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Anesthesiological considerations during thoracic aortic surgery



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Thoracic Aortic Surgery = Challenge

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Blood loss

Interruption of Blood Flow

Brain

Spinal Cord

Heart

Kidneys

Liver

Intestine

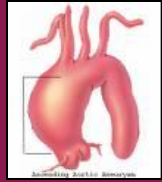
Limbs



Organ Protection

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Thoracic Aortic Aneurysms

Ascending Aortic & Arch Aneurysms

Descending Thoracic/Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysms



Aortic Dissection

Type A

Type B

Traumatic Aortic Injury

Aortic Atheromatous Disease

Aortic Coarctation

Penetrating Atherosclerotic Ulcus

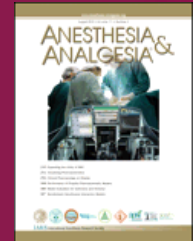


EDITORIAL:

Albert T. Cheung

An Evolving Role of Anesthesiologists in the Management of Thoracic Aortic Diseases

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Special Article:

2010 ACCF/AHA/AATS/ACR/ASA/SCA/SCAI/SIR/STS/SVM Guidelines for The Diagnosis and Management of Patients with Thoracic Aortic Disease: Executive Summary:

A Report of the American College of Cardiology Foundation/American Heart Association Task Force on Practice Guidelines, American Association for Thoracic Surgery, American College of Radiology, American Stroke Association, Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists, Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions, Society of Interventional Radiology, Society of Thoracic Surgeons, and Society for Vascular Medicine

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Learn and Live

Applying Classification of Recommendations and Level of Evidence *Data available from clinical trials or registries about the usefulness/efficacy in different subpopulations, such as sex, age, history of diabetes, history of prior myocardial infarction, history of heart failure, and prior aspirin use

		SIZE OF TREATMENT EFFECT →			
		CLASS I <i>Benefit >>> Risk</i> Procedure/Treatment SHOULD be performed/administered	CLASS IIa <i>Benefit >> Risk</i> Additional studies with <i>focused objectives needed</i> IT IS REASONABLE to perform procedure/administer treatment	CLASS IIb <i>Benefit ≥ Risk</i> Additional studies with <i>broad objectives needed</i> ; additional registry data would be helpful Procedure/Treatment MAY BE CONSIDERED	CLASS III <i>Risk ≥ Benefit</i> Procedure/Treatment should NOT be performed/administered SINCE IT IS NOT HELPFUL AND MAY BE HARMFUL
ESTIMATE OF CERTAINTY (PRECISION) OF TREATMENT EFFECT	LEVEL A Multiple populations evaluated* Data derived from multiple randomized clinical trials or meta-analyses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation that procedure or treatment is useful/effective Sufficient evidence from multiple randomized trials or meta-analyses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation in favor of treatment or procedure being useful/effective Some conflicting evidence from multiple randomized trials or meta-analyses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation's usefulness/efficacy less well established Greater conflicting evidence from multiple randomized trials or meta-analyses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommendation that procedure or treatment is not useful/effective and may be harmful Sufficient evidence from multiple randomized trials or meta-analyses
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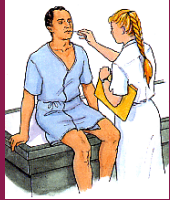
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MIGHT BE REASONABLE
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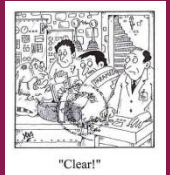
Preexisting or Associated Medical Conditions



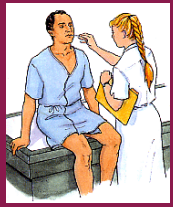
Preoperative Medications



Anaesthetic Management



Postoperative Care & Complications



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Urgency of the Operation:

Preop. Exam.

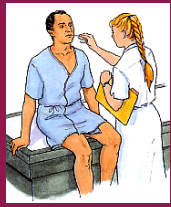
Team spirit, Infrastructure, Protocols

Pathology & Extent of the Disease

Median Sternotomy vs. Thoracotomy vs. Stent

Mediastinal Mass Effect: **Intubation & TEE**

Airway Compression or Deviation



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Baseline Organ Function:

Renal: Fluid management
Pharmacology

Cerebrovascular

Hepatic: Coagulation
Pharmacology

Hematologic: Coagulation

Lung: COPD

Con. Tiss. Disease

Atherosclerosis: Coronary/Peripheral
Ischemia/Embolism



Preexisting or Associated Medical Conditions

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Aortic Valve Disease
Cardiac Tamponade
Coronary Artery Stenosis
Cardiomyopathy
Cerebrovascular Disease
Pulmonary Disease
Renal Insufficiency
Esophageal Disease
Coagulopathy
Prior Cardiac Operations



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Medications to be continued:

Cardiac

Pulmonary

Antiseizure

Medications to be discontinued:

Anti-vit K

Aspirin

Platelet ADP receptor antagonists

(clopidogrel, ticlopidine)

Platelet GP IIb/IIIa inhibitors

(abciximab, eptifibatide, tirofiban)

Tight glycemetic control



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Hemodynamic Monitoring

Anaesthetic Pharmacology

Neurophysiologic Monitoring **Ila B**

Single-Lung Ventilation for Thoracotomy

Potential for Bleeding

**Taylored & Individualized
Anesthetic Technique &
Monitoring I C**

Preserve Normothermia

Antibiotic Prophylaxis



Hemodynamic Monitoring

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Standard Monitoring +

Temperature (tymp., esoph., PA, urinary cath., nasoph.)

Proximal Aortic Pressure (left +/- right radial)

Distal Aortic Pressure

Central Venous Pressure

Pulmonary Artery Pressure, C.O. & S_vO_2

TEE **Ila B**



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10th Christmas Echo

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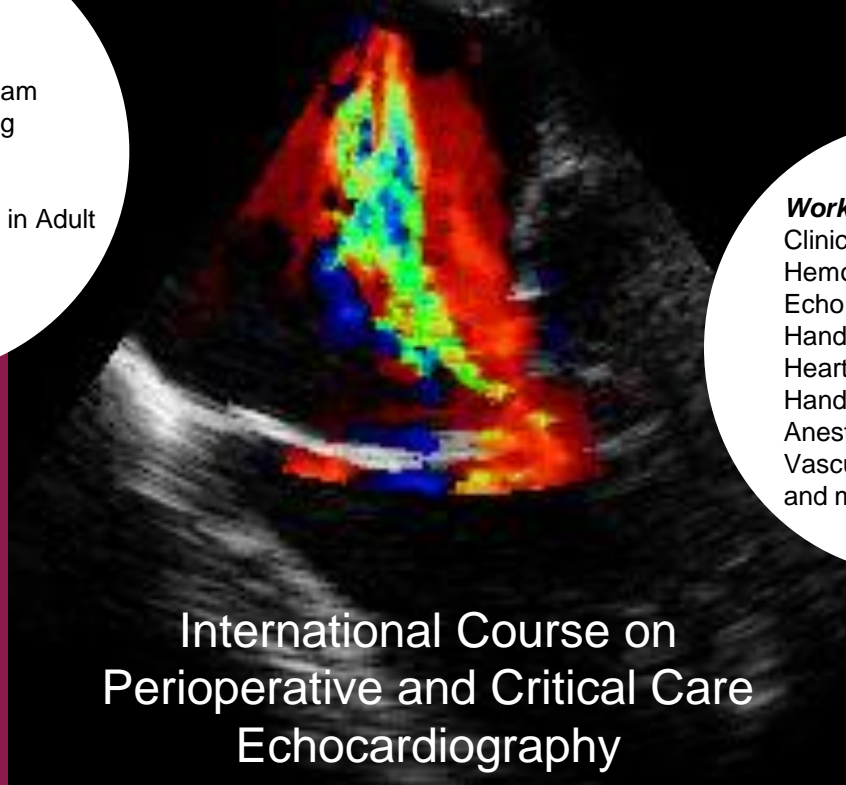
Test yourself!

Basic course

Pre-and post-course exam
Image recognition testing

Advanced course

Simulated exam for the
European Accreditation in Adult
Transesophageal
Echocardiography



Workshops

Clinical cases
Hemodynamics
Echo in the ICU
Hands-on TTE
Heart valves Symposium
Hands-on Regional
Anesthesia and
Vascular Access
and more !

AORTIC DISEASE
J. CODDENS

International Course on
Perioperative and Critical Care
Echocardiography



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A joint initiative of the Belgian Society of
Anaesthesia and Reanimation and the section
Cardiac Anesthesia
of the Dutch Society of Anesthesiology





Anaesthetic Pharmacology

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Vasodilators/Vasoconstrictors
Inotropic agents/Beta blocking agents

Inhaled/I.V. Anesthetics/LoCOREGIONAL
Preconditioning/Organ protection
Dose reduction during hypothermia

EEG/SSEP: Barbiturates
Propofol high bolus
MEP: NMB Agents

Antifibrinolytics: Aprotinin
 ϵ -aminocaproic acid
Tranexate
Stop during DHCA

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Neurophysiologic Monitoring

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Electroencephalography (EEG)

Somatosensory Evoked Potentials (SSEPs)

Motor Evoked Potentials (MEPs)

Jugular Venous Oxygen Saturation

Lumbar CSF Pressure

Near Infrared Spectroscopy

Body Temperature



Single-Lung Ventilation for Thoracotomy

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Double-Lumen Endobronchial Tube

Endobronchial Blocker



Fibroscope



Year	Left	Right
2003	329	36
2004	378	27
2005	351	38
2006	452	25
2007	439	20
2008	458	30
2009	504	30

Yearly DLT intubations OLV

Reliability of auscultation in positioning of double-lumen endobronchial tubes.

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Potential for Bleeding

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Large-bore intravenous access

Blood Product Availability

Antifibrinolytic Therapy

Coagulation Monitoring





(Medtronic Femoral Arterial Cannula DLP, Grand Rapids. MI):

33 consecutive patients recalled

23 responders (1+, 9 non responders)

162 days postop (41 – 339)

No subj. complaints (cosm, tenderness...)

Some swelling & redness in recent cases

Duplex completely normal

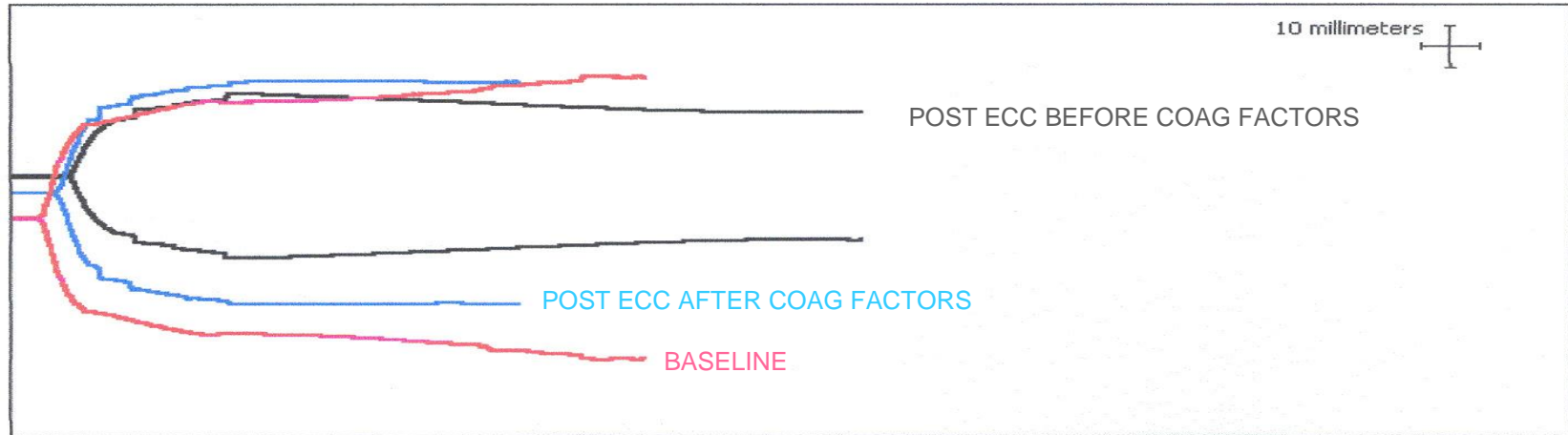
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n=8	AGE (Y)	L (cm)	BW(Kg)	ECC(min)	DH(min)	AoX(min)	CA(min)	PY%	CS(ml)	RBC(U)	FFP(U)	THR(U)
Min	42	169	82	121	17	0	0	9	200	0.0	0.0	0.0
Max	67	181	112	254	32	181	20	18	1450	7.0	4.0	2.0
Mean	54	176	92	184	27	102	4	13	638	1.1	0.5	0.3
Stdev	10	4	10	49	6	59	8	3	401	2.4	1.4	0.8

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An algorithmic approach to transfusion, antifibrinolytic and anticoagulation management is reasonable IIa C

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Hypothermia

Hypotension

Hypertension

Bleeding

Spinal Cord Ischemia

Stroke

Renal Insufficiency

Respiratory Insufficiency

Phrenic Nerve Injury

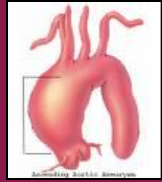
Diaphragmatic Dysfunction

Recurrent Laryngeal Nerve Injury

Pain Management

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Thoracic Aortic Aneurysms

Ascending Aortic & Arch Aneurysms

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Aortic Dissection

Type A

Type B

Traumatic Aortic Injury

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Penetrating Atherosclerotic Ulcus



Thoracic Aortic Aneurysms

Associated Lesions:

Aortic Root & Ascending Aorta: Bicuspid AV

Aortic Regurgitation

Annuloaortic ectasia

Mass effect: recurrent nerve

left atelectasis

superior vena cava syndrome

dysphagia

dyspnoea

Embolism: stroke, mesenteric, renal, limb.

Tamponade

Hemothorax

Aorto-bronchial fistula

Aorto-esophageal fistula

TEE extremely valuable

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Aortic Root & Proximal Ascending Aorta:

Sternotomy
Aortic Cannulation
ECC

Distal Ascending Aorta & Arch:

Sternotomy
Femoral Cannulation
ECC
DHCA, ACP, RCP

Descending Aorta:

Thoraco(phrenolaparo)tomy
ECC +/-

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Ascending & Aortic Arch Aneurysms

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Mediastinal Mass Effect:

Pulmonary Artery

RVOT

Trachea

Left Mainstem Bronchus

Uni- or bilateral arterial catheters

Nasopharyngeal, tympanic & bladder T

DHCA

EEG, SEP, S_vO_2



Brainprotective Strategies **Ib**

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2 Mechanisms: Hypoperfusion
Embolism

DHCA **IIa B**, Topical Cerebral Cooling

Retrograde Cerebral Perfusion **IIa B**

Selective Antegrade Cerebral Pefusion **IIa B**

Prevent Cerebral Hyperthermia during Rewarming **IIIb**

Pharmacologic Neuroprotection



DHCA:

Incomplete understanding
Autoregulation OK with α -stat
 $Q_{10} \sim 2.6$
Most effective
EEG, S_vO_2
30 min safe at 11-14 °C NP T
Topical cooling???
Duration ECC increased
Brain vulnerable during rewarming
Coagulopathy

Retrograde Cerebral Perfusion:

CVP < 25 mm Hg
10° Trendelenburg
200 – 600 ml/min
Benefits not really proven
Maintenance of cerebral hypothermia
Delivery of substrate
Decreased risk of embolism





Selective Antegrade Cerebral Perfusion:

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Oxygenated blood 10-14 C

250-1000 ml/min

50-80 mm Hg

Effectiveness supported by case series

Transcranial Doppler

Near Infrared Spectroscopy

Pharmacologic Neuroprotection:

No Proof

Barbiturates

Volatile Anaesthetics

Glucocorticoids

Mg⁺⁺SO₄⁻ 1-2 g IV

Lidocaine 200 mg IV

Mannitol 25 g IV



Descending Thoracic & Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysms

Atherosclerosis:

- Peripheral
- Cerebral
- Renal
- Coronary

COPD

Embolism:

- Mesenteric
- Renal
- Lower Limb

Temporary Interruption of Blood Flow

Thoracoabdominal Incision

Diaphragm division

Phrenic & Recurrent Nerve

Esophagus

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AORTIC SIDEBRANCHES & TEE

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Carotid aa LIMA Intercostal aa Mesenteric aa Renal aa (Spinal aa)

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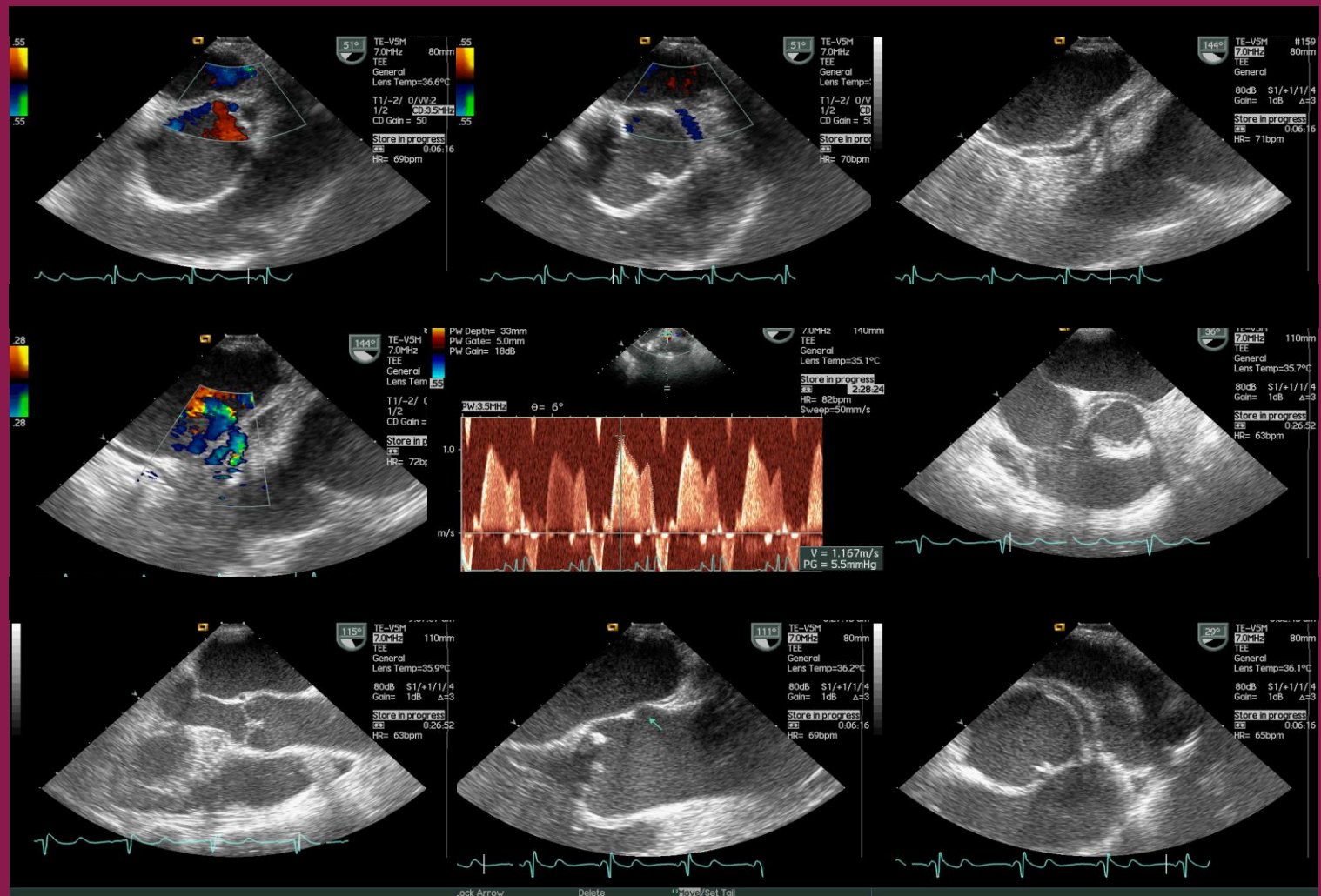
Intraoperative Severity Assessment of Coronary Artery Stenosis

in Patients at Risk: The Role of Transesophageal Echocardiography

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Surgical Techniques

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Simple Aortic Cross-Clamp:

Cross-Clamp Time

Distal Ischemia

Anhepatic Phase

Table 8-3. Incidence of Paraplegia and Renal Failure Related to Cross Clamp Time

Time (Minutes)	Paraplegia (Percentage)	Renal Failure (Percentage)
0-15	0	0
16-30	3.5	4.2
31-45	10.0	7.8
46-60	12.5	6.3
>60	25.0	0

Source: Modified from JJ Livesay, DA Cooley, RA Ventemiglia, et al. Surgical experience in descending thoracic aneurysmectomy with and without adjuncts to avoid ischemia. *Ann Thorac Surg* 1984;39:37.

Gott Shunt

Partial Left Heart Bypass:

Distal Aortic Arch, Proximal Descending Aorta

Protection of Spinal Cord & Mesenteric Organs

ECC & DHCA

Endovascular Stent Graft



Renal Protection Strategies:

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**Preoperative hydration & intraoperative mannitol
in open repair of the descending aorta **IIb C****

**Cold crystalloid or blood perfusion of renal
arteries ('nephroplegia') **IIb B****

**Furosemide, mannitol or dopamine should not be
given solely **III C****

Urine flow = monitor of renal perfusion



Advantages & Disadvantages of Distal Perfusion Techniques **IIb B**

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Potential advantages:

- Control of proximal hypertension
- Decrease LV afterload
- Less hemodynamic Δ with clamping/unclamping
- Decrease duration mesenteric ischemia
- Decrease risk of paraplegia
- Ability to control T with heat exchanger
- Vascular access for volume expansion
- Ability to use extracorporeal oxygenation
- Capability to selectively perfuse mesenteric organs
- Maintain lower extremity SSEP's & MEP's

Potential disadvantages:

- Greater level of anticoagulation
- Risk of vascular injury at cannulation site
- Risk of thromboembolic events
- Perfusionist
- Proximal & distal pressure & flow monitoring required
- Technical complexity

OLV: open procedures versus endovascular approach

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VASCULAR SURGERY	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Nbr of interventions (# dcf's)	679	688	681	637	563	603	644	537	654
THORACIC AORTA SURGERY	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Nbr of thoracic aorta interventions	87	79	93	98	78	76	113	77	61
ASCENDING AORTA - ARCH	63	52	69	70	55	49	76	54	45
<i>ARR mechanical or bioprosthesis</i>	21	23	34	32	20	25	41	16	21
<i>ARR with homograft</i>	11	8	4	4	2	3	4	3	0
<i>ARR with native valve reimplantation (David)</i>	2	7	15	2	1	2	2	4	0
<i>AVR or AVP with graft</i>	2	2	9	12	8	6	10	13	7
<i>Graft and/or repair</i>	21	11	6	19	22	13	15	14	14
<i>Endoprosthesis (stentgraft)</i>	6	1	1	1	1	0	4	3	3
<i>Dilatation</i>					1	0	0	0	0
OTHER								1	

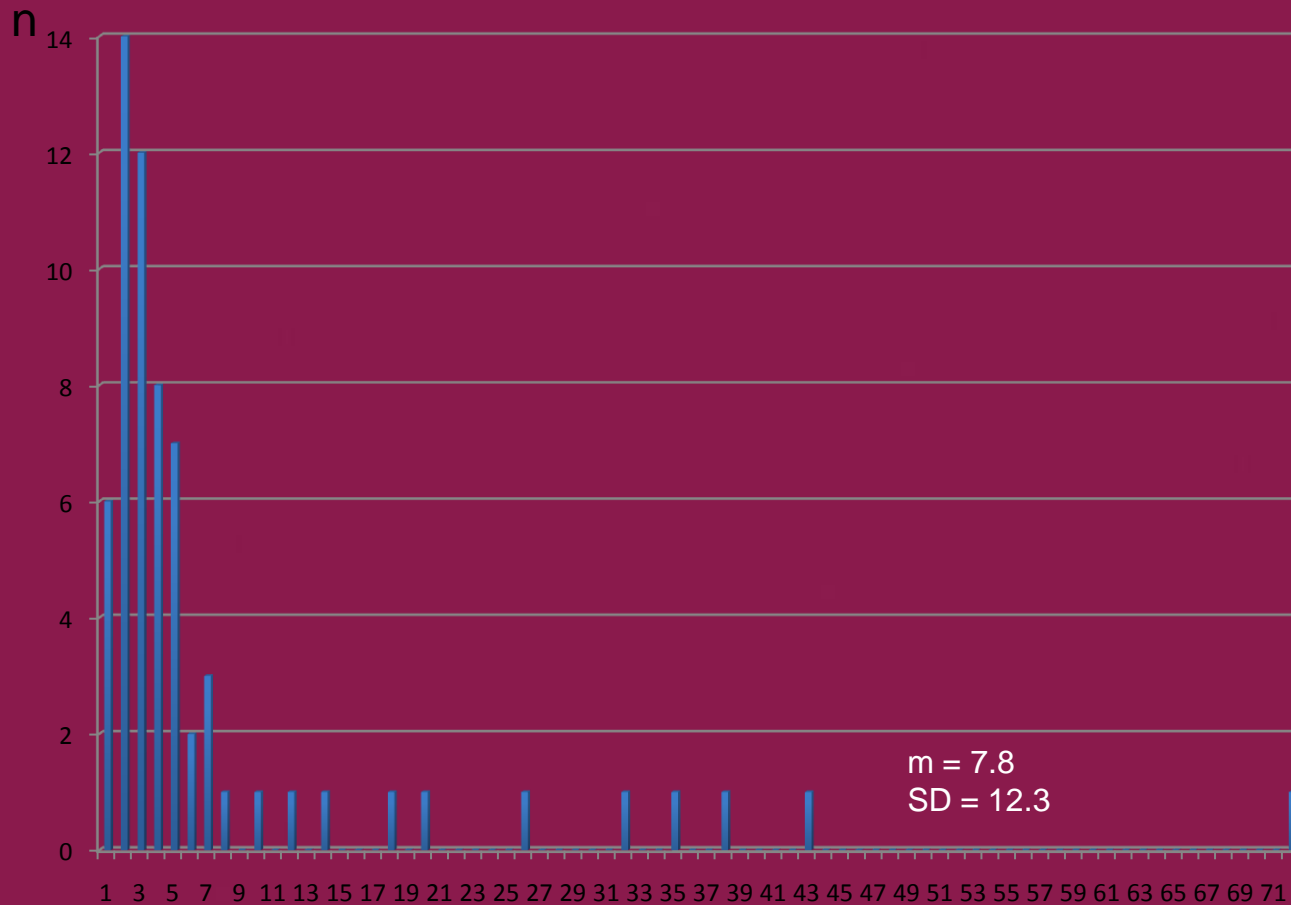
DESCENDING AORTA	14	18	13	13	15	17	22	19	15
<i>Graft and/or repair</i>	8		1	1	4	2	2	1	0
<i>Dilatation with stent</i>					1	0	0	0	0

ICU stay (days) TAA open surgery survivors

OLV Clinic 01/01/2000 to 01/01/2010

n = 85 Death = 21 Readmission = 5

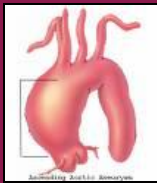
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Endovascular Stent Graft



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Advantages of TEE:

- Non-invasive
- No use of contrast agents
- 100% sensitivity & specificity to detect endoleaks

(Echocardiography-assisted surgery in transaortic endovascular stent grafting: Role of transesophageal echocardiography. Orihashi K, Matsuura Y, Sueda T, et al. J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg 120: 672-678, 2000)

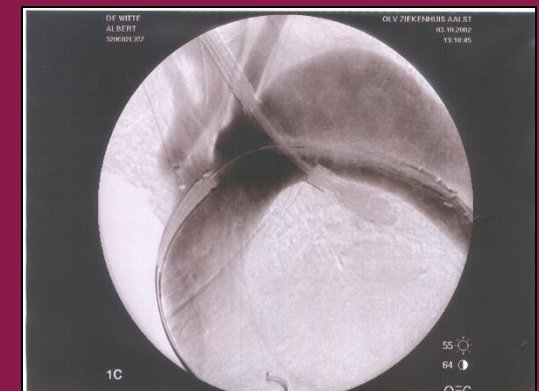
Disadvantages of TEE:

- Requires general anesthesia
- Distal ascending aorta & aortic arch difficult to visualise
- TEE probe interferes with fluoroscopy

Endovascular Aortic Repair

Ronald A. Kahn, MD, and David M. Moskowitz, MD

J. Cardiothorac Vasc Anesth, Vol 16, No 2 (April), 2002: pp 218-233



The Importance of Intraoperative Transesophageal Echocardiography in Endovascular Repair of Thoracic Aortic Aneurysms

*Madhav Swaminathan, MD**, *Catherine K. Lineberger, MD**, *Richard L. McCann, MD†*,
and *Joseph P. Mathew, MD**

Anesth Analg 2003;97:1566–72

We found TEE to be a valuable intraoperative tool for

- 1) identifying aortic pathology,
- 2) confirming that the guidewire is in the true lumen,
- 3) aiding stent graft positioning, and
- 4) Supplementing angiography for detecting endoleaks.

How to Guide Stent-Graft Implantation in Type B Aortic Dissection?: Comparison of Angiography, Transesophageal Echocardiography, and Intravascular Ultrasound

Dietmar H. Koschyk, Christoph A. Nienaber, Malgorzata Knap, Thomas Hofmann, Yskert V. Kodolitsch, Valeria Skriabina, Mohammed Ismail, Olaf Franzen, Tim C. Rehders, Christoph Dieckmann, Gunnar Lund, Hermann Reichenspurner and Thomas Meinertz

Circulation 2005;112;260-264

TEE & IVUS superior to ANGIO:

- Detection of multiple entry sites
- Detection of false lumen slow flow after stent implantation
- Detection of incomplete stent apposition
- Visualisation of guide wire position over the entire length

TEE superior to INVUS & ANGIO:

- Detection of endoleaks

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Endo-Leak: 3 Types

I Attachment site leak

- A Proximal leak
- B Distal leak
- C Iliac occluder (seen with repair AAA)

II Branch leaks

- A simple to-and-fro from branch vessel to sac
- B Complex flow

III Graft defect

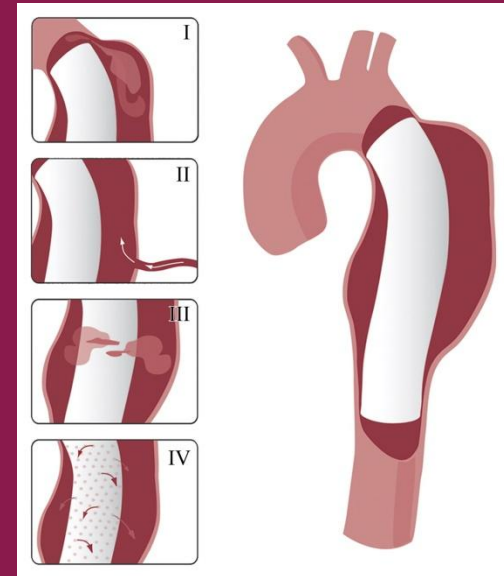
- A Midgraft hole
- B Junctional leak or graft disconnection
- Other mechanism, e.g. failure from suture holes

IV Graft wall porosity

Pseudoleak

movement of unclotted blood in aneurysmal sac or false lumen

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Selective Lung Ventilation:

Double Lumen Endobronchial Tube

Endobronchial Blocker

To be exchanged at end procedure III C

Right Radial Artery Catheter (prox. pressure)

Femoral Artery Catheter (distal pressure)

CVP, PAP, CO, SVO₂

SSEP, MEP

Postoperative pain management

Prevention of Postoperative Paraplegia



Postoperative Paraplegia

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Risk Factors:

- Aneurysm Extent
- Hypotension or Cardiogenic Shock
- Emergency Operation
- Aortic Rupture
- Presence of Dissection
- Duration of Cross Clamp
- Sacrifice of Intercostal or Segmental Arteries
- Prior Thoracic or Abdominal Aneurysm Repair
- Prior Repair of Type A Dissection
- Occlusive Peripheral Vascular Disease
- Anemia

Anatomy of Blood Supply

Immediate-onset vs Delayed-onset:

Preventive vs Therapeutic Interventions

Blood supply to the spinal cord: vertical distribution

Generally the proportion of flow is greatest from the radicularis magna (artery of Adamkiewicz) to the thoracolumbar region. In abnormal situations (e.g. high take-off) the iliac artery branch may supply the lower thoracolumbar region of the cord entering by way of the intervertebral foramen in the vicinity of L4-5

Blood supply to the spinal cord: horizontal distribution

Arterial supply and venous drainage of the spinal cord



Strategies to Decrease the Risk of Intraoperative Spinal Cord Ischemia

Minimize Aortic Cross-Clamp Time

Distal Aortic Perfusion **IIb B**

Gott Shunt

Partial LV Bypass

Partial CPB

Deliberate Hypothermia

Mild to moderate systemic hypothermia (32-35 C) **IIa B**

DHCA (14-18 C)

Selective spinal cord hypothermia (epidural cooling 25 C) **IIb B**

Increase Spinal Cord Perfusion Pressure

Re-implantation of critical intercostal & segmental arteries

Lumbar CSF drainage (CSF pressure < 10mm Hg) **I B**

Arterial pressure augmentation (MAP > 85 mm Hg) **IIa B**

Monitoring of Lower Extremity Neurophysiologic Function **IIb B**

SSEP's, MEP's

Postoperative Neurologic Evaluation for Early Detection of Delayed-onset Paraplegia

Serial neurologic examinations

Pharmacological Neuroprotection **IIb B**

Glucocorticoid, Barbiturates, MgSO₄, Mannitol, Naloxone, Lidocaine, Intrathecal papaverine

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Lumbar CSF Drainage: Prevention & Treatment

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Lumbar CSC Perfusion Pressure = MAP – Lumbar CSF Pressure

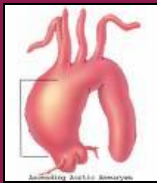
Aortic X Clamp
Reperfusion
Increased CVP
Spinal Edema } → Increased CSF Pressure

CSF Drainage → Decreased CSF Pressure

14 G Tuohy needle L3-L4, closed system
Silicon elastomer ventriculostomy catheter 10-15 cm
Continuous monitoring: $P_{CSF} < 10$ mm Hg
Inserted before surgery
Drainage for 24 h
Left capped for 24 h
Removed after 48 h if normal neurologic exam & coagulation

Complications:

- Epidural hematoma
- Intradural hematoma
- Catheter fracture
- Meningitis
- Intracranial hypotension
- Lumbar puncture headache



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PRO AND CON

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Section Editor

**Pro: Cerebrospinal Fluid Drainage Protects the Spinal Cord During
Thoracoabdominal Aortic Reconstruction Surgery**

Sherif Afifi, MD, FCCM

**Con: Cerebrospinal Fluid Drainage Does Not Protect the Spinal Cord During
Thoracoabdominal Aortic Reconstruction Surgery**

Lee Wallace, MD

Journal of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Anesthesia, Vol 16, No 5 (October), 2002: pp 650-652



Case reports & 2 studies attest *treatment* efficacy


1 Meta-analysis failed to prove *preventive* benefit*

1 RCT (n=150) showed 80% *preventive* risk reduction

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Joseph S. Coselli, MD, Scott A. LeMaire, MD, Cüneyt Köksoy, MD, Zachary C. Schmittling, MD, and Patrick E. Curling, MD, *Houston, Tex*





Arterial Pressure Augmentation: Preventive & Therapeutic

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Lumbar CSC Perfusion Pressure = MAP – Lumbar CSF Pressure > 70 mm Hg

Loss of segmental arteries
Hypotension
Ischemic sympathetic dysfunction



→ Decreased CSF Perfusion Pressure

Combined with CSF drainage

Norepinephrine

Phenylephrine

Epinephrine

Vasopressin

MAP > 80 – 100 mm Hg

Documented effectiveness



Intraoperative Neurophysiologic Monitoring

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SSEP:

Stimulation:

Peripheral nerves

Recording:

Peripheral nerves

Spinal cord

Brainstem

Thalamus

Cerebral cortex

Anaesthesia:

Balanced IV (narcotic, NMBA, BZDP, propofol, < 0.5 MAC volatile)

MEP:

Stimulation:

Scalp

Recording:

Anterior tibialis muscle

Anaesthesia:

TIVA, no NMBA

Interference:

Anesthetic agents

Hypothermia

Electrical interferenc

Comparison of lower to upper extremity

Spinal cord ischemia: decrease/disappearance of EP

CONTROVERSIAL:

SSEP only posterior part of spinal cord

False positives

Corrective measures:

Increase proximal perfusion pressure

Increase distal perfusion pressure

Increase distal aortic flow rate

Change position of proximal or distal clamp

Reattachment of additional arteries



Selective Spinal Cord Cooling

Cumbersome

Limited clinical experience (a few centers)

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Pharmacologic Protection of the Spinal Cord

Glucocorticoids

Thiopental

Mannitol

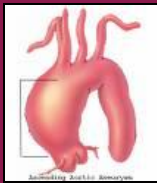
Mg⁺⁺SO₄⁻

Ca⁺⁺ channel antagonists

Papaverine

Naloxone

No evidence of efficacy

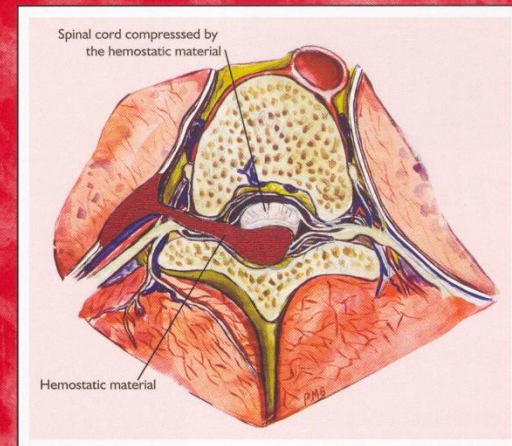


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Regional techniques are not recommended in patients at risk for epidural hematoma formation III C

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Incidence of epidural haematoma and neurological injury in cardiovascular patients with epidural analgesia/anaesthesia: systematic review and meta-analysis.

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Ho, Anthony M.-H. MS, MD, FRCPC, FCCP; Li, Peggy T. Y. MB, ChB; Karmakar, Manoj K. MD, FRCA

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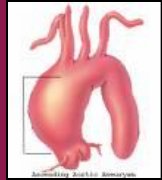
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General Considerations

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Thoracic Aortic Aneurysms

Ascending Aortic & Arch Aneurysms

Descending Thoracic/Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysms



Aortic Dissection

Type A

Type B

Traumatic Aortic Injury

Aortic Atheromatous Disease

Aortic Coarctation

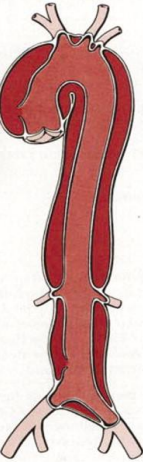
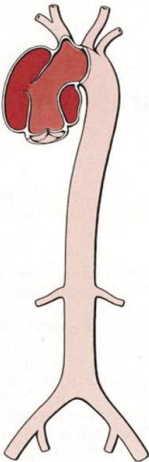

Penetrating Atherosclerotic Ulcus



Aortic Dissection

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De Bakey Type I	Type II	Type III
		
Stanford	Type A	Type B
De Bakey Type I Originates in the ascending aorta, propagates at least to the aortic arch and often beyond it distally Type II Originates in and is confined to the ascending aorta Type III Originates in the descending aorta and extends distally down the aorta or, rarely, retrograde into the aortic arch and ascending aorta Stanford Type A All dissections involving the ascending aorta, regardless of the site of origin Type B All dissections not involving the ascending aorta		

Mechanisms of Disease

Chronic dissection can dilate
Aneurysm can dissect

Intimal tear without IMH
IMH without intimal tear
Rupture of vasavasorum
Ulcerating plaque

Genotype + environment = phenotype
Aortic segments
Dilatation = growth

Iatrogenic

Aortic Dissection: New Frontiers in Diagnosis and Management.
Christoph A. Nienaber, MD; Kim Eagle, MD.
Circulation 2003 108: 628 - 635



Predisposing Factors for Aortic Dissection:

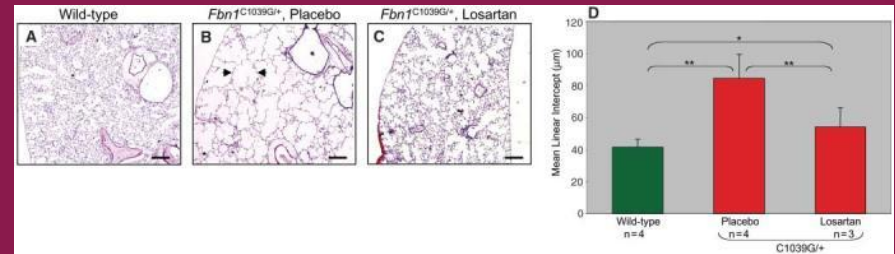
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Hypertension
Cystic Media Degeneration
Atherosclerosis

Marfan's Syndrome
Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome
Annuloaortic Ectasia
Bicuspid Aortic Valve
Aortic Coarctation
Familial Aortic Dissection

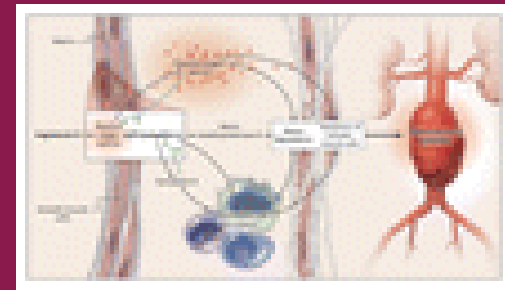
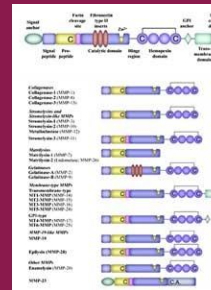
Pregnancy
Crack Cocaine Abuse
Arteritis
Aortic Trauma/Iatrogenic



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Losartan, an AT1 antagonist, prevents aortic aneurysm in a mouse model of Marfan syndrome.

Science. 2006 Apr 7;312(5770):117-21.



MMP Inhibition in Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms:
Rationale for a Prospective Randomized Clinical Trial

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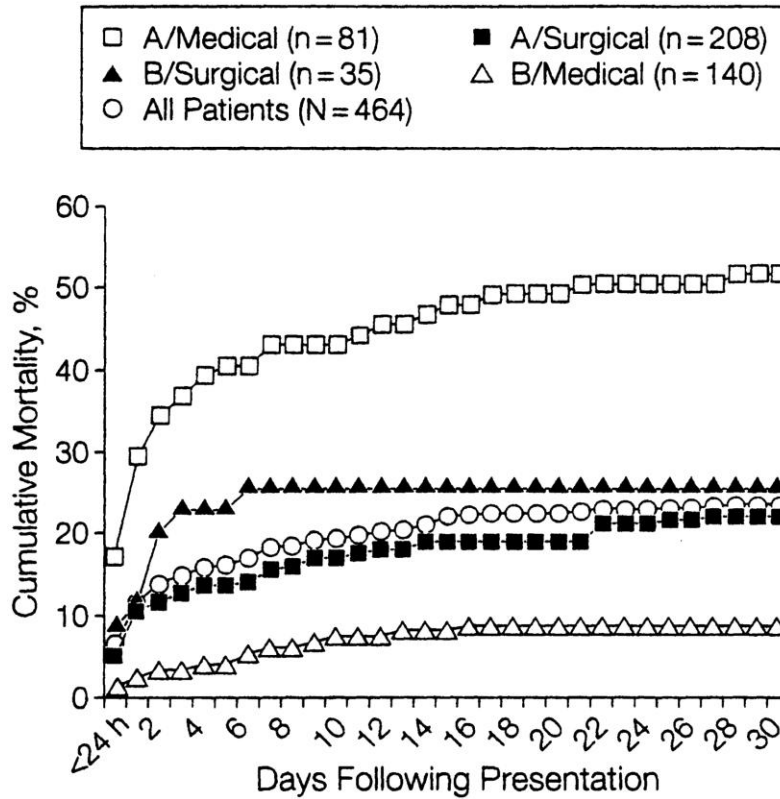
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Type A versus Type B

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Christoph A. Nienaber, Yskert von Kodolitsch, Volkmar Nicolas, Volker Siglow, Angela Piepho, Carsten Brockhoff, Dietmar H. Koschyk, and Rolf P. Spielmann



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**Diagnostic Imaging in the Evaluation of Suspected Aortic
Dissection -- Old Standards and New Directions**

Joaquin E. Cigarroa, Eric M. Isselbacher, Roman W. DeSanctis, and Kim A. Eagle

ADVANTAGE	AORTOG- RAPHY	CT	MRI	TEE
Readily available	Fairly	Quite	Fairly	Very
Rapid	Fairly	Quite	Fairly	Very
Performed at patient's bedside	No	No	No	Yes
Noninvasive	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Does not use intravenous contrast agent	No	No	Yes	Yes
Cost	High	Reasonable	Moderate	Reasonable

*TEE denotes transesophageal echocardiography.

VARIABLE	AORTOGRAPHY	CT	MRI	TEE
Sensitivity	++	++	+++	+++
Specificity	+++	+++	+++	++/+++
Site of intimal tear	++	+	+++	++
Presence of thrombus	+++	++	+++	+
Presence of aortic insufficiency	+++	-	+	+++
Pericardial effusion	-	++	+++	+++
Branch-vessel involvement	+++	+	++	+
Coronary-artery involvement	++	-	-	++

*TEE denotes transesophageal echocardiography, +++ denotes excellent results, ++ good results, + fair results, and - not detected.



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Acute Dissection = Emergency

Type A → Surgery

Type B → Medical/Surgical

Endovascular approach

Type A ~ Ascending AA + DHCA

Type B ~ TAAA

TEE

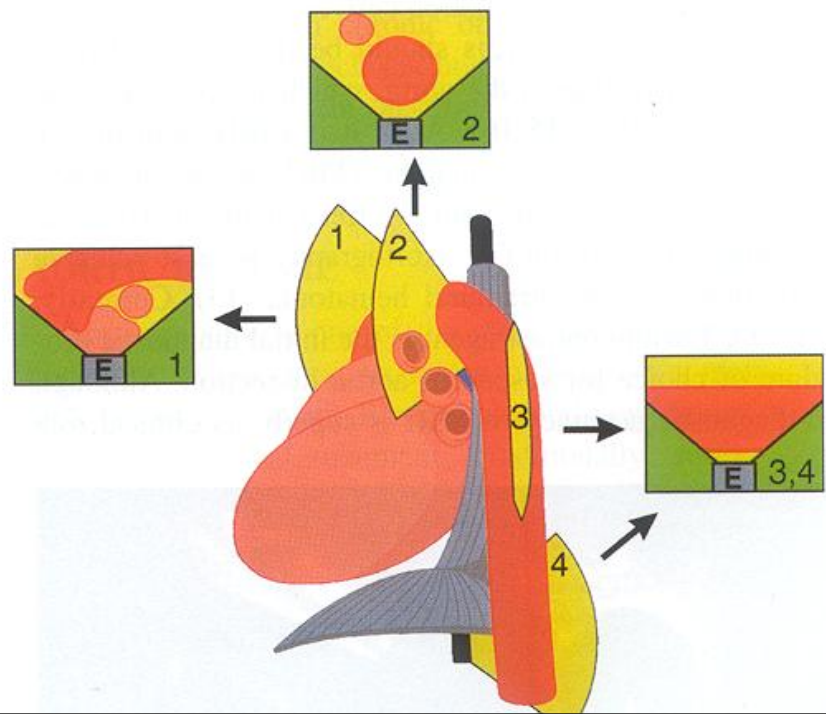
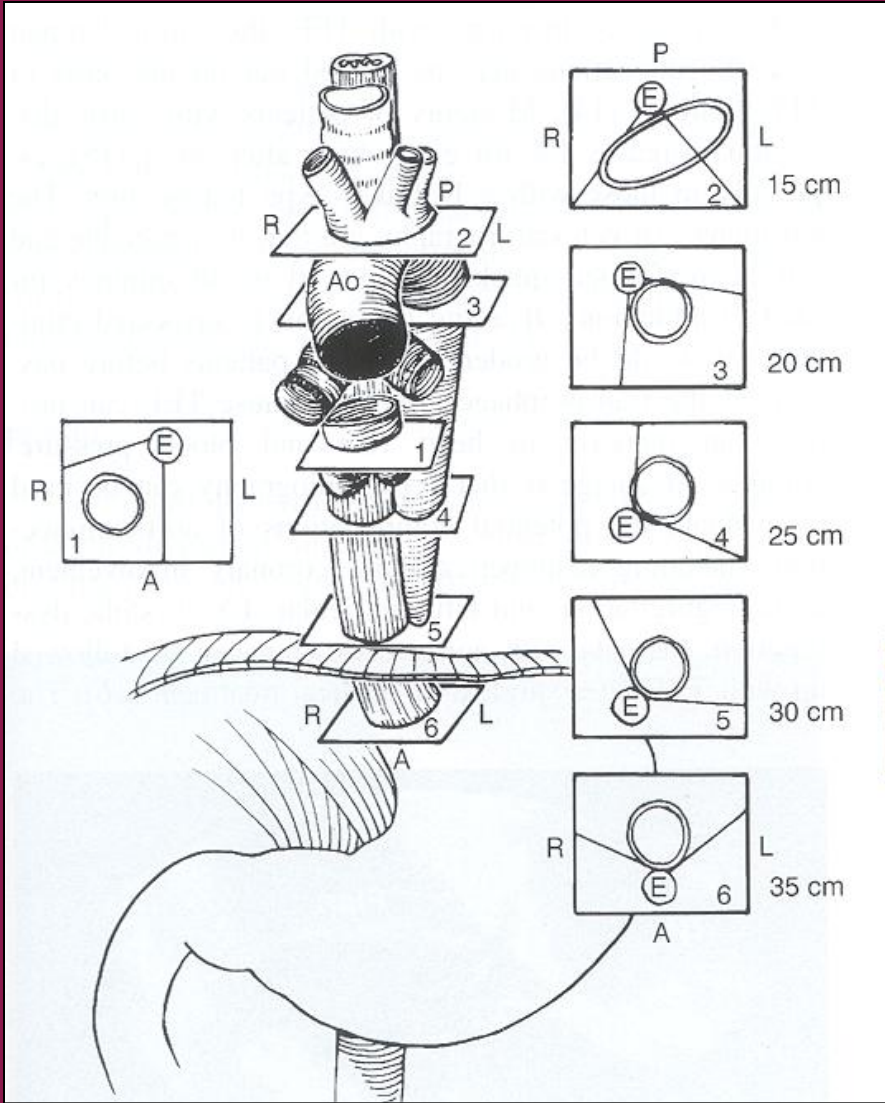


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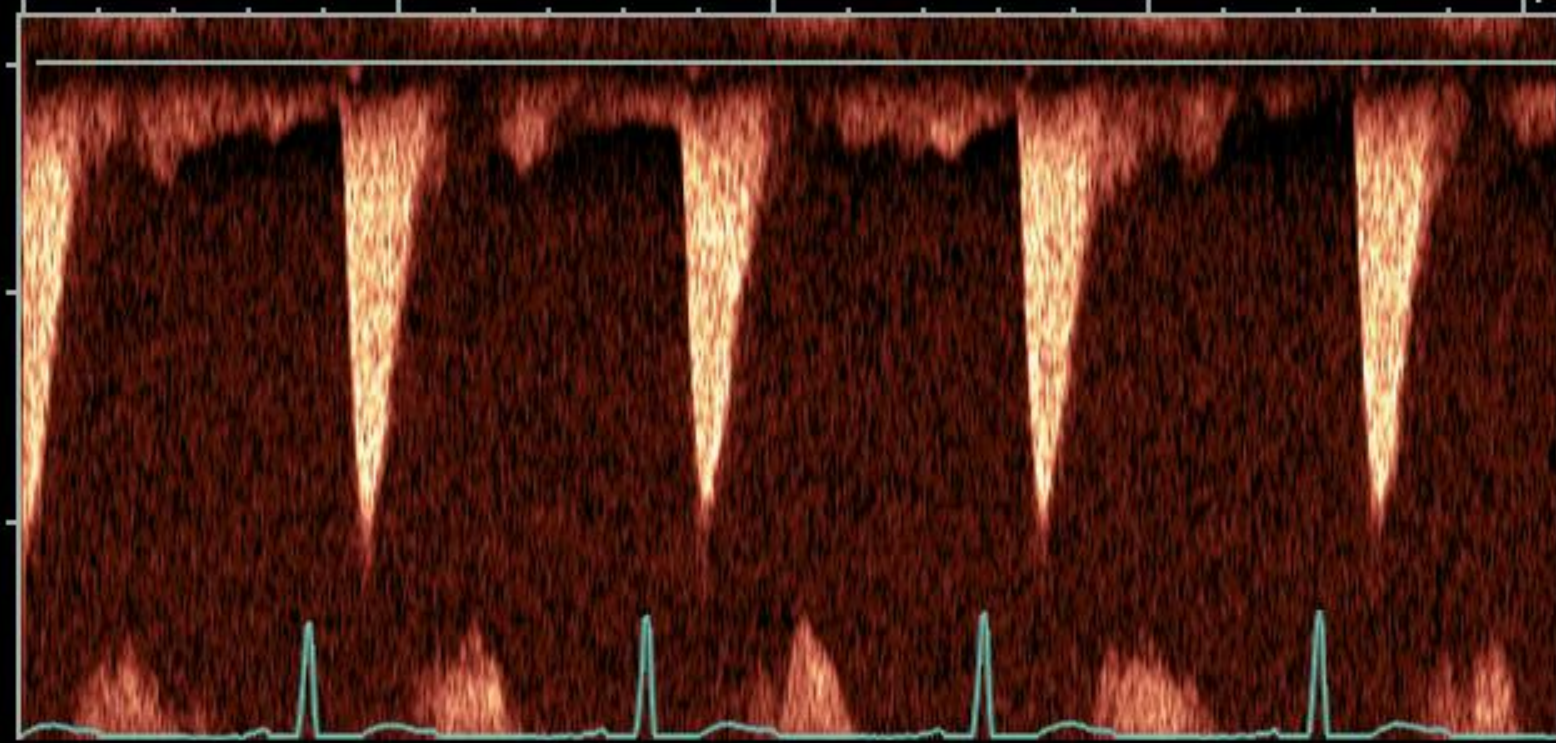
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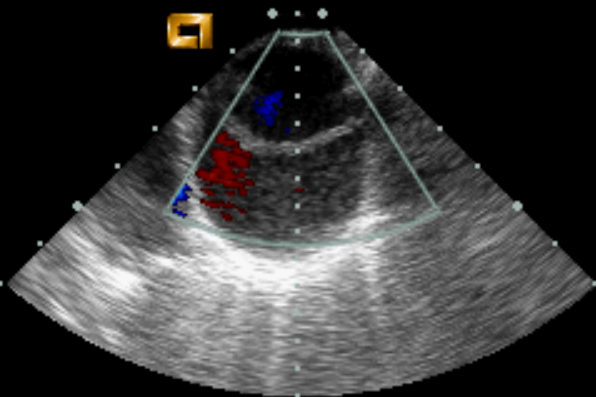


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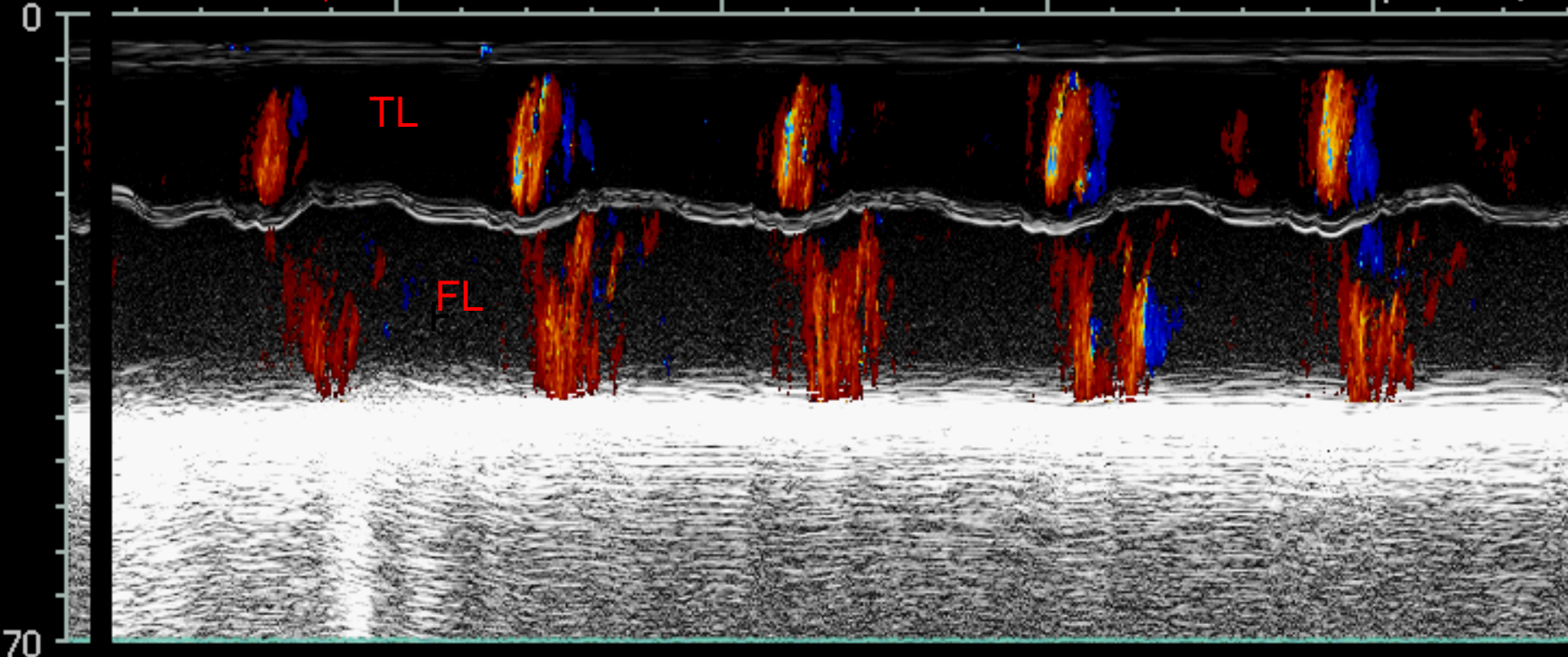
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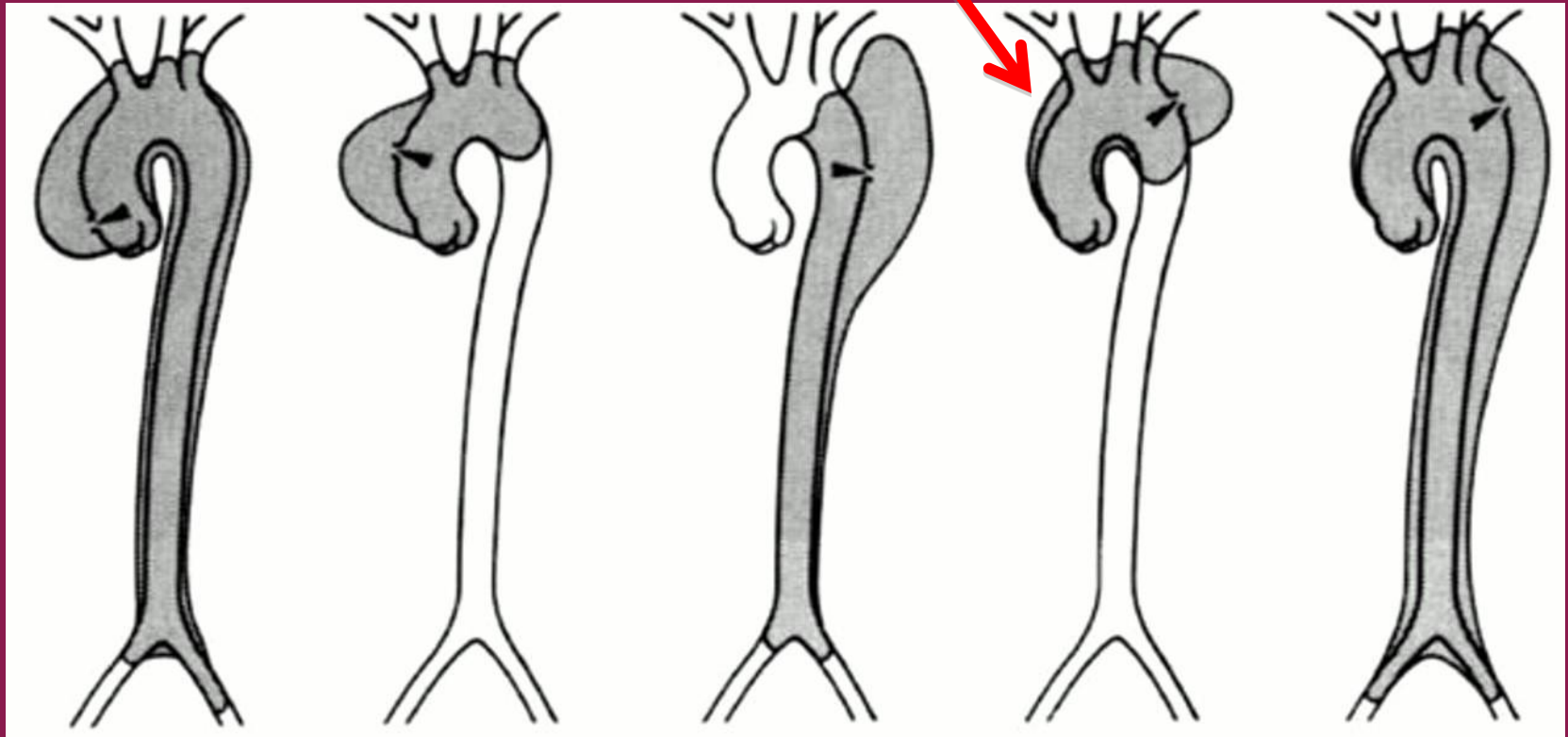
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Retrograde type A dissection: No entry tear in Ascending Aorta

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Left Ventricular Diastolic Dysfunction in Chronic Aortic Type B Dissection

The Annals of Thoracic Surgery Volume 83, Issue 4

April 2007, Pages 1356-1360

Yasushige Shingu MD^{a, b, c}, Norihiko Shiiya MD, PhD^a, Taisei Mikami MD, PhD^b, Kenji Matsuzaki MD^a, Takashi Kunihara MD, PhD^a and Yoshiro Matsui MD, PhD^a

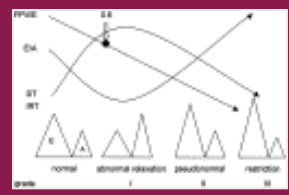
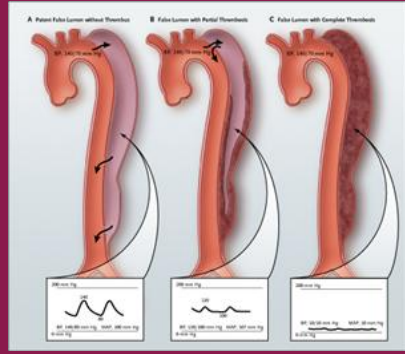
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Transmitral Flow Properties and Diastolic Dysfunction Grade

Case	E/A	DT (ms)	IRT (ms)	FPV (cm/s)	FPV/E	Grade
Group I						
1	0.89	230	80	—	—	I
2	0.84	240	90	—	—	I
3	1.58	225	105	30	0.35	II
4	1.56	192	75	50	0.46	II
5	0.71	242	86	—	—	I
6	1.00	225	100	40	0.44	II
7	1.58	225	100	36	0.56	II
Group II						
1	0.48	220	115	—	—	I
2	0.79	—	78	—	—	I
3	0.70	235	125	—	—	I
4	0.51	305	70	—	—	I
5	0.91	250	—	—	—	I

Group I = double barreled with narrow TL
Group II = thrombosed FL



DT = deceleration time; E/A = ratio of early to late peak velocities; FPV = flow propagation velocity; FPV/E = ratio of flow propagation velocity and transmitral E wave velocity
IRT = isovolumic relaxation time.



Expertise in:

Hemodynamics

Extracorporeal technologies

Neuroprotective strategies

Transfusion & coagulation

One-lung ventilation

TEE

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