




# Acute Aortic Dissection

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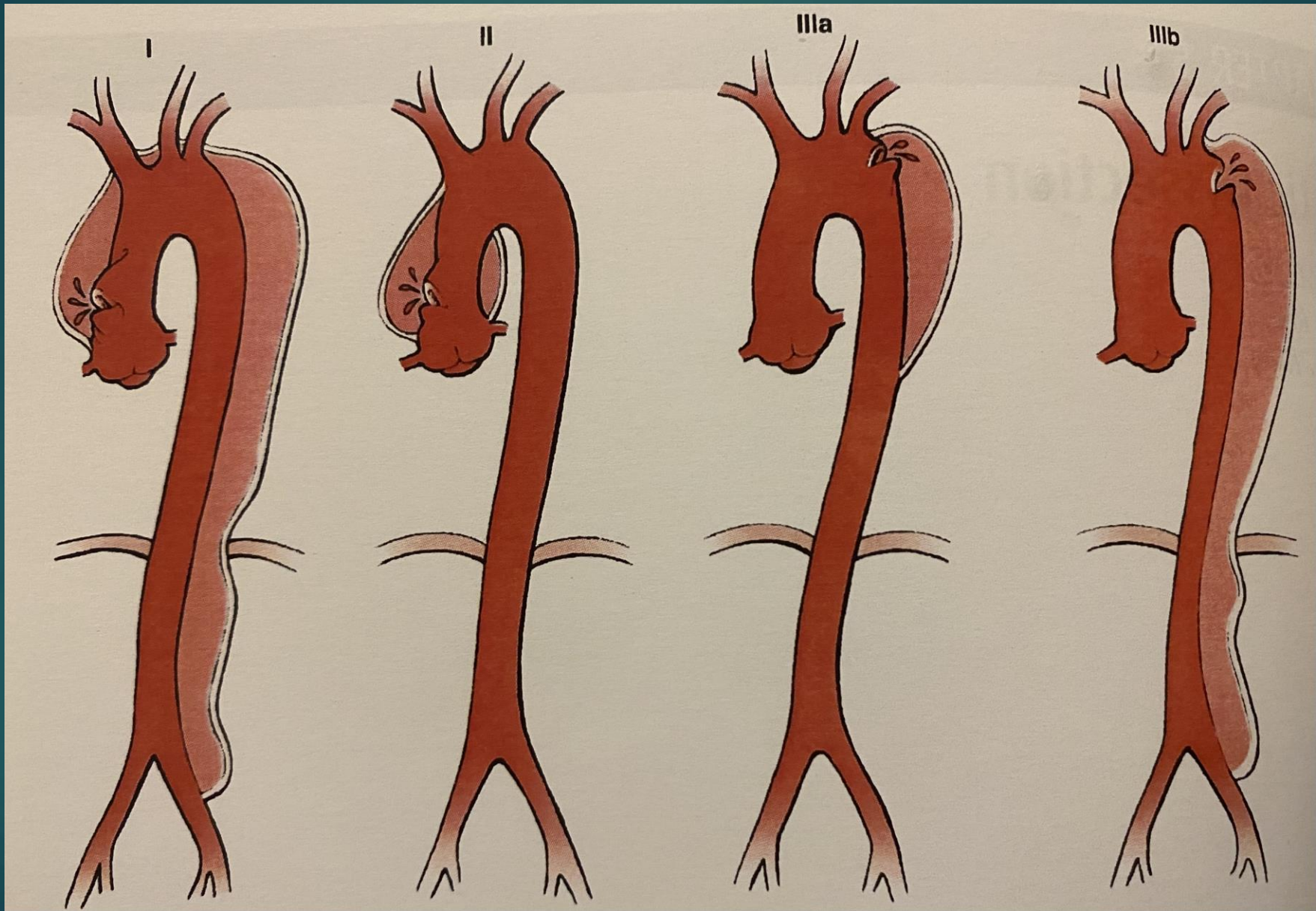
Thoracic aortic dissection occurs as blood flow is redirected from the aorta (true lumen) through an intimal tear into the media of the aortic wall (false lumen)

# Classification

Acute      less than two weeks

Chronic      Greater than two months

Subacute      Between two weeks to two months



# Incidence

Aortic dissection is the most frequently diagnosed lethal condition of the aorta.

Three times more frequent than rupture of an A.A.A.

prevalence 0.5 to 2.95 per 100000 per year.



# Etiology And Pathogenesis

Abnormality within the media

Cystic media necrosis

Intramural hematoma

Penetrating atherosclerotic ulcer

Hypertension is the mechanical force most often associated with dissection and is found in greater than 75% of cases.

Atherosclerosis is not a risk factor for aortic dissection except in preexisting aneurysms or ulceration.

**TABLE 50-2** Risk Factors for Type A and B Thoracic Aortic Dissection

Hypertension

Connective tissue disorders  
Ehlers-Danlos syndrome  
Marfan's disease  
Turner's syndrome

Cystic medial disease of aorta

Aortitis

Iatrogenic

Atherosclerosis

Thoracic aortic aneurysm

Bicuspid aortic valve

Trauma

Pharmacologic

Coarctation of the aorta

Hypervolemia (pregnancy)

Congenital aortic stenosis

Polycystic kidney disease

Pheochromocytoma

Sheehan's syndrome


Cushing's syndrome

# clinical presentation

40% of patients die immediately, diagnosis of aortic dissection requires a high level of suspicion.

Sever chest pain, anxiety, midsternum, inter scapular region, migratory pain, ripping pain. dissection may also present with malperfusion of brain, limb, visceral.






Patients suffering acute dissection appear ill. Tachycardia is usually accompanied by hypertension in the setting of baseline essential hypertension and increased catecholamine levels from pain and anxiety.

Hypotension and tachycardia may result from aortic rupture, pericardial tamponade, acute aortic valve regurgitation, or even acute myocardial ischemia with involvement of the coronary ostia.

An abnormal peripheral vascular examination is present in a minority of patients with acute aortic dissection.

A complete central and peripheral neurologic exam is critical in that abnormalities are present up to 40%.



Syncope, paraplegia, superior vena cava syndrome, vocal cord paralysis, hematemesis, Horner's syndrome, hemoptysis, and airway compression may be seen as a result of local compression and mass effect.

Chronic aortic dissection is usually asymptomatic. It may be incidentally discovered following an asymptomatic acute dissection, most often in patients with preexisting aortic aneurysm.

Presenting complaints often include intermittent, dull chest pain, or even severe skeletal pain from erosion into the bony thorax with large or rapidly expanding aneurysms.

Aortic insufficiency may develop with chronic type A dissection and present with typical feature of congestive failure. Including fatigue, dyspnea.

Infrequently, chronic dissection may result in paralysis/paraplegia from loss of vital intercostal arteries or even distal embolization of thrombus or atheroma from the false lumen.

# Diagnostic Studies

## ▶ **Blood tests:**

Liver function tests , creatinine,myoglobin,and lactic acid may all be abnormal.

## ▶ **Chest x ray:**

ischemic change are present in up to 20% of acute type A dissections.

## ▶ **ECG :**

Chest x\_ray Normal CXR does not rule out the diagnosis.

The diagnosis should be made rapidly with minimal distress for the patient.

## ▶ **Diagnostic Imaging Study:**

Computed Tomography, echocardiography(TEE), MRI/MRA, Angiography.

# Diagnostic Imaging

- ▶ Two imaging modalities currently meet these criteria and are used to diagnose acute aortic dissection: computed tomography(CT) and echocardiography.
- ▶ Helical CT scanning is widely available and is now the most frequently used test to diagnose acute aortic dissection.
- ▶ Transesophageal echocardiography(TEE) is currently second most frequently used study for making the diagnosis of acute aortic dissection.
- ▶ A negative transthoracic study should be complemented by a transesophageal study, which provides greater detail of the entire aorta.



Aortography was the first study used to diagnose acute dissection in 1939 and until recently was considered the gold standard for diagnosis.

Coronary angiography is not recommended given that the coronary ostia are involved in 10 to 20% of acute type A dissections and are easily evaluated at the time of surgery.

Coronary atherosclerosis is present in 25% of all patients with acute aortic dissection, but even in those patients repair of the dissection should take precedence.

MRI and MRA generate superior images reliably demonstrating aortic dissection. In fact, some consider this the gold standard imaging study given the published diagnostic accuracy.



# Diagnostic Strategy

- ▶ Stable patients
- ▶ Unstable patients

# Management Of Acute Type A Dissection

- ▶ Natural History
- ▶ Initial Medical Management
- ▶ Operative Indication

# Natural History

- ▶ 50% of patients suffering acute type A aortic dissection are dead within 48 hours if untreated.
- ▶ Acute type A dissection carries a "1% per hour" mortality for missed diagnoses.
- ▶ In one study in octogenarians, type A dissection was managed medically in 28% of patients for various reasons with a 58% in-hospital mortality.

# Initial Medical Management

## ▶ Pain control

*Reduce catecholamine release and decrease the risk of rupture*

*Narcotic most commonly used*

## ▶ Hypertension Management

*Immediate goal remains to achieve a target systolic blood pressure between 90 and 110 mm Hg with a target heart rate of less than 60 beats per minute.*

*After beta\_blocker treatment has been initiated, vasodilators such as sodium nitroprusside are used for further blood pressure control.*

*Loading doses for esmolol and sodium nitroprusside should be avoided to prevent hypotension.*

# Operative Indications

The goals of surgery in acute type A dissection are to prevent aortic catastrophe.

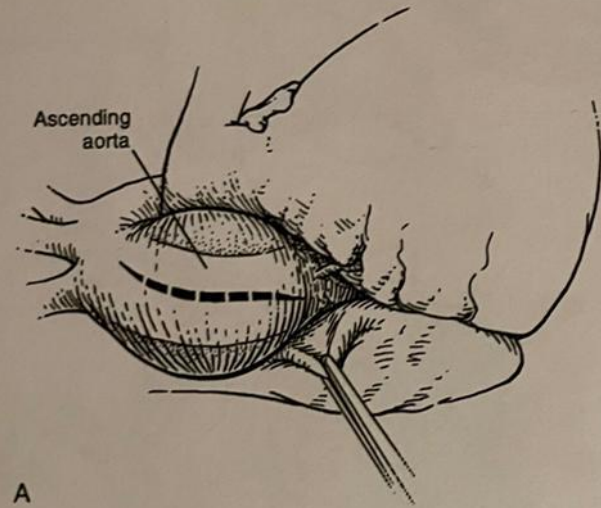
Aortic catastrophe includes:

- 1 Aortic rupture into pericardium or pleural space
- 2 dissection and occlusion of the coronary ostia
- 3 progression to aortic valvular incompetence

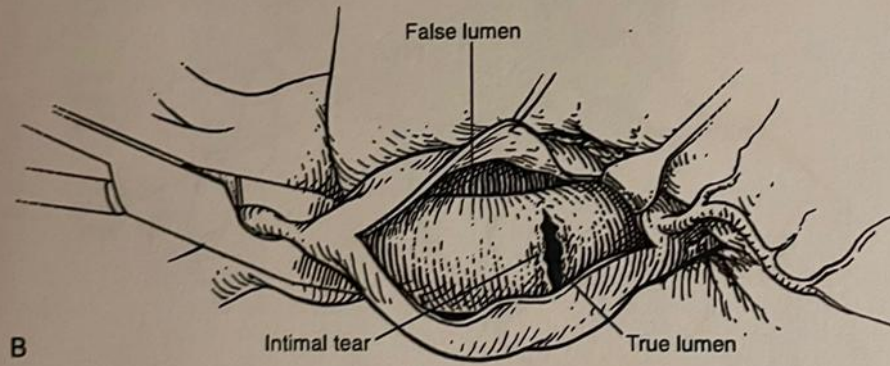
The presence of ascending aortic involvement is an indication for operative management in all but the highest\_risk patients.

- 1 patients greater than 80 years of age.
- 2 obtunded or comatose patients.(stroke or paraplegia are not contraindications to surgical correction.)

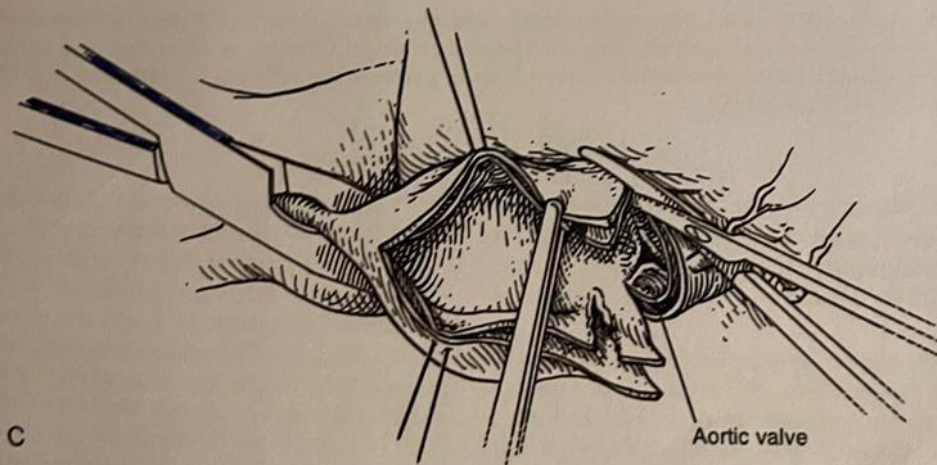




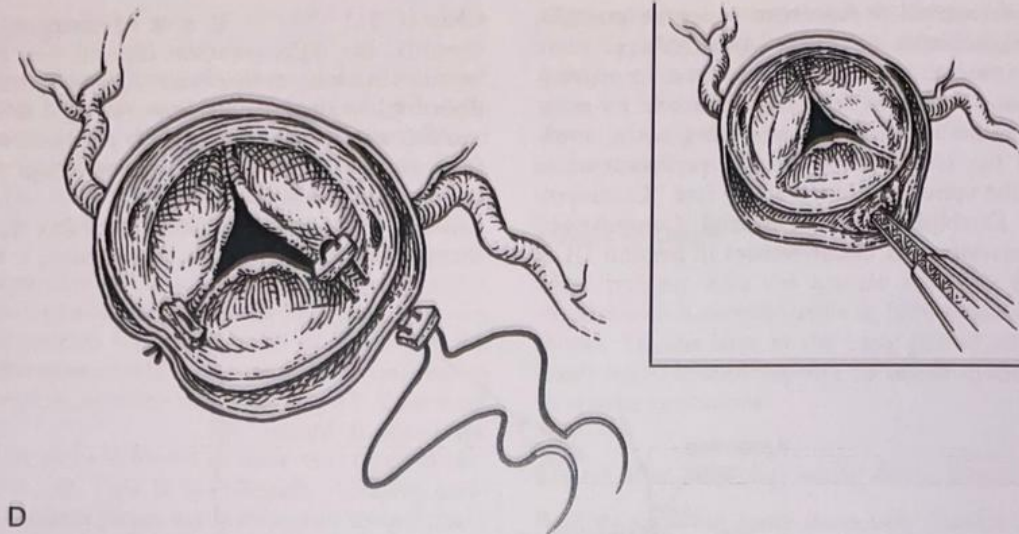
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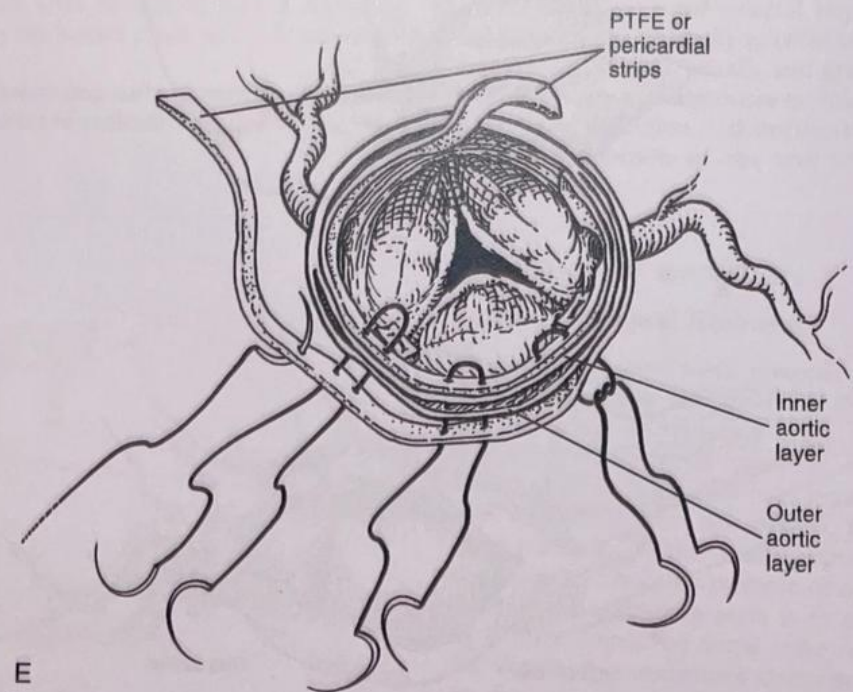
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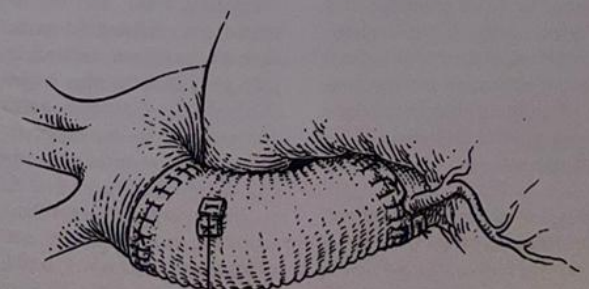
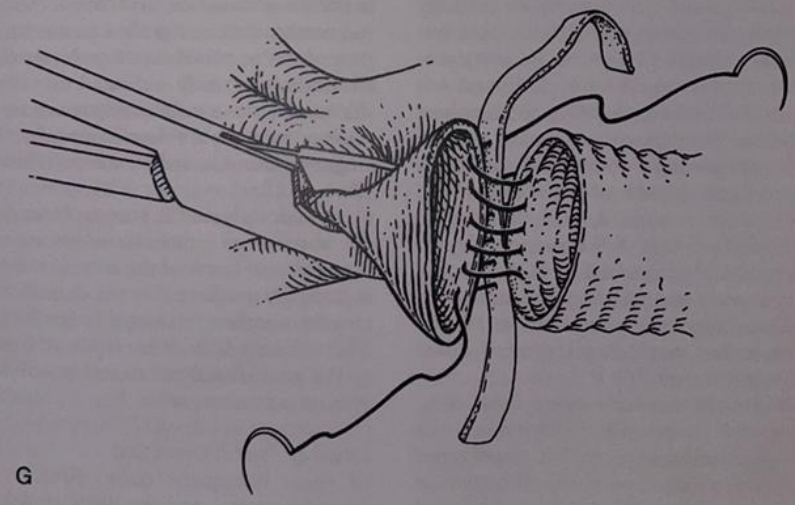
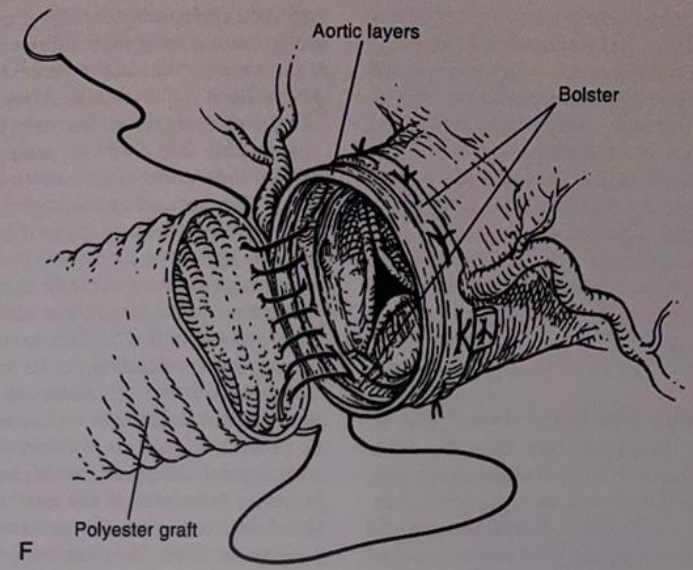
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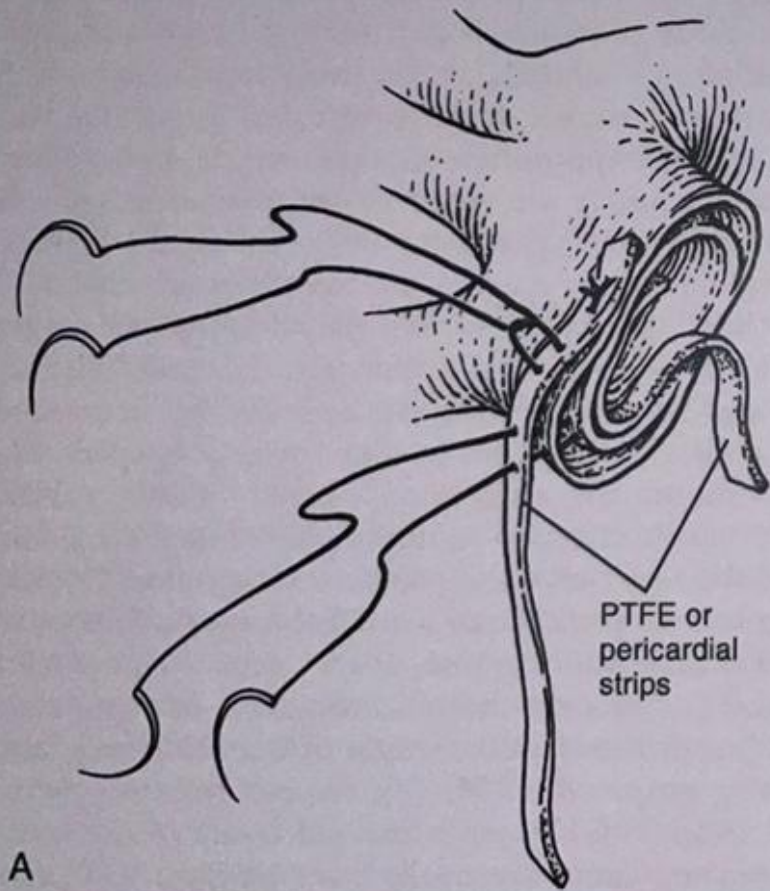


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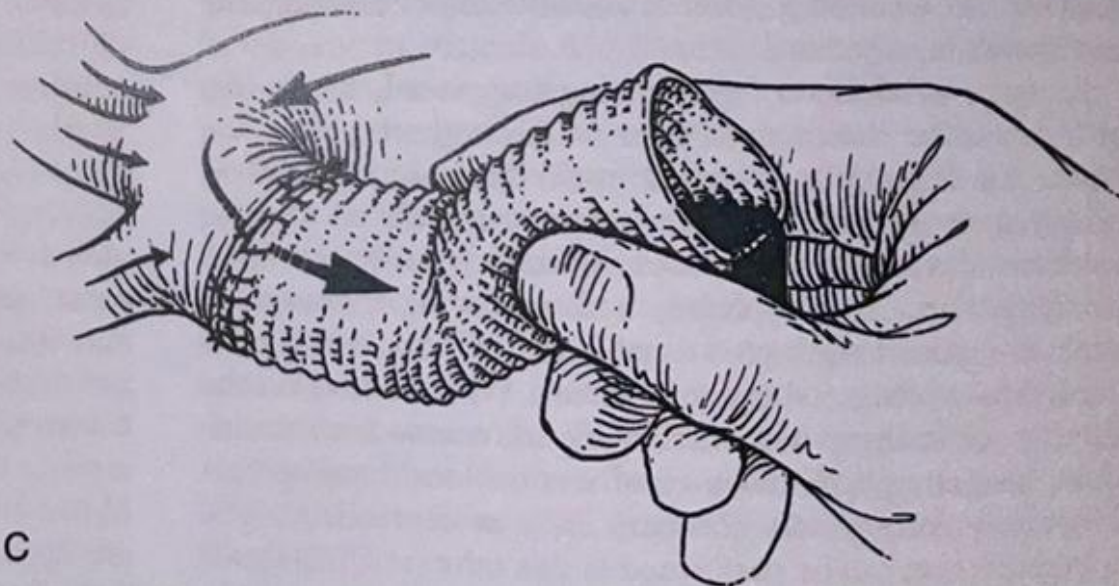
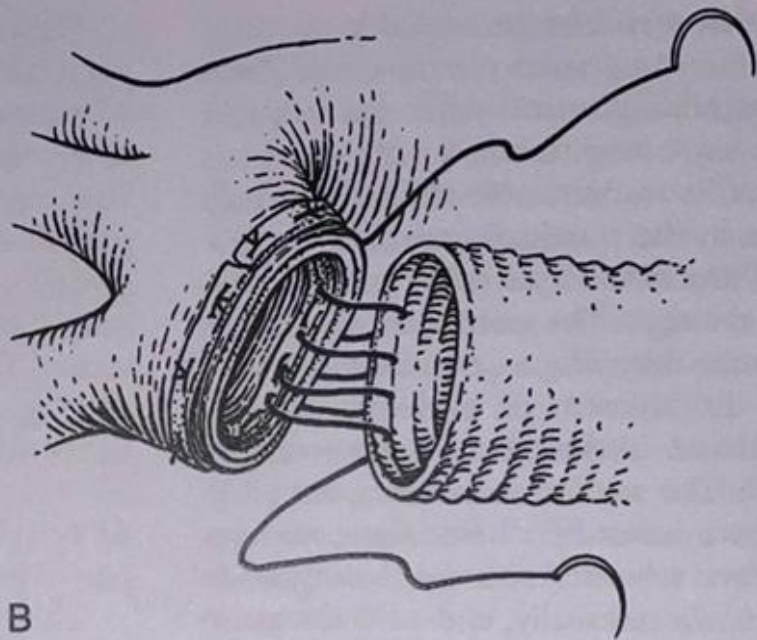
**Figure 25-7, cont'd** **D**, Pledgeted, double-armed, polypropylene sutures are placed across each detached commissure and through outer layer of aorta, and are tied over a second pledget. *Inset*: Gelatin-resorcinol-formaldehyde or other glue may be used to obliterate false lumen. **E**, Disrupted layers of aorta are approximated between strips of polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) felt or pericardium and are secured with multiple polypropylene mattress sutures.



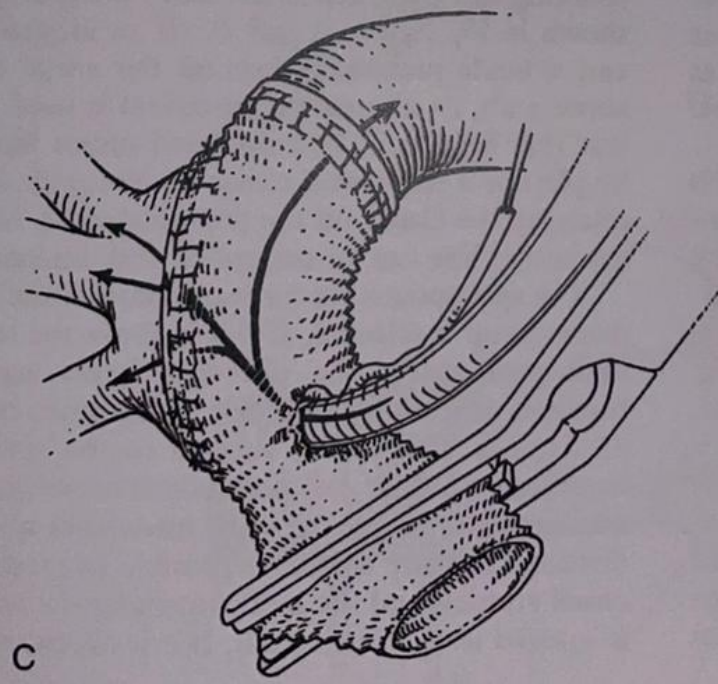
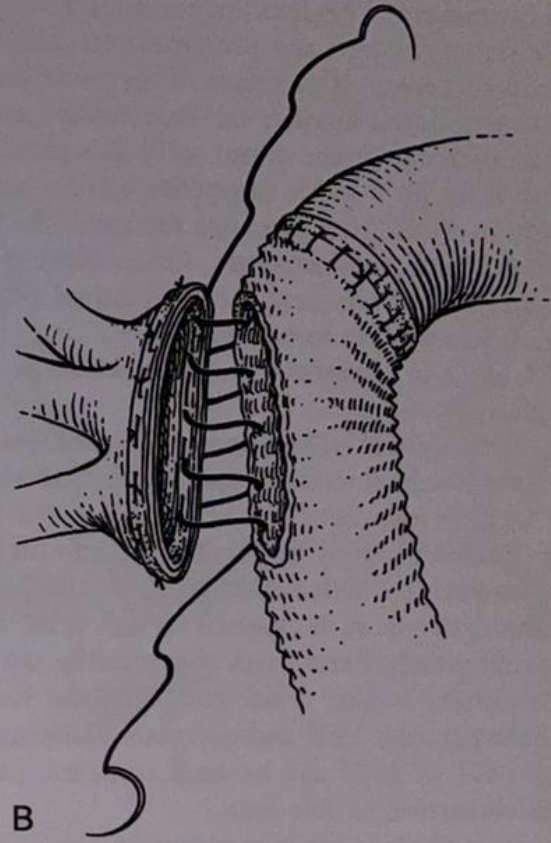
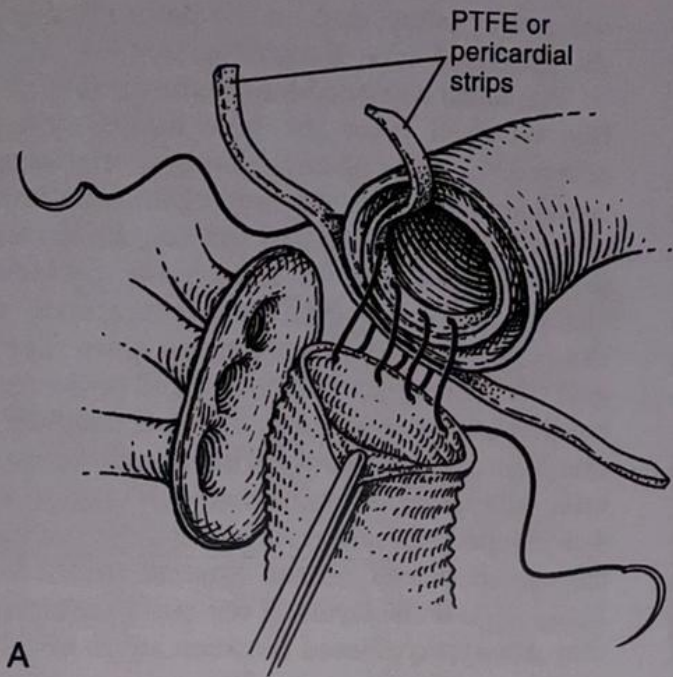




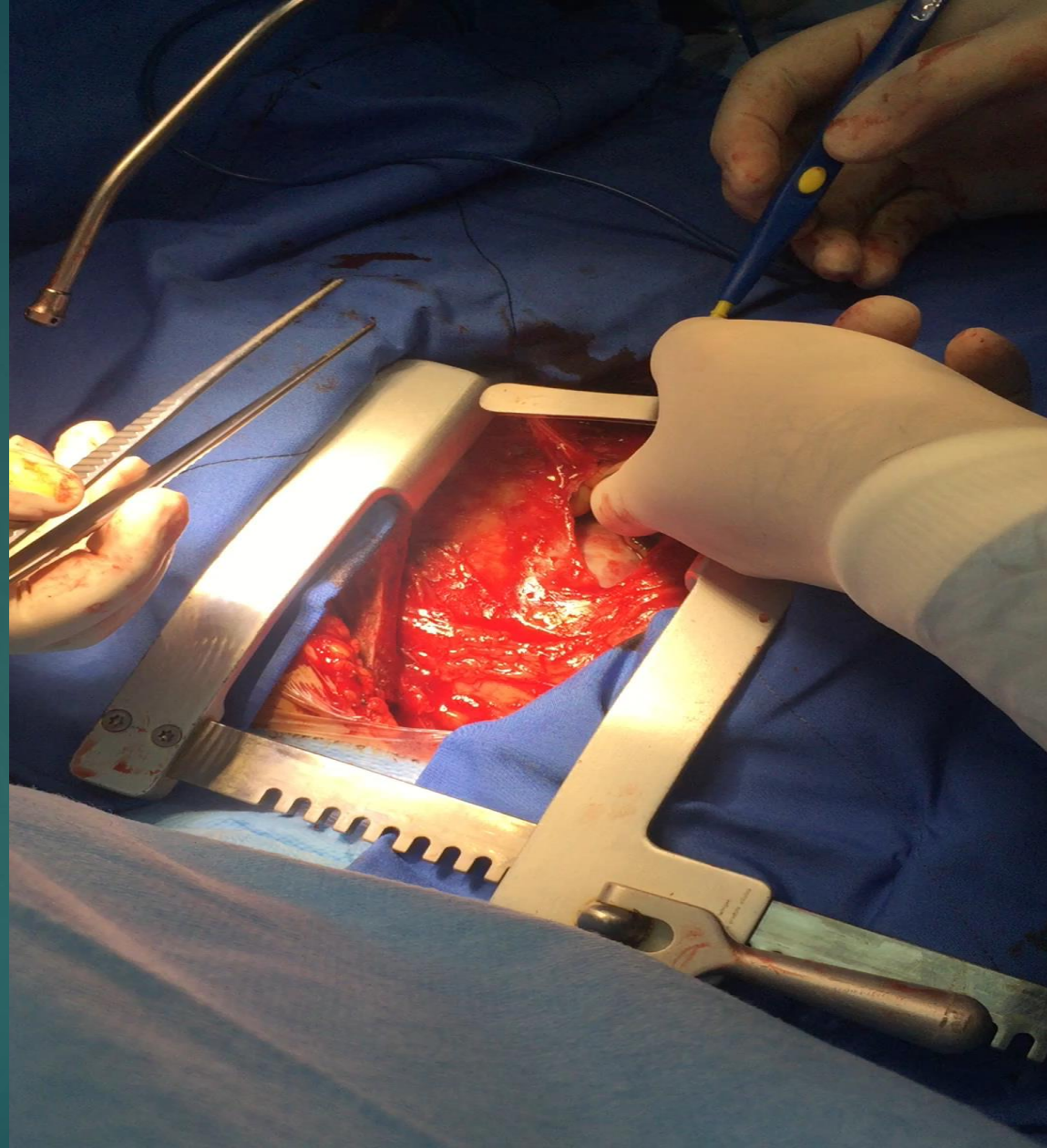
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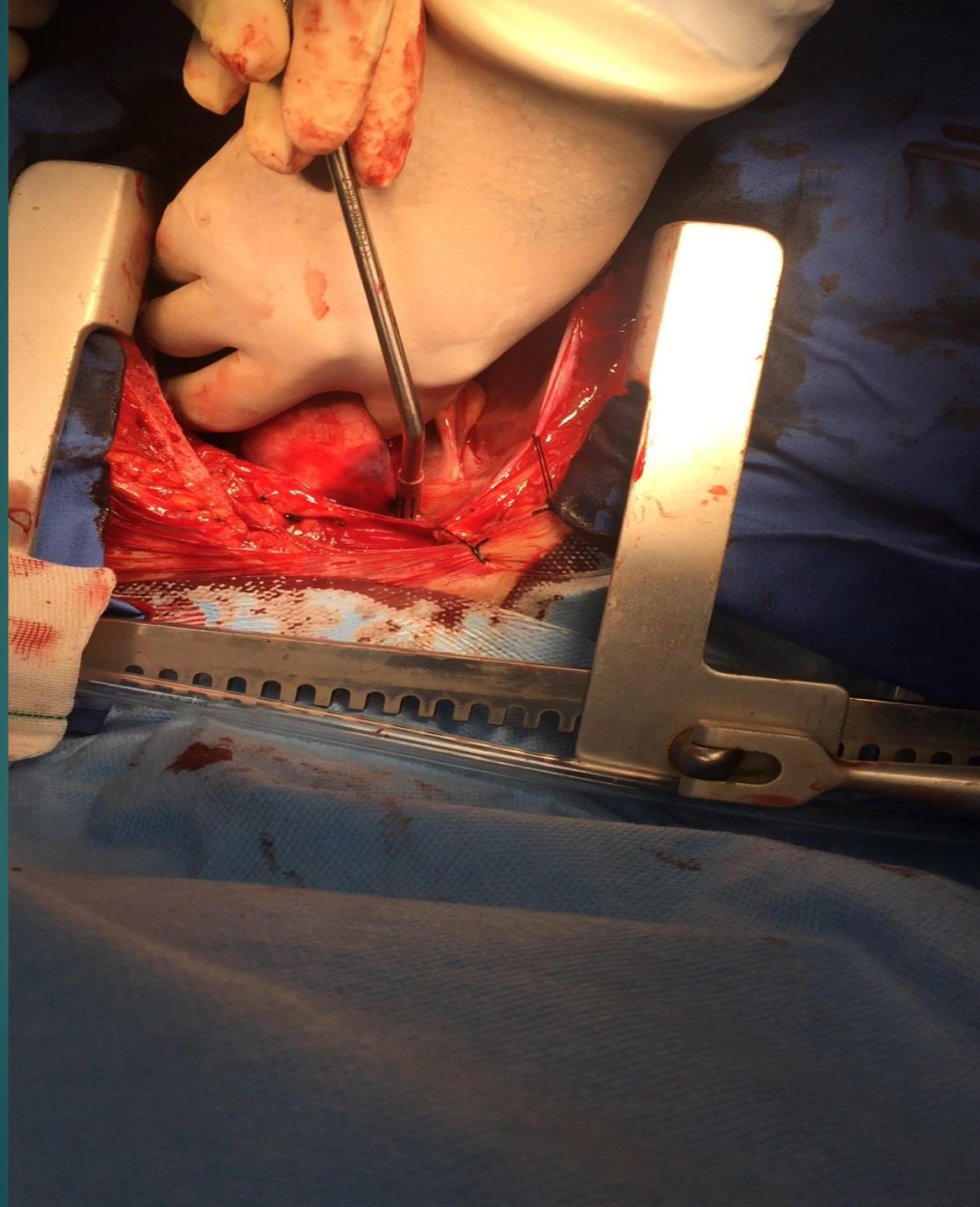




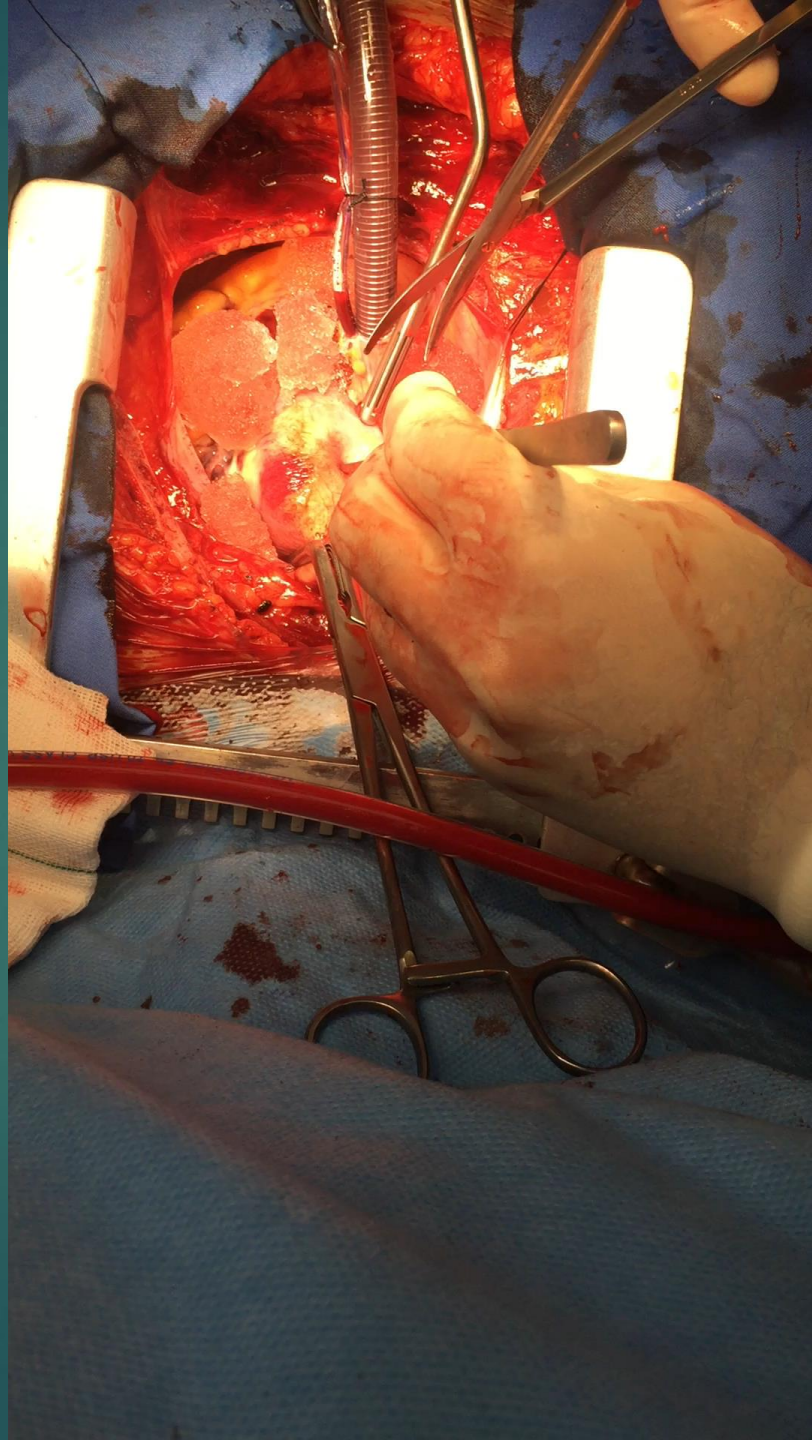




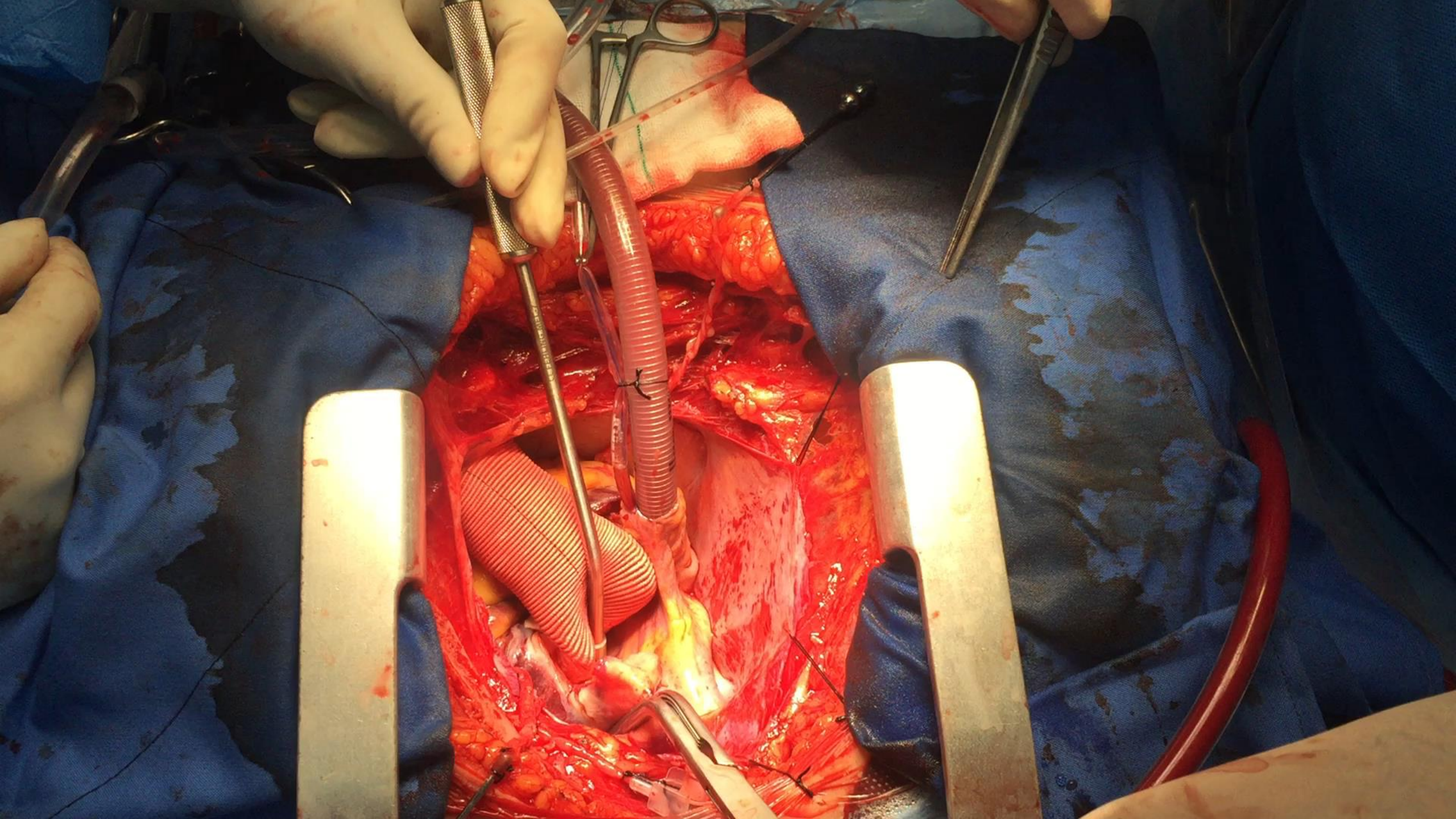




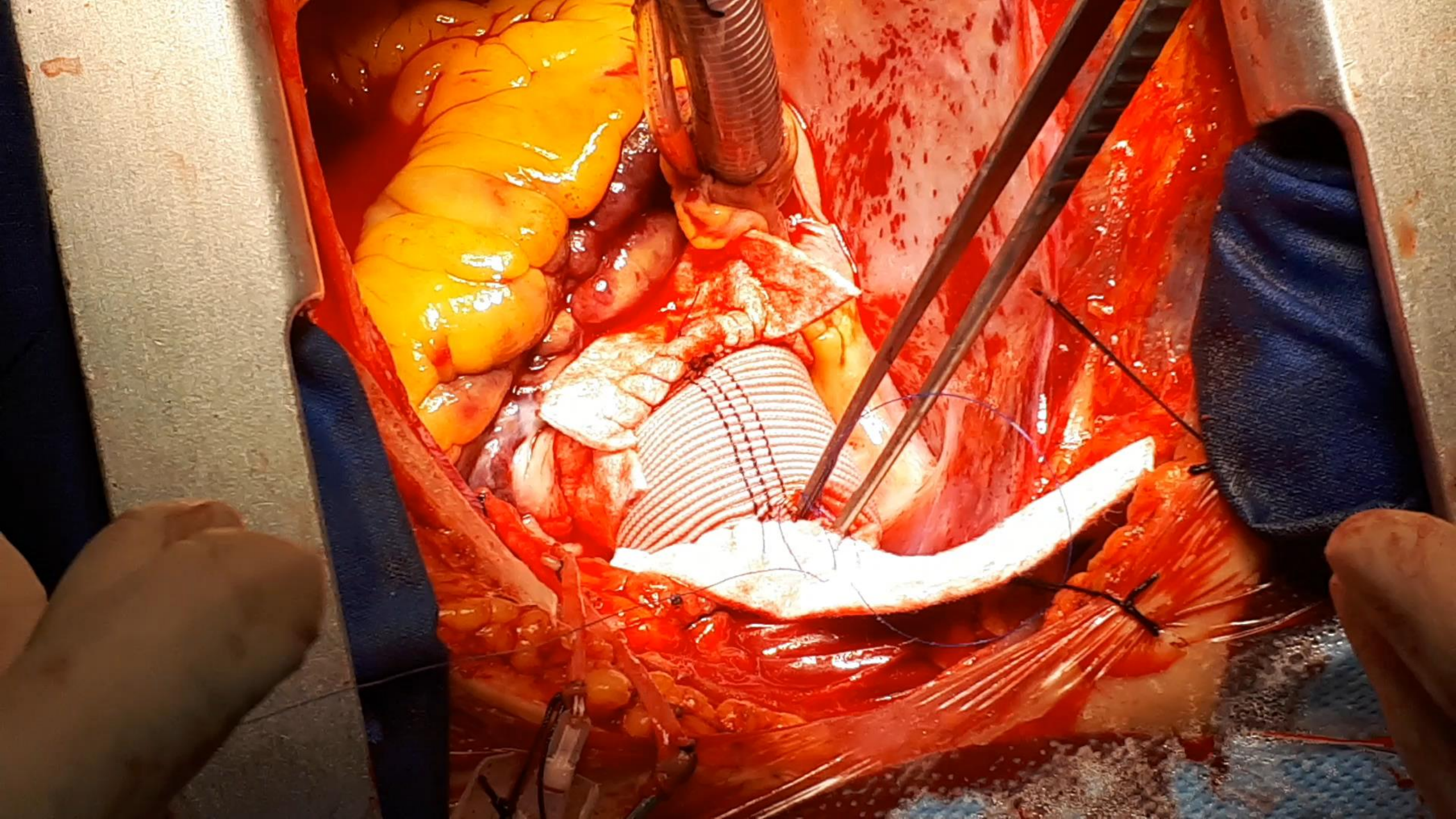




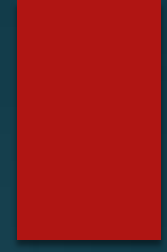
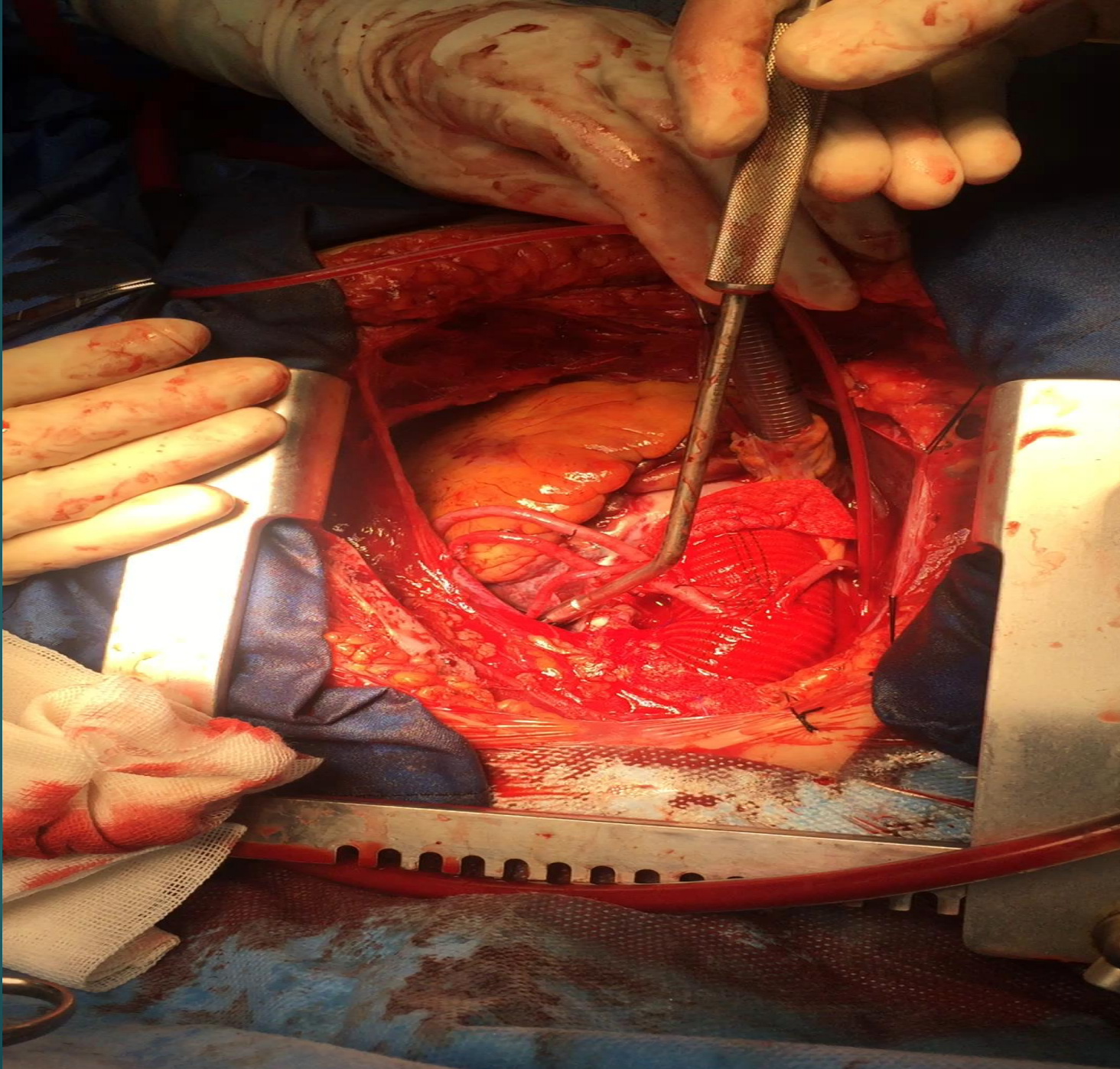




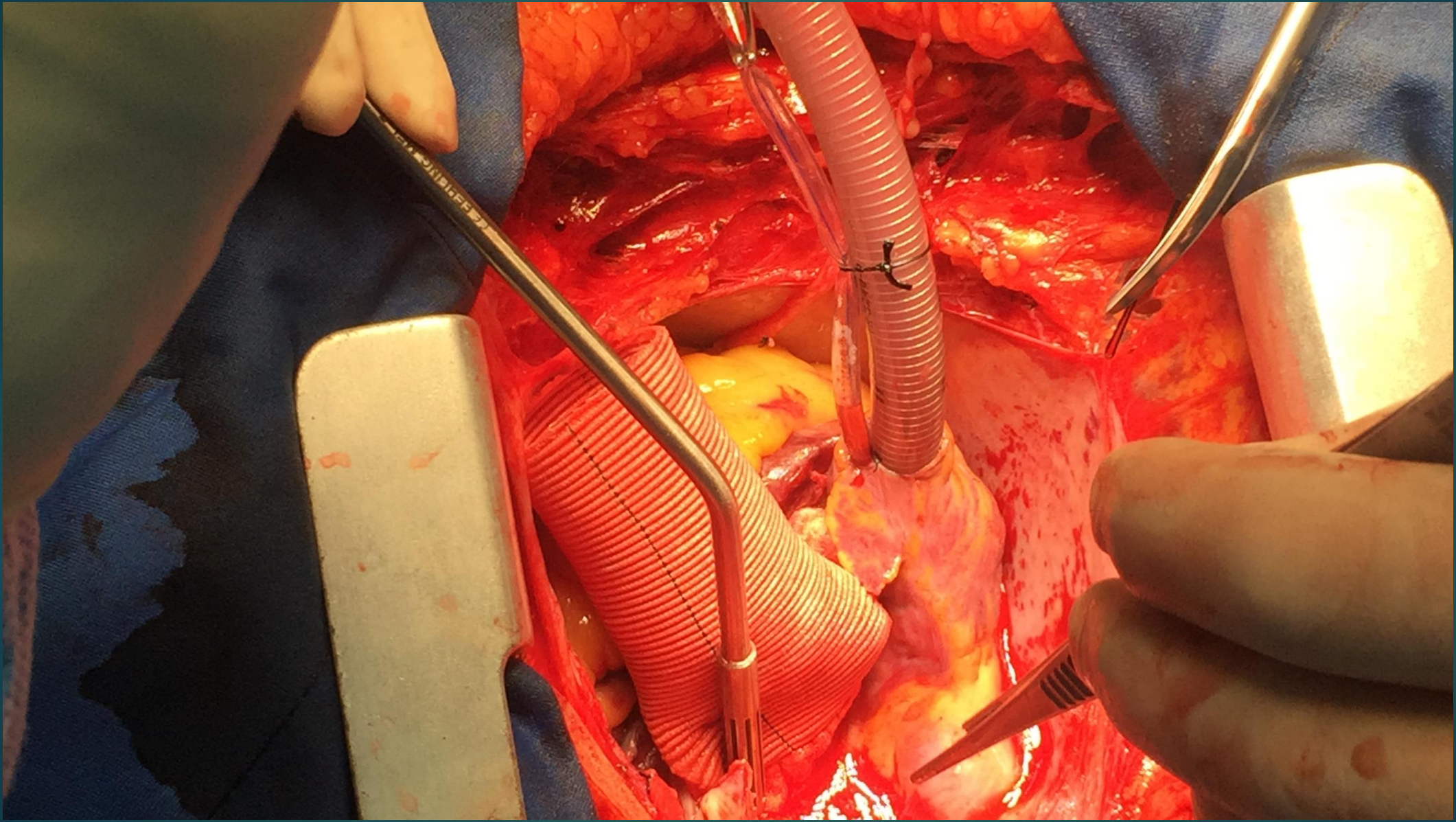














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Chouardiography

2D, M-Mode Study  
1-chambers

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شبکه بهداشت و درمان آمل  
بیمارستان امام رضا (ع) آمل  
اکوکار دیوگرافی

نام بیمار: سینا امیرزاد  
تاریخ: ۹۵/۹/۲۴  
پزشک معرف: اکوکار  
سابقه بیماری:

Dimensions and Motions

|        |    |     |    |         |    |     |
|--------|----|-----|----|---------|----|-----|
| -L Vt  | mm | PWD | mm | FF      | 2D | WMA |
| LA: SL | mm | RV: |    | Ao.D:   | mm |     |
| Missa  |    | RA: |    | Epress: | mm |     |
| Clos   |    |     |    |         |    |     |

2 Valves

| Aortic V.       | Mitral V.                   | Tricuspid V. | Pulmonic V. |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| Normal: Box: mm | Normal: MVA cm <sup>2</sup> | Normal:      | Normal:     |
| Thickened:      | Prolaps:                    | Prolaps:     | Prolaps:    |
| Calcified:      | Thickend:                   | Thickend:    | Thickend:   |
| other:          | Calcified:                  | Calcified:   | Calcified:  |
|                 | other:                      | other:       | other:      |

3 - Pericardium :

Normal  Effusion  Thick  Calcified  other

Color Doppler Study

| Aortic V.   | Mitral V.   | Tricuspid V.  | Pulmonic V.   |
|---|---|---|---|
| Normal Flow :<br>As :<br>Peak G : mmHg<br>Mean G: mmHg<br>AVA : | Normal Flow :<br>MS :<br>Peak G : mmHg<br>Mean G: mmHg<br>MVA : | Normal flow :<br>TS :<br>Peak G : mmHg<br>Mean G: mmHg<br>TVA : | Normal flow:<br>PS:<br>Peak G : mmHg<br>Mean G: mmHg<br>TVA : |
| AI :<br>Other :   | MR :<br>Diastolic dysfunction :                                 | TR :<br>PAP :   | PI :<br>Other :   |

Conclusion:  
NL LV size & preserved LV systolic funcy (EF: 50%)  
Inferior N.K  
NL RV size & NL RV funcy  
NO MS/mild MR  
NO AS/NO AI  
Recomendation: Dilated AA (4,3cm)

A.IRH.5

mild LVH NO LV clog  
NO PR

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File Number : شماره پرونده :  
 ۲۴۲۲۸

پرونده شرح حال  
 MEDICAL HISTORY SHEET

|   |                   |                                     |   |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| Attending Physician: پزشک معالج :<br>۵۲     | Ward: بخش :<br>۱  | Name: نام :<br>سین                  | Family Name: نام خانوادگی :<br>اعمرزاده |
| Date of Admission: تاریخ پذیرش :<br>۱۳۹۶/۲۴ | Room: اتاق :<br>۲ | Date Of Birth: تاریخ تولد :<br>۱۳۶۴ | Father's Name: نام پدر :<br>قدرت        |
| Bed: تخت :<br>۱                             |                   |                                     |   |

Percepting Symptoms :

History of Present Illness : تاریخچه بیماری فعلی :  
 ۲۰۰۰ مرد سینه

فام ۶۶ سال HTN تحت درمان دلتوی  
 smokes قبلی

Past Disease History : تاریخچه بیماری های قبلی :  
 Typical cp + شروع و استراحت

(از شب که سینه که صبح مرا بجه کرد)

Current Drug Therapy & Other Addiction : داروهای در حال مصرف و سایر اعتیادات :  
 inferior ۱۵۲

بیمارستان امام رضا (ع) آمل  
 واحد ترومبوزیس

Allergy to : حساسیت به :  
 cp دلرد گستراننده و انسولین

Family History : سوابق فامیلی :  
 تریاق که نه است

Physical Examination & clinical investigation :  
 استثنای Acute STEMI  
 که تریاق نه

- نات بدنی و بررسیهای بالینی :
- T : \_\_\_\_\_
  - MM : \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_
- شست صفحه را تکمیل کنید .

Please Complete The Back of The Sheet :



برگ درخواست مشاوره  
CONSULTATION REQUEST SHEET

|                                  |             |                            |                            |
|----------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Attending Physician: پزشک معالج: | Ward: بخش:  | Name: نام:                 | Family Name: نام خانوادگی: |
| Date Of Admission: تاریخ پذیرش:  | Room: اتاق: | Date Of Birth: تاریخ تولد: | Father's Name: نام پدر:    |
|                                  | Bed: تخت:   |                            |                            |

Date Of Request: تاریخ درخواست: \_\_\_\_\_

Time Of Request: ساعت درخواست: \_\_\_\_\_

Kind Of Consultation: نوع مشاوره: \_\_\_\_\_

Non Emergency  غیر اورژانس      Emergency  اورژانس

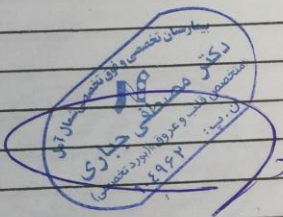
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تشخیص اولیه: \_\_\_\_\_

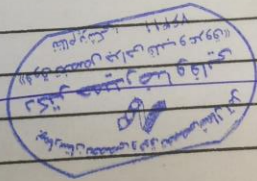
Primary Diagnosis: \_\_\_\_\_

Object Of Consultation & Clinical Notes: گزارشات کلینیکی و موضوع مشاوره: \_\_\_\_\_



با سلام  
بیمار مورد ۳۶ روزگانه  
متردد ۳۷۵ جابانه  
صفت مشاوره صورتی شود

مشاهدات و نظریات پزشک مشاور (خلاصه نظریات، تشخیص و توصیه ها): \_\_\_\_\_



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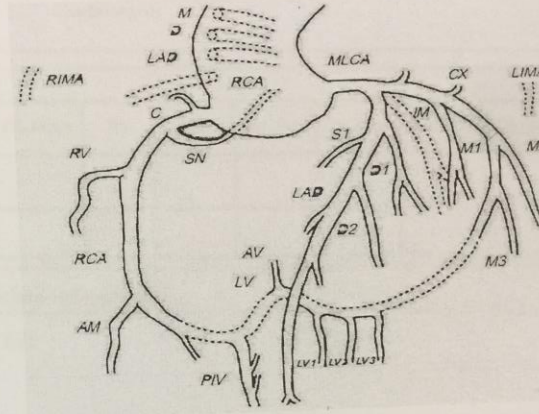
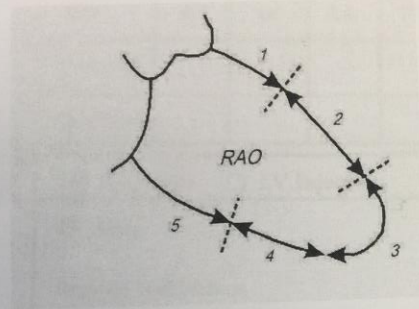
Date: تاریخ: \_\_\_\_\_

Consultation Physician Name & Sign: نام مشاور و امضاء: \_\_\_\_\_

Patient's Name: **مينا احمد زاده**  
 Date of admission: **1397/09/25**  
 Cardiologist: **Mostafa Jabari**

Serial Number: **P251461**  
 Age: **66**  
 Sex:

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| AO Pressure |  |
| LV Pressure |  |
| LV EF       |  |



|                        |                                  |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Cath was performed via | RADIAL                           |
| Dominancy              |                                  |
| LV Wall motion         |                                  |
| LMT                    | had moderate lesion at distal    |
| LAD                    | had significant lesion           |
| Diagonal(s)            | had significant lesion           |
| LCX                    | had non significant lesion       |
| OM(s)                  | had moderate lesion              |
| Ramus                  |                                  |
| RCA                    | had significant lesion with clot |
| PDA                    |                                  |
| Grafts                 |                                  |
| Others                 |                                  |
| Diagnosis              | severe 3VD                       |
| Recommendation         | CABG                             |

*Handwritten signature and notes in Persian script.*

**Mostafa Jabari**  
 Cardio Logist



Patient's Name:

احمد زاده

گزارش آنژیوگرافی

Coronary Angiography Report Sex: male female Age: /year Weight: /kg

Date of admission: / / Cardiologist:

Pressure and Saturation data:

| Site       | AO | LV | LA | PAW | PA.Main | RV | LA | RA.Mid | RA.High | SVC.LOW | SVC.High |
|------------|----|----|----|-----|---------|----|----|--------|---------|---------|----------|
| Pressure   |    |    |    |     |         |    |    |        |         |         |          |
| Saturation |    |    |    |     |         |    |    |        |         |         |          |

LV Study by:  LV Injection  Echoardiography

LV Size:

LV EF:

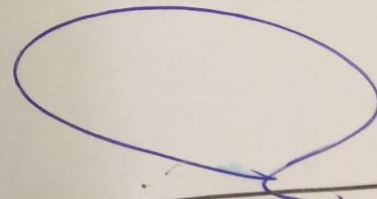
MR:

Regional Wall Motion:

Angiography Report:

Lm: had moderate distal lesion  
 LAD: had significant lesion  
 D: had significant lesion  
 LCx: had non significant lesion  
 om: had moderate Lesion  
 RCA, had significant lesion with clot  
 severe 3VD

CABC



### برگ انجام کاتریشم و آنژیوگرافی ها

|               |                     |                |             |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------|
| شماره پرونده: | نام خانوادگی:       | بغش:           | مینه لفراره |
| شماره پرونده: | نوع کاتریشم:        | حالت بیمار:    | 9-820       |
| تاریخ:        | کاتریشم راست        | داروهای مصرفی: |             |
| 9-25          | کاتریشم چپ          |                |             |
|               | اندازه گیری فشارها  |                |             |
|               | کسیمتری             |                |             |
|               | آنژیوگرافی راست     |                |             |
|               | آنژیوگرافی چپ       |                |             |
|               | آنژیوگرافی کرونر    |                |             |
|               | پیس میکرو موقت      |                |             |
|               | پیس میکرو دائم      |                |             |
|               | انجام کارهای متفرقه |                |             |

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 در طول عمل سرولین و هپارین مصرف شد  
 در وقت تزریق از آنژل استفاده شد  
 کاتریشم چپ انجام شد در وقت ۱۰:۰۰  
 A5 و تمامین در بعد از تزریق  
 اندازه گیری شد ۲-۳ سر از عمل  
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 استفاده شد در تمام طول عمل  
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