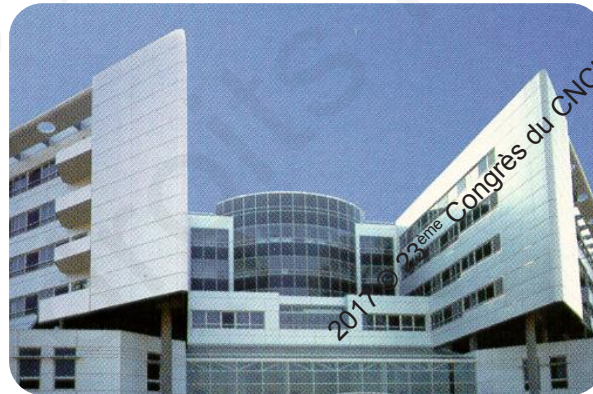


# MitraClip et TAVI: Patient selection

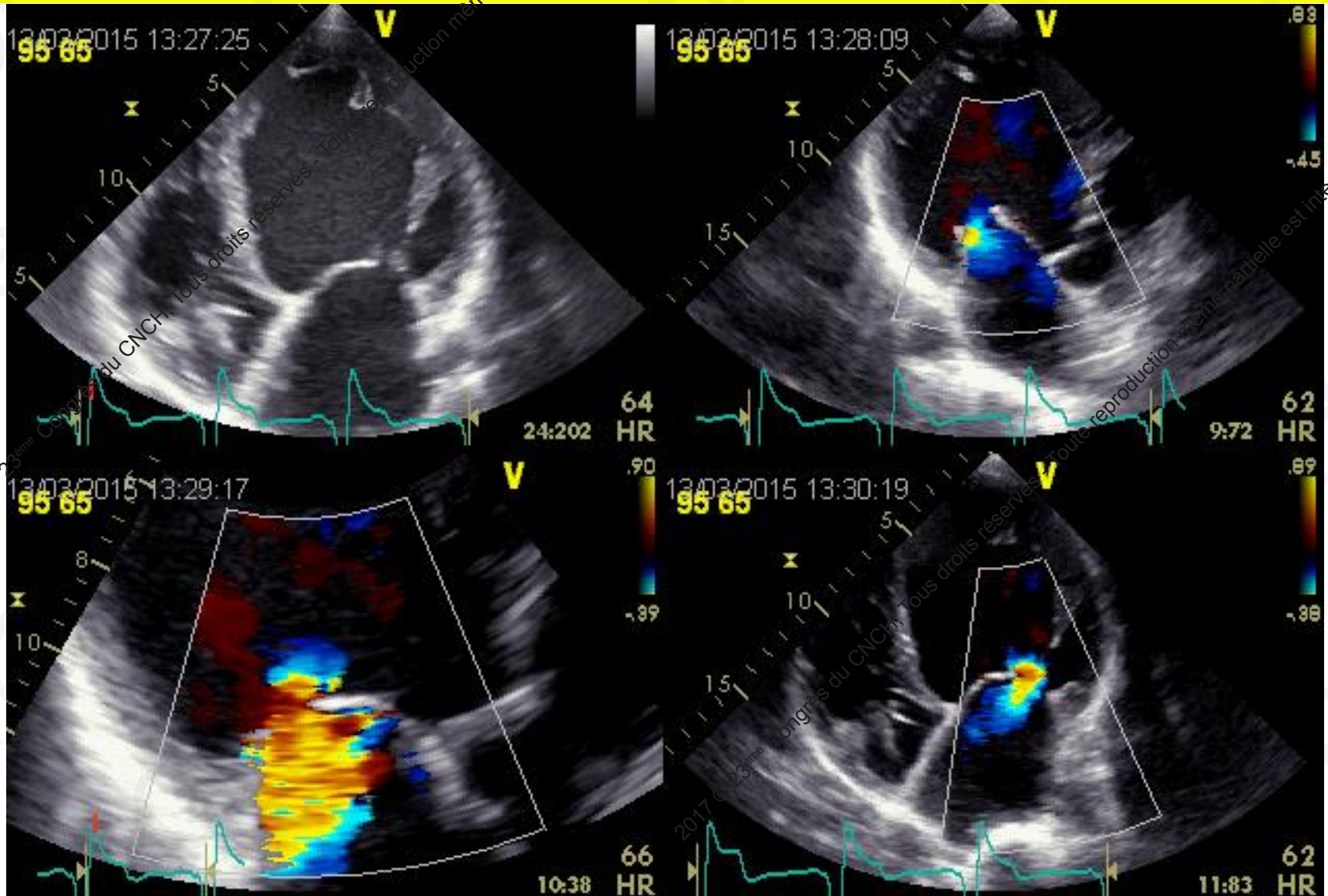
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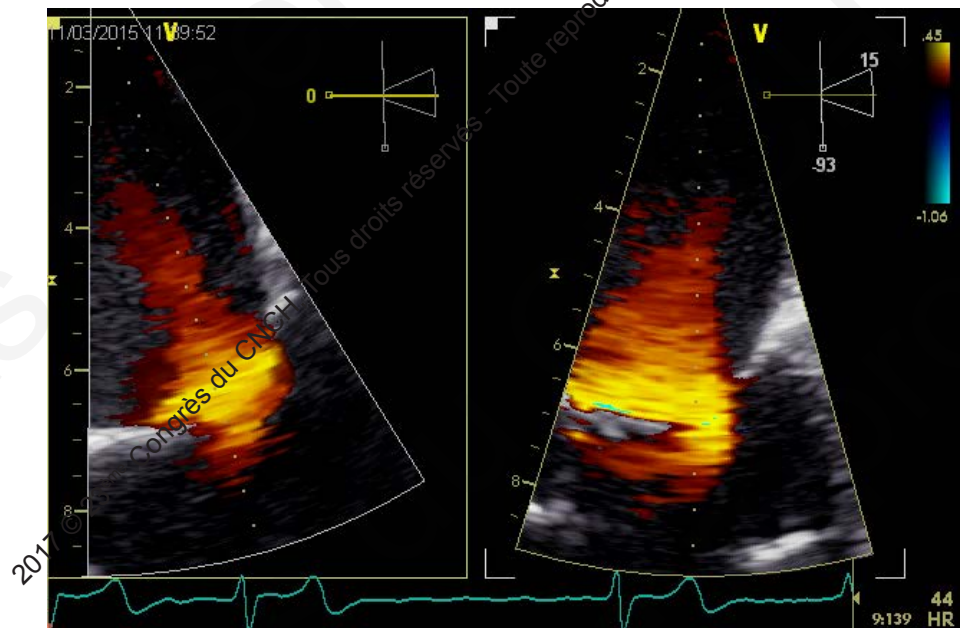
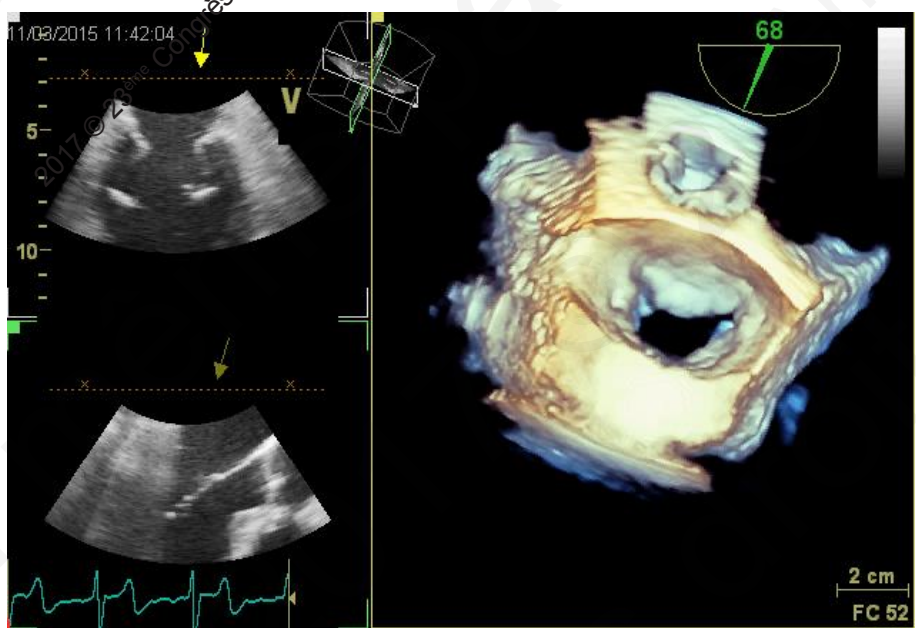
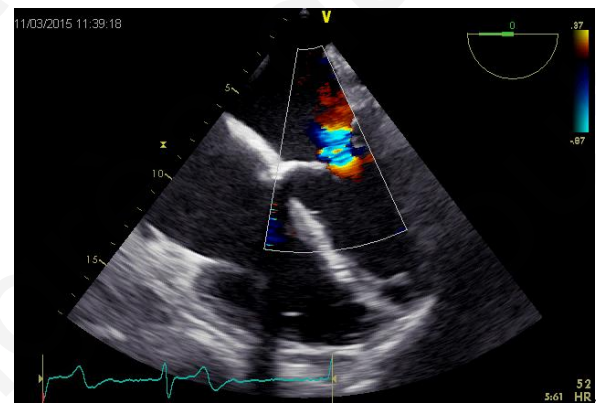
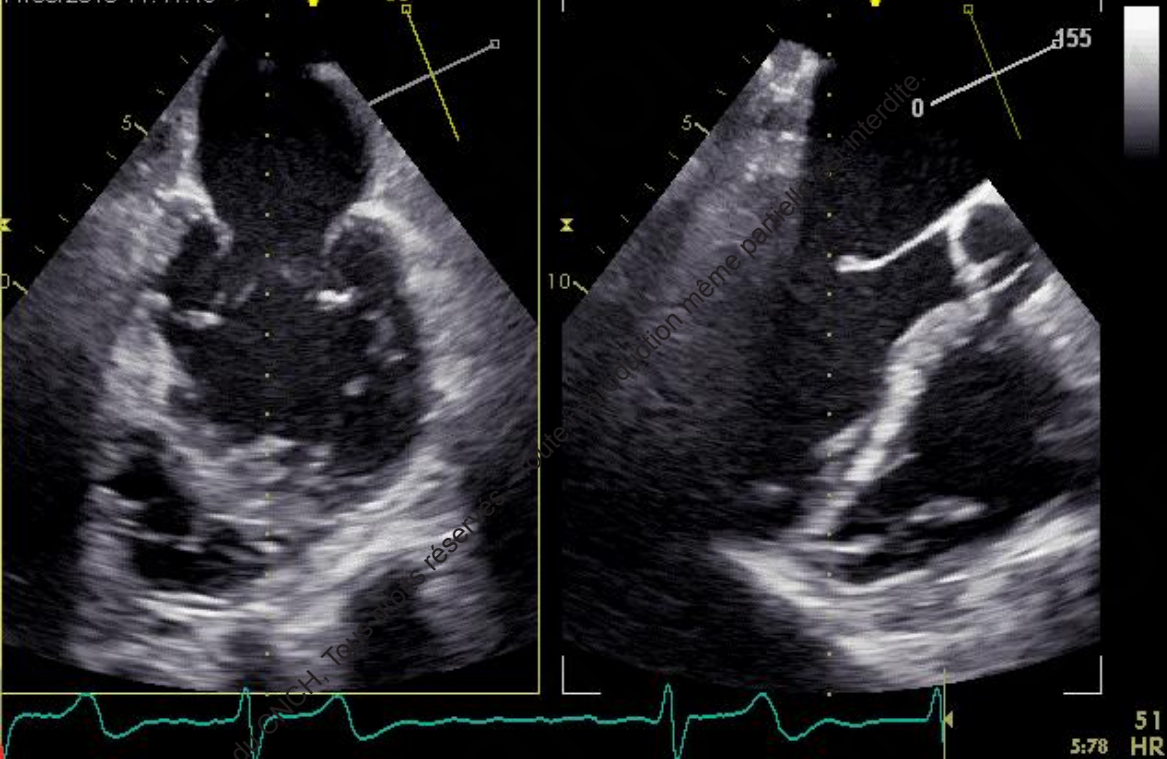
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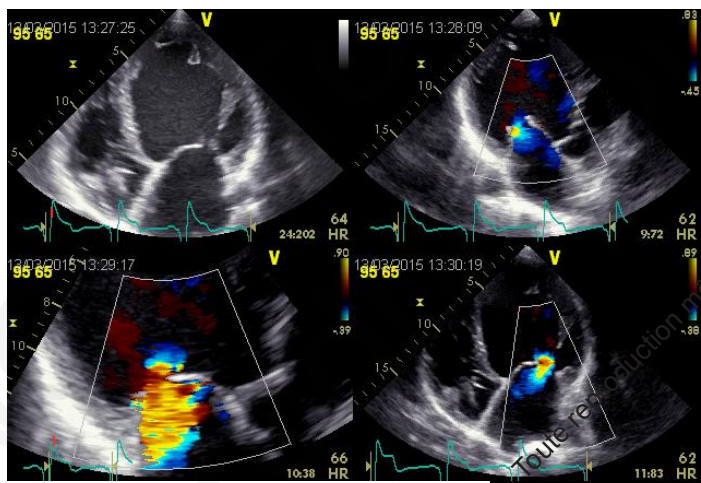
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**A good case : woman 75 yo, idiopathic DCM, CRT ICD, optimal medical therapy but still NYHA II+ and recently hospitalized for acute HF**

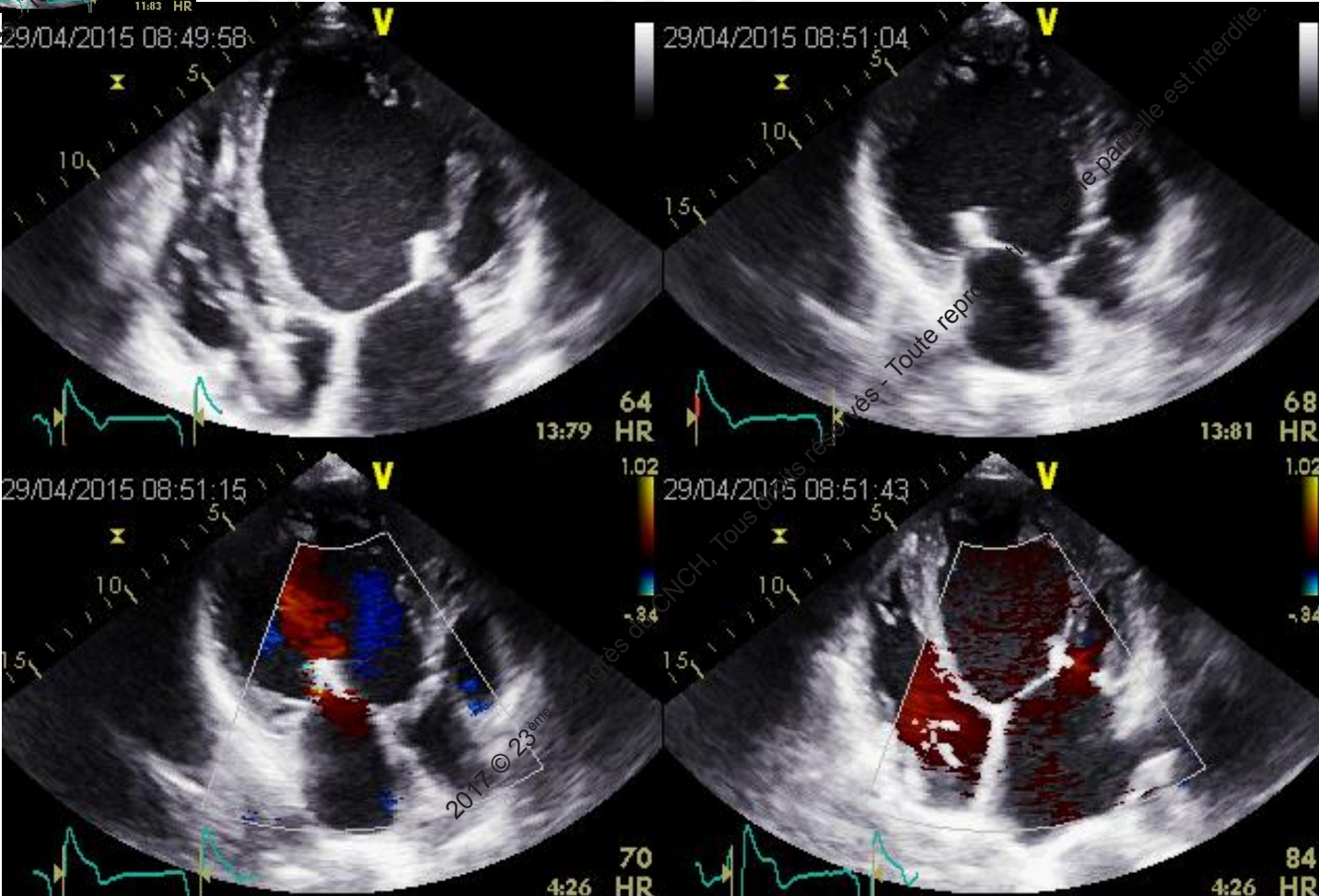






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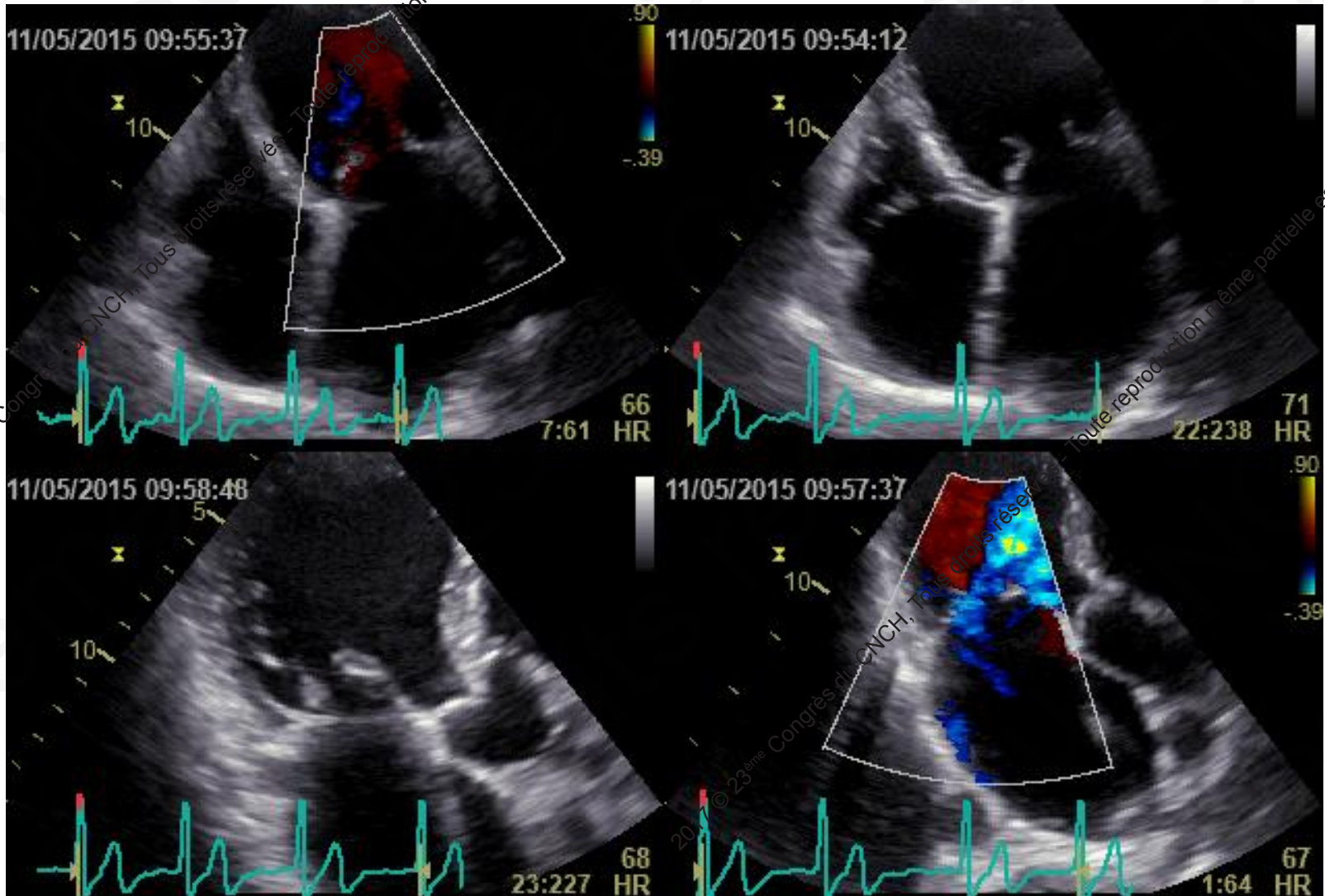


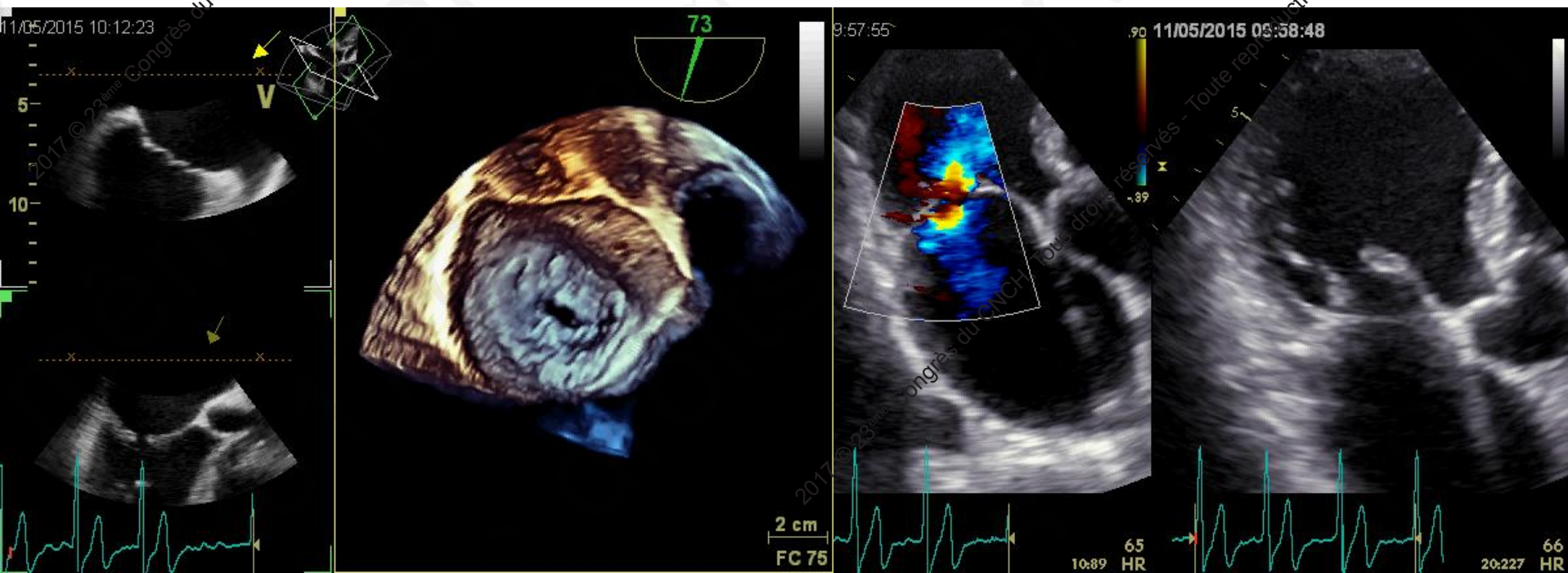
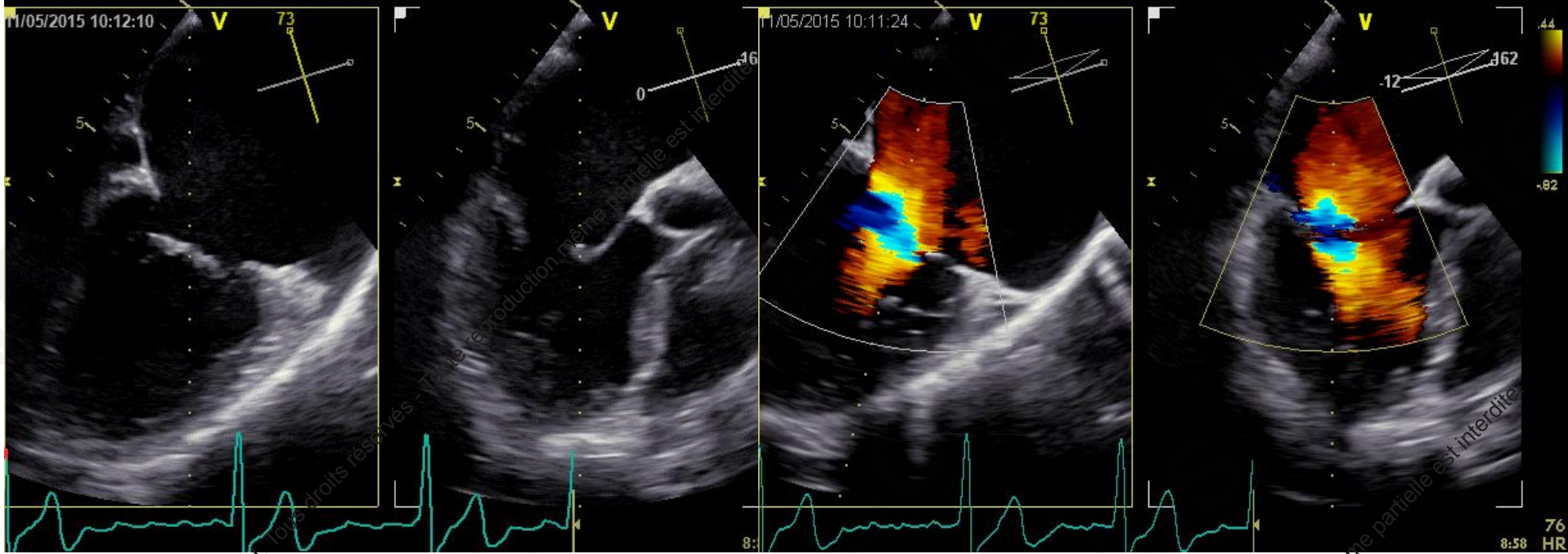
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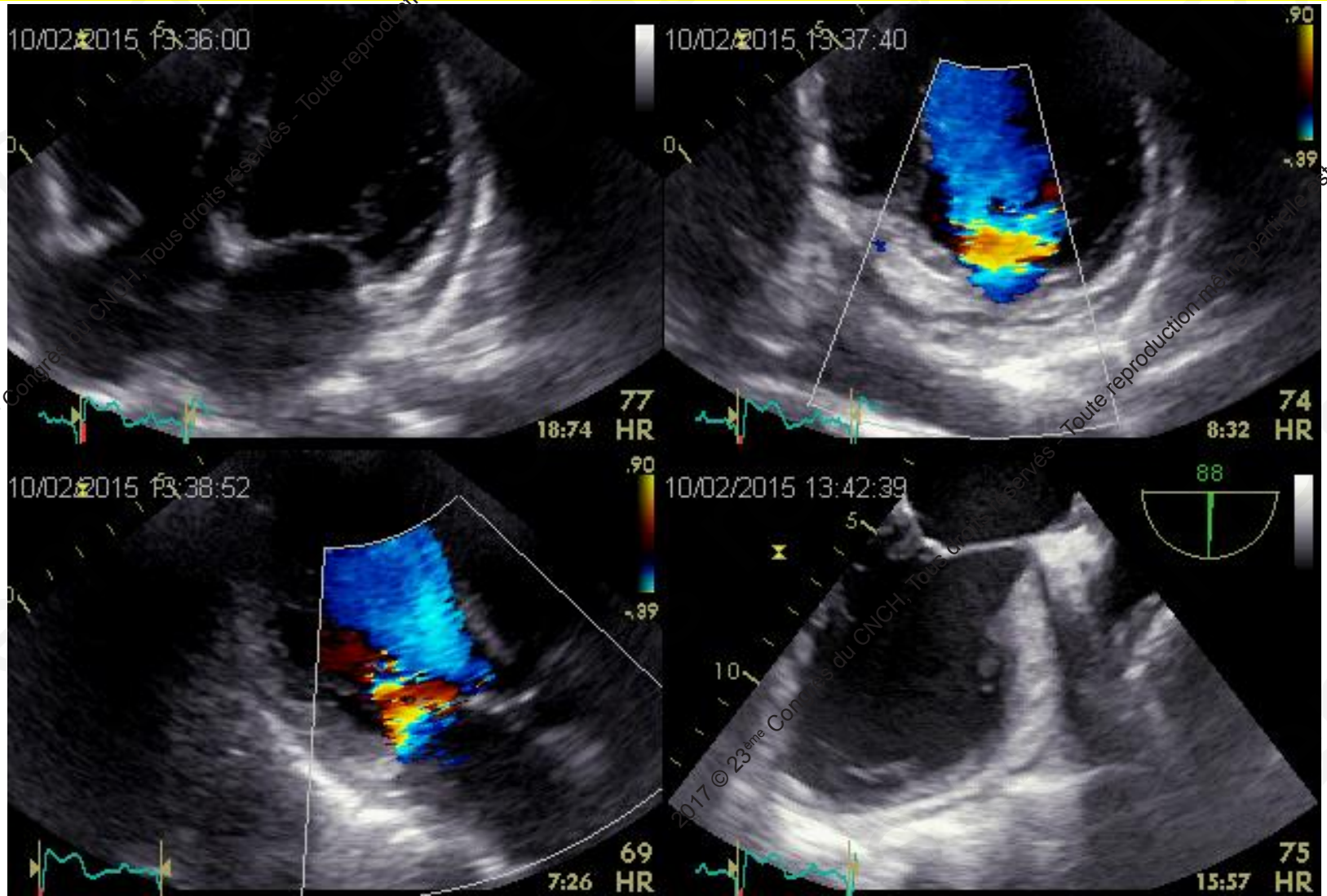
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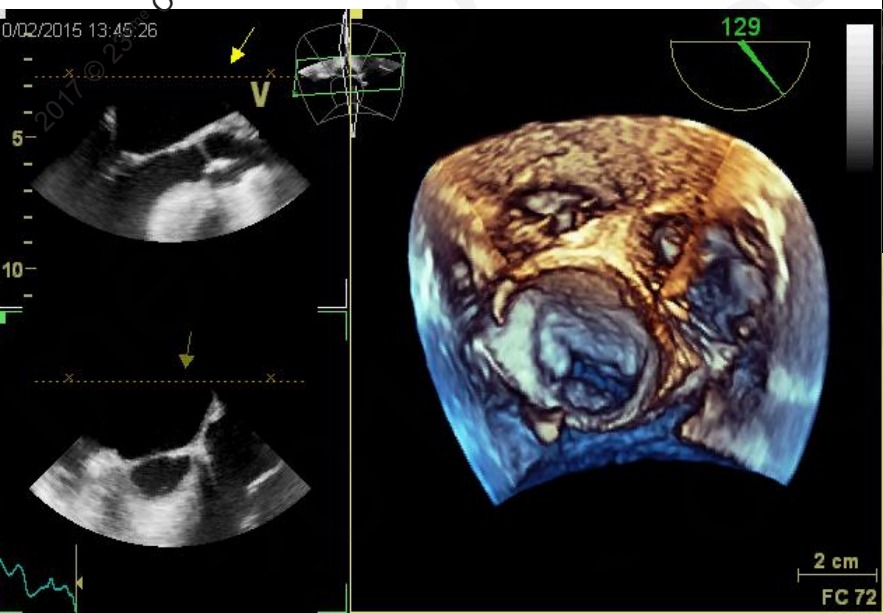
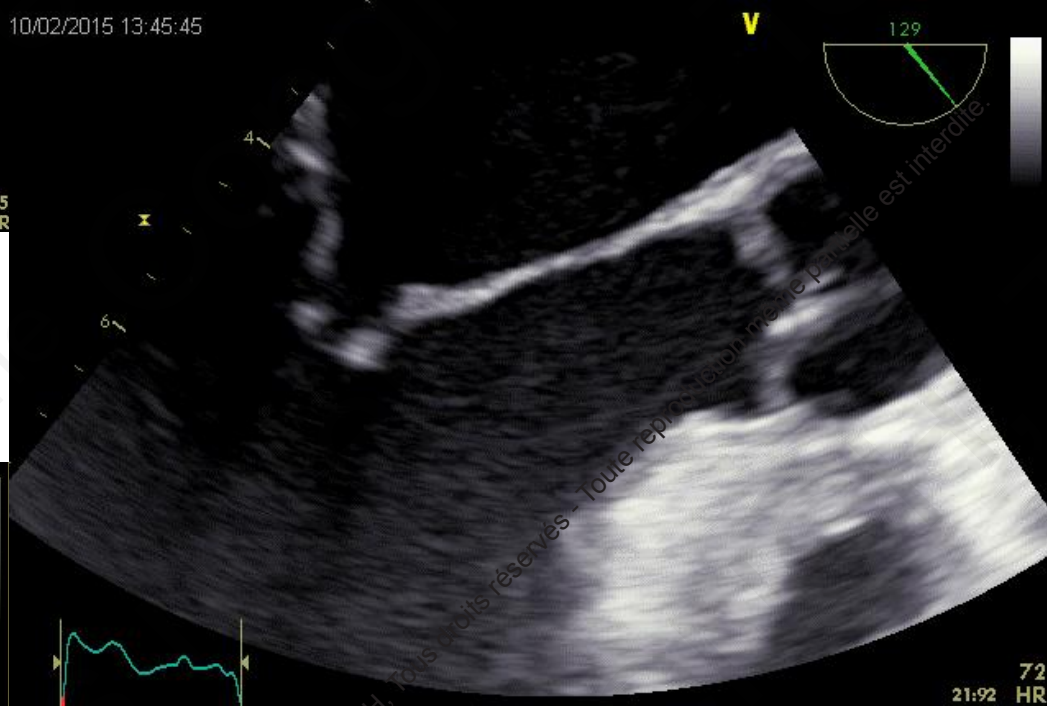
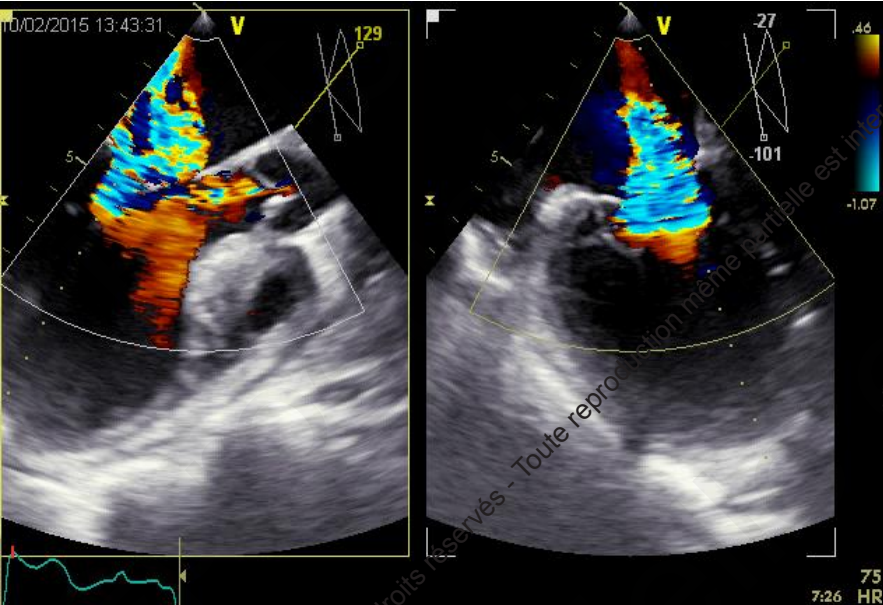




# A 65 yo woman, post radio-chemotherapy for a Hodgking lymphoma 30 years ago

## Hospitalization for a 3rd acute pulm. oedema in 6-months





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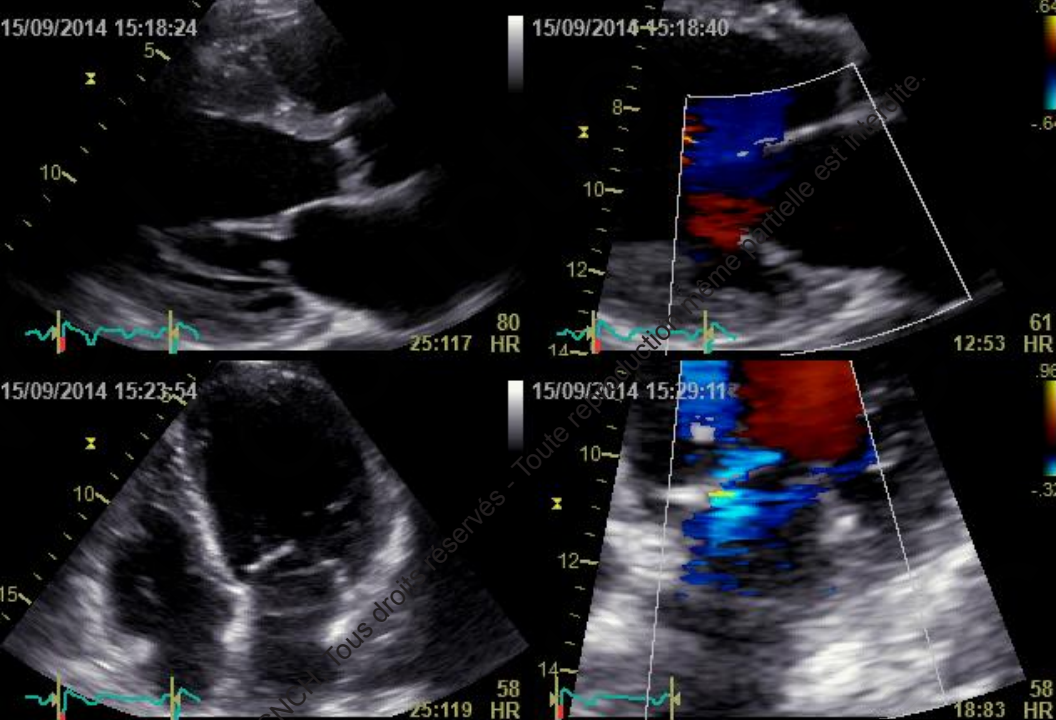
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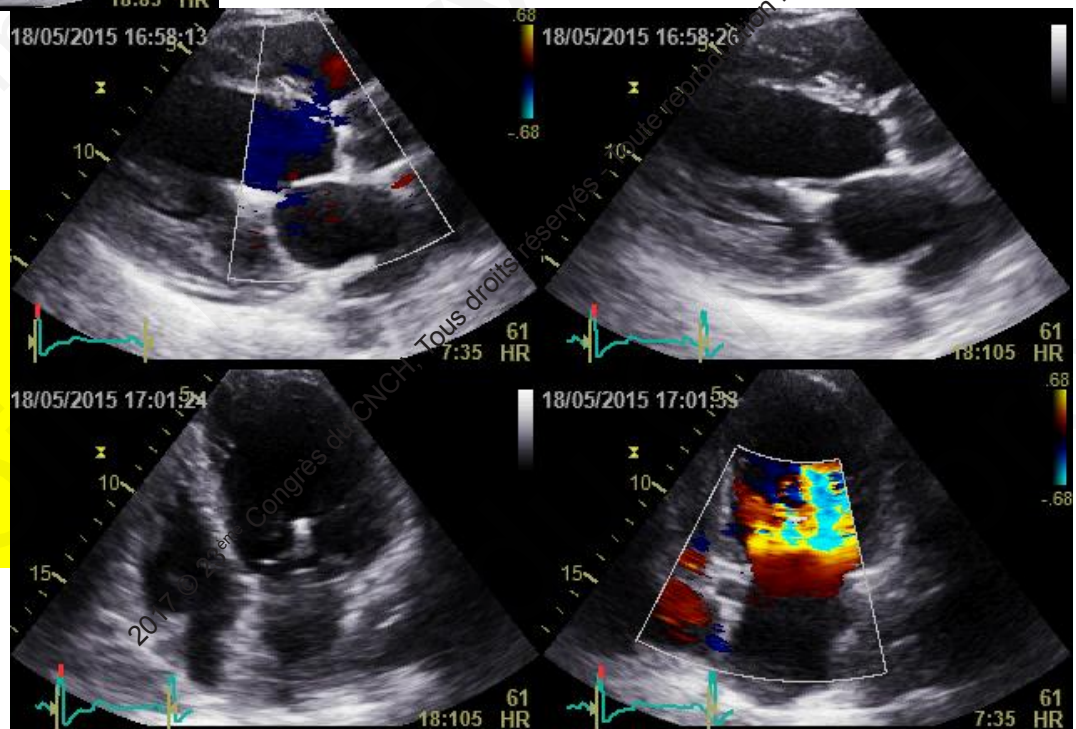
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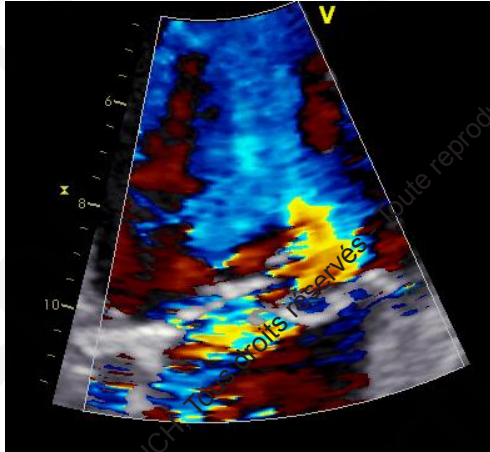


**A good case : woman 60 yo, ischemic CM, optimal medical therapy but still NYHA II+ and recently hospitalized for acute HF  
CMR: no viability, No indication for CABG**

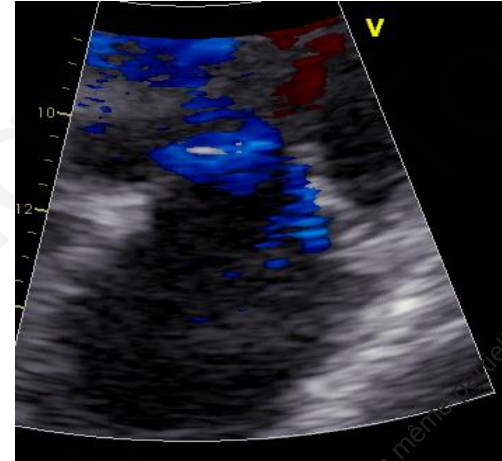
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# Primary MR



# Secondary MR



Type I

Type II

Type IIIa

Type IIIb

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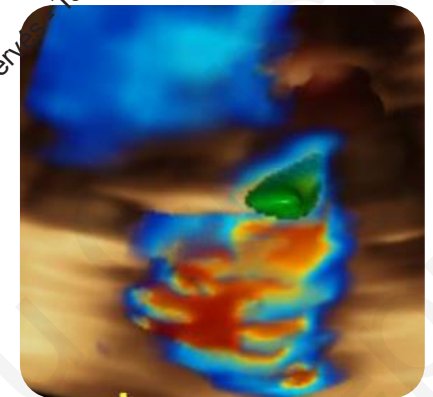
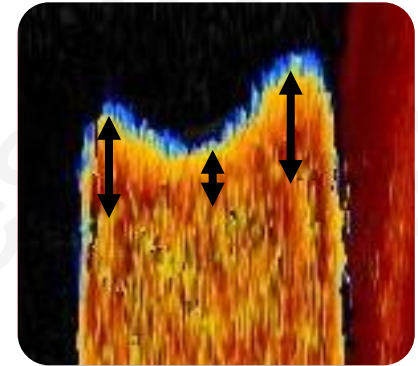
## Defining "Severe" Secondary MR

### Primary MR :

- "this is the abnormal valve that makes the heart sick"
- Mitral valve repair => correction of LV volume overload allowing normal lifespan

**Secondary MR:** due to systolic restriction of mitral leaflet motion by tethering and/or annular dilation

Defining "severe" secondary MR is problematic because LV is already damaged

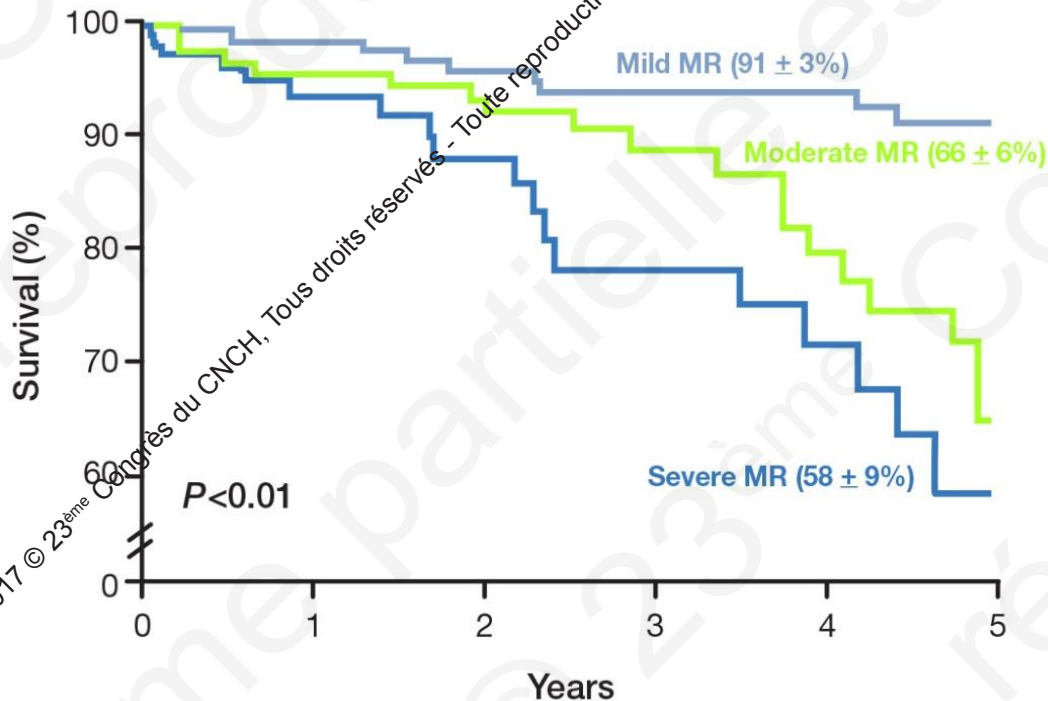


Grayburn et al. JACC 2014; 64: 2792

Patel et al. J Cardiac Fail 2004; 10: 285

Dujardin et al. Circulation 1997; 96: 3409

# Survival Decreases With Increased Severity in Primary MR



Study	Mortality risk increased with severe MR vs less severe MR
Rusinaru 2011 <sup>2</sup>	HR = 2.78 (95% CI 1.19-2.67) $P = .005$

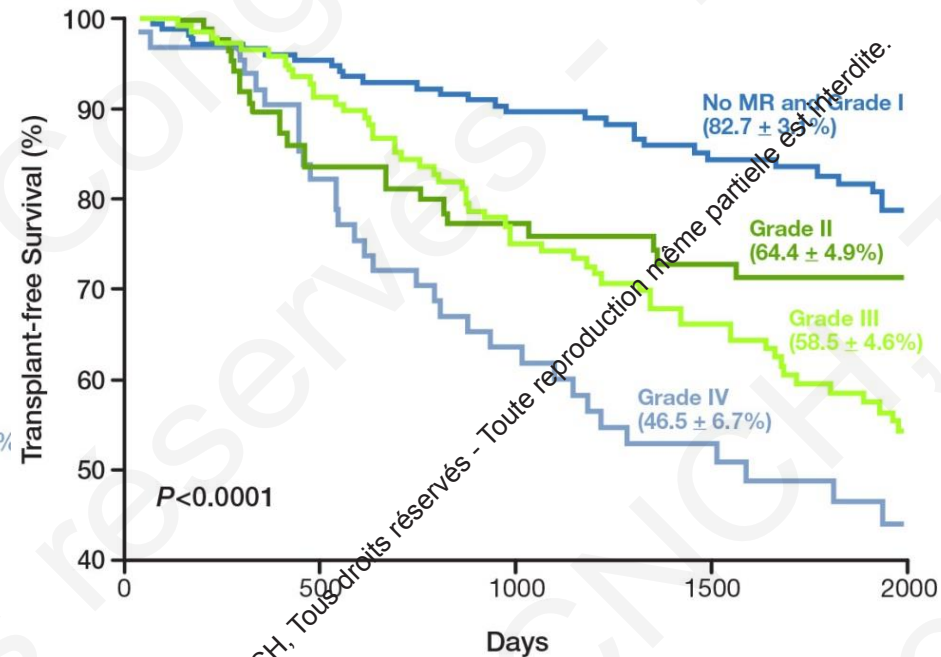
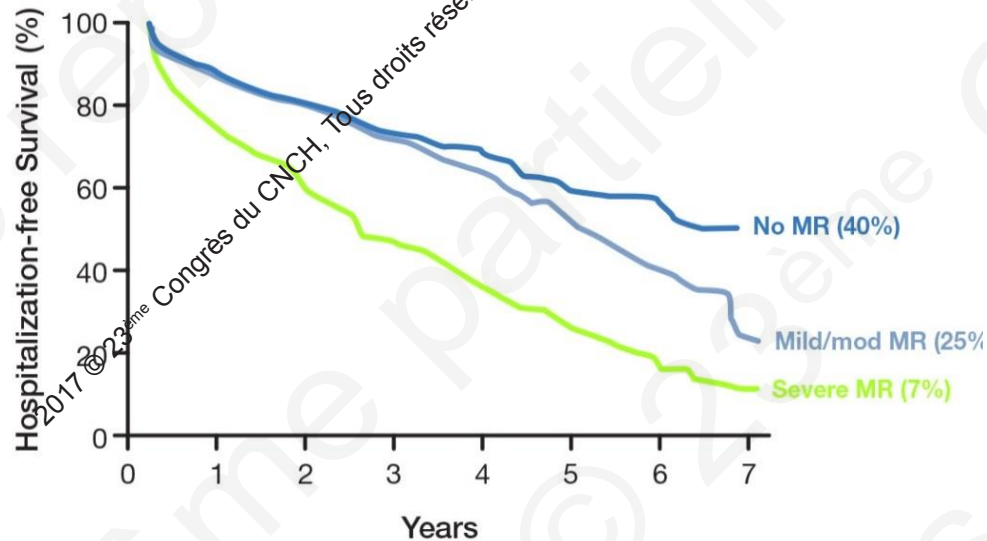
**Enriquez-Sarano 2005<sup>1</sup>:** Survival decreases with increasing severity of degenerative MR

Mortality risk increases as MR becomes more severe, making referral for further evaluation and potential intervention an important consideration

1. Enriquez-Sarano M, Avierinos J-F, Messika-Zeitoun D, et al. Quantitative determinants of the outcome of asymptomatic mitral regurgitation. *N Eng J Med.* 2005;352(9):875-883.
2. Rusinaru D, Tribouilloy C, Grigioni F, et al. Left atrial size is a potent predictor of mortality in mitral regurgitation due to flail leaflets: results from a large international multicenter center. *Circ Cardiovasc Imaging.* 2011;4(5):473-481.

# Increased Severity = Increased Morbidity in Secondary MR

Clinical studies show that patient outcomes worsen with increasing MR severity, highlighting the importance of early intervention



**Rossi 2011<sup>1</sup>:** Hospitalization-free survival decreased with increased MR severity.

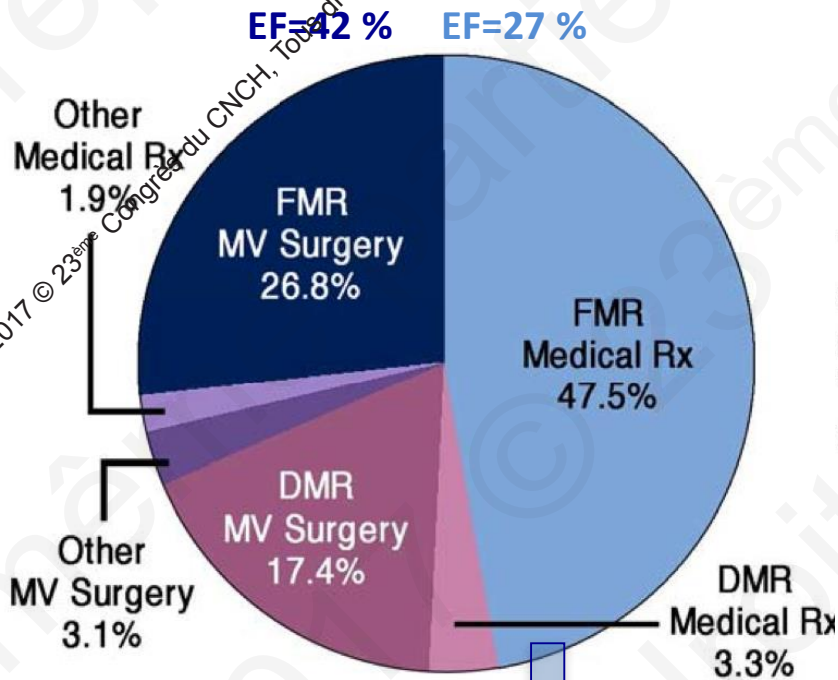
**Bursi 2010<sup>2</sup>:** Transplant-free survival decreased with increased MR severity.

1. Rossi A, Dini FL, Faggiano P, et al. Independent prognostic value of functional mitral regurgitation in patients with heart failure: a quantitative analysis of 1256 patients with ischemic and non-ischaemic dilated cardiomyopathy. *Heart*. 2011;97(20):1675-1680.
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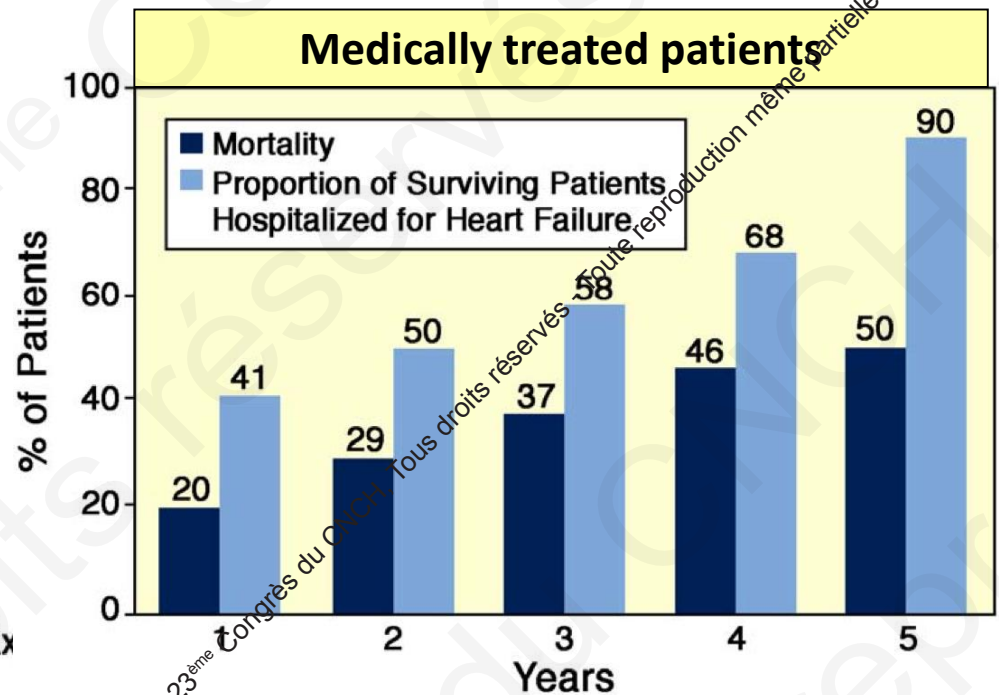
**Prevalence and Outcomes of Unoperated Patients with Severe Symptomatic Mitral Regurgitation and Heart Failure: Comprehensive Analysis to Determine Potential Role of MitraClip for this Unmet Need.**

5737 MR >2 were identified between 1/1/2000 and 12/31/2008

1095 MR >2 + IC → Surgery 53 %  
 → OMM 47 %



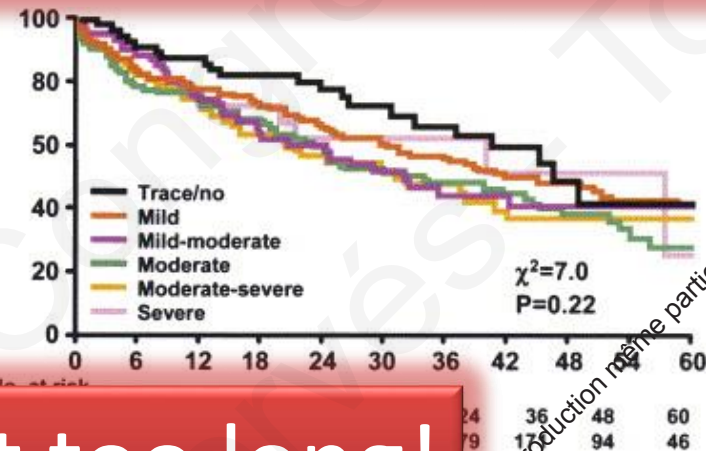
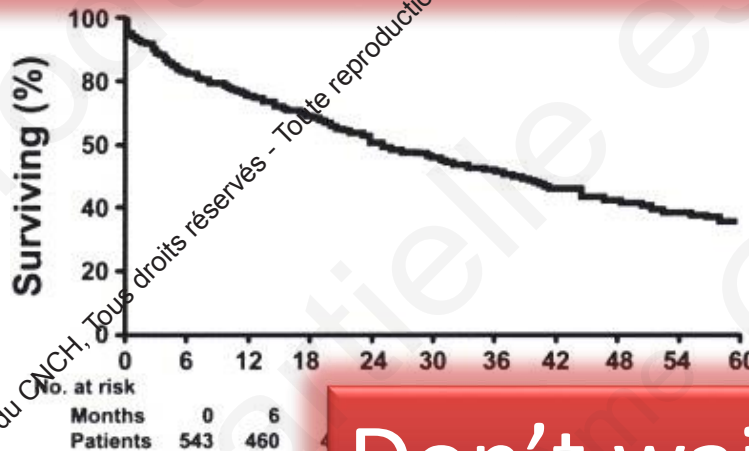
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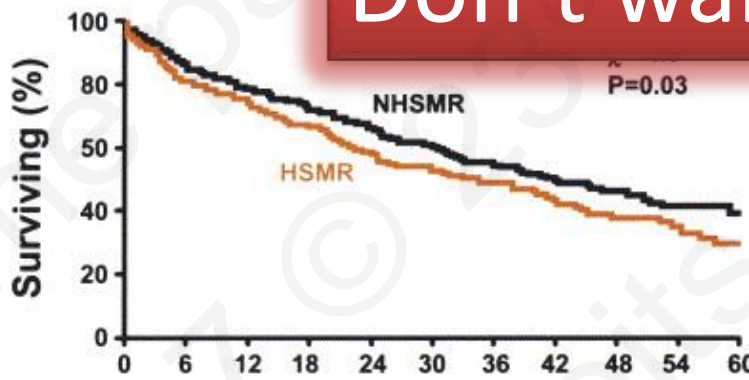
**36 % eligible for Mitraclip**

Goel et al. JACC 2013

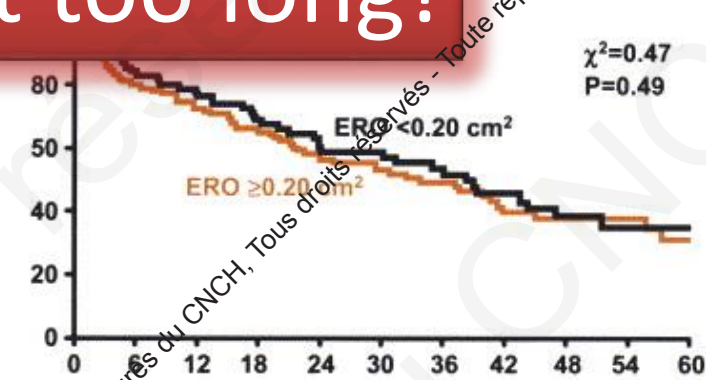
**2ndary MR** is associated with a worse prognosis  
 But: values defining severe MR in individual patients depend on multiple factors including: LVEDV, LVEF, Pressure gradient LA/LV...



**Don't wait too long!**

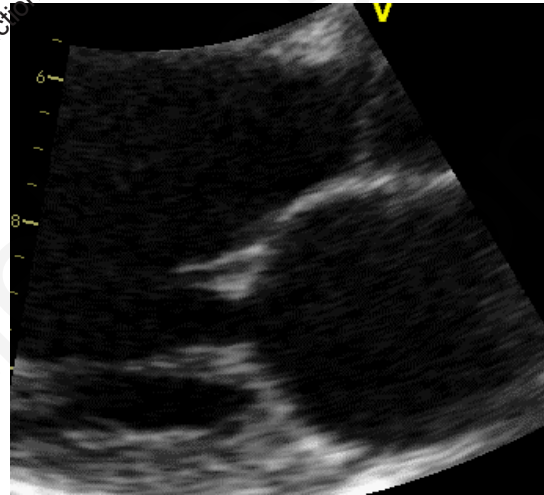


No. at risk	Months	0	6	12	18	24	36	48	60
HSMR		207	168	154	123	99	62	35	14
NNSMR		336	292	265	208	180	109	59	32

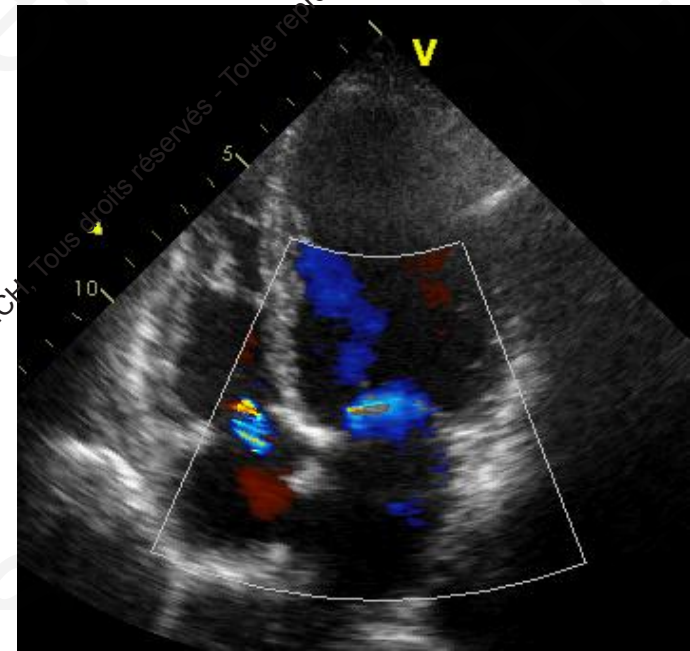


No. at risk	Months	0	6	12	18	24	36	48	60
ERO $\ge 0.20 \text{ cm}^2$		122	98	89	71	58	35	19	6
ERO $< 0.20 \text{ cm}^2$		87	74	69	54	45	30	12	6

Think at this new treatment strategy  
in Secondary MR > 2/4



In cardiomyopathies if the patient  
is symptomatic and has a  
significant MR: of course surgery is  
unlikely but **percutaneous**  
**treatments of the MR might help**  
(considerably)

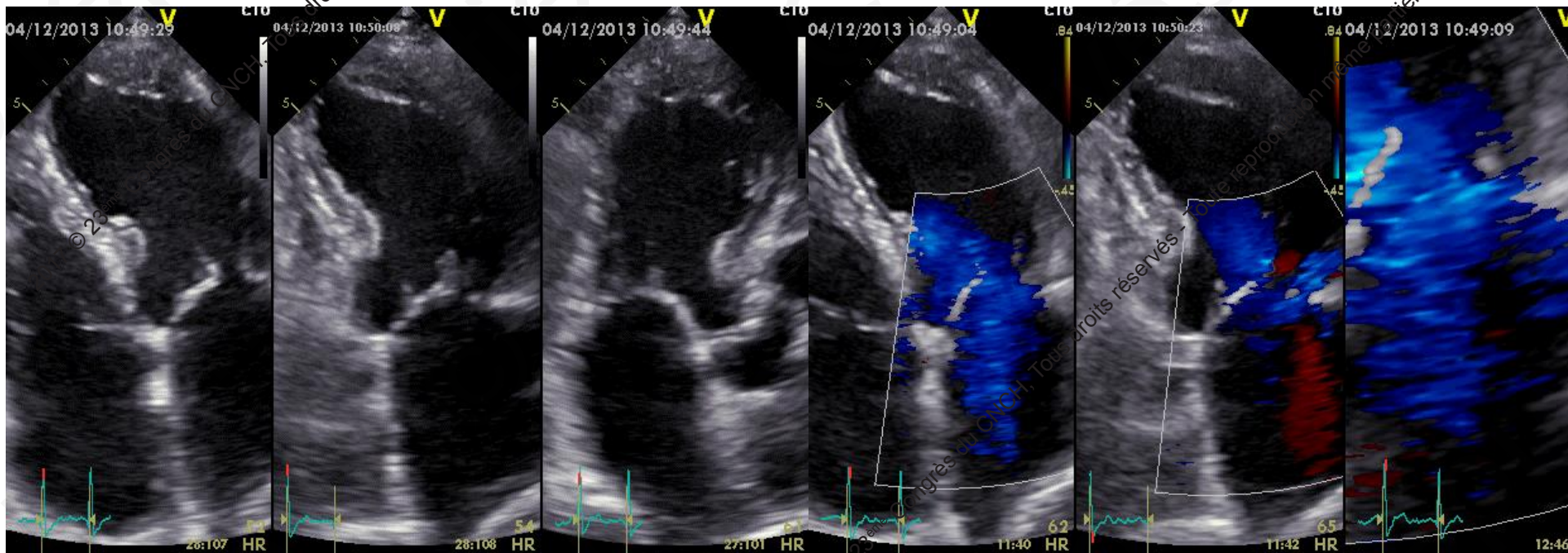




# Importance of the TTE

LV dysfunction : LVEF < 40%:  
**unsuitable for conventional surgery**

- LA enlargement but not too large
- LA annulus size
- Thickness, calcification, localization of the regurgitant jet
- Tricuspid regurg, sPAP... **Don't wait that the disease is too advanced!**



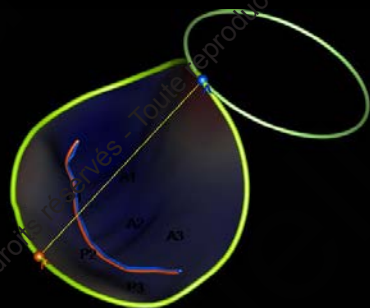


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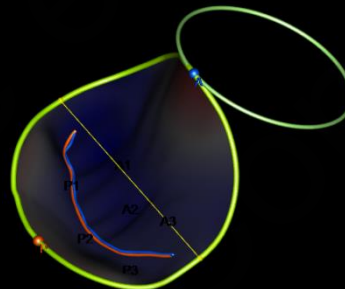
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MV analysis

Quantitative semi-automated  
analysis in mid-systolic frame

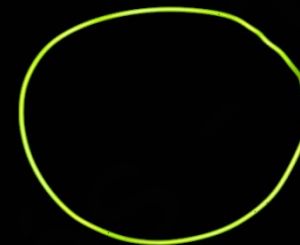
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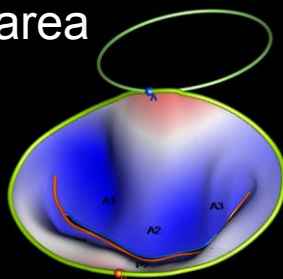
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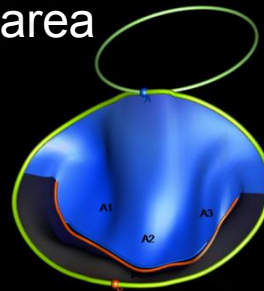
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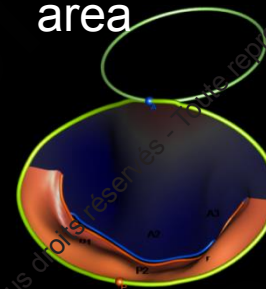
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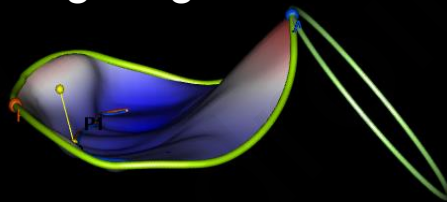
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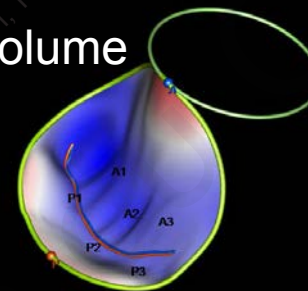
Posterior leaflet  
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Tenting height



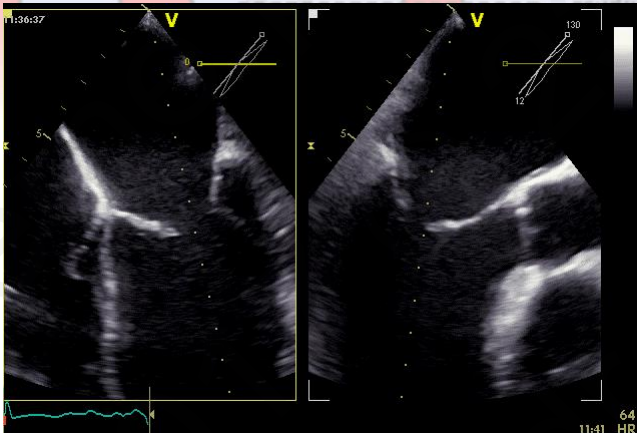
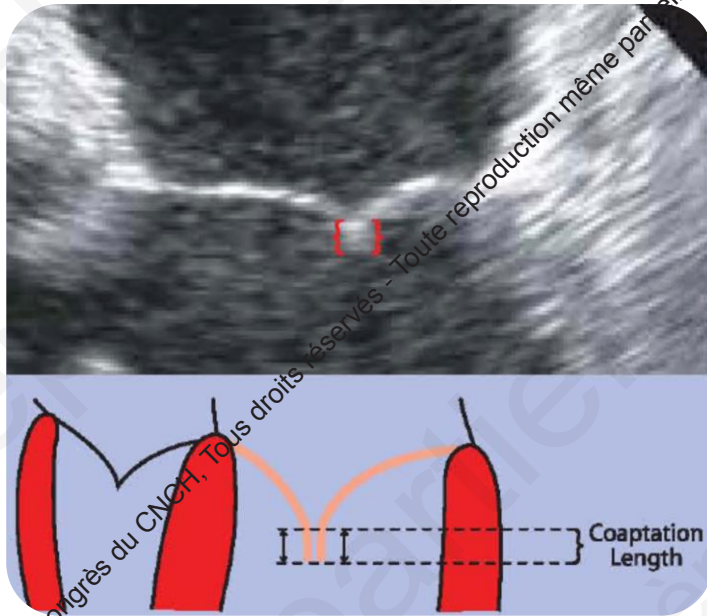
Tenting volume



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# Vertical Coaptation Length (FMR)



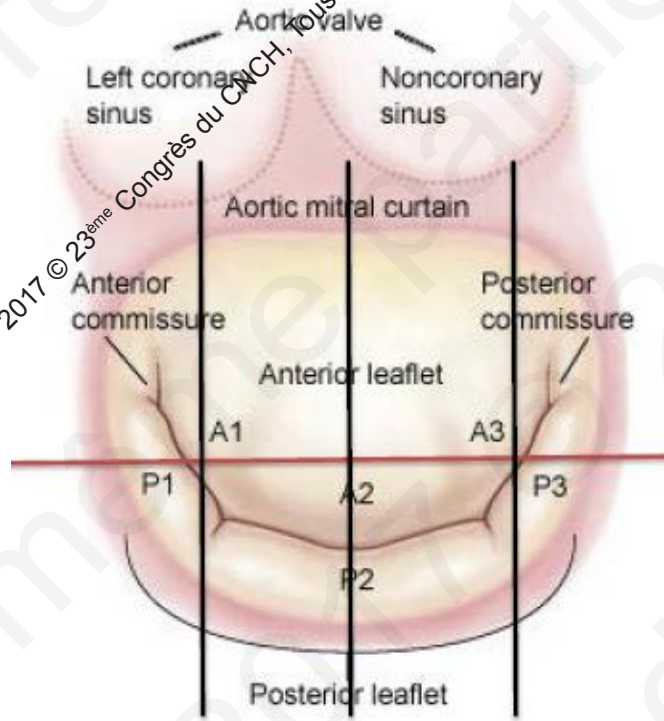
## Calcification in the Grasping Area

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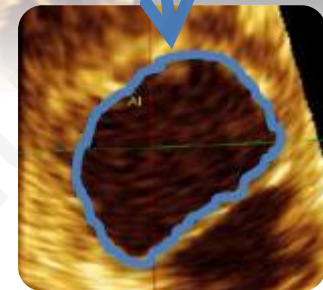
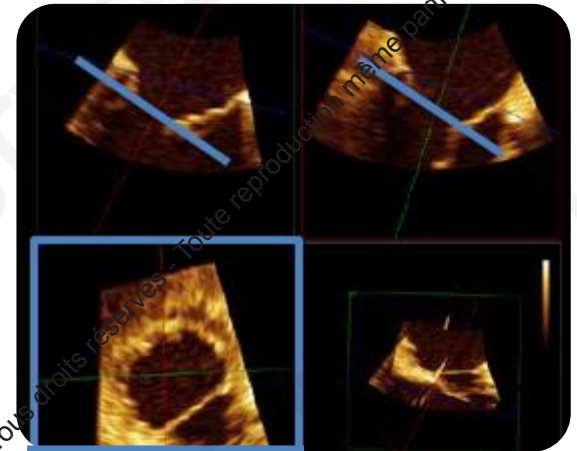
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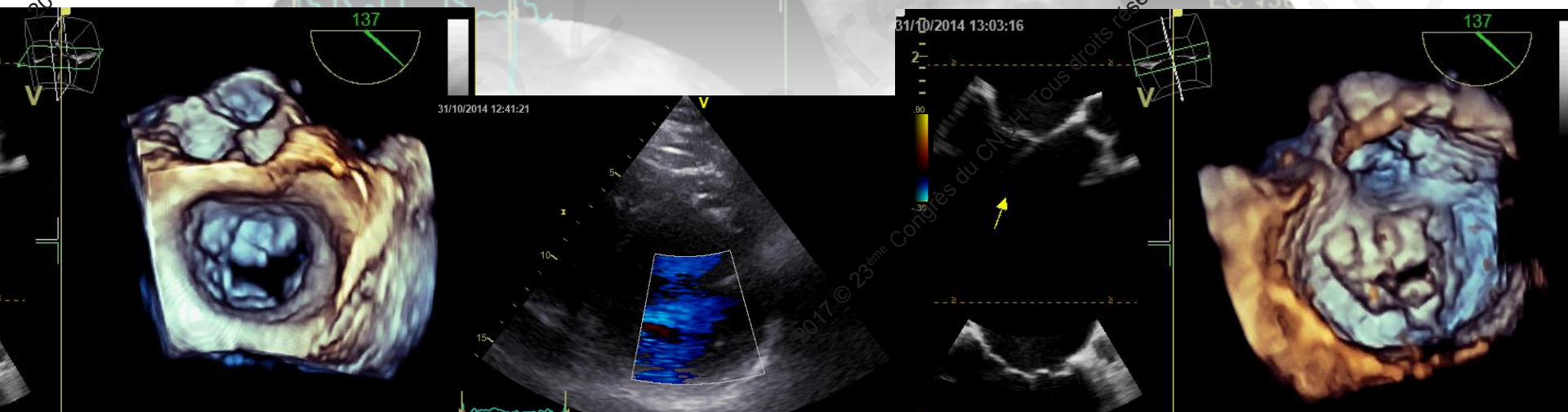
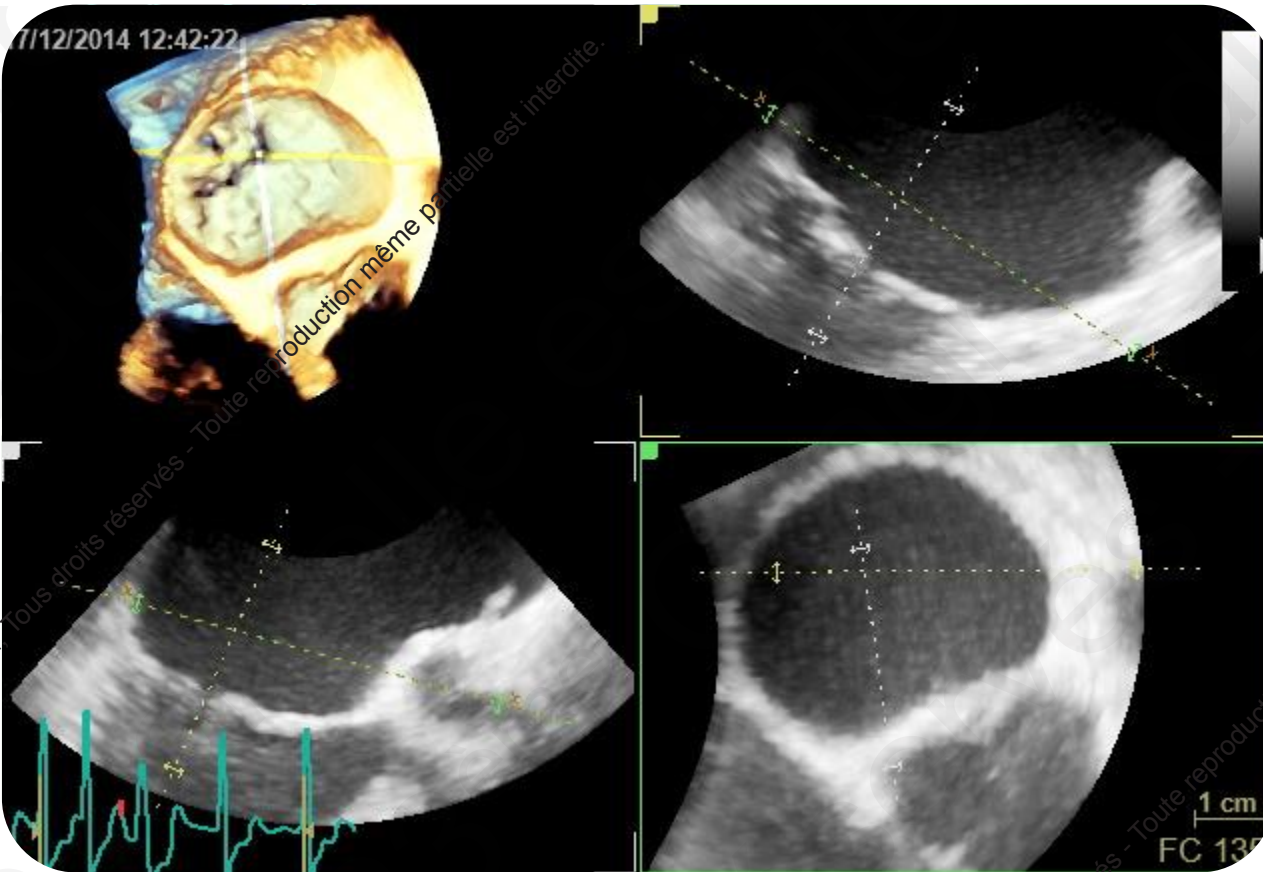
## For 2<sup>nd</sup> MR:

- ❖ Systolic coaptation, depth < 10 mm
- ❖ Systolic coaptation length  $\geq 2$ mm
- ❖ Mitral valve area > 4 cm<sup>2</sup>

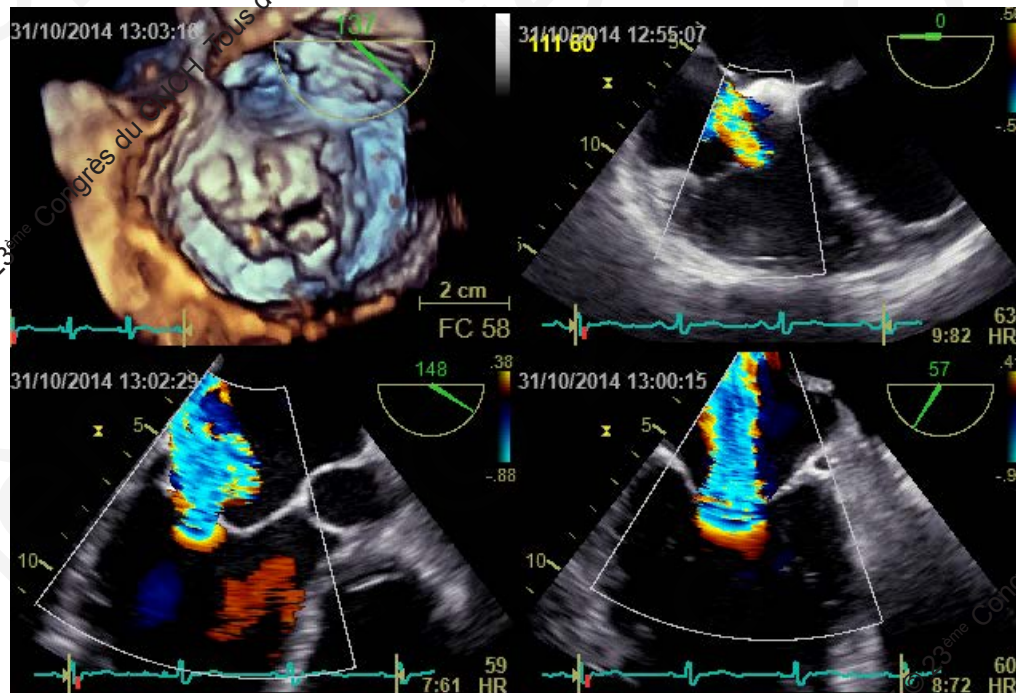


Surgical view



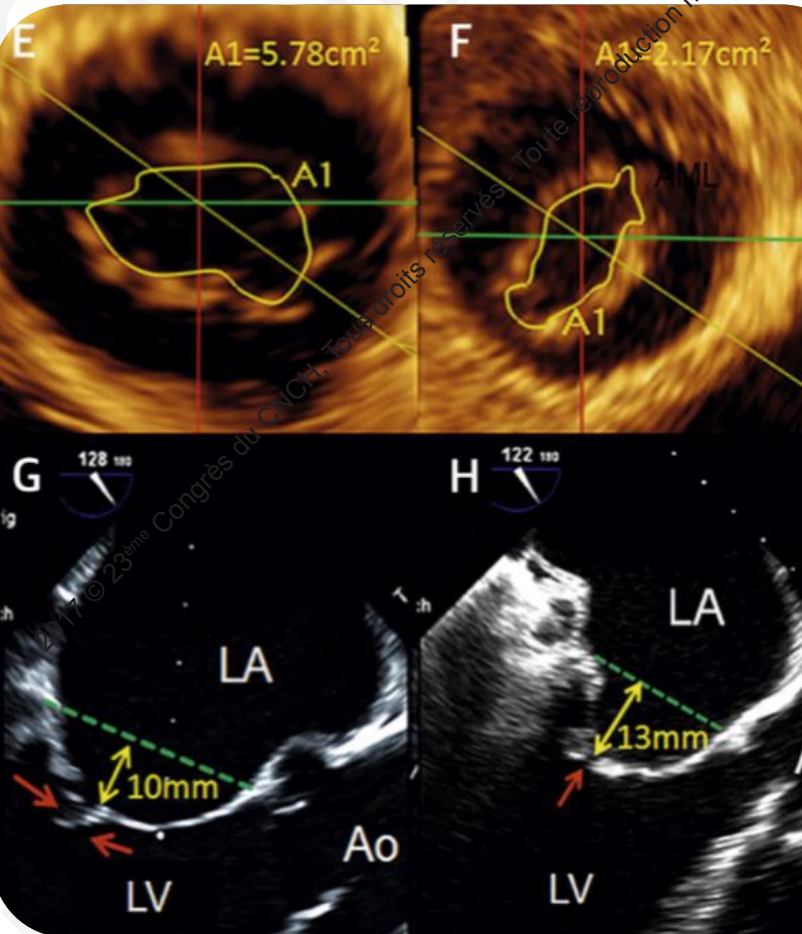


- ❖ 3-D analysis from one to the other commissure
- ❖ Checking for:
  - ❖ the Length of posterior leaflet  $> 8\text{mm}$
  - ❖ the Thickness of the valve  $< 5\text{mm}$



# Suitable ≠ Unsuitable

Secondary MR : EROA > 200mm<sup>2</sup>



## Criteria Suggesting Patient Suitability

## Criteria Suggesting Patient Might Not Be Suitable

Nonrheumatic etiology	Rheumatic etiology, endocarditis-related valve disease, or prior MV surgery
Central mitral regurgitation jet	Cleft or perforated mitral leaflets
MV orifice area $\geq 40 \text{ mm}^2$	Lack of secondary chordal support
If a flail leaflet is present	Posterior leaflet length < 7 mm
Flail gap* < 10 mm	
Flail width* < 15 mm	
Posterior leaflet length $\geq 10 \text{ mm}$	Leaflet gap > 2 mm
If leaflet tethering present	Presence of severe calcifications in the grasping area
Coaptation depth < 11 mm	
Coaptation length† < 10 mm	
Absence of calcifications in the grasping area	Transmitral pressure gradient $\geq 4 \text{ mm Hg} \ddagger$
	Effective regurgitant orifice area > 70.8 mm <sup>2</sup> †
	MV orifice area < 30 mm <sup>2</sup> †
	Evidence of intracardiac mass, thrombus, or vegetation, or evidence of an inferior vena cava or femoral venous thrombus

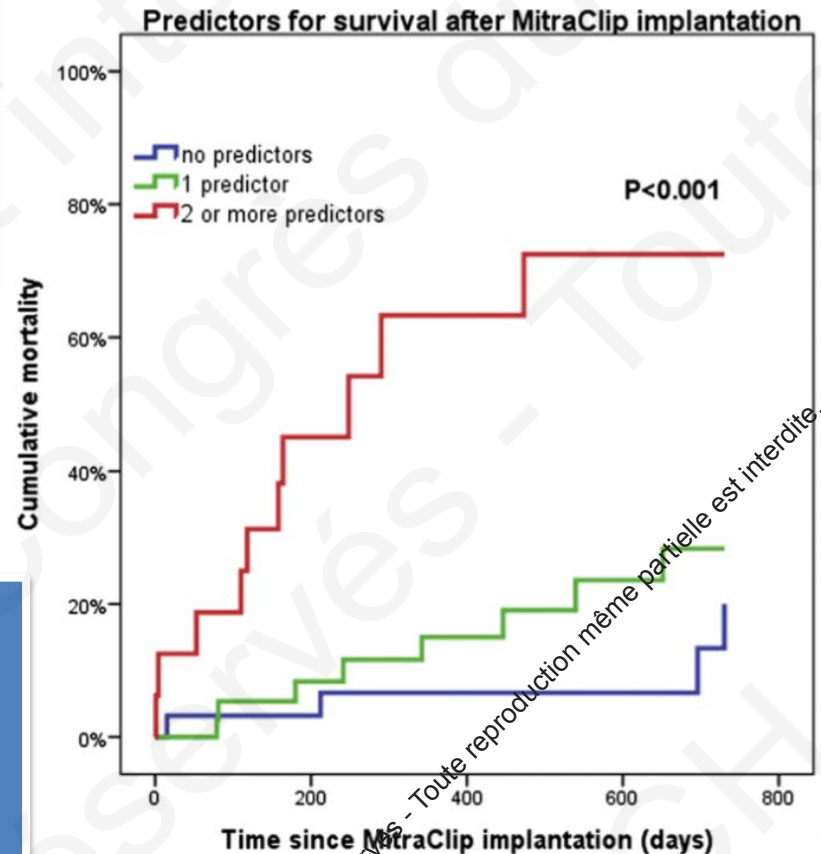
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# Predictors of outcome in patients undergoing MitraClip therapy

-84 patients, 76±10yp  
 -2 years follow-up  
 - Survival 81% at 2-years

- 1) Nt-proBNP > 5000µg/L
- 2) Previous valve surgery
- 3) TR≥3/4
- 4) Lack of reduction of MR by the clip



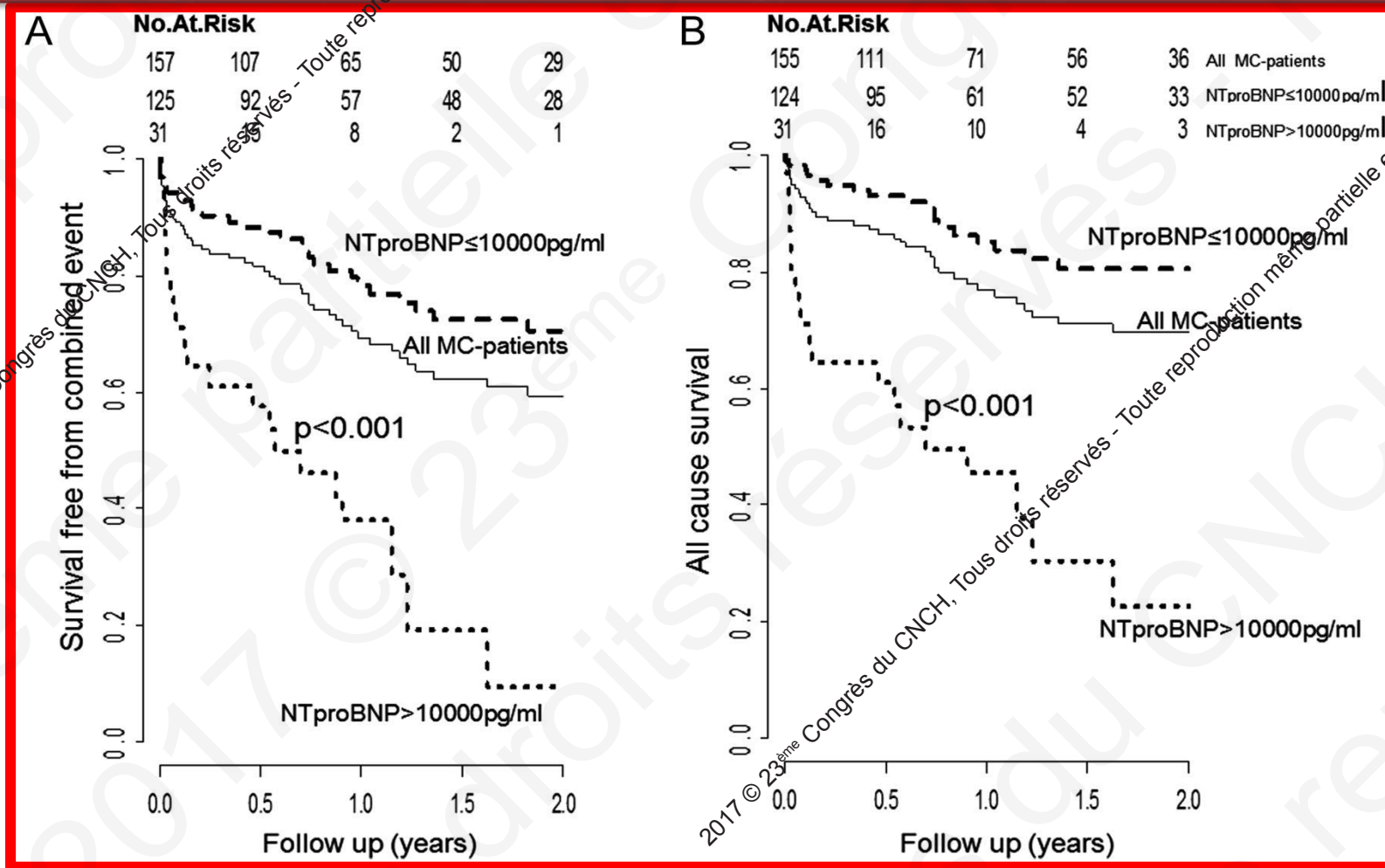
	Outcome		Univariate analysis		Multivariate analysis	
	n	Death, %	HR (95% CI)	p-value	HR (95% CI)	p-Value
Male gender	43	33	1.7 (0.7-4.2)	0.2		
Age > 80 years	39	31	1.6 (0.7-3.6)	0.3		
NYHA functional class IV	12	42	2.2 (0.8-6.0)	0.1		
LVEF < 30%	24	29	1.2 (0.5-2.8)	0.7		
Functional etiology	45	24	0.8 (0.3-1.8)	0.6		
NT-proBNP >5000 µg/L	10	50	3.4 (1.2-9.2)	0.02	5.4 (1.8-16.2)	0.003
Previous valve surgery	8	75	4.8 (1.9-12.2)	0.001	4.5 (1.7-12.2)	0.003
TR > grade 2	24	42	2.6 (1.1-6.0)	0.03	2.8 (1.2-6.8)	0.02
Absence of MR reduction (graded) <sup>a</sup>			1.9 (1.1-3.3)	0.03	2.1 (1.2-3.8)	0.01

HR: hazard ratio; CI: confidence interval; NYHA: New York Heart Association; LVEF: left ventricular ejection fraction; TR: tricuspid regurgitation; MR: mitral regurgitation.

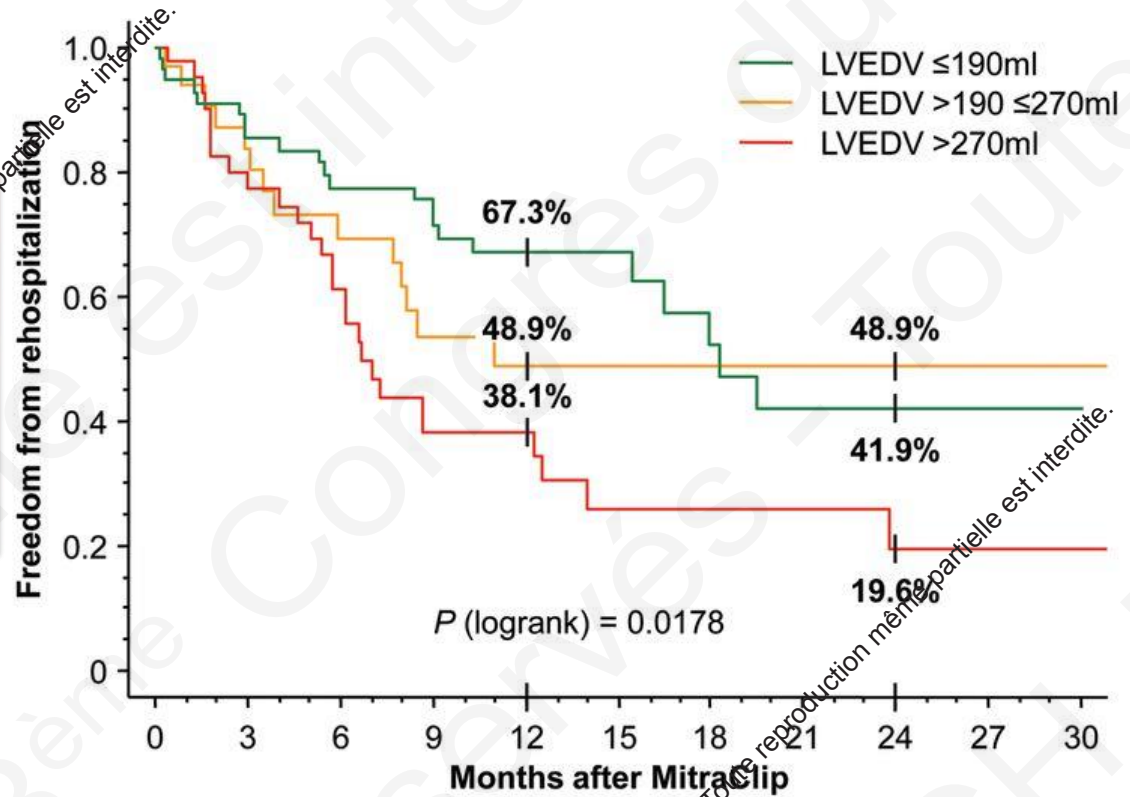
<sup>a</sup> Graded by 0 grade/1 grade/2 grade/3 grade reduction of MR after MitraClip implantation.

We treat secondary MR, so with some degree of LV dysfunction but do not wait that the

- ✓ heart is too remodeled and
- ✓ the Heart failure too severe

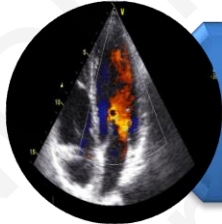


Not a good idea to wait  
**LV enlargement > 270 ml**

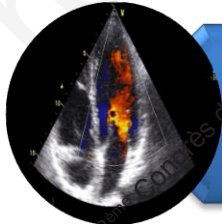


Patients at risk	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30
≤190ml	57	39	24	24	24	24	10	2			
>190 ≤270ml	33	19	9	7	5	1					
>270ml	45	22	11	5	2	1					

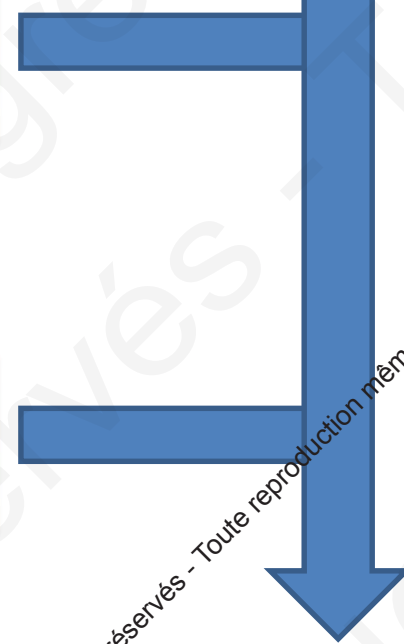
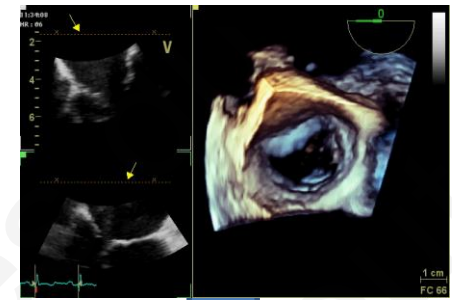
Freedom from heart failure rehospitalization in successfully treated patients with secondary mitral regurgitation, differentiated by size ranges of left ventricular end-diastolic volume (LVEDV).



Clinical state point



Imaging State point



Heart valve clinic

**Multidisciplinary decision making process**

1. Neuss et al. Eu J Heart Fail 2013; 15: 789
2. Lancellotti et al. Eur H J 2013; 34: 1597
3. Cavalcante et al. JACCim 2012; 5:733

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# Aortic Stenosis and TAVI

## EACVI/ASE reco / ESC guidelines

### Recommendations for grading of AS severity

	Aortic sclerosis	Mild	Moderate	Severe
Peak velocity (m/s)	$\leq 2.5$ m/s	2.6–2.9	3.0–4.0	$\geq 4.0$
Mean gradient (mmHg)	–	$< 20$	20–40	$\geq 40$
AVA (cm <sup>2</sup> )	–	$> 1.5$	1.0–1.5	$< 1.0$
Indexed AVA (cm <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> )	–	$> 0.85$	0.60–0.85	$< 0.6$
Velocity ratio	–	$> 0.50$	0.25–0.50	$< 0.25$

Baumgartner et al  
EACVI/ASE. EHJ im 2017

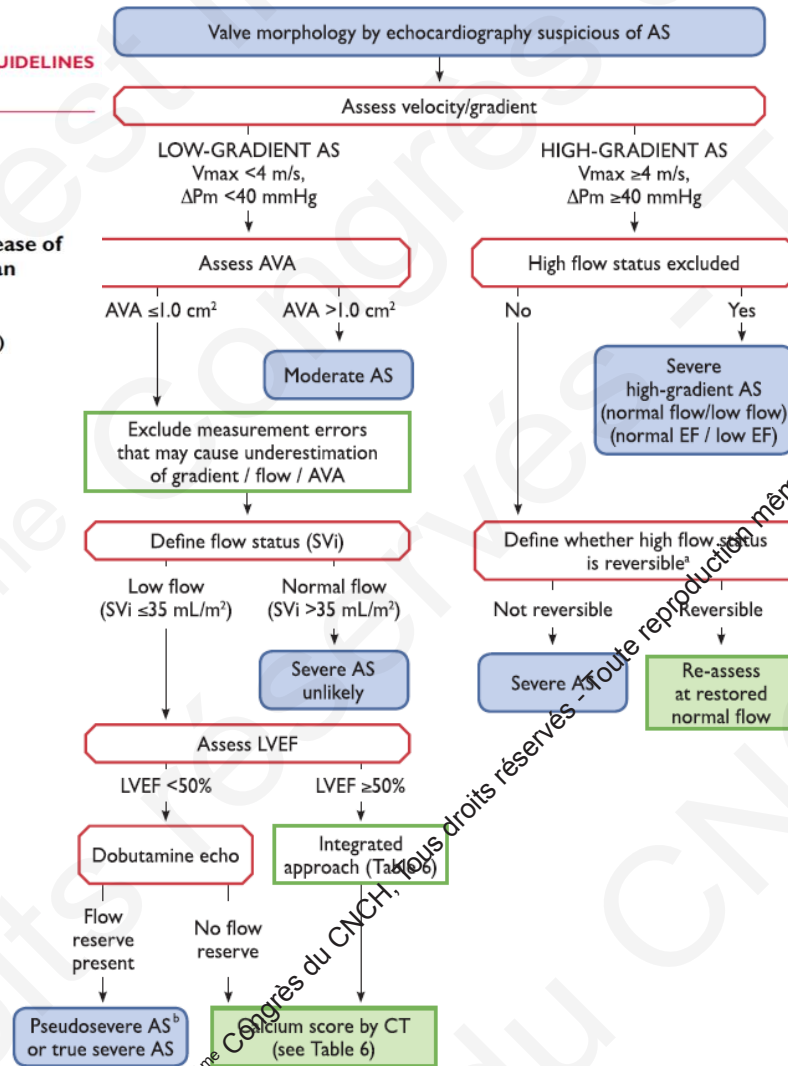
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The Task Force for the Management of Valvular Heart Disease of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS)

Authors/Task Force Members: Helmut Baumgartner\* (ESC Chairperson)

- 1) Vmax
- 2) Mean Pressure Gradient
- 3) AVA
- 4) Indexed Stroke Volume
- 5) LV EF

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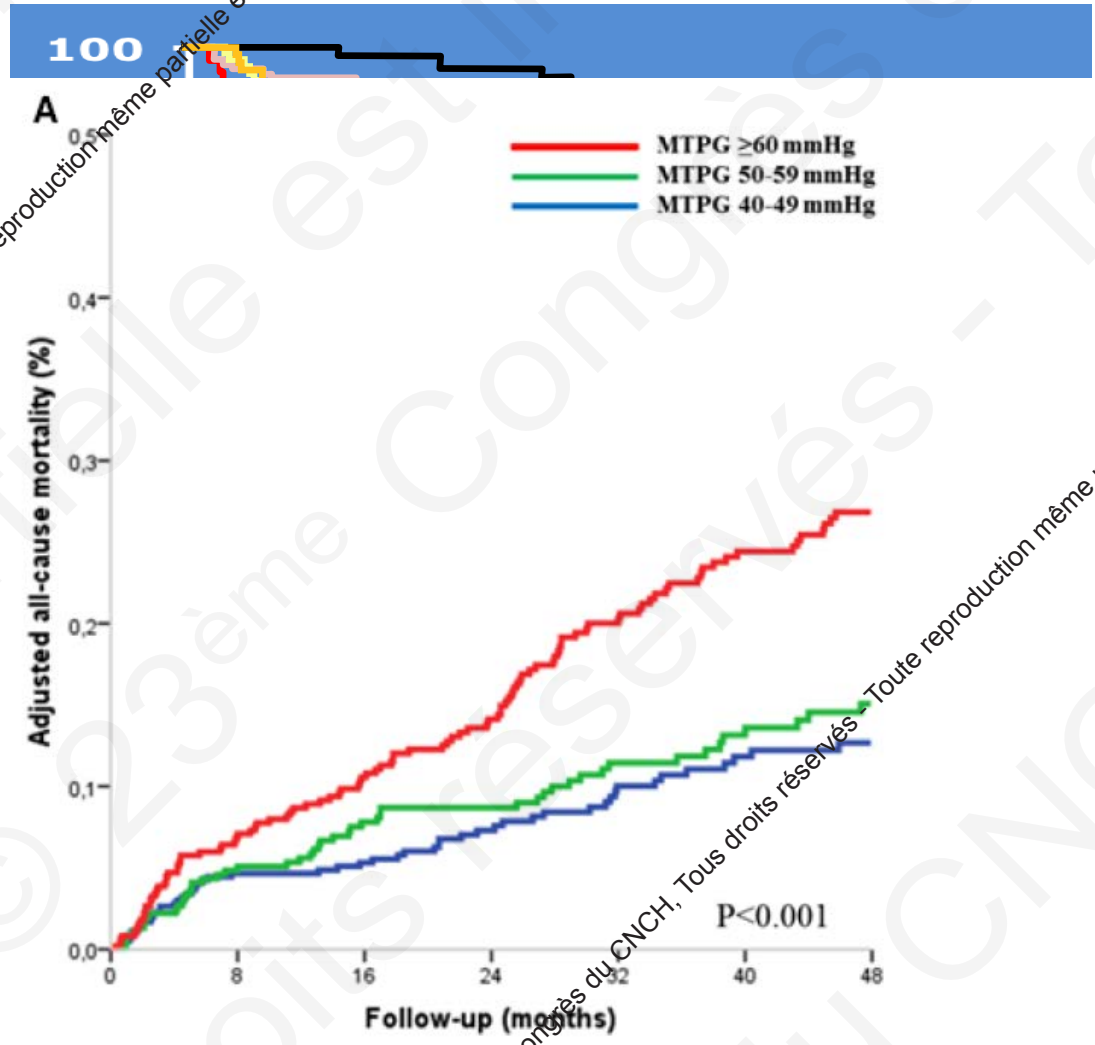
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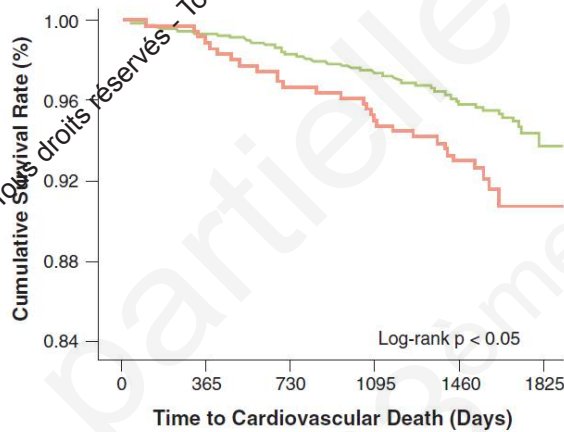
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# Lower Transaortic Flow Rate Is Associated With Increased Mortality in Aortic Valve Stenosis

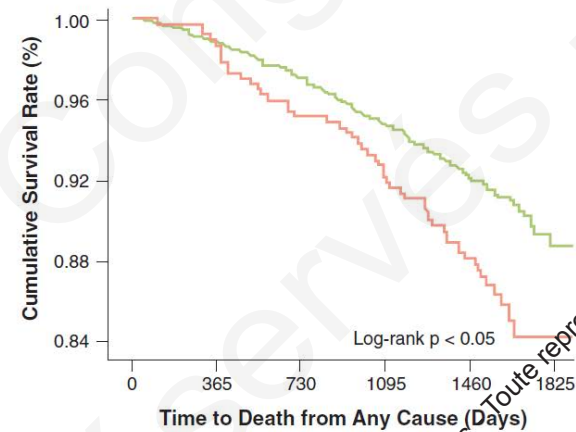


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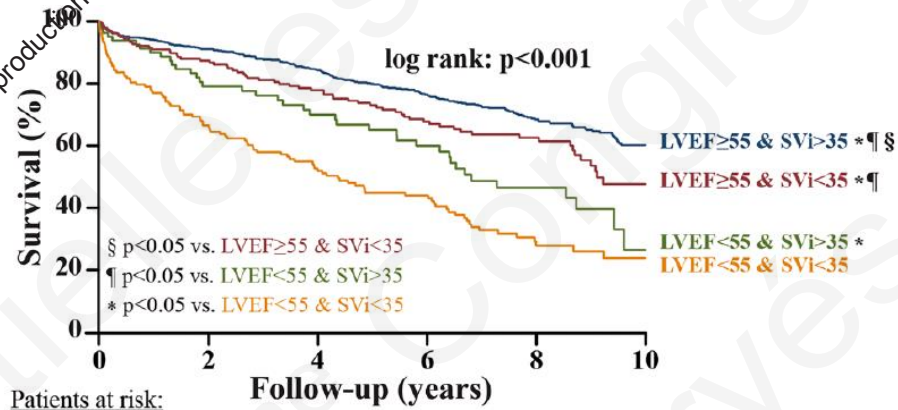
**CONCLUSIONS** In patients with AS without known cardiovascular disease or diabetes, low transaortic FR was independently associated with higher rates of cardiovascular and all-cause mortality. (An Investigational Drug on Clinical Outcomes in Patients With Aortic Stenosis (Narrowing of the Major Blood Vessel of the Heart) (MK-0653A-043 AM4); [NCT00092677](https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/study/NCT00092677)) (J Am Coll Cardiol Img 2017;10:912-20) © 2017 by the American College of Cardiology Foundation.

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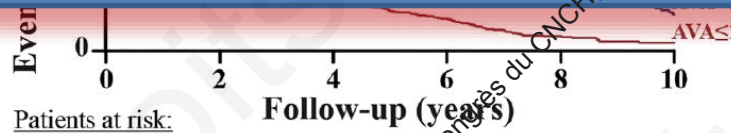
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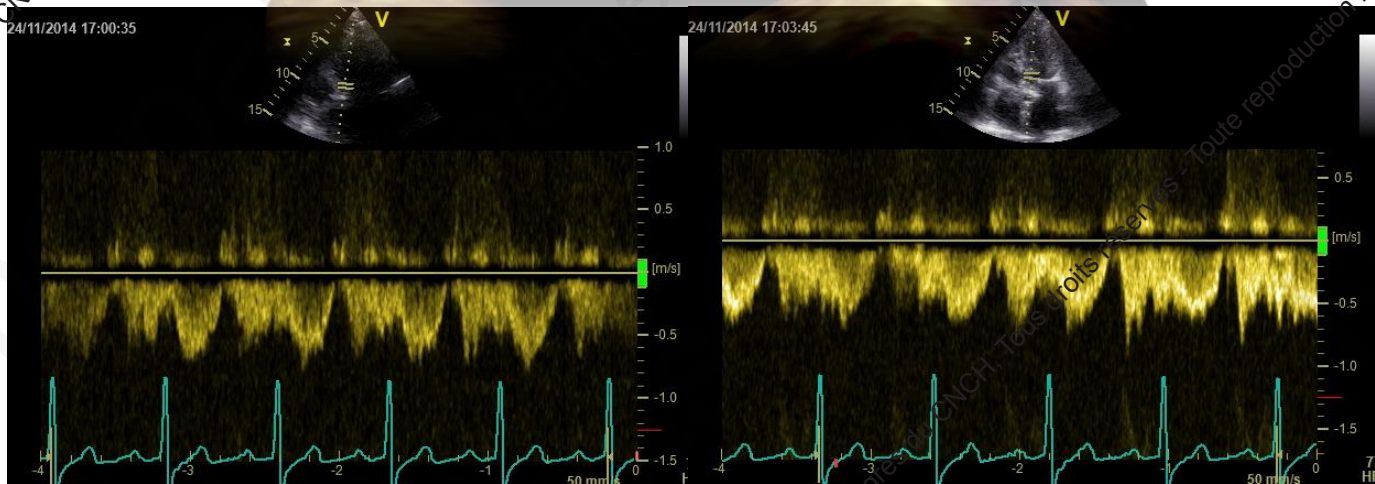
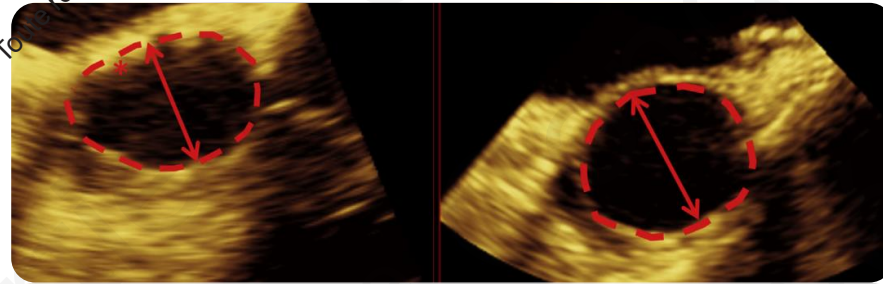
The most powerful echocardiographic predictors of mortality are low LVEF and low flow, whereas AS severity parameters predict valve-related events but not overall mortality. Hence, **low flow should be integrated in the risk stratification and therapeutic decision-making in patients with AS.**



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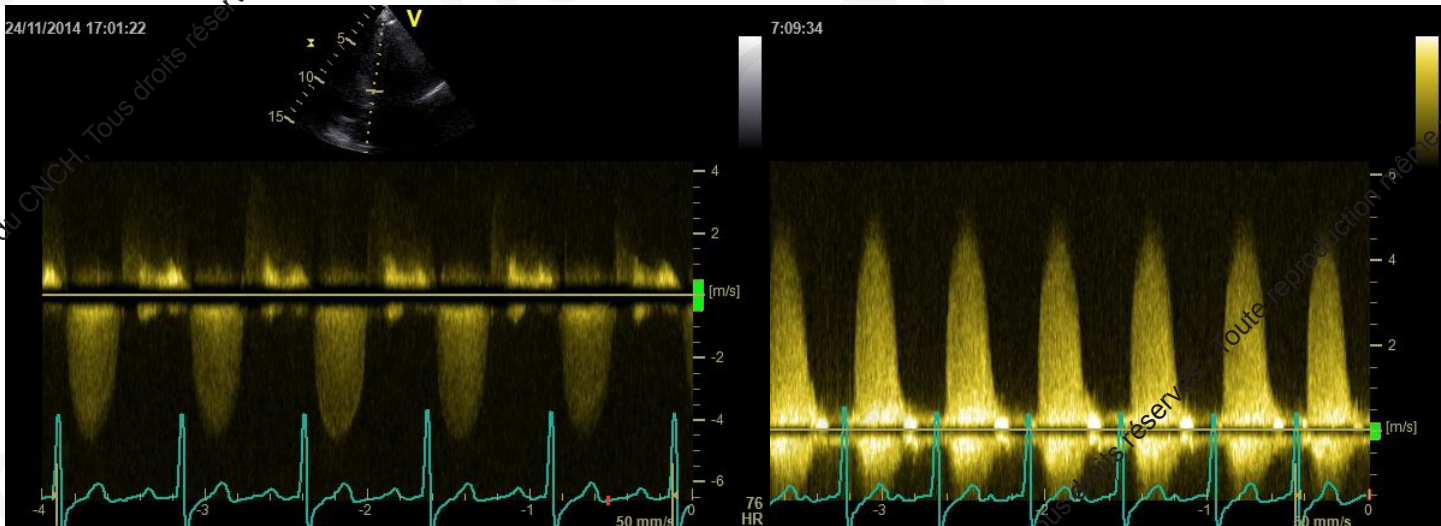
# Assessment of the LVOT & its VTI



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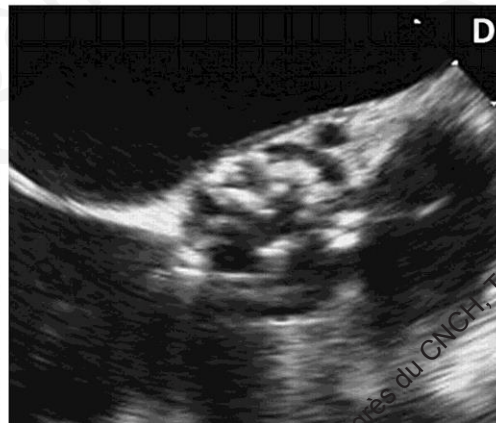
# Assessment of trans Ao maximal velocity and gradient



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**Different degrees of aortic valve calcification assessed using a semi-quantitative score:**



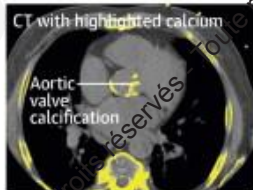
**1= minimal  
(panel A),**

**2= mild (panel  
B),**

**3= moderate  
(panel C),**

**4= severe  
calcifications  
(panel D).**

### Calcium Measurement



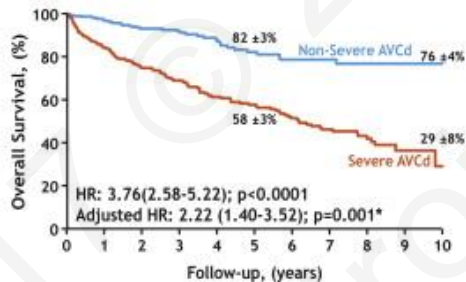
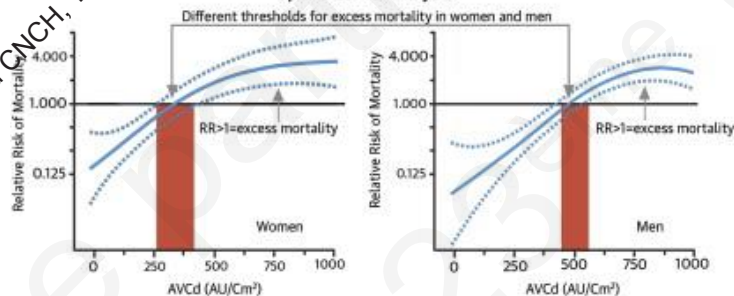
### Thresholds of Aortic Valve Calcification

Aortic Valve Calcification (AVC total)	
Women	Men
1274 AU	2065 AU

Aortic Valve Calcification Density (AVCd)	
$AVCd = \frac{AVC}{\text{aortic annulus area}}$	
Women	Men
292 AU/cm <sup>2</sup>	476 AU/cm <sup>2</sup>

**Impact of Aortic Valve Calcification, as Measured by MDCT, on Survival in Patients With Aortic Stenosis : Results of an International Registry Study**

### Spline Curve Analysis



**Severe AVC  
≥1,274 AU in  
women and  
≥2,065 AU in  
men**

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SAVR should be considered in asymptomatic patients with normal ejection fraction and none of the above-mentioned exercise test abnormalities if the surgical risk is low and one of the following findings is present:

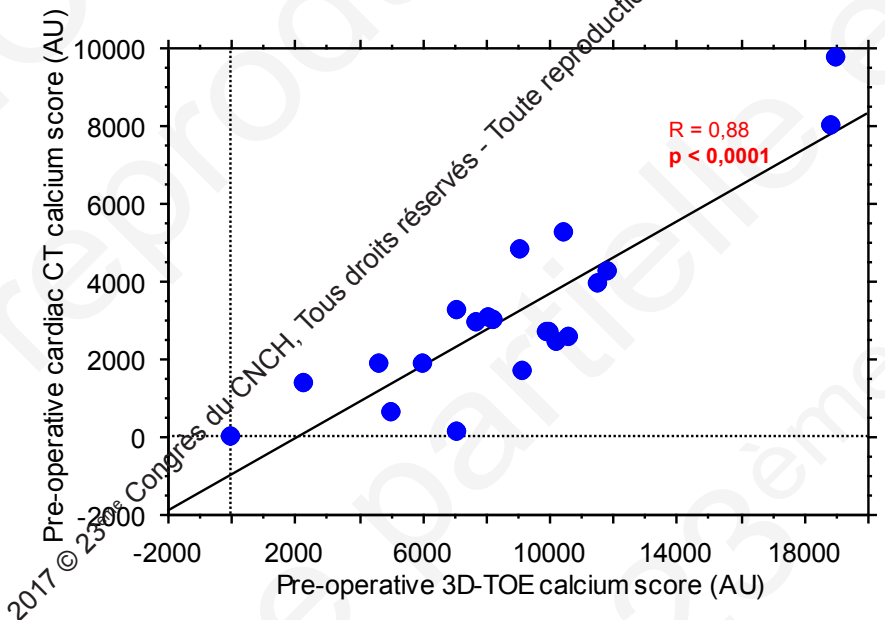
- very severe aortic stenosis defined by a  $V_{max} > 5.5$  m/s,
- severe valve calcification and a rate of  $V_{max}$  progression  $\geq 0.3$  m/s/year,
- markedly elevated BNP levels (>threefold age- and sex-corrected normal range) confirmed by repeated measurements without other explanations,
- severe pulmonary hypertension (systolic pulmonary artery pressure at rest  $> 60$  mmHg confirmed by invasive measurement) without other explanation.

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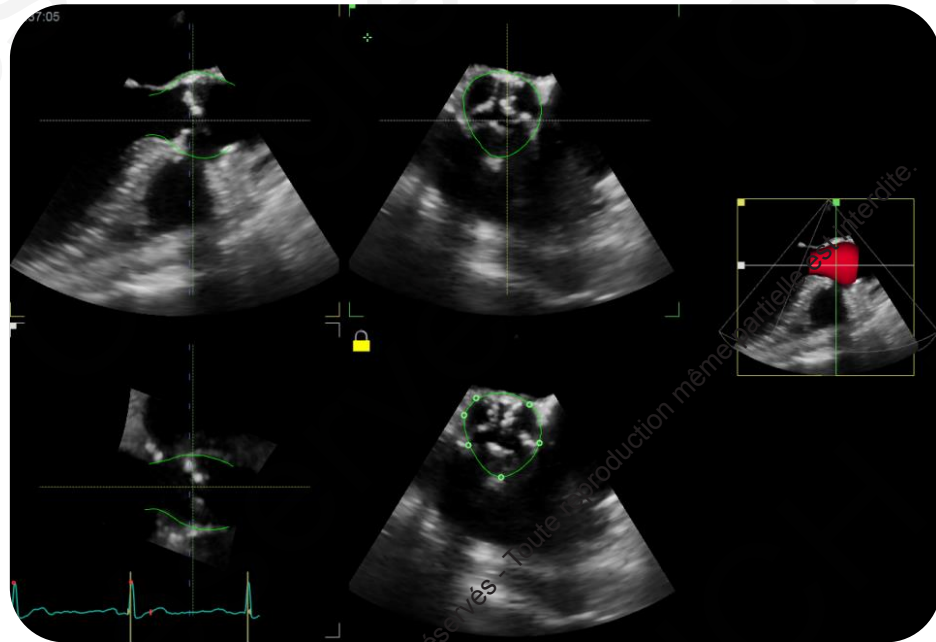
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• Calcium score by MSCT:

- Severe aortic stenosis very likely:  
men  $\geq 3000$ ; women  $\geq 1600$ ,
- Severe aortic stenosis likely:  
men  $\geq 2000$ ; women  $\geq 1200$ ,
- Severe aortic stenosis unlikely:  
men  $< 1600$ ; women  $< 800$ .

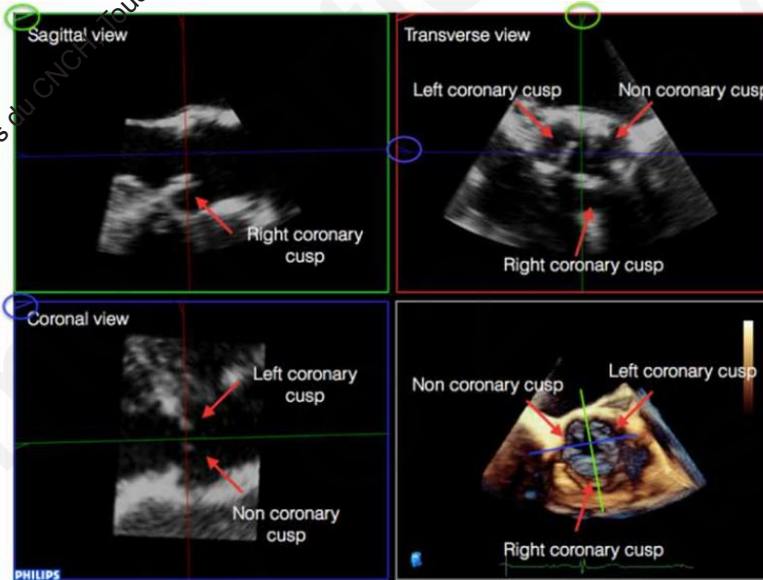
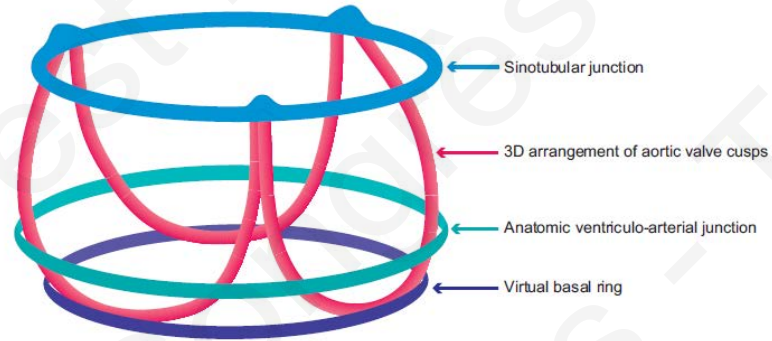
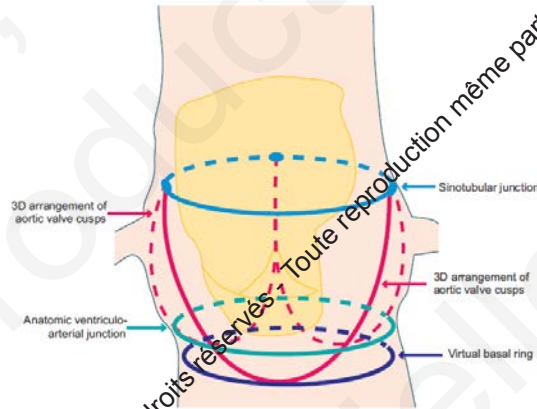


**Regression plot for the correlation between pre-operative 3D-TOE calcium score and pre-operative cardiac CT calcium score.**



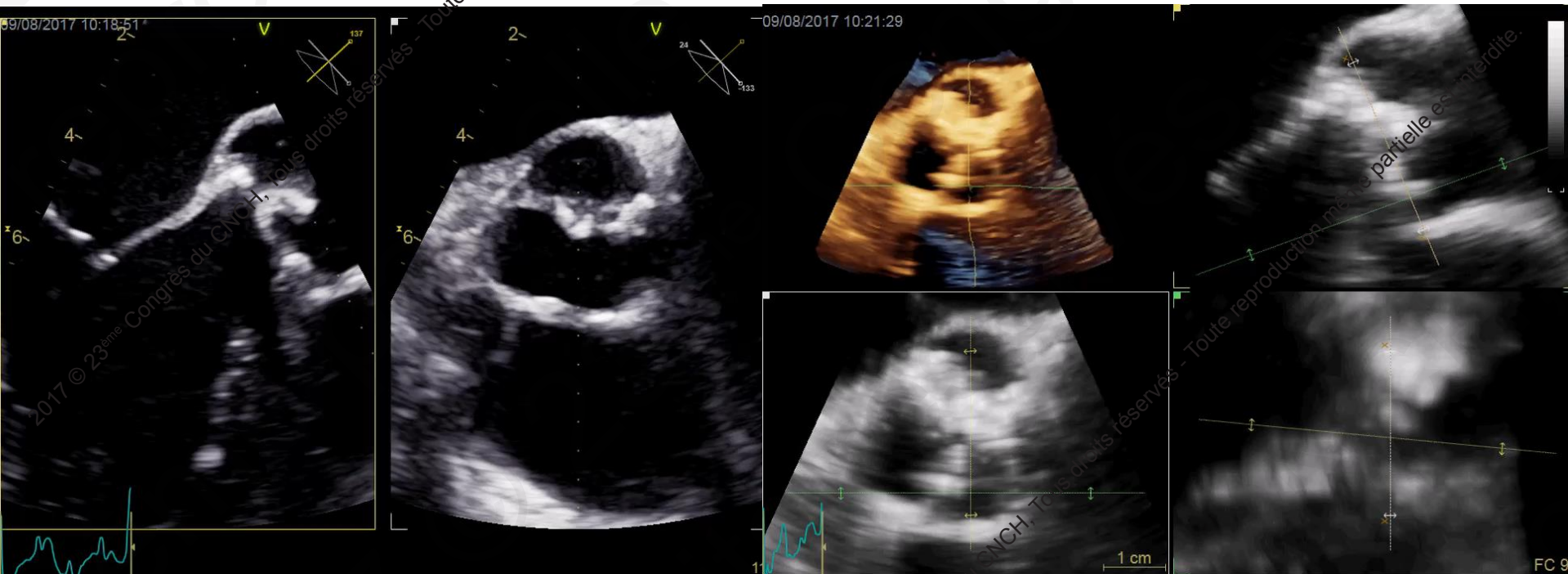
**EchoPAC® (GE Healthcare®) processing view. The green lines are the automatic segmentation of the aortic annulus and can be manually adjusted.**





**KEY Importance of the LVOT**  
**KEY importance of the stroke volume**

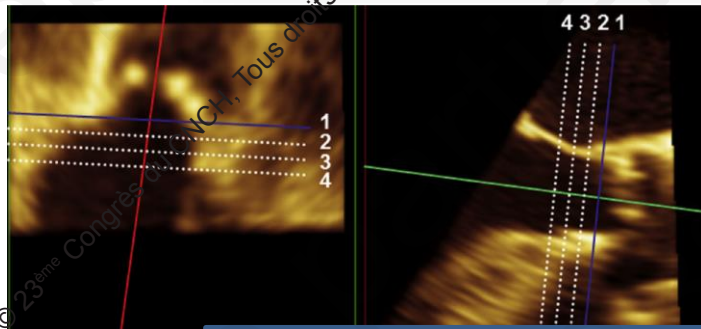
**Also**  
**Key Importance of the diagnosis of bicuspid valves and very asymmetric calcifications**



# Three-Dimensional Morphology of the Left Ventricular Outflow Tract: Impact on Grading Aortic Stenosis Severity

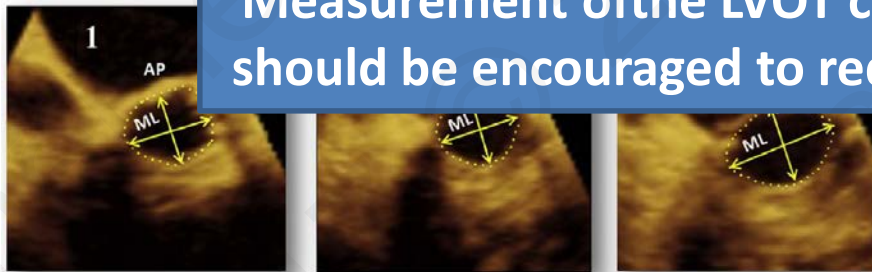


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- 1) A large portion of AS patients have funnel-shaped and elliptical LVOTs,
- 2) This is more pronounced in the region farther from the annular plane.
- 3) 2D LVOT measurement closer to the annular plane has the best correlation with 3D measurements.

Measurement of the LVOT closer to the annular plane should be encouraged to reduce measurement errors.



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# Take home messages

Percutaneous Approaches are part of the treatments available for the Heart Team : **THINK about these new approaches !**

Potential candidate have to be referred to a heart team (imaging, interventionalist, surgeon, anesthesiologist)

Echo is specific and has to include a real 3D in TTE and TOE+++ and Standardisation.