

Congenital heart disease imaging

Anomalous origin of the coronary arteries



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AAOCA : anomalous aortic origin of coronary arteries



Imaging tools

- Diagnosis of AAOCA
- Relevance of AAOCA
- Myocardial ischemia
- Therapeutic management
- Follow-up after correction

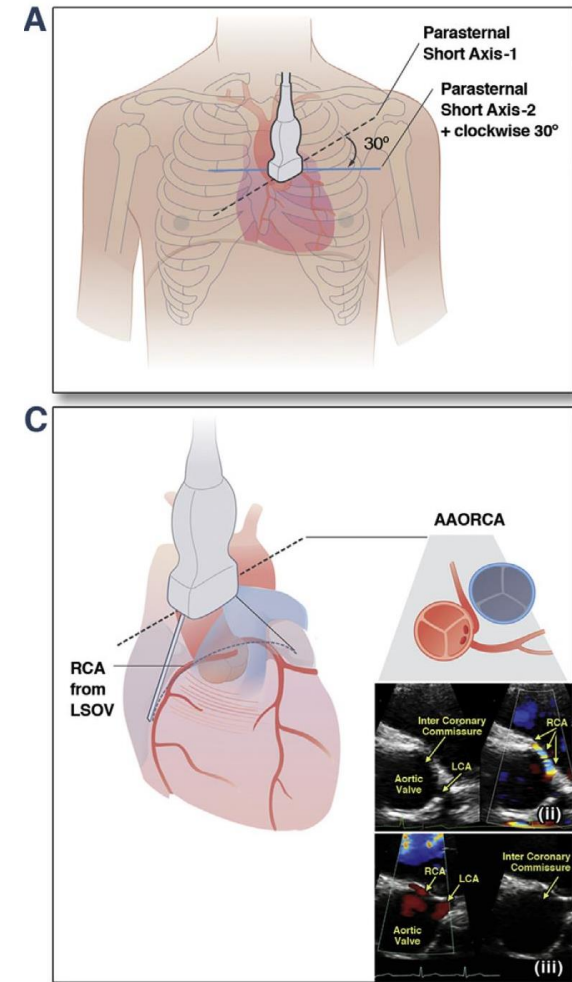
Echocardiography

Transthoracic echocardiography

- In children : most valuable diagnostic tool
- In adults : limited acoustic window

Transthoracic echocardiography in children for pre participation screening program

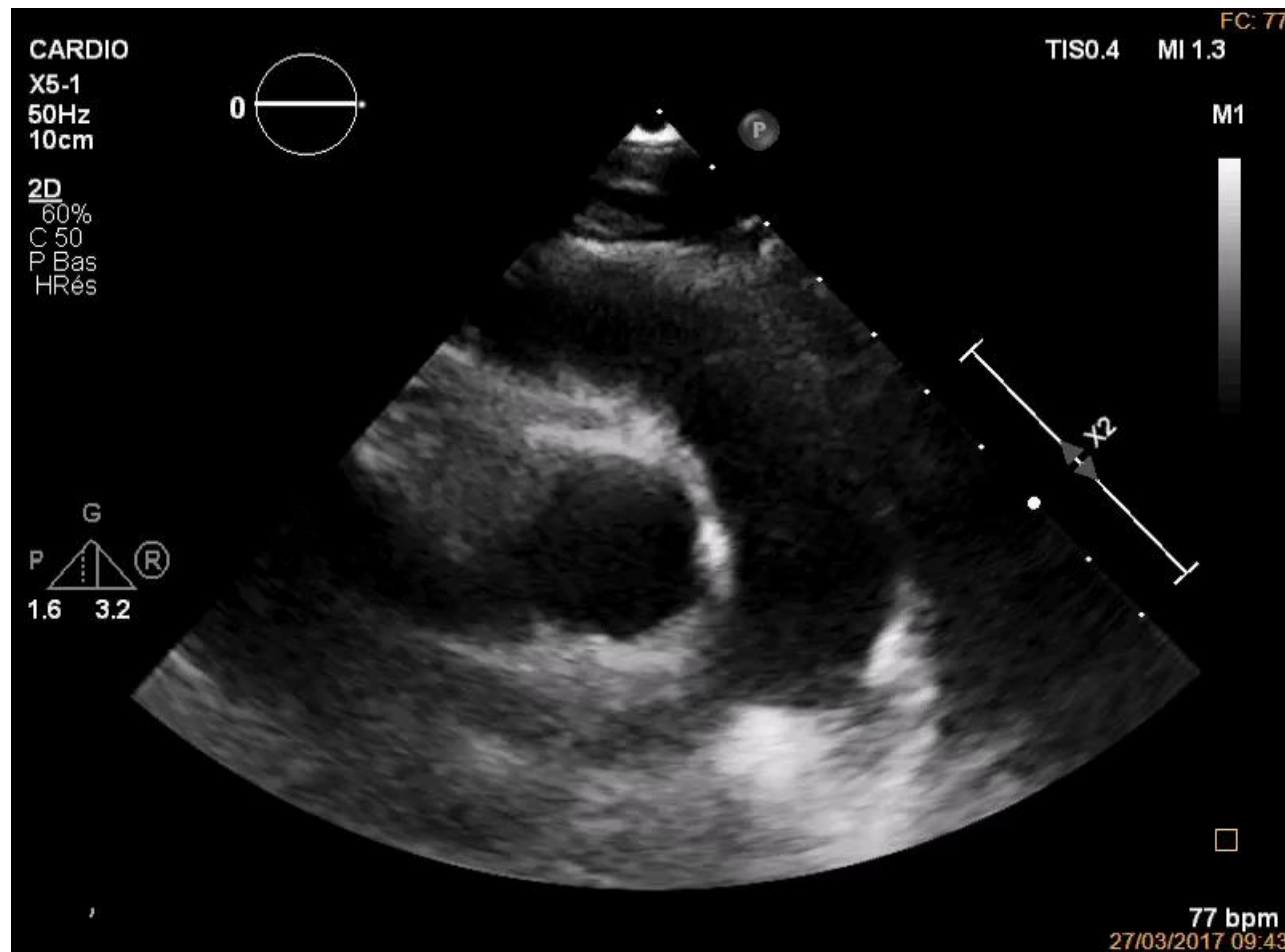
- Standardized protocols
- Visualization of coronary ostia



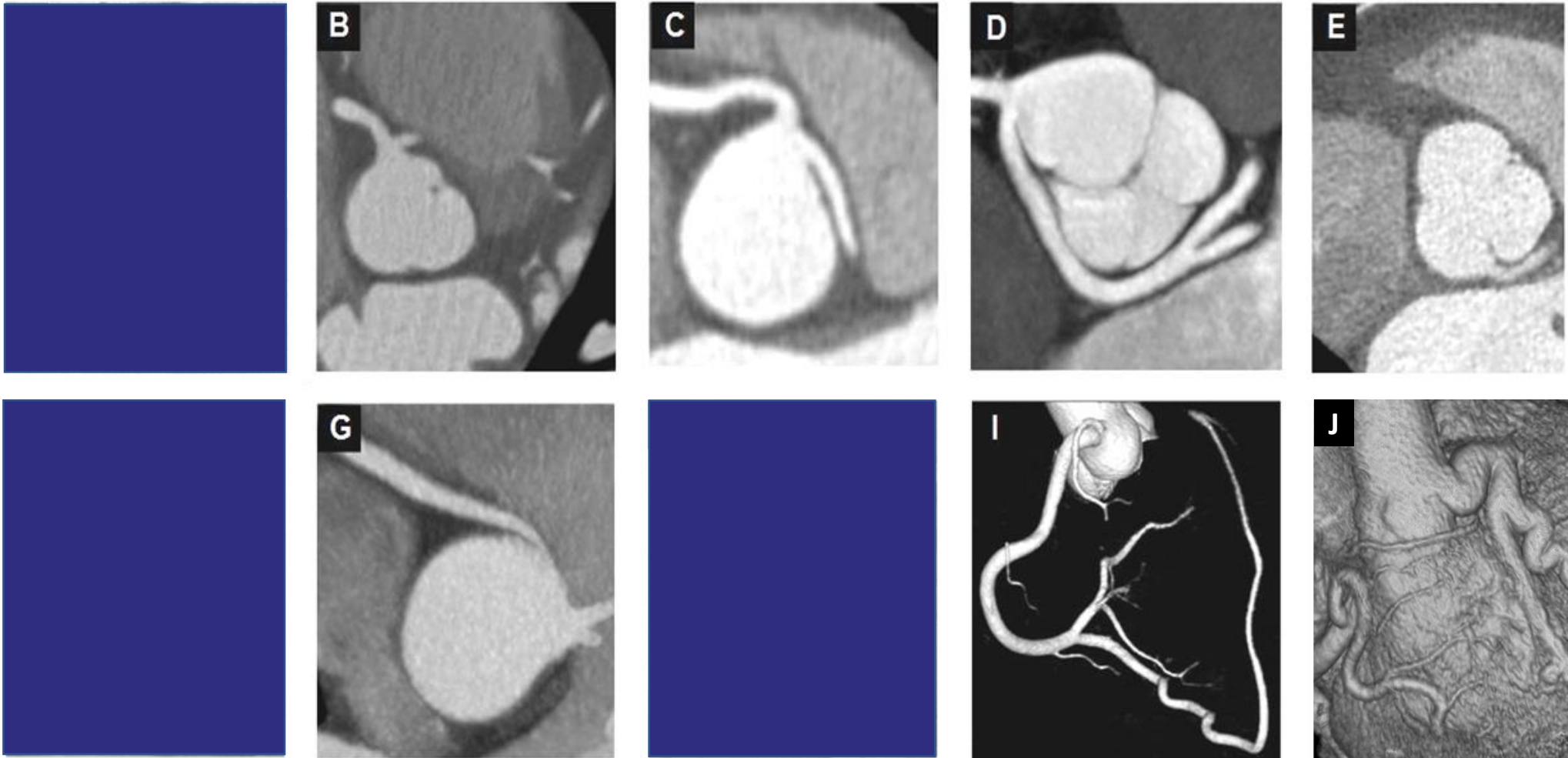
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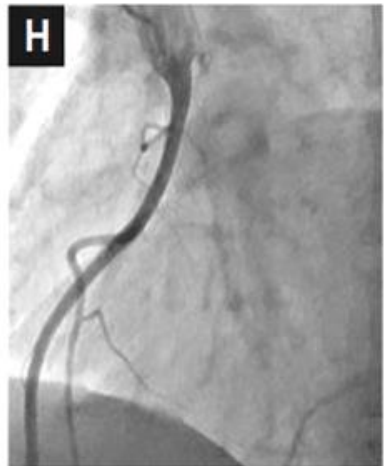
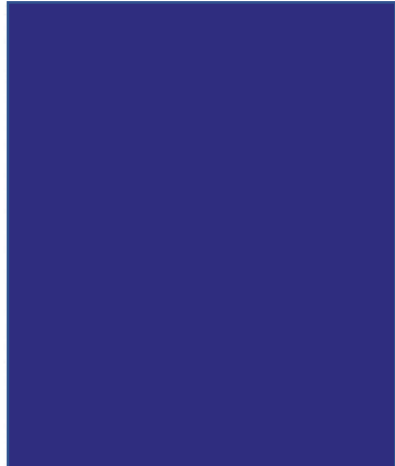
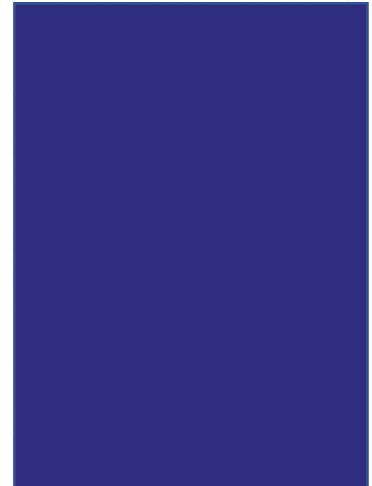
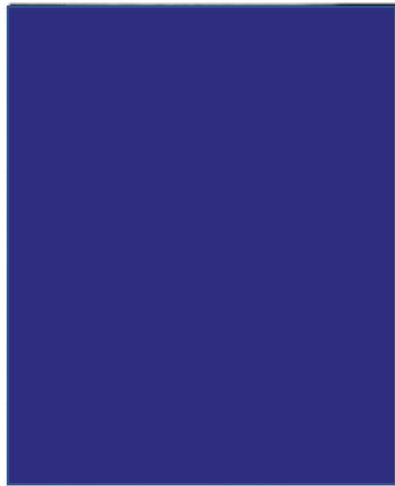
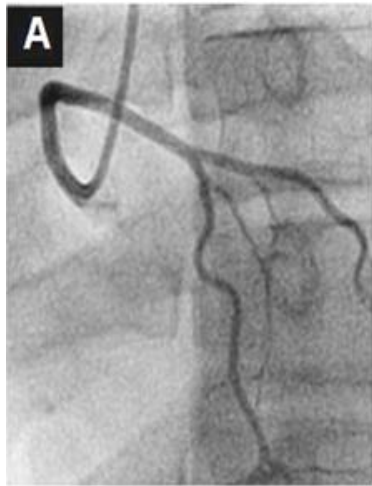
- 17-year-old boy
- Pre syncope after exertion



Coronary CT angiography

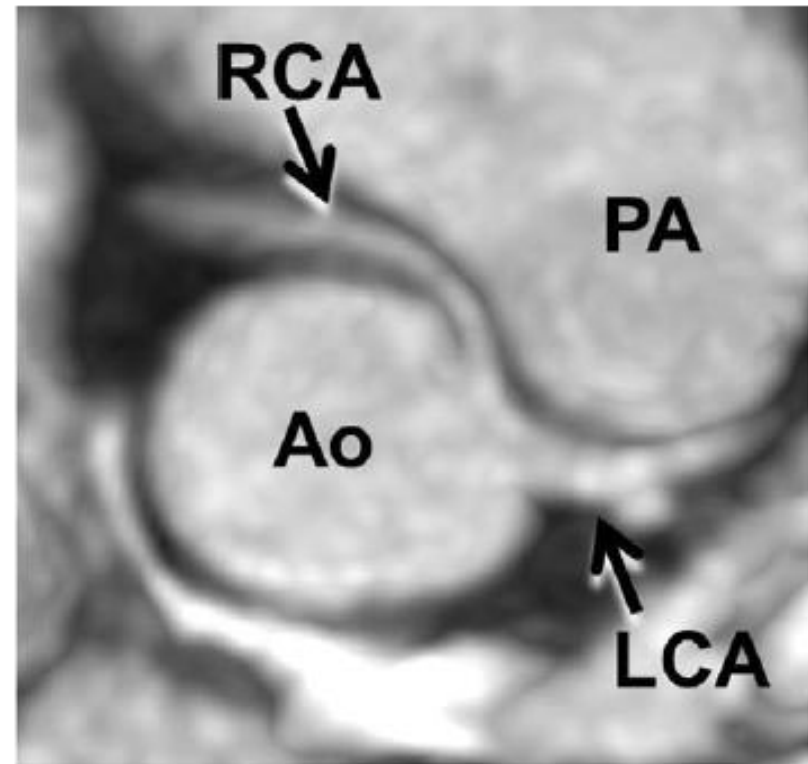


Coronary angiography



Cardiac MRI

- US guidelines
- CMRI recommended over coronary CTA in youngs
- Experienced centers
- Limited use in adults

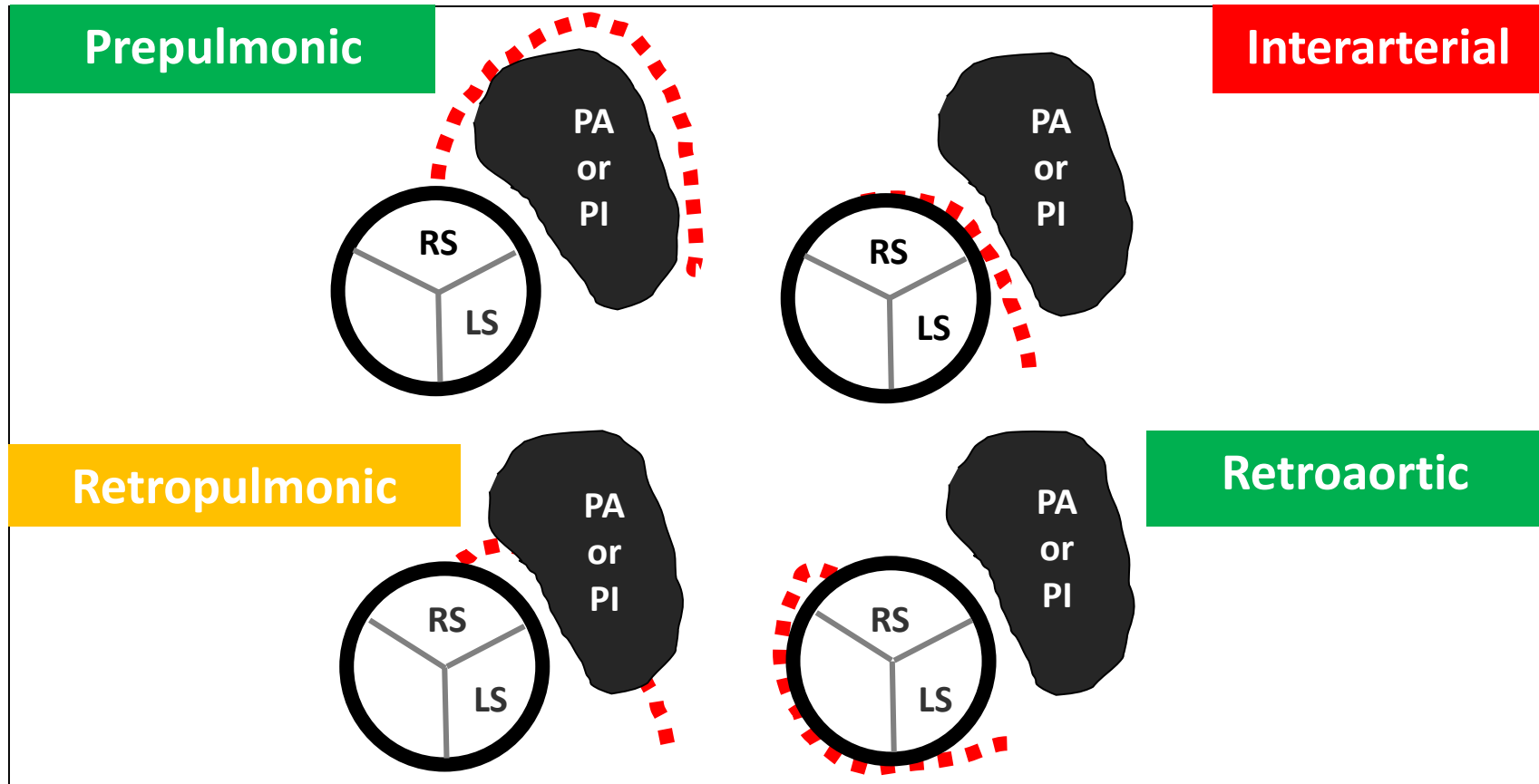


Harris AH et al. Ann Thor Surg 2015

Relevance of AAOOCA

Risk of sudden cardiac death/myocardial ischemia

AAOCA without known risk ↔ AAOCA with known risk

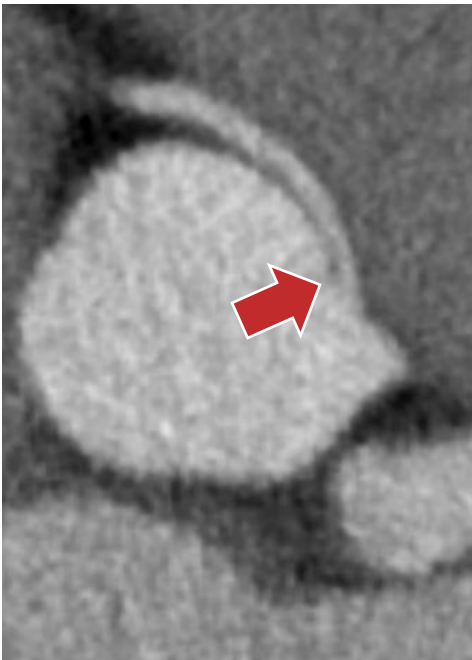


Relevance of AAOCA

Coronary CT angiography

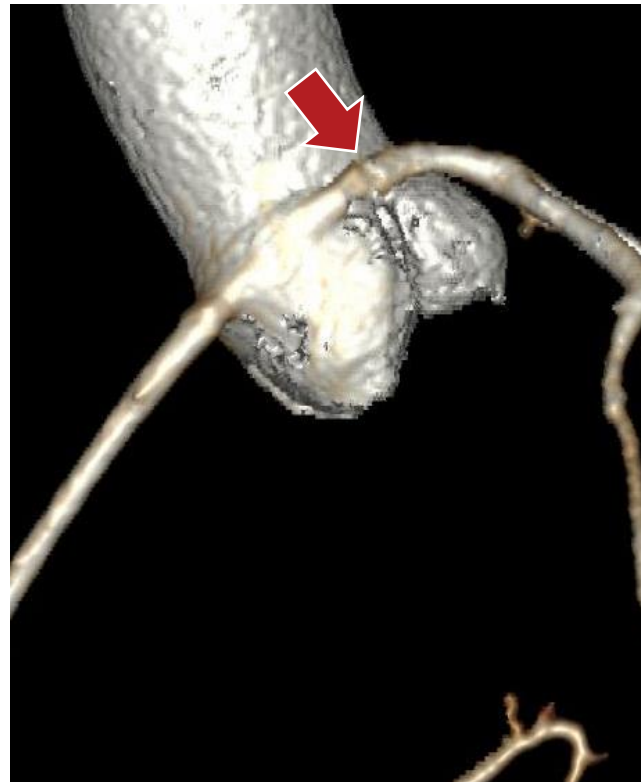
AAOCA with known risk

right AAOCA



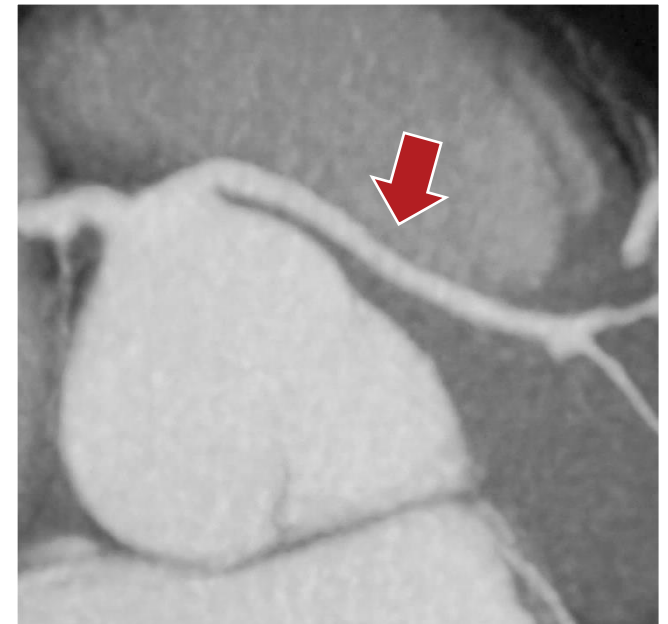
interarterial course

left AAOCA



interarterial course

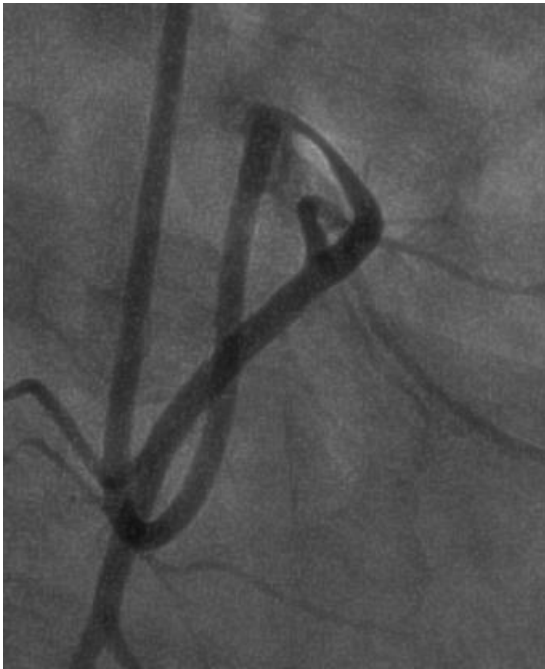
left AAOCA



retropulmonic course

Identification of intramural aortic course

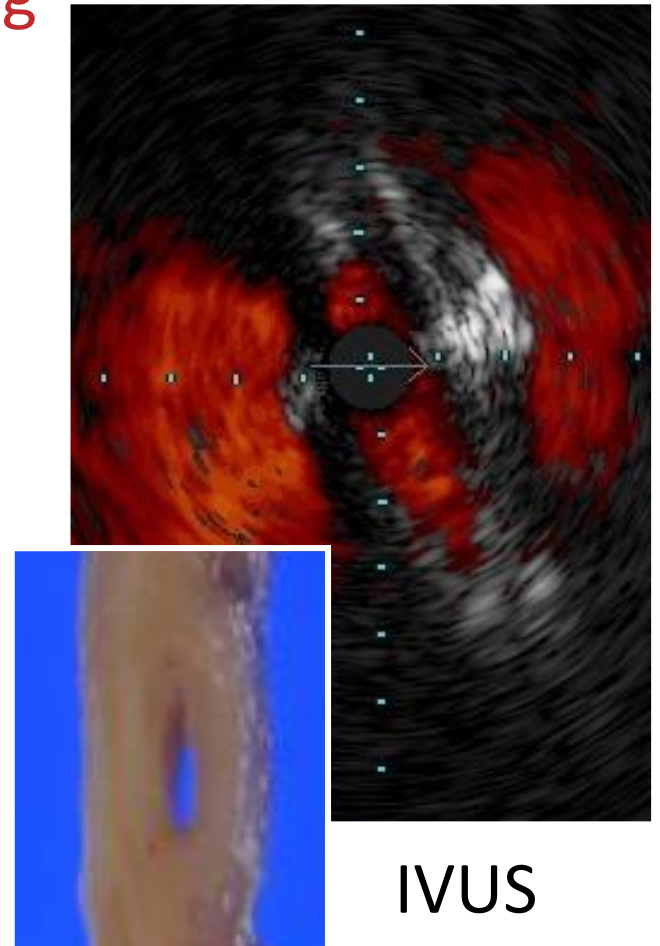
Multimodality imaging



Angio



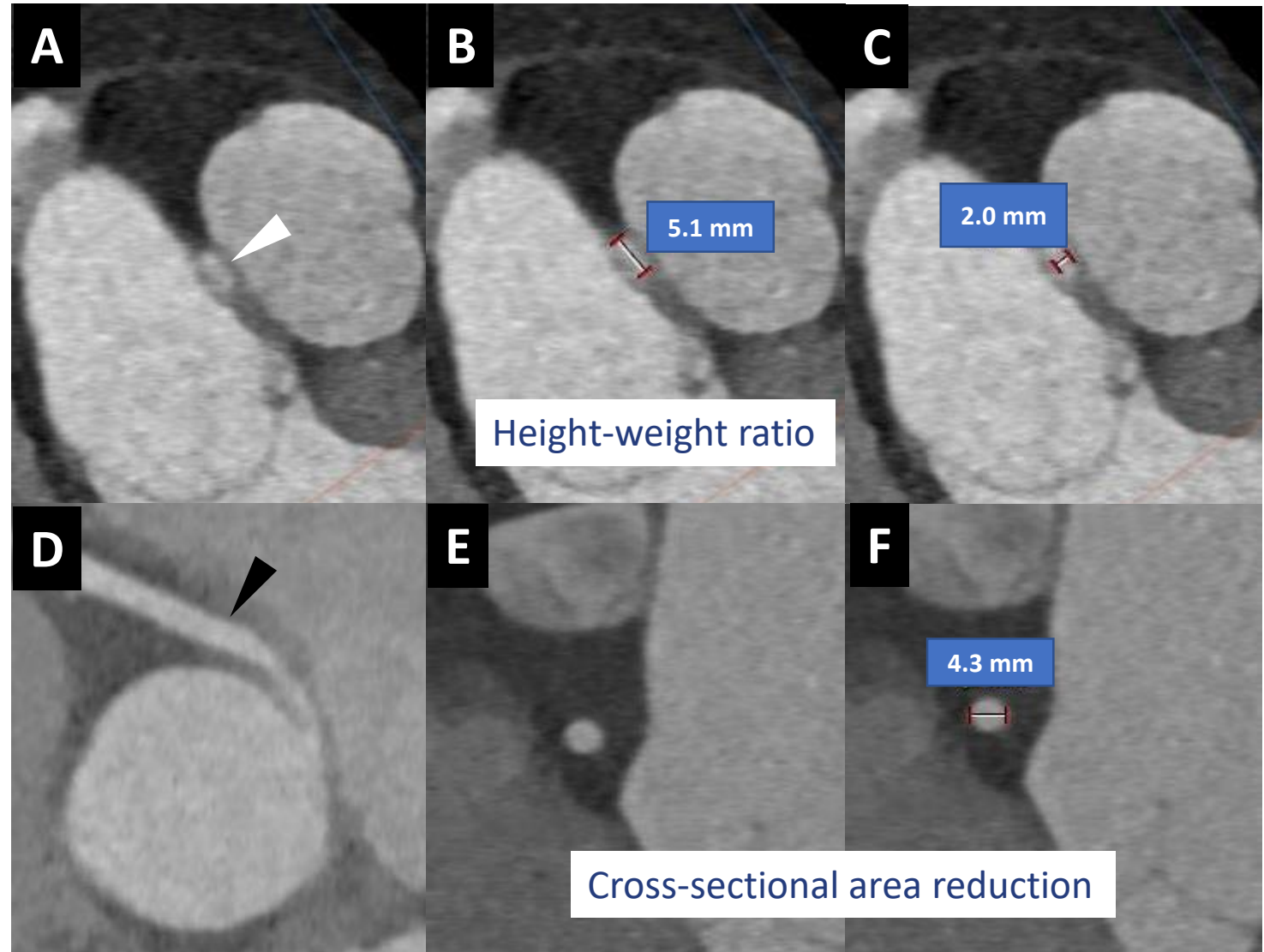
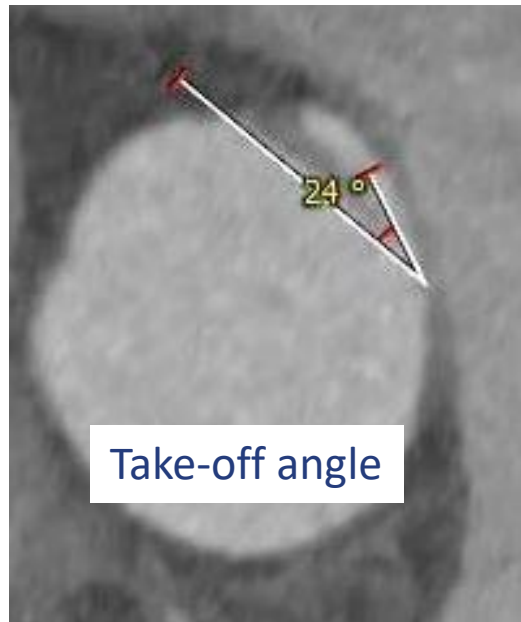
CT angio



IVUS

Hata Y et al. Cardiovasc Pathol 2014.

Identification of anatomic high-risk features



Non invasive ischemia testing/Invasive ischemia testing

- TT echocardiography
- Single-photon emission CT
- Cardiac MRI
- Physiological evaluation (iFR, FFR)
- Endovascular imaging (IVUS/OCT)

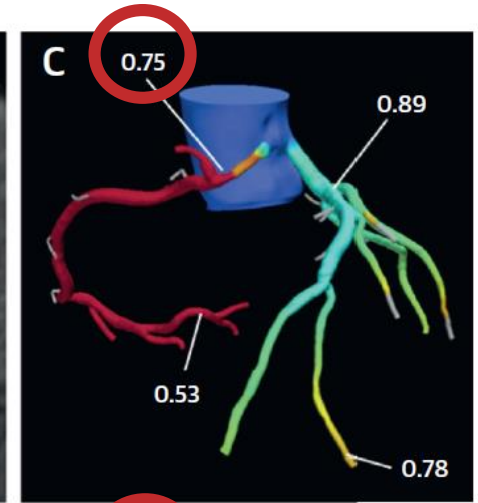
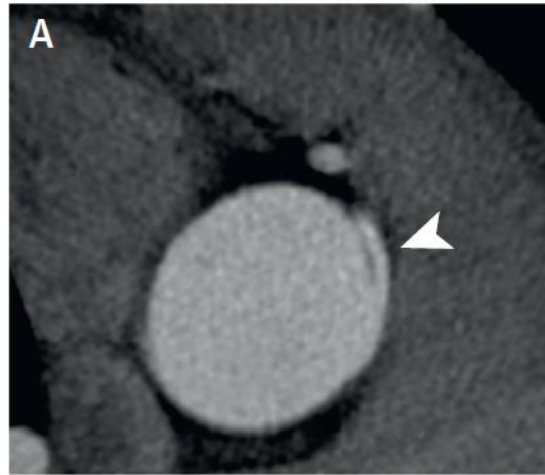
- Low incidence of ischemia detection
- Limits of exercise stress protocols
- Dynamic obstruction associated



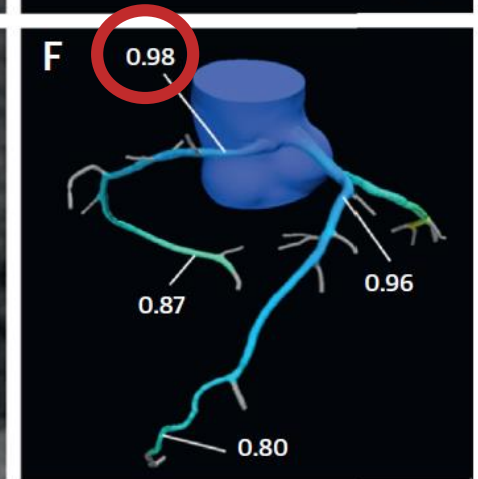
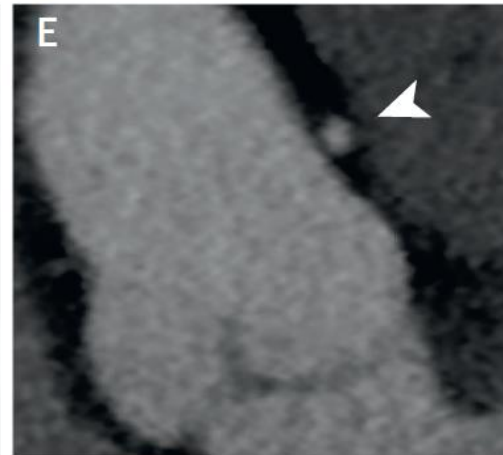
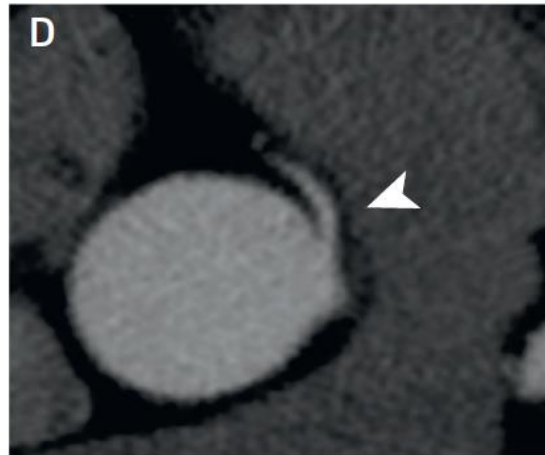
Dobutamine infusion
+ chronotropic /+ inotropic stress
Better protocol?

Coronary CT angiography and FFR-CT images

Right-AAOCA
with
intramural pathway



Right-AAOCA
without
intramural pathway



Ferrag W et al.
JACC: CV Imaging 2020



ESC guidelines

ESC
European Society
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ESC GUIDELINES

2020 ESC Guidelines for the management of adult congenital heart disease

Anomalous aortic origin of the coronary artery

Surgery is recommended for AAOCA in patients with typical angina symptoms who present with evidence of stress-induced myocardial ischaemia in a matching territory or high-risk anatomy.^c

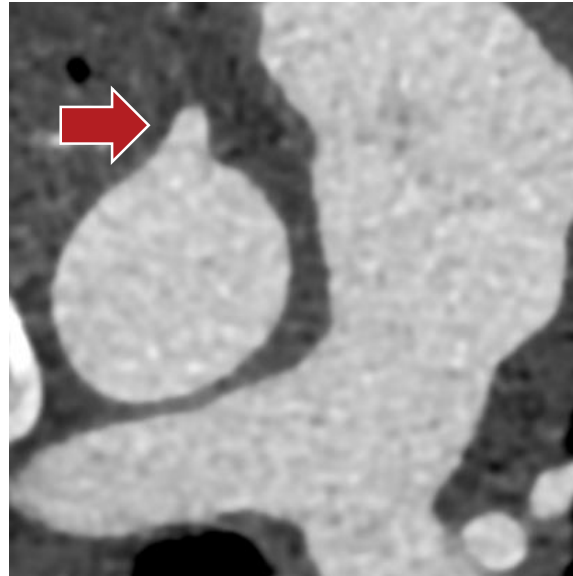
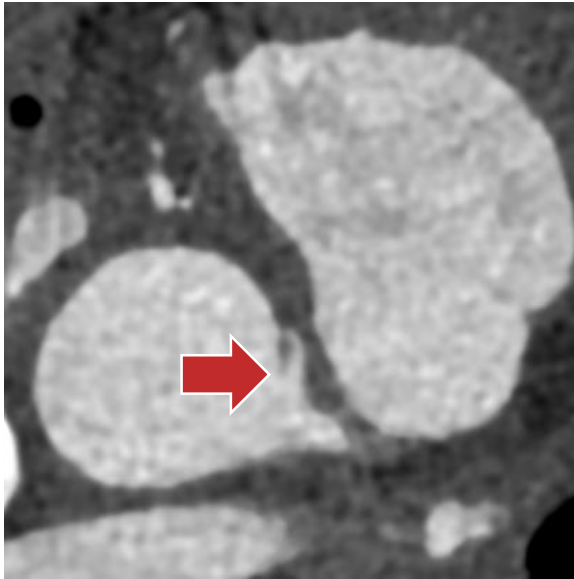
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Surgery should be considered in <i>asymptomatic</i> patients with AAOCA (right or left) and evidence of myocardial ischaemia.	IIa	C
Surgery should be considered in <i>asymptomatic</i> patients with AAOLCA and no evidence of myocardial ischaemia but a <u>high-risk anatomy</u> . ^c	IIa	C
Surgery may be considered for symptomatic patients with AAOCA even if there is no evidence of myocardial ischaemia or <u>high-risk anatomy</u> . ^c	IIb	C
Surgery may be considered for <i>asymptomatic</i> patients with AAOLCA without myocardial ischaemia and without <u>high-risk anatomy</u> ^c when they present at young age (<35 years).	IIb	C
Surgery is not recommended for AAORCA in asymptomatic patients without myocardial ischaemia and without <u>high-risk anatomy</u> . ^c	III	C

Coronary CT angiography

Surgical correction of right AAOCA with neo-ostium creation



Angioplasty of right AAOCA with stenting



Conclusions

- CT in first line for the diagnosis of AAOCA
- Identification of AAOCA at risk by CT
- Identification of anatomic high-risk features by CT/endovascular imaging/angio
- Non invasive/invasive functional imaging (myocardial ischemia)
- Scores for risk stratification not yet available
- Therapeutic decision-making often difficult