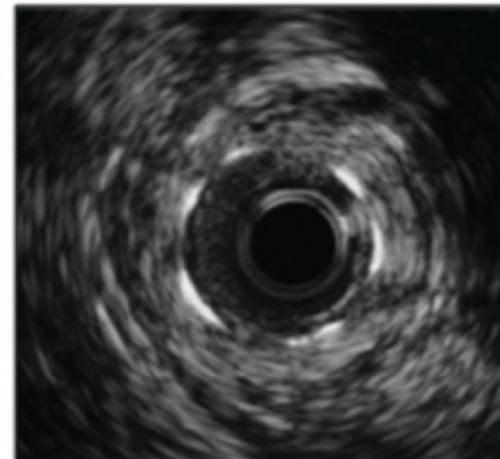
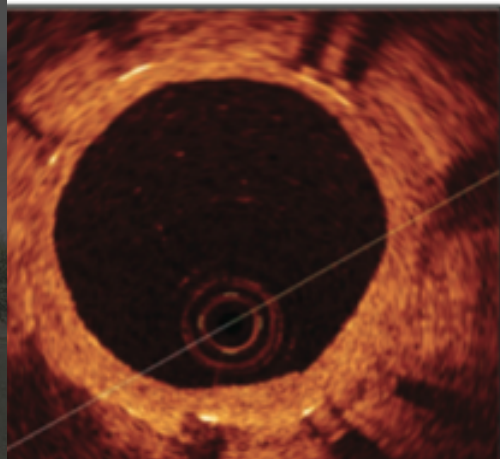
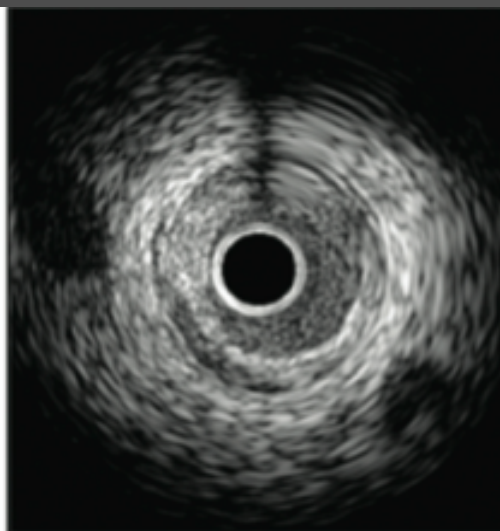
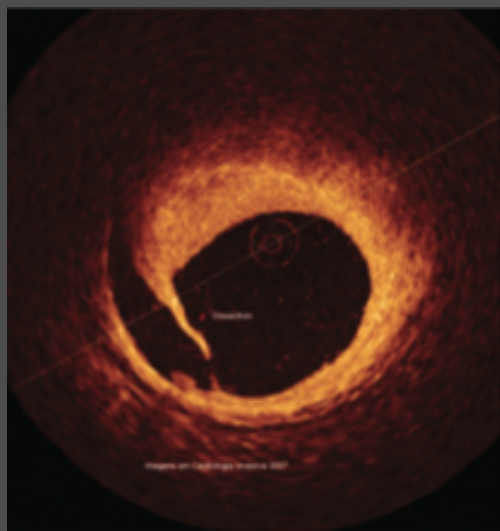


Major Edge Dissection

Category

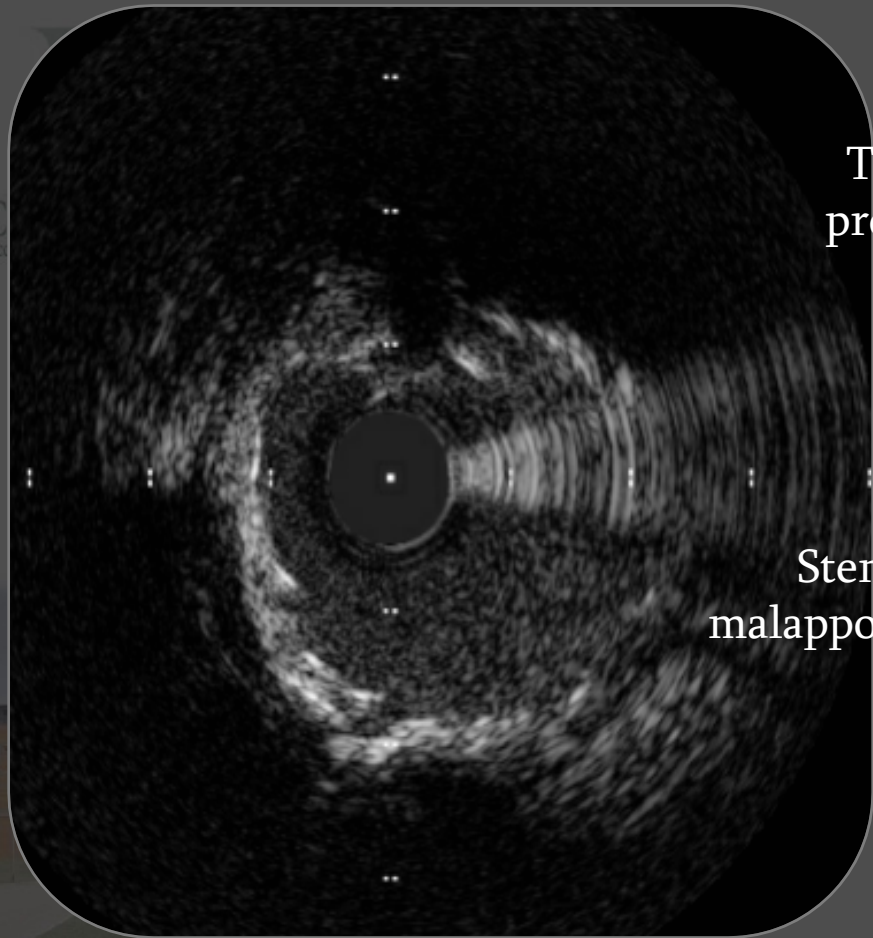
- 1) $>60^\circ$
- 2) >3 mm length
- 3) Flow limiting (TIMI)
- 4) Inadequate MLA





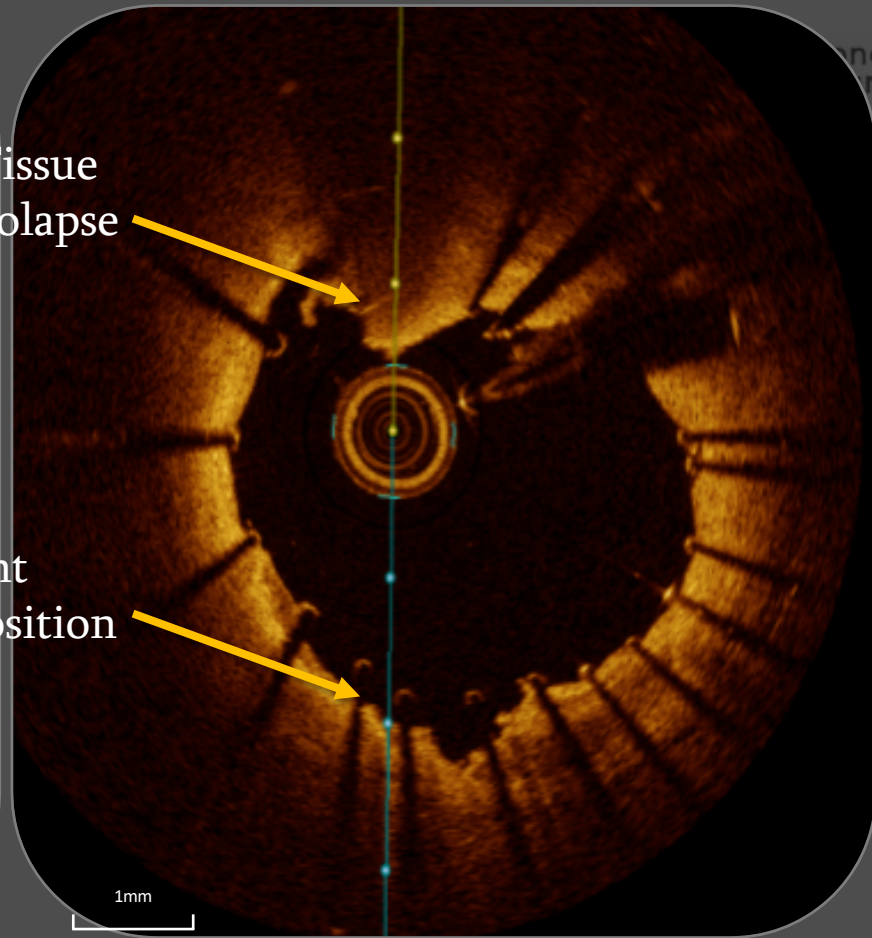
Stent apposition





Tissue
prolapse

Stent
malapposition

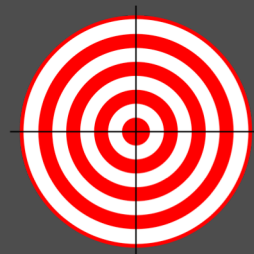


1mm

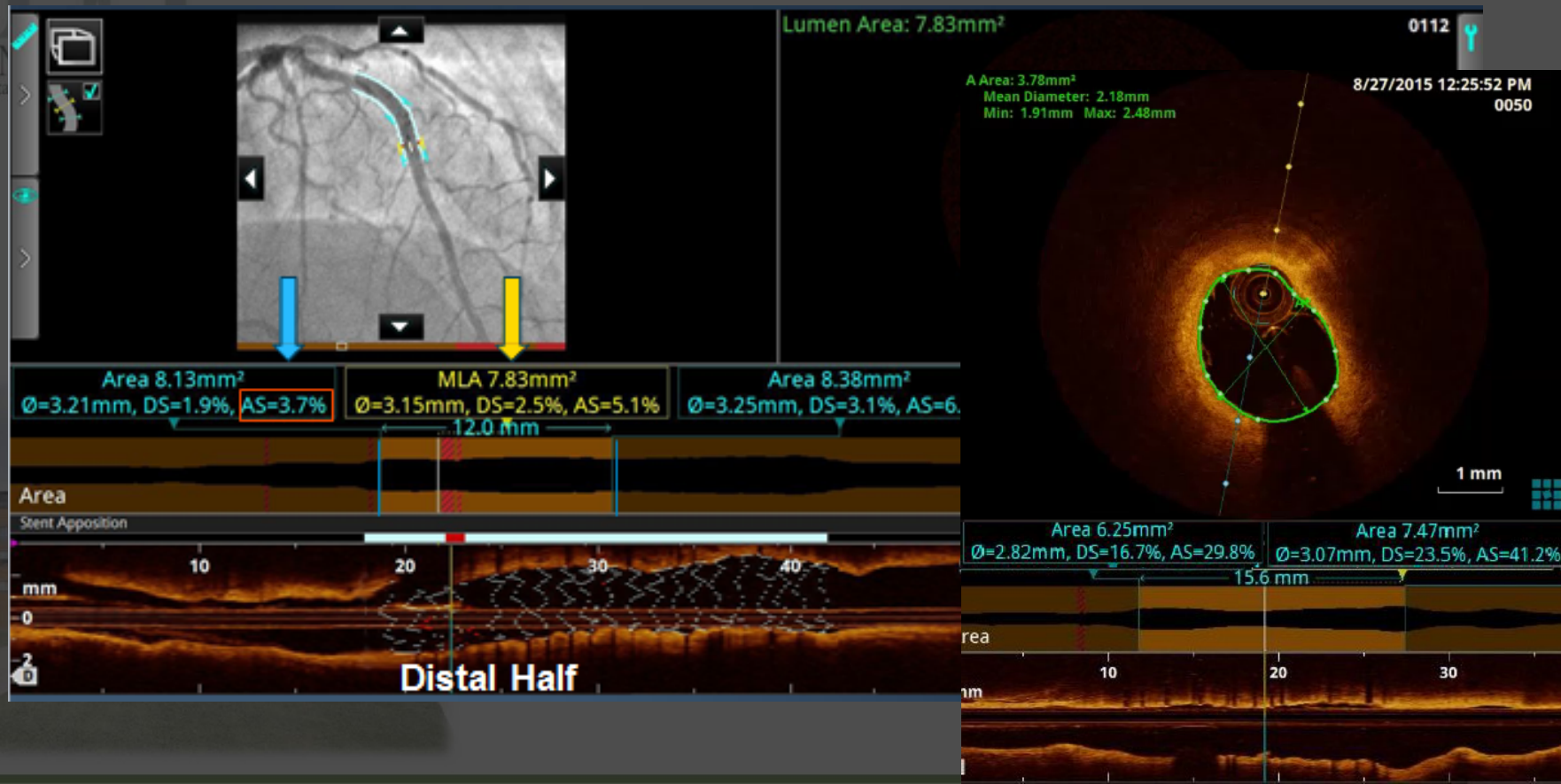
How can I define a stent correctly expanded?

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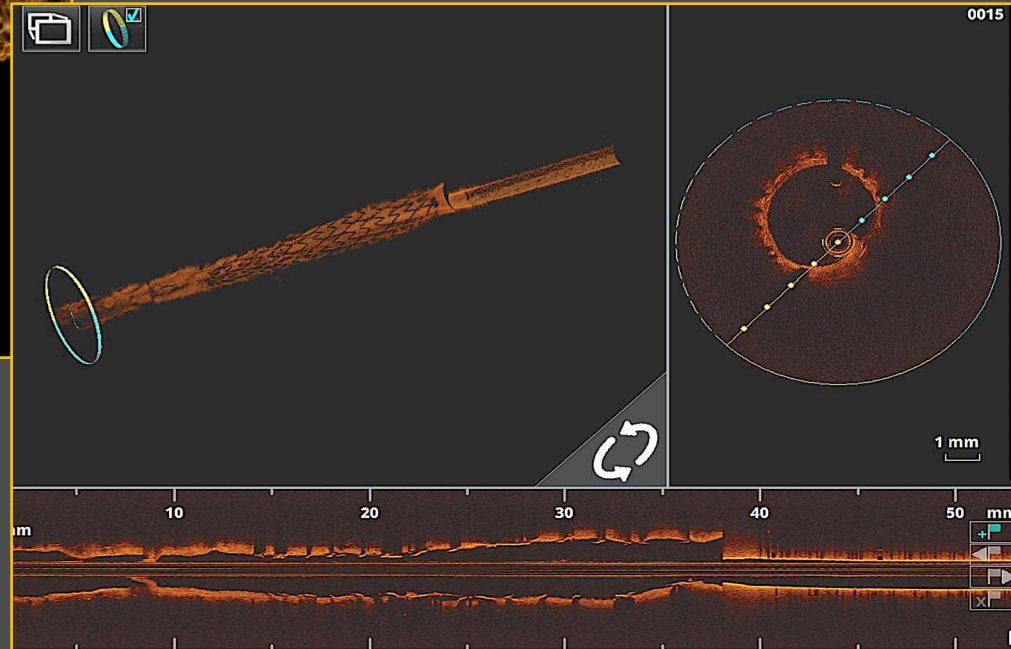
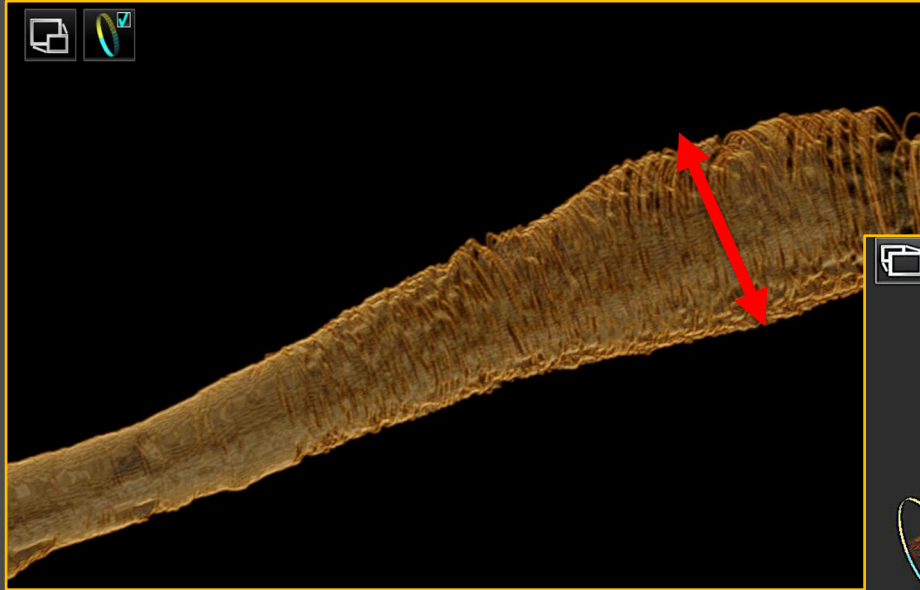
- $>90\%$ of the mean of the proximal and distal reference areas (MUSIC Criteria)
- $>100\%$ of the distal reference area (IVUS XPL Criteria)
- $>90\%$ of the distal reference area in the distal half of the stent and $>90\%$ of the proximal reference area in the proximal half of the stent (OPTIMIZE PCI Criteria)

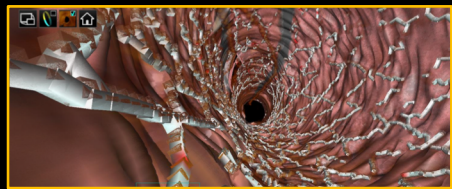
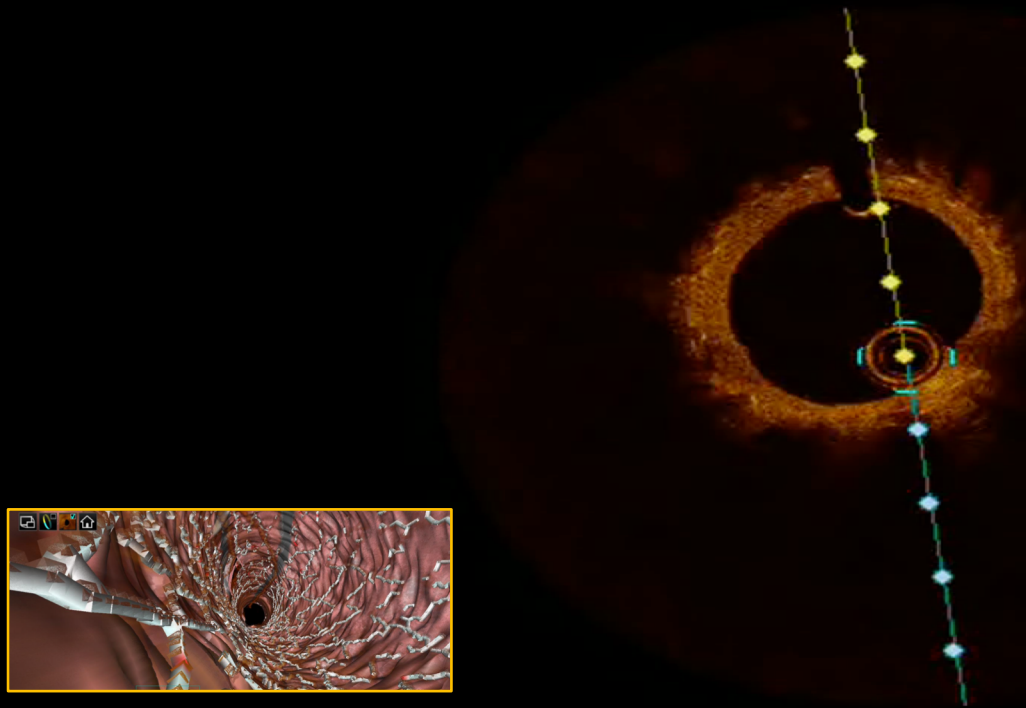


The MLA (minimal lumen area) or MSA (minimal stent area) after implantation, marker is designed to make it easier & faster to treat underexpansion

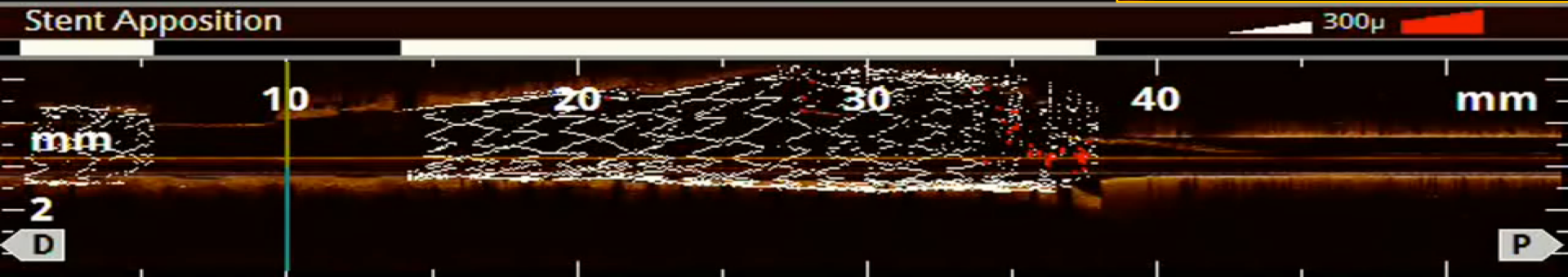


final result OCT

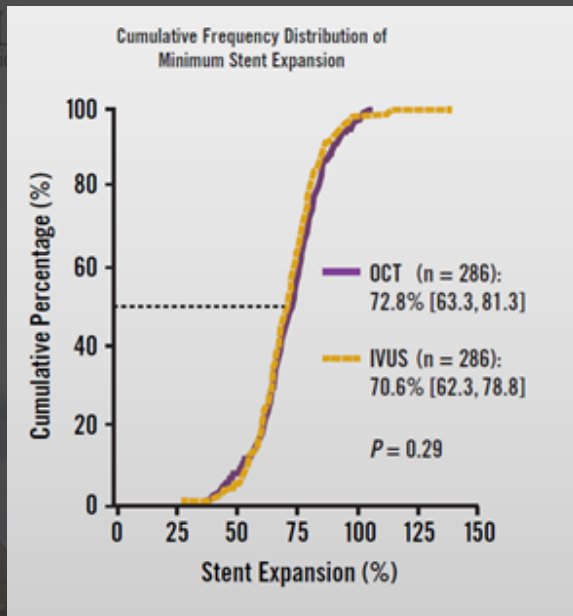




Stent Apposition



ILUMIEN II: Similar stent expansion was achieved using IVUS- and OCT-guided PCI



- Post-PCI OCT recognized malapposition, tissue protrusion and edge dissection significantly more frequently than post-PCI IVUS, a result of its superior resolution
- Multivariable analysis confirmed that stent expansion was not different between OCT- and IVUS-guidance

Maehara A, Ben-Yehuda O, Ali Z, et al. Comparison of Stent Expansion Guided by Optical Coherence Tomography Versus Intravascular Ultrasound: The ILUMIEN II Study JACC Cardiovasc Interv. 2015;8(13):1704-14.

CLI-OPCI I study provided guidance on clinical outcomes when OCT is used vs. angiography alone

CLI-OPCI I INCLUDED CONSECUTIVE PATIENTS UNDERGOING PCI WITH ANGIO ALONE (N=335) VS. PCI WITH OCT (N=335)²

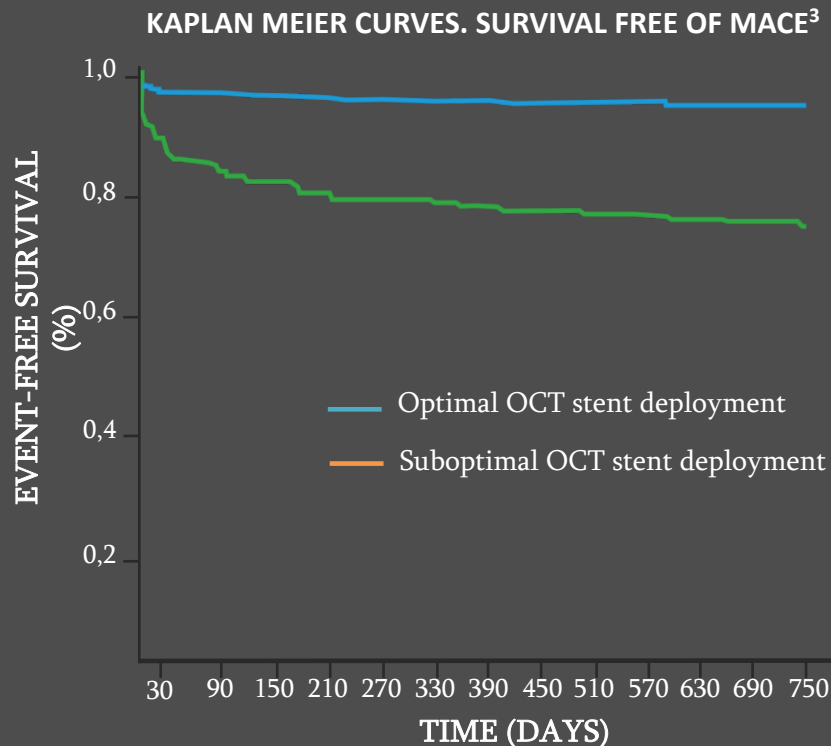
- OCT-guided PCI vs. Angio guided-PCI identified
 - additional procedural issues not recognized by angiography
 - adverse features requiring further intervention in 34.7% of subjects
- OCT-guided PCI may improve clinical outcomes, reducing the 1-year rate of cardiac death or MI

EVENTS AT 1-YEAR FOLLOW-UP	ANGIOGRAPHIC GROUP (n=335)	OCT + ANGIOGRAPHIC GROUP (n=335)	P VALUE
Death	23 (6.9%)	11 (3.3%)	0.035
Cardiac death	15 (4.5%)	4 (1.2%)	0.010
Myocardial infarction	29 (8.7%)	18 (5.4%)	0.096

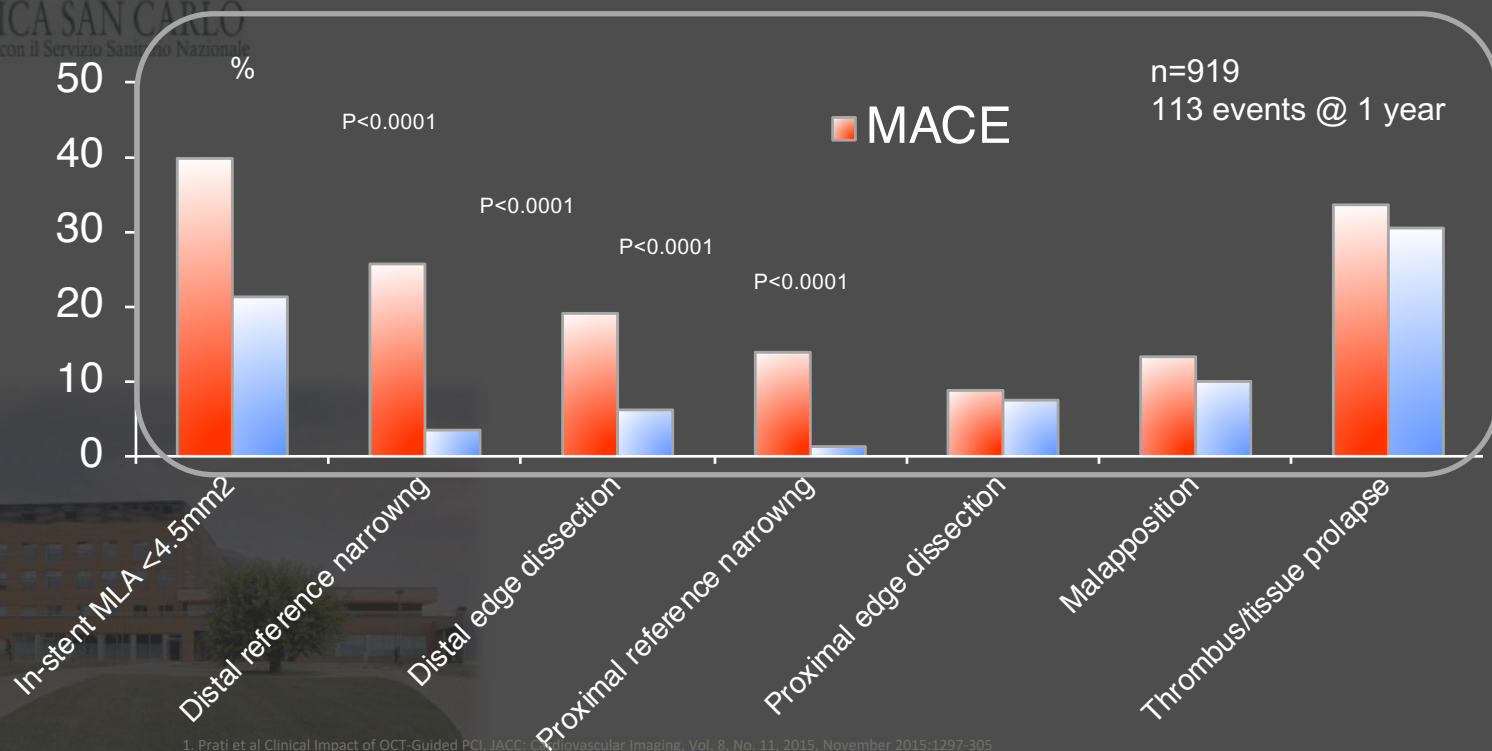
CLI-OPCI II study provided guidance on clinical outcomes when OCT is used vs. angiography alone

CLI-OPCI II STUDY VALIDATES THAT THE USE OF OCT SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED

Patients with MACE* have a significantly higher incidence of procedural issues that are not corrected



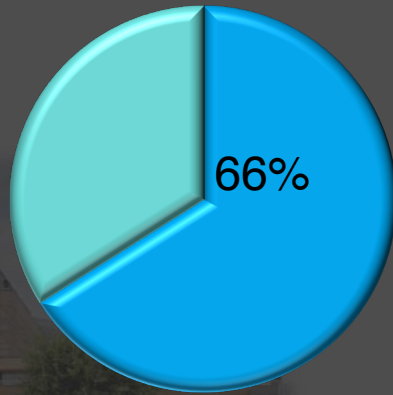
CLI-OPCI II: Independent predictors of MACE were in-stent MLA <4.5mm², distal edge dissection, distal reference narrowing, and proximal reference narrowing¹



1. Prati et al Clinical Impact of OCT-Guided PCI, JACC: Cardiovascular Imaging, Vol. 8, No. 11, 2015, November 2015:1297-305

ILUMIEN I: OCT influenced physician decision making in 66% of patients

OCT imaging influenced decisions in 66% of patients



Pre-PCI OCT altered treatment planning in 57% of lesions and led to changes in decisions related to stent length and diameter.

Post-PCI OCT resulted in further stent optimization in 27% of lesions to correct abnormalities such as malapposition, underexpansion and edge dissection.

METHODS This was a cohort study based on the **Pan-London (United Kingdom) PCI registry**, which includes 123,764 patients who underwent PCI in National Health Service hospitals in London between 2005 and 2015. Patients undergoing primary PCI or pressure wire use were excluded leaving **87,166 patients** in the study. The primary endpoint was **all-cause mortality at a median of 4.8 years**.

FIGURE 1 Number of OCT and IVUS Procedures Performed Over Time

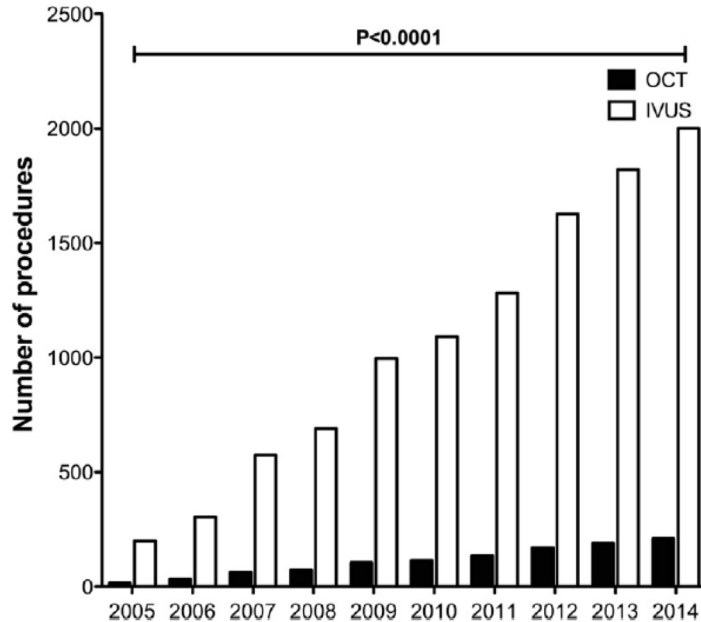
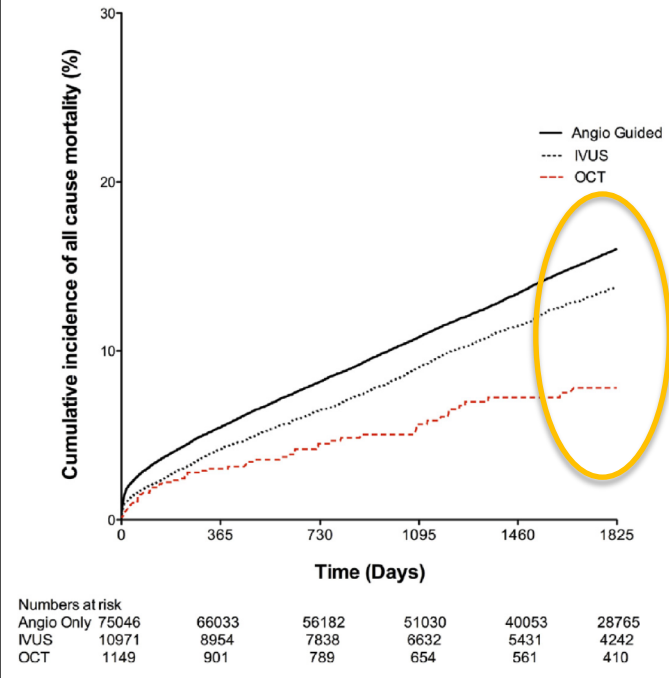


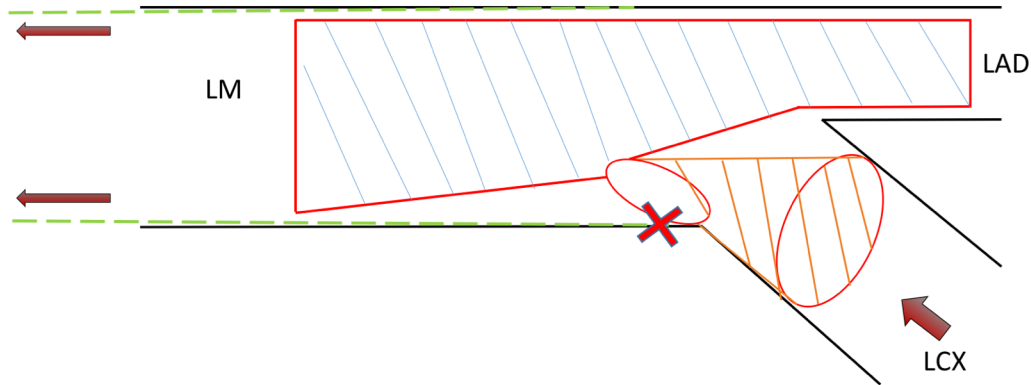
FIGURE 2 Kaplan-Meier Curve Comparing All-Cause Mortality Between OCT-Guided, IVUS-Guided, and Angiography-Alone Procedures

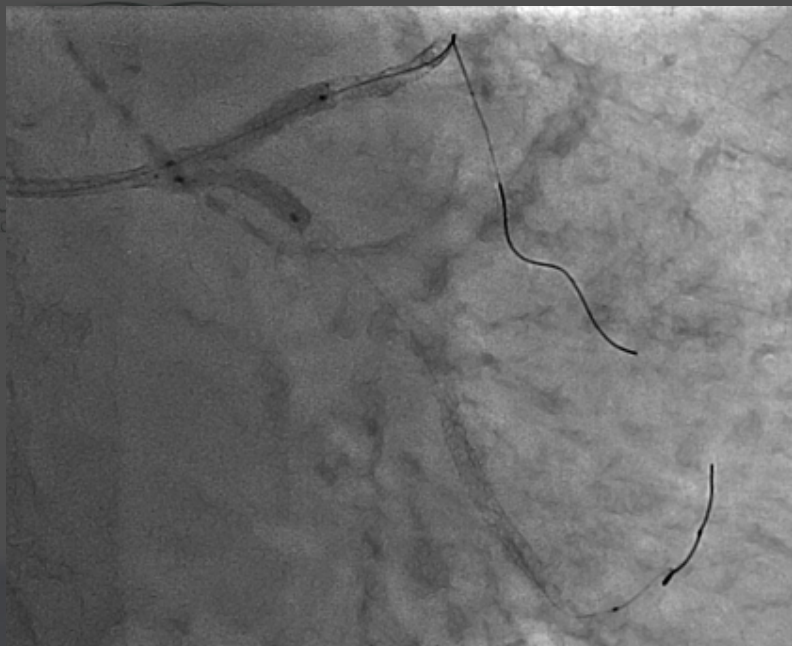


- 62-year-old woman.
- Diabetes mellitus, hypertension, hypercholesterolemia.
- Previous PTCA+DES on mid-LAD, Cx-OM.
- Jan 2017 stable angina

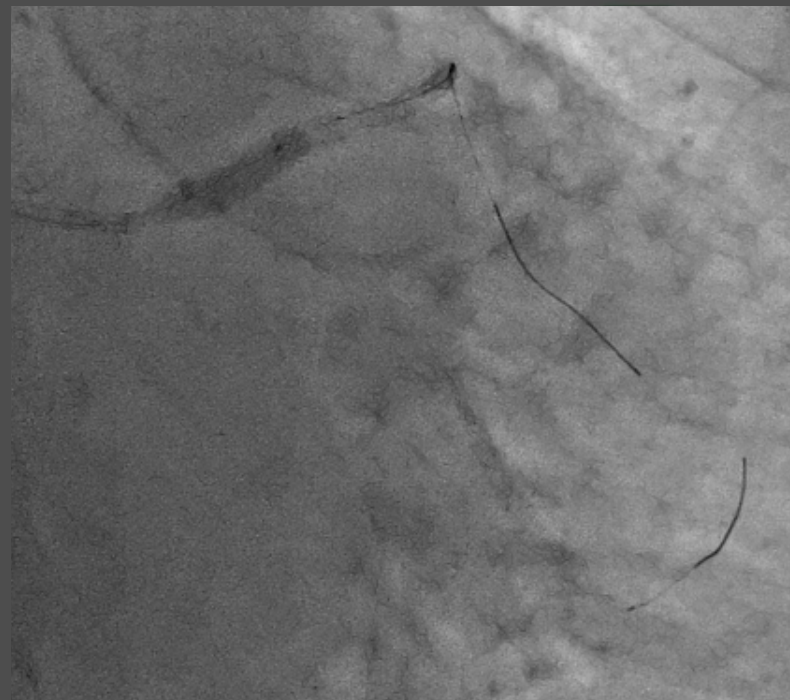
What happened?

During Stentys sheath retrieval, there was the “catch” of the Xience in CX, that was retrieved in the LM.

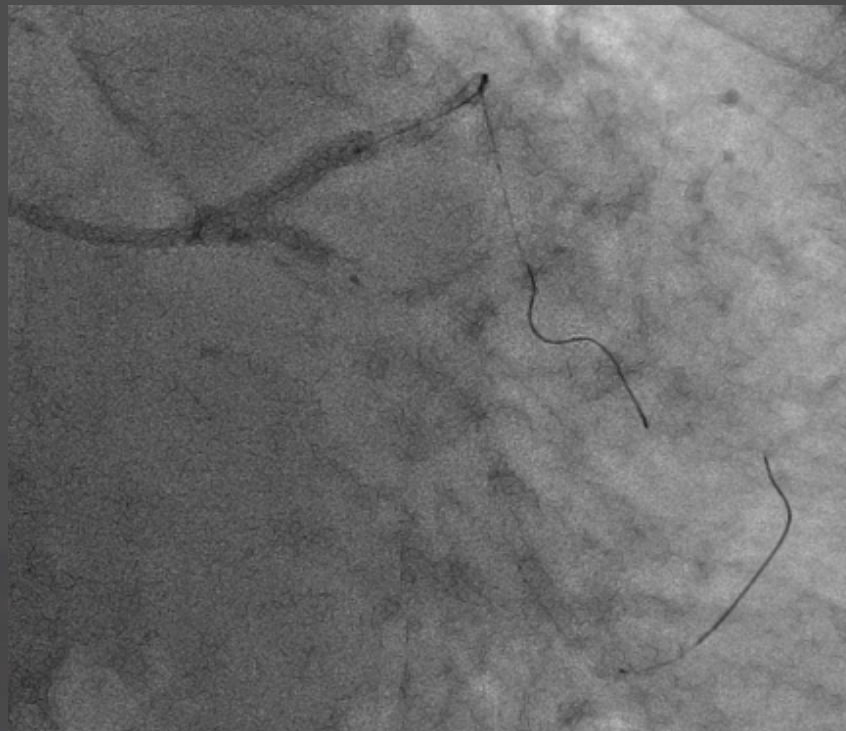




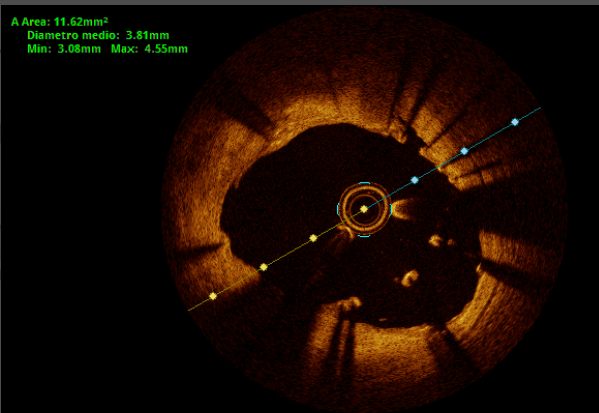
KB pre-dilation with 2 NC balloons 3/20
on LM-LAD, 3/15 on Cx



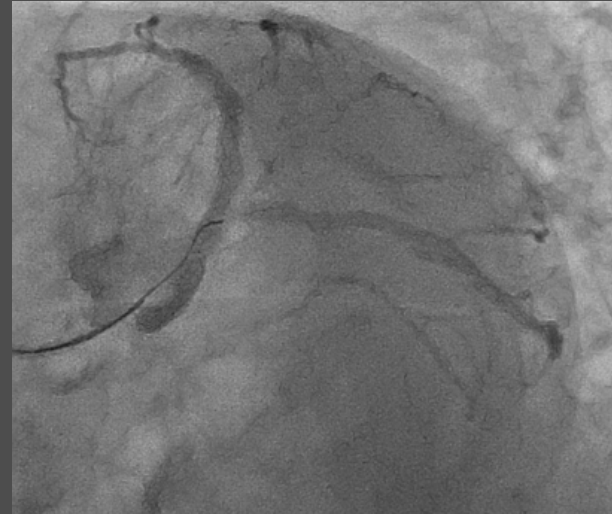
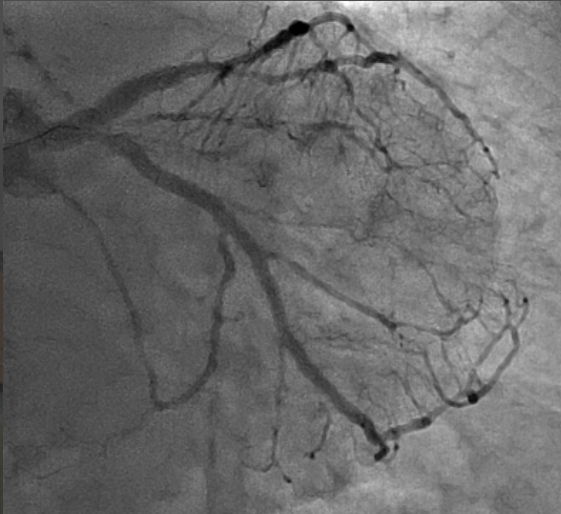
PTCA on LM with NC balloon 4.5/12 in
order to crush the protruded struts of the
Cx DES



Final KB with NC balloon 3.5/20 on LM-LAD and DCB 3/20 on Cx.



Final OCT shows mild malapposition of few struts, with a good angiographic result and a 30% residual stenosi on ostial Cx



Guidelines-intravascular adjuvance for LM stenting



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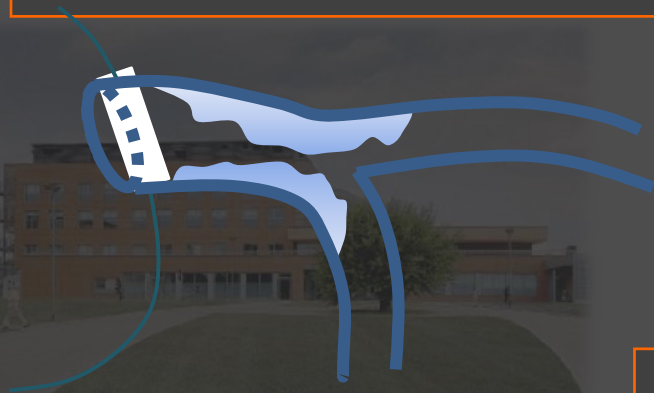
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ESC/EACTS GUIDELINES

2018 ESC/EACTS Guidelines on myocardial revascularization

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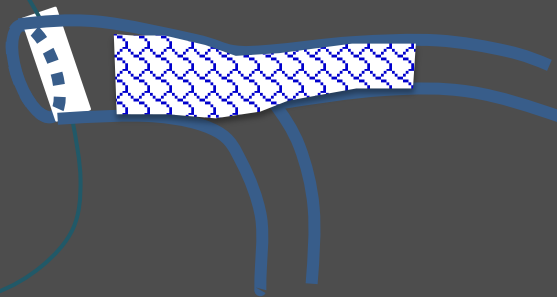
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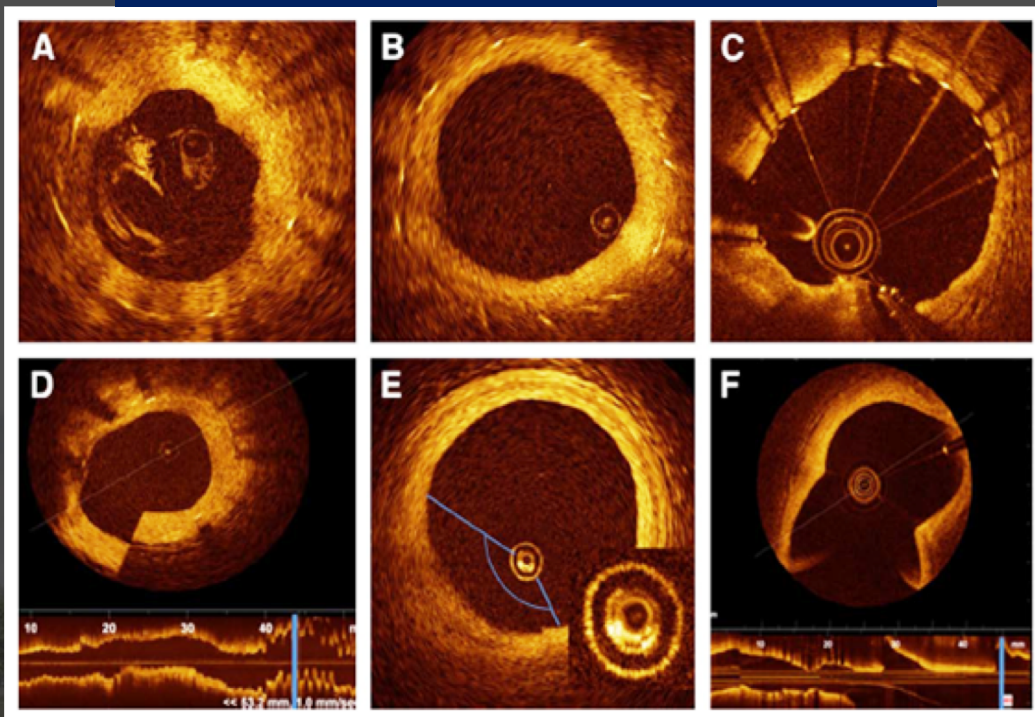
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OCT: not arrived

SHOULD WE BE CONCERNED ABOUT OCT IN LM ?

Common OCT artifacts



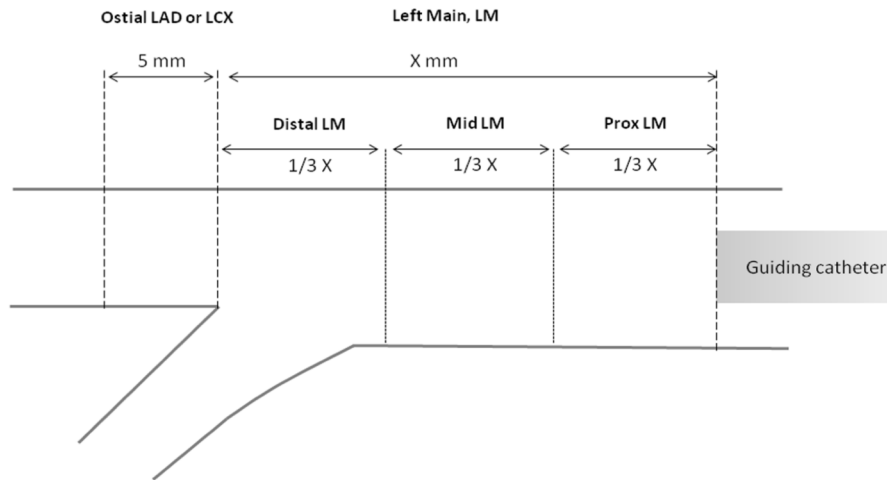
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STUDY END-POINT:

Nr of artifacted frames (failure of MLA automatic calculation)



Artifacted frames where present in 19% of the total number of LM frames analysed

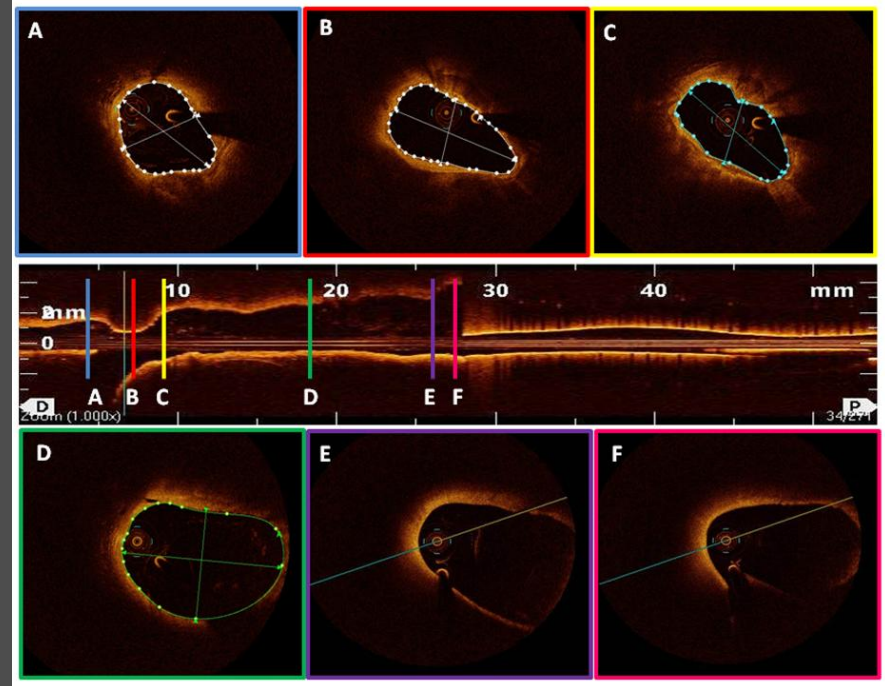
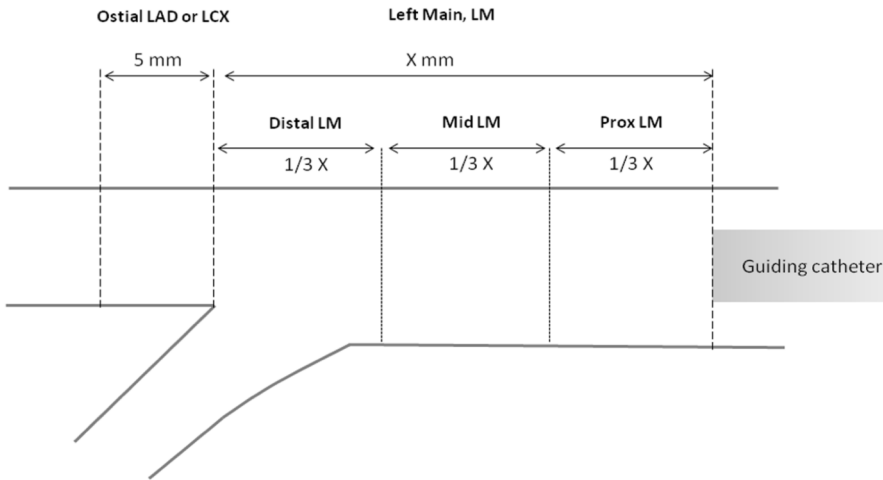
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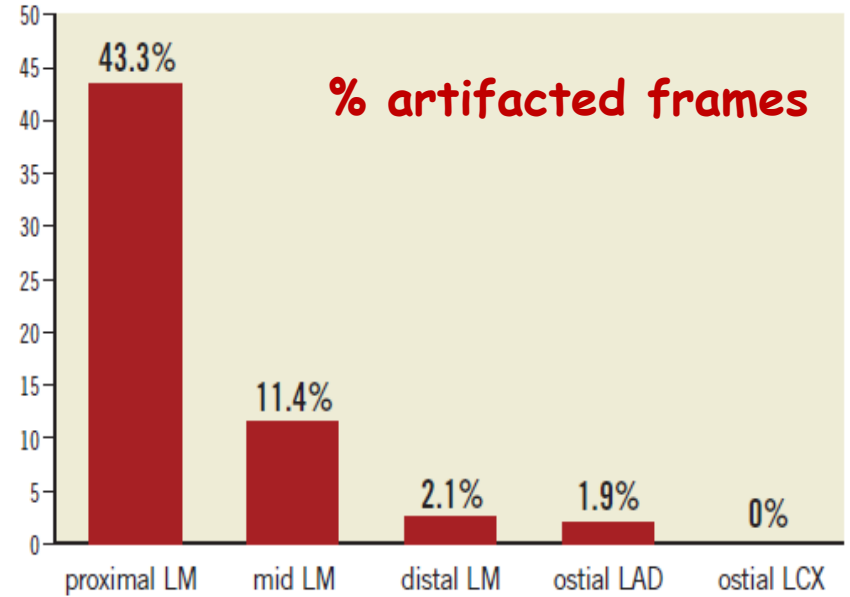
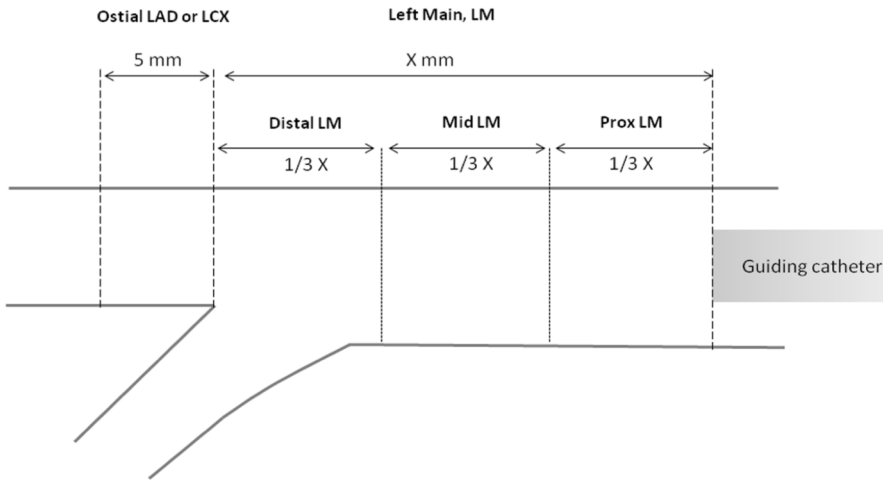
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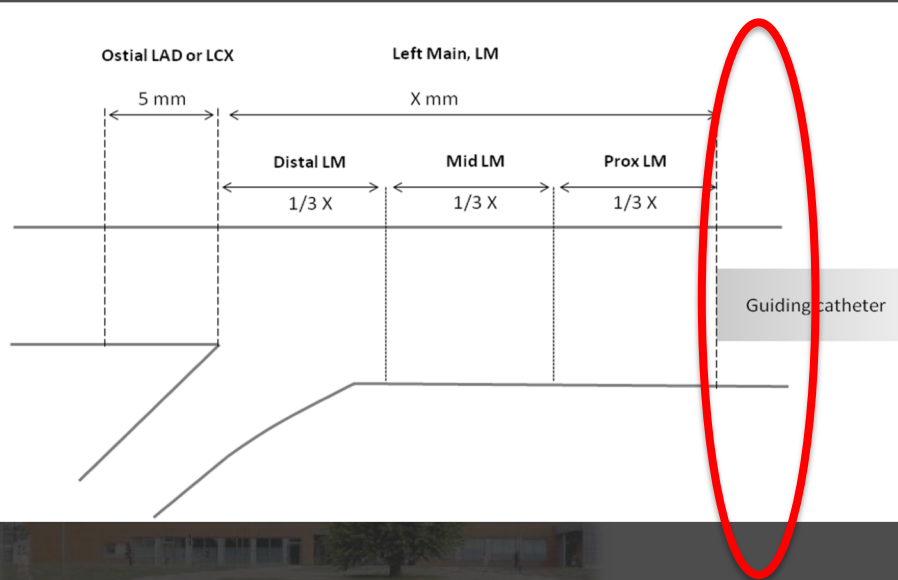
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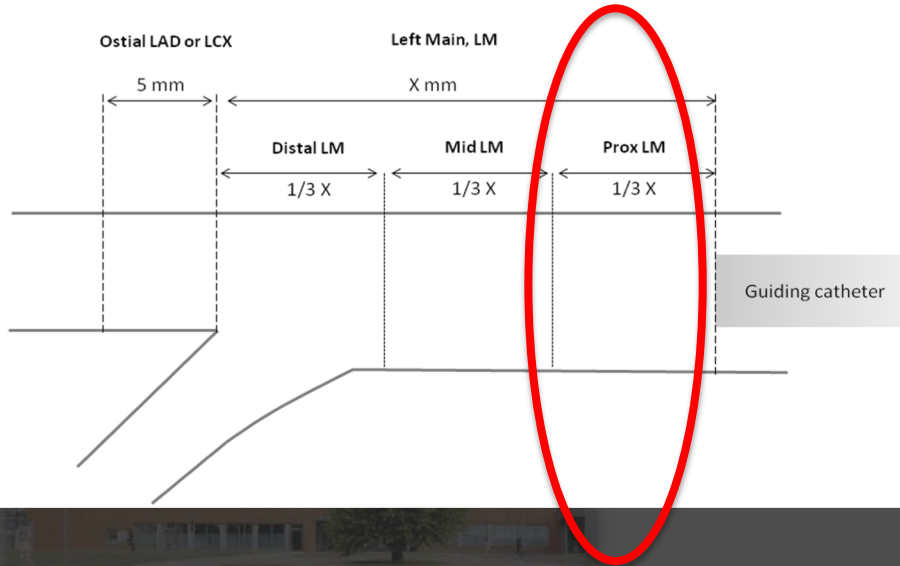


OCT systematically misses
the first LM segments

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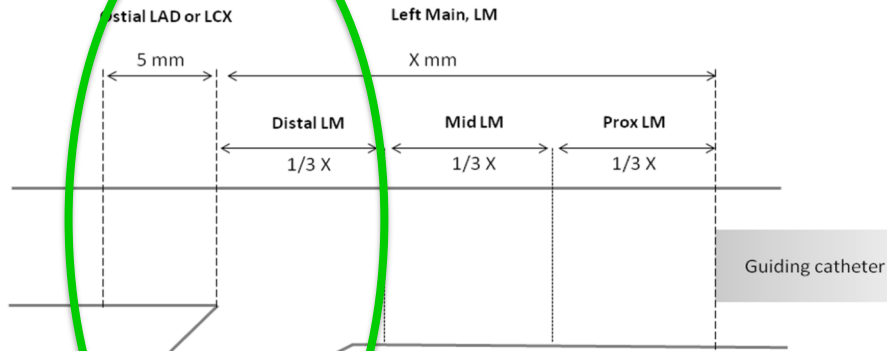
OCT has often artifacts in the proximal part of LM

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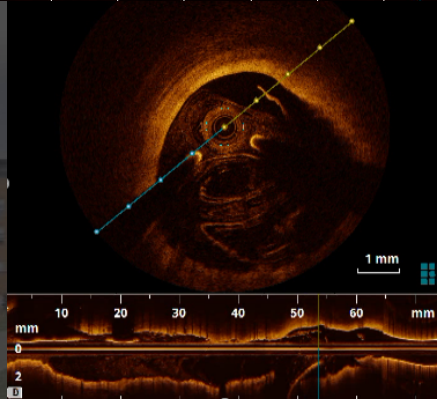
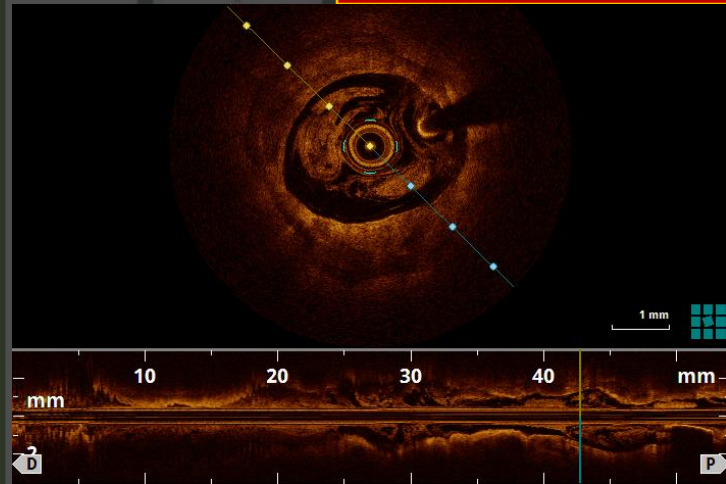
OCT may allow optimal imaging for distal LM (and ostial LAD/LCX)

...which accounts for 70-80% of LM PCIs

HOW TO IMPROVE OCT QUALITY IN LM ?

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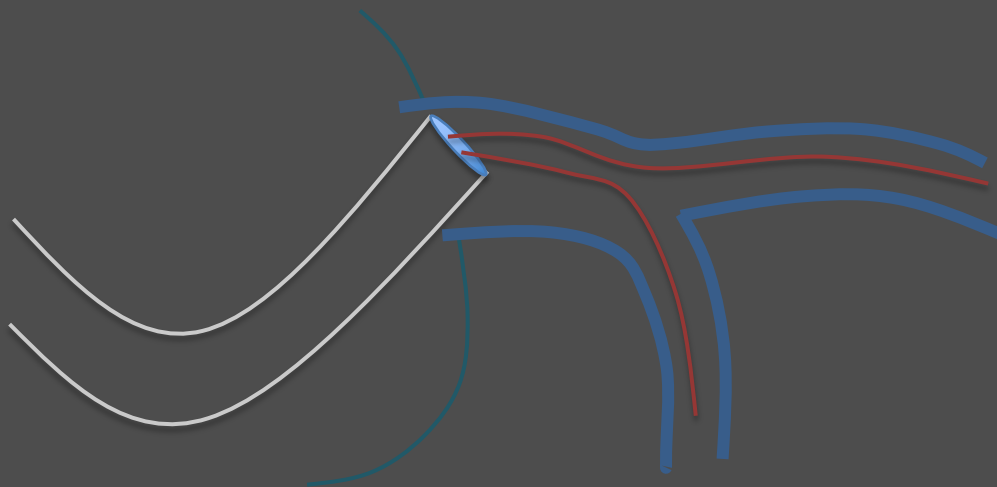
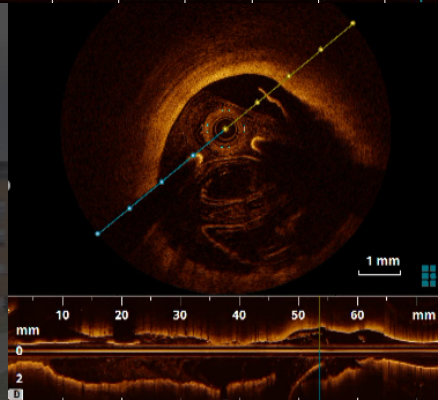
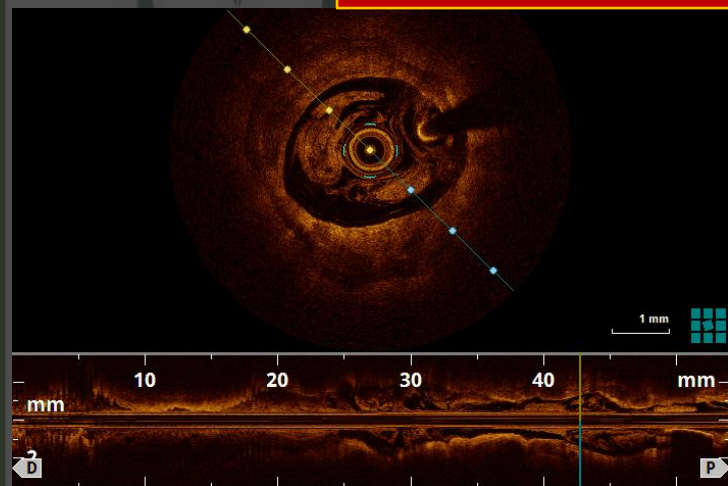
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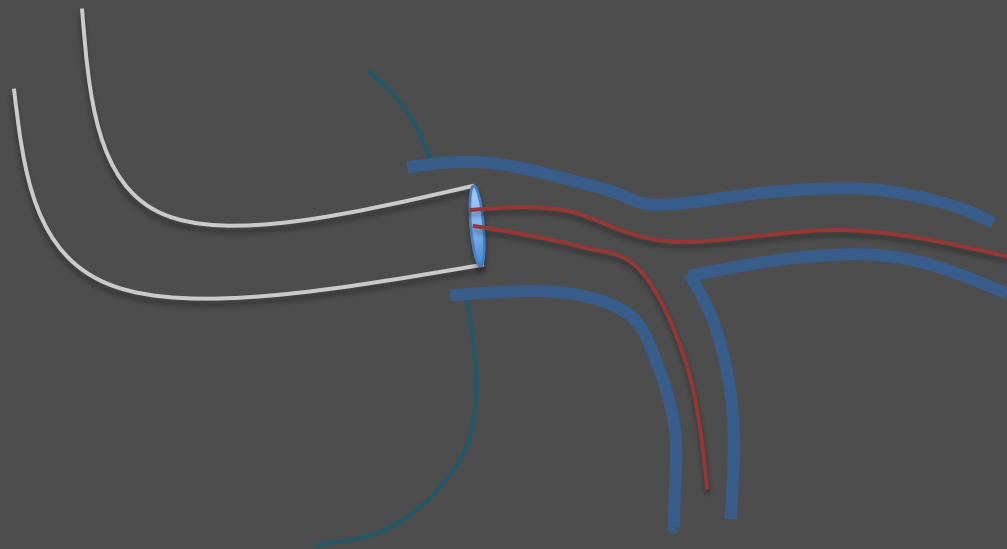
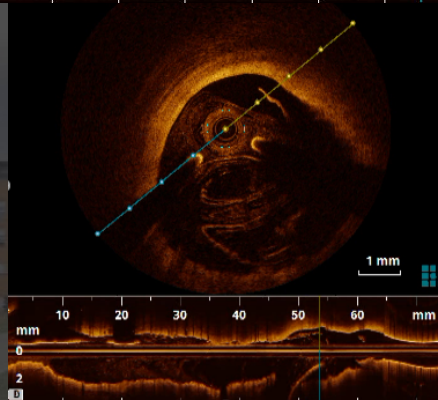
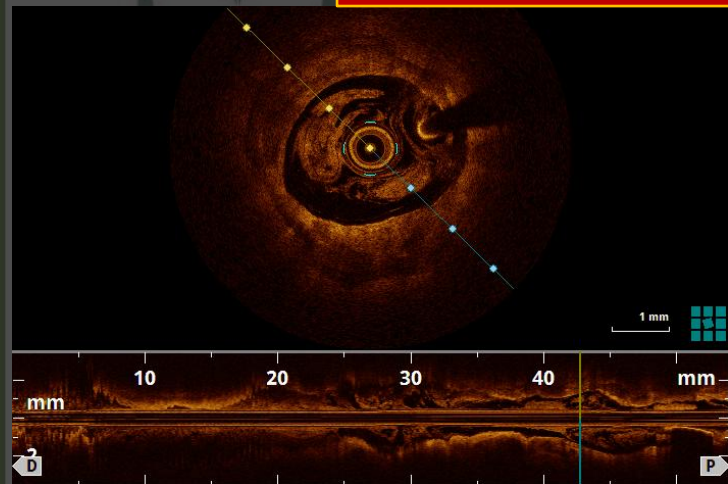


Acquisition technique may be pivotal

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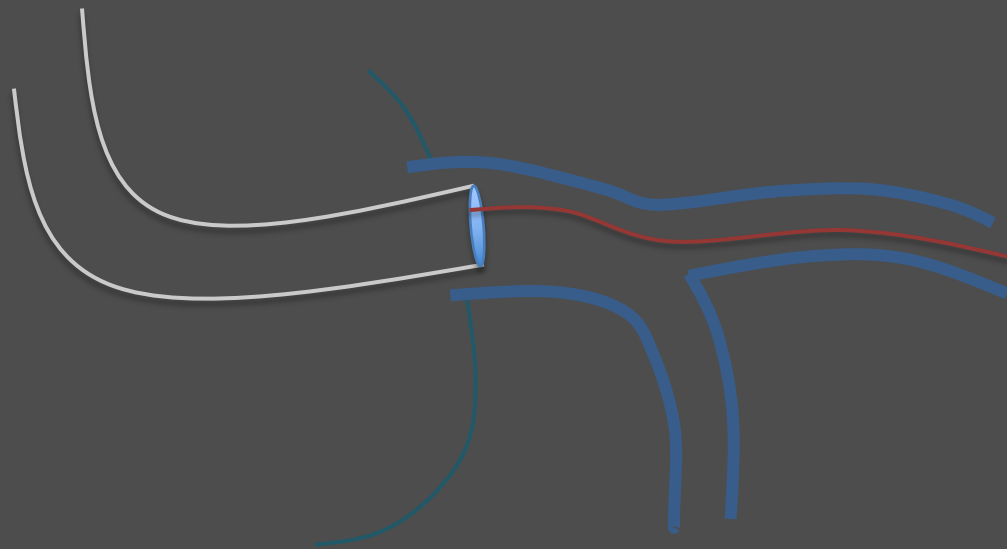
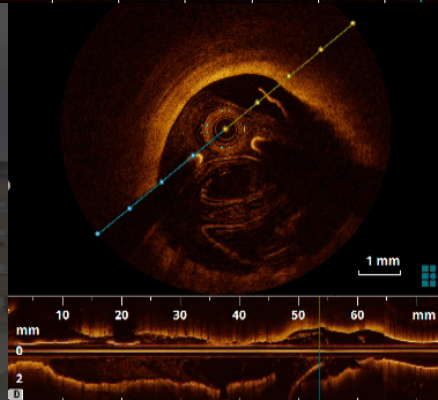
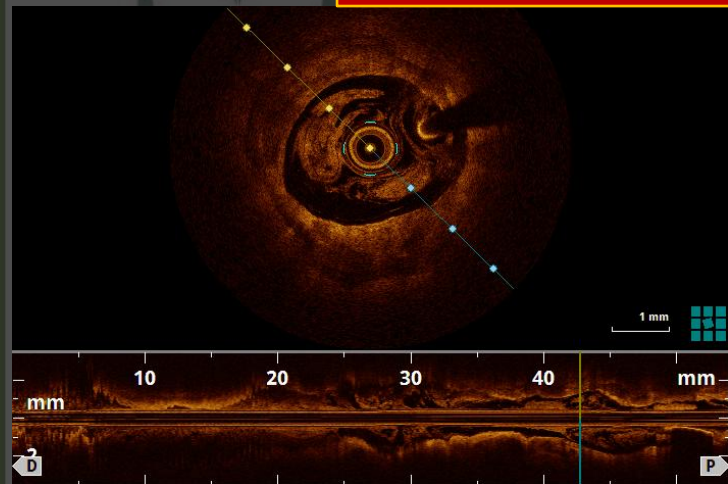


Look for a better **guiding catheter alignment** (and check with a **test injection** before acquisition)

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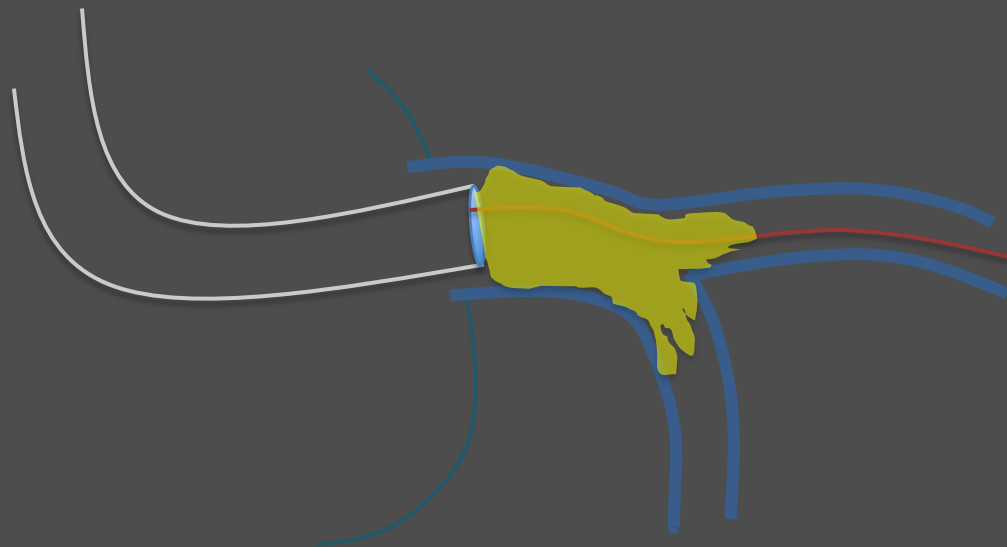
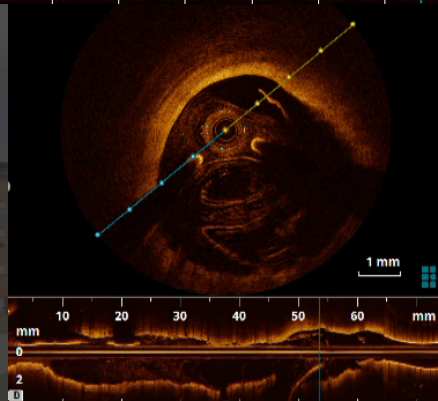
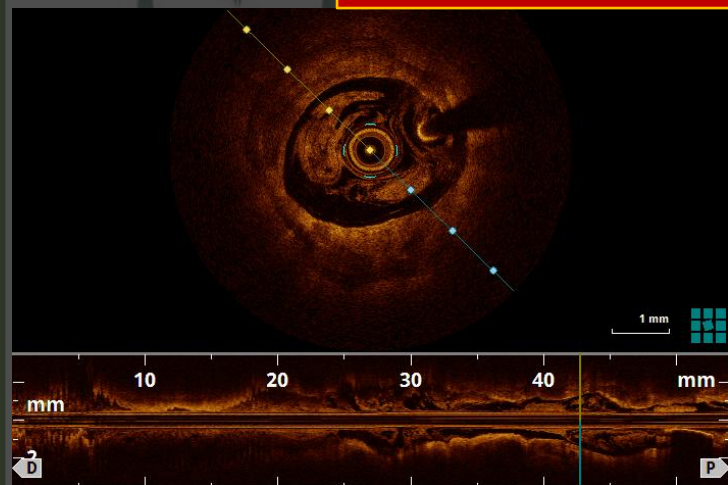


Consider using one wire only
(systematically feasible for baseline LM scanning
and often feasible for post-PCI check)

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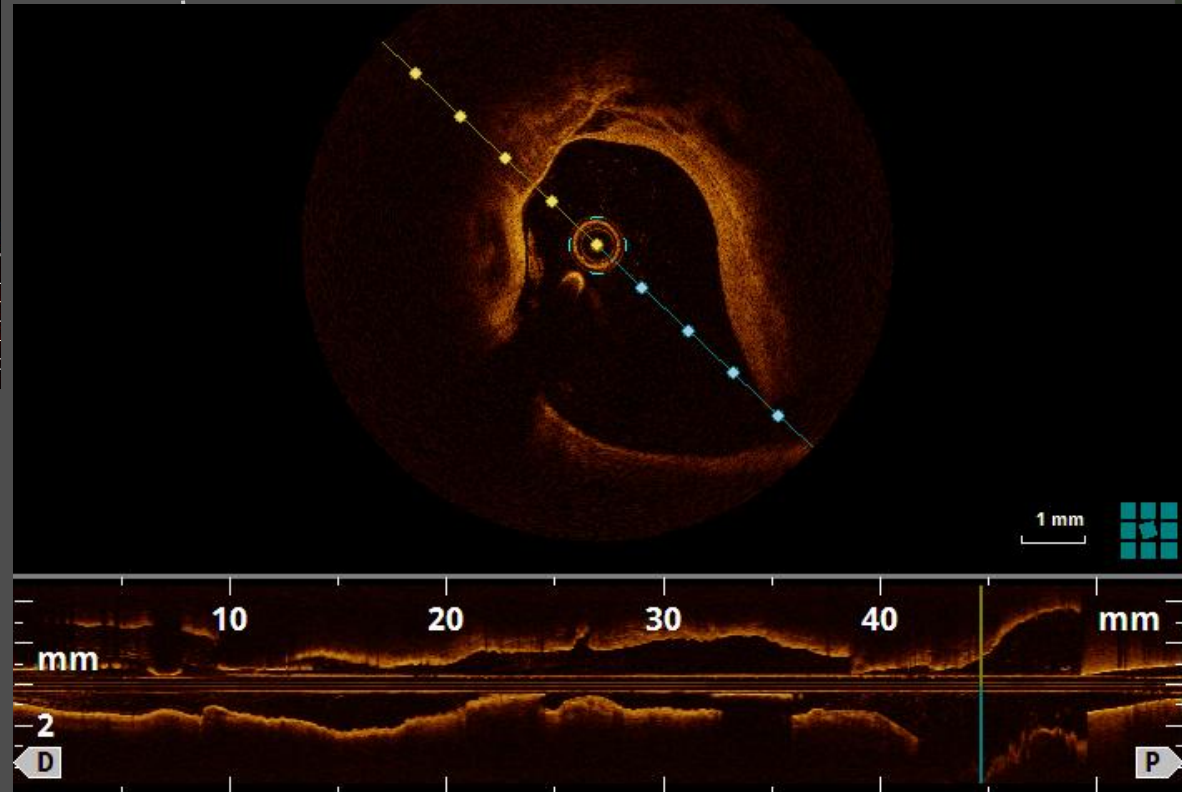
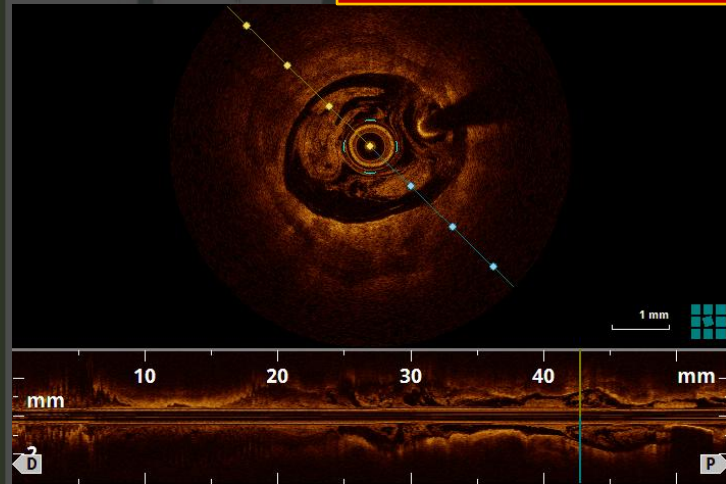
Use enhanced contrast injection protocol
(6 ml/s*) in case of large LM

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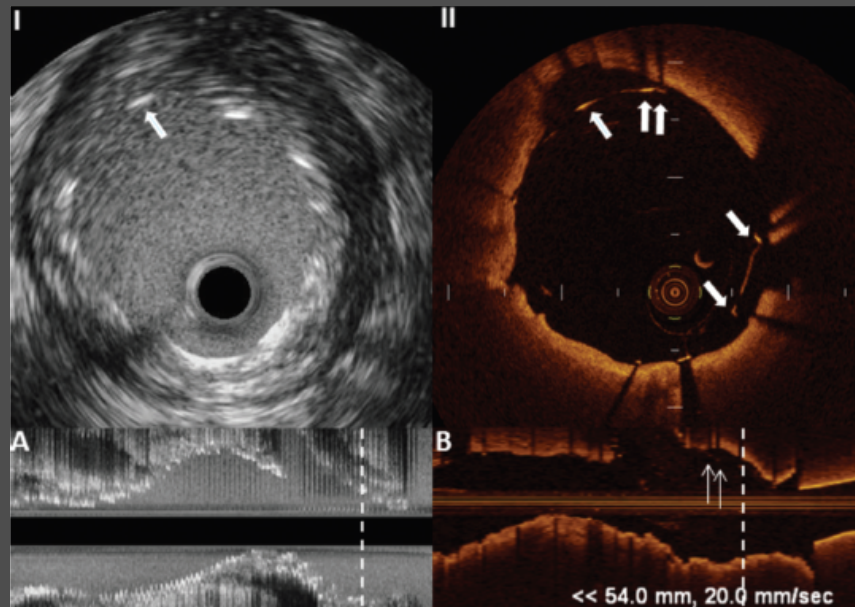
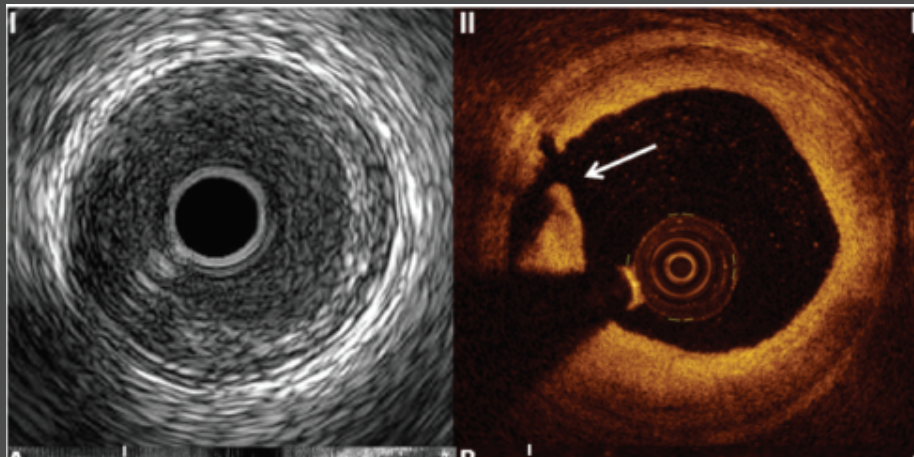
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Later, in the same patient.....



OCT / IVUS COMPARISON IN LEFT MAIN

Frequency-Domain Optical Coherence Tomography
Assessment of Unprotected Left Main Coronary Artery
Disease—A Comparison With Intravascular Ultrasound



WE SEE MUCH BETTER WITH OCT !!!

OCT / IVUS COMPARISON IN LEFT MAIN

TABLE IV. IVUS and FD-OCT Imaging Analysis^a

	IVUS	FD-OCT	P-value
Pre-PCI			
<i>Lesion completeness</i>			
Proximal completeness, n (%)			
Distal completeness, n (%)			
Total length (mm)			
ULM body length (mm)			
Lumen area (mm ²)			
Mean			
Min			
Intraluminal			
thrombus, n (%) PRE			
Vessel out of screen, n (%)			
Post-PCT			
<i>Stent completeness</i>			
P			
P			
D			
T			
ULM body stent length (mm)	8.26 ± 3.52	7.13 ± 3.60	0.014

TABLE V. Post-PCI and Follow-up FD-OCT Imaging Analysis^a

N = 21	FD-OCT (post-PCI)	FD-OCT (follow-up)	P-value
		9.83 ± 2.18	0.002
		5.89 ± 2.03	0.001
		10.43 ± 1.92	0.299
		6.57 ± 2.04	0.317
		–	NA
		0.85 ± 0.55	NA
		0.13 ± 0.14	0.002
		3.07 ± 3.85	0.027
intraluminal volume (mm ³)	5.72 ± 0.51		
Intraluminal thrombus, n (%)	0 (0.00)	0 (0.00)	NA

MLA measured by OCT is significantly smaller than by IVUS (FD-OCT MLA being 10-15% lower than IVUS MLA)

WE CANNOT USE THE SAME CUT-OFFS VALIDATED IN IVUS STUDIES !!!

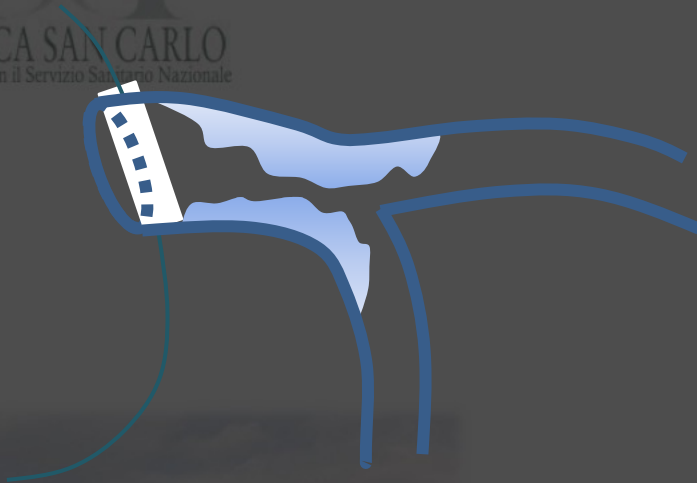
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TO UNDERSTAND DISEASE
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122 patients
with angiographically-intermediate LM bifurcation

OCT assessment

- LM area stenosis $\geq 75\%$ *or*
- LM plaque with MLA $< 4 \text{ mm}^2$ and/or ulceration *or*
 - Critical lesion in ostial LAD or ostial LCX

YES

Myocardial Revascularization
64 pts (52%, 48 PCI, 16 CABG)

NO

Conservative management
58 pts (48%)

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Optical coherence tomography guidance for the management of angiographically intermediate left main bifurcation lesions: Early clinical experience

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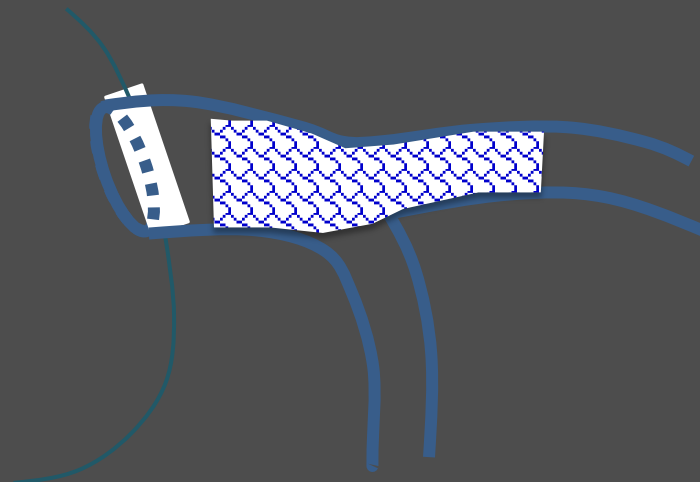
Clinical outcomes observed at mean follow-up time of 18 months.

MACE	Revascularized group (n = 64)	Deferred group (n = 58)
TVF	6 (9)	2 (3.5)
CV death	2 (3)	0
AMI	1 (1.5)	0
TVR	3 (4.5) ^a	2 (3.5)

Myocardial Revascularization
64 pts (52%, 48 PCI, 16 CABG)

Conservative management
58 pts (48%)

WHICH CLINICAL DATA SO FAR ?



TO ACHIEVE THE BEST RESULT
DURING STENTING (PCI
OPTIMIZATION)





The ROCK I study

- Retrospective, multicenter, spontaneous clinical registry.
- to observe and evaluate the diagnostic performance of OCT for left main trunk angioplasty, as compared with the gold standard imaging technique, including IVUS.
- Investigators: B. Cortese, F. Alfonso, F. Burzotta, F. Prati, C. Aurigemma, P. Silva, C. Trani.
- Centralized core lab

Inclusion criterion: any previous **distal LM revascularization** with II-gen DES AND
available 6-12 mo. scheduled angiographic follow up



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Reasons for using OCT:

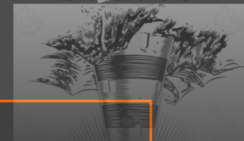
Vessel/lesion
assessment

Actual lumen
area

Stent deployment
assessment



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Primary endpoint

In-segment late lumen loss (LLL) of LM and SB at 6-12 month control angiography.

Statistical assumptions

We expected a LLL of 0.13 ± 0.20 mm. We expect the noninferiority of the OCT vs standard of care. Power 90%, alpha level 5%. To confirm the hypothesis we needed to enroll 55 patients per group.

ROCK I patient population

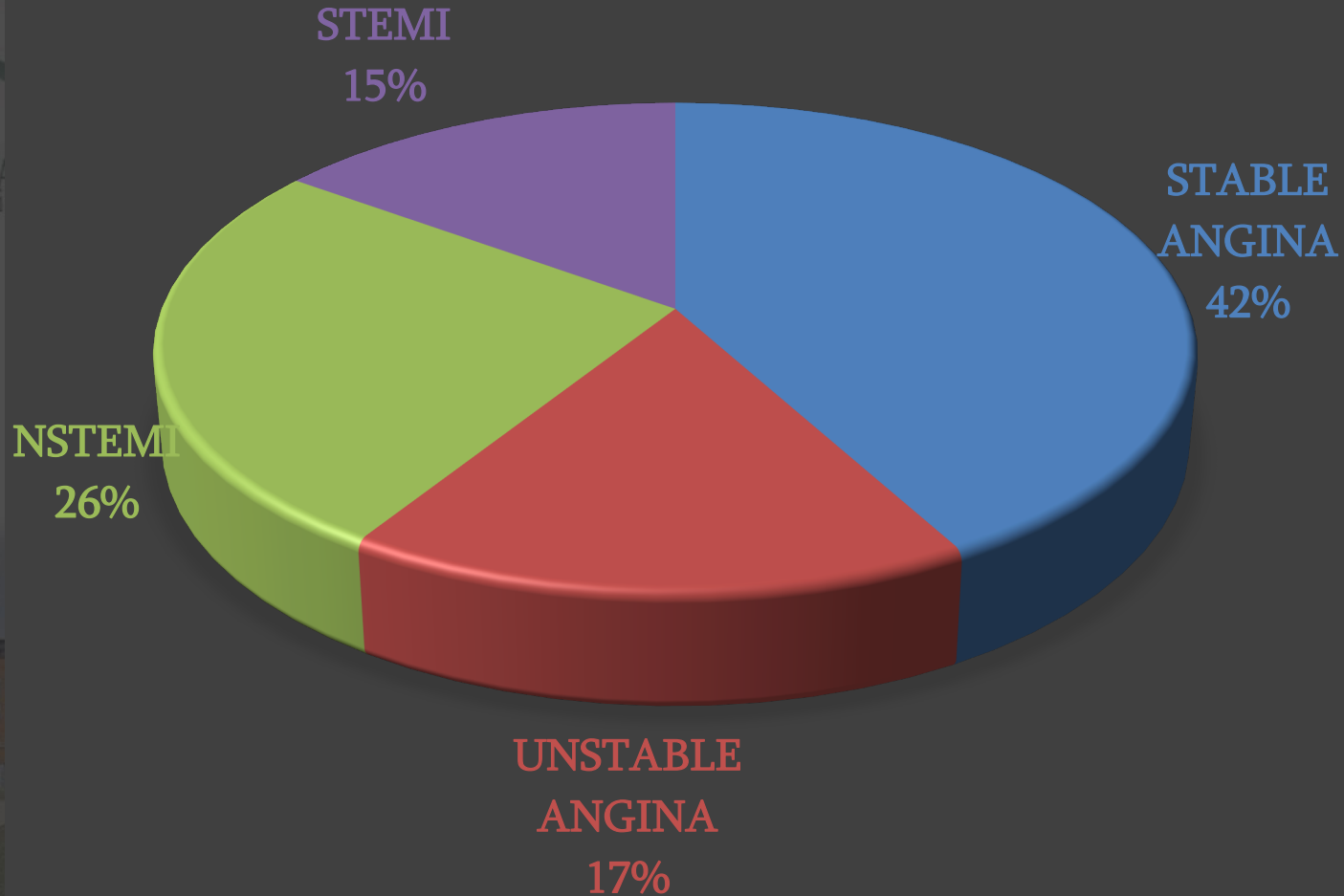
Baseline Clinical Characteristics

Number of patients, N=112	N (%)
Age years, mean	67.9
Males, %	73
Arterial hypertension, %	82.7
Diabetes mellitus, %	45.6
Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus, %	11.8
Dyslipidemia, %	70
Smoking history, %	55
Previous MI, %	28
LV EF, %	53



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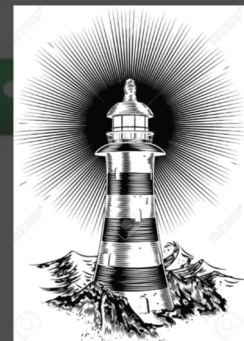
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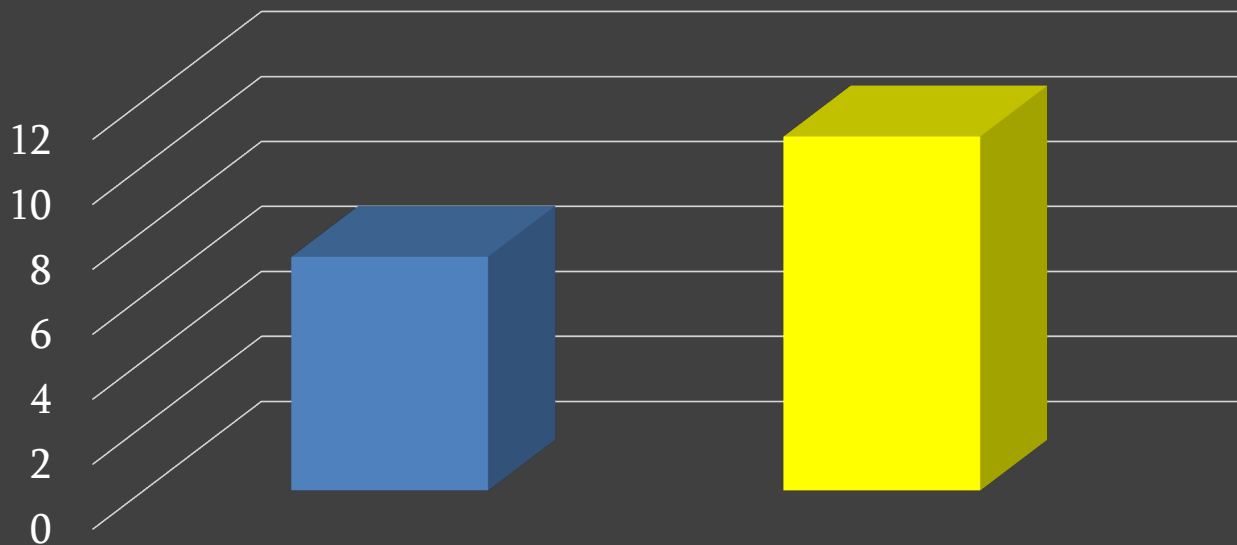
OCT group= 55

Control group= 57

IVUS= 14 (24.6%)



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stent underexpansion

acute malapposition

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ROCK I intervention

LM intervention

Number of patients, N=112	N (%)
Predilatation, %	71
Stent diameter, mm	3.6
Stent length, mm	21.7
Postdilatation, %	81.5
Postdil balloon size, mm	4.15
LM-LAD stenting, %	85
DCB use for SB, %	17
2-stent technique, %	14
Final KB inflation, %	61
Final LM POT, %	36.7
Angiographic success, %	100
Procedural success, %	97.2

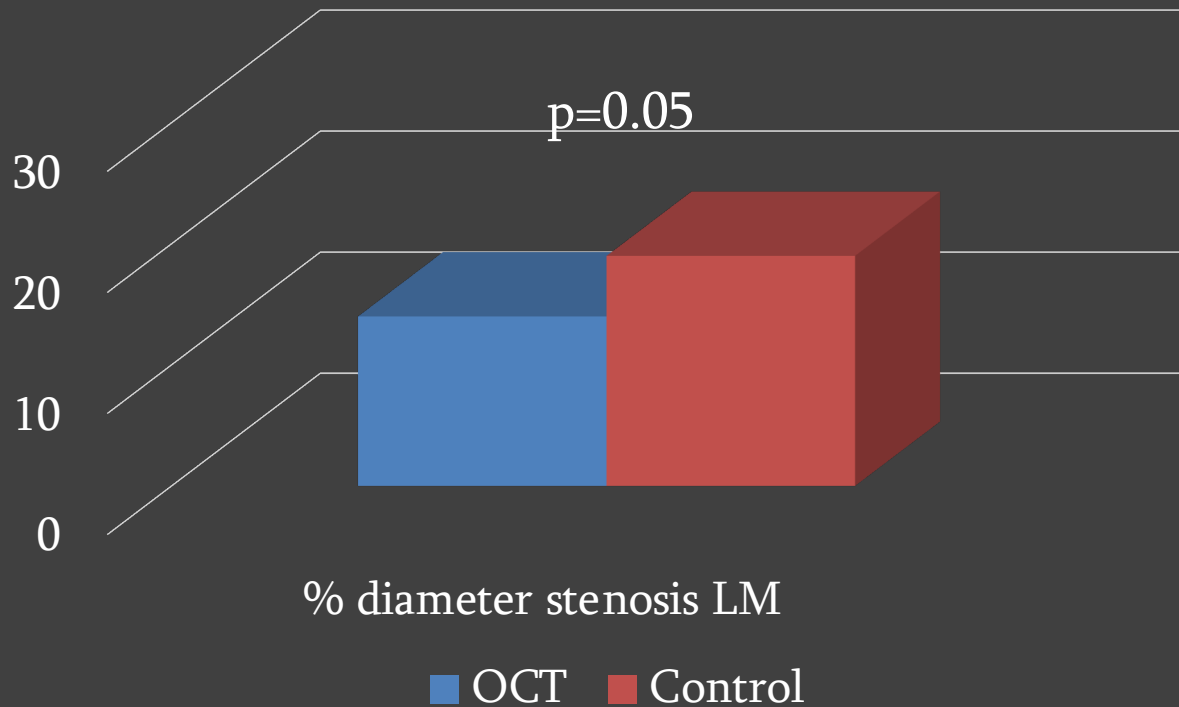
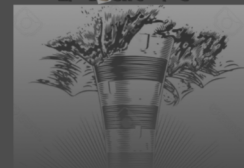


ROCK I study-angiographic follow up (279±67 days)



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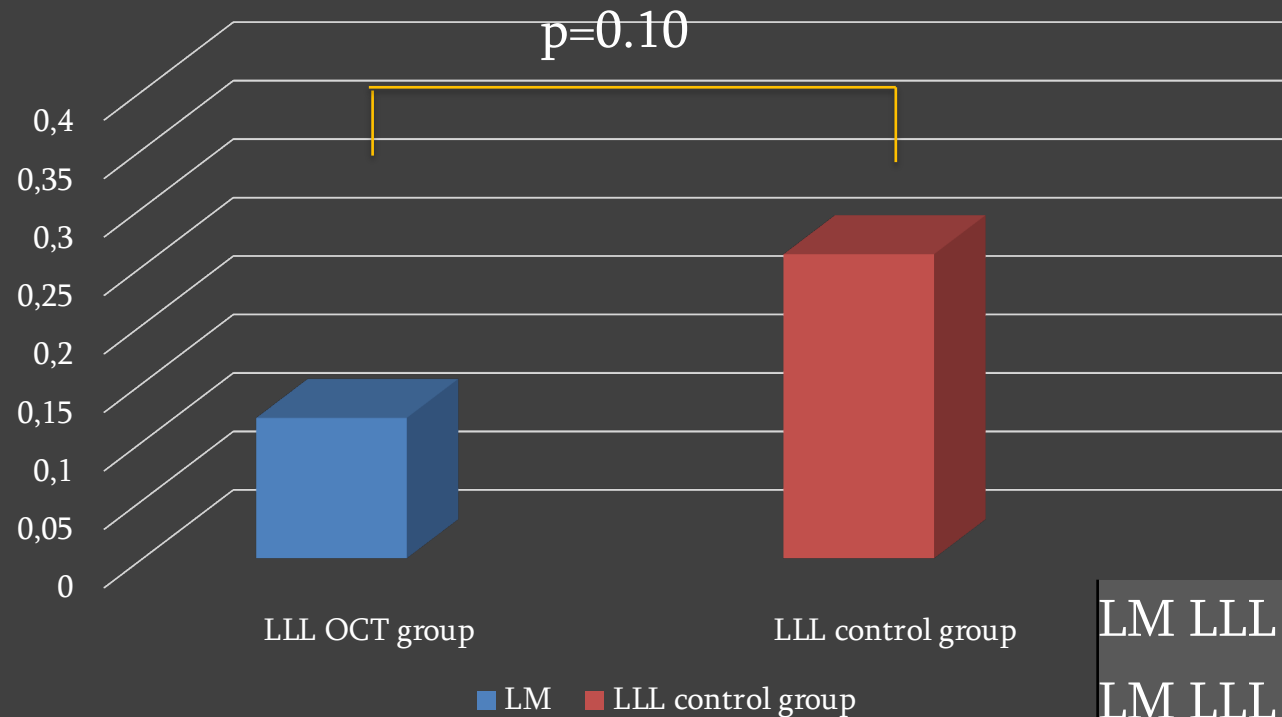
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Primary endpoint (proximal segment)

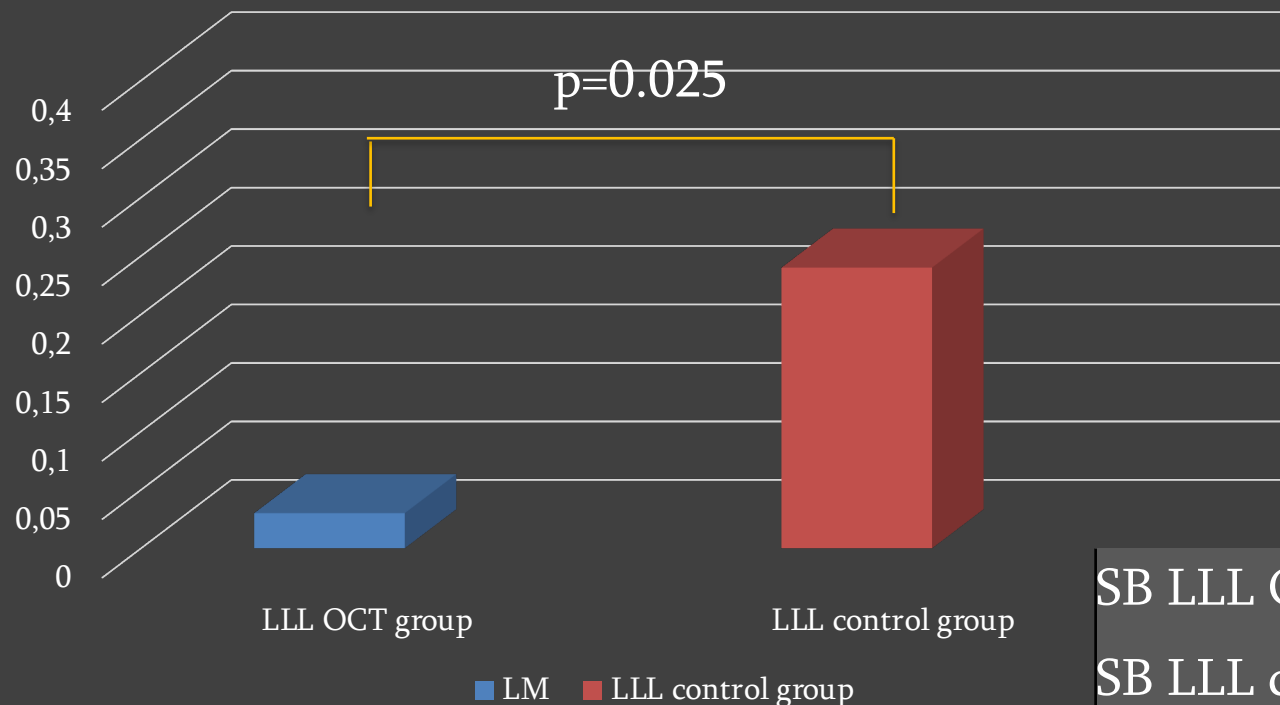


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Primary endpoint (distal segment)



SB LLL OCT 0.03

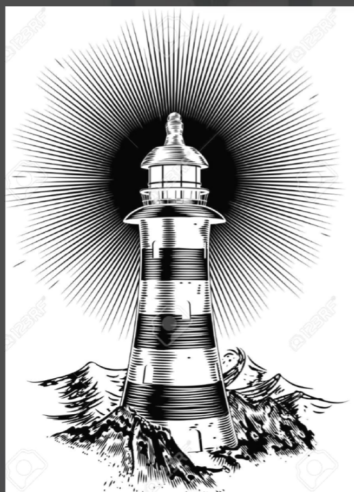
SB LLL control 0.24



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ROCK II study-on the go



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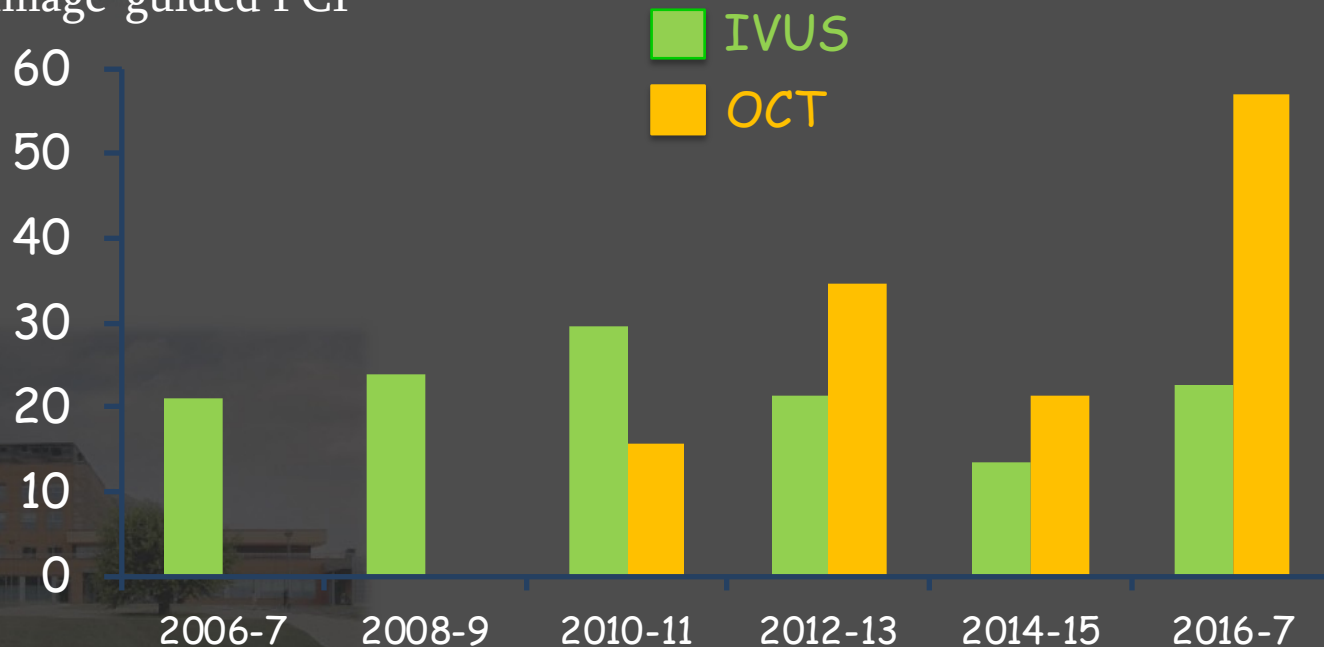
- a retrospective, multicenter, spontaneous clinical registry
- grants from Abbott
- patients undergone distal LM trunk angioplasty
- 3 groups: OCT, IVUS, angio only
- primary EP: TLF at 1 year (noninferiority OCT vs. IVUS)
- 15-20 European centers



UNPROTECTED LEFT MAIN IMAGING SELECTION

Imaging selection for LM in 657 elective unprotected LM PCI

N of LM image-guided PCI



UNPROTECTED LEFT MAIN IMAGING SELECTION

OSTIAL LM



■ IVUS

■ OCT

DISTAL LM



conclusions

- OCT guidance during complex angioplasty is safe and associated with improved outcome.
- This imaging modality can be used both for lesion assessment and final stent optimization,

conclusions

- OCT guidance during LM angioplasty, both for lesion assessment and final stent optimization, is feasible.
- in the ROCK Cohort I study, the use of OCT allowed to easily detect acute stent underexpansion and malapposition.
- OCT guidance was associated with improved angiographic outcome at mid-term if compared to angiography \pm IVUS guidance.



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