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Pulmonary valve: Imaging assessment

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Potential consequences of pulmonary valve Dysfunction

- RV obstruction leading to RV hypertension (pressure overload) is deleterious 1-3
- RV volume overload also deleterious^{1, 4-7}
 - Progressive RV dilation and eventual failure
 - Enlarged RV promotes arrythmogenicity
 - RV dysfunction ultimately leads to LV dysfunction
 - RV failure leads to early mortality
 - Timely intervention can save RV function and regress dilatation
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Imaging methods to assess pulmonary valve function

- Transthoracic echocardiography
 - For pulmonary stenosis
- CMR
 - For pulmonary regurgitation
- Transesophageal and/or intracardiac echocardiography
 - For endocarditis...

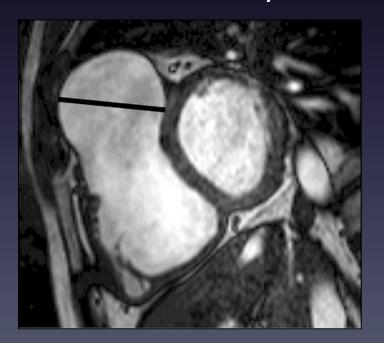
Indications for pulmonary valve replacement: CMR based

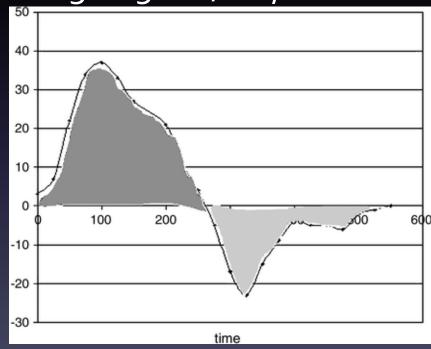
Symptoms.... Arhythmias

Severe PR (RV >40%), RVEDV > 130-150ml/m2, RVESV

> 85 ml/m2

RV and/or LV dysfunction





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Pulmonary valve stenosis: may be extreme in asymptomatic patient

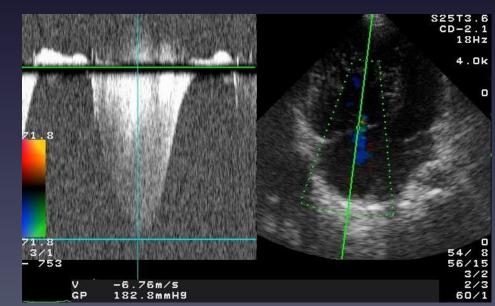
RVH

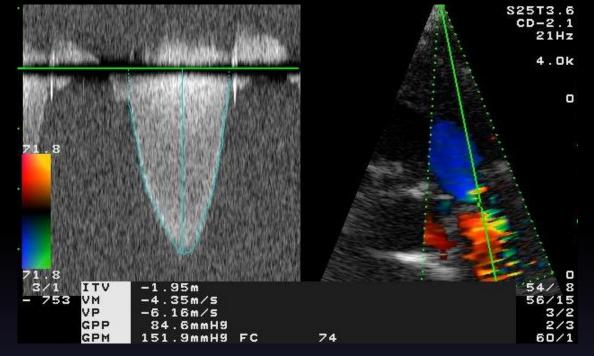
Paradoxical IV septum

Mean gradient > 50mmHg through CW Doppler



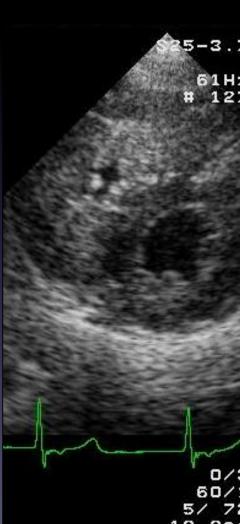






Success after balloon dilation





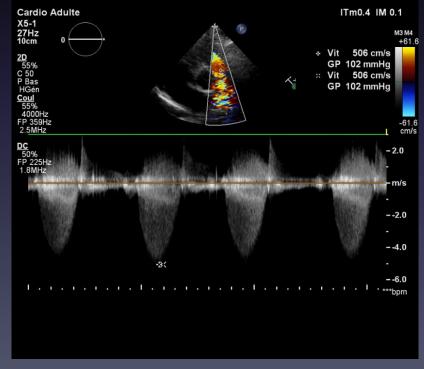
CASE WITH REFRACTORY PS: DYSPLASTIC PULMONARY VALVE: PULMONARY VALVULATION AND NOONAN SYNDROME

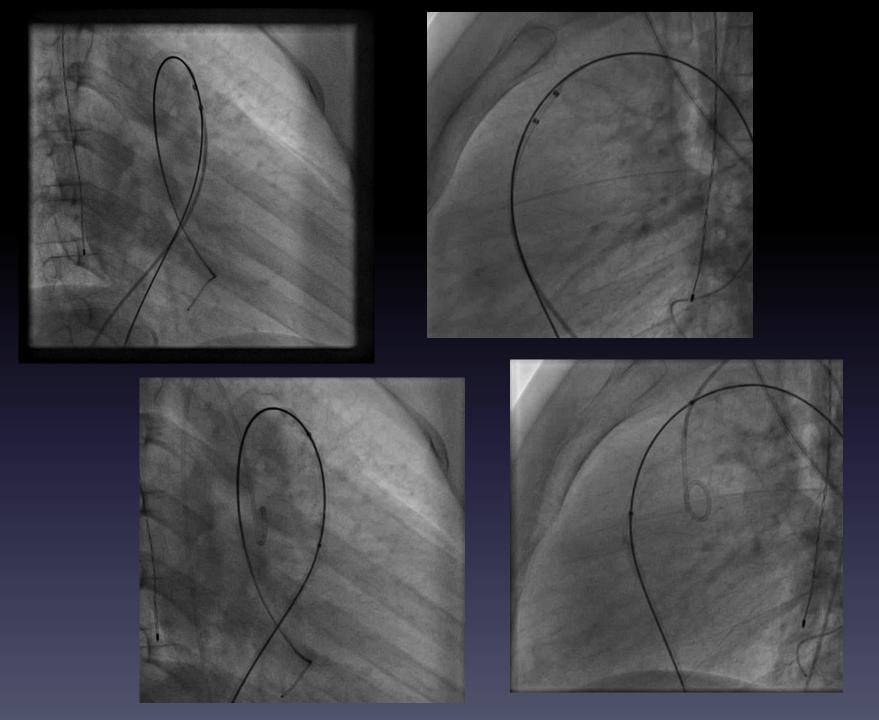
- 12 yo female, Noonan syndrome and severe PS
- S/P BD at 2 and 7 months with mild improvement (RV presure from systemic to slighly infrasystemic)
- Stable RVOT gradient till 2010 (35-40 mmHg mean Gradient by Doppler)
- After 3 years of lost for F/U, presented in Dec 2013

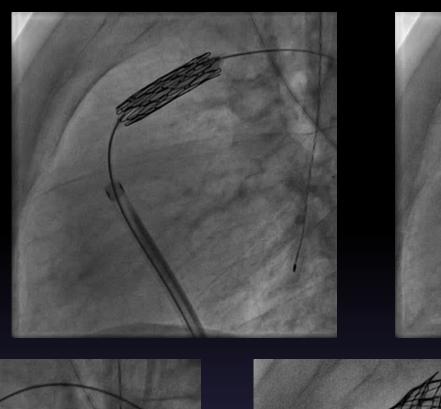
- 40 kg, 145 cm, SaO2 100%
- NI ECG
- Asymptomatic
- Echo: mean gradient 65-70 mmHg, 95 mmHg syst RVP hypertrophic RV with good syst function
- MRI: RVED vol 56 mL/m2, RVEF 72%.
 No PR

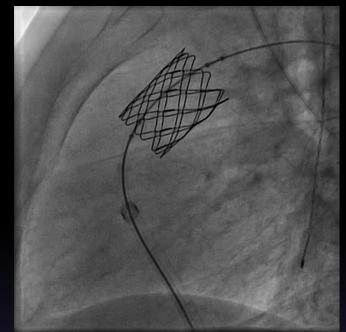




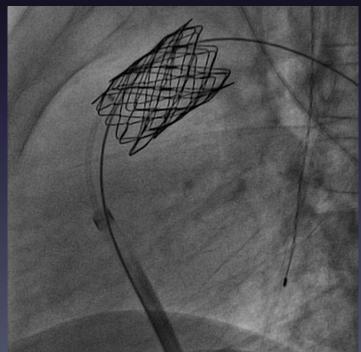


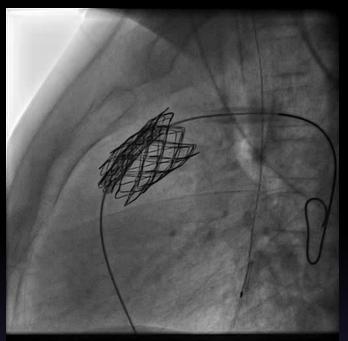




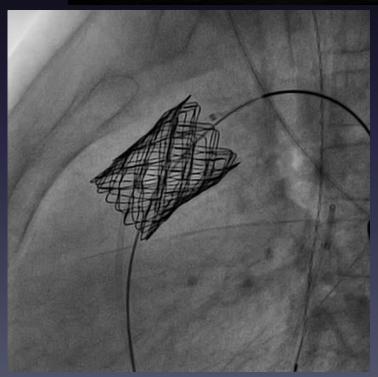


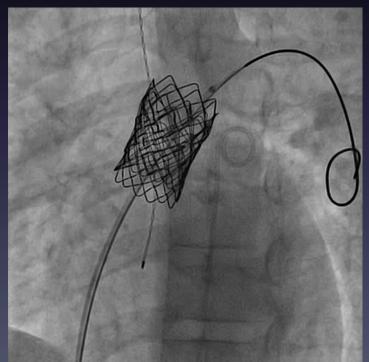


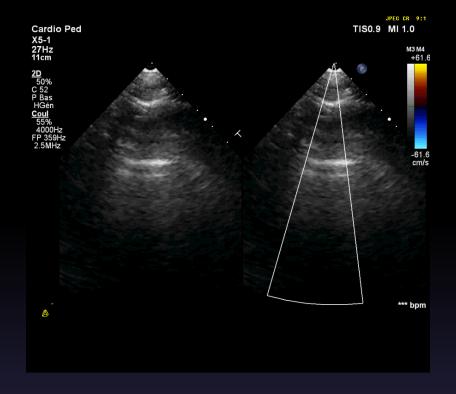


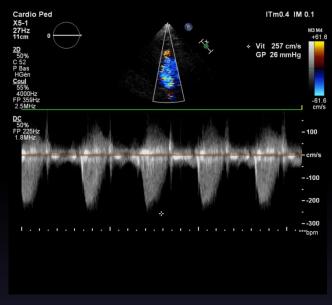


- Systolic RVP 31 mmHg
- No PR
- No complications











Follow-up

Doing well, normal RV pressure

7 mo F/U MRI: no regurgitation, good RV ft

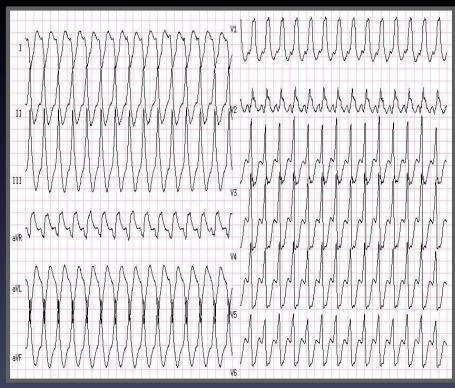


Pulmonary regurgitation

RV dysfunction

Arrhythmia



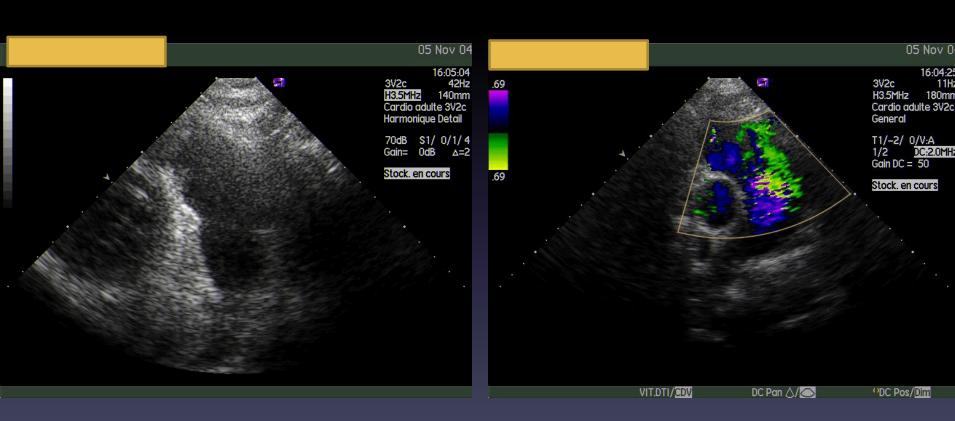


long-term consequences of PR

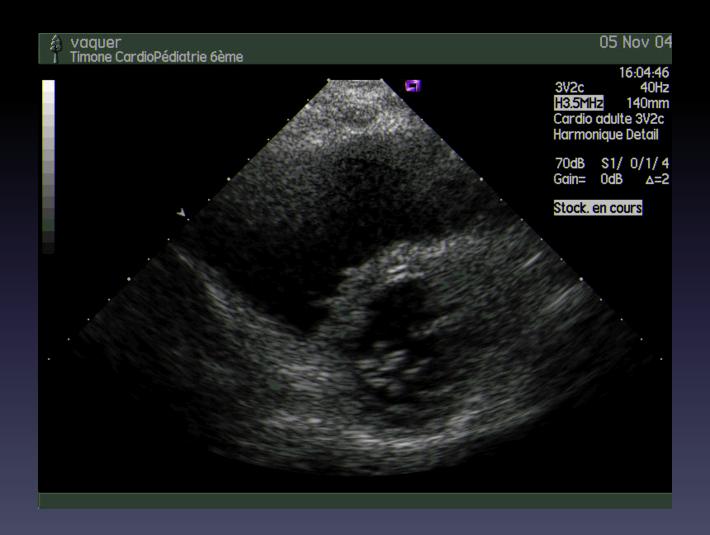
PR in a 34 yo patient S/P surgical valvotomy in infancy

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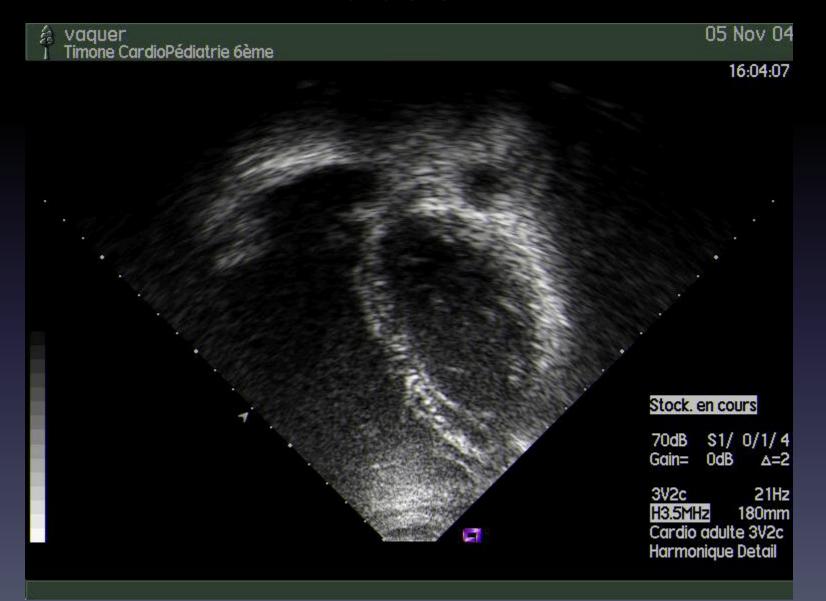
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RV overload

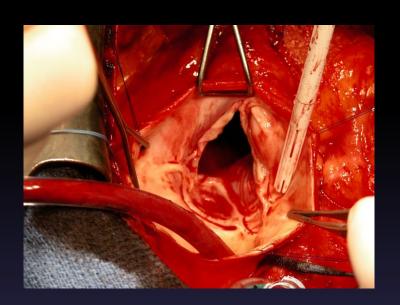


Dilated RV



Treatment and outcome

- Surgery:
 - Surgical plasty of RV infundibulum
 - 28mm pulmonary homograft implantation



- Outcome :
 - Asymptomatic
 - Normal 24h Holter monitoring



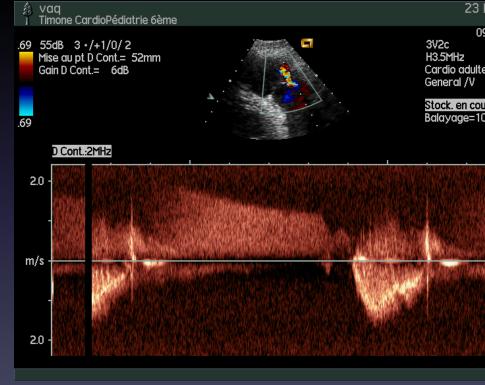
Postop Echo: RV less dilated





Good function of the homograft

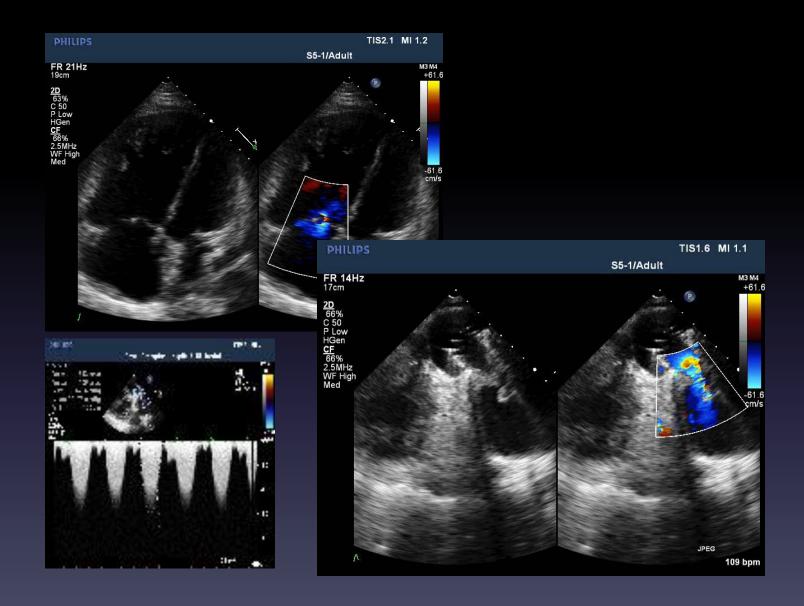


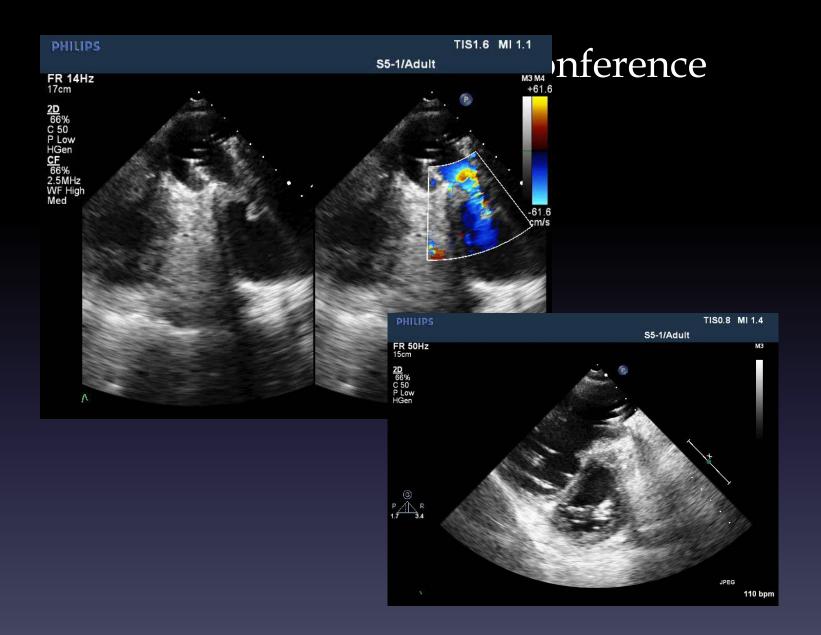


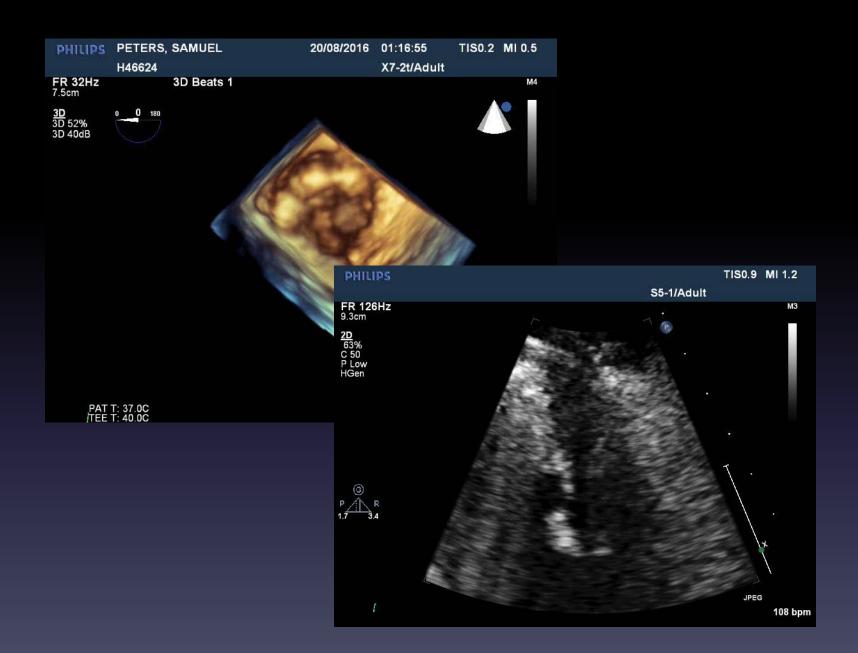
TEE and intracardiac echo for endocarditis

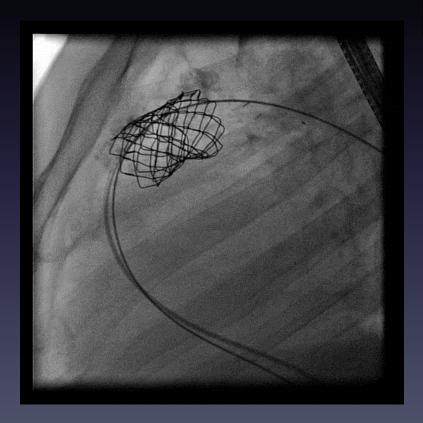
- 29 yo, ToF Agenesia of pulm valve S/P complete repair, S/P Melody valve implantation in 2012, presenting with severe RVOT obstruction due to multiple vegetation.
- Microdeletion 22/11
- The RV function is severely impaired and it is decided to proceed with transcatheter desobstruction of the RVOT as palliative procedure

- 79 kg, SaO2 95%
- Dental abcess treated in feb 16
- NI ECG
- Severe RV failure but no septic shock
- Echo: mean gradient 65-70 mmHg, 95 mmHg syst RVP, dilated RV with very depressed syst function
- Huge vegetation mass obstructing the Melody valve mainly at its distal end

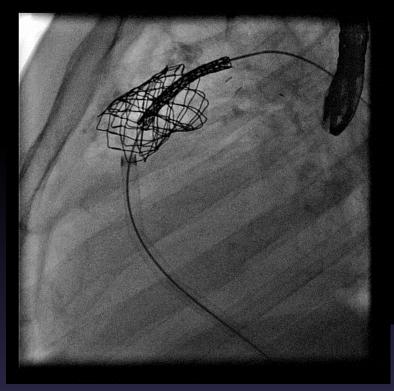


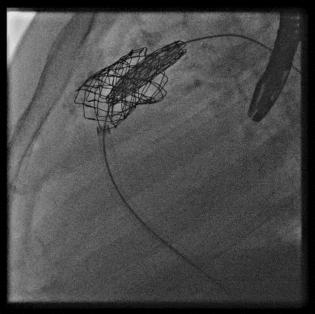




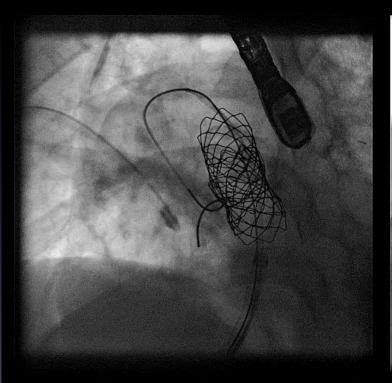


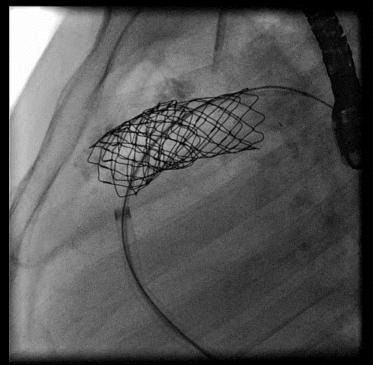


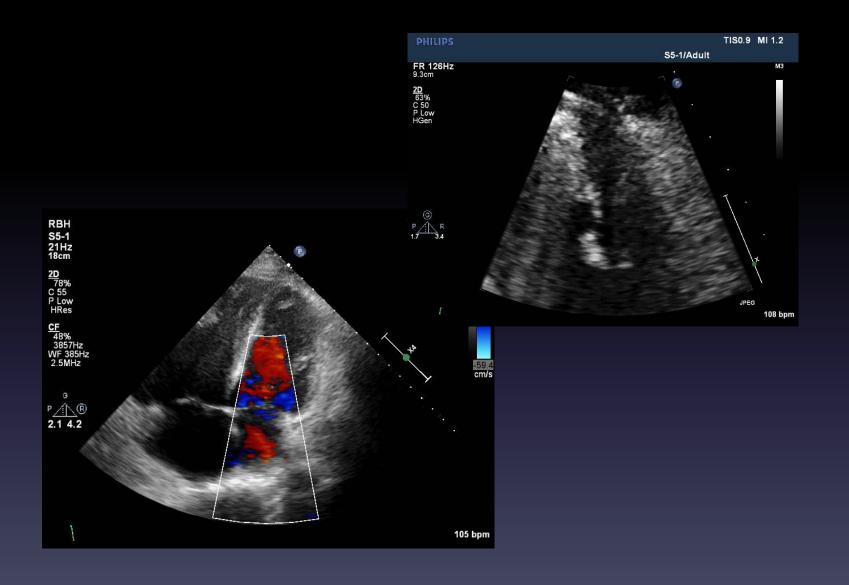














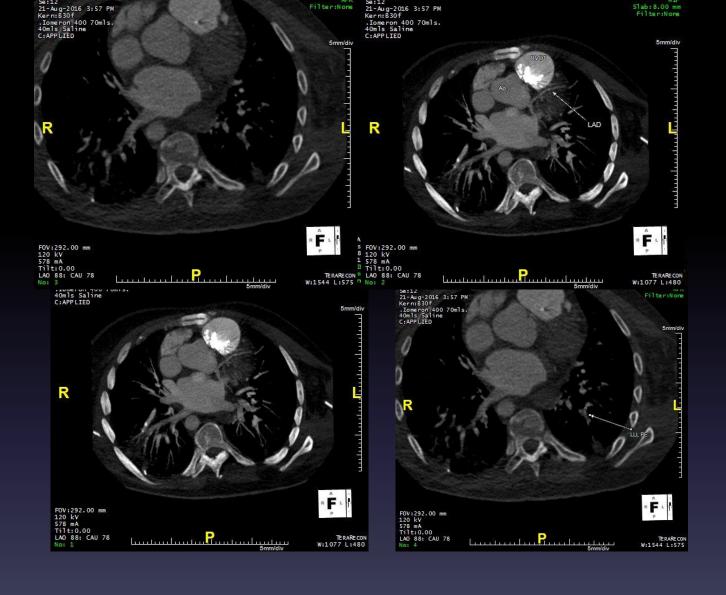
Site	Condition 1:		Condition 2: After RVOT stenting		
	Pressure S/D/M (mmHg)	Sats (%) FiO ₂ :	Pressure S/D/M (mmHg)	Sats (%) FiO ₂ :	1
IVC					
SVC					
RA	24 (mean)				I
RV	97/23		64/9		
MPA	25/20/22				ı
LPA					
RPA	26/19/22				I
Radial artery	95 (systolic)		124/75/95		

Outcome

- Dramatic clinical improvement
- Afebrile, CRP 45, negative cultures
- CT scan on 21/8/16 and on 26/08/16

Imaging F/U

- CT scan on 21/8:
 - 1. Stent insitu as demonstrated on reconstructed images residual filling of the anterosuperior bulge in the original homograft.
 - 2. Segmental pulmonary emboli with multiple peripheral 'fluffy' nodules which may represent mycotic embolic foci
 - 3. Features of aspiration in the right lower lobe.
- CT scan on 26/8: Stable appearance of the small segmental pulmonary emboli with an increase in the number and size of peripheral areas of wedge shaped consolidation consistent with pulmonary infarcts. This may reflect maturation of previous regions of infarction described previously.



Surgery on 6/9/16

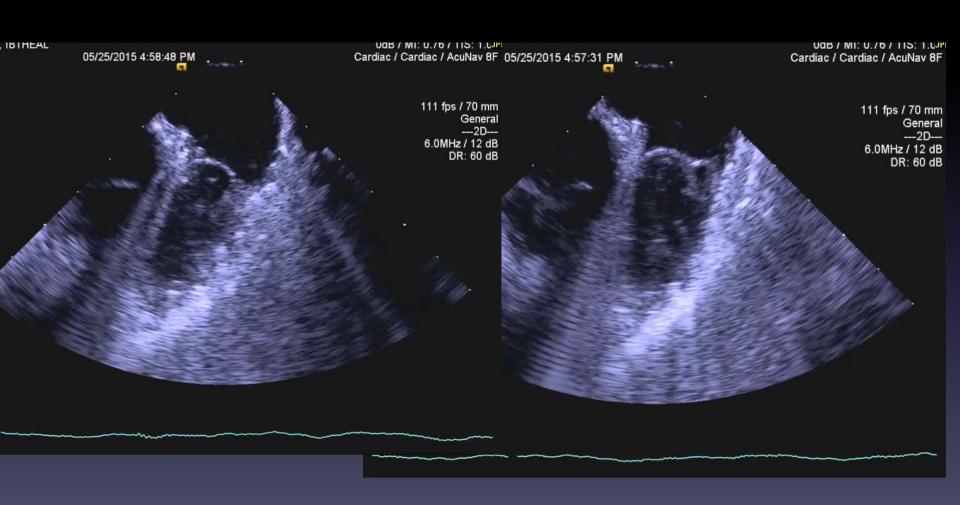
- RVOT surrounded by huge amount of inflammatory and fibrotic tissue
- Very difficult dissection
- Easy removal of the RVOT stent
- Implantation of homograft but uncontrolled bleeding and severely depressed LV function on postoperative TEE
- Suspicion of LMCA stenosis, confirmed in cath lab
- Despite successful LMCA stenting, change of RVOT conduit with 24 mm
 Hanckock valve, bleeding remained uncontrolled and was followed by
 patient's death

Retrospective review of CT scan....





Other examples: intracardiac echo showing small vegetations



Conclusions

- Multidisciplinary imaging strategy
- Accurate assessment is crucial for treatment and outcome
- In very dysplastic pulmonary valves sophisticated echocardiography (3D, intracardiac...) is helpful in difficult situations and also to better define treatment strategy (Surgery VS Interv cath)
- The most important part of the imaging assessment is not the pulmonary valve but the RV (and LV...) function