

Advances in Thromboaspiration Devices- Primary PCI

CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE: PCI IN HIGH THROMBUS BURDEN

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No tengo conflicto de interés



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Alta carga de trombo (HTB) en ICP incrementa la posibilidad de:

- Tasa de MACE post ICP.
- Trombosis del stent.
- Fenómeno de No Reflujo.



Consecuencias de No Reflujo:

- Menor sobrevida a 5 años.
- Incremento 3X en mortalidad y hospitalizaciones relacionadas a Insuficiencia cardiaca, en pacientes que desarrollan obstrucción microvascular.

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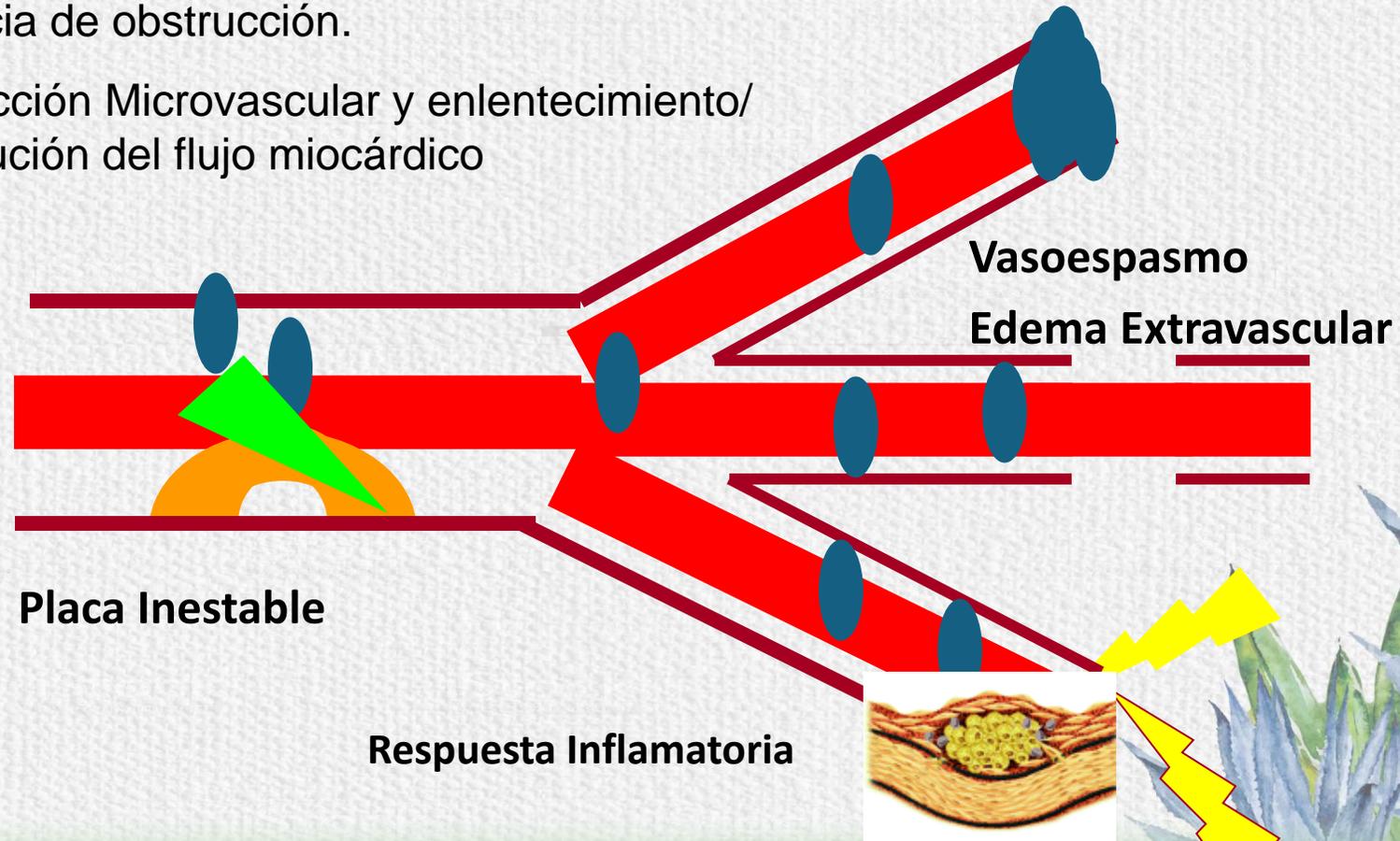
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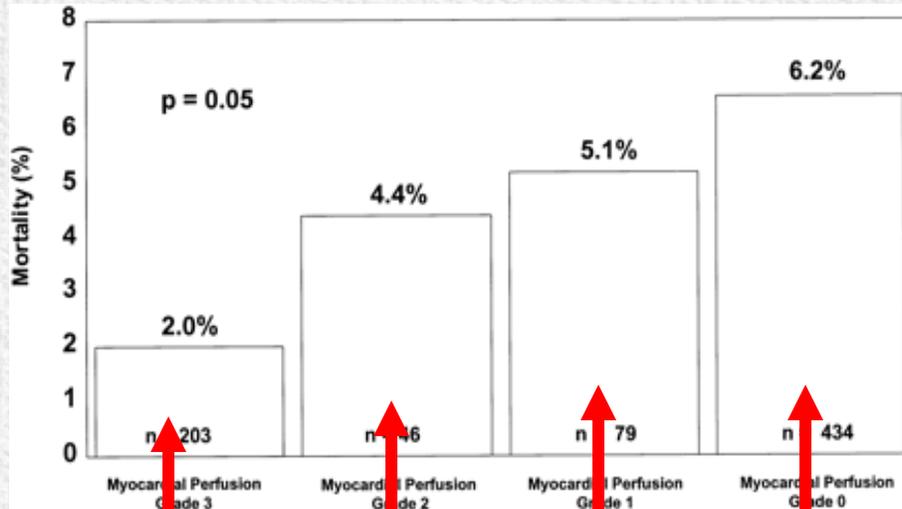
Ausencia de obstrucción.

Obstrucción Microvascular y enlentecimiento/
disminución del flujo miocárdico

Tapones de plaquetas y GR



IMPORTANCIA DEL FLUJO TIMI Y TMPG EN MORTALIDAD

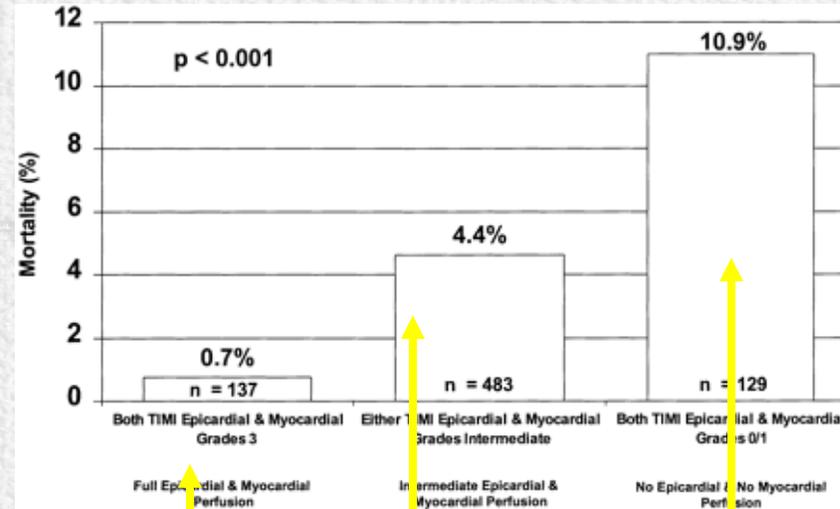


TMPG 3

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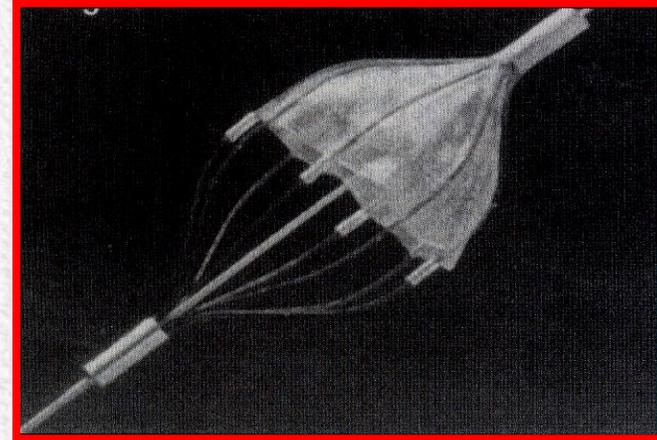
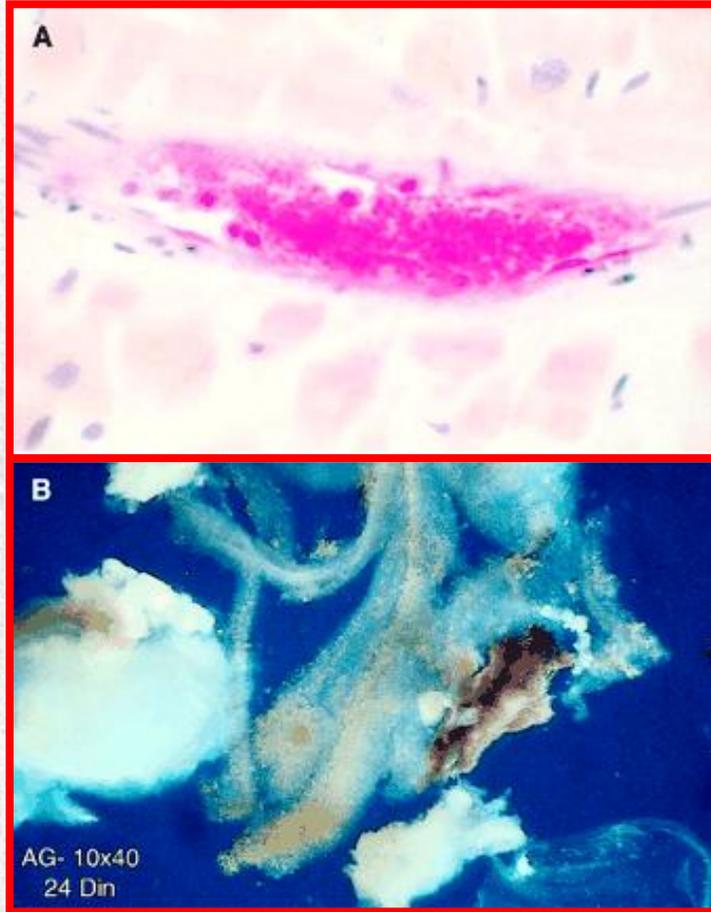
TIMI Y TMPG 0/1

TIMI Y TMPG INTERMEDIOS

TIMI Y TMPG NORMALES

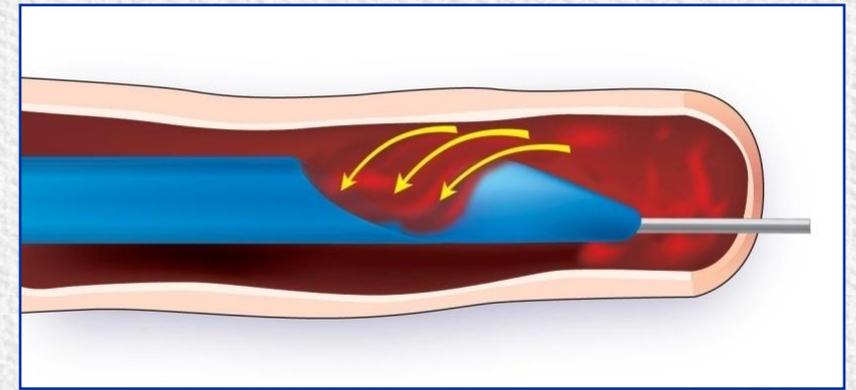
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MATERIAL RECUPERADO DE EMBOLISMO DISTAL



CATETER DE EXTRACCION PRONTO V3

- Simple
- Amigable
- Operador único
- Intercambio rápido
- Compatible 6 F



Protección de la pared vascular: (al avanzar y aspirar).

Mayor capacidad de aspiración: (Aspiración distal = Protección dinámica).

Buen perfil de cruce.

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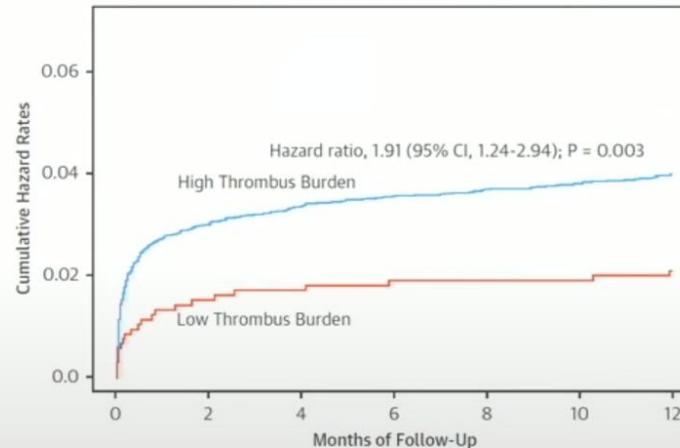
High thrombus burden

TOTAL

Routine manual thrombus aspiration vs. PCI alone in STEMI (n=10,732, HTB: n=8,983, 89%)

Jolly SS, et al., J Am Coll Cardiol. 2018;72(14):1589-1596.

KM CURV Mortalidad en pacientes con alta carga de trombo S BURDEN



↑ ↗ ≈2x

No. at Risk	0	2	4	6	8	10	12
High Thrombus Burden	8,983	8,643	8,600	8,575	8,526	8,502	8,412
Low Thrombus Burden	1,073	1,046	1,043	1,040	1,038	1,036	1,020

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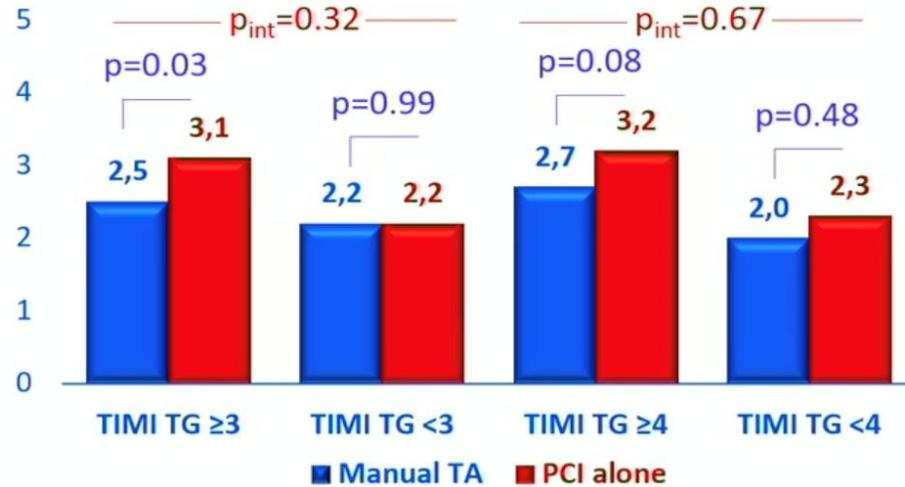
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IPD META-ANALYSIS

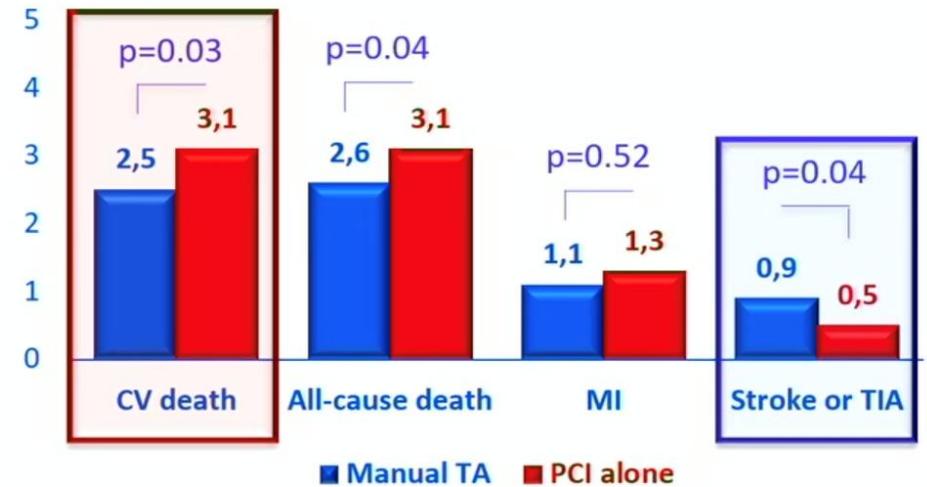
Routine manual thrombus aspiration vs. PCI alone in STEMI (3 trials, n=18,306)

Jolly SS, et al., Circulation. 2017;135(2):143-1521596.

Mortalidad a 30 días según carga de trombo



Eventos CVs con alta carga de trombo



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WHAT DOES EVIDENCE-BASED MEDICINE SAY?

Individual Patient Meta-Analysis of TAPAS, TASTE TOTAL enrolling 18 306 patients

	Thrombus aspiration	No aspiration	OR	95% CI	p
Primary efficacy endpoint:					
CV death 30 days	2.4%	2.9%	0.84	0.70–1.01	0.06
Primary safety endpoint:					
Stroke or TIA at 30 days	0.8%	0.5%	1.43	0.98–2.1	0.06

Jolly SS, et al. Circulation. 2017;135:143–152.

In high thrombus burden (TIMI ≥ 3) fewer CV deaths (2.5% vs 3.1%; OR 0.80; 95% CI 0.65–0.98; p=0.03) and more CVI/TIA (0.9%vs 0.5%; OR 1.56; 95% CI 1.02–2.42; p=0.04).

Potential benefit in patients with large thrombus burden if systemic embolization is prevented

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- 19047 pacientes incluidos en TASTE, TAPAS y TOTAL:
- Aspiración rutinaria de trombo en la ICP de IMEST no mejoró evolución.
 - En el grupo de HTB, sugiere reducción de muerte CV, con aumento de EVC/ICT, racional para futuros estudios con nuevas tecnologías.



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Recommendations for technical aspects of invasive strategies



Recommendations (continued)	Class	Level
Intravascular imaging (preferably optical coherence tomography) may be considered in patients with ambiguous culprit lesions.	IIb	C
The routine use of thrombus aspiration is not recommended.	III	A

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CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Definitions, Predictors, and Outcomes of Failed or Successful Thrombus Aspiration

Failed Thrombus Aspiration Among STEMI Patients With Large Clot Burden

Patients with STEMI undergoing PPCI with large thrombus burden (N = 812)

	Outcome Measures		
	Failed TA (n = 279)	Successful TA (n = 533)	P Value
Final TIMI flow grade 0-2	71 (25.4)	94 (17.6)	0.009
Myocardial blush grade 0/1	55 (19.7)	73 (13.7)	0.025
Distal embolization	100 (62.0)	34 (6.4)	0.009
Thrombus aspiration failure	34 (6.4)	0.018	

Failed TA (n = 279)

No thrombus retrieval, remnant thrombus grade ≥ 2 , or distal embolization

Tromboaspiración exitosa:

- Recuperación de trombo.
- Trombo final grado 0/I.
- Sin embolismo distal.

Distal embolization

Failure

- Krupp class III/IV
- Non-LAD
- Tortuosity
- Calcification

• Failed thrombus aspiration is associated with reduced myocardial perfusion and an unfavorable clinical outcome in patients with STEMI and large thrombus burden

• Older age, hemodynamic instability, tortuous and calcified IRA, and non-LAD as the IRA mitigate the effectiveness of manual thrombus aspiration

Jeon HS, et al. JACC Cardiovasc Interv. 2024;17(19):2216-2225.

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ORIGINAL RESEARCH

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Failed Thrombus Aspiration and Reduced Myocardial Perfusion in Patients With STEMI and Large Thrombus Burden

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Conclusions

TA failure is associated with reduced myocardial perfusion in patients with STEMI and LTB. Advanced age, hemodynamic instability, hostile coronary anatomy such as tortuosity or calcification, and non-left anterior descending coronary artery status might attenuate TA performance.

Ho Sung Jeon et al. J Am Coll Cardiol Intv 2024; 17:2216-2225.

2025: ¿Dónde estamos?

La Alta Carga de Trombo (HTB) durante ICP I para IMEST se asocia con riesgo aumentado de muerte CV.

El manejo óptimo de HTB durante ICP I en pacientes con IMEST sigue siendo un reto y una necesidad clínica no cubierta.

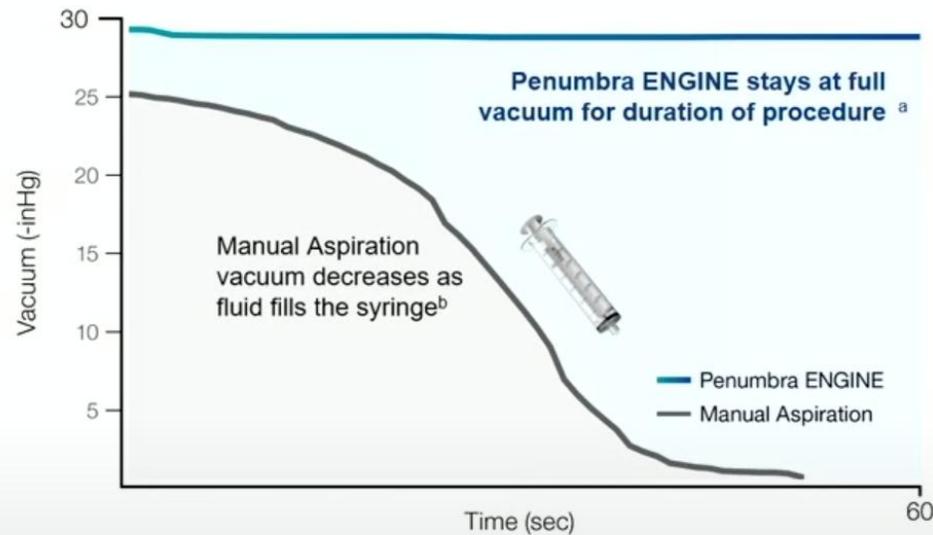
La evidencia sugiere beneficios clínicos potenciales de la trombectomía manual comparada con ICP sola en pacientes con HTB, a costo de riesgo aumentado de ICT/EVC; revelando la necesidad de nuevos dispositivos de aspiración de trombo para mejorar el pronóstico en pacientes con IMEST.

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Power Aspiration vs. Manual Aspiration



112%

more aspiration efficiency compared with a syringe^c

-29 in Hg^a



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CHEETAH Study

Power aspiration for removal of high thrombus burden with low rate of complications and improved myocardial perfusion

As presented at TCT 2021 by Dr. Jay Mathew, Manatee Memorial Hospital, FL. Penumbra ENGINE and Penumbra Pump MAX were both used during study

2024 **euro PCR**

- **Primary Endpoint:**

- Major Adverse Cardiovascular Events, a composite of 30 day cardiovascular death, recurrent myocardial infarction, cardiogenic shock, or new or worsening New York Heart Association Class IV heart failure

- **Secondary Endpoints:**

- **Procedure:**
 - Final TIMI Flow Grade
 - Final TIMI Thrombus Grade
 - Myocardial Blush Grade
 - Distal Embolization Rate
- **Within 30 days:**
 - Stroke
 - Major Bleeding
- **Within 180 days:**
 - Stent Thrombosis
 - All-Cause Mortality
 - Cardiovascular Death
 - Recurrent MI
 - Cardiogenic Shock
 - Class IV Heart Failure
 - Incident of Device Related SAEs

- **Objective:**

- Demonstrate the safety and performance of the Indigo Aspiration System using the CAT **RX** aspiration catheter in a population presenting with acute high thrombus burden coronary vessel occlusion who are referred for Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI)

- **Design:**



Prospective Study



400 Patients



25 Sites



High Thrombus Burden in ACS

- **Study Population:**

- Frontline treatment with Indigo Aspiration System using the CAT **RX** Aspiration Catheter, prior to PCI

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Estudio CHEETAH

Primary Composite Endpoint Met
Safe in High-Risk Patient Population

96.5%

Freedom from MACE
at 30 days^a

0

Device related SAEs
(including stroke^b)

Successful Thrombus Removal
High Rates of Flow Achieved
Core lab adjudicated

85%

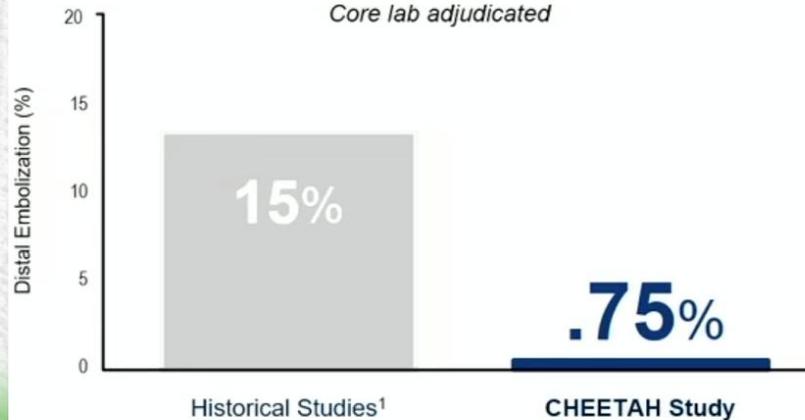
TIMI 2–3 flow
post CAT RX

97.5%

TIMI 3 flow at
final angiography

Low Distal Embolization Rate

Core lab adjudicated



Improved Myocardial Perfusion

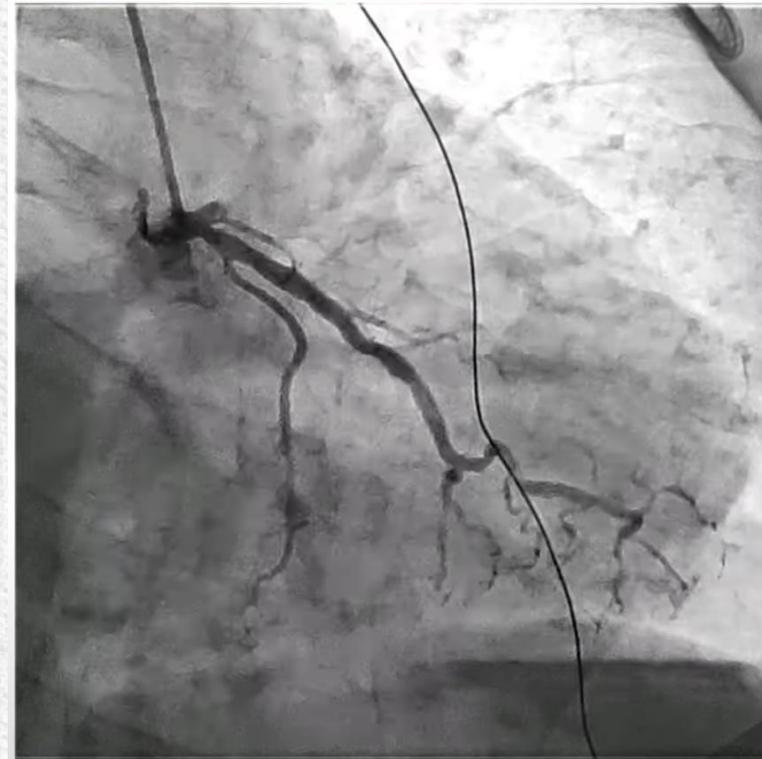
Core lab adjudicated

Achieving high myocardial blush grade (MBG 3) during PCI has been associated with improved outcomes in acute MI²

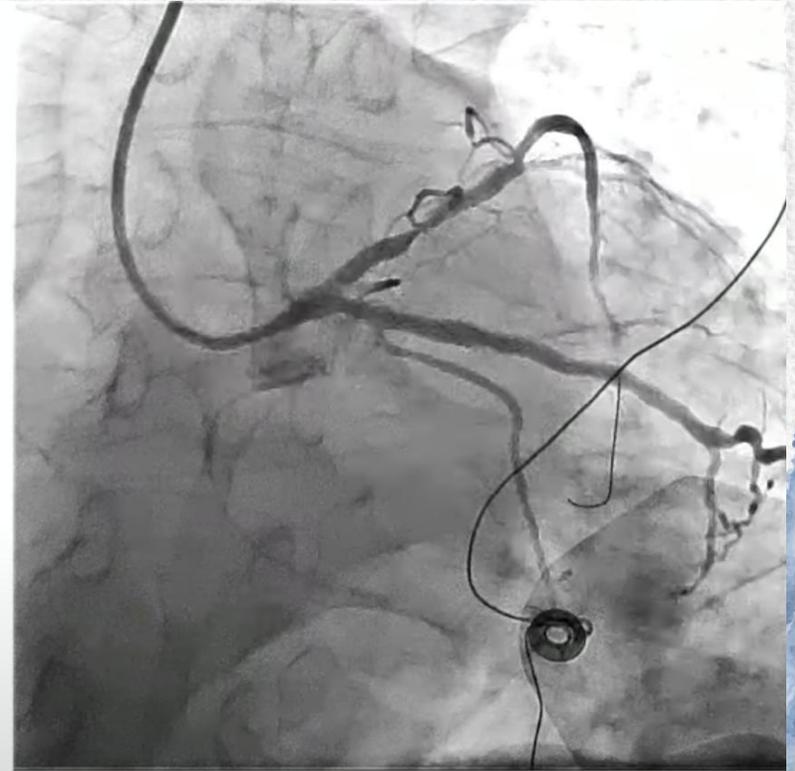
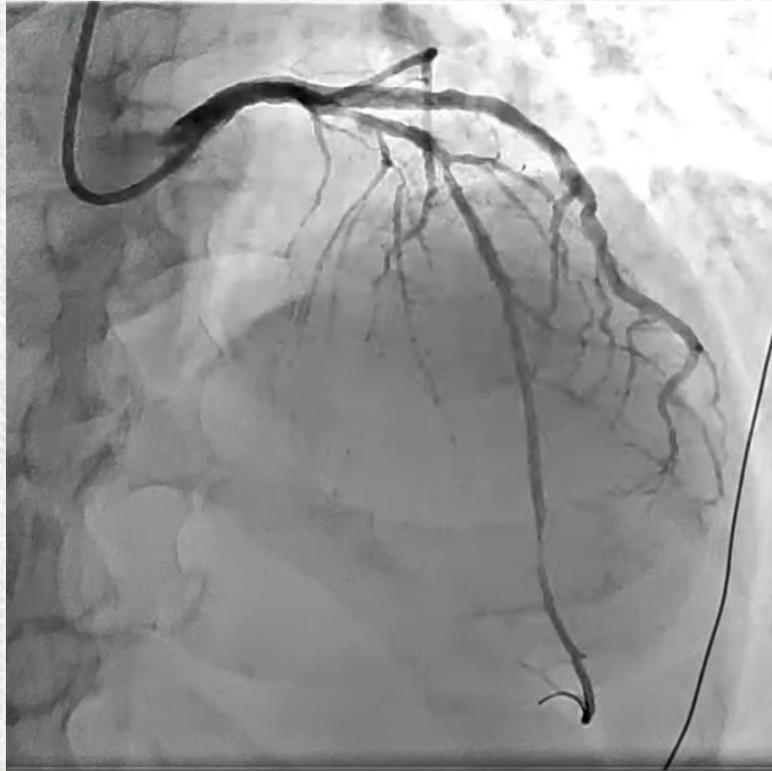
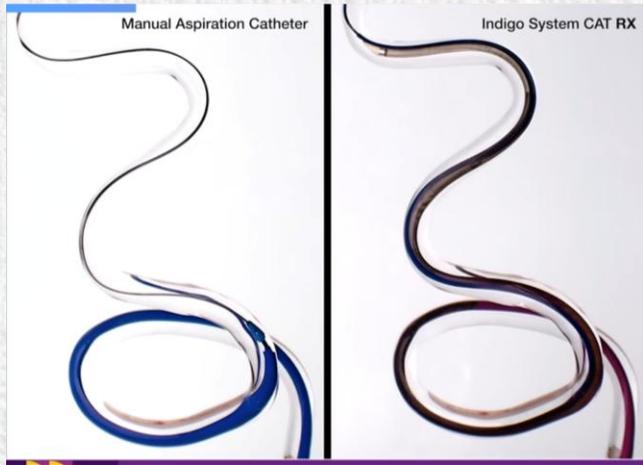
99.8% of patients with MBG 3
at final angiography

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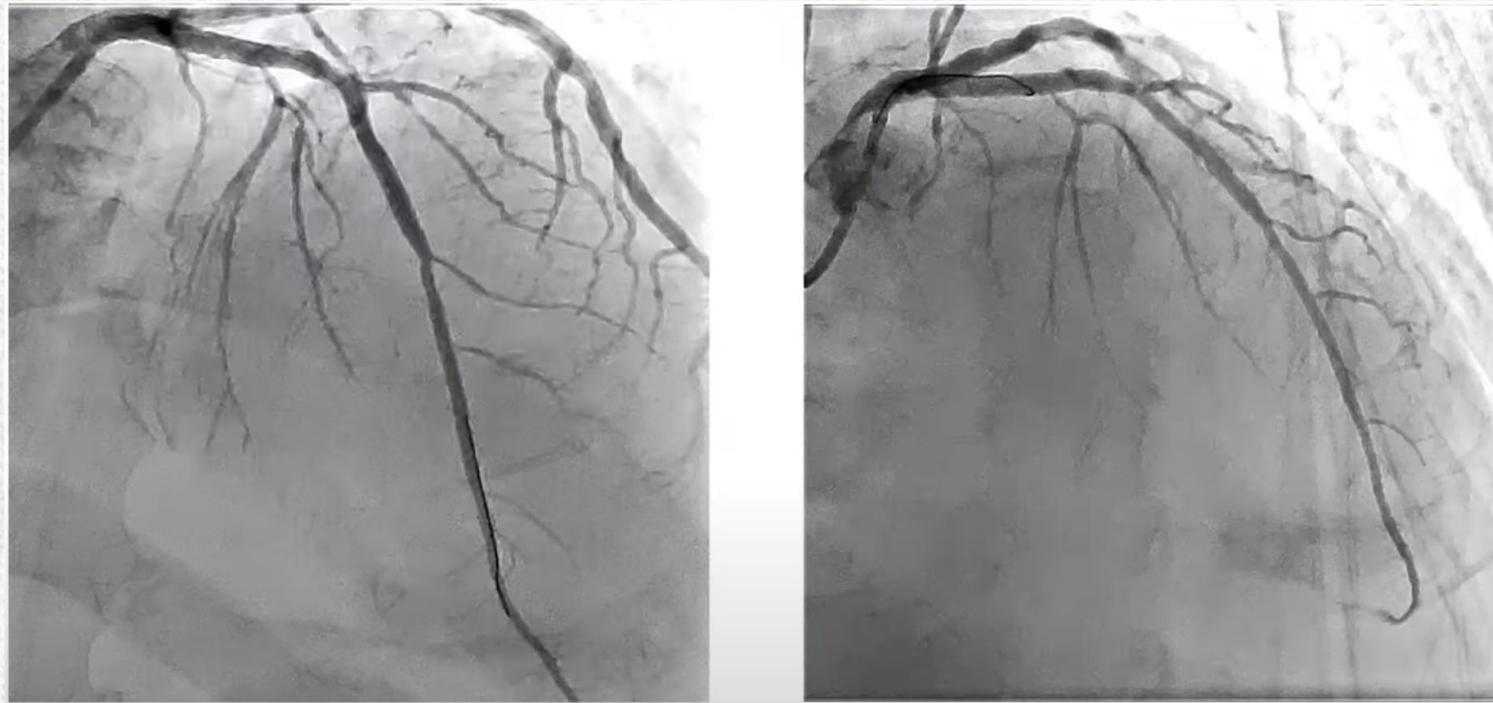
Femenino 76 años,
DM, HTA, Hipercolesterolemia.
Dolor precordial anginoso de 6 hrs.
Elevación ST en V1-4, DI y aVL.



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Resultado final post stent

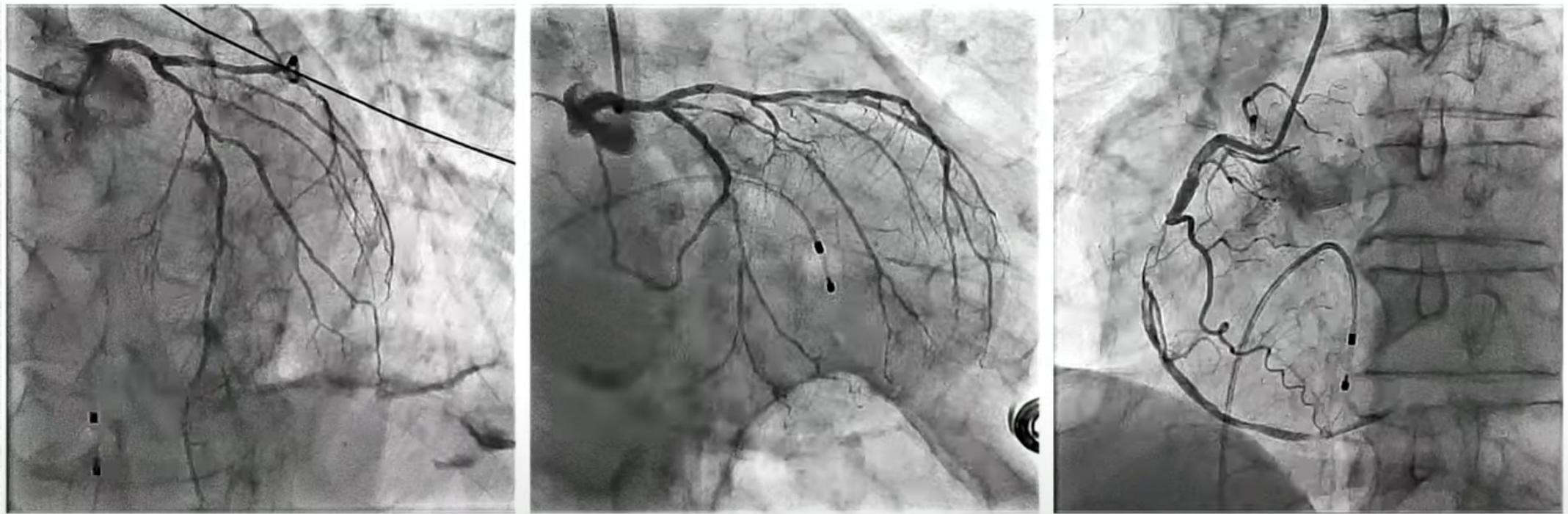


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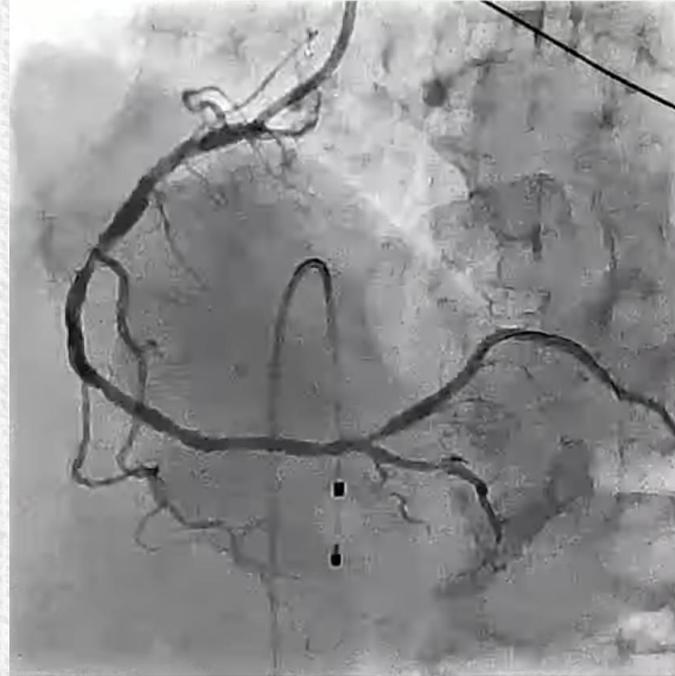
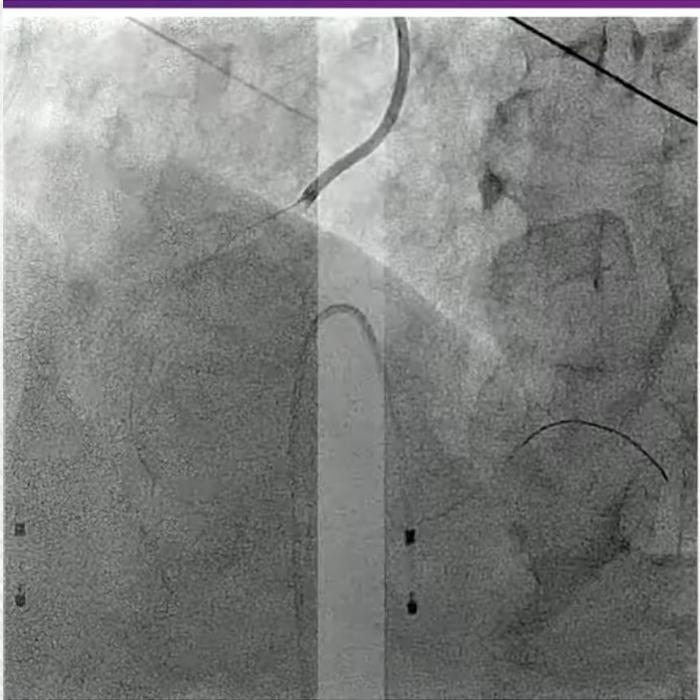


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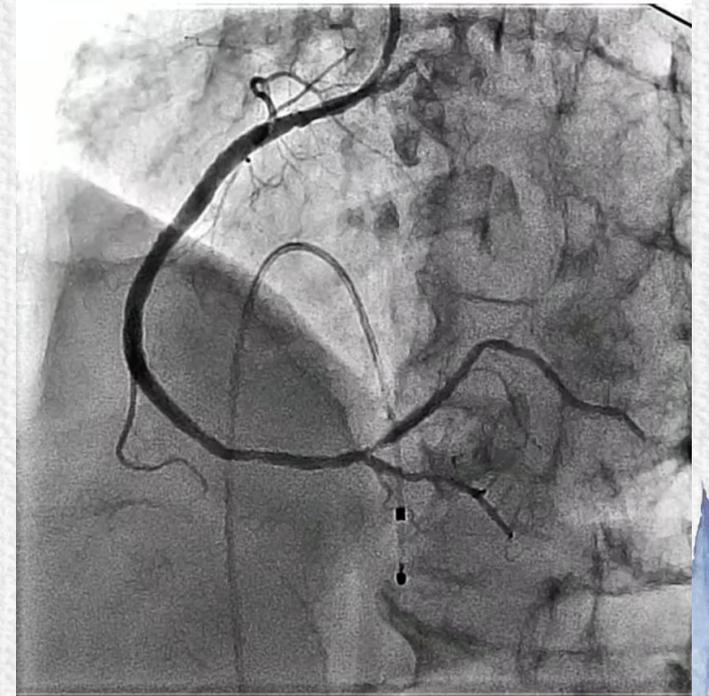
Masculino 65 años, IMEST posteroinferior en evolución: Angiografía diagnóstica.



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Post CAT RX un paso



Resultado final post stent

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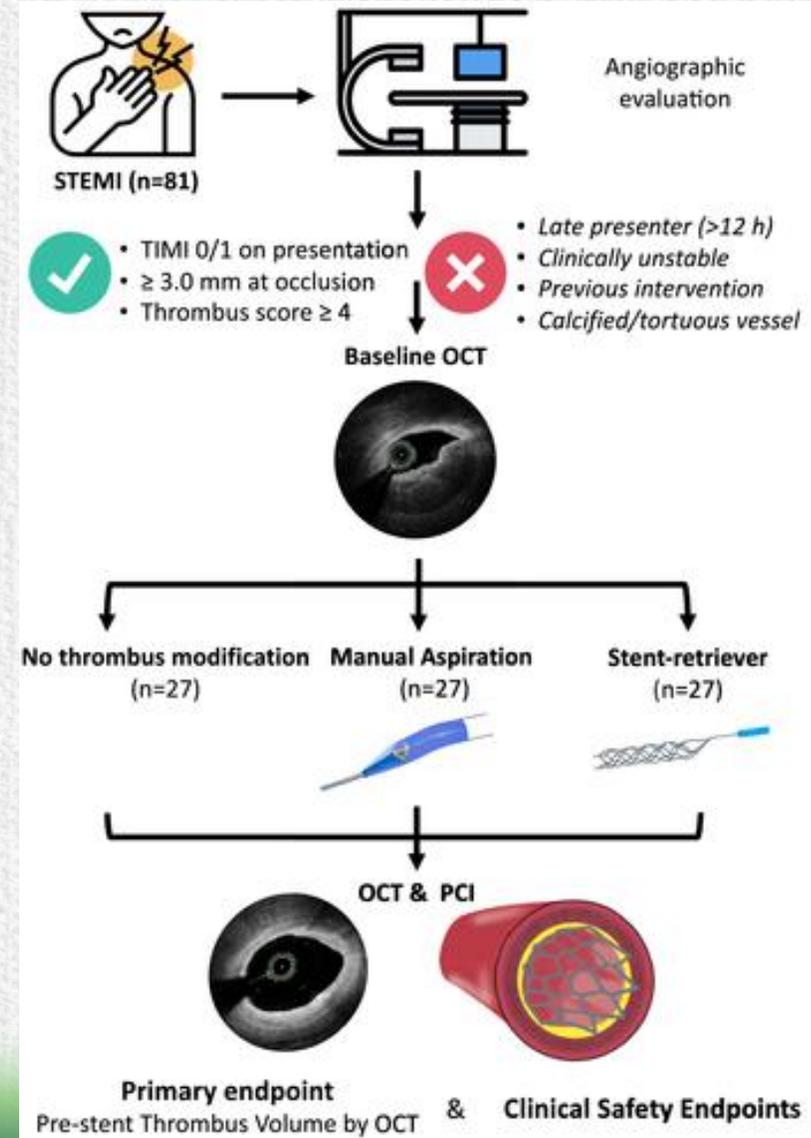
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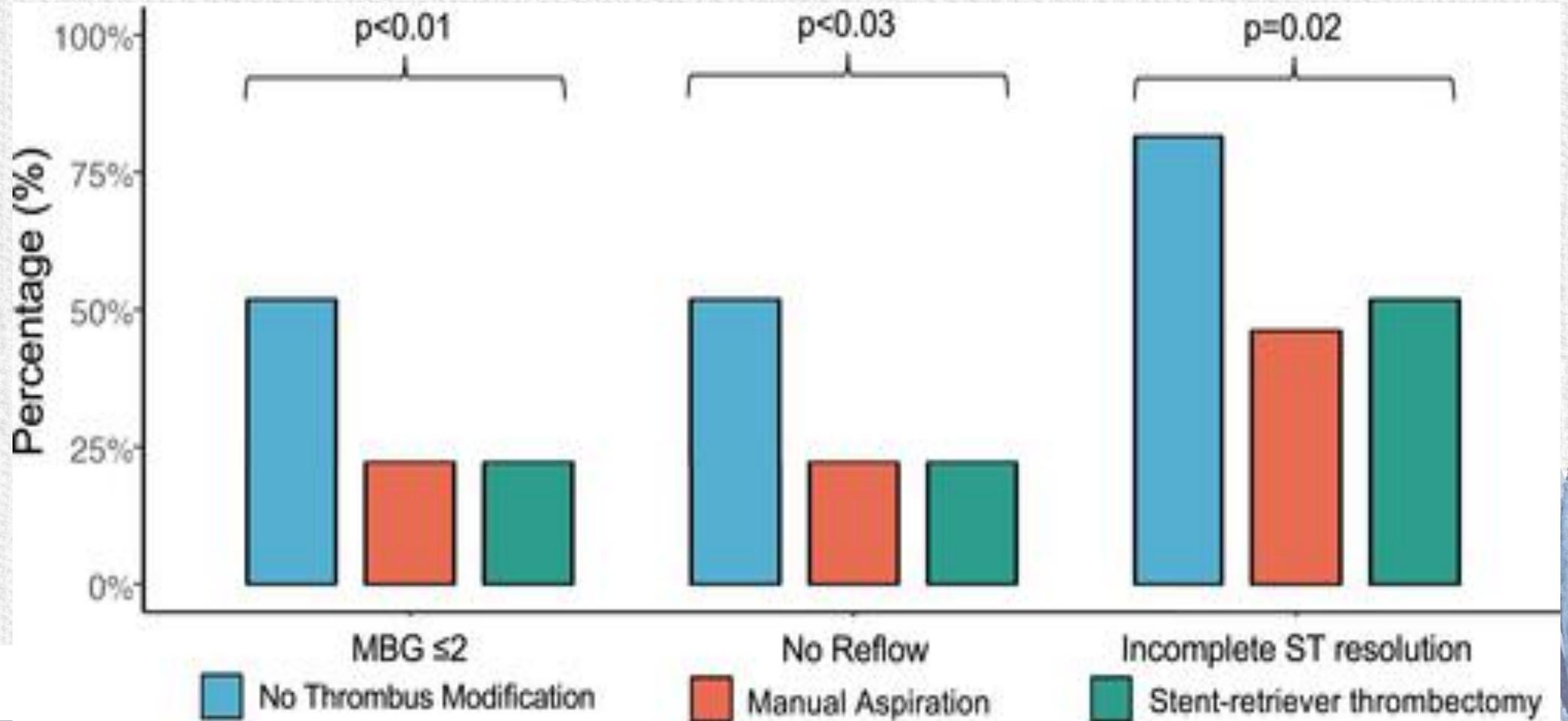
Stent-Retriever Thrombectomy in STEMI With Large Thrombus Burden

The RETRIEVE AMI Randomized Trial

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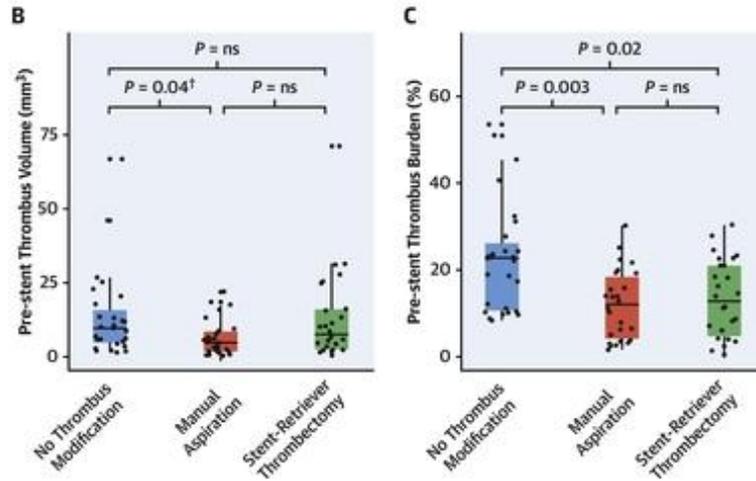
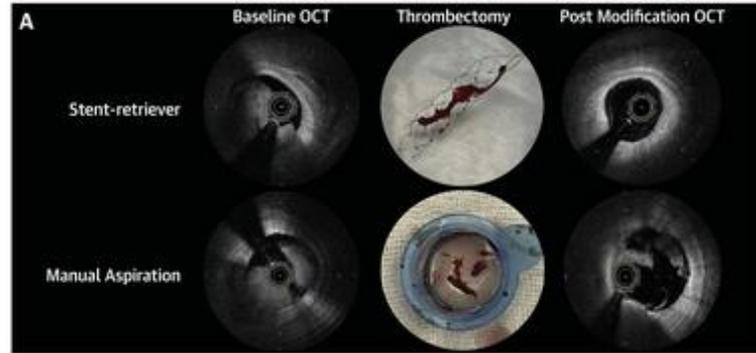


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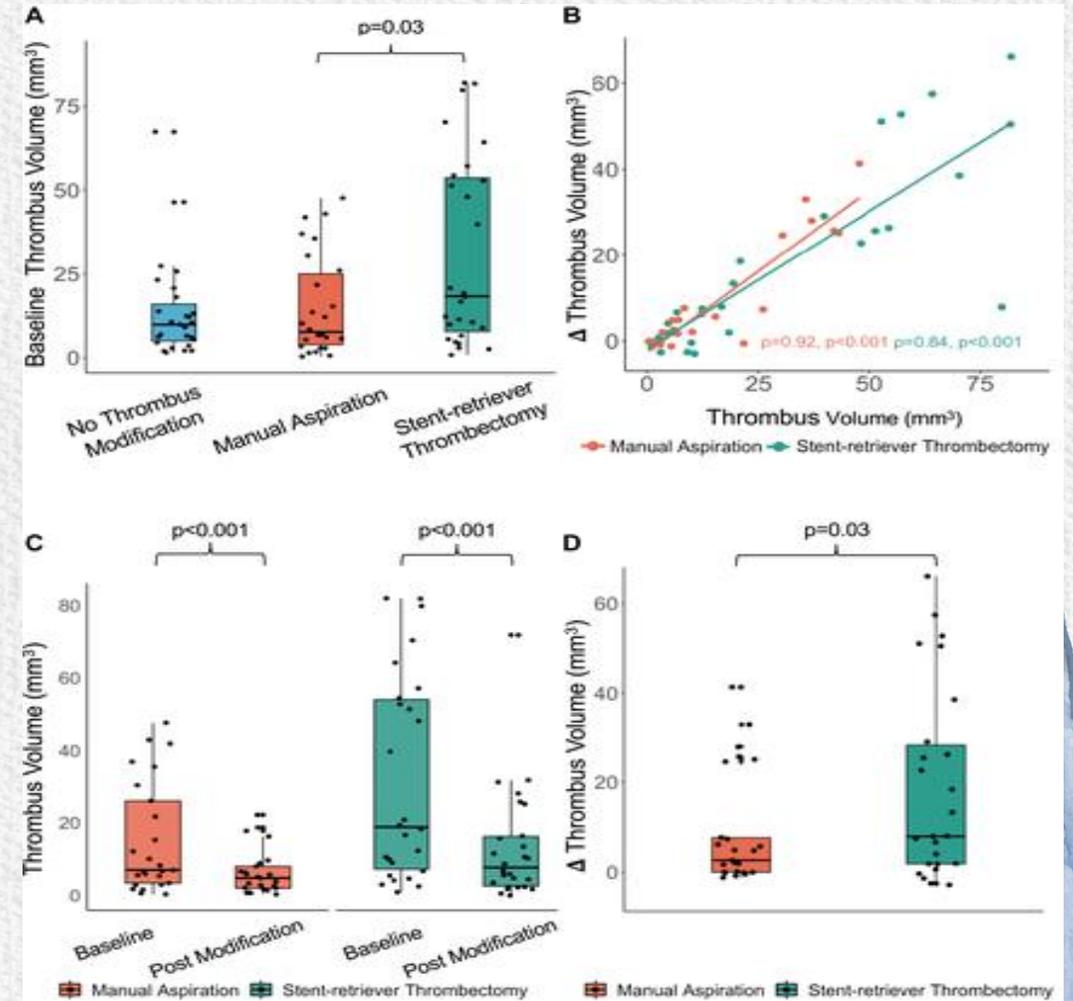


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CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION: Comparison of Stent-Retriever Thrombectomy and Manual Aspiration in LTB STEMI



Kotronias RA, et al. JACC Adv. 2025;4(7):101893.



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COMPETENCY IN MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE: RETRIEVE AMI is the first randomized trial to establish the safety and feasibility of SRT in STEMI patients with large thrombus burden. Despite not finding differences in prestent thrombus volume with SRT, the study demonstrates the capacity of SRT in extracting larger volumes of thrombus compared to manual aspiration thrombectomy, as assessed by OCT. Finally, thrombus modification is associated with improved myocardial perfusion.

COMPETENCY IN PRACTICE BASED LEARNING: TIMI thrombus grade often overestimates thrombus burden when compared to evaluations performed using OCT.

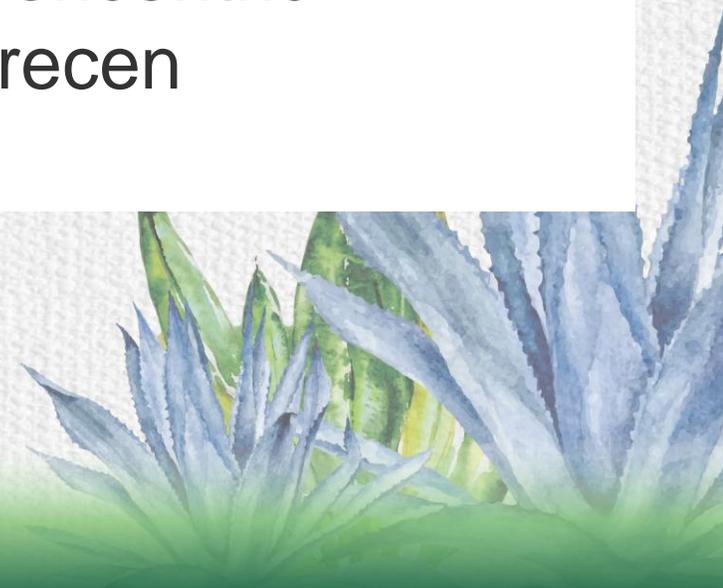
TRANSLATIONAL OUTLOOK: Future research should focus on refining thrombus modification strategies for STEMI, integrating intravascular imaging to improve patient selection.

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Dispositivos de aspiración “sostenida” tienen menor riesgo de EVC, son más efectivos y seguros.

El dispositivo Indigo CAT RX device (Penumbra), con aspiración mecánica continua, parece prometedor.

Los stent retrievers desarrollados para EVC (NeVA MTD [Vesalio], Solitaire Platinum [Medtronic], Trevo XP or Pro 4 [Concentric Medical], ERIC Retrieval Device [MicroVention]) parecen prometedores.



POR DEFINIR:

Aspiración de trombo en STEMI;

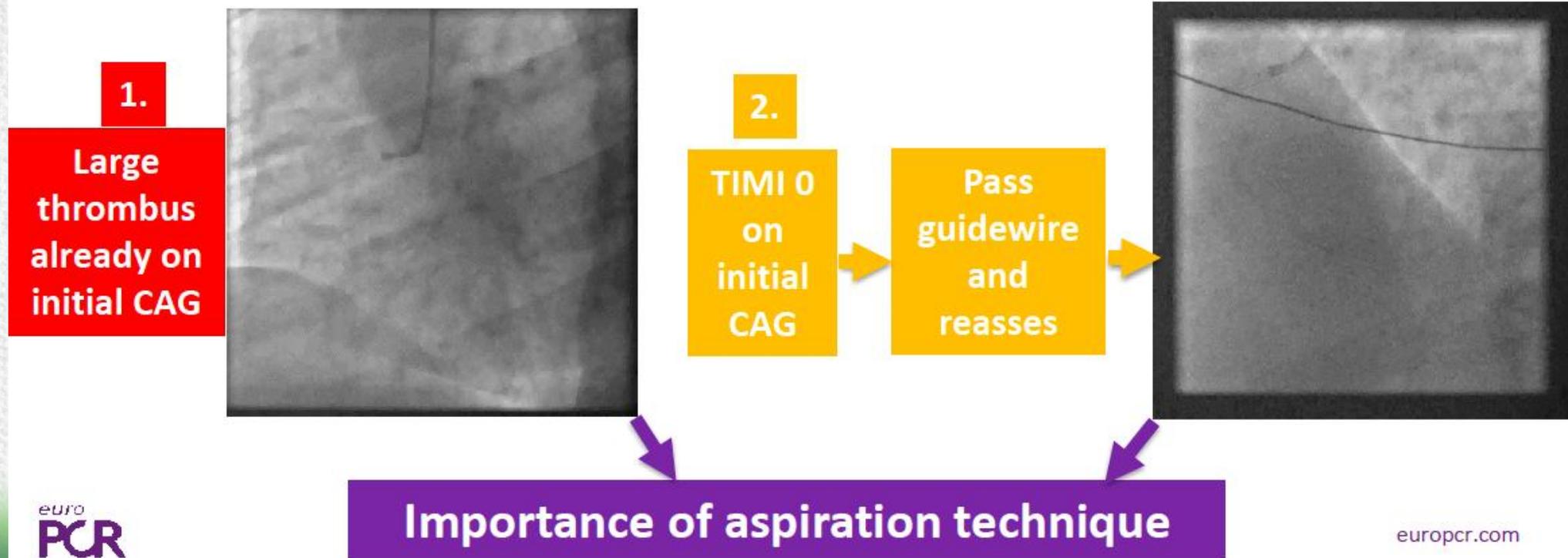
- Hacerlo de rutina Vs. “HTB”.
- Todo dispositivo, aumenta el riesgo.
- Evaluación de EVC:
 - Tiempo para EVC o ICT no analizado.
- Cantidad de trombo antes o después de la guía.
- Sin capacidad de definir reducción de mortalidad a 30 días.



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MY CLINICAL PRACTICE?

- I do not routinely aspirate-only if significant thrombus present
- How do I estimate thrombus burden ?

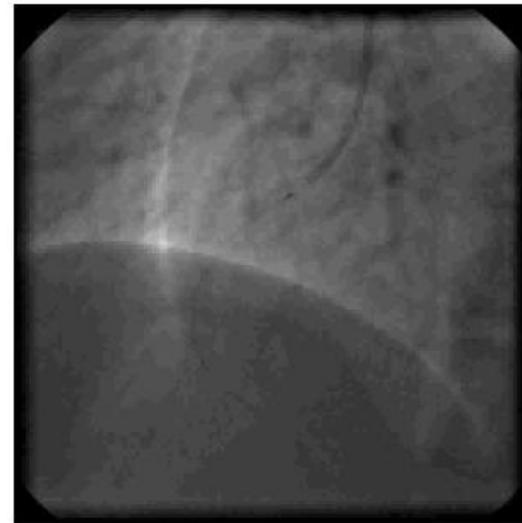


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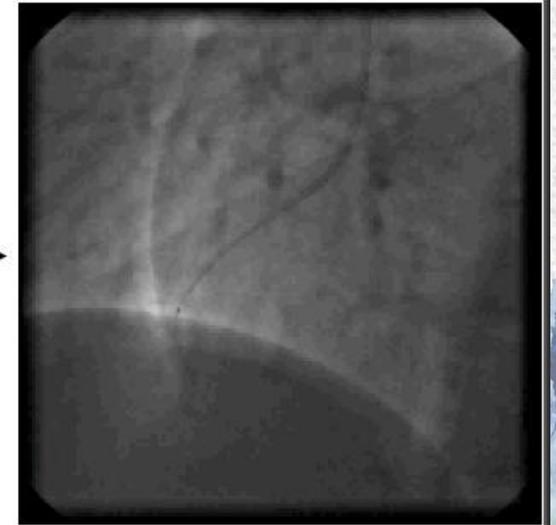
HOW TO MAKE ASPIRATION SAFE AND EFFECTIVE?

- Appropriate guide selection to allow good engagement
- No side holes
- Consider 7 Fr if large vessel/thrombus
- Control guide position in the ostium during entire procedure to avoid systemic embolization

„Anterograde“ aspiration starting before thrombus



„Retrograde“ aspiration from the „bottom to top“



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TIPS AND TRICKS DURING ASPIRATION

- Observe backflow in the syringe



No backflow ?

Gradually pull back aspiration catheter, if flow reappears, continue with aspiration

If still no flow, maintain negative pressure in the syringe and completely remove aspiration catheter from the guide

- No backflow-no suction-no aspiration-distal embolization if catheter is pushed forward

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AFTER REMOVAL OF ASPIRATION CATHETER ?

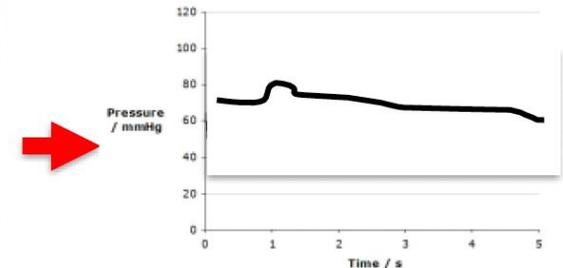
Flush aspiration catheter and observe for thrombus



Check for the thrombus in the guide-allow «back-bleed» and check pressure tracing before any further injection



No back-bleed/pressure dumping-aspirate or remove the guide and flush



CONCLUSIONES:

El manejo de Carga Alta de Trombo es complejo.

El uso rutinario de tromboaspiración no esta indicado; puede ser útil en casos seleccionados.

Requiere técnica meticulosa.

Nuevos dispositivos con resultados alentadores.

Esperar estudios clínicos aleatorizados para pacientes con HTB.

¡MUCHAS GRACIAS!





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