

LONG **FP LESIONS WITH LASER**

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SPECIFICITIES IN SFA LESIONS

- Long lesions / CTOs
- Acute elastic recoil of primary lesions → stenting
- Mechanical stress → nitinol stents +++
 - Risk of ISR
- Highly calcified
 - Poor vessel wall apposition of stents
 - Barrier to optimal drug absorption with drug eluting technologies
 - Source of acute vessel recoil

ELA debulking :

- ↓ plaque burden
- Reshape arterial lumen
- ↓ stretch injury at the time of PTA
- ↓ elastic recoil/dissection/stenting



LONG SFA STENTING AND ISR

- **Endovascular First****

- **BUT** POBA limited by :

- Dissection / Elastic recoil
 - Restenosis : 70% at 1y*

- **Use of SESs**

- Lower restenosis rates at 1y (12.7%)***
 - **BUT** up to 60% of ISR at 3y

- **Use of DESs BUT** still 25.2% of ISR at 2y****

- Lack of sustained clinical benefit



Longer lesions treated daily → higher restenosis rates
Nb of patients needing treatment for ISR will ↗↗
No recommendations on optimal strategy

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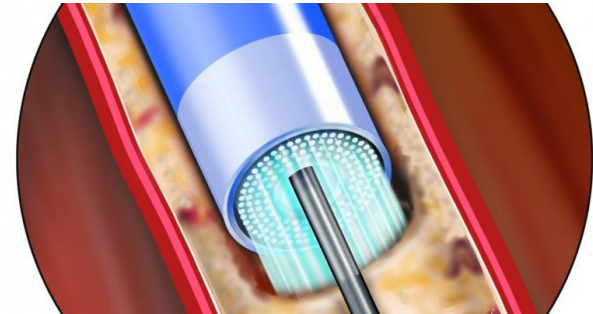
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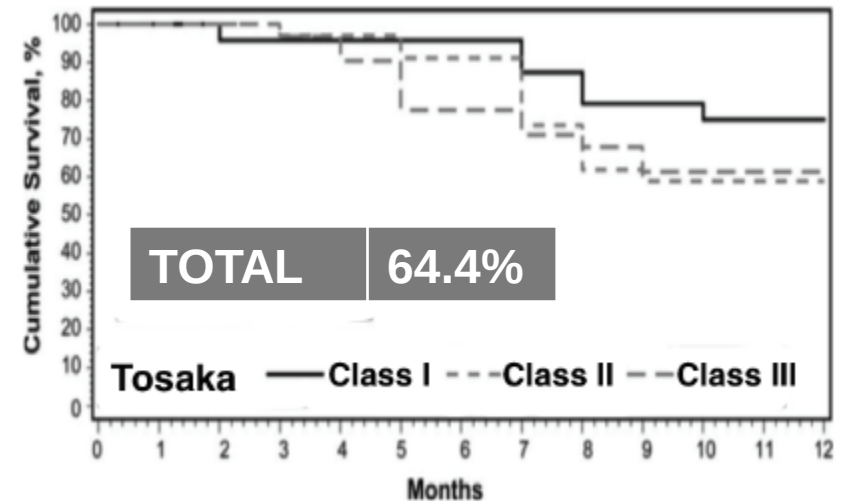
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ELA IN ISR (1)

- **Xe gas + hydrogen chloride**
 - Vaporization = ⚡ embolic potential
 - “cold-tipped” = “stunned platelet” phenomenon = ➡ thrombus dissolution*
- **PATENT trial****
 - prospective multicenter trial
 - 90 patients
 - Mean lesion length 123 ± 95.9 mm
 - 34.4% Tosaka class III
 - Procedural success : 98.9%
 - Adjunctive POBA in 87.8%
 - Distal embolization : 10.0%
 - BUT NO amputation
 - Primary patency : 37.8%.



Freedom from TLR at 1y



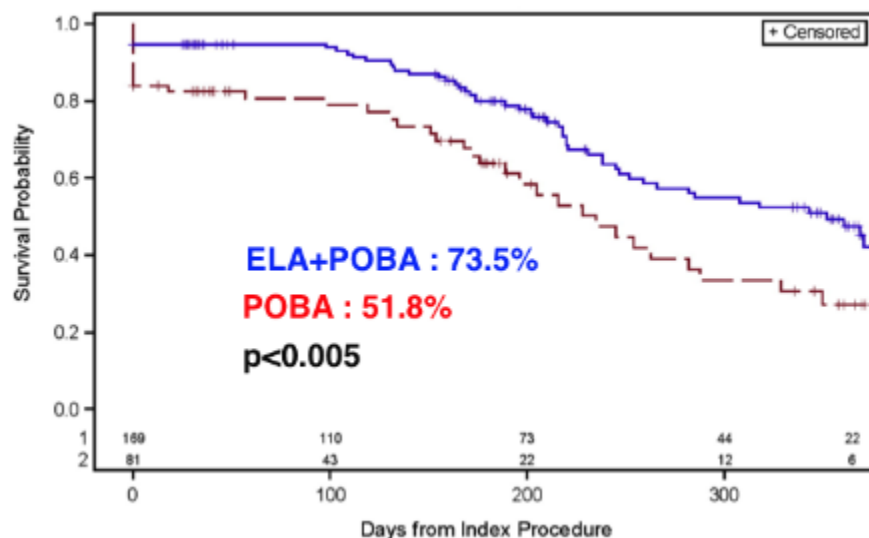
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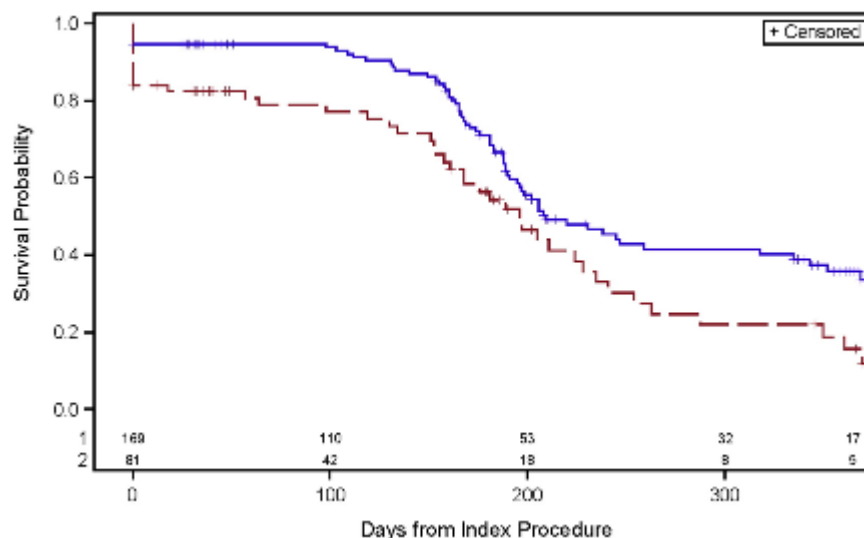
ELA IN ISR (2)

- EXCITE-ISR trial :
 - Prospective RCT
 - Stopped enrollment for early efficacy at 6 months
 - 169 ELA+POBA vs 81 POBA
 - mean lesion length 196 ± 120 mm
 - 30.5% Tosaka class III
 - Procedural success : 93.5% vs. 82.7%, $p=0.01$
 - 30-day MAEs : 5.8% vs. 20.5%, $p<0.001$

Freedom from TLR at 1y



Primary patency



COMBINED TECHNIQUE

- **Gandini et al. RCT*** :
 - CLI patients
 - 100% Tosaka class III

Patency rates

FU	ELA+DCB N=24 224±9.4mm	DCB N=24 259±87mm	p value
6 months	91.7%	58.3%	0.01
12 months	66.7%	37.5%	0.01

Freedom from TLR rate

12 months	83.3%	50%	0.01
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Major amputation rates

12 months	8%	46%	0.003
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- **Ongoing PHOTOPAC RCT for further evaluation****

Vessel preparation is key :

- Essential for Tosaka class III
- **DEBULKING** of non cellular material before paclitaxel can reach cellular layer

Insufficient evidence for now to support routine use of ELA

BUT ELA debulking + DCB = very promising approach especially for challenging patient

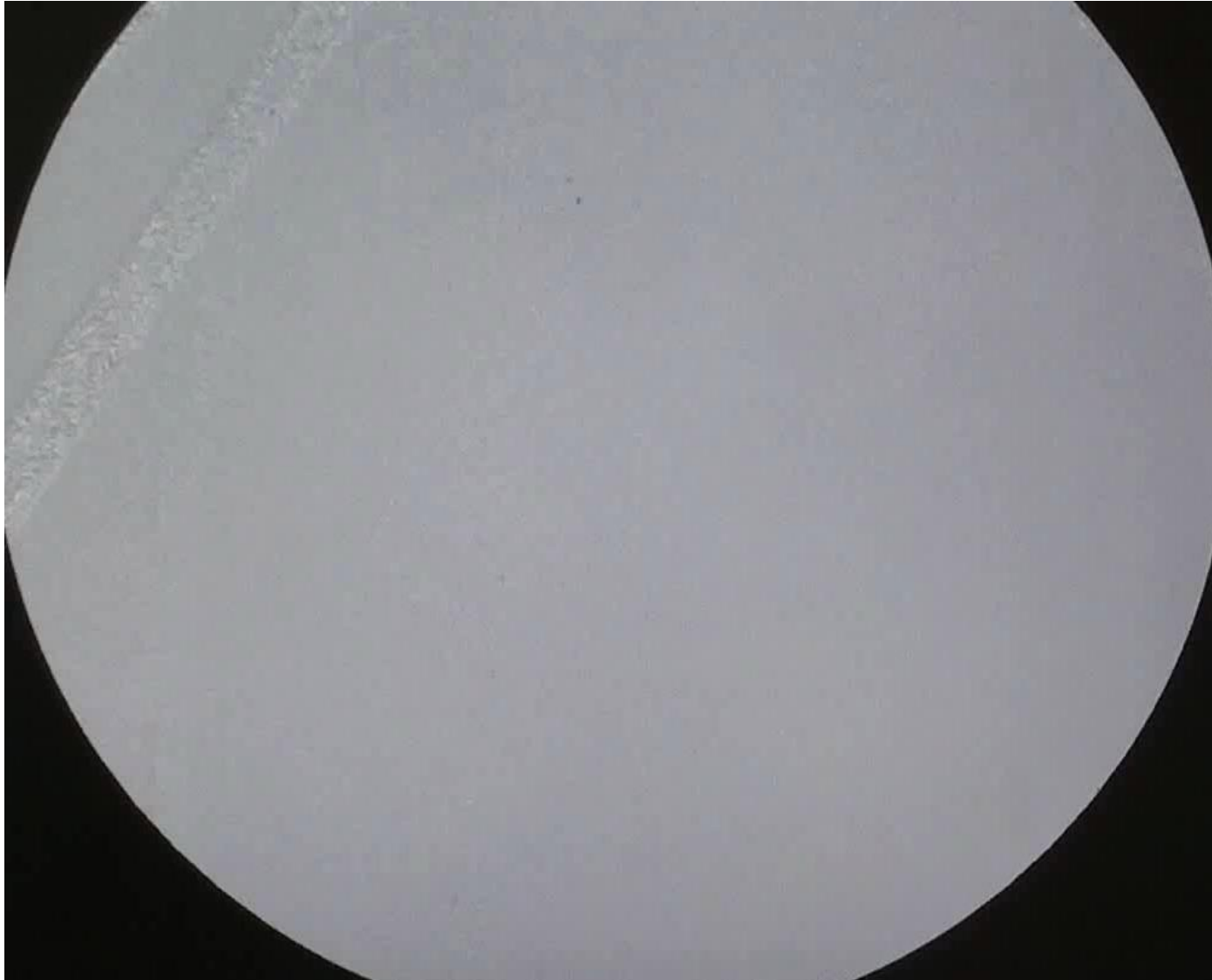
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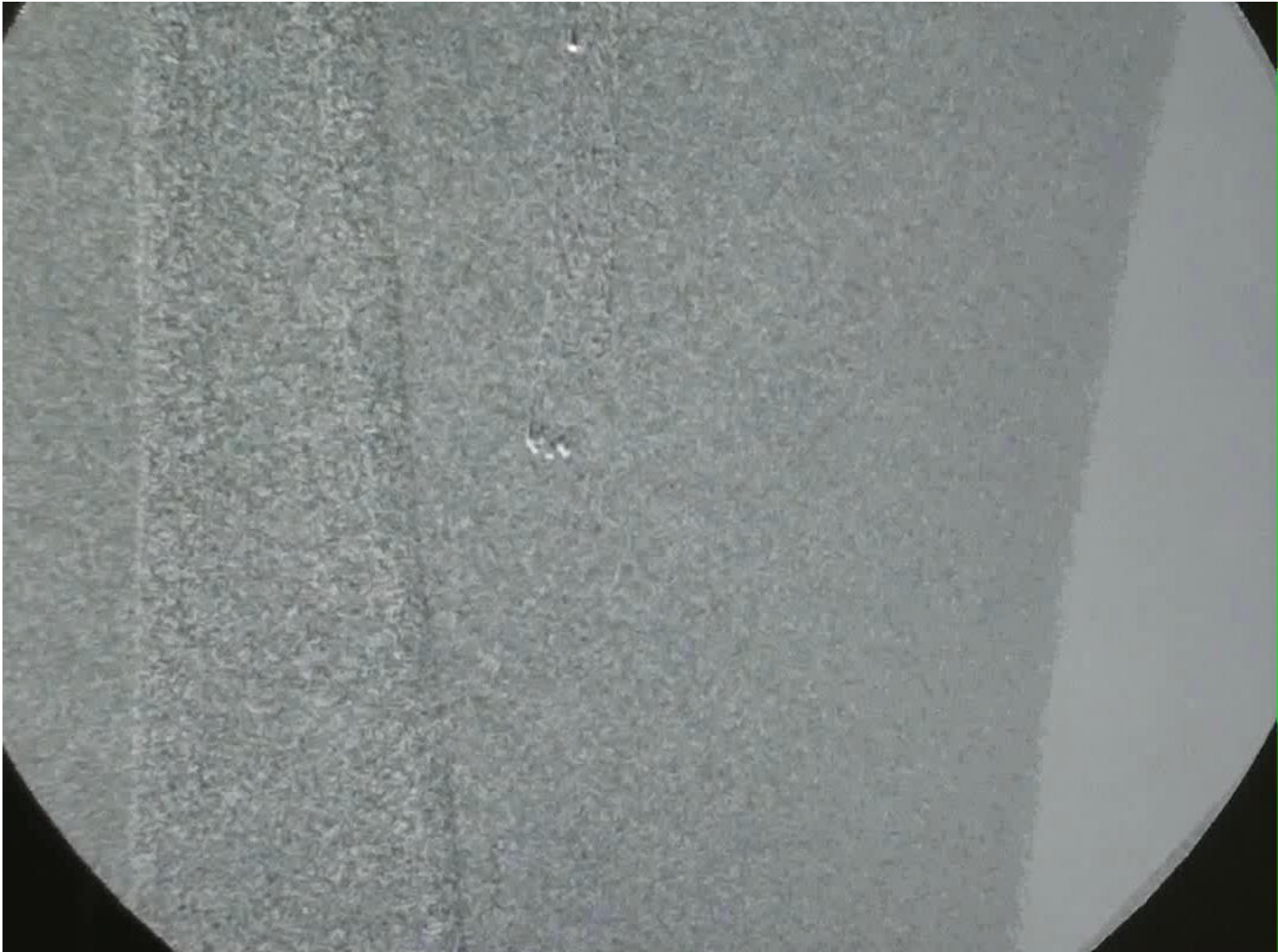
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- ♀ 62 years
- **SFA recanalisation 16 months ago**
 - Full metal jacket with 3 stents (7mm diameter)
- **ISR after 10 months**
 - ISR inflation using PTA at 12 months
- **New symptomatic ISR (90-95%) on duplex investigation**

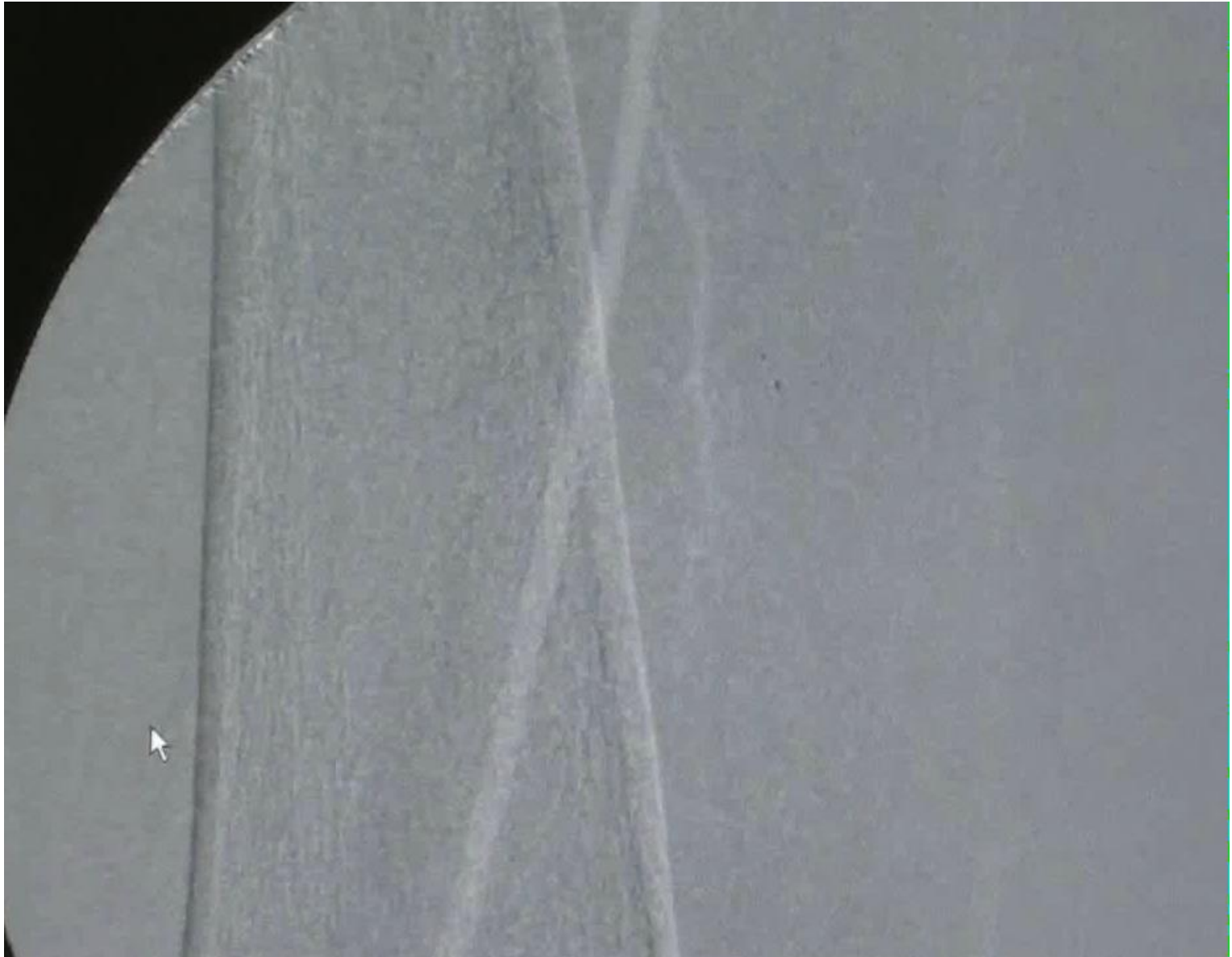
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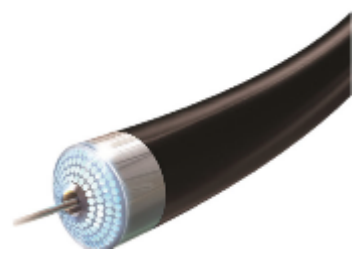
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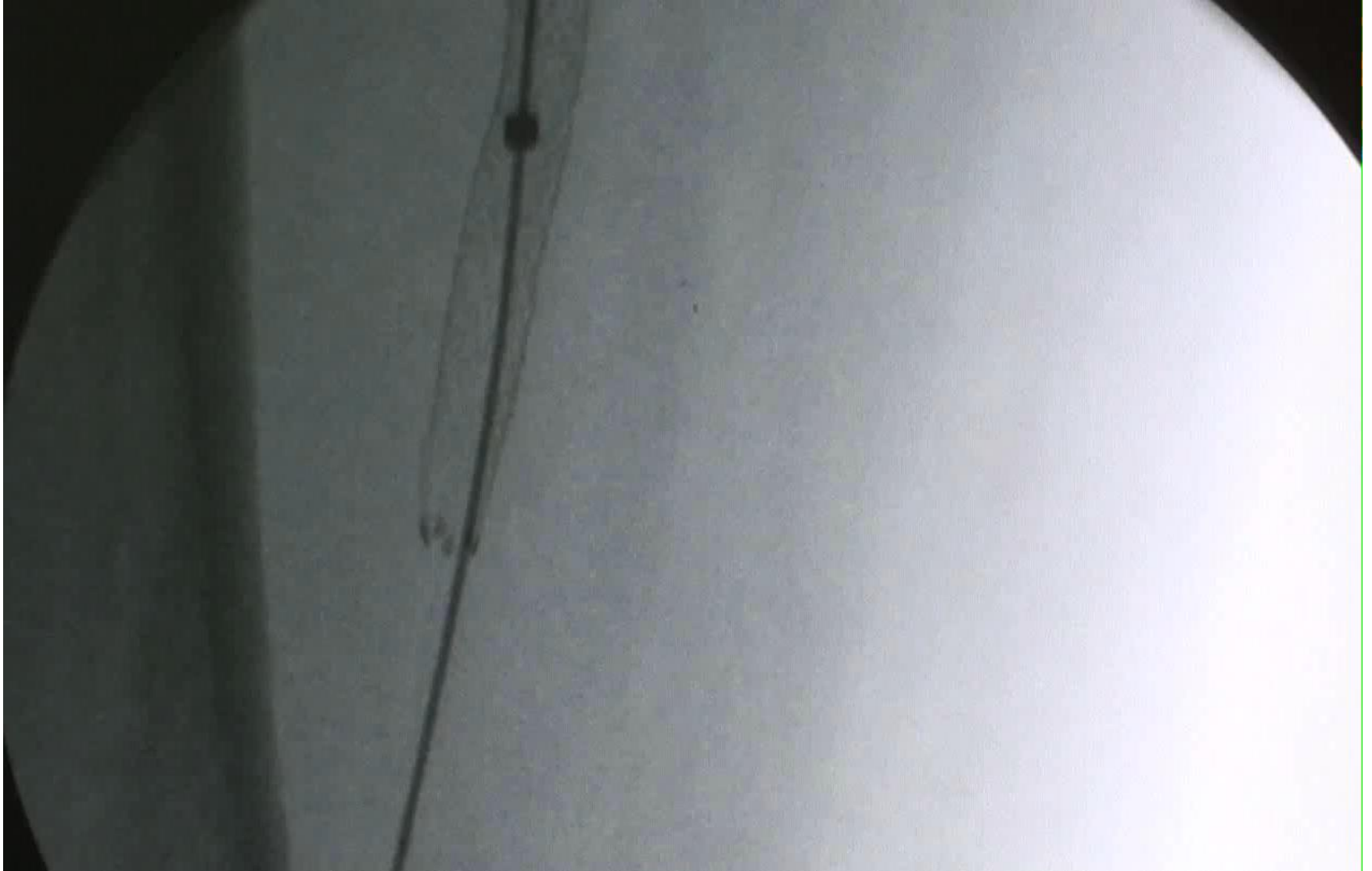
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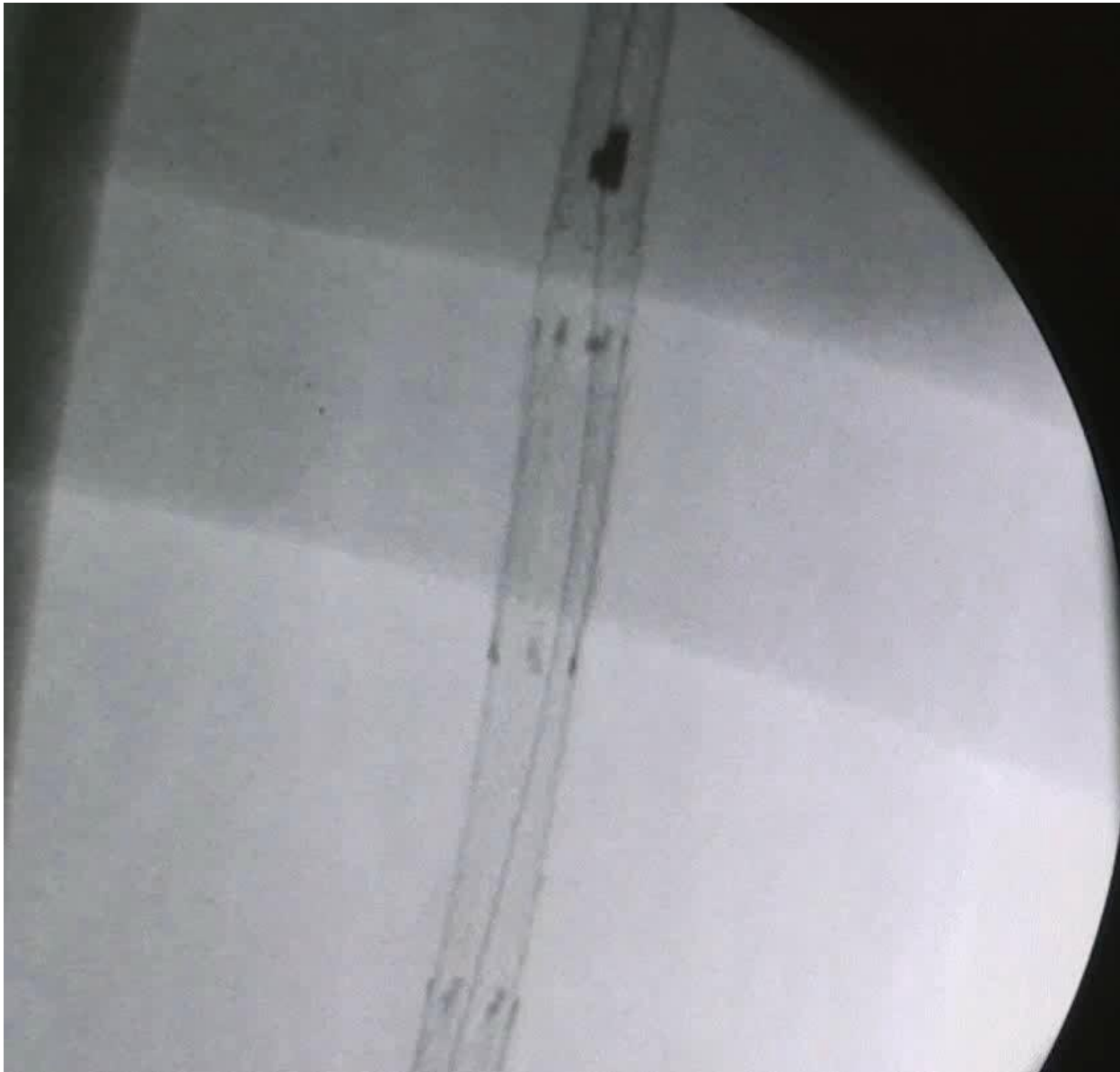
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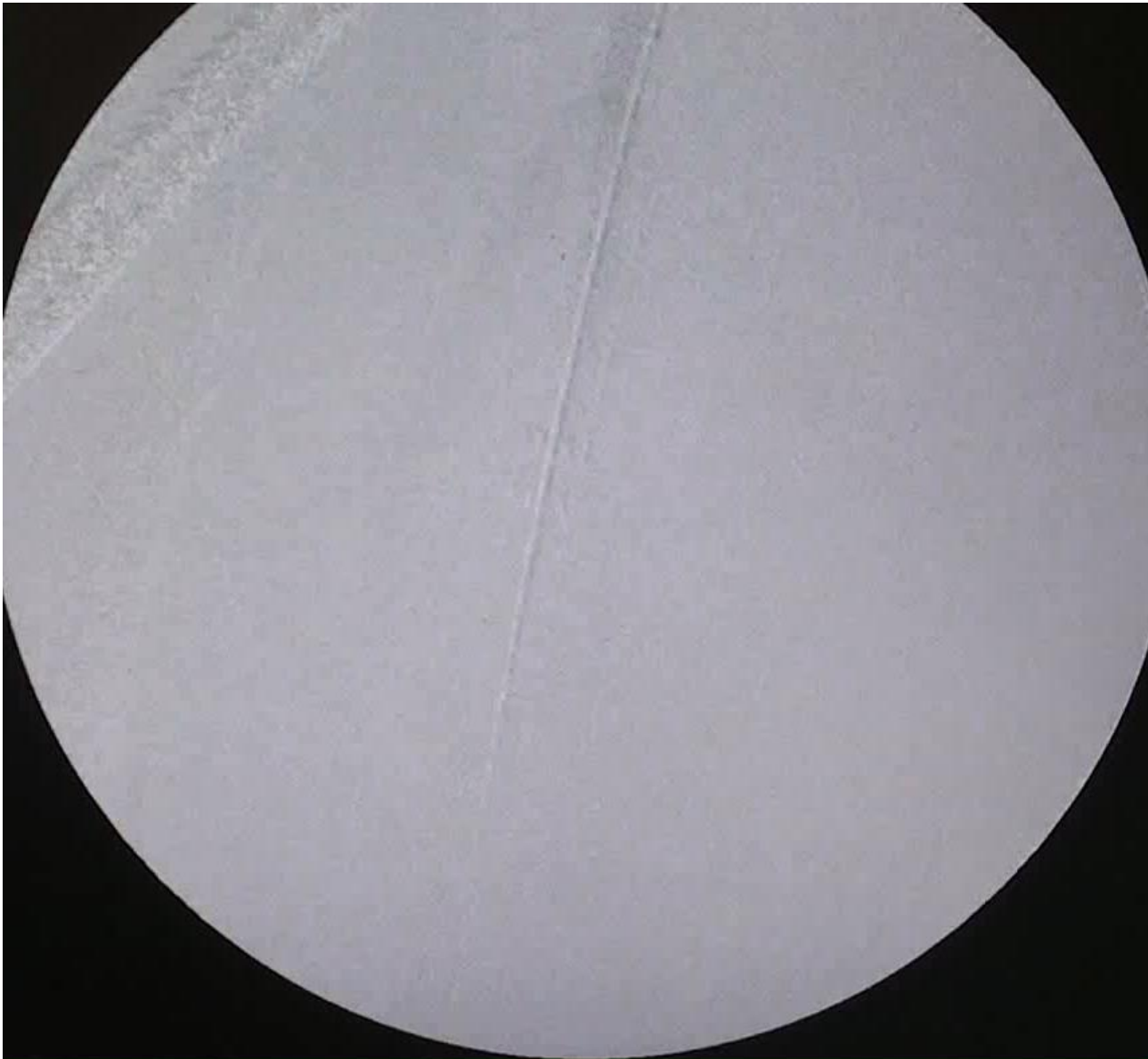
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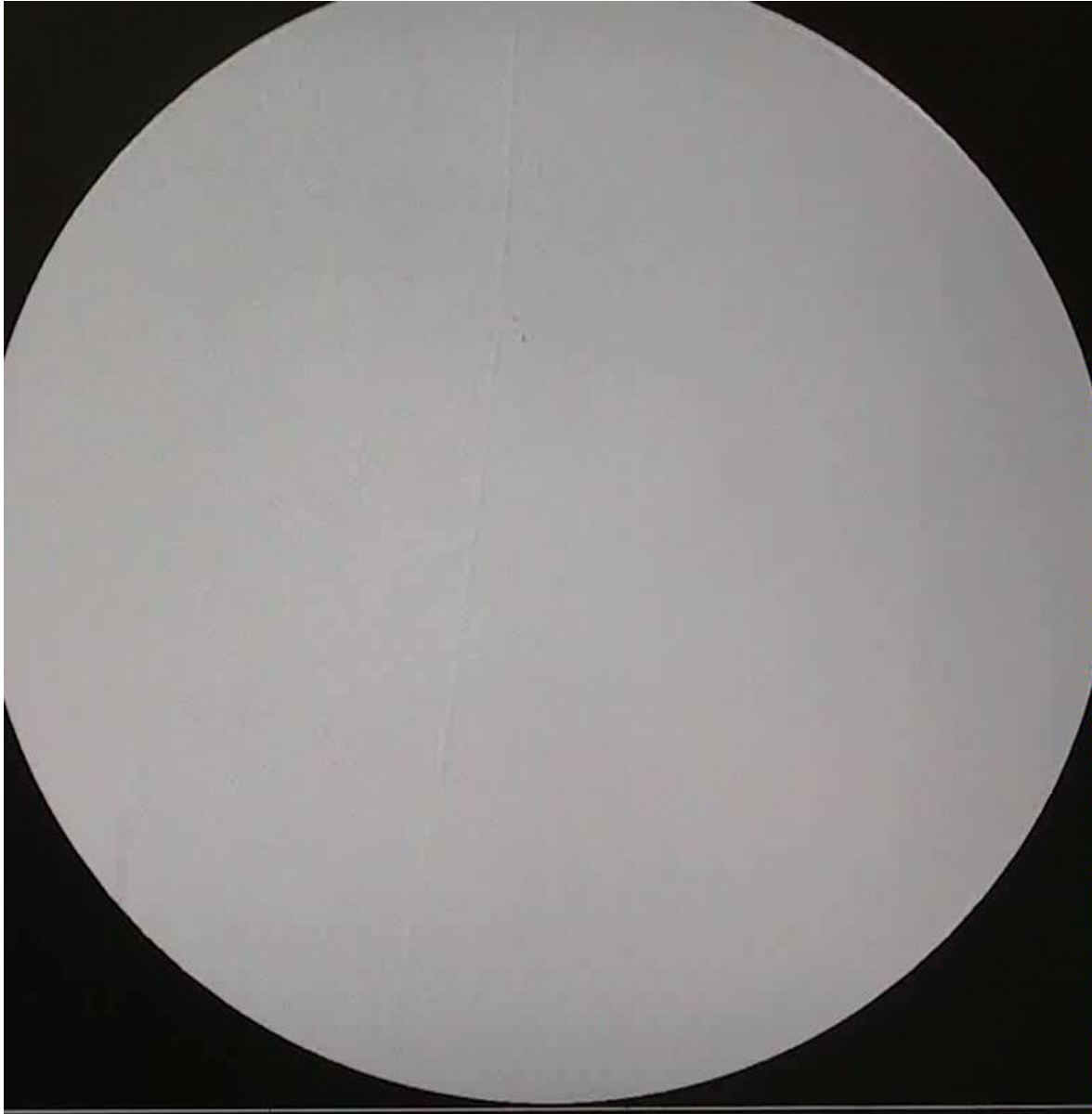
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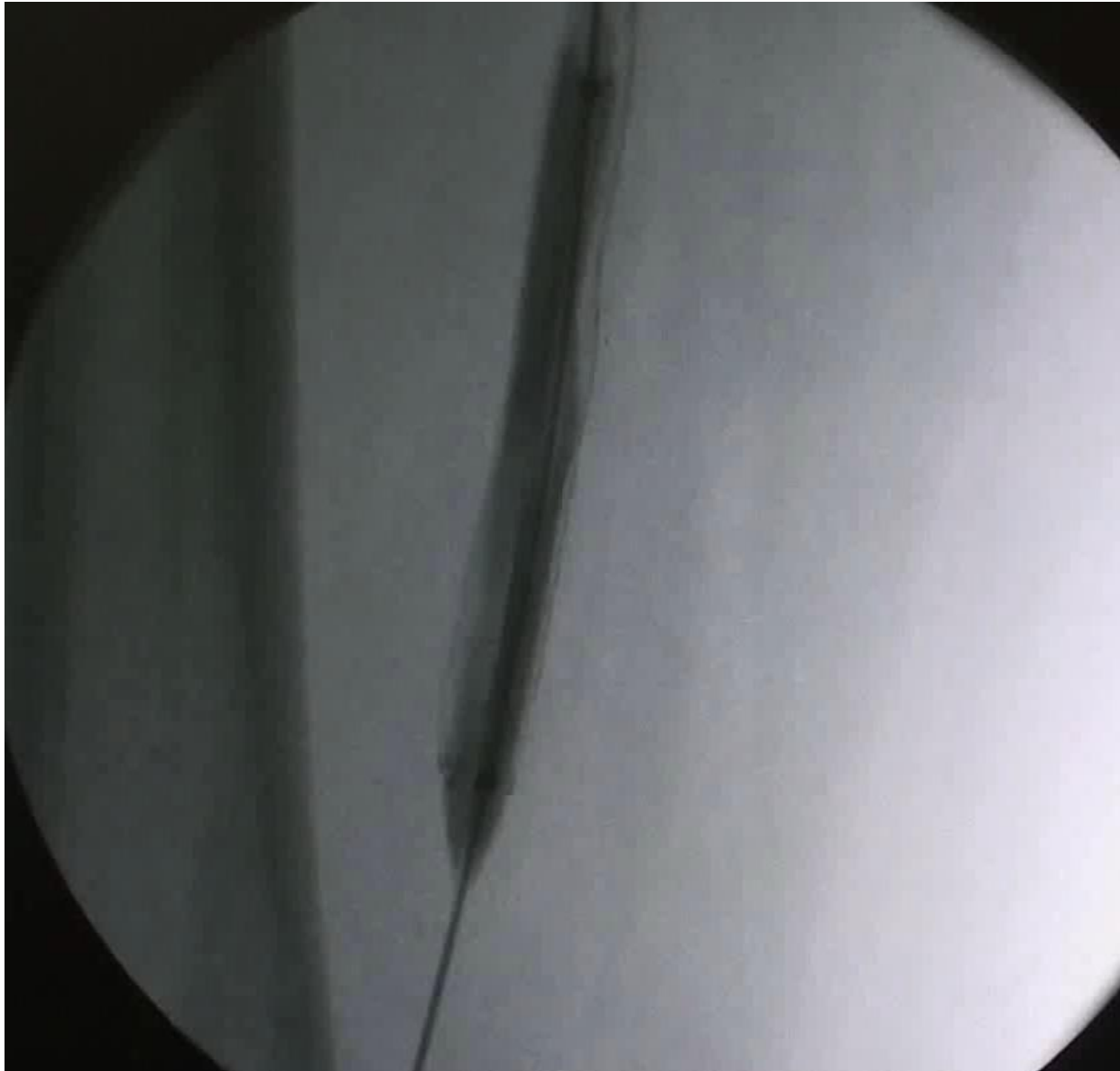
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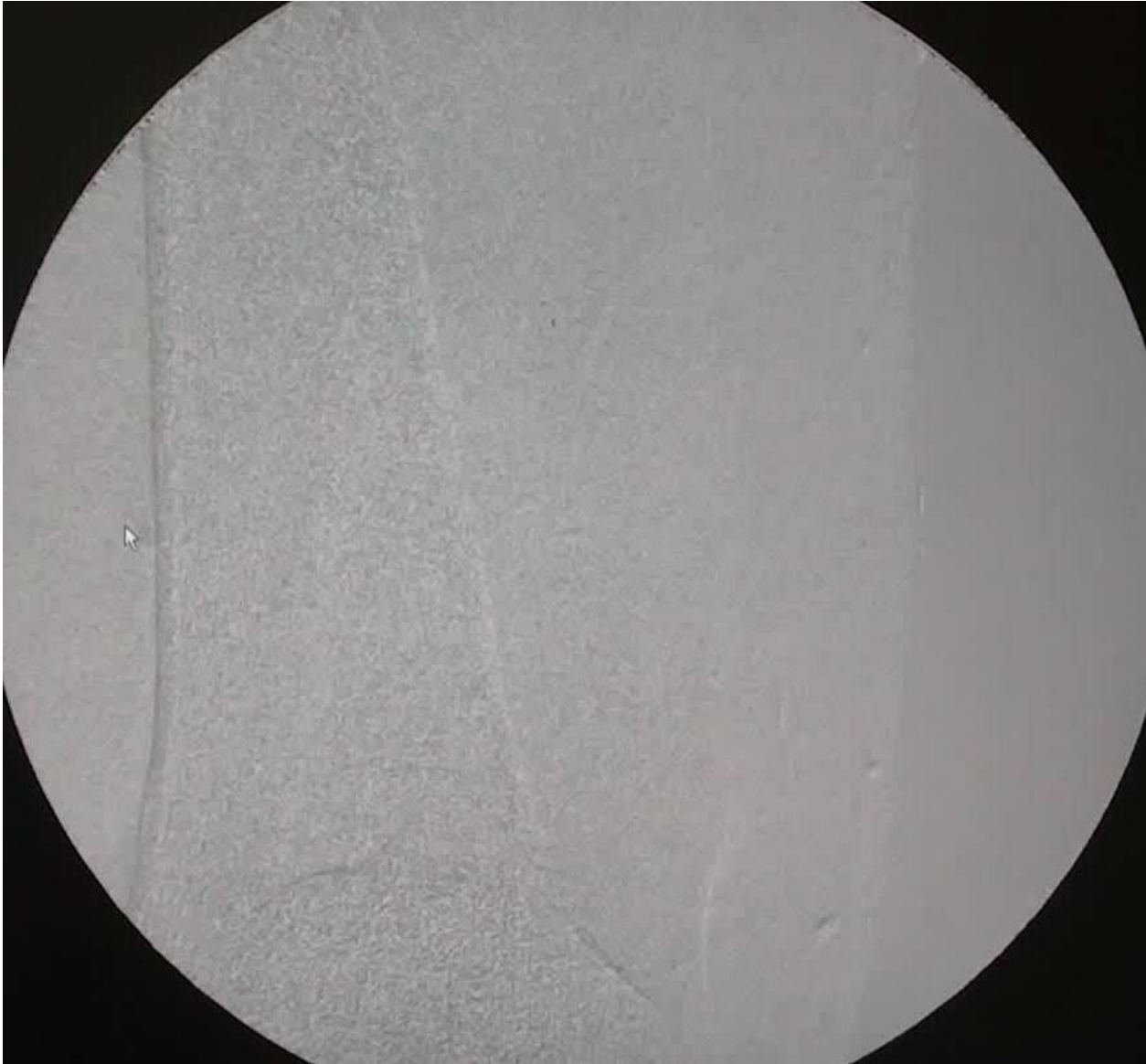
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TAKE HOME MESSAGE

- **Combination of debulking by laser atherectomy and DCBs**
 - seems to improve outcomes
 - both in primary lesions and ISR
 - especially in complex lesions (Tosaka class II and III)
- **INTACT trial now enrolling to confirm the cost-effectiveness ratio**