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Left Atrial Appendage Closure Devices

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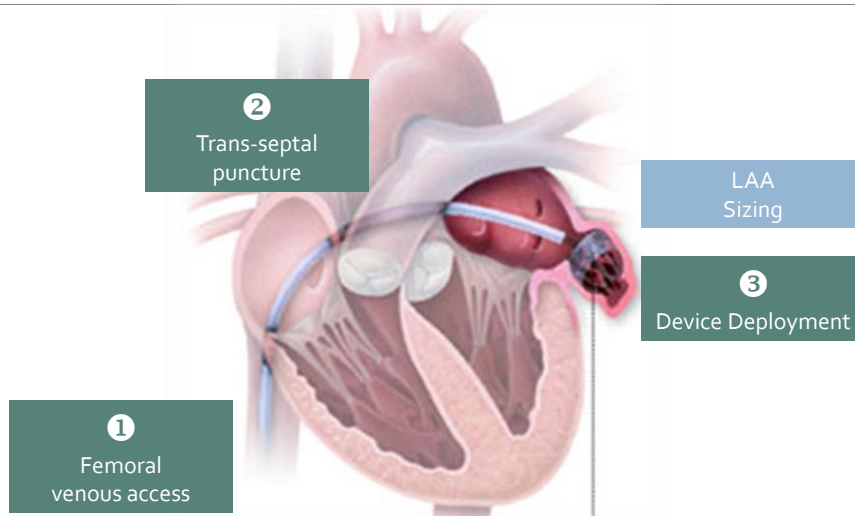
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Percutaneous LAA Occlusion: Procedural Steps



Percutaneous LAA Closure Devices



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Percutaneous LAA Closure Devices



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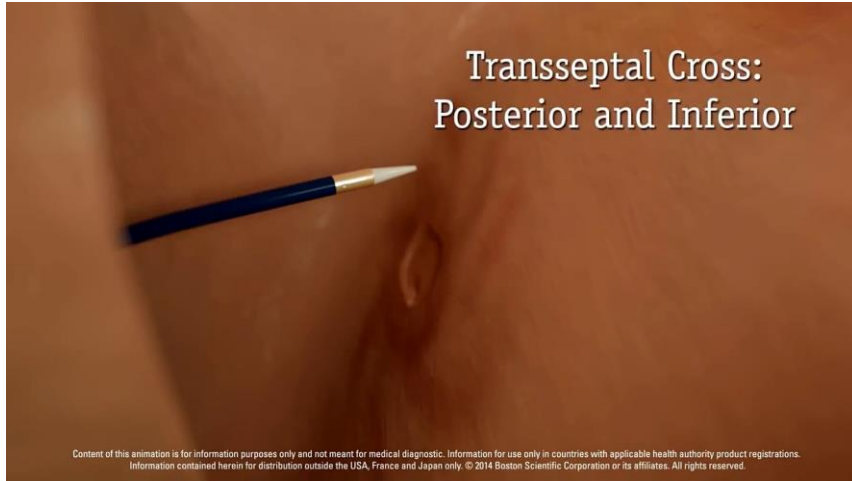
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WATCHMAN
First to implant a Watchman device
in 2002 in Germany

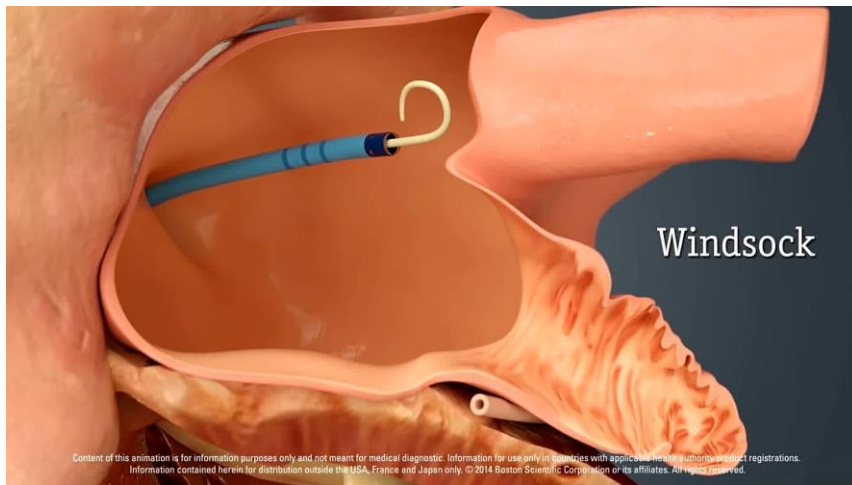
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Inventor of Amplatz
family of devices

LARIAT
Inventor of Lariat device
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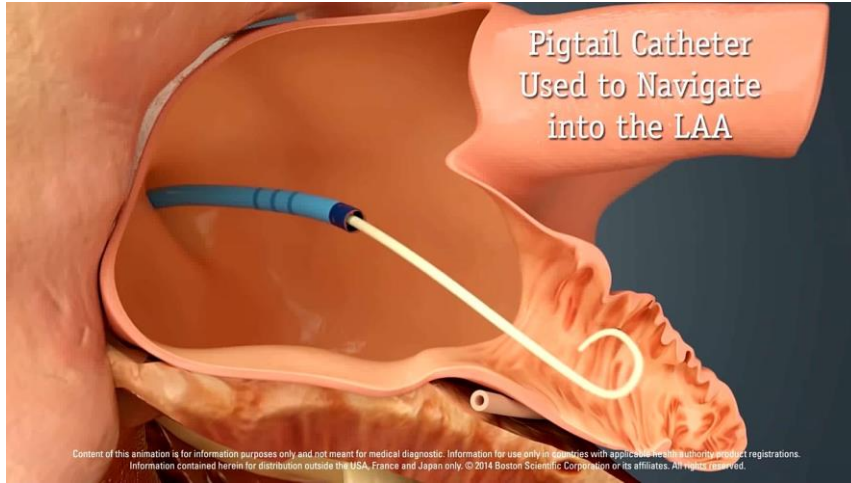
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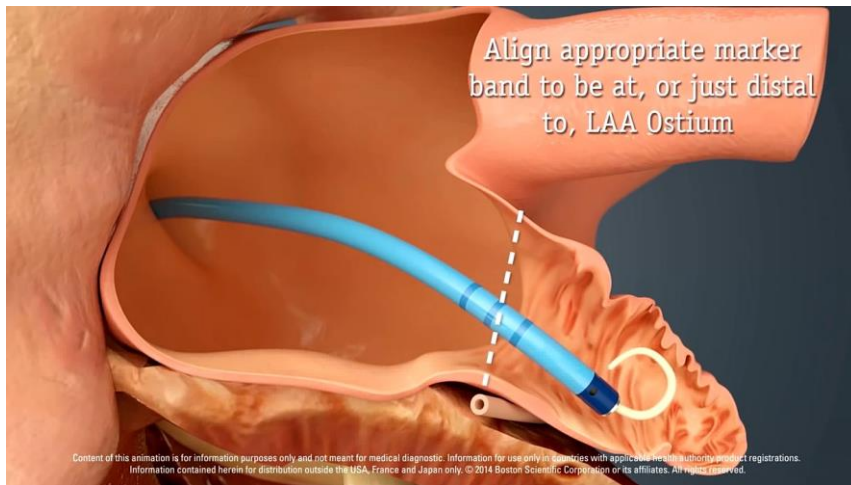


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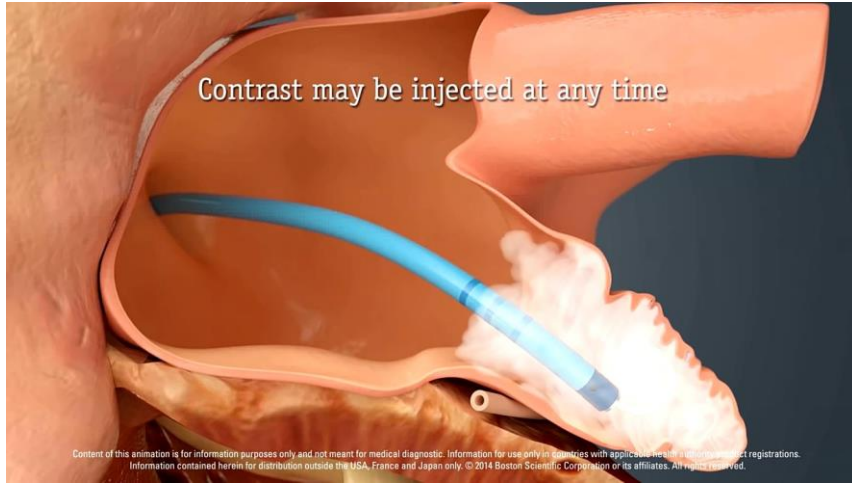
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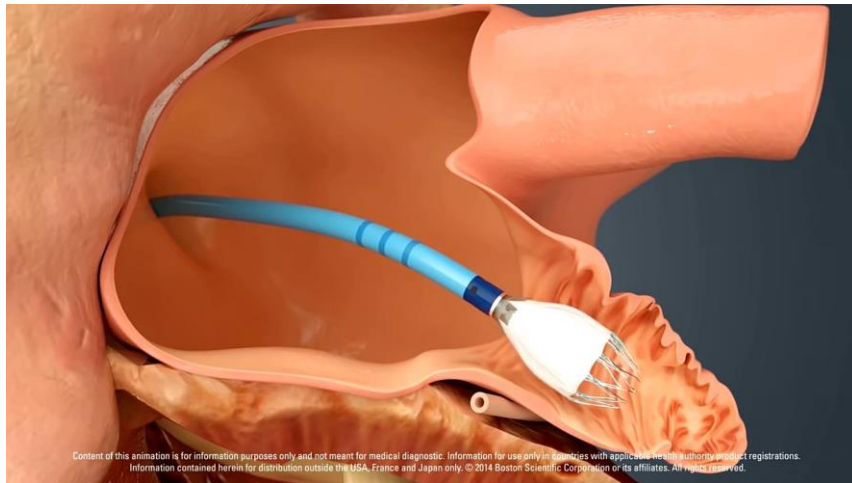
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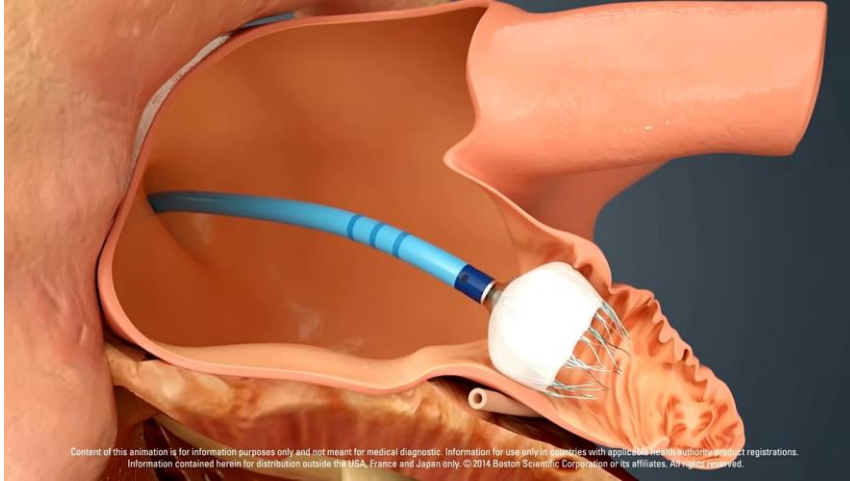
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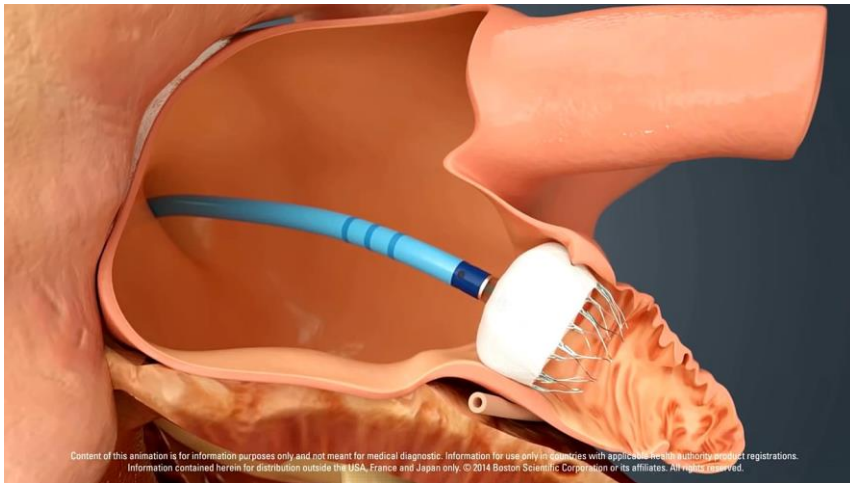
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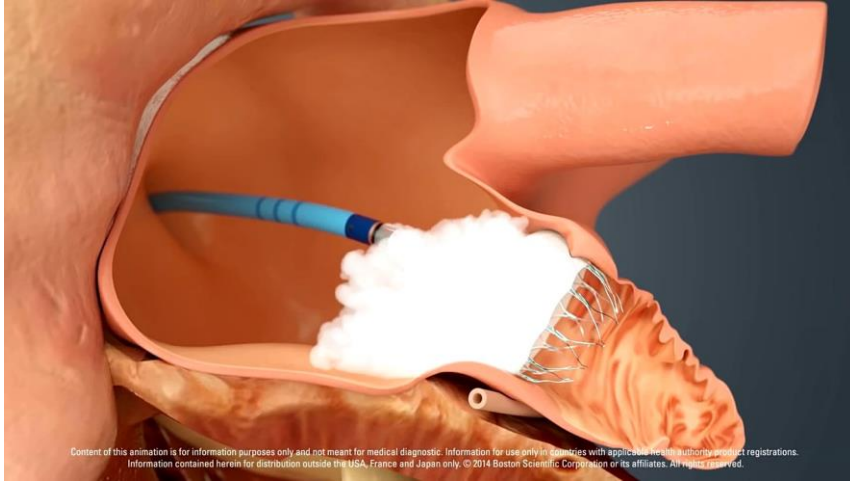
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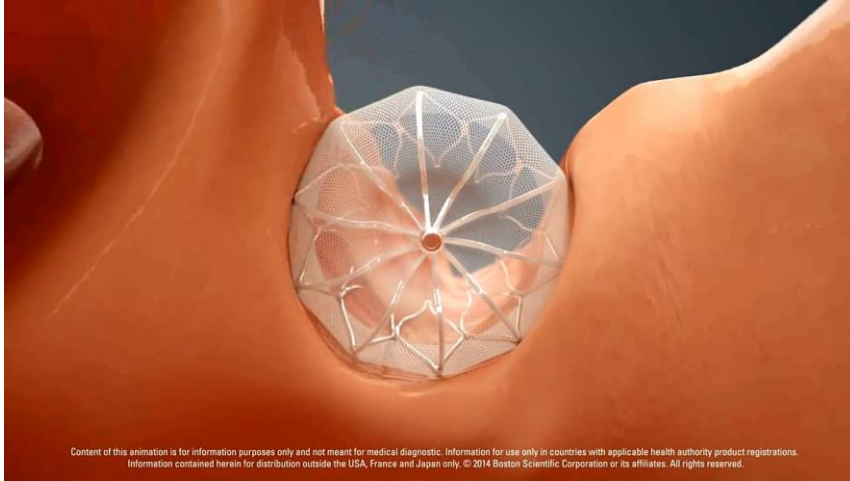
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IMAGING OF LAA DEVICE CLOSURE PROCEDURE

Real-time complementary & collaborative use of
fluoroscopy + transesophageal echocardiography

LAA DEVICE CLOSURE PROCEDURE: ROAD MAP

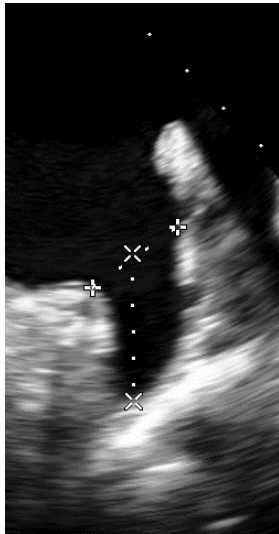
1. Left atrial appendage (LAA) sizing
2. Trans-septal puncture
3. Device deployment in LAA



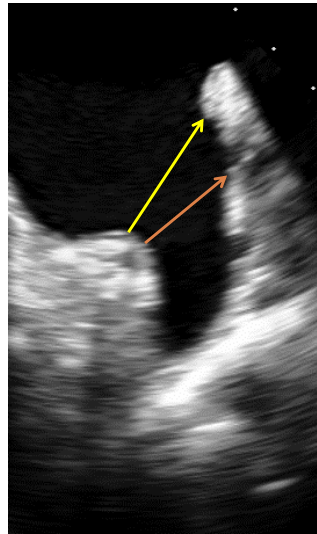
Step #1

- LAA Sizing
 - Demonstration of exclusion criteria
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LAA Sizing: Endocardial Devices



Sizing based on LAA diameter and depth.

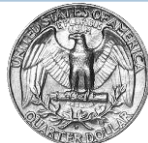


Anatomic orifice diameter

Sizing orifice diameter

Watchman Device Sizes

Watchman comes in 5 diameter sizes, with 3-mm diameter increments.



US QUARTER
Diameter
24 mm

Watchman Device Sizing

STEP #1

Measure LAA diameter at TEE angles 0, 45, 90 & 135°

STEP #2

Select the largest LAA diameter measured.

STEP #3

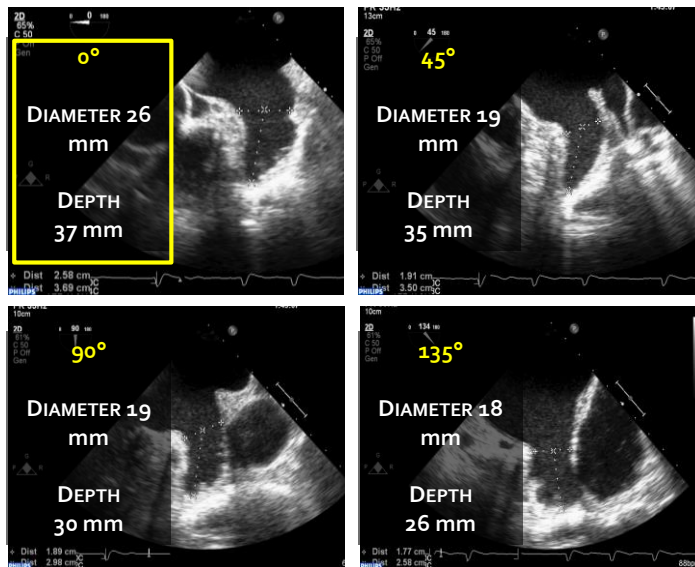
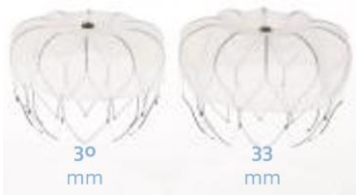
Use a lookup table to select appropriately oversized device.



LAA Diameter	Device Diameter	Device Compression
17-19	21	16.8-19.3
20-22	24	19.2-22.1
23-25	27	21.6-24.8
26-28	30	24.0-27.6
29-31	33	26.4-30.4

LA APPENDAGE SIZING: 2D TEE

Select the largest LAA measurements for Watchman device sizing.

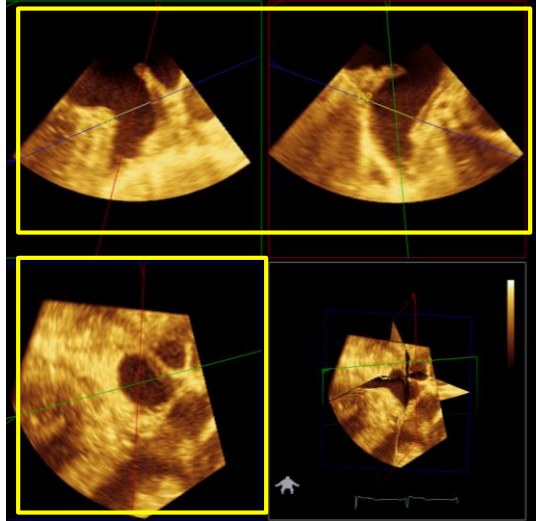


LA APPENDAGE SIZING

3D TEE | MULTIPLANE RECONSTRUCTION (MPR)

LONG AXES

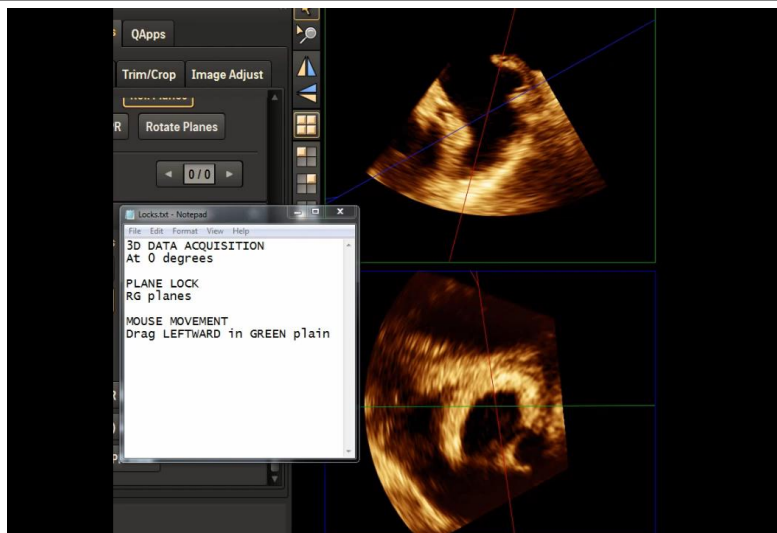
MPR assures measuring
LAA diameter at same level
in all long-axis views.



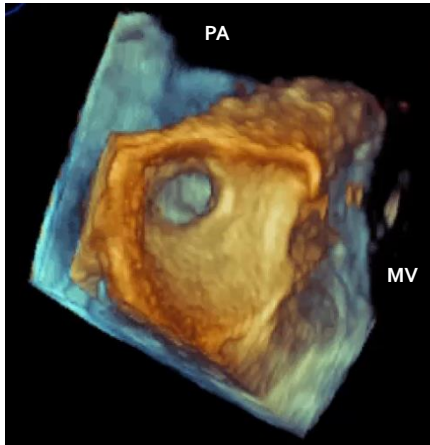
SHORT AXIS

MPR allows for visualization of
LAA orifice shape
in short-axis views.

LAA on 3D TEE: 'NYU Twirl'



LA Appendage Sizing on 3D TEE

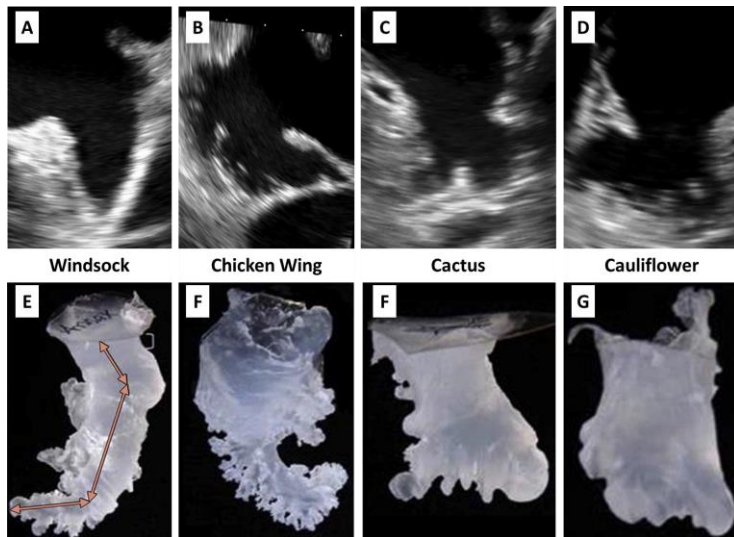


Dynamic change in size & shape of LAA orifice during the cardiac cycle.



Direct on-image LAA diameter measurements may **NOT** be precise.

LAA Morphologies



Watchman

FDA Indication for Watchman LAA Occluder

The WATCHMAN Device is indicated to reduce the risk of thromboembolism from the left atrial appendage in patients:

- ▶ With non-valvular AF who are at increased risk for stroke and systemic embolism based on CHADS2 or CHA2DS2-VASc scores;
- ▶ Are deemed by their physicians to be suitable for warfarin; and
- ▶ Have an appropriate rationale to seek a non-pharmacologic alternative to warfarin

Watchman Device Sizes

- ▶ Watchman comes in 5 different sizes, 3 mm apart
- ▶ Size is based on the device diameter
- ▶ Available sizes 21, 24, 27, 30, 33 mm
- ▶ Implanted Watchman should be appropriately oversized for a given LAA diameter

LAA Anatomic Exclusion Criteria

- ▶ **Largest LAA orifice diameter < 16.8 mm OR > 30.4 mm**
That is, the largest LAA orifice size cannot be smaller than the smallest diameter required for the 21-mm Watchman and cannot be larger than the largest diameter required for the 33-mm Watchman.

LAA diameter and depth are measured on TEE at 0, 45, 90 and 135 degrees. The largest diameter and depth obtained from these 4 angles is then used. At 0 degrees, measure from left coronary artery to 2 cm from tip of LAA coumadin ridge. At other angles from top of MV annulus to 2 cm from tip of LAA coumadin ridge.
- ▶ **LAA depth < Largest LAA orifice diameter**
That is, a patient's LAA cannot be too shallow.
- ▶ **The depth of the secondary LAA lobe (if present) from the LAA orifice plane < 1 cm**
That is, the secondary lobe cannot be too close to the LAA orifice.
- ▶ **Presence of intracardiac thrombus or LAA dense smoke**

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LAA Sizing: Lariat Device




Step #2

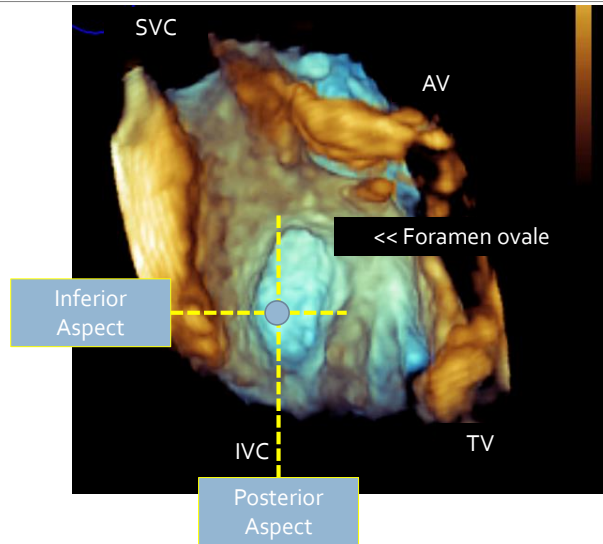
- Transseptal puncture
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Trans-septal Puncture

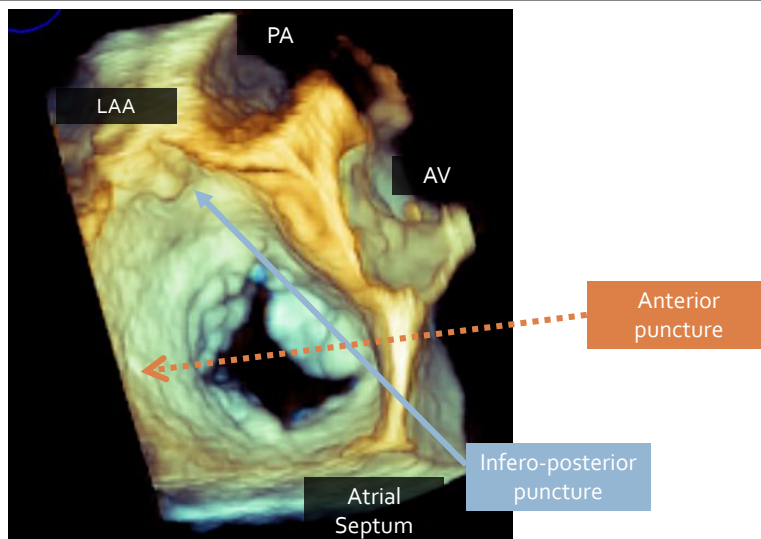
TEE provides guidance for trans-septal puncture in the **posterior** & **inferior** aspect of the interatrial septum.



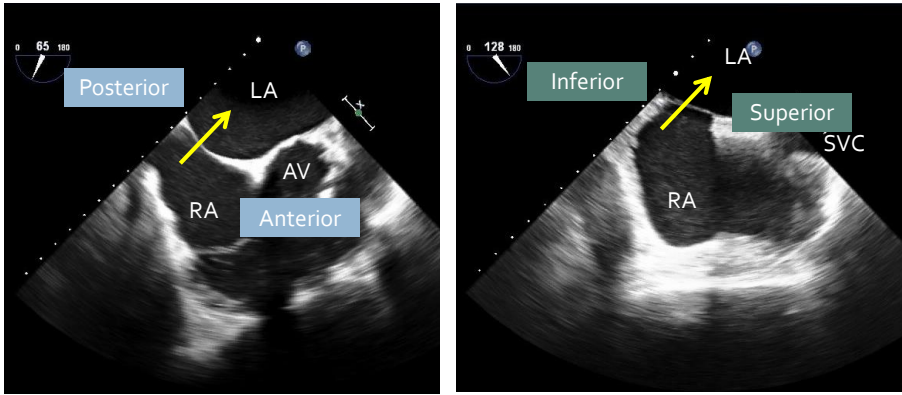
Fossa Ovalis | Right Atrial Perspective



Trans-septal Puncture | Optimal Location



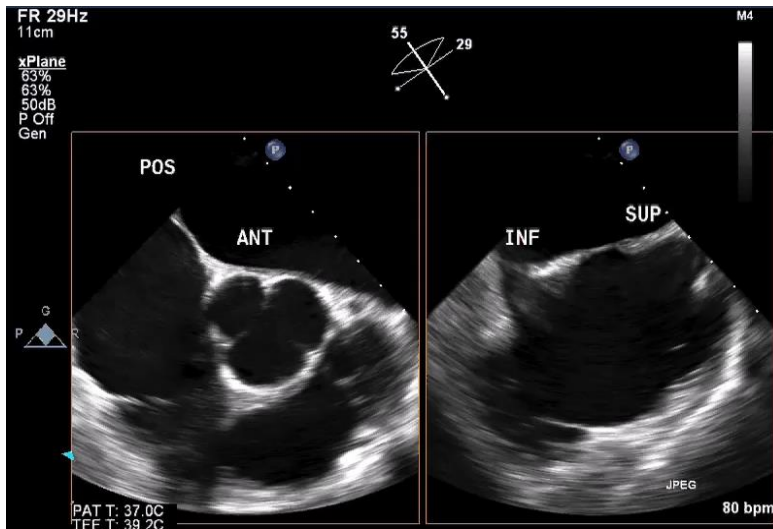
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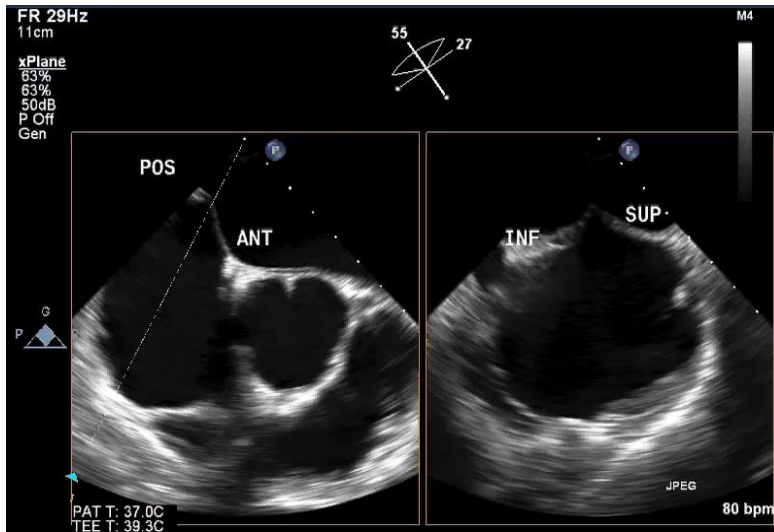
TEE | AV SHORT AXIS

TEE | BICAVAL VIEW

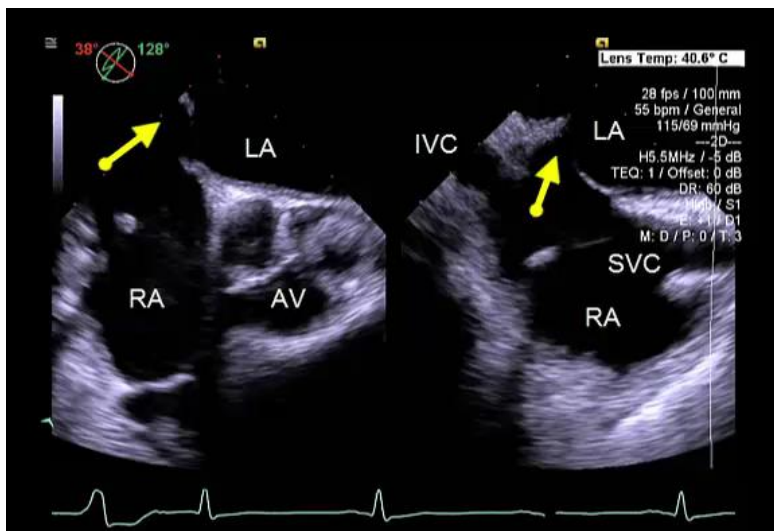
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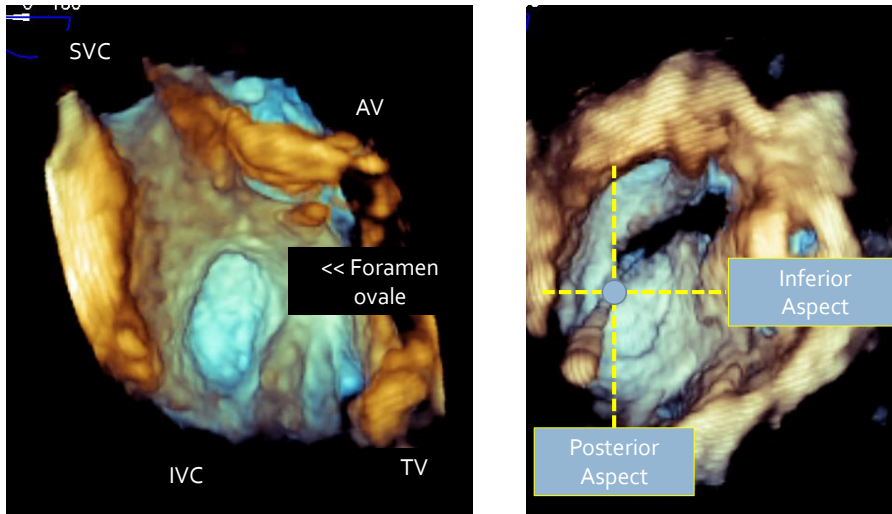
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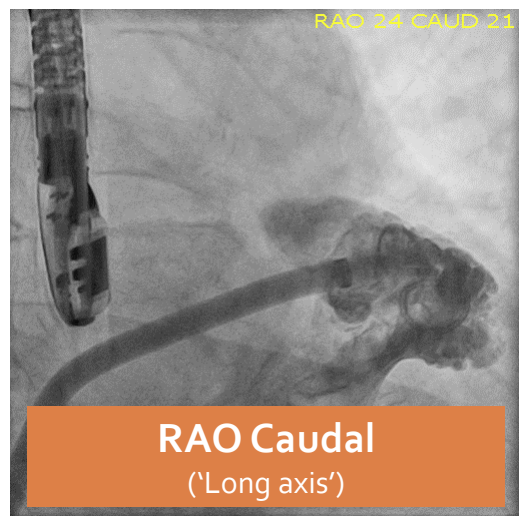
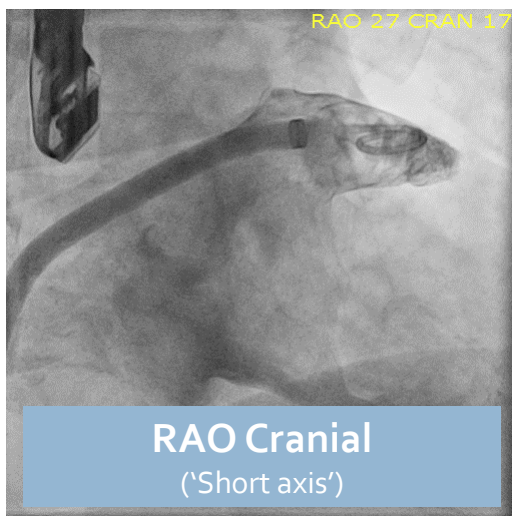
Step #3

- LAA Occluder Device Deployment

LAA Occluder Device Deployment

Complementary roles of **echocardiography** and **fluoroscopy** during device deployment.

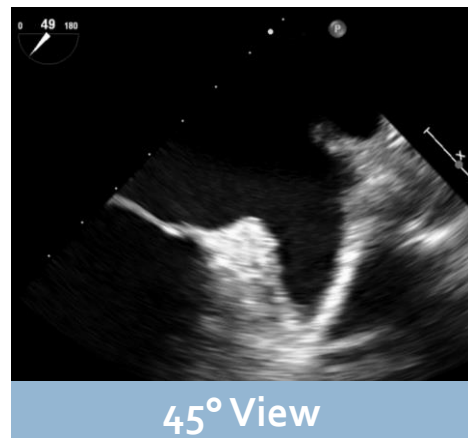
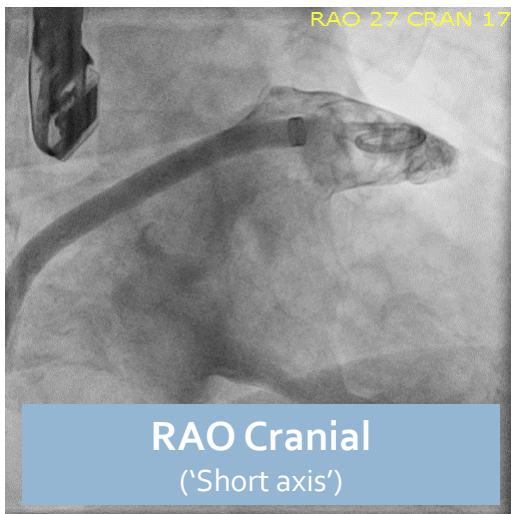
LAA Fluoroscopy View



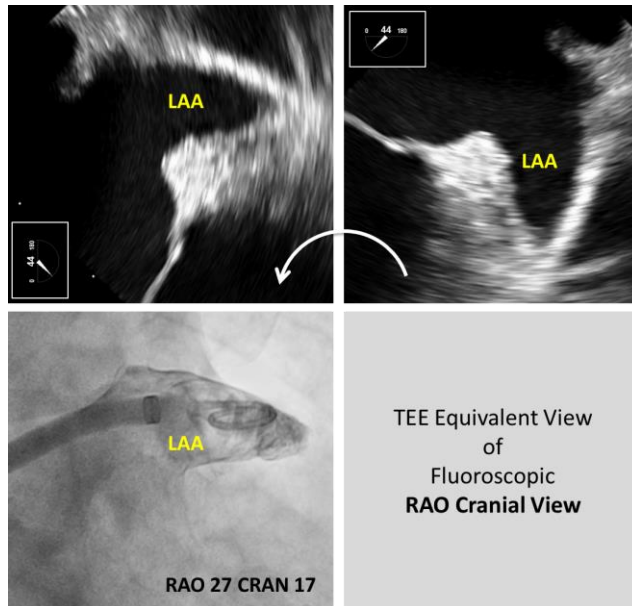
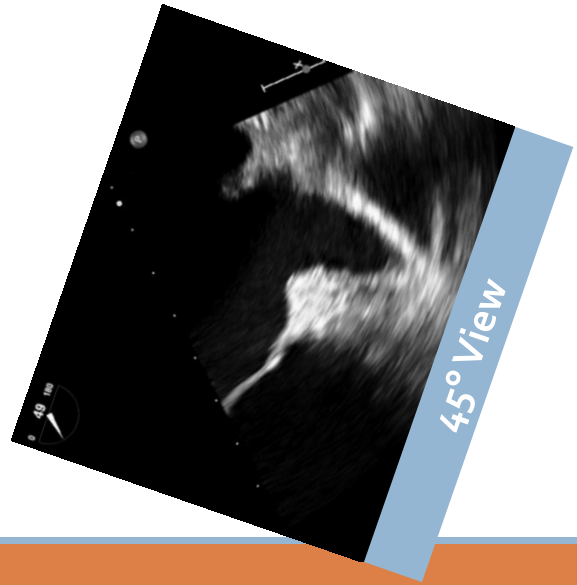
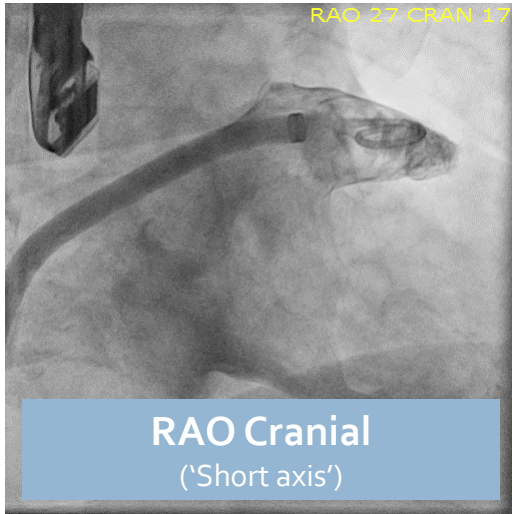
Equivalent Views

What TEE views are equivalent to fluoroscopic RAO views?

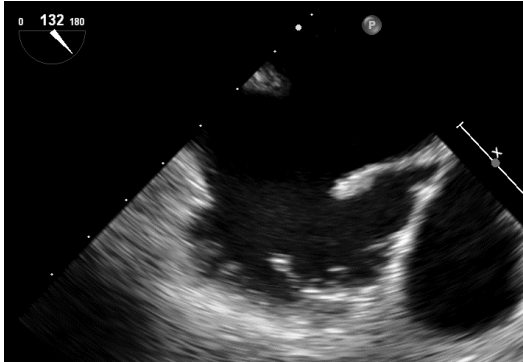
Fluoroscopy vs. TEE



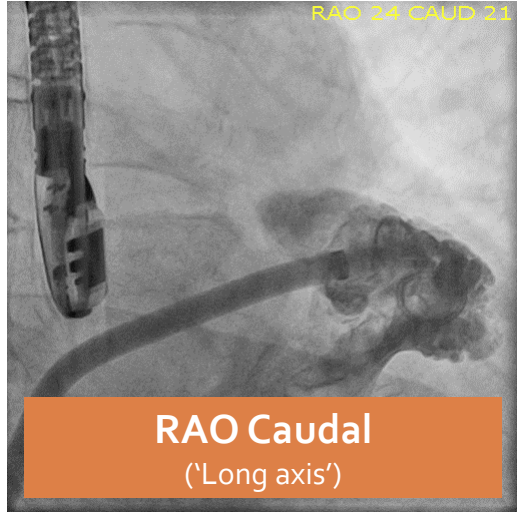
Fluoroscopy vs. TEE



LAA Fluoroscopy View

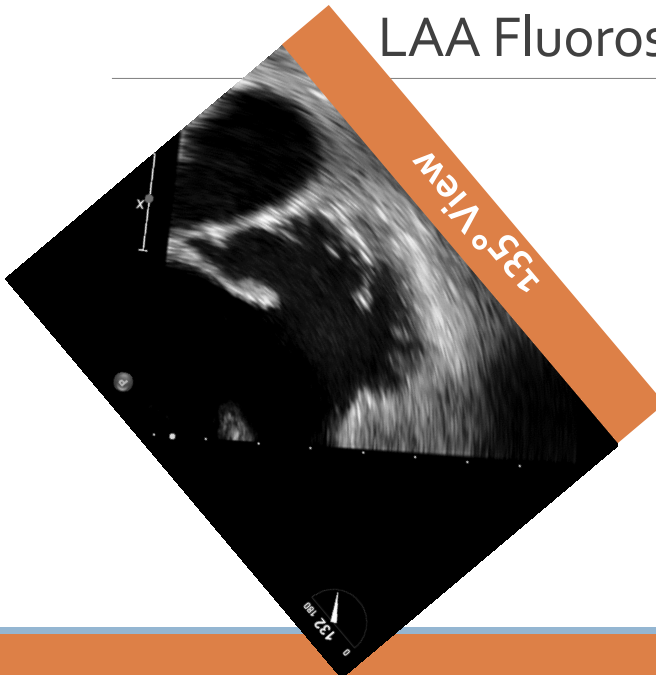


135° View

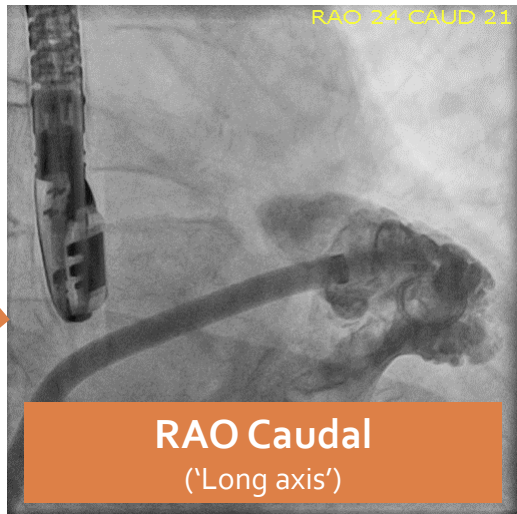


RAO Caudal
(‘Long axis’)

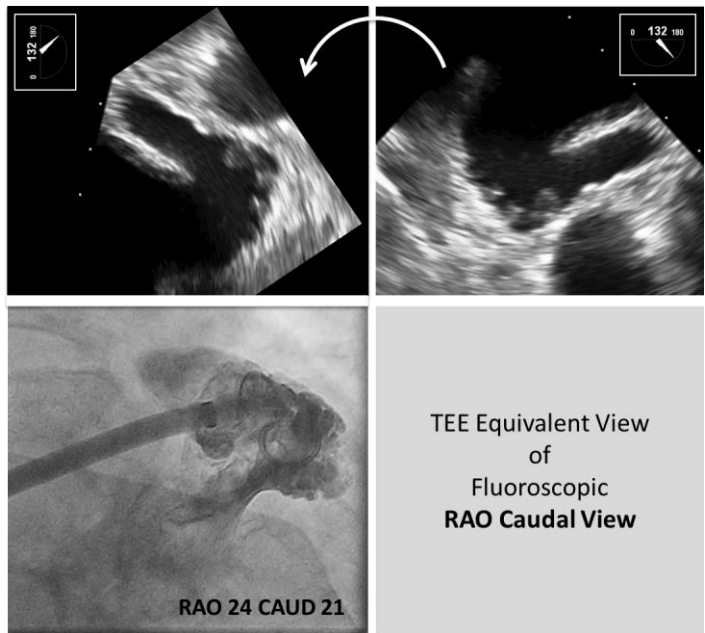
LAA Fluoroscopy View



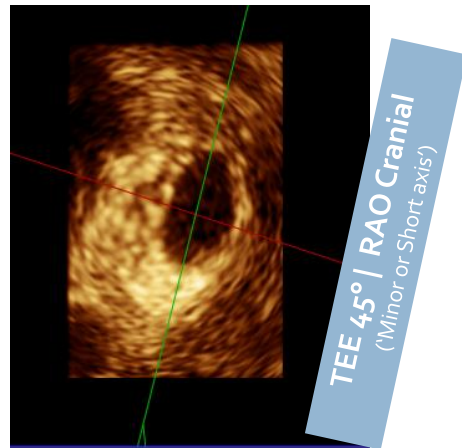
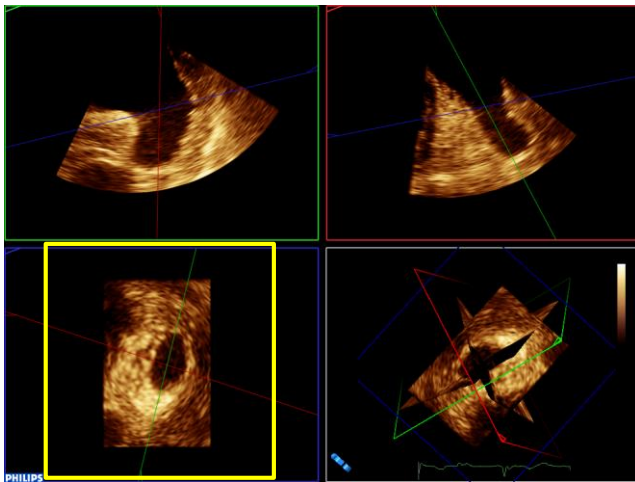
135° View



RAO Caudal
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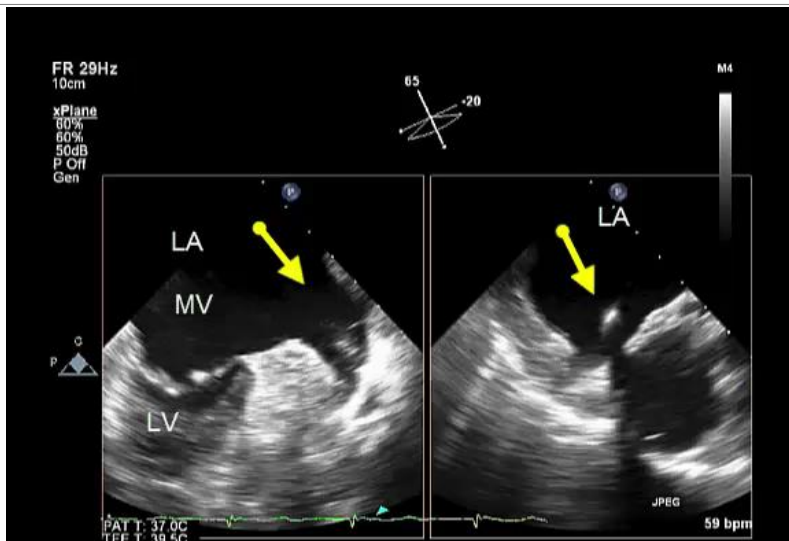
TEE vs. Fluoroscopy



TEE 135° | RAO Caudal
(Major or Long axis)

Watchman

Watchman Deployment

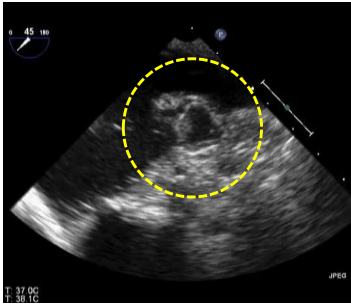


Watchman Deployment

While the Watchman is still attached to its delivery cable, perform the **PASS** check.

PASS Check

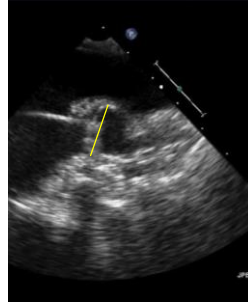
- P**osition
- A**nchoring
- S**ize
- S**eal



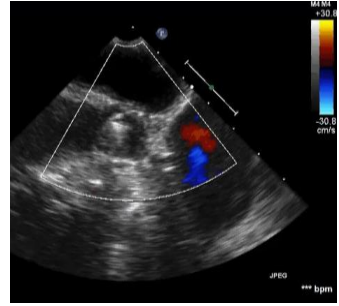
POSITION
Properly positioned; no tilt



ANCHORING
Tug Test

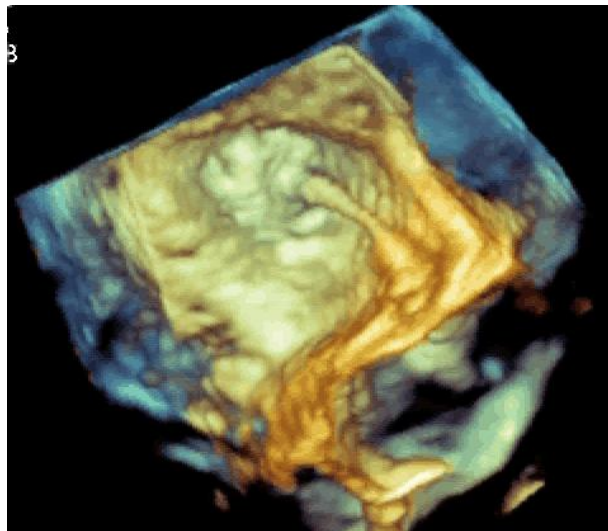


SIZE
15-30% Compression

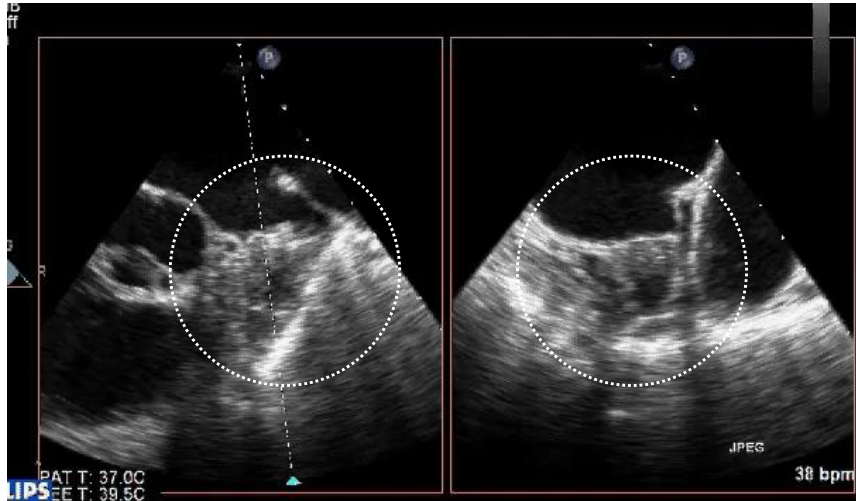


SEAL
No para-device leak

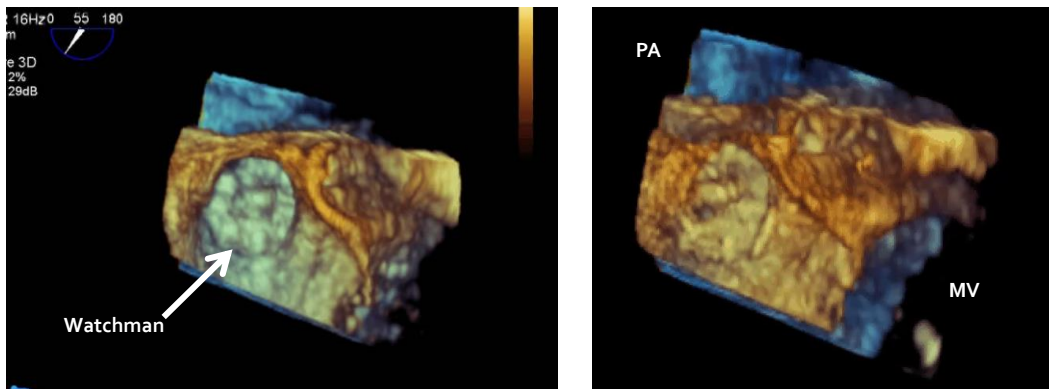
3D TEE | Watchman Release



Biplane TEE | Watchman Deployed



Biplane TEE | Watchman Deployed



Properly placed Watchman device
at the orifice of the LA appendage

TEE | Watchman Deployed



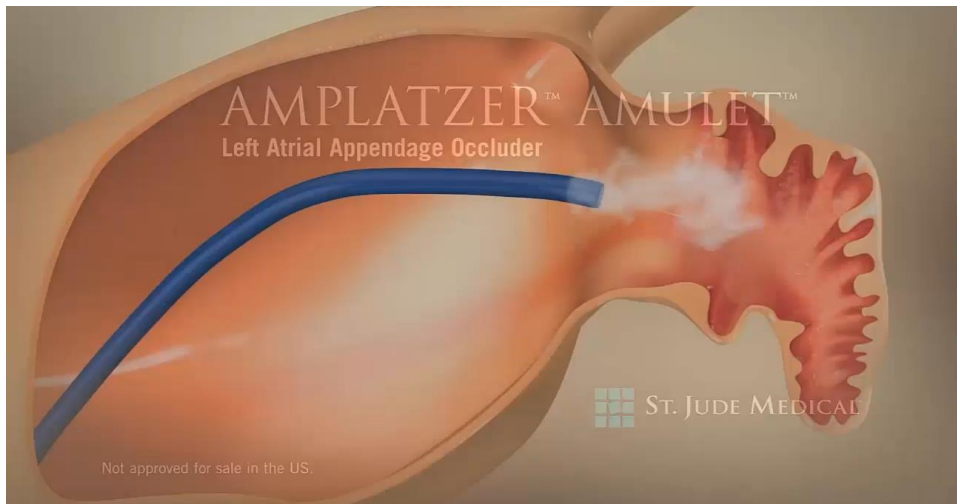
Watchman device properly seals the LAA orifice
(No color flow around the device)

Watchman: Optimal vs. Suboptimal Results

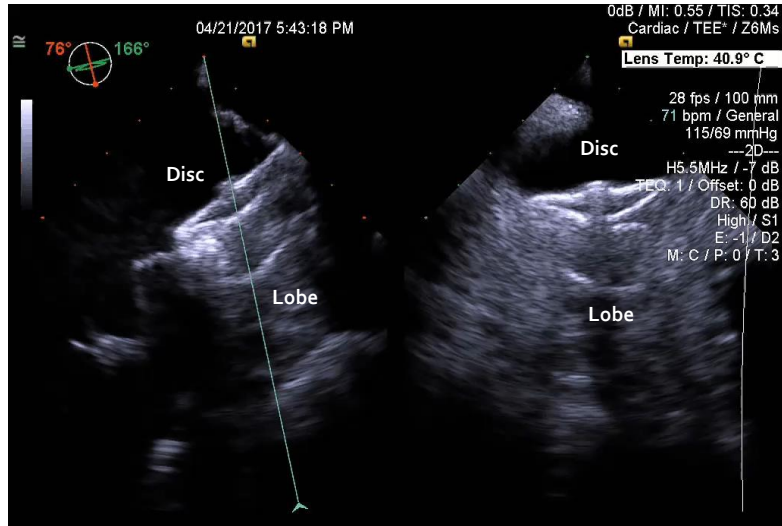
**WATCHMAN
PROCEDURE**
Optimal Implantation

Amplatzer Amulet

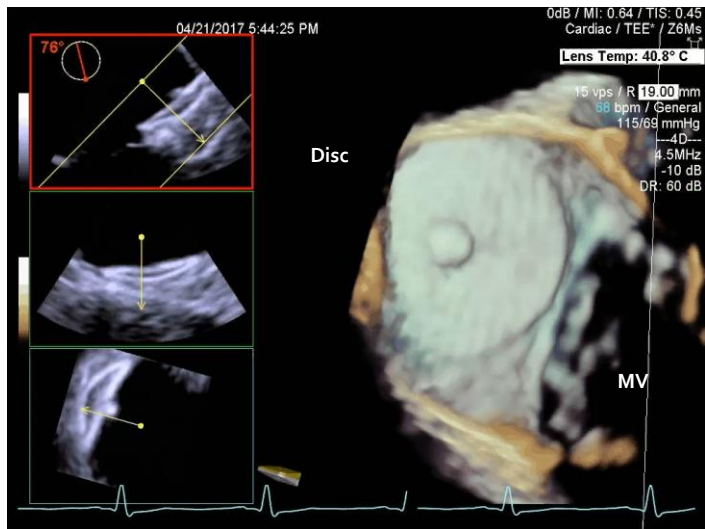
Amulet Device Deployment



3D TEE | Amulet Deployed



3D TEE | Amulet Deployed



Lariat



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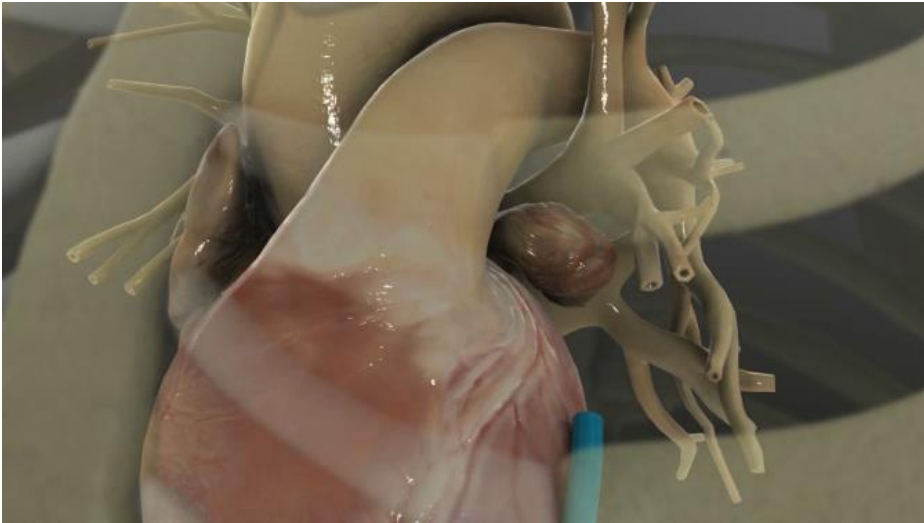
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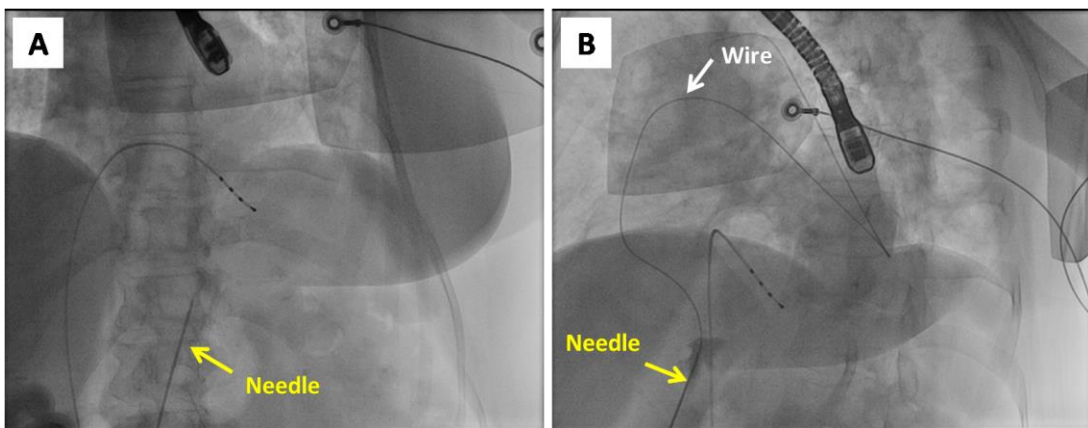
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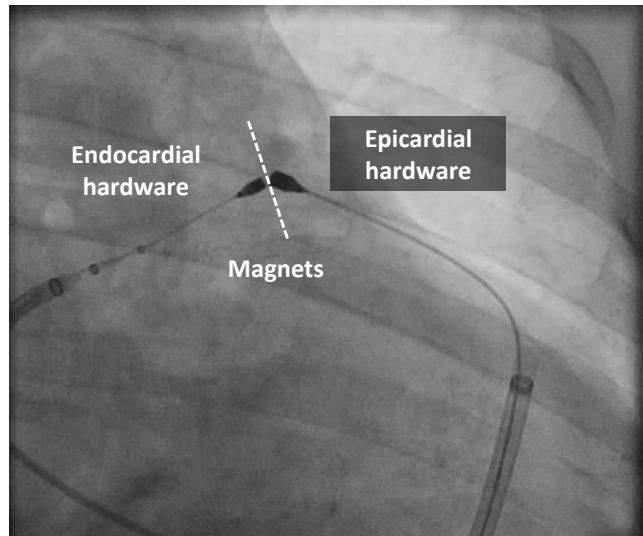
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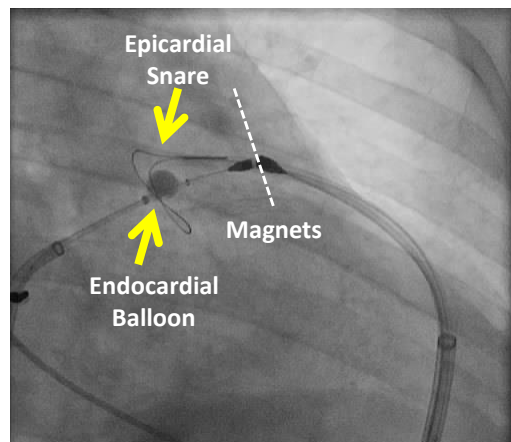
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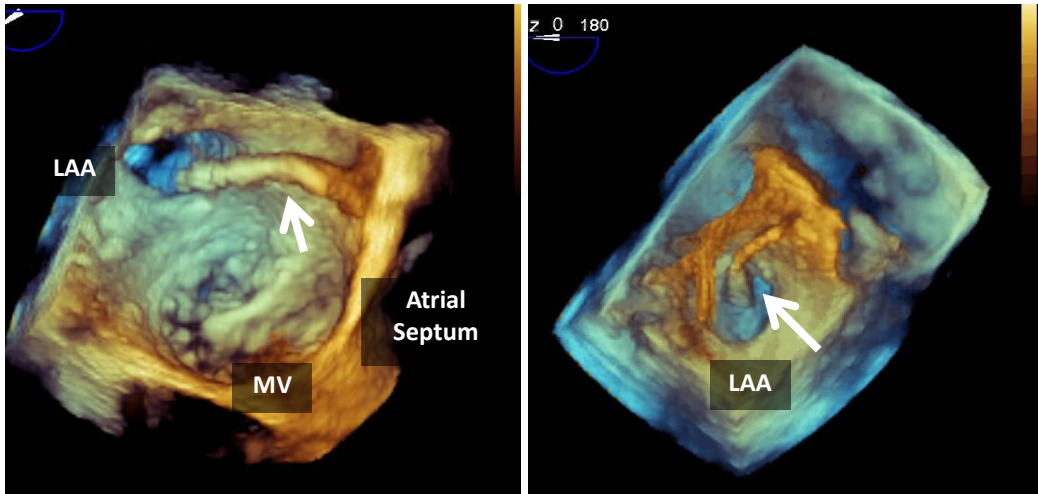
LARIAT Procedure: Fluoroscopy



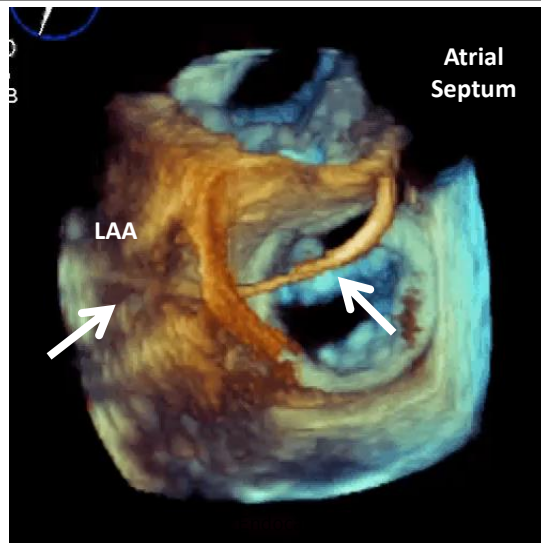
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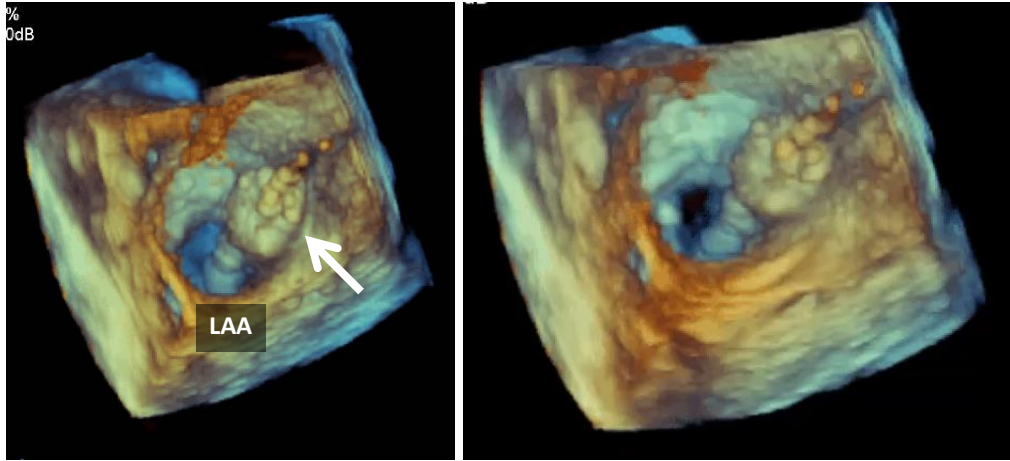
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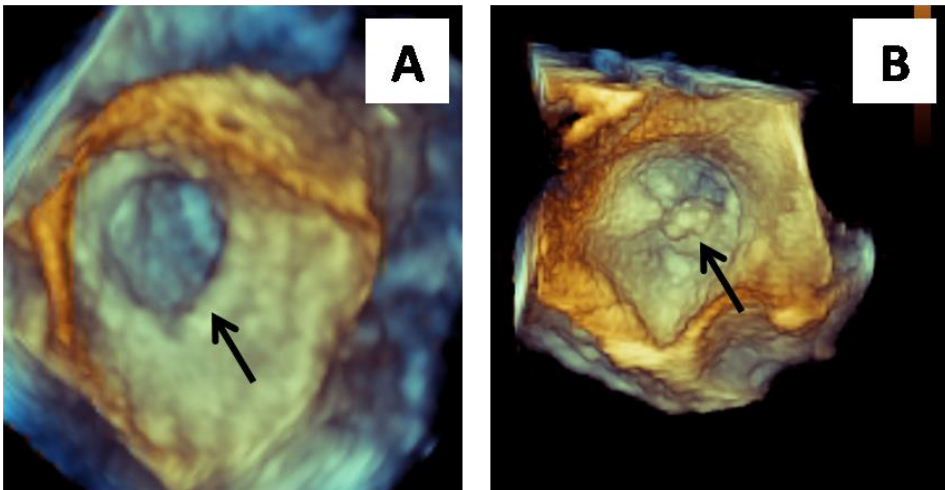


Lariat Procedure: 3D TEE



Balloon inflation at LAA orifice

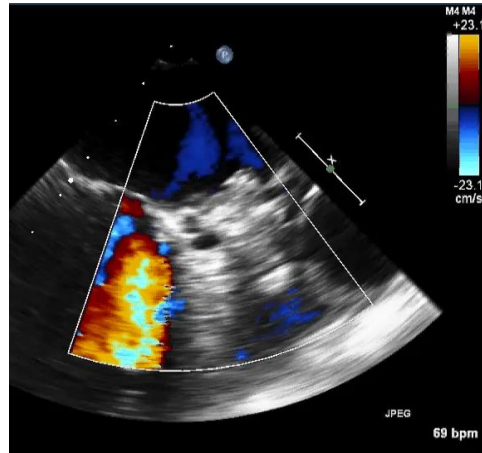
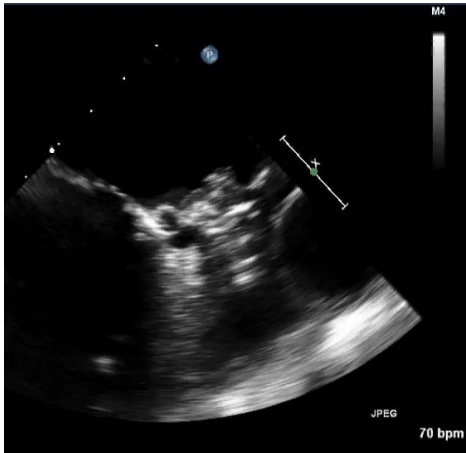
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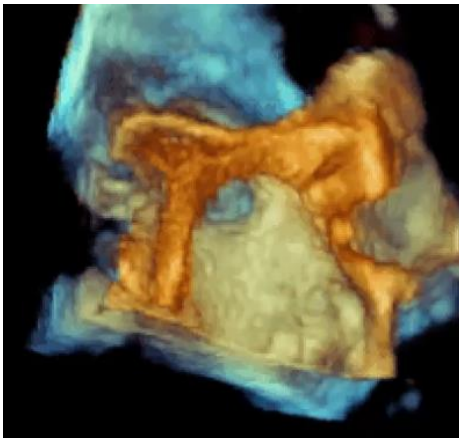
LAA Prior to Ligation

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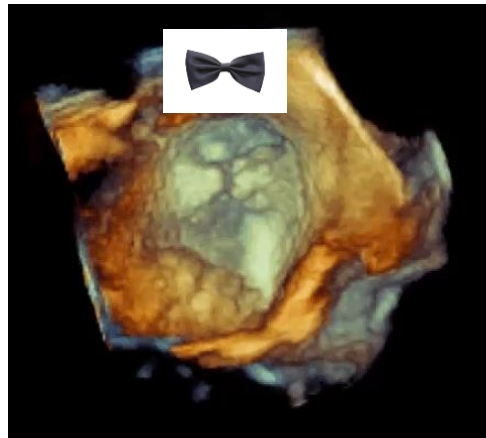
LARIAT Procedure: Ligated LAA



LARIAT Procedure: 3D TEE



LAA Prior to Ligation



LAA Post Ligation

Thank You!



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